
Subject: Re: FFT confusion

Posted by [K. Bowman](#) on Thu, 15 May 2003 15:38:52 GMT

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jefield@taz.qinetiq.com (Julian Field) wrote:

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Ken Bowman

Subject: Re: FFT confusion

Posted by [jefield](#) on Mon, 19 May 2003 15:46:19 GMT

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Kenneth Bowman <k-bowman@null.tamu.edu> wrote in message news:<k-bowman-FF6825.10385215052003@news.tamu.edu>...

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Best wishes,

Julian

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Posted by [kapoorconsciousness](#) on Sat, 05 Aug 2017 22:13:01 GMT

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Same issue, this chirp peaks at ω_0 and $\omega_0 + 2 * \text{chirprate}$ rather than just $\omega_0 + \text{chirprate}$, have you figured it out why yet?

On Monday, May 19, 2003 at 5:46:19 PM UTC+2, Julian Field wrote:

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Posted by [kapoorconsciousness](#) on Sat, 05 Aug 2017 22:59:20 GMT

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Solved, you were missing taking into account the `deltat` of your data into making the chirp signal.
The code below would work:

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```
;;; so your deltat = 2, aha!
deltat = 2;
```

```
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