
Subject: Re: FFT phase?

Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Fri, 25 Jan 2013 02:11:30 GMT

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Craig

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Posted by [xqinshan](#) on Fri, 25 Jan 2013 06:49:00 GMT

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Subject: Re: FFT phase?

Posted by [Yngvar Larsen](#) on Fri, 25 Jan 2013 13:18:28 GMT

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On Friday, 25 January 2013 07:49:00 UTC+1, xqin...@gmail.com wrote:

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As a rule of thumb for harmonic analysis, you need at least 10 cycles in your data to get a reliable phase/magnitude estimate. Your example using around 1.5 cycles is probably the worst case scenario.

OR, if you know the frequency of your signal exactly a priori, you have to truncate your data to a periodic signal, i.e. an integer number of cycles, in order to extract A and B reliably. This is what Craig did in his reply, using only a single cycle.

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Yngvar

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Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Fri, 25 Jan 2013 21:48:24 GMT

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Well, 2 cycles, but yes. :-)

Craig
