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$$[F]_{jk} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{i \frac{2\pi}{N} jk}$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} w^{jk}$$

$N \times N$

$j, k = 1, 2, \dots, N$

, $w = e^{i2\pi/N}$

F: "Discrete Fourier transform matrix"

- Let's show it's indeed unitary!

$$[F^+]_{kl} = [F]_{lk}^* = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{-i \frac{2\pi}{N} kl}$$

Then,

$$\sum_{k=1}^N F_{jk} F^+_{kl} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N e^{i \frac{2\pi}{N} (jk - kl)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N e^{i \frac{2\pi}{N} k(j-l)}$$

- If $j=l \rightarrow \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N 1 = 1$

- If $j \neq l \rightarrow \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha^k = \frac{1}{N} \left(\frac{1 - \alpha^{N+1}}{1 - \alpha} - 1 \right) = \textcircled{*}$

$$\alpha = e^{i \frac{2\pi}{N} (j-l)}$$

$$\frac{1 - \alpha^{N+1}}{1 - \alpha} - 1 = \frac{1 - \alpha^{N+1} + \alpha - 1}{1 - \alpha} = \frac{\alpha(1 - \alpha^N)}{1 - \alpha} \rightarrow 0$$

but...

$$\alpha^N = e^{i2\pi(j-l)} = 1$$

$$e^{i2\pi m} = 1 \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

$\Rightarrow \textcircled{*} \rightarrow 0$

This shows that indeed, $FF^T = \mathbb{1}$.

In the same way you can show $F^TF = \mathbb{1}$.

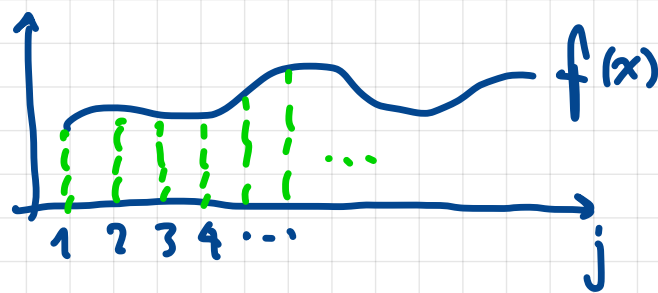
→ F is unitary!

- How is F a discrete Fourier transform?

If \vec{v} is a vector in our N -dimensional space,
 $F\vec{v}$ is given by

$$[F\vec{v}]_k = \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \exp(i \frac{2\pi}{N} kj) [\vec{v}]_j$$

- \vec{v} may represent the N -point discretization of a function



$$[\vec{v}]_j = f(x_j) \equiv f_j$$

$$\tilde{f}_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{j=1}^N e^{i \frac{2\pi}{N} kj} f_j$$

Naively $O(N^2)$ operations, but with FFT → $O(N \log N)$

- Note: in the previous video...

$$F^T M F = D \rightarrow O(N^3) \text{ vs } O(N^2 \log N)$$

regard as FT N columns,
each costing $O(N \log N)$ ops.