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concepts, such as Kronecker multiplication. This paper shows the essential simplicity of the algorithm and the reasoning behind it. However it deals only with the case when the number of points is an exact Many descriptions of Fast Fourier Transform exist in the literature. Several of these appeal to matrix

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1. Introduction—Basic version

Let Y be a vector of real or complex numbers with N elements, numbered from 0 to N-1. The N-point Fourier transform of Y is a vector F with the same subscript bounds defined by the

$$F_p^N(Y) = rac{2}{N} \sum_{J=0}^{N-1} ((lpha_N) \dagger (P*J)) * Y_J$$
 (for $P=0$ to $N-1$)

where $\alpha_N = \exp{(\sqrt{-1*2\pi/N})}$ is the principal complex Nth root of unity. The values of F can be computed using a simple

This 'program' (as well as all the subsequent programs included in this paper) is written in a form of publication ALGOL [Naur], in which we assume the availability of complex variables and complex arithmetic, as in FORTRAN IV. Since the purpose of this paper is to convey understanding to the reader rather than to the computer, the use of informal mathematical notation to express a program is quite helpful. If the reader is worried by the informality he may like to recode The program is coded as a procedure with three parameters Y (the complex array containing the input vector), F (the complex array in which the Fourier coefficients are to be stored) and some of the examples in his favourite programming language. N (the size of these two arrays), and is listed in **Table 1**.

-pre-calculation of factors 2. First improvement-

The program described in the previous section is clear in its operation, but it contains several inefficiencies which will be removed in the version described in this section.

Since α_N is an Nth root of unity it follows that $(\alpha_N) \uparrow N = 1$

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$$((\alpha_N)\uparrow N)\uparrow K = 1$$
 where K is an integer

$$(\alpha_N){\uparrow}N{*}K=1$$

$$(\alpha_N)\uparrow(N*K+R)=(a_N)\uparrow R$$

 $(\alpha_N) \uparrow I = (\alpha_N) \uparrow (I \bmod N)$

Table 1

begin

 $F[P] := F[P] + (AlphaN \uparrow (P*J)) * Y[J];$ F[P] := F[P] * 2/N= 0 step 1 until N - 1 do integer J, P; complex AlphaN; $AlphaN := exp(\sqrt{-1*2\pi/N});$ for P := 0 step 1 until N-1 do value N; complex array Y, F; procedure Fourier1(Y, F, N); F[P] := 0;integer N; for / : begin end;

possible values of $(\alpha_N)\uparrow I$. These may be precomputed and remainder lies in the range 0 to N-1 and so there are only Nstored in a complex array FACTOR (whose subscript range where $I \bmod N$ is the remainder after dividing I by N. is 0 to N-1) by the following loop:

$$X := 1$$
;
for $P := 0$ step 1 until $N-1$ do
begin
 $FACTOR[P] := X$; $X := X*AlphaN$
end;

Now within the program of the previous section we may replace $AlphaN\uparrow(P*J)$ with $FACTOR[(P*J) \bmod N]$.

execution of the loop. A conditional subtraction of N can replace the **mod** operation giving a further gain in speed. These two optimisations are included in the version of the A further improvement may be obtained if we eliminate the optimising translators. Since, within the inner loop, J varies in steps of 1 we may introduce a new integer variable C, which is given an initial value 0, and to which P is added on each integer multiplication P*J, using a method adopted by many

program in Table 2.

Downloaded from https://academic.oup.com/comjnl/article/20/1/78/341148 by guest on 21 August 2022 This program describes essentially the method used to carry out Fourier transforms until 1965. Its chief disadvantage is that the innermost loop is iterated N^2 times, and each iteration involves a complex multiplication. Thus for large N (say $N \simeq 1,000$), the calculation was very expensive. In 1965 a new method was discovered (Cooley and Tukey, 1965) which in approximately $N*log_2(N)$, thereby giving a factor of 100 saving in time when $N \approx 1,000$. It is the purpose of this paper to explain the reasoning behind this faster algorithm. It uses the method of stepwise refinement (Wirth, 1971); the first step of many cases reduces the number of complex multiplications to the refinement has already taken place.

3. Separate treatment of even and odd Fourier coefficients

In this section we will show how the number of multiplications may be reduced by nearly a half where N is even. This is done by using different formulae to compute the even numbered and the odd numbered elements of F. The two formulae are

1. For even coefficients

$$F_{2R}^{N}(Y) = \frac{2}{M} \sum_{J=0}^{M-1} ((\alpha_{M} \uparrow (R*J))*SUM[J])$$
(for $R = 0$ to $M - 1$) (2)

where $M = N \div 2$

2. For odd coefficients

$$F_{2R+1}^{N}(Y) = \frac{2}{M} \sum_{J=0}^{M-1} ((\alpha_{M} \uparrow (R*J))*DIFF[J])$$
(for $R = 0$ to $M-1$) (3)

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FACTOR[P] := X; X := X*AlphaN
                                                                                             integer J, P, C; complex X, AlphaN; X := 1; AlphaN := exp(\sqrt{-1*2\pi/N});
                                                                       complex array FACTOR[0:N-1];
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   X := X + FACTOR[C] * Y[J];
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          if C > N - 1 then C := C - N
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             for J := 0 step 1 until N - 1 do
                                                                                                                                   - 1 do
                                                                                                                                                                                                                 for P := 0 step 1 until N - 1 do
             N; complex array Y, F;
procedure Fourier2(Y, F, N);
                                                                                                                                 for P := 0 step 1 until N
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       X := 0; C := 0;
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 F[P] := X*2/N
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     C := C + P;
                                    integer N;
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   begin
                   value
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                                                                                                                                                          begin
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and DIFF are defined by the two equations SUM

$$SUM[J] = (Y[J] + Y[J + M])/2$$
 (4)

$$DIFF[J] = ((Y[J] - Y[J + M])/2)*\alpha_N \uparrow J$$
 (5)

(for J = 0 to M - 1).

A proof of these formulae is given in the appendix. We therefore introduce four new arrays SUM, DIFF, EVENF and ODDF, with subscript ranges 0 to M-1. SUM and DIFFcontain, respectively, the even numbered and odd numbered Fourier coefficients. Finally these values must be exactly are computed according to formulae (4) and (5). EVENF and ODDF are then computed using formulae (2) and (3) and will interleaved to give the required array F.

The formulae (2) and (3) are identical to the original formula (I), using SUM and DIFF in place of Yand using M in place of N, so we may use the already coded procedure Fourier2, to compute EVENF and ODDF

We have renamed the procedure Even Fourier, since it is only

applicable where N is even—see Table 3.

The speed advantage obtained by using Even Fourier results

N/2) we clearly reduce the number of complex multiplications from N^2 to $2 \times (N/2)^2$ i.e. from N^2 to $N^2/2$. Of course we will from the fact that the basic procedure Fourier2 performs N^2 complex multiplications (apart from the setting up of the array FACTOR). Thus its execution time is approximately proportional to the square of its parameter N. By replacing one call of Fourier (parameter N) by two calls (each with parameter incur, as a penalty, the setting up of the arrays SUM and DIFF(this latter array needs N/2 complex multiplications) and the final interleaving operation; but it is clear that where N is large the saving of the complex multiplication load from N^2 to $N^2/2$ will have a dominant effect on the overall execution time.

4. Further improvements possible where N is a power of 2introduction of recursion

for J := 0 step 1 until M - 1 do

begin

F[2*J] := EVENF[J]; F[2*J+1] := ODDF[J]

In the previous section it was shown that a significant gain can be achieved when N is even; and it is fairly obvious that a similar gain could be made if N/2 is also even, and if N/4 is also even; and the greatest gain of all should be achievable if N is an exact power of two. Although this seems to be a special

case, in fact it can often be achieved, since the array usually represents a set of evenly spaced samples from a continuous observed function or waveform, and it is easy to select an interval and sample size which is an exact power of two (say 1,024).

To take advantage of this case, the main change that is necessary in the body of the procedure Even Fourier is to replace the two calls on Fourier by recursive calls on Even Fourier itself! But there is one case which Even Fourier can never deal with, namely the case when N = 1. However, in this case the Fourier formula (1) simplifies to

$$F_0^1(Y) = 2*Y_0$$

and this case is easily treated. Since the procedure works only when N is an exact binary power, we will use a new name: Bin Fourier (see Table 4). This is the basic idea underlying the fast Fourier transform. The remainder of this paper merely fast Fourier transform. The remainder describes refinements of this algorithm.

5. Reintroduction of the pre calculation of FACTOR

In the program of the previous section, the precomputation of the array FACTOR has entirely disappeared, and been replaced by the comparatively expensive recalculation of the powers of α_N . In this section we will see how the precomputation method

onsequently
$$\alpha_{N+2}=\alpha_N\uparrow 2$$

$$\alpha_{N+2} \uparrow I=\alpha_N \uparrow (2*I)$$
 for $I=0$ to $N\div 2$.

can be reintroduced into the recursive program. The optimisation is based on the fact that $\alpha_{N+2} = \alpha_N \uparrow 2$ and consequently $\alpha_{N+2} \uparrow I = \alpha_N \uparrow (2*I)$ for I = 0 to $N \div 2$. Similarly if D (like N) is a power of 2 then $\alpha_{N+D} \uparrow I = \alpha_N \uparrow (D*I)$ (for I = 0 to $N \div D$). Each recursive call of Bin Fourier I uses the powers of α_M where $M = N \div 2$ and N is the parameter of Bin Fourier I at the next outer level of recursion.

Let us write NN for the size of the array on which the giveneral original array, and let $D = N \div NN$ —(note that D is an easure of the depth of recursion). Thus Bin Fourier I uses the powers of α_{NN} or α_{N+D} , which are a subset of the powers of α_N being of the form $\alpha_N \uparrow (D*I)$ (for I = 0 to $N \div D$).

The integers of the form D*I (where I goes from 0 to NN)

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complex array SUM, DIFF, EVENF, ODDF[0:N+2]
                                                                                                                                                     M := N \div 2; AlphaN := exp(\sqrt{-1*2\pi/N});
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            \bar{SUM}[J] := (Y[J] + Y[J + M])/2;

DIFF[J] := (Y[J] - Y[J + M])*X/2;

X := X*AlphaN
                                                                                                                                    integer M, J; complex X, AlphaN;
                                                                                                                                                                                                     for J := 0 step 1 until M - 1 do
                     procedure Even Fourier(Y, F, N);
                                        N; complex array Y, F;
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         Fourier2(SUM, EVENF, M);
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              Fourier2(DIFF, ODDF, M);
                                                                integer N;
                                             value
Table 3
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represent the subscripts of the required elements of FACTOR. To access these elements we may even avoid the integer multiplication D*I, by using the counting technique described in Section 2.

We must therefore set up the array FACTOR, in an outer procedure Bin Fourier2 (with parameters Y, F and N) before calling the recursive procedure sub Bin Fourier2 (with parameters YY, FF and NN) which is declared within it (see Table 5).

integer J; complex array $FACTOR[0:(N \div 2)]$

value N; complex array Y, F; integer N;

procedure Bin Fourier2(Y, F, N);

5. Storage saving by computation in situ

So far the refinements introduced have been entirely concerned with improvements in speed. Locally declared arrays have been employed within the recursively-used procedure with an almost reckless disregard of space economy: four such complex arrays, each with $NN \div 2$ elements, are declared within the procedure. This section explores various techniques for reducing the storage required.

First, it can be seen that once the SUM and DIFF arrays have been set up within a particular call of sub Bin Fourier2, no further reference is made to the elements of YY within this call. It may also be verified that these original array elements of YY are not referred to in any relevant recursive call, i.e. at an inner level of recursion, included within the execution of the original call.

Thus we may use the first half of the YY array in place of SUM and the second half (i.e. elements $(N \div 2)$ to (N-1) inclusive) in place of DIFF. The parameter list of $sub\ Bin$ Fourier will now have to include an integer parameter START, indicating the subscript of the first element to be processed. Since the same overall array Y may be used for all calls of $sub\ Bin\ Fourier$ we may remove YY from the parameter list of $sub\ Bin\ Fourier$.

A second consequence of the fact that YY is not referred to within sub Bin Fourier after the two recursive calls, is that Y can also be used to store the values previously held in EVENF and ODDF (in the first and second halves respectively) and thus finally to store the result F. So F and FF can be removed

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-D is separation;
                                                                                            begin complex array SUM, DIFF, EVENF, ODDF
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DIFF[JJ] := (YY[JJ] - YY[JJ + MM])*

FACTOR[CJ]/2;

C := C + D
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   \vec{C} := 0; D := N \div NN; MM := NN \div 2; comment C is location of required factor—D for JJ := 0 step 1 until MM - 1 do
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    sub Bin Fourier2(SUM, EVENF, MM);
sub Bin Fourier2(DIFF, ODDF, MM);
for JJ := 0 step 1 until MM - 1 do
                 procedure sub Bin Fourier2(XY, FF, NN); value YY, NN; complex array YY, FF;
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        X := 1; AlphaN := exp(\sqrt{-1*2\pi/N}); for J := 0 step 1 until (N \div 2) - 1 do
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               FACTOR[J] := X; X := X*AlphaN
                                                                                                             [0:(N\dot{N} + 2) - 1];
integer JJ, MM, C, D;
if NN = 1 then FF[0] := 2*YY[0]
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     FF[2*JJ] := EVENF[JJ];

FF[2*JJ \div I] := ODDF[JJ]
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              sub Bin Fourier 2(Y, F, N)
complex X, AlphaN;
                                                                 integer NN;
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from the parameter lists of *Bin Fourier* and *sub Bin Fourier* respectively; and we redefine the effect of a call of *Bin Fourier* so that it now replaces the elements of Y with the elements of its Fourier transform.

This last step raises one difficulty in that we must now perform in situ an interleaving operation on the elements of Y (or, in the case of recursive calls, some of the elements of Y). Ingenious and fairly fast solutions of this problem exist, but, to save unnecessarily complicating this version of the program, and because in the next section we explore a different and more efficient approach to the interleaving stage, we have excluded the coding of in situ interleaving from the version in **Table 6**. This then incorporates an outer procedure $Bin\ Fourier3$ (with two parameters Y and N) which includes a declaration of $sub\ Bin\ Fourier3$, a section of code to set up the array FACTOR and a single call of $sub\ Bin\ Fourier3$. This latter procedure will have two parameters START and NN and will convert the elements of Y numbered from START to START + NN - 1 into the Fourier transform of this subarray.

7. Final optimisation involving postponed interleaving of elements We have already mentioned the problem of in situ interleaving of Y. In this section we explore the exact effect of interleaving at each stage of the complete process and devise a method by which the combined interleavings may be achieved in a single operation carried out at the end.

This postponed interleaving depends on the fact that once a particular location has a value placed in it as a result of an interleave, that value is not referred to except in possibly further interleaving operations at outer levels of recursion.

To investigate the rule for determining the final destination of the element which starts, say at position I, within the array, we will consider the effect of each interleaving operation on this element. The sequence of recursive calls will result in the interleaving of elements first (at the deepest level of recursion) in groups of two (no effect), then in groups of four, then in groups of eight, 16, etc. until the whole array is subjected to the interleaving process.

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in situ should be included here but has been omitted for reasons given;
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                                                        1];
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      \tilde{C} := 0; D := N \div NN; MM := NN \div 2;
for JJ := START step 1 until START + MM
                                                                                                                                                                         if NN = 1 then Y[START] := 2*Y[START]
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           Y[START] \rightarrow Y[START + MM]
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     Y[JJ] := (XX + Y[JJ + MM])/2;

Y[JJ + MM] := (XX - Y[JJ + MM])*
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        Fourier3(START + MM, MM);
                                                        2
                                                      integer J; complex array FACTOR[0:N \div
                                                                                             procedure sub Bin Fourier3(START, NN); value START, NN; integer START, NN;
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   X:=1; AlphaN:=exp(\sqrt{-1*2\pi/N}); for J:=0 step 1 until (N\div 2)-1 do
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                                                                                                                                                          C, D; complex XX;
                  value N; complex array Y; integer N;
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procedure Bin Fourier3(Y, N)
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                                                                              complex X, AlphaN;
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    XX := Y[JJ];
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Thus if the most significant bit of the *old* relative address is 0, the other bits are shifted *up* one place to obtain the *new* relative address, and the zero inserted at the least significant end. However, if the most significant bit is 1, then this bit is taken off, the other bits shifted *up* one place and a 1 bit inserted at the least significant place. In either case a one-place

cyclic upward shift of the bottom three bits defines the relation between the initial and final position of the element. This is also true for all other group sizes (e.g. 4, 16, 32, 64, etc). Let us now consider the final destination of an element which starts in position I, where the binary representation of I (an integer in the range 0 to N-1) is

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I_p I_{p-1} I_{p-2} \dots I_1, I_0
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where $2^p = N \div 2$ and I_p , I_{p-1} , etc. are the binary digits, I_p being the most significant.

At the first effective stage of interleaving (at a deep level of recursion) merely the bottom two bits are cycled—i.e. new address will be $(I_p, I_{p-1}, \dots, I_2, I_0, I_1)$. Then, after the second stage of interleaving, the address becomes $I_p, I_{p-1}, \dots, I_3, I_0$, I_1, I_2 . At each stage a new bit, (working steadily up from the least significant end) will be put in the least significant position and intermediate bits will be shifted up one place.

Finally the address will become

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                                                                               ·ŀ
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              for JJ := START step 1 until START + MM
                                                                                                                                                                            integer MM, JJ, C, D; complex XX; if NN = 1 then Y[START] := 2*Y[START]
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      XX := Y[J];

Y[J] := (XX + Y[JJ + MM])/2;

Y[JJ + MM] := (XX - Y[JJ + MM])*

FACTOR[C]/2;
                                                                        integer S, J, K; complex array FACTOR[0:N]
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            sub Bin Fourier4(START, MM);
sub Bin Fourier4(START + MM, MM)
                                                                                                 complex X, Alpnaw, procedure sub Bin Fourier4(START, NN);
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             \div NN; MM := NN
                                                                                                                                     value START, NN; integer START, NN
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 X := 1; AlphaN := exp(\sqrt{-1*2\pi/N}); for J := 0 step 1 until N \div 2 - 1 do
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                                value N; complex array Y; integer N;
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                    procedure Bin Fourier4(Y, N);
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Table 7
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                                                             begin
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$$I_0, I_1, I_2, \ldots I_{p-1}, I_p$$
,

which is the number formed by reversing the binary digits of I. Thus the relation between I and J where J is the ultimate destination of the element starting in location I, is that J is the number found by reversing the binary digits in I

Ľ implement this idea in the procedure we merely omit the interleaving section at the end of sub Bin Fourier3 (which was not coded anyway) and incorporate an interchanging routine after the call of sub Bin Fourier in the outer procedure This relation is clearly symmetric so that I and J are the locations of two elements which become interchanged. Bin Fourier4.

This routine employs an integer procedure BACKWARDS which will carry out a bit-reversing operation. It has two integer parameters the number I to be reversed and P, the number of bits in I.

Since the operation is symmetric the elements are arranged in pairs, for interchanging, with the exception of the elements which are unmoved by the process. Typical members of this latter class are the first and last elements, (numbered 0 and 1 respectively).

(thus omitting the boundary elements which are to be left unmoved) and for each value of J work out its partner location, swapping (with fatal results) we only carry out the interchange The method adopted is to vary J from 1 in steps of 1 to N-2K, (by using BACKWARDS). Thus J will take on, at some point, each value of any particular pair. To prevent doubleif J is the lower of the two values J and K. Also swapping is inhibited if J = K.

still possible; but they do not alter the method in principle, and may be incorporated as part of the process of coding the This final version, in Table 7, thus includes all the refinements described in the paper. Further improvements in efficiency are algorithm in some high level language available on a computer. The development given here applies only to the case where N is an exact power of two. In fact, similar reasoning can be applied to any value of N which is not prime. But this would be more complicated and less efficient.

Appendix

The basic formula is

$$F_P^N = rac{2}{N} * \sum_{J=0}^{N-1} lpha_N \uparrow (P*J) * Y[J]$$

 $(0 \le P \le N-1)$

where $\alpha_N = \exp(\sqrt{-1*2\pi/N})$.

Let us assume that N is even and write $M = N \div 2$

For even Fourier coefficients, the basic formula becomes

$$E_{2R}^{N} = \frac{2}{N} * \sum_{J=0}^{N-1} \alpha_{N} \uparrow (2*R*J) * Y[J]$$

$$(0 \le R \le M - 1)$$

$$= \frac{2}{N} * \left(\sum_{J=0}^{M-1} \alpha_{N} \uparrow (2*R*J) * Y[J] + \sum_{J=M}^{2*M-1} \alpha_{N} \uparrow (2*R*J) * Y[J] \right)$$

Since $\alpha_N \uparrow (N*R) = +1$ for all integral values of R we may divide the 2nd term by this factor.

This term then becomes

$$\sum_{J=M}^{2*M-1} (\alpha_N \uparrow (2*R*J-N*R)) * Y[J]$$

 $= \sum_{J=M}^{2*M-1} (\alpha_N \uparrow (2*R*(J-M))) * Y[J]$

If we write JJ = J - M this becomes

$$\sum_{JJ=0}^{M-1} (\alpha_N \uparrow (2*R*JJ)) * Y[JJ+M]$$

$$= \sum_{J=0}^{M-1} (\alpha_N \uparrow (2*R*J)) * Y[J+M]$$

(change of variable)

$$F_{2R}^{N} = \frac{2}{N} * \left(\sum_{J=0}^{M-1} (\alpha_{N} \uparrow (2*R*J)) * Y[J] \right)$$

$$+ \sum_{J=0}^{M-1} (\alpha_{N} \uparrow (2*R*J)) * Y[J+M])$$

$$= \frac{2}{M} * \sum_{J=0}^{M-1} (\alpha_{N} \uparrow (2*R*J)) * \left(\frac{Y[J] + Y[J+M]}{2} \right)$$

Since $M = N \div 2$

$$\therefore F_{2R}^{N} = \frac{2}{M} * \sum_{J=0}^{M-1} \alpha_{M} \uparrow (R*J) * SUM[J]$$

where

$$SUM[J] = \frac{(Y[J] + Y[J + M])}{2}$$
.

For odd terms the basic formula becomes

$$F_{(2R+1)}^{N} = \frac{2}{N} * \sum_{J=0}^{N-1} \alpha_{N} f((2*R+1)*J) * Y[J]$$

$$= \frac{2}{N} * \left(\sum_{J=0}^{M-1} \alpha_{N} f((2*R+1)*J) * Y[J] + \sum_{J=M}^{2*M-1} \alpha_{N} f((2*R+1)*J) * Y[J] \right)$$

$$\alpha_N \uparrow \left(N * \frac{(2*R+1)}{2} \right)$$
$$= (\alpha_N \uparrow (N*R))*\alpha_N \uparrow (N/2) = -1$$

for all integral values of R we may divide the second term by

$$-\alpha_N \uparrow \left(N*\frac{(2*R+1)}{2}\right)$$

This term then becomes

$$-\sum_{J=M}^{2*M-1} \alpha_{N} \uparrow ((2*R+1)*J - (2*R+1)*M)*Y[J]$$

$$= -\sum_{J=M}^{2*M-1} \alpha_{N} \uparrow ((2*R+1)*(J-M))*Y[J].$$

If we write JJ = J - M.

This becomes
$$-\sum_{JJ=0}^{M-1} \alpha_N \uparrow ((2*R+1)*JJ)*Y[JJ+M]$$

= $-\sum_{J=0}^{M-1} \alpha_N \uparrow ((2*R+1)*J)*Y[J+M]$

(change of variable)
$$F_{2R+1}^N = \frac{2}{N} * \left(\sum_{J=0}^{M-1} \alpha_N \uparrow ((2*R+1)*J)*Y[J] \right)$$

$$= \sum_{J=0}^{M-1} \alpha_N \uparrow ((2*R+1)*J)*Y[J+M])$$

$$= \frac{2}{M} * \sum_{J=0}^{M-1} \alpha_N \uparrow ((2*R+1)*J) * \frac{(Y[J]-Y[J+M])}{2}.$$

0

M

 $DIFF[J] = (\alpha_N \uparrow J) * (Y[J]$

where

 $= \frac{2}{M} * \sum_{J=0}^{M-1} \alpha_M \uparrow (R*J) * DIFF[J]$

Equations (6) and (7) correspond to the two formulae assumed in Section 3.

$$F_{2R+1}^{N} = \frac{2}{M} * \left(\sum_{I=0}^{M-1} \alpha_{N} \uparrow (2*R*J) * \alpha_{N} \uparrow (J) * \frac{(Y[J] - Y[J+M])}{2} \right)$$

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