FFTs in Graphics and Vision

Correlation and Convolution
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Representations

A representation of a group $G$ on a vector space $V$, denoted $(\rho, V)$, is a map $\rho$ that sends every element in $G$ to an invertible linear transformation on $V$, preserving the group action:

$$\rho(g \cdot h) = \rho(g) \cdot \rho(h) \quad \forall g, h \in G.$$
Sub-Representation

Given a representation \((\rho, V)\) of a group \(G\), if there exists a subspace \(W \subset V\) such that the representation maps \(W\) to itself (i.e. fixes \(W\)):

\[
\rho_g(w) \in W \quad \forall g \in G; \ w \in W
\]

then we say that \(W\) is a sub-representation of \(V\).
Irreducible Representations

Given a representation \((\rho, V)\) of a group \(G\), the representation is said to be irreducible if the only sub-representations of \(V\) are:

\[
W = V \quad \text{and} \quad W = \{0\}
\]
Schur’s Lemma (Corollary)

If $(\rho, V)$ is an irreducible, (unitary), representation of a commutative group $G$, then $V$ must be one-dimensional.
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\[ f(\theta) \langle g(\theta), f(\theta) \rangle \]

\[
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\pi & \quad \pi \\
-g(\theta) & \quad g(\theta)
\end{align*}
\]
Correlation

What we are really doing is computing a moving inner product:

\[ \langle g(\theta), f(\theta - \alpha_1) \rangle \]
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\[ \langle g(\theta), f(\theta - \alpha_2) \rangle \]
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\[ \langle g(\theta), f(\theta - \alpha_3) \rangle \]
Correlation

We can write out the operation of smoothing a signal $g$ by a filter $f$ as:

$$(g * f)(\alpha) = \langle g, \rho_\alpha(f) \rangle$$

where $\rho_\alpha$ is the linear transformation that translates a periodic function by $\alpha$. 
Correlation

We can think of this as a representation:

- $V = L^2(\mathbb{R}/2\pi\mathbb{Z})$ is the space of periodic functions on the line
- $G = \mathbb{R}/2\pi\mathbb{Z}$ is the group $\mathbb{R}$ modulo addition by integer multiples of $2\pi$
- $\rho_\alpha$ is the representation translating a function by $\alpha$.

This is a representation of a commutative group…

Warning:
The domain of functions in $V$ and the space $G$ are both parametrized by points in the range $[0,2\pi)$.
- Though the parameters domains are the same, we should think of them as distinct. (The former is the circle $S^1$, the latter is the rotation group $SO(2)$.)
Correlation

$\zeta^j \in V, \chi^j : G \to \mathbb{C}$

$\Rightarrow$ There exist orthogonal one-dimensional (complex) subspaces $V_1, \ldots, V_n \subset V$ that are the irreducible representations of $V$.*

Setting $\zeta^j \in V_j$ to be a unit-vector, we know that the group acts on $\zeta^j$ by scalar multiplication.

That is, there exist $\chi^j : G \to \mathbb{C}$ s.t.:

$$\rho_\alpha(\zeta^j) = \chi^j(\alpha) \cdot \zeta^j$$

Since the $\zeta^j$ are unit vectors:

$$\chi^j(\alpha) = \langle \rho_\alpha(\zeta^j), \zeta^j \rangle$$

*In reality, there are infinitely many such subspaces.
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Note: Since the $V_i$ are orthogonal, the function basis $\{\zeta^1, \ldots, \zeta^n\}$ is orthonormal.

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$$\rho_\alpha(\zeta^j) = \chi^j(\alpha) \cdot \zeta^j$$

We can write out vectors $f, g \in V$ in the basis $\{\zeta^1, \ldots, \zeta^n\}$ as:

$$f = \hat{f}_1 \cdot \zeta^1 + \cdots + \hat{f}_n \cdot \zeta^n$$

$$g = \hat{g}_1 \cdot \zeta^1 + \cdots + \hat{g}_n \cdot \zeta^n$$

with $\hat{f}, \hat{g} \in \mathbb{C}^n$. 

$\zeta^j \in V$, $\chi^j : G \to \mathbb{C}$
Correlation

Then the correlation can be written as:

\[(g * f)(\alpha) = \langle g, \rho_\alpha(f) \rangle\]

Expanding in the function basis \(\{\zeta^1, \ldots, \zeta^n\}\):

\[(g * f)(\alpha) = \left\langle \sum_j \hat{g}_j \cdot \zeta^j, \rho_\alpha \left( \sum_k \hat{f}_k \cdot \zeta^k \right) \right\rangle\]
Correlation

\((g \ast f)(\alpha) = \left\langle \sum_j \hat{g}_j \cdot \zeta^j, \rho_\alpha \left( \sum_k \hat{f}_k \cdot \zeta^k \right) \right\rangle\)

Using the linearity of \(\rho_\alpha\), the (conjugate)-symmetry of the inner-product, and the orthonormality of \(\{\zeta^1, \ldots, \zeta^n\}\):

\[
\begin{align*}
&= \sum_{j,k} \hat{g}_j \cdot \hat{f}_k \langle \zeta^j, \rho_\alpha(\zeta^k) \rangle \\
&= \sum_{j,k} \hat{g}_j \cdot \hat{\chi}^k(\alpha) \langle \zeta^j, \zeta^k \rangle \\
&= \sum_j \hat{g}_j \cdot \hat{\chi}^j(\alpha)
\end{align*}
\]

\(\zeta^j \in V\), \(\chi^j : G \to \mathbb{C}\)
Correlation

\[ (g \star f)(\alpha) = \sum_j \hat{g}_j \cdot \tilde{f}_j \cdot \overline{\chi}_j(\alpha) \]

This implies that we can compute the correlation by multiplying the coefficients of \( g \) by the (conjugate of the) coefficients of \( f \).

Correlation in the spatial domain is multiplication in the frequency domain!
Correlation

What is $\chi^j(\alpha)$?

Since the representation is unitary, $|\chi^j(\alpha)| = 1$:

$$\exists \tilde{\chi}^j : G \to \mathbb{R} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \chi^j(\alpha) = e^{-i\tilde{\chi}^j(\alpha)}$$

Since it’s a representation:

$$\exists \kappa_j \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \tilde{\chi}^j(\alpha) = \kappa_j \cdot \alpha$$

And it takes $\alpha = 2\pi$ to the identity:

$$1 = e^{-i\kappa_j2\pi} \iff k_j \in \mathbb{Z}$$
Correlation

What is $\chi^j(\alpha)$?

$$(g \ast f)(\alpha) = \sum_j \hat{g}_j \cdot \hat{f}_j \cdot \bar{\chi}^j(\alpha)$$

Thus, the correlation of the signals $f, g : S^1 \to \mathbb{C}$ can be expressed as:

$$(g \ast f)(\alpha) = \sum_j \hat{g}_j \cdot \hat{f}_j \cdot e^{i\kappa_j \alpha}$$

where $\kappa_j \in \mathbb{Z}$. 

$\zeta^j \in V, \chi^j : G \to \mathbb{C}$
Correlation

What is $\zeta^j$?

By definition of $\chi^j$, we have:

$$\rho_\alpha(\zeta^j) = \chi^j(\alpha) \cdot \zeta^j = e^{-ik_j\alpha} \cdot \zeta^j$$

for some $k_j \in \mathbb{Z}$.

On the other hand, we have:

$$\zeta^j(\theta) \cdot e^{-ik_j\alpha} = [\rho_\alpha(\zeta^j)](\theta) = \zeta^j(\theta - \alpha)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\zeta^j(\theta) = c_j \cdot e^{ik_j\theta}$$

$\zeta^j \in V$, $\chi^j : G \to \mathbb{C}$
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Applications in 1D
Correlation (Periodic Functions)

Let’s revisit periodic functions in more detail:

- $V = L^2(\mathbb{R}/2\pi\mathbb{Z})$ is the space of periodic functions on the line
- $G = \mathbb{R}/2\pi\mathbb{Z}$ is the group $\mathbb{R}$ modulo addition by integer multiples of $2\pi$
- $\rho_\alpha$ is the representation translating a function by $\alpha$:
  
$$ (\rho_\alpha(f))(\theta) = f(\theta - \alpha) $$

The irreducible representations are:

$$ V_j = \text{Span}(\tilde{\zeta}^j(\theta) = e^{ik_j\theta}). $$

The corresponding scaling functions are:

$$ \chi^j(\alpha) = e^{-ik_j\alpha}. $$

*Note that while $\tilde{\zeta}^j$ is an eigenvector of $\rho_\alpha$, it is not unit-norm.
Correlation (Periodic Functions)

\[ V_j = \text{Span}(\tilde{\zeta}_j(\theta) = e^{i k_j \theta}) \]
\[ \chi^j(\alpha) = e^{-i k_j \alpha} \]

The one-dimensional sub-space:
\[ \text{Span}(\tilde{\zeta}_j(\theta) = e^{i k \theta}) \]

is a sub-representation for every integer \( k \in \mathbb{Z} \).

\[ \Downarrow \]
\[ V_j = \text{Span}(\tilde{\zeta}_j(\theta) = e^{i j \theta}) \]
\[ \chi^j(\alpha) = e^{-i j \alpha} \]
Correlation (Periodic Functions)

Note:

The periodic functions:
\[ \tilde{\zeta}^j(\theta) = e^{ij\theta} \]
do not have unit norm!

\[ \|\tilde{\zeta}^j\|^2 = \int_0^{2\pi} e^{ij\theta} \cdot \overline{e^{ij\theta}} \, d\theta \]
\[ = \int_0^{2\pi} 1 \, d\theta \]
\[ = 2\pi \]
Correlation (Periodic Functions)

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⇒ Normalize to make the functions unit-norm:

\[ \zeta^j(\theta) = \frac{e^{ij\theta}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \]

\[ \chi^j(\alpha) = e^{-ij\alpha} = \sqrt{2\pi} \cdot \zeta^{-j}(\alpha) \]
Correlation (Periodic Functions)

Remark:

The functions $\{\zeta^k\}_{k=-\infty}^{\infty}$ form an orthonormal basis called the Fourier basis.
Correlation (Periodic Functions)

Given functions, \( f, g \in L^2(\mathbb{R}/2\pi\mathbb{Z}) \), we can expand them in the basis \( \{\zeta^k\}_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \):

\[
f = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}_k \cdot \zeta^k \quad \text{and} \quad g = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{g}_k \cdot \zeta^k
\]

This gives:

\[
(g \star f)(\alpha) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{g}_k \cdot \hat{f}_k \cdot \bar{\chi}^k(\alpha)
\]

\[
= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \sqrt{2\pi} \cdot \hat{g}_k \cdot \bar{\hat{f}}_k \cdot \zeta^k(\alpha)
\]
Correlation (Periodic Functions)

\[ \rho_\alpha(\zeta^j) = e^{-ij\alpha} \cdot \zeta^j \]

What’s really going on here?

If we express a complex number in terms of radius and angle \((r, \theta)\), then rotation by \(\alpha\) degrees corresponds to the map:

\[(r, \theta) \rightarrow (r, \theta + \alpha) \]

\[\Updownarrow\]

\[re^{i\theta} \rightarrow re^{i(\theta + \alpha)} = e^{i\alpha} \cdot re^{i\theta}\]

\[\Rightarrow\] Multiplication by a complex, unit-norm, number is the same as translation
Correlation (Periodic Functions)

$$\rho_\alpha(\zeta^j) = e^{-ij\alpha} \cdot \zeta^j$$

What’s really going on here?

- Visualize complex-valued (periodic) functions the line by drawing the values in the perpendicular plane.
- A complex exponential becomes a helix.
- We can translate the helix along the line.
- This is the same as rotating in the (complex) plane that is perpendicular to the line.

$$f(\theta) = e^{i4\theta}$$
Correlation (Periodic Functions)

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Translating the domain of a complex exponential

\[ \uparrow \]

Multiplying its value by a (unit-normal) complex number

\[ f(\theta) = e^{i\alpha \theta} \]
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Applications in 1D
Correlation (Periodic Arrays)

In practice, we don’t have infinite precision, and we discretize the function space and the group:

- $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ is the space of periodic $n$-dimensional arrays
- $G = \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ is the group of integers modulo $n$
- $\rho_j$ is the representation shifting the entries in the array by $j$ positions

What are the irreducible representations $V_j$?

What are the corresponding scaling functions $x^j \in \mathbb{C}^n$?
Correlation (Periodic Arrays)

We set $V_k$ to be the (1D) spaces spanned by the discretizations of the complex exponentials:

$$V_k = \text{Span}(\tilde{z}^k)$$

where $\tilde{z}^k$ is defined by regularly sampling the $k$-th complex exponential:

$$\tilde{z}^k = (e^{ik\theta_0}, \ldots, e^{ik\theta_{n-1}}) \quad \text{with} \quad \theta_j = \frac{2\pi j}{n}$$
Correlation (Periodic Arrays)

Applying $\rho_j$ to $\tilde{z}^k$, we get:

$$\rho_j(\tilde{z}^k) = (e^{ik\theta_{0-j}}, \ldots, e^{ik\theta_{n-1-j}})$$

We can write out:

$$\theta_{m-j} = \frac{2\pi(m-j)}{n} = \frac{2\pi m}{n} + \frac{-2\pi j}{n} = \theta_m + \theta_{-j}$$
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Thus:

$$\rho_j(\tilde{z}^k) = (e^{ik\theta_0} \cdot e^{ik\theta_{-j}}, \ldots, e^{ik\theta_{n-1}} \cdot e^{ik\theta_{-j}})$$

$$= e^{ik\theta_{-j}} \cdot \tilde{z}^k$$

$$\mathbf{x}_j^k = e^{-ik\theta_j}$$
Correlation (Periodic Arrays)

Note 1:

The periodic arrays:
\[ \tilde{z}^k = (e^{ik\theta_0}, \ldots, e^{ik\theta_{n-1}}) \]
do not have unit norm!

\[ \langle \tilde{z}^k, \tilde{z}^k \rangle_{[0,2\pi]} = \frac{2\pi}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \tilde{z}_j^k \cdot \tilde{z}_j^k \]
\[ = \frac{2\pi}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} e^{ik\theta_j} \cdot e^{-ik\theta_j} \]
\[ = 2\pi \]
Correlation (Periodic Arrays)

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We need to normalize these vectors to make them unit-norm:
\[ x^k = \sqrt{2\pi} \cdot z^{-k} \]

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{ik\theta_0} \\
\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{ik\theta_1} \\
\vdots \\
\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{ik\theta_{n-1}}
\end{pmatrix}
\]
Correlation (Periodic Arrays)

Note 2:

The arrays $z^k$ and $z^{k+n}$ are the same array:

$$z^{k+n} = \left( \frac{e^{i(k+n)\theta_0}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \ldots, \frac{e^{i(k+n)\theta_{n-1}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)$$

$$= \left( \frac{e^{ik\theta_0}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot e^{in\theta_0}, \ldots, \frac{e^{ik\theta_{n-1}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot e^{in\theta_{n-1}} \right)$$
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But $n\theta_j$ is a multiple of $2\pi$:

$$n\theta_j = \frac{n2\pi j}{n} = 2\pi j$$

$$e^{in\theta_j} = 1$$
Correlation (Periodic Arrays)

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$$= \left( \frac{e^{ik\theta_0}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \ldots, \frac{e^{ik\theta_{n-1}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)$$

$$= z^k$$
Note 3:
The arrays $z^k$ and $z^{-k}$ are conjugate.

$$z^{-k} = \left( \frac{e^{i(-k)\theta_0}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \ldots, \frac{e^{i(-k)\theta_{n-1}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)$$

$$= \left( \frac{e^{-ik\theta_0}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \ldots, \frac{e^{-ik\theta_{n-1}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)$$

$$= \left( \frac{e^{ik\theta_0}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \ldots, \frac{e^{ik\theta_{n-1}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)$$

$$= \overline{z}^k$$
Correlation (Periodic Arrays)

Note 4:
Reflecting the coefficients of array $z^k$ through the origin also gives the conjugate:

\[
\begin{align*}
z^k_{-j} &= \frac{e^{ik\theta_{-j}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \\
&= \frac{e^{-ik\theta_j}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \\
&= \frac{\overline{e^{ik\theta_j}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \\
&= \overline{z^k_j}
\end{align*}
\]
Correlation (Periodic Arrays)

Note 5:
The arrays \( \{z^0, \ldots, z^{n-1}\} \) are linearly independent.
(More specifically, the arrays are orthonormal.)

\[ \Rightarrow \text{Since the space } V \text{ is } n\text{-dimensional, the arrays form a basis.} \]

This is the discrete Fourier basis.
Correlation (Periodic Arrays)

Thus, given two \( n \)-dimensional arrays, \( f \) and \( g \), we can expand:

\[
f = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \hat{f}_k \cdot z^k \quad \text{and} \quad g = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \hat{g}_k \cdot z^k
\]

This gives:

\[
(g \ast f)_j = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \hat{g}_k \cdot \tilde{f}_k \cdot \bar{x}_j^k
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Correlation (Higher Dimensions)

The same kind of method can be used for higher dimensions:

- Periodic functions in 2D

\[ \zeta^{l,m} (\theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^2}} \cdot e^{il\theta} \cdot e^{im\phi} \]

\[ \chi^{l,m} (\alpha, \beta) = \sqrt{(2\pi)^2} \zeta^{-l,-m} (\alpha, \beta) \]

- Periodic functions in 3D

\[ \zeta^{l,m,n} (\theta, \phi, \psi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^3}} \cdot e^{il\theta} \cdot e^{im\phi} \cdot e^{in\psi} \]

\[ \chi^{l,m,n} (\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \sqrt{(2\pi)^3} \cdot \zeta^{-l,-m,-n} (\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \]
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Computational Complexity

To compute the correlation of two periodic, $n$-dimensional arrays $f, g \in \mathbb{C}^n$:

1. Express $f$ and $g$ in the basis $\{z^0, ..., z^{n-1}\} \subset \mathbb{C}^n$:

\[
  f = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \hat{f}_k \cdot z^k \quad \text{and} \quad g = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \hat{g}_k \cdot z^k
\]

2. Multiply (and scale) the coefficients:

\[
  (g \star f) = \sqrt{2\pi} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \hat{g}_k \cdot \hat{f}_k \cdot z^k
\]

3. Evaluate at every index $j$:

\[
  (g \star f)_j = \sqrt{2\pi} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \hat{g}_k \cdot \hat{f}_k \cdot z_j^k
\]
Computational Complexity

To compute the correlation of two periodic, \( n \)-dimensional arrays \( f, g \in \mathbb{C}^n \):

- The first and third steps are a change of bases.
  - Implemented (naively) as matrix multiplication these have complexity \( O(n^2) \).
Computational Complexity

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   (g \star f) = \sqrt{2\pi} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \hat{g}_k \cdot \hat{f}_k \cdot z^k
   \]
   $O(n)$

3. Evaluate at every index $j$:
   \[
   (g \star f)_j = \sqrt{2\pi} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \hat{g}_k \cdot \hat{f}_k \cdot z^k_j
   \]
   $O(n^2)$
Computational Complexity

To compute the correlation of two periodic, $n$-dimensional arrays $f, g \in \mathbb{C}^n$:

The **Fast Fourier Transform** (FFT) is an algorithm for expressing an array represented by samples at $\{\theta_0, \ldots, \theta_{n-1}\}$ as a linear sum of $\{z^0, \ldots, z^{n-1}\}$.

The **Fast Inverse Fourier Transform** (IFFT) is an algorithm for expressing an array represented as a linear sum of $\{z^0, \ldots, z^{n-1}\}$ by samples at $\{\theta_0, \ldots, \theta_{n-1}\}$.

Both take $O(n \log n)$ time.
Computational Complexity

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2. Multiply (and scale) the coefficients:

$$(g \star f) = \sqrt{2\pi} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \hat{g}_k \cdot \tilde{f}_k \cdot z^k$$

3. Evaluate at every index $j$:

$$(g \star f)_j = \sqrt{2\pi} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \hat{g}_k \cdot \tilde{f}_k \cdot z_j^k$$

$O(n \log n)$
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Recall:

The Fourier basis is defined by the functions:

\[ \zeta^j(\theta) = \frac{e^{ij\theta}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \quad \forall j \in \mathbb{Z} \]

These functions have the properties that their reflections through the origin are their conjugates:

\[ \zeta^j(-\theta) = \frac{e^{-ij\theta}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \]

\[ = \frac{e^{ij\theta}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \]

\[ = \overline{\zeta^j(\theta)} \]
Convolution

Given a function $f$, the conjugate of its reflection through the origin can be expressed as:

$$\bar{f}(-\theta) = \sum_{j} f_j \cdot \zeta^j(-\theta)$$

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Given complex valued functions $f$ and $g$ on the circle, we define the convolution of $g$ with $f$ as the result obtained by

1. reflecting and conjugating $f$, and
2. correlating $g$ with the transformed $f$:

$$g \ast f = g \ast \tilde{f} \quad \text{with } \tilde{f}(\theta) = \bar{f}(-\theta)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow$$

$$g \ast f = g \ast \hat{f} \quad \text{with } \hat{f}_k = \bar{f}_k$$
Convolution

\[ g \ast f = g \ast \tilde{f} \quad \text{with} \quad \hat{f}_k = \tilde{f}_k \]

Plugging this into equation for correlation:

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(g \ast f) = (g \ast \tilde{f}) = \sqrt{2\pi} \sum_{k} \hat{g}_k \cdot \hat{\tilde{f}}_k \cdot \zeta^k
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\[ g * f = g * \tilde{f} \quad \text{with} \quad \hat{f}_k = \tilde{f}_k \]

Note:
1. Unlike correlation, convolution is symmetric:
   \[ g * f = f * g \]
2. If \( f \) is real and symmetric with respect to reflection, then convolution and correlation are the same thing:
   \[ g * f = g * f \]

\[ = \sqrt{2\pi} \sum_k \hat{g}_k \cdot \hat{f}_k \cdot \zeta^k \]
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Given two polynomials:

\[ p(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + \cdots + a_n x^n \]
\[ q(x) = b_0 + b_1 x + \cdots + b_n x^n \]

we can represent the polynomials \( p(x) \) and \( q(x) \) by \((2n + 1)\)-dimensional arrays:

\[ p(x) \rightarrow (a_{-n}, \cdots , a_{-1}, a_0, a_1, \cdots , a_n) \]
\[ q(x) \rightarrow (b_{-n}, \cdots , b_{-1}, b_0, b_1, \cdots , b_n) \]

with:

\[ a_{-n} = \cdots = a_{-1} = b_{-n} = \cdots = b_{-1} = 0 \]
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The 0th order coefficient of the product is:

\[ a_{-2} a_{-1} a_0 a_1 a_2 \times b_{-2} b_{-1} b_0 b_1 b_2 \]
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The 1\textsuperscript{st} order coefficient of the product is:
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The 2\text{nd} order coefficient of the product is:
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The coefficients of the product can be computed efficiently by convolving the arrays corresponding to the coefficients of the original polynomials.
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  Given an integer, we can treat it as a polynomial. To multiply two integers, we need to figure out what the new value in the 1s place, the 10s place, the 100s place, etc. will be. So big integer multiplication can be implemented efficiently as a convolution.