

EEO 401  
Digital Signal Processing  
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**Note Set #20**

- Symmetries of the DFT
- Reading Assignment: Sect. 7.2 of Proakis & Manolakis

## Circular Symmetries

In the context of DFT & IDFT we often need to discuss symmetries w.r.t. the circular nature of a signal.

Let this be an  $N$ -point signal (segment) :  $x[n]$  = 0  $n < 0, n > N-1$

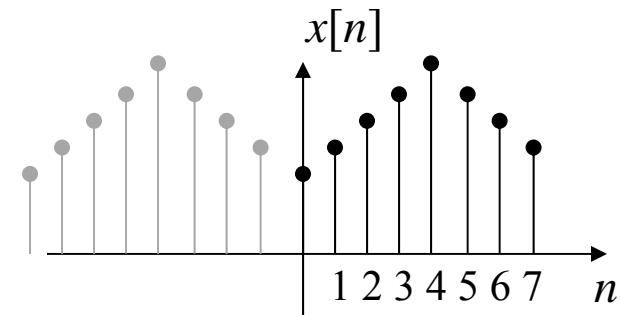
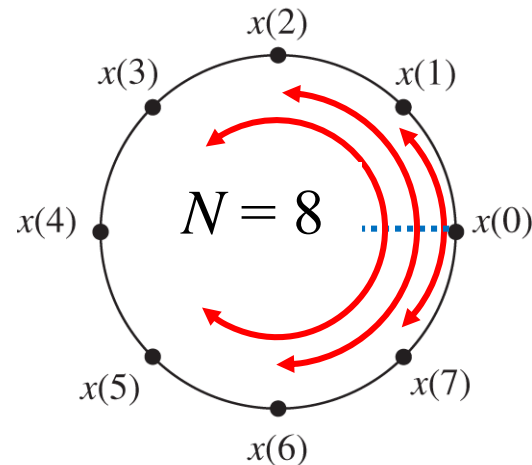
Circularly Even Sequence: Even symmetry about 0 on the circle

$$x[n] = x[N - n], \quad 1 \leq n \leq N - 1$$

Not 0!!

$$x_p[n] = x_p[-n] = x_p[N - n]$$

$$\begin{aligned} x[1] &= x[8 - 1] \\ &= x[7] \\ x[2] &= x[8 - 2] \\ &= x[6] \\ x[3] &= x[8 - 3] \\ &= x[5] \\ x[4] &= x[8 - 4] \\ &= x[4] \end{aligned}$$



For complex signals – “Conjugate Even” signals have:

$$x_p[n] = x_p^*[N - n]$$

**Circularly Odd Sequence**: Odd symmetry about 0 on the circle  $\rightarrow x[0] = 0$

$$x[n] = -x[N - n], \quad 1 \leq n \leq N - 1$$

Not 0!!

$$x_p[n] = -x_p[-n] = -x_p[N - n]$$

$$x[1] = -x[8 - 1]$$

$$= -x[7]$$

$$x[2] = -x[8 - 2]$$

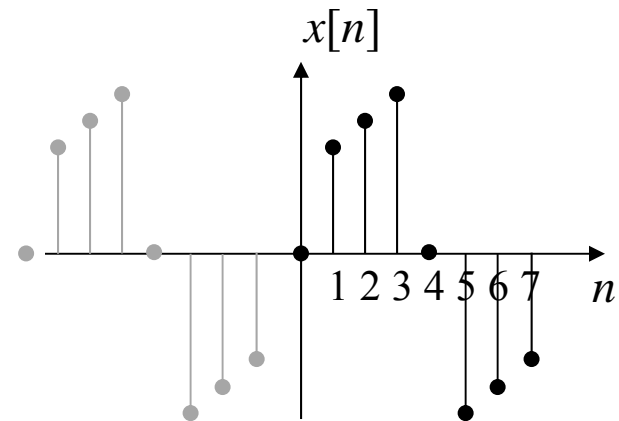
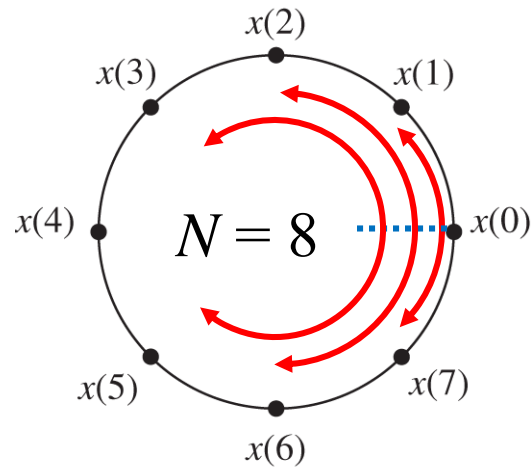
$$= -x[6]$$

$$x[3] = -x[8 - 3]$$

$$= -x[5]$$

$$x[4] = -x[8 - 4]$$

$$= -x[4] \rightarrow x[4] = 0$$



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## Decomposing Signal into Odd & Even Parts:

Given an arbitrary signal with periodic extension  $x_p[n]$  we can decompose it as

$$x_p[n] = x_{pe}[n] + x_{po}[n]$$

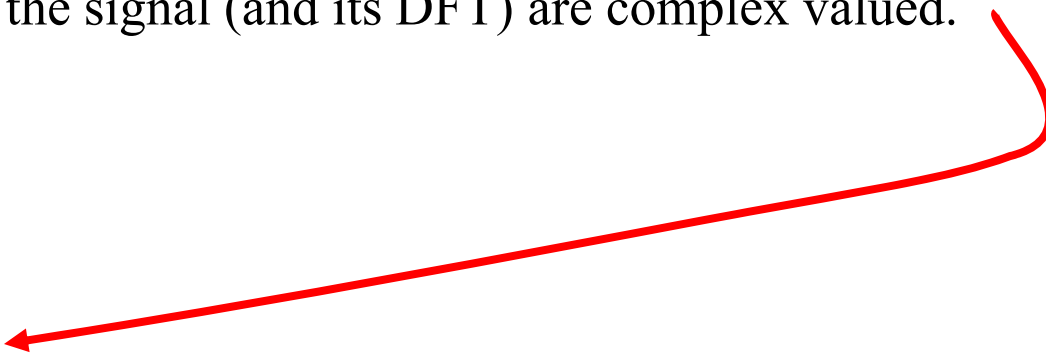
$$x_{pe}[n] = \frac{1}{2} [x_p[n] + x_p^*[N - n]]$$

$$x_{po}[n] = \frac{1}{2} [x_p[n] - x_p^*[N - n]]$$

## Symmetries Properties of the DFT

For generality, assume that the signal (and its DFT) are complex valued.

### General Results

$$\begin{aligned} X[k] &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] e^{-j2\pi kn/N} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} [x_R[n] + jx_I[n]] [\cos(2\pi kn/N) - j\sin(2\pi kn/N)] \end{aligned}$$


$$X_R[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} [x_R[n] \cos(2\pi kn/N) + x_I[n] \sin(2\pi kn/N)]$$

$$X_I[k] = -\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} [x_R[n] \sin(2\pi kn/N) - x_I[n] \cos(2\pi kn/N)]$$

$$x_R[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} [X_R[k] \cos(2\pi kn/N) - X_I[k] \sin(2\pi kn/N)]$$

$$x_I[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} [X_R[k] \sin(2\pi kn/N) + X_I[k] \cos(2\pi kn/N)]$$

## Real-Valued Sequences

If  $x[n]$  is real valued then

$$X^{d*}[k] = \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] e^{-j2\pi kn/N} \right]^* = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x^*[n] e^{j2\pi kn/N} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] e^{-j2\pi(-k)n/N} = X^d[-k]$$

But by the periodicity of the DFT we have that  $X^d[-k] = X^d[N-k]$

$$X^{d*}[k] = X^d[-k] = X^d[N-k]$$

Periodicity  $\rightarrow X^d[0] = X^d[N]$  }  $X^d[0]$  must  
be real

$X^{d*}[N/2] = X^d[N/2]$   
 $X^d[N/2]$  must be real

This then yields  $|X^d[N-k]| = |X^d[k]|$        $\angle X^d[N-k] = -\angle X^d[k], k \neq 0, N/2$

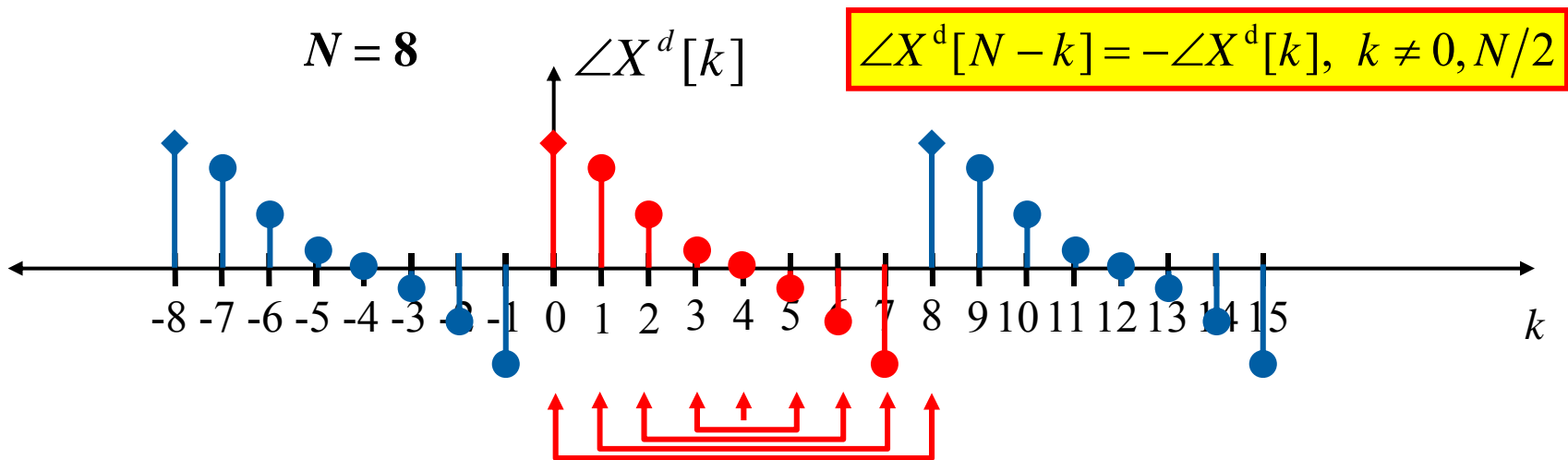
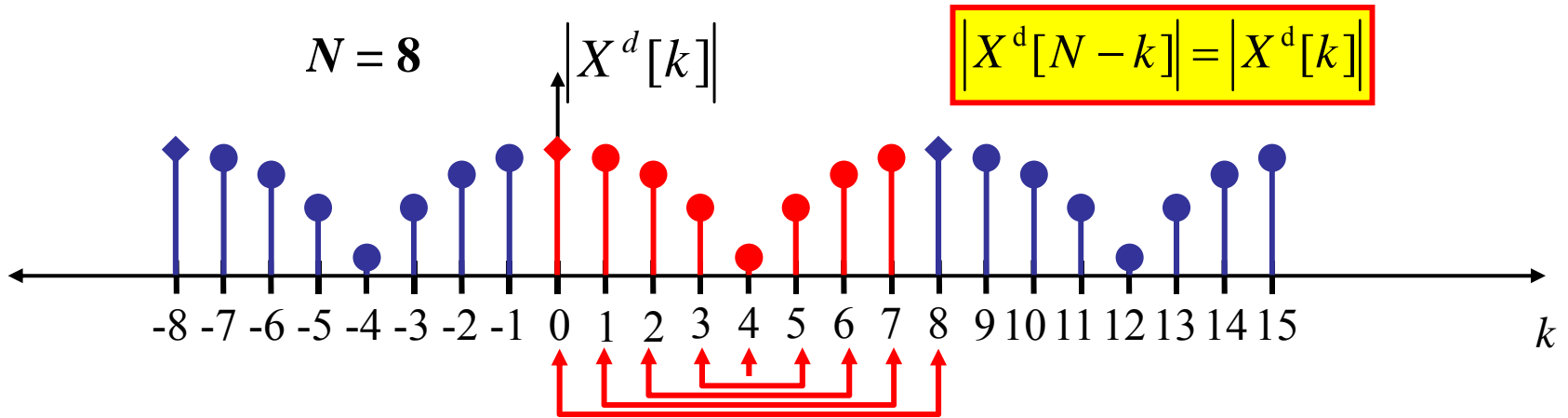
**Circularly Even**

**“Sort of” Circularly Odd**

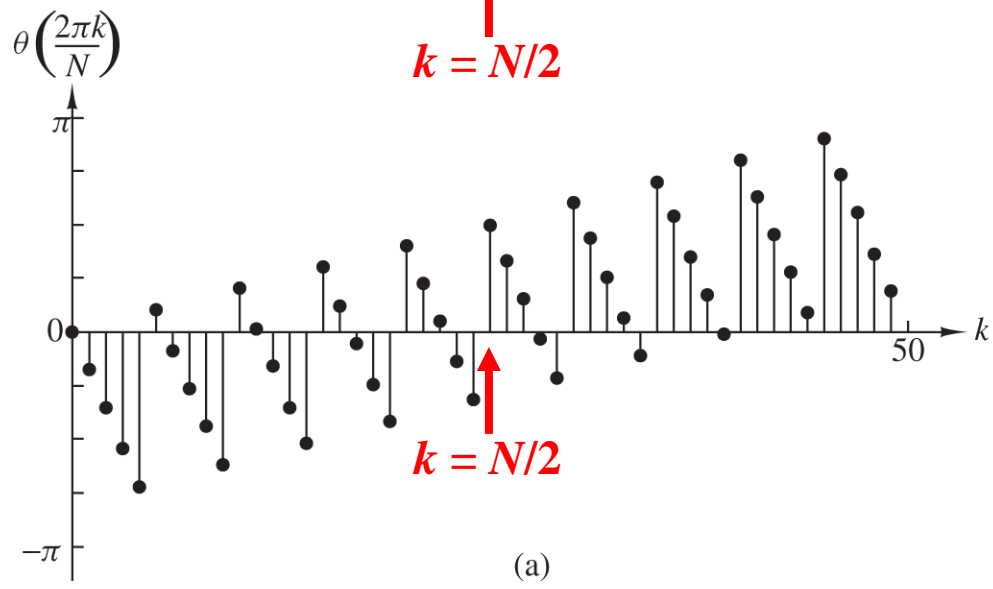
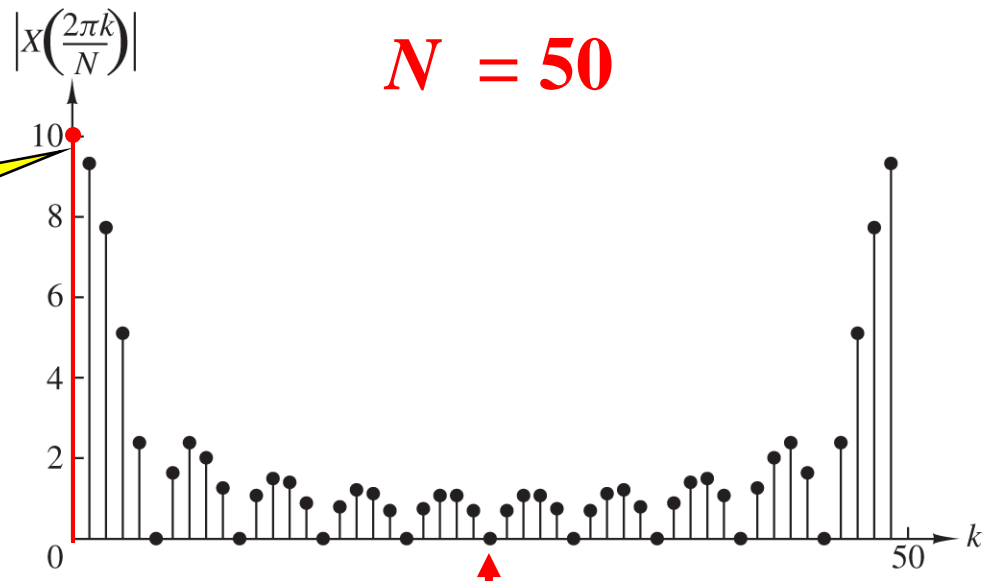
$$\angle X^d[0] = m\pi$$

$$\angle X^d[N/2] = m\pi$$

## Example of DFT Symmetry for Real Signal



Missing  
in Book



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## Real-Valued & Circularly Even Sequences

$$x[n] \text{ real} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} X_R[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} [x_R[n] \cos(2\pi kn / N) + \cancel{x_I[n] \sin(2\pi kn / N)}] \\ X_I[k] = -\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} [x_R[n] \sin(2\pi kn / N) - \cancel{x_I[n] \cos(2\pi kn / N)}] \end{cases}$$

$$x[n] = x[N - n] \Rightarrow = 0 \text{ (even x odd = odd)}$$

$$X^d[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] \cos(2\pi kn / N) \quad \text{Real \& Even}$$

$$x_R[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} [X_R[k] \cos(2\pi kn / N) - \cancel{X_I[k] \sin(2\pi kn / N)}]$$

$$x_I[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} [X_R[k] \sin(2\pi kn / N) + \cancel{X_I[k] \cos(2\pi kn / N)}]$$

$$= 0 \text{ (even x odd = odd)}$$

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X[k] \cos(2\pi kn / N)$$

## Real-Valued & Circularly Odd Sequences

$$X^d[k] = -j \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] \sin(2\pi kn / N)$$

$$x[n] = j \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X^d[k] \sin(2\pi kn / N)$$

**Real & Even**

**See Table 7.1 for Summary of Symmetry Properties**