

# Implementation of Discrete Fourier Transform and Orthogonal Discrete Wavelet Transform in Python

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**Abstract**—This paper presents implementation of Discrete Fourier Transform and Orthogonal Discrete Wavelet Transform in Python computer programming language. The Fourier Transform is a fundamental signal processing tool whereas the Wavelet Transform is a powerful and advanced signal processing tool. Both have applications in numerous scientific and engineering disciplines. Our implementation aims to develop a deeper understanding of these transformations by presenting detailed coding steps to generate the frequency-domain and wavelet-domain outputs for selected example time-domain input signals. The results generated from developed program code are compared using built-in functions with similar matches have shown the successful implementation.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Python has emerged recently as a computer programming language of choice for science and engineering disciplines. Despite presence of famous powerful computer languages, for example C/C++/C# and Java, and mathematical tools, for example MATLAB and MAPLE, this computer programming language is making its way towards new heights [1-2]. The language is open source with an easily understandable syntax and is supported by a large community of programmers all around the world. Recently, many courses have replaced their adoption of computer language by Python, for example [3] replaced Java with Python as the Python code is easier for the novice learner. The major strengths of this programming language are modularity and ability to integrate with different computer programming languages [4].

Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) is a fundamental signal processing tool. On the other hand, Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT) is a powerful and advanced signal processing tool. Both tools have a wide range of applications in many

scientific and engineering disciplines. These are implemented in almost all computer programming languages and mathematical software tools. Therefore, learning to use application of DFT and DWT on time-domain input signals to generate corresponding frequency-domain and wavelet-domain representations is an established exercise for students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) programs. Use of computer programs and mathematical software tools is a common practice to perform lengthy calculations.

The purpose of this study is to explore how to learn fundamental and advanced mathematical formulations, for example DFT and orthogonal DWT, by using a prospective computer programming language. The work in this paper aims to strengthen the understanding of DFT by implementing circular convolution and Fourier transformation and also to strengthen the understanding of DWT by implementing orthogonal Wavelet transformation in Python. A step-by-step approach is presented which is useful for readers even if they are unfamiliar with this computer programming language. In addition, examples are presented to use Numpy [5] built-in Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) function to compute the DFT and PyWavelets [6] built-in function to compute the DWT. The resulting spectrum and scalogram from selected example time-domain signals by using the developed Python program code are compared with outputs using built-in functions. Similar matches show a successful implementation of both DFT and DWT.

## II. CONCEPTS AND MATHEMATICAL EXPRESSIONS

In this section, a review of related mathematical expressions with corresponding matrix views is presented from [7-8]. This section and most of the examples used in this study are selected from this very useful reference.

### A. Discrete Fourier Transform

The circular convolution is closely related to DFT and

for any two length-N sequences  $x_n = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{N-1}\}$  and  $h_n = \{h_0, h_1, \dots, h_{N-1}\}$ , it is defined as

$$(Hx)_n = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k h_{(n-k) \bmod N} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} h_k x_{(n-k) \bmod N} \quad (1)$$

where H is called the circular convolution operator associated with  $h_n$ . The result  $(Hx)_n$  is also a length-N sequence. The related matrix view is given below.

$$Hx = \begin{bmatrix} h_0 & h_{N-1} & \dots & h_1 \\ h_1 & h_0 & \dots & h_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ h_{N-1} & h_{N-2} & \dots & h_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_{N-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

where H is a circulant matrix with  $h_n$  as its first column. The DFT of a length-N sequence  $x_n$  is defined as

$$X_k = (Fx)_k = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n W_N^{kn}, k \in \{0, 1, \dots, N-1\} \quad (3)$$

where  $X_k$  is called the spectrum of sequence  $x_n$  and  $W_N^{kn} = e^{-j(2\pi/N)kn}$  is a unit-modulus Eigen sequence. "... the DFT arises from identifying the unit-modulus Eigen sequences of the circular convolution operator ..." [7]. The related matrix view is given below.

$$Fx = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & W_N^2 & \dots & W_N^{N-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & W_N^{N-1} & \dots & W_N^{(N-1)^2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_{N-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

The IDFT of a length-N sequence is defined as

$$x_n = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X_k W_N^{-kn}, n \in \{0, 1, \dots, N-1\} \quad (5)$$

where,  $W_N^{-kn} = e^{j(2\pi/N)kn}$ . The related matrix view of IDFT is given below.

$$x_n = \frac{1}{N} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & W_N^{-2} & \dots & W_N^{-(N-1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & W_N^{-(N-1)} & \dots & W_N^{-(N-1)^2} \end{bmatrix} X \quad (6)$$

### B. Discrete Wavelet Transform

The inner product is sum of element-by-element multiplication of two vectors. This means result of inner product is a scalar quantity. A sequence represents a signal or vector. The inner product of two given sequences,  $g_n = \{g_0, g_1, \dots, g_{N-1}\}$  and  $h_n = \{h_0, h_1, \dots, h_{N-1}\}$  is given by

$$\langle g_n, h_n \rangle = \sum_n g_n h_n = g_0 h_0 + \dots + g_{n-1} h_{n-1} \quad (7)$$

The convolution of two sequences  $g_n$  and  $h_n$  is given by

$$h * g = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} h_k g_{n-k} = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} g_k h_{n-k} \quad (8)$$

The  $J$ -level orthogonal DWT of a sequence  $x_n$  and IDWT are given by

$$\alpha_k^{(J)} = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} x_n g_{n-2^J k}, k \in \mathbb{Z} \quad (9)$$

$$\beta_k^{(l)} = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} x_n h_{n-2^l k}, l \in \{1, 2, \dots, J\} \quad (10)$$

$$x_n = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha_k^{(J)} g_{n-2^J k} + \sum_{l=1}^J \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \beta_k^{(l)} g_{n-2^l k} \quad (11)$$

where  $g^{(l)}$  and  $h^{(l)}$  are called scaling sequence and wavelets, respectively. The  $\alpha^{(J)}$  is called coarse projection or scaling coefficients whereas  $\beta^{(l)}$  are called finer detail projections or wavelet coefficients. For 3-level, i.e.,  $J = 3$ , both scaling and wavelet coefficients using (9) and (10) are given by

$$\beta_k^{(1)} = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} x_n h_{n-2^1 k} = \langle x_n, h_{n-2^1 k} \rangle_n$$

$$\beta_k^{(2)} = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} x_n h_{n-2^2 k} = \langle x_n, h_{n-2^2 k} \rangle_n$$

$$\beta_k^{(3)} = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} x_n h_{n-2^3 k} = \langle x_n, h_{n-2^3 k} \rangle_n$$

$$\alpha_k^{(3)} = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} x_n g_{n-2^3 k} = \langle x_n, g_{n-2^3 k} \rangle_n$$

The complete set of basis sequences for 3-level is given by

$$\Phi = \{h_{n-2^1 k}^{(1)}, h_{n-2^2 k}^{(2)}, h_{n-2^3 k}^{(3)}, g_{n-2^3 k}^{(3)}\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$$

The Haar basic sequences at  $J$ -level are given by

$$g_n^{(J)} = \frac{1}{2^{J/2}} \sum_{k=0}^{2^J-1} \delta_{n-k} \quad (12)$$

$$h_n^{(l)} = \frac{1}{2^{l/2}} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{2^{l-1}-1} \delta_{n-k} - \sum_{k=2^{l-1}}^{2^l-1} \delta_{n-k} \right) \quad (13)$$

where  $\delta_n$  is Kronecker delta sequence and is given by

$$\delta_n = \begin{cases} 1, & n = 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

For 3-level, Haar basis sequences using (12) and (13) are given by

$$h_n^{(1)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\delta_n - \delta_{n-1})$$

$$h_n^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2}(\delta_n + \delta_{n-1} - \delta_{n-2} - \delta_{n-3})$$

$$h_n^{(3)} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(\delta_n + \dots + \delta_{n-3} - \delta_{n-4} - \dots - \delta_{n-7})$$

$$g_n^{(3)} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(\delta_n + \dots + \delta_{n-7})$$

In following sections, above equations are implemented in the Python computer programming language.

### III. PRELIMINARY IMPLEMENTATION

The Numpy module provides N-dimensional array data type, called ND array. The Python program code developed to implement the circular convolution is shown in Figure 1. It starts with comment lines which begin with number sign (#). The two code lines starting with import keyword find and initialize Python modules Numpy and Matplotlib.pyplot and assign local names np and plt respectively. The Matplotlib [9] is a library for creating 2D plots in Python with pylab interface i.e., Matplotlib.pyplot which provides functions similar to MATLAB.

The function *comp\_circ\_conv* computes circular convolution and plots input sequence  $x_n$ , filter  $h_n$ , and resulting circular convolution  $(Hx)_n$  by calling the function *draw\_seqn\_and\_filt*. In function *comp\_circ\_conv*, Python built-in function *len* is used to find length L and M of filter  $h_n$  and input sequence  $x_n$  respectively. This step is required to determine the value N which is used for zero-padding both input sequences.

The variables *filtN*, *seqnN*, and *Hx* are defined as N-point numpy.ndarray sequences. These sequences are initialized with all elements set equal to zero. Both *filtN* and *seqnN* are assigned *filt* and *seqn* sequences up to length of *filt*, L, and length of *seqn*, M, respectively. This is accomplished using statement *filtN[:L] = filt[:]* which assigns first L members of *filtN* array to members of *filt* array. In this way, elements of *filtN* array are members of *filt* array from 0 to L-1, and remaining members are zeros from L to N-1. This is repeated for *seqnN* which after assignment has members of *seqn* from 0 to M-1, and zeros from M to N-1. Note, the indexing in Python follows C/C++ which starts from 0, instead of 1 as in MATLAB. This means members of an N-point array are accessed using index from 0 to N-1.

In first example, the function *comp\_circ\_conv* input arrays are  $x_n = \{4, 5, 6, 2\}$  and  $h_n = \{0.5, 2, 0.5\}$  which are assigned to arrays *seqn* and *filt*, respectively. These arrays are

assigned to new arrays *seqnN* = {4, 5, 6, 2, 0, 0} and *filtN* = {0.5, 2, 0.5, 0, 0, 0}, refer Figure 1 for plots of zero-padded input sequences. The *filtN* array is flipped and rolled by using statements *filtNflip = filtN[::-1,...]* and *filtNflip = np.roll(filtNflip, I)* respectively. The output array *filtNflip* after execution of these two statements is equal to {0.5, 0, 0, 0.5, 2}. At this point, first row of (2), i.e.,  $\{h_0, h_5, \dots, h_1\}$  for N = 6 is available as *filtNflip*.

A for-loop implements circular convolution in (1) and (2). The loop index is variable k which takes values in range(N) i.e., from 0 to N-1. Note, the colon operator (:) in the for-loop statement tells Python a code block follows. Indentation is very important and used exclusively in this computer language for identification and execution of code blocks. The concept is similar to use of braces f g in C/C++. After completion of for-loop, *Hx* holds result of circular convolution.

At this point, the function *draw\_seqn\_and\_filt* is called with three parameters: input sequence  $x_n$ , filter  $h_n$  and circular convolution *Hx*. The definition of this function is shown in Python code in Figure 1. This code is similar to MATLAB figure generating code. It generates three subplots: (a) input sequence  $x_n$ , (b) filter  $h_n$  and (c) circular convolution *Hx*. These subplots are shown in Figure 1.

To use the developed program code in Figure 1, add following three code lines at the end of program. Once program code executes it generates subplots and assigns result of circular convolution to *H1* due return *Hx* statement in the function *comp\_circ\_conv*.

```
x = np.array([4,5,6,2])
h = np.array([0.5,2,0.5])
H1 = comp_circ_conv(h,x)
```

To compute linear convolution which is equivalent to circular convolution for  $N \geq L + M - 1$ , Numpy provides a function *numpy.convolve*. This function can be used as follows to compute convolution and verify results of earlier developed program code. It has verified for example presented in this section that both results are same.

Now, a thoughtful look at the code in Figure 1 reveals that most instructions are assignment statements for variables to hold and organize data. The steps to compute the circular convolution are followed which include flip and shift one sequence and at each shift compute sum of product with other sequence. In developing program code, there is a need to zero-pad sequences to compute full convolution. A for-loop performs sequence shift and compute sum of product to generate *Hx* array.

To write a program code for inner product in (7) and make related plots, there is a need to import Numpy and Matplotlib.pyplot. This leads to write two Python import statements below.

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

Above import statements provide functionality available in Numpy module and Pylab Matplotlib interface. The Numpy is short for Numeric Python which provides N-dimensional array functionality to Python basic installation. The Pylab interface is a set of functions in Matplotlib library which provides functionality similar to MATLAB to make 2D plots. An import statement, for example 'import numpy as np' is executed in two steps which are (1) initialize a module, for example numpy, and (2) define a name, for

example np.

The inner product of two sequences is computed by defining inprod function as follows. The def keyword is used for function definition. Use of colon at end of a Python statement and indentation at start of a statement are very important for programming in Python. Indentation is used for a block of statements and a colon identifies start of a code block.

```
def inprod(g,h):
    N = len(g)
    tmp = 0
    for n in range(N):
        tmp += g[n] * h[n]
    return tmp
```

```
1 #####
2 # Implementation of Circular Convolution by Dr. Tariq Javid #
3 # Created on: 14 Aug 2014; Last updated on: None #
4 # Reference: Foundations of Signal Processing v1.0 2014 #
5 # Definition 3.9, Equation 3.71 p. 213 + Figure 3.8 p. 215 #
6 #####
7
8 import numpy as np
9 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
10
11 def comp_circ_conv(filt,seqn):
12     L = len(filt) # length of filter
13     M = len(seqn) # length of sequence
14     N = L + M - 1
15     filtN = np.zeros(N) # initialize filter with length N
16     seqnN = np.zeros(N) # initialize sequence with length N
17     Hx = np.zeros(N)
18     filtN[:L] = filt[:] # append zeros
19     filtNflip = filtN[::-1,...] # flip filterN
20     filtNflip = np.roll(filtNflip,1)
21     seqnN[:M] = seqn[:] # append zeros
22     for k in range(N):
23         ht = np.roll(filtNflip,k)
24         Hx[k] = sum(seqnN * ht)
25     draw_seqn_and_filt(filtN,seqnN, Hx)
26     return Hx
27
28 def draw_seqn_and_filt(filt,seqn,conv):
29     plt.figure(1)
30     plt.subplot(131)
31     plt.plot(seqn,'bs')
32     plt.axis([-0.2,5.2,-0.2,6.2])
33     plt.title('x[n]S')
34     plt.xlabel('(a) Sequence.')
35     plt.grid(True)
36
37     plt.subplot(132)
38     plt.plot(filt,'r')
39     plt.axis([-0.2,5.2,-0.2,6.2])
40     plt.title('h[n]S')
41     plt.xlabel('(b) Filter.')
42     plt.grid(True)
43
44     plt.subplot(133)
45     plt.plot(conv,'go')
46     plt.axis([-0.2,5.2,-0.2,16.2])
47     plt.title('(Hx)[n]S')
48     plt.xlabel('(c) Circular convolution.')
49     plt.grid(True)
50
51     plt.show()
```

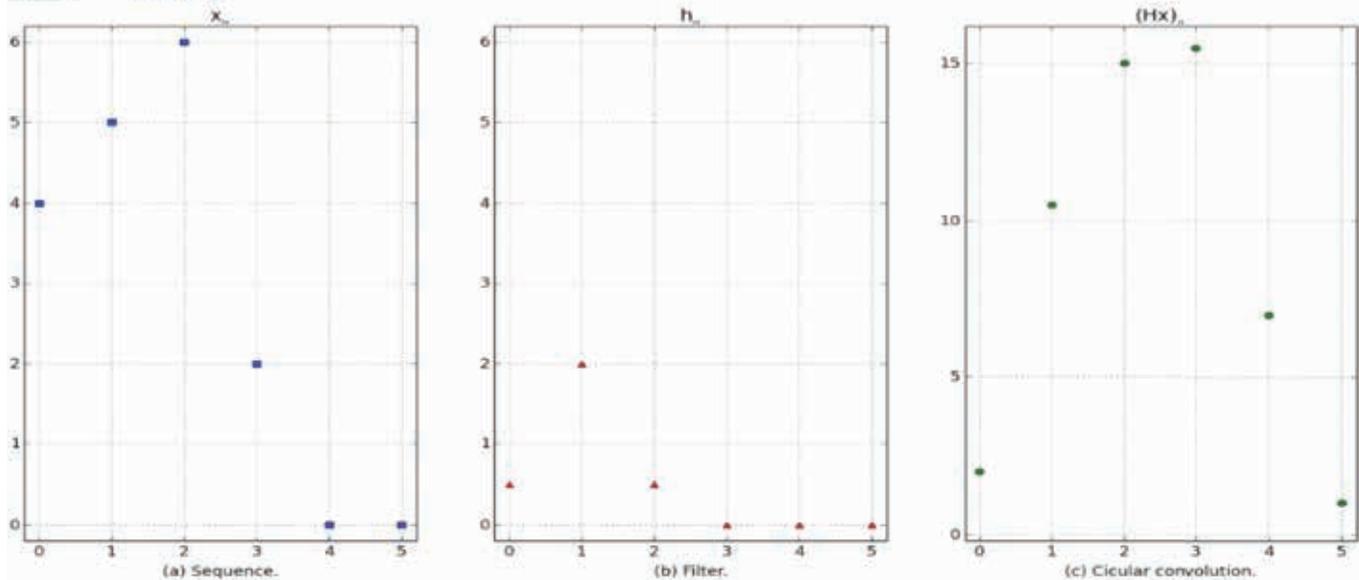


Fig. (1). The code implements circular convolution in Python. The function comp\_circ\_conv computes circular convolution and the function draw\_seqn and filt plots: (a) input sequence  $x_n = \{4, 5, 6, 2\}$ , (b) filter  $h_n = \{0.5, 2, 0.5\}$ , and (c) output convolution  $(Hx)_n = \{2, 10.5, 15, 15.5, 7, 1\}$ .

In above code, the `inprod` function takes two sequences `g` and `h` as input parameters. A variable `N` is assigned the length of sequence `g`. Another variable `tmp` is initialized with a value of zero. A for loop is used to compute inner product which assigns sum of element-by-element product to `tmp` variable. After completion of this for loop, `tmp` contains the result. This function exits by return `tmp` statement.

To use this function consider an example in which two input sequences are `gn = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5}` and `hn = {5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0}`. These sequences are initialized as two arrays `s1` and `s2`, and function `inprod` is called with `s1` and `s2` as parameters. The function `inprod` returns inner product value which is assigned to a variable `inp`. This is accomplished by following program code. This program code when executed in Python interpreter displays 20. The `print` keyword is used to displays the result. Note, the comments in Python begin with a number (`#`) sign.

```
s1 = np.array([0,1,2,3,4,5])
s2 = np.array([5,4,3,2,1,0])
inp = inprod(s1,s2)
print inp # result is 20
```

The program code to make plots of both input signals and element-by-element multiplication is as follows. The result of execution is shown in Figure 2 which has subplots similar to MATLAB figure with obvious coding similarity.

```
plt.figure(1)
plt.subplot(131)
plt.plot(s1,'ro--')
plt.axis([-0.5, 5.5,-0.5,6.5])
plt.xlabel('Sequence, $s1_{n}$.')
plt.grid(True)
plt.subplot(132)
plt.plot(s2,'bo--')
plt.axis([-0.5, 5.5,-0.5,6.5])
plt.xlabel('Sequence, $s2_{n}$.')
plt.grid(True)
plt.subplot(133)
plt.plot(s1*s2,'go--')
plt.axis([-0.5, 5.5,-0.5,6.5])
plt.xlabel('Sequence, $s1_{n}*s2_{n}$.')
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```

The heart of DWT computation lies in the convolution operation between two input signals  $g_n$  and  $h_n$ . This leads to write a program code for (8) which is accomplished by the function `comp_conv` defined in Python as follows. The comments show four steps of convolution operation which are flip, shift, multiplication, and addition.

```
def comp_conv(g,h):
    L = len(g)
    M = len(h)
    N = L + M - 1
    gn = np.zeros(N)
    gn[:L] = g[:]
    hn = np.zeros(N)
    hn[:M] = h[:]
    hn = hn[::-1,...] # flip
    hn = np.roll(hn,1) # shift
    cnv = np.zeros(N)
    # sum-of-product
    for k in range(N):
        hk = np.roll(hn,k)
        cnv[k] = sum(gn * hk)
    return cnv
```

The above program code is used to compute convolution for earlier signals `s1` and `s2`. The resulting sequence is `{0, 5, 14, 26, 40, 55, 40, 26, 14, 5, 0}` which is same as computed by the `numpy.convolve` operator. The associated code for this comparison is as follows.

```
np.convolve(s1, s2)
```

Haar basis sequences in (12) and (13) are example basis sequences. These sequences have orthogonal property which means these signals are at right angle to each other. In other words,  $\langle g_n, g_{n-2k} \rangle = \langle h_n, h_{n-2k} \rangle = \delta_k$  and  $\langle g_n, h_{n-2k} \rangle = 0$ . The Python program code to generate level-`J` transformation matrix is given below.

```
J = raw_input('Input J: ')
J = int(J) # Convert to integer
l = np.array(np.arange(J) + 1)
# Sequence: g_{n}^{J}
gnJ = np.array(np.zeros(2 ** J))
# Sequence: h_{n}^{J}, l = {1, ..., J}
hnl = np.array(np.zeros(J*(2**J)))
hnl = hnl.reshape(J,(2**J))
# Compute transformation matrix, T
for k in np.arange(2 ** J):
    gnJ[k] = 2 ** (-J / 2.0)
    for m in l:
        for k in np.arange(2 ** m):
            if k < (2**(m-1)):
                hnl[m - 1, k]= (2 ** (-m / 2.0))
            elif k < (2**m) :
                hnl[m - 1, k]= -(2 ** (-m / 2.0))
T = np.concatenate((hnl, [gnJ]),axis=0)
```

The above code starts by an input prompt for `J`-level, convert input string value to integer value, and initializes Haar basis sequences  $g_n^{(J)}$  and  $h_n^{(J)}$ . A for loop computes the sequence as per (12). A nested for loop computes the

sequence  $h_n^{(i)}$  as per (13). Both sequences are concatenated as the transformation matrix T.

The output transformation matrix for scale entered as input J = 3 is given below. Note that the rows of this matrix starting from first row correspond to  $h_n^{(1)}, h_n^{(2)}, h_n^{(3)}$ , and  $g_n^{(3)}$  respectively. The elements of this matrix are shown as fractions instead of real numbers.

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{1} & \frac{1}{1} & \frac{1}{1} & \frac{1}{1} & \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

#### IV. IMPLEMENTATION OF DFT

In this section, the DFT and IDFT as defined in (4) and (6) are implemented in Python and applied on following example input sequences to compute a length-16 DFT.

$$x_n, y_n = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{16}n\right), \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{32}n\right) \quad (14)$$

In the start of program code development for DFT, there is a need to import Numpy and Matplotlib.pyplot. This leads to write two Python import statements below. These instruc-

tions provide functionality available in Numpy Python module and PyLab Matplotlib interface.

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

Once import of required modules is accomplished, the next step is to define and initialize variables appropriate data types. This is done by following three statements. In this code, to compute length-16 DFT, a constant value 16 is assigned to N. As Python is a case sensitive language similar to C/C++, therefore N and n are two different data variable names. The data type array is used and Numpy built-in function numpy.arange assigns n = {0, 1, ..., 15}. Note, np.arange is used instead of numpy.arange due local name np is assigned to numpy in earlier import statement. Last statement in this code initializes x and y with sequences in (14). This statement combines two statements in one instruction. Python integer division is different than float division, to use float division 16.0 is typed instead of 16 and similarly 32.0 is used instead of 32.

```
N = 16 # Data type: integer
# Data type: numpy.ndarray
# n = [0,1,...,15]
n = np.arange(N)
x, y = np.cos(2 * np.pi * n / 16.0), np.sin(2 * np.pi * n / 32.0)
```

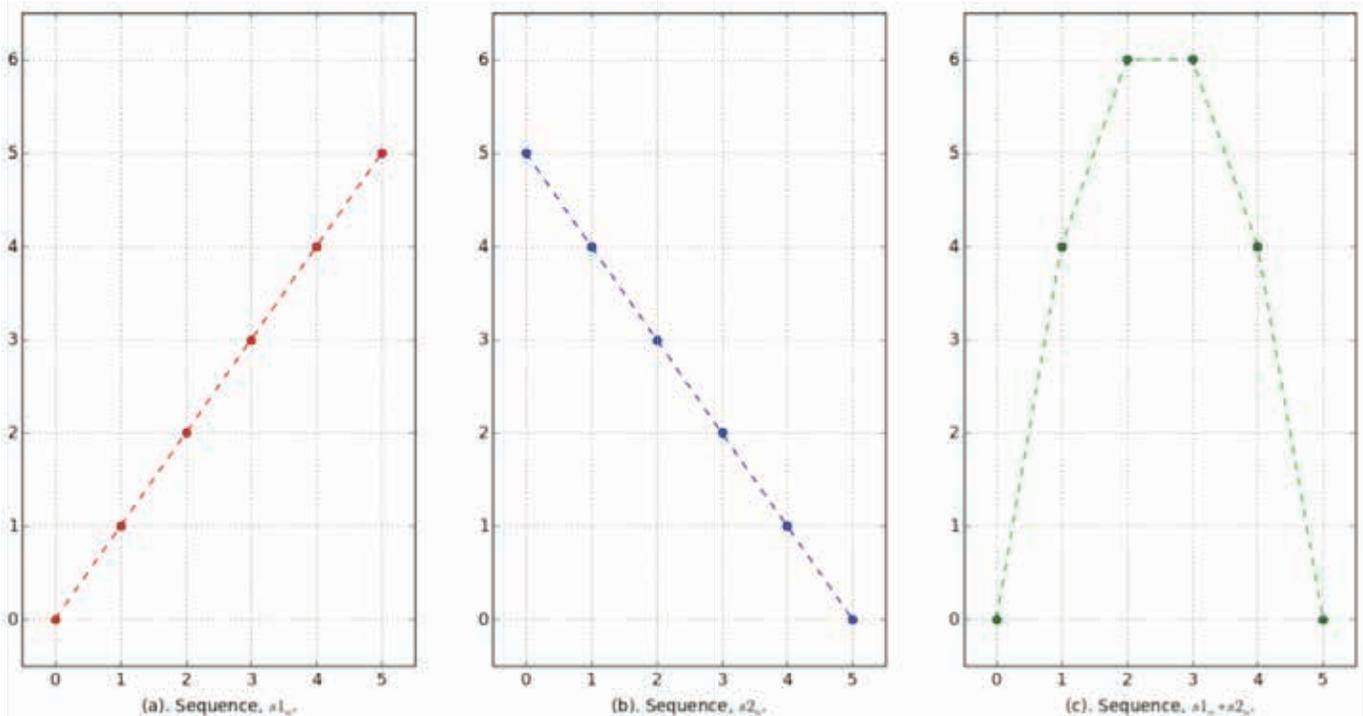
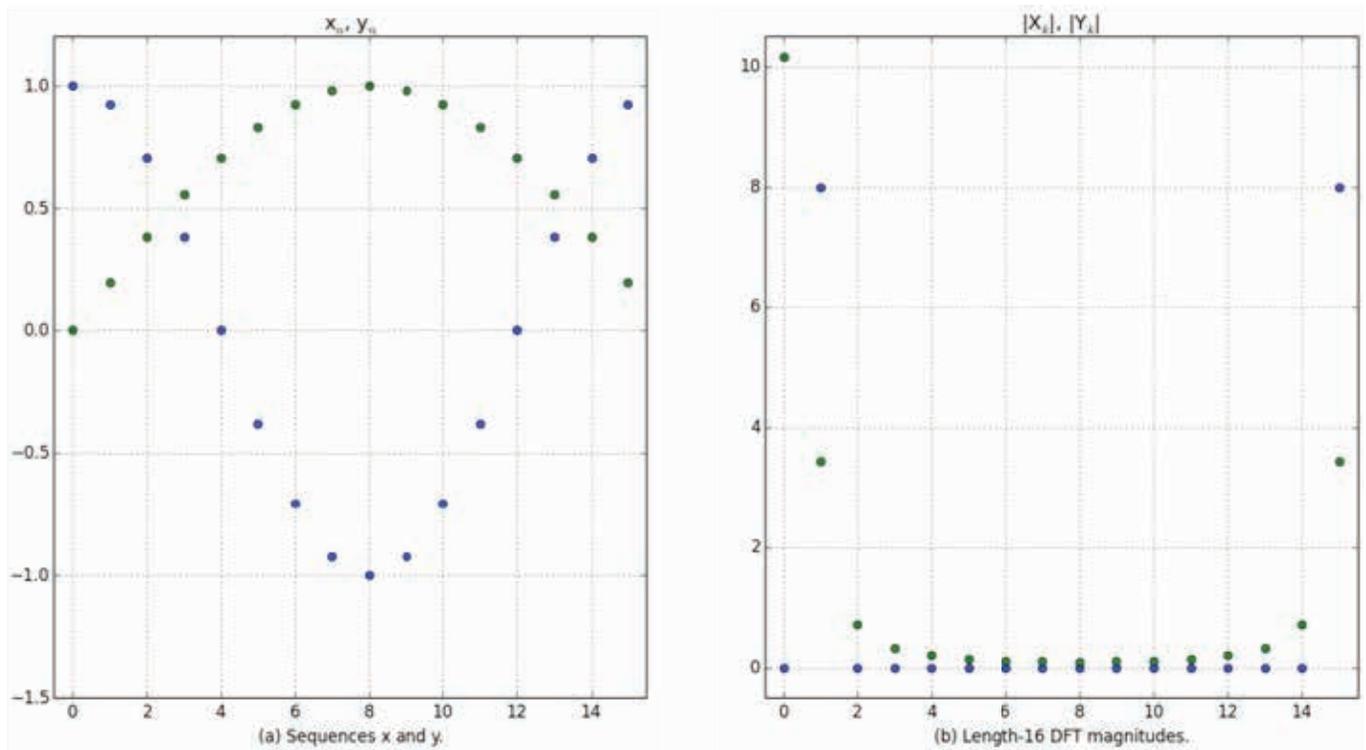
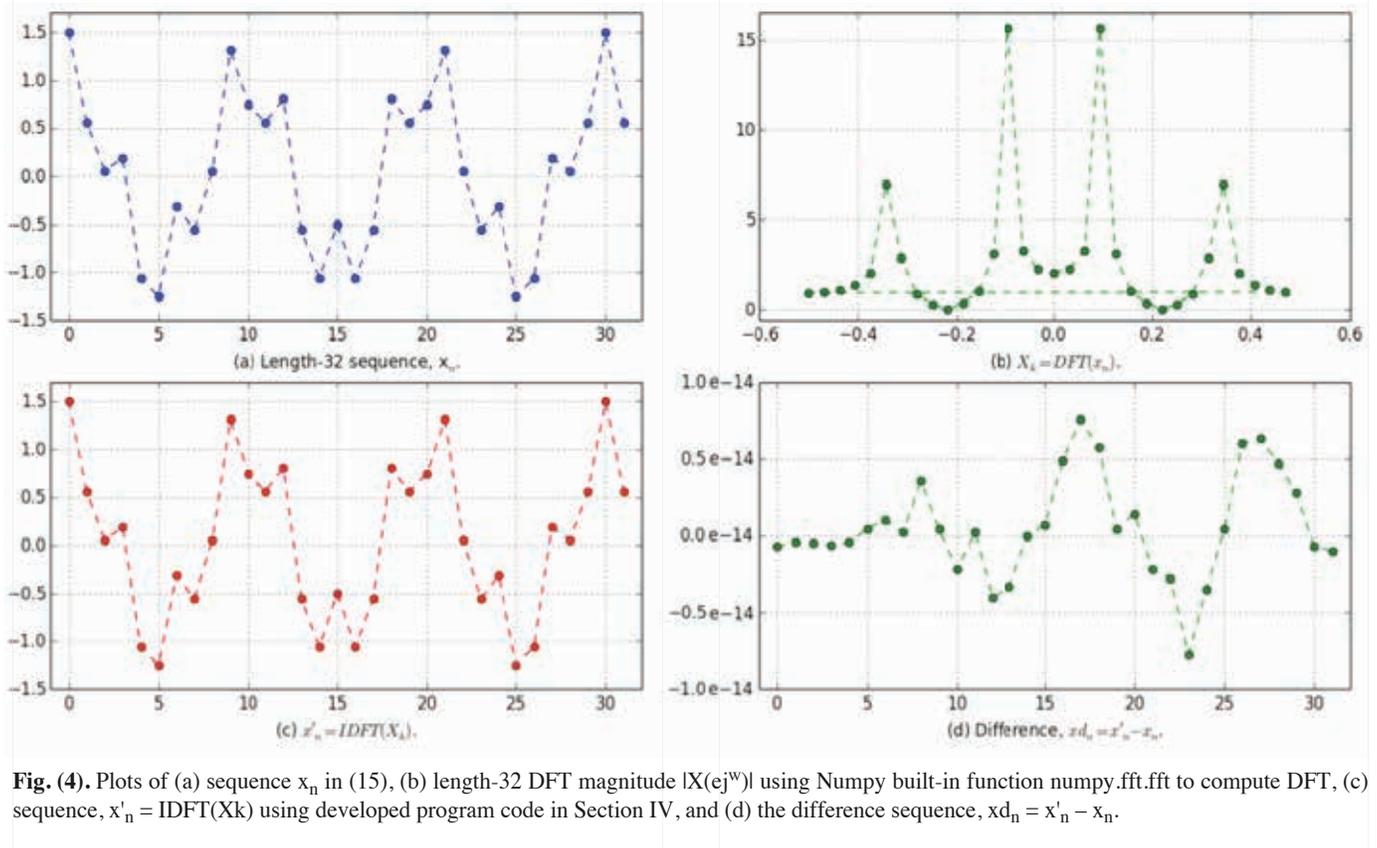


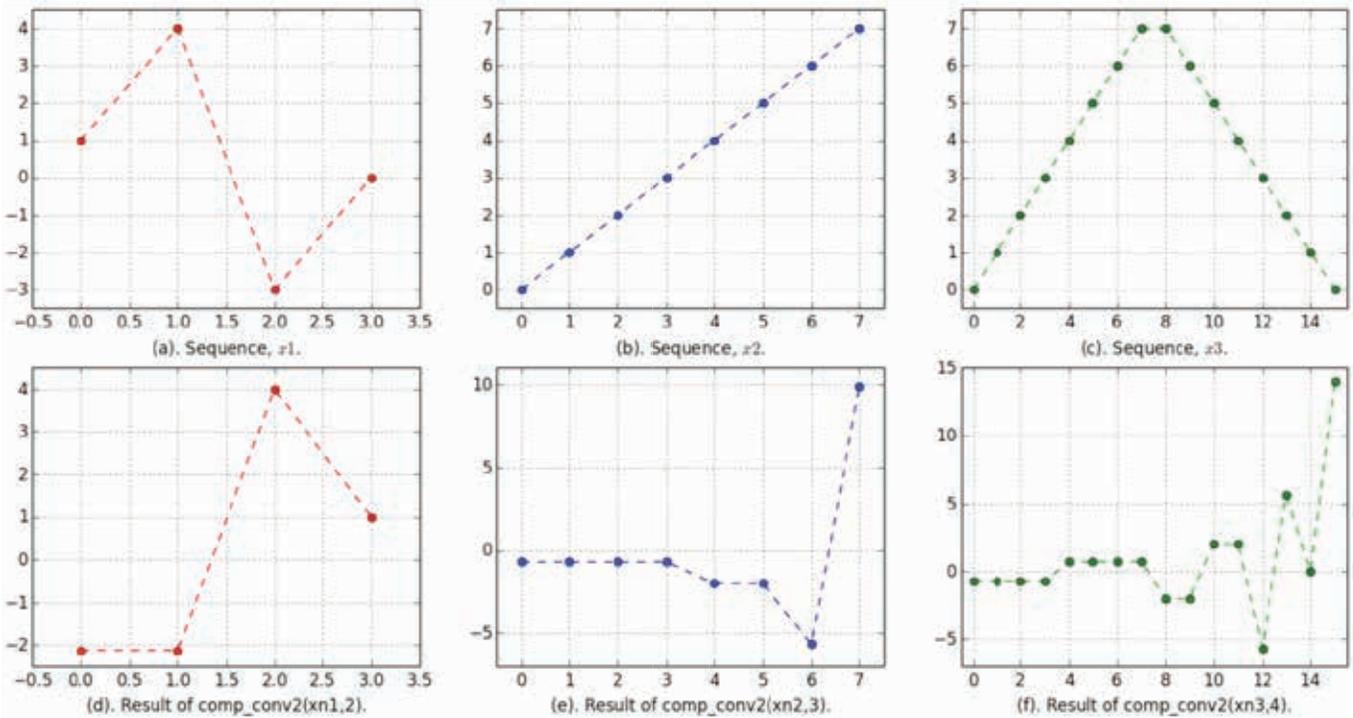
Fig. (2). Plots of sequences (a)  $s1_n = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ , (b)  $s2_n = \{5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0\}$ , and (c)  $s1 * s2$  which leads to  $\langle s1, s2 \rangle = \sum(0, 4, 6, 6, 4, 0) = 20$ .



**Fig. (3).** Plots of (a) sequences  $x_n$  and  $y_n$  in (14) and (b) length-16 DFT magnitudes  $|X_k|$  and  $|Y_k|$ .



**Fig. (4).** Plots of (a) sequence  $x_n$  in (15), (b) length-32 DFT magnitude  $|X(e^{j\omega})|$  using Numpy built-in function `numpy.fft.fft` to compute DFT, (c) sequence,  $x'_n = IDFT(X_k)$  using developed program code in Section IV, and (d) the difference sequence,  $x_{d_n} = x'_n - x_n$ .



**Fig. (5).** Plots of sequences and orthogonal DWT: (a)  $x_1 = \{1, -4, 3, 0\}$ , (b)  $x_2 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$ , (c)  $x_3 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0\}$  and (d)-(f) results of  $comp\_conv2(sequence, level)$ . The orthogonal DWT coefficients are organized as  $\{\beta_k^{(1)}, \beta_k^{(2)}, \alpha_k^{(j)}\}$ .

The next part of DFT program code initializes arrays for intermediate operations and to hold final results. The F matrix is an NxN array which corresponds to (4), X and Y are for DFT of x and y, and Xmod and Ymod are for magnitudes |X| and |Y|, respectively.

```
F = np.zeros((N,N),dtype=np.complex)
X = np.zeros(N,dtype=np.complex)
Y = np.zeros(N,dtype=np.complex)
Xmod = np.zeros(N,dtype=np.float)
Ymod = np.zeros(N,dtype=np.float)
```

The rest of program code to implement DFT is given below. In this code, the value of unit-modulus Eigen sequence, i.e.,  $W_N^{kn} = e^{-j(2\pi/N)kn}$  is computed first which is required to compute (4). A nested for loop is used in the program code. The inner for loop is used to compute elements of each row of F matrix and outer for loop is used to compute DFT coefficients. After execution of both for loops, X and Y arrays hold DFT results. Each element of both arrays is a complex number. The relation  $|X| = \sqrt{(\text{Re})^2 + (\text{Im})^2}$  is used to compute Fourier spectrum of X i.e. magnitude of X or |X|. The same is repeated to compute |Y|. Figure 3 shows subplots related to this example input sequence (14).

```
WN = np.exp(-2.0j * np.pi / float(N))
for k in range(N):
```

```
for m in range(N): # m = n
    pwr = k * m
    F[k,m] = WN ** pwr
    X[k] = sum(F[k,:] * x[:])
    Y[k] = sum(F[k,:] * y[:])
Xmod = np.sqrt(X.real ** 2 + X.imag ** 2)
Ymod = np.sqrt(Y.real ** 2 + Y.imag ** 2)
```

In above part of program code for DFT in Python, use of  $float(N)$  in computing value of WN shows a type conversion from integer type to float type. This is required so that Python interpreter uses float division instead of integer division. To understand this, try execution of following code in Python interpreter. The integer division i.e.  $1/2$  results in 0 whereas the float division, i.e.,  $1/float(2)$  results in 0.5. This is an important point while coding fractions or working with real numbers in Python.

```
>>> 1/2
0
>>> 1/float(2)
0.5
```

Array slicing is used to multiply a row of F and x inside the function sum. This means multiplication expression  $F[k,:] * x[:]$  effectively generates element-by-element product of  $k^{\text{th}}$  row of F matrix and input sequence x. Note that power or exponent operator in Python is  $**$  which means expression

$X.\text{real} ** 2$  computes  $(\text{Re})^2$ . Finally,  $\text{np.sqrt}$  calculates square root. Now, to verify the program code developed in this section generates similar results as Numpy built-in FFT function, use following statement.

```
X = np.fft.fft(x,N)
```

The program code developed for DFT in Section IV can be modified to compute IDFT. These changes are: compute  $W_N^{-1}$ , instead of  $W_N$ , and divide it by  $N$ , recall float division.

This code is given below.

```
WN = np.exp(2.0j * np.pi / float(N))
```

```
...
```

```
x[n] = sum(F[n,:]* X[:]) / float(N)
```

```
y[n] = sum(F[n,:]* Y[:]) / float(N)
```

```
...
```

In above code, index variable  $n$  is used instead of  $k$ . The built-in function in Numpy for IDFT is  $\text{numpy.fft.ifft}$ .

To demonstrate application of program code developed for IDFT, consider input sequence  $x_n$  below for  $n = \{0, \dots, 31\}$ . Length-32 DFT i.e.  $X_k$  is computed for  $k = \{0, \dots, 31\}$  using  $\text{numpy.fft.fft}$  function, See Figure 4.

$$x_n = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{10}n\right) + \frac{1}{2}\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}n\right) \quad (15)$$

The length-32 IDFT is computed using program code developed in this section and result is plotted in Figure 4 along with input example sequence in (15). There are four subplots in this figure. The subplot (a) shows input sequence for length-32, (b) shows length-32 DFT of input sequence using Numpy built-in function  $\text{numpy.fft.fft}$ , the program code developed in Section IV for DFT can also be used to generate same output, (c) shows length-32 IDFT to generate time-domain sequence,  $x'_n$ , and (d) shows difference sequence,  $xd_n$  of sequences  $x_n$  and  $x'_n$ . A very small or negligible difference which is in the order of  $10^{-14}$  indicates that developed program code for IDFT in this section produces similar results.

## V. IMPLEMENTATION OF DWT

In this section, orthogonal DWT and IDWT, as defined in (9), (10), and (11) are implemented in Python. The developed program code uses the Haar basis sequences in (12) and (13); and is implemented as the transformation matrix explained earlier. The program code is given below as function definition  $\text{comp\_conv2}$ . It is a variant of earlier developed  $\text{comp\_con}$  function.

```
def comp_conv2(xin,lv1):
```

```
    T = comp_trans(lv1)
```

```
    n = T.shape[0]
```

```
    d = T.shape[1]
```

```
    conv2 = np.array(np.zeros(2 ** lv1))
```

```
    tmp, idx = 0, 0
```

```
    # coefficients: 1 to level-(J-1)
```

```
        for k in range(n-2):
```

```
            for m in range((d / (2**(k+1)))):
```

```
                row = np.roll(T[k,:],(2**m)*(2**k))
```

```
                tmp = sum(row * xin)
```

```
                conv2[idx] = tmp
```

```
                idx = idx + 1
```

```
# compute level-J wavelet and approximation coefficients
```

```
    betaJ = sum(T[lv1-1,:]* xin)
```

```
    alphaJ = sum(T[lv1,:]* xin)
```

```
    # complete transformation
```

```
    conv2[d-2],conv2[d-1] = betaJ,alphaJ
```

```
    return conv2
```

The above program code is used to compute orthogonal DWT of following sequences  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ , and  $x_3$  for levels  $J = 2$ ,  $J = 3$ , and  $J = 4$ , respectively.

```
x1 = {1, 4, -3, 0}
```

```
x2 = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7}
```

```
x3 = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0}
```

The resulting DWT coefficients, organized as  $\{\beta_k^{(1)}, \dots, \beta_k^{(J)}, \alpha_k^{(J)}\}$ , are given below. These results are same as computed with Python module  $\text{PyWavelets}$ . Figure 5 shows plots of sequences and orthogonal DWT. The elements of resulting array are shown up to three decimal places.

```
comp_conv2(xn3,4)
```

```
# [-0.707 -0.707 -0.707 -0.707
```

```
# 0.707 0.707 0.707 0.707
```

```
# -2. -2. 2. 2.
```

```
# -5.656 5.656 0. 14.]
```

```
comp_conv2(xn2,3)
```

```
# [-0.707 -0.707 -0.707 -0.707
```

```
# -2. -2. -5.656 9.899]
```

```
comp_conv2(xn1,2)
```

```
# [-2.121 -2.121 4. 1.]
```

The developed program code for orthogonal IDWT implementation is given below. The function  $\text{comp\_conv3}$  performs a reverse operation as of earlier function  $\text{comp\_conv2}$ . Note, a backslash  $\backslash$  is used for a multi-line Python statement.

```
def comp_conv3(win,lv1):
```

```
    W = win
```

```
    T = comp_trans(lv1)
```

```
    n = T.shape[0]
```

```
    d = T.shape[1]
```

```
    conv3 = np.array(np.zeros(2**lv1))
```

```
temp1 = np.array(np.zeros(2**lvl))
temp2 = np.array(np.zeros(2**lvl))
```

```
T[lvl,:]= W[d-1] * T[lvl,:];
T[lvl-1,:]= W[d-2] * T[lvl-1,:];
tmp, idx = 0, 0
for k in range(n-2):

temp1[:, temp2[:]= 0, 0
for m in range((d/(2**(k+1)))):
temp1 = np.roll(T[k,:], (2*m)*(2**k))
temp1 = temp1 * W[idx]
temp2 += temp1
idx = idx + 1
T[k,:]= temp2
conv3 = sum(T[:,:])
return conv3
```

The above code is used to compute orthogonal IDWT of signals  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ , and  $x_3$  transformed to Wavelet-domain by using Python function *comp\_conv2* for levels  $J = 2$ ,  $J = 3$ , and  $J = 4$ , respectively; and are given below. The transformed pair is  $x_n \leftrightarrow x_n^{(J)}$ , where  $W$  denotes the Wavelet-domain representation.

$$x1_W^{(2)} = \left\{ \frac{-3}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{-3}{\sqrt{2}}, 4, 1 \right\}$$

$$x2_W^{(3)} = \left\{ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}, -2, -2, \frac{-8}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{14}{\sqrt{2}} \right\}$$

$$x3_W^{(4)} = \left\{ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}, \dots, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \dots, -2, -2, 2, 2, \frac{-8}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{8}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, 14 \right\}$$

To use function *comp\_conv3* to compute IDWT in program code, define Numpy arrays for  $x1_W^{(2)}$ ,  $x2_W^{(3)}$ , and  $x3_W^{(4)}$  as follows for above Wavelet-domain representation. The statement  $x_n = \text{comp\_conv3}(x_n^{(J)}, J)$  computes the corresponding orthogonal IDWT. The results are shown as comments.

```
xn1w2 = np.array([-3/trt,-3/trt,4,1])
xn2w3 = np.array([-1/trt,-1/trt,\
-1/trt,-1/trt,-2,-2,-8/trt,14/trt])
xn3w4 = np.array([-1/trt,-1/trt,\
-1/trt,-1/trt,1/trt,1/trt,1/trt,\
1/trt,-2,-2,2,2,-8/trt,8/trt,0,14])
xn1 = comp_conv3(xn1w2,2) # [ 1. 4. -3. 0. ]
xn2 = comp_conv3(xn2w3,3)
# [ 4.44e-16 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. ]
xn3 = comp_conv3(xn3w4,4)
# [ 0. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 7. 6. 5. 4. 3. 2. 1. 0.]
```

In above code, the comment for *comp\_conv3(xn2w3,3)* shows zero as  $4.44 \times 10^{-16}$  – a value very near to zero. All other results show successful computation of orthogonal

IDWT. Use of PyWavelets results in same values, when applied to  $xn1w2$ ,  $xn2w3$ , and  $xn3w4$ . Use following code to compute IDWT by PyWavelets for  $x2_W^{(3)}$ , i.e.,  $xn2w3$ .

```
import pywt # import PyWavelets
xn2w3_cA3 = np.array([xn2w3[7]])
xn2w3_cD3 = np.array([xn2w3[6]])
xn2w3_cD2 = xn2w3[4:6]
xn2w3_cD1 = xn2w3[0:4]
xn2w3_wt = [xn2w3_cA3, xn2w3_cD3, \
xn2w3_cD2, xn2w3_cD1]
xn2 = pywt.waverec(xn2w3_wt,'haar')
# [ 4.44e-16 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. ]
```

## VI. DISCUSSION

This study aimed to develop a deeper understanding of both DFT and orthogonal DWT by the development of computer program code to implement respective mathematical formulations in Python language. We have followed a step-by-step approach to achieve our research objectives. These objectives include an organized presentation of related mathematical expressions from sources [7] and [8], an introduction of Python computer programming language basics which are directly helpful in the development of the program code, and application on selected example signals for results validation. Also, the results are compared with built-in functions to show the correctness of our implementation.

Almost all famous computer programming languages and mathematical software packages have implemented both DFT and DWT as built-in functions. However, most of these implementations use pre-compiled code to achieve faster execution. This act posed serious limitations towards an in-depth learning of many useful mathematical formulations. The learners in STEM disciplines often encountered mathematical formulations, for example complex transformations, which are important for them to master. The work in this paper has focused on helping learners to master such mathematical formulations with the help of developing code in a computer programming language. Python is rapidly evolving language used by many valuable organizations which are especially active in carrying out scientific research.

We encourage learners to use the program code developed in this study, enhance and modify it as per their needs. As pointed out earlier, this is not the case for the most of computer programming languages and mathematical software packages. They either provide pre-compiled code which cannot be modified or a cumbersome process to alter the code up to a certain level. Further, the program code developed in this study is based on a solid mathematical framework from [7-8]. A number of examples from these

valuable resources are used to show application of the developed program code.

An interesting finding of this research study is that we need not to code the complete transformation in a computer programming language. This means while developing a program code, we can focus on either forward transformation or reverse transformation. Once, a forward or reverse transformation is implemented in Python; it can be evaluated on signals and compared with built-in functions. For example, if a forward transformation is developed; the built-in reverse transformation can be used. This is a great flexibility as one may want to work on implementation of forward transformation only.

The implementation described in this research study is primarily based on fundamental mathematical formulations of DFT and orthogonal DWT. Advanced and recent fast computation algorithms are not considered for implementation. A time comparison is also not considered due scripting nature of Python computer programming language.

## VII. CONCLUSION

A successful implementation to compute both DFT and orthogonal DWT in Python computer programming language has been presented in this study with application to selected example time-domain sequences. A step-by-step approach in the development of program codes has been followed for successful implementation of circular convolution, DFT, IDFT, DWT, and IDWT. A clear explanation of program code has been made to motivate and attract novice readers to learn fundamental and advanced signal processing tools. The research has been aimed to strengthen understanding of transformation computation steps involved in computing and plotting DFT and DWT. The results have shown a very close agreement with those obtained using built-in functions in Numpy and PyWavelets modules. The future research directions include implementation of biorthogonal Wavelet Transform in Python and extend program code developed in this study to compute higher dimension DFT and DWT.

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