## II. Topics / A. Fast Fourier transform

- Intoduction to premise and problem (Wednesday)
- The complex roots of unity (Today)
- ▶ FFT algorithm details (next week Friday, Oct 25)

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Today:

- Review of problem and goals
- Divide-and-conquer polynomial evaluation
- The complex roots of unity



**Lagrange's formula** for interpolation: Given *n* points,  $(x_0, y_0), \dots (x_{n-1}, y_{n-1})$ ,

$$A(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} y_k \frac{\prod_{j \neq k} (x - x_j)}{\prod_{j \neq k} (x_k - x_j)}$$

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 $e^{\pi i} = -1$ 

An *n*th complex root of unity is  $\omega \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\omega^n = 1$ .

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$$n = 3$$

$$1^{3} = 1$$

$$(e^{\frac{2\pi i}{3}})^{3} = (e^{\pi i})^{2} = (-1)^{2} = 1$$

$$(e^{\frac{4\pi i}{3}})^{3} = (e^{2\pi i})^{2} = (1)^{2} = 1$$

Moreover...

$$e^{\frac{2\pi i}{3}} = \cos(\frac{2}{3}\pi) + i\sin(\frac{2}{3}\pi) = -.5 + .866i$$

 $e^{\frac{4\pi i}{3}} = \cos(\frac{4}{3}\pi) + i\sin(\frac{4}{3}\pi) = -.5 - .866i$ 



In general, the principal nth root of unity is  $\omega_n = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}}$ 

The *n* complex *n*th roots of unity are  $\omega_n^0, \omega_n^1, \ldots, \omega_n^{n-1}$ .

Note that  $\omega_n = \omega_n^1$  and  $\omega_n^0 = \omega_n^n = 1$ .

Note also that  $\omega_n^k = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}k} = e^{\frac{2k\pi i}{n}} = \cos(\frac{2k\pi}{n}) + i\sin(\frac{2k\pi}{n})$ 

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**Proof.** Let *m* be such that n = 2m. Then  $\omega_n^{\frac{n}{2}} = \omega_{2m}^m = \omega_2 = -1$ .  $\Box$ 

## Cancellation lemma rewritten.

If *d* is a common divisor of *n* and *k*, then  $\omega_n^k = \omega_{\frac{n}{d}}^{\frac{1}{d}}$ .