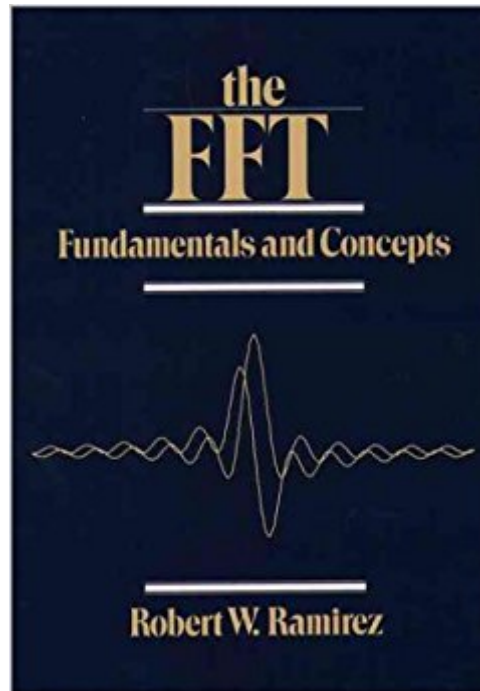




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Simple and concise discussion of both Fourier Theory and the FFT (fast fourier transform) are provided. Math is held to a minimum: concepts are illustrated in detail with over 100 drawings and waveform photographs. For jr/sr or grad level courses in Signal Processing or courses on Fourier Analysis in Electrical Engineering and Electronic Technology departments.

This book would have been the ultimate FFT handbook if it weren't for some of the worse copyediting I've ever seen in print. Critical equations are completely screwed up, leaving any student new to the material utterly confused and misled. The publisher really screwed the author on this one.

Of the half-shelf of books in my library related to signal processing, this one by Ramirez is part of a highly valued subset. The author achieves an artful balance of the theoretical with the practical. Given that my emphasis is on applying the principles of FFT processing in a manufacturing environment, his approach proved quite helpful. Throughout the book, basic concepts are initially presented within a mathematical context. Subsequently, they are reinforced with examples. Often,

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