

# Algorithms and datastructures II

## Lecture 7: Fast Fourier Transform 1/2

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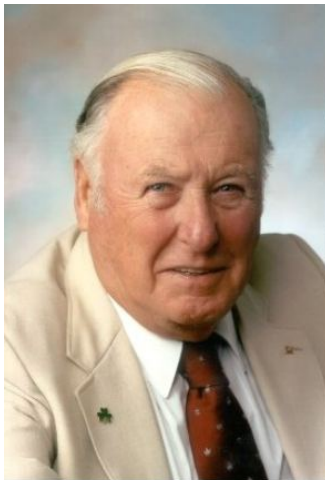
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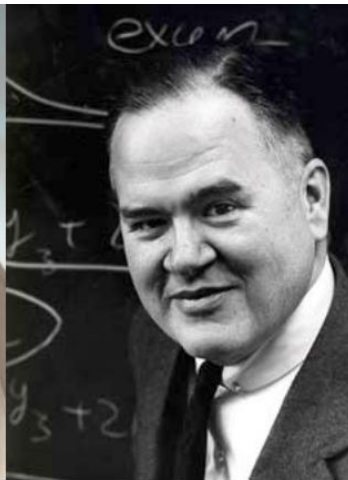
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Recall: Polynomials  
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