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Chapter 2: Fourier Analysis of Signals

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Important technical terminology is covered in Chapter 2. In particular, we approach the Fourier transform—which is perhaps the most fundamental tool in signal processing—from various perspectives. For the reader who is more interested in the musical aspects of the book, Section 2.1 provides a summary of the most important facts on the Fourier transform. In particular, the notion of a spectrogram, which yields a time-frequency representation of an audio signal, is introduced. The remainder of the chapter treats the Fourier transform in greater mathematical depth and also includes the fast Fourier transform (FFT)—an algorithm of great beauty and high practical relevance.

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Chapter 3: Music Synchronization

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As a first music processing task, we study in Chapter 3 the problem of music synchronization. The objective is to temporally align compatible representations of the same piece of music. Considering this scenario, we explain the need for musically informed audio features. In particular, we introduce the concept of chroma-based music features, which capture properties that are related to harmony and melody. Furthermore, we study an alignment technique known as dynamic time warping (DTW), a concept that is applicable for the analysis of general time series. For its efficient computation, we discuss an algorithm based on dynamic programming-a widely used method for solving a complex problem by breaking it down into a collection of simpler subproblems









Fourier Transform

Role of phase

Analysis with sinusoid having frequency 262 Hz and phase ϕ = 0.05





Fourier Transform

Role of phase

Analysis with sinusoid having frequency 262 Hz and phase $\varphi = 0.45$



Fourier Transform



$\varphi = \text{phase}$ $= \arg(c)$

Fourier Transform

Role of phase

Analysis with sinusoid having frequency 262 Hz and phase $\varphi = 0.24$





Fourier Transform

Role of phase

Analysis with sinusoid having frequency 262 Hz and phase $\varphi = 0.6$





Fourier Transform

Signal	$f \colon \mathbb{R}$	$r \to \mathbb{R}$
Fourier representation	on $f(t)$:	$= \int_{\omega\in\mathbb{R}} c_{\omega} \exp(2\pi i \omega t) d\omega$
Fourier transform	$c_{\boldsymbol{\omega}} = \hat{f}(\boldsymbol{\omega})$	$= \int_{t\in\mathbb{R}} f(t) \exp(-2\pi i\omega t) dt$

Fourier Transform

Signal

 $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$

Fourier representation

 $f(t) = \int_{\omega \in \mathbb{R}} c_{\omega} \exp(2\pi i \omega t) d\omega$

Fourier transform

 $c_{\omega} = \hat{f}(\omega) = \int_{t \in \mathbb{R}} f(t) \exp(-2\pi i \omega t) dt$

- Tells which frequencies occur, but does not tell when the frequencies occur.
- Frequency information is averaged over the entire time interval.
- Time information is hidden in the phase

Short Time Fourier Transform

Idea (Dennis Gabor, 1946):

- Consider only a small section of the signal for the spectral analysis
 - $\rightarrow\,$ recovery of time information
- Short Time Fourier Transform (STFT)
- Section is determined by pointwise multiplication of the signal with a localizing window function

Fourier Transform



Short Time Fourier Transform



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Short Time Fourier Transform

Definition

- Signal $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$
- Window function $g:\mathbb{R}\to\mathbb{R}$ ($g\in L^2(\mathbb{R}), \|g\|_2\neq 0$)
- STFT $\widetilde{f}_g(t, \omega) = \int_{u \in \mathbb{R}} f(u) \overline{g}(u-t) \exp(-2\pi i \omega u) du = \langle f | g_{t, \omega} \rangle$
 - with $g_{t,\omega}(u) = \exp(2\pi i\omega(u-t))g(u-t)$ for $u \in \mathbb{R}$

Short Time Fourier Transform

Intuition:

- g_{t,ω} is "musical note" of frequency ω centered at time t
- Inner product $\langle f | g_{t,\omega} \rangle$ measures the correlation between the musical note $g_{t,\omega}$ and the signal f



Time-Frequency Representation Spectrogram



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Time-Frequency Representation

Chirp signal and STFT with box window of length 50 ms





Time-Frequency Representation





Time-Frequency Representation

Time-Frequency Localization

 Size of window constitutes a trade-off between time resolution and frequency resolution:

Large window :	poor time resolution
	good frequency resolution
Small window :	good time resolution
	poor frequency resolution
Heisenberg Unc	ertainty Principle: there is no

 Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle: there is no window function that localizes in time and frequency with arbitrary precision.

Time-Frequency Representation Signal and STFT with Hann window of length 20 ms 1000 Frequency (Hz) 800 600 40 20 20 -30 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9

Time (seconds)

Time-Frequency Representation

Signal and STFT with Hann window of length 100 ms



Audio Features



Audio Features

N	lodel assumption:	Equal-temper	red	scale	
•	MIDI pitches:	$p\in [1:128]$			
•	Piano notes:	p = 21 (A0)	to	p = 108 (C8	3)
•	Concert pitch:	p = 69 (A4)	≙	440 Hz	
	Center frequency:	$F_{\text{pitch}}(p) = 2^{(p)}$	p-69	$)/12 \cdot 440 \text{ Hz}$	

→ Logarithmic frequency distribution Octave: doubling of frequency

Audio Features



Audio Features

Idea: Binning of Fourier coefficients

Divide up the fequency axis into logarithmically spaced "pitch regions" and combine spectral coefficients of each region to a single pitch coefficient.







Audio Features

Chroma features

- Sequence of chroma vectors correlates to the harmonic progression
- Normalization x → x/||x|| makes features invariant to changes in dynamics
- Further denoising and smoothing
- Taking logarithm before adding up pitch coefficients accounts for logarithmic sensation of intensity

Audio Features

Logarithmic compression

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Audio Features Normalization

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x/||x||

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Audio Features Chroma features



Chromagram

Chromagram after logarithmic compression and normalization

Chromagram based on a piano tuned 40 cents upwards

Chromagram after applying a cyclic shift of four semitones upwards

Additional Material



Audio Features

- There are many ways to implement chroma features
- Properties may differ significantly
- Appropriateness depends on respective application
- Chroma Toolbox (MATLAB) https://www.audiolabs-erlangen.de/resources/MIR/chromatoolbox
- LibROSA (Python) https://librosa.github.io/librosa/
- Feature learning: "Deep Chroma" [Korzeniowski/Widmer, ISMIR 2016]













Fourier Transform

DFT approximation of Fourier transform



Fourier Transform

Discrete STFT

$$\mathcal{X}(m,k) := \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n+mH)w(n) \exp(-2\pi i k n/N)$$

= Hop size

= Sampling rate

Physical time position associated with $\mathcal{X}(m,k)$:

$$T_{\text{coef}}(m) := \frac{m \cdot H}{F_{\text{s}}}$$
 (seconds) $H_{F_{\text{s}}}$

Physical frequency associated with $\mathcal{X}(m,k)$:

$$F_{\text{coef}}(k) := \frac{k \cdot F_{\text{s}}}{N}$$
 (Hertz)

Fourier Transform

DFT approximation of Fourier transform



Fourier Transform

Discrete STFT

$\mathcal{X}(m,k) := \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n)$	$+mH)w(n)\exp(-2\pi ikn/N)$
$x:\mathbb{Z}\to\mathbb{R}$	DT-signal
$w:[0:N-1]\to\mathbb{R}$	Window function of length $N \in \mathbb{N}$
$H \in \mathbb{N}$	Hop size
K = N/2	Index corresponding to Nyquist frequency
$\mathcal{X}(m,k)$	Fourier coefficient for frequency index $k \in [0:K]$ and time frame $m \in \mathbb{Z}$





Signal Spaces and Fourier Transforms

Signal space	$L^2(\mathbb{R})$	$L^{2}([0,1))$	$\ell^2(\mathbb{Z})$
Inner product	$\langle f g \rangle = \int_{t \in \mathbb{R}} f(t)\overline{g(t)}dt$	$\langle f g \rangle = \int_{t \in [0,1)} f(t) \overline{g(t)} dt$	$\langle x y \rangle = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} x(n) \overline{y(n)}$
Norm	$ f _2 = \sqrt{\langle f f \rangle}$	$ f _2 = \sqrt{\langle f f \rangle}$	$ x _2 = \sqrt{\langle x x \rangle}$
Definition	$L^2(\mathbb{R}) :=$ $\{f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{C} \mid f _2 < \infty\}$	$L^2([0, 1)) :=$ $\{f : [0, 1) \to \mathbb{C} \mid f _2 < \infty\}$	$\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}) :=$ { $f : \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{C} \mid x _2 < \infty$ }
Elementary frequency function	$\mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{C}$ $t \mapsto \exp(2\pi i \omega t)$	$egin{array}{c} [0,1) ightarrow \mathbb{C} \ t &\mapsto \exp(2\pi i k t) \end{array}$	$\mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{C}$ $n \mapsto \exp(2\pi i con)$
Frequency parameter	$\omega \in \mathbb{R}$	$k \in \mathbb{Z}$	$\omega \in [0,1)$
Fourier representation	$f(t) = \int_{\omega \in \mathbb{R}} c_{\omega} \exp(2\pi i \omega t) d\omega$	$f(t) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} c_k \exp(2\pi i k t)$	x(n) = $\int_{\substack{\omega \in [0,1]}} c_{\omega} \exp(2\pi i \omega n) d\omega$
Fourier transform	$\hat{f} : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{C}$ $\hat{f}(\omega) = c_{\text{es}} =$ $\int_{-}^{-} f(t) \exp(-2\pi i \omega t) dt$	$\hat{f} : \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{C}$ $\hat{f}(k) = c_k =$ $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \exp(-2\pi i k t) dt$	$\hat{x} : [0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ $\hat{x}(\omega) = c_{\omega} =$ $\sum_{\omega} x(n) \exp(-2\pi i \omega n)$

Fast Fourier Transform

