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Lecture #07 – Frequency Domain

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× Play this on piano:

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TEASER

× Play

3 eighth notes 1 half note

Cheat: G4 E4^b F4 D4

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INFORMATION

× 1s / quarter note → 10s of sound

× How many bits to represent 10s of sound with 16b samples and 44KHz sampling?

+ 44K Hz x 16b/sample x 10s = 7040K = 7Mbits

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REPRESENTATION

× How does musical staff represent sound?

- + What does vertical position represent?
- + Note shape?

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MUSICAL STAFF – HEIGHT = FREQUENCY

G ₂	A ₂	B ₂	C ₃	D ₃	E ₃	F ₃	G ₃	A ₃	B ₃	C ₄	D ₄	E ₄	F ₄	G ₄	A ₄	B ₄	C ₅	D ₅	E ₅	F ₅	G ₅	A ₅	B ₅
97.989	110.00	123.47	130.81	146.83	164.81	174.61	196.00	220.00	246.94	261.63	293.66	329.63	369.59	396.00	440.00	493.88	523.25	587.33	659.26	698.46	783.99	880.00	987.77

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MUSICAL NOTATION – SHAPE = TIME

Whole Note	4 Counts	Whole Rest	4 Counts
Half Note	2 Counts	Half Rest	2 Counts
Quarter Note	1 Count	Quarter Rest	1 Count
Eighth Note	½ Count	Eighth Rest	½ Count
1/16 th Note	¼ Count	1/16 th Rest	¼ Count

Source: https://www.pikpng.com/downpngs/hijwww_note-values-in-4-4-time-music-notes/

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FREQUENCY REPRESENTATION

- There are other ways to represent
 - Frequency representation particularly efficient

Frequencies in Hertz

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FREQUENCY REPRESENTATION

- How much information is this musical staff communicating?
- How many keys on piano? → bits/note

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Larry Solomn: <http://solomonsmusic.net/insrange.htm>

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FREQUENCY REPRESENTATION

- How much information is this musical staff communicating?
- How many keys on piano? → bits/note (or rest)
- Let's say 8b duration
- How many bits for 10 notes, rests?
 - $(7b/note + 8b/duration) \times 10 \text{ note} = 150 \text{ bits}$



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CONCLUDE

- Can represent common sounds much more compactly in frequency domain than in time-sample domain
 - Frequency domain ~ 150b
 - Time-sample domain ~ 7Mb



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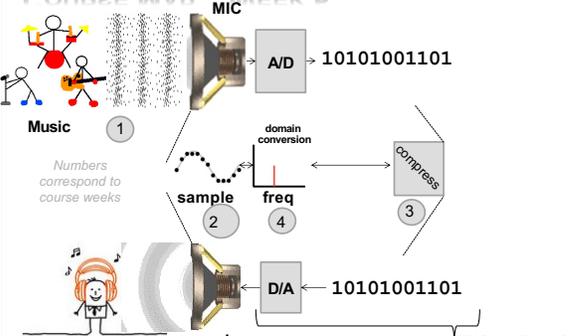
LECTURE TOPICS

- Part 1
 - Teaser: frequency representation
 - Where are we on course map?
 - Frequency Domain
- Part 2: Vector Background
- Part 3: The Fourier Series
 - can represent any signal in frequency domain
- References

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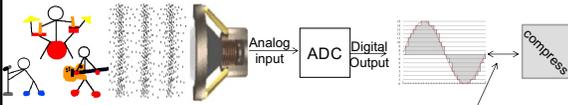
COURSE MAP – WEEK 5



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WHAT WE DID IN LAB...



- Week 1: Converted Sound to analog voltage signal**
 - a "pressure wave" that changes air molecules w/ respect to time
 - a "voltage wave" that changes amplitude w/ respect to time
- Week 2: Sampled voltage, then quantized it to digital sig.**
 - Sample:** Break up independent variable, take discrete 'samples'
 - Quantize:** Break up dependent variable into n-levels (need 2^n bits to digitize)
- Week 3: Compress digital signal**
 - Use even less bits without using sound quality!
- Week 4 (upcoming): Before we compress...**
 - Put our 'digital' data into another form...BEFORE we compress...less stuff to compress!

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Background

WHAT IS THE FREQUENCY DOMAIN?

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MUSICAL REPRESENTATION

- × With this compact notation
 - + Could communicate a sound to pianist
 - + Much more compact than 44KHz time-sample amplitudes (fewer bits to represent)
 - + Represent frequencies

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TIME-DOMAIN & FREQUENCY-DOMAIN

- × As an example...let's say we have a pure tone
 - + If period: $T = 1/2$ and Amplitude = 3 Volts
 - + $s(t) = A \sin(2\pi ft) = 3 \sin(2\pi 2t)$

Time domain representation Frequency domain representation

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FREQUENCY-DOMAIN

- × Of course, not all signals are this simple
- × For example: $s(t) = \sin(2 \times 2\pi \times t) + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\pi \times t)$
- × Question: What will the frequency representation look like?

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FREQUENCY-DOMAIN

- × How about the time-domain?
 - + Plot $\sin(2 \times 2\pi \times t)$
 - + Plot $\frac{1}{2} \sin(2\pi \times t)$
 - + Sum: $\sin(2 \times 2\pi \times t) + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\pi \times t)$
 - + Notice how it was easier to plot the frequency domain representation

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REMEMBER LECTURE 5: PRECLASS 1

freq	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
100	0	0.6	0.95	0.95	0.6	0	-0.6	-0.95	-0.95	-0.6	0
250	0	1.0	0	-1	0	1	0	-1	0	1	0
sum	0	1.6	0.95	-0.05	0.6	1	-0.6	-1.95	-0.95	0.4	0

$\sin(100 \times 2\pi \times t) + \sin(250 \times 2\pi \times t)$

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FREQUENCY-DOMAIN

- × Another example

The time domain plot on the right is really the sum of 5 sinusoids, where 5 Hz is the strongest component of the signal

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FREQUENCY-DOMAIN

- ✦ **So far...**
 - + we have seen how a signal written as:
 - ✦ a sum of sines of different frequencies
 - + can have a **frequency domain representation**
- ✦ **Each sine component...**
 - + is more or less important depending on its **coefficient**
 - + Example: $s(t) = 1 \sin(2 \times 2\pi \times t) + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\pi \times t)$
- ✦ **Can any arbitrary signal be represented as a sum of sines?**
 - + No. But the idea has potential, let's explore it!

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PART 2

VECTOR BACKGROUND

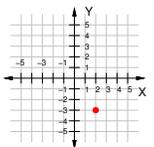
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VECTOR SPACE

- ✦ **We're familiar with multi-dimensional spaces and vector representation**
 - + E.g. Cartesian Coordinates in 2 Space
 - ✦ 2 dimensions X, Y
 - ✦ Represent points as vector with 2 elements (x,y)
 - + Preclass 4a
 - ✦ What is the (x,y) coordinate of the red dot?



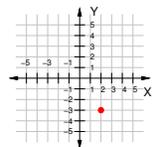
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 - ✦ Represent points as vector with 2 elements (x,y)
 - + Can easily extend to 3 Space
 - ✦ (x,y,z)
 - + Harder to visualize, but could extend to any number of dimensions
 - ✦ (d1,d2,d3,d4,d5,...)



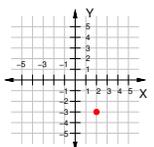
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ORTHOGONAL BASIS

- ✦ **We can describe any point in the space by a linear combination of orthogonal basis elements**
 - + E.g. Cartesian Coordinates in 2 Space
 - ✦ x -- [1,0]
 - ✦ y -- [0,1]
 - ✦ Any point:
 - ✦ $a \cdot x + b \cdot y = [a,b]$
 - + Orthogonal – no linear scaling of one gives the other
 - ✦ Dot products are zero
 - ✦ $X \cdot Y = [0,1] \cdot [1,0] = 1 \times 0 + 0 \times 1 = 0$
 - ✦ **Combine by linear superposition**



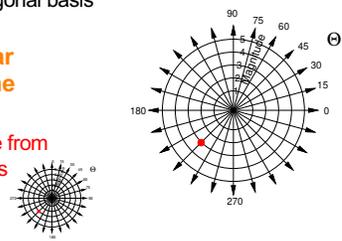
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DIFFERENT REPRESENTATIONS

- ✦ **We can also represent points in 2-space in polar coordinates**
 - + A different orthogonal basis
 - ✦ (magnitude, θ)
 - ✦ **What is the polar coordinate of the red dot? (4b)**
 - + Note: fixed angle from original preclass



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CAN CHANGE REPRESENTATIONS

- Both Cartesian and Polar Coordinates can describe points in the same space.
 - How do we change polar to Cartesian? (4c)
 - What is the Cartesian coordinate for the red dot? (4d)

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COMPLEX NUMBERS

- Complex Numbers are an example of this
 - Real dimension
 - Imaginary dimension
- Cartesian version: $a+bi$
- Polar (Magnitude, angle) version: $M \times e^{i\theta}$
- Euler's Formula: $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$

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Part 3: THE FOURIER SERIES

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HISTORY...

- Fourier series:
 - Any **periodic** signal can be represented as a sum of simple periodic functions: \sin and \cos
 - $\sin(n\pi t)$ and $\cos(n\pi t)$ where $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
 - These are called the **harmonics** of the signal

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FOURIER SERIES – MORE FORMALLY

The Fourier Theorem states that any **periodic** function $f(t)$ of period L can be cast in the form:

$$f(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos \frac{n\pi t}{L} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi t}{L} \right)$$

The constants: a_0 , a_n , and b_n are called the Fourier coefficients of $f(t)$

[also a complex number version that uses complex coefficient and $e^{i\theta}$ instead of \cos/\sin]

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The constants: a_0 , a_n , and b_n become our **vector** describing a signal in frequency space (domain)

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FREQUENCY-DOMAIN

$$f(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos \frac{n\pi t}{L} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi t}{L} \right)$$

Frequency Representation = [0,0,1,0,2,0,3,0,4,0,5,0,0,0,....]

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FOURIER SERIES – WHY DOES IT WORK?

The $\cos(nx)$ and $\sin(nx)$ functions form an **orthogonal basis**:

- allow us to represent any periodic signal by taking a **linear combination**
- of the basis functions without interfering with one another
- AKA: superposition works!**

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FOURIER SERIES – SAWTOOTH WAVE

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FOURIER SERIES – SQUARE WAVE

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FOURIER SERIES (REVIEW OF KEY POINTS)

- × **The idea of the series:**
 - + Any **PERIODIC** wave can be represented as simple sum of sine and cosine waves
- × **2 Caveats:**
 - + **Linearity:**
 - × The series only holds while the system it is describing is linear because it relies on the superposition principle
 - × -aka – adding up all the sine waves is superposition in action
 - + **Periodicity:**
 - × The series only holds if the waves it is describing are periodic
 - × Non-periodic waves are dealt with by the Fourier Transform
 - × We will examine that in Lecture 9 (next Monday)

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NYQUIST

- × **Remember we said we needed to sample at twice the maximum frequency**
 - + Now see all signals can be represented as a linear sum of frequencies
- + ...and the frequency components are orthogonal
 - × Can be extracted and treated independently

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BIG IDEAS

- × **Can represent signals in frequency domain**
 - + Different basis – basis vectors of sines and cosines
- × **Often more convenient and efficient than time domain**
 - + Remember musical staff 

$$f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N [a_n \cos(nt) + b_n \sin(nt)]$$

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LEARN MORE

- × **ESE325 – whole course on Fourier Analysis**
- × **ESE224 – signal processing**
- × **ESE215, 319, 419 – reason about behavior of circuits in time and frequency domains**

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REMINDER

- × **Feedback**
 - + Lecture and Lab
- × **Lab 3 due today**
- × **Lab 4 out**
 - + Use MATLAB to transform data into frequency domain
 - × Will use Complex form of Fourier Transform

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