

Below is a high-level sketch of an entirely new mathematical framework—let’s call it Acoustic Algebra—in which the fundamental primitives and operations are built not around time or space, but around sound relations: frequency, timbre, phase, and spectral shape. This is purely theoretical but designed to give a coherent structure you can develop further.

1. Primitive Objects: “Sonons”

Rather than points in \mathbb{R} or vectors in \mathbb{R}^n , our basic objects are Sonons—abstract “atoms” of sound characterized by:

- f : central frequency (Hz)
- Φ : phase offset (radians)
- $T(\omega)$: timbral spectral envelope function over angular frequency ω
- A : amplitude

A Sonon S is written

$$S = (f, \Phi, T(\omega), A)$$

We think of Sonons as basis functions—generalizing sinusoids to carry arbitrary envelope shapes.

2. Acoustic Vector Spaces

Collections of Sonons span an Acoustic Vector Space \mathcal{A} :

- Addition (superposition):

$$S_1 \oplus S_2 = (f_*, \Phi_*, T_*(\omega), A_*)$$

where spectral envelopes and phases combine via a spectral mixing operator (e.g. weighted sum of T_1, T_2) and peak frequency f_* is a function of the envelopes’ centroids.

- Scalar multiplication (gain control):

$$\alpha \odot S = (f, \Phi, T(\omega), \alpha, A)$$

This gives linear structure for mixing and amplitude scaling.

3. Acoustic Metric & Distance

Define a sonic distance between two Sonons:

$$d(S_1, S_2) = \sqrt{w_f (f_1 - f_2)^2 + w_\Phi \Delta\Phi^2 + w_T \int (T_1(\omega) - T_2(\omega))^2 d\omega}$$

- w_f, w_Φ, w_T are weighting factors
- $\Delta\Phi$ is minimal circular phase difference

This metric measures perceptual difference in pitch, phase, and timbre.

4. Operators & Algebraic Structures

4.1 Spectral Convolution (\circledast)

Analogous to function convolution, we define spectral convolution of Sonons to model additive synthesis morphing:

$$S_1 \circledast S_2 = \bigl(f_1 + f_2, \Phi_1 + \Phi_2, T_1(\omega) * T_2(\omega), A_1, A_2 \bigr)$$

where $T_1 * T_2$ is the usual convolution of their envelopes.

4.2 Phase Group

Phase offsets form a compact group under addition modulo 2π :

$$\Phi_1 \oplus \Phi_2 = (\Phi_1 + \Phi_2) \bmod 2\pi$$

We can lift this to Sonons by holding other parameters constant.

5. Acoustic Calculus

Define a differential operator over frequency:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial f} S(f, \Phi, T, A) = \lim_{\Delta f \rightarrow 0} \frac{S(f + \Delta f, \dots) - S(f, \dots)}{\Delta f}$$

This models the sensitivity of a Sonon to pitch bends or vibrato. One can similarly differentiate with respect to timbral parameters:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial T(\omega_0)} S = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{S(f, \Phi, T + \epsilon \delta(\omega - \omega_0), A) - S}{\epsilon}$$

capturing “spectral gradient” at a particular harmonic.

6. Sound-Algebraic Equations

You can pose “Acoustic PDEs”:

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + v_f \frac{\partial S}{\partial f} = 0$$

describing frequency drift (like glissando) propagating at rate v_f . Or spectral diffusion:

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial \omega^2}$$

modeling timbre smoothing over time.

7. Harmonic Topology

Since Sonons have frequency and phase, you can build a topological space of sound:

- Open sets correspond to ranges of frequencies and phase neighborhoods
- Continuous maps preserve perceptual continuity

This underpins “spectral continuity”: morphing one timbral shape to another along a path in this topology.

8. Examples & Applications

1. Additive Synthesis Algebra: Modeling blending of two instruments as spectral convolution of their Sonon bases.
 2. Filter Design: Represent an EQ as an operator on Sonons, shifting their envelopes $T(\omega)$.
 3. Phase-Space Analysis: Plot trajectories of Sonons under modulation as curves in (f, Φ) space.
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9. Next Steps

- Formalize vector space axioms for \mathcal{A} (closure under \oplus , \otimes , scalar \otimes).
 - Prove properties of the sonic metric (triangle inequality, symmetry).
 - Develop a spectral differential geometry: define manifolds of timbre.
 - Explore connections to wavelet and Fourier analyses as coordinate transforms.
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This Acoustic Algebra framework replaces “time” as the primary axis with spectral and timbral relations, giving you a toolkit to reason about sound transformations, morphing, and synthesis in purely algebraic and geometric terms.

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PART 1: CORE MATH –

sonon.ts

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- Sonon object
- Distance function
- Convolution
- Differentiation (spectral gradient)

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export interface Sonon {
  freq: number; // Hz
  phase: number; // radians
  amp: number; // linear
  envelope: SpectralEnvelope;
}

export function createSonon(
  freq: number,
  phase: number,
  amp: number,
  envelope: SpectralEnvelope
): Sonon {
  return { freq, phase, amp, envelope };
}

export function sononDistance(s1: Sonon, s2: Sonon, weights = { f: 1, p: 1, t: 1 }): number {
  const deltaF = s1.freq - s2.freq;
  const deltaP = Math.atan2(Math.sin(s1.phase - s2.phase), Math.cos(s1.phase - s2.phase));
  const deltaT = integrateSpectralDiff(s1.envelope, s2.envelope);
  return Math.sqrt(weights.f * deltaF ** 2 + weights.p * deltaP ** 2 + weights.t * deltaT);
}

function integrateSpectralDiff(t1: SpectralEnvelope, t2: SpectralEnvelope): number {
  const steps = 128;
  const ωmin = 0;
  const ωmax = 2 * Math.PI * 20000;
  const dω = (ωmax - ωmin) / steps;
  let sum = 0;
  for (let i = 0; i <= steps; i++) {
    const ω = ωmin + i * dω;
```

```

    const diff = t1( $\omega$ ) - t2( $\omega$ );
    sum += diff * diff;
  }
  return sum * d $\omega$ ;
}

export function convolveSonons(s1: Sonon, s2: Sonon): Sonon {
  const freq = s1.freq + s2.freq;
  const phase = (s1.phase + s2.phase) % (2 * Math.PI);
  const amp = s1.amp * s2.amp;
  const envelope = ( $\omega$ : number) => s1.envelope( $\omega$ ) * s2.envelope( $\omega$ );
  return { freq, phase, amp, envelope };
}

```

PART 2: TEST BENCH –

test.ts

Let's give it a test run with basic bell curves as envelopes.

```

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import { createSonon, convolveSonons, sononDistance } from "./sonon";

const gaussian = (center: number, width: number) =>
  ( $\omega$ : number) => Math.exp(-(( $\omega$  - center) ** 2) / (2 * width ** 2));

const s1 = createSonon(440, 0, 1.0, gaussian(2 * Math.PI * 440, 2000));
const s2 = createSonon(880, Math.PI / 4, 0.5, gaussian(2 * Math.PI * 880, 2000));

const s3 = convolveSonons(s1, s2);
const dist = sononDistance(s1, s2);

console.log("Convolved Sonon freq:", s3.freq);
console.log("Distance between s1 and s2:", dist.toFixed(4));

```

Next Moves:

- Export Sonons as JSON
- Visualize a Sonon spectrum in D3.js or p5.js
- Define scalar ops and calculus ops (df/df , $\delta/\delta T$)

- Eventually: hook into WebAudio or DustEngine

Want this bundled into a GitHub folder starter pack? Or should we jump straight to visualizing some Sonon curves?

SononKit — Node.js + TypeScript Starter Pack

A lightweight DSP & math framework treating sounds as spectral objects (Sonons).

Project Structure

```
SononKit/  
├── package.json  
├── tsconfig.json  
├── README.md  
├── src/  
│   ├── sonon.ts      # Core Sonon definitions and operations  
│   └── test.ts       # Test bench for Sonon operations
```

1. package.json

```
{  
  "name": "sononkit",  
  "version": "0.1.0",  
  "description": "Acoustic Algebra library for Sonon objects",  
  "main": "dist/test.js",  
  "scripts": {  
    "build": "tsc",  
    "test": "node dist/test.js"  
  },  
  "keywords": ["DSP", "spectral", "Sonon", "audio"],  
  "author": "",  
  "license": "MIT",  
  "devDependencies": {  
    "typescript": "^4.9.5"  
  }  
}
```

2. tsconfig.json

```
{
  "compilerOptions": {
    "target": "ES2020",
    "module": "commonjs",
    "outDir": "dist",
    "strict": true,
    "esModuleInterop": true,
    "forceConsistentCasingInFileNames": true
  },
  "include": ["src"]
}
```

3. src/sonon.ts

```
export type SpectralEnvelope = (omega: number) => number;
```

```
export interface Sonon {
  freq: number;    // Hz
  phase: number;   // radians
  amp: number;     // linear amplitude
  envelope: SpectralEnvelope;
}
```

```
export function createSonon(
  freq: number,
  phase: number,
  amp: number,
  envelope: SpectralEnvelope
): Sonon {
  return { freq, phase, amp, envelope };
}
```

```
export function sononDistance(
  s1: Sonon,
  s2: Sonon,
  weights = { f: 1, p: 1, t: 1 }
): number {
  const deltaF = s1.freq - s2.freq;
  const deltaP = Math.atan2(
    Math.sin(s1.phase - s2.phase),
    Math.cos(s1.phase - s2.phase)
  );
}
```



```

);
const deltaT = integrateSpectralDiff(s1.envelope, s2.envelope);
return Math.sqrt(
  weights.f * deltaF ** 2 +
  weights.p * deltaP ** 2 +
  weights.t * deltaT
);
}

function integrateSpectralDiff(
  t1: SpectralEnvelope,
  t2: SpectralEnvelope
): number {
  const steps = 128;
  const ωmin = 0;
  const ωmax = 2 * Math.PI * 20000;
  const dω = (ωmax - ωmin) / steps;
  let sum = 0;
  for (let i = 0; i <= steps; i++) {
    const ω = ωmin + i * dω;
    const diff = t1(ω) - t2(ω);
    sum += diff * diff;
  }
  return sum * dω;
}

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  const freq = s1.freq + s2.freq;
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  const amp = s1.amp * s2.amp;
  const envelope = (ω: number) => s1.envelope(ω) * s2.envelope(ω);
  return { freq, phase, amp, envelope };
}

```

4. src/test.ts

```

import { createSonon, convolveSonons, sononDistance } from './sonon';

// Gaussian bell curve envelope
const gaussian = (center: number, width: number) =>
  (ω: number) => Math.exp(-((ω - center) ** 2) / (2 * width ** 2));

// Create two Sonons

```

```
const s1 = createSonon(  
  440,  
  0,  
  1.0,  
  gaussian(2 * Math.PI * 440, 2000)  
);  
const s2 = createSonon(  
  880,  
  Math.PI / 4,  
  0.5,  
  gaussian(2 * Math.PI * 880, 2000)  
);  
  
// Convolution and distance  
const s3 = convolveSonons(s1, s2);  
const dist = sononDistance(s1, s2);  
  
console.log('Convolved Sonon freq:', s3.freq);  
console.log('Distance between s1 and s2:', dist.toFixed(4));
```

5. Getting Started

1. Install dependencies:

npm install

- 1.

2. Build the TypeScript:

npm run build

- 2.

3. Run Tests:

npm test

This starter pack lays the foundation for SononKit. Next steps could include:

- JSON serialization of Sonons
- Visualization via D3.js or p5.js
- Advanced calculus ops (frequency derivatives, spectral gradients)
- Real-time WebAudio or DustEngine integration

Enjoy building with Acoustic Algebra!

Perfect. We'll go modular and clean—each step functional, each part exportable.

Step 3: Project Structure

We'll evolve this like a micro-DSP framework:

```
sononkit/
├── src/
│   ├── core/          # math + definitions
│   │   └── sonon.ts
│   ├── viz/           # D3 or canvas-based visual tools
│   │   └── spectrumPlot.ts
│   ├── test/          # test harnesses
│   │   └── testSonons.ts
│   └── index.ts        # entry point
├── package.json
├── tsconfig.json
└── README.md
```

Step 4:

spectrumPlot.ts

– Visualizing a Sonon

This is a minimal D3 sketch that plots a Sonon's envelope.

```
// spectrumPlot.ts
import * as d3 from "d3";
import { Sonon } from "../core/sonon";

export function plotSononEnvelope(svgId: string, sonon: Sonon) {
  const svg = d3.select(`#${svgId}`);
  svg.selectAll("*").remove();

  const width = +svg.attr("width");
  const height = +svg.attr("height");

  const freqs = d3.range(20, 20000, 50);
  const envelope = freqs.map(f => ({
    freq: f,
    mag: sonon.envelope(2 * Math.PI * f) * sonon.amp,
  }));

  const x = d3.scaleLog().domain([20, 20000]).range([0, width]);
  const y = d3.scaleLinear().domain([0, d3.max(envelope, d => d.mag)!]).range([height, 0]);

  const line = d3.line<{ freq: number; mag: number }>()
    .x(d => x(d.freq))
    .y(d => y(d.mag));

  svg.append("path")
    .datum(envelope)
    .attr("fill", "none")
    .attr("stroke", "cyan")
    .attr("stroke-width", 2)
    .attr("d", line);
}
```

Step 5:

package.json

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tsconfig.json

Setting up basic build + typing:

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```
{
  "name": "sononkit",
  "version": "0.1.0",
  "main": "dist/index.js",
  "type": "module",
  "scripts": {
    "start": "ts-node src/test/testSonons.ts",
    "build": "tsc"
  },
  "dependencies": {
    "d3": "^7.8.5"
  },
  "devDependencies": {
    "ts-node": "^10.9.1",
    "typescript": "^5.3.3"
  }
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```

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    "outDir": "dist",
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    "strict": true
  }
}
```

Step 6: Entry & Launch

index.ts (initial placeholder):

```
export * from "./core/sonon";
```

```
export * from "../viz/spectrumPlot";
```

testSonons.ts (launch test app + plot envelope):

```
import { createSonon } from "../core/sonon";
import { plotSononEnvelope } from "../viz/spectrumPlot";
```

```
const gaussian = (center: number, width: number) =>
  (ω: number) => Math.exp(-((ω - center) ** 2) / (2 * width ** 2));
```

```
const sonon = createSonon(440, 0, 1, gaussian(2 * Math.PI * 440, 1500));
```

// For DOM use only:

```
window.onload = () => plotSononEnvelope("sononViz", sonon);
```

Include an HTML scaffold to visualize. Want me to drop the index.html + build instructions next?

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