Pitch Detector

ISPR - Midterm 1 Assignment 3

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Autocorrelogram

► The autocorrelogram Auto_y measures the correlation of a signal y with itself at different time lags:

$$\mathsf{Auto}_{\mathbf{y}}[\tau] = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{y}\|^2} \sum_{t=0}^{N-\tau-1} \mathbf{y}[t] \cdot \mathbf{y}[t+\tau].$$

▶ It can be computed by convolution, but for a small set of time lags (window), the naive implementation is more efficient.

```
def autocorrelogram(y, window):
b, e = window
a = np.array([np.dot(y[0 : y.size - tau],y[tau :])
   for tau in range(b, e)])
return a / a[0]
```

Finding the Pitch

- Peaks in the autocorrelogram correspond to periods of the signal **y**.
- ▶ The minimal period τ_0 of **y** is the smallest maximum point of the autocorrelogram **after 0**.

Results

Instrument	Note	Autocorrelogram	Pitch	Error
Clarinet	C6	0 20 40 60 80 100	1049 Hz	0.2%
Oboe	C6		1046 Hz	0.01 %
Keyboard (homemade)	G3	0 100 200 300 400 500 600	196.7 Hz	0.3%

Real-time Pitch Detection

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