

Making Do with Less: An Introduction to Compressed Sensing 6 Frequency Analysis

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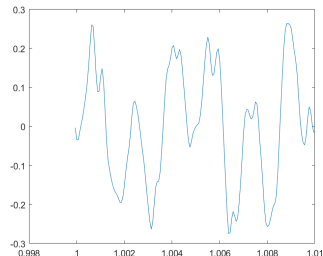
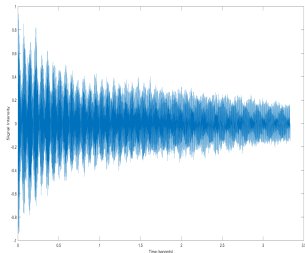
I have a metal gong in my kitchen:



It makes a pleasing sound when you hit it.

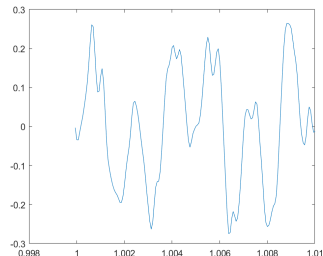
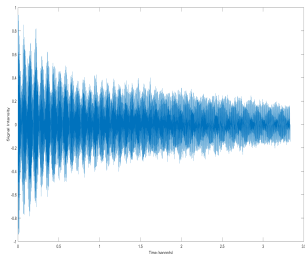
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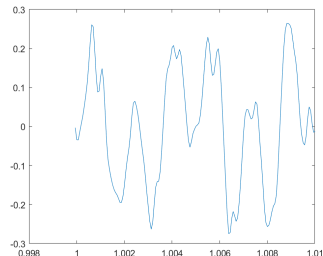
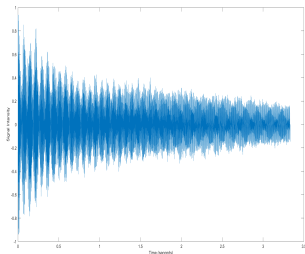
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But polynomials aren't the only way to approximate functions...

Fourier Series

A good chunk of mathematics and engineering is based on one of the great ideas of 19th century mathematics:

Functions can be decomposed into sums of sines and/or cosines of various frequencies.

Fourier Cosine Series

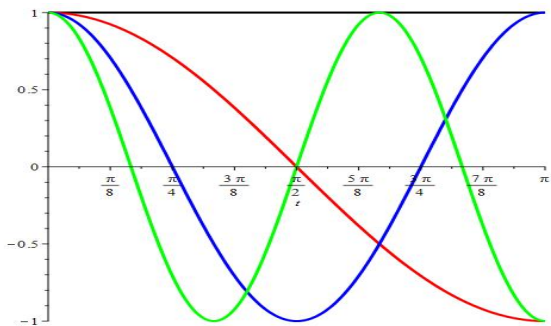
Fourier series come in many flavors. We'll be interested in *Fourier Cosine Series*: Any reasonable function $f(t)$ defined on $[0, \pi]$ can be well-approximated as a sum of cosines,

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) \approx & a_0 \\ & + a_1 \cos(t) \\ & + a_2 \cos(2t) \\ & + \dots \\ & + a_N \cos(Nt) \end{aligned}$$

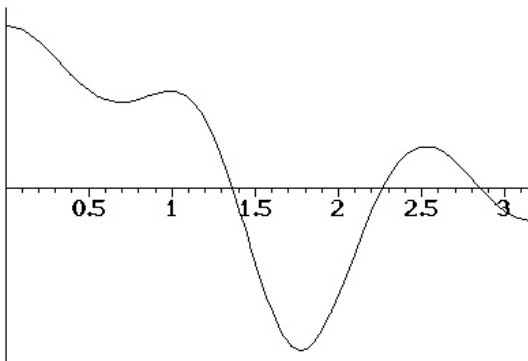
if we pick the a_k correctly (and take N large enough).

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The functions $\cos(0t)$, $\cos(t)$, $\cos(2t)$, $\cos(3t)$ on $0 \leq t \leq \pi$ look like



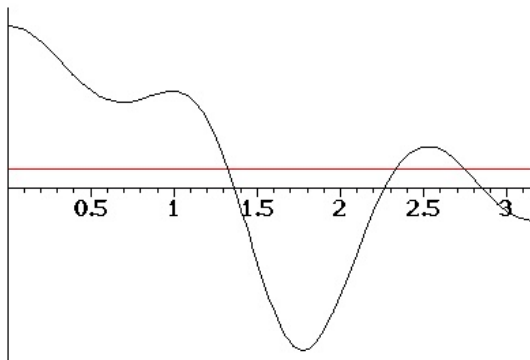
A Function to Approximate



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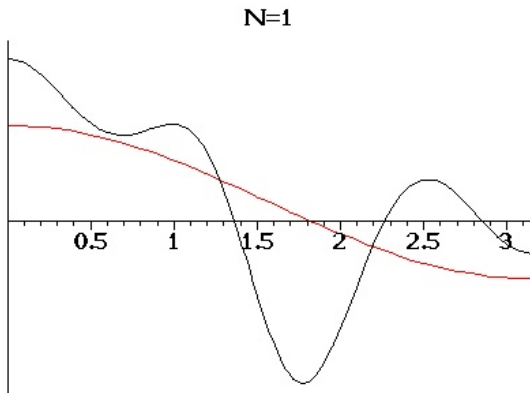
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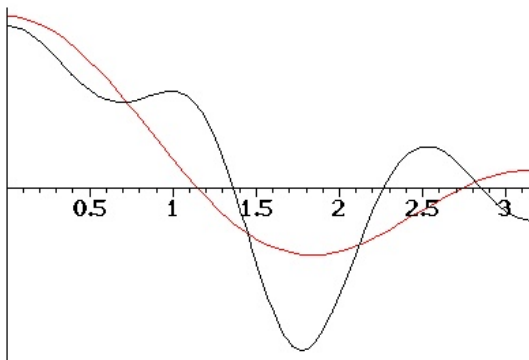
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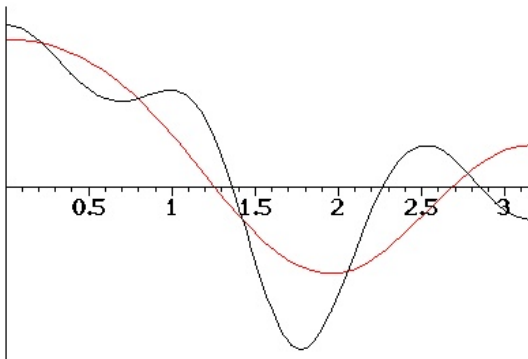
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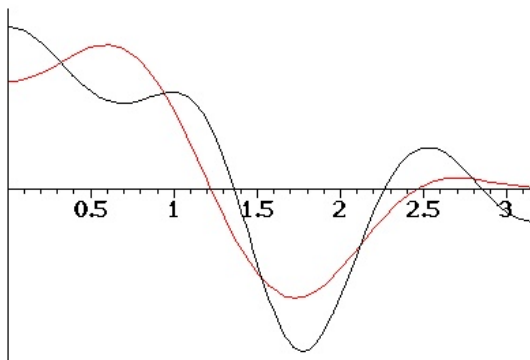
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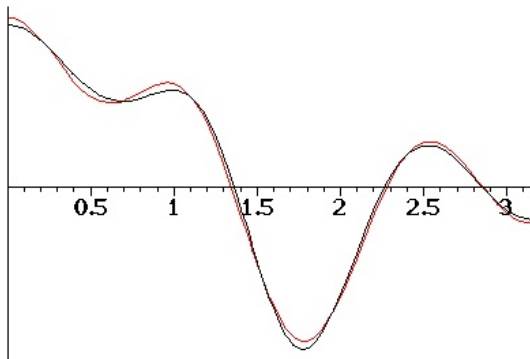
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$$+ \cdots + 12.4 \cos(5t) + 2.97 \cos(6t)$$

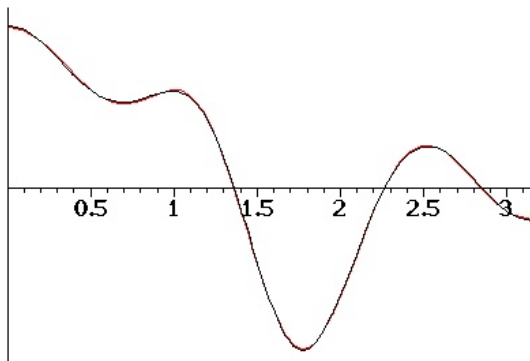
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and as $N \rightarrow \infty$ the sum converges to $f(t)$ for any t at which f is continuous.

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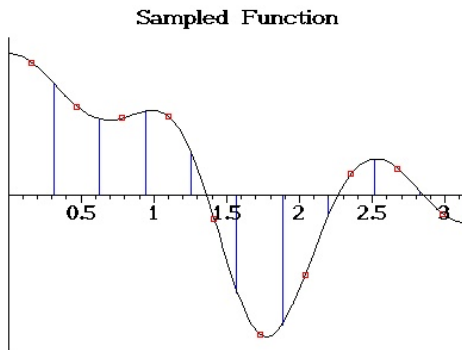
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Since $\cos(k\pi t/T)$ oscillates at frequency $\frac{k}{2T}$ Hz, a_k quantifies how much of this frequency is present.

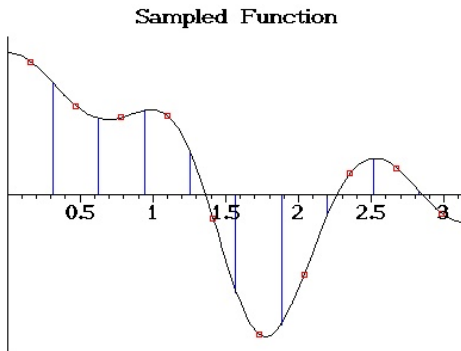
Sampling and Discretization

Signals aren't presented to the computer as functions, but as sampled function values:



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We might break $[0, T]$ into N subintervals, sample f at each interval midpoint t_0, t_1, \dots, t_{N-1} , by taking $t_i = \frac{(i+1/2)T}{N}$:



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Replace the function $f(t)$ with the sampled version of f , the vector

$$\mathbf{f} = \langle f(t_0), f(t_1), \dots, f(t_{N-1}) \rangle,$$

or more succinctly

$$\mathbf{f} = \langle f_0, f_1, \dots, f_{N-1} \rangle$$

where $f_i = f(t_i)$ is the function sampled at time $t = t_i$.

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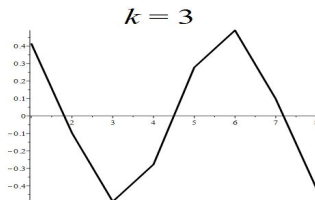
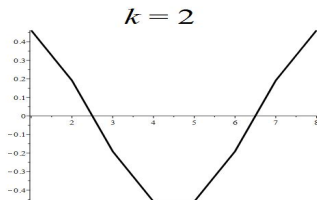
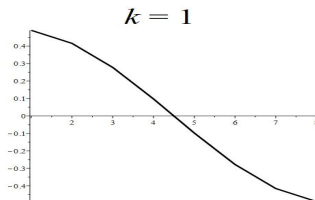
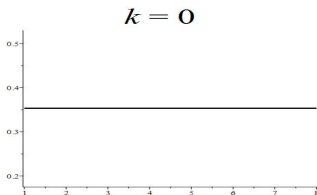
We'll then try to express

$$\mathbf{f} = \sum_k c_k \mathbf{v}_k$$

for some appropriate coefficients c_k .

Sampled Cosine Basis Vectors

The vectors \mathbf{v}_k look like their analog $\cos(k\pi t/T)$ counterparts.



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The computation of c_0, \dots, c_{N-1} from the dot products with \mathbf{f} is called the *Discrete Cosine Transform* of \mathbf{f} ; the reconstruction of \mathbf{f} in the sum above is the *Inverse Discrete Cosine Transform*.

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- The highest frequency we can estimate is $(N - 1)/(2T)$, about half the sampling rate. This is called the *Nyquist Frequency*.

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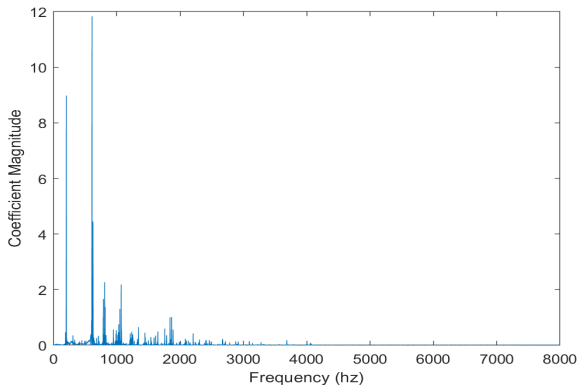
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A plot of $|c_k|$ versus frequency $k/2$ is shown on the next slide.

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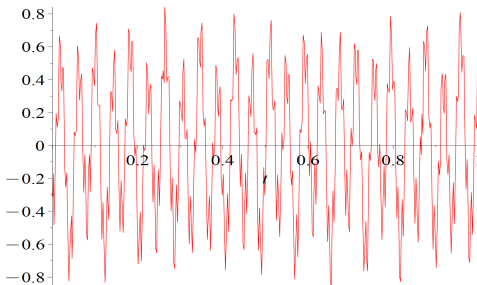
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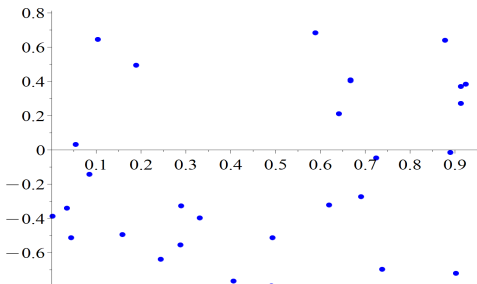
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See the Matlab code and listen to see how it works!

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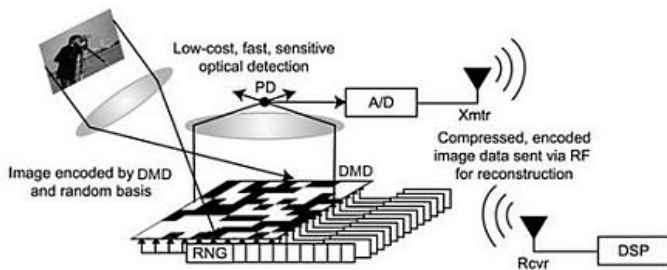
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Original image (left) ($N = 256 \times 256$ pixels), CS formed image based on $n = 6500$ total samples.