

# Appendix A

## The Harmonic Oscillator

Properties of the harmonic oscillator arise so often throughout this book that it seemed best to treat the mathematics involved in a separate Appendix.

### A.1 Simple Harmonic Oscillator

The harmonic oscillator equation dates to the time of Newton and Hooke. It follows by combining Newton's Law of motion ( $F = Ma$ , where  $F$  is the force on a mass  $M$  and  $a$  is its acceleration) and Hooke's Law (which states that the restoring force from a compressed or extended spring is proportional to the displacement from equilibrium and in the opposite direction: thus,  $F_{\text{Spring}} = -Kx$ , where  $K$  is the spring constant) (Fig. A.1). Taking  $x = 0$  as the equilibrium position and letting the force from the spring act on the mass:

$$M \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + Kx = 0. \quad (\text{A.1})$$

Dividing by the mass and defining  $\omega_0^2 = K/M$ , the equation becomes

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \omega_0^2 x = 0. \quad (\text{A.2})$$

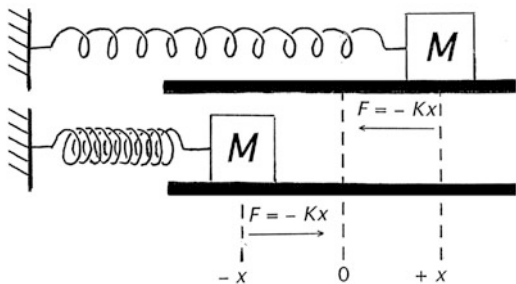
As may be seen by direct substitution, this equation has simple solutions of the form

$$x = x_0 \sin \omega_0 t \text{ or } x_0 \cos \omega_0 t, \quad (\text{A.3})$$

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**Fig. A.1** Frictionless harmonic oscillator showing the spring in compressed and extended positions



where  $t$  is the time and  $x_0$  is the maximum amplitude of the oscillation. The angular resonance frequency  $\omega_0$  is related to the cyclical resonance frequency  $F_0$  and period  $T (= 1/F_0)$  of the oscillator by  $\omega_0 = 2\pi F_0 = 2\pi/T$  where

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{K/M}. \quad (\text{A.4})$$

## A.2 Energy

Without dissipation, the total energy in the oscillator at any instant in time is constant and given by

$$\text{Energy} = \frac{1}{2}(Mv^2 + Kx^2), \quad (\text{A.5})$$

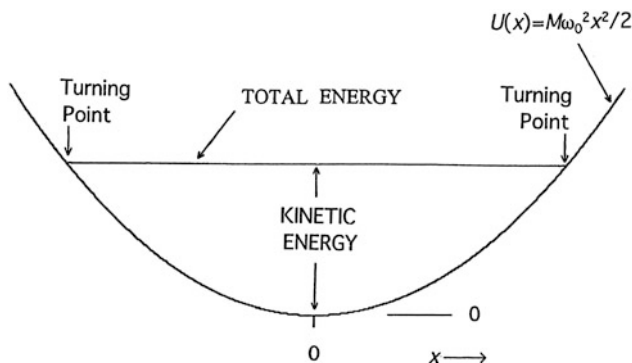
where the first term is the kinetic energy of the moving mass ( $v = dx/dt$ ) and the second term is the potential energy stored in the spring. The energy oscillates back and forth between those two forms during alternate half periods. At the turning points, where the velocity of the mass is zero, the energy is stored in the spring. At  $x = 0$ , where the velocity is maximum, the energy is all kinetic. If  $x = x_0 \sin \omega t$ , then  $v = dx/dt = \omega x_0 \cos \omega t$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Energy} &= \frac{1}{2}[M(\omega_0 x_0 \cos \omega_0 t)^2 + K(x_0 \sin \omega_0 t)^2] \\ &= \frac{1}{2}Kx_0^2(\sin^2 \omega_0 t + \cos^2 \omega_0 t) = \frac{Kx_0^2}{2}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.6})$$

where again  $\omega_0 = K/M$  and  $(\sin^2 \omega_0 t + \cos^2 \omega_0 t) = 1$ . Regardless of its kinetic energy the particle is trapped in a potential well of the type shown in Fig. A.2. Since the restoring force from the spring is

$$F \equiv -\frac{dU}{dx} = -Kx, \text{ the potential is } U(x) = \frac{M\omega_0^2 x^2}{2}, \quad (\text{A.7})$$

where  $x$  is defined with respect to the equilibrium position of the oscillator and  $U = 0$  at  $x = 0$ .



**Fig. A.2** Potential well for the simple harmonic oscillator. In this model the particle is bound, regardless of its kinetic energy

### A.3 The Damped Simple Harmonic Oscillator

In any real system there will be a “damping” force due to friction that at low velocities takes the form

$$F_{\text{Damping}} = -\Gamma \frac{dx}{dt}, \quad (\text{A.8})$$

where  $\Gamma$  is a damping constant characteristic of the system. The total force acting on the mass  $M$  now becomes  $F = Ma = -\Gamma dx/dt - Kx$ . Hence, the equation of motion becomes

$$M \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \Gamma \frac{dx}{dt} + Kx = 0. \quad (\text{A.9})$$

Dividing through by the mass and moving everything to the left side puts the equation for the damped simple harmonic oscillator in the more convenient form,

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \gamma \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_0^2 x = 0 \quad (\text{A.10})$$

where we have defined  $\gamma = \Gamma/M$  as the damping constant per unit mass. Exact solutions to this equation may be obtained in the following straightforward manner. Substituting a trial solution,  $x = e^{\mu t}$ , gives a quadratic equation

$$\mu^2 + \gamma \mu + \omega_0^2 = 0, \quad (\text{A.11})$$

that has  $\mu_{\pm}$  roots of the form

$$\mu_{\pm} = -\frac{\gamma}{2} \pm i\omega_0 \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\gamma}{2\omega_0}\right)^2} \quad (\text{A.12})$$

where  $i^2 \equiv -1$ . The solutions without a driving term are of the form  $x = Ae^{\mu_+t} + Be^{\mu_-t}$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are complex constants determined by the initial conditions (i.e., the displacement from equilibrium and the velocity at  $t = 0$ ).

For  $(\gamma/2\omega_0)^2 < 1$ , which is typical of resonant systems, the roots have an imaginary component that leads to free oscillation at a frequency

$$\omega \approx \omega_0 - \frac{\gamma^2}{8\omega_0} + \text{Order} \left\{ \omega_0 \left( \frac{\gamma}{4\omega_0} \right)^2 \right\} \quad (\text{A.13})$$

that is damped at the amplitude decay rate  $\gamma$ . For  $\gamma_{\text{Crit}} = 2\omega_0$ , no oscillation occurs, the damping is fastest and is said to be “Critical.” For  $(\gamma/2\omega_0)^2 \ll 1$ , one solution is

$$x(t) \approx x_0 e^{-\gamma t/2} \sin \omega_0 t, \quad (\text{A.14})$$

which corresponds to giving the mass an initial velocity kick at  $x = 0$  and  $t = 0$ . In this case the total energy in the oscillator decays with time as

$$\text{Total Energy} \propto |x(t)|^2 \propto e^{\gamma t}. \quad (\text{A.15})$$

Note that the energy decay rate is a factor of 2 faster than the amplitude decay rate simply because the energy in this classical motion problem is proportional to the square of the amplitude.

## A.4 Resonance or Cavity Width and Quality Factor (Q)

Because the amplitude of the damped oscillator decays with time, the spectrum of its motion is spread out in frequency about  $\omega_0$ . Regardless of the initial conditions chosen, we know that the total energy decays as shown in Eq. (A.15). Since  $x(t)$  is of the form  $\exp(-\gamma t/2 + i\omega_0 t)$ , the Fourier transform of the amplitude is of the general form,

$$|x| \propto \int_0^\infty x(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt \propto \frac{1}{|\gamma/2 + i(\omega - \omega_0)|}. \quad (\text{A.16})$$

Hence, the spectral distribution of energy in the resonant mode will be of the form

$$|x_\omega|^2 \propto \frac{1}{|1 + \left(\frac{\omega - \omega_0}{\gamma/2}\right)^2|}, \quad (\text{A.17})$$

which is sometimes called a “Lorentzian” function of the frequency and, provided  $(\omega - \omega_0)2 \gg (\gamma/2)2$ , is symmetric about the angular resonant frequency  $\omega_0$  with full cavity width at half-maximum energy response given by  $\Delta\omega = \gamma 2\pi \Delta F$ . The quantity

$$\Delta F_{\text{cav}} = \frac{\gamma}{2\pi} = \frac{f}{\pi} \frac{c}{4L} \quad (\text{A.18})$$

is sometimes called the cavity resonance width. In general, for standing-wave resonances in a long cavity such as an organ pipe,  $\gamma = f(c/2L)$  where  $c$  is the running wave velocity,  $L$  is the cavity length, and  $f$  is the round trip fractional energy loss. For example, for a closed-pipe model of the first formant ( $F_1$ ) of the vocal tract,

$$\Delta F_{\text{cav}} = F_1 \frac{f}{\pi}. \quad (\text{A.19})$$

The *Quality Factor*, or  $Q$  of a resonance, is defined traditionally by the relation

$$Q = 2\pi \frac{\text{Energy Stored}}{\text{Energy Lost per Cycle}} = \omega_0 \frac{\text{Energy Stored}}{\text{Rate of Energy Loss}}, \quad (\text{A.20})$$

where the rate of energy loss is  $\gamma \times (\text{Energy Stored})$ . Noting that  $\gamma = \Delta\omega$ , an alternative expression for the Quality Factor is

$$Q = \frac{\omega_0}{\Delta\omega} = \frac{F_0}{\Delta F}, \quad (\text{A.21})$$

where  $F_0$  is the cyclical resonance frequency and  $\Delta F$  is the full cyclical width at half-maximum energy response, both measured in Hz.

## A.5 Driven Damped Oscillation

When a sinusoidal or cosinusoidal driving term of the type

$$E(t) = E \cos \omega t \quad (\text{A.22})$$

is added to the damped oscillator, the equation becomes

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \gamma \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_0^2 x = E(t) \quad (\text{A.23})$$

where  $E(t)$  on the right-hand side represents the driving force per unit mass. This equation has the closed-form solution

$$x = \frac{E}{D} \sin(\omega t + \Phi), \quad (\text{A.24})$$

where the denominator  $D$  is given by

$$D = \sqrt{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 + \left(\frac{\gamma\omega}{M}\right)^2} \quad (\text{A.25})$$

and the phase angle is

$$\Phi = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\gamma}{MD} \right) \text{ radians.} \quad (\text{A.26})$$

The introduction of damping causes the oscillator to lag in phase from the driving term. Without damping,  $|x| \rightarrow \infty$  as  $\omega \rightarrow \omega_0$ .

## A.6 Electric Circuit Equivalent of the Damped Driven Oscillator

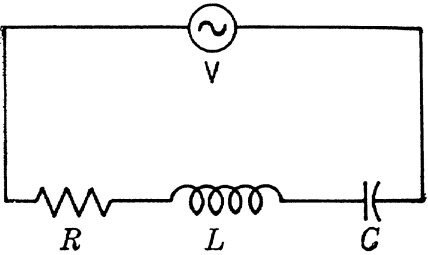
The equation for the damped, driven oscillator has an exact equivalent in the series  $LCR$  (inductance-capacitance-resistance) circuit shown in Fig. A.3. Written in terms of the charge  $q$  on the condenser  $C$ , the equation for the voltage drop around the loop becomes

$$L \frac{d^2q}{dt^2} + R \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{q}{C} = E(t), \quad (\text{A.27})$$

where the current  $i = dq/dt$ , and we have made use of the basic relations for  $ac$  voltage drops across the circuit elements:  $V_L = L di/dt = L d^2q/dt^2$  (Henry's Law),  $V_R = Ri = R dq/dt$  (Ohm's Law), and  $V_C = q/C$  (Faraday's Law). By comparison with the original equation for the oscillator, we find the equivalent relationships in Table A.1.

One may determine the steady-state behavior of a linear resonant circuit using complex  $ac$  circuit analysis. In this analysis, one usually assumes that the transient solution has died down to a steady complex current of constant amplitude and phase running through the various resistive and reactive elements of the circuit and that

**Fig. A.3** Series resonant LCR circuit driven by a sinusoidal EMF (electro-motive force)



**Table A.1** Electrical and mechanical equivalent parameters

AC circuit	Mechanical oscillator
Charge, $q \Rightarrow x$	Amplitude
Current, $i \Rightarrow v$	Velocity
Inductance, $L \Rightarrow M$	Mass
Resistance, $R \Rightarrow \gamma$	Damping constant
Capacitance, $C \Rightarrow 1/K$	1/(Spring constant)
EMF, $E(t) \Rightarrow F(t)/M = E(t)$	Driving force

AC circuit mechanical oscillator

the real part of the resultant voltage drops correspond to values one would measure. Thus, if the current running through a circuit loop is of the form<sup>1</sup>

$$i = i_0 e^{j\omega t} = i_0 (\cos \omega t + j \sin \omega t), \tag{A.28}$$

the voltage drops across the elements L (inductance), R (resistance), and C (capacitance) may be written as

$$V_L = L \frac{di}{dt} = i(j\omega L), \quad V_R = iR, \quad \text{and} \quad V_C = \frac{q}{C} = \frac{1}{C} \int^t i_0 e^{j\omega t} dt = i \left( \frac{-j}{\omega C} \right). \tag{A.29}$$

Note that in the expression for VC we have made use of the fact that the charge on the capacitance is the integral of the current over time; i.e., the current feeding the capacitance is  $i = dq/dt$ , where  $q$  is the time-dependent charge on the capacitance.

In applying this convention, one makes use of Kirchoff’s Laws: (1) The sum of the voltage drops around a closed loop equals the sum of the Emfs (“electromotive forces”), which is a statement of the conservation of energy; (2) The sum of the currents at any junction must be zero, which is a statement of the conservation of charge. Using the methods and notation of complex steady-state ac circuit analysis just discussed, the loop equation for the circuit in Fig. A.3 may be written

<sup>1</sup>The relation  $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$  where  $i^2 = -1$  is known as Euler’s formula and may be derived from the infinite series for  $e^x$  and those for  $\cos \theta$  and  $\sin \theta$  by letting  $x = i\theta$ . This type of ac circuit analysis was invented by Campbell, a research engineer at the A.T. & T Company in 1911, who referred to it as “Cisoidal Oscillations”—an abbreviation for “cos  $i$  sin” Campbell (1911).

$$E = i \left[ R + j \left( \omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C} \right) \right]. \quad (\text{A.30})$$

The magnitude of the current is

$$|i| = \frac{E}{\sqrt{R^2 + \left( \omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C} \right)^2}} \quad (\text{A.31})$$

and it lags the driving voltage in phase by  $\phi$  where

$$\tan^{-1} \phi = -\frac{\omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C}}{R} \approx \frac{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)}{\omega L/R} \approx \frac{(\omega_0 - \omega)}{\Delta\omega/2}. \quad (\text{A.32})$$

Here, the final approximation holds near resonance where  $\omega$  is close to  $\omega_0$ .

The power loss in the resistor is

$$P_R = |i|^2 R = \frac{E^2/R}{1 + \frac{(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)}{(\omega L/R)^2}} \quad (\text{A.33})$$

and is of resonant Lorentzian shape with full width at half maximum given by

$$\Delta\omega \approx R/L \approx 2\pi \Delta F. \quad (\text{A.34})$$

The  $Q$  or “Quality Factor” of the circuit is then

$$Q = \omega_0/\Delta\omega \approx \omega_0 L/R. \quad (\text{A.35})$$

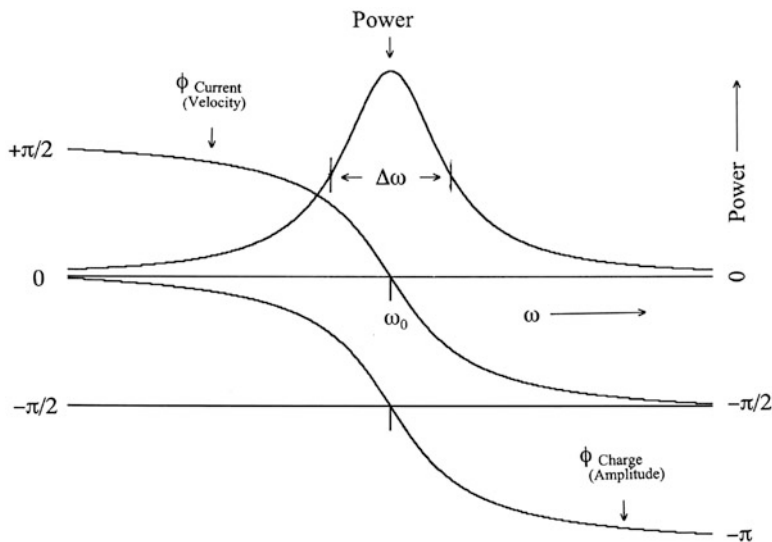
These properties are summarized in Fig. A.4.

## A.7 A Different Approach

Normally, one uses ac circuit analysis to determine steady-state currents in the presence of applied Emfs. However, useful results are obtained even when  $E = 0$  in Fig. A.3. In that case, we can use the loop equation to determine the (complex) frequency, an approach that gives the transient behavior of the circuit. Hence, if the Emf is zero in Fig. A.3, we get

$$i \left[ R + j \left( \omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C} \right) \right] = 0. \quad (\text{A.36})$$





**Fig. A.4** Power resonance and phase shifts in the series LCR circuit, related to the properties of the driven, damped mechanical oscillator

Assuming that  $i \neq 0$  (i.e., that there is some initial charge or current flowing in the circuit), the large square bracket must equal zero and we obtain a quadratic equation in  $\omega$ :

$$\omega^2 - j\omega \frac{R}{L} - \frac{1}{LC} = 0, \quad (\text{A.37})$$

whose roots are

$$\omega = j \frac{R}{2L} \pm \omega_0 \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{R}{2\omega_0 L} \right)^2}. \quad (\text{A.38})$$

If we substitute this expression back into Euler's formula, we get

$$e^{j\omega t} = e^{\frac{R}{2L}t} e^{\pm j\omega_0 \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{R}{2\omega_0 L} \right)^2} t}, \quad (\text{A.39})$$

where the first exponential describes damping of the current and the second exponential gives the oscillatory solution through use of Euler's formula with a real frequency

$$\omega = \pm \omega_0 \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{R}{2\omega_0 L} \right)^2}. \quad (\text{A.40})$$

Hence, the “steady-state” solution can actually give us the transient behavior of the circuit. (Note that the sign on the real part of the frequency merely alters the phase of the oscillation.) The damped oscillatory solution is, of course, the same one we got earlier for the behavior of the damped mechanical oscillator using a trial solution of the type  $e^{\mu t}$ . The present approach provides a less tedious way to analyze coupled circuits, if you are comfortable with ac circuit analysis.

## A.8 Coupled Oscillations, Wolf Tones and the Una Corda Piano Mode

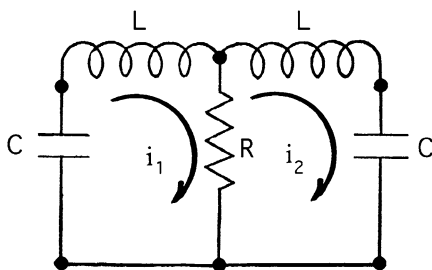
The double-strung pianos dating from the early work of Bartolomeo Cristofori provide an interesting example of mode coupling with unusual potential for musical expression. The physical processes involved were discussed qualitatively in Chap. 4. We would like to show here that it is easy to derive the important quantitative properties of the coupled system from an electric circuit model. As implied by the term “double-strung,” each note on the piano has two strings tuned closely to the same pitch, each of which can be represented as a damped harmonic oscillator. We will only consider the fundamental resonances of the strings here, although the present method could easily be extended to include harmonics of each fundamental frequency. In the piano, the motion of the two strings is coupled through their attachment to the bridge, which in turn transfers energy to the soundboard. We will represent this situation by the pair of coupled circuits shown in Fig. A.5. For simplicity, we will assume that the corresponding circuit elements are identical and that each oscillator is initially tuned approximately to the same frequency given by  $\omega_0^2 = 1/LC$ . (One might represent a string resonance and the other an air resonance in a violin.)

The coupled circuits in Fig. 4.5 result in two loop equations:

$$i_1 \left[ R + j \left( \omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C} \right) \right] - i_2 R = 0 \quad (\text{A.41})$$

and

**Fig. A.5** Coupled circuit model for one note on a double-strung piano. The two current magnitudes may be different



$$-i_1 R + i_2 \left[ Rj \left( \omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C} \right) \right] = 0. \quad (\text{A.42})$$

Solving both of these equations for  $i_1/i_2$ , we obtain

$$\frac{i_1}{i_2} = \frac{R}{R + j \left( \omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C} \right)} = \frac{R + j \left( \omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C} \right)}{R} \quad (\text{A.43})$$

Hence, we get an equation involving the complex frequency,

$$\left( \omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C} \right) \left( \omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C} - 2jR \right) = 0, \quad (\text{A.44})$$

which has two distinct solutions for  $\omega^2$  yielding roots for  $\omega$ ,

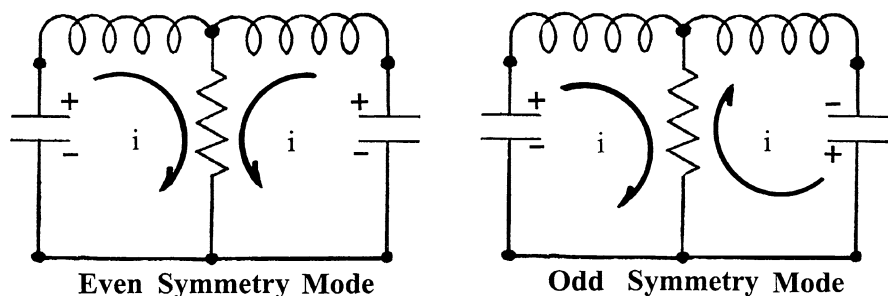
$$\omega = \pm \omega_0 \text{ and } \omega = j \frac{R}{L} \pm \omega_0 \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{R}{\omega_0 L} \right)^2}. \quad (\text{A.45})$$

The first mode has no loss and oscillates at the resonant frequency,  $\omega_0$ . The second, lossy mode has the real component of its frequency shifted downward in magnitude to

$$\omega = \omega_0 \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{R}{\omega_0 L} \right)^2} \quad (\text{A.46})$$

and an amplitude decay rate of  $R/L$ , which is twice as large as that for either LCR loop by itself. Note that the  $Q$  of each resonant circuit is  $\omega_0 L/R \gg 1$ . Hence, the second term in the square root provides a small, real correction to the resonant frequency, although the shift is larger than in either single isolated LCR loop alone.

The two coupled modes of oscillation may be interpreted in terms of the coupled circuits shown in Fig. A.6. Here, the same current magnitude  $i$  flows in both loops, but in different directions for the two different normal modes. The even-symmetric mode on the left is the high-loss mode (with decay rate of  $R/L$ ) since the two currents flowing through the resistance are in phase. It corresponds to the normal position of the hammer on the piano in which both strings are struck simultaneously. Striking both strings in the normal hammer position is equivalent to depositing the same charge on each capacitor at  $t = 0$ . The odd-symmetry mode at the right is the low-loss mode and would correspond to a case in the piano where both undamped strings were hit simultaneously with hammers moving in opposite directions. In the circuit, opposite charges would have to be placed suddenly on the two capacitors at  $t = 0$ . For the odd-symmetric case (the right side of Fig. A.6), the mode has no loss at all because the two equal currents flowing through the resistor are  $180^\circ$  out of phase. In the piano, that mode corresponds to periodic pulses from the two strings



**Fig. A.6** The even-symmetric (left) and odd-symmetric (right) modes of the coupled circuit (the current magnitudes are all equal)

arriving at the bridge out of phase. A similar situation arises in the case of “Wolf Tones” on bowed stringed instruments. (See Chap. 5.)

However, pure excitation of the odd-symmetry mode would not occur in a normal piano because only the right-hand string is struck (in the double-strung piano) by the hammer with the una corda pedal depressed. (The hammer is shifted to the right so as to hit only one string, with both strings undamped.) Hence, to simulate the actual una corda case, we need to take the difference between equal amounts of the two normal coupled-circuit modes. Thus, initially,

$$i_{\text{UnaCorda}} = i_{\text{EvenSymmetric}} - i_{\text{OddSymmetric}}. \quad (\text{A.47})$$

This combination localizes the current on the right side of the coupled circuit when the hammer hits, after which the even-symmetric component rapidly dies out leaving only the long-lived odd-symmetric mode still oscillating. Because the odd-symmetric mode has the least loss (no loss at all for the idealized circuit in Fig. A.6), the excitation would always tend to settle down in the odd-symmetry mode with frequency  $\omega_0$ . The apparent pitch goes up slightly as the high-loss mode dies out. In reality there is some loss in the vibrating strings themselves due to air resistance. That could easily be included in the electric circuit model by adding a small resistance in series with each coil in the separate current loops. A reactive component could also be added in series with the load resistance  $R$  representing loss to the soundboard. Because equal currents flow in the two loops in the odd-symmetric mode, the crescendo effect described in Chap. 4 after the string is struck (produced by damping one string in the una corda mode after the sound decays) would be limited to about  $20 \log_{10} 2 \approx 6$  dB, or about the amount observed experimentally.

## A.9 Harmonics and Subharmonics

As discussed throughout this book, most musical instruments produce waveforms that are at least quasi-periodic and contain harmonics. These harmonics often result from some nonlinearity in the oscillatory system, for example, the vibrating reed in a woodwind, or the vibrating lips of the brass instrumentalist. In general, by “nonlinearity” we mean that the output amplitude from the system does not rise in simple direct proportion to the amplitude of the input signal as it would if the system were perfectly linear (i.e., if the output simply varied as the first power of the input). Instead, the output amplitude may depend on various powers of the input amplitude. As a general rule, if we feed a sinusoidal signal into such a system, signals at different frequencies that are harmonically related to the fundamental (i.e., are given by integer multiples of the original frequency) will appear in the output. Further, these harmonics are generally phase-locked to the fundamental frequency. This can be understood in terms of basic trigonometry relations. For example, if you square a sinewave, you will get a signal varying as the second harmonic of the input signal which is in phase with the fundamental; if you cube the signal, the third harmonic is produced; and so on. More strikingly, if you feed two signals with different frequencies into the system, the output may contain extraneous signals at the sum and difference frequencies of the two original frequencies.<sup>2</sup> All of these effects can be simply explained (albeit, tediously in some instances) through application of the basic trigonometry identities such as those treated in high school.

Under some conditions, the output may even contain subharmonics of the input frequency; i.e., frequencies that are lower than the input driving frequency. Understanding how to produce subharmonics used to be a mysterious art. To quote one of the pioneers who first demonstrated their existence in electromechanical systems, “Most authors pass over this question in silence, as they take it for granted that the occurrence of subharmonics is an impossibility.” (Pedersen 1934)<sup>3</sup>

It is useful to treat the simple mechanical oscillator model of Fig. A.1 with the inclusion of nonlinear terms in the spring constant. As we will show, this model can produce both harmonics and subharmonics, not to mention rectification.

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<sup>2</sup>To see how these extraneous frequencies come about, just consider the trigonometric identity,  $2 \sin(A) \cos(B) = \sin(A+B) + \sin(A-B)$ . Let  $A = 2\pi F_0 t$  and  $B = 2\pi F t$  be the higher frequency resonance. Multiplying the two waves together yields “sidebands” at  $F = F_0$ . If  $F = N F_0$ , where  $N = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , etc., “sidebands” spaced by  $F_0$  will occur throughout the entire spectrum, even if there is no strong acoustic wave at  $F_0$ .

<sup>3</sup>“Hi-Fi” enthusiasts will want to note that Pedersen got interested in this subject because his Jensen high-fidelity loudspeaker was producing both first and second subharmonics of sinusoidal tones.

## A.10 The Nonlinear Oscillator

In general, one expects the oscillator equation will become nonlinear at large enough amplitudes. For example, when  $x$  is sufficiently negative the spring will compress, the coils will touch and a large repulsive force will occur. At large positive values of  $x$ , the spring constant will begin to decrease and the restoring force will saturate. Assuming that the restoring force from the spring is a continuous function of  $x$  with continuous derivatives, it can be expanded in a power series of the form

$$F = -[K_1x + K_2x^2 + K_3x^3 + \dots] \quad (\text{A.48})$$

where  $x$  is the departure from equilibrium position at  $x = 0$ .  $K_1$  is just the normal spring constant and may be expressed in terms of  $\omega_0$ . Then, the driven oscillator equation may be rewritten

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \gamma \frac{dx}{dt} + \omega_0^2 \left[ x + \frac{x^2}{X_q} + \frac{x^3}{X_c} \right] = E \sin \omega t \quad (\text{A.49})$$

where  $\gamma$  is the damping term from friction per unit mass and the coefficients  $X_q$  and  $X_c$  have been defined to have dimensions of length and length-squared and describe the amounts of quadratic and cubic nonlinearity. We will ignore terms higher than cubic in  $x$ . Here,  $E$  is the driving acceleration per unit mass at frequency  $\omega$  that would be supplied by the Bernoulli effect in the real case. The quadratic term will yield both even harmonics and subharmonics, as well as rectification; the cubic term provides odd harmonics; and with both terms present, additional sum and difference terms arise. The term on the right-hand side of the equation represents the driving force per unit mass. It could be sinusoidal at the normal resonant frequency  $\omega_0$ . To investigate subharmonic production, it is useful to replace the driving frequency by  $2\omega_0$ . Then the subharmonic appears at  $\omega_0$ . Stable solutions to nonlinear equations have very specific phase relationships that are determined by the parameters of the system. Closed-form solutions to this type of nonlinear equation have been investigated in the past, but are extraordinarily tedious to derive and usually only hold for very small driving terms.<sup>4</sup> However, it is relatively easy to solve the equation numerically with a computer.

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<sup>4</sup>Lord Rayleigh (1877) investigated low-amplitude solutions to nonlinear differential equations of this type in closed form. Also see, Hartley (1939), Hussey and Wrathall (1936) and Pedersen (1934) for approaches to the closed-form solution of similar nonlinear equations.

## A.11 Potential Wells for the Nonlinear Oscillator

As shown in Fig. A.2, the potential well for the ideal linear oscillator has even symmetry about the equilibrium point ( $x = 0$ ) and can trap the mass regardless of its kinetic energy. The situation changes drastically when we add a quadratic nonlinearity.

The potential curve shown at the left in Fig. A.7 is for an oscillator containing both linear and quadratic terms. Here, the restoring force is of the form,

$$F \equiv -\frac{dU}{dx} = -K_1x - K_2x^2, \text{ hence } U(x) = \omega_0^2 \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3X_q} \right], \quad (\text{A.50})$$

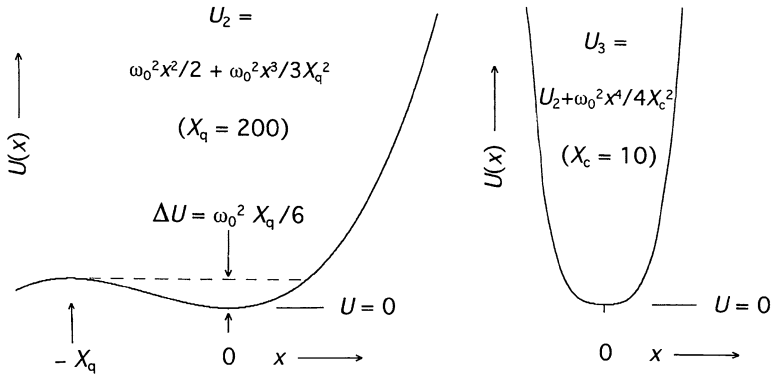
where again  $U \equiv 0$  at  $x = 0$ , but we have written  $U$  as the potential per unit mass. As can be seen from the figure, the quadratic force term reduces the potential barrier on one side of equilibrium, while increasing it on the other. The result is that the mass can now escape from the well at the left if it acquires enough kinetic energy from the driving force to reach the top of the potential bump.<sup>5</sup> (The top of the bump occurs at  $x = -X_q$  and is of magnitude  $\Delta U = \omega_0^2 X_q^2/6$ .) Consequently, the oscillator with only the addition of a quadratic force term tends to be unstable, except at very low driving amplitudes where the kinetic energy per unit mass is kept less than  $\omega_0^2 X_q^2/6$ . With a large enough damping constant, the loss of energy inhibits the escape of the mass over the potential bump. However, if  $\gamma$  is made very large, the harmonic (and subharmonic motion) is damped out as well.

Finally, the potential well on the right in Fig. A.7 includes the effect of both quadratic and cubic force terms. Here,

$$F \equiv -\frac{dU}{dx} = -K_1x - K_2x^2 - K_3x^3 \text{ and } U(x) = \omega_0^2 \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3X_q} + \frac{x^4}{4X_c^2} \right]. \quad (\text{A.51})$$

The cubic term in the spring constant introduces a stabilizing term to the potential. Hence, with the cubic force term present, stable solutions are obtained at very much larger driving amplitudes than with the quadratic term alone. Surprisingly, with the cubic term present, finite solutions exist at resonance for large driving amplitudes even without the presence of damping. However, in that case, the oscillator never settles down to a steady-state solution.

<sup>5</sup>This same phenomenon occurs in the dissociation of diatomic molecules.



**Fig. A.7** Potential wells for nonlinear oscillators containing quadratic (left) and both quadratic and cubic forces (right)

## A.12 Numerical Solutions to the Non-linear Oscillator Equation

The driven oscillator equation with nonlinear terms is exceedingly tedious to solve in closed form. However, numerical solutions with a computer are straightforward using a computational method previously developed by the author (Bennett 1976, p. 200). Here, the main trick is to minimize numerical errors that tend to build up in successive integration intervals. That objective may be accomplished by expanding the acceleration in a Taylor series in the time and integrating that series term-by-term over an interval,  $t$ , that is small compared to the period of the driving oscillation.

First, we rewrite the basic equation with the acceleration on the left-hand side. For example, the equation for the driven, damped oscillator with quadratic and cubic nonlinear terms given above can be rewritten

$$a = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = E \sin \omega t - \gamma \frac{dx}{dt} - \omega_0^2 \left[ x + \frac{x^2}{X_q} + \frac{x^3}{X_c} \right]. \quad (\text{A.52})$$

Note that we now have an explicit closed-form expression for the acceleration that can be differentiated as many times as we want to obtain the coefficients in the Taylor series. Thus, after the small time interval  $t$ , the new values for the acceleration, velocity, and position will be given by

$$a' = a + bt + c \frac{t^2}{2!} + d \frac{t^3}{3!} + \text{Order}(t^4) = \frac{dv}{dt} \quad (\text{A.53})$$

$$v' = v + at + b \frac{t^2}{2!} + c \frac{t^3}{3!} + d \frac{t^4}{4!} + \text{Order}(t^5) = \frac{dx}{dt} \quad (\text{A.54})$$



$$x' = x + vt + a\frac{t^2}{2!} + b\frac{t^3}{3!} + c\frac{t^4}{4!} + d\frac{t^5}{5!} + \text{Order}(t^6) \quad (\text{A.55})$$

where we have integrated the successive equations term-by-term and have included constants of integration (the values of the quantities  $x$ ,  $v$ , and  $a$  at  $t = 0$ ) in each case. The errors in  $a'$  are now of order  $t^4$  and those for the new position of the particle  $x'$  are of order  $t^6$ . Hence, by making  $t$  sufficiently small, we can make the results as precise as we wish.

Putting these expressions into a reiterative computer loop where at each successive step one sets the initial values of  $a$ ,  $v$ , and  $x$  to be the values computed for  $a'$ ,  $v'$ ,  $x'$  at the end of the last interval  $t$  yields  $x$  as a function of time to high accuracy. One could, of course, add more and more terms to the Taylor series for  $a$ , but terminating the series as shown above is more than adequate for the present examples.

The equations for  $a$ ,  $v$ , and  $x$  are especially adaptable to inclusion in a computer program loop of the type used in BASIC or FORTRAN. One can simplify the numerical equations further by adopting a time scale in which the time increment  $t$  is defined to be unity. In that case the important program steps for solving the nonlinear oscillator may be written as follows. First, we define some constants dependent on the parameters of the oscillator.

Driving frequency	Resonant frequency
$W = \omega$	$W0 = \omega_0$
$W2 = W * W$	$W02 = W0*W0$
$W3 = W * W2$	
Damping constant per unit mass	
$G = \gamma$	

In terms of these computer variables, the equation for the acceleration becomes

$$A E * SIN(W * T) G * V W02 * (X X * X / X q X * X * X / X c) dV/dT. \quad (\text{A.56})$$

For example, choosing the oscillator period to be 60 time units (or  $\omega_0 = 2\pi/60$ ), means that a step size of  $t = 1$  leads to an error  $\approx 5$  parts in  $10^{10}$  in the calculation of  $x$  over one increment. One typically wants to do the calculation over a time interval  $T_{\max} \approx 5$  oscillator periods for the transient solution to settle down to a steady-state solution.

The initial conditions on position and velocity are:

$$X = V = 0$$

The reiterative loop equations then take the form in BASIC:<sup>6</sup>

<sup>6</sup>Or in FORTRAN, DO T = 0,Tmax,1 followed by END DO instead of NEXT T.

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FOR T = 0 TO T max 'with implied steps of T = 1
  S1 = SIN (W * T ) 'W = Driving Frequency. S1 and C1
  are defined to avoid
  C1 = COS(W * T ) 'recalculating the SIN and COS within
  each iteration
  A = E*S1-G*V-W02*(X+X*X/Xq+X*X*X/Xc)
  B = W*E*C1-G*A-W02*(V+2*X*V/Xq+3*X*X*V/Xc)
  C = -W2*E*S1-G*B-W02*(A+2*(X*A+V*V)/Xq+3*(2*X*V*V
    +X*X*A)/Xc)
  D = -W3*E*C1-G*C-W02*(B+2*(V*A+X*B+2*V*A)/Xq)
  D = D-W02*3*(2*V*V*V+4*X*V*A+2*X*V*A+X*X*B)/Xc
  X = X+V+A/2+B/6+C/24+D/120 'Use V to find X before
  changing V
  V = V + A + B / 2 + C / 6 + D / 24
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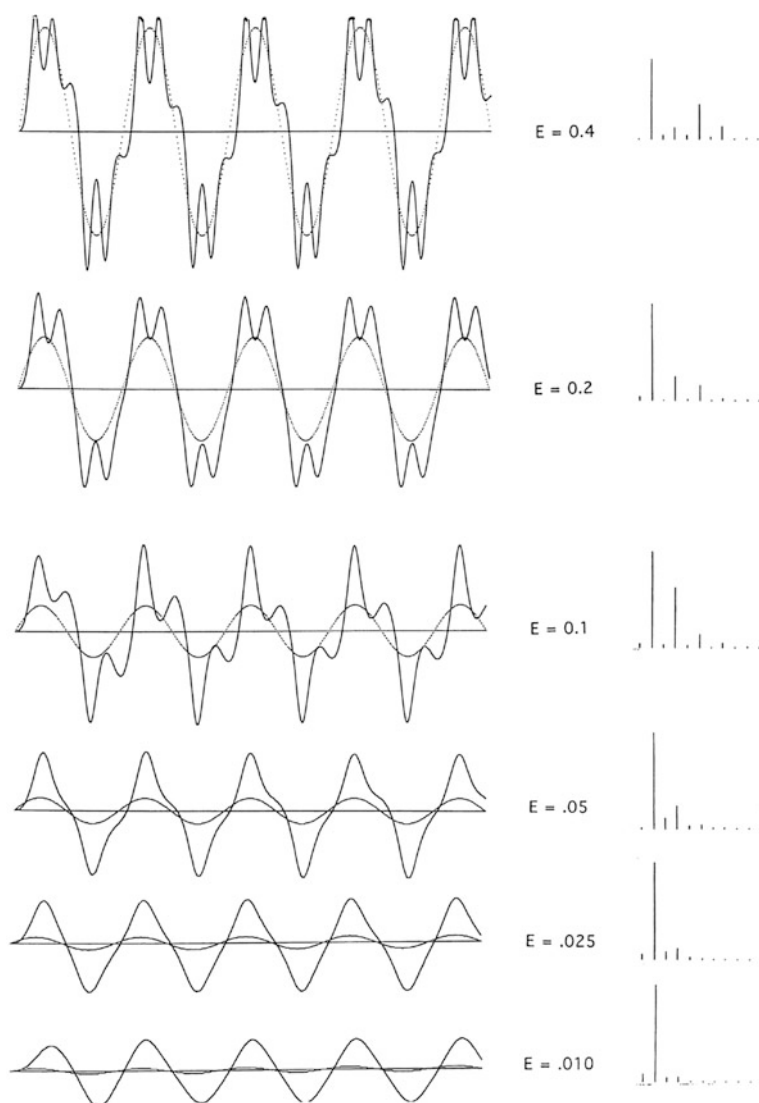
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Note that  $A = dV/dt$ ,  $B = dA/dt$ ,  $C = dB/dt$ ,  $D = dC/dt$  and that the time scale was defined so that  $t = 1$  in the Taylor expansion for  $A$  and step size in the loop on  $T$ .

### A.13 Examples of Nonlinear Oscillator Solutions

Solutions of the nonlinear equation containing both quadratic and cubic force terms are shown in Fig. A.8, where it was assumed that  $X_q = X_c = 10$  and the driving frequency was tuned to the normal resonance frequency,  $\omega_0$ . A damping constant  $\gamma = 0.5\omega_0$  was chosen for this illustration.

Time increases from  $t = 0$  at the left of each trace in Fig. A.8 and the full transient response of the oscillator for the mass starting from rest at  $x = 0$  is shown for increasing values of the driving amplitude,  $E$ . The driving term is shown in dotted lines and the oscillator response is in solid curves. For  $E = 0.01$  (the lowest curve), the response is nearly sinusoidal. However, as the driving amplitude increases, various even and odd harmonics develop in the waveform. The behavior of the oscillator becomes very complex when the excursion of the mass reaches the critical region where  $x \approx X_q = X_c = 10$ . For the conditions assumed, that point occurs at  $E \approx 0.1$ . Although the different Fourier amplitudes are continuous in their dependence on  $E$ , there are discontinuities in slope that appear when new harmonics cross threshold. Many of these discontinuities result in a reversal of the direction of the dependence of a given harmonic on excitation level. As a result, small changes in  $E$  can produce large changes in the spectral distribution. Even harmonics are present that also oscillate with increasing excitation level, but decrease in relative importance above  $E \approx 0.05$ . The cubic characteristic dominates at large excitation levels where one sees a series of peaks in the different odd



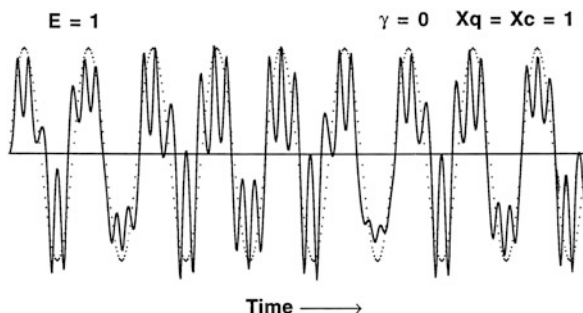
**Fig. A.8** Solutions to the nonlinear oscillator equation when driven at the normal oscillator resonance frequency with  $\gamma = 0.5\omega_0$ , and  $Xq = Xc = 10$ .  $E$  increases from bottom to top. The driving wave (amplitude  $E$ ) is shown dotted. A histogram of the relative spectral amplitudes is shown at the right in each case, normalized to the response at the driving frequency (the first term represents the response at DC)

harmonics. The waveform amplitude saturates above  $E \approx 0.5$ , although more and more ripples occur with increasing excitation. That behavior is characteristic of many reed and brass instrument, not to mention the human voice. Above the saturation level, the sensation of further loudness arises primarily due to the increase in harmonic content rather than output power.

The relative harmonic amplitudes for  $N = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 10$  normalized to the fundamental component ( $N = 1$ ) are shown at the right in Fig. A.8 as a histogram, as determined by Fourier analysis. ( $N = 0$  corresponds to a DC rectification term.) Rectification, harmonics, and even subharmonics are an automatic consequence of the nonlinearities assumed. Although subharmonics are not shown in the Fourier spectrum of Fig. A.8, their production in the case of a strong quadratic nonlinear term is discussed in the chapter on the human voice.

## A.14 Dynamic Chaos

At very high values of the driving force  $E$ , the nonlinear oscillator begins to exhibit characteristics of chaos in its motion. As an extreme example, consider the case where there is no damping force at all in the presence of large quadratic and cubic terms in the spring constant with high values of a periodic driving force. Here, even though the solutions are still bound and have strong spectral components at the driving frequency and its higher harmonics, the solutions are not periodic (i.e., they don't repeat themselves from one period to the next). Hence, the oscillator motion becomes unpredictable in detail from one cycle of the driving frequency to the next. An example of this behavior is shown in Fig. A.9. It is not clear that this regime of the nonlinear mechanical oscillator has any direct relevance to the behavior of the real human voice or other musical instruments. But some laryngologists have suggested that dynamic chaos may be present in vibrations of the vocal fold in the



**Fig. A.9** Example of chaotic behavior of the nonlinear oscillator. Here, the damping has been eliminated altogether ( $\gamma = 0$ ) and the oscillator is driven at a very high excitation level ( $E = 1$ ). As before, the driving term is at the normal resonance frequency and indicated by dotted lines. Note that the waveform does not repeat itself precisely from one period to the next

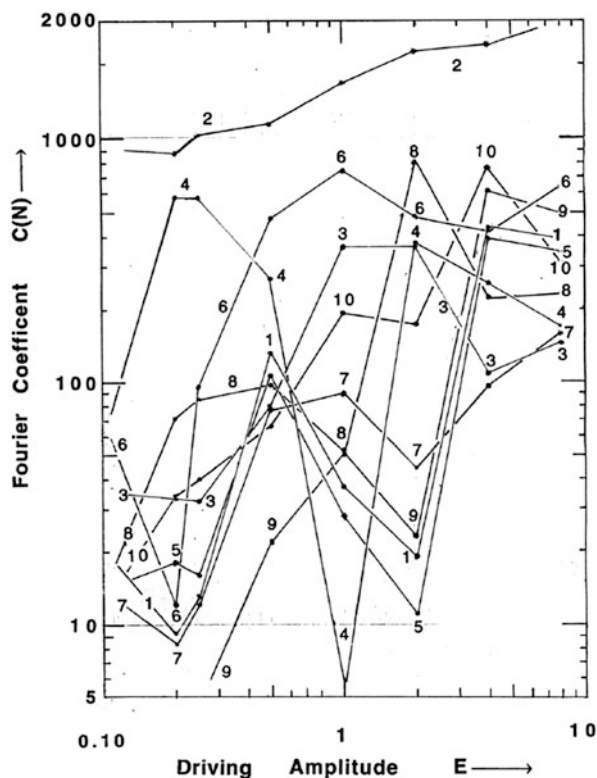
singing voice. (See Sataloff et al. 1998 and Hawkshaw et al. 2001.) However at the present time, these suggestions seem largely to be speculation drawn by analogy to other biomechanical systems where chaos has actually been observed.

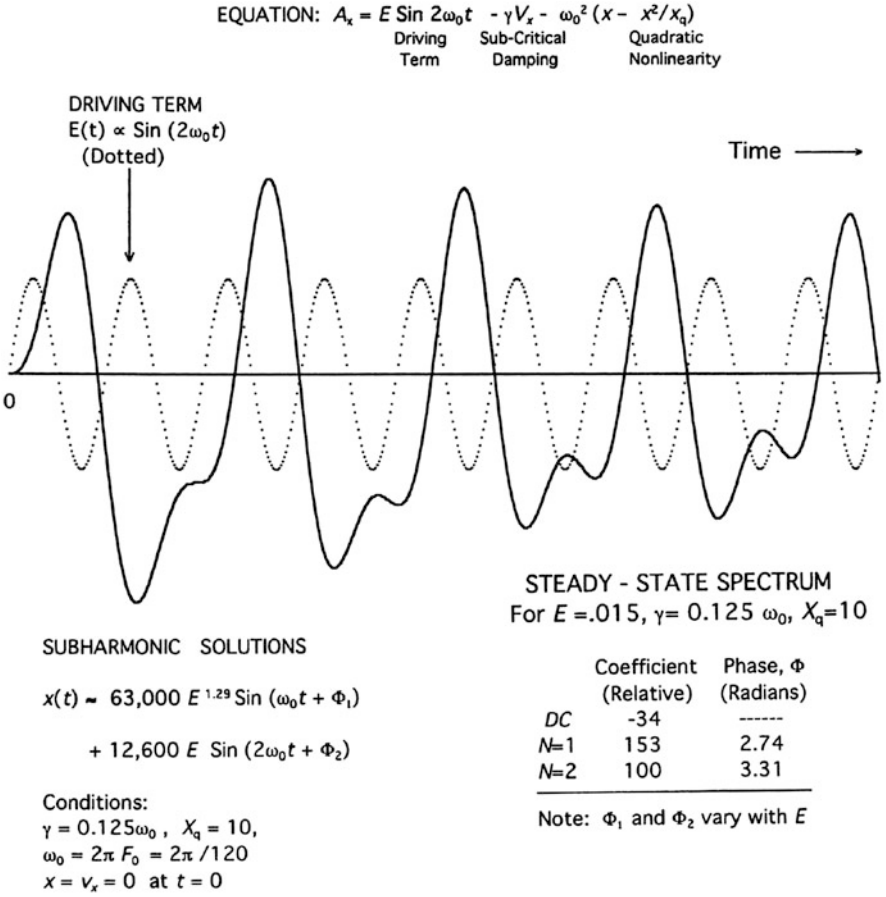
## A.15 Subharmonic Solutions

There is some indication that subharmonics may be present in some musical instruments. For example, the subtones produced by violinist Mari Kimura through use of very large bowing pressure were interpreted by her as subharmonics. (See Chap. 5.) Similarly, the extremely low frequencies produced by the Gyütö monks and the Tuva throat singers might also be due to subharmonic generation. (See Chap. 6 on the singing voice (Fig. A.10).)

Figure A.11 shows a subharmonic solution to the nonlinear oscillator when it only contains a quadratic nonlinear term in the spring constant. As discussed above, the oscillator is highly unstable under these conditions. A very weak potential well exists to trap the mass and the driving force has to be exceedingly small (or the

**Fig. A.10** Variation of Fourier coefficients for nonlinear oscillator solutions of the type in Fig. A.9. As a function of driving amplitude





**Fig. A.11** Subharmonic solution to the forced nonlinear oscillator containing a quadratic term in the spring constant

damping very high) to prevent the oscillator from flying apart, which will happen if  $|x| \geq X_q$ . To illustrate a subharmonic solution, it is useful to assume that the driving acceleration is applied at twice the resonant frequency of the normal linear oscillator. Hence, we will assume

$$E(t) = E \sin(2\omega_0 t) \tag{A.57}$$

as indicated by the dotted lines in Fig. A.11. The subharmonic then occurs at  $\omega_0$ . The damping constant  $\gamma$  for the solution in the figure was chosen to be much smaller than the value  $(2\omega_0)$  for critical damping in order to enhance production of the suboctave harmonic. (Although adding a large damping term would increase the stability of

the oscillator, it would suppress the subharmonic component.) The solution shown includes the transient response when the driving force is initially turned on with the particle at rest at  $x = 0$ . The oscillator amplitude (solid curve) decays into the steady-state solution at the extreme right of the figure, where the fact that it is periodic in half the driving frequency is easily seen by eye. The first two Fourier coefficients and their phases are shown in Fig. A.11, where  $C(1)$  is the subharmonic amplitude and  $C(2)$  is the amplitude of the response at  $2\omega_0$ .

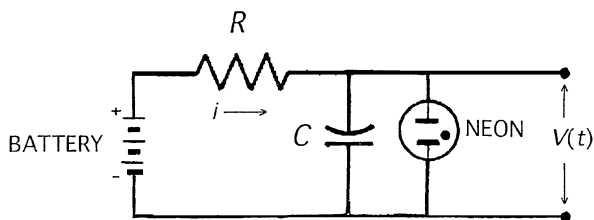
The phases of the two components ( $\Phi_1, \Phi_2$ ) in Fig. A.11 vary in a complex manner with the driving amplitude. As previously noted, the oscillator with a quadratic nonlinearity acts as a rectifier. That is, a significant DC (“Direct Current”) offset occurs in the solutions. With the human voice, the latter might correspond to a net average opening of the glottis which increases with driving amplitude. As discussed above, the presence of a cubic force term results in a stable potential well. A cubic (or at least an odd-symmetric force term) is also to be expected with most mechanical oscillators on a physical basis. As the spring in the mechanical oscillator compresses, the coils will eventually touch each other, creating a strong repulsive force back toward the equilibrium position ( $x = 0$ ). An analogous situation occurs in the larynx when the glottis completely closes. At the other extreme, a large opening of the glottis would result in increased contact with other tissue in the larynx and provide a similar repulsive force back toward equilibrium. Hence, there is justification for an odd-symmetric force at large amplitudes and a cubic term is the simplest one to incorporate. However, the presence of the cubic term produces odd harmonics and reduces the subharmonic content.

## A.16 The Relaxation Oscillator

A relaxation oscillator was used in the Dudley VODER discussed in the chapter on speech synthesis and a mechanical analog to the relaxation oscillator occurs in the grab-slip phenomenon in bowed strings discussed in the chapter on bowed strings. A very simple version is shown in Fig. A.12.

In Fig. A.12, a battery or other DC (“Direct Current”) voltage supply at the left charges the capacitor  $C$  by means of a current  $i = dq/dt$  flowing through the resistor  $R$ . Ignoring the neon tube at the right of the circuit for the moment, the charge  $q$  flowing to the capacitor would obey the equation,

**Fig. A.12** A simple relaxation oscillator circuit



$$E = R \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{q}{C}, \quad (\text{A.58})$$

where  $E$  is the battery voltage (or “electromotive force”). Dividing the equation by  $R$  and using the integrating factor  $e^{(t/RC)}$ , it is seen that the voltage across the capacitor is

$$V(t) = \frac{q(t)}{C} = E \left[ 1 - e^{t/RC} \right], \quad (\text{A.59})$$

where we have assumed that there was no initial charge on the capacitor before connecting the battery. Expanding the exponent,

$$V(t) = E \frac{t}{RC} + \text{Order} \left( \frac{t}{RC} \right)^2. \quad (\text{A.60})$$

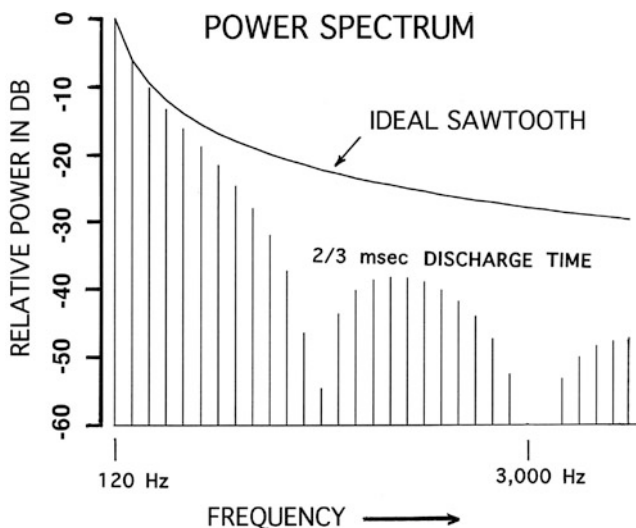
Hence, for  $t \ll RC$ , the voltage  $V(t)$  rises linearly with time.

It is a characteristic of neon bulbs that once the voltage reaches a threshold value called the “ignition voltage,” a value somewhat above the ionization potential of the neon atom ( $\approx 21.6$  V) but dependent on the pressure and electrode geometry, a discharge occurs through the gas. The discharge current persists until the voltage drops below the “extinction voltage,” a value somewhat below the first excited state of the atom ( $\approx 11.5$  V), but again modified by the geometry and pressure. Hence, the capacitor,  $C$ , will be repeatedly charged up through the resistor  $R$  and then discharged through the neon bulb. The period for this process will be in the order of  $RC$  (a time constant characteristic of the circuit), but will be modified by the magnitude of the power supply voltage.

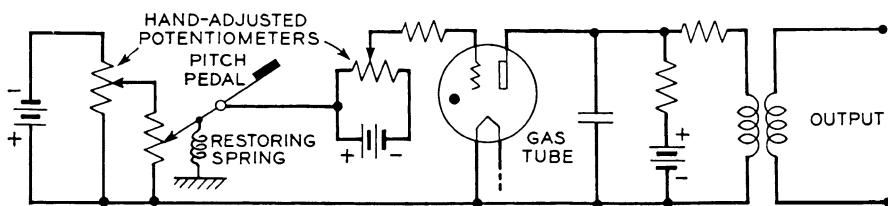
If the discharge through the neon bulb occurred instantaneously, the output voltage  $V(t)$  in the limit that  $t \ll RC$  would approach an ideal sawtooth waveform, which has harmonic amplitudes that decrease as  $1/n$ , where  $n$  is the harmonic number; i.e., the power spectrum falls off as  $1/n^2$ . For example, if the  $RC$  time constant were adjusted so that the fundamental frequency of the oscillator were 120 Hz (typical of the vocal cord resonance in an adult male and the source frequency used in the Dudley VODER and VOCODER), the power spectrum of the oscillator would be distributed as shown by the solid line in Fig. A.13. In practice, the discharge time is not zero and is limited by drift mobilities of ions and electrons and other collision processes in the neon tube to values somewhat less than a millisecond (but also modified by pressure and tube geometry). The finite discharge time can reduce the harmonic output of the relaxation oscillator significantly, as shown by the histogram in Fig. A.13. The histogram was computed by Fourier analysis for an assumed discharge time of 2/3 of a millisecond. The minima at the harmonics for  $N = 13$  and 26 correspond to multiples of the ratio of the oscillator period to the discharge time ( $\approx 13:1$ ).

The limitations of the simple oscillator in Fig. A.12 may be overcome by using more complex circuitry such as that shown in Fig. A.14. For example, the capacitor





**Fig. A.13** Power spectrum for a relaxation oscillator with finite discharge time compared with the spectrum from an ideal sawtooth waveform. The histogram was computed from the square of the Fourier coefficient amplitudes for the waveform



**Fig. A.14** Relaxation oscillator used in the Dudley VODER (a manually operated synthetic speaker) first exhibited at the 1939 San Francisco Exhibition and New York World's Fair. Reproduced from Dudley (1939) by permission of Lucent Bell Laboratories, Jean Dudley Tinkle and Richard Dudley. The spectrum produced by this circuit closely matched that for the Ideal Sawtooth shown in Fig. A.13

could be charged by a constant current generator to provide greater linearity during the charging cycle and the discharge of the capacitance could be achieved through a triggered, high- mutual-conductance tube or avalanche diode. Dudley's oscillator was actually the inverse of the circuit shown in Fig. A.12. He used a gas triode with a control grid and filament to charge the capacitance (in  $\approx 0.3$  ms). The capacitance was then allowed to discharge by itself with roughly a 0.8-ms time constant. The period of his oscillator (nominally  $\approx 10$  ms) was varied by biasing the control grid on the gas tube. Because the discharge pulse occupied a small fraction of the period, the power spectrum was very close to that for the ideal sawtooth shown in

Fig. A.13.<sup>7</sup> (Contemporary VOCODERS such as the MAM Model VF-11 use linear sawtooth generators that do not depend on gas discharge tubes.)

## A.17 The Helmholtz Resonator

A number of acoustical problems can be analyzed in terms of Helmholtz Resonators. The diagram in Fig. A.15 is useful in deriving the resonant frequency of such a volume resonator.

We first want to calculate the change in pressure in the large volume that occurs when the gas (not necessarily just air) contained in the small cylinder is pushed into the sphere of initial volume  $V_0$ . Since a small volume of gas is added and we are ultimately going to consider changes in which that volume of gas goes in and out of the sphere, it is appropriate to think of the process as one in which there is no net heat flow in or out of the system. For such an “adiabatic” process involving an ideal gas, it is shown in thermodynamic texts that<sup>8</sup>

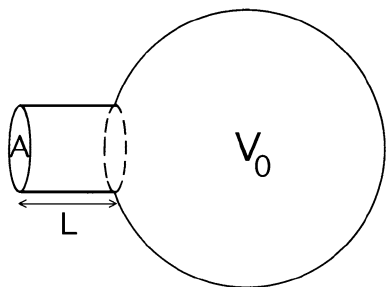
$$PV^\gamma = \text{constant, with } \gamma = C_p/C_v, \quad (\text{A.61})$$

where  $P$  is the pressure of gas occupying volume  $V$  and  $\gamma$  is the ratio of specific heats for the gas at constant pressure  $C_p$  and constant volume  $C_v$ . The ratio  $\gamma$  varies appreciably depending on the molecular complexity of the gas. (See Table A.2.)

Now suppose a piston of area  $A$  is pushed through the cylinder of length  $L$  in Fig. A.14 forcing the gas from the small volume

$$\Delta V = A \times L \quad (\text{A.62})$$

**Fig. A.15** Schematic diagram of a Helmholtz oscillator of volume  $V_0$



<sup>7</sup>See Dudley 1939; Figs. 7, 10, and 11.

<sup>8</sup>See, e.g., Zemansky (1951, Section 6.7.)

**Table A.2** Values of  $\gamma$  for different common gases near room temperature

Gas	Wet air	Helium	Argon	Hydrogen	Nitrogen	Carbon dioxide	Methane
$\gamma$	1.37	1.67	1.67	1.40	1.40	1.29	1.30

Source: Zemansky (1951, pp. 129, 130). Zemansky notes that a method for measuring  $\gamma$  was devised by Rüchhardt in 1929 in which the mass of air in the Helmholtz cylinder was replaced by a small metal ball fitting snugly in the tube and measuring the oscillation frequency when the apparatus was oriented with the tube in the vertical direction

into the sphere. Differentiating Eq. (A.60) yields

$$\Delta P V^\gamma \gamma P V^{\gamma-1} \Delta V = 0, \quad (\text{A.63})$$

where  $\Delta P$  is the change from the initial pressure  $P$  in the sphere due to the change in gas volume  $\Delta V$ . Rearranging that equation,

$$\Delta P = \gamma P \Delta V / V. \quad (\text{A.64})$$

Hence, the change in pressure in the sphere is

$$\Delta P = \frac{\gamma P A L}{V_0} \quad (\text{A.65})$$

which results in a force pushing back on the hypothetical piston per unit length of the cylinder (i.e., the effective “spring constant”  $K$  for the system) given by

$$K = \frac{\gamma P A^2}{V_0}. \quad (\text{A.66})$$

One thus has a situation where a pressure fluctuation pushing in on the cylinder of gas with mass  $\rho A L$  activates harmonic oscillation. Comparing these results with the basic harmonic oscillator equations [Eq. (A.1) through Eq. (A.4)], the oscillation frequency at resonance is seen to be

$$\omega_0 = 2\pi f_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma P A^2}{V_0}} / \sqrt{\rho A L} = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma P A}{\rho L V_0}}. \quad (\text{A.67})$$

The resonant frequency can be rewritten in terms of the velocity of sound  $c$  in the gas as

$$f_0 = \frac{c}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{A}{L V_0}} \text{ where } c = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma P}{\rho}} \quad (\text{A.68})$$

## Appendix B

### Vibrating Strings and Membranes

#### B.1 The Wave Equation for the Vibrating String

Just as with the harmonic oscillator described in Appendix A, the differential equation describing the motion of a vibrating string can be derived by a simple application of Newton's law of motion,  $\mathbf{F} = m\mathbf{a}$ . Here, it is especially important to realize that both the force  $\mathbf{F}$  and the acceleration  $\mathbf{a}$  are vectors (i.e., have direction as well as magnitude).

Consider the element of string under tension  $T$  between positions  $x$  and  $x + \Delta x$  along the horizontal axis as shown in Fig. B.1. We assume that the magnitude of the tension is constant throughout the length of the string and that the deflection  $y(x)$  in the vertical direction is small. By small, we mean specifically that the angle  $\theta$  that the curve makes with respect to the  $x$ -axis is small enough so that

$$\sin \theta = \tan \theta = \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \quad (\text{B.1})$$

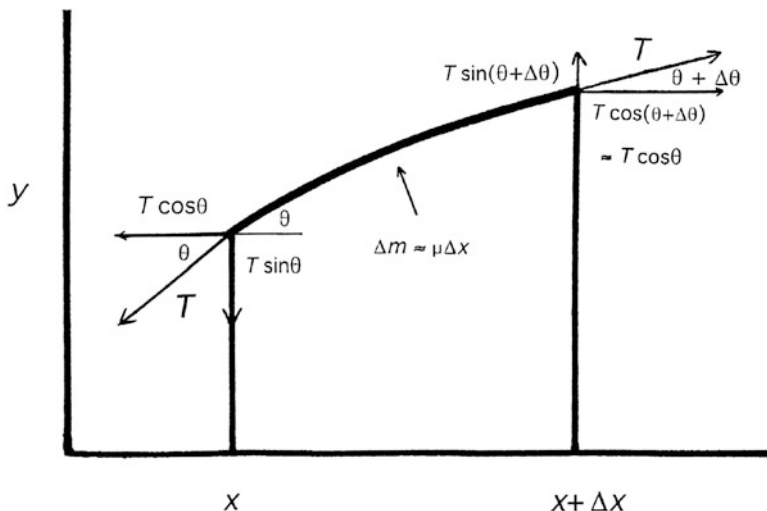
at each point on the curve. The net force on the string in the vertical ( $y$ ) direction is then given by the difference in  $y$  components (each of form  $T \sin \theta$ ) of the tension between  $x$  and  $x + \Delta x$ . Defining  $\mu$  to be the mass per unit length and using approximation B.1, the net vertical component of Newton's equation acting on the differential string element  $\Delta x$  with mass  $\Delta m = \mu \Delta x$  becomes

$$F_y \approx T \left[ \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)_{x+\Delta x} - \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)_x \right] = \Delta m a_y = \mu \Delta x \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}. \quad (\text{B.2})$$

(The horizontal components of force cancel within the present approximation.)

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**Fig. B.1** Forces on a differential element of a vibrating string

Next, we expand the function  $y/x$  in a Taylor series about the point  $x$ , noting<sup>1</sup>

$$\left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}\right)_{x+\Delta x} = \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}\right)_x + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}\right)_x \Delta x^1 + \text{Order}(\Delta x^2). \quad (\text{B.3})$$

Substituting Eq. (B.3) into the left side of Eq. (B.2) gives

$$F_y \approx T \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}\right)_x \Delta x^1 + \text{Order}(\Delta x^2). \quad (\text{B.4})$$

Substituting Eq. (B.4) into Eq. (B.2) and taking the limit as  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$  yields

$$T \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \mu \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} \quad (\text{B.5})$$

which is the same as the wave equation,

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} \quad (\text{B.6})$$

<sup>1</sup>The Taylor series permits evaluating any well-behaved function  $f(x)$  at a point displaced to  $x + \Delta x$  by the infinite series

$f(x + \Delta x) = f(x) + \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}\right)_x \Delta x^1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}\right)_x \Delta x^2 + \frac{1}{3!} \left(\frac{\partial^3 y}{\partial x^3}\right)_x \Delta x^3 + \dots$  Here, we simply let  $f(x) = \partial y / \partial x$ .

given in Chap. 1, provided the velocity of the wave is

$$c = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}} \quad (\text{B.7})$$

Note that  $\mu$  is in units of mass per unit length.

## B.2 General Solution of the Wave Equation

Equation (B.6) is linear and can be solved by separating the space- and time-dependent variables through a substitution of the type

$$y(x, t) = X(x)T(t) \quad (\text{B.8})$$

where  $X(x)$  is only a function of  $x$  and  $T(t)$  is only a function of  $t$ . Substituting this definition into Eq. (B.6) and dividing by  $y(x, t)$  yields

$$\frac{1}{X(x)} \frac{\partial^2 X(x)}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^2 T(t)} \frac{\partial^2 T(t)}{\partial t^2} \equiv -k^2 = \text{constant}. \quad (\text{B.9})$$

That is, the only way the left side of the equation (which depends only on  $x$ ) could equal the right side (which depends only on  $t$ ) for all values of  $x$  and  $t$  is to have both sides equal to the same constant, chosen here to be  $-k^2$  to insure that it is a negative value. (If we had chosen a positive constant at this point the solutions would not be oscillatory.) Equation (B.9) implies two separate differential equations,

$$\frac{\partial^2 X(x)}{\partial x^2} + k^2 X(x) = 0 \text{ and } \frac{\partial^2 T(t)}{\partial t^2} + k^2 c^2 T(t) = 0. \quad (\text{B.10})$$

These equations are both of the Harmonic Oscillator type discussed in Appendix A and have solutions of the form

$$X(x) \propto \sin kx \text{ and } T(t) \propto \cos \omega t \text{ or } T(t) \propto \sin \omega t \quad (\text{B.11})$$

provided  $k^2 c^2 = \omega^2$ . (The solution  $X(x) \propto \cos kx$ , although perfectly valid, would not satisfy the boundary conditions on  $x$  in the present problem.) The requirement that  $X(x) = 0$  at both  $x = 0$  and  $x = L$  in Eq. (C.11) is satisfied by

$$k_n = n\pi/L \text{ where } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \text{ hence, } \omega_n = k_n c = n\pi c/L. \quad (\text{B.12})$$

The cyclical resonant frequencies are then given by  $F_n = \omega_n/2\pi = nc/2L$  as we showed in Chap. 1 by two different methods. Note that the spatial boundary

conditions in Eq. (B.12) are what actually determine the resonant frequencies of the string. Again, because the wave equation is linear, any linear combination of solutions of the type described by Eq. (B.11) is a solution to Eq. (B.6). The most general solution is of the form originally given by Daniel Bernoulli,

$$y(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin(n\pi x/L) \cos(2\pi n F_0 t) \text{ or } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin(n\pi x/L) \sin(2\pi n F_0 t). \quad (\text{B.13})$$

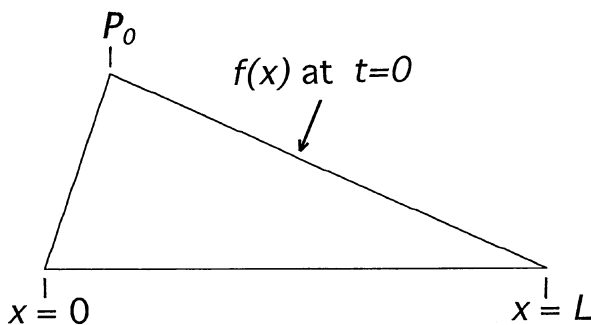
The form on the left containing  $\cos(2\pi n F_0 t)$  is most useful when the shape of the string is known at  $t = 0$  (as in the case of the plucked string). The second form containing  $\sin(2\pi n F_0 t)$  is most useful when the initial conditions involve the velocity at some point on the string, because there one needs to evaluate  $\partial y/\partial t \propto \cos(2\pi n F_0 t)$  at  $t = 0$  (as for a string struck by a piano hammer, or bowed on a violin).<sup>2</sup>

### B.3 The Plucked String

Here, the first form of the solution given in Eq. (B.13) is the most useful. At  $t = 0$ , the string is distorted into a triangular shape of the type shown in Fig. B.2. [But keep in mind that the solutions given above apply for sufficiently small deflections of the string such that the approximation in Eq. (B.1) is satisfied. Figure B.2 greatly exaggerates the relative size of the deflection for the sake of illustration.]

Consider what happens when a string is plucked at  $t = 0$  at some specific point  $x = P_0$  along its length,  $L$ . If the amplitude of the string at  $t = 0$  at the plucking point is  $A$ , we see from Eq. (1) that

**Fig. B.2** Shape of a plucked string at  $t = 0$  (the amplitude is greatly exaggerated)



<sup>2</sup>The point in both cases is, of course, that  $\cos(2\pi n F_0 t) = 1$  at  $t = 0$ , which leaves us with  $y(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin(n\pi x/L)$ .

$$y(x, 0) = f(x) = \begin{cases} Ax/P_0, & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq P_0 \\ A(L-x)/(L-P_0), & \text{for } P_0 \leq x \leq L. \end{cases} \quad (\text{B.14})$$

From Eq. (B.13) at  $t = 0$ ,

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin(n\pi x/L). \quad (\text{B.15})$$

Here, we can use the same orthogonality properties of the sine function summarized in Chap. 1 to obtain the values of the coefficients  $A_n$ , yielding

$$A_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_{x=0}^L f(x) \sin(n\pi x/L) dx. \quad (\text{B.16})$$

The integral must be broken into two parts in accordance with the form of  $f(x)$  given in Eq. (B.14). The spectral amplitudes are then determined from

$$A_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_{x=0}^{P_0} (A_x/P_0) \sin(n\pi x/L) dx + \frac{2}{L} \int_{P_0}^L [A(L-x)/(L-P_0)] \sin(n\pi x/L) dx. \quad (\text{B.17})$$

Integrating by parts and collecting terms, one obtains

$$A_n = \frac{2AM^2}{(M-1)n^2\pi} \sin(n\pi/M) \quad (\text{B.18})$$

for the spectral distribution, where  $M = L/P_0$  is a measure of the plucking point and it is assumed that  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  is an integer. ( $M$  does not have to be an integer.) Note that for  $M = 2$  (plucking at the mid-point), one only gets odd harmonics and that  $A_n = 0$  for  $n$  equal to integral multiples of  $M$ .

The time-dependent motion of the string is then obtained by substituting the amplitude coefficients  $A_n$  from Eq. (B.18) back into the original equation for  $y(x, t)$  given at the left of Eq. (B.13). Examples of the motion are shown in Chap. 3.

## B.4 The Struck String

Some instruments (especially, various forms of the piano and a few Hungarian instruments such as the Cembalom used by Kodaly) hit the string with a hammer. In this case, the right-hand solution in Eq. (B.13) is the appropriate form to start with because the boundary condition at  $t = 0$  is one on velocity. Hence, we will start with a solution of the form,



$$y(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin(n\pi x/L) \sin(2\pi n F_0 t). \quad (\text{B.19})$$

The velocity distribution over the string is obtained by taking  $\partial y/\partial t$ , giving

$$v(x, t) = \frac{\partial y(x, t)}{\partial t} = 2\pi F_0 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n A_n \sin(n\pi x/L) \cos(2\pi n F_0 t). \quad (\text{B.20})$$

In principle one could integrate the equation over some finite pulse duration during which the hammer was in contact with the string. However, we shall just assume here that a velocity distribution is suddenly imparted to the string by the hammer before the string has a chance to move. The approximation will be best for the low notes on the instrument where the vibrational periods are longest. In that approximation the velocity distribution at  $t = 0$  is given by

$$v(x, 0) = V(x) = 2\pi F_0 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n A_n \sin(n\pi x/L). \quad (\text{B.21})$$

Then, in analogy with Eq. (B.16), the spectral coefficients are given by<sup>3</sup>

$$A_n = \frac{1}{n F_0 L} \int_0^L V(x) \sin(n\pi x/L) dx. \quad (\text{B.22})$$

As an example, consider a hammer that imparts a rounded velocity distribution to the string of the type shown in Fig. B.3, for which the velocity distribution is given by

$$V(x) = V_0 \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{P_0 - x}{R} \right)^2 \right] \text{ for } P_0 - R \leq x \leq P_0 + R \quad (\text{B.23})$$

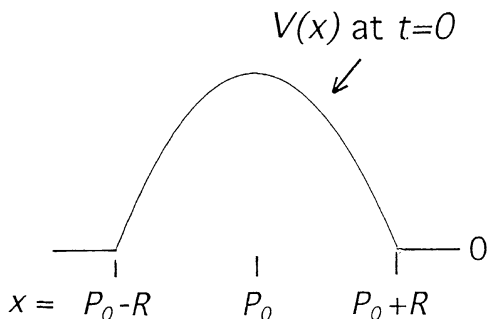
and  $V(x)$  is assumed to be zero everywhere else.  $V(x)$  has a rounded maximum value of  $V_0$  at  $x = P_0$ , with an effective width of  $2R$ . (Roughly speaking,  $R$  corresponds to the hammer radius at the tip.) Although the shape was arbitrarily assumed, it is not unlike that found at the top of felt hammers currently used in grand pianos.

For the assumption in Eq. (B.23), the spectral coefficients in Eq. (B.22) become

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<sup>3</sup>i.e., noting that for  $m, n$  integers,  $\int_0^L \sin(mx/L) \sin(nx/L) dx = \begin{cases} L/2, & \text{for } m = n. \\ 0, & \text{for } m \neq n. \end{cases}$

**Fig. B.3** Shape of the velocity pulse given by Eq. (B.23)

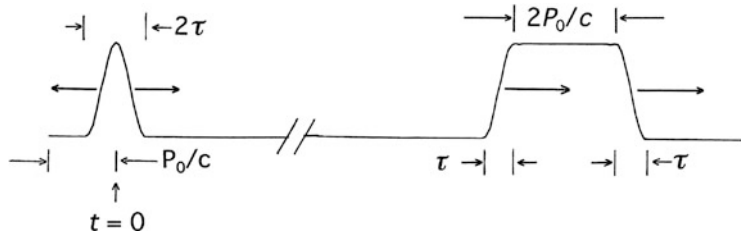


$$A_n = V_0 \frac{2H^2}{n^4 \pi^4 F_0} \left\{ -\cos n\pi \left( \frac{H+M}{MH} \right) + \cos n\pi \left( \frac{H-M}{MH} \right) - \frac{n\pi}{H} \sin n\pi \left( \frac{H-M}{MH} \right) - \frac{n\pi}{H} \cos 2\pi \left( \frac{H+M}{MH} \right) \right\} \quad (\text{B.24})$$

where  $n$  is the harmonic number,  $H = L/R$  (the string length divided by the hammer radius) and  $M = L/P_0$  (the ratio of the string length to the striking point, in analogy to the case of the plucked string). As in the case of the plucked string, Eq. (B.24) gives only odd harmonics when  $M = 2$ , or the string is struck in the middle. Also,  $A_n = 0$  for  $n = M$  (or the string is struck at a node for the  $M^{\text{th}}$  harmonic). In this approximation, voicing the hammer corresponds to adjusting the value of  $H$ .

The shape of the string as a function of time is obtained by putting the values of  $A_n$  from Eq. (B.24) back into the right-hand side of Eq. (B.13). Immediately after the hammer hits the string, a narrow pulse (of width  $2\tau$  at the left of Fig. B.5) pops up at the striking point ( $x = P_0$ , occurring at  $t = 0$  in the figure). This narrow pulse consists of two equal-amplitude, oppositely-directed running waves. As time increases, the initial pulse broadens until the wave running to the left bounces off the support at  $x = 0$ , where it undergoes a “hard” reflection and changes sign. Now negative, it travels back in the  $+x$  direction, canceling out its previous positive portion. Meanwhile, the running wave initially moving to the right has continued on its way. The result of adding these two running waves together is an isolated broader, positive pulse (at the right in Fig. B.4) that runs the length of the string.

The rise and fall times ( $\tau$ ) of this wider pulse are each equal to half of the initial narrow-pulse duration. However, the breadth of the wide pulse is determined by the time delay taken for that half of the initial pulse that bounces off the support at  $x = 0$  to get back to the striking point at  $x = P_0$ . Hence, as indicated in the figure, the broad pulse time duration is  $2P_0/c$ , where  $c$  is the velocity of the wave. After reaching the point  $x = L$ , two “hard” reflections (in succession for each running wave) occur which send an inverted pulse back toward  $x = 0$ . Examples of these solutions, together with their spectral distribution, are shown in Chap. 4.



**Fig. B.4** Pulses launched on the string by the striking process. Left: The initial pulse at the striking point. Right: The broader pulse running down the string after the first reflection

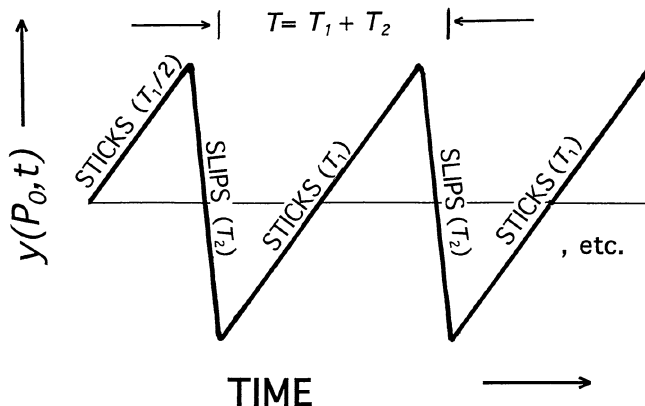
## B.5 The Bowed String

As described in Chap. 5, the excitation of a violin string consists of a stick-slip process which is repeated at the fundamental round-trip frequency ( $c/2L$ ) and causes pulses to run back and forth on the string of length  $L$ . The problem is different from the plucked- and struck-string problems treated above in that the string at the contact point (which we will again take to be  $x = P_0$ ) is forced to move at about the constant velocity of the bow until slipping occurs. When the string does slip, it returns rapidly to its initial point where it is again grabbed by the bow and the process repeats. The string displacement thus executes a sawtooth motion at the point  $P_0$ . Helmholtz (1885, pp.384–386) presented an approximate solution to the problem in which he assumed straight-line motion in the two halves of the stick-slip cycle. He then used Fourier analysis of this sawtooth motion and expressed the spectral amplitudes in the solution to the string equation in terms of those Fourier coefficients. The idealized motion is illustrated in Fig. B.5, where we will assume the amplitude varies from  $-1$  to  $+1$  in the vertical direction and note that the vertical displacements are centered about the time axis.

As in the case of the struck string waveform, we will take the general solution for the shape of the string to be

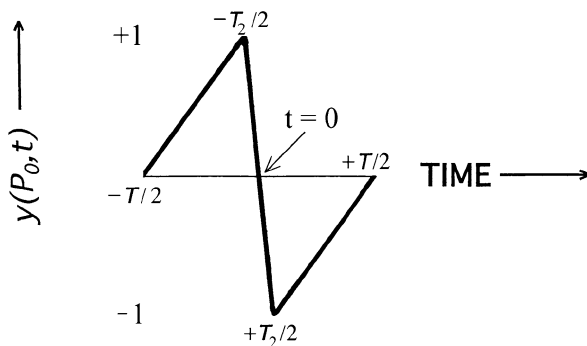
$$y(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin(n\pi x/L) \sin(2\pi n F_0 t). \quad (\text{B.25})$$

But here, the boundary condition that determines the expansion coefficients  $A_n$  is on the time-dependent saw-tooth motion at the bowing point  $x = P_0$  shown in Fig. B.5. In Helmholtz's formulation of the problem, he expressed one cycle of the motion in a general Fourier series including both sine and cosine terms in the time. He then shifted the time axis to obtain a result involving a series of sine terms only. Although that approach is perfectly valid and straightforward, there is a lot tedious algebra required to keep track of all the terms. It is simpler to note at the start from symmetry that, if we choose the origin of the time axis to be centered in the slip cycle as shown in Fig. B.6, one only needs sine terms in the Fourier series. Thus, the



**Fig. B.5** Slightly more than two idealized Stick-Slip cycles, corresponding to up-bowing. The total period is  $T = T_1 + T_2$ , where  $T_1$  is the “Stick” time and  $T_2$  is the “Slip” time

**Fig. B.6** Choice of time origin to simplify the calculation of the Fourier series



series for the motion at the bowing point may be written

$$y(P_0, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sin(2\pi n F_0 t). \quad (\text{B.26})$$

The Fourier coefficients are then given by

$$\begin{aligned} C_n &= \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{+T/2} \sin(2\pi n F_0 t) dt \\ &= \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{-T_2/2} \left( t + \frac{T}{2} \right) \sin(2\pi n F_0 t) dt \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T_2/2}^{+T_2/2} \left[ \frac{T_2}{2} - \left( t + \frac{T_2}{2} \right) \right] \frac{2}{T_2} \sin(2\pi n F_0 t) dt \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \frac{2}{T} \int_{T_2/2}^{T/2} \left[ -\frac{T_1}{2} + \left( t - \frac{T_2}{2} \right) \right] \frac{2}{T_1} \sin(2\pi n F_0 t) dt,$$

which simplifies to

$$C_n = -\frac{2}{n^2\pi^2} \left( \frac{T}{T_1} \right) \left( \frac{T}{T_2} \right) \sin \left( n\pi \frac{T_2}{T} \right) \text{ where } T = T_1 + T_2. \quad (\text{B.27})$$

One then substitutes Eq. (B.27) in Eq. (B.26) and compares the result with Eq. (B.25) for  $x = P_0$ . It is then seen that

$$y(x, t) = -A \sum_{n \neq L/P_0}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n^2\pi^2} \left( \frac{T}{T_1} \right) \left( \frac{T}{T_2} \right) \frac{\sin(n\pi T_2/T)}{\sin(n\pi P_0/L)} \sin(n\pi x/L) \sin(2\pi n F_0 t), \quad (\text{B.28})$$

where  $A$  has been introduced as an amplitude scaling factor and Eq. (B.28) was used to compute the figures illustrating the Helmholtz method in Chap. 5. The singularity that would occur if  $L/P_0$  were an integer is avoided by setting the partial amplitude to zero for that harmonic. (That particular harmonic would not be excited because the bow would be at a node.) For more general behavior such as that reported by Pickering for real strings and discussed in Chap. 5, one must use the general form of the Fourier series including cosine terms in which the Fourier coefficients are computed numerically by methods equivalent to those discussed in Appendix C.

## B.6 The Torsional Wave Equation<sup>4</sup>

As discussed in Chap. 5, the generation of torsional waves is important in the case of large diameter bowed strings under large bowing force. In this case, a form of the wave equation analogous to that in Eq. (B.5) also applies, but with very different wave velocity.

First, consider a hollow uniform cylinder of radius  $r$  and thickness  $dr$  stretched in the  $x$ -direction with the angular rotation at point  $x$  along the cylinder given by  $\partial\varphi/\partial x$ . The shear force on the cylinder material is given by  $nr\partial\varphi/\partial x$  where  $n$  is defined as the “rigidity” given by

$$n \equiv \frac{Y}{2(\mu + 1)} \text{ where } \frac{\text{Lateral Contraction}}{\text{Longitudinal Extension}}, \quad (\text{B.29})$$

$Y$  is Young’s modulus, and by definition

<sup>4</sup>Nearly all treatises on mechanics ignore the torsional wave equation. The present derivation is based on one given by Lord Rayleigh (1877, pp. 243–254.)

$$\text{Longitudinal Extension} \equiv \frac{\text{Actual Length} - \text{Natural Length}}{\text{Natural Length}}. \quad (\text{B.30})$$

The quantity  $n$  lies between  $Y/2$  and  $Y/3$  for different materials.

The moment of inertia  $dI$  for a hollow cylinder of length  $dx$  is given by

$$dI = \rho 2\pi r^3 dr dx$$

where  $\rho$  is the mass density. The net change in resisting torque from shear over that length is

$$\Delta \text{Torque} = n 2\pi r^3 dr dx \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x^2} = n \frac{dI}{\rho} \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x^2} dx$$

where we have made use of a Taylor expansion to show that

$$\left( \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} \right)_{x+dx} - \left( \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} \right)_x = \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x^2} dx$$

Applying Newton's law relating torque and angular acceleration, we get the torsional wave equation,

$$n \frac{dI}{\rho} \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x^2} dx = dI \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial t^2} dx \text{ or } \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{n/\rho} \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial t^2}. \quad (\text{B.31})$$

Hence, the torsional waves have a velocity given by

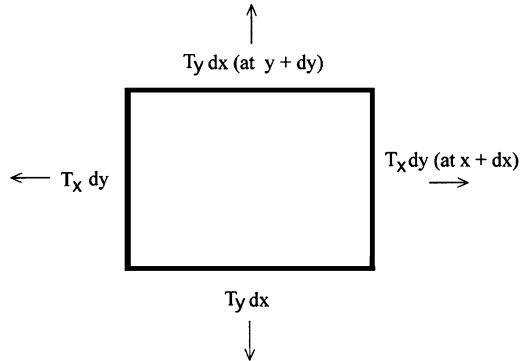
$$c_T = \sqrt{\frac{n}{\rho}}. \quad (\text{B.32})$$

Note that the radial dependence of the moment of inertia cancelled out in these equations. Therefore, the result for  $c_T$  is *independent of the radial mass distribution* as long as it has axial symmetry. One, of course, needs to know the values of the mass density  $\rho$  and of  $n$  from Eq. (B.30) for the string material in order to compute the velocity.

## B.7 The Vibrating Membrane as a Two-Dimensional String

The extension of the wave equation to two-dimensional form follows in a straightforward manner from the derivation of the vibrating string equation given at the start of this appendix. Here, we will consider a thin membrane extending in the  $x$  and  $y$  directions with small vibrational amplitude in the  $z$  direction.

**Fig. B.7** View looking down on the membrane



Here, we use a two-dimensional extension of the argument given in connection with Fig. B.1. (See Fig. B.7.) The constant tension  $T$  will now be per unit length along the  $x$  and  $y$  directions and we are concerned with the net restoring force in the  $z$ -direction acting on a differential mass element  $\Delta m = \mu \Delta x \Delta y$ , where  $\sigma$  is the mass density per unit area of the membrane. Applying Newton's Law to the motion in the  $z$ -direction for this differential membrane element, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_z &\approx T_x \Delta y \left[ \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)_{x+\Delta x} - \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)_x \right] + T_y \Delta x \left[ \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)_{y+\Delta y} - \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)_y \right] \Delta x \\
 &= \Delta m a_z = \sigma \Delta x \Delta y \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial t^2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

As with the one-dimensional case, we can get the component of force normal to the surface by expanding the functions  $dz/dx$  and  $dz/dy$  in a Taylor series about the point  $x, y$  noting that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)_{x+\Delta x} &= \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)_x + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)_x \Delta x^1 + \text{Order}(\Delta x^2) \text{ and } \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)_{y+\Delta y} \\
 &= \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)_y + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)_y \Delta y^1 + \text{Order}(\Delta y^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting in the force equation and neglecting quadratic terms in  $\Delta x, \Delta y$ , we get

$$F_z \approx T_y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)_x \Delta x^1 + T_x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)_y \Delta y^1 + \text{Order}(\Delta x^2, \Delta y^2)$$

where we have assumed that  $T_x$  might not be equal to  $T_y$  for the sake of generality. (That permits having different wave velocities in the two orthogonal directions.) Substituting in the force equation and taking the limit as  $\Delta x, \Delta y \rightarrow 0$ , we get a non-isotropic form of the two-dimensional wave equation

$$\left(\frac{1}{T_y}\right) \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \left(\frac{1}{T_x}\right) \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\sigma}{T_x T_y} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial t^2}.$$

Of course, if  $T_x = T_y$ , this expression reduces to the more usual isotropic form of the two-dimensional wave equation,

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial t^2} \quad (\text{B.33})$$

for which the wave velocity,  $c$ , is the same in both directions. That is,

$$c = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\sigma}} \text{ for } T = T_x = T_y. \quad (\text{B.34})$$

With the isotropic case, the variables are easily separable and we can write

$$Z(x, y, t) = X(x)Y(y)T(t) \quad (\text{B.35})$$

which substituted in the wave equation yields

$$\frac{1}{X(x)} \frac{\partial^2 X(x)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{Y(y)} \frac{\partial^2 Y(y)}{\partial y^2} = \frac{1}{c^2 T(t)} \frac{\partial^2 T(t)}{\partial t^2} \equiv -k^2 = \text{contant}. \quad (\text{B.36})$$

The solutions must be valid for all values of  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $t$  and the only way that can happen is for the separate terms to equal constants. Here as in the one-dimensional case, we take a negative definite constant for the time-dependent part of the solution to insure stable oscillatory solutions. The first two terms on the left of the equation may be rewritten

$$\frac{1}{X(x)} \frac{\partial^2 X(x)}{\partial x^2} = -k_x^2, \quad \frac{1}{Y(y)} \frac{\partial^2 Y(y)}{\partial y^2} = -k_y^2, \quad \text{where } k_x^2 + k_y^2 = k^2 \quad (\text{B.37})$$

where  $k_x$  and  $k_y$  are constants. This substitution gives rise to solutions of the form

$$\begin{aligned} X(x) &\propto \sin k_x x \text{ and / or } \cos k_x x \\ Y(y) &\propto \sin k_y y \text{ and / or } \sin k_y y \\ T(t) &\propto \cos \omega t \text{ and / or } \sin \omega t \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.38})$$

where  $Z(x, y, t)$  is given by the product of the three.

Spatial boundary conditions determine the resonant frequencies. For example, if the membrane is clamped on all edges, the solutions must have zero amplitude there and the appropriate spatial functions are

$$X(x) \propto \sin k_x x \text{ and } Y(y) \propto \sin k_y y \quad (\text{B.39})$$



with

$$k_x = n_x \pi / L_x \text{ and } k_y = n_y \pi / L_y \text{ where } n_x, n_y = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (\text{B.40})$$

The oscillation frequencies of these modes are then given by

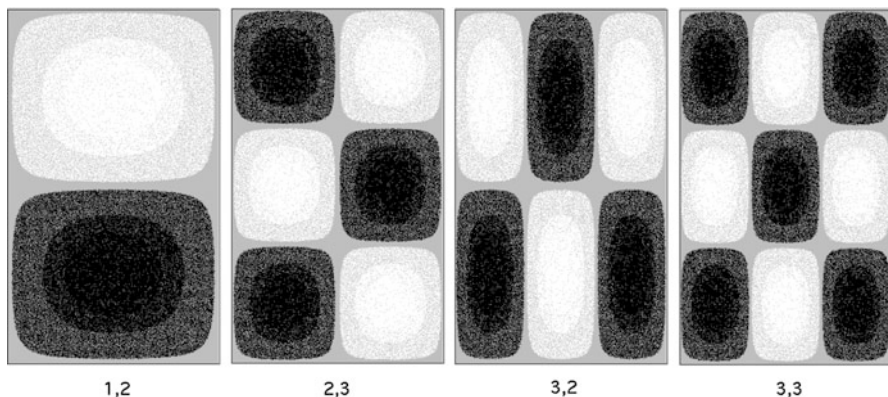
$$\omega_n = c \sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2} = \pi c \sqrt{\left(\frac{n_x}{L_x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{n_y}{L_y}\right)^2}. \quad (\text{B.41})$$

The equations for the homogeneous membrane give rise to modes of the type illustrated in Fig. B.8.

Solutions for the nonisotropic membrane are of interest because of their relationship to those in thin soundboards (for example, in harpsichords and violins) in which the velocity of wave propagation is quite different in the two principal orthogonal directions. The solutions in that case may be obtained in exactly the same way using the principle of separability. However, it is easier to note that the solutions for the non-isotropic case may be obtained from those for the isotropic case by a simple coordinate transformation of the type

$$x' = T_y x \text{ and } y' = T_x y. \quad (\text{B.42})$$

Hence, the case of nonequal velocities in the two orthogonal directions has solutions that are equivalent to the isotropic case with different relative dimensions of the rectangular membrane.



**Fig. B.8** Modes for a rectangular membrane (or drumhead) in which the tensions (wave velocities) are equal in both coordinate directions and the sides are in the ratio of 2:3

As noted above, the equation of motion in this case is of the form

$$\left(\frac{1}{T_y}\right) \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \left(\frac{1}{T_x}\right) \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = \left(\frac{\sigma}{T_x T_y}\right) \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial t^2} \quad (\text{B.43})$$

Again the equation is separable in the time and space variables by the substitution

$$Z(x, y, t) = X(x)Y(y)T(t). \quad (\text{B.44})$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{1}{T_y X(x)}\right) \frac{\partial^2 X(x)}{\partial x^2} + \left(\frac{1}{T_x Y(y)}\right) \frac{\partial^2 Y(y)}{\partial y^2} &= \frac{\sigma}{T_x T_y} \left(\frac{1}{T(t)}\right) \frac{\partial^2 T(t)}{\partial t^2} \\ &= -\omega^2 = \text{constant} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.45})$$

where a negative constant was again chosen to assure a stable oscillatory solution with angular frequency  $\omega$ . For the two terms on the left of the equation to add up to a constant, each must separately be constant. Hence,

$$\frac{\partial^2 X(x)}{\partial x^2} + \omega_x^2 T_y X(x) = 0 \text{ and } \frac{\partial^2 Y(y)}{\partial y^2} + \omega_y^2 T_x Y(y) = 0 \quad (\text{B.46})$$

with solutions

$$X(x) \propto \sin \omega_x \sqrt{T_y} x \text{ and } Y(y) \propto \sin \omega_y \sqrt{T_x} y, \quad (\text{B.47})$$

where

$$\omega_x \sqrt{T_y} = n_x \pi / L_x \text{ and } \omega_y \sqrt{T_x} = n_y \pi / L_y \text{ where } n_x, n_y = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (\text{B.48})$$

That is, the modes are determined by the spatial boundary condition that the vibrational amplitudes are zero on the boundaries; that is, we assume the membrane is clamped on the edges. The oscillatory frequency for a given mode is then given by

$$\omega = \sqrt{\omega_x^2 + \omega_y^2} = \pi \sqrt{n_x^2 / L_x^2 T_y + n_y^2 / L_y^2 T_x} \quad (\text{B.49})$$

and they, in general, will not be harmonically related.

## B.8 Circular Membranes

Drums utilize circular membranes in most cases. These are easiest to treat using circular (or cylindrical) coordinates. Consider a coordinate system where the radius vector  $r$  is in the  $xy$  plane at angle  $\phi$  with respect to the  $x$  axis (Fig. B.9). (The new and old  $z$ -axes are identical.)

It may be shown that the two-dimensional wave-equation operator transforms as<sup>5</sup>

$$\frac{\partial^2 A(x, y)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 A(x, y)}{\partial y^2} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial A(r, \phi)}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 A(r, \phi)}{\partial \phi^2}. \quad (\text{B.50})$$

Hence, the wave equation in circular coordinates becomes

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial A}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial \phi^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial t^2} \text{ where } c = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\sigma}} \quad (\text{B.51})$$

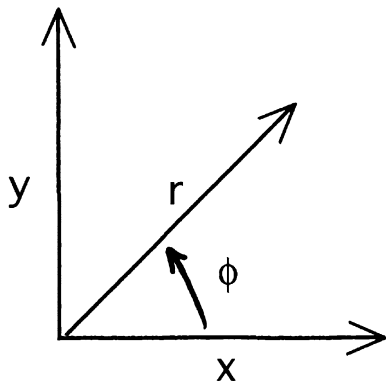
$c$  is the running wave velocity (assumed to be the same in all directions),  $T$  is the constant tension per unit length around the circumference, and  $\sigma$  is the mass density per unit area.

Again, we can separate the variables in the form

$$A(r, \phi, t) = R(r)\Phi(\phi)T(t), \quad (\text{B.52})$$

where  $T(t) \cos(\omega t)$  or  $T(t) = \sin(\omega t)$ .

**Fig. B.9** Relation of rectangular and cylindrical coordinates



<sup>5</sup>See, e.g., Weatherburn (1951), pp. 15 and 16.

Then we get

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \varphi^2} + m^2 \Phi = 0 \text{ where } \Phi(\varphi) = \cos(m\varphi) \text{ or } \Phi(\varphi) = \sin(m\varphi). \quad (\text{B.53})$$

Because  $\Phi(\varphi)$  must be periodic in  $2\pi$  so that the function closes on itself in one revolution about  $z$ -axis, we must have  $m = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$ . This condition means that

$$\frac{\partial^2 R}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} + \left( \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} - \frac{m^2}{r^2} \right) R = 0, \quad (\text{B.54})$$

which is known as Bessel's Equation and has solutions of the form

$$J_m(x) = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} (-1)^p \frac{(x/2)^{m+2p}}{p!(m+p)!}. \quad (\text{B.55})$$

where  $J_m(x)$  is a Bessel function of real argument of order  $m$ .<sup>6</sup> Hence, the radial solutions for the circular membrane are of the form

$$R(r) \propto J_m \left( \frac{\omega}{c} r \right) = J_m(kr). \quad (\text{B.56})$$

A particular time-dependent solution is then

$$A(r, \varphi, t) \propto \cos(m\varphi) J_m(k_{m,n}r) \cos(2\pi f_{m,n}t). \quad (\text{B.57})$$

The nodal diameter for a particular allowed solution is determined by the value of  $m$  and arises from the periodicity requirement on  $\Phi(\varphi)$ . The allowed values of the parameter  $k$  are then determined by the requirement that the rim of the circular drum corresponds to a root  $n$  of the Bessel function of that particular order,  $m$ . Thus, the resultant values of  $k$  depend on two integers,  $m$  and  $n$ . The frequency of the mode of vibration then is given by

$$f_{m,n} = \frac{k_{m,n}c}{2\pi} \quad (\text{B.58})$$

To illustrate a particular mode for a circular kettle drum of radius,  $R_0$ , it is necessary to scale the argument of the Bessel function so that it goes through zero for a particular root when  $r = R_0$ . Thus, a given kettle drum mode distribution would be proportional to

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<sup>6</sup>During the Great Depression, mathematicians were hired by the WPA to compute tables of Bessel Function up to order 600 or more and in high precision. These tables, which are now totally obsolete if any rudimentary computer is available, were stored in the basement of Low Library at Columbia University.

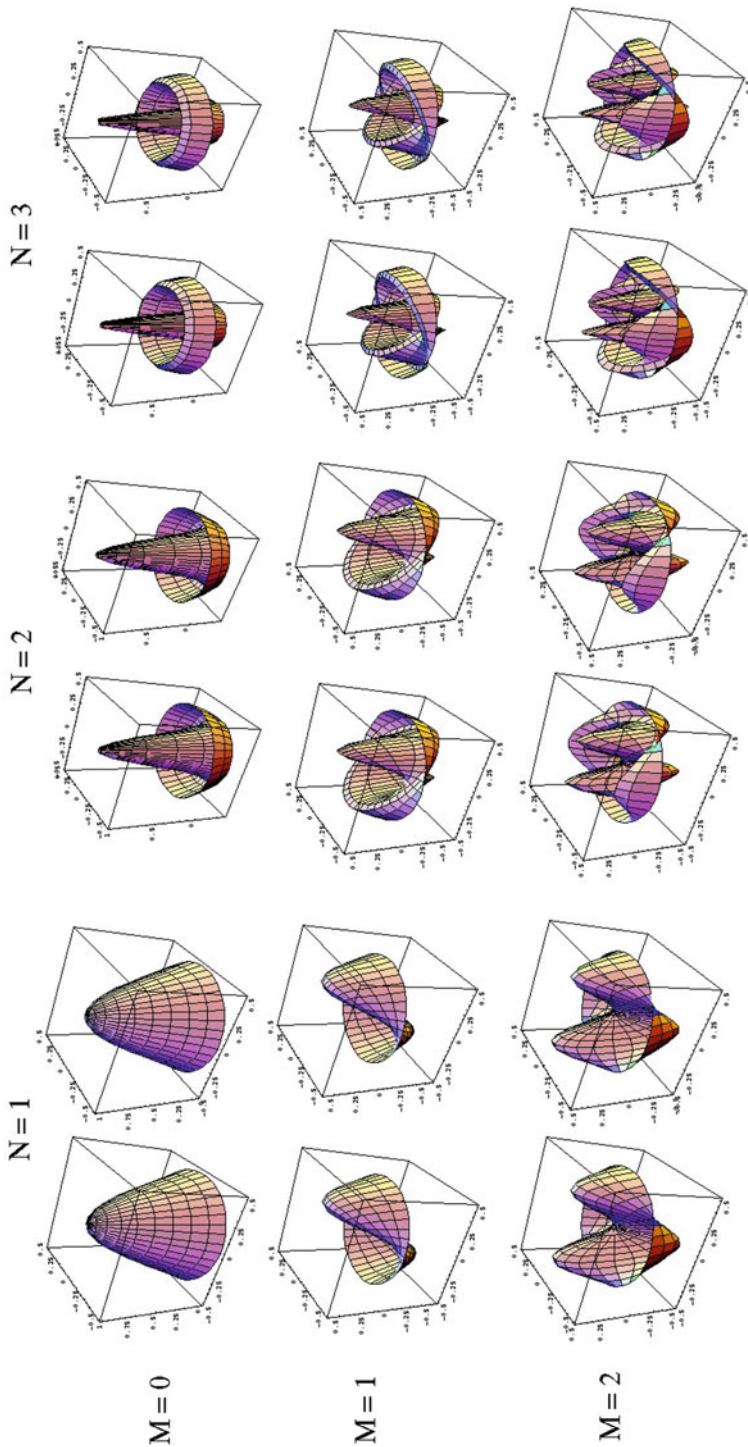
**Table B.1** Values of  $k_{m,n}$  (roots) for the Bessel function  $J_m$ 

$m, n$	1	2	3	4	5
0	2.40483	5.52008	8.65373	11.7915	14.9309
1	3.83171	7.01559	10.1735	13.3237	16.4706
2	5.13562	8.41724	11.6198	14.796	17.9598
3	6.38016	9.76102	13.0152	16.2235	19.4090
4	7.58834	11.0647	14.3725	17.616	20.8269

Computed by the author

$$\cos(m\varphi)J_m\left(k_{m,n}\frac{r}{R_0}\right). \quad (\text{B.59})$$

Approximate values for the first few roots of the Bessel function  $J_m$  are given in Table B.1. (Such modes are sometimes called “eigen functions” and the quantities  $k_{m,n}$  are “eigen values.”) Representative kettledrum mode shapes are shown in Fig. B.10 in 3-D.



**Fig. B.10** The first few kettledrum modes from Eq. (B.59) and Table B.1 are shown in stereoscopic pairs. Note that for  $M = 0$ , there are no nodal diameters; for  $M = 1$ , there is one nodal diameter; and for  $M = 2$ , there are two nodal diameters. Similarly, for  $N = 1$  there is one circular node (at the rim of the drum); for  $N = 2$  there are two circular nodes; and for  $N = 3$  there are three such nodal circles. To see these figures stereoscopically, hold the paper as near to your eyes as permits comfortable focusing. For each pair, you should see four images—two with each eye. Make the two center images coincide in your brain. The amplitudes are exaggerated for clarity (The figures were computed by the author)

## Appendix C

### Fourier Analysis

We will include here some of the mathematical details dependent on calculus that were omitted in Chap. 2, together with a working program for discrete Fourier analysis. We will restrict the discussion to “well-behaved” periodic functions which obey

$$V(\theta + 2\pi) = V(\theta), \quad (\text{C.1})$$

for which Fourier (1822) showed that the function  $V(\theta)$  may be written

$$V(\theta) = C_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin n\theta + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \cos n\theta. \quad (\text{C.2})$$

We wish to evaluate the DC constant  $C_0$  together with the harmonic coefficients  $A_n$  and  $B_n$ .

Determining the DC constant in Eq. (C.2) is particularly easy. Recalling the fact that the definite integral is just equal to the area under the curve,<sup>1</sup> it is apparent that the integrals of all the sine and cosine terms in Eq. (C.2) over one period will identically vanish; i.e., the sine and cosine functions have equal areas above and below the horizontal axis. Hence, in averaging Eq. (C.2) over one fundamental period, all of the  $\sin n\theta$  and  $\cos n\theta$  terms will drop out, leaving

$$C_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} V(\theta) d\theta \quad (\text{C.3})$$

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<sup>1</sup>The fact that the area under the curve in the integrand is given by the definite integral between two points on the horizontal axis is sometimes called “The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus.”

where, as indicated using a notation invented by Fourier himself, the definite integral runs from 0 to  $2\pi$  radians.

Determining the coefficients  $A_n$  and  $B_n$  for the waveform is a little harder. Here, we will make use of something known as the “orthogonality” of the sine and cosine functions over one period.<sup>2</sup> You can show from trigonometric identities that<sup>3</sup>

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sin m\theta \cos n\theta d\theta = 0 \quad (\text{C.4})$$

for all integral values of  $m$  and  $n$ .

Similarly, it can be shown that<sup>4</sup>

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sin m\theta \sin n\theta d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \cos m\theta \cos n\theta d\theta = \begin{cases} \pi, & \text{for } m = n. \\ 0, & \text{for } m \neq n. \end{cases} \quad (\text{C.5})$$

where  $m$  and  $n$  are integers.

To evaluate the general coefficient  $A_m$ , multiply both sides of Eq. (C.2) by  $\sin m\theta$  and integrate from 0 to  $2\pi$ . All the terms in the Fourier series then vanish except for

$$A_m = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} V(\theta) \sin m\theta d\theta. \quad (\text{C.6})$$

Similarly to get  $B_m$ , multiply Eq. (C.2) by  $\cos m\theta$  obtaining

$$B_m = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} V(\theta) \cos m\theta d\theta. \quad (\text{C.7})$$

Then, as shown in Chap. 2, we may rewrite  $V(\theta)$  as

$$V(\theta)C_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sin(n\theta + \varphi_n), \quad (\text{C.8})$$

<sup>2</sup>The term arises because the sines and cosines can be regarded as projections of orthogonal “vectors” in a multi-dimensional space in the sense that their generalized dot- (or scalar-) products vanish.

<sup>3</sup>Since

$$2 \sin m\theta \cos n\theta = \sin(m+n)\theta + \sin(m-n)\theta$$

and  $m$  and  $n$  are integers, the integrals of the sine functions on the right side of this identity over one period must vanish.

<sup>4</sup>E.g., consider the identity

$$2 \sin m\theta \sin n\theta = \cos(m+n)\theta - \cos(m-n)\theta.$$

If  $m \neq n$ , integrals over one period on the right side both vanish. But if  $m = n$ , the second term on the right side of the trig identity is  $\cos(0) = 1$ . Hence, for  $m = n$ ,

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sin m\theta \sin n\theta d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta = \pi$$



where the constants are given by

$$C_n = \sqrt{A_n^2 + B_n^2} \text{ for } n \geq 1 \text{ and } \varphi_n = \arctan(B_n/A_n). \quad (\text{C.9})$$

The procedure for determining the Fourier coefficients then consists of computing the integrals in Eqs.(C.3), (C.6), and (C.7), which generally must be done numerically from digital samples of the waveform over one period. Then one uses Eq.(C.9) to determine the net harmonic amplitude and phase. There is one pitfall to avoid in computing the phase from the arctangent relation in Eq.(C.9). Computer programming languages and pocket calculators do not always have provision for automatically putting the angle whose tangent is  $(B/A)$  in the correct quadrant. If the computer only deals with the numerical result from evaluating  $x = B/A$ , it cannot tell what the quadrant should be from the statement  $\phi = \text{ATN}(x)$ . If  $A$  is positive, the answer for  $\phi$  will be correct and the angle will fall in either the first or fourth quadrant. However, if  $A$  is negative, the answer will be wrong and should fall in the second or third quadrant. The problem is solved in BASIC by including statements such as

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{ATN}(B/A) \\ &\text{IF } A < 0 \text{ THEN } \phi = \phi + \pi. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.10})$$

The FORTRAN programming language has a single arctangent statement of the type  $\text{ATAN2}(B/A)$  that takes care of the problem. If any phase angle were off by  $\pi$ , reconstruction of the waveform from the Fourier coefficients would give the wrong shape. Of course, the spectrum of harmonic amplitudes wouldn't be altered. Reconstruction of the original waveform is, of course, obtained by substituting the coefficients  $C_n$  and  $\phi$  back into Eq.(C.8). If the reconstructed waveform does not match the original, you have either made a mistake or have not taken enough harmonics into account. (See Fig. 2.12.)

## C.1 Energy Distribution in a Fourier Series

It is generally true in classical physics (i.e., non quantum-mechanical problems) that the energy in a vibrating system is proportional to the square of the amplitude of the disturbance. That fact is shown in detail for the harmonic oscillator in Appendix A. What we are interested in here is the average value of the square of the amplitude over the fundamental period of the Fourier series. The relative values are usually of main concern rather than the absolute values. Suppose we have a waveform of the type

$$y(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sin(n\omega t + \varphi_n). \quad (\text{C.11})$$

Then, the average energy over one cycle is<sup>5</sup>

$$\text{Energy} \propto \frac{1}{T} \int_0^{2\pi} y(t)^2 dt = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n^2 \quad (\text{C.12})$$

where  $T = 1/f = 2\pi/\omega$  is the fundamental period of the waveform. Hence, the relative energy in the  $n^{\text{th}}$  harmonic is simply proportional to  $C_n^2$ .

## C.2 Program for Discrete Fourier Analysis<sup>6</sup>

The following program is written in BASIC, but could easily be rewritten in FORTRAN or another language. In what follows, REM means a remark that is ignored by the computer. Explanatory comments after the apostrophe (') are also ignored when the computer runs.

**REM** Dimension statements<sup>7</sup>

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DIM A(50), B(50), C(50), P(50) ' For Fourier
coefficients
DIM V(255) ' To store the Data
Pi = 4*ATN(1.0) ' Pi = Greek \pi

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**REM** Enter data **for** one period = P<sup>8</sup>

**READ** P

<sup>5</sup>To prove the statement, note that  $y^2(t)$  could be written

$$y(t)^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sin(n\omega t + \varphi_n) \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} C_m \sin(m\omega t + \varphi_m).$$

Hence,

$$\text{Energy} \propto \frac{1}{T} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} C_n C_m \int_0^T \sin(n\omega t + \varphi_n) \sin(m\omega t + \varphi_m) dt$$

where the terms for  $m \neq n$  vanish because of orthogonality of the sine functions.

<sup>6</sup>Note: In order to save running time, it really pays to compile the program.

<sup>7</sup>Arrays are just subscripted variables; e.g., A(N) is the same as the mathematical variable AN. Dimension(DIM) statements tell the computer to set aside the maximum number of elements that could appear in the array; e.g., DIM A(50) means that there could be 50 elements (harmonics) in array A(N).

<sup>8</sup>The READ statement assigns the next previously unread number within DATA statements in the program to a given variable. E.g., here P = 109, which is the total number of points in the following DATA statements and V(1) = 3. The loop structure, FOR I = 1 TO P permits using the same statement, READ V(I), within the loop over and over for P times. The loop is closed by the NEXT I statement. Note that the waveform is periodic. (The first and last points are both equal

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FOR I=1 TO P
READ V(I) NEXT I

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REM Mode-Locked Garden Hose (normalized to  $\pm 1000$ )
REM P= Number of points in Period = the first datum
  DATA 109
DATA 3,20,43,68,111,176
DATA 273,426,634,861,1000,989
DATA 864,705,563,452,358,273
DATA 199,136,85,45,17,-14
DATA -40,-63,-85,-105,-125,-129
DATA -151,-162,-165,-165,-165,-165
DATA -170,-165,-170,-170,-170,-173
DATA -173,-170,-162,-159,-156,-153
DATA -151,-142,-139,-136,-131,-128
DATA -128,-128,-125,-119,-114,-108
DATA -102,-94,-91,-91,-91,-91
DATA -91,-91,-91,-91,-91,-91
DATA -85,-82,-82,-80,-74,-74
DATA -74,-80,-80,-80,-80,-80
DATA -82,-82,-82,-85,-88,-91
DATA -91,-91,-91,-91,-91,-85
DATA -82,-80,-74,-71,-68,-65
DATA -60,-57,-45,-37,-28,-14
DATA 3

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REM Fundamental frequency in Hz
DATA 307.692 ' Not used in this program

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REM Display of the Waveform9
Xmax=550 'Xmax and Ymax are the maximum number
Ymax=500 'of pixels available and vary with the
computer
REM Plot Horizontal Axis
  Pen=0
  X=0
  Y=Ymax/2
  GOSUBS PLOT

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to 3.) The DATA were all taken with an A- to-D (Analog-to-Digital) converter with 1 part in 1000 resolution, hence are in the range 1000.

<sup>9</sup>Xmax and Ymax are the maximum number of points ("pixels") used on the plotting device. Pen is a "Pen- Lift" variable. (Imagine plotting on an old-fashioned xy-recorder.) See Subroutine PLOT: for its meaning.

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        Pen=1
    X=Xmax
    GOSUB PLOT
REM Plot Waveform
        Pen=0
        FOR I=1 TO P
            Y=0.5*Ymax*(1+V(I)/1000)
            X=(I-1)*Xmax/(P-1)
            GOSUB PLOT
        Pen=1
    NEXT I

REM Chosing the maximum number of harmonics10

    PRINT ' 'Nmax' '
    INPUT  Nmax
REM Harmonic Analysis11

    A0=2*Pi/(P-1)      ' A0 is a constant used in the loop
    on N.
    FOR N=0 TO Nmax    ' N=0 corresponds to the constant or
    DC term
        A(N)=0
        B(N)=0
        FOR I=1 TO P
            A(N)=A(N)+V(I)*SIN(N*A0*(I-1))
            B(N)=B(N)+V(I)*COS(N*A0*(I-1))
        NEXT I
        A(N)=A(N)*2/(P-1)
        B(N)=B(N)*2/(P-1)

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<sup>10</sup>Normally one could simply estimate the maximum number of harmonics (Nmax) from the number of wiggles in one period of the waveform and INPUT (enter) that number from the keyboard. The present case is tricky because the waveform is a sharp pulse without wiggles. One way is to make a guess (e.g., Nmax = 20) and see how closely the waveform reconstructed from the Fourier coefficients agrees with the original. Then increase (or decrease) Nmax as needed. See Fig. 2.12.

<sup>11</sup>This part of the program takes most of the running time. A(N) and B(N) correspond to the Fourier amplitudes given by the integrals in Eq. (C.6) and (C.7). They are done here numerically by a method equivalent to drawing straight lines between the successive points and adding up the areas (the "trapezoidal Rule"). Each variable A(N) and B(N) is initially set to zero and the increments repeatedly added within the loop **FOR** I = 1 TO P-1 in a series of the type  $A(N)0.5(y_1 + y_2)\Delta x 0.5(y_2 + y_3)\Delta x + \dots + 0.5(y_{P-1} + y_P)\Delta x = (y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + \dots + y_{P-1})\Delta x + 0.5(y_P - y_1)\Delta x$  which simplifies because  $y_P = y_1$  (i.e., the series is periodic.) Here, e.g.,  $y_i = V(I) * \sin(N * A0 * (I - 1))$  and  $\Delta x = 1$ . The net Fourier amplitude  $C(N)$  and phase  $P(N)$  are computed using Eqs. (C.6), (C.7), and (C.8).

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      C(N)=SQR(A(N)*A(N)+B(N)*B(N))
      IF N>0 THEN P(N)=ATN(B(N)/A(N)) ' avoid DC term
      IF A(N)<0 THEN P(N)=P(N)+Pi      ' arctangent
problem
NEXT N
REM DC or constant term next
      C(0)=B(0)/2
REM Plot Histogram of the Coefficients
      REM Find Maximum Harmonic coefficient, Cmax
      Cmax=-1E30 'A negative number below the
smallest likely C(N)
      FOR N=1 TO Nmax
          IF C(N)>Cmax THEN Cmax=C(N)
      NEXT N
      FOR N=1 TO Nmax
          X=(N-1)*Xmax/Nmax
          Y=0
          Pen=0
          GOSUB PLOT
          Y=C(N)*Ymax/Cmax
          Pen=1
          GOSUB PLOT
      NEXT N

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### C.3 Additional Waveforms

Additional musical instrument waveforms are presented below in the same format as that given above for the garden hose for those who might like to study them and for use elsewhere in this book. These data were taken in Davies Auditorium at Yale, using a high-quality Sennheiser MKH104 omnidirectional microphone with uniform response ( $\pm 1$  dB) over the range from 50 Hz to 20 kHz and the Hewlett-Packard equipment shown in Fig. 2.9. The 10-bit A-to-D converter used had a dynamic range of about 60 dB. The instruments were played without vibrato by professional musicians to whom the author is greatly indebted. The brass instruments were played by James Undercoffler; the violins, by Syoko Aki; the oboe, heckelphone, krummhorn and rohr schalmei by James Ryan; and flute and piccolo by Leone Buyse. I am indebted to the late William Liddell for the use of his krummhorns, to Richard Rephann for the loan of the historic brass instruments from the Yale Instrument Collection, and to Robert Sheldon of the Smithsonian Collection in Washington, DC for playing the serpent. The heckelphone was loaned by the Yale Concert Band and the rohr schalmei was borrowed from the author's personal pipe organ.

**F-Cornet**

DATA 107  
 DATA -4,44,114,163,212,249  
 DATA 280,301,311,319,321,321  
 DATA 311,290,259,223,166,111  
 DATA 57,5,-47,-83,-106,-122  
 DATA -124,-119,-98,-83,-67,-52  
 DATA -41,-47,-62,-83,-109,-150  
 DATA -192,-231,-259,-285,-301,-303  
 DATA -293,-269,-228,-166,-96,-13  
 DATA 78,174,275,370,477,578  
 DATA 681,777,870,948,995,1000  
 DATA 974,886,764,617,433,244  
 DATA 67,-101,-238,-345,-412,-448  
 DATA -461,-448,-415,-383,-337,-301  
 DATA -272,-259,-251,-269,-301,-332  
 DATA -365,-399,-425,-446,-453,-456  
 DATA -446,-425,-399,-383,-368,-355  
 DATA -347,-337,-329,-301,-262,-241  
 DATA -210,-166,-117,-65,-4

**REM** Cornet Frequency in Hz

DATA 316.075

**Piccolo Trumpet**

DATA 168  
 DATA -5,97,195,280,367,450  
 DATA 530,610,680,755,807,857  
 DATA 898,935,967,982,997,1000

Piccolo Trumpet DATA -755,-720,-673,-623,-563,-500  
 DATA 168 DATA -433,-355,-272,-193,-110,-5  
 DATA -5,97,195,280,367,450 **REM** Piccolo Trumpet  
 Frequency in Hz

DATA 530,610,680,755,807,857 DATA 597.672  
 DATA 898,935,967,982,997,1000  
 DATA 995,987,965,940,910,875  
 DATA 835,797,742,695,637,585  
 DATA 527,475,417,357,302,247  
 DATA 187,130,85,37,-10,-50  
 DATA -80,-110,-140,-160,-180,-193  
 DATA -203,-200,-200,-193,-170,-155  
 DATA -130,-93,-55,-12,35,77  
 DATA 125,177,227,277,325,367  
 DATA 408,450,490,517,545,567

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DATA 580,587,590,590,580,560
DATA 540,515,485,450,408,367
DATA 327,285,240,190,147,97
DATA 55,15,-35,-65,-100,-133
DATA -155,-180,-200,-215,-230,-233
DATA -245,-245,-242,-245,-242,-240
DATA -238,-235,-238,-235,-235,-242
DATA -253,-260,-265,-282,-300,-320
DATA -343,-363,-390,-413,-440,-463
DATA -490,-513,-535,-557,-583,-603
DATA -623,-643,-660,-680,-690,-715
DATA -733,-753,-773,-793,-810,-830
DATA -845,-857,-873,-875,-875,-882
DATA -873,-870,-857,-835,-810,-785
DATA -755,-720,-673,-623,-563,-500
DATA -433,-355,-272,-193,-110,-5
REM Piccolo Trumpet Frequency in Hz
DATA 597.672

REM Visual reconstruction from the Fourier
      coefficients12

Pen=0
FOR I=1 TO P
      V(I)=C(0)          ' constant or DC term
      FOR N=1 TO Nmax
          V(I)=V(I)+C(N)*SIN(N*A0*I+P(N))
      NEXT N
      Y=0.5*Ymax*(1+V(I)/1000)
      X=(I-1)*Xmax/(P-1)
      GOSUB PLOT
      Pen=1
NEXT I

REM Dummy Input to retain display
INPUT Q$

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<sup>12</sup>Here, we reconstruct the Fourier Series to compare with the original waveform initially stored in V(I). (The contents of the array V(I) are changed when the program runs.) Note that without the constant or DC term, the reconstructed waveform may be offset vertically from the original waveform. An effective DC offset can sometimes arise from the presence of low-frequency background noise that is unrelated to the waveform of interest. Several languages also permit constructing the sound of the waveforms, in which case the fundamental frequencies contained in the last DATA statement is important.

**END**

SUBROUTINE<sup>13</sup>

PLOT

RETURN

**REM** Pen=0 plots points at (X,Ymax-Y), with origin  
at (0,Ymax)

**REM** Pen=1 Draws line from last point to coordinates  
(X, Ymax-Y)

**IF** Pen=0 **THEN** POINT (X, Ymax-Y)

**IF** Pen=1 **THEN** LINE (X, Ymax-Y)

Note: Some programming languages permit constructing the sound of the waveform. The fundamental frequencies for each waveform are included in Hz in the DATA statements for that purpose.

**French Horn (Loud)**

```
DATA 151
DATA 21,112,188,242,273,318
DATA 356,387,399,394,385,371
DATA 349,309,264,200,133,76
DATA 38,21,17,17,26,52
DATA 67,95,121,147,159,171
DATA 176,166,157,143,140,138
DATA 128,124,124,124,133,143
DATA 147,147,143,140,135,133
DATA 119,105,93,76,62,26
DATA -12,-52,-95,-138,-181,-214
DATA -252,-283,-299,-314,-309,-295
DATA -268,-249,-240,-233,-214,-195
DATA -166,-128,-76,-10,64,121
DATA 176,216,245,273,285,295
DATA 292,292,302,314,333,340
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<sup>13</sup>The instructions POINT (X,Y) and LINE (X,Y) are intended to plot a point at coordinates X, Y when Pen = 0 and a line from the previously plotted point to coordinates X, Y if Pen = 1, respectively, assuming the origin is in the lower left-hand corner. Plotting commands of this type are contained in most languages, but with varying designations. Most languages now put the origin in the upper left hand corner of the plotting device, in which case one needs to replace Y by Ymax-Y as has been done in the subroutine here. One may also need scaling factors dependent on the maximum number of pixels available in the x and y directions. The convention on naming subroutines varies from one version of BASIC to another. In some versions the term PLOT has a different, specific meaning built into the operating system.



DATA 349,347,347,349,375,428  
 DATA 508,575,627,656,672,679  
 DATA 684,684,689,684,670,641  
 DATA 596,551,508,451,380,304  
 DATA 214,128,45,-43,-164,-314  
 DATA -461,-589,-670,-703,-717,-743  
 DATA -791,-846,-895,-931,-960,-988  
 DATA -1000,-971,-924,-886,-855,-838  
 DATA -836,-841,-838,-829,-774,-698  
 DATA -613,-527,-437,-335,-219,-95  
 DATA 21  
**REM** French Horn Frequency in Hz DATA 222.488

### French Horn (Soft)

DATA 151  
 DATA 4,46,87,121,154,183  
 DATA 212,231,262,272,291,297  
 DATA 306,297,297,291,283,268  
 DATA 264,247,237,229,216,206  
 DATA 200,191,179,166,158,141  
 DATA 131,116,121,112,106,104  
 DATA 100,98,96,83,87,79  
 DATA 73,71,62,56,48,40  
 DATA 40,42,46,54,58,62  
 DATA 64,71,67,73,71,71  
 DATA 75,81,96,104,114,133  
 DATA 156,166,183,212,225,247  
 DATA 272,297,322,349,372,399  
 DATA 422,441,462,484,499,516  
 DATA 528,541,555,563,563,572  
 DATA 570,563,555,545,528,511  
 DATA 486,464,424,391,356,308  
 DATA 262,218,164,116,56,-10  
 DATA -71,-135,-210,-279,-345,-407  
 DATA -482,-541,-607,-661,-719,-773  
 DATA -825,-867,-911,-940,-965,-979  
 DATA -996,-1000,-994,-983,-973,-950  
 DATA -925,-892,-857,-811,-767,-717  
 DATA -659,-603,-536,-468,-403,-343  
 DATA -285,-233,-175,-127,-71,-25  
 DATA 4  
**REM** Soft Fr. Horn Frequency in Hz DATA 223.294

### Ophicleide

DATA 196

DATA -4,-117,-186,-235,-283,-324  
 DATA -348,-393,-421,-421,-377,-324  
 DATA -247,-170,-73,40,126,170  
 DATA 158,142,113,45,-32,-81  
 DATA -138,-202,-259,-287,-312,-340  
 DATA -360,-364,-364,-377,-364,-348  
 DATA -316,-308,-287,-275,-291,-324  
 DATA -348,-377,-393,-413,-405,-389  
 DATA -364,-340,-328,-324,-324,-312  
 DATA -291,-259,-259,-259,-267,-287  
 DATA -291,-283,-279,-247,-170,-73  
 DATA 49,158,259,372,462,526  
 DATA 579,607,611,607,575,518  
 DATA 462,417,401,385,360,332  
 DATA 308,300,267,235,178,121  
 DATA 77,32,24,32,61,81  
 DATA 89,93,109,97,97,105  
 DATA 134,194,251,255,186,77  
 DATA -24,-85,-101,-97,-85,-101  
 DATA -101,-40,40,105,142,142  
 DATA 154,186,223,271,316,381  
 DATA 421,421,405,364,328,304  
 DATA 316,364,421,478,518,514  
 DATA 486,413,304,142,-89,-348  
 DATA -632,-911,-1219,-1510,-1741  
 DATA -1915,-1960,-1911,-1781,-  
 DATA 1603,-1381,-1154  
 DATA -927,-700,-462,-219,28,235  
 DATA 429,595,749,879,955,996  
 DATA 1000,1000,972,964,935,866  
 DATA 777,688,599,514,437,364  
 DATA 304,255,211,170,158,142  
 DATA 126,121,130,126,130,142  
 DATA 142,126,89,-4  
**REM** Ophicleide Frequency in Hz  
 DATA 85.103

### Serpent

DATA 203  
 DATA -5,53,113,167,207,237  
 DATA 233,223,207,170,140,90  
 DATA 47,-7,-47,-87,-107,-113  
 DATA -107,-80,-43,10,73,133  
 DATA 187,223,250,263,263,250  
 DATA 223,200,157,130,73,20

DATA -40,-97,-147,-200,-240,-267  
 DATA -287,-280,-267,-240,-203,-180  
 DATA -163,-133,-123,-127,-120,-123  
 DATA -127,-123,-130,-133,-127,-133  
 DATA -133,-113,-107,-73,-30,37  
 DATA 103,160,210,237,240,250  
 DATA 237,207,170,127,90,73  
 DATA 60,50,40,23,20,-13  
 DATA -47,-80,-120,-150,-187,-193  
 DATA -193,-173,-150,-133,-107,-80  
 DATA -57,-50,-43,0,60,143  
 DATA 237,323,440,533,620,687  
 DATA 740,747,640,460,253,20  
 DATA -353,-737,-1053,-1333,-1497  
 DATA -1527,-1440,-1273,-993,-667  
 DATA -327,-20,210,340,340,260  
 DATA 160,80,-7,-20,50,147,277  
 DATA 420,553,667,773,853,943  
 DATA 997, 1000,970,927,810  
 DATA 673,500,273,40,-193  
 DATA -387,-507,-560  
 DATA -540,-447,-337,-217,-93,23  
 DATA 83,130,147,143,140,140  
 DATA 147,153,167,173,153,117  
 DATA 77,23,-40,-60,-100,-133  
 DATA -173,-203,-240,-267,-280,-280  
 DATA -300,-287,-273,-257,-257,-230  
 DATA -227,-213,-207,-213,-200,-193  
 DATA -163,-150,-110,-70,-5  
**REM** Serpent Frequency in Hz  
 DATA 61.702

### Andreas Amati Violin (G String)

DATA 171  
 DATA 14,-153,-330,-507,-641,-732,-  
 DATA 813,-900,-967,-1000  
 DATA -967,-880,-737,-603,-498,-450,-  
 DATA 426,-431,-440,-426  
 DATA -402,-354,-306,-330,-335,-306,-  
 DATA 273,-177,53,211,364  
 DATA 474,545,593,608,641,641,603  
 DATA 574,493,431,416,431  
 DATA 512,603,651,651,584,459,316,  
 DATA 187,86,0,-100,-177  
 DATA -234,-273,-239,-177,-100

DATA 33,134,201,220,249,278  
 DATA 335,392,469,507,469,383,297  
 DATA 191,124,72,91,124  
 DATA 148,225,354,550,775,895  
 DATA 880,689,397,144,-10,29  
 DATA 144,239,311,278,206,163  
 DATA 234,335,383,440,392  
 DATA 258,33,-62,-24,57,115  
 DATA 96,29,-124,-234,-249  
 DATA -182,-38,57,110,115,124  
 DATA 144,230,340,440,474  
 DATA 402,301,196,67,-62,-201  
 DATA -344,-445,-464,-388  
 DATA -273,-144,-38,129,244,392  
 DATA 507,531,512,435  
 DATA 378,354,344,378,435,536  
 DATA 646,737,766,699,627  
 DATA 545,512,478,474,459,402  
 DATA 378,354,335,340,344  
 DATA 340,301,249,167,77,14  
**REM** Amati Violin Frequency in Hz  
 DATA 196.71

### Ordinary Violin (G String)

DATA 130  
 DATA 76,389,686,854,945,980  
 DATA 872,600,290,27  
 DATA -75,7,168,325,456,566  
 DATA 662,748,796,761  
 DATA 644,491,336,226,137,111  
 DATA 157,254,332,403  
 DATA 496,606,690,690,597,440  
 DATA 254,77,-102,-215  
 DATA -296,-354,-407,-460,-513,-566  
 DATA -637,-746,-878,-976  
 DATA -1000,-912,-743,-584,-454  
 DATA -341,-186,49,270,440  
 DATA 531,518,458,389,350,305  
 DATA 237,166,115,53  
 DATA -18,-62,-82,-111,-146,-146  
 DATA -122,-58,-2,31  
 DATA 53,53,27,0,7,49  
 DATA 124,212,281,369  
 DATA 467,549,566,451,283,53  
 DATA -104,-170,-146,-86

DATA -53,-33,31,119,181,243  
 DATA 310,296,184,-31  
 DATA -283,-442,-515,-546,-540  
 DATA -558,-580,-617,-642,-666  
 DATA -639,-577,-584,-692,-808,-878  
 DATA -816,-569,-199,76  
**REM** Violin Frequency in Hz  
 DATA 194.41

### Oboe (Lauré)

DATA 194  
 DATA 2,-181,-397,-581,-717,-809  
 DATA -839,-829,-777,-697,-596,-486  
 DATA -370,-261,-159,-79,-10,45  
 DATA 82,107,127,149,161,174  
 DATA 179,179,174,169,156,149  
 DATA 134,124,104,84,55,15  
 DATA -35,-79,-112,-144,-159,-164  
 DATA -161,-159,-154,-151,-159,-161  
 DATA -164,-169,-159,-144,-114,-84  
 DATA -50,-10,37,84,127,179  
 DATA 218,246,261,253,223,176  
 DATA 127,69,10,-40,-77,-122  
 DATA -159,-189,-223,-251,-270,-283  
 DATA -288,-280,-273,-263,-258,-258  
 DATA -258,-258,-258,-258,-251,-243  
 DATA -241,-231,-218,-208,-191,-169  
 DATA -154,-139,-124,-122,-122,-129  
 DATA -141,-154,-159,-159,-156,-151  
 DATA -139,-129,-122,-124,-129,-134  
 DATA -151,-169,-179,-199,-208,-231  
 DATA -243,-253,-258,-258,-251,-238  
 DATA -213,-191,-161,-139,-104,-74  
 DATA -40,-5,27,55,77,89  
 DATA 97,97,94,87,74,60  
 DATA 37,15,-20,-60,-104,-156  
 DATA -213,-280,-347,-409,-474,-526  
 DATA -566,-588,-586,-558,-499,-422  
 DATA -330,-221,-109,15,136,256  
 DATA 377,501,620,739,831,913  
 DATA 960,993,1000,995,983,963  
 DATA 938,913,883,856,821,789  
 DATA 752,715,663,600,496,355  
 DATA 176,2  
**REM** Oboe Frequency in Hz

DATA 259.581

### Heckelphone

DATA 130

DATA -8,142,250,308,300,283

DATA 262,196,58,33,42,42

DATA 29,-8,-54,-104

DATA -225,-321,-417,-475,-488

DATA -417,-242,0

DATA 217,225,346,608,867,1000

DATA 942,642,25,-50,-108,-267

DATA -475,-650,-667,-471,-217,-204

DATA -167,-25,171,317,417,425

DATA 329,308,229,92,-50,-142

DATA -208,-267,-358,-425,-458,-454

DATA -425,-388,-304,-221,13,142

DATA 262,346,392,425,442,425

DATA 238,158,75,-33,-125,-242

DATA -367,-450,-388,-317,-233

DATA -142,-75,13,112,192,225

DATA 258,292,292,250,175,46,-104

DATA -254,-292,-321,-317,-292,-25

DATA -188,-121,50,196,396,612

DATA 746,725,608,479,262,167

DATA 50,-117,-283,-400,-417,-350

DATA -67,108,258,367,442,475

DATA 500,458,-17,-321,-600,-817

DATA -892,-808,-671,-538,-192,-8

**REM** Heckelphone Frequency in Hz

DATA 129.777

### Krummhorn

DATA 174

DATA -59,-91,-157,-216,-100,-78

DATA -162,-176,333,1000,623,-130

DATA -412,-355,-100,422,853,850

DATA 490,-100,-623,-760,-760,-603

DATA -150,255,157,-169,-277,-196

DATA -250,-309,-150,113,206,279

DATA 377,331,108,-74,-51,15

DATA 145,353,510,507,333,164

DATA 93,152,243,341,431,439

DATA 419,373,257,230,186,59

DATA 64,135,201,206,86,-78

DATA -194,-196,-142,-83,47,103

DATA 39, -32, -91, -167, -199, -120  
 DATA 0, 34, 27, 54, 83, 118  
 DATA 125, 137, 196, 230, 174, 115  
 DATA 83, 20, -120, -316, -471, -412  
 DATA -277, -81, 152, 211, 47, -137  
 DATA -267, -353, -319, -176, -69, -25  
 DATA 10, 47, 93, 100, 132, 142  
 DATA 142, 162, 157, 105, 27, -44  
 DATA -78, -110, -118, -110, -78, -44  
 DATA -32, -51, -74, -98, -103, -137  
 DATA -137, -110, -78, -88, -113, -123  
 DATA -78, -34, -5, -20, -88, -196  
 DATA -353, -451, -453, -512, -534, -578  
 DATA -534, -446, -397, -324, -306, -358  
 DATA -306, -245, -140, -61, 69, 96  
 DATA 162, 152, 142, 172, 213, 289  
 DATA 294, 294, 309, 225, 145, -59  
**REM** Krummhorn Frequency in Hz DATA 192.52

#### Rohrschalmei (Laukuft)

DATA 129  
 DATA 4, -94, -132, -186, -172, -224  
 DATA -256, -202, -146, -116, -68, -20  
 DATA -36, -64, -64, -104, -168, -136  
 DATA -98, -16, 82, 126, 212, 158  
 DATA 158, 152, 20, -80, -188, -282  
 DATA -206, 720, 692, 444, 1000, 648  
 DATA 694, 230, 68, -228, -938, -826  
 DATA -726, -830, -474, -168, 126, 322  
 DATA 376, 562, 408, 280, 316, 206  
 DATA 40, 16, -44, -96, -178, -168  
 DATA -170, -194, -242, -402, -568, -488  
 DATA -584, -754, -604, -410, -370, -32  
 DATA 144, 476, 542, 678, 848, 816  
 DATA 638, 272, 146, -176, -320, -420  
 DATA -482, -450, -400, -202, -43, -132  
 DATA -40, 56, -16, 0, -36, 88  
 DATA 172, 246, 414, 404, 366, 430  
 DATA 364, 276, 88, -48, -124, -282  
 DATA -272, -238, -314, -306, -282, -306  
 DATA -266, -136, -124, 12, 52, 128  
 DATA 212, 166, 262, 220, 192, 164  
 DATA 152, 78, 4  
**REM** Rohrschalmei Frequency in Hz  
 DATA 259.674

**Flute**

DATA 192  
 DATA 18, -54, -75, -101, -134, -165  
 DATA -178, -247, -281, -291, -335, -376  
 DATA -428, -425, -464, -438, -446, -425  
 DATA -402, -412, -330, -299, -250, -160  
 DATA -82, 21, 93, 180, 216, 317  
 DATA 325, 358, 320, 289, 255, 222  
 DATA 144, 119, 111, 85, 5, 26  
 DATA 5, -34, -52, -57, -106, -67  
 DATA -64, -75, -34, -34, 8, -5  
 DATA 36, 59, 101, 111, 90, 119  
 DATA 119, 98, 39, 57, 15, -26  
 DATA 3, 15, 0, 8, 8, -41  
 DATA -62, -77, -106, -126, -183, -232  
 DATA -260, -240, -253, -247, -191, -157  
 DATA -103, -67, -26, 28, 108, 131  
 DATA 250, 340, 430, 503, 595, 634  
 DATA 660, 698, 675, 619, 526, 448  
 DATA 369, 340, 206, 124, 88, -26  
 DATA -82, -178, -250, -291, -302, -371  
 DATA -407, -410, -436, -464, -521, -559  
 DATA -582, -652, -765, -881, -920, -972  
 DATA -912, -910, -838, -678, -577, -479  
 DATA -353, -247, -134, -21, 62, 121  
 DATA 155, 216, 204, 193, 222, 201  
 DATA 204, 216, 237, 291, 376, 428  
 DATA 585, 799, 840, 892, 959, 1000  
 DATA 907, 747, 588, 430, 222, -46  
 DATA -289, -376, -518, -598, -655, -655  
 DATA -621, -526, -459, -327, -188, -26  
 DATA 90, 170, 268, 361, 454, 454  
 DATA 443, 485, 495, 423, 407, 348  
 DATA 291, 227, 144, 77, 62, 18  
**REM** Flute Frequency in Hz  
 DATA 262.05

**Piccolo**

DATA 170  
 DATA -11, 34, 101, 100, 218, 276  
 DATA 333, 391, 451, 508, 556, 590  
 DATA 631, 643, 679, 695, 706, 707  
 DATA 706, 695, 667, 652, 631, 604  
 DATA 590, 542, 525, 487, 460, 422



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DATA 388,362,341,326,307,295
DATA 276,269,247,240,247,237
DATA 225,218,192,189,168,151
DATA 134,106,91,74,53,36
DATA 36,14,-10,-29,-34,-62
DATA -77,-86,-115,-115,-125,-129
DATA -139,-146,-149,-146,-153,-146
DATA -146,-137,-137,-127,-127,-118
DATA -108,-89,-72,-55,-38,-10
DATA 24,48,94,125,170,206
DATA 247,285,317,353,388,408
DATA 436,458,460,484,494,477
DATA 482,468,458,451,429,412
DATA 388,369,345,331,321,293
DATA 266,249,216,199,173,161
DATA 115,86,46,22,-14,-70
DATA -120,-182,-245,-317,-386,-480
DATA -556,-616,-686,-751,-815,-859
DATA -897,-935,-959,-981,-993,-990
DATA -990,-1000,-993,-993,-964,-954
DATA -959,-930,-914,-887,-887,-856
DATA -811,-763,-731,-671,-631,-568
DATA -499,-444,-367,-317,-261,-175
DATA -118,-62,-11
REM Piccolo Frequency in Hz
DATA 593.877

```

## C.4 Program for Discrete Fourier Analysis

The following program is written in MATLAB using much of the same code from the original BASIC program by Bennett.

### C.4.1 Contents

- Load waveform data for one period
- Variables
- Compute the Fourier Coefficients
- Plot the Waveform
- Plot Histogram of the Coefficients
- Reconstruct the Waveform from the Fourier Coefficients

- Plot the Waveform

```
clear all;
```

### ***C.4.2 Load waveform data for one period***

Call [load\\_waveforms.m](#)

```
load_waveforms;
```

### ***C.4.3 Variables***

```
% Choose the maximum number of harmonics
Nmax=20;

% Select which waveform to analyze
waveform = 'gardenhose';

switch waveform
    case 'gardenhose'
        V=gardenhose;
        strLegend=sprintf('Garden Hose\nf_{n=1}
            =307.692 Hz');
    case 'fcoronet'
        V=fcoronet;
        strLegend=sprintf('F-Cornet\nf_{n=1}
            =316.075 Hz');
    case 'piccolotrumpet'
        V=piccolotrumpet;
        strLegend=sprintf('Piccolo Trumpet\nf_{n=1}
            =597.672 Hz');
    case 'frenchhornloud'
        V=frenchhornloud;
        strLegend=sprintf('French Horn (Loud)\nf_{n=1}
            =222.488 Hz');
    case 'frenchhornsoft'
        V=frenchhornsoft;
        strLegend=sprintf('French Horn (Soft)\nf_{n=1}
            =223.294 Hz');
    case 'ophicleide'
        V=ophicleide;
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        strLegend=sprintf('Ophicleide\nf_{n=1}\n=85.103 Hz');
    case 'serpent'
        V=serpent;
        strLegend=sprintf('Serpent\nf_{n=1}\n=61.702 Hz');
    case 'amativiolin'
        V=amativiolin;
        strLegend=sprintf('A.Amati Violin (G)\nf_{n=1}\n=196.71 Hz');
    case 'violin'
        V=violin;
        strLegend=sprintf('Ordinary Violin\n(G)\nf_{n=1}=194.41 Hz');
    case 'oboelaure'
        V=oboelaure;
        strLegend=sprintf('Oboe (Laure)\nf_{n=1}\n=259.581 Hz');
    case 'heckelphone'
        V=heckelphone;
        strLegend=sprintf('Heckelphone\nf_{n=1}\n=129.777 Hz');
    case 'kurmhorn'
        V=krumhorn;
        strLegend=sprintf('Krummhorn\nf_{n=1}\n=192.52 Hz');
    case 'rohrschalmei'
        V=rohrschalmei;
        strLegend=sprintf('Rohrschalmei (Laukuft)\nf_{n=1}\n=259.674 Hz');
    case 'flute'
        V=flute;
        strLegend=sprintf('Flute\nf_{n=1}=262.05 Hz');
    case 'piccolo'
        V=piccolo;
        strLegend=sprintf('Piccolo\nf_{n=1}\n=593.877 Hz');
end
```

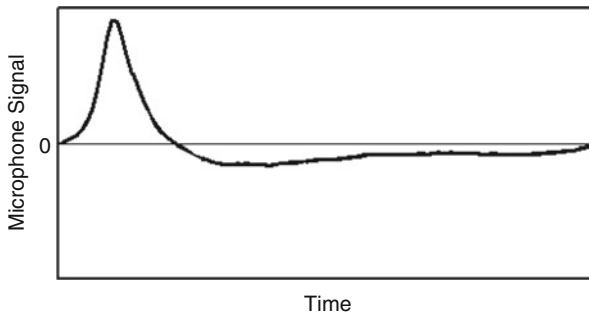
### C.4.4 Compute the Fourier Coefficients

Call [fouriercoef\\_trapezoid.m](#)

```
[A0 A B0 B C0 C PHI]=fouriercoef_trapezoid(V,Nmax);
```

### C.4.5 Plot the Waveform

```
figure;
plot(V./max(abs(V)),'Color','k','LineWidth',3)
line([0 length(V)],[0 0],'Color','k','LineWidth',1)
set(gca,'LineWidth',2,'FontSize',14)
set(gca,'YLim',[-1.1 1.1],'YTick',[0]);
set(gca,'XLim',[0 length(V)],'XTick',[]);
xlabel('Time','FontSize',14);
ylabel('Microphone Signal','FontSize',14);
pbaspect([2 1 1])
```



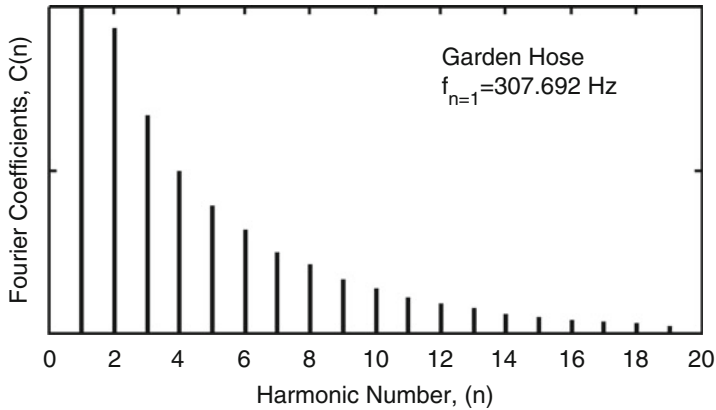
### C.4.6 Plot Histogram of the Coefficients

```
figure;
stem([1:Nmax],C./max(C),'Color','k','LineWidth',3,
'Marker','none')
set(gca,'YLim',[0 1],'YTickLabel',[]);
set(gca,'XLim',[0 Nmax],'XTick',[0:2:Nmax]);
set(gca,'LineWidth',2,'FontSize',14)
xlabel('Harmonic Number, (n)','FontSize',14);
```

```

ylabel('Fourier Coefficients, C(n)', 'FontSize', 14);
pbaspect([2 1 1])
text(12, .8, strLegend, 'FontSize', 14,
    'HorizontalAlignment', 'left');

```



#### C.4.7 Reconstruct the Waveform from the Fourier Coefficients

```

P=length(V);
for I=1:P
    V2(I)=C0;
    for N=1:Nmax
        V2(I)=V2(I)+C(N)*sin(N*A0*(I-1)+PHI(N));
    end
end

```

#### C.4.8 Plot the Waveform

```

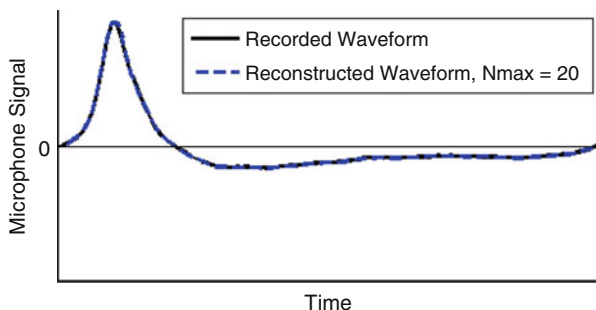
figure; hold on;
plot(V./max(abs(V)), 'Color', 'k', 'LineWidth', 3)
plot(V2./max(abs(V2)), '--', 'Color', 'b', 'LineWidth', 3)
line([0 length(V)], [0 0], 'Color', 'k', 'LineWidth', 1)
set(gca, 'LineWidth', 2, 'FontSize', 14)
set(gca, 'YLim', [-1.1 1.1], 'YTick', [0]);
set(gca, 'XLim', [0 length(V)], 'XTick', []);

```

```

xlabel('Time','FontSize',14);
ylabel('Microphone Signal','FontSize',14);
clear strLegend;
strLegend{1}='Recorded Waveform';
strLegend{2}=sprintf('Reconstructed Waveform,
    Nmax = %u', Nmax);
legend(strLegend);
pbaspect([2 1 1])

```



## C.5 Additional Waveforms

Additional musical instrument waveforms are presented below in the same format as that given above for the garden hose for those who might like to study them and for use elsewhere in this book. These data were taken in Davies Auditorium at Yale, using a high-quality Sennheiser MKH104 omnidirectional microphone with uniform response ( $\pm 1$  dB) over the range from 50 Hz to 20 kHz and the Hewlett-Packard equipment shown in Fig. 2.9. The 10-bit A-to-D converter used had a dynamic range of about 60 dB. The instruments were played without vibrato by professional musicians to whom the author is greatly indebted. The brass instruments were played by James Undercoffler; the violins, by Syoko Aki; the oboe, heckelphone, krummhorn and rohr schalmei by James Ryan; and flute and piccolo by Leone Buyse. I am indebted to the late William Liddell for the use of his krummhorns, to Richard Rephann for the loan of the historic brass instruments from the Yale Instrument Collection, and to Robert Sheldon of the Smithsonian Collection in Washington, DC for playing the serpent. The heckelphone was loaned by the Yale Concert Band and the rohr schalmei was borrowed from the author's personal pipe organ.

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- Rohrschalmei (Laukuft)
- Flute
- Piccolo

### ***C.5.2 Mode-Locked Garden Hose (normalized to +/- 1000)***

```
%DATA 109 % P = Number of points in Period = the first
datum gardenhose=[...
3,20,43,68,111,176,...
273,426,634,861,1000,989,...
864,705,563,452,358,273,...
199,136,85,45,17,-14,...
-40,-63,-85,-105,-125,-129,...
-151,-162,-165,-165,-165,-165,...
-170,-165,-170,-170,-170,-173,...
-173,-170,-162,-159,-156,-153,...
-151,-142,-139,-136,-131,-128,...
-128,-128,-125,-119,-114,-108,...
-102,-94,-91,-91,-91,-91,...
-91,-91,-91,-91,-91,-91,...
-85,-82,-82,-80,-74,-74,...
-74,-80,-80,-80,-80,-80,...
-82,-82,-82,-85,-88,-91,...
-91,-91,-91,-91,-91,-85,...
-82,-80,-74,-71,-68,-65,...
-60,-57,-45,-37,-28,-14,...
3];
% Fundamental frequency in Hz
%DATA 307.692
```

### C.5.3 *F-Cornet*

```
%DATA 107
fcoronet=[...
-4,44,114,163,212,249,...
280,301,311,319,321,321,...
311,290,259,223,166,111,...
57,5,-47,-83,-106,-122,...
-124,-119,-98,-83,-67,-52,...
-41,-47,-62,-83,-109,-150,...
-192,-231,-259,-285,-301,-303,...
-293,-269,-228,-166,-96,-13,...
78,174,275,370,477,578,...
681,777,870,948,995,1000,...
974,886,764,617,433,244,...
67,-101,-238,-345,-412,-448,...
-461,-448,-415,-383,-337,-301,...
-272,-259,-251,-269,-301,-332,...
-365,-399,-425,-446,-453,-456,...
-446,-425,-399,-383,-368,-355,...
-347,-337,-329,-301,-262,-241,...
-210,-166,-117,-65,-4];
% Cornet Frequency in Hz
%DATA 316.075
```

### C.5.4 *Piccolo Trumpet*

```
%DATA 168
piccolotrumpet=[...
-5,97,195,280,367,450,...
530,610,680,755,807,857,...
898,935,967,982,997,1000,...
995,987,965,940,910,875,...
835,797,742,695,637,585,...
527,475,417,357,302,247,...
187,130,85,37,-10,-50,...
-80,-110,-140,-160,-180,-193,...
-203,-200,-200,-193,-170,-155,...
-130,-93,-55,-12,35,77,...
125,177,227,277,325,367,...
408,450,490,517,545,567,...
580,587,590,590,580,560,...
```



```

540,515,485,450,408,367,...
327,285,240,190,147,97,...
55,15,-35,-65,-100,-133,...
-155,-180,-200,-215,-230,-233,...
-245,-245,-242,-245,-242,-240,...
-238,-235,-238,-235,-235,-242,...
-253,-260,-265,-282,-300,-320,...
-343,-363,-390,-413,-440,-463,...
-490,-513,-535,-557,-583,-603,...
-623,-643,-660,-680,-690,-715,...
-733,-753,-773,-793,-810,-830,...
-845,-857,-873,-875,-875,-882,...
-873,-870,-857,-835,-810,-785,...
-755,-720,-673,-623,-563,-500,...
-433,-355,-272,-193,-110,-5];
% Piccolo Trumpet Frequency in Hz
%DATA 597.672

```

### ***C.5.5 French Horn (Loud)***

```

%DATA 151
frenchhornloud=[...
21,112,188,242,273,318,...
356,387,399,394,385,371,...
349,309,264,200,133,76,...
38,21,17,17,26,52,...
67,95,121,147,159,171,...
176,166,157,143,140,138,...
128,124,124,124,133,143,...
147,147,143,140,135,133,...
119,105,93,76,62,26,...
-12,-52,-95,-138,-181,-214,...
-252,-283,-299,-314,-309,-295,...
-268,-249,-240,-233,-214,-195,...
-166,-128,-76,-10,64,121,...
176,216,245,273,285,295,...
292,292,302,314,333,340,...
349,347,347,349,375,428,...
508,575,627,656,672,679,...
684,684,689,684,670,641,...
596,551,508,451,380,304,...
214,128,45,-43,-164,-314,...
-461,-589,-670,-703,-717,-743,...

```

```

-791,-846,-895,-931,-960,-988,...
-1000,-971,-924,-886,-855,-838,...
-836,-841,-838,-829,-774,-698,...
-613,-527,-437,-335,-219,-95,...
21];
% French Horn Frequency in Hz
%DATA 222.488

```

### ***C.5.6 French Horn (Soft)***

```

%DATA 151
frenchhornsoft=[...
4,46,87,121,154,183,...
212,231,262,272,291,297,...
306,297,297,291,283,268,...
264,247,237,229,216,206,...
200,191,179,166,158,141,...
131,116,121,112,106,104,...
100,98,96,83,87,79,...
73,71,62,56,48,40,...
40,42,46,54,58,62,...
64,71,67,73,71,71,...
75,81,96,104,114,133,...
156,166,183,212,225,247,...
272,297,322,349,372,399,...
422,441,462,484,499,516,...
528,541,555,563,563,572,...
570,563,555,545,528,511,...
486,464,424,391,356,308,...
262,218,164,116,56,-10,...
-71,-135,-210,-279,-345,-407,...
-482,-541,-607,-661,-719,-773,...
-825,-867,-911,-940,-965,-979,...
-996,-1000,-994,-983,-973,-950,...
-925,-892,-857,-811,-767,-717,...
-659,-603,-536,-468,-403,-343,...
-285,-233,-175,-127,-71,-25,...
4];
% Soft Fr. Horn Frequency in Hz
%DATA 223.294

```

***C.5.7 Ophicleide***

```

%DATA 196
ophicleide=[...
-4,-117,-186,-235,-283,-324,...
-348,-393,-421,-421,-377,-324,...
-247,-170,-73,40,126,170,...
158,142,113,45,-32,-81,...
-138,-202,-259,-287,-312,-340,...
-360,-364,-364,-377,-364,-348,...
-316,-308,-287,-275,-291,-324,...
-348,-377,-393,-413,-405,-389,...
-364,-340,-328,-324,-324,-312,...
-291,-259,-259,-259,-267,-287,...
-291,-283,-279,-247,-170,-73,...
49,158,259,372,462,526,...
579,607,611,607,575,518,...
462,417,401,385,360,332,...
308,300,267,235,178,121,...
77,32,24,32,61,81,...
89,93,109,97,97,105,...
134,194,251,255,186,77,...
-24,-85,-101,-97,-85,-101,...
-101,-40,40,105,142,142,...
154,186,223,271,316,381,...
421,421,405,364,328,304,...
316,364,421,478,518,514,...
486,413,304,142,-89,-348,...
-632,-911,-1219,-1510,-1741,...
-1915,-1960,-1911,-1781,-1603,-1381,-1154,...
-927,-700,-462,-219,28,235,...
429,595,749,879,955,996,...
1000,1000,972,964,935,866,...
777,688,599,514,437,364,...
304,255,211,170,158,142,...
126,121,130,126,130,142,...
142,126,89,-4];
% Ophicleide Frequency in Hz
%DATA 85.103

```

### C.5.8 *Serpent*

```
%DATA 203
serpent=[...
-5,53,113,167,207,237,...
233,223,207,170,140,90,...
47,-7,-47,-87,-107,-113,...
-107,-80,-43,10,73,133,...
187,223,250,263,263,250,...
223,200,157,130,73,20,...
-40,-97,-147,-200,-240,-267,...
-287,-280,-267,-240,-203,-180,...
-163,-133,-123,-127,-120,-123,...
-127,-123,-130,-133,-127,-133,...
-133,-113,-107,-73,-30,37,...
103,160,210,237,240,250,...
237,207,170,127,90,73,...
60,50,40,23,20,-13,...
-47,-80,-120,-150,-187,-193,...
-193,-173,-150,-133,-107,-80,...
-57,-50,-43,0,60,143,...
237,323,440,533,620,687,...
740,747,640,460,253,20,...
-353,-737,-1053,-1333,-1497,...
-1527,-1440,-1273,-993,-667,...
-327,-20,210,340,340,260,...
160,80,-7,-20,50,147,277,...
420,553,667,773,853,943,...
997, 1000,970,927,810,...
673,500,273,40,-193,...
-387,-507,-560,...
-540,-447,-337,-217,-93,23,...
83,130,147,143,140,140,...
147,153,167,173,153,117,...
77,23,-40,-60,-100,-133,...
-173,-203,-240,-267,-280,-280,...
-300,-287,-273,-257,-257,-230,...
-227,-213,-207,-213,-200,-193,...
-163,-150,-110,-70,-5];
% Serpent Frequency in Hz
%DATA 61.702
```

### ***C.5.9 Andreas Amati Violin (G String)***

```
%DATA 171
amativioling=[...
14,-153,-330,-507,-641,-732,-813,-900,-967,-1000,...
-967,-880,-737,-603,-498,-450,-426,-431,-440,-426,...
-402,-354,-306,-330,-335,-306,-273,-177,53,211,364,...
474,545,593,608,641,641,603,...
574,493,431,416,431,...
512,603,651,651,584,459,316,...
187,86,0,-100,-177,...
-234,-273,-239,-177,-100,...
33,134,201,220,249,278,...
335,392,469,507,469,383,297,...
191,124,72,91,124,...
148,225,354,550,775,895,...
880,689,397,144,-10,29,...
144,239,311,278,206,163,...
234,335,383,440,392,...
258,33,-62,-24,57,115,...
96,29,-124,-234,-249,...
-182,-38,57,110,115,124,...
144,230,340,440,474,...
402,301,196,67,-62,-201,...
-344,-445,-464,-388,...
-273,-144,-38,129,244,392,...
507,531,512,435,...
378,354,344,378,435,536,...
646,737,766,699,627,...
545,512,478,474,459,402,...
378,354,335,340,344,...
340,301,249,167,77,14];
% Amati Violin Frequency in Hz
%DATA 196.71
```

### ***C.5.10 Ordinary Violin (G String)***

```
%DATA 130
violin=[...
76,389,686,854,945,980,...
872,600,290,27,...
-75,7,168,325,456,566,...
```

```

662,748,796,761,...
644,491,336,226,137,111,...
157,254,332,403,...
496,606,690,690,597,440,...
254,77,-102,-215,...
-296,-354,-407,-460,-513,-566,...
-637,-746,-878,-976,...
-1000,-912,-743,-584,-454,...
-341,-186,49,270,440,...
531,518,458,389,350,305,...
237,166,115,53,...
-18,-62,-82,-111,-146,-146,...
-122,-58,-2,31,...
53,53,27,0,7,49,...
124,212,281,369,...
467,549,566,451,283,53,...
-104,-170,-146,-86,...
-53,-33,31,119,181,243,...
310,296,184,-31,...
-283,-442,-515,-546,-540,...
-558,-580,-617,-642,-666,...
-639,-577,-584,-692,-808,-878,...
-816,-569,-199,76];
% Violin Frequency in Hz
%DATA 194.41

```

### ***C.5.11 Oboe (Laure)***

```

%DATA 194
oboelaure=[...
2,-181,-397,-581,-717,-809,...
-839,-829,-777,-697,-596,-486,...
-370,-261,-159,-79,-10,45,...
82,107,127,149,161,174,...
179,179,174,169,156,149,...
134,124,104,84,55,15,...
-35,-79,-112,-144,-159,-164,...
-161,-159,-154,-151,-159,-161,...
-164,-169,-159,-144,-114,-84,...
-50,-10,37,84,127,179,...
218,246,261,253,223,176,...
127,69,10,-40,-77,-122,...
-159,-189,-223,-251,-270,-283,...

```

```

-288,-280,-273,-263,-258,-258,...
-258,-258,-258,-258,-251,-243,...
-241,-231,-218,-208,-191,-169,...
-154,-139,-124,-122,-122,-129,...
-141,-154,-159,-159,-156,-151,...
-139,-129,-122,-124,-129,-134,...
-151,-169,-179,-199,-208,-231,...
-243,-253,-258,-258,-251,-238,...
-213,-191,-161,-139,-104,-74,...
-40,-5,27,55,77,89,...
97,97,94,87,74,60,...
37,15,-20,-60,-104,-156,...
-213,-280,-347,-409,-474,-526,...
-566,-588,-586,-558,-499,-422,...
-330,-221,-109,15,136,256,...
377,501,620,739,831,913,...
960,993,1000,995,983,963,...
938,913,883,856,821,789,...
752,715,663,600,496,355,...
176,2];
% Oboe Frequency in Hz
%DATA 259.581

```

### C.5.12 *Heckelphone*

```

%DATA 130 [JLR probably a typo, should be 138]
%[JLR] Note: There are two typos in the manuscript
which are fixed here heckelphone=[...
-8,142,250,308,300,283,...
262,196,58,33,42,42,...
29,-8,-54,-104,...
-225,-321,-417,-475,-488,...
-417,-242,0,...
217,225,346,608,867,1000,...
942,642,25,-50,-108,-267,...
-475,-650,-667,-471,-217,-204,...
-167,-25,171,317,417,425,...
329,308,229,92,-50,-142,...
-208,-267,-358,-425,-458,-454,...
-425,-388,-304,-221,13,142,...
262,346,392,425,442,425,...
238,158,75,-33,-125,-242,...
-367,-450,-388,-317,-233,...

```

```

-142,-75,13,112,192,225,...
258,292,292,250,175,46,-104,...
-254,-292,-321,-317,-292,-250,... %[JLR] last point
  changed to -250
-188,-121,50,196,396,612,...
746,725,608,479,262,167,...
50,-117,-283,-400,-417,-350,...
-67,108,258,367,442,475,...
500,458,-17,-321,-600,-817,...
-892,-808,-671,-538,-192,-8];
% Heckelphone Frequency in Hz
%DATA 129.777

```

### ***C.5.13 Krummhorn***

```

%DATA 174
krummhorn=[...
-59,-91,-157,-216,-100,-78,...
-162,-176,333,1000,623,-130,...
-412,-355,-100,422,853,850,...
490,-100,-623,-760,-760,-603,...
-150,255,157,-169,-277,-196,...
-250,-309,-150,113,206,279,...
377,331,108,-74,-51,15,...
145,353,510,507,333,164,...
93,152,243,341,431,439,...
419,373,257,230,186,59,...
64,135,201,206,86,-78,...
-194,-196,-142,-83,47,103,...
39,-32,-91,-167,-199,-120,...
0,34,27,54,83,118,...
125,137,196,230,174,115,...
83,20,-120,-316,-471,-412,...
-277,-81,152,211,47,-137,...
-267,-353,-319,-176,-69,-25,...
10,47,93,100,132,142,...
142,162,157,105,27,-44,...
-78,-110,-118,-110,-78,-44,...
-32,-51,-74,-98,-103,-137,...
-137,-110,-78,-88,-113,-123,...
-78,-34,-5,-20,-88,-196,...
-353,-451,-453,-512,-534,-578,...
-534,-446,-397,-324,-306,-358,...

```



```

-306,-245,-140,-61,69,96,...
162,152,142,172,213,289,...
294,294,309,225,145,-59];
% Krummhorn Frequency in Hz
%DATA 192.52

```

### ***C.5.14 Rohrschalmei (Laukuft)***

```

%DATA 129
rohrschalmei=[...
4,-94,-132,-186,-172,-224,...
-256,-202,-146,-116,-68,-20,...
-36,-64,-64,-104,-168,-136,...
-98,-16,82,126,212,158,...
158,152,20,-80,-188,-282,...
-206,720,692,444,1000,648,...
694,230,68,-228,-938,-826,...
-726,-830,-474,-168,126,322,...
376,562,408,280,316,206,...
40,16,-44,-96,-178,-168,...
-170,-194,-242,-402,-568,-488,...
-584,-754,-604,-410,-370,-32,...
144,476,542,678,848,816,...
638,272,146,-176,-320,-420,...
-482,-450,-400,-202,-43,-132,...
-40,56,-16,0,-36,88,...
172,246,414,404,366,430,...
364,276,88,-48,-124,-282,...
-272,-238,-314,-306,-282,-306,...
-266,-136,-124,12,52,128,...
212,166,262,220,192,164,...
152,78,4];
% Rohrschalmei Frequency in Hz
%DATA 259.674

```

### ***C.5.15 Flute***

```

%DATA 192
flute=[...
18,-54,-75,-101,-134,-165,...
-178,-247,-281,-291,-335,-376,...

```

```

-428,-425,-464,-438,-446,-425,...
-402,-412,-330,-299,-250,-160,...
-82,21,93,180,216,317,...
325,358,320,289,255,222,...
144,119,111,85,5,26,...
5,-34,-52,-57,-106,-67,...
-64,-75,-34,-34,8,-5,...
36,59,101,111,90,119,...
119,98,39,57,15,-26,...
3,15,0,8,8,-41,...
-62,-77,-106,-126,-183,-232,...
-260,-240,-253,-247,-191,-157,...
-103,-67,-26,28,108,131,...
250,340,430,503,595,634,...
660,698,675,619,526,448,...
369,340,206,124,88,-26,...
-82,-178,-250,-291,-302,-371,...
-407,-410,-436,-464,-521,-559,...
-582,-652,-765,-881,-920,-972,...
-912,-910,-838,-678,-577,-479,...
-353,-247,-134,-21,62,121,...
155,216,204,193,222,201,...
204,216,237,291,376,428,...
585,799,840,892,959,1000,...
907,747,588,430,222,-46,...
-289,-376,-518,-598,-655,-655,...
-621,-526,-459,-327,-188,-26,...
90,170,268,361,454,454,...
443,485,495,423,407,348,...
291,227,144,77,62,18];
% Flute Frequency in Hz
%DATA 262.05

```

### ***C.5.16 Piccolo***

```

%DATA 170
piccolo=[...
-11,34,101,100,218,276,...
333,391,451,508,556,590,...
631,643,679,695,706,707,...
706,695,667,652,631,604,...
590,542,525,487,460,422,...
388,362,341,326,307,295,...

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276,269,247,240,247,237,...
225,218,192,189,168,151,...
134,106,91,74,53,36,...
36,14,-10,-29,-34,-62,...
-77,-86,-115,-115,-125,-129,...
-139,-146,-149,-146,-153,-146,...
-146,-137,-137,-127,-127,-118,...
-108,-89,-72,-55,-38,-10,...
24,48,94,125,170,206,...
247,285,317,353,388,408,...
436,458,460,484,494,477,...
482,468,458,451,429,412,...
388,369,345,331,321,293,...
266,249,216,199,173,161,...
115,86,46,22,-14,-70,...
-120,-182,-245,-317,-386,-480,...
-556,-616,-686,-751,-815,-859,...
-897,-935,-959,-981,-993,-990,...
-990,-1000,-993,-993,-964,-954,...
-959,-930,-914,-887,-887,-856,...
-811,-763,-731,-671,-631,-568,...
-499,-444,-367,-317,-261,-175,...
-118, -62,-11];
% Piccolo Frequency in Hz
%DATA 593.877

```

## C.6 Harmonic Analysis

This part of the program takes most of the running time.  $A(N)$  and  $B(N)$  correspond to the Fourier amplitudes given by the integrals in Eqs. (C.6) and (C.7). They are done here numerically by a method equivalent to drawing straight lines between the successive points and adding up the areas (the “trapezoidal Rule”).

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function [A0 A B0 B C0 C PHI]
=fouriercoef_trapezoid(V,Nmax)

% The net Fourier amplitude C(N) and phase PHI(N)
are computed using
% Eqs (C.6), (C.7), and (C.8).

% Check for input errors
error(nargchk(1, 2, nargin));
if (nargin < 2); Nmax = 20; end;

```

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P=length(V);

A0=2*pi/(P-1); % A0 is a constant used in the loop on N.

for N=1:Nmax % FOR N=0 TO Nmax
% N=0 corresponds to the constant or DC term,
  we will calculate it later

    A(N)=0;
    B(N)=0;

    for I=1:P % FOR I=1 TO P
        A(N)=A(N)+V(I)*sin(N*A0*(I-1));
        B(N)=B(N)+V(I)*cos(N*A0*(I-1));
    end; % NEXT I

    A(N)=A(N)*2/(P-1);
    B(N)=B(N)*2/(P-1);
    C(N)=sqrt(A(N)*A(N)+B(N)*B(N));

    %IF N>0 THEN P(N)=ATN(B(N)/A(N)) % avoid DC term
    PHI(N)=atan(B(N)/A(N));
    %IF A(N)<0 THEN P(N)=P(N)+Pi 'arctangent problem
    if (A(N) < 0); PHI(N)=PHI(N)+pi; end;

end; %NEXT N

% DC or constant term (A0 calculation above)
B0=sum(V)*2/(P-1);
C0=B0/2;

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## Appendix D

### The Well-Tempered Scale

The numbers here were computed to 0.06 ppm and rounded off to the nearest 0.01 Hz assuming the 1936 international convention that  $A_4 = 440.0000$  Hz, using  $2^{1/12} = 1.05946310$ . Note as a check:  $1.05946310^{12} = 2.00000012$

	Frequency in Hz									
A	27.50	55.00	110.00	220.00	440.00	880.00	1760.00	3520.00	7040.00	14080.00
A $\sharp$	29.14	58.27	116.54	233.08	466.16	932.33	1864.66	3729.31	7458.62	14917.25
B	30.87	61.74	123.47	246.94	493.88	987.77	1975.53	3951.07	7902.13	15804.27
C	32.70	65.41	130.81	261.63	523.25	1046.50	2093.00	4186.01	8372.02	16744.04
C $\sharp$	34.65	69.30	138.59	277.18	554.37	1108.73	2217.46	4434.92	8869.85	17739.69
D	36.71	73.42	146.83	293.66	587.33	1174.66	2349.32	4698.64	9397.28	18794.55
D $\sharp$	38.89	77.78	155.56	311.13	622.25	1244.51	2489.02	4978.03	9956.07	19912.13
E	41.20	82.41	164.81	329.63	659.26	1318.51	2637.02	5274.04	10548.08	21096.17
F	43.65	87.31	174.61	349.23	698.46	1396.91	2793.83	5587.65	11175.31	22350.61
F $\sharp$	46.25	92.50	185.00	369.99	739.99	1479.98	2959.96	5919.91	11839.83	23679.65
G	49.00	98.00	196.00	392.00	783.99	1567.98	3135.96	6271.93	12543.86	25087.72
G $\sharp$	51.91	103.83	207.65	415.30	830.61	1661.22	3322.44	6644.88	13289.75	26579.51

# Solutions

## Problems of Chap. 1

**1.1** The oil would spread out very rapidly over the water, reducing its surface tension and thereby preventing wave motion at the short wavelengths characterized by the ripples.

**1.2** (a) 3.11 m. (b) 615 THz.

**1.3** Answers: The frequency is  $233.08/(1.441 \times 10^{17}) = 1.62 \times 10^{-15}$  Hz. The period is  $6.183 \times 10^{14}$  s = 19.59 million years.

**1.4** (a) 633 nm. (b) 43.6 ft.

**1.5** (a) 3.8. (b) 2.7

**1.6**

From the original length of the string, one expects frequencies at  $nc/2L$  where  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . But because of reflections from the kink you also get odd harmonics of  $3c/8L$  and of  $3c/4L$ . Note that the string is free to move up and down at the kink, so that the frequencies on either side of the kink are determined by only one “hard” phase shift per round trip, and the resonances have the same form as those for a closed pipe.

**1.7** (a) Multiples of 110 Hz. (Neglecting phase shift and time delays in the amplifier, the running wave phase shift would be  $2\pi f_L/c$  per trip around the loop.) (b) It would oscillate at some other frequency if there were significant phase shift in the amplifier (e.g., from tone controls or a large gain variation with frequency.)

**1.8** Answer: The pipe is closed at the top, initially by the flap valve, and then by the water flowing down the pipe. The fundamental frequency of the pipe starts out at  $c/4L = 46$  Hz, with odd harmonics at 138, 230, ... Hz. As the water goes down the pipe, the acoustic length shortens and the pitch for each harmonic goes up.

**1.9** The main frequencies are 523 Hz, 622 Hz, 740 Hz, 932 Hz, 1570 Hz, 1865 Hz, 2217 Hz, and 2797 Hz. Starting at C above A=440 Hz, the notes are C, Eb, Gb, Bb, G, Bb, Db, and F. (See figure for musical notation.) The first two intervals are minor thirds, giving the whistle its characteristic, mournful sound. The bottom half might be regarded as a half-diminished seventh. The second half is just the first chord raised by a twelfth. (The lower chord would resolve on a diminished seventh and then on a Bb minor chord) (Fig. S.1).

**1.10** Answers: Hard phase shifts occur at both the ceiling and the floor, hence one might expect the main resonances to be given approximately by  $f_n = nc/2L$ . Resonances do occur at those frequencies (multiples of 55 Hz.) But because the floor is in the focal plane of the concave ceiling, resonances also occur at  $f_n = nc/8L$ . (The running wave from a point source on the floor makes eight transits to the ceiling and back before it closes on itself.) Assuming the radius of curvature of the ceiling is 20 ft and twice the ceiling height, the main resonances would occur every 13.75 Hz throughout the audio band. (Speech is totally unintelligible, but the mumbling sound is impressive.)

**1.11** One reason is that the open end of a closed pipe radiates as a monopole source (equally in all directions), whereas an open pipe acts like a dipole with the maximum radiated intensity going in the vertical direction (unless the pipe is turned  $90^\circ$ ).

**1.12** By listening to the full Doppler shift on the bells at grade crossings, he or she could determine the median pitch and the total fractional change in frequency on the Well Tempered Scale. From that, one could calculate the speed.

**1.13** Answers: (a) 38.2 mph. (b) About one whole step.

**1.14** The Doppler effect from sound reflected by the rotating blades creates a warbling effect.

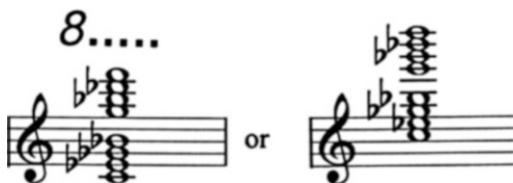
**1.15** (a) 676 Hz. (b) 786 Hz. (c) 738 Hz.

**1.16** +715 Hz. (Note that the velocity of the image of the radar gun is twice the speed of the car.)

**1.17** Answer:  $c/4L = 1040/(4 \times 6.9) = 37.7$  Hz.

**1.18** Answer: Since  $f = 65.4$  Hz,  $\lambda = c/f = 1087/65.4 = 16.6$  ft.

**Fig. S.1** The steam engine whistle



## Problems of Chap. 2

**2.1**  $\Delta F \approx 2\pi \Delta t \approx 0.032 \text{ Hz}$ .

**2.2** (a) To go through 50 Hz would require at least

$$\Delta t \approx \frac{1}{2\pi \Delta F} = \frac{1}{2\pi 50} = 318 \text{ ms.}$$

Therefore, to go through 10,000 Hz, it would take a minimum of about 64 s, or  
(b) a scanning rate of 156 Hz/s.

**2.3** See Eqs. (2.7) and (2.8)

**2.4** 10 dB

**2.5**  $20\text{Log}_{10}(80 \times 5280/10) + 60 = 152 \text{ dB}$

**2.6** Serber was about 15.4 miles away. Los Alamos was about 250 miles from the test site. The blast would have been about 24 dB louder at Serber's position.

**2.7**  $20\text{Log}_{10}[3000/1] + 60 \approx 129 \text{ dB}$  (or about as loud as a rock band in a typical concert setting).

**2.8** About 60 dB ( $\approx 20\text{Log}_{10}1024$ .)

**2.9** About 96 dB ( $\approx 20\text{Log}_{10}2^{16} = 320\text{Log}_{10}2$ ). But as shown by Bennett (1948), one gets an extra 3 dB by averaging the quantization errors in most systems.

**2.10** Answer: The sound intensity per unit area would be attenuated by a factor of 36, which corresponds to a decrease of 16 dB. Hence, the sound level at the neighbor's house should be about 64 dB (something between normal conversation and shouting at 4 ft).

**2.11** Answer: (a)  $20\text{Log}_{10}(4) \approx 12 \text{ dB}$ . (b)  $10\text{Log}_{10}(4) \approx 6 \text{ dB}$ .

**2.12**

Frequency (Hz)	31.5	63	125	250	500	1000	2000
Signal (dB)	65	78	88	80	70	67	50
Amplitudes ( $\div 1000$ ) $\approx$	1.8	7.9	25	10	3.2	2.2	0.3

**2.13**

Frequency (Hz)	31.5	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000
Signal (dB)	50	52.5	52.5	55	60	67.5	60	57.5	52.5
Amplitudes ( $\div 100$ ) $\approx$	3.2	4.2	4.2	5.6	10	23	10	7.5	4.2



**2.14**

n =	1	3	5	7	9	11
dB	0	-9.5	-14	-17	-19	-21

**2.15** A closed organ pipe.

**2.16** The spectral components would have side bands at  $\pm 6$  Hz.

**Problems of Chap. 3**

**3.1** If only one coil located at  $x_0$  were used, nulls in the spectrum would occur at  $\frac{n\pi x_0}{L} = m\pi$  where  $m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  hence, at the harmonics  $n = L/x_0 \approx 9, 18, 27, \dots$

**3.2** If the output voltages from the two coils in Fig. 3.10 were added, the result would be

$$V(t) \propto \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \{ \sin[n\pi(x_0 + a)/L] + \sin[n\pi(x_0 - a)/L] \} f_n(t)$$
  

$$= 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x_0}{L}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi a}{L}\right) f_n(t)$$
 and the spectrum would have minima at  $n = m \frac{L}{x_0}$  and  $n = (2m - 1) \frac{L}{2a}$  where  $m = 1, 2, 3 \dots$  which for the dimensions given in the text would occur at  $n \approx 9, 18, 26, 27, 36, 43$ , etc.

**3.3** The separation between the negative and positive peaks for the 56.8 Hz resonance should correspond to half the wavelength of the surface wave along the grain direction. Hence, for the long dimension assumed above,  $\lambda/2 \approx 28.1$  inches and the surface wave velocity would be about

$c_{\text{Surface}} = \lambda f \approx (56.2)(56.8) = 3192 \text{ in./s} \approx 266 \text{ ft/s}$ , or about 1/4 of that for the velocity of sound in air.

**3.4** The frequency is  $F = 261.6$  Hz. The tension =  $6.64 \times 10^6$  dynes = 14.9 lbs.

**3.5** We want the density per unit length to be the same. Hence, the cross-sectional area of the wire should be  $1.4/7.83 = 0.1788$  times that of the gut string, or the diameter of the steel wire should be  $0.423 \times 0.029 \text{ in.} = 0.012 \text{ in.}$

**Problems of Chap. 4**

**4.1** Answer: About 9.4 times for the Stein prellmechanik action, 9.2 times for the Broadwood action, and 9.5 times for the Streicher action.

**4.2** Answer: Remove all the dampers for notes on that chord before dropping it. (Don't try that with a good piano!!! If the cast iron frame breaks, it is virtually impossible to repair it.)

**4.3** Answer: The highest loss (symmetric) mode occurs when all three strings are in phase. Intermediate loss modes occur when one string is  $180^\circ$  out of phase with the other two. The lowest loss (odd-symmetric) mode occurs when the outer strings are  $180^\circ$  out of phase and the middle string is not vibrating.

**4.4** Answer. The strength of the wire increases with its cross-sectional area, but so does its density per unit length. Hence, the ratio of the breaking tension to the density per unit length is about constant and that ratio determines the wave velocity, hence the pitch, at the breaking point.

**4.5** The wavelength is  $\lambda \approx 2 \times 72 = 144$  in.; hence, the wave velocity  $c = \lambda f = 144 \times 87.3 = 12,571$  in./s  $\approx 1048$  ft/s.

**4.6** The tension is about  $9 \times 10^7$  dynes  $\approx 202$  pounds of force.

**4.7** About 29 lbs, or about 6 lbs more than to bring the string up to normal pitch. (It takes about  $1.26 \times 202 \approx 255$  lbs of force to break the string. The mechanical advantage of the tuning hammer is  $10/0.1125 \approx 8.9$ )

**4.8** About 388 ft/s. (The maximum and minimum are separated by half a wavelength.)

**4.9** For F2, about 3.001; for C9, about 6.8.

## Problems of Chap. 5

**5.1** Answer:  $E = 3 \times 440/2 = 660$  Hz,  $D = 2 \times 440/3 = 293.33$  Hz,  $G = 2 \times 293.33/3 = 195.55$  Hz. On the WTS,  $E = 659.25$  Hz,  $D = 293.66$  Hz, and  $G = 196.00$  Hz.

**5.2** For the A string,  $c = 2 \times 33 \times 440 = 29,040$  cm/s; for the G string,  $c = 12,906$  cm/s.

**5.3**  $\mu = T/c^2 = 2.838 \times 10^{-5}$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>.

**5.4** 195.55 Hz.

**5.5**  $391.1 - 330 = 61.1$  Hz, or B two octaves below middle C.

**5.6** The difference frequency is an octave below the D, so the "Tartini Tone" doesn't stand out the way it would for a double third or fourth.

**5.7**  $1490/8 = 186$  strokes per second.

## Problems of Chap. 6

**6.1**  $c/4L \approx 43 \text{ Hz}$ .

**6.2** Open pipe resonances would occur at about 92 Hz, 184 Hz, 276 Hz, and so on.

**6.3** (a) The voice frequency is proportional to  $1/\sqrt{M}$ , where  $M$  is the effective molecular weight of the gas in the lungs. Therefore our SCUBA diver wants  $M$  to be about  $29 \times (120/77.8)^2 \approx 69$ .

(b) Let  $X$  = the fraction of oxygen in the tank and  $Y$  = the fraction of krypton in the tank. Then  $X + Y = 1$   $32X + 84Y = 69$

Solving these two equations yields  $X \approx 0.288$  for the fraction of oxygen, and  $Y \approx 0.712$  for the fraction of krypton.

**6.4** No. He'll only be able to reach 2725 Hz (about halfway between E and F.)

## Problems of Chap. 7

**7.1** Answer: The total pressure from a 2-inch difference in the height of water per unit area in a U-tube manometer is  $5.08 \text{ g/cm}^2$ . The air-pressure regulator area is  $6 \text{ ft}^2 = 864 \text{ in.}^2 = 5574 \text{ cm}^2$ . Hence the total weight needed is about  $28.3 \text{ kg} \approx 62 \text{ lbs}$ .

**7.2** As a first approximation, the air velocity producing the edge tone in Fig. 7.13 is simply proportional to the air pressure. Hence the cut-up ( $L$  in the figure) should be reduced by  $2/5 = 0.4$  on each pipe.

**7.3** Up to some point, the pressure in the toe of the pipe would increase proportionally to the area of the toe-hole after the pipe has been turned on.

**7.4** From Appendix D, the fundamental pitch should be 261.6 Hz. Since the Rohr Schalmey is an open pipe, the overall length should be  $L = 1100/(2261.6) = 2.10 \text{ ft} = 25.2 \text{ in}$ . Since the large cavity is tuned to the second harmonic of the pipe, both it and the copper tube should be  $25.2/2 = 12.6 \text{ in.}$  long.

**7.5** Answer: The orchestral oboe is made from a narrow-scale conical piece of wood. (Of course, the reed is placed at the vertex where the pressure is a maximum.)

**7.6** Use two pipes for each note, chosen to produce successive harmonics of a 16-ft open pipe. The ear will then interpret the combination as having 16-ft pitch. An 8-ft closed pipe would provide the fundamental pitch and its odd harmonics. Adding an open 8-ft pipe would provide the needed even harmonics. If the two are on the same note channel, they will also tend to lock in phase.

**7.7** The total length of the large diameter semi-closed pipe should be  $L = 1100/(4440) = 0.625 \text{ ft} = 7.5 \text{ in}$ . The length of the short open pipe at the end should be tuned to the fifth harmonic of  $440 \text{ Hz} = 2200 \text{ Hz}$ . Hence, the short length should be about  $1100/(2 \times 2200) = 0.25 \text{ ft} = 3 \text{ in}$ .

**7.8** From Eq. (7.3),

$\frac{8.20}{5.80} = 12k$  or  $k = 0.346/12 = 0.0289$  We want  $N$  such that  $\log_e(2) = 0.0289N$  or  $N = 24$  steps.

**7.9** Answer: The 32-ft diapason is an open pipe with harmonics at 32-, 16-, and 8-ft pitch (the second, fourth, sixth, and eighth harmonic of the non-existent 64-ft pipe). The bordon is a closed pipe with a fundamental that is a fifth higher (i.e., third harmonic) than its nominal 64 foot pitch. Hence, the combination has frequencies at the second, third, fourth, sixth, and eighth harmonic of the phantom 64-ft pipe and the human ear will conclude that it actually has 64-ft pitch, even though the fundamental is completely missing. Assuming the velocity of sound is 1100 ft/sec, the frequencies would be:

64-ft open 8.59, 17.18, 25.7, 34.4, 42.9, 51.5, 60.1, 68.7, 77.3 Hz 32-ft Diapason— 17.18, —, 34.4, —, 51.5, —, 68.7, — Hz 32-ft Bordon Quint —, 25.7, —, —, —, —, —, 77.3 Hz Effective harmonic 2 3 4 6 8 9

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