- %Objective: read in an input signal and identify the positions and types
- % of vowels in the signal.
- %First, read in a voice signal at very high sampling frequency, here
  set to
- %44.1kHz. That way, you can have a lot of information to process between
- %any times t1 and t2, as opposed to if you had a small sampling frequency.
- %The parameter y is a very long voice signal of length 44100\*n , where n is
- %the number of seconds of speech.
- %Because of inevitable noise infiltrating our data, it is very %difficult to establish the points in the signal where a sound definitively
- \*starts and where it stops. So, we adopt a different approach and look
- %the problem from a spectrogram-analysis point of view.

## %Assumptions:

- %1) The user will speak at a relatively constant amplitude. Note that this
- % is a little easier said than done, because words like "see" are
- % naturally much quieter than "hat."
- %2) The user will speak slowly and clearly so that we can look for
- % consistency in determining the vowels said.

## %"Recipe" for success:

- %1) Establish a set of variables that store theoretical vowel
  formants.
- %2) Record an audio signal of n seconds from the user.
- %3) Preprocess the data by detrending with a low-order polynomial.
- %4) Split the data into non-overlapping chunks of 4000 samples.
- %5) Determine the transfer function of the vocal tract associated with
  % the current chunk using an ar model.
- %6) Determine the peaks of the transfer function (the formants) and match
- % with the closest formant, filtering by a least means-squared
  matched
- % filter.
- %7) If amplitude of signal exceeds 0.1 max amplitude of overall signal, we
- % assume it's potentially a vowel. Put its formants onto the "stack"
   of
- % recent\_formant\_pairs.
- %8) If the last four formant pairs have been consistent (the same value),
- % then we will assume the vowel estimation has worked. Add the formant

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pair to the "stack" of vowels identified in
 track_times_and_formants.
%9) Now we have processed our guesses for what vowels were said when.
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    are going to have repeats, so run through a for-loop to clean up
 the
    track_times_and_formants vector into a new, workable vector called
    track begin end formants.
%10)Output data and guesses.
%Limitations:
%1) Requires very clear enunciation. Difficult to establish because we
   naturally change the pitch of our words as we start and end them.
Example:
   the end of the vowel in "rug" sounds remarkably similar to "hat"
    because of the way you shape your vocal tract as you close your
%2) User has to say each vowel for a moderate duration of time. Too
    and a wavering voice would affect success of the program. Too
 short,
   and not enough data to assign formants.
% Establishes initial values and constants.
[giant matrix, output matrix, recent formant pairs,
 track_times_and_formants, track_counter] = initialize_all_data();
disp('Now the program will analyze your speech signal, section by
 section')
disp('It will split the signal into *non*overlapping chunks to
 determine whether')
disp('a vowel is present at the corresponding locations in time.')
for t = 1:4000:length(y)-8001
    [h,w, isNoise] = determine frequency response(y, t, Fs);
    % time to determine formants
    % first determine indices of local maxima of transfer function
    [pks, locs] = findpeaks(abs(h));
    [~, locs_ordered] = sort(pks, 'descend');
    formants = 1:length(pks);
    %this loop assigns formants to the locations in w corresponding to
 "peaks"
    % using relation discrete_freq = analog_freq * Sample_rate
    for i = 1:length(pks)
        analog_freq = w(locs(locs_ordered(i)))*Fs/(2*pi);
        if (analog_freq > 140) % tries to filter out any ultra-low
 frequency sound messups
                formants(i) = w(locs(locs ordered(i)))*Fs/(2*pi);
        end
    end
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recent formant pairs = [recent formant pairs(2,:);
recent formant pairs(3,:); -1 0];
   if isNoise~=1
       %disp('THIS CONDITION WAS SATISFIED');
       formants identified = (sort(formants(1:2)));
       disp(['At time t = ' num2str(t/Fs) ', the signal chunk])
has'l)
       %disp(['formants at ' num2str(formants_identified)])
       vector_dist = 1:6;
       for k = 1:6
          weights = [1 1]; %weight the first formant three times as
much as the second formant
          vector_dist(k) = norm(weights.*(giant_matrix(k,:) -
formants identified));
       end
       %min_index identifies the vowel location in giant_matrix by
using a matched
       %filter dependent on the least-squares difference of the
experimental and
       %theoretical vowel spectra.
       if (max(formants_identified) < 4200)</pre>
           [~, min_index] = min(vector_dist);
       else
           min index = 0;
         % disp('The program rejects this set of formants because
the value of the ')
         % disp('second formant is too high!')
       end
       %print t/Fs.0;
       %print ' ';
       %print output_matrix(min_index,:)
       if (min index ~= 0)
           recent_formant_pairs = [recent_formant_pairs(1,:);
recent_formant_pairs(2,:); giant_matrix(min_index,:)];
           if (rank(recent_formant_pairs) == 1) % i.e. all the rows
are linearly dependent, implying they're the same in this case
              % disp('The program has determined that the last four
measurements have been')
              % disp('consistent. That means we shall consider this
set of measurements')
              % disp('as a vowel that appears in your signal!')
               track_times_and_formants(track_counter, :) = [t/Fs
giant matrix(min index, :)];
               track_counter = track_counter + 1;
               % If we see that the program identifies the same vowel
               % for at least 4 loops, then we can be confident that
some
               % vowel is being said.
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%disp(['According to the frequency spectrum of your
 input signal, the vowel you said at time t = ' t/44100.0 'seconds is
 the central vowel of the word ' output_matrix(min_index,:)]);
        end
    end
end
%Now we have a matrix track_times_and_formants which has done its job.
%However, we have to do some post-processing, because we anticipate
many
%repetitions in the matrix. Aka if you say the word "see" for a long
%there will be multiple rows in track_times_and_formants corresponding
%your voice signal.
%Create a track_begin_end_formants matrix that stores the beginning
%ending time of a vowel as well as the appropriate formants.
%first column of track_begin_end_formants is t1, the start time of the
%vowel
%second column is t2, the end time of the vowel
%3rd and 4th columns store the corresponding formants at those times
[track_begin_end_formants, row_track] =
 cleanup_formant_data(track_times_and_formants);
display matches(track begin end formants, row track, giant matrix,
 output_matrix, y)
Now the program will analyze your speech signal, section by section
It will split the signal into *non*overlapping chunks to determine
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a vowel is present at the corresponding locations in time.
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reduce the degree of the polynomial, or try centering and scaling as
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The program has finished analyzing your input signal.

It has determined the following information about the words you said. According to the frequency spectrum of your input signal:



