

plot_hprss

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[ ]: %matplotlib inline
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1 Harmonic-percussive source separation

This notebook illustrates how to separate an audio signal into its harmonic and percussive components.

We'll compare the original median-filtering based approach of Fitzgerald, 2010 <<http://arrow.dit.ie/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1078&context=argcon>> and its margin-based extension due to Dreidger, Mueller and Disch, 2014 <http://www.terasoft.com.tw/conf/ismir2014/proceedings/T110_127_Paper.pdf>.

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[ ]: from __future__ import print_function
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

import librosa
import librosa.display
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Load the example clip.

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[ ]: y, sr = librosa.load('audio/Karissa_Hobbs_-_09_-_Lets_Go_Fishin.mp3',
    ↪offset=40, duration=10)
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Compute the short-time Fourier transform of y

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[ ]: D = librosa.stft(y)
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Decompose D into harmonic and percussive components

$$D = D_{\text{harmonic}} + D_{\text{percussive}}$$

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[ ]: D_harmonic, D_percussive = librosa.decompose.hpss(D)
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We can plot the two components along with the original spectrogram

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[ ]: # Pre-compute a global reference power from the input spectrum
rp = np.max(np.abs(D))

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))

plt.subplot(3, 1, 1)
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librosa.display.specshow(librosa.amplitude_to_db(np.abs(D), ref=rp),
    ↳y_axis='log')
plt.colorbar()
plt.title('Full spectrogram')

plt.subplot(3, 1, 2)
librosa.display.specshow(librosa.amplitude_to_db(np.abs(D_harmonic), ref=rp),
    ↳y_axis='log')
plt.colorbar()
plt.title('Harmonic spectrogram')

plt.subplot(3, 1, 3)
librosa.display.specshow(librosa.amplitude_to_db(np.abs(D_percussive), ref=rp),
    ↳y_axis='log', x_axis='time')
plt.colorbar()
plt.title('Percussive spectrogram')
plt.tight_layout()

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The default HPSS above assigns energy to each time-frequency bin according to whether a horizontal (harmonic) or vertical (percussive) filter responds higher at that position.

This assumes that all energy belongs to either a harmonic or percussive source, but does not handle “noise” well. Noise energy ends up getting spread between `D_harmonic` and `D_percussive`.

If we instead require that the horizontal filter responds more than the vertical filter *by at least some margin*, and vice versa, then noise can be removed from both components.

Note: the default (above) corresponds to `margin=1`

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[ ]: # Let's compute separations for a few different margins and compare the results
    ↳below

D_harmonic2, D_percussive2 = librosa.decompose.hpss(D, margin=2)
D_harmonic4, D_percussive4 = librosa.decompose.hpss(D, margin=4)
D_harmonic8, D_percussive8 = librosa.decompose.hpss(D, margin=8)
D_harmonic16, D_percussive16 = librosa.decompose.hpss(D, margin=16)

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In the plots below, note that vibrato has been suppressed from the harmonic components, and vocals have been suppressed in the percussive components.

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[ ]: plt.figure(figsize=(10, 10))

plt.subplot(5, 2, 1)
librosa.display.specshow(librosa.amplitude_to_db(np.abs(D_harmonic), ref=rp),
    ↳y_axis='log')
plt.title('Harmonic')
plt.yticks([])
plt.ylabel('margin=1')

plt.subplot(5, 2, 2)
librosa.display.specshow(librosa.amplitude_to_db(np.abs(D_percussive), ref=rp),
    ↳y_axis='log')

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plt.title('Percussive')
plt.yticks([]), plt.ylabel('')

plt.subplot(5, 2, 3)
librosa.display.specshow(librosa.amplitude_to_db(np.abs(D_harmonic2), ref=rp),
    →y_axis='log')
plt.yticks([])
plt.ylabel('margin=2')

plt.subplot(5, 2, 4)
librosa.display.specshow(librosa.amplitude_to_db(np.abs(D_percussive2),
    →ref=rp), y_axis='log')
plt.yticks([]), plt.ylabel('')

plt.subplot(5, 2, 5)
librosa.display.specshow(librosa.amplitude_to_db(np.abs(D_harmonic4), ref=rp),
    →y_axis='log')
plt.yticks([])
plt.ylabel('margin=4')

plt.subplot(5, 2, 6)
librosa.display.specshow(librosa.amplitude_to_db(np.abs(D_percussive4),
    →ref=rp), y_axis='log')
plt.yticks([]), plt.ylabel('')

plt.subplot(5, 2, 7)
librosa.display.specshow(librosa.amplitude_to_db(np.abs(D_harmonic8), ref=rp),
    →y_axis='log')
plt.yticks([])
plt.ylabel('margin=8')

plt.subplot(5, 2, 8)
librosa.display.specshow(librosa.amplitude_to_db(np.abs(D_percussive8),
    →ref=rp), y_axis='log')
plt.yticks([]), plt.ylabel('')

plt.subplot(5, 2, 9)
librosa.display.specshow(librosa.amplitude_to_db(np.abs(D_harmonic16), ref=rp),
    →y_axis='log')
plt.yticks([])
plt.ylabel('margin=16')

plt.subplot(5, 2, 10)
librosa.display.specshow(librosa.amplitude_to_db(np.abs(D_percussive16),
    →ref=rp), y_axis='log')
plt.yticks([]), plt.ylabel('')

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plt.tight_layout()  
plt.show()
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