

# VAG tool documentation

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This is an update summary of VAG signal processing scripts used in the article *Spectral Analysis on Vibroarthrographic Signal of Total Knee Arthroplasty*. There are two issues intended to solve in this version:

- Break the file allocation dependency. Former script use file allocation convention to run script properly, *i.e.*, the new data set need to be place in the correct directory, for example, `../../data/`.
- Use R library for plotting. `ggplot` library provides a publication-quality plotting library and is open source (in progress).

The overview of all code and folder structure is shown below:

```
vag-tool
├── doc // documentation latex source code
├── lib // external library used to write up the script
│   ├── cdfa
│   ├── gsl-2.2.1
│   ├── libeemd
│   └── README
└── src // code written in this project
    ├── signal_to_imfs
    ├── signal_to_imfs_all
    ├── remove_spike
    ├── script_dfa.sh
    ├── use_dfa
    ├── use_dfa_all
    └── ...
```

## Installation

Prerequisite is scientific python and r which can be easily installed on Debian linux with the command:

```
$ sudo apt-get install build-essential python-pip3 python3 ipython3 r-base
$ pip install numpy scipy matplotlib
```

Then copy the folder `vag-tool` to your computer. In order to make command line know the new script, we have to export the new path to the folder, which can be done easily by:

```
$ export PATH=$PATH:/path/to/vag-tool/src/
```

Additionally, we can add this line to the `.bash_profile` or `.bashrc` to make this line execute every time we attend the terminal session.

## Usage

### EEMD with libeemd

For IMFs, EEMD algorithm take a single time signal located at path, `in_path` and output the set of IMF to the output directory `out_dir`. In case multiple input files, there is a script called `signal_to_imfs_all` which replace path to input file, `in_path` with path to input directory `in_dir`

```
$ signal_to_imfs in_path out_dir\\
$ signal_to_imfs_all in_dir out_dir
```

### DFA

After downloading library DFA and `make` process, there will be an executable `dfa`. This executable can be used directly one by one to create DFA pairs but not very convenient when we would like to process over the directory so that `script_dfa.sh` is introduced.

The parameter  $\alpha$  is calculated from DFA pairs. Each IMFs is composed back with the alpha criterion, for example,  $\alpha > 0.5$ . Both steps (1) obtain  $\alpha$  of each IMF (2) composite the IMFs back due to alpha criterion are done with `use_dfa` and `use_dfa_all`.

## Working example

Let assume there are the data at directory `sample`:

```
sample
├── s1.txt
└── s2.txt
then processed with signal_to_imfs_all
```

```
$ signal_to_imfs_all sample/ imfs/
```

and finally out put to the folder `imfs`

```
imfs
├── s1
│   ├── 0.txt
│   ├── 1.txt
│   ├── 2.txt
│   ├── 3.txt
│   └── 4.txt
└── s2
```

└ 0.txt  
└ 1.txt  
└ 2.txt  
└ 3.txt  
└ 4.txt