

# 2 -Sound Characteristics

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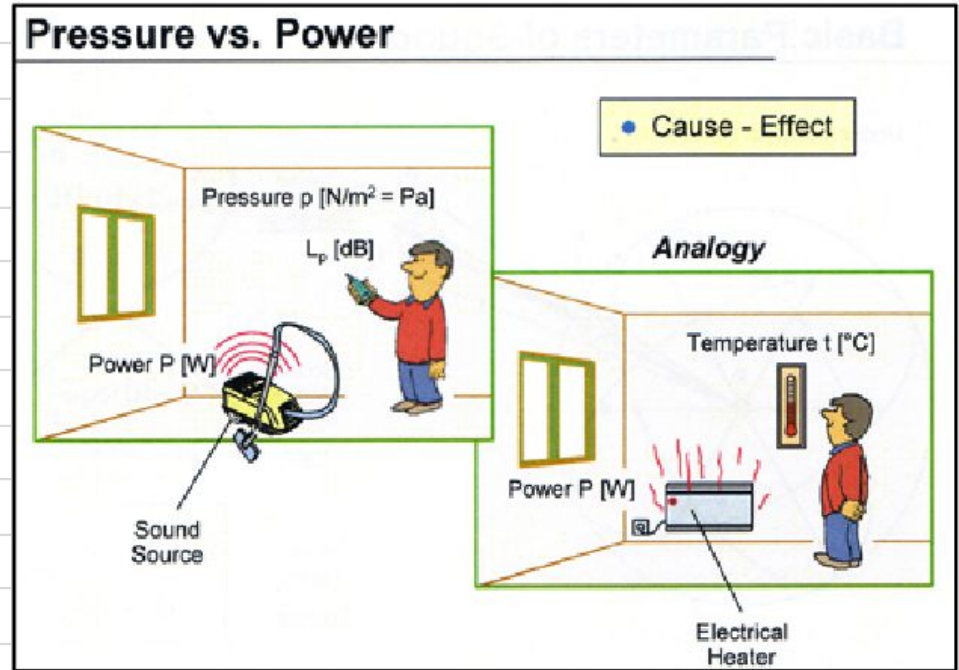


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# Power

“The amount of sound energy needs to be emitted, transmitted and received in a period of time”

Since power is a representation of kinetic energy, it's measured by Watts [W].

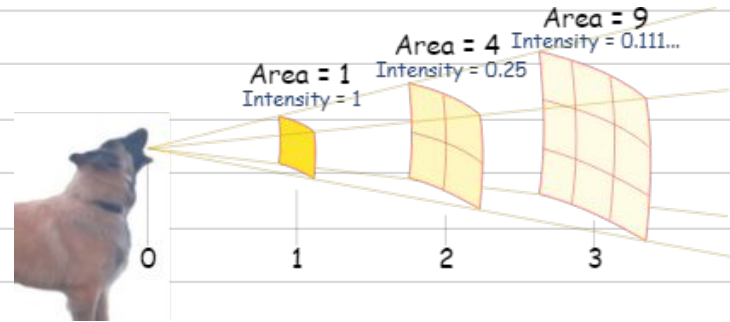


# Intensity

As consequence of power, sound waves  
carrie power over space (Area), Intensity is  
the amount of power carried by sound waves  
in a perpendicular direction over an area.

Intensity is measured in  $[W/m^2]$ , air pressure  
intensity as a consequence of a sound wave  
deformation, is expressed as :

$$10^{-12} \text{ W/m}^2 = 0 \text{ db}$$



Source	Intensity	Intensity level
Threshold of hearing (TOH)	$10^{-12}$	0 dB
Whisper	$10^{-10}$	20 dB
Pianissimo	$10^{-8}$	40 dB
Normal conversation	$10^{-6}$	60 dB
Fortissimo	$10^{-2}$	100 dB
Threshold of pain	10	130 dB
Jet take-off	$10^2$	140 dB
Instant perforation of eardrum	$10^4$	160 dB



# Timbre



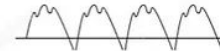
Although a violin wave sound (C3) may have the same frequency as a guitar wave sound (C3), and the same intensity (10 db), both sound and look different.



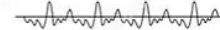
Tuning fork



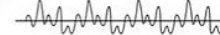
Flute



Voice



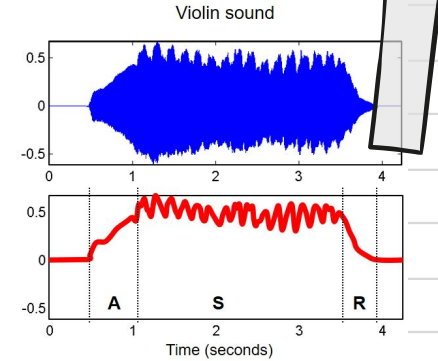
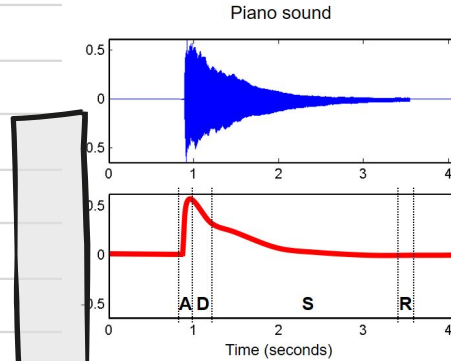
Guitar



# Sound Envelope

Sound behavior (pattern) which makes sound waves recognizable.

For example piano and violin patterns are different by analyzing the sound envelope even if both have same frequency and pitch.





# A-D-S-R Model

## Attack

Peak of amplitude, usually increase dramatically

## Decay

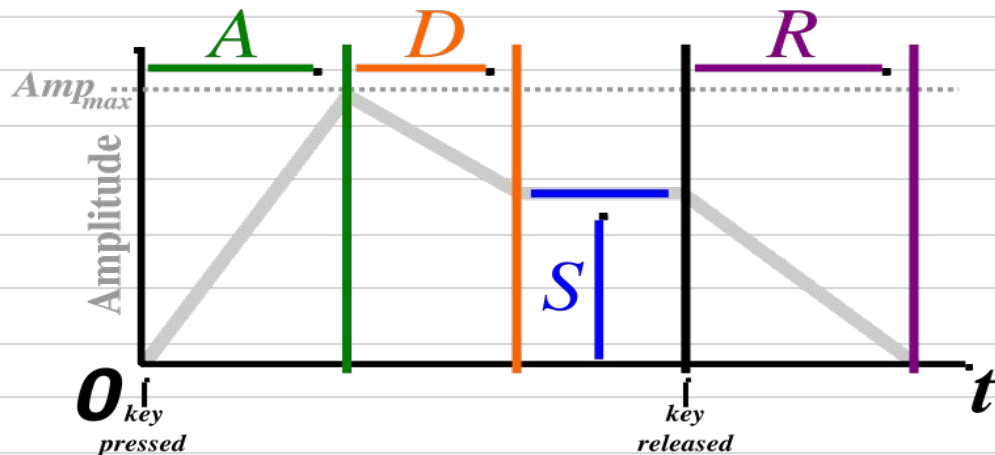
Amplitude decrease to reach stability in the sound

## Sustain

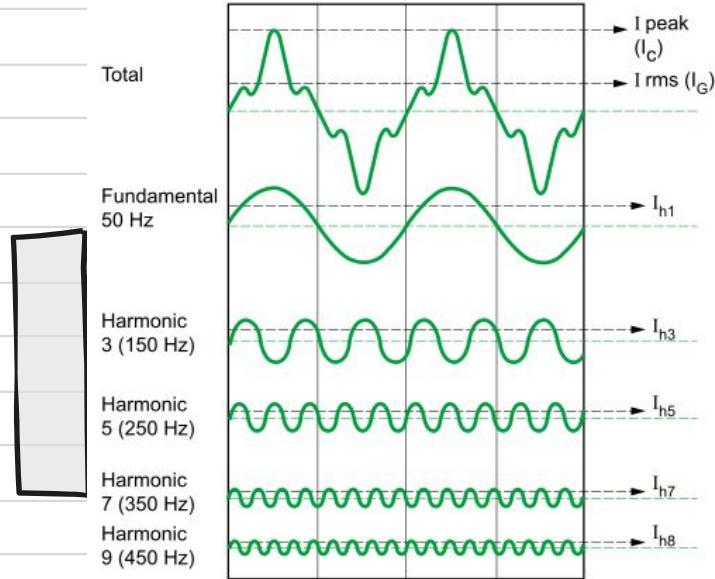
Period of time in which amplitude maintains

## Release

Final phase of amplitude until it reaches zero



# Complex Sound



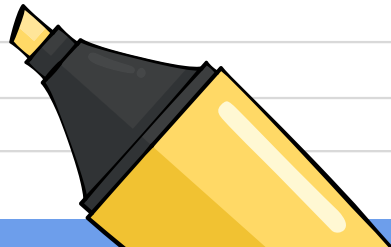
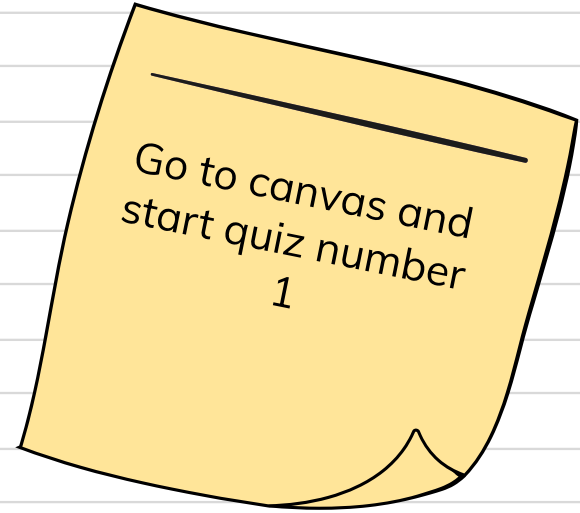
Real world sounds in nature usually consists in a superpositions of signals (sinusoids).

The lowest frequency sinusoid it's called the fundamental.

Each multiple of the fundamental, its an **harmonic**, in terms of sound harmonics sound great all together.



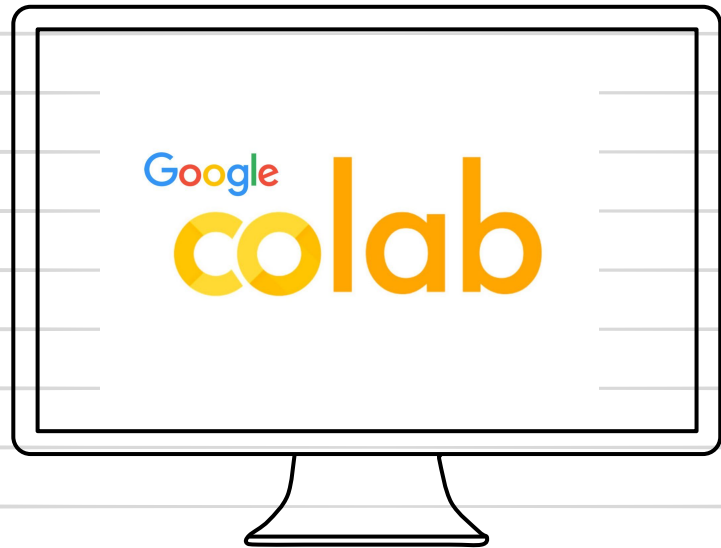
# Quiz Time





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# Exercise

- 1) Choose a sound or fragment song you like in .wav format
- 2) Create a colab Notebook
- 3) Plot the wavesound
- 5) Reduce the sound duration in seconds to half the time
- 4) Calculate the highest and lowest value of the wave amplitude
- 5) Choose a new sound or song and plot both wave sounds in the same display to compare them in two different colors and transparency.

Note: Try to explore librosa documentation to understand the methods and parameters.

<https://librosa.org/doc/latest/index.html>





# Thanks!

Do you have any questions?

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