

Homework 2: Gábor transforms

DUE: Thursday, Feb. 5, 2012

Part I

In this homework, you will analyze a portion of Handel's Messiah with time-frequency analysis. To get started, you can use the following commands (note that Handel is so highly regarded, that MATLAB has a portion of his music already in MATLAB! I can't wait until they put in some Snoop Dog and Dre.... and for you guys, Justin Bieber):

```
load handel
v = y'/2;
plot((1:length(v))/Fs,v);
xlabel('Time [sec]');
ylabel('Amplitude');
title('Signal of Interest, v(n)');
```

This code gives you plots the portion of music you will analyze. To play this back in MATLAB, you can use the following commands:

```
p8 = audioplayer(v,Fs);
playblocking(p8);
```

This homework is rather open ended in the sense that I want you to explore the time-frequency signature of this 9 second piece of classic work. Things you should think about doing:

1. Through use of the Gábor filtering we used in class, produce spectrograms of the piece of work.
2. Explore the window width of the Gábor transform and how it effects the spectrogram.
3. Explore the spectrogram and the idea of oversampling (i.e. using very small translations of the Gábor window) versus potential undersampling (i.e. using very course/large translations of the Gábor window).
4. Use different Gábor windows. Perhaps you can start with the Gaussian window, and look to see how the results are effected with the Mexican hat wavelet and a step-function (Shannon) window.

Don't be cheap on time here, i.e. don't be lame. This is an opportunity for you to have a creative and open ended experience with MATLAB and data analysis. Please do a nice job writing things up and labeling your resulting plots. I believe this homework can be a really engaging and educational experience if you devote some time to it.

Part II

From the website, download the two files **music1.wav** and **music2wav**. These files play the song *Mary had a little lamb* on both the recorder and piano. These are **.wav** files I generated using my iPhone. To important and convert them, use the following commands for both pieces (NOTE: basically both pieces are converted to a vector representing the music, thus you can easily edit the music by modifying the vector).

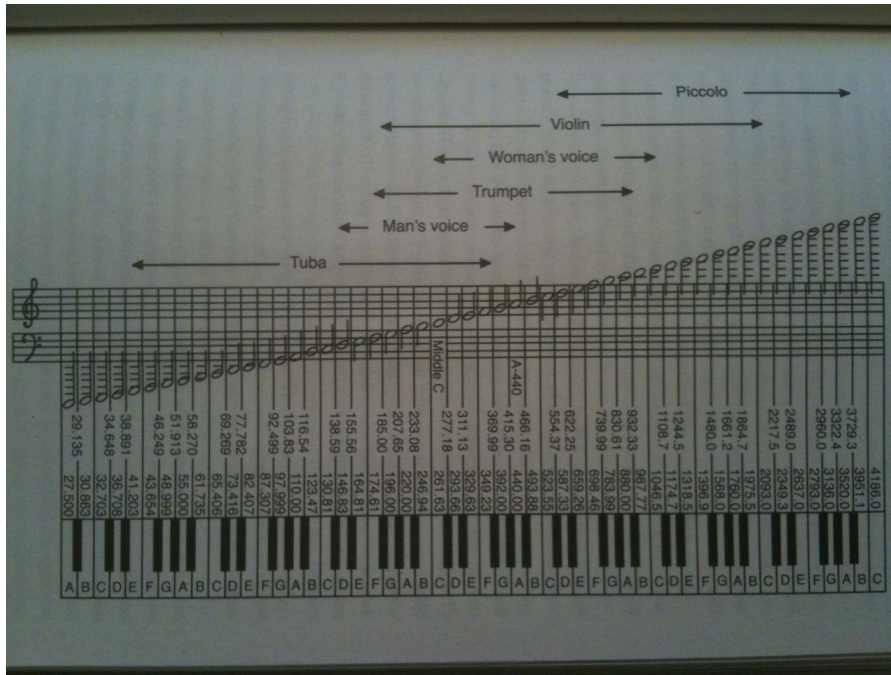


Figure 1: Music scale along with frequency of each note in Hz

```
tr_piano=16; % record time in seconds
y=wavread('music1'); Fs=length(y)/tr_piano;
plot((1:length(y))/Fs,y);
xlabel('Time [sec]'); ylabel('Amplitude');
title('Mary had a little lamb (piano)'); drawnow
p8 = audioplayer(y,Fs); playblocking(p8);
```

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figure(2)
tr_rec=14; % record time in seconds
y=wavread('music2'); Fs=length(y)/tr_rec;
plot((1:length(y))/Fs,y);
xlabel('Time [sec]'); ylabel('Amplitude');
title('Mary had a little lamb (recorder)');
p8 = audioplayer(y,Fs); playblocking(p8);
```

1. Through use of the Gábor filtering we used in class, reproduce the music score for this simple piece. See Fig. 1 which has the music scale in Hertz. (note: to get a good clean score, you may want to filter out overtones... see below).
2. What is the difference between a recorder and piano? Can you see the difference in the time-frequency analysis? Note that many people talk about the difference of instruments being related to the *timbre* of an instrument. The timbre is related to the overtones generated by the instrument for a center frequency. Thus if you are playing a note at frequency ω_0 , an instrument will generate overtones at $2\omega_0, 3\omega_0, \dots$ and so forth.