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# Inflection Area Ratio

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The inflection area ratio is a useful term that's related to vascular distensibility. The hard part is determining at which point in time to calculate the area under the curve. This program calculates the inflection area ratio of a given signal.

## Visualize the signal, and pick a "clean" area

The signal is very noisy. A clean region will manually be picked in order to check the efficacy of the base algorithm. A filtering algorithm can later be created to either not calculate inflection area in noisy signal regions or to filter out poor inflection area values.

```
clear all
close all
clc

raw = csvread('PPG_1.csv');           % raw data.
Fs = raw(2);                          %sampling frequency is the second
    element
raw = raw(3:end);                     %data begins on third element
time = (1:length(raw)) / Fs;

% Raw signal plot
figure('units','normalized','outerposition',[0 0 1 1])
subplot(2,1,1)
plot(time,raw)
title('Raw signal')
xlabel('Time (s)')
ylabel('unitless signal value')

%Bandpass Filter plot
subplot(2,1,2)
h = fdesign.bandpass('N,F3dB1,F3dB2', 12, 0.05, 28, Fs); %bandpass
    0.1 Hz to 28 Hz
bpass = design(h, 'butter');
BPrw = filter(bpass,raw);
plot(time,BPrw);
title('Bandpassed signal')
xlabel('Time (s)')
ylabel('unitless signal value')

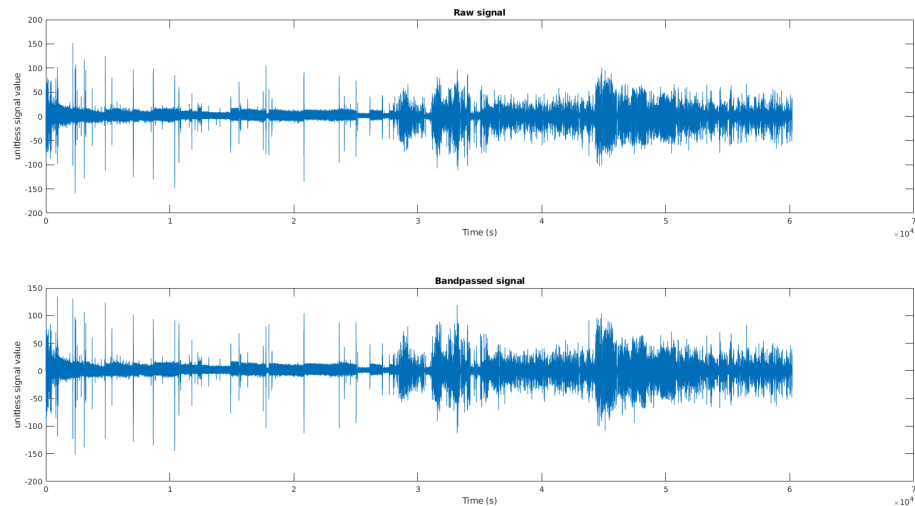
%output averages to demonstrate working of highpass filter.
rawav = mean(raw)
rawbp = mean(BPrw)
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rawav =
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-0.0100
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rawbp =
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2.5604e-05
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## Bandpass Filter

First I want to examine the effect of the bandpass filter. I'll iterate through a couple of filter coefficients to see the effect of each on the signal. I'll pick a clean region of the signal to do this in. To examine the effect of other regions, just alter the "cindex" value.

```
%cindex = (21721*Fs:21728*Fs-1); %index for clean signal
cindex = (21720*Fs:21735*Fs-1);
ctime = cindex / Fs; %clean time array
craw = raw(cindex); %clean raw signal

%Plot bandpass filter for different cutoff values
figure('units','normalized','outerposition',[0 0 1 1])
for i = 1:5
    low_coeff = 0.01 * i; %iterate through low pass cutoff values
    h = fdesign.bandpass('N,F3dB1,F3dB2', 12, low_coeff, 28, Fs);
    %create filter "h"
    bpass = design(h, 'butter');
    %design butterworth filter based on h
    cBP_raw = filter(bpass,raw(cindex));
    %filter raw data

    subplot(5,1,i) %plot bandpass filtered signal at different
    lowpass coefficients
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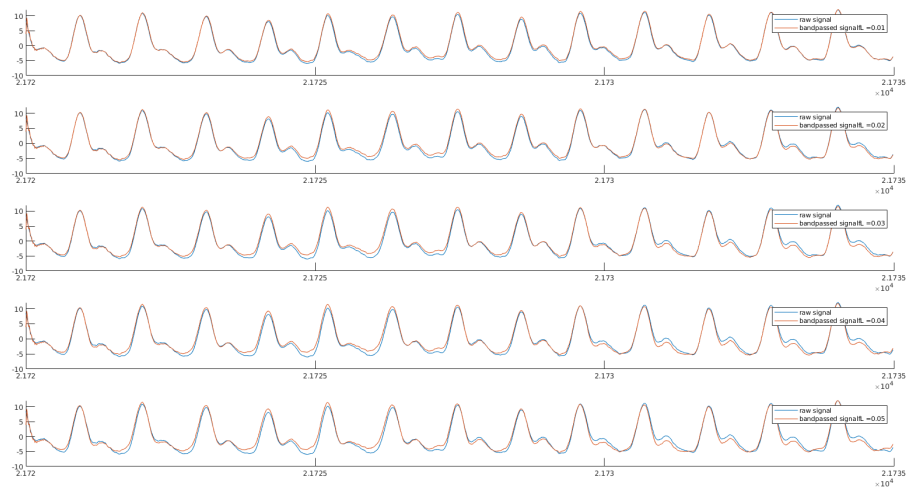
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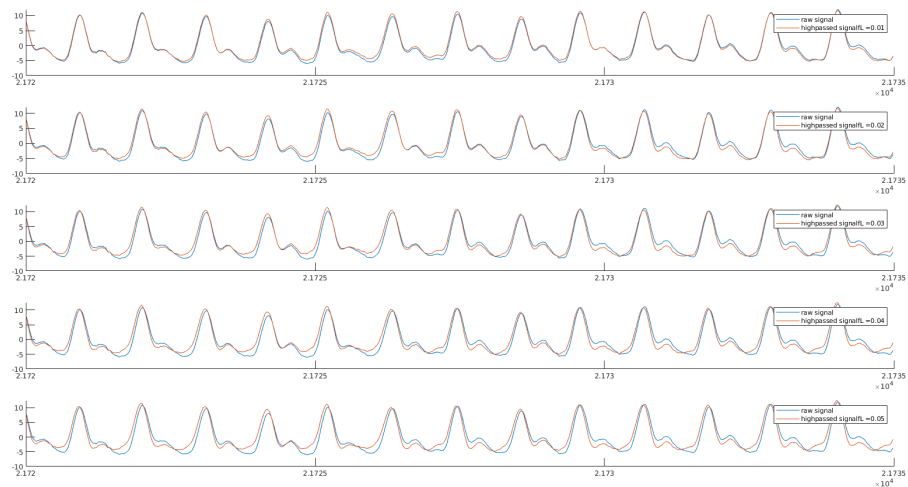
    hold on
    plot(ctime,craw)
    plot(ctime,cBP_raw)
    legend('raw signal', strcat('bandpassed signal    ','fL = ',
num2str(low_coeff)))
    hold off
end

%Plot highpass filter at different values. Same logic as before.
figure('units','normalized','outerposition',[0 0 1 1])
for i = 1:5
    low_coeff = 0.01 * i; %low pass cutoff.
    h = fdesign.highpass('N,F3dB', 12, low_coeff, Fs);
    hpass = design(h, 'butter');
    cHP_raw = filter(hpass,raw(cindex));

    subplot(5,1,i)
    hold on
    plot(ctime,craw)
    plot(ctime,cHP_raw)
    legend('raw signal', strcat('highpassed signal    ','fL = ',
num2str(low_coeff)))
    hold off
end

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## Take a moving average to smooth jitters, plot derivative, find minima and maxima

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figure('units','normalized','outerposition',[0 0 1 1])
smooth = movmean(BPraw,8); %8 sample moving average
sig = BPraw(cindex);
smoothsig = smooth(cindex); %smooth signal in specified
    clean range
smoothtime = (1:length(smoothsig))/Fs; %time vector for smoothed
    signal

%Plot OG signal
subplot(5,1,1)
plot(smoothtime,raw(cindex))
title('Raw signal - clean')
xlabel('time (s)')
ylabel('signal value (unitless)')

%plot BP signal
subplot(5,1,2)
plot(smoothtime,sig)
title('Bandpassed signal')
xlabel('time (s)')
ylabel('signal value (unitless)')

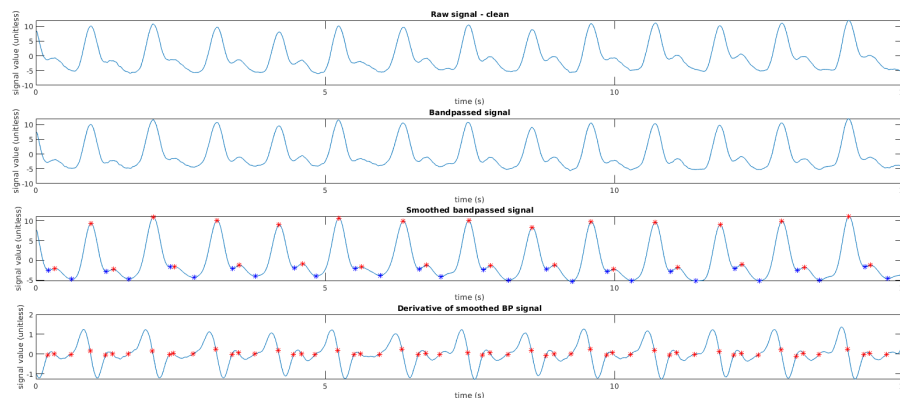
%plot smoothed signal. Find minima and maxima
subplot(5,1,3)
plot(smoothtime,smoothsig)
title('Smoothed bandpassed signal')
xlabel('time (s)')
ylabel('signal value (unitless)')
hold on %plot peaks
[maxs maxlocs] = findpeaks(smoothsig); %find local maxima
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plot(smoothtime(maxlocs),smoothsig(maxlocs),'*r')
[mins minlocs] = findpeaks(smoothsig*-1);
mins = mins*-1;
plot(smoothtime(minlocs),smoothsig(minlocs),'b*')
hold off

%plot derivative and zero crossings (should correlate with peaks found
%previously)
subplot(5,1,4)
d1 = diff(smooth(cindex));
N = 1:length(d1); %sample index for diff singal
t1 = N/Fs; %time for diff signal
plot(N/Fs,d1)
title('Derivative of smoothed BP signal')
xlabel('time (s)')
ylabel('signal value (unitless)')
hold on %plot when it crosses zero
zs = Zero(cindex(2:end),d1);
plot(t1(zs),d1(zs),'*r')
hold off

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## Determine Inflection Area Ratio

I've found the locations where mins and maxes occur. I have an array of mins and an array of maxes. I can iterate through this array to determine the indices that will determine important signal parameters, such as inflection area ratio. To determine the inflection area ratio, I need the area under the curve of the diastolic portion and the systolic portion. I have the variables "mins", "maxs", "minlocs", and "maxlocs" which represent the minima, maxima, minima index locations, and maxima index locations. I can use these four arrays to create logic that should determine systolic and diastolic region on a clean (important!!! dealing with a bad signal will come later) signal. I'll start the code at a complete minimum value.

```

%find total minima.
mincount = 0; %initialize count variable for mins
for i = 2:length(mins)-1
    if mins(i) < mins(i-1)

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        mincount = mincount+1;
        tmins(mincount) = mins(i) ;           %total mins array
        tminlocs(mincount) = minlocs(i);      %total min location array
    end
end

maxcount = 0; %initialize count variable for maxs
%find total maxima and their index locations.
for i = 2:length(maxs)-1
    if maxs(i) > maxs(i-1)
        maxcount = maxcount + 1;
        tmaxs(maxcount) = maxs(i);
        tmaxlocs(maxcount) = maxlocs(i);
    end
end

%make a for loop that iterates from one minima to the next
for i = 1:length(tminlocs)-1
    sdur = tminlocs(i):tminlocs(i+1);        %array with segment
    duration indeces i.e. [343 344 345 ... 410] contains 1 ppg waveform
    p = sort([tminlocs(i) tminlocs(i+1)]);    %sort array to
    determine baseline
    siggy = smoothsig(sdur) + p(1);           %add minimum signal
    value
    [mx mxloc] = findpeaks(smoothsig(sdur));   %find maxima within
    this signal
    [mn mnloc] = findpeaks(smoothsig(sdur)*-1); %find minima within
    this signal
    mnloc = mnloc+sdur(1);                     %mnloc is relative
    to a start index of 1, fix this by adding start index of signal

    if length(mx) == 2 && length(mn)==1 %EXCLUSION CRITERIAthere
    are two maxima within signal as expected. Add other conditional logic
    HERE!!!!. These are "EXCLUSION CRITERIA"
        systlocs = tminlocs(i):mnloc;         %systolic segment index
        diastlocs = mnloc:tminlocs(i+1);      %diastolic segment index
        offset = -smoothsig(sdur(1));         %offset to make all areas
        under curve positive
        systsig = smoothsig(systlocs)+offset; %systolic segment
        signal
        diastsig = smoothsig(diastlocs)+offset; %diastolic segment
        signal
        A1(i) = trapz(systsig);                %systolic area
        A2(i) = trapz(diastsig);               %diastolic area
        ifarea(sdur(1)) = A2(i)/A1(i);         %inflection area ratio
    else
        ifarea(sdur(1)) = 0;
    end
end

%plot inflection area
subplot(5,1,5)
ifarea(ifarea>2)=0; %remove outliers
ifarea(ifarea<0)=0;

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it = (1:length(ifarea))./Fs;    %time array
f = find(ifarea);              %location indices of non-zero values
plot(it(f),ifarea(f),'r')
title('Inflection Area Ratio Over Time')
xlabel('time (s)')
ylabel('Inflection Area Ratio (unitless)')

function fourier_plot(Fs,signal)    %plot the fourier of the signal.

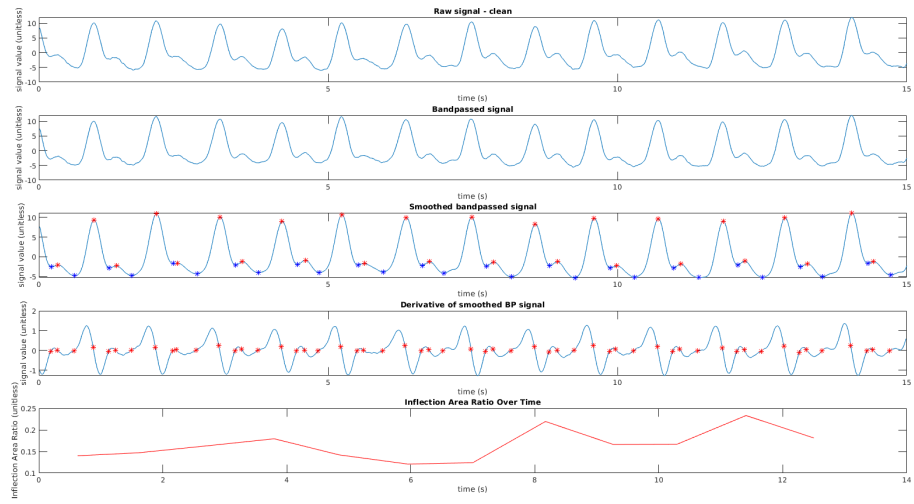
Y = fft(signal);
L = length(signal);

%math to plot single sided amplitude spectrum
P2 = abs(Y/L);
P1 = P2(1:L/2+1);
P1(2:end-1) = 2*P1(2:end-1);
f = Fs*(0:(L/2))/L;

%plot
plot(f,20*log10(P1))
title('Single-Sided Amplitude Spectrum of X(t)')
xlabel('Frequency (Hz)')
ylabel('Amplitude (db)')
%axis([0.5 30 -inf inf])
end

%Finds zeros of a sample vector. x is sample vector, y is signal.
function z = Zero(x,y)
z = []; %zeros
for i = 1:length(y)-1
    if (y(i) > 0 && y(i+1) < 0) || (y(i) < 0 && y(i+1) > 0) || (y(i)
    == 0)
        z = [z,i]; %add index position
    end
end
end
end

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