

**Revisited: Fundamental Frequency**  
**Detection/Pitch Tracking**

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**A3. If the blockSize = 1024 for blocking, what is the exact time resolution of your pitch tracker? Can this be improved without changing the block-size? If yes, how? If no, why? (Use a sampling rate of 44100Hz for all calculations).**

$$\text{Equation 7.18: } f_Q = \kappa \frac{f_s}{\mathcal{K}} = \kappa * 43.0664 \text{ Hz}$$

Without changing either the sample rate ( $f_s$ ) or blockSize ( $\mathcal{K}$ ), the frequency resolution cannot be improved at no cost; however if need be, the resolution can be effectively increased with the use of certain workarounds. For instance, the spectrum can be interpolated or the blocked audio can be zero-padded to increase the “block length” and thus increase the frequency resolution. Neither of these solutions are without error, though. Aside from the obvious potential error from interpolation, the zero-padding reshapes the spectral leakage of the transformation.

**E1. In a separate function executeassign3(), generate a test signal (sine wave, f = 441 Hz from 0-1 sec and f = 882 Hz from 1-2 sec), apply your track\_pitch\_fftmax(), (blockSize = 1024, hopSize = 512) and plot the f0 curve. Also, plot the absolute error per block and discuss the possible causes for the deviation. Repeat for track\_pitch\_hps() with the same signal and parameters. Why does the HPS method fail with this signal?**

This signal is composed of two sinusoids with no harmonics. Thus, an analysis method based on harmonics will fail.

**E2. Next use (blockSize = 2048, hopSize = 512) and repeat the above experiment (only for the max spectra method). Do you see any improvement in performance?**

The error with block size 1024 is about 10 Hz for the first second and 20 seconds for the second second. The error with blocksize 2048 is the same for the first second, but zero for the second second.

**E3. Evaluate your track\_pitch\_fftmax() using the development set Download development set(see assignment 1) and the eval\_pitchtrack\_v2() method (use blockSize = 1024, hopSize = 512). Report the average performance metrics across the development set.**

Average RMS: 1922.223149488458

Average PFP: 81.73189199051268

Average PFN: 0.06018375606660836

**E4. Evaluate your track\_pitch\_hps() using the development set and the eval\_pitchtrack\_v2() method (use blockSize = 1024, hopSize = 512). Report the average performance metrics across the development set.**

Average RMS: 752.5711452792799  
Average PFP: 13.097746761539865  
Average PFN: 24.865401357193765

**E6. Evaluate your track\_pitch() using the development set and the eval\_pitchtrack\_v2() method (use blockSize = 1024, hopSize = 512) over all 3 pitch trackers (acf, max and hps) and report the results with two values of threshold (threshold = -40, -20)**

Tracking pitch for developmentSet/trainData/01-D\_AMairena.wav using acf and threshold of -40  
RMS: 204.820710036163  
PFP: 70.83333333333334  
PFN: 0.05040322580645161

Tracking pitch for developmentSet/trainData/24-M1\_AMairena-Martinete.wav using acf and threshold of -40  
RMS: 623.2211589876858  
PFP: 77.77777777777779  
PFN: 0.0

Tracking pitch for developmentSet/trainData/63-M2\_AMairena.wav using acf and threshold of -40  
RMS: 352.187481364272  
PFP: 91.37931034482759  
PFN: 0.0

Tracking pitch for developmentSet/trainData/01-D\_AMairena.wav using acf and threshold of -20  
RMS: 208.84846242044927  
PFP: 100.0  
PFN: 0.0

Tracking pitch for developmentSet/trainData/24-M1\_AMairena-Martinete.wav using acf and threshold of -20  
RMS: 623.2211589876858  
PFP: 100.0  
PFN: 0.0

Tracking pitch for developmentSet/trainData/63-M2\_AMairena.wav using acf and threshold of -20  
RMS: 352.187481364272  
PFP: 100.0  
PFN: 0.0

Tracking pitch for developmentSet/trainData/01-D\_AMairena.wav using max and threshold of -40

RMS: 1694.486662346608  
PFP: 59.58333333333336  
PFN: 0.15120967741935484

Tracking pitch for developmentSet/trainData/24-M1\_AMairena-Martinete.wav using max and threshold of -40

RMS: 1988.9020509931695  
PFP: 72.22222222222221  
PFN: 0.0

Tracking pitch for developmentSet/trainData/63-M2\_AMairena.wav using max and threshold of -40

RMS: 2083.527940550901  
PFP: 62.643678160919535  
PFN: 0.07974481658692185

Tracking pitch for developmentSet/trainData/01-D\_AMairena.wav using max and threshold of -20

RMS: 1694.2394569213031  
PFP: 84.16666666666667  
PFN: 0.10080645161290322

Tracking pitch for developmentSet/trainData/24-M1\_AMairena-Martinete.wav using max and threshold of -20

RMS: 1988.9020509931695  
PFP: 92.06349206349206  
PFN: 0.0

Tracking pitch for developmentSet/trainData/63-M2\_AMairena.wav using max and threshold of -20

RMS: 2083.527940550901  
PFP: 68.96551724137932  
PFN: 0.07974481658692185

Tracking pitch for developmentSet/trainData/01-D\_AMairena.wav using hps and threshold of -40

RMS: 597.4478543084341  
PFP: 13.750000000000002  
PFN: 24.04233870967742

Tracking pitch for developmentSet/trainData/24-M1\_AMairena-Martinete.wav using hps and threshold of -40

RMS: 843.1149761486033  
PFP: 10.317460317460316  
PFN: 14.719101123595504

Tracking pitch for developmentSet/trainData/63-M2\_AMairena.wav using hps and threshold of -40

RMS: 796.7849377009161

PFP: 9.770114942528735

PFN: 35.88516746411483

Tracking pitch for developmentSet/trainData/01-D\_AMairena.wav using hps and threshold of -20

RMS: 617.8135219883206

PFP: 16.25

PFN: 23.991935483870968

Tracking pitch for developmentSet/trainData/24-M1\_AMairena-Martinete.wav using hps and threshold of -20

RMS: 843.1149761486033

PFP: 12.698412698412698

PFN: 14.719101123595504

Tracking pitch for developmentSet/trainData/63-M2\_AMairena.wav using hps and threshold of -20

RMS: 796.7849377009161

PFP: 10.344827586206897

PFN: 35.88516746411483