

Sparse Signal Processing

Lecture 4 — Fourier interpolation and the linear model

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Material at <https://github.com/nkeriven/ENS-signal> (subject to changes, check every now and then)

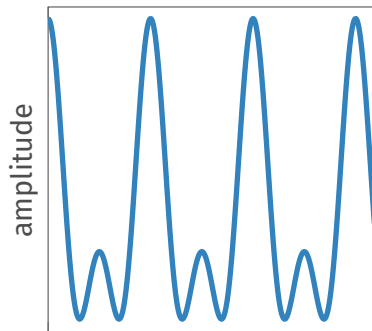
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Considered Task

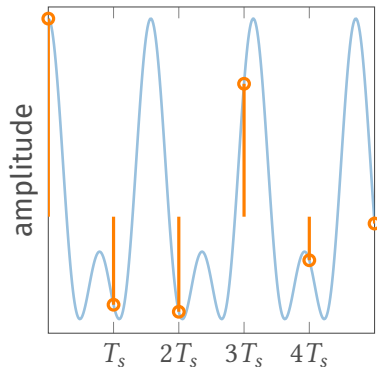
Recovering a signal x from **infinitely** many function evaluations

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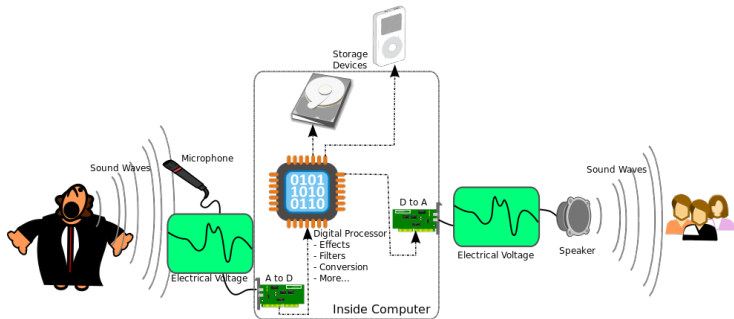
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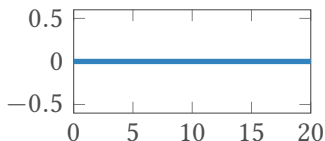
Application 1: sampling and reconstructing audio recording



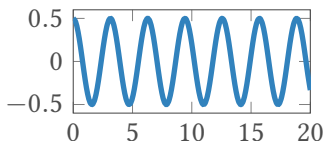
Important component of sound perception: the frequency

Application 2: (simplified) transmitters

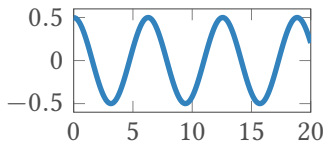
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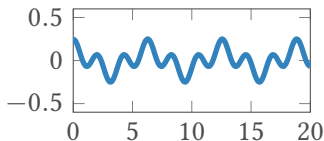
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Support of information: electromagnetic (sinusoidal at a given frequency) waves

Wrapping up: main ingredients

1. **The sensing operator:** The (linear) operator defined by

$$\begin{aligned} M: \mathcal{L}^2(\mathbf{R}) &\longrightarrow \mathbf{R}^Z \\ x &\longmapsto \{x(jT_s)\}_{j \in \mathbf{Z}} \end{aligned}$$

2. **The target set:** *To be defined*

Related to some notion of frequency

3. **The decoder:** *To be defined*

4. **The accuracy criterion:** “noiseless exact recovery”, i.e.

$$\forall x \in \mathcal{X}_{\text{target}}, \quad D(M(x)) = x$$



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- Sometimes defined without the 2π (but less clean, multiplicative constants everywhere)
- $\mathcal{F}x$ is often written \hat{x}

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Answer

$$\mathcal{F}\Pi(f) = a \frac{\sin(\pi af)}{\pi af} \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} a \operatorname{sinc}(af)$$

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Theorem: Inversion

If $x \in \mathcal{L}^1(\mathbf{R})$ is **such that** $\mathcal{F}x \in \mathcal{L}^1(\mathbf{R})$ then

$$\overline{\mathcal{F}}[\mathcal{F}x] \stackrel{\text{a.e.}}{=} x$$

with equality at every point of continuity.

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We are going to extend Fourier to \mathcal{L}^2 by *density* of $\mathcal{L}^1 \cap \mathcal{L}^2$ within \mathcal{L}^2

\rightarrow i.e., $\forall \epsilon > 0, f \in \mathcal{L}^2, \exists g \in \mathcal{L}^1 \cap \mathcal{L}^2$ s.t. $\|f - g\|_{L^2} \leq \epsilon$

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- ▶ We call its limit the “Fourier transform of f ” denoted by $\mathcal{F}f$. It satisfies all the usual properties of the Fourier transform (see next slide)

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- ▶ $\mathcal{F}(f \star g)(t) = \mathcal{F}f(t)\mathcal{F}g(t)$ (convolution thm)
- ▶ $\langle f, g \rangle_{L^2} = \langle \mathcal{F}f, \mathcal{F}g \rangle_{L^2}$ (Parseval identity)
- ▶ $\mathcal{F}\frac{df}{dt}(t) = 2i\pi t\mathcal{F}f(t) \Rightarrow$ if f is k times differentiable, $\mathcal{F}f$ decrease faster than $1/t^k$

Properties (summary)

| Property | Function | Fourier transform |
|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | $x(t)$ | $\hat{x}(f)$ |
| Inverse | $\hat{x}(t)$ | $x(-f)$ |
| Convolution | $x_1 \star x_2(t)$ | $\hat{x}_1 \hat{x}_2(f)$ |
| Multiplication | $x_1(t)x_2(t)$ | $\hat{x}_1 \star \hat{x}_2(f)$ |
| Translation | $x(t - u)$ | $e^{-2i\pi uf} \hat{x}(f)$ |
| Modulation | $e^{2i\pi \xi t} x(t)$ | $\hat{x}(f - \xi)$ |
| Scaling | $x(t/s)$ | $ s \hat{x}(sf)$ |
| Time derivatives | $x^{(p)}(t)$ | $(2i\pi f)^p \hat{x}(f)$ |
| Freq. derivatives | $(-2i\pi t)^p x(t)$ | $\hat{x}^{(p)}(f)$ |
| Complex conjugate | $\bar{x}(t)$ | $\overline{\hat{x}}(-f)$ |

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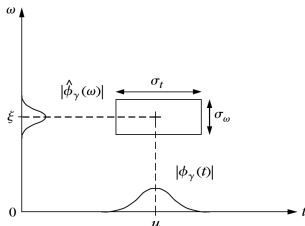
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Heisenberg's uncertainty principle

For $x \in \mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R})$, define the two density functions

$p_x = \frac{|x(t)|^2}{\|x\|_{L^2}^2}$, $p_{\hat{x}} = \frac{|\hat{x}(f)|^2}{\|\hat{x}\|_{L^2}^2}$ and their respective **variance** $\sigma_x^2, \sigma_{\hat{x}}^2$. Then

$$\sigma_x^2 \sigma_{\hat{x}}^2 \geq 1/4$$





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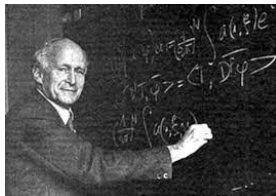
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→ Space of “distributions”, defined by *duality*.

We need the smallest dual space as possible, to make the biggest distribution space as possible!

Reminder (?) on distributions



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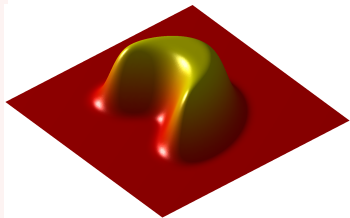
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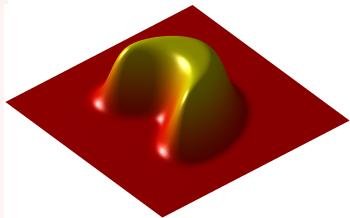
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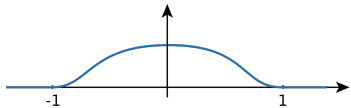
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Example: (*standard one*) the function

$$t \longmapsto \begin{cases} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{1-t^2}\right) & \text{if } t \in [-1, 1] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



can be proved to be a test function.

Topology on $\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{R})$

Definition: convergence in $\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{R})$

Let $\{\varphi_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ be a family of test function.

We say that $\varphi_n \rightarrow \varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{R})$ if and only if

- ▶ there exists an integer N and a compact set K such $n \geq N \Rightarrow \text{support}(\varphi_n - \varphi) \subset K$
- ▶ for all $r \in \mathbf{N}$,

$$\left\| \varphi_n^{(r)} - \varphi^{(r)} \right\|_{\infty} \rightarrow 0$$

- ▶ i.e., supremum norm for φ and all its derivatives.

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$$\langle T, \varphi \rangle$$

- ▶ By extension, we say that two distributions T, T' are equal iff

$$\langle T, \varphi \rangle = \langle T', \varphi \rangle \quad \forall \varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{R})$$



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Besides mathematical benefits, there is a physical intuition behind this reference

A compactly supported test function can be seen as a model of a physical system measuring some quantity

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Example 2: The dirac comb III_{T_s} defined as

$$\forall \varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{R}), \quad \langle \text{III}_{T_s}, \varphi \rangle = \sum_{j \in \mathbf{Z}} \langle \delta_{jT_s}, \varphi \rangle = \sum_{j \in \mathbf{Z}} \varphi(jT_s)$$

Letting $\varphi_n \rightarrow \varphi$, there exists a compact K that contains all supports, and

$|\langle \delta_t, \varphi_n - \varphi \rangle| \leq K_{T_s} \|\varphi_n - \varphi\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$, where K_{T_s} is the number of jT_s contained in K



Regular distributions provide intuition on how to define many concepts related to distributions

derivation, convolution, Fourier transform to name but a few

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A second example: Fourier transform

Let g be an integrable function (so that T_g is a regular distribution). Then $\mathcal{F}g$ is also integrable and

$$\begin{aligned}\langle T_{\mathcal{F}g}, \varphi \rangle &= \int \mathcal{F}g(f) \varphi(f) df \\ &= \int \left(\int g(t) e^{-i2\pi ft} dt \right) \varphi(f) df \\ &= \int g(t) \left(\int \varphi(f) e^{-i2\pi ft} df \right) dt \\ &\stackrel{(?)}{=} \langle T_g, \mathcal{F}\varphi \rangle\end{aligned}$$

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... which will **reduce** the set of distributions (by duality).

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Definition: Tempered distribution

We call “**tempered distribution**” any element of the (topological) dual space of the Schwartz space $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R})$.

“Topological”: **continuous** linear functionals

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Fourier and tempered distributions

Thm

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Hint: link between differentiability and polynomial decrease of the Fourier transform...

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→ that's all we need in this course...?





In signal processing, it is folklore to believe that distributions are always well-behaved

That it all operations are legitimate

It it nevertheless not always true



In this lecture (and companion lab) it will nevertheless be true

Some justifications will be out of scope and left in exercise

Some properties of (tempered) distributions

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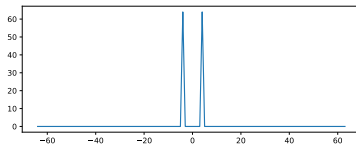
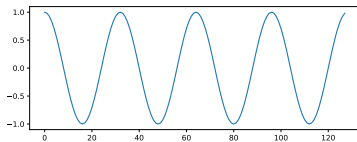
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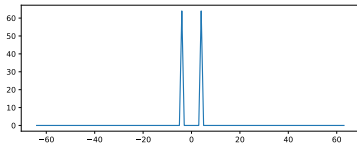
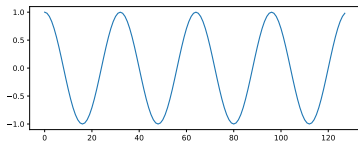
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Recall that $\mathcal{F}[Re(f)](\xi) = \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{F}f(\xi) + \mathcal{F}f(-\xi))$



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It is folklore to provide a graphical representation of a Fourier transform

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Does it ring a bell?

Compatibility with the “standard” Fourier transform

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Let T be a tempered distribution.
Then, its Fourier transform satisfies

$$T = \overline{\mathcal{F}}[\mathcal{F}T]$$

In other words, the standard inversion formula holds in the sense of tempered distributions

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Let T_1, T_2 .

Their convolution (if it exists) is the distribution $T_1 * T_2$ defined as

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where

$$\forall t \in \mathbf{R}, \quad \varphi_{T_2}(t) = \langle T_2, \varphi(\cdot + t) \rangle$$

(T_1, T_2 can be exchanged in the definition)

Example: of $T_1 = \delta_a$

$$\forall \varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{R}), \quad \langle \delta_a * T_2, \varphi \rangle = \langle T_2, \varphi(\cdot - a) \rangle$$

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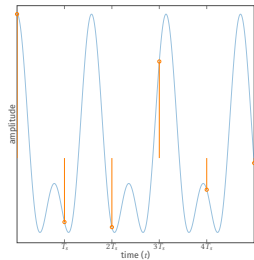
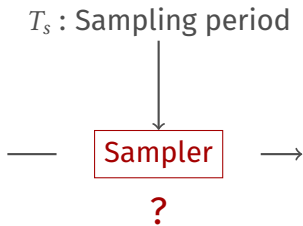
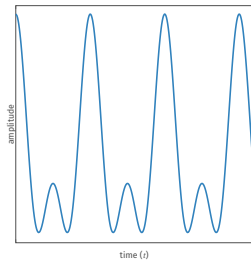
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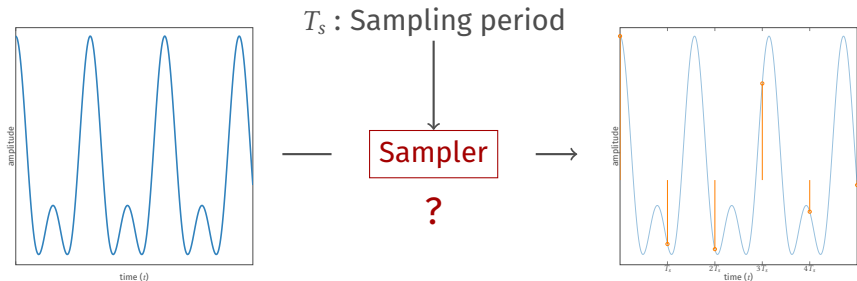
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Back to our sampling problem
(with new ingredients)

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Observation model: $\equiv \mathbf{x} \times \text{Dirac comb}$ with period T_s :

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Then the product Tx defined as

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Since $x\varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{R})$.

The set of such functions is denoted $\mathcal{O}(\mathbf{R})$

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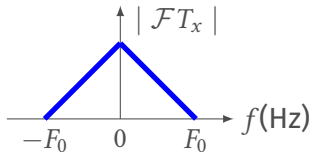
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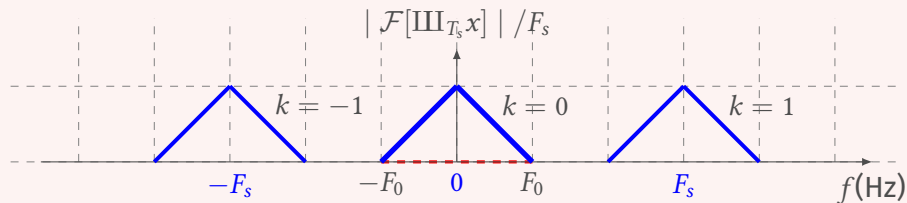


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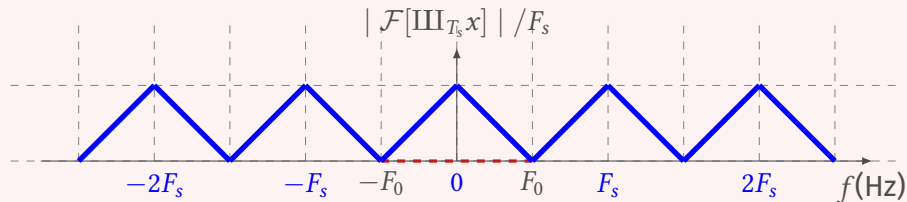
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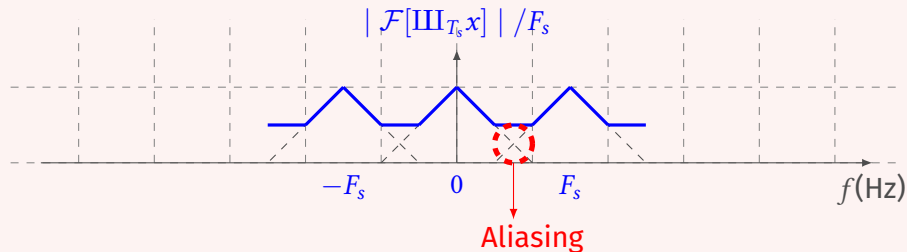


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Shannon-Nyquist sampling theorem

Question: Necessary condition on F_s such that no information is lost?

Nyquist-Shannon sampling theorem

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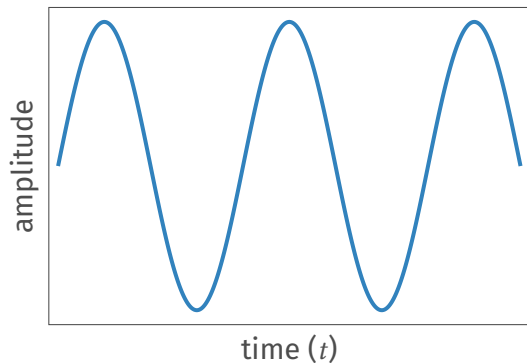
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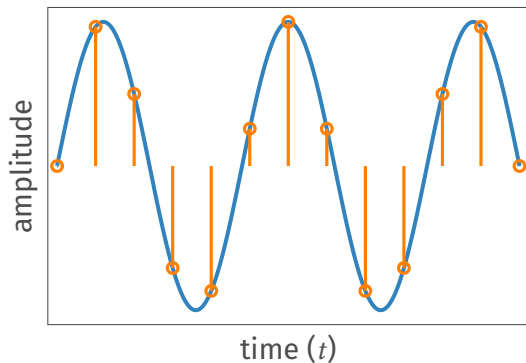
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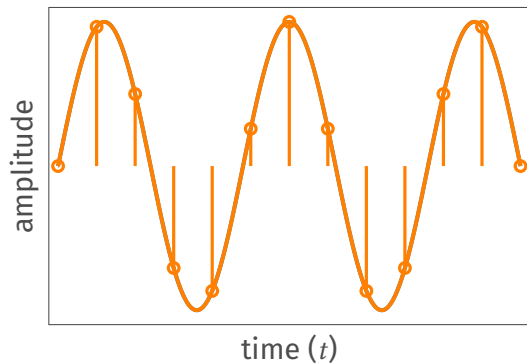
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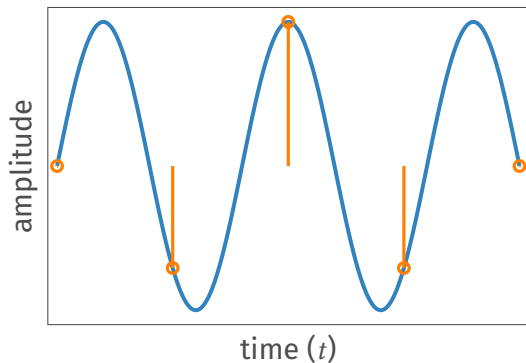
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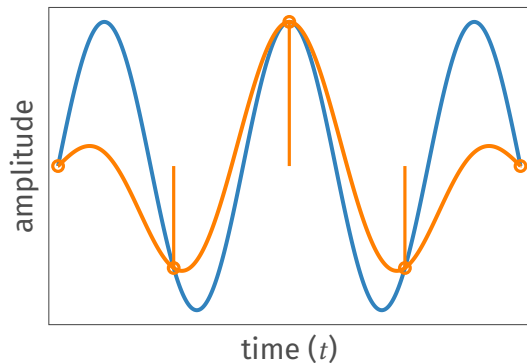


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A concluding remark

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- The family of function

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- For all signals x with Fourier transform supported in $[-F_s, F_s]$,

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- The proposed decoder thus rewrites

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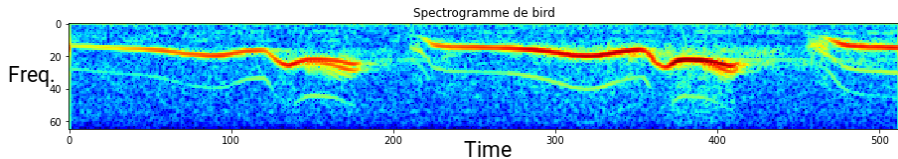
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Bonus: Time-Frequency
analysis, wavelets

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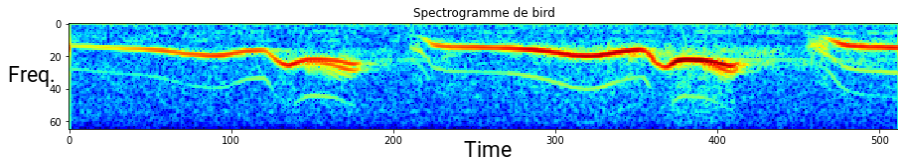
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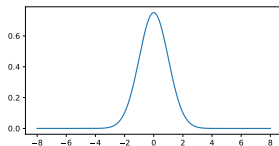
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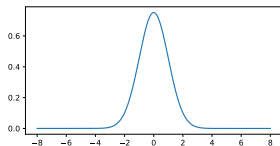
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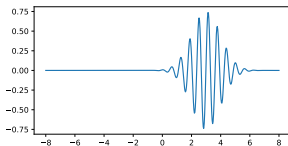
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By Parseval's identity,

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and by the shift formula

$$\hat{g}_{u, \xi}(f) = \hat{g}(f - \xi) e^{-2i\pi u(f - \xi)}$$

- since g is real symmetric, \hat{g} is real symmetric (ex: for g Gaussian, \hat{g} is Gaussian!)
- Also performs a windowed transform of \hat{x} around ξ (and "inverse frequency" u)

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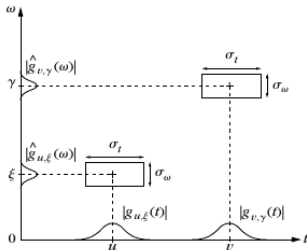
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and by Heisenberg's thm:

$$\sigma_{\mathbb{P}}^2 \sigma_{\hat{\mathbb{P}}}^2 \geq 1/4$$

with equality **if and only if** g is (any) **Gaussian**.



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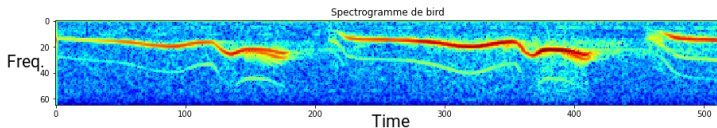
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- ▶ no information is lost (true "transform")
- ▶ $Sx \in \mathcal{L}^2(\mathbf{R}^2)$

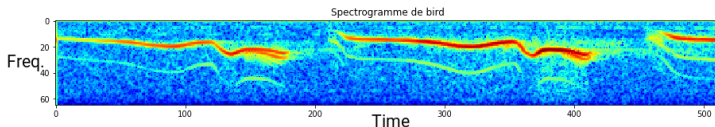
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Ex: wav2midi with sparse matrix factorization.

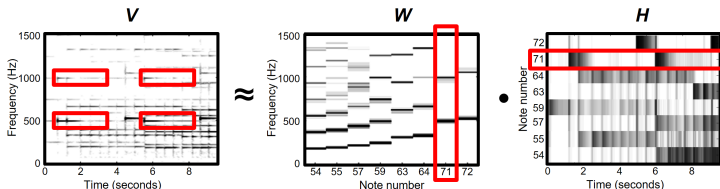


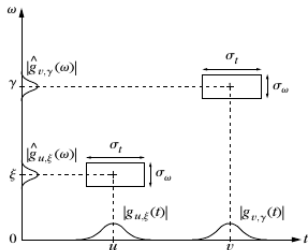
Figure 8.21c-d from [Müller, FMP, Springer 2015]

More precisely, "Non-negative matrix factorization" (NMF), a low-rank factorization of a non-neg. matrix (the spectrogram) into non-neg. components, frequency/activation. See <https://www.audiolabs-erlangen.de/resources/MIR/FMP/C8/C8S3NMFbasic.html>

Problem with WFT



- ▶ The WFT analyzes content with the same window length
- ▶ Element can have different durations... (especially low-frequency)
- ▶ Human hearing is spread “logarithmically” in frequency



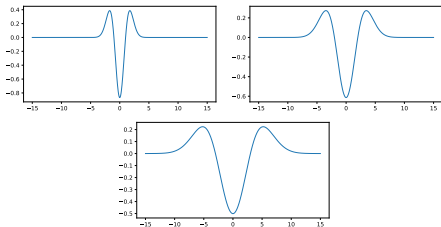
Wavelet transform

A wavelet is a normalized function $\psi \in \mathcal{L}^2(\mathbf{R})$ with a zero average:

$$\int \psi(t) dt = 0, \quad \|\psi\| = 1$$

Time-frequency atoms are obtained by *scaling* the wavelet:

$$\psi_{u,s}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \psi\left(\frac{t-u}{s}\right)$$



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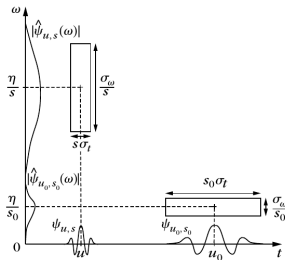
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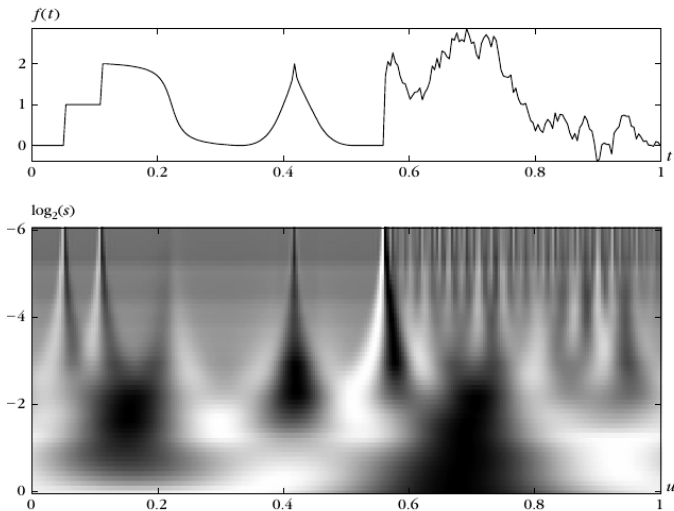
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The “right” multiplicative scale! (for human ears)



Scalogram

$|W_x|^2$ is called a scalogram.



Beyond...

- ▶ Reconstruction theorem for Wavelets
- ▶ Discrete Wavelets
- ▶ Fast computation (FFT, fast hierarchical wavelets)
- ▶ multi-D wavelets (especially 2D!)
- ▶ etc.