

Deep Learning Audio

Lecture 2

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Mind experiment: what is sound?



Figure: If a tree falls in the forest, and there's nobody around to hear, does it make a sound?

Ear structure

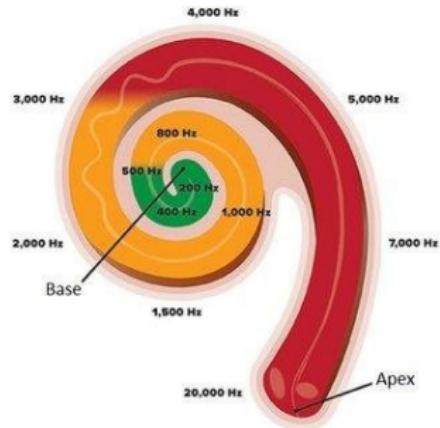
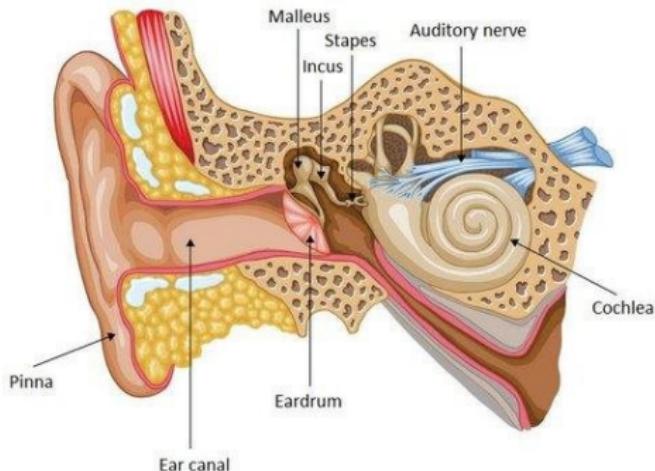


Figure: Fourier decomposition in our body

Fourier transform of a signal $x(t)$

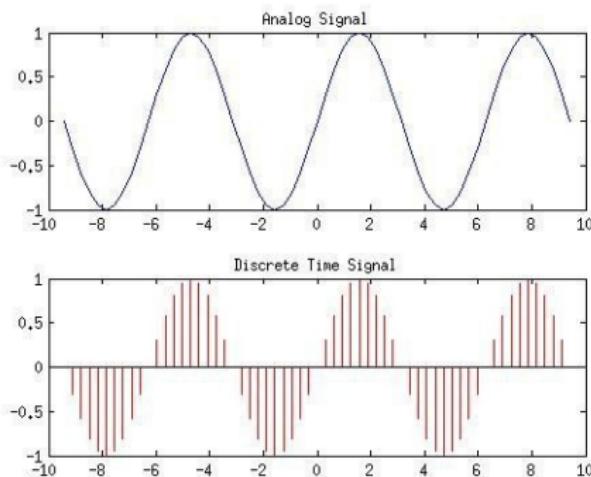
$$\mathcal{F}\{x(t)\} = X(j\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

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Sound types: analog vs digital

- ▶ For any $T > 0$, we may sample a **Continuous-Time** (CT) signal $x(t)$ to generate the **Discrete-Time** (DT) signal $x[n] = x(nT)$
- ▶ DT: signal $x(t)$ is evaluated at uniformly spaced points on the t-axis. The number T is the **sampling period**
- ▶ **Sampling frequency:** $f_s = \frac{1}{T}$, [Hertz or samples/sec.]



Sound characteristics

- ▶ Signal $x(t)$
- ▶ Signal energy $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x(t)|^2 dt$ (used for normalizing signals, augmentations)
- ▶ Sample rate (SR) – number of audio samples per one second
 - ▶ 8 kHz or 16 kHz - standard for audio in telephony
 - ▶ 44.1 kHz - CD audio/Computer Audio
 - ▶ 48 kHz - DVD audio/Computer Audio
 - ▶ 96 kHz - High resolution Audio
- ▶ Number of channels – how many signals we record in parallel (mono: 1, stereo: 2)

The Nyquist Theorem

- Σ_{CT} – set of all CT signals $x(t)$, Σ_{DT} – set of all DT signals $x[n]$. Procedure of sampling for a given sampling period T :

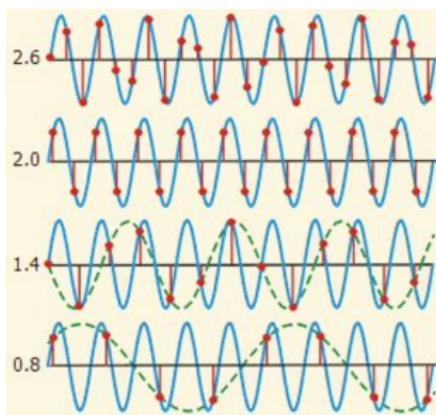
$$\Sigma_{CT} \longleftrightarrow \Sigma_{DT} \Leftrightarrow x(t) \mapsto x[n] = x(nT)$$

- CT signal $x(t)$ is bandlimited if there exists $\omega_B < \infty$ such that $X_{CT}(j\omega) = 0$ for $|\omega| > \omega_B$

Nyquist Theorem

The sampling map is bijection on Σ_{ω_B} iff $\omega_s > 2\omega_B$.

$\omega_s = 2\pi f_s = \frac{2\pi}{T}$ – radian sampling frequency



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Fourier Transform: motivation

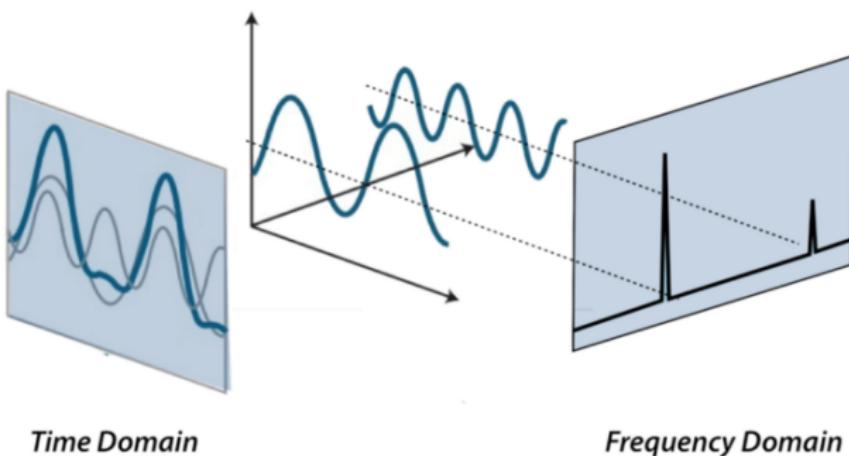


Figure: Fourier Transform transfer a signal from the **time domain** to the **frequency domain**

Fourier Transform

- ▶ CT Fourier transform (CTFT) of a CT signal $x(t)$ is

$$\mathcal{F}\{x(t)\} = X(j\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

- ▶ CT unit impulse $\delta(t)$, $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t)dt = 1$,
- ▶ Define signal by CT impulse $x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]\delta(t - n)$
- ▶ Taking Fourier transform for DT signal:

$$\begin{aligned} X(j\omega) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]\delta(t - n)e^{-j\omega t} dt \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]e^{-j\omega n} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - n)e^{-j\omega(t-n)} dt \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]e^{-j\omega n} = \mathbf{M}x(t). \end{aligned}$$

DTFT: example

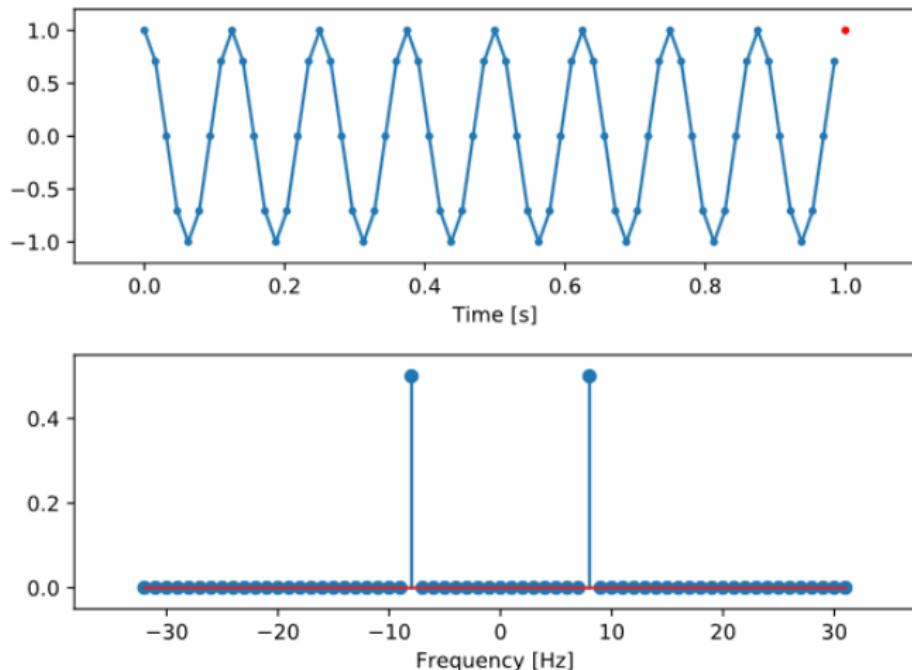
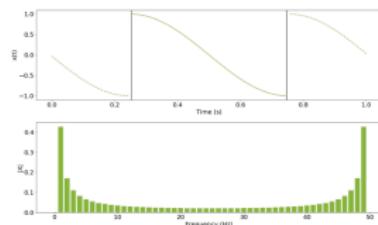


Figure: Example of DTFT for cosine signal

Problems with Fourier Transform in real life

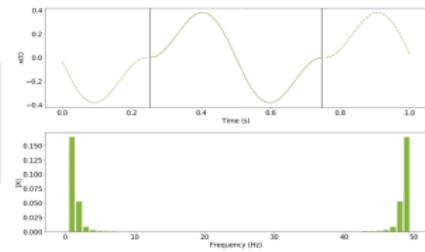
Sliced signal



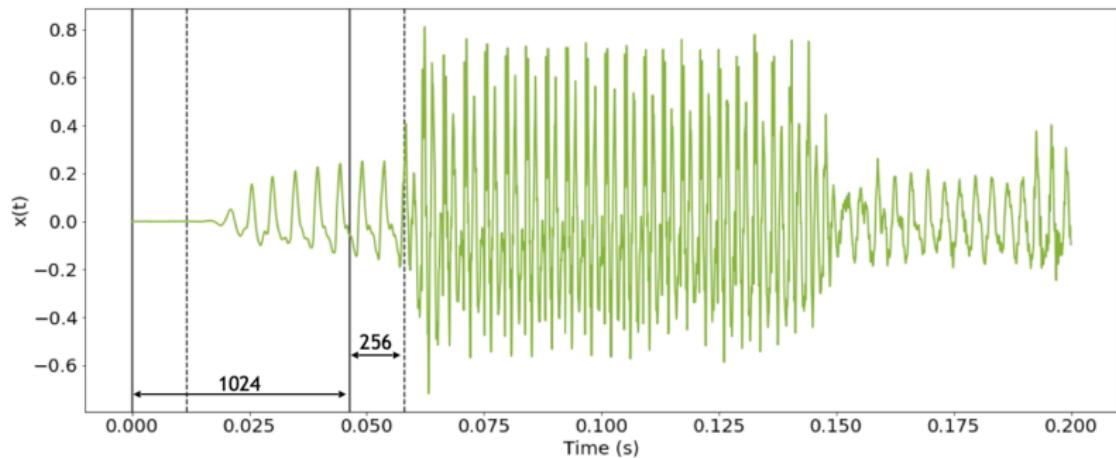
Window



Windowed signal



Short-time Fourier Transform (STFT)



STFT (DTFT with Hamming window):

$$X[r, w] = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} w[r-n]x[n]e^{-j\omega n},$$

where w – window function, r – location of window along the time axis

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Spectrograms

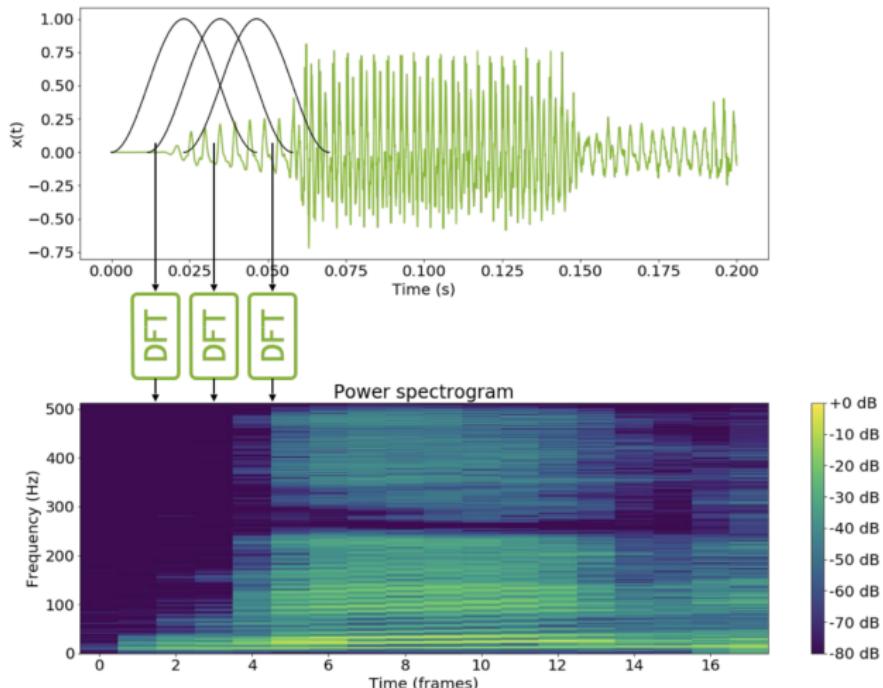


Figure: STFT+window Spectrogram

Mel Scale

- ▶ Mel Scale: humans perceive sound on a log-scale, not linear
- ▶ A lot of formulas to convert f hertz into m mels. Popular example:

$$m = 2595 \log_{10} \left(1 + \frac{f}{700} \right)$$

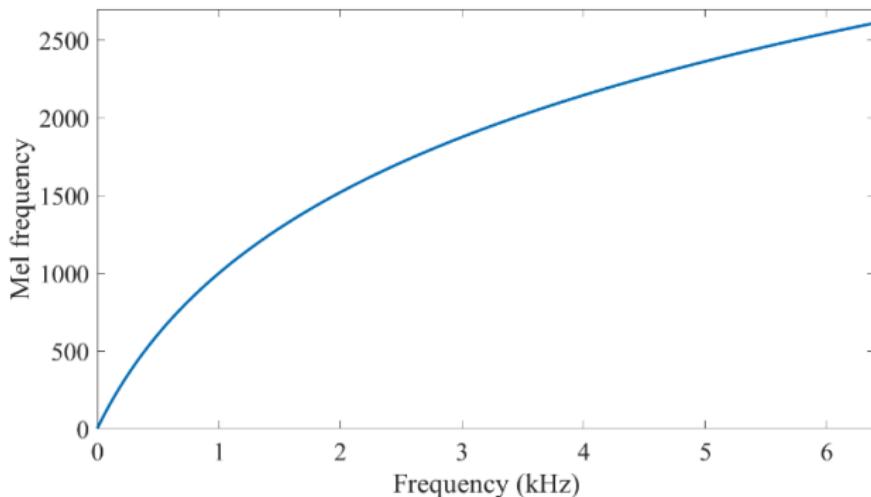


Figure: Mel scale

Mel spectrogram

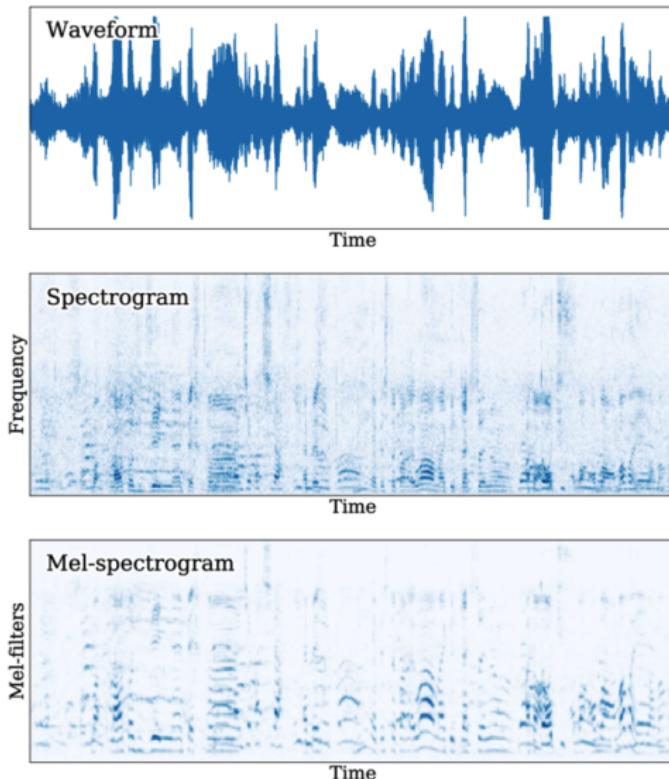


Figure: Waveform → STFT+window Spectrogram → STFT+window+Mel scale Spectrogram