

Lab 5 – Music synthesizer

5.1 Creating a signal with harmonics

Many musical instruments' sounds are well-modelled as the sum of harmonically related sinusoids. In this part we will build up a signal by adding terms of the form $a_k \sin(2\pi k f_0 t + \phi_k)$, where f_0 is the fundamental frequency and $[amp(k), phase(k)]$ define the amplitude and phase of the k^{th} harmonic, where $k = 1, 2, \dots, N$. Let f_s be the sampling frequency.

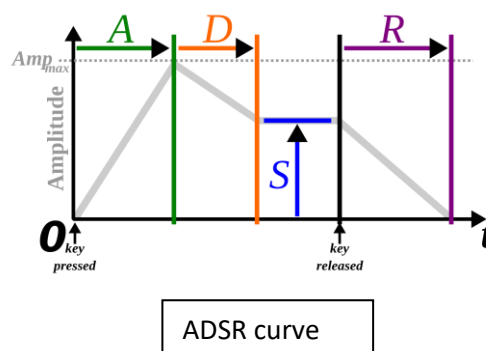
Write a matlab function, `harmonics`, that takes as input

- `time_vec`, a time vector whose samples are $1/f_s$ apart
- `F0`, the fundamental frequency in Hz
- `harmamps`, a length N vector of harmonic amplitudes (the first entry corresponds to the fundamental frequency)
- `harmphase`, an optional length N vector of harmonic phases (if this input argument is omitted, all the phases should be 0)

The function should produce an output `y`, corresponding to the sum of harmonically related cosines above, which you can listen to using `sound(y, fs)`. You can set $f_s = 48000$ Hz. Set `time_vec` to generate `y` of 2 seconds duration. Use the following template and complete your code.

```
function y = harmonics(t, f0, harmamps, harmphase)
% Initialize y to 0
y = zeros(size(t));

% Loop over harmonics, adding weighted versions to y
for i=1:length(harmamps)
    y = y+...
end
% Normalize maximum amplitude to 0.95 so that
% sound(y,fs) doesn't get distorted
y = y/max(y(:))*0.95;
end
```



5.2 Creating a signal envelope

The ADSR (attack, decay, sustain, release) envelope is used in synthesizers to model how the amplitude of a note changes over time (you can read up about this in Wikipedia).

Write a function, `envelope`, that takes the positive scalar inputs

- `fs`, a sampling frequency in Hz
- `a`, an attack duration in seconds
- `d`, a decay duration in seconds
- `s`, a sustain level in $[0,1]$
- `dur`, a sustain duration in seconds
- `r`, a release duration in seconds

The function should return

- `time_vec`, a time vector sampled at `fs` Hz of length `a+d+dur+r` seconds
- `env`, the corresponding ADSR envelope (see comments in the solution template for how to interpret the parameters).

Thus, if `harmonics` is your solution to Problem 5.1, you can compute

```
[t,env] = envelope(fs, ...);  
y = harmonics(t, f0, ...);
```

and then compare `sound(y, fs)` with `sound(y.*env, fs)` to hear the effects of applying the envelope. Use the following template and complete the code.

```
function [t,env] = envelope(fs,a,d,s,dur,r)  
% In each phase of the signal, determine the corresponding piece  
% of time vector and envelope.  
% Attack: signal linearly increases from 0 to 1 in a seconds  
t = 0:1/fs:a;  
e = ...  
% Decay: signal linearly decreases from 1 to s in d seconds  
tdelay = (a+1/fs):1/fs:a+d;  
t = [t, tdelay];  
e = [e, ...];  
% Sustain: signal stays at s for dur seconds  
tsustain = ...  
t = [t, tsustain];  
e = [e, ...];  
% Release: signal linearly decreases from s to 0 in r seconds  
trelease = ...  
t = [t, trelease];  
e = [e, ...];  
end
```

5.3 A simple music synthesizer

Now you can combine the results of Problems 5.1 and 5.2 to create a simple music synthesizer.

Your synthesizer function should take the inputs

- `notes`, a length N vector of note frequencies in Hz
- `durs`, a length N vector of note durations in seconds
- `harmamps`, a length M vector of harmonic amplitudes for each note
- `adsr`, a length 4 vector of (attack duration, decay duration, sustain level, release duration)
- `fs`, a sampling frequency in Hz

Your function should produce an output `y`, so that `sound(y, fs)` produces the specified sequence of notes. Edit the following code template to get the output.

```
function y = synthesizer(notes,durs,harmamps,adsr,fs)
% Initialize output as empty
y = [];
% Loop over the notes
for i=1:length(notes)
    % Compute the time vector and ADSR envelope for this note
    [t,e] = envelope(...);

    % Compute the sum of harmonics for this note
    h = harmonics(...);

    % Modulate the sum of harmonics with the envelope
    n = ...;

    % Add the note to the sequence
    y = [y,n];
end
% Play the sound
sound(y,fs);
end
```