

Tutorial problems for Lectures 6 through 9. Due Wednesday October 17th.

Key will be getting LIGO data from:

https://www.gw-openscience.org/static/events/LOSC_Event_tutorial.zip

While they include code to do much of this, please don't use it (although you may look at it for inspiration) and instead write your own. You can look at/use `simple_read_ligo.py` that I have posted for concise code to read the hf5 files. Feel free to have your code loop over the events and print the answer to each part for that event. In order to make my life easy, please also have a variable at the top of your code that sets the directory where you have unzipped the data. When I mark, I want to be able to just point your script to my copy of the LIGO data without having to re-download it 10 times!

Problem 1:

Find gravitational waves! Parts should include

- a) Come up with a noise model for Livingston and Hanford separately. Describe in comments how you go about doing this. Please mention something about how you smooth the power spectrum and how you deal with lines (if at all). Please also explain how you window the data.
- b) Use that noise model to search the four sets of events using a matched filter. The mapping between data and templates can be found in the file `BBH_events_v3.json`, included in the zipfile.
- c) Estimate a noise for each event, and from the output of the matched filter, give a signal-to-noise ratio for each event, both from the individual detectors, and from the combined Livingston + Hanford events.
- d) From the template and noise model, find the frequency from each event where half the weight comes from above that frequency and half below.