

**1.3. Topological Decoupling of QuasiPeriodic Videos.** Recall that if a function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is quasiperiodic, then its sliding window point cloud  $\text{SW}_{d,\tau}f \subset \mathbb{C}^{d+1}$  is dense in a torus of dimension equal to the number of linearly independent frequencies in  $f$ . The number of independent oscillators. The story is exactly the same for a quasiperiodic video (such as the `dots_quasi.wmv` example from Week 1 - Day 4, SW1PerS II), which for a video with colors can be thought of as a quasiperiodic function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^H \times \mathbb{R}^W)^3$ , where  $f(t) = [f_1(t), f_2(t), f_3(t)]$  is so that each  $f_j(t)$  is the image frame of height  $H$  and width  $W$  at time  $t$ , corresponding to the color channels red ( $j = 1$ ), green ( $j = 2$ ) and blue ( $j = 3$ ).

The goal of this project is to devise algorithms which, given a quasiperiodic video showing  $N$  independent oscillators, the output is a reordering of the frames in  $N$  different ways — resulting in  $N$  different videos. This is done in such a way that for the  $n$ -th video only the  $n$ -th oscillator is moving while the others appear almost stationary. Going back to the example of the `dots_quasi.wmv` video, we want to generate two videos: one where the leftmost dot is moving from left to right while the right dot appears stationary (moving very slowly), and a second video where the leftmost dot appears stationary while the rightmost dot is moving from left to right.

*A place to start:*

- (1) Think of how you can recover the  $N$ -torus from the video data. Try your ideas on the `dots_quasi.wmv` example.
- (2) Try to think of the relation between traversing this torus in different ways, and reordering the frames of the video to get the desired results.

*References.*

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