

IFT 4030/7030,
Machine Learning for Signal Processing
Week3: Signal Processing Primer

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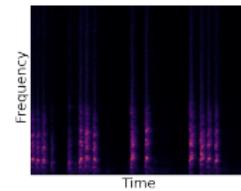
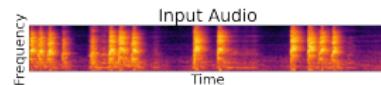
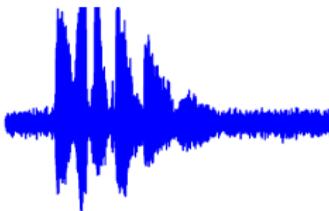
- How was the first lab?
 - ▶ Comment était le lab 1?
- The next lab is on friday!
 - ▶ On aura le deuxième lab en vendredi.
- How are the project proposals coming along?
The proposals are due the second week of october.
 - ▶ Comment va la réflexion sur les projets? Les propositions de projets sont dûs la deuxième semaine de l'octobre!

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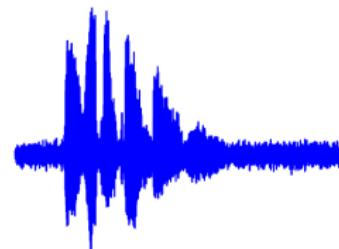


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 - ▶ Échantillonnage

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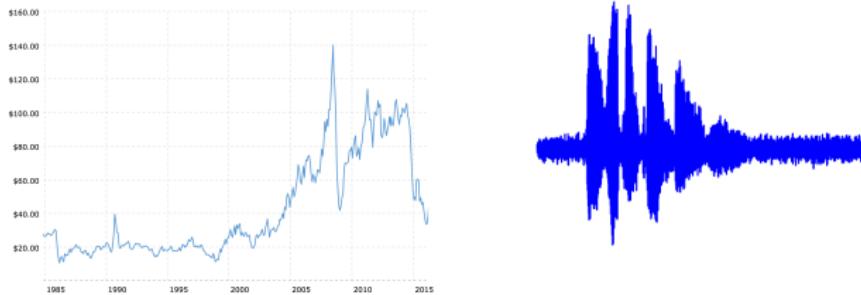


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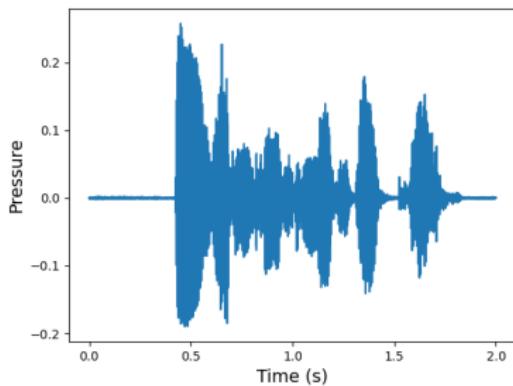
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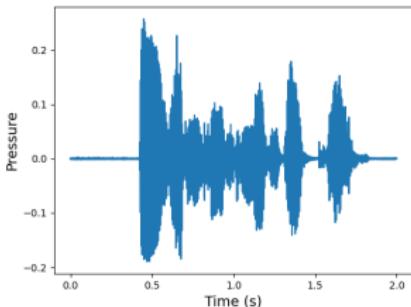
Sound as Signal

- We will start with sounds as an example, but any time series would do.
 - ▶ On commencera avec les sons comme un exemple, mais n'importe quel time series serait ok.
- Let's listen.



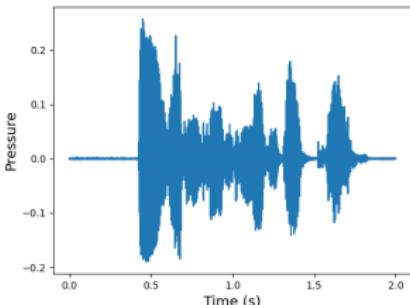
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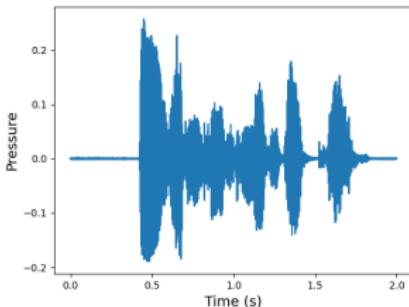
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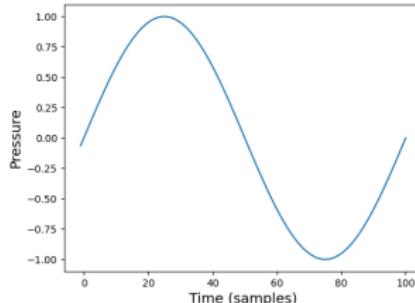
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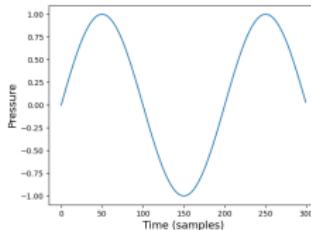


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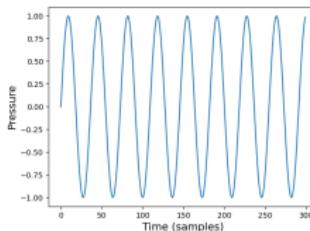


Sinusoids

- 80 Hz, listen.



- 440 Hz, listen. This is how we tune our instruments.
 - ▶ On tune nos instruments à La 440Hz.



- 880 Hz, listen
- 1760 Hz, listen
- 15000 Hz, are you able to hear this at all?
 - ▶ Pouvez-vous entendre ceci?

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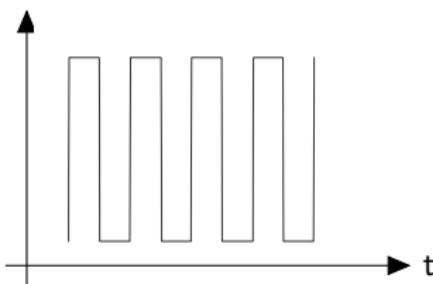
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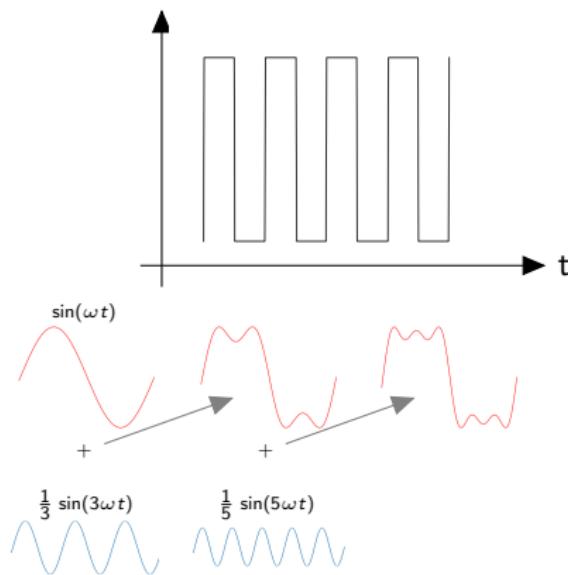
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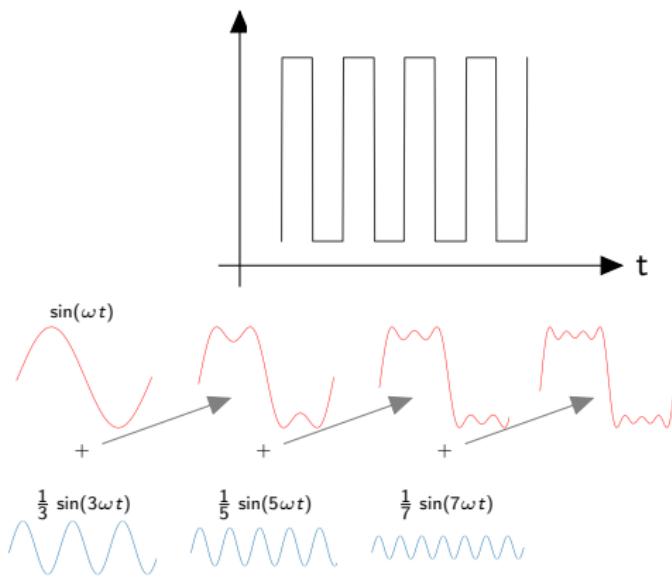
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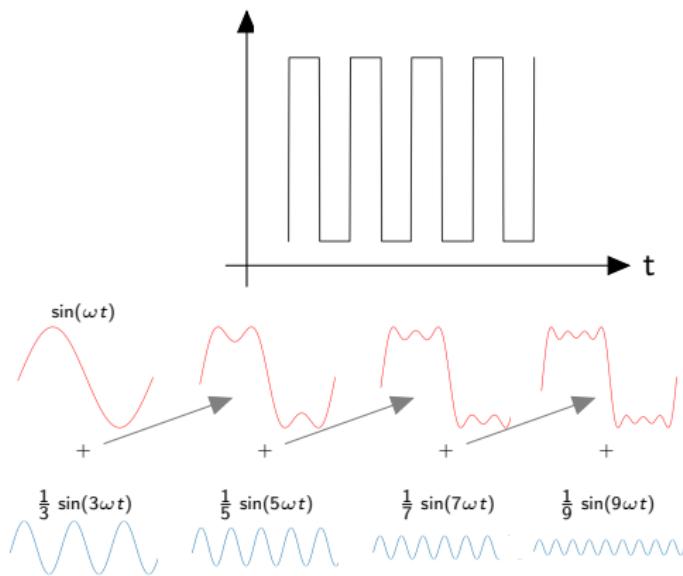
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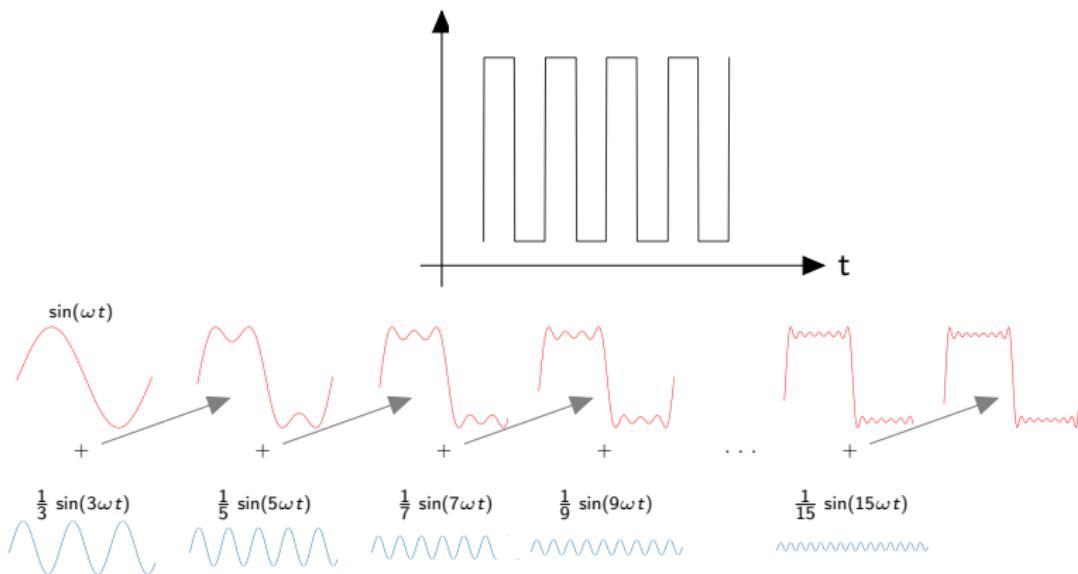
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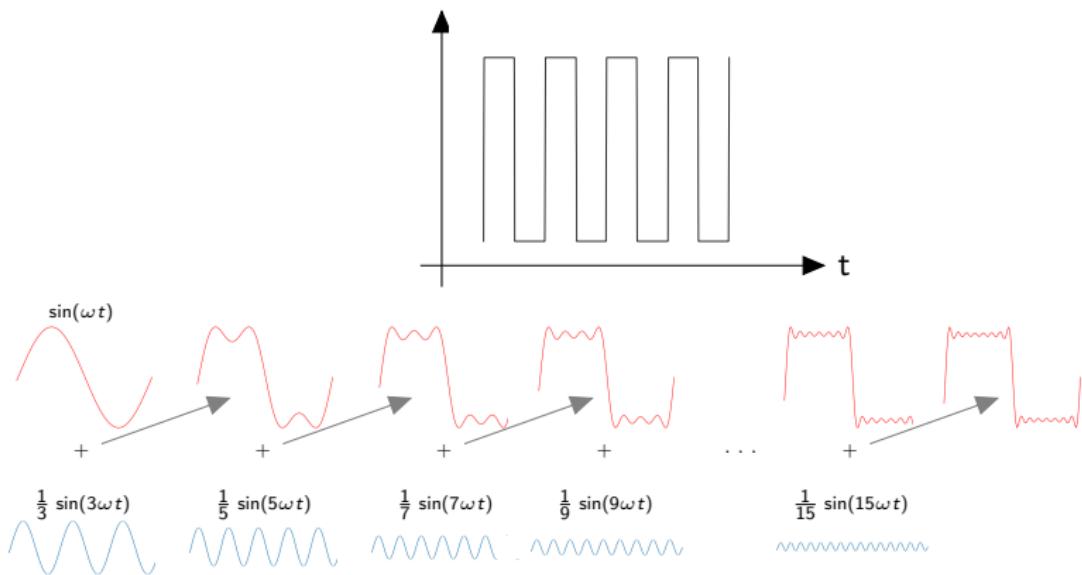
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► Alors on peut approximer un onde carré avec

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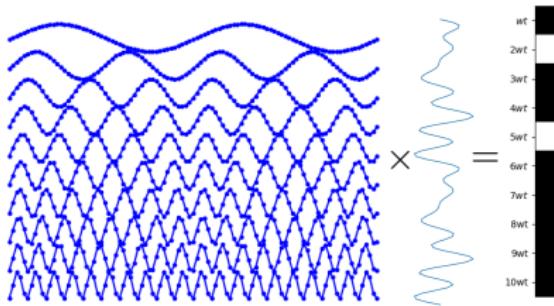


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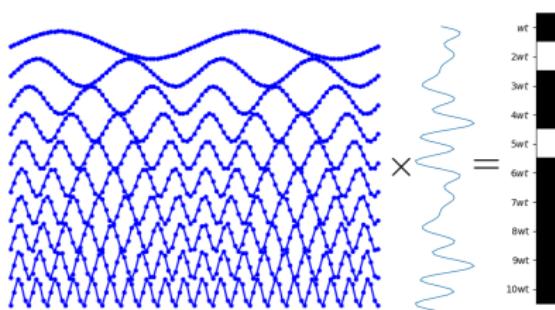


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- This is nice, but is this general enough?
 - ▶ Bon, mais est-ce assez générale?

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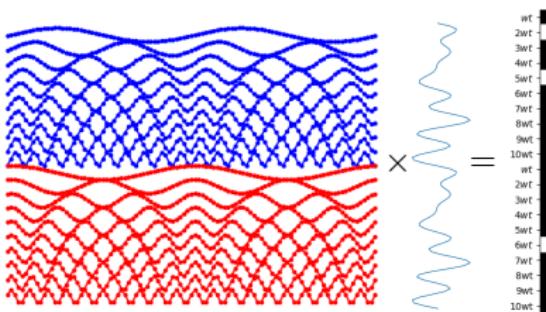
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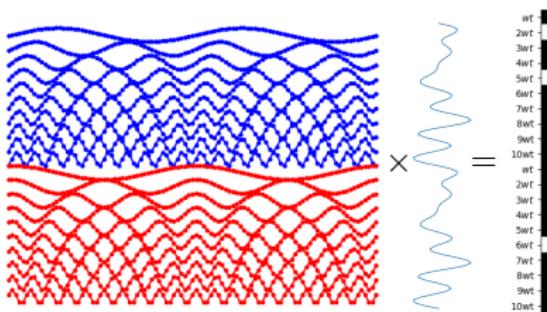


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- But wait, I remember that Fourier Transform gave us complex numbers. What's that about?
 - Mais chuis confus-là, je me souviens que FT nous donnait des chiffres complexes?

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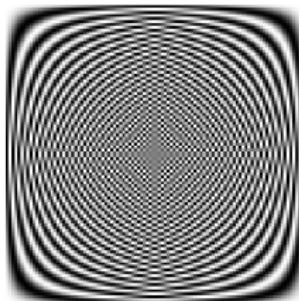
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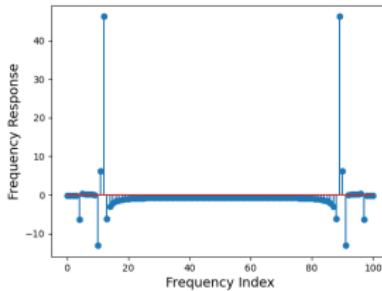
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 - ▶ Vous voyez que c'est une matrice?

DFT in action

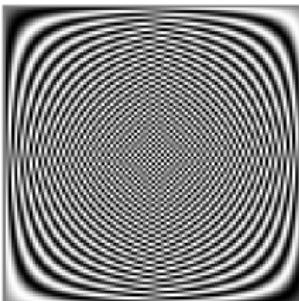
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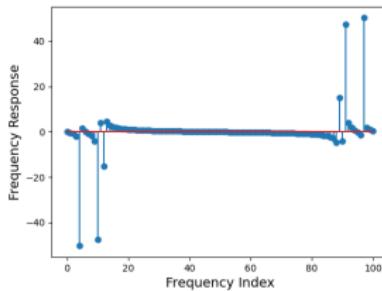
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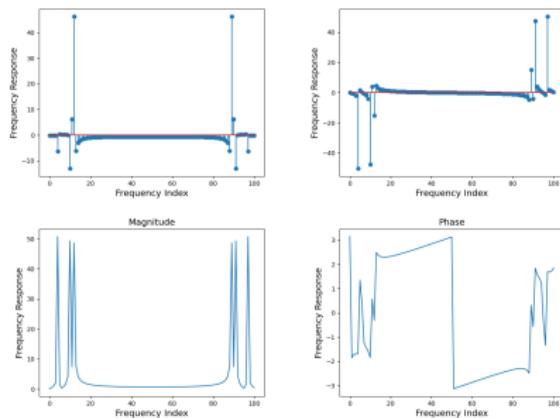
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 - ▶ Notez que les matrices DFT répètent après la moitié. On va parler de ça après.

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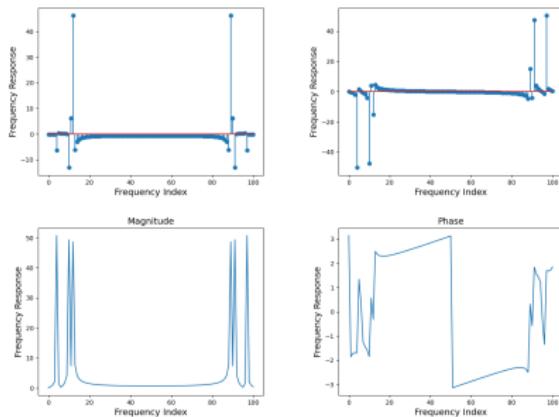
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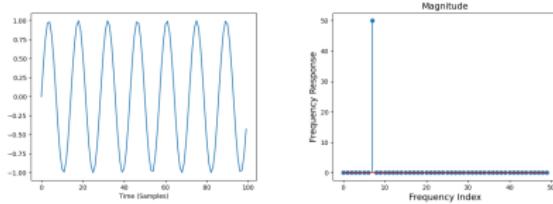
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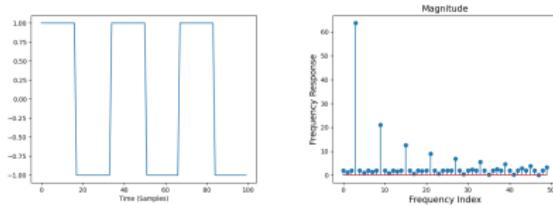
- Magnitude is easy to interpret. Phase is not as easy always.
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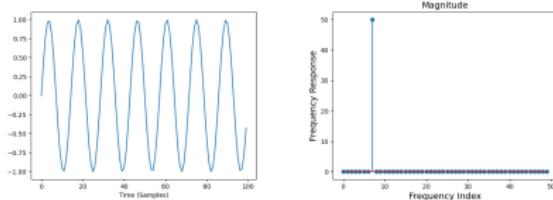


■ Square wave

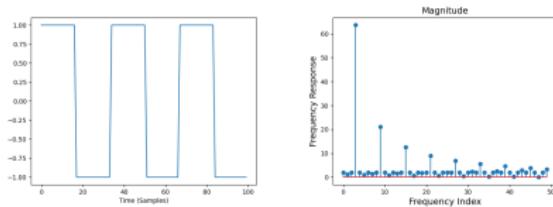


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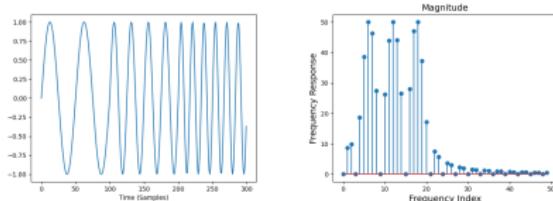
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■ Sinusoids with increasing frequencies



■ So, for time varying signals, DFT is not that great.

► Pour les signaux qui varie avec le temps DFT n'est pas idéal.

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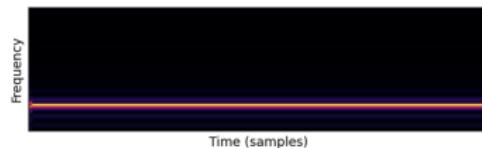
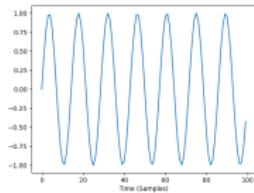
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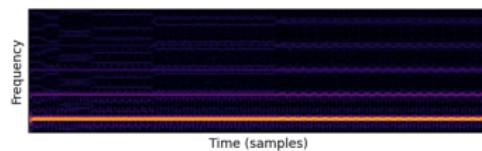
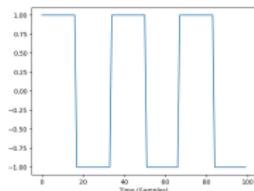
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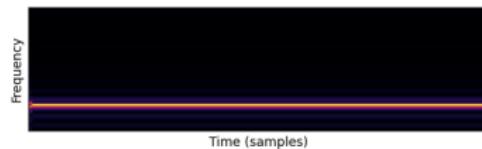
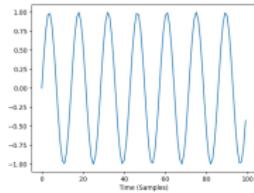


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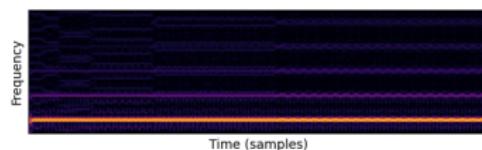
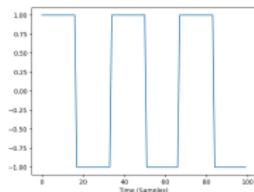


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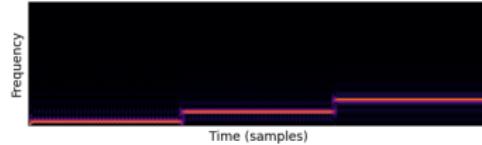
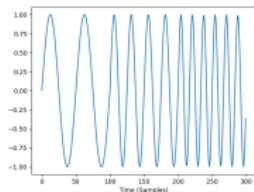
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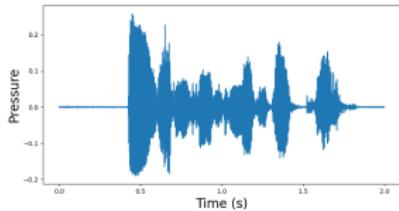


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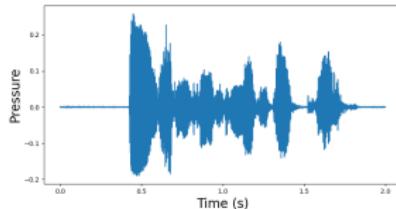
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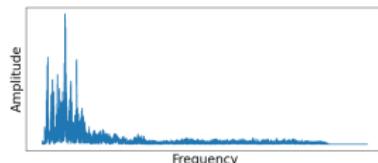


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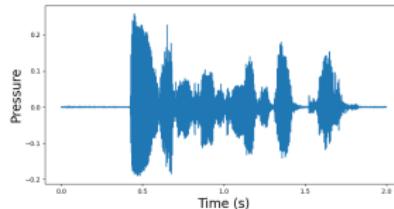


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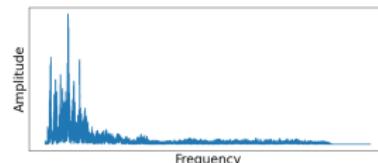


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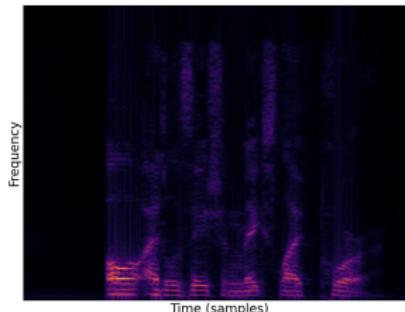
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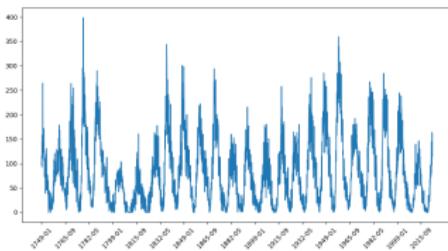


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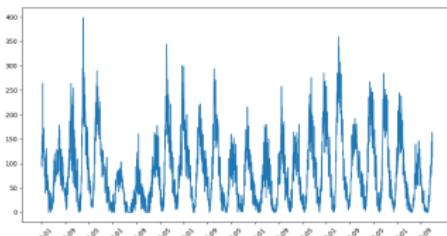
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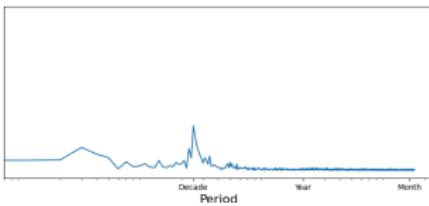


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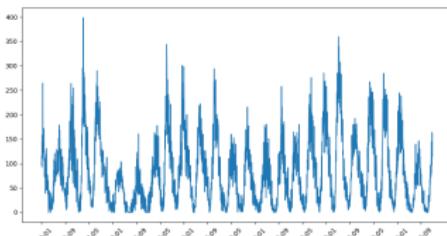


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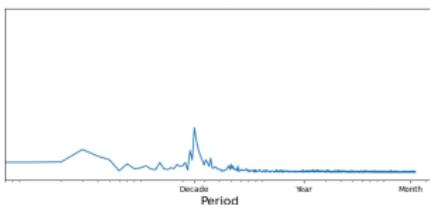


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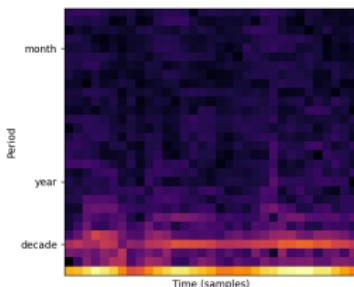
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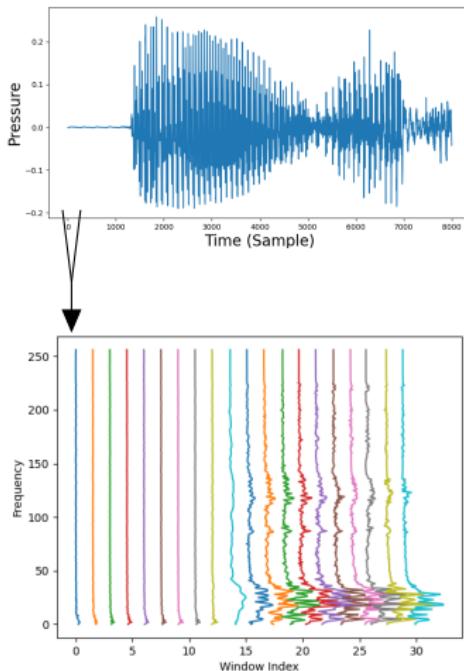
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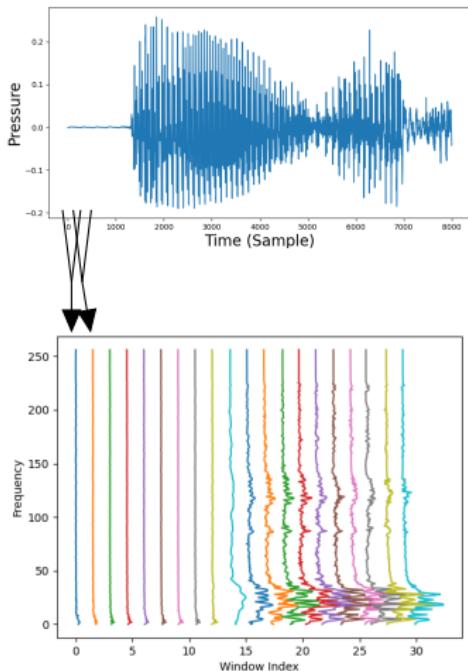
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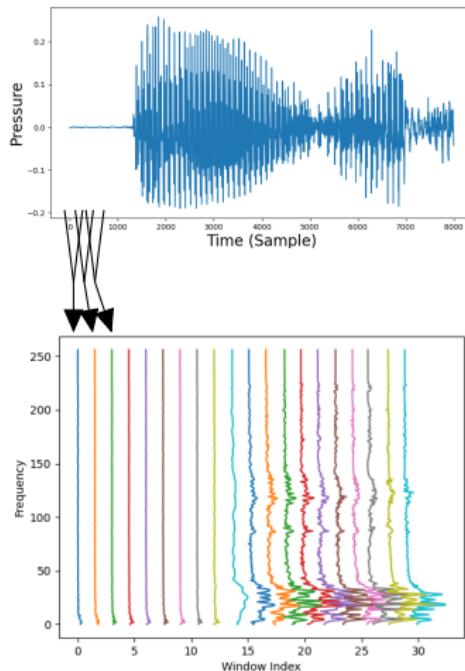
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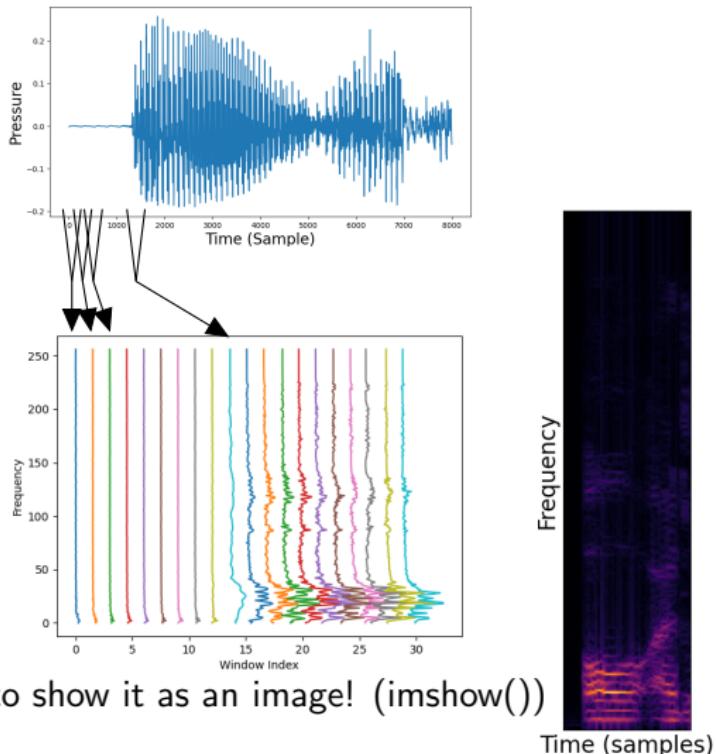
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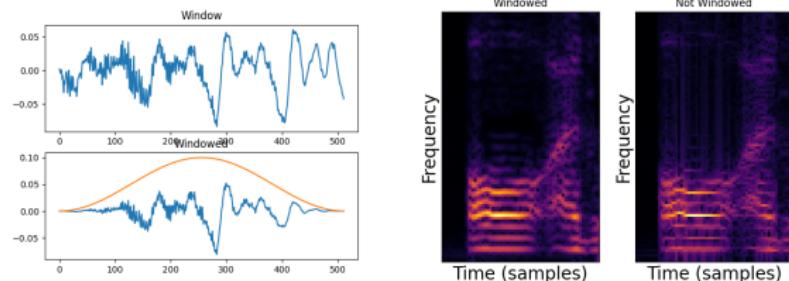
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Time (samples)

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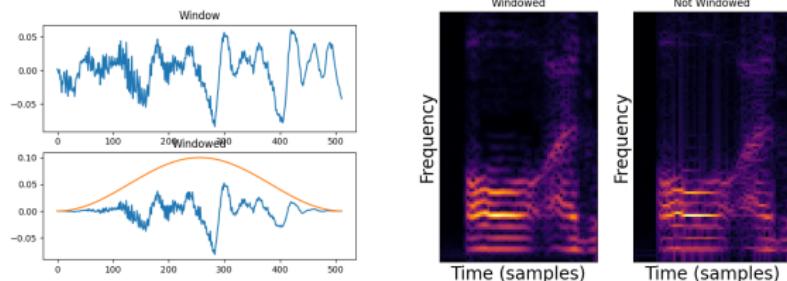
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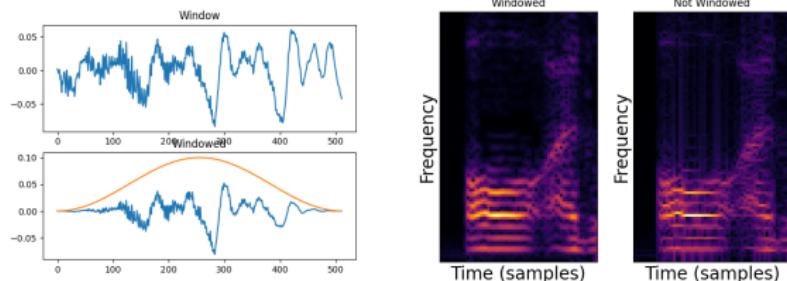
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■ We add an overlap to make up for using tapering windows. / On ajoute un overlap aussi pour compenser pour les fenêtres qui réduisent en amplitude.

Time/Frequency Tradeoff

- Heisenberg's uncertainty principle - We can not know the frequency and time location of a wave.
 - ▶ On ne peut pas déterminer la fréquence et la localisation temporelle d'une onde.
- In the context of spectrograms: Big DFT sacrifice temporal resolution, Small DFTs have bad frequency resolution
 - ▶ Grand DFT a une mauvaise résolution temporelle, Petit DFTs ont une mauvaise résolution fréquentielle

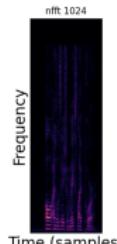
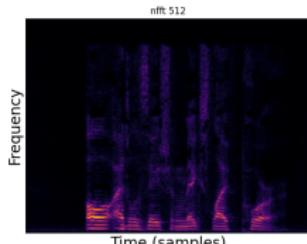
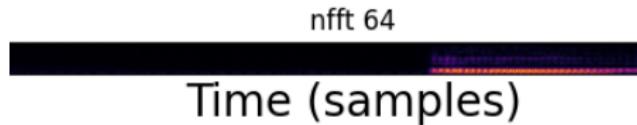


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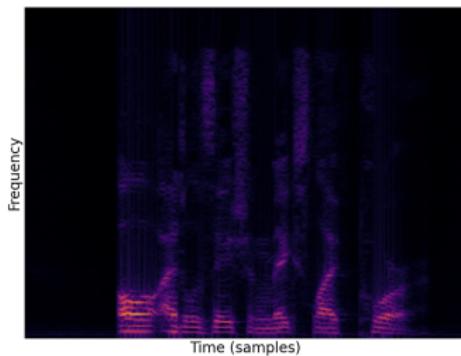
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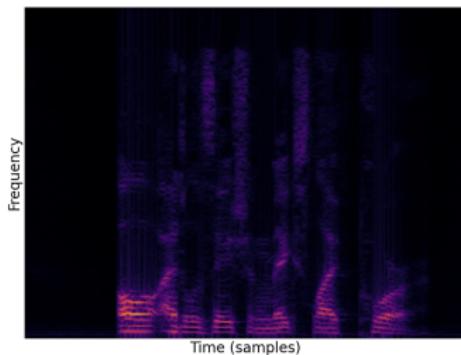
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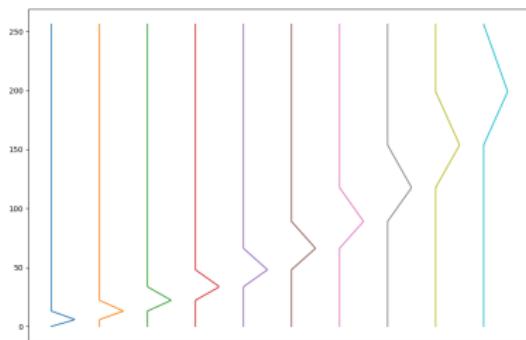
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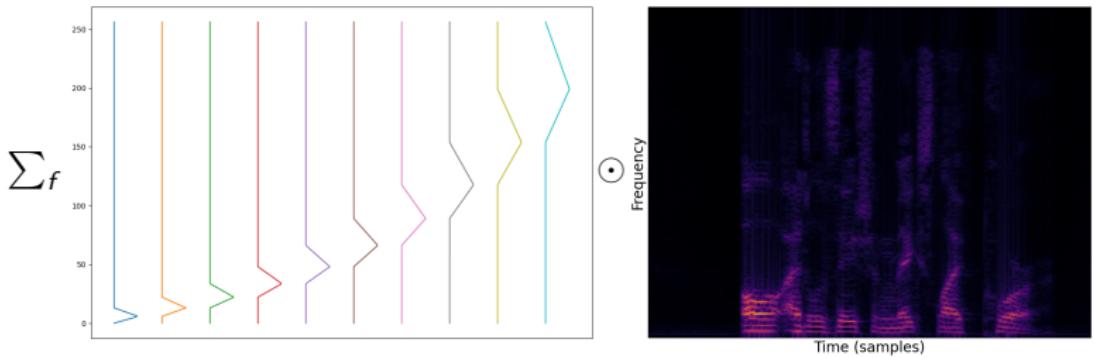
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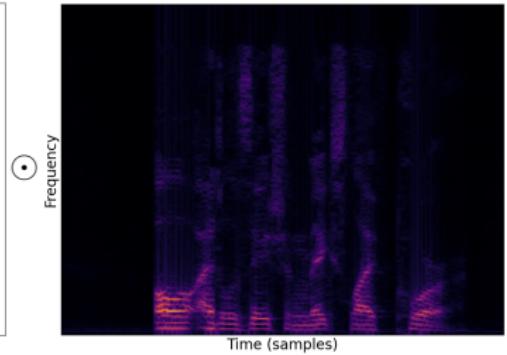
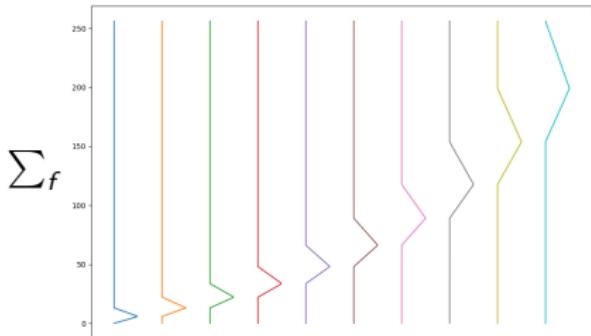
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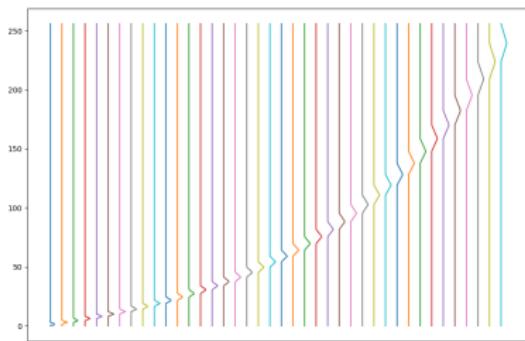


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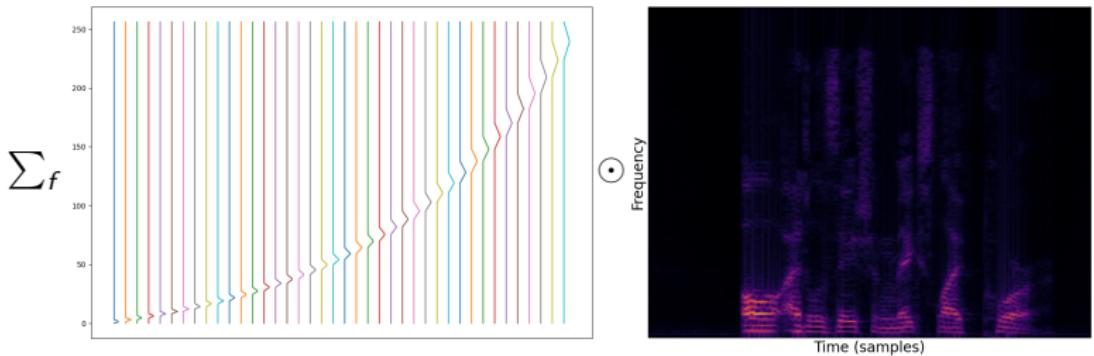
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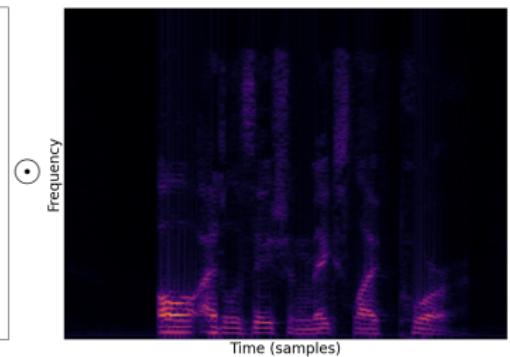
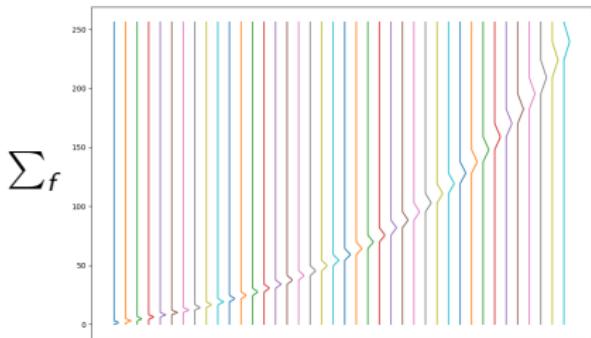
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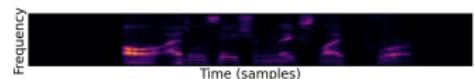


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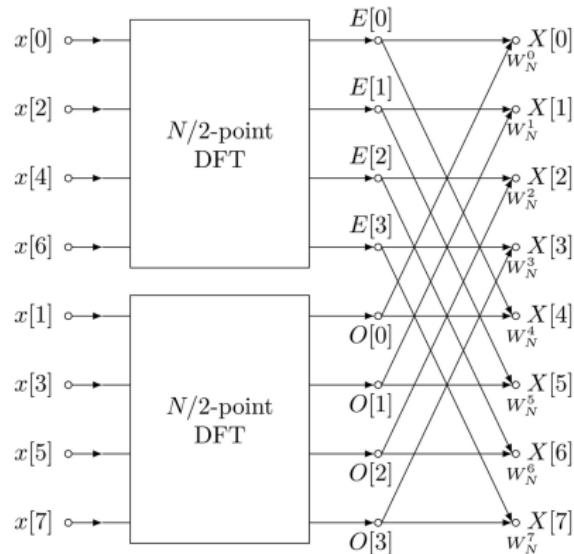


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Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)

- DFT matrix has symmetries.
- DFT can be decomposed into DFTs of half the size.
 - ▶ La DFT peut être décomposée aux 2 DFTs avec la moitié de la taille originale.
- We reduce the complexity from $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$ (*why?*) to $\mathcal{O}(N \log N)$.



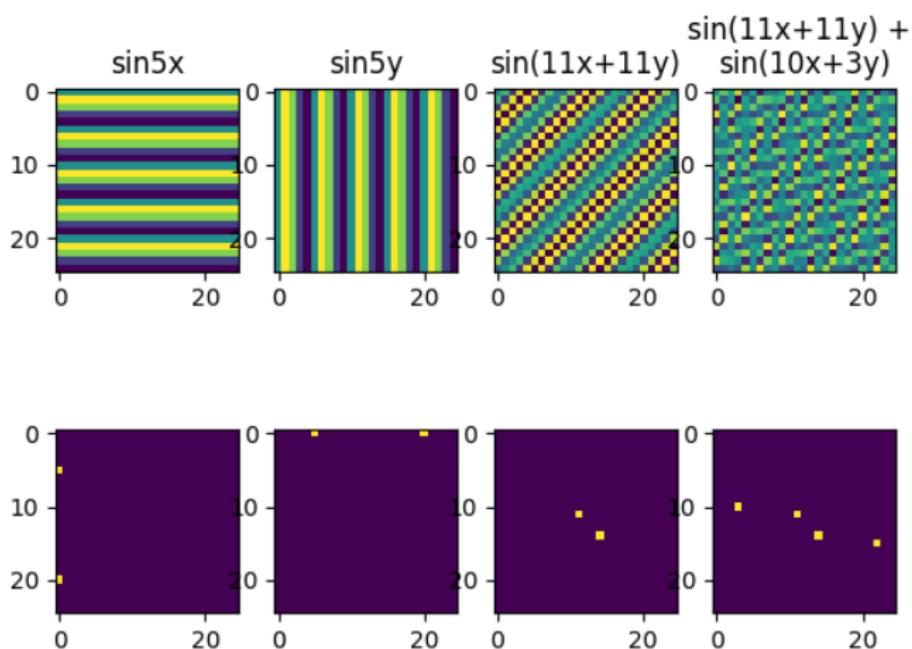
- Whenever you can use FFTs, use em!

Image DFTs

- We can généralize to images as well
 - ▶ On peut généraliser aux images aussi.
- The DFT bases in 2d
 - ▶ Les bases DFT en 2d



Some example DFTs



How to calculate 2d DFTs?

- For images $Y = FXF$
- For Tensors $F_{il_1} X_{ijk} F_{jl_2} F_{kl_3} \rightarrow Y_{l_1, l_2, l_3}$

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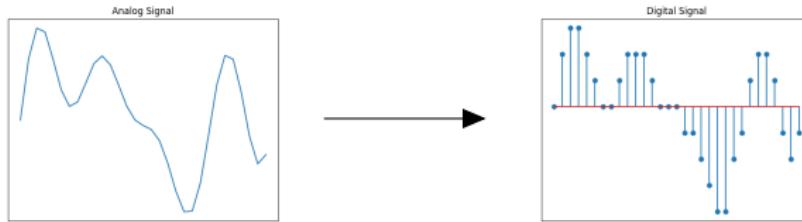
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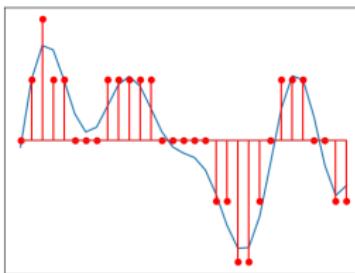
- How do we store / acquire signals?
 - ▶ Comment est-ce qu'on mets les signaux dans les ordinateurs?
- We convert the analog signals to digital.
 - ▶ On convertit signaux analogues au digital.



- It's not straightforward how to do this conversion.
 - ▶ C'est pas trivial comment faire cette conversion.

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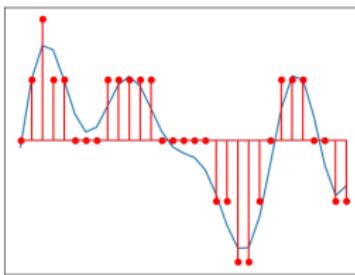
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- Example average numbers:
 - ▶ 8bit - 48dB poor
 - ▶ 12 bits - 72dB okayish
 - ▶ 16 bits - 96 dB good
 - ▶ 24 bits - 144 dB overkill

Quantization in practice



8, 7, 5 bits



4, 3, 2 bits, 1 bit

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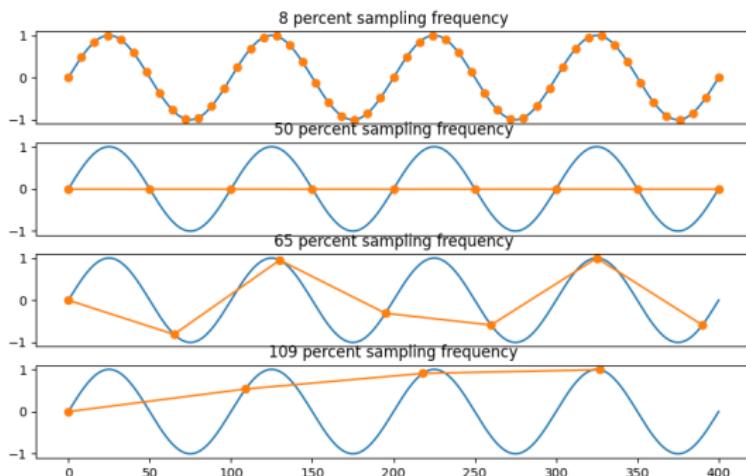
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Sampling / Échantillonnage

- How often we sample is also important!
 - ▶ C'est aussi important la fréquence avec laquelle on échantillon. (l'axe de temps)
 - ▶ We use Hz to measure sampling freq. / On utilise Hz pour mesurer la fréquence d'échantillonnage.
- Important: Nyquist Rate: We must sample x2 above the highest frequency we want to represent.
 - ▶ Important: Le taux de Nyquist: On doit échantillonner 2 fois au-delà de la fréquence qu'on veut représenter.
- Perceptual Limits:
 - ▶ Our ears: We hear up to 20kHz (declines with age) So above 40kHz sampling is required.
 - ▶ Seeing: We perceive only up to 60Hz, so 120 Hz or up is required.
- Limites perceptuels:
 - ▶ Nos oreilles: La limite est 20kHz. Donc on a besoin d'une fréquence d'échantillonnage de 40Hz.
 - ▶ Nos yeux: La limite est 60Hz. On a besoin donc 120Hz.
- Common sampling rates:
 - ▶ Speech: 8kHz, 16kHz, Music: 32kHz, 44.1kHz, Pro-Audio 96kHz
 - ▶ Movies: 24fps (recently 48fps) HDTV: 60fps, ...

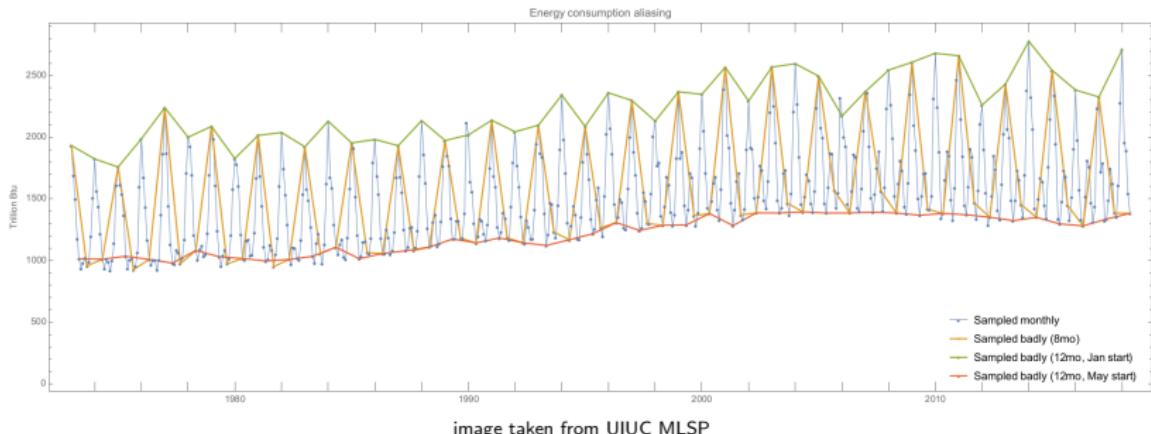
Aliasing

- Frequencies above 50% of the sampling rate are mis-represented.
 - ▶ Les fréquences sur 50% du rate d'échantillonnage sont mal représentés.



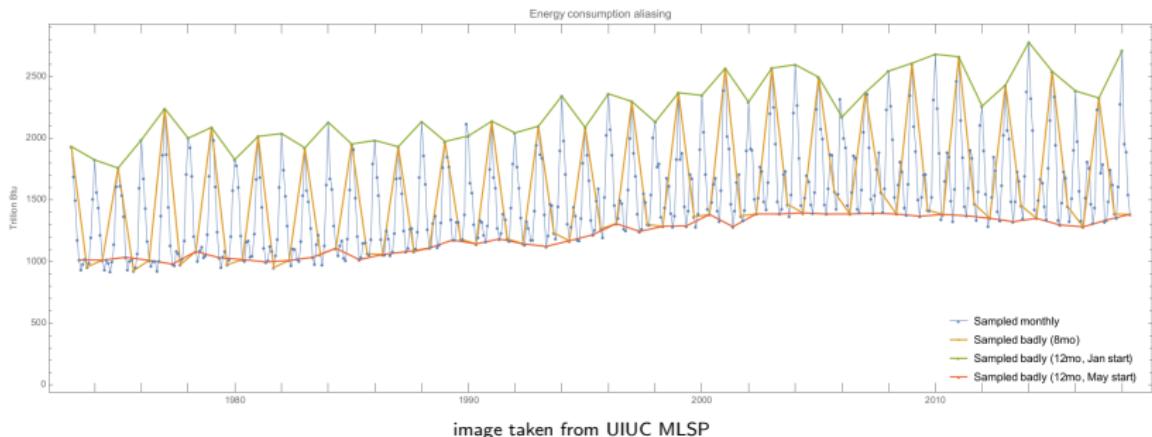
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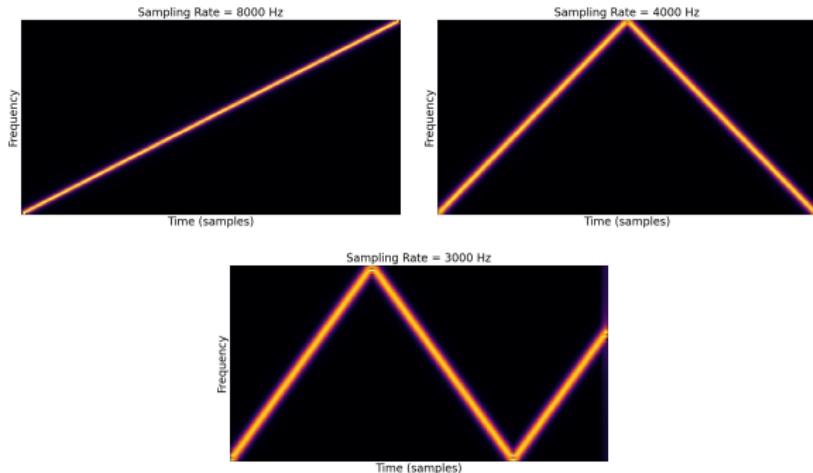


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- Different sampling leads to different conclusions.
 - ▶ Différent l'échantillonnage mène à des conclusions différentes.



Aliasing in Sinusoid Sweeping

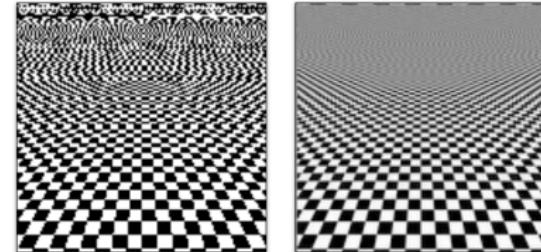


We have frequency sweeps from 0-4kHz, for different sampling rates.

Notice the aliasing when sampling rate is lower!

Sweep 1 Sweep 2 Sweep 3

Aliasing in Images/Video



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-IVw8OKjvQ>

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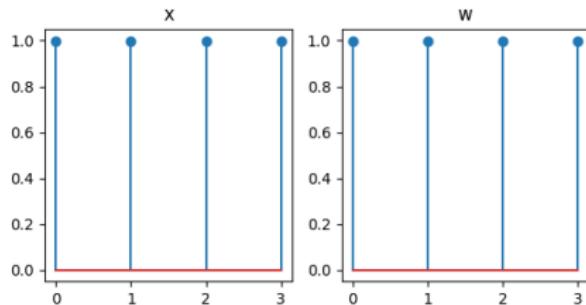
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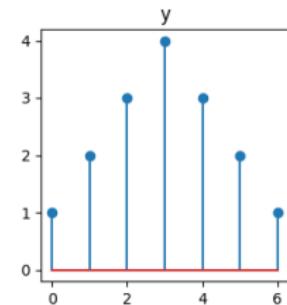
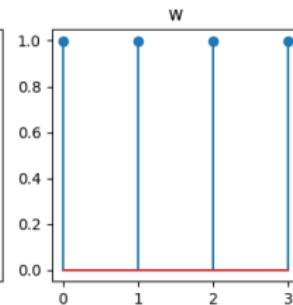
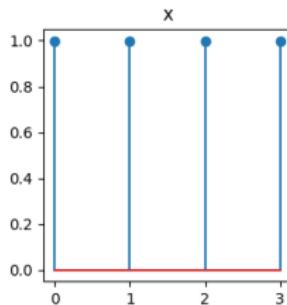
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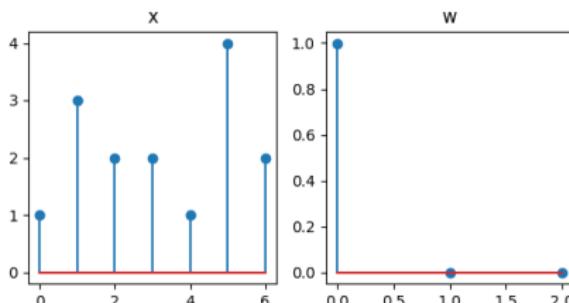
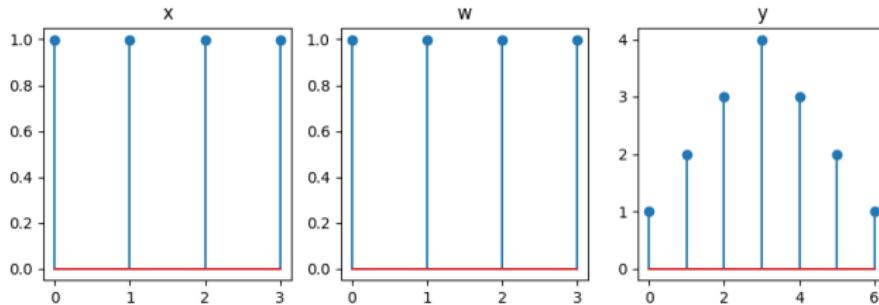
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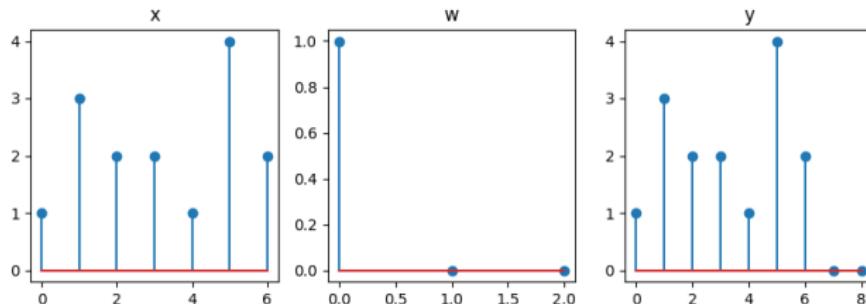
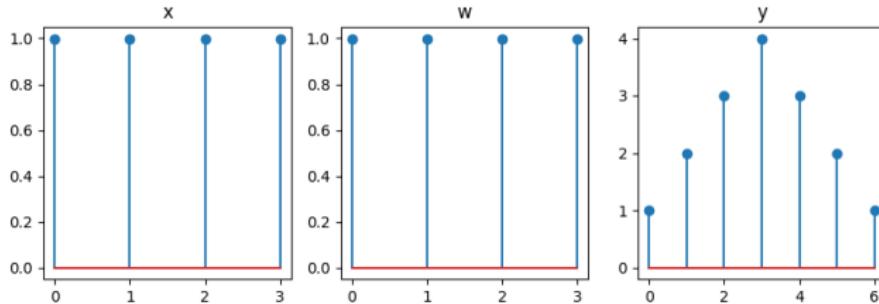
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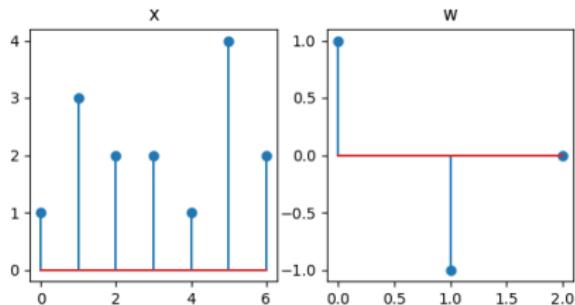
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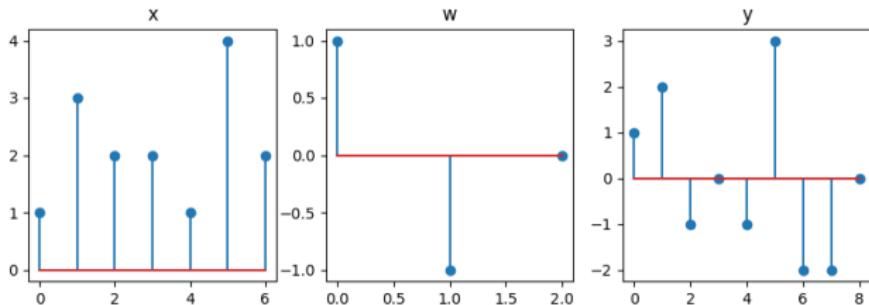
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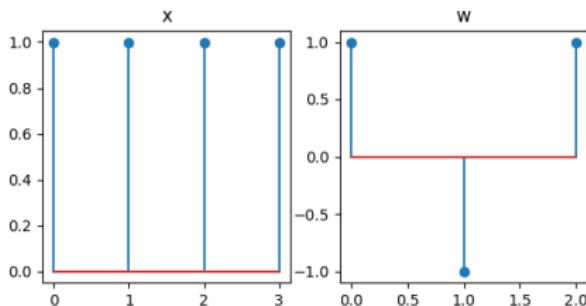
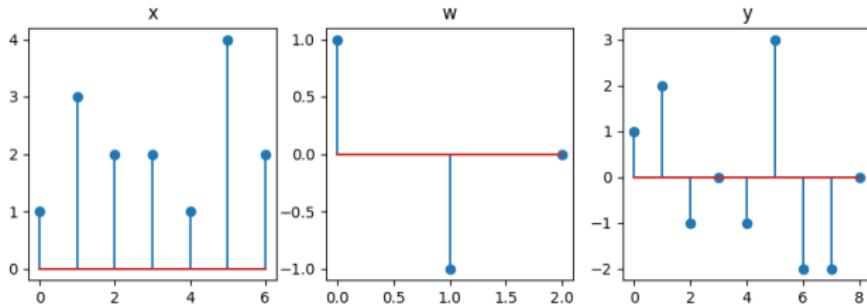
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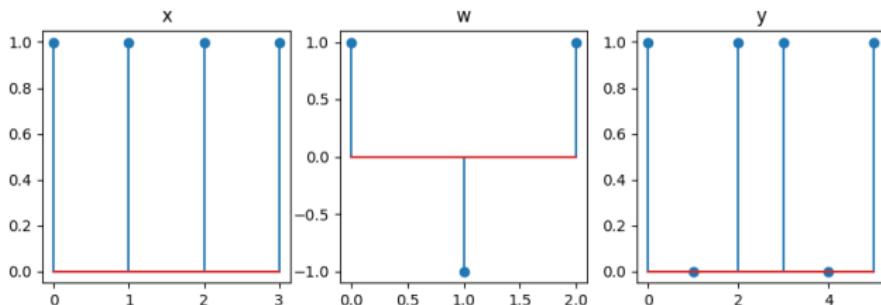
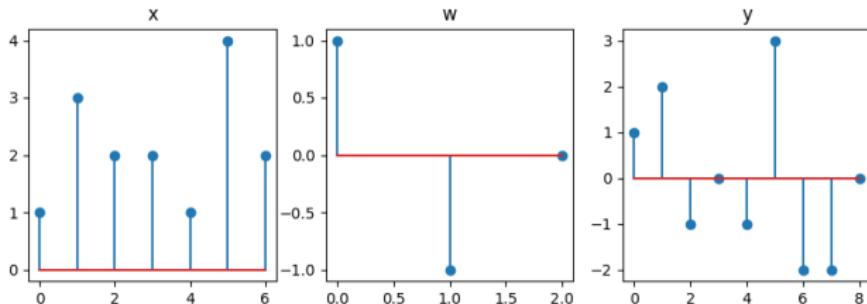


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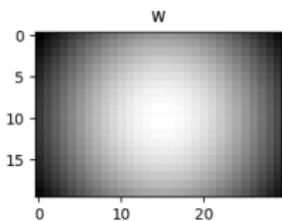
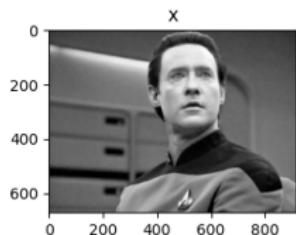


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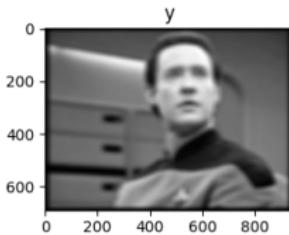
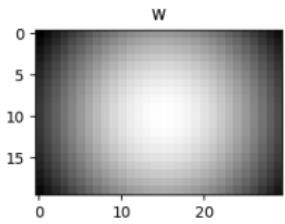
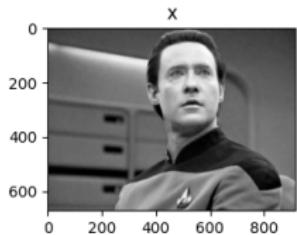


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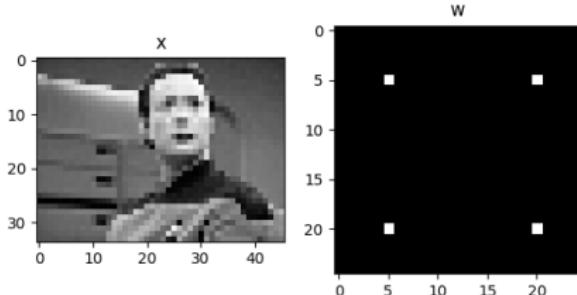
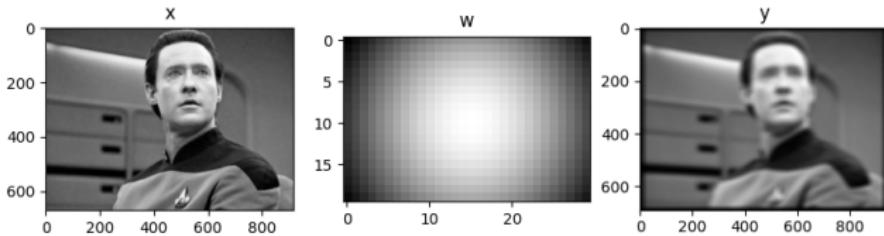
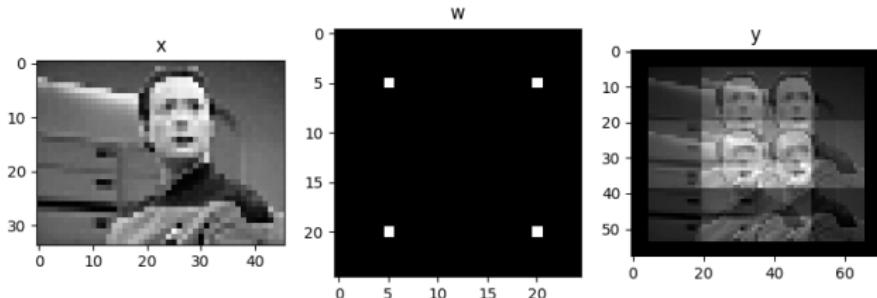
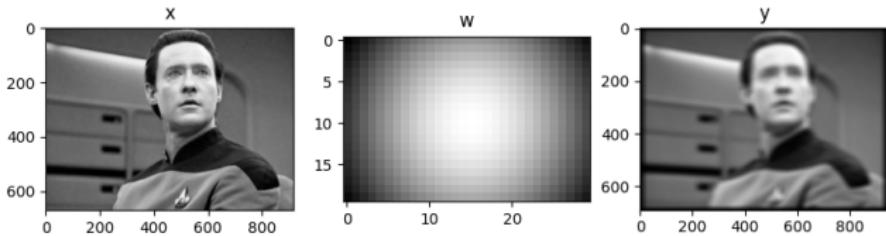


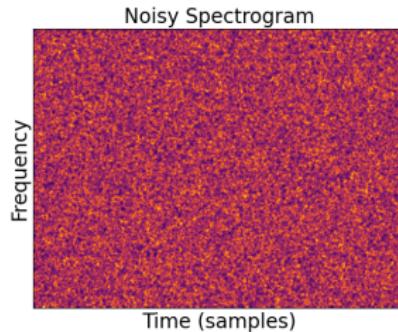
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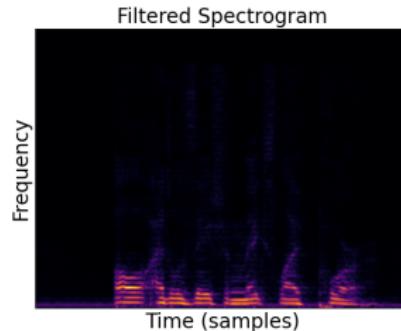
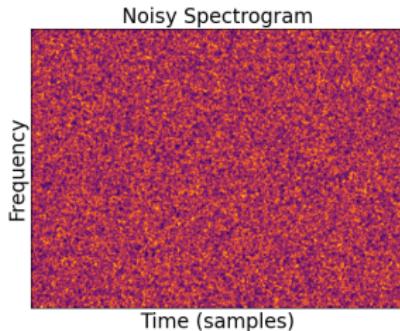
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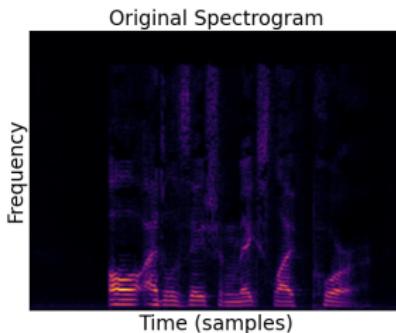
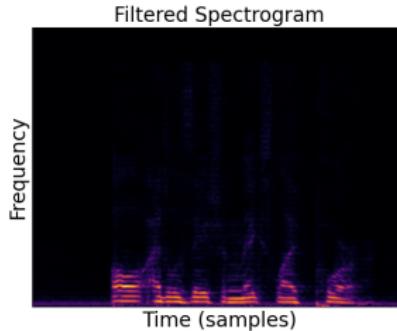
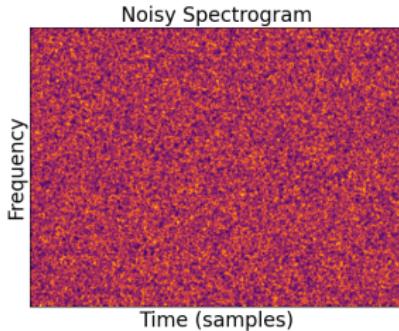
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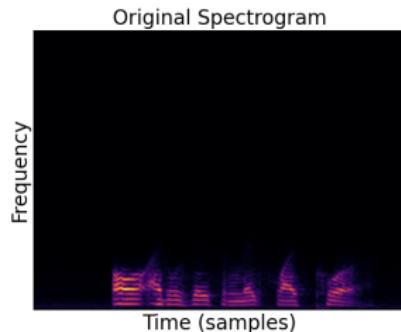
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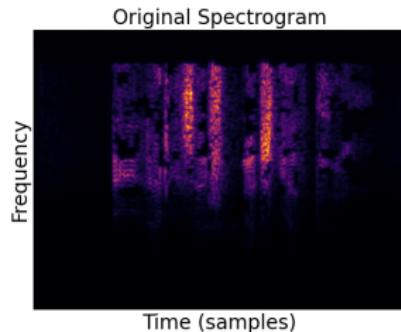


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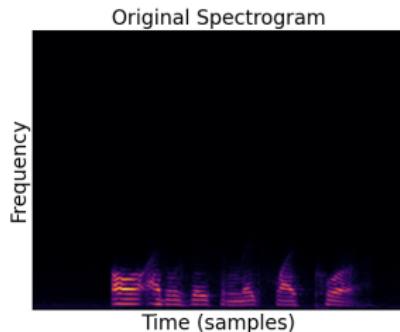


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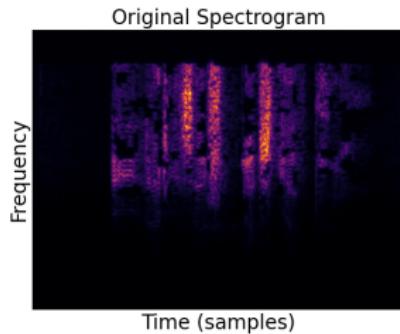


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- There are also band-stop, band-pass filtering..
 - ▶ Il existe aussi band-stop, band-pass filtering.

Fast Convolution

- Convolution is an $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$ operation.
- However we can use FFT to get it down to $\mathcal{O}(N \log N)$.
 - ▶ On peut prendre avantage de le FFT pour avoir une complexité de $\mathcal{O}(N \log N)$.
- Convolution in time domain, is multiplication in the Fourier Domain.
 - ▶ Convolution dans le domaine de temps est multiplication dans le domaine de Fourier.

$$\begin{aligned} F(x * w) &= Fx \odot Fw \\ \rightarrow x * w &= F^{-1}(Fx \odot Fw) \end{aligned}$$

- Use FFT whenever you can!

Convolution as a Matrix Multiplication

- Convolution can be expressed as a matrix multiplication.
 - ▶ Convolution peut-être exprimée comme une multiplication de matrices.

$$w * x = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} w_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ w_2 & w_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & w_2 & w_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & w_2 & w_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & w_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{:= C} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- C is a Circulant / Toeplitz matrix.

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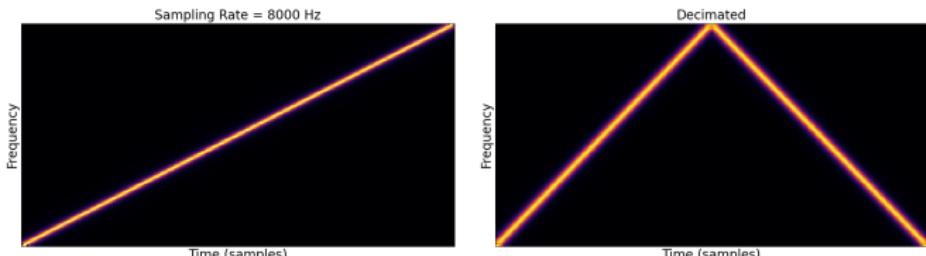
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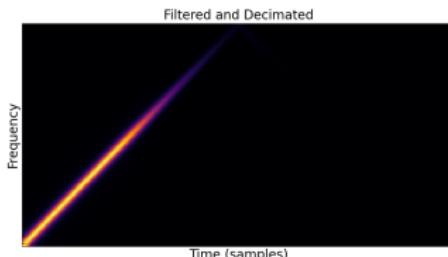
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- Let's say we want to downsample. Simple decimation introduces aliasing.
- Si on sous-échantillonne, simple décimation introduit de l'aliasing.



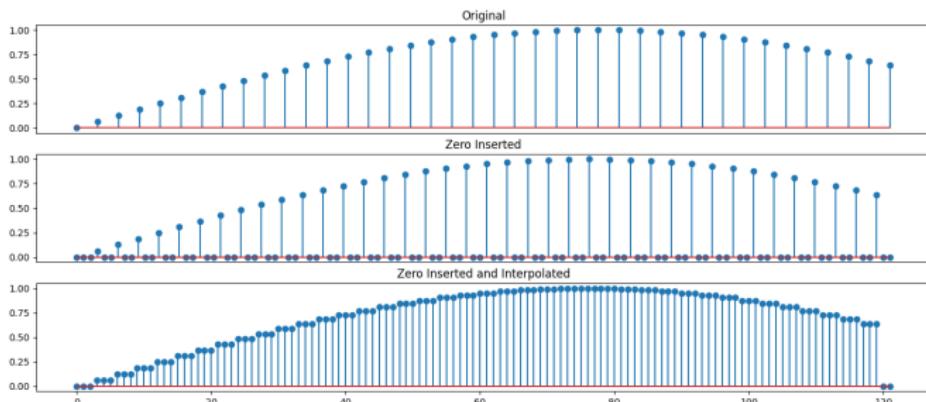
- The solution is to first filter and then downsample.
 - La solution est de filtrer et puis downsample



- We lose the high-freqs, but we at least avoid aliasing.
 - On perd les hautes fréquences mais on moins pas d'aliasing.

Upsampling

- To upsample by a factor of L , the procedure is to first insert $L - 1$ zeros, and then to interpolate.
 - Pour upsampler de la facteur L , le procedure est de d'abord inserer $L - 1$ zéros, et puis faire de l'interpolation.



Recap

- Signal Representations
 - ▶ Time, Frequency, Time-Frequency
- Discrete Fourier Transform
- Short-Time Fourier Transform
- Sampling, Resampling
- Convolution

Further Reading

- <http://www.dspsguide.com/pdfbook.htm> – nice free book, check it out.
- <https://dspguru.com/dsp/howtos/>

Next week

- We get started with machine learning (sometimes for signal processing)