

From Fourier Series to Analysis of Non-stationary Signals – VII

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Short Time Fourier Transform

	continuous in time	discrete in time periodic in frequency
in frequency	$x(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(j\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega$	$x(n) = \frac{T}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi/T}^{+\pi/T} X(e^{j\omega T}) e^{j\omega n T} d\omega$
continuous	$X(j\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt$	$X(e^{j\omega T}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(n) e^{-j\omega n T}$
	Fourier transform	Fourier transform $t =$
y		2

Let's consider basis functions: $\sin(\omega t)$, $\cos(\omega t)$ and $\delta(t)$

support region	in time	in frequency
$\sin(\omega t)$	$(-\infty, \infty)$	0
$\cos(\omega t)$	$(-\infty, \infty)$	0
$\delta(t)$	0	$(-\infty, \infty)$

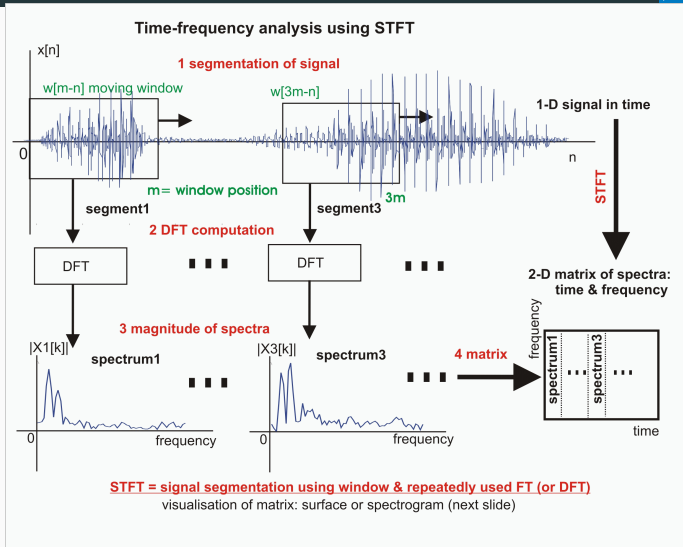
- The basis functions $\sin(\omega t)$ and $\cos(\omega t)$ are not localized in time!
- The $\delta(t)$ is not localized in frequency!

We have learned to localize a signal in time domain by windowing
 \Rightarrow short time Fourier transform (STFT)

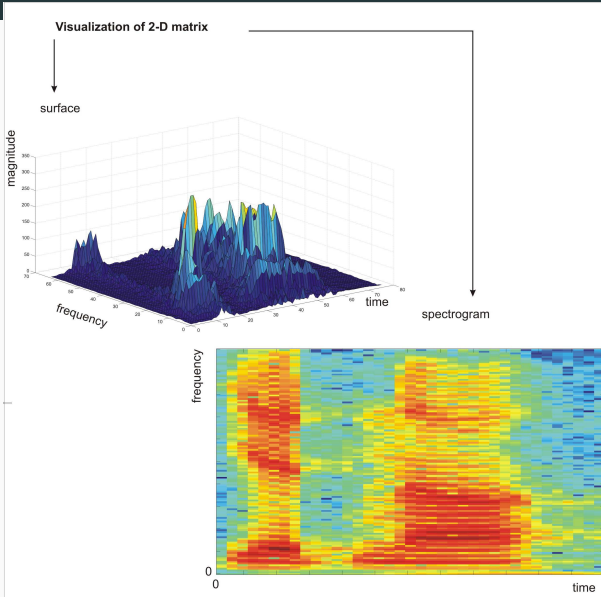
- When sampling an audio signal at a sampling rate 44.1 kHz
- ... 1 hour of stereophonic music would be
 $44100 \times 2 \times 60 \times 60 = 317520000$ samples !
- If we want to compute DFT, the closest power-of-two FFT is
 $2^{28} = 268435456$ per channel.
- A better approach is to break the long signal into **small segments** and analyze each one with FFT \Rightarrow **short time Fourier transform**

- Assume that $x[m]$ is an infinitely long sequence
- in order to localize energy in **time and frequency** we segment the signal into short-time pieces and calculate DFT of each one
- sampled STFT for a window defined in the region $0 \leq m \leq M - 1$ is given by

$$X[k, \ell L] = \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} x[\ell L - m] w[m] \exp\left(-j2\pi \frac{km}{N}\right)$$



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Spectrograms

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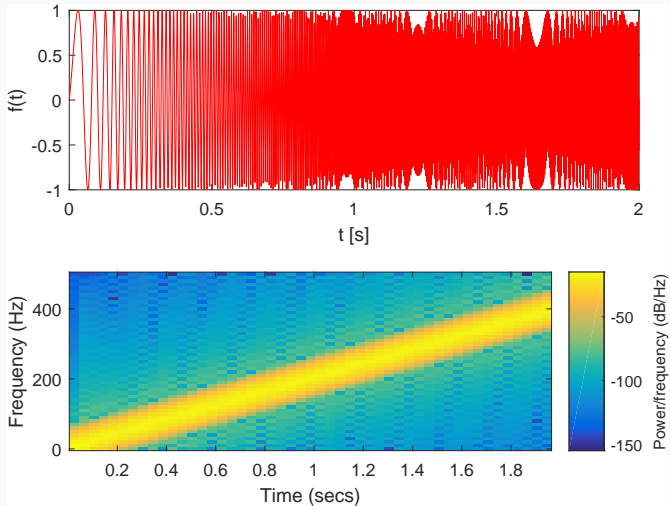
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- `nfft` is the FFT length and is the maximum of 256 or the next power of 2 greater than the length of each segment of `x`
- `fs` is the sampling frequency, which defaults to normalized frequency
- using `'yaxis'` displays frequency on the y-axis and time on the x-axis

We also use command `colorbar` which appends a color scale to the current axes.

Chirp signal analysis $\sin(2\pi(f_0 + \alpha t)t)$



Matlab project

- a) Start MATLAB. Load in the audio signal with commands

```
filename = 'flute-C4.wav';  
[x1 sr1] = audioread(filename);
```

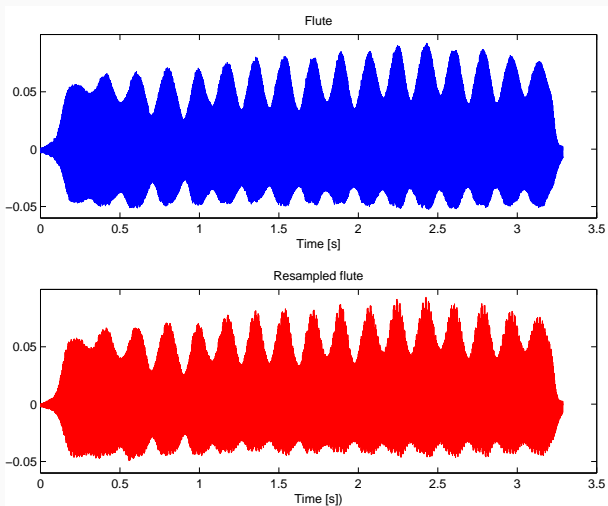
- b) The sampling rate is 11 025 Hz, and the signal contains 36 250 samples.

Q: If we consider this signal as sampled on an interval $[0, T)$, what is the time duration of the flute sound ?

- c) Use command `soundsc(x1, sr1)` to obtain flute sound
[click to play](#)

- d) Resample the audio signal by $f_r = 4000$ Hz and write the sound file to disk using

```
audiowrite('flute-resampled.wav', x2, sr2);
```



- e) Compute the DFT of the signal with `X1 = fft(x1(1:1024));`
and `X2 = fft(x2(1:1024));`
- f) DFT of real-valued signals is always symmetric around $f_r/2$ so we only need to plot the first half. Display the magnitude of the Fourier transform using

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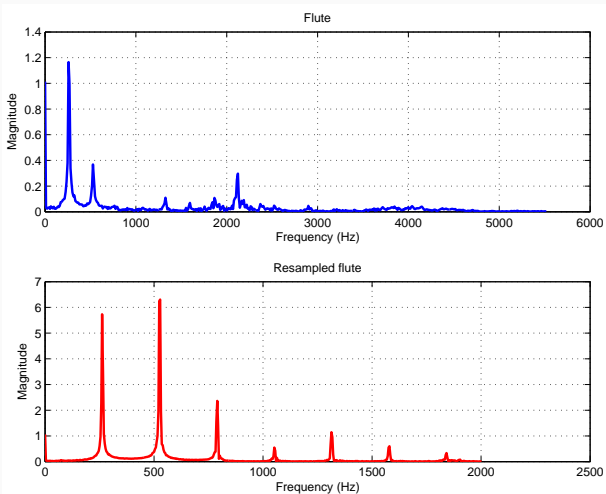
- g) **Q:** What is the approximate fundamental frequency of the flute note C4? **A:** Find the bin corresponding to the first peak in the magnitude spectrum.

- e) You can use a systematic way to find the frequency of the peaks in spectrum `abs(X2)` using following commands:

```
% find local maxima  
mag = abs(X2);  
mag = mag(1:end/2+1);  
peaks = (mag(1:end-2) < mag(2:end-1)) &  
(mag(2:end-1) > mag(3:end));
```

- f) Then evaluate the peaks at corresponding frequencies above a threshold:

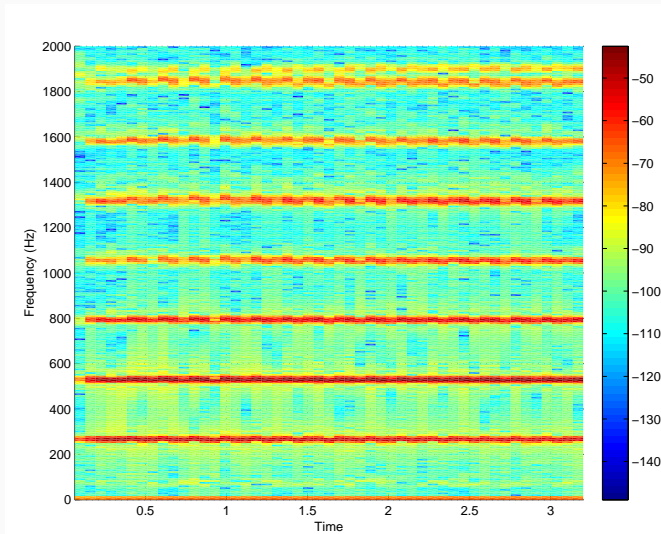
```
peaks = peaks & mag(2:end-1) > 0.5;  
fmax = f2(peaks)
```



g) Finally we will use Spectrogram with following specifications:

```
nwin = 512; % samples of a window
noverlap = 256; % samples of overlaps
nfft = 512; % samples of fast Fourier
transform
f = figure(1)
spectrogram(x1, nwin, noverlap, nfft, sr2,
'yaxis');
colorbar % not stricly necessary
print -djpeg90 figure-spect % or ...
saveas(f, 'figure-spect.eps', 'epsc');
```

h) Carefully study the options for the spectrogram using help!



- a) Construct a signal **f** of two sinusoids on interval $t \in [0, 2)$ sampled at 1 kHz

```
t=[0:1999]/1000;  
f=cos(2*pi*137*t)+cos(2*pi*147*t);
```

- b) Compute the DFT of **f** and display its magnitude in time and frequency domain.
- c) Construct a spectrogram using

```
spectrogram(f,512,510,512,1000,'yaxis');
```

