



# Signal Processing & Fourier Analysis

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# Introduction & History



## Course Material

Course material will be drawn from

- “Fourier Analysis and Its Applications” by Anders Vretbland, Springer.
- Some personal notes and perspectives



**Fourier?**

What do you think of when you hear the term “Fourier” ??

## Fourier, the person



- Jean Baptiste Joseph Fourier
- French mathematician and physicist
- discovered “greenhouse effect”
- studied heat transfer
- “Theorie Analytique de la Chaleur” (1822)
- known for Fourier Series, Fourier Transform

1768-1830

## Some Notation

- Laplace Operator
- partial with respect to time
- second partial
- denote 3-d space as

$$\Delta = \nabla^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$$

$$u_t = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$$

$$u_{xy} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y}$$

$$\Omega = [x \quad y \quad z]$$



## Well-posed Problems

A problem is said to be “well-posed” when all three conditions are met:

- there exists a solution to the problem
- there exists *only one* solution
- the solution is *stable* (small changes in equation parameters produce small changes in solution)





## Some Important Historical Physical Equations

- The Wave Equation
- The Heat Equation
- The Laplace Equation
- The Poisson Equation

We'll look at the first two more closely.

## The Wave Equation

$$\Delta u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \quad (x, t) \in \Omega \times T$$

- $u(t, x)$  is the displacement at time  $t$  point  $x$
- $c$  is a constant depending on properties of material
- describes vibrations in a homogeneous medium
- reversible process

On a string, we can write:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$$

## One Dimensional Wave Equation

$$c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$$

- Consider a sol'n in open half plane  $t > 0$
- introduce new coordinates  $\xi = x - ct$ , and  $\eta = x + ct$

- $$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \xi^2} + 2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \eta^2}$$

- $$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \xi^2} - 2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \eta^2} \right)$$

## One Dimensional Wave Equation (cont.)

- Inserting these into equation yields:

$$c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} \right) = 0$$

- We see  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta}$  is only a function of  $\eta$ , say  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} = h(\eta)$
- Let  $\phi$  be antiderivative of  $h$ , then another integration yields  $u = \phi(\eta) + \psi(\xi)$ , where  $\phi$  is a new arbitrary function.
- returning to original variables  $(x, t)$  we have found that
$$u(x, t) = \phi(x - ct) + \psi(x + ct)$$
- $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are more or less arbitrary functions of one variable.
- Note motion “to the left” and “to the right”

## The Heat Equation / The Diffusion Equation

$$\Delta u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \quad (x, t) \in \Omega \times T$$

- $u(t, x)$  is the temperature at time  $t$  at point  $x$
- describes the heat flow per unit time
- $a$  is a constant depending on properties of material
- irreversible process

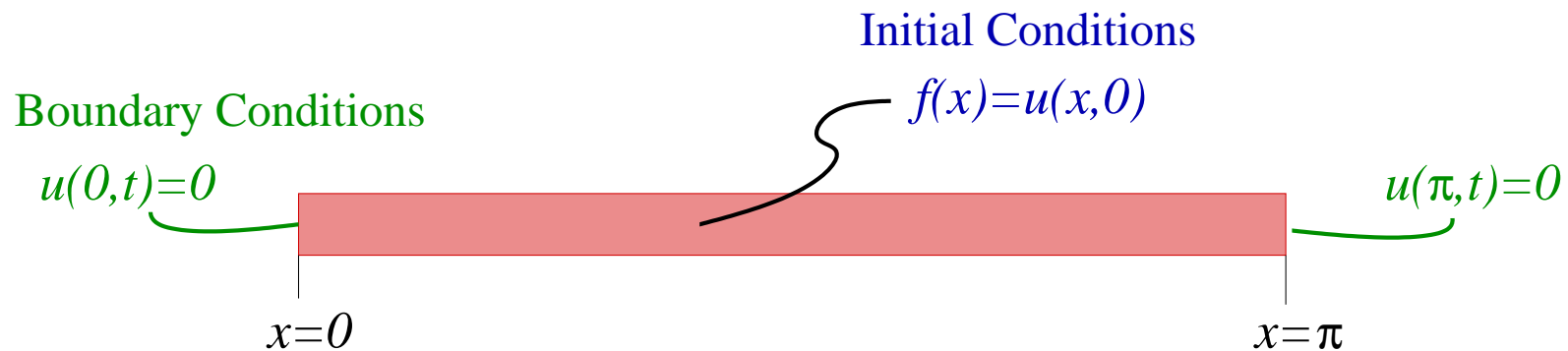
## Fourier's Method (Theorie Analytique de la Chaleur-1822)

- Attempt to solve Heat Equation
- assume rod of length  $\pi$
- keep each end at temperature zero
- assume an initial temperature distribution within rod is

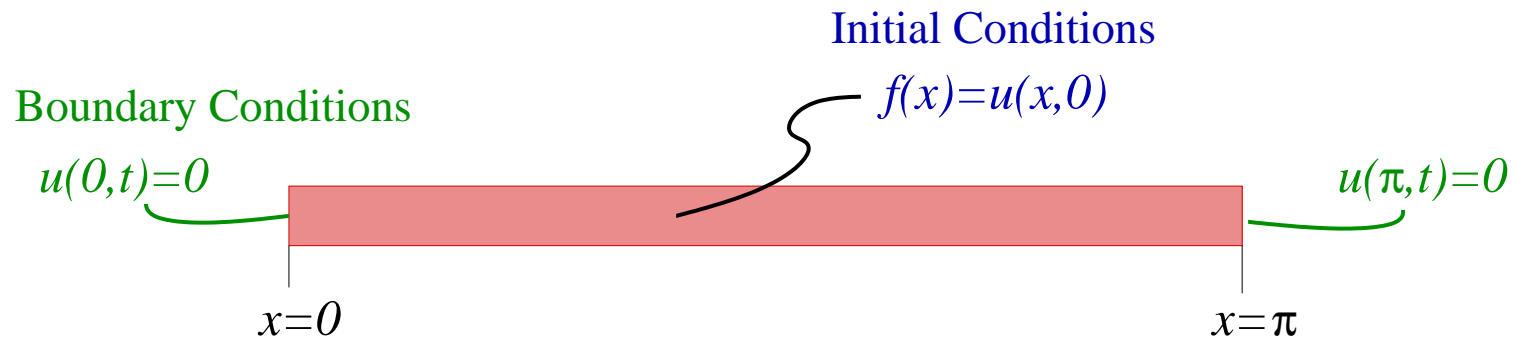
$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$$

$$u(0, t) = u(\pi, t) = 0$$

$$f(x) = u(x, 0)$$



## Fourier's Method (cont.)



Consider:

- equation **(E)**  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$   $0 < x < \pi, \quad t > 0$
- boundary cond. **(B)**  $u(0,t) = u(\pi,t) = 0$   $t > 0$
- initial cond. **(I)**  $u(x,0) = f(x)$   $0 < x < \pi$

These are linear, if any  $u$  and  $v$  meets these, then so does  $\alpha u + \beta v$ !

## Fourier's Idea

- solve for partial problem consisting of just

- ◇  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$  **(E)**

- ◇  $u(0, t) = u(\pi, t) = 0$  **(B)**

- considered solutions of form  $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$

- ◇  $X(x)$  depends on just one variable

- ◇  $T(t)$  depends on just one variable

- method is called “separation of variables”



## Fourier's Idea (cont.)

- when considering solutions of form  $u(x,t) = X(x)T(t)$  then **(E)**,

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \quad \text{becomes} \quad X''(x)T(t) = X(x)T'(t) \quad 0 < x < \pi, t > 0$$

- rearrange as

$$\frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = \frac{T'(t)}{T(t)} \quad 0 < x < \pi, \quad t > 0$$

- has peculiar property that if we change  $t \rightarrow$  LHS is unaffected  $\rightarrow$  RHS is also unaffected. So this must be a **constant** (call this  $-\lambda$ )
- Similarly for changes of  $x$

## Fourier's Idea (cont.)

- So, we have now

$$-\lambda = \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = \frac{T'(t)}{T(t)}$$

- or,

$$X''(x) + \lambda X(x) = 0 \quad 0 < x < \pi$$

$$T'(t) + \lambda T(t) = 0 \quad t > 0$$

- including **(B)** by  $u(x,t) = X(x)T(t)$  yields:

$$\diamond X(0)T(t) = X(\pi)T(t) = 0 \quad t > 0$$

$$\diamond \text{if } X(0) \neq 0 \rightarrow T(t) = 0 \text{ for } t > 0 \Rightarrow u(x,t) = 0 \text{ (trivial sol'n)}$$

$$\diamond \text{to get interesting sol'n, we must demand } X(0) = X(\pi) = 0$$

## Fourier's Idea (cont.)

We then consider the boundary value problem of:

- $X''(x) + \lambda X(x) = 0$

$$0 < x < \pi$$

$$\text{with } X(0) = X(\pi) = 0$$

- must consider three cases of  $\lambda$ :

- ◇  $\lambda < 0$

- ◇  $\lambda = 0$

- ◇  $\lambda > 0$

## Case $\lambda < 0$

$$X''(x) + \lambda X(x) = 0, \quad X(0) = X(\pi) = 0,$$

- can write  $\lambda = -\alpha^2$ , and assume  $\alpha > 0$ , yielding  $X''(x) - \alpha^2 X(x) = 0$
- general sol'n is  $X(x) = Ae^{\alpha x} + Be^{-\alpha x}$
- **(B)** becomes  $0 = X(0) = A + B$   
 $0 = X(\pi) = Ae^{\alpha\pi} + Be^{-\alpha\pi}$
- homogenous linear system of equations, two equations, two unknowns
- this has **uninteresting**, unique sol'n  $A = B = 0$
- then  $X(x)$  is trivial (and uninteresting)

## Case $\lambda = 0$

$$X''(x) + \lambda X(x) = 0, \quad X(0) = X(\pi) = 0,$$

- differential equation reduces to

$$X''(x) = 0$$

- this has solution

$$X(x) = Ax + B$$

- again **(B)**,  $X(0) = X(\pi) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow A = B = 0$$

- $X(x)$  is again trivial (and uninteresting)

## Case $\lambda > 0$

$$X''(x) + \lambda X(x) = 0, \quad X(0) = X(\pi) = 0,$$

- let  $\lambda = \omega^2$ , and assume  $\omega > 0$ , yielding  $X''(x) + \omega^2 X(x) = 0$
- general sol'n is  $X(x) = A \cos \omega x + B \sin \omega x$
- **(B)** of  $X(0) = 0$   $\Rightarrow A = 0$
- **(B)** of  $X(\pi) = 0$   $\Rightarrow X(x) = 0 = B \sin \omega \pi$
- if  $B = 0 \rightarrow$  uninteresting
- but  $B \neq 0$  becomes interesting!

$B \sin \omega \pi = 0$  has sol'n whenever  $\omega$  is pos. integer

## Almost!

- the problem  $X''(x) + \lambda X(x) = 0, \quad 0 < x < \pi, \quad X(0) = X(\pi) = 0$
- has non-trivial sol'n exactly for  $\lambda = n^2$  where  $n$  is pos. integer
- this sol'n has form of  $X(x) = X_n(x) = B_n \sin nx$   
where  $B_n$  is a constant
- For these values of  $\lambda$ , let's also solve  $T'(t) + \lambda T(t) = 0$   
 $T'(t) = -n^2 T(t)$
- This has general sol'n  $T(t) = T_n(t) = C_n e^{-n^2 t}$

**Finally!**

- We have  $X(x) = B_n \sin nx$ ,  $n$  is pos. int.  
 $T(t) = T_n(t) = C_n e^{-n^2 t}$

- Combining these two partial results, we have

$$\begin{aligned} u(x,t) &= X(x) T(t) = B_n \sin nx C_n e^{-n^2 t} \\ &= \underbrace{B_n C_n}_{b_n} \sin nx e^{-n^2 t} = b_n e^{-n^2 t} \sin nx \end{aligned}$$

- By **linearity**, all sums of such expressions are also solutions:

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^N b_n e^{-n^2 t} \sin nx$$



## Summary of Fourier's Result

- for **(I)**, initial conditions, of form

$$f(x) = u(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^N b_n \sin nx \quad 0 < x < \pi$$

- for **(B)**, boundary conditions

$$u(0, t) = u(\pi, t) = 0$$

- one dimensional heat equation

$$c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$$

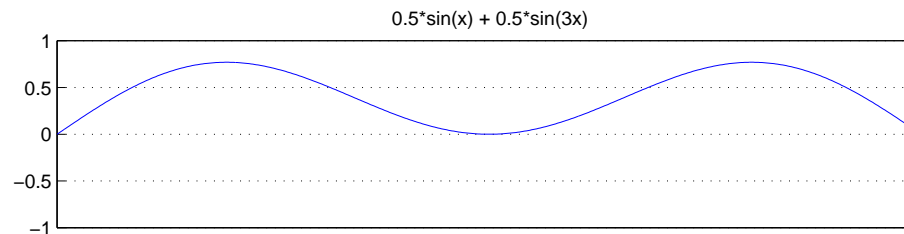
- has solutions of the form:

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^N b_n e^{-n^2 t} \sin nx \quad 0 < x < \pi, \quad t > 0$$

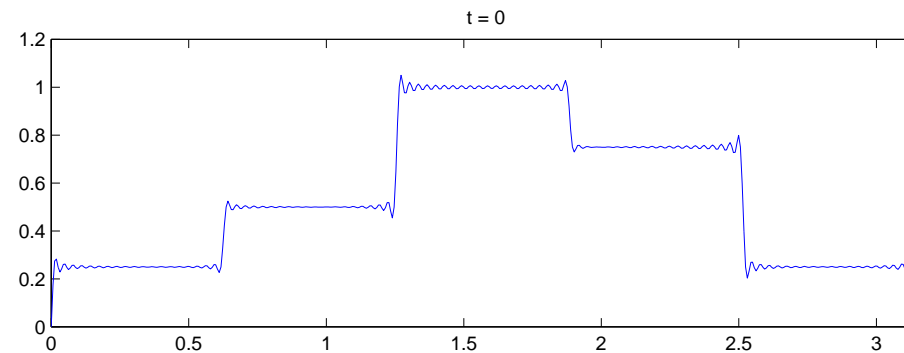
## Numerical Experiment of Fourier's Result

- We use MATLAB with Fourier's equation of solution to visualize two cases:

◇ temperature in a bar with  $u(x, 0) = f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sin x + \frac{1}{2} \sin 3x$



◇ temperature in a bar with  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$  with many terms





## Questions on Fourier's Result

- Can we permit  $N \rightarrow \infty$  ?
- Is it possible to approximate an *arbitrary* function  $f(x)$  using sums of sinusoids?



## Remarks

- Initially, usefulness of Fourier's results were met with some scepticism
- The extension of  $f(x)$  to arbitrary functions was considered controversial
- Ideas on convergence of function needed to be more fully developed to assess situation
- The answer to these (and other questions) were a long time coming (ending in 1960's (?))

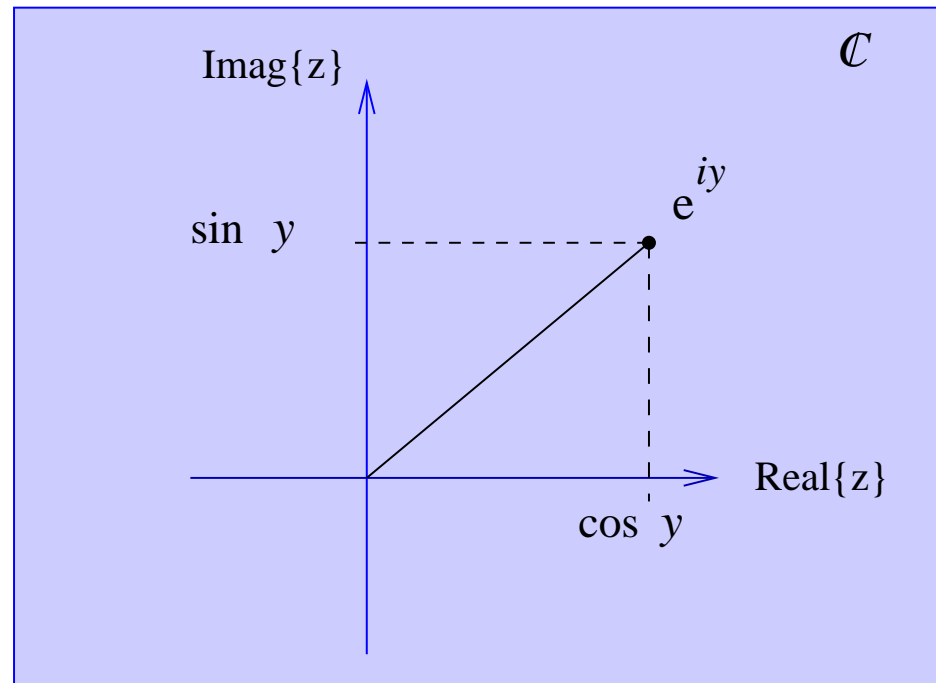


# Some Mathematical & Notational Preparation

# Euler's Formula

- Euler's Formula

$$e^{iy} = \cos y + i \sin y$$



## Positive summation kernels (or distributions)

- let  $I = (-a, a)$  be an interval (finite or infinite)

- suppose  $\{K_n(s)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  has properties

(1)  $K_n(s) \geq 0, \quad \forall s \in I$

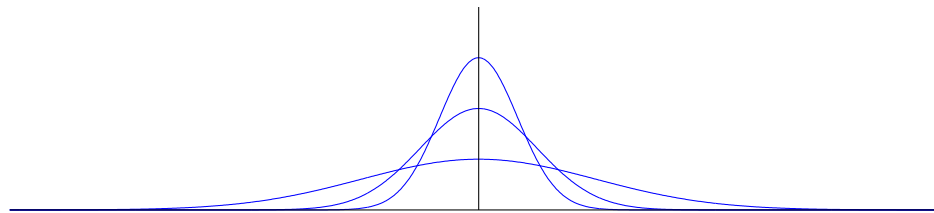
(2)  $\int_{-a}^a K_n(s) ds = 1$

(3) if  $\delta > 0$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\delta < |s| < a} K_n(s) ds = 0$

- If  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is integrable and bounded on  $I$  and continuous for  $s = 0$ ,

we then have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-a}^a K_n(s) f(s) ds = f(0)$$



## Generalization of a Function

- Dirac Distribution (or “Delta Function”):

$$(1) \quad \delta(t) \geq 0, \quad -\infty < t < \infty$$

$$(2) \quad \delta(t) = 0, \quad t \neq 0$$

$$(3) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t) dt = 1$$

- Properties of Dirac Distribution:

$$\diamond \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t) \phi(t) dt = \phi(0)$$

$$\diamond \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - \tau) \phi(t) dt = \phi(\tau)$$





## **Review of Some Linear System Theory**

# Laplace Transform

- Pierre Simon de Laplace, *Théorie analytique des probabilités* (1812)
- His methods “baffled his contemporaries”.

- Defined as:

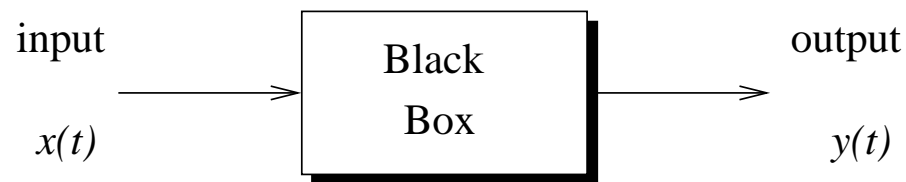
$$\tilde{f}(s) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt = \mathcal{L}[f(t)]$$

- Useful tool for solving linear differential equations with initial value conditions

- It is linearity

$$\mathcal{L}[\alpha f(t) + \beta g(t)] = \alpha \mathcal{L}[f(t)] + \beta \mathcal{L}[g(t)]$$

# Convolution



- Assume system has four properties:

i) *Linearity*.

If  $x_1(t)$  produces  $y_1(t)$  , and  
 $x_2(t)$  produces  $y_2(t)$  ,

then

$\alpha x_1(t) + \beta x_2(t)$  produces  $\alpha y_1(t) + \beta y_2(t)$

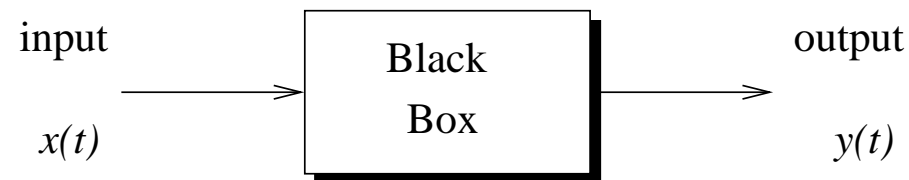
ii) *Time Invariance*

If  $x(t)$  produces  $y(t)$  ,

then

$x(t - \tau)$  produces  $y(t - \tau)$  ,

## Convolution (cont.)



- iii) *Continuity*. continuous “small” changes in input  $x(t)$ , produce continuous “small” changes in output  $y(t)$
- iv) *Causality*. Output  $y$  at time  $t$  does not depend on input  $x$  at a time later than  $t$ .

## Convolution and Impulse Response

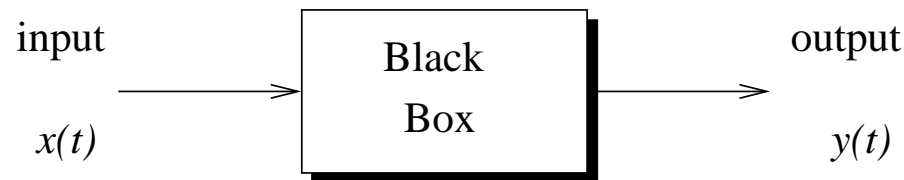
With these four conditions met we have:

- there exists a  $g(t)$  such that

$$y(t) = \int_0^t x(\lambda)g(t - \lambda)d\lambda = \int_0^t x(t - \lambda)g(\lambda)d\lambda$$

- $g(t)$  contains all the information about the system
  - ◇  $g(t)$  is known as the system's "impulse response"
  - ◇ integral is known as the "convolution integral"

## Linear Systems and Sinusoids (Complex Exponentials)



- An interesting property of linear systems is that  
“sinusoidal input  $\rightarrow$  sinusoidal output”
  - ◇ frequency of output is same as frequency of input
  - ◇ only phase, and amplitude may change,
  - ◇ often a measure of how linear (or non-linear) a system is (for example THD)
- “complex exponentials are eigenfunctions of linear systems”

## Z-Transform

- Consider the sequence

$$\{a_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$$

- form the summation,

$$A(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^{-n}$$

where  $z \in \mathcal{C}$

- for those  $z$  for which the sum converges we call  $A(z)$

the “Z-Transform of  $a_n$ ”.

- often considered analogous to the Laplace Transform for discrete sequences

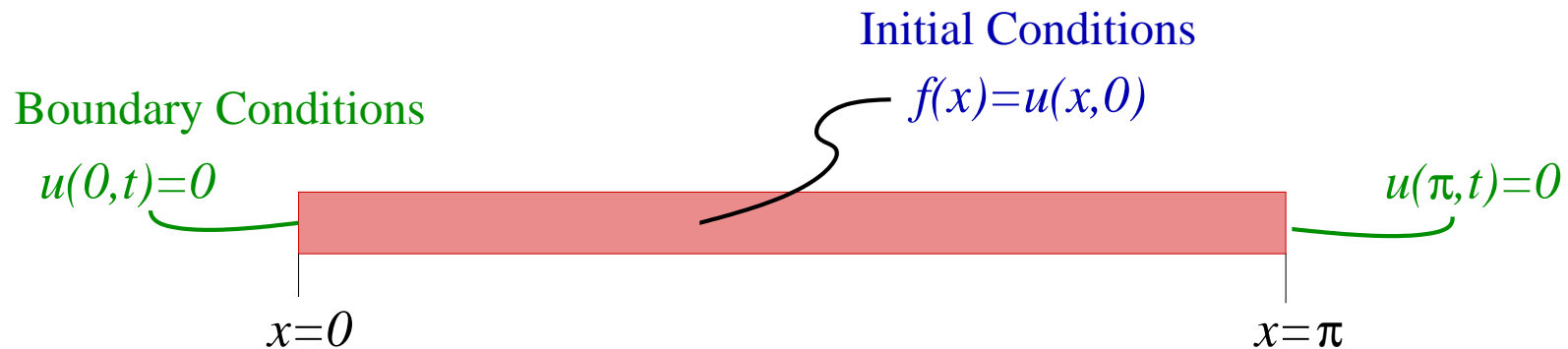


# Fourier Series



# Fourier Series

We return to Fourier's solutions of the heat problem



- Found solutions of form

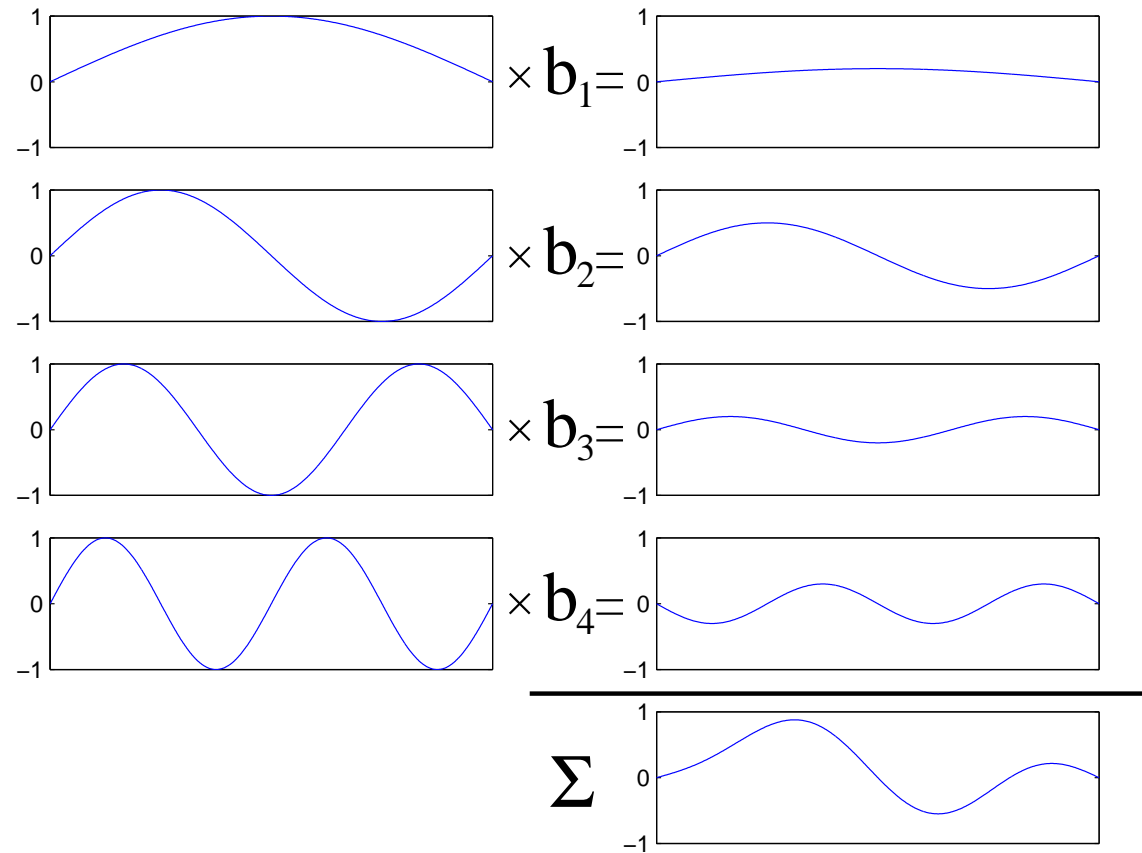
$$u(x,t) = b_n e^{-n^2 t} \sin nx$$

- for initial conditions

$$f(x) = u(x,0) = \sum_{n=1}^N b_n \sin nx \quad 0 < x < \pi$$

*How general is this solution?*

What functions can be created on  $[0, \pi]$  by  $\sum_{n=1}^N b_n \sin nx$  ?



## More General Form

- Let's shift from  $f(t) = \sum_{n=1}^N b_n \sin nt$  on  $[0, \pi]$  ...

- ... to a more general form of

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{int} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n (\cos nt + i \sin nt) \text{ and extend over all } t.$$

- Can ask similar question ...

*What are the  $f(t)$  that can now be constructed?*

- a bit of reflection yields that  $f(t)$  will be *periodic* with period  $T = 2\pi$

$$f(t) = f(t + T)$$

- also note  $\int_T = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \int_0^{2\pi} = \int_a^{a+2\pi}$  for any  $a \in \mathcal{R}$

## Relations

- Suppose  $f(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{int}$  and also assume  $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |c_n| < \infty$

- Consider 
$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) e^{-imt} dt = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left( \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{int} \right) e^{-imt} dt$$

$$= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{-i(n-m)t} dt$$

$$= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-i(n-m)t} dt$$

- Look at

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ikt} dt = \begin{cases} 2\pi & k = 0 \\ 0 & k \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

- So, we have

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) e^{-imt} dt = 2\pi c_m$$

## Obtaining $c_m$ from $f(t)$

- Interestingly, we now see that if  $f(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{int} \dots$
- ... then we could find the  $c_m$  from the integral

$$c_m = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) e^{-imt} dt$$

## Fourier Series, Definition

**Def'n 4.1** Let  $f$  be a function with period  $2\pi$  that is absolutely Riemann integrable over a period.

Define the numbers  $c_n$ , with  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  by

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_T f(t) e^{-int} dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) e^{-int} dt.$$

- $c_n$  are called “Fourier coefficients of  $f$ ”
- The “Fourier Series of  $f$ ” is the series

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} c_n e^{int}$$

## What about convergence?

- We've made no statement about if series converges.
- Even if the series converges, we've made no statement about what the series converges to.
- Let's play with this a bit in MATLAB
  - ◇ construct a vector  $t$ , and define some function  $f(t)$
  - ◇ calculate  $c_n$  for  $f(t)$
  - ◇ look at series for an increasing number of terms

## Convergence of Fourier Series

- It certainly looks like the series  $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{int}$  is approximating (or converging to)  $f(t)$  as # of terms increases.
  - ◇ What do we mean by convergence here?
  - ◇ What do we mean by approximation here?
- Much of Chapter 4 is dedicated to the details of the convergence question.



## End Result, Theorem 4.2

If

- $f$  is a continuous on  $T$ ,
- and its Fourier coefficients  $c_n$  are such that  $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |c_n|$  is convergent,

then the Fourier Series is

- convergent with sum =  $f(t)$  for all  $t \in T$ ,
- and the convergence is uniform on  $T$

## Quite a remarkable path!

- Our original motivation was to see how general Fourier's heat equation solution was.
- Our investigation leads to the result that an extremely large class of continuous,  $2\pi$  periodic function could be constructed from complex exponentials (  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} c_n e^{int}$  )
- We could say that we “build up” an arbitrary, continuous,  $2\pi$  periodic function by taking a “weighted sum” of  $e^{int}$ .
- This leads to the ideas of “bases” and “basis functions”

*We investigate this tomorrow!*



## Day 2

## Yesterday

- We could say that we “build up” an arbitrary, continuous,  $2\pi$  periodic function by taking a “weighted sum” of  $e^{int}$ .
- This leads to the ideas of “bases” and “basis functions”
- Why is this Fourier idea so big?
- What’s the fascination with these complex exponential functions  $e^{int}$ ?

## Why are $e^{int}$ so important?

- Partial differential equations often have (damped) complex exponentials as their solution.
- Mechanical systems often *vibrate* or *resonate* with periodic characteristics.
- Complex exponentials are *eigenfunctions* of linear systems!

*To explore more, we need to develop ideas, known as  $L^2$  Theory*

## Inner Product

**Def'n 5.1** Let  $V$  be a complex vector space. An inner product on  $V$  is a complex-valued function  $\langle u, v \rangle$  of  $u$  and  $v \in V$  having the following properties:

- $\langle u, v \rangle = \overline{\langle v, u \rangle}$
- $\langle \alpha u + \beta v, w \rangle = \alpha \langle u, w \rangle + \beta \langle v, w \rangle$
- $\langle u, u \rangle \geq 0$
- $\langle u, u \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow u = 0$

## Examples of an Inner Product

**Example 5.3.** Let  $C(a, b)$  be the set of continuous, complex-valued functions defined on the compact interval  $[a, b]$  and set

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_a^b f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx.$$

This is an inner product.

**Another Example** Let  $u, v \in \mathbb{C}^N$  (say,  $N$ -dimensional column vectors).

Then,

$$\langle u, v \rangle = u^T \bar{v} = [u_1 \quad u_2 \dots u_N] \begin{bmatrix} \bar{v}_1 \\ \bar{v}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \bar{v}_N \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{k=1}^N u_k \bar{v}_k$$

## Properties of Inner Product

Inner products satisfy:

- $|\langle u, v \rangle| \leq \|u\| \|v\|$  (Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality)
- $\|u + v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|$  (Triangle Inequality)

In a sense,

- inner products give us the idea of “distance”
- inner products define a “geometry”



## Orthogonal Projections

Let  $\{\phi_k\}_{k=1}^N$  be an orthonormal set in the space  $V$ , and let  $u$  be an arbitrary vector in  $V$ .

The orthogonal projection of  $u$  on to the subspace of  $V$  spanned by  $\{\phi_k\}_{k=1}^N$  is the vector,

$$\begin{aligned} P_N(u) &= \langle u, \phi_1 \rangle \phi_1 + \langle u, \phi_2 \rangle \phi_2 + \dots + \langle u, \phi_N \rangle \phi_N \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^N \underbrace{\langle u, \phi_k \rangle}_{\text{coeffs}} \underbrace{\phi_k}_{\text{basis vector}} \end{aligned}$$

## Useful Theorem

**Thm 5.2** If  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_N$  is an orthonormal basis in a  $N$ -dimensional inner product space  $V$ . Then every  $u \in V$  can be written as

$$u = \sum_{j=1}^N \langle u, \phi_j \rangle \phi_j$$

and furthermore one has

$$\|u\|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^N |\langle u, \phi_j \rangle|^2$$

## Crowning the Fourier System!

The two orthogonal systems

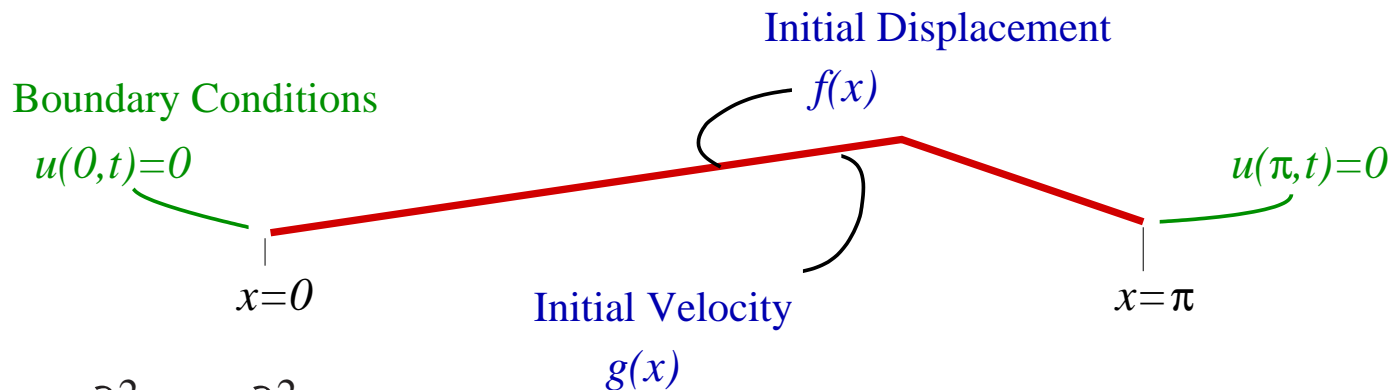
- $\{e^{int}\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$
- $\{\cos nt, n \geq 0; \sin nt, n \geq 1\}_n$

are each complete in  $L^2(T)$ .

Loosely, in other words, any square integrable,  $T$ -periodic function can be constructed from these basis elements!

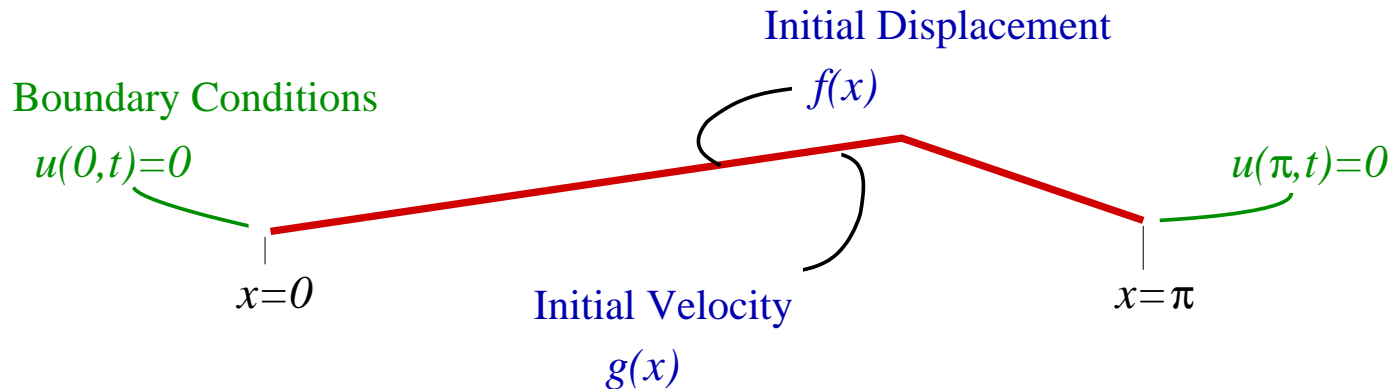
# Back to the 1-D Wave equation

Consider a vibrating string



- **(E)**  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$  Equation
- **(B)**  $u(0,t) = u(\pi,t) = 0$  Boundary Conditions
- **(I<sub>1</sub>)**  $u(x,0) = f(x)$  Initial (Displacement) Conditions
- **(I<sub>2</sub>)**  $\frac{\partial u(x,0)}{\partial t} = g(x)$  Initial (Velocity) Conditions

# 1-D Wave equation, Vibrating String



The same separation of variables techniques yields solution:

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nt + b_n \sin nt) \sin nx$$

- notice we have oscillations in time
- notice dependence also on position

## Fourier Transform Definition

- Assume  $f$  is a function on  $\mathcal{R}$  such that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(t)| dt = \int_{\mathcal{R}} |f(t)| dt \text{ is convergent.}$$

- define  $\hat{f}(\omega)$ , for every real  $\omega$  as

$$\hat{f}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

- the function  $\hat{f}(\omega)$  is known as the *Fourier Transform* of  $f(t)$ .
- Often in engineering notation  $F(\omega)$  is used instead of  $\hat{f}(\omega)$ .

## Linearity of the Fourier Transform

- The mapping  $\mathcal{F} : f(t) \mapsto \hat{f}(\omega)$  is linear

That is, with  $\mathcal{F} [f(t)] = \hat{f}(\omega)$  and  $\mathcal{F} [g(t)] = \hat{g}(\omega)$ ,

then we have  $\mathcal{F} [\alpha f(t) + \beta g(t)] = \alpha \hat{f}(\omega) + \beta \hat{g}(\omega)$ .

## Invertibility of the Fourier Transform

- The mapping  $\mathcal{F} : f(t) \mapsto \hat{f}(\omega)$  can be inverted.

That is, with  $\mathcal{F} [f(t)] = \hat{f}(\omega)$ ,

there is an inverse mapping  $\mathcal{F}^{-1}[\hat{f}(\omega)] = f(t)$ .

- We have the *Inverse Fourier Transform*

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(\omega) e^{i\omega t} d\omega$$





## The Discrete Fourier Transform

- Often we deal with sampled data
- Numerical computations require discrete data
- We need a Fourier Transform in these cases
  - ◇ a direct and obvious extension of Fourier Transform

## The Discrete Fourier Transform (cont.)

- Consider a discrete data set of  $N$  measurements (or samples) as the column vector with elements  $x_i$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_{N-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

- We can define the Discrete Fourier Transform of  $x$  as a column vector  $X$  with elements  $X_k$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} X_0 \\ X_1 \\ \vdots \\ X_{N-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Where each  $X_k$  is defined as,

$$X_k = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n e^{-\frac{i2\pi kn}{N}}$$

## Discrete Fourier Transform & its Inverse

- Discrete Fourier Transform

$$X_k = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n e^{-\frac{i2\pi kn}{N}}$$

- Inverse Discrete Fourier Transform

$$x_n = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X_k e^{\frac{i2\pi kn}{N}}$$

## Discrete Fourier Transform as Inner Product

- Consider inner product  $\langle x, \phi_k \rangle$
- where  $\phi_k$  is the  $k^{\text{th}}$  Fourier basis vector

$$\phi_k = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\frac{i2\pi k0}{N}} \\ e^{\frac{i2\pi k1}{N}} \\ \vdots \\ e^{\frac{i2\pi k(N-1)}{N}} \end{bmatrix}$$

- We have then

$$X_k = \frac{1}{N} \langle x, \phi_k \rangle = \frac{1}{N} [x_0 \quad x_1 \quad \dots \quad x_{N-1}] \begin{bmatrix} e^{\frac{-i2\pi k0}{N}} \\ e^{\frac{-i2\pi k1}{N}} \\ \vdots \\ e^{\frac{-i2\pi k(N-1)}{N}} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n e^{\frac{-i2\pi kn}{N}}$$



## Discrete Fourier Transform as Coefficients and Basis

- Let  $\{\phi_k\}_{k=0}^{N-1}$ , be an orthonormal basis for  $V$ ,
- then,  $u$  be an arbitrary vector in  $V$ , can be written as

$$u = \langle u, \phi_0 \rangle \phi_0 + \dots + \langle u, \phi_{N-1} \rangle \phi_{N-1} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \underbrace{\langle u, \phi_k \rangle}_{\text{coeffs}} \underbrace{\phi_k}_{\text{basis vector}}$$

- re-interpret Discrete Fourier Transform in this way,

$$x = \underbrace{\langle x, \phi_0 \rangle}_{X_0} \phi_0 + \underbrace{\langle x, \phi_1 \rangle}_{X_1} \phi_1 + \dots + \underbrace{\langle x, \phi_{N-1} \rangle}_{X_{N-1}} \phi_{N-1} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \underbrace{\langle x, \phi_k \rangle}_{\text{coeffs}} \underbrace{\phi_k}_{\text{basis vector}}$$

=  $x$  is a weighted sum of complex exponentials (sinusoids)



# An Intuitive Approach



## Music as a signal

- What is music?
- What is sound?
- What is a signal?
- How do we think about signals?





## Music as a point in space!

- Let's consider a piece of music as a point in space:
  - ◇ a high dimensional space
  - ◇ how could we describe this point in space?
  - ◇ where is it?

## Describing Things

### How do we describe things in general?

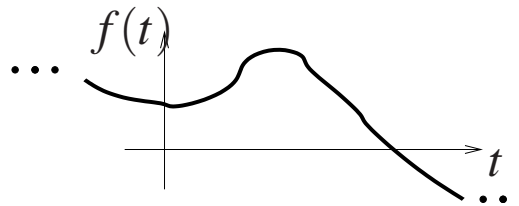
- Maybe we ...
  - ◇ describe the thing's various *components*
  - ◇ then describe how these components are *assembled* to make the thing.

### ... back to signals

- This is a useful concept for us in signals and systems
  - ◇ describe the signal by some *components* (analysis)
  - ◇ describe how the signal is *assembled* (synthesis)

## Describing Music/Signals

- maybe in your mind you think of a signal as the *graph* of a function such as:



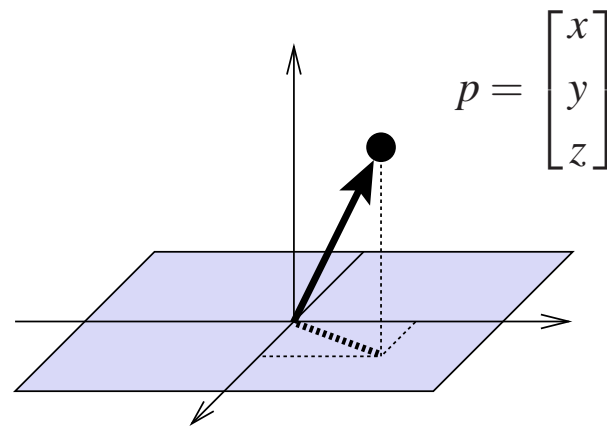
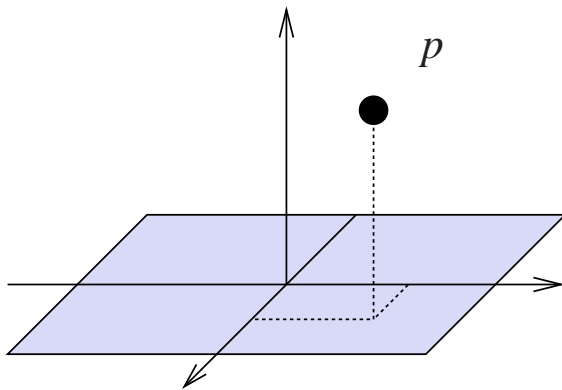
- ... but we think of a signal as a *point in a “high dimensional space”!*

*Why do this?*

- gives a concept of “closeness”
- gives a geometry ...
- geometry blends mathematics with *intuition*

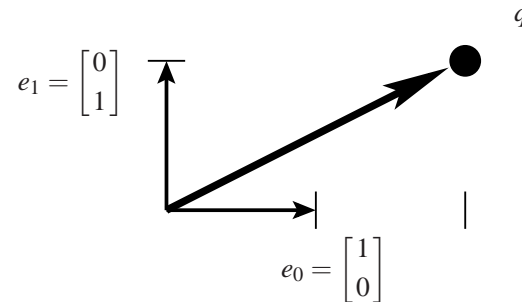
## Point in Space = Vector

- Example, point in 3D



## Favorite Point $q$ in 2D

- consider



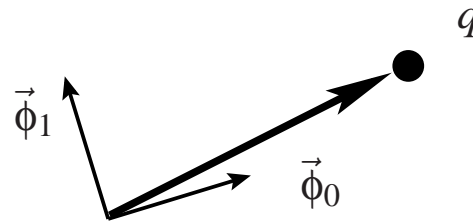
- Here the point  $q$ , can be represented as the vector

$$\begin{aligned} q &= a_0 \vec{e}_0 + a_1 \vec{e}_1 \\ &= 2 \vec{e}_0 + 1 \vec{e}_1 \\ &= 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- This description uses *coefficients*  $a_0$  and  $a_1$  with respect to *basis vectors*  $\vec{e}_0$  and  $\vec{e}_1$ .

## Another look at favorite point $q$ in 2D

- consider again

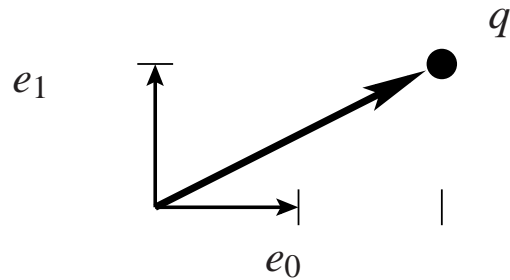


- Here the same point  $q$ , can be represented in a different way

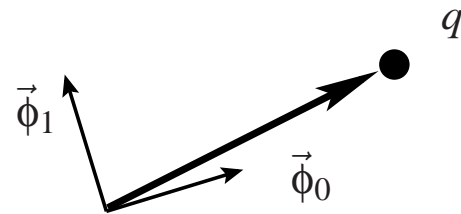
$$q = \beta_0 \vec{\phi}_0 + \beta_1 \vec{\phi}_1$$

- This description uses *coefficients*  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  with respect to *basis vectors*  $\vec{\phi}_0$  and  $\vec{\phi}_1$ .

We have *two* ways of describing our favorite point  $q$



$$q = a_0 \vec{e}_0 + a_1 \vec{e}_1$$



$$q = \beta_0 \vec{\phi}_0 + \beta_1 \vec{\phi}_1$$

- The *coefficients* depend on which basis set you use.
- Which is the better basis set? ...
- ... it depends what you're trying to do!

*The way you describe things, depends on what you choose as your components!*

## What does this have to do with Music?

- consider 10 seconds of CD-audio (samples of music)
- this is a discrete-time signal:  $x[0], x[1], \dots, x[440999]$
- could think of as the vector (why?)

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x[0] \\ x[1] \\ \dots \\ x[440,999] \end{bmatrix}$$

- this is a point in a 441,000 dimensional space



## What does this have to do with Music? (cont.)

- We've seen the coefficients to describe a vector depend on the *basis vector* set we choose.
- If we choose the time samples as the basis vectors we could represent our music as

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x} &= x[0] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x[1] \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \dots + x[440,999] \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= x[0] \vec{e}_0 + x[1] \vec{e}_1 + \dots + x[440,999] \vec{e}_{440,999}\end{aligned}$$

- we have chosen a *different* basis set, say  $\{\phi_0, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_{440,999}\}$ ,

## What does this have to do with Music? (cont.)

- Remember the coefficients to describe a vector depend on the *basis vector* set we choose.
- using the natural basis vectors (times samples)  $\{e_0, e_1, \dots, e_{440,999}\}$ , we have

$$\mathbf{x} = x[0]\vec{e}_0 + x[1]\vec{e}_1 + \dots + x[440,999]\vec{e}_{440,999} = \sum_{i=0}^{440,999} x[i]\vec{e}_i$$

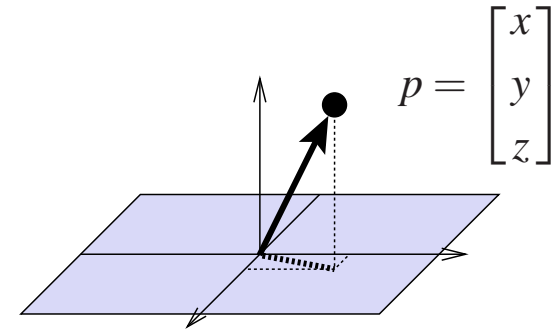
- using the basis vectors  $\{\phi_0, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_{440,999}\}$ , we have

$$\mathbf{x} = \beta_0\vec{\phi}_0 + \beta_1\vec{\phi}_1 + \dots + \beta_{440,999}\vec{\phi}_{440,999} = \sum_{i=0}^{440,999} \beta_i\vec{\phi}_i$$

- note: the coefficients  $x[i]$  and  $\beta_i$  would be different

## Think of approximation

- Example, point in 3D, (take biggest coordinates)



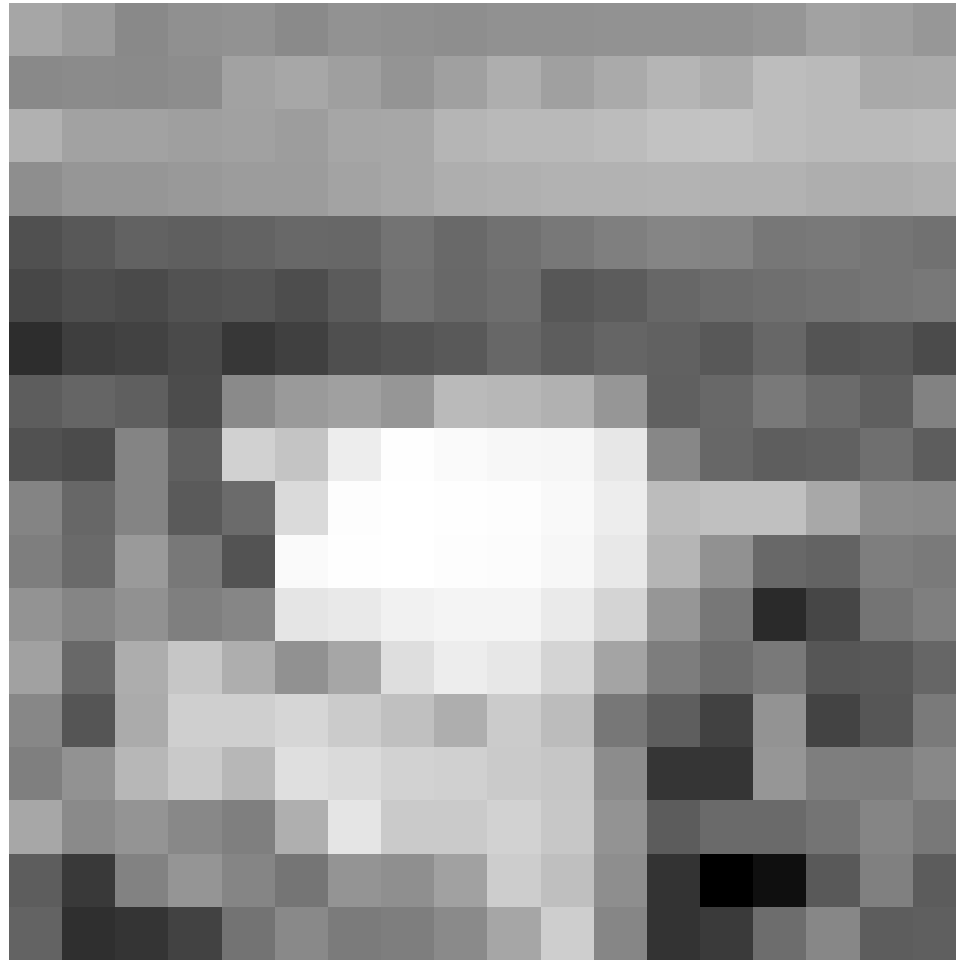
- Example, music using natural basis (*Name that tune!*)
  - ◇ take biggest samples ... same as taking biggest coefficients with respect to basis set  $\{e_0, e_1, \dots, e_{440,999}\}$
- Example, music again, but using **Fourier basis**, (*Name that tune!*)
  - ◇ ...same as taking biggest coefficients with respect to basis set  $\{\phi_0, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_{440,999}\}$

*We GET TO CHOOSE our basis set!*

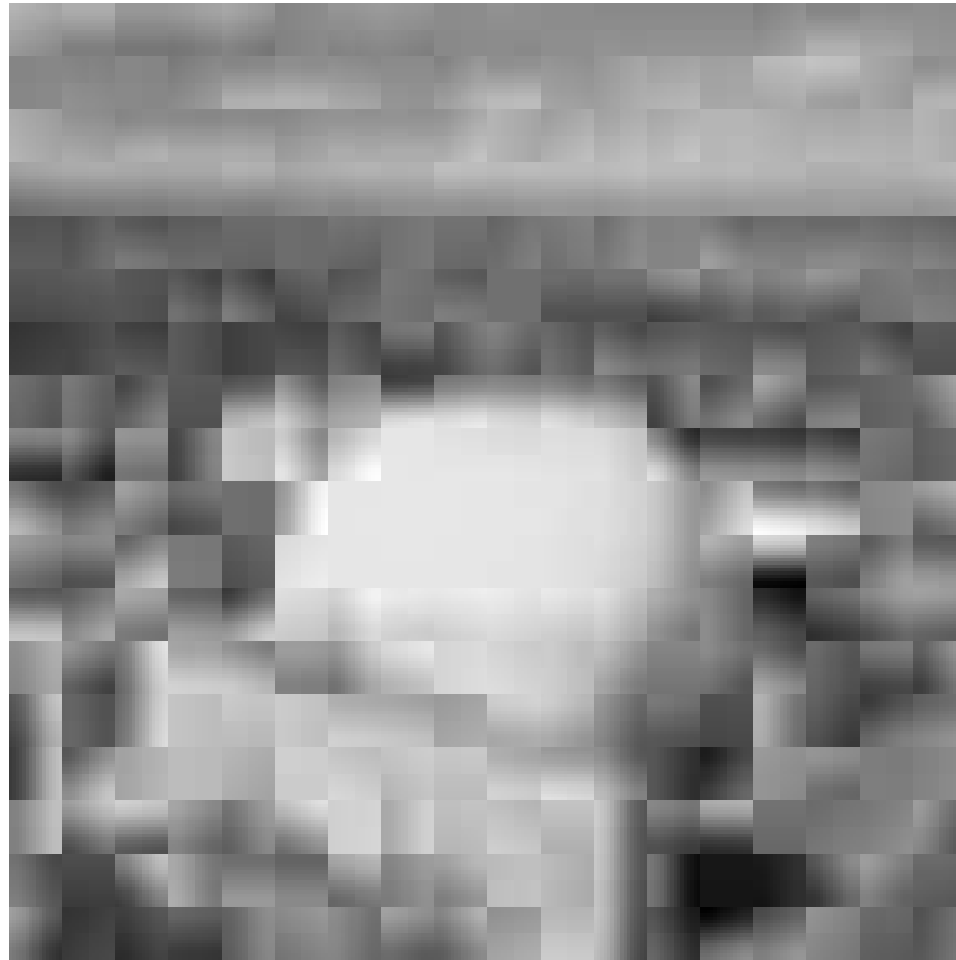
## Name that tune!

- The idea of the game: I give you a partial description of song, you try to guess what song it is
- One way to play: I give you a partial description in the time domain:
  - ◇ the biggest time-sample
  - ◇ the 10 biggest time-samples
  - ◇ the 100 biggest time-samples ...
- Another way: I give you a partial description in the frequency domain:
  - ◇ the biggest sine wave component
  - ◇ the 10 biggest sine wave components
  - ◇ the 100 biggest sine wave components ...

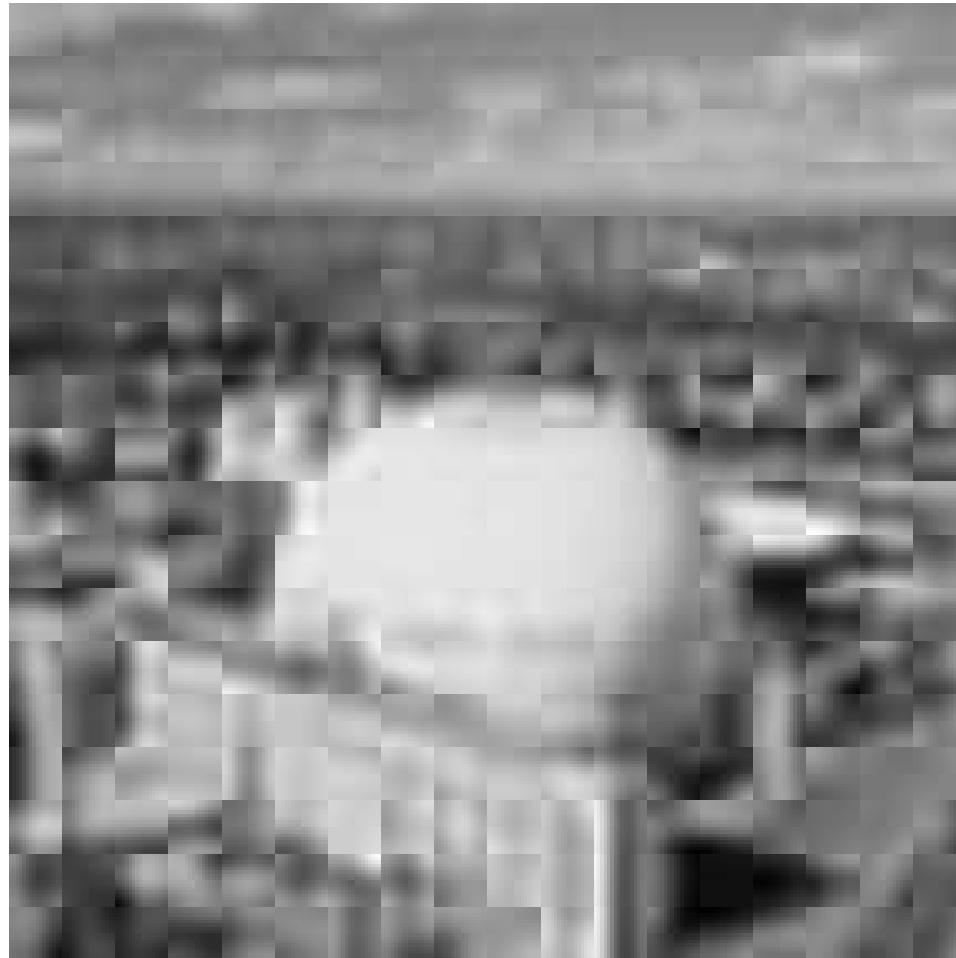
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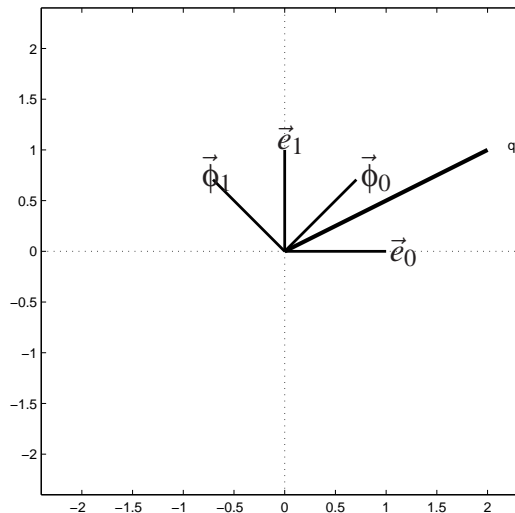
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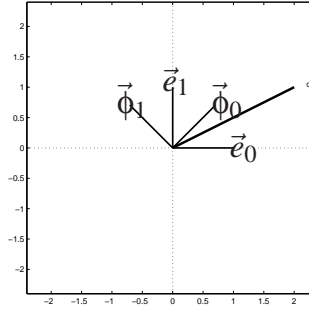


## Points in Space: 2-D

- Given a vector in  $2D$  and a orthonormal set of basis vectors  $\vec{\phi}_0$  and  $\vec{\phi}_1$ , how do we find the coordinates?
- Given  $\vec{q} = 2\vec{e}_0 + 1\vec{e}_1$ , what are coordinates of  $\vec{q}$  w. r. t. basis  $\vec{\phi}_0, \vec{\phi}_1$  ?
- for the case  $\vec{e}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{\phi}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\vec{\phi}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$  it looks like this



## Finding the coefficients (ii)



- Use *dot product* (also known as *inner product*)
- Given  $\vec{q} = 2\vec{e}_0 + 1\vec{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , we seek  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$ , such that  $\vec{q} = \beta_0\vec{\phi}_0 + \beta_1\vec{\phi}_1$ .

$$\beta_0 = \vec{q} \cdot \vec{\phi}_0 = \vec{q}^T \vec{\phi}_0 = [2 \quad 1] \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \approx 2.12$$

$$\beta_1 = \vec{q} \cdot \vec{\phi}_1 = \vec{q}^T \vec{\phi}_1 = [2 \quad 1] \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \approx 0.707$$

### Inner product (i)

- to find coefficient  $\beta_0$ , took inner product of  $\vec{q}$  with basis vector  $\vec{\phi}_0$ .

$$\beta_0 = \vec{q} \cdot \vec{\phi}_0 = \vec{q}^T \vec{\phi}_0 = [2 \quad 1] \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{i=0}^1 q(i)\phi_0(i)$$

- if our vector instead lived in  $N$  dimensions? Concept is the same...

$$\beta_0 = \vec{q} \cdot \vec{\phi}_0 = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} q(i)\phi_0(i)$$

- If our vector was *infinite dimensional* ...concept is the same

$$\beta_0 = \vec{q} \cdot \vec{\phi}_0 = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} q(i)\phi_0(i)$$

- If our vector was *infinite dimensional* and defined on interval  $0 < t < T$  ...concept is the same

$$\beta_0 = \vec{q} \cdot \vec{\phi}_0 = \int_0^T q(t)\phi_0(t) dt$$

## Fourier Transform is same Concept!

- The Fourier Transform can be used to represent
- Fourier Transform uses the orthog basis “vectors” over  $-\infty < t < \infty$ 
  - ◇  $e^{j\omega t} = \cos(\omega t) + i \sin(\omega t)$
- Fourier Transform “coefficients” found by inner products

$$\begin{aligned} X(\omega) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt \\ &= \mathcal{F} \{x(t)\} \end{aligned}$$

## Fourier Transform

- Let's us think either in frequency domain or time domain

- Fourier Transform:

$$X(\omega) = \mathcal{F} \{x(t)\}$$

- Inverse Fourier Transform:

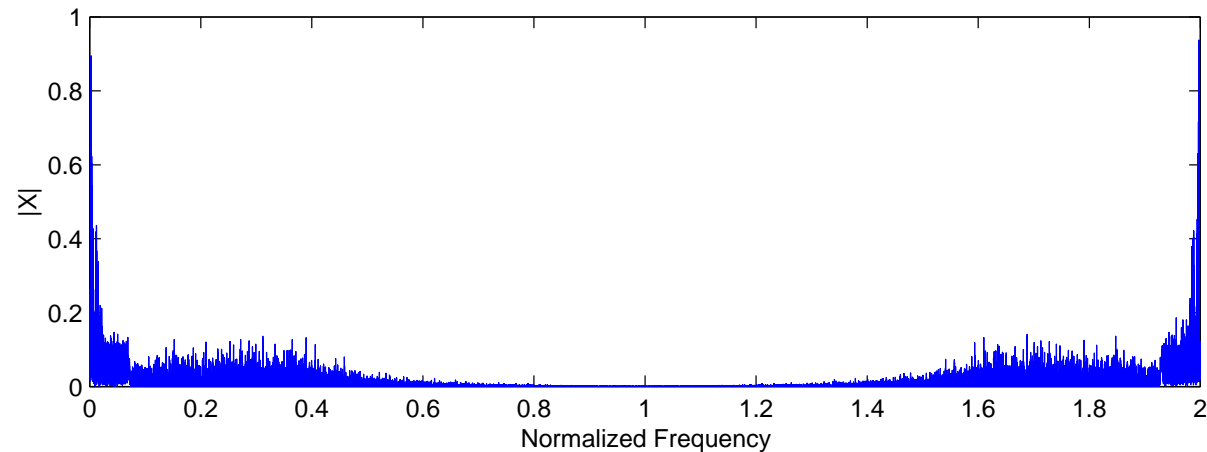
$$x(t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \{X(\omega)\}$$

- Fourier Transform Pair:

$$x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X(\omega)$$

## An Audio Example

- Look at the Fourier Transform of 7 seconds audio shown below:



- Can you “see” how it should sound?
  - ◇ it’s a bit of a problem
  - ◇ we see how much of each sinusoid (each 7 seconds long) is needed to make the audio...
    - ... but that’s not how we (as humans) interpret the sound!

## Variation on the Theme

Frequency content over a shorter period of time.

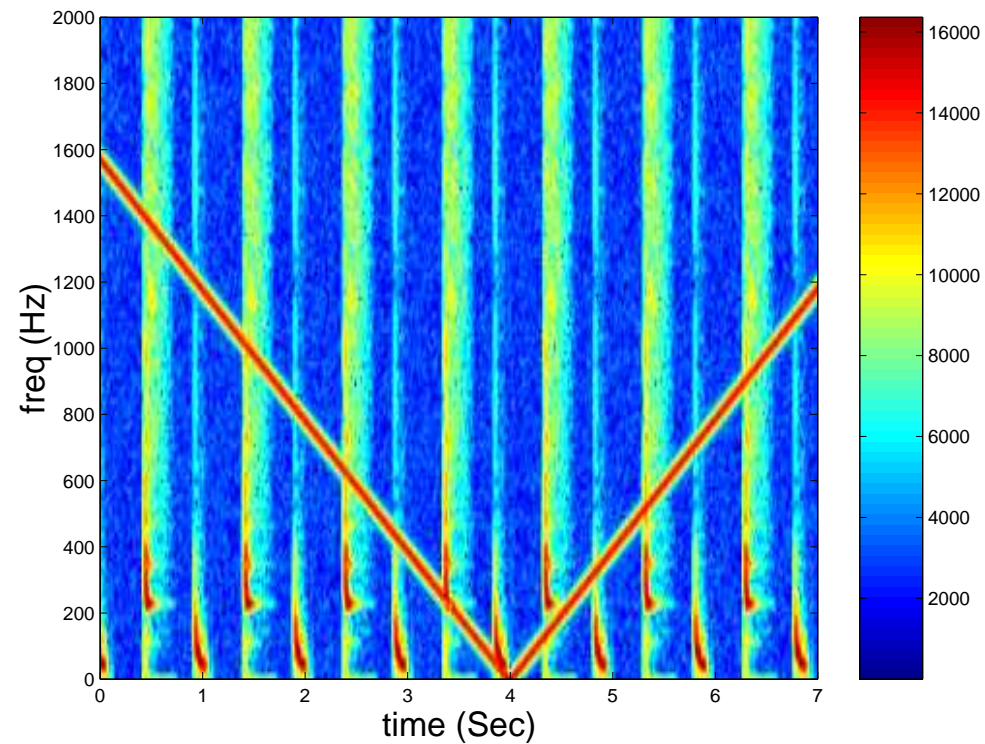
- Why not segment the audio into short time frames?
- Perform the FFT analysis on each short segment
- This is called the **periodogram**

Create an image by

- Placing each FFT vertically
- Encode large  $|X|$  values as “hot”
- Can now see evolution of spectra, as time progresses

## Audio Example Revisited

- A Periodogram of our audio signal



- What can we understand about signal now?
- Let's listen to it!





## Periodogram

- By segmenting our data, we can “see” time evolution of the spectra.
- We obtained this new capability by:
  - ◇ moving away from using a set of “global basis function” (defined over the time duration of the signal)...
  - ◇ ... to a set of basis functions that are active only in “local regions”



## This periodogram leads to ideas found in wavelets

- Wavelets are an analysis of signals (functions)
  - ◇ where the basis functions have compact support
  - ◇ have particular scaling properties

You'll be seeing wavelets with Niklas Grip in the next course section

*Thanks for your attention!*