## Book: Fundamentals of Music Processing

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Music Information Retrieval

## Audio Features

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Chapter 2: Fourier Analysis of Signals
2.1 The Fourier Transform in a Nutshell
2.2 Signals and Signal Spaces
2.3 Fourier Transform


Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)
Short-Time Fourier Transform (STFT)
Further Notes
Important technical terminology is covered in Chapter 2. In particular, we approach the Fourier transform-which is perhaps the most fundamental tool in signal processing-from various perspectives. For the reader who is more interested in the musical aspects of the book, Section 2.1 provides a summary of the most important facts on the Fourier transform. In particular, the notion of a spectrogram, which yields a time-frequency representation of an audio signal, is introduced. The remainder of the chapter treats the Fourier transform in greater mathematical depth and also includes the fast Fourier transform (FFT)-an algorithm of great beauty and high practical relevance.

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Chapter 3: Music Synchronization

| 3.1 | Audio Features |
| :--- | :--- |
| 3.2 | Dynamic Time Warping |
| 3.3 | Applications |
| 3.4 | Further Notes |

As a first music processing task, we study in Chapter 3 the problem of music synchronization. The objective is to temporally align compatible representations of the same piece of music. Considering this scenario, we explain the need for musically informed audio features. In particular, we introduce the concept of chroma-based music features, which capture properties that are related to harmony and melody. Furthermore, we study an alignment technique known as dynamic time warping (DTW), a concept that is alignment technique known as dynamic time warping (DTW), a concept that is
applicable for the analysis of general time series. For its efficient computation, applicable for the analysis of general time series. For its efficient computation,
we discuss an algorithm based on dynamic programming-a widely used method for solving a complex problem by breaking it down into a collection of simpler subproblems.

## Fourier Transform

Idea: Decompose a given signal into a superposition of sinusoids (elementary signals).
$f=s_{1}+s_{2}+s_{3}$


## Fourier Transform

Each sinusoid has a physical meaning and can be described by three parameters:
$s_{(A, \omega, \varphi)}(t)=A \cdot \sin (2 \pi(\omega t-\varphi))$


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Fourier Transform
Example: C4 played by piano


## Fourier Transform

Example: C 4 played by trumpet


## Fourier Transform

Example: C4 played by violine


Fourier Transform
Example: Speech "Bonn"


Fourier Transform
Example: C-major scale (piano)


## Fourier Transform

Example: Chirp signal

$|\hat{f}|$


## Fourier Transform

Example: Piano tone (C4, 261.6 Hz)



Fourier Transform
Example: Piano tone (C4, 261.6 Hz)


Analysis using sinusoid with 262 Hz

$\rightarrow$ high correlation
$\rightarrow$ large Fourier coefficient

Fourier Transform
Example: Piano tone (C4, 261.6 Hz)


Analysis using sinusoid with 400 Hz

$\rightarrow$ low correlation
$\rightarrow$ small Fourier coefficient

Fourier Transform

## Role of phase




## Fourier Transform

Role of phase
Analysis with sinusoid having frequency 262 Hz and phase $\varphi=0.05$



## Fourier Transform

## Role of phase

Analysis with sinusoid having frequency 262 Hz and phase $\varphi=0.45$



## Fourier Transform

Role of phase
Analysis with sinusoid having frequency 262 Hz and phase $\varphi=0.24$



Fourier Transform

## Role of phase

Analysis with sinusoid having frequency 262 Hz and phase $\varphi=0.6$



## Fourier Transform

Each sinusoid has a physical meaning and can be described by three parameters
$s_{(A, \omega, \varphi)}(t)=A \cdot \sin (2 \pi(\omega t-\varphi))$
$\omega=$ frequency
$A=$ amplitude
$\varphi=$ phase

Complex formulation of sinusoids:

Polar coordinates: $c=|c| \cdot \exp (2 \pi i \varphi)$
$e_{(c, \omega)}(t)=c \cdot \exp (2 \pi i \omega t)=c \cdot(\cos (2 \pi \omega t)+i \cdot \sin (2 \pi \omega t))$
$\omega=$ frequency
$A=$ amplitude $=|c|$
$\varphi=$ phase $\quad=\arg (c)$

## Fourier Transform

Signal
Fourier representation
$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
$f(t)=\int_{\omega \in \mathbb{R}} c_{\omega} \exp (2 \pi i \omega t) d \omega$
Fourier transform $\quad c_{\omega}=\hat{f}(\omega)=\int_{t \in \mathbb{R}} f(t) \exp (-2 \pi i \omega t) d t$

## Fourier Transform

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- Tells which frequencies occur, but does not tell when the frequencies occur.
- Frequency information is averaged over the entire time interval.
- Time information is hidden in the phase


## Fourier Transform



## Short Time Fourier Transform




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## Window functions


$\rightarrow$ Trade off between smoothing and "ringing"

## Short Time Fourier Transform

Definition
" Signal $\quad f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

- Window function $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad\left(g \in L^{2}(\mathbb{R}),\|g\|_{2} \neq 0\right)$
- STFT $\quad \tilde{f}_{g}(t, \omega)=\int_{u \in \mathbb{R}} f(u) \bar{g}(u-t) \exp (-2 \pi i \omega u) d u=\left\langle f \mid g_{t, \omega}\right\rangle$
with $\quad g_{t, \omega}(u)=\exp (2 \pi i \omega(u-t)) g(u-t)$ for $u \in \mathbb{R}$


## Short Time Fourier Transform

## Intuition:

- $g_{t, \omega}$ is "musical note" of frequency $\omega$ centered at time $t$
- Inner product $\left\langle f \mid g_{t, \omega}\right\rangle$ measures the correlation between the musical note $g_{t, \omega}$ and the signal $f$



## Short Time Fourier Transform

Discrete STFT

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\mathcal{X}(m, k):=\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n+m H) w(n) \exp (-2 \pi i k n / N) \\
x: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} & \\
w:[0: N-1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} & \text { DT-signal } \\
H \in \mathbb{N} & \text { Window function of length } N \in \mathbb{N} \\
K=N / 2 & \text { Hop size } \\
\mathcal{X}(m, k) & \text { Index corresponding to Nyquist frequency } \\
\text { Fourier coefficient for frequency }
\end{array}
$$

## Short Time Fourier Transform

Discrete STFT

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Physical time position associated with $\mathcal{X}(m, k)$ :

$$
T_{\mathrm{coef}}(m):=\frac{m \cdot H}{F_{\mathrm{s}}} \quad \text { (seconds) } \quad \begin{aligned}
& H=\text { Hop size } \\
& F_{\mathrm{s}}=\text { Sampling rate }
\end{aligned}
$$

Physical frequency associated with $\mathcal{X}(m, k)$ :

$$
F_{\text {coef }}(k):=\frac{k \cdot F_{\mathrm{s}}}{N} \quad(\text { Hertz })
$$

## Short Time Fourier Transform

| Parameters |
| :--- |
| $N=64$ |
| $H=8$ |
| $F_{\mathrm{s}}=32 \mathrm{~Hz}$ |

Computational world


Physical world



## Time-Frequency Representation

Spectrogram

$t$

## Time-Frequency Representation

Spectrogram

$t$

Time-Frequency Representation
Chirp signal and STFT with box window of length 50 ms


## Time-Frequency Representation

Signal and STFT with Hann window of length 20 ms


## Time-Frequency Representation

Signal and STFT with Hann window of length 100 ms


## Audio Features

Example: C-major scale (piano)


Spectrogram


## Audio Features

Example: Chromatic scale

Spectrogram


## Audio Features

Example: Chromatic scale

Spectrogram


## Audio Features

## Model assumption: Equal-tempered scale

- MIDI pitches: $\quad p \in[1: 128]$
- Piano notes: $\quad p=21$ (A0) to $p=108$ (C8)
- Concert pitch: $\quad p=69(\mathrm{~A} 4) \hat{=} 440 \mathrm{~Hz}$
- Center frequency: $F_{\text {pitch }}(p)=2^{(p-69) / 12} \cdot 440 \mathrm{~Hz}$
$\rightarrow$ Logarithmic frequency distribution
Octave: doubling of frequency


## Audio Features

Idea: Binning of Fourier coefficients

Divide up the frequency axis into logarithmically spaced "pitch regions" and combine spectral coefficients of each region to a single pitch coefficient.

## Audio Features

## Time-frequency representation



Windowing in the time domain

Log-Frequency Spectrogram
Pooling procedure for discrete STFT


## Audio Features

Example: Chromatic scale
[|IIIIII|II||IIID||IIIIIII||II|IIII]
Spectrogram


## Audio Features

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Spectrogram


## Audio Features

Example: Chromatic scale

Log-frequency spectrogram


## Audio Features

Frequency ranges for pitch-based log-frequency spectrogram

| Note | MIDI <br> pitch <br> $p$ | Center $[\mathrm{Hz}]$ <br> frequency <br> $F_{\text {pitch }}(p)$ | Left $[\mathrm{Hz}]$ <br> boundary <br> $F_{\text {pitch }}(p-0.5)$ | Right $[\mathrm{Hz}]$ <br> boundary <br> $F_{\text {pitch }}(p+0.5)$ | Width $[\mathrm{Hz}]$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A3 | 57 | 220.0 | 213.7 | 226.4 | 12.7 |
| A\#3 | 58 | 233.1 | 226.4 | 239.9 | 13.5 |
| B3 | 59 | 246.9 | 239.9 | 254.2 | 14.3 |
| C4 | 60 | 261.6 | 254.2 | 269.3 | 15.1 |
| C\#4 | 61 | 277.2 | 269.3 | 285.3 | 16.0 |
| D4 | 62 | 293.7 | 285.3 | 302.3 | 17.0 |
| D\#4 | 63 | 311.1 | 302.3 | 320.2 | 18.0 |
| E4 | 64 | 329.6 | 320.2 | 339.3 | 19.0 |
| F4 | 65 | 349.2 | 339.3 | 359.5 | 20.2 |
| F\#4 | 66 | 370.0 | 359.5 | 380.8 | 21.4 |
| G4 | 67 | 392.0 | 380.8 | 403.5 | 22.6 |
| G\#4 | 68 | 415.3 | 403.5 | 427.5 | 24.0 |
| A4 | 69 | 440.0 | 427.5 | 452.9 | 25.4 |

## Audio Features

## Chroma features

Chromatic circle
Shepard's helix of pitch



## Audio Features

## Chroma features

- Human perception of pitch is periodic in the sense that two pitches are perceived as similar in color if they differ by an octave (same pitch class).
- Separation of pitch into two components: tone height (octave number) and chroma / pitch class.
- Chroma : 12 pitch classes of the equal-tempered scale. For example:
Chroma C $\widehat{=} \ldots, \mathrm{C} 0, \mathrm{C} 1, \mathrm{C} 2, \mathrm{C} 3, \ldots\}$
- Computation: pitch features $\rightarrow$ chroma features Add up all pitches belonging to the same pitch class
- Result: 12-dimensional chroma vector.

Audio Features
Chroma features


## Audio Features

Chroma features


## Audio Features

## Chroma features



Chroma C\#

## Audio Features

Chroma features


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## Audio Features

## Example: Chromatic scale

|П II III IIIIIII IIIDIIIIII II IIIII|IIII
Log-frequency spectrogram


## Audio Features

Example: Chromatic scale
[|III III IIIII|II IIIDI IIIII III II|IIIII III|
Log-frequency spectrogram


Chroma C

## Audio Features

Example: Chromatic scale

## |IIII III II| |II|II |III|| III |II III II |II| |II |II|

## Chromagram



## Audio Features

Chroma features


## Audio Features

Chroma features


## Audio Features

Logarithmic compression

For a positive constant $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ the logarithmic compression

$$
\Gamma_{\gamma}: \mathbb{R}_{>0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{>0}
$$

is defined by

$$
\Gamma_{\gamma}(v):=\log (1+\gamma \cdot v)
$$

A value $v \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ is replaced by a compressed value $\Gamma_{\gamma}(v)$

## Audio Features

Chroma features

- Sequence of chroma vectors correlates to the harmonic progression
- Normalization $x \rightarrow x /\|x\|$ makes features invariant to changes in dynamics
- Further denoising and smoothing
- Taking logarithm before adding up pitch coefficients accounts for logarithmic sensation of intensity


## Audio Features

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## Audio Features

## Normalization

Replace a vector
by the normalized vector

$$
x /\|x\|
$$

using a suitable norm $\|\cdot\|$

Example:
Chroma vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^{12}$
Euclidean norm

$$
\|x\|:=\left(\sum_{i=0}^{11}|x(i)|^{2}\right)^{1 / 2}
$$

## Audio Features

## Normalization

Example: C4 played by piano $>$

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Normalized chromagram


## Audio Features

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## Audio Features

Chroma features (normalized)


Scherbakov
Karajan $\circ$

## Audio Features

- There are many ways to implement chroma features
- Properties may differ significantly
- Appropriateness depends on respective application

Chroma Toolbox: Pitch, Chroma, CENS, CRP
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- http://www.mpi-inf.mpg.de/resources/MIR/chromatoolbox/
- MATLAB implementations for various chroma variants

Audio Features
Chroma features


## Additional Material

## Inner Product

$\langle x \mid y\rangle:=\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) \overline{y(n)} \quad$ for $\quad x, y \in \mathbb{C}^{N}$

Length of a vector
$\|x\|:=\sqrt{\langle x \mid x\rangle}$
Angle between two vectors
$\cos (\varphi)=\frac{|\langle x \mid y\rangle|}{\|x\| \cdot\|y\|}$

## Orthogonality of

 two vectors$\langle x \mid y\rangle=0$



## Inner Product

Measuring the similarity of two functions

$\rightarrow$ Area mostly positive and large
$\rightarrow$ Integral large
$\rightarrow$ Similarity high

## Inner Product

Measuring the similarity of two functions

$\rightarrow$ Area positive and negative
$\rightarrow$ Integral small
$\rightarrow$ Similarity Iow

## Discretization



## Discretization

Sampling


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## Discretization

## Quantization



## Discretization

Quantization


## Discretization

Sampling

| $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ | CT-signal |
| :--- | :--- |
| $T>0$ | Sampling period |
| $x(n):=f(n \cdot T)$ | Equidistant sampling, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ |
| $x: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ | DT-signal |
| $x(n)$ | Sample taken at time $t=n \cdot T$ |
| $F_{\mathrm{S}}:=1 / T$ | Sampling rate |

## Discretization

Aliasing


Original signal

## Discretization

## Aliasing



## Original signal

Sampled signal using a sampling rate of 12 Hz

## Discretization

## Aliasing



## Original signal

Sampled signal using a sampling rate of 12 Hz
Reconstructed signal

## Discretization

## Aliasing



Original signal
Sampled signal using a sampling rate of 6 Hz
Reconstructed signal

## Discretization

## Aliasing



Original signal
Sampled signal using a sampling rate of 3 Hz
Reconstructed signal

## Discretization

Integrals and Riemann sums


CT-signal $f$ Integral (total area)

$$
\int_{t \in \mathbb{R}} f(t) d t
$$

## Discretization

## Integrals and Riemann sums



CT-signal $f$
Integral (total area)
$\int_{t \in \mathbb{R}} f(t) d t$
DT-signals (obtained by 1 -sampling) $x$

## Discretization

Integrals and Riemann sums


CT-signal $f$
Integral (total area)

$$
\int_{t \in \mathbb{R}} f(t) d t \approx \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} x(n)
$$

DT-signals (obtained by 1 -sampling) $x$
Riemann sum (total area) $\rightarrow$ Approximation of integral

## Discretization

Integrals and Riemann sums

First CT-signal and DT-signal

Second CT-signal and DT-signal

Product of CT-signals and DT-signals

## Discretization

Integrals and Riemann sums

First CT-signal and DT-signal

Second CT-signa and DT-signal

Product of CT-signals and DT-signals


Integral $\approx$ Riemann sum $\int_{t \in \mathbb{R}} f(t) \overline{g(t)} d t \approx \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} x(n) \overline{y(n)}$

## Exponential Function

Real and imaginary part (Euler's formula)
$\exp (i \gamma)=\cos (\gamma)+i \sin (\gamma)$
$|\exp (i \gamma)|=1$
$\exp (i \gamma)=\exp (i(\gamma+2 \pi))$


## Exponential Function

Complex conjugate number
$\overline{\exp (i \gamma)}=\exp (-i \gamma)$


## Exponential Function

Additivity property
$\exp \left(i\left(\gamma_{1}+\gamma_{2}\right)\right)=\exp \left(i \gamma_{1}\right) \exp \left(i \gamma_{2}\right)$


## Fourier Transform

Chirp signal with $\lambda=0.003$

$$
f(t):= \begin{cases}\sin \left(\lambda \cdot \pi t^{2}\right), & \text { for } t \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text { for } t<0\end{cases}
$$



## Fourier Transform

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## Fourier Transform

DFT approximation of Fourier transform



## Fast Fourier Transform

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Algorithm: FFT

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Algorithm: FFT
Input: The length N=2L}\mathrm{ with N being a power of two
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The vector (x(0),···,x(N-1)\mp@subsup{)}{}{\top}\in\mp@subsup{\mathbb{C}}{}{N}
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Output: The vector (X(0),···,X(N-1))}\mp@subsup{}{}{\top}=\mp@subsup{\textrm{DFT}}{N}{}\cdot(x(0),···,x(N-1)\mp@subsup{)}{}{\top
Output: The vector (X(0),···,X(N-1))}\mp@subsup{}{}{\top}=\mp@subsup{\textrm{DFT}}{N}{}\cdot(x(0),···,x(N-1)\mp@subsup{)}{}{\top
Procedure: Let (X(0),···,X(N-1))=FFT(N,x(0),···,x(N-1)) denote the general form
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of the FFT algorithm.
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Otherwise compute recursively:
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(A(0),···,A(N/2-1))=FFT(N/2,x(0),x(2),x(4)···,x(N-2)),
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(A(0),···,A(N/2-1))=FFT(N/2,x(0),x(2),x(4)···,x(N-2)),
(A(0),···,A(N/2-1))=FFT(N/2,x(0),x(2),x(4)···,x(N-2)),
C(k)=\mp@subsup{\omega}{N}{k}\cdotB(k) for k [ [0:N/2-1],
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X(k)=A(k)+C(k) for }k\in[0:N/2-1]
X(k)=A(k)+C(k) for }k\in[0:N/2-1]
X(N/2+k)=A(k)-C(k) for }k\in[0:N/2-1]

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    X(N/2+k)=A(k)-C(k) for }k\in[0:N/2-1]
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