# Fourier + 200

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# signal processing as a "3-body system"

#### « physics »

(laws of Nature, real world applications)

#### « mathematics »

(models, proofs)

#### « computer science »

(algorithms)

# Fourier (1811)

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## the Fourier example



# analysis/synthesis

Fourier decomposition based on  $e_f(t) := \exp\{i2\pi ft\}$ 

$$x(t) \rightarrow X(f) = \langle x, e_f \rangle, \ s.t. \ x(t) = \int \langle x, e_f \rangle \ e_f(t) \ df$$

- mathematics: "any" waveform is made of the superimposition of a (possibly infinite) number of harmonic modes which are *everlasting*, *undamped* and with a *fixed frequency*
- **physics**: keyrole played by the concept of *frequency* in relation with vibrations and waves
- computer science: further development of efficient algorithms (FFT = 1965) which favoured its practical use

# cycles

- physics "of Nature", from macrophysics (celestial mechanics, tides, ...) to microphysics (Quantum Mechanics)
- physics "of engineers" (rotating machines, modal analysis, surveillance of vibrating structures, ...)

W. Thomson (Lord Kelvin), 1876-1878





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## lenses

- o diffracted field
- Fourier image in the focal plane
- spatial filtering













# magnitude and phase



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# magnitude and phase



## tones

- eigenmodes of cavities
- Helmholtz resonators
- inner ear (cochlea)



Appareil de Kœnig pour l'analyse du timbre des sons. Document Laboratoire de Mécanique et d'Acoustique, CNRS, Marseille.

# music notation



#### score "wavelets" uncertainty

# music notation



# music notation



## from waves to wavelets

#### Issue

"localized modes"  $\Rightarrow$  switch to a 2-parameter transformation group that includes time

$$\mathbf{x}(t) \to \mathcal{T}(t,\lambda) = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h}_{t,\lambda} \rangle, \ \mathbf{s}.t. \ \mathbf{x}(t) = \iint \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h}_{s,\lambda} \rangle \ \mathbf{h}_{s,\lambda}(t) \ \mathbf{d}\mu(s,\lambda)$$

1) time-frequency: 
$$\lambda = f$$
 and  $h_{s,f}(t) = h(t - s) e_f(t)$ 

 $\rightarrow$  short-time Fourier transform

) time-scale: 
$$\lambda = a$$
 and  $h_{s,a}(t) = |a|^{-1/2} h((s-t)/a)$ 

 $\rightarrow$  wavelet transform

## the wavelet connection ( $\sim$ 1980-90)

#### « physics »

vibroseismics for oil exploration

(Morlet)

### « mathematics »

CWT, MRA, bases, etc.

(Grossmann, Meyer, Daubechies)



### « computer science »

filter banks, fast algorithms

(Mallat, Cohen, Vetterli)

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# exclusion principles

### « physics »



## classical formulation

### Localization trade-off

based on a second order (variance-type) measure:  $\Delta t_x = (\int t^2 |x(t)|^2 dt)^{1/2}$  and  $\Delta f_x = (\int f^2 |X(f)|^2 df)^{1/2} \Rightarrow$ 

$$\Delta t_x \, \Delta f_x \geq \frac{\|x\|}{4\pi} \, \, (>0)$$

- no perfect pointwise localization
- variations: same limitation with other spreading measures, e.g., entropy (Hirschman, 1957)
- o common denominator: minimum achieved with Gaussians

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# extension

### no pointwise localization does not mean no localization

Stronger uncertainty relation (Schrödinger, 1935)

$$\Delta t_x \,\Delta f_x \geq \frac{\|x\|}{4\pi} \sqrt{1 + 16\pi^2 \left(\int t \,\left(\partial_t \arg x(t)\right) \,|x(t)|^2 \,dt\right)^2}$$

bound achieved for "squeezed states"  $\{\exp(\alpha t^2 + \beta t + \gamma)\},\$ with linear "chirps" as a limit when  $\operatorname{Re}\{\beta\} = 0$  and  $\operatorname{Re}\{\alpha\} \to 0_-$ 

## time-frequency alternatives

From stationarity...

spectrum analysis "à la Wiener-Khintchine-Bochner":  $\Gamma_x(f) = \mathcal{F}\{\gamma_x\}(f)$ , with  $\gamma_x(\tau) := \langle x, \mathbf{T}_{\tau}x \rangle$  a time-independent correlation function

... to nonstationarities

 $\gamma_x \rightarrow time$ -frequency correlation  $\langle x, \mathbf{T}_{\tau,\xi} x \rangle + 2D$  Fourier transform  $\Rightarrow$  Wigner-type transforms

- intrinsic definitions: no dependence on some measurement device (window, wavelet)
- perfect localization for linear chirps (with possible extensions to non linear cases)

# "distribution/correlation" duality

### Definition

by definition, 
$$W_x(t, f) \xrightarrow{TF-2D} \mathcal{F}\{W_x\}(\xi, \tau) := A_x(\xi, \tau)$$
:  
ambiguity function (AF)

Interpretation

the TF-shift operator  $(\mathbf{T}_{\xi,\tau}x)(t) := x(t-\tau) e^{-i2\pi\xi(t-\tau/2)}$  is such that  $A_x(\xi,\tau) = \langle x, \mathbf{T}_{\xi,\tau}x \rangle \Rightarrow AF = TF$  correlation, with

- "auto-terms" neighbouring the origin of the plane
- "cross-terms" at a distance from the origin that equals the TF distance between components

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distributions "chirps" sparsity

## the other trade-off and its "classical" way out



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# spectrogram = smoothed Wigner



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# spreading of auto-terms



# cancelling of cross-terms



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# reassignment (Kodera et al., 1976, Auger & F., 1995)



# music



# echolocation





#### time

### bats



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# gravitational waves



# **Riemann's function**



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# a "compressed sensing" approach



### Sparsity

minimizing the  $\ell_0$  quasi-norm not feasible, but almost optimal solution by **minimizing the**  $\ell_1$  **norm** 

# a "compressed sensing" approach"

### Idea (F. & Borgnat, 2008-10)

- (1) choose a domain  $\Omega$  neighbouring the origin of the AF plane
- ② solve the program

$$\min_{\rho} \|\rho\|_{1} ; \mathcal{F}\{\rho\} - A_{x} = \mathbf{0}|_{(\xi,\tau)\in\Omega}$$

3 the exact equality over Ω can be relaxed to

$$\min_{\rho} \|\rho\|_{1} ; \|\mathcal{F}\{\rho\} - A_{x}\|_{2} \leq \epsilon|_{(\xi,\tau)\in\Omega}$$

## a toy example





# Wigner



# ambiguity



# selection



distributions "chirps" sparsity

# sparse solution


## comparison sparsity vs. reassignment



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### instantaneous frequency

#### Aim

model a signal 
$$x(t) \in \mathbb{R}$$
 as  $x(t) = a_x(t) \cos 2\pi \int^t f_x(s) ds$ 

- for a given t, "1 equation and 2 unkowns" ⇒ no unique representation
- multiplicity of solutions under constraints
  - global
  - Iocal
  - o non harmonic

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# "global" approach (Gabor, 1946; Ville, 1948)

monochromatic wave = **circle** in the complex plane + constant speed

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$$x(t) \rightarrow z_x(t) = x(t) + i \mathcal{H}\{x(t)\}$$
 (analytic signal)

modulated "AM-FM" signal: circle  $\rightarrow$  "any" loop around the origin of the complex plane + varying speed

3 amplitude :  $a_x(t) = |z_x(t)|$ instantaneous frequency :  $f_x(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \partial_t \arg z_x(t)$ 

# variation (Equis, Jacquot & F., 2011)



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### "local" approach (Teager, 1980 ; Kaiser, 1990)

$$I x(t) = a \cos 2\pi f t \Rightarrow \Psi(x) := (\partial_t x)^2 - x \cdot \partial_t^2 x = 4\pi^2 a^2 f^2$$

 $\Psi(x)$  energy operator taking the form  $E(x) = x^2[n] - x[n-1]x[n+1]$  in discrete-time

② similar local properties when  $a \rightarrow a_x(t)$  and  $f \rightarrow f_x(t)$ 

3 instantaneous amplitude :  $a_x(t) = \Psi(x)/\sqrt{|\Psi(\partial_t x)|}$ instantaneous frequency :  $f_x(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi}\sqrt{|\Psi(\partial_t x)/\Psi(x)|}$ 

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#### "non harmonic" approach (Huang et al., 1998)



Idea of Empirical Mode Decomposition (EMD) signal = fast oscillation + slow oscillation [& iteration]

- data-driven "fast vs. slow" disentanglement
- "local" analysis based on neighbouring extrema
- oscillation rather than frequency

# algorithm



$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= c_1(t) + r_1(t) \\ &= c_1(t) + c_2(t) + r_2(t) \\ &= \dots &= \sum_{k=1}^{K} c_k(t) + r_K(t) \end{aligned}$$

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#### « physics »

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#### simulations

# Signal

$$x(t) = \underbrace{a_1 \cos\left(2\pi f_1 t\right)}_{x_1(t)} + \underbrace{a_2 \cos\left(2\pi f_2 t + \varphi\right)}_{x_2(t)}, \quad f_1 > f_2$$

#### Analysis of its EMD

- only the first IMF is computed: if separation, it should be equal to the highest frequency component x<sub>1</sub>(t)
- criterion (= 0 if separation) :

$$c\left(\frac{a_2}{a_1}, \frac{f_2}{f_1}, \varphi\right) = \frac{\|IMF_1(t) - x_1(t)\|_{\ell_2}}{\|x_2(t)\|_{\ell_2}}$$

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 sampling effects are neglected : f<sub>1</sub>, f<sub>2</sub> ≪ f<sub>s</sub>, with f<sub>s</sub> the sampling frequency

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= 0 if separation  
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \text{if separation} \\ 0.8 & 0.6 \\ 0.4 & 0.2 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0.2 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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- Nonlinear behaviour ⇒ dissymmetry of tones disentanglement w.r.t. amplitude ratio a = a<sub>2</sub>/a<sub>1</sub>, via the sign of a - 1:
  - smooth variation when a < 1 (HF dominant) & no a-dependence
  - abrupt phase transition when a > 1 (LF dominant) & strong a-dependence



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 Data-driven separation ⇒ good match to "beating effect" perception ⇒ connection with hearing?

# concluding remarks

- Fourier: 200 years and still alive!
- basic ideas related to decompositions and frequency still central in "modern" approaches, whatever the variations (localized and/or evolutive tones, nonlinear techniques,...)
- time-frequency as a natural language

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#### back to music notation

Rainer Wehinger' visual listening score created in the 70's to accompany Gyorgy Ligeti's *Artikulation* 



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=71hNl\_skTZQ

#### (thanks to Laurent Chevillard & Gabriel Rilling)