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Fourier analysis - chapt 7, sections 1-13


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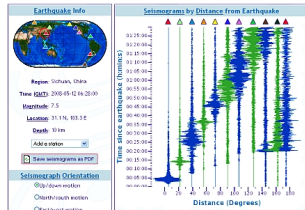
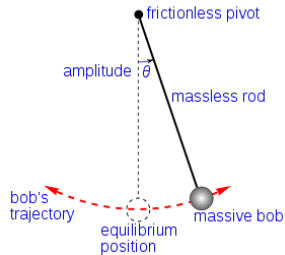
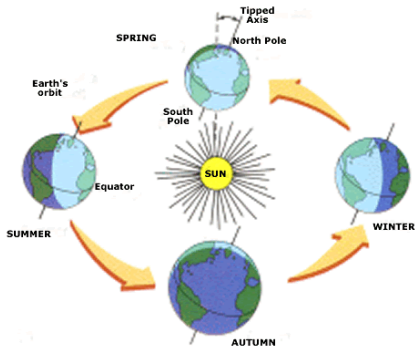
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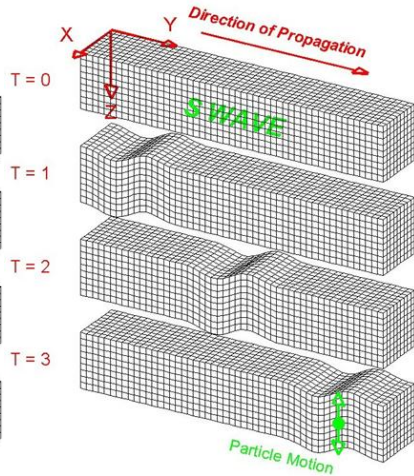
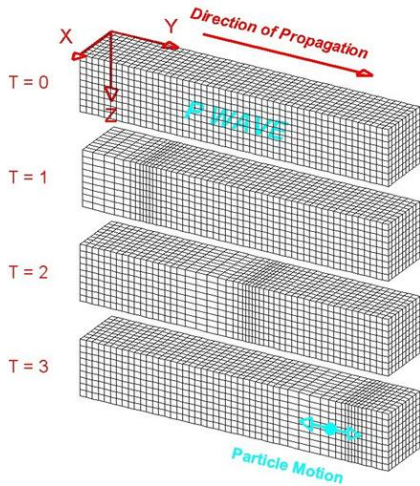
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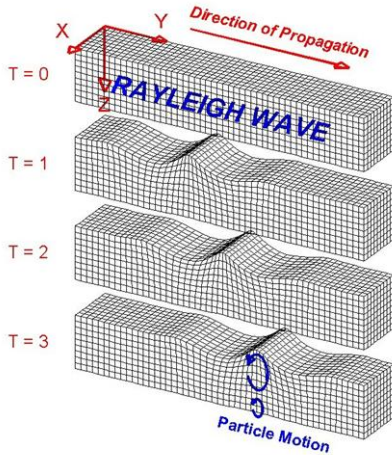
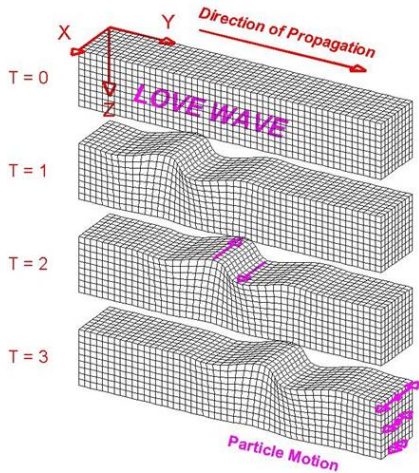
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Introduction

Problems involving vibrations or oscillations occur frequently in physics :







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The back and forth motion of Q is called **simple harmonic motion**

If we think of P moving in a complex plane, then

$$z_P = x + iy = A \cos(\omega t) + iA \sin(\omega t) = Ae^{i\omega t}$$

The **period** is the time for one complete oscillation, that is $2\pi/\omega$

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In general, the period of $\sin \frac{2\pi x}{T}$ is T .

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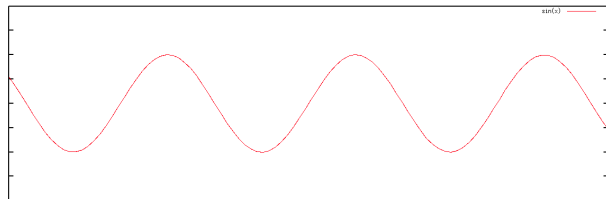
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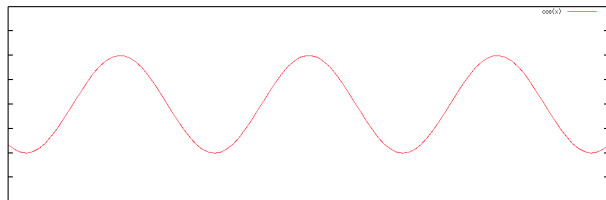
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Jean Baptiste Joseph Fourier (1768-1830)

French mathematician and physicist best known for initiating the investigation of Fourier series and their applications to problems of heat transfer and vibrations.

The Fourier transform and Fourier's law are also named in his honour. Fourier is also generally credited with the discovery of the greenhouse effect.

Applications of Fourier series (2) - Soundwaves

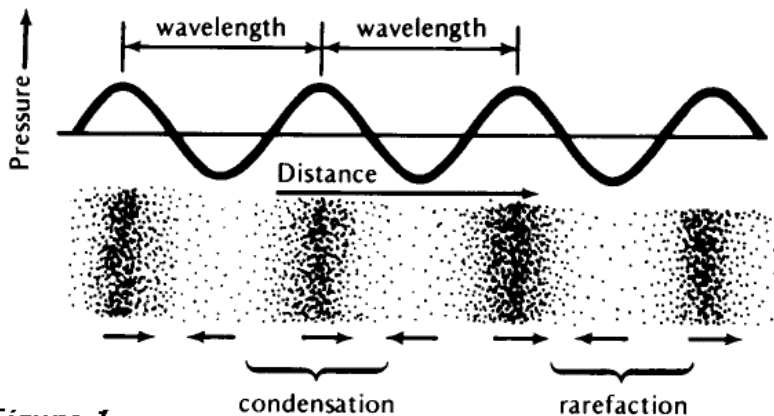
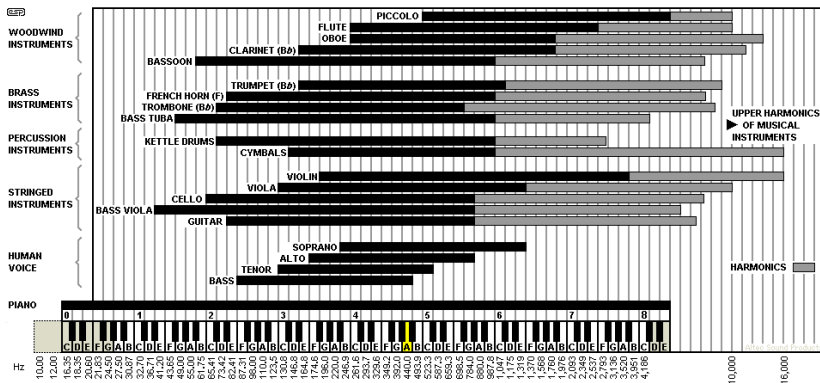


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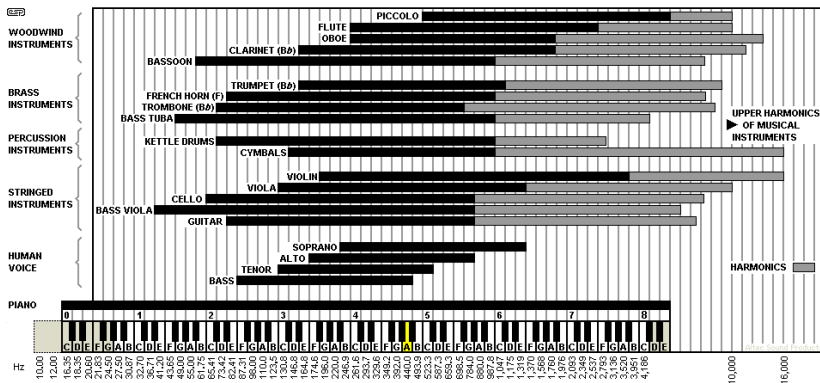
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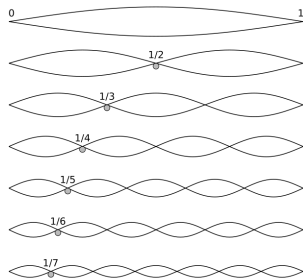


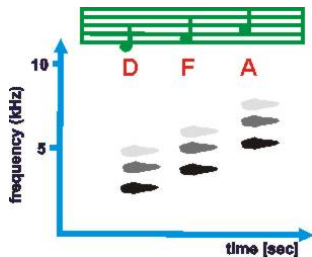
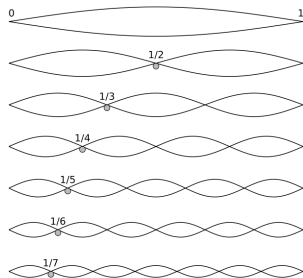
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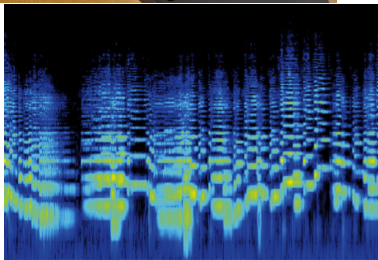
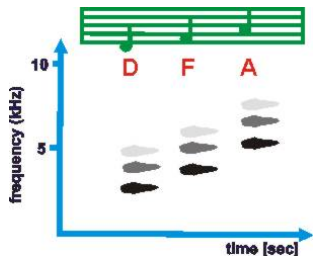
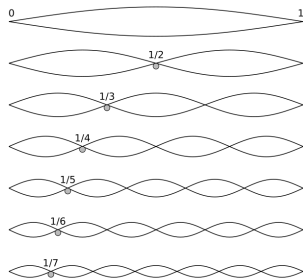
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- ▶ Human range : 20Hz - 20,000Hz
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- ▶ cows : 23Hz - 35,000Hz

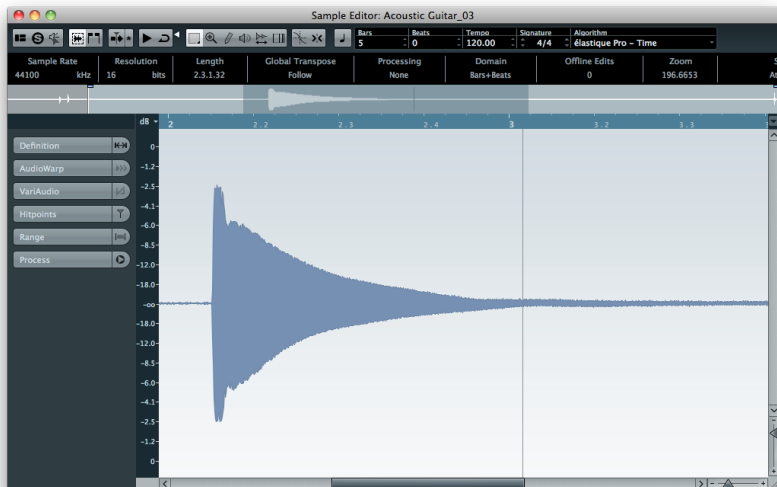




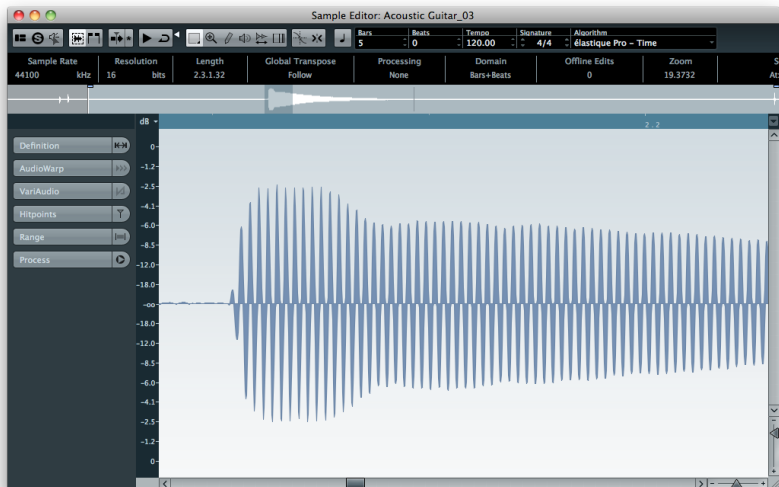


→ real-life signals are a complicated combination of periodic functions.

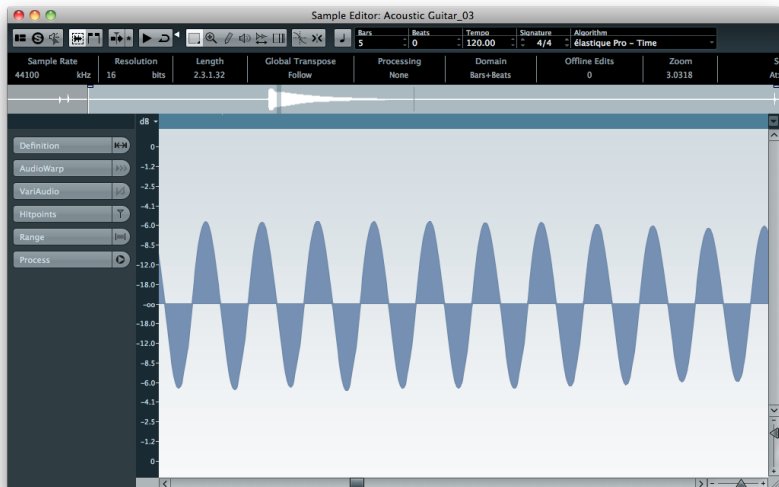
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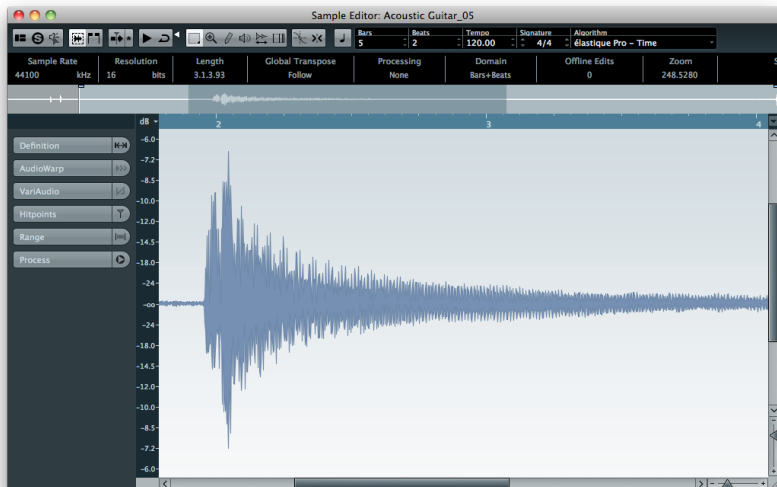
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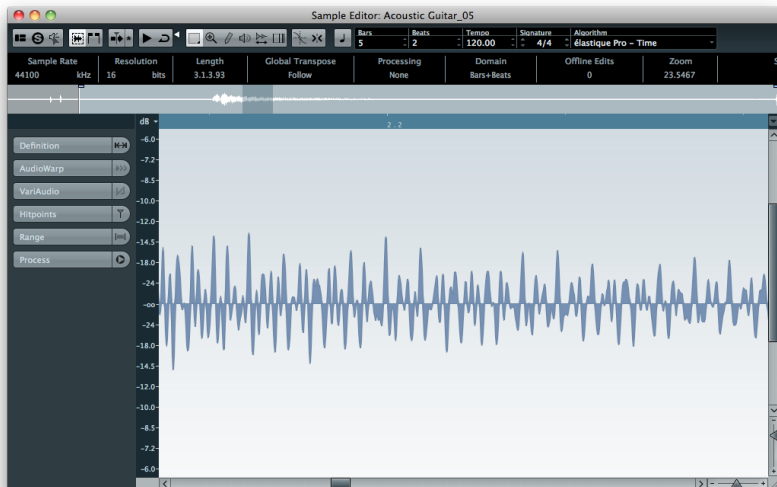
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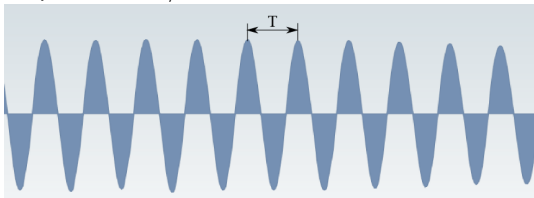


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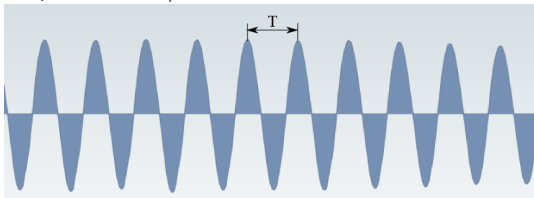
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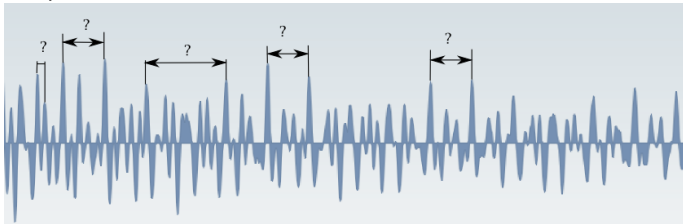


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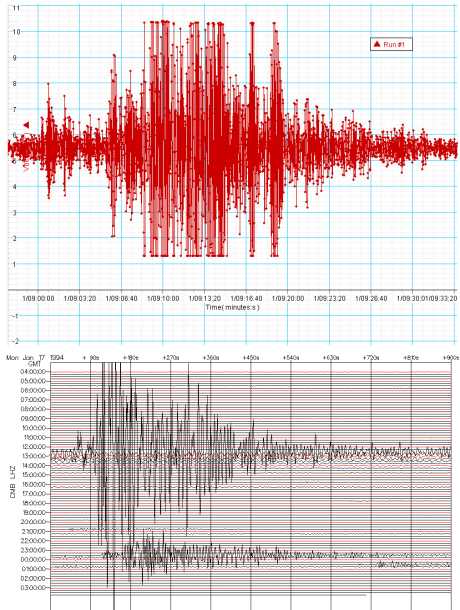
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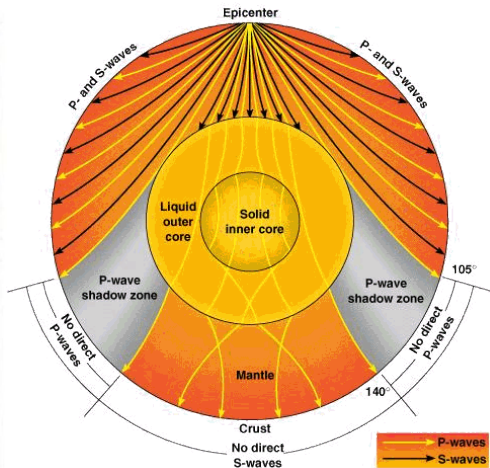
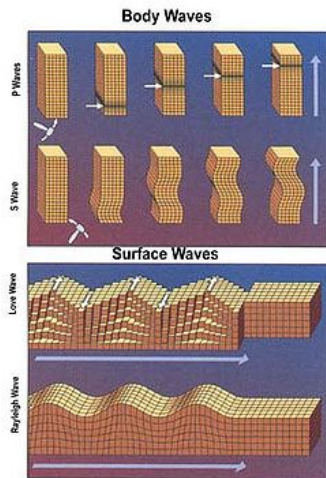
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seismograms



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→ Complex source + complex medium !

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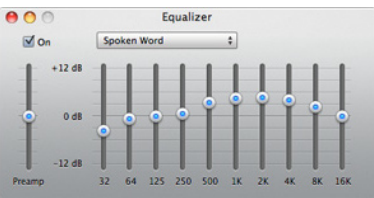
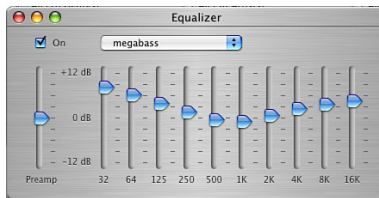
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Given $f(t)$, how do we compute a_1, a_2, \dots and $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots$?



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- ▶ Let us have

$$a = x_1 \leq x_2 \leq x_3 \cdots \leq x_{n-1} \leq x_n = b$$

The average of the function f over the interval $[a, b]$ is given by

$$avrg = \frac{f(x_1) + f(x_2) + \cdots + f(x_n)}{n} = \frac{(f(x_1) + f(x_2) + \cdots + f(x_n))\Delta x}{n\Delta x}$$

- ▶ the average becomes more precise with $n \rightarrow \infty$, i.e. $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$. In this case

$$avrg = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

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Fourier coefficients

Let us assume that a function $f(x)$ of period 2π can be decomposed as follows

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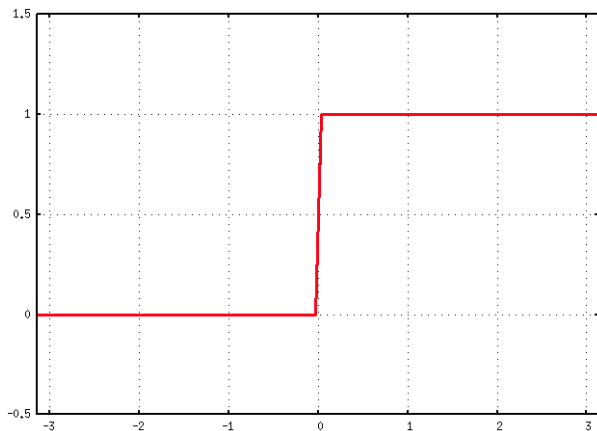
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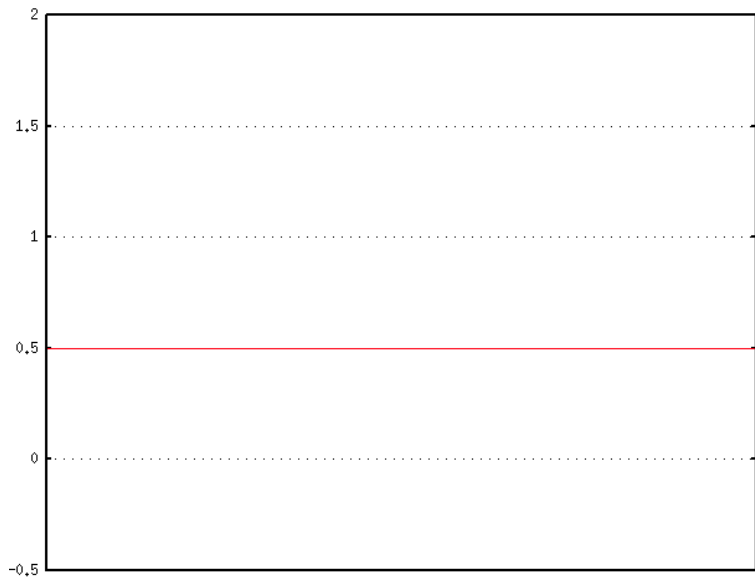
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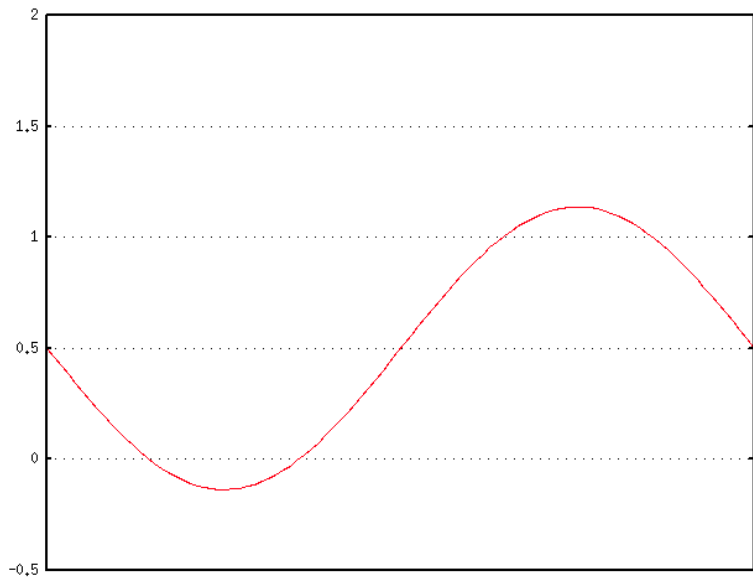
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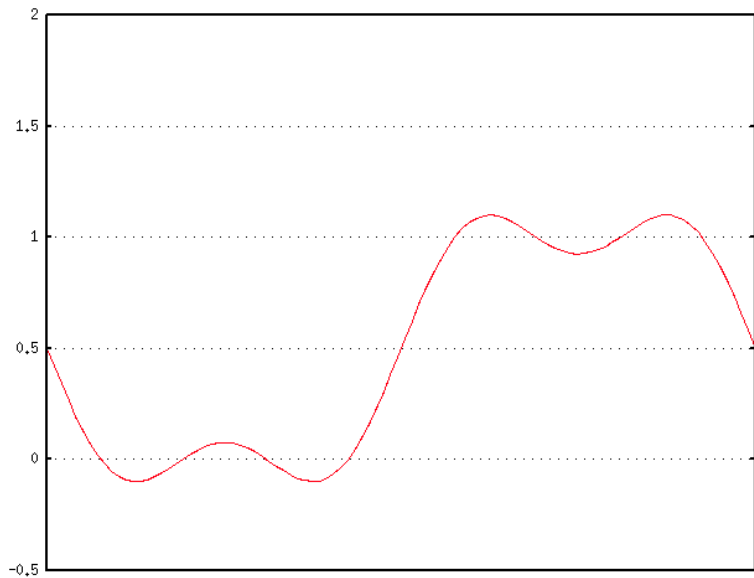
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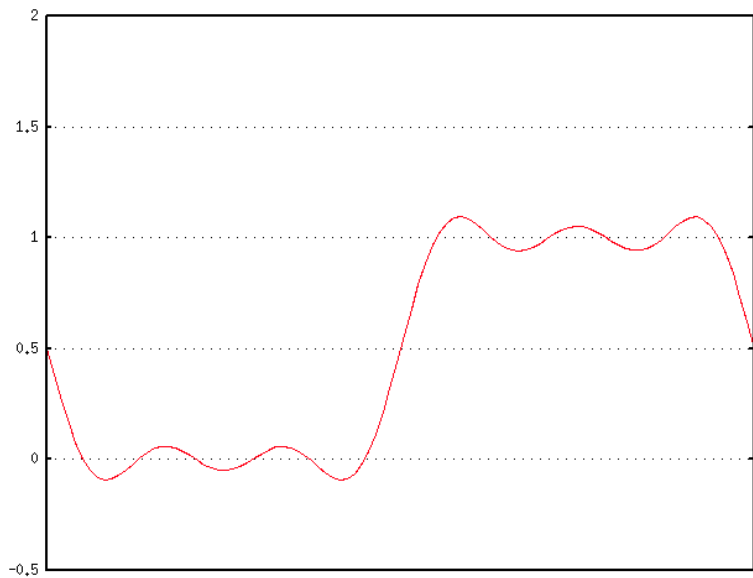
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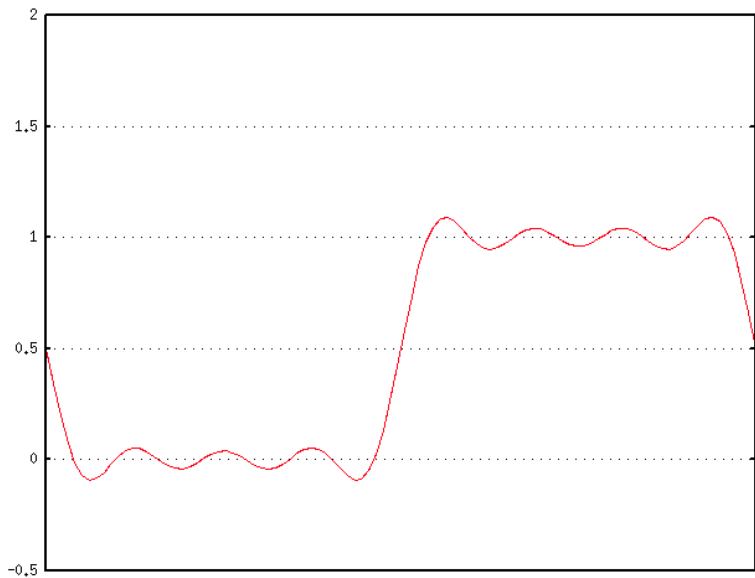
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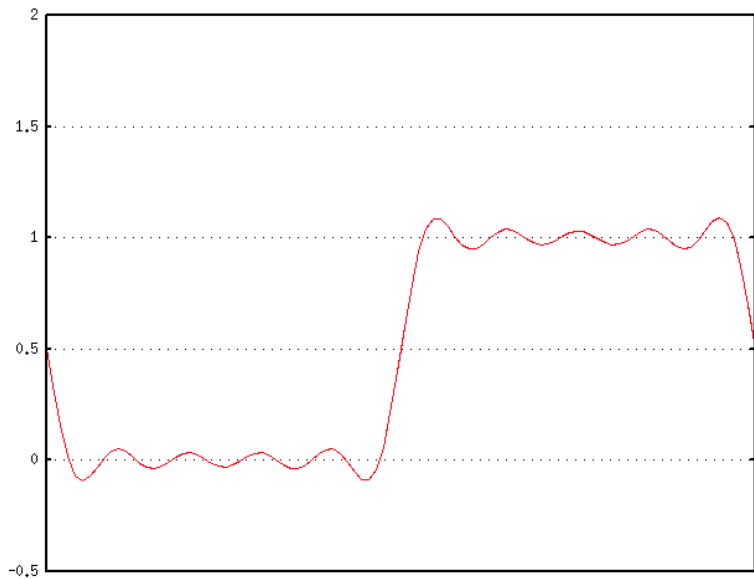
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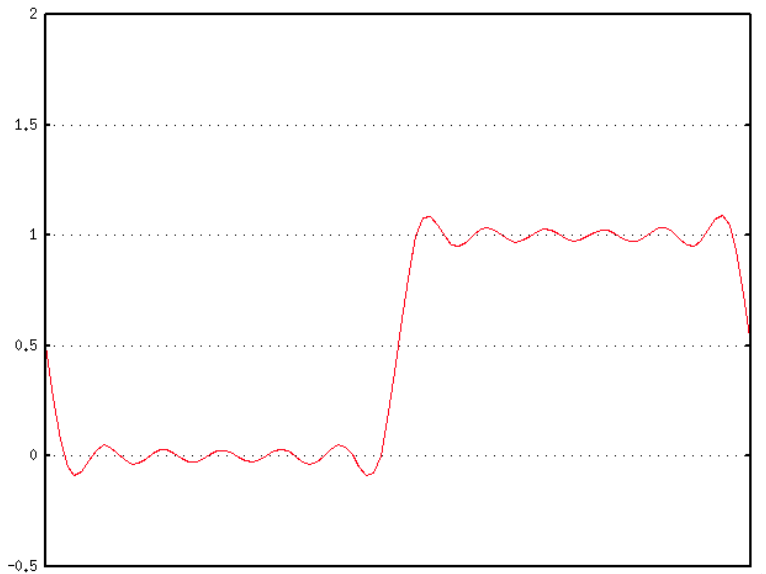
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Dirichlet conditions

Question : now that we have a series, does it converge to the values of $f(x)$?

Theorem of Dirichlet : If $f(x)$ is periodic of period 2π , and if between $-\pi$ and $+\pi$ it is single-valued, has a finite number of minimum and maximum values, and a finite number of discontinuities, and if $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f(x)|dx$ is finite, then the Fourier series converge to $f(x)$ at all the points where $f(x)$ is continuous ; at jumps the Fourier series converges to the midpoint of the jump.

Maths, hairstyle and history (continued)



Johann Peter Gustav Lejeune Dirichlet (1805-1859), German mathematician

Dirichlet conditions (2)



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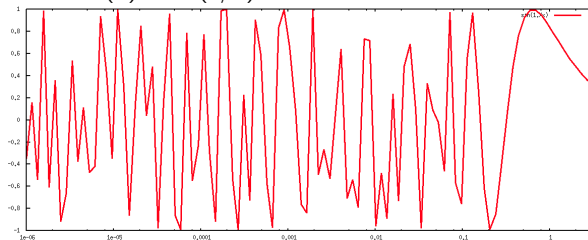
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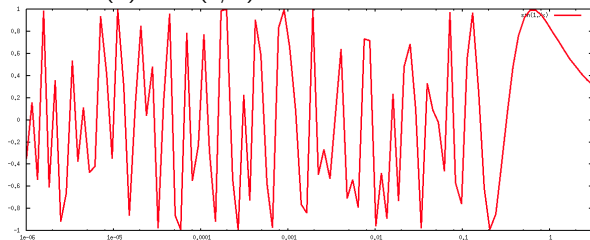
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This is the **complex form of the Fourier series**.

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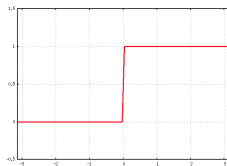
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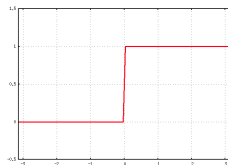
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Other intervals :

Example :

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 < x < l \\ 1 & l < x < 2l \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} c_n &= \frac{1}{2l} \int_0^l 0 \cdot dx + \frac{1}{2l} \int_l^{2l} 1 \cdot e^{-i\pi nx/l} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2l} \left[\frac{e^{-i\pi nx/l}}{-i\pi n/l} \right]_l^{2l} \\ &= \frac{1}{-2i\pi n} (1 - e^{i\pi n}) \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{even } n, n \neq 0 \\ -1/in\pi & \text{odd } n \end{cases} \\ c_0 &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Even and odd functions

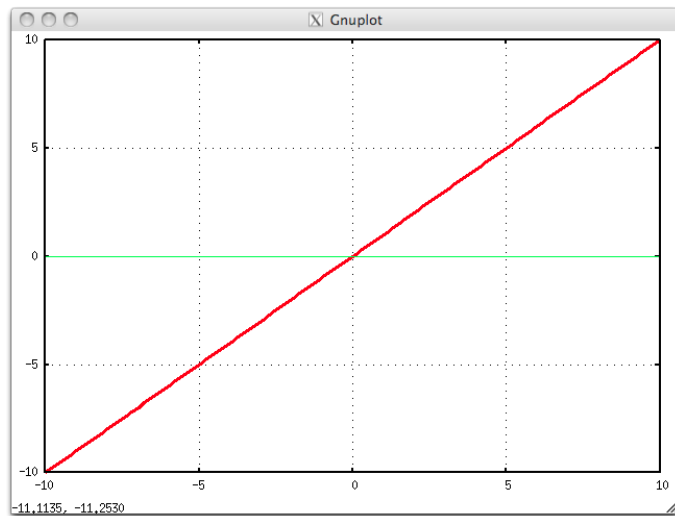
- ▶ the function $f(x)$ is **even** if

$$f(-x) = f(x)$$

- ▶ the function $f(x)$ is **odd** if

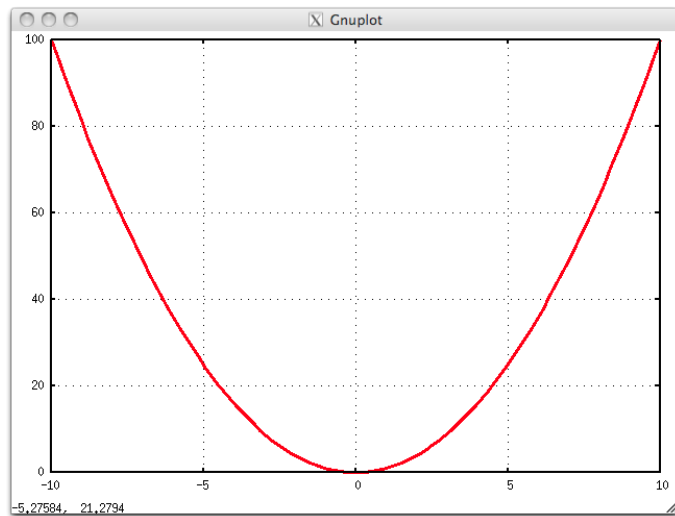
$$f(-x) = -f(x)$$

Even and odd functions (2)



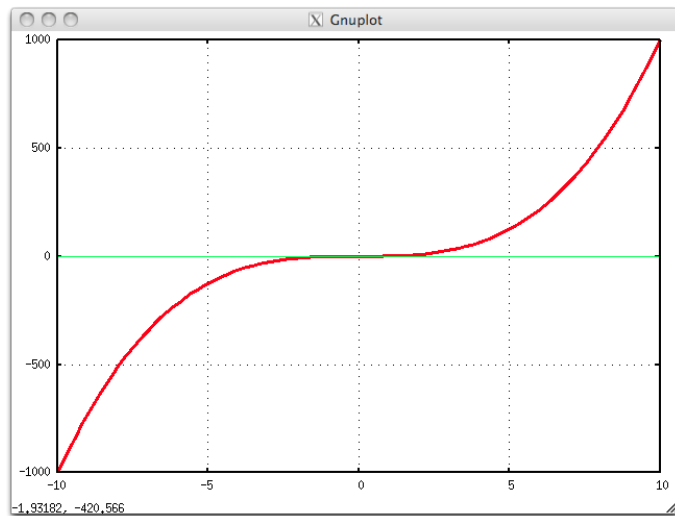
$f(x) = x$ is odd.

Even and odd functions (3)



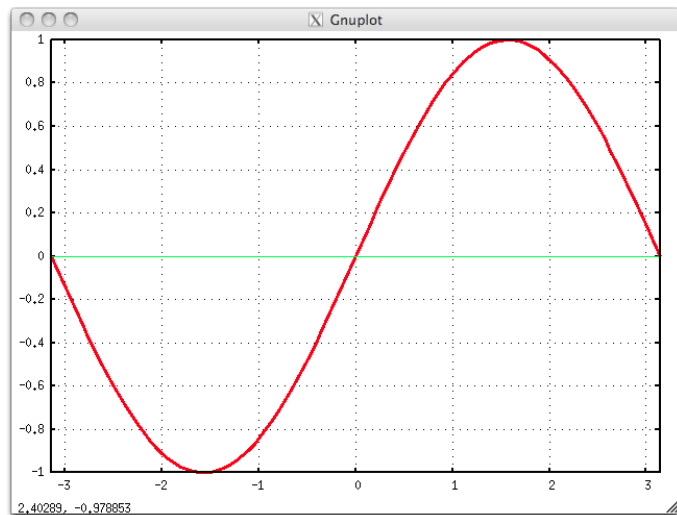
$f(x) = x^2$ is even.

Even and odd functions (4)



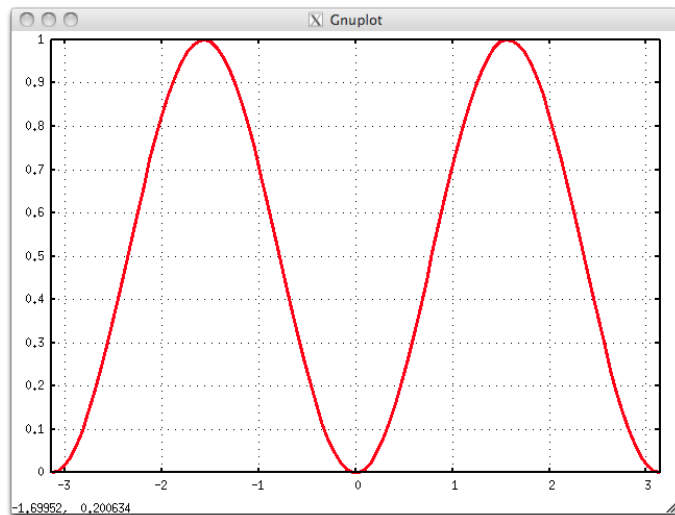
$f(x) = x^3$ is odd.

Even and odd functions (5)



$f(x) = \sin x$ is odd.

Even and odd functions (6)



$f(x) = (\sin x)^2$ is even.

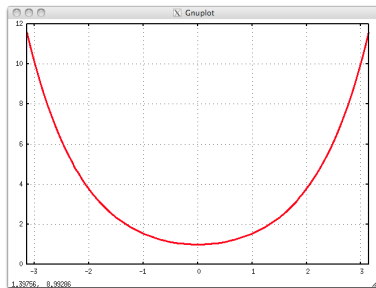
Even and odd functions (6)

Any function $f(x)$ can be decomposed as the sum of an even and an odd function :

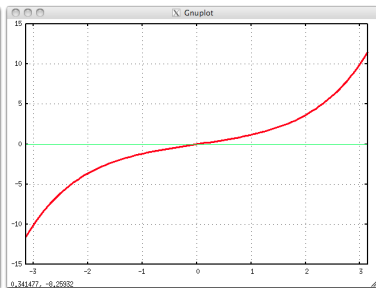
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} [f(x) + f(-x)] + \frac{1}{2} [f(x) - f(-x)]$$

Example :

$$e^x = \frac{1}{2}(e^x + e^{-x}) + \frac{1}{2}(e^x - e^{-x}) = \cosh x + \sinh x$$



$$f(x) = \cosh x$$



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From the definition of even and odd functions, it naturally follows :

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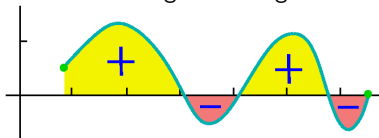
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proof :

- ▶ think of an integral as a signed area calculation :



- ▶ split \int_{-l}^l into $\int_{-l}^0 + \int_0^l$ and use properties of even and odd functions

Even and odd functions (2)

For even or odd functions, the coefficients a_n and b_n simplify :

- ▶ If $f(x)$ is odd,

$$a_n = 0 \qquad b_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$$

- ▶ If $f(x)$ is even,

$$a_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx \qquad b_n = 0$$

An application to sound (1)

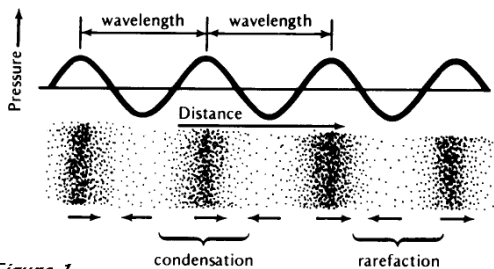
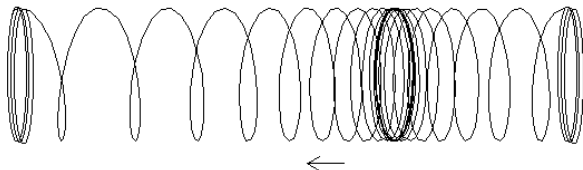


Figure 1



An application to sound (2)

The essential characteristics of a musical note

- ▶ The loudness of the note is measured by the magnitude of the changes in air pressure. This is controlled by how hard a piano key is pressed or how hard one blows on the mouthpiece of a saxophone.
- ▶ The pitch of the note is the frequency of repetition of the basic pressure pattern. More precisely, the frequency is the number of times the basic pattern is repeated per unit of time.
 - ▶ The frequencies of interest to us will be measured in cycles per second
 - ▶ One cycle per second is called a hertz in honor of Heinrich Hertz.
 - ▶ Human hearing is confined to frequencies that range roughly from 20 to 18,000 hertz.
- ▶ The timbre of the note includes those characteristics that enable us to tell a piano note from a violin note with the same loudness and pitch.

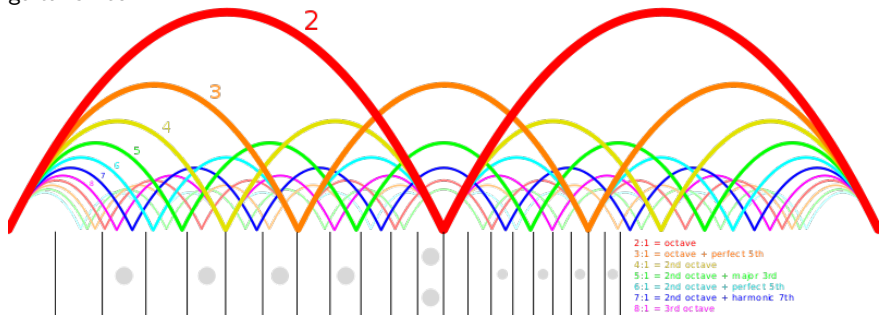
Maths, hairstyle and history (continued)



Heinrich Rudolf Hertz (1857-1894), German physicist

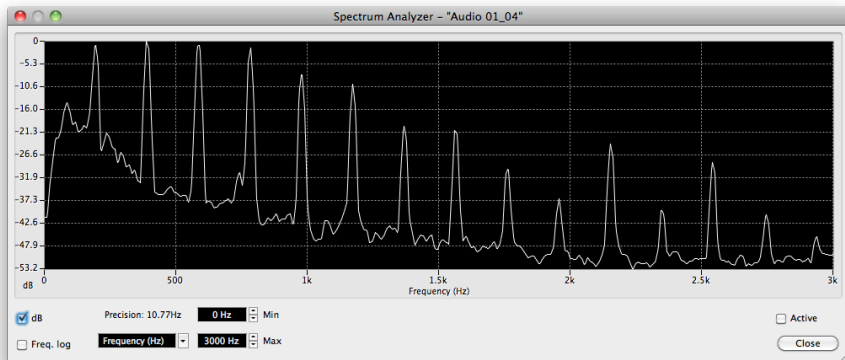
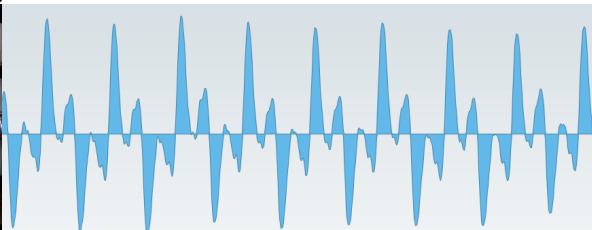
An application to sound (2) - guitar string spectrum

The nodes of natural harmonics are located at the following points along a guitar's neck.



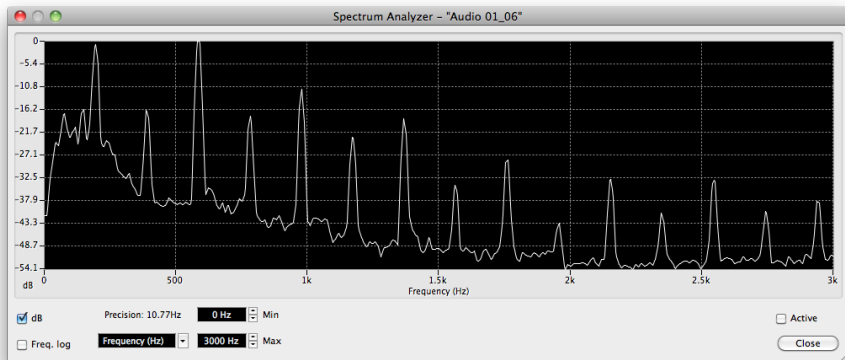
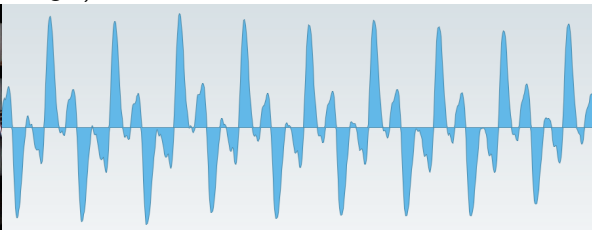
An application to sound (3) - guitar string spectrum

→ string played next to bridge



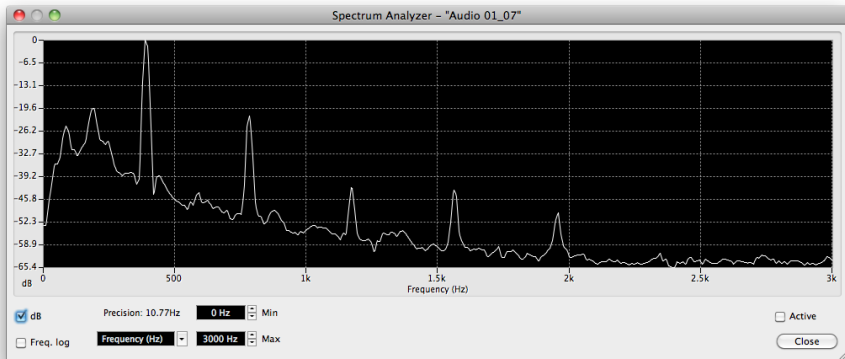
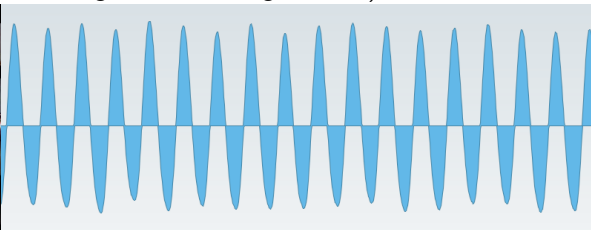
An application to sound (4) - guitar string spectrum

string played at 12th fret (half length)



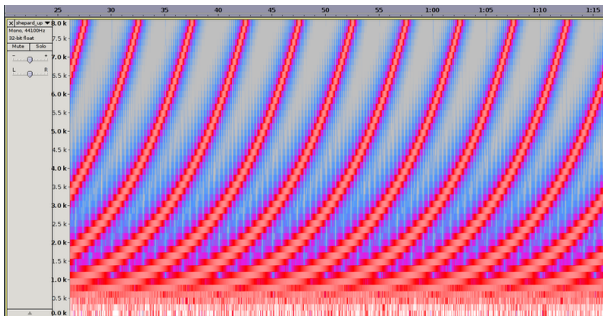
An application to sound (5) - guitar string spectrum

harmonic (placing a finger on the string when the string is driven)

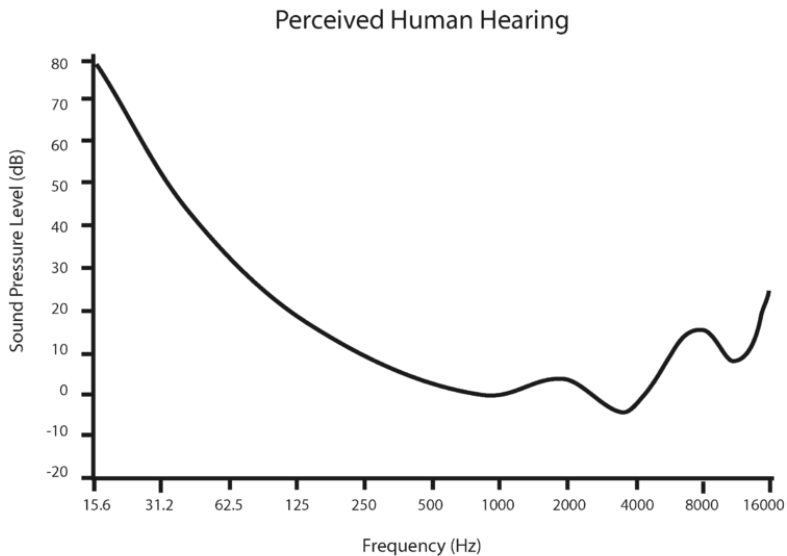


An application to sound (6)

- ▶ A Shepard tone, named after Roger Shepard, is a sound consisting of a superposition of sine waves separated by octaves.
- ▶ When played with the base pitch of the tone moving upward or downward, it is referred to as the Shepard scale.
- ▶ This creates the auditory illusion of a tone that continually ascends or descends in pitch, yet which ultimately seems to get no higher or lower.



An application to sound (7) - psychoacoustics



An application to sound (8) - mp3 encoding

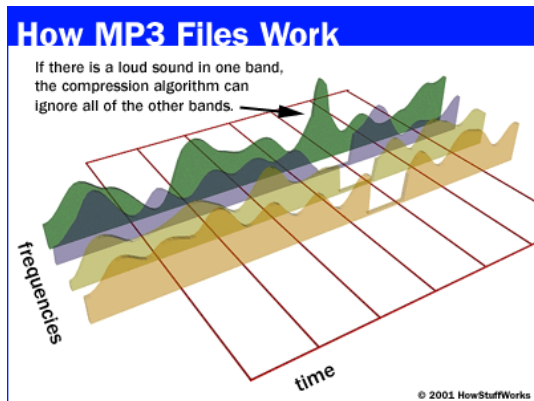
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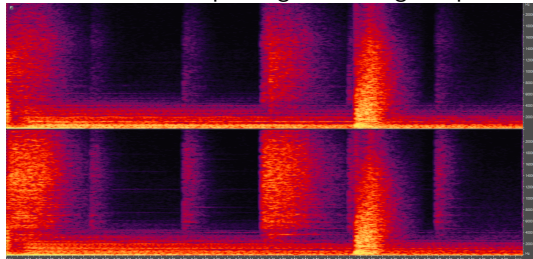
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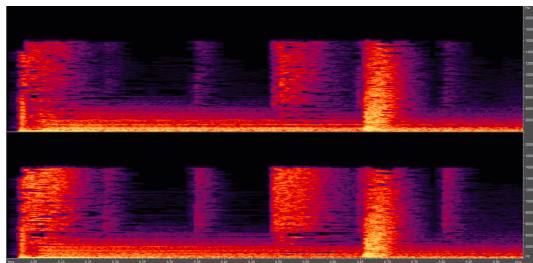


An application to sound (9) - mp3 encoding

Let us look at two spectrograms of a given piece of music



(wav file, original)



(mp3 file, 128kbps)

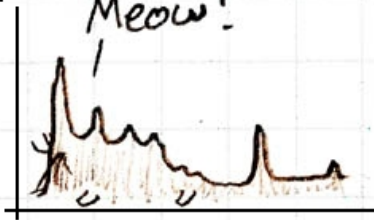
⇒ the mp3 encoding format is destructive.

Hi, Dr. Elizabeth?
Yeah, uh... I accidentally took
the Fourier transform of my cat...



Amplitude

Meow!



Frequency

Parseval's theorem

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Parseval's theorem is also called the **completeness** relation.

Maths, hairstyle and history (continued)



Marc-Antoine Parseval des Chênes (1755 - 1836), French mathematician

Parseval's theorem (3)

Example 1 : use Parseval's theorem with $f(x) = x^2$ to evaluate $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4}$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (f(x))^2 dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^4 dx = \frac{2\pi^4}{5}$$

The function $f(x)$ is even so $b_n = 0 \forall n$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos(0x) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^2 dx = \frac{2\pi^3}{3}$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) dx = \frac{4(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2}$$

PT implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2\pi^4}{5} &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{2\pi^3}{3} \right)^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2} \right)^2 = \frac{2\pi^4}{9} + 16 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} &= \frac{\pi^4}{90} \end{aligned}$$

Parseval's theorem (3)

Example 2 : We can use Parseval's theorem to find the sum of an infinite series.

Let us consider the function $f(x) = x$ of period 2 on $] -1, 1[$

$$f(x) = \frac{-i}{\pi} \left(e^{i\pi x} - e^{-i\pi x} - \frac{1}{2}e^{2i\pi x} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-2i\pi x} + \frac{1}{3}e^{3i\pi x} - \frac{1}{3}e^{-3i\pi x} + \dots \right)$$

Let us find the average of $|f(x)|^2$ on $[-1 : 1]$:

$$\int_{-1}^{+1} |f(x)|^2 dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^{+1} x^2 dx = \frac{1}{3}$$

By Parseval's theorem, this is equal to $\sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} |c_n|^2$:

$$\frac{1}{3} = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} |c_n|^2 = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \left(1 + 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{9} + \dots \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$$

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Definition of **Fourier transforms** :

$$f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\alpha) e^{i\alpha x} d\alpha \qquad g(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-i\alpha x} dx$$

$g(\alpha)$ corresponds to c_n , α corresponds to n , and the integral corresponds to the discrete sum.

$g(\alpha)$ is called the **Fourier transform** of $f(x)$.

$f(x)$ is called the inverse Fourier transform of $g(\alpha)$.

The Fourier integral theorem states : if a function $f(x)$ satisfies the Dirichlet conditions on every finite interval, and if $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)| dx$ is finite, then the definitions hereabove are correct.

Fourier transforms (2) - Fourier Sine/Cosine transforms

We define $f_s(x)$ and $g_s(\alpha)$, a pair of **fourier sine transforms** representing *odd* functions by the equations

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We define $f_c(x)$ and $g_c(\alpha)$, a pair of **fourier cosine transforms** representing *even* functions by the equations

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Fourier transforms (3)

Example 1 : Let us represent a nonperiodic functions as a Fourier integral

The function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & -1 < x < 1 \\ 0, & |x| > 1 \end{cases}$$

Since the function is not periodic, it *cannot* be expanded in a Fourier series, since a Fourier series always represents a periodic function. Instead we compute $g(\alpha)$

$$g(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-i\alpha x} dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-1}^1 e^{-i\alpha x} dx = \frac{\sin \alpha}{\pi \alpha}$$

We have

$$f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\alpha) e^{i\alpha x} d\alpha = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin \alpha}{\pi \alpha} e^{i\alpha x} d\alpha = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin \alpha \cos \alpha x}{\alpha} d\alpha$$

since $(\sin \alpha)/\alpha$ is an even function.

Fourier transforms (3)

Example 2 :

We have established that

$$\frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin \alpha \cos \alpha x}{\alpha} d\alpha = \begin{cases} 1, & -1 < x < 1 \\ 0, & |x| > 1 \\ 1/2 & x = 1 \end{cases}$$

Where we have used the fact that the Fourier integral represents the midpoint of the jump in $f(x)$ at $|x| = 1$. If we let $x = 0$, we get

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha} d\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Parseval's theorem for Fourier integrals

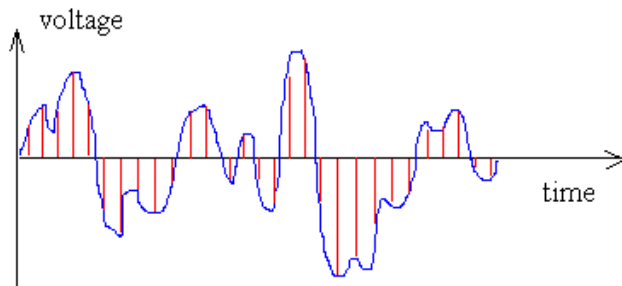
- Recall Parseval's theorem for fourier series :

$$\text{The average of } |f(x)|^2 \text{ over a period} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |c_n|^2$$

- this says that the total energy is equal to the sum of the energies associated with the various harmonics.
- Parseval's theorem for Fourier transforms writes as follows :

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |g(\alpha)|^2 d\alpha = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)|^2 dx$$

Fun fact



CD-quality music recording is created by sampling the sound 44,100 times per second and storing each sample as a 16-bit binary number (twice as much for a stereo recording).

So an hour of stereo music is equivalent to $3,600 \times 44,100 \times 2 = 317,520,000$ samples or 635,040,000 bytes.