Sounds of Prosody

Rhythm, Melody and Quite Big Data

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The Main Topics https://github.com/dafyddg/RFA

1. Waveform and AM envelope demodulation 2. AM LF spectrum Magnitude 0 L 1 Amplitude ···· AM LF formant min 0.3 AM LF spectrum 1.167H; 0 AM envelope $^{-1}$ 0 1 2 3 5 6 0 3 5 2 Time (s) Freq (Hz) 4. FM LF spectrum 3. FM envelope demodulation (F0 estimation) 300 Magnitude Freq (Hz) 171Hz FM LF formant min 0.3 FM, FO FM LF spectrum 38HZHZ 200 А 100 0 5 3 0 1 2 4 6 0 1 2 3 5 Time (s) Freq(Hz) 5. AM rhythm spectrogram (heatmap) 6. AM LF spectrogram (waterfall) 5.0 î Freq (Hz) AM envelope Time 2.5 î 0.0 0 0 3 5 2 4 5 1 3 1 Time (s) Freq (Hz) 7. FM LF spectrogram (heatmap) 8. FM LF spectrogram (waterfall) 5.0 î Freq (Hz) AM envelope Time 2.5 î 0.0 0 3 5 0 2 3 4 2 1 5 Time (s) Freq (Hz) 9. AM LF spectrogram max magn frequency trajectory 5.0 Freq (Hz) AM envelope 2.5 f.2.500 T:0.318 f.2.333 T:0.265 f.1.333 T:0.394 f.1.167 T:1.000 f:0.833 T:0.252 f.1.500 T:0.249 0.0 0 3 5 1 2 4 Time (s) 11. FM LF spectrogram max magn frequency trajectory 5.0 Freq (Hz) AM envelope 2.5 f.2.509 T:0.445 f.1.506 T:0.525 f.1.338 T:0.623 f.1.171 f.0.669 T:0.417 f.0.167 T:0.426 0.0 T:1.000 3 0 5 1 2 4 6 Time (s)

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Q: Does the prosodic lexicon also contain meanings?

A: Yes, the information is in features; the meaning of a pitch accent is a function from a coextensive locutionary segment to the deictic *origo* (*I*, *here*, *now*), comparable with other deictic forms such as "this", "here".

Q: What is the Type 3 grammar for call contours?

A: ... $B \rightarrow pa[h, chroma] C, C \rightarrow downstep B$ (pitch accent loop; see Pierrehumbert discussion later)

Q: Are your grammars for intonation and tone like those of Pierrehumbert?

A: Yes, they use the same formal theory, as a finite state automaton (dates back to the 1940s, McCulloch-Pitts) or as a Type 3 grammar (dates back to the 1950s, Chomsky).

Q: What does 'exponential complexity' mean?

A: For a sentence of length *n*, where G is a property of the Grammar: linear time: Gncubic time: Gn^3 exponential time: G^n

Q: What is the difference between rhythm and prosody?

A: Prosody is the music of speech, consisting of rhythms and melodies.

Q: Why is a right-branching structure not centre-embedding, even if the nodes have the same label, like in the example of Féry?

A: See the following slides.

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Alternatively as a generate-and-test search system: Grammar: infinite set of sequences from finite lexicon: $GEN = (\{H\%_1, L\%_1\} \cup \{H^*, L^*, L^*H^-, L^-+H^*, H^*+L^-, H^-+L^*, H^*+H^-\} \cup \{H^-, L^-\} \cup \{H\%_2, L\%_2\} \cup \{\epsilon\})^*$ Finite constraint lexicon to evaluate for accepted subset: $CON = \{ o(<A,B>) \in \{H\%_1,L\%_1, \epsilon\}$ $o(<B,C>) \in \{H^*,L^*,L^*H^-,L^-+H^*,H^*+L^-,H^-+L^*,H^*+H^-, H^-, L^-\}$ $o(<C,B>) \in \{E\}$ $o(<C,D>) \in \{H^-, L^-\}$ $o(<D,E>) \in \{H\%_2, L\%_2\} \}$

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RFT: Rhythm Formant Theory RFA: Rhythm Formant Analysis

How to do it:

- 1. Algorithms
- 2. Case studies

Code, articles: https://github.com/dafyddg/RFA

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Timing of Speech

Music and speech depend on the temporal constraints given by the human body:

- Body rhythm timing:
 - approximately one main movement per second:
 - foot stamping, running, walking
 - hand clapping, head nodding
 - chewing, sucking
 - hand-shaking, intimate interaction
 - syllable and word sequences

Different speech rhythms:

- rhythms of syllable constituents (C, V)
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<u>The association of the 'Rhythm hierarchy' with</u> <u>the 'Prosodic Hierarchy' is flexible</u> and depends on

- semantic constraints (e.g. contrast)
- pragmatic constraints (e.g. emphasis)

Metalocutionary Theory of Prosodic Function



Time Types:

cloud time (intuitive everyday 'real' time) *clock time* (Newtonian time, universal quantitative time) *rubber time* (Aristotelian time: Event Phonology, tree structures) *categorial time* (abstract time points: duration contrast; context)

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The Modulation Code: Time and the Frequency Scale



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Theory and practice of Rhythm Analysis: RFT and RFA

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Rhythm Formant Theory and Analysis

Rhythm Formant Theory (RFT):

- A rhythm formant is a frequency zone of higher magnitude values in the normalised low frequency (LF) spectrum.
- Rhythm formants are detected both in the LF AM spectrum and also in the LF FM spectrum.

Rhythm Formant Analysis (RFA):

- The spectrum frequencies and their magnitudes are obtained by FFT and the magnitudes are normalised to the range 0,...,1.
- A minimum magnitude (e.g. about 0.2) is defined as a cutoff level; the higher values are then shown as red dots in the RFA spectrum.
- The spectra of different recordings are
 - compared using standard distance metrics
 - and represented as distance maps,
 - also (1) hierarchically clustered using (2) standard clustering criteria and represented as dendrograms.

Thanks to Dr. Liu Huangmei, for suggesting the term 'formant' in this context.

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Empirical Background: Phonetic Domain, Phase Cycle

Aims of this part of the talk

Overview of Rhythm Formants as low frequency modulations of speech

Demonstration of how my software (also Praat etc.) does

- AM and FM demodulation
- spectral analysis
- comparing spectra from different recordings of comparable data using distance tables, distance maps and distance based clustering
- Why?
 - If you're a driver, it makes sense to know how a car works in practice.
 - If you're a phonetician, it makes sense to know how 'pitch' extraction, spectral analysis, distance maps and clustering etc. work in practice.



Empirical Background: Phonetic Domains and Methods



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Overview

- Production and perception phases of prosodic events are well known in phonetics:
 - source-filter theory: larynx as source, oral & nasal cavity as filter
 - cochlea transformation theory: extraction of signal frequencies
- Transmission theory is usually left to the audio engineers:
- So let's do something in this talk to correct this:
 - Modulation Theory:
 - Amplitude Modulation (AM)
 - Frequency Modulation (FM)
 - a 'do-it-yourself' approach to phonetic software
 - an alternative, for some purposes, to using ready-made off-the-shelf applications
 - you can download demonstration examples in Python
 BUT: no programming experience is required

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Modulation Theory

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Formal background: Modulation Theory

carrier signal modulated with information signal

1) carrier signal with frequency modulation signal (FM) tone, pitch accent, intonation \rightarrow larynx

2) carrier signal with *amplitude modulation* signal (AM) consonants, vowels, syllables \rightarrow oral & nasal cavities

3) **speech:** carrier signal with <u>AM and FM simultaneously</u>

AM and FM Demodulation



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AM and FM demodulation and detection of rhythm



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Comparison with Traunmüller's demodulation model



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AM and FM modulation step by step
Modulation: carrier signal



Modulation: FM signal with low frequency information



Modulation: AM signal with low frequency information



Modulation Theory



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Demodulation and analysis procedures in RFA

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- Time domain processing:
 - Envelope extraction
 - Fundamental frequency estimation ('pitch' extraction)
- Time domain to frequency domain transformation:
 - Spectral analysis
 - Spectrogram analysis
 - F0 estimation:
 - time domain procedures: zero-crossing count, autocorrelation (AC), average magnitude difference (AMDF)
 - frequency domain procedures: spectrum transformation and analysis
- Comparison using distance metrics
 - distance calculation with different distance metrics
 - hierarchical clustering with distance and different clustering criteria
- Output:
 - Graphical display
 - Numerical files and figure files

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Demodulation and analysis: output examples

Example outputs

Story "The North Wind and the Sun", read by an adult female German-English bilingual



Similarity of readings: The North Wind and the Sun, bilingual in English and German



Example outputs

Poem recitation: B-036 塞上曲 [王昌龄]-mono-16k





Comparing two styles of Tang dynasty poetry

Distance network:



Hierarchical clustering::



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Demodulation and analysis: software design

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Rhythm Formant Analysis Software Design: Data Flow



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Demonstration:

Demodulation, spectral analysis: processing single files

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Demonstration applications: outputs



DATA/one-to-ten-Putonghua-Lara-16k-mono.wav, 16000



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Demonstration apps - time domain outputs



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TIME DOMAIN



Demonstration apps – time and frequency domain outputs



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Software description: time domain analysis

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Time domain analysis: waveform display

	Description					
<pre># A_waveform import sys</pre>	The programming language (in this case Python3) is provided with a large collection of algorithm implementations for processing various kinds of data for different purposes, stored in specialised 'libraries'.					
import matpl						
<pre>wavfilename fs, signal = plt.plot(sig plt.show()</pre>	In this case, system function is imported, which allows the filename to be input from the command line, a science library function is imported which permits input of an audio file, and a graphics library is imported to produce figures.					
	A mono WAV file is read, and the speech signal and the sampling frequency are extracted from the file.					
	The signal is plotted as a graph and displayed.					

Time domain analysis: waveform display

Time domain analysis: formatted waveform display

# B waveform		
import sys	Description	
import numpy		
import matpl	In this application, in principle evently the same thing happens	
import scipy	In this application, in principle exactly the same thing happens,	
	except that the figure is formatted more informatively.	
wavfilename		mmand line
fs, signal =	For the calculations which are involved, a library of numerical	d signal
signallengtr	functions is imported	tes
signalsecond		conds
signal = signal		· · · · ⊥
#	After reading the file, the amplitude of the signal is normalised	
Π	between -1 and 1 for the y-axis of the graph, and the overall time in	
plt.suptitle	seconds is calculated for the x-axis from the sampling frequency and	e
F	the length of the signal	
<pre>xaxis = np.1</pre>		in seconds
plt.plot(xax		in grey
plt.xlabel("	The normalised signal is plotted as a graph and displayed with the	_s
plt.ylabel('	appropriate x-axis and y-axis information.	
plt.tight_la		
<pre>plt.show()</pre>		2

Time domain analysis: formatted waveform display

B_waveform_display.py Formatted waveform display. D. Gibbon. 2021-07-06

```
# import specialised modules
import sys
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import scipy.io.wavfile as wave
                                              # get input filename from command line
wavfilename = sys.argv[1]
fs, signal = wave.read(wavfilename)
                                              # read sampling frequency and signal
signallength = len(signal)
                                              # define signal length in bytes
signalseconds = int(signallength / fs)
                                              # define signal length in seconds
                                              # normalise signal -1 ... 0 ... 1
signal = signal / max(abs(signal))
#-----
plt.suptitle("%s, %d"%(wavfilename, fs), fontweight="bold")
                                                          # display a title
                                                          # define x axis in seconds
xaxis = np.linspace(0, signalseconds, signallength)
plt.plot(xaxis, signal, color="lightgrey")
                                                          # plot waveform in grey
                                                          # add axis labels
plt.xlabel("Time")
plt.ylabel("Amplitude")
plt.tight layout(pad=3)
plt.show()
                                                          # display figure
```



C_waveform_envelope_display.py Waveform & AM envelope medfilt. D. Gibbon 2021-07-06

```
import sys
                                            # import specialised modules
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import scipy.io.wavfile as wave
from scipy.signal import medfilt
                                            # get input filename from command line
wavfilename = sys.argv[1]
fs, signal = wave.read(wavfilename)
                                            # read sampling frequency and signal
signallength = len(signal)
                                            # define signal length in bytes
signalseconds = int(signallength / fs)
                                            # define signal length in seconds
                                            # normalise signal -1 ... 0 ... 1
signal = signal / max(abs(signal))
envelope = medfilt(abs(signal), 301)
                                            # extract low frequency amplitude envelope
envelope = envelope / max(envelope)
                                            # normalise envelope to 0 ... 1
#-----
plt.suptitle("%s, %d"%(wavfilename, fs), fontweight="bold")
                                                           # display a title
                                                           # define x axis in seconds
xaxis = np.linspace(0, signalseconds, signallength)
                                                            # plot waveform in grey
plt.plot(xaxis, signal, color="lightgrey")
plt.plot(xaxis, envelope, color="red"
                                                            # plot envelope in red
plt.xlabel("Time")
                                                            # add axis labels
plt.ylabel("Amplitude")
plt.tight layout(pad=3)
plt.show()
                                                            # display figure
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<pre># D_waveform</pre>	_envelope_display.py Wwaveform, AM envelope Butterworth. D. Gibbon	2021-07-06			
import sys import numpy import matpl import scipy					
from scipy.s					
<pre>wavfilename fs, signal = signallength signalsecond signal = sig</pre>	Description Again, in this application, everything which happened in the previous applications.	mand line 1 signal ces conds 1			
<pre>b, a = butte envelope = 1 envelope = e #</pre>	Low-pass filtering is done here with a <i>Butterworth filter</i> , which lowers the amplitude of frequencies above a specified cutoff frequency. This is advisable since the idea is to capture only the very	envelope			
plt.suptitle	low frequencies in the spectrum which make up the rhythms of speech. This filter is much more efficient than the moving median filter	e			
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plt.plot(xax plt.plot(xax plt.xlabel(" plt.ylabel("		in grey in red s			
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                                                # define signal length in seconds
signal = signal / max(abs(signal))
                                                # normalise signal -1 ... 0 ... 1
b, a = butter(5, 5 / (0.5 * fs), btype="low")
                                                # define Butterworth filter
envelope = lfilter(b, a, abs(signal))
                                                # apply filter to create lf envelope
envelope = envelope / max(envelope)
                                                # normalise envelope 0 ... 1
#-----
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                                                            # display a title
                                                            # define x axis in seconds
xaxis = np.linspace(0, signalseconds, signallength)
plt.plot(xaxis, signal, color="lightgrey")
                                                            # plot waveform in grey
plt.plot(xaxis, envelope, color="red")
                                                            # plot waveform in red
plt.xlabel("Time")
                                                            # add axis labels
plt.ylabel("Amplitude")
plt.tight layout(pad=3)
plt.show()
                                                            # display figure
```

Frequency domain analysis: FFT and AM spectrum

# E wavefor	m anvalana anaatmum dianlau Additian of IE anaatmum D Cibban 202	1-07-06
"	Description	
<pre>import sys import numpy as np import matplotlib.pyplot as import scipy.io.wavfile as w from scipy.signal import med wavfilename = sys.argv[1] fs, signal = wave.read(wavfi signallength = len(signal) signalseonds = signallength signal = signal / max(abs(si</pre>	In this app, a major step forward is taken: the amplitude envelope has been extracted and now it is time to analyse the rhythms. No additional library is needed for this.	
b, a = butter(5, 5 / (0.5 * envelope = lfilter(b, a, abs envelope = envelope / max(en specmags = n specmags = s specmaglen =	The first step in analysing the speech rhythms is done by first applying a <i>Fast Fourier Transform</i> to the entire envelope in order to produce a spectral analysis.	rith FFT
<pre>specfreqs = spectrummax lfspecmaglen lfspecmags = lfspecfreqs #</pre>	This step means moving from the <i>time domain</i> of the signal, in which the amplitude of the signal is a function of the time in seconds, to the <i>frequency domain</i> , with the magnitude of each frequency in the signal displayed as a <i>spectrum</i> , magnitudes normalised from 0 to 1.	spectrum m length itudes µencies
fig, ((plt01, plt.suptitle("%s, %d"%(wavfi xaxistime = np.linspace(0, s plt01.plot(xaxistime, signal plt01.plot(xaxistime, envelo plt01.set_xlabel("Time") plt01.set_ylabel("Time") plt02.plot(l plt02.set_xl plt02.set_yl	The frequencies in the spectrum can be seen to cluster in identifiable regions, which are interpreted as <i>rhythm formants</i> . The <i>rhythm formants</i> have very low frequencies below about 10 Hz, that is, 10 beats per second. The <i>phone formants</i> , which identify vowels and consonants, have much higher frequencies above about 300 Hz, ranging to several thousand Hz.	∍ format
plt02.set_xl	im(0, spectrummax)	L
<pre>plt.tight_layout(pad=3) plt.show()</pre>	# display figure	

Frequency domain analysis: FFT and AM spectrum

E_waveform_envelope_spectrum_display Addition of LF spectrum. D. Gibbon, 2021-07-06

import sys import numpy as np import matplotlib.pyplot as plt import scipy.io.wavfile as wave from scipy.signal import medfilt, butter, lfilter

wavfilename = sys.argv[1]
fs, signal = wave.read(wavfilename)
signallength = len(signal)
signalseconds = signallength / fs
signal = signal / max(abs(signal))

b, a = butter(5, 5 / (0.5 * fs), btype="low")
envelope = lfilter(b, a, abs(signal))
envelope = envelope / max(envelope)

import specialised modules

get input filename from command line # read sampling frequency and signal # define signal length in bytes # define signal length in seconds # normalise signal -1 ... 0 ... 1

define Butterworth filter
apply filter to create lf envelope
normalise envelope 0 ... 1

<pre>specmags = np.abs(np.fft.rfft specmags = specmags / np.max(specmaglen = len(specmags) specfreqs = np.linspace(0,fs/ spectrummax = 3 lfspecmaglen = int(round(spec lfspecmags = specmags[1:lfspec lfspecfreqs = specfreqs[1:lfspec</pre>	<pre># calculate spectrum magnitudes with FFT # normalise magnitudes to 0 1 # get length of spectrum # get frequencies in spectrum # define maximum frequency in lf spectrum aglen / (fs / 2))) # get lf spectrum length # set low frequency spectrum magnitudes # set low frequency spectrum frequencies</pre>								
#									
<pre>fig,((plt01, plt02)) = plt.su</pre>	bplots(nrows=1,	ncol	Ls=2,	fig	size=(1	.4, 4))	# fj	igure f	format
<pre>plt.suptitle("%s, %d"%(wavfilename, fs), fontweight="bold")</pre>	# display a title								
<pre>xaxistime = np.linspace(0, signalseconds, signallength) plt01.plot(xaxistime, signal, color="lightgrey") plt01.plot(xaxistime, envelope, color="red") plt01.set_xlabel("Time") plt01.set_ylabel("Amplitude")</pre>	<pre># define x axis in seconds # plot waveform in grey</pre>								
<pre>plt02.plot(lfspecfreqs, lfspe</pre>	ecmags)								
<pre>plt02.set xlabel("Frequency")</pre>									
plt02.set ylabel("Magnitude")									
<pre>plt02.set_xlim(0,spectrummax)</pre>									
<pre>plt.tight_layout(pad=3) plt.show()</pre>	# display figure								

Frequency domain analysis: peaks in AM spectrum



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Frequency domain analysis: peaks in AM spectrum

F_waveform_envelope_spectrum_display Addition of LF spectrum dots. D. Gibbon, 2021-07-06

import specialised modules import sys import numpy as np import matplotlib.pyplot as plt import scipy.io.wavfile as wave from scipy.signal import medfilt, butter, lfilter # get input filename from command line wavfilename = svs.argv[1] fs, signal = wave.read(wavfilename) # read sampling frequency and signal signallength = len(signal) # define signal length in bytes signalseconds = signallength / fs # define signal length in seconds signal = signal / max(abs(signal)) # normalise signal -1 ... 0 ... 1 b, a = butter(5, 5 / (0.5 * fs), btype="low") # define Butterworth filter envelope = lfilter(b, a, abs(signal)) # apply filter to create lf envelope envelope = envelope / max(envelope) # normalise envelope 0 ... 1 specmags = np.abs(np.fft.rfft(envelope)) # calculate spectrum magnitudes with FFT specmags = specmags / np.max(specmags) # normalise magnitudes to 0 .. 1 specmaglen = len(specmags) # get length of spectrum specfreqs = np.linspace(0,fs/2,specmaglen)# get frequencies in spectrum spectrummax = 3# define maximum frequency in lf spectrum lfspecmaglen = int(round(spectrummax * specmaglen / (fs / 2))) # get lf spectrum length lfspecmags = specmags[1:lfspecmaglen] # set low frequency spectrum magnitudes lfspecfreqs = specfreqs[1:lfspecmaglen] # set low frequency spectrum frequencies topmagscount = 6# define max frequency of lf spectrum topmags = sorted(lfspecmags)[-topmagscount:] # get top magnitudes toppos = [list(lfspecmags).index(m) for m in topmags] # get top magnitude positions topfreqs = [lfspecfreqs[p] for p in toppos] # get top frequencies fig,((plt01, plt02)) = plt.subplots(nrows=1, ncols=2, figsize=(14, 4)) # figure format plt.suptitle("%s, %d"%(wavfilename, fs), fontweight="bold") # display a title xaxistime = np.linspace(0, signalseconds, signallength) # define x axis in seconds plt01.plot(xaxistime, signal, color="lightgrey") # plot waveform in grey plt01.plot(xaxistime, envelope, color="red") plt01.set xlabel("Time") plt01.set ylabel("Amplitude") plt02.plot(lfspecfreqs, lfspecmags) plt02.scatter(topfreqs, topmags, color="red") # Scatter plot red dots # loop through top values for f,m in zip(topfreqs, topmags): plt02.text(f, m-0.1, "%.3fHz\n%dms"%(f,1000/f), fontsize=8) # print formatted values plt02.set xlabel("Frequency") plt02.set ylabel("Magnitude") plt02.set xlim(0, spectrummax) plt.tight_layout(pad=3) # display figure plt.show()

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Frequency Domain Analysis: File output



Frequency Domain Analysis: File output



Comparing multiple files

Comparison of English and German story readings

An English example: The North Wind and the Sun A German example: Nordwind und Sonne

Distance metrics

Manhattan Distance (Cityblock distance, Taxicab Distance) 'around the corner'





Canberra Distance (Normalised Manhattan Distance)

$$\sum_{i=1}^n rac{|x_i-y_i|}{|x_i|+|y_i|}$$



$$\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i-y_i)^2}$$



Cosine Distance angle, direction, not magnitude so not distance itself 'hiker's orientation'



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Spectrum Comparison: Distance Table

Eng 01	Eng 02	Eng 03	Ger 01	Ger 02	Ger 03
	0.67477731	1.	0.74745837	0.93762055	0.85622088
		0.5184008	0.76221046	0.87568858	0.7706713
			0.78197106	0.85094568	0.82617612
				0.42298678	0.56668163
					0.44727788

Adult Female English-German bilingual reading The North Wind and the Sun, 3 English, 3 German, in order of production.

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Distance map



Distance map


Spectrum Comparison – Distance Networks, Part One

```
#
    H waveform envelope spectrum distancenetwork.py. D. Gibbon, 2021-07-06
                                                                                 # import specialised modules
import sys, re, glob
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import scipy.io.wavfile as wave
from scipy.signal import butter, lfilter, medfilt, hilbert
import scipy.spatial.distance as dist
from graphviz import Graph
spectrummax = 3
distancelimit = 0.7
distancemetrics = [ 'canberra', 'chebyshev', 'cityblock',
                               'correlation', 'cosine', 'euclidean' ]
wavfiledirectory = sys.argv[1]
wavfilelist = sorted(glob.glob(wavfiledirectory+"*.wav"))
datasetname = sys.argv[2]
namelist = []
rawvaluelist = []
for wavfilename in wavfilelist:
                                                                    # Make spectra for all files
      wavfilebase = re.sub(".*/", "", wavfilename)
      wavfilebase = re.sub("-mono-16k.wav","",wavfilebase)
      fs, signal = wave.read(wavfilename)
                                                                     # read sampling frequency and signal
                                                                    # define signal length in bytes
      signallength = len(signal)
      signalseconds = int(signallength / fs)
                                                                    # define signal length in seconds
      signal = signal / max(abs(signal))
                                                                    # normalise signal -1 ... 0 ... 1
      b, a = butter(5, 10 / (0.5 * fs), btype="low")
                                                                     # define Butterworth filter
      envelope = lfilter(b, a, abs(signal))
                                                                    # apply filter to create 1f envelope
      envelope = envelope / max(envelope)
                                                                    # normalise envelope 0 ... 1
      specmags = np.abs(np.fft.rfft(envelope))
      specmaglen = len(specmags)
      lfspecmaqlen = int(round(spectrummax * specmaqlen / (fs / 2)))
      lfspecmags = specmags[1:lfspecmaglen]
      lfspecmags = lfspecmags / max(lfspecmags)
      namelist += [ wavfilebase ]
      rawvaluelist += [ lfspecmags ]
```

Spectrum Comparison – Distance Networks, Part Two

```
Previous code:
     read all files and calculate spectrum for each file.
     calculate file namelist and rawvaluelist of spectra
Operations:
     use interpolation to ensure that lengths of spectra are equal
     calculate distances (differences) between spectra with distance metrics
newsize = np.max( [ len(val) for val in rawvaluelist ] )
                                                            # Make equal data lengths
valuelist = []
for val in rawvaluelist:
     size = len(val)
     xloc = np.arange(size)
     new xloc = np.linspace(0, size, newsize)
     new data = np.interp(new xloc, xloc, val)
                                                                 # Interpolation
     valuelist += [ new data ]
valuelist = np.array(valuelist)
for distancemetric in distancemetrics:
     distances = dist.pdist(valuelist, metric=distancemetric)
                                                                                     # format as 2D table
     dist square = dist.squareform(distances)
     dist list = dist square.reshape(dist square.shape[0] * dist square.shape[1])
                                                                                               # reformat
     dist list = (dist list - np.min(dist list)) / (np.max(dist list) - np.min(dist list))
                                                                                               # normalise
     dist square = dist list.reshape(dist square.shape)
Output:
     Distances between spectra in a two-dimensional table
```

Spectrum Comparison – Distance Networks, Part Three

```
Previous code:
     read all files and calculate spectrum for each file.
     calculate file namelist and rawvaluelist of spectra
Operations:
     Create and save distance network graph
     d = Graph('D', filename=graphvizfilename, engine='dot', format='png')
     d.attr('node', shape='ellipse', fontsize='12', size='6,6', rankdir='LR')
     allcount = 0
     count = 0
     for i in range(0, len(namelist)-1):
          for j in range(i+1, len(namelist)):
               firstname = namelist[i]
               secondname = namelist[j]
               distance = dist square[i][j]
               allcount += 1
               if distance <= distancelimit:
                     count += 1
                     d.node(firstname)
                     d.node(secondname)
                    d.edge(firstname, secondname, label="%.3f"%distance)
               else:
                     print(firstname, distance, secondname, "too large.")
     d.node(wavfilebase+"\n"+distancemetric + ' distance metric\nn=%d/%d, %s max dist'%(count,allcount,distancelimit),
               shape='box')
     graphvizfilename="GRAPHVIZ/"+datasetname+"-graphviz -"+distancemetric
     d.render(graphvizfilename, view=False)
                                                                          # switch screen view or only save file
     plt.close("all")
Output:
     Distance network graph
```

Spectrum Comparison – Hierarchical Clustering

```
Previous code:
      read all files and calculate spectrum for each file.
      calculate distances between spectra
Operations:
      Create and save hierarchical clustering dendrogram
import scipy.cluster.hierarchy as hy
figwidth = 6.5; figheight = 4
boxwidth = 0.6; boxheight = 0.83
halign = 0.02; valign = 0.14
orientation = "left"
dendrolevels = 20
for distancemetric in distancemetrics:
      distances = dist.pdist(valuelist, metric=distancemetric)
      clustermethods = methodlist euclid if distancemetric == "euclidean" else methodlist other
      for clustermethod in clustermethods:
                  print("Distance metric:", distancemetric, "Clustering method:", clustermethod)
                  fig = plt.figure(figsize=(figwidth, figheight))
                  ax1 = fig.add axes([halign, valign, boxwidth, boxheight])
                  ax1.set xlabel("%s%s-%s"%(figurefilebase,distancemetric,clustermethod), fontsize=8)
                  orientation = 'left'
                                          # Change to 'right' or 'top' if leaf labels are cut off
                  Y1 = hy.linkage(distances, method=clustermethod)
                  hy.dendrogram(Y1,
                        p = dendrolevels, truncate mode = "level",
                        orientation=orientation,
#
                        cutoff = 0.3*np.max(Y1[:,2])
                        above threshold color='black', color threshold=0,
                        count sort="False", distance sort=False, labels=namelist, leaf font size=10)
                  figurefilename = figurefilebase + "%s-%s-dendro.png"% (distancemetric, clustermethod)
                  plt.savefig(figurefilename)
                  plt.close(fig)
                                          # Close each graph in loop after saving and displaying
```

Output: Hierarchical cluster graph (dendrogram)

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FM Demodulation

Low Frequency AM and FM Demodulation

AM envelope demodulation: 1.0 • phonetics: Amplitude amplitude curve, syllable, 0.5 stress-accent • phonology: 0.0 sonority curve, syllables, stress 8 10 12 14 2 4 6 16 Time 1 Amplitude Modulated carrier signal 0 -10 2 8 10 12 14 16 6 4 Time FM envelope demodulation: 300 Frequency phonetics: ٠ F0, pitch track 200 • phonology: 100 tones, pitch accents, intonation 0 2 6 8 10 12 14 16 4 Time

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FM Demodulation – F0 estimation ('pitch' extraction)

There are many algorithms for F0 estimation, for example:

Time domain algorithms:

autocorrelation (AC), average magnitude difference function (AMDF),

average squared difference function (ASDF) ...

Frequency domain algorithms:

harmonic peak detection, spectral comb, ...

The AMDF algorithm:

- 1. Divide the speech signal into equal time frames.
- 2. Make a copy of the first frame, noting the start position.
- 3. Move the copy through the first frame:
 - compare with the signal at each point
 - save the differences in a list
- 4. Find the first smallest difference in the list:
 - find its position in the signal
 - find the fundamental period (P0) by subtracting the start position from this position and divide by the sampling frequency.
 - then the fundamental frequency in this frame is: F0 = 1/P0

5. Move to the next frame and repeat until the last frame.

For all algorithms: divide the signal into equal time frames



The duration of the time frame depends on the lowest frequency to be measured.

AMDF: make a copy of the first time frame



Note the start position of the time frame in the signal.

AMDF: move copy through first time frame



- 1. Compare the copy with the signal point by point at each position in the frame
- 2. Save each difference in a list, together with its current position in the frame
- 3. When finished with comparisons at all positions in the frame: search the list for the smallest difference with the copy and its position.

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AMDF: move the copy through the first frame to the end



- 1. Compare the copy with the signal point by point at each position in the frame
- 2. Save each difference in a list, together with its current position in the frame
- 3. When finished with comparisons at all positions in the frame: search the list for the smallest difference with the copy and its position.

In practice, comparison of the copy with the signal starts with an offset slightly after the first position in the frame otherwise the smallest difference would always be zero! The position of the offset depends on the highest frequency to be measured.

Definition of AMDF

 τ is the lag, which ranges from the beginning to the end of the frame

$$D(\tau) = \frac{1}{N - 1 - \tau} \sum_{n=0}^{N - 1 - \tau} |x(n) - x(n + \tau)|, 0 \le \tau \le N - 1$$

AMDF: calculate differences, minimal difference, T, F0



- 1. Note the position of the minimal difference between copy and signal
- 2. Calculate time period T of the frame as the difference between
 - the beginning of the frame and
 - the position of the minimal difference

(in this case: 0.004875 s, i.e. 4.875 ms) divided by the sampling frequency fs

3. Calculate the frequency from the period: F0 = 1 / T

(in this case: 1 / 0.04875 = 205 Hz)

Move to the next frame and repeat the procedure for the remaining frames

FM demodulation, Part 1: waveform, AM envelope

```
# J waveform envelope F0.py
import re, sys
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import matplotlib
import scipy.io.wavfile as wave
from scipy.signal import butter, lfilter, medfilt
from module fm demodulation import *
wavfilename = sys.argv[1]
                                                   # get input filename from command line
fs, signal = wave.read(wavfilename)
                                                   # read sampling frequency and signal
wavfilebase = re.sub("^.*/","",wavfilename)
wavfilebase = re.sub("-16k-mono","",wavfilebase[:-4])
figurefilename = "PNG/RFA %s.png"%wavfilebase
signallength = len(signal)
                                                   # define signal length in bytes
signalseconds = signallength / fs
                                                   # define signal length in seconds
signal = signal / max(abs(signal))
                                                   # normalise signal -1 ... 0 ... 1
b, a = butter(5, 5 / (0.5 * fs), btype="low")
                                                   # define Butterworth filter
envelope = lfilter(b, a, abs(signal))
                                                   # apply filter to create lf envelope
                                                   # normalise envelope 0 ... 1
envelope = envelope / max(envelope)
```

FM demodulation using the AMDF (Average Magnitude Difference Function) method.

The F0 estimation routines are longer and more complex than previous routines, so they are simply summarised here, for reasons of time, space and effort:

Postprocessing: moving median filter to remove 'noisy' outliers.

FM demodulation, Part 3: F0 parameters

A number of parameters are defined:

```
centrethresh = 0.0
                                      # Deals with silence and low volume noise
limitthresh = 0.9
fmbutterhigh = f0min * 2
                                      # low pass filter
fmbutterhighorder = 5
fmbutterlow = f0max
                                      # high pass filter
fmbutterloworder = 2
f0min = 50
                                      # minimum expected F0
f0max = 450
                                      # maximum expected F0
# Voice range dependent AMDF parameters
f0framelengthfactor = 0.75
                                      # relative to f0min, > 1
f0frameskipfactor = 0.5
                                      # Default is 1, the frame length
f0diffoffsetlengthfactor = 0.1
                                      # relative fo f0max
f0frame dispersion = 0.1
                                      # quasi-noise/voiceless detector - can this work?
f0peakoperation = "median"
                                      # the implmementation of "average"
f0differenceoffset = 0.5
# Atomatic voice model calculation based on minimum and maximum frequency settings
f0frameduration = 1 / f0min
f0frameduration = f0framelengthfactor * f0frameduration
framerate = 2 / f0 frameduration
framelength = int(f0frameduration * fs)
frameskip = int(framelength * f0frameskipfactor)
windowshape = tukey(framelength, f0tukeyfraction)
# AMDF offset
f0diffoffsetdur = 1 / f0max
                                                                             # seconds
f0diffoffsetlength = int(f0diffoffsetlengthfactor * f0diffoffsetdur * fs)
                                                                             # samples
```

FM demodulation, Part 4: F0 estimation

The function of moving median filters is to provide a low-pass smoothing result without being too influenced by outlier values.

This is a very common technique for smoothing F0 tracks ('pitch' tracks).

FM demodulation – F0 extraction, Part 5, AMDF

def f0amdf(signal, fs, windowshape, framestart, framelength, f0diffoffsetlength):

```
framestop = framestart + framelength
framecopy = signal[framestart:framestop]
framecopydiff = np.diff(framecopy)
framestd = np.std(framecopydiff)
if framestd < f0framedispersion:
                                      # anti-noise, quasi-voice-detector
    movingwindowrange = range(framestart+f0diffoffsetlength, framestop)
    meandiffs = [np.sum(
                 np.abs(framecopy - signal[movwinstart:movwinstart+framelength]))
                 for movwinstart in movingwindowrange ]
    meandiffs = list(np.array(meandiffs)/np.max(meandiffs))
    smallestmeandiff = np.min(meandiffs)
    if smallestmeandiff < f0differenceoffset:
        smallestmeandiffpos = meandiffs.index(smallestmeandiff) + f0diffoffsetlength
        period = smallestmeandiffpos / fs
        frequency = 1 / period
    else:
        frequency = 0
else:
    frequency = 0
return frequency
```

FM demodulation – F0 extraction, Part 6, graphics

```
The graphics output is a small extension of existing graphics output routines.
fig, (plt01, plt02, plt03) = plt.subplots(nrows=3, ncols=1, figsize=(6, 6))
plt.suptitle = "%s [file: %s]"%("Speech signal demodulation", wavfilebase)
xaxistime = np.linspace(0, signalseconds, signallength)
                                                           # define x axis in seconds
plt01.plot(xaxistime, envelope, color="red")
plt01.set xlabel("Time")
plt01.set ylabel("Amplitude")
xaxistime = np.linspace(0, signalseconds, signallength)
                                                           # define x axis in seconds
plt02.plot(xaxistime, signal, color="lightgrey")
                                                       # plot waveform in grey
plt02.set xlabel("Time")
plt02.set ylabel("Amplitude")
xaxistime = np.linspace(0, signalseconds, f0arraylength)
                                                           # define x axis in seconds
plt03.scatter(xaxistime, f0array, s=1, color="blue")
                                                           # plot waveform in grey
plt03.set ylim(f0min, f0max)
plt03.set xlabel("Time")
plt03.set ylabel("Frequency")
plt.tight layout(pad=1, w pad=0, h pad=5)
plt.savefig(figurefilename)
plt.show()
```

Revision of AMDF



1. Signal input, define frame duration (max_period x 2), framelen=2/f0min (150 Hz, 13.3 ms), search_offset=0.5/f0max (300 Hz, 1.7 ms)



1. Signal input, define frame duration (max_period x 2), framelen=2/f0min (150 Hz, 13.3 ms), search_offset=0.5/f0max (300 Hz, 1.7 ms)



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FM spectral analysis, Part 1, F0 estimation

<pre># K_waveform_</pre>	envelope F0 spectrum.py. D. Gibbon, 2021-07-06			
_				
<pre>import sys, :</pre>				
import numpy				
import matple				
import scipy	Description			
from scipy.s:	Description			
from module_:				
specmax = 2 magscount = (In this demonstration application, a novel and unusual step is taken: the spectrum of the demodulated FM signal is calculated.			
if len(sys.a:	The procedures are entirely parallel, but with fOarray instead of			
wavfilen	envelope, and framerate instead of fs.	mand line		
else:				
waviilen	For example, corresponding lines can be compared:			
waviilebase :	Tor example, corresponding lines can be compared.			
figurefilena				
rigureritena	<pre>amspecmags = np.abs(np.fit.rift(envelope)) fmenoemene = np.abs(np.fft.mfft(f0ennew))</pre>			
fs, signal =	<pre>imspecmags = np.abs(np.iit.fit(toarray))</pre>	signal		
signallength	amspecfreqs = np linspace(0 fs/2 amspecmaqlen)	es		
signalsecond	fmspecfreqs = np.linspace(0, framerate/2, fmspecmaglen)	onds		
signal = sign		1		
b, a = butte:				
envelope = 1:		nvelope		
envelope = en				
f0array, framerate = f0estimate(signal, fs)				
f0arraylength = len(f0array)				

AM and FM spectral analysis, Part 2, spectral analysis

```
amspecmags = np.abs(np.fft.rfft(envelope))
amspecmags = amspecmags / np.max(amspecmags)
amspecmaglen = len(amspecmags)
amspecfreqs = np.linspace(0, fs/2, amspecmaqlen)
amspectrummax = specmax
lfamspecmaglen = int(round(amspectrummax * amspecmaglen / (fs / 2)))
lfamspecmags = amspecmags[1:lfamspecmaglen]
lfamspecfreqs = amspecfreqs[1:lfamspecmaqlen]
amtopmagscount = magscount
                                                # define max frequency of lf spectrum
amtopmags = sorted(lfamspecmags)[-amtopmagscount:]
amtoppos = [ list(lfamspecmags).index(m) for m in amtopmags ]
amtopfreqs = [ lfamspecfreqs[p] for p in amtoppos ]
fmspecmags = np.abs(np.fft.rfft(f0array))
fmspecmags = fmspecmags / np.max(fmspecmags)
fmspecmaglen = len(fmspecmags)
fmspecfreqs = np.linspace(0, framerate/2, fmspecmaqlen)
fmspectrummax = specmax
lffmspecmaglen = int(round(fmspectrummax * fmspecmaglen / (framerate / 2)))
lffmspecmags = fmspecmags[1:lffmspecmaglen]
lffmspecfreqs = fmspecfreqs[1:lffmspecmaqlen]
                                                # define max frequency of lf spectrum
fmtopmagscount = magscount
fmtopmags = sorted(lffmspecmags)[-fmtopmagscount:]
fmtoppos = [ list(lffmspecmags).index(m) for m in fmtopmags ]
fmtopfreqs = [ lffmspecfreqs[p] for p in fmtoppos ]
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fig,((plt01, plt02),(plt03, plt04)) = plt.subplots(nrows=2, ncols=2, figsize=(14, 4))# define figure
format
plt.suptitle("%s, %d"%(wavfilename, fs), fontweight="bold")# display a title
# Time domain
xaxistime = np.linspace(0, signalseconds, signallength)
                                                                 # define x axis in seconds
plt01.plot(xaxistime, signal, color="lightgrey")
                                                                 # plot waveform in grey
plt01.plot(xaxistime, envelope, color="red")
plt01.set xlabel("Time")
plt01.set ylabel("Amplitude")
xaxistime = np.linspace(0, signalseconds, f0arraylength)
                                                                 # define x axis in seconds
plt03.scatter(xaxistime, f0array, s=1, color="blue")
                                                                 # plot waveform in grey
plt03.set ylim(f0min, f0max)
plt03.set xlabel("Time")
plt03.set ylabel("Frequency")
# Frequency domain
plt02.plot(lfamspecfreqs, lfamspecmags)
plt02.scatter(amtopfreqs, amtopmags, color="red")
for f,m in zip(amtopfreqs, amtopmags):
     plt02.text(f, m-0.1, "%.3fHz\n%dms"%(f,1000/f), fontsize=8)
plt02.set xlabel("Frequency")
plt02.set ylabel("Magnitude")
plt02.set xlim(0,amspectrummax)
plt04.plot(lffmspecfreqs, lffmspecmags)
plt04.scatter(fmtopfreqs, fmtopmaqs, color="red")
for f,m in zip(fmtopfreqs, fmtopmags):
     plt04.text(f, m-0.1, "%.3fHz\n%dms"%(f,1000/f), fontsize=8)
plt04.set xlabel("Frequency")
plt04.set ylabel("Magnitude")
plt04.set xlim(0,amspectrummax)
plt.savefig(figurefilename)
plt.tight layout(pad=3)
plt.show()
                                                                 # display figure
```

Finally ...

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Science about trying to prove yourself to be wrong.

Then trying to do more with new data if you are right (and others agree that you are right using similar methods).

But improving your theory or method, or using different data if you are wrong.

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Summary

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 - Semiotics of prosody
 - Rhythm and melody
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 - Rhythm analysis method:
 - Rhythm Formant Theory
 - Rhythm Formant Analysis
- Lecture 3:
 - Modulation Theory
 - Rhythm Formant Analysis: "do it yourself"
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Many thanks for participating,

and good luck with your coding!

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Thanks – looking forward to future contacts!