

### Topics for Today's Lecture

- Spectrogram: Compute time-varying spectra
- Short-Time-Fourier-Transform (STFT): Spectrogram= $|\text{STFT}|^2$ ; almost always use
- Data windows: Applied to spectrogram

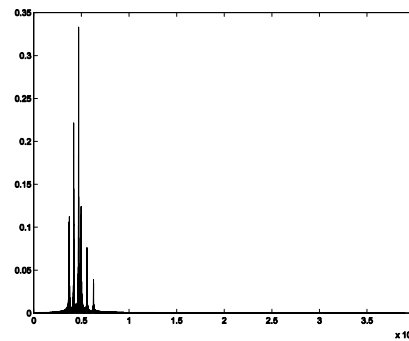
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- **BUT**: Many (e.g., music) signals look like:  
 $c_{11}\cos(2\pi t/T_1+\theta_{11})+c_{21}\cos(4\pi t/T_1+\theta_{21})+\dots t_0 < t < t_1$   
 $c_{12}\cos(2\pi t/T_2+\theta_{12})+c_{22}\cos(4\pi t/T_2+\theta_{22})+\dots t_1 < t < t_2$   
 $c_{13}\cos(2\pi t/T_3+\theta_{13})+c_{23}\cos(4\pi t/T_3+\theta_{23})+\dots t_2 < t < t_3$

### Example: “The Victors” spectrum



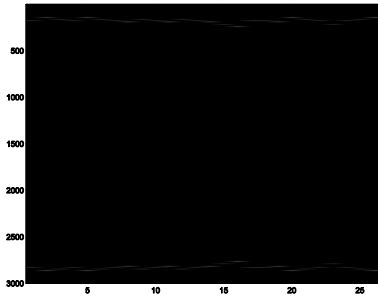
### Time-varying spectral content

- **IDEA**: Segment (chop up) signal in time.
- **THEN**: Apply “fft” to each time segment.
- **HOW**: `imagesc(abs(fft(reshape(X',N,L),N)))`
- **WHERE**:  $L=\text{\#segments}$  and  $N=\text{length}(X)/L$ ;
- **WHAT**: Computes “fft” of each of  $L$  segments.
- **SHOW**: Display freq. vertical, time horizontal.

### Example: “The Victors” spectrogram

- $X$ =Tonal “The Victors” sampled 8192 Hertz.
- 26 notes of length 3000/8192 seconds each.
- $\text{Length}(X)=78000=26(3000)$ .  $L=26$ .  $N=3000$ .
- `\gg imagesc(abs(fft(reshape(X',3000,26))))` , `colormap(gray)` is shown on the next slide.
- This is called the “**spectrogram**” of  $X$ .

Example: “The Victors: spectrogram



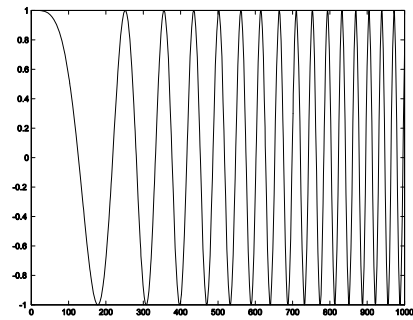
Example: “The Victors: spectrogram

- Frequency actually displayed from top down, but due to “fft” also displayed from down up.
- Time displayed increasing from left to right.
- Vertical slices are spectra at different times.
- Horizontal slices are presence/absence of a specific frequency as time varies.
- Brightness indicates strength at that time-freq.

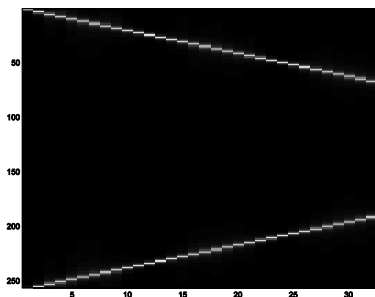
Example: chirp signal

- **Chirp**:  $x(t)=\cos(2\pi Ft^2)$ : birds, dolphins.
- **Frequency** increases linearly with time.
- Instantaneous frequency= $2Ft$  (not  $Ft$ ) Hertz.
- `>>X=cos([0:8191].^2/10000);plot(X(1:1000))`
- `>>imagesc(abs(fft(reshape(X',256,32))))`
- `>>colormap(gray)` shown on next 2 slides.

Chirp signal: time waveform



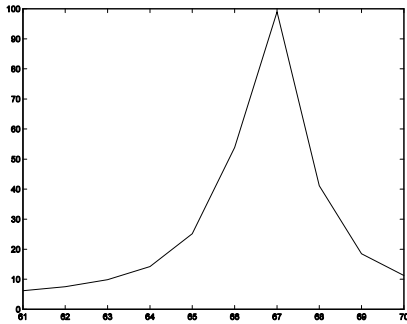
Chirp signal: spectrogram



Chirp: Instantaneous frequency

- `>>X=cos([0:8191].^2/10000)` means this:
- $x(t)=\cos(t^2)$  sampled at  $t=n/100$ ; duration=81.9
  - Instantaneous frequency  $(2t)/(2\pi)$  Hertz.
  - Increases from 0 to  $2(81.9)/(2\pi)=26.08$  Hertz.
  - Interpret spectrogram:  $F=100$ ;  $N=256$ ;  $T=2.56$
  - Freq. in final window:  $(67-1)100/256=25.8$  Hz. This is average of freqs in final time window.

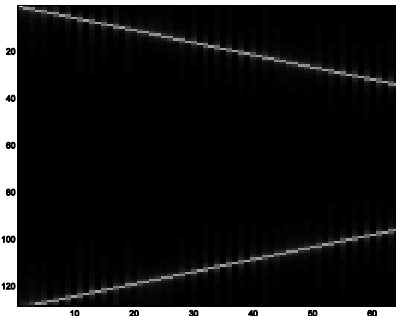
Vertical slice of final (32nd) time window



Time-Frequency Resolution Tradeoff

- Previous spectrogram used 32 slices @256.
- Next slide spectrogram uses 64 slices @128.
- More resolution in time; less in frequency.
- Note vertical “smearing” in frequency bands.
- Tradeoff: time vs. frequency resolution by altering #windows=L and N=length(X)/L.
- Leads to next topic of lecture: data windows.

Chirp signal: spectrogram

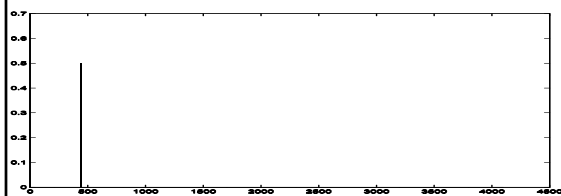


Windows: Interpretation of data

- **Data windows**: used to aid interpretation of spectra computed from real-world data.
- Deliberately distort the spectrum to aid in interpreting it—determine peak locations.
- The correct answer is not always best one: What are you attempting to determine?
- What is the problem? See following spectra:

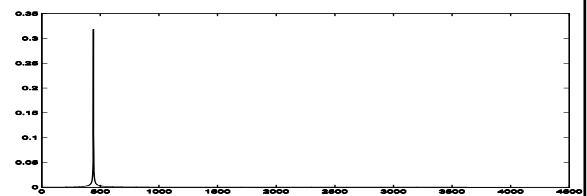
Spectrum:  $\cos(2\pi 440t)$ : length=1 sampled at 8192 samples/second

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>>Y=cos(2*pi*440*[0:8191]/8192);F=abs(fft(Y/8192));plot(F(1:4096))
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Spectrum:  $\cos(2\pi 440.5t)$ : length=1 sampled at 8192 samples/second

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Y=cos(2*pi*440.5*[0:8191]/8192);F=abs(fft(Y/8192));plot(F(1:4096))
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### Why broadening at the base?

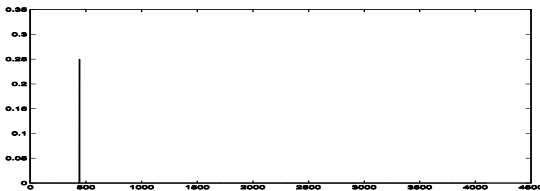
- Do not have an integral number of periods.
- So periodic extension of sinusoid is NOT the same as the sinusoid—discontinuities!
- A sinusoid is only a sinusoid over  $-\infty < t < \infty$ !
- A truncated sinusoid is not same as sinusoid, and it does not have a single-line spectrum.

### What to do: Data windows

- **Window** data segment to zero at each end.
- Then no discontinuities in periodic extension.
- Effect of windowing: no base, peak broader.
- Easier to interpret peaks without their bases.
- Use  $N=\text{length}(X)$ ;  $W=\sin(\pi*[0:N-1]/(N-1))$ ;
- Many others: (hanning, hamming, kaiser...)

### Spectrum: $\cos(2\pi 440.5t)$ : length=1 sampled at 8192 samples/second

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>>Y=cos(2*pi*440.5*[0:8191]/8192);Y=Y.*sin(pi*[0:8191]/8192);
>>F=abs(fft(Y/8192));plot(F(1:4096)) sin window eliminates the base!
```



### Use data window on spectrogram

- Previous high-time low-frequency resolution:  
 $X=\cos([0:8191].^2/10000)$ ;  $\text{colormap}(\text{gray})$ ;  
 $\text{imagesc}(\text{abs}(\text{fft}(\text{reshape}(X',128,64))))$
- Now use data window on each vertical slice:
- $W=\text{ones}(64,1)*(\sin(\pi*[0:127]/127))$ ;  
 $\text{imagesc}(\text{abs}(\text{fft}(\text{reshape}(X',128,64).*W')))$
- Shown on next slide. Note less vertical smearing

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