

Assigned: Tuesday 2001-02-27

Due: Tuesday 2001-03-06  
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Read chapters 30 and 35 in Gold & Morgan.

**Reading assignment:**

“Musical Instrument Recognition Using Cepstral Coefficients and Temporal Features”, A. Eronen & A. Klapuri, Proc. ICASSP 2000. This gives you an introduction into how instrument identification is addressed and the kinds of features that are used. Add a summary to your web page, including any questions or aspects you found particularly interesting.

<http://www.ee.columbia.edu/~dpwe/courses/e6820-2001-01/papers/EroK2000-inst.pdf>

**Practical assignment:**

In this week’s practical you will generate your own sinewave replicas of natural speech by using LPC analysis to track formants. The provided function `lpcfit.m` will perform short-time LPC analysis of a given signal (see the usage example in this week’s [Matlab diary](#)); each row of the resulting matrix is of the form  $[G \ a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_p]$  where  $G$  is the overall gain of that frame (128 samples by default) and  $[1 \ a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_p]$  defines the denominator of the all-pole filter. The following code converts such a row into a set of approximate frequencies and magnitudes (assuming an 8kHz sampling rate):

```
G = arow(1);
poles = roots([1 arow(2:p)]);
freqs = angle(poles')*4000/pi;
mags = G ./ (1 - abs(poles'));
```

Write a program to convert the matrix of LPC rows returned by `lpcfit.m` into two matrices, one containing the frequencies of the lowest 3 poles (sorted in frequency, ignoring poles with zero or negative frequency - see `help sort`, `help gt` and `help find`) and the second containing the corresponding magnitudes. Resynthesize sinewave replicas based on these matrices with the provided `synthtrax.m` i.e.

```
sws = synthtrax(frqlmatrix', magmatrix', 8000, 128);
soundsc(sws);
```

(`synthtrax.m` also needs [slinterp.m](#)). Compare the spectrograms of original and resynthesis to check that it is working. How does the reconstruction sound?

**Problems:**

From the chapter-end exercises in Gold and Morgan: problems 19.6, 20.2, 21.2, 29.5.

**Project:**

Be sure to send me an email this week describing your project, or pointing me to the description on your web site.