

ECE-2025

Fall-2009

## Lecture 6

Periodic Signals, Harmonics  
& Time-Varying Sinusoids  
4-Sept-09

## General Information

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- **Office Hours on t-square WIKI**
- **t-square: OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**
  - Old Quizzes & Problems are part of the huge database on the SP-First CDROM website (linked on t-square)
- **Quiz #1 on 14-Sept (Monday)**
  - Allowed one page of notes (Handwritten)
  - Calculators permitted
  - Coverage: HWs 1, 2, & 3; and Labs 1 & 2
- HW #3 due NEXT WEEK in Recitation
  - **Monday Recitations turn in HW #3 during Lab on Wed, 9-Sept**

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## Lab Info

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- Lab #2 Report
  - Notation Change in Section 4. "tau" for src-rcvr time
  - **Start work early—there's a lot to comprehend**
  - Turn in at beginning your lab time
  - Discuss lab report standards with your TA
- Lab #3
  - Bring headphones
- Miscellaneous
  - **ERRORS ? ALWAYS Check Announcements**
  - Complete INSTRUCTOR VERIFICATION in Lab

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## Vowel Challenge: Extra Credit

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- Synthesize a vowel from a sum of sinusoids
  - **Make it sound good/realistic**
  - **Few Sinusoids: <10, try to do it with 5**
  - **Write up your approach**
- There only a few true vowels:
  - bat, bet, bit, bot, but
  - bait is not; it's a diphthong
  - Use spectrogram to find the "significant" sinusoids (more later)
- Max of Five Winners: +1 pt Final grade for top three
  - ½ point for others
  - earliest entries get priority; best sounding win

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Lecture

# READING ASSIGNMENTS

- This Lecture:
  - Chapter 3, Sections 3-2 and 3-3
  - Chapter 3, Sections 3-7 and 3-8
- Next Lecture:
  - **Fourier Series ANALYSIS**
  - Sections 3-4, 3-5 and 3-6

# LECTURE OBJECTIVES

- Signals with **HARMONIC** Frequencies

- Add Sinusoids with  $f_k = kf_0$

$$x(t) = A_0 + \sum_{k=1}^N A_k \cos(2\pi k f_0 t + \phi_k)$$

FREQUENCY can change vs. TIME

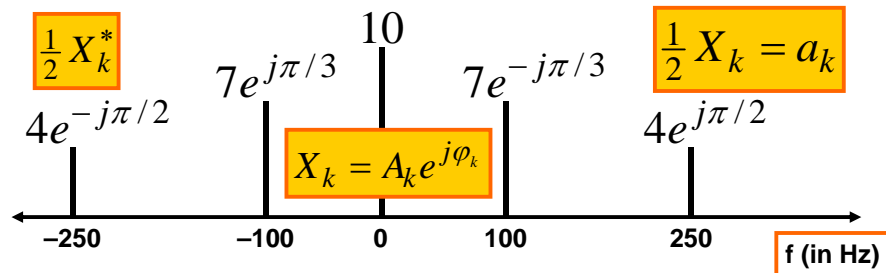
Chirps:

$$x(t) = \cos(\alpha t^2)$$

Introduce Spectrogram Visualization (`specgram.m`)  
(`plotspec.m`)

# SPECTRUM DIAGRAM

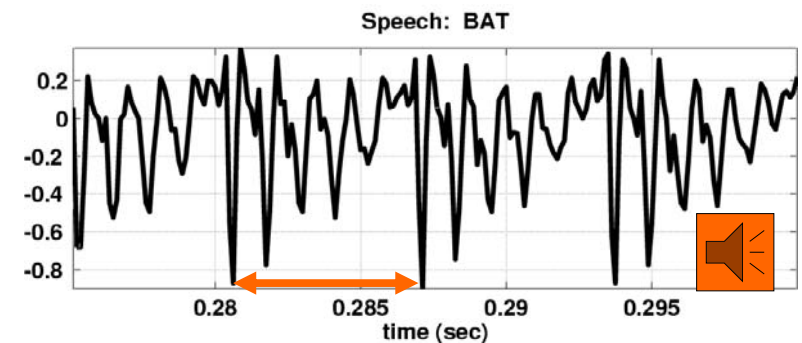
- Recall Complex Amplitude vs. Freq



$$x(t) = 10 + 14 \cos(2\pi(100)t - \pi/3) + 8 \cos(2\pi(250)t + \pi/2)$$

# SPECTRUM for PERIODIC ?

- Nearly **Periodic** in the Vowel Region
  - Period is (Approximately)  $T = 0.0065$  sec



# Harmonic Signal Spectrum

Periodic signal can only have :  $f_k = k f_0$

$$x(t) = A_0 + \sum_{k=1}^N A_k \cos(2\pi k f_0 t + \varphi_k)$$

$$X_k = A_k e^{j\varphi_k}$$

$$f_0 = \frac{1}{T}$$

$$x(t) = X_0 + \sum_{k=1}^N \left\{ \frac{1}{2} X_k e^{j2\pi k f_0 t} + \frac{1}{2} X_k^* e^{-j2\pi k f_0 t} \right\}$$

# Define FUNDAMENTAL FREQ

$$x(t) = A_0 + \sum_{k=1}^N A_k \cos(2\pi k f_0 t + \varphi_k)$$

$$f_k = k f_0 \quad (\omega_0 = 2\pi f_0)$$

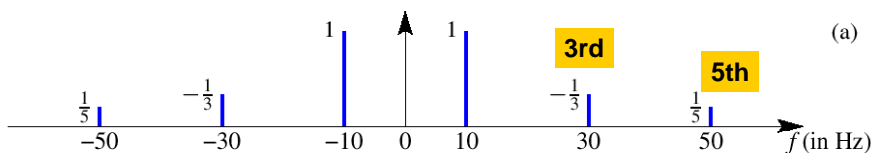
$f_0$  = fundamental Frequency

$f_k / f_0 = \text{integer}$

$T_0$  = fundamental Period

$$f_0 = \frac{1}{T_0}$$

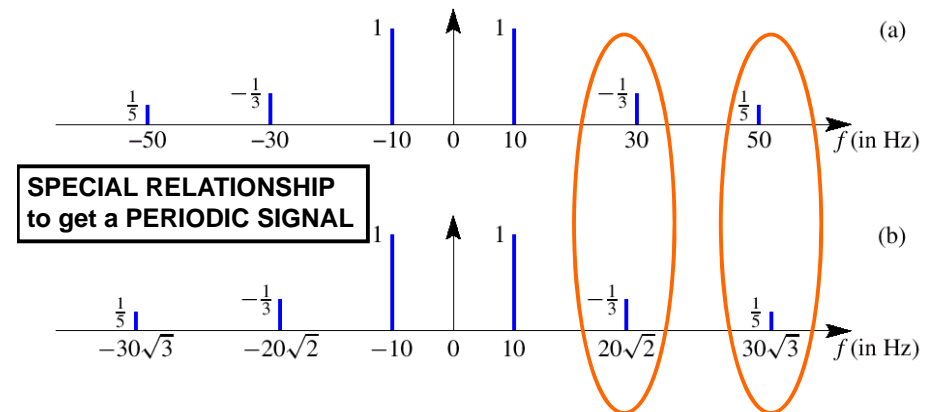
# Harmonic Signal (3 Freqs)



What is the fundamental frequency?

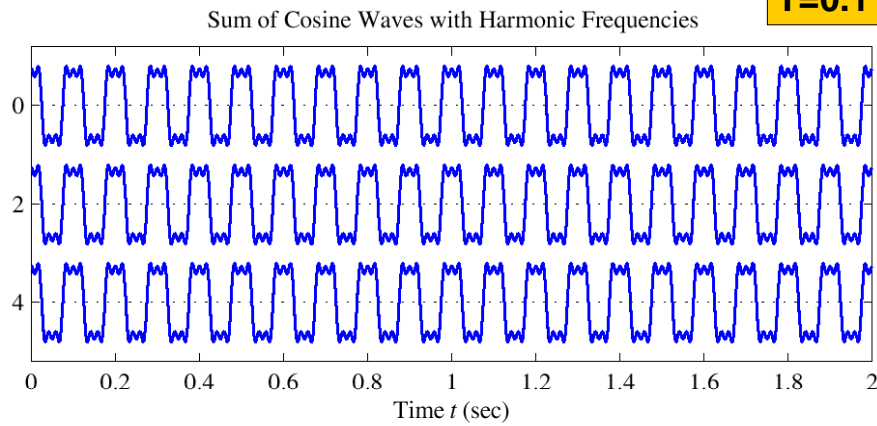
10 Hz

# IRRATIONAL SPECTRUM

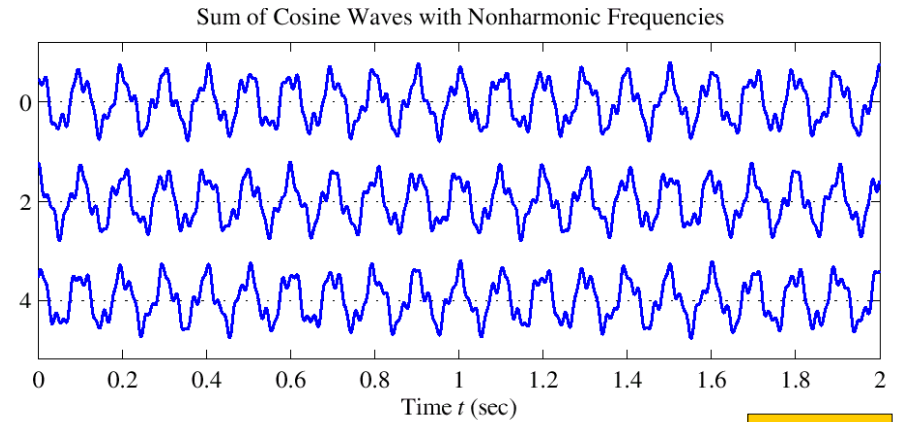


# Harmonic Signal (3 Freqs)

**T=0.1**


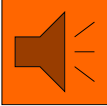


# NON-Harmonic Signal



**NOT PERIODIC**

# FREQUENCY ANALYSIS

- **Now, a much HARDER problem**
  - Given a recording of a song, have the computer write the music
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- Can a machine extract frequencies?
    - Yes, if we COMPUTE the spectrum for  $x(t)$ 
      - During short intervals

# Time-Varying FREQUENCIES Diagram

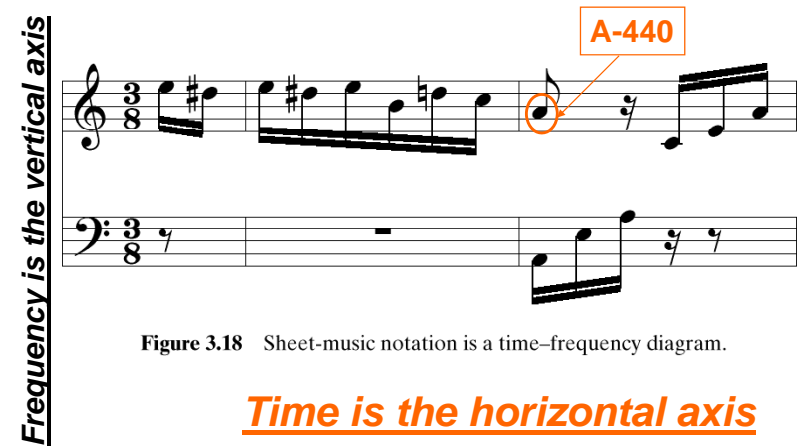
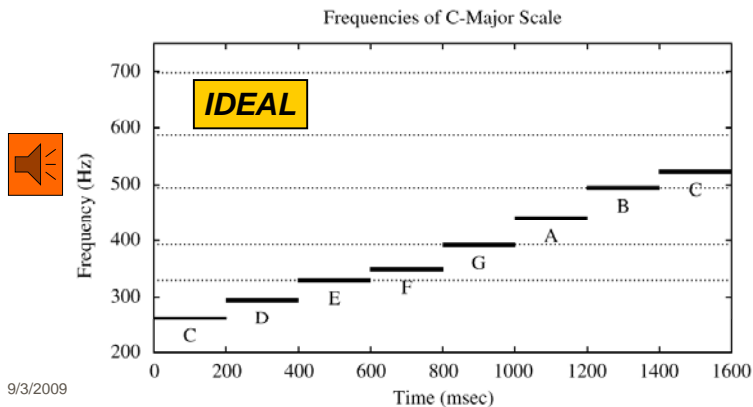


Figure 3.18 Sheet-music notation is a time-frequency diagram.

**Time is the horizontal axis**

## SIMPLE TEST SIGNAL

- C-major SCALE: stepped frequencies
  - Frequency is constant for each note



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## R-rated: ADULTS ONLY

- SPECTROGRAM Tool
  - MATLAB function is `specgram.m`
  - SP-First has `plotspec.m` & `spectgr.m`
- **ANALYSIS** program
  - Takes  $x(t)$  as input &
  - Produces spectrum values  $X_k$
  - Breaks  $x(t)$  into **SHORT TIME SEGMENTS**
    - Then uses the FFT (Fast Fourier Transform)

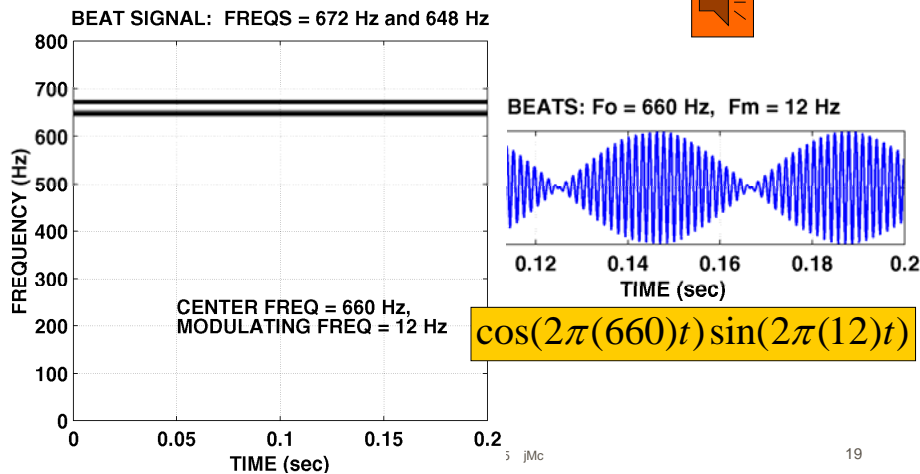
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## SPECTROGRAM EXAMPLE

- Two **Constant** Frequencies: Beats



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## AM Radio Signal

- Same as BEAT Notes



$$\cos(2\pi(660)t) \sin(2\pi(12)t)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( e^{j2\pi(660)t} + e^{-j2\pi(660)t} \right) \frac{1}{2j} \left( e^{j2\pi(12)t} - e^{-j2\pi(12)t} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{4j} \left( e^{j2\pi(672)t} - e^{-j2\pi(672)t} - e^{j2\pi(648)t} + e^{-j2\pi(648)t} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \cos(2\pi(672)t - \frac{\pi}{2}) + \frac{1}{2} \cos(2\pi(648)t + \frac{\pi}{2})$$

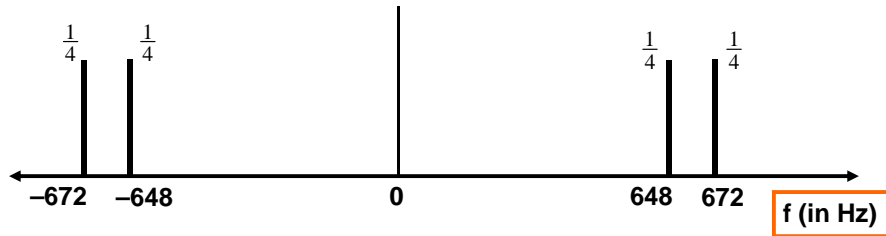
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# SPECTRUM of AM (Beat)

- 4 complex exponentials in AM:



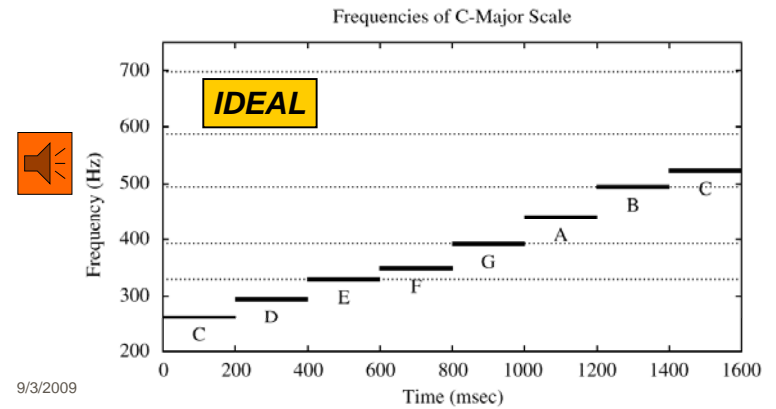
What is the fundamental frequency?

648 Hz ?

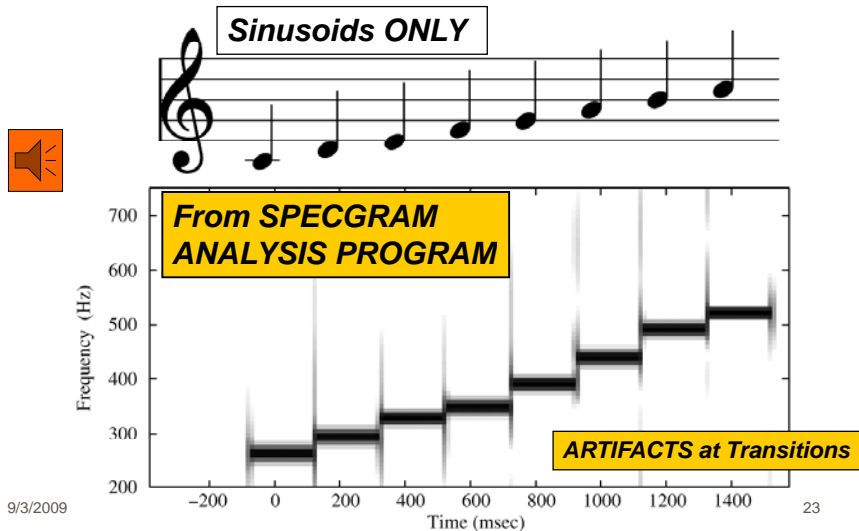
24 Hz ?

# STEPPED FREQUENCIES

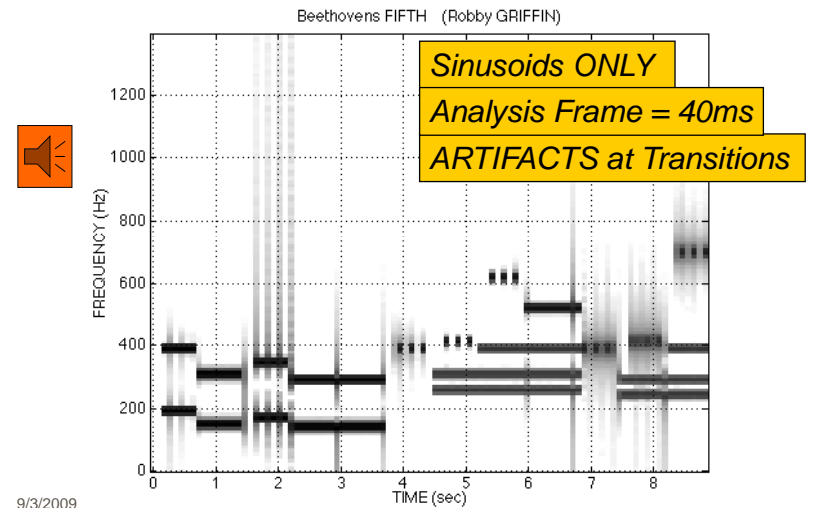
- C-major SCALE: successive sinusoids
- Frequency is constant for each note



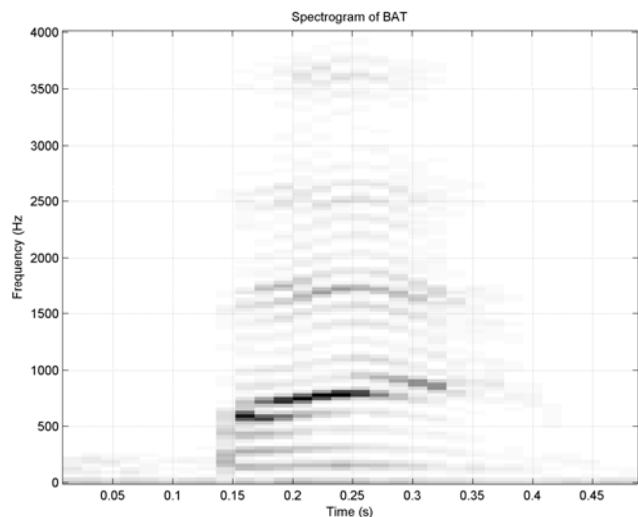
# SPECTROGRAM of C-Scale



# Spectrogram of LAB SONG



## Spectrogram of BAT (plotspec)



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## Time-Varying Frequency

- Frequency can change **vs. time**
  - Continuously, not stepped
- FREQUENCY MODULATION (FM)**

$$x(t) = \cos(2\pi f_c t + v(t))$$

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- CHIRP SIGNALS 
  - Linear Frequency Modulation (LFM)

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## New Signal: Linear FM

- Called **Chirp** Signals (LFM)
  - Quadratic phase

QUADRATIC

$$x(t) = A \cos(\alpha t^2 + 2\pi f_0 t + \varphi)$$

- Freq will change **LINEARLY** vs. time
  - Example of Frequency Modulation (FM)
  - Define “instantaneous frequency”

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## INSTANTANEOUS FREQ

- Definition

$$x(t) = A \cos(\psi(t))$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_i(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \psi(t)$$

Derivative  
of the “Angle”

- For Sinusoid:

$$x(t) = A \cos(2\pi f_0 t + \varphi)$$

$$\psi(t) = 2\pi f_0 t + \varphi$$

Makes sense

$$\Rightarrow \omega_i(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \psi(t) = 2\pi f_0$$

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# INSTANTANEOUS FREQ of the Chirp

- Chirp Signals have Quadratic phase
- Freq will change **LINEARLY** vs. time

$$x(t) = A \cos(\alpha t^2 + \beta t + \varphi)$$
$$\Rightarrow \psi(t) = \alpha t^2 + \beta t + \varphi$$

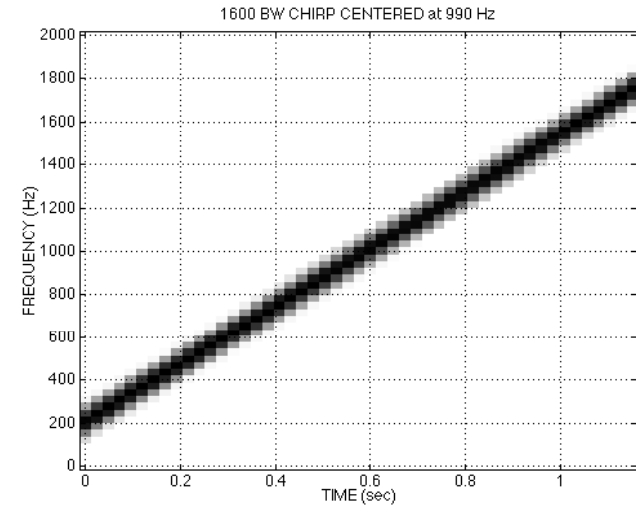
$$\Rightarrow \omega_i(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \psi(t) = 2\alpha t + \beta$$

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# CHIRP SPECTROGRAM



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# OTHER CHIRPS

- $\psi(t)$  can be anything:

$$x(t) = A \cos(\alpha \cos(\beta t) + \varphi)$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_i(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \psi(t) = -\alpha \beta \sin(\beta t)$$

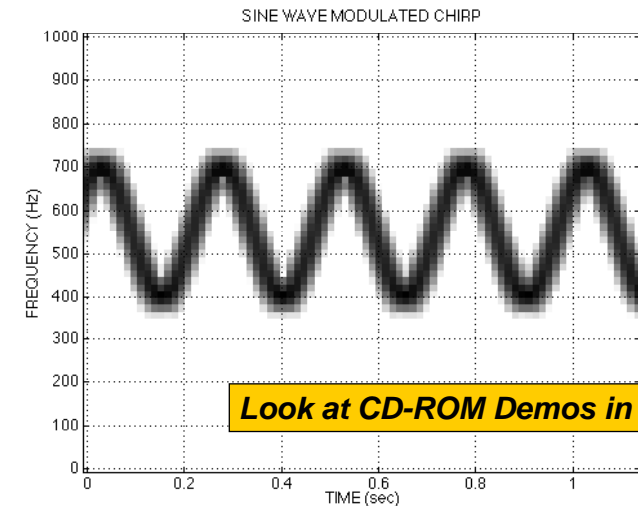
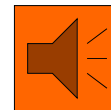
- $\psi(t)$  could be speech or music:
  - FM radio broadcast

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# SINE-WAVE FREQUENCY MODULATION (FM)



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