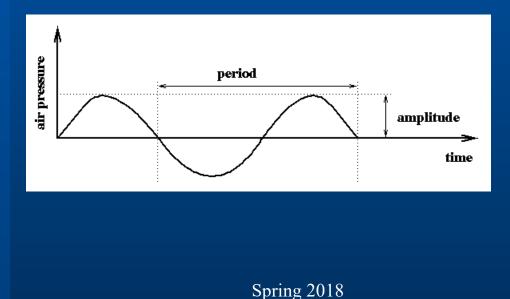
# Digital audio

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### Sound

Sound is a continuous longitudinal wave that travels through the air The wave is made up of pressure differences Sound is detected by measuring the pressure level at a point The amplitude of a sound is the measure of displacement of the air pressure wave from its mean

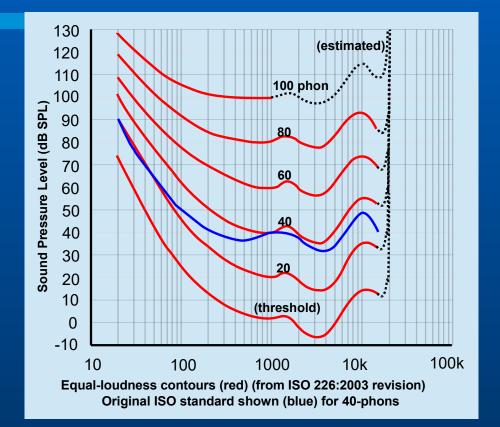


### Sound loudness

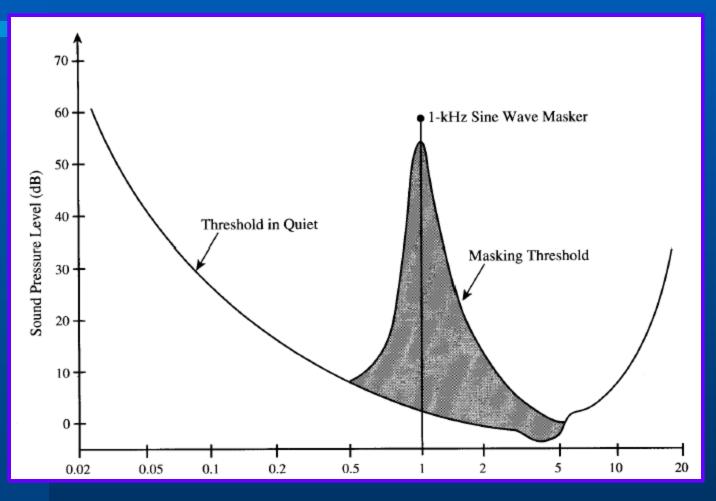
**Features : Amplitude, Frequency Perceptual : Loudness, Pitch** 

$$10 \log_{10} \frac{I}{I_0}$$
 decibels

Conversation60 dbTraffic noise70 dbThreshold of discomfort 120 db



## Sound masking



## Frequency / pitch

frequency is an absolute measure, pitch is generally relative the degree of highness or lowness of a tone

Pitch and frequency are linked by setting the note A above middle C to exactly 440 Hz.

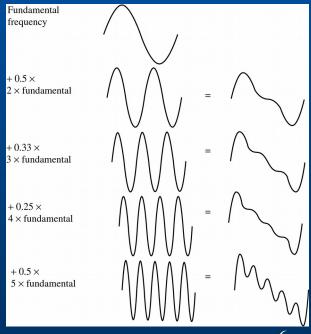


## Frequency / pitch

An **octave** above that note takes us to another A note. An octave corresponds to *doubling the frequency*. Thus with the middle "A" on a piano ("A4" or "A440") set to 440 Hz, the next "A" up is at 880 Hz, or one octave above.

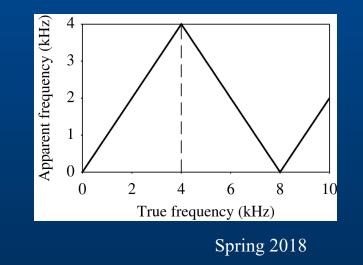
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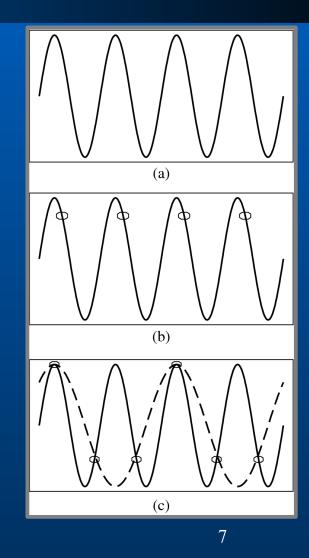
**Harmonics**: any series of musical tones whose frequencies are integral multiples of the frequency of a fundamental tone



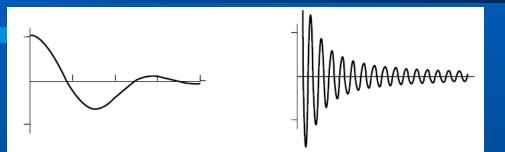
### Sampling

The rate of sampling is called the *sampling frequency Nyquist rate* (twice the maximum frequency content in the signal) **Anti-aliasing filter** 





## Sampling rate



	Hz			
Telephone	8000			
Low quality music	22050			
miniDV, NICAM	32000			
Audio CD, VCD, MP3	44100			
Digital TV, DVD, DAT	48000			
DVD-Audio, Blu-Ray Disk 9600				
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### Quantization

#### Linear quantization

#### Non-linear quantization

Weber's Law says that equally perceived differences have values proportional to absolute levels

µ-law

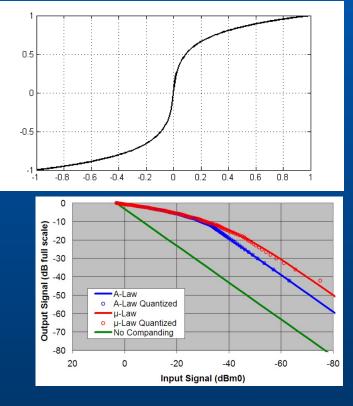
$$F(x) = \operatorname{sgn}(x) \frac{\ln(1+\mu|x|)}{\ln(1+\mu)} - 1 \le x \le 1$$

A-law

$$F(x) = \operatorname{sgn}(x) \begin{cases} \frac{A|x|}{1 + \ln(A)}, & |x| < \frac{1}{A} \\ \frac{1 + \ln(A|x|)}{1 + \ln(A)}, & \frac{1}{A} \le |x| \le 1 \end{cases}$$

Quantization noise (roundoff error)

 $\frac{S}{N_q}\approx 20\log_{10}(2^M)=6.0206M~\mathrm{dB}$ 



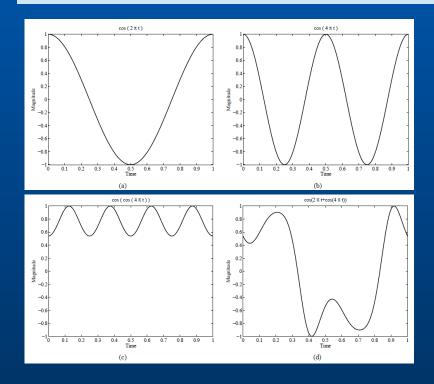
## Audio digitization

	Frequency band (Hz)	Sampling rate (kHz)	bits/sample	kbits/sec
Telephone (G.711)	200-3400	8	8	64
Wide-band speech	50-7000	16	8	128
Middle-band audio	10-11000	24	16	384
CD quality music	10-22000	48	16	768
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## Synthetic sound

**Frequency modulation** 

$$x(t) = A(t) \cos[\omega_c \pi t + I(t) \cos(\omega_m \pi t + \phi_m) + \phi_c]$$



### Music Instrument Digital Interface (MIDI)

MIDI is a scripting language it codes "events" that stand for the production of sounds

MIDI is a standard adopted by the electronic music industry for controlling devices, such as synthesizers and sound cards, that produce music

The MIDI standard is supported by most synthesizers

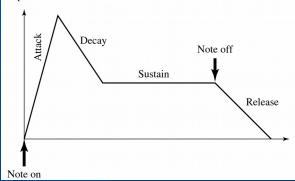
Computers must have a special MIDI interface incorporated into most sound cards

### MIDI messages

#### **Channel Voice Messages**

- Note On / Note Off / Velocity
- Aftertouch (pressure)
- Pitch Bend
- Program Change
- Control Change

Amplitude



**Channel Mode Messages** *16 channels Channel 10 : 47 Drum stored sounds* 

#### Description

Reset all controllers

Local control

All notes off

Omni mode off

Omni mode on

Mono mode on (Poly mode off)

Poly mode on (Mono mode off)

### MIDI system messages

#### System Common Messages

- System Real Time Messages
- System Exclusive Messages

#### System Common Message

**MIDI Timing Code** 

Song Position Pointer

Song Select

**Tune Request** 

EOX (terminator)

System Real-Time Message

Timing Clock

Start Sequence

**Continue Sequence** 

Stop Sequence

**Active Sensing** 

System Reset

### MIDI Instrument Patch Map

#### PIANO

Acoustic Grand
 Bright Acoustic
 Electric Grand
 Honky-Tonk
 Electric Piano 1
 Electric Piano 2
 Harpsichord
 Clavinet

#### **ORGAN**

17 Drawbar Organ
 18 Percussive Organ
 19 Rock Organ
 20 Church Organ
 21 Reed Organ
 22 Accoridan
 23 Harmonica
 24 Tango Accordian

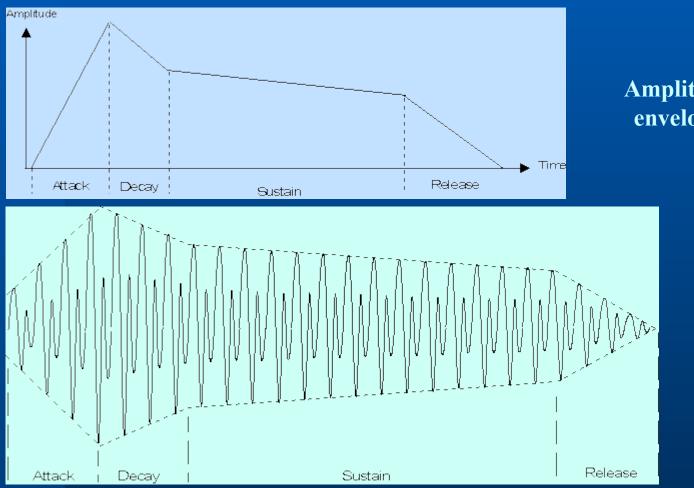
#### **CHROMATIC PERCUSSION**

9 Celesta 10 Glockenspiel 11 Music Box 12 Vibraphone 13 Marimba 14 Xylophone 15 Tubular Bells 16 Dulcimer

GUITAR 25 Nylon String Guitar 26 Steel String Guitar 27 Electric Jazz Guitar 28 Electric Clean Guitar 29 Electric Muted Guitar 30 Overdriven Guitar 31 Distortion Guitar 32 Guitar Harmonics

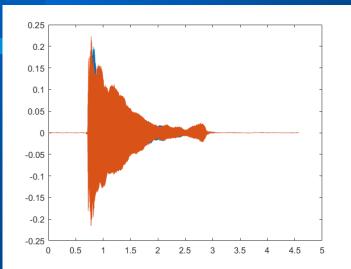
## MIDI Synthesizer

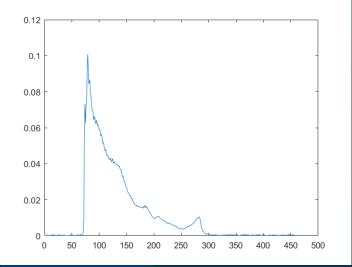
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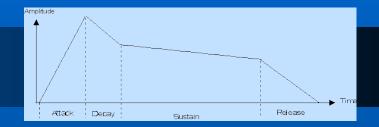


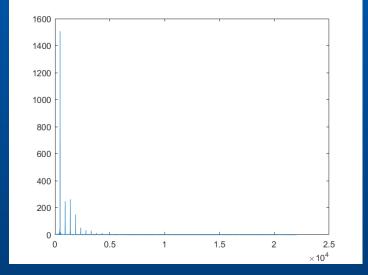
Amplitude envelope

### Assignment 3









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#### Amplitude envelope