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# Ljud i byggnad och samhälle (VTAF01) – Introduction

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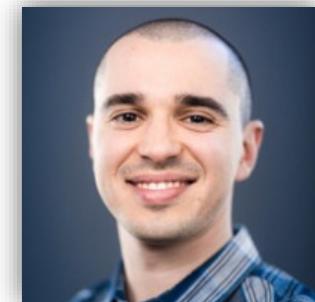


# Teachers

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# Course material

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- Course book
  - E. Nilsson m.fl. Avd för Teknisk Akustik (2008)
    - » Available at KFS
- Handed out material
  - Lecture notes
  - Exercise material
  - Laboration instructions
  - Project task
  - Formulae
- Website (course material will be uploaded here):

<http://www.akustik.lth.se/utbildning/kurser/>



# Laboratories & Project task

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## Laboratories

- Two Lab sessions (in groups of 2-3 students)
  1. Measurement of vibrations in a beam and a guitar string – Kursveckan 4
  2. Buildings acoustics – Kursveckan 5
- Approximately 2 hours on site (*this year on video*)
  - Preparation and post-processing data analysis
- Results presented in form of a report
  - Either passed or returned for completion

## Project Tasks

- Topics: building acoustics / room acoustics / proposed free topic by the students...
- Presented as a poster, May 28th 2020, 08:00 (*it depends on regulations*)



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# Examination

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The final grade will be obtained as follows...

- Written exam (50 %)
  - Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 8.00-13.00 in Sp 018, Sp 01C, Sp 01D
  - Theoretical questions and exercises
  - Calculator and handed out formulae summary allowed
  - Graded: *u, 3, 4, 5*
- Hometasks (50 %), Labs and Project
  - Labs: executed with passed reports
  - Project graded: *u, 3, 4, 5*



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# The course

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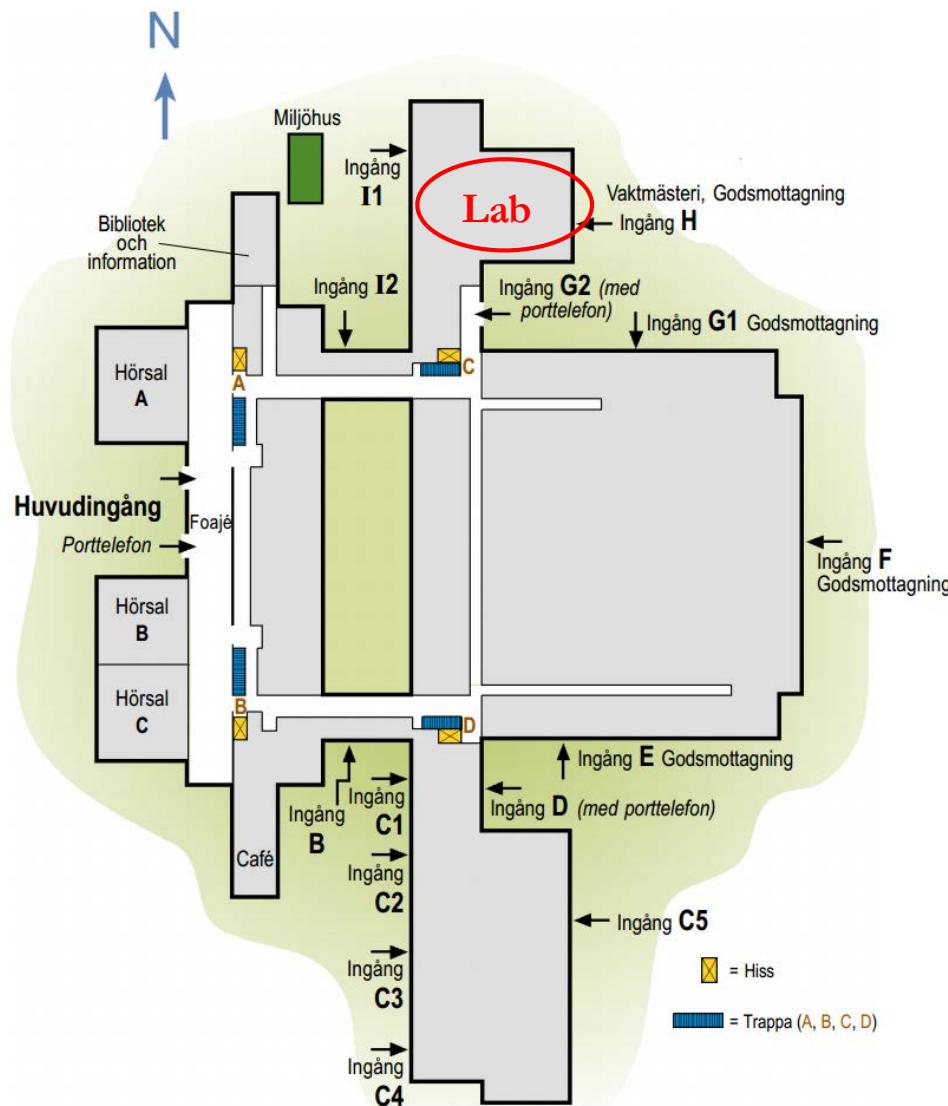
- Time:
  - 28 hours lectures & 28 hours exercises
  - 4 h laboratory exercises off-schedule & self-study
- Purpose

*"Kursen syftar till att ge studenterna grundläggande kunskaper om ljud och dess effekt på människan med tillämpning på bullerproblem som uppstår i byggnad och sambälle".*



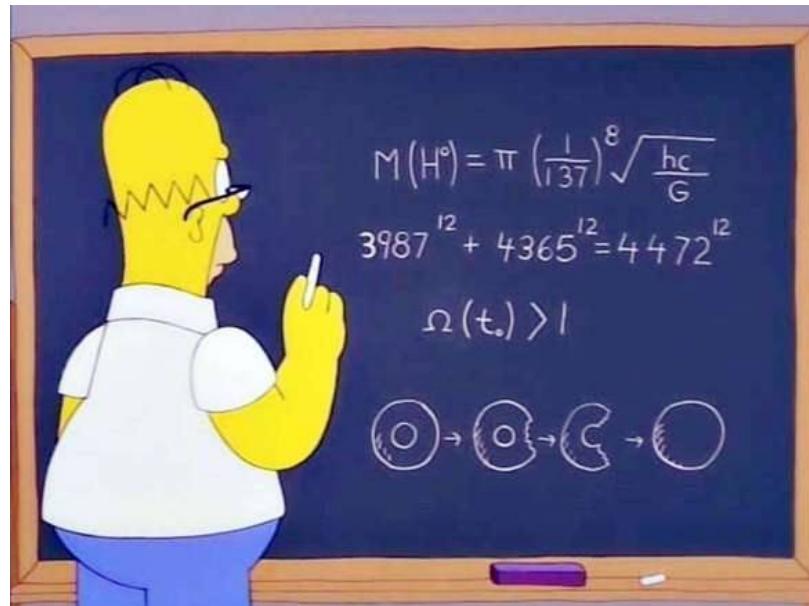
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# V-huset



... and before “kicking-off”...

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... a brief math recap!

# Intro maths – Logarithms

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- Logarithms:

- Definition

$$\log_b(x) = y \stackrel{\text{DEF}}{\iff} b^y = x$$

- Properties

- Product:  $\log_b(x \cdot y) = \log_b(x) + \log_b(y)$

- Quotient:  $\log_b(x/y) = \log_b(x) - \log_b(y)$

- Power:  $\log_b(x^y) = y \cdot \log_b(x)$

- Base switch:  $\log_b(c) = 1/\log_c(b)$

- Base change:  $\log_b(x) = \log_c(x) / \log_c(b)$

- Consequences of the definition:  $\log_b(1) = 0$

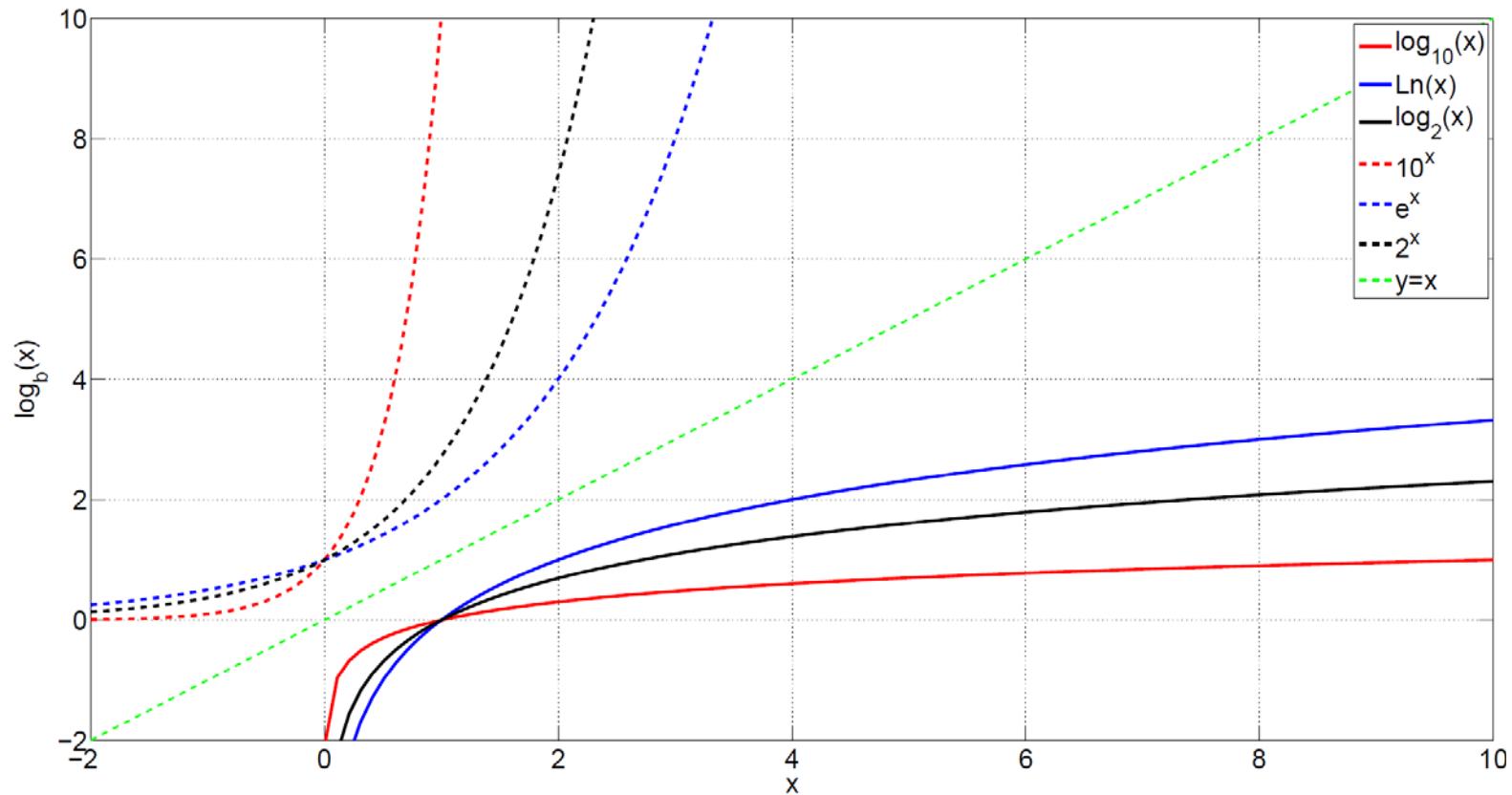
$$\log_b(x) = \emptyset \text{ for } x \leq 0$$

$$\log_b(x) = \infty \text{ when } x \rightarrow \infty$$



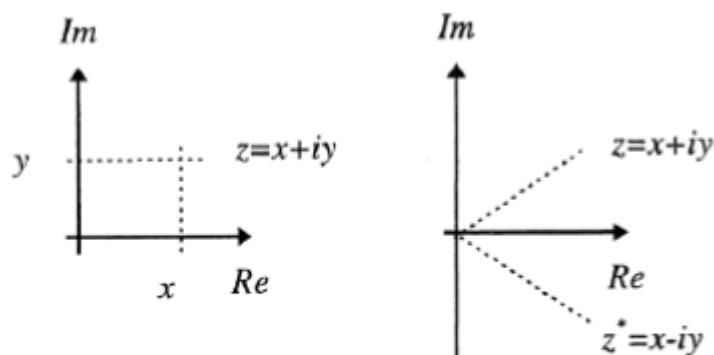
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# Intro maths – Logarithms



# Intro math – Complex numbers

- Rectangular form
- Polar form

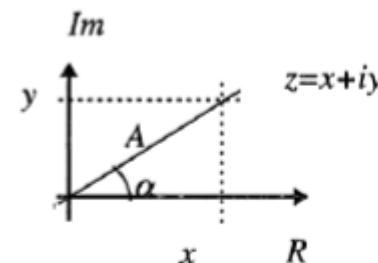


Figur 8 Komplexa tal

- Imaginära enheten:  
 $i = \sqrt{-1}, \quad i^2 = -1, \quad i^3 = -i, \dots \quad i^{-1} = -i$

- Komplexa tal:

$$z = x + iy$$



Figur 9 Amplitud och fas

- Amplitud (eller absolutbelopp):

$$A = |z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

- Fas (alltid i radianer!):

$$\alpha = \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

$$x = A\cos(\alpha), \quad y = A\sin(\alpha)$$

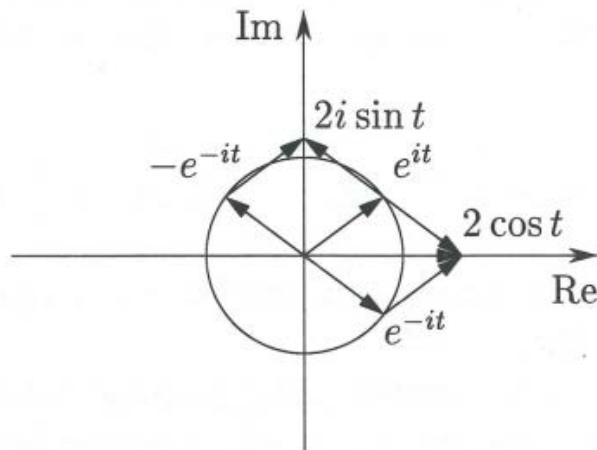


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# Intro math – Complex numbers

- Euler's identity

$$e^{it} = \cos t + i \sin t \iff \begin{cases} \cos t = \frac{1}{2} (e^{it} + e^{-it}) &= \operatorname{Re} e^{it} \\ \sin t = \frac{1}{2i} (e^{it} - e^{-it}) &= \operatorname{Im} e^{it} \end{cases}$$



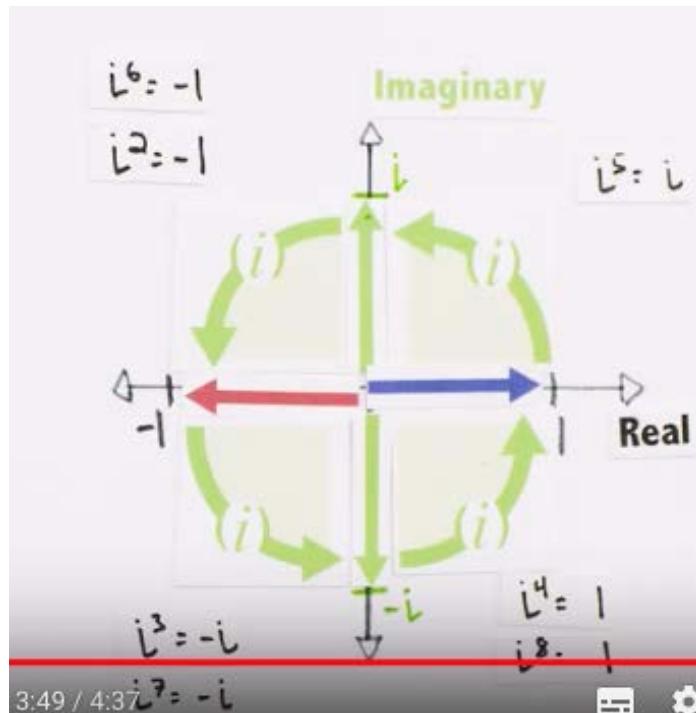
- Practical to describe rotating motion with complex numbers. Euler's identity is the background.



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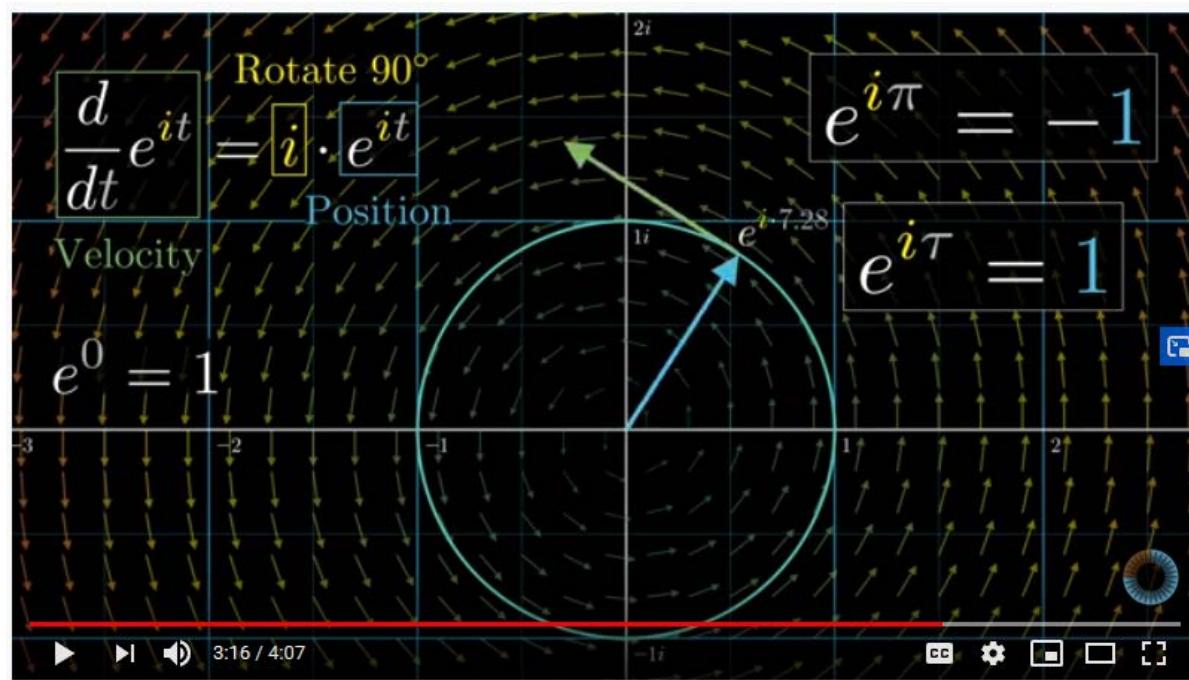
# Intro math – Complex numbers

- Numbers are two-dimensional – Imaginary numbers are real YT series (Pt 5, 6 and 7).



<https://youtu.be/65wYmy8Pf-Y>

# Intro math – Complex numbers



<https://youtu.be/v0YEaelCIKY>

# Why address sound issues?



## Höga ljudnivåer på konserter kan ge hörselskador för livet

Musikbranschen tar inte sitt ansvar

när man ska använda sina öron för att njuta av musiken.

Det mänskliga örat är utformat för att vi ska höra bra i ljudnivåer upp till 75–80 dB.

Vid högre ljudnivåer fungerar hörseln sämre, och vid ljudnivåer som överstiger 80–85

dBAs finns det risk för att hör-

seln skadas. Den del som ris-

karer att skadas är innerörats

härceller, som ansvarar för

omvandlingen från ljud till

signaler till hörselnerverna. Även

om viss återhämtning kan ske

är en skada i dessa celler

som regel permanent. Risken

för skada beror dels på hur

hög ljudnivå är, dels på hur

lång tid man utsätts för den.

Känsligheten för bullerskador

är dock individuell och därfor

svår att föresäga.

En ofta förekommande

vänfreställning hos ungdom-

mar är att om man tycker om

en viss musik räknar man

inte att skada den, oavsett

på vilken ljudnivå den avlyss-

nas. Det finns dock inget ve-

tenskapligt stöd för hypote-

sen att en positiv inställning

till starka ljud gör hörselorga-

net mindre känslig för akus-

tisk överbelastning.

En hörselskada kan visa sig på

olika sätt; hörselnedsättning,

överkänslighet för

ljud och förvirring i ljuddu-

rtning. Musik på hög ljud-

nivå skiljer sig på princip inte

från andra ljud på samma

ljudnivå. Från vår kliniska er-

farehet vet vi att med musikexpo-

nering, framför allt vid utom-

huskonserter men också på

diskotek, orsakar framför allt

tinnitus. Flera studier [2, 3]

har visat att omkring hälften

av de intervjuade ungdomarna

uppges att de alltid upplever

tinnitus efter en konsert, och

en av tio har permanent tini-

tus [4]. I en studie avseende

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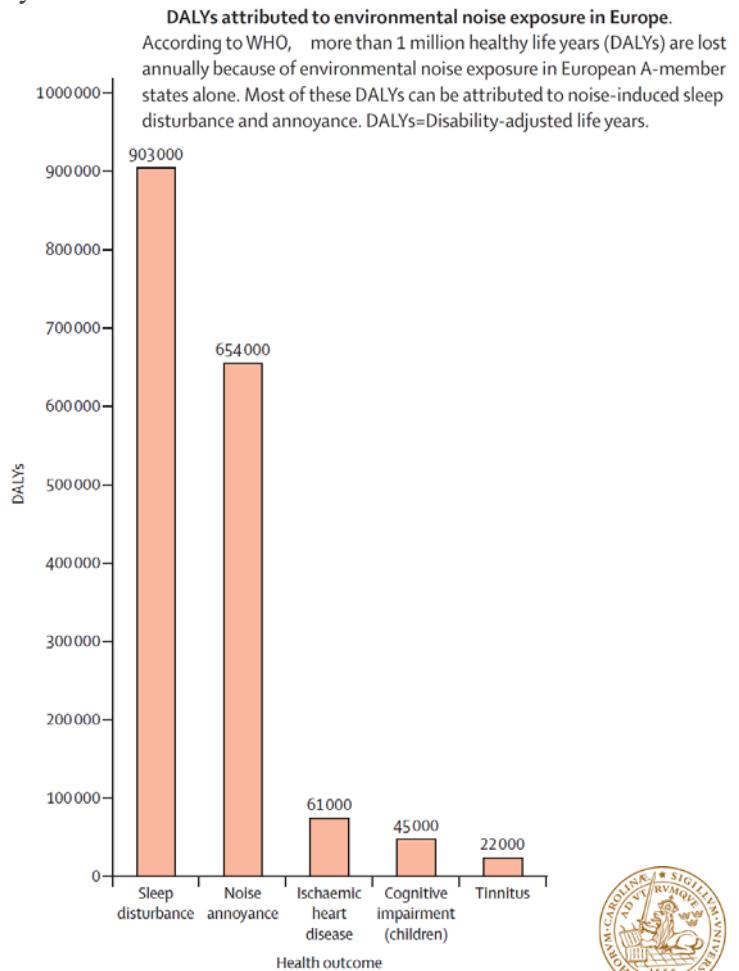
- Noise affects people physiologically and psychologically



At least 25 % of EU citizens are exposed to noise in such extent that it affects health and quality of life



Approximately 2 million people in Sweden are exposed to a noise level that exceeds the regulations set up by the Swedish parliament

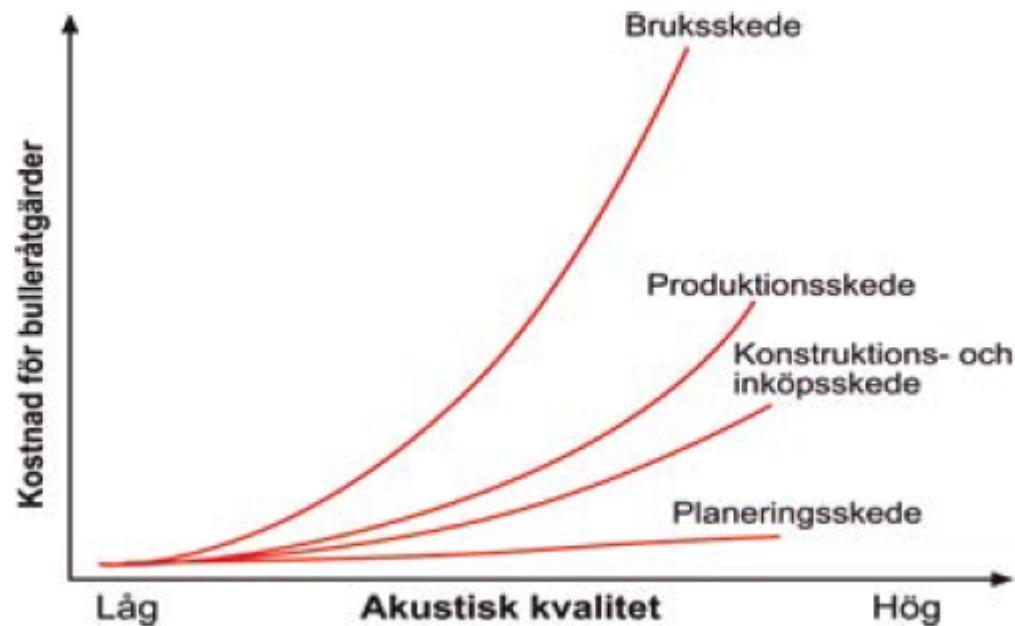


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# Why address sound issues?

**Figur 1.1**

Samband mellan akustisk kvalitet och kostnad för bulleråtgärder.  
Källa: SOU 1993:65



# What is acoustics?

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- From the *Oxford Dictionary*:

**a·coustic** |ə'kooōstik|

adjective [ attrib. ]

**1** relating to sound or the sense of hearing : *dogs have a much greater acoustic range than humans.*

- (of building materials) used for soundproofing or modifying sound : *acoustic tiles.*
- (of an explosive mine or other weapon) able to be set off by sound waves.

**2** (of music or musical instruments) not having electrical amplification : *acoustic guitar.*

- (of a person or group) playing such instruments.

noun

**1** (usu. **acoustics**) the properties or qualities of a room or building that determine how sound is transmitted in it : *Symphony Hall has perfect acoustics.*

- (**acoustic**) the acoustic properties or ambience of a sound recording or of a recording studio.

**2** (**acoustics**) [treated as sing.] the branch of physics concerned with the properties of sound.

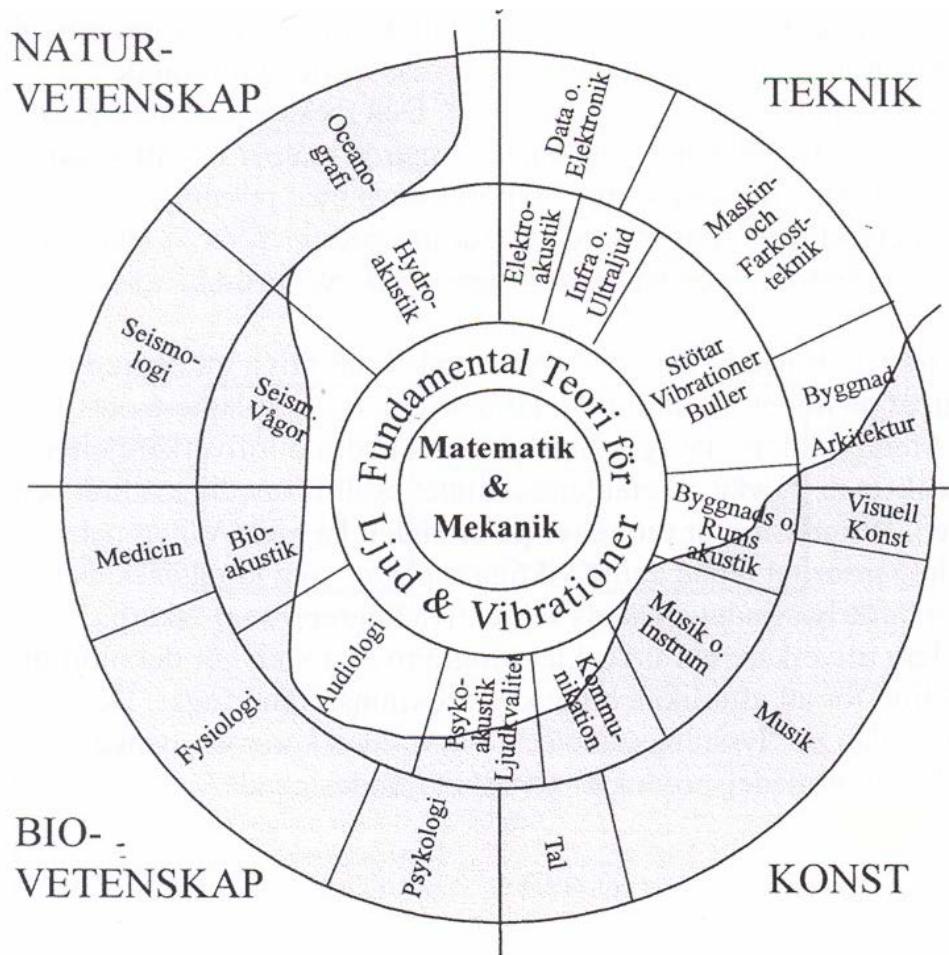
**3** a musical instrument without electrical amplification, typically a guitar.

- **Acoustics:** part of physics studying generation, transmission, reception, absorption, reproduction and control of sound
  - Environmental ac., building ac., room ac., psychoac., musical ac., underwater ac...



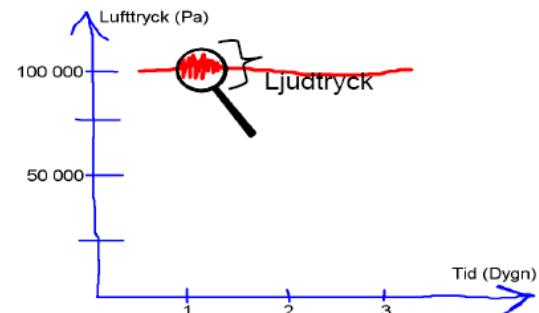
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# What is acoustics?



# Sound & Noise

- **Sound:** ondulatory movement produced in an elastic medium by a vibratory source producing variations in the atmospheric pressure
  - Characteristics – objective VS subjective:
    - » Pitch
    - » Quality
    - » Loudness
- **Noise:** random sound (objective)
- **Noise:** unwanted sound – any sound!

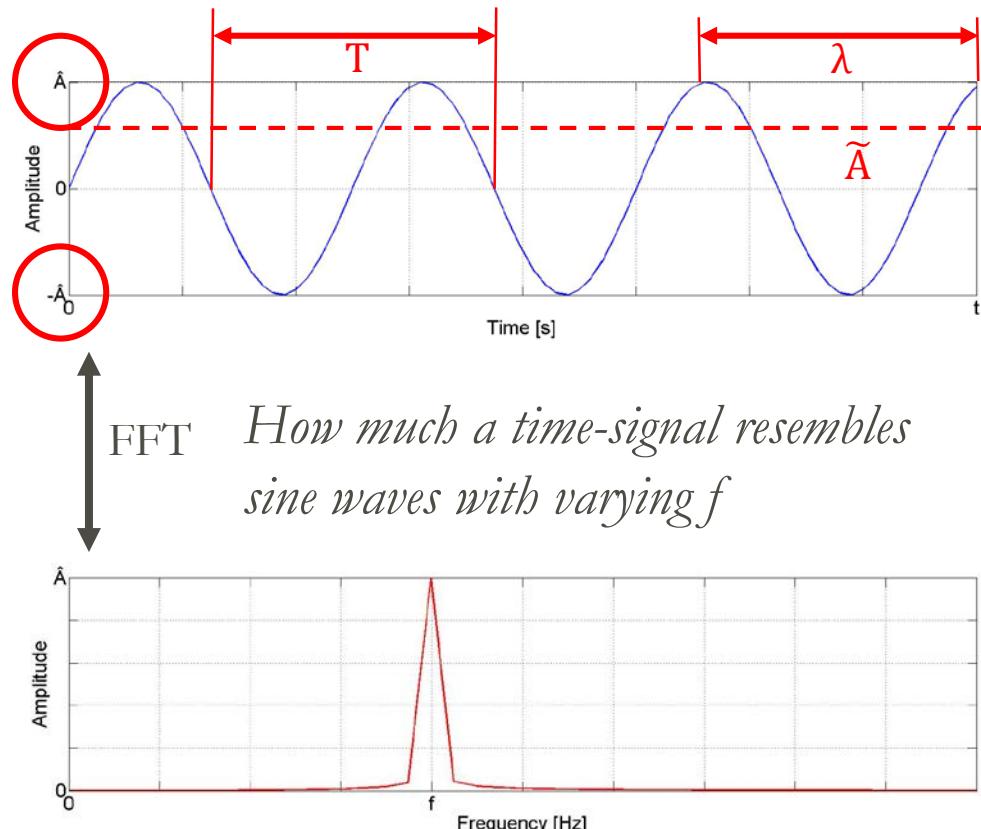


# Time & frequency domains

Harmonic signal:  $y(t) = \hat{A} \sin(\omega t) = \hat{A} \cos(\omega t + \varphi) = \hat{A} \sin(2\pi f \cdot t)$

- Amplitude:  $\hat{A}$
- Period [s]:  $T = 1/f$
- Frequency [Hz]:  $f = 1/T$
- Wavelength [m]:  $\lambda = cT = c/f$
- Propagation Speed [m/s]:  $c=f\lambda$   
NOTE:  $c \neq v$
- Effective value (RMS):

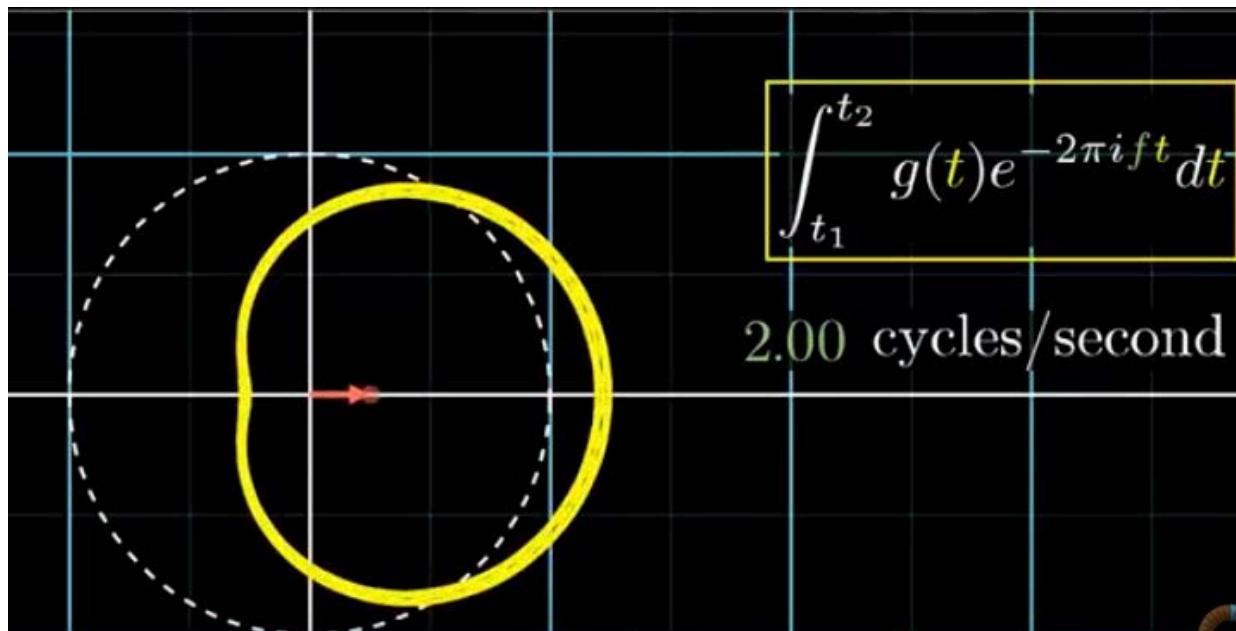
$$A_{\text{RMS}} = \tilde{A} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t_0}^{t_0 + \Delta t} y^2(t) dt}, \quad \tilde{A}_{\text{harmonic signal}} = \hat{A}/\sqrt{2}$$



- Frequency domain

# Time & frequency domains

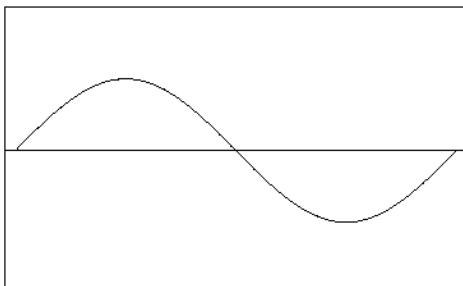
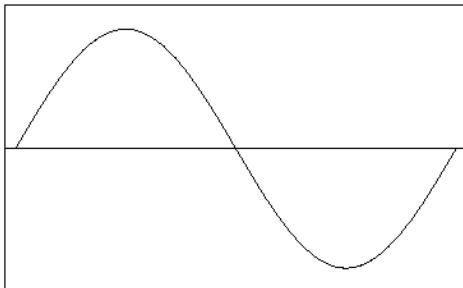
- Fourier Transform: decomposes a signal into its constituent frequencies.



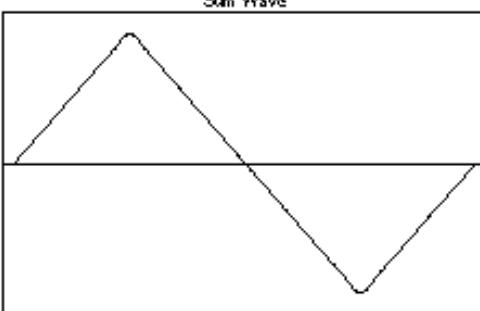
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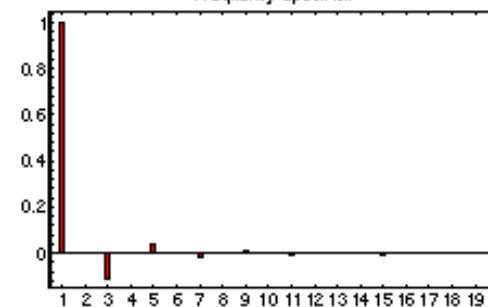
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Sum Wave



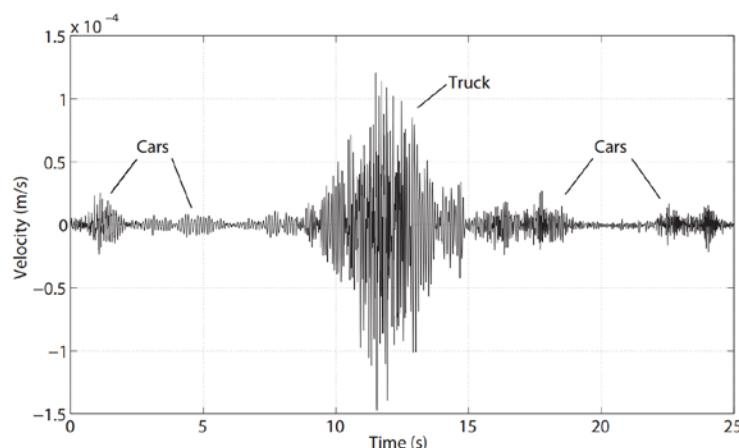
Frequency Spectrum



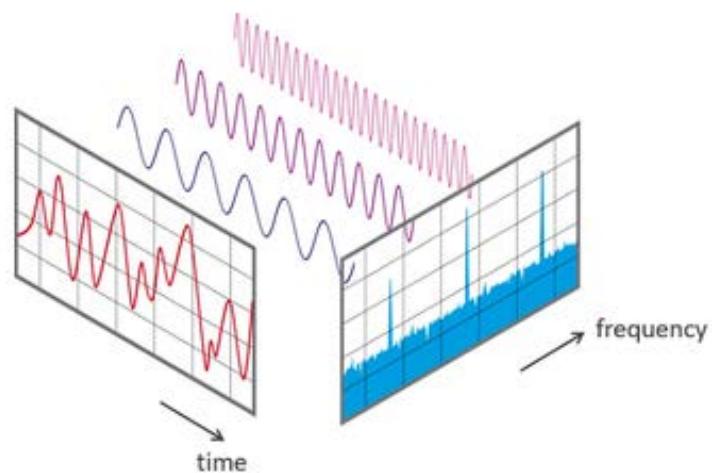
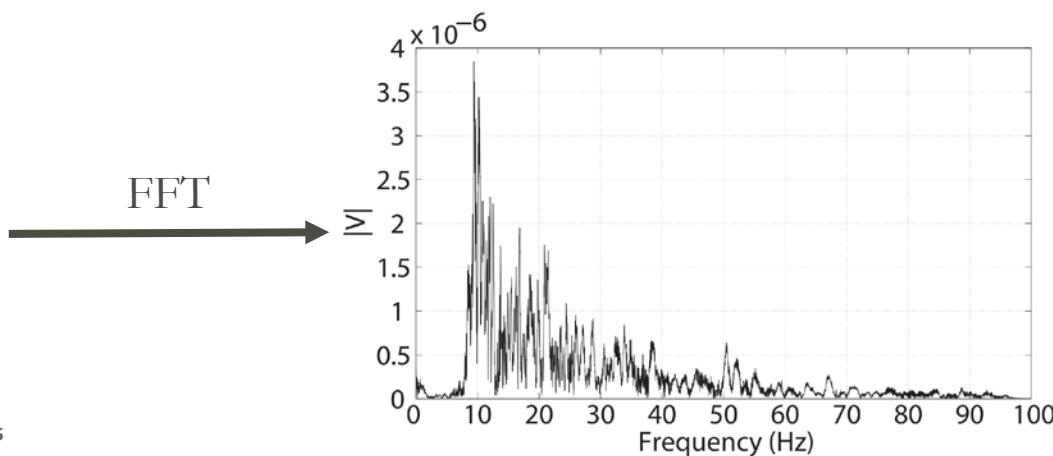
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# Time & frequency domains

- A more complex time signal (traffic load)



FFT

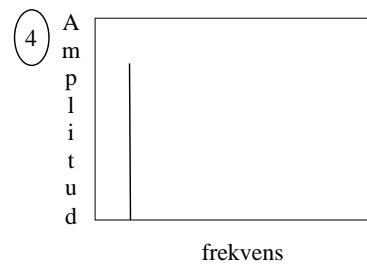
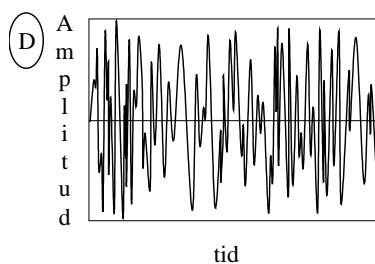
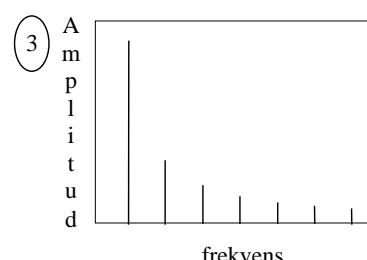
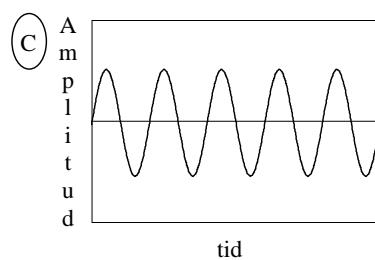
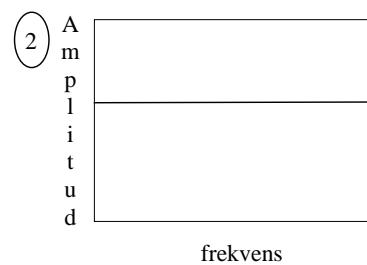
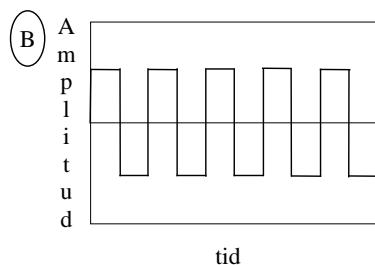
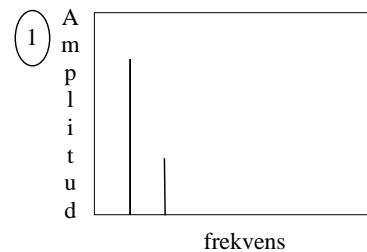
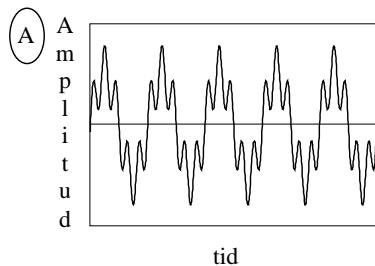


NOTE: Spectrum (any magnitude plotted against frequency)



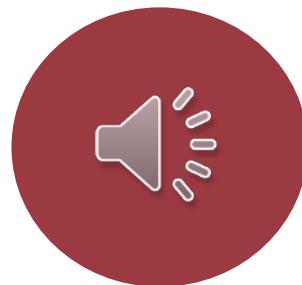
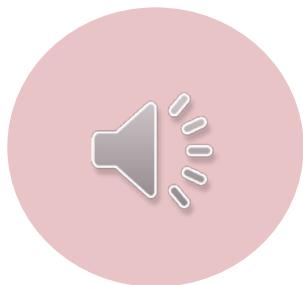
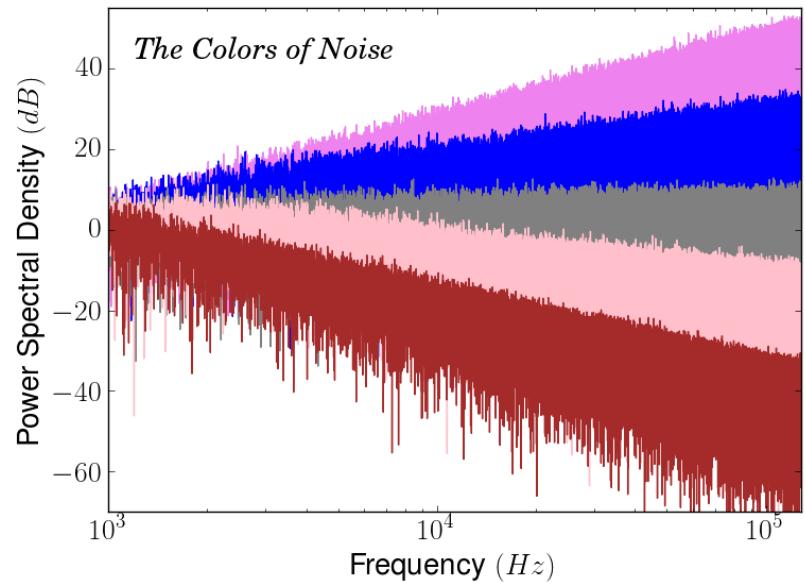
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# Time & frequency domains



# Frequency domain – Noise

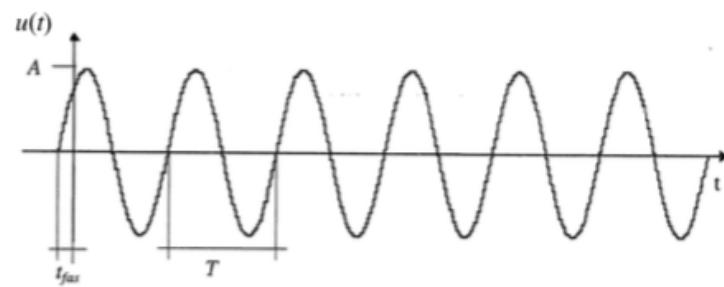
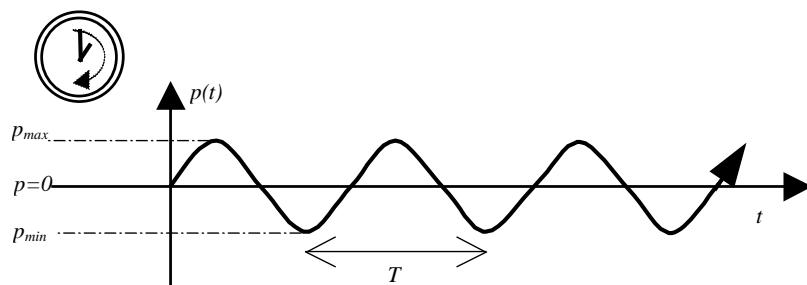
- **Noise:** Classified by "colours"
  - Violet noise: +6 dB/octave
  - Blue noise: +3 dB/octave
  - White noise: flat power spectrum
  - Pink noise: -3 dB/octave
  - Brown noise: -6 dB/octave



# Descriptions of sound waves

- In time  $p(t)=A \cos(\omega t+\varphi)$

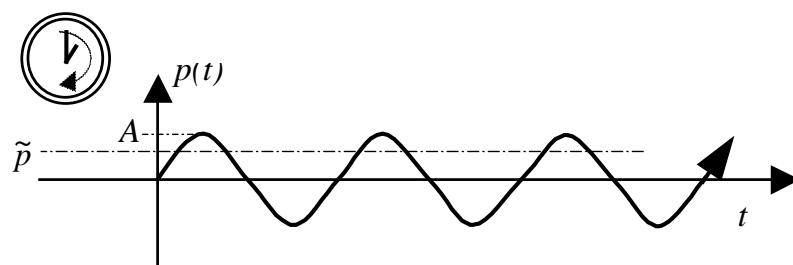
- $p(t)$  is instantaneous values of pressure [Pa]
- $A$  is amplitude [Pa]
- $\omega$  is angular frequency [rad/s]
- $t$  is time [s]
- $\varphi$  is phase - how the oscillation is related to  $t=0$ .  $\varphi=t\varphi \frac{2\pi}{T}$



# Descriptions of sound waves

- RMS-value
  - Root-mean-square – operative definition (how)
  - Effective value – descriptive definition (what)
- For a sinus with amplitude 1,  $\tilde{p} = 1/\sqrt{2} A$

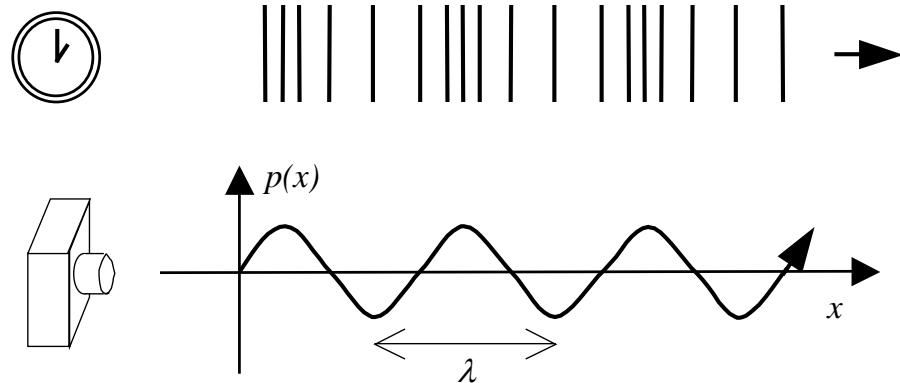
$$\tilde{p} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t_0}^{t_0 + \Delta t} p^2(t) dt}$$



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# Descriptions of sound waves

- In space, with wavelength,
$$p(x) = A \sin(x 2\pi/\lambda + \varphi) = A \sin(x\omega/c + \varphi)$$
  - Wavelength [m]  $\lambda = \frac{c}{f}$
- Useful to compare wavelength to dimensions of objects hit by sound waves



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# Descriptions of sound waves

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- In time and space, with wavelength,

$$p(x, t) = A \sin(\omega t - x\omega/c + \varphi) = A \sin(\omega(t - x/c) + \varphi)$$



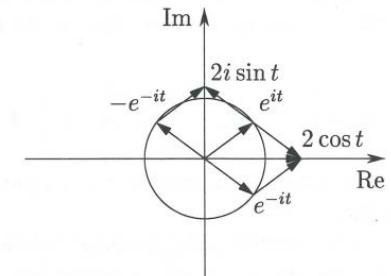
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# Complex notation

- Equivalent description:  $p(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \varphi)$



$$p(t) = \operatorname{Re}[\underline{A}e^{-i(\omega t + \varphi)}] = \operatorname{Re}[\underline{A}e^{-i\omega t}]$$



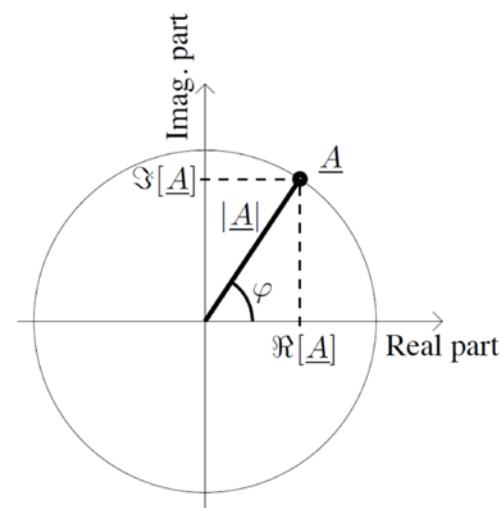
where the complex amplitude is defined as:  $\underline{A} = Ae^{i\varphi}$

and  $e^{i\varphi} = \cos(\varphi) + i \sin(\varphi)$

- The magnitude and initial phase are

$$A = |\underline{A}|$$

$$\tan^{-1}(\varphi) = \frac{\operatorname{Im}[\underline{A}]}{\operatorname{Re}[\underline{A}]}$$



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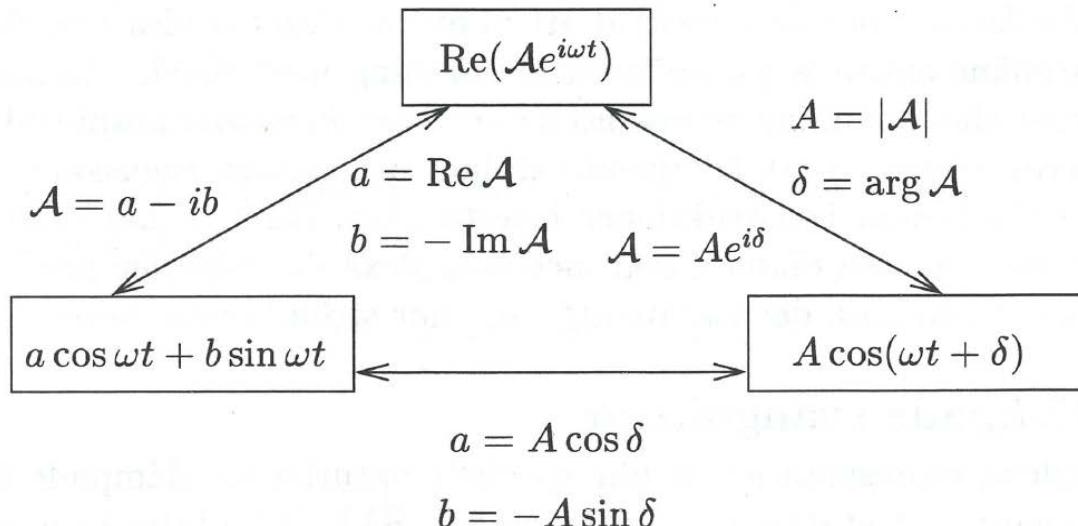
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NOTE 1: The complex number "i" is sometimes also expressed as "j"

NOTE 2:  $\varphi \cos = \varphi \sin - \frac{\pi}{2}$

# Complex notation – Equivalences

Source: Sven Spanne: *Komplex Analys*

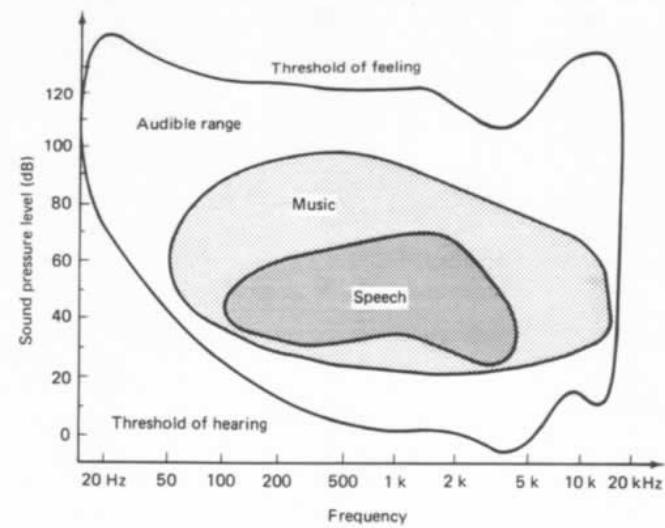
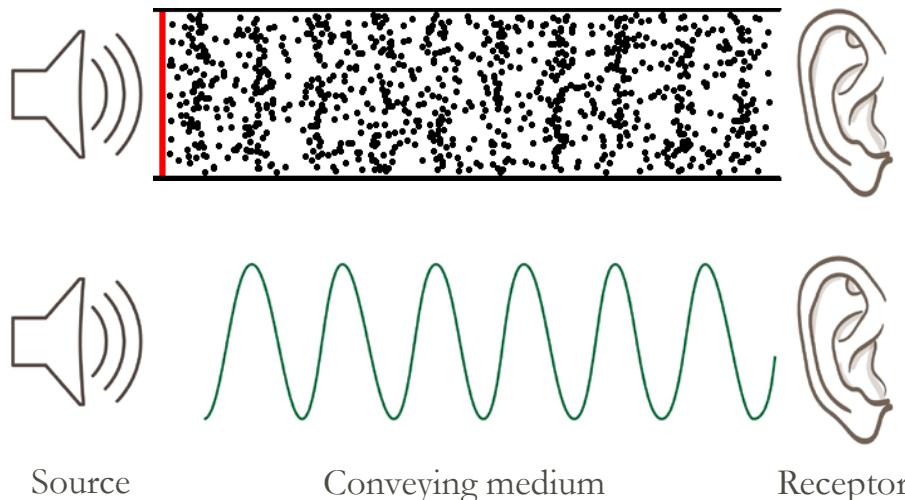


- One may choose also the imaginary part of the exponential function, a sinus wave – that may however feel strange to describe *real actual* motions with imaginary numbers.
- Why all this?
  - Convenient to use one complex number describing both amplitude and phase.
  - Faster to write, to do some mathematical operations.
  - Complex numbers work well with *rotating things*

**Watch YT video!**

# Hearing

- Pressure waves
- For a sound to be perceived
  - Frequency: 20 Hz – 20 kHz (for an average young healthy person)
  - Sound pressure level (SPL): frequency dependent
- Inner ear detects:  $\Delta p \in [20 \mu\text{Pa}, 200 \text{ Pa}] \rightarrow$  wide range
  - Use of logarithmic scale (in decibels)



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# DEF: The decibel (dB) & SPL

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- Logarithmic way of describing a ratio
  - Ratio: velocity, voltage, acceleration...
  - Need of a reference
- Sound pressure level (SPL /  $L_p$ )

$$L_p = 10 \log\left(\frac{\tilde{p}^2}{p_{ref}^2}\right) = 20 \log\left(\frac{\tilde{p}}{p_{ref}}\right)$$

$\tilde{p} = \tilde{p}(f) \equiv$  RMS pressure

$p_{ref} = 2 \cdot 10^{-5}$  Pa = 20  $\mu$ Pa

$p_{atm} = 101\ 300$  Pa

$p_{tot}(t) = p_{atm} \pm p(t)$

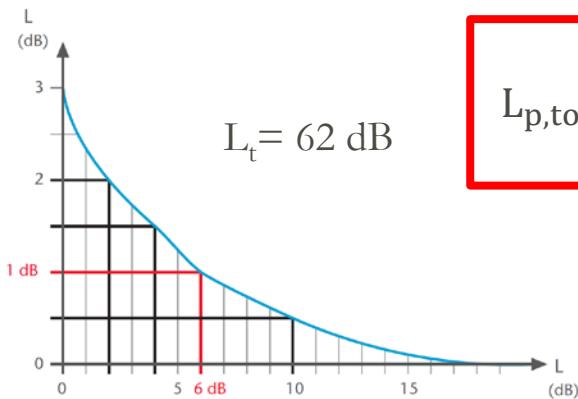
- $\tilde{p}$  measured with microphones
- Frequency response of human hearing changes with amplitude



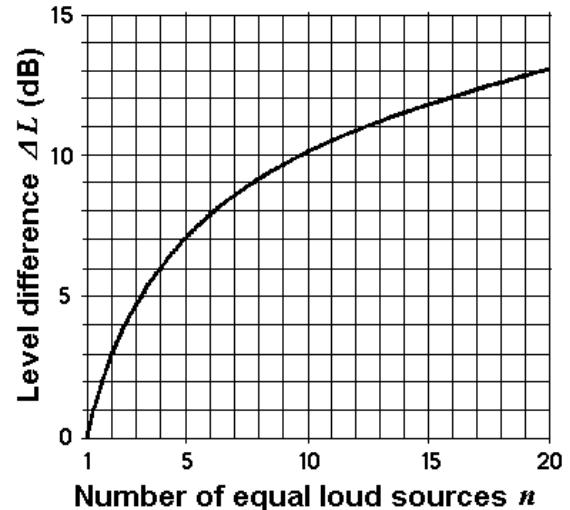
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# Summation of noise

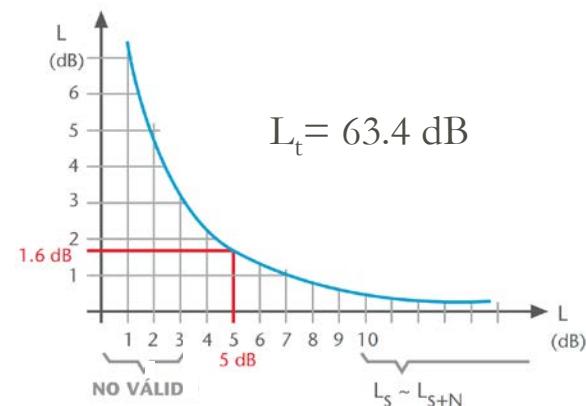
- Graphical methods
  - Adding equally loud incoherent sources
  - Adding two different sources
    - » e.g.  $L_1=61 \text{ dB} / L_2=55 \text{ dB}$



$$L_{p,\text{tot}} = 10 \log \left( \sum_{n=1}^N 10^{\frac{L_{p,n}}{10}} \right)$$



- Subtracting two different sources
  - » e.g.  $L_{S+N}=65 \text{ dB} / L_N=60 \text{ dB}$



# Summation of noise

- The total RMS pressure:

$$\tilde{p}_{tot}^2 = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t_0}^{t_0 + \Delta t} [p_1(t) + p_2(t)]^2 dt = \tilde{p}_1^2 + \tilde{p}_2^2 + \frac{2}{\Delta t} \int_{t_0}^{t_0 + \Delta t} p_1(t)p_2(t) dt$$

- Types of sources
  - Correlated (or coherent)
    - Constant phase difference, same frequency
    - Interferences (constructive/destructive)
  - Uncorrelated (or uncoherent)

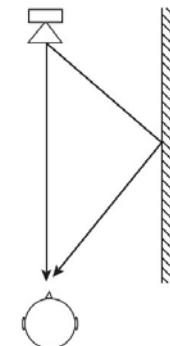


$$L_{p,tot} = 20 \log \left( \sum_{n=1}^N 10^{\frac{L_{p,n}}{20}} \right)$$

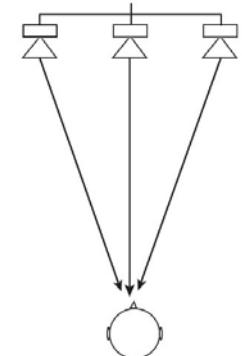


$$L_{p,tot} = 10 \log \left( \sum_{n=1}^N 10^{\frac{L_{p,n}}{10}} \right)$$

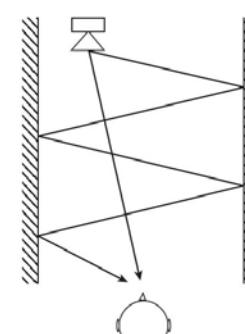
For uncorrelated sources, the 3<sup>rd</sup> term vanishes



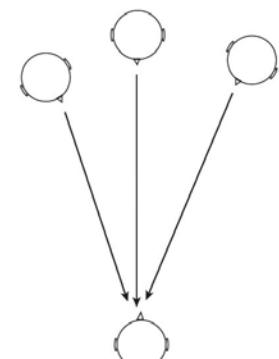
Correlation due to reflection



Correlation due to multiple sources



Uncorrelated reflection due to long delay



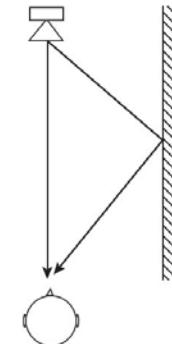
Uncorrelated multiple sources



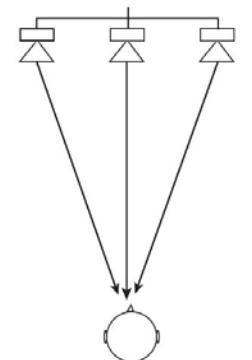
# Summation of noise

- Correlated sources – constructive interference
  - Identical sources

$$\tilde{p}_{tot}^2 = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_0^{\Delta t} [2p_1(t)]^2 dt = 4\tilde{p}_1^2$$



Correlation due to reflection



Correlation due to multiple sources

$$L_{p,tot} = L_{p,1} + 10 \log 4 \approx L_{p,1} + 6 \text{ dB}$$

$$L_{p,tot} = 20 \log \left( \sum_{n=1}^N 10^{\frac{L_{p,n}}{20}} \right)$$



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# Summation of noise

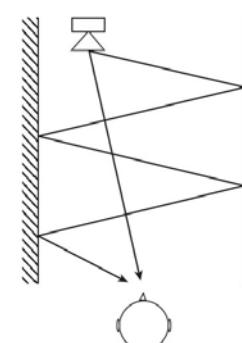
- Uncorrelated sources – constructive interference

$$\tilde{p}_{tot}^2 = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t_0}^{t_0 + \Delta t} [p_1(t) + p_2(t)]^2 dt = \tilde{p}_1^2 + \tilde{p}_2^2 + \frac{2}{\Delta t} \int_{t_0}^{t_0 + \Delta t} p_1(t)p_2(t) dt$$

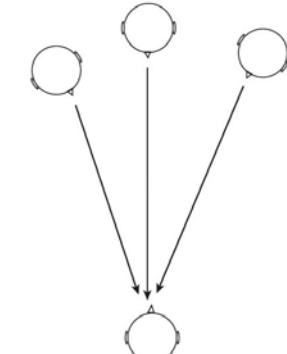
$$L_{p,tot} = 10 \log \left( \frac{\tilde{p}_1^2 + \tilde{p}_2^2}{p_{ref}^2} \right) \text{dB.}$$

- If they two sources have same sound pressure:

$$10 \log 2 \approx 3 \text{ dB}$$



Uncorrelated reflection due to long delay



Uncorrelated multiple sources

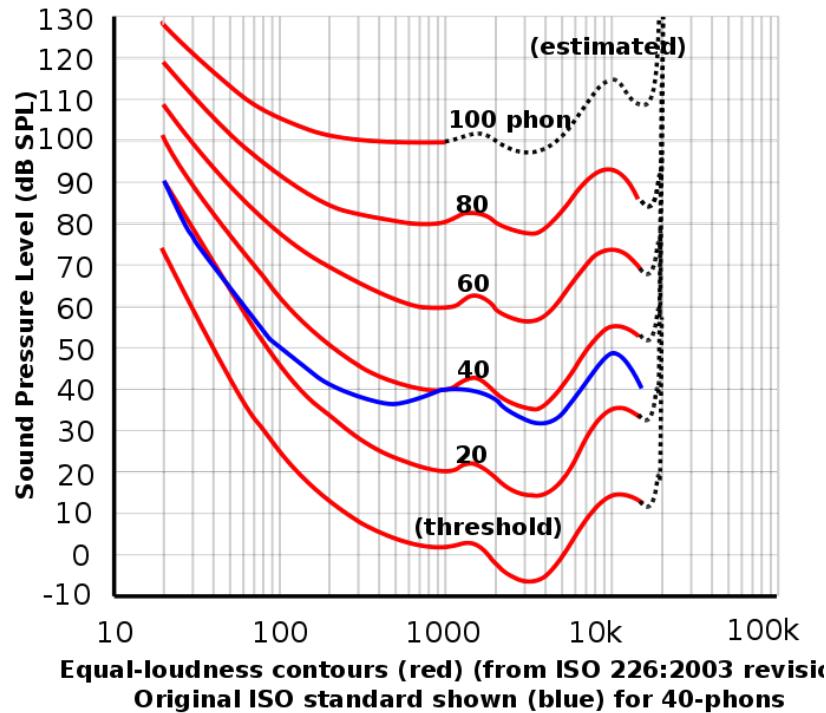
$$L_{p,tot} = 10 \log \left( \sum_{n=1}^N 10^{\frac{L_{p,n}}{10}} \right)$$



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# Frequency weightings

- Frequency response of human hearing changes with amplitude
- How to relate the objective measure to the subjective experience of sound?



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# Frequency weightings (I)

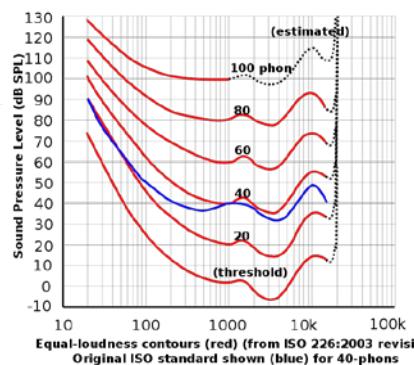
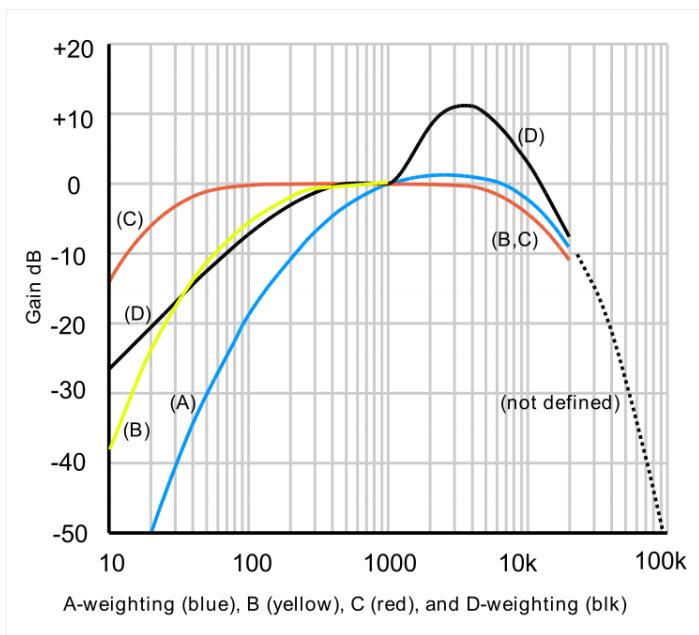
- Correlate objective sound measurements with subjective human response
  - A-weighting [dB(A)/dBA]: designed to reflect the response of how the human ear perceives noise, i.e. 20 Hz-20 kHz
    - » Only really accurate for relatively quiet sounds and pure tones?
    - » Low frequency noise is suppressed (wind turbine noise?)
  - C-weighting [dB(C)/dBC]: developed for high level aircraft noise
  - Z-weighting: zero frequency weighting (un-weighted values)
  - B-weighting: covers the mid-range between the A- and C-weighting
  - D-weighting: designed for use when measuring high level aircraft noise

Fallen into disuse

\*Filters are defined in the standard IEC 61672

# Frequency weightings (II)

- Filters and calculation

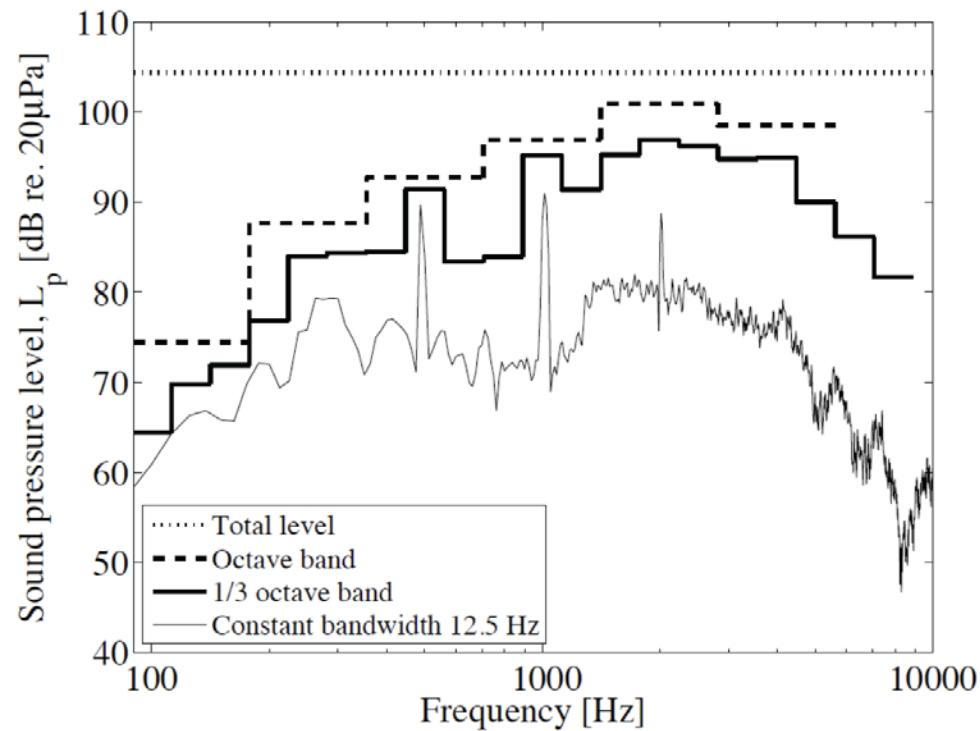


Frekvens [Hz]	A-filter [dB]	B-filter [dB]	C-filter [dB]
10	-70.4	-38.2	-14.3
12.5	-63.4	-33.2	-11.2
16	-56.7	-28.5	-8.5
20	-50.5	-24.2	-6.2
25	-44.7	-20.4	-4.4
31.5	-39.4	-17.1	-3.0
40	-34.6	-14.2	-2.0
50	-30.2	-11.6	-1.3
63	-26.2	-9.3	-0.8
80	-22.5	-7.4	-0.5
100	-19.1	-5.6	-0.3
125	-16.1	-4.2	-0.2
160	-13.4	-3.0	-0.1
200	-10.9	-2.0	0
250	-8.6	-1.3	0
315	-6.6	-0.8	0
400	-4.8	-0.5	0
500	-3.2	-0.3	0
630	-1.9	-0.1	0
800	-0.8	0	0
1000	0	0	0
1250	0.6	0	0
1600	1.0	0	-0.1
2000	1.2	-0.1	-0.2
2500	1.3	-0.2	-0.3
3150	1.2	-0.4	-0.5
4000	1.0	-0.7	-0.8
5000	0.5	-1.2	-1.3
6300	-0.1	-1.9	-2.0
8000	-1.1	-2.9	-3.0
10000	-2.5	-4.3	-4.4
12500	-4.3	-6.1	-6.2
16000	-6.6	-8.4	-8.5
20000	-9.3	-11.1	-11.2



# Frequency bands

- A sound in the frequency domain may be looked at in several ways.
  - Narrow bands;
  - Third-octave bands;
  - Octave bands;
  - Total value.



$$L_{\text{oct}} = 10 \log \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 10^{\frac{L_{p,i}}{10}} \right)$$

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# Octave and 1/3 octave bands (I)

If  $f_n$  is the cut-off lower frequency and  $f_{n+1}$  the upper one, the ratio of the band limits is given by:

$$\frac{f_{n+1}}{f_n} = 2^k$$

where  $k=1$  for full octave and  $k=1/3$  for one-third octave band

ISO 266 Standard Frequencies for Acoustic Measurements		
ISO Band numbers	Octave band center frequency	One-third octave band center frequencies
1	1.25 Hz	
2, 3, 4	2 Hz	1.6 Hz, <b>2 Hz</b> , 2.5 Hz
5, 6, 7	4 Hz	3.15 Hz, <b>4 Hz</b> , 5 Hz
8, 9, 10	8 Hz	6.3 Hz, <b>8 Hz</b> , 10 Hz
11, 12, 13	16 Hz	12.5 Hz, <b>16 Hz</b> , 20 Hz
14, 15, 16	31.5 Hz	25 Hz, <b>31.5 Hz</b> , 40 Hz
17, 18, 19	63 Hz	50 Hz, <b>63 Hz</b> , 80 Hz
20, 21, 22	125 Hz	100 Hz, <b>125 Hz</b> , 160 Hz
23, 24, 25	250 Hz	200 Hz, <b>250 Hz</b> , 315 Hz
26, 27, 28	500 Hz	400 Hz, <b>500 Hz</b> , 630 Hz
29, 30, 31	1000 Hz	800 Hz, <b>1000 Hz</b> , 1250 Hz
32, 33, 34	2000 Hz	1600 Hz, <b>2000 Hz</b> , 2500 Hz
35, 36, 37	4000 Hz	3150 Hz, <b>4000 Hz</b> , 5000 Hz
38, 39, 40	8000 Hz	6300 Hz, <b>8000 Hz</b> , 10000 Hz
41, 42, 43	16000 Hz	12500 Hz, <b>16000 Hz</b> , 20000 Hz

NOTE 1: Convert octave band to 1/3-octave band level  
Reduction of -4.771dB for each 1/3 octave band

$$L_p = 10 \log\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

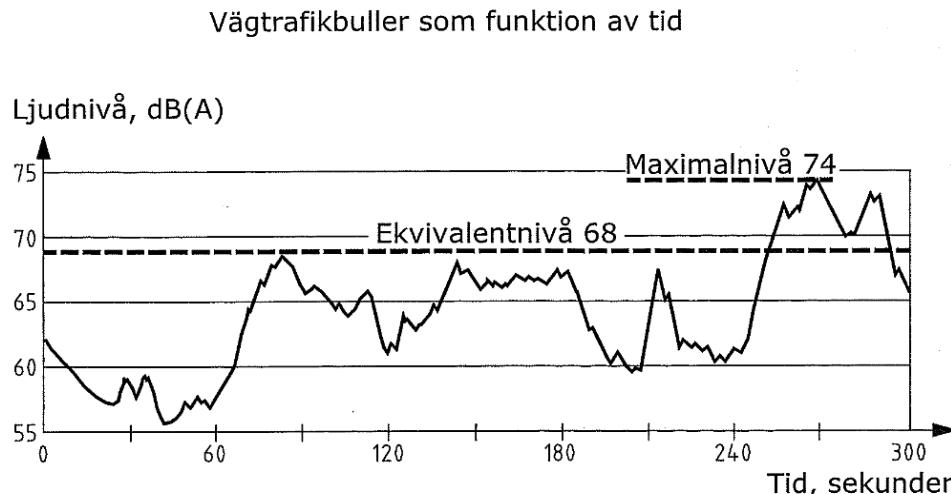
NOTE 2: Octave band level of three 1/3-octave band levels:  $L_{oct} = 10 \log\left(\sum_{i=1}^3 10^{\frac{L_{p,i}}{10}}\right)$

# Noise metrics

- There are different noise metrics that we can use, e.g.:

- Equivalent level
- Maximum level

$$L_{eq,T} = 10 \log \left( \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \frac{p^2(t)}{p_{ref}^2} dt \right) = 10 \log \left( \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T 10^{\left( \frac{L_p(t)}{10} \right)} dt \right)$$



Figur 4:9. Ljudnivåns variation under 5 minuter på en livligt trafikerad innerstadsgata. Ekvivalentnivå 68 dB(A), maximalnivå 74 dB(A).

**Ex:** Calculate the  $L_{eq,8h}$  that corresponds to 100 dBA for 15 min.

# Summary

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- Course introduction
- Log and complex numbers – why and how
- Why study acoustics and what is acoustics
- Description of a sound wave
- Key concepts
  - Decibel – summation of sources
  - Frequency weighting
  - Frequency bands
  - Noise metrics



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