

## LECTURE 21

REMINDER - EXAM WED APRIL 16.

ONE SHEET (BOTH SIDES) OF EXPRESSIONS  
EXAM PARALLELS HOMEWORK

NEXT MONDAY - REVIEW OF HW ETC.

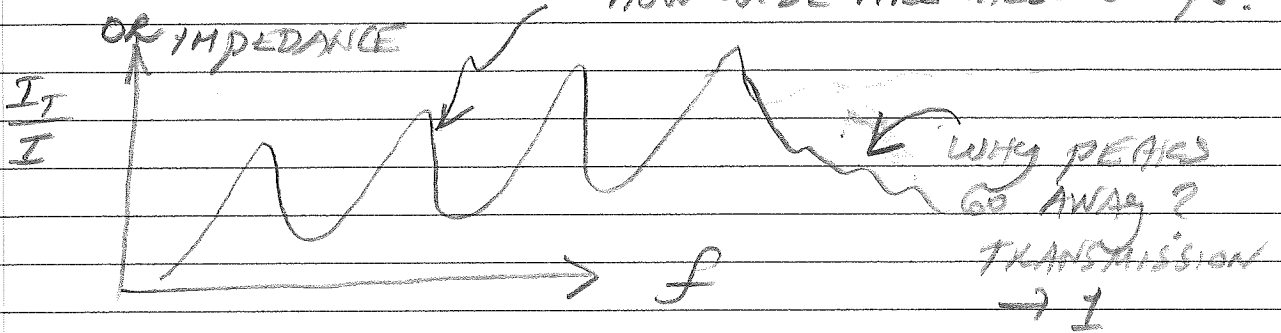
TOPICS TODAY

WHAT SOUNDS GOOD & HOW TO BE A COMPOSER

FINISH 
$$\frac{I_T}{I_0} = \frac{1}{1 + F \sin^2 \frac{\delta}{2}}$$

$$F = \frac{4r^2}{(1-r^2)^2}$$

HOW WIDE ARE THESE BUMPS?



WHAT IS IMPEDANCE?

POWER SPECTRUM - EXAMPLE BLACK BODY RADIATION

COMBINATION TONES - CHAPTER 8

IMPORTANT FOR LAB

AM - AMPLITUDE MODULATION &

FM - FREQUENCY MODULATION

Birkhoff's Aesthetic Theory

A partial answer may come from the "theory of aesthetic value" propounded by the American mathematician George David Birkhoff (1884-1944). Birkhoff's theory, in a nutshell, says that for a work of art to be pleasing and interesting it should neither be too regular and predictable nor pack too many surprises. Translated to mathematical functions, this might be interpreted as meaning that the power spectrum of the function should behave neither like a boring "brown" noise, with a frequency dependence  $f^{-2}$ , nor like an unpredictable white noise, with a frequency dependence of  $f^0$ .

In a white-noise process, every value of the process (e.g., the successive frequencies of a melody) is completely independent of its past—it is a total surprise (see Figure 4A). By contrast, in "brown music" (a term derived from Brownian motion), only the increments are independent of the past, giving rise to a rather boring tune (see Figure 4B). Apparently, what most listeners like best, and not only in Bach's time, is music in which the succession of notes is neither too predictable nor too surprising—in other words, a spectrum that varies according to  $f^\alpha$ , with the exponent  $\alpha$  between 0 and  $-2$ . As Richard Voss discovered, the exponents found in most music are right near the middle of this range:  $\alpha \approx -1$ , giving rise to the hyperbolic power law  $f^{-1}$  (see Figure 4C) [VC 78]. Or, as Balthazaar van der Pol once said of Bach's music, "It is great because it is inevitable [implying  $\alpha < 0$ ] and yet surprising [ $\alpha > -2$ ]." (I found this quotation in Marc Kac's captivating autobiography, *Enigmas of Chance* [Kac 85].)

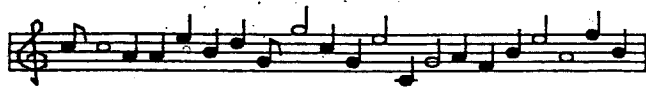
HOW TO  
BE A  
COMPOSER

$$f(t) = \sum a_n \sin 2\pi n f_n t + b_n \cos 2\pi n f_n t$$

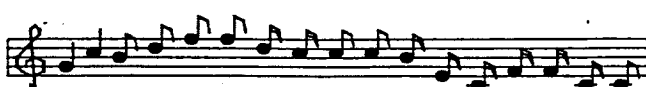
POWER IN MODE  $n f_n$   
 $= a_n^2 + b_n^2 \cdot f_n^2 n f_n$

if  $a_n \sim \frac{1}{n}$

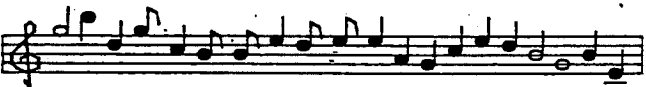
$a_n^2 \sim \frac{1}{f_n^2} \cdot n^2 \sim \frac{1}{f_n^2}$



(A)

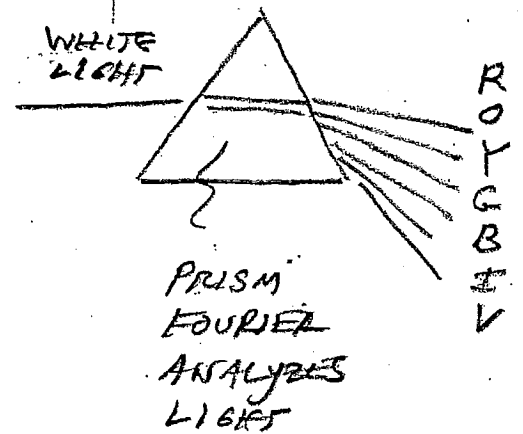


(B)



(C)

WHITE NOISE  
= WHITE LIGHT



RANDOM (EQUALITY FOR ALL KEYS)

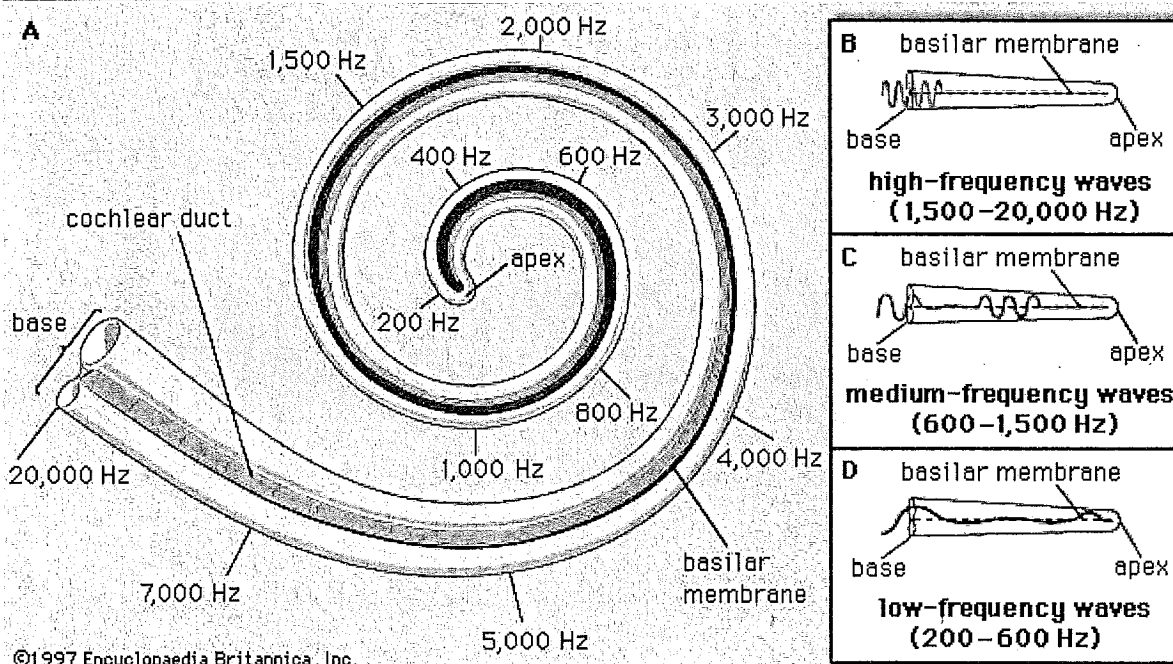
Figure 4 (A) "White" music produced from independent notes; (B) "brown" music produced from notes with independent increments in frequency; and (C) "pink" music—frequencies and durations of notes are determined by  $1/f$  (pink) noise [VC 78].

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# basilar membrane: analysis of sound frequencies

See Actual Size



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The analysis of sound frequencies by the basilar membrane. (A) The fibres of the basilar membrane become progressively wider and more flexible from the base of the cochlea to the apex. As a result, each area of the basilar membrane vibrates preferentially to a particular sound frequency. (B) High-frequency sound waves cause maximum vibration of the area of the basilar membrane nearest to the base of the cochlea; (C) medium-frequency waves affect the centre of the membrane; (D) and low-frequency waves preferentially stimulate the apex of the basilar membrane. (The locations of cochlear frequencies along the basilar membrane shown are a composite drawn from different sources.)

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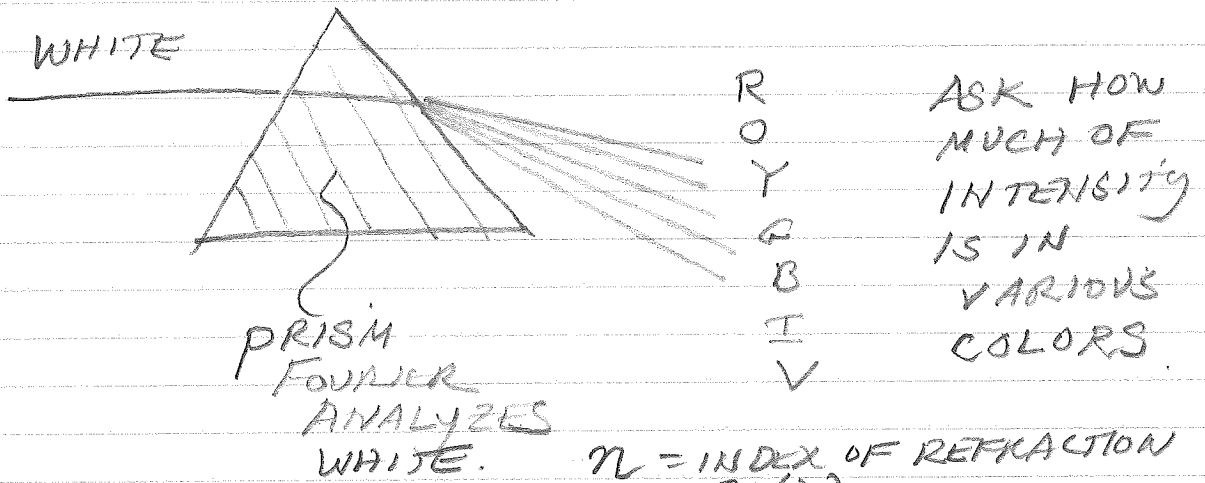
POWER IN MODE  $n f_n$  IS:  $a_n^2 + b_n^2$

$$f_n = n f_1$$

$$\frac{1}{n}$$

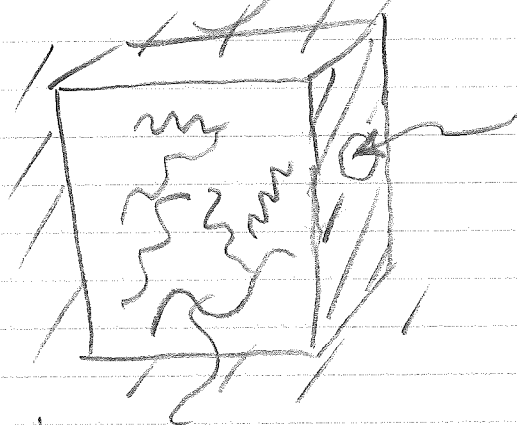
$$a_n \text{ or } b_n$$

BEST EXAMPLE OF A POWER SPECTRUM  
POWER SPECTRUM OR ENERGY SPECTRUM.

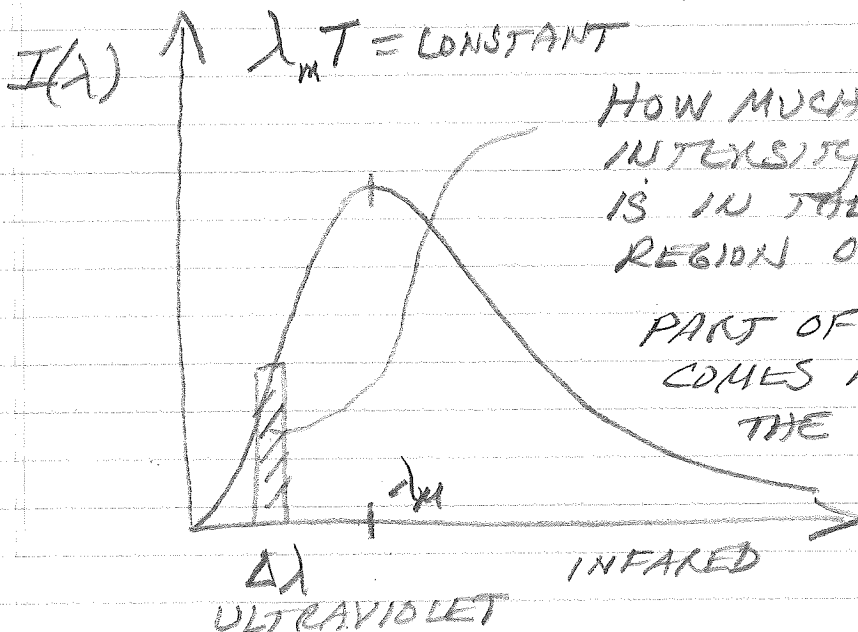


$$n = \text{INDEX OF REFRACTION} = n(\lambda)$$

MOST FAMOUS INTENSITY SPECTRUM IS BLACK BODY RADIATION -



CAVITY HEATED TO TEMPERATURE T



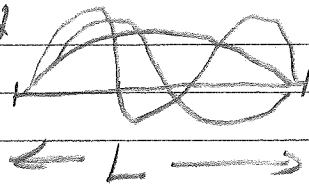
HOW MUCH ENERGY OR INTENSITY OR POWER IS IN THE  $\lambda$  TO  $\lambda + \Delta \lambda$  REGION OF THE SPECTRUM

PART OF THE ANSWER COMES FROM COUNTING THE ALLOWED  $\lambda$ 'S IN THE VOLUME - SAME AS ARCHITECTURAL ACOUSTIC

$I(\lambda) \sim$  NUMBER OF STATES  $\times$  ENERGY ASSOCIATED  
 IN VOLUME WITH WAVELENGTH  $\lambda$  TO  $\lambda + d\lambda$  WITH WAVELENGTH  $\lambda$

$$\frac{hc/\lambda = hf}{e^{hc/\lambda k_B T} - 1}$$

DONE IN 3-DIMENS.



$V = L^3$ ;  $h =$  PLANCK'S CONSTANT

SEE P 569 EQ. 25.2 ARCHITECTURAL ACOUSTICS.

NUMBER OF STATES (HARMONICS)  
 FROM 0 TO  $f$

$$N(f) = \frac{4\pi}{3} V \left( \frac{f}{v} \right)^3 + \text{SURFACE CONNECTIONS} + \text{CURVATURE CONNECTIONS}$$

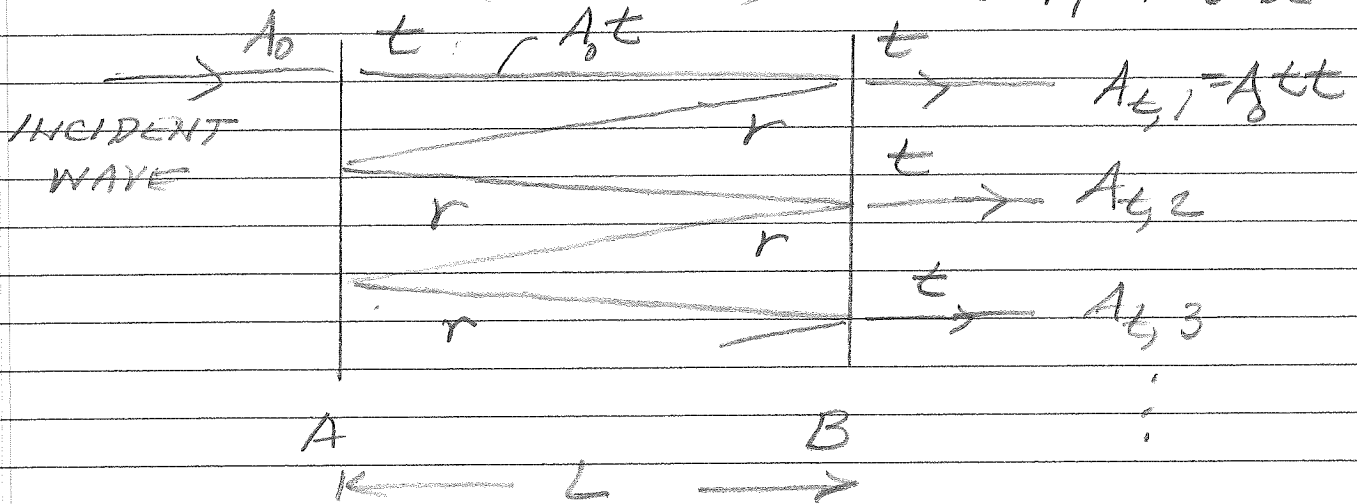
$f\lambda = v$       SOUND OR LIGHT

$$\frac{f}{v} = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$N(\lambda) = \frac{4\pi}{3} V \left( \frac{1}{\lambda} \right)^3; \quad \left| \frac{dN}{d\lambda} \right| = \frac{4\pi}{3} V \left( \frac{3}{\lambda^4} \right)$$

$N(\lambda)$  IMPORTANT ALSO IN STATISTICAL PHYSICS  
 ASTROPHYSICS.

# LAST LECTURE (LECTURE 20)



$A_{t,1} = A_0 t t$  TAKE PHASE AT B TO BE  $= 0$

$A_{t,2} = A_0 t t r^2 e^{-i\delta}$   $\delta = \omega t_0$   $t_0 = \frac{2L}{v_g}$

$A_{t,3} = A_0 t t r^4 e^{-2i\delta}$

LET  $A_0 t t = 1$

$$\frac{I_T}{I_0} = \left| \frac{A_T}{A_0} \right|^2 = \frac{1}{1 + F \sin^2 \frac{\delta}{2}}$$

$$F = \frac{4r^2}{(1-r^2)^2} = \left( \frac{2r}{1-r^2} \right)^2$$

WHEN  $\sin^2 \frac{\delta}{2} = 0$   $\left| \frac{A_T}{A_0} \right|^2 = 1$



$\frac{\delta}{2} = \pi, 2\pi, 3\pi$

$\delta = 2\pi, 4\pi, 6\pi, \dots$

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MINIMUM:  $\frac{I_T}{I_0} = \frac{1}{1+F}$