Distribution of zeros of the spectrogram of noisy signals

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The short time Fourier transform (STFT) of a signal  $x : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{C}$  with Gaussian window

$$g(t) = rac{1}{2^{1/4}} e^{-\pi t^2}$$

is defined by

$$STFT(x)(\tau,\omega) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} x(t) e^{-\pi(t-\tau)^2} e^{-2i\pi\omega t} \mathrm{d}t.$$

### Definition

The spectrogram of a signal  $x : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{C}$  is defined by

 $\forall z = \tau + i\omega \in \mathbb{C}, \quad Spec(x)(z) := |STFT(x)(\tau, \omega)|^2.$ 

The STFT can be rewritten as

$$STFT(x)( au,\omega)=e^{-\pirac{ au^2+\omega^2}{2}}B(x)( au-i\omega)\Rightarrow Spec(x)(z)=e^{-\pi|z|^2}|B(x)(ar{z})|^2$$

where B(x) is the Bargmann transform defined by

$$B(x)(z) := 2^{1/4} \int_{\mathbb{R}} x(t) e^{2\pi t z - \pi t^2 - \pi z^2/2} dt.$$

Let  $\xi : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{C}$  be the standard complex white noise defined by

$$\xi(t)=\sum_{k\geqslant 0}a_kh_k(t)$$

where  $(a_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a sequence of i.i.d.  $\mathcal{N}_{\mathbb{C}}(0, Id)$  random variables and  $h_k$  is the k-th Hermite function.

Since  $(h_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  then:

- $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}, \ \xi(t) \sim \mathcal{N}_{\mathbb{C}}(0, Id).$
- $\forall t, t' \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $t \neq t'$ ,  $\xi(t) \perp \!\!\!\perp \xi(t')$ .

Let  $h_k$  be the k-th Hermite function. Then,

$$B(h_k)(z) = \frac{\pi^{k/2} z^k}{\sqrt{k!}}$$

The spectrogram of  $\xi$  writes

$$Spec(\xi)(z) = e^{-\pi |z|^2} |F(\bar{z})|^2$$
, where  $F(z) := \sum_{k \ge 0} a_k \frac{\pi^{k/2} z^k}{\sqrt{k!}}, \ z \in \mathbb{C}.$ 

F is the planar Gaussian analytic function with covariance kernel

$$\mathcal{K}(z,w) = \mathbb{E}[F(z)\overline{F(w)}] = \sum_{j,k \ge 0} \mathbb{E}[a_j a_k] \frac{\pi^{(z+k)/2} z^j \bar{w}^k}{\sqrt{j!k!}} = \sum_{j,k \ge 0} \frac{(z\bar{w})^k}{k!} = e^{\pi z\bar{w}}$$

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**Main problem:** What are the properties of the zeros of the spectrogram of a noisy signal?



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where  $\nabla'_z = \partial_z - \pi \bar{z}$ .

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Figure: Left: Spectrogram of a noisy hermite function for  $\gamma = 1000$  and k = 10. Zeros are shown in white. Right: Heatmap of  $\rho(z)$ . The zeros of the figure on the left are shown in purple.



Figure: Blue:  $Spec(\sqrt{1000}h_{10})(z)$  with respect to  $r = \pi |z|^2$ . Red: Density of zeros of  $Spec(\xi + \sqrt{1000}h_{10})(z)$  with respect to  $r = \pi |z|^2$ .

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ . Let N(B(0, R)) be the number of zeros of  $Spec(\xi + \sqrt{\gamma}h_k)$  in a centered ball of radius R. Then,

$$\mathbb{E}[N(B(0,R))] = k - (k - \pi R^2) \exp\left(-\gamma \frac{\pi^k R^{2k}}{k!} e^{-\pi R^2}\right)$$

An interesting consequence is that the average number of zeros in  $B\left(0, \sqrt{\frac{k}{\pi}}\right)$  is equal to k and does not depends on  $\gamma$ .



Figure:  $Spec(\xi + \sqrt{\gamma}h_{10})$  and  $\rho(z)$  for various values of  $\gamma$ . The red line show the ball with radius  $\sqrt{10/\pi}$ . Zeros inside the ball are shown in red.

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Applying this result to f(z) = B(x)(z) and g(z) = F(z) + B(x)(z) yields

### Corollary (The trapping of zeros)

Let C be a closed, simple curve of  $\mathbb{C}$  and let  $x : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{C}$ . If

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then  $\operatorname{Spec}(\xi + x)(z)$  and  $B(x)(\overline{z})$  have the same number of zeros in the interior of *C*, where each zero is counted as many times as its multiplicity.

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In other words,

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Figure: Left: Spectrogram of a noisy chirp for  $\gamma = 1000$ , a = -5 and b = 0.4. Zeros are shown in white. Right: Heatmap of  $\rho(z)$ . The zeros of the figure on the left are shown in purple.



Figure: Blue: Spectrogram of the chirp with respect to the distance with the central axis. Red: Density of zeros of the noisy chirp with respect to the distance with the central axis.

Let  $R \in \mathbb{R}_+$ . Consider the rectangle

$$B = \left\{ z = \tau + i\omega \in \mathbb{C} : r \in [0, R], \frac{\sigma_b}{\sqrt{2}}(\tau + 2b\omega) \in [0, 1] \right\}.$$

### Proposition

Let N(B) be the number of zeros of  $\text{Spec}(\xi + \sqrt{\gamma}x)$  in B. Then,

$$\mathbb{E}[N(B)] = R \exp\left(-\gamma \sigma_b e^{-2\pi R^2}\right)$$

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In this section, we consider two parallel linear chirps:

$$x(t) = \sqrt{\gamma_1} e^{2i\pi t(a_1+bt)} + \sqrt{\gamma_2} e^{2i\pi t(a_2+bt)}$$

### Proposition

Let  $z = \tau + i\omega \in \mathbb{C}$  and define

$$\left\{ egin{array}{l} r:=rac{\sigma_b}{\sqrt{2}}(\omega-2b au-a_1);\ a:=rac{\sigma_b}{\sqrt{2}}(a_2-a_1);\ s:=rac{\sigma_b}{\sqrt{2}}( au+2b\omega-(a_1+a_2)b); \end{array} 
ight.$$

Then, Spec(x)(z), written as a function of r and s is equal to

$$Spec(x)(r,s) = \sigma_b \left( \gamma_1 e^{-2\pi r^2} + \gamma_2 e^{-2\pi (r-a)^2} + 2\sqrt{\gamma_1 \gamma_2} e^{-\pi r^2 - \pi (r-a)^2} \cos(2\pi as) \right).$$



Figure: Spectrogram of two chirps with  $\gamma_1 = 10$ ,  $\gamma_2 = 30$ , b = 1/2,  $a_1 = 0$  and  $a_2$  being either 1 (left figure) or 2 (right figure).

The spectrogram of the superposition of chirps vanish at some points.

### Proposition

Spec(x)(r,s) = 0 if and only if

$$r = \frac{a}{2} - \frac{\log(\gamma_2) - \log(\gamma_1)}{4a\pi}$$
 and  $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } s = \frac{1 + 2k}{2a}$ 

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### Proposition

The density  $\rho(z)$  of the zeros of Spec $(\xi + x)$  can be expressed as a function of r and s by

$$\rho(r,s) = \left(1 + 4\pi\sigma_b \left(\gamma_1 r^2 e^{-2\pi r^2} + \gamma_2 (r-a)^2 e^{-2\pi (r-a)^2} + 2\sqrt{\gamma_1 \gamma_2} r(r-a) e^{-\pi r^2 - \pi (r-a)^2} \cos(2\pi as)\right)\right) \exp\left(-\sigma_b \left(\gamma_1 e^{-2\pi r^2} + \gamma_2 e^{-2\pi (r-a)^2} + 2\sqrt{\gamma_1 \gamma_2} e^{-\pi r^2 - \pi (r-a)^2} \cos(2\pi as)\right)\right).$$





Figure: For each figure; Left: Spectrogram of two noisy parallel chirps. Zeros are shown in white. Right: Heatmap of  $\rho(z)$ . The zeros of the figure on the left are shown in purple.

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Figure: Spectrogram of two chirps with noise (on the left) and without noise (on the right). In each case, the zeros are shown as white circles and one of the curve  $C_N$  considered in the following Proposition is shown in yellow.

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ . We consider the parallelogram  $C_N$  whose extremities are the points such that

 $(r, s) \in \{(0, N/a), (0, (N+1)/a), (a, N/a), (a, (N+1)/a)\}$  where N is any integer. We then consider the following assumptions:

$$a \leqslant \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \text{ or } \frac{1}{2} |\log(\gamma_1) - \log(\gamma_2)| \ge -2 \operatorname{arccosh} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}a\right) + a\sqrt{\pi^2 a^2 - 2\pi};$$
  

$$|\log(\gamma_1) - \log(\gamma_2)| < 2\pi a^2$$
  

$$4 \frac{e^{-u^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(a + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{u}\right) \leqslant \varepsilon; \text{ where}$$
  

$$u = \sqrt{\sigma_b} \min\left(|\sqrt{\gamma_1} - \sqrt{\gamma_2}e^{-\pi a^2}|, |\sqrt{\gamma_2} - \sqrt{\gamma_1}e^{-\pi a^2}|\right).$$

Then, under these three assumptions,  $Spec(\xi + x)$  has a unique zero inside  $C_N$  with probability  $\ge 1 - \varepsilon$ .

If 
$$\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = \gamma$$
 and  $a \leqslant \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}}$ ,  
 $\mathbb{P}$  (unique zero inside  $C_N$ ) = 1 -  $O\left(e^{-\gamma\sigma_b\left(1-e^{-\gamma}\right)}\right)$ 

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Problems I've tried to tackle but gave up because it looked too complicated for me.

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Let  $\rho_{cross}(z, w)$  be the cross correlation between zeros and local maxima of the spectrogram of complex Gaussian white noise at points  $z, w \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then,  $\rho_{cross}(z, w)$  only depends on  $r = |z - w|\sqrt{\pi}$  and is equal to

$$\int_{\mathbb{C}^{3}} \frac{|u|^{2}(|w|^{2}-|v|^{2})\mathbb{1}_{|w|>|v|}}{\det(\Lambda(r))\pi^{3}} \exp\left(-\left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ u\\ 0\\ v\\ w \end{pmatrix}, \Lambda(r)^{-1}\begin{pmatrix} 0\\ u^{*}\\ 0\\ v^{*}\\ w^{*} \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \right) \mathrm{d}u \mathrm{d}v \mathrm{d}w,$$

where

$$\Lambda(r) := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -r & r^2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1-r^2 & -r(2-r^2) & -r \\ -r & 1-r^2 & e^{r^2} & 0 & 0 \\ r^2 & -r(2-r^2) & 0 & 2e^{r^2} & 0 \\ -1 & -r & 0 & 0 & e^{r^2} \end{pmatrix}$$



Figure: Monte-Carlo approximation of the cross-correlation between zeros and local maxima with respecting to their relative distance.

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# Thank you for your attention!