

- Previous Lecture:

- Review matrix, cell array, structure array

- Today's Lecture:

- Working with sound files
- Review vector, graphics, struct array, cell array

- Announcement:

- P6 will be posted this aftn. Due 11/23 (Mon)
- Prelim 2 returned in lecture unless you didn't circle your lecture time on the exam, in which case pick it up from CS1112 consultants (ACCEL Green Rm) after 4pm today

Reading and playing **.wav** files

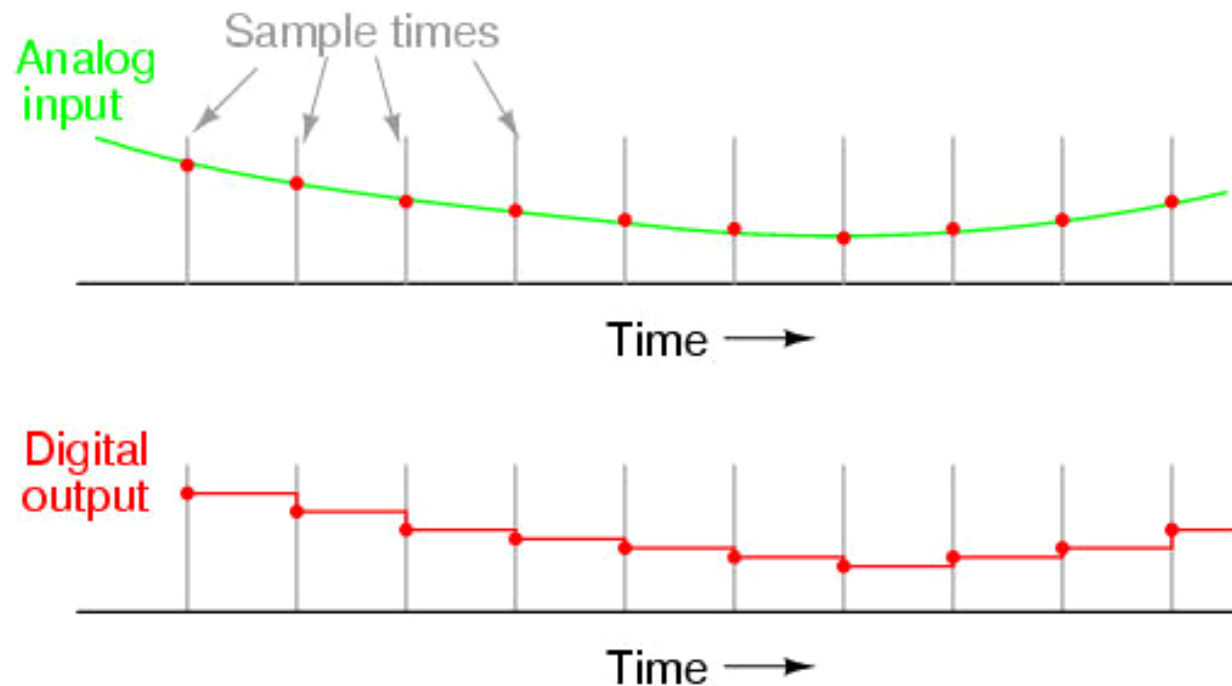
```
[y, rate, nBits] = wavread('austin.wav')  
sound(y, rate)
```

A **wav** file is for the computer to process—software is required to play the sound.

Computing with sound in Matlab requires that we first convert the **wav** format data into simple numeric data—the job of **wavread**.

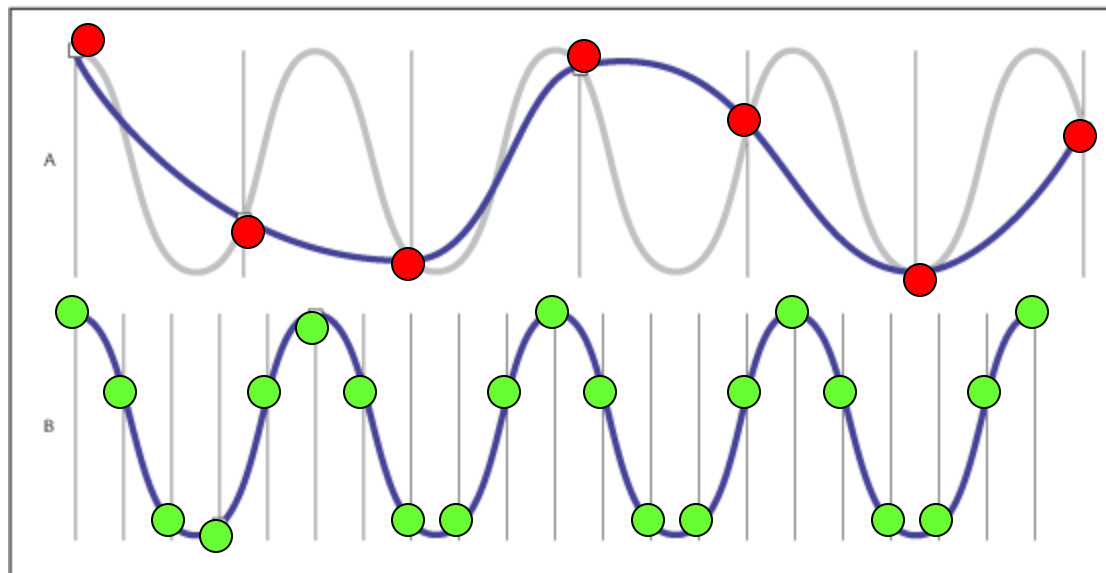
Computing with sound requires digitization

- Sound is continuous; capture its essence by sampling
- Digitized sound is a vector of numbers



Sampling rate affects the quality

If sampling not frequent enough, then the discretized sound will not capture the essence of the continuous sound...



Too slow

OK

Sampling Rate

Given human perception, 20000 samples/second is pretty good (20000Hz or 20kHz)

8,000 Hz required for speech over the telephone

44,100 Hz required for audio CD

192,400 Hz required for HD-DVD audio tracks

Resolution also affects the quality

Typically, each sampled value is encoded as an 8-bit integer in the .wav file.

Possible values: -128, -127,...,-1,0,1,...,127

Loud: -120, 90, 122, etc.

Quiet: 3, 10, -5



16-bit used when very high quality is required.

wavread converts the 8-bit values to floating point values between -1 and 1

```
[y, rate, nBits]= wavread( 'austin.wav' )
```

0.4609
0.3516
0.2734
0.2891
0.2500
0.1484
0.1094
0.1641
0.1484
0.0000
-0.1641
-0.2734
-0.3281

 **y(50000:50012)**

wavread

```
[y,rate,nBits]= wavread( 'austin.wav' );  
n = length(y);
```

```
n =  
    54453  
rate =  
    11025  
nBits =  
      8
```

austin.wav

encoded the sound with
54,453 8-bit numbers that
were taken at 11025 samples
per second

What is the play duration?

A: $\text{rate} * n$

B: rate / n

C: n / rate

D: *none of the above*

wavread

Name of the
source file

```
[data, rate, nBits]= wavread('austin.wav')
```

The vector of
sampled sound
values is
assigned to
this variable

The sampling
rate is
assigned to
this variable

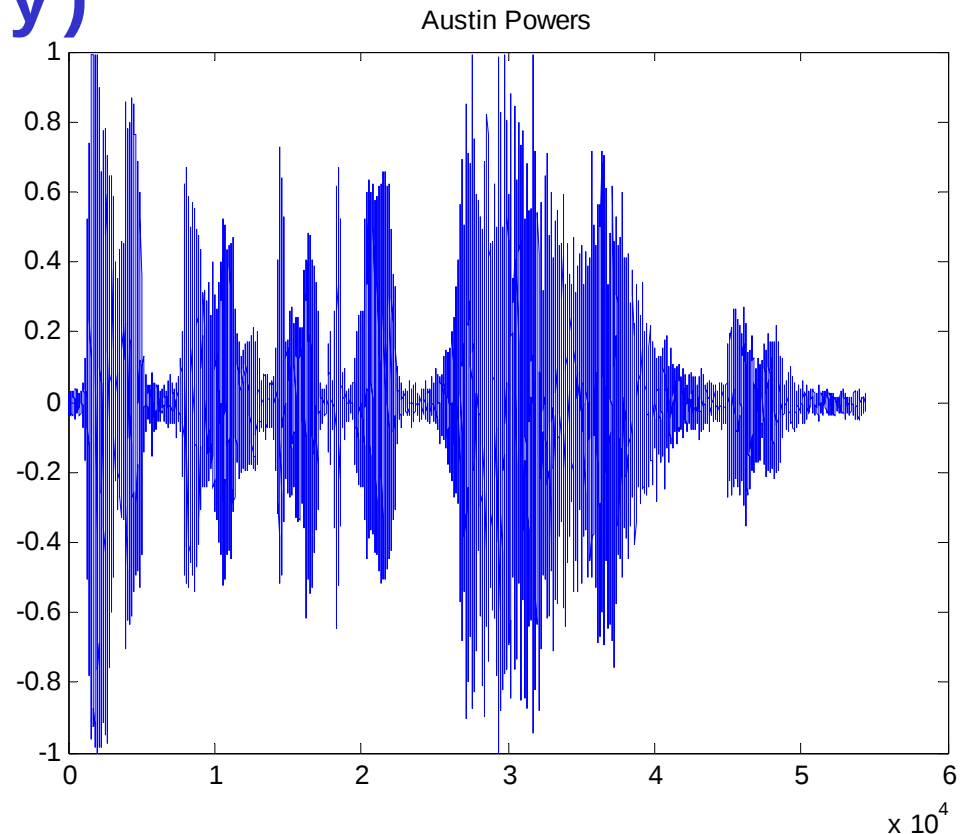
The
resolution is
assigned to
this variable

Hearing and “seeing” the sound

```
[y,rate]= wavread('austin');  
sound(y, rate)  
plot(1:length(y), y)
```

Usually playback at a
rate equal to the
sampling rate

See `showAustin.m`



movies.wav

Example: playlist

Suppose we have a set of .wav files, e.g.,

austin.wav

sp_beam.wav

sp_oz6.wav

and wish to play them in succession.

Possible solution

```
playList = {'austin', ...  
            'sp_beam', ...  
            'sp_oz6'};
```

```
for k=1:length(playList)  
    [y,rate] = wavread(playList{k});  
    sound(y,rate)  
end
```

Store the data from wav files as a struct array for play back later

```
function SA = wavSegments(wnames)
% Build a struct array SA such that
%   SA(k).data stores the data of wnames{k}
%   SA(k).rate stores the sampling rate of
%               wav file wnames{k}

for k= 1:length(wnames)
    [y,rate] = wavread(wnames{k});
    SA(k)= struct('data', y, 'rate', rate);
end
```

```
function playSegments(SA)
% Play sound data stored in struct array SA.
%   SA(k).data stores the k-th segment of
%               sound data (from wavread)
%   SA(k).rate is sampling rate of k-th seg.

for k= 1:length(SA)
    theData= SA(k).data;
    theRate= SA(k).rate;
    sound(theData,theRate)
end
```

My emergency alarm clock!

The command

clock

Hint: **pause(n)**
pauses for n seconds

returns a length 6 vector of these values

[year month day hour minute seconds]

Write this function:

```
function alarmClock(h,m,filename)
```

```
% Play wav file at h:m
```

Prelim 2

- Q1: matrix trace; submatrix & min 😊😞
- Q2: vector of indices; string concatenation & cell array 😞
- Q3: vector & random walk 😊
- Q4: 3-d array, computing indices 😊😞
- Q5: char array & cell array 😞
- Median 82
- Mean 78.0; Standard Deviation 16.9
- Max 100