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- wavesurfer uses the ESPS get_f0 command to obtain f_0 time-series
- syntax: get_f0 [options] input_file output_file

ESPS is a package of UNIX-like commands and programming libraries for speech signal processing.

You can download a recent .deb package for ESPS from http://www.phon.ox.ac.uk/releases

David Talkin's paper on get_f0 is here: http://www.ee.columbia.edu/~dpwe/papers/Talkin95-rapt.pdf



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> done
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On one line, that's:

for i in *.wav; do get_f0 \$i \$i.f0; pplain \$i.f0 >\$i.f0.csv; done



- These .csv files are simple ASCII text files like this: ------
- The first column is f_0 , the second is voicing; ignore the other two

0 0 0 0.272821 0 0 34 4253 0 551759 0 0 44.9999 0.641592 0 0 242.326 0.515299 176.894 1 401.017 0.553706 174.434 1 399.113 0.931412 167.352 1 378.998 0.951326 162.623 1 358.704 0.927735 160.734 1 356.843 0.931884 154.345 1 250.132 0.617554 170.107 1 159.65 0.843205 0 0 82.2662 0.494668 0 0 92.7429 0.730789 0 0 110.42 0.433576 0 0 71.1711 0.53332 0 0 59.6541 0.419894 0 0 62.9074 0.538716 0 0 53.2908 0.319767 0 0 47.034 0.288603 0 0 38.5281 0.346631 0 0 47.2128 0.452121 0 0 50.4091 0.43822 0 0 44.2441 0.568226 --More--(28%)



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• With the discontinuity (voiceless portion) excised:





 Cf. a linear regression line; it may not look quite so good, but it's actually a better fit (to the *whole* line)







Why single-point measurements of sampled data are not great

• What is the true minimum of this curve? - 9968 or -9969?

Functional Data Analysis

- Modelling sampled data using (continuous) functions
- General approach:
 - Possibly smooth the data a bit, to iron out irrelevant wiggles
 - Possibly normalize the data
 - Registration: some sort of time alignment of the individual tokens (not always necessary)

Functional Data Analysis

Choose a general kind of (basis) function that looks like your data

- For periodic data: Fourier series
- For nonperiodic data: B-splines sometimes: Orthogonal Polynomials (Example 1)
- others are possible
- Probability density functions
- E.g., for normally-distributed data: Gaussians (Example 2)

Fit the function to the data

i.e. find the parameters of the function that minimizes the differences between the function and the data

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. . .

[176.894;

174.434;

167.352;

162.623;

160.734;

88.67331;

• Put numeric data into Matlab's vector notation:

f0 = load('FIFTEEN3.wav.f0.csv');
y = f0(:,1);
y = y(y>0);

• Normalize it: yn = y/mean(y) -1;

• Normalize the time dimension to the interval [-1 1], and turn it into a column vector:

x = ((1:length(yn))-length(yn)/2)/(length(yn)/2); x = x';

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Orthogonalisation

• Translate polynomial coefficients into orthogonal (Legendre) polynomial coeffs:

$$c = [0.4*a(1) 2*a(2)/3 a(3)+6*a(1)/5 a(4)]$$

%% a = 0.19321 0.63340 -0.70280 -0.19866 %% c = 0.077284 0.422269 -0.470948 -0.198659

Loop over all the "good" files

for i = 2:172

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eval(['fid = fopen(''FIFTEEN', int2str(i), '.wav.f0.csv'');']);
                                                                        %% checks file FIFTEEN i ... exists
if (fid \sim = -1)
   eval(['f0 = load(''FIFTEEN', int2str(i), '.wav.f0.csv'');']);
   y = f0(:, 1);
   y = y(y>0);
   yn = y/mean(y) - 1;
   x = ((1:length(yn)) - length(yn)/2) / (length(yn)/2);
   x = x';
   [a,S] = polyfit(x,yn,3);
   c = [0.4*a(1) 2*a(2)/3 a(3)+6*a(1)/5 a(4)];
   C(i,:) = [i c];
end
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save('coeffs.csv','C');

end