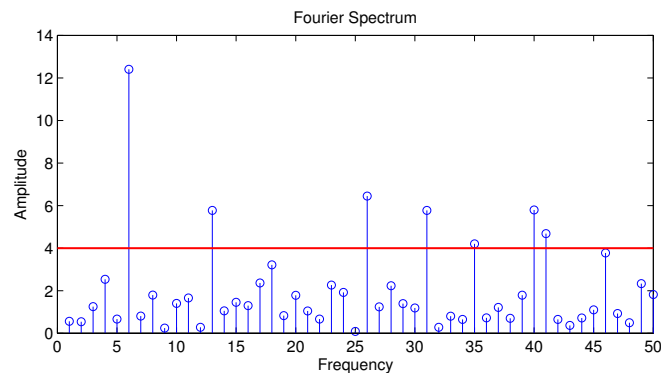


Due: Friday 20 February 2015

Submission: Turn in a printed or neatly written copy of your work at the beginning of class.

Collaboration: Each student must work on and submit their assignment individually.

1. Give a brief description of the *GIF* and *JPEG* image formats. What kinds of images are each of these formats most and least appropriate for, and why?
2. Suppose the following triple represents an RGB (red, green, blue) color: (230, 120, 230). What color does it represent? Briefly describe how you can tell from the three numbers.
3. Say you want to store a $4\frac{1}{2}$ minute song without any file compression. If we sample the sound 44,100 times per second (the standard rate for a Compact Disc), storing each sample using 2 bytes (for higher fidelity), how much total space do we need? Show your work. Give your answer in the most sensible units.¹ Note that 1024 bytes is 1 kilobyte (KB), and 1024 kilobytes is 1 megabyte (MB).
4. Suppose a short sound clip uses only 50 samples with 1 byte per sample.
 - (a) How big is the resulting file? Show your work, providing units.
 - (b) Suppose the signal has the following frequency representation.

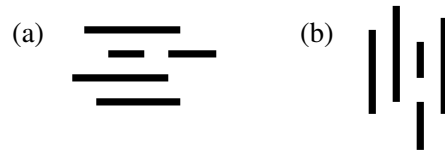


With 50 distinct frequencies, how many bits would be needed to store a *particular* frequency? (Not the corresponding amplitude, just a number 1-50.) Explain briefly.

- (c) Suppose we threshold the amplitudes at 4, preserving only those frequencies above the threshold and setting the rest to zero in a reconstructed clip. Assuming we store the remaining amplitudes using 1 byte (as with the original sample), and using your answer from (b), how much space would such a compressed representation take? Explain briefly, showing your work and providing units.
 - (d) How much is the resulting file compressed? That is, take $\frac{(c)}{(a)} \times 100\%$.
5. Suppose we store an image that is 2112 pixels wide by 2816 pixels high without any file compression.
 - (a) This is the size of images used in a camera advertised as 6.0 megapixels. Explain whether this claim is reasonable or not.
 - (b) Assuming each pixel is stored with 4 bytes—(R,G,B) plus the additional α (alpha) channel byte—how much total space will an image need? Show your work and give your answer in sensible units.

¹For example, giving the distance between Grinnell and Des Moines as 3,364,416 inches is not sensible. Neither is reporting that distance as 0.00000000009033 light years.

6. You work for a firm creating a website for display on mobile devices in a developing country. Users of these mobile devices pay a high per-byte download fee, and sites are often slow to download. The graphics designers have proposed two logos for the site (possibly to suggest a sense of motion).



Assuming these will use the *GIF* format, explain which would you recommend (ignoring any aesthetics).