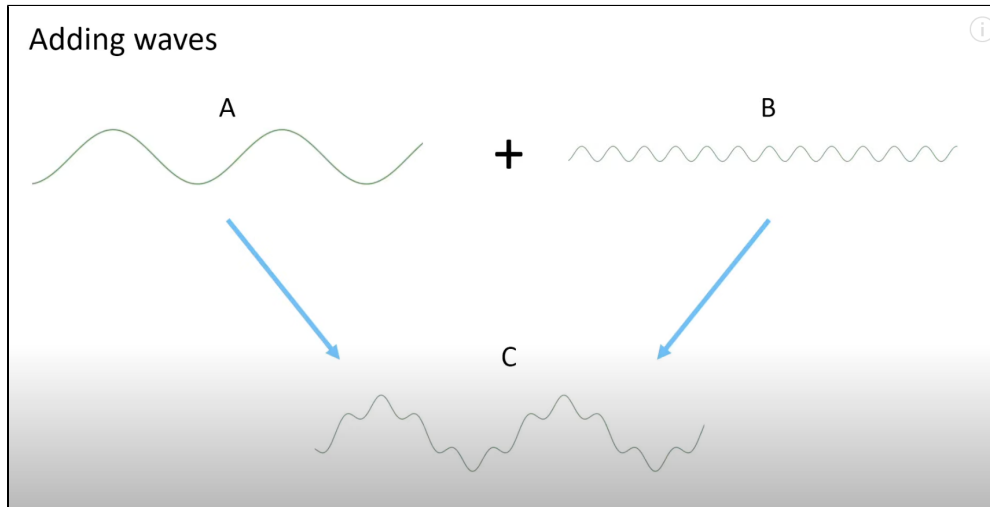


Using FFT to Read Frequencies

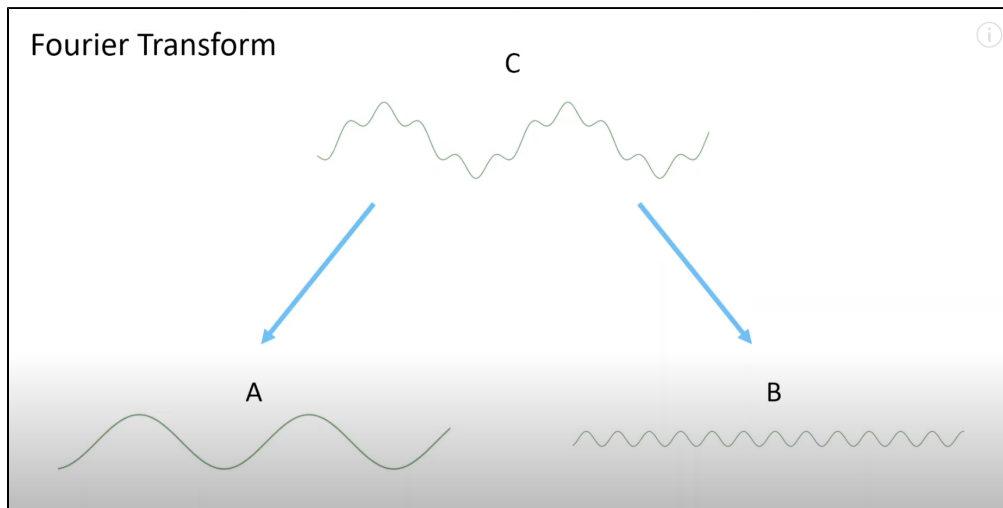
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Background

We can combine waves at different frequencies and amplitudes to generate complicated waves.



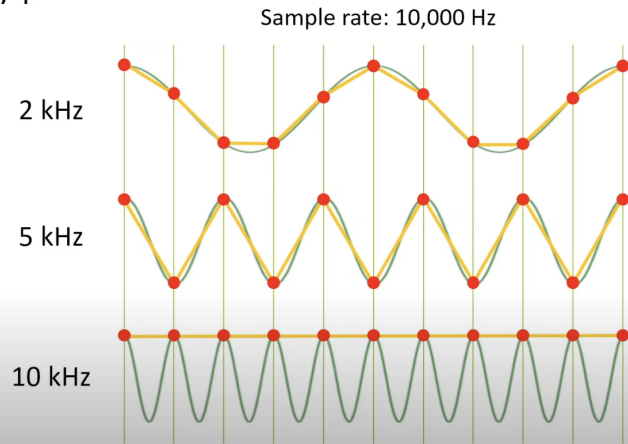
A Fourier transform takes a complicated looking wave and spits out the individual frequencies that it contains.



Sampling

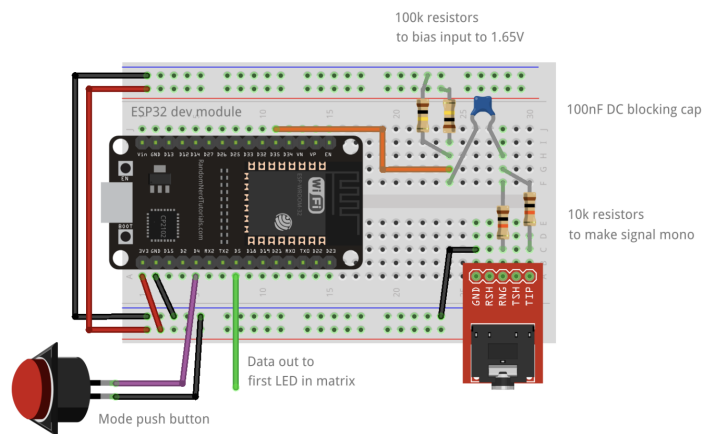
We can sample a wave with a frequency equal to half of our sampling rate. So, if we are sampling at 10,000 Hz, we can sample wave of 5000 Hz.

Nyquist theorem



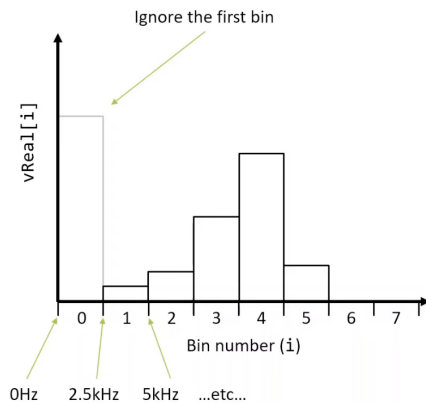
Input Circuit

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Sample Code

Understanding the FFT results



Number of samples: 16
Sampling rate: 40kHz

Only use the first half of the samples

Ignore bin 0, this mainly contains DC and mains hum.

Frequency width of each bin is
sample rate / number of samples, in
this case 2.5kHz.

Size of bin = Sampling Rate/#Samples

```
#include <arduinoFFT.h>
#define AUDIO_IN_PIN    A0
#define SAMPLES         128
#define SAMPLING_FREQ   3200
#define AMPLITUDE       100
#define NUM_BANDS       8
#define NOISE            500           // Used as a crude noise filter, values below this are ignored

unsigned int sampling_period_us;

double vReal[SAMPLES];
double vImag[SAMPLES];
unsigned long newTime;

arduinoFFT FFT = arduinoFFT(vReal, vImag, SAMPLES, SAMPLING_FREQ);

void setup() {
  Serial.begin(115200);
  Serial.println("Reading....");

  sampling_period_us = round(1000000 * (1.0 / SAMPLING_FREQ));
  sampleInput();
}

void loop() {
}

void sampleInput() {

  // Sample the audio pin
  for (int i = 0; i < SAMPLES; i++) {
    newTime = micros();
    vReal[i] = analogRead(AUDIO_IN_PIN);
    vImag[i] = 0;
    while ((micros() - newTime) < sampling_period_us) { /* chill */ }
  }

  // Compute FFT
  FFT.DCRemoval();
  FFT.Windowing(FFT_WIN_TYP_HAMMING, FFT_FORWARD);
  FFT.Compute(FFT_FORWARD);
  FFT.ComplexToMagnitude();

  // binSize = SAMPLING_FREQ / SAMPLES
  // binsize = 3200/128 = 25Hz
```

```

// Analyse FFT results
int biggestFrequency = 0;
int magnitude = 0;
int binsize = SAMPLING_FREQ / SAMPLES;

// Don't use sample 0 and only first SAMPLES/2 are usable.
// Each array element represents a frequency bin and its value the amplitude.

for (int i = 1; i < (SAMPLES/2); i++){
  if (vReal[i] > NOISE) { // Add a crude noise filter
    Serial.print(i);
    Serial.print("[");
    Serial.print((i)*binsize);
    Serial.print("]");
    Serial.print(": ");
    Serial.println((int)vReal[i]);
    if((int)vReal[i] > magnitude){
      biggestFrequency=(i)*binsize;
      magnitude=(int)vReal[i];
    }
  }
}

if(biggestFrequency>0){
  Serial.print("f=");
  Serial.print(biggestFrequency);
  Serial.print(" c=");
  Serial.println(magnitude);
}
}

```

References

Reference	URL
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ESP32 spectrum analyser VU meter using arduinoFFT and a FastLED matrix	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mgh2WbIO5_c
ESP32_FFT_VU - Code	https://github.com/s-marley/ESP32_FFT_VU