

CDP GROUP LISTS

LIST OF PROCESSES IN EACH FUNCTION GROUP

BLUR – blur spectral data to diffuse clarity

Some BLUR processes operate across a number of time-windows, for example time-averaging the spectrum, shuffling or moving along the windows.

Others operate on spectral-channel amplitudes: thinning or averaging the spectral energy across a number of adjacent windows, or randomising amplitudes and frequencies.

BLUR **AVRG** Average spectral energy over *N* adjacent channels

BLUR BLUR Blur the spectral data over time

CALTRAIN Time-blur the upper spectral channels

BLUR **CHORUS** Atd random variation to amplitude or frequency in analysis channels

BLUR **DRUNK** Modify sound by a drunken walk along analysis windows

BLUR **NOISE** Add noise to spectrum

BLUR **SCATTER** Randomly thin the spectrum

SELFSIM Replace spectral windows with the most similar, louder window(s)

BLUR **SHUFFLE** Shuffle analysis windows according to a specific scheme

BLUR **SPREAD** Spread spectral peaks

BLUR **SUPPRESS** Suppress the most prominent channel data

SUPPRESS PARTIALS Suppress the most prominent partials in the frequency band indicated

WEAVE Weave amongst the analysis windows in a specified pattern



COMBINE – combine frequency analysis data from two or more files

This group combines two or more spectra, for example by interleaving them or producing the sum, difference, maximum or mean value of the spectra.

Some processes combine characteristics of one spectral envelope with another (CROSS, SPECROSS, SPECTWIN and SPECSPHINX).

MAKE and **MAKE2** are key tools for combining **PITCH DATA** files with **FORMANT** files to produce spectra that can be re-synthesized back to sound.

COMBINE CROSS Replace spectral amplitudes of 1st file with those of 2nd

COMBINE **DIFF** Subtract one spectrum from another

COMBINE

INTERLEAVE Interleave (groups of) windows of several spectra

COMBINE **MAKE** Generate spectrum from pitch & formant data

COMBINE MAKE2 Generate spectrum from pitch, formant & envelope data

COMBINE MAX

In each analysis channel, in each window, take the maximum value

amongst the input files

COMBINE **MEAN** Generate the spectral 'mean' of 2 sounds

SPECROSS Interpolate partials of pitched *inanalfile1* towards those of pitched

inanalfile2

SPECSPHINX Impose the channel amplitudes of inanalfile2 onto the channel

frequencies of inanalfile1

SPECTWIN Combine the formant and/or total spectral envelopes of two spectra

COMBINE **SUM** Find the sum of two spectra



DISTORT – distortion based on wavesets (pseudowavecycles)

The DISTORT functions operate on (groups of) pseudo-wavecycles called **wavesets**, found in zero-crossings. Most, but not all, of the processes do introduce doestortion and many produce unpredictable results.

DISTORT **AVERAGE** Average the waveshape over *N* 'wavecycles'

CLIP Clip a signal

DISTORT **CYCLECNT** Count 'wavecycles' in soundfile

DISTORT DELETE Time-contract soundfile by deleting 'wavecycles'

Cut sound into elements with falling envelope

DISTMARK Interpolate between waveset-groups at marked points

DISTMORE BRIGHT Reorder sound segments in order of average zero-crossing rate

DISTMORE DOUBLE Double (quadruple etc.) frequency of each waveset

DISTMORE SEGSBKWD

Reverse certain (sets of) segments

DISTMORE SEGZIG Zigzag across tail segments or across whole soundfile

DISTORTT Repeat wavesets within given duration

DISTREP Timestretch soundfile by repeating wavesets

DISTSHIFT Time-shift or swap wavecycles **DISTWARP** Warp wavecycles by a multiplier

DISTORT **DIVIDE** Distortion by dividing 'wavecycle' frequency

DISTORT **ENVEL** Impose envelope over each group of *cyclecnt* 'wavecycles'

DISTORT **FILTER** Time-contract a sound by filtering out 'wavecycles'

DISTORT FRACTAL Superimpose miniature copies of source 'wavecycles' onto themselves

FRACTAL WAVE Fractally distort an input sound or wavecyle

DISTORT HARMONIC Harmonic distortion by superimposing 'harmonics' onto 'wavecycles'

DISTORT INTERACT Time-domain interaction of two sounds

DISTORT Time-stretch file by repeating 'wavecycles' and interpolating between

INTERPOLATE them

DISTORT MULTIPLY Distortion by multiplying 'wavecycle' frequency

DISTORT **OMIT** Omit *A* out of every *B* 'wavecycles', replacing them with silence DISTORT **OVERLOAD** Clip the signal with noise or a (possibly timevarying) waveform

DISTORT PITCH Pitchwarp 'wavecycles' of sound

DISTORT **PULSED** Impose regular pulsations on a sound

QUIRK Distort signal by raising sample values to a power

DISTORT **REFORM** Modify the shape of 'wavecycles'

DISTORT REPEAT Timestretch soundfile by repeating 'wavecycles' DISTORT REPEAT2 Repeat 'wavecycles' without time-stretching

DISTORT REPLACE

The strongest 'wavecycle' in a *cyclecnt* group replaces the others

Timestretch by repeating 'wavecycles' (below a specified frequency)

Cycle-reversal distortion in which the 'wavecycles' are reversed in

groups

SCRAMBLE Scramble waveset order randomly or by size and level

DISTORT **SHUFFLE** Distortion by shuffling 'wavecycles'

SPLINTER Create splinters by repeating & shrinking selected waveset-group

DISTORT **TELESCOPE** Time-contract sound by telescoping *N* wavecycles into 1



ENVEL – alterations to the amplitude envelope

CDP can extract an envelope (either as a binary or breakpoint text file) and edit or transform it, alter the dynamic shape, creating fades and swells, warping it in many ways, or totally re-drawing it, creating new envelopes. The envelope of one sound can be imposed on or replace that of another.

ENVEL ATTACK Emphasize the attack of a sound

ENVEL **BRKTOENV**Convert a (text) breakpoint envelope to a binary envelope file

ENVEL CREATE Create an envelope

ENVEL CURTAIL Curtail a soundfile by fading to zero at some time within it

ENVEL **CYCLIC**ENVEL **DBTOENV**Create a sequence of repeated envelopes, in a binary envelope file
Convert a (text) breakpoint file with dB values to a binary envelope file
ENVEL **DBTOGAIN**Convert a (text) breakpoint file with dB values to gain values (0 to 1)

ENVEL **DOVETAIL** Create fade ins and outs in a soundfile by enveloping its beginning and end

ENVEL ENVTOBRK Convert a binary envelope file to a (text) breakpoint envelope file

ENVEL ENVTODB Convert a binary envelope file to a (text) breakpoint envelope file with dB

values

ENVEL EXTRACT Extract the amplitude envelope from an input soundfile

FLATTEN Equalise level of sound elements

ENVEL GAINTODB Convert a (text) breakpoint file with gain (0 to 1) values to dB values

ENVEL **IMPOSE** Impose an envelope on an input soundfile ENVEL **PLUCK** Pluck the start of a sound (Mono files only)

ENVEL REPLACE Replace the existing envelope of a soundfile with a different envelope

ENVEL **RESHAPE** Warp the envelope in a binary envelope file

ENVEL **REPLOT** Warp the envelope in a (text) breakpoint envelope file

Impose an envelope on an input soundfile, scaling it timewise to the

sound's duration

SPIKE Envelope the sound to spike at the peak

ENVEL **SWELL** Cause sound to fade in to and out from a peak moment

ENVEL TIMEGRID Partition a soundfile into a sequence of 'windows' separated by silence

TOPANTAIL2 Fade beginning & end of a sound

TREMENV Tremolo a sound, with with narrowed after peak

ENVEL TREMOLO Tremolo a sound

TREMOLO Witdh-controlled tremolo

ENVEL WARP Warp the envelope of a soundfile

ENVNU – specialised operations on envelopes

EXPDECAY Produce a true exponential decay to zero on a sound

PEAKCHOP Isolate peaks in a source and either play back at a specified tempo (Mode 1)

OR gate the sound around peaks (Mode 2)



EXTEND - processes which extend and/or segment a sound in time

The EXTEND group is concerned with repetitions of various sorts, which prolong the sound. The iterations tend not to repeat the whole file, but only segments of it (e.g. LOOP, ZIGZAG, DRUNK). SEQUENCE and **SEQUENCE 2** are quite versatile sample-playing functions, which can play a sequence of sounds at given times, pitch, loudness and duration. Many newer standalone programs have been attached to the group, which explore different aspects of repetition.

EXTEND Join a time-reversed copy of the sound to a normal copy, in that order **BAKTOBAK**

BOUNCE 'Bounce' a sound: accelerating repeats, decaying in level

Repeat the source sound in several cycles that synchronise after specified **CERACU**

counts

EXTEND **DOUBLETS** Divide a sound into segments that repeat, and splice them together EXTEND **DRUNK** Drunken walk through source file (chosen segments read forwards)

DVDWIND Shorten a sound by read, skip, read, skip procedure

SFECHO ECHO Repeat a sound with timing and level adjustments between repeats

ENVSPEAK Process speech 'syllables'

EXTEND FREEZE Freeze a portion of sound by iteration

Move through a file, zig-zag reading it at a given frequency **HOVER**

Move through a file, zig-zag reading it at a given frequency, with inverted **HOVER2**

copies

EXTEND ITERATE Repeat sound with subtle variations

ITERLINE Iterate an input sound, following a transposition line Iterate an input sound set, following a transposition line **ITERLINEF** EXTEND LOOP Loop (repeat [advancing] segments) inside soundfile **MADRID** Spatially syncopate repetitions of the source soundfile(s) **MOTOR** Create faster pulse-stream within slower pulsed envelope

Iterate a sound to create a stream of enveloped & pitched sound-packets **PULSER** Iterate a number of sounds, randomly permutated, to create a stream of **PULSER MULTI**

enveloped and pitched sound-packets

REPEATER Play source, with specified elements repeating

EXTEND

Repeat source at given times **REPETITIONS**

ROTOR Generate note-sets that grow and shrink in pitch-range and speed

EXTEND **SCRAMBLE** Scramble soundfile and write to any given length

Produce a sequence from an input sound played at specified transpositions **EXTEND SEQUENCE**

and times

Produce a sequence from several sounds played at transpositions and **EXTEND**

times specified **SEQUENCE2**

Generate simultaneous repetition streams, shifting rhythmic pulse from **SHIFTER**

one to another

SHRINK Repeat a sound, shortening it on each repetition

Chop sound into elements, then reorganise by loudness or duration **SORTER**

Randomly repeat segments cut from elements **STUTTER**

TESSELATE Create repeating patterns with shift in space and time Read soundfile backwards and forwards, as you specify EXTEND ZIGZAG



FILTER – techniques to filter or focus on frequency bands

Filtering changes the tone-colour of a sound, attenuating some of the harmonics and emphasizing others. CDP's filter functions include all the classic types plus particularly effective Filter Banks, which can be used to "tune" the sound by strongly emphasising specified frequencies. There are also spectrally based filters (see **HILITE**).

FILTER **BANK** Bank of filters, with time-varying *Q*

FILTER BANKFRQS Generate a bank of frequencies for use as a filterbank

FILTRAGE Generate randomised VARIBANK filterbank files

FILTER **FIXED**Boost or Cut: above, below or around a given frequency
FILTER **ITERATED**Iterate a sound, with cumulative filtering by a filterbank

FILTER **LOHI** Fixed low pass or high pass filter

FILTER **PHASING** Phase shift sound, or produce phasing effect

PHASOR Introduce phasing into (mono) signal

FILTER **SWEEPING** Filter whose focus-frequency sweeps over a range of frequencies

FILTER **USERBANK** User-defined filterbank, with time-varying Q

FILTER VARIABLE Lo-pass, High-pass, Band-pass or Notch filter with time-varying frequency

FILTER **VARIBANK/2** User-defined time-varying filterbank, with time-varying *Q* FILTER **VFILTERS** Make datafiles for fixed-pitch FILTER VARIBANK filters

FOCUS - focus or sustain spectral amplitude data

The FOCUS functions complement those in HILITE and BLUR by emphasising certain aspects of the spectral envelope, or operating across a number of time-windows: freezing, holding or sustaining each spectral band. **FOLD** and **SPECFOLD** radically alter spectral frequencies.

FOCUS ACCU Sustain each spectral band, until louder data appears in that band

FOCUS **EXAG** Exaggerate the spectral (formant) contour

FOCUS FOCUS Focus spectral energy onto the peaks in the spectrum

FOCUS **FOLD** Octave-transpose spectral components into a specified frequency range
FOCUS

Freeze the spectral characteristics in a sound, at given times, for specified

FREEZE durations

FOCUS **HOLD** Hold sound spectrum, at given times **SPECFOLD** Fold, invert or randomise the spectrum

FOCUS **STEP** Step-frame through a sound by freezing the spectrum at regular time intervals

SUPERACCU Sustain each spectral band until louder data appears in that band



FORMANTS – extract and impose the spectral envelope (formants)

Formant files extract the time-varying spectral envelope. This can then be imposed on a different sound or combined with a pitch file to create a new sound. The group includes a spectral version of the classic Vocoder, in which the spectral envelope of one sound is imposed on another.

Related groups are the **ONEFORM Group**, which operates with single formants and **SPECFNU**, a group of twenty-three formant-manipulating processes.

FORMANTS **GET** Extract evolving formant envelope from an analysis file

FORMANTS GETSEE Get formant data from an analysis file to a pseudo-soundfile to view in

VIEWSF

FORMANTS **PUT** Impose formants in a formant data file on data in an analysis file

FORMANTS **SEE**Convert formant data in formant data file to a pseudo soundfile to view in

VIEWSF

SPECENV Extract the spectral envelope of file 2 and apply it to file 1

FORMANTS

VOCODE Impose spectral envelope of one sound on another

SEE ALSO:

ONEFORM Operations with single formants

SPECFNU Modify spectral shape in relation to formant peaks

ONEFORM – operations with single formants

The ONEFORM group extracts and works with a single spectral envelope at a specific time. It complements the **FORMANTS** functions, and **SPECFNU**, which deals with various transformations while preserving the formants.

ONEFORM **GET** Extract formant-envelope at a specific time in an existing formant file

ONEFORM **PUT**Impose the formant-envelope in a single-moment-formants datafile onto the

sound in an analysis file

ONEFORM

COMBINE

Generate a new sound from pitch information and a single-moment formant



GRAIN – granulate and manipulate grains

The main CDP granular programs are **MODIFY BRASSAGE** and its variants **WRAPPAGE** and **NEWTEX**. Most functions in the GRAIN group manipulate the grains in a "grainy" sound, normally one with gaps (possibly created by **MODIFY BRASSAGE** Mode 5).

Grains can be treated in many ways, such as being duplicated, omitted, repitched, repositioned, shuffled and reversed in order.

GRAIN **ALIGN** Synchronise grain onsets in 2nd grainy sound with those in the 1st

GRAIN **ASSESS** Estimate best gate value for grain extraction

GRAIN **COUNT** Count grains found in a sound (at given *gate* and *minhole* values)

GRAIN **DUPLICATE** Duplicate grains in a grainy sound

GRAINEX Find grains in a sound and extend the area that contains them

GRAIN GREV Find and manipulate 'grains', using envelope troughs and zero-crossings

NEWTEX Generate a texture of grains made from a source sound or sounds

GRAIN

NOISE_EXTEND Find and time-stretch noise components in a sound

GRAIN **FIND**Locate timings of grain-onsets in a grainy sound
GRAIN **OMIT**Omit a proportion of grains from a grainy sound
GRAIN **REMOTIF**Change pitch and rhythm of grains in a grainy sound

GRAIN **REORDER** Reorder grains in a grainy sound GRAIN **REPITCH** Repitch grains in a grainy sound

GRAIN **REPOSITION** Reposition grain onsets in a grainy sound GRAIN **RERHYTHM** Change rhythm of grains in a grainy sound

GRAIN REVERSE Reverse order of grains in a grainy sound without reversing the grains

themselves

GRAIN R EXTEND 'Time-stretch' natural sounds like the rolled 'rrr' in speech

GRAIN TIMEWARP Stretch (or shrink) the duration of a grainy sound without stretching the

grains themselves

WRAPPAGE Granular reconstitution of one or more soundfiles over multi-channel

space



HILITE – emphasise spectral amplitude, including spectral filtering

The spectral filtering functions are probably the most powerful of the HILITE group. **TRACE** is related to other thinning functions in the **BLUR** group.

HILITE ARPEG Arpeggiate the spectrum

HILITE BAND Split spectrum into bands and process these individually

HILITE BLTR Time-average and TRACE the spectrum

HILITE FILTER Filter the spectrum

GLISTEN Randomly partition the spectrum into bins and play back in order

HILITE **GREQ** Graphic EQ type filter on the spectrum

HILITE **PLUCK** Emphasise spectral changes

HILITE **TRACE** Highlight *n* loudest partials, at each moment (window) in time

HILITE **VOWELS** Impose vowels on a sound

HOUSEKEEP – basic soundfile housekeeping utilities

Some HOUSEKEEP functions are sound utilities, providing basic channel and gating functions, or tidying-up facilities.

The rest of the group consists of file-handling utilities.

HOUSEKEEP **BAKUP** Concatenate soundfiles in one backup file, with silences inbetween

HOUSEKEEP

BATCHEXPAND

Expand an existing batch file

HOUSEKEEP **BUNDLE**List files into a textfile, for sorting, backup or creating a dummy

mixfile

CHANPHASE Invert the phase of a specified channel of an input sound HOUSEKEEP CHANS Extract channels or change channel format of a soundfile

HOUSEKEEP COPY Make and delete exact copies of a sound

HOUSEKEEP **DEGLITCH** Attempt to deglitch a sound Show available space on disk

HOUSEKEEP **ENDCLICKS** Remove clicks from the start or end of a soundfile

HOUSEKEEP **EXTRACT** Extract significant sound from a recording, top & tail, remove

glitches, etc.

HOUSEKEEP **GATE** Chop at zeros

GATE Remove low-level sound from signal

PAIREX Extract any pair of channels from a multichannel sound

HOUSEKEEP **REMOVE** Remove existing copies of a file

REPAIRJoin a list of mono sounds into stereo or multi-channel outputs

HOUSEKEEP **RESPEC**Change sample rate, format or properties of a soundfile (CARE!!)

HOUSEKEEP **SORT** Sort files listed in a textfile

TOSTEREO Diverge from mono to stereo, in a stereo file



MODIFY -Wide variety of effects, including granular synthesis, transposition, loudness, pan, delay and ring-modulation

The **MODIFY** group has several fundamental time-based functions as well as more radical traditional techniques. **BRASSAGE** implements granular reconstruction.

MODIFY **BRASSAGE** Granular reconstitution of soundfile

MODIFY CONVOLVE Convolve the first soundfile with the second

DSHIFT Atds Doppler shift to panning

MODIFY **FINDPAN** Find stereo-pan position of a sound in a stereo file

MODIFY **LOUDNESS** Alter loudness or balance of sound **NEWDELAY** Delay with pitch-defined output sound

PHASE Invert phase or enhance stereo separation of a sound

MODIFY **RADICAL** Reverse, shred, scrub, low-res, ring/cross mod, quantise resn.

MODIFY **REVECHO** Atd reverberation or echo to the sound

MODIFY **SAUSAGE** Brassage on several sources

MODIFY _____

SCALEDPAN

Distribute sound in stereo space, scaling pan data to soundfile duration

MODIFY **SHUtdER** Shutder a stereo soundfile

MODIFY **SPACE** Spatialise, or alter the spatialisation of a soundfile

MODIFY

SPACEFORM Create a sinusoidal spatial distribution data file

MODIFY **SPEED** Change speed (& pitch) of sound

MODIFY **STACK**Create a mix that stacks transposed versions of source on top of one

another

VERGES Play source, with specified brief moments glissing up or down

MORPH – Create smooth transitions between sounds, using amplitude and frequency analysis data

Morphing interpolates between the spectra of two frequency-analysis files, creating a gradual transition between them. **GLIDE** makes a frequency transition between two single spectra over any time; a spectral envelope from a suitable sound can then be imposed on the result.

MORPH Interpolate between a specified window in one file, and another window

BRIDGE specified in another file

MORPH GLIDE Interpolate between two single window spectra

MORPH MORPH Morph between one spectrum and another, where spectra may be time-varying

NEWMORPH Morph between dissimilar spectra **NEWMORPH2** Morph frequencies of spectral peaks



MULTICHANNEL – multi-channel diffusion and processing

The processes in the MULTI-CHANNEL group are all standalone programs which have been brought together purely for reference purposes.

Several are multi-channel equivalents of earlier mono/stereo functions. A second group manipulate channels or disperse sounds in multi-channel space. A third group is concerned with multi-channel mixing. See also the **MULTI-CHANNEL TOOLKIT** for further multichannel functions.

BROWNIAN Generate texture of sampled elements following brownian motion in pitch

and space

CASCADE Successive segments are repeat-echoed, and the echosets are

superimposed on the source

CRUMBLE Project segments spatially over progressively smaller groups of channels

CRYSTAL Generate sound-events based on the position of vertices of a crystal, then

rotate the crystal in 3-D space

FLUTTER Atd multi-channel-distributed tremolo to a multi-channel file

FRACTURE Disperse a mono signal into fragments spread over *N*-channel space

FRAME SHIFT

MCHANPAN

Pan sounds around a multi-channel space

MCHANREV

Create multi-channel echoes or reverb

MCHITER Iterate the input sound in a fluid manner, scattering around a multi-

channel space

MCHSHRED Cut sounds into random segments and reassemble in random order within

original duration

MCHSTEREO Combine stereo files in a multi-channel output

MCHZIG Read back and forth in the soundfile, panning to a new channel at each

'zig' or 'zag'

MTON Create a multi-channel equivalent of a mono soundfile

MULTIMIX CREATE Create a multi-channel mixfile

NEWMIX Mix from a multi-channel mixfile to give a multi-channel soundfile output

Distribute N source files in a panorama across a specified angle of a sound-

surround loudspeaker array

SPIN STEREO Spin a wide stereo image across stereo / multichannel space, with possible

doppler-shift

SPIN QUAD

Spin two wide stereo-images across a 5-channel-wide sound image, with

possible doppler-shift

STRANS MULTI Change the speed or pitch of a multi-channel sound, or atd vibrato

TANGENT SUBGROUP:

TANGENT ONEFILE Play repeats of a mono soundfile along a tangent path

TANGENT TWOFILES

Play repeats of two synchronised mono soundfiles along a tangent path

TANGENT SEQUENCE

Play a sequence of mono soundfiles along a tangent path

TANGENT LIST Play a sequence of mono soundfiles as listed in a textfile along a tangent

path

TEXMCHAN Create textures over a multi-channel frame



TRANSIT SUBGROUP:

TRANSIT SIMPLE Place repetitions of a mono soundfile on a path into and across an 8-

channel array

TRANSIT FILTERED

Place filtered repetitions of a mono soundfile on a path *into* and *across*

an 8-channel array

TRANSIT DOPPLER

Place pitch-shifted repetitions of a mono soundfile on a path *into* and

across an 8-channel array, suggesting a doppler shift

TRANSIT DOPLFILT

Doppler effect on a path *into* and *across* an 8-channel array with

filtering, to suggest greater distance

TRANSIT SEQUENCE Position a sequence of mono sounds (at least 3) on a path *into* and

across an 8-channel array

TRANSIT LIST Position a sequence of mono sounds (at least 3), as listed in a textfile,

on a path into and across an 8-channel array

Other multi-channel

processes:

NEWTEX Generate a texture of grains made from a source sound or sounds

WRAPPAGE Brassage on one or more sounds, with (moving) multi-channel output

MULTI-CHANNEL TOOLKIT – multi-channel file handling functions

The Multi-Channel Toolkit is a group of versatile tools for handling multi-channel files, including a special emphasis on ambisonics and the **WAVE_EX** file format. **COPYSFX** can copy/convert between a very wide range of soundfile formats.

ABFPAN Apply a fixed or orbiting 1st order ambisonic B-Format pan to mono soundfile

ABFPAN2 Apply a fixed or orbiting 2nd order ambisonic B-Format pan to mono soundfile

CHANNELX Extract all or selected channels from a multi-channel soundfile

CHORDER Reorder soundfile channels in multi-channel soundfile

CHXFORMAT Modify WAVE EX header to change GUID and/or speaker positions

COPYSFX Copy soundfiles / convert from one format to another

FMDCODE Decode 1st or 2nd order ambisonic B-Format soundfile to a choice of speaker

layouts

INTERLX Interleave mono or stereo files into a multi-channel file

NJOIN Concatenate multiple soundfiles into a single file, with optional CUE list for CD

burning

NMIX Simple mix of two multi-channel soundfiles, with optional offset

PAPLAY Playback of multi-channel soundfiles

RMSINFO Scan file and report RMS and average power level statistics **SFPROPS** Display soundfile details, with WAVE_EX speaker positions



PITCH – operations based on partials

The PITCH spectral group consists of functions which directly alter frequency content

PITCH
ALTHARMS

Delete alternate harmonics

PITCH CHORD Transposed versions of the sound are superimposed onto the original

PITCH CHORDF Transposed versions of the spectrum are superimposed within the existing

spectral envelope

PITCH **OCTMOVE** Octave transpose without formant shift

PITCH **PICK** Only retain channels which might hold the partials specified

SPECTUNE Find most prominent pitch and transpose file to it

PITCH TRANSP Shift pitch of (part of) the spectrum

PITCH **TUNE** Replace spectral frequencies by harmonics of specified pitch(es)

TUNEVARY

Replace spectral frequencies by harmonics of specified pitch(es), varying over

time

PITCHINFO – information about partials or extracted pitch traces

PCHINFO functions are for binary pitch files (.frq), extracted from spectral files by REPITCH GETPITCH.

PITCHINFO
CONVERT
Convert a binary pitch data file to a *time frequency* breakpoint text file

PITCHINFO **HEAR**Convert binary pitchfile to analysis test tone file (resynthesise to hear

pitch'

PITCHINFO INFO Display information about pitch data in a (binary) pitchfile

PITCHINFO **SEE**Convert binary pitchfile or transposition file to a pseudo-soundfile, for

viewing

PITCHINFO ZEROS Show whether a pitch data file contains uninterpolated zeros (unpitched

windows)



PSOW – manipulate pitch-synchronous grains (FOFs)

PSOW is a set of experimental grain processes for vocal sounds. It attempts to find and then manipulate FOFs (formant grains), used to synthesise the singing voice. PSOW processes require a pitch-trace taken from a spectral analysis file (see PTOBRK). The programs allow you to alter formants independently of pitch, often with unexpected results.

PSOW CHOP Chop sound into sections between specified grain (chunks)

OR: Chop away sections of soundfile that you DON'T want to manipulate

with PSOW functions.

PSOW

Cut at exact grain time **CUTATGRAIN**

PSOW DELETE Time shrink sound by deleting a proportion of the pitch-synchronised grains **PSOW DUPL** Timestretch/transpose a sound by duplicating the pitch-synchronised grains

Impose new features on vocal-type sound, preserving or modifying FOF-**PSOW FEATURES**

arains

FOFEX EXTRACT Extract FOFs to a file or to separate soundfiles

FOFEX

Superimpose FOFs to make output FOF **CONSTRUCT**

Grab a pitch-synchronised grain from a file, and use it to create a new **PSOW GRAB**

sound

PSOW IMPOSE Impose vocal FOFs in 1st sound onto the 2nd sound

PSOW

Interleave FOFs from two different files **INTERLEAVE**

PSOW INTERP Interpolate between 2 pitch-synchronised grains, to produce a new sound

PSOW LOCATE Locate exact start time of nearest FOF-grain

Convert pitch trace from binary .frq to text breakpoint file (.txt or .brk) for **PTOBRK**

PSOW

PSOW REINFORCE Reinforce harmonics in a vocal-type FOF-grain file

PSOW REPLACE Combine FOFs of 1st sound with the pitch of the 2nd sound **PSOW SPACE** Distribute the alternate FOFs in the sound over a stereo space **PSOW SPLIT** Split vocal FOFs into subharmonic and upwardly transposed pitch

Timestretch/transpose a sound by repositioning the pitch-synchronised **PSOW STRETCH**

grains.

Timestretch/transpose a sound by repositioning the pitch-synchronised **PSOW STRTRANS**

grains

PSOW SUSTAIN Sustain a pitch-synchronised FOF within a sound **PSOW SUSTAIN2** Sustain an explicitly specific FOF within a sound Impose vocal FOFs on a stream of synthesised sound PSOW **SYNTH TWEET** Replace FOFs in vocal sound by synthetic tweets or noise



PVOC – FFT analysis and resynthesis

The PHASE VOCODER (**PVOC**) converts between soundfiles in the time-domain and spectral analysis files (.ana or .pvx) in the frequency domain – and back again.

ANA2PVX Convert CDP analysis file (.ana) to PVOC-EX file (.pvx)

PVOC **ANAL** Convert soundfile to spectral file

PVOC **EXTRACT** Analyse, then resynthesise sound with various options

FTURANAL ANAL Extract spectral features from an analysis file and output to a textfile

FTURANAL SYNTH Use spectral features data to reassemble MONO source file

PVOC **SYNTH** Convert spectral file to soundfile

PVOCEX2 Stereo phase vocoder based on CARL pvoc (Mark Dolson)

SEE ALSO:

PVPLAY Direct playback of PVOC analysis files

REPITCH – Extract and alter pitch-related frequency analysis data

The REPITCH programs mostly extract pitch from frequency analysis files and process the resultant pitch files. To re-synthesise sound, **COMBINE MAKE** combines the pitch file with a formant file (.for), which represents the time-varying spectral envelope.

REPITCH **ANALENV** Extract the window-loudness envelope of an analysis file REPITCH **APPROX** Make an approximate copy of a binary pitch data file

BRKTOPI Convert a breakpoint pitch data file to a binary pitch data file

REPITCH COMBINE

Generate transposition data from 2 sets of pitch data, OR transpose pitch

data with transposition data,

OR combine 2 sets of transposition data to form new transposition data,

producing a binary data file output

REPITCH Generate transposition data from 2 sets of pitch data, OR transpose pitch

COMBINEB data with transposition data,

OR combine 2 sets of transposition data to form new transposition data,

producing a time value breakpoint file output

REPITCH CUT Cut out and keep a segment of a binary pitch data file

REPITCH **EXAG** Exaggerate the contour of a pitch data file REPITCH **FIX** Massage pitch data in a pitch data file

REPITCH GENERATE Create a binary pitch data file from a textfile of time midi value pairs

REPITCH GETPITCH Extract pitch from spectrum to a pitch data file

REPITCH Mark areas as silent in a binary pitch data file

REPITCH

INSERTSIL

INSERTZEROSMark areas as unpitched in a pitch data file

REPITCH INTERP Replace noise or silence by pitch interpolated from existing pitches

REPITCH **INVERT** Invert pitch contour of a pitch data file

REPITCH
NOISETOSIL
Replace unpitched windows by silence in a pitch data file

REPITCH PCHSHIFT Transpose pitches in a pitch data file by a constant number of semitones



REPITCH **PCHTOTEXT** Convert binary pitch data to text

REPITCH Replace pitched windows by silence **PITCHTOSIL** REPITCH QUANTISE Quantise pitches in a pitch data file

REPITCH Randomise pitch line in a pitch data file **RANDOMISE** REPITCH SMOOTH Smooth pitch contour in a pitch data file

Create the spectrum of a sound following the pitch contour in a pitch REPITCH SYNTH

data file

REPITCH **TRANSPOSE**

Transpose spectrum (spectral envelope also moves)

REPITCH

Transpose spectrum: but retain original spectral envelope **TRANSPOSEF**

REPITCH VIBRATO Atd vibrato to pitch in a pitch data file

REPITCH **VOWELS** Create spectrum of vowel sound(s) following pitch contour in pitch file

SEE ALSO:

COMBINE MAKE Generate spectrum from pitch & formant data

COMBINE MAKE2 Generate spectrum from pitch, formant & envelope data only

PITCHINFO CONVERT

Convert a binary pitch data file to a time-frequency breakpoint text file

Convert pitch trace from binary file (.frq) to text breakpoint file (with **PTOBRK**

zeros) for PSOW

RETIME – rearrange and retime events in a soundfile

The **RETIME** program has 14 modes dealing with the retiming of events in a soundfile. There are three divisions: functions that create or retime silences, those that retime amplitude peaks, and those that retime silence-separated events. RETIME is documented within the SFEDIT (soundfile editing) group.

1: PULSED PEAKS Output user-specified peaks at a regular pulse at the given tempo

2: SYNCHRONISE **PEAKS**

Reposition specified peaks to specified times at a given tempo

3: SHORTEN EVENTS Shorten existing silence-separated events

Find existing silence-separated events and output them at a regular 4: PULSED

pulse

5: SPEED Find existing silence-separated events and change their speed

6: REPOSITION AT Find existing silence-separated events and position them at specified

beats in the output

7: REPOSITION AT

TIMES

BEATS

Find existing silence-separated events and position them at specified

times in the output

Repeat one (or a group of) silence-separated event(s) at a specified 8: REPEAT EVENT(S)

tempo

Replace some silence-separated events by silence in a specified 9: MASK EVENTS

Adjust levels of silence-separated events to be more equal, or 10: ACCENTS

accented

Find the durations of the shortest and longest silence-separated 11: FIND DURATIONS

events

12: FIND START Find first non-zero sample in soundfile

Find sound peak and move whole sound so peak goes to specified 13: MOVE FOUND PEAK

time

14: MOVE SPECIFIED Specify peak position, then move whole sound so peak goes to

PEAK specified time



REVERB – functions to reverberate soundfiles

The REVERB group's two main programs are **REVERB** and **ROOMVERB**, comprehensive reverberation functions incorporating such features as reverberation time, dry/wet mix, absorption and early reflections. The programs use built-in sets for small, medium and large rooms, or they can use a datafile created by the separate **ROOMRESP** program. There is also optional filtering and pre-delay (giving the effect of a bigger room). ROOMRESP's data can also be used by **TAPDELAY**, a tapped delay line.

Also in the group is **FASTCONV**, an FFT-based convolution program, which can simulate a wide range of reverberation types using a sampled impulse response of a building or other responsive space. More experimentally, the impulse-response input can be any soundfile. Convolution can also implement an FIR linear-phase filter.

FASTCONV Multi-channel FFT-based convolution

REVERB Multi-channel reverberation (classic Schroeder)

ROOMRESP Create early reflections data file for REVERB, ROOMVERB and TAPDELAY

ROOMVERB Multi-channel reverberation with room simulation

TAPDELAY Stereo multi-tapped delay line with feedback



SFEDIT – soundfile editing

SFEDIT has fundamental cutting and splicing functions, plus creative edits not usually found elsewhere, e.g. **MASKS**, **ISOLATE** and **PARTITION**, **RANDCHUNKS** and **RANDCUTS**, **TWIXT** and **SPHINX**, **PACKET** and **WAVEFORM**, **JOINSEQ** and **JOINDYN**.)

CANTOR Cut holes in a sound in the manner of a cantor set (holes within holes

within holes)

CONSTRICT Shorten the durations of any zero-level sections in a sound

SFEDIT **CUT** Cut and keep a segment of a sound

SFEDIT CUTEND

Cut out and keep the end part of a soundfile

SFEDIT CUTMANY

Cut and keep several segments of a sound

Cut sound into elements with falling envelope

SFEDIT **EXCISE**Remove a segment from a soundfile and close up the gap
SFEDIT **EXCISES**Remove segments of a soundfile and close up the gaps

SFEDIT **INSERT** Insert 2nd sound into 1st (overwriting or spreading first sound)

Insert silence into a sound (overwriting or spreading the sound apart)

Disjunct portions of soundfile are specified by textfile or dB loudness and

saved to separate files

SFEDIT **JOIN**Join files together, one after another
SFEDIT **JOINDYN**Join in loudness-patterned sequence

SFEDIT **JOINSEQ** Join in patterned sequence

MANYSIL Insert many silences into a soundfile

SFEDIT MASKS Mask specified chunks of a sound, with silence

SFEDIT NOISECUT Suppress noise in a (mono) sound file, replacing with silence

PACKET Isolate or generate a sound packet

PARTITION Partition a mono soundfile into disjunct files in blocks defined by groups of

wavesets

PREFIX SILENCE Atd silence to the beginning of a soundfile

SFEDIT

RANDCHUNKS Cut chunks from a soundfile, randomly

SFEDIT RANDCUTS Cut soundfile into pieces with cuts at random times

SFEDIT REPLACE Insert a 2nd sound into an existing sound, replacing part of the original

sound

REJOINRemix segment-files originating in ISOLATE process **RETIME**Rearrange and retime events within a soundfile

SILEND Atd silence to the end of a soundfile

SFEDIT **SPHINX** Switch between several files, with different switch times, to make new

sound

SFEDIT **SUBTRACT** Subtract one file from another SFEDIT **SYLLABLES** Separate out vocal syllables

SFEDIT **TWIXT** Switch between several files, to make a new sound

WAVEFORM Generate a wavetable from existing sound

SFEDIT **ZCUT** Cut and keep a segment of soundfile, cutting at zero crossings

SFEDIT **ZCUTS**Cut and keep segments of a MONO soundfile, cutting at zero crossings (no

splice)

SEE ALSO: **DISTCUT** Cut sound into elements with falling envelope



SNDINFO – basic soundfile information

SNDINFO functions either report to the terminal or produce textfile reports. Some functions require two or more infiles, to compare them. **UNITS** and **TIMESMP** offer a number of useful unit conversions.

Other reporting functions specific to particular Function Groups are found in that group. (These include DISTORT cycle count, GRAIN grain count, MODIFY find pan and STRETCHA: stretch factor for STRETCH TIME.)

SNDINFO
CHANDIFF
Compare channels in a stereo soundfile

SNDINFO **DIFF** Compare two sound, analysis, pitch, transposition, envelope or formant

files

SNDINFO Find largest low level hole in a soundfile

SNDINFO **LEN**Display duration of a soundfiling-system file
SNDINFO **LENS**List durations of several soundfiling-system files

SNDINFO

LOUDCHAN Find loudest channel in a stereo soundfile

SNDINFO MAXI List levels of several soundfiles

SNDINFO MAXSAMP Find maximum sample in a soundfile or binary data file

SNDINFO Find maximum sample within a specified timerange in a soundfile or

MAXSAMP2 binary data file

ONSET Return the succession of sound-onsets in each channel of a multichannel

file

SNDINFO
PEAKFIND
Find times of loudness peaks in a sound and output as a datafile

SNDINFO PRNTSND Print sound sample data to a textfile

SNDINFO **PROPS** Display properties of soundfiling-system file

SEARCH **SIGSTART** Find earliest time at which there is signal in two or more soundfiles.

SNDINFO **SMPTIME** Convert sample count to time in soundfile

SNDINFO **SUMLEN** Sum durations of several soundfiling-system files

SNDINFO **TIMEDIFF** Find difference in duration of two soundfiles SNDINFO **TIMESMP** Convert time to sample count in soundfile

SNDINFO **UNITS** Convert between different units

SNDINFO **ZCROSS** Display fraction of zero-crossings in a soundfile

SEE ALSO:

RMSINFO

Find the start of the sound in the file (the 1st non-zero sample)

Scan file and report RMS and average power level statistics

Display soundfile details, with WAVE-EX speaker positions



SPEC – gain and editing utilities in the spectral domain

A collection of spectral utilities, some of which are spectral counterparts of time-domain functions. **CLEAN** has been superseded by **SPECNU CLEAN**; both require a sample of noise for comparison, so that the noise frequencies may be spectrally removed.

ANALJOIN	Join analysis files together	
SPEC BARE	Zero the data in channels which do not contain harmonics	
SPEC CLEAN	Remove noise from spectral analysis file	
SPEC CUT	Cut a section out of an analysis file, between starttime and entdime (seconds)	
SPEC GAIN	Amplify or attenuate the spectrum	
SPEC GATE	Zero all channels (in all windows) whose amplitude lies below the threshold	
SPEC GRAB	Grab a single analysis window at the point specified	
SPEC MAGNIFY Expand (in duration) a single analysis window at time time to duration dur		



SPECFNU – Modify spectral shape in relation to formant peaks

SPECFNU is a single program of 23 modes, modifying the spectral shape while aiming to retain the existing formants. Many of the functions are equivalents of existing ones, but with the addition of preserving formants. Other modes manipulate the formants themselves.

1 NARROW FORMANTS	Steepen skirts of formant peaks by power factor
2 SQUEEZE SPECTRUM	Squeeze spectrum around specified formant
3 INVERT FORMANTS	Formant peaks become troughs, and troughs peaks
4 ROTATE FORMANTS	Formant peaks & freqs move up (or down) spectrum, reappearing at foot (or top) on reaching formants' edge
5 SPECTRAL NEGATIVE	Spectral values inverted for each channel
6 SUPPRESS FORMANTS	Suppress the selected formant(s)
7 GENERATE FILTER(S) FROM FORMANTS	Output Varibank filter data based on formant peaks
8 MOVE FORMANTS BY	Displace individual formants by a Hz value
9 MOVE FORMANTS TO	Displace individual formants to specified frequencies
10 ARPEGGIATE	Arppegiate partials of sound, under formants
11 OCTAVE-SHIFT	Octave-shift pitch of sound, under formants
12 TRANSPOSE	Transpose pitch of sound, under formants
13 FREQ-SHIFT	Frequency shift partials of source sound, under formants
14 RESPACE PARTIALS	Respace partials in source spectrum, retaining formants.
15 PITCH-INVERT	Invert pitch of sound, under formants
16 PITCH-EXAGG/SMOOTH	Exaggerate/Smooth pitch line, under formants
17 PITCH-QUANTISE	Force pitch onto pitch field, under formants
18 PITCH-RANDOMISE	Randomise pitch of source, under formants
19 RANDOMISE PARTIALS	Random-shift partials of sound, under formants
20 SEE SPEC ENVELOPES	Outputs viewable (not playable) soundfile
21 SEE SPEC PEAKS/TROUGHS	Print textfile of frequencies of peaks & troughs per window
22 GET LOUDNESS TROUGHS	Print textfile of times-of-troughs between syllables
23 SINE SPEECH	Convert formant frequencies to sine tones. A single sine wave represents each formant.



SPECINFO – information about spectral data

SPECINFO functions either report to the terminal or produce textfile reports. Various functions report on the time-varying spectral peaks in the sound or extract the amplitudes of partials. (**NEWMORPH2** in the MORPH function group lists the frequencies of the most prominent spectral peaks.) **PRINT** prints (part of) the analysis data to a textfile. This produces huge files and is best used for tiny portions.

SPECINFO **CHANNEL** Returns PVOC channel number corresponding to frequency given

SPECINFO FREQUENCY Returns centre frequency of the PVOC channel specified

GET_PARTIALS
HARMONIC

Extract relative amplitudes of partials in a pitched source

SPECINFO LEVEL Convert (varying) level of analysis file to a pseudo-soundfile, for

viewing (1 window -> 1 sample)

SPECINFO OCTVU

Text display of the time varying amplitude of the spectrum, within

octave bands

SPECINFO **PEAK**Locate time varying energy centre of spectrum (text display) **PEAK EXTRACT**Extract spectral peaks from analysis file and write to a text file

SPECINFO **PRINT** Print data in an analysis file as text to file

SPECINFO REPORT Text report on location of frequency peaks in the evolving spectrum

SPECINFO Returns the number of windows in the *infile*

SPECNU – various functions, mainly to clean up frequency analysis files

Three functions in this group are concerned with cleaning up files. **SLICE** partitions the spectrum into frequency bands and outputs these as separate files, an important resource for processing of these files separately prior to a possible remix.

FRACTAL SPECTRUM Fractally distort spectrum by transposition

SPECNU CLEAN Eliminate any persisting signal that falls below a threshold (defined by the

noise file)

MATRIX Matrix manipulation of spectrum of sound SPECNU RAND Randomise the order of spectral windows

SPECNU

REMOVE Remove a pitched component from the spectrum of a sound

Divide an analysis file into individual frequency bands, saving each as a

SPECNU **SLICE** separate analysis file

OR: Invert spectral frquencies around a given frequency

SPECGRIDS Partition a spectrum into parts, over a grid (=SLICE Mode 1)

SPECULATE Generate versions of source with channel data progressively permutated

SPECNU CONTRACTOR OF THE SPECNUL CONTRACTOR

SQUEEZE Squeeze the spectrum into a frequency range, around a specified frequency

SPECNU Eliminate any persisting signal that falls below a threshold and subtract the

SUBTRACT amplitude of the noise in the *noisefile* from any source file signal that is

passed



STRANGE – some unusual and unpredictable effects

The "strangeness" of this Function Group is perhaps subjective. **WAVER**'s detuning can be subtle or extreme; if minimal, it can be used to give a chorus effect.

The frequency-shift function **SHIFT** is a standard way of turning harmonic sounds into inharmonic ones.

STRANGE GLIS Create glissandi inside the (changing) spectral envelope of the original sound

STRANGE **INVERT** Invert the spectrum

STRANGE **SHIFT** Linear frequency shift of (part of) the spectrum STRANGE **WAVER** Oscillate between harmonic and inharmonic state

STRETCH – stretch time or frequency data

The two original processes **STRETCH SPECTRUM** (c.f. STRANGE SHIFT) and **STRETCH TIME** are complemented by a revised time-stretcher **SPECTSTR** and the utility program **STRETCHA**.

SPECTSTR Time-stretch analysis file, suppressing artefacts when stretch > 1

STRETCH Stretch/compress the frequency components of a sound in an inharmonic

SPECTRUM way

STRETCH TIME Stretch/compress a sound in time without changing the pitch

STRETCHA

Utility to calculate *timestretch* factor relating to beats and tempo for use

with STRETCH TIME



SUBMIX – mixing and related processes

The centrepiece of the SUBMIX group is MIX, which mixes the sounds listed in a text mixfile. (See also the multi-channel version: **NEWMIX**). There are also support functions which manipulate the data in mixfiles.

Other mixing functions do not use mixfiles, including MERGE, MERGEMANY, BALANCE, CROSSFADE and FADERS - plus the two INBETWEEN functions. An important workhorse is INTERLEAVE, which combines mono soundfiles into a stereo or multi-channel file. (See also INTERLX in the Multi-Channel Toolkit.)

SUBMIX Atd soundfiles (at maximum level and time zero) to an existing mixfile **ADDTOMIX**

SUBMIX ATSTEP Convert a list of soundfiles to a mixfile (fixed time-step)

SUBMIX

Alter the overall level of a mixfile **ATTENUATE**

SUBMIX BALANCE Mix between two soundfiles, using a balance function

SUBMIX

Ouick crossfade between 2 soundfiles (with same number of channels) **CROSSFADE**

SUBMIX **DUMMY** Convert list of sound names to a basic mixfile (for editing)

Mix several mono or stereo files using a time-changing balance function SUBMIX FADERS

SUBMIX

Display format of a mixfile **FILEFORMAT**

SUBMIX Test maximum level of a mix, defined in a mixfile **GETLEVEL**

SUBMIX Generate a set of sounds inbetween the 2 input sounds, through weighted

INBETWEEN mixes of the input sounds, from mostly sound1 to mostly sound2

SUBMIX Generate a set of sounds in-between the 2 input sounds by interpolation

INBETWEEN2 pegged to zero-crossings

SUBMIX Interleave mono files to make a single multichannel outfile

Quick mix of 2 soundfiles (with the same number of channels) SUBMIX MERGE

SUBMIX

INTERLEAVE

Quick mix of several soundfiles (with the same number of channels) **MERGEMANY**

Mix sounds as instructed in a mixfile SUBMIX MIX SUBMIX MODEL Replace soundfiles in an existing mixfile

SUBMIX **ONGRID** Convert listed soundfiles to a basic mixfile on a timed grid (for editing)

SUBMIX PAN Pan sound positions in a mixfile SUBMIX SHUFFLE Shuffle the data in a mixfile

SUBMIX

Alter the spatial distribution of a mixfile **SPACEWARP**

Synchronise soundfiles in a mixfile, or generate such a mixfile from a list of SUBMIX SYNC

soundfiles

Synchronise the attacks of soundfiles in a mixfile, or generate such a mixfile SUBMIX

from a list of soundfiles **SYNCATTACK** Test the syntax of a mixfile SUBMIX **TEST** SUBMIX

Timewarp the data in a mixfile **TIMEWARP**



SYNTH – functions to synthesise sounds

Only a small number of synthesis functions are provided within CDP, which is predominantly a sound-processing system. Apart from basic waveforms, there are additive-synthesis possibilities in **NEWSYNTH**, while **SYNFILT** and **SYNSPLINE** can also produce a richly varying timbre and **TS OSCIL** sonifies an arbitrary series of numbers.

SYNTH CHORD Generate a chord with a simple waveform

CLICKNEW Make clicktrack using times listed in textfile

SYNTH CLICKS Create a click track from tempo, meter and barring data

IMPULSE Create a stream of impulses
MULTIOSC Nested FM-style oscillations

MULTISYNTH Synthesize several sound-streams from a score

NEWSYNTH Synthesisze complex spectra

NEWSCALES Synthesise a series of short tones with defined frequency and timbre

SYNTH **NOISE** Generate noise

PULSER SYNTH Iterate synthesized wave-packets defined by partials data

SYNTH **SILENCE** Make silent soundfile

SYNTH SPECTRA Generate both channels of a stereo spectral band

SYNFILT Noise filtered by time-varying filterbank, with time-variable Q

SYNSPLINE Synthesise waveforms by smoothly joining randomly generated points

TS OSCIL Create sound from time-series text data

TS TRACE Create sound from time-series data treated as a pitch-trace

TSCONVERT Convert input data to specified range and format

SYNTH **WAVE** Generate simple waveforms

SYSUTILS – system utilities

A group of standalone support programs. Note especially **COPYSFX**, which converts between soundfile formats, and **COLUMNS** manipulates or generates data files in over 100 ways.

ASCIIGET Display the contents of a text file as a list of characters with ASCII decimal code

(ALIAS) Create a shortcut to a soundfile (PC only) – withdrawn

COLUMNS Manipulate or generate columns of numbers

COPYSFX Copy/convert a soundfile DIRSF Soundfile directory listing

GETCOL Extract a column of numbers from a textfile

LISTAUDEVS List audio devices

PAPLAY Playback of multi-channel soundfiles
PUTCOL Place a column of numbers into a textfile

PVPLAY Play back (audition) a PVOC analysis file or soundfile

RECSF Record, creating a soundfile

VECTORS Numerical operations between two columns of figures

SEE ALSO:

TSCONVERT Convert input data to specified range and format



TEXTURE – create textures of sounds

The TEXTURE processes repeat and transpose the input sound(s) in various ways to create a texture of note-events. The note-events are whole sounds, which may or may not be played to the end.

Note-events can be treated as simple repetitions, or repeated in groups, or with a timed rhythm, or as transposed ornaments or fully-defined motifs (timed and transposed). Key parameter values such as pitch, duration, gain (level), spatialisation and sound number are generally chosen randomly from within a specified time-variable range (which can also be a fixed value).

In each of the eight main functions, repetitions can be pitched at random within the defined pitch range, or restricted to a user-defined *pitch-set* or *harmonic-field* (which octave-transposes the pitches); the set/field can be time-varying. More than one input sound can optionally be used, and the range of sounds chosen can be time-varied.

The Texture programs are best explored at first using a simple note sample or similar short sound. CDP supplies two sets of tutorial examples for this purpose.

TEXTURE **SIMPLE** Create textures from single events
TEXTURE **GROUPED** Create textures from groups of events

TEXTURE **DECORATED** Create a texture with decorations

TEXTURE **MOTIFS** Create a texture with motifs

TEXTURE MOTIFSIN Create a texture with motifs forced onto a harmonic field

TEXTURE **ORNATE** Create a texture with ornaments

TEXTURE **POSTDECOR** Create a texture with decorations following events
TEXTURE **POSTORNATE** Create a texture with ornaments following events
TEXTURE **PREDECOR** Create a texture with decorations preceding events
TEXTURE **PREORNATE** Create a texture with ornaments preceding events

TEXTURE **TIMED** Create a texture with timed single events
TEXTURE **TGROUPED** Create a texture with timed event groups

TEXTURE **TMOTIFS** Create a texture with timed motifs

TEXTURE TMOTIFSIN Create a texture with timed motifs forced onto a harmonic field