

Protophase-to-phase transformation: why is it important?

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From time series to phase in two steps

- 1. From an oscillatory signal a protophase can be obtained, e.g., via the Hilbert transform, complex wavelet transform, etc
- 2. Phase is obtained from the protophase by means of the transformation $\theta \rightarrow \phi(\theta)$

Example: Hindmarsh-Rose neuronal oscillator

$$\dot{x} = y - x^3 + 3x^2 - z + I, \quad I = 5.1$$

$$\dot{y} = 1 - 5x^2 - y$$

$$\dot{z} = 0.006 \cdot (4(x + 1.56) - z)$$





Why is the transformation $\theta \rightarrow \phi$ important? Example: synchronization index

Data from two nonidentical and uncoupled Hindmarsh-Rose neurons with $I_1 = 5$, $I_2 = 5.1$

Synchronization index from protophases $\gamma = \left| \langle e^{i(\theta_1 - \theta_2)} \rangle \right| \approx 0.13$

Synchronization index from phases $\gamma = \left| \langle e^{i(\phi_1 - \phi_2)} \rangle \right| \approx 0.02$

Phase equations for two coupled oscillators

$$\frac{d\varphi_{1,2}}{dt} = \omega_{1,2} + h_{1,2}(\varphi_{1,2},\varphi_{2,1})$$

• Can be reconstructed either from phases or from protophases

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True equation in terms of phases

Equation in terms of protophases

$$rac{darphi_1}{dt}=\omega_1+q_1(arphi_1,arphi_2)$$

small term

$$\frac{d\theta_1}{dt} = \omega_1 + f(\theta) + \hat{q}_1(\theta_1, \theta_2)$$
1. Generally not small
2. Has no physical meaning

3. Masks the term we need!



Why is the transformation $\theta \rightarrow \phi$ important?



Is dominated by the spurious dependence on the own phase!

Is correct!