

Two other statistics are the Echo Criterion for **speech** $EK_s(t, \tau_s)$ where $\tau_s = 9 \text{ msec}$ and the Echo Criterion for **music** $EK_m(\tau_m)$ where $\tau_m = 14 \text{ msec}$. Defining the time-dependent statistic:

$$T_n(t) \equiv \frac{\int_{t'=0}^{t'=t} t' \cdot |p(t')|^n dt'}{\int_{t'=0}^{t'=t} |p(t')|^n dt'} \quad \text{where } n = 2/3 \text{ (1) for speech (music)}$$

Then the Echo Criterion for Speech $EK_s(t, \tau_s)$ and the Echo Criterion for Music $EK_m(t, \tau_m)$ are respectively defined as:

$$EK_s(t, \tau_s = 9 \text{ msec}) \equiv \frac{\Delta T_s(t, \tau_s)}{\tau_s} = \frac{T_s(t + \tau_s) - T_s(t)}{\tau_s} = \frac{T_s(t + 9 \text{ msec}) - T_s(t)}{9 \text{ msec}}$$

$$EK_m(t, \tau_m = 14 \text{ msec}) \equiv \frac{\Delta T_m(t, \tau_m)}{\tau_m} = \frac{T_m(t + \tau_m) - T_m(t)}{\tau_m} = \frac{T_m(t + 14 \text{ msec}) - T_m(t)}{14 \text{ msec}}$$

An echo occurs when $\max\{EK_s(t, \tau_s)\} > 1.0$ and/or $\max\{EK_m(t, \tau_m)\} > 1.8$, respectively. A **flutter echo** can exist (e.g. due to an impulsive-type sound bouncing rapidly back and forth between two parallel reflecting surfaces – i.e. axial modes), when $\max\{EK_s(t, \tau_s)\} > 1.0$ and/or $\max\{EK_m(t, \tau_m)\} > 1.8$ occurs **periodically**, e.g. at intervals of $\sim 50 \text{ msec}$ for speech, and at intervals of $\sim 80\text{-}100 \text{ msec}$ for music.

The clarity associated with the **direct** sound level in a large listening room/auditorium can be characterized by the C_7 statistic, defined as:

$$C_7 \equiv 10 \log_{10} \left(\frac{\int_{t=0}^{t=7\text{ms}} p^2(t) dt}{\int_{t=0}^{t=\infty} p^2(t) dt - \int_{t=0}^{t=7\text{ms}} p^2(t) dt} \right) \quad (\text{dB})$$

The direct sound level clarity statistic C_7 should be well-correlated with the sound source-listener separation distance, and hence should not fall below a range of $C_7 \sim -10 \text{ dB}$ to -15 dB .

Numerous other, often more complicated, frequency-dependent room acoustics measurement statistics have also been developed over the years by sound engineers, such as the Speech Transmission Index (STI), Room Acoustics Speech Transmission Index (RaSTI), Clarity for music C_{80} , Inter-Aural Cross Correlation (IACC), Strength Measure (G), Early Decay Time (EDT), Reverberance (R) – a measure of the acoustic “liveliness” of a reverberant room, an Echo Criterion for music ($\langle EK_m(\tau) \rangle$), Lateral Efficiency (LE) and Lateral Fraction (LF), Bass Ratio (BR), Warmth (W), Brilliance (B), ... The speech intelligibility statistic, %ALCONs – per cent Articulation Loss of Consonants in Physics 406 Lecture Notes 10, p. 4-6, will be discussed after first discussing various aspects of the nature of a sound field in a listening room.