

# Calculating Waves – not only on the Beach

## Mechanical Calculation of Harmonic Waves by Harmonic Analysers

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### Harmonic Analysis – That sounds strange!

Have you ever heard the term "Harmonic Analysis"? Of course, it's not related to psychologists analysing the emotional binding between married couples. But it's a widely spread and extremely important methodology in science and engineering for analysing any kind of signal and data. The foundation of this methodology has been laid by the French mathematician and physicist Jean Baptiste Joseph Fourier (\*21st March 1768, †16th May 1830) by publishing the "*Théorie analytique de la chaleur*" [Fou1822] (English translation "The Analytic Theory of Heat" [Fre1878]). Fourier's key observation can be summarized in the following way:

*"Any periodic, continuous function can be generated by a series of sine and cosine functions."*

or mathematically written the so-called Fourier series:

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N (a_n \cos(n \cdot w \cdot x) + b_n \sin(n \cdot w \cdot x))$$

*Equation 1: Fourier Series.*

For readers not so familiar with mathematics, this might look difficult to understand, but it's not so difficult at all. Let's assume that you hear a sound, which is nothing else than perceived air waves  $f(x)$  over time  $x$ . The Fourier series simply tells, that the sound wave  $f(x)$  can be generated by:

- harmonic waves  $\sin(wx)$  and  $\cos(wx)$  with the fundamental frequency  $w$ , plus
- $\cos$  and  $\sin$  waves with multiple frequencies  $nw$  of the fundamental frequency  $w$  and with amplitudes  $a_n$  and  $b_n$ .



*Figure 1: Jean Baptiste Joseph Fourier  
(Source: [Bou1823]).*

In other words: The coefficients  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_N$  and  $b_1, \dots, b_N$  completely describe the function  $f(x)$ . This series of amplitude coefficients are called the Fourier coefficients for the function  $f(x)$  (see Equation 1).

The process to determine the amplitude coefficients  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_N$  and  $b_1, \dots, b_N$  for the harmonic *sin* and *cos* waves is called frequency analysis, Fourier analysis or harmonic analysis (see Figure 2). The opposite approach to generate the function  $f(x)$  from harmonic waves is called Fourier synthesis. So, the term harmonic analysis doesn't sound strange any more.

### Applications of Harmonic Analysis and Fourier Transformation

The Harmonic Analysis and the corresponding Fourier transformation is a widely used tool in science and engineering. It's even visible in our daily life. Some of the readers of the article still might have a stereo sound system with an equalizer. The

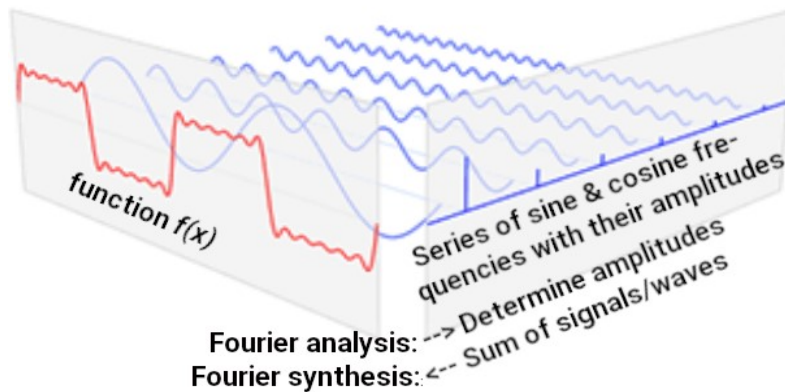


Figure 2: Visualization of Harmonic Analysis of a  $f(x)$  (Source: <https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fourier-Analysis>)

equalizer shows a set of amplitudes of frequencies of the recently played sound. Some of the readers might also know the smartphone app Shazam. This app "listens" for a short period of time to a song e.g. played in the radio. Within few seconds the app identifies the song and provides title, interpret and much

more information on the song. The key algorithm in Shazam is the Fourier transformation, which gives a kind of fingerprint of the song. This fingerprint is immediately searched within a database on a Shazam server containing millions of song fingerprints. As soon as the fingerprint is found the corresponding information of the song is provided.

The abovementioned applications are only two examples of the widely used Fourier transformation. There are many more cases, in the area of cryptography (e.g. for breaking ciphers to determine the period of used unknown cryptographic keys), medicine (e.g. the measured data in Magnetic Resonance Tomography are the Fourier transformation of the medical image), electrical engineering (including communication technology), etc. and for all these applications modern computers are used. At this point you might ask why is this article part of this book. The answer is that there had been many applications of this methodology in the past as well. Around 1872/1873 William Thomson, later known as Lord Kelvin, invented a first tide computer (see Figure 3) followed by larger machines in 1876 and 1879 [Tho1881]. The periodic rotation of the moon around the earth, which turns around itself and around the sun have an influence on the height of the tide<sup>16</sup>. Based on measured tide heights, harmonic components of this function had been derived, which then have been used for predicting the height of the tide for a period of up to two years for different places. Obviously, this was of high relevance for ships approaching harbours.



*Figure 3: Tidal machine (a harmonic synthesizer) by Thomson (Lord Kelvin) at the Science Museum London. Source: Wikipedia, published by William M. Connolley under Creative Commons License "Attribution-Share Alike 3.0".*

An overview of existing harmonic analysers at the beginning of the 20th century has been given by Ernst Max Orlich. In his book on "Aufnahme und Analyse von Wechselstromkurven" (Engl. "Recording and Analysis of Alternating Current Curves") [Orl1906] he described and compared analysers from Henrici and Coradi, Sharp, Yule and Le Conte, Wiechert and Sommerfeld, Michelson and Stratton, Terada. Many more references to harmonic analysers can also be found in [Zer2012].

### **Implementation of Mathematics into Mechanical Movements**

Above mentioned tidal harmonic analysers obviously are "one of a kind" devices, specially built for one single purpose. As a consequence, these devices have been extremely expensive and therefore have not been wide spread.

At the beginning of the 20th century there was an increasing demand for harmonic analyses for graphically given functions as well. In 1909 Otto Mader [Mad1909] mentioned application fields from applied mathematics, physics, mechanical engineering, shipbuilding<sup>17</sup> and electrical engineering.

<sup>16</sup>We are getting closer to the beach! (According to the IM2019 theme "Calculators on the Beach".)

<sup>17</sup>Again, an application close to the beach!

In his article Mader described his newly invented "Simple Harmonic Analyser" and advertised for the same with the following key features:

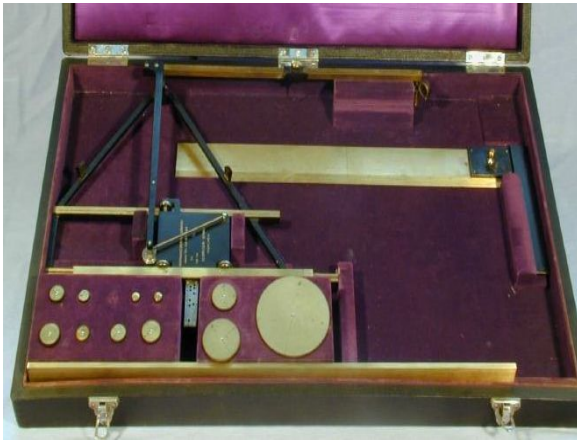


Figure 4: Harmonic analyser by Mader from collection [GitSie2004].

- Easy to understand and use (e.g. no side calculations are required).
- The instrument is ready to use for any kind of curve (i.e. function  $f(x)$ ) without a need for redrawing or rescaling the curve upfront.
- The instrument is cheap.

In 1909 the price for the Mader Harmonic Analyser was 120 Mark (sold by Stärzl Brothers at Vienna [Sta19??-3]), which in 2018 would be around 700 Euro (according to [Deu2019]).

Mader's analyser is based on already previously known approaches by Clifford (Finsterwalder [Fin1898]) and Yule [Yul1895]. Figure 4 shows a Mader harmonic analyser within its storage box. Figure 5 gives an idea how the device is set up ready for operation. In the same figure on the left, an elevated podium with an additional polar planimeter is shown, which in most cases is not part of the delivered harmonic analyser set itself. Due to the fact that polar planimeters typically have been available with customers of harmonic analysers, the additionally required planimeter often was at least originally not part of the sold harmonic analyser set.

The following paragraphs describe how harmonic analysers are used to determine the coefficients  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_N$  and  $b_1, \dots, b_N$  of the Fourier series. For the explanation we will focus on Mader-Ott analysers, which are improved and extended versions of the original Mader-Stärzl analyser.

Figure 6 shows a complete overview of all components required for the harmonic analysis. In this case, a planimeter (14) and the wooden podium (12) is part of the delivered set. A scanned version of the manual (17) is available in the internet (see [Ott1931-1], or the French version in [Ott1931-2]).

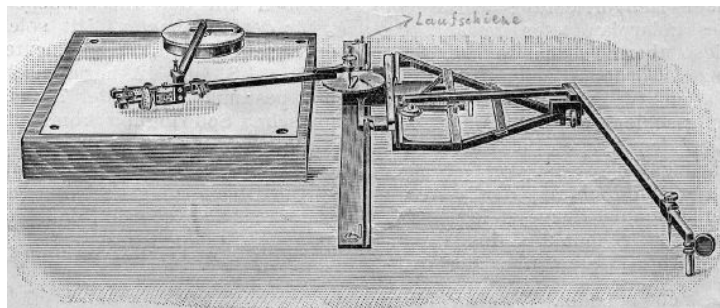


Figure 5: Harmonic analyser by Mader [Mad1909].

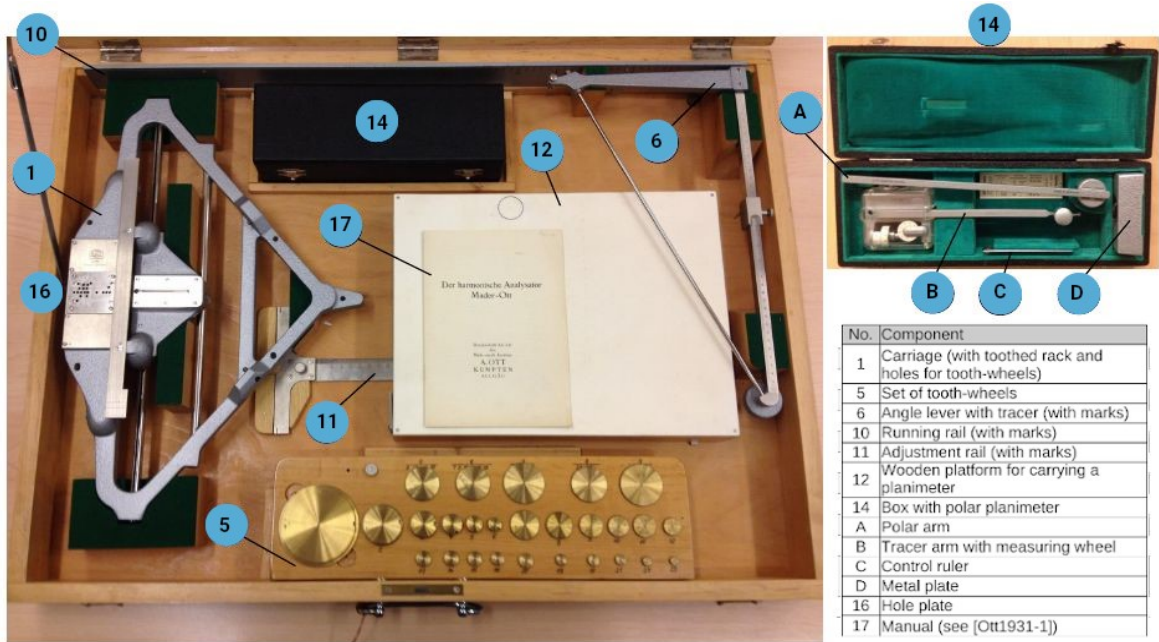


Figure 6: Complete box of a Mader-Ott harmonic analyser ([Gol2016] modified.)

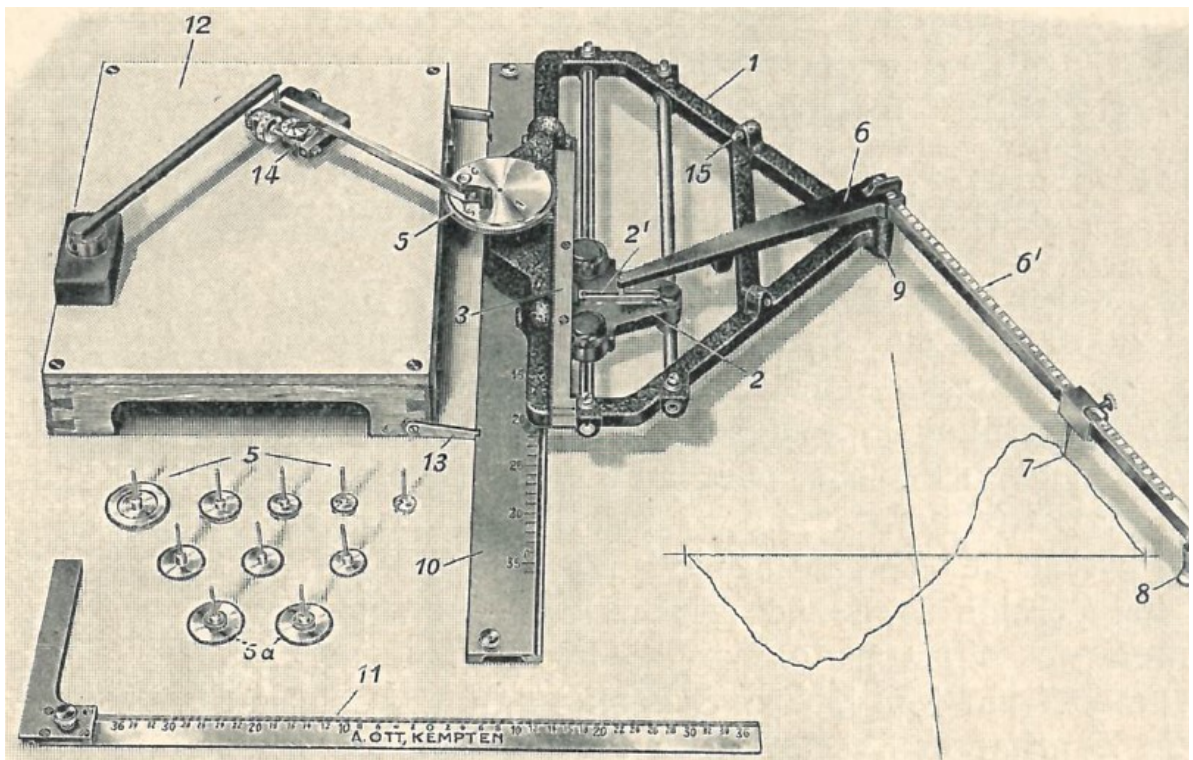


Figure 7: Setup of a Mader-Ott analyser [Ott1931-1].

### Setting up the harmonic analyser

Before the harmonic analyser is used, it needs to be set up according to the following procedure. (Numbers in brackets refer to Figure 6 and Figure 7):

- The big carriage (1) is put onto the guiding rail of the metal ruler (10). So, this carriage can move vertically up and down.
- The smaller carriage (2) is put into another rail within the big carriage (1). Therefore, the smaller carriage (2) can move vertically within the big carriage (1). Be aware, that on the smaller carriage a toothed rail (3) is fixed (see also Figure 9). If the smaller carriage (2) moves up or down, the toothed rail (3) moves accordingly.
- The angle lever (6) is introduced into the horizontal guiding slit on the small carriage (2) and into a fixation hole (9) in the big carriage (1). Be aware that the arm of the angle lever (6) and the tracer arm (6') are fixed and form a right angle. The tracer arm (6') carries a tracer (7). This will later be moved over the function graph by using the handle (8).
- The angle lever can rotate in its fixation point (9). With this rotation the end of the arm (6) of the angle lever moves horizontally in the slit of the smaller carriage (2). This forces the smaller carriage (2) to move within the big carriage (1) up or down. With this movement the toothed rail (3) is forced to move up and down accordingly.
- From the set of numbered gear wheels (5) one brass wheel is taken. This wheel is put into the correspondingly numbered hole in the big carriage (1) (see also Figure 10). The numbered holes are located in such a manner that by placing the correct gear wheel, its teeth will fit into the toothed rail (3). So, if the small carriage (2), together with the toothed rail (3), moves up or down, the gear wheel (5) turns anti-clockwise or clockwise.
- Now we are looking at the left part of the analyser device. The wooden podium (12) is placed next to the setup. On top a polar planimeter (14) is placed.  
Note: Any common polar planimeter can be used, which is the reason why planimeters often are not part of the harmonic analyser sets.
- Next, the planimeter needs to be connected to the rotating gear wheel. On each wheel two holes are available, marked with "S" and "C". The tracer of the polar planimeter (14) is put into one of this holes. If it's put into the hole marked "S", then the setup will provide a sine coefficient of the Fourier series (Equation 1), if it's located inside the "C" hole, a cosine coefficient is determined. (Figure 9 shows the "S" and "C" holes on a gear).
- Finally, the adjustment rule (11) is used to align the function graph under the analyser in such a way, that the  $x$ -axis is orthogonal to the guiding rail (10) and that the entire graph can be reached by the tracer (7).

Note: The Mader-Ott analyser is able to analyse function graphs up-to 36 cm width and  $\pm 16$  cm height. With some mechanical tricks (folding the paper carrying

the function graph), Nyström increased the maximum reachable height of the function graph to  $\pm 48$  cm [Nys1937].

### Determining the Coefficient $a_0$ with a Planimeter

After setting up the harmonic analyser, the coefficients  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_N$  and  $b_1, \dots, b_N$  of the Fourier series (Equation 1) can be determined.

The coefficient  $a_0$  is the average height (i.e. the average value of the function  $f(x)$  over the considered interval). Therefore,  $a_0$  can be determined with a planimeter only (the analyser is not required).

- The planimeter is placed next to the function graph and the tracer is placed on the  $x$ -axis at the beginning of the interval of the function. The "starting value" is read from the planimeter.
- Now the tracer is guided over the function till the end of the interval. Afterwards the tracer is moved back along the  $x$ -axis towards the starting point. Again, the planimeter reading (the "end value") is taken.
- The difference (end value) - (starting value) is the number of vernier units measured by the polar planimeter. So the coefficient  $a_0$  is calculated by  $a_0 = [(\text{end value}) - (\text{starting value})] * (\text{vernier unit of the planimeter})$

### Determining Coefficients $a_i$ and $b_i$ with the Analyser

The following steps require the harmonic analyser. For the coefficients  $a_1$  and  $b_1$  the gear wheel numbered "1" is used. For  $a_2$  and  $b_2$  the wheel numbered "2" is used, and so forth. As already mentioned above, for the cosine coefficients  $a_i$  the tracer of the polar planimeter (14) needs to be located in the "C" hole of the gear wheels (5). For the sine coefficients  $b_i$  the "S" holes are used.

Now the measurement can start and the coefficient  $a_1$  will be determined (gear wheel marked "1" is used and the tracer of the polar planimeter is located in the "C" hole).

- Move the tracer (7) of the angle lever to the starting point of the function  $f(x)$ .
- Read the starting value on the polar planimeter (14).
- Move the handle (8) such that the tracer (7) follows the curve  $f(x)$ .
- After the rightmost part of the curve has been reached, move the tracer (7) over the  $x$ -axis back to the starting point.
- Read the end value on the polar planimeter (14).
- The difference (end value) - (starting value) is the number of vernier units measured by the polar planimeter. So the coefficient  $a_1$  is calculated by  $a_1 = [(\text{end value}) - (\text{starting value})] * (\text{vernier unit of the planimeter})$

The other coefficients are determined in the same manner.

An interactive animation of operating an analyser can be found in [deM2019].

Above given instructions show that operating the harmonic analyser is possible without understanding the mechanical and mathematical theory. In the same manner [Boh1931] stated for using the Mader-Ott analyser in the domain of organ building:

*"The ideal device for mechanically numerical determination of amplitude and phase of fundamental frequencies and overtones from periodic curves (e.g. from organ pipe oscillograms) and finding of hidden periodicities. For its usage no above-average mathematical knowledge is required!"*

A similar statement can be found in [Wag1942] for the application to the field of meteorology.

For a deeper understanding of the mechanical theory of the analyser, readers should take a look at [Mad1909]. Even some decades after the invention of the analysers, scientists discussed and proved the accuracy of harmonic analysers (e.g. [Ack1928], [Bae1937-2]). Concerning the usage of planimeters and its own mechanical theory, a detailed description can be found in [HerZer2002].

### Different Designs of Harmonic Analysers

In the previous sections the Fourier theory has been shown, the Mader-Ott harmonic analyser has been described and its operation has been explained. In this section, different variants of the Mader-Ott analyser will be looked at.



Figure 8: Mader-Ott analyser with two sets of 48 gears [Com2017-1].

#### Variance 1: Number of Gears

One cost driving factor of the analysers is the number of gear wheels provided with the analyser set. With more gear wheels, more coefficients could be determined and therefore more detailed analysis (towards higher frequencies) of the function  $f(x)$  could be obtained. Of course, the price of the device increases with the number of gears. According to my knowledge the Mader-Ott analyser with most gears is located at the Computer History Museum at Mountain View, California [Com2017-1]. It comes with two sets of 48 gears each, allowing a much more detailed analysis of functions  $f(x)$  by getting coefficients for higher frequencies (Figure 8). With two complete

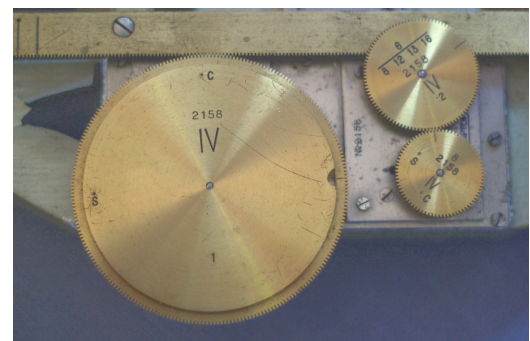


Figure 9: Gear wheels for coefficients  $a_1$  and  $b_1$  (left), as well as  $a_8$  and  $b_8$  (right). The upper right wheel is an intermediate gear. The toothed rail is the horizontal metal at the top.



gear sets and two hole plates on the carriage (see Section 4.2), the sine and cosine coefficients could be determined simultaneously with one trace of the graph  $f(x)$ . Typically, the analyser sets are coming with gears to determine 6, 9, 19, 21, 23 or 25 frequencies.

Here we have to mention that the number of gears with the analyser set is not always the same as the amount of frequencies (resp. coefficients) to be determined. Due to mechanical constraints some gear wheels cannot be placed in direct contact with the toothed rail (see (3) in Figure 7 and Figure 9). In this situation intermediate gear wheels are used. These intermediate gears consist of two toothed gears fixed above each other. The gear on top (Figure 9 upper right gear) drives the coefficient gear (gear numbered 8 in Figure 9). The lower gear (not visible beneath upper right gear) of the intermediate gear runs in the toothed rail (in Figure 9 the horizontal toothed rail on top).

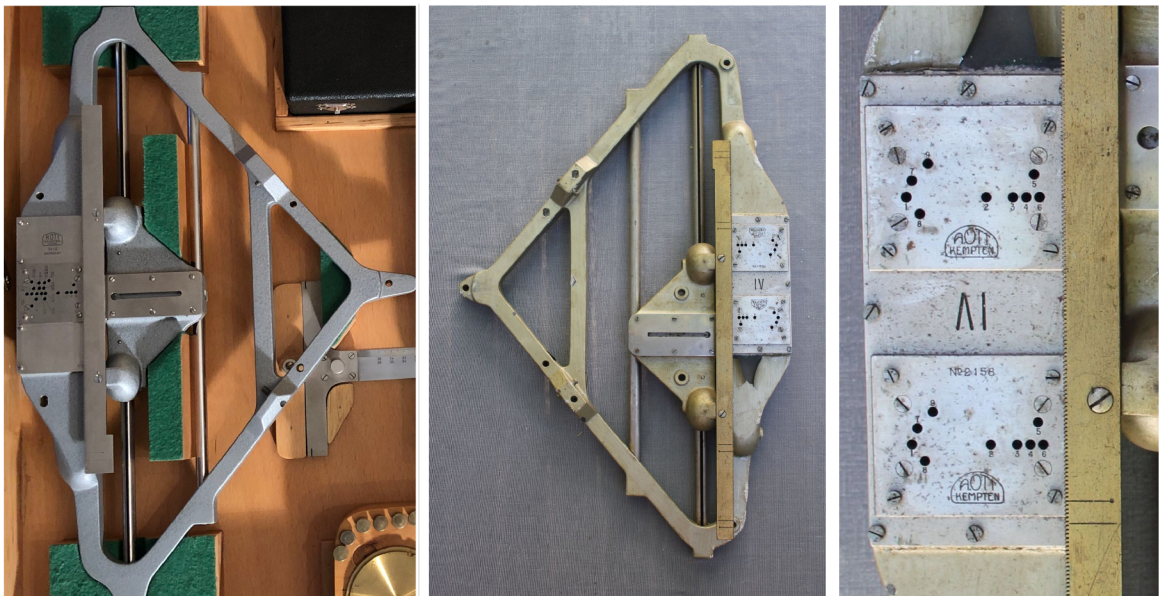


Figure 10: Carriages with one hole plate (left) and with double hole plate (centre). Double hole plate (right) with numbered holes for carrying corresponding numbered gear wheels.

### Variance 2: Number of Hole Plates

Till around 1941/1942 Mader-Ott analysers had been built with one hole plate on the analyser carriage (see Figure 10). According to [Mey1941] carriages with two hole plates on a single carriage had been introduced. The company Ott called analysers with two hole plates "Double Analysers". With this approach two planimeters could be operated with one single carriage in parallel. Using different gears with the two hole plates, two coefficients could be determined in a single operation while tracing the function  $f(x)$  only once.

### Variance 3: Number of Carriages

If a huge number of detailed Fourier analysis with many coefficients had been required, the operation of the harmonic analysers was quite time consuming. In these cases, a higher level of parallelism was required. This has been achieved by mechanically connecting several carriages in a row, which is called a carriage train. Analyser trains with two or three carriages in one sequential row are known. A set with four carriages operated in parallel is shown in Figure 11.

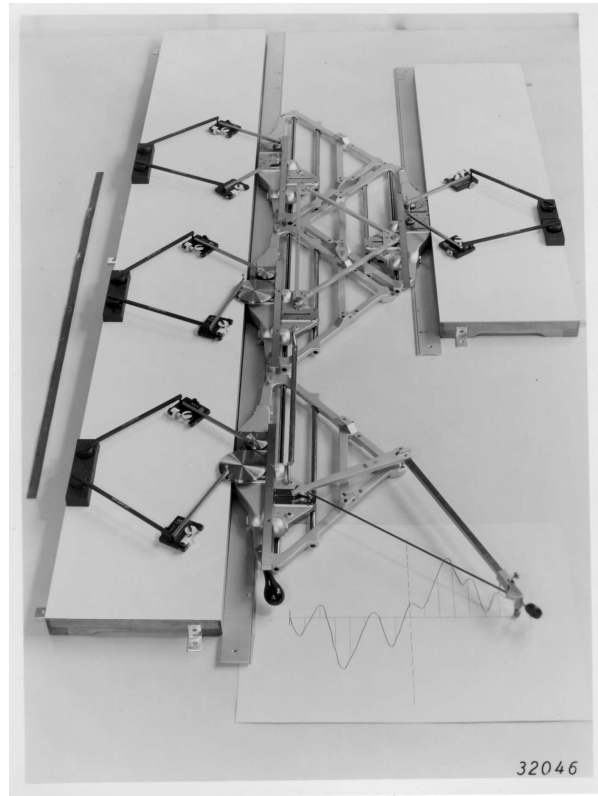


Figure 11: 8-fold harmonic analyser setup for operation. Source: Photo by Ott, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1941. Provided by Prof. Fischer.

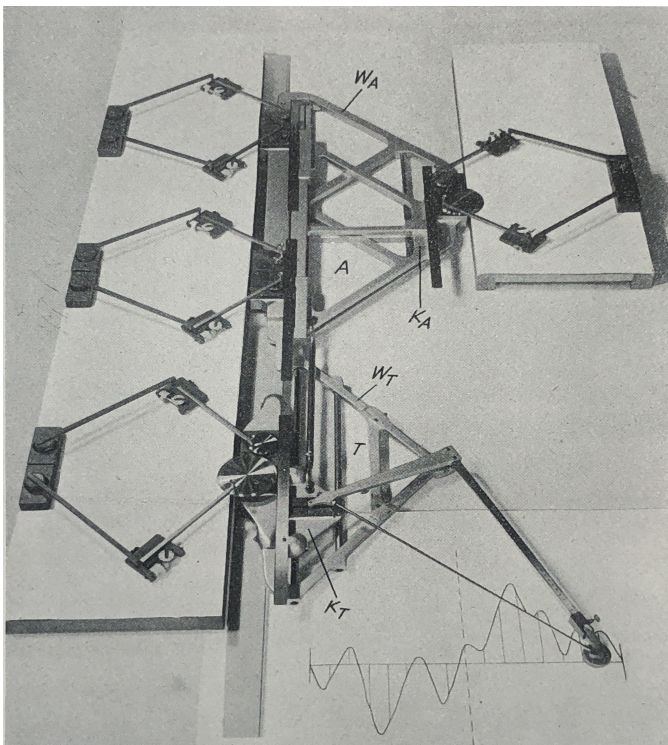


Figure 12: 8-fold Ott analyser [Wil1943], extendable towards a 14-fold analyser.

The fourth carriage is not put in the row with the other three carriages, but mounted to the second and third carriage in a mirrored manner. Since each carriage is a double analyser, a total of eight planimeters could be operated simultaneously, delivering eight Fourier coefficients by one function trace. For this reason, the device is named eight-fold analyser<sup>18</sup>. Obviously, the time saving goes together with a higher space consumption.

The entire setup in Figure 11 requires a table of 3.5 x 1.2 m. By the way: the storage box itself (Figure 13) has the size of about one square meter and weighs 45 kg, not including the additionally required 8 planimeters and the two large wooden supporting podiums for the planimeter.

<sup>18</sup>Also mentioned in [Wag1942] used in the domain of meteorology.



Figure 13: Storage box of Mader-Ott eight-fold harmonic analyser (Serial nos. 2155 to 2158, collection Zerfowski).

The largest known Ott analyser is based on above principle as well and is a 14-fold analyser. This analyser has been introduced around autumn 1942. In total fourteen (!) planimeters got connected to the entire setup and therefore 14 coefficients of the Fourier series could simultaneously be determined by one function trace. The 14-fold analyser is based on an improved version of the 8-fold analyser in Figure 11, where the upper three carriages are combined in one single mounted carriage (Figure 12) which holds six planimeters. This improved 8-fold analyser could be extended with another 6-fold carriage towards the upper end in Figure 12 leading to a 14-fold analyser. Since the improved version of the 8-fold analyser had been introduced into the market about one and a half year after the introduction of the 4-carriage version (Figure 11), only very few 4-carriage analysers might have been produced. Furthermore, I assume that the analyser in Figure 11 might be identical with the analyser in Figure 13, which still needs to be confirmed.

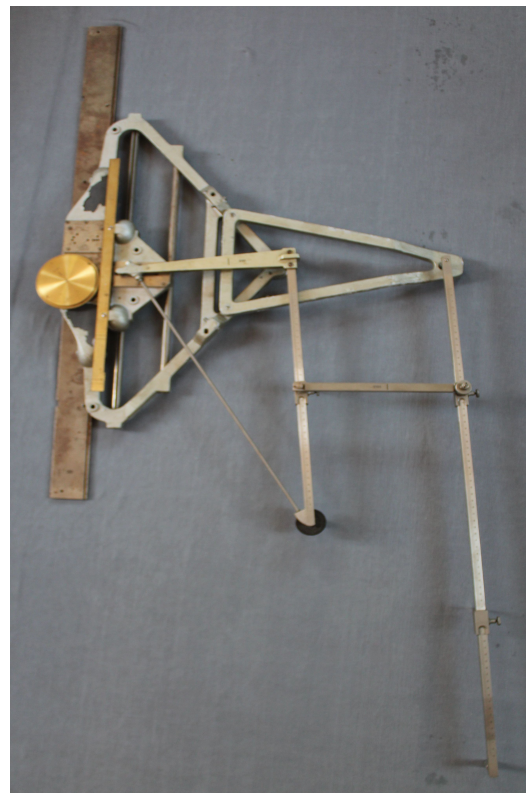


Figure 13: Mounted tracer arm extension (right).

**Variance 4: Additional Supplements**

Another variance of Mader-Ott analysers are different supplements coming with the analyser sets. For example, some storage boxes had been delivered together with a planimeter, some without any planimeter.

Especially single carriage analysers with single hole plates had been delivered with the wooden planimeter podium.

Due to the fact that common polar planimeters had been already widely spread, these devices might have been available with the customers and therefore could be used with the harmonic analysers. If required, additional planimeters could be bought separately.

Another supplement addresses a significant constraint of the Mader-Ott analysers. Independent of the number of carriages, typically function graphs with period width up-to 36 cm and ordinate height of  $\pm 16$ cm could be analysed. Together with a pantograph-like extender, mounted in parallel to the analyser's tracer arm (see Figure 14), function graphs up-to 72 cm length could be analysed. This extension (named *Pireb*) has been sold separately ([Ott19??-2]) with a normal tracer or an attached 2-fold magnifying lens.

All analysers could be equipped with a magnifying lens, but this should have been considered during the initial order. Customer could not add the magnifying lens by themselves. In case an analyser should later be equipped with a lens, the analyser had to be sent to the company Ott for modification.

Another extremely rare supplement is the extension of the Mader-Ott analyser with a so-called Stieltjes planimeter, which had been designed by Nyström [Nys1934, Nys1936]. Instead of the gear wheels and the inner carriage, the table-like add-on is mounted on top of the analyser's carriage (see Figure 15). The planimeter is connected to this movable Stieltjes supplement. While the harmonic analyser tracer is moved along the function, in Figure 15 the curve  $y(t)$ , a movement of the Stieltjes add-on is enforced.

During this movement a second person needs to keep the lens of the Stieltjes device over a second curve  $h(t')$ , which is lying orthogonal (rotated) above  $y(t)$  under the Stieltjes extension. With this approach the Mader-Ott analyser becomes a product planimeter providing the integral:

$$\oint y(t) dh(t')$$

Equation 2: Stieltjes Integral

where  $h(t')$  is a moment function which is a weight function within the above integral.

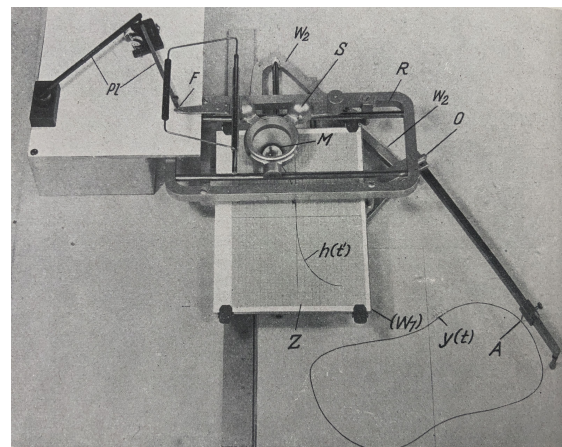


Figure 14: Stieltjes planimeter mounted on Mader-Ott harmonic analyser from [Mey1944].

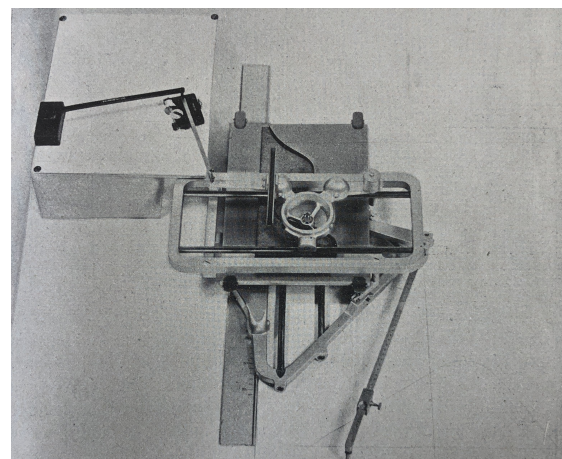


Figure 15: Stieltjes extension with enforced automatic movement along function  $h(t')$  [Mey1944].

The support of a second person could be avoided, if the graph under the Stieltjes lens had been exchanged by a plate carrying the graph, where the Stieltjes tracer was mechanically forced to follow the curve  $h(t')$  (see Figure 16 and [Mey1944, Wil1951]). Of course, this is not a harmonic analysis anymore.

### Stanley Harmonic Analysers

In this article analysers by Stürzl and Ott have been discussed. Here it should be mentioned that during the 1950's till 1965 another company, W. F. Stanley & Co., Limited (London) manufactured Mader-like harmonic analysers as well (see Figure 17 and [Kir1950]).

According to [Sta19??-1, Sta19??-2] the company offered three variants, which differ in the following features:

- U8101, Stanley Harmonic Analyser No. 1: Single hole plate analyser including one planimeter and one set of gears for 1 to 6 sine and cosine coefficients. Curves with base length of 4 to 40 cm and maximum ordinate of  $\pm 20$ cm could be analysed.
- U8102, Stanley Harmonic Analyser No. 2: Similar to U8101 but with double hole plate, two planimeters and two sets of gears.
- U8103, Stanley Harmonic Analyser No. 3: Similar to U8102 but with two sets of gears for 1 to 18 sine and cosine coefficients.

On customer request, Stanley supplied special combinations of harmonics in the range of 1 to 18. In total about 55 to 60 analysers had been built by Stanley & Co., Limited (source: [Fis2019]). Table 1 shows the sales prices (without corresponding years) of the different analyser variants.

Stanley Harmonic Analyser	Selling Price [Sta19??-1]	Selling Price [Sta19??-2]
U8101	£ 300	£ 108 Sh 18
U8102	£ 325	£ 145 Sh 4
U8103	£ 370	£ 242

Table 1: Selling prices of Stanley harmonic analysers.

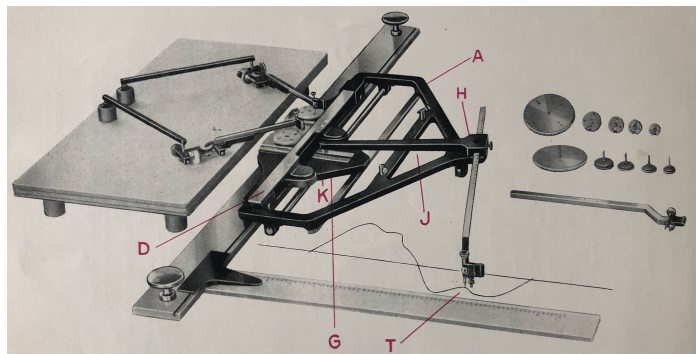


Figure 16: Stanley harmonic analyser [Sta19??-1].

### Summary of Mader-based Harmonic Analysers

The final section of this article gives an (incomplete) overview of variants of harmonic analyser sets based on Mader's principle. Corresponding references to the source of information and serial numbers are given, if available. Of course, below tables are incomplete, but they are a starting point for collecting information on still existing Mader-Stärzl and Mader-Ott harmonic analysers.

### Overview of Mader-Stärzl Harmonic Analysers

Known serial no.	Manufacturing years	Coefficients to be calculated	No. of gear wheels	No. of intermediate gear wheels	Reference, comments
Without serial no.					Deutsches Museum München, original Mader analyser
S II, No. 23					[Fis2019]
S II, No. 24	1911	9			[Sci2019, Fis2019]
S II, No. 56	ca. 1911				[Lud20??]
S II, No. 76		9	9	0	[GitSie004] (Inventory no: IV/97)
S II, No. 80	ca. 1914				[Ack1928] page 376
S II, No. 92					[Got2015]
S II, No. 135		6	6	0	[Tek2019]
S II, No. 187	ca. 1930				[Tub2019] lists a corresponding device with no details.
			20		[Com2017-2]
S II, No. 190 <sup>19</sup>	ca. 1930				TU Dresden, [Fis2019]

### Overview of Mader-Ott Harmonic Analysers

Without an agreement with Mader, the company Ott started the production of harmonic analysers around the year 1929. The production continued till ca. 1975. Corresponding serial numbers are between 2001 to 2500 (production years 1929-1961) and 69001 to 69100 (manufactured between 1962 and ca. 1972) [Fis2019]. This means that the total amount of produced Mader-Ott harmonic analysers is below 600, especially since multi-carriage analysers use several serial numbers, one for each single carriage.

A list of Mader-Ott analyser variants (including corresponding model numbers and names) is shown in below table. Even though the 8-fold analyser (called Pezik) is mentioned in [Ott19??-2], the 8-fold version with 4 gear sets (Figure 13) is not listed. Additionally, the tracer arm extension (called *Pireb*) is listed in [Ott19??-2].

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<sup>19</sup>Highest series number known for Mader-Stärzl analysers. Series numbers might have been sequentially applied (and therefore mixed) to harmonic analysers and planimeters manufactured by Stärzl [Fis2019].

Device types	Analyser rod for determination of single sine and cosine coefficients of one harmonic:	Single analyser for determination of single sine and cosine coefficients of one harmonic:  1 set of gears 1 planimeter	Double analyser		8-fold analyser for simultaneous determination of sine and cosine coefficients for the same harmonics:  2 sets of gears 8 planimeters
			for determination of single sine and cosine coefficients of two harmonics:  1 set of gears 2 planimeters	for simultaneous determination of sine and cosine coefficients for the same harmonics:  2 sets of gears 2 planimeters	
Gear set for the first 6 harmonics	No. 200 <i>Peran</i>	No. 210 <i>Pesap</i>	No. 210 A <i>Petar1</i>	--	
Gear set for the first 9 harmonics	No. 202 <i>Perir</i>	No. 212 <i>Pesem</i>	No. 212 A <i>Petex</i>	--	
Gear set for the uneven harmonics 1-25 and even harmonics 2-18	No. 204 <i>Perut</i>	No. 214 <i>Pesis</i>	No. 214 A <i>Petir</i>	No. 214 B <i>Peweg</i>	
Gear set for the uneven harmonics 1-31 and even harmonics 2-18		No. 216 <i>Pesot</i>	No. 216 A <i>Petov</i>	No. 216 B <i>Pewox</i>	
Gear set for all uneven and even harmonics 1-33		No. 218 <i>Pesur</i>	No. 218 A <i>Petum</i>	No. 218 B <i>Pewur</i>	<i>Pezik</i>
Source of information	[Ott19??-1]	[Ott19??-2] (after 1949)			

Figure 17: Overview of Mader-Ott analysers ([Ott19??-1], [Ott19??-2]).

Known serial no.	Manufacturing years	Coefficients to be calculated	No. of gear wheels	Intermediate gear wheels	No. of hole plates	Reference, comments
		6	6	0	1	[Pal2013] page 71.
		9	11	2	1	[Ott1931-1], .
		25	27	5	1	[Gol2016] page 2
2034	ca.1930	25	27	5		[Got2015] image 9
		25	27	5	1	[Ott1931-1]
2048	ca.1933	6	6	0	1	[Fli2018]
		19			1 <sup>20</sup>	Referred in [Nys1937-2]
		21			1	Referred in [Nys1937-2]
		23			1	Referred in [Nys1937-2]
2155 + 2156 + 2157 + 2158	1941	19	4 x 11	4 x 2	4 x 2	Zerfowski collection (8-fold analyser with 4 carriages, each for 2 planimeters and pantographic extension for graphs up-to 72 cm length)
	1942				1 x 2 1 x 6 + 1 x 6 optional	[Wil1943] page 182, [Mey1944] page 280, with second carriage for 6 planimeters connected, extendable to 14-fold analyser. Introduced in autumn 1942 [Fis2019].
2257	1946		2 x 48		2	[Com2017-1]
2261 +2263	1946		2 x ?		2	[Pal2013] page 80, with Stieltjes supplement (serial no, 2263)
2383		25	27	5	2	With 2 planimeters, Ebay Dec. 2010
2412	1958	25	27	5	1	Collection Prof. Anthes
69078	1967					[Tub2019] lists a corresponding device with no further details.

<sup>20</sup> A second hole plate on a carriage has been introduced by Ott by 1941 (see [Mey1941] page 220).

### Overview of Stanley Harmonic Analysers (Mader Type)

Very few is known about existing Stanley harmonic analysers. According to Professor Fischer [Fis2019] at least three devices are with the Science Museum at London.

Known serial no.	Manufacturing years	Coefficients to be calculated	No. of gear wheels	No. of intermediate gear wheels	Reference, comments
					Science Musuem London, Object No. 1978-154.
		18	2 x 21		[Otn2008]. With double hole plates, including 2 planimeters

Any additional information on and pictures of corresponding harmonic analysers are highly appreciated, please contact the author via email: [Detlef@Zerfowski.com](mailto:Detlef@Zerfowski.com)

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