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Fundamentals of Audiology for the Speech-Language Pathologist, Third Edition is specifically written to provide the speech language pathologist with a knowledge base to work with individuals who are hard of hearing, deaf and diagnosed with (central) auditory processing disorder. Serving as a guide to the management of hearing loss, this unique resource presents basic audiological concepts in a clear, concise, easy to understand format, eliminating extensive technical jargon. This comprehensive text covers various types and degrees of hearing loss and the resulting auditory, speech, and language difficulties. Moving away from an exclusively diagnostic format of audiology practices, this text also focuses on the rehabilitative aspects of hearing loss and empowering students to collaborate with audiologists throughout their career. Unlike other texts, Fundamentals of Audiology for the Speech-Language Pathologist, Third Edition presents detailed information on all audiometric testing proce Objectives: To explore the efficacy of a new digital signal processing strategy (DSP) by comparing speech intelligibility in noise measures across different sound strategies. Introduction: Hearing aids are of limited benefit for the perceptual consequences that arise from a loss of frequency selectivity. By eliminating inaudible sound energy, and reducing ‘ masking ’ noise around speech peaks based on individual spreading functions, the new DSP effectively acts as a masking suppressor to enhance spectral contrast between speech peaks and dips. It is hypothesised that a combination of wide dynamic range compression (WDRC) and DSP will show greatest improvement in objective measures of speech intelligibility in noise. It is also hypothesised that no difference in subjective sound quality will be found. Methods: Twenty current hearing aid wearers (60-75 years) with symmetrical, normal/mild, sloping to a moderate/severe sensorineural hearing loss were recruited. Treble increase at low levels (TILL) prescription templates were used to achieve an approximation of real-ear, prescribed WDRC. An estimate of critical bandwidth (CB) was obtained using a consonant-nucleus-consonant (CNC) in white-noise tournament with different DSP types. Objective (QuickSINTM) and subjective (soundscape quality) speech intelligibility in noise results were compared across four sound strategies: No-Processing, DSP, TILL and DSP + TILL. Results: DSP type 1.0 had the highest CNC in white-noise phoneme and word score overall, but was not significantly different from No-Processing. Both DSP and DSP + TILL had significantly higher mean total QuickSINTM scores than No-Processing. Mean DSP + TILL QuickSINTM scores at +5 dB signal to noise ratio (SNR) were significantly higher than No-Processing. DSP + TILL also had a significantly higher mean score at +20 dB SNR than No-Processing or TILL. No significant difference in sound quality between strategies was found. Conclusions: This study suggests speech intelligibility can be enhanced in background noise using the new DSP either alone, or in combination with WDRC. The method used to estimate individual CB could be implemented clinically. The new DSP could also be incorporated at the front-end of WDRC hearing aid processing. Future directions include the possibility of integrating a more accurate, objective measure of auditory filter characteristics with the new DSP, and exploring the effects of an acclimatisation period on speech intelligibility in noise. From the principles of hearing aid instrumentation, selection, and fitting, to the medical and surgical management of ear diseases and hearing disorders, to the rehabilitation of the patient with hearing loss, the new edition of Audiology: Treatment is an invaluable, up-to-date resource for the latest approaches to treating hearing disorders. Organized into two main sections, the book begins by guiding the reader through the principles of treatment and then presents important applications for the clinical setting. Features: Insights from respected experts in the field New chapters on the numerous advances in hearing aid technology and electroacoustic analysis of hearing aids; the importance of outcome measures in validating the performance of amplification; treatment options for patients with processing disorders; new signals for real ear measures; and the use of fully implantable devices Chapter outlines to rapidly acquaint reader with topics to be discussed Pearls, pitfalls, controversial points, and special considerations providing recommendations and comments on key aspects of patient care Audiology: Treatment is one part of a three-volume series, which is completed by Audiology: Diagnosis and Audiology: Practice Management. Together these books provide audiologists and students in graduate programs with a complete compendium of information on optimizing patient care. Opening with a clear overview of the biology and demographics of aging, this text authoritatively summarizes the most recent knowledge on disorders of the ears, nose, paranasal sinuses, oral cavity, larynx, voice, throat, and neck in the geriatric population. With chapters by prominent leaders in the discipline, this reference serves as an invaluable source of guidance on perioperative assessment, operative procedures and outcomes, and new strategies for reconstructive and cosmetic surgery. An essential reference filled with 400 of today's current biomedical instruments and devices Designed mainly for the active bio-medical equipment technologists involved in hands-on functions like managing these technologies by way of their usage, operation & maintenance and those engaged in advancing measurement techniques through research and development, this book covers almost the entire range of instruments and devices used for diagnosis, imaging, analysis, and therapy in the medical field. Compiling 400 instruments in alphabetical order, it provides comprehensive information on each instrument in a lucid style. Each description in Compendium of Biomedical Instrumentation covers four aspects: purpose of the instrument; principle of operation, which covers physics, engineering, electronics, and data processing; brief specifications; and major applications. Devices listed range from the accelerometer, ballistocardiograph, microscopes, lasers, and electrocardiograph to gamma counter, hyperthermia system, microtome, positron emission tomography, uroflowmeter, and many more. Covers almost the entire range of medical instruments and devices which are generally available in hospitals, medical institutes at tertiary, secondary, and peripheral level facilities Presents broad areas of applications of medical instruments/technology, including specialized equipment for various medical specialties, fully illustrated with figures & photographs Contains exhaustive description on state of the art instruments and also includes some generation old legacy instruments which are still in use in some medical facilities. Compendium of Biomedical Instrumentation is a must-have resource for professionals and undergraduate and graduate students in biomedical engineering, as well as for clinical engineers and bio-medical equipment technicians. Starting with essential maths, fundamentals of signals and systems, and classical concepts of DSP, this book presents, from an application-oriented perspective, modern concepts and methods of DSP including machine learning for audio acoustics and engineering. Content highlights include but are not limited to room acoustic parameter measurements, filter design, codecs, machine learning for audio pattern recognition and machine audition, spatial audio, array technologies and hearing aids. Some research outcomes are fed into book as worked examples. As a research informed text, the book attempts to present DSP and machine learning from a new and more relevant angle to acousticians and audio engineers. Some MATLAB® codes or frameworks of algorithms are given as downloads available on the CRC Press website. Suggested exploration and mini project ideas are given for "proof of concept" type of exercises and directions for further study and investigation. The book is intended for researchers, professionals, and senior year students in the field of audio acoustics. Karlheinz Brandenburg and Mark Kahrs With the advent of multimedia, digital signal processing (DSP) of sound has emerged from the shadow of bandwidth limited speech processing. Today, the main appli cations of audio DSP are high quality audio coding and the digital generation and manipulation of music signals. They share common research topics including percep tual measurement techniques and analysis/synthesis methods. Smaller but nonetheless very important topics are hearing aids using signal processing technology and hardware architectures for digital signal processing of audio. In all these areas the last decade has seen a significant amount of application oriented research. The topics covered here coincide with the topics covered in the biannual work shop on " Applications of Signal Processing to Audio and Acoustics ". This event is sponsored by the IEEE Signal Processing Society (Technical Committee on Audio and Electroacoustics) and takes place at Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz, New York. A short overview of each chapter will illustrate the wide variety of technical material presented in the chapters of this book. John Beerends: Perceptual Measurement Techniques. The advent of perceptual measurement techniques is a byproduct of the advent of digital coding for both speech and high quality audio signals. Traditional measurement schemes are bad estimates for the subjective quality after digital coding/decoding. Listening tests are subject to sta tistical uncertainties and the basic question of repeatability in a different environment. Written in an easy-to-read style that is especially accessible for the busy clinician who is bombarded by many new terms and concepts Provides short synopsis of outer and inner hair cell function, as it specifically relates to an increasingly common type of compression: wide dynamic range compression (WDRC) Describes clearly the more popular threshold-based and suprathreshold-based hearing aid fitting methods Offers concise explanation of the many different types of compression in hearing aids This volume brings together selected contributed papers presented at the International Conference of Computational Methods in Science and Engineering (ICCMSE 2005), held in Greece, 21 aEURO" 26 October 2005. The conference aims to bring together computational scientists from several disciplines in order to share methods and ideas. The ICCMSE is unique in its kind. It regroups original contributions from all fields of the traditional Sciences, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Medicine and all branches of Engineering. It would be perhaps more appropriate to define the ICCMSE as a conference on computational science and its applications to science and engineering. Topics of general interest are: Computational Mathematics, Theoretical Physics and Theoretical Chemistry. Computational Engineering and Mechanics, Computational Biology and Medicine, Computational Geosciences and Meteorology, Computational Economics and Finance, Scientific Computation. High Performance Computing, Parallel and Distributed Computing, Visualization, Problem Solving Environments, Numerical Algorithms, Modelling and Simulation of Complex System, Web-based Simulation and Computing, Grid-based Simulation and Computing, Fuzzy Logic, Hybrid Computational Methods, Data Mining, Information Retrieval and Virtual Reality, Reliable Computing, Image Processing, Computational Science and Education etc. More than 800 extended abstracts have been submitted for consideration for presentation in ICCMSE 2005. From these 500 have been selected after international peer review by at least two independent reviewers. Digital Hearing Aids is an essential reference for information about the latest innovations in digital hearing aid technology. Concise descriptions and easy-to-reference tables and diagrams enable the reader to rapidly gain a solid understanding of digital signal processing, including such important topics as adaptive acoustic directionality, adaptive noise reduction, adaptive feedback cancellation, and sound classification. The book is divided into three main sections, with the first section providing an overview of foundational concepts, the second section presenting detailed analysis of state-of-the-art processing techniques, and the third section describing specific technical aspects of digital processing. Highlights: Each chapter opens with a brief overview of topics and questions, rapidly orienting the reader with the scope of the material presented Mathematical examples in the third section of the book allow the reader to work through practical calculations, comprehend the nuts and bolts of the processing schemes, and understand the benefits and limitations of each More than 170 illustrations and diagrams aid the comprehension of key concepts This handbook is ideal for audiologists, otolaryngologists, speech-language pathologists, and for other professionals involved in the applications of digital signal processing. Modern digital hearing aids provide an array of features to improve the user listening experience. As the features become more advanced and interdependent, it becomes increasingly necessary to develop accurate and cost-effective methods to evaluate their performance. Subjective experiments are an accurate method to determine hearing aid performance but they come with a high monetary and time cost. Four studies that develop and evaluate electroacoustic hearing aid feature evaluation techniques are presented. The first study applies a recent speech quality metric to two bilateral wireless hearing aids with various features enabled in a variety of environmental conditions. The study shows that accurate speech quality predictions are made with a reduced version of the original metric, and that a portion of the original metric does not perform well when applied to a novel subjective speech quality rating database. The second study presents a reference free (nonintrusive) electroacoustic speech quality metric developed specifically for hearing aid applications and compares its performance to a recent intrusive metric. The non-intrusive metric offers the advantage of eliminating the need for a shaped reference signal and can be used in real time applications but requires a sacrifice in prediction accuracy. The third study investigates the digital noise reduction performance of seven recent hearing aid models. An electroacoustic measurement system is presented that allows the noise and speech signals to be separated from hearing aid recordings. It is shown how this can be used to investigate digital noise reduction performance through the application of speech quality and speech intelligibility measures. It is also shown how the system can be used to quantify digital noise reduction attack times. The fourth study presents a turntable-based system to investigate hearing aid directionality performance. Two methods to extract the signal of interest are described. Polar plots are presented for a number of hearing aid models from recordings generated in both the free-field and from a head-and-torso simulator. It is expected that the proposed electroacoustic techniques will assist Audiologists and hearing researchers in choosing, benchmarking, and fine-tuning hearing aid features. This three volume series is the new, definitive textbook of audiology. Consisting if three different sections: diagnosis, treatment & practice management, the set provides a current, consistent, comprehensive & clinically oriented coverage of the profession of audiology. The comprehensive Sandlin's Textbook of Hearing Aid Amplification, now in its third edition, provides the hearing health professional with an overview of the technological advances related to hearing aid devices. The authors give particular emphasis to the most current advances in clinical assessment techniques and hearing instrument technology, and provide a detailed analysis of the application of digital signal processing. Clinical insights into the psychology of hearing health are included to help professionals meet clients' emotional as well as acoustic needs. This is a valuable text for academic and clinical professionals involved in the selection and fitting of hearing aid devices for the acoustically impaired. New to the third edition: Updated chapters on earmold and earshell acoustics; principles and applications of high-fidelity amplitude compression; and microphone technologyMajor revisions to chapters on digital signal processing; hearing aid selection, fitting, and verification; mathematical formulae for applying amplification; measures of validity and verification; and surgically-implanted hearing devices for unilateral hearing lossDiscussion of distribution methods; considerations for treating children; elements of design and implementation of DSP circuits; the evolution from analog to digital hearing aids; and future consideration for the field This book is Volume III of the series DSP for MATLABTM and LabVIEWTM.

Volume III covers digital filter design, including the specific topics of FIR design via windowed-ideal-lowpass filter, FIR highpass, bandpass, and bandstop filter design from windowed-ideal lowpass filters, FIR design using the transition-band-optimized Frequency Sampling technique (implemented by Inverse-DFT or Cosine/Sine Summation Formulas), design of equiripple FIRs of all standard types including Hilbert Transformers and Differentiators via the Remez Exchange Algorithm, design of Butterworth, Chebyshev (Types I and II), and Elliptic analog prototype lowpass filters, conversion of analog lowpass prototype filters to highpass, bandpass, and bandstop filters, and conversion of analog filters to digital filters using the Impulse Invariance and Bilinear Transform techniques. Certain filter topologies specific to FIRs are also discussed, as are two simple FIR types, the Comb and Moving Average filters. 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Table of Contents: Principles This thesis has two main objectives: 1) evaluating the benefits of the bilateral coordination of the hearing aid Digital Signal Processing (DSP) features by measuring and comparing the auditory performance with and without the activation of this coordination, and 2) evaluating the benefits of acclimatization and auditory training on such auditory performance and, determining whether receiving training in one aspect of auditory performance (sound localization) would generalize to an improvement in another aspect of auditory performance (speech intelligibility in noise), and to what extent. Two studies were performed. The first study evaluated the speech intelligibility in noise and horizontal sound localization abilities in HI listeners using hearing aids that apply bilateral coordination of WDRC. A significant improvement was noted in sound localization with bilateral coordination on when compared to off, while speech intelligibility in noise did not seem to be affected. The second study was an extension of the first study, with a suitable period for acclimatization provided and then the participants were divided into training and control groups. Only the training group received auditory training. The training group performance was significantly better than the control group performance in some conditions, in both the speech intelligibility and the localization tasks. The bilateral coordination did not have significant effects on the results of the second study. This work is among the early literature to investigate the impact of bilateral coordination in hearing aids on the users' auditory performance. Also, this work is the first to demonstrate the effect of auditory training in sound localization on the speech intelligibility performance. 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Adrienne Rubenstein, PhD, Professor, Department of Speech Communication Arts and Sciences, Brooklyn College, New York Key Features: Completely revised to reflect the research and technological advances of the last decade New chapters on directional microphones and the latest digital signal processing strategies Extensive coverage of all aspects of open-canal, thin-tube hearing aids Practical tips, tables, and procedures designed to be pinned on the walls of clinics Each cross-referenced chapter builds on the previous chapters Hearing Aids, Second Edition, is a book within a book: Each chapter has a one-page synopsis that captures the key concepts of each topic The material that students most need is contained in marked paragraphs that flow after each other to form a coherent thin book inside the larger book Intervening additional paragraphs add satisfying depth Written, comprehensively referenced, and extensively reviewed by leaders in the field, this book is ideal as a core graduate text as well as a standard reference for clinicians. Offers a market research guide to the American health care industry - a tool for strategic planning, competitive intelligence, employment searches or financial research. This book covers national health expenditures, technologies, patient populations, research, Medicare, Medicaid, and managed care. In addition to its thorough coverage of DSP design and programming techniques, Smith also covers the operation and usage of DSP chips. He uses Analog Devices' popular DSP chip family as design examples. Covers all major DSP topics Full of insider information and shortcuts Basic techniques and algorithms explained without complex numbers This book is Volume I of the series DSP for MATLABTM and LabVIEWTM. The entire series consists of four volumes that collectively cover basic digital signal processing in a practical and accessible manner, but which nonetheless include all essential foundation mathematics. 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The book doesn't reference abstract studies or bore you with statistics, and has three parts: * The first section, Heart, focuses on inspiring stories of DSPs and the wonderful outcomes they achieve working with people with I/DD * The second part, Hope, provides details of our DSP Magnet® program and step-by-step actions providers can apply now with existing resources * The third section, Honesty, looks at longer-term options for providers that do not rely on more government funding What others are saying: “ Craig and Scott have cracked the code... They do it through a masterful use of storytelling, teaching and sharing real world results. There are no magic answers, but ‘ Heart, Hope & Honesty ’ shows you a smart, new path to recruit, retain and build a culture that will transform your organization and the lives of those you support! ” — John Dickerson, CEO Quillo (spent 42 years with The Arc) “ Provider friends, please order the book today! I read it cover-to-cover and it's just spot on. ” — James W. Steele, Executive Director, Ohio Valley Residential Services “ I loved the book. The stories about DSPs and people we support are great and there ’ s nothing like this out there. You have provided legitimacy to an aspect of our field that has been so overlooked, so thank you, thank you. I can ’ t wait to hold a finished copy! ” — Anna Jeffries, Public Information Officer, Licking County Board of DD Now in it's third edition, the Comprehensive Dictionary of Audiology: Illustrated, is a must-have resource for anyone involved in the field of audiology. The dictionary includes thousands of terms integral to the profession, practice, and science of audiology and covers both current and historical terms. Practicable illustrations enrich the definitions throughout. Additionally, the text includes an appendix of acronyms, abbreviations, and symbols, an appendix of auditory system disorders, and a user's guide to the dictionary. Concise, current, and accessible, this edition meets the needs of audiologists today with updates in response to developments in practice and technology in the field. Hundreds of terms have been added and upgraded to reflect new and emerging trends and technology in the field of audiology, and the dictionary is now available in print and electronic formats for the first time. Comprehensive Dictionary of Audiology: Illustrated, Third Edition, is an invaluable resource for audiologists and professionals in the field of communication sciences and disorders. Noise and distortion that degrade the quality of speech signals can come from any number of sources. The technology and techniques for dealing with noise are almost as numerous, but it is only recently, with the development of inexpensive digital signal processing hardware, that the implementation of the technology has become practical. Noise Reduction in Speech Applications provides a comprehensive introduction to modern techniques for removing or reducing background noise from a range of speech-related applications. Self-contained, it starts with a tutorial-style chapter of background material, then focuses on system aspects, digital algorithms, and implementation. The final section explores a variety of applications and demonstrates to potential users of the technology the results possible with the noise reduction techniques presented. The book offers chapters contributed by international experts, a practical, systems approach, and numerous references. For electrical, acoustics, signal processing, communications, and bioengineers, Noise Reduction in Speech Applications is a valuable resource that shows you how to decide whether noise reduction will solve problems in your own systems and how to make the best use of the technologies available. With human-computer interactions and hands-free communications becoming overwhelmingly important in the new millennium, recent research efforts have been increasingly focusing on state-of-the-art multi-microphone signal processing solutions to improve speech intelligibility in adverse environments. One such prominent statistical signal processing technique is blind signal separation (BSS). BSS was first introduced in the early 1990s and quickly emerged as an area of intense research activity showing huge potential in numerous applications. BSS comprises the task of 'blindly' recovering a set of unknown signals, the so-called sources from their observed mixtures, based on very little to almost no prior knowledge about the source characteristics or the mixing structure. The goal of BSS is to process multi-sensory observations of an inaccessible set of signals in a manner that reveals their individual (and original) form, by exploiting the spatial and temporal diversity, readily accessible through a multi-microphone configuration. Proceeding blindly exhibits a number of advantages, since assumptions about the room configuration and the source-to-sensor geometry can be relaxed without affecting overall efficiency. This booklet investigates one of the most commercially attractive applications of BSS, which is the simultaneous recovery of signals inside a reverberant (naturally echoing) environment, using two (or more) microphones. In this paradigm, each microphone captures not only the direct contributions from each source, but also several reflected copies of the original signals at different propagation delays. These recordings are referred to as the convolutive mixtures of the original sources. The goal of this booklet in the lecture series is to provide insight on recent advances in algorithms, which are ideally suited for blind signal separation of convolutive speech mixtures. More importantly, specific emphasis is given in practical applications of the developed BSS algorithms associated with real-life scenarios. The developed algorithms are put in the context of modern DSP devices, such as hearing aids and cochlear implants, where design requirements dictate low power consumption and call for portability and compact size. Along these lines, this booklet focuses on modern BSS algorithms which address (1) the limited amount of processing power and (2) the small number of microphones available to the end-user. Table of Contents: Fundamentals of blind signal separation / Modern blind signal separation algorithms / Application of blind signal processing strategies to noise reduction for the hearing-impaired / Conclusions and future challenges / Bibliography Contains information digested from presentations that answers the following questions: Who is or is not a candidate for digital signal processing (DSP) technology and, more specifically, the DigiFocus hearing aid? What fine-tuning or fitting problems were consistently encountered with the DigiFocus? How should the performance of the DigiFocus be verified? How did clinicians present the benefits of DSP technology to potential purchasers? Appendices contain description of digital signal processing hearing aids and seven case studies presented at the forum. NOW PUBLISHED BY PLURAL! Hearing Science Fundamentals, Second Edition maintains the straightforward style of the previous edition, introducing the basic concepts in hearing science in an easy-to-understand format. With a wide variety of student-friendly features and instructor resources, this comprehensive textbook facilitates the absorption of technical material by both undergraduate and graduate students. The text is divided into four clear sections to cover everything from the physics of sound to the anatomy and physiology of the auditory pathway and beyond. The textbook begins by delving into the basics of acoustics and digital signal processing (DSP). In the next section, readers will find full coverage of the basic anatomy and physiology of the auditory mechanism. The third section contains eight chapters on psychoacoustics and how sound is perceived via the auditory pathways. The book wraps up with a brand-new section devoted to pathologies of the auditory mechanisms. New to the Second Edition: * New coauthor, Jeremy J. Donai, AuD, PhD, brings his extensive clinical and research experience to the concepts discussed * Nine new chapters, including: Review of Speech Acoustics (Chapter 2); Digital Signal Processing (Chapter 3); Binaural Processing (Chapter 8); Temporal Processing (Chapter 10); Signal Detection Theory (Chapter 13); Auditory Perception and Hearing Impairment (Chapter 14); Separate and expanded chapters for Pathologies of the Auditory Mechanism (Chapter 9) from first edition; Pathologies of the Conductive Auditory Mechanism (Chapter 15); Pathologies of the Sensory Auditory Mechanism (Chapter 16); Pathologies of the Central Auditory Mechanism (Chapter 17) * Clinical Notes and Vocabulary Checks features have been added through the textEvidence-based information incorporated throughout the text * Updated Recommended Readings list * Audio examples and overview lecture videos for students Key Features: * Learning Objectives and Key Terms at the beginning of each chapter prepare the student for the chapter contents * Two-color anatomical and line illustrations aid understanding of important technical concepts * Q & A boxes reinforce important information presented in the text * A Glossary of important terms Disclaimer: Please note that ancillary content (such as documents, quizzes, and exercises) may not be included as published in the original print version of this book. The core of this text comprises chapters on all the key issues of business in Canada today. Each chapter includes a hypothetical case study and an introduction highlighting key ethical points; two academic essays; and a real-life case study. Questions for discussion accompany the essays and case studies. The author has also included a general introduction to ethical issues and an overview of ethical theory; a section on institutionalizing ethics (discussing ethics officers/programs/codes etc.); and appendices providing excerpts from important classic contributions to ethical theory and from relevant Canadian law. This book describes the design of CMOS circuits for ultra-low power consumption including analog, radio frequency (RF), and digital signal processing circuits (DSP). The book addresses issues from circuit and system design to production design, and applies the ultra-low power circuits described to systems for digital hearing aids and capsule endoscope devices. Provides a valuable introduction to ultra-low power circuit design, aimed at practicing design engineers; Describes all key building blocks of ultra-low power circuits, from a systems perspective; Applies circuits and systems described to real product examples such as hearing aids and capsule endoscopes. Introduction: Communicating while travelling in a car can be difficult, particularly for the hearing impaired, as high levels of background noise and lack of visual cues impair speech reception. Hearing aid wearers typically have low satisfaction with their devices in a travelling car, which represents just one of the challenging acoustical environments that hearing aids are having to operate in. Hearing aid manufacturers continually attempt to maximise performance through the development of proprietary digital signal processing (DSP) approaches. This thesis aims to compare the performance of two high specification hearing aids (ReSound LiNX 3DTM and Oticon OpnTM 1) in a simulated car environment. Methods: Objective measures of speech intelligibility and subjective measures of sound quality were assessed using 18 participants in a single-blinded, repeated measures design. An adaptive Hearing in Noise Test (HINT), using car noise, determined participants ' speech reception thresholds (SRTs). A Likert-type scale was used by participants to rate particular parameters of sound (loudness, tonal balance, quality, background noise annoyance and listening effort). Results: No statistically significant differences were found between the hearing aids in terms of either speech intelligibility, loudness, tonal balance, sound quality or background noise annoyance. However, a repeated measures ANOVA and post hoc paired sample t-test analysis revealed a statistically significant difference in perceived listening effort, $t(17) = 2.938$, $p = 0.009$. Participants report having to exert more effort to hear speech when wearing the ReSound hearing aids. Conclusion: Hearing aid manufacturers use proprietary DSP approaches and this thesis illustrates the importance of independent evaluation of hearing aid performance in ' real world ' listening situations, such as a travelling car.