

## **Hurst's Eight Principals of Cycle Analysis**

### **The Principle of Cyclicity**

Price movements consist of a combination of specific waves and therefore exhibit cyclic characteristics

### **The Principle of Commonality**

All equity (or forex or commodity) price movements have many elements in common. In other words similar classes of tradable instruments have price movements with much in common; Lows tend to be more in synch than highs. Using group analysis helps with ID of cycles.

### **The Principle of Summation**

Price waves which combine to produce the price movement do so by a process of simple addition

### **The Principle of Harmonicity**

The wavelengths of neighboring waves in the collection of cycles contributing to price movement are related by a small integer value. Longer cycles are multiples of shorter cycles. They are related to each other by harmonic vibrations – similar to music

### **The Principle of Synchronicity**

Waves in price movement are phased so as to cause simultaneous troughs. This is also an aspect of the principal of Harmonicity; with troughs of longer cycle normally coincide with trough of the shorter cycles that are related.

### **The Principle of Proportionality**

Waves in price movement have amplitude that is proportional to their wavelength. A 20-week cycle tends to move 2X as far as a 10-week related cycle.

### **The Principle of Nominality**

A specific, nominal collection of harmonically related waves is common to all price movements. Hurst used the following nominal values which are average of cycle length.

### **The Principle of Variation**

The previous principles represent strong tendencies, from which variation is to be expected. There is a deviation from the norm. They do not always move per ideal forecasts. Deviation from the norm should be expected.