



ECE 251 : Signals and Systems Fundamentals

Course Project Description

Fall 2023

1 Objectives:

- Become familiar with Matlab / GNU-Octave.
- Use Matlab / GNU-Octave to deal with signals in time and frequency domain.
- Use Matlab / GNU-Octave to design Butterworth low-pass and high-pass filters.

2 Introduction:

- The musical notes are sinusoidal waves whose frequencies are defined by the following equation

$$f_n = f_0 \cdot \alpha^n \quad (1)$$

where n is an integer, $f_0 = 440$ Hz, and $\alpha = 2^{(1/12)}$.

- The frequency of the musical note DO is $f_{(-9)}$, that is to substitute for $n = -9$ in equation (1)

$$f_{(-9)} = 440 \times 2^{(-9/12)} = 261.6256 \text{ Hz}$$

- The Musical notes in a C-Major musical scale are (DO, RE, MI, FA, SOL, LA, TI, DO). The frequencies of these musical notes are defined by equation (1) for the following values of the integer n

$$n_{\text{C-Major}} = \left[\underbrace{-9}_{\text{DO}}, \underbrace{-7}_{\text{RE}}, \underbrace{-5}_{\text{MI}}, \underbrace{-4}_{\text{FA}}, \underbrace{-2}_{\text{SOL}}, \underbrace{0}_{\text{LA}}, \underbrace{2}_{\text{TI}}, \underbrace{3}_{\text{DO}} \right] \quad (2)$$

Note that $n = -9$ corresponds to DO, where as $n = 3$ corresponds to another DO with a higher frequency. It goes the same way for all musical notes.

3 Steps:

1. (4%) Generate four signals $x_1(t)$, $x_2(t)$, $x_3(t)$ and $x_4(t)$ which correspond to the four musical notes DO, RE, MI and FA. Let the time duration of each musical note be half a second.

$$x_1(t) = \cos(2\pi f_{(-9)}t)$$

$$x_2(t) = \cos(2\pi f_{(-7)}t)$$

$$x_3(t) = \cos(2\pi f_{(-5)}t)$$

$$x_4(t) = \cos(2\pi f_{(-4)}t)$$

What is an appropriate sampling frequency f_s in this case?

2. (4%) Create a signal $x(t)$ which corresponds to sequentially playing the musical notes (DO, RE, MI, FA) which you have created in the previous step. Store the generated signal $x(t)$ as an audio file with extension (*.wav)

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3. (4%) Plot the signal $x(t)$ versus time t .
4. (4%) Compute the energy of the signal $x(t)$.
5. (4%) Compute the frequency spectrum $X(f)$ of this signal.
6. (4%) Plot the magnitude of $X(f)$ in the frequency range $-f_s/2 \leq f \leq f_s/2$, where f_s is the sampling frequency.
7. (4%) Compute the Energy of the signal $x(t)$ from its frequency spectrum $X(f)$, and hence you can verify Parseval's theorem.
8. (4%) Design a Butterworth low-pass filter with filter order 20 such that when the signal $x(t)$ is applied to this filter, the output does NOT contain the MI and FA musical notes. What is the cut-off frequency of this filter?
9. (4%) Plot the magnitude and phase response of the Butterworth LPF you've designed.
10. (4%) Apply the signal $x(t)$ to this Butterworth LPF and let's denote the output signal as $y_1(t)$.
11. (4%) Store the generated signal $y_1(t)$ as an audio file with extension (*.wav)
12. (4%) Plot the signal $y_1(t)$ versus time t .
13. (4%) Compute the energy of the signal $y_1(t)$.
14. (4%) Compute the frequency spectrum $Y_1(f)$ of this signal.
15. (4%) Plot the magnitude of $Y_1(f)$ in the frequency range $-f_s/2 \leq f \leq f_s/2$.
16. (4%) Compute the Energy of the signal $y_1(t)$ from its frequency spectrum $Y_1(f)$, and hence you can verify Parseval's theorem.
17. (4%) Design a Butterworth high-pass filter with filter order 20 such that when the signal $x(t)$ is applied to this filter, the output does NOT contain the DO and RE musical notes. What is the cut-off frequency of this filter?
18. (4%) Plot the magnitude and phase response of the Butterworth HPF you've designed.
19. (4%) Apply the signal $x(t)$ to this Butterworth HPF and let's denote the output signal as $y_2(t)$.
20. (4%) Store the generated signal $y_2(t)$ as an audio file with extension (*.wav)
21. (4%) Plot the signal $y_2(t)$ versus time t .
22. (4%) Compute the energy of the signal $y_2(t)$.
23. (4%) Compute the frequency spectrum $Y_2(f)$ of this signal.
24. (4%) Plot the magnitude of $Y_2(f)$ in the frequency range $-f_s/2 \leq f \leq f_s/2$.

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25. (4%) Compute the Energy of the signal $y_2(t)$ from its frequency spectrum $Y_2(f)$, and hence you can verify Parseval's theorem.

4 Useful Matlab / GNU-Octave Commands:

1. buttord, butter
2. zp2sos, sosfilt
3. freqz
4. fft, fftshift
5. audioread, audiowrite

1. Each **group of 4/5 students** should work together and submit one report.
2. Please prepare one compressed file that includes the following items:
 - (a) Your Matlab / GNU-Octave codes (*.m files).
 - (b) A report (pdf files Only) that includes your output waveform, the energy values to be computed, plots of the filtered signal, etc.
 - (c) In your report make sure to clearly indicate the contribution of each member of the group.
 - (d) The audio files generated by your code.
3. Project should be submitted on LMS before 11 : 59 PM on December 9th 2023.

Good Luck