CHAPRO

Compression Hearing-Aid Processing Library API Documentation

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CHAPRO LIBRARY OVERVIEW

CHAPRO is a library of functions that may be used to implement simulations of compression hearing-aid signal processing. Two different types of signal processing strategies are included: (1) gammatone filter-bank frequency analysis with instantaneous compression and (2) FIR filter-bank frequency analysis with automatic gain control.

A modular design has been adopted to facilitate replacement of library functions with alternative signal-processing implementations. Each of the five major modules contains (1) a *preparation* function that allocates memory and initializes variables and (2) one or more *processing* functions that perform signal processing.

- 1. Complex Gammatone filter-bank
 - a. cgtfb_prepare
 - b. cgtfb_analyze
 - c. cgtfb_synthesize
- 2. Instantaneous compression
 - a. compressor_prepare
 - b. compressor_process
- 3. FIR filter-bank Fourier Transform
 - a. firfb_prepare
 - b. firfb_analyze
 - c. firfb_synthesize
- 4. IIR filter-bank Fourier Transform
 - a. iirfb_prepare
 - b. iirfb_analyze
 - c. iirfb_synthesize
- 5. Automatic gain control
 - a. agc_prepare
 - b. agc_input
 - c. agc_channel
 - d. agc_output
- 6. Adaptive feedback cancelation
 - a. afc_prepare
 - b. afc_input
 - c. afc_output

All variables are initialized and related data memory is allocated by the preparation functions. This storage is combined into a single data structure to facilitate the creation of firmware for real-time implementation on signal-processing hardware. The CHAPRO library includes a function that generates a C-code representation of this initialized data.

• data_gen

For desktop simulation, the CHAPRO library includes core functions for memory allocation and disposal.

• prepare

- allocate
- cleanup

Functions for FFT of real signals are included among the core functions.

- fft_rc
- fft_cr

Finally, the CHAPRO library includes a function that returns a version description string.

• version

To simulate gammatone filter-bank frequency analysis with instantaneous compression, variable initialization and memory allocation is performed by calling the following functions.

- cgtfb_prepare
- compressor_prepare

Subsequent signal processing is performed by calling the following functions.

- cgtfb_analyze
- compressor_process
- cgtfb_synthesize

Several examples test basic aspects of these functions.

- tst_gfa tests gammatone filter-bank analysis
- tst_gfio tests simple waveform gammatone processing
- tst_gfsc tests simple waveform gammatone processing with soundcard

To simulate FIR filter-bank frequency analysis with AGC compression, variable initialization and memory allocation is performed by calling the following functions.

- firfb_prepare
- agc_prepare

Subsequent signal processing is performed by calling the following functions.

- agc_input
- firfb_analyze
- agc channel
- firfb_synthesize
- agc_output
- feedback record

Several examples test basic aspects of these functions.

- tst_ffa tests filter-bank analysis
- tst ffio tests simple waveform FIR processing
- tst ffsc-tests speech-waveform FIR & AGC with soundcard

To simulate IIR filter-bank frequency analysis with AGC compression and adaptive feedback cancelation, variable initialization and memory allocation is performed by calling the following functions.

• agc_prepare

- iirfb_prepare
- afc_prepare

Subsequent signal processing is performed by calling the following functions.

- afc_input
- agc_input
- iirfb_analyze
- agc_channel
- iirfb_synthesize
- agc_output
- afc_output

Several examples test basic aspects of these functions.

- tst_ifa tests filter-bank analysis
- tst ifio tests simple waveform IIR processing
- tst_ifsc tests speech-waveform IIR & AGC with soundcard
- tst_iffb tests speech-waveform IIR & AFC with soundcard
- tst_gha tests speech-waveform IIR & AFC & AGC with soundcard

All examples require the SIGPRO library from BTNRH (http://audres.org/rc/sigpro). The soundcard examples also require the ARSC library (http://audres.org/rc/arsc).

CHAPRO FUNCTION DESCRIPTIONS

cha_allocate

Allocates memory attached to CHAPRO data structure.

(void) **cha_allocate**(CHA_PTR **cp**, int **cnt**, int **siz**, int **idx**)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHAPRO data structurecnt Number of elements to allocate.

siz Size of each element.

idx Index into CHAPPRO data structure.

Return Value

none

Remarks

A pointer to the allocated memory is stored in the CHAPRO data structure at the location specified by idx.

See Also

cha_cleanup

cha_cleanup

Frees all memory attached to CHAPRO data structure.

(void) cha_cleanup(CHA_PTR cp)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHAPRO data structure

Return Value

none

Remarks

Should always be the last function called in the CHAPRO library.

See Also

cha_allocate

cha_data_gen

Generates C code that represents the CHAPRO data structure.

(int) **cha_data_gen**(CHA_PTR **cp**, char ***fn**)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHAPRO data structure

fn Pointer to output filename.

Return Value

Error code:

0 – no error

1 – can't open output file

2 – data structure not yet initialized

3 – data structure contains no data

Remarks

The C code generated by this function represents the CHAPRO data structure after variables have been initialized and data memory has been allocated by prior calls to any preparation functions. The code is written to the file specified by **fn**.

cha_hex_patch

Patch hex file by replacing cha_data.

(int) **cha_hex_patch**(CHA_PTR **cp**, char *i**fn**, char *o**fn**)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHAPRO data structure

ifn Pointer to input filename.ofn Pointer to output filename.

Return Value

Error code:

0 – no error

1 – can't open output file

2 – data structure not yet initialized

3 – data structure contains no data

Remarks

Copies the input hex file **ofn** to an output hex file **ifn** with replacement of cha_data.

cha_scale

Applies scales factor to a chuck of the input or output stream.

(void) cha_scale(float *x, int cs, float scale)

Function arguments

x pointer to input signal

cs chunk size

scale pointer to CHAPRO data structure

Return Value

None.

Remarks

The scaled output signal overwrites the input signal.

cha_fft_cr

Inverse Fourier transform complex frequency components into real signal.

Function arguments

x Complex frequency components are replaced by real-valued signal.

n Number of points in the signal.

Return Value

None

Remarks

The input array must be dimensioned to accommodate n+2 float values. The number of complex frequency components is (n+2)/2.

cha_fft_rc

Fourier transform real signal into complex frequency components.

Function arguments

x Real-valued signal is replaced by complex frequency components

n Number of points in the signal.

Return Value

None

Remarks

The input array must be dimensioned to accommodate n+2 float values. The number of complex frequency components is (n+2)/2.

cha_fft

Fourier transform a complex time signal to complex frequency components.

Function arguments

x Complex frequency components are replaced by a complex signal.

n Number of points in the signal.

Return Value

None

Remarks

The input array must be dimensioned to accommodate $n\times 2$ float values.

cha_ifft

Inverse Fourier transform complex frequency components into a complex-valued signal.

(void) **cha_ifft**(float *x, int n)

Function arguments

x Complex signal is replaced by complex frequency components

n Number of points in the signal.

Return Value

None

Remarks

The input array must be dimensioned to accommodate $n\times 2$ float values.

cha_prepare

CHAPRO data structure preparation function.

(void) cha_prepare(CHA_PTR cp)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHAPRO data structure

Return Value

None.

Remarks

Should be called only once and prior to calling other library functions; however, violations of this rule may be tolerated.

cha_version

Returns a string that describes the current version of the CHAPRO library.

(char *) cha_version(void)

Function arguments

none

Return Value

Pointer to version string.

Remarks

An example of the return value, "CHAPro version 0.03, 6-Nov-2016".

cha_agc_prepare

Automatic-gain-control preparation function.

(int) cha_agc_prepare(CHA_PTR cp, CHA_DSL *dsl, CHA_WDRC *gha)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHA data structure

dsl pointer to DSL prescription structure (see Appendix C)gha pointer to WDRC prescription structure (see Appendix D)

Return Value

Error code:

0 – no error

Remarks

Initializes variables and allocates memory for automatic gain control. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input signal and written to the output signal with each call to cha_agc_process.

See Also

cha_agc_process

cha_agc_input

Automatic-gain-control processing function.

(void) **cha_agc_input**(CHA_PTR **cp**, float ***x**, float ***y**, int **cs**)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHA data structure

x pointer to input signaly pointer to output signal

cs chunk size

Return Value

none

Remarks

Performs single-channel, automatic-gain-control processing on CHAPRO input signal. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input signal and written to the output signal.

See Also

cha_agc_prepare, cha_agc_output

cha_agc_channel

Automatic-gain-control processing function.

(void) **cha_agc_channel**(CHA_PTR **cp**, float ***x**, float ***y**, int **cs**)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHA data structure

x pointer to input signaly pointer to output signal

cs chunk size

Return Value

none

Remarks

Performs multi-channel, automatic-gain-control processing. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input signal and written to the output signal.

See Also

cha_agc_prepare

cha_agc_output

Automatic-gain-control processing function.

(void) **cha_agc_output**(CHA_PTR **cp**, float ***x**, float ***y**, int **cs**)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHA data structure

x pointer to input signaly pointer to output signal

cs chunk size

Return Value

none

Remarks

Performs single-channel, automatic-gain-control processing on CHAPRO output signal. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input signal and written to the output signal.

See Also

cha_agc_prepare, cha_agc_input

cha_compressor_prepare

Instantaneous-compression preparation function.

(int) **cha_compressor_prepare**(CHA_PTR **cp**, float ***Lc**, float ***Gc**, double **lr**, int **np**, int **ds**)

Function arguments

ср	pointer to CHA data structure
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Lc pointer to level array
Lc pointer to gain array
lr level reference

np number of points in level and gain arrays

ds down-sample factor

Return Value

Error code:

0 – no error

Remarks

Initializes variables and allocates memory for instantaneous compression. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input signal and written to the output signal with each call to cha_compressor_process.

See Also

cha_compressor_process

cha_compressor_process

Instantaneous-compression processing function.

(void) **cha_compressor_process**(CHA_PTR **cp**, float ***x**, float ***y**, int **cs**)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHA data structure

x pointer to input signaly pointer to output signal

cs chunk size

Return Value

none

Remarks

Performs automatic-gain-control processing. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input signal and written to the output signal.

See Also

cha_compressor_prepare

cha_afc_prepare

Save output signal for feedback management.

(int) cha_afc_prepare(CHA_PTR cp, double mu, double rho, int afl, double fbg, int sqm)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHAPRO data structuremu AFC filter-estimation step size

rho AFC filter-estimation forgetting factor **fbg** simulated-feedback gain between 0 and 1

sqm option to save quality metric

Return Value

Error code:

0 – no error

Remarks

Initializes variables and allocates memory for automatic gain control.

See Also

cha_afc_input, cha_afc_output

cha_afc_input

Process input signal to remove feedback.

(void) **cha_afc_input**(CHA_PTR **cp**, float ***x**, float ***y**, int **cs**)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHAPRO data structure

x pointer to input signaly pointer to output signal

cs chunk size

Return Value

none

Remarks

Removes estimated feedback from input signal. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input signal and written to the output signal. Optionally simulates feedback and saves misalignment error as a quality metric.

See Also

cha_afc_prepare, cha_afc_output

cha_afc_output

Save output signal for feedback management.

(void) **cha_afc_output**(CHA_PTR **cp**, float ***x**, int **cs**)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHAPRO data structure

x pointer to input signal

cs chunk size

Return Value

none

Remarks

Assists feedback management by saving the output of the hearing-aid processing. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input signal.

See Also

cha_afc_prepare, cha_afc_input

cha_cgtfb_prepare

Gammatone filter-bank preparation function.

(int) **cha_cgtfb_prepare**(CHA_PTR **cp**, double ***fc**, double ***bw**, double **sr**, double **gd**, double **tw**, int **nc**, int **cs**)

Function arguments

ср	pointer to CHA data structure
fc	pointer to list of center frequencies (Hz)
bw	pointer to list of bandwidths (Hz)
sr	sampling rate (samples/second)
gd	target group delay (ms)
tw	buffer length (ms) for determining zero gain
nc	number of channels
cs	chunk size

Return Value

Error code:

0 – no error

Remarks

Initializes variables and allocates memory for the gammatone filter-bank. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input and written to the output.

See Also

 $cha_cgtfb_analyze, cha_cgtfb_synthesize$

cha_cgtfb_analyze

Gammatone filter-bank frequency-analysis function.

(void) cha_cgtfb_analyze(CHA_PTR cp, float *x, float *y, int cs)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHA data structure

x pointer to input signaly pointer to output signal

cs chunk size

Return Value

none

Remarks

Performs automatic-gain-control processing. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input and written to the output.

See Also

cha_cgtfb_prepare, cha_cgtfb_synthesize

cha_cgtfb_synthesize

Gammatone filter-bank frequency-synthesis function.

(void) cha_cgtfb_synthesize(CHA_PTR cp, float *x, float *y, int cs)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHA data structure

x pointer to input signaly pointer to output signal

cs chunk size

Return Value

none

Remarks

Performs automatic-gain-control processing. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input and written to the output.

See Also

cha_cgtfb_prepare, cha_cgtfb_analyze

cha_cfirfb_prepare

Complex FIR filter-bank preparation function.

(int) **cha_cfirfb_prepare**(CHA_PTR **cp**, double ***cf**, int **nc**, double **sr**, int **nw**, int **wt**, int **cs**)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHA data structure
 cf list frequency band edges (kHz)
 nc number of frequency bands
 sr sampling rate (samples/second)

nw window size (samples)

wt window type (0=Hamming, 1=Blackman)

cs chunk size

Return Value

Error code:

0 – no error

Remarks

Initializes variables and allocates memory for the complex FIR filter-bank. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input and written to the output.

See Also

cha_cfirfb_analyze, cha_cfirfb_synthesize

cha_cfirfb_analyze

Complex FIR filter-bank frequency-analysis function.

(void) **cha_cfirfb_analyze**(CHA_PTR **cp**, float ***x**, float ***y**, int **cs**)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHA data structure
 x pointer to real input signal
 y pointer to complex output signal

cs chunk size

Return Value

none

Remarks

Performs complex FIR filter-bank analysis. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input and written to the output.

See Also

cha_cfirfb_prepare, cha_cfirfb_synthesize

cha_cfirfb_synthesize

Complex FIR filter-bank frequency-synthesis function.

(void) **cha_cfirfb_synthesize**(CHA_PTR **cp**, float ***x**, float ***y**, int **cs**)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHA data structure
 x pointer to complex input signal
 y pointer to real output signal

cs chunk size

Return Value

none

Remarks

Performs complex FIR filter-bank synthesis. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input and written to the output.

See Also

cha_cfirfb_prepare, cha_cfirfb_analyze

cha_firfb_prepare

FIR filter-bank preparation function.

(int) cha_firfb_prepare(CHA_PTR cp,

double *cf, int nc, double sr, int nw, int wt, int cs)

Function arguments

pointer to CHA data structure
list frequency band edges (kHz)
number of frequency bands
sampling rate (samples/second)

nw window size (samples)

wt window type (0=Hamming, 1=Blackman)

cs chunk size

Return Value

Error code:

0 – no error

Remarks

Initializes variables and allocates memory for the FIR filter-bank. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input and written to the output.

See Also

cha_firfb_analyze, cha_firfb_synthesize

cha_firfb_analyze

FIR filter-bank frequency-analysis function.

(void) **cha_firfb_analyze**(CHA_PTR **cp**, float ***x**, float ***y**, int **cs**)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHA data structure

x pointer to input signaly pointer to output signal

cs chunk size

Return Value

none

Remarks

Performs FIR filter-bank analysis. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input signal and written to the output signal.

See Also

cha_firfb_prepare, cha_firfb_synthesize

cha_firfb_synthesize

FIR filter-bank frequency-synthesis function.

(void) **cha_firfb_synthesize**(CHA_PTR **cp**, float ***x**, float ***y**, int **cs**)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHA data structure

x pointer to input signaly pointer to output signal

cs chunk size

Return Value

none

Remarks

Performs FIR filter-bank synthesis. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input signal and written to the output signal.

cha_iirfb_prepare

IIR filter-bank preparation function.

(int) cha_iirfb_prepare(CHA_PTR cp,

double *z, double *p, double *g, double *d, int nc, int op, double sr)

Function arguments

сp	pointer to CHA data structure
Z	pointer to IIR filter zeros
b	pointer to IIR filter poles
g	pointer IIR filter gain
d	pointer IIR filter delay
nc	number of frequency bands
op	number of filter coefficients for each band
sr	sampling rate (samples/second)

Return Value

Error code:

0 – no error

Remarks

Initializes variables and allocates memory for the IIR filter-bank. The poles and zeros are complex numbers, so are stored as sequential real and imaginary parts. The size of the zeros & poles arrays ($\mathbf{z} \ \& \ \mathbf{p}$) is two times the product of the number of frequency bands (\mathbf{nc}) and the number of zeros per band (\mathbf{nz}). The number of filter gains and filter delays ($\mathbf{g} \ \& \ \mathbf{d}$) is the number of frequency bands (\mathbf{nc}). Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input and written to the output.

See Also

cha_iirfb_analyze, cha_iirfb_synthesize

cha_iirfb_analyze

IIR filter-bank frequency-analysis function.

(void) **cha_iirfb_analyze**(CHA_PTR **cp**, float ***x**, float ***y**, int **cs**)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHA data structure

x pointer to input signaly pointer to output signal

cs chunk size

Return Value

none

Remarks

Performs IIR filter-bank analysis. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input signal and written to the output signal.

See Also

cha_iirfb_prepare, cha_iirfb_synthesize

cha_firfb_synthesize

IIR filter-bank frequency-synthesis function.

(void) **cha_iirfb_synthesize**(CHA_PTR **cp**, float ***x**, float ***y**, int **cs**)

Function arguments

cp pointer to CHA data structure

x pointer to input signaly pointer to output signal

cs chunk size

Return Value

none

Remarks

Performs IIR filter-bank synthesis. Chunk size is the number of samples read from the input signal and written to the output signal.

See Also

cha_iirfb_prepare, cha_iirfb_analyze

Appendix A. Test programs

Several examples that test basic aspects of complex-gammatone filter-bank and instantaneous-compression.

- tst_gfa tests complex-gammatone filter-bank analysis
- tst_gfio tests simple waveform gammatone processing
- tst_gfsc tests simple waveform gammatone processing with soundcard

Several examples that test basic aspects of FIR filter-bank and automatic-gain-control.

- tst_ffa tests FIR filter-bank analysis
- tst_ffio tests simple waveform FIR processing
- tst_ffsc tests speech-waveform FIR & AGC with soundcard

Several examples that test basic aspects of IIR filter-bank with automatic-gain-control and adaptive feedback cancelation.

- tst ifa tests IIR filter-bank analysis
- tst_ifio tests simple waveform IIR processing
- tst_ifsc tests speech-waveform IIR & AGC
- tst_iffb tests speech-waveform IIR & AFC with soundcard
- tst_gha tests speech-waveform IIR & AFC & AGC with soundcard

These test programs are all written in C and produce results that are written to a subfolder called "test." Each test program has a corresponding MATLAB script for viewing the results. The test programs that contain IIR processing require filter coefficients to be precomputed by a MATLAB script called iirfb.

Appendix B. CLS Prescription

Structure CHA_CLS specifies the CLS prescription.

Appendix C. DSL Prescription

Structure CHA_DSL specifies the DSL prescription.

Appendix D. WDRC Parameters

Structure CHA_WDRC specifies single-channel WDRC parameters