

Bank filtering for sound compression

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Abstract

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1 Introduction

In this project, we intend to study the common problematic of data compression, in our case for sound signals. We have as an input a sound signal sampled at a 8 kHz frequency. In order to store and compress our signal, we need to implement an analysis filter bank. The one we decided to implement can be seen in Fig. 1. As one can also see in Fig. 1, we also compute quantization of our 3 signals obtained by the analysis. This is the core of our data storage issue, as we need to quantize in order to lower the signal's data rate. This obviously induces quantization noise and deteriorates the signal, we then have to find the best way to avoid the noise.

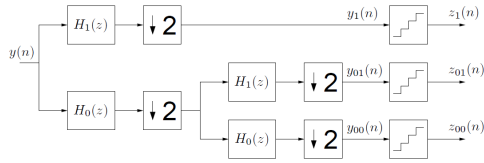


Figure 1: Analysis filter bank followed by quantization.

Then, we use the synthesis filter bank presented in Fig. 2 in order to reconstruct the signal. Sec. 2.1 will present the filters used and their impact on the signal.

In order to evaluate the error introduced by the above mentioned quantization scheme, we need to introduce a measure of our quantization/reconstruction scheme efficiency as Sec. 2.1 ensures perfect reconstruction, this measure would only seize the impact of the quantization on the

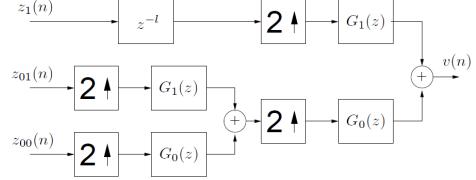


Figure 2: Synthesis filter bank.

compressed sound. The measure we consider is called Signal to Quantification Noise Ratio (SQNR) and can be evaluated as in Eq. 1.

$$SQNR = \frac{E[y^2]}{E[(y - v)^2]} \quad (1)$$

2 Theory

2.1 Bank filtering

We presented in Sec. 1, our structure is based on Analysis/Synthesis Filter Bank scheme (Fig. 1 and Fig. 2). In order to ensure the reconstruction of our signal, we need to design the filters so that they respect Eq. 2.

$$H_1(z) = G_0(-z) \quad (2)$$

$$G_1(z) = -H_0(-z) \quad (3)$$

$$G_0(z)H_0(z) - G_0(-z)H_0(-z) = 2 \cdot z^{-l} \quad (4)$$

Moreover, in order to perform the synthesis scheme, we need to know the delay introduced by or Analysis/Synthesis bank. By using the formalism presented in Eq. 5 we ensure a delay $l = 3$ for our "first order" filter bank, if Q is an order 2 polynomial in z^{-1} . If we want to ensure that Eq. 4 is satisfied, we must have $Q(z) = -\frac{1}{16} + \frac{z^{-1}}{4} - \frac{z^{-2}}{16}$, a demonstration of this result can be found at Appendix ??.

$$G_0(z)H_0(z) = (1 + z^{-1})^4 Q(z) \quad (5)$$

Given this, we choose $G_0(z) = \frac{1}{2} (1 + z^{-1})^2$ it then leads to $H_0(z) =$

$$\frac{1}{8}(-1 + 2z^{-1} + 6z^{-2} + 2z^{-3} - z^{-4}). \quad \text{Hence,}$$

$$H_1(z) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - z^{-1})^2 \quad \text{and} \quad G_1(z) = -\frac{1}{8}(-1 - 2z^{-1} + 6z^{-2} - 2z^{-3} - z^{-4}).$$

Fig. 3 shows the shape of these filters in frequency domain.

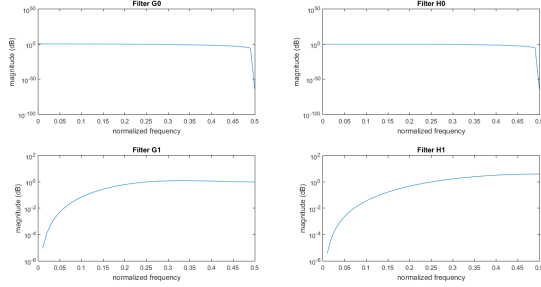


Figure 3: Frequency response of the filters used in our Analysis/Synthesis scheme

Given this we will ensure in Sec. 3.1 that these filters performs perfect reconstruction.

2.2 Total delay of the system

Once one have seen on Sec. 2.1 we introduce a delay by implementing these filters. The delay introduce by the "first order" Analysis/Synthesis scheme is given and is $l = 3$. Given this one may see that we use this scheme twice including in the downsampled part of our system. The outsampling would result on a $2 \cdot 3$ delay in the normal part of the time, leading the whole delay to be $L = 9$ when we add the other 3 delay generated by the second synthesis part.

3 Numerical Results

3.1 Perfect reconstruction

3.2 Effects of the downsampling on the signal

The downsampling results on the spreading of the spectrum over a broader part of our normalized frequency domain. For instance, the $[0; \frac{1}{2}]$ domain is mapped onto $[0; 1]$ when we downsample of a factor 2 as for the considered application. Then aliasing occurs, adding the parts that are over $[-1/2; 1/2]$ periodically as one can see on Eq. 6.

$$y(\nu) = \quad (6)$$

This phenomenon can be seen in Fig. ?? we can clearly see that the global behaviour of the downsampled signal looks like the $[0, 0.25]$ part of the

original one but it is not totally alike, due to aliasing. As expected from the previous curve, the downsample signal sounds "deeper" than the original one, as we have more low frequencies.

4 Conclusions

Summarize and draw some sensible conclusions. Some hints:

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Appendix

In an appendix, you could add details that are not necessary to follow the main ideas of the report, but still could be of interest to some readers, such as detailed proofs. Do not include MATLAB code, though.

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References

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