COM303: Digital Signal Processing

Lecture 14: Real-time signal processing

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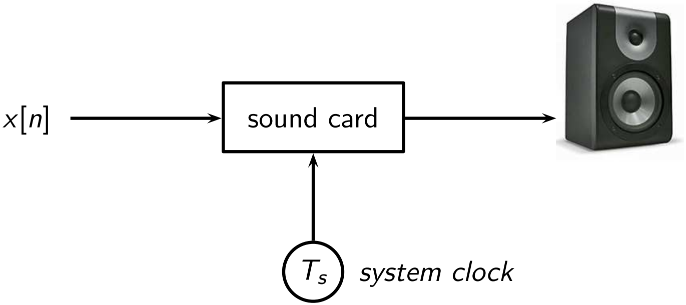

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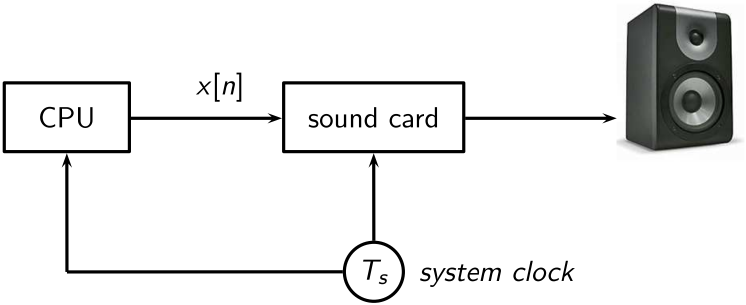

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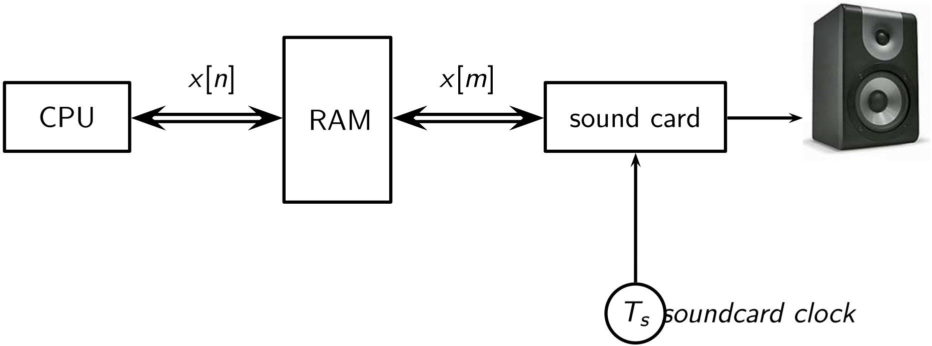

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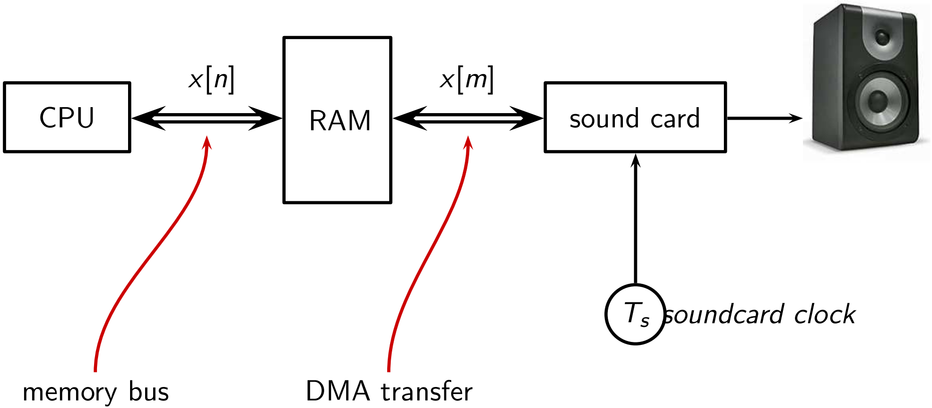

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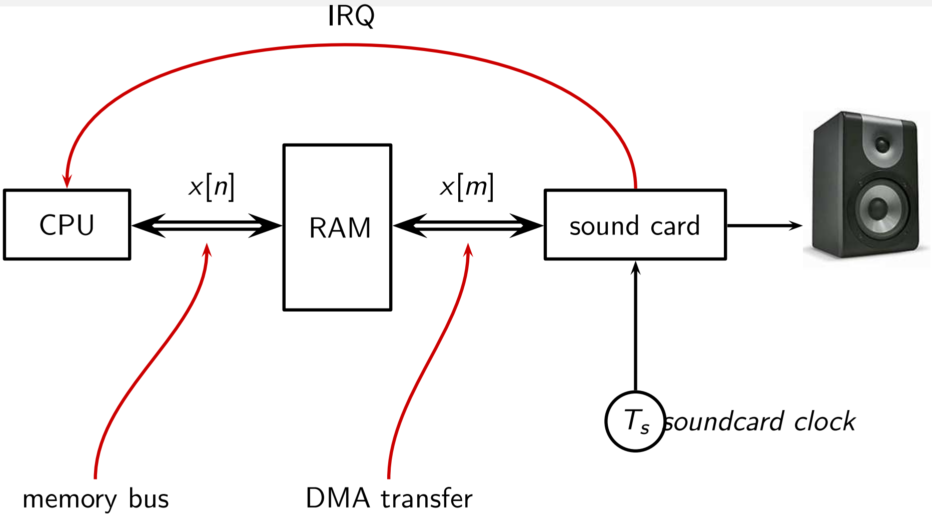
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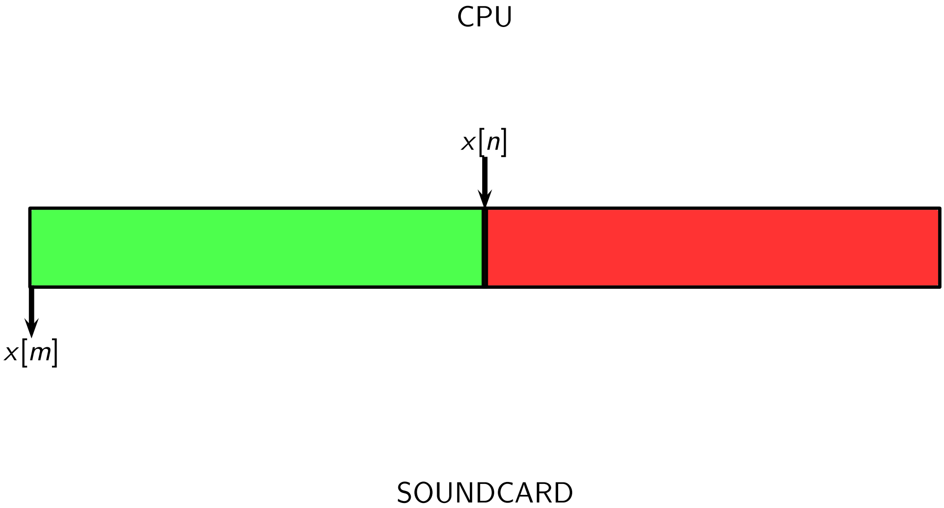

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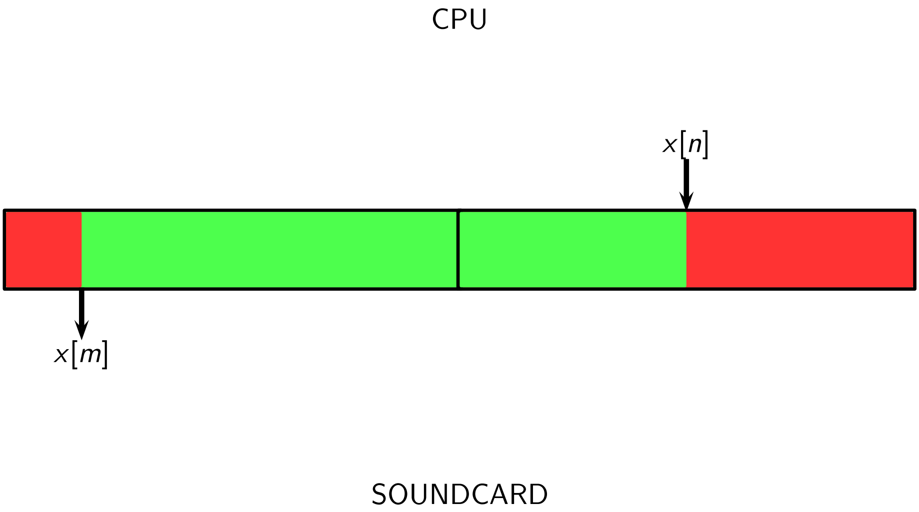

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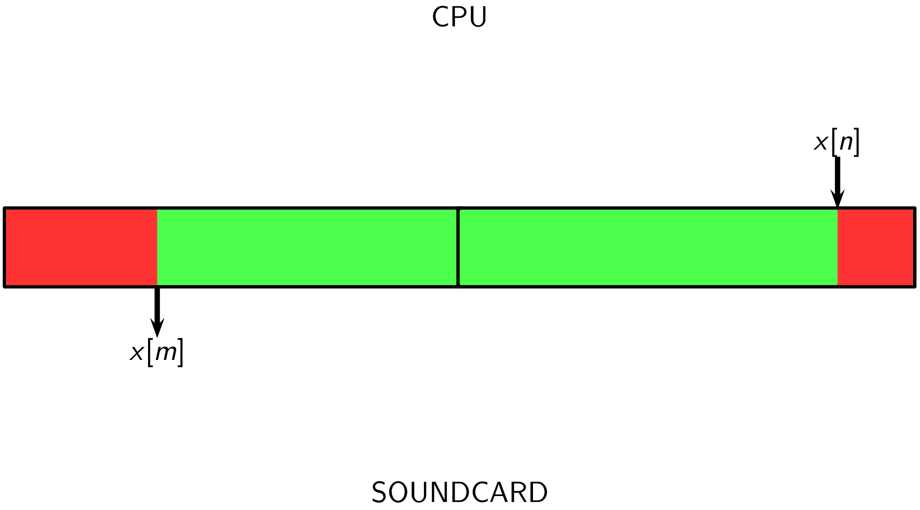

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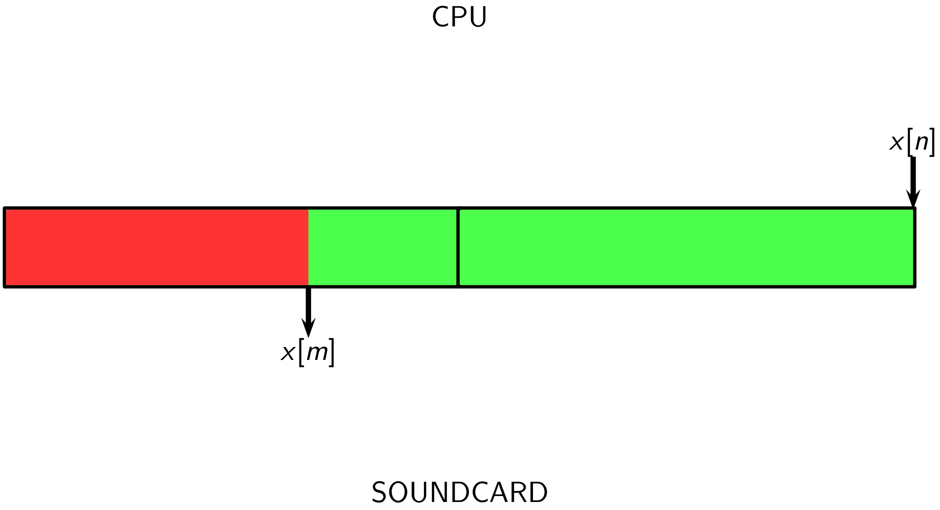

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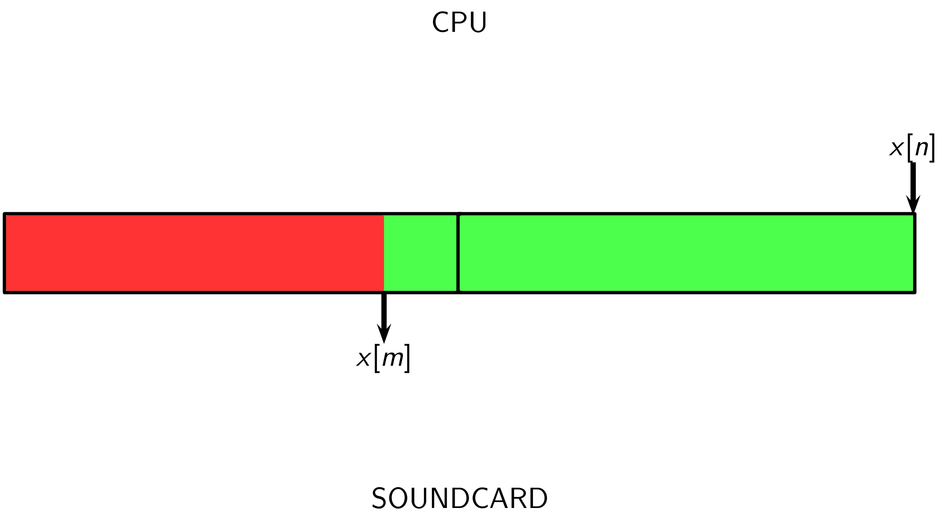

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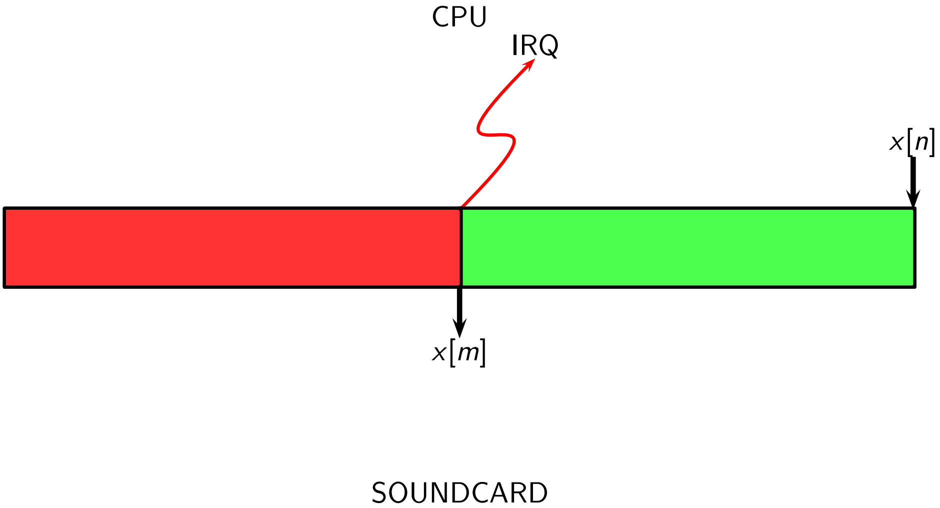

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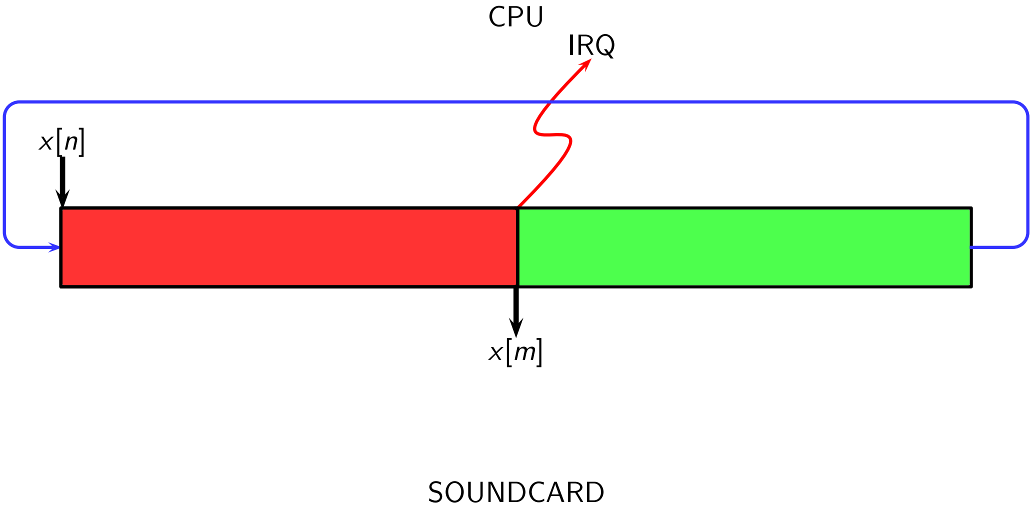

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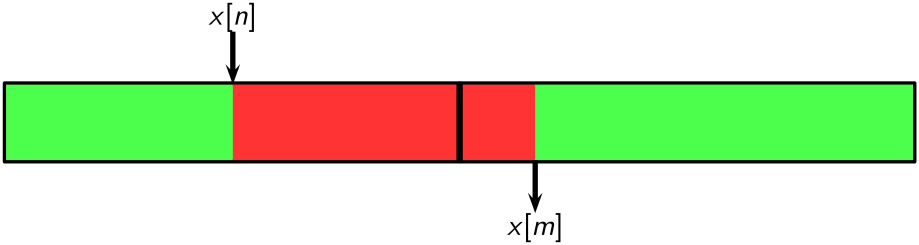

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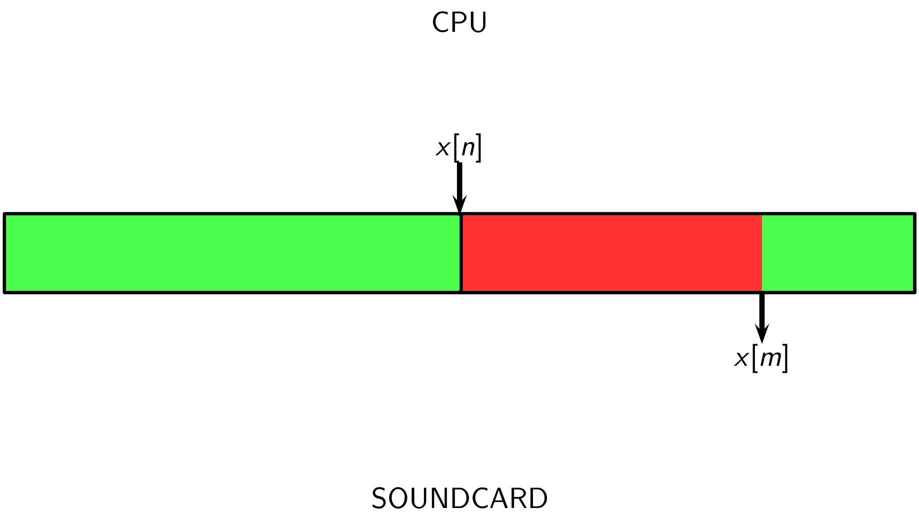

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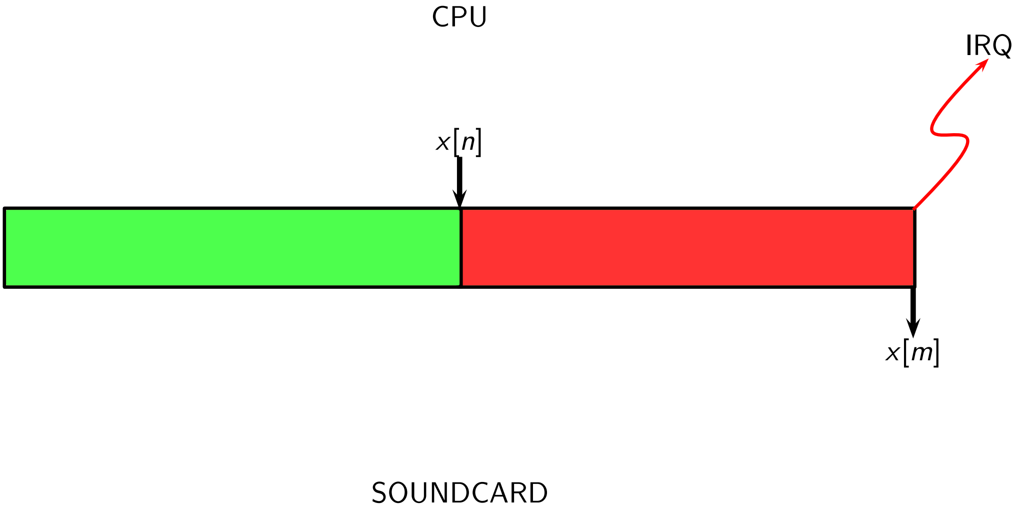

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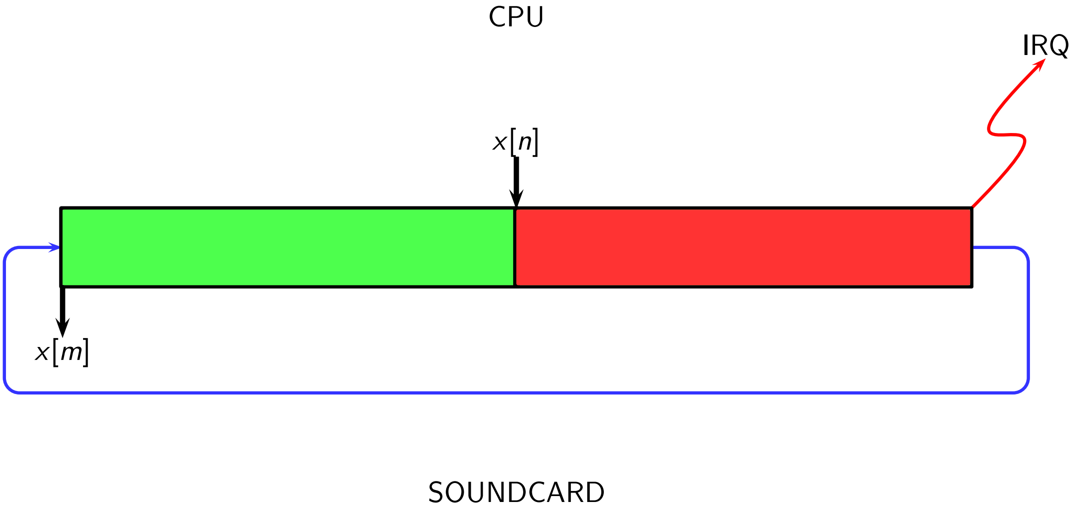

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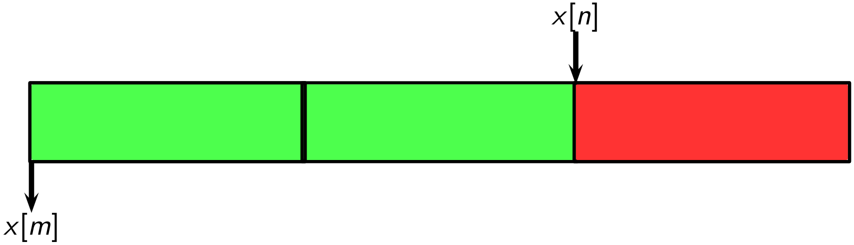
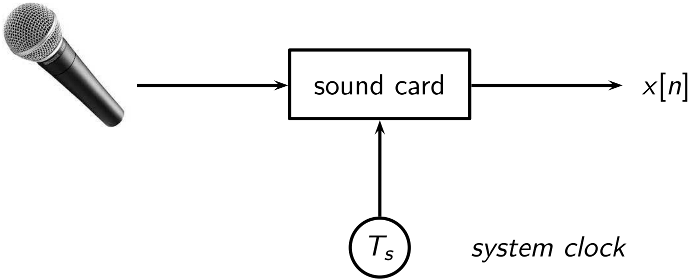


- call the CPU more often (balance load)
- keep reasonable underflow protection

What about the input?



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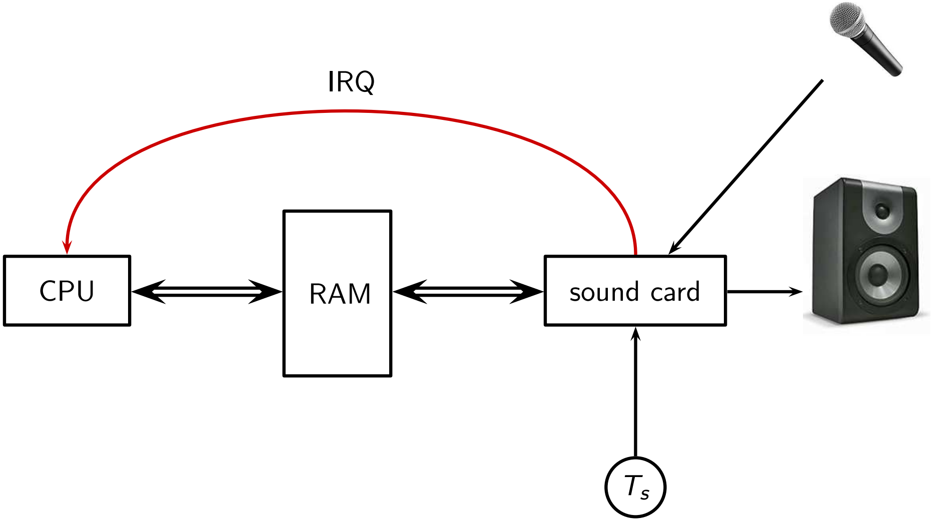

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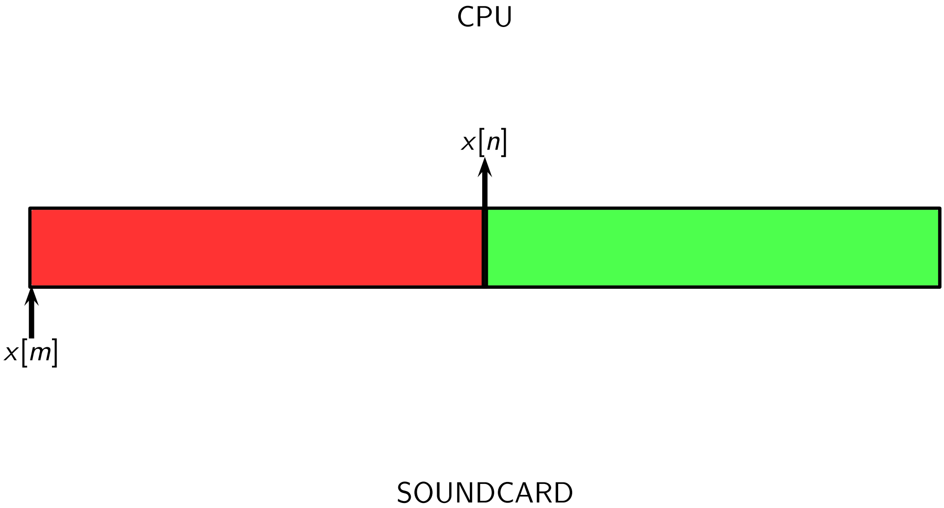

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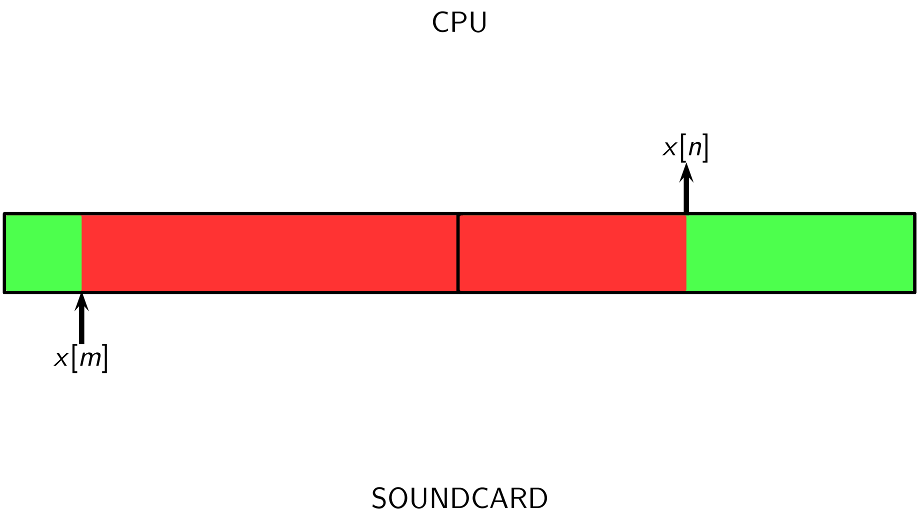

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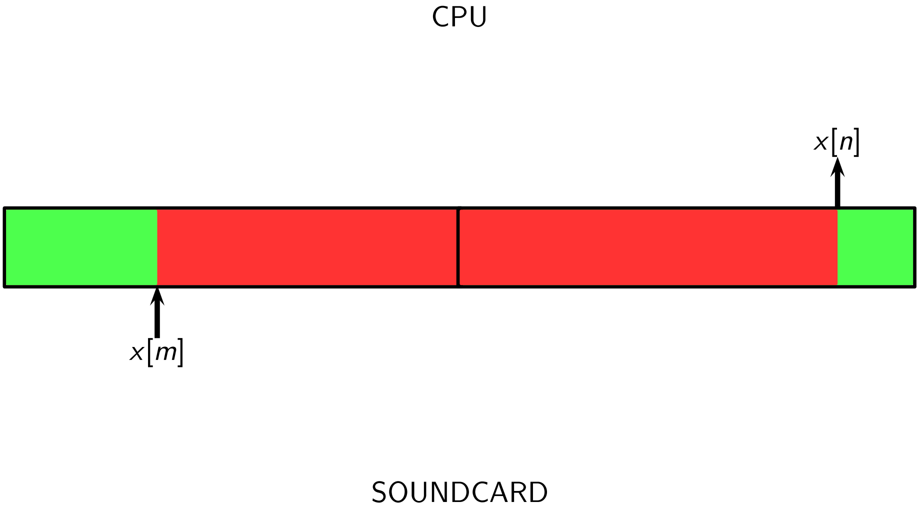

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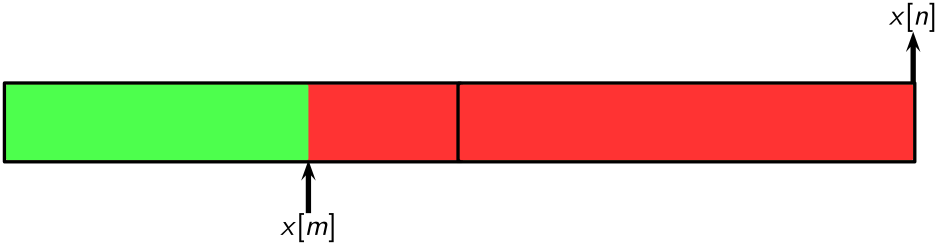

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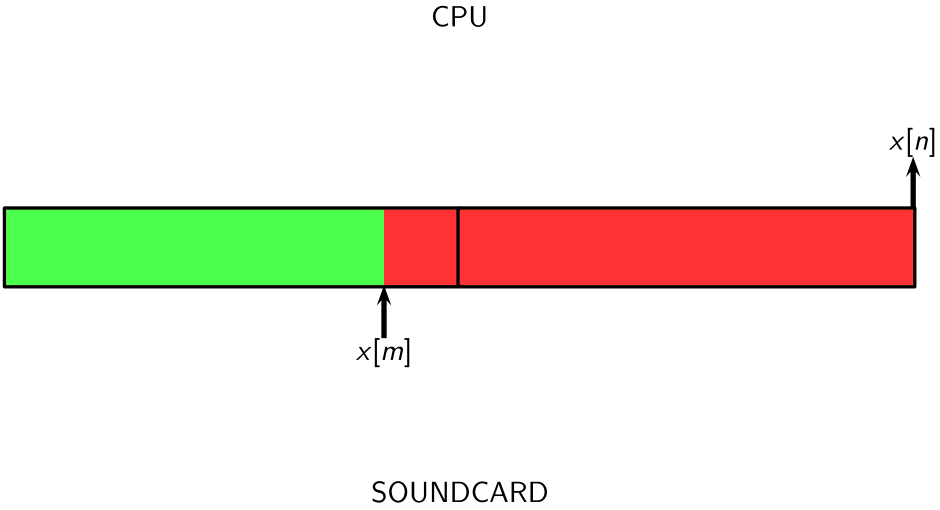

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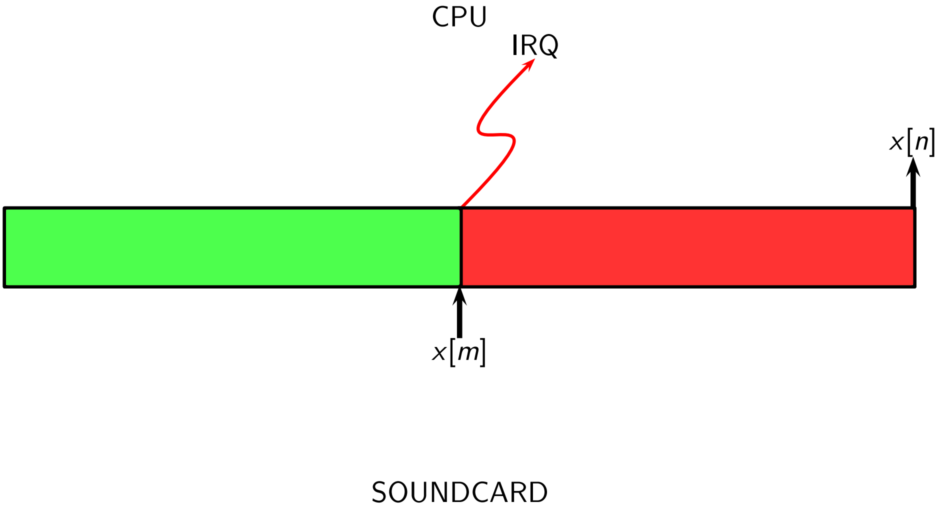

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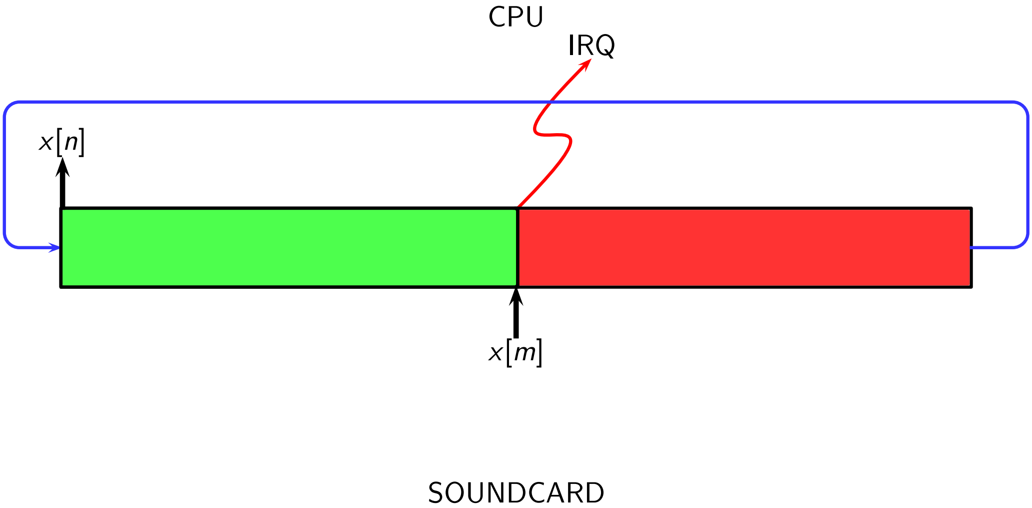

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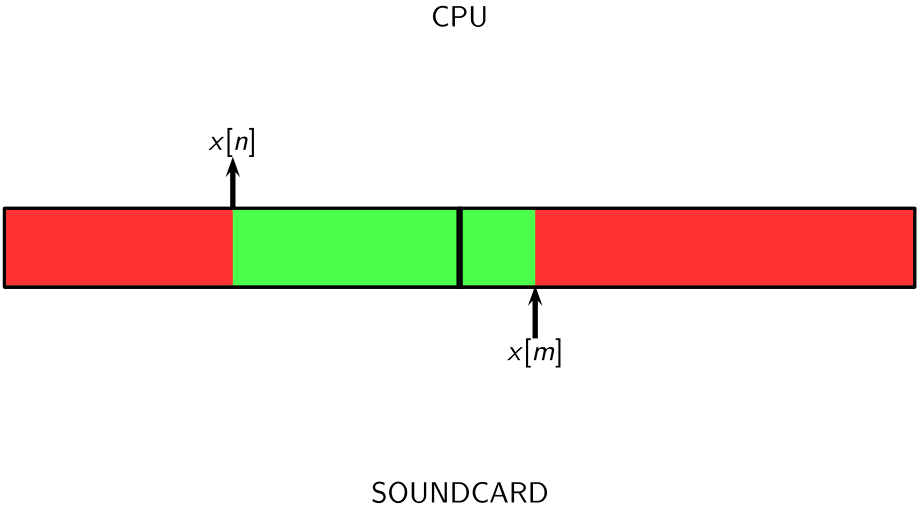

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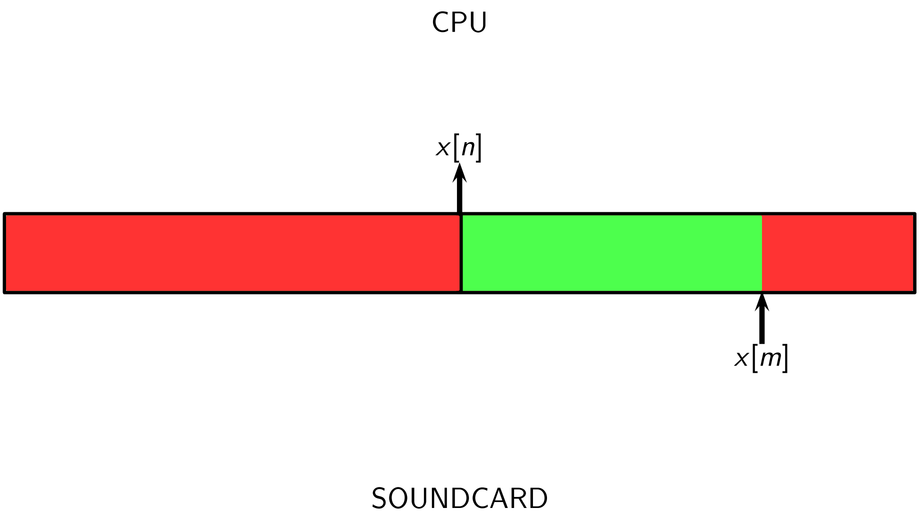

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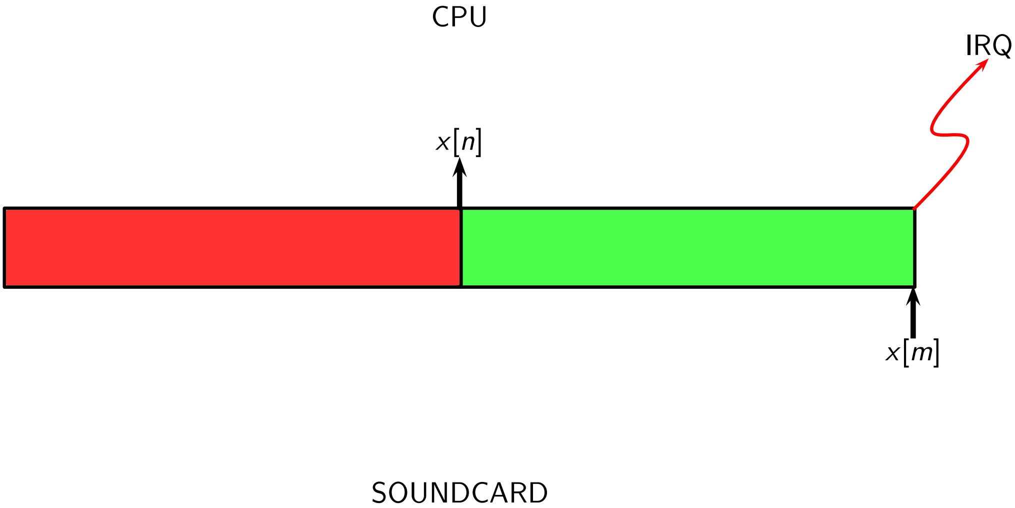

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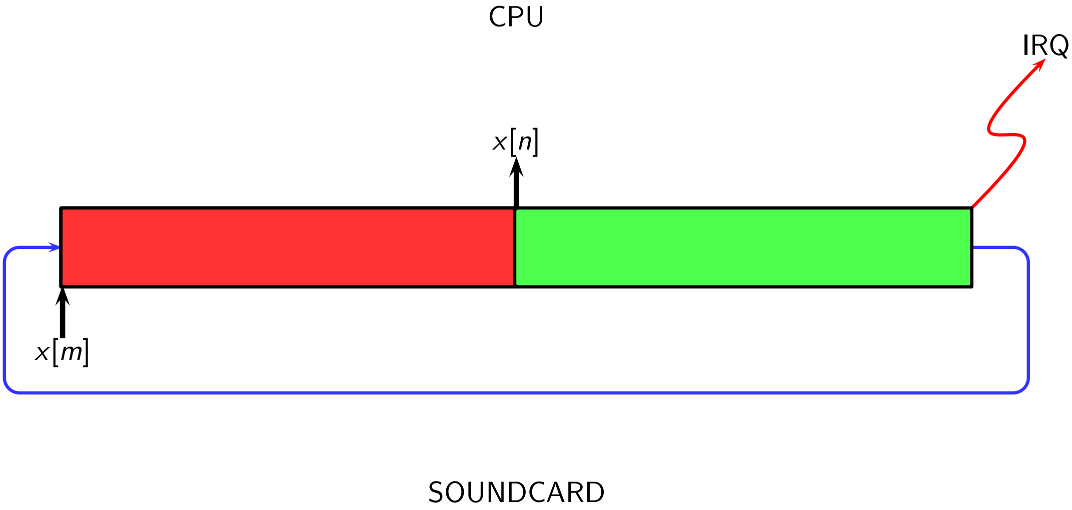

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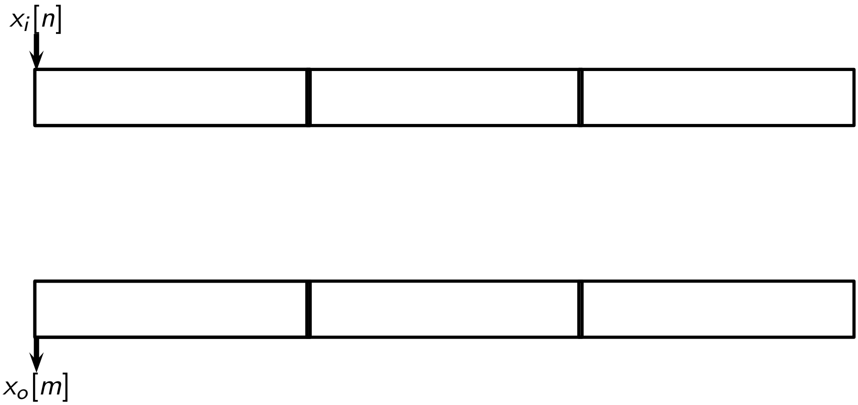

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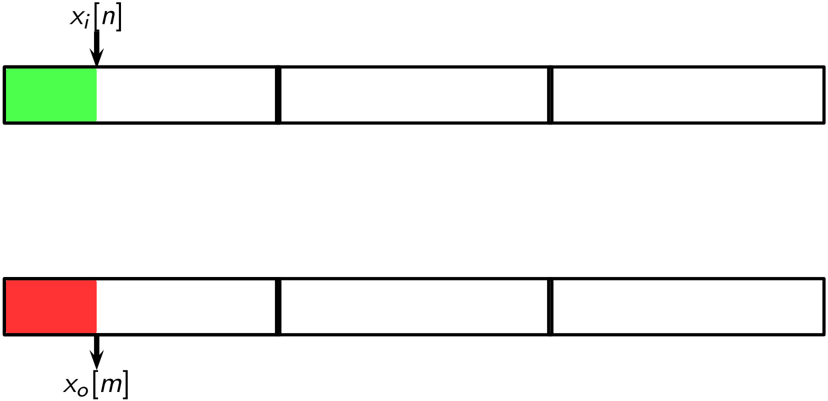

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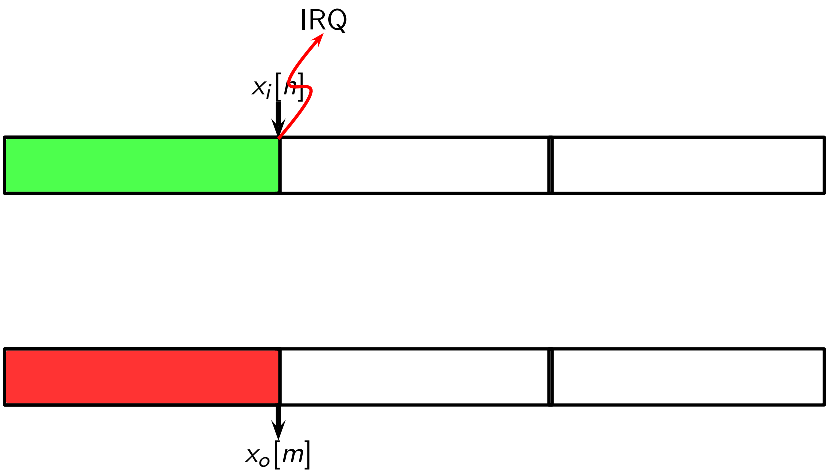

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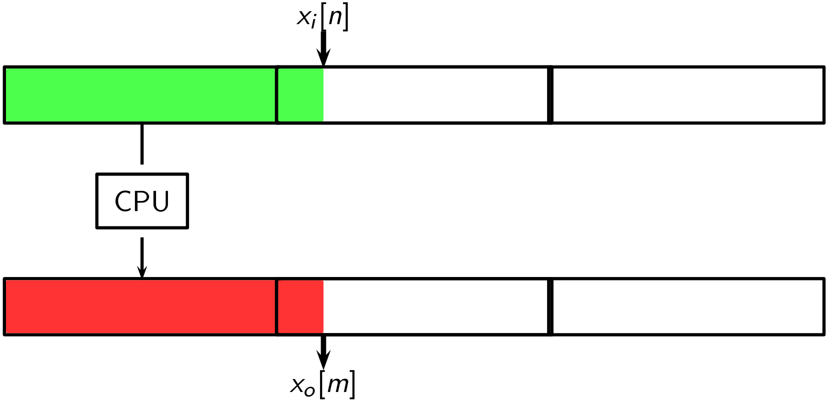

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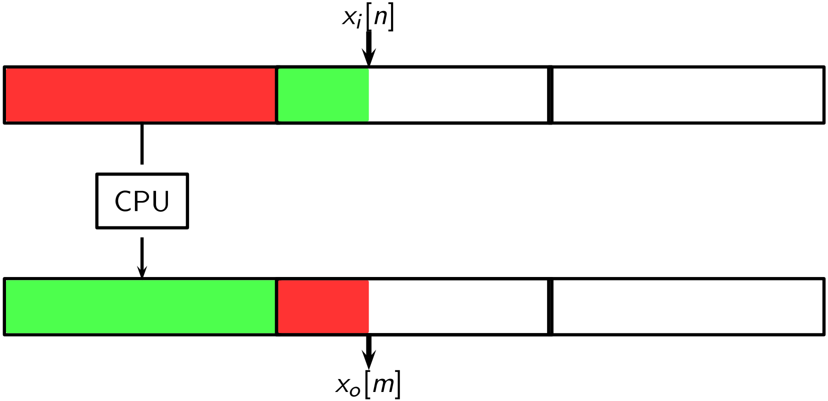

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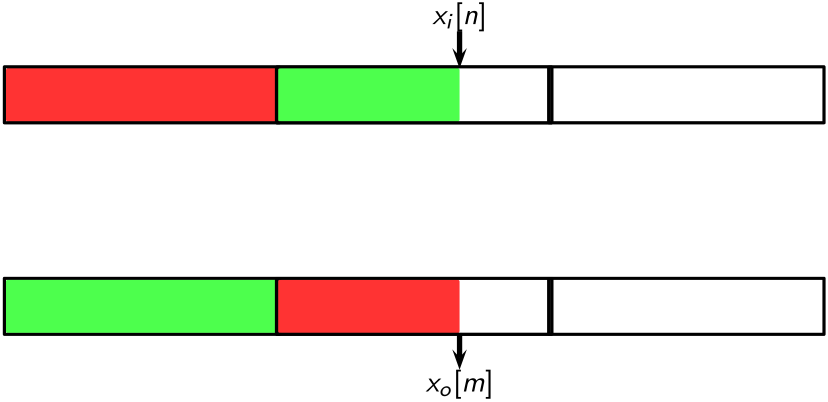

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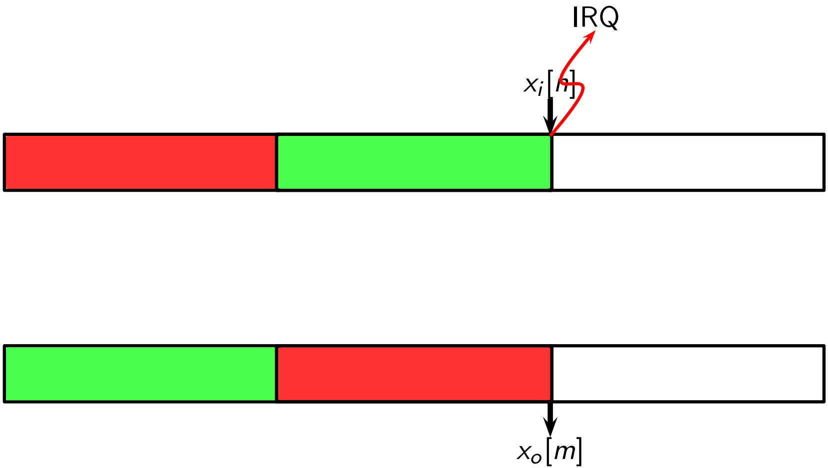

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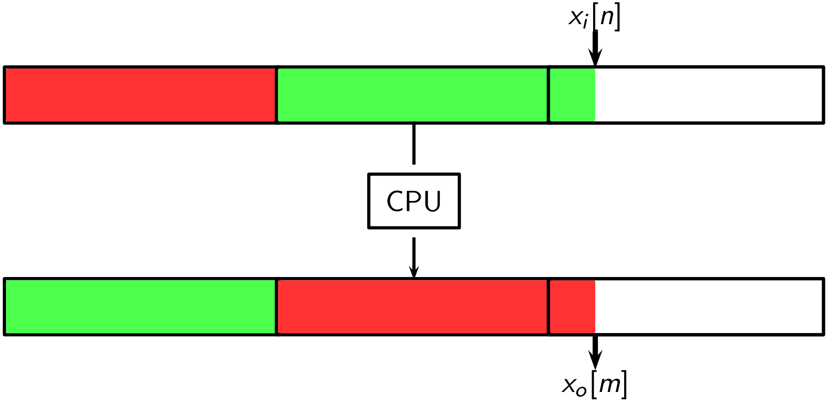

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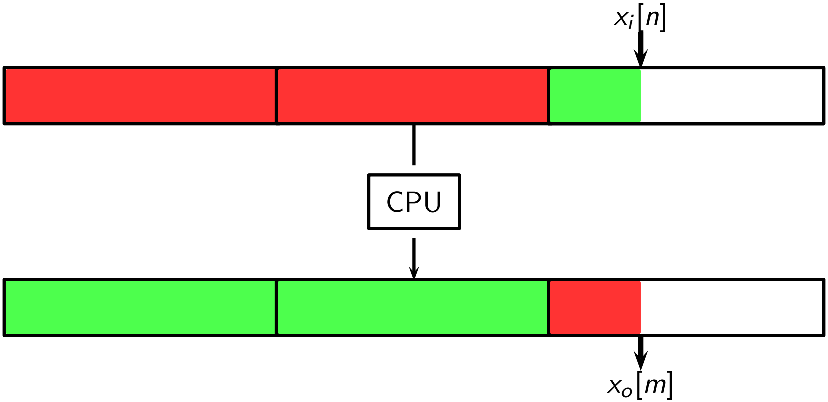

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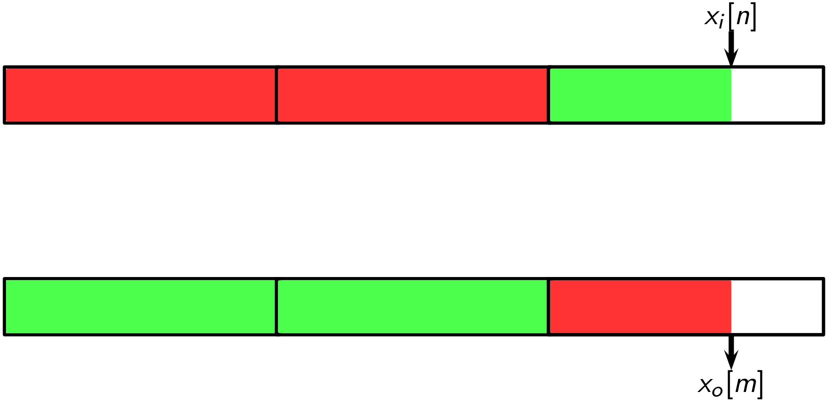

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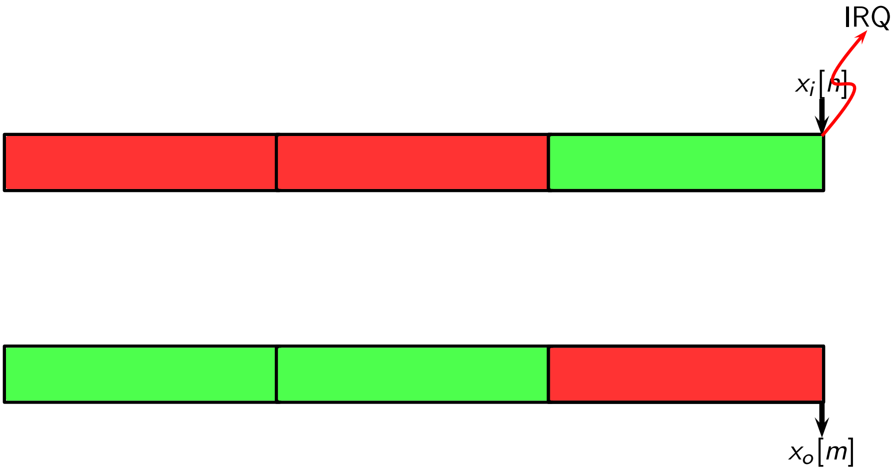

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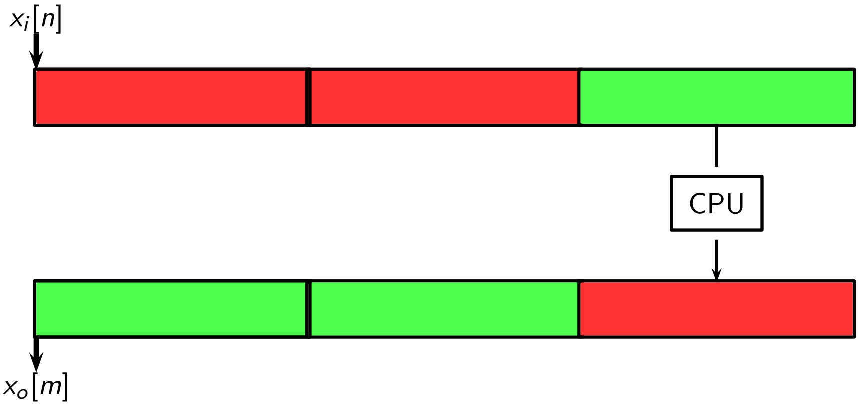

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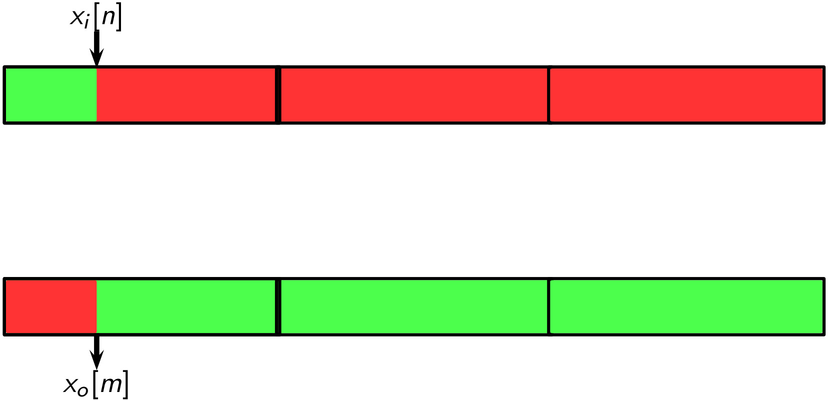

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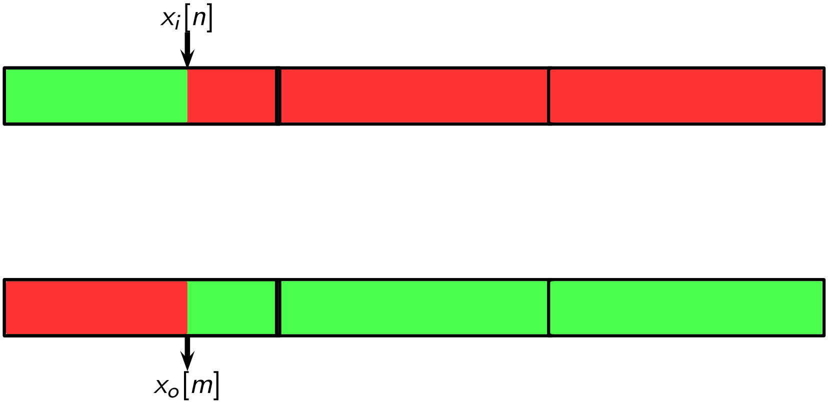

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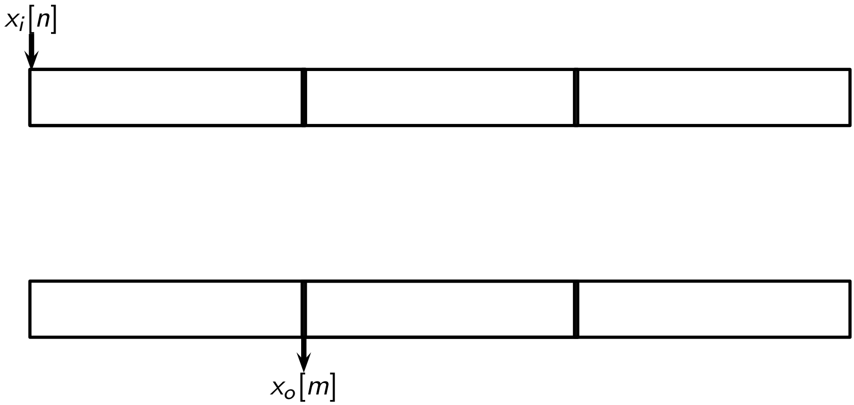

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Callback prototype for PortAudio

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def callback(input, ...):
    audio_data = np.fromstring(in_data, dtype=np.int32)
    for n in range(0, len(audio_data)):
        audio_data[n] = np.int32(processor.process(audio_data[n]))
    return audio_data
```

Processing gateway

```
class RTProcessor(object):
    def __init__(self, rate, channels=1, max_delay=1):
        self.SF = rate
        self.x = CircularBuffer(max_delay)
        self.y = CircularBuffer(max_delay)

    def process(self, sample):
        self.x.push(sample)
        y = self._process()
        self.y.push(y)
        return y
```

Cricular Buffer

```
class CircularBuffer(object):
    def __init__(self, length):
        self.length = length + 1
        self.buf = np.zeros(self.length)
        self.ix = self.length - 1

    def push(self, x):
        self.ix = np.mod(self.ix + 1, self.length)
        self.buf[self.ix] = x

    def get(self, n):
        return self.buf[np.mod(self.ix + self.length - n, self.length)]
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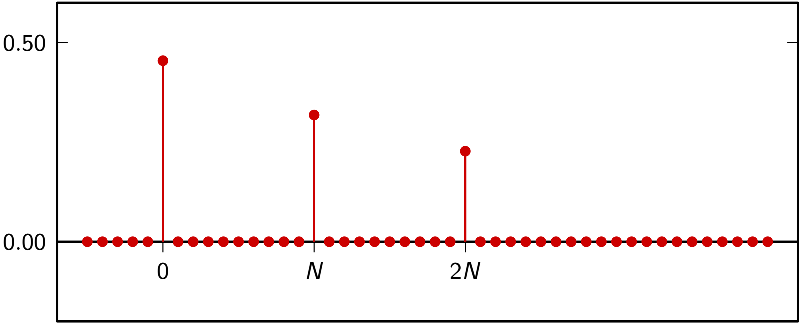
Simple Echo

$$y[n] = \frac{a\,x[n] + b\,x[n-N] + c\,x[n-2N]}{a+b+c}$$



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class Echo(RTProcessor):
    def __init__(self, rate, channels):
        # 2 replicas, 1/3 of a sec apart -> 1 sec buffering
        super(Echo, self).__init__(rate, channels, max_delay=rate)

        self.a = 1
        self.b = 0.7
        self.c = 0.5
        self.norm = 1.0 / (self.a + self.b + self.c)
        self.N = int(0.3 * self.SF)

    def _process(self):
         return self.norm * (
             self.a * self.x.get(0) +
             self.b * self.x.get(self.N) +
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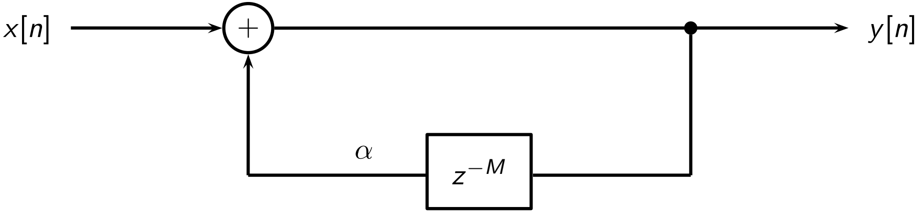
remember the KS algorithm? it's a sort of IIR echo



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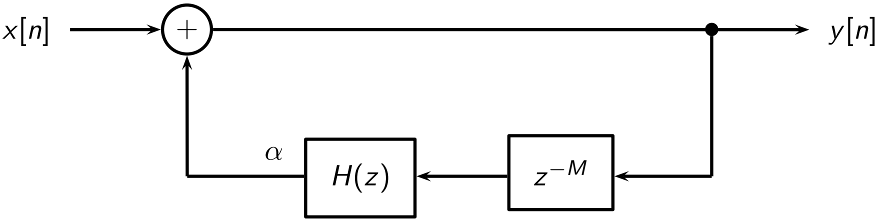

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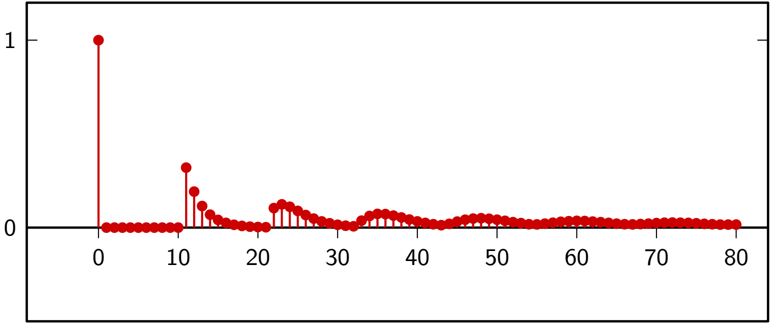
Choose for instance $H(z) =$ leaky integrator:

$$y[n] = x[n] - \lambda x[n-1] + \lambda y[n-1] + \alpha(1-\lambda)y[n-N]$$



$N = 10, \lambda = 0.6, \alpha = 0.8$

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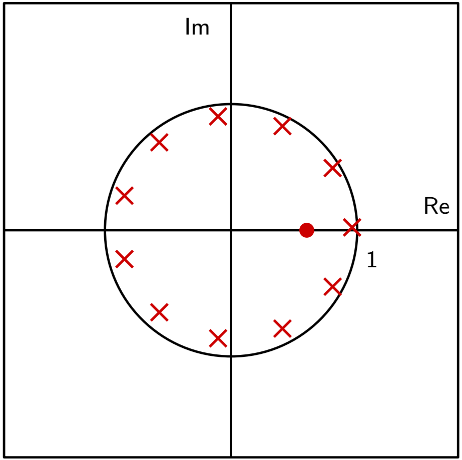

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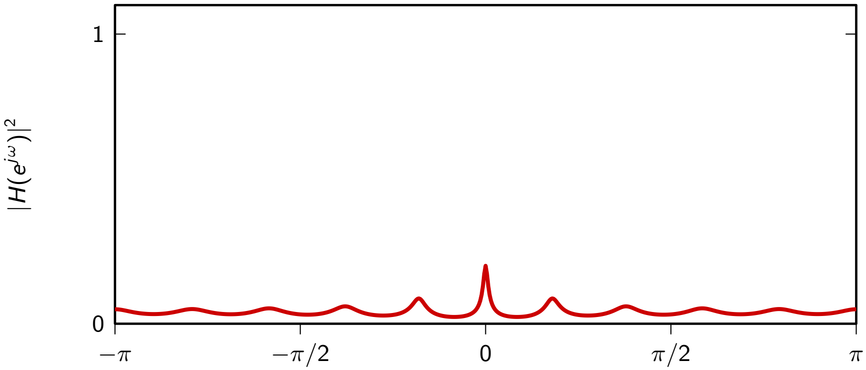


“Natural” Echo

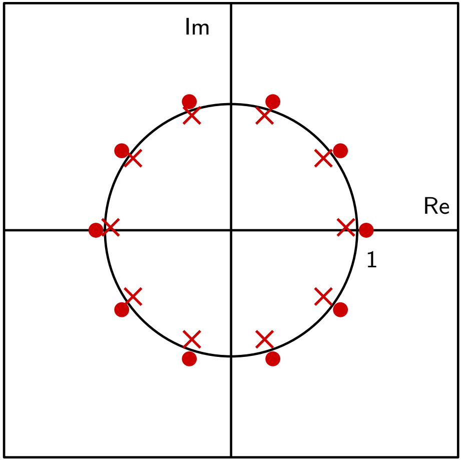
```
class Natural_Echo(RTProcessor):
    def __init__(self, rate, channels):
        super(Natural_Echo, self).__init__(rate, channels, max_delay=rate)

        self.a = 0.9
        self.l = 0.8
        self.N = int(0.3 * self.SF)

    def _process(self):
        return self.x.get(0) - self.l * self.x.get(1) + \
          self.l * self.y.get(1) + self.a * (1-self.l) * self.y.get(self.N)
```

Reverb

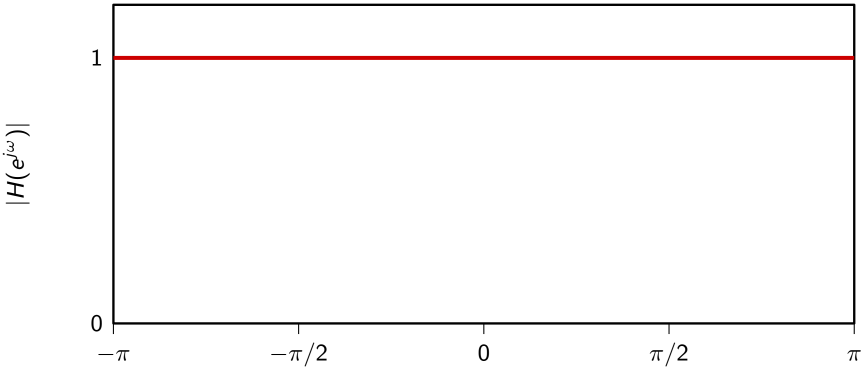
- reverb is given by the superposition of many many echos with different delays and magnitudes
- many ways to simulate, always rather costly
- a cheap alternative is to use an allpass filter

$$H(z) = \frac{-\alpha + z^{-N}}{1 - \alpha z^{-N}}$$

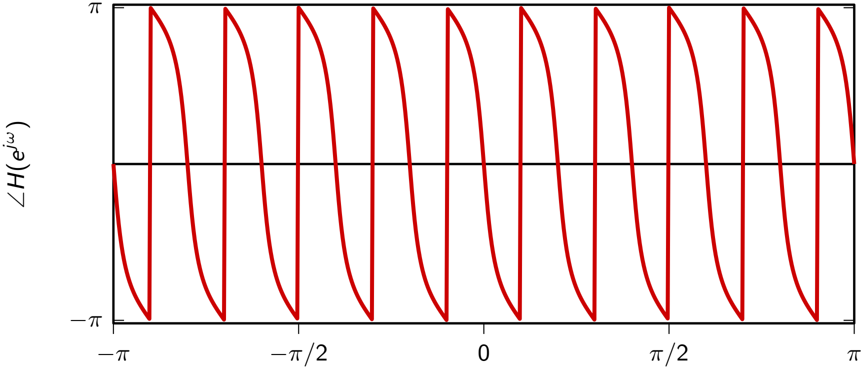
Reverb, poles and zeros ($\alpha = 0.5$, $N = 10$)



Reverb, magnitude response



Reverb, phase response



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```
class Reverb(RTProcessor):
    def __init__(self, rate, channels):
        super(Reverb, self).__init__(rate, channels, max_delay=rate)

        self.a = 0.8
        self.norm = 0.5
        self.N = int(0.02 * self.SF)

    def _process(self):
        return self.norm *
          (-self.x.get(0) + self.x.get(self.N) + self.a * self.y.get(self.N))
```

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Distortion

```
class Fuzz(RTProcessor):
    def __init__(self, rate, channels):
        # memoryless
        super(Fuzz, self).__init__(rate, channels)

        self.T = 0.005
        self.G = 5
        self.limit = 0x7FFFFFFF * self.T

    def _process(self):
        y = self.x.get(0)
        if (y > self.limit):
            y = self.limit
        if (y < -self.limit):
            y = -self.limit
        return self.G * y
```

Tremolo

```
class Tremolo(RTProcessor):
    def __init__(self, rate, channels):
        super(Tremolo, self).__init__(rate, channels, max_delay=1)

        self.depth = 0.9
        self.phi = 5 * 2*np.pi / self.SF
        self.omega = 0

    def _process(self):
        self.omega += self.phi;
        return ((1.0 - self.depth) +
          self.depth * 0.5 * (1 + np.cos(self.omega))) * self.x.get(0)
```

Wah

```
def _process(self):
    """ Wah-wah autopedal. A slow oscillator moves the positions of
    the poles in a second-order filter around their nominal value
    The result is a time-varying bandpass filter
    """
    # current angle of the pole
    d = self.pole_delta * (1.0 + np.cos(self.omega)) / 2.0
    self.omega += self.phi

    # recompute the filter's coefficients
    self.b1 = -2.0 * self.zero_mag * np.cos(self.zero_phase + d)
    self.a1 = -2.0 * self.pole_mag * np.cos(self.pole_phase + d)

    return 0.3 *
      (self.x.get(0) + self.b1 * self.x.get(1) + self.b2 * self.x.get(2) - \
       self.a1 * self.y.get(1) - self.a2 * self.y.get(2))
```