



Problems about FIR & IIR filters

I — Check only one answer. The penalty for a wrong answer is ¼ point.

1) When designing FIR filters with the non-recursive frequency sampling method, transition samples are used to:

- ☐ precisely control the filter cutoff frequencies.
- ☐ decrease the attenuation in the stopband.
- ☐ increase the transition bandwidth.
- ☐ decrease the ripple in the passband.

2) A FIR digital filter designed with the non-recursive frequency sampling method:

- ☐ cannot be lowpass.
- ☐ cannot be highpass.
- ☐ cannot have linear phase.
- ☐ is always stable.

3) A FIR filter with an even number of coefficients:

- ☐ cannot be lowpass.
- ☐ cannot be highpass.
- ☐ cannot have linear phase.
- ☐ can be passband.

4) In the impulse response invariance method (design of IIR filters):

- ☐ a stable analog prototype filter always originates a stable digital filter.
- ☐ the frequency response of the digital filter is equal to the frequency response of the analog filter.
- ☐ the DC gain of the digital filter is always the same of the analog filter.
- ☐ the analog frequency band $(0, \infty)$ is mapped into the digital frequency band $(0, \omega_s/2)$.

5) When designing FIR digital filters, coefficient windows are used to:

- ☐ precisely control the filter cutoff frequencies.
- ☐ increase the attenuation in the stopband relative to the passband.
- ☐ increase the transition band.
- ☐ increase the ripple in the passband.

6) When designing IIR digital filters using the bilinear transformation method:

- ☐ high-pass filters cannot be designed.
- ☐ there is no frequency warping effect.
- ☐ an unstable analogue prototype filter may originate a stable digital filter.
- ☐ the analog frequency band $(0, \infty)$ is mapped into the digital frequency band $(0, \omega_s/2)$.

II — Consider the design of a FIR linear phase, high-pass ideal unit-gain filter using the Fourier series development method with $N = 9$ coefficients. The cutoff frequency is $f_c = 2$ kHz and the sampling frequency is $f_s = \frac{1}{T_s} = 10$ kHz.

- Explain what kind of symmetry is expected for the filter coefficients. Compute the filter coefficients.
- Determine the fixed-point arithmetic format that should be used to represent the filter output if the input samples are represented in Q_{11} . Justify.
- Sketch approximately and qualitatively (for $0 \leq f \leq f_s$) the amplitude frequency response of the filter and of the same filter if a Hanning window was applied to the coefficients. Justify and explain the advantages and disadvantages of using windows with progressive decay.

Window	Transition width	Passband ripple	Relative attenuation
Rectangular	$0.9 f_s / N$	0.74 dB	13 dB
Hanning	$3.1 f_s / N$	0.05 dB	31 dB

III — Consider a DSP system operating with a sampling frequency $f_s = \frac{1}{T_s} = 10$ kHz.

- Design an IIR filter from an analog filter with transfer function $H(s) = 40 \frac{s + 10}{s^2 + 40s + 400}$ using the matched Z transform method (MZT) and keeping the DC gain.
- Write the difference equation and the signal flow diagram of the filter in direct form II.
- Consider the bilinear method of IIR filter design. Explain the differences, advantages and disadvantages of this method with respect to the MZT method.

IV — Consider a digital signal processing system operating with $f_s = \frac{1}{T_s} = 10$ kHz and the design of a IIR digital filter with the same impulse response of an analog, first-order lowpass filter

$$H_{LP}(s) = K \frac{\omega_c}{s + \omega_c} \text{ with cutoff frequency } \omega_c = 4\pi \text{ krad/s}.$$

- Design the filter determining its frequency response $H(z)$.
- Determine the gain of the digital filter for $f = 0$ and $f = f_s / 2$.
- Sketch the magnitude of the frequency response of the analog and the digital filters for $0 \leq f \leq f_s$ (make use of the values from previous question). Explain the differences between the two responses.

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