



**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

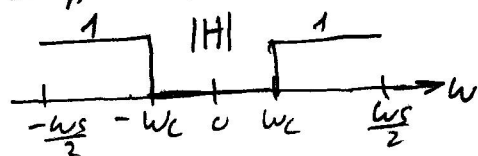
$$H_{LP}(s) = K \frac{\omega_c}{s + \omega_c} \text{ with cutoff frequency } \omega_c = 4\pi \text{ krad/s}.$$

- 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.

Points: <b>I</b> - 6 <b>II</b> - a) 3 b) 1 c) 1.5 <b>III</b> - a) 2 b) 1 c) 1 <b>IV</b> - a) 1.5 b) 1 c) 2
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II-  $N=9$ , high-pass  $f_c = 2\text{kHz}$ ,  $f_s = 10\text{kHz}$ , FIR linear phase

a) Because  $N$  is odd, coefficients must be symmetrical. If  $N$  were even then coefficients would be anti-symmetrical. No other case is possible because  $H(\omega_s/2) = 0$ .



$$\omega_c T_s = 2\pi \times \frac{2}{10} = \frac{2\pi}{5}$$

$$h_0 = 1 - \frac{2}{5} = \frac{3}{5} \rightarrow h_4$$

$$h_{-1} = h_1 = -0.3027 \rightarrow h_3 = h_5$$

$$h_{-2} = h_2 = -0.0935 \rightarrow h_2 = h_6$$

$$h_{-3} = h_3 = 0.0624 \rightarrow h_1 = h_7$$

$$h_{-4} = h_4 = 0.0757 \rightarrow h_0 = h_8$$

$$\begin{aligned} h_n &= \frac{1}{\omega_s} \int_{-\omega_s/2}^{\omega_s/2} |H(j\omega)| e^{j\omega n T_s} d\omega = \\ &= \frac{1}{\omega_s} \left[ \int_{-\omega_s/2}^{-\omega_c} e^{j\omega n T_s} d\omega + \int_{\omega_c}^{\omega_s/2} e^{j\omega n T_s} d\omega \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\omega_s} \left[ \frac{e^{-j\omega_c n T_s} - e^{-j\omega_s n T_s/2}}{-jn T_s} + \frac{e^{j\omega_s n T_s/2} - e^{j\omega_c n T_s}}{jn T_s} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi n} \left[ \frac{e^{-j\omega_c n T_s} - e^{-j\omega_s n T_s/2}}{j} + \frac{e^{j\omega_s n T_s/2} - e^{j\omega_c n T_s}}{j} \right] \\ &= -\frac{\sin \omega_c n T_s}{\pi n} + \frac{\sin \pi n}{\pi n} \end{aligned}$$

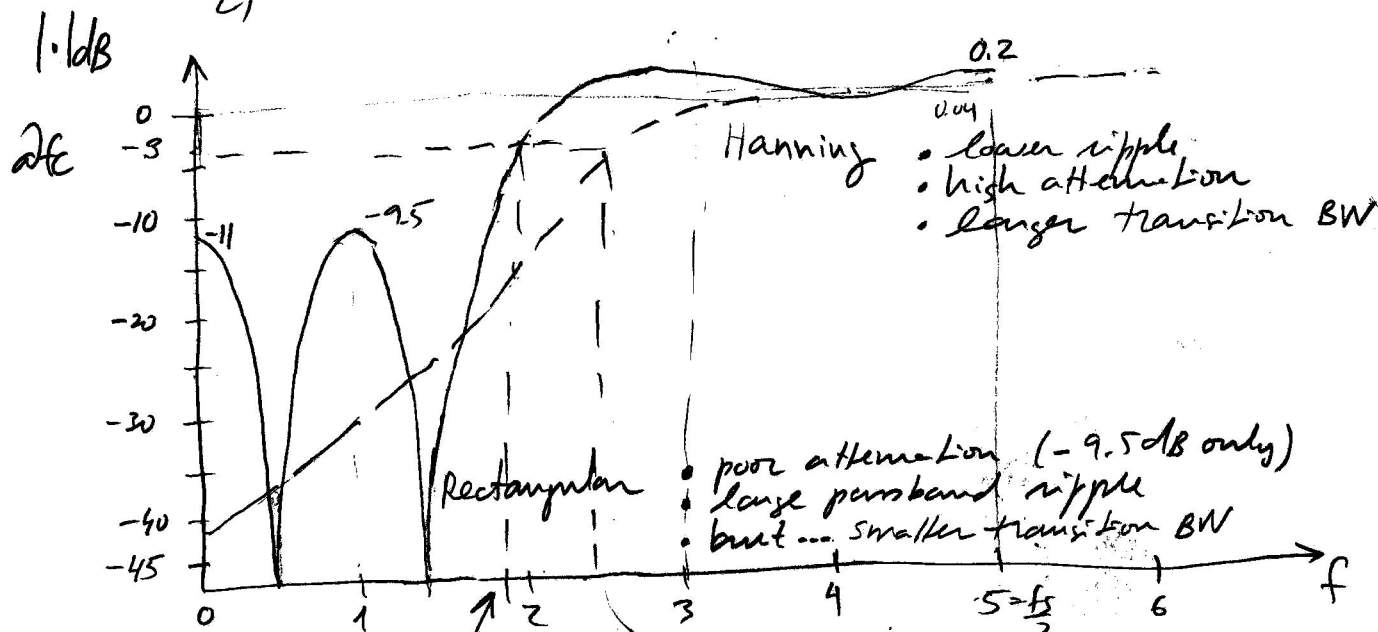
b) Assuming signed 16-bit words

$$\sum_{n=0}^8 |h_n| = 1.667 \rightarrow Q_{10} \text{ for output}$$

$$= \begin{cases} 1 + \frac{\omega_c T_s}{\pi}, & n=0 \\ -\frac{\sin \omega_c n T_s}{\pi n}, & n \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

\* See page #3

c)



Due to widening of the transition BW,  $f_c$  is away almost 500 Hz from the desired value (2 kHz)

III-  $H(s) = 40 \frac{s+10}{s^2+40s+400}$ , MZT,  $f_s = 10\text{kHz}$ ;  $H(0) = 40 \frac{10}{400} = 1$ .

$$s_{1,2} = \frac{-40 \pm \sqrt{40^2 - 4 \times 400}}{2} = -20 \pm j0$$

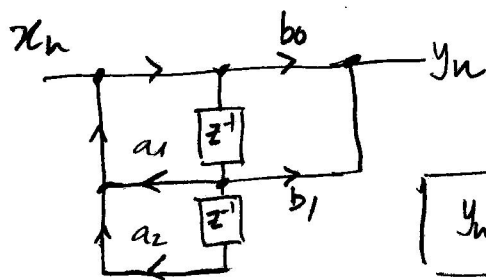
$$H(s) = 40 \frac{s+10}{(s+20)^2} \rightarrow H(z) = K T_s 40 \frac{1 - e^{-10T_s} z^{-1}}{(1 - e^{-20T_s} z^{-1})^2}$$

$$K T_s 40 \frac{1 - e^{-10T_s} z^{-1}}{1 - 2e^{-20T_s} z^{-1} + e^{-40T_s} z^{-2}}; H(z=1) = 1 \Rightarrow K = \frac{(1 - e^{-20T_s})^2}{1 - e^{-10T_s}} \times \frac{f_s}{40} = 0.9985$$

$$b_0 = K T_s 40, b_1 = -K T_s 40 e^{-10T_s}$$

b)  $b_0 = K \cdot T_s \cdot 40 = 0.003994$ ,  $b_1 = -K T_s 40 \cdot e^{-10 T_s} = -0.003990$

$a_1 = 2 \times e^{-20 T_s} = 1.996$ ,  $a_2 = -e^{-40 T_s} = -0.996008$



$$H(z) = \frac{b_0 + b_1 z^{-1}}{1 - a_1 z^{-1} - a_2 z^{-2}}$$

$$y_n = a_1 y_{n-1} + a_2 y_{n-2} + b_0 x_n + b_1 x_{n-1}$$

c) Bilinear

- ⊕ no aliasing
- ⊕ can do highpass & band-reject
- ⊕ Simple
- ⊕ Stable  $\Rightarrow$  stable
- ⊖ frequency-warping

MZT

- ⊕ Simple
- ⊕ Stable  $\Rightarrow$  stable
- ⊖ can not do highpass & band reject
- ⊖ aliasing
- ⊕ matches poles and zeros

IV-  $f_s = 10 \text{ KHz}$ , impulse invariance, IIR

$$H_{LP}(s) = K \frac{\omega_c}{s + \omega_c} \xrightarrow{Z^{-1}} h(t) = K \omega_c e^{-\omega_c t} u(t)$$

$$h_n = K \omega_c T_s e^{-\omega_c n T_s} u(n), \quad H(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} h_n z^{-n} = \frac{K \omega_c T_s}{1 - e^{-\omega_c T_s} z^{-1}}$$

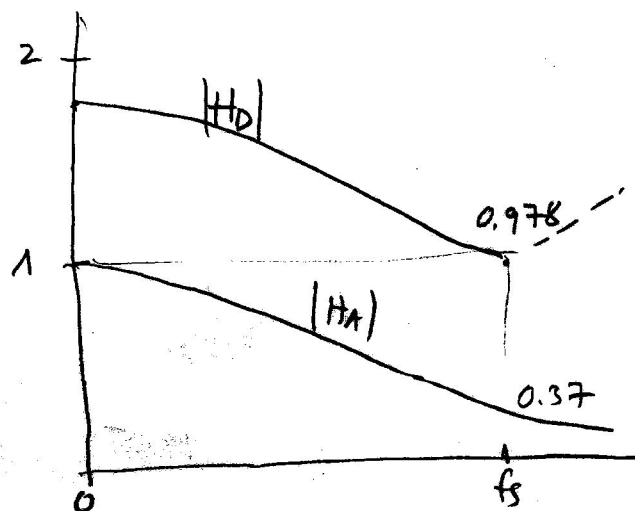
b)  $H_{LP}(0) = K$ ,  $H(z=1) = 1.75657 K$  much different!

$$\left| H_{LP}\left(\frac{\omega_s}{2}\right) \right| = K \frac{\omega_c}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{\omega_s}{2}\right)^2 + \omega_c^2}} = 0.37139 K$$

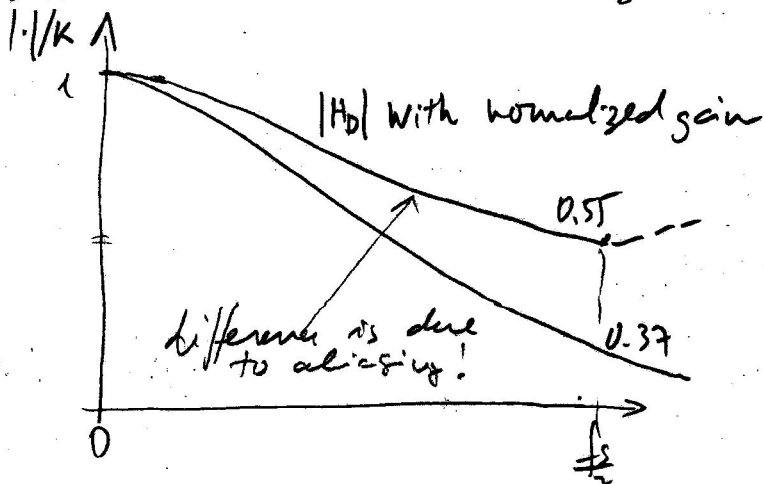
c)

$$\left| H(z=-1) \right| = 0.9782249 K$$

$1/K$

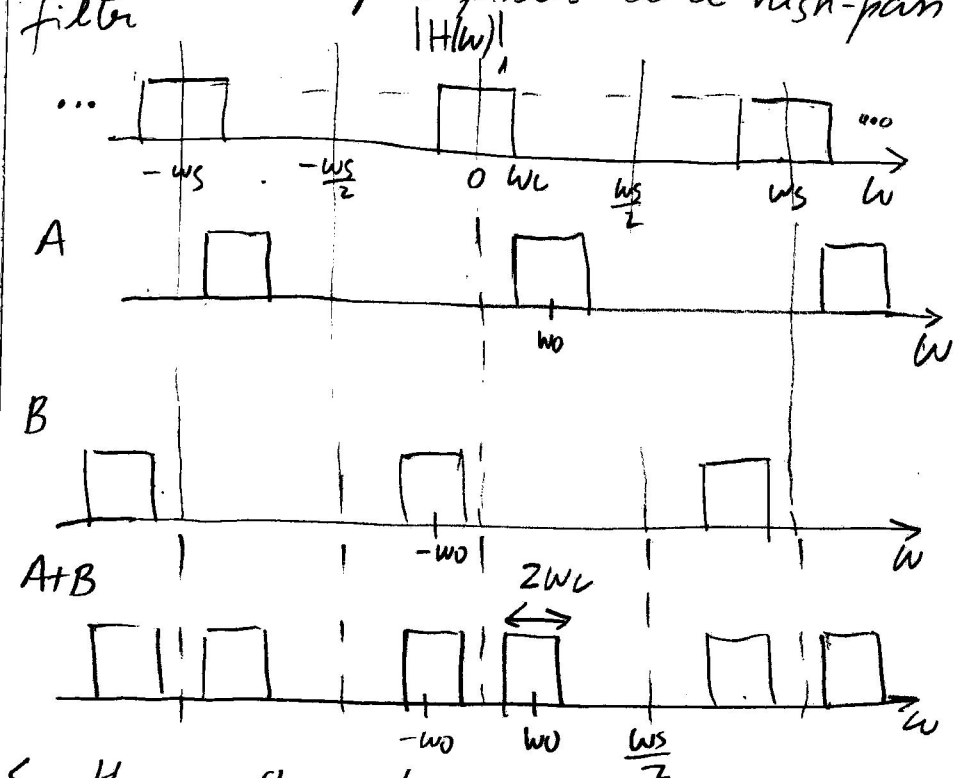


This shows that the filter gain should have been normalized.



Another way to solve II a)

Obtain a bandpass filter or a high-pass filter from a low-pass filter



$$h_n = \frac{1}{ws} \int_{-ws}^{ws} e^{jw_n Ts} = \frac{\sin(w_n Ts)}{n\pi}$$

Low-pass

This is  $|H(w - w_0)|$ , i.e.,  $|H(w)|$  shifted  $w_0$  to the right

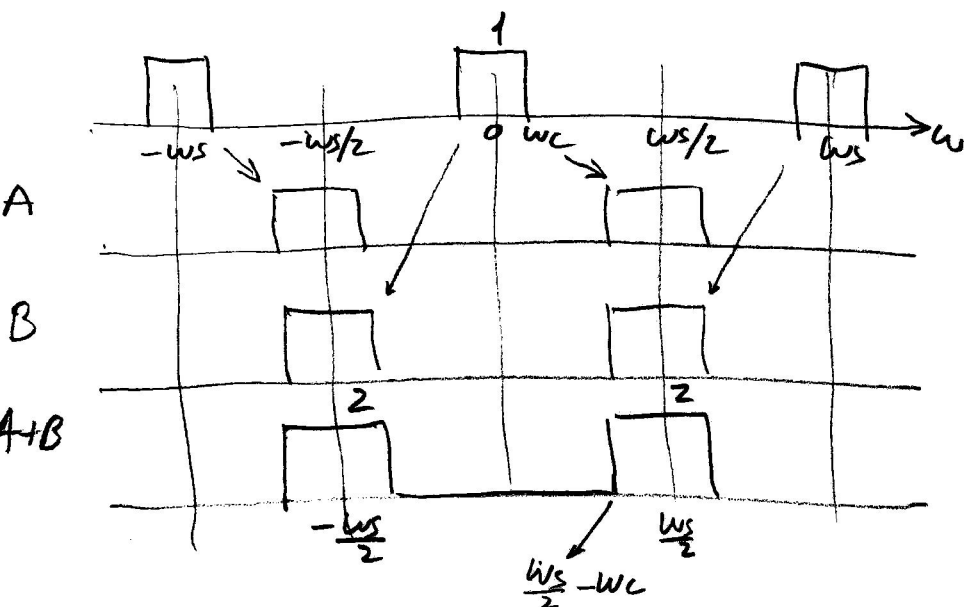
This is  $|H(w + w_0)|$ , i.e.,  $|H(w)|$  shifted  $w_0$  to the left

This is the result from adding the two magnitudes, a bandpass filter centered at  $w_0$  with  $BW = 2w_c$

So, the coefficients are

$$h_{BP}(n) = h_n e^{jw_0 n Ts} + h_n e^{-jw_0 n Ts} = 2h_n \cos(w_0 n Ts)$$

What about the high-pass case? we must set  $w_0 = \frac{ws}{2}$ .



In fact you get a high pass filter but with twice the gain and a cutoff frequency, which is  $\frac{ws}{2} - w_c$ , not  $w_c$ ! This means that you should start with a low pass filter with a cutoff at  $\frac{ws}{2} - w_c$ .

To obtain the correct coefficients then:

$$h_{HP}(n) = h'_n \cdot \cos(n \frac{ws}{2} Ts) = \frac{\sin((\frac{ws}{2} - w_c) n Ts)}{\pi n} \cdot \cos(n\pi) =$$

$$= \frac{\sin(n\pi - w_c n Ts)}{n\pi} \cos(n\pi) = \frac{\sin(n\pi) \cos(w_c n Ts) \cos(n\pi) - \cos(n\pi) \sin(w_c n Ts) \cos(n\pi)}{n\pi}$$

$$= \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{w_c Ts}{\pi}, & n=0 \\ -\frac{\sin(w_c n Ts)}{n\pi}, & n \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

which coincides with the previous result on page #1 obtained using direct integration