

EE387 Signal Processing

Laboratory 04 – Filter Design using MATLAB

Introduction

The signal processing Toolbox in MATLAB includes a number of files to develop filters.

1. Butterworth filter

We can use the function **butter(N, Wn, 's')** to design an order **N** low pass transfer function with a prescribed 3-dB cutoff frequency at **Wn** rad/sec. The output data of this function are the numerator and the denominator coefficient vectors, **num** and **den** respectively, in descending powers of s. If **Wn** is a two-element vector **[W1, W2]** with **W1 < W2**, the function generates an order **2N** bandpass transfer function with 3-dB band edge frequencies at **W1** and **W2** with both being non zero numbers. To design an order **N** highpass or an order **2N** bandstop filter, the function **butter(N, Wn, 'filter type', 's')** is employed where **filter type = high** for a high pass filter with a 3-dB cut off frequency at **Wn** or **filter type = stop** for a bandstop filter with a 3-dB stopband edges given by a two element vector of nonzero numbers **Wn=[W1, W2]** with **W1 < W2**.

The function **buttord(Wp, Ws, Rp, Rs, 's')** computes the lowest order **N** of a butterworth analog transfer function meeting the specifications given by the filter parameters, **Wp, Ws, Rp, Rs**, where **Wp** is the passband edge angular frequency in rad/sec, **Ws** is the stopband edge angular frequency in rad/sec, **Rp** is the maximum passband attenuation in dB, and **Rs** is the minimum passband attenuation in dB. **Wn** in rad/sec is the 3-dB cutoff angular frequency.

This function can also be used to calculate the order of any one of the four basic types of analog butterworth filters. For a lowpass design, **Wp < Ws**, where as for highpass design, **Wp > Ws**. For the other two types, **Wp** and **Ws** are two-element vectors specifying the passband and the stopband edge frequencies.

2. Type 1 Chebyshev filter

The M-file functions for the design of analog Type 1 Chebyshev filters are as follows:

$$[z, p, k] = \text{cheblap}(N, Rp)$$

$$[num, den] = \text{chebyl}(N, Rp, Wn, 's')$$

$$[num, den] = \text{chebyl}(M, Rp, Wn, 'filter-type', 's')$$

$$[N, Wn] = \text{cheblord}(Wp, Ws, Rp, Rs, 's')$$

Where **Rp** - passband ripple in dB; **Rs** - minimum stopband attenuation in dB; **Wn**- passband edge angular frequency in rad/sec.

Type 2 Chebyshev filter

The M-file functions for the design of the analog Type- 2 Chebyshev filters are;

$$[s, p, k] = \text{cheb2ap}(N, Rs)$$

$[num, den] = cheby2 (N, Rs, Wn, 's')$

$[num, den] = cheby2 (N, Rs, Wn, 'filter types', 's')$

$[N, Wn] = cheb2ord (Wp, Ws, Rp, Rs, 's')$

Where **Wn** is the stopband edge angular frequency in rad/sec

The function **$cheb2ap (N, Rs)$** returns the zeros, poles and gain factor of a normalized analog Type 2 (Inverse) Chebyshev lowpass filter of order **N** with a minimum stopband attenuation of **Rs** in dB. The normalized stopband edge angular frequency is set to 1. The output files are the length- **N** column vectors **s** and **p** , providing the locations of the zeros and poles respectively, and the gain factor **k** .

3. Bessel filters

For the design of a Bessel filter, the available M-file functions are:

$[z, p, k] = besslap (N)$

$[num, den] = besself (N, Wn)$

$[num, den] = besself (N, Wn, 'filtertype')$

The function **$besslap(N)$** is employed to compute the zeros, poles and gain factor **k** .

Exercises:

Use the above functions to design the following filters. Plot their Bode plots to verify the designs.

1. Design the Butterworth filter with the following specifications: $F_p = 1000$ Hz; $F_s = 5000$ Hz;
2. Design the Butterworth filter with $F_p = 1000$ Hz, $N = 4$;
3. Design Chebyshev Type 1 filter with $N = 4$, $R_p = 2$; $F_p = 1000$.