

## Study Time! Reverbs Edition

I'm doing some self-study to how (digital) reverb works, when it comes to all-pass filters, diffuse signals and feedback loops. This is just for myself to put things in order when it comes to making a reverb-block diagram. I'll be writing this as if it was a journal.

### Nice Video

Found a nice interesting video of someone explaining how to build a reverb:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QWnD30xHjW4>

> Also did some research on all-pass filters, bc i didn't fully understand it:

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eQ\\_nSUhDEO4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eQ_nSUhDEO4)
- <https://www.uaudio.com/blogs/ua/allpass-filters>

All-pass filters basically delay the signal (and different frequencies) instead of alter the frequency levels. They can smear out transients and are used in reverbs.

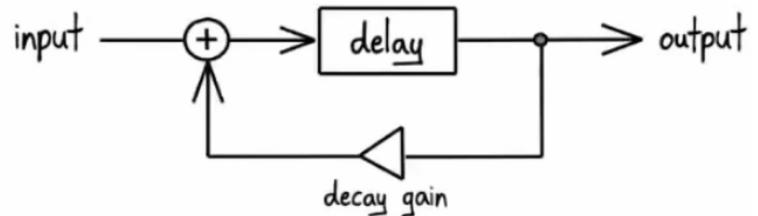
### Things to Process

*Images from the Build a Reverb - Video, because they were very clear and wanted them in a document.*

Here are some things that i wanted to write down which would be important when making a reverb:

#### Delay Feedbackloop

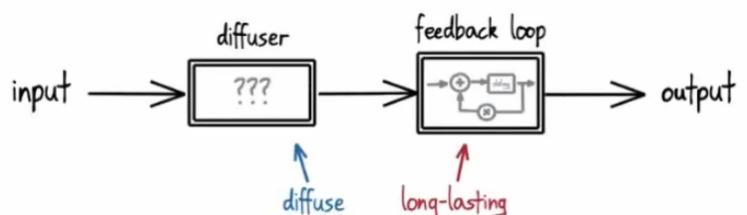
Since reverb adds delay to the signal, this loop is the basic necessary thing to control the delay-time and amount of the reverb.



#### Diffuser and Feedback

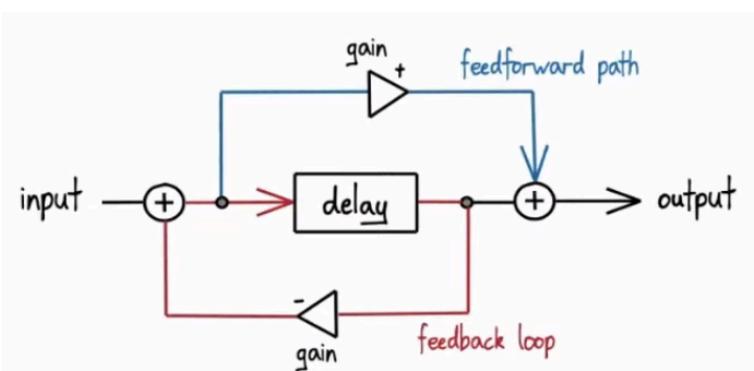
Making the sound diffuse inside a feedback loop can be inefficient, So i'm separating them into two:

- Diffuser: Makes the signal sound diffuse
- Feedback: Controls delay time and amount



#### Schroeder All-Pass filter

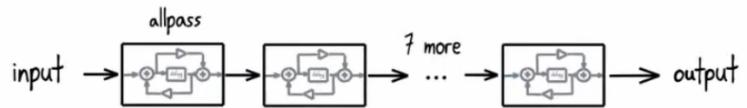
Delays some frequencies more than others, messing with the phase and smearing it. It has a feedforward path and a feedback loop, making sure the frequencies aren't "filtered". The delay is some milliseconds.



A classic Schroeder allpass filter

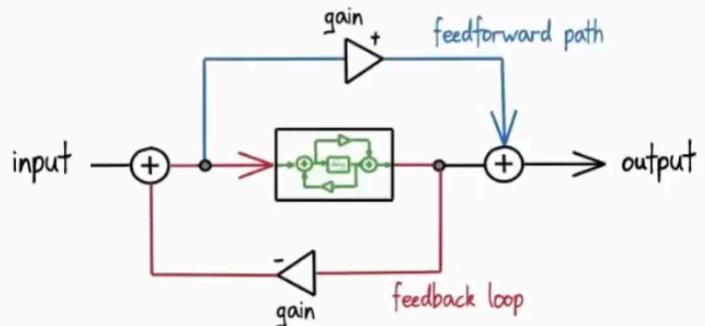
### More All-Passes

Making a chain of All-Pass filters already creates a reverb! It sounds metallic, like a plate reverb.



### More Complex Reverb

This is cool! A more complex version of reverb can be made by building an All-Pass filter inside the delay of an All-Pass filter. This way the phase response is pretty irregular.



### **Continuing**

The rest of the video seems a step further than my reach for this building block effect (plate reverb). So my step-by-step thing to code for the reverb is this:

- Coding a feedback loop as a building block (Making the sound more forward in time)
- Coding an All-Pass Filter as a building block (shifting the phase of frequencies)
- Coding a chain of All-Pass Filters (creating the reverb sound)
- Extra: Coding an All-Pass Filter inside an All-Pass Filter (more irregular reverb)

Now I can easily start making block diagrams!