

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.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.

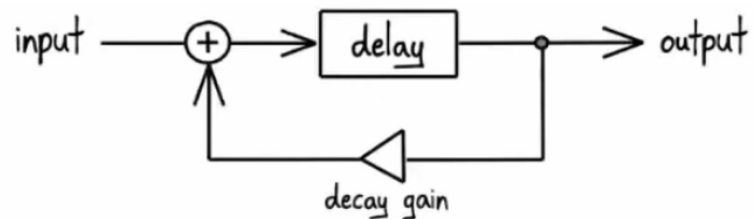
Things to Process

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

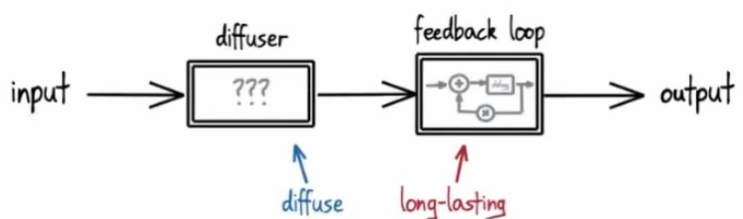
Since reverb adds delay to the signal, this loop is the basic necessary thing to control the delay-time and amount of the reverb.



Diffuser and Feedback

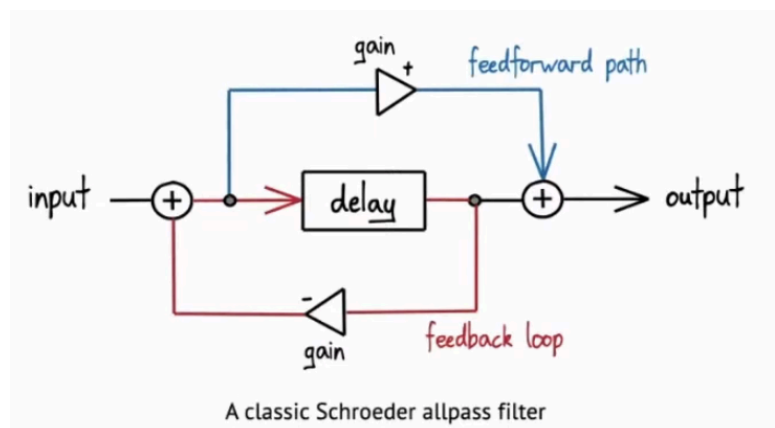
Making the sound diffuse inside a feedback loop can be inefficient, So i'm separating them into two:

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



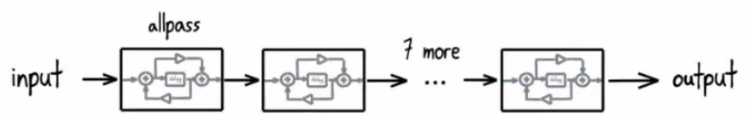
Schroeder All-Pass filter

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.



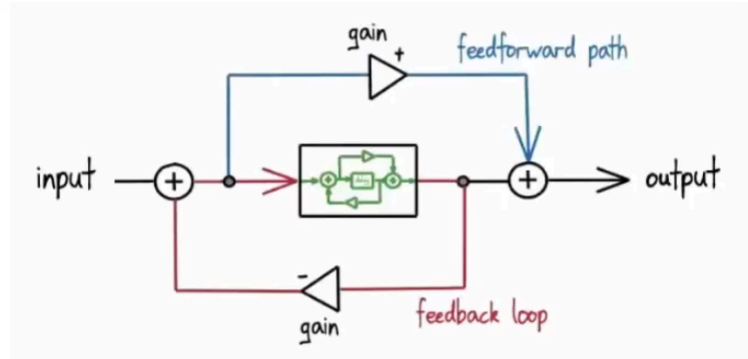
More All-Passes

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!