App development with audio applications from m-file to app

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1 Part 1

Voice Activity Detector (VAD) is a technique used in signal processing to detect the presence of human voice in a signal. It can be an energy detector that indicates speech when the energy of the filtered signal exceeds a predefined threshold. Considered an important technology in speech based communication, today there are various types of applications that use it. Therefore a wide variety of VAD algorithms have been developed to provide the needed features.

There are different kind of stand-alone commercial baby monitors on the market today. From the most basic, that use one-way radio communication, to advance two-way communication monitors that use signal processing to transmit audio when a predefined threshold has been reached. It is also possible to find baby video monitors that broadcast both audio and video when the sensors notice movement. Since most of the monitor applications rely on radio signals to communicate between the units there is a probability that the signal will weaken or possibly not even reach the receiver because it needs to pass through multiple walls of varying thickness. The signal could also be effected by other applications. As the stand-alone monitor focuses on reliability (among other important sale strategies), little is known about the security features. It is possible to assume that the communication is uncrypted, at least in some products, and therefore introduces a potential risk for intrusion of peoples privacy.

To resolve the issues brought up above, an application such as the *Baby Activity Detector* (BAD) can can be made more portable, versatile and secure with the help of todays smart-phone technology and VAD. There are many VAD algorithms to choose from and they all have their strengths and weaknesses. Complex algorithms such as Linear Predictive coding (LPC), mel-frequency cepstrum (MFC) are very powerful but quite difficult to grasp and also to implement, they can be considered out of scope for this course. The following VAD algorithms are easy to implement and can be, when combined, quite robust for the task of a basic BAD. The simple short-time energy algorithm calculates the energy levels for each frame to detect voice, unvoiced or silenced regions. Voiced regions will have higher energy levels, however, the algorithm does not

take unwanted noise into account which means that we can have false indication of voice detection. In order to remove the noise from the signal, spectral subtraction can be preformed. In the case of BAD, the threshold needs to be adjusted so that unforeseeable sound is not interpret as the infants cry. Zerocrossing rate (ZCR), is the rate at which a signal changes from plus to minus and back. The higher the rate the higher the frequency which indicates possible voice activity. According to [1] the cry sound that an infant makes has a fundamental frequency of 250-600 Hz (pitch). To be able to use ZCR together with the information above, it is necessary to extract the pitch from the signal in order to match the frequency interval.

The main task of BAD is to detect infant activity, an alternate algorithm is proposed in [1]. It describes an cry detection algorithm that is build up by three main stages. i) VAD, a statistical model-based detector [5] is used for detecting sections with sufficient audio activity. It also helps to reduce the power consumption. ii) Classification, uses k-nearest neighbours (k-NN) algorithm [6] to label each frame as either 'cry' (1), close enough, or 'no cry' (0). iii) Post-processing, validation stage in order to reduce false-negative errors. The idea of having devoted algorithm to detect infant cry is a winning concept for a BAD application, according to the authors it even had promising results in low SNR. Despite simplicity of the algorithm many of the features required to implement were mentioned earlier to be out of scope for this project.

An algorithm that might be of interest [3] suggests a new approach to speech enhancement, without the help of VAD technology. The signal is divided into multiple sub-bands and an noise floor level estimate is calculated simultaneously as the short-time average. The goal is to boost the sub-bands with high Signal-to-Noise Ration (SNR) instead of to suppress the lower. This algorithm has great potential to reduce the noise levels when analyzing incoming signals to the BAD application.

A quick search on the net gives significant amount of hits for smart-phone based BAD applications. The techniques vary, from bluetooth to Wi-Fi and 3-/4G solutions. The award winning application Baby Monitor 3G [7] is a feature rich cross platform application that solves most the of issues brought up in this report. It supports both Wi-Fi and 3G/LTE networks, ability to transfer high quality live video, adjustable microphone sensitivity, talk-back functionality and guarantees both reliability and privacy. It can be assumed that the Android based BAD application Dormi [8] offers similar features as Baby Monitor 3G, even if Baby Monitor 3G's feature list provides barely any deeper information. It is noteworthy that Domri have both Smart noise detection and Adaptive audio enhancement as sales pitch, which from a engineering point of view is very attractive.

Following is a purposed algorithm for an BAD application

```
while(true){
                                \mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{\%}}} Record audio can place it into the register \mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{\%}}}
                                Get frame from the register % \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left
                                Divide the signal into different sub-bands with FFT
                                Calculate the total short-time energy average
                                 Calculate noise level for each sub-bands
                                  if energy average above threshold
                                                                 Calculate the gain for each sub-band
                                                                  Boost the sub-band with high SNR
                                                                 % Extract fundamental frequency (pitch)
                                                                 Count the ZCR under 1 seconds
                                                                                                    if the ZCR is within 250-600~\mathrm{Hz}
                                                                                                                                    Possible infant activity detected!
                                                                                                                                      (Occurs only first time, and needs to be reseted)
% Send frames %
                                                                                                                                    Start broadcasting the sound to the receiver
                                                                                                    end
                                  else
                                                                 Reset ZCR
                                                                 Dismiss and get next frame from register
                                 end
}
```

2 Part 2

Three various baby and noise sounds were provided by the institute. The sample frequency for all of the recorded files are 8 kHz. In Figure 1 and Figure 3 the frequency spectrum is plotted for the baby respective noise sounds. Because the energy levels are unproportionally low for two out of the three audio recordings, an enhanced plot is displayed in Figure 2. From the plots it can be seen that the baby frequency interval is between $\sim 300\text{-}2500$ Hz, including cry and talk, and the noise frequency interval is between $\sim 0\text{-}200$ Hz and $\sim 1300\text{-}2100$ Hz. One way to work with only the desired frequencies is to create a filter with a bandpass between 300-1300 Hz.

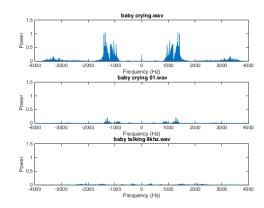


Figure 1: Frequency spectrum for baby sound

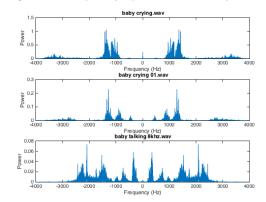


Figure 2: Frequency spectrum for baby sound, scaled y-axis

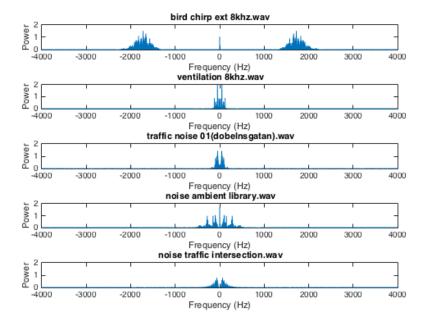


Figure 3: Frequency spectrum for noise files

2.1 The algorithms

A quick and simple algorithm for a BAD application is preferably an algorithm that measures the energy from the input sound. Another benefit of using this technique is that the implementation in Android OS may be easier for a novice application developer. Mathematically described, the power equation, which is close relationship to energy, is given by the following formula:

$$P(n) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x^{2} (n-k)$$

Since the BAD application will be performing these power calculations of the input sound in real-time, it is undoubtedly impossible to implement the equation above. A solution to the problem is to use the *recursive averaging* algorithm. It is small and hardware friendly algorithm that calculates the power of a given input without using too much memory. Given the equation below,

$$P(n) = \alpha P(n-1) + (1-\alpha)x^2(n)$$

instead of performing the calculation for one sample at the time, a predefined number of samples in blocks, referred to as frames, are squared and summed.

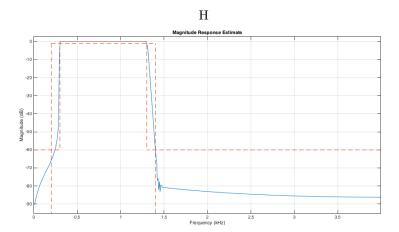


Figure 4: Butterworth 300-1300 Hz bandpass filter

Each frame represents $x^2(n)$. Every result, P(n), is saved to be used as P(n-1). The α is a constant between 0 and 1 and is related to the following formula:

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{T_s F_s}$$

Despite that the α can be derived from the equation, to get the better results further tweaking and testing is required. The α value used in this research, 0.5, suggests that the new P(n) is equally weighted between old and new calculations. The MATLAB code for the simple algorithm can be found in Appendix B.

The advanced algorithm is based upon the same, recursive averaging, algorithm but before calculating the power of the input sound, the signal is first filtered through a Butterworth bandpass filter to remove unwanted frequencies. Butterworth filter, because is gives the least amount of ripple in the bandpass. By having the noise frequencies suppressed, more precision is acquired for finding baby activity. The MATLAB code for the filter can be found in Appendix A.

2.2 Evaluation and performance

To evaluate and test the performance of the simple and advance algorithm new sound files were created, the three provided baby sound files created the based. The goal was to make the alarm go off with the sound that the baby caused, in clean and noisy configurations. For each baby sound file, three new sound files were created to mislead the algorithms. The MATLAB code for this can be found in Appendix C. Giving three sets of 4 different test configurations, each set contained the following files:

1. clean baby sound without any noise

- 2. simulate early mornings, bird and ventilation noise added to the base sound
- 3. simulate daily environment, all noise files added to the base sound
- 4. simulate *extremely* noisy environment, all noise files amplified and added to the base sound

As can be seen from Figure 5, the green horizontal line indicates the threshold value. The red circle indicates where the alarm has been set off, when the algorithm has notified the user of baby activity. If the algorithm failed to set off the alarm, the red circle is placed in the origo. In this test environment the alarm was set off after five frames successfully breached the threshold value.

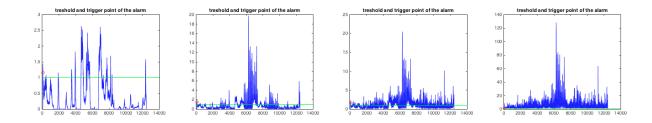


Figure 5: Baby crying.wav, simple algorithm

The test results from the *Baby crying.wav* set, Figure 6, show that the alarm was set off in approximate same time in every configuration and the reason for this could be that there is a high energy baby sound in the beginning of all of the files. The *clean* and the *bird and ventilation* configurations can be considered as plausibly successful results since the noise levels are not interfering as much as the two, to the right, configurations.

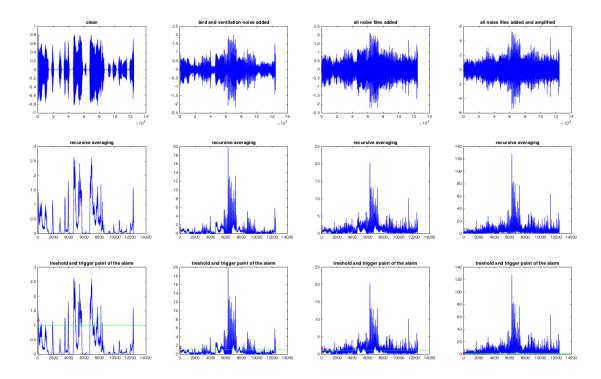


Figure 6: Baby crying.wav, simple algorithm

Both Baby crying 1. wav and Baby talking. wav gave unsatisfactory results without any amplification, as can be seen in Figure 7 and Figure 8. The success of setting of the alarm in the other configurations were due to the noise. Not remotely close to trigger the alarm in clean configuration, illustrated be the left most plots, the test were performed a second time with amplified baby sound.

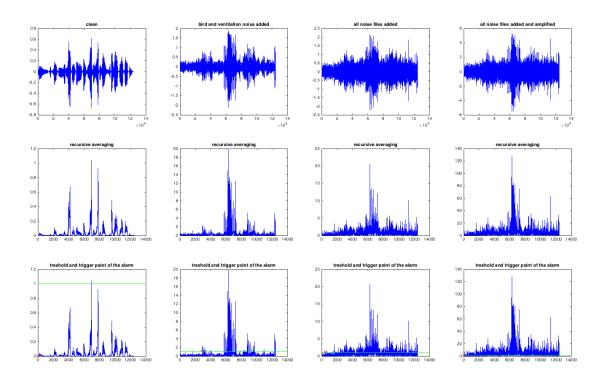


Figure 7: Baby crying1.wav, simple algorithm

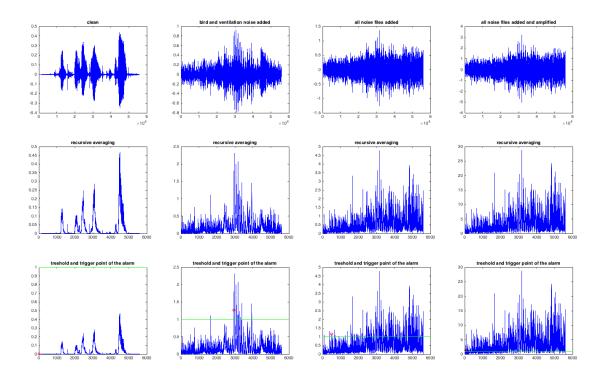


Figure 8: Baby talking.wav, simple algorithm

By having the baby sounds amplified before the noise is added, making sure that the alarm sets off in clean configuration, gives a possibility for the baby sounds to trigger the alarm in other configurations as well, see Figure 9 and Figure 10. Unfortunately, the simple algorithm performed poorly for the *Baby crying1.wav* set, Figure 9, but in the *Baby talking.wav* set, Figure 10, the first two configurations, *clean* and *bird and ventilation*, performed surprisingly well.

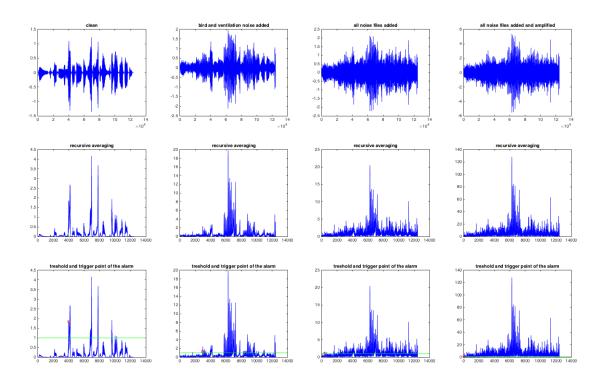


Figure 9: Amplified Baby crying1.wav, simple algorithm

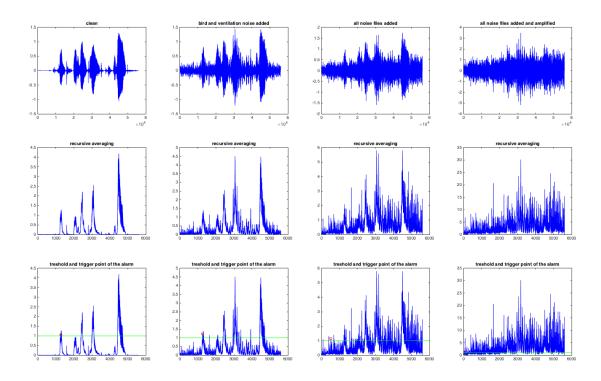


Figure 10: Amplified Baby talking.wav, simple algorithm

The advanced algorithm performed, as expected, exceptionally well due to unwanted frequencies being suppressed, not interfering with the power calculations. Figure 11, Figure 12 and Figure 13 show great results, except for the early trigger in the last configuration of the *Baby talking.wav* set. The alarm was set off earlier because the signal was infected with noise. Despite the early trigger of the alarm, it was executed during baby activity and not by the added noise. The alarm could have been triggered during the same time in other configurations of that set as well.

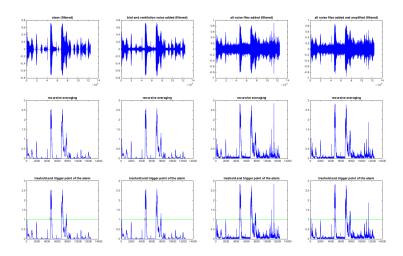


Figure 11: Baby crying.wav, advanced algorithm

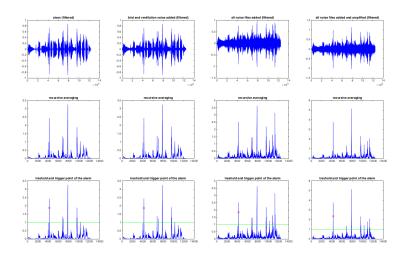


Figure 12: Amplified Baby crying1.wav, advanced algorithm

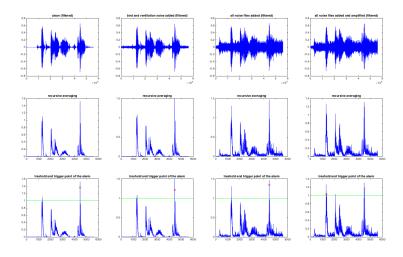


Figure 13: Amplified Baby talking.wav, advanced algorithm

2.3 Conclusion

Giving the results from the two different algorithms, it is fair to state the simple algorithm was unreliable since the noise levels could trigger the alarm. If the design goal is accuracy, reliability and good performance for the BAD application then implementing the advanced algorithm would be the best option. However, both algorithms rely on the recursive averaging algorithm. Implementing it must be done either way and should this be done within short amount of time, an attempt should be preformed to implement the Butterworth bandpass filter. If the filter issue can not be overcome with built-in Java classes, third-party libraries, or guidelines from the institute then the advanced algorithm will not be implemented. This should be considered as bonus task for Part 3 of the course.

3 Part 3 (4)

The last section of this report, represents $Part\ 4$ in the "step-by-step" instructions provided by the institute. As mentioned in $Part\ 2$, the $recursive\ averaging$ is crucial for both the simple and advanced algorithm. For a more rigid and maintainable application, a comprehensive study of the framework was performed prior to the implementation.

In order to make the student *Baby Activity Detector* work, additional methods were added to existing interface and classes. The added methods will first be presented and the implementation will follow.

3.1 BabyDetector.java

Three new methods were added to the BabyDetector interface in order to make it possible to change the boolean variable init and reset the $frameCounter \, \mathcal{E} \, sum$ in StudentDetector when called from StartFragment.

```
/**
 * Returns the boolean init value
 *
 * @return true or false
 */
Boolean getInit();

/**
 * Changes the state of init
 *
 */
void setInit(Boolean value);

/**
 * Resets the frameCounter
 */
void reset();
```

3.2 BabyState.java

To notify the user when the application is initializing or has triggered off the alarm, a fourth state was introduced to the *BabyState* enum class.

```
public enum BabyState {
    SLEEPING,
    NOISE,
    AWAKE,
    INIT
}
```

3.3 StartFragment.java

As the name suggests, a lot is start from this class. The private *Audio* class which extends *Thread*, is responsible for audio handling. The simple algorithm is partially implemented in the private class, only the *recursive algorithm*. The rest of the algorithm is in *StudentDetector*.

```
//recursive averaging sum
private double recursiveSum = 0;
private double oldRecursiveSum = 0;
final double ALPHA = 0.5;
```

To resemble the MATLAB implementation, the buffer length was decreased from 160 to 10. Dividing the *sum* with *buffer.length* was kept to scale down the new P(n). After calculating the *recursive averaging*, the *recursiveSum* is sent to StudentDetector's updateStates() method as parameter.

The new state, that is implemented in *BabyState*, is used as a flag to decide what to display to the user.

```
final String currentLevelText =
    "Current level = " +
    detector.getCurrentLevel() +
    detecting;
final String backgroundLevelText;

if (babyState == BabyState.AWAKE) {
    backgroundLevelText =
          "Baby Alarm Detector Triggered!";
```

```
} else if (babyState == BabyState.INIT) {
   backgroundLevelText =
        "Please wait, Initializing...";
} else {
   backgroundLevelText =
        detector.getText2Label() +
        detector.getBackgroundLevel();
}
```

If the application is stopped at any time, after it has started, it will need to recalculate the baseline (noise level). That means that init will need to be set to false and $frameCounter~\mathcal{C}$ sum need to be reset. It is done by calling reset(). However, if the application is stopped before the initialization is completed the boolean variable, init, needs to be set to false through setInit(false) call.

```
private void buttonClick() {
    parentActivity = (BabyWatchActivity) getActivity();
    BabyDetector currentlySelectedDetector =
        parentActivity.currentlySelectedDetector;
    if (!recording) {
        currentlySelectedDetector =
           parentActivity.currentlySelectedDetector;
        audio = new Audio(currentlySelectedDetector);
        audio.start();
        button.setText(R.string.stop);
        recording = true;
        currentlySelectedDetector.setInit(false);
    } else {
        currentlySelectedDetector =
           parentActivity.currentlySelectedDetector;
        currentlySelectedDetector.reset();
        audio.close();
        button.setText(R.string.start);
        recording = false;
}
private void wakeUp() {
    parentActivity = (BabyWatchActivity) getActivity();
    BabyDetector currentlySelectedDetector =
       parentActivity.currentlySelectedDetector;
    currentlySelectedDetector.reset();
    button.setText("Start");
   recording = false;
   parentActivity.currentlySelectedAction.babyAwake(parentActivity);
}
```

3.4 StudentDetector.java

The Java class *TestDetector*, which implemented the *BabyDetector* interface, was renamed to *StudentDetector*. Since the class is unfamiliar to the reader, a more thorough explanation is provided for important methods and variable names.

3.5 Private variables

Many of the private variables declared in *StudentDetector* are self explanatory. Some, however, are important and need further clarifying.

```
public class StudentDetector implements BabyDetector {
   private short currentValue = 0;
   private int frameCounter = 0;
   private boolean init = false;
   private boolean senseChange = false;
   private long sum = 0;
   private int percentage = 0;
   private int multiply;
   private final int maxFrames = 10000;
   private final int framesThreshold = 20;
   private final int MAX_ENERGY_CEILING = 6000;
   private short threshold = 0;
   private short baseline = 0;
```

\bullet init

Boolean value that keeps track if the initializing sequence has been performed.

• senseChange

Boolean value that keeps track if the user has adjusted the sensitivity bar in the configuration menu.

• maxFrames

Defines how many frames should be used to average the baseline (noise level) prior to the start of the student detector application.

• framesThreshold

Defines how many consecutive frames need to breach the threshold value before setting off the alarm.

• MAX ENERGY CEILING

Despite the questionable variable name, defines the highest possible threshold value.

The MAX ENERGY CEILING and frames Threshold constants were selected after evaluating the energy levels in different environments. frames Threshold was given an higher value, compared to the MATLAB implementation, because it lowered the probability of false alarms. Since the application is interested in the background noise levels, a fairly long initialization time was set to maxFrames. One of the benefits of doing so, if to give the caretaker time to start the application and leave the room without setting off the alarm.

3.6 updateState()

updateState() method is called from StartFragment class since it inheritages the BabyDetector interface. The input parameter for this method is the recursive averaged sum, recursiveSum. It is possible to visualize the method as two parts. The upper, when the boolean value init is false and the lower part, when init is true. When init is false, the background noise levels are averaged and a threshold value is configured. This is considered to be performed before the detector is activated, which is why the init is set to true when initialization is finished. If the initialization is aborted or the application is restarted, the init value should be set to false and a new baseline should be calculated.

```
@Override
public BabyState updateState(double average) {
   BabyState state = null:
    currentValue = (short) average;
    if (!getInit()) {
        state = BabyState.INIT;
        if (frameCounter < maxFrames) {</pre>
            sum += currentValue;
            frameCounter++;
        } else {
            sum = sum / maxFrames;
            baseline = (short) sum;
            setInit(true);
            multiply = (MAX_ENERGY_CEILING / baseline);
            threshold = getThreshold(baseline, percentage);
            frameCounter = 0;
            sum = 0;
            state = BabyState.NOISE;
        }
    } else if (getInit()) {
        if (senseChange) {
            threshold = getThreshold(baseline, percentage);
        if (frameCounter > framesThreshold) {
            frameCounter = 0;
            state = BabyState.AWAKE;
        } else if (currentValue > threshold) {
            frameCounter++;
            state = BabyState.NOISE;
        } else {
            if (frameCounter > 0) {
                frameCounter--;
                state = BabyState.NOISE;
            }
        }
    return state;
```

The lower part of the method, when *init* equals to true, is the main activity detector that validates if the *currentValue* is bigger than the threshold. However, if the sensitivity bar has been adjusted (*senseChange* is set to true), a new

scaled threshold value is returned from getThreshold().

3.7 getThreshold()

The getThreshold() method calculates the threshold value given the baseline and percentage. Initially, the sensitivity bar will be set to 0 % and the case 0 will be $\sim MAX$ ENERGY CEILING since multiply is extracted from

$\frac{\textit{MAX ENERGY CEILING}}{\textit{baseline}}$

The case 100 is suppose to return the baseline. However, this is considered too sensitive. Instead a small fraction is added to baseline before it is returned. In the $default\ case$ a proper percentage estimation is calculated in order to match the scaling set by the user.

```
private short getThreshold(short baseline, int percentage) {
    short temp;
    switch (percentage) {
        case 0:
            temp = (short) (baseline * multiply);
           break:
        case 100:
            temp = (short) (baseline * (multiply*0.001));
           break;
        default:
            double denominate = (double) percentage/100;
            temp = (short) (baseline * (multiply
                        (double) (1 - denominate)));
            break:
    senseChange = false;
    return temp;
```

3.8 getConfigurationView()

The boolean value sense Change and integer percentage are modified in this class. The percentage is extracted from the sensitivity bar. If a call is made to the inner method on Progress Changed() a new percentage value is retrived and the boolean sense Change is set to true. This will enforce a new calculation for the threshold value in update State().

```
@Override
public View getConfigurationView(LayoutInflater inflater) {
...
     @Override
     public void onProgressChanged(SeekBar seekBar,
          int progress, boolean fromUser) {
          amplitudeLabel.setText(progress + "%");
```

3.9 Getters, setters, and reset

In order to produce the wanted features for the application, three new methods were added to BabyDetector interface, which had to be implemented in this class.

```
@Override
public Boolean getInit() {
    return init;
}

@Override
public void setInit(Boolean value) {
    init = value;
}

@Override
public void reset() {
    frameCounter = 0;
    sum = 0;
}
```

The three method are straight forward and require no further explaination.

3.10 Advanced algorithm

After completing the implementation of the simple algorithm, attempts were made on implementing the advanced. However, time being a factor, together with poor documentation on the third-party DSP.jar packaged required more time and more adjustments in the framework to make the bandpass filter work. The decision was made not to proceed with implementing the advanced algorithm since the simple was good enough for a student release.

4 Appendix

4.1 A butterFilter.m

```
% Values for the bandpass
A_stop1 = 50;
F_{\text{stop1}} = 200;
F_pass1 = 300;
F_{pass2} = 1300;
F_{stop2} = 1400;
A\_stop2 = 50;
A_pass = 1;
Fs = 8000;
filtering = 1;
% Design and create Bandpass filter
BandPassSpecObj = fdesign.bandpass(F_stop1, F_pass1, ...
    F_pass2, F_stop2, A_stop1, A_pass, A_stop2, Fs);
BandPassFilt = design(BandPassSpecObj,'butter');
\ensuremath{\,^{\circ}} Graphical representaion of the bandpass filter
% Uncomment for usage, requires DSP toolbox for MATLAB
fvtool(BandPassFilt)
```

4.2 B recursive Averg.m

```
function [ P ] = recursiveAverg( buffer, alpha )
 SIMPLE_RECURSIVEAVERG function calculates reverse averaging
   given a squared buffer. The buffer is squared and the frames
   are summed up and placed in a cell in vec-array. Each cell
   represent a frame and is later used in the recursive averaging
   algorithm. The alpha value is 0.5.
   Input: buffSquared, alpha
% Output: P-array with recursive averaging power calculations
   % The buffer-matrix is squared and summed to fit in
    % vec-array
   n=size(buffer,2);
   buffSquared=buffer.^2;
    for i=1:n
        vec(i,1) = sum(buffSquared(1:end,i));
    % The vec-array is used to perform recursive averaging, which
    % is stored in P-array
   rows = size(vec, 1);
   P=zeros(rows,1);
    P(1,1)=0;
    for i=2:size(vec, 1)-1
       P(i,1) = alpha*P(i-1,1) + (1-alpha)*vec(i,1);
    end
end
```

4.3 C makeSound.m

```
% Clear and close all
close all
clear all
% Read all audio files and extract fs
% Baby sounds
baby_crying_1 = ('baby_signals/baby-crying.wav');
[x_baby_crying_1, fs_baby_crying_1] = audioread(baby_crying_1);
baby_crying_2 = ('baby_signals/baby-crying-01.wav');
[x_baby_crying_2, fs_baby_crying_2] = audioread(baby_crying_2);
baby_talking = ('baby_signals/baby-talking_8khz.wav');
[x_baby_talking, fs_baby_talking] = audioread(baby_talking);
% Noise sounds
noise_bird = ('noise_signals/bird_chirp_ext_8khz.wav');
[x_noise_bird, fs_noise_bird] = audioread(noise_bird);
noise_traffic = ('noise_signals/traffic-noise-01(dobelnsgatan).wav');
[x_noise_traffic, fs_noise_traffic] = audioread(noise_traffic);
noise_ventilation = ('noise_signals/ventilation_8khz.wav');
[x_noise_ventilation, fs_noise_ventilation] = audioread(noise_ventilation);
noise_amb_lib = ('noise_signals/noise_ambient_library_2.wav');
[x_noise_amb_lib, fs_noise_amb_lib] = audioread(noise_amb_lib);
noise_traff_inter = ('noise_signals/noise_traffic_intersection.wav');
[x_noise_traff_inter, fs_noise_traff_inter] = audioread(noise_traff_inter);
% Add noise to baby recordings
L_baby_crying_1=length(x_baby_crying_1);
L_baby_crying_2=length(x_baby_crying_2);
L_baby_talking=length(x_baby_talking);
L_noise_bird=length(x_noise_bird);
L_noise_traffic=length(x_noise_traffic);
L_noise_ventilation=length(x_noise_ventilation);
L_noise_amb_lib=length(x_noise_amb_lib);
L_noise_traff_inter=length(x_noise_traff_inter);
xL_baby_cryingl=min(L_baby_crying_1, min(L_noise_bird, min(L_noise_traffic,...
    min(L_noise_ventilation,min(L_noise_amb_lib,L_noise_traff_inter)))));
xL_baby_crying2=min(L_baby_crying_2,min(L_noise_bird,min(L_noise_traffic,...
   min(L_noise_ventilation, min(L_noise_amb_lib, L_noise_traff_inter)))));
xL_baby_talking=min(L_baby_talking,min(L_noise_bird,min(L_noise_traffic,...
   min(L_noise_ventilation,min(L_noise_amb_lib,L_noise_traff_inter))));
% Version:
% 0 - clean, without any noise
% 1 - slightly amp bird & vent noise added
                                                Nstrength=2
% 2 - slightly amp (all) noise files added
                                                Nstrength=2
% 3 - highly amp (all) noise files added
                                                Nstrength=5
% Baby crying 1
x_BC10=x_baby_crying_1(1:xL_baby_crying1);
Nstrength = 2;
x_BC11=x_baby_crying_1(1:xL_baby_crying1)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_bird(1:xL_baby_crying1)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_ventilation(1:xL_baby_crying1);
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x_BC12=x_baby_crying_1(1:xL_baby_crying1)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_bird(1:xL_baby_crying1)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_traffic(1:xL_baby_crying1)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_ventilation(1:xL_baby_crying1)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_amb_lib(1:xL_baby_crying1)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_traff_inter(1:xL_baby_crying1);
Nstrength = 5;
x_BC13=x_baby_crying_1(1:xL_baby_crying1)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_bird(1:xL_baby_crying1)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_traffic(1:xL_baby_crying1)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_ventilation(1:xL_baby_crying1)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_amb_lib(1:xL_baby_crying1)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_traff_inter(1:xL_baby_crying1);
% Baby Crying 2
N=2:
x_BC20=N*x_baby_crying_2(1:xL_baby_crying2);
Nst.rength = 2:
x_BC21=N*x_baby_crying_2(1:xL_baby_crying2)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_bird(1:xL_baby_crying2)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_ventilation(1:xL_baby_crying2);
x_BC22=N*x_baby_crying_2(1:xL_baby_crying2)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_bird(1:xL_baby_crying2)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_traffic(1:xL_baby_crying2)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_ventilation(1:xL_baby_crying2)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_amb_lib(1:xL_baby_crying2)+..
    Nstrength*x_noise_traff_inter(1:xL_baby_crying2);
Nstrength = 5;
x_BC23=N*x_baby_crying_2(1:xL_baby_crying2)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_bird(1:xL_baby_crying2)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_traffic(1:xL_baby_crying2)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_ventilation(1:xL_baby_crying2)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_amb_lib(1:xL_baby_crying2)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_traff_inter(1:xL_baby_crying2);
% Baby talking
N=3:
x_BT0=N*x_baby_talking(1:xL_baby_talking);
Nst.rength = 2:
x_BT1=N*x_baby_talking(1:xL_baby_talking)+...
    Nstrength * x_noise_bird(1:xL_baby_talking) + . . .
    Nstrength*x_noise_ventilation(1:xL_baby_talking);
x_BT2=N*x_baby_talking(1:xL_baby_talking)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_bird(1:xL_baby_talking)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_traffic(1:xL_baby_talking)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_ventilation(1:xL_baby_talking)+...
    Nstrength * x_noise_amb_lib (1:xL_baby_talking) + . . .
    Nstrength*x_noise_traff_inter(1:xL_baby_talking);
Nstrength = 5;
x_BT3=N*x_baby_talking(1:xL_baby_talking)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_bird(1:xL_baby_talking)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_traffic(1:xL_baby_talking)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_ventilation(1:xL_baby_talking)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_amb_lib(1:xL_baby_talking)+...
    Nstrength*x_noise_traff_inter(1:xL_baby_talking);
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