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Cancelling Acoustic Feedback with the A.L.M.I. Algorithm.

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ABSTRACT

This paper describes a new algorithm called A.L.M.I., stands for "*LMS Modified Algorithm Including delay, filtering and frequency modulation*", which decorrelates any signal within some margins, so we have an effective algorithm in the struggle against the acoustic feedback. The theoretical formulation, a practical implementation example using the TMS320C5x DSP, and the results obtained are here explained.

0.- INTRODUCTION.

Let's suppose an application in a sound reinforcement system with a microphone, an amplifier and a loudspeaker; then acoustics feedback or coupling is produced when increased amplification gain over a given stable margin exists, something common in these systems.

As we know, the microphone captures the sound from the audio source, then it's amplified and if we have the loudspeaker in the same room it also captures its own amplified sound, starting the loop over and over again, therefore the acoustic feedback or acoustic coupling begins (see Figure 1). This phenomenon presents serious inconvenient and limits quantitatively the maximum system gain. Furthermore, it will present a characteristic frequency response, due to the fact that the microphone-loudspeaker distance or any reflection has a finite value, and it will often favour the feedback to the frequencies whose wavelength are related to these distances, therefore the signal is "coloured" and both feedback and reverberation are forced.

Although some equipment use active equalization (in a manual way, so that the sound technician reduces the gain in the conflicting bands; or automatic as well, through the use of auto-equalizers based on filter banks that detect the peaks on the frequency response, which was caused by the feedback, by band estimation), the total gain obtained does not tend to surpass 6 dB as compared to a system without protection. Furthermore, the circumstance that provokes the feedback can vary in time (for example, microphone-loudspeaker distance; phase response ...), and the detection speed of these equipments cannot eliminate the problem succesfully (what is relaxing for the reinforcement system operator).

On the other hand, researches on echo canceller devices for long-distance telephone calls have favoured the appearance of effective algorithms in this field and nowadays we can use digital signal processors which are capable of executing these algorithms in real time.

Starting from some theories on adaptive filters [1];[2];[3], telephonic echo cancellation applications [4];[5] and active noise control [6];(among others), the present development work has been finished obtaining the most efficient algorithm in the struggle against the phenomenon of the acoustic feedback.

The implementation of this algorithm ("A.L.M.I.", stands for *Algoritmo LMS Modificado con retardo, filtrado y modulaci3n en frecuencia Incorporados*, or in English, LMS Modified Algorithm Including delay, filtering and frequency modulation) on an integrated digital signal processor permits its utilization in real time, and it can be fulfilled on an electronic equipment intended for improving the electroacoustic systems as a rule, and the sound reinforcement through P.A. equipment in particular.

Returning to the previous figure, and since the microphone collects the signal $s(t)$ to amplify and at the same time part of the signal that was already amplified enters, a feedback loop is established, characterized by its temporary impulse and frequency response. For example, as you can see in figure 2.

When the loop gain is over a given threshold, the system becomes unstable, being presented the "acoustic coupling" and/or the positive feedback. In this case, the system gain must be sufficiently reduced (in the appropriate

band or globally), or we should cut the input signal, actions that will produce undesirable effects in the sound reinforcement system.

The feedback loop reflections and the frequency response composition will depend on multiple factors such as mike directionality, system frequency response, reflecting walls presence..., and furthermore these can vary in time.

As a rule we can characterize the feedback signal, in a given moment i , as:

$$r(i) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} h_k x(i-k) \quad (1)$$

where h_k are the coefficients that cause the feedback signal frequency response, and the temporary distribution of the reflections; and $x(t)$ the original input sound signal [7];[8].

According to the foregoing, interposing between microphone and amplifier a device capable of "subtracting" from the input signal the feedback corresponding part, we will obtain as a result to avoid that this phenomenon appears.

Reality provokes that this fact will be impossible, since first, we should know the input signal during an infinite time interval in order to extract the necessary information, and this should be available before it is produced. However, through some help and simplifications we can obtain useful practical results.

If in the moment i the input signal to the device is $s(i)+r(i)$, with $s(i)$ as the signal that must be amplified and $r(i)$ as the acoustic feedback signal, and if somehow we have the signal $r(i)$ separately, then we could subtract the $r(i)$ to the input obtaining the output $s(i)$ as a signal without feedback. This is showed in figure 3.

The difficulty of the problem lies in obtaining a signal $r(i)$ before it has been produced. Though *a priori* it seems impossible, we can take into account certain factors and introduce some modifications in order to obtain an available $r(i)$ signal.

From the characterization of the feedback signal according to (1), we wish to obtain the coefficients that permit to add an approximation to the signal $r(i)$ which we will call $c(i)$, identified by its coefficients a_k :

$$c(i) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} a_k x(i-k) \quad (2)$$

available from moment i , and until a finite value $(N-1)$; so that:

$$r(i) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} h_k x(i-k) \approx c(i) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} a_k x(i-k) \quad (3)$$

The closer is the approximation between $r(i)$ and $c(i)$, the better the system will operate, and in fact, the output signal will be free (of course, in certain approximation degree) of the feedback that took place in the acoustic path.

This affirmation implies:

$$a_k = h_k$$

that will be the objective of the algorithm. At this stage, we should take into account some characteristic factors of the process:

- Feedback is always delayed with respect to the output signal desired.
- For large values of k , the value of the corresponding coefficient h_k is negligible.
- The directional characteristics of the equipment hint to a mid-high frequency range as more susceptible of suffering feedback.

As we do not have the separate signals $s(i)$ and $r(i)$ (of the system input), we should use as a reference the only one available input signal, that is to say, the sum of both. Endowing the system with some “memory”, and knowing that feedback will present a pronounced spectral component, we should decorrelate the input signal. This will present certain inconvenients, so the system will be more efficient under the following circumstances:

- When the $s(i)$ signal doesn't present very pronounced frequency components, or, if any, these are not maintained for a long time.
- When the signal is free of special effects as delays, reverberations, etc.

For the obtaining of the a_k coefficients we will use an algorithm that minimize the difference between the input and the estimate of feedback, but introducing delay and filtering (since, otherwise, the logic conclusion is that the system simply makes its outputs equal to zero).

On the other hand, and to avoid an excessive decorrelation that would cause the output disappearance (or the maximum flatness as white noise), we will use a pseudo-frequency modulator from the two-way reading of an intermediate buffer. This will produce tone variations over the input signal, but they can be maintained within an imperceptible level.

Though in this introduction the development of the algorithm has been focused towards the elimination of the acoustic feedback, many other applications exist. Below, it is exposed a greater concretion of our algorithm in typical application environments:

- As an acoustic feedback supressor. So that the algorithm could accomplish this function, its parameters will be matched in a way that we can introduce the minimal distortion with the greater convergence speed. Elements such as the output delayer contribute to increase the amplification gain without feedback. In this case, the device will consist of an electronic appliance with input, output and power connections, in addition to the auxiliary elements for visualization and control. A device of these characteristics can be used in scenarios, press rooms, auditoriums, and as a rule in any sound reinforcement environment or electroacoustic transmission system.
- As a resident program for the processing in distributed time (off-line) in a computation platform with access to data files. In this case the algorithm can be designed for the cleansing of recorded signals with deficiencies such as excessive reverberation, echoes presence, etc. It will present a series of controls, mainly the type of Pre-LMS filter, which well fitted can be useful for this purpose.
- As a debugger of signals in other transmission types. Due to the unmatched impedance adaptation in transmission lines, the distortions introduced by reflected waves can produce deficiencies in the reception and even the destruction of the issuing equipment. In this case the processing is

accomplished in real time, and it will attempt to remove the reflected (echoed) signal.

- In all these applications in where we want to decorrelate a signal, or to suppress its “memory” feedback.

In any case, a device capable of executing an approximation to the exposed algorithm will be susceptible of manufacturing as an electronic appliance destined to the professional and semi-professional sound market, in order to improve the available gain limited by acoustic feedback, improving in this sense the characteristics of a P.A. system, sound reinforcement or electroacoustic transmission.

1.- DESCRIPTION OF THE A.L.M.I. ALGORITHM.

After the initial stands have been explained in the previous paragraph, we will try to fulfill the mathematic signal processing operations needed in order to obtain the solution.

For the implementation of the dynamic search of minimization between the wished signal and the input one we will use an adaptive filter, concretely a L.M.S. (Least Mean Squares, also known as stochastic gradient algorithm [9]).

This algorithm consists of a filter (in our case, F.I.R. type) that can be adapted following the signal information that originates the difference between input and output from filter, as shows figure 4.

In our case the filter input is also the output, but manipulated congenially so that the system will be stable, as we will see afterwards.

This filter will reach the optimum value of its coefficients when the error signal, expressed as the difference between the filter input and the filter output will be null. In that moment, the filter input signal will be equal to the input signal of the system.

So that this can be certain, we need the coefficients update equation of the FIR that, in a short way, will be exposed below [1].

Being J the mean square error function of the difference signal (from now, $e(i) = x(i) - f(i) = y(i)$). In this system, the output signal is also the error signal:

$$J(i) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^2(i) p(e(i)) de(i) = \frac{1}{2} E[e^2(i)] \quad (4)$$

where $p(x)$ symbolizes the probability density function, and the hope statistics function (necessary because we do not know the signal *a priori*).

The minima equation is outlined according to:

$$\frac{\partial J(i)}{\partial a_k(i)} = 0 \quad (5)$$

and, writing the signals in function of its components, it permits to write:

$$\frac{\partial J(i)}{\partial a_k(i)} = - \left(E(y(i)x(i-n)) - \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} E[x(i-n)x(i-j)] \cdot a_k(i) \right) \quad (6)$$

Returning to the concrete signals that we are using, we outline the minimum condition using the average hope so that the minimal squared difference between the input and the feedback (treated as correlation) estimation can occur:

$$a_k(i+1) = a_k(i) - K \frac{\partial E(x(i) - c(i))^2}{\partial a_k(i)} \quad (7)$$

with K fixing the gain or "convergence speed" for the algorithm.

As we don't know the average hope of the distribution for each time, let's do the convolution between the output signal of the adder (conveniently filtered, delayed and frequency modulated) with the obtained coefficients, what

permits to obtain the same in each time $(i+1)$ according to:

$$a_k(i+1) = a_k(i) + 2K \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} [x(i-d-n) - er(i-d-n)] \bullet x(i-n) \quad (8)$$

with d = delay to fix, and N = length of the LMS FIR.

As we see, the system will subtract to each input signal an obtained one from its filtered, delayed and frequency modulated output. Basically, this is summarized in the figure 5.

So that this system can operate, we need also some auxiliary calculation elements, that will finally certify the A.L.M.I. (LMS Modified Algorithm Including delay, filtering and frequency modulation, hence forth).

One of these elements is a weightier in a way that when the signal levels be in low average, the convergence step (K) will be increased, and *vice versa*. It will be implemented using an integrator and an inversor ($1/x$), as a multiplicative coverage factor. Another element is the Previous-LMS filter. The election is critical, but as a rule it will present the form showed in figure 6.

That is to say, it must filter the continuous component (that would lead the LMS to error), and will present a growing step band in the frequencies of a greater probability of acoustic coupling (F2-F3). Their adjustment will depend on factors as sampling frequency, utilization environment, etc, and a practical implementation is showed in Figure 7. Furthermore, if it is configured as FIR, it will present a certain group delay, that conveniently fixed will permit to do without the “ d ” delayer.

We will also incorporate into the LMS coefficients updating system a block distribution, whose size will depend on the efficiency in the algorithm compilation platform.

The incorporation of a supplementary delay in the output can be considered imperceptible but adds strength to the final system; its value must be adjusted to an undertaking between what is noticeable and what is practical (about 4 ms works fine).

Finally, and to prevent the system of excessive input signal values during long time intervals, an input level compressor will be implemented; and normalized values for the convergence steps will be used.

All the necessary elements for this algorithm to result efficient and practical can be checked in the previous figure.

The values to adjust are the following:

- Gain control: Permitted maximum values; attack and release time; integration time.
- FIR LMS: Length, coefficients resolution.
- Coefficients update: Topology (in 16 units blocks); normalization; maximum step.
- Output buffer: maximum time for imperceptible, minimal so that it can result effective.
- Auxiliary calculations: power estimate variables, absolute values, etc.
- Pre-LMS FIR Filter: Frequency response; length.
- Pseudo - Frequency modulator: Buffer size; modulation speed.

And of course all those timing operations, input/output control, excessive levels displaying, reset control and effect bypass, etc.

We can also characterize the algorithm by its corresponding flow graph, so finally the algorithm remains perfectly fixed.

The particular manner of accomplishing the calculations will depend on the implementation platform. As an example an algorithm of this type on a DSP in real time execution can be studied in more detail in next paragraph. The A.L.M.I. algorithm flow chart can be followed in Figure 8.

2 - IMPLEMENTATION EXAMPLE.

Below it is exposed a real time A.L.M.I. practical implementation onto the DSP TMS 320C50 hardware [10]. The lists of the attached programs (annexes I & II) are prepared for its execution on the development platform called DSK (DSP Starter Kit), and with slight modifications the same can be used for a

professional commercial device with a 48 kHz sampling frequency on DSP TMS320C51 or similar, with program in ROM.

For this implementation we use the physical support provided by the company Texas Instruments mod. DSK C50, that incorporates:

- Analog/digital and digital/analog converters (AIC); both with 14 bits resolution.
- TMS 320C50 (20 MHz) fixed-point Digital Signal Processor.
- Personal computer RS - 232 compatible programming port.

And the programs coded in assembler in its original format *.asm and/or data dump toward the DSP *.dsk

The execution takes place according to a classic program sequence in real time, through the use of interruptions, as figure 9 shows.

The code has been optimized for its application as an acoustic feedback canceller. It is tested that the improvements in the gain levels permitted before feedback occurs increase up to 26dB (with the input signal totally decorrelated, that's to say, white noise), values given experimentally.

The operations that take place are:

- 1.- Starting some values (filter coefficients, pointers to variables, etc.)
- 2.- Starting A/D and D/A converters control values. This example operates on a sampling frequency of 15.625 kHz. and 14 bits resolution (16/32 on processing).
- 3.- Starting jumps and service interruptions.
- 4.- The main program is inserted in the receiving interruption routine, that contains the A.L.M.I.

The hardware blocks graph will include a DSP (or microprocessor), A/D and D/A converters, the auxiliary circuits and some user controls. You can see all blocks in figure 10.

Achieving the follow-up of the algorithm, the DSP must carry out the following calculations:

- All the operations with the signal averages and estimates:

- IN as input signal.
- $LIM0$ as $|IN|^2$. (Absolute of squared input).
- LIM as averaged temporary of $LIM0$, using a IIR structure:

$$LIM(i+1) = LIM(i) + LIM0(i) \cdot 10^{-6} - LIM(i) \cdot 10^{-6}$$
- $ABSX0$ as absolute value of the E.R. signal.
- $ABSX$ the average, as with LIM but with a time constant slightly smaller. Furthermore, with a resolution of 32 bits.
- $ABSX2$ as the square of the previous value.
- $IABSX$ as the inverse of $ABSX$ (add to $OFFSET$).
- Increase the “ H ” block counter (values between 0 and 15).
- Increase the F.M. pointer counter (according to modulation index)
- Normalize the error signal to 16bits. (Us)

- Concerning the filter calculations and convolutions:

- Realize the Pre-LMS filtering through the 61 coefficients FIR.
- Calculate the feedback estimate as convolution between the LMS input with the coefficients.
- Calculate the coefficients update ($INCs$)
- Coefficients update.

- Other tasks are:

- Testing that there's no buffer pointer overflow, and if it occurs proceed to its variation (whether it is to circulate, as the output delayer or two-way as that in F.M.)
- Attending the interruptions of the P.C. through RS - 232 port.
- Masking the output to 14 higher bits.

The coefficients calculation includes a consistent stabilization factor by subtracting to each coefficient its own weighted value.

As a rule, the calculations of the algorithm kernel are:

- Feedback Estimate:

$$er(i) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} a_k x(i-k)$$

through the convolution between the LMS coefficients with the error signal filtered in the Pre-LMS, delayed and pseudo-frequency modulated ($x(i)$).

■ Temporary average estimate:

$$LIM(i) = (1 - 10^{-6})LIM(i) + LIM0(i)$$

for the gain control .(LIM is the absolute value to the squared averaged input signal IN during a time slot.

$$ABS(i) = (1 - 10^{-8})ABS(i) + ABS0(i) + 10^{-8} \cdot OFFSET$$

in order to obtain the Us normalization, and the squared estimation from the error signal towards gain control.

■ Coefficients normalization:

$$(OUT \cdot IABSX) = U_K = \begin{cases} 0 < U_K < 7FFFh \Rightarrow 7FFFh \\ 0 > U_K < 8001h \Rightarrow 8001h \\ 8001h < U_K < 7FFFh \Rightarrow U_K \end{cases}$$

■ Coefficients update:

Configured in blocks of 16 coefficients, 8 complete cycles are necessary

$$Uk(i) = \sum_{m=k}^{k+15} \frac{U(i-m)}{ABSX(i)} \cdot x(i-k-m)$$

to update 128 coefficients.

$$a_k(i+1) = a_k(i) \cdot (1 - 2^{-14}) + (2^4 \cdot IABSX(i) \cdot Uk(i)) \cdot 2^{-16}$$

the “leaky” factor $(1 - 2^{-14})$ makes the convergence slower, but stabilizes the coefficient value in case of high dispersions.

- A number of output data (*OUT*) are stored for the pseudo-frequency modulator and they are refreshed in each cycle, then reading them alternatively in a way or another using a speed that depends on the variable *IND*.
- The Pre-LMS filter is a FIR that also provides a delay of 31 sampling units to the final system output (*OUTTAP*) and to the input of the LMS FIR. The coefficients produce the following normalized response, showed in figure 11.

Finally, it is attached a map of follow-up variables for the set of the algorithm with its auxiliary elements, that corresponds to the “data received” interruption service routine (*Rint*), where the variables lists can be followed (by their names in the original), so you can follow them in figure 12. (The rest of the program is used for timming, initialization tasks, etc.)

With respect to hardware, and always seeking for some appropriate characteristics, below it is described the implementation of the A.L.M.I. in a digital processor of concrete signal together with the necessary elements for the operation on an electronic equipment that includes an input, an output and some practical additions. This appliance is susceptible of manufacturing and utilization for the intended aim; and the form and final characteristics will depend on secondary design criteria (form and size, type of connectors, etc.). On the other hand, due to the constant and rapid evolution of the semiconductors market, it is impossible to specify an unique set of integrated circuits as suitable, being many the alternatives.

In the example which is described as the prototype, the basic characteristics of the final device will be the following:

- Electronic device with analogic input and output.

- With A.L.M.I. real time execution applied to the input data.
- Uses a commercial low-cost fixed-point DSP of the brand Texas Instruments belonging to the family TMS 320C5x.
- The data are converted to digital from analogic and *vice versa* using a sampling frequency of 15.625 Hz, and a 14 bits resolution.
- The data processing is accomplished in fixed-point to 16/32 bits.
- It includes restart/reset control, a bypass control, and a discrete input gain selector, in addition to continuous level adjustment of the same by pot.
- Through luminous indicators (preferably LEDs) the operation state is visualized.
- It contains analogic amplifying stages, apart from the analogic filters that prevent the appearance of aliasing in the converters.
- It includes input and output balanced 6.3 mm stereo jack connectors.
- It includes power supply special connector used for unit feeding, +5, +12 and -12 volts referred to the ground (0 volts) or corresponding reference.

A description of the device blocks is given in the following figure, and a possible physical design where the indicated elements agree in both figures.

To manufacture this device, making allusion to the separate parts (algorithm and electronic circuit), the following elements will be needed:

For the physical support (hardware): the device will include the following elements:

- Input connectors (6) and (7), according to the specifications.
- Signal conditioner: compose of operational amplifiers as active elements; it includes the controls of discrete gain (8), it's labeled according to earnings for microphone or line) and continuous (3). adjustable pot, and the low-pass filters necessary. A practical implementation is accomplished with the integrated circuit TL 32088, with the necessary passive elements (resistors, capacitors, etc.).
- A/D and D/A converters, from integrated circuit TLC 32040 or TMS series (It has an advantage: it can be connected directly to the DSP, without additional logic (glueless); also Crystal, etc., or any which has a 2's complement serial bus.

- The digital signal processor model TMS 320C5x, that executes the A.L.M.I.
- A 27PC256FM ROM containing the program that implements the algorithm, that is read in the moment of the starting up of the circuit. The values dumped for the program are the lists in Annex II, using the hexadecimal data format in its own extension *.dsk.
- The regulators for the external/internal power supply.
- The power input (9) and output (10) connectors for chaining, permitting to huddle several of these devices being fed by a common source, adequately designed.
- The power "on" indicator (1) and "input level and/or excessive error" (clipping), through LEDs fed by a buffer.
- The restart/reset (5) and the effect bypass (4) buttons, the later with a built-on LED indicator.
- The physical support for all the electronic components (a double-sided customized designed printed circuit board).
- The physical support that provides mechanical hardness and shellers to the system, using an adequately designed and mechanized box made of ABS plastic, aluminium or any other rigid material, and the rest of the auxiliary elements (wiring, etc.), all this according to the safety and electromagnetic interference applicable regulations.

The practical implementation has been built as a prototype, proving its behaviour with all the elements cited in this description, something which does not imply that in a subsequent designal phase and in a process of a massive manufacturing, some of the elements may be substituted by more adequate ones. As a preferred alternative, the construction of a model that uses a TMS Texas Instruments DSP is cited whose commercial reference is TMS 320C51, and since it incorporates a factory recorded memory (mask ROM), it permits to dispense of an external ROM, cheapening the manufacturing costs, pieces and ROM recording. Also, a commercial device will possess 16 bits resolution and converters will work at 44.1/48 kHz sampling frequency, since TMS320C51 can running at 40 MHz. You can see a proposed final termination and a block diagram in figures 13,14, with the references matched.

3.- SUGGESTED CHECKING.

Below it is exposed the suggested procedure so that you can prove the algorithm characteristics, possibilities and features. Firstly we will need a development starter kit (DSK) from manufacturer Texas Instruments including a fixed-point 20 MHz DSP TMS320C50, an A/D - D/A converter and RS 232 programming port. This DSK has a very low price (more information on web: <http://www.ti.com/sc/docs/tools/dsp/c5xdevelopmentboards.html>).

For the accomplishment of the tests we will need:

- A microphone.
- An audio amplifier.
- A loudspeaker.

And, optionally:

- A preamplifier or best a mixer.
- A noise/tones audio signal generator.
- Phonographic materials for the test with voice signals, music, etc.

As regards the procedure, the equipment will be wired as follows:

- The microphone or mixer output will be connected to the DSK audio input.
- The amplifier and loudspeaker will be connected to the DSK audio output.
- A serial RS 232 PC port will be connected to the DSK programming serial port.
- The DSK monitor will be loaded on PC (program supplied with DSK, dsk5d.exe).

Once the system is running, the algorithm implementation program supplied by the author (file: `almi.dsk`, Annex II) will be loaded onto DSK (please remember to set CNF bit properly, because of the use of memory bank 1, as follows: `MODIFY/REGISTERS:CNF=0`), and then it will execute the A.L.M.I., permitting to check the improvement on the system without the algorithm (to implement the bypass button the hardware must be modified, but you can load the pass program), executing the program that it does not make nothing with the signal, but provides the output from the input in equal conditions of sampling frequency, levels, etc., as the algorithm.

Also modifications to the algorithm parameters can be accomplished, so the file `almi.asm` will be edited on an ASCII editor and assembled and linked using `dsk5a.exe` (supplied with DSK), using the Annex I (program list).

4.- EVALUATION AND CONCLUSIONS.

Below the results obtained are exposed with the prototype that executes the algorithm "A.L.M.I.". Since it is very difficult to quantify levels and other magnitude implicate in the measurement of such dynamical device, some graphics are attached that intend to illustrate the operation. In any case, more information can be requested (the author can provide audio recordings with the algorithm in execution), though it is recommended that you submit it to objective tests yourselves. A comparative summary of these five graphics as well as a short commentary, is attached to each one:

Figure 15.- White noise floor at - 36 dB with an acoustic coupling.

This graph is obtained by introducing white noise as the source of signal whose level is fixed to - 36 dB from the maximum (0 dB=clipping or saturation in the converters), where, in 2 seconds counting from the start, a feedback is forced to occur with a high gain preamplified microphone. It is observed how the exponential growth of this couple quickly provokes the dinamic range saturation. Of course, the device is found in bypass, that't to say, the algorithm is **not** executed.

Figure 16.- Same conditions as in Fig.15, with A.L.M.I. set ON and +26 dB gain.

In this occasion we proceed as in the previous case (feeding with white noise), but rising the input level (both noise and microphone) in 26 dB with respect to previous level - 36 dB, therefore a narrow margin of 10 dB remains to locate howling/coupling growths. After 2 seconds from the start, the microphone is coupled, with a soft gain transition through those two seconds.

The algorithm decorrelates the couplings and adapts the equalization feedback path so that coupling **DOES NOT APPEAR**, and in 26 dB more gain than in the previous case, and all this in real time and without sharp or irregular variations.

You can also see that the algorithm does not return a pronounced or irregular frequency response, it rather observes the input signal flatness.

Figure 17.- 1 kHz pure tone with an acoustic coupling.

Now we change the test signal, using a 1 kHz pure tone and forcing an acoustic coupling near 500 ms from the start. Again the acoustic coupling appears, you can observe furthermore its harmonic and the trend to the saturation which is produced in an immediate way. The pure tone level was fixed to - 28 dB, and the algorithm is **not** executed.

Figure 18.- Same conditions as in Fig. 17, with A.L.M.I. set ON and +20 dB gain.

Now we proceed as in the previous case, with an input (1 kHz tone and microphone) adjustment set to +20 dB referred to the previous test. Near to 500 ms we force an acoustic coupling, then the algorithm tries to eliminate it.

You can see how the coupling frequencies (with waviness) try to be minimized, but the presence of the pure tone as useful input signal does not allow its total elimination. This effect, that sounds as a slight “vibrato” on the coupling, tends to be stabilized through time.

You must not miss the extreme adjustments which this test has been accomplished with, and that the saturation is never reached thanks to the algorithm.

Figure 19.- The A.L.M.I. fading away acoustic howlings.

This last graph is obtained submitting the device (of course, running the A.L.M.I.) to a pink noise input and a microphone input mixed with high gain (until 30 dB over the safety margin), and furthermore, varying the position through time (therefore frequency, phase and gain response) of the microphone with respect to the loudspeaker.

The algorithm avoids saturations, so that never reaches to the clip point, being presented the howlings caused by the acoustic feedback, but more attenuated and with a tendency to disappear, warning a hypothetical sound technician that the stable margin has been surpassed.

According to the previous graphics, and many other considerations that can not be presented in a graphic form, we can summarize the following conclusions, merely from a technical point of view:

ADVANTAGES:

- The algorithm results useful to avoid acoustic feedback and howling.
- The obtained margin widely go beyond the levels that auto/manual-equalizing systems can reach (Up to +26 dB guaranteed).
- The electronic equipment clipping or saturation by acoustic coupling is not produced.

DRAWBACKS:

- Frequency modulation on the signal is produced (though imperceptible, less than 0.0096 %).
- When the signal source is a very interrelated sound (synthesized pure tones, wood-wind sounds with great loads of harmonics, etc) the algorithm suspects of them, and attempts to cancel them (though for this to occur they should be maintained at high levels during a relatively long time interval and on the same frequency), and it seems that the input sounds were pitching.

As a conclusion we should be awake of the improvement that would suppose a device as the proposed, not as an expensive, professional range system with displays, complex adjustments, etc.; but as a small correcting system with an input, an output and a bypass button, or even, why not, built-in in wireless microphones, or in conference systems, S/P DIF outputs... directed to the consumer / semi-professional market.

The use of the program files (congenially registered and patented) is subordinated to the only execution for evaluation, test and educational purposes; as far as it is concerned, therefore if you are decided to execute them, you will have to request the corresponding permission to the author, that gladly will provide free of any charge (E-MAIL contact: m.almi@coitt.es)

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ANNEX I: A.L.M.I. REAL-TIME IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM LIST (TMS320C5x).

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; Programa para amortiguación de realimentación acústica.
; Utilizando algoritmo A.L.M.I. para DSP TMS320C50.
; Última revisión: 16/2/99. (SET CNF bit=0) ©-©

;-----
; .mmregs ; utiliza Registros Mapeados en Memoria
;-----
; VARIABLES: etiquetas y direcciones.
; .DS 0120h; Buffer para LMS.APUNTA A X,
X .word 0 ; Siguiete (por el DMOV)
X+1 .word 0
; .DS 01AEh
X14 .word 0 ; Añadidos 128+14
;-----
; .DS 0300h ; Buffer para FIR previo a LMS
XPRES .word 0 ; Dirección 0=Xpre
;-----
; .DS 03A0h ; entrada FMIN;
FMIN .word 0 ; Hasta 04FFh disponible.
;-----
; COEFICIENTES PARA FILTRO FIR-LMS
; .ds 01000h
; .ps 01000h ; total: 128
COEF .word 0 ; Hata 256 con esta Fs.
; .ds 0107Fh
; .ps 0107Fh
ULCO .word 0 ; Último coeficiente
;-----
; .ds 0D00h
; .PS 0D00h
UO .word 0 ; Salidas normalizadas.
UO+1 .word 0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
UO+14 .word 0,0 ; Total 16, (8 bloques)
;-----
; .ps 0E00h
; .ds 0E00h ; Incrementos para coeficientes
INCO .word 0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
;-----
; .PS 0F00h; Coeficientes de FIR preLMS
PRELMS
.word -1,1,-3,3,-6,2,-5,-3,-1,-14,3,-19,-6,-1,-49
.word 66,-156,203,-352,419,-640,708,-986,1038,-1328
.word 1309,-1602,1135,-1772,-5402,16002,-5402,-1772
.word 1135,-1602,1309,-1328,1038,-986,708,-640,419
.word -352,203,-156,66,-49,-1,-6,-19,3,-14,-1,-3,-5
.word 2,-6,3,-3,-1,-1
;-----
; Variables y constantes EN PÁGINA 02 DE DATOS
;-----
; .ds 0100h ; Variables para LMS
IND .word 1 ; ind. mod pseudo-FM
IN .word 0 ; entrada de DRR
ABSX0 .word 0 ; Absoluto de OUT/absout.
ABSX .word 20 ; Promediado de ABSX0.
ABSXL .word 0 ; Bits menos significativos de ABSX
IABSX .word 800 ; inverso de ABSOUT.
OUT .word 0 ; entrada menos ER.
CUO .word 0 ; Copia de UO en página 02 datos.
OUTTAP .word 0 ; Salida con delay.
ER .word 0 ; Estimación de realimentación.
OUTFM .word 0 ; salida del FM.
LIMO .word 20 ; absoluto cuadrado de IN
LIM .word 20 ; LIMO promediado.
ABSX2 .word 0 ; Abs(OUT)**2
;-----
REPEFIR .word 127 ; Para FIR LMS.
CERO .word 0 ; Pues eso
UNO .word 1 ; Un uno.
UNOSAT .word 32767 ; Saturado positivo.
CONT .word 0 ; Contador para buffer FM.
AR7MAX+1 .word 988 ;

AR7MAX .word 987 ; Máximo para AR7.
AR7MIN .word 930 ; Mínimo para AR7
UP .word 35759 ; CONSTANTE cód. arriba(MAR*+,AR7)
DOWN .word 35743 ; CONSTANTE cód. abajo (MAR *-,AR7)
DIR .word 35759 ; VARIABLE de MAR
H .word 0 ; Contador de bloque
GAIN .word 10 ; Ganancia de entrada INICIAL.
TEMP .word 0 ; Temporal de direcciones
OFFSET .word 31 ; Para ABSX MIN
MASC .word 65532 ; Máscara de salida (D/A de 14 bits)
;-----
; PUNTERO A DELAY
; .ps 01100h
BC .word 0 ; puntero a buffer circular.
;-----
; Configura vectores de interrupción
;-----
; .ps 080ah ;
rint: B VOY ;0A; Interrupcción RINT.
xint: B VENGO ;0C; Interrupcción XINT.
;-----
; Inicialización del TMS320C50
; Programa principal en 0a00h
;-----
; .ps 0A00h
; .entry
SETC INTM ; Desconecta interrupciones.
LDP #0 ; Apunta a la página...0.
OPL #08BEh,PMST ; OR con el registro de estado.
LACC #0
SAMM CWSR ; Estados de espera soft: 0
SAMM PDWSR ;
CLRC CNF ; Banco B0 en Data 0100-02FF.
SETC SXM ; Modo de signo bit 15.
SPLK #022h,IMR ; Usa XINT para sinc TX y RX.
CALL AICINI ; Inicializa AIC.
SPLK #12h,IMR ; Permite interrupciones de servicio.
SETC OVM ; Modo acarreo para operaciones.
CLRC XF ; Borra aviso clipping
SPM 0 ; Preg Modo 0
;-----
; Inicializo el buffer circular BIDI:
;-----
LAR AR7,#932 ; Inicio a buffer bidireccional FM.
LAR AR4,#0h ; Inicio de contador para auto limiter.
LACC #128 ; Veloc. de RELEASE (Pot. de 2).
SAMM INDX ; + más rápido, - más lento.
;-----
LAR AR0,#COEF ; =1000h
; BORRA EN 1000h-1200h:
MAR *,AR0; Usa AR0 para borrados.
ZAP
RPT #01FFh ; Borrado de 128 posiciones.
SACL *+
; BORRA COEFS, ETC
LAR AR0,#X ; =120h EN data
; BORRA EN 120h-4FFh:
RPT #03DFh ; Borrado de 128 posiciones.
SACL *+ ; Aún hay 0 en ACC
;-----
; BUFFER CIRCULAR
LACC #01100h ; Para pre-delay.
SAMM CBR1 ; Inicio
LACC #0117Fh ; 127--63
SAMM CBER1 ; Fin
LACL #8; bit 3: b.c.1 ON, bits 2-0: AR0 = 00001000.
SAMM CBCR ; Activación
LAR AR0,#BC ; =1100h (restituye).
LACC #0B0Dh ; Fijo, dirección para MAR+-
SAMM BMAR

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LAR AR1,#FMIN ; =0390h Entrada buffer bidi.
LAR AR5,#XPRES ; =0300h Entrada para pre-FIR.

LDP #IN ; Todo ocurrirá en página 0100H.
CLRC INTM ; Espera interrupciones.....

espera:
IDLE
NOP
B espera ; Y atiende ISRs del AIC (o servicio).
; ISR de recepción-----
VOY:
SETC INTM; DESACTIVO INTERRUPTACIONES.

LDP #IN ; Por si página

LAMM DRR ; la entrada del A/D en IN
SACLIN
; actualiza H (para bloques de coef.)
LACC H
ADD UNO
AND #000Fh
SACLH ; H=0...15
; cuadrado de abs(in)
LACC IN
ABS
SACLLIMO
ZAP
SQRA LIMO
PAC
SACH LIMO,1 ; En LIMO (Abs(IN))**2

; AGC
LACL GAIN ; GAIN en TREG1
SAMM TREG1
MAR *,ARO; No es muy intuitivo, pero pipeline..
LACT IN ; Según Treg1, o sea GAIN
LMMR TREG1,#CERO ; ponemos a cero.
LAR AR3,#X14; AR3 apunta a última muestra +14.
SACH IN ; Ahora IN está ponderado según GAIN.

; pre-delay:
LACC OUTFM ; de este modo ahorramos.
SACL*+ ; escribo, aumento.
LACC *,0,AR3; y leo antes de borrar en la
siguiente.
SACLOUTAP ; es IN (-t); t=según buffer circular.

; ESTIMACIÓN DE REALIMENTACIÓN
; ACTUALIZA 16 ULTIMOS
RPT #14
DMOV *- ; X(K) -> X(K+1)
; Movemos las 15 últimas muestras
; FIR (convolución Coeffs con muestras).
ZPR ; Aún apuntamos a X127
LACC UNO,14 ; Redondeo
RPT REPEFIR ; K = n,n-1,...,0
MACD COEF,*- ; X(K)*A(I-K)+ACC ->ACC
APAC ;
SACH ER,1 ; ER*2 (por el signo)
MAR *,AR4 ; A3 Apuntando a X0; ACT AR4
; DIFERENCIA ERROR
LACC IN ; (IN)
SUB ER ; Acc=in(t)-ER(t)
SACLOUT ; Guarda en OUT
ABS
SACLABSX0 ; y a ABSX0 para ABSX e IABSX.

; cálculo potencias:
LACC ABSX,16 ;
ADDS ABSXL
SUB ABSX,8 ; cte tiempo =9-7 ok
ADD ABSX,8 ; El de antes, claro.

ADD OFFSET,8 ; Un mínimo.
SACH ABSX ; Guarda ACC alto
SACLABSXL ; y bajo.

LACC LIM,16 ; LIM sólo a 16 bits.
SUB LIM,10 ; LIM más rápido, =10
ADD LIM,10
SACH LIM

; Calcula 1/ABSX
LACC UNO,16
RPT #14 ; 14+1, para máx 7fff con absx=0
SUBC ABSX; 1/ABSX con SUBCondicional
SACL IABSX,0 ; para aprovechar el rango.

ZAP ; ABSX al cuadrado
SQRA ABSX ; en ABSX2
PAC ; ABSX2=(ABSX)*2
SACH ABSX2,1

; RUTINA DE CLIPPING POR DIST.
LACC #128; Velocidad de RELEASE (Pot. de 2)
SAMM INDX; + más rápido, - más lento. 128 OK.
LACC ABSX2,1 ; Mejor con promedio,ABSX2.
ADD LIM ; Comprueba los dos: LIM y ER.
SUB UNO,15 ; Resta umbral
LACL GAIN ; Si es mayor: Nivel excesivo
XC 2,GT
SFR ; Atenúa 6 dB
SETC XF ; Y avisa al mundo exterior

BANZD SALTA,*0,AR1; VUELVE (del) si AR4 no 0
SACL GAIN
LAR AR2,AR7MAX+1; Apunta a fin de buffer FM.

SUB #0Eh ; el ACCL aún contiene GAIN
LACL GAIN ; Y no es máximo, entonces
XC 2,LEQ ; prueba a subirla...
ADD #1
CLRC XF ; Apaga pilotillo
SACL GAIN ; y sube GAIN +6dB (en su caso)

SALTA:
LACC OUT ; ACC<- OUT
; Mando OUT al modulador FM (apuntado por AR1=03A0h)
SACL*,0,AR2 ; La salida del FIR LMS - Xn a FMIN

RPT #60 ; Repite REPFM + 1 veces
DMOV *- ; Actualiza las muestras.

LACC #0B0Dh ; Fijo, dirección para MAR+-
SAMM BMAR ;

MAR *,AR7; Utiliza AR7
LACL CONT ; carga contador en ACC bajo.
ADD IND,0; incrementa en IND
SACL CONT ; y vuelve a guardar (actualizado)
AND #01,15 ; comprobación de contador
BCND 0B00h,NEQ ; Si no es cero, salta
; a rutina de actualización de AR7

vuelve: LACC *,0,AR5 ; carga ACC con apuntado por AR7.
SACL OUTFM; Esta es la salida f-modulada

SACL* ; Guarda en AR5, para pre-FIR

ADRK #60 ; AR5 a última muestra (AR5)+60
ZPR
LACC UNO,14
RPT #60 ; Repite 60+1 veces

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MACD PRELMS,*- ; Filtro FIR Pre LMS.
APAC ; Último resultado
MAR *,AR3 ; AR5 a 0300h (preparado)
SACH *,1,AR3; HACIA BUFF PARA LMS (0120h)

; Actualiza Taps
LAR AR3,#U0+14 ; Carga AR3 a U viejo.
RPT #13 ; K= 14,13,...1
DMOV *- ; U(K) -> U(K+1)
DMOV * ; U(0) -> U(1) mueve sin decremento.

; Normalización de U's
LT OUT ; Normalización de U's
MPY IABSX ; Primero, OUT/ABSX
PAC
BCND POS,GEQ ; Si es positivo, salta
;NEGATIVO:
ADD UNOSAT ; Si no, comprueba que es < 8000h
BCND NOSAT,GEQ
;SATURADO:
BD FIN ; y si no, 8001h
LACL #0
SUBUNOSAT
POS:
SUB UNOSAT ; si es positivo
BCND NOSAT,LEQ; que no sea mayor que 7FFFh
BD FIN
LACC UNOSAT ; Y si no, 7FFFh
NOP
NOSAT:
PAC
FIN:
SACL*,0,AR3 ; Guarda 8001h < U0 < 7FFFh
SACL CU0; Y haz una copia en CU0. (Para DP)

;incs:
LACC #X+1 ; Apunta a la primera muestra+1
ADD H ; Le toca al bloque H...
SACL TEMP
LAR AR3,TEMP ; AR3-> (X+1+H)
LACL #7 ; N=0...8
SAMM BRCR
LT CU0 ; U0 en TREG0
LAR AR2,#INC0 ; AR2 apunta a los INC's.
RPTB BUCLE
LACC UNO,10 ; ponderación
MPY *+ ; AR3->(muestras)
RPT#14
MAC U0+1,*+ ; AR3-> (muestras)
MAR *,AR2; AR2-> (INC0+N-1)
LTA CU0
;BUCLE SACH *,1,AR3 ; AR2-> (INC+N) (1)

;ACTUALIZA taps:
LACL #16 ; Bloques de 16 coeficientes
SAMM INDX
LAR AR3,#INC0 ; AR3 a INC's
LACC #ULCO ;
SUB H ;
SACL TEMP ; TEMP3 = dirección de A(H)
LACL #6 ; (último coef-H)
SAMM BRCR ; Repite 6+1 veces
LACC IABSX ; Aquí se completa (1/ABSX)
SAMM TREG0
LAR AR2,TEMP
MPY *,AR2
SPM 2
RPTB BUCLE2
LACC *,16,AR3; LEE EL COEF PREVIO
MPYA *,AR2
SUB*,2,AR2 ; LEAKY (previene saturaciones)
;BUCLE2 SACH *,0,0,AR2
LACC *,16,AR2
APAC
SUB *,2,AR2 ; ÚLTIMO LEAKY

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SACH *,0,0,AR3 ; direccionamiento practiquísimo!
SPM 0 ; NO shift de PREG.
*****SALIDA
LACC OUTTAP ; CARGA SALIDA
XC 1,BIO ; Pulsado bypass?( bp=XC 0,BIO)
LACC IN ; Entonces, salida=entrada
AND MASC ; DAC es de 14 bits, máscara FFFCh
SAMM DXR ; Y YA LO TENGO EN LA SALIDA.
*****
RETE
; Rutina de recepción, no hace nada.
VENGO:
RETE ; Vuelve,Y TXR.

; RUTINA PARA AR7
;ps 0B00h
; Comprobación AR7

; Actualiza programa MAR
BLDP DIR
LAMM AR7 ; Carga ARMax en reg. Comparación
SUB AR7MAX ; Resta valor máximo
LACL DOWN ; Con pipeline
XC 1,GEQ ; Ejecuta si AR7=> AR7MAX
SACL DIR

; Carga ARMin en reg. Comparación
LAMM AR7
SUB AR7MIN ; Resta mínimo
LACL UP ; Tiempo de pipeline
XC 1,LEQ ; Ejecuta si AR7<= AR7MAX
SACL DIR
BD vuelve

; Instrucción modificada (+ -)CON AR4
; Como en ACC H cargué ceros,
SACH CONT,0 ; borro contador, para próximo.

; Nueva ubicación para AIC
;ps 0C00h
*****
* Inicialización del TLC32040 *
AICINI:
SPLK #01h,PRD
SPLK #20h,TCR ; pulsos a 10 Mhz
MAR *,ARO; Con ARO
LACC #0008h ;
SACL SPC ;
LACC #00c8h ;
SACL SPC ;
LACC #080h ;
SACH DXR
SACL GREG
LAR ARO,#OFFFh
RPT #10000 ; Aguanta un rato...
LACC *,0,ARO ; (.5ms a 50ns)
SACH GREG
SETC SXM ;
LACC #8,9 ; TA, RA
ADD #8,2 ;
CALL AIC_2ND ;

; Inicializa registros TB y RB
LACC #40,9 ;
ADD #40,2 ;
ADD #02h ; Fs=(10e6/(2*40*8))=15.625 kHz
CALL AIC_2ND ;

; Inicializa registro de control
LACC #40,2 ;
ADD #03h ; Max. gain
CALL AIC_2ND ; No filtro
RET ;
AIC_2ND:
LDP #0
SACH DXR ; Rutina de envío al AIC
CLRC INTM
IDLE ; Espera...
ADD #6h,15 ;

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SACH    DXR ;
IDLE
SACL    DXR ;
IDLE
LACL    #0 ;
SACL DXR ; asegurar transmisión es importante....

IDLE
SETC    INTM
RET     ;
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end     ; y fin.

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ANNEX II: HEXADECIMAL DATA MEMORY DUMP (TMS320C5x).

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K_DSK5A_1.03_ALMI.DSK
10A0070A00F
90120M0000M000070000F
901AEM000070000F
90300M000070000F
903A0M000070000F
91000B000070000F
9107FB000070000F
90D00B0000B0000B0000B0000B0000B0000B000070000F
90D08B0000B0000B0000B0000B0000B0000B000070000F
90E0070000F
90E00M0000M0000M0000M0000M0000M0000M000070000F
90E08M0000M0000M0000M0000M0000M0000M000070000F
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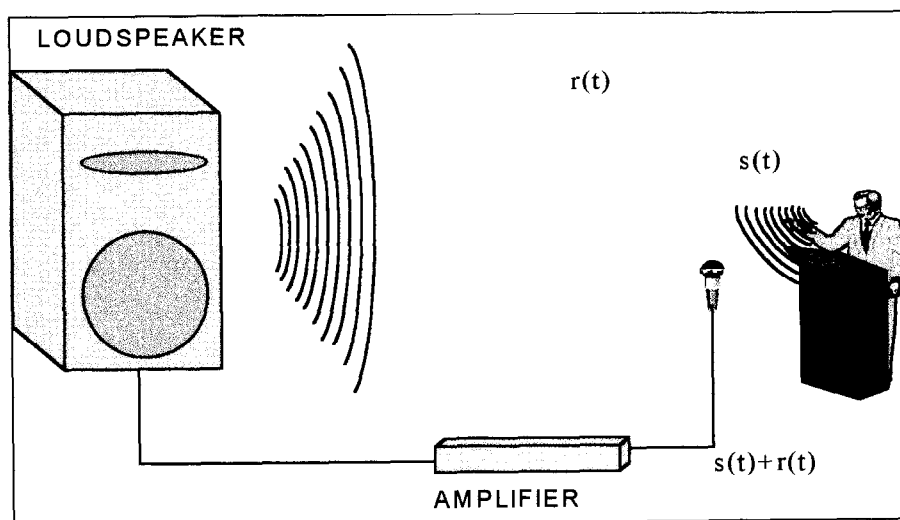


FIG.1

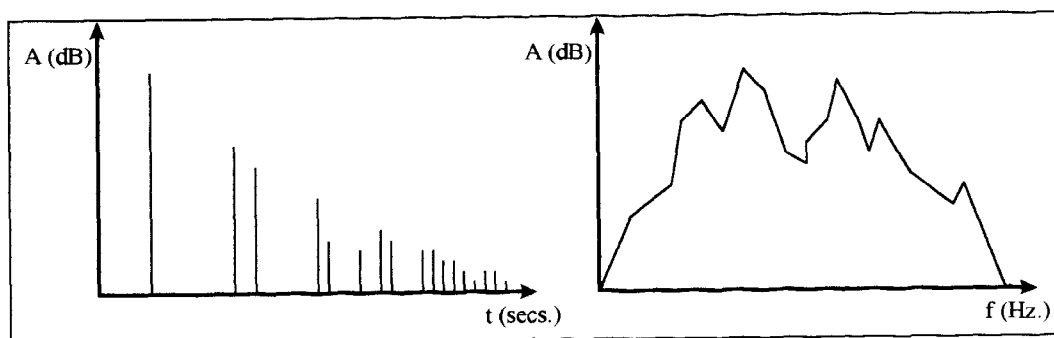


FIG.2

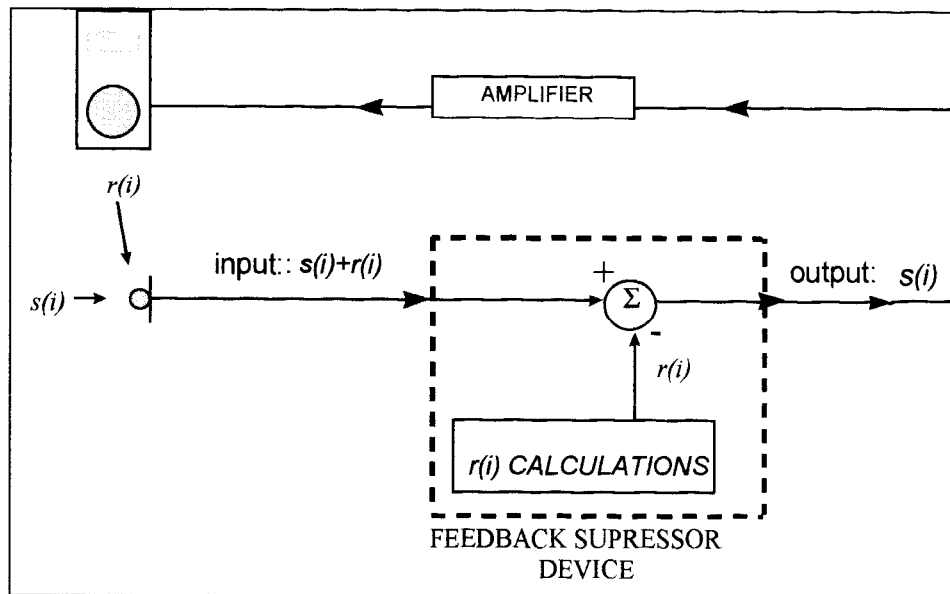


FIG.3

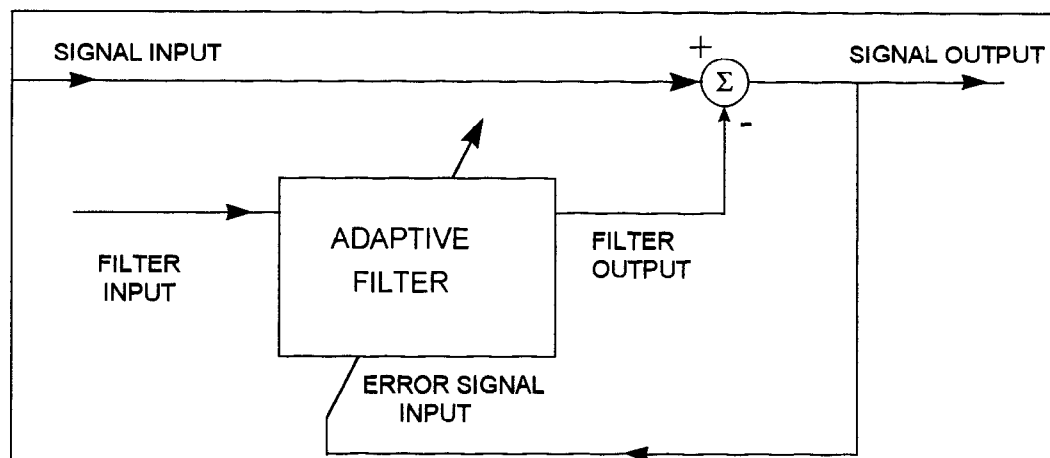


FIG.4

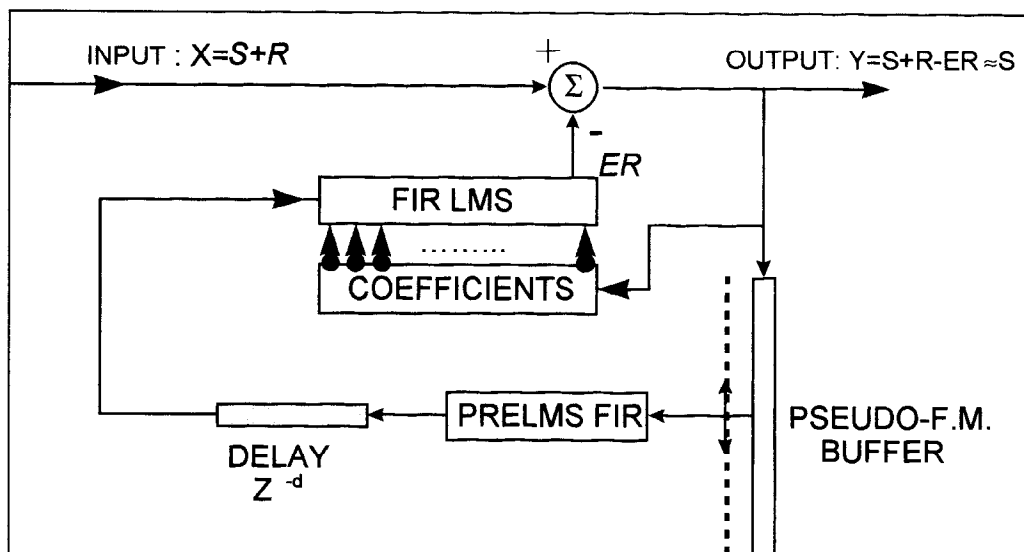


FIG.5

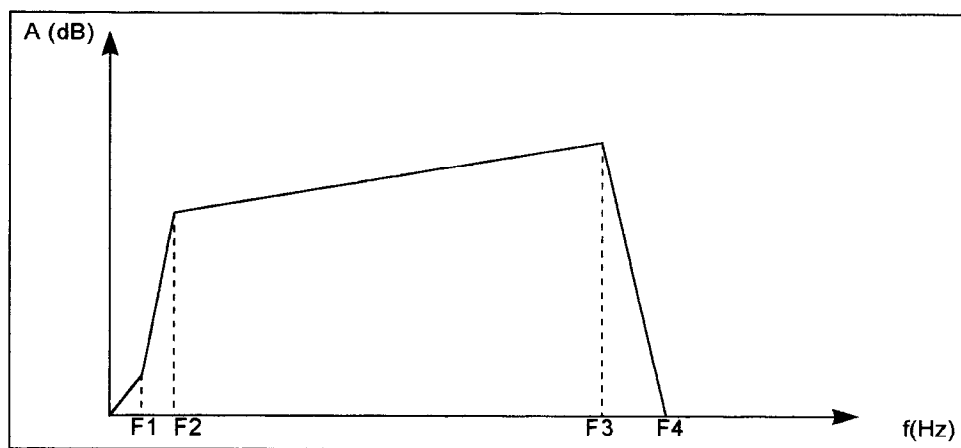


FIG.6

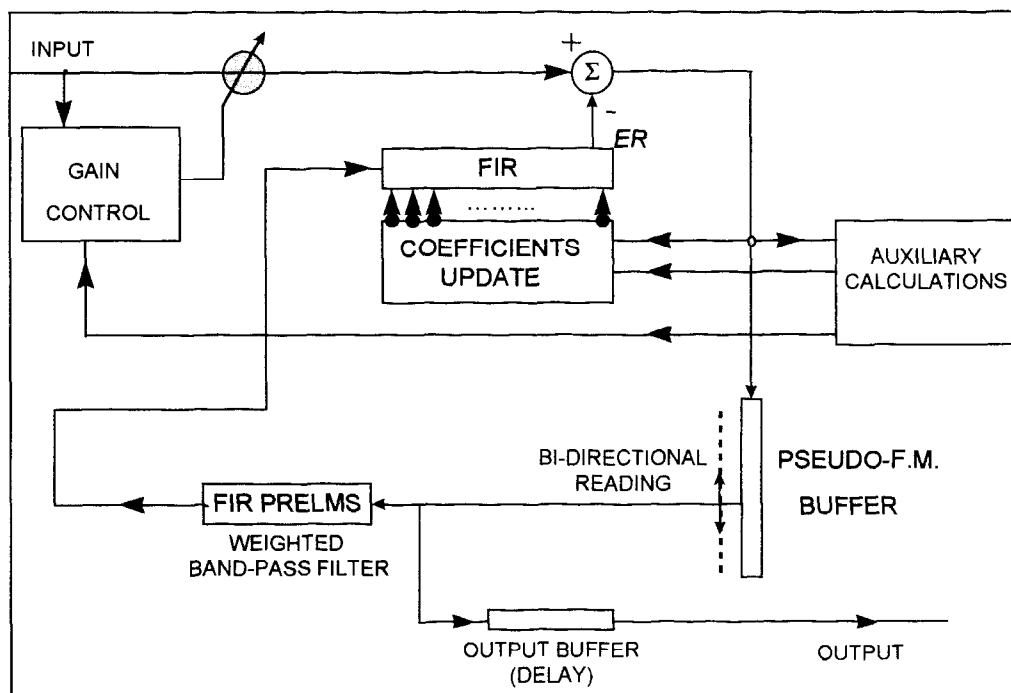


FIG.7

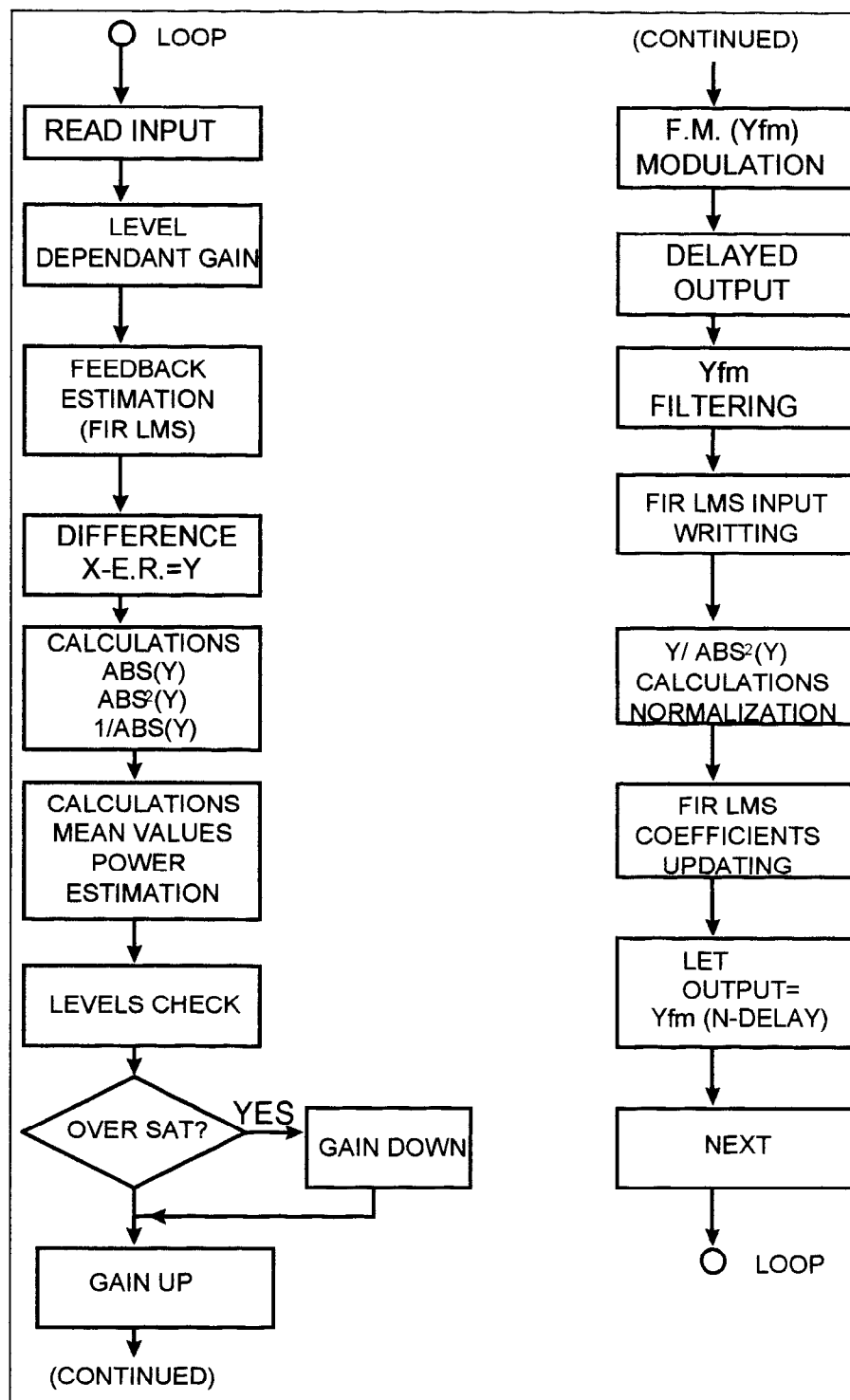


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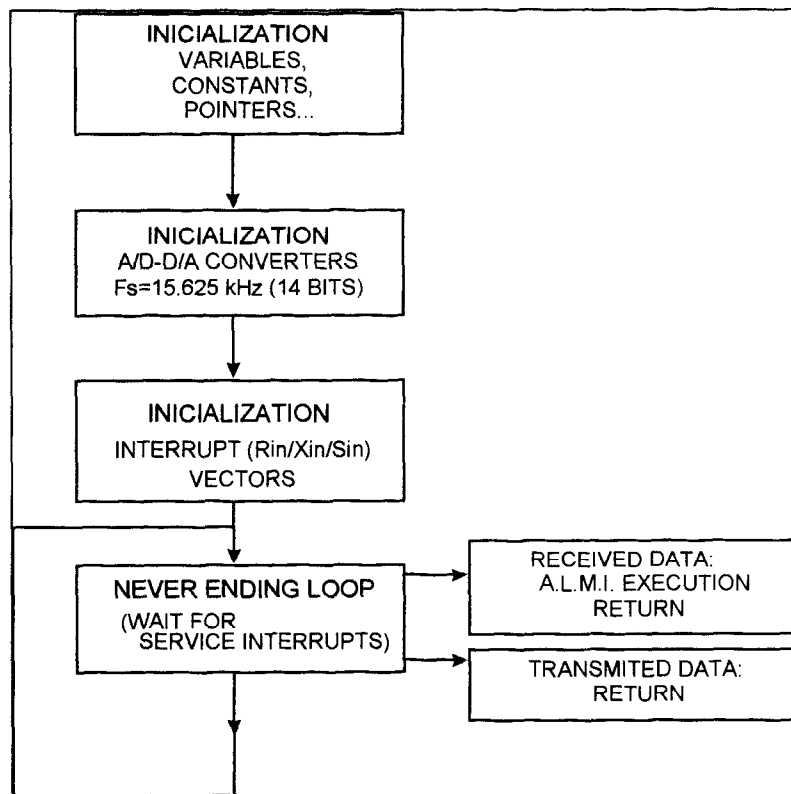


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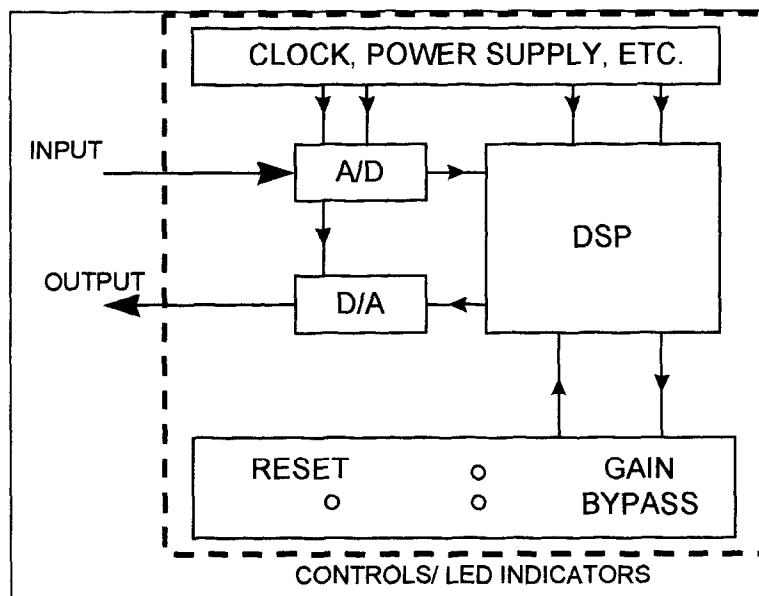
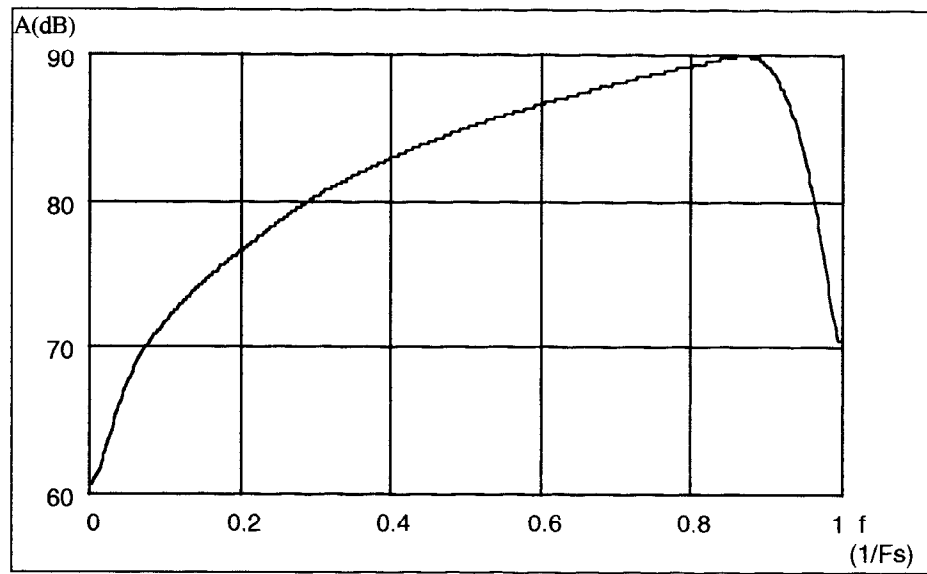


FIG.10



FG.11

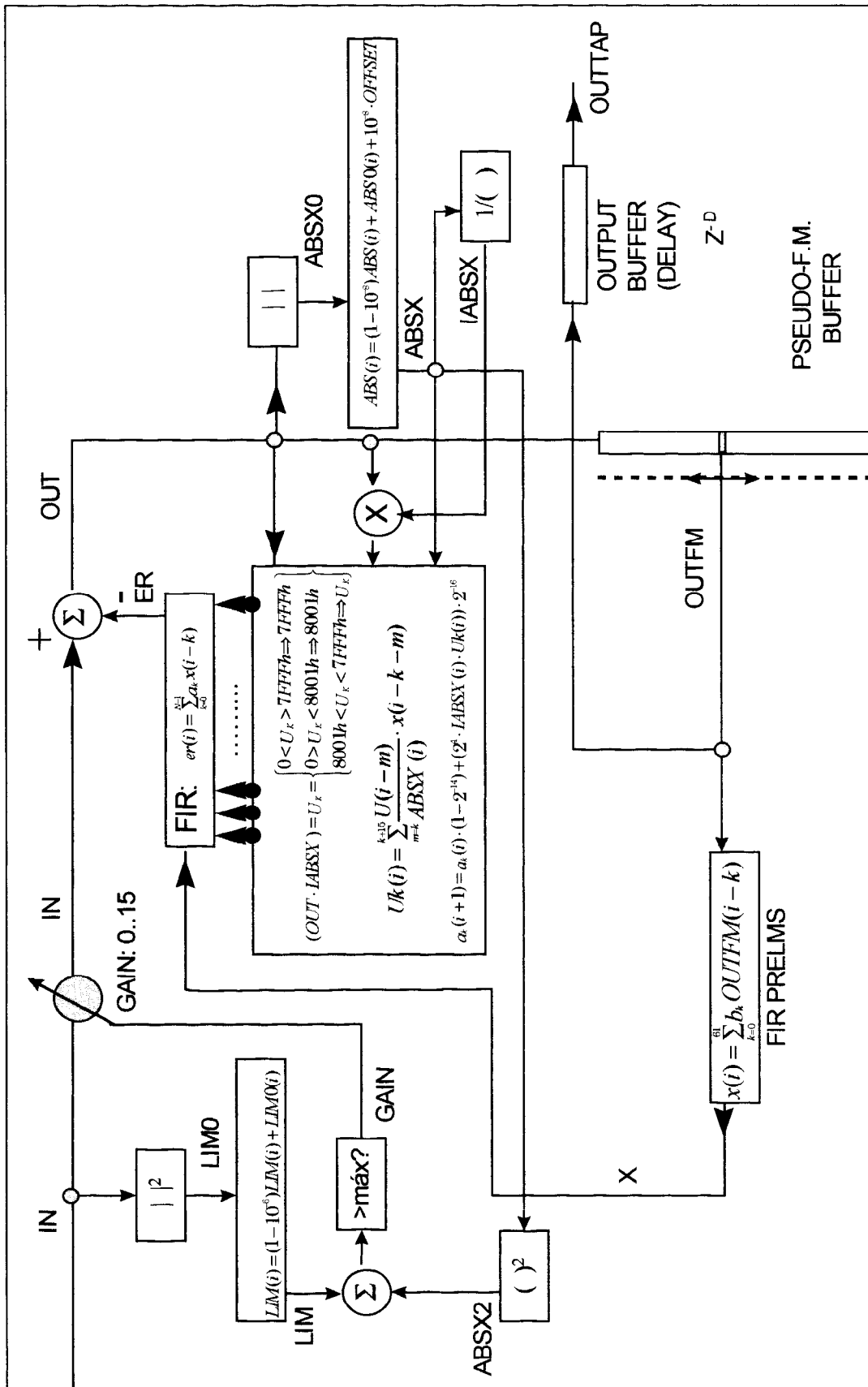


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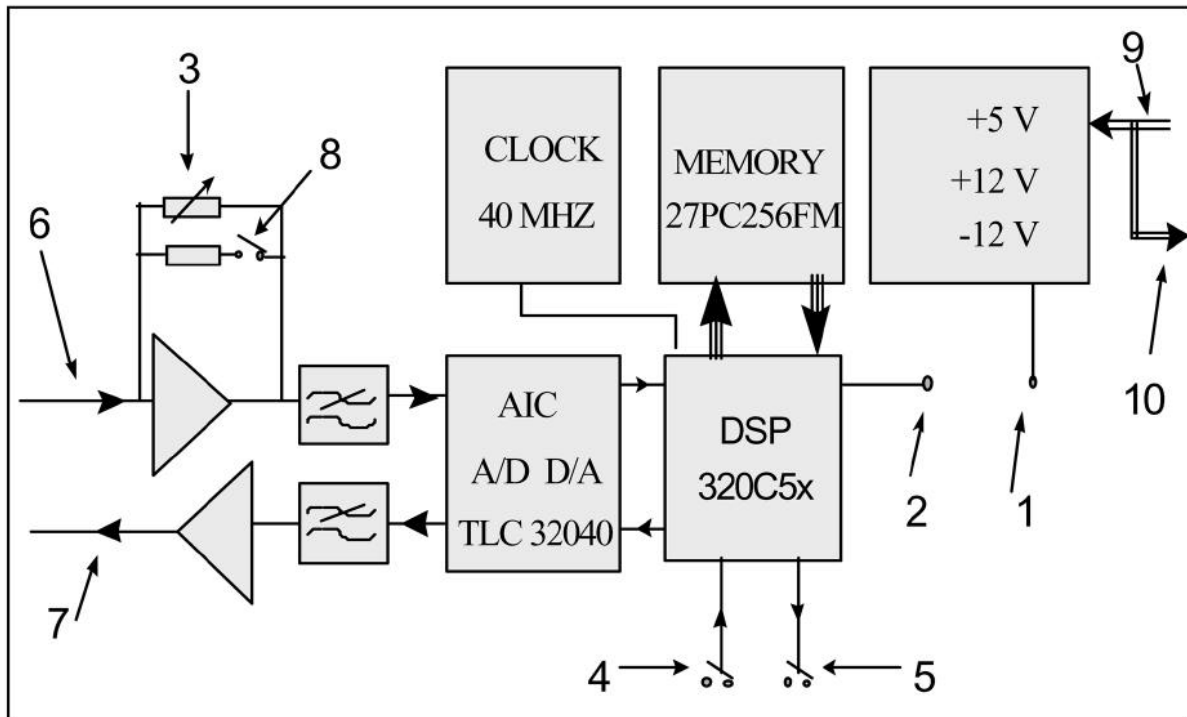


FIG.13

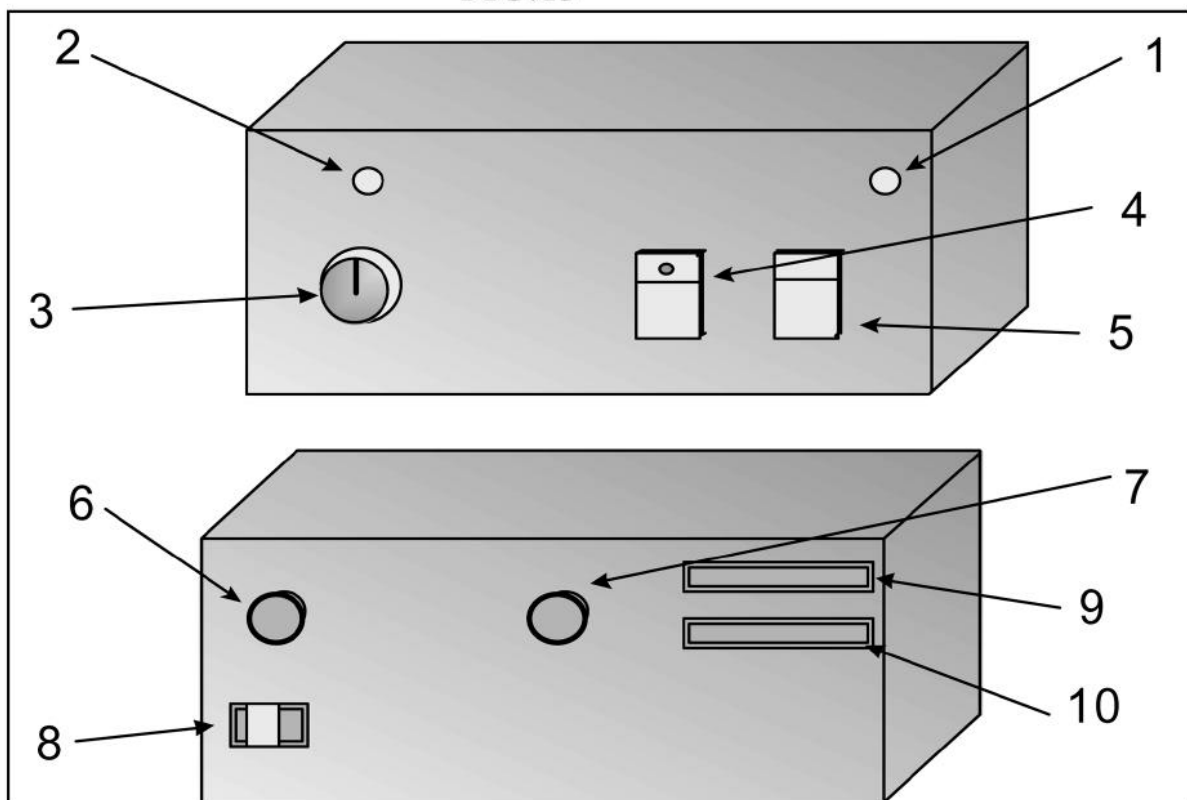


FIG.14

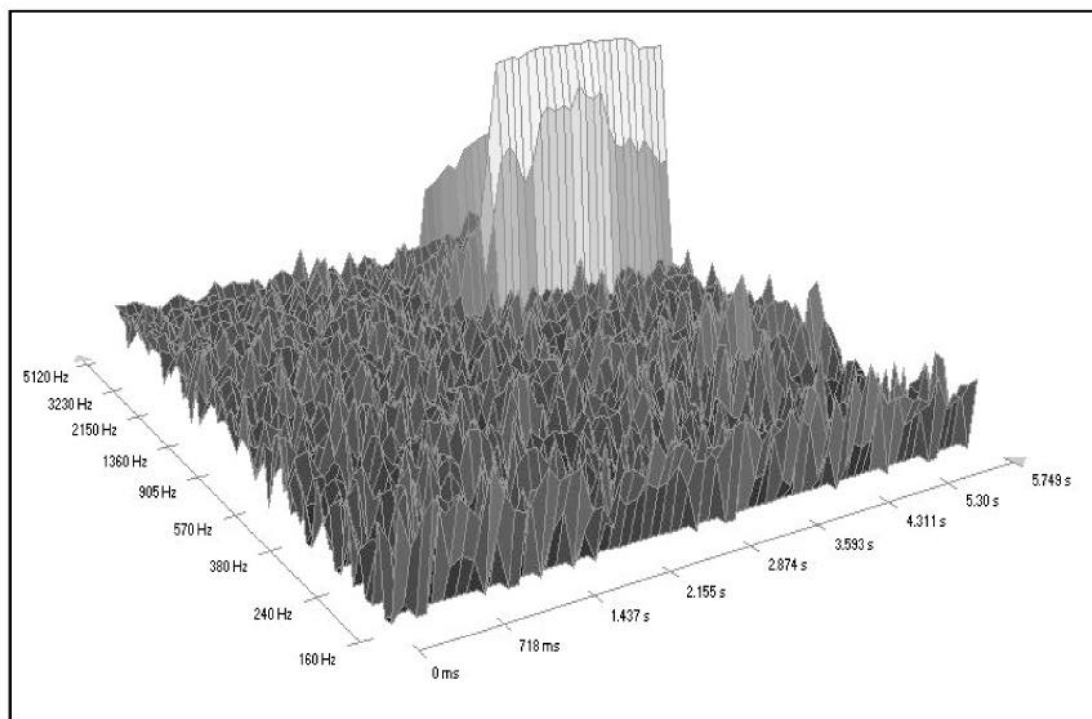


FIG. 15

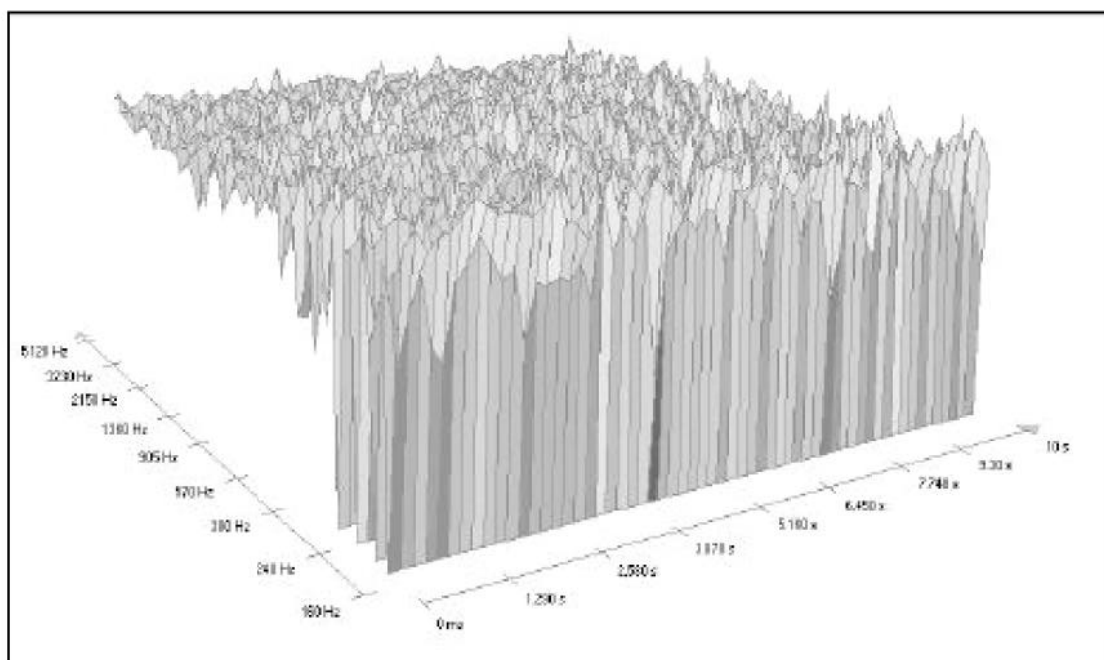


FIG.16

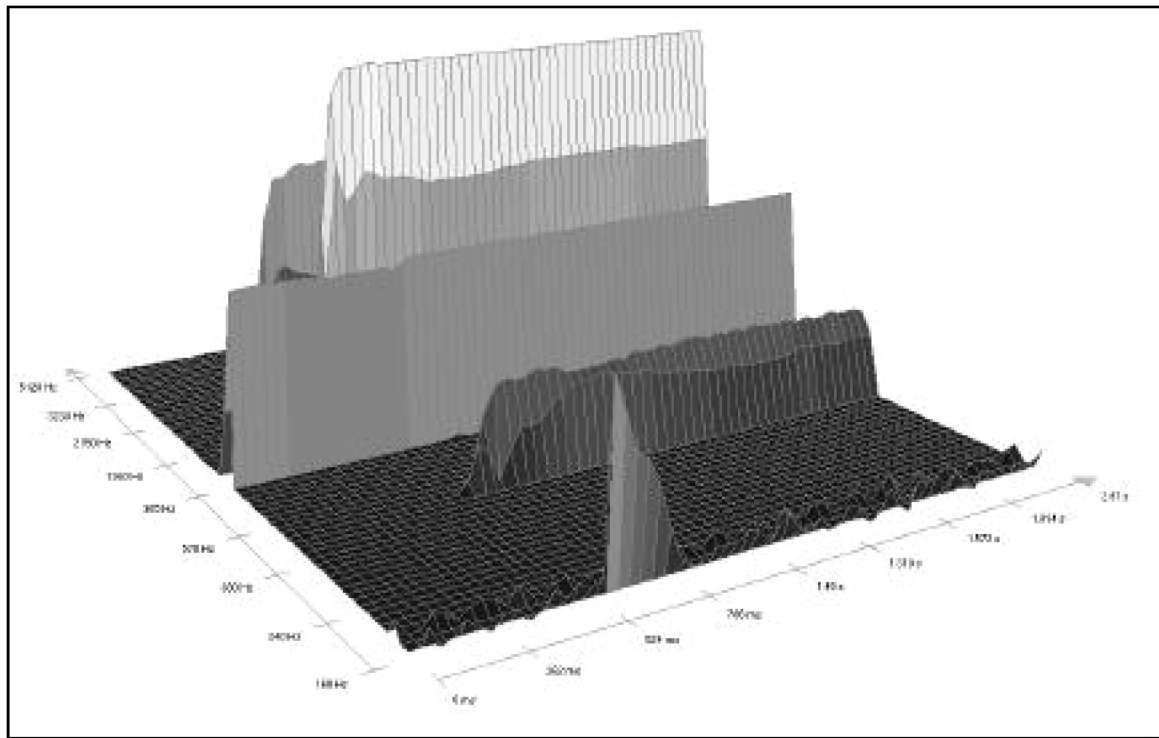


FIG.17

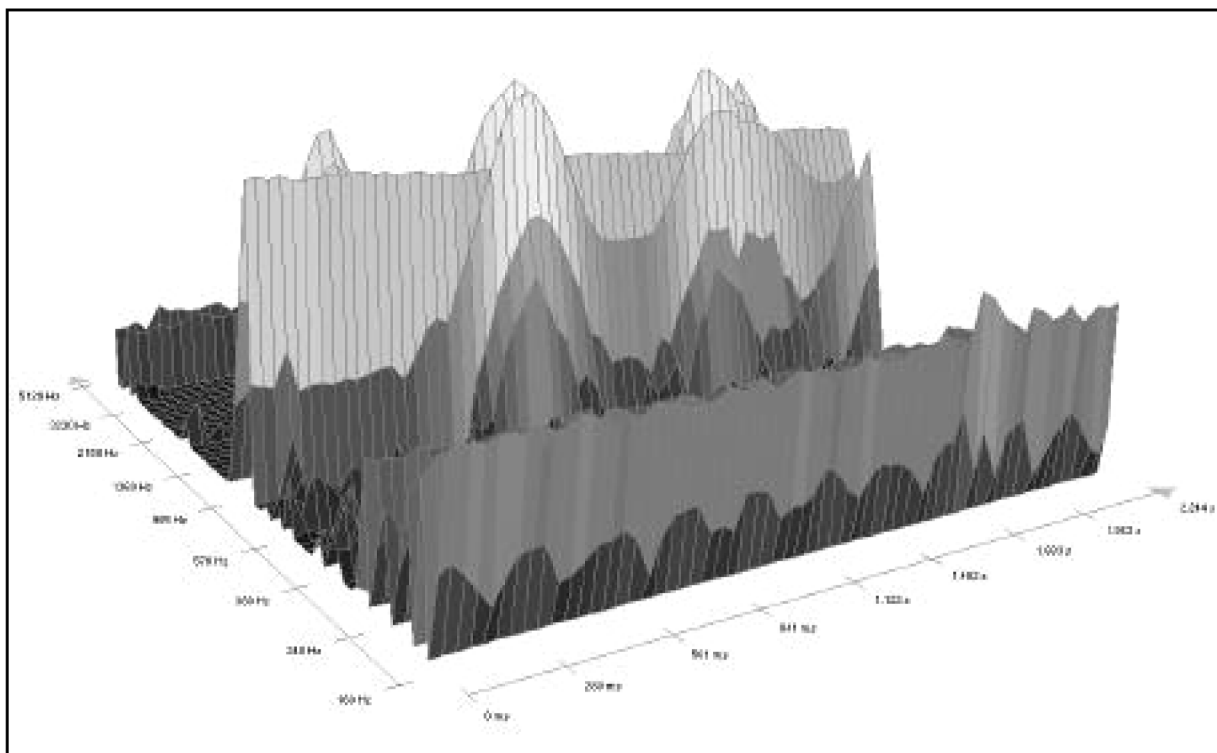


FIG.18

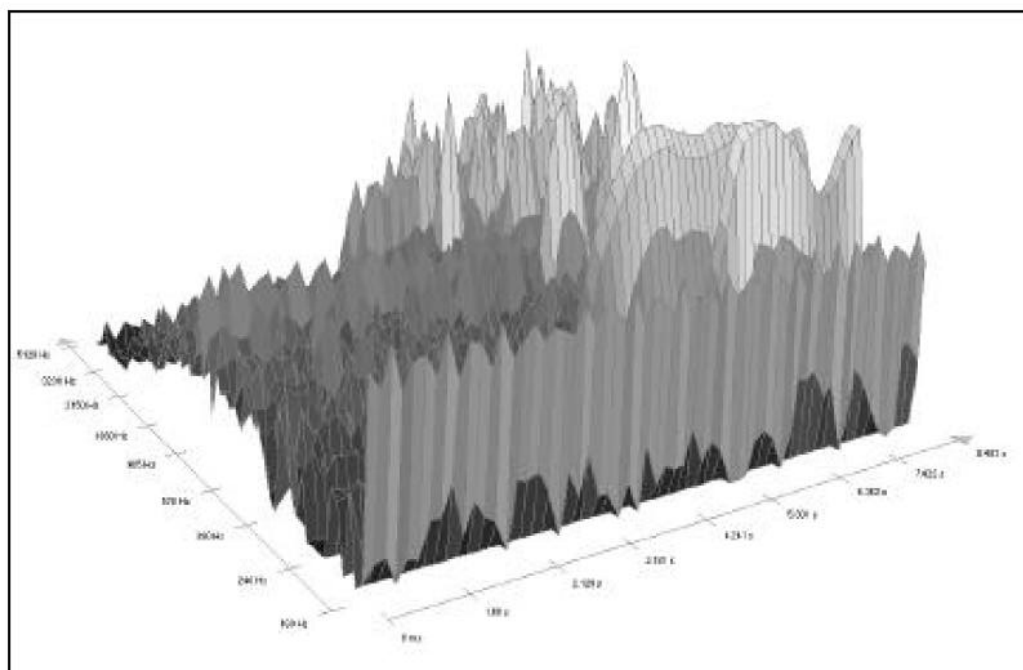


FIG.19