

MATLAB Based Graphic Equaliser

Basic Overview of Design

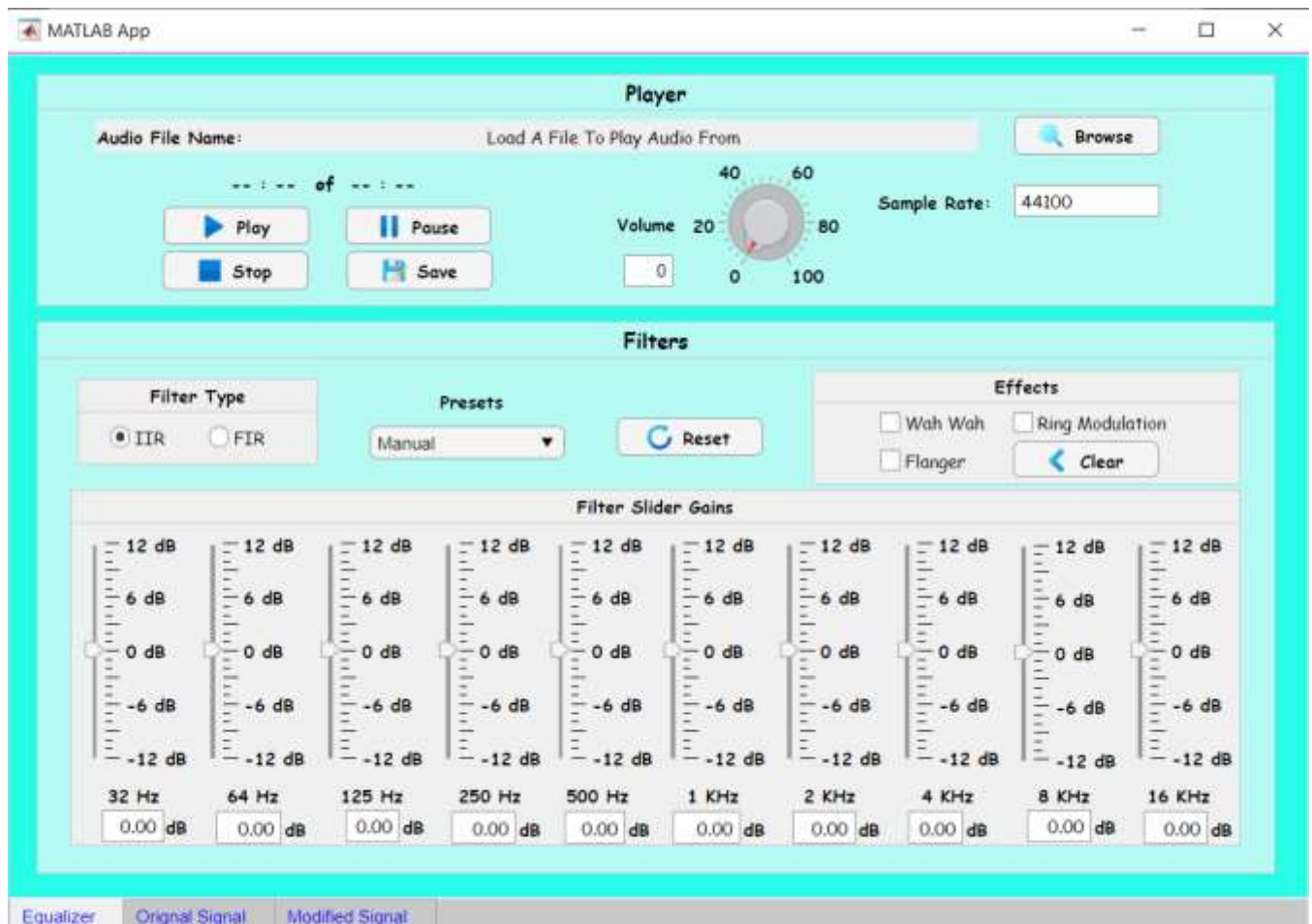


Figure 1

When the user runs the program, they are presented with a view as presented in **Figure 1**. The user is presented with many options in which the user first needs to load an audio file. Keeping the options flexible, the user can choose between a variety of audio file they are able to load in. For the volume a knob has been used which is similar to a volume knob in the real world. The user is able to change the sample rate at which the file is read by modifying the value in the sample rate field if not the default value of 44100Hz is used. The user is then able to play the audio file using the play button or the user can pause the audio file as well as completely stop the audio file from playing using the stop button. Giving the user flexibility the user can save the audio file after they have added filters to the original audio in which a new audio file is created and saved in the users current working directory. The user is able to choose between two different filter types IIR and FIR depending on the user's needs. If the user is not concerned about linear phase characteristic, they can use IIR otherwise FIR would be the choice for linear-phase characteristics. Each filter type has its pros and cons but IIR is better for lower-order tapping, were as FIR is suitable for higher-order tapping. Making it easier for the user some common pre-sets have been preconfigured which will automatically adjust the sliders based on the pre-set chosen or the user can choose to manually adjust each slider. Saving the user time, a reset button has been added which will reset all the sliders back to zero. Lastly for the extra features the user can apply different effects to the audio by using the check boxes.

Steps to get audio setup

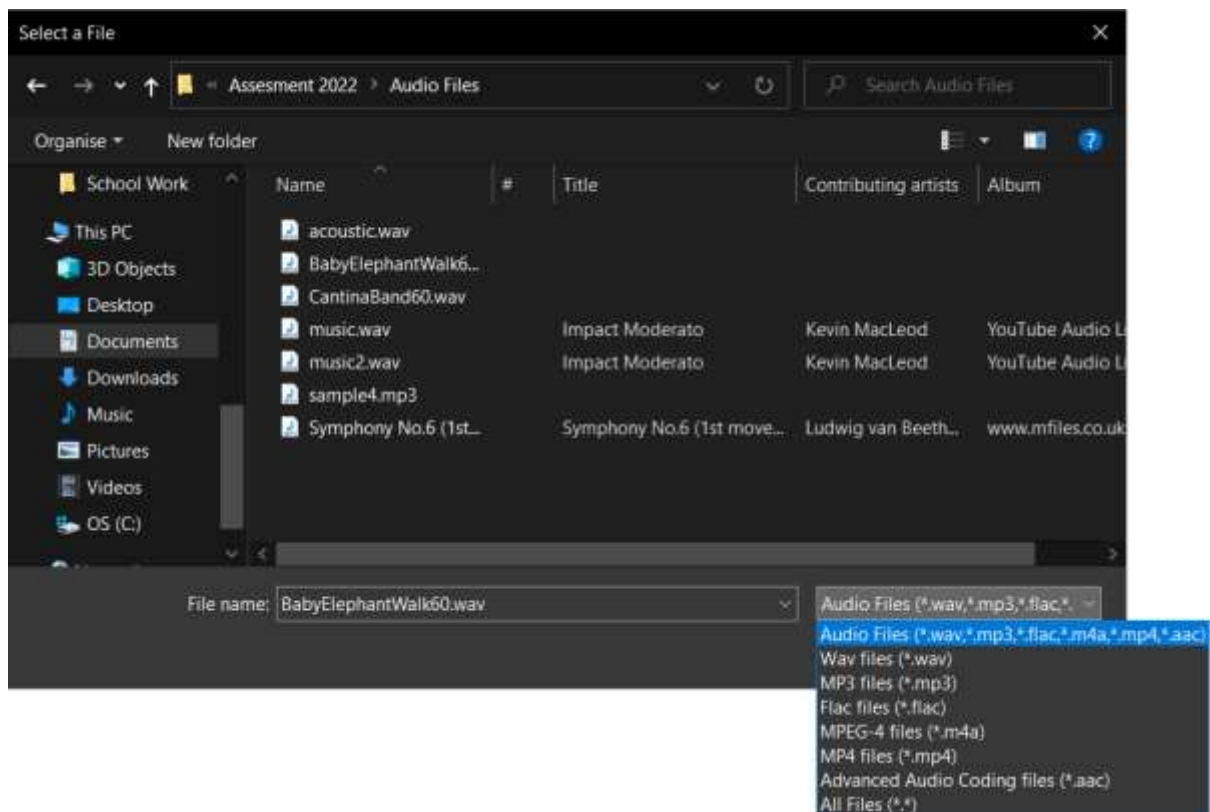


Figure 2

User first chooses a file as can be seen in **Figure 2**. Making the program more dynamic the user is able to choose between a variety of audio file types. File types present are: wav, flac, MP3 and MPEG-4 AAC.

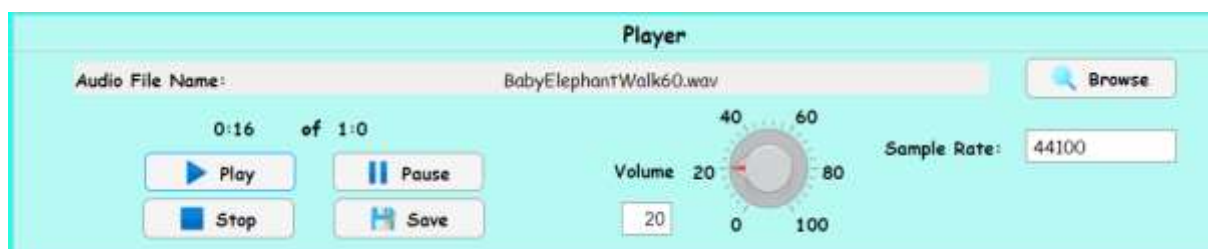


Figure 3

Once an audio file has been chosen the file name of the audio file is displayed to the user as can be seen in **Figure 3**. The user can adjust the volume to their preference and also change the sample rate at which the file is being read. Once the user has adjusted the necessary settings the user can play the audio file. When the user plays the audio file a timer is displayed which shows the current playing time and the total time of the audio file.



Figure 4

Once the user has loaded a file the user can choose a Filter Type, the user can select a pre-set and an audio effect to apply to the audio. The audio signal graphs of the original audio signal and the modified audio signal after applying different filters and effects can be view in the tabs that can be seen at the bottom in **Figure 4**.

Original Signal

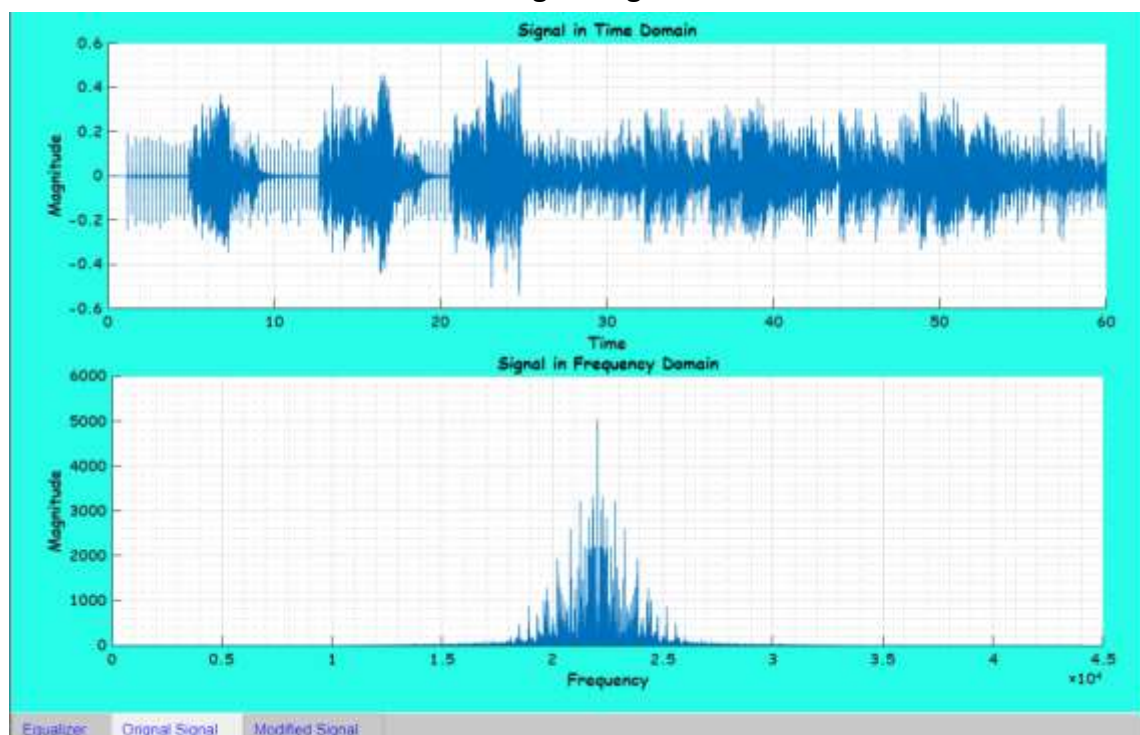


Figure 5

Modified Signal

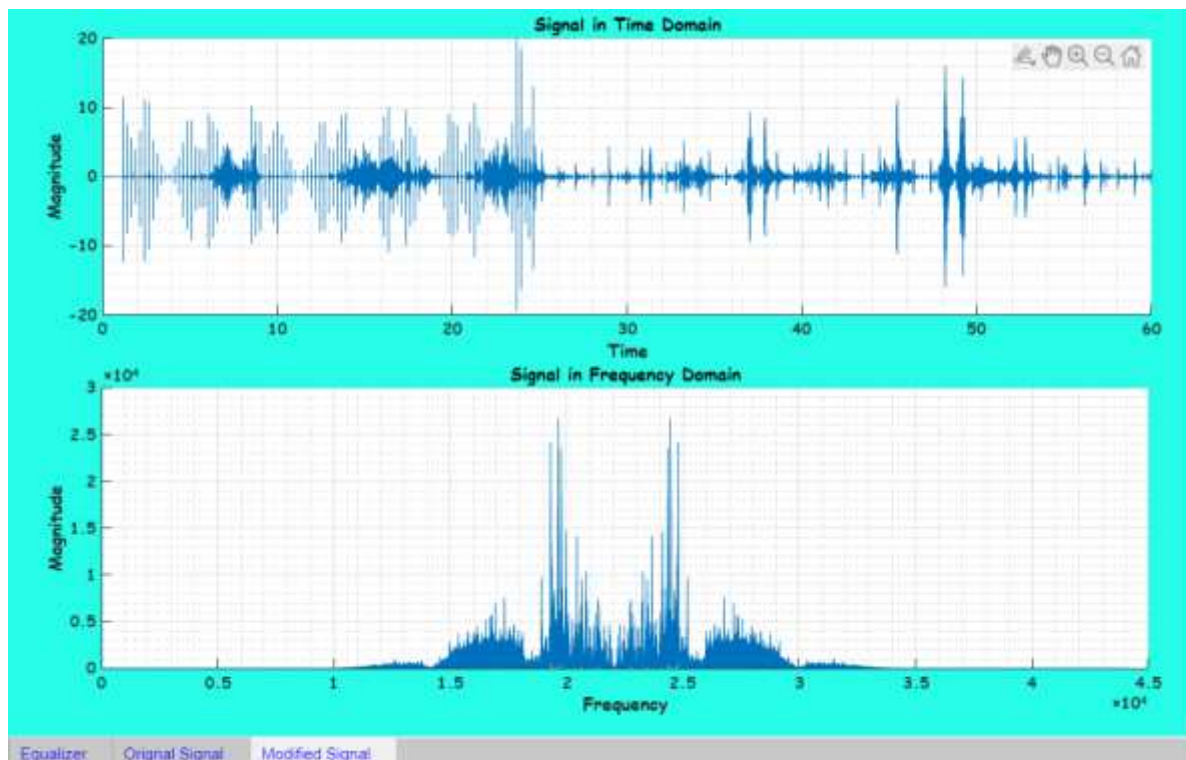


Figure 6

Clicking the Save Button

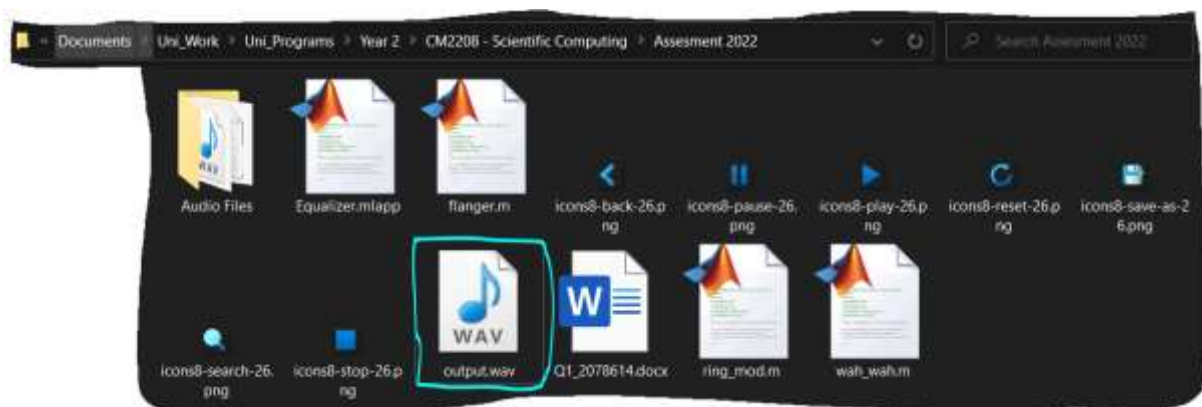
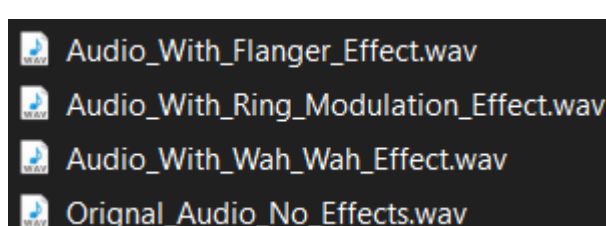
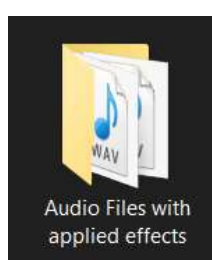


Figure 7

Once the user has applied effects to the audio file, they can save this new audio file. The new audio file is saved as "output.wav" (shown in **Figure 7**) in the current working directory which is opened in MATLAB.



Some of the saved files with different effects can be found in the folder shown.

Basic Requirements Met

```
% Button pushed function: BrowseButton
function BrowseButtonPushed(app, event)
    % Allowing the user to load in an audio file
    [file,path] = uigetfile({'*.wav;*.mp3;*.flac;*.m4a;*.mp4;*.aac', ['Audio Files ' ...
        '(*.wav;*.mp3;*.flac;*.m4a;*.mp4;*.aac)']; '*.wav;', 'Wav files (*.wav)'; ...
        '*.mp3;', 'MP3 files (*.mp3)'; '*.flac;', 'Flac files (*.flac)'; '*.m4a;', ...
        'MPEG-4 files (*.m4a)'; '*.mp4;', 'MP4 files (*.mp4)'; '*.aac;', ...
        'Advanced Audio Coding files (*.aac)'; *.*', 'All Files (*.*)'}), 'Select a File');
    % Storing file path and audio file name to display it to
    % the user so they know which file they are current playing.
    if ~isequal(file,0)
        app.file_path = fullfile(path,file);
        app.directoryLabel.Text = file;
        app.playing = false;
        app.paused = false;
    end
end
```

Figure 8

As shown before in **figure 2** and **figure 8** the user is able to select from different file formats and the system is able to read those different formats and play it back to the user.

```
% Setting up the filters
function setFilters(~,Fs,firOrder,iirOrder)
    global iirFilter;
    global numerator;
    global denominator;
    global frequencies;
    % Checks which filter type has been selected
    if (iirFilter == true)
        % Lowpass filter has been applied to all the frequency
        % sliders
        [numerator{1}, denominator{1}] = butter(iirOrder,frequencies(2)/(Fs/2));
        for i = 1 : 9
            [numerator{i},denominator{i}] = butter(iirOrder,[frequencies(i) frequencies(i+1)]/(Fs/2));
        end
    else
        % Runs this code is FIR type has been selected
        numerator{1} = fir1(firOrder , frequencies(2)/(Fs/2));
        for i = 1 : 9
            numerator{i} = fir1(firOrder, [frequencies(i) frequencies(i+1)]/(Fs/2));
        end
    end
end
```

Figure 9

As shown in **figure 1** a multi-band graphic equaliser has been designed and the user is able to change the gain of each band frequency. As can be seen in **figure 9** the butter worth filter has been used which applies a low pass filter to all the bands if the user selects the IIR Filter Type. If the user selects FIR for the filter type, then a window-based FIR filter is applied to all the bands. In addition, the user is able to choose from preconfigured pre-sets for filtering the audio as shown in **Figure 1** and the user is also able to manually adjust the sliders for each band.

The user is able to adjust the volume of the audio play back using the volume control knob. The volume can only be adjusted between 0 and 100.

Novel Extension

Effects	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wah Wah	<input type="checkbox"/> Ring Modulation
<input type="checkbox"/> Flanger	<input type="button" value="Clear"/>

For the novel features different effects have been implemented and the user can simply apply an effect by using the check boxes.

Code used for these different effects are found on Dave Marshall's Digital Audio Effects slides.

Wah Wah Effect

```
1  % Yash Shah
2  % 2078614
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4  % Full Code Reference:
5  % Marshall, D., Digital Audio Effects.
6  % Available at: https://users.cs.cf.ac.uk/Dave.Marshall/CM0268/PDF/10\_CM0268\_Audio\_FX.pdf
7  % [Accessed April 2, 2022].
8
9
10 function wahy = wah_wah(x, Fs)
11
12     % ----- EFFECT COEFFICIENTS ----- %
13
14     % lower the damping factor the smaller the pass band
15     damp = 0.05;
16
17     % min and max centre cutoff frequency of variable bandpass filter
18     minf = 500;
19     maxf = 8000;
20
21     % wah frequency, how many Hz per second are cycled through
22     Fw = 4000;
23
24     % change in centre frequency per sample (Hz)
25     delta = 0.1;
26     delta = Fw/Fs;
27     % 0.1 => at 44100 samples per second should mean 4.41kHz Fc shift per sec
28
29     % create triangle wave of centre frequency values
30     Fc = minf:delta:maxf;
31     while(length(Fc) < length(x))
32         Fc = [ Fc (maxf:-delta:minf) ];
33         Fc = [ Fc (minf:delta:maxf) ];
34     end
35
36     % trim tri wave to size of input
37     Fc = Fc(1:length(x));
38
39     % difference equation coefficients
40     % must be recalculated each time Fc changes
41     F1 = 2*sin((pi*Fc(1))/Fs);
42     % this dictates size of the pass bands
43     Q1 = 2*damp;
44
45     yh=zeros(size(x)); % create empty out vectors
46     yb=zeros(size(x));
47     yl=zeros(size(x));
48
49     % first sample, to avoid referencing of negative signals
50     yh(1) = x(1);
51     yb(1) = F1*yh(1);
52     yl(1) = F1*yb(1);
```

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54 % apply difference equation to the sample
55 - for n=2:length(x)
56
57 -     yh(n) = x(n) - yl(n-1) - Q1*yb(n-1);
58 -     yb(n) = F1*yh(n) + yb(n-1);
59 -     yl(n) = F1*yb(n) + yl(n-1);
60
61 -     F1 = 2*sin((pi*Fc(n))/Fs);
62 - end
63
64 %normalise
65 - maxyb = max(abs(yb));
66 - yb = yb/maxyb;
67
68 - wahy = yb;
69
70 - clearvars -except wahy
```

The code above performs three main functions:

1. Creates a triangle wave to modulate the centre frequency of the bandpass filter
2. Implements a state variable filter.
3. Repeated recalculation if centre frequency within the state variable filter loop.

Ring Modulation

```
1 % Yash Shah
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5 % Marshall, D., Digital Audio Effects.
6 % Available at: https://users.cs.cf.ac.uk/Dave.Marshall/CM0268/PDF/10\_CM0268\_Audio\_FX.pdf
7 % [Accessed April 2, 2022].
8
9 function ringy = ring_mod(x, Fs)
10
11 - index = 1:length(x);
12 % Ring Modulate with a sine wave frequency Fc
13 - Fc = 440;
14 - carrier = sin(2*pi*index*(Fc/Fs));
15
16 % Do Ring Modulation
17 - ringy = x.*carrier;
18
19 - clearvars -except ringy
```

The code above multiplies a sinewave with a carrier frequency FC with an audio modulator signal which produces an output wave. The sinewave is usually the carrier signal and the other signal which is the audio file is the input of the modulator signal.

Flanger

```
1 % Yash Shah
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6 % Available at: https://users.cs.cf.ac.uk/Dave.Marshall/CM0268/PDF/10\_CM0268\_Audio\_FX.pdf
7 % [Accessed April 2, 2022].
8
9 function flangery = flanger(x, Fs)
10
11 % Creates a single FIR delay with the delay time oscillating from
12 % Either 0-3 ms or 0-15 ms at 0.1 - 5 Hz
13
14 max_time_delay=0.003; % 3ms max delay in seconds
15 rate=1; % rate of flange in Hz
16
17 index=1:length(x);
18
19 % sin reference to create oscillating delay
20 sin_ref = (sin(2*pi*index*(rate/Fs)))'; % sin(2pi*fa/fs);
21
22 max_samp_delay=round(max_time_delay*Fs); % convert delay in ms to max delay in samples
23
24 y = zeros(length(x),1); % create empty out vector
25
26 y(1:max_samp_delay)=x(1:max_samp_delay); % to avoid referencing of negative samples
27
28 amp=0.7; % suggested coefficient from page 71 DAFX
29
30 % for each sample
31 for i = (max_samp_delay+1):length(x)
32     cur_sin=abs(sin_ref(i)); % abs of current sin val 0-1
33     cur_delay=ceil(cur_sin*max_samp_delay); % generate delay from 1-max_samp_delay and ensure whole num
34     y(i) = (amp*x(i)) + amp*(x(i-cur_delay)); % add delayed sample
35 end
36
37 flangery = y;
38 clearvars -except flangery
```

The code above works by mixing the same audio signal twice where once signal is played at a slightly slower speed. This creates the effect of two tape recordings playing simultaneously, but one going slightly slower than the other.

Reference

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