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1 Introduction

This is an intermediate report about the matlab implementation of the P&D assignment on subband coding, where a codec is implemented. The main techniques used to create such codec are subband filtering and adaptive quantisation, with the goal of compressing a stereo audio signal. This matlab implementation uses fixed point numbers and its parameters can be set in a flexible manner with the eye to optimal speech quality.

TODO edit this paragraph to include all sections of the report: This report contains a section on the main findings, an explanation about QMF filterbanks and the general matlab structure of the implementation of the assignment. It then explains the criteria for the optimal values of the parameters, followed by those values. Those values lead to a SNR and PESQ score for audio that has been encoded and decoded with this implementation.

2 Main design specifications

The following list contains the specifications that the design of the codec has to meet.

- It accepts stereo signals
- The sampling frequency is 8 kHz
- The bitrate is 24 kbit/s per channel codec, with good to very good speech quality
- \bullet The implementation consists of a QMF tree-structured filterbank with polyphase implementation
- An adaptive differential quantisation scheme should be used for every subband signal
- The filterbank of the codec consists of a minimum of 4 subbands

• The total delay of the coder and decoder must not exceed a certain threshold: the entire one way communication delay (ADC, coding, encryption, decryption, decoding, DAC) should be less than 150ms. This puts a maximum on the number of subbands, on the complexity of the filters and on the buffer size in the cryptography section. Note that the encryption and decryption functionality is provided by another group and is not a part of this assignment.

3 Main findings

Don' really know what to put here but the assignment said we need this section

4 QMF and shizzle

Type something about how QMF works (so it can be skipped in get_subbands.m). Talk about how many bits per subband, how this equals 24k bit/s etc.. TODO figures e.g. input and output signals of QMF system

5 Adaptive differential quantisation and shizzle

TODO foto'ke van adaptive differential maar beter dan die in onze tekst. TODO dit is lossy normaal dus vermelden

6 Matlab structure - Implementation overview

This paper will now give a brief explanation of the matlab files that are used and their functionality.

TODO: Talk about all the scalings to make the numbers fit integers as much as possible

6.1 generate_some_params.m

This script can be run to generate the parameters that are used to call run.m

6.2 run.m

This is the main script that is used to divide an audio file into subbands, encode and decode those subbands, and synthesize them again to create an audio signal that closely resembles the original signal. Accepted audio files are .wav-files that are stereo or pairwise mono. The audio file that is used is that one named 'input.wav' TODO: Do we keep it this way or do we change input.wav to a parameter?

The input is scaled to a 16 bit integer. The input is then split into subbands by calling analysis.m. These subbands are first encoded by calling encoded.m and then decoded by calling decode.m. Finally, the subbands are combined by calling synthesis.m and the PESQ score for the reconstructed audio file is calculated.

6.3 analysis.m

This matlab script mainly splits the stereo (or pairwise mono) channels into separate channels, and feeds splits them into subbands by calling get_subbands.m.

6.4 get_subbands.m

This script recursively splits an audio channel into its subbands. It does this by applying polyphase QMF filters, as has been explained earlier in this paper TODO Is this true?. These filters are generated with a script that is given with the assignment and defined by its parameters. TODO: Does this script also check for clipping/overflow?

6.5 encode.m

This script uses an adaptive differential quantisation method to compress an input signal. Such method is covered in an earlier part of this paper. TODO: Is this true? TODO: Does this script also check for clipping/overflow?

This file also checks for clipping of values greater than 16 bits.

6.6 decode.m

This script is the inverse of encode.m: it takes the output of the adaptive differential quantisation function and constructs the original input signal.

6.7 synthesis.m

This script is the inverse of get_subbands.m: its input are the separate subbands and it combines (synthesizes) them using the same QMF filters. Todo: These filters are the same, right?

- 7 Criterion for optimal values
- 8 Optimal values of all controllable parameters
- 9 Final SNR & PESQ
- 10 Conclusion