Dual Tone Multi-Frequency (DTMF) Signaling

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1. Encoding Program

DTMFwrite.py

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# Program to encode a sequence of single digits into a DTMF sound (written to a .wav
file)
import numpy as np
import wave # Necessary for writing the .wav file
import struct # Necessary for writing the .wav file
file_name = "media/TestSignals/TenDigits.wav" # Output file name (must include .wav)
number list = [0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9] # List of digits (0-9) to be encoded into sound
sample_rate = 44100
sound_level = 4096
sound_length = 400
pause_length = 200
def create_pure_tone_data(freq):
    return np.array([sound level/2 * np.sin(2.0 * np.pi * freq * x / sample rate) for
x in range(0, sample_rate)]).astype(np.int16)
array697 = create_pure_tone_data(697)
array770 = create_pure_tone_data(770)
array852 = create pure tone data(852)
array941 = create_pure_tone_data(941)
array1209 = create_pure_tone_data(1209)
array1336 = create pure tone data(1336)
array1477 = create pure tone data(1477)
tone list =
[sum([array941,array1336]).tolist(),sum([array697,array1209]).tolist(),sum([array697,array1336]).toli
sound_data = []
for i in range(len(number_list)):
    sound data += tone list[number list[i]][:int(sample rate*sound length/1000)]
    sound_data += [0] * int(sample_rate*pause_length/1000)
# Start to write the .wav file
wav file = wave.open(file name, "w")
# Parameters for the .wav file
nchannels = 1
sampwidth = 2
framerate = int(sample rate)
nframes =
(int(sample_rate*sound_length/1000)+int(sample_rate*pause_length/1000))*len(number_list)
comptype = "NONE"
compname = "not compressed"
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Output:

Writing media/TestSignals/TenDigits.wav complete!

2. Decoding Program

DTMFread.py

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# Program to read in and decode DTMF sound data from a .wav file
from numpy import *
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # Necessary if you want to plot the waveform
(commented out lines at the end)
import wave # Necessary for reading the .wav file
import struct # Necessary for reading the .wav file
# These first few blocks read in the .wav file to an ordinary integer data list
file name = "media/TestSignals/TenDigits.wav"
plot_name = "media/TenDigitsPlot.svg"
wavefile = wave.open(file name, 'r')
length = wavefile.getnframes()
framerate = wavefile.getframerate()
save data = []
for i in range(0, length):
    wavedata = wavefile.readframes(1)
    data = struct.unpack("<h", wavedata)</pre>
    save data.append(int(data[0]))
# At this point the sound data is saved in the save data variable
low_frequencies = [697, 770, 852, 941]
high frequencies = [1209, 1336, 1477]
decode_matrix = [[1,2,3],[4,5,6],[7,8,9],[-1,0,-1]]
def slice_data():
    i = 0
    data_list = []
    streak_length = 2
    while i < length:</pre>
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if not any(save_data[i:i+streak_length]):
            i += 1
        else:
            i = 0
            current_signal = []
            while any(save_data[i+j:i+j+streak_length]):
                current_signal.append(save_data[i+j])
                i += 1
            data_list.append(current_signal)
            i += j + 1
    return data list
def calculate_coefficient(data_sample, freq):
   a = 0
   b = 0
   N = len(data_sample)
    for i in range(N):
       y = data sample[i]
       t = i / framerate
        a += y * cos(2 * pi * freq * t)
        b += y * sin(2 * pi * freq * t)
    return 2/N * sqrt(a**2 + b**2)
def decode_freqs(low_freq, high_freq):
    return decode_matrix[low_frequencies.index(low_freq)]
[high frequencies.index(high freq)]
sliced_data = slice_data()
for signal in sliced_data:
    low_coeffs = [calculate_coefficient(signal, freq) for freq in low_frequencies]
    high_coeffs = [calculate_coefficient(signal, freq) for freq in high_frequencies]
    low_freq = low_frequencies[argmax(low_coeffs)]
    high_freq = high_frequencies[argmax(high_coeffs)]
   print(decode_freqs(low_freq, high_freq), end="")
print()
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
ax.set(ylabel="$y$", xlabel="$t$ (s)")
time = arange(length) / framerate
ax.plot(time, save_data)
fig.savefig(plot_name)
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Output:

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0123456789
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3. Extension