

First-Order Low/Highpass Filter Design

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Definition of low/highpass filter:

- **Lowpass (LP)** filters select low frequencies up to the cut-off frequency f_c and attenuate frequencies higher than f_c .
- **Highpass (HP)** filters select high frequencies higher than f_c and attenuate frequencies below f_c .

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A first-order allpass filter is given by the transfer function

$$A(z) = \frac{z^{-1} + c}{1 + cz^{-1}}$$

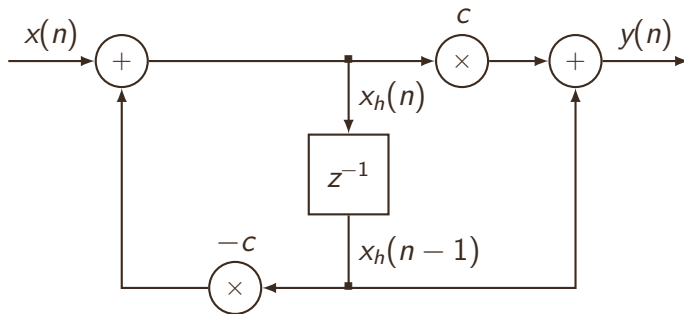
$$c = \frac{\tan(\pi f_c/f_S) - 1}{\tan(\pi f_c/f_S) + 1}$$

and the corresponding difference equations

$$x_h(n) = x(n) - cx_h(n-1)$$

$$y(n) = cx_h(n) + x_h(n-1)$$

Block diagram of first-order allpass filter



Corresponding state and output equations are:

$$x_h(n) = -cx_h(n-1) + x(n)$$

$$y(n) = (1 - c^2)x_h(n-1) + cx(n).$$

Matlab code:

```
1 function y = firstallpassunit(audio, para)
2 % y = firstallpass(audio, para)
3 % Author: Yangang Cao
4 % Applies a allpass filter to the input signal.
5 % para is the normalized cut-off frequency in ...
   (0,1)
6 c = (tan(pi*para/2)-1) / (tan(pi*para/2)+1);
7 x = 0;
8 x_1 = 0;
9 for n = 1:length(audio)
10     x_1 = -c * x + audio(n);
11     y(n) = (1 - c^2) * x + c * audio(n);
12     x = x_1;
13 end
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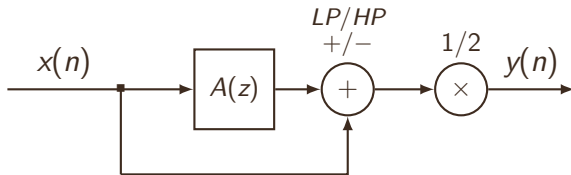
A first-order lowpass/highpass filter can be achieved by adding or subtracting (+/-) the output signal from the input signal of a first-order allpass filter:

$$H(z) = \frac{1}{2}(1 \pm A(z)) \quad (LP/HP + / -)$$

$$A(z) = \frac{z^{-1} + c}{1 + cz^{-1}}$$

$$c = \frac{\tan(\pi f_c/f_S) - 1}{\tan(\pi f_c/f_S) + 1}.$$

Block diagram of first-order low/highpass filter



The difference equations of first-order lowpass filter are:

$$x_h(n) = x(n) - cx_h(n-1)$$

$$y(n) = \frac{1+c}{2}x_h(n) + \frac{1+c}{2}x_h(n-1),$$

and corresponding state and output equations are:

$$x_h(n) = -cx_h(n-1) + x(n)$$

$$y(n) = \frac{1-c^2}{2}x_h(n-1) + \frac{1+c}{2}x(n).$$

Matlab code:

```
1  function y = aplowpassunit(audio, para)
2  % y = aplowpass(audio, para)
3  % Author: Yangang Cao
4  % Applies a lowpass filter to the input signal.
5  % para is the normalized cut-off frequency in ...
   (0,1)
6  c = (tan(pi*para/2)-1) / (tan(pi*para/2)+1);
7  x = 0;
8  x_1 = 0;
9  for n = 1:length(audio)
10     x_1 = -c * x + audio(n);
11     y(n) = ((1-c^2)/2) * x + (1+c)/2 * audio(n);
12     x = x_1;
13 end
```

The difference equations of first-order highpass filter are:

$$x_h(n) = x(n) - cx_h(n-1)$$

$$y(n) = \frac{1-c}{2}x_h(n) + \frac{c-1}{2}x_h(n-1)$$

and corresponding state and output equations are:

$$x_h(n) = -cx_h(n-1) + x(n)$$

$$y(n) = \frac{c^2-1}{2}x_h(n-1) + \frac{1-c}{2}x(n)$$

Matlab code:

```
1 function y = ahighpassunit(audio, para)
2 % y = ahighpass(audio, para)
3 % Author: Yangang Cao
4 % Applies a highpass filter to the input signal.
5 % para is the normalized cut-off frequency in ...
   (0,1)
6 c = (tan(pi*para/2)-1) / (tan(pi*para/2)+1);
7 x = 0;
8 x_1 = 0;
9 for n = 1:length(audio)
10     x_1 = -c * x + audio(n);
11     y(n) = ((c^2-1)/2) * x + (1-c)/2 * audio(n);
12     x = x_1;
13 end
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