

Floating-point and fixed-point

- > Audio-Samples are represented in 32-bit integers coming from I2S module
- > Filter coefficients for IIR / FIR filters typically represented in fractional numbers

Example for DSPs / Microcontrollers (with floating-point support)

Sample: 18745

Coefficient: 0.007938475

```
int result = (int) ((float) sample * 0.007938475f)
//result would be = 149
```

FPGAs

- > No floating-point support by default. However, a dedicated floating-point unit can be implemented (but not efficient in terms of FPGA usage)
- > By default support for signed and unsigned integers for multiplications, summings and substractions
- > Bit-shifting very easy to implement

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Coefficient: 0.007938475

Step 1 (preparation)

What fixed-point format is needed?

- > IIR parameters can vary between typically -2.0 and + 2.0
- > Using Q2.30 format (for 32-bit resolution)
 - >can represent numbers between -2.0 and +1.9999999...
- > Multiply all coefficients with 2^30 -> e.g. 0.007938475*(2^30) = 8523873

Step 2 (FPGA implementation)

Multiply incoming sample and fixed-point coefficient

- > 18745 * 8523873 = 159779999385
- > Caution: a 32bit by 32bit multiplication will result in a 64 bit output vector on a FPGA
- > Apply shift_right by 30 bits on the output result. This is effectively a division by 2^30. 159779999385 >> 30 = 149
- > Reduce output result from 64-bit again to 32-bit

Always pipeline complex operations on a FPGA

A 32 * 32 bit multiplier as needed by our IIR filter is extensively consuming logic on a FPGA.

On our TinyFPGA-BX board (iCE40LP8K), our complete design with two IIR filters (i.e. two 32*32 bit multipliers) is already using 5160 LUTs (which is already 67% of what is available). > LUT/PLB usage mainly driven by the multipliers.

Don't do this

```
-- add gain factors to numerator of biquad (feed forward path)

pgZFF_X0_quad <= std_logic_vector( signed(Coef_b0) * signed(ZFF_X0)) when mul_coefs = '1';

pgZFF_X1_quad <= std_logic_vector( signed(Coef_b1) * signed(ZFF_X1)) when mul_coefs = '1';

pgZFF_X2_quad <= std_logic_vector( signed(Coef_b2) * signed(ZFF_X2)) when mul_coefs = '1';

-- add gain factors to denominator of biquad (feed back path)

pgZFF_Y1_quad <= std_logic_vector( signed(Coef_a1) * signed(ZFF_Y1)) when mul_coefs = '1';

pgZFF_Y2_quad <= std_logic_vector( signed(Coef_a2) * signed(ZFF_Y2)) when mul_coefs = '1';
```

This will synthesize 5 multipliers parallel into your FPGA - using a lot of logic. Advantage -> all calculation possible within 1 clock-cycle

Do this

Separate your multiplier in an own process:

```
-- multiplier
process(mult_in_a, mult_in_b)
begin
mult_out <= mult_in_a * mult_in_b;
end process;</pre>
```

Always run only one multiplication per clock cycle - controlled by state-machine

```
elsif (state = 1) then
    --save result of (samplein*a0) to temp and apply right-shift of 30
    --and load multiplier with in_z1 and a1
    temp <= resize(shift_right(mult_out,30),40);
    mult_in_a <= in_z1;
    mult_in_b <= to_signed(a1,32);
    state <= 2;

elsif (state = 2) then
    --save and sum up result of (in_z1*a1) to temp and apply right-shift of 30
    --and load multiplier with in_z2 and a2
    temp <= temp + resize(shift_right(mult_out,30),40);
    mult_in_a <= in_z2;
    mult_in_b <= to_signed(a2,32);
    state <= 3;</pre>
```

Better usage of your single-multiplier and therefore space saving.

Drawback: 8 clock-cycles needed for one IIR calculation - but absolutely uncritical