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1 Week 5 Module 4: Part 1 Introduction to Filtering

1.1 Linear Time-Invariant Systems



LTI System

Linearity and Time Invariance taken together: A Linear Time Invariant System is completely characterized by its response to the input in particular by its the Impulse Response .

1.1.1 Linearity

Linearity is expressed by the equivalence

$$\mathfrak{H}\{\alpha x_1[n] + \beta x_2[n]\} = \alpha \mathfrak{H}\{x_1[n]\} + \beta \mathfrak{H}\{x_2[n]\} \quad (1)$$

- Fuzz-Box, example for a none linear device

TODO Add calculation examples

1.1.2 Time invariance

- The system behaves the same way independently of when a it's switched on

$$y[n] = \mathfrak{H}\{x[n]\} \Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{H}\{x[n - n_o]\} = y[n - n_o] \quad (2)$$

- Wah-Pedal, example of a time variant device

TODO Add calculation examples

1.1.3 Convolution

The impulse response is the output of a filter when the input is the delta function.

$$h[n] = \mathfrak{H}\{\delta[n]\} \quad (3)$$



Impulse Response

| Impulse response fully characterizes the LTI system!

We can always write

$$x[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] \delta[n - k] \quad (4)$$

by linearity and time invariance

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] h[n - k] \quad (5)$$

$$= x[n] * h[n] \quad (6)$$

Performing the convolution algorithmically

$$x[n] * h[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] \cdot h[n - k]$$

Ingredients

- a sequence $x[m]$
- a second sequence $h[m]$

The Recipe

- time-reverse $h[m]$
- at each step n (from $-\infty$ to ∞):
 - center the time-reversed $h[m]$ in n (i.e. by shift $-n$)
 - compute the inner product

Furthermore, the convolution can be defined in terms of the inner product between two sequences.

$$(x * y)[n] = \langle x^*[k], y[n - k] \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] y[n - k]$$

1.2 Filtering in the Time Domain

For the convolution of two sequences to exist, the convolution sum must be finite i.e. the both sequences must be [absolutely summable](#)

1.2.1 The convolution operator

Linearity
$$x[n] * (\alpha \cdot y[n] + \beta \cdot w[n]) = \alpha \cdot x[n] * y[n] + \beta \cdot x[n] * w[n]$$
$$w[n] = x[n] * y[n] \iff x[n] * y[n - k] = w[n - k]$$

Commutative
$$x[n] * y[n] = y[n] * x[n]$$

Associative
$$(x[n] * y[n]) * w[n] = x[n] * (y[n] * w[n])$$

1.2.2 Convolution and inner Product

$$x[n] * h[n] = \langle h^*[n - k], x[k] \rangle$$

Filtering measures the time-localized similarity between the input sequence and a prototype sequence - the time reversed impulse response.

In general the convolution operator for a signal is defined with respect to the inner product of its underlying Hilbert space:

Square Summable Sequence $\ell_2(\mathbb{Z})$ $x[n] * h[n] = \langle h^*[n - k], x[k] \rangle$

N-Periodic Sequence
$$\tilde{x}[n] * \tilde{y}[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \tilde{x}[n - k] \tilde{y}[k]$$

Square Integrable Function $L_2([-\pi, \pi])$
$$X(e^{j\omega}) * Y(e^{\omega}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X(e^{j\sigma}) \cdot Y(e^{j(\omega - \sigma)}) d\sigma$$

1.2.3 Properties of the Impulse Response

Causality A system is called causal if its output does not depend on future values of the input. In practice a causal system is the only type of "real-time" system we can actually implement.

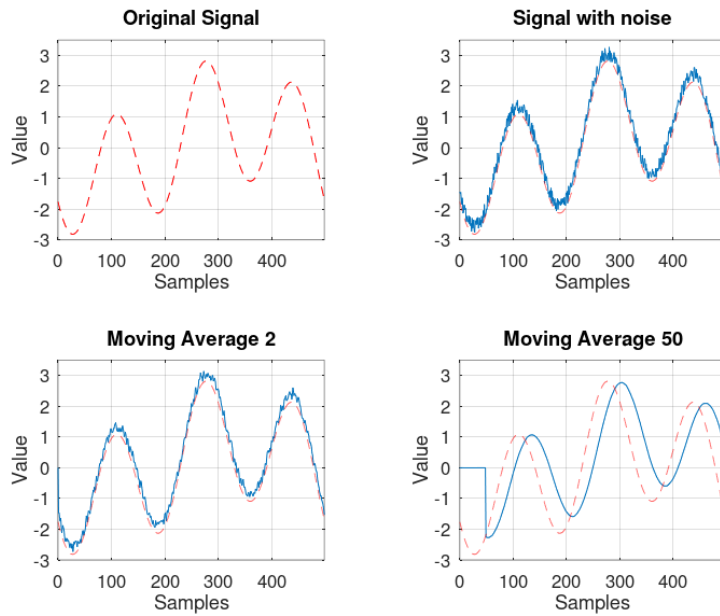
Stability A system is called bounded-input bounded-output stable (BIBO stable) if its output is bounded for all bounded input sequences. **FIR** Filter are always stable, since only in the convolution sum only a finite number of terms are involved.

1.2.4 Filtering by Example

FIR Filter: Moving Average Typical filtering scenario: denoising

- idea: replace each sample by the local average. Average are usually good to eliminate random variation from which you don't know much about it.
- for instance: $y[n] = (x[n] + x[n - 1])/2$
- more generally:

$$y[n] = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} x[n - k]$$



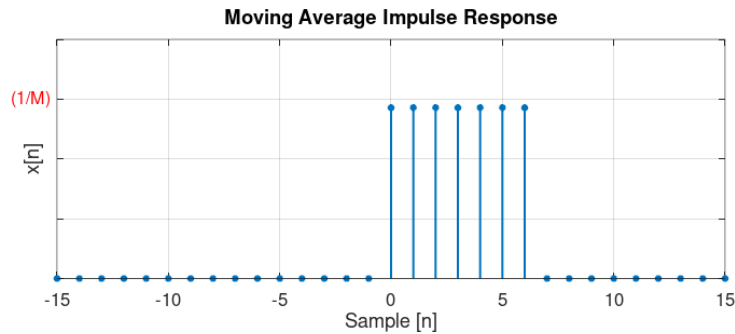
Impulse Response

$$h[n] = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} \delta[n - k] \begin{cases} \frac{1}{M} & \text{for } 0 \leq n < M \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

```

function [x,n] = ma_impresp(M,n1,n2)
% Generates x(n) = delta(n); 0 <= M
% -----
% [x,n] = stepseq(n0,n1,n2)
%
n = [n1:n2]; x = [ (n >= 0) & !((n-M) >= 0) ]./M;
end

```



MA Analysis

- soomthin effect is proportional to M
- number of operations and storage also proportional to M

From the MA to first-order recursion

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_M[n] &= \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} x[n-k] = x[n]X \sum_{k=1}^{M-1} x[n-k] \\
 M y_M[n] &= x[n] + (M-1)y_{M-1}[n-1] \\
 y_M[n] &= \frac{M-1}{M}y_{M-1}[n-1] + \frac{1}{M}x[n] \\
 y_M[n] &= \lambda y_{M-1}[n-1] + (1-\lambda)x[n], \quad \lambda = \frac{M-1}{M}
 \end{aligned}$$

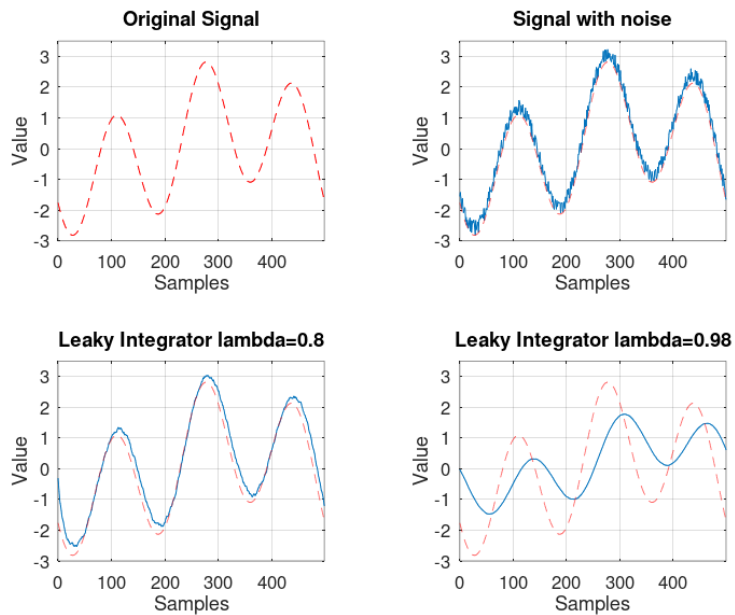
IIR Filter: The Leaky Integrator

- when M is large, $y_{M-1}[n] \approx y_M[n]$ and $(\lambda \approx 1)$
- the filter becomes: $y[n] = \lambda y[n-1] + (1-\lambda)x[n]$

- the filter is now recursive, since it uses its previous output value

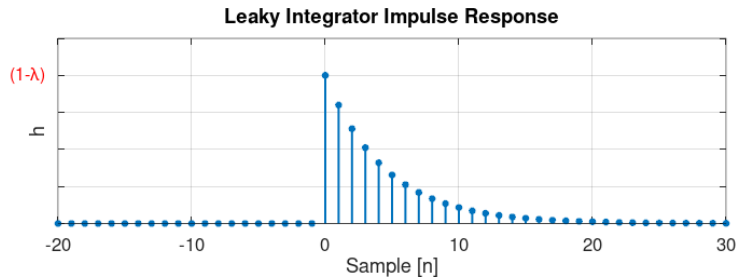
```
function y = lky_impresp(a,b,lambda,x)
% Generates  $x(n) = a^n$ 
% -----
%  $[x,n] = lky\_impresp(a,b, \lambda, x)$ 
%  $y[n] - \lambda y[n-1] = (1-\lambda) x[n]$ 
%  $a = [1, -\lambda];$ 
%  $b = [(1-\lambda)];$ 

b = [1-lambda];
a = [1, -lambda];
y = filter(b,a,x);
end
```



Impulse Response For the impulse we just need to plug the delta function

$$\begin{aligned} h[n] &= (\lambda y[n-1] + (1-\lambda))\delta[n] \\ &= (1-\lambda)\lambda^n u[n] \end{aligned}$$



The peak at $n=0$ is $1 - \lambda$.

The leaky integrator why the name

- Discrete Time integrator is a boundless accumulator

$$\begin{aligned}
 y[n] &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^n x[k] \\
 &= y[n-1] + x[n] \Rightarrow \text{almost leaky integrator}
 \end{aligned}$$

To prevent "exploding" we scale the accumulator with λ :

$\lambda y[n-1]$ keep only a fraction λ of the accumulated value so far and forget ("leak") a fraction $1 - \lambda$

$(1 - \lambda)x[n]$ add only a fraction $1 - \lambda$ of the current value to the accumulator.

So we get the leaky integrator from the accumulator

$$y[n] = \lambda y[n-1] + (1 - \lambda)x[n] \Rightarrow \text{almost leaky integrator}$$

1.3 Classification of Filters

FIR

Finite Impulse Response Filter

- Impulse response has finite support
- only a finite number of samples are involved in the computation of each output
- Example: Moving Average Filter

IIR

Infinite Impulse Response Filter

- Impulse response has infinite support
- a potentially infinite number of samples are involved in the computation of each output sample
- surprisingly, in many cases the computation can still be performed in a finite amount of steps
- Example: The Leaky Integrator

Casual

- impulse response is zero for $n < 0$
- only past samples are involved in the computation of each output sample
- causal filters can work "on line" since they only need the past

Noncasual

- impulse response is nonzero for some (or all) $n < 0$
- can still be implemented in an offline fashion (e.g. image processing)

1.4 Filter Stability



FIR Filter

| FIR filters are always stable

because their impulse response only contains a finite number of non-zero values, and therefore the sum of their absolute values will always be finite.

1.5 Frequency Response

1.5.1 References

- Signal and System for Dummies: Frequency Response

1.5.2 Eigensequence

If a complex exponential is applied to an LTI filter its response is the DTFT of the impulse response of the LTI filter times the complex exponential.

$$\begin{aligned}
x[n] &= e^{j\omega_0 n} \\
y[n] &= \Re\{x[n]\} \\
y[n] &= x[n] * h[n] \\
y[n] &= e^{j\omega_0 n} * h[n] \\
y[n] &= H(e^{j\omega_0})e^{j\omega_0 n}
\end{aligned}$$

- DTFT of impulse response determine the frequency characteristic of a filter
- Complex exponentials are [eigensequences](#) of LTI systems, i.e. linear filters cannot change the frequency of a sinusoid.

1.5.3 Magnitude and phase

$$\begin{aligned}
&\text{if } H(e^{j\omega_0}) = Ae^{j\theta}, \text{ then} \\
&\Re\{e^{j\omega_0 n}\} = Ae^{j(\omega_0 n + \theta)}
\end{aligned}$$

amplitude	A	phase shift	θ
amplification	> 1	delay	< 0
attenuation	$0 \leq A < 1$	advancement	> 0

1.5.4 The convolution theorem

The convolution theorem summarizes this result in

$$DTFT\{x[n] * h[n]\} = X(e^{j\omega})H(e^{j\omega})$$

1.5.5 Frequency response

The DTFT of the impulse response is called the frequency response

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = DTFT\{h[n]\}$$

magnitude	$ H(e^{j\omega}) $	phase
amplification	> 1	overall shape and
attenuation	< 1	phase changes

1.5.6 Example of Frequency Response: Moving Average Filter

The difference equation from M-point averager is

$$y[n] = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} x[n-k]$$

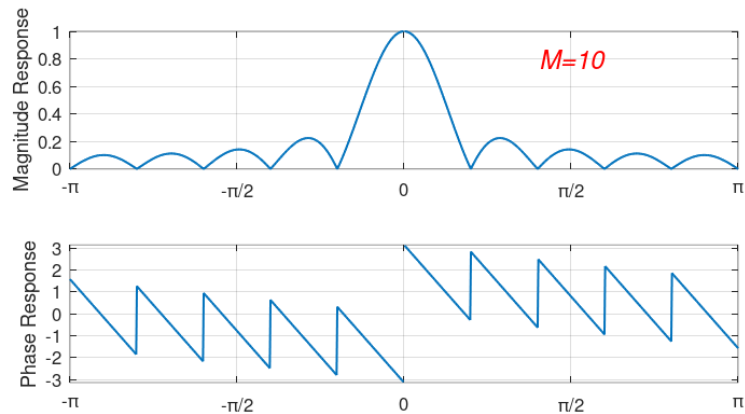
The Frequency response of the moving average filter

$$\begin{aligned} H(e^{j\omega}) &= \frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} e^{-j\omega k} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} (e^{-j\omega})^k \\ &= \frac{1}{M} \frac{(1 - e^{-j\omega M})}{(1 - e^{-j\omega})} \end{aligned}$$

- The frequency response is composed of a linear term $e^{-j\omega \frac{M-1}{2}}$ and $\pm\pi$ due to the sign changes of $\frac{\sin(\frac{\omega}{2}M)}{\sin(\frac{\omega}{2})}$

The Magnitude response of the moving average filter

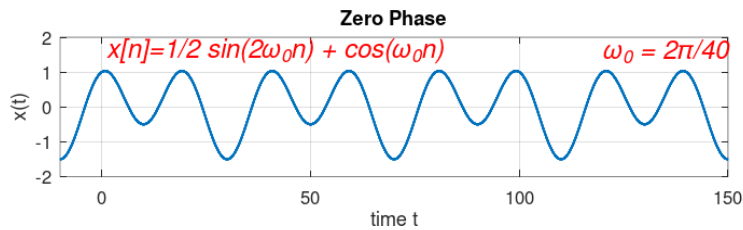
$$H(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{1}{M} \left| \frac{\sin(\frac{\omega}{2}M)}{\sin(\frac{\omega}{2})} \right|$$



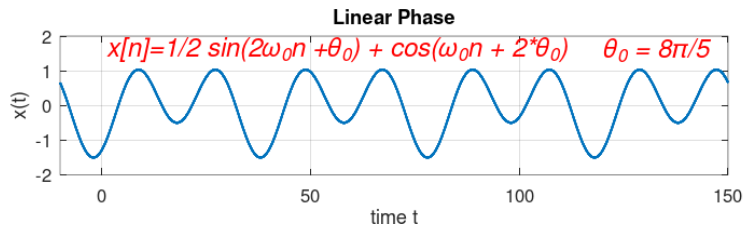
1.5.7 Phase and signal shape

To understand the effects of the phase on a signal is to distinguish three different cases

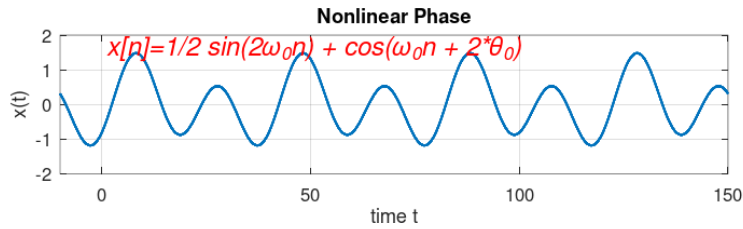
- zero phase: the spectrum is real: $\angle H(e^{j\omega}) = 0$



- linear phase: the phase is proportional to the frequency via a real factor, d: $\angle H(e^{j\omega}) = d\omega$ the phase is proportional to the frequency of the sinusoid. The net effect is a shift of the signal if the phase component is proportional to the frequency.



- non linear phase: which covers all the other properties now the shape of the signal in the time domain changes.



Spectrum

The spectrum of all three signals $x[n]$ remains exactly the same in magnitude.

1.5.8 Linear Phase

$$y[n] = x[n - d]$$

$$Y(e^{j\omega}) = e^{-j\omega d} X(e^{j\omega})$$

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = e^{-j\omega d} \Rightarrow \text{linear phase term}$$

1.5.9 Moving Average is linear Phase

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = A(e^{j\omega}) e^{-j\omega d}$$

$$\Rightarrow A(e^{j\omega}): \text{pure real term}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-j\omega d}: \text{pure phase term}$$

$$= \frac{1}{M} \frac{\sin(\frac{\omega}{2} M)}{\sin(\frac{\omega}{2})} e^{-j\omega \frac{M-1}{2}} \Rightarrow \frac{M-1}{2} = d$$

1.5.10 Example of Frequency Response: Leaky Integrator

The Frequency response of the leaky integrator

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{1 - \lambda}{1 - \lambda e^{j\omega}}$$

Finding the magnitude and phaser requires a little algebra
From Complex Algebra

$$\frac{1}{a + jb} = \frac{1 - jb}{a^2 + b^2}$$

So that if $x = \frac{1}{a+jb}$

$$|x|^2 = \frac{1}{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$\angle x = \tan^{-1} \left[-\frac{a}{b} \right]$$

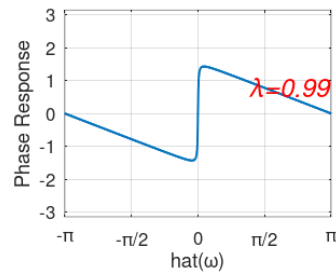
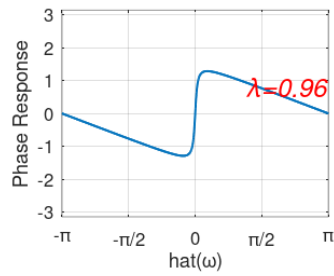
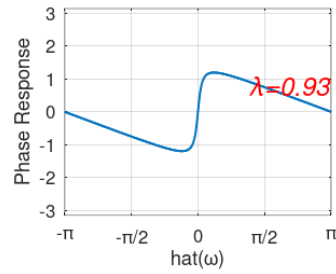
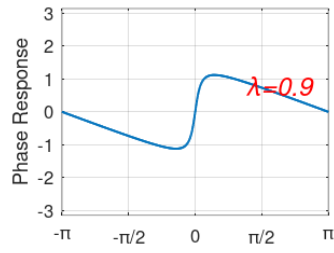
$$H(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{1 - \lambda}{(1 - \lambda \cos \omega) - j \sin \omega}$$

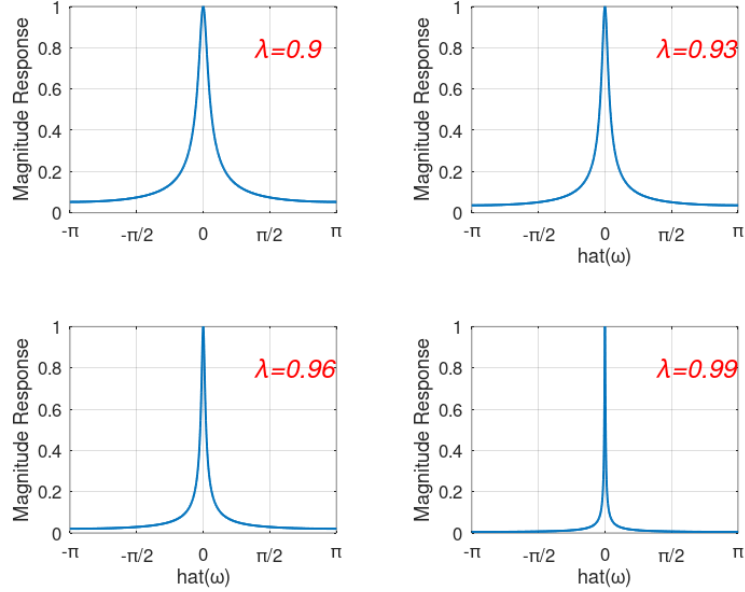
so that:

$$|H(e^{j\omega})|^2 = \frac{(1 - \lambda)^2}{1 - 2\lambda \cos \omega + \lambda^2}$$

$$\angle H(e^{j\omega}) = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{\lambda \sin \omega}{1 - \lambda \cos \omega} \right]$$

The phase is nonlinear in this case





1.5.11 TODO Example of Frequency Response: Karplus Strong Algorithm

$$y[n] = \alpha y[n - M] + x[n]$$

The Karplus-Strong algorithm is initialized with a finite support signal x of support M . And then we use a feedback loop with a delay of M taps. To produce multiple copies of the original finite support signal, scaled by an exponentially decaying factor α .

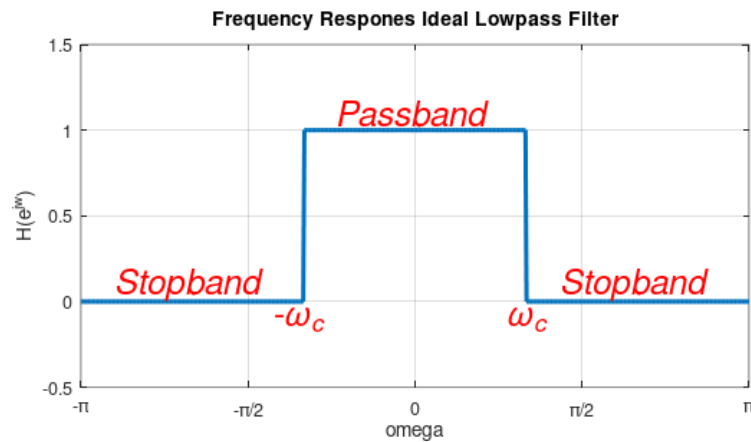
With Sawtooth Wave

$$\tilde{X}(j\omega)W(j\omega) = e^{-j\omega} \left(\frac{M+1}{M-1} \right) \frac{1 - e^{-j(M-1)\omega}}{(1 - e^{j\omega})^2} - \frac{1 - e^{-j(M+1)\omega}}{(1 - e^{j\omega})^2}$$

$$X(j\omega)W(j\omega) = \frac{1}{1 - \alpha e^{-j\omega M}}$$

1.6 Ideal Filters

1.6.1 The ideal lowpass filter frequency response



1.6.2 Ideal lowpass filter impulse response

- Lets low frequencies go through
- Attenuates i.e. kills high frequencies

Cut off Frequency ω_c - the frequency response transitions from 1 to zero

Passband $\omega_b = 2\omega_c$

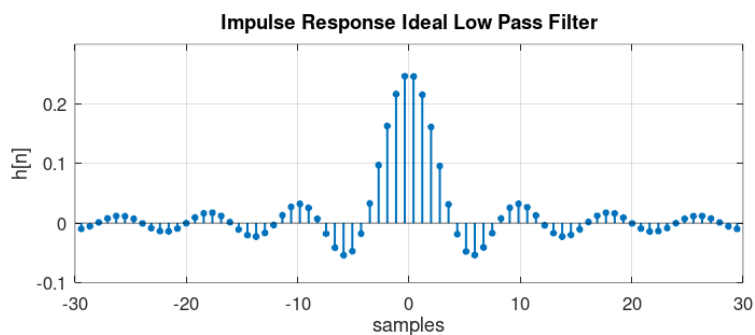
$$H(e^{j\omega}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } |\omega| \leq \omega_c \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- perfectly flat passband
- infinite attenuation in stopband
- zero-phase (no delay)

Calculation of the impulse response from the frequency response of an

ideal low pass filter. Impulse Responses

$$\begin{aligned}
 h[n] &= IDFT\{H(e^{j\omega})\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} H(e^{j\omega}) e^{j\omega n} d\omega \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\omega_c}^{\omega_c} e^{j\omega n} d\omega \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi n} \frac{e^{j\omega_c n} - e^{-j\omega_c n}}{2j} \\
 &= \frac{\sin(\omega_c n)}{\pi n}
 \end{aligned}$$



- from Mathworks
- The impulse response has infinite support to the right and to the left
- Independent of how the convolution is computed, it will always take an infinite number of operations.
- The impulse response decays slowly in time $\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$, we need a lot of samples for a good approximation.

Impulse Response: From normalized Algorithm to Octave Implementation

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\sin(\omega_c n)}{\pi n} &= \frac{\omega_c}{\pi} \cdot \text{sinc}\left(n \frac{\omega_c}{\pi}\right); \\ &= \frac{\frac{\pi}{c}}{\pi} \cdot \text{sinc}\left(n \frac{\frac{\pi}{c}}{\pi}\right); \\ &= \frac{1}{c} \cdot \text{sinc}\left(n \frac{1}{c}\right); \\ &= \frac{1}{c} \cdot \text{sinc}\left(\frac{n}{c}\right);\end{aligned}$$

The sinc-rect pair:

$$\text{rect}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & |x| \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & |x| > \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{sinc}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin(\pi x)}{\pi x} & x \neq 0 \\ 1 & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

- rect is the indicator function from $-\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$

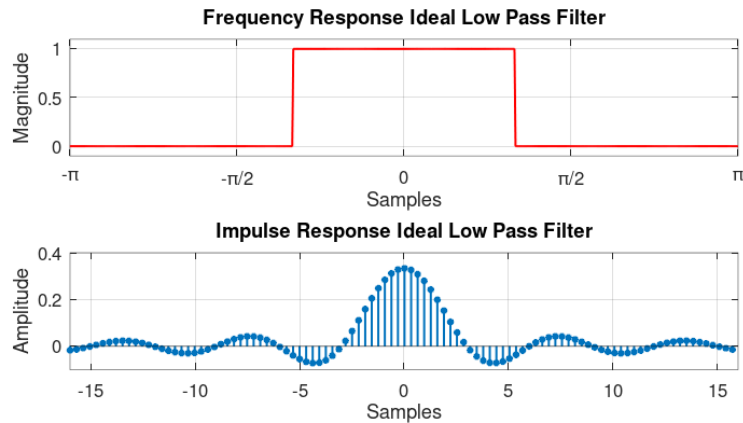
Canonical form of the ideal low pass filter The sinc-rect pair can be written in canonical form as follow: \$~\$

$$\boxed{H(e^{j\omega}) = \text{rect}\left(\frac{\omega}{2\omega_c}\right)} \xleftrightarrow{DTFT} \boxed{\frac{\omega_c}{\pi} \text{sinc}\left(\frac{\omega_c}{\pi} n\right) = h[n]}$$

- The Impulse response is normalized by $\frac{\omega_c}{\pi}$

1.6.3 Example

Calculation of the impulse- and frequency response for an ideal low pass filter with ω_c
 $\frac{\pi}{3}$



1.6.4 TODO Ideal filters derived from the ideal low pass filter

1.6.5 TODO Demodulation revisited

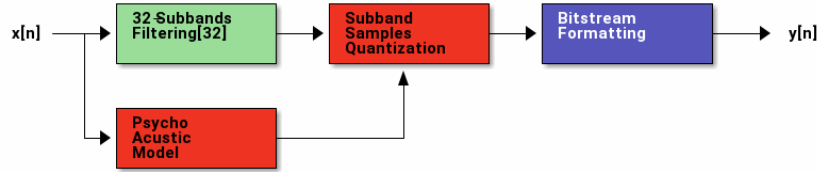
1.7 MP3 Encoder

- **Goal:** Reduce number of bits to represent original signal $x[n]$
- MP3: Motion Picture Expert Group



- **Lossy Compression:** $x[n] \neq y[n]$
- Put noise where not perceptible by human ear
- *Example:* Raw Storage Consumption DVD
 - Sample Rate: 48kHz
 - Bits per Sample: 16
 - Bit Rate: $\frac{48000 \text{ samples}}{\text{second}} \frac{16 \text{ bits}}{\text{samples}} = 768 \text{ kbits/s}$
 - Duration: 60s
 - Mono Raw Data Storage Usage: $60 \text{ s} * 76.8 \text{ kbits/s} = 46 \text{ Mbit} = 5.8 \text{ MByte}$
 - Stereo Raw Data Storage Usage: $2 * 5.8 \text{ MBytes} = 12 \text{ MBytes}$

– MP3 Compressed Storage Usage: 1.5MBytes



- Clever Quantization Scheme: Number of bits allocated to each sub-band is dependent on the perceptual importance of each sub-band with respect to overall quality of the audio wave-form
- Masking Effect of the human auditory system.

1.7.1 Psycho Acoustic Model, How it Works

- The psycho acoustic model is not part of the mp3 standard
- calculate the minimum number of bits that we need to quantize each of the 32 subband filter outputs, so that the perceptual distortion is as little as possible

- step 1 Use FFT to estimate the energy of the signal in each subband
- step 2 Distinguish between tonal (sinusoid like) and non-tonal (nois-like) component
- step 3 Determine individual masking effect of tonal and non-tonal component in each critical band
- step 4 Determine the total masking effect by summing the individual contribution
- step 5 Map this total effect to the 32 subbands
- step 6 Determine bit allocation by allocating priority bits to subbands with lowest signal-to-mask ratio

1.7.2 Subband Filter

$$h_i[n] = h[n] \cos\left(\frac{\pi i}{64}(2i+1)(n-16)\right)$$

1.8 Programing Assignment 1

```
import matplotlib
import numpy as np
matplotlib.use('Agg')
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

def scaled_fft_db(x):
    """ ASSIGNMENT 1:
        Module 4 Part 1:
        Apply a hanning window to len(x[n]) = 512
    """

    N = len(x)                # number of samples
    n = np.arange(N)         # time vector
    # a) Compute a 512-point Hann window and use it to weigh the input data.
    sine_sqr = np.sin((np.pi*n)/(N-1))**2    #  $\sin(x)^2 = 1/2(1 - \cos(2x))$ 
    c = np.sqrt(511/np.sum(sine_sqr))
    w = c/2 * (1 - np.cos((2 * np.pi * n)/(N - 1)))
    # b) Compute the DFT of the weighed input, take the magnitude in dBs and
    #     normalize so that the maximum value is 96dB.
    y = w * x
    Y = np.fft.fft(y) / N
    # c) Return the first 257 values of the normalized spectrum
    Y = Y[0: np.int(N/2+1)]
    # Take the magnitude of X
    Y_mag = np.abs(Y)
    nonzero_magY = np.where(Y_mag != 0)[0]

    # Convert the magnitudes to dB
    Y_db = -100 * np.ones_like(Y_mag)    # Set the default dB to -100
    Y_db[nonzero_magY] = 20*np.log10(Y_mag[nonzero_magY]) # Compute the dB for non.

    # Rescale to amx of 96 dB
    max_db = np.amax(Y_db)
    Y_db = 96 - max_db + Y_db

    return Y_db
```

```

def test():
    N = 512
    n = np.arange(N)
    x = np.cos(2*np.pi*n/10)

    # Y = scaled_fft_db(x)
    Y = scaled_fft_db(x)

    fig=plt.figure(figsize=(6,3))
    plt.semilogy(abs(Y))
    plt.grid(True)

    fig.tight_layout()
    plt.savefig('image/python-matplot-fig-04.png')
    return 'image/python-matplot-fig-04.png' # return filename to org-mode

return test()

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