

Adaptive Noise Cancellation using Java

Learn how to use a general-purpose [LMS](#) adaptive engine to write a Java program that illustrates the use of adaptive filtering for noise cancellation.

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Preface

DSP and adaptive filtering

With the decrease in cost and the increase in speed of digital devices, Digital Signal Processing ([DSP](#)) is showing up in everything from cell phones to hearing aids to rock concerts. Many applications of DSP are static. That is, the characteristics of the digital processor don't change with time or circumstances. However, a particularly interesting branch of DSP is *adaptive filtering*. This is a scenario where the characteristics of the digital processor change with time, circumstances, or both.

Sixth in a series

This is the sixth lesson in a series designed to teach you about adaptive filtering in Java. The first lesson, entitled [Adaptive Filtering in Java, Getting Started](#), introduced you to the topic by showing you how to write a Java program to adaptively design a time-delay convolution filter with a flat amplitude response and a linear phase response using an [LMS](#) adaptive algorithm.

A general-purpose adaptive engine

The third lesson in the series, entitled [A General-Purpose LMS Adaptive Engine in Java](#), presented and explained a general-purpose [LMS](#) adaptive engine written in Java. That engine can be used to solve a wide variety of adaptive problems.

Adaptive identification and inverse filtering

The previous lesson entitled [Adaptive Identification and Inverse Filtering using Java](#) showed you how to accomplish the first two items in the following list of common applications of adaptive filtering:

- System Identification
- Inverse System Identification
- Noise Cancellation
- Prediction

Adaptive noise cancellation

This lesson presents and explains a program named **Adapt08**, which demonstrates the use of adaptive filtering for the third item in the above list, *Noise Cancellation*. A future lesson will deal with the last item in the above list, *Prediction*.

Viewing tip

You may find it useful to open another copy of this lesson in a separate browser window. That will make it easier for you to scroll back and forth among the different listings and figures while you are reading about them.

Supplementary material

I recommend that you also study the other lessons in my extensive collection of online Java tutorials. You will find those lessons published at [Gamelan.com](#). However, as of the date of this writing, Gamelan doesn't maintain a consolidated index of my Java tutorial lessons, and sometimes they are difficult to locate there. You will find a consolidated index at [www.DickBaldwin.com](#).

In preparation for understanding the material in this lesson, I recommend that you also study the lessons identified in the [References](#) section of this document.

General Background Information

What is adaptive noise cancellation?

I will explain *adaptive noise cancellation* using an example which you can probably relate to. The sample program that I will present later is designed to be consistent with this example. If you go to [Google](#) and search for the keywords **adaptive noise cancellation**, you will find other examples of situations where adaptive noise cancellation may be of value.

A concert in the park

Let's assume that you are the promoter of a concert in the local park. In addition to the live performance, you plan to record the concert and to produce and sell an audio CD containing that recording.

Noise from a waterfall

As it turns out, there is a rather large waterfall in the park. The waterfall emits quite a lot of acoustic noise. The acoustic noise emitted by the waterfall has a spectrum that is generally flat across the typical audio spectrum. Thus we would say that the waterfall emits *white noise*.

The area of the park where the concert is to be staged is some distance from the waterfall, but it is still possible to hear the waterfall on the stage where the concert is to be performed. Thus, the performers and the spectators can easily hear the waterfall. That means that the performer's microphones will also pick up the sound of the waterfall.

Waterfall sound is modified by the acoustic path

The waterfall doesn't sound exactly the same when heard in the concert area as it sounds when standing near the waterfall. That is because the acoustic path between the waterfall and the concert stage contains physical obstacles that either absorb or reflect the acoustic energy. Thus, by the time the sound reaches the concert stage, it is composed of the sum of the primary sound transmission plus time-delayed and attenuated echoes. Even the primary sound transmission is delayed in time by the length of the acoustic path.

Need to get rid of the noise from the waterfall

The sound of the waterfall in the background may be pleasing to the spectators who attend the concert and commune with nature on a cool spring evening. However, it probably wouldn't be pleasing if those sounds were picked up by the performer's microphones, amplified, and broadcast through the concert speaker system.

Also, the sounds of the waterfall probably wouldn't be pleasing to the potential customers of the CD if those sounds existed as background noise on the music tracks. To the people who don't have an opportunity to enjoy the natural setting of the concert, those sounds would probably simply be a nuisance.

Therefore, you give your audio engineers the task of removing the sounds of the waterfall that are picked up by the performer's microphones before those sounds are laid down on the recording of the concert and before they are broadcast by the concert speaker system.

Adaptive noise cancellation to the rescue

It may be possible to accomplish this *Noise Cancellation* through the use of adaptive filtering. The assumption is that even though the sound of the waterfall as perceived in the

concert area is decidedly different from the sound of the waterfall near the source, those sounds are correlated nonetheless. If that is true, an adaptive noise cancellation filter can be used to remove a large portion of the noise produced by the waterfall from the electronic signals produced by the performer's microphones.

In order to explain how this is accomplished, I will refer you to the following [Block Diagram of the Adaptive System](#), produced by [three students](#) at [Rice University](#).

Correspondence between my terminology and the [block diagram](#)

In this example, the white noise emitted by the waterfall is represented by the **Reference Signal** in the [block diagram](#). The acoustic path between the waterfall and the area where the concert is to be staged is represented by the dotted box containing the question mark in the [block diagram](#). The sum of the sounds generated by the performers is represented by the **Primary Signal** in the [block diagram](#).

The natural addition of the modified waterfall noise to the sounds produced by the performers is represented by the dotted circle containing the plus sign in the [block diagram](#). In other words, the output from the performer's microphones contains the sum of the sounds produced by the performers and the noise from the waterfall as modified by the acoustic path between the waterfall and the stage.

Relation to the adaptive engine

The **Reference Signal** in the block diagram corresponds to one of the two inputs to the adaptive engine that will be discussed in conjunction with the program code. This is the input to the adaptive filter. This is referred to as the **whiteNoise** in the program.

The other input to the adaptive engine, commonly referred to as the *target*, is shown as **d(n)** in the [block diagram](#).

Finally, the **Output** shown in the [block diagram](#) corresponds to the adaptive engine output commonly referred to as the *error*.

The large box identified as **Adaptive** in the [block diagram](#) corresponds to the *adaptive filter* in the adaptive engine used in the program.

Physical arrangement

You will use two microphones for this project. One microphone will be placed close to the waterfall where it will produce a high-fidelity electronic replica of the noise being emitted by the waterfall. You will transmit that electronic information from the waterfall to the concert area via electrical cable. At the concert area, you will convert that electronic information into a sampled digital time series and feed it into the adaptive filter of the adaptive engine. This information is represented by **Reference Signal** in the [block diagram](#), and is represented by **whiteNoise** in the program.

The other microphone is the performer's microphone (*or the output from an electronic mixer if there are multiple microphones on the stage*). You will convert this information, (*which consists of signal plus waterfall noise*), into a sampled digital time series and feed it as the *target* to the adaptive engine. This is represented by $\mathbf{d(n)}$ in the [block diagram](#).

The output from the adaptive engine commonly referred to as the *error*, contains the useful output from the adaptive engine in this case. If all goes well, the *error* will consist mainly of signal information produced by the performers with most of the noise produced by the waterfall having been removed. You will feed the *error* into the sound system and broadcast it to the spectators. You will also record it to be used later in the production of your audio CD.

Why does this work?

The overall objective of this adaptive scheme is to adjust the filter coefficients in the adaptive digital filter in an attempt to drive the error to zero.

It is assumed that the signal is uncorrelated with the noise. (*This should be the case when the noise is produced by a waterfall and the signal is produced by musicians.*) If this assumption is true, a particular signal value at a particular adaptive correction to the filter coefficients may have an impact on that particular correction. However, over the long term, the signal values will not have a lasting effect on the adaptive corrections to the filter coefficients. (*The corrections produced by the signal will average out to zero.*) Thus, over the long term, the adaptive corrections to the filter coefficients will not be influenced by the signal in one direction or the other.

Because the noise that is added to the signal is correlated with the white noise that is input to the adaptive filter, over the long term, the adaptive algorithm will attempt to drive the noise component of the error to zero. When the noise component is driven to near zero, the resulting error consists mainly of signal.

(Note however that the existence of the signal that is uncorrelated with the noise in the adaptive computation will prevent the algorithm from ever converging to a perfect noise cancellation solution.)

Overall analysis

Therefore, in operation, the LMS adaptive algorithm attempts to cause the output from the adaptive filter, shown as $\mathbf{y(n)}$ in the [block diagram](#), to be an exact match for that version of the noise that is added to the **Primary Signal** at the top of the [block diagram](#). This is the result which, when subtracted from the combined signal plus noise, will have the most beneficial effect relative to driving the error to zero.

When this is accomplished perfectly and the adaptive filter output is subtracted from the combined signal plus noise on the right side of the [block diagram](#), the output or error will contain only signal. Once again, however, the existence of the signal in the values used to compute the

adaptive corrections will prevent the system from ever reaching a perfect solution, and the error will probably always contain at least a small residue of noise.

Preview

The program named **Adapt08**

The purpose of this program is to illustrate an adaptive noise cancellation system.

(See this [URL](#) for a description and a block diagram of an adaptive noise cancellation system.)

This program requires the following classes:

- Adapt08.class
- AdaptEngine02.class
- AdaptiveResult.class
- ForwardRealToComplex01.class
- PlotALot01.class
- PlotALot03.class
- PlotALot07.class

The source code

The source code for the class named **Adapt08** is provided in [Listing 14](#) near the end of this lesson. The source code for the other classes in the above list is provided in earlier lessons that are accessible via the [References](#) section of this lesson.

The adaptive engine

This program uses the adaptive engine named **AdaptEngine02** to adaptively develop a convolution filter. One of the inputs to the adaptive engine is the sum of signal plus noise. The other input to the adaptive engine is white noise, which is different from, but which is correlated with the noise that is added to the signal.

The adaptive engine develops a filter that attempts to remove the noise from the signal plus noise data producing an output consisting of almost pure signal.

Signal and noise sources

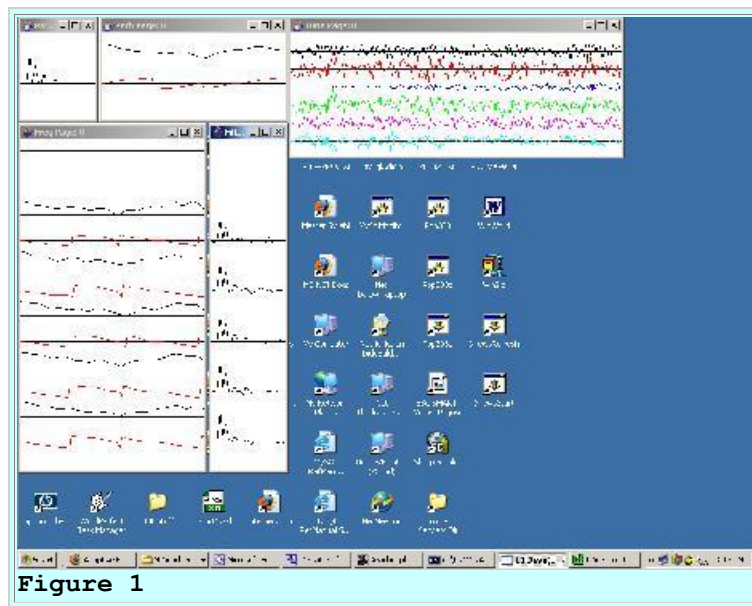
The signal and the white noise are derived from a random number generator. Therefore, they are both essentially white. The signal is not correlated with the noise. Before final scaling, the values obtained from the random number generator are uniformly distributed from -1.0 to +1.0.

Simulation of the propagation of waterfall noise through space

The white noise is processed through a convolution filter before adding it to the signal. The convolution filter is designed to simulate the effect of acoustic energy being emitted at one point in space and being modified through the addition of several time-delayed and attenuated echoes before being received at another point in space. This results in constructive and destructive interference such that the noise that is added to the signal is no longer white. However, it is still correlated with the original white noise.

The graphic output

The program produces five graphs with three graphs in a row across the top of the screen and two graphs in a row below the top row as shown by the screen shot in Figure 1.



Description of the five graphs

A brief description of each of the five graphs, working from left to right, top to bottom, follows:

1. The impulse response of the convolution filter that is applied to the white noise before it is added to the white signal. (*Simulates spatial propagation effects.*)
2. The amplitude and phase response of the convolution filter that is applied to the white noise before it is added to the white signal. (*Shows simulated spatial propagation effects in the frequency domain.*)
3. Six time series that illustrate the time behavior of the adaptive process. (*See description by color code below.*)
4. The amplitude and phase response of the adaptive filter at the end of every 400th iteration.
5. The impulse response of the adaptive filter at the end of every 400th adaptive iteration.

Multiple stacked pages

Graph 3, showing the time series data, consists of multiple pages stacked on top of one another. You can move the pages on the top of the stack to view the pages further down. The pages on the top of the stack represent the results produced early in the adaptive process while those further down represent the results produced later in the adaptive process.

(If you increase the number of iterations described later, graphs 4 and 5 will also consist of multiple pages stacked on top of one another.)

The six time series and their colors

The six time series that are plotted in Graph #3 are, from top to bottom in the colors indicated:

1. *(Black)* Input to the adaptive filter. This is the white noise equivalent to the sound of the waterfall in the above described scenario. This white noise is produced by a random number generator.
2. *(Red)* Target for the adaptive process. This is the signal plus noise, which is shown as $\mathbf{d(n)}$ in the [block diagram](#). In this case, the noise is the waterfall noise as modified by the acoustic path and the signal is the white signal produced by a random number generator.
3. *(Blue)* Output from the adaptive filter, shown as $\mathbf{y(n)}$ in the [block diagram](#). This is an adaptive estimate of the waterfall noise as modified by the acoustic path.
4. *(Green)* Error computed within the adaptive process. In this case, the error trace is actually the trace that contains the signal with the noise partially removed. In other words, the blue trace is an estimate of the waterfall noise as modified by the acoustic path and the green trace is the difference between the red trace and the blue trace. The error is shown both as $\mathbf{e(n)}$ and as **Output** in the [block diagram](#).
5. *(Violet)* The original pure signal shown as $\mathbf{s(n)}$ in the [block diagram](#). This trace is not used in the adaptive computation. Rather, it is provided for visual comparison with the green trace that shows the adaptive process' estimate of the signal after the noise has been removed.
6. *(Turquoise)* The arithmetic difference between the pure signal trace (violet) and the green trace containing the adaptive process' estimate of the signal. This trace is not used in the adaptive computation. Rather, it is provided for a visual arithmetic comparison of the difference between the pure signal trace and the adaptive estimate of the signal. Ideally this trace will go to zero if the adaptive process is successful in totally eliminating the noise from the green trace.

Impulse responses near the end of the run

Near the end of the run, the adaptive update process is disabled. The input data is set to zero for the remainder of the run except that on one occasion, an impulse is inserted into the white noise data. This makes it possible to see:

1. The single impulse in the input noise on the black trace.
2. The impulse response of the convolution filter that is applied to the white noise before it is added to the white signal. This impulse response is visible on the red trace.

3. The impulse response of the final adaptive filter. This impulse response is visible on the blue trace.

Ideally, the impulse response on the blue trace would be identical to the impulse response on the red trace, indicating that the adaptive filter perfectly matches the convolution filter that is applied to the white noise before it is added to the white signal. As you will see later, the match is not perfect but it is very close.

User input

There is no user input to this program. All parameter values are hard coded into the main method. To run the program with different parameters, modify the parameter values in the source code and recompile the program.

Program parameters

The important program parameters that you might want to modify for experimental purposes are:

- **feedbackGain**: The gain factor that is used in the feedback loop to adjust the coefficient values in the adaptive filter.
- **numberIterations**: This is the number of iterations that the program executes before stopping and displaying all of the graphic results.
- **filterLength**: This is the number of coefficients in the adaptive filter. Must be at least 26. If you change the **filterLength** to a value that is less than 26, the plot of the impulse responses of the adaptive filter will not be properly aligned.
- **noiseScale**: The scale factor that is applied to the values that are extracted from the random number generator and used as white noise.
- **signalScale**: The scale factor that is applied to the values that are extracted from the random number generator and used as white signal.
- **pathOperator**: A reference to an array of type **double[]** containing the coefficients of the convolution filter that is applied to the white noise before it is added to the white signal.

Program testing

This program was tested using J2SE 5.0 and WinXP. J2SE 5.0 or later is required.

Experimental Results

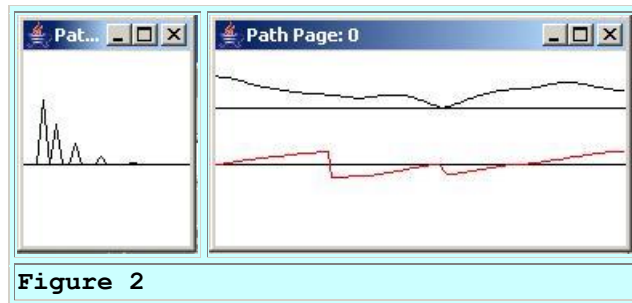
Before getting into the program details, I'm going to show you some experimental results.

The acoustic path operator

The left panel in [Figure 2](#) shows the convolution operator that was applied to the white noise to simulate the noise arriving at the location in the park where the concert is being held. When this convolution operator is applied to the white noise time series, the result is the sum of the primary

time series plus four attenuated and time-delayed replicas of the time series. This is intended to simulate the summation of the original waterfall noise plus several echoes.

(Note that this convolution operator also inserts a time delay of several samples relative to its input.)



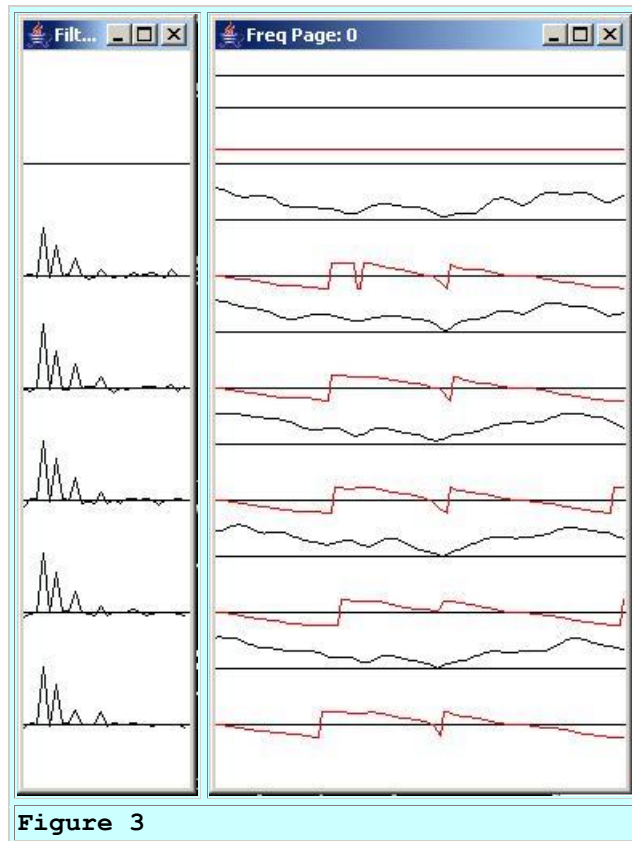
Complex frequency response

The right panel in [Figure 2](#) shows the complex frequency response of the acoustic path operator. The top curve is the amplitude response and the bottom curve is the phase response.

As you can see this particular configuration of echoes results in a decidedly non-flat transfer function. The general saw tooth nature of the phase response indicates that there is an overall time delay in addition to the modification of the acoustic energy as a function of frequency.

The adaptive filter operator

The left panel in Figure 3 shows the development of the adaptive filter convolution operator from the beginning to the end of the run. Each of the individual graphs beginning at the top and going down the page shows the adaptive convolution operator at the end of every 400th iteration.



Ideally, the convolution operator in [Figure 3](#) should converge to a shape that exactly matches the shape of the convolution operator shown in the left panel of [Figure 2](#). As you can see, although the match isn't perfect, it is reasonably close at the bottom of [Figure 3](#). The continuing random influence of the white signal would probably prevent a perfect solution from ever being achieved regardless of how long the adaptive process is allowed to run.

The complex frequency response

The right panel in [Figure 3](#) shows the complex frequency response corresponding to each of the impulse responses in the left panel. As before, for each complex frequency response, the amplitude response is above the phase response.

The time series

The top panel in [Figure 4](#) shows the six time series described [earlier](#) at the beginning of the run. The middle panel shows the same six traces in the time period immediately following the period shown in the top panel. The bottom panel shows the same six time series at the end of the run.

(Note that several panels of time series between the beginning and the end of the run were omitted for brevity.)

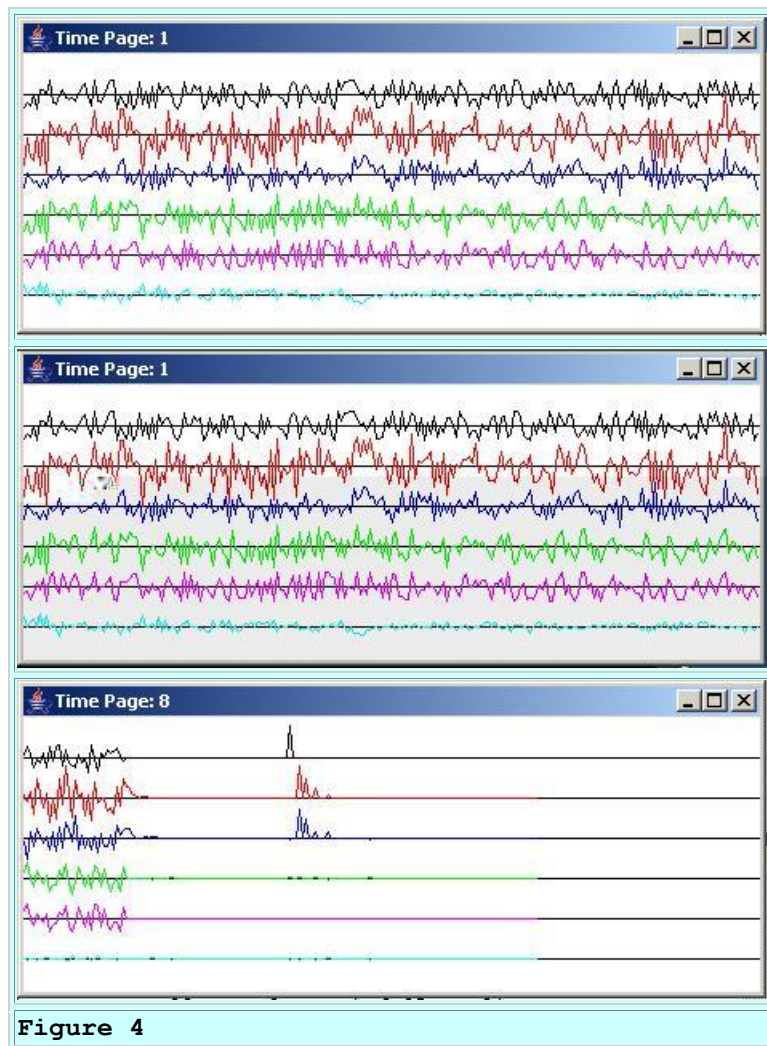


Figure 4

The white waterfall noise

As explained [earlier](#), the black trace in [Figure 4](#) shows the white waterfall noise that is transmitted to the adaptive engine via electrical cable without any influence from the acoustic path. This trace is used as an input to the adaptive process.

Signal plus modified waterfall noise

The red trace in [Figure 4](#) shows the sum of the white signal and the output from the acoustic path operator shown in [Figure 2](#). This trace is used as an input to the adaptive process.

Output from the adaptive filter

The blue trace in [Figure 4](#) shows the output from the adaptive filter. The adaptive filter attempts to cause its output to match the output from the acoustic path operator so that when it is subtracted from the red trace, the result will be the pure signal. In other words, this is an estimate of the waterfall noise as modified by the acoustic path to the concert area.

The adaptive output error

The green trace in [Figure 4](#) shows the error in the adaptive process. For this configuration of the adaptive engine, this is the trace that contains the signal with the noise having (*hopefully*) been removed.

The pure signal

As mentioned [earlier](#), the violet trace in [Figure 4](#) shows the original pure signal. This trace is not used in the adaptive process. Rather, it is provided here for visual comparison with the green trace that shows the adaptive process' estimate of the signal after the noise has been removed.

Estimate of the signal quality

Also as mentioned earlier, the turquoise trace in [Figure 4](#) shows the arithmetic difference between the pure signal (*violet*) trace and the green trace containing the adaptive process' estimate of the signal. This trace is not used in the adaptive process. Rather, it is provided for a visual arithmetic comparison of the difference between the pure signal trace and the adaptive estimate of the signal. Ideally this trace will go to zero if the adaptive process is successful in totally eliminating the noise from the green trace.

The adaptive results

You can see the result of the adaptive process by comparing the traces from left to right in [Figure 4](#). As you can see, the green error trace is a reasonably good replica of the violet signal trace by the end of the top panel, and is an excellent replica of the violet signal trace by the end of the middle panel. Thus, the noise is being almost totally suppressed from the red trace by the end of the middle panel.

The impulse responses

As explained earlier, the adaptive process is turned off and an impulse is injected into the black trace in the bottom panel of [Figure 4](#). The impulse response of the acoustic path is shown by the red trace in the bottom panel. The impulse response of the final adaptive filter is shown by the blue trace in the bottom panel of [Figure 4](#).

The objective of the adaptive process is to cause the impulse response of the adaptive filter to match the impulse response of the acoustic path. A visual comparison of the red and blue traces in the bottom panel of [Figure 4](#) shows the extent to which this has been accomplished.

Now let's see some code.

Discussion and Sample Code

The class named Adapt08

The beginning of the class named **Adapt08** and the beginning of the **main** method are shown in Listing 1.

```
class Adapt08{
    public static void main(String[] args){
        //Default parameter values
        double feedbackGain = 0.0001;
        int numberIterations = 2001;
        int filterLength = 26; //Must be >= 26 for
        plotting.
        double noiseScale = 10;
        double signalScale = 10;
```

Listing 1

[Listing 1](#) declares and initializes some of the program parameters. To experiment with different values for the program parameters, change the values in [Listing 1](#) and recompile the program.

The acoustic path operator

Listing 2 defines the impulse response of the path operator that simulates the acoustic path between the waterfall and the location in the park where the concert is being performed. (*This impulse response is shown graphically in [Figure 2](#).*)

```
double[] pathOperator = {0.0,
                        0.0,
                        0.0,
                        1.0,
                        0.0,
                        0.64,
                        0.0,
                        0.0,
                        0.32768,
                        0.0,
                        0.0,
                        0.0,
                        0.1342176,
                        0.0,
                        0.0,
                        0.0,
                        0.0,
                        0.0,
                        0.0439803,
                        0.0};
```

Listing 2

Note that the first three values in the impulse response have values of zero. This has the effect of inserting an overall time delay in the acoustic path. The value of 1.0 in the impulse response represents the first arrival of the acoustic waterfall noise at the concert location. The remaining non-zero values in the impulse response represent attenuated echoes that are further delayed in time relative to the first arrival.

To experiment with different acoustic path operators, change the values in [Listing 2](#) and recompile the program. See if you can devise an acoustic path operator for which the adaptive algorithm will refuse to converge to a solution.

Invoke the method named **process**

Listing 3 instantiates an object of the **Adapt08** class and invokes the **process** method on that object, passing the program parameters along with the acoustic path operator to the method.

```
new Adapt08().process(feedbackGain,
                      numberIterations,
                      filterLength,
                      noiseScale,
                      signalScale,
                      pathOperator);

} //end main
```

Listing 3

The **process** method

Listing 4 shows the beginning of the **process** method, including the code required to display the two graphs shown in [Figure 2](#). This is the primary adaptive processing and plotting method for the program.

```
void process(double feedbackGain,
            int numberIterations,
            int filterLength,
            double noiseScale,
            double signalScale,
            double[] pathOperator){

    //The following array will be populated with
the
    // adaptive filter for display purposes.
    double[] filter = null;

    //Display the pathOperator
    //First instantiate a plotting object.
    PlotALot01 pathOperatorObj = new
PlotALot01("Path",
            (pathOperator.length * 4) +
8,148,70,4,0,0);

    //Feed the data to the plotting object.
    for(int cnt = 0; cnt <
pathOperator.length; cnt++){
pathOperatorObj.feedData(40*pathOperator[cnt]);
    } //end for loop

    //Cause the graph to be displayed on the
```

```

computer
    // screen in the upper left corner.
    pathOperatorObj.plotData(0,0);

    //Now compute and plot the frequency response
of the
    // path

    //Instantiate a plotting object for two
channels of
    // frequency response data. One channel is
for
    // the amplitude and the other channel is the
phase.
    PlotALot03 pathFreqPlotObj =
        new
PlotALot03("Path",264,148,35,2,0,0);

    //Compute the frequency response and feed the
results
    // to the plotting object.

displayFreqResponse(pathOperator,pathFreqPlotObj,
128,0);

    //Cause the frequency response data stored in
the
    // plotting object to be displayed on the
screen in
    // the top row of images.
    pathFreqPlotObj.plotData(112,0);

```

Listing 4

All of the code shown in [Listing 4](#) has been explained in earlier lessons referred to in the [References](#) section of this lesson. That explanation won't be repeated here.

Instantiate an adaptive engine object

Listing 5 instantiates an object that will be used to handle the adaptive behavior of the program.

```

AdaptEngine02 adapter = new AdaptEngine02(
filterLength,feedbackGain);

```

Listing 5

The class named **AdaptEngine02** was explained in the lesson entitled [Adaptive Identification and Inverse Filtering using Java](#), and that explanation won't be repeated here.

Prepare for the iterative adaptive process

Listing 6 performs several additional steps that are necessary to prepare for the iterative adaptive process and plot the results of the adaptive process.

```
//Instantiate an array object that will be
used as a
// delay line for the white noise data.
double[] rawData = new
double[pathOperator.length];

//Instantiate a plotting object for six
channels of
// time-series data.
PlotALot07 timePlotObj =
    new
PlotALot07("Time",468,198,25,2,0,0);

//Instantiate a plotting object for two
channels of
// filter frequency response data. One
channel is for
// the amplitude and the other channel is
for the
// phase.
PlotALot03 freqPlotObj =
    new
PlotALot03("Freq",264,487,35,2,0,0);

//Instantiate a plotting object to display
the filter
// impulse response at specific time
intervals during
// the adaptive process.
PlotALot01 filterPlotObj = new
PlotALot01("Filter",
            (filterLength * 4) +
8,487,70,4,0,0);

//Declare and initialize working variables.
double output = 0;
double err = 0;
double target = 0;
double input = 0;
double whiteNoise = 0;
double whiteSignal = 0;
boolean adaptOn;
```

Listing 6

The code in [Listing 6](#) is very similar to code that I have explained in previous lessons referred to in the [References](#) section of this lesson. I won't bore you by repeating those explanations here.

Perform the iterative adaptive process

Listing 7 shows the beginning of a **for** loop that is used to perform the specified number of iterations of the adaptive process.

```
for(int cnt = 0; cnt <
numberIterations; cnt++){
```

```
    adaptOn = true;
```

Listing 7

The variable named **adaptOn**

The variable named **adaptOn** is used to control whether or not the **adapt** method of the adaptive engine updates the filter coefficients when it is called. The filters are updated when this variable is **true** and are not updated when this variable is **false**. The value of this variable is maintained as **true** until near the end of the specified number of iterations. At that time, it is set to **false** to support the display of the impulse responses shown in the bottom panel of [Figure 4](#).

(The adaptive process is disabled at that point in time to prevent the coefficients belonging to the adaptive filter from being modified while the impulse response of the adaptive filter is being displayed.)

Get white signal and noise values

Listing 8 gets and scales the next sample of white noise and white signal data from a random number generator. The white noise is used to simulate the waterfall noise. Before scaling by **noiseScale** and **signalScale**, the values are uniformly distributed from -1.0 to 1.0.

```
whiteNoise = noiseScale*(2*(Math.random()
- 0.5));
whiteSignal =
signalScale*(2*(Math.random() - 0.5));
```

Listing 8

Produce impulse responses near the end of the run

The code in [Listing 9](#) sets the white noise and white signal values near the end of the run to zero and turns adaptation off by setting the value of **adaptOn** to **false**.

This code also inserts a single impulse near the end of the **whiteNoise** data that produces impulse responses for the acoustic path and for the adaptive filter.

The code in Listing 9 produces the impulse responses shown in the bottom panel of [Figure 4](#).

```
//Set values to zero
if(cnt > (numberIterations -
```

```

5*filterLength)){
    whiteNoise = 0;
    whiteSignal = 0;
    adaptOn = false;
} //end if
//Now insert an impulse at one specific
location in
// the whiteNoise data.
if(cnt == numberIterations -
3*filterLength){
    whiteNoise = 2 * noiseScale;
} //end if

```

Listing 9

Convolve waterfall noise with acoustic path operator

Listing 10 convolves the waterfall noise with the acoustic path operator to produce an estimate of the waterfall noise as it would sound at the location in the park where the concert is being performed.

```

//Insert the white noise data into the
delay line
// that will be used to convolve the
white noise
// with the path operator.
flowLine(rawData,whiteNoise);

//Apply the path operator to the white
noise data.
double pathNoise =

reverseDotProduct(rawData,pathOperator);

```

Listing 10

Code similar to that shown in [Listing 10](#) has been explained in earlier lessons referred to in the [References](#) section of this lesson. Therefore, I won't repeat that explanation here.

Perform the adaptive process

The code in [Listing 11](#) performs the adaptive process for one iteration of the **for** loop that began in [Listing 7](#).

[Listing 11](#) begins by declaring a variable that will be populated with a reference to an object containing the results returned by the **adapt** method of the adaptive engine.

```

//Declare a variable that will be
populated with the
// results returned by the adapt method

```

```

of the
    // adaptive engine.
    AdaptiveResult result = null;

    //Establish the appropriate input values
for an
    // adaptive noise cancellation filter and
perform the
    // adaptive update.
    input = whiteNoise;
    target = pathNoise + whiteSignal;
    result =
adapter.adapt(input,target,adaptOn);

```

Listing 11

The two boldface statements in [Listing 11](#) make this program unique and different relative to the other programs explained in the earlier lessons referred to in the [References](#) section of this lesson.

The general-purpose adaptive engine

When I developed the general purpose adaptive engine in the lesson entitled [A General-Purpose LMS Adaptive Engine in Java](#), I explained:

"In this lesson, I will present and explain a general-purpose [LMS](#) adaptive engine written in Java that can be used to solve a wide variety of adaptive problems."

The adaptive engine receives two input time series and produces two output time series. The engine can be used to solve different problems by carefully selecting the two input time series and order in which they are provided to the adaptive engine.

The configuration for adaptive noise cancellation

In [Listing 11](#), the **whiteNoise** is provided to simulate the waterfall noise and is inserted into the adaptive filter as shown by the **Reference Signal** in the [block diagram](#).

The **target** in [Listing 11](#) is constructed by adding the **pathNoise** to the **whiteSignal**. This addition corresponds to the dotted circle with the plus sign at the top of the [block diagram](#).

The value of **whiteSignal** in [Listing 11](#) corresponds to the **Primary Signal** in the [block diagram](#).

The value of the **pathNoise** in [Listing 11](#) corresponds to the output from the dotted box containing the question mark in the [block diagram](#).

The **target** in [Listing 11](#) corresponds to **d(n)** in the [block diagram](#).

The output from the adaptive filter is subtracted from the **target** value to produce the error. The error is used in a feedback loop to adjust the adaptive filter coefficients as shown in the [block diagram](#).

For this configuration, the error is also the primary output shown by the green trace in [Figure 4](#).

Finish an adaptive iteration

Listing 12 shows the remaining code in the **for** loop that began in [Listing 7](#).

```
//Get and save adaptive results for
plotting and
// spectral analysis
output = result.output;
err = result.err;
filter = result.filterArray;

//Feed the time series data to the
plotting object.

timePlotObj.feedData(input,target,output,-err,
                    whiteSignal,err +
whiteSignal);

//Compute and plot summary results at the
end of
// every 400th iteration.
if(cnt%400 == 0){
    displayFreqResponse(filter,freqPlotObj,
128,filter.length - 1);

    //Display the filter impulse response
coefficient
    // values. The adaptive engine returns
the filter
    // with the time axis reversed relative
to the
    // conventional display of an impulse
response.
    // Therefore, it is necessary to
display it in
    // reverse order.
    for(int ctr = 0;ctr <
filter.length;ctr++){
        filterPlotObj.feedData(
                    40*filter[filter.length
- 1 - ctr]);
    }//end for loop
} //End display of frequency response and
filter
} //End for loop
```

Listing 12

All of the code in [Listing 12](#) is very similar to code that I have explained in earlier lessons referred to by the [References](#) section of this lesson. Therefore, I won't repeat that explanation here.

Complete the process method

Listing 13 shows the remaining code in the **process** method.

```
//Cause the data stored in the plotting
objects to be
// plotted.
timePlotObj.plotData(376,0);//Top of screen
freqPlotObj.plotData(0,148);//Left side of
screen
filterPlotObj.plotData(265,148);

} //end process method
```

Listing 13

Shall I say it one more time? All of the code in [Listing 13](#) is very similar to code that I have explained in earlier lessons referred to by the [References](#) section of this lesson. Therefore, I won't repeat that explanation here.

Further, the remaining methods belonging to the **Adapt08** class are similar to methods that I have explained in earlier lessons, so I won't discuss those methods here. You can view the code for the class named **Adapt08** in its entirety in [Listing 14](#) near the end of this lesson.

Run the Program

I encourage you to copy the code for the class named **Adapt08** from the section entitled [Complete Program Listings](#). Compile and execute the program. Experiment with the code. Make changes to the code, recompile, execute, and observe the results of your changes.

Modify the program parameters and the path operator and see if you can explain the results of those modifications.

See if you can create a path operator for which the adaptive process refuses to converge to a solution.

Experiment with different values for **feedback Gain**. What happens if you use a large value for **feedbackGain**? What happens if you use a very small value for **feedbackGain**? What happens if you use a negative value for **feedbackGain**? Can you explain the results that you experience?

While experimenting with the **feedbackGain**, you might also want to experiment with the program parameter named **numberIterations**. See if you can explain the results for small, medium, and large values for this parameter.

Other classes required

In addition to the classes named **Adapt08**, you will need access to the following classes. The source code for these classes can be found in the lessons indicated.

- AdaptEngine02: [Adaptive Identification and Inverse Filtering using Java](#)
- AdaptiveResult: [Adaptive Identification and Inverse Filtering using Java](#)
- ForwardRealToComplex01: [Spectrum Analysis using Java, Sampling Frequency, Folding Frequency, and the FFT Algorithm](#)
- PlotALot01: [Plotting Large Quantities of Data using Java](#)
- PlotALot03: [Plotting Large Quantities of Data using Java](#)
- PlotALot05: [Adaptive Filtering in Java, Getting Started](#)

Summary

In this lesson, I showed you how to use a general-purpose [LMS](#) adaptive engine to write a Java program that illustrates the use of adaptive filtering for *Noise Cancellation*.

What's Next?

Adaptive filtering is commonly used for the following four scenarios:

- System Identification
- Inverse System Identification
- Noise Cancellation
- Prediction

A previous lesson entitled [Adaptive Identification and Inverse Filtering using Java](#) explained how to write Java programs to illustrate the first two scenarios in the above list. This lesson explains how to write a Java program that illustrates the use of adaptive filtering for the third scenario: *Noise Cancellation*.

I plan to publish a lesson in the near future that explains and provides examples of *Prediction* using adaptive filtering.

References

In preparation for understanding the material in this lesson, I recommend that you study the material in the following previously-published lessons:

- [100](#) Periodic Motion and Sinusoids
- [104](#) Sampled Time Series
- [108](#) Averaging Time Series
- [1478](#) Fun with Java, How and Why Spectral Analysis Works

- [1482](#) Spectrum Analysis using Java, Sampling Frequency, Folding Frequency, and the FFT Algorithm
- [1483](#) Spectrum Analysis using Java, Frequency Resolution versus Data Length
- [1484](#) Spectrum Analysis using Java, Complex Spectrum and Phase Angle
- [1485](#) Spectrum Analysis using Java, Forward and Inverse Transforms, Filtering in the Frequency Domain
- [1487](#) Convolution and Frequency Filtering in Java
- [1488](#) Convolution and Matched Filtering in Java
- [1492](#) Plotting Large Quantities of Data using Java
- [2350](#) Adaptive Filtering in Java, Getting Started
- [2352](#) An Adaptive Whitening Filter in Java
- [2354](#) A General-Purpose LMS Adaptive Engine in Java
- [2356](#) An Adaptive Line Tracker in Java
- [2358](#) Adaptive Identification and Inverse Filtering using Java

Complete Program Listings

A complete listings of the class discussed in this lesson is shown in Listing 14 below.

```

/*File Adapt08.java
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The purpose of this program is to illustrate an adaptive
noise cancellation system.

See the following URL for a description and a block
diagram of an adaptive noise cancellation system.

http://www.owl.net.rice.edu/~ryanking/elec431/intro.html

This program requires the following classes:
Adapt08.class
AdaptEngine02.class
AdaptiveResult.class
ForwardRealToComplex01.class
PlotALot01.class
PlotALot03.class
PlotALot07.class

This program uses the adaptive engine named AdaptEngine02
to adaptively develop a filter. One of the inputs to the
adaptive engine is the sum of signal plus noise. The
other input to the adaptive engine is noise that is
different from, but which is correlated to the noise that
is added to the signal. The adaptive engine develops a
filter that removes the noise from the signal plus noise
data producing an output consisting of almost pure
signal.

The signal and the original noise are derived from a
random number generator. Therefore, they are both

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essentially white. The signal is not correlated with the noise. Before scaling, the values obtained from the random number generator are uniformly distributed from -1.0 to +1.0.

The white noise is processed through a convolution filter before adding it to the signal. The convolution filter is designed to simulate the effect of acoustic energy being emitted at one point in space and being modified through the addition of several time-delayed and attenuated echoes before being received at another point in space. This results in constructive and destructive interference such that the noise that is added to the signal is no longer white. However, it is still correlated with the original white noise.

The program produces five graphs with three graphs in a row across the top of the screen and two graphs in a row below the top row.

The following is a brief description of each of the five graphs, working from left to right, top to bottom.

1. The impulse response of the convolution filter that is applied to the white noise before it is added to the white signal.
2. The amplitude and phase response of the convolution filter that is applied to the white noise before it is added to the white signal.
3. Six time series that illustrate the time behavior of the adaptive process.
4. The amplitude and phase response of the adaptive filter at the end of every 400th iteration.
5. The impulse response of the adaptive filter at the end of every 400th adaptive iteration.

Graph 3 consists of multiple pages stacked on top of one another. Move the pages on the top of the stack to view the pages further down. The pages on the top of the stack represent the results produced early in the adaptive process while those further down represent the results produced later in the adaptive process. If you increase the number of iterations described later, graphs 4 and 5 will also consist of multiple pages stacked on top of one another.

The six time series that are plotted are, from top to bottom in the colors indicated:

1. (Black) Input to the adaptive filter. This is the white noise.
 2. (Red) Target for the adaptive process. This is the signal plus noise.
 3. (Blue) Output from the adaptive filter.
 4. (Green) Error computed within the adaptive process.
- In this case, the error trace is actually the trace that contains the signal with the noise removed. In other

words, the blue trace is an estimate of the noise and the green trace is the difference between the red trace and the blue trace.

5. (Violet) The original pure signal. This trace is provided for visual comparison with the green signal trace.

6. (Turquoise) The arithmetic difference between the pure signal trace (violet) and the green trace containing the adaptive process's estimate of the signal. This trace is provided for an arithmetic comparison of the pure signal trace and the adaptive estimate of the signal. Ideally this trace will go to zero if the adaptive process is successful in totally eliminating the noise from the green trace.

Near the end of the run, the adaptive update process is disabled. The input data is set to zero for the remainder of the run except that on one occasion, an impulse is inserted into the white noise data. This makes it possible to see:

1. The impulse response of the convolution filter that is applied to the white noise before it is added to the white signal.
2. The impulse response of the final adaptive filter.

There is no user input to this program. All parameters are hard coded into the main method. To run the program with different parameters, modify the parameters and recompile the program.

The program parameters are:

feedbackGain: The gain factor that is used in the feedback loop to adjust the coefficient values in the adaptive filter.

numberIterations: This is the number of iterations that the program executes before stopping and displaying all of the graphic results.

filterLength: This is the number of coefficients in the adaptive filter. Must be at least 26. If you change it to a value that is less than 26, the plot of the impulse responses of the adaptive filter will not be properly aligned.

noiseScale: The scale factor that is applied to the values that are extracted from the random number generator and used as white noise.

signalScale: The scale factor that is applied to the values that are extracted from the random number generator and used as white signal.

pathOperator: A reference to an array of type double[] containing the coefficients of the convolution filter that

is applied to the white noise before it is added to the white signal.

Tested using J2SE 5.0 and WinXP. J2SE 5.0 or later is required.

```
*****/
```

```
import static java.lang.Math.*; //J2SE 5.0 req
```

```
class Adapt08{
```

```
    public static void main(String[] args){
```

```
        //Default parameter values
```

```
        double feedbackGain = 0.0001;
```

```
        int numberIterations = 2001;
```

```
        int filterLength = 26; //Must be >= 26 for plotting.
```

```
        double noiseScale = 10;
```

```
        double signalScale = 10;
```

```
        //Define the path impulse response as a simulation of
```

```
        // an acoustic signal with time-delayed echoes.
```

```
        double[] pathOperator = {0.0,
                                   0.0,
                                   0.0,
                                   1.0,
                                   0.0,
                                   0.64,
                                   0.0,
                                   0.0,
                                   0.32768,
                                   0.0,
                                   0.0,
                                   0.0,
                                   0.1342176,
                                   0.0,
                                   0.0,
                                   0.0,
                                   0.0,
                                   0.0439803,
                                   0.0};
```

```
        //Instantiate a new object of the Adapt08 class
```

```
        // and invoke the method named process on that object.
```

```
        new Adapt08().process(feedbackGain,
                                numberIterations,
                                filterLength,
                                noiseScale,
                                signalScale,
                                pathOperator);
```

```
    } //end main
```

```
    //-----//
```

```
    //This is the primary adaptive processing and plotting
```

```
    // method for the program.
```

```
    void process(double feedbackGain,
                  int numberIterations,
                  int filterLength,
                  double noiseScale,
```

```

        double signalScale,
        double[] pathOperator){

//The following array will be populated with the
// adaptive filter for display purposes.
double[] filter = null;

//Display the pathOperator
//First instantiate a plotting object.
PlotALot01 pathOperatorObj = new PlotALot01("Path",
        (pathOperator.length * 4) + 8,148,70,4,0,0);

//Feed the data to the plotting object.
for(int cnt = 0;cnt < pathOperator.length;cnt++){
    pathOperatorObj.feedData(40*pathOperator[cnt]);
};//end for loop

//Cause the graph to be displayed on the computer
// screen in the upper left corner.
pathOperatorObj.plotData(0,0);

//Now compute and plot the frequency response of the
// path

//Instantiate a plotting object for two channels of
// frequency response data. One channel is for
// the amplitude and the other channel is the phase.
PlotALot03 pathFreqPlotObj =
        new PlotALot03("Path",264,148,35,2,0,0);

//Compute the frequency response and feed the results
// to the plotting object.
displayFreqResponse(pathOperator,pathFreqPlotObj,
        128,0);

//Cause the frequency response data stored in the
// plotting object to be displayed on the screen in
// the top row of images.
pathFreqPlotObj.plotData(112,0);

//Instantiate an object to handle the adaptive behavior
// of the program.
AdaptEngine02 adapter = new AdaptEngine02(
        filterLength,feedbackGain);

//Instantiate an array object that will be used as a
// delay line for the white noise data.
double[] rawData = new double[pathOperator.length];

//Instantiate a plotting object for six channels of
// time-series data.
PlotALot07 timePlotObj =
        new PlotALot07("Time",468,198,25,2,0,0);

//Instantiate a plotting object for two channels of
// filter frequency response data. One channel is for

```

```

// the amplitude and the other channel is for the
// phase.
PlotALot03 freqPlotObj =
    new PlotALot03("Freq",264,487,35,2,0,0);

//Instantiate a plotting object to display the filter
// impulse response at specific time intervals during
// the adaptive process.
PlotALot01 filterPlotObj = new PlotALot01("Filter",
    (filterLength * 4) + 8,487,70,4,0,0);

//Declare and initialize working variables.
double output = 0;
double err = 0;
double target = 0;
double input = 0;
double whiteNoise = 0;
double whiteSignal = 0;
boolean adaptOn;

//Perform the specified number of iterations.
for(int cnt = 0;cnt < numberIterations;cnt++){

    //The following variable is used to control whether
    // or not the adapt method of the adaptive engine
    // updates the filter coefficients when it is called.
    // The filters are updated when this variable is
    // true and are not updated when this variable is
    // false.
    adaptOn = true;

    //Get and scale the next sample of white noise and
    // white signal data from a random number generator.
    // Before scaling by noiseScale and signalScale, the
    // values are uniformly distributed from -1.0 to 1.0.
    whiteNoise = noiseScale*(2*(Math.random() - 0.5));
    whiteSignal = signalScale*(2*(Math.random() - 0.5));

    //Set white noise and white signal values near the
    // end of the run to zero and turn adaptation off.
    // Insert an impulse near the end of the whiteNoise
    // data that will produce impulse responses for the
    // path and for the adaptive filter.
    //Set values to zero.
    if(cnt > (numberIterations - 5*filterLength)){
        whiteNoise = 0;
        whiteSignal = 0;
        adaptOn = false;
    }//end if
    //Now insert an impulse at one specific location in
    // the whiteNoise data.
    if(cnt == numberIterations - 3*filterLength){
        whiteNoise = 2 * noiseScale;
    }//end if

    //Insert the white noise data into the delay line

```

```
// that will be used to convolve the white noise
// with the path operator.
flowLine(rawData,whiteNoise);

//Apply the path operator to the white noise data.
double pathNoise =
    reverseDotProduct(rawData,pathOperator);

//Declare a variable that will be populated with the
// results returned by the adapt method of the
// adaptive engine.
AdaptiveResult result = null;

//Establish the appropriate input values for an
// adaptive noise cancellation filter and perform the
// adaptive update.
input = whiteNoise;
target = pathNoise + whiteSignal;
result = adapter.adapt(input,target,adaptOn);

//Get and save adaptive results for plotting and
// spectral analysis
output = result.output;
err = result.err;
filter = result.filterArray;

//Feed the time series data to the plotting object.
timePlotObj.feedData(input,target,output,-err,
    whiteSignal,err + whiteSignal);

//Compute and plot summary results at the end of
// every 400th iteration.
if(cnt%400 == 0){
    displayFreqResponse(filter,freqPlotObj,
        128,filter.length - 1);

    //Display the filter impulse response coefficient
    // values. The adaptive engine returns the filter
    // with the time axis reversed relative to the
    // conventional display of an impulse response.
    // Therefore, it is necessary to display it in
    // reverse order.
    for(int ctr = 0;ctr < filter.length;ctr++){
        filterPlotObj.feedData(
            40*filter[filter.length - 1 - ctr]);
    }//end for loop
    }//End display of frequency response and filter
}

//Cause the data stored in the plotting objects to be
// plotted.
timePlotObj.plotData(376,0);//Top of screen
freqPlotObj.plotData(0,148);//Left side of screen
filterPlotObj.plotData(265,148);

//end process method
```

```

//-----//

//This method simulates a tapped delay line. It receives
// a reference to an array and a value. It discards the
// value at index 0 of the array, moves all the other
// values by one element toward 0, and inserts the new
// value at the top of the array.
void flowLine(double[] line,double val){
    for(int cnt = 0;cnt < (line.length - 1);cnt++){
        line[cnt] = line[cnt+1];
    }//end for loop
    line[line.length - 1] = val;
} //end flowLine
//-----//

void displayFreqResponse(
    double[] filter,PlotALot03 plot,int len,int zeroTime){

    //Create the arrays required by the Fourier Transform.
    double[] timeDataIn = new double[len];
    double[] realSpect = new double[len];
    double[] imagSpect = new double[len];
    double[] angle = new double[len];
    double[] magnitude = new double[len];

    //Copy the filter into the timeDataIn array
    System.arraycopy(filter,0,timeDataIn,0,filter.length);

    //Compute DFT of the filter from zero to the folding
    // frequency and save it in the output arrays.
    ForwardRealToComplex01.transform(timeDataIn,
                                     realSpect,
                                     imagSpect,
                                     angle,
                                     magnitude,
                                     zeroTime,
                                     0.0,
                                     0.5);

    //Note that the conversion to decibels has been
    // disabled. You can re-enable the conversion by
    // removing the comment indicators.
/*
    //Display the magnitude data. Convert to normalized
    // decibels first.
    //Eliminate or change any values that are incompatible
    // with log10 method.
    for(int cnt = 0;cnt < magnitude.length;cnt++){
        if((magnitude[cnt] == Double.NaN) ||
            (magnitude[cnt] <= 0)){
            //Replace the magnitude by a very small positive
            // value.
            magnitude[cnt] = 0.0000001;
        }else if(magnitude[cnt] == Double.POSITIVE_INFINITY){
            //Replace the magnitude by a very large positive
            // value.

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        magnitude[cnt] = 9999999999.0;
    } //end else if
} //end for loop

//Now convert magnitude data to log base 10
for(int cnt = 0; cnt < magnitude.length; cnt++){
    magnitude[cnt] = log10(magnitude[cnt]);
} //end for loop
*/

//Find the absolute peak value. Begin with a negative
// peak value with a large magnitude and replace it
// with the largest magnitude value.
double peak = -9999999999.0;
for(int cnt = 0; cnt < magnitude.length; cnt++){
    if(peak < abs(magnitude[cnt])){
        peak = abs(magnitude[cnt]);
    } //end if
} //end for loop

//Normalize to 20 times the peak value
for(int cnt = 0; cnt < magnitude.length; cnt++){
    magnitude[cnt] = 20*magnitude[cnt]/peak;
} //end for loop

//Now feed the normalized data to the plotting
// object.
for(int cnt = 0; cnt < magnitude.length; cnt++){
    plot.feedData(magnitude[cnt], angle[cnt]/20);
} //end for loop

} //end displayFreqResponse
//-----//

//This method receives two arrays and treats each array
// as a vector. The two arrays must have the same length.
// The program reverses the order of one of the vectors
// and returns the vector dot product of the two vectors.
double reverseDotProduct(double[] v1, double[] v2){
    if(v1.length != v2.length){
        System.out.println("reverseDotProduct");
        System.out.println("Vectors must be same length.");
        System.out.println("Terminating program");
        System.exit(0);
    } //end if

    double result = 0;

    for(int cnt = 0; cnt < v1.length; cnt++){
        result += v1[cnt] * v2[v1.length - cnt - 1];
    } //end for loop

    return result;
} //end reverseDotProduct
//-----//
} //end class Adapt08

```


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