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Assignment 3 **Simulink and Model Composer Models and Report**

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In the phase plane, an oscillating neuron $E(t)$ can be written by the complex exponential form as (1),

$$E(t) = e^{i\omega t + \theta} = e^{\theta} e^{i\omega t} = e^{\theta} (\cos \omega t + i \sin \omega t) \quad (1)[1]$$

Where ω is the angular frequency, the real component θ is used to make the oscillation amplitude.

The synaptic weight can also be represented by the complex exponential form as $W = e^{i\phi}$. Where ϕ represents the phase delay of the neural connection.

Therefore a weighted input can be represented as $E(t).W = e^{i\omega t + \theta} e^{i\phi} = e^{\theta} e^{i(\omega t + \phi)}$.

In the neural network, pre-synaptic neurons are multiplied by their corresponding weight and then summed up to the post-synaptic neuron. This summation (S) in the post-synaptic neuron can also be represented by a complex exponential form as in (2).

$$\begin{aligned} S &= E_1 W_1 + E_2 W_2 \\ &= e^{i\omega_1 t + \theta_1} e^{i\phi_1} + e^{i\omega_2 t + \theta_2} e^{i\phi_2} \\ &= e^{\theta_1} e^{i(\omega_1 t + \phi_1)} + e^{\theta_2} e^{i(\omega_2 t + \phi_2)} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Three parameters ω , θ and ϕ are used to calculate the weighted sum.

In this report the equation of the complex exponential function is represented by

$$e^{i\phi} = \cos \phi + i \sin \phi \quad (3)$$

In this report, I have presented three ways of implementing the weighted sum of two neurons.

In the first approach, the complex exponential function of the weighted sum of two neurons are implemented using the lookup table method where Block-RAM HDL Blocks from the Simulink Xilinx toolbox are used. Three separate designs are implemented using 8, 16, and 32-bit fixed-point data format configurations respectively and then generate IP core using Xilinx System Generator.

In the second approach, a CORDIC 6.0 HDL block from the Xilinx toolbox in model composer in Simulink is used to get the value of the exponential function ($\sin \phi$ and $\cos \phi$). In this case, also, three separate designs are implemented using 8, 16, and 32-bit fixed-point data format configurations respectively.

In the third approach, the weighted sum of two neurons is directly implemented in VHDL using CORDIC 6.0 IP core from the Xilinx Vivado design suite. In this approach also the IP core is configured with 8, 16, and 32-bit fixed-point data format and three separate projects are created respectively.

Finally, the above outputs are compared with the model design implemented in MATLAB Simulink.

In all approaches below configuration are used.

Inputs	$E_1 \times W_1 = e^{iw_1 t + \theta_1} e^{i\phi_1}$			$E_2 \times W_2 = e^{iw_2 t + \theta_2} e^{i\phi_2}$		
	w_1	θ_1	ϕ_1	w_2	θ_2	ϕ_2
	1	log(2)	pi/2	2	log(2)	pi/2

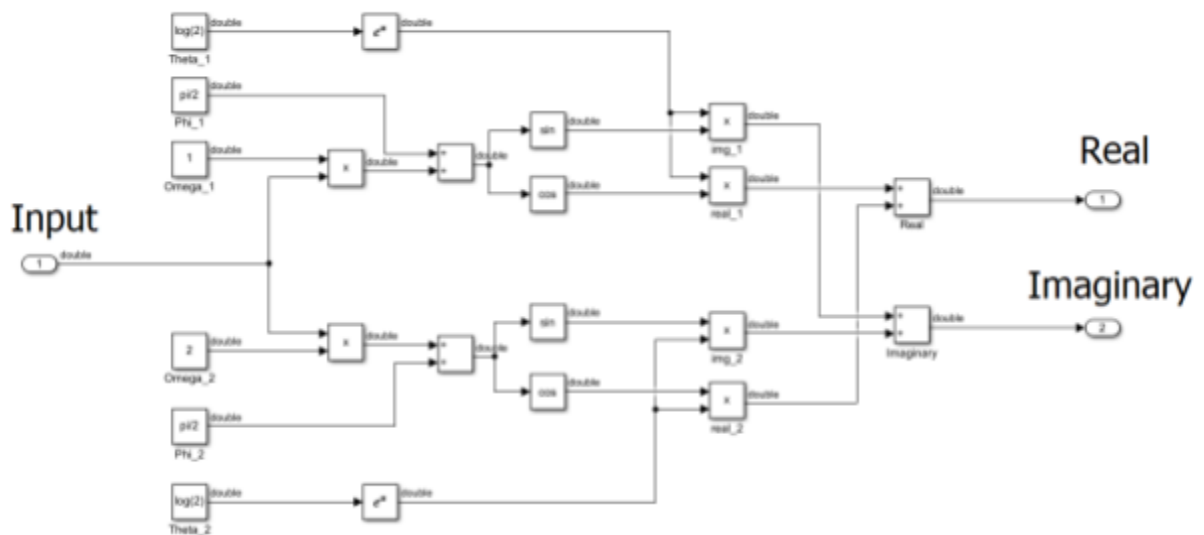
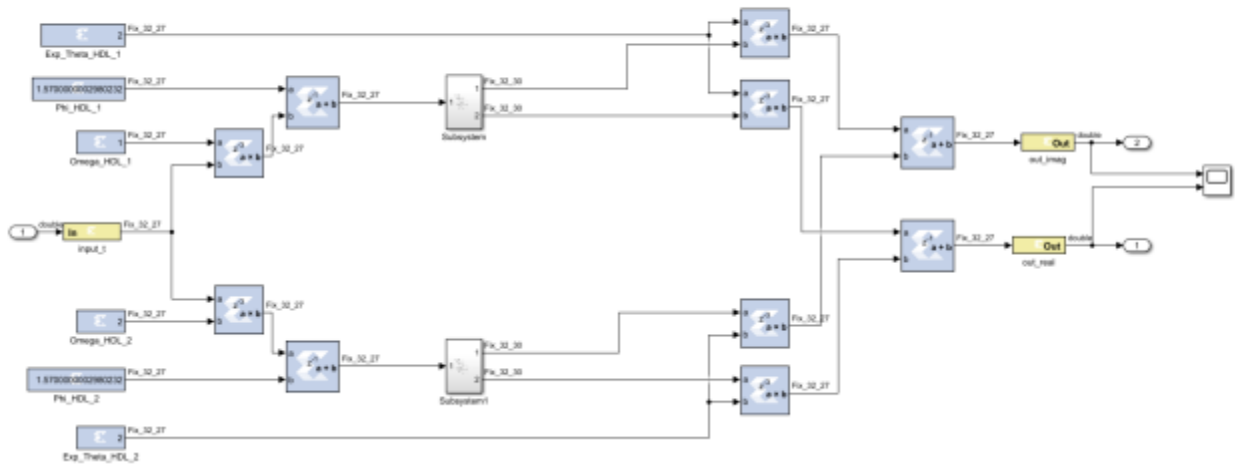


Figure 1: MATLAB simulink design of the weighted sum of two neurons

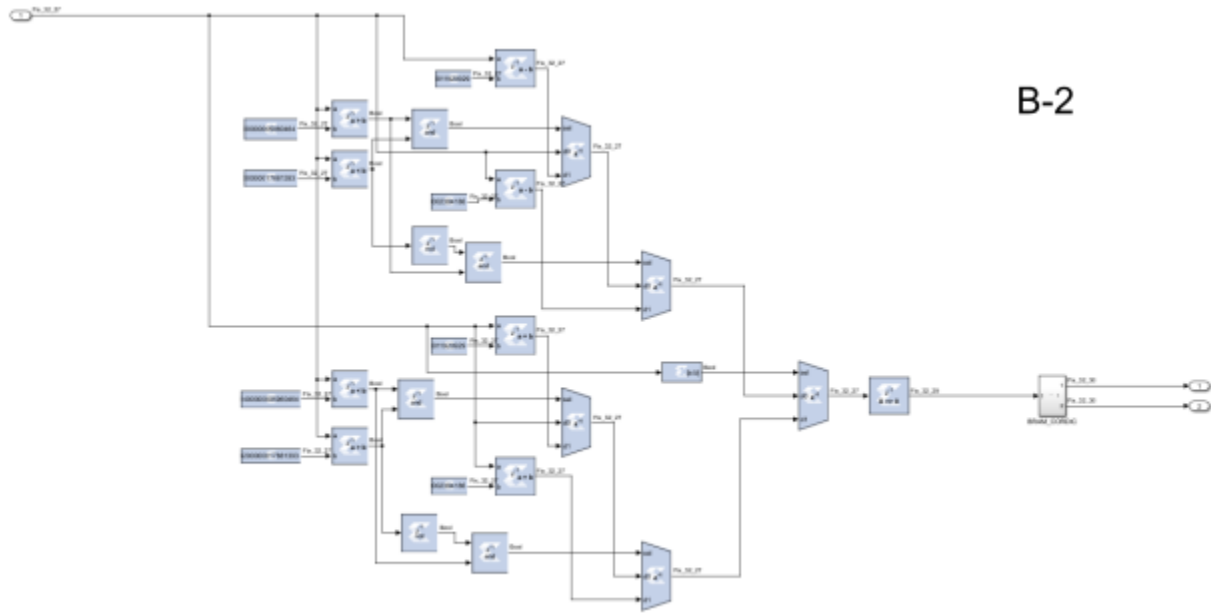
1. BRAM based Design in Model composer:



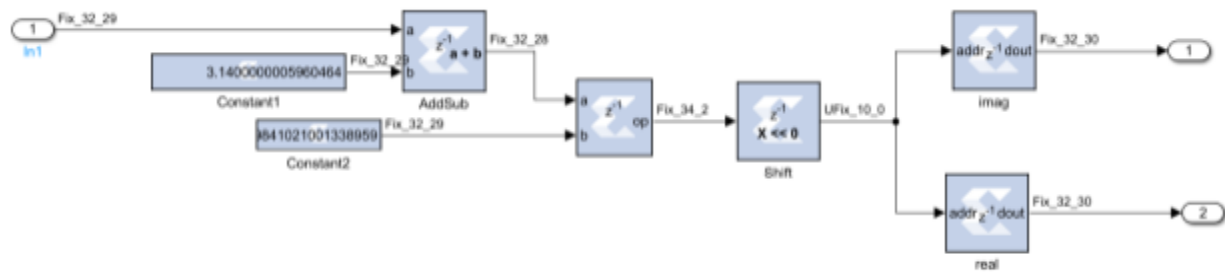
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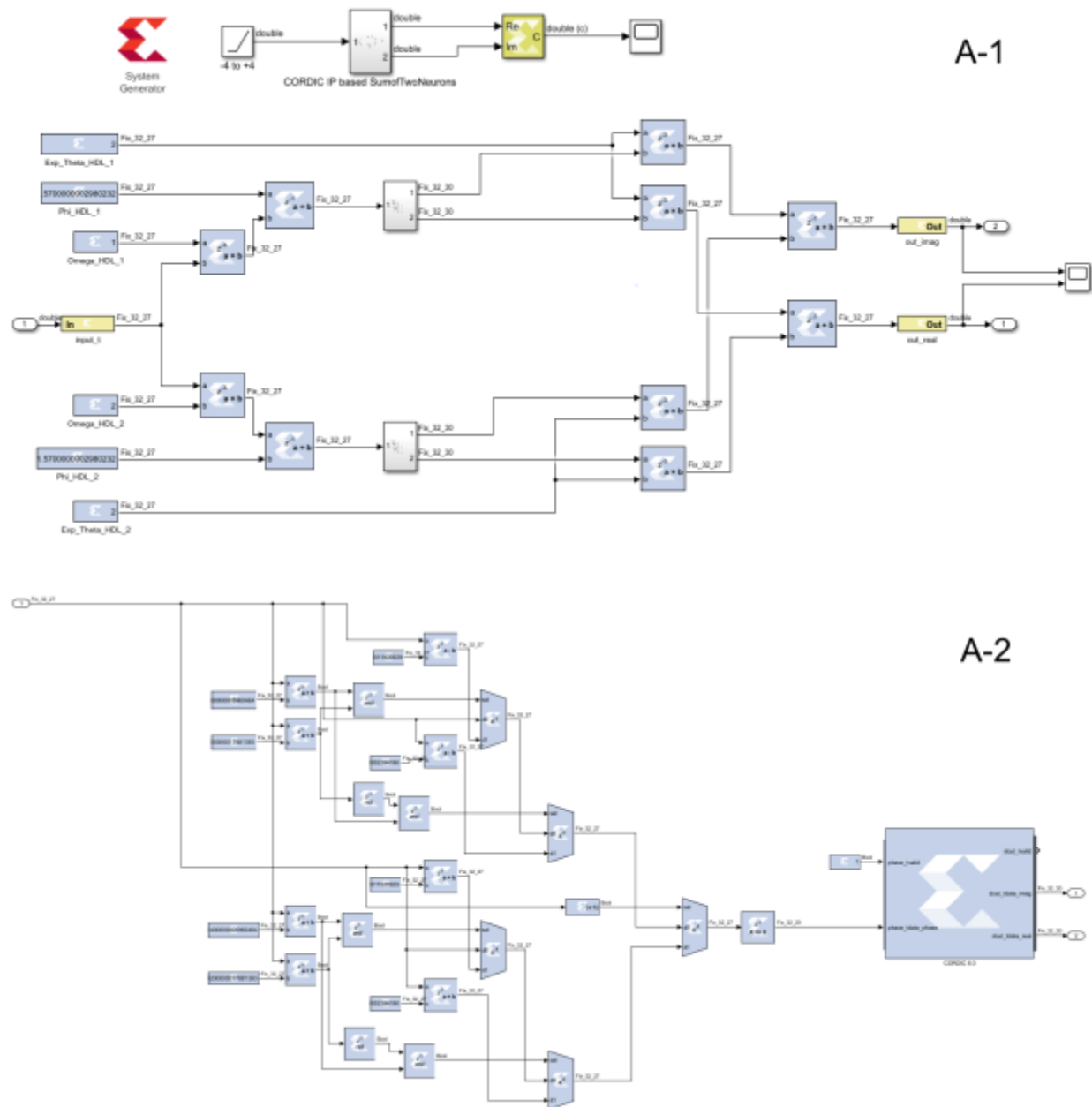


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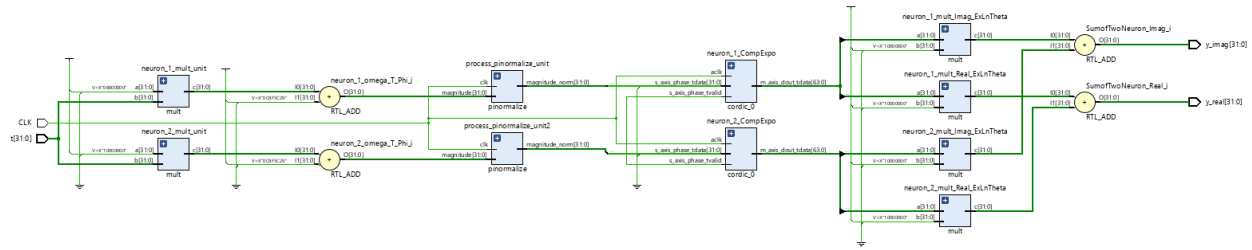
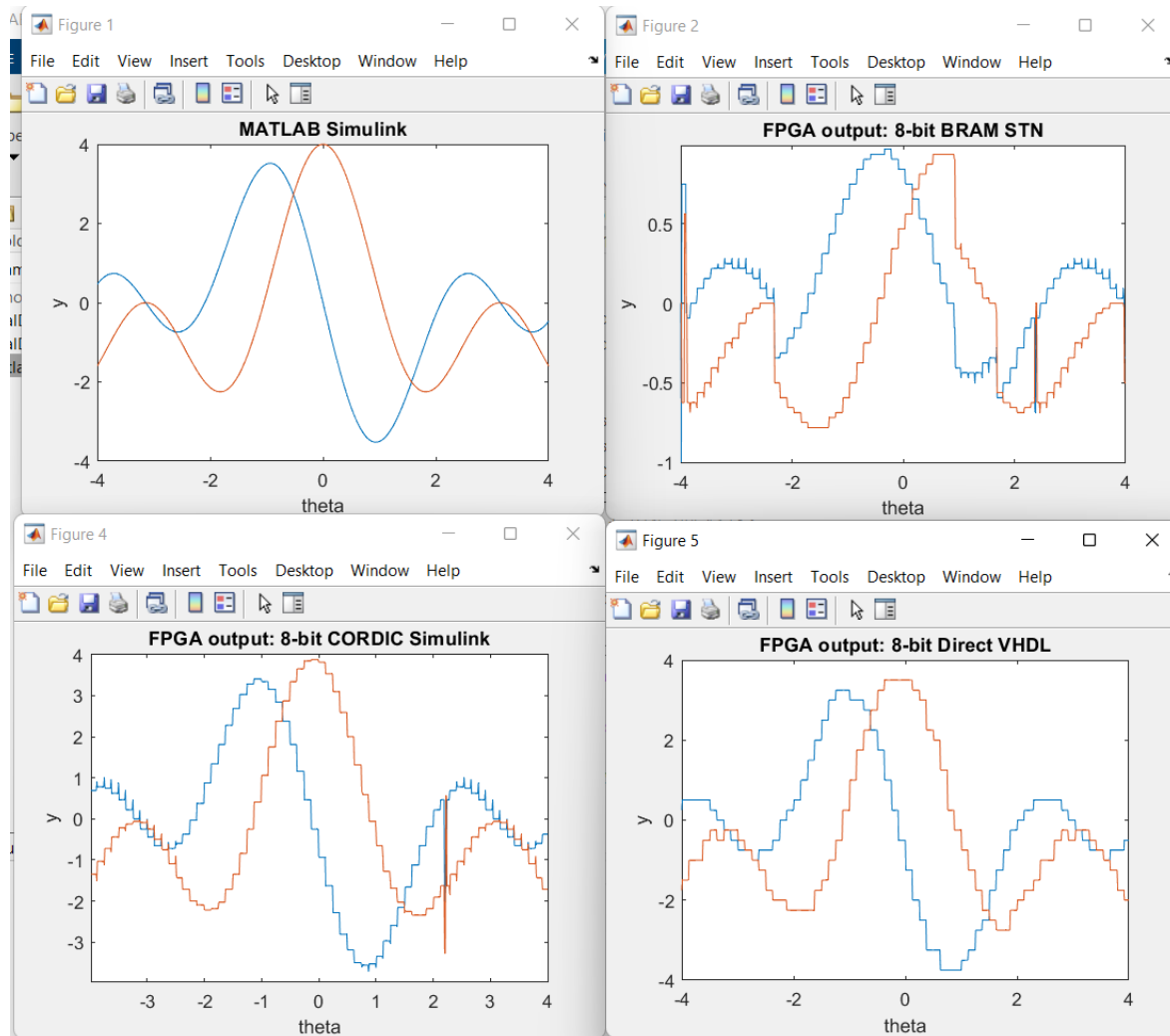
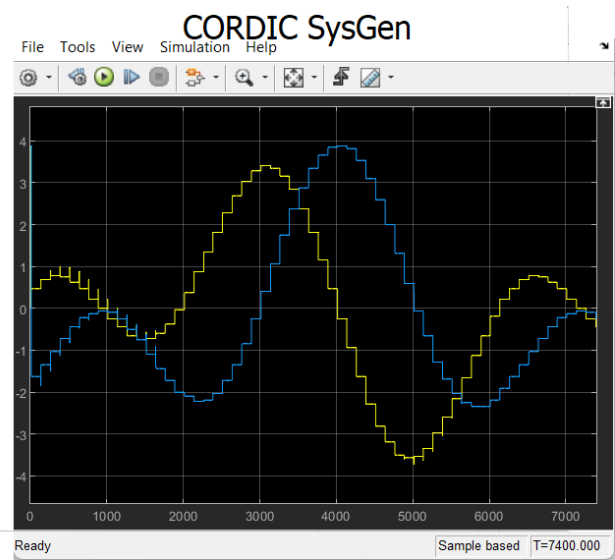
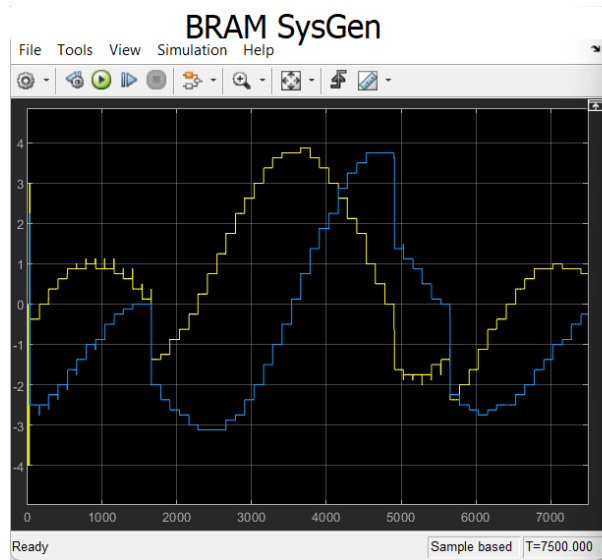


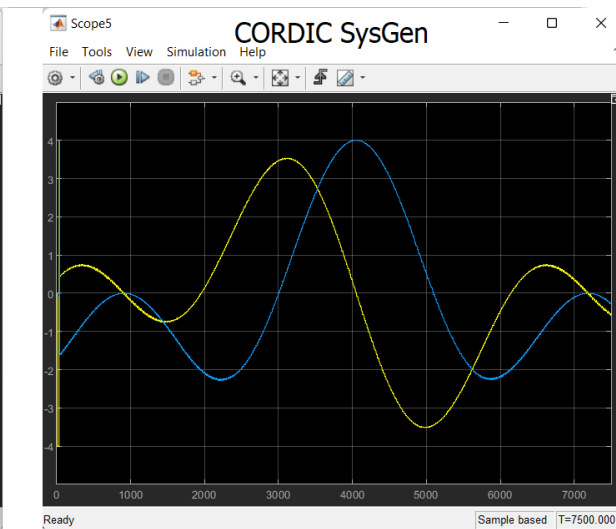
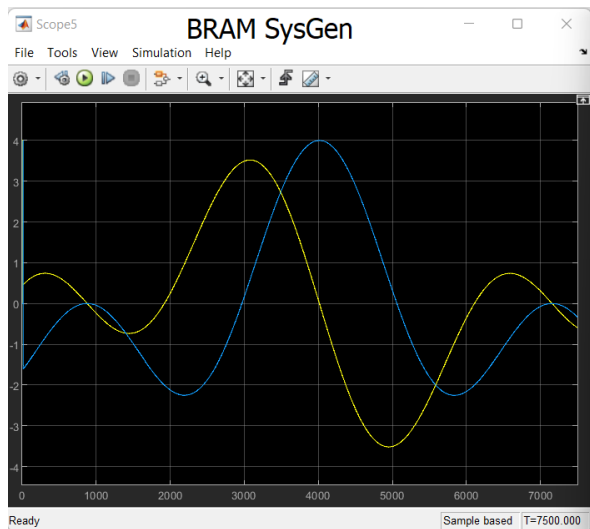
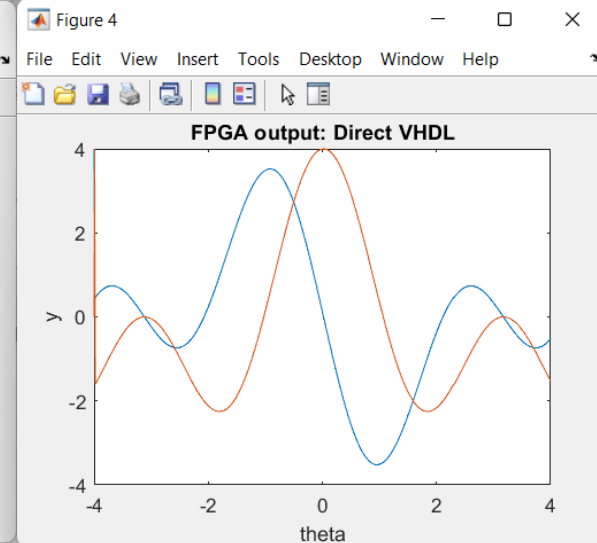
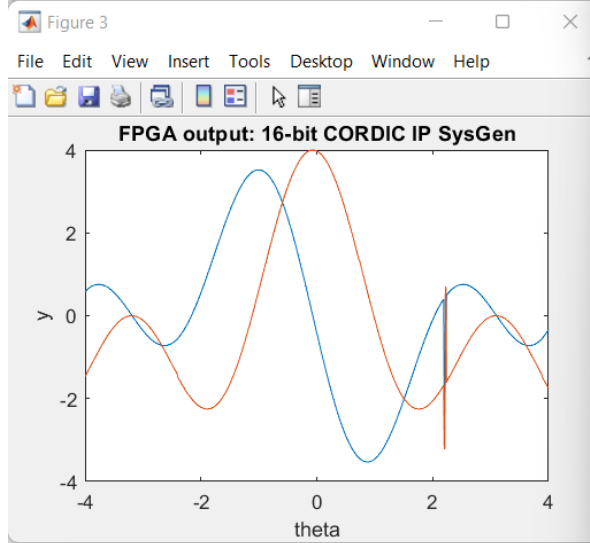
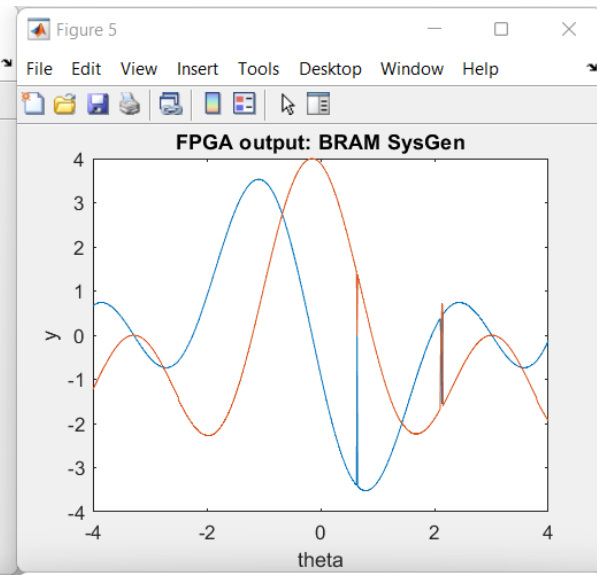
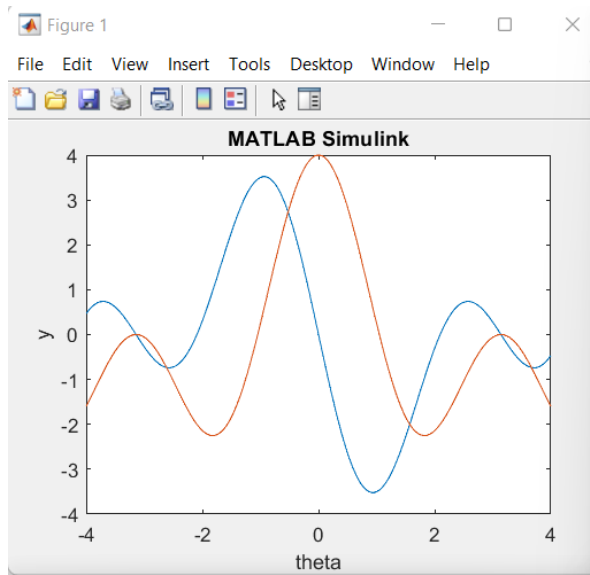
Figure 4: Direct VHDL implementation of the weighted sum of two neurons using CORDIC IP core

8-bit Fixed-point implementation result: Fix_8_3

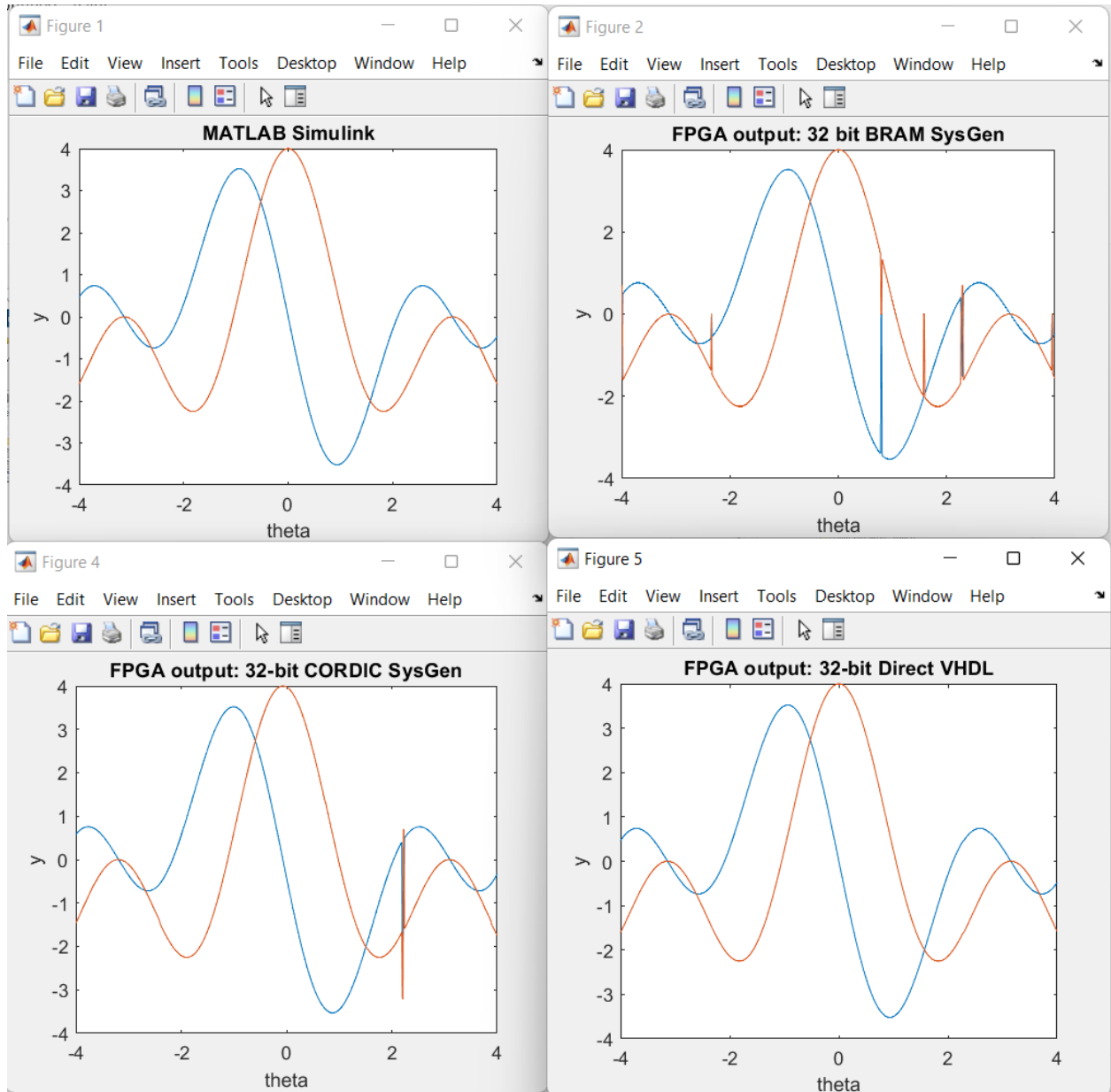


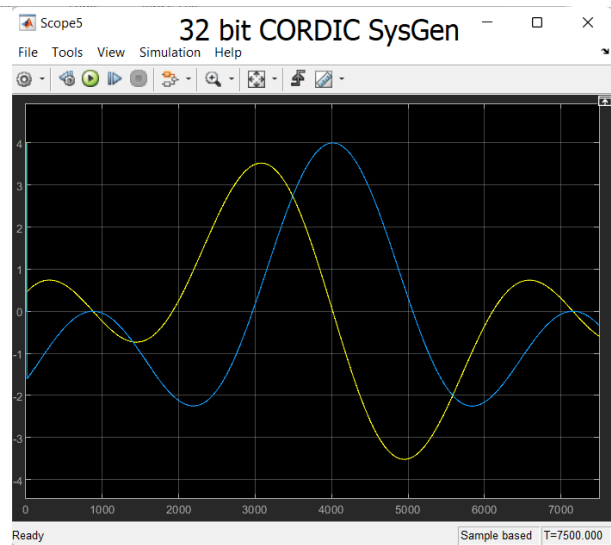
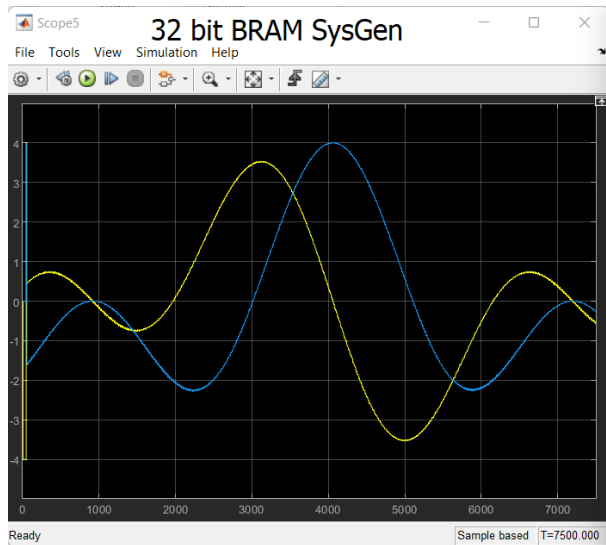


16-bit Fixed-point implementation result: Fix_16_11:



32-bit Fixed-point implementation result: Fix_32_27:





Mean squared error in direct VHDL design with 8, 16, and 32 bits:

real and imaginary

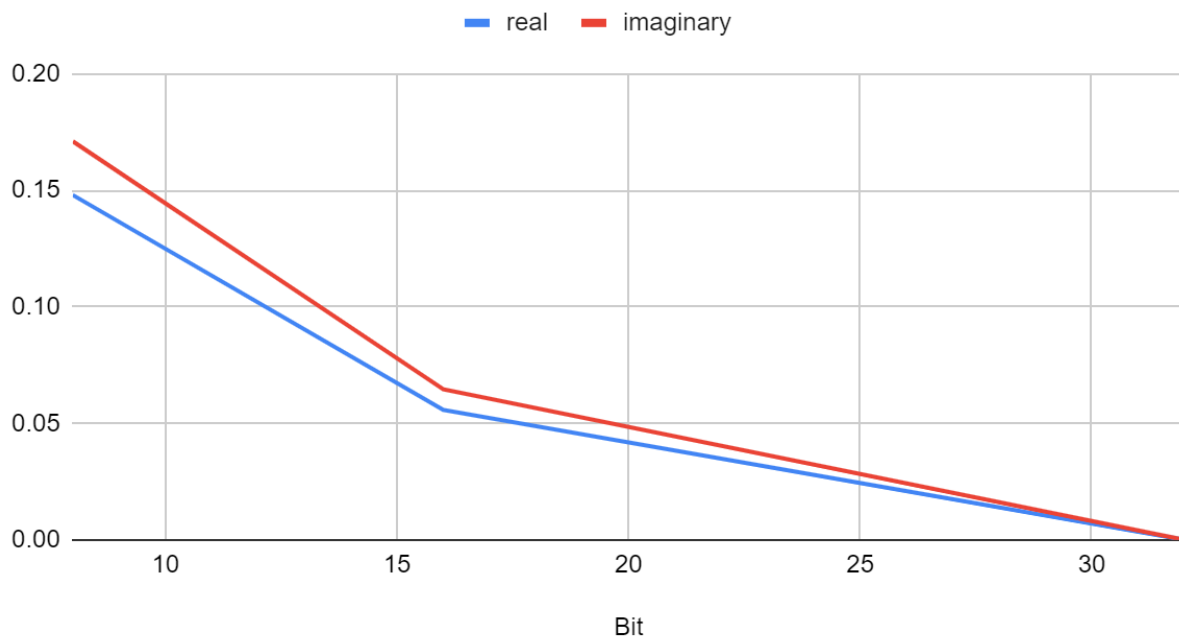


Figure 9: mean squared error in direct VHDL design with 8, 16, and 32 bits.

Utilization Report for direct VHDL design:

The utilization report for 8, 16, and 32 bits are shown below:

