

FILTERING ECG SIGNAL

SIGNAL PROCESSING PROJECT #2

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THE SOURCE CODE

```
filename = 'noisy ecg.mat';
myVars = {'Ts', 'ecg', 'fs'};
S = load(filename, myVars{:});
Ts=0.002;
fs=1/Ts;
wm=pi*fs;
wc=2*pi*(40/fs);
n=-30:30;
h=sinc(wc*n/pi)*wc/pi;
figure(1)
t=0:Ts:9.998;
subplot(3,1,1)
plot(t,S.ecg);
xlabel('Time');
ylabel('Amplitude');
y=filtfilt(h,1,S.ecg);
subplot(3,1,2);
plot(t,y);
xlabel('Time');
ylabel('Amplitude');
a=filter(h,1,S.ecg);
subplot(3,1,3);
plot(t,a);
xlabel('Time');
ylabel('Amplitude');
figure(2)
imp = [1; zeros(180,1)];
impresponse filter=filter(h,1,imp);
b=stem(0:180,impresponse filter);
xlabel('Samples');
vlabel('Amplitude');
figure(3)
freqz(h);
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THE FILTER COEFFICIENTS

We can get the filter coefficients from the impulse response matrix' elements. We can obtain them as;

a(0) = 0.0062366	,
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$$a(1) = 0.00993157$$

$$a(2) = 0.0113458$$

$$a(3) = 0.009954$$

$$a(4) = 0.00589796$$

$$a(5) = 3.89975e-17$$

$$a(7) = -0.0116851$$

$$a(8) = -0.0144401$$

$$a(9) = -0.013715$$

$$a(10) = -0.00935489$$

$$a(11) = -0.00209973$$

$$a(12) = 0.00650987$$

$$a(13) = 0.0144272$$

$$a(14) = 0.019542$$

$$a(15) = 0.020182$$

$$a(16) = 0.0155642$$

$$a(17) = 0.00608927$$

$$a(18) = -0.0065967$$

$$a(20) = -0.0302731$$

$$a(24) = 0.00664913$$

$$a(25) = 0.0374196$$

$$a(26) = 0.0720038$$

$$a(28) = 0.134379$$

$$a(29) = 0.153347$$

$$a(30) = 0.16$$

$$a(31) = 0.153347$$

$$a(32) = 0.134379$$

$$a(33) = 0.105894$$

$$a(34) = 0.0720038$$

$$a(41) = -0.0198089$$

$$a(42) = -0.0065967$$

$$a(43) = 0.00608927$$

$$a(44) = 0.0155642$$

$$a(45) = 0.020182$$

$$a(46) = 0.019542$$

$$a(49) = -0.00209973$$

$$a(50) = -0.00935489$$

$$a(51) = -0.013715$$

$$a(54) = -0.00638946$$

$$a(56) = 0.00589796$$

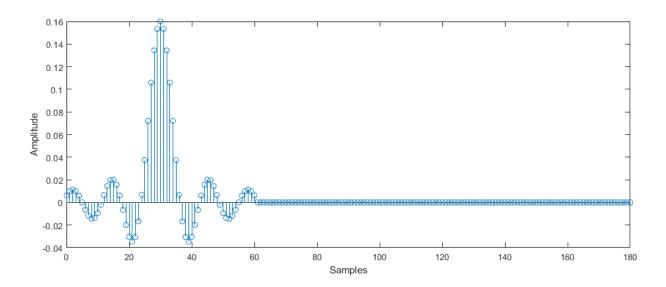
$$a(57) = 0.009954$$

$$a(58) = 0.0113458$$

$$a(59) = 0.00993157$$

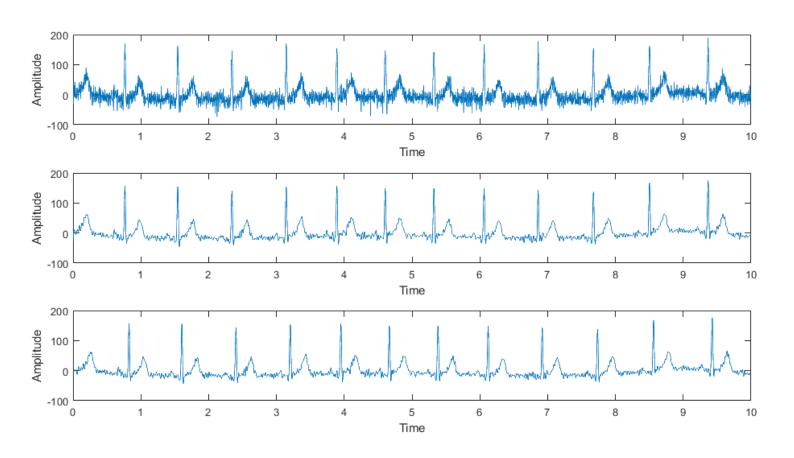
$$a(60) = 0.0062366$$

THE IMPULSE RESPONSE



FILTERING THE NOISE

The graphs are noisy signal, filtered signal with *filter*, filtered signal with *filtfilt*, respectively.



Filtfilt commands execute a zero-phase filtering when filter command execute normal filtering. Zero-phase filtering can be used for avoiding phase distortion, it's a noncasual filter. So it can be used for post-processing of stored data, like this ECG signal.

As we can see, the signal filtered with filtfilt command starts around zero amplitude. We can define the zero-phase filtering algorithm as follows;

• Filter the signal – Time reverse the signal – Filter the signal – Time reverse the signal

MAGNITUDE OF THE FREQUENCY SPECTRUM

