

Assignment 3

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Lab assignment 3a

1. Requirements

The assignment is to design and implement a FIR filter named filter that:

1. Uses as little resources as possible and is maximally sequential. In particular at most 1 multiplier may be used.
2. Conforms to the 4-phase asynchronous protocol for both input and output.
3. Can run at a clock frequency of 100 Mhz.
4. Honors changes in the coefficients (after a finite delay).
5. May produce a finite length interval of start-up noise

1.1 Analysis of requirements

The FIR filter should make use of only one DSP-unit, since the internal clock frequency is significantly higher than the expected sample rate. Furthermore the coefficients should not be buffered but must be connected as wires instead of buffering them in registers. This ensures that requirement 1 and 4 can be satisfied. For requirement 3, the clock frequency should be at least 100MHz, which will be checked in the post-synthesis report. Lastly, the asynchronous ack/req protocol will be used since there needs to be some synchronization between the testbench (44.1KHz sample rate) and the filter (100MHz sample rate).

2. System architecture

Figure one shows the global architecture of the FIR filter.

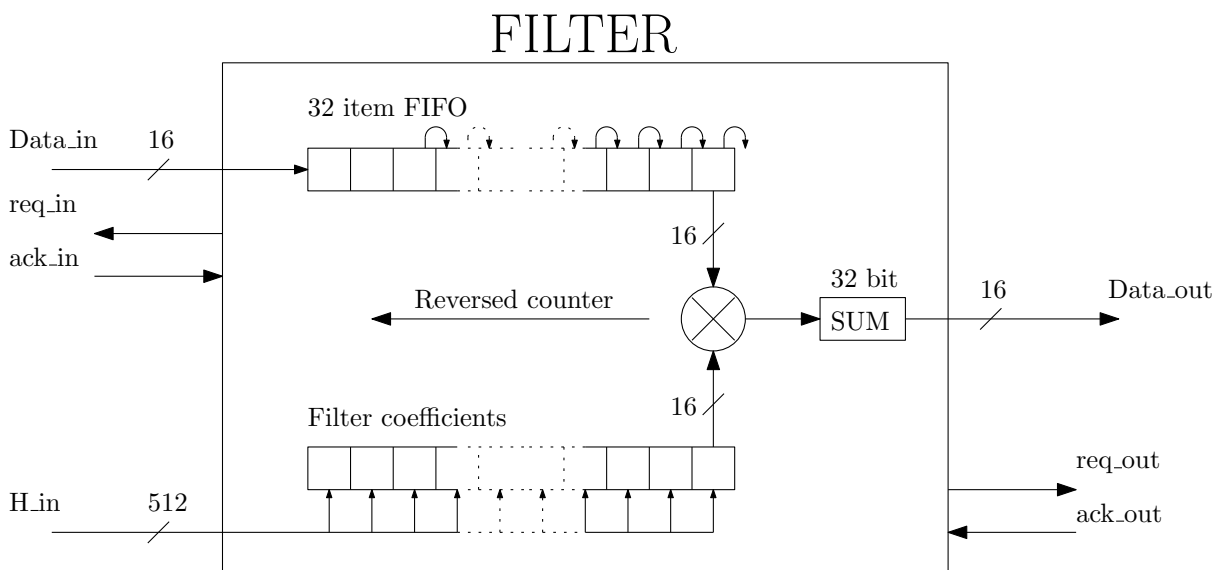


Figure 1: System overview

Unlike the FIR filter of lab2, the filter has only one tap. After each clock edge the multiplier/accumulator will multiply a sample that is stored in the memory with it's corresponding filter coefficient. An index makes sure that this operation moves through the FIFO in 32 clock cycles. The index sample is also shifted one place to the right. After 32 cycles the last tap has been calculated and the first place in the FIFO is empty. The system will output the calculated sample, and request a new data item, which will be put on the first index.

The whole procedure will then restart.

4. Design choices

5. Functional correctness

all requirements?

6. Resource usage

7. System throughput and latency

(min) sample time T_s and (max) sample frequency f_s , both after synthesis and after placement & routing.

8. Simulation results

Time en FFT plot

Lab assignment 3b

1. Requirements

The specific requirements for the strength reduced FIR filter are:

1. The design may use at most 3 multipliers.
2. Conforms to the 4-phase asynchronous handshake protocol for both input and output.
3. Can run at a clock frequency of 100 Mhz.
4. Should have about 4 times the sample frequency as the sequential implementation.
5. Honors changes in the coefficients (after a finite delay).
6. May produce a finite length interval of start-up noise.

Comparison between two filters

In your final report, compare the output signals of the strength reduced filter with the output of the sequential filter, by generating a difference signal for a representative subset of samples. Make sure you align the outputs correctly, because the amount of start-up noise of the 2 implementations may differ. If the difference signal is non-zero, explain the differences. Further reporting guidelines are on the courses website.

Appendix

all verilog code