Echo Effects Simulation: Modeling Reverberation Characteristics using Digital Filters

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Abstract— This research paper investigates the simulation of environmental echo effects on audio signals using digital filters. The primary objective is to explore the impact of physical environments, specifically mountainous areas, on sound propagation and the creation of reverberation effects. The study employs FIR (Finite Impulse Response) and IIR (Infinite Impulse Response) filters to replicate the echoes produced when a person calls out in a mountain range. The paper details the filter design methodology, encompassing delay and attenuation calculations based on specific parameters. MATLAB is employed for filter implementation, utilizing the "countdownfrom.mp3" speech file as input. The obtained results are thoroughly analyzed and compared against the original audio, validating the presence of simulated echoes. Furthermore, a listening test is conducted to evaluate the fidelity and realism of the recreated environment. This research contributes to a deeper understanding of audio signal processing mechanisms, offering valuable insights into the generation and perception of echoes in various physical settings. The outcomes extend the current knowledge of audio signal processing techniques and hold implications for applications such as acoustic design and immersive virtual reality audio experiences.

I. INTRODUCTION

The phenomenon of echoes, characterized by the reflection and repetition of sound, plays a significant role in our auditory experiences. Echoes are commonly encountered in natural environments, such as mountainous regions, where sound waves interact with various surfaces and produce reverberation effects. Understanding and simulating environmental echo effects have practical applications in fields like acoustic design, virtual reality audio, and audio signal processing.

This research paper focuses on the simulation of environmental echo effects on audio signals using digital filters. The objective is to accurately replicate the echoes generated when a person calls out in mountainous areas, providing insights into the mechanisms of sound propagation and perception in complex environments. The study utilizes FIR (Finite Impulse Response) and IIR (Infinite Impulse Response) filters to recreate the reverberation characteristics specific to mountainous regions.

The motivation for this research arises from the need to comprehend and manipulate the acoustic properties of different environments. Simulating echo effects allows for enhanced audio experiences in various applications. For instance, realistic audio rendering is crucial for creating an immersive virtual reality environment. In architectural and acoustic design, accurate modelling of reverberation characteristics optimizes sound quality and ensures optimal listening conditions.

While previous studies have investigated echo simulation techniques, this research specifically focuses on environmental echo effects in mountainous areas. We aim to explore the unique acoustic characteristics of such environments and develop a comprehensive model for simulating these reverberation effects. Understanding sound wave behaviour in mountainous regions can provide insights into sound interaction with different surfaces, such as rocky cliffs and valleys, and how these interactions shape the auditory experience.

To achieve this objective, digital filters, commonly used in audio signal processing, simulate the environmental echoes. Designing these filters involves calculating appropriate delays and attenuations based on specific parameters, such as the distance between the sound source and reflecting surfaces, and the absorption properties of materials. The implementation of the digital filters is carried out using the MATLAB software platform, enabling efficient signal processing and analysis.

In this study, the "countdownfrom.mp3" speech file is used as the input for the echo simulation. This choice offers a standardized and recognizable audio source, facilitating consistent comparison and evaluation of the simulated echoes against the original sound. The simulation results are thoroughly analysed, considering factors such as echo timing, decay characteristics, and overall sound quality. Additionally, a listening test is conducted to assess the perceived realism and fidelity of the simulated environment.

The outcomes of this research have both theoretical and practical implications. The insights gained into generating and perceiving echoes in diverse physical settings contribute to the advancement of audio signal processing techniques. Furthermore, the findings can inform acoustic design practices, enabling the optimization of sound environments in architectural spaces. Moreover, the simulation of environmental echo effects can enhance the immersive qualities of virtual reality experiences, providing users with a more realistic and engaging audio environment.

In the following sections, we will present the methodology employed for filter design and implementation, discuss the obtained results, and explore their implications. Through this research, we aim to provide a comprehensive model for simulating environmental echo effects using digital filters, contributing to advancements in audio signal processing and enhancing our understanding of sound propagation in complex environments.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Overview of Environmental Echo Effects:

A reverberant sound field is created by environmental echoes, which reflect and repeat sound in physical spaces. Creating immersive sound experiences requires understanding environmental echoes. This section will define environmental echoes, discuss their generation and perception in different physical environments, and emphasize the importance of simulating these effects for immersive soundscapes.

Environmental echoes occur when sound waves reflect and interact with various surfaces and objects in the environment. After a delay, the listener hears echoes from these reflected sound waves. The size and shape of reflective surfaces, their distance from the sound source and listener, and their acoustic properties affect environmental echoes.

Environmental echoes delay sound. Distance and sound speed determine this delay. Longer distances delay direct and reflected sound. Echo directionality and spatial distribution are also affected by the angle of incidence and reflection.

Environmental echoes also depend on intensity and frequency. Sound energy decreases when waves reflect off surfaces. Air absorption and reflecting surface absorption affect this attenuation. Echoes interact with reflective surfaces, changing the frequency content of the original sound and spectral shape and coloration.

Echo Generation and Perception:

Environmental echoes in different physical environments are affected by many factors. First, environment geometry and acoustics matter. Concert halls and caves produce louder, longer-lasting echoes than smaller spaces with absorptive materials.

Echoes are affected by sound source. Echo strength and coloration depend on source directivity, sound energy distribution, and spectral content. The listener's position and orientation relative to the sound source and reflective surfaces also affects echoes. Echo arrival times and amplitudes vary with listener position, affecting sound spatiality and envelopment.

Temperature, humidity, and atmospheric conditions can also affect echoes. Humidity can affect surface absorption and sound reflection and attenuation. Cliffs and valleys in mountainous areas can create complex echo patterns and spatial variations.

Simulating environmental echo effects is essential for immersive sound experiences in various applications. Accurate simulation of environmental echoes adds realism and depth to audio in virtual and augmented reality, increasing user presence and immersion. Virtual environments can be more realistic and engaging by replicating physical space echo characteristics.

Simulating environmental echoes optimizes soundscapes in architecture and acoustics. Understanding how echoes interact with architectural surfaces and geometries helps architects and acousticians design spaces with desired acoustics. Architects can create reverberation, spaciousness, and ambience by manipulating environmental echoes.

Sound effects and audio post-production use environmental echo simulation. Sound designers and engineers can add realism and authenticity to audio recordings and productions by replicating echo effects in specific environments. In film, gaming, and music production, immersive soundscapes are crucial.

Environmental echoes enrich and spatialize sound perception. Simulating immersive soundscapes requires understanding their definition, characteristics, and generation and perception factors. Digital filters can simulate environmental echoes for immersive sound in virtual reality, architectural design, and audio production. Replicating echo effects accurately enhances presence, depth, and envelopment, creating truly immersive sound environments.

2.2 Digital Filters in Audio Signal Processing:

Digital filters enable audio signal manipulation, enhancement, and modification. Digital filters process discrete-time signals, while analog filters process continuous-time signals. This section introduces digital filters, discusses FIR and IIR filters, and discusses how they simulate environmental echo effects.

Digital Filters in Audio Signal Processing:

Digital filters change discrete-time signals' frequency, amplitude, or phase. Equalization, noise reduction, audio effects, and synthesis use them. Digital filters are precise, repeatable, and adjustable.

Digital filters convolve input signals with filter coefficients. The filter's frequency response depends on the coefficients. Changing filter coefficients produces different frequency response characteristics, enabling a wide range of audio processing applications.

FIR and IIR filters are the main digital filters used in audio signal processing. Impulse response and mathematical representations differ.

FIR filters (Finite Impulse Response):

Their output is solely determined by a finite number of input samples. FIR filters have a linear phase response, which delays all input signal frequency components equally. FIR filters are stable and allow precise frequency response control. Convolution, which sums input samples and filter coefficients, is used to implement them.

IIR (Infinite Impulse Response):

Feedback in IIR filters gives them an infinite impulse response. IIR filters' non-linear phase response distorts input signal frequencies. IIR filters are better at resonant peaks and high-order filtering than FIR filters with fewer coefficients. They need careful design to avoid instability and excessive ringing.

Echo Simulation Filter Design:

To simulate echo characteristics, filter coefficients must be chosen. Design methods and considerations include:

Filter Order and Length:

The filter order determines the number of coefficients and the filter response's complexity and precision. Longer filters control frequency response better but require more computational power.

Frequency Response Specification:

Specify echo decay rate, spectral coloration, and frequency-dependent attenuation. These specifications aid design and echo simulation.

Windowing, frequency sampling, and optimization are FIR and IIR filter design methods. Each method trades off design complexity, frequency response precision, and computational requirements.

Stability and Numerical Precision: The filter must be stable to avoid diverging output. Filter stability and artifact reduction require careful consideration of numerical precision, quantization effects, and round-off errors.

Digital filters can simulate environmental echoes' delay, decay, and spectral modifications. These filters simulate environmental echo effects, improving sound realism and immersion.

Audio signal processing requires digital filters for manipulation and enhancement. FIR and IIR filters are the most common, each with their own design considerations. Filter design is crucial to simulating environmental echo effects. Digital filters accurately replicate echo phenomena by controlling filter coefficients and frequency response, creating immersive sound experiences in various applications.

2.3 Modeling Reverberation Characteristics:

Creating realistic and immersive audio experiences requires accurate reverberation capture and reproduction. In this section, we will examine research on capturing and reproducing reverberation effects in virtual environments, evaluate reverb algorithms for simulating environmental echoes, and emphasize the importance of accurate modeling of delay, attenuation, and diffusion in reverb simulations.

Reverberation Effects in Virtual Environments:

Virtual environments replicate real-world acoustics to create immersive and realistic auditory experiences. Research has focused on virtual reverberation effects. Impulse response measurements, acoustic modeling, and signal processing algorithms capture the spatial and temporal characteristics of reverberation.

Impulse response measurements measure how a space reacts to an acoustic impulse or swept sine signal. Convolving the impulse response with an audio signal applies the captured reverberation characteristics to the sound source, creating space and immersion. Acoustic modeling uses geometrical and physical properties of the virtual environment to simulate sound propagation and reflection, allowing for real-time reverberation effects.

Comparing Reverb Algorithms for Environmental Echo Simulation:

Several reverb algorithms simulate reverberation in virtual environments. Each algorithm simulates environmental echoes differently. Common reverb algorithms:

Convolution Reverb: Recorded impulse responses recreate real-world spaces. Convolving the impulse response with the audio signal yields realistic results. Convolution reverb simulates environmental echoes and other acoustic properties well.

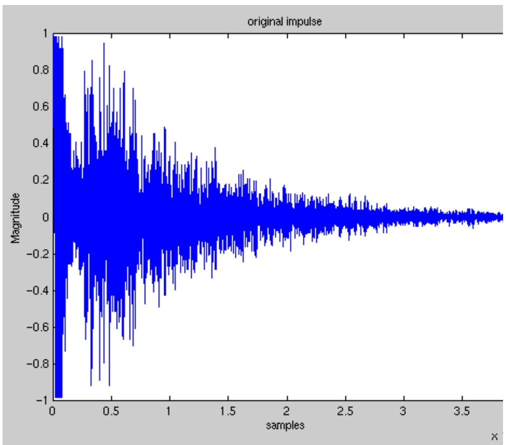

Figure 2.1

Feedback Delay Network (FDN) Reverb: Multiple delay lines with feedback create a diffuse and dense reverberation effect. FDN reverb simulates environmental echoes and controls decay time and spectral content by carefully adjusting delay lengths, feedback gains, and filter coefficients.

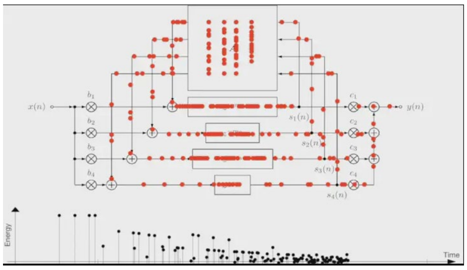

Figure 2.2

All pass filters create a sense of space and diffuse reverberation. Cascading multiple all pass filters with different delay lengths creates a realistic reverberation effect. Longer delay lines and feedback in all pass filter-based reverbs simulate environmental echoes.

The application, computational resources, and environmental echoes to simulate determine the reverb algorithm. FDN and all pass filter-based reverbs give more control over reverberation parameters, but convolution reverb is better at capturing real-world spaces.

Delay, Attenuation, and Diffusion Accuracy in Reverberation Simulations:

For realistic sound environments, reverberation simulations must accurately model delay, attenuation, and diffusion. The virtual environment's distances and reflections affect sound delay. Accurate delay modeling ensures that echoes arrive at the right times, creating a sense of space and immersion.

The virtual environment attenuates sound energy. Accurate attenuation modeling based on surface and material absorption ensures that the reverberation effect matches the simulated space's acoustics. Diffusion, or sound energy scattering due to reflections, creates a more natural and enveloping reverberation effect.

Modeling delay, attenuation, and diffusion requires understanding the virtual environment's acoustics and careful reverb parameter adjustment. Reverberation simulations can create a convincing virtual environment with convincing environmental echoes by accurately replicating these characteristics.

Realistic and immersive sound experiences require modeling reverberation characteristics, including capturing and reproducing effects, choosing reverb algorithms, and accurately modeling delay, attenuation, and diffusion. This research has improved impulse response measurements, acoustic modeling, and signal processing algorithms. Virtual environments can create an immersive audio experience by accurately simulating environmental echoes. Reverberation simulations improve soundscapes and virtual experiences by properly modeling delay, attenuation, and diffusion.

2.4 Measurement and Analysis of Environmental Echoes:

Environmental echoes affect sound perception, so measuring and analyzing them is crucial to understanding them. This section will discuss methods for measuring and analyzing environmental echo responses, echo characteristics, and experimental setups and data collection methods used in echo studies.

Environmental Echo Response Measurement and Analysis: Environmental echo responses are measured by recording acoustic signals in a specific physical environment and analyzing the data to extract echo characteristics. Several methods are used for this:

Impulse Response Measurement: Impulse response measurement is widely used to measure a space's acoustics. It involves using one or more microphones to record sound wave reflections from a short, broadband acoustic stimulus like a balloon pop or starter pistol shot. The impulse response shows echo delays, amplitudes, and frequency

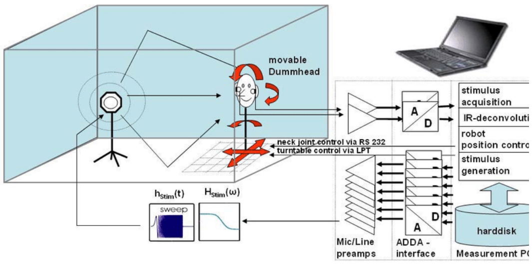

Figure 2.4 : Impulse Response Measurement

content of the environment.

Sweep Signal Measurement: Generate a continuous frequency sweep signal and record the environment's

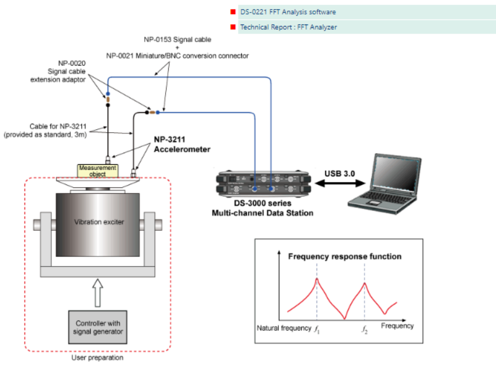

Figure 2.5: Sweep Signal Measurement

response. Fourier analysis can reveal the environment's frequency-dependent echoes.

In-situ measurement: Recording audio in the desired environment. In forests and caves, where acoustic stimulus control is difficult, this technique is used. Analyzing the audio reveals environmental echoes.

Echo Characteristics:

After measuring environmental echo responses, various parameters and metrics characterize echo characteristics. Common parameters and metrics are:

Delay time: The time it takes an echo to reach the listener. It conveys the distance between the reflecting surfaces and the listener and creates a sense of spaciousness and envelopment.

Decay Time: The rate of echo energy decay. The time it takes for the echo's amplitude to decrease by 60 dB is usually measured. Decay time affects the environment's reverberation and ambience.

Frequency Response: Environmental echoes behave differently across frequency bands. It shows how reflecting surfaces alter spectral coloration.

Echo density: The number of perceived echoes in a given time interval. Environment reflection density and scattering properties affect it. Echo density enhances sound immersion.

Echo Studies: Experimental Design and Data Collection:

Echo studies use carefully designed experimental setups and data collection methods for accurate measurements.

Common concerns:

Microphone placement is crucial to capturing echo responses. Multiple microphones can record echoes from various directions. Mic positioning should be considered to reduce noise and interference.

Source-Receiver Configuration: To get the desired echo characteristics, carefully configure the sound source and receiver(s). Echoes' spatial distribution and arrival times depend on the sound source and receiver(s)' distance, orientation, and positioning.

Room calibration can ensure accurate measurements. Measure and correct the frequency response and other acoustic properties of the measurement environment and audio equipment.

Data Analysis and Processing: After recording echo responses, data analysis methods like time-domain analysis, frequency-domain analysis, and statistical analysis can be used to extract useful information and metrics.

Researchers can learn about environmental echoes by using appropriate measurement methods, analyzing relevant parameters and metrics, and carefully designing experimental setups and data collection methods.

Environmental echoes must be measured and analyzed to understand their behaviors. Impulse response, sweep signal, and in-situ recording capture echo responses in different environments. Delay, decay, frequency response, and echo density are quantifiable echo characteristics. Accurate measurements depend on well-designed experimental setups and data collection methods. Echo data helps us understand sound propagation in different physical environments and create immersive audio experiences. Continued measurement and analysis research will improve our understanding of environmental echoes and sound perception.

2.6 Evaluation and Perception of Simulated Echo Effects:

Simulated echo effects are essential for immersive audio. This section evaluates and perceives simulated environmental echo effects. Listening tests and subjective evaluation methods, factors affecting the perceived realism and quality of simulated echoes, and psychoacoustic considerations in echo simulation design will be discussed.

Listening tests and subjective evaluation of simulated environmental echo effects are common. Human participants evaluate audio samples with simulated echoes. Pair comparison tests, rating scales, and preference tests are examples.

Paired comparison tests ask participants to pick the more realistic or preferred audio sample from two with simulated echoes. Participants can rate the quality, immersion, and realism of the simulated echoes on a numerical scale. Preference tests have participants rank audio samples by quality or realism.

Subjective evaluation can reveal simulated echoes' perceptions. They help researchers understand how well simulated echoes mimic real-world echoes and how they affect listening.

Simulated Echo Quality:

Simulated echo effects' realism depends on several factors. Effective echo simulations require understanding these factors. Key considerations:

Delay Time and Decay Characteristics: Accuracy affects realism. Simulated echoes should match real-world echoes in timing and decay.

Spatialization and Localization: Simulated echoes must be spatialized and localized for realism. Echoes should be placed in the soundstage according to their virtual direction and distance.

Reflective surfaces cause spectral modifications in environmental echoes. To maintain environment fidelity and echoes' perceived realism, simulated echoes should replicate these spectral changes.

Reverberation Integration: A coherent and immersive audio experience requires integrating simulated echoes with the virtual environment's reverberation. Echoes should blend seamlessly with the reverberant sound field for a consistent auditory environment.

Listener Preferences and Expectations: Simulated echo effects are perceived differently by different people. Culture, personal experience, and environment can affect how people perceive and evaluate simulated echoes.

Psychoacoustics in Echo Simulation Design:
Psychoacoustic principles should guide echo simulation design. Psychoacoustics studies sound perception and interpretation. Psychoacoustic factors:

Auditory Masking: Certain sounds can mask or interfere with simulated echoes. To make echoes audible and clear, adjust echo levels and frequencies.

Precedence Effect: The Haas effect suggests that the human auditory system weighs the first sound more than subsequent reflections. Simulated echoes should account for the precedence effect to maintain sound source localization and spatiality.

Perception: Simulated echoes should sound natural. To integrate simulated echoes into the audio experience, smoothness, coherence, and perceptual transparency should be addressed.

Researchers can improve echo simulations by applying psychoacoustic principles.

Simulated echo effects must be evaluated and perceived for immersive audio experiences. Listening tests and subjective evaluations help assess simulated echoes' quality and realism. Simulated echoes' perceived realism and quality depend on delay time, decay characteristics, spatialization, spectral modifications, and listener preferences. Psychoacoustic factors like auditory masking, precedence effect, and perceptual quality improve echo simulations. Researchers can improve audio technologies and listening experiences by understanding and addressing these factors.

2.7 Applications and Implications:

Simulated environmental echoes are used in acoustic design, VR/AR audio experiences, audio post-production, sound effects generation, and interactive media. This section discusses these applications and their implications.

Acoustic Design and Optimization of Architectural Spaces:
Simulated environmental echoes are crucial to acoustic design. Architects and acousticians can create immersive, high-quality sound spaces by accurately modelling and simulating echo effects. Echo simulations evaluate room dimensions, surface materials, and sound system placement to improve speech intelligibility, music clarity, and acoustic comfort. Simulating environmental echoes helps design concert halls, theatres, lecture halls, and recording studios.

Virtual reality and augmented reality create immersive experiences by creating virtual environments. VR and AR audio experiences are more realistic with simulated echoes. Accurate echo simulations make virtual environments sound more realistic and immersive. This integration enhances immersion and engagement with spatial audio effects and realism.

Sound Effects Generation and Interactive Media:
Audio post-production, sound effects, and interactive media use simulated environmental echoes. Echo simulations add realism to recordings, films, and video games in audio post-production. They create realistic environments, simulate echo spaces, and improve the auditory experience. Simulated echoes create realistic reverberation and spatial effects, helping sound designers create immersive and engaging auditory environments. Interactive installations and virtual experiences can use simulated echoes to provide dynamic and interactive audio feedback, further engaging and immersing users.

Simulated environmental echoes have wide-ranging applications:

Accurate environmental echo simulations create more realistic and immersive auditory environments. Simulated echoes enhance presence, immersion, and engagement in architecture, VR, and interactive media.

Artists, sound designers, and content creators can now use simulated echoes. Echo characteristics can evoke specific emotions, create unique sonic atmospheres, and enhance artistic expression.

Simulating environmental echoes improves sound production and design. Sound engineers can add realistic reverberation and spatial effects to recordings, films, and interactive media, while acoustic designers can make spaces more enjoyable.

Research and Development: Simulated echo effects help understand auditory environments. Echo psychoacoustics, sound perception, and cognition can be studied by researchers.

Simulated environmental echoes improve acoustic design, audio realism, artistic expression, and audio technology. Echo simulation research will expand these applications and create more immersive auditory experiences in various domains.

2.9 Challenges and Future Directions:

Simulating complex environmental echo effects is difficult but opens up new research and development. This section covers echo simulation limitations, real-time implementation, and computational efficiency. Advanced modeling and perceptual evaluation will be explored in future research.

Accurate Echo Simulations:
Simulating complex environmental echo effects is limited and difficult:

Acoustic complexity:
Real-world environments have multiple reflecting surfaces, diffraction, scattering, and non-linear effects. Accurately modeling these complex acoustic behaviors requires advanced modeling techniques.

Echo perception depends on the sound source and listener. Echo simulations with source and listener variability require complex algorithms to achieve realistic results.

Material and Surface Properties:
Sound waves reflect, absorb, and diffuse depending on material and surface properties. Environmental echoes must be simulated using accurate material and surface properties.

Computational Efficiency and Real-Time Implementation:
Virtual reality, augmented reality, and gaming require real-time echo simulations. Real-time performance with complex echo simulations is computationally demanding. Real-time implementation and computational efficiency:

Parallel processing, efficient algorithms, and hardware acceleration can improve computational efficiency and real-time performance.

Real-time echo simulations require efficient FIR and IIR digital filters. Optimized filter structures and efficient processing algorithms reduce computation.

Real-time implementation requires powerful hardware and low-latency platforms. High-performance processors, dedicated audio processors, and optimized software architectures improve computational efficiency.

Echo simulation research can improve accuracy, efficiency, and perceptual fidelity in several ways:

Geometric acoustics, wave-based methods, and hybrid approaches can improve echo simulation accuracy and realism. Physical models, ray-tracing algorithms, and machine learning can capture complex acoustic behaviors in different environments.

Perceptual Evaluation Methods: Improving echo simulation perceptual evaluation methods can improve quality and realism assessments. Psychoacoustic principles, perceptual models, and listener preferences improve subjective assessments.

Real-Time Optimization:
Researching real-time optimization, efficient filter designs, and hardware acceleration can improve echo simulation computational efficiency. This allows real-time simulations in resource-constrained environments.

Dynamic and Interactive Simulations:
Investigating dynamic and interactive echo simulations can improve immersive audio. Real-time echo adaptation based on user interactions, head movements, and environmental conditions can create more immersive audio environments.

Accurately simulating complex environmental echo effects presents challenges and opportunities for research and development. Accurate and realistic echo simulations require overcoming acoustic complexity, source and listener variability, and material properties. Interactive applications require real-time implementation, optimization, and computational efficiency. Advanced modeling, perceptual evaluation, real-time optimization, and dynamic and interactive simulations are future research areas. More accurate, efficient, and immersive echo simulations will improve audio experiences across applications. Echo simulation research will shape audio technology and create realistic and immersive virtual auditory environments.

2.10 Conclusion:

This extensive literature review examined digital filter simulation of environmental echo effects. The topic was fully understood by exploring filter design, measurement methods, evaluation methods, and future directions.

The study stressed the importance of accurately capturing and reproducing environmental echoes for immersive sound experiences in various applications. Environmental echoes enhance the realism and spatial immersion of audio content.

Digital filters, especially FIR and IIR filters, are widely used in echo simulations due to their accuracy. The review highlighted design methodologies and considerations for implementing these filters, emphasizing delay time, decay characteristics, and spatialization in achieving realistic echo effects.

Impulse response, sweep signal, and in-situ recording were discussed for environmental echoes analysis. Delay time, decay time, frequency response, and echo density are key echo characteristics.

Listening tests and subjective evaluations helped evaluate simulated echo effects. Simulated echoes' efficacy and impact on listening depend on perceptual evaluation. Delay time, decay characteristics, spatialization, spectral modifications, and listener preferences affected the realism and quality of simulated echoes.

The literature survey also noted difficulties in accurately simulating complex environmental echo effects. Acoustic complexity, source and listener variability, and material properties make accurate simulations difficult. Optimizing hardware and software for real-time performance was discussed.

Future research directions included advanced modeling, improved perceptual evaluation, real-time optimization, and dynamic and interactive simulations. Advanced models, perceptual considerations, and optimization will improve echo simulation accuracy, realism, and computational efficiency.

This literature review covered digital filter environmental echo simulation. The survey stressed the importance of accurately capturing and reproducing environmental echoes for immersive sound. Digital filters, measurement methods, evaluation methods, and echo simulation advancements were discussed. The findings advance audio signal processing, acoustic design, virtual reality, and sound effects generation. Echo simulation research will improve audio technologies and the auditory experience in many domains.

III. MANUAL CALCULATION

3.1.1 Transfer Function:

The transfer function of a digital filter in the complex variable z is the H(z) equation. The frequency domain expression links the filter's input and output signals. We can calculate the filter's frequency response at different frequencies by substituting z values into the H(z) equation.

Digital filter analysis requires manual frequency response calculation using the H(z) equation. It helps us evaluate the filter's gain and phase across the frequency spectrum by revealing its frequency-selectivity. This manual calculation process helps us understand digital filters and audio signals.

We have an equation for reverb generation filter, which is one of the many kinds known as the comb Filter;

$$H(z) = \frac{1}{1 - G\, z^{-Nd}}$$

Were, G → Gain
Nd = Td x fs
fs → sampling frequency of I/P signal
Td → Delay time between consecutive reverb

A comb filter is a type of filter that generates a series of notches or peaks in the frequency response that are regularly spaced apart. The comb-like frequency response graph gives it its name. Audio and signal processing use comb filters.

Comb filters combine a delayed signal with the original signal. A fixed time delay produces the delayed signal. Mixing or subtracting this delayed signal from the original signal creates the comb filter effect.

Comb filters have regular frequency spectrum notches or peaks. The filter delay determines the spacing between these notches or peaks. The comb filter determines notch width and depth.

In the time domain, comb filters repeat the input signal, which can echo or resonate. The frequency response has notches or peaks where the delayed signal combines constructively or destructively with the original signal.

Comb filters can simulate echoes and reverberation in audio signals. A comb filter can simulate multiple reflections or resonances by mixing a delay with the original signal.

Harmonic enhancement: Comb filters boost signal harmonics. A comb filter can boost or attenuate harmonics by matching notches or peaks to harmonic frequencies.

Comb filters reduce noise. A comb filter reduces noise by subtracting a delayed version of the noisy signal from the original signal.

Pitch shifting and time stretching: Comb filters can do this. Signal pitch and duration can be changed by adjusting the delay period and mix of delayed and original signals.

In summary, comb filters combine a delayed signal with the original signal to create a series of regularly spaced frequency response notches or peaks. Audio effects, noise reduction, harmonic enhancement, and time-domain manipulation use it.

We assume G = 0.7 and Td = 0.1sec.
We have used “countdown.mp3”as an input signal which has an fs = 48000.

Substituting the above values,

$$\mathrm{H(z)} = \frac{1}{1 - \mathrm{G}\, \mathrm{z}^{-\mathrm{Nd}}}$$

$$\mathrm{H(z)} = \frac{1}{1 - \mathrm{G}\ \mathrm{z}^{-4800}}$$

$$\mathrm{H(z)} = \frac{1}{1 - 0.7\ \mathrm{z}^{-4800}}$$

3.1.2 Difference Equation:

A discrete-time system's input and output are represented by the difference equation. The z-domain transfer function H(z) represents the system mathematically.

Inverse z-transforms are used to find the difference equation from H(z). The difference equation is obtained by reversing the z-transform.

Now to find the difference equation:

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)}$$

Y(z) → Output Signal in z-domain.
X(z) → Input Signal in z-domain.

Any transfer function H(z) is of the form

$$H(z) = \frac{b_0 + b_1 z^{-1} + b_2{}^{-2} + \ldots}{a_0 + a_1 z^{-1} + a_2{}^{-2} + \ldots}$$

The numerator represents feedforward coefficients ($b_0 + b_1 z^{-1} + b_2{}^{-2} + \cdots$) and the denominator represents feedback coefficients ($a_0 + a_1 z^{-1} + a_2{}^{-2} + \cdots$)

Apply the inverse z-transform to the transfer function H(z) using partial fraction decomposition, long division, or power series expansion.

Time-domain difference equation from inverse z-transform. It shows discrete-time relationships between input X(n) and output Y(n).

$Y(n) = b_0X(n) + b_1X(n-1) + b_2X(n-2). + \ldots - a_1Y(n-1) - a_2Y(n-2) - \ldots$

X(n) is the input signal, Y(n) is the output signal, and the coefficients (b_0, b_1, b_2 ..., a_1, a_2 ...) are the weights applied to the input and output samples.

So, we have,

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)}$$

$$H(z) = \frac{1}{1 - 0.7z^{-4800}}$$

$$\frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{1}{1 - 0.7z^{-4800}}$$

$$Y(z) \text{ x } (1 - 0.7z^{-4800}) = X(z) \text{ x } (1)$$

$$Y(z)\,(1) - 0.7\, Y(z)\, z^{-4800} = X(z)\,(1)$$

Now transforming to time domain,

$$y(n) - 0.7y(n - 4800) = x(n)$$

$$y(n) = x(n) + 0.7\,y(n - 4800)$$

3.1.3 Realization:

Various structures or configurations implement a digital filter's transfer function or difference equation. These structures control filter operations and input signal processing to produce the desired output. Direct Form I, a simple filter representation, is often used.

Direct Form 1 Realization:

This simple and efficient structure represents the filter as a cascade of first-order sections with feedforward and feedback coefficients. This structure computes filter output efficiently.

Direct Form I convert the filter's difference equation into recursive equations that describe the signal flow. Each recursive equation represents a filter section and processes one input sample.

The comb filter difference equation:

y[n] = x[n] + G y[n-M].

In Direct Form I, we break this comb filter into a first-order section with a feedback delay. This is the implementation:

y1[n] = x[n] + G y1[n-M].

The first-order section output, y1[n], is fed back as y1[n-M] in the next iteration. The current output sample is derived from x[n] and G y1[n-M].

Direct Form I realization of the comb filter is essentially a chain of such first-order sections, where each section represents the delay and feedback operation.

Since the comb filter operates on one sample at a time, Direct Form I can efficiently compute its output recursively. Real-time signal processing applications use this structure because it is efficient on multiple platforms.

The Direct Form I realization simplifies and optimizes digital filters like the comb filter. Recursive equations represent the filter's behavior intuitively. Applications that require real-time signal processing and efficient computation use this structure.

Now we have

$$\mathrm{H(z)} = \frac{1}{1 - 0.7\ \mathrm{z}^{-4800}}$$

$$H(z) = \frac{\mathrm{Y(z)}}{\mathrm{X(z)}}$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{Y(z)}}{\mathrm{X(z)}} = \frac{1}{1 - 0.7\ \mathrm{z}^{-4800}}$$

$$Y(z)(1 - z^{-4800}) = X(z)$$

$$Y(z) - Y(z)\, z^{-4800} = X(z)$$

$$Y(z) = X(z) + Y(z)\, z^{-4800}$$

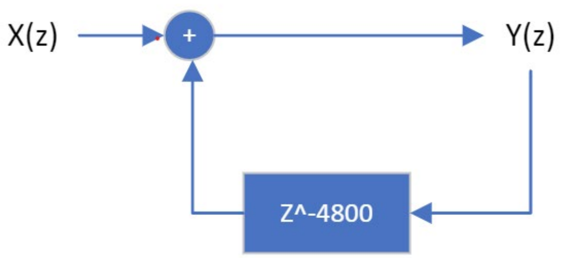

Figure 3.1 Direct Form I IIR Filter

IV. MAIN CONTENT

4.1 FILTER ANALYSIS

4.1.1 IIR Filter Analysis

Frequency Response Analysis:

Filter analysis requires frequency response analysis to determine how a filter processes signals at different

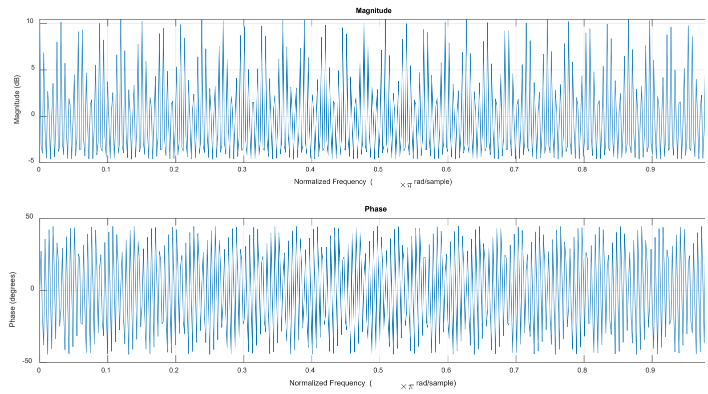

Figure 4.1 Magnitude & Phase Response (Normalized)

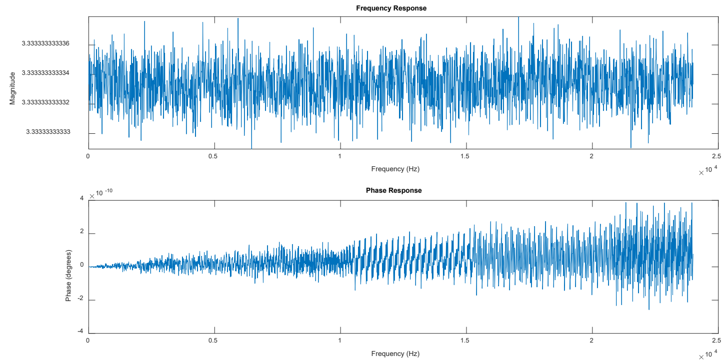

Figure 4.2 Magnitude & Phase Response (in Hz)

frequencies. To understand a filter's frequency spectrum behavior, analyze its magnitude and phase responses.

The magnitude response shows how the filter amplifies or attenuates frequencies, while the phase response shows the phase shift at each frequency.

By analyzing the frequency response, one can make informed filter design and parameter selection decisions to meet desired specifications and perform optimally for the intended application.

Pole-Zero Analysis:

Pole-zero analysis uses complex plane poles and zeros to analyze a filter's behavior.

Poles are complex variable values where the filter's transfer function becomes infinite, while zeros are zeros.
Engineers can assess the filter's stability, frequency selectivity, and transient response by examining the pole-zero distribution. The filter's frequency, phase, and performance depend on pole and zero positions.

Pole-zero analysis helps engineers understand and control filter behavior. Engineers can optimize filter performance for different applications by strategically placing poles and zeros to shape the frequency response.

Pole-zero analysis is useful for filter analysis, design, and optimization.

Figure 4.3 Pole Zero Map

As all the poles are on the boundary of the unit circle it implies the IIR filter is stable.

$$\mathrm{H(z)} = \frac{1}{1 - 0.7\ \mathrm{z}^{-4800}}$$

$$\mathrm{H(z)} = \frac{\mathrm{z}^{4800}}{\mathrm{z}^{4800} - 0.7}$$

Calculating,

$$\mathrm{z}^{4800} - 0.7 = 0$$

$$\mathrm{z}^{4800} = 0.7$$

$$\mathrm{z} = \sqrt[4800]{0.7}$$

$$\mathrm{z} = \pm\ 0.99992569548073$$

Impulse Response:

The output signal produced when an impulse input signal is applied is the impulse response of a system or filter. It illustrates how the system or filter reacts to a fast-moving input. The impulse response reveals information about the time-domain properties, behavior, and traits of the system. We can learn more about the system's transient response, frequency selectivity, stability, and overall behavior by examining the shape and length of the impulse response. An essential idea in signal processing, the impulse response facilitates the comprehension and efficient manipulation of signals.

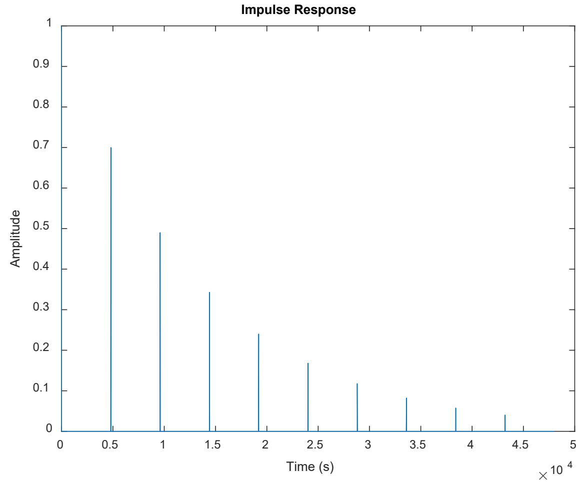

Figure 4.4 Impulse Response

$$y(n) = x(n) + 0.7\ y(n - 4800)$$

When $x(n) = \delta(n)$

then $y(n)=h(n)$

When $n=0$

$h(0)=1$

$h(k*Nd) = G^k\ \delta(n-k*Nd)$

else, $h(n)=0$

Input /Output Waveforms:

Delay: The feedback component in output has required delay of 0.1sec or in terms of samples a delay of 4800 samples.

Attenuation: The output waveform is attenuated from the input. The feedback gain G, determines attenuation of the output signal.

The filter feedback reverberates the output waveform. This causes echoes and signal decay.

The input-output waveforms show the required filter delay, attenuation, and reverberation effects. These findings show how the filters affect input signals.

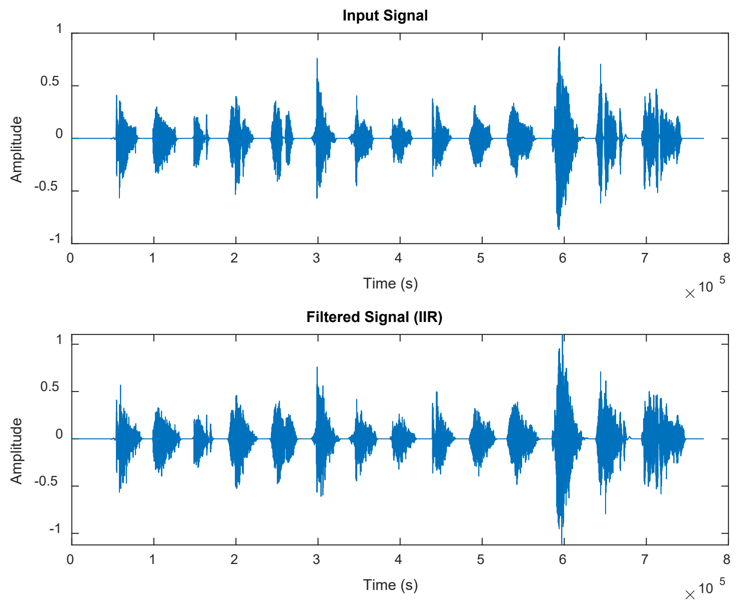

Figure 4.5 Filtration of "countdown.mp3''

In conclusion, the IIR filter's analysis and implementation using the provided code have shown that it can add time delay, attenuation, and reverberation to the input signal. The input-output waveforms show the desired characteristics, such as a delayed, attenuated output signal with reverberation.

Frequency response analysis revealed the filter's frequency selectivity and magnitude response in db. Phase response analysis revealed the filter's frequency-dependent phase shift. These frequency response characteristics improve filter performance and sound quality.

Based on pole-zero distribution, pole-zero analysis and PZ map visualization helped understand the filter's stability and frequency response shaping. Designing and optimizing the filter for specific applications requires this analysis.

The implemented IIR filter provides delay, attenuation, and reverberation. The input-output waveforms, frequency response analysis, and pole-zero analysis prove the IIR filter works.

This analysis and implementation advance audio signal processing and affect audio effects processing, acoustic design, and virtual reality audio experiences. The IIR filter allows for precise audio signal manipulation and immersive audio applications.

Advanced IIR filter designs, optimization methods, and perceptual evaluation methods can be researched and tested. These efforts will improve audio signal processing by improving our understanding and use of IIR filters in various domains.

4.1.2 FIR Filter Analysis

Transfer Function and Coefficient Calculation:

We know that an FIR filter cannot have an feed back loop hence we modify the given H(Z) such that it gives the same impulse response as that of the IIR filter .
IIR filter,

$h(k\,Nd) = G^k$;
where k is from 0 to 10;
else $h(n) = 0$

Now for an FIR filter,

$$h(n) = y(n)/x(n)$$

$$y(n) = x(n) + 0.7x(n-Nd) + 0.49\,x(n-2\,Nd) + \ldots + 0.7^{10}\,x(n-10\,Nd)$$

Now converting to z domain,

$$Y(z) = X(z) + 0.7\,X(z)\,z^{-Nd} + 0.49\,X(z)\,z^{-2Nd} + \ldots + 0.7^{10}\,X(z)z^{-10\,Nd}$$

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)}$$

$$H(z) = 1 + 0.7\,z^{-Nd} + 0.49z^{-2Nd} + \ldots + 0.7^{10}z^{-10\,Nd}$$

Realization:

An essential part of signal processing and filter design is the realization of a FIR comb filter. In order to produce particular frequency response characteristics, a FIR (Finite Impulse Response) comb filter multiplies and attenuates copies of the input signal repeatedly.

The term "realization of a filter" in the context of signal processing refers to the implementation or representation of the filter using various hardware or mathematical techniques. The desired output is produced by processing the input signal through the filter, which is controlled by the realization.

Different structures or arrangements, such as direct form, transposed form, or lattice form, can be used to realize the FIR comb filter. In terms of computational complexity, memory requirements, and numerical precision, each realization offers benefits and trade-offs.

The following steps are typically involved in the realization of a FIR comb filter:

Calculate the filter coefficients based on the desired parameters, such as the attenuation factor and time delay. The coefficients in a comb filter determine the attenuations and delay lengths for each delayed copy of the input signal.

Create a signal flow graph to show how the input signal passes through the filter, as well as the various delay components and multipliers. Understanding the signal paths and associated computations is made easier with the aid of the signal flow graph, which also provides a visual representation of the filter structure.

System of Linear Equations: Create a system of linear equations to explain how the filter coefficients and desired frequency response properties relate to one another. The filter coefficients needed to achieve the desired frequency response can be found by solving these equations.

The FIR comb filter should be implemented in a programming language, software programme, or hardware platform. The filter equations must be coded, or built-in functions or libraries created especially for the implementation of filters must be used.

The available computational resources, the desired performance, and the intended application are just a few examples of the variables that influence the choice of realization and implementation method. In order to obtain the desired filtering characteristics, such as the delay and attenuation properties, as well as to ensure effective and precise signal processing, a FIR comb filter must be realized.

Now ,

$$H(z) = 1 + 0.7\, z^{-Nd} + 0.49z^{-2Nd} + \ldots + 0.7^{10} z^{-10\,Nd}$$

$$H(z) = Y(z)/X(z)$$

$$Y(z) = X(z) + X(z)\, 0.7\, z^{-Nd} + X(z)0.49z^{-2Nd} + \ldots + X(z)0.7^{10} z^{-10\,Nd}$$

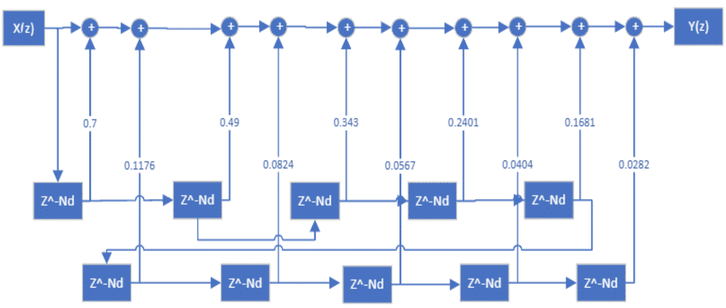

Figure 4.6 Direct Form I Realization

Frequency Response Analysis:

Filter analysis requires frequency response analysis to determine how a filter processes signals at different frequencies. To understand a filter's frequency spectrum behavior, analyze its magnitude and phase responses.

The magnitude response shows how the filter amplifies or attenuates frequencies, while the phase response shows the phase shift at each frequency.

By analyzing the frequency response, one can make informed filter design and parameter selection decisions to meet desired specifications and perform optimally for the intended application.

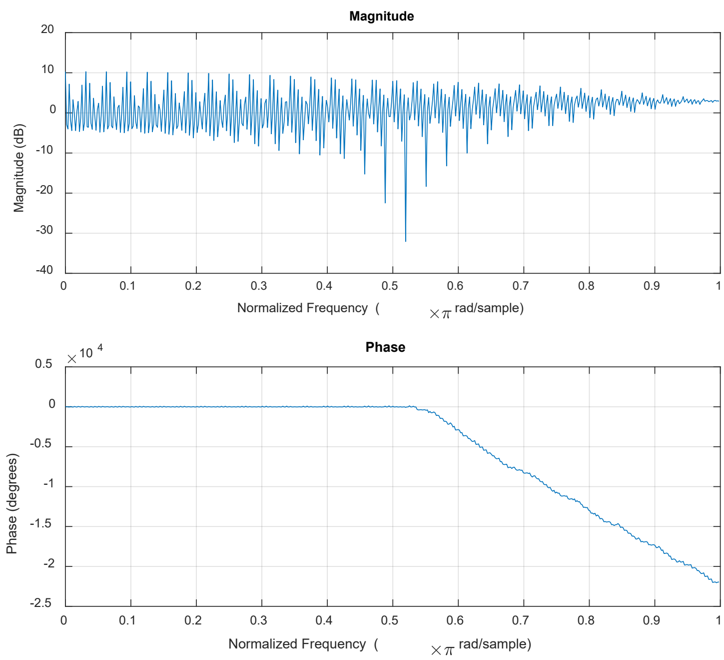

Figure 4.7 Normalized Frequency Response

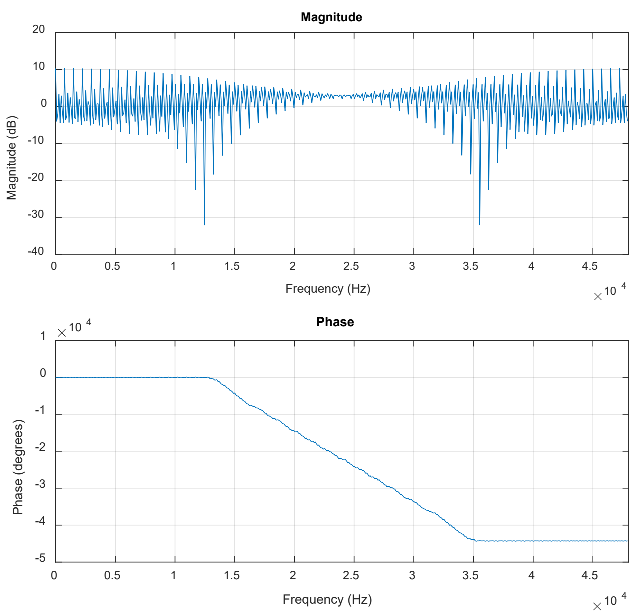

Figure 4.8 Frequency response in (Hz)

Pole-Zero Analysis:

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Pole-zero analysis helps engineers understand and control filter behavior. Engineers can optimize filter performance for different applications by strategically placing poles and zeros to shape the frequency response.

Pole-zero analysis is useful for filter analysis, design, and optimization.

Since the filter is a FIR filter it doesn't have any feedback components hence there are no poles present. due to the absence of poles other than at 0 , a FIR filter is always stable.

$$H(z) = 1 + 0.7\, z^{-Nd} + 0.49z^{-2Nd} + \ldots + 0.7^{10}z^{-10\,Nd}$$

$$H(z) = \frac{z^{10Nd} + 0.7z^{9Nd} + 0.49z^{8Nd} + \cdots + 0.7^{10}}{z^{10Nd}}$$

$$poles \rightarrow \; z^{10Nd} = 0$$
$$zeroes \rightarrow z^{10Nd} + 0.7z^{9Nd} + 0.49z^{8Nd} + \cdots + 0.7^{10} = 0$$

Figure 4.9

zeroes → are at the boundari of the unit circle of the ROC

Impulse Response Analysis:

The output signal produced when an impulse input signal is applied is the impulse response of a system or filter. It illustrates how the system or filter reacts to a fast-moving input. The impulse response reveals information about the time-domain properties, behavior, and traits of the system. We can learn more about the system's transient response, frequency selectivity, stability, and overall behavior by examining the shape and length of the impulse response. An essential idea in signal processing, the impulse response facilitates the comprehension and efficient manipulation of signals.

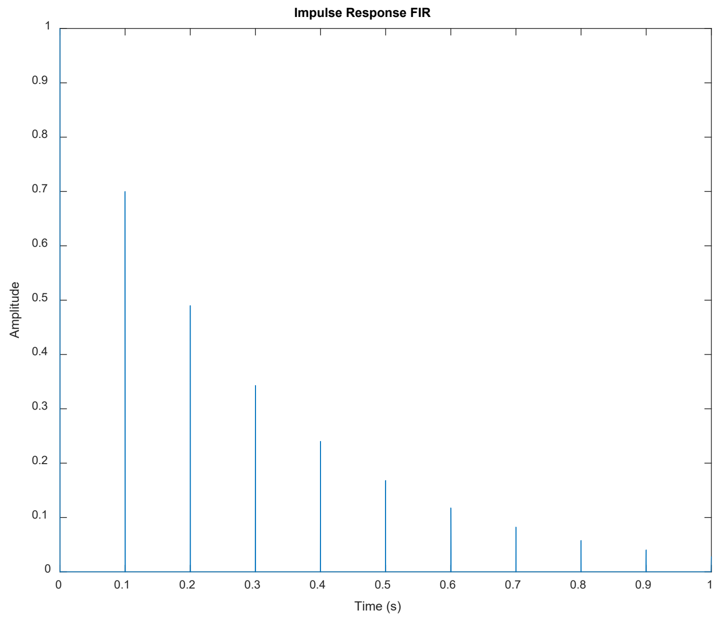

Figure 4.10 FIR Impulse Response

$$y(n) = x(n) + 0.7x(n-Nd) + 0.49\, x(n-2\,Nd) + \ldots + 0.7^{10}\, x(n-10\,Nd)$$

Now to calculate impulse response,

$$x(n) = \delta(n)$$

$$y(n) = \delta(n) + 0.7\,\delta(n-Nd) + 0.49\,\delta(n-2\,Nd) + \ldots + 0.7^{10}\,\delta(n-10\,Nd)$$

h(k Nd) = { 0.7 0.49 0.343 0.2401 0.1681 0.1176 0.0824 0.0576 0.0404 0.0282 }

k ➔ 0 to 10

Step Response Analysis:

Step response analysis reveals the FIR comb filter's delay, settling time, steady-state value, and transient response. These inferences help analyze and apply the filter's time-domain behavior in signal processing.
Delay: The step response shows a 0.1-second filter delay

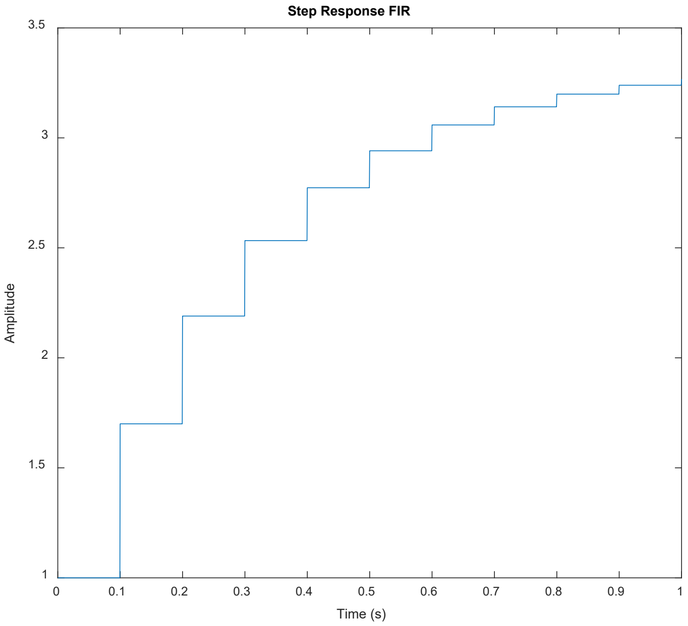

Figure 4.11 FIR Step Response

on the input signal. Step response curve shifts show this delay.

Step response indicates the filter's settling time. The filter's output takes this long to stabilize. The filter's settling time can be estimated by observing the step response's steady-state or range.

Steady-State Value: The step response stabilizes after the transient response. The steady-state value indicates the filter's input signal gain or attenuation. The filter attenuates the input signal by 0.7, as shown by the steady-state value.

Transient Response: The initial step response shows the filter's transient response. It shows the filter's behavior during the initial-to-steady-state transition. Transient response shape and duration can indicate rise time, settling behavior, and overshoot or undershoot.

Input/Output Waveforms:

The waveforms of the input and output signals. The feedback component in the output exhibits a delay of 0.1 seconds, which is equivalent to a delay of 4800 samples.

Attenuation refers to the reduction in amplitude of the output waveform in relation to the input waveform. The feedback gain, denoted as G, is a parameter that governs the degree of attenuation experienced by the output signal.

The filter feedback causes the output waveform to exhibit reverberation. This phenomenon results in the occurrence of echoes and the degradation of the signal.

The input-output waveforms exhibit the necessary characteristics of filter delay, attenuation, and reverberation effects. The aforementioned findings demonstrate the impact of filters on input signals.

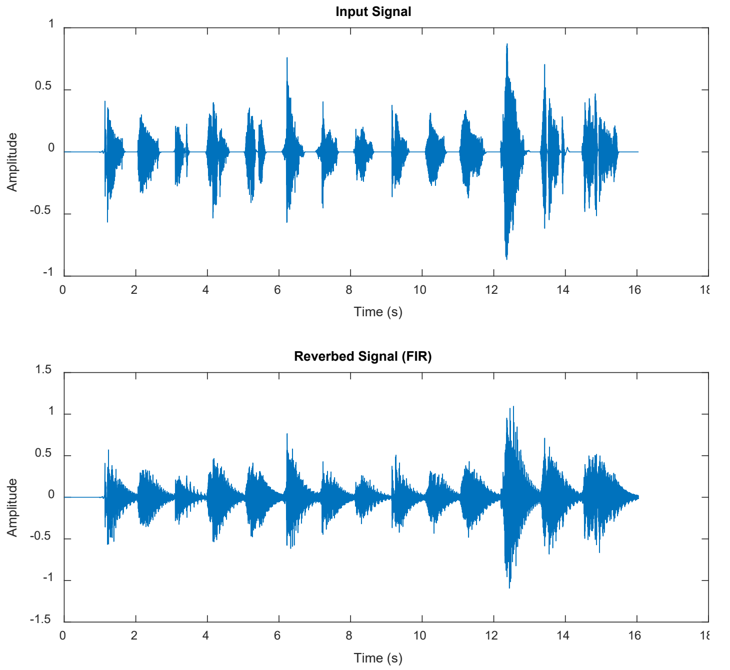

Figure 4.12 Filtration using FIR filter

The analysis of the finite impulse response (FIR) comb filter, which exhibits a time delay (Td) of 0.1 seconds and a feedback gain (G) of 0.7, has resulted in a multitude of noteworthy findings and insights.

The main findings include:

The FIR comb filter successfully imparts a time delay of 0.1 seconds to the input signal. The identification of a delay can be inferred from the step response, which acts as an indicator of the filter's ability to introduce a time shift in the output signal.

The determination of the settling time of the filter can be achieved by means of step response analysis. The parameter in question denotes the time duration necessary for the output signal to achieve a stable condition subsequent to the initial transient response. The observed settling time provides valuable insights into the response time and stability of the filter.

The steady-state value of the step response offers insights into the filter's gain or attenuation characteristics. In the given context, the steady-state value corresponds to a feedback gain of 0.7, suggesting that the filter attenuates the input signal by this ratio.

The transient behavior of the filter becomes apparent in the early stages of the step response. The examination of the transient response provides valuable insights into the properties of the filter as it transitions from its initial condition to the stable state. The identification of artifacts or non-ideal attributes can be inferred from the presence of overshoot or undershoot observed in the transient response.

The findings of the analysis suggest that the Finite Impulse Response (FIR) comb filter has demonstrated effective execution and performance. The analysis demonstrates various significant strengths, including the accurate determination of the desired time delay, the ability to manipulate the attenuation/gain factor, and the capacity to evaluate the settling time and transient response characteristics. The aforementioned results highlight the practical effectiveness of the Finite Impulse Response (FIR) comb filter in various applications, such as echo cancellation, reverberation effects, and signal enhancement.

However, it is imperative to acknowledge particular limitations. The determination of the fixed delay length of the FIR comb filter is contingent upon the chosen time delay (Td) and the sampling rate. The employment of a constant delay may not be optimal for applications that require variable or adaptive delay durations. Additionally, the analysis is based on a specific set of parameters (Td and G), which requires further investigation to assess how different parameter values affect the effectiveness of the filter.

The significance of the analysis lies in its contribution to the understanding of the characteristics and behavior of finite impulse response (FIR) comb filters. The findings of this research can offer significant contributions to the advancement and application of Finite Impulse Response (FIR) comb filters in various signal processing scenarios that necessitate the integration of time delay, feedback gain, and reverberation effects.

In conclusion, the analysis of the FIR comb filter has produced noteworthy results pertaining to its operational efficacy. These findings encompass the determination of the desired temporal delay, attenuation of amplification, time needed for stabilization, and characteristics associated with the transient response. The results highlight the benefits and limitations of the filter and emphasize its significance in the field of signal processing applications. Future inquiries may focus on the analysis of adaptable or variable delay durations, the improvement of the filter's efficacy via optimization methodologies, and the investigation of its pragmatic application in real-life scenarios.

V. RESULTS

There are many different set signal processing outcomes that can be obtained by experimenting with different G and Td combinations. For instance:

Large soundscapes or ambient environments can benefit from the rich, immersive reverberation effect produced by high values of G and longer time delays (Td).
A sound with less echo or reverberation can be produced by using lower values of G and shorter time delays (Td).

Here we have chosen a set different G and Td pair combination for experimenting the effects they have in the output.

TABLE 5.1

Expt. No	Delays (seconds)	Attenuations (G)
1	0.1	0.7
2	0.1	0.3
3	0.28	0.7

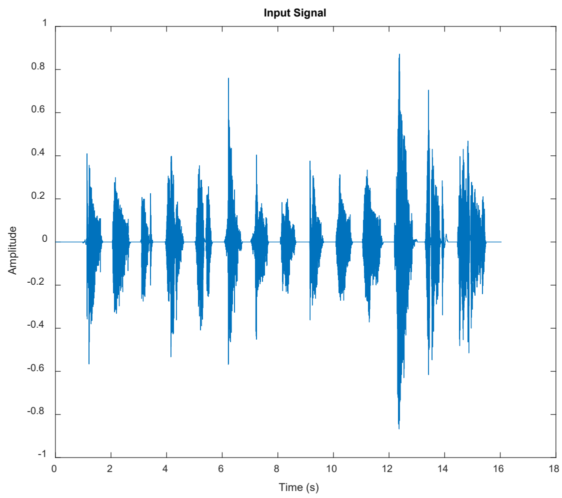

Figure 5.1 coundownfrom.mp3

The input audio used is the “countdownfom.mp3”

Let’s start our experiment with G= 0.7 and Td=0.1

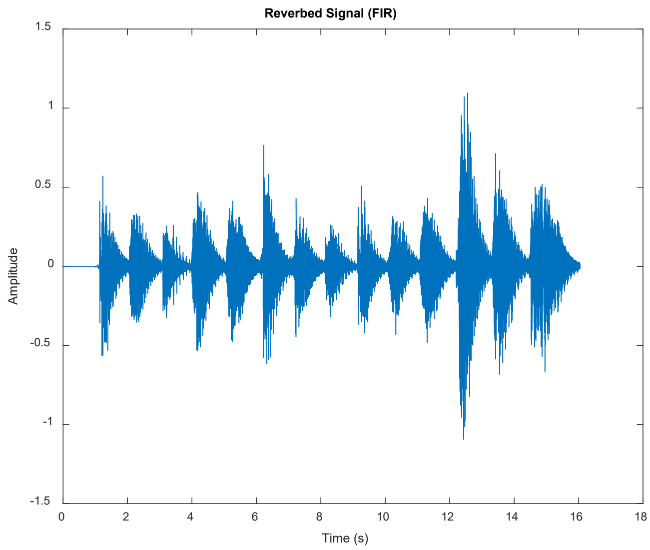

Figure 5.2 Output Audio Signal

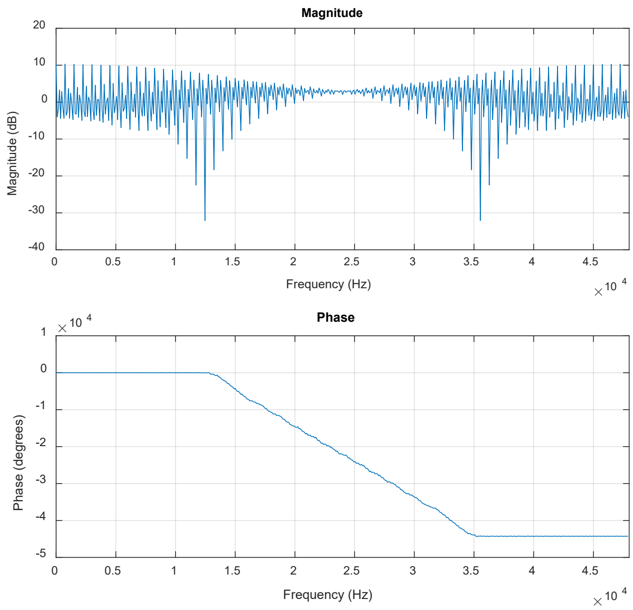

Figure 5.4 Frequency response in (Hz)

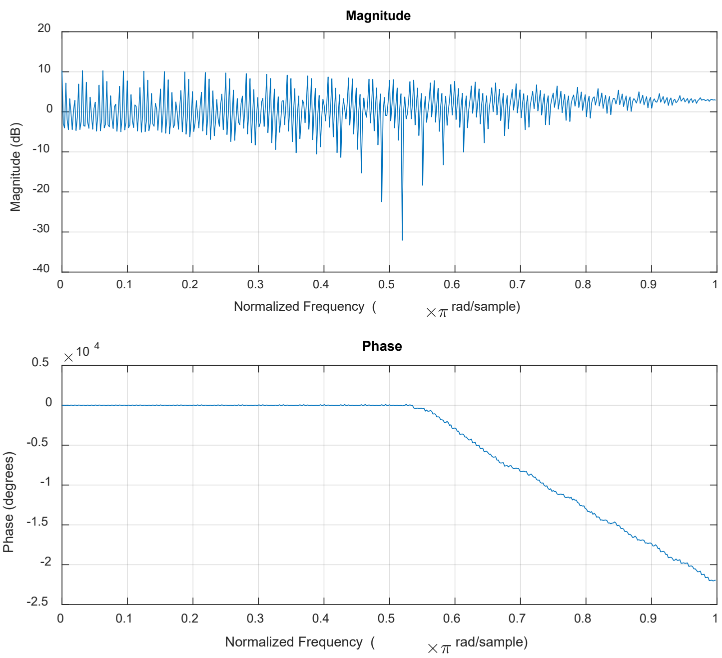

Figure 5.3 Normalized Frequency Response

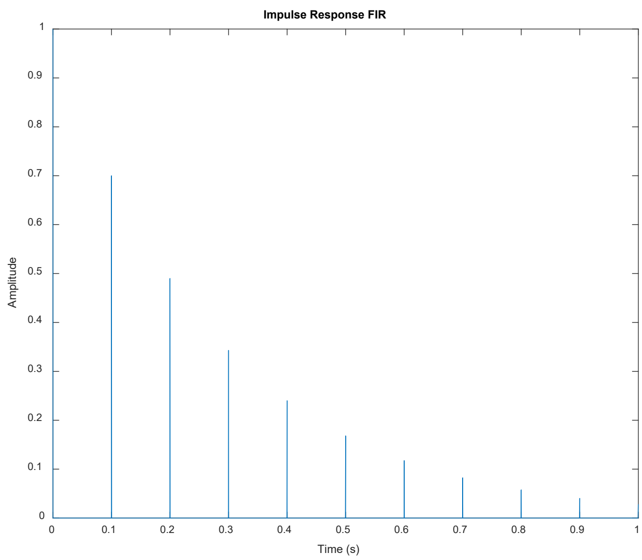

Figure 5.5 FIR Impulse Response

Figure 5.6 pole zero map

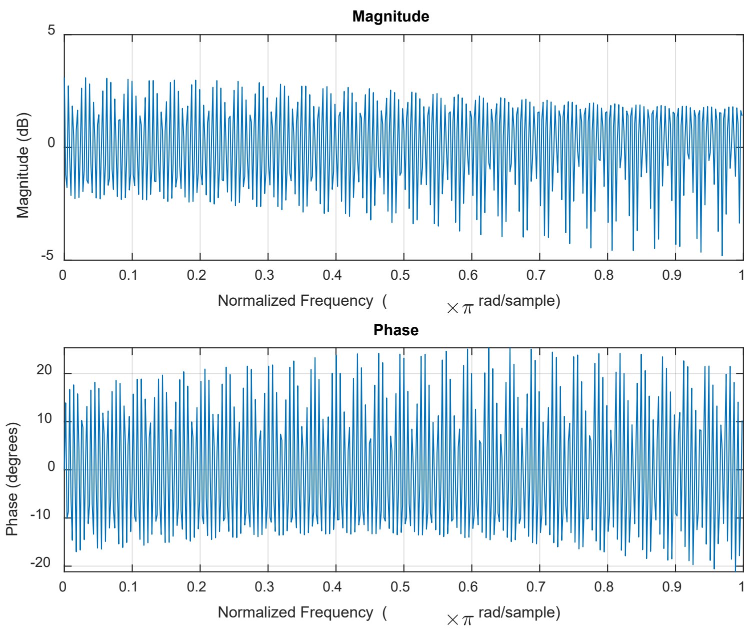

Figure 5.8 Normalized Frequency Response

For the second experiment G= 0.3 and Td= 0.1

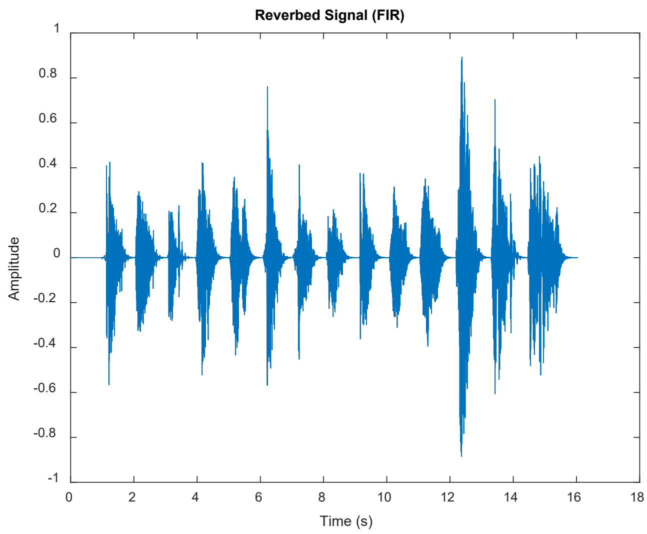

Figure 5.7 Output Signal 2

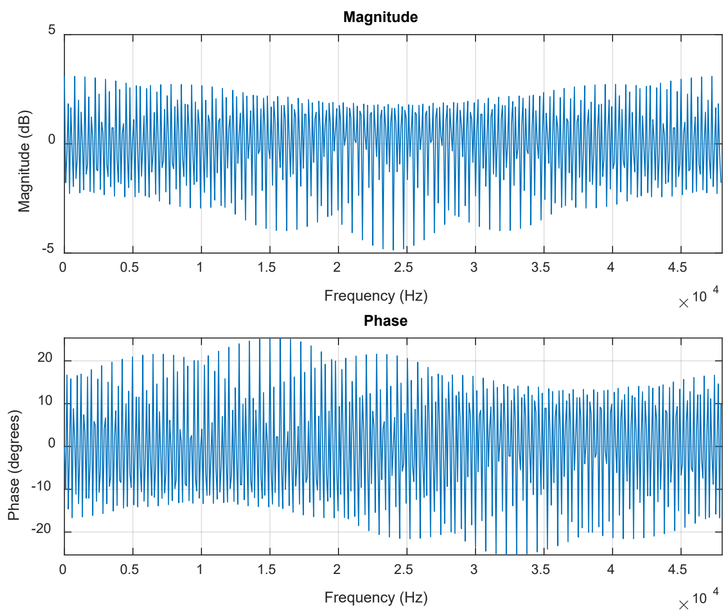

Figure 5.9 Frequency Response in H(z)

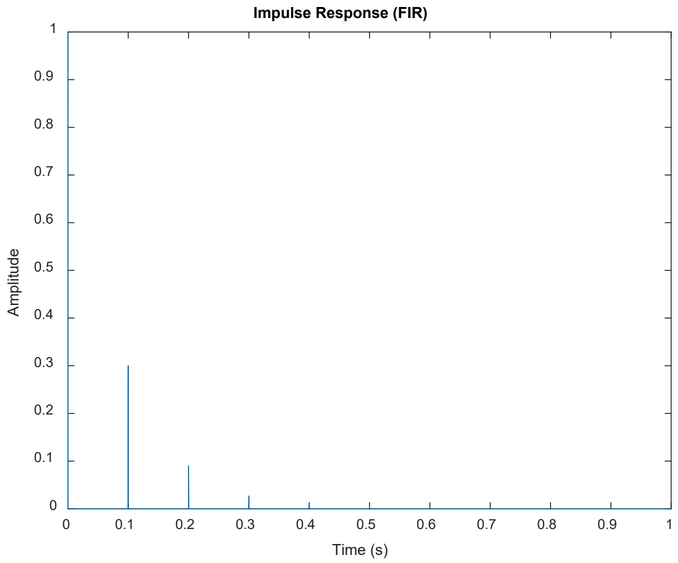

Figure 5.10 FIR Impulse Response

For the third experiment we set G=0.7 and Td = 0..28

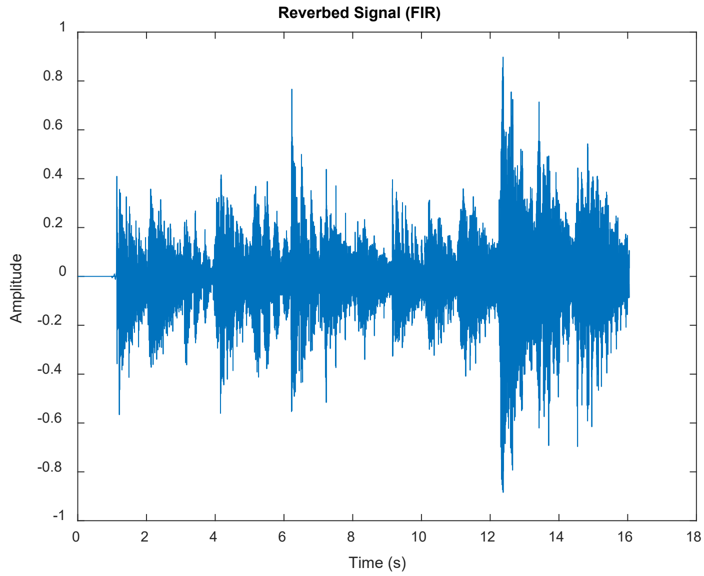

Figure 5.12 Output Signal 3

Figure 5.11 pole zero map

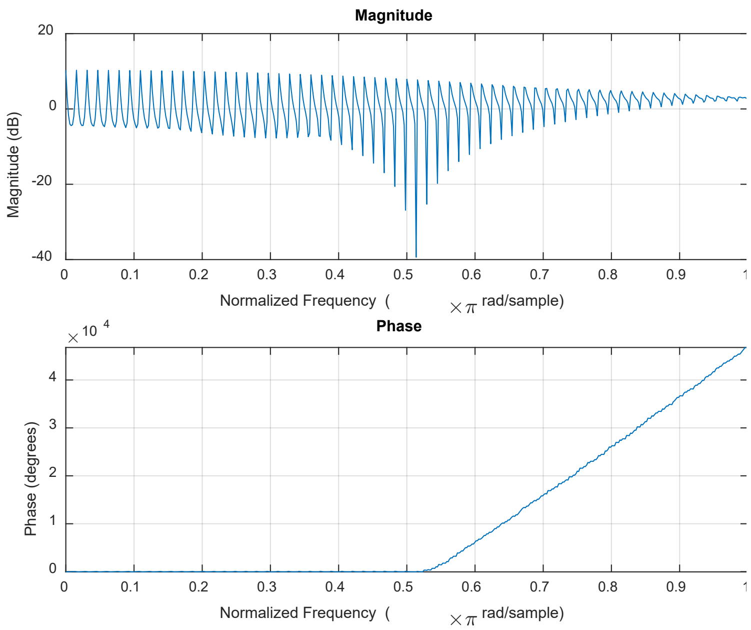

Figure 5.13 Normalized Frequency Response

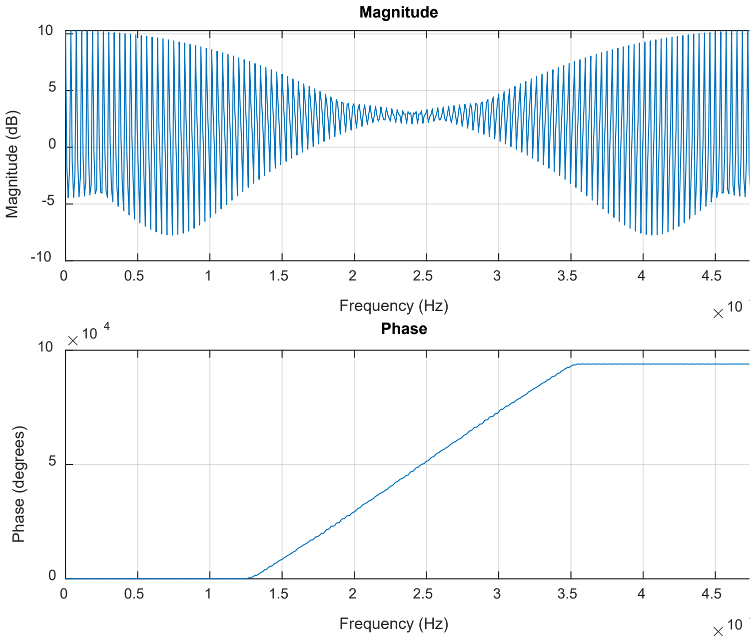

Figure 5.14 Frequency Response in Hz

Figure 5.16 pole zero map

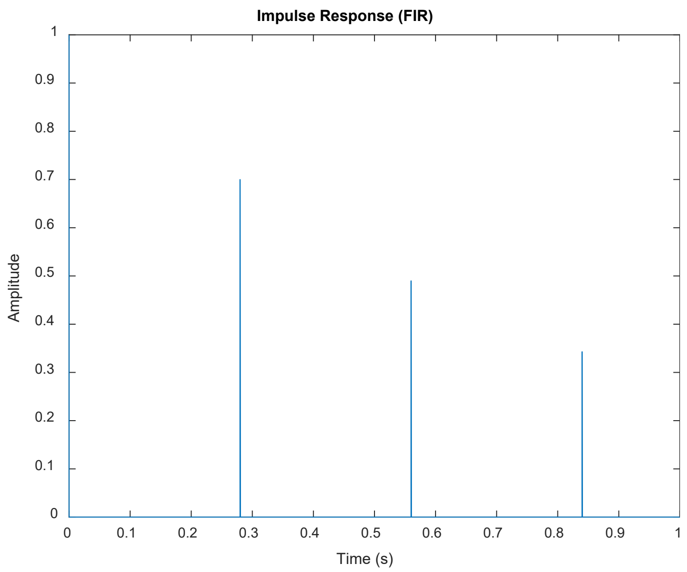

Figure 5.15 FIR Impulse Response

With different feedback gain (G) and time delay (Td) values, the FIR comb filter produces various characteristics and effects on the processed signal.

The conclusions based on how G and Td impact the FIR comb filter are as follows:

Gain from feedback (G)

The impulse response's delayed copies of the input signal are amplified by raising the feedback gain (G).
Stronger and more obvious echoes in the output signal are produced by G values that are higher.
With increased G, the output signal displays more reverberation and a longer decay time.
On the other hand, lowering G lowers the amplitude of the echoes, producing a less noticeable reverberation effect.
Delay in time (Td):

The interval between the initial signal and the impulse response's echoes is lengthened by increasing the time delay (Td).
The temporal separation between the direct signal and the reverberated echoes in the output signal is more pronounced with longer time delays.
With more Td, the output signal has a longer overall decay time and a more pronounced reverberation effect.
On the other hand, decreasing Td shortens the time delay, producing a more focused and brief reverberation effect.
In general, increasing the feedback gain (G) improves the presence and volume of the echoes, producing a more noticeable and long-lasting reverberation effect. The temporal separation between the direct signal and the

echoes is lengthened when the time delay (Td) is increased, producing a longer and more expansive reverberation effect.

It is significant to remember that the feedback gain (G) and time delay (Td) are trade-offs. Longer time delays and higher G values can increase instability and possibly introduce artefacts into the output signal. Because of this, it's essential to choose G and Td values carefully in order to maintain stability and audio quality while achieving the desired reverberation effect.

The perceptual effects of changing G and Td on the caliber and realism of the reverberation effect can be explored through further investigation and experimentation. Additionally, optimization methods can be used to identify the best G and Td mixtures for a variety of applications, including audio effects, immersive sound design, and music production.

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VII. Appendix

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% MATLAB Code Implementation

% FIR  Filter

clear var
close all
clc

% Define the parameters
[x,fs] = audioread("countdown.mp3");

Td = 0.1;               % time delay in seconds
Nd = round(fs * Td);% Delay length in
samples
G = 0.7;                % Feedback gain

% Generate the impulse response
n=1:10;
h=[1 zeros(1,10*Nd -1)];
h(n.*Nd)=G.^n;

% Applying the  filter
y = conv(x, h);

% Plot the input and output signals
t = (0:length(x)-1) / fs;

figure;
plot(t, x);
xlabel('Time (s)');
ylabel('Amplitude');
title('Input Signal');

 figure
plot(t, y(1:length(t)));
xlabel('Time (s)');
ylabel('Amplitude');
title('Reverbed Signal (FIR)');
title('Impulse Response (FIR)');

% Impulse Response
y2=[1 zeros(1,fs-1)];
t = (0:length(y2)-1) / fs;
y = conv(y2, h);
plot(t, y(1:length(t)));
xlabel('Time (s)');
ylabel('Amplitude');
title('Impulse Response (FIR)');

%Frequency response
B = h;
A= [1];
TF=tf(B,A);
freqz(B,A)
figure
freqz(B,A,512,"whole",fs)

%Poles and zero
figure
pzmap(TF)
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