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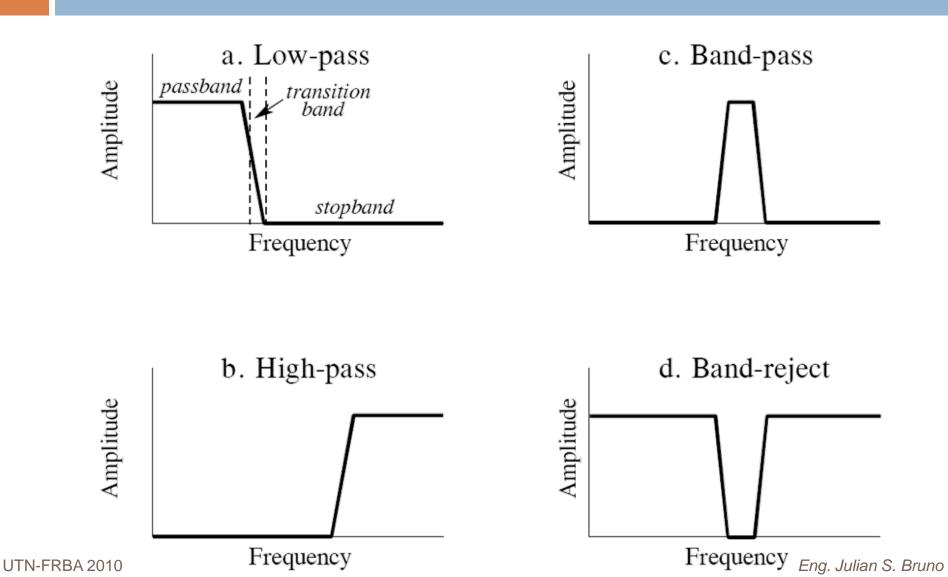
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Digital Filters

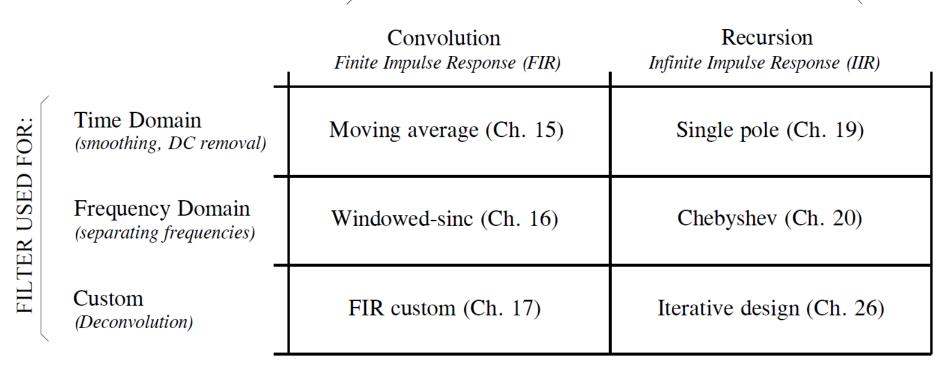
FIR and IIR.
Design parameters.
Implementation types.
Constraints.

Filters: General classification



Filters: General classification

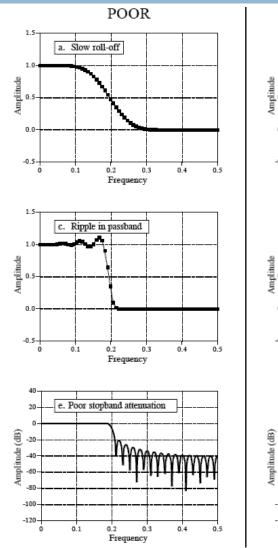
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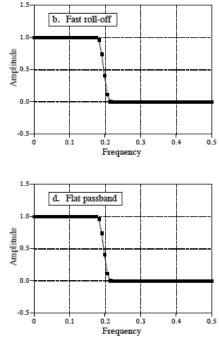


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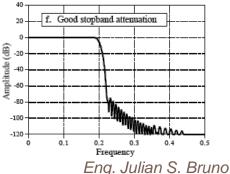
Filters: Frequency domain features

- Fast roll-off, flat passband and high attenuation in stopband are desirable features.
- They can't be achieved at the same time, so the design procedure is a *trade* off between these features.



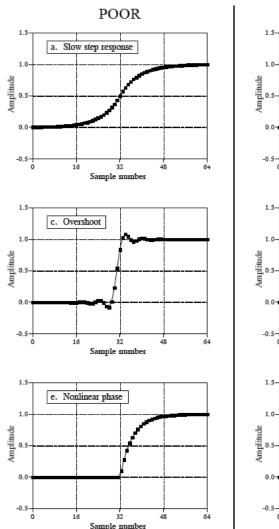


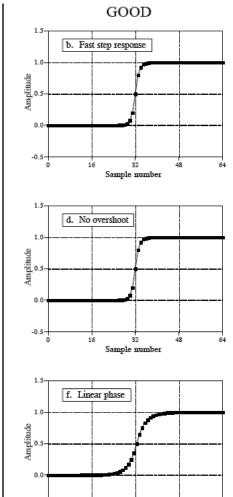
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Filters: Time domain features

- Step response evidence the most important time domain features.
- In this case the trade off is between fast step response and overshoot.
- Overshoot is an undesirable distortion and must be avoided.
- Simetry is a "fingerprint" of a linear phase response system (FIR).





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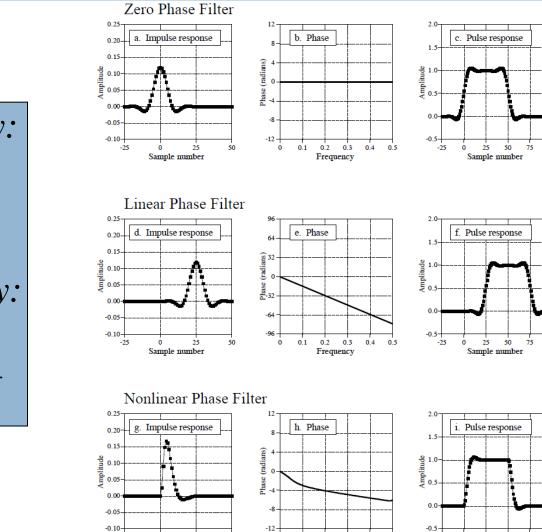
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Filters: Phase response

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0.3 0.4

Frequency

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Phase Delay: $pd = -\frac{\varphi_{(\omega)}}{\omega}$ Group Delay: $gd = -\frac{\partial \varphi_{(\omega)}}{\partial \omega}$

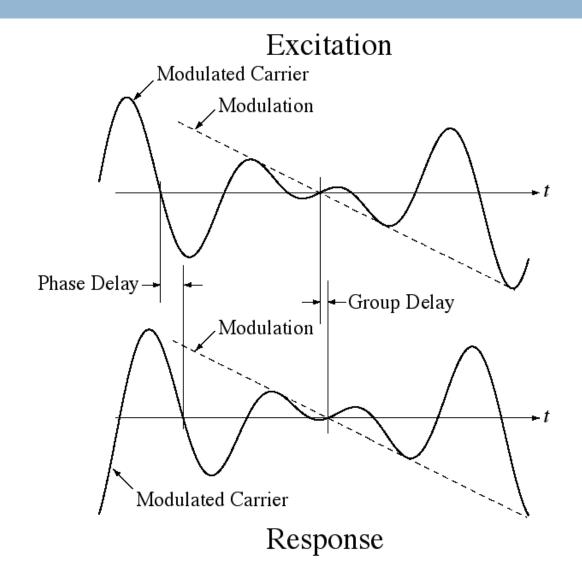
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Filters: Group and Phase Delay



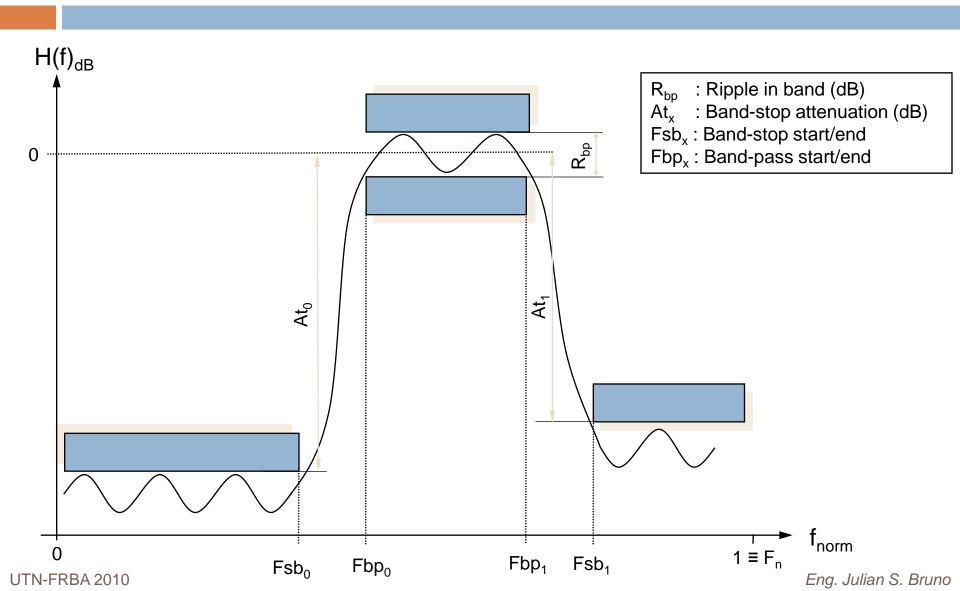
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Digital Filters: Design steps

- Requirement specifications.
- Coefficients calculation.
- □ Filter realization:
 - Structure.
 - Wordlength effects.
- Software or Hardware implementation.

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Digital Filters: Specifications

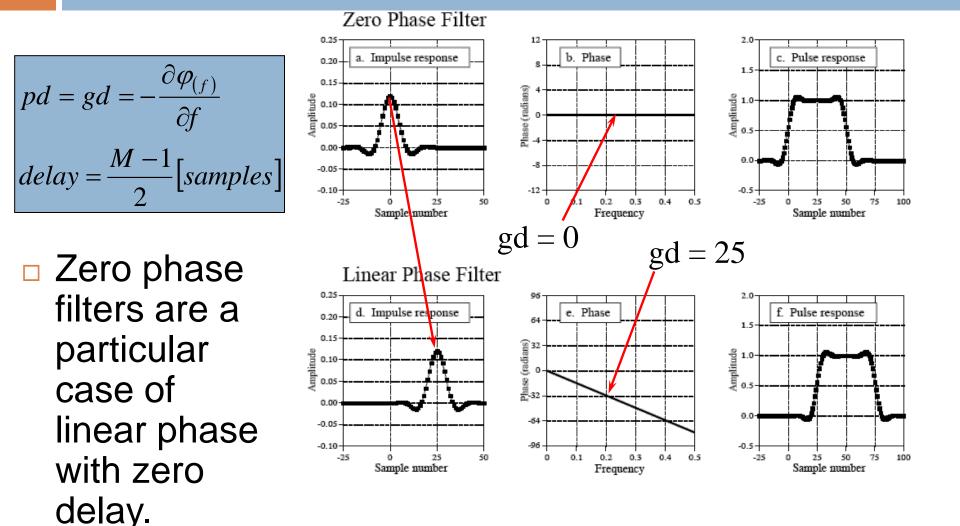


FIR filters: General characteristics

- FIR digital filters use only *current* and *past input* samples. Require no feedback.
- Their transfer function has zeros around the Z plane and poles at the origin, so FIR filters are always stable.
- They can easily be designed to be *linear phase* and constant delay by making the coefficient sequence symmetric.
- Finite duration of nonzero input values / Finite duration of nonzero output values. *Finite Impulse*

Response.

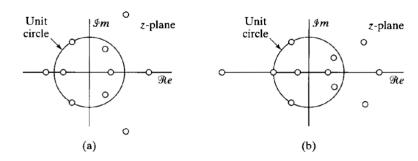
FIR filters: Perfect linear phase

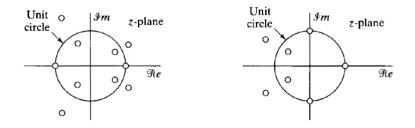


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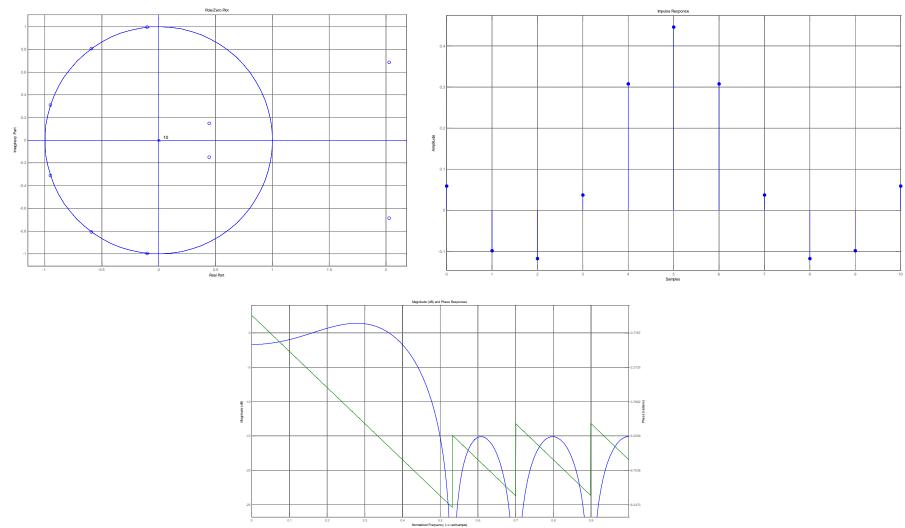
Linear phase FIR filter

- □ Type I: h(n) = h(N-n) with even N.
- □ Type II: h(n) = h(N-n) with odd N.
- □ Type III: h(n) = -h(N-n) with even N.
- □ Type IV: h(n) = -h(N-n) with odd N.



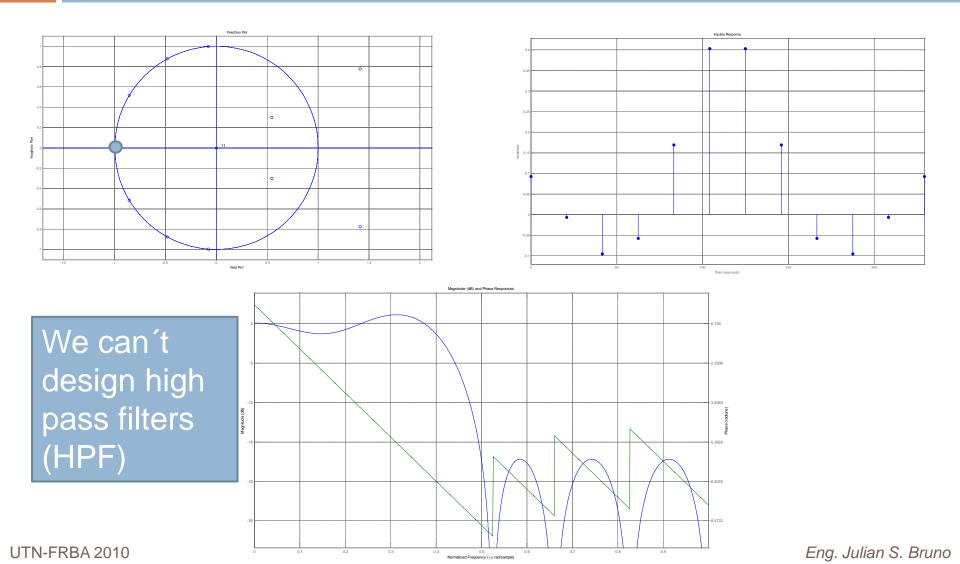


Type I Even order - Even symmetric

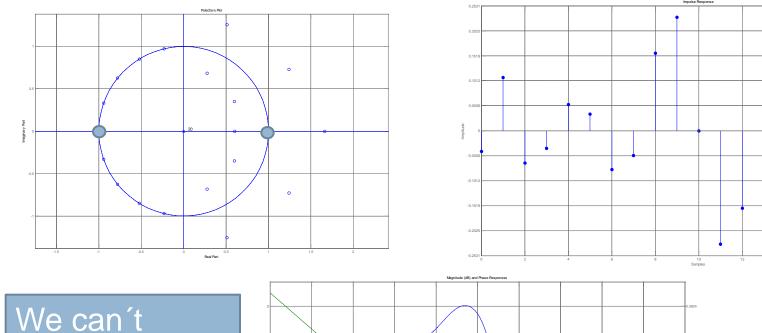


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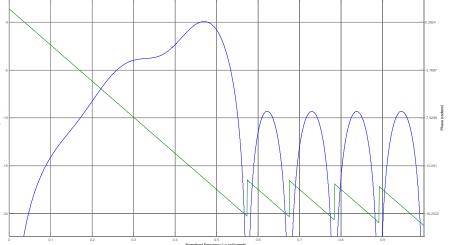
Type II Odd order – Even symmetric



Type III Even order - Odd symmetric

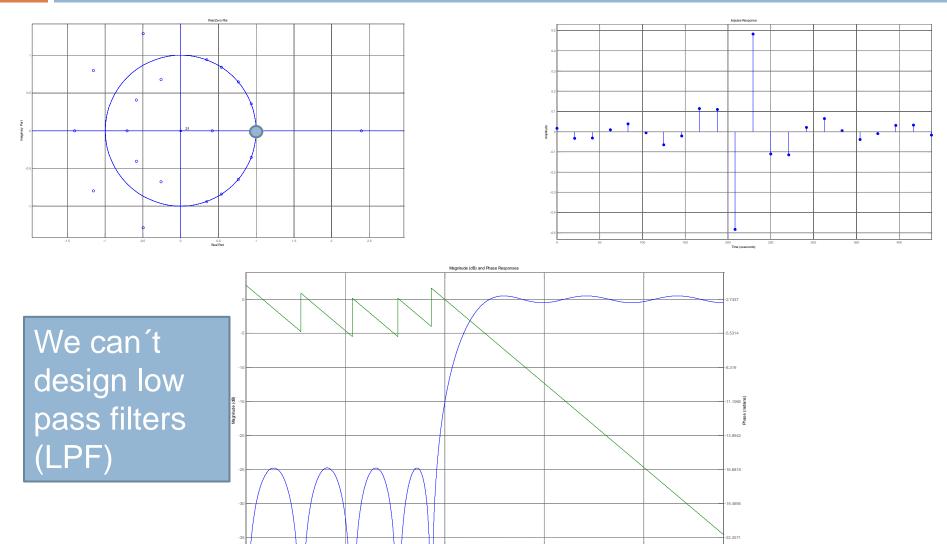


We can't design low and high pass filters (LPF and HPF)



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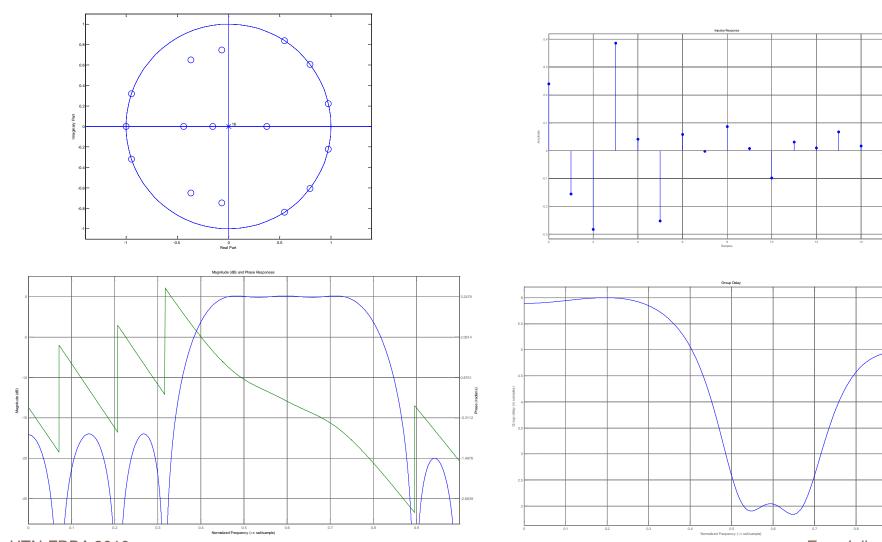
Type IV Odd order – Odd symmetric



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Frequency (kHz)

Minimun phase FIR filter



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Minimum-Phase vs Linear Phase

- L-P FIR filter has zeros inside, on, and outside the unit circle.
- M-P FIR filter has all of its zeros on or within the unit circle.
- Given optimal M-P and L-P digital FIR filters that meet the same magnitude specification, the M-P filter would have a reduced filter length of typically one half to three fourths of the L-P filter length, and Minimum group delay, where energy would be concentrated in the low-delay instead of the medium-delay coefficients
- M-P filters can simultaneously meet constraints on delay and magnitude response while generally requiring fewer computations and less memory than L-P filters.

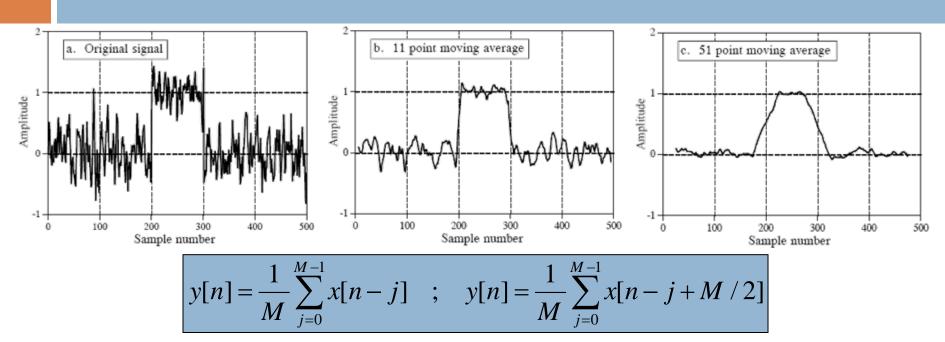
FIR filters: Coefficients calculation

- Moving average (MA)
- Windowed Sinc filters
- Remez exchange (Parks McClellan)

method

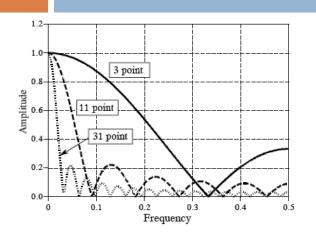
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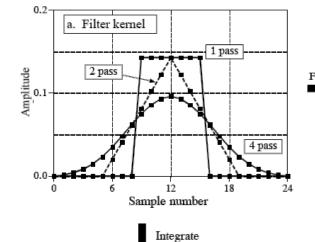
Moving average filters

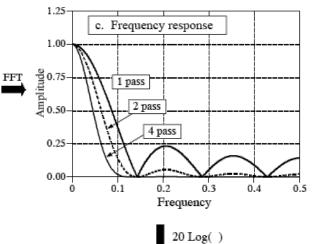


- Each output will be the average of the last M samples of the input.
- This kind of filters is very easy to implement, but it has very poor roll-off and attenuation in stopband.
- □ It is mainly used for smoothing purposes.

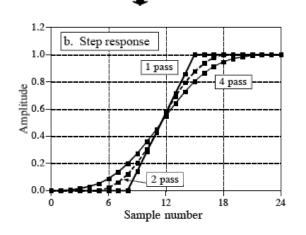
MA filters: applications

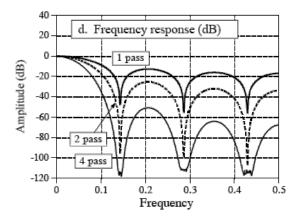






Improvements can be achieved if we increase M or if the same filter is passed multiple times.





MA filters: Recursive Implementation

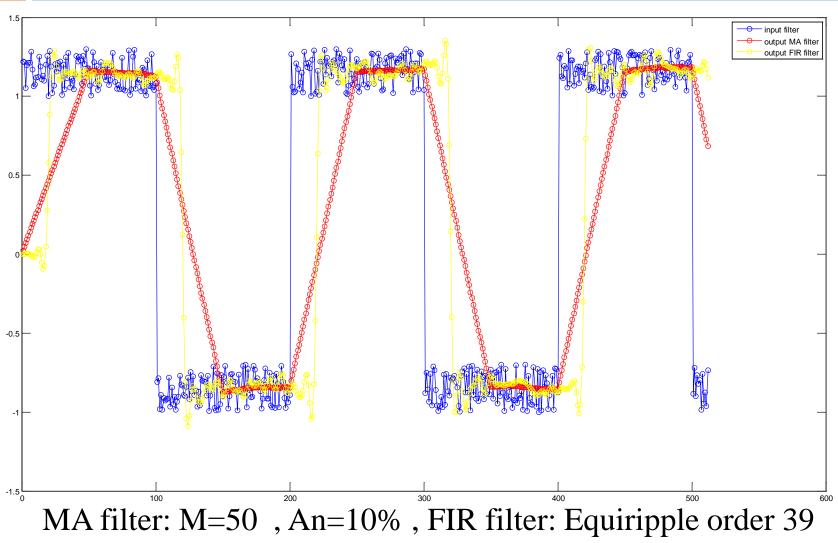
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y[50] = x[47] + x[48] + x[49] + x[50] + x[51] + x[52] + x[53]
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y[51] = x[48] + x[49] + x[50] + x[51] + x[52] + x[53] + x[54]
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y[51] = y[50] + x[54] - x[47]
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- The cost of implementing a MA filter is M sums and 1 multiplication.
- This can be improved if a recursive approach is taken.
- So any MA filter can be implemented by 2 sums and one accumulator.
- Keep in mind that a higher M implies a higher delay.

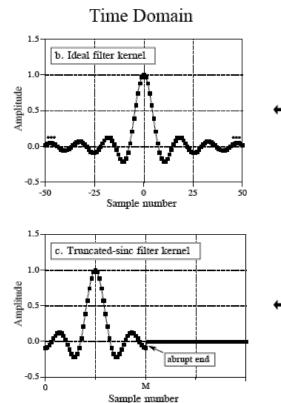
MA Filter: Example

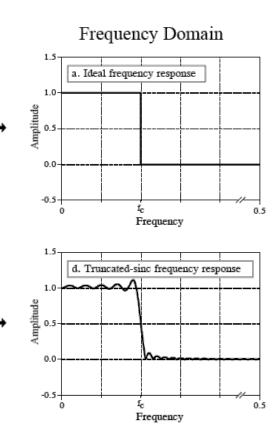


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Windowed Sinc FIR filters

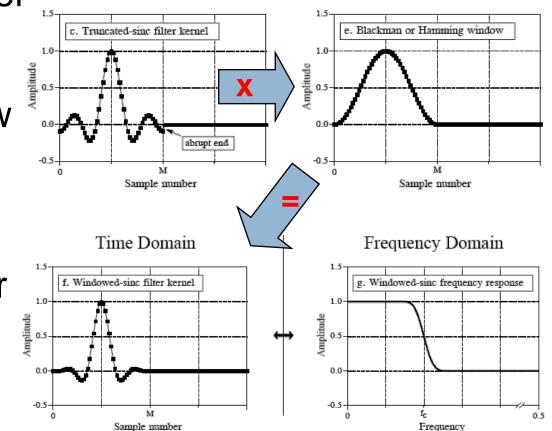
- A sinc of infinite duration is the time domain equivalent of an ideal filter response.
- As it is impossible to store this signal, it is truncated to M samples.
- This truncation causes a severe degradation to the ideal frequency response.





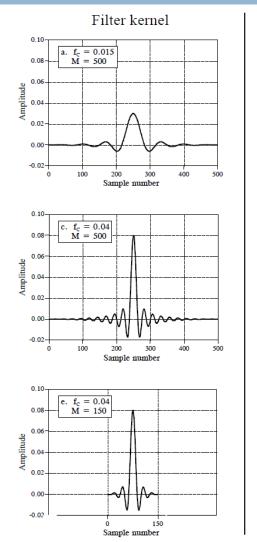
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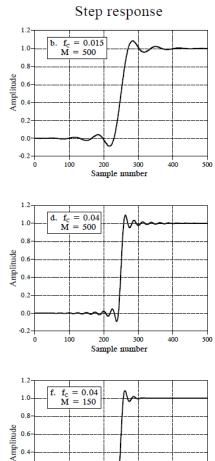
- In order to obtain better filter features, the truncated sinc can be multiplied by a window function.
- These windows achieve either better smoothness, roll-off or stopband attenuation than the sinc.
- For this purposes, many windows were designed.



Windowed Sinc FIR filters: Design

- Windowed Sinc filters are very easy to design.
- We only have to multiply a window formula to the sinc signal.
- One problem of window filters is that they are not optimal in the kernel length sense.
- The frequency of the sinusoidal oscillation is approximately equal to Fc





0.2

0.0

-0.2-

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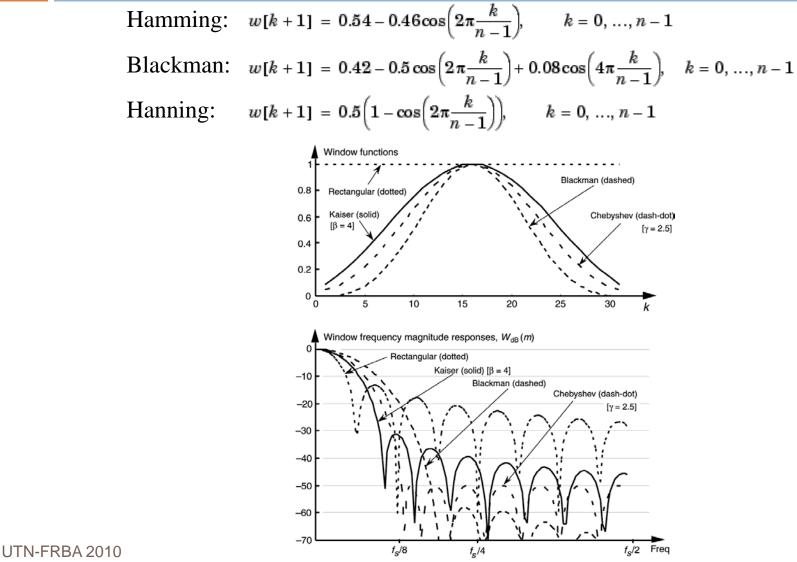
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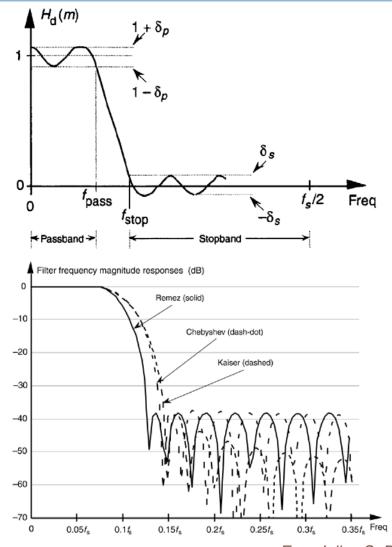
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Windowed Sinc FIR filters: Windows



Optimal FIR filters: Remez exchange (Parks McClellan) method

- This design algorithm allows filter designs that are optimal in the kernel length sense.
- The usage of the method is as simple as passing the filter specification to the algorithm and receiving its filter kernel.

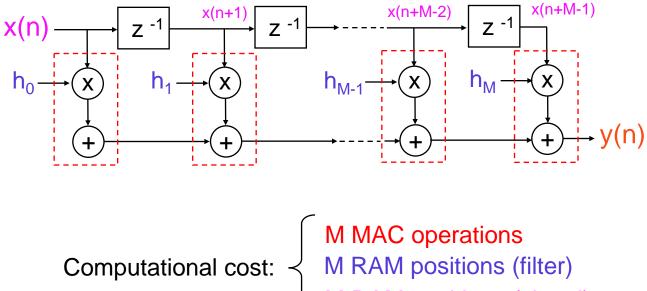


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FIR filters: Implementation

- Direct form or transversal structure.
- Symmetry (Linear phase) optimization.
- Fast convolution (overlap add/save).

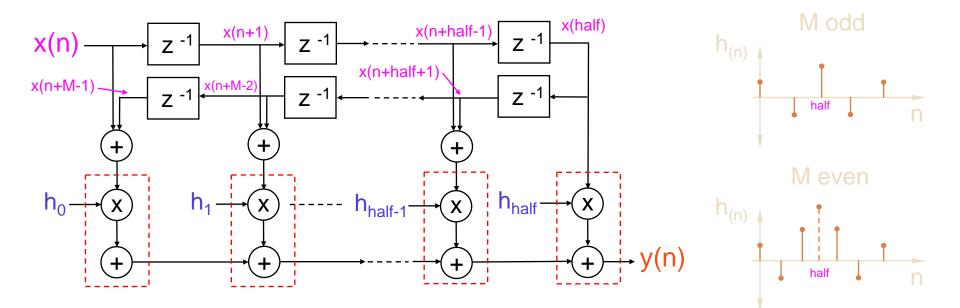
FIR filters: Direct or transversal form



M RAM positions (signal)

Most DSP architectures are optimized for implementing this structure.

FIR filters: Linear phase form

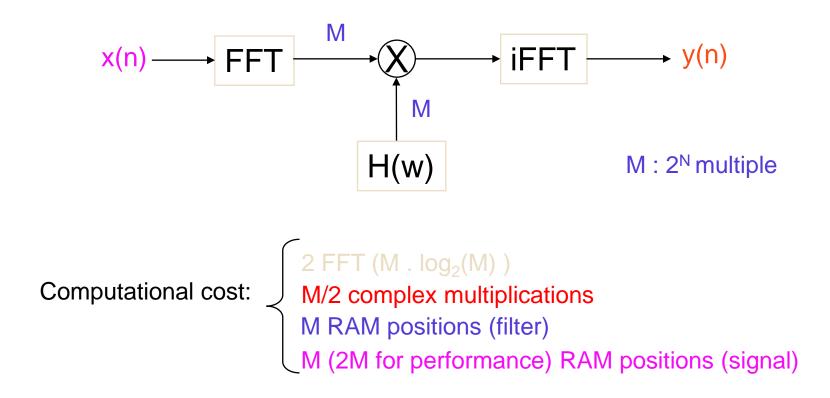


Computational cost:

{ M/2 (even) M/2+1 (odd) MAC operations
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 M RAM positions (signal)

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FIR filters: Fast convolution



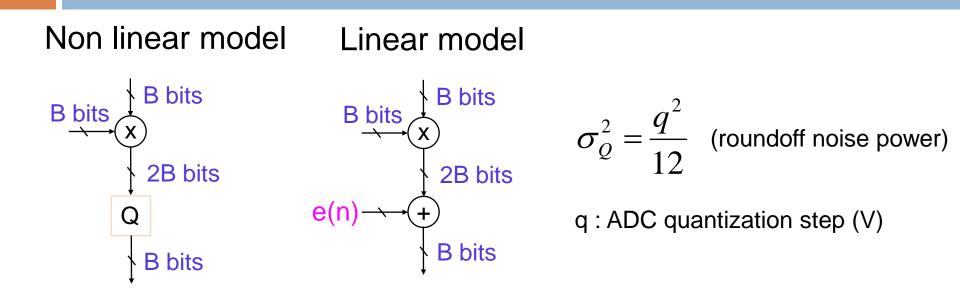
Overlap add/save algorithm.

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FIR filters: Wordlength effects

- 1. ADC quantization noise. $SNR_{ADC} = 1.76 + 6.02 \cdot ADC_{Bits}$
- 2. Coefficients quantization noise.
- 3. Roundoff quantization noise.
- 4. Arithmetic overflow noise.

FIR filters: Roundoff quantization

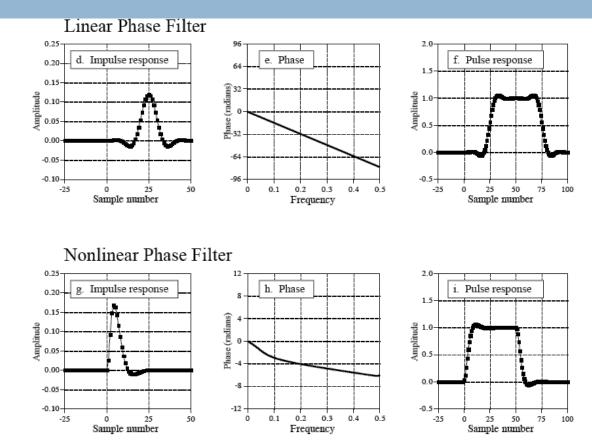


Each quantization process
 (multiplication) degrades system's noise figure.

IIR filters: General characteristics

- IIR filter output sample *depends* on previous *input* samples and previous filter *output* samples.
- Implemented using a recursion equation, instead a convolution and *don't have linear phase responses*.
- IIR filters have poles and zeros around the Z plane, they are not always stable.
- Finite duration of nonzero input values / Infinite duration of nonzero output values. Infinite Impulse Response
- IIR filters achieves better performance than FIR for the same kernel length.
- Implementation is more complicated, and requires floating point or large word lengths.

IIR filters: Non linear phase response

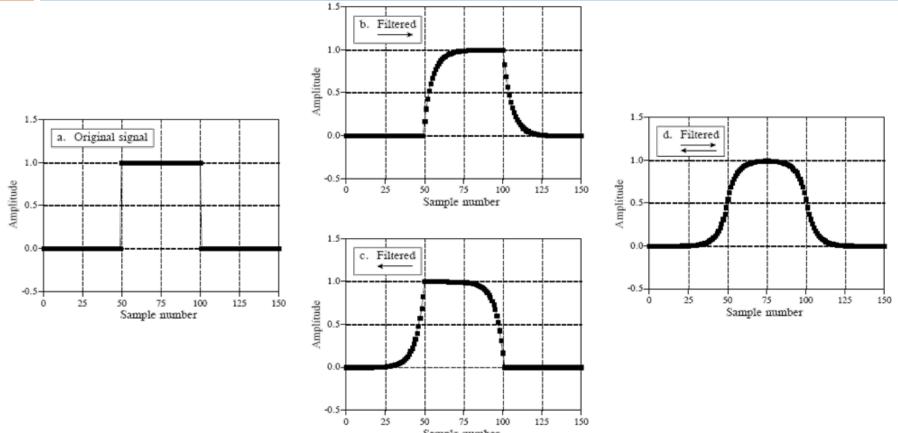


- As in analog domain, linear phase could be achieved at expense of loosing other desirable features.
- In other words, IIR filters are much faster than FIR filters but filter stability and phase distortion is a VERY important issue.

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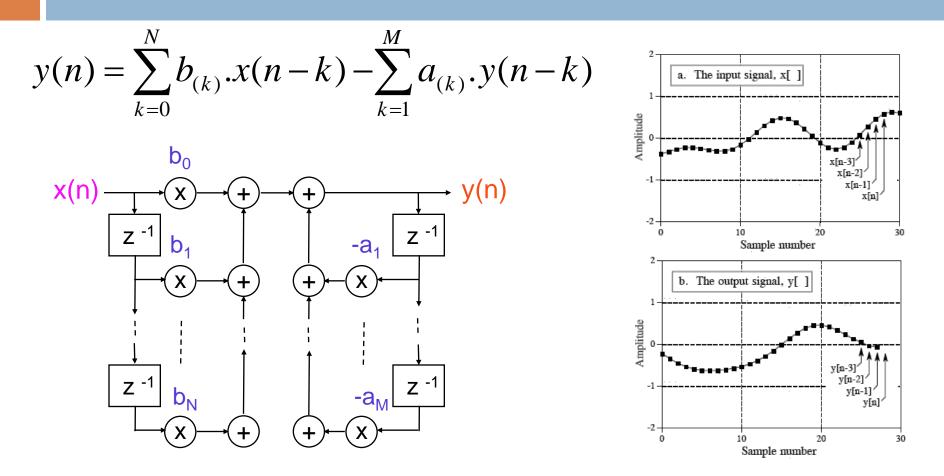
IIR filters: Linear phase with bidirectional filtering



Bidirectional filtering is a way of forcing an IIR filter to have perfect linear phase, at expense of speed since, at least, the computing cost is duplicated. **UTN-FRBA 2010**

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IIR filters: the recursion equation



Each output is a linear combination of past input and output samples

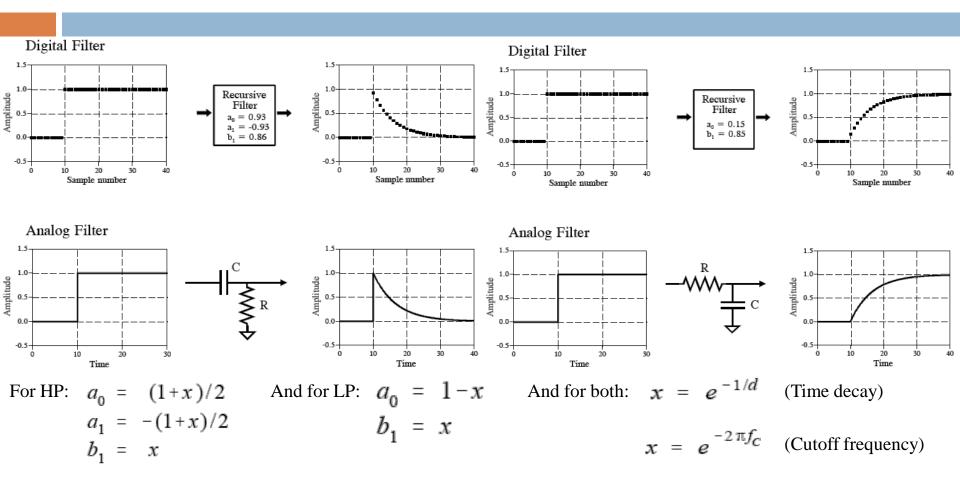
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IIR filters: Coefficients calculation

- Pole-zero placement.
- Impulse invariance.
- Matched z-transform.
- Bilinear z-transform.

The Bad news is that there's no direct method for computing the IIR filter's coefficients from the impulse response!!!!

IIR filters: Analog & Digital



As in the analog domain, simple filters could be implemented with a few coefficients.

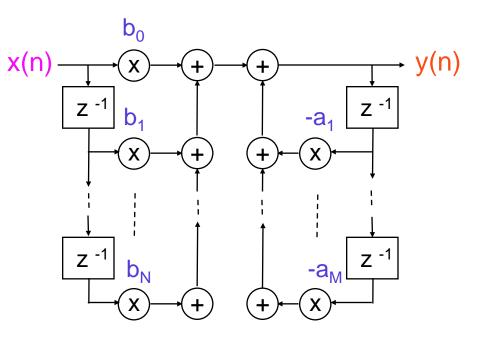
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IIR filters implementation: Direct Form 1

- DF1 is the most direct way of implementing an IIR filter.
- It uses two buffers (delay lines) and 2(M+1) multiplications and sums.
- More sophisticated forms optimizes memory usage, coefficients precision sensibility and stability.

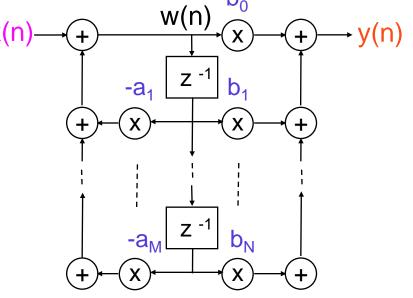
$$y(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{N} b_{(k)} \cdot x(n-k) - \sum_{k=1}^{M} a_{(k)} \cdot y(n-k)$$



IIR filters implementation: Direct Form 2

- DF2 Reduces memory usage by two, since the delay line is shared.
- Keep in mind that coefficients in DF1 and DF2 are not the same, since they doesn't affect the same signals.

$$w(n) = x(n) - \sum_{k=1}^{M} a_{(k)} \cdot w(n-k)$$
$$y(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{N} b_{(k)} \cdot w(n-k)$$

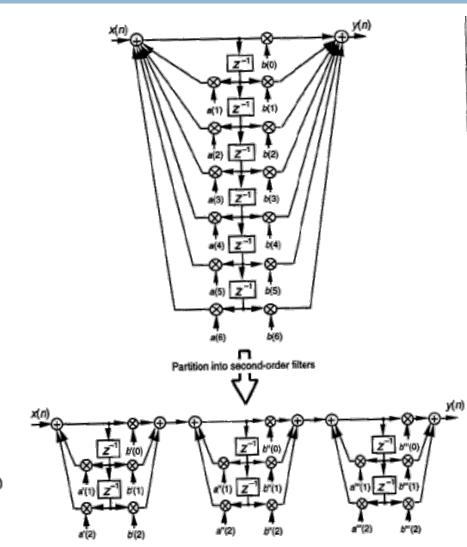


IIR filters implementation: Design Pitfalls

- IIR implementation is conditioned mainly by finite wordlength effects.
- Coefficient quantization, overflow and roundoff errors are most common problems.
- To go through these problems, some precautions must be taken into account.

IIR filters implementation: Coefficient quantization sensibility

- Frequency response are severely affected for small wordlengths.
- The sensibility grows with the order of the system.
- Second order partitioning mitigate this problem by diminishing speed.
- Instability can occur for very sharp responses.



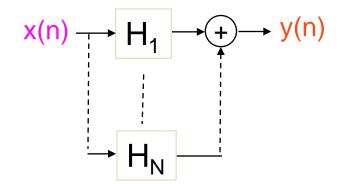
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IIR filters implementation: Coefficient quantization sensibility

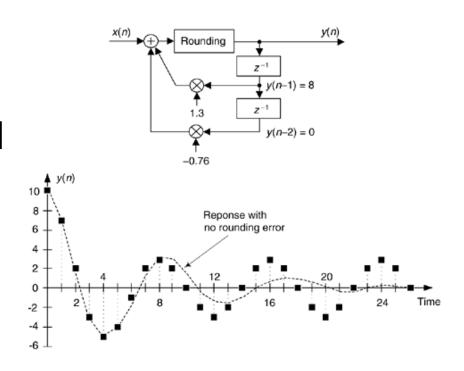
- Second order sections (SOS) can be grouped in cascade or parallel.
- When cascading SOS's the order is chosen to maximize SNR.
- Cascade is the most typically used in DSP processors.



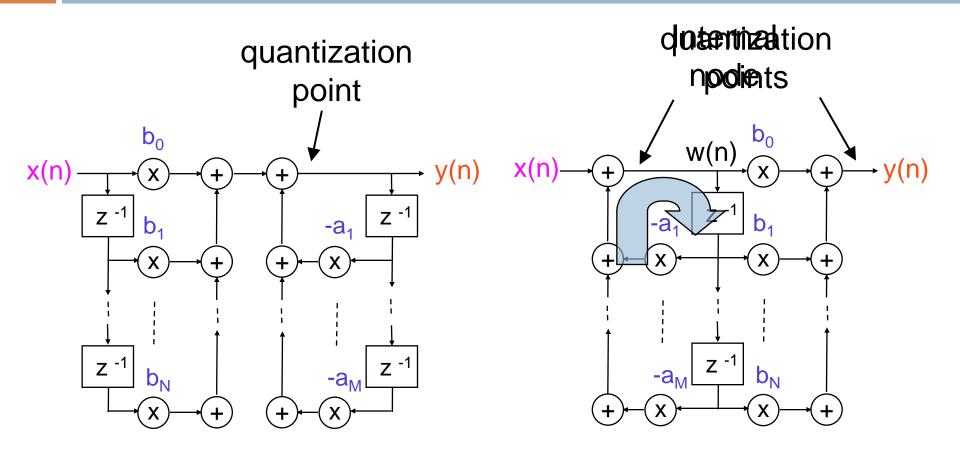


IIR filters implementation: Overflow and Limit cycles

- Limit cycles are continuous oscillations that take place when successive feedback and rounding operations occurs.
- IIR filters are more sensitive to internal overflows and could lead to instability.



IIR filters: SNR in DF1 and DF2



FIR and IIR: comparison chart

Characteristic	IIR	FIR (nonrecursive)
Number of necessary multiplications	Least	Most
Sensitivity to filter coefficient quantization	Can be high.[*1 (24-bit coefficients needed for high fidelity audio)	Very low (16-bit coefficients satisfy most FIR filter requirements)
Probability of overflow errors	Can be high ^[*]	Very low
Stability	Must be designed in	Guaranteed
Linear phase	No	Guaranteed [**1]
Can simulate prototype analog filters	Yes	No
Required coefficient memory	Least	Most
Hardware filter control complexity	Moderate	Simple
Availability of design software	Good	Very good
Ease of design, or complexity of design software	Moderately complicated	Simple
Difficulty of quantization noise analysis	Most complicated	Least complicated
Supports adaptive filtering	Yes	Yes

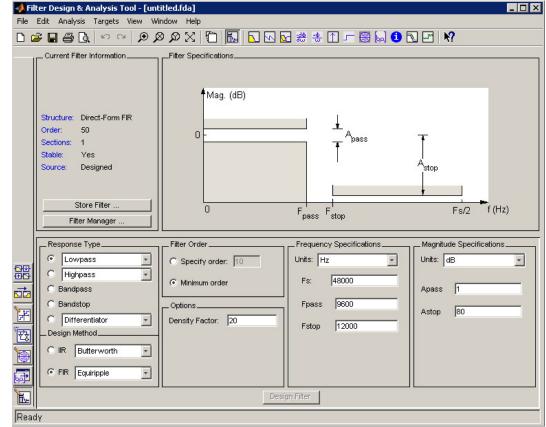
^[*] These problems can be minimized though cascade or parallel implementations.

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^[**] Guaranteed so long as the FIR coefficients are symmetrical

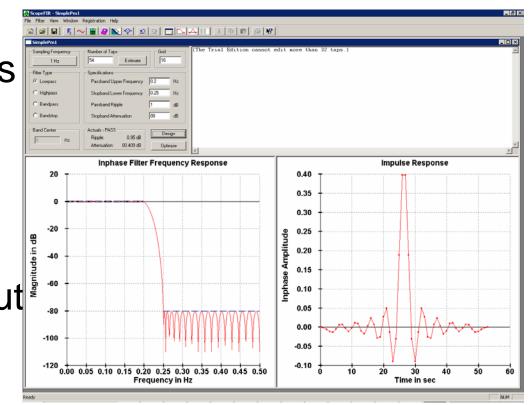
Filters design tools: fdatool

- Matlab's toolbox fdatool allows almost any kind of filter design and is the most sophisticated tool.
- It's price (Matlab and signal processing toolbox) is aprox.
 Us\$5000 for industrial use.

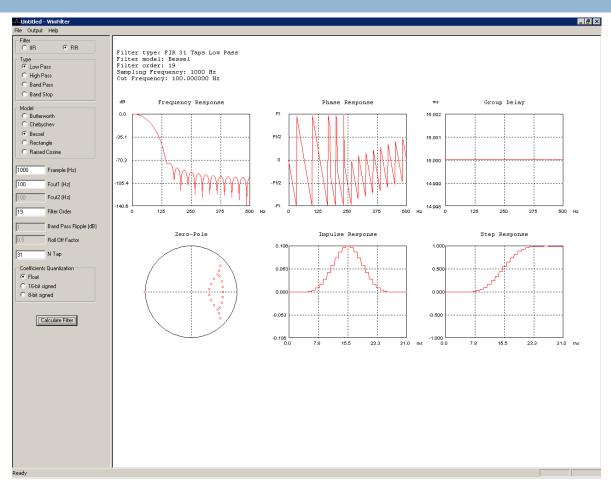


Filters design tools: ScopeFIR

- This design tool is ideal for small projects or DSP enthusiasts.
- Its capabilities are almost the same than fdatool.
- Its price is Us\$199, but there is a 60 day trial version.



Filters design tools: ScopeFIR



This design tool is quite limited, but can be useful for students.
 It is completely free.

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