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Preface

Digital signal processing, more commonly known as DSP, is a field of study with increasingly widespread applications in our technological world. This book focuses on the development, implementation, and application of modern DSP techniques. The textbook structure consists of three major parts as summarized in Table 1.

Audience and Prerequisites

This book is targeted primarily toward second-semester juniors, seniors, and beginning graduate students in electrical and computer engineering and related fields that rely on digital signal processing. It is assumed that the students have taken a circuits course, or a signals and systems course, or a mathematics course that includes an introduction to both the Laplace transform and the Fourier transform. There is enough material, and sufficient flexibility in the way it can be covered, to provide for courses of different lengths without adding supplementary material. Exposure to MATLAB programming is useful, but it is not

Table Structu essential. Graphical user interface (GUI) modules are included at the end of each chapter that allow students to interactively explore signal processing concepts and techniques without any need for programming. MATLAB computation problems are supplied for those users who are familiar with MATLAB and are interested in developing their own DSP programs.

This book is written in an engaging informal style that endeavors to provide motivation for each new topic and features a careful transition between topics. Significant terms are set apart for convenient reference using Margin Notes and Definitions. Important results are stated as Propositions in order to highlight their significance, and Algorithms are included to summarize the steps used to implement design procedures. In order to motivate students with examples that are of direct interest, many of the examples feature the processing of speech and music. This theme is also a focus of the DSP Companion course software, which includes a facility for recording and playing back speech and sound. This way, students can experience directly the effects of various signal processing techniques.

Chapter Structure

All of the chapters follow the template shown in Figure 1. Each chapter starts with a brief list of the topics covered. This is followed by a motivation section that introduces one or more examples of practical problems that can be solved using techniques covered in the chapter. The main body of each chapter is used to introduce a series of analysis tools and signal processing techniques. Within these sections, the analysis methods and processing techniques evolve from simple to more complex. Sections near the end of the chapter marked with a * denote more advanced or more specialized material that can be

Figure 1: Chapter Structure

skipped without loss of continuity. Numerous examples are used throughout to illustrate the principles involved.

Near the end of each chapter is a GUI software and Case Studies section that introduces GUI Modules designed to allow the student to interactively explore the chapter concepts and techniques without any need for programming. The GUI Modules feature a common user interface that is simple to use and easy to learn. Results exported from one module can be imported into other modules. This section also includes Case Study examples that present complete solutions to practical problems in the form of MATLAB programs. The Chapter Summary concisely reviews important concepts and includes a table of student learning outcomes for each section. The chapter concludes with an extensive set of homework problems separated into three categories and crossreferenced to the sections. The Analysis and Design problems can be done by hand or with a calculator. They are designed to test (and in some cases extend) student understanding of the chapter material. The GUI Simulation problems allow the student to interactively explore processing and design techniques using the chapter GUI modules. No programming is required for these problems. MATLAB Computation problems are provided that require students to write programs that apply the signal processing techniques covered in the chapter. Complete solutions to selected problems, marked with the symbol, are available using the DSP Companion software.

DSP Companion Software

One of the unique features of this textbook is a highly integrated collection of course software called the DSP Companion. It is available on the publisher's companion web site, and it features a menu-based graphical user interface driver program called *g_dsp*. The DSP Companion runs under MATLAB and features supplementary course material that can be used both inside the classroom by the instructor and outside the classroom by the student. The DSP Companion provides direct access to the textbook material as well as additional features that allow for class demonstrations and interactive student exploration of analysis and design concepts. The DSP Companion is self-contained in the sense that only MATLAB itself is required; there is no need for access to optional MATLAB toolboxes.

The menu options of the DSP Companion are listed in Table 2. The Settings option allows the user to configure the DSP Companion by selecting operating modes and default folders for exporting, importing, and printing results. The GUI Modules option is used to run the chapter graphical user interface modules. In the Examples option, MATLAB code for all of the examples appearing in the text can be viewed and executed. The Figures and the Tables options are used to display pdf files of all of the figures and tables that appear in the text. Similarly, the Definitions option displays definitions, propositions, and algorithms from the text. The next two menu options are only available with the Instructor version of DSP Companion. The Presentations option displays PowerPoint lectures, with each presentation covering a section of a chapter, while the Solutions option displays solutions to all of the end of chapter problems. For the Student version of DSP Companion, there is a Marked Problems option that display solutions to selected end of chapter problems. The Documentation option provides user help for the DSP Companion functions and the GUI modules. Finally, the Web option allows the user to download the latest version of the DSP Companion from the publisher web site.

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Motivation 1.1

A signal is a physical variable whose value varies with time or space. When the value of the signal is available over a continuum of times, it is referred to as a *continuous-time signal*. Continuoustime signals whose amplitudes also vary over a continuous range are called *analog signals*. Everyday examples of analog signals include temperature, pressure, liquid level, chemical concentration, voltage and current, position, velocity, acceleration, force and torque. If the value of the signal is available only at discrete instants of time, it is called a *discrete-time signal*. Although some signals, for example economic data, are inherently discrete-time signals, a more common way to produce a discrete-time signal, $x(k)$, is to take samples of an underlying analog signal, $x_a(t)$.

$$
x(k) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} x_a(kT), \ \ |k| = 0, 1, 2, \cdots
$$

Here *T* denotes the *sampling interval* or time between samples, and $\stackrel{\Delta}{=}$ means equals by definition. When finite precision is used to represent the value of $x(k)$, the sequence of quantized values is then called a *digital signal*. A system or algorithm which processes one digital signal *x*(*k*) as its input and produces a second digital signal *y*(*k*) as its output is a digital signal processor. Digital signal processing (DSP) techniques have widespread applications, and they play an increasingly important role in the modern world. Application areas include speech recognition, detection of targets with radar and sonar, processing of music and video, seismic exploration for oil and gas deposits, medical *DSP Companion*

GUI modules

signal processing including EEG, EKG, and ultrasound, communication channel equalization, and satellite image processing. The focus of this book is the development, implementation, and application of modern DSP techniques.

We begin this introductory chapter with a comparison of digital and analog signal processing. Next, some practical problems are posed that can be solved using DSP techniques. This is followed by characterization and classification of signals. The fundamental notion of the spectrum of a signal is then presented including the concepts of bandlimited and white noise signals. This leads naturally to the sampling process which takes a continuous-time signal and produces a corresponding discrete-time signal. Simple conditions are presented that ensure that an analog signal can be reconstructed from its samples. When these conditions are violated, a phenomenon called aliasing occurs. The use of guard filters to reduce the effects of aliasing is discussed. Next DSP hardware in the form of analog-to-digital converters (ADCs) and digital-to-analog converters (DACs) is examined. The hardware discussion includes ways to model the quantization error associated with finite precision converters. A menu-based graphical user interface (GUI) program called the *DSP Companion* is introduced that provides direct access to an extensive set of supplementary course materials. The DSP Companion allows the student and the instructor to run and view chapter GUI modules, PowerPoint lecture slides, examples, figures, tables, definitions, propositions, algorithms, and selected problem solutions that appear throughout the text. The *GUI modules* can be used to interactively explore the digital signal processing techniques covered in each chapter without any need for programming. For example, in this chapter GUI module *g_sample* allows the user to investigate the sampling of continuous-time signals including aliasing and quantization effects. The module *g_reconstruct* then allows the user to explore the reconstruction of continuous-time signals from their samples. The chapter concludes with a case study example, and a summary of signal sampling and reconstruction.

1.1.1 Digital and Analog Processing

For many years, almost all signal processing was done with analog circuits as shown in Figure 1.1. For example, operational amplifiers, resistors, and capacitors are used to realize frequency-selective filters.

With the advent of specialized microprocessors with built-in data conversion circuits (Papamichalis, 1990), it is now commonplace to perform signal processing digitally as shown in Figure 1.2. Digital processing of analog signals is more complex because it typically requires the three components shown in Figure 1.2. The analog-to-digital converter or ADC at the front end converts the analog input $x_a(t)$ into an equivalent digital signal

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 $x(k)$. The processing of $x(k)$ is then achieved with an algorithm that is implemented in software. For a filtering operation, the DSP algorithm consists of a difference equation, but other types of processing are also possible and are often used. The digital output signal $y(k)$ is then converted back to an equivalent analog signal $y_a(t)$ by the digital-to-analog converter or DAC.

Although the DSP approach requires more steps than analog signal processing, there are many important benefits to working with signals in digital form. A comparison of the relative advantages and disadvantages of the two approaches is summarized in Table 1.1.

The primary advantages of analog signal processing are speed and cost. Digital signal processing is not as fast due to the limits on the sampling rates of the converter circuits. In addition, if substantial computations are to be performed between samples, then the clock rate of the processor also can be a limiting factor. Speed can be an issue in *real-time* applications where the *k*th output sample $y(k)$ must be computed and sent to the DAC as soon as possible after the k th input sample $x(k)$ is available from the ADC. The delay is sometimes referred to as *latency*. However, there are also applications where the entire input signal is available ahead of time for processing off-line. For this batch mode type of processing, speed is less critical.

DSP hardware is often somewhat more expensive than analog hardware because analog hardware can consist of as little as a few discrete components on a stand-alone printed circuit board. The cost of DSP hardware varies depending on the performance characteristics required. In some cases, a PC may already be available to perform other functions for a given application, and in these instances the marginal expense of adding DSP hardware is not large.

In spite of these limitations, there are great benefits to using DSP techniques. Indeed, DSP is superior to analog processing with respect to virtually all of the remaining features listed in Table 1.1. One of the most important advantages is the inherent flexibility available with a software implementation. Whereas an analog circuit might be tuned with a potentiometer to vary its performance over a limited range, a DSP algorithm can be completely replaced, on the fly, when circumstance warrant. DSP also offers considerably higher performance than analog signal processing. For example, digital filters with arbitrary magnitude responses and linear phase responses can be designed easily whereas this is not feasible with analog filters.

A common problem that plagues analog systems is the fact that the component values tend to drift with age and with changes in environmental conditions such as temperature. This leads to a need for periodic calibration or tuning. With DSP there is no drift problem and therefore no need to manually recalibrate.

Since data are already available in digital form in a DSP system, with little or no additional expense one can log the data associated with the operation of the system so that its performance can be monitored, either locally or remotely over a network connection. If an unusual operating condition is detected, its exact time and nature can be determined,

Table 1.1: Comparison of Analog and Digital Signal Processing

Real time

Latency

and a higher-level control system can be alerted. Although strip chart recorders can be added to an analog system, this substantially increases the expense thereby negating one of its potential advantages.

The flexibility inherent in software can be exploited by having the parameters of the DSP algorithm vary with time and adapt as the characteristics of the input signal or the processing task change. Applications, like system identification and active noise control, exploit adaptive signal processing, a topic that is addressed in Chapter 9.

1.1.2 Total Harmonic Distortion (THD)

With the widespread use of digital computers, DSP applications are now commonplace. As a simple initial example, consider the problem of designing an audio amplifier to boost signal strength without distorting the shape of the input signal. For the amplifier shown in Figure 1.3, suppose the input signal $x_a(t)$ is a pure sinusoidal tone of amplitude *a* and frequency F_0 Hz.

$$
x_a(t) = a\cos(2\pi F_0 t) \tag{1.1.1}
$$

An ideal amplifier will produce a desired output signal $y_d(t)$ that is a scaled and delayed version of the input signal. For example, if the scale factor or amplifier *gain* is *K* and the delay is τ , then the desired output is

$$
y_d(t) = Kx_a(t - \tau) = Ka \cos [2\pi F_0(t - \tau)]
$$
 (1.1.2)

In a practical amplifier, the relationship between the input and the output is only approximately linear, so some additional terms are present in the actual output *ya*.

$$
y_a(t) = A[x_a(t)]
$$

\n
$$
\approx \frac{d_0}{2} + \sum_{i=1}^{M-1} d_i \cos(2\pi i F_0 t + \theta_i)
$$
 (1.1.3)

The presence of the additional harmonics indicates that there is distortion in the amplified signal due to nonlinearities within the amplifier. For example, if the amplifier is driven with an input whose amplitude *a* is too large, then the amplifier will saturate with the result that the output is a clipped sine wave that sounds distorted when played through a speaker. To quantify the amount of distortion, the average power contained in the *i*th harmonic is $d_i^2/2$ for $i \ge 1$ and $d_i^2/4$ for $i = 0$. Thus the *average power* of the signal $y_a(t)$ is

$$
P_{y} = \frac{d_0^2}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{M-1} d_i^2
$$
 (1.1.4)

The *total harmonic distortion* or THD of the output signal $y_a(t)$ is defined as the power in the spurious harmonic components, expressed as a percentage of the total power. Thus the following can be used to measure the quality of the amplifier output.

$$
\text{THD} \triangleq \frac{100(P_y - d_1^2/2)}{P_y} \%
$$
\n(1.1.5)

Average power

Gain

Total harmonic distortion

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$$
d_1 = Ka \tag{1.1.6a}
$$

$$
\theta_1 = -2\pi F_0 \tau \tag{1.1.6b}
$$

Consequently, for a high-quality amplifier, the THD is small, and when no distortion is present $THD = 0$. Suppose the amplifier output is sampled to produce the following digital signal of length $N = 2M$.

$$
y(k) = y_a(kT), \ 0 \le k < N \tag{1.1.7}
$$

If the sampling interval is set to $T = 1/(NF_0)$, then this corresponds to one period of $y_a(t)$. By processing the digital signal $x(k)$ with something called the discrete Fourier transform or DFT, it is possible to determine d_i and θ_i for $0 \le i \le M$. In this way the total harmonic distortion can be measured. The DFT is a key analytic tool that is introduced in Chapter 4.

1.1.3 A Notch Filter

As a second example of a DSP application, suppose one is performing sensitive acoustic measurements in a laboratory setting using a microphone. Here, any ambient background sounds in the range of frequencies of interest have the potential to corrupt the measurements with unwanted noise. Preliminary measurements reveal that the overhead fluorescent lights are emitting a 120 Hz hum, which corresponds to the second harmonic of the 60 Hz commercial AC power. The problem then is to remove the 120 Hz frequency component while affecting the other nearby frequency components as little as possible. Consequently, you want to process the acoustic data samples with a *notch filter* designed to remove the effects of the fluorescent lights. After some calculations, you arrive at the following digital filter to process the measurements $x(k)$ to produce a filtered signal $y(k)$.

$$
y(k) = 1.6466y(k-1) - .9805y(k-2) + .9905x(k)
$$

- 1.6471x(k-1) + .9905x(k-2) (1.1.8)

The filter in (1.1.8) is a notch filter with a bandwidth of 4 Hz, a notch frequency of $F_n = 120$ Hz, and a sampling frequency of $f_s = 1280$ Hz. A plot of the frequency response of this filter is shown in Figure 1.4 where a sharp notch at 120 Hz is apparent. Notice that except for frequencies very close to F_n , all other frequency components of $x(k)$ are passed through the filter without attenuation. The design of notch filters is discussed in Chapter 7.

1.1.4 Active Noise Control

An application area of DSP that makes use of adaptive signal processing is active control of acoustic noise (Kuo and Morgan, 1996). Examples include industrial noise from rotating machines, propeller and jet engine noise, road noise in an automobile, and noise caused by air flow in heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems. As an illustration of the latter, consider the active noise control system shown in Figure 1.5, which consists of an air duct with two microphones and a speaker. The basic principle of active noise control is to inject a secondary sound into the environment so as to cancel the primary sound using destructive interference.

Notch filter

The purpose of the reference microphone in Figure 1.5 is to detect the primary noise $x(k)$ generated by the noise source or blower. The primary noise signal is then passed through a digital filter of the following form.

$$
y(k) = \sum_{i=0}^{m} w_i(k)x(k-i)
$$
 (1.1.9)

The output of the filter $y(k)$ drives a speaker that creates the secondary sound, sometimes called *antisound*. The error microphone, located downstream of the speaker, detects the sum of the primary and secondary sounds and produces an error signal *e*(*k*). The objective of the adaptive algorithm is to take $x(k)$ and $e(k)$ as inputs and adjust the filter weights $w(k)$ so as to drive $e^2(k)$ to zero. If zero error can be achieved, then silence is observed at the error microphone. In practical systems, the error or residual sound is significantly reduced by active noise control.

To illustrate the operation of this adaptive DSP system, suppose the blower noise is modeled as a periodic signal with fundamental frequency F_0 and r harmonics plus some random white noise *v*(*k*).

$$
x(k) = \sum_{i=1}^{r} a_i \cos(2\pi i k F_0 T + \theta_i) + v(k), \ 0 \le k < p \tag{1.1.10}
$$

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Antisound

For example, suppose $F_0 = 100$ Hz and there are $r = 4$ harmonics with amplitudes $a_i = 1/i$ and random phase angles. Suppose the random white noise term is distributed uniformly over the interval $[-.5, .5]$. Let $p = 2048$ samples, and suppose the sampling interval is $T = 1/1600$ s and the filter order is $m = 40$. The adaptive algorithm used to adjust the filter weights is called the FXLMS method, and it is discussed in detail in Chapter 9. The results of applying this algorithm are shown in Figure 1.6.

Initially the filter weights are set to $w(0) = 0$, which corresponds to no noise control at all. The adaptive algorithm is not activated until sample $k = 512$, so the first quarter of the plot in Figure 1.6 represents the ambient or primary noise detected at the error microphone. When adaptation is activated, the error begins to decrease rapidly, and after a short transient period it reaches a steady-state level that is more than an order of magnitude quieter than the primary noise itself. We can quantify the noise reduction by using the following measure of overall noise cancellation.

$$
E = 10 \log_{10} \left(\sum_{i=0}^{p/4 - 1} e^{2}(i) \right) - 10 \log_{10} \left(\sum_{i=3p/4}^{p-1} e^{2}(i) \right) \, \mathrm{dB} \tag{1.1.11}
$$

The overall noise cancellation *E* is the log of the ratio of the average power of the noise during the first quarter of the samples divided by the average power of the noise during the last quarter of the samples, expressed in units of decibels. Using this measure, the noise cancellation observed in Figure 1.6 is $E = 32.1$ dB.

1.1.5 Video Aliasing

Later in Chapter 1 we focus on the problem of sampling a continuous-time signal $x_a(t)$ to produce the following discrete-time signal, where $T > 0$ is the sampling interval and $f_s = 1/T$ is the sampling frequency.

$$
x(k) = x_a(kT), \ |k| = 0, 1, 2, \dots \tag{1.1.12}
$$