

FREQUENCY SAMPLING DESIGN METHOD FOR FIR FILTERS*

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Given a desired frequency response, the frequency sampling design method designs a filter with a frequency response **exactly** equal to the desired response at a particular set of frequencies ω_k .

Procedure

$$\forall k, k = [0, 1, \dots, N - 1] : \left(H_d(\omega_k) = \sum_{n=0}^{M-1} h(n) e^{-i\omega_k n} \right) \quad (1)$$

NOTE: Desired Response must include linear phase shift (if linear phase is desired)

Exercise 1

(Solution on p. 4.)

What is $H_d(\omega)$ for an ideal lowpass filter, cutoff at ω_c ?

NOTE: This set of linear equations can be written in matrix form

$$H_d(\omega_k) = \sum_{n=0}^{M-1} h(n) e^{-i\omega_k n} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} H_d(\omega_0) \\ H_d(\omega_1) \\ \vdots \\ H_d(\omega_{N-1}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\omega_0 0} & e^{-i\omega_0 1} & \dots & e^{-i\omega_0(M-1)} \\ e^{-i\omega_1 0} & e^{-i\omega_1 1} & \dots & e^{-i\omega_1(M-1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ e^{-i\omega_{M-1} 0} & e^{-i\omega_{M-1} 1} & \dots & e^{-i\omega_{M-1}(M-1)} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h(0) \\ h(1) \\ \vdots \\ h(M-1) \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

or

$$H_d = Wh$$

So

$$h = W^{-1}H_d \quad (4)$$

NOTE: W is a square matrix for $N = M$, and invertible as long as $\omega_i \neq \omega_j + 2\pi l$, $i \neq j$

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1 Important Special Case

What if the frequencies are equally spaced between 0 and 2π , i.e. $\omega_k = \frac{2\pi k}{M} + \alpha$

Then

$$H_d(\omega_k) = \sum_{n=0}^{M-1} h(n) e^{-\left(i\frac{2\pi kn}{M}\right)} e^{-i\alpha n} = \sum_{n=0}^{M-1} \left(h(n) e^{-i\alpha n} \right) e^{-\left(i\frac{2\pi kn}{M}\right)} = \text{DFT!}$$

so

$$h(n) e^{-i\alpha n} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} H_d(\omega_k) e^{i\frac{2\pi nk}{M}}$$

or

$$h[n] = \frac{e^{i\alpha n}}{M} \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} H_d[\omega_k] e^{i\frac{2\pi nk}{M}} = e^{i\alpha n} \text{IDFT}[H_d[\omega_k]]$$

2 Important Special Case #2

$h[n]$ symmetric, linear phase, and has real coefficients. Since $h[n] = h[M-n]$, there are only $\frac{M}{2}$ degrees of freedom, and only $\frac{M}{2}$ linear equations are required.

$$\begin{aligned} H[\omega_k] &= \sum_{n=0}^{M-1} h[n] e^{-i\omega_k n} \\ &= \begin{cases} \sum_{n=0}^{\frac{M}{2}-1} h[n] (e^{-i\omega_k n} + e^{-i\omega_k (M-n-1)}) & \text{if } M \text{ even} \\ \sum_{n=0}^{M-\frac{3}{2}} h[n] (e^{-i\omega_k n} + e^{-i\omega_k (M-n-1)}) \left(h\left[\frac{M-1}{2}\right] e^{-i\omega_k \frac{M-1}{2}} \right) & \text{if } M \text{ odd} \end{cases} \quad (5) \\ &= \begin{cases} e^{-i\omega_k \frac{M-1}{2}} 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\frac{M}{2}-1} h[n] \cos\left(\omega_k \left(\frac{M-1}{2} - n\right)\right) & \text{if } M \text{ even} \\ e^{-i\omega_k \frac{M-1}{2}} 2 \sum_{n=0}^{M-\frac{3}{2}} h[n] \cos\left(\omega_k \left(\frac{M-1}{2} - n\right)\right) + h\left[\frac{M-1}{2}\right] & \text{if } M \text{ odd} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Removing linear phase from both sides yields

$$A(\omega_k) = \begin{cases} 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\frac{M}{2}-1} h[n] \cos\left(\omega_k \left(\frac{M-1}{2} - n\right)\right) & \text{if } M \text{ even} \\ 2 \sum_{n=0}^{M-\frac{3}{2}} h[n] \cos\left(\omega_k \left(\frac{M-1}{2} - n\right)\right) + h\left[\frac{M-1}{2}\right] & \text{if } M \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

Due to symmetry of response for real coefficients, only $\frac{M}{2}\omega_k$ on $\omega \in [0, \pi)$ need be specified, with the frequencies $-\omega_k$ thereby being implicitly defined also. Thus we have $\frac{M}{2}$ **real-valued** simultaneous linear equations to solve for $h[n]$.

2.1 Special Case 2a

$h[n]$ symmetric, odd length, linear phase, real coefficients, and ω_k equally spaced: $\forall k, 0 \leq k \leq M-1$:
 $(\omega_k = \frac{n\pi k}{M})$

$$\begin{aligned} h[n] &= \text{IDFT}[H_d(\omega_k)] \\ &= \frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} A(\omega_k) e^{-\left(i\frac{2\pi kn}{M}\right)} \frac{M-1}{2} e^{i\frac{2\pi nk}{M}} \\ &= \frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} A(k) e^{i\left(\frac{2\pi k}{M}\left(n - \frac{M-1}{2}\right)\right)} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

To yield real coefficients, $A(\omega)$ must be symmetric

$$(A(\omega) = A(-\omega)) \Rightarrow (A[k] = A[M-k])$$

$$\begin{aligned}
h[n] &= \frac{1}{M} \left(A(0) + \sum_{k=1}^{\frac{M-1}{2}} A[k] \left(e^{i\frac{2\pi k}{M}(n-\frac{M-1}{2})} + e^{-i\frac{2\pi k}{M}(n-\frac{M-1}{2})} \right) \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{M} \left(A(0) + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\frac{M-1}{2}} A[k] \cos\left(\frac{2\pi k}{M} \left(n - \frac{M-1}{2}\right)\right) \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{M} \left(A(0) + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\frac{M-1}{2}} A[k] (-1)^k \cos\left(\frac{2\pi k}{M} \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)\right) \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Similar equations exist for even lengths, anti-symmetric, and $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ filter forms.

3 Comments on frequency-sampled design

This method is simple conceptually and very efficient for equally spaced samples, since $h[n]$ can be computed using the IDFT.

$H(\omega)$ for a frequency sampled design goes **exactly** through the sample points, but it may be very far off from the desired response for $\omega \neq \omega_k$. This is the main problem with frequency sampled design.

Possible solution to this problem: specify more frequency samples than degrees of freedom, and minimize the total error in the frequency response at all of these samples.

4 Extended frequency sample design

For the samples $H(\omega_k)$ where $0 \leq k \leq M-1$ and $N > M$, find $h[n]$, where $0 \leq n \leq M-1$ minimizing $\|H_d(\omega_k) - H(\omega_k)\|$

For $\|l\|_\infty$ norm, this becomes a linear programming problem (standard packages available!)

Here we will consider the $\|l\|_2$ norm.

To minimize the $\|l\|_2$ norm; that is, $\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} |H_d(\omega_k) - H(\omega_k)|$, we have an overdetermined set of linear equations:

$$\begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\omega_0 0} & \dots & e^{-i\omega_0(M-1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ e^{-i\omega_{N-1} 0} & \dots & e^{-i\omega_{N-1}(M-1)} \end{pmatrix} h = \begin{pmatrix} H_d(\omega_0) \\ H_d(\omega_1) \\ \vdots \\ H_d(\omega_{N-1}) \end{pmatrix}$$

or

$$Wh = H_d$$

The minimum error norm solution is well known to be $h = (\overline{W}W)^{-1}\overline{W}H_d$; $(\overline{W}W)^{-1}\overline{W}$ is well known as the pseudo-inverse matrix.

NOTE: Extended frequency sampled design discourages radical behavior of the frequency response between samples for sufficiently closely spaced samples. However, the actual frequency response may no longer pass exactly through **any** of the $H_d(\omega_k)$.

Solutions to Exercises in this Module

Solution to Exercise (p. 1)

$$\begin{cases} e^{-\left(i\omega\frac{M-1}{2}\right)} & \text{if } -\omega_c \leq \omega \leq \omega_c \\ 0 & \text{if } (-\pi \leq \omega < -\omega_c) \vee (\omega_c < \omega \leq \pi) \end{cases}$$