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1. Basic Idea

Polyphase representation leads to computationally efficient implementations of decimation/interpolation filters, as well as single and multirate filter banks

Consider a filter

$$H(z) = \sum_{n = -\infty}^{\infty} h(n) z^{-n}$$
(1)

 $n = -\infty$

Separating odd and even numbered coefficients of h(n)

 $n = -\infty$

$$H(z) = \sum_{n = -\infty}^{\infty} h(2n)z^{-2n} + z^{-1} \sum_{n = -\infty}^{\infty} h(2n+1)z^{-2n}$$

$$H(z) = E_0(z^2) + z^{-1}E_1(z^2)$$
where $E_0(z) = \sum_{n = -\infty}^{\infty} h(2n)z^{-n}$ and $E_1(z) = \sum_{n = -\infty}^{\infty} h(2n+1)z^{-n}$
(2)

These representations hold whether H(z) is FIR or IIR; causal or noncausal

Example 1 - Consider a FIR filter whose transfer function is $H(z) = 1 + 2z^{-1} + 3z^{-2} + 4z^{-3}$ It's polyphase representation is given as $H(z) = 1 + 3z^{-2} + 2z^{-1} + 4z^{-3}$ i.e $H(z) = 1 + 3z^{-2} + z^{-1}(2 + 4z^{-2})$ Therefore, $E_0(z^2) = 1 + 3z^{-2}, \qquad E_1(z^2) = 2 + 4z \qquad or$ $E_0(z) = 1 + 3z^{-1}, \qquad E_1(z) = 2 + 4z \qquad ^{-1}$

Example 2 - Consider a IIR filter whose transfer function is $H(z) = 1/(1 - \alpha z^{-1})$ This can be written as

$$H(z) = \frac{1 + \alpha z^{-1}}{(1 - \alpha z^{-1})(1 + \alpha z^{-1})} = \frac{1}{1 - \alpha z^{-2}} + \frac{\alpha z^{-1}}{1 - \alpha z^{-2}} \text{ which implies}$$

$$E_0(z^2) = \frac{1}{(1 - \alpha z^{-2})} \text{ and } E_1(z) = \frac{\alpha}{(1 - \alpha z^{-2})}$$

so $E_0(z) = \frac{1}{(1 - \alpha^2 z^{-1})} \text{ and } E_1(z) = \frac{\alpha}{(1 - \alpha z^{-1})}$

2. Types of polyphase representation

Generalizing the above idea, for any integer M, H(z) can be decomposed as

$$H(z) = \sum_{n = -\infty}^{\infty} h(nM)z^{-nM} + z^{-1} \sum_{\substack{n = -\infty \\ \infty}}^{\infty} h(nM+1)z^{-nM} + \dots$$

$$\dots + z^{-(M-1)} \sum_{\substack{n = -\infty \\ n = -\infty}}^{\infty} h(nM+M-1)z^{-nM}$$
(3)

This can be compactly represented as

$$H(z) = \sum_{l=0}^{M-1} z^{-l} E_{l}(z^{M}) \quad (\text{ type 1 polyphase representation }) \quad (4)$$

where
$$E_l(z) = \sum_{n = -\infty} e_l(n) z^{-n}$$
, (5)

with
$$e_l(n) = h(Mn+l), \qquad 0 \le l \le M-1$$
 (6)

Equation (4) is called the Type 1 polyphase representation and $E_l(z)$ the polyphase

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By representing H(Z) as in (2), the system can be redrawn as in *fig 2.a.*





fig3 - Direct implementation of decimation

• For the direct form implementation only the even numbered output samples are computed in each time unit. This computation requires N+1 multiplications and N additions, where N is the order of the FIR filter.

• For the polyphase implementation, let n_0 and n_1 be the orders of $E_0(z)$ and $E_1(z)$ (so that $N+1 = n_0+n_1+2$). So $E_1(z)$ requires n_1+1 multipliers and n_1 additions. Therefore the total cost is again N+1 multipliers and N adders. But since $E_1(z)$ operates at half the rate of H(z), only a total of (N+1)/2 multiplications per unit time (MPU's) and N/2 additions per unit time (APU's) are required. The multipliers and adders in each of the filters $E_0(z)$ and $E_1(z)$ now have two units of time available for doing their work, and they are continually operative unlike the direct form implementation which is idle during odd instants of time ● A M-fold decimation filter can be implemented with approximately M-fold reduction in the number of MPU's and APU's by using the polyphase structure. The Polyphase structure has complexity (N+1)/M MPU's and N/M APU's.



fig4. Polyphase implementation of M-fold decimation filter.



• A direct form implementation of H(z) is inefficient because, at most 50% of the input samples are nonzero and the remaining multipliers are resting. Those multipliers which are not resting are expected to complete their job in half unit of time because the outputs of the delay elements will change by that time. In a polyphase implementation Rl(z) are operating at the input rate, and none of the multipliers are resting. Each multiplier gets one unit of time to complete its task. The complexity of the system is (N+1) MPU's and N-1 APU's.

• Similarly for L-fold interpolation filters, the complexity is (N+1) MPU's and (N-L+1) APU's.



fig7. Polyphase implementations of L-fold interpolation filter

Linear phase FIR Decimation filters. NLet $H(z) = \sum h(n)z^{-n}$ where h(n) = h(N-n)(11)n = 0Example 3 -Let N = 4(even), $H(z) = 1 + 2z^{-1} + 4z^{-2} + 2z^{-3} + z^{-4}$ Then it's polyphase representation is given as $H(z) = 1 + 2z^{-1} + 4z^{-2} + 2z^{-3} + z^{-4}$ i.e. $H(z) = 1 + 4z^{-2} + z^{-4} + 2z^{-1} + 2z^{-3}$ i.e. $H(z) = 1 + 4z^{-2} + z^{-4} + z^{-1}(2 + 2z^{-2})$ i.e $E_0(z^2) = 1 + 4z^{-2} + z^{-4} = E_1(z^2) = 2 + 2z^{-2}$ or

$$E_{0}(z) = 1 + 4z^{-1} + z^{-2}, \qquad E_{1}(z) = 2 + 2z^{-1}.$$
 So, each of the filters $E_{0}(z)$ and $E_{1}(z)$ has symmetric impulse response.
Consider N = 5(odd), $H(z) = 1 + 2z^{-1} + 4z^{-2} + 4z^{-3} + 2z^{-4} + z^{-5}$, then it's polyphase representation is given as

$$H(z) = 1 + 4z^{-2} + 2z^{-4} + 2z^{-1} + 4z^{-3} + z^{-5}$$
i.e. $H(z) = 1 + 4z^{-2} + 2z^{-4} + z^{-1}(2 + 4z^{-2} + z^{-4})$
which implies $E_{0}(z^{2}) = 1 + 4z^{-2} + 2z^{-4} = E_{1}(z^{2}) = 2 + 4z^{-2} + z^{-4}$
Therefore,

$$E_{0}(z) = 1 + 4z^{-1} + 2z^{-2}, \qquad E_{1}(z) = 2 + 4z^{-1} + z^{-2}.$$
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From this example we can generalize that for a linear FIR decimated filter, if E₀(z) and E₁(z) are the Type 1 polyphase components then
(a) if N is even, then e₀(n) and e₁(n) are symmetric sequences and
(b) if N is odd, then e₀(n) is the mirror image of e₁(n).

• For a linear FIR decimated filter, we obtain a factor of two saving in multiplication rate when compared with a non-linear FIR filter.

c) Polyphase implementation of Uniform DFT filter banks.

we have
$$X_k(z) = H_k(z)X(z)$$
 where (12)

$$H_k(z) = H_0(zW^k) \quad \text{with} \tag{13}$$

$$H_0(z) = 1 + z^{-1} + \dots + z^{-(M-1)}$$
(14)

so, we have a bank of M filters, each of which is a uniformly shifted version of $H_0(z)$.



Polyphase representation

Assume that the prototype $H_0(z)$ has been expressed as in 14. The k^{th} filter can then be

expressed as
$$H_k(z) = H(z_0 W^k) = \sum_{l=0}^{M-1} (z^{-1} W^{-k})^l E_l(z^M)$$
 and the output $X_k(z)$

can be obtained as

 $X_k(z) = \sum_{l=0}^{M-1} W^{-kl} (z E_l(z) X(z))$ This shows that the M filters can be implemented

as shown in figure 8.



fig 9 - Implementation of the uniform DFT filter bank using polyphase decomposition.





(a) Example with M = 3, and (b) operation of the commutator switch.



5. The Polyphase Matrix

a) Analysis Bank

$$H_k(z) = \sum_{l=0}^{M-1} z^{-l} E_{kl}(z^{-l}) \qquad \text{(Type 1 polyphase)}$$
(15)

This equation can be written in matrix form as

$$\begin{bmatrix} H_0(z) \\ \dots \\ H_{M-1}(z) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E_{00}(z) & E_{01}(z) & E_{0,M-1}(z) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ E_{M-1,0}(z) & E_{M-1,1}(z) & E_{M-1,M-1}(z) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \dots \\ z^{-(M-1)} \end{bmatrix}$$
(16)

that is, as

$$h(z) = E(z^M)e(z)$$
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where
$$E(z) = \begin{bmatrix} E_{00}(z) & E_{01}(z) & E_{0, M-1}(z) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ E_{M-1, 0}(z) & E_{M-1, 1}(z) & E_{M-1, M-1}(z) \end{bmatrix}$$
 (18)



b) Synthesis Bank

The set of synthesis filters can also expressed in a similar manner as

$$F_{k}(z) = \sum_{l=0}^{M-1} z^{-(M-1-l)} R_{lk}(z^{M})$$
 (Type 2 polyphase) (19)

using matrix notation we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} F_0(z) \dots F_{M-1}(z) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} z^{-(M-1)} \dots 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_{00}(z^M) & \dots & R_{0,M-1}(z^M) \\ R_{10}(z^M) & \dots & R_{1,M-1}(z^M) \\ R_{M-1,0}(z^M) & \dots & R_{M-1,M-1}(z^M) \end{bmatrix}$$
(20)

this can be written as

$$f^{T}(z) = z^{-(M-1)} e(\tilde{z}) R(z^{M}) \text{ where}$$

$$R(z) = \begin{bmatrix} R_{00}(z) & \dots & R_{0, M-1}(z) \\ R_{10}(z) & \dots & R_{1, M-1}(z) \\ R_{M-1, 0}(z) & \dots & R_{M-1, M-1}(z) \end{bmatrix}$$
(21)
(21)











7. Relation between polyphase matrix and AC matrix

The Alias Component matrix (AC matrix) H(z) and the polyphase component matrix E(z) of any M-channel analysis bank are related as

$$H(z) = WD(z)E^{T}(z^{M}) \text{ where}$$
(23)

$$D(z) = diag \, \left[\dots \, z^{-(M-1)} \right] \text{ and}$$
(24)

W is M x M DFT matrix.