

## Digital Integrators

- An important component in many applications
- Ideal digital integrator frequency response

$$H_{INT}(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{1}{j\omega}$$

- Practical digital integrators are designed to have a frequency response approximating the above expression and are based on numerical integration methods

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## First-Order IIR Digital Integrators

Forward Rectangular Integrator is based on forward rectangular method of integration

- Its time-domain input-output relation is

$$y[n] = y[n-1] + T \cdot x[n-1]$$

where  $T$  is the sampling period

- Its transfer function is given by

$$H_{FR}(z) = T \left( \frac{z^{-1}}{1-z^{-1}} \right)$$

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## First-Order IIR Digital Integrators

Backward Rectangular Integrator is based on backward rectangular method of integration

- Its time-domain input-output relation is

$$y[n] = y[n-1] + T \cdot x[n]$$

- Its transfer function is given by

$$H_{BR}(z) = T \left( \frac{1}{1-z^{-1}} \right)$$

- Note:

$$\left| H_{FR}(e^{j\omega}) \right| = \left| H_{BR}(e^{j\omega}) \right|$$

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## First-Order IIR Digital Integrators

Trapezoidal Integrator is based on the trapezoidal method of integration

- Its time-domain input-output relation is

$$y[n] = y[n-1] + \frac{T}{2} \cdot (x[n] + x[n-1])$$

- Its transfer function is given by

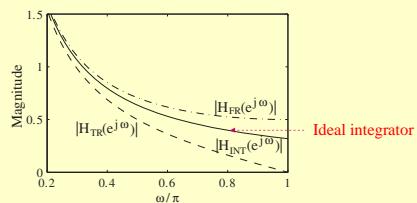
$$H_{TR}(z) = \frac{T}{2} \left( \frac{1+z^{-1}}{1-z^{-1}} \right)$$

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## First-Order IIR Digital Integrators

- The magnitude response of the ideal integrator is between those of the rectangular integrator and the trapezoidal integrator



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## Second-Order IIR Digital Integrators

Simpson integrator is based on the Simpson method of integration and provides an improved numerical result

- Its time-domain input-output relation is

$$y[n] = y[n-2] + \frac{T}{3} \cdot (x[n] + 4x[n-1] + x[n-2])$$

- Its transfer function is given by

$$H_{SI}(z) = \frac{T}{3} \left( \frac{1+4z^{-1}+z^{-2}}{1-z^{-2}} \right)$$

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## Digital Differentiators

- Employed to perform the differentiation operation on the discrete-time version of a continuous-time signal
- Frequency response of an ideal discrete-time differentiator is given by

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = j\omega \quad \text{for } 0 \leq |\omega| \leq \pi$$

which has a linear magnitude response from dc to  $\omega = \pi$

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## Digital Differentiators

- A practical discrete-time differentiator is used to perform the differentiation operation in the low frequency range and is thus designed to have a linear magnitude response from dc to a frequency smaller than  $\pi$

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## Simple FIR Digital Differentiators

**First-Difference Differentiator** is a first-order FIR discrete-time system with a time-domain input-output relation given by

$$y[n] = x[n] - x[n-1]$$

- Its transfer function is given by

$$H_{FD}(z) = 1 - z^{-1}$$

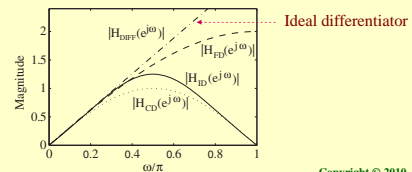
which is same as that of a first-order FIR highpass filter described earlier

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## Simple FIR Digital Differentiators

- Main drawback of the first-difference differentiator is that it also amplifies the high frequency noise often present in many signals



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## Simple FIR Digital Differentiators

**Central-Difference Differentiator** avoids the noise amplification problem of the first-difference differentiator

- Its time-domain input-output relation is

$$y[n] = \frac{1}{2}(x[n] - x[n-2])$$

- Its transfer function is given by

$$H_{CD}(z) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - z^{-2})$$

- It has a linear magnitude response in a very small low-frequency range

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## Higher-Order FIR Digital Differentiator

- The time-domain input-output relation of a higher-order FIR digital differentiator is given by

$$y[n] = -\frac{1}{16}x[n] + x[n-2] - x[n-4] + \frac{1}{16}x[n-6]$$

- Its transfer function is given by

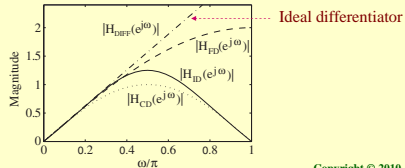
$$H_{ID}(z) = -\frac{1}{16} + z^{-2} - z^{-4} + \frac{1}{16}z^{-6}$$

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## Higher-Order FIR Digital Differentiator

- Its magnitude response, scaled by a factor 0.6 is shown below
- The frequency range of operation of this differentiator is from dc to  $\omega = 0.34\pi$



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## DC Blockers

- In some applications it is necessary to remove the dc bias present in a signal before other signal processing algorithms can be applied
- The ideal dc blocker has an infinite attenuation at dc ( $\omega = 0$ ) and passes all input signals with non-zero frequencies

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## DC Blockers

- As a result, a dc blocker is essentially a highpass filter with a transfer function having at least one zero at  $z = 1$  and unity magnitude response for  $\omega \neq 0$
- We describe next several simple FIR and IIR filters that can be used as dc blockers

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## DC Blockers

### Simple FIR DC Blocker

- The simple first-order FIR differentiator  $H_{FD}(z) = 1 - z^{-1}$  has a zero at  $z = 1$  and thus blocks the dc component of a signal quite well
- However, very low-frequency spectral components close to  $\omega = 0$  are also attenuated as can be seen from its magnitude response plot in Slide No. 13

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## DC Blockers

### Simple IIR DC Blocker

- To boost the dropping magnitude of the simple FIR dc blocker  $H_{FD}(z)$  near dc, one solution is to cascade it with an all-pole first-order IIR filter with a transfer function

$$G(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \alpha z^{-1}}$$

where  $\alpha$  is real and  $0 < \alpha < 1$

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## DC Blockers

- The IIR filter  $G(z)$  is often called a leaky integrator
- The magnitude response of the nonlinear-phase cascaded differentiator/integrator

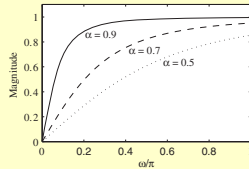
$$H(z) = G(z)H_{FD}(z) = \frac{1 - z^{-1}}{1 - \alpha z^{-1}}$$

is shown in the next page for various values of  $\alpha$

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## DC Blockers



- Note: The transfer function  $F(z)$  is the same as that of the first-order IIR highpass filter  $H_{HP}(z)$  except for the scale factor  $(1 + \alpha)/2$

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### Higher-Order FIR DC Blocker

- A linear-phase dc blocker can be implemented by a delay-complementary Type 1 moving average filter
- A recursive form of the transfer function of an  $M$ -point ( $M$  odd) moving average filter is given by

$$H_{MA}(z) = \frac{1}{M} \left( \frac{1 - z^{-M}}{1 - z^{-1}} \right)$$

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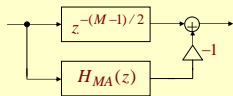
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- The transfer function of the linear-phase dc blocker is thus given by

$$F(z) = z^{-(M-1)/2} - H_{MA}(z)$$

- Its schematic representation is shown below



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## DC Blockers

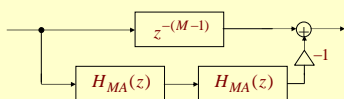
- If  $M$  is a power-of-2 integer, then the scaling factor  $\frac{1}{M}$  can be implemented using binary shift-and-add operations, avoiding the multiplication operation
- However, in this case the delay unit  $z^{-(M-1)/2}$  develops a fractional delay making it difficult to synchronize the two sequences at the output of the adder

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## DC Blockers

- One way to avoid this problem is to form the delay-complementary of the cascade of two moving average filters as indicated below

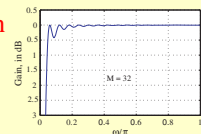


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## DC Blockers

- The modified structure requires a delay unit  $z^{-(M-1)}$  and provides an integer-valued delay
- Gain response of this dc blocker for  $M = 32$  is shown below
- It has an infinite attenuation at dc and a peak passband ripple of about 0.42 dB



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## Comb Filters

- The simple filters discussed so far are characterized either by a single passband and/or a single stopband
- There are applications where filters with multiple passbands and stopbands are required
- The **comb filter** is an example of such filters

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## Comb Filters

- In its most general form, a comb filter has a frequency response that is a periodic function of  $\omega$  with a period  $2\pi/L$ , where  $L$  is a positive integer
- If  $H(z)$  is a filter with a single passband and/or a single stopband, a comb filter can be easily generated from it by replacing each delay in its realization with  $L$  delays resulting in a structure with a transfer function given by  $G(z) = H(z^L)$

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## Comb Filters

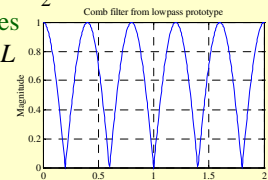
- If  $|H(e^{j\omega})|$  exhibits a peak at  $\omega_p$ , then  $|G(e^{j\omega})|$  will exhibit  $L$  peaks at  $\omega_p k/L$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq L-1$  in the frequency range  $0 \leq \omega < 2\pi$
- Likewise, if  $|H(e^{j\omega})|$  has a notch at  $\omega_o$ , then  $|G(e^{j\omega})|$  will have  $L$  notches at  $\omega_o k/L$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq L-1$  in the frequency range  $0 \leq \omega < 2\pi$
- A comb filter can be generated from either an FIR or an IIR prototype filter

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## FIR Comb Filters

- For example, the comb filter generated from the prototype lowpass FIR filter  $H_0(z) = \frac{1}{2}(1+z^{-1})$  has a transfer function  $G_0(z) = H_0(z^L) = \frac{1}{2}(1+z^{-L})$
- $|G_0(e^{j\omega})|$  has  $L$  notches at  $\omega = (2k+1)\pi/L$  and  $L$  peaks at  $\omega = 2\pi k/L$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq L-1$ , in the frequency range  $0 \leq \omega < 2\pi$

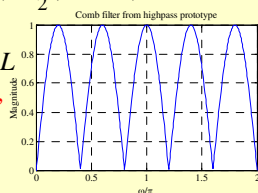


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## FIR Comb Filters

- For example, the comb filter generated from the prototype highpass FIR filter  $H_1(z) = \frac{1}{2}(1-z^{-1})$  has a transfer function  $G_1(z) = H_1(z^L) = \frac{1}{2}(1-z^{-L})$
- $|G_1(e^{j\omega})|$  has  $L$  peaks at  $\omega = (2k+1)\pi/L$  and  $L$  notches at  $\omega = 2\pi k/L$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq L-1$ , in the frequency range  $0 \leq \omega < 2\pi$



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## FIR Comb Filters

- Depending on applications, comb filters with other types of periodic magnitude responses can be easily generated by appropriately choosing the prototype filter
- For example, the  $M$ -point moving average filter  $H(z) = \frac{1-z^{-M}}{M(1-z^{-1})}$  has been used as a prototype

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## FIR Comb Filters

- This filter has a peak magnitude at  $\omega = 0$ , and  $M - 1$  notches at  $\omega = 2\pi\ell/M, 1 \leq \ell \leq M - 1$
- The corresponding comb filter has a transfer function

$$G(z) = \frac{1 - z^{-LM}}{M(1 - z^{-L})}$$

whose magnitude has  $L$  peaks at  $\omega = 2\pi k/L, 0 \leq k \leq L - 1$  and  $L(M - 1)$  notches at  $\omega = 2\pi k/LM, 1 \leq k \leq L(M - 1)$

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## IIR Comb Filters

- The transfer functions of the simplest forms of the prototype IIR filter are given by

$$H_0(z) = K \frac{1 - z^{-1}}{1 - \alpha z^{-1}}, \quad H_1(z) = K \frac{1 + z^{-1}}{1 - \alpha z^{-1}}$$

where  $|\alpha| < 1$  for stability

- Note:  $H_0(z)$  is a highpass filter with a zero at  $z = 1$  and  $H_1(z)$  is a lowpass filter with a zero at  $z = -1$

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## IIR Comb Filters

- For a maximum gain of 0 dB, the scale factor  $K$  of  $H_0(z)$  should be set equal to  $(1 + \alpha)/2$  and the scale factor  $K$  of  $H_1(z)$  should be set equal to  $(1 - \alpha)/2$
- The corresponding transfer functions of the comb filters of order  $L$  are

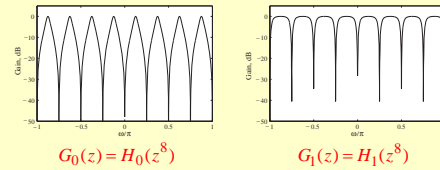
$$G_0(z) = K \frac{1 - z^{-L}}{1 - \alpha z^{-L}}, \quad G_1(z) = K \frac{1 + z^{-L}}{1 - \alpha z^{-L}}$$

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## IIR Comb Filters

- Gain responses of the IIR comb filters generated from  $H_0(z)$  and  $H_1(z)$  for  $L = 8$  are shown below



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