

The Golden Ratio and Signal Quantization

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Abstract

Optický nebo zvukový signál je obecně funkce z podmnožiny \mathbb{R}^n do \mathbb{R} . V případě fotografie je definiční obor celá plocha scény a obor hodnot je jas v daném místě (pro černobílý obrázek). V případě zvukového signálu je definiční obor čas a obor hodnot je amplituda. Pokud chceme signál převést na digitální data, nutně musíme ztratit nějakou informaci, neboť konečný objem dat pojme pouze konečné množství hodnot.

Omezení definičního oboru se provádí tzv. samplováním, kdy se vezmou data pouze z konečného počtu bodů, obvykle z mřížky. Omezení oboru hodnot se provádí tzv. kvantizací, kdy z hodnoty napětí x na výstupu měřícího přístroje vygenerujeme konečnou posloupnost bitů (nul a jedniček), která předepsaným způsobem reprezentuje danou hodnotu napětí. Právě kvantizací se zabývá tento příspěvek.

Běžně se používá binární kvantizace, kdy se postupně čtou jednotlivé bity binárního rozvoje x . Problém však je, že jeden chybně přečtený bit nutně znamená chybný výsledek. Toto se pokusíme odstranit použitím soustavy o základu zlatý řez $\tau \approx 1.618$, který řeší rovnici $\tau^2 = \tau + 1$. S úspěchem využijeme několika jeho vlastností: zmíněná rovnice má koeficienty pouze 0 a ± 1 ; platí $1 < \tau < 2$; soustava o základu τ je redundantní (čísla mají více vyjádření).

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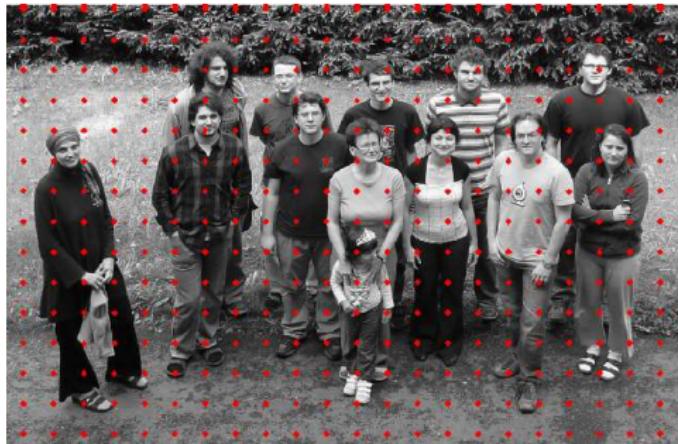
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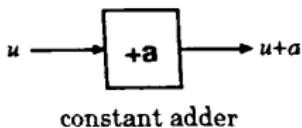
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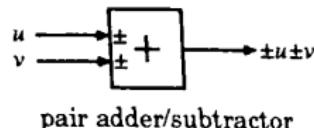
Reality:

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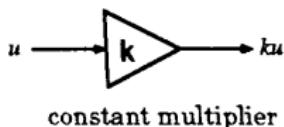
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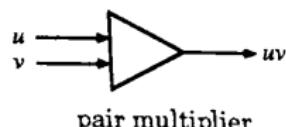
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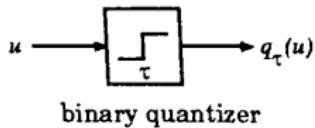
pair adder/subtractor



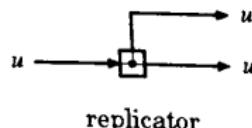
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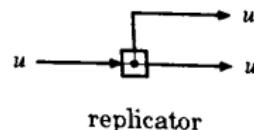
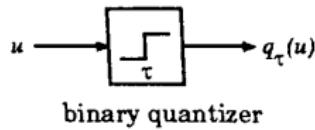
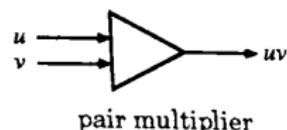
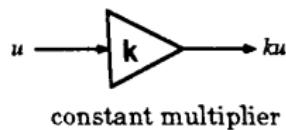
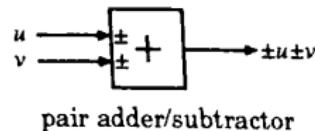
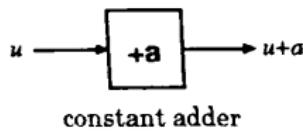
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Reality: no this component is accurate

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- + Exponential accuracy, error = $\mathcal{O}(2^{-N})$
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$$x \in \mathbf{X} = [0, 1); \quad u_0 \in (0, 1) \text{ arbitrary};$$

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$$T_Q : \begin{bmatrix} u_n \\ u_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} u_{n+1} \\ u_{n+2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_n \\ u_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} - Q(u_n, u_{n+1}) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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What properties we needed for the proof?

- β satisfies $\beta^d = a_{d-1}\beta^{d-1} + \cdots + a_1\beta + a_0$ with $a_i \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$
- $\beta \in (1, 2)$

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Q_1 is not robust to flaky q^{ν_1, ν_2} , because (u_n) can get unbounded no matter how close $\nu_{1,2}$ are to 1.

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Theorem

Let $\mu, \alpha_{\min, \max}(\mu)$ as above. For every $\alpha \in (\alpha_{\min}(\mu), \alpha_{\max}(\mu))$ there exists $\nu_1 < \nu_2$ and $\eta > 0$ such that GRE with $Q_{\alpha'}^{\nu_1, \nu_2}$ is stable for $|\alpha' - \alpha| < \eta$ and $\epsilon_n < \mu$.

Stable encoder = the encoding converges, but the string (b_n) need not to represent x .

Conclusion

We constructed a A/D encoder with:

- ① exponential accuracy
- ② robustness with respect to multiplication and quantization
- ③ the usage of a Golden ratio :-)

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