

## finite-wordlength effect in

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### Digital filters

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The basic fundamental operations involved in DSP algorithms like convolution, correlation, DFT, FFT etc. are multiplication and addition.

These operations are performed using input sequence  $x(n)$ , impulse sequence  $h(n)$  and the co-efficients of the difference equation governing the system.

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The input and output data are stored in register in a digital system or different memory location in the form of binary values.

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The maximum size of the binary information that can be stored in a memory location or register is known as "word-length".

\* When a register stores an 8-bit data then its wordlength is 8-bit.

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\* Quantization & coding depends on register wordlength.

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\* Quantization & coding will introduce error in input-data; because analog data has infinite precision but digital equivalent has finite precision.

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There are some error occurred due to the process of finite precision representation of binary numbers in digital system. These errors are commonly called as "finite word length effects or errors".

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\* finite wordlength effects in digital filters —

(1) Errors due to quantization of I/p data by A/D converter.

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(2) Error due to quantization of filter co-efficients.

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(3) Errors due to rounding of products in multiplication.

(4) Error due to overflow in addition.

\* Representation of Numbers —

(a) fixed point representation

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(b) floating " " " "

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(a) fixed point Representation — Bits allowed for integer & fractional part and so position of binary point is fixed.

Drawback → Due to the fixed integer & fractional

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Part - too large and too small values cannot be represented.

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Types - (i) Sign magnitude form

$$(2.75)_{10} = (010.1100)_2$$

$$(-2.75)_{10} = (110.1100)_2$$

(ii) One's Complement form (for negative)

(iii) Two's Complement form ( " " )

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Floating Point Representation :-

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$$N_f = M \times 2^E$$

M = Mantissa  $\rightarrow$  it will be in binary fraction form.

$$0.5 < M < 1$$

E = Exponent  $\rightarrow$  either a positive or negative integer.

$$(i) +7_{10} = +111_2 = 0.1110 \times 2^3 = 0.111 \times 2^{+3}$$

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$$(ii) -7_{10} = -111_2 = 1.111 \times 2^0 = 1.1110 \times 2^{+0}$$

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## Quantization: or Truncation

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In fixed point or floating point arithmetic the size of the result of the operation may exceed the size of binary used in the number system. In this case, the low order bits has to be eliminated in order to store the result.

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Method  $\rightarrow$  \* Truncation

\* Rounding

\* Truncation  $\rightarrow$  8 bits to 4 bits

0.01110011  $\rightarrow$  0.0111

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\* Rounding  $\rightarrow$  0.101010 rounded to 4 bits  
= 0.1010 or 0.1011

Rounding error  $\rightarrow E_r = H_r - H$

$\downarrow$   $\downarrow$   
Quantized member  
Unquantized member

Range:

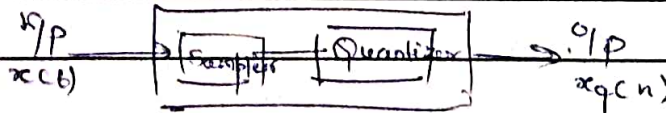
or rounded member

$$-\frac{2^{-b}}{2} \leq e_r \leq \frac{2^{-b}}{2}$$

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$b =$  no. of rounded bits.

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Block-diagram of  
A/D Converter

# Quantization in filter Coefficient-

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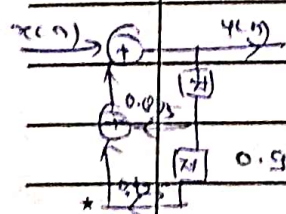
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Ex:-  $H(z) = \frac{1}{(1-0.5z^{-1})(1-0.45z^{-1})}$  3-bit-coefficient-



$$= \frac{z^2}{(z-0.5)(z-0.45)} = \frac{1}{(1-0.95z^{-1}+0.225z^{-2})}$$

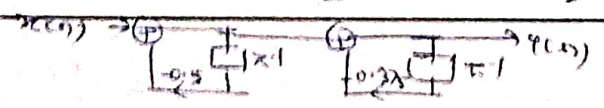
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for cascade:-  $H_1(z) = \frac{1}{1-0.5z^{-1}}$   $H_2(z) = \frac{1}{1-0.45z^{-1}}$

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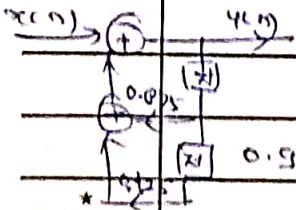
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