

Program – Butterworth Band-pass Filter Design

In the previous program, a filter bank of 10 4th order Butterworth band pass filters was designed. The filters, defined by their b and a coefficients, were designed using MATLAB's built in 'butter' function. In this program, you write your own filter design function that replaces the call to the MATLAB built-in.

Like the previous programs, once you save your function with the name butter_bpf4.m in the same folder as the main program, your function should be picked up and used instead of the MATLAB function.

This document describes how to design a 4th order Butterworth BPF. It does not have any code, but it should help you write your own.

Requirement: We need to design a digital 4th order Butterworth band pass filter with cutoffs ω_{c1} and ω_{c2} (radians). I.e. we need to generate something of the form of

$$H(z) = \frac{b_0 + b_1 \cdot z^{-1} + b_2 \cdot z^{-2} + b_3 \cdot z^{-3} + b_4 \cdot z^{-4}}{a_0 + a_1 \cdot z^{-1} + a_2 \cdot z^{-2} + a_3 \cdot z^{-3} + a_4 \cdot z^{-4}}$$

A function butter_bpf4 should be written that accepts cutoffs ω_{c1} and ω_{c2} as arguments and returns the filter coefficients a_0 to a_4 , and b_0 to b_4 as vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .

`function [ba] = butter_bpf4(wc1, wc2)`

Steps:

1. Calculate analog filter characteristics by frequency warping (you may assume $T=2$):

- a. $\Omega_{c1} = \frac{2}{T} \tan \frac{\omega_{c1}}{2}$
- b. $\Omega_{c2} = \frac{2}{T} \tan \frac{\omega_{c2}}{2}$
- c. $\Omega_0 = \sqrt{\Omega_{c1} \cdot \Omega_{c2}}$
- d. $BW = \Omega_{c2} - \Omega_{c1}$

2. Since we need a 4th order BPF, we need to start with a 2nd order LPF:

- a. We know the normalized 2nd order LPF is

$$H_2(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + \sqrt{2}s + 1}$$

- b. The transformation that converts a normalized LPF $H_1(s)$ to a band pass filter with the given characteristics is

$$s_{LP} \leftarrow \frac{s^2 + \Omega_0^2}{s \cdot BW}$$

- c. This gives us a 4th order BPF

$$H'(s) = \frac{BW^2 s^2}{s^4 + \sqrt{2} \cdot BW \cdot s^3 + (BW^2 + 2 \cdot \Omega_0^2) \cdot s^2 + \sqrt{2} \cdot BW \cdot \Omega_0^2 \cdot s + \Omega_0^4}$$

- d. Let us rewrite it in terms of symbols c, d, e, f and g for simplicity

$$H'(s) = \frac{c \cdot s^2}{s^4 + d \cdot s^3 + e \cdot s^2 + f \cdot s + g}$$

where $c = BW^2, d = \sqrt{2} \cdot BW, e = (BW^2 + 2 \cdot \Omega_0^2), f = \sqrt{2} \cdot BW \cdot \Omega_0^2, g = \Omega_0^4$.

In your code, compute $c, d, e, f,$ and g using the formulas obtained above.

3. Convert the analog LPF to a digital one using the Bilinear transform (assuming $T = 2$)

- a. Find $H(z)$ as

$$H(z) = H'(s) \mid s \leftarrow \frac{1 - z^{-1}}{1 + z^{-1}}$$

Upon substitution and simplification, we get,

$$H(z) = \frac{c - 2 \cdot c \cdot z^{-2} + c \cdot z^{-4}}{(1 + d + e + f + g) + (-2 \cdot d + 2 \cdot f + 4 \cdot g - 4) \cdot z^{-1} + (6 \cdot g - 2 \cdot e + 6) \cdot z^{-2} + (2 \cdot d - 2 \cdot f + 4 \cdot g - 4) \cdot z^{-3} + (1 - d + e - f + g) \cdot z^{-4}}$$

- b. Comparing $H(z)$ with

$$H(z) = \frac{b_0 + b_1 \cdot z^{-1} + b_2 \cdot z^{-2} + b_3 \cdot z^{-3} + b_4 \cdot z^{-4}}{a_0 + a_1 \cdot z^{-1} + a_2 \cdot z^{-2} + a_3 \cdot z^{-3} + a_4 \cdot z^{-4}}$$

where $b_0 = c, b_1 = 0, b_2 = -2 \cdot c, \dots, a_0 = (1 + d + e + f + g), a_1 = (-2 \cdot d + 2 \cdot f + 4 \cdot g - 4),$ etc..

In your code, compute b and a coefficients using the formulas above. Remember, in MATLAB, b_0 has to be stored in $b(1), b_1$ in $b(2),$ and so on. Similarly, a_0 gets stored in $a(1),$ etc.

- c. **Calculate $K = 1/a_0$. Multiply all coefficients a_n and b_n by K . This changes a_0 to 1 without changing the equation itself.** (It is the convention to force $a_0 = 1,$ since it is the coefficient of $y(n)$. This avoids a division by a_0 when calculating $y(n)$.)

You have completed the design of a 4th order Butterworth band pass filter. Your function returns the b and a coefficients obtained above.

Verification:

Let $wc1 = 1$ and $wc2 = 2$. Run your filter design function as: $[b \ a] = \text{butter_bpf4}(wc1, wc2)$

Run MATLAB's built-in Butterworth design function as: $[b1 \ a1] = \text{butter}(2, [wc1 \ wc2]/pi)$

Check that $b1$ and $a1$ should be identical to the b and a obtained from your function.

Troubleshooting:

If your coefficients don't match in the verification step, set $wc1=1$, $wc2=2$ and check all intermediary calculations by printing them out in your program:

For $wc1=1$ and $wc2=2$:

$oc1 = 0.5463$, $oc2 = 1.5574$, $o0 = 0.9224$, $BW = 1.0111$,

$c = 1.0223$, $d = 1.4299$, $e = 2.7240$, $f = 1.2166$, $g = 0.7239$

Before multiplication by K: $b0 = 1.0223$, $b1 = 0$, $b2 = -2.0447$, $b3 = 0$, $b4 = 1.0223$

Before multiplication by K: $a0 = 7.0944$, $a1 = -1.5311$, $a2 = 4.8954$, $a3 = -0.6778$, $a4 = 1.8013$

After multiplication by K: $b = 0.1441 \quad 0 \quad -0.2882 \quad 0 \quad 0.1441$

After multiplication by K: $a = 1.0000 \quad -0.2158 \quad 0.6900 \quad -0.0955 \quad 0.2539$

Don't hardcode these values into your program!

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