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A given digital processing system is realized by computers by relating input and output by difference equation. Coefficient error is due to quantizing of each coefficient of the difference equation to the number of levels available by the registers of the computer. Then there is an error due to the exact value of the coefficient in the difference equation and the quantized value of the implemented system. The implemented system characteristics can be found easily and compared to the original system to determine the error.

A/D quantization error is due to putting each sampled value of the signal to one of the levels. The result is a signal that has error that vary from sample to sample. We will establish a model for this error.

The reason for the model is to avoid nonlinear analysis which is difficult. It is good to know some statistical properties of the error. This is a statistically equivalent model. We defined two sequences to be statistically equivalent if they have the same statistical properties. For example the values of random sequence generated by one computer may be different than the values by another computer but the statistical properties of the two are the same.

Let  $y_1(n)$  be the response of LTI system to  $x_1(n)$  and  $y_2(n)$  be the response of the same system to  $x_2(n)$ .

$y_1(n)$  and  $y_2(n)$  are statistically equivalent if  $x_1(n)$  and  $x_2(n)$  are statistically equivalent.

This result will enable us to find statistics of the system response by making a model for the input statistics. With this statistically equivalent concept we can avoid the nonlinear analysis of the error of quantization.

## II. A/D QUANTIZATION ERROR

A general model for A/D converter is the tandem connection between a sampler and a quantizer. Figure 1 shows the block diagram. In this paper the effect of finite length word will be examined.

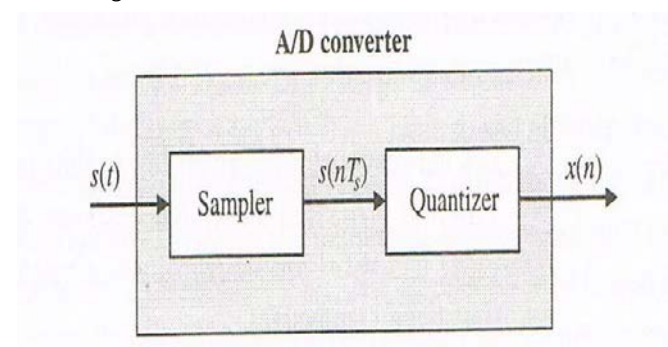


Figure 1 : The block diagram

We have  $b$  bits so the register can have  $2^b$  values and each sample is quantized to one of the values. The A/D quantization error is  $q(n) = x(n) - s(nT_s)$  and this is the difference between the quantized value and the sample value. The output of A/D converter is the sequence  $x(n)$  then is processed by the DSP system and the output is given to D/A converter. The DSP system is LTI so we can use superposition to express the response  $z(n)$  where  $y(n)$  is the response for  $s(nT_s)$  and  $e(n)$  is the response for  $q(n)$ .

To find  $e(n)$  we have to know  $q(n)$ . To know  $q(n)$  we have to know  $s(t)$ . But  $s(t)$  is a signal that has information and the information might change. It is not important to know the sequence  $q(n)$  but the statistical properties can help. In the case that we will study the statistical properties of  $q(n)$  do not depend on  $s(t)$ , it is independent of the input signal. And a mean square error can be achieved without specific  $s(t)$ .

The approach we use in this paper is statistical equivalence. Two independent sequences which have the same statistics are said to be statistically equivalent. We find that two different LSI system responses are

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statistically equivalent if the corresponding inputs are statistically equivalent. Thus the desired properties of  $e(n)$  can be found by examining sequences that are statistically equivalent to  $q(n)$ . we will study the statistical properties of the input  $q(n)$  and then draw conclusions about the output  $e(n)$ . we will show this experimentally.

In A/D converter the amplitude rang is divided to intervals

$$-\frac{1}{2}\tilde{q} \leq s(nT_s) < \frac{1}{2}\tilde{q} \quad (1)$$

Figure 1 is a graph of  $x(n)$  versus  $s(nT)$  which is the transfer characteristic. This is a uniform quantizer.

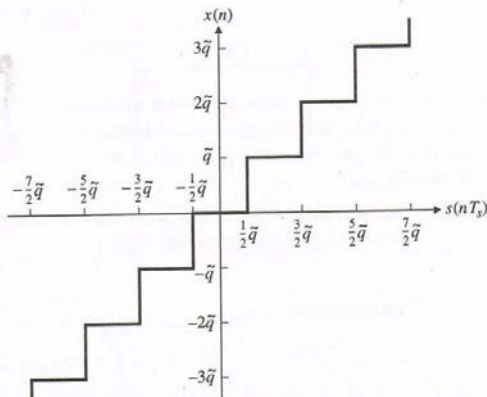


Figure 2 : The transfer characteristics for the input and output

Observe that the normalized quantization error is between  $-.5$  and  $.5$ . if the error sequence is equally likely distributed we will have a PDF as in figure 2. If the input is constant we will have a constant error which we can model as an impulse PDF at this value.

For equally likely distributed sequence the probability of the error to be between zero and  $.1$  is just the area under the PDF curve

$$\int_{-0.01\tilde{q}}^{0.01\tilde{q}} P_1(q) dq = \int_{-0.01\tilde{q}}^{0.01\tilde{q}} \frac{1}{\tilde{q}} dq = 0.01 \quad (2)$$

The total area under the PDF is 100% meaning that the event will happen

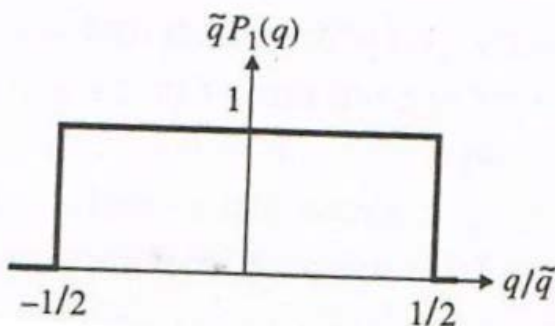


Figure 3 : The equally likely PDF

$$\int_{-0.5\tilde{q}}^{0.5\tilde{q}} P_1(q) dq = 1 \quad (3)$$

I mean it is certain to have a value between  $-.5$  and  $.5$

The model that we will develop is based on this:

The values of the sequence  $q(n)$  has equally PDF and for  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  so that  $q(n_1)$  is independent of  $q(n_2)$  if:

1. The sampled sequence  $s(nT)$  is not periodic
2. The probability of  $s(nT)=s(mT)$  is zero
3. The width of the quantization error is small

Note that with this result we can study the quantization error no matter what  $s(t)$  is? That is because the error is independent of it. The random sequence for the given PDF can be easily generated with MATLAB.

The width of the equally likely PDF is a function of the quantization level. I mean we can generate equally likely sequence with PDF width  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  and  $T_3$ . The amplitude of the PDFs is  $1/T_1$  and  $1/T_2$  and  $1/T_3$ . For each PDF  $e(n_1)$  is independent of error  $e(n_2)$  were  $n_1$  not equal to  $n_2$ .

First we have to find the PDF of  $e_2(n)=q(n)+q(n-1)$ . The probability of  $q(n)$  is equally likely and the probability of  $q(n-1)$  is also equally likely and they are statistically independent. The probability of the sum is the convolution of the two PDFs

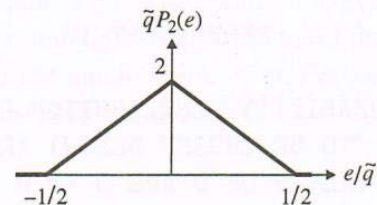


Figure 4 : The PDF of  $q(n)+q(n-1)$

$$P_2(e) = 2 \int_{-\frac{1}{2}\tilde{q}}^{\frac{1}{2}\tilde{q}} P_1(q) P_2(2e - q) dq \quad (4)$$

This result depend on the fact that  $q(n)$  and  $q(n-1)$  are statistically independent. We can generate  $q(n) + q(n-1)$  experimentally using a computer and if we got the shape of the expected graph we can draw conclusions about independence.

The PDF for  $q(n)$  or  $P_1$  is as in figure 3. The PDF For  $q(n-1)$  is also as in figure 3. As we say the PDF of the sum  $P_2$  is the convolution of the two equally likely PDFs which is figure 4 keeping in mind that  $q(n)$  and  $q(n-1)$  are statistically independent.

In this paper I will use the fact that the time constant of an exponential is a measure of the width of the equally likely PDF. I make this assumption to make calculations easier. This is only an estimate to keep things simple.

We begin by analyzing the geometric view of the transfer function in the frequency domain

$$H_a(s) = \frac{a}{s + b}, \quad (5)$$

This system has one pole and the time constant =  $b$ . The gain at  $\omega_0$  is

$$|H_a(j\omega_0)| = \frac{|a|}{|j\omega_0 + b|} \quad (6)$$

The gain can be expressed as

$$|H_a(j\omega_0)| = \frac{|a|}{\sqrt{\omega_0^2 + b^2}} = \frac{|a|}{l_p} \quad (7)$$

That is the system gain at frequency  $\omega_0$  is equal to a constant divided by the distance from the pole to the point  $\omega_0$  at the  $j\omega$  axis. This system is a low pass filter.

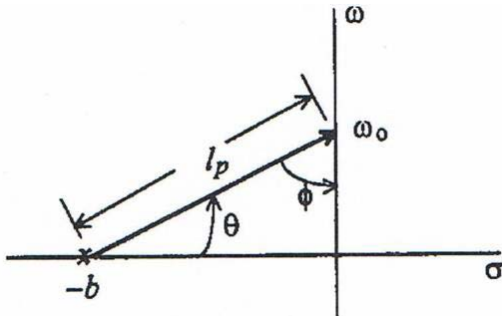


Figure 5 : Distance From The Pole To  $\omega_0$  On The  $j\omega$  Axis

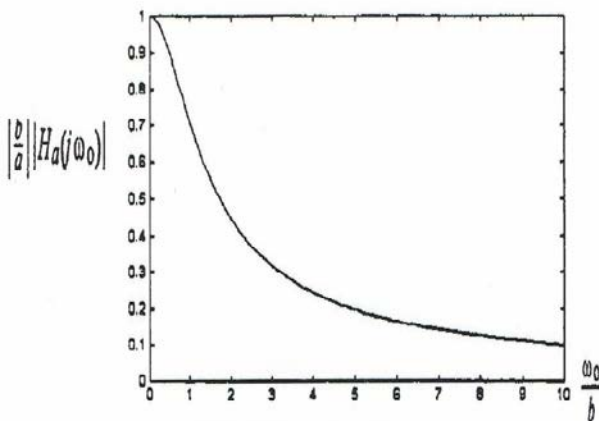


Figure 6 : A low pass filter

### III. CONVOLUTION

As you can see we have three time constants 4, 6 and 8. We will use them as a base to generate the wanted PDF. When we add the three random sequences with these statistics the result sequence has a PDF that is equal to the convolution of the first and the second and the third PDF.

I mean the first sequence has a PDF1 with time constant 4 and the second sequence has PDF2 with time constant 6 and the third sequence has PDF3 with time constant 8.

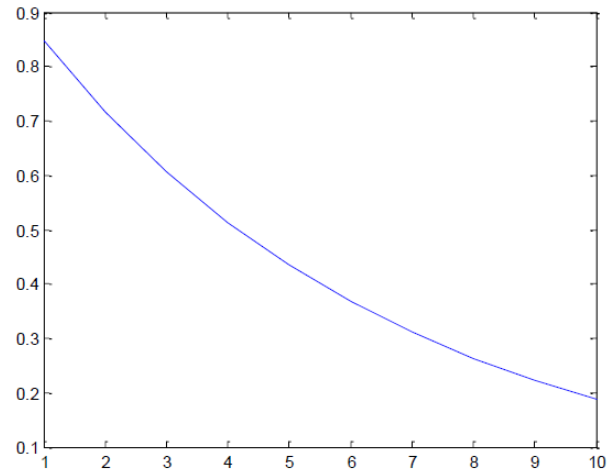


Figure 7 : Exponential with time constant 8

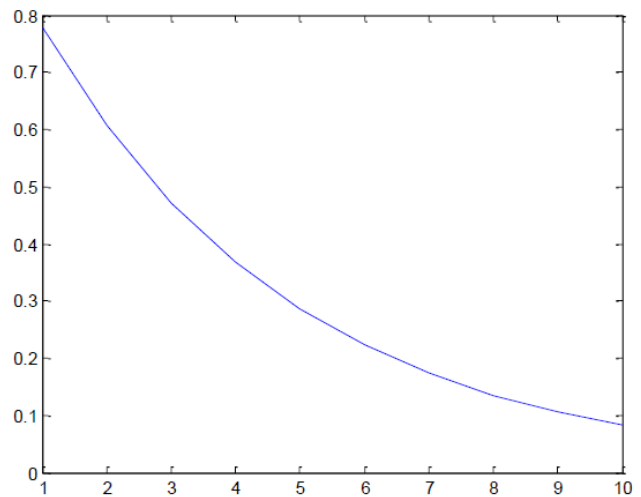


Figure 8 : Exponential with time constant 6

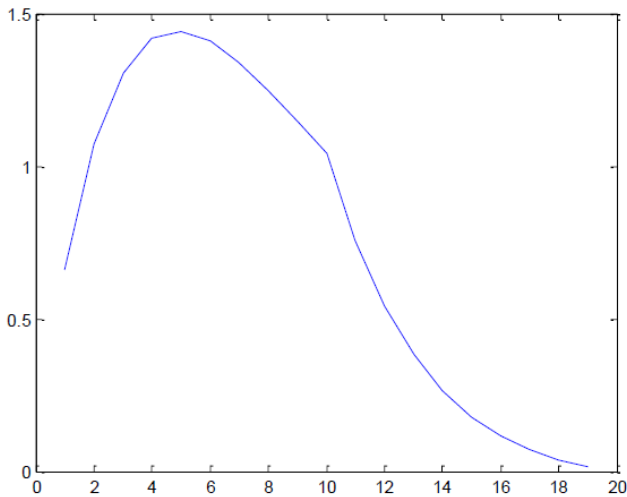


Figure 9 : Convolution of the two exponentials with time constant 6 and 8

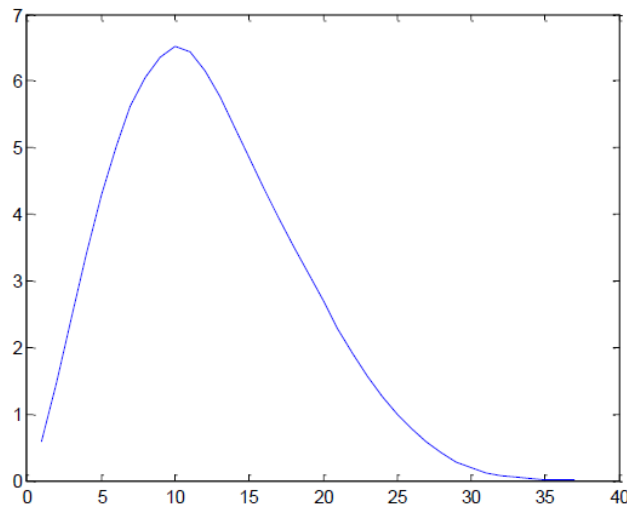


Figure 10 : Convolution of the three exponentials with time constant 4, 6 and 8

#### IV. GEOMETRIC VIEW OF GAIN

Some uses of Laplace transform was illustrated in the last part. The importance of this technique is that it shows a physical relation between the poles and the gain. One of the bases for PDF design.

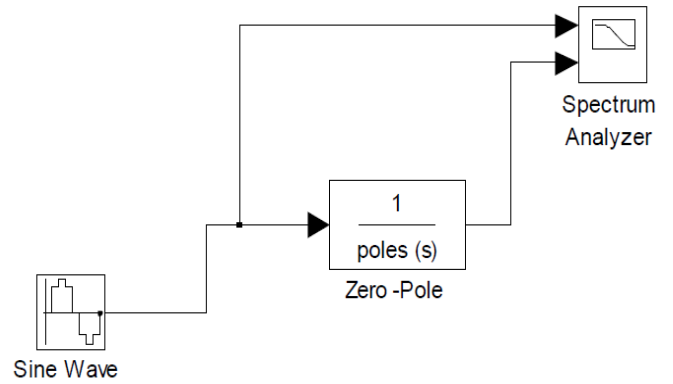


Figure 11 : The frequency response of the system of three poles

We can say that the system gain at frequency  $\omega_0$  is equal to a constant divided by the product of the distances from the system function poles to the point  $\omega_0$  on the  $\omega$  axis.

As you can see the three time constants translate to three poles in the  $s$  plan. Adjusting the locations of the poles can give us an estimate of the frequency response of the wanted PDF.

If we have a wanted PDF that we want to design. First we take the Laplace transform. Second we place the three poles in the  $s$  plan to give the best estimate for this transform. This way we can design for any PDF using our base of three exponentials with three time constants.

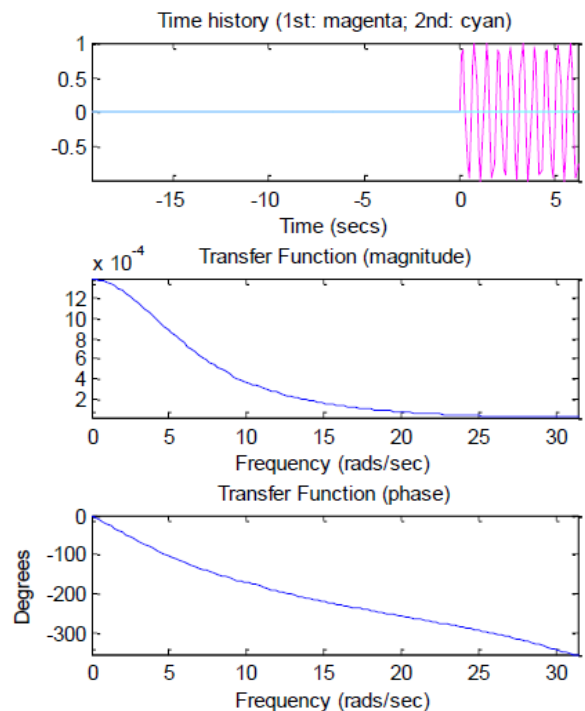


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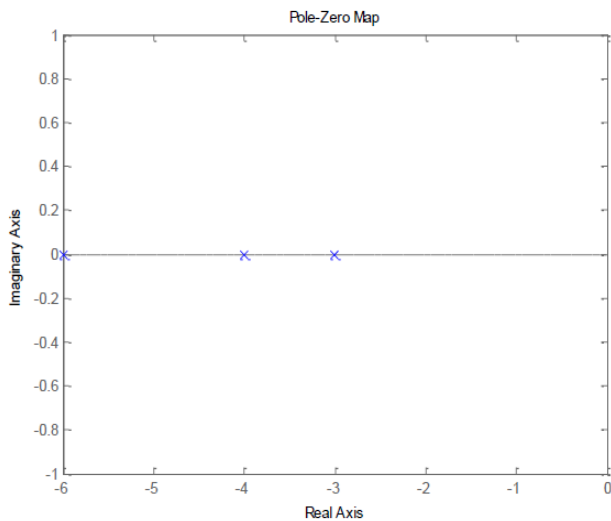


Figure 13 : The location of the three poles on the s plan

## V. CONCLUSION

In this paper we generated equally likely PDF sequence using quantization. An input let us say sin wave sampled at a rate more than ten times its frequency and the sampling rate not periodic with the sin wave frequency. The output samples is given to a ten level quantize in the dynamic rang of the sin wave. We found that the output is an equally likely PDF sequence. Then we use this sequence to generate a wanted sequence with any wanted PDF.

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