

Comparative Analysis of Active Noise Cancellation Techniques

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Abstract — The active noise reducing headphone is probably the most successful application of active control of sound – the technology of canceling sound with sound. This report presents an outlined technical review of noise cancellation in headphones. The principles of active attenuation is introduced showing the attenuation performance. The implementations of the noise cancellation system are described, including a briefing on the possible combination system. Noise is defined as any kind of undesirable disturbance, whether it is borne by electrical, acoustic, vibration, or any other kind of media. Noise consists of unwanted waveforms that can interfere with communication. Noise cancellation is a method to reduce or completely cancel out undesirable sound. Noise cancellation tries to 'block' the sound at the source instead of trying to prevent the sounds from entering our ear canals.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Active Noise Cancellation (ANC) is a technique for decreasing undesired commotion. ANC is accomplished by presenting a wiping out "antinoise" wave through optional sources. These auxiliary sources are interconnected through an electronic framework utilizing a particular sign preparing calculation for the specific cancellation plan. Our task is to assemble a Noise-wiping out earphone by method for dynamic clamor control. Basically, this includes utilizing a receiver, set close to the ear, and electronic hardware which produces an "antinoise" sound wave with the inverse extremity of the sound wave landing at the amplifier. This outcomes in dangerous impedance, which counteracts the commotion inside the encased volume of the earphone. This paper will illustrate

The methodologies that we thought on handling the commotion cancellation impacts, alongside results correlation. Dynamic commotion control (ANC) is a technique for diminishing the undesirable aggravations by the presentation of controllable auxiliary sources, whose yields are masterminded to meddle ruinously with the unsettling influence from the first essential source. With a specific end goal to get great cancellation, it is for the most part essential that the optional source is acclimated to make up for changes in the essential clamor source.

Commotion cancellation in earphones depends on the acoustic seclusion normal for earphones with dynamic clamor diminishment. By their temperament, earphones hinder out some level of outside clamor in light of the fact that the ear-containers ingest it, yet dynamic commotion control goes above and beyond and decrease the commotion that figures out how to traverse. Dynamic earphones are utilized principally as a part of exceedingly boisterous situations to shield the client from the intemperate clamor. Such earphones more often than not utilize both aloof and dynamic clamor constriction.

Aloof weakening happens when the approaching sound is blocked or lessened by the earphone shell covering the ear. This is best at high frequencies. In the dynamic constriction of sound an amplifier set inside the earphone shell delivers the counter clamor flag in this way effectively dropping the outer commotion. This functions admirably at low frequencies. "A decent earphone will successfully join low recurrence dynamic weakening with high recurrence detached constriction to give high lessening of the outer commotion at a wide recurrence range." [1]

II. BASIC CONCEPT OF NOISE CANCELLATION

The Noise Cancellation makes utilization of the idea of ruinous obstruction. At the point when two sinusoidal waves superimpose, the subsequent waveform relies on upon the recurrence abundance and relative period of the two waves. On the off chance that the first wave and the opposite of the first wave experience at an intersection in the meantime add up to Cancellation happen. The difficulties are to distinguish the first flag and produce the reverse immediately in all bearings where commotions associate and superimpose.

The conventional way to deal with acoustic commotion control utilizes latent methods, for example, nooks, obstructions, and silencers to constrict the undesired clamor.

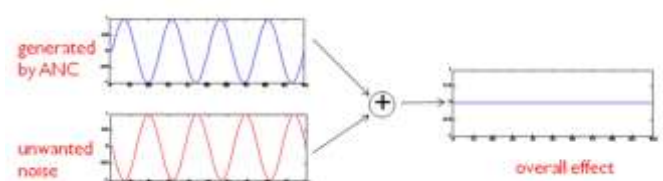


Fig 1: Signal Cancellation of two waves 180° out of stage.

These uninvolved silencers are esteemed for their high lessening over a wide recurrence range; notwithstanding, they are generally huge, excessive, and ineffectual at low frequencies. Then again, the ANC framework effectively lessens low-recurrence commotion where detached techniques are either insufficient or have a tendency to be exceptionally costly or cumbersome. In particular, ANC can piece specifically. ANC is growing quickly in light of the fact that it licenses upgrades in clamor control, frequently with potential advantages in size, weight, volume, and expense. Blocking low recurrence has the need following most genuine clamors are underneath 1 KHz, for instance motor commotion or commotion from air ships. This fundamentally drove us to center our undertaking on low recurrence clamor cancelation.

III. APPLICATION

The sort of use is characterized by the decision of the signs procured from the earth to be the info and craved yield signals. The quantity of various applications in which versatile methods are as a rule effectively utilized has expanded immensely amid the most recent two decades. A few illustrations are reverberation cancelation, evening out of dispersive channels, framework recognizable proof, signal upgrade, versatile shaft shaping, commotion crossing out, and control.

1. Adaptive-Filter Structure: The versatile channel can be actualized in various distinctive structures or acknowledge. The decision of the structure can impact the computational many-sided quality (measure of number-crunching operations per emphasis) of the procedure furthermore the important number of cycles to accomplish a coveted execution level. Essentially, there are two noteworthy classes of versatile computerized channel acknowledge, recognized by the type of the drive reaction, to be specific the limited - length motivation reaction (FIR) channel and the unending term drive reaction (IIR) channels. FIR channels are generally executed with non-recursive structures, though IIR channels use recursive acknowledge.

2. Adaptive FIR channel acknowledge: The most generally utilized versatile FIR channel structure is the transversal channel, additionally called tapped postponement line, that actualizes an every one of the zero exchange capacity with a canonic direct frame acknowledgment without input. For this acknowledgment, the yield signal $y(k)$ is a direct blend of the channel coefficients, that yields a quadratic mean-square blunder ($MSE = E[|e(k)|^2]$) capacity with an extraordinary ideal arrangement. Other option versatile FIR acknowledge are additionally utilized as a part of request to get changes when contrasted with the transversal channel structure, as far as computational many-sided quality, pace of joining, and limited word length properties.

3. Adaptive IIR channel acknowledge: The most broadly utilized acknowledgment of versatile IIR channels is the canonic direct frame acknowledgment, because of its basic usage and examination. Be that as it may, there are some inborn issues identified with recursive versatile channels which are structure reliant, for example, shaft solidness observing necessity and moderate velocity of union. To address these issues, diverse acknowledge were proposed

endeavoring to beat the restrictions of the immediate structure. Among these option structures, the course, the cross section, and the parallel acknowledge are considered due to their one of a kind elements [6].

4. Algorithm: The calculation is the strategy used to change the versatile channel coefficients so as to minimize a recommended foundation. The calculation is controlled by characterizing the hunt technique (or minimization calculation), the goal capacity, and the mistake signal nature. The decision of the calculation decides a few critical parts of the general versatile procedure, for example, presence of problematic arrangements, one-sided ideal arrangement, and computational many-sided quality.

IV. ADAPTIVE FILTER FRAMEWORK

Since the qualities of the acoustic clamor source and nature are time changing, the recurrence content, abundancy, stage, and sound speed of the undesired commotion are nonstationary. An ANC framework should consequently be versatile keeping in mind the end goal to adapt to these varieties. Versatile channels change their coefficients to minimize a blunder flag and can be acknowledged as (transversal) limited motivation reaction (FIR), (recursive) unending drive reaction (IIR), cross section, and change area channels. The most widely recognized type of versatile channel is the transversal channel utilizing the minimum mean-square (LMS) calculation. Figure 2 demonstrates a structure of versatile channel. Fundamentally, there is a customizable channel with information X and yield Y . We will likely minimize the contrast between "d" also, "Y", where "d" is the coveted sign. Once the distinction is figured, the versatile calculation will conform the channel coefficients with the distinction. There are numerous versatile calculations accessible in writing, the most prominent ones being LMS (minimum mean-square) and RLS (Recursive slightest squares) calculations. In light of a legitimate concern for computational time, we utilized the LMS.

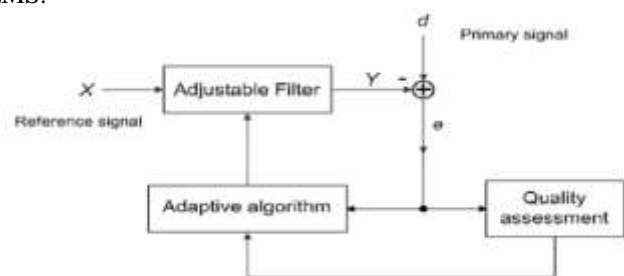


Fig 2. adaptive filter framework

V. LMS (LEAST MEAN SQUARE) ALGORITHM

Active control at a number of error sensors is achieved by detecting the waveform of the primary sources with a number of noise sensors, and feeding these signals through a matrix of control filters to a set of secondary sources. Fig 3 shows the typical block diagram of such a case. "It is assumed that there are K noise sensors, and thus K reference signals, M secondary sources which are loudspeakers for headphones and L error sensors where $L \geq M$ is assumed (only single element

for each of the sources and signals shown in Fig 3, assumed repetitive). The K reference signals are fed to a matrix of adaptive filters whose outputs are used to drive M secondary sources, with output signals $y_m(n)$. The (m, k)-th filter, which is assumed time invariant for the time being, has coefficients, w_{mki} , so that the output from the m-th secondary source can be expressed as" [3]

$$y_m(n) = \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{i=0}^{J-1} w_{mki} x_k(n-i) \quad (1)$$

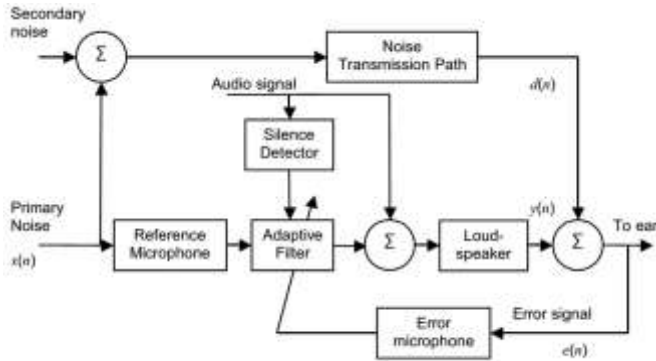


Fig.3 Block diagram of noise cancellation using LMS algorithm "adapted from [2]"

"Each control filter is linearly coupled to each of L error sensors, with outputs $e_l(n)$, via secondary paths which can be modeled as (fixed) J-th order FIR filters (where J can be as large as necessary), so that

$$e_l(n) = d_l(n) + \sum_{m=1}^M \sum_{j=0}^{J-1} c_{lmj} y_m(n-j) \quad (2)$$

where c_{lmj} are the coefficients of the (m, l) –th filter and $d_l(n)$ is the secondary noise at the l –th error sensor in the absence of control" [3], i.e. due to the primary field, not detected by the reference microphone. Substituting equation (1) into (2) gives

$$e_l(n) = d_l(n) + \sum_{m=1}^M \sum_{i=0}^{I-1} \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{j=0}^{J-1} c_{lmj} w_{mki} x_k(n-i-j) \quad (3)$$

which may be rewritten as a single summation over the number of control filter coefficients (MKI) as

$$e_l(n) = d_l(n) + \sum_{m=1}^M \sum_{i=0}^{I-1} \sum_{k=1}^K w_{mki} r_{lmk}(n-i-j) \quad (4)$$

where r_{lmk} is the k-th reference signal filtered by the response of the path from the m-th secondary source to the l-th error sensor.

$$r_{lmk}(n) = \sum_{j=0}^{J-1} c_{lmj} x_k(n-i) \quad (5)$$

We now seek the stochastic gradient algorithm, which adjusts all the control filter coefficients to minimize the instantaneous cost function equal to the sum of the squared signals at the error sensors:

$$J(n) = \sum_{l=1}^L e_l^2(n) \quad (6)$$

The derivative of J(n) with respect to the general control filter coefficient mki

$$\frac{\partial J(n)}{\partial w_{mki}} = 2 \sum_{l=1}^L e_l(n) \frac{\partial e_l(n)}{\partial w_{mki}} = 2 \sum_{l=1}^L e_l(n) r_{lmk}(n-i) \quad (7)$$

where the final expression follows from equation (4). Updating each filter coefficient by an amount proportional to $-\frac{\partial J(n)}{\partial w_{mki}}$ at every sample time leads to a simple form of LMS algorithm.

$$w_{mki}(n+1) = w_{mki}(n) - \alpha \sum_{l=1}^L e_l(n) r_{lmk}(n-i) \quad (8)$$

where α is a convergence coefficient. "Since multiple channels are assumed, the equation (8) is called a Multiple Error LMS algorithm. The success of the control algorithm depends on a number of factors including whether i) the reference signals persistently excite the control filters so that ill-conditioning is avoided, ii) the FIR model of each secondary path can be accurately measured so that the true filtered reference signals can be generated, iii) the speed of the adaptation of the control filter coefficients is sufficiently slow so as not to invalidate the assumption that the control filters are time invariant." [3]

VI. NORMALIZED LMS ALGORITHM

In LMS algorithm, when the convergence factor μ is large, the algorithm experiences a gradient noise amplification problem. In order to solve this difficulty, we can use the NLMS (Normalized Least Mean Square) algorithm. The correction applied to the weight vector $w(n)$ at iteration $n+1$ is "normalized" with respect to the squared Euclidian norm of the input vector $x(n)$ at iteration n [6][12]. We may view the NLMS algorithm as a time-varying step-size algorithm, calculating the convergence factor μ as in Eq.9

$$\mu(n) = \frac{\alpha}{c + \|x(n)\|^2} \quad (9)$$

where α is the NLMS adaption constant, which optimize the convergence rate of the algorithm and should satisfy the condition $0 < \alpha < 2$, and c is the constant term for normalization, which is always less than 1. The filter weights using NLMS algorithm are updated by the Eq. (10).

$$w(n+1) = w(n) + \frac{\alpha}{c + \|x(n)\|^2} e(n)x(n) \quad (10)$$

VII. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

In this section we are comparing the performance of the LMS and NLMS algorithms for noise cancellation. The algorithms are implemented according to the steps. Figure 4 shows that, the Input sinusoidal signal and random noise signal. Figure 5 shows that, the noise present in the sinusoidal signal and is eliminated using LMS filter algorithm of order 5. Figure 6 shows that, the noise present in the sinusoidal signal and is eliminated using NLMS filter algorithm of order 5.

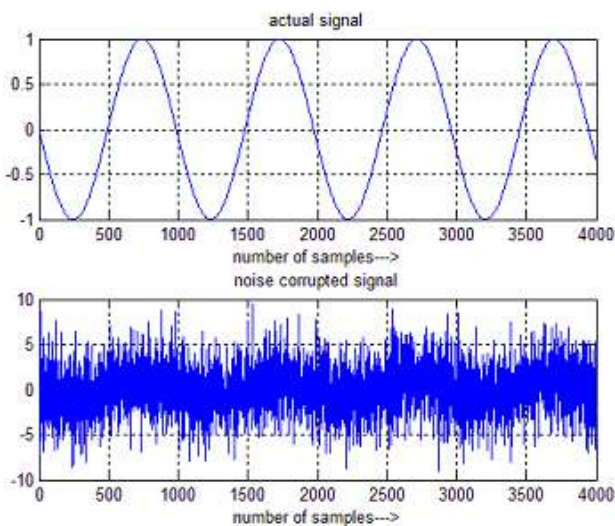


Fig 4 input and noise signal

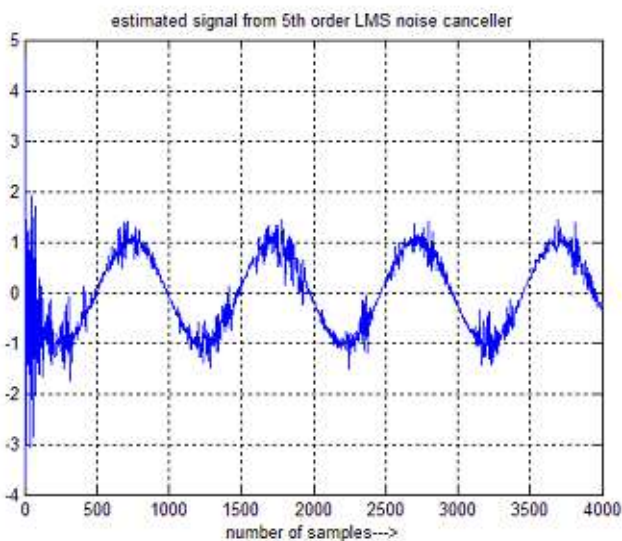


Fig 5.LMS filter output

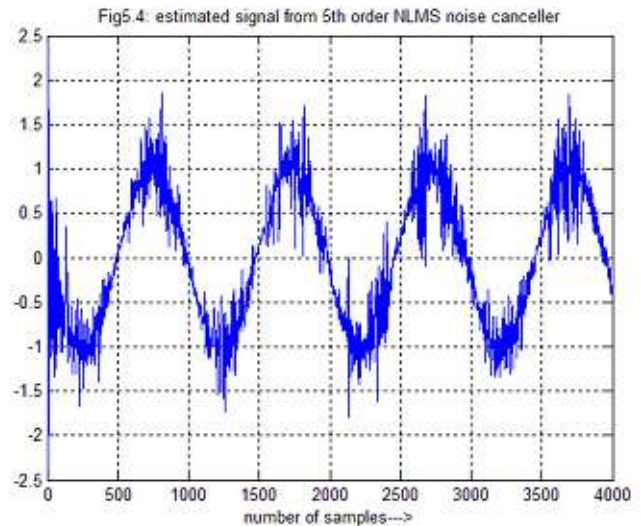


Fig.6 NLMS Filter output

VIII. CONCLUSION

This report has described methods by which active noise cancellation can be achieved. The two methods that is LMS and NLMS adaptive filter is particularly appropriate. This report is to investigate the application of an algorithm based on adaptive filtering in noise cancellation problem. The LMS algorithm has been shown to produce good results in a noise cancellation problem.

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