

# Software-based Control Algorithm for Providing Convergence Region with an Increasing Polynomial under Windowed FIR Filters

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**Abstract:** This work developed a control algorithm for dynamical systems to high performance manner, in a way to produce an optimum output applying a modification in digital filters, capable of increasing the convergence zone within the desired cut -off frequency. Such task focused on consistently improving the challenge present in digital filters, which are time-invariant linear systems that are able to modify connected input signal characteristics, where only a specific signal component of the frequency is able to reach the filter output. In dynamic systems, digital filters are applied to optimize system measurements with respect to performance and stability. This work, through C and C# coding demonstrates a modification to windowed low-pass filters within the  $\pi$  sample space. The  $\pi$  sample space is divided, and small parts of the equation are added into a polynomial of degree  $n$ ; this technique removes unwanted frequency components in small angular frequency windows, causing acceleration of the signal with respect to the windowed low-pass filter. This feature is very important in dynamic measurement systems because the system achieves an increased number in values closer to the target to obtain an average that indicates values with a high level of accuracy and repeatability. This work also conducted a series of experiments to verify and validate the control algorithm, this software was fully implemented in embedded industrial systems, which support low-level C coding language that is the industry standard.

**Keywords:** Control Algorithm, Software Development, Digital Windowed Filter, Digital Signal Processing, Low-level Programming

## Introduction

The unceasing challenge to improve digital signals accuracy and performance requires a software and processing time capabilities that are met only by costly hardware employment. Therefore, it brings several practical financial business limitations to most of industries from telecommunications, to cars, to machines present manufacturing in industrial sites and any other

system that demands digital signal processing within better boundaries and in less time. This work shows a software-based control algorithm solution that can be implemented requiring low- cost hardware and that can be embedded to almost every device with a digital filter that processes signals aimed to increase precision, reduce processing time and increase productivity with a 50% improvement in the cut-off frequency convergence in FIR filter type low pass. This algorithm creates, to the best of

our knowledge, a comprehensive new solution that can be applied to solve, in a satisfactory manner, the defies that lie ahead the digital signal processing task, i.e. filters. The work was developed using C low-level programming language and C# to computationally achieve the objective. It is also interesting to point out that using this programmable technique an increase of 48.8% in standard deviation gain.

Filters are time-invariant linear systems that are able to modify input signals, where only the frequency component of a specific signal is able to reach the filter output. The consideration of analog signals  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$  and a filter designed as a response function for impulse  $h(t)$  is shown in (1):

$$y(t) = h(t) * x(t) \tag{1}$$

In the frequency domain, this can be equated as shown in (2):

$$Y(j\omega) = H(j\omega) * X(j\omega) \tag{2}$$

Considering that the digital filter implemented is a Digital Signal Processor (DSP) and that the purpose is to process an analog signal  $x(t)$  sampled by an analog into a Digital Converter (ADC) and an output  $y(t)$  generated by a digital into an analog converter (DAC), then it is possible to characterize a digital filtering (Bimbi Jr. *et al.*, 2016a; 2016b) system as shown in Fig. 1 (Butterweck, 1975).

If the signals being processed are digital, then the diagram can be summarized as shown in Fig. 2 (Butterweck, 1975).

To implement a digital and Linear Invariant Time (LTI) filter, a DSP is required; the computational algorithms of the DSP will be described. The algorithms can be represented as block diagrams using basic structures, such as unit delays, gains and feedbacks. The structures of the block diagrams are similar to the differential equation of the filter, also known as the canonical structure (Adams and Willson Jr., 1983):

### Signals and Systems

Signals are present in various electronic systems for measurement and analysis. A signal can generally be specified as a function that carries information. For analysis and decisions regarding the carried information, we apply the Digital Signal Processing (DSP) technique. In general, signals are generated by physical processes and require a transducer that translates these physical measurements into an electrical signal in order to be analyzed for digital processing (Adams and Willson Jr., 1984). A fundamental aspect of this implementation is the quantization and sampling of the signal; this aspect is directly connected to the quantity of samples. To proceed with the analysis, a continuous-time signal (or a discrete-time signal) is converted into a sample sequence. After the digital signal processing, this sequence may be converted back into a continuous-time signal (Ahmed *et al.*, 1974). Digital signal processing can be described as when an analog signal is acquired and digitalized through sampling and when a filter is applied to obtain only the part that is desired during processing (Akansu and Medley, 1999). Signals can be characterized into categories, which are dependent on time, frequency and amplitude values. Continuous-time or analog signals are defined over any value of time that can be assumed in a continuous range. Thus, these signals can be represented by a function of continuous variables. Discrete-time signals are defined only at specific time values (Antoniou, 1982). They are represented mathematically by a sequence  $x$  of complex real numbers, where the  $n^{th}$  number of this sequence is denoted  $x[n]$ , as shown in (3):

$$X = \{x[n]\}, -\infty < n < \infty \tag{3}$$

where,  $n$  is an integer and samplings are acquired through a periodic and time-invariant process of sampling the analog signal. Thus, the numerical value of the  $n^{th}$  number of this sampled sequence will equal the analog value  $xa(t)$  in discrete time  $nT$  as (4) demonstrates:

$$[n] = xa(nT), -\infty < n < \infty \tag{4}$$



Fig. 1: Architecture of a digital filter



Fig. 2: Summary of the architecture of a digital filter

Continuous- or discrete-time signals can assume any amplitude value within finite or infinite space (i.e., they are continuous with respect to the amplitude values). Digital signals are discrete with respect to both time and amplitude. Thus, it can assume values within a finite set of possible values (Avenhaus, 1972).

Signals can be deterministic or random; any signal that can be specified by a mathematical equation, data table or well- defined rule is called a deterministic signal. However, in practical applications, signals cannot be accurately represented by mathematical equations or complex descriptions. This behavior indicates signals that are unpredictable in time, which are called random signals (Belevitch, 1968).

### Linear Time-Invariant (LTI) Systems as Frequency Selector Filters

The term filter is used to describe a device or function that discriminates the property or attribute that will be accepted as a function of an input object (i.e., what passes through it) (Boyd and Vandenberghe, 2004). An LTI system fits this description by filtering or discriminating frequency components as its input. The method of filtering is defined by the frequency response  $H(\omega)$ , which is entirely dependent on the parameterization of the system. Accordingly, it is possible to design filters that are capable of performing the selection of frequency components in some bands and attenuating frequency component signals in other bands (Antoniou, 1993). An LTI system modifies the spectrum of the input signal  $X(\omega)$  according to the frequency response  $H(\omega)$ , which leads to an output signal with a spectrum  $Y(\omega) = H(\omega)X(\omega)$ . In general,  $H(\omega)$  acts as a weight function for different frequency components of the input signal. Thus, an LTI system can be viewed as a filter, although it does not entirely block any frequency component of the input signal. Accordingly, one can conclude that a filter is a process used in digital signal processing that aims to perform a frequency selection and can be applied to noise removals, spectral analysis, and other applications. Filters are classified according to their features within the frequency domain; examples of filters are high-pass, low-pass, band- pass and band-stop (Antoniou, 2006).

### Sequences through Fourier Transform

Similar to continuous-time signals, discrete-time signals can be demonstrated in different ways. One possible and applicable technique is the transformation of the time domain signal into a frequency domain through the Fourier transform technique, as (5) demonstrates (Antoniou and Rezk, 1977):

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X(e^{j\omega}) e^{j\omega n} d\omega \quad (5)$$

where,  $X(e^{j\omega})$  is described by (6):

$$X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] e^{-j\omega n} \quad (6)$$

The Fourier transform is a complex function of  $\omega$ . Its frequency response can be expressed by  $X(\omega)$ , as shown by (7) or (8) in polar form:

$$X(e^{j\omega}) = X_R(e^{j\omega}) + jX_I(e^{j\omega}) \quad (7)$$

$$X(e^{j\omega}) = |X(e^{j\omega})| e^{j\angle X(e^{j\omega})} \quad (8)$$

Equation 11 describes the magnitude and phase of the Fourier transform. There are cases where we can prove that the Fourier transform is not able to converge; in these cases, the Z-transform can be applied. Considering that (5) and (6) are inverse, one should consider (9) (Benvenuto *et al.*, 1984):

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left( \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x[m] e^{-j\omega m} \right) e^{j\omega n} d\omega = \overline{x[n]} \quad (9)$$

By executing the inversion of the integration operation with the summation operation, we obtain (10):

$$\overline{x[n]} = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x[m] \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{j\omega(n-m)} d\omega \right) \quad (10)$$

By applying the integral within the parentheses, (11) is obtained:

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{j\omega(n-m)} d\omega = \begin{cases} 1, m = n \\ 0, m \neq n \\ \delta[m - n] \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

Accordingly, (12) can be determined:

$$\overline{x[n]} = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x[m] (\delta[n - m]) = x[n] \quad (12)$$

### Z-Transform

The Z-transform is a mathematical tool that applies to signal and system analyses. The Z-transform characterizes the discrete form of the Laplace transform. By applying the Fourier transform, a sequence can be characterized by (13) (Bomar, 1989):

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] (z^{-n}) \quad (13)$$

Defining  $z$  as  $e^{j\omega}$ , one can characterize the Z-transform as shown in (14):

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] (z^{-n}) \quad (14)$$

Equation 14 is also called a bilateral Z-transform; the unilateral Z-transform is described by (15), where the boundaries of the summation are limited by  $n$  starting at zero, thus determining its unilateral nature:

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x[n](z^{-n}) \quad (15)$$

A relationship between the Fourier transform and the Z-transform can be observed. If we determine that  $z$  is a complex variable, it can be described by  $e^{j\omega} = \cos(\omega) + j\sin(\omega)$ ; thus, the Z-transform becomes the Fourier transform. For  $z = r^{e^{j\omega}}$ , the circumference of the imaginary plane (i.e., the Z-plane) is determined, which is a circle with a unit radius equal to 1. Accordingly, the Z-transform when calculated for a circle with a unit radius is equal to the Fourier transform (Bomar and Joseph, 1987).

### Sampling Theorem

In general, discrete-time signals can be conceived in different ways. The most common and applicable way is to carry out a representation of the continuous-time signals.

This occurs when digital signal processing is carried out through a sequence obtained within a sample space. Within this sample space, readings are performed (i.e., the sample acquisition); the quantity of samples, based on the frequency that the signal resonates at, determines the precision and repeatability of its reconstitution. Accordingly, in a sample space, we obtain a sequence  $x[n]$  that is obtained from continuous-time signal (Bomar *et al.*, 1997).

To carry out such a process, it is necessary to implement an ADC converter. An ADC converter is a very important element: it samples and quantizes the values of a continuous-time signal (TAGHOUTI, 2010). Accordingly, it is necessary for evaluating parameters, such as the quantization of the output, linearity, resolution and sampling frequency. During ADC conversion, it is necessary to choose a discrete number of samples from the continuous signal to be processed. The main problem in this field is the choice of the

number of samples; a reduced number of samples different from the demand may result in a distorted representation of the signal (Boyd and Vandenberghe, 2004). Accordingly, criterion when choosing the reconstitution frequency can be determined by using the Nyquist-Shannon theorem, where the sampling frequency is at least twice the fundamental frequency of the discrete-time signal. In practical terms, due to the sampling time (Senthilkum and Natarajan, 2008), a frequency that extrapolates the fundamental frequency of the signal is often applied, thus generating points between smaller intervals and ensuring a reliable reconstitution (Burrus and Parks, 1970).

### Digital Filters

A discrete-time system is mathematically defined as the execution of a transformation that maps an input sequence  $x[n]$  into an output sequence  $y[n]$  (PANICH, 2010). During digital signal processing, this procedure is generally intended for the manipulation of a signal; as an example, one can apply a system for checking weight in a dynamic form, where the variable that is important to the system is the weight, which is a DC component represented by a load cell. However, such acquisition requires the removal of unwanted components, such as vibrations generated by motors, rollers, bearings and conveyors, as well as electrical and electromagnetic noise that is present in the process (Butterweck, 1975).

### FIR Filters

The architecture of an FIR filter (finite impulse response filter) (AMIN, 2011) has a general and regular behavior, since its coefficients are defined. These coefficients are defined by the choice of behavior required for the process or application. In a measurement system, as mentioned above, the DC component is interesting for the weight reconstitution: it allows low-pass type filters to be applicable, where the pass-band is limited as a low-order frequency that tends towards the DC level (with a frequency equal to 0) (Butterweck *et al.*, 1984). The architecture of an FIR filter can be seen in Fig. 3.

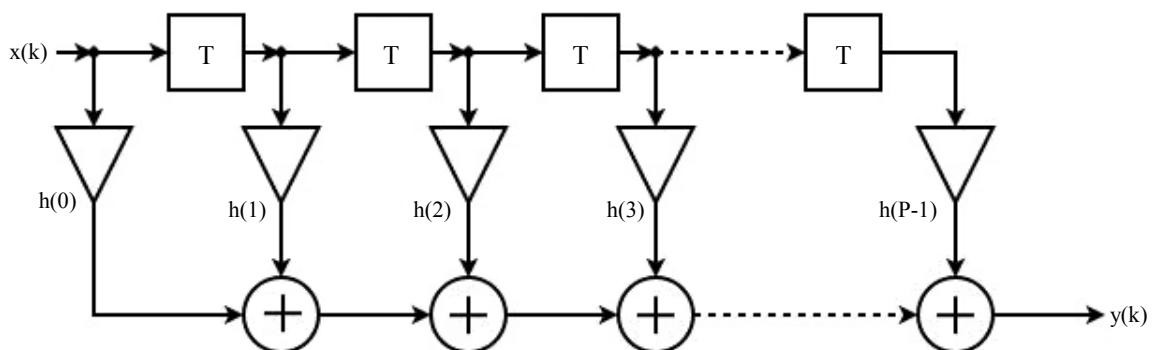


Fig. 3: Architecture of an FIR filter

FIR filters can implement different functions by simply changing their coefficients and performing as low-pass, high-pass, band-pass or band-stop filters. For practical applications, filters do not have ideal characteristics, and their responses may contain ripples in a certain transition band. Accordingly, it can be said that even with the implementation of filters, an ideal response is not obtained when analyzing their spectra.

Because the system attempts to measure only DC components that represent weights with frequencies tending towards zero, an interesting application is designing windows; in these windows, we can select frequencies appropriate for the desired behavior, which truncates the impulse response and obtains a causal and non-linear phase FIR filter. A windowed filter is characterized by a linear phase during its pass-band and a zero response during the stopband. An ideal low-pass filter with a  $w_c < \pi$  bandwidth is described by (16):

$$H_d(e^{j\omega}) = \begin{cases} 1, & |w| \leq w_c \\ 0, & w_c < |w| \leq \pi \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

where,  $w_c$  is the cutoff frequency and  $\omega$  is the sample delay. The filter response to infinite duration is given by (17) and (18):

$$h_d[n] = \delta^{-1}[H_d(e^{j\omega})] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} H_d(e^{j\omega}) e^{j\omega n} d\omega \quad (17)$$

$$h_d[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-w_c}^{w_c} 1(e^{j\omega}) e^{j\omega n} d\omega = \frac{\sin[w_c(n - \omega)]}{\pi(n - \omega)} \quad (18)$$

To get an FIR filter from  $h_d[n]$ , we need to truncate the values of  $h_d[n]$  on both sides. Thus, we determine a linear-phase causal FIR filter in  $h[n]$  of length  $M$ , shown by (19):

$$h[n] = \begin{cases} h_d[n], & 0 \leq n \leq M - 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (19)$$

With this, we obtain  $\omega = (M - 1)/2$ . This operation is called windowing, where a symmetric function is obtained with respect to the ranges of  $\omega$  over  $0 \leq n \leq M - 1$ , where zero is outside of the range.

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The distortion reduction within a window carried out by a filter is an important factor regarding the rejection of undesirable points in present lobes, which are not acceptable beyond the main lobe; this occurs because it represents frequencies that are not required for that filter.

As the number of  $M$  coefficients grows, the width of each side lobe decreases, but the area over the lobes remains constant (Cabezas and Diniz, 1990). This causes oscillations and ripples to experience peaks near the band edges. This fact is called the "Gibbs phenomenon." To carry out the proposal of reducing distortion within a window from the many applicable windows, it is necessary to adapt the window equation. In this study, reference windows are calculated by the Hamming window (20), the Hann window (21) and the Blackman window (22), where  $n$  is equal to the current coefficient of the filter and  $M$  is the total number of coefficients:

$$w[n] = 0,54 - 0,46 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n}{M}\right) \quad (20)$$

$$w[n] = 0,50 - 0,50 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n}{M}\right) \quad (21)$$

$$w[n] = 0,42 - 0,50 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n}{M}\right) + 0,08 \cos\left(\frac{4\pi n}{M}\right) \quad (22)$$

The factor of  $2\pi$  represents the entire spectrum of the radian axes. This technique enables the insertion of new points during the windowing process; this is due to the division of the  $2\pi$  radians spectrum into smaller points to exert a more efficient filter. This occurs with the implementation of a polynomial of degree  $n$  applied to  $2\pi$ , in addition to the constant factor, in order to maintain linearity. In Figs. 4 and 5, the full radian axis and the total division of the spectrum can be observed, respectively.

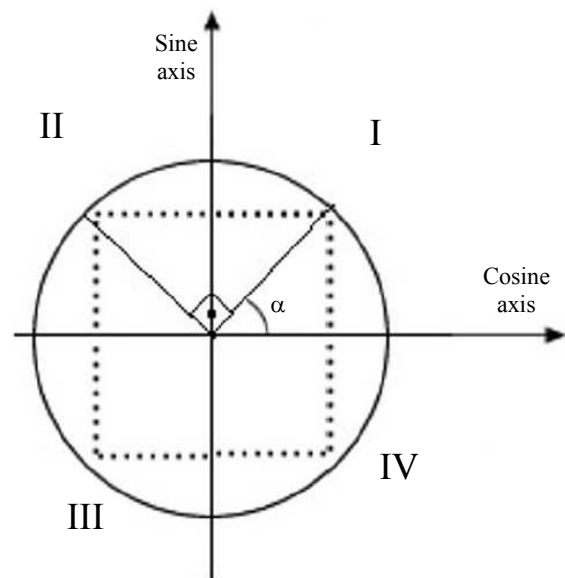


Fig. 4: Full 2π radian spectrum

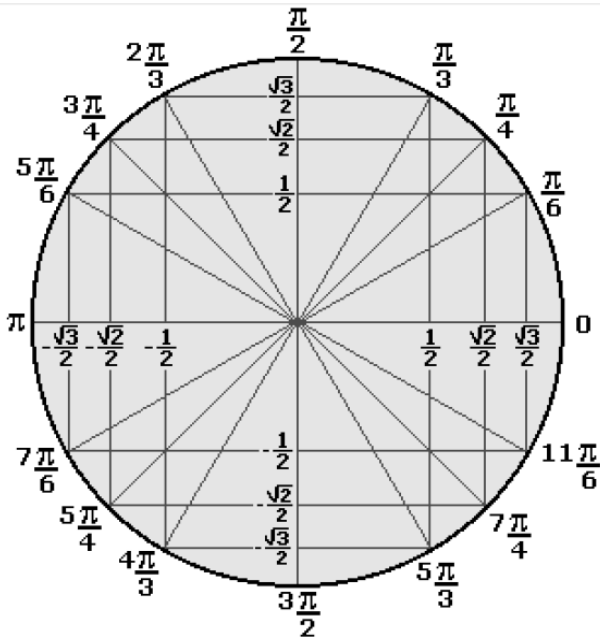


Fig. 5: Full  $2\pi$  radian spectrum divided into smaller points

The central focus of this process is minimizing the effect of smaller lobes that are not included in the cut-off frequency determined for the system; this consists of the sum of window  $w[n]$  with a polynomial of degree  $nx-1$  for  $nx \geq 0$ . The described implementation can be visualized in (23) (i.e., the Bimbi polynomial):

$$w[n] = \left[ \sum_{y=0}^{y=M} F1 - F2 \cos\left(\frac{2^{(n-y)} \pi n}{M}\right) \right] G \quad (23)$$

where,  $G$  is described by (24):

$$G = \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{n=M} \left( \frac{1}{w[n]} \right) \right] \quad (24)$$

Equation 25 describes the sum the polynomial applied to  $w[n]$  using a windowed filter, where  $F1$  is the window constant factor,  $F2$  is the portion applied to the cosine,  $n$  is the current filter coefficient,  $M$  is the number of filter coefficients and  $G$  is the gain.

## Implementation and Results

For development and execution of this work, the following software and equipment were used: the Visual Studio compiler (C# platform), a library with the purpose of mathematical/graphical development, and proofing by comparing the state-of-the-art techniques available (i.e., Hamming, Hann and Blackman) with the methods proposed in this study. For the application of

the Visual Studio compiler with the DSPLab library, a tool is developed that is capable of carrying out digital filters, which provides a greater number of tests and comparisons by applying deterministic signals that have control of the following parameters:

- a) Analog source
  - Sine
- b) Amplitude (V)
- c) Signal frequency (Hz)
- d) Sampling frequency (Hz)
- e) Digital analog converter resolution (bits)
- f) Level (Vpp)
- g) Choice of digital filter (e.g., a state-of-the-art filter or a filter with application of the polynomial)
  - Hamming-windowed low-pass filter
  - Hann-windowed low-pass filter
  - Blackman-windowed low-pass filter
- h) Selection of the cutoff frequency applied to the digital filter
- i) Digital filter dimension (M)
- j) Visualization of the response in the time domain
- k) Visualization of the response in the frequency domain
- l) Impulse response

For the graphic results, the "IPT\_Filter\_Design" tool was developed based on the DSPLab library. With this tool, it was possible to run tests in the time and frequency domains with sine-type signals that had the following characteristics:

- Amplitude (5 Vdc)
- Frequency (5 Hz)
- Sampling frequency (10 kHz)
- ADC resolution (16 bit)
- Peak-to-peak voltage (5 Vdc)
- Coefficients (101)

Figure 6 shows the sine-type signal as a function of the mentioned characteristics, where tests with the Hamming, Hann and Blackman windows with a 1 Hz cut-off frequency are implemented.

Figures 7 and 8 compare the results in the time domain between a Hamming filter and Hamming filter with polynomial alteration respectively.

Figure 9 shows the code to calculates the coefficients for Hamming window in art state and polynomial form.

Figure 16 shows the code to calculates the coefficients for Hann window in art state and polynomial form.

Figures 10 and 11 compare the frequency domain results between the Hamming filter and the Hamming filter with polynomial alteration respectively.

Figures 12 and 13 compare the results of the impulse response between the Hamming filter and the Hamming filter with polynomial alteration respectively.

Figures 14 and 15 compare the results in the time domain between a Hann filter and Hann filter with polynomial alteration respectively.

Figures 17 and 18 compare the frequency domain results between the Hann filter and the Hann filter with polynomial alteration respectively.

Figures 19 and 20 compare the results of the impulse response between the Hann filter and the Hann filter with polynomial alteration respectively.

Figures 21 and 22 compare the results in the time domain between a Blackman filter and Blackman filter with polynomial alteration respectively.

Figure 23 shows the code to calculates the coefficients for Blackman window in art state and polynomial form.

Figures 24 and 25 compare the frequency domain results between the Blackman filter and the Blackman filter with polynomial alteration respectively.

Figures 26 and 27 compare the results of the impulse response between the Blackman filter and the Blackman filter with polynomial alteration respectively.

Figures 28 and 29 compare the results of the poles and zeros between the Hamming filter and the Hamming filter with polynomial alteration (with 20 coefficients) respectively.

Figures 30 and 31 compare the results of the poles and zeros between the Hamming filter and the Hamming filter with polynomial alteration (with 100 coefficients) respectively.

Figure 32 shows the code to apply calculated coefficients in acquired samples for all cases in FIR filters.

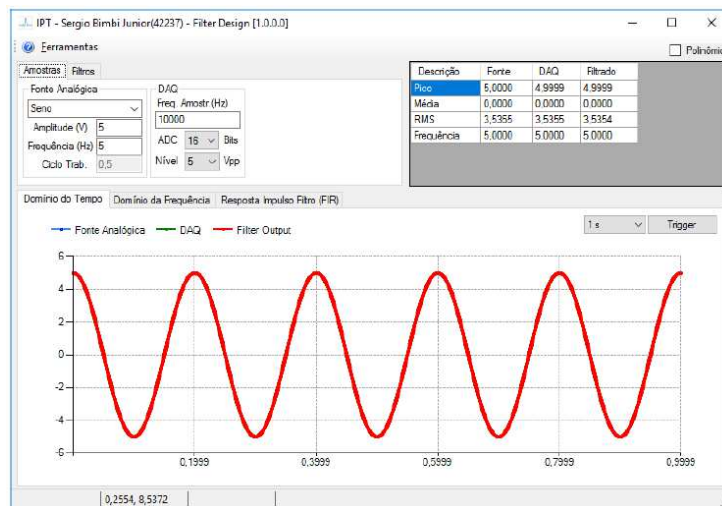


Fig. 6: Sine-type base signal

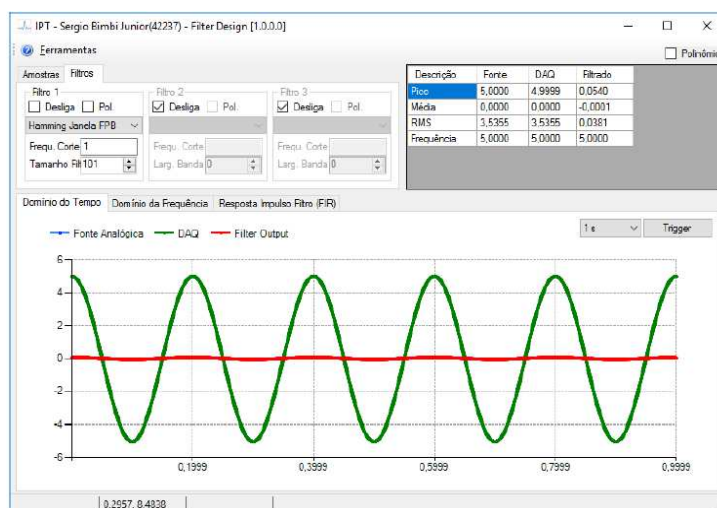


Fig. 7: Hamming window response in the time domain (1 Hz cut-off frequency)

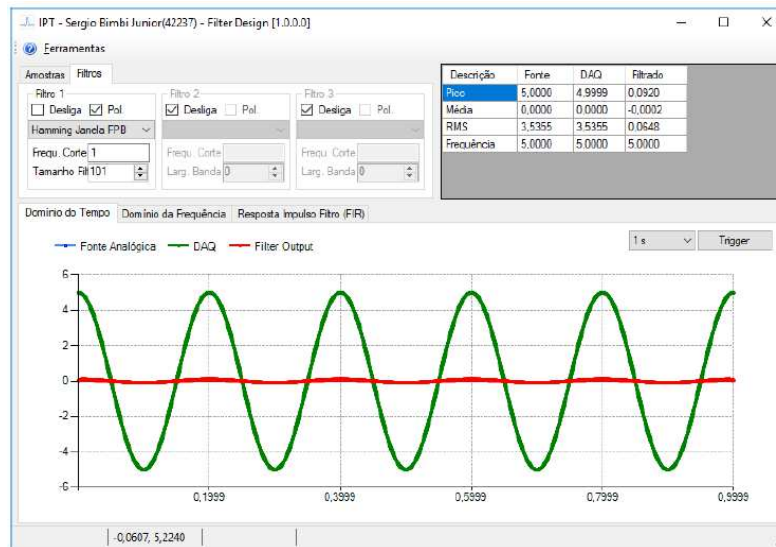


Fig. 8: Hamming window response in the time domain (1 Hz cut-off frequency, changed by the polynomial)

```
// Calculates Hamming window
case FirWindowType.Hamming:
// Limit by number of coefficients
for (int x = 0; x < FilterSize; x++)
// Hamming window, low pass type, state of the art
if (_bEstadoPolinomio == false)
{
result[x] = 0.54 - 0.46 * Math.Cos((2 * PI * x) / (FilterSize - 1));
}
// Hamming window, low pass type, with proposed polynomial
else
{
for (int z = 1; z < (FilterSize); z++)
{
result[x] = ((result[x] + (0.54 - 0.46 * Math.Cos(((Math.Pow(2.0, 2 - z)) * PI * x) / (FilterSize - 1)))));
}
}
// Saves values to plot
for (int x = 0; x < FilterSize; x++) resultbuffer[x] = result[x];
for (int x = 0; x < FilterSize; x++) result[x] = resultbuffer[x] / (FilterSize/10);
break;
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Fig. 9: Hamming window code calculates the coefficients in art state and polynomial form

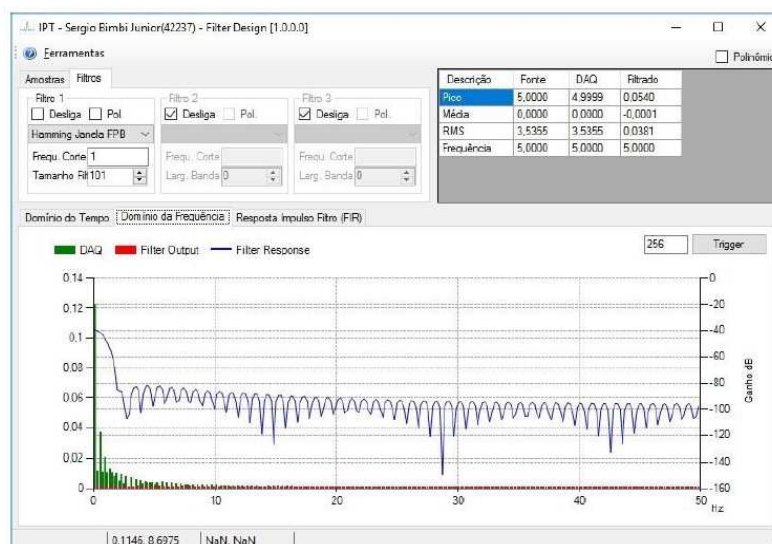


Fig. 10: Hamming window response in the frequency domain (1 Hz cut-off frequency)



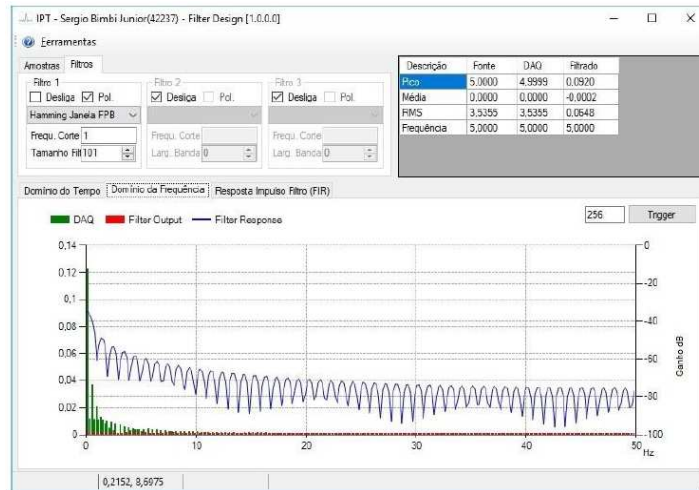


Fig. 11: Hamming window response in the frequency domain (1 Hz cut-off frequency, changed by the polynomial)

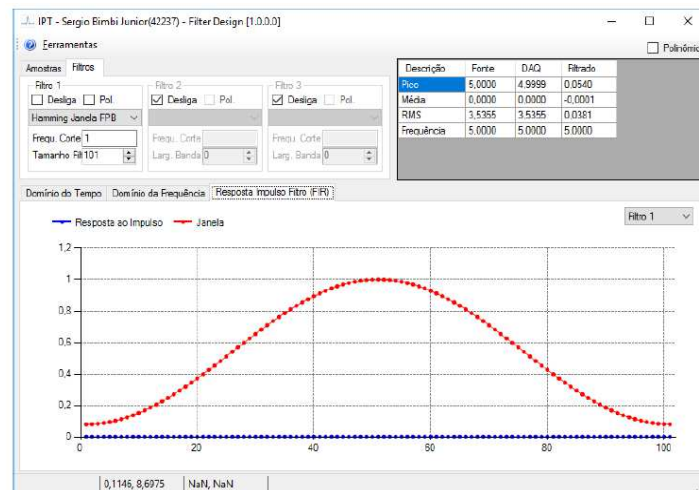


Fig. 12: Hamming window impulse response (1 Hz cut-off frequency)

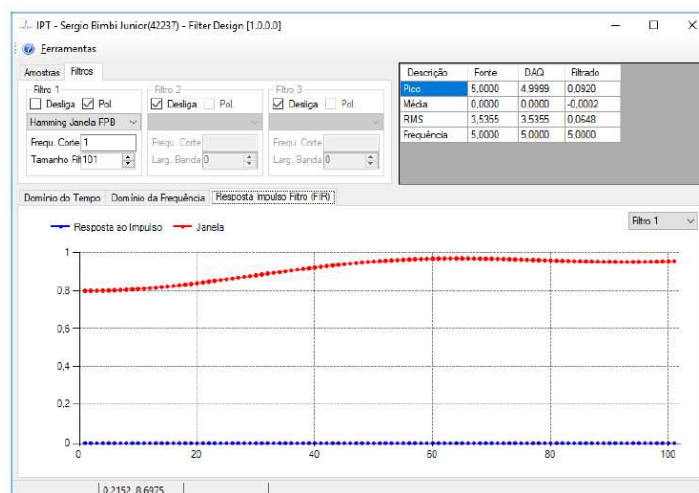


Fig. 13: Hamming window impulse response (1 Hz cut-off frequency, changed by the polynomial)

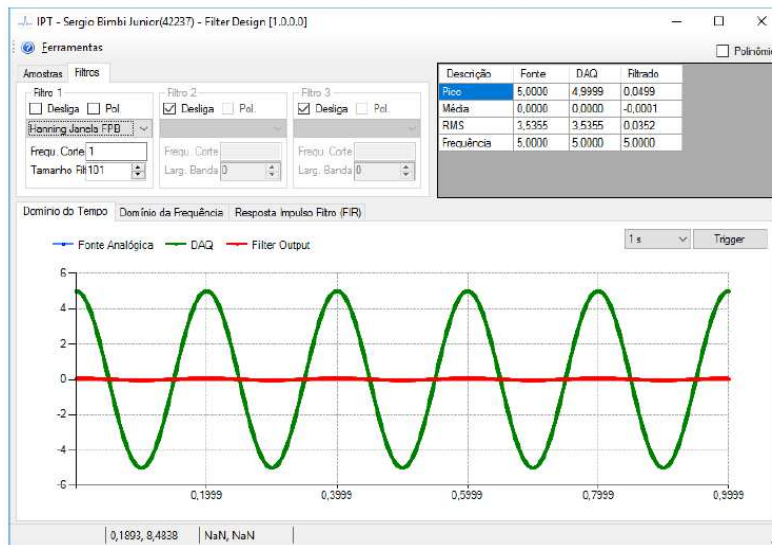


Fig. 14: Hann window response in the time domain (1 Hz cut-off frequency)

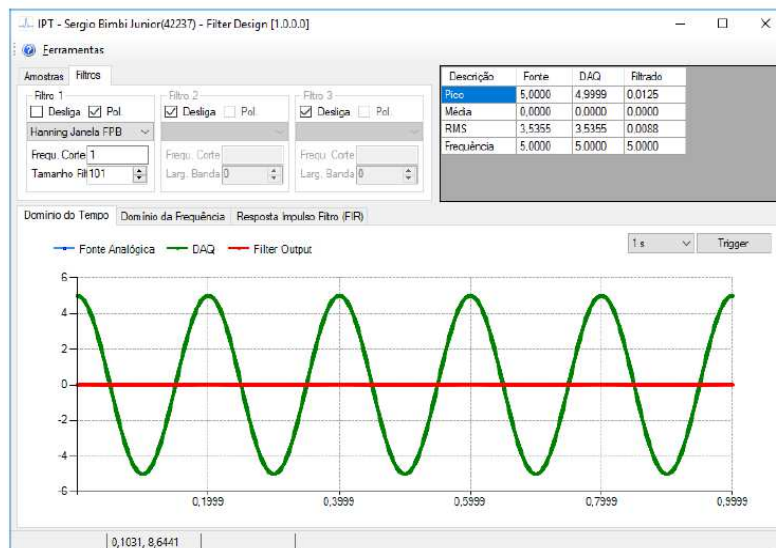


Fig. 15: Hann window response in the time domain (1Hz cut-off frequency, changed by the polynomial)

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// Calculates Hanning window
case FirWindowType.Hanning:
    // Limit by number of coefficients
    for (int x = 0; x < FilterSize; x++)
        // Hanning window, low pass type, state of the art
        if (_bEstadoPolinomio == false)
        {
            result[x] = 0.5 * (1 - Math.Cos((2 * PI * x) / (FilterSize - 1)));
        }
        // Hanning window, low pass type, with proposed polynomial
        else
        {
            for (int z = 1; z < (FilterSize); z++)
            {
                result[x] = ((result[x] + (0.5 - 0.5 * Math.Cos(((Math.Pow(2.0, 2 - z) * PI * x) / (FilterSize - 1))))));
            }
        }
        // Saves values to plot
        for (int x = 0; x < FilterSize; x++) resultbuffer[x] = result[x];
        for (int x = 0; x < FilterSize; x++) result[x] = resultbuffer[x] / (FilterSize/10);
    break;
    
```

Fig. 16: Hann window code calculates the coefficients in art state and polynomial form

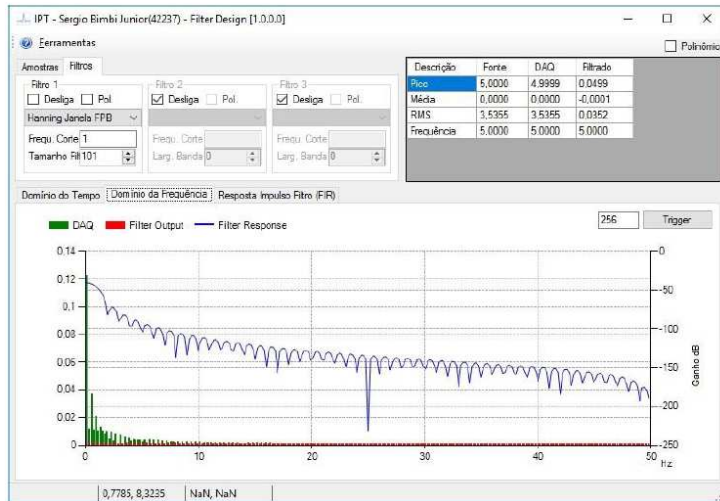


Fig. 17: Hann window response in the frequency domain (1 Hz cut-off frequency)

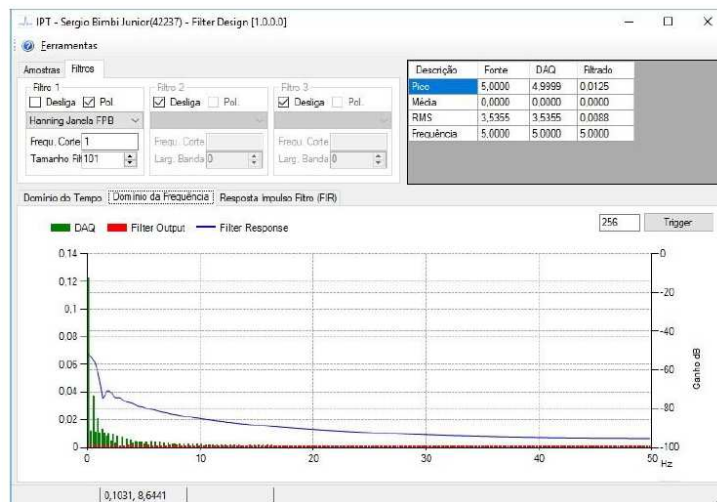


Fig. 18: Hann window response in the frequency domain (1 Hz cut-off frequency, changed by the polynomial)

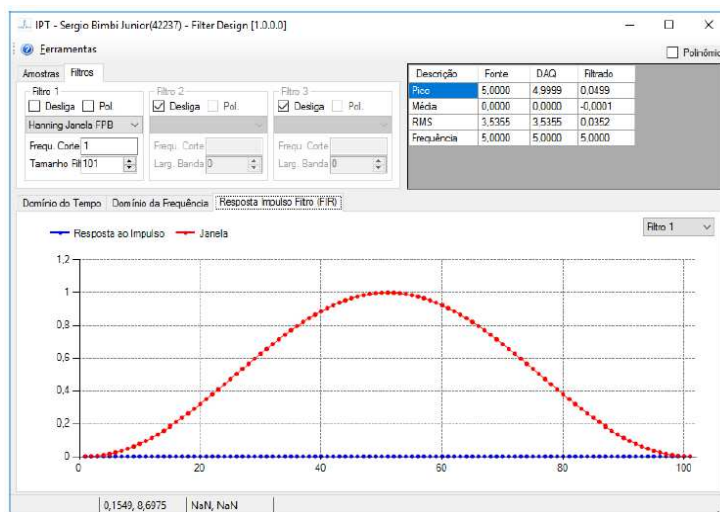


Fig. 19: Hann window impulse response (1 Hz cut-off frequency)

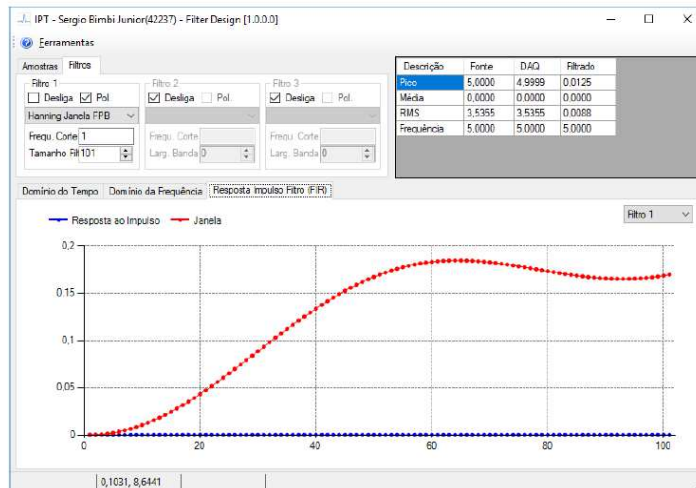


Fig. 20: Hann window impulse response (1 Hz cut-off frequency, changed by the polynomial)

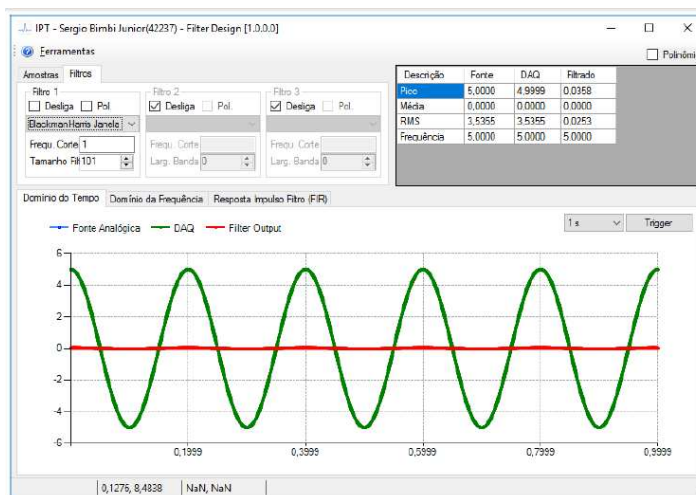


Fig. 21: Blackman window response in the time domain (1 Hz cut-off frequency)

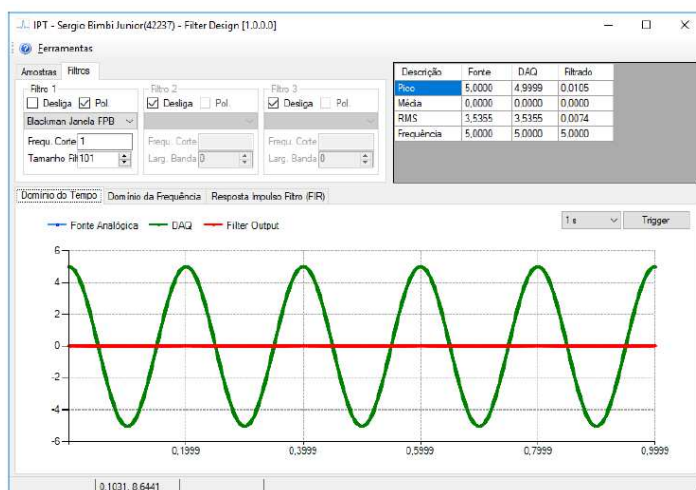


Fig. 22: Blackman window response in the time domain (1 Hz cut-off frequency, changed by the polynomial)

```

// Calculates Blackman window
case FirWindowType.Blackman:
// Limit by number of coefficients
for (int x = 0; x < FilterSize; x++)
{
// Blackman window, low pass type, state of the art
if (_bEstadoPolinomio == false)
{
a = 2 * PI * x;
result[x] = 0.42 - 0.5 * Math.Cos(a / (FilterSize - 1))
+ 0.08 * Math.Cos(2 * a / (FilterSize - 1));
}
// Blackman window, low pass type, with proposed polynomial
else
{
for (int z = 1; z < (FilterSize); z++)
{
result[x] = ((result[x] + (0.42 - 0.5 * Math.Cos((Math.Pow(2.0, 2 - z)) * PI * x) / (FilterSize - 1)))
+ 0.08 * Math.Cos((Math.Pow(2.0, 2 - z)) * PI * x) / (FilterSize - 1)));
}
}
}
// Saves values to plot
for (int x = 0; x < FilterSize; x++) resultbuffer[x] = result[x];
for (int x = 0; x < FilterSize; x++) result[x] = resultbuffer[x] / (FilterSize/10);
break;
    
```

Fig. 23: Blackman window code calculates the coefficients in art state and polynomial form

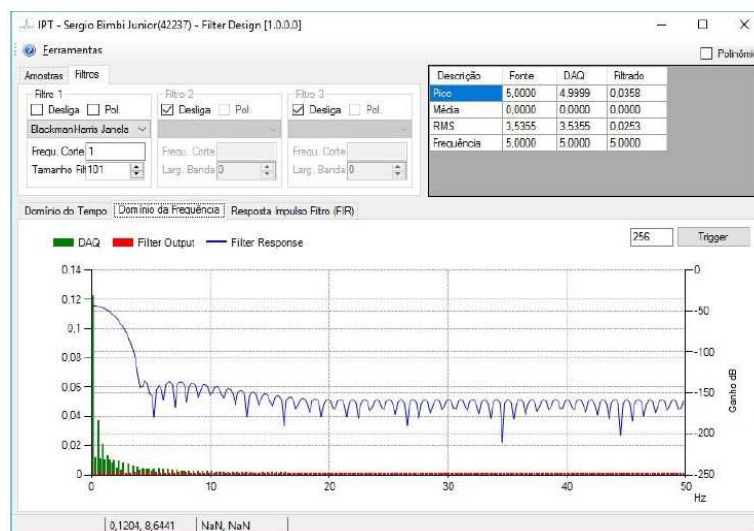


Fig. 24: Blackman window response in the frequency domain (1 Hz cut-off frequency)

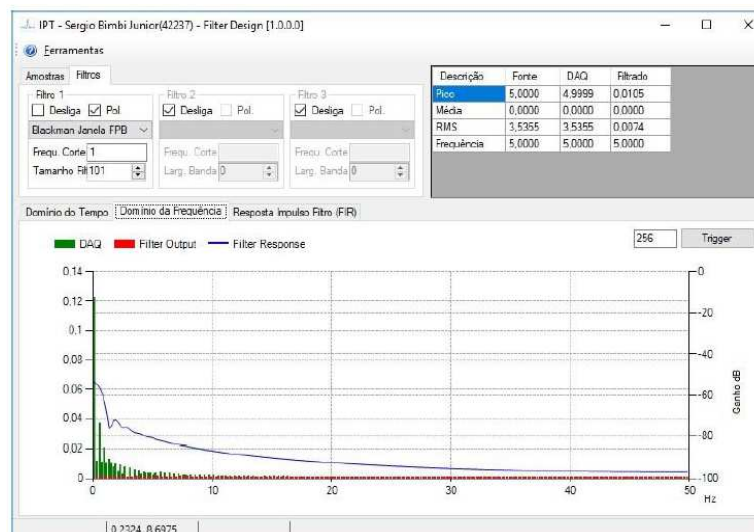


Fig. 25: Blackman window response in the frequency domain (1 Hz cut-off frequency, changed by the polynomial)

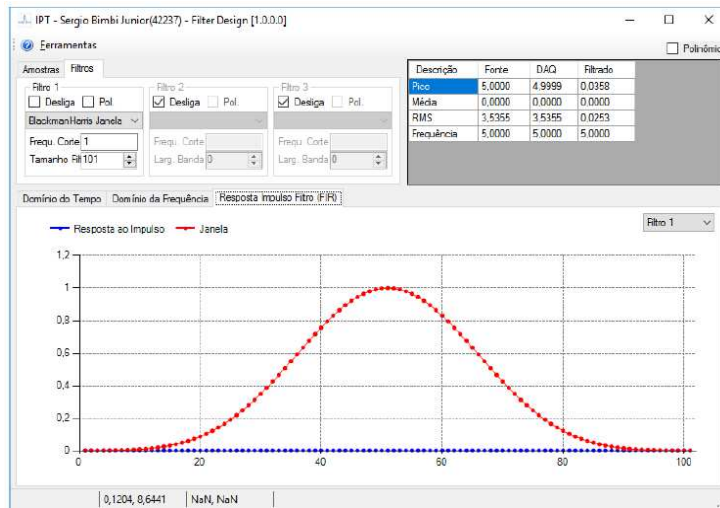


Fig. 26: Blackman window impulse response (1 Hz cut-off frequency)

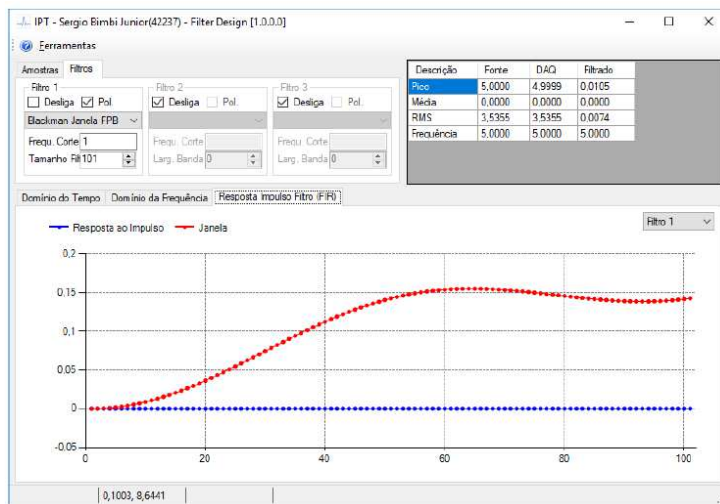


Fig. 27: Blackman window impulse response (1 Hz cut-off frequency, changed by the polynomial)

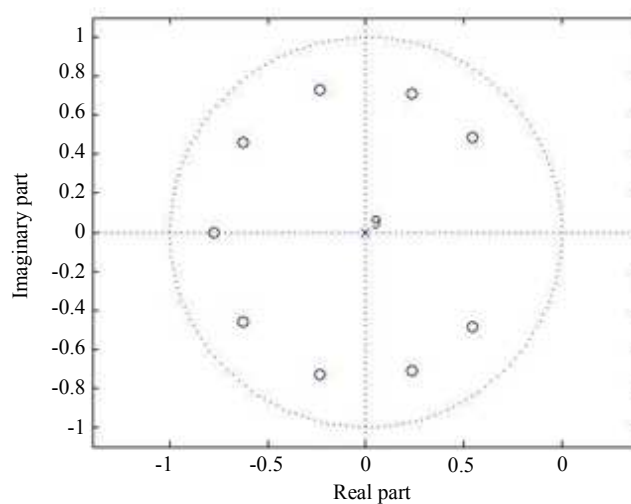
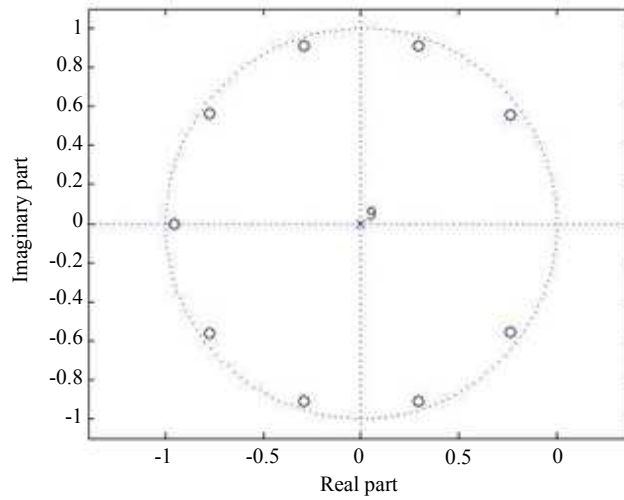
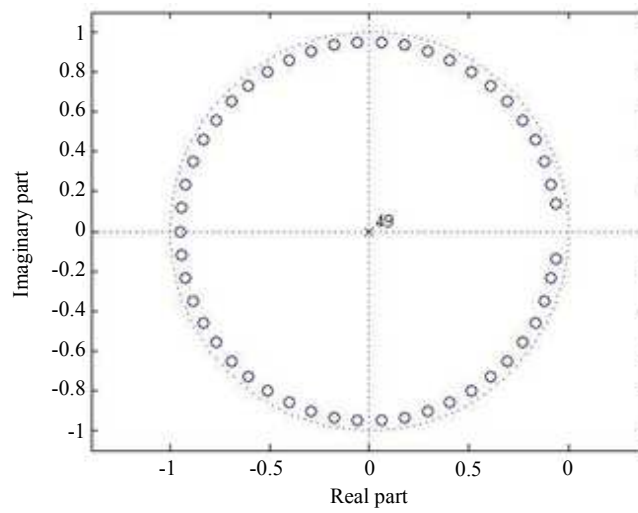


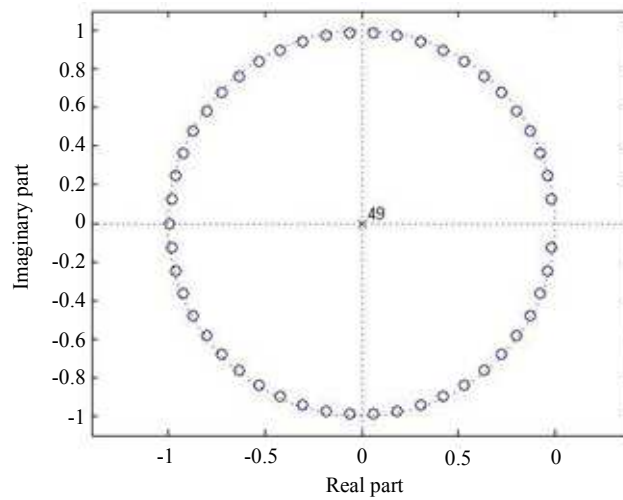
Fig. 28: Poles and zeros of the Hamming-windowed filter with 20 coefficients



**Fig. 29:** Poles and zeros of the Hamming-windowed filter with 20 coefficients (changed by the polynomial)



**Fig. 30:** Poles and zeros of the Hamming-windowed filter with 100 coefficients



**Fig. 31:** Poles and zeros of the Hamming-windowed filter with 100 coefficients (changed by the polynomial)

```
// Vector which calculated coefficients by polynomial approximation filter
REAL xcoeffs5[136] =
{
    0.003852222,0.003910871,0.004015358,0.004165526,0.004362106,0.004601554,0.004886504,0.005215317,
    0.005587307,0.006001698,0.006457624,0.006954135,0.007490196,0.008064686,0.00876408,0.009324086,
    0.010006369,0.010721832,0.011468983,0.012246263,0.013052051,0.013884665,0.014742369,0.015623372,
    0.016525837,0.017447881,0.018387881,0.019342974,0.020312069,0.021292844,0.022283251,0.023281225,
    0.024284684,0.025291534,0.026299675,0.027307003,0.028311416,0.029310819,0.030303126,0.031286268,
    0.032258194,0.033216875,0.034160311,0.035086534,0.035993612,0.036879652,0.037742805,0.038581271,
    0.0393933,0.040177198,0.04093133,0.041654122,0.042344066,0.042999723,0.043619725,0.044202778,0.044747666,
    0.045253252,0.04571848,0.046142382,0.046524071,0.046862752,0.047157718,0.047408354,0.047614137,0.047774637,
    0.04788952,0.047958546,0.047958546,0.04788952,0.047774637,0.047614137,0.047408354,0.047157718,0.046862752,
    0.046524071,0.046142382,0.04571848,0.045253252,0.044747666,0.044202778,0.043619725,0.042999723,0.042344066,
    0.041654122,0.04093133,0.040177198,0.0393933,0.038581271,0.037742805,0.036879652,0.035993612,0.035086534,
    0.034160311,0.033216875,0.032258194,0.031286268,0.030303126,0.029310819,0.028311416,0.027307003,0.026299675,
    0.025291534,0.024284684,0.023281225,0.022283251,0.021292844,0.020312069,0.019342974,0.018387881,0.017447881,
    0.016525837,0.015623372,0.014742369,0.013884665,0.013052051,0.012246263,0.011468983,0.010721832,0.010006369,
    0.009324086,0.00876408,0.008064686,0.007490196,0.006954135,0.006457624,0.006001698,0.005587307,0.005215317,
    0.004886504,0.004601554,0.004362106,0.004165526,0.004015358,0.003910871,0.003852222
};
#define FILTERLENGTHS 136
REAL xv1[136];
// Filter Subroutine
REAL filterSloop( REAL inputValue, INT canal)
{
    REAL sum; INT i;
    // Run FIFO (First in First Out) in sampled signals
    for (i = 0; i < FILTERLENGTHS-1; i++) xv1[i+canal+FILTERLENGTHS] = xv1[i+canal+FILTERLENGTHS+1];
    xv1[(FILTERLENGTHS-1)+canal+FILTERLENGTHS] = inputValue;
    sum = 0.0;
    // Apply coefficients in samples
    for (i = 0; i <= FILTERLENGTHS-1; i++) sum += (xcoeffs5[i] * xv1[i+canal+FILTERLENGTHS]);
    return sum;
}
```

Fig. 32: Code to apply calculated coefficients in acquired samples for all cases in FIR filters

## Conclusion

Based on the results obtained, the behavior of signals in the time domain and the frequency domain there is a possibility of reducing the group delay (Oppenheim and Schaffer, 2010), once the zone of convergence is increased, allowing the reduction of taps (Oppenheim and Schaffer, 2010). This feature is of paramount importance, reducing computational effort as well as obtaining tangible values more quickly. In this way, it allows the increase of operation speed in dynamic systems. And, for the three proposed tests, i.e., Hamming window, Hann window and Blackman window, it is possible to observe the change in response in both the time domain and the frequency domain with a 50% gain in the frequency domain. For the Hamming and Blackman windows, it is possible to observe attenuation of the response by rejecting the unwanted frequency more efficiently. In the frequency domain, the best slope for the cut-off frequency in the first conduction lobe can be observed. Additionally, in these cases, windows behave with a larger spectrum and thus demonstrate the largest number of stable samples. In the case of the Hann window, the response to the frequency domain is more efficient, with the first driving lobe sloping the cut-off frequency more accurately. However, due to the gain, we obtain a greater amplitude than the state-of-the-art response for the time domain. The spectrum response was also shown to be more efficient by demonstrating an increased number of stable samples. With respect to the behavior of the poles and the zeros, an interesting characteristic observed is the inclination of the poles to

always tend towards the unit radius (independent of the number of M coefficients). This fact indicates an improved response with respect to the target (i.e., reduced distortion). It is still necessary to analyze practical tests with the proposed case studies in this study by checking samples and calculating averages and standard deviations to verify whether the polynomial shows improved efficiency. In practical cases, implemented in checkweigher with mass 36.2g with filter implemented in art state obtains standard deviation of 0.2696, with polynomial for the standard deviation of 0.1318. This factor represents an improvement of 48.88%. With speeds until 200 packages per minute in a belt with 250 mm of length. It is also necessary to test other windows in future studies, as well as other features (e.g., changing the filter type). With these tests, the efficiency of other applications could be determined, such as digital TV, aerospace studies, image segmentation, and other applications (i.e., any application that uses digital filters). An interesting topic to be developed in future studies is the implementation of a "Code Generator" with the "IPT\_Filter\_Design" tool, which could export coefficients together with the First-In-First-Out (FIFO) structure for application in industrial processes by using a Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) or microprocessor.

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