

### Example 8-6: Comb-Filtering Trumpet Signal.

#### Purpose:

Consider a signal consisting of the superposition of two actual trumpets, one playing note A, at a fundamental frequency of 440 Hz, and another playing note B, at a fundamental frequency of 494 Hz. The signal was sampled at the standard CD sampling rate of 44100 samples/s. Design and implement a discrete-time comb filter to eliminate the signal of the trumpet playing note A, while keeping the signal of note B. Use  $a = 0.99$ .

#### Inputs:

Signal of two actual trumpets playing notes A and B from the file `twotrumpetsAB.mat`.  
fr=fundamental in Hz of note to reject.  
fs=sampling rate in sample/s.  
 $a=\alpha$ =radius of poles.

#### Outputs:

Plot and sound of two-trumpets signal.  
Plot and sound of filtered two-trumpets.  
Spectrum of two-trumpets signal.  
Frequency response  $H$  of comb filter.

#### Comments:

- The first sound is the two trumpets.  
Hit any key to hear the filtered signal.
- The input signal consists of two actual trumpets playing notes A and B. Their fundamental frequencies are 440 and 494 Hz, respectively. The period of the trumpet playing note B is  $\frac{1}{494} \approx 2$  ms. This is apparent in the waveform plot of the filtered two-trumpets signal.
- Frequency response of comb filter in red.  
Spectrum of two-trumpets signal in blue.
- Uses the simpler comb filter form that eliminates harmonics at frequencies whose fundamental divides fs in Hz.
- The two-trumpets spectrum has been multiplied by 10 for plot visibility.

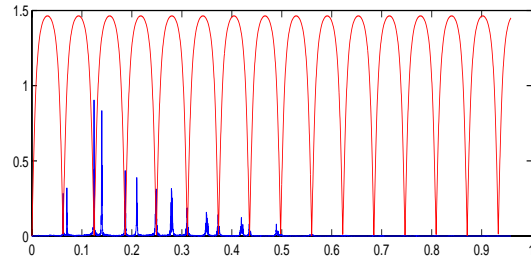


Figure 1: Frequency response of comb filter (red) and spectrum of two-trumpets signal (blue).

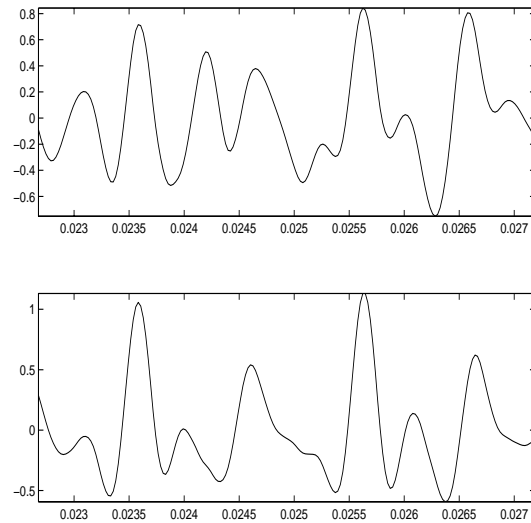


Figure 2: Two-trumpets (top), filtered two-trumpets (bottom) waveforms.

#### Program:

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clear;load 'twotrumpetsAB.mat'  
fr=436;%Note A is to be rejected  
fs=44100;aa=0.99;N=length(X);  
n=round(fs/fr);%See Comments  
B=[1 zeros(1,n) -1];  
A=[1 zeros(1,n) -aa^n];  
W=2*pi/N*[0:4999];EW=exp(j*W);  
H=polyval(B,EW)./polyval(A,EW);  
FX=10*abs(fft(X))/N; subplot(211),  
plot(W,FX(1:5000),W,abs(H),'r')  
Y=filter(B,A,X);  
I=[1000:1199];T=I/fs;figure  
subplot(211),plot(T,X(I))  
subplot(212),plot(T,Y(I))  
soundsc(X,fs),pause,soundsc(Y,fs)
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