COMPUTER SCIENCE TRIPOS Part II – 2013 – Paper 9

5 Digital Signal Processing (MGK)

(a) Consider a digital filter with impulse response

$$h_i = 2\alpha \cdot \frac{\sin[2\pi(i-n/2)\alpha]}{2\pi(i-n/2)\alpha} \cdot w_i \quad \text{where} \quad w_i = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \le i \le n\\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

(*i*) What type of filter is this?

[4 marks]

- (*ii*) How are the sampling rate f_s at which this filter is operated and its -6 dB cut-off frequency f_c related to parameter α ? [2 marks]
- (b) In an open-source audio-effect library, you find a C routine for processing a recorded voice to sound like it came over an analog phone line:

```
#include <math.h>
#define N 512
#define PI 3.14159265358979323846
void phone_effect(double *x, double *y, int m)
{
  double w, p, f, g, h[N+1];
  int i, k;
  for (i = 0; i <= N; i++) {
    w = 0.54 - 0.46 * \cos(2*PI*i/N);
    p = 2 * PI * (i-N/2) / 10;
    f = w * ((p == 0) ? 1 : sin(p)/p) / 5;
    p = 2 * PI * (i-N/2) / 100;
    g = w * ((p == 0) ? 1 : sin(p)/p) / 50;
    h[i] = f - g;
  }
  for (i = 0; i < m; i++) {</pre>
    y[i] = 0;
    for (k = 0; k <= N && k <= i; k++)
      y[i] += x[i - k] * h[k];
  }
}
```

The input array x and the output array y each hold m samples of an audio recording (mono) at sampling frequency $f_s = 32$ kHz.

- (*i*) Explain in detail what operation is implemented here (e.g., type of filter, order, cut-off frequency) and how it has been constructed. [8 marks]
- (ii) You want to use this algorithm on audio recordings with a sampling rate of 48 kHz. What do you have to change in the source code to ensure that the audible effect remains the same?