EE 508
Lecture 12

The Approximation Problem

Classical Approximating Functions

- Thomson and Bessel Approximations

Statistical Characterization of Filter Circuits

Thomson and Bessel Approximations

- All-pole filters
- Maximally linear phase at $\omega=0$

Review from Last Time

Preserving wave-shape in pass band

A filter is said to have linear passband phase if the phase in the passband of the filter is given by the expression $\angle\left(T\left(j\omega\right)\right)=\theta\omega$ where θ is a constant that is independent of ω

If a filter has linear passband phase in a flat passband, then the waveshape is preserved provided all spectral components of the input are in the passband and the output can be expressed as an amplitude scaled and time shifted version of the input by the expression

$$V_{OUT}(t)=KV_{IN}(t-t_{shift})$$

Review from Last Time

Thomson and Bessel Approximations

Consider T(jω)

$$T(j\omega) = \frac{N(j\omega)}{D(j\omega)} = \frac{N_R(\omega)+jN_{IM}(\omega)}{D_R(\omega)+jD_{IM}(\omega)}$$

$$\text{phase} = \angle\left(T(j\omega)\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{N_{IM}(\omega)}{N_R(\omega)}\right) - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{D_{IM}(\omega)}{D_R(\omega)}\right)$$

- Phase expressions are difficult to work with
- Will first consider group delay and frequency distortion

Review from Last Time

Group Delay

Defn: Group Delay is the negative of the phase derivative with respect to ω

$$\tau_G = -\frac{d\angle T(j\omega)}{d\omega}$$

Recall, by definition, the phase is linear iff $\angle T(j\omega) = k\omega$

If the phase is linear, $\tau_G = -\frac{d\angle T(j\omega)}{d\omega} = -\frac{d(k\omega)}{d\omega} = -k$

Thus for $\angle T(j0) = 0$, the phase is linear iff the group delay is constant

The group delay and the phase of a transfer function carry the same information

But, of what use is the group delay?

Review from Last Time

Group Delay

But, of what use is the group delay?

The phase of almost all useful transfer functions are complicated functions involving sums of arctan functions and these are difficult to work with analytically

Theorem: The group delay of any transfer function is a rational fraction in ω^2

But, of what use is the group delay?

Qualitatively:

The following two criteria are equivalent:

- Maximally linear phase at $\omega=0$
- Maximally constant group delay at $\omega=0$

Analytically working with the group delay (rational fraction in ω^2) rather than the phase (difference between 2 arctan functions) is much more mathematically tractable

Thomson and Bessel Approximations

- All-pole filter
- Maximally linear phase at ω=0
- $\left.\frac{d\angle T(j\omega)}{d\omega}\right|_{\omega=0} = -1$ (the approximation normalization)

Since $\tau_G = -\frac{d\angle T(j\omega)}{d\omega}$ These criteria can be equivalently expressed as

- All-pole filter
- Maximally constant group delay at ω=0
- $\tau_G = 1$ at ω=0 (the approximation normalization)

(these comprise 3 constraints)

Thomson and Bessel Approximations

$$T_A(s) = \frac{1}{\sum_{k=0}^{n} a_k s^k}$$

Must find the coefficients a_0, a_1,… a_n to satisfy the remaining two constraints (maximally constant group delay and normalization)

$$T(j\omega) = \frac{1}{\left(1 - a_2\omega^2 + a_4\omega^4 + ...\right) + j\omega\left(a_1 - a_3\omega^2 + a_5\omega^4 + ...\right)}$$

Theorem: If $T(j\omega) = \frac{1}{x + jy}$ then τ_G is given by the expression

$$\tau_G = \frac{x\frac{dy}{d\omega} - y\frac{dx}{d\omega}}{x^2 + y^2}$$

This theorem is easy to prove using the trigonometric identity given previously, but proof will not be given here

Thomson and Bessel Approximations

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From this theorem, it follows that

$$\tau_G = \frac{a_1 + \omega^2\left(a_1a_2 - 3a_3\right) + \omega^4\left(5a_5 - 3a_1a_4 + a_2a_3\right) + \ldots}{1 + \omega^2\left(a_1^2 - 2a_2\right) + \omega^4\left(a_2^2 - 2a_1a_3 + 2a_4\right) + \ldots}$$

Must find the coefficients a_0, a_1,… a_n to satisfy the two remaining constraints

From the constraint $\tau_G = 1$ at ω=0, it follows that $a_1=1$

To make τ_G maximally constant at ω=0, want to match as many coefficients in the numerator and denominator as possible starting with the lowest powers of ω^2

from ω^2 terms $\quad a_1a_2 - 3a_3 = a_1^2 - 2a_2$

from ω^4 terms $\quad 5a_5 - 3a_1a_4 + a_2a_3 = a_2^2 - 2a_1a_3 + 2a_4$

….

Thomson and Bessel Approximations

$$T_A(s) = \frac{1}{\sum_{k=0}^{n} a_k s^k}$$

It can be shown that the a_k's are given by

$$a_k = \frac{(2n\text{-}k)!}{H2^{n\text{-}k}k!(n\text{-}k)!} \qquad \text{for } 1 \le k \le n\text{-}1$$

$$a_n = H$$

where

$$H = \frac{(2n)!}{2^n \; n!}$$

Note that all coefficients are real !

Inverse mapping thus exists !

Thomson and Bessel Approximations

$$T_A(s) = \frac{1}{\sum_{k=0}^{n} a_k s^k}$$

Alternatively, if we define the recursive polynomial set by

$$B_1 = s+1$$

$$B_2 = s^2 + 3s + 3$$

$$\dots$$

$$B_k = (2k-1)B_{k-1} + s^2 B_{k-2}$$

It can be shown that the n-th order Thompson approximation is given by

$$T_{An}(s) = \frac{B_n(0)}{B_n(s)}$$

Since the recursive set of polynomials are termed Bessel functions, this is often termed the Bessel approximation

Thomson and Bessel Approximations

$$T_A(s) = \frac{1}{\sum_{k=0}^{n} a_k s^k} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad T_{An}(s) = \frac{B_n(0)}{B_n(s)}$$

The poles of the BW and CC approximations were obtained analytically

What are the poles of the Thomson approximation?

The Thomson approximation directly results in a polynomial in s rather than a set of poles

If is straightforward to analytically obtain a rational fraction if the poles and zeros are known but analytically obtaining the poles and zeros from an arbitrary rational fraction is not possible for 5^{th} and higher order systems

Thomson and Bessel Approximations

Friedrich Bessel 1784-1846

Astronomer, Physicist, Mathematician

Was Bessel before his time in the filter field?

W.E. Thomson 1949

Z. Kiyasu 1943

} Applied to filter field

Thomson and Bessel Approximations

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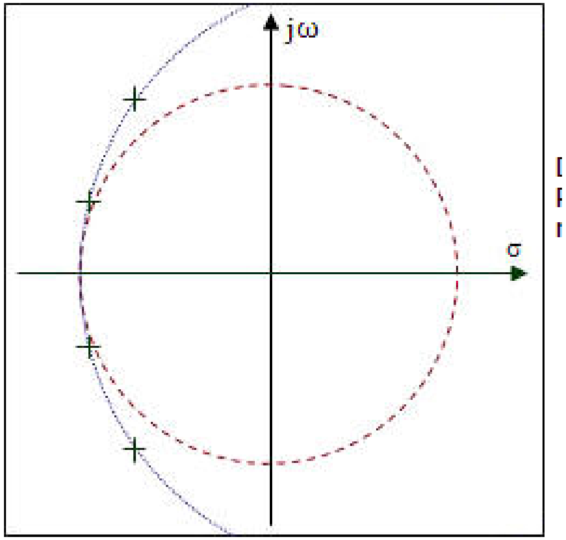
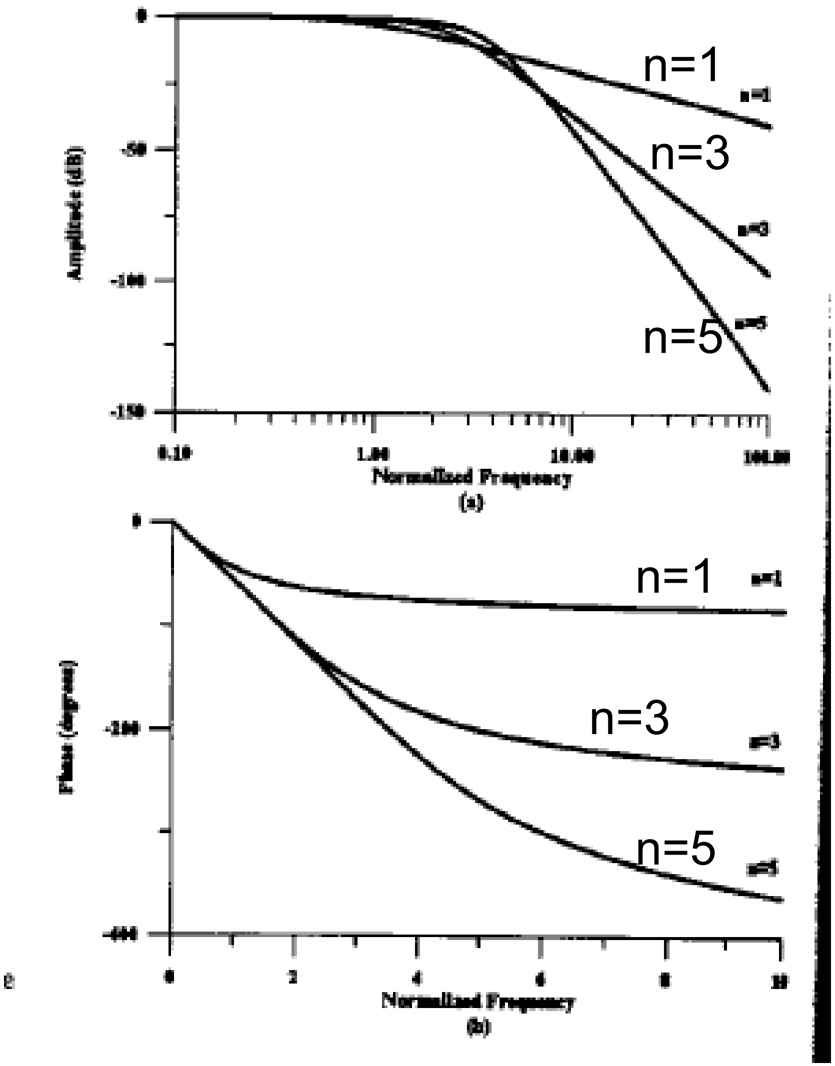


http://www.rfcafe.com/references/electrical/bessel-poles.htm

- Poles of Bessel Filters lie on circle
- Circle does not go through the origin
- Poles not uniformly space on circumference

Thomson and Bessel Approximations



From Continuous-Time Active Filter Design by Deliyannis, Sun and Fidler

Magnitude of Bessel filters does not drop rapidly at band edge

Phase of Bessel filters becomes very linear in passband as order increases

Thomson and Bessel Approximations

$$T_{An}(s) = \frac{B_n(0)}{B_n(s)}$$

Observations:

The Thomson approximation has relatively poor magnitude characteristic (at least if considered as an approximation to the standard lowpass function)

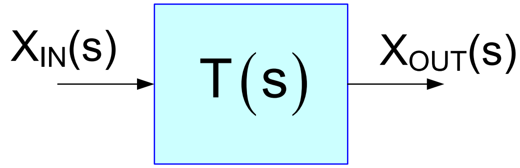
But it was not designed to be a lowpass filter !

The normalized Thomson approximation has a group delay of 1 or a phase of ω at $\omega=0$

Frequency scaling is used to denormalize the group delay or the phase to other values

Thomson and Bessel Approximations

Use of Bessel Filters:



Consider: $T(s) = e^{-sh}$ (not realizable but can be approximated)

$$T(j\omega) = e^{-j\omega h}$$

$$T(j\omega) = \cos(-\omega h) + j\sin(-\omega h)$$

$$|T(j\omega)| = 1 \qquad \angle T(j\omega) = -h\omega$$

If $x_{IN}(t) = X_M \sin(\omega t + \theta)$

$$x_{OUT}(t) = X_M \sin(\omega t + \theta - h\omega)$$

$$x_{OUT}(t) = X_M \sin(\omega[t-h] + \theta)$$

This is simply a delayed version of the input

$$x_{OUT}(t) = x_{IN}(t-h)$$

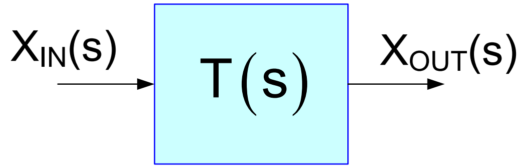
But

$$\tau_G = \frac{-d\angle T(j\omega)}{d\omega} = h \qquad x_{OUT}(t) = x_{IN}(t-\tau_G)$$

So, output is delayed version of input and the delay is the group delay

Thomson and Bessel Approximations

Use of Bessel Filters:



$$T(s) = e^{-sh}$$

$$|T(j\omega)| = 1 \qquad \angle T(j\omega) = -h\omega \qquad \tau_G = h$$

It is challenging to build filters with a constant delay

A filter with a constant group delay and unity magnitude introduces a constant delay

Bessel filters are filters that are used to approximate a constant delay

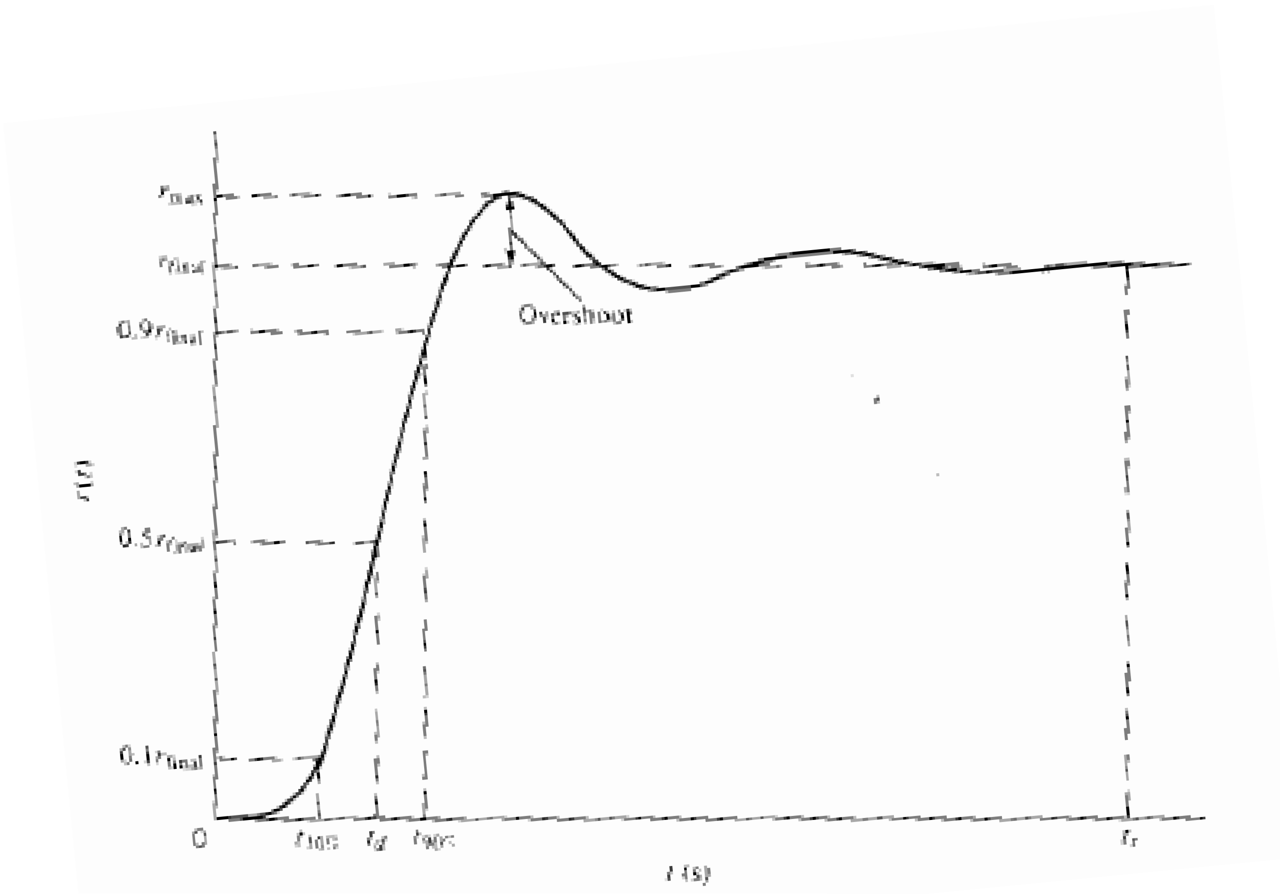
Bessel filters are attractive for introducing constant delays in digital systems

Some authors refer to Bessel filters as “Delay Filters”

An ideal delay filter would

- introduce a time-domain shift of a step input by the group delay
- introduce a time-domain shift of each spectral component by the group delay
- introduce a time-domain shift of a square wave by the group delay

Thomson and Bessel Approximations



Characterization of the step response of a filter

From Introduction to the Theory and Design of Active Filters by Huelsman and Allen, p. 94-96

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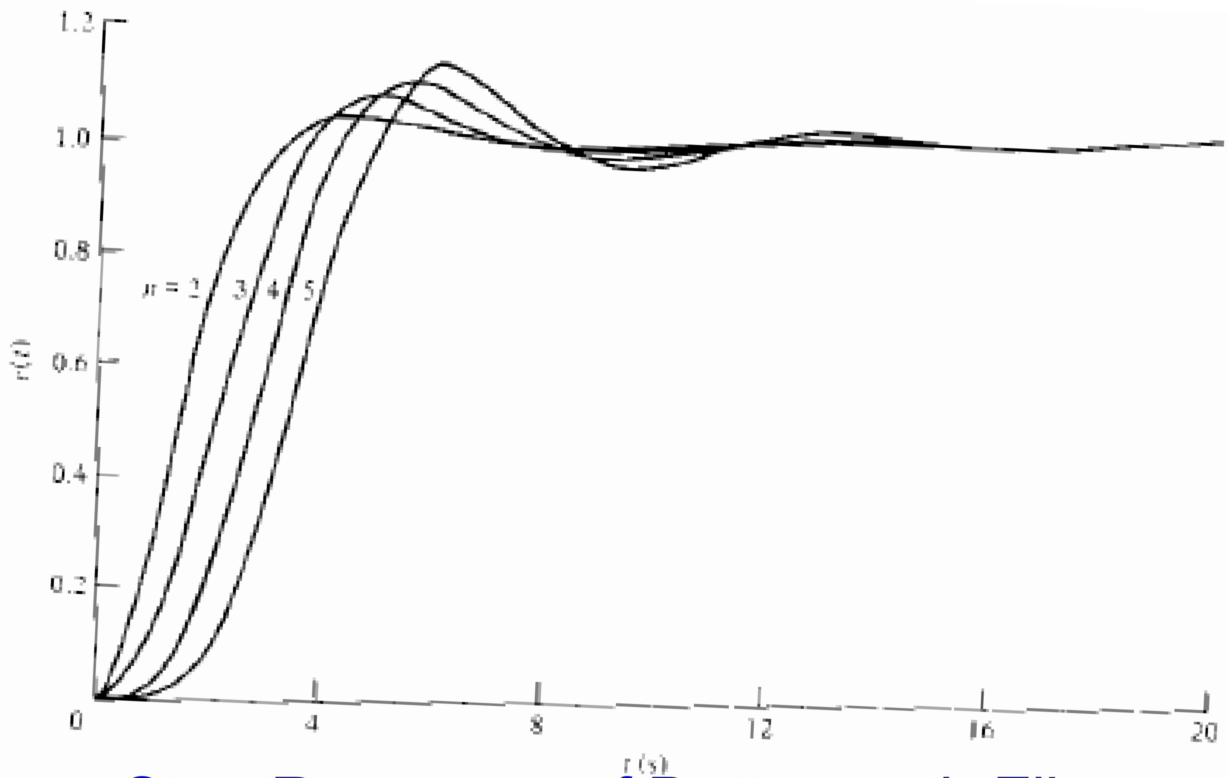

Step Response of Butterworth Filter

Delay is not constant

Overshoot present and increases with order

BW filters do not perform well as delay filters

But they were not designed to be delay filters!

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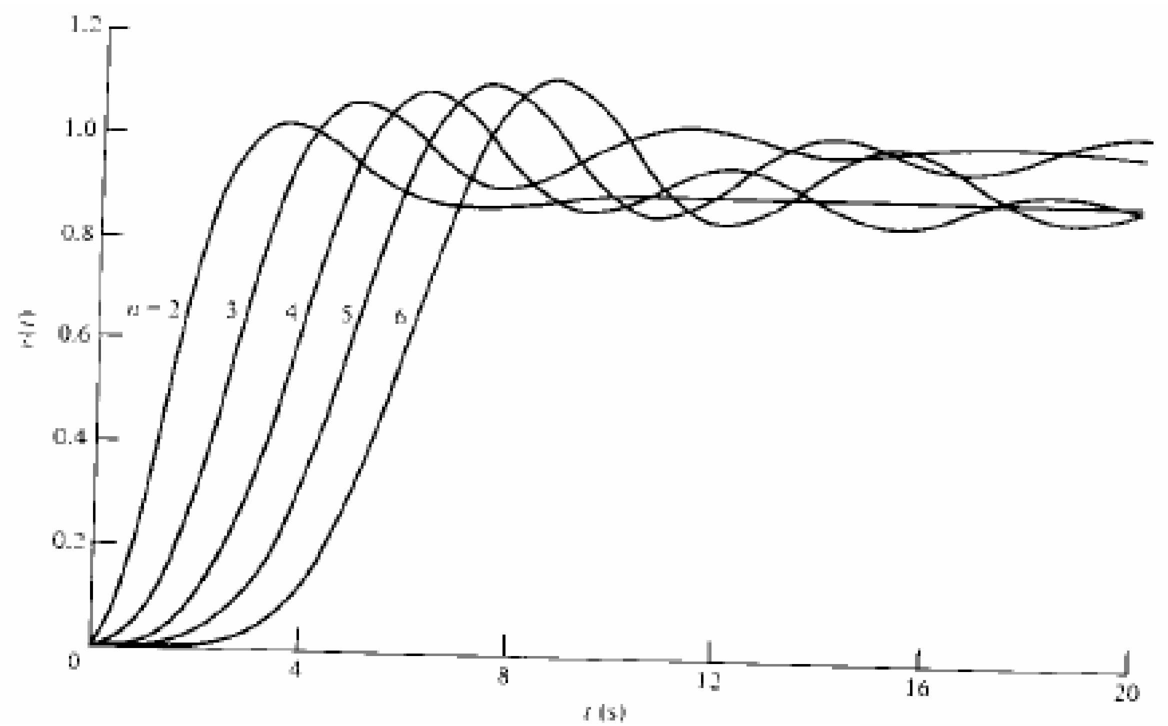

Step Response of Chebyschev Filter

Delay is not constant
Overshoot and ringing present and increases with order
CC filters do not perform well as delay filters
But they were not designed to be delay filters !

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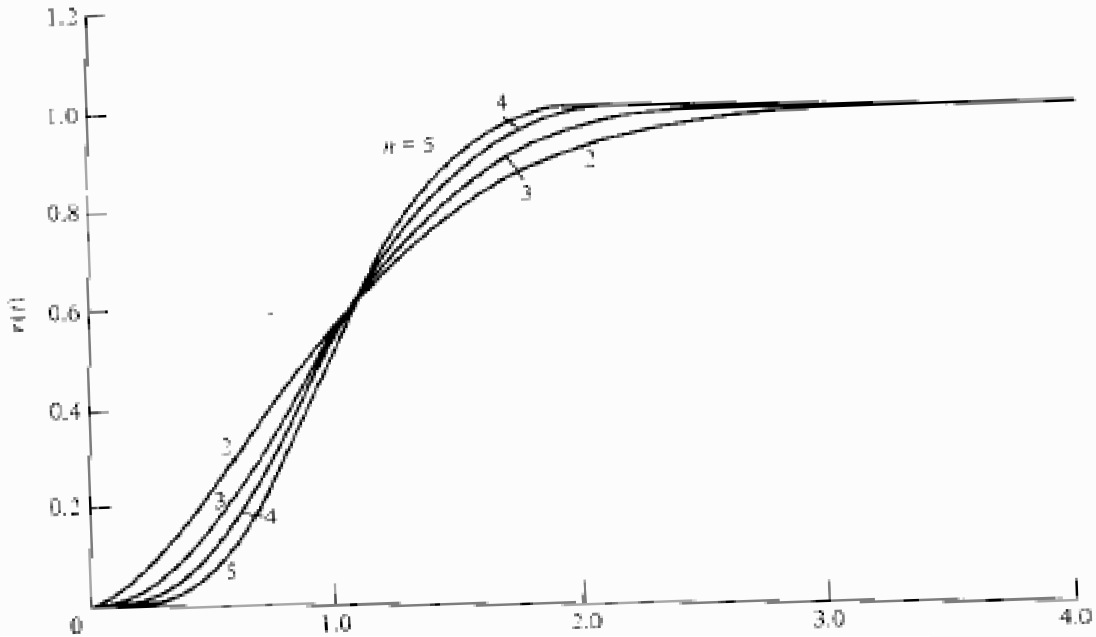

Step Response of Bessel Filters

Delay becomes more constant as order increases
No overshoot or ringing present
Bessel filters widely used as delay filters
Bessel filters often designed to achieve time-domain performance

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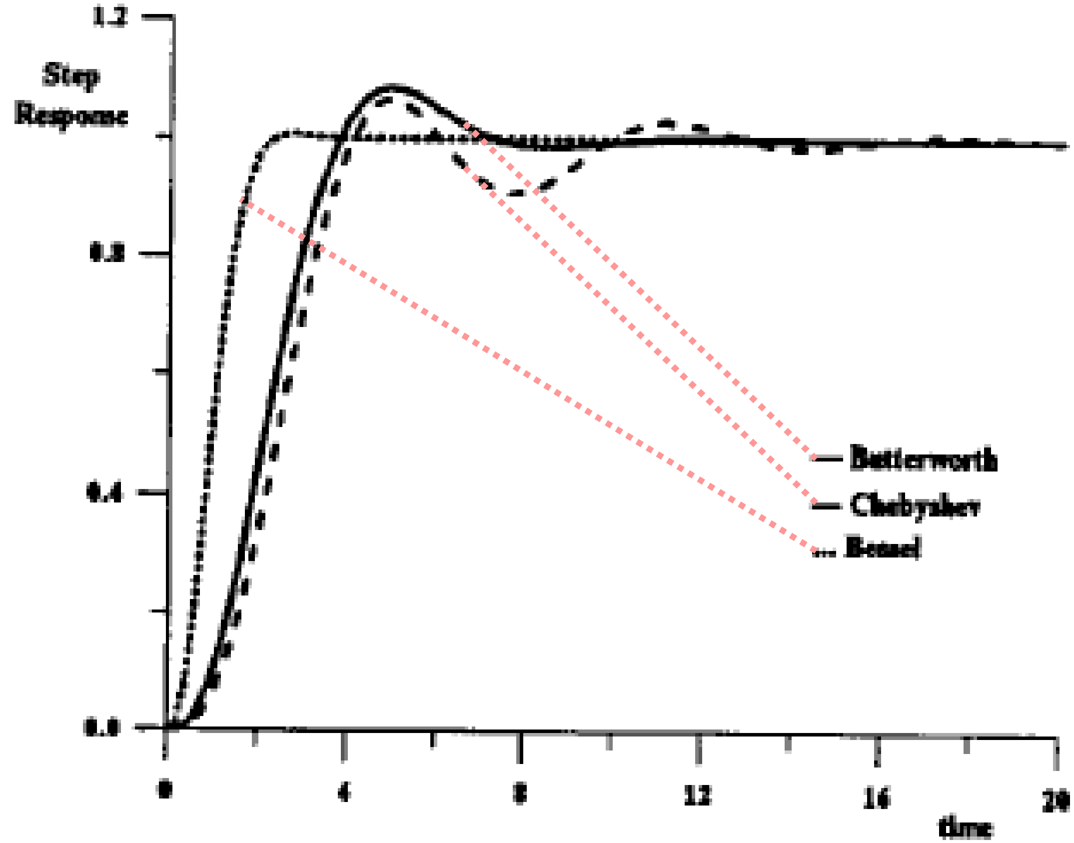

- Comparison of Step Response of 3rd-order Bessel, BW and CC filters
- Comparison for normalized frequency response for BW, CC and normalized group delay for Bessel

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Thomson and Bessel Approximations

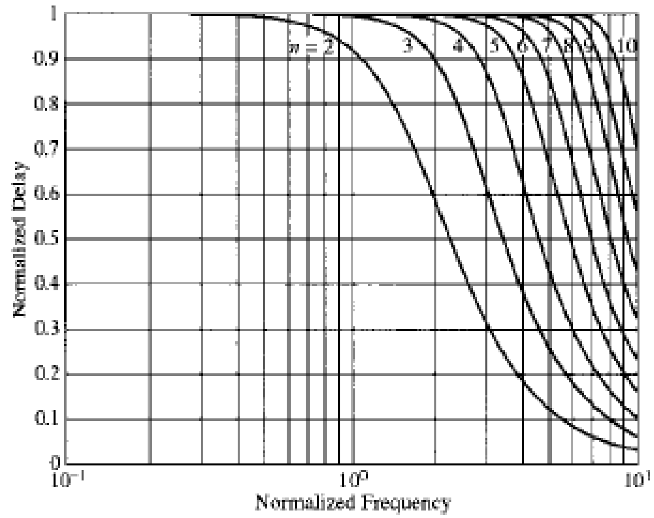


Figure 10.3 Delay of Bessel–Thomson filters of orders 2 through 10.

Harmonics in passband of Bessel Filter increase with n

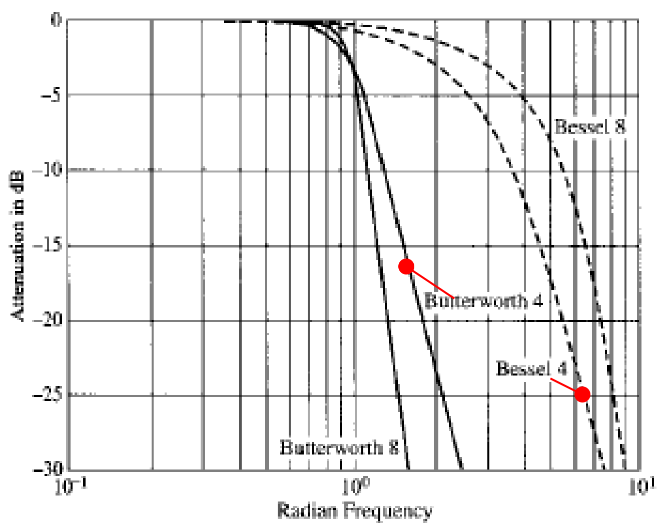
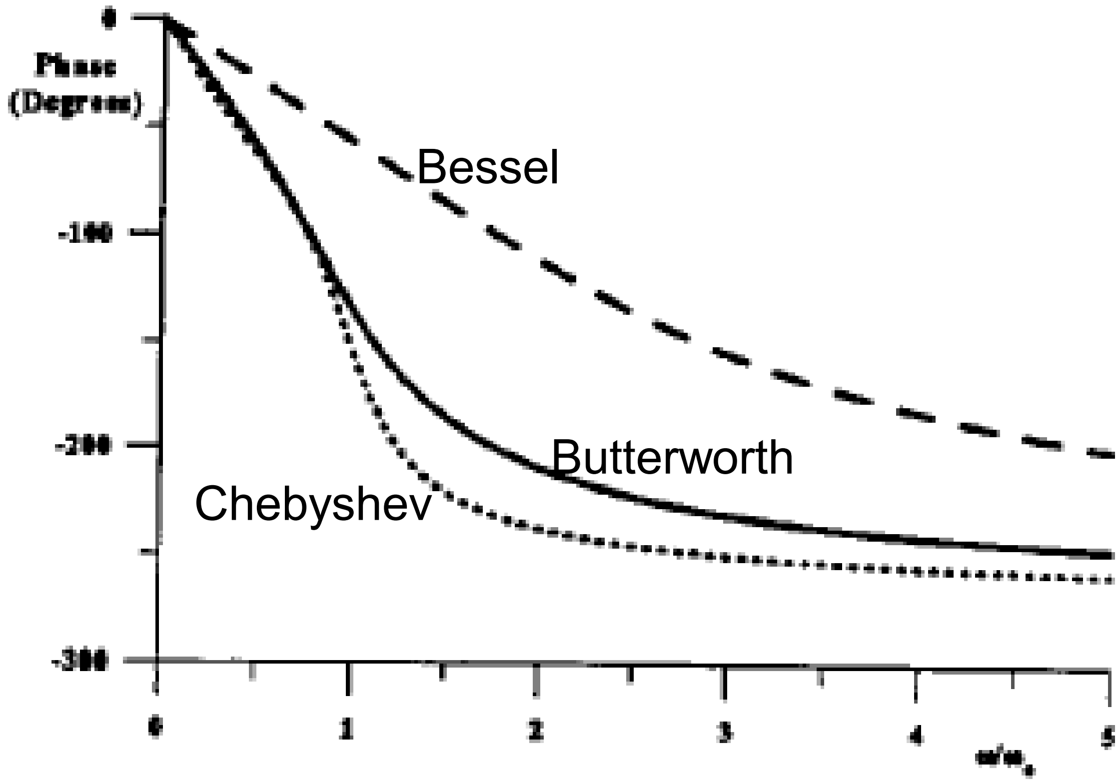


Figure 10.4 Comparison of Bessel–Thomson and Butterworth responses of orders 4 and 8.

Attenuation of amplitude for Bessel does not compare favorably wth BW, CC, or Eliptic filters

From Design of Analog Filters by Schaumann and Van Valkenburg Second Edition , p434

Thomson and Bessel Approximations



Comparison of Phase Response of 3rd-order Bessel, BW and CC filters

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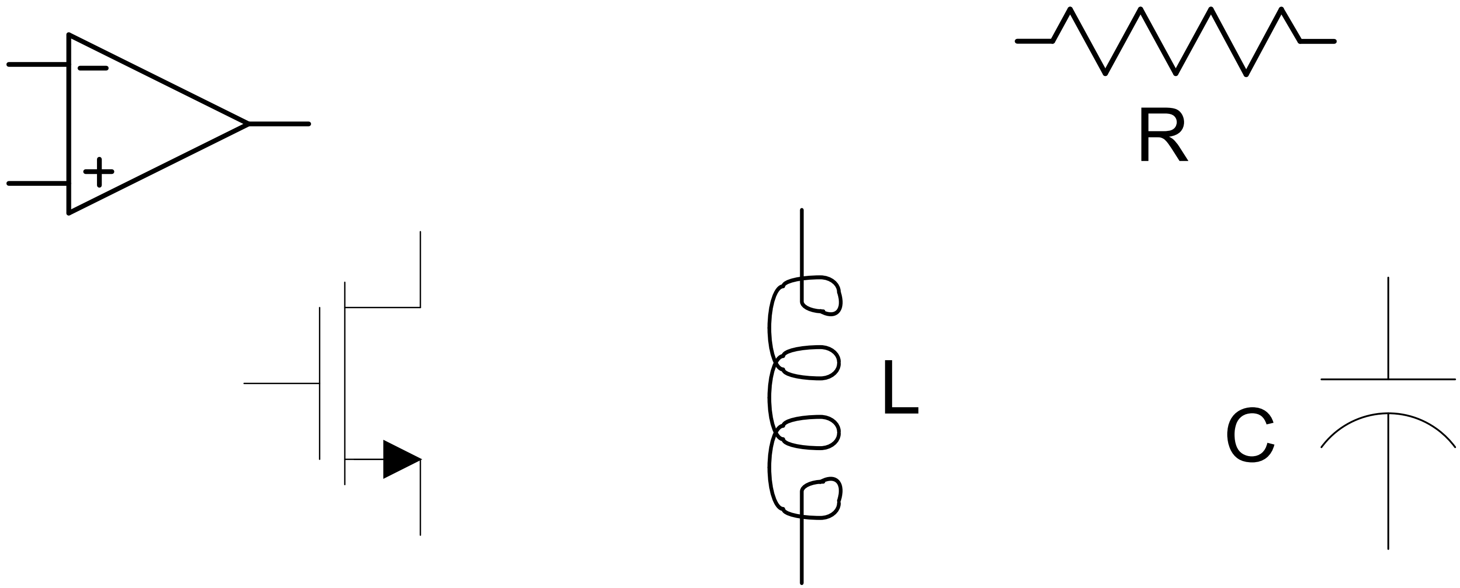
Statistical Characterization of Filter Characteristics

Components used to build filters are not precisely predictable

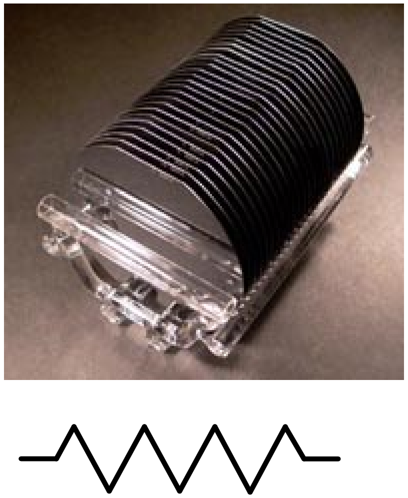


- Temperature Variations
- Manufacturing Variations
- Aging
- Model variations

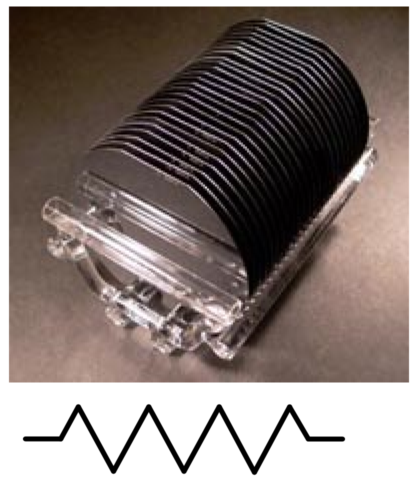
➢ Different approaches are used to address each of these problems

➢ Manufacturing variations is one of the most challenging problems for building integrate filters and will be the focus of this lecture

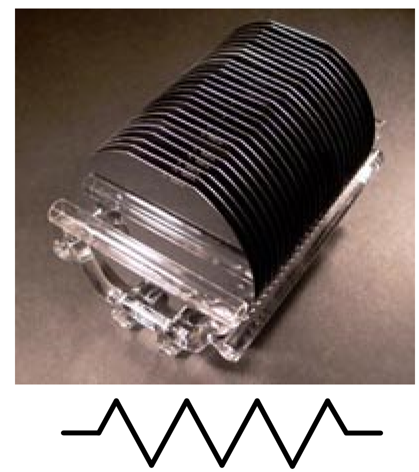
Wafers are processed in "batches" or "lots" of 20 to 40 wafers and variations occur over time (process not completely stationary) and over location



$R(t_1)$



$R(t_2)$



$R(t_3)$

These variations are often the major contributor to process variability and can be in the $\pm 30\%$ range or larger

These variations often look like random variations

Stay Safe and Stay Healthy !

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