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## I. INTRODUCTION

The effect of noise on the spectrum of a signal is obvious to the observer. It appears to include many random components of various sizes. In other words, it looks "noisy". Figure 1.1 shows the spectrum of a noise corrupted binary sequence. The ordinates of this spectrum are the squared magnitudes of the DFT components of the sequence. Throughout this thesis, spectra will be presented in this manner. They are commonly refered to as periodograms. When analyzing the spectrum of a signal, the question naturally arises of the significance of spectral components. The researcher must distinguish the spectral components which represent the signal being studied from those which are merely random perturbations caused by noise. This research is primarily concerned with finding a method to quantitatively evaluate the statistical significance of the components of a spectrum.

This research will restrict attention to the analysis of a small, but important class of periodic binary sequences, namely, pseudo-random sequences and some close relatives. These sequences, their properties and their applications will be described briefly. Some methods used to generate these sequences will also be explained.

The possible effects of noise on the spectral content of such sequences will be briefly investigated. It is assumed that the sequence is subjected to the types of noise which might be expected to occur in a communications system making use of such a sequence. No detailed knowledge of the system is assumed. The only information available is a garbled version of the original sequence. Note that this is a highly simplified situation in that no provision is made for data modulation. Future research will do well to consider


Figure 1.1 Typical Noise Corrupted Spectrum.
various methods of data modulation as well as possible noise sources. In order to facilitate proceeding with the quantification of spectral component significance, the further simplifying assumption is made that all noise effects can be modeled as independent identically distributed Normal random variables.

In conducting harmonic analysis to reveal the periodic structure of a time series in the presence of noise, random fluctuations alone can account for some harmonic components being greater than others. The researcher must therefore use some means to determine the plausibility that a particular component represents a real periodicity. In 1929, R.A. Fisher developed a test for the significance of harmonic components [Ref. 1]. Over the past 20 years several researchers have applied Fisher's test in a variety of different ways [Refs. 2,3]. Fisher's test will be briefly presented along with some of these more recent
applications. This thesis proposes the application of Fisher's test in a new way which is more flexible than the methods employed by previous researchers. This will provide the researcher with more meaningful quantitative information upon which to base his conclusions. This proposed method is then applied to the problem of estimating the period of pseudo-random and related binary sequences in the presence of noise.

## II. DATA SEQUENCES

This research is first concerned with the analysis of periodic binary sequences which may be referred to in general as pseudo-random sequences. These sequences are called pseudo-random because they exhibit certain properties associated with randomness, namely, balance, run and correlation properties. The property of balance means that each period of a sequence contains approximately as many zeros as ones. The run property refers to the occurrence of strings of consecutive ones and zeros. One half of the runs present are of length one, one forth are of length two, one eight are of length three and so on. Correlation refers to the property that if a sequence is compared with a cyclic shift of itself, there will be an approximately equal number of agreements and disagreements, except for the case when the cyclic shift is a multiple of the sequence period. In that case all bits will agree. As such their spectra appear similar to that of noise or similar to a truly random sequence. These sequences and near relatives were chosen for study because of their importance in a wide variety of applications. Examples of applications of these sequences include spread spectrum systems and secure communications among many others. Specifically, the sequences considered are (maximal) m-sequences, Gold codes and de Bruijn or full sequences. [Ref. 4: pp. 24-27]

## A. M-SEQUENCES

Any periodic sequence may be generated by a linear feedback shift register [Ref. 5: p. 411]. Eor a shift register of $n$ stages, an m-sequence of length $2 * * n-1$ may be generated. m-sequences are termed maximal because they are the longest sequence which may be generated with a specified
number of feedback shift register stages using a linear feedback rule. To further describe the structure of $m$-sequences, consider the following. If a window of width $n$ equal to the number of stages in the shift register is slid along the m-sequence, in one period of the sequence all possible non-zero binary n-tuples would be observed. The various n-tuples can be viewed as elements of a finite field. The successive n-tuples represent powers of a primitive element in the multiplicative group of the field. Thus the m-sequences represent the structure necessary to determine multiplication within the field. Addition is accomplished by modulo-two component-wise addition of the binary n-tuples. m-sequences play an important part in spread spectrum systems as well as in other applications.

The extensive mathematical underpinnings of the design process of an m-sequence will not be discussed here. Suffice it to say that a feedback shift register may be designed to generate the m-sequence using a primitive polynomial described by Galois field theory. At each clock signal the storage registers pass their bits along to their successor locations. The bit computed from the current contents of the registers using the polynomial feedback rule is returned to the leftmost register. An example of a feedback shift register designed to generate the period 7 m-sequence ...0010111001011100... using the polynomial $f(x)=x^{3}+x+1$ is shown in Figure 2.1. In this figure, the boxes represent storage devices (flip-flops) and the circle represents a modulo-two adder. Upon receipt of each clock pulse, the storage devices simultaneously shift their present contents to the right. The output of the adder is fed back to the left most storage device.

The m-sequences used in this research are generated by an interactive FORTRAN program. Appendix A contains a copy of this program. This program prompts the user to input the

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Figure 2.1 Feedback Shift Register.
coefficients of a primitive polynomial which defines the feedback paths of the feedback shift register. The program then generates as many bits of the m-sequence as the user desires. Tables of polynomials can be used to input polynomial coefficients for any desired sequence period (less than $2 * * 15-1$ ) [Ref. 4: pp. 62-65]. Longer sequences can be constructed, but are not germane to this study.

Figure 2.2 shows the spectrum of a period 15 m-sequence derived using a 512 point DFT. Signal components are smeared over several adjacent frequencies because the period of the sequence does not evenly divide the number of points in the DFT. It should also be noted that the spectrum appears quite well structured. This simple, orderly spectrum can be anticipated because of the simplicity of the theoretical power spectral density. The power spectral density is easily obtained by taking the Fourier transform of the periodic autocorrelation function (applying the Wiener-Khinchin theorem). The periodic autocorrelation function is composed of a constant value of $-1 / p e r i o d$ with a triangle function of height one occuring once each period. Transformed, the resulting power spectral density is composed of discrete elements occuring at intervals of 1/period within a sinc squared envelope. Although the spectrum obtained by the DFT is not a good estimate of the
theoretical power spectral density, its simple structure is a reflection of the simplicity of the theoretical spectrum. [Ref. 5: pp. 387-388]


Figure 2.2 Spectrum of an m-Sequence.
B. GOLD CODES

Gold codes are designed chiefly for application in spread spectrum, multiple access systems. They are useful in this application because of their well controlled cross correlation properties, (i.e.they have a three valued cross-correlation function). A Gold code is simply the modulo two sum of an appropriately chosen pair of m-sequences of the same period. These sequences are termed a preferred pair. Eor a preferred pair of m-sequences an entire family of Gold codes can be generated by shifting the relative phases of the m-sequences. A complete Gold code
family consists of $2 * * n+1$ codes, where $n$ is the number of stages in the feedback shift registers. An example of a Gold code generator is shown in Figure 2.3. Here the preferred pair of sequences are generated by the polynomials $f(x)=x^{5}+x^{2}+1$ and $f(x)=x^{5}+x^{4}+x^{3}+x^{2}+1$, both of which produce m-sequences of period 31 and hence the resulting Gold code is also of period 31. [Ref. 5: pp. 404-407]


Figure 2.3 Gold Code Generator.
An interactive FORTRAN program was written to generate Gold codes. A copy of this program may be found in Appendix B. This program is composed of two m-sequence generators and a modulo-two adder. Depending upon the initial load specified for the feedback shift registers of these two generators, m-sequences of different phases are produced. When the m-sequences are added together, a Gold code is produced. An example of a Gold code spectrum is shown in Figure 2.4. This spectrum was derived using a 512 point DFT. This Gold code is a period 31 sequence generated by the generator shown in Figure 2.3. It is important to note
that the spectrum of a Gold code is not nearly as well structured as that of an m-sequence. This fact may again be anticipated by considering the more complex nature of the theoretical periodic autocorrelation function of a Gold code. It is a many valued function which depends on the particular Gold code for the determination of those values. Taking the Fourier transform results in a spectrum which is difficult to describe mathematically. The spectrum also depends on the particular Gold code being examined. It is therefore no surprise that the spectrum of a Gold code obtained by the DET is not nearly as simple and well structured as that found for an m-sequence. In the example pictured, the Gold code has 12 ones and 19 zeros in each period instead of the 16 ones and 15 zeros present in each period of the m-sequences used to generate it. It is poorly balanced. Gold codes do not exhibit the properties of pseudo-randomness nearly as well as m-sequences. Even though Gold codes may be found which are well balanced, they still do not exhibit the other pseudo-randomness properties and their spectra are not well structured.

## C. FULL SEQUENCES

Full sequences are a third example of shift register sequences considered. These sequences are of the non-linear feedback type. Because these sequences are more complex to analyze and in general more complex to generate, they find application in secure communications. In structure, full sequences are similar to m-sequences. They are sequences of length $2 * * n$ with every binary $n$-tuple appearing in one period of the sequence. A full sequence can be constructed from any m-sequence by simply adding one additional zero to the longest string of zeros present. This is by no means the only method available to generate full sequences. Numerous algorithms for generating full sequences are available in the literature. [Ref. 4: pp. 128-141]


Eigure 2.4 Spectrum of a Gold Code.

FORTRAN Programs were written to generate full sequences by adding a zero to a previously generated m-sequence. Appendix $C$ contains an example of such a program. An example of the spectrum of a full sequence is shown in Figure 2.5, derived using a 512 point DET. In this case the full sequence was found by modifying the m-sequence generated using the polynomial $f(x)=x^{4}+x+1$. The resulting full sequence is of period $16 . \quad$ Note that since the period of the full sequence evenly divides the length of the DFT, no spectral smearing is observed.


Figure 2.5 Spectrum of a Full Sequence.

## III. NOISE EEEECTS

The sequences described in the previous chapter are assumed to have been used in a communications system and garbled versions of them have been recovered. Once again, no specific knowledge of the communications system or channel is assumed or developed in this thesis. Observations are made of the effects of noise on the spectrum of the sequences discussed in Chapter II. Many error scenarios by which the original sequence could be altered are investigated. Some of the more important situations are described in what follows.

## A. ADDITIVE BIT ERRORS

One possible manner in which a sequence could be altered is that individual bits are subjected to noise and therefore are incorrectly recovered. Receiver thermal noise or channel noise could conceivably cause such individual bit errors to occur in some random fashion.

A FORTRAN program was written to simulate this error pattern and to study its effect on the spectrum of a sequence. Appendix D contains a copy of this program. The rate at which errors are introduced is set interactively by the user. The IMSL subroutine GGUBFS is used to generate a random number for each bit of the input data sequence. Each random number is tested to see if it falls within a range defined by the user specified error rate. If it does appear in that range, the corresponding bit is reversed. In this manner, each data bit is subjected to the same probability of error. The original sequence is modified to reflect these random bit errors and its DFT is computed using the IMSL subroutine FFT2C and is plotted.

Thorough testing was carried out for the three classes of sequences of chapter II at various error rates. Eigures $3.1,3.2$ and 3.3 show examples of these tests for the simple case of a period 16 full sequence formed from the m-sequence generated by $f(x)=x^{4}+x+1$. The probability of error used was $16.6 \%, 25 \%$ and $33 \%$ respectively. The introduction of random bit errors is reflected in the noise floor which may be observed at all frequencies. As more errors are introduced, the noise floor increases while the signal components decrease until the signal is eventually lost in the noise. As the error rate changes, the location of the signal components remains constant while their magnitudes, relative to the noise components, change. Note that magnitudes on the ordinate axis decrease as the error rate increases in each successive example. Note the large component at $k=148$ in Figure 3.3. This component is due to the noise alone. In this way errors can be made in spectral analysis due to the effects of additive bit errors.

## B. BURST ERRORS

Another means by which a sequence can be altered by noise is that bursts of errors might occur. Channel noise could account for such an event. This type of noise may also more closely model the case of a structured noise source such as an intelligent jammer.

A FORTRAN program was written to simulate the occurance of bursts of errors. This program may be found in Appendix E. To run this program the user must input the probability of a burst occuring, the length of each burst and the probability of bit errors occuring within a burst. As the program moves sequentially through the data sequence, a random number is generated for each data bit using the IMSL subroutine GGUBFS. If that random number falls within a range defined by the specified probability of a burst occuring, the program jumps into a burst error loop. The


Eigure 3.1 Additive Bit Errors: $16.6 \%$ error rate.


Eigure 3.2 Additive Bit Errors: 25\% error rate.


Figure 3.3 Additive Bit Errors: 33\% error rate.
first and last bits of the burst are changed to define the bounds of the error burst. All data bits within the burst are subject to error with the probability specified. This is accomplished using a random number generator in the same fashion as described above for a burst occuring. The program then jumps back into the data sequence immediately following the burst. When the entire sequence has been subjected to bursts of errors its DFT is computed using the IMSL subroutine FFT2C and is plotted.

Numerous tests were also carried out for the burst error case. One such test is shown in Figure 3.4. For this test the same period 16 full sequence is used as was used in the additive bit error examples. The probability of a burst occuring is $10 \%$, the length of the burst is 17 bits and the probability of error within each burst is $33 \%$. This results in 131 errors occuring, or an overall error rate of $25 \%$. This is comparable to the situation in Figure 3.3 for the
additive bit error case. As can be observed in this example, the effect of bursts of errors on the spectrum is quite similar to that of additive bit errors. A noise floor is again observed at all frequencies, with the magnitude of signal components diminished. Signal components still appear in their proper locations. In all respects, the effects of bursts of errors on the spectrum is indistinguishable from that of additive bit errors.


Eigure 3.4 Burst Errors.
C. TIMING ERRORS

Another class of error through which a sequence could be garbled is that a bit of the sequence might occasionally be lost or inserted. For example, poor synchronization in the receiver could result in sampling outside the proper bit interval and thereby result in the loss of a bit. Poor timing could also lead to sampling twice during the same bit interval and thereby result in the insertion of a bit.

Timing errors resulting in the loss of bits in a random fashion are modeled by a FORTRAN program. This program may be found in Appendix $F$. To simulate this situation the program assumes that sampling normally takes place at the exact middle of a bit interval. At the prompting of the program the user sets a bound on how far the sampling instant could possibly slip forward in one bit interval. The program then moves iteratively through the sequence and generates a random number during each bit interval. This random number is generated by the IMSL subroutine GGUBFS and is constrained to lie within a bound set by the user. This random number is then added to the sampling time, which starts off at the middle of the bit interval. If the modified sampling time falls outside the bit interval, that bit is considered lost and is therefore removed from the sequence. In this manner the timing interval is continually sliding forward a random amount during each bit interval and occasionally a bit is lost. The DFT of the resulting sequence is then computed using the IMSL subroutine FFT2C and is plotted.

Tests carried out with this error model reveal some significant differences from the previous models considered. Random removal of bits from a periodic sequence causes the period of the sequence to fluctuate. Inspection of the signal spectrum reveals that the location of signal harmonic components is changed. For the removal of even a few bits, the fundamental frequency can be shifted out of its proper location. This shifting becomes progressively worse at higher harmonics of the fundamental.

Spectral smearing is another effect observed. The signal components are spread out over several adjacent frequencies. This effect also becomes progressively worse in higher harmonics.

Eigure 3.5 shows an example of these phenomena for the same period 16 full sequence used in previous examples. The bound on how far the sampling time can slip forward in one sampling interval is set at 0.3 . This results in the deletion of 119 bits of the sequence. Note that the higher harmonics of the fundamental frequency are lost in the noise.


Eigure 3.5 Random Bit Deletions.

In a similar fashion, a FORTRAN program was also written to model the random insertion of bits into the sequence. This program may be found in Appendix G. In this case, the sampling instant is allowed to slip back a small random amount during each bit interval. If the sampling time falls within the previous bit interval, that bit is inserted into the sequence again. The timing interval is therefore continually sliding back in a random fashion and a bit is occasionally repeated. A DFT is computed of the resulting sequence and the spectrum is plotted.

In the case of random bit insertions, tests produced results analogous to those found in the case of random bit deletions. The only difference is that the period of the sequence is tending to grow longer and therefore the spectral peaks shift in the opposite direction.

As an example of the effect of random bit insertions, Figure 3.6 shows the spectrum of the same period 16 full sequence with 119 bits inserted at random. The bound on how far the sampling time can slip back in one sampling interval is set at 0.3.


Figure 3.6 Random Bit Insertions.

Another FORTRAN program was written to combine these two timing error models. Appendix $H$ contains this program. This program functions in exactly the same manner as the two previous programs except that during each bit interval it is equally likely that the sampling time slip forward as back. Consequently, a bit is occasionally lost from the sequence and a bit is occasionally inserted into the sequence. The
net effect is that of an instability or "jitter" in the timing.

This case produced some interesting results. Since the net effect of deletions and insertions left the period relatively unchanged, the harmonic signal components remained in their proper locations. There is however considerable spectral smearing present and this effect is progressively worse in higher signal harmonics. The higher harmonics are also progressively attenuated. Compared to to effects of additive bit errors and bursts of errors on the spectrum, timing errors cause some very different and much more severe alterations.

Figure 3.7 is the spectrum of the same period 16 full sequence used in previous examples. In this example, it has been subjected to both random deletions and random insertions of bits. 52 bits have been deleted, while 45 bits have been inserted.


Eigure 3.7 Timing Errors.
D. CONCLUSIONS ON NOISE EEEECTS

Erom the discussion above it is obvious that attempting to gather information from the spectrum of a periodic sequence subject to the effects of timing errors might prove to be a frustrating endeavor. Future studies could be conducted to examine sequences subjected to such effects. It should be easy to tell the difference between synchronization errors and additive errors for an analysis of the respective spectra. A further limiting assumption about noise effects must be made in order to proceed towards the goal of being able to quantitatively evaluate the significance of spectral components of a periodic sequence. All noise processes considered in this thesis will hereafter be assumed to result in independent identical Normal distributions for errors in the periodic sequences being studied. That is, the only error effects allowed will be random bit errors. Perfect bit synchronization will be assumed, and hence, the possibility of timing errors is no longer considered.

In harmonic analysis, conclusions concerning the periodic nature of a time series are based on the magnitudes of harmonic components of the spectrum of the time series. It can be a difficult and often misleading task to look for peaks in such a spectrum. Components at the Eourier frequencies are bound to show many peaks and troughs due to the fact that they are approximately independent [Ref. 6: p. 110]. The spectrum of a set of purely random numbers will consist of some harmonic components which are larger than others by chance alone. One approach to determining the reliability of the harmonic components of a time series might therefore be to compare them to the harmonic components derived from a purely random time series. This is the approach of Eisher's test of significance in harmonic analysis.

In general, a significance test is concerned with deciding whether or not a hypothesis concerning statistical parameters of a sampling distribution is true. The following steps are typically taken:

1. A null hypothesis is decided upon.
2. An alternative hypothesis to the null hypothesis is developed.
3. A statistic, (which is a function of observations made), is decided upon to test the null hypothesis.
4. A critical region of the sample space is chosen such that the probability of a particular sample being observed within that region, conditioned on the null hypothesis being true, is very small. probability is called the significance level. It is sometimes expressed as a percentile, which is found by taking 100*(1-probability).
5. Applying the test of significance involves rejecting the null hypothesis when an observed sample falls within the critical region. Since the probability of a sample appearing is quite small, when the null hypothesis is assumed true that appearance is regarded as evidence against the null hypothesis. [Ref. 7: pp. 103-105]

## A. FISHER'S METHOD

In 1929 R.A. Fisher, [Ref. 1] developed a test for significance in harmonic analysis. To provide the necessary background, a brief outline of Eisher's test is presented. For a detailed derivation of the formulas used in Eisher's test see Grenander and Rosenblatt [Ref. 8: pp. 91-94].

Consider a series, $x(t)=s(t)+n(t), t=1,2, \ldots N$, which has been sampled at equal time intervals. The series $s(t)$ is deterministic, while the series $n(t)$ is composed of independent identically distributed Normal random variables. $n(t)$ is $N(O, v a r)$, where the variance is unknown. The objective of this test is to make some statistical inference concerning the periodicity of $s(t)$. The null hypothesis is that only $n(t)$ is present, that is, the observed sample has no periodic activity. The alternative hypothesis is that periodic activity is present in the observed sample.

The sequence $x(t)$ may be decomposed into its harmonic components using the Eourier series representation. This is accomplished in the following manner:

$$
x(t)=a_{0} / 2+\sum_{k=1}^{m}\left[a_{k} \cos (2 \pi k t / N)+b_{k} \sin (2 \pi k t / N)\right]
$$

where $m$ is the total number of harmonic components ( $\mathrm{m}=(\mathrm{N}-2) / 2$ ). Alsc, the coefficients $\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{k}}$ and $\mathrm{b}_{\mathrm{k}}$ and the constant $a_{o}$ are computed as follows:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& a_{o}=2 / N \sum_{t=1}^{N} x(t) \\
& a_{k}=2 / N \sum_{t=1}^{N} x(t) \cos (2 \pi k t / N) \\
& b_{k}=2 / N \sum_{t=1}^{N} x(t) \sin (2 \pi k t / N)
\end{aligned}
$$

The harmonic amplitude, $c_{k}$, is defined as:

$$
c_{k}=\left(a^{2}+b^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}
$$

The test statistic used in Eisher's test is the normalized harmonic amplitude, $g_{k}$, defined as:

$$
g_{k}=c_{k}^{2} / \sum_{k=1}^{m} c_{k}^{2}
$$

A normalized quantity is used to remove the effect of the unknown variance and to restrict the values of this test statistic to lie between zero and one. The values of $g_{k}$ are re-ordered according to size with $g_{1}>g_{2}>\ldots>g_{m}$.

Fisher derived the following expression for the probability that the largest normalized harmonic amplitude, gl, is greater than a parameter $x$. This probability is conditioned on the null hypothesis being true, that is, only noise is assumed to be present.

$$
\begin{gather*}
P\left(g_{1}>x\right)=m(1-x)^{m-1}-\frac{m(m-1)(1-2 x)^{m-1}+\cdots}{2} \\
\cdots+\frac{(-1)^{m-1} m!(1-L x)^{m-1}}{L!(m-L)!} \tag{4.1}
\end{gather*}
$$

The variable $L$ in this equation represents the largest integer less than $1 / x$. This equation is solved for $x$ in terms of $p$ and $m$. It is then used to generate tables of $x$ for a few particular values of $p$ and for various values of m. Fisher recommends using $p=0.05$ and various values of $m$ depending on the number of data points available.

Since p represents the probability that noise alone could account for $g_{1}$ being greater than $x, ~ l-p$ suggests how much confidence could be placed in the assumption that a periodicity of the signal caused this. Therefore, 100*(1-p) recommending the use of $p=0.05$, Fisher suggests that harmonic components within the 95 th percentile are of interest.

A simple example can best illustrate how Fisher's test is applied. Suppose that a data set is examined to determine the presence of a periodic signal within the 95 th percentile. The value of $g_{1}$ is computed from the data. Entering the table for $p=0.05$, the value of $x$ is extracted which corresponds to the number of data points used. If it is observed that $g_{1}<x$, no signal periodicity is present: the null hypothesis is accepted. If $g_{1}>x$, a signal periodicity is assumed to be present in the 95 th percentile: the null hypothesis is rejected and the alternate hypothesis is accepted.

Later, Fisher's test was extended to test for the significance of the $g$ values of lesser magnitude [Ref. 9]. For the rth largest normalized harmonic amplitude, $g_{r}$, the probability that $g_{r}$ exceeds a parameter $x$ is given by:

L

$$
\begin{equation*}
p\left(g_{r}>x\right)=\frac{m!}{(r-I)!} \sum_{j=r} \frac{(-I)^{j-r}(1-j x)^{m-1}}{j(m-j)!(j-r)!} \tag{4.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Once again, this is conditioned on the presence of noise alone. This formula actually indicates the probability that the $r$ components $g_{1}, g_{2}, \cdots g_{r}$, are greater than a parameter x. This extended version of Fisher's test is used in the same manner as Fisher's original test.

If independent identical normal distributions for errors cannot be assumed, then Eisher's test still provides a reasonable approximation to a measure of significance [Ref. 6: p. 111].
B. APPLICATION BY NOWROOZI

In 1966, Eisher's test was applied by A. A. Nowroozi [Ref. 2] to the problem of estimating the period of eigenvibrations of the earth. To facilitate his analysis, Nowroozi first developed tables of $x$ values for the $p$ and $m$ values of interest in his study. His tables were designed to test for the presence of the largest harmonic amplitude only.

Nowroozi proposed two practical applications of Eisher's test.

1. Eirst Application

The first practical use of Eisher's test proposed was almost identical to the method presented by Eisher. To briefly mention it's key points:

1. A decision is made prior to application of the test about the significance level of interest.
2. Next g1 is computed and compared to the tabulated parameter x. If gl>x the associated period is within the percentile indicated and if $g_{l}<x$ it is not.
3. The same test is applied to $g_{2}, g_{3}$, etc. This application of Eisher's test has a few weaknesses. The application of the test for $g 1$ is made to succeedingly smaller values of $g_{r}$ instead of using the extended version of Fisher's test. This has the effect of possibly rejecting harmonic components which would have been accepted as significant by the extended version. Also, selecting a confidence level prior to application of the test is a somewhat arbitrary decision which could exclude some important data.
4. Second Application

As an alternative to the first method discussed above, Nowroozi suggested the following:

1. Plot the squared harmonic amplitudes, $\underset{\text { against }}{\text { corresponding }}$ ( $c_{k}$ 's shiods squared), represent.
2. Decide upon a significance level.
3. Calculate a minimum significant squared amplitude, from the appropriate tabulated $x$ umplitude, c, relationship:
$c=x \cdot \sum_{k=1}^{m} c_{k}^{2}$
4. Draw a horizontal line across the plot of step (1) at the level of $C$.
5. Any spectral peaks having squared amplitudes above this previously.

Nowroozi's second approach is simpler to implement than the first, however, it shares the same weaknesses. It is this application of Fisher's test which Nowroozi actually used to estimate the periods of eigenvibrations of the earth. Nowroozi himself labeled some peaks as plausible which actually failed his test. He was therefore not totally confident himself in the method for applying Eisher's test which he developed, but felt that it was perhaps too severe.

## C. APPLICATION BY SHIMSHONI

In an effort to improve the effectiveness of the analysis carried out by Nowroozi, Shimshoni (in 1971) suggested a more proper application of Eisher's test [Ref. 3]. He pointed out that in Nowroozi's application of Eisher's test, every component below a certain level of significance is rejected. In this he failed to take into account that the test actually refers only to the largest component. For this reason, some components which seemed quite plausible were rejected by the test which Nowroozi performed.

Shimshoni suggested that Eisher's test should be applied in its extended form. To facilitate this, he developed tables of $x$ values for several of the largest normalized harmonic amplitudes instead of only the first. Again these tables allowed for various values of $p$ and $m$. Using these
extended tables, he proposed the following practical application of Fisher's test:

1. Decide upon a significance level of interest.
2. Compute and sort normalized harmonic amplitudes (g's) amplitude).
3. In the table for the significance level chosen, look up x for $\mathrm{r}=1$.
4. Accept all components greater than $x$ as being significant at the desired level.
5. For the first amplitude in the list, which fails, look up the $x$ which corresponds to it's position in the sorted list.
6. Continue to accept amplitudes which are greater than this new value of $x$.
7. Repeat this process until reaching an amplitude which is smaller than the tabulated $x$ value which corresponds to it. This amplitude and all succeeding significance.
This method proposed by Shimshoni is a more proper application of Fisher's test in that it makes use of the extended form of his test. As a result, Shimshoni's method does accept some of the plausible periods which Nowroozi is forced to reject. His method does however suffer from the weakness of having to select a level of significance prior to applying the test. This could possibly result in the rejection of valuable data. For example, a spectral component within the 94.9 th percentile will be rejected if only the 95th percentile is considered. This algorithm is also cumbersome to implement due to the necessity for several table look-ups and the possible need for interpolation.

## V. A PROPOSED METHOD EOR THE APPLICATION OE FISHER'S TEST

A. DEVELOPMENT OF A PROPOSED METHOD

Having discussed Fisher's test and the various methods by which it has been applied, the question which naturally arises is one of optimization. How might Fisher's test "best" be applied? First, the criterion by which "best" is judged must be specified:

- The most applicable; that is, the method best suited to the analysis of pseudo-random sequences.
- The most straightforward; that is, the simplest and most direct method of performing calculations.
- The most exhaustive; that is, using the test to its fullest possible extent, not disregarding any useful information which it might provide.
In terms of applicability, Fisher's test should be used in its extended form in the analysis of pseudo-random sequences. Fisher himself suggested conditions under which the extension of his test might prove especially useful;
> "The second may be used in a test whether the second largest is significant, such as might be useful if, when the largest is doubtfully significant, it may still be suspected that the two largest are due to some systematic causes. ${ }^{\text {[Ref. 9: p. 16] }}$

It was shown earlier that in the case of the sequences of chapter II, their spectra consists of several harmonically related components of comparable magnitude. For the situation of interest, several of the larger components can be expected to be due to the same systematic cause; the periodicity of the sequence. Applying Fisher's test in the extended form appears to be best suited for the analysis of the sequences considered in this thesis.

Fisher's test could be applied in a straightforward manner, without the use of tables, by direct calculation of probabilities from Eq. 4.2. Since this is a calculation of
the probability that $g_{r}$ exceeds the value of $x$, a suitable parameter x must be chosen. Selecting x equal to the value of $g_{r}$ observed would result in calculating the probability of the $r$ largest normalized harmonic components occuring at higher amplitudes than those observed. In this manner, the calculation of the probability that $g_{r}$ exceeds the value of $g_{r}$ observed provides a measure of the significance of that particular value of $g_{r}$ observed. Applying Fisher's test in this way, the difficulties involved in developing extensive tables to meet the needs of each particular situation and in using these tables in calculations are avoided. It is also no longer necessary to decide upon a level of significance in advance, a practice which can result in the loss of valuable data.

Finally, making use of the foregoing suggestions should result in the most exhaustive use of Fisher's test. Applying the test in it's extended form to as many of the larger components as possible would return the maximum amount of useful information. Components slightly smaller in magnitude than the largest will not be routinely disregarded for failing to exceed a predetermined level of significance. Applied in this manner, Fisher's test gives the spectrum analyst a quantitative basis upon which to not disregard any "good" information or accept any "poor" information.

The specific steps in this proposed method of applying Fisher's test can now be outlined:

1. Compute the FFT of the data sequence to find the magnitudes of harmonic components ( c 's).
2. Calculate the normalized harmonic components ( $g^{\prime} s$ ).
3. Sort the normalized harmonic components in order of decreasing magnitude ( $g_{1}>g_{2}>\cdots>g_{m}$ ).
4. Calculate the measure of significance of as many of the largest normalized desired for analysis.
5. Sort the harmonic components according to their
respective measures of significance from the smallest
to the largest probability calculated. The smallest probability is the highest measure of significance.
6. Perform analysis of the signal spectrum on the basis of the calculated measures of the significance of harmonic components.
Most of the steps listed are straightforward and simple to execute. The only step which presents a computational challenge is the actual calculation of the measures of significance. This step will therefore be discussed in more detail.

## B. CALCULATION OE THE MEASURE OE SIGNIEICANCE

The measure of significance of a particular normalized harmonic component is calculated by direct application of Eisher's test in its extended form. Since no level of significance is set beforehand, what is actually calculated is the probability that a particular normalized harmonic component will exceed its measured level. Once again, this is under the assumption that only noise is present. This provides a measure of the significance of a spectral component. A small probability corresponds to a high level of significance.

The formula used to calculate harmonic significance is restated as follows:

L
$P\left(g_{r}>x\right)=\frac{m!}{(r-1)!} \sum_{j=r} \frac{(-1)^{j-r}(1-j x)^{m-1}}{j(m-j)!(j-r)!}$
To facilitate programming, this equation is expressed as:

$$
\begin{equation*}
p\left(g_{r}>x\right)=\frac{1}{\prod_{k=1}^{r-1}(r-k)} \sum_{j=r} \frac{L}{\left[\prod_{k=1}^{j-r}\left[\prod_{k=1}^{m-1}(1-j x)\right]\left[\prod_{k=1}^{j}(m-k+1)\right]\right.} \tag{5.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Expressed in this form, the factorials and powers within the summation can be calculated simultaneously, by combining one term from each product at a time. In this way, the loss of accuracy associated with floating point arithmetic involving very large and very small numbers can be avoided.

A FORTRAN program was written to test the calculation of harmonic significance using Eq.5.1. Extended precision was used in calculations in an effort to preserve as much accuracy as possible.

Despite precautions taken in programming, making test computations often led to an underflow condition (magnitude less than $10 * *-87$ ). In an effort to prevent this, the product series was truncated when terms of magnitude less than 10**-75 were encountered. Since the product series is strictly decreasing, this was not detrimental to the accuracy of computations. Although computations involving smaller arguments occasionally led to an underflow condition, this did not adversely affect the accuracy of computations.

To prove the accuracy of the computer algorithm developed, a comparison test was conducted. The data used for this comparison was obtained from Shimshoni [Ref. 3: pp. 374-375]. Shimshoni obtained his data by iteratively solving Eq. 5. 1 for $x$. Although he does not specify the degree of accuracy of his data, it is assumed that figures are accurate to five significant figures as listed. The results of these tests are summarized in Table 1 . In this table, $m$ represents the total number of harmonic components and $r$ represents the order of a normalized harmonic component in the sorted list.

As Table 1 indicates, a quite acceptable error rate of less than 1.5 percent was achieved even for large values of $m$. The $m$ values of interest in this thesis are 255 or less.

## TABLE 1

PERCENT ERROR OE HARMONIC SIGNIFICANCE COMPUTATION

| $m$ | $r=1$ | $r=2$ | $r=5$ | $r=10$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 20 | 0.003 | 0.021 | 0.020 | -0.0 |
| 50 | 0.011 | 0.057 | 0.046 | 0.022 |
| 100 | 0.005 | 0.071 | 0.071 | 0.070 |
| 300 | 0.021 | 0.170 | 0.136 | 0.860 |
| 500 | 0.093 | 0.065 | 0.867 | 0.230 |
| 1000 | 0.400 | 0.195 | 1.460 | 1.180 |

C. PROGRAM EOR THE APPLICATION OF EISHER'S TEST

A FORTRAN program was developed to apply Eisher's test to the analysis of noise corrupted, pseudo-random sequences. This program is contained in Appendix I. This program was designed to work in conjunction with previously written data generation and noise introduction programs. The program accepts as input the magnitudes of harmonic components computed by the DFT in the additive bit error program. This program then performs the sequence of steps outlined in section $A$ of this chapter, the proposed method for the application of Eisher's test. As output, the program plots the spectrum and provides a table summarizing the results. The most significant components are also labeled with their respective measures of significance.

Fisher's test can calculate a measure of significance for the largest normalized harmonic components for which Eq. 5. 1 can calculate a probability. As smaller components are used in Eq. 5.1, the probabilities computed approach unity. This implies that the component is almost certainly due to the noise alone. Attempting to calculate probabilities for even smaller components results in values outside the defined range for probabilities. For that reason, the program was designed to ignore any such results.

Experimentation suggests that Eisher's test could generally find a measure of significance for harmonic components of magnitude greater than 1.5 standard deviations from the mean.

Another question to be addressed is that of determining how large the DFT must be in comparison to the period of the sequence being studied. Experimentation shows that, in general, the DFT should be applied to data at least four times as long as the period of the sequence being studied. Otherwise Fisher's test as implemented will not produce any useful information. If only four periods or less are available, there will be so many multiples of the fundamental frequency present that the normalized harmonic components will be too small to allow for calculation of probabilities. On the other hand, the larger the DFT is with respect to the sequence period, the larger the amount of information available will be.

## VI: ESTIMATING THE PERIOD OE A PSEUDO-RANDOM SEQUENCE

Estimating the period of a noise garbled, pseudo-random sequence is a critical factor in the analysis of such sequences. Once an accurate estimate of the period has been ascertained, further analysis into the method by which the sequence was generated is possible.
A. ESTIMATION PROCEDURE

The spectrum of a noise garbled, pseudo-random sequence is analyzed to produce an estimate of the sequence period. The analytic method adopted is Eisher's test as proposed in the previous chapter. Pseudo-random and related sequences analyzed include those discussed in chapter II. Noise effects are limited to the random bit errors (IID, N(O,Var)) for which Fisher's test was designed.

As was observed in the discussion of pseudo-random sequences, their spectra should, with adequate signal to noise ratio, consist of larger amplitude components at the fundamental frequency and at several multiples of it. It is often the case, however, that the fundamental frequency component is much smaller than some of its multiples. This situation was observed in the case of Gold codes. The fundamental frequency component may even be totally lost in the noise floor. It will therefore be necessary to determine the greatest common divisor (GCD) of the most significant components identified by Eisher's test. If these components are assumed to be at multiples of the fundamental frequency, the $G C D$ may then be used as an estimate of the fundamental frequency and from it an estimate of the period will be computed.

Even so, it is possible to arrive at an incorrect estimate. Suppose, for example, that the second and forth
multiples of the fundamental frequency are the only reliable components found. Since the GCD is the frequency of the second multiple, the estimate of the period will be one half the actual value. For this reason, the greater the number of reliable components available for analysis, the better the resulting estimate of the period. If only a limited number of highly significant (say, $99 t h$ percentile) components are available, it would be beneficial to make use of any components of slightly lower significance (say, 95th percentile) in deriving an estimate of the period.

This analysis will make use of the interactive FORTRAN programs which have been introduced at various points throughout this paper. These programs are designed to work in conjunction with one another in the following manner:

- Phase A: These programs generate the raw data sequences (see Appendices $A, B$ and C).
- Phase B: This program introduces random bit errors into the data sequence and computes the signal spectrum by the DET (see Appendix D).
- Phase C: This program applies Eisher's test to the signal spectrum using the method ( see Appendix I).


## B. CASE ONE: FULL-SEQUENCES

Eull-sequences are analyzed first due to the simplicity of their spectra. Because a full-sequence may be chosen with a period which divides the length of the DFT evenly, no smearing of spectral components occurs. This situation results from the fact that the $E F T$ algorithm used to compute the DFT is most easily implemented on power of two sized data sets.

## 1. Example One

For example, choose the data sequence to be a period 16 full-sequence. Let the error rate be $25 \%$ and compute a 512 point DET.

Eigure 6.1 shows the signal spectrum with the components of highest significance labeled with the
probabilities that noise could account for a component of greater amplitude. Note that only the first half of the spectrum is displayed, since the other half is a mirror image. Only frequency components from $k=1$ to $k=255$ are considered by Fisher's test, for in this case $\mathrm{m}=(512-2) / 2=255$. Table 2 lists the components of highest significance with their magnitudes squared and their respective percentiles.

Two components, at $k=192$ and $k=64$ are observed within the 99th percentile. Their greatest common divisor is 64. Basing an estimate of the sequence period on this information would yield a period of 8. This is unfortunately incorrect. Observing Table 2, reveals a component with significance within the respectable 95 th percentile at $\mathrm{k}=32$. Including this component yields a GCD of 32 and hence, a period of 16 , which is correct.

This example serves to illustrate the effectiveness of the proposed method. Had a method been employed which pre-determined the use of a 99th percentile significance level, an incorrect conclusion would have resulted. This is despite the fact of having detected two components within the 99th percentile.

An interesting situation can be observed in this particular example. The component at $k=32$ is slightly larger than the component at $k=64$, yet it is calculated to be at a considerably lower significance level. This situation occurs whenever two components are found to be nearly equal in magnitude. The significance calculation for the larger component yields the probability that random noise could account for the appearance of two components at or above the measured value of that component. In the case of the smaller component, the calculation yielded the probability of three such components appearing at or above its nearly equal measured value. The probability of three


Figure 6.1 Spectrum for Example One.

TABLE 2
SIGNIFICANT COMPONENTS IN EXAMPLE ONE

Component 192
64
32
96
98
128
160

Magnitude Squared
3461.0
1631.0
1653.7
1210.3
954.0
959.5

Percentile
99.98
99.47
95.30
85.30
42.39
25.51
such components appearing is obviously much less than the probability of only two appearing. Eor that reason, the smaller component is found to be at a higher level of significance.
2. Example Two

For a second example, choose the data sequence again to be a period 16 full-sequence. The error rate is increased to $33 \%$ and a 512 point DFT is again used.

In Figure 6.2 the spectrum is displayed, labeled again with the appropriate probabilities. Note the smaller magnitudes on the ordinate axes. Table 3 provides a summary of the results of applying Eisher's test.

This example was included to illustrate the value of this method of analysis in preventing erroneous conclusions. The two components of highest significance present are at $\mathrm{k}=192$ and $\mathrm{k}=64$, which have a GCD of 64 and hence indicate a period of 8 . Though these two components were actually caused by the periodicity of the sequence, they are shown to be of insufficient significance to realistically use them in arriving at any conclusion. Attempting to use the third largest component, at $k=148$, would result in a GCD of 4 and hence an incorrect estimate for the period of 128. This component is actually caused by noise effects.


TABLE 3
SIGNIFICANT COMPONENTS IN EXAMPLE TWO

Component 192 64 148

Magnitude Squared
1405.9
1072.1
915.5

Percentile 33 7.
0. . 68
0.03

If conclusions had been drawn from observations of the spectrum alone, using the two or three most conspicuous looking values, then the possibility of error would have been great. Note that the ordinate axis is again scaled to the largest component present and therefore the larger values appear conspicuous. In reality, as the test shows, they are not of a very high significance level.
C. CASE TWO: M-SEQUENCES

In the case of $m$-sequences, the sequence period does not divide the DFT length evenly. Therefore spectral smearing occurs. Since the signal components are spread over several adjacent frequencies, the normalized harmonic amplitudes will be smaller. Consequently, Fisher's test will be weaker. Another effect is that since only integer frequencies can be represented, only an approximate period can be ascertained.

Despite anticipated difficulties, the method still performs well. Tests involving a variety of m-sequences and error rates confirmed that Fisher's test remains adequate in computing measures of significance. Also, simply rounding estimates of the period to the nearest whole number leads to satisfactory conclusions. An example is included to illustrate these results.

## 1. Example Three

In this example the data sequence used is a period 15 m -sequence with an error rate of $25 \%$ A 512 point DFT is used to generate the spectrum.

The spectrum is shown in Figure 6.3, with the components of highest significance again labeled with their probabilities. Table 4 summarizes the results of applying Fisher's test.

In this example, only one component, at $k=34$, was found in the $99 t h$ percentile and one more, at $k=68$, was found in the 95 th percentile. The GCD of these two frequencies is 34, leading to a period of 15.06. Rounding this to the nearest whole number yields an estimate for the period of 15 , which is the correct value. Attempting to make use of the component of the next highest significance (in the 88th percentile), at $k=171$, leads to complete failure. The GCD of the three components is one, implying that no periodicity is present in the data. Due to spectral smearing components can bleed into adjacent frequencies, especially at higher harmonics. For this reason, a little dithering applied to the component at $k=171$ might be helpíul. If it is assumed to be located at $k=170$, then it could represent the fifth harmonic and can be used to further confirm the conclusion based on the two components found at higher levels of significance.

This example serves to point out how this method of analysis is weaker in the case of sequence periods which do not evenly divide the DFT length. By comparison, Example One was conducted under exactly the same conditions as Example Three except that the period 16 full-sequence did divide the DFT length evenly. Therefore, no spectral smearing occurred. In that case, Fisher's test was more effective because it identified components of higher significance on which to base an estimate of the period.


Figure 6.3 Spectrum for Example Three.

| Component | Magnitude Squared | Percentile |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 34 | 2641.7 | 99.27 |
| 68 | 1150.8 | 95.77 |
| 171 | 1157.3 | 88.27 |
| 205 | 1165.2 | 73.49 |
| 239 | 1328.5 | 58.27 |
| 102 | 1172.3 | 50.37 |

Two components appeared in the 99 th percentile and one in the 95 th percentile. Several components of lower significance were multiples of the fundamental frequency and some could be used if necessary to improve confidence in the estimate, without the use of dithering. Even with these inherent difficulties, the method of analysis yields satisfactory results in the case of non-evenly dividing sequences. In this si.tuation, conclusions should be based only on highly significant components. Any components appearing within the vicinity of the 95 th percentile may be considered highly significant. Dithering may also be necessary in the case of components of slightly lower significance, especially when they represent higher harmonics of the fundamental frequency.
D. CASE THREE: GOLD CODES

Since Gold codes are formed by summing two m-sequences of the same period, their common period also does not divide the DET evenly. As a result, spectral smearing is present. Besides sharing all the difficulties observed for $m$-sequences, Gold codes introduce some further problems of their own. Because Gold codes do not exhibit the properties associated with pseudo-randomness nearly as well as m-sequences, (ie. balance, run and correlation), their
spectra are not nearly as well structured. The spectrum of a Gold code is much more "jumbled" in its appearance. This has a detrimental effect on the analysis of such sequences as demonstrated in the next example.

## 1. Example Eour

This example analyzes the period 31 Gold code formed by summing the two m-sequences generated by the polynomials $f(x)=x^{5}+x^{2}+1$ and $f(x)=x^{5}+x^{4}+x^{3}+x^{2}+1$. The initial load for the first shift register is $1,0,0,0,0$ and for the second shift register is $0,0,0,0,1$. This particular Gold code has a very low density of ones ( 12 ones and 19 zeros) and therefore exhibits poor pseudo-randomness properties. The error rate used is $20 \%$. A 512 point DET is used to compute the spectral components. The signal spectrum, labeled with the probabilities computed is shown in Figure 6.4. Table 5 summarizes the results of Fisher's test.

In this example, the two components of highest significance, at $k=33$ and $k=165$, have a GCD of 33 . This leads to an estimated period of 15.5. This estimated period is exactly one half of the correct value. Observation of the spectrum reveals that the odd multiples of the fundamental frequency, including the fundamental itself, are suppressed. It is therefore not possible to generate a reliable estimate of the period by the proposed method.

Example Four is typical of attempts to estimate the period of a Gold code by the method proposed in this thesis. Though the suppression of odd harmonics observed in this example is not typical of all Gold codes, their spectra are in general much less well structured than the spectra of the m-sequences from which they were derived. Due to the difficulties discussed earlier and confirmed by numerous experiments, this method of analysis was found to be less effective for the analysis of Gold codes.


Figure 6.4 Spectrum for Example Four.

TABLE 5
SIGNIFICANT COMPONENTS IN EXAMPLE FOUR

Componen
165
166
116
Magnitude Squared
2324.7
3015.0
1257. 3
930.6

Percentile
99. 98
99. 87
77.18
7.75

## VII. CONCLUSION

## A. METHOD FOR DETERMINING SPECTRAL SIGNIEICANCE

The purpose of this research was to develop a method to quantitatively evaluate the significance of the spectral components of a signal. A method known as Fisher's Test of Significance in Harmonic Analysis was found in the literature, which promised to provide a means of accomplishing this [Ref. 1]. Fisher's test had been applied by previous researchers in a variety of different ways, none of which took full advantage of the power of this test [Refs. 2,3]. A new method for applying Fisher's test is proposed which uses the test more effectively and in a more direct manner. In this way a simple, flexible and effective method is found for determining the significance of the spectral components of a signal.

Applying this method to the problem of estimating the period of a noise garbled pseudo-random sequence met with mixed results. In some situations a good estimate is readily obtainable, while in others the method of analysis is found to be less effective. The failure is not in the methods ability to determine the significance of spectral components, but rather in the manner in which the method is applied to this particular problem. The lack of a well ordered spectrum in the case of some sequences studied proved detrimental to this method of analysis.

In conclusion, a method is developed for determining the significance of spectral components and is shown to be of value in harmonic analysis. As the scope of problems dealt with by harmonic analysis is quite broad, it is conceivable that this method may find applications in areas other than the analysis of pseudo-random and related sequences.
B. SUGGESTIONS EOR FURTHER RESEARCH

There are several promising avenues for further research. To begin with, the method developed in this research could be applied to other problems in harmonic analysis. Any situation involving the analysis of a simple periodic signal in the presence of noise could be approached using this method. One such example is the detection of the doppler shifted blade rate of a torpedo propeller in the noisy environment of a sonar signal.

Assuming different parameters, such as different noise generators, the problem of evaluating the significance of spectral components may be solved again. This may involve rederiving the probability expression under a different assumption concerning noise statistics.

A DFT program might be developed to operate on sequences of zeros and ones more efficiently, possibly allowing fast computations to be performed on longer sequences. Other fast algorithms could also be considered.

Dithering and other techniques might be developed in order to resolve the problems encountered when sequence periods did not divide the transform length evenly.

The challenging problem of analyzing periodic sequences when only a portion of the sequence is available might also be attacked by these methods. Here less than one period will be available for analysis so other properties of the sequence will have to be considered.
PROGRAM TO GENERATE M-SEQUENCES

| PURPOSE: THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO SIMULATE A LINEAR |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| INSTRUCTIONS: THE PROGRAM WILL PROMPT THE USER TO INPUT THE DEGREE OF THE PRIMITIVE POLYNOMIAL WHICH DEFINES THE EEEDBACK |  |
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| PATHS AND THE NUMBER OF DATA POINTS DESIRED. THE USER WILL THE |  |
| BE PROMPTED TO INPUT THE COEFFICIENTS OF THE POLYNOMIAL. SOME |  |
| EXAMPLES OF PRIMITIVE POLYNOMIALS ARE: |  |
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[^0]PURPOSE: THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO INTRODUCE RANDOM BIT
ERRORS INTO A DATA SEQUENCE.
INSTRUCTIONS: AT THE PROMPTING OF THE PROGRAM THE USER EIRST
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APPENDIX E
PROGRAM FOR RANDOM DELETIONS
PURPOSE：THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO SIMULATE TIMING ERRORS
THAT CAUSE BITS IN THE DATA STREAM TO BE DELETED AT RANDOM．
INSTRUCTIONS：THE USER SETS THE MAXIMUM BIT TIMING ERROR ALLOWED，
ASSUMINGA BIT PERIOD OF ONE AND THAT SAMPLING OCCURS AT THE
MIDDLE OF THE BIT PERIOD THE PROGRAM SELECTS A RANDOM ERROR
BETWEEN ZERO AND THE MAXIMUM SPECIFIED AND APPEIES IT TO EACH
SAMPLING TIME．WHENA SAMPLE IS TAKEN OUTSIDE THE BIT PERIOD THE
BIT IS DELETED．THE PROGRAM THEN COMPUTES THE FFT OF THE DATA
WITH ERRORS AND PLOTS THE RESULTS． FILES USED IN THE PROGRAM：
4O：INPUT DATA
41：INPUT DATA WITH ERRORS
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VARIABLE DECLARATIONS
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PROGRAM FOR RANDOM INSERTIONS
PURPOSE：THE PURPOSE OE THIS PROGRAM IS TO SIMULATE TIMING ERRORS
THAT CAUSE BITS IN THE DATA STREAM TO BE INSERTED AT RANDOM．
INSTRUCTIONS：AT THE PROMPTING OF THE PROGRAM THE USER SETS THE
MAXIMUM BIT TIMING ERROR ALEOWED ASSUMING A BIT PERIOD OF ONE AND
THAT SAMPING OCCURS AT THE MIDDEE OF THE BIT PERIOD．THE PROGRAM
SELECTS A RANDOM ERROR BETWEEN ZERO AND THE MAXIMUM AND APPLIES
IT TO EACH SAMPLING TIME WHEN A SAMPLE IS TAKEN INSIDE THE SAME
BIT PERIOD，THE BIT IS INSERTED．THE PROGRAM THEN COMPUTES THE
EFT OF THE DATA WITH ERRORS AND PLOTS THE RESULTS．


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PROGRAM FOR FISHER＇S TEST
PURPOSE：THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO APPLY FISHER＇S TEST
OF SIGNIFICANCE IN HARMONIC ANALYSIS．
INSTRUCTIONS：AT THE PROMPTING OF THE PROGRAM THE USER INPUTS THE
NUMBER OF DATA POINTS AND THE NUMBER OF SIGNIEICANCE CALCULATIONS
DESIRED．THE PROGRAM CALCULATES SIGNIFICANCE MEASURES AND PLOTS
THE SPECTRUM LABELED WITH APPROPRIATE SIGNIEICANCE MEASURES．
A TABLE OF OUTPUT DATA IS ALSO PROVIDED．

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