

Shape - Gain Vector Quantization of Speech Signals

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Abstract—This paper presents the implementation of shape-gain vector quantization which a type product code vector quantization. The shape and the gain parameters are particularly suitable for speech signals which have large dynamic range. The implementation results shows that optimum signal to noise ratio is achieved with codebook dimension of ten.

Index Terms—Shape-Gain, Vector Quantization, Speech Signal.

I. INTRODUCTION

The speech signal have large dynamic range of power levels. This property of speech signal makes it suitable for Shape Gain Vector Quantization. Shape gain vector quantization can be viewed as a type of product code involving shape and gain [1]. In this case some statistical parameter such as average or root mean square of speech vector is extracted which is named as gain and treated as scaling factor [2]. The speech vector normalized by scaling factor is called shape. The very definition of shape gain vector quantization suggests that in the situation when the probability distribution function of shape is independent of the gain, the shape gain vector quantization is most suitable.

II. SHAPE GAIN VECTOR QUANTIZATION OF SPEECH SIGNAL

Consider a speech signal represented in terms a vector as $X = [x_1, x_2, x_3 \dots x_n]$ and root mean square value of the speech vector is denoted by g then

$$g = [\sum_i^n x_i^2]^{1/2} \quad (1)$$

and shape S is given by

$$S = \frac{x}{g}; \quad g \neq 0. \quad (2)$$

To find optimality of quantizer various distortion measures are framed as performance parameters, which includes mean square error, weighted mean square error and linear prediction distortion measures [3][4][5].

The mean square error parameter performance criterion yields

$$(d, \hat{g} \hat{S}) = \|X - \hat{g} \hat{S}\|^2, \quad (3)$$

where \hat{g} and \hat{S} are quantized values of g and S respectively. The above equation (3) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} (d, \hat{g} \hat{S}) &= \|X\|^2 + \hat{g}^2 + 2 \hat{g} X^t \hat{S} \\ &= \|X\|^2 + [\hat{g} - (X^t \hat{S})]^2 - (X^t \hat{S})^2 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

The above equation (4) shows that mean square error is minimized by first selecting the space vector that maximizes the last term $X^t \hat{S}$ and then minimizing the second term $\hat{g} - (X^t \hat{S})^2$.

III. CODEBOOK DESIGN

One way to design the shape gain vector quantizer shown in **Fig. 1** which based on equation (4). The code (i, j) is generated from gain and shape codebooks from encoder unit and transmitted to decoder. The various steps are enumerated as

Step 1

Let us consider the a region R given by $R = \{R_{ij}; i = 1, 2, 3 \dots N_g; j = 1, 2, 3 \dots N_s\}$ having $N_g \times N_s$ partitions. Initialize the shape code book with $C_s = \{\hat{S}_j; j = 1, 2, 3 \dots N_s\}$ and gain codebook with $C_g = \{g_i; i = 1, 2, 3 \dots N_g\}$. If the input vector $X \in R_{ij}$, then x is mapped into (i, j) and corresponding reproduction vector is given by $g(x) = g_i$ and $S(x) = S_j$.

Step 2

Define the gain partition $G = \{G_i; i = 1, 2, 3 \dots N_g\}$ by $G_i = \cup_{j=1}^{N_s} R_{ij}$. G_i being the input vector space which maps into a the gain code word g_i . Also define the shape partition $A = \{A_j; j = 1, 2, 3, \dots N_s\}$ by $A_j = \cup_{i=1}^{N_g} R_{ij}$. A_j being input vector space which maps into the shape code word S_j .

Step 3

Let us denote the average distortion by $D(C_g, C_s, R) = E_d(X, g(x)S(x))$. Optimum distortion for a given set of shape and gain code vector (C_s, C_g) , $R(C_s, C_g)$ denote the minimum distortion. Mathematically $D(C_g, C_s, R) \geq D(C_g, C_s, R(C_s, C_g))$. Therefore shape and gain is minimized to the average distortion for a fixed pair of code word.

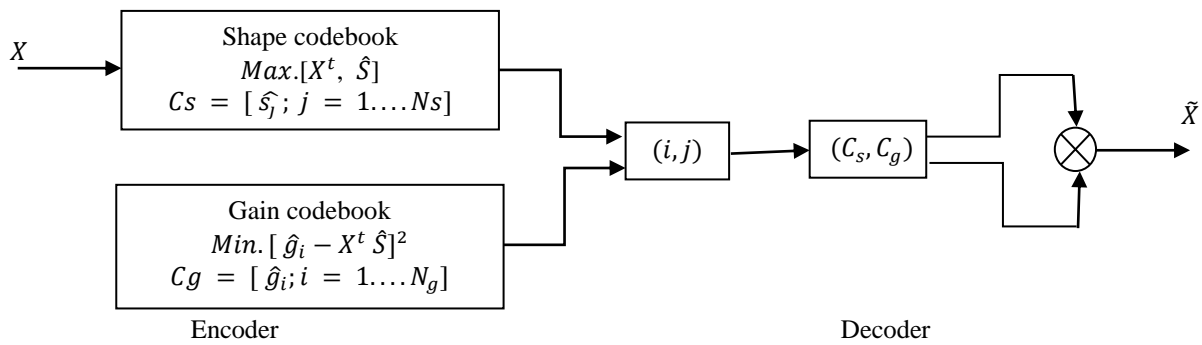


Figure 1: shape gain vector quantizer

IV. SIMULATION RESULT

Signal to noise ratio of the shape gain vector quantization with respect to codebook dimension of a shot term voiced speech sampled at a 8 KHz taking length utterance as 1.5 ms of is shown in the graph as depicted in Fig. 2. It has been found that the SNR saturates beyond codebook of dimension ten.

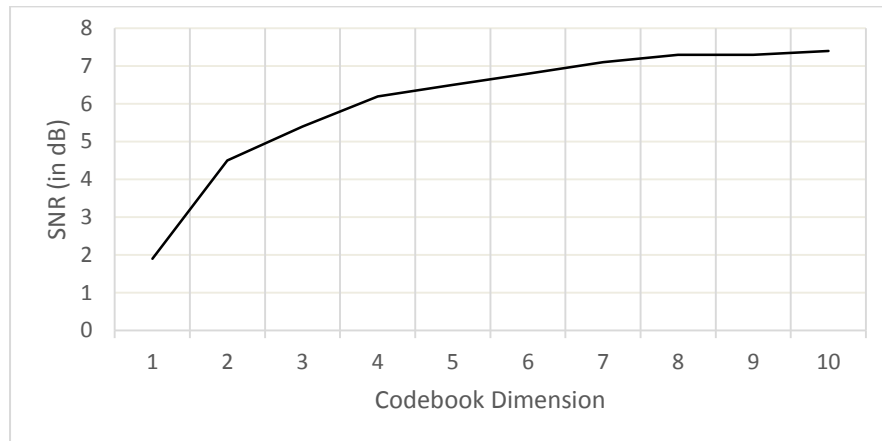


Figure 2: SNR Versus Codebook dimension Plot

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