# Chaotic behaviors of stable second-order digital filters with two's complement arithmetic

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#### SUMMARY

In this paper, the behaviors of stable second-order digital filters with two's complement arithmetic are investigated. It is found that even though the poles are inside the unit circle and the trajectory converges to a fixed point on the phase plane, that fixed point is not necessarily the origin. That fixed point is found and the set of initial conditions corresponding to such trajectories is determined. This set of initial conditions is a set of polygons inside the unit square, whereas it is an ellipse for the marginally stable case. Also, it is found that the occurrence of limit cycles and chaotic fractal pattern on the phase plane can be characterized by the periodic and aperiodic behaviors of the symbolic sequences, respectively. The fractal pattern is polygonal, whereas it is elliptical for the marginally stable case.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

It is well known that chaotic behaviors may occur if second-order digital filters with two's complement arithmetic are operating in the marginally stable region or in the unstable region [1,4,6-10,12,13]. Further results have been reported for marginally stable third-order digital filters with two's complement arithmetic [3,13], as well as for marginally stable second-order digital filters with either a saturation-type nonlinearity [2] or with a quantization-type nonlinearity [5,11].

However, we seldom design a 'digital filter' operating in the marginally stable region or in the unstable region. Practically, we usually design digital filters operating in the stable region. In this paper, chaotic and related behaviors of stable second-order digital filters with two's complement arithmetic are investigated.

If overflow does not occur, the trajectory of stable second-order digital filters with two's complement arithmetic will converge to the origin on the phase plane. If overflow occurs, will the trajectory converge? If so, what are the fixed points and the set of initial conditions such that the trajectories will converge to those fixed points? Besides, some researchers have reported that limit cycles may occur [14-19]. What is the relationship between the occurrence of limiting cycles and the behaviors of symbolic sequences? Moreover, are there any fractal patterns exhibited on the phase plane? If so, what is the difference between the shapes of fractal patterns for the stable and the marginally stable second-order digital filters?

In section 2, we will outline the notations which are essentially those used in the existing literatures [1-13]. In section 3, the behaviors of stable second-order digital filters with two's complement arithmetic are presented. Comparisons between the behaviors of stable and marginally stable second-order digital filters with two's complement arithmetic are discussed in section 4. Finally, concluding remarks are presented in section 5.

## 2. NOTATIONS

The notations used in [1-13] are adopted as follows:

The system is defined as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1(k+1) \\ x_2(k+1) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{F}\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1(k) \\ x_2(k) \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_2(k) \\ f(b \cdot x_1(k) + a \cdot x_2(k)) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x_1(k) \\ x_2(k) \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{B} \cdot s(k)$$
(1)

where 
$$\mathbf{x}(k) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(k) \\ x_2(k) \end{bmatrix} \in I^2 \equiv \{ (x_1, x_2) : -1 \le x_1 < 1, -1 \le x_2 < 1 \}$$
 (2)

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$$
(3)

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 0\\2 \end{bmatrix} \tag{4}$$

$$s(k) \in \{-m, \dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots, m\} \text{ where } m \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \cup \{0\} \text{ satisfying}$$
  
$$-2 \cdot m - 1 \le b \cdot x_1 + a \cdot x_2 < 2 \cdot m + 1$$
(5)

and  $f(x) = x - 2 \cdot n$  for  $2 \cdot n - 1 \le x < 2 \cdot n + 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \cup \{0\}$  (6)

For the linearized model of the system, if  $(a,b) \in \Delta \equiv \{(a,b): b > -1 \text{ and } b < -a+1 \text{ and } b < a+1\}$ , the second-order digital filters are said to be operating in the

stable region. If b = -1 and |a| < 2, or b = a + 1 and -2 < a < 0, or b = -a + 1 and 0 < a < 2, the second-order digital filters are said to be operating in the marginally stable region. Otherwise, the second-order digital filters are said to be operating in the unstable region.

Given an initial condition  $\mathbf{x}(0) \in I^2$ , a symbolic sequence  $s = (s(0), s(1), \dots) \in \Sigma$  can be generated by the map  $S: I^2 \to \Sigma$ . The set  $\Sigma$  can be partitioned into three subsets:  $\Sigma_{\alpha} = \{s = (s(0), s(1), \dots) : s \text{ is periodic}\},$  $\Sigma_{\beta} = \{s = (s(0), s(1), \dots) : s \text{ is eventually periodic}\}$  and  $\Sigma_{\gamma} = \Sigma \setminus (\Sigma_{\alpha} \cup \Sigma_{\beta}).$ 

# 3. BEHAVIORS OF STABLE SECOND-ORDER DIGITAL FILTRS WITH TWO'S COMPLEMENT ARITHMETIC

This section presents the behaviors of stable second-order digital filters with two's complement arithmetic as follows:

# 3.1. Trajectory converging to the origin

In this section, the trajectory equation and the set of initial conditions for the trajectory to converge to the origin are discussed as below:

Consider the case when the eigenvalues of matrix A are complex; let

$$b = -r^2 \text{ and } a = 2 \cdot r \cdot \cos \theta$$
 (7)

where 
$$r \in \mathfrak{R}^+$$
 and  $\theta \in \mathfrak{R}$  (8)

If 0 < r < 1, then the second-order digital filters are stable.

Let 
$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} r \cdot e^{j \cdot \theta} & 0\\ 0 & r \cdot e^{-j \cdot \theta} \end{bmatrix}$$
 (9)

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \cdot e^{-\left(\frac{j\cdot\theta}{2}\right)} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \cdot e^{\frac{j\cdot\theta}{2}} \\ \sqrt{r} \cdot e^{\frac{j\cdot\theta}{2}} & \sqrt{r} \cdot e^{-\left(\frac{j\cdot\theta}{2}\right)} \end{bmatrix}$$
(10)

Then  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{T}^{-1}$ 

(11)

If overflow does not occur, then

$$\mathbf{x}(k) = \mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{D}^{k} \cdot \mathbf{T}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{r^{k-1}}{\sin \theta} \cdot (\sin(k \cdot \theta) \cdot x_{2}(0) - r \cdot \sin((k-1) \cdot \theta) \cdot x_{1}(0)) \\ \frac{r^{k}}{\sin \theta} \cdot (\sin((k+1) \cdot \theta) \cdot x_{2}(0) - r \cdot \sin(k \cdot \theta) \cdot x_{1}(0)) \end{bmatrix}, \ \forall k \ge 1 \ (12)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{k \to +\infty} \mathbf{x}(k) = \mathbf{0} \tag{13}$$

Hence, the state vector converges to zero and the phase trajectory converges to the origin. Figure 1a shows an example of the corresponding phase portrait.

$$\mathbf{x}(k) \in I^2 \Rightarrow \left| \frac{r^k}{\sin \theta} \cdot \left( \sin((k+1) \cdot \theta) \cdot x_2(0) - r \cdot \sin(k \cdot \theta) \cdot x_1(0) \right) \right| < 1, \ \forall k \ge 0$$
(14)

If  $\sin((k+1)\cdot\theta) > 0$ , then

$$\frac{r \cdot \sin(k \cdot \theta) \cdot x_1(0) - \left| \frac{\sin \theta}{r^k} \right|}{\sin((k+1) \cdot \theta)} < x_2(0) < \frac{r \cdot \sin(k \cdot \theta) \cdot x_1(0) + \left| \frac{\sin \theta}{r^k} \right|}{\sin((k+1) \cdot \theta)}$$
(15)

If 
$$\sin((k+1)\cdot\theta) < 0$$
, then

$$\frac{r \cdot \sin(k \cdot \theta) \cdot x_1(0) - \left| \frac{\sin \theta}{r^k} \right|}{\sin((k+1) \cdot \theta)} > x_2(0) > \frac{r \cdot \sin(k \cdot \theta) \cdot x_1(0) + \left| \frac{\sin \theta}{r^k} \right|}{\sin((k+1) \cdot \theta)}$$
(16)

By defining  $I_k^2 = \left\{ \mathbf{x}(0) : \mathbf{x}(0) \in I^2 \text{ and } \left| \sin((k+1) \cdot \theta) \cdot x_2(0) - r \cdot \sin(k \cdot \theta) \cdot x_1(0) \right| < \left| \frac{\sin \theta}{r^k} \right| \right\}$ 

 $\forall k \ge 0$ , we can characterize  $I_k^2$  as the region bounded between two parallel straight lines in  $I^2$  described by the inequalities (15) or (16).

Although the slope of the two parallel straight lines for  $I_k^2$  is different for different values of k, the y-intercepts of these two lines move away from the origin as k increases. Hence,  $\exists K \ge 0$  such that  $I_k^2 = I^2$  for  $k \ge K$ . This implies that  $\exists K' \ge 0$  such that  $K' \le K$  and  $\bigcap_{k=0}^{+\infty} I_k^2 = \bigcap_{k=0}^{K'} I_k^2 \subseteq I^2$ . As a result, if overflow does not occur, then  $\mathbf{x}(0) \in \bigcap_{k=0}^{K'} I_k^2$ . This set of initial conditions corresponds to a polygon on the phase plane, and the number of sides of the polygon depends on the value of K', as shown in figure 1b.

## 3.2. Trajectory converging to a fixed point not at the origin

In this section, the trajectory equation and the set of initial conditions when the trajectory converges to a fixed point not at the origin are developed and discussed as below:

$$\mathbf{x}(k+1) = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x}(k) + \mathbf{B} \cdot s(k), \ \forall k \ge 0$$
(17)

If  $s(k) = s_0$  for  $\forall k \ge 0$ , then

$$\mathbf{x}(k) = \mathbf{A}^{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}(0) + \sum_{n=0}^{k-1} \mathbf{A}^{n} \cdot \mathbf{B} \cdot s_{0}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{r^{k-1}}{\sin \theta} \cdot (\sin(k \cdot \theta) \cdot x_{2}(0) - r \cdot \sin((k-1) \cdot \theta) \cdot x_{1}(0)) \\ \frac{r^{k}}{\sin \theta} \cdot (\sin((k+1) \cdot \theta) \cdot x_{2}(0) - r \cdot \sin(k \cdot \theta) \cdot x_{1}(0)) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \forall k \ge 1$$

$$+ \frac{2 \cdot s_{0}}{\sin \theta \cdot (1 - 2 \cdot r \cdot \cos \theta + r^{2})} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta - r^{k-1} \cdot \sin(k \cdot \theta) + r^{k} \cdot \sin((k-1) \cdot \theta) \\ \sin \theta - r^{k} \cdot \sin((k+1) \cdot \theta) + r^{k+1} \cdot \sin(k \cdot \theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(19)$$

Since 0 < r < 1, we have  $\lim_{k \to +\infty} \mathbf{x}(k) = \frac{2 \cdot s_0}{1 - 2 \cdot r \cdot \cos \theta + r^2} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  (20)

Let 
$$\mathbf{x}^* = \frac{2 \cdot s_0}{1 - 2 \cdot r \cdot \cos\theta + r^2} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (21)

Then  $\mathbf{x}(k)$  will converge to  $\mathbf{x}^*$ . If  $s_0 \neq 0$ , then  $\mathbf{x}^* \neq \mathbf{0}$ . Hence, the trajectory converges to a fixed point not at the origin. Figure 2a shows an example of the corresponding phase portrait. In fact, when  $s_0 = 0$ , then  $\mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{0}$ . This reduces to the case described in section 3.1.

$$\mathbf{x}(k) \in I^{2} \Rightarrow \left| \frac{r^{k}}{\sin \theta} \cdot (\sin((k+1) \cdot \theta) \cdot x_{2}(0) - r \cdot \sin(k \cdot \theta) \cdot x_{1}(0)) + \frac{2 \cdot s_{0}}{\sin \theta \cdot (1 - 2 \cdot r \cdot \cos \theta + r^{2})} \cdot (\sin \theta - r^{k} \cdot \sin((k+1) \cdot \theta) + r^{k+1} \cdot \sin(k \cdot \theta)) \right| < 1, \quad \forall k \ge 0 \quad (22)$$

$$If \sin((k+1) \cdot \theta) > 0, \text{ then}$$

$$- \left| \frac{\sin \theta}{r^{k}} \right| - \frac{2 \cdot s_{0}}{1 - 2 \cdot r \cdot \cos \theta + r^{2}} \cdot \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{r^{k}} - \sin((k+1) \cdot \theta) + r \cdot \sin(k \cdot \theta) \right) + r \cdot \sin(k \cdot \theta) \cdot x_{1}(0) \\ = \sin((k+1) \cdot \theta)$$

$$< x_{2}(0) < (23)$$

$$\frac{\left| \frac{\sin \theta}{r^{k}} \right|}{1 - 2 \cdot r \cdot \cos \theta + r^{2}} \cdot \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{r^{k}} - \sin((k+1) \cdot \theta) + r \cdot \sin(k \cdot \theta) \right) + r \cdot \sin(k \cdot \theta) \cdot x_{1}(0) \\ = \sin((k+1) \cdot \theta)$$

If  $\sin((k+1)\cdot\theta) < 0$ , then

$$\frac{-\left|\frac{\sin\theta}{r^{k}}\right| - \frac{2 \cdot s_{0}}{1 - 2 \cdot r \cdot \cos\theta + r^{2}} \cdot \left(\frac{\sin\theta}{r^{k}} - \sin((k+1) \cdot \theta) + r \cdot \sin(k \cdot \theta)\right) + r \cdot \sin(k \cdot \theta) \cdot x_{1}(0)}{\sin((k+1) \cdot \theta)}$$

$$> x_{2}(0) >$$
(24)

$$\frac{\left|\frac{\sin\theta}{r^{k}}\right| - \frac{2 \cdot s_{0}}{1 - 2 \cdot r \cdot \cos\theta + r^{2}} \cdot \left(\frac{\sin\theta}{r^{k}} - \sin((k+1)\cdot\theta) + r \cdot \sin(k\cdot\theta)\right) + r \cdot \sin(k\cdot\theta) \cdot x_{1}(0)}{\sin((k+1)\cdot\theta)}$$

By defining 
$$I'_{k,s_0}^2 = \left\{ \mathbf{x}(0) : \mathbf{x}(0) \in I^2 \text{ and } \left| \frac{r^k}{\sin \theta} \cdot \left( \sin((k+1) \cdot \theta) \cdot x_2(0) - r \cdot \sin(k \cdot \theta) \cdot x_1(0) \right) + \right. \right\}$$

$$\frac{2 \cdot s_0}{\sin \theta \cdot (1 - 2 \cdot r \cdot \cos \theta + r^2)} \cdot (\sin \theta - r^k \cdot \sin((k+1) \cdot \theta) + r^{k+1} \cdot \sin(k \cdot \theta)) < 1$$
,  $\forall k \ge 0$  and

 $\forall s_0 \neq 0$ , we can characterize  $I'_{k,s_0}^2$  as the region bounded between two parallel straight lines in  $I^2$  described by the inequalities (23) or (24). Similarly,  $\exists K'_{s_0} \ge 0$ such that  $\bigcap_{k=0}^{+\infty} I_{k,s_0}^2 = \bigcap_{k=0}^{K'_{s_0}} I_{k,s_0}^2 \subseteq I^2$ . As a result, if  $s(k) = s_0 \neq 0$  for  $\forall k \ge 0$ , then  $\mathbf{x}(0) \in \bigcup_{\forall s_0 \neq 0} \bigcap_{k=0}^{K'_{s_0}} I'_{k,s_0}^2$ . This set of initial conditions also corresponds to some polygons

on the phase plane, with each polygon associated with a particular value of  $s_0$  and the number of sides of the polygon depends on the value of  $K'_{s_0}$ , as shown in figure 2b.

#### 3.3. Occurrence of limit cycles

In this section, the relationship between the occurrence of limit cycles and the periodic behaviors of the symbolic sequences is developed and discussed as follows:

$$\forall p, M \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \text{ and } \forall k \ge 0, \ \mathbf{x}(k+p \cdot M) = \mathbf{A}^{p \cdot M} \cdot \mathbf{x}(k) + \sum_{n=0}^{p \cdot M-1} \mathbf{A}^{p \cdot M-1-n} \cdot \mathbf{B} \cdot s(k+n)$$
(25)

If  $\exists k_0 \ge 0$  and  $\exists M \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that s(k) = s(k+M) for  $\forall k \ge k_0$ , that is  $s \in \Sigma_{\alpha} \bigcup \Sigma_{\beta}$ , then  $\forall p \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  (26)

$$\mathbf{x}(k_0 + p \cdot M) = \mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{D}^{p \cdot M} \cdot \mathbf{T}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{x}(k_0) + \sum_{n=0}^{M-1} \mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{D}^{M-1-n} \cdot \left(\sum_{m=0}^{p-1} \mathbf{D}^{m \cdot M}\right) \cdot \mathbf{T}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{B} \cdot s(k_0 + n)$$
(27)

$$= \mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{D}^{p \cdot M} \cdot \mathbf{T}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{x}(k_{0}) + \sum_{n=0}^{M-1} \mathbf{T} \cdot \left[ \frac{r^{M-1-n} \cdot e^{j(M-1-n)\theta} \cdot (1-r^{p \cdot M} \cdot e^{j \cdot p \cdot M \cdot \theta})}{1-r^{M} \cdot e^{j \cdot M \cdot \theta}} \right] \cdot \mathbf{T}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{s}(k_{0}+n)$$
(28)  
$$\lim_{p \to +\infty} \mathbf{x}(k_{0}+p \cdot M) = \sum_{n=0}^{M-1} \mathbf{T} \cdot \left[ \frac{r^{M-1-n} \cdot e^{j(M-1-n)\theta}}{1-r^{M} \cdot e^{j \cdot M \cdot \theta}} \right] \cdot \mathbf{T}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{s}(k_{0}+n)$$
(29)  
$$\frac{r^{M-1-n} \cdot e^{-j(M-1-n)\theta}}{1-r^{M} \cdot e^{-j \cdot M \cdot \theta}} = \sum_{n=0}^{M-1} \mathbf{T} \cdot \left[ \frac{r^{M-1-n} \cdot e^{j(M-1-n)\theta}}{1-r^{M} \cdot e^{j \cdot M \cdot \theta}} \right] \cdot \mathbf{T}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{s}(k_{0}+n)$$
(29)

Let 
$$\mathbf{x}_{0}^{*} = \sum_{n=0}^{M-1} \mathbf{T} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \frac{r \cdot e^{j \cdot \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}^{*}}}{1 - r^{M} \cdot e^{j \cdot M \cdot \theta}} & \mathbf{0} \\ 0 & \frac{r^{M-1-n} \cdot e^{-j \cdot (M-1-n)\theta}}{1 - r^{M} \cdot e^{-j \cdot M \cdot \theta}} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \mathbf{T}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{B} \cdot s(k_{0} + n)$$
(30)

By defining 
$$\mathbf{x}_{n}^{*} = \mathbf{A}^{n} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{0}^{*} + \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} \mathbf{A}^{n-1-m} \cdot \mathbf{B} \cdot s(k_{0} + m)$$
 for  $n = 1, 2, \dots, M - 1$  (31)

then  $\mathbf{x}(k)$  will converge to a periodic sequence  $\{\mathbf{x}_0^*, \mathbf{x}_1^*, \cdots, \mathbf{x}_{M-1}^*\}$ . Hence, limit cycles with period M will occur. Figure 3a and figure 3b shows an example of the corresponding phase portrait and the set of initial conditions that generate limiting cycles, respectively.

#### *3.4. Chaotic fractal pattern*

In this section, we demonstrate by simulation that when the symbolic sequences are aperiodic, that is,  $s \in \Sigma_{\gamma}$ , stable second-order digital filters with two's complement arithmetic may also exhibit a chaotic fractal pattern on the phase plane. The fractal pattern is polygonal, whereas it is elliptical for the marginally stable case. Figure 4a shows an example of the corresponding phase portrait.

Define  $\Xi_0 = \{\mathbf{x}(0): s(k) = 0, \forall k \ge k_0\}$ . This set is the set of initial conditions that the state trajectories will converge to zero. When  $k_0 = 0$ , we have found that  $\Xi_0 = \bigcap_{k=0}^{K'} I_k^2$ . Similarly, define  $\Xi_1 \equiv \{\mathbf{x}(0): s(k) = s_0 \ne 0, \forall k \ge k_0^1\}$ . This set is the set of initial conditions that the state trajectories will converge to a fixed point. When  $k_0^1 = 0$ , we have found that  $\Xi_1 = \bigcup_{\forall s_0 \ne 0} \bigcap_{k=0}^{K'_{s_0}} I'_{k,s_0}^2$ . Likewise, we define  $\Xi_M \equiv \{\mathbf{x}(0): s(k) = s(k+M), \text{ for } k \ge k_0^M \text{ and for } M > 1\}$ . This set is the set of initial conditions that generates limiting cycles. If  $\Xi_3 = I^2 \setminus \bigcup_{M \ge 0} \Xi_M \neq \emptyset$ , this implies that there exists some initial conditions which may not result in the convergence of the state trajectories nor the occurrence of limiting cycles. Under this condition, chaotic behaviors may occur.

Since  $\forall k \ge 0$ ,  $\mathbf{x}(k)$  will not fall into the set  $\bigcup_{M\ge 0} \Xi_M$ , otherwise,  $\exists k_0 \ge 0$  such that  $\mathbf{x}(k_0) \in \bigcup_{M\ge 0} \Xi_M$ . As a result, the phase portrait is inside  $\Xi_3 = I^2 \setminus \bigcup_{M\ge 0} \Xi_M$ . This may correspond to polygonal fractal patterns because  $\Xi_M \quad \forall M \ge 0$  are all polygons. Figure 4b shows an example of the set of initial conditions that gives polygonal fractal patterns.

# 4. COMPARISONS BETWEEN THE BAHAVIORS OF STABLE AND MARGINALLY STABLE SECOND-ORDER DIGITAL FILTERS WITH TWO'S COMPLEMENT ARITHMETIC

Table 1 summarizes the differences on the behaviors of the state trajectories  $\mathbf{x}(k)$  between stable and marginally stable second-order digital filters with two's complement arithmetic. Table 2 summarizes the corresponding differences on the phase portrait. Table 3 summarizes the differences on the sets of initial conditions for the occurrence of various symbolic sequences between stable and marginally stable second-order digital filters with two's complement arithmetic.

	s(k)=0,	$s(k) = s_0 \neq 0,$	$s \in \Sigma_{\alpha} \bigcup \Sigma_{\beta}$	$s\in \Sigma_\gamma$
	$\forall k \ge 0$	$\forall k \ge 0$		
state trajectory	oscillates with	oscillates with	oscillates with	chaotic
$\mathbf{x}(k)$ of	its natural	its natural	harmonic	
marginally	frequency, and	frequency, and	frequencies	
stable second-	the DC value=0	the DC value≠0	$\frac{2\cdot\pi\cdot n}{n}$ , for	
order digital			M	
filters with			$n=0,1,\cdots,M-1$	
two's				
complement				
arithmetic				

state trajectory	converges to	converges to a	limit cycles	chaotic
$\mathbf{x}(k)$ of stable	zero	non-zero value	occur with	
second-order			period M	
digital filters				
with two's				
complement				
arithmetic				

Table 1. Comparison of the behaviors of state trajectories  $\mathbf{x}(k)$  between stable and marginally stable second-order digital filters with two's complement arithmetic, for the initial conditions in Table 3.

	s(k)=0,	$s(k) = s_0 \neq 0,$	$s \in \Sigma_{\alpha} \bigcup \Sigma_{\beta}$	$s \in \Sigma_{\gamma}$
	$\forall k \ge 0$	$\forall k \ge 0$		
phase portrait of	single ellipse	several ellipses	several ellipses	elliptical fractal
marginally	centered at the	with same size,	with different	pattern
stable second-	origin	and all the	sizes, and all the	
order digital		centers are not	centers are not	
filters with		at the origin	at the origin	
two's				
complement				
arithmetic				
phase portrait of	converges to the	converges to a	converges to	polygonal
stable second-	origin	fixed point, and	several fixed	fractal pattern
order digital		the fixed point	points, and	
filters with		is not at the	those fixed	
two's		origin	points are not at	
complement			the origin	
arithmetic				

Table 2. Comparison of the phase portraits between stable and marginally stable second-order digital filters with two's complement arithmetic, for the initial conditions in Table 3.

	s(k)=0,	$s(k) = s_0 \neq 0,$	$s \in \Sigma_{\alpha} \bigcup \Sigma_{\beta}$	$s \in \Sigma_{\gamma}$
	$\forall k \ge 0$	$\forall k \ge 0$		
set of initial	single ellipse	several ellipses	several ellipses	elliptical fractal
conditions of	centered at the	with same size,	with different	pattern
marginally	origin	and all the	sizes, and all the	
stable second-		centers are not	centers are not	
order digital		at the origin	at the origin	
filters with				
two's				
complement				
arithmetic				
set of initial	single polygon	several	several	polygonal
conditions of	centered at the	polygons with	polygons with	fractal pattern
stable second-	origin	same size, and	different sizes,	
order digital		all the centers	and all the	
filters with		are not at the	centers are not	
two's		origin	at the origin	
complement				
arithmetic				

Table 3. Comparison of the sets of initial conditions for the occurrence of various symbolic sequences between stable and marginally stable second-order digital filters with two's complement arithmetic.

# 5. CONCLUDING REMARKS

In this paper, we have studied the behaviors of stable second-order digital filters with two's complement arithmetic. It is found that the state vector of stable second-order digital filters with two's complement arithmetic may not converge to zero. The sets of initial conditions that the trajectories converge to those fixed points are polygons inside the unit square. Also, it is found that the occurrence of limit cycles and chaotic fractal patterns on the phase plane can be characterized by the periodic and aperiodic behaviors of the symbolic sequences, respectively. The fractal pattern is polygonal, whereas it is elliptical for the marginally stable case.

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Figure 1. (a) The phase portrait of stable second-order digital filters with two's complement arithmetic, r = 0.9999,  $\theta = 0.75 \cdot \pi$  and  $\mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ -0.5 \end{bmatrix}$ . (b) The set of initial conditions of the corresponding digital filters when  $s(k) = 0 \quad \forall k \ge 0$ .



Figure 2. (a) The phase portrait of stable second-order digital filters with two's complement arithmetic, r = 0.9999,  $\theta = 0.75 \cdot \pi$  and  $\mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 \\ 0.6 \end{bmatrix}$ . (b) The set of initial conditions of the corresponding digital filters when  $s(k) = s_0 \neq 0 \quad \forall k \ge 0$ .



Figure 3. (a) The phase portrait of stable second-order digital filters with two's complement arithmetic, r = 0.9999,  $\theta = 0.75 \cdot \pi$  and  $\mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 \\ 0.6 \end{bmatrix}$ . (b) The set of initial conditions of the corresponding digital filters when  $s(k) = s(k+M) \quad \forall k \ge 0$ .



Figure 4. (a) The phase portrait of stable second-order digital filters with two's complement arithmetic, r = 0.9999,  $\theta = 0.75 \cdot \pi$  and  $\mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . (b) The set of initial conditions of the corresponding digital filters when s(k) is aperiodic.