

Design and Implementation of Gabor Type Filters on FPGA

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-----ABSTRACT-----

A Field Programmable Gate Array implementation of the Gabor-type filter is presented. The implementation uses the forward Euler approximation. In, this paper the details of the realization of Gabor filter architecture using the floating – point operations are discussed. The paper presents, a brief mathematical overview of the Gabor-type filters which involves floating point arithmetic operation analysis results, the architectural details of the Gabor-type filter, and, the structure of the FPGA implementation is given. Finally implementation results are discussed. Simulation and Synthesis is done using Xilinx ISE design suite. Verilog HDL will be used as a description language for mapping algorithm in VLSI and hardware implementation on SPARTAN-3E FPGA.

KEYWORDS: Gabor filter, FPGA, Euler approximation, floating point arithmetic.

I. INTRODUCTION

In image processing, a Gabor filter, named after Demis Gabor, is a linear filter used for the edge detection. Frequency and orientation representation of Gabor filters are similar to those of the human visual system, and they have been found to be particularly appropriate for texture representation and discrimination. In the literature, FIR [3]-[6] and CNN – based [7] digital implementation methods for Gabor filters are available, where [3]-[6] demonstrated graphics processing unit (GPU) and application – specific integrated circuit implementations respectively. However there are some difficulties in the realization of FIR Gabor-filters using fixed-point operations, such as accuracy, large template requirements for high quality factor etc. The difficulties have been overcome by Gabor-type filters realized with CNN using floating point operations, which has similar properties to Gabor-filters. This paper deals with mathematical overview of the Gabor-type filter, which involves floating point arithmetic operation analysis, results and the architectural details of the Gabor-type filter are presented and the structure of the FPGA implementation is given. Finally implementation results are discussed.

II. CNN – BASED GTF ARCHITECTURE

A DT-CNN-based GTF structure was proposed in [2] as an implementation of [1] whose signal-flow diagram is shown in figure 1. below.

$$\alpha_x = \frac{\cos \omega_{x_0}}{4 + \lambda^2}, \beta_x = \frac{\cos \omega_{y_0}}{4 + \lambda^2} \quad (1)$$

$$\alpha_y = \frac{\sin \omega_{x_0}}{4 + \lambda^2}, \beta_y = \frac{\sin \omega_{y_0}}{4 + \lambda^2}, b = \frac{\lambda^2}{4 + \lambda^2} \quad (2)$$

Where, ω_{x_0} and ω_{y_0} are the center frequencies of x and y axes respectively
 λ = wavelength of the sinusoidal factor.

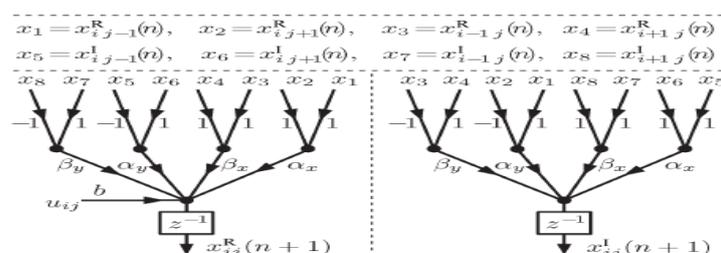


Fig.1 DT-CNN-based GTF structure signal flow graph [22]

The signal flow graph of the above figure1 is as shown as a logical block diagram of one CNN – based GTF computation unit in figure 2. A DT-CNN –based GTF structure forms the basis for the logical block diagram of figure 2 which is used in this paper for the design and implementation of the GTF architecture.

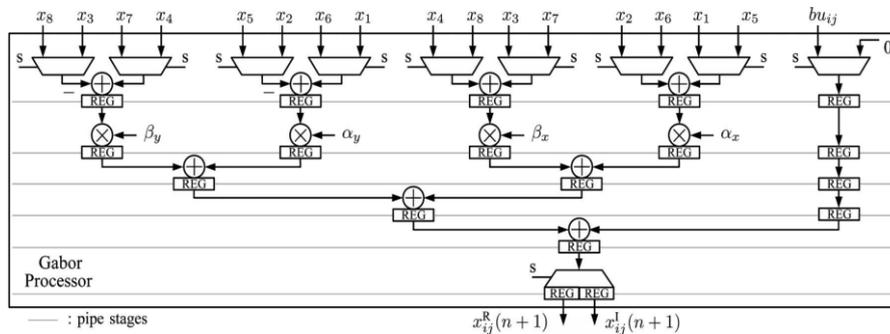


Fig.2. Logical block diagram of one CNN-based GTF computation unit

Two different approaches are used in the logical realization of the fig 2: direct implementation and resource sharing. In the former, a computation tree is implemented directly and, in the latter, considering the similarity of the two diagrams; one computation tree is realized and multiplexed for the computation of real and imaginary parts (fig. 2)

The multiplexing halves the number of multiplier and adder resources; however, twice the pixel frequency is required for computation. The input bu_{ij} is also multiplexed with zero, as it is only required for the calculation of the real part. All adders and multipliers are registered to form a pipeline. The latency of the processor is three pixel clock cycles as there are six pipe stages. Finally, the real and the imaginary parts of the resulting values are demultiplexed to their respective output registers.

III. RESULTS AND DISSCUSSION

3.1 SIMULATION RESULTS

The architecture was written with Verilog HDL and synthesized by Xilinx ISE 14.2. After synthesizing this Verilog HDL code, tests were done with MODELSIM. The following are the simulation results obtained.

3.1.1 Simulation and synthesis results for select line‘s’ zero

The below window represents the input values for select line zero. The calculated floating-point binary numbers for each multiplexer output is shown. Thus indicating, for the GTF architecture the results are accurate, matching both the manual and the synthesis results exactly.

Fig3. by forcing the clock as ‘1’, period of ‘100µs’ and select line ‘s’ zero, the results of the multiplexer and de-multiplexer pipeline stages of the GTF architecture are obtained representing the real part of the architectural design.

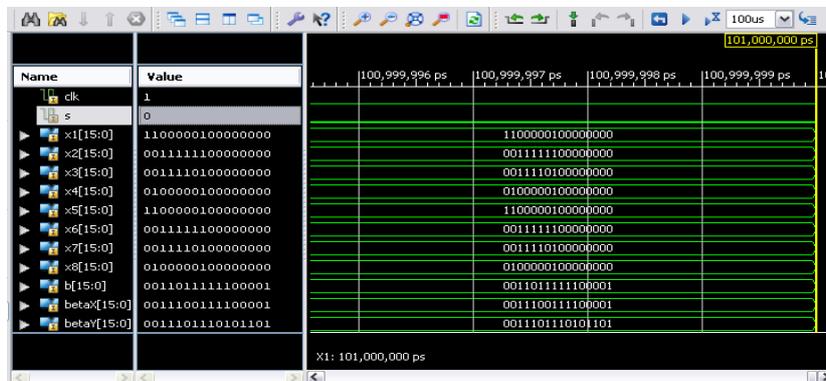


Fig. 3 representing input values for the real part of the system with select line zero

Fig 4 represents the boundary conditions alpha, beta, lambda values of real term with select line's zero. Also resulted multiplexed registered outputs and the demultiplexed real term [15:0] is obtained

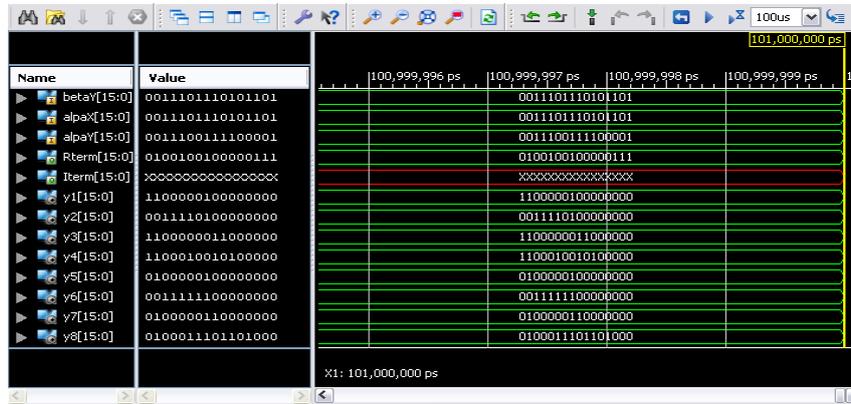


Fig. 4 representing the boundary conditions and registered outputs [15:0] real term of the system with select line zero

3.1.2 Synthesis and simulation results for select line's one: This represents the imaginary value of the demultiplexed output. Below window represents the input values for the imaginary term of the multiplexer and de-multiplexer.

Fig. 5 : by forcing the clock as '1', period of '100µs' and select line 's' one, the results of the multiplexer and de-multiplexer pipeline stages of the proposed architecture are obtained representing the imaginary part of the architectural design.

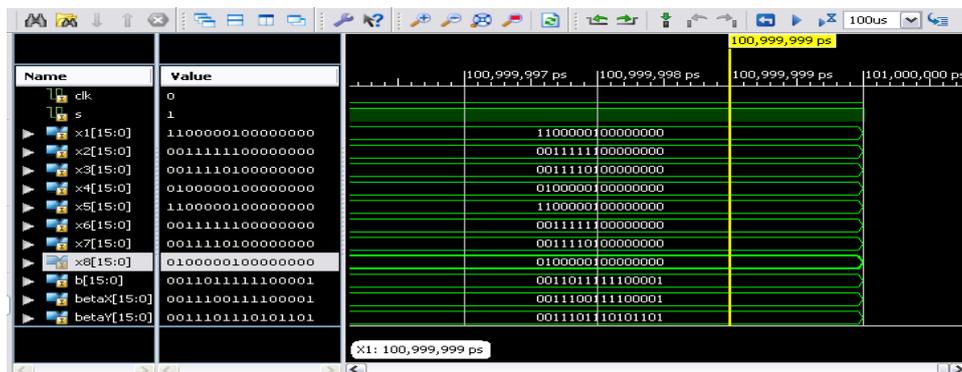


Fig 5 representing the real part of the system with select line one

Fig 6 represents the boundary conditions alpha, beta, lambda values of imaginary term with select line's one. Also resulted multiplexed registered outputs and the demultiplexed real term [15:0] are obtained.

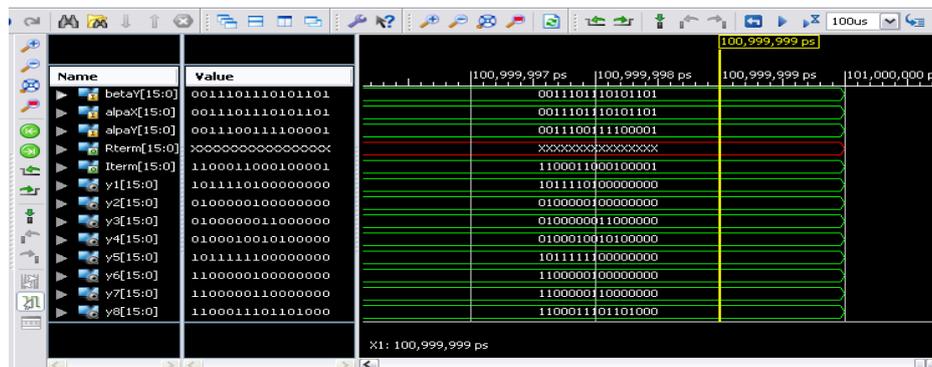


Fig. 6 represents the boundary conditions alpha, beta, lambda and imaginary term

3.2. FPGA IMPLEMENTATION RESULTS

In order to form Gabor type filter structure shown in fig 2, multipliers and adders are needed. The structure is formed by blocks shown in fig 1. The logical block diagram of fig 1 is depicted in fig 2 This architecture was written with VHDL and synthesized by Xilinx ISE 14.2. After synthesizing this VHDL code, tests were done with MODELSIM. When this process unit is synthesized, placed and routed for XC3S400 FPGA, a 50-MHz clock rate can be achieved. The architecture can cover 186 (1%) slice flip flops and four mult 18×18 (20%) on FPGA.



Fig. 7 FPGA implementation of GTF architecture with the hardware resulting in real part of the demultiplexer with select line's zero.

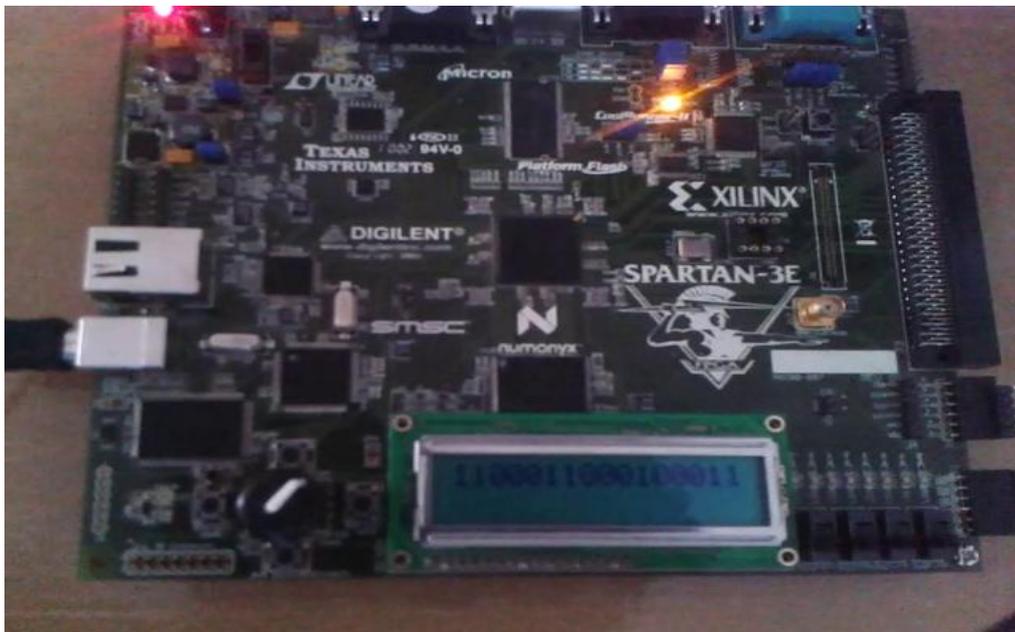


Fig. 8 FPGA implementation of GTF architecture with the hardware resulting in imaginary part of the demultiplexer with select line 's' one. The fig. 9 below shows the top module of the system architecture.

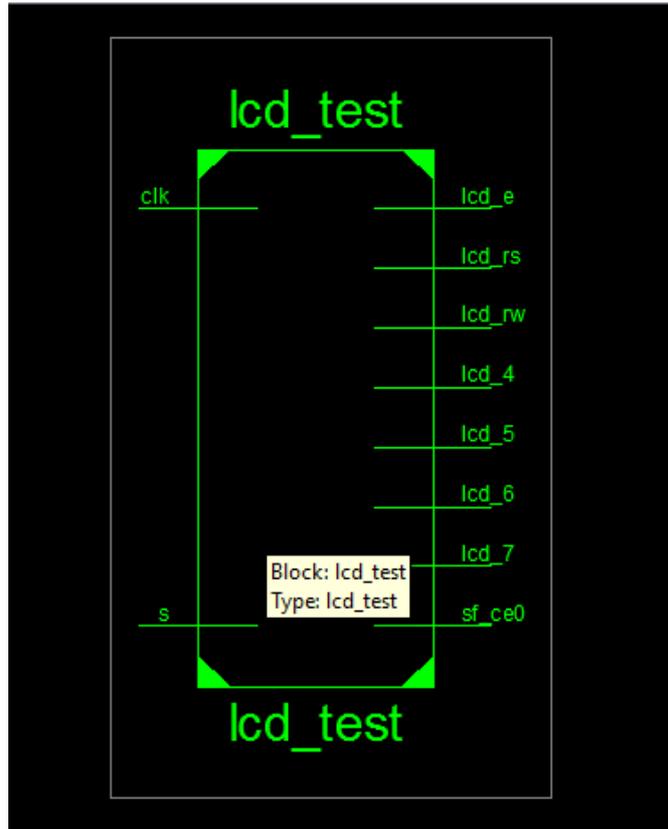


Fig.9 Top module technology schematic

The Fig. 10 below shows the internal architecture of the top module

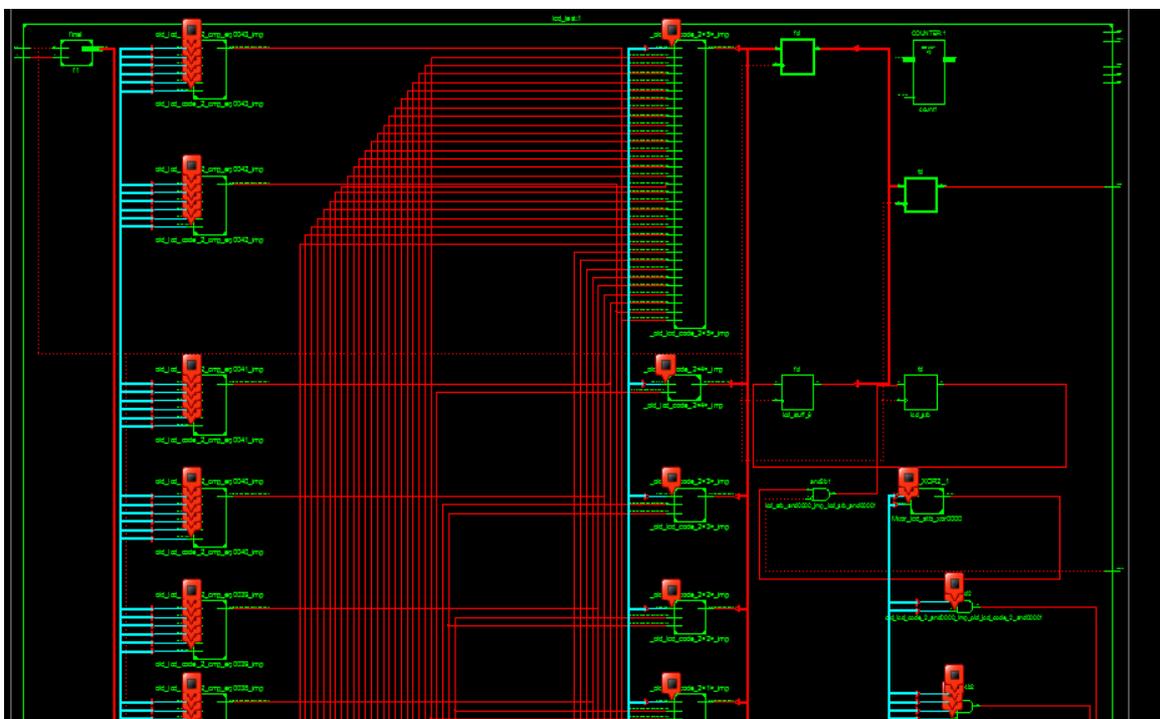


Fig. 10 The internal architecture of top module

The fig. 11 shows the schematic diagram of the GTF architecture.

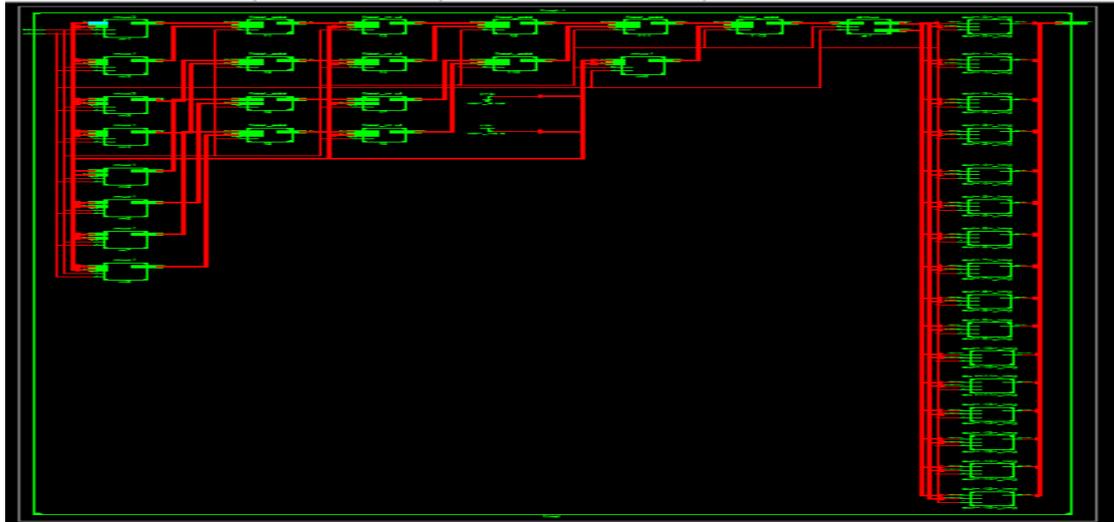


Fig. 11 The schematic diagram of the GFT architecture

The fig. 12 shows the power analysis results for the desinged architecture.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
Device		On-Chip	Power (W)	Used	Available	Utilization (%)			Supply	Summary	Total	Dynamic	Quiescent
Family	Spartan3e	Clocks	0.000	1	---	---			Source	Voltage	Current (A)	Current (A)	Current (A)
Part	xc3s500e	Logic	0.000	1113	9312	12			Vccint	1.200	0.026	0.000	0.026
Package	fg320	Signals	0.000	1173	---	---			Vccaux	2.500	0.018	0.000	0.018
Temp Grade	Commercial	MULTs	0.000	4	20	20			Vcco25	2.500	0.002	0.000	0.002
Process	Typical	IOs	0.000	10	232	4							
Speed Grade	-4	Leakage	0.081										
		Total	0.081										
Environment		Thermal Properties		Effective TJA	Max Ambient	Junction Temp							
Ambient Temp (C)	25.0			(C/W)	(C)	(C)							
Use custom TJA?	No			26.1	82.9	27.1							
Custom TJA (C/W)	NA												
Airflow (LFM)	0												
Characterization													
PRODUCTION	v1.2,06-23-09												

Fig 12 Power analysis

IV. CONCLUSION

In this paper, a brief mathematical overview of the Gabor-type filters is presented; floating point arithmetic operation analysis results and the architectural details of the Gabor-type filter are given. The structure of the FPGA implementation is given. Finally implementation results are discussed. A CNN- Gabor type filter realization method was proposed coded in VHDL and the simulation results are obtained resulting in accuracy.

Digital implementation of Gabor-type filters was proposed, which drastically reduces the number of multipliers required for FPGA implementation. The Gabor filters are suitable for a real-time application such as optical character recognition (OCR), facial recognition or license plate recognition and any other system that requires two-dimensional band-pass filters.

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