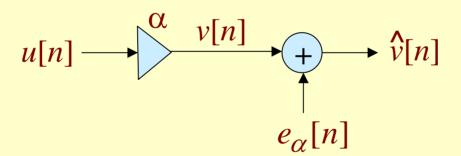
- In the fixed-point implementation of a digital filter only the result of the multiplication operation is quantized
- The representation of a practical multiplier with the quantizer at its output is shown below

$$u[n] \longrightarrow v[n] \qquad Q \longrightarrow v[n]$$

• The statistical model of the multiplier with the quantizer at its output is as shown below



• The output v[n] of the ideal multiplier is quantized to a value $\hat{v}[n]$, where

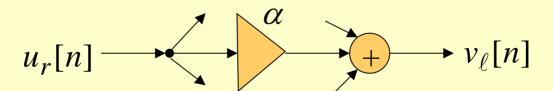
$$\hat{v}[n] = v[n] + e_{\alpha}[n]$$

- For analysis purposes, the following assumptions are made:
 - (1) The error sequence $\{e_{\alpha}[n]\}$ is a sample sequence of a stationary white noise process, with each sample $e_{\alpha}[n]$ being uniformly distributed over the range of the quantization error
 - (2) The error sequence $\{e_{\alpha}[n]\}$ is uncorrelated with the sequence $\{v[n]\}$, the input sequence $\{x[n]\}$, and all other quantization noise sources

• Recall that the assumption of $\{e_{\alpha}[n]\}$ being uncorrelated with $\{v[n]\}$ holds only for rounding and two's-complement truncation

Representation of a digital filter structure with product round-off before summation $x[n] \longrightarrow \hat{y}[n]$

- The noise analysis model also shows the internal r-th branch node associated with the signal variable $u_r[n]$ that needs to be scaled to prevent overflow at this node
- These nodes are typically the inputs to the multipliers as indicated below



- In digital filters employing two's-complement arithmetic, these nodes are outputs of adders forming sums of products, as here the sums will still have the correct values even though some of the products and/or partial sums overflow
- It is assumed the error sources are statistically independent of each other and thus, each error source develops a round-off noise at the output of the digital filter

 $e_{\ell}[n]$ Statistical model of a m_1 digital filter structure with product round-offs $v_{\ell}[n]$ before summation x[n] $\rightarrow \hat{y}[n]$ $u_r[n]$

- Notations:
- $f_r[n]$ impulse response from the digital filter input to the r-th branch node
- $g_{\ell}[n]$ impulse response from the input of the ℓ -th adder to the digital filter output
- $F_r(z) = \mathcal{Z}\{f_r[n]\}$ z-transform of $f_r[n]$, called the scaling transfer function
- $G_{\ell}(z) = \mathbb{Z}\{g_{\ell}[n]\}\$ z-transform of $g_{\ell}[n]$, called the **noise transfer function**

- If σ_o^2 denotes the variance of each individual noise source at the output of each multiplier, the variance of $e_\ell[n]$ is simply $k_\ell \sigma_o^2$
- Variance of the output noise caused by $e_{\ell}[n]$ is then given by

$$\sigma_o^2 \cdot \left[k_\ell \left(\frac{1}{2\pi j_C} \oint G_\ell(z) G_\ell(z^{-1}) z^{-1} dz \right) \right]$$

$$= \sigma_o^2 \cdot \left\lceil k_\ell \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left| G_\ell(e^{j\omega}) \right|^2 d\omega \right) \right\rceil$$

• If there are L such adders in the digital filter structure, the total output noise power due to all product round-offs is given by

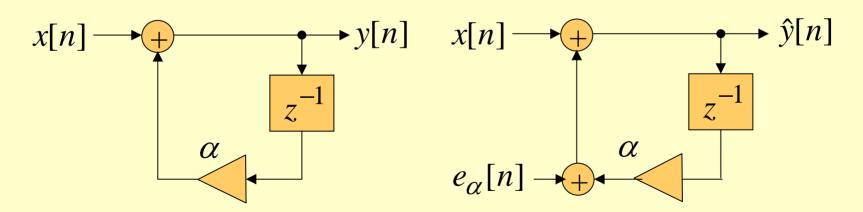
$$\sigma_{\gamma}^{2} = \sigma_{o}^{2} \sum_{\ell=1}^{L} k_{\ell} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi j_{C}} \int_{C} G_{\ell}(z) G_{\ell}(z^{-1}) z^{-1} dz \right)$$

• If product round-off is carried out after the summation of products, then

$$\sigma_{\gamma}^{2} = \sigma_{o}^{2} \sum_{\ell=1}^{L} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi j_{C}} \int_{C} G_{\ell}(z) G_{\ell}(z^{-1}) z^{-1} dz \right)$$

 m_1 Representation of a digital filter structure with product round-offs after summation x[n] $\rightarrow \hat{y}[n]$ $u_r[n]$

• Example - For the first-order digital filter structure shown below on the left, the model for the product round-off error analysis is shown on the right



• From the noise analysis model it can be seen that the noise transfer function $G_{\alpha}(z)$ is the same as the filter transfer function H(z), i.e.,

$$G_{\alpha}(z) = H(z) = \frac{z}{z - \alpha}$$

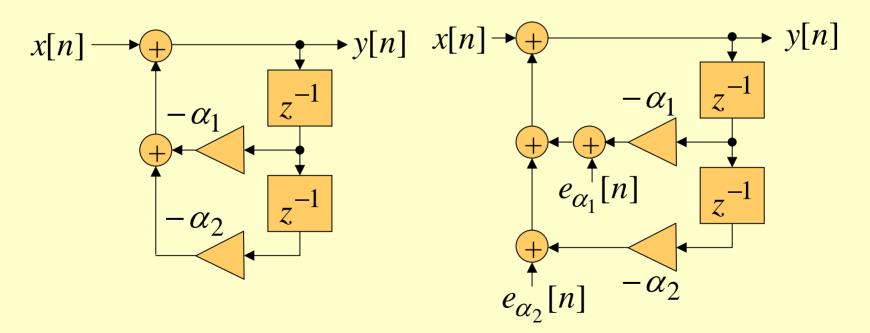
• Thus, the output noise variance due to the product round-off is same as that due to input quantization computed earlier:

$$\sigma_{\gamma}^2 = \frac{\sigma_o^2}{1 - \alpha^2}$$

- The quantity $\sigma_{\gamma,n}^2 = \sigma_{\gamma}^2/\sigma_o^2$ is called the noise gain or the normalized round-off noise variance
- Example We now evaluate the output noise power of the direct form II realization of a causal second-order transfer function:

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{z^2}{z^2 + \alpha_1 z + \alpha_2}$$

• The direct form II realization is shown below on the left and the model for error analysis is shown on the right



- The noise transfer functions $G_{\alpha_1}(z)$ and $G_{\alpha_2}(z)$ are same as the transfer function H(z) of the digital filter
- A direct partial-fraction expansion of H(z) is

$$H(z) = 1 + \frac{-\alpha_1 z - \alpha_2}{z^2 + \alpha_1 z + \alpha_2}$$

• Using the algebraic computation outlined earlier we get

$$\sigma_{\gamma,n}^2 = 2 \left[1 + \frac{(\alpha_1^2 + \alpha_2^2)(1 - \alpha_2^2) - 2(\alpha_1\alpha_2 - \alpha_1\alpha_2^2)\alpha_1}{(1 - \alpha_2^2)^2 + 2\alpha_2\alpha_1^2 - (1 + \alpha_2^2)\alpha_1^2} \right]$$

$$= 2\left(\frac{1+\alpha_2}{1-\alpha_2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{1+\alpha_2^2+2\alpha_2-\alpha_1^2}\right)$$

- In terms of the pole locations $re^{\pm j\theta}$, we have $\alpha_1 = -2r\cos\theta$ and $\alpha_2 = r^2$
- Substituting these values in the expression for $\sigma_{\gamma,n}^2$ we get

$$\sigma_{\gamma,n}^2 = 2 \left(\frac{1+r^2}{1-r^2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{1+r^4 - 2r^2 \cos 2\theta} \right)$$

• If the poles are close to the unit circle, i.e., $r = 1 - \varepsilon$ where ε is a very small positive number, we can express $\sigma_{\gamma,n}^2$ as

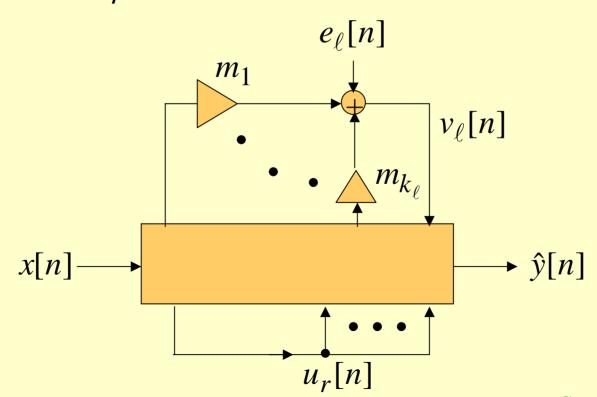
$$\sigma_{\gamma,n}^2 \cong \frac{1}{2\sin^2\theta} \left(\frac{1-\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} \right) \left(\frac{1}{1-2\varepsilon} \right)$$

• Thus, as the poles get closer to the unit circle, $\varepsilon \to 0$, the total output noise power increases rapidly

- In a digital filter implemented using fixedpoint arithmetic, overflow may occur at certain internal nodes such as inputs to multipliers and/or the adder outputs
- Occurrence of overflows may lead to large amplitude oscillations at the filter output causing unsatisfactory operations

- Probability of overflow can be minimized significantly by properly scaling the internal signal levels with the aid of scaling multipliers
- In many cases, most of these multipliers can be absorbed with existing multipliers in the structure, thus reducing the total number of multipliers needed to implement the scaled filter

• To understand the basic concepts involved in scaling, consider the structure given below showing explicitly the r-th node variable $u_r[n]$ that needs to be scaled



- All fixed-point numbers are assumed to be represented as binary fractions
- Input sequence is assumed to be bounded by unity, i.e.,
 - $|x[n]| \le 1$, for all values of n
- Objective of scaling is to ensure that $|u_r[n]| \le 1$, for all r and for all values of n

- Three different conditions can be derived to ensure that $u_r[n]$ satisfies the above bound
- An Absolute Bound -
- Now $u_r[n] = \sum_{r=-\infty}^{\infty} f_r[k] x[n-k]$
- From the above we get

$$|u_r[n]| = \left| \sum_{r=-\infty}^{\infty} f_r[k] x[n-k] \right| \le \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |f_r[k]|$$

• Thus the condition $|u_r[n]| \le 1$ is satisfied if

$$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |f_r[k]| \le 1, \text{ for all } r$$

- The above condition is both necessary and sufficient to guarantee no overflow
- If this condition is not satisfied in the unscaled realization, the input signal can be scaled with a multiplier *K* of value

$$K = \frac{1}{\max_{r} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |f_r[k]|}$$

- The scaling rule developed is based on a worst case bound and does not fully utilize the dynamic range of all adder output registers
 significant reduction in SNR
- It is difficult to compute the value of *K* analytically
- Approximate value can be computed by replacing the infinite sum with a finite sum for a stable filter

- More practical and easy to use scaling rules can be derived in the frequency domain if some information about the input signals is known a priori
- Define the \mathcal{L}_p -norm $(p \ge 1)$ of a Fourier transform $F(e^{j\omega})$ as

$$||F||_{p} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |F(e^{j\omega})|^{p} d\omega\right)^{1/p}$$

- $\|F\|_2$, the \mathcal{L}_2 -norm, is the root-mean-squared (rms) value of $F(e^{j\omega})$ over $[-\pi,\pi]$
- $||F||_1$, the \mathcal{L}_1 -norm, is the mean absolute value of $F(e^{j\omega})$ over $[-\pi,\pi]$
- $\lim_{p\to\infty} \|F\|_p$ exists for a continuous $F(e^{j\omega})$ and is given by

$$||F||_{\infty} = \max_{-\pi \le \omega \le \pi} |F(e^{j\omega})|$$

- A more realistic bound is derived next assuming that the input x[n] is a deterministic signal with a DTFT $X(e^{j\omega})$
- \mathcal{L}_{∞} -Bound
- Now from $u_r[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} f_r[k]x[n-k]$ we get $U_r(e^{j\omega}) = F_r(e^{j\omega})X(e^{j\omega})$

where $U_r(e^{j\omega})$ and $F_r(e^{j\omega})$ are the DTFTs of $u_r[n]$ and $f_r[n]$, respectively

• The inverse Fourier transform of

$$U_r(e^{j\omega}) = F_r(e^{j\omega})X(e^{j\omega})$$

yields

yields
$$u_r[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} F_r(e^{j\omega}) X(e^{j\omega}) e^{j\omega n} d\omega$$
• Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} |u_{r}[n]| &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |F_{r}(e^{j\omega})| X(e^{j\omega}) |d\omega \\ &\leq ||F_{r}||_{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |X(e^{j\omega})| d\omega \right] \leq ||F_{r}||_{\infty} ||X||_{1} \end{aligned}$$

• Thus, if $||X||_1 \le 1$, the dynamic range constraint $|u_r[n]| \le 1$ is satisfied if

$$||F_r||_{\infty} \leq 1$$

- Hence, if the mean absolute value of the input spectrum is bounded by unity, then there will be no adder overflow if the peak gains from the filter input to all adder outputs are scaled to satisfy $||F_r||_{\infty} \leq 1$
- In general, this scaling rule is rarely used since in practice $||X||_1 \le 1$ does not hold

- \mathcal{L}_2 Bound
- Applying the Schwartz inequality to

$$u_r[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} F_r(e^{j\omega}) X(e^{j\omega}) e^{j\omega n} d\omega$$

we get

$$\left| u_r[n] \right|^2 \le \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left| F_r(e^{j\omega}) \right|^2 d\omega \right) \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left| X(e^{j\omega}) \right|^2 d\omega \right)$$

• or equivalently,

$$|u_r[n]| \le ||F_r(e^{j\omega})||_2 \cdot ||X(e^{j\omega})||_2$$

• Thus, if the input to the filter has finite energy bounded by unity, i.e., $||X||_2 \le 1$, then the adder overflow can be prevented by scaling the filter such that the rms values of all scaling transfer functions from the input to all adder outputs are bounded by unity, i.e.,

 $||F_r||_2 \le 1, \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, R$

- A General Scaling Rule -
- Obtained using Holder's inequality is given by $|u_r[n]| \le ||F_r||_p \cdot ||X||_q$
 - where $p, q \ge 1$ satisfying $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$
- Note: \mathcal{L}_{∞} -bound is obtained when $p = \infty$ and q = 1 and \mathcal{L}_2 -bound is obtained when p = 2 and q = 2
- Another useful scaling rule, \mathcal{L}_1 -bound is obtained when p=1 and $q=\infty$

• After scaling, the scaling transfer functions become $F_r(z)$ and the scaling constants should be chosen such that

$$\|\breve{F}_r\|_p \le 1, \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, R$$

• In many structures, all scaling multipliers can be absorbed into the existing feedforward multipliers without any increase in the total number of multipliers, and hence, noise sources

- In some cases, the scaling process may introduce additional multipliers in the system
- If all scaling multipliers are *b*-bit units, then $\|\breve{F}_r\|_p \le 1, \quad r = 1, 2, ..., R$

can be satisfied with an equality sign, providing a full utilization of the dynamic range of each adder output and thus yielding a maximum SNR

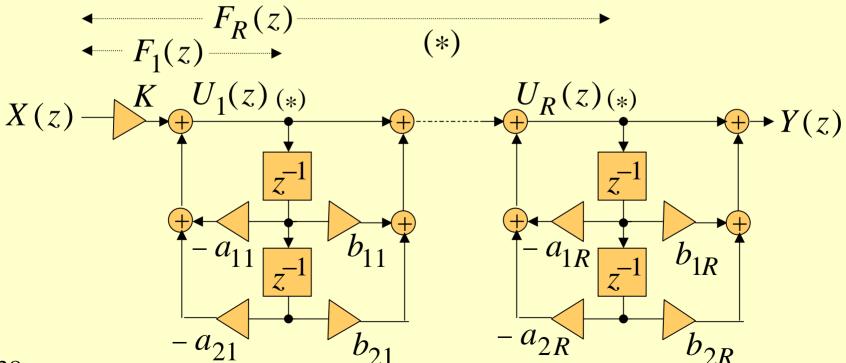
Dynamic Range Scaling

- An attractive option from a hardware point of view is to make as many unabsorbed scaling multipliers as possible in the scaled structure take a value that is a power of 2
- In which case, these scaling multipliers can be implemented simply by a shift operation
- The norm of the scaling transfer function for these multipliers then satisfies

$$\left\| \frac{1}{2} < \left\| \breve{F}_r \right\|_p \le 1$$

with a slight decrease in the SNR

• Consider the unscaled structure consisting of *R* second-order IIR sections realized in direct form II



• Its transfer function is given by

$$H(z) = K \prod_{i=1}^{R} H_i(z)$$

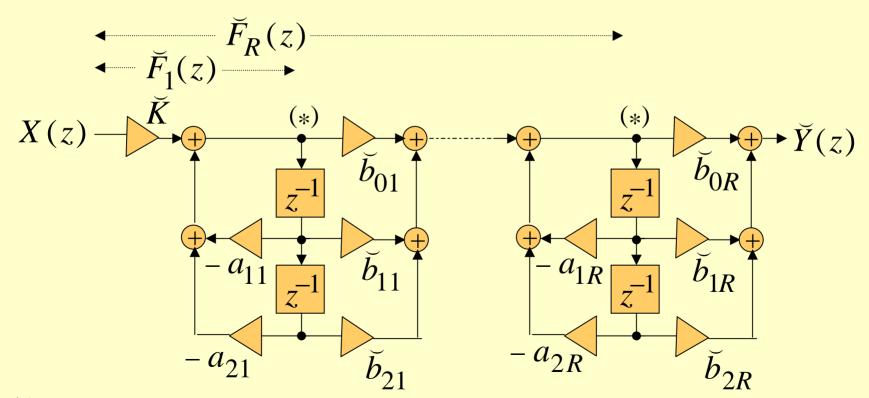
where

$$H_i(z) = \frac{B_i(z)}{A_i(z)} = \frac{1 + b_{1i}z^{-1} + b_{2i}z^{-2}}{1 + a_{1i}z^{-1} + a_{2i}z^{-2}}$$

- The branch nodes to be scaled are marked by (*) which are seen to be the inputs to the multipliers in each second-order section
- The scaling transfer functions are given by

$$F_r(z) = \frac{K}{A_r(z)} \prod_{\ell=1}^{r-1} H_{\ell}(z), \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, R$$

 The scaled version of the cascade structure is shown below



- The scaling process has introduced a new multiplier $\check{b}_{0\ell}$ in each second-order section
- If the zeros of the transfer function H(z) are on the unit circle, as is usually the case, then $b_{2\ell} = \pm 1$
- In which case we can choose $\vec{b}_{0\ell} = \vec{b}_{2\ell} = 2^{-\nu}$ to reduce the total number of multipliers in the final scaled structure

• From the scaled structure it can be seen that

$$\breve{F}_r(z) = \frac{\breve{K}}{A_r(z)} \prod_{\ell=1}^{r-1} \breve{H}_\ell(z),$$

$$\widecheck{H}(z) = \widecheck{K} \prod_{\ell=1}^{R} \widecheck{H}_{\ell}(z)$$

where

$$\widetilde{H}_{\ell}(z) = \frac{\widetilde{b}_{0\ell} + \widetilde{b}_{1\ell}z^{-1} + \widetilde{b}_{2\ell}z^{-2}}{1 + a_{1\ell}z^{-1} + a_{2\ell}z^{-2}}$$

Denote

$$||F_r||_p \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \alpha_r, \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, R$$
$$||H||_p \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \alpha_{R+1}$$

and choose the scaling constants as

$$\breve{K} = \beta_0 K; \quad \breve{b}_{\ell r} = \beta_r b_{\ell r}, \quad \ell = 0, 1, 2; \ r = 1, 2, \dots, R$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\breve{F}_r(z) &= \frac{\beta_0 K}{A_r(z)} \prod_{\ell=1}^{r-1} \beta_\ell H_\ell(z) \\
&= \left(\prod_{\ell=0}^{r-1} \beta_\ell\right) F_r(z), \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, R \\
\breve{H}(z) &= \beta_0 K \prod_{\ell=0}^R \beta_\ell H_\ell(z) = \left(\prod_{\ell=0}^R \beta_\ell\right) H(z)
\end{aligned}$$

• After scaling we require

$$\left\| \breve{F}_r \right\|_p = \left(\prod_{\ell=0}^{r-1} \beta_\ell \right) \left\| F_r \right\|_p = \alpha_r \left(\prod_{\ell=0}^{r-1} \beta_\ell \right) = 1, \ r = 1, 2, \dots, R$$

$$\left\| \widecheck{H} \right\|_{p} = \left(\prod_{\ell=0}^{R} \beta_{\ell} \right) \left\| H \right\|_{p} = \alpha_{R+1} \left(\prod_{\ell=0}^{R} \beta_{\ell} \right) = 1$$

• Solving the above we get

$$\beta_0 = \frac{1}{\alpha_1}, \quad \beta_r = \frac{\alpha_r}{\alpha_{r+1}}, \quad r = 1, 2, ..., R$$

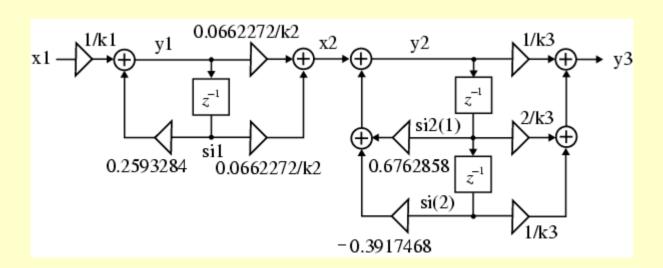
- Dynamic range scaling using the \mathcal{L}_2 -norm rule can be easily carried out using MATLAB by simulating the digital filter structure
- Denote the impulse response from the input to the r-th branch node as $\{f_r[n]\}$
- Assume that the branch nodes have been ordered in accordance with their precedence relations with increasing *r*

- Compute first the \mathcal{L}_2 -norm $\|F_1\|_2$ of $\{f_1[n]\}$ and scale the input by a multiplier $k_1 = \|F_1\|_2$
- Next, compute the \mathcal{L}_2 -norm $\|F_2\|_2$ of $\{f_2[n]\}$ and scale the multipliers feeding into then second adder by dividing with a constant $k_2 = \|F_2\|_2$
- Continue the process until the output node has been scaled to yield an \mathcal{L}_2 -norm of unity

• Example - Consider the cascade realization of $0.0662272(1+z^{-1})$

$$H_1(z) = \frac{0.0662272(1+z^{-1})}{1-0.2593284z^{-1}}$$

$$H_2(z) = \frac{1+2z^{-1}+z^{-2}}{1-0.6762858z^{-1}+0.3917468z^{-2}}$$



```
k1 = 1; k2 = 1; k3 = 1;
x1 = 1/k1;
si1 = 0; si2 = [0\ 0];
varnew = 0; k = 1
while k > 0.0001
    y1 = 9.2593284*si1 + x1;
    x2 = (0.0662272/k2) *(y1 + si1);
    si1 = y1;
    y2 = 0.6762858*si2(1) - 0.3917468*si2(2) + x2;
    si2(2) = si2(1); si2(1) = y2;
    varold = varnew;
    varnew = varnew + abs(y1)*abs(y1);
    k = varnew - varold;
    x1 = 0;
end
```

- The MATLAB program simulating the cascaded structure is given by Program 9_6 in text
- The program is first run with all scaling constants set to unity, i.e., k1 = k2 = k3 = 1
- In the statement computing the approximate value of the \mathcal{L}_2 -norm, the output variable is chosen as y1
- The program computes the square of the \mathcal{L}_2 norm at node y1 as 1.07210002757252

```
k1 = sqrt(1.07210002757252); k2 = 1; k3 = 1;
x1 = 1/k1;
si1 = 0; si2 = [0\ 0];
varnew = 0; k = 1
while k > 0.0001
    y1 = 9.2593284*si1 + x1;
    x2 = (0.0662272/k2) *(y1 + si1);
    si1 = y1;
    y2 = 0.6762858*si2(1) - 0.3917468*si2(2) + x2;
    si2(2) = si2(1); si2(1) = y2;
    varold = varnew;
    varnew = varnew + abs(y1)*abs(y1);
    k = varnew - varold;
    x1 = 0;
end
```

- For the next run of the program, we set $k1 = \sqrt{1.07210002757252}$ with other scaling constants still set to unity
- A second run of the program shows the \mathcal{L}_2 norm of the impulse response at node y1 as
 1.0 verifying the success of scaling the
 input
- In the second step, in the statement computing the approximate value of the \mathcal{L}_2 -norm, the output variable is chosen as y2

```
k1 = sqrt(1.07210002757252); k2 = 1; k3 = 1;
x1 = 1/k1;
si1 = 0; si2 = [0\ 0];
varnew = 0; k = 1
while k > 0.0001
    y1 = 9.2593284*si1 + x1;
    x2 = (0.0662272/k2) *(y1 + si1);
    si1 = y1;
    y2 = 0.6762858*si2(1) - 0.3917468*si2(2) + x2;
    si2(2) = si2(1); si2(1) = y2;
    varold = varnew;
    varnew = varnew + abs(y2)*abs(y2);
    k = varnew - varold;
    x1 = 0;
end
```

• The program yields the square of the \mathcal{L}_2 norm of the impulse response at node y2 as 0.02679820762398, which is used to set k2 $= \sqrt{0.02679820762398}$ with k3 still set to unity

```
k1 = sqrt(1.07210002757252);
k2 = sqrt(0.2679820762398); k3 = 1;
x1 = 1/k1;
si1 = 0; si2 = [0\ 0];
varnew = 0; k = 1
while k > 0.0001
    y1 = 9.2593284*si1 + x1;
    x2 = (0.0662272/k2) *(y1 + si1);
    si1 = y1;
    y2 = 0.6762858*si2(1) - 0.3917468*si2(2) + x2;
    si2(2) = si2(1); si2(1) = y2;
    varold = varnew;
    varnew = varnew + abs(y3)*abs(y3);
    k = varnew - varold;
    x1 = 0;
```

• The process is repeated for node y3, resulting in $k3 = \sqrt{11.96975400608943}$

• The final value of the \mathcal{L}_2 -norm of the impulse response at node y3 is 0.9999683

```
k1 = sqrt(1.07210002757252);
k2 = sqrt(0.2679820762398); k3 = sqrt(11.9675400608943);
x1 = 1/k1;
si1 = 0; si2 = [0\ 0];
varnew = 0; k = 1
while k > 0.0001
    y1 = 9.2593284*si1 + x1;
    x2 = (0.0662272/k2) *(y1 + si1);
    si1 = y1;
    y2 = 0.6762858*si2(1) - 0.3917468*si2(2) + x2;
    si2(2) = si2(1); si2(1) = y2;
    varold = varnew;
    varnew = varnew + abs(y3)*abs(y3);
    k = varnew - varold;
    x1 = 0;
```

end

- Program 9_6 can be easily modified to calculate the product round-off noise variance at the output of the scaled structure
- To this end, we set the digital filter input to zero and apply an impulse at the input of the first adder
- This is equivalent to setting x1 = 1 in the program
- The normalized output noise variance due to a single noise source is 1.077209663042567

- Next, we apply an impulse at the input of the second adder with the digital filter input set to zero
- This is achieved by replacing x2 in the calculation of y2 with x1
- The program yields the normalized output noise variance due to a single error source at the second adder as 1.26109014071707

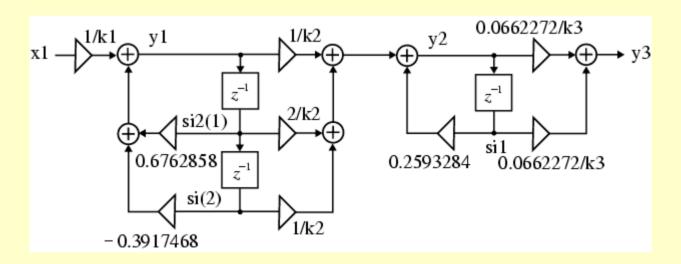
• The total normalized output noise variance, assuming all products to be quantized before addition, is

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2 \times 1.07209663042567 + 4 \times 1.26109014071707 + 3
= 10.18855382371962
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• On the the hand, for quantization after addition of products, the total normalized output noise variance is

```
1.07209663042567 + 1.26109014071707 + 1
= 3.3318677114274
```

• Example - We interchange the locations of the two sections in the cascade



• In this case, the total normalized output noise variance, assuming all products to be quantized before addition, is

$$3 \times 1.5465221 + 4 \times 0.7693895 + 2 = 9.7171242$$

• On the the hand, for quantization after addition of products, the total normalized output noise variance is

1.5465221 + 0.7693895 + 1 = 3.3159116