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IP Facts

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Introduction

The Xilinx® LogiCORE ™ IP FIR Compiler core provides a common interface to generate highly parameterizable, area-efficient high-performance FIR filters.

Features

- AXI4-Stream-compliant interfaces
- High-performance finite impulse response (FIR), polyphase decimator, polyphase interpolator, half-band, half-band decimator and half-band interpolator, Hilbert transform and interpolated filter implementations
- Support for up to 256 sets of coefficients, with 2 to 2048 coefficients per set when handling more than one set.
- Input data up to 49-bit precision
- Filter coefficients up to 49-bit precision
- Support for up to 1024 interleaved data channels
- Support for advanced interleaved data channel sequences
- Support for multiple parallel data channels with shared control logic
- Interpolation and decimation factors of up to 64 generally and up to 1024 for single channel filters
- Support for sample frequency greater than clock frequency
- Online coefficient reload capability
- User-selectable output rounding
- Efficient multi-column structures for all filter implementations and optimizations

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Notes:

- 1. For a complete listing of supported devices, see the Vivado IP catalog.
- 2. For the supported versions of third-party tools, see the [Xilinx Design Tools: Release Notes Guide](https://www.xilinx.com/cgi-bin/docs/rdoc?v=2020.2;t=vivado+release+notes).

Overview

Navigating Content by Design Process

Xilinx documentation is organized around a set of standard design processes to help you find relevant content for your current development task. This document covers the following design processes:

- Hardware, IP, and Platform Development: Creating the PL IP blocks for the hardware platform, creating PL kernels, subsystem functional simulation, and evaluating the Vivado timing, resource and power closure. Also involves developing the hardware platform for system integration. Topics in this document that apply to this design process include:
	- ° [Port Descriptions in Chapter 2](#page-9-1)
	- ° [Clocking in Chapter 3](#page-12-3)
	- ° [Resets in Chapter 3](#page-12-4)
	- ° [Customizing and Generating the Core in Chapter 4](#page-74-2)

Filter Types

A wide range of filter types can be implemented in the Vivado® Integrated Design Environment (IDE): single-rate, polyphase decimators and interpolators and half-band decimators and interpolators. Structure in the coefficient set is exploited to produce area-efficient FPGA implementations. Sufficient arithmetic precision is employed in the internal datapath to avoid the possibility of overflow.

The conventional single-rate FIR version of the core computes the convolution sum defined in [Equation 1-1,](#page-4-3) where *N* is the number of filter coefficients.

$$
y(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a(n)x(k-n) \quad k = 0, 1, ...
$$
 Equation 1-1

[Figure 1-1](#page-5-1) shows the conventional tapped delay line realization of this inner-product calculation, and although the illustration is a useful conceptualization of the computation performed by the core, the actual FPGA realization is quite different.

One or more time-shared multiply-accumulate (MAC) functional units are used to service the N sum-of-product calculations in the filter. The core automatically determines the minimum number of MAC engines required to meet user-specified throughput.

Feature Summary

Figure 1-1: **Conventional Tapped Delay Line FIR Filter Representation**

[Table 1-1](#page-5-2) and [Table 1-2](#page-6-0) show the features and filter configuration support for the FIR Compiler.

Feature Support Matrix

Table 1-1: **Feature Support Matrix** *(Cont'd)*

Notes:

- 1. The upper limit on the number of coefficients exists only when the FIR Compiler is configured with more than one coefficient set.
- 2. Maximum Coefficient Width reduces by one when the Coefficients are signed. Similarly for Maximum Data Width when the Data values are signed.
- 3. The allowable range for the Data Width field in the Vivado IDE might reduce further to ensure that the accumulator width does not exceed the maximum.
- 4. Maximum Parallel Datapaths reduces to 8 when Coefficient Width or Data Width is greater than 25-bits.
- 5. Continuous 1 to 256, plus 512 and 1024.
- 6. Sample frequency greater than clock frequency.

[Table 1-2](#page-6-0) shows the classes of filters that are supported for the FIR Compiler core.

Table 1-2: **Filter Configuration Support Matrix**

The supported filter configurations are described in separate sections within this document.

Notable Limitations

In conjunction with [Table 1-1](#page-5-2) and [Table 1-2](#page-6-0), it is important to note some further limitations inherent in the core.

When selecting the Systolic Multiply-Accumulate architecture, the limitations are as follows:

- Fractional Rate filters do not currently exploit coefficient symmetry.
- Non Half-band rate change filters utilizing the advanced channel sequence feature do not exploit coefficient symmetry.

When selecting the Transpose Multiply-Accumulate architecture, the limitations are as follows:

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- Symmetry is not exploited.
- Multiple interleaved channels are not supported.

Super sample rate filters (sample frequency greater than clock frequency) have the following limitations:

- Polyphase decimator and polyphase interpolator filters do not exploit symmetry beyond a range of coefficient/data width. This is determined by the device selected.
- Fractional rate filters are not supported.
- Half-band optimizations are not exploited.
- Hilbert transforms are not supported.

Licensing and Ordering

This Xilinx® LogiCORE™ IP module is provided at no additional cost with the Xilinx Vivado Design Suite under the terms of the [Xilinx End User License](https://www.xilinx.com/cgi-bin/docs/rdoc?t=eula). Information about this and other Xilinx LogiCORE IP modules is available at the [Xilinx Intellectual Property](https://www.xilinx.com/products/intellectual-property.html) page. For information about pricing and availability of other Xilinx LogiCORE IP modules and tools, contact your [local Xilinx sales representative](https://www.xilinx.com/about/contact.html).

Chapter 2

Product Specification

Performance

Maximum Frequencies

For details about frequency, visit [Performance and Resource Utilization.](https://www.xilinx.com/cgi-bin/docs/ndoc?t=ip+ru;d=fir-compiler.html)

Latency

The core latency is dependent on many of the core parameters. The Implementation Details Tab on the core GUI displays the core latency value, in clock cycles, given the current configuration.

Throughput

The core throughput is completely configurable; from full throughput, one clock cycle per input sample, through to a completely over-sampled implementation. Refer to Hardware Oversampling Specification on the Channel Specification Screen of the core GUI for details.

Resource Utilization

For details about resource utilization, visit [Performance and Resource Utilization](https://www.xilinx.com/cgi-bin/docs/ndoc?t=ip+ru;d=fir-compiler.html).

Port Descriptions

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[Figure 2-1](#page-9-2) shows the schematic symbol for the interface pins for the FIR Compiler core.

Figure 2-1: **FIR Compiler Core Pinout**

[Table 2-1](#page-9-3) defines the FIR filter port names and port functional descriptions.

Table 2-1: **Core Signal Pinout** *(Cont'd)*

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Chapter 3

Designing with the Core

This chapter includes guidelines and additional information to facilitate designing with the core.

Clocking

The core uses a single clock, aclken, which is common to all the AX4-Stream interfaces and event signals.

The optional clock enable signal, α clken, is used to qualify α clk. When α clken is de-asserted the core state and outputs are halted. Asserting aclken allows the core to continue processing.

Resets

The aresetn port is an optional active-Low input port which, when asserted for a minimum of two cycles, forces the internal control logic to the initialized condition and optionally clears the data vector of the core. Selecting data vector reset can result in the core using more FPGA logic resources.

When data vector reset has *not* been selected no internal data is cleared from the filter memories during the reset process. The filter output remains dependent on the prior input samples. The data_valid field of the m_axis_data_tuser bus, see [TUSER Options,](#page-15-0) indicates when the filter data memory has been completely flushed and can be used as additional qualification of the m_axis_data_tdata bus. When the Blank Output option is selected, the filter output is forced to zero until the data_valid field of m_axis_data_tuser is set (the filter output can be generated from a complete data vector).

When using the [RELOAD Channel,](#page-18-1) no coefficient data is cleared upon reset; only the control logic of the RELOAD channel is reset. As a result, it is possible to clear the data vector after new coefficients have been loaded, but before they have been applied to coefficient memory through a Synchronization Event (see [CONFIG Channel](#page-16-1)).

AXI4-Stream Considerations

The AXI4-Stream interfaces brings standardization and enhances interoperability of Xilinx® LogiCORE™ IP solutions. Other than general control signals such as ac1k, ac1ken and aresetn and the event outputs, all inputs and outputs to the FIR Compiler are conveyed on AXI4-Stream channels. A channel consists of tvalid and tdata always, plus several optional ports. In the FIR Compiler, the optional ports supported are tready, tlast and tuser. Together, tvalid and tready perform a handshake to transfer a message, where the payload is tdata, tuser and tlast. The FIR Compiler operates on the data contained in the input DATA channel tdata port (s_axis_data_tdata) and outputs the result in the tdata field of the output DATA channel (m_axis_data_tdata). The FIR Compiler optionally uses the tuser and tlast fields to indicate the phase of a cycle of time-multiplexed channels. The core also provides the facility to convey a user field within tuser and the tlast signal from input DATA channel to the output DATA channel with the same latency as for tdata. This facility is intended to ease the use of the FIR Compiler in a system. For example, the FIR Compiler can be used to filter packetized data. In this example, the tlast has no bearing on the FIR, but the core can be configured to pass the tlast of the packetized data channel, saving the system designer the effort of constructing a bypass path for this information.

For further details on AXI4-Stream Interfaces see the *Xilinx 7.2* (UG1037) [\[Ref 6\]](#page-131-3) and the *AMBA® AXI4-Stream Protocol Specification* (Arm IHI 0051A) [\[Ref 7\].](#page-131-2)

Basic Handshake

[Figure 3-1](#page-13-1) shows the transfer of data in an AXI4-Stream channel. tvalid is driven by the source (master) side of the channel and tready is driven by the receiver (slave). tvalid indicates that the value in the payload fields (tdata, tuser and tlast) is valid. tready indicates that the slave is ready to receive data. When both tvalid and tready are TRUE in a cycle, a transfer occurs. The master and slave set tvalid and tready respectively for the next transfer appropriately. Some channels can be configured to have no tready, in which case the channel behaves as through there was an implicit, permanently asserted tready.

Figure 3-1: **Data Transfer in an AXI4-Stream Channel**

Input and Output DATA Channels

The basic operation of the FIR is for samples to enter through the input DATA channel (s axis data t^{*}) and exit through the output DATA channel (m axis data t^{*}) duly filtered. The output channel optionally supports tready which allows a resource/behavior trade-off. In circumstances where downstream slave can be guaranteed to accept the maximum bandwidth of the FIR, tready can be deselected to save resources. The input DATA channel always supports tready.

TREADY and TVALID

All AXI4-Stream channels support tvalid. The input DATA channel also always supports tready. The output channel optionally supports tready. Back-pressure from the output channel eventually propagates to the input DATA channel to ensure that no data is dropped.

TDATA Structure

The input DATA and output DATA channels share a common tdata structure format, though can have different bit widths. All parallel data paths ([Parallel Data Channel Filters\)](#page-55-0) and parallel data samples ([Super Sample Rate Filters](#page-68-1)) are contained in the tdata bus, with each path being sign extended to an 8-bit boundary. The extra bits on the input tdata are not used by the core.

[Figure 3-2](#page-14-1) shows the tdata structure for a case with 2 parallel paths (data streams). In this case, bit growth is experienced between input and output—a path width of 11 bits on the input grows to 13 bits on the output.

Figure 3-2: **Tdata Structure for Input and Output DATA Channels**

Note: The AXI4-Port Structure pane on the Implementation Details Tab of the customization GUI displays the bus structure of all AXI channels for the specified configuration.

TLAST Options

On the input DATA channel and output DATA channel, tlast can optionally be used to indicate the last sample in a cycle of interleaved data channels. This use is termed 'vector-based'. The input DATA and output DATA channels also support a mode in which the

tlast is passed from input to output with latency equivalent to the tdata samples. This mode is termed 'packet-based' and is intended to ease system design.

TUSER Options

The input DATA channel and output DATA channels optionally support a tuser field. For each, the tuser field can be used to convey a User Field and/or a Channel ID field. When both are selected, they are concatenated, with Channel ID in the least significant bit positions. When User Field is selected on the input channel it is automatically selected for the output channel, as this User Field, like 'packet-based' tlast is a facility whereby the User Field is passed through the core, but subject to the same latency delay as the tdata path from input to output. This is intended to ease system design. The User Field has user-selected width.

The Channel ID field has the minimum width required to describe the number of channels in a time-division multiplex cycle (log2roundup(number_of_channels)), for example, with 13 channels, channel ID is 4 bits wide.

The output DATA channel also includes a Data Valid field when aresetn has been selected without Data vector reset being selected. This field can be used for additional validation of the m_axis_data_tdata bus. See [Resets](#page-12-2) for more details. The Data Valid field occupies the LSB of m_axis_data_tuser with the other tuser fields, when selected, being shifted up the bus.

When the core has been configured to implement a rate change the following rules are applied to tuser and tlast.

- When the core is configured with no rate change tuser and tlast propagate through the core unmodified.
- When the core is configured to up convert by X the input tuser and tlast are duplicated on the last sample of the corresponding block of X output samples. tuser is undefined for the other X-1 output samples.
- When the core is configured to down convert by X the tuser value for a given output sample is taken from the tuser value of the first input sample of the corresponding X input samples. tlast is OR'd over X input samples with the result being used for the tlast of the corresponding output sample.

CONFIG Channel

This control channel specifies the filter select value for each (or all) interleaved data channels and the current channel sequence value. It also activates reloaded filter coefficients.

- When the core has been specified to support multiple filter coefficients, the filter select value selects which filter should be used for each of the interleaved data channels.
- When the core has been specified to support advanced channel sequences, the channel pattern value specifies which channel sequence is to be used.
- When the core is specified to support reloadable filter coefficients, receipt of a filter configuration packet updates to (or switches in) any reloaded filter coefficient sets since the previous update.

Note: When the core is specified to full rate and no rate change, care must be taken to give the filter an opportunity to acknowledge/store the reloaded filters. If the Filter Configuration Channel is continuously updated, there is no opportunity to store the reloaded filters and the RELOAD channel is blocked when all the reload slots are full. The time required to process a single input vector (block of interleaved channels) is sufficient to update the reload filters.

- The channel can be configured to have a packet of length of *Number of Channels* where each transaction in the packet specifies the filter select value of the corresponding interleaved channel. The first transaction in the packet also includes the channel sequence ID, if required for the core configuration. If the core is configured to support configurable channel sequences but not multiple filter sets, then the packet length is 1.
- The channel can also be configured to have a packet length of 1 where the single transaction specifies the filter select value for all of the interleaved channels. This transaction also includes the channel pattern value, if required for the core configuration.

Blocking Behavior

- The channel is non-blocking to the data channel. The data channel is not halted if no new configuration data is present.
- The channel is blocking to the RELOAD channel. When all the reload slots are full the RELOAD channel is blocked until a configuration packet is received and processed.

Packet Consumption Rate and Synchronization

When a complete packet has been received you can specify the core to synchronize the CONFIG channel to the input Data channel in two methods:

• **Vector Synchronization (On Vector)**: Configuration packets, when available, are consumed and their contents used when the first sample of an interleaved data channel

sequence is processed by the core. When the core is configured to process a single data channel configuration, packets are consumed every processing cycle of the core.

- ° For down sampling (decimation) implementations configuration packets are only consumed on the first phase of a down sampling period.
- **Packet Synchronization (On Packet)**: Further qualifies the consumption of configuration packets. Packets are only consumed when the core has received a transaction on the S_AXIS_DATA channel where s_axis_data_tlast has been asserted or following power up and reset. This option ties the rate at which configuration packets are consumed to the input DATA channel rather than to the rate at which the configuration packets are provided to the core, that is, configuration packets can be queued in advance and then used at a rate controlled by the input DATA channel.

TREADY

Inputs to the CONFIG channel are stored in a buffer until consumed. When this buffer is almost full, tready is deasserted in accordance with AXI4-Stream protocol.

TLAST Options

tlast must be asserted to indicate the last transaction in the configuration packet. If the packet is of length 1 then tlast is not required and is disabled. In this case each transaction is considered to be a complete packet. If tlast last is incorrectly asserted a warning is reported on the event interface.

TDATA

Each field of the tdata bus is zero padded to an 8-bit boundary.

Field A = Filter Select; size log2roundup(NUM_FILTS)

Field B = Channel pattern; log2roundup(NUM_PATTERNS).

Figure 3-4: **tdata structure for CONFIG channel**

RELOAD Channel

This channel is used to sequentially load a new filter set using a reload packet. A reload packet defines the coefficients of the new filter set and, when multiple filter sets have been selected, the index of the filter set being updated. The filter set index is specified in the range 0 to **Number of Coefficients Set** -1. The **Reload Slots** user parameter specifies how many reload packets can be supplied to the core (the packet queue depth) before a synchronization event occurs. A synchronization event is when the core applies all pending reload packets to the coefficient memory. A synchronization event occurs on the consumption of a configuration packet on the CONFIG channel (S_AXIS_CONFIG). [Figure 3-7](#page-21-1) shows the transaction sequence.

The RELOAD channel packet length is derived from the number of coefficients specified at core generation time and the filter implementation used. See sections [Coefficient Reload](#page-56-0) and [Coefficient Reload Tab](#page-76-0) for details on how to generate the content for the channel. As with the CONFIG channel, the last sample of the packet must be qualified by an asserted tlast. The set of data loaded into the RELOAD channel does not take action until triggered by a reconfiguration synchronization event as described in [CONFIG Channel.](#page-16-1)

TREADY

When all the reload filter slots are nearly full, tready is deasserted in accordance with AXI4-Stream protocol to prevent data loss.

TLAST

As with the CONFIG channel, tlast on the RELOAD channel is associated with two event ports (event_s_reload_tlast_missing and event_s_reload_tlast_unexpected) which likewise indicate for a single cycle tlast missing or tlast asserted when not expected anomalies respectively.

TDATA

The tdata bus is zero padded to an 8-bit boundary. As this is an input, the pad bits are ignored.

The following diagrams show the format and example timing of tdata into the RELOAD channel. When multiple filter sets have been specified Transaction 0 defines the index of the filter set being reloaded (zero indexed). When a single filter set has been specified this field/transaction is not present in the reload packet. In [Figure 3-6](#page-19-1) the filter set index (Transaction 0) is labeled as "filt" with the remaining coefficient content labeled "c*n*". When a single filter set has been specified the "filt" transaction is not present. See Coefficient [Reload](#page-73-0) and [Coefficient Reload Tab](#page-76-0) for details on how to generate the reload packet coefficient content.

Figure 3-6: **tdata Example Timing**

Event Interface

The event interface is a collection of individual pins, each of which is asserted for a single clock cycle to give external notice of an internal event. These events can be considered as errors or ignored by the external system. The individual event signals are:

• event_s_data_tlast_missing: Enabled when tlast is set to vector-based for the input DATA channel; this event signal is asserted on the last transaction of an incoming vector when s axis data tlast is not asserted.

- event s data tlast unexpected: Enabled when tlast is set to vector-based or packet-based when down converting for the input DATA channel; this event signal is asserted on any transaction when s_axis_data_tlast is asserted unexpectedly.
- event s data chanid incorrect: Enabled when the tuser mode selects tuser to have a chan ID field; this is asserted on every transaction when the s_axis_data_tuser Channel ID field does not match the value expected by the core.
- event s config tlast missing: Enabled when the CONFIG channel is enabled; this signal is asserted on the last transaction of an incoming vector if s_axis_config_tlast is not seen asserted.
- event_s_config_tlast_unexpected: Enabled when the CONFIG channel is enabled, this signal is asserted when s_axis_config_tlast is seen asserted unexpectedly.
- event s reload tlast missing: Enabled when the RELOAD channel is enabled; this signal is asserted on the last transaction of an incoming vector if s_axis_reload_tlast is not seen asserted. If the core is reset following a tlast_missing event on the RELOAD channel, the core has received a complete coefficient set and the reset does not clear the loaded coefficient vector. If only one reload slot has been specified, then a synchronization event needs to occur before another coefficient set can be loaded. This is reflected in the reload tready deassertion. If more than one reload slot has been specified, then it is possible to overwrite the previously loaded set before applying a synchronization event.
- event_s_reload_tlast_unexpected: Enabled when the RELOAD channel is enabled; this signal is asserted when s_axis_reload_tlast is seen asserted unexpectedly. If the core is reset following a tlast_unexpected event on the RELOAD channel, it is safe to load a new complete coefficient vector before triggering a synchronization event. The new coefficient vector will overwrite the previous partial coefficient vector.

Interface Timing

[Figure 3-7](#page-21-1) shows the sequence of events from a packet of reload data being written to the RELOAD channel (start of first arrow), which is triggered for use on the arrival and consumption of a packet on the CONFIG channel (end of first arrow and start of second arrow), and on to the data stream.

Note: Particular care should be taken so that the time between the start of the first arrow and the end of the first arrow is sufficient to allow the core to store the new coefficients. When using the Transpose Architecture, this time should be equal to the time required to process a single data input vector (block of interleaved channels).

Core Features

Filter Architectures

The following sections show the filter architectures available in the FIR Compiler core.

Multiply-Accumulate

[Figure 3-8](#page-22-0) shows a simplified view of a Multiply-Accumulate (MAC)-based FIR utilizing a single MAC engine.

Figure 3-8: **Single MAC Engine Block Diagram**

The single implementation is extensible to multi-MAC implementations for use in achieving higher performance filter specifications (larger numbers of coefficients, higher sample rates, more channels).

The number of multipliers required to implement a filter is determined by calculating the number of multiplies required to perform the computation (taking into account symmetrical and half-band coefficient structures and sample rate changes) and then dividing by the number of clocks available to process each input sample. The available clock cycles value is always rounded down and the number of multipliers rounded up to the nearest integer. If there is a non-zero remainder, some of the MAC engines calculate fewer coefficients than others, and the coefficients are padded with zeros to accommodate the excess cycles.

The output samples reflect the padding of the coefficient vector; for this reason, the response to an applied impulse contains a certain number of zero outputs before the first coefficient of the specified impulse response appears at the output. The core automatically generates an implementation that meets the user-defined performance requirements based on the system clock rate, the sample rate, the number of taps and channels, and the rate change. The core inserts one or more multipliers to meet the overall throughput requirements.

Two MAC architectures are available in the FIR Compiler: one that implements a Systolic filter structure and the other a Transpose filter structure

Systolic Multiply-Accumulate

[Figure 3-9](#page-23-0) shows the Systolic Multiply-Accumulate architecture implementing a pipelined Direct-Form filter.

Figure 3-9: **Pipelined Direct - Form**

[Figure 3-10](#page-23-1) shows a multi-MAC implementation for this architecture.

Figure 3-10: **Systolic Multi - MAC Implementation**

The architecture is directly supported by the DSP Slice and results in area-efficient and high performance filter implementations. The structure also extends to exploit coefficient symmetry, thus providing further resource savings.

Transpose Multiply-Accumulate

[Figure 3-11](#page-23-2) shows the Transpose Multiply-Accumulate architecture implementing a Transposed Direct-Form filter.

Figure 3-11: **Transpose Direct - Form**

[Figure 3-12](#page-24-0) shows a multi-MAC implementation for this architecture.

Figure 3-12: **Transpose Multi - MAC Implementation**

This architecture is also directly supported by the DSP Slice. This structure offers a low latency implementation, and for some configurations can also offer extra resource savings over the Systolic structure. It does not require an accumulator and can use fewer data memory resources, although it does not exploit coefficient symmetry.

Filter Structures and Optimizations

This section describes the filters and how to optimize their use in the FIR Compiler.

Filter Symmetry

The impulse response for many filters possesses significant symmetry. This symmetry can generally be exploited to minimize arithmetic requirements and produce area-efficient filter realizations. [Figure 3-13](#page-24-1) shows the impulse response for a 9-tap symmetric FIR filter.

Figure 3-13: **Symmetric FIR – Odd Number of Terms**

Instead of implementing this filter using the architecture shown in [Figure 1-1](#page-5-3), the more efficient signal flow-graph in [Figure 3-14](#page-25-0) can be used. In general, the former approach requires *N* multiplications and (*N*-1) additions. In contrast, the architecture in [Figure 3-14](#page-25-0)

requires only [N/2] multiplications and approximately *N* additions. This significant reduction in the computation workload can be exploited to generate efficient filter hardware implementations.

Figure 3-14: **Exploiting Coefficient Symmetry – Odd Number of Filter Taps**

Coefficient symmetry for an even number of terms can be exploited as shown in [Figure 3-15](#page-25-1).

Figure 3-15: **Exploiting Coefficient Symmetry – Even Number of Filter Taps**

[Figure 3-16](#page-25-2) shows the impulse response for a negative, or odd, symmetric filter.

Figure 3-16: **Negative Symmetric Impulse Response**

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This symmetry is exploited in a manner similar to that shown in [Figure 3-14](#page-25-0) and [Figure 3-15](#page-25-1). In this case, the middle layer of adders are replaced by subtracters, as shown in [Figure 3-17](#page-26-0).

Figure 3-17: **FIR Architecture Exploiting Negative Symmetry**

Filter coefficient symmetry is inferred by the core GUI from the coefficient definition file. You can override this inferred value. When the structure is inferred, the inferred setting is displayed in the Summary page and in the ToolTip for the Coefficient Structure field.

Coefficient Padding

When implementing a filter with symmetric coefficients using the Multiply-Accumulate architecture, you must be aware that the core reorganizes the filter coefficients if required to exploit symmetry, and this might alter the filter response. This is only necessary if the core is configured such that all processing cycles are not utilized. For example, when the core has four cycles to process each sample for a 30-tap symmetric response filter, the core pads the coefficient storage out as shown in [Figure 3-18.](#page-26-1)

Resultant Impulse Response

$\lceil 0 \rceil$ a $\lceil b \rceil$ c $\lceil d \rceil$ e $\lceil f \rceil$ g $\lceil h \rceil$ i i $\lceil h \rceil$ h $\lceil h \rceil$ h $\lceil h \rceil$ h $\lceil h \rceil$ h $\lceil h \rceil$ c $\lceil b \rceil$ a $\lceil b \rceil$ a $\lceil 0 \rceil$

Figure 3-18: **Filter Padding to Facilitate Symmetric Structure Exploitation**

The appended zeroes after the non-zero coefficients do not affect the filter response, but the prepended zero coefficients do alter the phase response of the filter implementation when compared to the ideal coefficients. There are two ways to avoid this issue: First, and

simplest, you can force the Coefficient Structure to be Non-Symmetric. This avoids the issue of prepending zero coefficients to the coefficient vector, and only appended zeroes are used to pad out the filter response to the required number of cycles. Second, and more efficient, you can increase the number of taps implemented by the filter at little or no cost in resource usage. In the previous example, the filter could process 32 taps in the same time, with the same hardware resources, and with the same cycle latency as the 30-tap implementation, and the phase response of the 32-tap filter would be unaltered.

The Vivado IDE displays the actual number of coefficients calculated on the Implementation Details tab. You can use this information to determine if you can increase the number of coefficients used by your filter definition.

Single-rate FIR Filter

The basic FIR filter core is a single-rate (input sample rate = output sample rate) finite impulse response filter. This is the simplest of filter types and is the default at the start of parametrization in the Vivado IDE.

Half-band FIR Filter

[Figure 3-19](#page-27-0) shows the general frequency response for a half-band filter.

The magnitude frequency response is symmetrical about quarter sample frequency $\pi/2$ radians. The sample rate is normalized to 2π radians/sec. The passband and stopband frequencies are positioned such that

$$
\Omega_{p} = \pi - \Omega_{s}
$$

The passband and stopband ripple, ${\cal S}_p$ and ${\cal S}_s$ respectively, are equal ${\cal S}_p$ = ${\cal S}_s$. These properties are reflected in the filter impulse response. It can be shown (in *Digital Signal Processing in Communication Systems* [\[Ref 5\]](#page-131-1)) that approximately half of the filter coefficients are zero for an odd number of taps, as shown in [Figure 3-20](#page-28-0) for an 11-tap half-band filter.

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Figure 3-20: **Half-band Filter Impulse Response**

The interleaved zero values in the coefficient data can be exploited to realize an efficient realization, as shown in [Figure 3-21](#page-28-1). Note that the FIR Compiler also exploits coefficient symmetry for half-band filter structures, although this is not shown in [Figure 3-21](#page-28-1).

Figure 3-21: **Half-band Filter Impulse Response**

The half-band filter selection in the compiler is intended for this purpose. This filter is available in the *Coefficient Structure* field of the user interface.

IMPORTANT: You must supply the complete list of filter coefficients, including the 0 value samples, when using the half-band filter.

The filter coefficient file format is discussed in greater detail in [Filter Coefficient Data](#page-39-0).

Hilbert Transform

Hilbert transformers (see *Digital Signal Processing in Communication Systems* [\[Ref 5\]](#page-131-1)) are used in several ways in digital communication systems. An ideal Hilbert transform provides a phase shift of 90 degrees for positive frequencies and -90 degrees for negative frequencies. It can be shown (in *Digital Signal Processing in Communication Systems* [\[Ref 5\]\)](#page-131-1) that the impulse response corresponding to this frequency domain characteristic is odd-symmetric and has interleaved zeros as shown in [Figure 3-21.](#page-28-1) Both the alternating zero-valued coefficients and the negative symmetry can be utilized to produce an efficient hardware realization.

A Hilbert transformer accepts a real-valued signal and produces a complex (I,Q) output signal. The quadrature (Q) component of the output signal is produced by a FIR filter with an impulse response like that shown in [Figure 3-22.](#page-29-0) The in-phase (I) component is the input signal delayed by an appropriate amount to compensate for the phase delay of the FIR process employed for generating the Q output. This is efficiently achieved by accessing the center tap of the sample history delay of the Q channel FIR filter as shown in [Figure 3-23](#page-29-1). In this figure, x(n) is the real-valued input signal, and y_I(n) and y_Q(n) are the in-phase and quadrature outputs, respectively.

Figure 3-22: **Hilbert Transformer Impulse Response**

Figure 3-23: **Hilbert Transformer FIR Filter Realization**

[Figure 3-24](#page-29-2) shows the architecture for a Hilbert transformer that exploits both the zero-valued and the negative symmetry characteristics of the impulse response.

Figure 3-24: **Hilbert Transformer Exploiting Zero-valued Filter Coefficients and Negative Symmetry**

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Interpolated FIR Filter

An *interpolated FIR* (IFIR) filter (see *Multi-Rate Systems and Filter Banks* [\[Ref 2\]](#page-131-0)) has a similar architecture to a conventional FIR filter, but with the unit delay operator replaced by *k*-1 units of delay. *k* is referred to as the zero-packing factor*.* [Figure 3-25](#page-30-0) shows a *N*-tap IFIR filter. This architecture is functionally equivalent to inserting *k*-1 zeros between the coefficients of a prototype filter coefficient set.

Figure 3-25: **Interpolated FIR (IFIR) - Zero-packing Factor is** *k*

Interpolated filters are useful for realizing efficient implementations of both narrow-band and wide-band filters. A filter system based on an IFIR approach requires not only the IFIR but also an image rejection filter. References, *Multi-Rate Systems and Filter Banks* [\[Ref 2\]](#page-131-0) and *XtremeDSP Design Manual* [\[Ref 8\]](#page-131-4) provide the details of how these systems are realized, and how to design the IFIR and the image rejection filters.

The IFIR filter implementation takes advantage of the *k*-1 zeros in the impulse response to realize an area-efficient FPGA implementation. The FPGA area required by an IFIR filter is not a strong function of the zero-packing factor.

The interpolated FIR should not be confused with an interpolation filter. Interpolated filters are single-rate systems employed to produce efficient realizations of narrow-band filters and, with some minor enhancements, wide-band filters can be accommodated. There is no inherent rate change when using an interpolated filter – the input rate is the same as the output rate.

Polyphase Decimator

[Figure 3-26](#page-31-0) shows the polyphase decimation filter option which implements the computationally efficient *M*-to-1 polyphase decimating filter.

*Figure 3-26: M***-to-1 Polyphase Decimating Filter**

A set of *N* prototype filter coefficients $a_0, a_1, ..., a_{N-1}$ is mapped to the *M* polyphase ${\sf subfilters} \; h_0(n)$, $h_1(n)$, ..., $h_{M-1}(n)$ according to [Equation 3-1](#page-31-1).

$$
h_i(r) = a(i + Mr)
$$
 $i = 0, 1, ..., M-1$ $r = 0, 1, ..., \frac{N}{M}$ Equation 3-1

The polyphase segments are accessed by delivering the input samples *x*(*n*) to their inputs using an input commutator which starts at the segment index $i = M - 1$ and decrements to index 0. After the commutator has executed one cycle and delivered *M* input samples to the filter, a single output is taken as the summation of the outputs from the polyphase segments. The output sample f' rate is $f' = \frac{f_s}{g}$ where f is the sample rate of the input data stream (n) , $n = 0, 1, 2, ...$ *f* ′ *s f*_s f_s *f*_s f_s *f*_s f_s $f_s = \frac{f_s}{M}$ where f_s *(n), n* = 0, 1, 2, …

Observe that each of the polyphase segments is operating at the low output sample rate \mathscr{I}'_s (compared to the high input sample rate f_s), and a total of N operations is performed per output point.

Polyphase Interpolator

[Figure 3-27](#page-32-0) shows the polyphase interpolation filter option which implements the computationally efficient 1-to-*P* interpolation filter.

Figure 3-27: **1-to-***P* **Polyphase Interpolator**

A set of *N* prototype filter coefficients $a_0, a_1, ..., a_{N-1}$ is mapped to the P polyphase subfilters $h_0(n)$, $h_1(n)$, ..., $h_{p-1}(n)$ according to [Equation 3-1](#page-31-1), as in the decimation case.

Each new input sample $x(n)$ engages all of the polyphase segments in parallel. For each input sample delivered to the filter, P output samples, one from each segment, are delivered to the filter output port, as indicated by the commutator in [Figure 3-27.](#page-32-0)

The output sample f'_s rate is $f'_s = f_s P$ where f_s is the sample rate of the input data stream (n) , $n = 0, 1, 2, ...$ Observe each of the polyphase segments operating at the low input sample rate $f_{\!s}$ (compared to the high output sample rate $f_{\!s}^\prime$) and a total of N operations performed per output point.

Polyphase Interpolator Exploiting Symmetric Pairs

The *symmetric pairs* technique (see *Symmetry Exploitation in Digital Interpolators/ Decimators* [\[Ref 9\]\)](#page-131-5) is used to exploit coefficient symmetry when implementing an Interpolation filter in the Systolic Multiply-Accumulator architecture. When *P* polyphase subfilters are generated from symmetric filter coefficients, not all the subfilters contain a set of coefficients that are themselves symmetric. The symmetric pairs technique observes that adding and subtracting two corresponding non-symmetric phases produces two new phases containing symmetric coefficients.

The following example demonstrates this technique for a 15-tap interpolate by 3 filter. The filter coefficients, a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, g, f, e, d, c, b, a produce the following subfilters:

 $h_0 = a, d, q, f, c$ $h_1 = b$, e, h, e, b $h_2 = c, f, g, d, a$

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Subfilters h_0 and h_2 are not symmetric. Applying the symmetric pairs technique produces the following subfilters:

$$
h_0 = a + c, d + f, d, g, f + d, c + a
$$

\n $h_1 = b, e, h, e, b$
\n $h_2 = c - a, f - d, g - g, d - f, a - c$

Now both h_0 and h_2 are symmetric with h_2 being negative symmetric. The filter can now be implemented utilizing symmetry, giving the associated resource savings. The output from subfilters h_0 and h_2 must be added and subtracted and then scaled by a factor of 0.5 to produce the original filter output. [Figure 3-28](#page-33-0) shows the resulting structure.

Note: For some configurations an extra DSP Slice is required to implement the recombination of the phases.

Note: When interpolating by 2 with an odd number of symmetric coefficients, this technique is not required as the resulting polyphase subfilters are symmetric.

Coefficient Padding

As with the general symmetric filter case, if the combination of rate and number of filter taps results in a subfilter which is not fully populated with coefficients, the reorganization of the filter coefficients results in a change in the phase response of the filter. The impulse response is shifted by several output samples as a result. In the 14 tap, interpolate by 4 case, padding a zero coefficient to the front of the coefficient response would be required to align the phases such that symmetry can be exploited, resulting in a smaller implementation, but this results in a different phase response for the filter. The methods to avoid this change in response, if such a change cannot be accommodated in your application system, are also similar to the general symmetry case; you can either force non-symmetric structure implementation or make use of the extra coefficients which can be supported in the structure. [Figure 3-29](#page-34-0) shows several example cases in and is extensible to larger filters.

Figure 3-29: **Filter Padding to Facilitate Symmetric Pairing**

Half-band Decimator

The half-band decimator is a polyphase filter with an embedded 2-to-1 down-sampling of the input signal. [Figure 3-30](#page-34-1) shows the structure.

Figure 3-30: **Half-band Decimation Filter**

The filter is very similar to the polyphase decimator described in [Polyphase Decimator](#page-31-2) with the decimation factor set to *M*=2. However, there is a subtle difference in the implementation that makes the half-band decimator a more area-efficient 2-to-1 down-sampling filter when the frequency response reflects a true half-band characteristic.

The frequency and time response of a half-band filter are shown in [Figure 3-19](#page-27-0) and [Figure 3-20](#page-28-0), respectively. Observe the alternating zero-valued coefficients in the impulse response. [Figure 3-30](#page-34-1) details a 7-tap half-band polyphase filter when the coefficients are

allocated to the two polyphase segments $h_0(n)$ and $h_{\scriptscriptstyle \rm I}(n)$ shown in [Figure 3-30](#page-34-1). [Figure 3-31](#page-35-0) (a) is the filter impulse response ($a_1 = 0 = a_5$). [Figure 3-31](#page-35-0) (b) provides a detailed illustration of the polyphase subfilters and shows how the filter coefficients are allocated to the two polyphase arms.

In the bottom arm, $\,h_{\!_1}(n),\,$ the only non-zero coefficient, is the center value of the impulse response a_3 . [Figure 3-31](#page-35-0) (c) shows the optimized architecture when the redundant multipliers and adders are removed and coefficient symmetry is exploited. The final structure has a reduced computation workload in contrast to a more general 2:1 down-sampling filter.

The number of multiply-accumulate (MAC) operations required to compute an output sample has been lowered by a factor of approximately two. In this figure, the high density of zero-valued filter coefficients is exploited in the FPGA realization to produce a minimal area implementation.

Figure 3-31: **7-Tap Half-band Decimation Filter**

(c) Reduced Complexity (Hardware Optimized) Realization

Figure 3-31: **7-Tap Half-band Decimation Filter**

Half-band Interpolator

Just as the half-band decimator is an optimized version of the more general polyphase decimation filter, the half-band interpolator is a special case of a polyphase interpolator. [Figure 3-32](#page-36-0) shows the half-band interpolator.

The coefficient set for a true half-band interpolator is identical to that of a half-band decimator with the same specifications. The large number of zero entries in the impulse response is exploited in exactly the same manner as with the half-band decimator to produce hardware-optimized half-band interpolators. The process is presented in [Figure 3-33](#page-37-0). [Figure 3-33](#page-37-0)(a) is the impulse response, [Figure 3-33](#page-37-0)(b) shows the polyphase partition, and [Figure 3-33\(](#page-37-0)c) is the optimized architecture that has taken full advantage of the 0 entries in the coefficient data, along with coefficient symmetry.

The high density of zero-valued filter coefficients is exploited in the FPGA realization to produce a minimal area implementation.

(c) Reduced Complexity (Hardware Optimized) Realization

Small Non-zero Even Terms in a Half-band Filter Impulse Response

Certain filter design software can result in small non-zero values for the odd terms in the half-band filter impulse response. In this situation, it can be useful to force these values to

0 and re-evaluate the frequency response to assess if it is still acceptable for the intended application. If the odd terms are not identically zero, the hardware optimizations described previously are not possible. If the small non-zero value terms cannot be ignored, the general polyphase decimator or interpolator described in [Polyphase Decimator](#page-31-0) and [Polyphase Interpolator,](#page-32-0) using a rate change of two, is more appropriate.

Fixed Fractional Rate Resampling Filters

FIR filters that implement resampling of a data stream at a fixed fractional rate P/Q, where P and Q are integers up to 64, are available for the Systolic Multiply-Accumulate architecture. In [Figure 3-34,](#page-38-0) the operation of an interpolation filter with interpolation rate $P=5$ is contrasted conceptually with the operation of a fixed fractional rate filter with rate P/ $Q = 5/3$.

Figure 3-34: **Interpolation Filters for Integer and Fractional Rates**

The normal (integer rate) interpolator passes the input sample to all P phases and then produces an output from each of the phase arms of the polyphase filter structure. In the fractional rate version, the output is taken from a phase arm which varies according to a stepping sequence with step size Q.

[Figure 3-35](#page-39-0) illustrates how the fractional rate decimator structure is implemented for a rate change of $P/Q = 3/5$. Input samples are fed into the data vector until enough samples are received to generate the current output given the interpolation and decimation rate. In this example, two new input samples are required to generate the first two outputs, with the third output requiring only a single input. To generate each output, the data vector samples are applied to the corresponding coefficients.

Figure 3-35: **Decimation Filter for Fractional Rates**

Symmetry is not currently exploited when using the fractional rate structures.

Filter Coefficient Data

The filter coefficients are supplied to the FIR Compiler using a coefficient file with a .coe extension. This is an ASCII text file with a single-line header that defines the radix of the number representation used for the coefficient data, followed by the coefficient values themselves. This is shown in [Figure 3-36](#page-39-1) for an *N*-tap filter.

```
radix=coefficient_radix;
coefdata=
a(0),
a(1),
a(2),
….
a(N-1);
```
Figure 3-36: **Filter Coefficient File Format**

The filter coefficients can be supplied as integers in either base-10, base-16, or base-2 representation. This corresponds to *coefficient_radix*=10, *coefficient_radix*=16, and *coefficient_radix*=2 respectively. Alternatively, the coefficients can be entered as real numbers (specified to a minimum of one decimal place) in base-10 only. If you enter signed negative symmetric hexadecimal coefficients, each value should be sign-extended to the boundary of the most significant nibble or hex character. This ensures that coefficient structure inference can be performed correctly (this includes Hilbert transform filter types, which are also negative symmetric).

The coefficient values can also be placed on a single line as shown in [Figure 3-37.](#page-40-0)

```
radix=coefficient_radix;
coefdata=a(0), a(1), a(2), ..., a(N-1);
```
Figure 3-37: **Filter Coefficient File Format – Coefficient Data on a Single Line**

Single-rate FIR

The coefficient file for the single-rate FIR filter is straightforward and consists of a one-line header followed by the filter coefficient data. For example, the filter coefficient file for an 8-tap filter using a base-10 representation for the coefficient values is shown in [Figure 3-38](#page-40-1):

radix=10;

coefdata=20,-256,200,255,255,200,-256,20;

Figure 3-38: **Filter Coefficient File – 8-Tap Filter, Base-10 Coefficient Values**

Irrespective of the filter possessing positive or negative symmetry, the coefficient file should contain the complete set of coefficient values. The filter coefficient file for the non-symmetric impulse response shown in [Figure 3-39](#page-40-2) is presented in [Figure 3-40.](#page-40-3)

Figure 3-39: **Non-symmetric Impulse Response**

```
radix=10;
coefdata=255,200,-180,80,220,180,100,-48,40;
```
Figure 3-40: **Coefficient File for the Non-symmetric Impulse Response**

The coefficient file for the negative-symmetric filter characterized by the impulse response in [Figure 3-41](#page-41-0) is shown in [Figure 3-42](#page-41-1).

Figure 3-41: **Negative Symmetric Impulse Response**

radix=10; coefdata=30,-40,80,-100,-200,200,100,-80,40,-30;

Half-band Filter

As previously described, every second filter coefficient for a half-band filter with an odd number of terms is zero. When specifying the filter coefficient data for this filter class, the zero value entries must be included in the coefficient file. For example, the filter coefficient file that specifies the filter impulse response in [Figure 3-43](#page-41-2) is shown in [Figure 3-44](#page-41-3).

Figure 3-43: **11-Tap Half-band Filter Impulse Response**

radix=10; coefdata=220,0,-375,0,1283,2047,1283,0,-375,0,220;

Figure 3-44: **Coefficient File for the Half-band Filter Impulse Response**

The filter coefficient set is parsed by the FIR Compiler. If either the alternating zero entries are absent or the coefficient set is not even-symmetric, this condition is flagged as an error and the filter is not generated. A dialog box is presented to indicate the issue under these circumstances.

Technically, the zero-valued entries for a half-band filter can occur at the filter impulse response extremities as shown in [Figure 3-45](#page-42-0). However, observe that these values do not contribute to the result.

Figure 3-45: **9-Tap Half-band Filter Impulse Response**

This condition is detected when the filter is specified. If the number of taps is such that the zero-valued coefficients form the first and last entry of the impulse response, the filter length is reported as an invalid value. The number of taps N for a half-band filter must obey $N=3 + 4n$, where $n=0,1,2,3,...$. For example, a half-band filter can have 11, 15, 19, and 23 taps, but not 9, 13, 17, or 21 taps.

Hilbert Transform

The impulse response for a 10-term approximation to a Hilbert transformer is shown in [Figure 3-46](#page-42-1). The odd-symmetry and zero-valued coefficients are both exploited to generate an efficient FPGA realization. The coefficient data file for the Hilbert transform must contain the zero-valued entries. For example, the .coe file corresponding to [Figure 3-46](#page-42-1) is shown in [Figure 3-47](#page-42-2).

Figure 3-46: **Hilbert Transform Impulse Response**

```
radix=10;
coefdata=-819,0,-1365,0,-4096,0,4096,0,1365,0,819;
```


In practice, some optimization methods used for designing a Hilbert transform can lead to the presence of small even-numbered coefficients. If the *Hilbert Transform* filter class is used in the FIR Compiler, you must force these terms to zero.

Just like the half-band filter, the zero-valued entries for a Hilbert transformer can occur at the filter impulse response extremities. However, these values do not contribute to the result.

This condition is detected when the filter is specified. If the number of taps is such that the zero-valued coefficients form the first and last entry of the impulse response, the filter length is reported as an invalid value. The number of taps N for a Hilbert transformer must obey $N=3 + 4n$, where $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, ...$ For example, a Hilbert transform filter can have 11, 15, 19, and 23 taps, but not 9, 13, 17, or 21 taps.

Interpolated Filter

A previous section explained that an IFIR filter is similar to a conventional FIR, but with the unit delay operator replaced by *k*-1 units of delay. *k* is referred to as the *zero-packing factor.* One way to realize this substitution is by the insertion of *k*-1 zeros between the coefficient values of a prototype filter. When specifying an IFIR architecture, the full set of prototype coefficients is supplied in the coefficient file, without the zeros implied by the zero-packing factor. The zero-packing factor is defined through the filter user interface. For example, consider the filter coefficient data in the .coe file shown in [Figure 3-48](#page-43-0).

```
radix=10;
coefdata=-200,1200,2047,1200,-200;
```
Figure 3-48: **Prototype Coefficient Data for IFIR Example**

If a zero-packing factor of *k*=2 is specified, the equivalent filter impulse response is shown in [Figure 3-49.](#page-43-1)

If the zero-packing factor is changed to *k*=3, the impulse response is as shown in [Figure 3-50](#page-44-0).

Figure 3-50: **Equivalent IFIR Impulse Response for the Coefficient Data Shown in [Figure 3-48](#page-43-0) with a Zero-packing Factor** *k***=3**

These examples use a symmetrical prototype impulse response; this is not a restriction of the filter core. The prototype filter coefficient set can be symmetrical, non-symmetrical, or negative-symmetric.

Multiple Coefficient Sets

For multiple coefficient filters, a single .coe file is used to specify the coefficient sets. Each coefficient set should be appended to the previous set of coefficients.

For example, if a 2-coefficient set, 10-tap symmetric filter was being designed and coefficient set #0 was: \cot data = -1, -2, -3, 4, 5, 5, 4, -3, -2, -1;

and coefficient set #1 was:

coefdata = -9, -10, -11, 12, 13, 13, 12, -11, -10, -9;

then the .coe file for the entire filter would be:

```
radix = 10;
coefdata = -1, -2, -3, 4, 5, 5, 4, -3, -2, -1, -9, -10, -11, 12, 13, 13, 12, -11, -10, -9;
```
All coefficients sets in a multiple set implementation must exhibit the same symmetry. For example, if even one set of a multi-set has non-symmetric coefficient structure, then all sets are implemented using that structure. All coefficient sets must also be of the same vector length. If one coefficient set has fewer coefficients, it must be zero padded – either appended with zeros when non-symmetric or prepended and appended with an equal number of zeros when symmetric. See the [Coefficient Padding](#page-26-0) section for further information.

Coefficient Specification Using Non-integer Real Numbers

As indicated previously, you can specify the coefficient values as non-integer real numbers, with the radix set to 10. For example:

```
radix = 10:
coefdata = 0.08659436542927, 0.00579513928555, -0.06734424313287, 
-0.04031582111240;
```
The coefficients are then quantized by the core to produce the binary coefficient values used in the filter, based on your specified coefficient bit width. This allows you to supply floating-point values derived from a chosen filter design tool and explore the costs and benefits between performance and resource usage by altering the coefficient bit width and observing the alteration in the quantified frequency response in comparison to the ideal response. The basic quantization function is selected by setting the Quantization field to Quantize_Only. See [Coefficient Quantization](#page-58-0) for further details.

The integer values used in the filter implementation can be determined by examining the main core MIF file (<component_name>.mif) which is generated in the project directory. The MIF file is always in binary format.

Interleaved Data Channel Filters

The FIR Compiler core provides support for processing multiple input sample streams using the same implementation. Each input stream is filtered using the same filter configuration (rate change, etc.) using the currently selected filter coefficient set.

In many applications, the same filter must be applied to several data streams. A common example is the simple digital down converter shown in [Figure 3-51.](#page-45-0) Here a complex base-band signal $(n) = x_j(n) + jx_Q(n)$ is applied to a matched filter M(z). The in-phase and quadrature components are processed by the same filter.

Figure 3-51: **Digital Down Converter**

One solution to this issue is to employ two separate filters; however, this can waste logic resources. A more efficient design can be realized using a filter architecture that shares logic resources between multiple time division multiplexed (TDM) sample streams. As more channels are processed by the core, the sample throughput is commensurately reduced. For

example, if the sample rate for a single-channel filter is f_s , a two-channel version of the same filter processes two sample streams, each with a sample rate of $f_s/2$. A three-channel version of the filter processes three data streams and supports a sample rate of $f_s/3$ for each of the streams.

A multichannel filter implementation is very efficient in resource utilization. A filter with two or more channels can be realized using a similar amount of logic resources to a single-channel version of the same filter, with proportionate increase in data memory requirements. The trade-off that needs to be addressed when using multichannel filters is one of sample rate versus logic requirements. As the number of channels is increased, the logic area remains approximately constant, but the sample rate for an individual input stream decreases. The number of channels supported by a filter core is specified in the filter Customize IP dialog box. The FIR Compiler supports two multichannel implementation: Basic and Advanced.

Basic

The basic implementation processes interleaved data channels sequentially; channel 0, channel 1, channel 2, ..., channel N-1, where $N =$ Number of Channels. This implementation uses minimal resources.

Advanced

The advanced implementation provides a list of predefined interleaved data channel sequences, or patterns, from which multiple patterns can be selected during core customization. The specified patterns can then be selected during core operation using the [CONFIG Channel.](#page-16-0)

When the core is configured to support one channel with a sample frequency of f_S the same hardware resources (DSP Slice and Memory) can support two channels with a sample frequency of $f_S/2$, 4 channels with a sample frequency of $f_S/4$ or 1 channel with a sample frequency $f_S/2$ and 2 channels with a sample frequency $f_S/4$. The Advanced implementation supports each of these configurations with an associated interleaved channel sequence that can then be selected, dynamically, during core operation through the [CONFIG Channel](#page-16-0).

IMPORTANT: *Switching between channel sequences causes the data vector of all channels to be cleared/reset.*

[Table 3-1](#page-47-0) lists all the supported interleaved channel patterns. The full pattern list is also displayed on the Vivado IDE.

Although the hardware resources (DSP Slice and Memory) remain the same as the equivalent Basic implementation, the Advanced Implementation requires additional logic resources. For the patterns highlighted in [Table 3-1,](#page-47-0) the memory requirements might also increase and further logic resources might be required.

Parallel Data Channel Filters

The FIR Compiler provides support for processing multiple parallel datapaths with the same filter coefficients. This feature differs from a multiple-channel implementation when it is necessary to time division multiplex (TDM) the individual channels onto a single data stream. When processing parallel datapaths, the FIR Compiler allocates a field of the s_axis_data_tdata and m_axis_data_tdata port to each individual datapath. See [Input and Output DATA Channels](#page-14-0) for details of the tdata format.

This feature can be used in conjunction with the [Interleaved Data Channel Filters](#page-45-1) feature such that multiple data stream can be shared across multiple parallel paths and interleaved channels. For example, six data streams can be shared across two parallel datapaths each implementing three interleaved data channels. Each parallel datapath exhibits the same interleaved data sequence and the Channel ID field of the s_data_tuser and m_data_tuser buses is shared across all paths.

In this configuration, the FIR Compiler can share control logic and coefficient memory resources between the parallel datapaths. This offers significant resource savings over using one FIR Compiler instance per parallel datapath.

Coefficient Reload

To minimize the resources required to implement the coefficient reload feature, it is necessary for users to re-order the coefficients that are to be reloaded to correctly pass each coefficient to its correct storage location in the filter structure. The Vivado IDE offers the facility to generate re-ordered coefficient files for use with the RELOAD channel and during core generation delivers an informational text file to the project area named <component_name>_reload_order.txt, which lists the indexes of the coefficients, Coefficient x, in the order they should be reloaded into the filter through the reload channel Reload index x.

Reload Order File

Care must be taken to correctly interpret the reload order, as it is based on the actual number of coefficients calculated by the filter. The [Coefficient Padding](#page-26-0) section of [Filter](#page-24-0) [Symmetry](#page-24-0) discusses how the FIR Compiler sometimes implements a filter with more coefficients than specified. The actual coefficients calculated are displayed on the Implementation Details tab. When the filter is configured to utilize coefficient symmetry, you must pad the filter response at the beginning and the end with (actual - specified)/2 zeros before applying the reload order. [Figure 3-18](#page-26-1) demonstrates a padded filter response. When the filter is non-symmetric, the coefficient set must be padded with (actual specified) zeros at the end of the filter response before applying the reload order.

In the case of a polyphase interpolating filter utilizing coefficient symmetry, where the Symmetric Pairs technique has been used, the coefficients must be preprocessed before being loaded into the filter. The combination of the non-symmetric subfilters are defined as the sum or difference of two coefficient indexes. When the filter configuration requires multiple DSP slices to implement a single Multiply-Accumulate unit, the definition is extended to include bit ranges of the source coefficients.

[Figure 3-52](#page-57-0) contains an example of the reload order.txt file, for a non-symmetric 16-tap single rate filter where the clock rate is four times the input sample rate.


```
Reload index 0 = Coefficient 12
Reload index 1 = Coefficient 13
Reload index 2 = Coefficient 14
Reload index 3 = Coefficient 15
Reload index 4 = Coefficient 8
Reload index 5 = Coefficient 9Reload index 6 = Coefficient 10
Reload index 7 = Coefficient 11
Reload index 8 = Coefficient 4
Reload index 9 = Coefficient 5
Reload index 10 = Coefficient 6
Reload index 11 = Coefficient 7
Reload index 12 = Coefficient 0
Reload index 13 = Coefficient 1
Reload index 14 = Coefficient 2
Reload index 15 = Coefficient 3
```

```
Figure 3-52: Reload Order Text File Format Example 1
```
[Figure 3-53](#page-57-1) contains an example for a symmetric 15-tap interpolate by 3 filter where the clock rate is six times the input sample rate and a coefficient width of 16 bits.

```
Reload index 0 = Coefficient 7 
Reload index 1 = Coefficient 10
Reload index 2 = Coefficient 6 - Coefficient 8
Reload index 3 = Coefficient 9- Coefficient 11
Reload index 4 = Coefficient 6 + Coefficient 8
Reload index 5 = Coefficient 9 + Coefficient 11
Reload index 6 = Coefficient 1
Reload index 7 = Coefficient 4
Reload index 8 = Coefficient 0 - Coefficient 2
Reload index 9 = Coefficient 3 - Coefficient 5
Reload index 10 = Coefficient 0 + Coefficient 2Reload index 11 = Coefficient 3 + Coefficient 5
```
Figure 3-53: **Reload Order Text File Format Example 2**

[Figure 3-54](#page-58-1) contains an example with the same filter configuration as in [Figure 3-53,](#page-57-1) but with a coefficient width of 30 bits (the width of the reload port is extended when the Symmetric Pairs technique is used, so in this example, the reload port is 33 bits wide).

Contact Xilinx [Technical Support](https://www.xilinx.com/support/) if you need any assistance or guidance in implementing the reload coefficient ordering for your specific filter implementation.

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Reload index 0 (17 downto 0) = "00" & Coefficient 7 (15 downto 0)
Reload index 0 (32 downto 18) = Coefficient 7 (29) & Coefficient 7 (29 downto 16)
Reload index 1 (17 downto 0) = "00" & Coefficient 10 (15 downto 0)
Reload index 1 (32 downto 18) = Coefficient 10 (29) & Coefficient 10 (29 downto 16)
Reload index 2 (17 downto 0) = "00" & Coefficient 6 (15 downto 0) -
                 "00" & Coefficient 8 (15 downto 0)
Reload index 2 (32 downto 18) = Coefficient 6 (29) & Coefficient 6 (29 downto 16) -
                 Coefficient 8 (29) & Coefficient 8 (29 downto 16)
Reload index 3 (17 downto 0) = "00" & Coefficient 9 (15 downto 0) -
                 "00" & Coefficient 11 (15 downto 0)
Reload index 3 (32 downto 18) = Coefficient 9 (29) & Coefficient 9 (29 downto 16) -
                 Coefficient 11 (29) & Coefficient 11 (29 downto 16)
Reload index 4 (17 downto 0) = "00" & Coefficient 6 (15 downto 0) +
                 "00" & Coefficient 8 (15 downto 0)
Reload index 4 (32 downto 18) = Coefficient 6 (29) & Coefficient 6 (29 downto 16) +
                 Coefficient 8 (29) & Coefficient 8 (29 downto 16)
Reload index 5 (17 downto 0) = "00" & Coefficient 9 (15 downto 0) +
                 "00" & Coefficient 11 (15 downto 0)
Reload index 5 (32 downto 18) = Coefficient 9 (29) & Coefficient 9 (29 downto 16) +
                 Coefficient 11 (29) & Coefficient 11 (29 downto 16)
Reload index 6 (17 downto 0) = "00" & Coefficient 1 (15 downto 0)
Reload index 6 (32 downto 18) = Coefficient 1 (29) & Coefficient 1 (29 downto 16)
Reload index 7 (17 downto 0) = "00" & Coefficient 4 (15 downto 0)
Reload index 7 (32 downto 18) = Coefficient 4 (29) & Coefficient 4 (29 downto 16)
Reload index 8 (17 downto 0) = "00" & Coefficient 0 (15 downto 0) -
                 "00" & Coefficient 2 (15 downto 0)
Reload index 8 (32 downto 18) = Coefficient 0 (29) & Coefficient 0 (29 downto 16) -
                 Coefficient 2 (29) & Coefficient 2 (29 downto 16)
Reload index 9 (17 downto 0) = "00" & Coefficient 3 (15 downto 0) -
                 "00" & Coefficient 5 (15 downto 0)
Reload index 9 (32 downto 18) = Coefficient 3 (29) & Coefficient 3 (29 downto 16) -
                 Coefficient 5 (29) & Coefficient 5 (29 downto 16)
Reload index 10 (17 downto 0) = "00" & Coefficient 0 (15 downto 0) +
                 "00" & Coefficient 2 (15 downto 0)
Reload index 10 (32 downto 18) = Coefficient 0 (29) & Coefficient 0 (29 downto 16) +
                  Coefficient 2 (29) & Coefficient 2 (29 downto 16)
Reload index 11 (17 downto 0) = "00" & Coefficient 3 (15 downto 0) +
                 "00" & Coefficient 5 (15 downto 0)
Reload index 11 (32 downto 18) = Coefficient 3 (29) & Coefficient 3 (29 downto 16) + 
                  Coefficient 5 (29) & Coefficient 5 (29 downto 16)
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Figure 3-54: **Reload Order Text File Format Example 3**

Coefficient Quantization

The FIR Compiler core offers three coefficient quantization options: Integer Coefficient, Quantize Only, and Maximize Dynamic Range. When the coefficients are specified using Radix 2 (binary) and 16 (hexadecimal), only the *Integer Coefficients* option is available, as the coefficients are considered to have already been quantized. When the coefficients are specified using integer numbers, all of the quantization options are available. When the coefficients are specified using non-integer decimal numbers (containing fractional information), only the *Quantize Only* and *Maximize Dynamic Range* options are available.

Integer Coefficients

The *Integer Coefficients* quantization option analyzes the coefficients and determines the minimum number of bits required to represent the coefficients. The coefficient width must be equal to or greater than this value. When more bits are specified than required, the coefficients are sign extended. If you wish to truncate the coefficients, the *Quantize Only* option must be used.

Quantize Only

Primarily for use when the filter coefficients have been specified using non-integer real numbers, this option quantizes the coefficients to the specified coefficient bit width. The coefficient values are rounded to the nearest quantum using a simple round towards zero algorithm. The coefficient word is split into integer and fractional bits. The integer width is determined by analyzing the filter coefficients to find the maximum integer value. The remaining bits are allocated to represent the fractional portion of the coefficient values. When the specified coefficient bit width is less than the required integer bit width, coefficients are appropriately rounded. The default value for the *Coefficient Fractional Bits* parameter is set to maximize the precision of the coefficients, but you can reduce it. In this circumstance, more bits are allocated to the integer portion of the word, and the coefficient values are sign extended appropriately. When all the specified coefficients are between 1 and -1, only a single integer bit is required (to convey sign information), with the remainder of the coefficient word being used for fractional bits. When the coefficient range reduces further, the fractional bit width can be specified to a value greater than or equal to the coefficient width. See the [Best Precision Fractional Length](#page-60-0) section for further explanation.

The frequency response of the quantized filter coefficients are compared to the ideal response on the Frequency Response Tab. This enables you to explore the trade-off between filter performance and resources by varying the coefficient width parameter.

Maximize Dynamic Range

You can also choose to scale the coefficients to utilize the full dynamic range provided by the coefficient bit width by selecting the Maximize Dynamic Range option. If selected, this results in the filter coefficients being scaled up by a common factor such that the largest coefficient (usually the center tap) is equal to the maximum representable value using the chosen bit width, then quantized. The overall scale factor is calculated as the ratio of the sum of the scaled and quantized coefficients to the sum of the original (ideal) coefficients. This value is calculated by the FIR Compiler and is presented (in dB) as part of the legend text on the filter response graph, or on the Summary page in the Vivado IDE.

The filter response plot for the quantized coefficients is scaled down by the scale factor for easy comparison against the ideal coefficients. Scaling the coefficients introduces a gain which should be taken into account in your design.

Example 1

For this example the coefficients are signed with a coefficient width of 10 bits and a coefficient fractional width of 5 bits (using the Mathworks Fix format notation Fix10_5). The specified coefficients range between -12.34 and +13.88.

Considering the coefficient bit width as integer only, 10 bits give a maximum positive value of 511 and a maximum negative value of -512. The fractional bit width is 5 bits; this gives a maximum representable positive number of $511/(2^5)$ =15.96875 and a maximum representation negative number of $-512/(2^5) = -16$. All coefficients are scaled by the factor 15.96875/13.88=1.1504863 (=+1.2176dB) prior to quantization. The overall scaling factor is calculated as defined previously and displayed in the Vivado IDE.

Example 2

For this example the coefficients are signed with a coefficient width of 18 bits and a coefficient fractional width of 19 bits, or Fix18_19. The specified coefficients range between -0.000256022 and +0.182865845.

An integer coefficient width of 18 bits gives a maximum positive value of 131071 and a maximum negative number of -131072. Considering the fractional bits, this gives a maximum representable positive number of 131071/(2^19)=0.249998092 and a maximum representable negative number of $131072/(2^219)=0.25$. The scaling factor is determined by dividing the maximum value that can be represented (for the specified number of coefficient bits) by the maximum coefficient value. In this case 0.249998092/ $0.182865845 = 1.367112009 (= +2.716081962dB).$

IMPORTANT: While some performance improvement can be achieved by using the full dynamic range of the coefficient bit width, you must be satisfied that any changes are acceptable using the frequency response plot. You must also account for any additional gain introduced by coefficient scaling elsewhere in the application system. In many systems, signal scaling can be arbitrary and no gain compensation is required; where scaling is necessary, it is often desirable to amalgamate gains inherent in a signal processing chain and compensate or adjust for these gains either at the front end (for example, in an Automatic Gain Control circuit) or the back end (for example, in a Constellation Decoder unit) of the chain. If you do not want to introduce any additional scaling into the design, select *Quantize Only*.

Best Precision Fractional Length

When the *Best Precision Fractional Length* option is selected, the coefficient fractional width is set to maximize the precision of the specified filter coefficients. As discussed in the [Quantize Only](#page-59-0) section, the FIR Compiler analyzes the filter coefficients to determine how many bits are required to represent the integer portion of the coefficient values. All the remaining coefficient bits are then allocated to represent the fractional portion of the coefficients. When all the specified coefficients are between 1 and -1, only a single integer

bit is required. The reminder of the coefficient word is then used for fractional bits. When the coefficient range reduces further, the fractional bit width is specified to a value greater than or equal to the coefficient width; otherwise the coefficient values contains redundant information that does not need to be explicitly stored. The available coefficient bits can then be better used to increase the precision of the coefficient values. This section goes on to illustrate this concept further. The MathWorks Fix Format notation is used, **Fixword length**_**fractional length**. The word length is specified by the Coefficient Width parameter, and the fractional length is specified by the Coefficient Fractional Bits parameter.

Figure 3-55: **Coefficient Quantization Fix18_17**

In [Figure 3-55](#page-61-0) the coefficient values are represented using 18 bits. The binary point is positioned such that 17 bits are used to represent the fractional portion of the number. An analysis of the coefficients reveals that no value has a magnitude greater than 0.25; therefore, the upper two MSBs are a sign extension and contain redundant information.

Figure 3-56: **Coefficient Quantization Fix16_17**

In [Figure 3-56](#page-62-0), 16 bits are used to represent the same coefficient values to the same precision. The redundant information has been removed, reducing the resources required to store the filter coefficients. The binary point position has not moved. 17 bits are still effectively used to represent the fractional portion of the number, but one of them does not need to be explicitly stored, as it is a sign extension of the stored MSB.

Figure 3-57: **Coefficient Quantization Fix18_19**

In [Figure 3-57](#page-63-0) 18 bits are specified for the coefficient width. The two additional bits can be used to increase the precision. The binary point position has still not moved, but now, 19 bits are effectively used to represent the fractional portion of the number, which results in an increase of the filter precision.

Output Width and Bit Growth

The full precision output width can be defined as the input data width plus the bit growth due to the application of the filter coefficients. Bit growth from the original sample width occurs as a result of the many multiplications and additions that form the basic function of the filter. Therefore, the accumulator result width is significantly larger than the original input sample width. Limiting the accumulator width is desirable to save resources, both in the filter output path (such as output buffer memory, if present) and in any subsequent blocks in the signal processing chain. The worst case bit growth can be obtained by adding the coefficient width to the base 2 logarithm of the number of non-zero multiplications required (rounded up); however, this does not take into account the actual coefficient values. [Equation 3-2](#page-63-1) demonstrates this calculation, where B is the calculated bit growth, N is the number for filter coefficients and C_w is the coefficient width.

$$
B = C_w + \text{ceil}[\log_2 N]
$$

Equation 3-2

Taking the base 2 logarithm of the sum of the absolute value of all filter coefficients reveals the true maximum bit growth for a fixed coefficient filter, and this can be used to limit the required accumulator width. [Equation 3-3](#page-64-0) demonstrates this calculation, where B is the calculated bit growth, N is the number for filter coefficients, and a_n is nth filter coefficient.

$$
B = ceil \left[\log_2 \left(\sum_{n=0}^{(N-1)} |a_n| \right) \right]
$$
 Equation 3-3

The FIR Compiler automatically calculates the bit growth based on the actual coefficient values. For reloadable filters the worst case bit growth is used.

[Equation 3-4](#page-64-1) gives the cores full precision output width, where B is the calculated bit growth (given by [Equation 3-2](#page-63-1) or [Equation 3-3](#page-64-0)), D_w is the data width and A_w is the full precision output width.

$$
A_w = D_w + B
$$
 Equation 3-4

The Coefficient (and Data) fractional width does not affect the output width calculation. The core determines the output width without considering fractional bits. The core determines the full precision output as previously described and then determines the output fractional width by summing the data and coefficient fractional bit width. This value is then reduced by any output rounding. [Equation 3-5](#page-64-2) demonstrates this calculation, where $O_w =$ output width, O_{fw} =output fractional width, D_{fw} =data fractional width, C_{fw} =coefficient fractional width and A_w =full precision output width.

$$
O_{fw} = D_{fw} + C_{fw} - max(0, A_w - O_w)
$$
 Equation 3-5

Output Rounding

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As mentioned in [Symmetric Rounding to Highest Magnitude,](#page-65-0) it is desirable to limit the output sample width of the filter to minimize resource utilization in downstream blocks in a signal processing chain. For MAC implementations the FIR Compiler includes features to limit the output sample width and round the result to the nearest representable number within that bit width. Several rounding modes are provided to allow you to select the preferred trade-off between resource utilization, rounding precision, and rounding bias.

In the following descriptions, the variable *x* is the fractional number to be rounded, with *n* representing the output width (that is, the integer bits of the accumulator result) and *m* representing the truncated LSBs (that is, the difference between the accumulator width and the output width). In [Figure 3-58](#page-65-1) through [Figure 3-60](#page-66-0), the direction of inflexion on the red midpoint markers indicates the direction of rounding.

Full Precision

In Full Precision mode, no output sample bit width reduction is performed (n=accumulator width, m=0). This is the default option.

Truncation

In Truncation mode, the m LSBs are removed from the accumulator result to reduce it to the specified output width; the effect is the same as the MATLAB® software function *floor(x)*. This has the advantage that it can be implemented with zero resource cost, but has the disadvantage of being biased towards the negative by 0.5.

Non-symmetric Rounding to Positive

In this rounding mode, a binary value corresponding to 0.5 is added to the accumulator result and the m LSBs are removed; this is equivalent to the MATLAB software function *floor(x+0.5)*. The addition can usually be done in most filter configurations with little or no resource cost in hardware using the DSP slice features. It has the disadvantage of being biased towards the positive by $2^{-(m+1)}$.

Non-symmetric Rounding to Negative

In a modification of the preceding technique, a binary value corresponding to 0.499... is added to the accumulator result and the m LSBs are removed; this is equivalent to the MATLAB software function *ceil(x-0.5)*. The resource usage advantage is the same, but the bias in this case is towards the negative by $2^{-(m+1)}$.

Figure 3-58: **Non-symmetric Rounding (a) to Positive (b) to Negative**

Symmetric Rounding to Highest Magnitude

The bias incurred during non-symmetric rounding occurs because rounding decisions at the midpoints always go in the same direction. In symmetric rounding, the decision on which direction to round is based on the sign of the number. For rounding towards highest magnitude, a binary value corresponding to 0.499 is added to the accumulator result, and the inverse of the accumulator sign bit is added as a carry-in before removal of the m LSBs. As is generally the case, there are as many positive as negative numbers; the result should not be biased in either direction. This rounding mode is commonly used in general applications, mainly because it is equivalent to the MATLAB software function *round(x)*.

Symmetric Rounding to Zero

The implementation difference for this mode from round to highest magnitude is that the sign bit is used directly as the carry-in (see [Figure 3-59](#page-66-1)). There is no direct MATLAB software equivalent of this operation. One minor advantage of rounding towards zero is that it does not cause overflow situations.

Figure 3-59: **Symmetric Rounding (a) to Highest Magnitude (b) to Zero**

Convergent Rounding

Convergent rounding chooses the rounding direction for midpoints as either toward odd or even numbers, rather than toward positive or negative [\(Figure 3-60\)](#page-66-0). This can be advantageous, as the balance of rounding direction decisions for midpoints is based on the probability of occurrence of odd or even numbers, which is generally equal in most scenarios, even when the mean of the input signal moves away from zero. The function is achieved by adding a rounding constant, as in other modes, but then checking for a particular pattern on the LSBs to detect a midpoint and forcing the LSB to be either zero (for round to even) or one (for round to odd) when a midpoint occurs.

Figure 3-60: **Convergent Rounding (a) to Even (b) to Odd**

Resource Implications of Rounding

Ensure that you consider the implications of selecting a particular rounding mode on resource utilization. Generally, the FIR Compiler IP core attempts to integrate rounding functions with existing functions, which usually means the accumulator portion of the circuit. However, this is not always possible. In certain combinations of rounding mode, filter type and device family, an additional DSP slice must be used to implement the rounding function. The most important factor to consider is the inherent hardware support for each mode in each of the device families, but filter type and configuration also play a role.

[Table 3-2](#page-67-0) indicates the combinations of filter type and rounding type for which no extra DSP slice is likely to be required. Where all three DSP slice enabled device families are likely to support that combination of rounding mode and filter type without an additional DSP slice, a tick mark is entered; where none of the three is likely to support the combination without the additional DSP slice, a check mark is entered; where there is a list of families provided, the list refers to those families that support the combination without an extra DSP slice. Support for symmetric rounding assumes that either there is a spare cycle available, or approximation is allowed. If this is not the case, an additional DSP slice is always required for symmetric rounding modes, regardless of filter type or family.

[Table 3-2](#page-67-0) is indicative only, and certain combinations for which hardware support is indicated actually require the extra DSP, and vice versa.

Filter Type	Non- symmetric	Symmetric (Infinity)	Symmetric (Zero)	Convergent
Single Rate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Half-band	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Interpolating without Symmetry	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Interpolate by 2, Odd Symmetry	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Interpolating with Symmetry (others)	No.	No.	N _o	N _o
Interpolating Half-band	Yes	Yes	No.	Yes
Decimating, Single-channel	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Decimating, Multichannel	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Decimating Half-band	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Table 3-2: **Indicative Table of Hardware Support for Rounding Modes for Particular Filter Types**

Multiple Column Filter Implementation

The FIR Compiler can build filter implementations that span multiple DSP slice columns. The multi-column implementation is only required when the filter parameters, specifically the number of filter coefficients and the hardware oversampling rate (Sample Frequency to Clock Frequency ratio), result in an implementation that requires to chain together more DSP slices than are available in a single column of the select device. [Figure 3-61](#page-67-1) shows the structures implemented.

Figure 3-61: **Multi-Column Implementations**

The DSP column lengths are displayed on the Details Implementation Options page of the Vivado IDE. The implemented column lengths can be determined automatically, *Multi-column Support: Automatic*, or user-specified, *Multi-column Support: Custom*. The length of each implemented DSP column can be specified using the Column Configuration parameter. See [Detailed Implementation Tab](#page-81-0) for more details.

Super Sample Rate Filters

When the required sample frequency is greater than the clock frequency, the core accepts multiple parallel samples every clock cycle for each data channel. The number of parallel samples is determined by calculating the ratio of between the sample frequency and clock frequency.

Super sample rate is supported for single rate and integer rate change configurations. Symmetry is exploited for single rate, polyphase decimator and polyphase interpolator filters.

Note: For rate change filters, symmetry is exploited for a limited range of coefficient/data width, determined by the device selected.

Input and Output Sample Rate

The rate, or sample period, at which the core accepts input samples and generates output samples is determined by the hardware oversampling rate and rate change value specified on the core interface in the Vivado IDE.

The hardware oversampling rate can be specified by one of two methods: using the Input Sampling Frequency, per channel, and the intended Clock Frequency; or using the input or output sample period.

Note: When using the Advanced Interleaved Data Channels (see [Interleaved Data Channel Filters](#page-45-1)), the Input Sample Frequency is specified for the highest frequency channel (fs) supported by the selected advanced channel configuration. For N channels, this is the sample frequency of PN-0, as seen in [Table 3-1](#page-47-0).

When the core is configured as an interpolating (up-sampling) or a decimating (down-sampling) filter the output rate is increased, or decreased, relative to the input rate by the integer or fractional rate change value specified on the core interface in the Vivado IDE.

Integer Rate Change

For filters with an integer rate change the core accepts input samples at fixed intervals and produces an output that has a fixed sample period. A decimation by 3 filter with an input

sampling frequency of 50 MHz and a clock frequency of 200 MHz has an input sample period of 4 clocks cycles and an output sample period of 12 clock cycles.

The exception to this is interpolating filters with a rate change that when divided into the input sample period leaves a non-zero remainder; for example, an interpolation by 3 filter with an input sampling frequency of 25 MHz and a clock frequency of 200 MHz. The input sample period is 8 but the output sample period should be 2.666…7. In this circumstance the core generates the interpolated output samples with a period of 2 but following the final interpolated output sample there is an additional 2 clock cycles where no outputs are produced. This generates 3 output samples for every 8 clock cycles and an effective sample rate of 2.666…7 clock cycles.

Fractional Rate Change

For fractional rate change filters the effective sample period must be considered because most core configurations require a fractional input or output sample period.

Fractional interpolation filters (see [Fixed Fractional Rate Resampling Filters](#page-38-1)) use the specified input sample period to determine the number of clock cycles available to produce the worst case number of output samples for the specified rate change. [Figure 3-34](#page-38-0) illustrates a 5/3 rate change filter. For every input sample, the core produces either 1 or 2 output samples in the sequence 2, 2, 1. For this example, the worst case number of output samples per input is 2. If the input sample period was specified as 4 the output sample period should be $3/5 * 4 = 2.4$ clock cycles. The core generates one output sample per 2 clock cycles, 4 (input rate)/ 2 (worst case outputs per input). If 3 input samples are provided at the specified input rate of 4 clock cycles per sample, without halting, the core generates the 5 output samples, in the previously defined pattern, with a sample period of 2 clock cycles. This means the core has output 5 samples in 12 clock cycles, giving an effective sample period of 2.4 clock cycles. The pattern then repeats for the next 3 input samples. See [Figure 3-62](#page-69-0).

Figure 3-62: **Sample Period of 2.4 Clock Cycles**

The core optionally supports an input FIFO on the S_AXIS_DATA input channel. Data can be supplied at full rate until the FIFO becomes full, when the s_axis_data_tready signal is deasserted. The core continues to consume data at the specified input sample period. The FIFO can be used to supply input samples at a rate that better suits the system, as long as the effective sample rate matches that specified for the input sample rate of the core and it is not starved of data.

If the input sample period divided by the worst case number of outputs per input leaves a non-zero remainder the core rounds down and generates output samples at the lower sample period. In this circumstance, it requests input samples at the higher rate, indicated by asserting s axis data tready (see [AXI4-Stream Considerations](#page-13-0) for more details), but it is not necessary to provide the input samples at this higher rate. Consider the previous example but change the specified input sample period to 3 clock cycles giving an output sample period of 1.8 clock cycles. The core generates one output per clock cycle, 3 (input rate)/ 2 (worst case outputs per input) round down. As a result, the core requests input data every 2 clock cycles but the specified input sample period should be maintained by the system. 3 inputs samples at 3 clock cycles per sample generates 5 output samples in 9 clock cycles, one sample per clock cycle with an idle cycle, giving an effective output sample period of 1.8 clock cycles. See [Figure 3-63](#page-70-0).

Fractional decimation filters (see [Fixed Fractional Rate Resampling Filters\)](#page-38-1) use the specified output sample period to determine the number of clock cycles available to calculate each output sample. The output sample period can be directly specified on the GUI or is calculated from the specified input sampling and clock frequencies. The core generates an output sample only when enough inputs have been supplied. [Figure 3-35](#page-39-0) illustrates how many input samples are required per output for a 3/5 rate change filter. The core generates outputs at the specified sample period. The input samples can be supplied at full rate, one per clock cycle, until the input buffer is full. As the core consumes input samples it can accept more from the system. This results in an effective sample rate that matches that specified on the GUI. The core controls the input rate using the s_axis_data_tready signal.

Super Sample Rate

When the required sample frequency is greater than the clock frequency, the core accepts multiple parallel samples every clock cycle. The number of parallel samples is determined by calculating the ratio of between the sample frequency and clock frequency. It can also be specified using a fractional input or output sample period.

As with the sample period for non-super sample rate configurations the number of parallel outputs is increased or reduced to reflect any specified integer rate change.

Resource Considerations

The number of DSP slices utilized by the FIR Compiler is primarily determined by the number of coefficients, modified by any rate change, and the hardware oversampling rate per channel (defined by the Sample Period or the Sample frequency to Clock frequency ratio divided by the number of channels). [Data and Coefficient Bit Width](#page-71-0) and [Output](#page-72-0) [Rounding Selection](#page-72-0) can also affect the DSP slice usage and are discussed in the following sections.

[Implementation Details Tab](#page-76-0) of the IDE displays the core DSP slice usage given all the core parameters.

Data and Coefficient Bit Width

The DSP slice resource usage is influenced by the data and coefficient width specified. When the data and coefficient widths are specified to be greater than the input width of the DSP slice, the core uses multiple DSP slice columns to implement the filter. [Table 3-3](#page-71-1) provides a guide to the number of DSP columns that are required for various combinations of data and coefficient widths.

Table 3-3: **DSP Slice Column Usage for Given Data and Coefficient Widths**

Note: The data/coefficient widths at which implementations transition to multi-column implementations might be lower than that shown based on the number of filter coefficients. This ensures that the accumulator width does not exceed 48 bits, thereby avoiding overflow.

The Data Width threshold is further reduced by a bit when coefficient symmetry is being utilized by the core, see [Filter Symmetry](#page-24-0).

The Coefficient Width threshold is further reduced by a bit when symmetric pairs are being utilized by the core, see [Polyphase Interpolator Exploiting Symmetric Pairs.](#page-32-1)

Output Rounding Selection

The selected output rounding mode might cause additional DSP slice resources to be used. See [Output Rounding](#page-64-0) for more details.

Multiple Channel versus Parallel Datapaths

The [Interleaved Data Channel Filters](#page-45-0) and [Parallel Data Channel Filters](#page-55-0) features both offer the facility to process multiple input sample streams but using different interfaces. A multichannel interface requires the multiple input streams to be time division multiplexed (TDM) into a single core input, whereas the Parallel Datapaths interface provides an individual core input for each input stream. The choice of interface can influence the resources used by the core. In general, the multichannel implementation uses less DSP slice resources, but under some circumstances this is not the case. The following example demonstrates such a situation.

Consider an 8-tap single rate filter that is to process four 12.5 MHz input streams with a clock frequency of 100 MHz.

Multichannel implementation

100 MHz/12.5 MHz=8 clock cycles per input sample. Shared between the four input streams, 8/4=2, gives a hardware oversampling rate of 2. The 8 filter coefficients must be processed in 2 clock cycles. This gives 8/2=4 DSP slices, where the filter processes the first 4 coefficients on the first clock cycle and the remaining 4 coefficients on the second clock cycle. The two partial products must be summed together, so an additional accumulator DSP slice is required. This gives a total of **5** DSP slices.

Parallel Datapaths

100 MHz/12.5 MHz=8 clock cycles per input sample. Each input stream can use the full 8 clock cycles to process the 8 filter coefficients. This gives 8/8=1 multiply-accumulate DSP slice. The core provides four input streams, each using 1 DSP slice. This gives a total of **4** DSP slices.

This demonstrates that the Parallel Datapath implementation offers a more efficient implementation.

If the input sample frequency was increased to 25 MHz per channel, this would not be the case, shown as follows.

Multichannel implementation

8 taps/(100 MHz/25 MHz/4)=**8** DSP slices, no accumulator required.

Parallel Datapaths

8 taps/(100 MHz/25 MHz)=2 DSP slices, plus 1 accumulator DSP slice gives 3 DSP slices per path. A total of **12** DSP slices are required.

Coefficient Reload

Two implementations of the associated control logic are available when the coefficient memory has been specified to use block RAM.

The core can be configured to avoid the use of the block memory READ-FIRST mode. This results in the core achieving a greater F_{max} but requires more FPGA resources.

Alternatively, the core can use the Block RAM READ-FIRST mode and minimize the FPGA resources required at the expense of a lower F_{max} .

The **No_BRAM_Read_First_Mode** Optimization option is used to select which implementation is required. This is automatically selected when the Optimization Goal is set to **Speed** or can be explicitly selected by using the **Custom** optimization goal and then selecting the **No_BRAM_Read_First_Mode** optimization.

Chapter 4

Design Flow Steps

This chapter describes customizing and generating the core, constraining the core, and the simulation, synthesis and implementation steps that are specific to this IP core. More detailed information about the standard Vivado® design flows and the IP integrator can be found in the following Vivado Design Suite user guides:

- *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing IP Subsystems using IP Integrator* (UG994) [\[Ref 10\]](#page-131-0)
- *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing with IP* (UG896) [\[Ref 11\]](#page-131-1)
- *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Getting Started* (UG910) [\[Ref 12\]](#page-131-2)
- *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Logic Simulation* (UG900) [\[Ref 13\]](#page-131-3)

Customizing and Generating the Core

This section includes information about using Xilinx® tools to customize and generate the core in the Vivado® Design Suite.

If you are customizing and generating the core in the Vivado IP integrator, see the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing IP Subsystems using IP Integrator* (UG994) [\[Ref 10\]](#page-131-0) for detailed information. IP integrator might auto-compute certain configuration values when validating or generating the design. To check whether the values do change, see the description of the parameter in this chapter. To view the parameter value you can run the validate bd design command in the Tcl Console.

You can customize the IP for use in your design by specifying values for the various parameters associated with the IP core using the following steps:

- 1. Select the IP from the IP catalog.
- 2. Double-click the selected IP or select the Customize IP command from the toolbar or right-click menu.

For details, see the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing with IP* (UG896) [\[Ref 11\]](#page-131-1) and the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Getting Started* (UG910) [\[Ref 12\]](#page-131-2).

The FIR Compiler interface in the Vivado IDE contains four pages used to configure the core plus four informational/analysis tabs.

Tool Tips appear when hovering the mouse over each parameter and a brief description appears, as well as feedback about how their values or ranges are affected by other parameter selections. For example, the Coefficient Structure Tool Tip displays the inferred structure when Inferred is selected from the drop-down list.

IP Symbol Tab

The IP Symbol tab shows the core pinout.

Freq. Response Tab

The Freq. Response tab displays the filter frequency response (magnitude only).

The frequency response of the currently selected coefficient set is plotted against normalized frequency. Where the Quantization option is set to Integer Coefficients, there is only a single plot based on the specified coefficient values. Where the Quantization option has been set to Quantize Only, an ideal plot is displayed based on the provided values alongside a Quantized plot based on a set of coefficient values quantized according to the specified coefficient bit width. Where the Quantization option is set to Maximize Dynamic Range, the coefficients are first scaled to take full advantage of the available dynamic range, then quantized according to the specified coefficient bit width. The quantized coefficients are summed to determine the resulting gain factor over the provided real coefficient set, and the resulting scale factor is used to correct the filter response of the quantized coefficients such that the gain is factored out. The scale factor is reported in the legend text of the frequency response plot and on the Summary page. See [Coefficient](#page-58-0) [Quantization](#page-58-0) for more details.

The filter gain displayed is for a single rate implementation and does not take into account the zero insertion between output samples in the up-sampling processes in a interpolating filter. Therefore, following the zero insertion the average filter gain is reduced by the up-sampling rate.

- **Set to Display**: This selects which of multiple coefficient sets (if applicable) is displayed in the Frequency Response Graph.
- **Passband Range**: Two fields are available to specify the passband range, the left-most being the minimum value and the right-most the maximum value. The values are specified in the same units as on the graph x-axis (for example, normalized to pi radians per second). For the specified range the passband maximum, minimum and ripple values are calculated and displayed (in dB).
- **Stopband Range**: Two fields are available to specify the stopband range, the left-most being the minimum value and the right-most the maximum value. The values are specified in the same units as on the graph x-axis (for example, normalized to pi radians per second). For the specified range the stopband maximum value is calculated and displayed (in dB).

You can specify any range for the passband or stopband, allowing closer analysis of any region of the response. For example, examination of the transition region can be done to more accurately examine the filter roll-off.

Implementation Details Tab

The Implementation Details tab displays Resource Estimation information, core latency, actual calculated coefficients, selected interleaved data channel sequences and the internal structure of AXI4-Stream tdata and TUSER ports.

The number of DSP slices/Multipliers is displayed in addition to a count of the number of block RAM elements required to implement the design. Usage of general slice logic is not currently estimated.

It should be noted that the results presented in the Resource Estimation are estimates only using equations that model the expected core implementation structure. It is not guaranteed that the resource estimates provided in the GUI match the results of a mapped core implementation.

For some configurations, the number of coefficients calculated by the core might be greater than specified. In this circumstance, you can increase the number coefficients used to specify the filter at little or no cost in resource usage.

The AXI4-Port Structure pane describes fields internal to the AXI4-Stream ports and the number of bus transactions the core expects. This pane allows you to see how individual fields map to the indexes of the compound port as a whole.

The Interleaved Channel Pattern pane displays the enumerated list of channel sequences that have been selected. The enumerated value is used to select the desired pattern using the chanpat field of the s_axis_config_tdata port. See [CONFIG Channel](#page-16-0) for details of the CONFIG channel.

Coefficient Reload Tab

The Coefficient Reload tab provides the facility to generate re-ordered filter coefficient files for use with the RELOAD channel. The tab also displays the coefficient reload order.

Reload Coefficients MIF File Generation pane is enabled when Use Reloadable Coefficients has been selected. Reload files can be generated for the coefficients used to specify the filter configuration (Coefficient Vector or Coefficient File) or for coefficients specified using the Reload Coefficient File parameter. It uses the same COE format as the Coefficient File parameter. See [Filter Coefficient Data](#page-39-0) for more details. The reload filter coefficient characteristics must match those of the coefficients used to specify the filter configuration.

The re-ordered coefficients are output in a multiple binary text files formatted to the width of the s_axis_reload_tdata port.

The output file names have the following format, given their source:

where *x* specifies the coefficient set.

The coefficient reload order is displayed when Use Reloadable Coefficients has been selected and Display Reload Order is checked. This information is also contained in the <component_name>_reload_order.txt file produced during core generation. See [Coefficient Reload](#page-56-0) for more details.

Filter Options Tab

The Filter Specification screen is used to define the basic configuration and performance of the filter.

• **Component Name**: The user-defined filter component instance name.

Filter Coefficients

- **Coefficient Source**: Specifies which coefficient input method to use, directly in the GUI using the Coefficient Vector parameter or from a .coe file specified by the Coefficient File parameter.
- **Coefficient Vector**: Used to specify the filter coefficients directly in the GUI. The filter coefficients are specified in decimal using a comma delimited list as for the coefdata field in the [Filter Coefficient Data](#page-39-0) file. As with the .coe file, the filter coefficients can be specified using non-integer real numbers which the FIR Compiler quantizes appropriately, given your requirements. See [Coefficient Quantization](#page-58-0) for more details.
- **Coefficients File**: Coefficient file name. This is the file of filter coefficients. The file has a .coe extension, and the file format is described in the[Filter Coefficient Data](#page-39-0) section. The file can be selected through the dialog box activated by the Browse.
- **Show Coefficients**: Selecting this button displays the filter coefficient data defined in the specified Coefficient file in a pop-up window.
- **Number of Coefficient Sets**: The number of sets of filter coefficients to be implemented. The value specified must divide without remainder into the number of coefficients derived from the .coe file or Coefficient Vector.
- **Number of Coefficients (per set)**: The number of filter coefficients per filter set. This value is automatically derived from the specified coefficient data and the specified number of coefficient sets.
- **Use Reloadable Coefficients**: When the Reloadable option is selected, a coefficient reload interface is provided on the core.

Filter Specification

- **Filter Type**: Five filter types are supported: Single-rate FIR, Interpolating FIR, Decimating FIR, Hilbert transform and Interpolated FIR.
- **Inferred Coefficient Structure(s)**: Displays the coefficient structures, that can be supported for the selected filter type, detected by the GUI in the specified coefficients. The inferred coefficient structure (the first item in the list) can be overridden using the Coefficient Structure parameter later in the GUI. Supported coefficient structures are: Non-symmetric, Symmetric, Negative Symmetric, Half-band and Hilbert.

The combination of Filter Type, Coefficient Structure and Filter Architecture selects the implementation used by the core.

- **Rate Change Type**: This field is applicable to Interpolation and Decimation filter types. Used to specify an Integer or Fixed Fractional rate change.
- **Interpolation Rate Value**: This field is applicable to all Interpolation filter types and Decimation filter types for Fractional Rate Change implementations. The value provided in this field defines the up-sampling factor, or P for Fixed Fractional Rate (P/ Q) resampling filter implementations.
- **Decimation Rate Value**: This field is applicable to the all Decimation and Interpolation filter types for Fractional Rate Change implementations. The value provided in this field defines the down-sampling factor, or Q for Fixed Fractional Rate (P/Q) resampling filter implementations.
- **Zero Packing Factor**: This field is applicable to the interpolated filter only. The zero packing factor specifies the number of 0s inserted between the coefficient data specified by you. A zero packing factor of *k* inserts *k*-1 zeros between the supplied coefficient values.

Channel Specification Tab

Interleaved Channel Specification

- **Channel Sequence**: This field selects between Basic and Advanced interleaved data channel sequences. The Basic implementation processes interleaved data channels starting at channel 0 incrementing in steps of 1 to Number of Channels - 1. The Advanced implementation can processes interleaved data channels in multiple predefined sequences. The desired sequences are specified using the Sequence ID List parameter. The CONFIG channel is used to select the active channel sequence. See [Interleaved Data Channel Filters](#page-45-1) for more details.
- **Number of Channels**: The maximum number of interleaved data channels to be processed by the filter. For Advanced channel sequences this parameter specifies the channel sequence length, which also specifies the maximum number of interleave data channels.

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- **Select Sequence**: This field can be used to select which of the supported channel sequences are to be implemented. Selecting All populates the Sequence ID List with all the available channel sequences. Similarly, Clear All removes all the sequences apart from default first channel sequence supported. Selecting a specific channel sequence toggles its entry in the Sequence ID List parameter.
- **Sequence ID List**: A comma delimited list that specifies which channel sequences are implemented by the core. The Interleaved Channel Pattern pane of Implementation Tab, [Implementation,](#page-89-0) displays the enumerated list of selected patterns. The Select Sequence parameter can be used to populate the list. See [Interleaved Data Channel Filters](#page-45-1) for details of the supported channel sequences.

Parallel Channel Specification

• **Number of Paths**: Specifies the number of parallel datapaths the filter is to process. Each parallel datapath is extended to a byte boundary, for both the input and output widths selected. The padding can be signed extended or set to zero.

Hardware Oversampling Specification

- **Select format**: Selects which format is used to specify the hardware oversampling rate, the number of clock cycles available to the core to process an input sample and generate an output. This value directly affects the level of parallelism in the core implementation and resources used. When Frequency Specification is selected, you can specify the Input Sampling Frequency and Clock Frequency. The ratio between these values along with other core parameters determine the hardware oversampling rate. When Input Sample Period is selected, you can specify the number of clock cycles between input samples. Similarly, when Output Sample Period is selected, you can specify the number of clock cycles between output samples.
- **Sample Period**: Number of clock cycles between input or output samples. When the multiple channels have been specified, this value should be the integer number of clock cycles between the time division multiplexed input sample data stream. A sample frequency greater than the clock frequency can be specified using a fractional sample period (see [Super Sample Rate Filters](#page-68-0)).
- **Input Sampling Frequency**: This field can be an integer or real value; it specifies the sample frequency for one channel. The upper limit is set based on the clock frequency and filter parameters such as Interpolation Rate and number of channels.

Note: When using the Advanced Interleaved Data Channel Filters (see [Interleaved Data Channel](#page-45-1) [Filters](#page-45-1)), the Input Sample Frequency is specified for the highest frequency channel (fs) supported by the selected advanced channel configuration. For N channels, this is the sample frequency of PN-0, as seen in [Table 3-1](#page-47-0).

• **Clock Frequency**: This field can be an integer or real value. The limits are set based on the sample frequency, interpolation rate, and number of channels. *This field influences architecture choices only; the specified clock rate might not be achievable by the final implementation***.**

Implementation Tab

The Implementation Options screen is used to define the coefficient structure to use and to configure the various datapath and coefficient options.

Coefficient Options

- **Coefficient Type**: The coefficient data can be specified as either signed or unsigned. When the signed option is selected, conventional two's complement representation is assumed.
- **Quantization**: Specifies the quantization method to be used. Available options are Integer Coefficients, Quantize Only, or Maximize Dynamic Range.
	- The Integer Coefficients option is only available when the filter coefficients have been specified using only integer values.
	- ° The Quantize Only option rounds the provided values to the nearest quantum using a simple rounding towards zero algorithm.
	- ° The Maximize Dynamic Range option scales all coefficients such that the maximum coefficient is equal to the maximum representable number in the specified bit width, thus maximizing the dynamic range of the filter (with the current implementation, overflow is not possible, as the accumulator width is automatically set to accommodate maximum bit growth within the filter). See [Coefficient](#page-58-0) [Quantization](#page-58-0) for more information.
	- ° The Normalize to Center Coefficient option scales the coefficients such that the center coefficient can be represented as a power of 2. This option is only available for a single coefficients set with an odd number of taps.
- **Coefficient Width**: The bit precision of the filter coefficients. This field can be used with the filter response graph to explore the possibilities for more efficient implementation by limiting coefficient bit width to the minimum required to meet your target specification for the filter.
- **Best Precision Fraction Length**: When selected, the coefficient fractional width is automatically set to maximize the precision of the specified filter coefficients. See Best [Precision Fractional Length](#page-60-0) for further information.
- **Coefficient Fractional Bits**: Specifies the number of coefficient bits that are used to represent the fractional portion of the provided filter coefficients. The maximum value it supports is the Coefficient Width value minus the required integer bit width. The integer bit width value is static and is automatically determined by calculating the integer bit width required to represent the maximum value contained in the provided coefficient sets. When the coefficient width is less than the required integer bit width, this field reports zero. When the required integer bit width is zero, this parameter can take a value greater than the Coefficient Width. See [Coefficient Quantization](#page-58-0) for more information.

• **Coefficient Structure**: Five coefficient structures are supported: Non-symmetric, Symmetric, Negative Symmetric, Half-band and Hilbert. The structure can also be inferred from the coefficient file directly (default setting), or specified directly. The inference algorithm only analyses the first 2048 coefficients. Only valid structure options, based on analysis of the provided coefficient file, are available for you to specify directly. If Hilbert has been specified as the Filter Type then Hilbert is forced for Coefficient Structure.

Datapath Options

- **Input Data Type**: The filter input data can be specified as either signed or unsigned. The signed option employs conventional two's complement arithmetic. This parameter is automatically set in IP integrator but can also be overridden.
- **Input Data Width**: The precision (in bits) of the filter input data samples. This parameter is automatically set in IP integrator but can also be overridden.
- **Input Data Fractional Bits**: The number of Input Data Width bits used to represent the fractional portion of the filter input data samples. This field is for information only. It is used in conjunction with Coefficient Fractional Bits to calculate the filter Output Fractional Bits value. This parameter is automatically set in IP integrator but can also be overridden.
- **Output Rounding Mode**: Specifies the type of rounding to be applied to the output of the filter.
- **Output Width**: When using Full Precision, this field is disabled and indicates the output precision (in bits) of the filter output data samples, including bit growth. When using any other Rounding Mode, this field allows you to specify the desired output sample width.
- **Output Fractional Bits**: This field reports the number Output Width bits used to represent the fractional portion of the filter output samples.

Detailed Implementation Tab

The Detailed Implementation Options screen is used to configure various control and implementation options.

• **Filter Architecture**: Two filter architectures are supported: Systolic Multiply-Accumulate and Transpose Multiply-Accumulate.

Optimization Options

• **Goal**: Specifies if the core is required to operate at maximum possible speed (Speed or Custom option) or minimum area (Area option).

RECOMMENDED: *The Area option is the recommended default and normally achieves the best speed and area for the design.*

In certain configurations, the Speed or Custom setting might be required to improve performance at the expense of overall resource usage. The Speed option selects all the possible optimizations supported by the core. The Custom option enables the Select Optimization and List parameters where individual optimizations can be specified. This provides finer control over the optimizations applied to specifically target any critical paths.

- **Select Optimization**: This is a helper parameter that can be used to select/deselect the entries in the Optimization List. Selecting All fully populates the list with all possible optimizations. This does the same as selecting the Speed Optimization Goal. Selecting None deselects all optimizations. Selecting a specific optimization toggles its entry in the Optimization List.
- **List**: Comma delimited list that specifies which optimizations are implemented by the core.
	- **Data Path Fanout**: Adds additional pipeline registers on the data memory outputs to minimize fan-out. Useful when implementing large data width filters requiring multiple DSP slices per multiply-add unit.
	- ° **Pre-Adder_Pipeline**: Pipelines the pre-adder when implemented using fabric resources. This may occur when a large coefficient width is specified.
	- ° **Coefficient_Fanout**: Adds additional pipeline registers on the coefficient memory outputs to minimize fan-out. Useful for Parallel channels or large coefficient width filters requiring multiple DSP slices per multiply-add unit.
	- ° **Control_Path_Fanout**: Adds additional pipeline registers to control logic when Parallel channels have been specified.
	- ° **Control_Column_Fanout**: Adds additional pipeline registers to control logic when multiple DSP columns are required to implement the filter.
	- ° **Control_Broadcast_Fanout**: Adds additional pipeline registers to control logic for fully parallel (one clock cycle per channel per input sample) symmetric filter implementations.
	- ° **Control_LUT_Pipeline**: Pipelines the Look-up tables required to implement the control logic for Advanced Channel sequences.
	- ° **No_BRAM_Read_First_Mode**: Specifies that Block RAM READ-FIRST mode should not be used. This can increase the achievable F_{Max} of the core configuration.
	- ° **Optimal_Column_Lengths**: Partitions the DSP slice columns to maximize speed when multiple DSP slice columns are required for non-symmetric filter implementations.
	- **Data_Path_Broadcast**: Forces the use of a fabric-efficient implementation for single rate fully parallel symmetric filter configurations. For single channel configurations, this can result in a lower F_{Max} for filters with a large number of taps. This structure is available only in configurations with a single DSP column, single filter set, and basic interleaved channels.

- **Disable Half Band Center Tap**: Disables the half-band interpolation center tap optimization. When selected, a DSP slice is used to implement the center tap. This optimization applies only to UltraScale devices.
- **Other:** Miscellaneous optimizations.

Note: Note: All optimizations maybe specified but are only implemented when relevant to the core configuration.

Memory Options

The memory type can either be user-selected or chosen automatically to suit the best implementation options. Choosing Distributed can result in shift register implementation where appropriate to the filter structure. Inappropriate use of forcing the RAM selection to be either Block or Distributed can lead to inefficient resource usage.

RECOMMENDED: *The default Automatic mode is recommended for most implementations.*

- **Data Buffer Type**: Specifies the type of RAM to be used to store data within a MAC element. You can select either Block or Distributed RAM options, or select Automatic to allow the core to choose the memory type appropriately.
- **Coefficient Buffer Type**: Specifies the type of RAM to be used to store coefficients within a MAC element. You can select either Block or Distributed RAM options, or select Automatic to allow the core to choose the memory type appropriately.
- **Input Buffer Type**: Specifies the type of RAM to be used to implement the data input buffer, where present. You can select either Block or Distributed RAM options, or select Automatic to allow the core to choose the memory type appropriately.
- **Output Buffer Type**: Specifies the type of RAM to be used to implement the data output buffer, where present. You can select either Block or Distributed RAM options, or select Automatic to allow the core to choose the memory type appropriately.
- **Preference for Other Storage**: Specifies the type of RAM to be used to implement general storage in the datapath. You can select either Block or Distributed RAM options, or select Automatic to allow the core to choose the memory type appropriately. Because this covers several different types of storage, it is recommended that you specify this type of memory directly only if you really need to steer the core away from using a particular memory resource (for example, if you are short of block RAMs in your overall design).

DSP Slice Column Options

The Vivado IDE displays the number of independent DSP chains, and their length, required to build the specified filter configuration.

• **Multi-column Support**: Implementations of large high speed filters might require chaining of DSP slice elements across multiple DSP columns. Where applicable (the feature is only enabled for multi-column devices), you can select the method of folding

of the filter structure across the multiple columns, which can be Automatic (based on the selected device for the project) or Custom (you specify the length of each column). [Multiple Column Filter Implementation](#page-67-0) describes the multi-column implementation in more detail.

- **Device Column Lengths**: Displays the column length pattern in a comma delimited list for the selected project device.
- **Available Column Lengths**: Displays the column length pattern available for a single DSP chain. The GUI reduces the Device Columns Lengths given the number of independent DSP chains required by the filter configuration. The generated column pattern considers the Optimization Goal specified.
- **Column Configuration**: Specifies the individual column lengths, in a comma delimited list, that implement a single DSP chain. When Automatic has been selected, the column lengths are determined by the GUI starting with the first column in the available column pattern. When Custom is selected, you can specify the desired column pattern. The number and length of the columns cannot exceed the available column pattern and the column lengths must sum to the DSP chain length. When the available columns have various lengths, it might be desirable to skip a particular column; this can be done by specifying a zero column length, for example 10,0,22. The specified column configuration does not guarantee that the downstream tools place the columns in the desired sequence.
- **Inter-column Pipe Length**: Pipeline stages are required to connect between the columns (Non-symmetric filter implementations only), with the level of pipelining required being dependent upon the required system clock rate, the chosen device, and other system-level parameters. Choice of this parameter is always left for you to specify.

Interface Tab

Data Channel Options

- **TLAST:** tlast can either be Not Required, Vector Framing or Packet Framing. Selecting Not Required means that the core does not have the port; selecting Vector Framing means that tlast is expected to denote the last sample of an interleaved cycle of data channels; selecting Packet Framing means that the core does not interpret tlast, but passes the signal to the output DATA channel tlast with the same latency as the datapath.
- **Output TREADY**: This field enables the m_axis_data_tready port. With this port enabled, the core supports back-pressure. Without the port, back-pressure is not supported, but resources are saved and performance is likely to be higher.
- **Input FIFO**: Selects a FIFO interface for the S_AXIS_DATA channel. When the FIFO has been selected data can be transferred in a continuous burst up to the size of the FIFO (default 16) or, if greater, the number of interleaved data channels. The FIFO requires additional FPGA logic resources.

- **TUSER Input**: The input TUSER port can independently and optionally convey a User Field and/or a Chan ID Field, giving four options.
- **TUSER Output**: The output TUSER port can optionally carry a User Field and/or a Chan ID Field. The presence of a User field in this port is coupled to the presence of a User Field in the TUSER input selection, because the User Field, if present, is not interpreted by the core, but conveyed from input DATA channel to Output Channel with the same latency as the datapath to ease system design.
- **User Field Width**: Range 1 to 256 bits. This parameter is automatically set in IP integrator but can also be overridden.

See [TUSER Options](#page-15-0) of the [Input and Output DATA Channels](#page-14-0) for further details.

Configuration Channel Options

The CONFIG channel is used to select the active filter coefficient set. The channel is also used to apply newly reload filter coefficients. See [CONFIG Channel](#page-16-0) for full details.

- Synchronization Mode:
	- **On Vector**: Configuration packets, when available, are consumed and their contents applied when the first sample of an interleaved data channel sequence is processed by the core. When the core is configured to process a single data channel configuration packets are consumed every processing cycle of the core.
	- **On Packet**: Further qualifies the consumption of configuration packets. Packets are only consumed after the core has received a transaction on the S_AXIS_DATA channel where s_axis_data_tlast has been asserted.
- Configuration Method
	- **Single**: A single coefficient set is used to process all interleaved data channels.
	- ° **By Channel:** A unique coefficient set is specified for each interleaved data channel.

Reload Channel Options

• **Reload Slots**: Range 1 to 256. Specifies the number of coefficient sets that can be loaded in advance. Reloaded coefficients are only applied to the core after a configuration packet has been consumed. See [RELOAD Channel](#page-18-0) and [CONFIG Channel](#page-16-0) for more details.

Control Signals

- **aclken**: Determines if the core has the aclken pin.
- **aresetn**: Determines if the core has the aresetn pin.

IMPORTANT: *aresetn is active-Low and when asserted, it should be asserted for a minimum of two clock cycles.*

- **Reset data vector**: Specifies if aresetn resets the data vector as well as the control signals. Data vector reset requires additional FPGA logic resources. When no data vector reset has been selected an additional data_valid field is present in the m axis data tuser bus which can be used as further qualification of the output data of the core. See [Resets](#page-12-0) and [Input and Output DATA Channels](#page-14-0) [TUSER Options](#page-15-0) for more details.
- **Blank Output**: Specifies that the core output will be blanked (forced to zero) following a reset until the data vector is completely filled with new data. This requires minimal additional FPGA logic resources.

Summary Tab

The Summary screen provides a summary of core options selected.

Summary: The final page provides summary information about the core parameters selected, which includes information on the actual number of calculated coefficients, including padding; the inferred or specified coefficient structure; the additional gain incurred as data passes through the filter due to maximizing the coefficient dynamic range during quantization; the specified output width along with the full precision width for comparison; the calculated cycle-latency value; and the latency delta from the previous major revision of the core.

User Parameters

[Table 4-1](#page-86-0) shows the relationship between the fields in the Vivado IDE (described in [Customizing and Generating the Core](#page-74-0)) and the User Parameters (which can be viewed in the Tcl console).

Table 4-1: **Vivado IDE Parameter to User Parameter Relationship** *(Cont'd)*

Output Generation

For details, see the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing with IP* (UG896) [\[Ref 11\].](#page-131-1)

System Generator for DSP

This section describes each tab of the System Generator GUI and details the parameters that differ from the Vivado Integrated Design Environment (IDE). See [Customizing and](#page-74-0) [Generating the Core](#page-74-0) for detailed information about all other parameters.

Filter Specification

The [Filter](#page-77-0) Specification tab is used to define the basic filter configuration as on the Filter [Options Tab](#page-77-0) of the GUI.

• **Coefficients**: This field is used to specify the coefficient vector as a single MATLAB® software row vector. The number of taps is inferred from the length of the MATLAB software row vector. It is possible to enter these coefficients using the MATLAB software FDATool block. Multiple coefficient sets must be concatenated into a single vector as described in [Multiple Coefficient Sets](#page-44-0).

Channel Specification

• **Hardware Oversampling Specification format**: Selects which method is used to specify the hardware oversampling rate and determines the level of control and rate abstraction utilized by the core. This value directly affects the level of parallelism of the core implementation and resources used.

When Maximum Possible is selected, the core uses the maximum oversampling given the sample period of the signal connected to s_data_tdata port. The s_data_tvalid handshake signal is abstracted and automatically driven by System Generator and the core propagates the data streams sample period.

When Hardware Oversampling Rate is selected, you can specify the oversampling rate relative to the input sample period of the core. As with Maximum Possible the handshake and sample period are managed automatically by System Generator.

When Input or Output Sample Period is selected, there is no automatic handshaking, so s_data_tvalid is exposed, nor is there rate abstraction, so all core ports are considered to have a normalized sample period 1. The core clock is connected to the system clock. The core must be controlled using the full AXI4-Stream protocol (see [AXI4-Stream Considerations](#page-13-0)).

- **Sample Period**: Specifies the input or output sample period supported by the core. A sample frequency greater than the clock frequency can be specified using a fractional sample period (see [Super Sample Rate Filters](#page-68-0)).
- **Hardware Oversampling Rate**: Specifies the hardware oversampling rate to be applied to the core.

See [Filter Options Tab](#page-77-0) for information about the other parameters on this tab.

Implementation

The Implementation tab is used to define implementation options; see the [Implementation](#page-80-0) [Tab](#page-80-0) of the Vivado IDE for details of all the core parameters on this tab.

• **FPGA Area Estimation**: See the System Generator documentation for detailed information about this section.

See the [Implementation Tab](#page-80-0) for information about the other parameters on this tab.

Interface

See [Detailed Implementation Tab](#page-81-0) for the corresponding IDE screen.

The TUSER User Field width parameter is abstracted by System Generator and is defined by the signal connected to the core.

When data vector reset is not selected, the output blanking functionality is used (see [Resets\)](#page-12-0).

Constraining the Core

This section contains information about constraining the core in the Vivado Design Suite.

Required Constraints

This section is not applicable for this IP core.

Device, Package, and Speed Grade Selections

This section is not applicable for this IP core.

Clock Frequencies

This section is not applicable for this IP core.

Clock Management

This section is not applicable for this IP core.

Clock Placement

This section is not applicable for this IP core.

Banking

This section is not applicable for this IP core.

Transceiver Placement

This section is not applicable for this IP core.

I/O Standard and Placement

This section is not applicable for this IP core.

Simulation

For comprehensive information about Vivado simulation components, as well as information about using supported third party tools, see the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Logic Simulation* (UG900) [\[Ref 13\].](#page-131-3)

IMPORTANT: *For cores targeting 7 series or Zynq®-7000 devices, UNIFAST libraries are not supported. Xilinx IP is tested and qualified with UNISIM libraries only.*

Synthesis and Implementation

For details about synthesis and implementation, see the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Designing with IP* (UG896) [\[Ref 11\].](#page-131-1)

Chapter 5

C Model

The Xilinx® LogiCORE ™ IP FIR Compiler v7.2 core bit accurate C model is a self-contained, linkable, shared library that models the functionality of this core with finite precision arithmetic. This model provides a bit accurate representation of the various modes of the core, and it is suitable for inclusion in a larger framework for system-level simulation or core-specific verification.

This chapter provides information about the bit accurate C model for 32-bit and 64-bit Linux, and 32-bit and 64-bit Windows platforms.

The model consists of a set of C functions that reside in a shared library. Example C code is provided to demonstrate how these functions form the interface to the C model. Full details of this interface are given in [C Model Interface.](#page-94-0)

The model is bit accurate but not cycle-accurate; it performs exactly the same operations as the core. However, it does not model the core latency or its interface signals.

The C model ZIP files are delivered in the cmodel directory of a generated core.

Unpacking and Model Contents

There are separate ZIP files containing all the files necessary for use with a specific computing platform. Each ZIP file contains:

- The C model shared library
- Multiple Precision Integers and Rationals (MPIR) [\[Ref 14\]](#page-131-4) shared libraries and header files.
- The C model header file
- The example code showing customers how to call the C model
- Documentation

Note: The C model uses MPIR libraries, which is provided in the ZIP files. MPIR is an interface-compatible version of the GNU Multiple Precision (GMP) [\[Ref 15\]](#page-131-5) library, with greater support for Windows platforms. MPIR has been compiled using its GMP compatibility option, so the MPIR library and header file use GMP file names.

Table 5-2: **Example C Model ZIP File Contents - Windows**

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Installation

Linux

- Unpack the contents of the ZIP file.
- Ensure that the directory where the libIp_fir_compiler_v7_2_bitacc_cmodel.so, libgmp.so.11 and libgmpxx.so.4 files reside is included in the path of the environment variable LD_LIBRARY_PATH.

Windows

- Unpack the contents of the ZIP file.
- Ensure that the directory where the libIp_fir_compiler_v7_2_bitacc_cmodel.dll and libgmp.dll files reside is
	- a. included in the path of the environment variable PATH or
	- b. the directory in which the executable that calls the C model is run.

C Model Interface

The Application Programming Interface (API) of the C model is defined in the header file fir_compiler_v7_2_bitacc_cmodel.h. The interface consists of data structures and functions as described in the following sections.

An example C file, run_bitacc_cmodel.c, is included with the C libraries. This file demonstrates how to call the C model.

Constants

[Table 5-3](#page-94-1) lists the C Model constants.

Table 5-3: **Constants**

Table 5-3: **Constants** *(Cont'd)*

Type Definitions

[Table 5-3](#page-94-1) lists the C Model type definitions.

Table 5-4: **Type Definitions**

Dynamic Arrays

The C model represents input and output data using multi-dimensional dynamic arrays. The xip_array_<type> structure is used to specify a multi-dimensional dynamic array containing elements of type xip_<type>. Several utility functions are provided that allow creation, allocation and destruction of array instances.

For each array type, the DECLARE_XIP_ARRAY(<type>) macro can be used to declare the structure and utility function prototypes. The C model header already contains declarations for the following array types:

- xip_array_real for arrays of xip_real
- xip_array_complex for arrays of xip_complex
- xip_array_uint for arrays of xip_uint
- xip_array_mpz for arrays of xip_mpz
- xip_array_mpz_complex for arrays of xip_mpz_complex

The utility functions for each array type can be defined using the DEFINE_XIP_ARRAY(<type>) macro. The utility function must be defined somewhere within user code before the functions can be used; see the run bitacc cmodel.c file for examples.

Further utility functions, specific to the FIR Compiler C Model, can be declared and defined using the DECLARE FIR XIP ARRAY(<type>) and DEFINE FIR XIP ARRAY(<type>) macros. The C model header already contains declarations for the following array types:

- xip_array_real
- xip_array_complex
- xip_array_mpz
- xip_array_mpz_complex

Structure

The xip_array_<type> structure is used to specify a multi-dimensional array of data with type <type>. The content is summarized in [Table 5-5](#page-97-0).

This data structure is defined for types:

- xip real
- xip_complex
- xip_uint
- xip_mpz
- xip_mpz_complex

General Functions

Create Array

```
xip_array_<type>*
xip_array_<type>_create();
```
This function allocates and initializes an empty array for holding values of type <type>. The function returns a pointer to the created structure, or null if the structure cannot be created. The structure fields are all initialized to zero indicating an empty array, with ownership associated with the xip_array_<type>_* functions.

Reserve Data Memory

```
xip_status
xip_array_<type>_reserve_data(
  xip_array_<type>* p, 
   size_t max_nels
);
```
This function ensures that array p has sufficient space to store up to max_nels elements of data. If the current data_capacity is insufficient and the current owner is zero, the function attempts to allocate or reallocate space to meet the request. The function returns XIP_STATUS_OK if the array capacity is now sufficient or XIP_STATUS_ERROR if memory could not be allocated.

Note: This function does not change the data or dimensions held within the array in any way; the contents of the array after calling the function are equivalent to the contents before calling the function, even if memory is reallocated. Also, this function never reduces memory allocation; use xip_array_<type>_destroy to release memory.

Reserve Dimension Memory

```
xip_status
xip_array_<type>_reserve_dim(
  xip_array_<type>* p, 
   size_t max_nels
);
```
This function ensures that array p has sufficient space to store up to \max ndims dimensions. If the current dim_capacity is insufficient and the current owner is zero, the

function attempts to allocate or reallocate space to meet the request. The function returns XIP_STATUS_OK if the array capacity is now sufficient or XIP_STATUS_ERROR if memory could not be allocated.

Note: This function does not change the data or dimensions held within the array in any way; the contents of the array after calling the function are equivalent to the contents before calling the function, even if memory is reallocated. Also, this function never reduces memory allocation; use xip_array_<type>_destroy to release memory.

Destroy Array

```
xip_array_<type>*
xip_array_<type>_create(
  xip_array_<type>* p
);
```
This function attempts to release all memory associated with array p . If the owner field is zero, the function releases the memory associated with $data$, dim and p , and returns null indicating success. If owner is non-zero the function returns p_i , indicating failure.

FIR Compiler Specific Functions

The following functions have been added to aid the use of the array types with the FIR Compiler C Model and, specifically, the advanced channel patterns.

Set Channel

```
xip_status
xip_array_<type>_set_chan(
   xip_array_<type>* p
   const <type> value,
  size_t path,
  size_t chan,
  size_t index
   xip_fir_v7_2_pattern pattern
);
```
This function maps an array index for one channel, specified by path and chan, onto the 3-D structure of xip array <type> structure expected by the xip_fir_v7_2_data_send (see [Send DATA Packet](#page-106-0)) and xip_fir_v7_2_data_get

(see [Get DATA Packet](#page-108-0)) functions of the model.

This function should be particularly useful for the [Advanced](#page-46-0) Interleaved Channels feature; where locations in the input array are remapped to duplicate entries for some channels. [Figure 5-2](#page-107-0) shows this requirement.

pattern should be set to P_BASIC for a [Basic](#page-46-1) Interleaved Channel model configuration and set to the current pattern ID for an Advanced Interleaved Channel model configuration. See [Table 3-1](#page-47-0) for a list of all the supported patterns and see

fir compiler $v7$ 2 bitacc cmodel.h for the enumerated pattern IDs.

Note: If the value of index exceeds the current capacity (data_capacity) of p then the function issues a XIP_STATUS_ERROR. If the value of index exceeds number of elements (data_size) of p then the function sets the new size of the array.

Get Channel

```
xip_status
xip_array_<type>_get_chan(
   xip_array_<type>* p
<type>* value,
  size_t path,
  size_t chan,
   size_t index
   xip_fir_v7_2_pattern pattern
);
```
This function is the reciprocal of the $xip_array \leq type \geq set_{chain}$ function and extracts the value of an individual channel for a given index, path and channel. The function issues an XIP_STATUS_ERROR if the index exceeds the array capacity or size.

Structures

The $xip_fir_v7_2_config$ structure contains all parameters that affect the filter configuration. Most are duplicates of the core XCO parameters. The filter coefficients of the model are provided using the $\cosh f$ field and are quantized (if specified) in the same manner as by the core GUI.

Field Name	Type	Description
name	const char*	
filter_type	unsigned int	Select from: XIP_FIR_SINGLE_RATE XIP_FIR_INTERPOLATION XIP_FIR_DECIMATION XIP_FIR_HILBERT XIP_FIR_INTERPOLATED
rate_change	unsigned int	Select from: XIP_FIR_INTEGER_RATE XIP FIR FRACTIONAL RATE
interp_rate	unsigned int	Specifies the interpolation (or up-sampling) factor
decim_rate	unsigned int	Specifies the decimation (or down-sampling) factor
zero_pack_factor	unsigned int	Specifies the zero packing factor for Interpolated filters
coeff	const double*	Pointer to coefficient array
coeff_padding	unsigned int	Specifies the amount of zero padding added to the front of the filter. The core GUI reports this value for a given core configuration.
num_coeffs	unsigned int	Specifies the number of coefficients in one filter

Table 5-6: **xip_fir_v7_2_config**

Table 5-6: **xip_fir_v7_2_config** *(Cont'd)*

The xip_fir_v7_2_cnfg_packet structure is supplied to the xip_fir_v7_2_config_send function (see [Send CONFIG Packet\)](#page-105-0) to update the channel pattern and coefficient set used by the model.

Table 5-7: **xip_fir_v7_2_cnfg_packet**

The xip_fir_v7_2_rld_packet structure is supplied to the

xip_fir_v7_2_reload_send function (see [Send RELOAD Packet\)](#page-106-1) to update a given coefficient set with new filter coefficients. As with the core, a configuration packet must be processed by the model to apply any pending reload packets.

Table 5-8: **xip_fir_v7_2_rld_packet**

Field Name	Tvpe	Description
fsel	Int	Filter set to reload
coeff		\vert xip_array_real* Pointer to an array containing the new coefficients to be loaded, 1-D array.

Functions

Model Configuration Functions

Get Version

```
const char* xip_fir_v7_2_get_version(void);
```
The function returns a string describing the version of the model.

Get Default Configuration

```
xip_status 
xip_fir_v7_2_get_default_config(
   xip_fir_v7_2_config* config
)
```
This function populates the xip fir $v7$ 2 config configuration structure pointed to by config with the default configuration of the FIR Compiler v7.2 core.

Create Model Object

```
xip_fir_v7_2 
xip_fir_v7_2_create(
   const xip_fir_v7_2_config* config, 
   xip_msg_handler msg_handler, 
   void* msg_handle
\lambda
```
This function creates a new model instance, based on the configuration data pointed to by config.

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The msg handler argument is a pointer to a function taking three arguments as previously defined in [Type Definitions.](#page-96-1) This function pointer is retained by the model object and is called whenever the model wishes to issue a note, warning or error message. Its arguments are:

- 1. A generic pointer (void*). This is always the value that was passed in as the msg_handle argument to the create function.
- 2. An integer (int) indicating whether the message is an error (1) or a note or warning (0).
- 3. The message string itself.

If the handler argument is a null pointer, then the C model outputs no messages at all. Using this mechanism, you can choose whether to output messages to the console, log them to a file or ignore them completely.

The create function returns a pointer to the newly created object. If the object cannot be created, then a diagnostic error message is emitted using the supplied handler function (if any) and a null pointer is returned.

If the data and coefficient widths, number of coefficients and output precision result in an output precision greater than supported by the double (xip_real) data type then the model uses the mpz_t data type $[Ref 14]$ (xip_mpz) and issues a warning indicating this requirement when this function is executed.

Get Model Configuration

```
xip_status
xip_fir_v7_2_get_config (
   xip_fir_v7_2* model,
   xip_fir_v7_2_config* config
)
```
This function returns the full configuration of the model. The function is intended to be primarily used to determine the output width and output fractional width of the model.

Note: The coeff pointer of the returned $xip_fix_v7_2_$ config structure is set to NULL.

Reset Model Object

```
xip_status 
xip_fir_v7_2_reset(
   xip_fir_v7_2* model
);
```
This function resets in the internal state of the FIR Compiler model object pointed to by model. A reset causes all data and pending configuration packets to be cleared from the model. As per the core, any pending reload packets are retained.

Destroy Model Object

```
xip_status 
xip_fir_v7_2_destroy(
   xip_fir_v7_2* model
);
```
This function deallocates the model object pointed to by model. Any system resources or memory belonging to the model object are released on return from this function. The model object becomes undefined, and any further attempt to use it is an error.

Set Output Data Array

```
xip_status 
xip_fir_v7_2_set_data_sink(
   xip_fir_v7_2* model,
   xip_array_real* data,
   xip_array_complex* cmplx_data
);
xip_status 
xip_fir_v7_2_set_data_sink_mpz(
   xip_fir_v7_2* model, 
  xip_array_mpz* data,
   xip_array_mpz_complex* cmplx_data
);
```
This function registers an array (the data sink), pointed to by $data$ or cm plx $data$, to push the generated filter output when the $xip_fir_v7_2_data_send$ function is called. Only data or cmplx data can be set, the other should be set to NULL (or 0).

If the data sink is undefined the filter output must be explicitly pulled using the xip_fir_v7_2_data_get function.

The array is automatically sized by the model given the size of the input request. The owner field of xip_array_<type> is ignored and forced to 0.

Note: The complex data sink is intended for the Hilbert filter type but is populated for other filter types with im set to 0.

Set Data Handler

```
xip_status 
xip_fir_v7_2_set_data_handler(
  xip_fir_v7_2* model,
  xip_array_real_handler data_handler,
  void* handle,
   void* opt_arg
);
```
This function registers a data handler call back function that is called when the output data array is filled following a call to $xip_fix_v7_2_data_send$. The FIR Compiler C model API contains a function, xip fir $v7$ 2 data send handler (see [Send DATA Packet\)](#page-106-0), to send data to an instance of the model whose signature matches that of a data handler.

The intention of this facility is to enable multiple instances of the model to be chained together such that only the first and last instance of the chain need to be directly controlled using the xip_fir_v7_2_data_send and xip_fir_v7_2_data_get functions.

The model only supports data handlers for output data arrays of type x ip array real and the value passed to the (*xip_array_real_handler) function for the data argument is the value set by the xip $fir \vee 2$ set data sink function. See Type [Definitions](#page-96-1) for details of the data handler function signature. Its arguments are:

- 1. data: A pointer to the xip_array_real type containing the data to be processed. The array registered by the $xip_fir_v7_2_set_data_sink$ function.
- 2. handle: A void pointer used to point to the next model instance in the filter chain.
- 3. opt_arg: An extra generic argument not currently used by the FIR Compiler C model.

Calculate Output Size

```
xip_status 
xip_fir_v7_2_data_calc_size(
   xip_fir_v7_2* model,
   const xip_array_real* data_in,
   xip_array_real* data_out,
   xip_array_complex* cmplx_data_out
\lambdaxip_status 
xip_fir_v7_2_data_calc_size_mpz(
   xip_fir_v7_2* model,
   const xip_array_real* data_in,
   xip_array_mpz* data_out,
   xip array mpz complex cmplx data out
)
```
This function calculates the size of an output packet/array given the size of the supplied input packet/array.

The data_out or cmplx_data_out array dimensions are modified to reflect the size of output the model produces, given the data in array. The array dimensions, dim and data_size element are updated but the function does not allocate more space. Ensure that the correct amount of space is allocated for the data element of the array.

Note: Only one of data_out or cmplx_data_out can be set; the other should be set to NULL (or 0).

Model Operation Functions

Send CONFIG Packet

```
xip_status 
xip_fir_v7_2_config_send(
   xip_fir_v7_2* model, 
   const xip_fir_v7_2_cnfg_packet* cnfg_packet
)
```


This function passes a configuration packet, pointed to by cnfg_packet (see [Table 5-7\)](#page-102-0), to the model. The model implements an internal FIFO/queue. A configuration packet is consumed from the queue for every data packet processed, that is, every call to xip fir v7 2 data send.

Note: If the fsel field of the cnfg_packet is not sized correctly the function returns XIP_STATUS_ERROR.

Send RELOAD Packet

```
xip_status 
xip_fir_v7_2_reload_send(
   xip_fir_v7_2* model, 
   const xip_fir_v7_2_rld_packet* rld_packet
\lambda
```
This function passes a reload packet, pointed to by $r1d$ packet (see [Table 5-8\)](#page-102-1), to the model.

Note: If the coeff field of the rld_packet is not sized correctly the function returns XIP_STATUS_ERROR.

Send DATA Packet

```
xip_status 
xip_fir_v7_2_data_send(
  xip_fir_v7_2* model, 
   const xip_array_real* data
);
void 
xip_fir_v7_2_data_send_handler(
   const xip_array_real* data,
   void* model,
   void* dummy
);
```
This function sends a new data packet, pointed to by data, to the model for processing.

The second version of the function, $xip_fir_v7_2_data_send_handler$, is supplied to be used as a (*xip_array_real_handler) call back function, see [Set Data Handler](#page-104-0) for further details.

Input data is provided using the xip_array_real structure pointed to by data and is expected to be sized: *Number of paths* x *Number of interleaved channels* x *number of input vectors*.

The 3-D structure shown in [Figure 5-1](#page-107-1) is translated to the 1-D array of the xip_array_<type> data element in the order; Paths, Channels, Vectors. The helper functions, xip_array_<type>_set_chan ([Set Channel](#page-99-0)) and xip_array_<type>_get_chan ([Get Channel](#page-100-1)) implement this translation.

The Advanced Channel implementation requires redundant channel positions to be remapped to higher rate channels. The helper functions, xip_array_<type>_set_chan ([Set Channel](#page-99-0)) and xip_array_<type>_get_chan ([Get Channel\)](#page-100-1), simplify referencing each channel by presenting a flat index for each channel.

[Figure 5-1](#page-107-1) shows the remapping for three different pattern sequences:

- P4_4 (4 channels x 1/4fs);
- P4_3 (1 channel x 1/2fs and 2 channels x 1/4fs);
- • P4 2 (1 channel x 3/4fs and 1 channel x 1/4fs).

Figure 5-2: **Advanced Channel Pattern Data Packet Remapping**

Get DATA Packet

```
xip_status 
xip_fir_v7_2_data_get(
   xip_fir_v7_2* model, 
   xip_array_real* data,
   xip_array_complex* cmplx_data
);
xip_status 
xip_fir_v7_2_data_get_mpz(
  xip_fir_v7_2* model, 
   xip_array_mpz* data,
   xip_array_mpz_complex* cmplx_data
);
```
This function retrieves a filtered data packet from the model into the $xip_array_<$ type> pointed to by data or cmplx_data. Only one of data or cmplx_data maybe set, the other should be set to NULL (or 0).

The size of the array $\dim[2]$ ([Figure 5-1](#page-107-0)) determines how much data is fetched from the model. If the request is greater than available, then the array size is reduced to reflect this. The model does not modify the amount of space allocated. Both versions of the functions maybe used regardless of the internal implementation method of the model. If double data (xip_real) is requested when mpz_t (xip_mpz) has been used internally by the model the output data is truncated, as per the mpz get d function (see [\[Ref 15\]](#page-131-0)).

mpz_t (xip_mpz) is an integer type so the model scales the input data and coefficients by their specified fractional width to use an integer representation. The output is also supplied as an integer value when mpz t is requested. To correctly interpret the mpz t output the model configuration, returned by the xip_fir_v7_2_get_config function (see [Get Model Configuration\)](#page-103-0), should be interrogated to determine the output fractional width.

Compiling

Compilation of user code requires access to the

fir_compiler_v7_2_bitacc_cmodel.h header file and the header file of the MPIR [\[Ref 14\]](#page-131-1) dependent library, g_{mp} .h. The header files should be copied to a location where they are available to the compiler. Depending on the location chosen, the 'include' search path of the compiler might need to be modified.

The fir compiler $v7-2$ bitacc cmodel.h header file includes the MPIR header file, so these do not need to be explicitly included in source code that uses the C model. When compiling on Windows, the symbol NT must be defined, either by a compiler option, or in user source code before the fir_compiler_v7_2_bitacc_cmodel.h header file is included.

Linking

To use the C model the user executable must be linked against the correct libraries for the target platform.

Note: The C model uses the MPIR library. Pre-compiled MPIR libraries are provided with the C model. It is also possible to use GMP or MPIR, libraries from other sources, for example, compiled from source code. For details, see [Dependent Libraries](#page-113-0).

Linux

The executable must be linked against the following shared object libraries:

- libgmp.so.11
- libIp_fir_compiler_v7_2_bitacc_cmodel.so

Using GCC, linking is typically achieved by adding the following command line options:

-L. -Wl,-rpath,. -lIp_fir_compiler_v7_2_bitacc_cmodel

This assumes the shared object libraries are in the current directory. If this is not the case, the -L. option should be changed to specify the library search path to use.

Using GCC, the provided example program run_bitacc_cmodel.c can be compiled and linked using the following command:

```
gcc -x c++ -I. -L. -lIp_fir_compiler_v7_2_bitacc_cmodel -Wl,-rpath,. -o 
run_bitacc_cmodel run_bitacc_cmodel.c
```
Note: The C model dynamically links to gmpxx.so.1 and therefore must be visible to the model while running.

Windows

The executable must be linked against the following dynamic link libraries:

- libgmp.dll
- libIp_fir_compiler_v7_2_bitacc_cmodel.dll

Depending on the compiler, the import libraries might also be required:

- libgmp.lib
- libIp_fir_compiler_v7_2_bitacc_cmodel.lib

Using Microsoft Visual Studio, linking is typically achieved by adding the import libraries to the Additional Dependencies entry under the Linker section of Project Properties.

Example

The run_bitacc_cmodel.c file contains example code to show the basic operation of the C model in various configurations.

MATLAB Interface

A MEX function and MATLAB® software class are provided to simplify the integration with MATLAB. The MEX function provides a low-level wrapper around the underlying C model, while the class file provides a convenient interface to the MEX function.

Compiling

Source code for a MATLAB MEX function is provided. This can be compiled within MATLAB by changing to the directory that contains the code and running the make_fir_compiler_v7_2_bitacc_mex.m script.

Installation

To use the MEX function, the compiled MEX function must be present on the MATLAB search path. This can be achieved in either of two ways:

1. Add the directory where the compiled MEX function is located to the MATLAB search path (see the MATLAB addpath function)

or

2. Copy the files to a location already on the MATLAB search path.

As with all uses of the C model, the correct C model libraries also need to be present on the platform library search path (that is, PATH or LD_LIBRARY_PATH).

MATLAB Class Interface

The @fir_compiler_v7_2_bitacc class handles the create/destroy semantics on the C model. The class provides objects for each of the data, configuration and control structures, defined for the C model and previously described in [Structures.](#page-100-0) All structure elements have MATLAB type double. MATLAB arrays are used with the mapping of types as in [Table 5-9.](#page-110-0)

The class provides the methods:

Constructor

```
[model]=fir_compiler_v7_2_bitacc
[model]=fir_compiler_v7_2_bitacc(config)
[model]=fir_compiler_v7_2_bitacc(field, value [, field,value]*)
```
Note: * indicates an optional parameter.

The first version of the function call constructs a model object using the default configuration.

The second version constructs a model object from a structure that specifies the configuration parameter values to use.

The third version is the same as the second, but allows the configuration to be specified as a series of (parameter name, value) pairs rather than a single structure.

The names and valid values of configuration parameters are identical to those previously described for the C model in [Structures](#page-100-0).

The MATLAB configuration structure can contain an additional element, PersistentMemory. When the element is set to TRUE the internal data memory state of the model is retained following a call to the [Filter](#page-112-0) function. Otherwise, the model is [Reset](#page-111-0) after the filtered data is returned. PersistentMemory is set to FALSE by default.

Get Version

[version]=get_version(model)

This method returns the version string of the C model library used.

Get Configuration

[config]=get_configuration(model)

This method returns the current parameters structure of a model object. If the model object is empty, the method returns the default configuration. If the model object has been created, the method returns the configuration parameters that were used to create it.

Reset

[model]=reset(model)

This function resets the model, see [Reset Model Object](#page-103-1) for further details.

Send CONFIG Packet

```
[model]=config_send(model,cnfg_packet)
```
This function passes a configuration packet (see [Table 5-7](#page-102-0)), to the model. See [Send CONFIG](#page-105-0) [Packet](#page-105-0) for further details.

Send RELOAD Packet

[model]=reload_send(model,rld_packet)

This function passes a reload packet (see [Table 5-8](#page-102-1)), to the model. See [Send RELOAD Packet](#page-106-0) for further details.

Filter

```
[model,data_out]=filter(model,data_in)
```
This function passes a MATLAB double array to the model and returns the filtered output. data in can be a 1, 2 or 3 dimensional array:

- A 1-D array is only supported by a single channel, single path filter configuration.
- A 2-D array is only supported by a multichannel, single path filter configuration.
- All filter configurations support a 3-D array.

See [Send DATA Packet](#page-106-1) and [Figure 5-1](#page-107-0) for further details on the data array structure.

Example

The run_fir_compiler_v7_2_bitacc_mex.m file contains a MATLAB script with an example of how to run the C model using the MEX function.

To run the sample script:

- 1. Compile the MEX function with the make_fir_compiler_v7_2_bitacc_mex.m script (see [Compiling\)](#page-110-1).
- 2. Install the MEX function (see [Installation](#page-110-2)).
- 3. Execute the run_fir_compiler_v7_2_bitacc_mex.m script.

Dependent Libraries

The C model uses MPIR libraries. Pre-compiled MPIR libraries are provided with the C model, using the following versions of the libraries:

 \cdot MPIR 260

Because MPIR is a compatible alternative to GMP, the GMP library can be used in place of MPIR. It is possible to use GMP or MPIR libraries from other sources, for example, compiled from source code.

GMP and MPIR in particular contain many low level optimizations for specific processors. The libraries provided are compiled for a generic processor on each platform, not using optimized processor-specific code. These libraries work on any processor, but run more slowly than libraries compiled to use optimized processor-specific code. For the fastest performance, compile libraries from source on the machine on which you run the executables.

Source code and compilation scripts are provided for the version of MPIR that were used to compile the provided libraries. Source code and compilation scripts for any version of the libraries can be obtained from the GMP [\[Ref 15\]](#page-131-0) and MPIR [\[Ref 14\]](#page-131-1) web sites.

Note: If compiling MPIR using its configure script (for example, on Linux platforms), use the --enable-gmpcompat option when running the configure script. This generates a libgmp.so library and a gmp.h header file that provide full compatibility with the GMP library.

Chapter 6

Test Bench

This chapter contains information about the test bench provided in the Vivado® Design Suite.

Demonstration Test Bench

When the core is generated using the Vivado IP catalog, a demonstration test bench is optionally created. This is a simple VHDL test bench that exercises the core.

The demonstration test bench source code is one VHDL file: demo_tb/ tb_<component_name>.vhd in the Vivado Design Suite output directory. The source code is comprehensively commented.

Using the Demonstration Test Bench

The demonstration test bench instantiates the generated FIR Compiler core.

After generating the demonstration test bench it must be set as the top-level simulation object. This is done using the *Sources* pane. Expand the Simulation sources folder and under the core instance the test bench object is visible as tb_<component_name>. Select the file, right-click and select **Set as Top**. Simulation can now be launched and the test bench is used to drive the core instance.

The Demonstration Test Bench in Detail

The demonstration test bench performs the following tasks:

- Instantiates the core
- Generates a clock signal
- Drives the input signals of the core to demonstrate core features
- Checks that the output signals of the core obey AXI4 protocol rules (data values are not checked to keep the test bench simple)
- Provides signals showing the separate fields of AXI4 tdata and TUSER signals

The demonstration test bench drives the input signals of the core to demonstrate the features and modes of operation of the core. An impulse is used as input data in all operations; the corresponding output of the core is therefore the impulse response of the filter, that is, the filter coefficients.

The operations performed by the demonstration test bench are appropriate for the configuration of the generated core, and are a subset of the following operations:

- Drive an impulse
- Drive an impulse, demonstrating AXI4 handshaking signals by modifying the input data rate using slave data channel TVALID, and modifying the output data rate using master data channel tready (if present)
- Drive an impulse, during which deassert clock enable (if present), then assert reset (if present) and drive a new impulse
- For multiple paths: drive a set of impulses of different magnitudes on each path
- For multiple channels: drive a set of impulses of different magnitudes on each channel
- For advanced interleaved data channel sequences: select a different channel pattern; drive an impulse on each channel
- For multiple filter coefficient sets: select a different coefficient set (a different set for each channel, if supported); drive an impulse (on each channel, if there are multiple channels)
- For reloadable coefficients: load a new coefficient set; drive an impulse (on each channel, if there are multiple channels)

Customizing the Demonstration Test Bench

It is possible to modify the demonstration test bench to drive the core inputs with different data or to perform different operations.

All operations performed by the demonstration test bench to drive the core inputs are done in the *stimuli* process. This process also contains procedures to simplify driving input data. The *drive_data* procedure drives one or more input data samples with the specified data, controlling AXI4 signals to adhere to the AXI4 protocol and keep to the configured input sample rate of the core. The *drive_impulse* procedure drives an impulse input, with enough zero-valued samples to allow time for the impulse response to emerge on the output data channel of the core. To drive input data other than an impulse, either use the *drive_data* procedure repeatedly with specific input data values, or copy and modify the *drive_impulse* procedure.

The *stimuli* process is comprehensively commented, to explain clearly what is being done. New data, configuration and reload operations can be added by copying and modifying sections of this process.

The clock frequency of the core can be modified by changing the CLOCK_PERIOD constant.

Simulation

To simulate the core, generate the core simulation model and demonstration test bench. Ensure that the demonstration test bench is the top level entity in the simulation options. Then select 'Run Simulation' in the Vivado IDE.

For full instructions on simulating your core, see the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Logic Simulation* (UG900) [\[Ref 13\]](#page-131-2).

Appendix A

Upgrading

This appendix contains information about migrating a design from the ISE® Design Suite to the Vivado® Design Suite, and for upgrading to a more recent version of the IP core. For customers upgrading in the Vivado Design Suite, important details (where applicable) about any port changes and other impact to user logic are included.

Migrating to the Vivado Design Suite from ISE

For information about migrating to the Vivado Design Suite, *see the ISE to Vivado Design Suite Migration Guide* (UG911) [\[Ref 16\]](#page-131-3).

Parameter Changes

Updating from FIR Compiler Versions 6.0 through 6.3

Modified Parameters

Multi-Column Support: *Disabled* is now deprecated. Automatic upgrade replaces this with a value of *Automatic*. This change occurred in FIR Compiler v6.3.

Optimization Goal: Speed (Control Only) and Speed (Data Only) are now deprecated. Speed now includes additional optimizations. The automatic upgrade replaces these with a value of Custom and populates the new Optimization List parameter with the optimizations that correspond with the original values, such that the new core configuration generates an identical implementation. See [Customizing and Generating the Core](#page-74-0) for details. This change occurred in FIR Compiler core v7.1.

Rate Specification Format: Sample_Period is now deprecated. The automatic upgrade replaces this with either Input_Sample_Period and Output_Sample_Period. This change occurred in FIR Compiler v7.2

New Parameters

Channel Sequence, Select Pattern, and Pattern List added to FIR Compiler v6.3. See [Customizing and Generating the Core](#page-74-0) for details.

Select Optimization and Optimization List added to FIR Compiler v7.1. See [Customizing and](#page-74-0) [Generating the Core](#page-74-0) for details.

Blank Output reset option added to FIR Compiler v7.2. See [Customizing and Generating the](#page-74-0) [Core](#page-74-0) for details.

Updating from FIR Compiler v5.0

The Vivado core update functionality can be used to import an existing XCO file from v5.0 and upgrade to FIR Compiler v7.2, but it should be noted that the update mechanism alone does not create a core compatible with v5.0. See [Instructions for Minimum Change](#page-123-0) [Migration](#page-123-0). FIR Compiler v7.2 has additional AXI4-Stream parameters. The following table shows the changes in parameters from v5.0 to v7.2.

Version v5.0	Version 7.2	Notes
component_name	component_name	Unchanged
CoefficientSource	CoefficientSource	Unchanged
CoefficientVector	CoefficientVector	Unchanged
Coefficient_File	Coefficient_File	Unchanged
Coefficient_Sets	Coefficient_Sets	Unchanged
Filter_Type	Filter_Type	Unchanged
Rate_Change_Type	Rate_Change_Type	Unchanged
Interpolation_Rate	Interpolation_Rate	Unchanged
Decimation_Rate	Decimation_Rate	Unchanged
Zero_Pack_Factor	Zero_Pack_Factor	Deprecated
	Channel_Sequence	New to version 7.2. See the Advanced section of Interleaved Data Channel Filters.
Number_Channels	Number_Channels	Unchanged
	Select_Pattern	New to version 7.2. See the Advanced section of Advanced
	Pattern_List	New to version 7.2. See the Advanced section of Advanced.
RateSpecification	RateSpecification	Unchanged
SamplePeriod	SamplePeriod	Unchanged
Sample_Frequency	Sample_Frequency	Unchanged
Clock_Frequency	Clock_Frequency	Unchanged
Filter_Architecture	Filter_Architecture	Unchanged
Coefficient_Reload	Coefficient_Reload	Unchanged
Coefficient_Sign	Coefficient_Sign	Unchanged

Table A-1: **Parameter Changes from v5.0 to v7.2**

Table A-1: **Parameter Changes from v5.0 to v7.2** *(Cont'd)*

Version v5.0	Version 7.2	Notes
	M_DATA_Has_TUSER	Pertains to AXI4-Stream interfaces.
	DATA TUSER Width	Pertains to AXI4-Stream interfaces.
	S_CONFIG_Sync_Mode	Pertains to AXI4-Stream interfaces.
	S_CONFIG_Method	Pertains to AXI4-Stream interfaces.
	Num Reload Slots	Pertains to the coefficient reload feature.
	Reset_Data_Vector	

Table A-1: **Parameter Changes from v5.0 to v7.2** *(Cont'd)*

Port Changes

There are no port changes between v7.2 and v6.3, v6.2, v6.1 and v6.0.

[Table A-2](#page-120-0) details the changes to port naming, additional or deprecated ports and polarity changes from v5.0 to v7.2.

Version 5.0	Version 7.2	Notes	
CLK	aclk	Rename only	
CE	aclken	Rename only	
SCLR	aresetn	Rename and change of sense (now active-Low)	
ND.	s_axis_data_tvalid	Equivalent to s_axis_data_tvalid	
FILTER SEL		Replaced by CONFIG channel. See s_axis_config_t*.	
COEF LD		Replaced by RELOAD channel. See s_axis_reload_t*.	
COEF_WE			
COEF DIN			
COEF FILTER SEL			
RFD	s_axis_data_tready		
RDY	m_axis_data_tvalid		
DATA_VALID		Deprecated, see s_axis_data_t*	
CHAN_IN		Deprecated. Function performed by s_axis_data_tuser (chan ID field) or s_axis_data_tlast (vector-based).	
CHAN_OUT		Deprecated. Function performed by m_axis_data_tuser (chan ID field) or m_axis_data_tlast (vector-based).	
DIN		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within s_axis_data_tdata.	
DOUT		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.	
DOUT_I		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.	
DOUT_Q		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.	
DIN_1		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within s_axis_data_tdata.	

Table A-2: **Port Changes from Version 5.0 to Version 7.2**

Version 5.0	Version 7.2	Notes
DIN_2		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within s_axis_data_tdata.
DIN_3		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within s_axis_data_tdata.
DIN_4		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within s_axis_data_tdata.
DIN_5		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within s_axis_data_tdata.
DIN _{_6}		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within s_axis_data_tdata.
DIN_7		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within s_axis_data_tdata.
DIN_8		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within s_axis_data_tdata.
DIN_9		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within s_axis_data_tdata.
DIN_10		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within s_axis_data_tdata.
DIN_11		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within s_axis_data_tdata.
DIN_12		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within s_axis_data_tdata.
DIN_13		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within s_axis_data_tdata.
DIN_14		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within s_axis_data_tdata.
DIN_15		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within s_axis_data_tdata.
DIN_16		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within s_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_1		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_I_1		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_Q_1		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_2		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_I_2		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_Q_2		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_3		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_I_3		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_Q_3		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_4		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_I_4		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT _{_Q_4}		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_5		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_I_5		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT _{_Q_5}		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_6		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_I_6		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT _{_Q_6}		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_7		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_I_7		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.

Table A-2: **Port Changes from Version 5.0 to Version 7.2** *(Cont'd)*

Version 5.0	Version 7.2	Notes
DOUT_Q_7		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_8		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_I_8		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT _{_Q_8}		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_9		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_I_9		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT _{_Q_9}		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_10		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_I_10		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_Q_10		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_11		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_I_11		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_Q_11		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_12		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_I_12		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT _{_Q_12}		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_13		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_I_13		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_Q_13		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_14		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_I_14		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_Q_14		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_15		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_I_15		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_Q_15		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_16		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_I_16		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
DOUT_Q_16		Deprecated. Now exists as a field within m_axis_data_tdata.
	s_axis_data_tvalid	tvalid for input DATA channel
	s_axis_data_tready	tready for input DATA channel
	s_axis_data_tdata	tdata for input DATA channel. Replaces all DIN ports. See TDATA Structure for internal structure.
	s_axis_data_tuser	tuser for input DATA channel. Optionally replaces CHAN_IN.

Table A-2: **Port Changes from Version 5.0 to Version 7.2** *(Cont'd)*

Functionality Changes

Latency Changes

There is no change in latency between FIR Compiler v7.2 and versions 6.0 through 7.0.

The latency of FIR Compiler v7.2 is different compared to v5.0 The update process cannot account for this and guarantee equivalent performance.

When in Blocking Mode $(m_{data_tready}$ in use), the latency of the core is variable, so only the minimum possible latency can be determined. When in Non-Blocking Mode (no m_data_tready), the latency of the core might only be slightly greater than that for the equivalent configuration of v5.0. See the latency information in the Vivado IDE Summary page.

Instructions for Minimum Change Migration

To view latency differences between v5.0 and v7.2, see the GUI [Implementation Details Tab.](#page-76-0)

To configure the FIR Compiler v7.2 to most closely mimic the behavior of v5.0 the translation is as follows:

Parameters

Output TREADY (Data Channel Options): Set to FALSE. Disables back-pressure facility and guarantees fixed latency.

Input FIFO (Data Channel Options): Set to FALSE. Disables the input FIFO on the S AXIS DATA channel and minimizes FPGA logic resources.

Synchronization Mode (CONFIG Channel Options): Set to *On Vector*. This ensures the filter select values is updated on every processing cycle.

Configuration Method (CONFIG Channel Options): Set to *By Channel* when applicable. This ensures a unique filter select value can be set for every interleaved data channel.

Reload Slots (RELOAD Channel Options): Set to the number of coefficient sets specified.

Data Vector Reset (Control Signals): Set to FALSE. Minimizes FPGA logic resources and matches FIR Compiler v5.0 reset behavior.

Ports

Input / Output Data Channels

ND is mapped to s_axis_data_tvalid

RFD is mapped to s_axis_data_tready

RDY is mapped to m_axis_data_tvalid

Configuration Channel

FILTER_SEL is mapped to the filter select field of the s_axis_config_tdata bus

Drive s_axis_config_tvalid with the same signal driving s_axis_data_tvalid.

Note: For decimation filters s_axis_config_tvalid must be driven at the output rate. Configuration packets are consumed at the lower output rate and if supplied at the input rate the Configuration Channel FIFO becomes full and s_axis_config_tready is deasserted and input packets ignored.

Tie s_axis_config_tlast to 0 and ignore event_s_axis_config_*

Reload Channel

The format of the reload channel has changed such that COEF_FILTER_SEL is now pre-pended to the reload packet on the s axis reload tdata bus.

COEF_DIN is mapped to s_axis_reload_tdata bus

COEF_WE is mapped to s_axis_reload_tvalid

COEF_LD is mapped to s_axis_reload_tlast but is now asserted at the end of a reload packet

Upgrading within the Vivado Design Suite

This section provides information about any changes to the user logic or port designations that take place when you upgrade to a more current version of this IP core in the Vivado Design Suite.

Parameter Changes

Optimization Goal: *Speed (Control Only)* and *Speed (Data Only)* are now deprecated. *Speed* now includes additional optimizations. The automatic upgrade replaces these with a value of Custom and populates the new *Optimization List* parameter with the optimizations that correspond with the original values, such that the new core configuration generates an identical implementation. See [Customizing and Generating the Core](#page-74-0) for details. This change occurred in FIR Compiler core v7.1.

Rate Specification Format: Sample_Period is now deprecated. The automatic upgrade replaces this with either Input_Sample_Period or Output_Sample_Period. This change occurred in FIR Compiler v7.2

Blank Output: New reset option. Added to FIR Compiler v7.2. See [Customizing and](#page-74-0) [Generating the Core](#page-74-0) for details.

Port Changes

There are no port changes between v7.2 and v7.1, v7.0.

Simulation

Starting with FIR Compiler v7.1 (2013.3 version), behavioral simulation models have been replaced with IEEE P1735 Encrypted VHDL. The resulting model is bit and cycle accurate with the final netlist. For more information on simulation, see the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Logic Simulation* (UG900) [\[Ref 13\].](#page-131-2)

Appendix B

Debugging

This appendix includes details about resources available on the Xilinx Support website and debugging tools.

Finding Help on Xilinx.com

To help in the design and debug process when using the FIR Compiler, the [Xilinx Support](https://www.xilinx.com/support) [web page](https://www.xilinx.com/support) contains key resources such as product documentation, release notes, answer records, information about known issues, and links for obtaining further product support.

Documentation

This product guide is the main document associated with the FIR Compiler. This guide, along with documentation related to all products that aid in the design process, can be found on the [Xilinx Support web page](https://www.xilinx.com/support) or by using the Xilinx® Documentation Navigator.

Download the Xilinx Documentation Navigator from the [Downloads page](https://www.xilinx.com/support/download.html). For more information about this tool and the features available, open the online help after installation.

Answer Records

Answer Records include information about commonly encountered problems, helpful information on how to resolve these problems, and any known issues with a Xilinx product. Answer Records are created and maintained daily ensuring that you have access to the most accurate information available.

Answer Records for this core can be located by using the Search Support box on the main [Xilinx support web page.](https://www.xilinx.com/support) To maximize your search results, use keywords such as

- Product name
- Tool message(s)
- Summary of the issue encountered

A filter search is available after results are returned to further target the results.

Master Answer Record for the FIR Compiler

AR: [54502](https://www.xilinx.com/support/answers/54502.htm)

Technical Support

Xilinx provides technical support at the [Xilinx Support web page f](https://www.xilinx.com/support)or this LogiCORE™ IP product when used as described in the product documentation. Xilinx cannot guarantee timing, functionality, or support if you do any of the following:

- Implement the solution in devices that are not defined in the documentation.
- Customize the solution beyond that allowed in the product documentation.
- Change any section of the design labeled DO NOT MODIFY.

To contact Xilinx Technical Support, navigate to the [Xilinx Support web page](https://www.xilinx.com/support).

Debug Tools

There are many tools available to address FIR Compiler design issues. It is important to know which tools are useful for debugging various situations.

Vivado Design Suite Debug Feature

The Vivado® Design Suite debug feature inserts logic analyzer and virtual I/O cores directly into your design. The debug feature also allows you to set trigger conditions to capture application and integrated block port signals in hardware. Captured signals can then be analyzed. This feature in the Vivado IDE is used for logic debugging and validation of a design running in Xilinx devices.

The Vivado logic analyzer is used with the logic debug LogiCORE IP cores, including:

- ILA 2.0 (and later versions)
- VIO 2.0 (and later versions)

See the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Programming and Debugging* (UG908) [\[Ref 17\].](#page-131-4)

Reference Boards

Various Xilinx development boards support FIR Compiler. These boards can be used to prototype designs and establish that the core can communicate with the system.

- 7 series FPGA evaluation boards
	- KC705
	- ° KC724

C-Model Reference

See *[Chapter 5, C Model](#page-92-0)* in this guide for tips and instructions for using the provided C-Model files to debug your design.

Simulation Debug

The simulation debug flow for Mentor Graphics Questa Advanced Simulator is shown in [Figure B-1](#page-128-0). A similar approach can be used with other simulators.

Figure B-1: **Questa Advanced Simulator Debug Flow**

AXI4-Stream Interface Debug

If data is not being transmitted or received, check the following conditions:

- If transmit <*interface_name*>_tready is stuck Low following the **<***interface_name***>_tvalid** input being asserted, the core cannot send data.
- If the receive **<***interface_name***>**_tvalid is stuck Low, the core is not receiving data.
- Check that the ACLK inputs are connected and toggling.
- Check that the AXI4-Stream waveforms are being followed (see [Figure 3-1](#page-13-0)).
- Check the core configuration.

Appendix C

Additional Resources and Legal Notices

Xilinx Resources

For support resources such as Answers, Documentation, Downloads, and Forums, see [Xilinx](https://www.xilinx.com/support) [Support](https://www.xilinx.com/support).

Documentation Navigator and Design Hubs

Xilinx® Documentation Navigator provides access to Xilinx documents, videos, and support resources, which you can filter and search to find information. To open the Xilinx Documentation Navigator (DocNav):

- From the Vivado® IDE, select **Help > Documentation and Tutorials**.
- On Windows, select **Start > All Programs > Xilinx Design Tools > DocNav**.
- At the Linux command prompt, enter docnav.

Xilinx Design Hubs provide links to documentation organized by design tasks and other topics, which you can use to learn key concepts and address frequently asked questions. To access the Design Hubs:

- In the Xilinx Documentation Navigator, click the **Design Hubs View** tab.
- On the Xilinx website, see the [Design Hubs](https://www.xilinx.com/cgi-bin/docs/ndoc?t=design+hubs) page.

Note: For more information on Documentation Navigator, see the [Documentation Navigator](https://www.xilinx.com/cgi-bin/docs/rdoc?t=docnav) page on the Xilinx website.

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