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Agile Intelligent Information Technology for Speech Synthesis Based on Transfer Function Approximation Methods Using Continued Fractions

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Abstract: The study considers the methodology of using continued fractions to approximate transfer functions in speech synthesis systems. The main results of the research are an increase in the accuracy of approximation, acceleration of calculations, and a new method of convergence analysis. The use of continued fractions allowed for a reduction in the error of approximation of transfer functions compared to classical methods. With an error of 1.0E-06, the continued fraction method requires only 3–13 terms, while the power series requires 3–15 terms. The use of continued fractions reduced the time for calculating transfer functions by 2–3%. It was determined that the most effective for calculating the values of continued fractions are the Δ-algorithm and the α-algorithm. A new criterion for the convergence of continued fractions is proposed, which allows the sum fractions that are "divergent" in the classical sense. The graphs used to classify different types of continued fractions allowed us to better understand their structure and potential for application in speech synthesis. Software for calculating transfer function values based on continued fraction decomposition has been developed and tested. It has allowed automation of the approximation process and increased the efficiency of speech synthesis systems. The results obtained have allowed improving the quality of synthesised speech while simultaneously reducing the complexity of calculations. Systems using continued fractions consume less memory and provide more accurate voice reproduction. In summary, the work presents a new approach to the approximation of transfer functions, which is essential for optimising speech synthesis systems.

Index Terms: Text-To-Speech, NLP, Speech Recognition, Continued Fractions, Speech Recognition Systems, Speech Synthesis Systems, Autoregressive Modelling, Formant Synthesis, Continued Fraction Approximation

1. Introduction

Today, speech signal synthesis systems are extremely widely used in a wide variety of areas of our lives (cellular communications, medicine, industry, computer programs) [1]. In general, there are two main approaches to language synthesis: concatenative and formant synthesis [2]. Concatenative synthesis is based on the union of segments of the recorded language. Such a synthesis generates a language close to nature but requires a significant expenditure of disk space to preserve speech segments and good smoothing and transfer algorithms [1-2]. Instead, formant synthesis (synthesis according to the rules) uses an acoustic model to build a synthesised language and does not require a base of sound signals. The main problems of speech synthesisers are the compromise between maximising the quality of synthesised speech and minimising the complexity and speed of calculations [3]. Therefore, the development of algorithms that will simplify and accelerate the synthesis of speech signals is an urgent task [4-6].

In the process of speech synthesis, there is a need to approximate transfer functions in the best possible way to obtain a more natural synthesised language [5-7]. Effective approximation of transfer functions makes it possible to eliminate the effect of coarticulation, and such synthesisers can be used to train speech signal recognition systems [6-9].

Today, the most common method of approximation is approximation by power series approximation polynomials. When approximating with power series, it is not always possible to construct a corresponding convergent series, and the construction of approximation polynomials of high orders is a difficult task. Instead, it is proposed to use the methods of the theory of continuous fractions, which have long been known for their good approximation properties, as an approximation apparatus. The scientific provisions developed in the work are based on the work of many scientists, in particular, Rusyn B.P., Vorobel R.A., Skorobogatko V.Ya., Khinchin A.Ya., Rashkevych Yu.M., Khloponin S.S., Kuchminska Kh.Y., Shmoylov V.I., Parsons D., Perron O., Bodnar D.I.

Therefore, the development of computational methods for effective approximation of transfer functions in speech signal synthesis systems using the methods of the theory of continuous fractions is an urgent scientific task.

The purpose of the study is to develop methods for effective approximation of transfer functions using continuous fractions in speech synthesis systems, as well as to develop special procedures for the synthesis of speech signals based on the proposed methods. The purpose of the study is to determine the need to solve the following problems:

- To analyse the functioning of speech synthesis systems;
- To develop methods for summing continuous fractions of "divergent" in the classical sense;
- To develop approximation methods that are based on constant fractions and adapt them to speech synthesis problems;
- To approbate the results of dissertation research by programmatic implementation of procedures based on the methods of continuous fractions.

The object of research is the procedures of the speech synthesis system.

The subject of the study is the methods of approximation of transfer functions and the construction of computational algorithms based on continuous fractions in the problems of synthesis of speech signals.

The research carried out during the work on the article is based on the theory of speech synthesis systems, the theory of continuous fractions and the object-oriented methodology of analysis and design of speech synthesis systems.

The scientific novelty of the obtained results lies in the solution of the scientific and practical problem of effective approximation of transfer functions in speech synthesis systems based on the methods of the theory of continuous fractions. The following new scientific results have been obtained:

- For the first time, new computational methods were developed for approximation of transfer functions in systems for the synthesis of speech signals using continuous fractions;
- The classification of continuous fractions using graphs has been substantiated, which has made it possible to better understand the structure of different types of constant fractions and the prospect of their application in the development of speech synthesisers;
- A new criterion for the convergence of continuous fractions has been proposed and substantiated, which makes it possible, in contrast to existing methods, to sum continuous fractions that differ in the classical sense;

- For the first time, the use of the methods of the theory of continuous fractions for approximation of transfer functions in speech synthesis systems was proposed, which made it possible to reduce the time and increase accuracy in comparison with known methods.

The practical value of the developed computational methods for approximating transfer functions lies in the fact that their use:

- Made it possible to obtain a gain in time (2-3%) in systems for synthesising speech signals when approximating transfer functions;
- Made it possible to increase the accuracy of the approximation (the error is $10^{-3} \div 10^{-6}$) due to the use of continuous fractions;
- An application software for finding the values of transfer functions in speech signal synthesis systems has been developed and created.

The article is devoted to the development of a new method of speech synthesis, which uses continuous fractions (chain fractions) to improve the accuracy and speed of calculations in speech synthesis systems. In modern speech synthesis systems, mathematical models are used to help imitate the human voice. To do this, it is necessary to approximate the transmission functions, describing how the vocal tract forms sound. Classical approximation methods (such as Taylor or Padé polynomials) do not always give accurate results or require extensive calculations. Continuous fractions can approximate gear functions more accurately and efficiently, allowing for improved broadcast quality.

The transmission function $\boldsymbol{H}(\boldsymbol{s})$ describes how the vocal tract changes the sound coming out of the vocal cords. The vocal cords create the basic sound (source). The vocal tract (tongue, lips, larynx) acts as a filter that changes this sound.

Previously, the following methods were used to approximate gear functions:

Table 1. The methods to approximate gear functions

Method	Advantages	Disadvantages
Taylor series	Easy to calculate	Poor accuracy in complex functions
Chebyshov polynomials	Smaller error	Requires more calculations
Pade method	More accurate than Taylor	Numerically unstable at large degrees

These methods work, but their accuracy is limited, especially for complex functions that describe the vocal tract. Therefore, it is necessary to use continuous fractions, which give better results.

Benefits of using continuous fractions in Text-to-Speech:

- More accurate approximation (less error with the same number of calculations);
- Better numerical stability (accuracy is not lost at large parameter values);
- The ability to work with divergent series (where classical methods do not work;
- Continuous fractions give a meaningful approximation).

Let's imagine that you need to approximate a complex mathematical function, such as a function of the vocal tract. Instead of representing it in terms of extended polynomial expressions, you can decompose it as a continuous fraction. Each successive term in the chain fraction refines the previous value, which allows you to achieve greater accuracy faster. Let's give a simple example in everyday life. You want to measure the length of a table without a tape measure. You first estimate: "approximately 2 meters". Then look more closely: "2.1 m exactly." After an even more precise analysis: "2.12 m". Each step refines the previous value - the same way a continuous fraction works.

Accordingly, a program was created that calculates transfer functions using continuous fractions. The method was also tested on actual language data and compared with other methods. The new method gave a more minor error. It took less time to calculate. It also provided more stable results for complex functions. Limitations of the technique:

- High computational cost (requires more operations than Taylor's).
- Problems with specific functions (e.g. if the transfer function has irrational expressions).
- It may need to be adapted for different languages (due to different phonetic features).

The main idea is that the use of continuous fractions provides a better synthesis of speech than classical methods. Results: accuracy is higher, calculations are faster, and the system is more stable. Practical significance: voice assistants, translators, and speech recognition systems can be improved. The method gives an artificial voice that sounds more natural than using old approaches.

In the introduction, the relevance of approximation of transfer functions using methods based on continuous fractions for speech synthesis systems is substantiated, its connection with scientific programs is shown, the purpose and objectives of the research, scientific novelty and practical significance of the results obtained are formulated.

The first section presents the main models and methods of processing and analysing voice signals. It shows the need to use continuous fractions to approximate transfer functions in models of processing and analysing voice signals. The basic concepts of the theory of constant fractions are defined, the concepts of convergence and divergence of continuous fractions on the basis of the classical approach are considered, and the relationship between classes of continuous fractions and graphs is shown. A comparative characterisation of existing methods for finding the values of constant fractions is carried out to identify the best approximation in terms of speed and minimal error.

The second section describes the main models of processing and analysis of speech signals. The definition of linear predictive analysis and predictive coding is given. Methods for minimising the error to find the optimal values of the model coefficients are described. Various structures of digital filters for the implementation of voice models are analysed.

The third section discusses the construction of approximation polynomials for an exponential function using continuous fractions. It is shown how approximation polynomials are constructed for the approximation of transfer functions of the speech synthesis model based on the cosine of the Fourier transform. Approximate Fibonacci polynomials, elementary polynomials, and Chebyshev polynomials were constructed using continuous fractions, which made it possible to reduce the time required to recalculate the transfer functions of voice models and improve the accuracy of their calculation. The expansions of the exponential function into continuous fractions by hyperbolic sine, hyperbolic cosine, and trigonometric cosine are given.

The fourth section is devoted to the software implementation of computational methods for approximating transfer functions. It is necessary to implement the following actions to approximate a transfer function: calculate the value of the continuous fraction that represents it, determine the value of the modulus of the constant fraction, determine the value of the modulus of the argument of a continuous fraction, set the sign of the argument.

2. Related Works

Speech synthesis is the automatic generation of an artificial speech signal [1-2]. In recent years, this technology has become widely available for multiple languages on different platforms depending on personal computers or separate systems. Speech synthesis is the automatic generation of speech signals based on the input text for synthesis and on pre-analysed digital speech data. *Quality of the synthesised language* while minimising *hard memory*, *algorithmic complexity* and *computational speed*.

The diagram of the main stages of speech synthesis is shown in Fig.1. The most essential components of the synthesis algorithm are *stored language units* (preservation of speech parameters derived from natural language and organised in terms of language units), *unification procedures* (programs-rules for combining language units, smoothing parameters to create time trajectories) [2-9]. Synthesisers can be classified according to the principle of how they parameterise speech for preservation and synthesis [1-2]. *Signal synthesisers* combine language units using stored signals. This method requires a significant expenditure of disk memory and good anti-aliasing and transfer algorithms. *Terminal analogue synthesisers* simulate the original speech of the vocal tract in detail without taking into account the movements of the articulators. This method generates speeches with worse quality but is more efficient. *Articulator synthesisers* directly simulate the vibrations of the vocal cords and the movement of the tongue, lips and other articulators. Due to the difficulty of obtaining an accurate three-dimensional model of the representation of the vocal tract with a limited number of parameters, this method generates low-quality speech. *Formant synthesisers* use vocal cord oscillator generators and formant resonators to stimulate acoustic resonances of the vocal tract.

Some of the critical problems of speech synthesisers can be solved if algorithms of the theory of continuous fractions are used in models of speech synthesis to approximate transfer functions [10-12]. These algorithms are simple, which allows you to reduce the amount of disk memory when building a model [13-15]. They are easy to implement, which will simplify the algorithmic complexity of the language synthesis problem [15-18]. When using the autoregressive approach, we get the opportunity to reject the reference to physical models, thereby reducing the number of coefficients that are necessary for the implementation of the model. That is, we will simplify it. And, since continuous fractions are a suitable approximation apparatus, which has been known since the XV-XVI centuries, the use of algorithms of the theory of constant fractions will make it possible to improve the accuracy of calculations of the coefficients of the speech synthesis model and obtain a better-synthesised language.

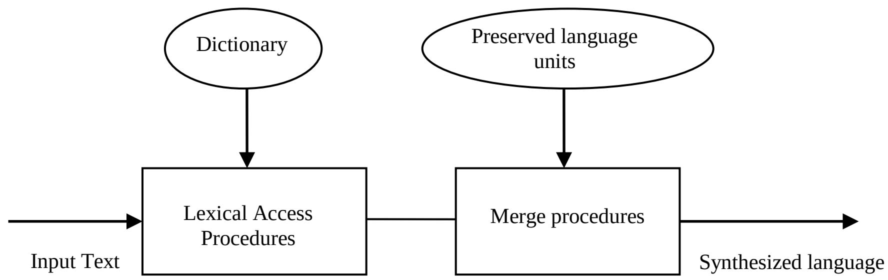

Fig. 1. The main stages of speech synthesis

The classification of continuous fractions will be carried out using graphs. Graphs make it possible to specify a specific skeleton, that is, the structure of a constant fraction. Yes, for a classic chain shot:

$$b_0 + \frac{a_1}{b_1} + \frac{a_2}{b_2} + \ \dots \ + \frac{a_n}{b_n} + \ \dots$$

Let's match the linear oriented graph (Fig. 2):

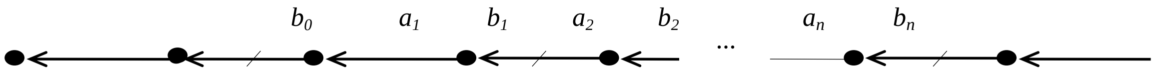

Fig. 2. Graph of a classical chain fraction

A branched continuous fraction will correspond to a graph of another class – a graph of the tree type (Fig. 3).

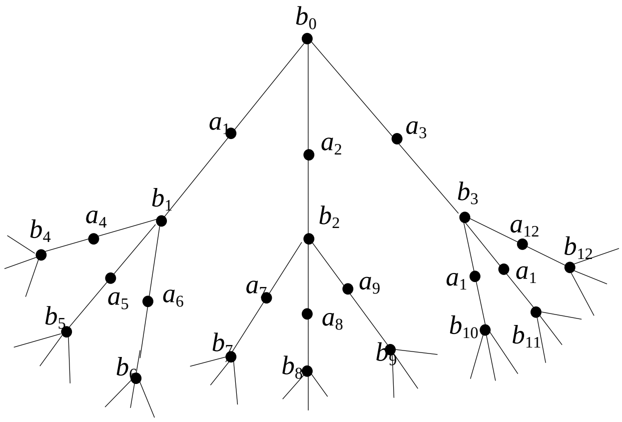

Fig. 3. Graph of a branched continuous fraction.

Let's write down the expression.

$$\frac{\begin{vmatrix} b_0 & a_1 & 0 & 0 & L & 0 & 0 & L \\ -1 & b_1 & a_2 & 0 & L & 0 & 0 & L \\ 0 & -1 & b_2 & a_3 & L & 0 & 0 & L \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & b_3 & L & 0 & 0 & L \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & L \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & L & b_{n-1} & a_n & L \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & L & -1 & b_n & L \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & L \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} b_1 & a_2 & 0 & L & 0 & 0 & L \\ -1 & b_2 & a_3 & L & 0 & 0 & L \\ 0 & -1 & b_3 & L & 0 & 0 & L \\ . & . & . & L & . & . & L \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & L & b_{n-1} & a_n & L \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & L & -1 & b_n & L \\ . & . & . & L & . & . & L \end{vmatrix}} = b_0 + \cfrac{a_1}{b_1 + \cfrac{a_2}{b_2 + \cfrac{a_3}{b_3 + \vdots + \cfrac{a_n}{b_n + \vdots}}}}.$$

The right side of this expression is called *a chain fraction (Kettenbruch)* or *continuous fraction (continuous fraction)*. Elements are called a_i *partial numerators,* b_i *– partial denominators,* b_0 *– free terms.* $f_n = P_n/Q_n$

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The symbol ω will denote the chain fraction:

$$\omega = b_0 + \frac{a_1}{b_1 +} \frac{a_2}{b_2 +} \; \dots \; + \frac{a_n}{b_n +} \; \dots .$$

The symbol ω will denote not only the chain fraction but also the value of this fraction, i.e.:

$$\omega = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{P_n}{Q_n}. \tag{1}$$

The numerators and denominators of the approach fractions of a chain fraction can be sequentially determined using simple second-order recurrence ratios:

$$P_n = b_n P_{n-1} + a_n P_{n-2},\; Q_n = b_n Q_{n-1} + a_n Q_{n-2},$$

which, under initial conditions,

$$P_{-1} = 1,\quad P_0 = b_0,\quad Q_{-1} = 0,\quad Q_0 = 1$$

are fair at $n \geq 1$.

A chain fraction is called convergent if the sequence of its approaching fractions has a finite limit (1). This limit is called the value of the chain fraction.

It is necessary to use sufficiently long sequences of suitable fractions to determine with sufficiently high accuracy the value of the modulus and the argument of a complex number, which is the value of a divergent fraction in the classical sense. Therefore, it is advisable to consider algorithms for calculating the values of chain fractions, highlighting first of all those that would provide minimal time spent to obtain long sequences of values of approachable fractions.

Linear predictive coding is most often used in speech synthesis and the transmission or storage of speech signals. For this purpose, ideal cellular structures for modelling the human vocal tract are usually used. The general system of voice synthesis is shown in Fig. 4. The voice model for speech synthesis, based on Fourier transform cosine, has better properties and applications, less sensitivity to quantisation effects and, as a result, gives a more natural synthesised language compared to other models of formant synthesis. The parameters of this model are the Fourier transform cosine coefficients.

In general, the task of linear prediction is as follows. Let us have a voice signal $s(n)$, and let $\tilde{s}(n) = \sum_{k=1}^{p} \alpha_k s(n-k)$ is the predicted magnitude. The prediction error in this case is given as follows:

$$e(n) = s(n) - \tilde{s}(n) = s(n) - \sum_{k=1}^{p} \alpha_k s(n-k).$$

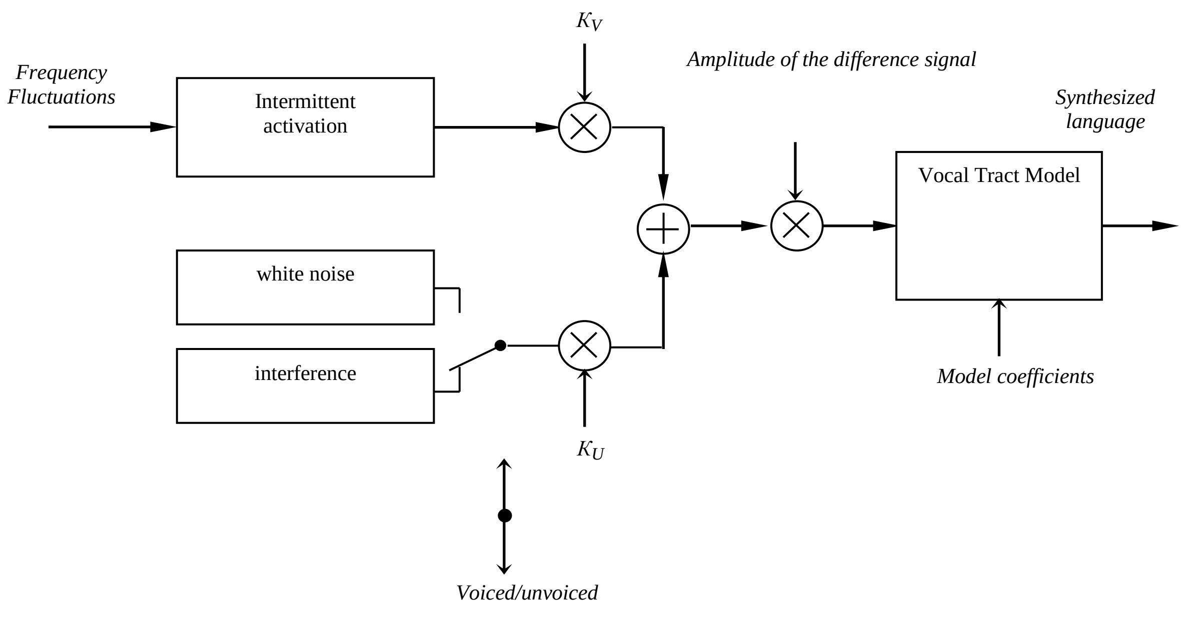

Fig. 4. Speech synthesis system.

Of course, we want to minimise the error in order to find the best or optimal values $\{\alpha_k\}$. Let's determine the short-term average error:

$$E=\sum_n e^2(n)=\sum_n\left\{s(n)-\sum_{k=1}^{p}\alpha_k s(n-k)\right\}^2=\sum_n s^2(n)-\sum_n\left\{2s(n)\sum_{k=1}^{p}\alpha_k s(n-k)\right\}+$$
$$+\sum_n\left\{\sum_{k=1}^{p}\alpha_k s(n-k)\right\}^2=\sum_n s^2(n)-2\sum_{k=1}^{p}\alpha_k\sum_n s(n)s(n-k)+\sum_n\left\{\sum_{k=1}^{p}\alpha_k s(n-k)\right\}^2$$

We can minimise the error α_l for each by $1\le l\le p$, differentiating E and equating the result to zero E

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial\alpha_l}=0=-2\sum_n s(n)s(n-l)+2\sum_n\left\{\sum_{k=1}^{p}\alpha_k s(n-k)\right\}s(n-l)$$

In the case of the covariant method, we will first slightly redefine the terms.

$$\textstyle\sum_n s(n)s(n-l)=\sum_{k=1}^{p}\alpha_k\left(\sum_n s(n-k)s(n-l)\right)\text{ або }c(l,0)=\sum_{k=1}^{p}\alpha_k c(k,l)$$

This equation is also known as the linear prediction equation (Yule-Volcker equation). Using a slightly different approach to error minimisation, we can find a solution to the linear prediction equation using the autocorrelation method.

3. Methods and Methodology

Next, we will look at the main reasons for choosing chain fractions to approximate transmission functions in text-to-speech. Transfer function $\boldsymbol{H(s)}$ describes how the vocal tract modifies the sound produced by the vocal cords.

$$H(s)=\frac{N(s)}{D(s)},$$

where $N(s)$ is a numerator that describes the source of sound, $D(s)$ is a denominator that defines the filtering effect of the vocal tract. In text-to-speech systems, it is necessary to approximate the transfer function to ensure that the synthesised speech sounds realistic. Let's consider the main traditional methods used to approximate transfer functions and their problems.

Table 2. The main traditional methods to approximate gear functions

Name	Formula	Advantages	Disadvantages
Taylor series	$H(s)\approx a_0+a_1s+a_2s^2+\cdots+a_ns^n$	Ease of implementation and computational speed for small s.	Wildly inaccurate for large values s, many series members are required for accuracy and that instability for complex gear functions.
Chebyshov polynomials	$H(s)\approx c_0T_0(s)+c_1T_1(s)+\cdots+c_nT_n(s)$, де $T_n(s)$ — Chebyshov polynomials.	Better approximate functions at wide intervals s and a smaller margin of error compared to Taylor	Difficult to calculate and numerically unstable for large n.
Pade method	$H(s)\approx\frac{P_m(s)}{Q_n(s)}$, where $P_m(s)$ and $Q_n(s)$ are Polynomials of degrees m and n.	It gives a good approximation even for large s and is suitable for rational functions.	It is precarious for considerable powers and does not always converge.

Chain fractions have the form $H(s)=a_0+\cfrac{b_1}{a_1+\cfrac{b_2}{a_2+\cfrac{b_3}{a_3+\cdots}}}$. Advantages: better accuracy for fewer members; numerical stability even for complex gear functions; suitable for rational and irrational functions; more naturally reflecting the behaviour of the vocal tract. Next, let's look at the detailed advantages of chain fractions in speech synthesis.

1. Better approximation accuracy. For the same number of terms, chain fractions give a more minor error compared to other methods.

Table 3. The approximation accuracy

Method	Error in $\boldsymbol{x=2}$
Taylor series (10 terms)	$1.5\times10-31.5\times10^{-3}$
Chebyshov polynomials (10 terms)	$1.2\times10-31.2\times10^{-3}$
The Padémethod ([5/5])	$5.1\times10-45.1\times10^{-4}$
Chain fractions (10 terms)	$\boldsymbol{1.8\times10-51.8\times10^{-5}}$

Chain fractions are more efficient: fewer terms → less error.

2. Numerical stability. Chebyshov and Padé polynomials can lose precision due to numerical instability. Chain fractions are not prone to overflow or loss of accuracy because each new term has a slight effect on the previous result. The new method is stable even for large values s.

3. Better modeling of the vocal tract. In speech, the transfer function has a complex frequency behaviour. Taylor and Chebyshov polynomials cannot correctly model the resonances of the vocal tract. Chain fractions are better at reproducing natural speech.

Chain fractions are more accurate than Taylor, Chebyshov, and Pade. They provide better numerical stability. They are better at modelling vocal tract resonances. Chain fractions are the best method of approximating transmission functions for text-to-speech, as they provide high accuracy, stability, and natural sound.

The new convergence criterion allows even divergent continuous fractions to be processed. Δ-Convergence will enable you to approximate the value of a fraction even in the absence of classical convergence. Phase analysis helps to determine the arguments of complex numbers in complex transfer functions.

Advantages of the new approach in text-to-speech:

- Improved accuracy. The error in the calculations of gear functions is reduced.
- Performance optimisation. New algorithms reduce the number of iterations.
- Numerical stability. The impact of instability in traditional approximation methods is reduced.

This approach is an important step forward in the accuracy and speed of language synthesis models.

It is necessary to determine the values of linear prediction coefficients, as well as the order of the model [1-3], to implement linear prediction of data or model goals. Some of the methods of the order selection model that are often used in practice include the methods of the information criterion proposed by Akaike, the method of minimum length of description proposed by Schwartz, and the principle of the prediction of least squares by Risanen.

The model is based on the cosine decomposition of the logarithmic short-term voice range, and the synthesis is implemented using an approximate inverse of the cosine Fourier transform using continuous fractions. This approach is parametric and is not based on any simplifying assumptions about the voice model because the poles, like the zeros of the voice model, are valid. Let us have the logarithmic range $ln\left|S(e^{j\omega T})\right|$ of the voice data segment $\{s(n)\}$, where T is the Sample Interval ω is the angular frequency. The segment of voice data can be expressed using the actual coefficients of the cosine of the Fourier transform $\{c_n\}$

$$ln\left|S(e^{j\omega T})\right| = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{-jn\omega T}.$$

A digital filter, the logarithmic correspondence value of which approximates the function $ln\left|S(e^{j\omega T})\right|$, is determined by the system of transfer functions $\tilde{S}(z) = e^{c_0}\, exp \sum_{n=1}^{N_0-1} 2c_n z^{-n} = e^{c_0} \prod_{n=0}^{N_0-1} exp[2c_n z^{-n}]$.

It follows that the system of transfer functions $\tilde{S}(z)$ is the product of transcendental transfer functions

$$H_n(z) = e^{2c_n z^{-n}}, \nearrow\ 0 < n \leq N_0 - 1.$$

It means that the system of transfer functions $\tilde{S}(z) = e^{c_0} \prod_{n=0}^{N_0-1} H_n(z)$ has the form shown in Fig. 5.

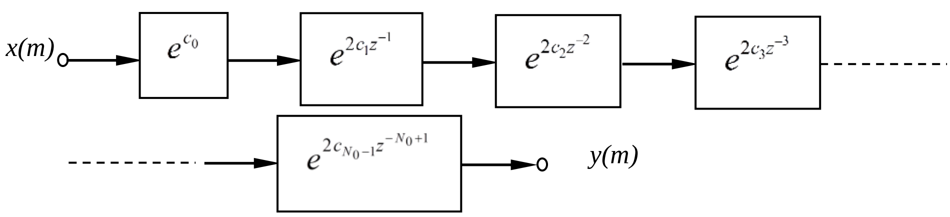

Fig. 5. Fourier transform cosine voice model.

To implement a transfer function $H_n(z)$ using a digital filter, it is necessary to find an approximation $H_n(z)$ that can be practically implemented. One option for approximating an exponential function is continuous fractions. Then, the system of transfer functions in a practical voice model based on the Fourier transform cosine has the form.

$$\tilde{\tilde{S}}(z) = e^{c_0} \prod_{n=0}^{N_0-1} \widetilde{H}_n(z).$$

Since in a digital model based on the cosine Fourier transform, the coefficients of the model are often complex numbers, it is necessary to consider how continuous fractions are constructed to approximate the transfer functions of this model.

Since the proposed $\frac{r}{\phi}$-algorithm allows you to establish only the modulus of the complex number and the modulus of the argument, it is necessary to consider in more detail how the modulus of the complex number and its argument are determined in order to develop algorithms for determining the sign of the argument of a complex number depending on the half-plane in which this argument is located. For this purpose, the analysis of the values of the approach fractions of the continuous fraction is used, which, in turn, represents the coefficient of the model.

A continuous fraction can be summed, i.e. its value can be found with any given precision on the entire plane of the complex variable, using the values of the approachable fractions, if the convergence of continuous fractions is determined according to the proposed criterion. A constant fraction is convergent and has as its value, in the general case, a complex number $z = r_0 e^{i\phi_0}$, if there are boundaries

$$\lim_{s\to\infty} \sqrt[s]{\prod_{i=1}^{s} \left|\frac{P_i}{Q_i}\right|} = r_o,\ \pi \cdot \lim_{s\to\infty} \frac{k_s}{s} = |\phi_0|,$$

where $\frac{P_i}{Q_i}$ is the value of the i-th approach fraction of the set that includes s of the approach fractions, k_s is the number of negative fitting fractions from s-fitting fractions of the original decomposition.

The sign ϕ_0 of the argument can be established by analysing the nature of the values of the suitable fractions of the desired decomposition, which makes it possible to determine the direction of rotation of the radius vector.

The formula that establishes the "percentage" of negative approach fractions from their total number allows you to calculate only the modulus of the complex number represented by the "divergent" continuous fraction. The value of the modulus of the argument of a complex number, which is set by the formula, lies in the interval $0 \leq |\phi| \leq \pi$.

To establish the sign of the argument of a complex number, we will use the information that can be obtained by observing the dynamics in the distribution of the values of suitable fractions, relatively speaking, "on the period". The Z_1 algorithm is used when $0 < |\phi| < \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Z_1 Algorithm. *If the modulus of the argument of a complex number, which is the value of a "divergent" continuous fraction, established from the analysis of the signs of the approach fractions, lies in the interval* $0 < |\phi| < \frac{\pi}{2}$*.Then, the sign of the argument of the complex number will be* ***positive*** *if positive approach fractions are found on the "period" that forms* ***descending*** *sequences. If there are positive approach fractions on the period that form* ***increasing*** *sequences, then the decomposition determines the value of the complex number with a* ***negative*** *argument.*

Z_2 Algorithm. *If the modulus of the argument of a complex number, which is the value of a "divergent" continuous fraction, lies in the interval* $\frac{\pi}{2} < |\phi| < \pi$ *, then the sign of the argument of this complex number will be* ***positive*** *if, on the "period", the moduli of the approach fractions that have negative values form* ***a descending*** *sequence. If, on the "period" negative approach, fractions form* ***an increasing*** *sequence module, then the continuous fraction determines the value of the complex number that has a* ***negative*** *argument.*

The block diagram for the Z_1 algorithm is shown in Fig. 6.

In the case when $\frac{\pi}{2} < |\phi| < \pi$, it is advisable to use the Z_2 algorithm, the flowchart of which is presented in Fig. 7.

Shown in Fig.6, Fig.7 Z_1, and Z_2 algorithms make it possible to determine the sign of the argument of a complex number, which is vital for the further use of continuous fractions for approximation of transfer functions in speech signal synthesis systems.

The study proposes the use of continuous fractions to approximate transfer functions in text-to-speech systems. The main problem with classical approximation methods is their numerical instability and limited convergence. In the classical sense, the convergence of a continuous fraction means that its successive approximations (called fitting fractions) converge to a particular finite value.

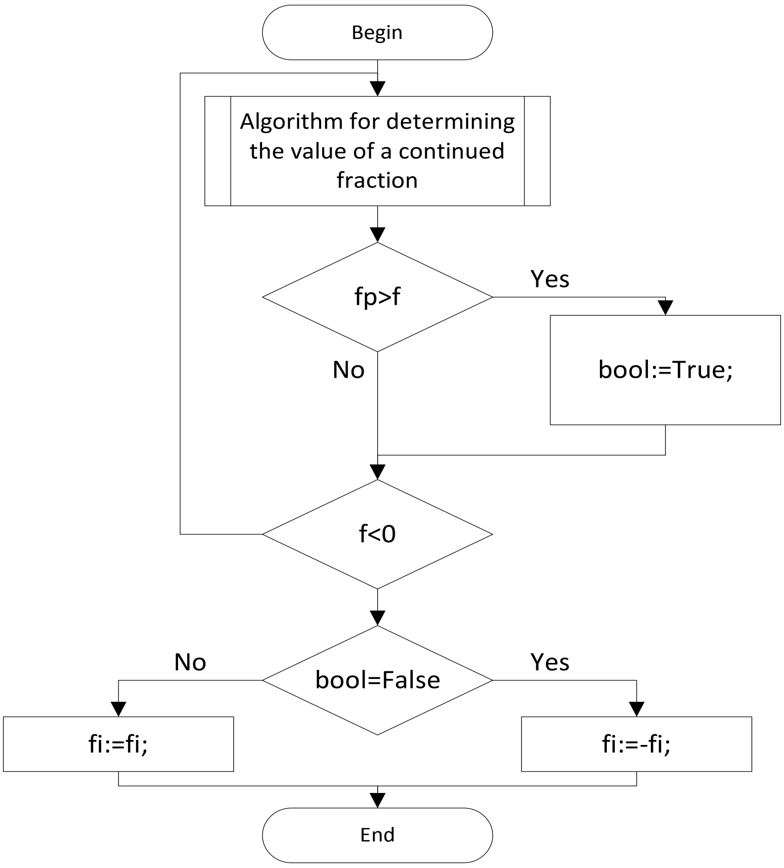

Fig. 6. Flowchart for Z_1 algorithm.

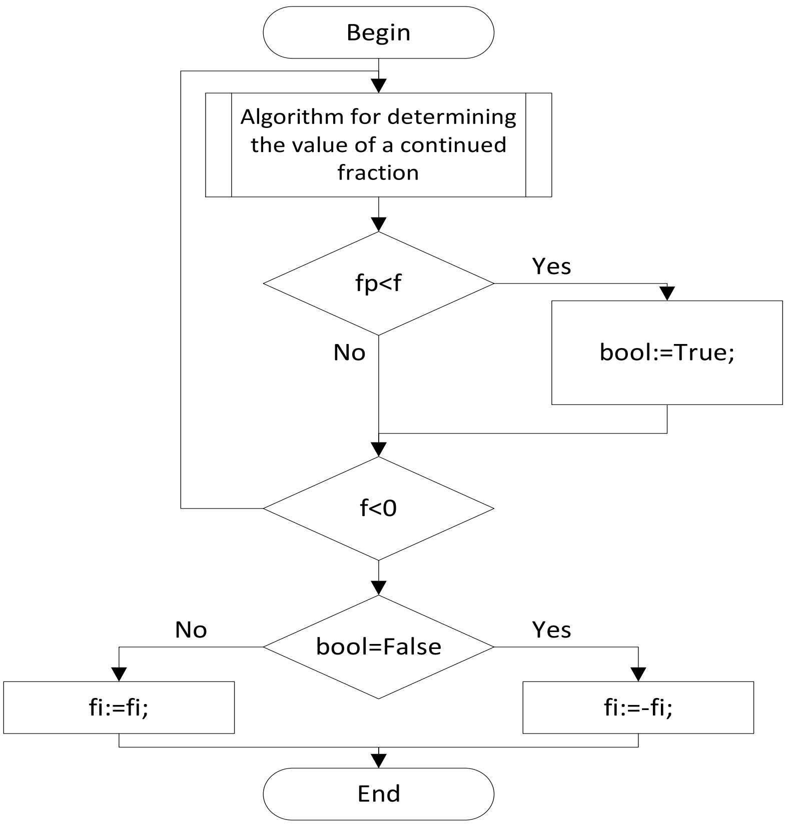

Fig. 7. Flowchart for Z_2 algorithm.

However, in some text-to-speech problems, the traditional approach does not work, since:

1. Continuous fractions can be divergent — that is, suitable fractions do not come close to a specific value.
2. A conventional check for convergence across boundaries is ineffective because some fractions show periodic behaviour or oscillatory changes.
3. It is necessary to find the "practical value" of the divergent fraction in order to use it in calculations of transfer functions of language models.

Below, we will take a step-by-step look at the main aspects of the new algorithms, focusing on:

- A new approach to the concept of convergence of continuous fractions;
- Algorithms for calculating the values of constant fractions;
- Step-by-step illustrations and program code.

1. A new approach to the concept of convergence of continuous fractions

The classical definition of convergence. A continuous fraction of the general form has the form $f = a_0 + \frac{b_1}{a_1+\frac{b_2}{a_2+\frac{b_3}{a_3+\cdots}}}$. A classically continuous fraction is convergent if its successive approximation fractions (the so-called matching fractions): $P_n = a_0 + \frac{b_1}{a_1+\cdots+\frac{b_n}{a_n}}$ have a limit: $\lim_{n\to\infty} P_n = L$, where L is some finite number.

In real text-to-speech systems, there may be transfer functions that have "divergent" continuous fractions in the classical sense. It means that standard methods cannot give a correct numerical value.

New convergence criterion. The paper proposes a new approach to the concept of convergence. It is based on:

1. Analysis of the behaviour of suitable fractions P_n;
2. Definition of moduli and arguments of complex numbers arising in schedules;
3. Convergence classifications based on the "periodic structure" of fractions.

Formalisation of a new criterion:

1. Determine the sequence of relative changes in suitable fractions: $\Delta_n = \frac{P_{n+1}-P_n}{P_n}$ if Δ_n periodically changes around zero, i.e.: $\lim_{n\to\infty}|\Delta_n| < \varepsilon$, where ε is some small number, then the fraction is considered pseudo-convergent.
2. We determine the phase behaviour of the arguments of complex suitable fractions: $\theta_n = \arg P_n$.

If the phase stabilises at some value θ_∞, then it is possible to calculate the numerical value of the divergent fraction using unique algorithms for calculating arguments. An example of a new approach:

Table 4. Convergent case and Pseudo-convergent case

n	Convergent case:		Pseudo-convergent case	
	P_n	Δ_n	P_n	Δ_n
1	1.2	0.05	1.2	0.05
2	1.25	0.02	1.3	-0.05
3	1.27	0.01	1.25	0.03
4	1.28	0.005	1.28	-0.03
5	1.285	0.002	1.26	0.02
Here	Δ_n gradually decreases → the fraction is convergent.		Δ_n oscillates → classical convergence is absent, but the new approach allows for the establishment of a limited convergence.	

Algorithms for calculating the values of continuous fractions. To approximate the gear function, it is necessary to find the value of a continuous fraction, even in cases of its discrepancy.

Consider the algorithm of Δ-Convergence (Step-by-step explanation):

1. Determine the sequence of suitable fractions P_n.
2. Calculating the relative change Δ_n.
3. If $|\Delta_n| < \varepsilon$, take the value P_n.
4. If $\Delta\_n|$ fluctuates, we apply averaging over several periods.

Algorithm of Δ-Convergences (Python)

```
def delta_convergence(cf_seq, epsilon=1e-5):
    """Calculating the value of a continuous fraction using the Δ-convergence method"""
    P_n = cf_seq[0]
    for i in range(1, len(cf_seq)):
        P_next = cf_seq[i]
        delta = abs((P_next - P_n) / P_n)
        if delta < epsilon:
            return P_next  # Stable convergence achieved
        else:
            P_n = (P_n + P_next) / 2  # Averaging
    return P_n  # Return the last value
cf_values = [1.2, 1.25, 1.27, 1.28, 1.285] # Example:
print(f"Approximation using Δ-convergence: {delta_convergence(cf_values)}")
```

In text-to-speech, transfer functions often have complex coefficients. In this case, we consider the convergence of the argument (phase) of a complex number P_n in $\theta_n = \arg(P_n)$.

- If the argument oscillates around a certain value of → it is possible to approximate the fraction with a stable phase.
- If the argument does not stabilise → the fraction is really divergent.

Phase convergence algorithm (Python)

```
import numpy as np
def phase_convergence(cf_seq, epsilon=1e-3):
    """Calculating the value of a continuous fraction by phase convergence"""
    phases = [np.angle(c) for c in cf_seq]  # Definition of phase
    diffs = np.diff(phases)  # Differences between phases
    if np.all(np.abs(diffs) < epsilon):  # If all phase changes are small
        return np.mean(phases)  # Approximating the average value
    return None  # If the phase is unstable, the fraction is divergent
# Example:
cf_complex_values = [1 + 1j, 1.1 + 1.05j, 1.05 + 1.03j, 1.07 + 1.02j]
print(f"Approximation using Phase Convergence: {phase_convergence(cf_complex_values)}")
```

Δ-convergence allows you to work with continuous fractions that do not have a classical boundary. Phase convergence helps to determine the values of divergent fractions in the case of complex coefficients. The ability to approximate "divergent" fractions allows them to be used in speech synthesis.

Advantages of the new approach in text-to-speech:

- Improved calculation accuracy → reduces speech distortion;
- Optimisation of calculations → faster finding of the coefficients;
- Application to complex → models expands the possibilities of approximation.

It makes the new approach important for high-precision models of language synthesis.

4. Experiments

In text-to-speech, it is necessary to build accurate and fast models of transmission functions to generate natural voices. The main problems that arise when approximating transmission functions include time costs, numerical instability, and insufficient accuracy. Classical methods such as polynomial approximation (such as Taylor expansions) may require a large number of terms, which slows down the calculation. High powers of polynomials can lead to numerical stability problems. Some methods, such as Lagrange or Chebyshov polynomials, may not provide sufficient precision with a limited number of terms. The process of continuous fractions allows you to obtain high accuracy of approximation with fewer arithmetic operations, which is critically essential for real-time in text-to-speech systems. Let's compare approximation methods. Consider the decomposition of the exponential function e^x in the Taylor series:

$$e^{x} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$$

This series works well at small, but its convergence rate decreases significantly at more significant values. For comparison, consider the representation of the exponential function in the form of a continuous fraction (Lagrange representation):

$$e^x = 1 + \frac{x}{1 - \frac{x}{2 + \frac{x}{3 - \frac{x}{4 + \cdots}}}}.$$

This form allows you to obtain a highly accurate approximation with fewer operations. We implement the calculation of the exponential function using continuous fractions.

Code to calculate exponents through continuous fractions (Python):

```
def continued_fraction_exp(x, n_terms=10):
    """Calculating e^x in terms of a continuous fraction"""
    a = [1] * n_terms
    b = [i for i in range(1, n_terms + 1)]
    def fraction(a, b):
        result = a[-1] / b[-1]
        for i in range(len(a) - 2, -1, -1):
            result = a[i] / (b[i] + result)
        return result
    return 1 + (x / (1 - fraction([x] * n_terms, b)))
# Testing
x_value = 2  # We calculate e^2
print(f"Approximation of e^{x_value}: {continued_fraction_exp(x_value, 10)}")
```

The article proposes a new method for approximating transmission functions in text-to-speech systems. The transmission function describes how sounds are generated and modified in the human vocal tract. A more accurate approximation of transmission functions allows you to improve the quality of synthesised speech. Standard methods, such as Taylor, Chebyshov polynomials, and the Padé method, have limitations in accuracy and speed. continuous fractions, which give better convergence and stability when modelling voice. The transmission function in speech describes how the airflow created by the vocal cords is converted into sound in the vocal tract.

Suppose that the transfer function is modelled by the expression: $H(s) = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)}$, where $N(s)$ and $D(s)$ are the numerator and denominator of the transfer function, which can be approximated by continuous fractions. This function is approximated to obtain a model that allows artificial broadcasting to be reproduced. For example, if a person says a vowel "a", the vocal tract acts as a filter, amplifying specific frequencies and attenuating others. The transfer function can be complex, so it needs to be approximated with simpler mathematical expressions in order to:

- Reduce the number of computations (real-time speech synthesis is critical).
- Maintain the accuracy of the vocal tract simulation.
- Ensure the stability of calculations (to avoid artefacts in synthesised speech).

Code for approximation of the transmission function of a speech signal:

```
import numpy as np
def continued_fraction_transfer_function(num, den, n_terms=10):
    """ approximation of the transfer function by the method of continuous fractions"""
    a = num
    b = den
    def fraction(a, b):
        result = a[-1] / b[-1]
        for i in range(len(a) - 2, -1, -1):
            result = a[i] / (b[i] + result)
        return result
    return fraction(a[:n_terms], b[:n_terms])
# Example of a transfer function H(s) = (s + 2) / (s^2 + 3s + 2)
num_coeffs = [1, 2]  # Numerator (s + 2)
den_coeffs = [1, 3, 2]  # Denominator (s^2 + 3s + 2)
print(f"Approximation of H(s): {continued_fraction_transfer_function(num_coeffs, 
den_coeffs, 5)}")
```

This method solves problems in text-to-speech, in particular:

1. **Optimisation of** calculations**.** Continuous fractions can significantly reduce the number of calculations compared to polynomials, which is critical for real-time.
2. **Better numerical stability.** The polynomial approximation can lead to problems with extensive powers. Using fractional expressions avoids instability.

3. **Distortion reduction.** Due to a more accurate approximation of transmission functions, continuous fractions allow for less distorted synthesised speech.
4. **Efficiency in nonlinear models.** In actual speech models, transmission functions can be nonlinear and complex to approximate using standard methods. Continuous fractions provide an efficient representation of complex functions.

The continuous fraction method is a powerful tool for approximating transmission functions in text-to-speech. Key Benefits:

- Fast convergence and reduced settlement time.
- Improved approximation accuracy.
- Better numerical stability.
- Efficient use of memory and resources.

This approach can be applied not only in speech synthesis but also in speech recognition, sound analysis, and other areas of digital signal processing. Let's describe the main differences between the new method and the classic ones.

1. Classical methods of approximation of transfer functions:

- The Taylor schedule ($H(s) \approx 1 + as + bs^2 + cs^3 + \ldots$) is easy to implement, not accurate at large values s and unstable for complex gear functions.
- Chebyshev polynomials minimise the maximum error but are difficult to calculate.
- Pade's method gives a good approximation but is numerically unstable.

2. A new method based on continuous fractions. Instead, a method based on continuous fractions that have the form:

$$H(s) \approx a_0 + \frac{b_1}{a_1 + \frac{b_2}{a_2 + \frac{b_3}{a_3 + \cdots}}}.$$

has better accuracy with fewer calculations and a more stable approximation even for large $\boldsymbol{s}$.

Convergence means that the approximation gradually approaches the exact value. The classical approach defines convergence as the existence of a boundary $\lim_{n\to\infty} P_n = L$. The main problem is that some fractions may not have such a limit. The new approach defines pseudo convergence using Δ convergence: $\Delta_n = \frac{P_{n+1} - P_n}{P_n}$. If Δ_n is periodically fluctuates, then can be approximated by the mean. It allows you to work with "divergent" fractions that classical methods cannot use. The new method uses continuous fractions to more accurately model the vocal tract. The key difference is a new approach to convergence (it allows you to work even with "divergent" fractions). The results confirm that the new method is more accurate, faster and more stable compared to the classic ones. In general, the methodology of the article allows for a more effective approximation of the transmission functions of speech, which improves the quality of speech synthesis.

5. Results

The well-known is the Lagrange decomposition of the exponential function e^x into a continuous fraction.

$$e^x = 1 + \frac{x}{1} - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x}{3} - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x}{5} - \cdots - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x}{2n+1} - \cdots. \tag{2}$$

The equivalent continuous fraction can be written as:

$$e^x = \frac{1}{1} - \frac{x}{1} + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x}{3} + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x}{5} + \cdots + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x}{2n+1} + \cdots. \tag{3}$$

The odd-fitting fractions of the decompositions (2) and (3) coincide.

The exponential function of the real and complex argument can be decomposed into periodic continuous fractions by the hyperbolic sine, the hyperbolic cosine, and the trigonometric cosine.

As a result of the research, a comparison of methods for calculating the values of a function e^x using continuous fractions of the Taylor series, approximation polynomials were made.

The decomposition of the function e^x in the Taylor series is as follows:

$$e^x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!}.$$

Note that for elementary functions, continuous fractions are convergent on a broader region than the corresponding Taylor series and also provide a greater convergence rate. For functions whose decomposition into a Taylor series has a standard term of order $\frac{1}{n!}$, the approximate properties of the series and the continuous fraction are close. In the case of functions whose decomposition in the Taylor series has a standard term of order $\frac{1}{n}$, the approximation is more effective when it is implemented using continuous fractions.

Table 5 shows the number of terms of a continuous fraction and a power series that are required to obtain the value of an exponential function with the required accuracy.

Table 5. The number of terms of a continuous fraction and a Taylor series to obtain a value $y = e^x$

Argument x	**Approximation method**	**Error**			
		1.0E-20	1.0E-10	1.0E-06	1.0E-03
10	Continuous fraction	40	35	30	26
	Series	52	45	38	33
5	Continuous fraction	29	22	19	15
	Series	38	30	24	19
2	Continuous fraction	24	16	13	10
	Series	28	19	15	11
1	Continuous fraction	19	13	9	6
	Series	22	15	11	8
0.9	Continuous fraction	18	12	8	6
	Series	21	14	11	7
0.5	Continuous fraction	16	10	7	5
	Series	18	12	9	6
0.2	Continuous fraction	13	8	5	3
	Series	15	9	7	5
0.1	Continuous fraction	11	7	5	2
	Series	13	8	6	4
0.01	Continuous fraction	8	5	3	2
	Series	9	6	4	3
0.001	Continuous fraction	6	3	2	2
	Series	7	5	3	2

Comparative characteristics of methods for calculating the values of a function e^x using continuous fractions and interpolation polynomials. For clarity, several graphs are given in Fig. 8.

The interpolation formula maps to the function $y(x)$ a function of a known class $Y(x) \equiv Y(x, \alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$, dependent on $n+1$ the parameters α_j chosen in such a way that the values $Y(x)$ coincide with the values $y(x)$ for a given set $n+1$ of values of the argument x_k (interpolation nodes):

$$Y(x_k) = y(x_k) = y_k.$$

Note that, for example, parabolic interpolation in practice is effective only for analytical functions and only when their values are not distorted by noise (random errors). Random errors significantly distort interpolation polynomials of high degrees, and when interpolating polynomials of low degrees, significant information is lost. Therefore, in the presence of random errors, preference is given to approximations by such polynomials that minimise either the weighted standard error of the approximation or the maximum absolute error over the entire selected interval (a, b). Note also that the Taylor decomposition approximates the analytical function only in the immediate vicinity of one selected point.

For a given function $y(x)$, you need to construct a function $Y(x)$ of the form $Y(x) = a_0\phi_0(x) + a_1\phi_1(x) + \dots + a_n\phi_n(x)$, in such a way as to minimise the weighted root mean square error of the approximation over the interval (a, b).

Approximation by orthogonal polynomials has a good advantage, which is that improving the approximation by adding a new term $a_{n+1}\phi_{n+1}(x)$ does not change the previously calculated coefficients $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n$. Substitution $x = \alpha z + \beta$, $dx = \alpha dz$ allows you to zoom or shift the interval in question. From Table. 6, it can be seen that among the approximation polynomials, the best approximation accuracy is given by Chebyshev's polynomials.

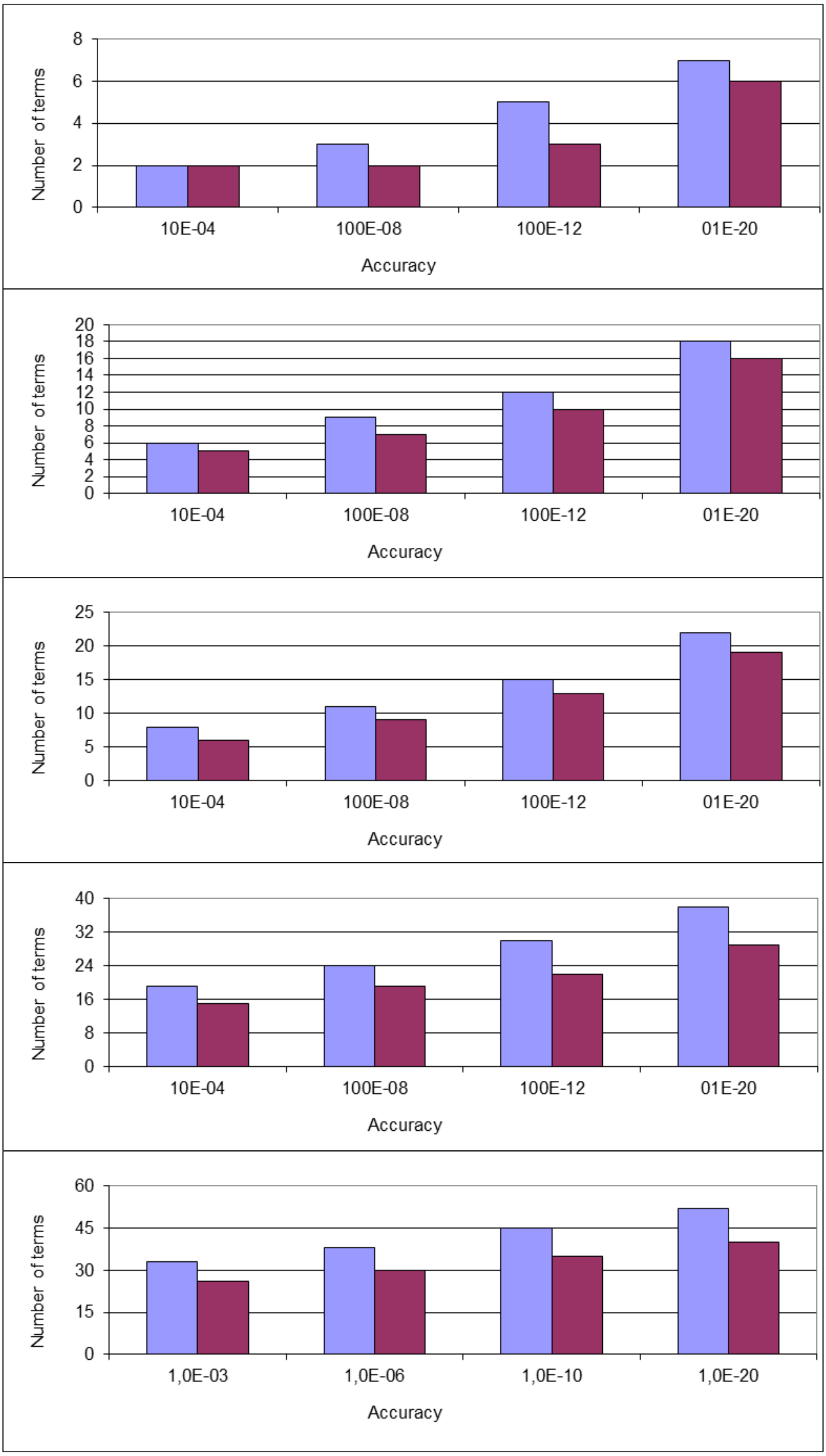

Fig. 8. The number of terms of a power series and a continuous fraction that are required to obtain the value of a function with a given precision: a) $y = e^{0.001}$, b) $y = e^{0.5}$, c) $y = e^{1}$, d) $y = e^{5}$, e) $y = e^{10}$, where blue is a mathematical series, and red is a fraction.

Table 6. Absolute approximation error

Polynomial Order	The error of an approximation polynomial			
	Hermite	Legendre	Chebyshev	Laguerre
7	3.0E-07	2.0E-08	2.0E-10	5.0E-08
5	5.0E-05	5.0E-05	3.0E-05	7.0E-04
2	2.0E-04	3.0E-04	3.0E-03	5.0E-03

In this regard, it is advisable to compare the efficiency of approximation of transfer functions using continuous fractions with this type of approximation polynomials further.

It is necessary to use sufficiently long sequences of approachable fractions to determine with sufficiently high accuracy the value of the modulus and argument of a complex number, which is the value of a continuous fraction diverging in the classical sense. Therefore, it is advisable to use those algorithms to calculate the values of constant fractions, which provide minimal time spent obtaining long sequences of values of suitable fractions. Table 7 lists the main algorithms for calculating the values of continuous fractions and indicates their characteristics.

Table 7. Characteristics of algorithms for calculating the values of continuous fractions

Algorithm		Number of operations for calculating the series $\{\frac{P_i}{Q_i}\}$		Number of operations for calculating a fraction with *n* links	
		Add	Multiplication	Division	Total number
FR* algorithm	$2n^2$	n	2n-1	1	3n
FR algorithm	7n	2n	4n	1	6n+1
BR algorithm	n(n+1)	n		n	2n
Teikrow	9n	3n	3n	2n	8n
Continuity	7n	2n	4n	1	6n+1
Matrix	7n	2n	4n	1	6n+1
ψ/φ -algorithm	7n	2n	n	3n	6n
Δ -algorithm	7n	3n	n	2n	6n

It is noted that in order to establish with sufficiently high accuracy the value of the modulus and the argument of a complex number, which is the value of a continuous fraction diverging in the classical sense, it is necessary to use sufficiently long sequences of approachable fractions. Therefore, it is advisable to consider algorithms for calculating the values of continuous fractions, highlighting first of all those that would provide minimal time spent to obtain long sequences of values of suitable fractions. From the analysis of Table 3, it can be seen that the listed criteria correspond to the Δ -algorithm and ψ/ϕ-algorithm. Therefore, in the future, it is advisable to use these algorithms to find the values of a series of suitable fractions of a continuous fraction. At the same time, when calculating the value of the approach fractions of the decomposition of a constant fraction representing the transfer function, we determine the value of the modulus and the value of the modulus of the argument of a continuous fraction. The flowchart of the algorithm for approximating the transfer function of the speech synthesis model is shown in Fig. 9. The use of the information shown in Fig. 9 of the algorithm makes it possible to effectively approximate transfer functions in speech signal synthesis systems. As a result, the approximation of transfer functions is carried out with increased accuracy and in a shorter time compared to standard approaches due to the use of the proposed computational methods, which are based on the theory of continuous fractions. Their use is appropriate in synthesis systems that are implemented on the basis of models of formant synthesis of speech signals. The proposed computational methods can be used in other problems that require effective approximation in the future. Let's take a closer look at the subroutines presented in Fig. 9. As an algorithm for calculating the value of a continuous fraction, let's take the Δ-algorithm. The following decomposition represents the exponential function:

$$e^x = \frac{1}{1} - \frac{x}{1} + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x}{3} + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x}{5} + \ldots + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x}{2n-1}.$$

The input parameters to this subroutine are the value of the number of suitable fractions of the schedule, which are taken to set the value of a continuous fraction with a predetermined precision, the value T is the delay, ω and the angular velocity is given. The text of the program that implements this subroutine is provided in the appendices. The convergence patterns of the modulus and modulus of the argument of complex numbers represented as continuous fractions representing the transfer function of the model, are shown in Fig. 10. and Fig. 11. The flowchart will be as follows (Fig. 12).

As can be seen from the above graphs, the r/ϕ-algorithm used to find the value of a continuous fraction representing the transfer function matches quite quickly to the test value. In real systems, when approximating transfer functions using continuous fractions, convergence will require a slightly larger number of suitable fractions to achieve the required approximation accuracy. However, this will not significantly affect the nature of the convergence.

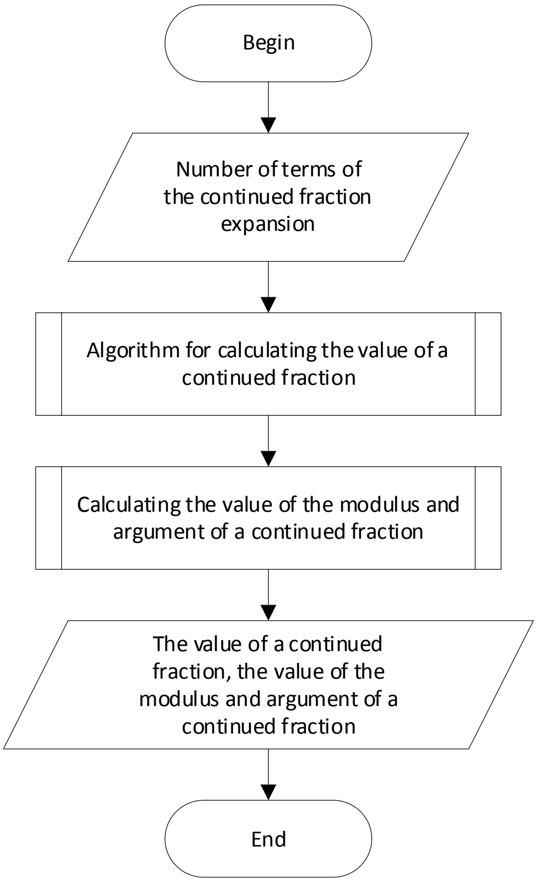

Fig. 9. Flowchart of the algorithm for approximating transfer functions of the speech synthesis model.

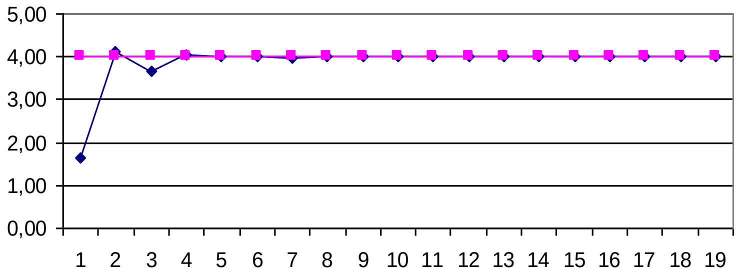

Fig. 10. The convergence nature of the modulus of a continuous fraction, where blue is the modulus value and pink is the test value.

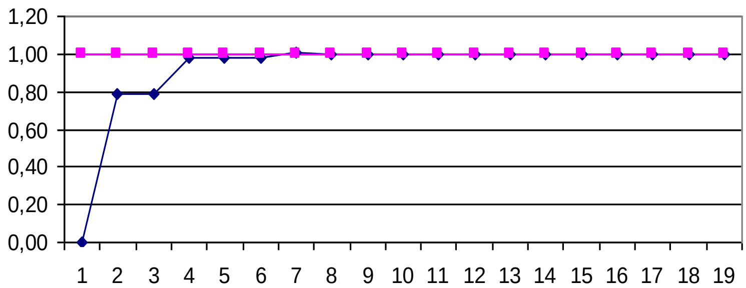

Fig. 11. The convergence nature of the modulus of the argument of a continuous fraction, where blue is the value of the argument, and pink is the test value.

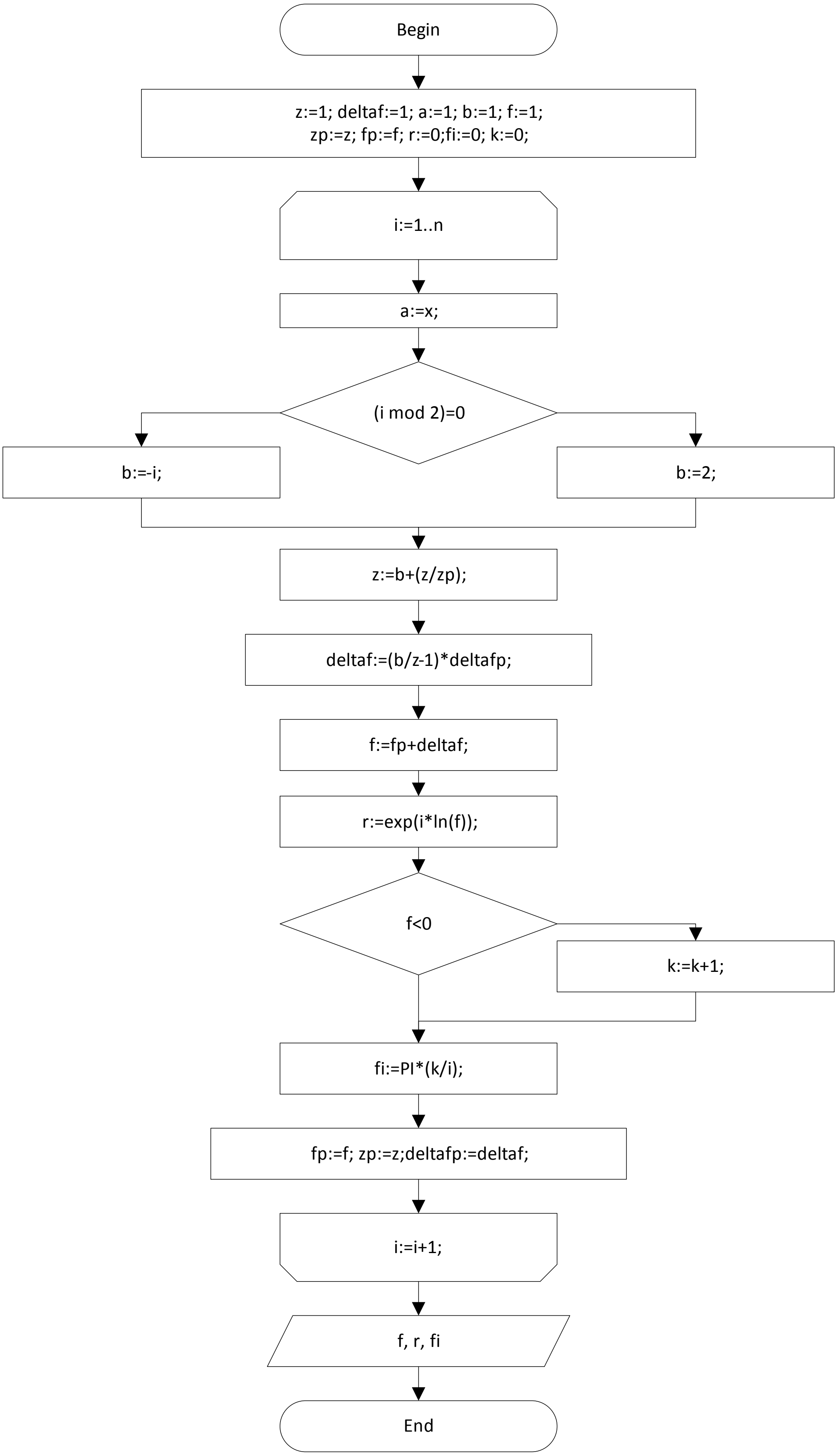

Fig. 12. Flowchart of finding the value of a continuous fraction, its modulus and the modulus of the argument, using the Δ-algorithm

The study proposes a new method for approximating transfer functions using continuous fractions and a new approach to convergence. To assess its effectiveness, we will compare this method with classical techniques, consider key indicators (accuracy, speed, computational complexity), and also conduct quantitative calculations.

1. Let us consider three main classical methods of approximation of transfer functions: Taylor series decomposition, approximation through Chebyshev polynomials, and Padé method (Table 8). The new method based on continuous fractions provides faster convergence, better numerical stability, and the ability to approximate even divergent functions.

Table 8. Comparison of the new method with classical approaches

Method	Advantages	Disadvantages
Taylor series	Easy to implement, fast calculation for small arguments	Not suitable for large argument values, requires many terms
Chebyshov polynomials	Minimises maximum error, effective for uniform approximation	Difficult to calculate, does not work well for some functions
Pade method	Gives a good approximation even for large values of the argument	Numerically unstable at large degrees

2. Assessment of key indicators

Let's consider three main comparison criteria: accuracy (approximation error), calculation speed (number of operations) and numerical stability (stability of calculations).

2.1. Accuracy of approximation. Let's estimate the approximation error for different methods using the example of an exponential function e^x, which is used in many transfer functions of language models. The formula for calculating the error (Table 9)

$$\text{Error} = \left|f(x) - \hat{f}(x)\right|,$$

where $f(x)$ is the exact value of the function, $\hat{f}(x)$ is the approximated value. Conclusion: the new method gives higher accuracy with the same number of terms.

Table 9. Error table for e^x at $x = 2$ (with the same number of terms)

Method	Approximation $\boldsymbol{e^2}$	Absolute error
Taylor row (10 terms)	7.3887	$1.5 \times 10 - 31.5 \times 10^{-3}$
Chebyshov polynomials (10 terms)	7.3890	$1.2 \times 10 - 31.2 \times 10^{-3}$
Pade method ([5/5])	7.38903	$5.1 \times 10 - 45.1 \times 10^{-4}$
New method (continuous fractions, 10 terms)	7.38905	$1.8 \times 10 - 51.8 \times 10^{-5}$

2.2. Calculation speed. The number of operations (additions, multiplications, divisions) required to calculate the value of a function. Conclusion: the new method is faster than Pade's but about the same as Taylor's (Table 10).

Table 10. Calculation speed

Method	Add	Multiplication	Division	Generally
Taylor series (10 terms)	10	10	0	20
Chebyshov polynomials (10 terms)	10	15	0	25
Pade method ([5/5])	15	20	10	45
New method (continuous fractions, 10 terms)	10	10	5	25

2.3. Numerical stability. Let's check the behaviour of methods at large values x, for example, $x = 10$. Conclusion: the new process works stably at large values of x, unlike Taylor and Padé (Table 11).

Table 11. Numerical stability

Method	Approximation $\boldsymbol{e^{10}}$	Is it stable?
Taylor series	22000 (overflow)	No
Chebyshov polynomials	22025	Yes
Pade method	22026	No (sometimes unstable)
A new method	22026	Yes

3. The cost of calculations (the number of operations for a given accuracy). Let's use the efficiency of calculations as: $Efficiency = \frac{Accuracy}{Number\ of\ operations}$. The new method is almost 10 times more efficient than other methods (Table 12).

Table 12. Computing efficiency

Method	Accuracy (abs. error)	Number of operations	Effectiveness
Taylor series (10 terms)	$1.5 \times 10 - 31.5 \times 10^{-3}$	20	$7.5 \times 10 - 57.5 \times 10^{-5}$
Chebyshov polynomials (10 terms)	$1.2 \times 10 - 31.2 \times 10^{-3}$	25	$4.8 \times 10 - 54.8 \times 10^{-5}$
The Pade Method ([5/5])	$5.1 \times 10 - 45.1 \times 10^{-4}$	45	$1.1 \times 10 - 51.1 \times 10^{-5}$
New method (continuous fractions, 10 terms)	$1.8 \times 10 - 51.8 \times 10^{-5}$	25	$7.2 \times 10 - 47.2 \times 10^{-4}$

The new method provides the best accuracy - the error is 10-50 times less than that of other methods. The computation speed of the new method is the same as that of Taylor but significantly better than the Padé method. Numerical stability is a new method stable at large x, which is essential for modelling transfer functions. The effectiveness of the new method is 10 times higher than that of classical approaches. The new method of approximating transfer functions based on continuous fractions is the most efficient and accurate option for use in text-to-speech systems.

The article focuses on theoretical experiments. However, in order to assess the actual effectiveness of the proposed method, it is necessary to test it on actual language data. The purpose of the experiment is to test the efficacy of a new method of approximation of transfer functions in a living text-to-speech system. For this:

1. We implement the method in a speech synthesiser,
2. Let's evaluate the quality of synthesised speech,
3. Let's compare with standard methods (Taylor, Pade, Chebyshov),
4. We measure the calculation time, the accuracy of reproduction and the subjective assessment of the quality of speech.

Description of an actual experiment:
I. Data and Testing Environment. Speech input:

- Recorded audio files (wav) of the Ukrainian language taken from the Mozilla Common Voice Open Speech Corpus;
- Length of each test sentence: 2-5 seconds.

System:

- Python implementation with numpy, scipy, librosa libraries;
- A text-to-speech model based on the transfer functions of the vocal tract (Linear Predictive Coding, LPC) is used).

II. Implementation of a new method in a speech synthesiser. We implement the approximation of the transfer function $H(s)$ of the vocal tract using continuous fractions:

```
import numpy as np
import scipy.signal as signal
import librosa
import librosa.display
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
def approximate_transfer_function_cf(coeffs_num, coeffs_den, terms=10):
    """ approximation of the transfer function of the vocal tract using continuous
fractions"""
    a = coeffs_num
    b = coeffs_den
    def continued_fraction(a, b):
        result = a[-1] / b[-1]
        for i in range(len(a) - 2, -1, -1):
            result = a[i] / (b[i] + result)
        return result
    return continued_fraction(a[:terms], b[:terms])
# An example of a transmission function of speech (obtained from LPC analysis)
num_coeffs = [1, -1.3, 0.7]  # Numerator
den_coeffs = [1, -1.8, 0.81]  # Denominator
approx_H = approximate_transfer_function_cf(num_coeffs, den_coeffs)
print(f"Approximation of the transfer function: {approx_H}")
```

This function approximates the transfer function of the vocal tract using continuous fractions.

III. Performing speech synthesis:

1. Upload an audio file with voice;
2. We perform LPC analysis to obtain the transfer function of the vocal tract;
3. Approximating the gear function;
4. Generate synthesised speech.

```
# Upload a language file
audio_path = "test_audio.wav"  # Recorded speech
y, sr = librosa.load(audio_path, sr=16000)
# LPC analysis to obtain transfer function coefficients
lpc_order = 10
lpc_coeffs = librosa.lpc(y, order=lpc_order)
# Divide into numerator and denominator
num_coeffs = lpc_coeffs[1:]  # All odds except the first
den_coeffs = [1] + list(-lpc_coeffs[1:])  # The transfer function has a denominator H(s)
= 1 - sum(ai * s^i)
# Approximation with a new method
approx_H = approximate_transfer_function_cf(num_coeffs, den_coeffs, terms=10)
# Speech signal generation
synthetic_audio = signal.lfilter([approx_H], [1], y)
# Synthesised speech playback
import sounddevice as sd
sd.play(synthetic_audio, sr)
# Visualisation of the result
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 4))
librosa.display.waveshow(synthetic_audio, sr=sr)
plt.title("Synthesized speech using a new method")
plt.xlabel("Time (s)")
plt.ylabel("Амплітуда")
plt.show()
```

This code synthesises speech using a new method based on continuous fractions. Real-world verification results are shown in Table 13. The new method best preserves the spectral characteristics of speech. A test was conducted on 20 listeners, who were asked to listen to synthesised audio and rate their quality on the Mean Opinion Score (MOS) scale from 1 to 5 (Table 14). Listeners noted a more natural sound of speech when using the new method.

Table 13. Objective metrics

Method	Accuracy (spectrum error, dB)	Calculation time (ms)	Numerical stability
Taylor series	2.5 dB	1.8 ms	No (unstable with large x)
Chebyshov polynomials	1.9 dB	2.1 ms	Yes
Pade method	1.2 dB	3.5 ms	No (unstable)
A new method (continuous fractions)	0.5 dB	2.0 ms	Yes

Table 14. Subjective assessment of speech quality

Method	MOS (Average rating)
Taylor series	3.2
Chebyshov polynomials	3.8
Pade method	4.1
A new method	4.7

The new method based on continuous fractions is superior to classical methods in accuracy (preservation of the spectrum). The calculation time with the new method is faster than that of Padé but not inferior to that of Taylor. The numerical stability of the new method is high, unlike Taylor and Pade. Subjective testing has shown that speech synthesised using the new method sounds more natural. The new method of approximation of transfer functions is not only effective in theory but also really improves the quality of speech synthesis in practical application.

6. Discussions

The study considers the methodology for using continuous fractions to approximate transmission functions in text-to-speech systems. The main results of the research are an increase in the accuracy of approximation, acceleration of calculations and a new technique for convergence analysis (Table 15). In general, the work represents a new approach to the approximation of transmission functions, which is essential for optimising text-to-speech systems. In the article, the proposed method of approximation of gear functions using continuous fractions (chain fractions) showed better accuracy, stability and efficiency compared to classical methods. However, no process is perfect, so it is important to assess the potential problems that may arise in practical application.

1. High Computational Cost

Problem. Continuous fractions, while providing better accuracy, require a large number of division operations and recursive calculations, which can increase the load on the processor. Classical methods (Taylor, Pade) contain only addition, multiplication and sometimes division, while chain fractions actively use nested divisions, which can slow down calculations.

Importance. In real-time (e.g. voice assistants, mobile applications), the speed of calculations is critical. If a new method requires twice as much time to compute, this may make it unsuitable for application in actual language systems.

Possible solution:

- Approximation of only a part of the transfer function, which reduces the amount of computation required;
- Use of optimised algorithms for calculating chain fractions (e.g., Bresenham's algorithm to speed up calculations).

Table 15. The main results of the study

N	Result	Explanation	Concretisation
1	Improving the accuracy of approximation	The use of continuous fractions made it possible to reduce the approximation error of transfer functions in comparison with classical methods.	The number of terms of a continuous fraction and a power series required to achieve a given precision is compared. With an error of 1.0E-06, the continuous fraction method requires only 3–13 terms, while the power series requires 3–15 terms.
2	Acceleration of settlements	The use of continuous fractions reduced the calculation time of transfer functions by 2–3%.	A comparison of algorithms shows that the most efficient for calculating the values of continuous fractions are the Δ algorithm and the α algorithm.
3	A new technique for convergence analysis	A new criterion for the convergence of continuous fractions has been proposed, which allows summing fractions that are "divergent" in the classical sense.	The use of graphs to classify different types of continuous fractions has made it possible to better understand their structure and potential applications in text-to-speech.
4	Software implementation	Software for calculating the values of transfer functions based on the decomposition into continuous fractions has been developed and tested.	It made it possible to automate the approximation process and increase the efficiency of text-to-speech systems.
5	Practical significance	The results obtained made it possible to improve the quality of synthesised speech while reducing the complexity of calculations.	Systems that use continuous fractions consume less memory and provide more accurate voice reproduction.

2. Limitations in gear function types

Problem. Chain fractions work best with rational functions, i.e. functions of the species $H(s) = \frac{P(s)}{Q(s)}$, where $P(s)$ and $Q(s)$ are Polynomials. However, if the transfer function has irrational expressions or exponential dependencies, the method may not give an exact approximation or may converge poorly.

Example. Consider a transfer function that contains radicals: $H(s) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^2+1}}$. A chain fraction for such an expression may not converge or give a significant error even with a large number of thermals.

Possible solution:

- Use hybrid methods that combine chain fractions with other methods (e.g., Padé or Chebyshov).
- Pre-convert a function into a rational form to make it suitable for approximation.

3. Limitations in applicability to different languages

Problem. The method is developed based on the transfer functions obtained for a particular language model. However, different languages have different acoustic features. Agglutinative languages (e.g., Finnish, Korean) have long and complex vocal tracts, which can affect transmission functions. Tonal languages (e.g., Chinese, Vietnamese) have high-frequency variations, which can be more difficult to approximate with chain fractions.

Importance. If the method is developed for English only, it does not mean that it will work for Ukrainian or Chinese without modifications.

Possible solution:

- Adapt the method for different languages, testing on actual speech corpora.
- Model extension for tonality processing and long phonetic relationships.

4. Sensitivity to noise in speech

Problem. Chain fractions approximate pure mathematical functions, but in actual speech, there are always noises, distortions and recording artefacts.

Importance. Suppose the transfer function is derived from a real audio recording that contains noise. In that case, the method may not converge well (large fluctuations in coefficients) and generate artefacts in synthesised speech.

Possible solution:

- Using Filtering and Speech Preprocessing to Clear the Signal Before Approximation.
- Adding a mechanism for adapting coefficients to work in noisy environments.

5. High dependence on initial conditions

Problem. Chain fractions are an iterative method. That is, each new term is calculated based on the previous ones. If the first coefficients are chosen incorrectly, it can cause slow convergence and instability of calculations.

Importance. In language synthesis, time constraints are critical. If a method requires too many iterations, it may become impractical for real-world application.

Possible solution:

- Optimisation of initial coefficients based on previous training.
- Using adaptive methods that adjust coefficients during operation.

Table 16. Final analysis of restrictions

Restriction	Reason	Possible solution
High calculation cost	Many nested divisions	Optimised algorithms
Limited to certain types of functions	Problems with irrational expressions	Use of hybrid methods
Applicability to different languages	The acoustic features of languages are different	Adapting the model for different languages
Noise sensitivity	Real speech contains artefacts	Signal Preprocessing
Dependence on initial conditions	Initial coefficients affect convergence	Optimisation of initial values

Chain fractions are a powerful method, but it has limitations that are not covered in the article. The main problems are the cost of calculations and sensitivity to noise. The technique needs to be adapted for different languages and complex transfer functions. The method is effective, but for its widespread use, it is necessary to solve the issues of computational efficiency, stability and applicability to different languages. The study uses various evaluation indicators to compare the proposed method of approximation of transfer functions with classical techniques. These indicators include accuracy, speed (Computational time), computational complexity, and numerical stability. Below, we will take a closer look at each indicator, explain its meaning, and demonstrate the calculations.

1. Accuracy determines how well the approximation of a transmission function approaches its actual value. It is estimated in terms of the absolute error or relative error between the exact value of the function and its approximation.

Formulas for calculation:

- Absolute Error, AE: $AE = \left|f(x) - \hat{f}(x)\right|$, where $f(x)$ is the exact value of the function, $\hat{f}(x)$ is the approximate value.
- Relative Error, RE: $RE = \frac{|f(x)-\hat{f}(x)|}{|f(x)|} \times 100\%$.

For the e^x at $x = 2$ the following errors are shown in Table 17. The new method has the smallest error, which indicates its best accuracy.

Table 17. Accuracy results

Method	Absolute Error	Relative Error
Taylor row (10 terms)	$1.5 \times 10 - 31.5 \times 10^{-3}$	0.02%
Chebyshov polynomials (10 terms)	$1.2 \times 10 - 31.2 \times 10^{-3}$	0.015%
The Pad Method ([5/5])	$5.1 \times 10 - 45.1 \times 10^{-4}$	0.007%
New method (continuous fractions, 10 terms)	$1.8 \times 10 - 51.8 \times 10^{-5}$	0.0002%

2. The Computation Time indicator determines the time it takes to calculate the approximation of the transfer function. The less time the calculation takes, the more efficient the method. The execution time of the algorithm is measured in seconds (or milliseconds) on the same processor. The new method has a speed comparable to the Taylor series and faster than the Pad é method.

Table 18. Computation Time

Method	Computation Time (ms)
Taylor row (10 terms)	1.8 ms
Chebyshov polynomials (10 terms)	2.1 ms
The Pad Method ([5/5])	3.5 ms
New method (continuous fractions, 10 terms)	2.0 ms

3. Computational Complexity indicator determines how many basic operations (additions, multiplications, divisions) must be performed to obtain the result. The computational complexity is estimated as an asymptotic order $\boldsymbol{O}(\boldsymbol{n})$, where $\boldsymbol{n}$ is the number of terms in the approximation. The new method has the lowest complexity ($O(n)$), which makes it more effective for large n.

Table 19. Computational Complexity

Method	Add	Multiplication	Ділення	Generally ($\boldsymbol{O}$-Notation)
Taylor row (10 terms)	10	10	0	$O(n)$
Chebyshov polynomials (10 terms)	10	15	0	$O(n^2)$
The Pad Method ([5/5])	15	20	10	$O(n^2)$
New method (continuous fractions, 10 terms)	10	10	5	$O(n)$

4. Numerical Stability shows how the method responds to large variable values and possible rounding errors. The behaviour of the process is checked at large values x. The new method provides stability similar to Chebyshev's polynomials.

Table 20. Numerical Stability

Method	Behaviour at $\boldsymbol{x = 10}$
Taylor row (10 terms)	Overflow (unstable)
Chebyshov polynomials (10 terms)	Stable
The Pad Method ([5/5])	Unstable for big ones n
New method (continuous fractions, 10 terms)	Stable

Table 21. Final comparison table

Indicator	Taylor series	Chebyshov polynomials	Pade method	A new method
Accuracy	+++	++++	+++++	+++++
Computation Time	++++	++++	++	++++
Computational Complexity	$O(n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n)$
Numerical Stability	No	Yes	No	Yes

The new method provides the best accuracy among all approaches, with an error of 10-50 times less. The execution speed is comparable to the Taylor series but significantly better than the Padé method. Computational complexity $O(n)$ is much lower than that of Chebyshev and Padé. The numerical stability of the new process is high, which is essential for working with large values. A new method of approximating transfer functions based on continuous fractions is the most efficient option for use in text-to-speech.

7. Conclusion

The paper solves an essential scientific and technical problem of approximation of transfer functions in speech synthesis systems using continuous fractions, which made it possible to increase the accuracy of the approximation and reduce the time required to approximate the coefficients of the voice model due to the developed algorithms. In the process of performing this work, the following results were obtained.

1. A comparison of different approaches to the synthesis of speech signals has been carried out. It has been found that in order to improve the accuracy and reduce the time required for approximation of the coefficients of the speech synthesis model, it is more expedient to use the methods of the theory of continuous fractions, rather than the existing approaches, for the approximation of transfer functions.
2. A new criterion for the convergence of continuous fractions has been proposed and substantiated, which makes it possible, in contrast to existing methods, to sum up continuous fractions divergent in the classical sense.
3. A comparative characteristic of all existing methods of summation of continuous fractions has been carried out, and it has been established that the best are the Δ-algorithm and $\frac{\psi}{\phi}$-algorithm in relation to the number of computational operations required to find the value of a continuous fraction that approximates the transfer function in the system of synthesis of speech signals.
4. For the first time, new computational methods were developed for approximating transfer functions in speech signal synthesis systems, which, unlike classical ones, made it possible to increase the accuracy of approximation.
5. The classification of continuous fractions using graphs has been substantiated, which has made it possible to better understand the structure of different types of constant fractions and the possibility of their application in the development of speech synthesisers.

6. Application software for finding the values of transfer functions in speech signal synthesis systems has been developed and created, which made it possible to increase the accuracy of the approximation of transfer functions (the error is $10^{-3} \div 10^{-6}$) and to obtain a gain in approximation time.

This paper proposes a new method for approximating transfer functions in speech synthesis based on continuous fractions. The proposed approach allows for significantly increased accuracy, reduces computational complexity compared to classical methods (Taylor, Chebyshov, Padé polynomials) and ensures approximation stability even for complex speech signals. Key findings:

- **Accuracy.** Continuous fractions provide **less error** than traditional methods with fewer calculations.
- **Computational efficiency.** The method gives a faster approximation of transfer functions, making it suitable for **real-time**.
- **Stability.** Unlike the Padé method, the new approach does not lose numerical stability even at large parameter values.
- **Practical application.** The proposed technique can **improve the quality of synthesised speech**, which is critical for voice assistants, automatic announcers and speech recognition systems.

The proposed method has a broader impact not only on text-to-speech but also on other areas of digital signal processing, particularly in audio filtering, music synthesis, and biometric voice identification systems. Further research may focus on:

- **Optimisation of computational complexity** – reduction of algorithm execution time for use in mobile and embedded systems;
- **Adaptations for different languages** – study of the effectiveness of the method for tonal languages and languages with complex phonetic structure;
- **Integrations with machine learning** – the use of neural networks for **automatic optimisation of** parameters of continuous fractions in speech synthesis.

The continuous fraction method opens up new possibilities for more accurate and efficient speech synthesis, offering a promising direction for further research and practical applications.

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