Introduction

The Polar Encoder/Decoder soft IP core supports Polar encoding and decoding. The Polar codes are configurable and can be used on a block-by-block basis.

Note: In this document, a block is the general term for an atomic unit of data processed by an encoder or decoder. A codeword is the specific form of an encoded block and is used when discussing the code parameters used to generate it.

Additional Documentation

A product guide is available for this core. Access to this material can be requested by clicking on this registration link: www.xilinx.com/member/polar-cores.html

Features

• Supports 3GPP TS 38.212 V15.1.1 3rd Generation Partnership Project; Technical Specification Group Radio Access Network; NR; Multiplexing and channel coding (Release 15)

• Throughput\(^{(1)}\) up to:
  \(\bullet\) >80 Mb/s for decoder (N=1024, K=200)
  \(\bullet\) >700 Mb/s for encoder (N=1024, K=200)

• High bandwidth AXI4-Stream interfaces

1. See performance in the Polar Encoder/Decoder Product Guide (PG280). Figures are for a clock frequency of 400 MHz and should be scaled for achieved clock frequency. Throughput is a function of many factors including code size, code mix, clock frequency and augmentation parameters

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Notes:

1. For a complete listing of supported devices, see the Vivado IP catalog.
2. For the supported versions of the tools, see the Xilinx Design Tools: Release Notes Guide.
3. The Early Access version of this core only supports Mentor Graphics Questa Advanced Simulator v10.5c

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Overview

Forward Error Correction (FEC) codes such as Polar codes provide a means to control errors in data transmissions over unreliable or noisy communication channels. The Polar Encoder/Decoder core provides an optimized block for encoding and soft-decision decoding of these codes. Codes can be specified through an AXI4-Lite bus. A block diagram of the Polar Encoder/Decoder core is shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Polar Encoder/Decoder Core Block Diagram
Feature Summary

The Polar Encoder/Decoder soft IP core is a highly flexible soft-decision implementation for Polar codes offering the following features.

- Decoder performs Successive Cancellation List decoding with a list size of eight augmented by parity and/or CRC bits according to 3GPP TS 38.212 V15.1.1.
- Ability to specify number of inputs and outputs on either a block-by-block basis or transfer basis.
- Up to 128 codes configured over an AXI4-Lite interface.
- Codes selected on a block-by-block basis.
- Codeword sizes from N=32 to N=1024, K from 2 to N, K_{max} is 140 when interleaved.
- As an encoder, the core accepts K bits of information and outputs N encoded bits; as a decoder, the core accepts N soft value log-likelihood ratios (LLR) and outputs K hard decision bits.
- 8 bit soft value LLR inputs are accepted by the decoder, with external saturation to symmetric range assumed.
- Supports only in-order execution of blocks.
- Wide data interfaces on input and output.
- Separate input and output streams allow control parameters and status to be provided on a block-by-block basis.

Applications

The Polar Encoder/Decoder core is intended for, but not limited to, use in applications requiring Polar encode/decode, such as 5G wireless (3GPP TS 38.212 V15.1.1 Multiplexing and channel coding (Release 15)). UCI, DCI, and BCH use cases are supported.
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