

**Figure 7.2** Direct-form realization of linear-phase FIR system ( $M$  odd).

system. Consequently, the direct-form realization is often called a transversal or tapped-delay-line filter.

When the FIR system has linear phase, as described in Section 8.2, the unit sample response of the system satisfies either the symmetry or asymmetry condition

$$h(n) = \pm h(M-1-n) \quad (7.2.5)$$

For such a system the number of multiplications is reduced from  $M$  to  $M/2$  for  $M$  even and to  $(M-1)/2$  for  $M$  odd. For example, the structure that takes advantage of this symmetry is illustrated in Fig. 7.2 for the case in which  $M$  is odd.

## 7.2.2 Cascade-Form Structures

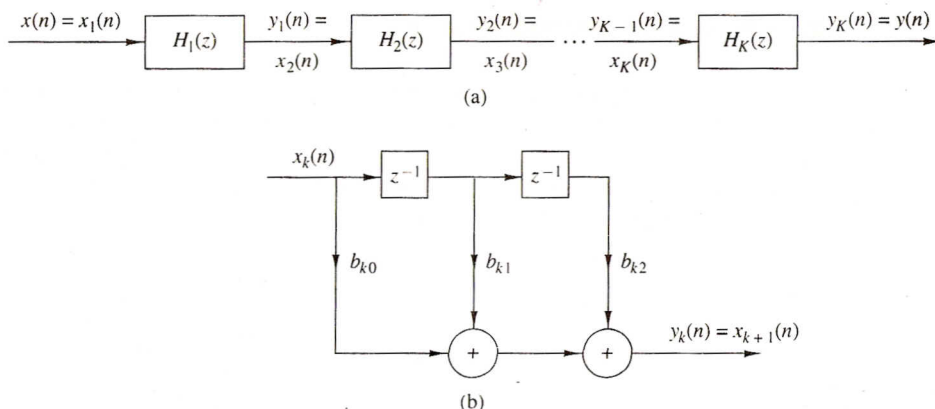
The cascade realization follows naturally from the system function given by (7.2.2). It is a simple matter to factor  $H(z)$  into second-order FIR systems so that

$$H(z) = \prod_{k=1}^K H_k(z) \quad (7.2.6)$$

where

$$H_k(z) = b_{k0} + b_{k1}z^{-1} + b_{k2}z^{-2} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, K \quad (7.2.7)$$

and  $K$  is the integer part of  $(M+1)/2$ . The filter parameter  $b_0$  may be equally distributed among the  $K$  filter sections, such that  $b_0 = b_{10}b_{20} \cdots b_{K0}$  or it may be assigned to a single filter section. The zeros of  $H(z)$  are grouped in pairs to produce the second-order FIR systems of the form (7.2.7). It is always desirable to form pairs of complex-conjugate roots so that the coefficients  $\{b_{ki}\}$  in (7.2.7) are real valued. On the other hand, real-valued roots can be paired in any arbitrary manner. The cascade-form realization along with the basic second-order section are shown in Fig. 7.3.

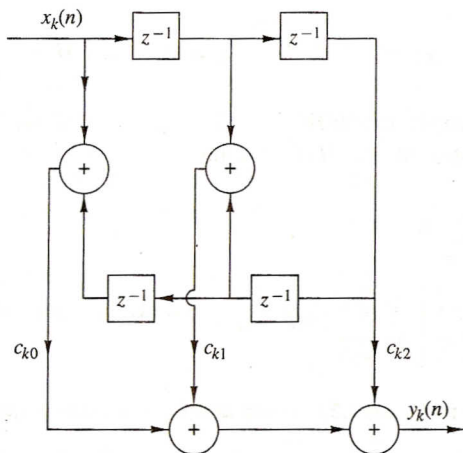


**Figure 7.3** Cascade realization of an FIR system.

In the case of linear-phase FIR filters, the symmetry in  $h(n)$  implies that the zeros of  $H(z)$  also exhibit a form of symmetry. In particular, if  $z_k$  and  $z_k^*$  are a pair of complex-conjugate zeros then  $1/z_k$  and  $1/z_k^*$  are also a pair of complex-conjugate zeros (see Sec. 8.2). Consequently, we gain some simplification by forming fourth-order sections of the FIR system as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_k(z) &= c_{k0}(1 - z_k z^{-1})(1 - z_k^* z^{-1})(1 - z^{-1}/z_k)(1 - z^{-1}/z_k^*) \\
 &= c_{k0} + c_{k1}z^{-1} + c_{k2}z^{-2} + c_{k1}z^{-3} + z^{-4}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{7.2.8}$$

where the coefficients  $\{c_{k1}\}$  and  $\{c_{k2}\}$  are functions of  $z_k$ . Thus, by combining the two pairs of poles to form a fourth-order filter section, we have reduced the number of multiplications from six to three (i.e., by a factor of 50%). Figure 7.4 illustrates the basic fourth-order FIR filter structure.



**Figure 7.4** Fourth-order section in a cascade realization of an FIR system.