

Review of LTI Systems:  
Impulse Response, Difference Equation,  
System Function, and Frequency Response

## Convolution Sum, System Function, and Frequency Response

LTI systems can be completely characterized in the time domain by its impulse response,  $h[n]$ . Given an input,  $x[n]$ , the output is found with the convolution sum:

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]h[n-k]$$

The  $z$ -transform of the output of an LTI system is related to the  $z$ -transform of the impulse response and input:

$$Y(z) = H(z)X(z)$$

Since the system function,  $H(z)$ , is the  $z$ -transform of the impulse response, it also completely characterizes an LTI system. The frequency response is  $H(z)$  evaluated on the unit circle (assuming ROC includes  $z = e^{j\omega}$ ):

$$H(e^{j\omega})$$

# Linear Difference Equations and System Function

$$y[n] = \underbrace{- \sum_{k=1}^N a_k y[n-k]}_{\text{past outputs}} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^M b_k x[n-k]}_{\text{current and past inputs}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^N a_k y[n-k] = \sum_{k=0}^M b_k x[n-k] \quad (a_0 = 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^N a_k z^{-k} Y(z) = \sum_{k=0}^M b_k z^{-k} X(z)$$

$$\Rightarrow H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^M b_k z^{-k}}{\sum_{k=0}^N a_k z^{-k}}$$

## Poles and Zeros of the System

Factored form of the system function:

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{b_0}{a_0} \frac{\prod_{k=0}^M (1 - c_k z^{-1})}{\prod_{k=0}^N (1 - d_k z^{-1})} = \frac{b_0}{a_0} \frac{z^{N-M} \prod_{k=0}^M (z - c_k)}{\prod_{k=0}^N (z - d_k)}$$

- ▶ roots of the numerator polynomial are zeros of the system
- ▶ roots of the denominator polynomial are poles of the system
- ▶ causal and stable system has poles inside the unit circle (with ROC outward)

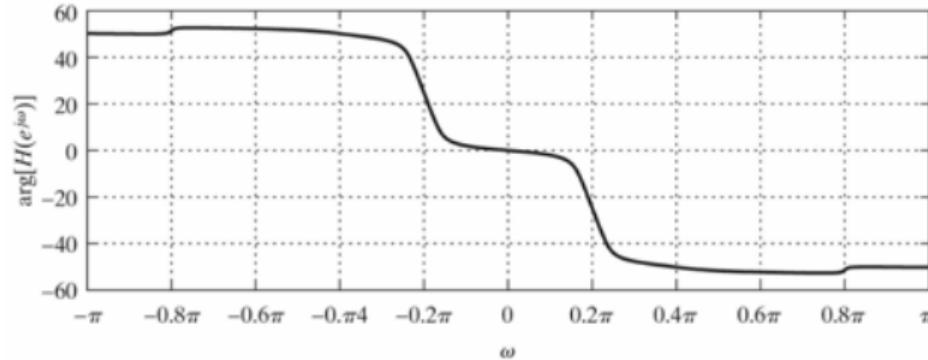
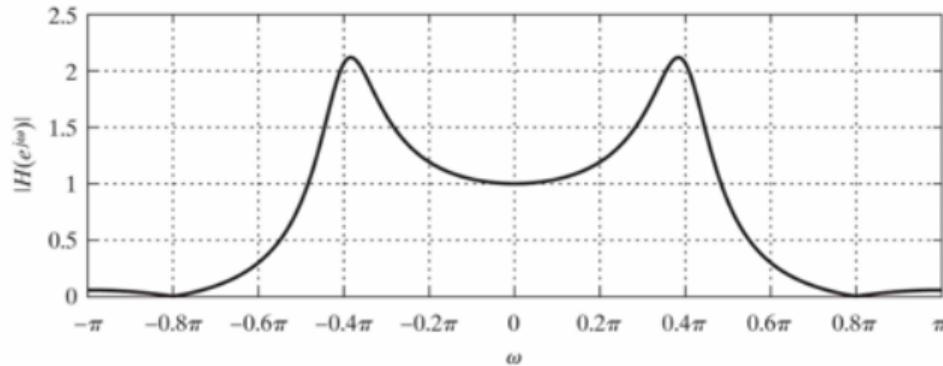
## Frequency Response

Since a causal and stable system has poles inside the unit circle, the system function evaluated on the unit circle is the frequency response:

$$H(z) \Big|_{z=e^{j\omega}} = H(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^M b_k e^{-j\omega k}}{\sum_{k=0}^N a_k e^{-j\omega k}}$$

- ▶ Real coefficients  $\{a_k, b_k\} \implies$  implies a real impulse response  $h[n]$
- ▶ Real  $h[n] \implies$  hermitian frequency response  $H(e^{j\omega})$   
(real part even, imaginary part odd).
- ▶ Magnitude response:  $|H(e^{j\omega})|$  has even symmetry.
- ▶ Phase response:  $\arg H(e^{j\omega})$  or  $\angle H(e^{j\omega})$  has odd symmetry

## Example: Magnitude and Phase of Frequency Response



## Frequency Response: Phase Response and Group Delay

## Phase Angle

Relationship between the Fourier transform of the system input and output:

$$Y(e^{j\omega}) = H(e^{j\omega})X(e^{j\omega})$$

Since, in general, the Fourier transform is complex number at each frequency, we often investigate the magnitude and phase:

$$\begin{aligned}|Y(e^{j\omega})| &= |H(e^{j\omega})||X(e^{j\omega})|\\\angle Y(e^{j\omega}) &= \angle H(e^{j\omega}) + \angle X(e^{j\omega})\end{aligned}$$

Note that the phase angle is not uniquely defined, since any integer of  $2\pi$  can be added to the phase without affecting the complex number.

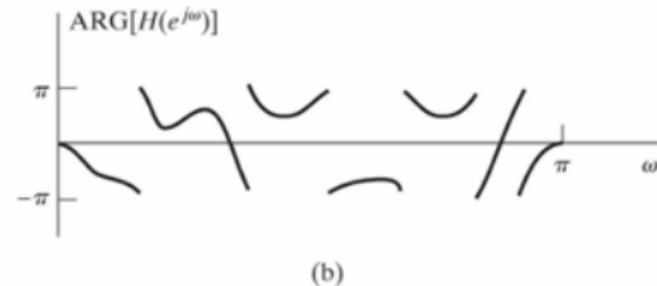
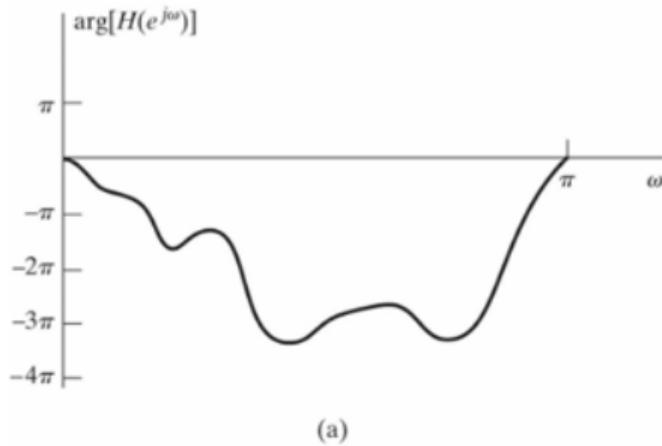
# Phase Angle: Wrapped and Unwrapped

The continuous phase curve is known as *unwrapped*.

The principal, or *wrapped*, phase of the of  $H(e^{j\omega})$  is:

$$-\pi < \angle H(e^{j\omega}) \leq \pi$$

Notice that this phase response is nonlinear.



## Linear Phase Response

If the input to a LTI system is

$$x[n] = \cos(\omega_1 n) + \cos(\omega_2 n)$$

and the phase response is

$$\angle H(e^{j\omega}) = -\omega n_d$$

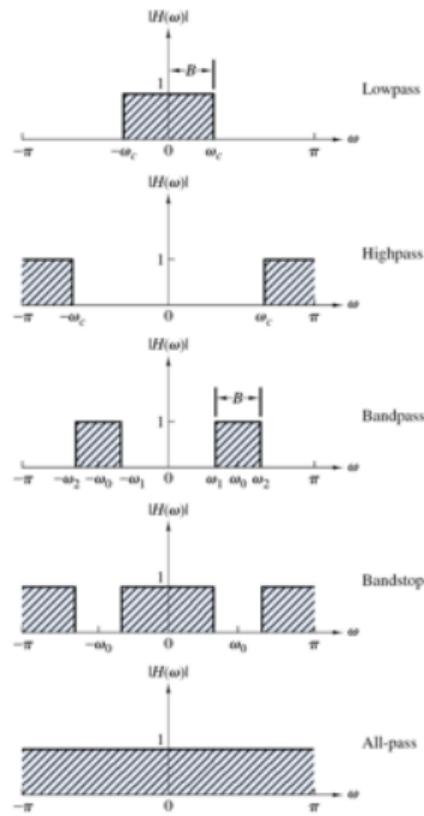
Then, ignoring the magnitude response, the output is:

$$\cos(\omega_1 n - \omega_1 n_d) + \cos(\omega_2 n - \omega_2 n_d) = \cos(\omega_1 (n - n_d)) + \cos(\omega_2 (n - n_d))$$

where each component is delayed by  $n_d$  samples.

If *linear phase*, then each frequency component will have identical delay.

# Ideal Frequency Characteristics: Constant-Gain and Linear Phase



Ideal response for frequency selective filters, constant-gain and *linear phase*:

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = \begin{cases} Ce^{-j\omega n_0}, & \omega_1 < \omega < \omega_2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Signal at the filter output:

$$\begin{aligned} Y(e^{j\omega}) &= H(e^{j\omega})X(e^{j\omega}) \\ &= CX(e^{j\omega})e^{-j\omega n_0}, \quad \omega_1 < \omega < \omega_2 \end{aligned}$$

Using the scaling and time-shifting properties of the Fourier transform, the time-domain output is:

$$y[n] = Cx[n - n_0]$$

## Group Delay

The *group delay* of a filter is the derivative of the phase with respect to frequency and has the units of delay:

$$\tau(\omega) = -\frac{d}{d\omega} \{\angle(H(e^{j\omega})\}$$

If the phase response is linear:

$$\angle H(e^{j\omega}) = -\omega n_0$$

Then the group delay is constant and all frequencies have same time delay:

$$\tau(\omega) = n_0$$

Nonlinearity of the phase results in time dispersion.

# Example: Attenuation and Group Delay of Frequency Selective Filter

$$x_1[n] = w[n] \cos(0.2\pi n)$$

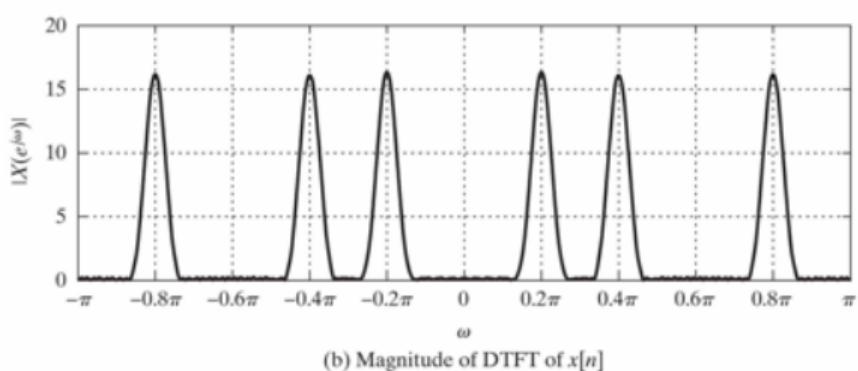
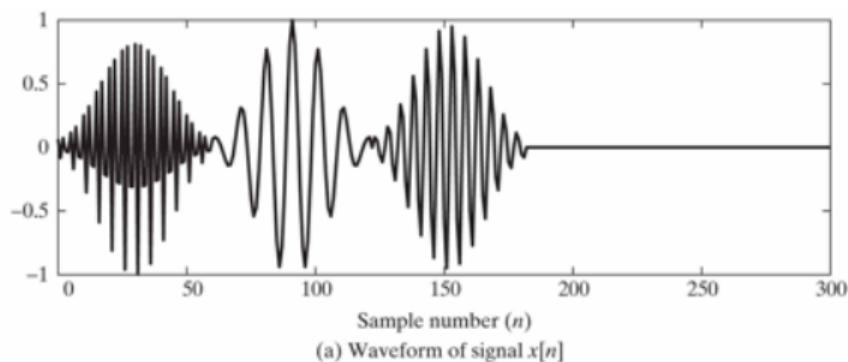
$$x_2[n] = w[n] \cos(0.4\pi n - \pi/2)$$

$$x_3[n] = w[n] \cos(0.8\pi n + \pi/5)$$

Filter input:

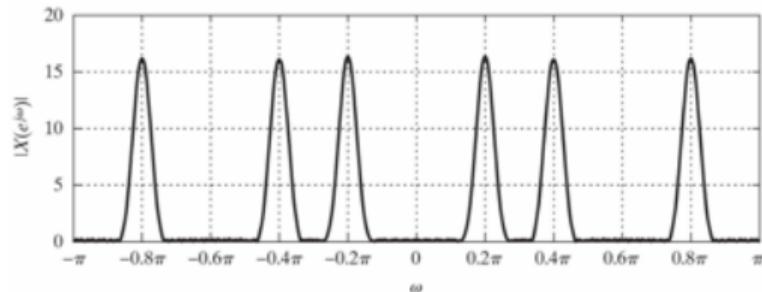
$$x[n] = x_3[n] + x_1[n-M-1] + x_2[n-2M-2]$$

with  $M = 60$

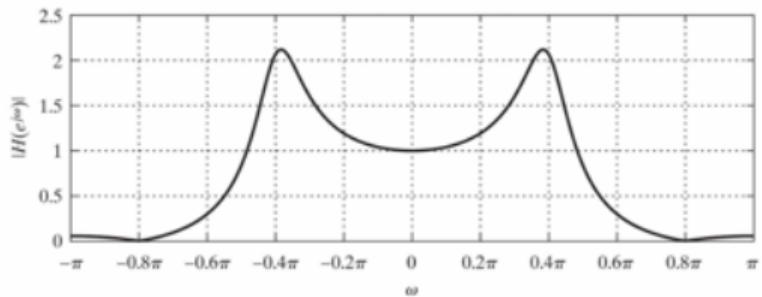


# Example: Attenuation and Group Delay of Frequency Selective Filter

Input Spectrum:



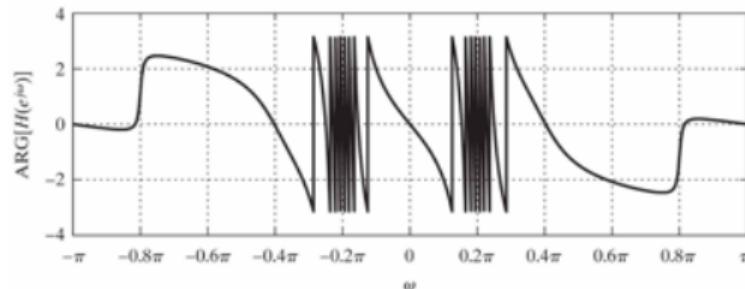
Filter Magnitude Response:



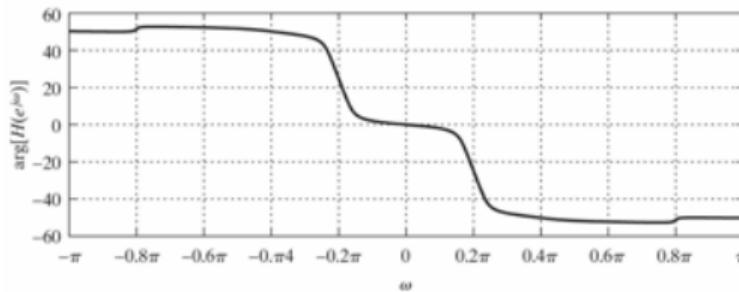
What frequency components exist in the output signal?

# Example: Attenuation and Group Delay of Frequency Selective Filter

Filter Phase Response (principal phase, wrapped):

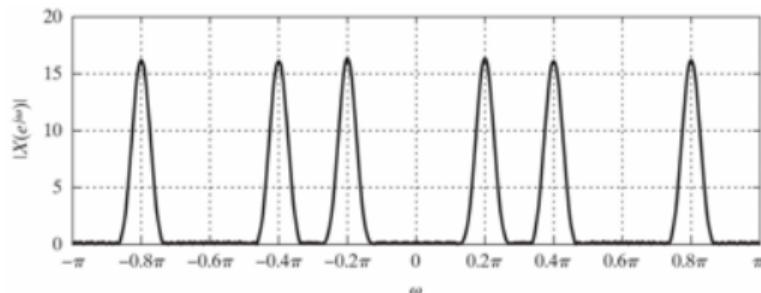


Filter Phase Response (continuous phase, unwrapped):

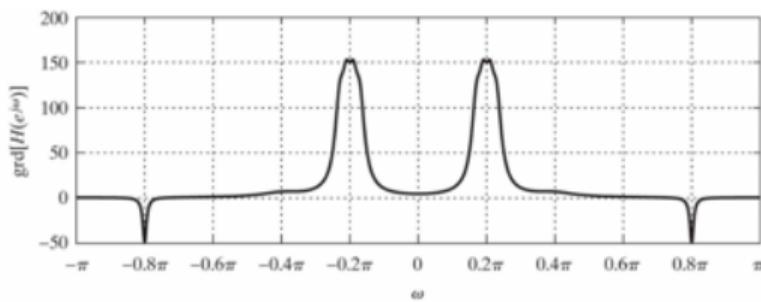


# Example: Attenuation and Group Delay of Frequency Selective Filter

Input Spectrum:



Filter Group Delay:

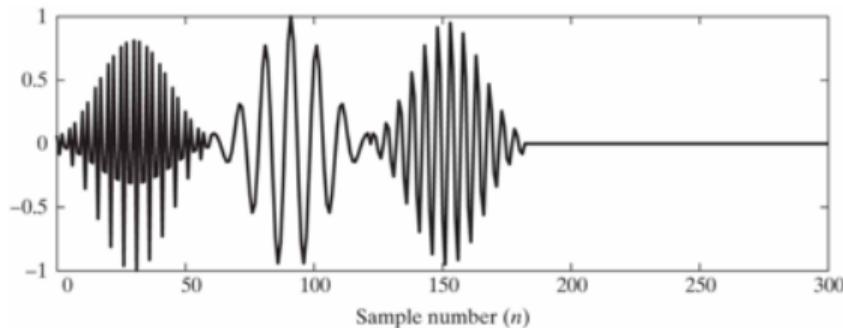


(a) Group delay of  $H(z)$

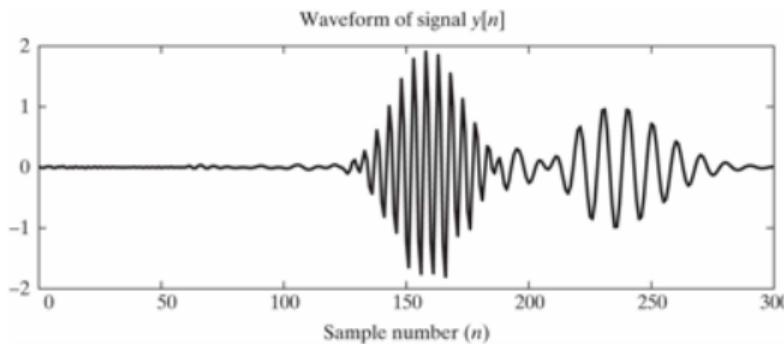
What is the delay for each frequency component in the output signal?

# Example: Attenuation and Group Delay of Frequency Selective Filter

Filter Input:



Filter Output:



## More Insight into LTI Systems: Rational System Functions, Inverse Systems

## System Function: Algebraic and Factored Forms

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^M b_k z^{-k}}{\sum_{k=0}^N a_k z^{-k}}$$

$$H(z) = \left( \frac{b_0}{a_0} \right) \frac{\prod_{k=1}^M (1 - c_k z^{-1})}{\prod_{k=1}^N (1 - d_k z^{-1})}$$

- ▶ Each factor  $(1 - c_k z^{-1})$  in the numerator contributes a zero at  $z = c_k$  (and pole at  $z = 0$ )
- ▶ Each factor  $(1 - d_k z^{-1})$  in the denominator contributes a pole at  $z = d_k$  (and zero at  $z = 0$ )

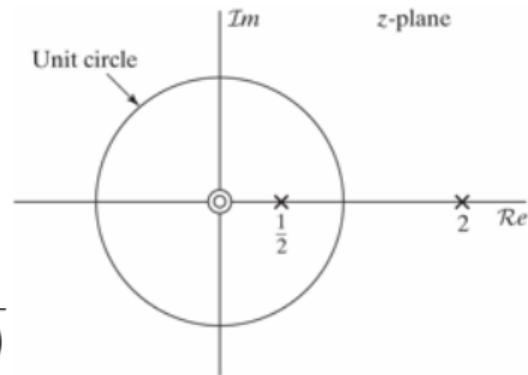
## Example: ROC, Stability, Causality

Given LTI system with difference equation:

$$y[n] - \frac{5}{2}y[n-1] + y[n-2] = x[n]$$

Has the system function:

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{5}{2}z^{-1} + z^{-2}} = \frac{1}{(1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1})(1 - 2z^{-1})}$$



- ▶ Three possible choices for region of convergence, but if the system is causal, then ROC is outside of outermost pole ( $|z| > 2$ ).
- ▶ However, for system to be stable, the ROC must include the unit circle ( $\frac{1}{2} < |z| < 2$ ).

## Inverse Systems

For a given system function,  $H(z)$ , the corresponding inverse system,  $H_i(z)$ , has an overall effective system of unity when the two systems are cascaded:

$$G(z) = H(z)H_i(z) = 1$$

Which implies:

$$H_i(z) = \frac{1}{H(z)} \quad H_i(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{1}{H(e^{j\omega})} \quad g[n] = h[n] * h_i[n] = \delta[n]$$

- ▶ Not all systems have inverses, for those that do the poles of  $H_i(z)$  are the zeros of  $H(z)$  and vice versa
- ▶ The regions of convergence of  $H(z)$  and  $H_i(z)$  must overlap
- ▶ If  $H(z)$  is causal, its ROC is  $|z| > \max |d_k|$  and ROC for  $H_i(z)$  must overlap

## Example: Inverse System

$$H(z) = \frac{1 - 0.5z^{-1}}{1 - 0.9z^{-1}} \quad \text{ROC: } |z| > 0.9$$

Then, the inverse system is

$$H_i(z) = \frac{1 - 0.9z^{-1}}{1 - 0.5z^{-1}}$$

$H_i(z)$  has one pole at 0.5 so it has two possibilities of ROC. The only one that overlaps with the  $|z| > 0.9$  is  $|z| > 0.5$  and the inverse  $z$ -transform gives the impulse response of the inverse system:

$$h_i[n] = (0.5)^n u[n] - 0.9(0.5)^{n-1} u[n-1]$$

Note that this inverse system is causal and stable.

## Example: Another Inverse System

$$H(z) = \frac{z^{-1} - 0.5}{1 - 0.9z^{-1}} \quad \text{ROC: } |z| > 0.9$$

Then, the inverse system is

$$H_i(z) = \frac{1 - 0.9z^{-1}}{z^{-1} - 0.5} = \frac{-2 + 1.8z^{-1}}{1 - 2z^{-1}}$$

Since both possible ROC of the inverse system,  $|z| < 2$  and  $|z| > 2$ , overlap the ROC of the original system, both lead to valid inverse systems:

$$\text{ROC: } |z| < 2 \quad h_{i1} = 2(2)^n u[-n-1] - 1.8(2)^{n-1} u[-n] \quad \text{stable and noncausal}$$

$$\text{ROC: } |z| > 2 \quad h_{i1} = -2(2)^n u[n] + 1.8(2)^{n-1} u[n-1] \quad \text{unstable and causal}$$

# Causal and Stable Inverse Systems

If an LTI system is causal and stable, when will its corresponding inverse system be causal and stable?

- If  $H(z)$  is causal with zeros at  $c_k$  then its inverse will be causal if:

$$H_i(z) \text{ ROC is } |z| > \max |c_k|$$

- If the inverse system is stable, then ROC for  $H_i(z)$  must include unit circle:

$$\max |c_k| < 1$$

- Therefore, a LTI causal and stable system has causal and stable inverse if both the poles and the zeros of  $H(z)$  are inside the unit circle. These systems are called *minimum-phase systems*.

## More Insight into LTI Systems: Finite Impulse Response (FIR)

## Finite Impulse Response (FIR) Systems

$H(z)$  has no poles except at  $z = 0$  and is a polynomial in  $z^{-1}$  (since  $N = 0$ )

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^M b_k z^{-k}}{\sum_{k=0}^N a_k z^{-k}} \implies \sum_{k=0}^M b_k z^{-k}$$

So the impulse response is the  $b$  coefficients:

$$h[n] = \sum_{k=0}^M b_k \delta[n - k] = \begin{cases} b_n, & 0 \leq n \leq M \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The difference equation is the same as the convolution sum:

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=0}^M b_k n[n - k]$$

## Example: FIR System Pole-Zero Plot, Difference Equation

Consider truncation of the impulse response from the IIR system:

$$G(z) = \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}} \quad |z| > |a|$$
$$h[n] = \begin{cases} a^n, & 0 \leq n \leq M \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The system function of this FIR system is

$$\begin{aligned} H(z) &= \sum_{n=0}^M a^n z^{-n} = \sum_{n=0}^M (az^{-1})^n = \frac{1 - (az^{-1})^{M+1}}{1 - az^{-1}} = \frac{z^{-M-1} (z^{M+1} - a^{M+1})}{z^{-1} (z - a)} \\ &= \frac{z^{M+1} - a^{M+1}}{z^M (z - a)} \quad \text{poles: } z = 0 \text{ and } z = a \end{aligned}$$

## Example: FIR System Pole-Zero Plot, Difference Equation (Continued)

$$H(z) = \frac{z^{M+1} - a^{M+1}}{z^M (z - a)}$$

Finding zeros:  $z^{M+1} = a^{M+1}$

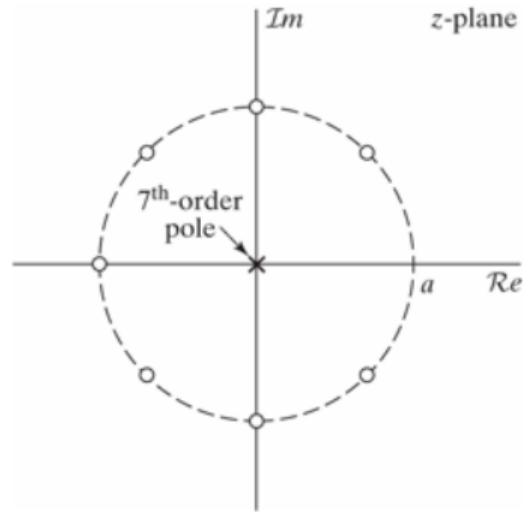
zeros:  $z_k = ae^{j2\pi k/(M+1)}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, M$

Pole at  $z = a$  cancelled by  $z_0 = a$

Two equivalent difference equations for this system:

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=0}^M a^k x[n-k]$$

$$H(z) = \frac{1 - (az^{-1})^{M+1}}{1 - az^{-1}} \implies y[n] - ay[n-1] = x[n] - a^{M+1}x[n-M-1]$$



# Frequency Response From Rational System Functions: Impact of Pole and Zero Locations

# Frequency Response, Phase Response, Magnitude Response

The frequency response is the system function,  $H(z)$ , evaluated on the unit circle:

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^M b_k e^{-j\omega k}}{\sum_{k=0}^N a_k e^{-j\omega k}}$$
$$H(e^{j\omega}) = \left( \frac{b_0}{a_0} \right) \frac{\prod_{k=1}^M (1 - c_k e^{-j\omega})}{\prod_{k=1}^N (1 - d_k e^{-j\omega})}$$

Magnitude and the magnitude-squared function:

$$|H(e^{j\omega})| = \left| \frac{b_0}{a_0} \right| \frac{\prod_{k=1}^M |1 - c_k e^{-j\omega}|}{\prod_{k=1}^N |1 - d_k e^{-j\omega}|}$$

$$|H(e^{j\omega})|^2 = \left( \frac{b_0}{a_0} \right)^2 \frac{\prod_{k=1}^M (1 - c_k e^{-j\omega})(1 - c_k^* e^{j\omega})}{\prod_{k=1}^N (1 - d_k e^{-j\omega})(1 - d_k^* e^{j\omega})}$$

# Gain in dB and Phase Response

Gain in dB:

$$20 \log_{10} \left| \frac{b_0}{a_0} \right| + \sum_{k=1}^M 20 \log_{10} |1 - c_k e^{-j\omega}| - \sum_{k=1}^M 20 \log_{10} |1 - d_k e^{-j\omega}|$$

Phase response:

$$\angle H(e^{j\omega}) = \angle \left[ \frac{b_0}{a_0} \right] + \sum_{k=1}^M \angle [1 - c_k e^{-j\omega}] - \sum_{k=1}^N \angle [1 - d_k e^{-j\omega}]$$

- ▶ Magnitude in dB and phase are a sum of the contributions from each of the poles and zeros of the system function
- ▶ Understanding the impact of a single pole/zero location on frequency response provides insight into higher-order systems

## Frequency Response: 1st-Order Systems

Single factor of  $H(e^{j\omega})$ :  $(1 - re^{j\theta}e^{-j\omega})$  the pole or zero has radius  $r$  and angle  $\theta$

Magnitude-squared of factor:

$$|1 - re^{j\theta}e^{-j\omega}|^2 = (1 - re^{j\theta}e^{-j\omega})(1 - re^{-j\theta}e^{j\omega}) = 1 + r^2 - 2r \cos(\omega - \theta)$$

Contribution to gain in dB (*where + for a zero and - for a pole*):

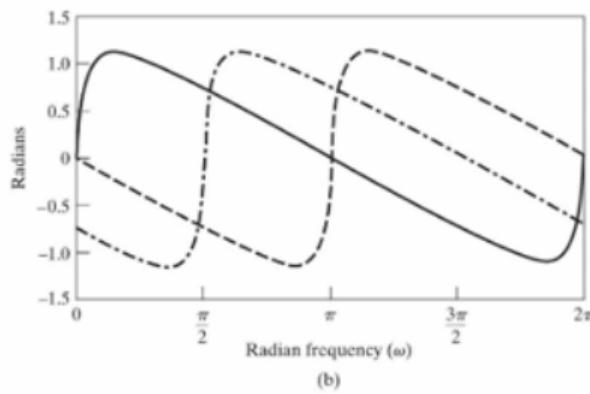
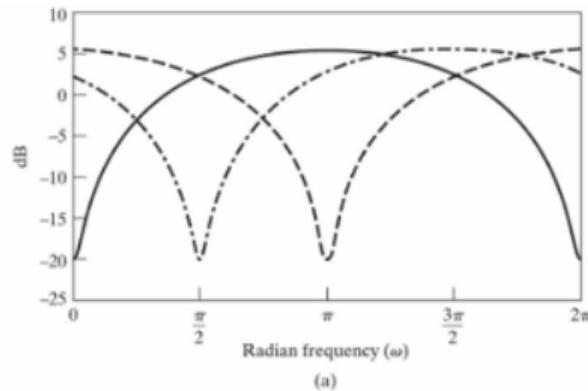
$$\pm 20 \log_{10} |1 - re^{j\theta}e^{-j\omega}| = \pm 10 \log_{10} [1 + r^2 - 2r \cos(\omega - \theta)]$$

Contribution to phase:

$$\pm \angle [1 - re^{j\theta}e^{-j\omega}] = \pm \arctan \left[ \frac{r \sin(\omega - \theta)}{1 - r \cos(\omega - \theta)} \right]$$

- Note how magnitude in dB and phase change based on pole/zero:  $r$  and  $\theta$

## Example: Single Zero at Different Angles



Single Zero at  $r = 0.9$  and  $\theta = 0, \pi/2$ , or  $\pi$

- $\theta = 0$
- · -  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$
- - -  $\theta = \pi$

Log magnitude response (minimized at  $\omega = \theta$ ):

$$+10 \log_{10} [1 + r^2 - 2r \cos(\omega - \theta)]$$

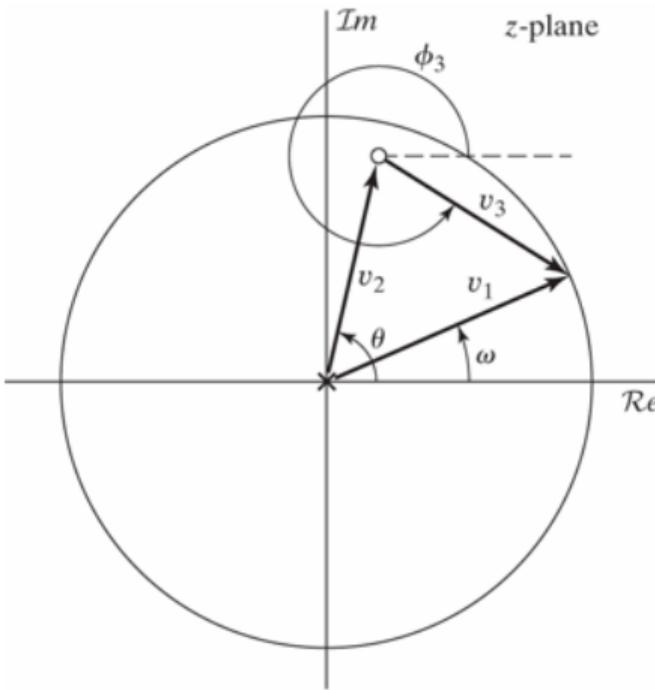
Phase Response (zero at  $\omega = \theta$ ):

$$+ \arctan \left[ \frac{r \sin(\omega - \theta)}{1 - r \cos(\omega - \theta)} \right]$$

# Vector Diagram Perspective of Frequency Response

$$H(z) = (1 - re^{j\theta}z^{-1}) = \frac{z - re^{j\theta}}{z} \quad r < 1$$

Geometric interpretation:



$\vec{v}_1 = e^{j\omega}$  location on unit circle

$\vec{v}_2 = re^{j\theta}$  zero

$\vec{v}_3 = \vec{v}_1 - \vec{v}_2 = e^{j\omega} - re^{j\theta}$

Magnitude of  $H(z)$ :

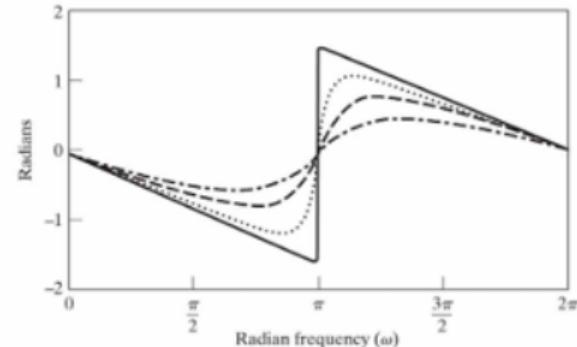
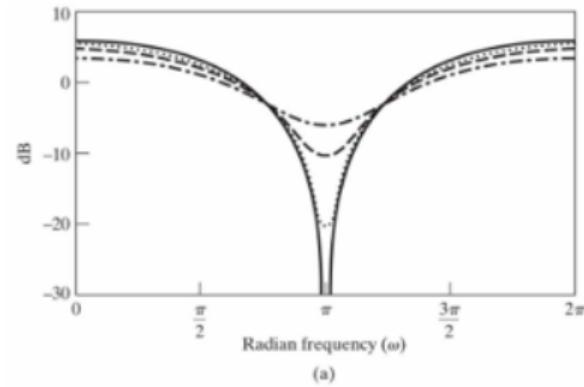
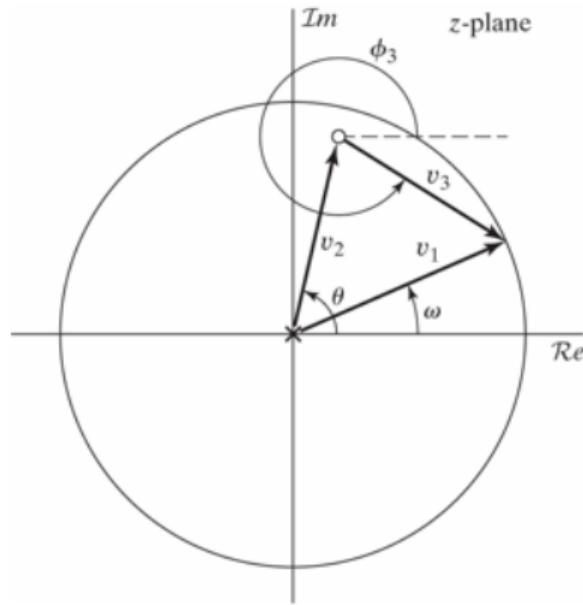
$$|1 - re^{j\theta}e^{-j\omega}| = |e^{-j\omega}(e^{j\omega} - re^{j\theta})| = \left| \frac{e^{j\omega} - re^{j\theta}}{e^{j\omega}} \right| = \frac{|\vec{v}_3|}{|\vec{v}_1|}$$

Phase:  $\angle(1 - re^{j\theta}e^{-j\omega}) = \angle \vec{v}_3 - \angle \vec{v}_1 = \phi_3 - \omega$

## Example: Single Zero at Different Radii with $\theta = \pi$

Magnitude of  $H(z)$   $|1 - re^{j\theta}e^{-j\omega}| = |\vec{v}_3|$

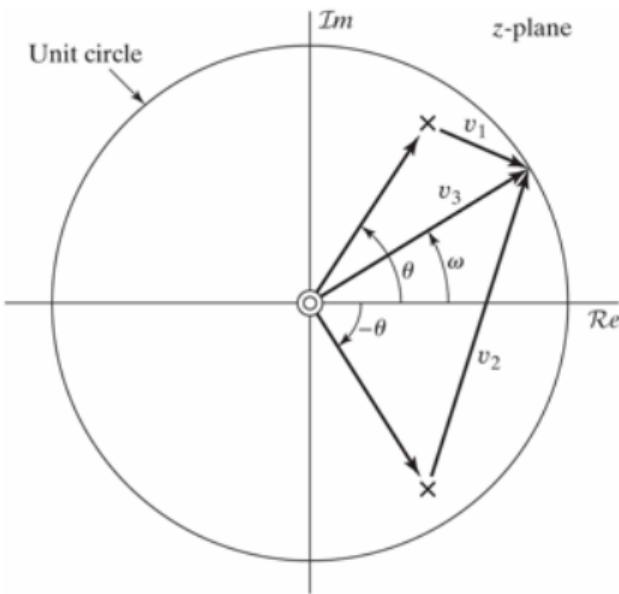
Phase:  $\phi_3 - \omega$



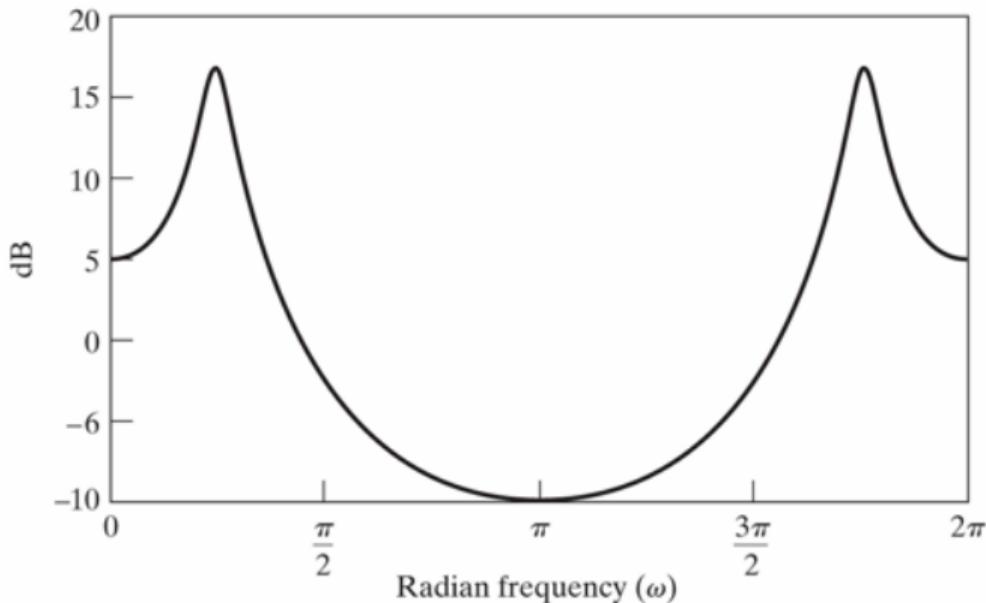
## Example: Second-Order IIR System

Complex-conjugate pair of poles:

$$r = 0.9, \theta = \pi/4$$



$$|H(e^{j\omega})| = \frac{|v_3||v_3|}{|v_1||v_2|}$$



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# Magnitude-Phase Relationships and All-Pass Systems

## Exploring Possible System Functions

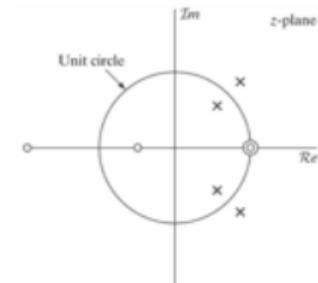
If given the square of the magnitude of the system frequency response, what are possible choices of the system function?

$$\begin{aligned}|H(e^{j\omega})|^2 &= H(e^{j\omega})H^*(e^{j\omega}) = H(z)H^*(1/z^*)|_{z=e^{j\omega}} \\ \implies h[n] * h^*[-n]\end{aligned}$$

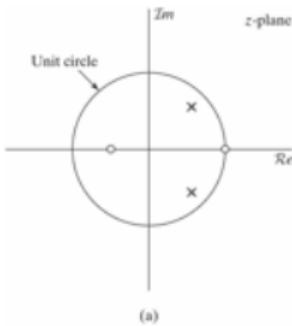
Therefore,  $|H(e^{j\omega})|^2$  is the evaluation of this  $z$ -transform on the unit circle:

$$C(z) = H(z)H^*(1/z^*) = \left(\frac{b_0}{a_0}\right)^2 \frac{\prod\limits_{k=1}^M (1 - c_k z^{-1})(1 - c_k^* z)}{\prod\limits_{k=1}^N (1 - d_k z^{-1})(1 - d_k^* z)}$$

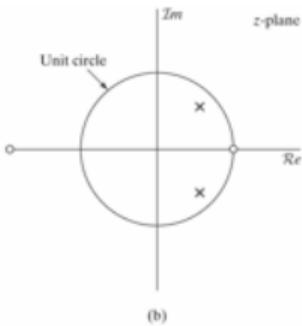
- For each pole  $d_k$  of  $H(z)$  there is a pole of  $C(z)$  at  $(d_k^*)^{-1}$
- For each zero  $c_k$  of  $H(z)$  there is a zero of  $C(z)$  at  $(c_k^*)^{-1}$



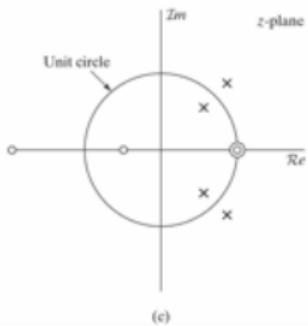
# Different Systems With Same Magnitude Response



(a)



(b)



(c)

Figure (a):  $H_1(z)$

Figure (b):  $H_2(z)$

Figure (c):  $C(z)=H_1(z)H_1^*(1/z^*)=H_2(z)H_2^*(1/z^*)$

- ▶  $H_1(z)$  and  $H_2(z)$  are different systems with same magnitude response but different phase response
- ▶ Poles and zeros of  $C(z)$  occur in conjugate reciprocal pairs (one inside / one outside unit circle, or both on unit circle)
- ▶ Determining  $H(z)$  from  $C(z)$ : Casual system: poles can be identified from  $C(z)$  (inside unit circle) but zeros can't be identified
- ▶ Unknown phase but finite choices due to possible locations of zeros

## All-Pass Factors

Assume  $H(z)$  can be factored:

$$H(z) = H_1(z) \frac{z^{-1} - a^*}{1 - az^{-1}}$$

Factors in this form are *all-pass factors* (unity magnitude) and they cancel in  $C(z)$ :

$$C(z) = H(z)H^*(1/z^*) = H_1(z)H_1^*(1/z^*)$$

Given  $C(z)$ , choices for  $H(z)$  can be cascaded with an arbitrary number of all-pass factors if the total number of poles/zeros of  $H(z)$  were unknown.

## All-Pass Systems: Constant Gain or Attenuation

$$H_{ap}(z) = \frac{z^{-1} - a^*}{1 - az^{-1}} \quad |a| < 1$$

$$H_{ap}(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{e^{-j\omega} - a^*}{1 - ae^{-j\omega}} = e^{-j\omega} \frac{1 - a^* e^{j\omega}}{1 - ae^{-j\omega}}$$

Constant Magnitude (independent of frequency):

$$|H_{ap}(e^{j\omega})| = 1 \quad (\text{log magnitude in dB is zero}) :$$

General form of system function ( $d_k$  are real poles and  $e_k$  are complex poles)

$$H_{ap}(z) = A \prod_{k=1}^{M_r} \frac{z^{-1} - d_k}{1 - d_k z^{-1}} \prod_{k=1}^{M_c} \frac{(z^{-1} - e_k^*)(z^{-1} - e_k)}{(1 - e_k z^{-1})(1 - e_k^* z^{-1})}$$

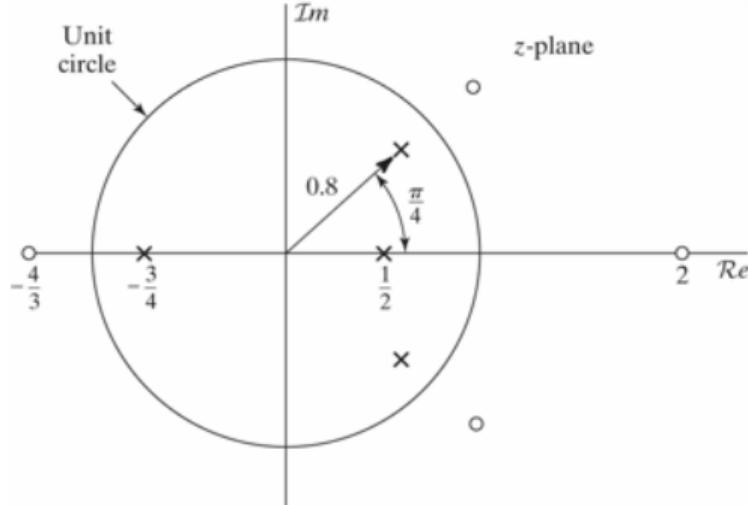
For stable/causal systems:  $|d_k| < 1$  and  $|e_k| < 1$ ;  $M = N = 2M_c + M_r$  poles/zeros.

# Typical Pole-Zero Plot for All-Pass System

$$H_{ap}(z) = A \prod_{k=1}^{M_r} \frac{z^{-1} - d_k}{1 - d_k z^{-1}} \prod_{k=1}^{M_c} \frac{(z^{-1} - e_k^*)(z^{-1} - e_k)}{(1 - e_k z^{-1})(1 - e_k^* z^{-1})}$$

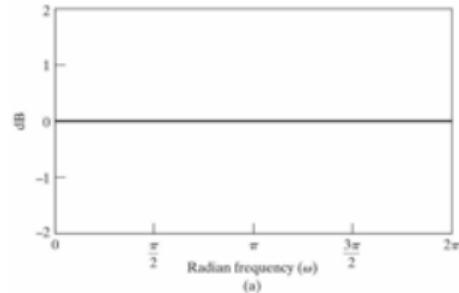
For stable/causal systems:  $|d_k| < 1$  and  $|e_k| < 1$ ;  $M = N = 2M_c + M_r$  poles/zeros.

$$M_r = 2 \text{ and } M_c = 1$$

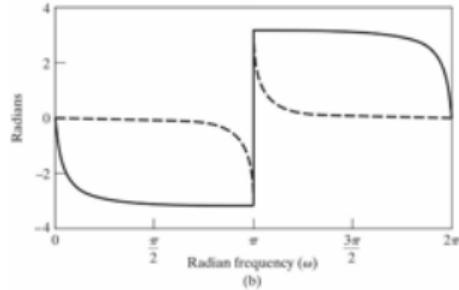


# Example 1st and 2nd Order All-Pass Systems

Pole at 0.9 (solid), Pole at -0.9 (dashed)

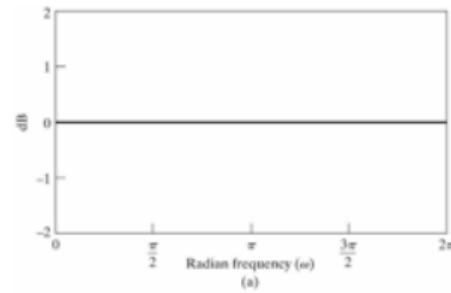


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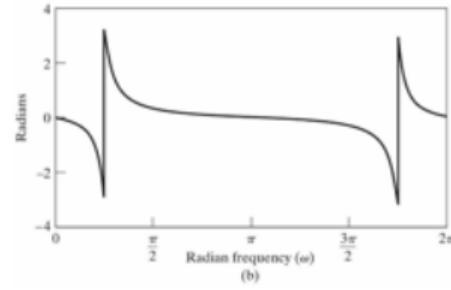


(b)

Poles at  $z = 0.9e^{\pm j\pi/4}$



(a)



(b)

- phase (unwrapped) is always nonpositive for  $0 < \omega < \pi$

# Minimum-Phase Systems

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# Introduction to Minimum Phase Systems

- ▶ Inverse Systems
  - ▶  $h[n] * h_{\text{inv}}[n] = \delta[n]$
  - ▶ Cascade of system and its inverse is the identity system:  $H(z)H_{\text{inv}}(z) = 1$
- ▶ Restrict inverse system,  $1/H(z)$ , to be stable and causal
- ▶ Therefore, all zeros (not just poles) must be inside the unit circle
- ▶ A causal and stable LTI system with a causal and stable inverse is called a *minimum-phase system*

Given a magnitude-squared function of a minimum-phase system:

$$C(z) = H(z)H^*(1/z^*)$$

then,  $H(z)$  is uniquely determined by choosing all poles/zeros inside unit circle.

## Minimum-Phase and All-Pass Decomposition

Assume  $H(z)$  has one zero at  $z = 1/a^*$  outside the unit circle ( $|a| < 1$ ), and all other poles/zeros are inside the unit circle:

$$H(z) = H_1(z) (z^{-1} - a^*)$$

Therefore,  $H_1(z)$  is minimum-phase. We can continue to decompose with an all-pass factor:

$$H(z) = \underbrace{H_1(z) (1 - az^{-1})}_{\text{minimum-phase}} \underbrace{\frac{(z^{-1} - a^*)}{(1 - az^{-1})}}_{\text{all-pass}}$$

Repeat this for every zero outside the unit circle for any arbitrary rational system function.

## Minimum-Phase and All-Pass Decomposition (Continued)

Any rational system can be factored into a minimum-phase system and an all-pass system:

$$H(z) = H_{min}(z)H_{ap}(z)$$

- ▶  $H_{min}(z)$  contains all poles/zeros of  $H(z)$  that are inside unit circle
- ▶  $H_{min}(z)$  also contains conjugate reciprocals of zeros of  $H(z)$  outside unit circle
- ▶  $H_{ap}(z)$  contains all zeros of  $H(z)$  that are outside unit circle
- ▶  $H_{ap}(z)$  contains poles to cancel conjugate reciprocals zeros in  $H_{min}(z)$

## Example: Minimum-Phase/All-Pass Decomposition

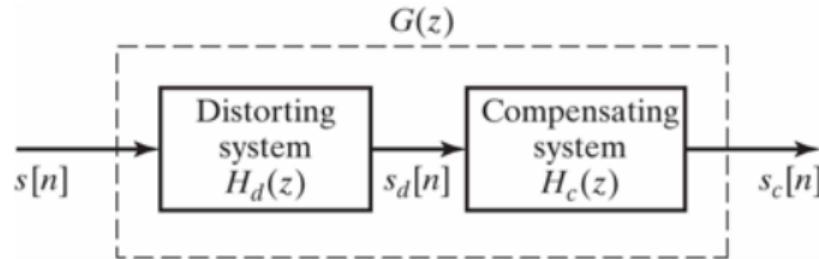
Find the minimum-phase all-pass decomposition of this stable and causal system:

$$H(z) = \frac{1 + 3z^{-1}}{1 + \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} \quad \text{pole at } z = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ and zero at } z = -3$$

- $H_{min}(z)$  contains all poles/zeros of  $H(z)$  that are inside unit circle
- $H_{min}(z)$  also contains conjugate reciprocals of zeros of  $H(z)$  outside unit circle
- $H_{ap}(z)$  contains all zeros of  $H(z)$  that are outside unit circle
- $H_{ap}(z)$  contains all poles to cancel conjugate reciprocals zeros in  $H_{min}(z)$

$$H(z) = \frac{1 + 3z^{-1}}{1 + \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} = 3 \left( \frac{z^{-1} + \frac{1}{3}}{1 + \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} \right) = \underbrace{3 \left( \frac{1 + \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}}{1 + \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} \right)}_{H_{min}(z)} \underbrace{\left( \frac{z^{-1} + \frac{1}{3}}{1 + \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}} \right)}_{H_{ap}(z)}$$

## Application: Frequency Response Compensation (Inverse Filters)



For a nonminimum phase system, we can form minimum phase system,  $H_{d,min}(z)$ :

$$H_d(z) = H_{d,min} H_{ap}(z)$$

Then the compensating filter is stable and causal:

$$H_c(z) = \frac{1}{H_{d,min}(z)} \quad \text{where} \quad H_{d,min}(z) = \frac{H_d(z)}{H_{ap}(z)}$$

Overall system function:

$$G(z) = H_d(z)H_c(z) = H_{ap}(z)$$

# Property of Minimum-Phase Systems

Using minimum-phase and all-pass decomposition:

$$H(z) = H_{min}(z)H_{ap}(z) \implies \angle H(z) = \angle H_{min}(z) + \angle H_{ap}(z)$$

For all systems that have the same magnitude response, the system with all poles and zeros inside the unit circle has:

1. minimum phase-lag (*phase-lag* is negative of the phase function)
  - ▶ all-pass systems always have negative unwrapped phase curve
  - ▶ therefore, the all-pass system increases the negative of the phase (phase-lag)
  - ▶ leaving  $H_{min}(z)$  to have minimum phase-lag
2. minimum group delay
  - ▶ all-pass systems always have a positive group delay
  - ▶ therefore, the all-pass system increases group delay
  - ▶ leaving  $H_{min}(z)$  to have minimum group delay

## Systems With Linear Phase

## Ideal Delay System: Linear Phase and Constant Magnitude

Consider an LTI system with frequency response, an *ideal delay* system:

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = e^{-j\omega\alpha} \quad |\omega| < \pi$$

where  $\alpha$  is a real number but not necessarily an integer. For this system:

$$|H(e^{j\omega})| = 1 \quad \text{constant magnitude response}$$

$$\angle H(e^{j\omega}) = -\omega\alpha \quad \text{linear phase}$$

$$\tau_{gd} = \alpha \quad \text{constant group delay}$$

The inverse Fourier transform provides the impulse response:

$$h[n] = \frac{\sin(\pi(n - \alpha))}{\pi(n - \alpha)} = \text{sinc}(n - \alpha) \quad -\infty < n < \infty$$

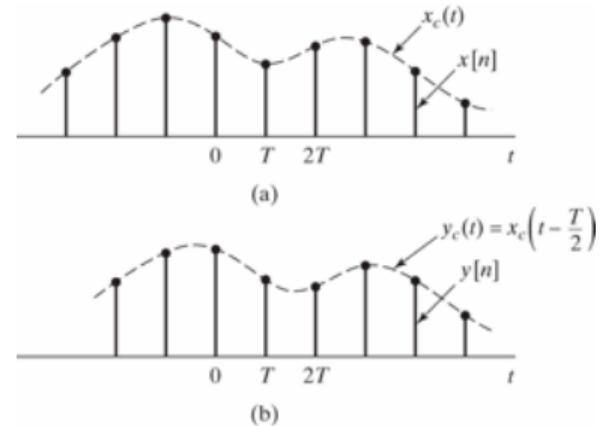
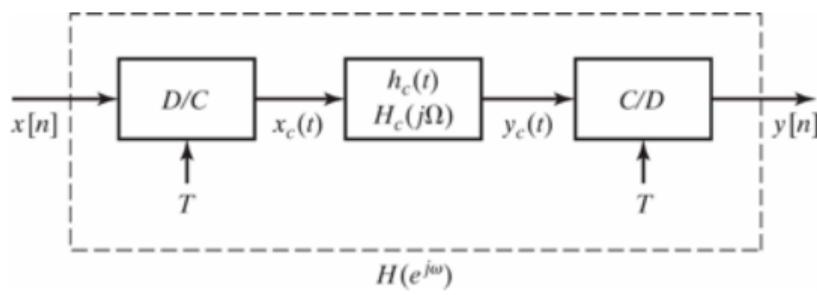
When,  $\alpha = n_d$ , and  $n_d$  is an integer, then

$$h[n] = \delta[n - n_d] \quad \text{and} \quad y[n] = x[n] * \delta[n - n_d] = x[n - n_d]$$

# Ideal Delay System: Non-Integer Delay

What if the delay,  $\alpha$ , is not an integer? Interpret as a continuous time system:

$$h_c(t) = \delta(t - \alpha T) \quad \text{and} \quad H_c(j\Omega) = e^{-j\Omega\alpha T}$$



$$\text{Overall response: } H(e^{j\omega}) = e^{-j\omega\alpha} \quad |\omega| < \pi$$

Output:  $y[n] = x_c(nT - \alpha T)$       *Time shift of  $\alpha$  samples (even non-integer).*

# Linear Phase With Non-constant Magnitude Response

A linear phase system has the frequency response

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = A(e^{j\omega})e^{-j\omega\alpha} \quad |\omega| < \pi$$

where  $A(e^{j\omega})$  is purely real and is called the *zero phase response*.

- ▶ With real-valued  $h[n]$ , then  $|H(e^{j\omega})| = |A(e^{j\omega})|$  are even
- ▶ Since  $A$  is real,  $A$  is even and the inverse Fourier transform is real and even
- ▶ The impulse response  $h[n]$  is real and even and time shifted by  $\alpha$
- ▶ If  $\alpha$  is an integer:  $h[n]$  is symmetric about  $n = \alpha$
- ▶ If  $\alpha$  is an integer +  $\frac{1}{2}$ :  $h[n]$  is symmetric about  $n = \alpha + \frac{1}{2}$
- ▶ Both cases: if  $2\alpha$  is an integer then  $h[n]$  has symmetry:  $h[2\alpha - n] = h[n]$

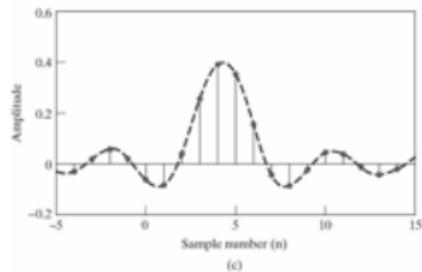
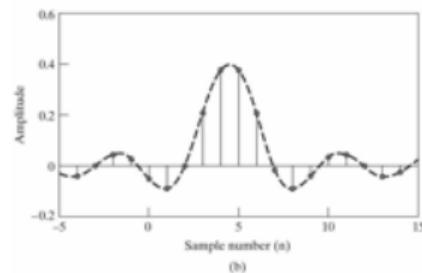
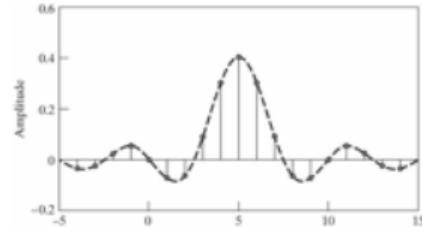
Linear phase and *causal*: must be FIR with  $M = 2\alpha$  and  
 $h[0] = h[M], h[1] = h[M - 1]$ , etc.

## Example: Ideal Lowpass Filter With Linear Phase

Linear phase lowpass filter with cutoff  $\omega_c$ :

$$h[n] = \frac{\sin(\omega_c(n - n_d))}{\pi(n - n_d)}$$

- ▶ Figure (a):  $\omega_c = 0.4\pi$ ,  $\alpha = n_d = 5$   
 $h[n]$  symmetric about  $n = 5$
- ▶ Figure (b):  
 $\omega_c = 0.4\pi$ ,  $\alpha = n_d = 4.5$   
 $h[n]$  symmetric about  $\alpha = n_d = 4.5$
- ▶ Figure (c):  
 $\omega_c = 0.4\pi$ ,  $\alpha = n_d = 4.3$   
 $h[n]$  not symmetric, still linear phase



## Generalized Linear Phase

## Generalized Linear Phase System

Broader class to include more linear phase systems (including odd symmetry):

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = A(e^{j\omega})e^{-j\alpha\omega+j\beta}$$

- ▶  $A(e^{j\omega})$  is real (possibly bipolar) function of  $\omega$
- ▶  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are constants
- ▶ Phase is the equation of a straight line ( $-\alpha\omega + \beta$ )
- ▶ Constant group delay,  $\tau_{gd} = \alpha$

# Necessary Conditions For Constant Group Delay

For generalized linear phase systems

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = A(e^{j\omega})e^{-j\alpha\omega+j\beta}$$

Leads to necessary conditions on real-valued  $h[n]$ , and constants  $\alpha$ , and  $\beta$ :

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} h[n] \sin [\omega(n - \alpha) + \beta] = 0, \text{ for all } \omega$$

This doesn't tell us how to find a linear phase system but we are interested in particular cases:

$$2\alpha = M = \text{ even or odd integer, and } \beta = 0, \pi \text{ or } \beta = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

# Causal Generalized Linear Phase Systems

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} h[n] \sin [\omega(n - \alpha) + \beta] = 0, \quad \text{for all } \omega$$

Causality and symmetry conditions imply:

$$h[n] = 0, \quad n < 0 \quad \text{and} \quad n > M$$

Symmetric or antisymmetric impulse response (even, odd):

$$h[n] = \begin{cases} h[M-n], & 0 \leq n \leq M \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = A_e(e^{j\omega})e^{-j\omega M/2}$$

where  $\beta = 0$  or  $\beta = \pi$

$$h[n] = \begin{cases} -h[M-n], & 0 \leq n \leq M \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = jA_o(e^{j\omega})e^{-j\omega M/2} = A_o(e^{j\omega})(e^{j\omega M/2+j\pi/2})$$

where  $\beta = \frac{\pi}{2}$  or  $\beta = \frac{3\pi}{2}$

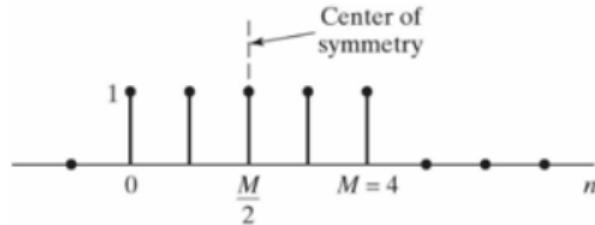
# Four Types of FIR Generalized Linear Phase Systems

Type of symmetry and whether  $M$  is an even or odd integer lead to different expressions for the frequency response of FIR linear phase systems:

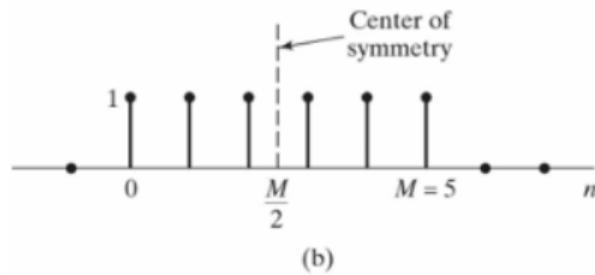
Type	I	II	III	IV
$M$	even	odd	even	odd
$h$ symmetry	even	even	odd	odd
$A$ symmetry	even	even	odd	odd
$A(e^{\pm j\pi})$	$\neq 0$	0	0	$\neq 0$
$\alpha$	integer	half-integer	integer	half-integer
$\beta$	0 or $\pi$	0 or $\pi$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$ or $\frac{3\pi}{2}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$ or $\frac{3\pi}{2}$

Note: Frequency response constrained to zero at  $\omega = \pi$  for types II and III.

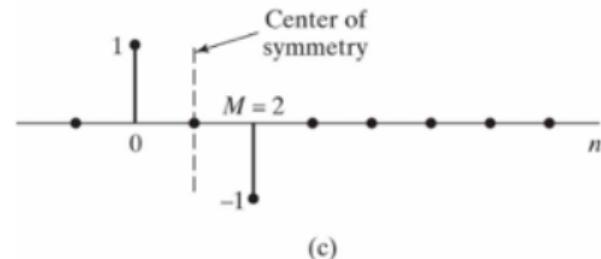
# Examples of FIR Linear Phase Impulse Response



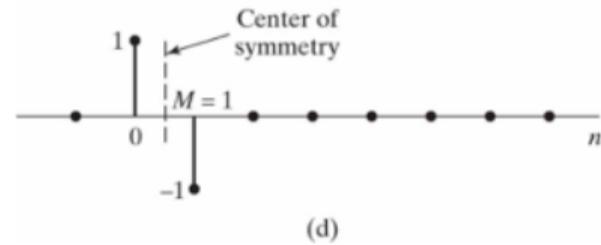
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

# Locations of Zeros for FIR Linear Phase Systems

Symmetric cases of the impulse response,  $h[n]$ , puts constraints on the zeros of FIR system. Here are some examples:

