# Pingala Series

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1 JEE 2019

Let

$$a_n = \frac{\alpha^n - \beta^n}{\alpha - \beta}, \quad n \ge 1$$
 (1.1)

$$b_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n+1}, \quad n \ge 2, \quad b_1 = 1$$
 (1.2)

Verify the following using a python code.

1.1

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} a_k = a_{n+2} - 1, \quad n \ge 1$$
 (1.3)

**Solution:** Download and run the following code.

wget https://github.com/Dhatrireddyy/Pingala/blob/main/codes/1.1.py

run the above code using the command

python3 1.1.py

1.2

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{10^k} = \frac{10}{89} \tag{1.4}$$

**Solution:** Download and run the following code.

wget https://github.com/Dhatrireddyy/Pingala/blob/main/codes/1.2.py

run the above code using the command

python3 1.2.py

1.3

$$b_n = \alpha^n + \beta^n, \quad n \ge 1 \tag{1.5}$$

**Solution:** Download and run the following code.

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run the above code using the command

python3 1.3.py

1.4

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_k}{10^k} = \frac{8}{89} \tag{1.6}$$

**Solution:** Download and run the following code.

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run the above code using the command

python3 1.4.py

### 2 Pingala Series

2.1 The *one sided Z*-transform of x(n) is defined as

$$X^{+}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x(n)z^{-n}, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}$$
 (2.1)

2.2 The *Pingala* series is generated using the difference equation

$$x(n+2) = x(n+1) + x(n), \quad x(0) = x(1) = 1, n \ge 0$$
(2.2)

Generate a stem plot for x(n).

**Solution:** Download and run the following code. Below code plots fig(2.2)

wget https://github.com/Dhatrireddyy/Pingala/blob/main/codes/2.2.py

run the above code using the command

python3 2.2.py

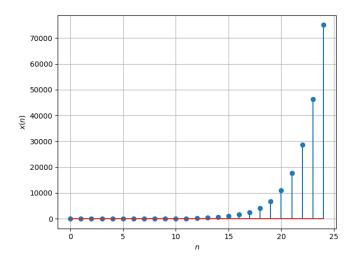


Fig. 2.2: Stem plot of x(n)

2.3 Find  $X^{+}(z)$ .

**Solution:** from eqn(2.1)

$$x(n) = x(n+2) - x(n+1)$$
 (2.3)

Taking one-sided z-transform on both sides.

$$X^{+}(z) = Z[x(n+2)] - Z[x(n+1)]$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x(n+2)z^{-n} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x(n+1)z^{-n}$$
(2.5)

$$= \sum_{t=-2}^{\infty} x(t)z^{2-t} + \sum_{k=-1}^{\infty} x(k)z^{1-k}$$
(2.6)

$$= z^2 \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} x(t)z^{-t} + x(-2)z^0 +$$

$$x(-1)z^{-1} + z \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x(k)z^{-k} + x(-1)$$
(2.7)

$$X^{+}(z) = z^{2}X^{+}(z) - zX^{+}(z) + z^{2}$$
(2.8)

$$X^{+}(Z)[z^{2} - z - 1] = z^{2}$$
(2.9)

$$X^{+}(z) = \frac{z^{2}}{z^{2} - z - 1}$$
 (2.10)

$$X^{+}(z) = \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1} - z^{-2}}$$
 (2.11)

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of the equation

$$1 - z^{-1} - z^{-2}.$$

$$X^{+}(z) = \frac{1}{(1 - \alpha z^{-1})(1 - \beta z^{-1})}, \quad |z| > \alpha$$
(2.12)

2.4 Find x(n).

**Solution:** Download and run the following code.

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run the above code using the command

python3 2.4.py

Expanding  $X^+(z)$  in (2.12) using partial fractions, we get

$$X^{+}(z) = \frac{1}{(\alpha - \beta)z^{-1}} \left[ \frac{1}{1 - \alpha z^{-1}} - \frac{1}{1 - \beta z^{-1}} \right]$$
(2.13)

$$= \frac{1}{(\alpha - \beta)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\alpha^n - \beta^n) z^{-n+1}$$
 (2.14)

$$=\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^n - \beta^n}{\alpha - \beta} z^{-n+1}$$
 (2.15)

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^{k+1} - \beta^{k+1}}{\alpha - \beta} z^{-k}$$
 (2.16)

where k := n + 1. Thus,

$$x(n) = \frac{\alpha^{n+1} - \beta^{n+1}}{\alpha - \beta} u(n) = a_{n+1} u(n)$$
 (2.17)

2.5 Sketch

$$y(n) = x(n-1) + x(n+1), \quad n \ge 0$$
 (2.18)

**Solution:** Download and run the following code.Below code plots fig(2.5)

wget https://github.com/Dhatrireddyy/Pingala/blob/main/codes/2.5.py

run the above code using the command

python3 2.5.py

2.6 Find  $Y^{+}(z)$ .

**Solution:** Taking the one-sided Z-transform on

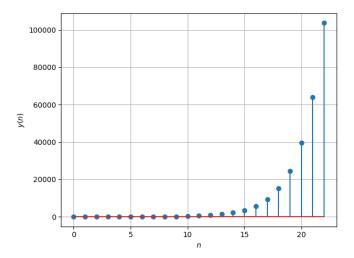


Fig. 2.5: Stem plot of y(n)

both sides of (2.18),

$$Z^{+}[y(n)] = Z^{+}[x(n+1)] + Z^{+}[x(n-1)]$$

$$(2.19)$$

$$Y^{+}(z) = zX^{+}(z) - zx(0) + z^{-1}X^{+}(z) + zx(-1)$$

$$(2.20)$$

$$= \frac{z}{1 - z^{-1} - z^{-2}} - zx(0) + \frac{z^{-1}}{1 - z^{-1} - z^{-2}} + zx(-1)$$

$$= \frac{z + z^{-1}}{1 - z^{-1} - z^{-2}} - z$$
(2.22)

$$= \frac{z + z^{-1}}{1 - z^{-1} - z^{-2}} - z \tag{2.22}$$

$$= \frac{1 + 2z^{-1}}{1 - z^{-1} - z^{-2}}, \quad |z| > \alpha$$
 (2.23)

#### 2.7 Find y(n).

**Solution:** Download and run the following code.

wget https://github.com/Dhatrireddyy/Pingala/ blob/main/codes/2.7.py

run the above code using the command

python3 2.7.py

Using (2.12), and since  $x(n) = 0 \forall n < 0$ .

$$Y^{+}(z) = (1 + 2z^{-1}) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x(n)z^{-n}$$
 (2.24)

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x(n)z^{-n} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2x(n-1)z^{-n} \quad (2.25)$$

$$= x(0) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (x(n) + 2x(n-1)) z^{-n}$$
(2.26)

Thus, y(0) = x(0) = 1 and for  $n \ge 1$ , using the fact that  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of the equation  $z^2 - z - 1 = 0$ 

$$y(n) = \frac{(\alpha^{n+1} - \beta^{n+1}) + (2\alpha^n + 2\beta^n)}{\alpha - \beta}$$
 (2.27)

$$= \frac{\left(\alpha^{n+2} - \beta^{n+2}\right) + (\alpha^n + \beta^n)}{\alpha - \beta}$$
 (2.28)

$$=\frac{\left(\alpha^{n+2}-\beta^{n+2}\right)-\alpha\beta\left(\alpha^{n}+\beta^{n}\right)}{\alpha-\beta} \quad (2.29)$$

$$= \frac{(\alpha - \beta)\left(\alpha^{n+1} + \beta^{n+1}\right)}{\alpha - \beta}$$

$$= \alpha^{n+1} + \beta^{n+1}$$
(2.30)

$$= \alpha^{n+1} + \beta^{n+1} \tag{2.31}$$

Thus,  $y(n) = \alpha^{n+1} + \beta^{n+1}$  for  $n \ge 0$  as  $\alpha + \beta = 1$ . Comparing (2.28) with the definition of  $b_n$ , we see that  $y(n) = b_{n+1}$ . Hence,  $b_n = \alpha^n + \beta^n$ .

#### 3 Power of the Z transform

#### 3.1 Show that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} a_k = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} x(k) = x(n) * u(n-1)$$
 (3.1)

**Solution:** From (2.17), and noting that x(n) = $0 \ \forall \ n < 0$ .

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} a_k = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} x(k)$$
 (3.2)

$$=\sum_{k=-\infty}^{n-1}x(k)\tag{3.3}$$

$$= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x(k)u(n-1-k)$$
 (3.4)

$$= x(n) * u(n-1)$$
 (3.5)

3.2 Show that

$$a_{n+2} - 1, \quad n \ge 1$$
 (3.6)

can be expressed as

$$[x(n+1)-1]u(n)$$
 (3.7)

**Solution:** From (2.17),

$$a_{n+2} - 1 = [x(n+1) - 1], \quad n \ge 0$$
 (3.8)

and so, using the definition of u(n),

$$a_{n+2} - 1 = [x(n+1) - 1]u(n)$$
 (3.9)

3.3 Show that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{10^k} = \frac{1}{10} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x(k)}{10^k} = \frac{1}{10} X^+ (10) \quad (3.10)$$

**Solution:** 

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{10^k} = \frac{1}{10} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_{k+1}}{10^k}$$
 (3.11)

$$= \frac{1}{10} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x(k)}{10^k}$$
 (3.12)

$$=\frac{1}{10}X^{+}(10)\tag{3.13}$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} \times \frac{100}{89} = \frac{10}{89} \tag{3.14}$$

3.4 Show that

$$\alpha^n + \beta^n, \quad n \ge 1 \tag{3.15}$$

can be expressed as

$$w(n) = (\alpha^{n+1} + \beta^{n+1})u(n)$$
 (3.16)

and find W(z).

**Solution:** Putting n = k + 1 in (3.15) and using the definition of u(n),

$$\alpha^n + \beta^n = \left(\alpha^{k+1} + \beta^{k+1}\right) u(k) \tag{3.17}$$

Hence, (3.15) can be expressed as

$$w(n) = \left(\alpha^{n+1} + \beta^{n+1}\right) u(n) = y(n)$$
 (3.18)

Therefore,

$$W(z) = Y(z) = \frac{1 + 2z^{-1}}{1 - z^{-1} - z^{-2}}$$
 (3.19)

3.5 Show that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_k}{10^k} = \frac{1}{10} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{y(k)}{10^k} = \frac{1}{10} Y^+ (10) \quad (3.20)$$

**Solution:** 

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_k}{10^k} = \frac{1}{10} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{b_{k+1}}{10^k}$$
 (3.21)

$$= \frac{1}{10} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{y(k)}{10^k}$$
 (3.22)

$$=\frac{1}{10}Y^{+}(10)\tag{3.23}$$

$$=\frac{1}{10} \times \frac{120}{89} = \frac{12}{89} \tag{3.24}$$

3.6 Solve the JEE 2019 problem.

Which of the following options is/are correct?
a)

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} a_k = a_{n+2} - 1, \quad n \ge 1$$
 (3.25)

b)

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{10^k} = \frac{10}{89} \tag{3.26}$$

c)

$$b_n = \alpha^n + \beta^n, \quad n \ge 1 \tag{3.27}$$

d)

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_k}{10^k} = \frac{8}{89} \tag{3.28}$$

**Solution:** We know that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} a_k = x(n) * u(n-1)$$
 (3.29)

But

$$x(n) * u(n-1) \stackrel{\mathcal{Z}}{\rightleftharpoons} X(z)z^{-1}U(z)$$
 (3.30)

$$=\frac{z^{-1}}{(1-z^{-1}-z^{-2})(1-z^{-1})}$$
(3.31)

$$= z \left[ \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1} - z^{-2}} - \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}} \right]$$
 (3.32)

$$\stackrel{\mathcal{Z}}{\rightleftharpoons} z \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x(n) - 1) z^{-n}$$
 (3.33)

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x(n) - 1) z^{-n+1}$$
 (3.34)

$$=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x(n+1)-1)z^{-n}$$
 (3.35)

(3.36)

From (2.17), we get

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} a_k = a_{n+2} - 1 \tag{3.37}$$

We have already done proofs of remaining options in order in the problems (3.3), (2.7), (3.5). Therefore, options 1, 2, and 3 are correct and option 4 is incorrect.

The same thing can be verified from the code

wget https://github.com/Dhatrireddyy/Pingala/blob/main/codes/3.6.py

run the code by using the command

python3 3.6.py