

# Solutions to EE3210 Assignment 4

## Problem 1:

- (a) From this block diagram, utilizing the intermediate signal  $w[n]$ , we have

$$w[n] = x[n-1] + bw[n-1] - ay[n-2] \quad (1)$$

and

$$y[n] = aw[n] + by[n-1]. \quad (2)$$

From (2), we obtain

$$w[n] = \frac{1}{a}y[n] - \frac{b}{a}y[n-1] \quad (3)$$

and hence

$$w[n-1] = \frac{1}{a}y[n-1] - \frac{b}{a}y[n-2]. \quad (4)$$

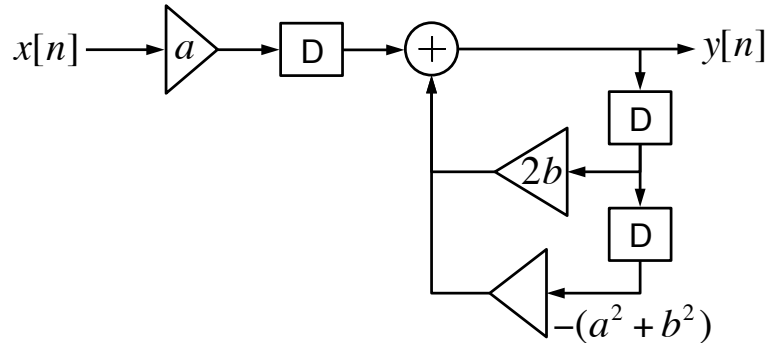
Then, substituting  $w[n]$  and  $w[n-1]$  in (1) with (3) and (4), respectively, we have

$$\frac{1}{a}y[n] - \frac{b}{a}y[n-1] = x[n-1] + \frac{b}{a}y[n-1] - \frac{b^2}{a}y[n-2] - ay[n-2]. \quad (5)$$

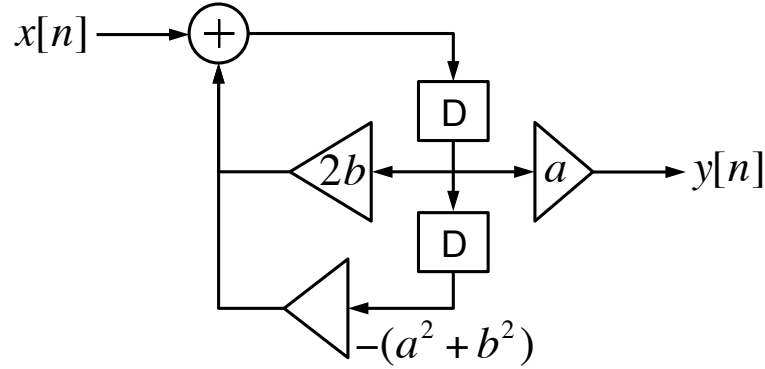
Rearranging (5), we derive the linear constant-coefficient difference equation that describes the relationship between the input  $x[n]$  and the output  $y[n]$  of the system as

$$y[n] = ax[n-1] + 2by[n-1] - (a^2 + b^2)y[n-2].$$

- (b) The block diagram representation of the system in direct form I is



(c) The block diagram representation of the system in direct form II is



**Problem 2:** This signal is periodic with a fundamental period  $T = 3$ . To determine the Fourier series coefficients  $a_k$ , we use the analysis formula of the continuous-time Fourier series, and choose the limits of the integration to include the interval  $0 < t < 2$ . Within this interval,

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} 2, & 0 < t < 1 \\ 1, & 1 < t < 2. \end{cases}$$

Thus, it follows that:

- For  $k = 0$ ,

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^1 2dt + \frac{1}{3} \int_1^2 dt = 1.$$

- For  $k \neq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} a_k &= \frac{2}{3} \int_0^1 e^{-jk(2\pi/3)t} dt + \frac{1}{3} \int_1^2 e^{-jk(2\pi/3)t} dt \\ &= \frac{2 - e^{-jk2\pi/3} - e^{-jk4\pi/3}}{jk2\pi}. \end{aligned}$$

– Note: In this case, we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 - e^{-jk2\pi/3} - e^{-jk4\pi/3}}{jk2\pi} = 1$$

following from the l'Hôpital's rule.

**Problem 3:**

- (a) The time shift property of the continuous-time Fourier series indicates that, if  $x(t) \leftrightarrow a_k$ , the Fourier series coefficients  $b_k$  of  $x(t - t_0)$  can be expressed as

$$b_k = \left[ e^{-jk(2\pi/T)t_0} \right] a_k.$$

Similarly, the Fourier series coefficients  $c_k$  of  $x(t + t_0)$  can be expressed as

$$c_k = \left[ e^{jk(2\pi/T)t_0} \right] a_k.$$

Finally, using the linearity property of the continuous-time Fourier series, the Fourier series coefficients  $d_k$  of  $x(t - t_0) + x(t + t_0)$  can be obtained as

$$d_k = b_k + c_k = \left[ e^{-jk(2\pi/T)t_0} + e^{jk(2\pi/T)t_0} \right] a_k = 2 \cos \left( \frac{2\pi k t_0}{T} \right) a_k.$$

- (b) Note that

$$\mathcal{E}\{x(t)\} = \frac{1}{2} [x(t) + x(-t)].$$

The time reversal property of the continuous-time Fourier series indicates that, if  $x(t) \leftrightarrow a_k$ , the Fourier series coefficients  $b_k$  of  $x(-t)$  can be expressed as

$$b_k = a_{-k}.$$

Then, using the linearity property of the continuous-time Fourier series, the Fourier series coefficients  $c_k$  of  $\mathcal{E}\{x(t)\}$  can be obtained as

$$c_k = \frac{a_k + b_k}{2} = \frac{a_k + a_{-k}}{2}.$$

- (c) The signal  $x(3t - 1)$  can be obtained from  $x(t)$  in two alternative ways:

- Time scaling first followed by time shift, i.e.,  $x(t) \Rightarrow x(3t) \Rightarrow x[3(t - 1/3)]$ .

In this way, the time scaling property of the continuous-time Fourier series indicates that, given that  $x(t)$  is periodic with period  $T$  and that  $x(t) \leftrightarrow a_k$ , the signal  $x(3t)$  is periodic with period  $T/3$ , and the Fourier series coefficients  $b_k$  of  $x(3t)$  are the same as  $a_k$ , i.e.,

$$b_k = a_k.$$

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$$c_k = \left[ e^{-jk2\pi/(T/3)/3} \right] b_k = \left[ e^{-jk(2\pi/T)} \right] a_k. \quad (6)$$

- Time shift first followed by time scaling, i.e.,  $x(t) \Rightarrow x(t-1) \Rightarrow x(3t-1)$ .

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$$c_k = b_k = \left[ e^{-jk(2\pi/T)} \right] a_k.$$

**Problem 4:** Let  $y[n] = x[mn]$ .

- (a) Given that  $x[n]$  is a discrete-time periodic signal with fundamental period  $N$ , for an arbitrary positive integer  $m$ , we have

$$x[mn + mN] = x[mn].$$

Thus, we have

$$y[n + N] = x[m(n + N)] = x[mn + mN] = x[mn] = y[n].$$

Therefore, by definition,  $y[n]$  is a periodic signal with period  $N$ .

- (b) Determining an expression for the fundamental period of  $y[n]$  in this case is complicated and problem-specific.

In general, we know by definition that the fundamental period of  $y[n]$  is the smallest positive integer  $N'$  such that  $y[n + N'] = y[n]$  holds for all values of  $n$ . Since

$$y[n + N'] = x[m(n + N')] = x[mn + mN'],$$

this requires that

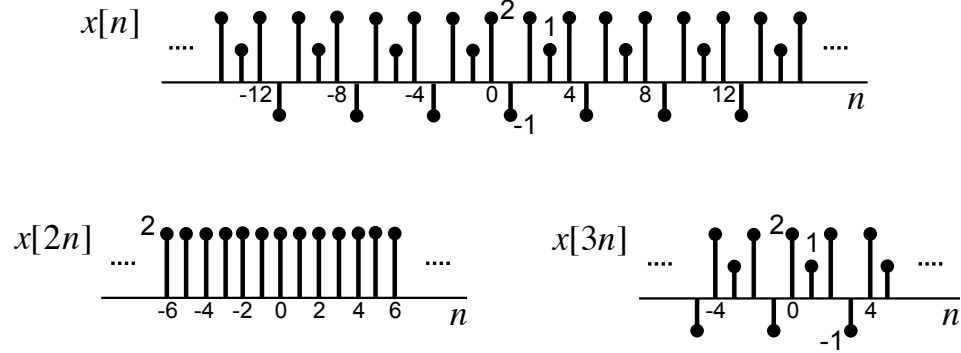
$$mN' = qN$$

where  $q \geq 1$  is the smallest positive integer such that  $N' = qN/m$  is an integer. Equivalently,  $N'$  can be obtained as

$$N' = \frac{\text{lcm}(N, m)}{m} = \frac{N}{\text{gcd}(N, m)} \quad (7)$$

where  $\text{lcm}(N, m)$  is the least common multiple of the two integers  $N$  and  $m$ ,  $\text{gcd}(N, m)$  is the greatest common divisor of the two integers  $N$  and  $m$ .

Although (7) is correct in many cases, there exist anomalies such that the actual fundamental period of  $x[mn]$  can be smaller than  $N'$  derived from (7). This is demonstrated in the example shown in the figure below.



In this example, the fundamental period of  $x[n]$  is  $N = 4$ . The fundamental period of  $x[3n]$  (i.e.,  $m = 3$ ) is also 4, the same as that obtained from (7). However, the fundamental period of  $x[2n]$  (i.e.,  $m = 2$ ) is 1, smaller than that obtained from (7). Thus, we can conclude that (7) provides an upper bound on the fundamental period of  $x[mn]$ .