Pingala Series

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Abstract—This manual provides a simple introduction to Transforms

1 JEE 2019

Let α and β ($\alpha > \beta$) be the roots of the equation $z^2 - z - 1 = 0$. Define,

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

1.2

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

1.3

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

1.4

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

Download the Python code using

\$ wget https://github.com/NiharikaKute/PINGALA /blob/main/codes/1.py

and run it using

\$ python3 1.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 the Python code using

\$ wget https://github.com/NiharikaKute/ PINGALA/blob/main/codes/2 1.py

and run it using

\$ python3 2 1.py

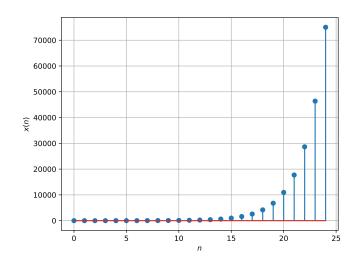


Fig. 2.1: Plot of x(n)

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

Solution: Taking the one-sided Z-transform on both sides of (2.2),

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

(2.3)

$$z^{2}X^{+}(z) - z^{2}x(0) - zx(1) = zX^{+}(z) - zx(0) + zX^{+}(z)$$
(2.4)

$$(z^2 - z - 1)X^+(z) = z^2 (2.5)$$

$$X^{+}(z) = \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1} - z^{-2}}$$
 (2.6)

$$= \frac{1}{(1 - \alpha z^{-1})(1 - \beta z^{-1})}, \quad |z| > \alpha$$
 (2.7)

2.4 Find x(n).

Solution: Expanding $X^+(z)$ in (2.7) using partial fractions, we get

$$X^{+}(z) = \frac{1}{(\alpha - \beta)z^{-1}} \left[\frac{1}{1 - \alpha z^{-1}} - \frac{1}{1 - \beta z^{-1}} \right]$$
(2.8)

$$= \frac{1}{(\alpha - \beta)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\alpha^{n} - \beta^{n}) z^{-n+1}$$
 (2.9)

$$=\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^n - \beta^n}{\alpha - \beta} z^{-n+1}$$
 (2.10)

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^{k+1} - \beta^{k+1}}{\alpha - \beta} z^{-k}$$
 (2.11)

where k := n + 1. Thus,

$$x(n) = \frac{\alpha^{n+1} - \beta^{n+1}}{\alpha - \beta} u(n) = a_{n+1} u(n)$$
 (2.12)

2.5 Sketch

$$y(n) = x(n-1) + x(n+1), \quad n \ge 0$$
 (2.13)

Solution: Download the Python code using

\$ wget https://github.com/NiharikaKute/ PINGALA/blob/main/codes/2 2.py

and run it using

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

Solution: Taking the one-sided Z-transform on

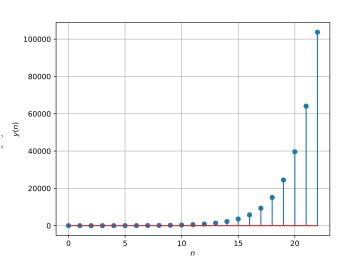


Fig. 2.2: Plot of y(n)

both sides of (2.13),

$$Z^{+}[y(n)] = Z^{+}[x(n+1)] + Z^{+}[x(n-1)]$$
(2.14)

$$Y^{+}(z) = zX^{+}(z) - zx(0) + z^{-1}X^{+}(z) + zx(-1)$$
(2.15)

$$=\frac{z+z^{-1}}{1-z^{-1}-z^{-2}}-z\tag{2.16}$$

$$= \frac{1 + 2z^{-1}}{1 - z^{-1} - z^{-2}}, \quad |z| > \alpha \tag{2.17}$$

since $x(n) = 0 \ \forall \ n < 0$.

2.7 Find y(n).

Solution: Using (2.7),

$$Y^{+}(z) = (1 + 2z^{-1}) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x(n)z^{-n}$$
 (2.18)

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x(n)z^{-n} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2x(n-1)z^{-n} \quad (2.19)$$

$$= x(0) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (x(n) + 2x(n-1)) z^{-n}$$
(2.20)

Thus, y(0) = x(0) = 1 and for $n \ge 1$, using the fact that α and β are the roots of the equation

 $z^2 - z - 1 = 0$,

$$y(n) = \frac{(\alpha^{n+1} - \beta^{n+1}) + (2\alpha^n + 2\beta^n)}{\alpha - \beta}$$
 (2.21)

$$=\frac{\left(\alpha^{n+2}-\beta^{n+2}\right)+\left(\alpha^{n}+\beta^{n}\right)}{\alpha-\beta}\tag{2.22}$$

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

$$= \frac{\left(\alpha^{n+2} - \beta^{n+2}\right) - \alpha\beta(\alpha^n + \beta^n)}{\alpha - \beta}$$
(2.22)

$$=\frac{(\alpha-\beta)\left(\alpha^{n+1}+\beta^{n+1}\right)}{\alpha-\beta}\tag{2.24}$$

$$= \alpha^{n+1} + \beta^{n+1} \tag{2.25}$$

Thus, $y(n) = \alpha^{n+1} + \beta^{n+1}$ for $n \ge 0$ as $\alpha + \beta = 1$. Comparing (2.22) 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 (2.12), and noting that x(n) = $0 \forall n < 0$.

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

$$= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{n-1} x(k)$$
 (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 (2.12),

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

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

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

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),

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

Hence, (3.15) can be expressed as

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

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

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

3.6 Solve the JEE 2019 problem.

Solution: We know that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} a_k = x(n) * u(n-1)$$
 (3.25)

But

$$x(n) * u(n-1) \stackrel{\mathcal{Z}}{\rightleftharpoons} X(z)z^{-1}U(z)$$
 (3.26)

$$=\frac{z^{-1}}{(1-z^{-1}-z^{-2})(1-z^{-1})}$$
(3.27)

$$= z \left[\frac{1}{1 - z^{-1} - z^{-2}} - \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}} \right]$$
 (3.28)

$$\stackrel{\mathcal{Z}}{\rightleftharpoons} z \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x(n) - 1) z^{-n}$$
 (3.29)

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x(n) - 1) z^{-n+1}$$
 (3.30)

$$=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x(n+1)-1)z^{-n}$$
 (3.31)

(3.32)

From (2.12), we get

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} a_k = a_{n+2} - 1 \tag{3.33}$$

We have already established the 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.