Infinite impulse response filters

Leakey Integrator filter

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Classification of discrete filters

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	Finite impulse response (FIR)	Infinite impulse response (IIR)
Filtering in time domain	Moving average	Leaky Integrator
Filtering in frequency domain	Windowed Filters Equiripple Minimax	ZOH method Bilinear z-transform

Leaky integrator filter

The MA filter equation,

$$y[n] = x[n] * h[n] = \frac{1}{M}\sum_{k=0}^{M-1} x[n-k]\,, \tag{1}$$

$$y[n] = \frac{1}{M}\left[\sum_{k=1}^{M-1} x[n-k] + x[n]\right] = \frac{1}{M}\left[\sum_{k=1}^{M-1} x[n-k]\right] + \frac{1}{M}x[n]\,. \tag{2}$$

Since,

$$y[n-1] = \frac{1}{M-1}\left[\sum_{k=1}^{M-1} x[n-k]\right] \implies y[n-1](M-1) = \left[\sum_{k=1}^{M-1} x[n-k]\right]\,. \tag{3}$$

Then,

$$y[n] = \frac{M-1}{M}y[n-1] + \frac{1}{M}x[n]\,. \tag{4}$$

Defining $\lambda = \frac{M-1}{M}$,

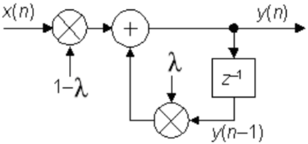
$$y[n] = \lambda\, y[n-1] + (1-\lambda)\, x[n]\,. \tag{5}$$

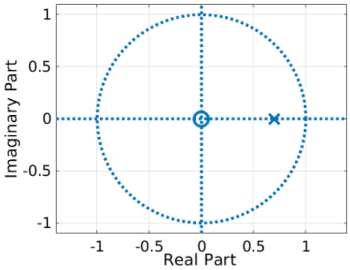
It can be seen that the leaky integrator filter is an IIR filter. Why?

$$y[n] = \lambda\, y[n-1] + (1-\lambda)\, x[n]\,.$$

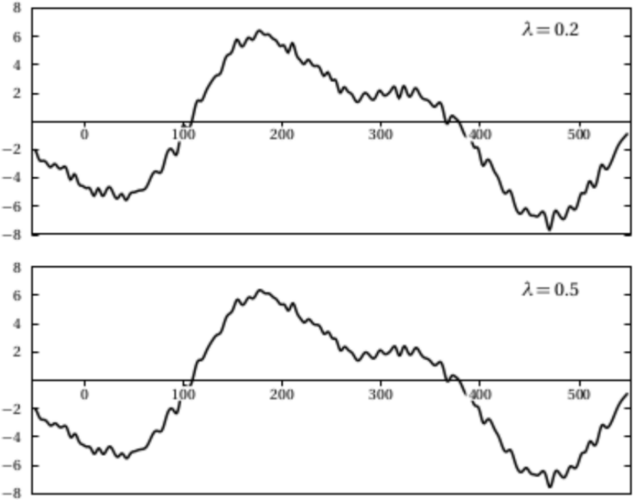
- No longer a convolution.
- Instead, a **constant coefficient difference equation**. Initial conditions must be set.
- LI is also known as **Single Pole Recursive filter** [2].
- The new system is LTI.
- LI is stable for $|\lambda| < 1$. Since $\lambda = \frac{M-1}{M}$, the filter is stable.
- The value of λ (which is the pole of the system) determines the smoothing power of the filter.

$$\frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{1-\lambda}{1-\lambda z^{-1}}$$



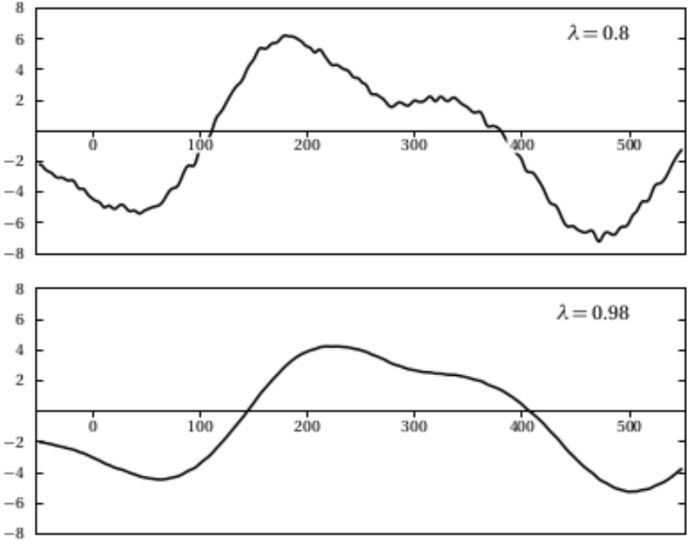


Time domain response



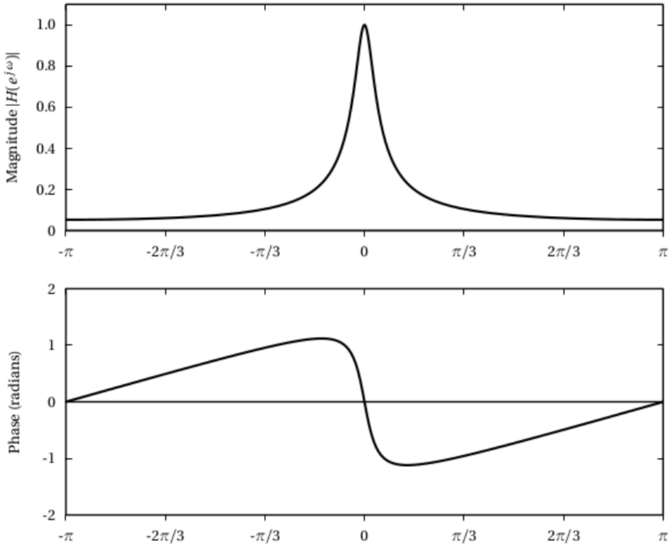
Time domain response, 2

Note how the signal is delayed as λ grows.

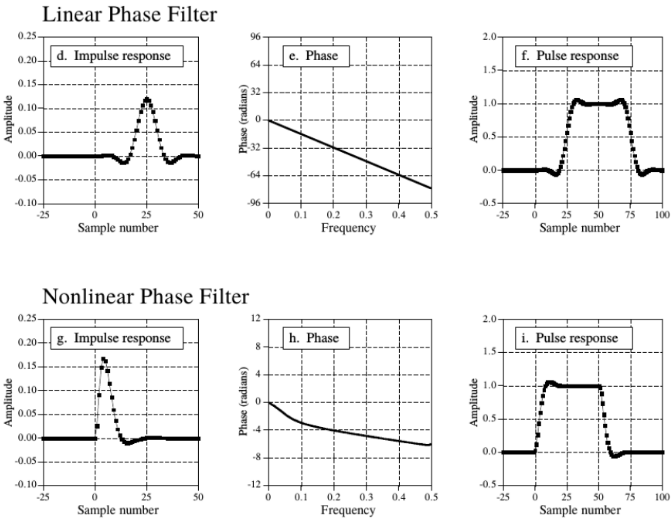


Frequency domain response

Magnitude and phase response of the leaky integrator for $\lambda = 0.9$. Phase response is **nonlinear**.



Nonlinear phase response



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