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## Chapter 6: Discrete-time (DT) Linear Systems

ECE 481 – Digital Control Systems

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## Difference equations

Just like CT systems were represented as ODEs, DT systems are modeled as difference equations.

$$y[k] + a_1y[k - 1] + \cdots + a_ny[k - n] = b_0u[k] + b_1u[k - 1] + \cdots + b_mu[k - m]$$

Where,

$$k, n, m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0},$$

$u[k] \in \mathbb{R}$  is the input sequence,

$y[k] \in \mathbb{R}$  is the output sequence,

$a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{R}$  are constant coefficients

Example: 5-point moving average

$$y[k] = \frac{1}{5} (u[k] + u[k - 1] + u[k - 2] + u[k - 3] + u[k - 4])$$

### Impulse response:

DT impulse:  $\delta[k] = 1$  if  $k = 0$ , else  $\delta[k] = 0$ .

Response of system to  $u[k] = \delta[k]$  is the system's impulse response.

Question: What is the impulse response of the 5-point moving average?

$$g[k] = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{5} & \text{if } 0 \leq k \leq 4 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

## Difference equations: Solving for the output sequence

Given input sequence and initial condition(s), how do we solve for the output sequence?

Similar to the response of a constant coefficient ODE (1st order), we can write the system response as:

$$y = y_n + y_f$$

Natural response/  
zero-input response      Forced response

Natural response is the general solution to the homogenous equation:

$$(u[k] = 0 \quad \forall k)$$

$$y[k] + a_1y[k - 1] + \cdots + a_ny[k - n] = 0$$

Forced response (zero-state response) is obtained by solving:

$$y[k] + a_1y[k - 1] + \cdots + a_ny[k - n] = b_0u[k] + b_1u[k - 1] + \cdots + b_mu[k - m]$$

while assuming:  $y[k] = 0, u[k] = 0 \forall k < 0$

## Natural response of a difference equation

Recall that ODEs with constant coefficients have a trial solution that is the complex exponential  $e^{\lambda t}$

For example:  $\ddot{y} + 3\dot{y} - 2y = 0$

Try  $y(t) = e^{\lambda t}$ :  $\lambda^2 e^{\lambda t} + 3\lambda e^{\lambda t} - 2e^{\lambda t} = 0$

Holds for all  $t$  iff:  $\lambda^2 + 3\lambda - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \{-1, -2\}$

This ODE has a general form for the natural response:  $y_n(t) = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 e^{-2t}$

Similarly for constant coefficient difference equations, we have the trial solution:  $y_n[k] = \lambda^k$

For example:  $y[k] - y[k - 1] - 4y[k - 2] + 4y[k - 3] = 0$

Substitute  $y[k] = \lambda^k$ :  $\lambda^k - \lambda^{k-1} - 4\lambda^{k-2} + 4\lambda^{k-3} = 0$

This holds for all  $k$  iff:  $\lambda^3 - \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \{1, 2, -2\}$

Therefore the general form for the natural response of this difference equation is:

$$y_n[k] = c_1(1)^k + c_22^k + c_3(-2)^k$$

Next, we'll see how to get the forced response.

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## $z$ -Transforms

Let  $x[k] \in \mathbb{R}$  (DT), one-sided ZT is:

$$X[z] := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x[k] z^{-k}, z \in \mathbb{C}$$

Not all DT sequences have a ZT, sufficient condition

for existence:

$$|x[k]| \leq M_p^R, k \geq 0,$$

↑  
growth bound  
bound (constant)

here,  $M_p > 0$

$\Rightarrow X[z]$  is bounded.

To see this, let's write  $z = re^{j\theta}$ ,  $r > p$ . Then:

$$|X[z]| = \left| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x[k] (re^{j\theta})^{-k} \right| \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |x[k] (re^{j\theta})^{-k}|$$

(Triangle inequality)

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |x[k]| \rho^{-k}$$

Assumption (or suff. condition) that  $|x[k]| \leq M \rho^k$

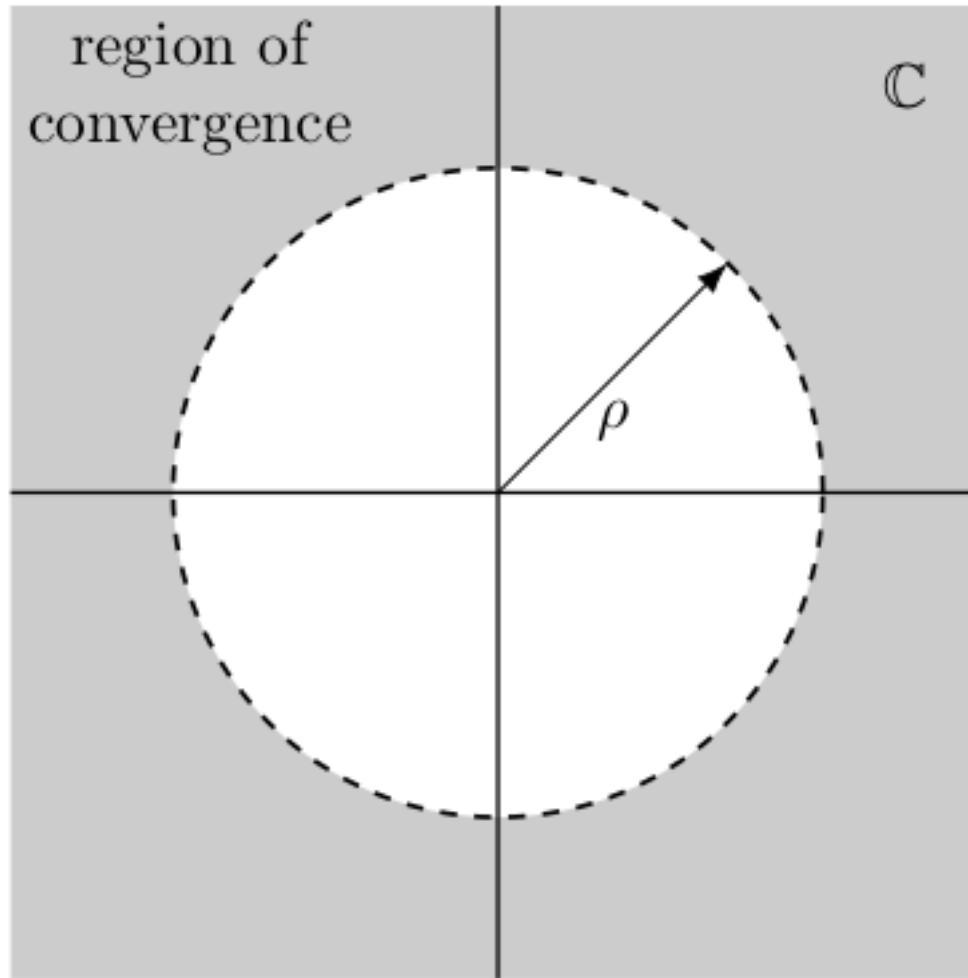
$$\leq M \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\rho/\rho)^k = M \frac{1}{1-\rho/\rho} \quad \text{since } \rho < \rho$$

$< \infty$

R.O.C of ZT defined by smallest ' $\rho$ ' that  
is a growth bound

## **z-Transforms: Region of convergence**

The ROC for this series includes the exterior of the disk  $|z| > \rho$



## Example 6.2.2

Consider the series  $x[k] = a^k, \quad k \geq 0.$

Take its z-Transform:

$$X[z] = \mathcal{Z}(a^k) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (az^{-1})^k = \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}} = \frac{z}{z - a}, \quad |z| > |a|$$

Special case: If  $a=1$ , this is the z-transform of the unit step sequence  $1[k]$ .

### Example 6.2.3

Consider the series  $x[k] = k^k$ ,  $k \geq 0$ .

Take its z-Transform:

$$X[z] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{k}{z}\right)^k = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^j \left(\frac{k}{z}\right)^k$$

Summation does not converge for any  $z \in \mathbb{C}$

The signal here grows too fast and does not have the growth bound of the form  $|x[k]| \leq M\rho^k$ ,  $k \geq 0$

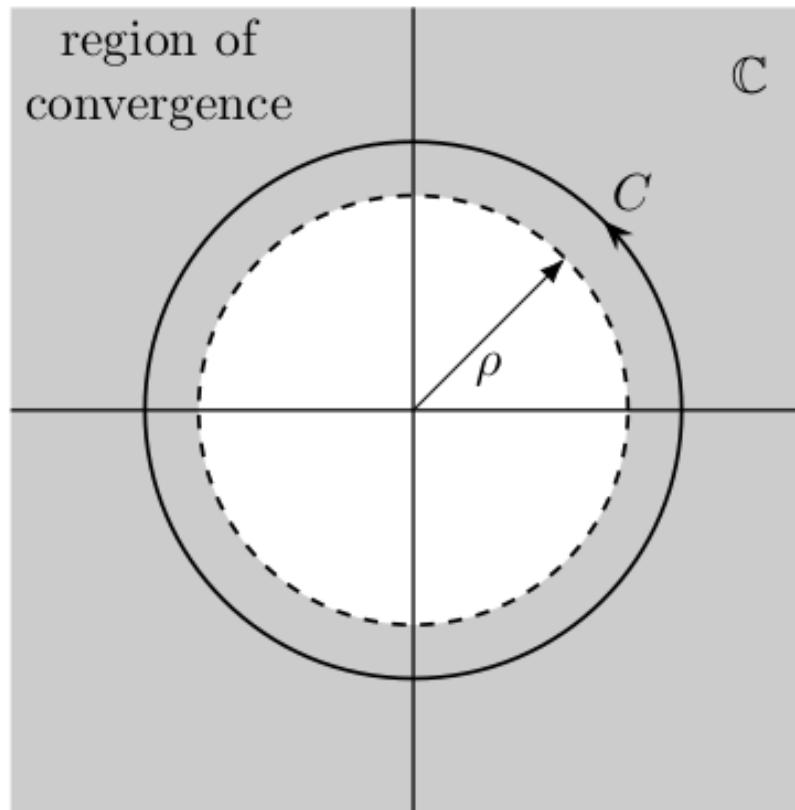
(which is just a sufficient condition but not a necessary one, so is not a proof of lack of existence of Z TF)

## Inverse z-Transform

Given  $X[z]$ , suppose we want to find  $x[k]$ . The inversion formula is:

$$x[k] = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C X[z]z^{k-1} dz$$

The integral is a contour integral in the complex plane around a circle  $C$  in the ROC



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In particular, select  $z = re^{j\theta}$

$$x[k] = \frac{r^k}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} X[re^{j\theta}] e^{jk\theta} d\theta$$

Note: The ROC is important if we want to use the above formula to compute the z-transform.

## Example

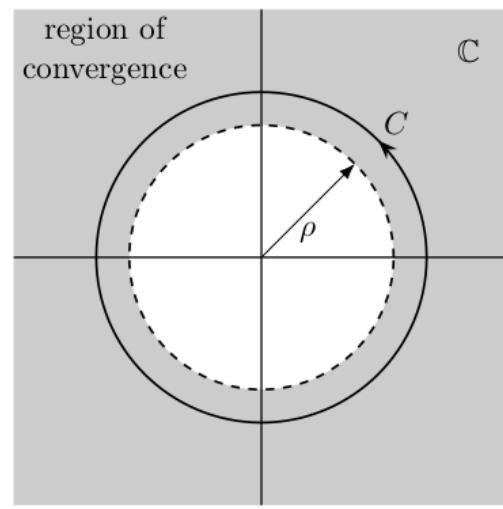
Consider the z-transform of  $1.3^k$ , ( $k \geq 0$ )

$$X[z] = \frac{z}{z - 1.3}, \quad \text{ROC : } \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| > 1.3\}$$

If  $z = re^{j\theta}$ , the inversion formula yields:

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What value of r should we use to evaluate this integral?



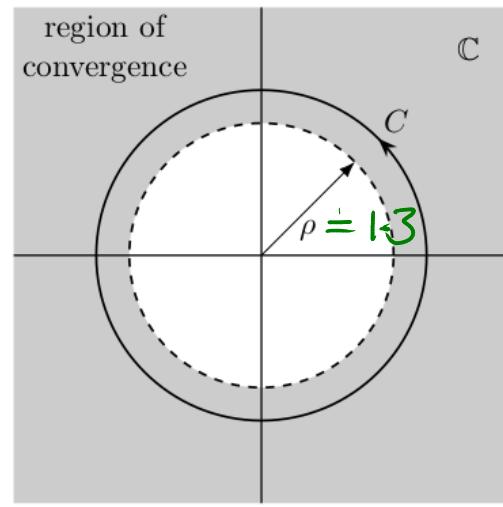
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With  $r > 1.3$ , the circle traced out is inside the ROC. For  $r=2$ , we get the original sequence:

$$x[k] = \begin{cases} 1.3^k & k \geq 0 \\ 0 & k < 0 \end{cases}$$

If we chose  $r = 1$  (resulting contour is not in the ROC), then we get:

$$x[k] = \begin{cases} 0 & k \geq 0 \\ -1.3^k & k < 0 \end{cases}$$

This is not the original sequence! Takeaway is that the ROC must be clearly specified otherwise we might not recover the original sequence.

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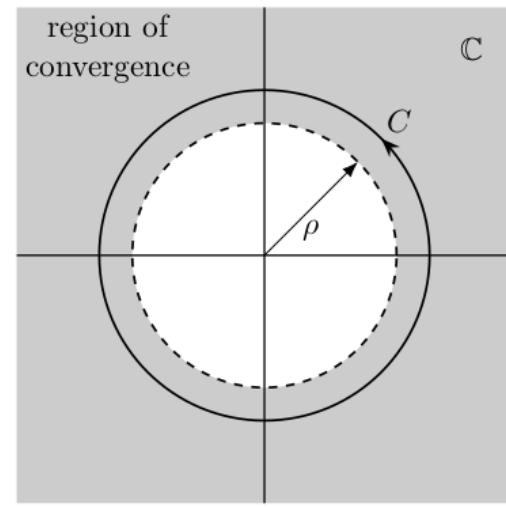
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Note: For digital implementations, sequences are normally defined for  $k \geq 0$ , and that gives us z-transforms with a ROC that is the exterior of a disk with a sufficiently large radius (enough to exclude poles of  $X[z]$ ).

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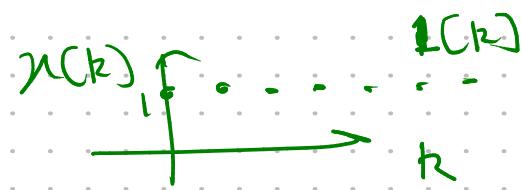
## Properties of $z$ -transforms

Let  $x[k]$  and  $y[k]$  be real-valued sequences that are zero for  $k < 0$ , let  $a$  be a real constant and let  $m \geq 0$  be an integer.

- (i)  $\mathcal{Z}\{x[k] + y[k]\} = \mathcal{Z}\{x[k]\} + \mathcal{Z}\{y[k]\}$  (superposition)
  - (ii)  $\mathcal{Z}\{ax[k]\} = a\mathcal{Z}\{x[k]\}$  (homogeneity)
  - (iii)  $\mathcal{Z}\{x[k - m]\} = z^{-m}\mathcal{Z}\{x[k]\} + \underbrace{x[-m] + z^{-1}x[-m + 1] + \cdots + z^{-m+1}x[-1]}_{\text{For init conditions}}$  (backward shift)
  - (iv)  $\mathcal{Z}\{x[k + m]\} = z^m\mathcal{Z}\{x[k]\} - (z^mx[0] + z^{m-1}x[1] + \cdots + zx[m - 1])$  (forward shift)
  - (v)  $\mathcal{Z}\{x * y\} = \mathcal{Z}\{x[k]\}\mathcal{Z}\{y[k]\}$  (convolution)
  - (vi)  $\mathcal{Z}\{a^kx[k]\} = X[z/a]$ . (multiplication by  $a^k$ )
- } Linearity

See any Signals and Systems book for details, e.g., the one by B. P. Lathi.

# Table of z-transforms of popular signals



One-sided z-transforms:

Description	Time-domain $x[k]$	$z$ -Domain $X[z]$
Unit step	$1[k]$	$\frac{z}{z-1}$ ←
Impulse	$\delta[k]$	1
Ramp	$k$	$\frac{z}{(z-1)^2}$
Exponential	$a^k$	$\frac{z}{z-a}$ ↙
Exponential I	$ka^k$	$\frac{az}{(z-a)^2}$
Exponential II	$k^2 a^k$	$\frac{az(z+a)}{(z-a)^3}$
Sine	$\sin(\theta k)$	$\frac{z \sin(\theta)}{z^2 - 2 \cos(\theta)z + 1}$
Cosine	$\cos(\theta k)$	$\frac{z(z - \cos(\theta))}{z^2 - 2 \cos(\theta)z + 1}$
Growing/decaying sine	$a^k \sin(\theta k)$	$\frac{za \sin(\theta)}{z^2 - 2a \cos(\theta)z + a^2}$
Growing/decaying cosine	$a^k \cos(\theta k)$	$\frac{z(z - a \cos(\theta))}{z^2 - 2a \cos(\theta)z + a^2}$

## Example: Computing inverse transforms via the table (and partial fractions)

Similar to what we have been doing for Laplace transforms.

Consider the z-transform:  $X[z] = \frac{z+1}{(z-10)(z+4)}$

Trick: Write down the partial fraction expansion of  $X[z]/z$  to get terms that can be inverted (via the table)

$$\frac{X[z]}{z} = \frac{z+1}{z(z-10)(z+4)} = \frac{c_1}{z} + \frac{c_2}{z-10} + \frac{c_3}{z+4}$$

We have,  $c_1 = \left. \frac{z+1}{z(z-10)(z+4)} \right|_{z=0} = -1/40$

$$c_2 = \left. \frac{(z-10)(z+1)}{z(z-10)(z+4)} \right|_{z=10} = 11/140$$

$$c_3 = \left. \frac{(z-4)(z+1)}{z(z-10)(z+4)} \right|_{z=-4} = -3/56$$

$$\Rightarrow X[z] = -\frac{1}{40} + \frac{11}{140} \frac{3}{z-10} + \left(-\frac{3}{56}\right) \cdot \frac{3}{z+4}$$

Inv. 2T

$$x[k] = -\frac{1}{40} \delta[k] + \frac{11}{140} 10^k - \frac{3}{56} (-4)^k, k \geq 0$$

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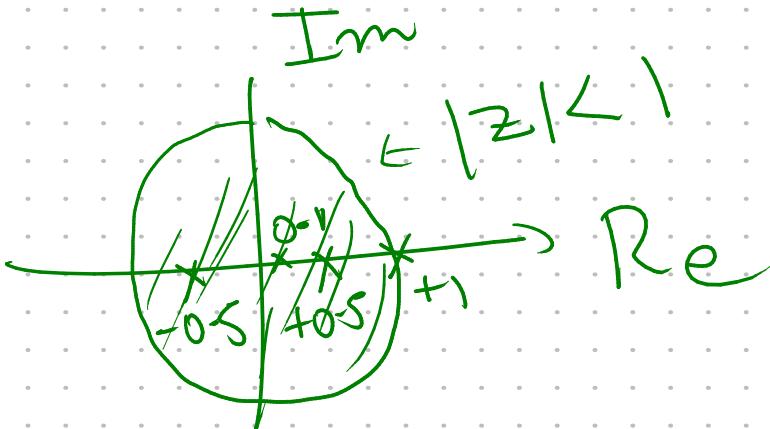
## Final value theorem for DT signals

**Theorem 6.2.1 (Final-value theorem).** Let  $x[k]$  be a signal defined for  $k \geq 0$  and let its  $z$ -transform  $X[z]$  be rational and proper.

- (a) If  $X[z]$  has all its poles in  $|z| < 1$ , then  $x[k]$  converges to zero as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .
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$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x[k] = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} (z - 1)X[z]. \quad (6.4)$$

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Compare this to the CT version of FVT:

**Theorem 2.5.1 (Final-value theorem).** Let  $f(t)$  be a signal defined for  $t \geq 0$  and let its Laplace transform  $F(s)$  be rational and proper.

- (a) If  $F(s)$  has all its poles in  $\mathbb{C}^-$ , then  $f(t)$  converges to zero as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .
- (b) If  $F(s)$  has all its poles in  $\mathbb{C}^-$  except for a simple pole at  $s = 0$ , then

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## Solving difference equations by z-transforms

Putting together what we've seen in this chapter so far (and just like we did for ODEs via LTs).

Example system that also requires us to compute a forced response:

$$y[k] - 2y[k-1] = u[k], \quad \text{---(1)} \quad y[-1] = 1, \quad u[k] = k\mathbf{1}[k]$$

$$y = y_n + y_f$$

Natural response:

$y_n$  will be of the form  $Cx^k$

$$\text{Into (1) } \Rightarrow Cx^k - 2Cx^{k-1} = 0 \quad \begin{cases} \text{set } \\ u[k]=0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow x-2=0 \Rightarrow x=2$$

$$y_n[k] = C2^k$$

Forced response:  $u[k] = k\mathbf{1}[k]$ ,  $U[z] = \frac{z}{(z-1)^2}$

Take ZTF of (1) w/ zero init. conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} & y - 2z^{-1}y = U \\ \Rightarrow & y(1-2z^{-1}) = U \Rightarrow y = \frac{z}{z-2} \cdot U \end{aligned}$$

Forced  
response

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

Via partial fraction expansion:

$$\frac{Y(z)}{z} = \frac{C_1}{z-2} + \frac{C_2}{z-1} + \frac{C_3}{(z-1)^2}$$

Solve,  $C_1 = 2, C_2 = -2, C_3 = -1$

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

Inv. Z-TF

$$\Rightarrow y_j[k] = 2(2)^k - 2(1)^{k-1}, k \geq 0.$$

Total response  $y = y_n + y_f$

$$y[k] = (c+2)2^k - 2(1)^k - k, k \geq 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

We can't find  $y[-1] = 1$  to find 'c' (alone).

Find  $y[0]$  that is consistent with  $u(k) \neq 0$ .

$$\text{Let's use (1)} \Rightarrow y[0] - 2y[-1] = u[0] \quad (k=0)$$

$$\Rightarrow y[0] = 2y[-1] + 0 = +2$$

$$\text{Putting into (2)} \Rightarrow 2 = (c+2) \cdot 1 - 2 - 0 \quad (k=0)$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 2$$

$$\therefore y[k] = 4 \cdot 2^k - 2 \cdot 1^k - k, k \geq 0$$

## Solving difference equations by z-transforms

Exercise: Re-solve the example simply via z-transforms, this time not setting initial conditions to 0.

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## DT Transfer functions

Recall: Transfer function representations exist only for LTI systems (CT or DT). Consider:

$$y[k] + a_1y[k-1] + \dots + a_ny[k-n] = b_0u[k] + b_1u[k-1] + \dots + b_mu[k-m]$$

OUTPUT  
SEQUENCE

INPUT  
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Take Z-TF w/ zero-initial conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} & y + z^{-1}a_1y + z^{-2}a_2y + \dots + z^{-n}a_ny \\ &= b_0u + b_1z^{-1}u + \dots + b_mz^{-m}u \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{G}[z] &= \frac{y}{u} = \frac{b_0 + b_1z^{-1} + \dots + b_mz^{-m}}{1 + a_1z^{-1} + \dots + a_nz^{-n}} \end{aligned}$$

## DT Transfer function: Impulse response

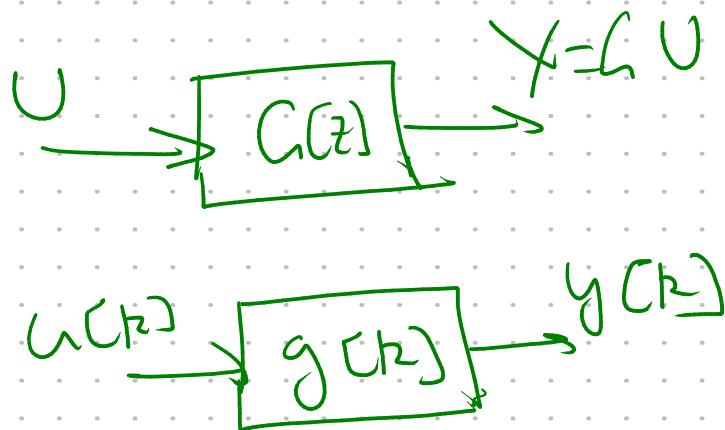
$$g[k] = z^{-1} \{ h[z] \}$$

Impulse  
RTSP

TP

$$y[k] = \sum_{m=0}^R g[k-m] u[m]$$

Convolution in DT.



## DT Transfer function and FVT: Example 6.4.2

Consider  $\frac{Y}{U} = \frac{z + 0.35}{(z - 0.5)(z + 0.5)(z - 0.1)}$ ,  $U[k] = 1[k]$

$$Y(z) = G(z) \cdot U(z) = \frac{z + 0.35}{(z - 0.5)(z + 0.5)(z - 0.1)} \cdot \frac{z}{z}$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y[k] = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} (z-1) Y(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} z G(z) = G(1) = 2$$

## Two forms for DT transfer functions

1) Positive power form

(3)

$$\text{e.g., } G(z) = \frac{8z^3 - 24z^{-16}}{2z^5 + 20z^4 + 98z^3 + 268z^2 + 276z}$$

2) Negative power form

$$\text{e.g., } G(z^{-1}) = \frac{8z^{-2} - 24z^{-4} - 16z^{-5}}{2 + 20z^{-1} + 98z^{-2} + 268z^{-3} + 276z^{-4}}$$

(3) & (4) are the same thing.

Divide (3) by  $z^5$  (& multiply)

## Rational TFs and difference equations

Example 6.4.3: Consider  $\frac{Y}{U} = \frac{z^2 + 2z}{2z^3 + z^2 - 0.4z + 0.8}$

$$= \frac{z^{-1} + 2z^{-2}}{2 + z^{-1} - 0.4z^{-2} + 0.8z^{-3}}$$
$$\Rightarrow (2 + z^{-1} - 0.4z^{-2} + 0.8z^{-3})Y = (z^{-1} + 2z^{-2})U$$

Take inv. Z-transform:

$$2y[k] + y[k-1] - 0.4y[k-2] + 0.8y[k-3]$$

$$= u[k-1] + 2u[k-2].$$

Note: NPF preferred, consider  $Z\{u[k+1]\} = zX - u[0]$

Need  $\uparrow$   
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## DT state-space models

General DT state-space model:

$$x[k+1] = f(x[k], u[k]),$$

$$y[k] = g(x[k], u[k])$$

here,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $u \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}^p$ .  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$   
 $g: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$

Special Case (LTI):

$$\Rightarrow x[k+1] = Ax[k] + Bu[k]$$

Want  
state  $y[k] = Cx[k] + Du[k]$

( $f, g$  linear  
LTI in

$x$  &  $u$ )

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$$

$$C \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}, D \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times m}$$

## DT State-space model from difference equation

Example 6.5.1:

$$y[k] - 0.5y[k-1] + 1.5y[k-2] = 0.5u[k]$$

Re-write,

$$y[k] - 0.5y[k-1] + 1.5y[k-2] = 0.5u[k]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y, u \in \mathbb{R} \end{bmatrix} \quad y[k+2] - 0.5y[k+1] + 1.5y[k] = 0.5u[k] \quad (S)$$

$$\text{State vector: } x(k) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(k) \\ x_2(k) \end{bmatrix} := \begin{bmatrix} y(k) \\ y(k+1) \end{bmatrix}$$

At the next time step:  $x_1[k+1] = x_2[k]$

$$\text{(From (S)) } x_2[k+1] = -1.5x_1[k] + 0.5x_2[k] + 0.5u[k]$$

$$y[k] = x_1[k] = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_C x(k)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1[k+1] \\ x_2[k+1] \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}}_A \begin{bmatrix} x_1(k) \\ x_2(k) \end{bmatrix} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix}}_B u(k)$$

## DT State-space model from difference equation: Relative degree less than n

More (delayed) inputs show up in difference equation/TF.

Example 6.5.2:

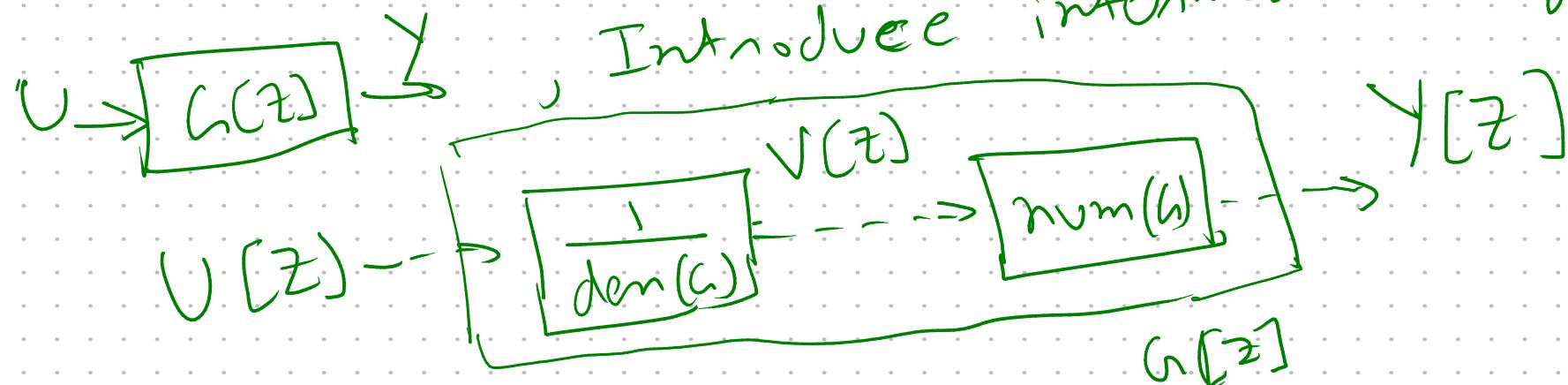
$$y[k] - 0.5y[k-1] + 1.5y[k-2] = u[k-1] \\ + 2u[k-2]$$

Take Z-TF:

$$Y[z] = \frac{z^{-1} + 2z^{-2}}{1 - 0.5z^{-1} + 1.5z^{-2}} \cdot U[z]$$

$$= \frac{z+2}{z^2 - 0.5z + 1.5} U[z]$$

$$h(z) \left( \begin{array}{c} z+2 \\ z^2 - 0.5z + 1.5 \end{array} \right)$$



$$V[z] = \frac{1}{\text{den}(h)} \cdot V[z] = \frac{1}{z^2 - 0.5z + 1.5} \cdot V[z]$$

$$Y[z] = \text{Num}(h) V[z] = (z+2) V[z]$$

Relative  
degree of 2

Inv. Z-TR W/ 0 init conditions:

$$\Rightarrow v[k+2] - 0.5v[k+1] + 1.5v[k] = u[k] \quad (1)$$

$$y[k] = v[k+1] + 2v[k]$$

$$\text{Define states, } x[k] = (x_1[k], x_2[k]) := [v[k], v[k+1]]$$

$$x_1[k+1] = x_2[k],$$

$$x_2[k+1] = -1.5x_1[k] + 0.5x_2[k] + u[k] \quad (\text{From (1)})$$

$$y[k] = 2x_1[k] + x_2[k]$$

$$x[n+1] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix} x[n] + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u[n]$$

$$y[n] = [2 \quad 1] \begin{bmatrix} x_1[n] \\ x_2[n] \end{bmatrix} + [0] u[n]$$

$\uparrow$

$x \in \mathbb{R}^2$

We had:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1[n+1] &= x_2[n], \\ x_2[n+1] &= -1.5x_1[n] + 0.5x_2[n] + u[n] \quad (\text{From ①}) \\ y[n] &= 2x_1[n] + x_2[n] \end{aligned}$$

## Generalizing: TF2SS (SISO)

Consider the difference equation:  $y[k] + a_1y[n-1] + \dots + a_ny[k-n] = b_1u[k-1] + \dots + b_mu[k-m]$

Assume  $n = m$  (without loss of generality), and we have the corresponding TF:

$$G[z] = \frac{b_1z^{n-1} + b_2z^{n-2} + \dots + zb_{n-1} + b_n}{z^n + a_1z^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1}z + a_n}$$

ZTF  
w/o init  
cond.

Using the process in the previous slide(s), we get the resulting state-space model with matrices:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \\ -a_n & -a_{n-1} & -a_{n-2} & \dots & -a_2 & -a_1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = [b_n \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad b_1], \quad D = 0.$$

Note: This also applies to CT systems.

CONTROLLABLE  
CANONICAL  
FORM.

## State-space models for proper (but not strictly) DT transfer functions

Such systems have a feedforward component. Example 6.5.4:

$$\frac{Y[z]}{U[z]} = \frac{3z^3 - z^2 + 2z - 6}{z^3 + 2z^2 - 7z} = G[z]$$

Divide the numerator by the denominator and re-write the TF:

$$\frac{Y}{U} = 3 + \frac{-7z^2 + 23z - 6}{z^3 + 2z^2 - 7z} \quad G_1[z] \quad \text{strictly proper}$$

show up in  $y = Cx + Du$  ( $D=3$ )

Feed forward

$$U \rightarrow G(z) \Rightarrow Y = 3 + \frac{-7z^2 + 23z - 6}{z^3 + 2z^2 - 7z} \quad G_1[z]$$

See example 6.5.4 in course notes.

If TF is not proper, it is not 'realizable', i.e., there's no corresponding SS model.

## Similarity transformations

Recall (from CT chapters) that the state-space realization is not unique. Why?

Consider a realization:  $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = Ax + Bu \\ y = Cx \end{cases} \equiv H(s)$

Let  $T$  be a  $n \times n$  invertible matrix and define a new (transformed) state vector  $\hat{x} = Tx$

We now have the model:  $\dot{\hat{x}} = T\dot{x} = TAx + TBu = \underbrace{TAT^{-1}\hat{x}}_{\hat{A}} + \underbrace{TB}_{\hat{B}} u$  ( $\because u = T^{-1}\hat{u}$ )  
 $y = Cx = \underbrace{CT^{-1}}_C \hat{x}$ .

$$H(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{A} & \hat{B} \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} = C(sI - \hat{A})^{-1}\hat{B} + D$$

Compute the TF:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}(s) &= \hat{C}(sI - \hat{A})^{-1}\hat{B} = CT^{-1}(sI - TAT^{-1})^{-1}TB \\ &= CT^{-1}(sTT^{-1} - TAT^{-1})^{-1}TB \\ &= CT^{-1}\cancel{T}(sI - A)^{-1}\cancel{T^{-1}}TB \\ &= C(sI - A)^{-1}B \\ &= H(s) \end{aligned}$$

$\hat{x} = Tx$  is called a similarity transform since it does not change the underlying TF.

How many state-space realizations are there for a given transfer function?

Since  $T$  can be any invertible matrix ( $n \times n$ ), therefore an infinite number of transforms and realizations!

Example 6.5.3 and Matlab's TF2SS for the given TF:  $(x)$   $(\hat{x})$

$$\frac{y}{v} = \frac{0z^3 + z^2 + 2z + 0z^0}{z^3 + z^2 - 0.4z + 0.8}$$

$$\hat{x} = Tx$$

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 \\ -a_n & -a_{n-1} & -a_{n-2} & \cdots & -a_2 & -a_1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = [b_n \ \dots \ \dots \ b_1], \quad D = 0.$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -0.8 & 0.4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = 0$$

$$C = [0 \ 2 \ 1]$$

## SS2TF

Start with the state-space model:

$$x^+ = Ax + Bu$$
$$y = Cx + Du$$

$$x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k)$$

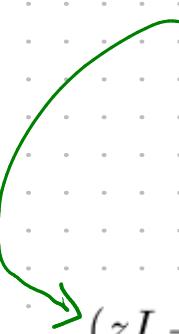
Shorthand:

$$x^+ = Ax + Bu$$

Take the z-transform(s) with zero initial condition (just like we took the LT for CT models):

$$zX[z] = AX[z] + BU[z]$$
$$Y[z] = CX[z] + DU[z].$$

Eliminate  $X[z]$


$$(zI - A)X[z] = BU[z]$$
$$\Rightarrow X[z] = (zI - A)^{-1}BU[z]$$
$$\Rightarrow Y[z] = \underbrace{(C(zI - A)^{-1}B + D)}_{\text{transfer function } G[z]} U[z].$$

→ plug into  $y = Cx + Du$

Shorthand:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A & B \\ \hline C & D \end{array} \right] [z] := C(zI - A)^{-1}B + D.$$

See example 6.5.5 in course notes.

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## Stability of state-space models

Autonomous

For a given system  $x[k+1] = Ax[k]$ ,  $x[0] \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , will  $x[k]$  converge to zero as  $k$  goes to infinity?

**Definition 6.6.1.** System (6.10) is **asymptotically stable** if  $x[k] \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  for every initial condition, i.e.,  $\forall x(0) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

How does the state of this autonomous system evolve?

$$x[1] = Ax[0]$$

$$x[2] = Ax[1] = A^2 x[0]$$

$$x[3] = Ax[2] = A^2 x[1] = A^3 x[0]$$

⋮

$$x[k] = A^k x[0]$$

Transition matrix ( $x_0 \mapsto x(k)$ )

**Theorem 6.6.2.** The unique solution to  $x[k+1] = Ax[k]$ ,  $x[0] = x_0$ , is  $x[k] = A^k x_0$ .

## Transition matrix and z-transforms

$x[k+1] = Ax[k]$ , z-TF without setting init conditions to zero.

$$zX - zx[0] = AX$$

$$\Rightarrow X[z] = z(zI - A)^{-1}x[0] = (I - z^{-1}A)^{-1}x[0]$$

Compare to  $x[k] = A^k x[0]$

Informally,  $A^k$  &  $(I - z^{-1}A)^{-1}$  are z-TF pairs

$$z \sum A^k = (I - z^{-1}A)^{-1}$$

## Example: computing the transition matrix using z-transforms

Calculate  $A^k$  for  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$A^k = Z^{-1} \left\{ Z(zI-A)^{-1} \right\} \quad (\text{inv-ZTF})$$

$$zI-A = \begin{bmatrix} z-1 & -1 \\ +1 & z-1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ invert this:}$$

$$(zI-A)^{-1} = \frac{1}{(z-1)^2+1} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} z-1 & +1 \\ -1 & z-1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{z^2-2z+2} \begin{bmatrix} z-1 & 1 \\ -1 & z-1 \end{bmatrix}$$

See table of Z-TF's,  $z(zI-A)^{-1}$  has 4 elements

$$\Rightarrow A^k = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}k\right) & \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}k\right) \\ -\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}k\right) & \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}k\right) \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Does not} \\ \rightarrow 0 \text{ as} \\ k \rightarrow \infty \end{array}$$

$x[k] = A^k x[0]$ , is this AS? No.

## Transition matrix for diagonal or diagonalizable A matrices

If A is diagonal, easy. For example:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $A^k = \begin{bmatrix} 3^k & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Otherwise, if the matrix is diagonalizable (we won't cover the theory here), then:

Assume A is s.t. all eigenvectors are linearly independent.

then  $\exists V, D \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  ( $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ )

s.t. D is diagonal, V full-rank

$AV = VD$  { Recall  $A\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$ }

here,  $V = [v_1 | v_2 | \dots | v_n]$ ,  $D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$

$$A = VDV^{-1}$$

then  $A^k = V D^k V^{-1}$ ,  $D^k$  is easy as D is diagonal.

## Stability from eigenvalues

$$x^+ = Ax \quad ; \quad x[k] = A^k x[0]$$

Since  $A^k$  depends on the eigenvalues of  $A$ , we do not need to directly compute  $A^k$  and can instead just check the eigenvalues to get the following condition for asymptotic stability:

**Proposition 6.6.4.**  $A^k \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  if, and only if, every eigenvalue of  $A$  has magnitude less than 1.

Easier way of checking asymptotic stability without having to compute  $A^k$ .

Proof: Exercise, or see course notes.

## BIBO stability of DT TFs



Same idea as the CT case.

**Theorem 6.6.5.** Assume  $G[z]$  is proper and rational. Then the following three statements are equivalent:

1. The system is BIBO stable.
2. The impulse-response function  $g[k]$  is absolutely summable, i.e.,  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |g[k]| < \infty$ .
3. Every pole of the transfer function  $G[z]$  has magnitude less than one.

## Example: Stability of the 5-point moving average

The 5 point moving average  $y[k] = 0.2(u[k]+u[k-1]+u[k-2]+u[k-3]+u[k-4])$  has the TF:

$$\frac{Y[z]}{U[z]} = \frac{1}{5} \frac{z^4 + z^3 + z^2 + z^1 + 1}{z^4}$$

What are the poles?  $\{0, 0, 0, 0\}$

Is it BIBO stable? Yes

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |g[k]| = 1$$

Finite impulse response (FIR) systems:

Impulse response of the 5-point moving average filter (previous lecture) was:  $g[k] = \begin{cases} 0.2 & 0 \leq k \leq 4 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

DT systems whose impulse response has only a finite number of non-zero terms are called FIR systems.

Via the second point of theorem 6.6.5, every FIR system is BIBO stable.

## Stability of state-space models and BIBO stability

Consider the SISO system  $x[k+1] = Ax[k] + Bu[k]$   
 $y[k] = Cx[k] + Du[k]$ .

$$u, y \in \mathbb{R}^1, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$
$$\lambda_A, \det(zI - A) = 0$$

It has the TF  $Y[z]/U[z] = G[z]$   
 $= C(zI - A)^{-1}B + D$   
 $\rightarrow = \frac{1}{\det(zI - A)}C \text{adj}(zI - A)B + D$

$\text{adj}(zI - A)$  is a  $n \times n$  matrix, where each element is a polynomial in  $z$  of degree  $\leq n-1$

From this, we see that the poles of  $G[z]$  are a subset of the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

Therefore: asymptotic stability of state-space model  $\Rightarrow$  BIBO stability of TF model.

Usually poles of  $G[z]$  are identical to the eigenvalues of  $A$ , which happens when

$$\det(zI - A), \quad C \text{adj}(zI - A)B + D \det(zI - A)$$

are coprime (no common roots).

{ Num of TF =  $C \text{adj}(zI - A)B + D \det(zI - A)$   
den " " =  $\det(zI - A)$   $\rightarrow$  polynomial of degree  $= n$ .  
→ May share roots.

## Example:

Consider:  $x[k+1] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0.25 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x[k] + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u[k]$

$$y[k] = [1 \ 0] x[k] + u[k].$$

Eigenvalues can be found by solving:  $\det(zI - A) = z^2 - 0.25 = 0$  to get  $z = \pm 0.5 \in$  *unit circle*

Therefore asymptotically stable  $\Rightarrow$  BIBO stable.

To verify, compute the TF:

$$G[z] = C(zI - A)^{-1}B + D = [1 \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} \frac{z}{z^2 - 0.25} & \frac{1}{z^2 - 0.25} \\ \frac{0.25}{z^2 - 0.25} & \frac{z}{z^2 - 0.25} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 1 = \frac{z^2 + 2z - 0.25}{z^2 - 0.25}$$

## **Example: BIBO stability does not imply asymptotic stability!**

See exercise 6.4 in class notes. Also see Matlab code.

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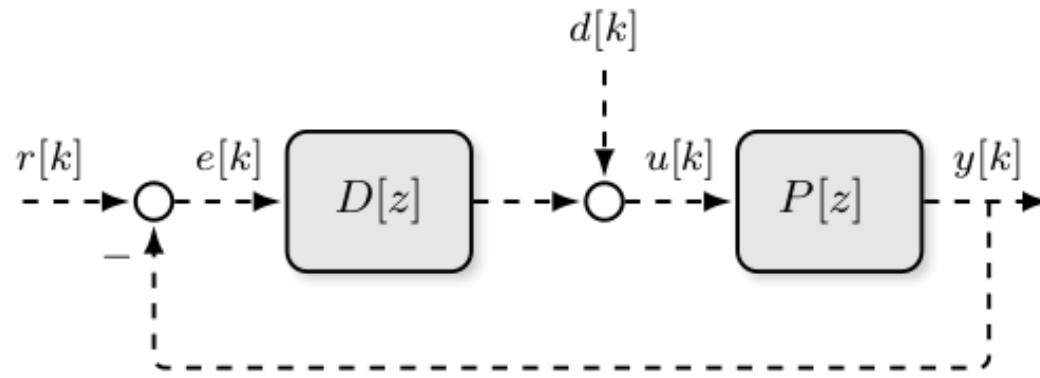
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## Stability of feedback systems

Follows the same reasoning as for CT systems (see chapter 2).



We'll make the following assumption for well-posedness:

**Assumption 6.7.1.** The plant and controller TFs are rational,  $D[z]$  is proper, and  $P[z]$  is strictly proper.



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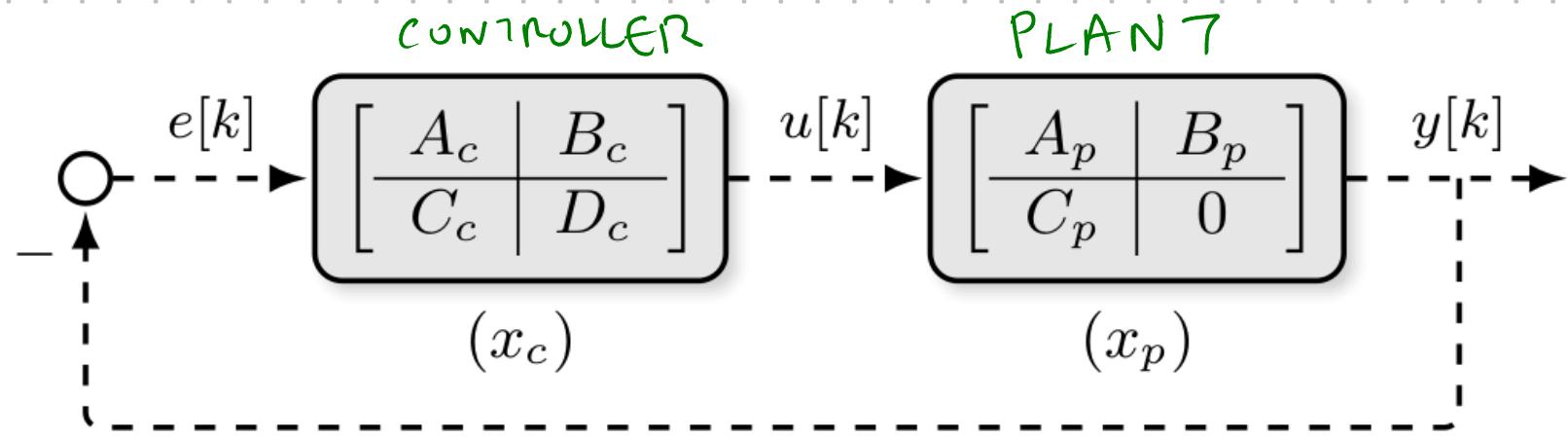
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## Internal stability

Set external signals  $r[k]$  and  $d[k]$  to zero for all  $k$ . We will study the stability of the closed-loop system with a non-zero initial state (for both/either plant or controller).



By assumption, the plant is a strictly proper TF ( $D_p = 0$ ) and the controller is a proper TF (realizable):

Plant  $\begin{cases} \dot{x}_p = A_p x_p + B_p u \\ y = C_p x_p , e = 0 - y = -C_p x_p \end{cases}$

Controller  $\begin{cases} \dot{x}_c = A_c x_c + B_c e \\ u = C_c x_c + D_c e \end{cases}$

Plug in expression for  $u$  and  $e$  into the state-update equations:

$$x_p^+ = (A_p - B_p D_c C_p) x_p + B_p C_c x_c$$

$$\therefore u = C_c x_c + D_c e, \quad e = -C_p x_p$$

$$x_c^+ = A_c x_c - B_c C_p x_p \quad (\because e = -C_p x_p)$$

$$x_{cl} := \begin{bmatrix} x_p \\ x_c \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{closed-loop states})$$

write CL system in the form,  $x_{cl}^+ = \underbrace{A_{cl}}_? x_{cl}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_p^+ \\ x_c^+ \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_p - B_p D_c C_p & B_p C_c \\ -B_c C_p & A_c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_p \\ x_c \end{bmatrix}$$

Think of the closed-loop system as the product of the plant and controller.

Let the closed-loop state be  $x_{cl} := (x_p, x_c)$  so that

$$x_{cl}^+ = A_{cl}x_{cl} := \begin{bmatrix} A_p - B_p D_c C_p & B_p C_c \\ -B_c C_p & A_c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_p \\ x_c \end{bmatrix}$$

When is this system stable?

The feedback system is internally stable if the closed-loop system above is asymptotically stable, i.e., iff all the eigenvalues of  $A_{cl}$  have a magnitude less than 1.

Summary:

Internal stability means that with no exogenous input ( $r=d=0$ ), the internal states of the system ( $x_c$  and  $x_p$ ) decay to zero for every initial state of the plant  $x_p[0]$  and controller  $x_c[0]$ .

## Internal stability: Example

Consider the following plant:  $P[z] = \frac{1}{z+2}$

We will find the gains of a DT PI controller such that the closed-loop system is internally stable.

$$\rightarrow D[z] = K_p + K_i \frac{1}{z-1}$$

Convert both the plant and controller to state-space form:

$$\begin{aligned}x_p^+ &= -2x_p + u \\y &= x_p,\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x_c^+ &= x_c + e \\u &= K_i x_c + K_p e\end{aligned}$$

Closed-loop state-space model has the matrix:  $A_{cl} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 - K_p & K_i \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

{ See prev. slide }

The eigenvalues of this matrix are the roots of the polynomial:

$$\det(zI - A_{cl}) = z^2 + (1 + K_p)z + K_i - K_p - 2$$

Internal stability requires these eigenvalues to be inside the unit circle. Let's pick  $K_p = -1$  and  $K_i = 1$ .

What are the resulting eigenvalues?  $\{0, 0\}$

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This results in eigenvalues  $\{0,0\}$ . The stabilizing PI controller is:

$$D[z] = -1 + \frac{1}{z-1} = \frac{2-z}{z-1}$$

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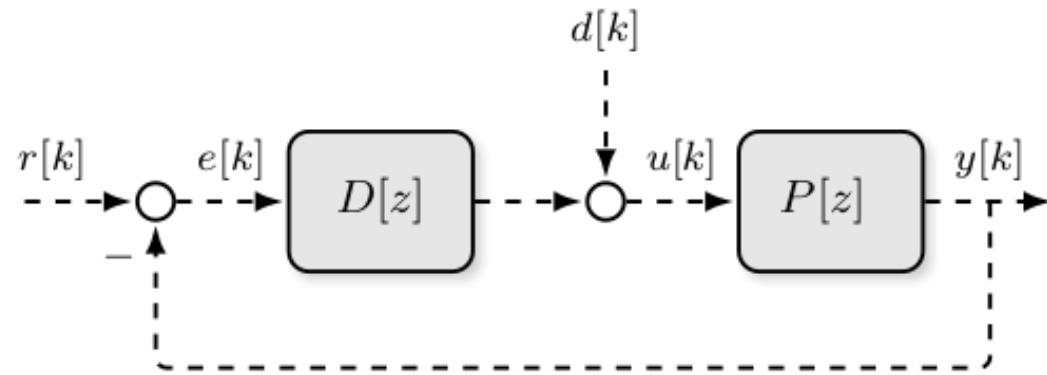
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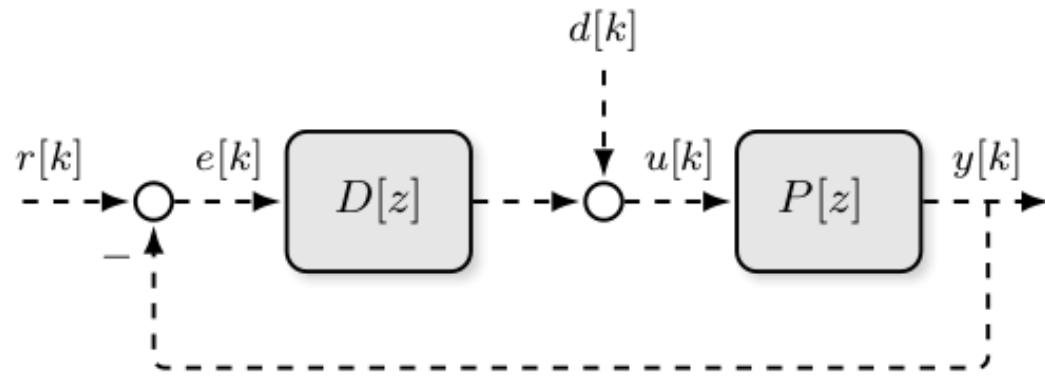
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$$D \text{ to } E : \frac{-P}{1 + PD},$$

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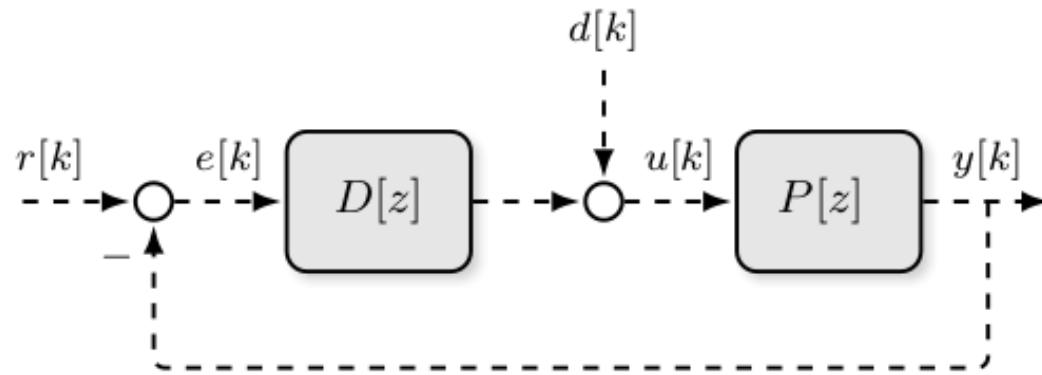
Let  $P = \frac{N_p}{D_p}$  and  $C = \frac{N_c}{D_c}$ . The characteristic polynomial (or LCM of the denominators of the TFs above) is:

$$\pi[z] = D_p[z]D_c[z] + N_p[z]N_c[z]$$

What is the necessary and sufficient condition for BIBO stability (of all these TFs)?

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**Theorem 6.7.4.** *The feedback system in Figure 6.3 is input-output stable if, and only if, its characteristic polynomial has no roots with magnitude greater than or equal to one.*

## Input-output stability: Example

Consider the plant and PI controller from the internal stability example.

$$P[z] = \frac{1}{z+2}, \quad D[z] = \frac{2-z}{z-1}$$

What is its characteristic polynomial (and its roots) ?

$$\pi[z] = D_p[z]D_c[z] + N_p[z]N_c[z] = (z+2)(z-1) + 2 - z = z^2$$

Roots are  $\{0,0\}$ , both lie inside the unit circle therefore the system is input-output stable.

Can we think about how internal and I/O stability are related ?

## Internal stability and input-output stability

Internal stability dealt with state-space models, while I/O-stability dealt with TFs. The two are related as follows:

$$\lambda_{A_{cl}} \supseteq \text{Roots of the CP } \pi[z]$$

Therefore, internal stability  $\implies$  input-output stability.

Usually the roots are identical to the eigenvalues (lambda) of  $A_{cl}$ , e.g., in the example of I/O stability.

In such cases, the two concepts are equivalent and we do not (usually) make a distinction in practice when we refer to the stability of a CL system.

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## Identifying stable roots (in the unit circle)

Two reasons to care about what comes next:

1. We do not always know the numerical values of a TF's coefficients, e.g., when the sampling period is not yet fixed, and thus cannot numerically find the roots of the denominator.
2. Back in the old days, numerical software was scarce/slow/non-existent. Even in cases when coefficients are known, these techniques can often make the task of checking stability easier than solving for all the roots.

## Identifying stable roots (in the unit circle)

Consider a n-th order polynomial with real-coefficients:

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$$\begin{array}{c|c} (\gamma) & D7 \\ \pi(s) & \pi[z] \\ \hline Re(\lambda) < 0 & |z| < 1 \\ \end{array}$$

Schur

(DT)

**Definition 6.8.1.** A polynomial  $\pi \in \mathbb{R}[z]$  is **Schur** if all its roots have magnitude less than one.



Polynomial w/ real-coefficients.

A matrix  $A$  is Schur if  $\lambda(A)$ ,

$$DT: |\lambda_i(A)| < 1 \quad \forall i$$

$$GT: Re(\lambda_i) < 0 \quad \forall i$$

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→ i.e. Schur.

Identify which of the following polynomials could have roots inside the unit-circle, and why:

a.  $z^4 + 0.3z^3 - z^2 - 0.9$

b.  $z^3 + 0.1z + 1.1$

c.  $z^3 + 0.1z^2 - 0.6z + 0.1$

→  $\pi[1] < 0 \rightarrow$  Failed  $\Rightarrow$  Not Schur

→ Failed ii) & iii)  $\Rightarrow$  Not Schur

Not DNE.

## The Routh-Hurwitz criterion: For CT systems, i.e., roots with negative real parts

Consider the polynomial:  $\pi(s) = s^n + \underbrace{a_{n-1}s^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1s + a_0}_{\text{in green}}$ ,  $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $n \neq 0$ .

We construct the "Routh Array", a table of the form:

From  
TI(p)

$s^n$	$r_{0,0} = 1$	$r_{0,1} = a_{n-2}$	$r_{0,2} = a_{n-4}$	$r_{0,3} = a_{n-6}$	$\dots$
$s^{n-1}$	$r_{1,0} = a_{n-1}$	$r_{1,1} = a_{n-3}$	$r_{1,2} = a_{n-5}$	$r_{1,3} = a_{n-7}$	$\dots$
$s^{n-2}$	$r_{2,0}$	$r_{2,1}$	$r_{2,2}$	$r_{2,3}$	$\dots$
$s^{n-3}$	$r_{3,0}$	$r_{3,1}$	$r_{3,2}$	$r_{3,3}$	$\dots$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$		
$s^2$	$r_{n-2,0}$	$r_{n-2,1}$	0	$\dots$	
$s^1$	$r_{n-1,0}$	0	0	$\dots$	
$s^0$	$r_{n,0}$	0	0	$\dots$	

Here, first two rows are computed via coefficients of the polynomial. The third row is computed from the first two as follows:  $r_{2,0} = \frac{a_{n-1}a_{n-2} - a_{n-3}}{a_{n-1}}$ ,  $r_{2,1} = \frac{a_{n-1}a_{n-4} - a_{n-5}}{a_{n-1}}$ ,  $r_{2,2} = \frac{a_{n-1}a_{n-6} - a_{n-7}}{a_{n-1}}$ , ...

The remaining rows are computed via the recursion (same pattern as above):

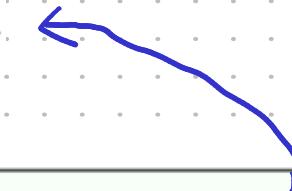
$$r_{i,j} = \frac{r_{i-1,0}r_{i-2,j+1} - r_{i-2,0}r_{i-1,j+1}}{r_{i-1,0}}, \quad i \in \{2, \dots, n\}, \quad j \in \left\{0, \dots, \left\lfloor \frac{n-i}{2} \right\rfloor\right\}$$

The construction terminates if we get a zero in the first column.

Note: There are at most  $n+1$  rows in the final table (see above).

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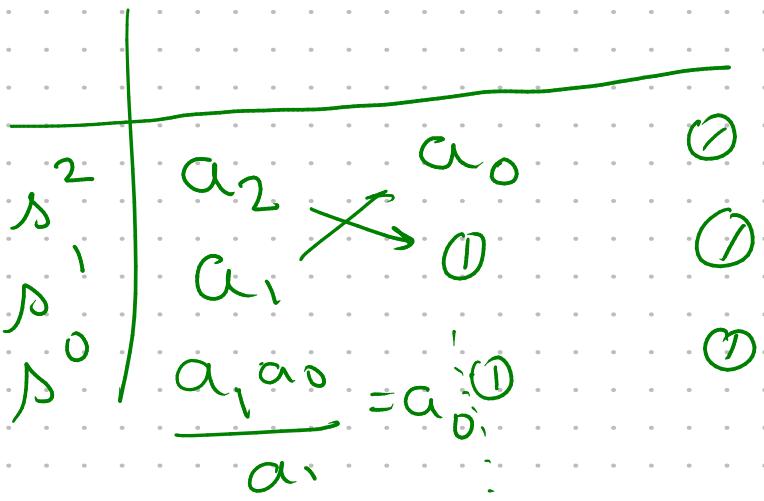
Consider the polynomial:  $\pi(s) = s^n + a_{n-1}s^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1s + a_0$ ,  $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $n \neq 0$ .



**Theorem 6.8.2** (Routh-Hurwitz Stability Criterion). Consider a polynomial  $\pi \in \mathbb{R}[s]$  given by (6.12) and its associated Routh array in Table 6.2. The number of roots of  $\pi$  with real part greater than or equal to zero equals the number of sign changes in the first column of the array.

Corollary: No sign changes in the first column  
 $\Rightarrow$  a stable ch-b.  
( Roots s.t.  $\text{Re}(s) < 0$ )

**Example:**  $\pi(s) = a_2 s^2 + a_1 s + a_0$ ,  $a_2 \neq 0$ .



$a_i$ 's with the same sign  $\Leftrightarrow$  Roots  $\pi(s) = 0$ :  
 $\operatorname{Re}(s) < 0$ .

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We use the bilinear (Tustin) transformation (see chapter 4) since it is stability preserving:

$$s = \frac{2}{T} \frac{z - 1}{z + 1}, \quad z = \frac{1 + \frac{T}{2}s}{1 - \frac{T}{2}s}. \quad \text{---} \quad T = 2$$

Since it preserves stability for any T, say T=2 for simplicity.

Then, roots of the CT system 'v' and the DT system 'z' are related as follows  $z = \frac{1+v}{1-v}$ .

That is  $v \in \mathbb{C}^-$  iff  $|z| < 1$ .

Rational



The procedure for applying the Routh-Hurwitz test for DT systems is thus:

- Given a polynomial  $\pi(s) = s^n + a_{n-1}s^{n-1} + \dots + a_1s + a_0$ , form the polynomial  $\pi[z]|_{z=\frac{1+v}{1-v}} = \pi\left[\frac{1+v}{1-v}\right]$  (DT)
- Multiply the polynomial obtained in step (1) by  $(1-v)^n$  to obtain the nth degree polynomial  $\hat{\pi}(v)$

$$\hat{\pi}(v) := (1-v)^n \pi\left[\frac{1+v}{1-v}\right].$$

- The polynomial  $\pi[z]$  is Schur if, and only if, the roots of  $\hat{\pi}(v)$  all have negative real part and the degree of  $\hat{\pi}$  equals the degree of  $\pi$ .

## Routh-Hurwitz for discrete-time systems: Example

Consider the second order polynomial:  $\pi[z] = z^2 + a_0z + a_1$

Construct the n-th order polynomial (corresponding to the CT characteristic polynomial):

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\pi}(v) &= (1-v)^2 \left[ \frac{(1+v)^2}{(1-v)^2} + a_0 \frac{(1+v)}{(1-v)} + a_1 \right] \\ &= (1+v)^2 + a_0(1+v)(1-v) + a_1(1-v)^2 \\ &= (1-a_0+a_1)v^2 + (2-2a_1)v + (1+a_0+a_1)\end{aligned}$$

Next, we'll create the Routh array and check for CT stability:

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} v^2 & 1-a_0+a_1 & 1+a_0+a_1 \\ v^1 & 2-2a_1 & \emptyset \\ v^0 & 1+a_0+a_1 & \emptyset \end{array}$$

The roots of this CT polynomial are stable (CT sense) iff sign of the first column does not change, i.e.,

$$\operatorname{sgn}(1-a_0+a_1) = \operatorname{sgn}(2-2a_1) = \operatorname{sgn}(1+a_0+a_1)$$

These are equivalent to:

$$|a_1| < 1, |a_0| < |1+a_1|$$

Therefore, the roots of  $\pi[z]$  are in the unit circle iff the coefficients satisfy the conditions above.

Takeaway: The Routh-Hurwitz criteria is useful for finding parameter ranges such that a system is stable.

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## Frequency response of DT LTI systems

We have seen how a CT LTI system changes (possibly) the magnitude and phase of a sinusoidal input to it. The same property holds for a DT system.

Consider a BIBO stable system:  $\frac{Y[z]}{U[z]} = G[z] = \frac{b_0 + b_1 z^{-1} + \dots + b_m z^{-m}}{1 + a_1 z^{-1} + \dots + a_n z^{-n}}$

Let's apply the (not-real valued) input sequence  $u[k] = ae^{j\theta k}$ .

The resulting output is:  $Y[z] = G[z]U[z] = G[z] \frac{az}{z - e^{j\theta}}$  ✓  $z - \text{TF}$

Partial fraction expansion of  $Y[z]/z = G[z] \frac{a}{z - e^{j\theta}} = \frac{c_1}{z - e^{j\theta}} + \text{terms due to poles of } G[z]$ ,  $c_1 = aG[e^{j\theta}]$

Therefore:  $Y[z] = aG[e^{j\theta}] \underbrace{\frac{z}{z - e^{j\theta}}}_{+ z \times (\text{terms due to poles of } G[z])}$  (Multiply above by  $Z$ )

Since we assumed  $G$  to be BIBO stable: Response due to poles approaches 0 as  $k \rightarrow \infty$

Thus, the steady-state output of this DT system to the input sequence is:  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y[k] = aG[e^{j\theta}]e^{j\theta k}$

$G[e^{j\theta}]$  is a complex number which we can write in polar form:  $G[e^{j\theta}] = |G[e^{j\theta}]| e^{j\angle G[e^{j\theta}]}$

Therefore the steady state output in polar form is  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y[k] = a |G[e^{j\theta}]| e^{j(\theta k + \angle G[e^{j\theta}])}$

Phase  
Magnitude

## Frequency response of DT LTI systems: Some special cases.

The following theorem covers some special cases of the previous derivation.

**Theorem 6.9.1.** Assume  $G[z]$  is rational, proper, and all its poles have magnitude less than one. Then the steady-state response to the input  $u[k] = ae^{j\theta k}$  is

$$y[k] = aG[e^{j\theta}]e^{j\theta k}. \quad (6.15)$$

In particular

- The steady-state response to the input  $u[k] = a \cos(\theta k)$  is

$$y[k] = a|G[e^{j\theta}]| \cos(\theta k + \angle G[e^{j\theta}]). \quad (6.16)$$

- The steady-state response to the input  $u[k] = a \sin(\theta k)$  is

$$y[k] = a|G[e^{j\theta}]| \sin(\theta k + \angle G[e^{j\theta}]). \quad (6.17)$$

- The steady-state response to the input  $u[k] = a\mathbf{1}[k]$  is

$$y[k] = aG[1]. \quad (6.18)$$

Therefore the steady-state response of a BIBO stable DT LTI system to a DT sinusoid input is also a DT sinusoid of the same frequency. The DT system can also impact the amplitude and phase shift of the output sinusoid.

## Frequency response of DT LTI systems: Definition

**Definition 6.9.2.** Assume  $G[z]$  is rational, proper, and all its poles have magnitude less than one.

- (a) The function  $(-\pi, \pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \theta \mapsto G[e^{j\theta}]$  is the **frequency response** of  $G$ .
- (b) The function  $(-\pi, \pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \theta \mapsto |G[e^{j\theta}]|$  is the **amplitude or magnitude response** of  $G$ .
- (c) The function  $(-\pi, \pi] \rightarrow (-\pi, \pi], \theta \mapsto \angle G[e^{j\theta}]$  is the **phase response** of  $G$ .

Hence the frequency response of a DT (BIBO stable) LTI system is determined by setting  $z = e^{j\theta}$  and varying  $\theta$ .

Note: By assuming the  $G$  is BIBO stable (all poles inside unit circle), the ROC of the z-transform contains the unit circle, therefore the statement above is fine.

Setting  $z = e^{j\theta}$  in  $G[z]$  to get  $G[e^{j\theta}]$  equals the discrete-time Fourier Transform of the impulse response of the system,  $g[k]$ .

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**Remark 6.9.3.** If the impulse response  $g[k] = \mathcal{Z}^{-1}\{G[z]\}$  is a real-valued function, then the complex conjugate of  $G[e^{j\theta}]$  is  $G[e^{-j\theta}]$ . This implies that

$$|G[e^{j\theta}]| = |G[e^{-j\theta}]| \quad (\text{even function})$$

and

$$\angle G[e^{j\theta}] = -\angle G[e^{-j\theta}] \quad (\text{odd function}).$$

Thus for the frequency response of a DT system with a real rational TF, we only need to plot the response for  $\theta \in [0, \pi]$ . This is similar to us only considering positive frequencies for CT systems.

## Example

Consider the TF:  $G[z] = \frac{z + 1}{10z - 0.8}$

Its frequency response is:  $G[e^{j\theta}] = \frac{e^{j\theta} + 1}{10e^{j\theta} - 0.8}$

We can compute the response in Matlab:

```
1 n=[1 1];d=[10 -8];
2 w=-10:0.01:10;
3 G=freqz(n,d,w);
4 plot(w,abs(G),w,angle(G),':', 'LineWidth', 2);
```

Note: We see the  $2\pi$  periodicity of the frequency response and the even (odd) nature of the magnitude (phase) response (see remark 6.9.3).

**Remark 6.9.4.** MATLAB always assumes that a discrete-time system arises from sampling a continuous-time system with sampling rate  $T$ . Therefore, by default, the `bode` command will plot the magnitude and phase Bode plots over the range  $[0, \pi/T]$  where  $T$  is the sampling rate of the DT plant. For purely DT systems like the ones we've studied in this chapter, you can set  $T = 1$ . ◆

Finally, see example 6.9.2 from the course notes.

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