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Pingala Series

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Abstract—This manual provides a simple introduction to Transforms

1 JEE 2019

Let

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

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

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

Solution: Download the following python code and run it to verify the above equations

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

$$x(n+2) = x(n+1) + x(n),$$
 (2.2)

$$x(0) = x(1) = 1, n \ge 0$$
 (2.3)

Generate a stem plot for x(n).

Solution: Download the following python code for generating the stem plot of x[n]

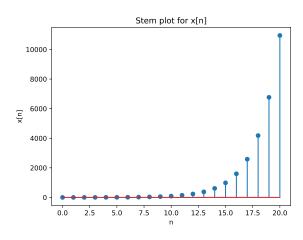


Fig. 2.2: Stem plot of x[n]

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

Solution:

$$Z^{+}[x(n+2)] = Z^{+}[x(n+1)] + Z^{+}[x(n)]$$
(2.4)

$$z^{2}(X^{+}(z) - x(0)) - zx(1) = (z+1)(X^{+}(z)) - zx(0)$$
(2.5)

$$(z^2 - z - 1)X^+(z) = z^2 (2.6)$$

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$$X^{+}(z) = \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1} - z^{-2}}$$
 (2.7)

2.4 Find x(n).

Solution: Using one-sided Z-transform $X^+(z)$, we can find the signal x(n) using inverse Z-transform

$$X^{+}(z) = \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1} - z^{-2}}$$
 (2.8)

$$X^{+}(z) = \frac{1}{(1 - \alpha z^{-1})(1 - \beta z^{-1})}$$
 (2.9)

$$X^{+}(z) = \frac{\left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha - \beta}\right)}{1 - \alpha z^{-1}} + \frac{\left(\frac{-\beta}{\alpha - \beta}\right)}{1 - \beta z^{-1}}$$
(2.10)

Applying inverse Z-transform and using

$$a^n u(n) \stackrel{\mathcal{Z}}{\rightleftharpoons} \frac{1}{1 - \alpha z^{-1}} \tag{2.11}$$

We have

$$x(n) = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha - \beta}\right) \alpha^n u[n] - \left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha - \beta}\right) \beta^n u[n]$$
(2.12)

$$x(n) = \left(\frac{\alpha^{n+1} - \beta^{n+1}}{\alpha - \beta}\right) u[n]$$
 (2.13)

2.5 Sketch

$$y(n) = x(n-1) + x(n+1), \quad n \ge 0$$
 (2.14)

Solution: Download the following python code for the stem plot of y[n]

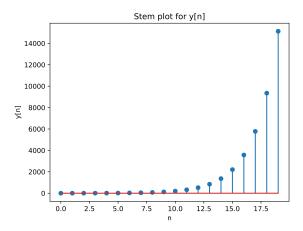


Fig. 2.5: Stem plot of y[n]

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

Solution: Taking the one-sided *Z*-transform on both sides of (2.14),

$$Z^{+}[y(n)] = Z^{+}[x(n+1)] + Z^{+}[x(n-1)]$$
(2.15)

Using $x(n) = 0 \forall n < 0$ and the one-sided Z-transform,

$$Y^{+}(z) = zX^{+}(z) - zx(0) + z^{-1}X^{+}(z)$$
 (2.16)

$$=\frac{z+z^{-1}}{1-z^{-1}-z^{-2}}-z\tag{2.17}$$

$$= \frac{1 + 2z^{-1}}{1 - z^{-1} - z^{-2}} \tag{2.18}$$

2.7 Find y(n)

Solution: Factor the one-sided Z-transform as follows,

$$Y^{+}(z) = \frac{1 + 2z^{-1}}{1 - z^{-1} - z^{-2}}$$
 (2.19)

$$= \frac{1 + 2z^{-1}}{(1 - \alpha z^{-1})(1 - \beta z^{-1})}$$
 (2.20)

$$=\frac{\left(\frac{\alpha+2}{\alpha-\beta}\right)}{1-\alpha z^{-1}}-\frac{\left(\frac{\beta+2}{\alpha-\beta}\right)}{1-\beta z^{-1}}$$
 (2.21)

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\alpha - \beta}\right) \left(\frac{\alpha + 2}{1 - \alpha z^{-1}} - \frac{\beta + 2}{1 - \beta z^{-1}}\right) (2.22)$$

Applying inverse Z-transform,

$$y(n) = \frac{(\alpha+2)(\alpha^n u[n]) - (\beta+2)(\beta^n u[n])}{\alpha - \beta}$$
(2.23)

$$= \frac{\alpha^{n+1} - \beta^{n+1} + 2(\alpha^n - \beta^n)}{\alpha - \beta} \cdot u[n] \quad (2.24)$$

$$= \frac{\alpha^{n+1} - \beta^{n+1}}{\alpha - \beta} \cdot u[n] + \frac{2(\alpha^n - \beta^n)}{\alpha - \beta} \cdot u[n]$$
(2.25)

$$= x(n) + 2x(n-1) \tag{2.26}$$

$$= (x(n) + x(n-1)) + x(n-1)$$
 (2.27)

The final expression for y(n) is given by

$$y(n) = x(n+1) + x(n-1)$$
 $n > 0$ (2.28)

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: We observe the following relation from the expressions for a[n] and x[n]

$$a[n]u[n] = \left(\frac{\alpha^n - \beta^n}{\alpha - \beta}\right)u[n] \tag{3.2}$$

$$x(n) = \left(\frac{\alpha^{n+1} - \beta^{n+1}}{\alpha - \beta}\right) u[n]$$
 (3.3)

So, $a[n + 1] \cdot u[n] = x(n)$

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

Replacing k with k+1 in the above expression

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} a_k = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} x(k+1-1)$$
 (3.5)

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} a_k = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} x(k)$$
 (3.6)

By the definition of convolution,

$$x(n) * u(n-1) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} x(k)u(n-1-k)$$
 (3.7)

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} x(k)u(n-k)$$
 (3.8)

$$u(n-k) > 0, \quad k = 0 \dots n-1$$
 (3.9)

$$x(n) * u(n-1) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} x(k)$$
 (3.10)

Hence, we have the final result

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} a_k = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} x(n) = x(n) * u(n-1)$$
 (3.11)

3.2 Show that

$$a_{n+2} - 1, \quad n \ge 1$$
 (3.12)

can be expressed as

$$[x(n+1)-1]u(n)$$
 (3.13)

Solution:

Using (2.13), we have

$$x(n) = a(n+1) \quad n \ge 0$$
 (3.14)

$$a_{n+2} - 1 = x(n+1) - 1$$
 (3.15)

and from the definition of u[n],

$$a_{n+2} - 1 = [x(n+1) - 1] \times u[n]$$
 (3.16)

3.3 Show that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{10^k} = \frac{1}{10} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x(k)}{10^k} = \frac{1}{10} X^+ (10) \quad (3.17)$$

Solution: Using (2.13), we have

$$x(n) = a(n+1) \quad n \ge 0$$
 (3.18)

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{10^k} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x(k-1)}{10^k}$$
 (3.19)

$$=\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x(k+1-1)}{10^{k+1}}$$
 (3.20)

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

Using the definition of $X^+(z)$, we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{10^k} = \frac{1}{10} X^+ (10)$$
 (3.22)

3.4 Show that

$$\alpha^n + \beta^n, \quad n \ge 1 \tag{3.23}$$

can be expressed as

$$w(n) = \left(\alpha^{n+1} + \beta^{n+1}\right)u(n) \tag{3.24}$$

and find W(z).

Solution:

$$\alpha^n + \beta^n \quad n \ge 1 \tag{3.25}$$

Replace n with n + 1 in the above expression

$$\alpha^{n+1} + \beta^{n+1} \quad n \ge 0 \tag{3.26}$$

Also,
$$u[n] = 1 \quad n \ge 0$$
 (3.27)

(3.43)

So, the given expression can be written as

$$\left(\alpha^{n+1} + \beta^{n+1}\right) \cdot u[n] \tag{3.28}$$

$$W(z) = \mathcal{Z}\left(\left(\alpha^{n+1} + \beta^{n+1}\right) \cdot u[n]\right)$$
(3.29)
$$= \mathcal{Z}\left(\alpha^{n+1} \cdot u[n]\right) + \mathcal{Z}\left(\beta^{n+1} \cdot u[n]\right)$$
(3.30)

$$= \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha z^{-1}} + \frac{\beta}{1 - \beta z^{-1}}$$
 (3.31)

$$= \frac{\alpha + \beta - 2\alpha\beta z^{-1}}{1 - \alpha z^{-1} - \beta z^{-1} + \alpha\beta z^{-2}}$$
 (3.32)

Using $\alpha + \beta = 1$ and $\alpha\beta = -1$

$$W(z) = \frac{1 + 2z^{-1}}{1 - z^{-1} - z^{-2}}$$
 (3.33)

3.5 Show that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_k}{10^k} = \frac{1}{10} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{y(k)}{10^k} = \frac{1}{10} Y^+ (10) \quad (3.34)$$

Solution:

Using (2.28) and (3.18), we have

$$y(n) = x(n+1) + x(n-1)$$
 (3.35)

$$y(n) = a(n+2) + a(n)$$
 (3.36)

$$y(n) = b(n+1) (3.37)$$

Now, using (3.37), we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_k}{10^k} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{y(k-1)}{10^k}$$
 (3.38)

$$=\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{y(k+1-1)}{10^{k+1}}$$
 (3.39)

$$= \frac{1}{10} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{y(k)}{10^k}$$
 (3.40)

From the definition of one-sided Z-transform, we have

$$\frac{1}{10} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{y(k)}{10^k} = \frac{1}{10} Y^+ (10)$$
 (3.41)

3.6 Solve the JEE 2019 problem.

Solution:

Option - (A): True

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} a_k = a_{n+2} - 1, \quad n \ge 1$$
 (3.42)

$$\mathcal{Z}(x(n) * u(n-1)) = \mathcal{Z}(x(n)) \cdot \mathcal{Z}(u(n-1))$$

$$= X^{+}(z) \cdot \frac{z^{-1}}{1 - z^{-1}} \tag{3.44}$$

$$=\frac{z^{-1}}{(1-z^{-1})(1-z^{-1}-z^{-2})}$$
(3.45)

$$=z\left(\frac{1}{1-z^{-1}-z^{-2}}-\frac{1}{1-z^{-1}}\right) \tag{3.46}$$

$$= z \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x(n) - 1) z^{-n}$$
 (3.47)

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (x(n) - 1) z^{1-n} , x(0) = 1$$
 (3.48)

$$=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x(n+1)-1)z^{-n}$$
 (3.49)

$$= Z(x(n+1) - 1)u(n)$$
 (3.50)

So,
$$(x(n) * u(n-1)) = (x(n+1)-1)$$
 $n \ge 0$ (3.51)

From (3.1), we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} a_k = x(n) * u(n-1)$$
 (3.52)

$$= x(n+1) - 1 \tag{3.53}$$

$$= a_{n+2} - 1 \tag{3.54}$$

Option - (B): True

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{10^n} = \frac{10}{89} \tag{3.55}$$

From (2.7) and (3.22), we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{10^k} = \frac{1}{10} X^+ (10) \tag{3.56}$$

$$X^{+}(10) = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{10} - \frac{1}{100}} = \frac{100}{89}$$
 (3.57)

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{10^k} = \frac{1}{10} \cdot \frac{100}{89} = \frac{10}{89}$$
 (3.58)

Option - (C): False

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{10^n} = \frac{10}{89} \tag{3.59}$$

From (2.18) and (3.41), we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_k}{10^k} = \frac{1}{10} Y^+ (10) \tag{3.60}$$

$$Y^{+}(10) = \frac{1 + \frac{2}{10}}{1 - \frac{1}{10} - \frac{1}{100}} = \frac{120}{89}$$
 (3.61)

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_k}{10^k} = \frac{1}{10} \cdot \frac{120}{89} = \frac{12}{89}$$
 (3.62)

Option - (D): True

$$b_n = \alpha^n + \beta^n \quad n \ge 1 \tag{3.63}$$

From definitions of a_n and b_n , we have

$$b_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n+1} \quad n \ge 2 \tag{3.64}$$

$$=\frac{\alpha^{n-1}+\alpha^{n+1}}{\alpha-\beta}-\frac{\beta^{n-1}+\beta^{n+1}}{\alpha-\beta}$$
 (3.65)

$$= \frac{(\alpha^n + \beta^n)(\alpha - \beta)}{\alpha - \beta} = \alpha^n + \beta^n$$
 (3.66)

Using $b_1 = 1$ and $\alpha + \beta = 1$ So,

$$b_n = \alpha^n + \beta^n \quad n \ge 1 \tag{3.67}$$