

# Assignment 13

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# Question

Let  $P_n(z)$  represent the Levinson polynomial of the first kind such that:

- (a) If one of the roots of  $P_n(z)$  lie on the unit circle, then show that all other roots of  $P_n(z)$  are simple and lie on the unit circle.
- (b) If the reflection coefficient  $s_k \neq 0$ , then show that  $P_k(z)$  and  $P_{k+1}(z)$  have no roots in common.

## Solution (a) - i

- (a) Let  $z = e^{j\theta_1}$  represent one of the roots of the Levinson Polynomial  $P_n(z)$  that lie on the unit circle. In that case,

$$P_n(e^{j\theta_1}) = 0 \quad (1)$$

and substituting this into the recursion equation, we get

$$|s_n| = \left| \frac{P_{n-1}(e^{j\theta_1})}{\tilde{P}_{n-1}(e^{j\theta_1})} \right| \quad (2)$$

$$= 1 \quad (3)$$

$$\text{so that } s_n = e^{j\alpha} \quad (4)$$

Let

$$P_{n-1}(e^{j\theta}) = R(\theta)e^{j\chi(\theta)} \quad (5)$$

## Solution (a) - ii

and since  $P_{n-1}(z)$  is free of zeros in  $|z| \leq 1$ , we have  $R(\theta) > 0, 0 < \theta < 2\pi$ , and once again substituting these into recursion equation, we obtain

$$\sqrt{1 - s_n^2} P_n(e^{j\theta}) = R(\theta) e^{j\chi(\theta)} - e^{j(\theta+\alpha)} e^{j(n-1)\theta} R(\theta) e^{-j\chi(\theta)} \quad (6)$$

$$= R(\theta) \left[ e^{j\chi(\theta)} - e^{j(n\theta+\alpha)} e^{-j\chi(\theta)} \right] \quad (7)$$

$$= 2jR(\theta) e^{j(n\theta+\alpha)/2} \sin \left( \chi(\theta) - \frac{n\theta}{2} - \frac{\alpha}{2} \right) \quad (8)$$

## Solution (a) - iii

We observe that,

- (i) As  $\theta$  varies from 0 to  $2\pi$ , there is no net increment in the phase term  $\chi(\theta)$ , and the entire argument of the sine term above increases by  $n\pi$ .
- (ii) Consequently,  $P_n(e^{j\theta})$  equals 0 atleast at  $n$  distinct points  $\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_n, 0 < \theta_i < 2\pi$ .
- (iii) However,  $P_n(z)$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$  in  $z$  and can have atmost  $n$  zeros. Thus, all the above zeroes are simple and they all lie on the unit circle.

(b) Suppose  $P_n(z)$  and  $P_{n-1}(z)$  has a common root at  $z = z_0$ .  
Then,  $|z_0| > 1$  and from the recursion equation, we get

$$z_0 s_n \tilde{P}_{n-1}(z_0) = 0 \quad (9)$$

which gives  $s_n = 0$ , since  $\tilde{P}_{n-1}(z_0) \neq 0$  as it has all its zeroes in  $|z| < 1$ .  
Thus,  $s_n \neq 0$  implies  $P_n(z)$  and  $P_{n-1}(z)$  do not have any common roots.  
Hence, proved.