

**Question #1:** (*Comment Code*)

There is no comment code this week! Note that there are useful functions in the skeleton code: `pzplot`, `DTFT`, and `shift`.

**Question #2:** (*IIR Filters in Difference Equations*)

In this question, we will implement IIR filters in the time domain without the `filter` command. Note that we assume initial rest (i.e., for every  $n < 0$ ,  $y[n] = 0$ ) for all parts of this question.

- (a) Consider the transfer function:

$$H_1(z) = 1 - 0.6z^{-1}$$

**Answer in your comments:** Express this as a difference equation.

- (b) Use a `for`-loop (i.e., **do not** use the `filter` function) to apply the derived difference equation onto the input  $x_1[n]$  provided as `x1` in the skeleton code (**Hint:** we have done similar in previous labs). Use `stem` to plot the input  $x_1[n]$  and output  $y_1[n]$  in subplots. Make sure you label your plots appropriately to receive full credit.

- (c) Consider another transfer function:

$$H_2(z) = \frac{1}{1 + 0.6z^{-1}}$$

**Answer in your comments:** Express this as a difference equation.

- (d) Use a `for`-loop (i.e., **do not** use the `filter` function) to apply the derived difference equation onto the input  $x_2[n]$  provided as `x2` in the skeleton code. Use `stem` to plot the input  $x_2[n]$  and output  $y_2[n]$  in subplots. Label your plots appropriately to receive full credit.

- (e) Now consider the transfer function:

$$H_3(z) = \frac{(1 - 0.3e^{j\pi/2}z^{-1})(1 - 0.3e^{-j\pi/2}z^{-1})}{(1 - 0.5e^{j\pi/3}z^{-1})(1 - 0.5e^{-j\pi/3}z^{-1})}$$

**Answer in your comments:** Express this as a difference equation with all real coefficients (i.e., no imaginary numbers).

- (f) Use a `for`-loop (i.e., **do not** use the `filter` function) to apply the derived difference equation onto the input  $x_3[n]$  provided as `x3` in the skeleton code. Use `stem` to plot the input  $x_3[n]$  and output  $y_3[n]$  in subplots. Label your plots appropriately to receive full credit.

**Question #3:** (*High-Order IIR Filters*) In general, the more poles and/or zeros we use, the better we can build our filter. “Better” often means:

- sharper cut-offs (between the retained and removed frequencies)
- flatter passbands (flatter magnitudes for the retained frequencies)
- deeper stopbands (lower magnitudes for the removed frequencies)

In this problem, we will examine these properties/improvements with a well-known *Butterworth* filter.

- (a) Consider the following input signal  $x[n]$  (this is known as a chirp signal):

$$x = \cos((\pi/30000) * n.^2)$$

Let  $0 \leq n \leq 9999$  and a sampling rate be  $f_s=4000$  (for the rest of the problem). Listen to this input signal using `soundsc`. **Answer in your comments:** Describe the signal (**Hint:** Pay attention to changes in the frequency).

- (b) Plot the magnitude of the frequency response of the chirp signal  $|X(e^{j\hat{\omega}})|$ .

- (c) Consider the simple low-pass filter defined by

$$H_1(z) = \frac{1}{4} (1 + z^{-1} + z^{-2} + z^{-3})$$

Use the `filter` function to compute the output of this system  $y_1[n]$  with the input  $x[n]$ . Plot the pole-zero plot of the system and magnitude of output in the frequency domain  $|Y_1(e^{j\hat{\omega}})|$ .

- (d) Listen to this output signal using `soundsc`. **Answer in your comments:** Describe the output and explain how the system alters what it sounds like based on your previous plots.

- (e) Find the transfer function coefficients for a 3rd-order Butterworth filter with a cut-off frequency of  $\pi/4$  by using the MATLAB command:

$$[b, a] = \text{butter}(N, Wn)$$

Use `help butter` to understand how this function operates. Use the `filter` function to compute the output of this system  $y_2[n]$  with the chirp input  $x[n]$ . Plot the pole-zero plot of this system and magnitude of output in the frequency domain  $|Y_2(e^{j\hat{\omega}})|$ .

- (f) Listen to this output signal using `soundsc`. **Answer in your comments:** Describe how and why it sounds different from the previous filter.

- (g) Find the transfer function coefficients for a 25th-order Butterworth filter. Use the `filter` function to compute the output of this system  $y_3[n]$  with the chirp input  $x[n]$ . Plot the pole-zero plot of this system and magnitude of output in the frequency domain  $|Y_3(e^{j\hat{\omega}})|$ .

- (h) Listen to this output signal using `soundsc`. **Answer in your comments:** Describe how and why it sounds different from the previous filters.

- (i) **Answer in your comments:** Which filter does provide the most desirable effects on the input signal (i.e., which filter is the “best”)? Discuss the possible cons of higher-order filters in the real-world applications.