

# EEE336 Signal Processing and Digital Filtering

## Lecture 13 Digital Filters Structures

### Lect\_13\_1 Building blocks and Block diagram

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# Time domain characterization

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- The Input-output relation of an LTI digital filter in real world are implemented in time domain.

- Convolution Sum:

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k] x[n-k]$$

- Constant Coefficient Linear Difference Equation:

$$y[n] = -\sum_{k=1}^N d_k y[n-k] + \sum_{k=0}^M p_k x[n-k]$$

- A structural representation using interconnected basic building blocks is the first step in the hardware or software implementation of an LTI digital filter.

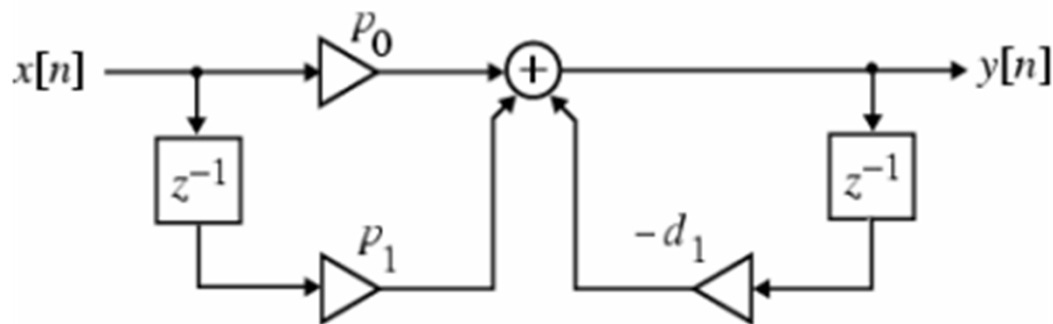
# Time domain characterization

- For the implementation of an LTI digital filter, the input-output relationship must be described by a valid *computational algorithm*

– For example, consider a causal first-order LTI system:

$$y[n] = -d_1 y[n-1] + p_0 x[n] + p_1 x[n-1]$$

can be implemented as follows:



- Knowing the initial condition  $y[-1]$  and the input  $x[n]$ , we can calculate  $y[n]$ ,  $n \geq 0$ .

$$y[0] = -d_1 y[-1] + p_0 x[0] + p_1 x[-1]$$

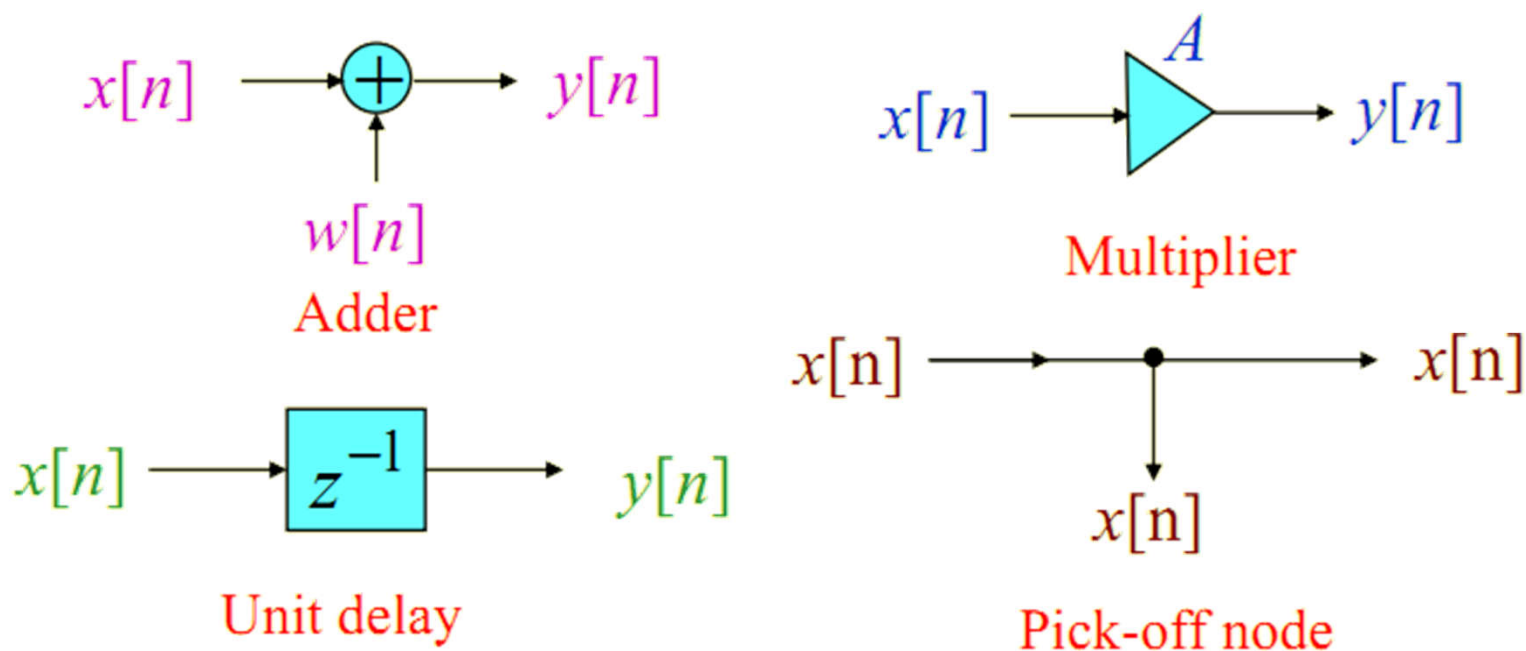
$$y[1] = -d_1 y[0] + p_0 x[1] + p_1 x[0]$$

$$y[2] = -d_1 y[1] + p_0 x[2] + p_1 x[1]$$



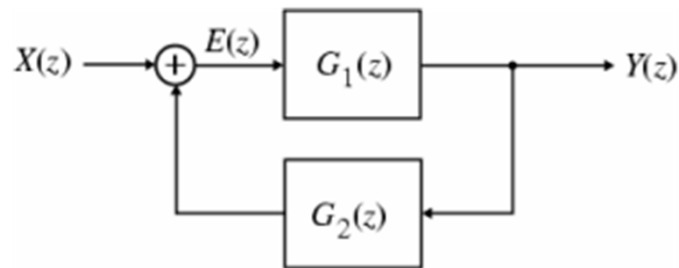
# Basic building blocks

- The computational algorithm of an LTI digital filter can be conveniently represented in block diagram form using the basic building blocks:

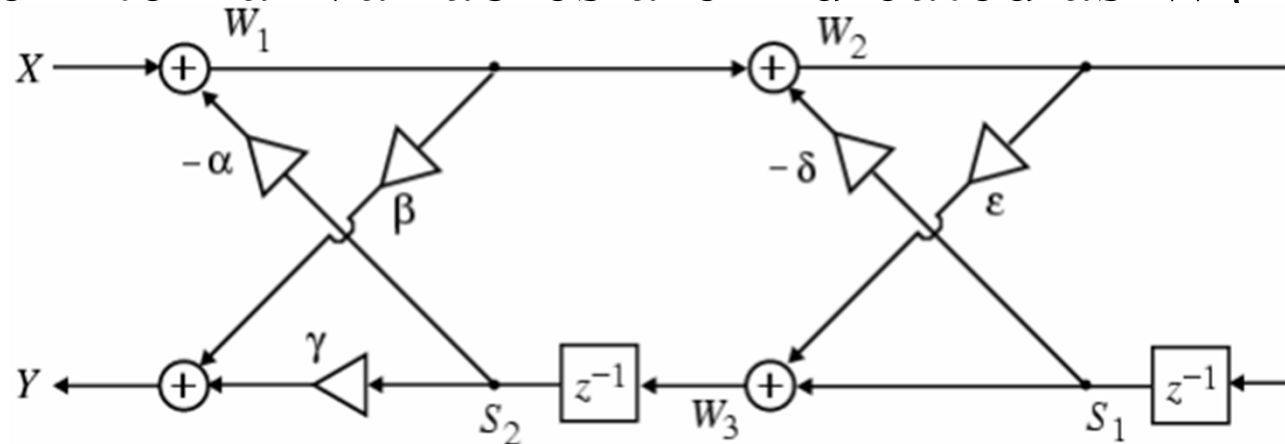


# Analysis of block diagrams

- Given a block diagram, the filter implemented by that diagram can be obtained by
  - writing down the input / output equations on key points of the block diagram;
  - eliminating the internal variables;
  - finally obtaining the main input / output expression.
- Example: consider the single-loop feedback structure:



- Example: consider the following (cascaded lattice) structure, where the internal variables are indicated as  $W_1 \sim W_3$  and  $S_1 \sim S_2$



- We can write the following expressions:

$$W_1 = X - \alpha S_2$$

$$W_2 = W_1 - \delta S_1$$

$$W_3 = \varepsilon W_2 + S_1$$

$$Y = \beta W_1 + \gamma S_2$$

$$S_2 = z^{-1} W_3$$

$$S_1 = z^{-1} W_2$$

$$W_1 = X - \alpha z^{-1} W_3$$

$$W_2 = W_1 - \delta z^{-1} W_2$$

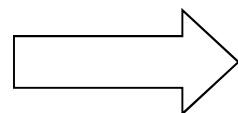
$$W_3 = z^{-1} W_2 + \varepsilon W_2$$

$$Y = \beta W_1 + \gamma z^{-1} W_3$$

$$W_2 = W_1 / (1 + \delta z^{-1})$$

$$W_3 = (\varepsilon + z^{-1} W_2)$$

$$W_3 = \frac{\varepsilon + z^{-1}}{1 + \delta z^{-1}} W_1$$



$$H(z) = \frac{Y}{X} = \frac{\beta + (\beta\delta + \gamma\varepsilon)z^{-1} + \gamma z^{-2}}{1 + (\delta + \alpha\varepsilon)z^{-1} + \alpha z^{-2}}$$

## 13\_1 Wrap up

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- Fundamental building blocks
- Feedback loop
- Transfer function  $\rightarrow$  Block diagram
- Block diagram  $\rightarrow$  Transfer function

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### Lect\_13\_2 Important Concepts

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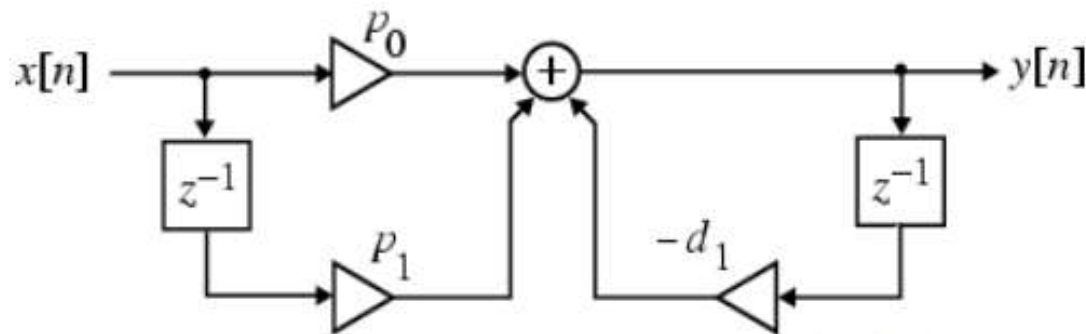
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# Canonical and noncanonical structures

- A digital filter structure is said to be **canonical** if the number of delays in the block diagram representation is equal to the order of the transfer function. Otherwise, it is a **noncanonical** structure.
  - Example: this structure is not canonical, since it uses two delay elements for a first order filter



$$y[n] = -d_1 y[n-1] + p_0 x[n] + p_1 x[n-1]$$

- Two digital filter structures are called ***equivalent*** if they have the same transfer function.

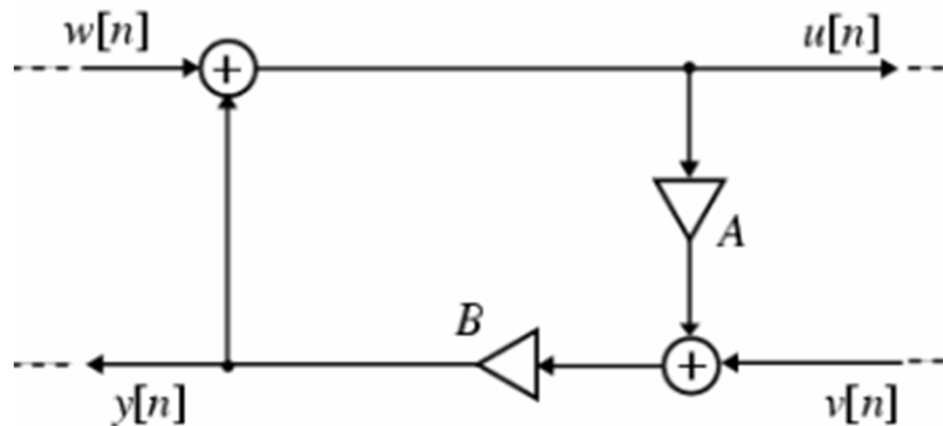
# *Equivalent structure*

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- Why do we need equivalent structures?
  - To avoid delay-free loop problem
    - A structure that includes delay free loops is physically impossible to implement.
  - To deal with finite precision problems
    - Under infinite precision arithmetic any given realization of a digital filter behaves identically to any other equivalent structure
    - However, in practice, due to the finite word-length limitations, a specific realization may behave very different than its other “equivalent” realizations.
    - Hence, it is important to choose a structure that has the least quantization effects when implemented using finite precision arithmetic

# Delay-free loop

- A block diagram containing delay-free loops is physically non-realizable.



$$u[n] = w[n] + y[n]$$

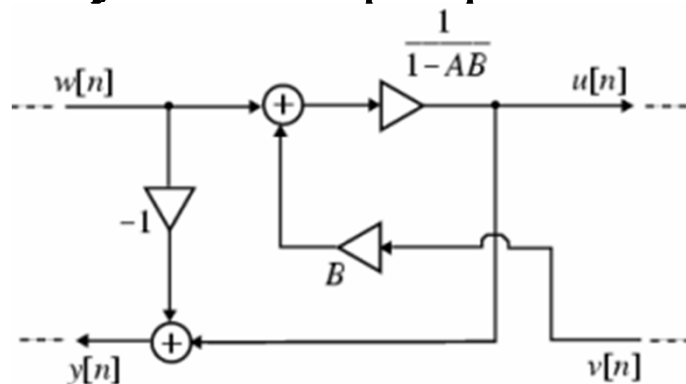
$$y[n] = B(v[n] + Au[n])$$



$$y[n] = B(v[n] + A(w[n] + y[n]))$$

**The determination of the current value of  $y[n]$  requires the knowledge of itself.**

- Delay-free loop equivalent realization:



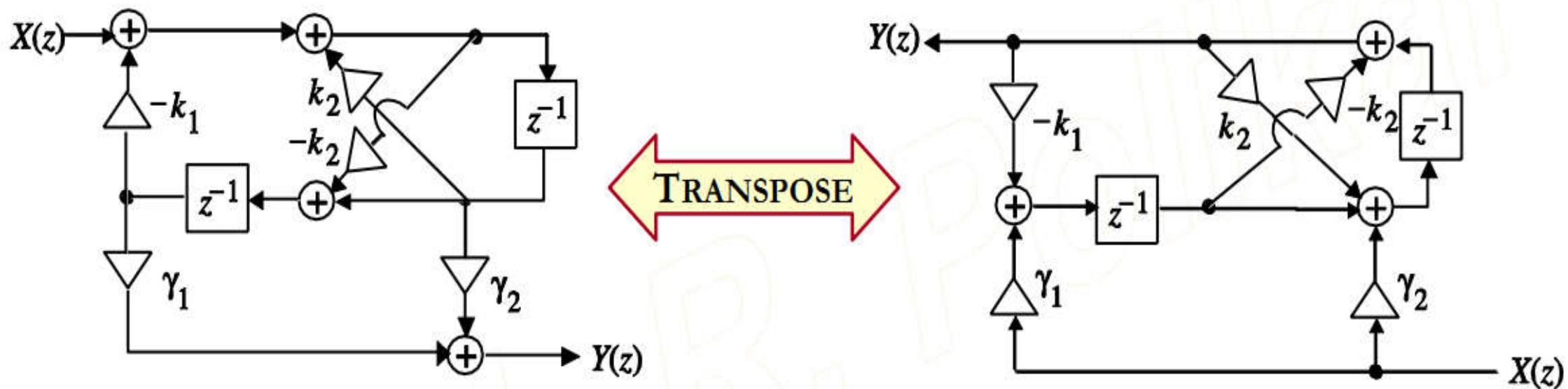
$$y[n] = \frac{AB}{1-AB} w[n] + \frac{B}{1-AB} v[n]$$

# Equivalent structure

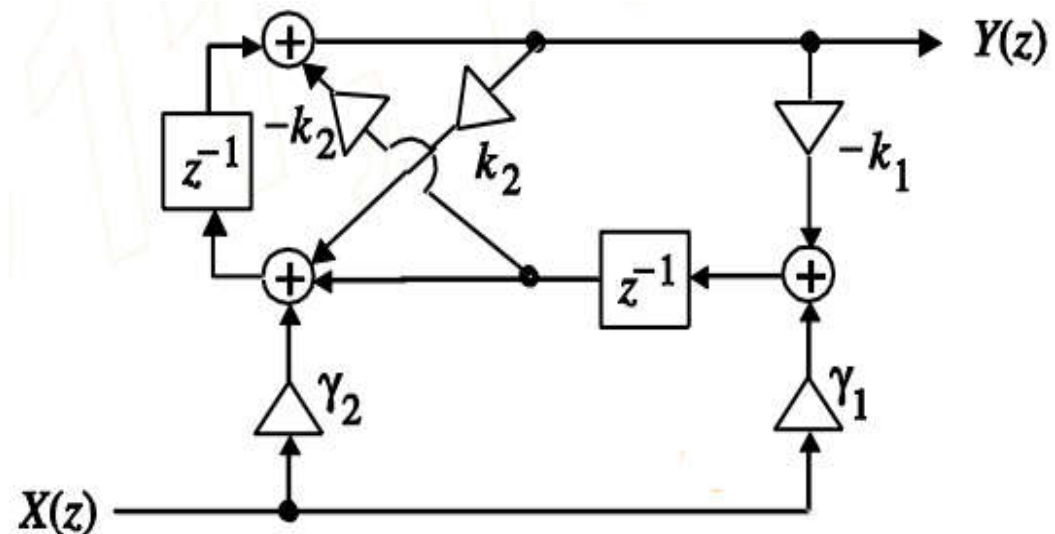
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- Two digital filter structures are called *equivalent* if they have the same transfer function.
- There are a number of methods for the generation of equivalent structures.
- One of many equivalent structures (the most simple one) is obtained using the **transpose** operation.
  - Reverse all paths
  - Replace pick-off nodes by adders, and vice versa
  - Interchange the input and output nodes

- For example:



**Redraw the transposed structure for left – to – right input / output representation**



## 13\_2 Wrap up

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- Equivalent structures
- Canonic structures
- Delay-free loop
- Transpose

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### Lect\_13\_3 FIR System Structures

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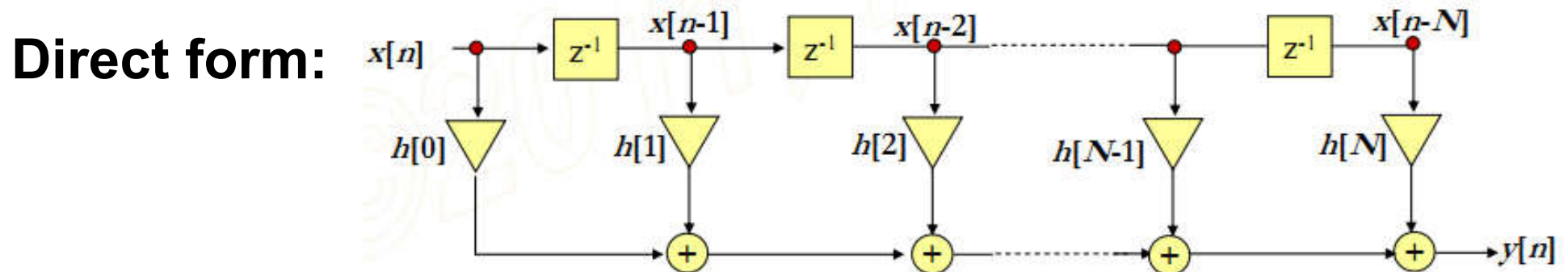
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# Basic FIR structures

- A causal FIR filter can be represented in time domain with its CCLDE equation, which is equivalent to its impulse response representation:

$$\begin{aligned} y[n] &= x[n] * h[n] = \sum_{k=0}^N h[k] x[n-k] \\ &= h[0]x[n] + h[1]x[n-1] + h[2]x[n-2] + \cdots + h[N]x[n-N] \end{aligned}$$

- This Nth order (N+1-coefficient) filter can be implemented directly by using N+1 multipliers and N two-input adders



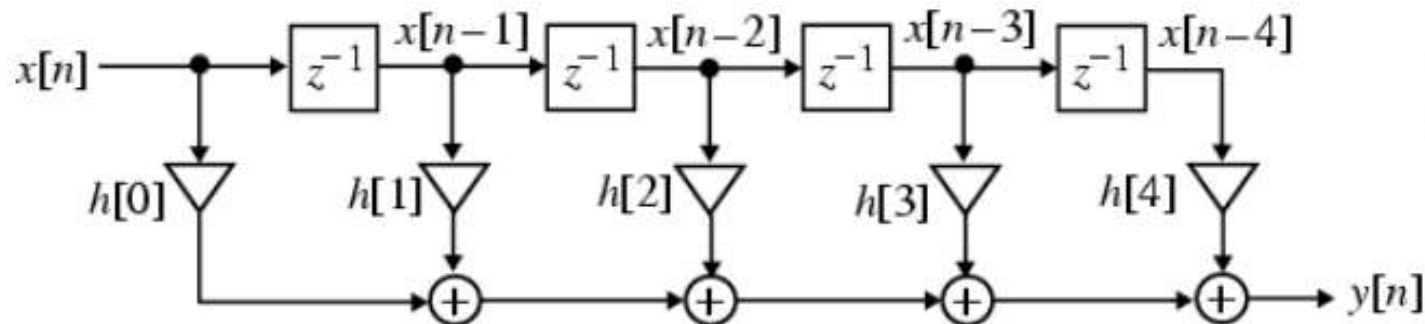
- Structures in which the multiplier coefficients are precisely the coefficients of the transfer function are called **direct form** structures



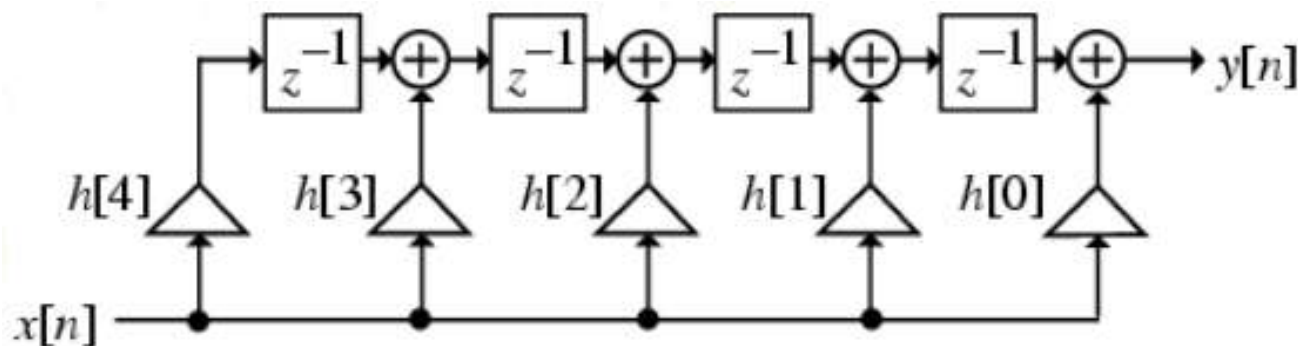
# Basic FIR structures

- For an order  $N=4$  filter:

$$y[n] = h[0]x[n] + h[1]x[n-1] + h[2]x[n-2] + h[3]x[n-3] + h[4]x[n-4]$$



- And its transpose:



- Both are canonic structures. These structures are also known as tapped delay line or transversal filter structures

# Linear phase FIR structures

- Recall that a linear phase filter must have either symmetry or anti-symmetry property, which can be exploited to reduce the number of multipliers into almost half of that in the direct form implementations
  - For example, consider a length-7 Type 1 FIR transfer function with a symmetric impulse response:

$$H(z) = h[0] + h[1]z^{-1} + h[2]z^{-2} + h[3]z^{-3} + h[2]z^{-4} + h[1]z^{-5} + h[0]z^{-6}$$

The diagram illustrates the symmetry of the impulse response coefficients. Arrows point from  $h[0]$  to  $h[6]$ ,  $h[1]$  to  $h[5]$ , and  $h[2]$  to  $h[4]$ . A downward arrow points to  $h[3]$ .

- Rewrite this expression as

$$H(z) = h[0](1 + z^{-6}) + h[1](z^{-1} + z^{-5}) + h[2](z^{-2} + z^{-4}) + h[3]z^{-3}$$

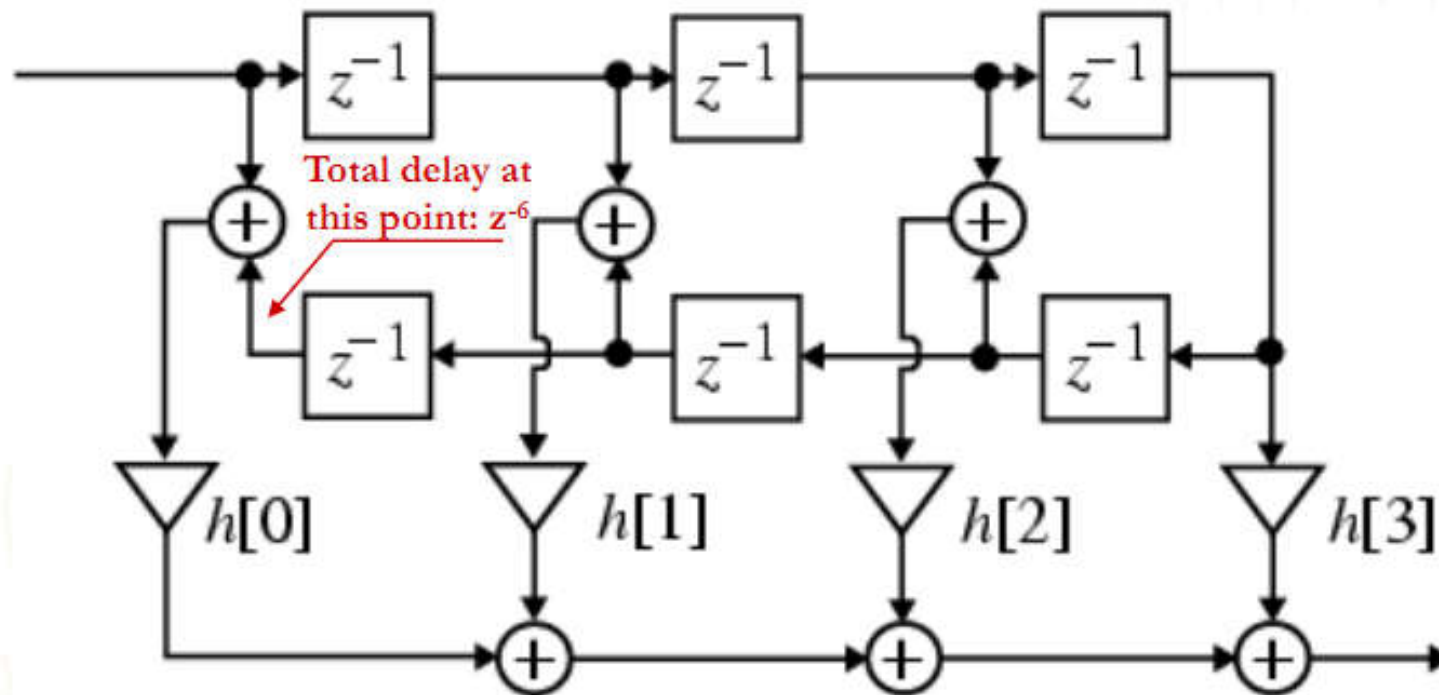
Which only needs four multipliers instead of seven

# Linear phase FIR structures

- Linear phase length-7 Type 1 FIR transfer function:

$$H(z) = h[0](1 + z^{-6}) + h[1](z^{-1} + z^{-5}) + h[2](z^{-2} + z^{-4}) + h[3]z^{-3}$$

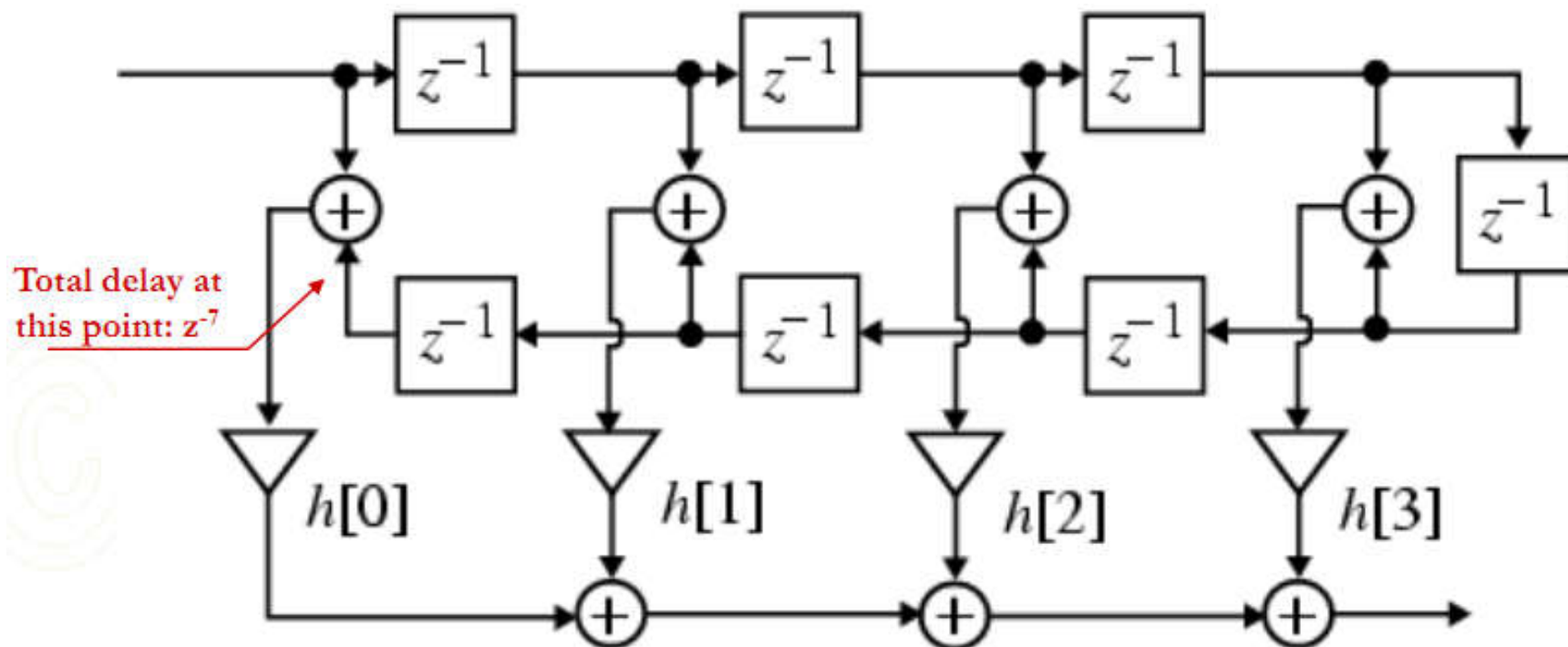
- Block diagram can be modified as:



# Linear phase FIR structures

- Similarly, an FIR type 2 filter (with even length, say 8)

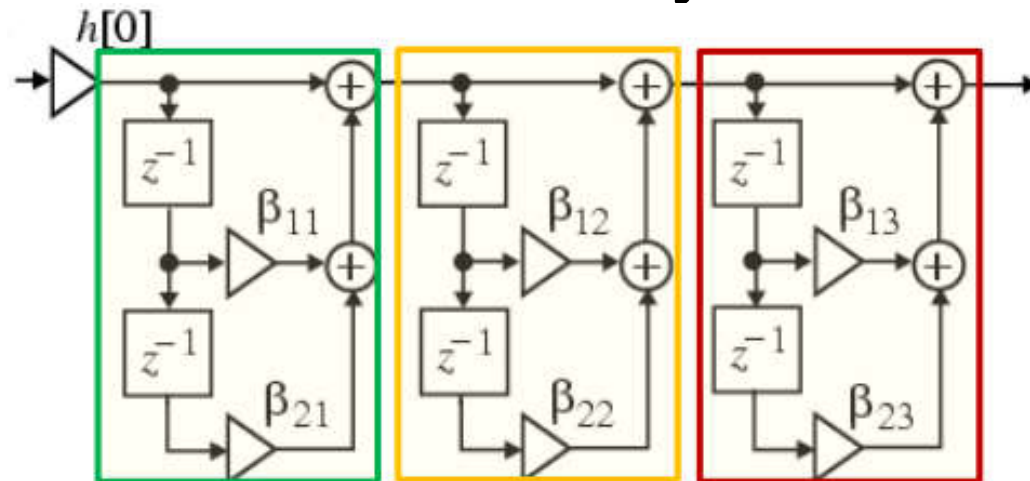
$$H(z) = h[0](1 + z^{-7}) + h[1](z^{-1} + z^{-6}) + h[2](z^{-2} + z^{-5}) + h[3](z^{-3} + z^{-4})$$
 can be implemented with 4 multipliers, instead of 8.



- Note that it still needs 7 delay elements.

# Cascade form FIR structures

- A higher order FIR filter can be realized from a cascade of lower (first or second) order structures.
  - The general structure of an FIR filter can be factored into a product of second order functions:
$$H(z) = h[0] \prod_{k=1}^K (1 + \beta_{1k} z^{-1} + \beta_{2k} z^{-2})$$
    - where  $K=N/2$  if  $N$  is even and  $K=(N+1)/2$  if  $N$  is odd, with  $\beta_{2K}=0$
- For example: a 6th order FIR system can be designed as a cascade of three second order systems.



# Parallel form - Polyphase realization

- Polyphase decomposition of the FIR transfer function results in a parallel structure of an FIR filter
- For example, consider a length-9 FIR filter

$$H(z) = h[0] + h[1]z^{-1} + h[2]z^{-2} + h[3]z^{-3} + h[4]z^{-4} \\ + h[5]z^{-5} + h[6]z^{-6} + h[7]z^{-7} + h[8]z^{-8}$$

- Expressing the above equation as a sum of two terms, one containing the even-indexed coefficients and the other containing the odd-indexed coefficients

$$H(z) = (h[0] + h[2]z^{-2} + h[4]z^{-4} + h[6]z^{-6} + h[8]z^{-8}) \\ + z^{-1}(h[1] + h[3]z^{-2} + h[5]z^{-4} + h[7]z^{-6})$$



# Polyphase realization

- Using the notations

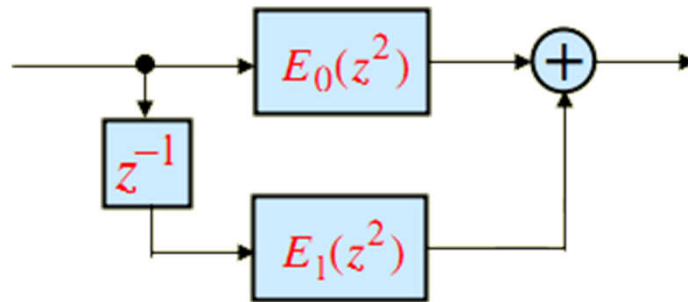
$$E_0(z) = h[0] + h[2]z^{-1} + h[4]z^{-2} + h[6]z^{-3} + h[8]z^{-4}$$

$$E_1(z) = h[1] + h[3]z^{-1} + h[5]z^{-2} + h[7]z^{-3}$$

- $H(z)$  can be written as:

$$H(z) = E_0(z^2) + z^{-1}E_1(z^2)$$

- This is more commonly known as the 2-branch polyphase decomposition as shown:



# Polyphase realization

- In a similar manner, by grouping the terms in the original expression  $H(z)$  differently, we can have

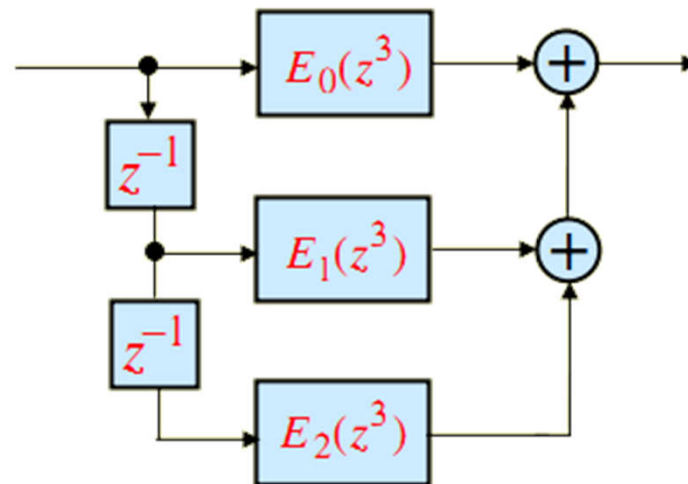
$$H(z) = E_0(z^3) + z^{-1}E_1(z^3) + z^{-2}E_2(z^3)$$

- Where  $E_0(z) = h[0] + h[3]z^{-1} + h[6]z^{-2}$

$$E_1(z) = h[1] + h[4]z^{-1} + h[7]z^{-2}$$

$$E_2(z) = h[2] + h[5]z^{-1} + h[8]z^{-2}$$

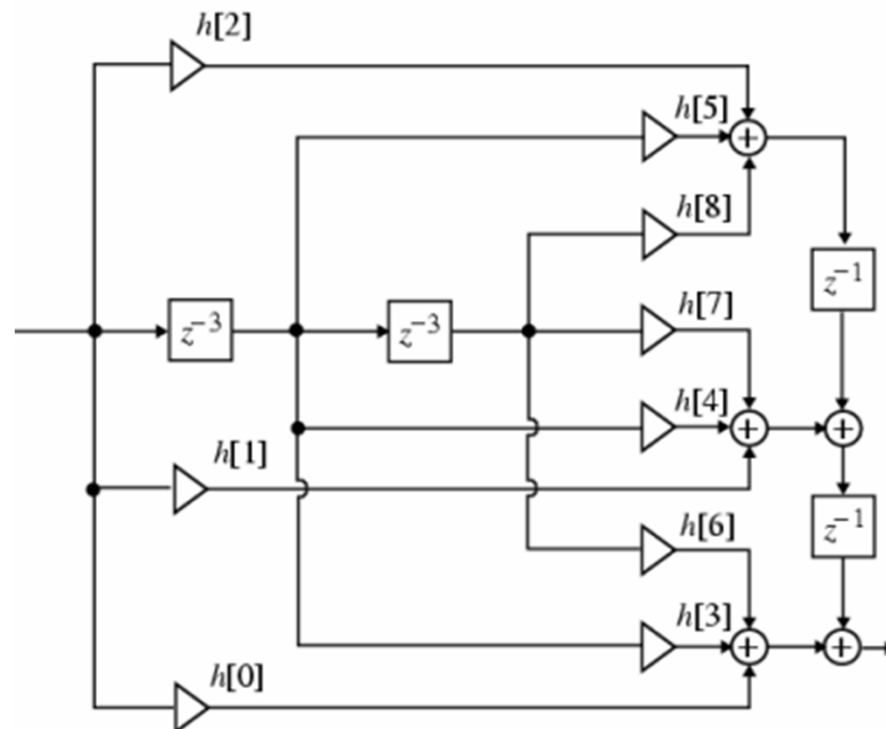
- As known as the 3-branch polyphase decomposition illustrated by





# Polyphase realization

- To obtain a canonic realization of the overall structure, the delays in all subfilters must be shared.
- For example, the 3-branch realization of the length-9 FIR filter can be obtained using delay sharing as follows:



## 13\_3 Wrap up

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- General FIR systems: direct form
  - Special realizations: linear phase FIR systems
    - Symmetry  $\rightarrow$  save multiplier
- Cascade structure: simplify the subsystems
- Parallel structure: polyphase realization

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### Lect\_13\_4 IIR System Structures

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# IIR filter structures

- From the difference equation representation of IIR filters, it can be seen that the realization of the causal IIR digital filters requires some form of feedback.

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} a_k y[n-k] = \sum_{l=0}^{M-1} b_l x[n-l]$$

$$y[n] = b_0 x[n] + b_1 x[n-1] + \cdots + b_{M-1} x[n-M+1] - a_1 y[n-1] - \cdots - a_{N-1} y[n-N+1]$$

- Furthermore, an Nth order IIR digital transfer function is characterized by 2N+1 unique (a and b) coefficients, and in general, requires 2N+1 multipliers and 2N two-input adders for implementation
- Direct forms: Coefficients are directly the transfer function coefficients

# Direct form I

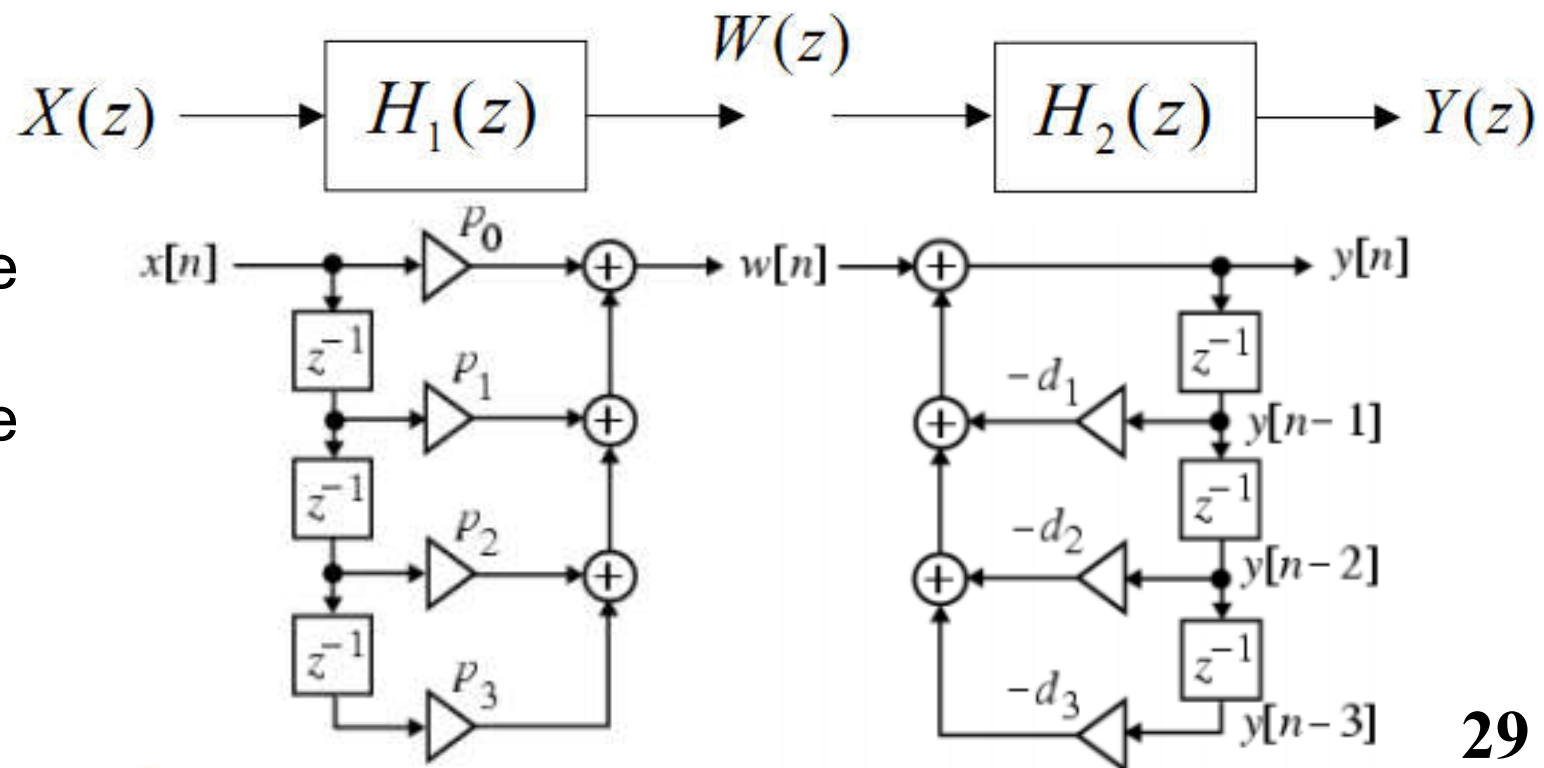
- Consider a 3rd order example:

$$H(z) = \frac{P(z)}{D(z)} = \frac{p_0 + p_1 z^{-1} + p_2 z^{-2} + p_3 z^{-3}}{1 + d_1 z^{-1} + d_2 z^{-2} + d_3 z^{-3}}$$

$\nearrow H_1(z) = \frac{W(z)}{X(z)} = P(z) = p_0 + p_1 z^{-1} + p_2 z^{-2} + p_3 z^{-3}$   
 $\searrow H_2(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{W(z)} = \frac{1}{D(z)} = \frac{1}{1 + d_1 z^{-1} + d_2 z^{-2} + d_3 z^{-3}}$

- Considering the numerator and denominator separately

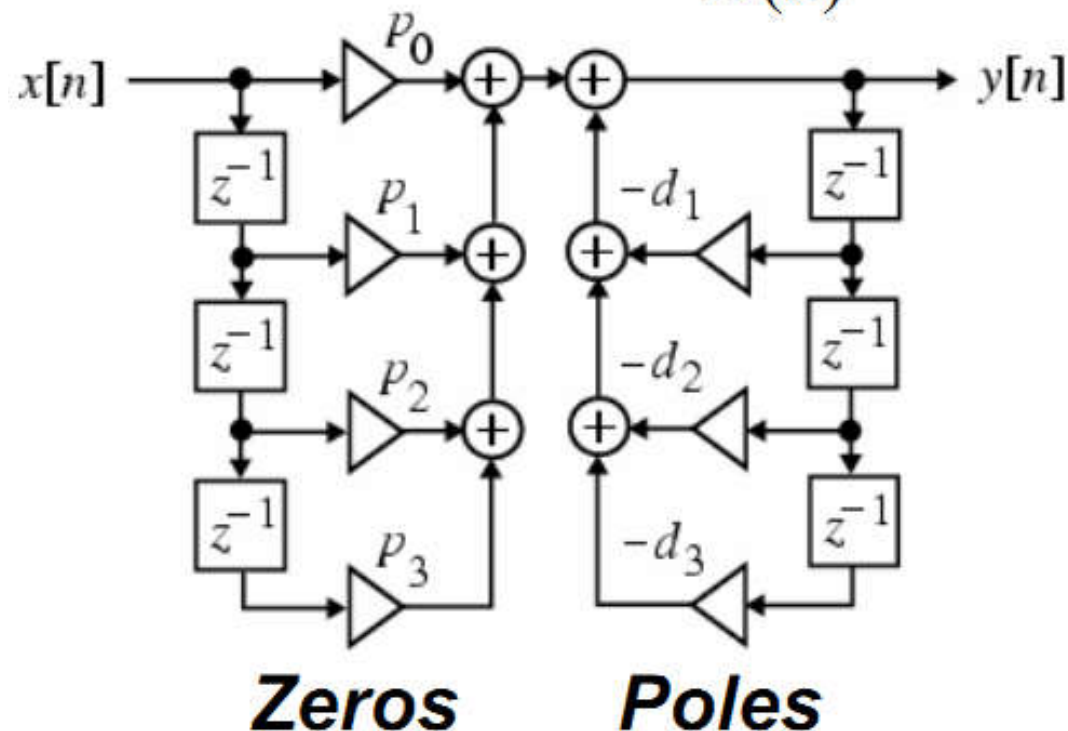
$H_1(z)$  realizes the zeros;  
 $H_2(z)$  realizes the poles.



# Direct form I

- A cascade of the two then gives us the overall  $H(z)$ , whose implementation is known as **Direct Form I** implementation

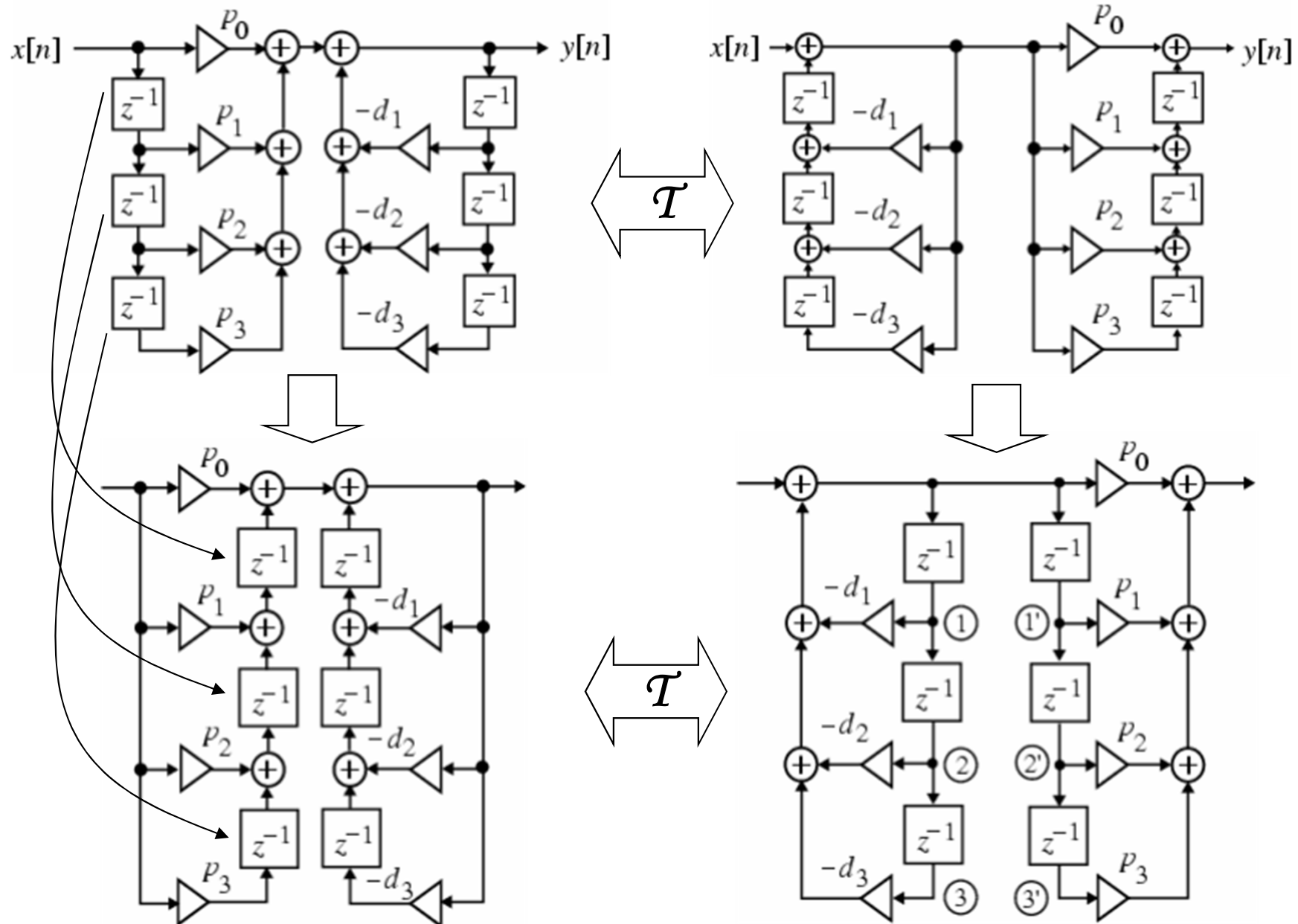
$$H(z) = P(z) \cdot \frac{1}{D(z)}$$



**Note that this structure is noncanonic since it employs 6 delays to realize a 3rd-order transfer function**

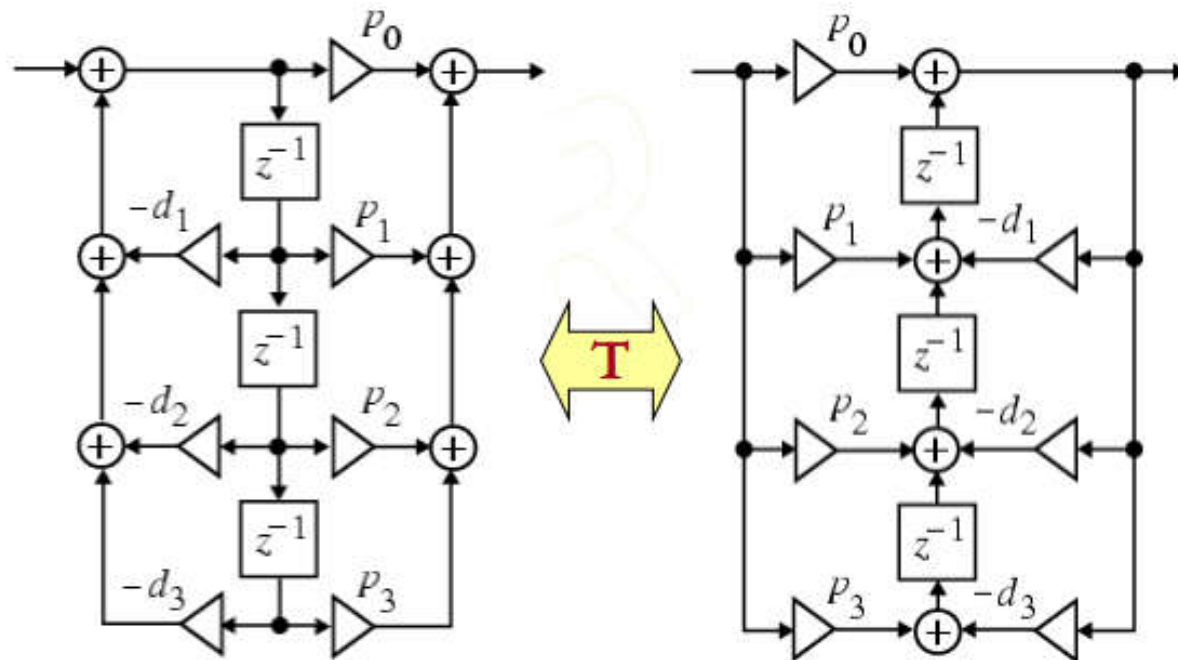
- The transpose of this implementation can also be obtained:

Move the delay lines  
after the summation



## Direct form II

- Now notice that the points indicated as 1 and 1', 2 and 2', 3 and 3' are really indistinguishable from each other.
- $\Rightarrow$  The delay elements can be shared.



**3<sup>rd</sup> order**

**3 delays**

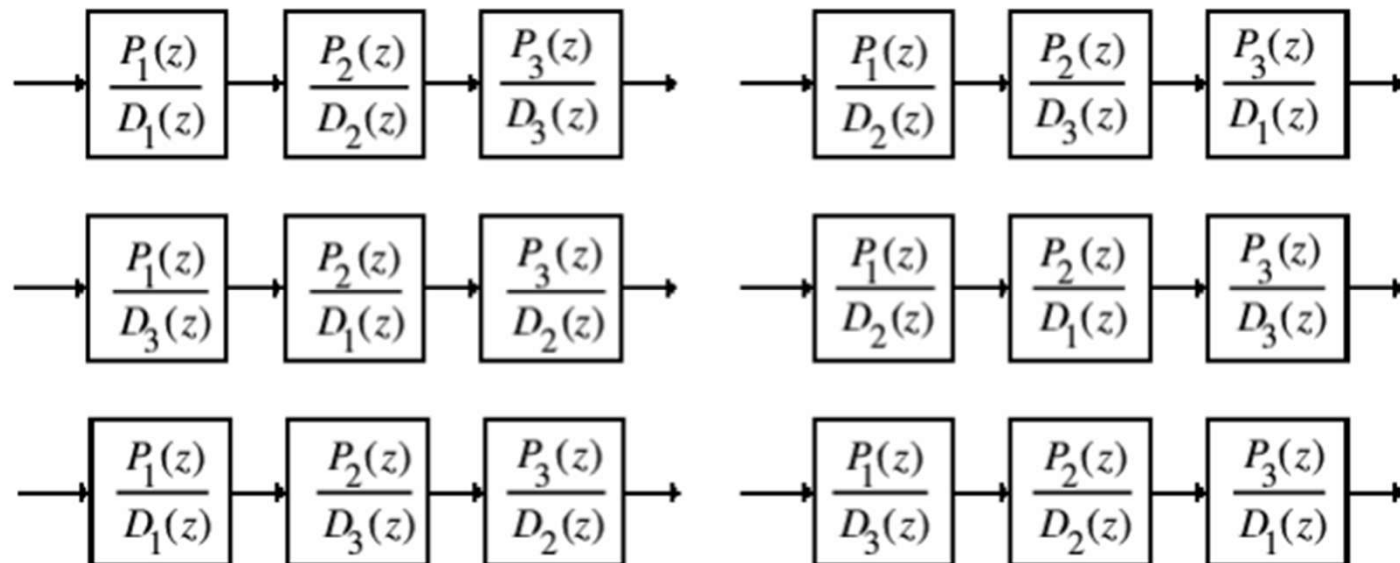
**$\Rightarrow$  Canonic!**

- This particular implementation is called the Direct Form II realization, and requires half the number of delay elements!



# Cascade form

- By expressing the numerator and the denominator polynomials of the transfer function as a product of polynomials of lower degree, a digital filter can be realized as a cascade of low-order filter sections
- Consider  $H(z)=P(z)/D(z)$  expressed as  $H(z) = \frac{P(z)}{D(z)} = \frac{P_1(z)P_2(z)P_3(z)}{D_1(z)D_2(z)D_3(z)}$
- A total of 36 cascade realizations can be achieved based on different pole-zero pairings and ordering.
- Different realizations behave differently under finite word-length constraints



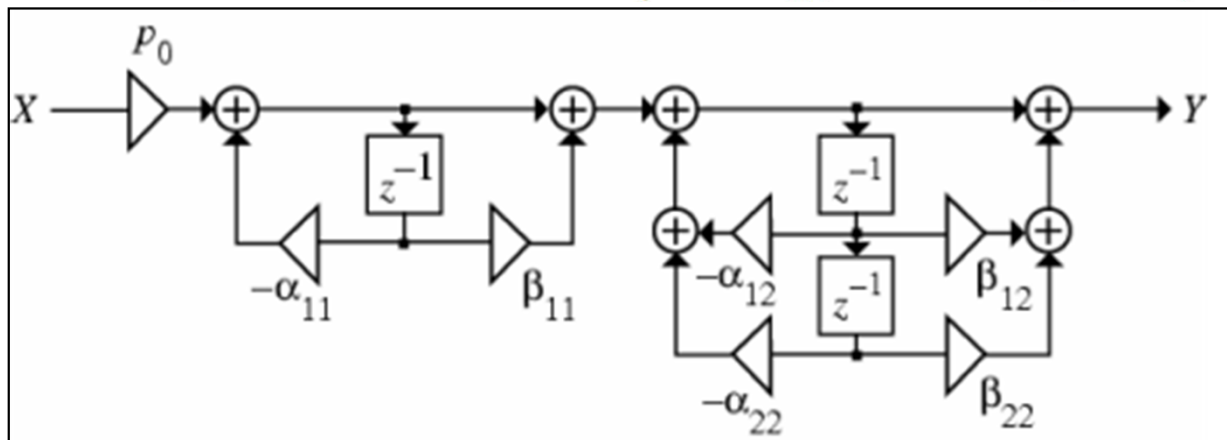
# Cascade form

- Usually the polynomials are factored into a product of first and second order polynomials

$$H(z) = p_0 \prod_k \left( \frac{1 + \beta_{1k}z^{-1} + \beta_{2k}z^{-2}}{1 + \alpha_{1k}z^{-1} + \alpha_{2k}z^{-2}} \right)$$

- Where  $\alpha_{2k} = \beta_{2k} = 0$  for first order forms.
- For example, a third order system can be written and realized as

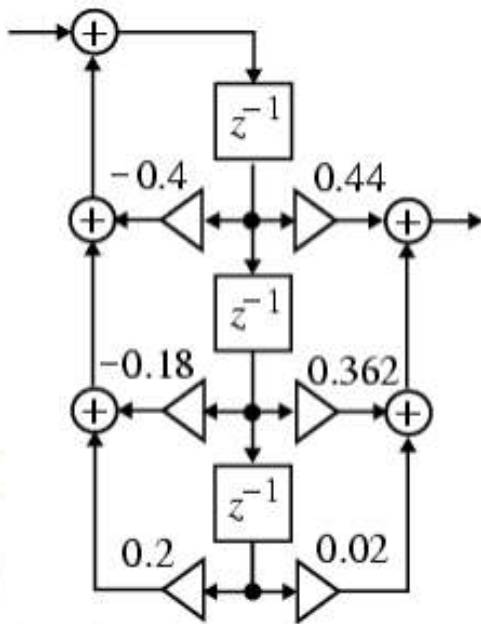
$$H(z) = p_0 \left( \frac{1 + \beta_{11}z^{-1}}{1 + \alpha_{11}z^{-1}} \right) \left( \frac{1 + \beta_{12}z^{-1} + \beta_{22}z^{-2}}{1 + \alpha_{12}z^{-1} + \alpha_{22}z^{-2}} \right)$$



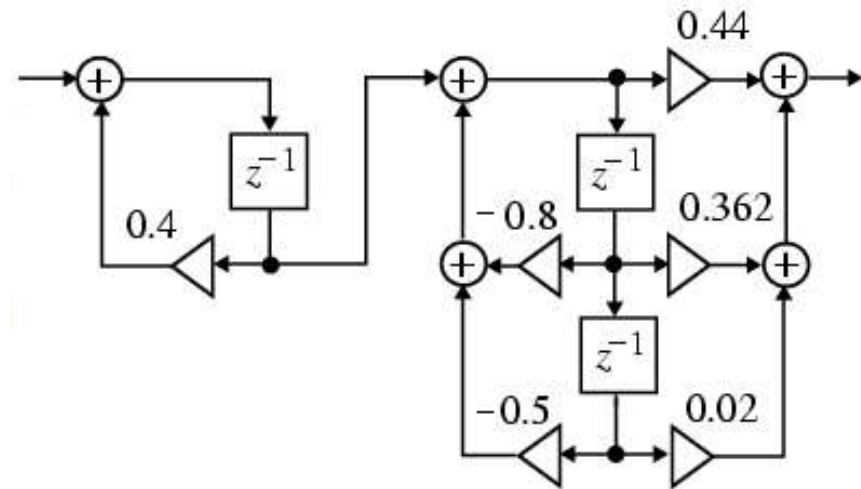
# Cascade form

- An example: find the direct II and cascade form of  $H(z)$

$$H(z) = \frac{0.44z^{-1} + 0.362z^{-2} + 0.02z^{-3}}{1 + 0.4z^{-1} + 0.18z^{-2} - 0.2z^{-3}} = \left( \frac{0.44 + 0.362z^{-1} + 0.02z^{-2}}{1 + 0.8z^{-1} + 0.5z^{-2}} \right) \left( \frac{z^{-1}}{1 - 0.4z^{-1}} \right)$$



Direct form II



Cascade form

# Parallel form

- We can also realize IIR filters through direct partial fraction expansion, where each term is then implemented separately.
  - If the partial fraction expansion is done in terms of  $z^{-1}$ , parallel form I realization is obtained, leading to terms in the form of:

$$H(z) = \gamma_0 + \sum_k \left( \frac{\gamma_{0k} + \gamma_{1k}z^{-1}}{1 + \alpha_{1k}z^{-1} + \alpha_{2k}z^{-2}} \right)$$

- where for real poles,  $\alpha_{2k} = \gamma_{1k} = 0$
  - If the partial fraction expansion is done in terms of  $z$ , parallel form II realization is obtained, leading to terms in the form of

$$H(z) = \delta_0 + \sum_k \left( \frac{\delta_{1k}z^{-1} + \delta_{2k}z^{-2}}{1 + \alpha_{1k}z^{-1} + \alpha_{2k}z^{-2}} \right)$$

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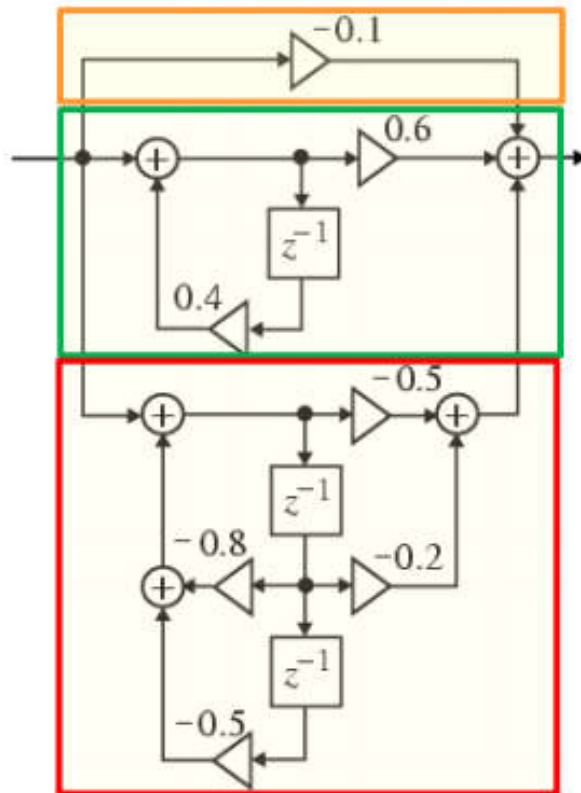


- Example, consider the same  $H(z)$  as in the previous example:

$$H(z) = \frac{0.44z^{-1} + 0.362z^{-2} + 0.02z^{-3}}{1 + 0.4z^{-1} + 0.18z^{-2} - 0.2z^{-3}}$$

$$H(z) = -0.1 + \frac{0.6}{1 - 0.4z^{-1}} + \frac{-0.5 - 0.2z^{-1}}{1 + 0.8z^{-1} + 0.5z^{-2}}$$

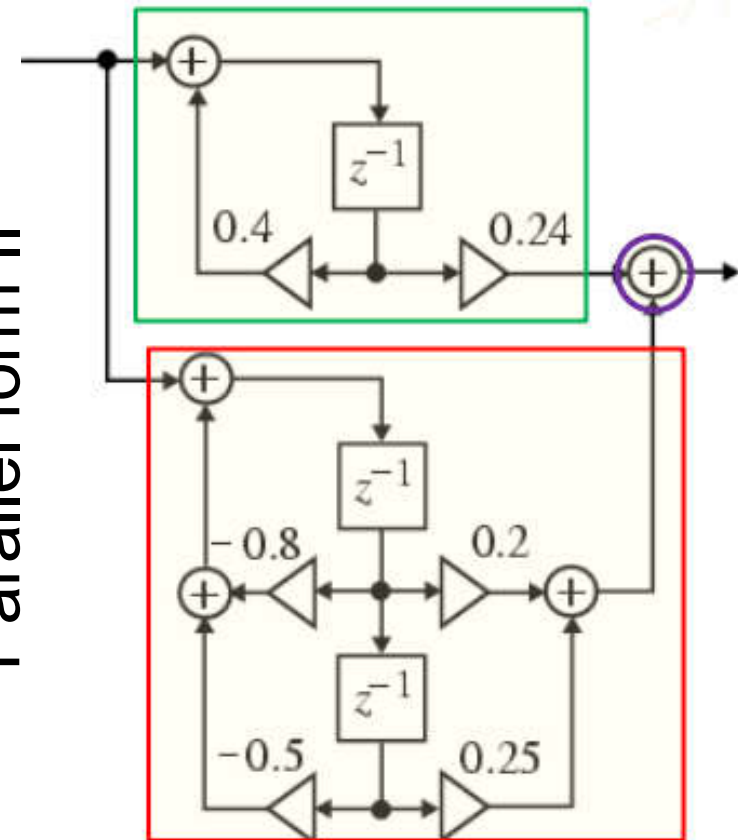
Parallel form I



$$H(z) = \frac{0.24}{z - 0.4} + \frac{0.2z + 0.25}{z^2 + 0.8z + 0.5}$$

$$= \frac{0.24z^{-1}}{1 - 0.4z^{-1}} + \frac{0.2z^{-1} + 0.25z^{-1}}{1 + 0.8z^{-1} + 0.5z^{-2}}$$

Parallel form II



## 13\_4 Wrap up

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- Direct Forms
  - Direct Form I: Noncanonic
  - Direct Form II: Canonic
- Cascade form
- Parallel form

# Chapter 13 Summary

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- Block diagram
  - Transfer function  $\rightarrow$  Block diagram
  - Block diagram  $\rightarrow$  Transfer function
- Equivalent structures
  - Canonic VS Noncanonic
  - Transpose
- FIR Filter structures
  - Direct form
    - Linear phase FIR filters
- IIR Filter structures
  - Direct form I and Direct form II

