

# 6 Systems Represented by Differential and Difference Equations

## Recommended Problems

### P6.1

Suppose that  $y_1(t)$  and  $y_2(t)$  both satisfy the homogeneous linear constant-coefficient differential equation (LCCDE)

$$\frac{dy(t)}{dt} + ay(t) = 0$$

Show that  $y_3(t) = \alpha y_1(t) + \beta y_2(t)$ , where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are any two constants, is also a solution to the homogeneous LCCDE.

### P6.2

In this problem, we consider the homogeneous LCCDE

$$\frac{d^2y(t)}{dt^2} + 3 \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + 2y(t) = 0 \quad (\text{P6.2-1})$$

- (a) Assume that a solution to eq. (P6.2-1) is of the form  $y(t) = e^{st}$ . Find the quadratic equation that  $s$  must satisfy, and solve for the possible values of  $s$ .
- (b) Find an expression for the family of signals  $y(t)$  that will satisfy eq. (P6.2-1).

### P6.3

Consider the LCCDE

$$\frac{dy(t)}{dt} + \frac{1}{2}y(t) = x(t), \quad x(t) = e^{-t}u(t) \quad (\text{P6.3-1})$$

- (a) Determine the family of signals  $y(t)$  that satisfies the associated homogeneous equation.
- (b) Assume that for  $t > 0$ , one solution of eq. (P6.3-1), with  $x(t)$  as specified, is of the form

$$y_1(t) = Ae^{-t}, \quad t > 0$$

Determine the value of  $A$ .

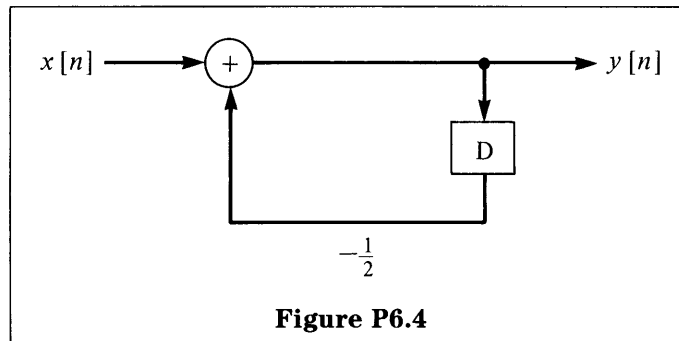
- (c) By substituting into eq. (P6.3-1), show that

$$y_1(t) = [2e^{-t/2} - 2e^{-t}]u(t)$$

is one solution for all  $t$ .

**P6.4**

Consider the block diagram relating the two signals  $x[n]$  and  $y[n]$  given in Figure P6.4.



Assume that the system described in Figure P6.4 is causal and is initially at rest.

- (a) Determine the difference equation relating  $y[n]$  and  $x[n]$ .
- (b) Without doing any calculations, determine the value of  $y[-5]$  when  $x[n] = u[n]$ .
- (c) Assume that a solution to the difference equation in part (a) is given by

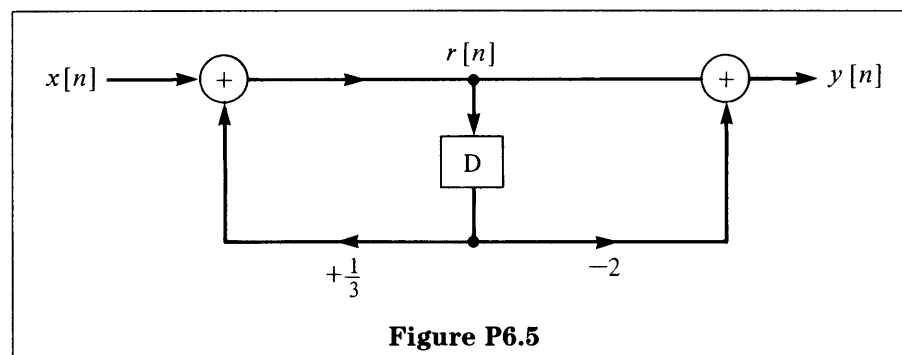
$$y[n] = K\alpha^n u[n]$$

when  $x[n] = \delta[n]$ . Find the appropriate value of  $K$  and  $\alpha$ , and verify that  $y[n]$  satisfies the difference equation.

- (d) Verify your answer to part (c) by directly calculating  $y[0]$ ,  $y[1]$ , and  $y[2]$ .

**P6.5**

Figure P6.5 presents the direct form II realization of a difference equation. Assume that the resulting system is linear and time-invariant.



- (a) Find the direct form I realization of the difference equation.
- (b) Find the difference equation described by the direct form I realization.
- (c) Consider the intermediate signal  $r[n]$  in Figure P6.5.
  - (i) Find the relation between  $r[n]$  and  $y[n]$ .
  - (ii) Find the relation between  $r[n]$  and  $x[n]$ .
  - (iii) Using your answers to parts (i) and (ii), verify that the relation between  $y[n]$  and  $x[n]$  in the direct form II realization is the same as your answer to part (b).

**P6.6**

Consider the following differential equation governing an LTI system.

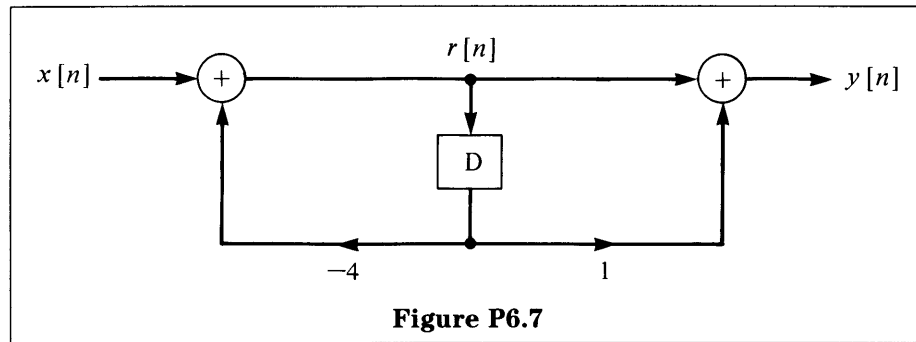
$$\frac{dy(t)}{dt} + ay(t) = b \frac{dx(t)}{dt} + cx(t) \quad (\text{P6.6-1})$$

- (a) Draw the direct form I realization of eq. (P6.6-1).  
 (b) Draw the direct form II realization of eq. (P6.6-1).

## Optional Problems

**P6.7**

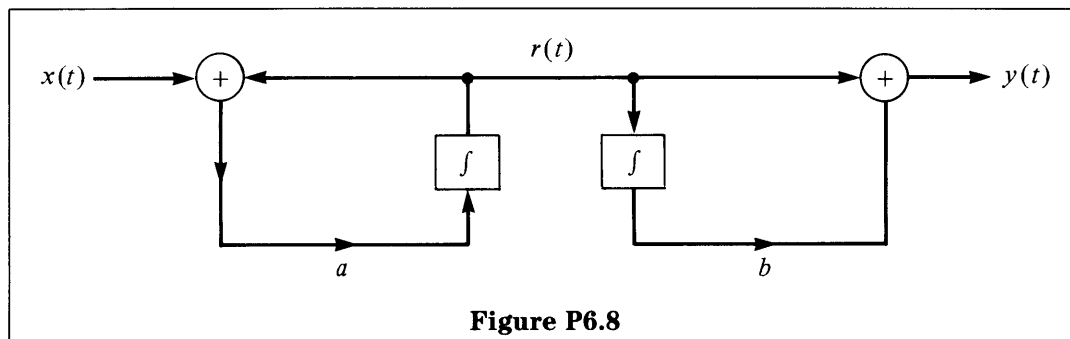
Consider the block diagram in Figure P6.7. The system is causal and is initially at rest.



- (a) Find the difference equation relating  $x[n]$  and  $y[n]$ .  
 (b) For  $x[n] = \delta[n]$ , find  $r[n]$  for all  $n$ .  
 (c) Find the system impulse response.

**P6.8**

Consider the system shown in Figure P6.8. Find the differential equation relating  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$ .



**P6.9**

Consider the following difference equation:

$$y[n] - \frac{1}{2}y[n-1] = x[n] \quad (\text{P6.9-1})$$

with

$$x[n] = K(\cos \Omega_0 n)u[n] \quad (\text{P6.9-2})$$

Assume that the solution  $y[n]$  consists of the sum of a particular solution  $y_p[n]$  to eq. (P6.9-1) for  $n \geq 0$  and a homogeneous solution  $y_h[n]$  satisfying the equation  $y_h[n] - \frac{1}{2}y_h[n-1] = 0$ .

(a) If we assume that  $y_h[n] = Az_0^n$ , what value must be chosen for  $z_0$ ?

(b) If we assume that for  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$y_p[n] = B \cos(\Omega_0 n + \theta),$$

what are the values of  $B$  and  $\theta$ ? [Hint: It is convenient to view  $x[n] = \text{Re}\{Ke^{j\Omega_0 n}u[n]\}$  and  $y[n] = \text{Re}\{Ye^{j\Omega_0 n}u[n]\}$ , where  $Y$  is a complex number to be determined.]

**P6.10**

Show that if  $r(t)$  satisfies the homogeneous differential equation

$$\sum_{i=1}^M \frac{d^i r(t)}{dt^i} = 0$$

and if  $s(t)$  is the response of an arbitrary LTI system  $H$  to the input  $r(t)$ , then  $s(t)$  satisfies the same homogeneous differential equation.

**P6.11**

(a) Consider the homogeneous differential equation

$$\sum_{k=0}^N a_k \frac{d^k y(t)}{dt^k} = 0 \quad (\text{P6.11-1})$$

Show that if  $s_0$  is a solution of the equation

$$p(s) = \sum_{k=0}^N a_k s^k = 0, \quad (\text{P6.11-2})$$

then  $Ae^{s_0 t}$  is a solution of eq. (P6.11-1), where  $A$  is an arbitrary complex constant.

(b) The polynomial  $p(s)$  in eq. (P6.11-2) can be factored in terms of its roots  $s_1, \dots, s_r$ :

$$p(s) = a_N(s - s_1)^{\sigma_1}(s - s_2)^{\sigma_2} \cdots (s - s_r)^{\sigma_r},$$

where the  $s_i$  are the distinct solutions of eq. (P6.11-2) and the  $\sigma_i$  are their *multiplicities*. Note that

$$\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \cdots + \sigma_r = N$$

In general, if  $\sigma_i > 1$ , then not only is  $Ae^{s_i t}$  a solution of eq. (P6.11-1) but so is  $At^j e^{s_i t}$  as long as  $j$  is an integer greater than or equal to zero and less than or

equal to  $\sigma_i - 1$ . To illustrate this, show that if  $\sigma_i = 2$ , then  $Ate^{st}$  is a solution of eq. (P6.11-1). [*Hint*: Show that if  $s$  is an arbitrary complex number, then

$$\sum_{k=0}^N a_k \frac{d^k(Ate^{st})}{dt^k} = Ap(s)te^{st} + A \frac{dp(s)}{ds} e^{st}$$

Thus, the most general solution of eq. (P6.11-1) is

$$\sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{j=0}^{\sigma_i-1} A_{ij} t^j e^{s_i t},$$

where the  $A_{ij}$  are arbitrary complex constants.

- (c) Solve the following homogeneous differential equation with the specified auxiliary conditions.

$$\frac{d^2 y(t)}{dt^2} + 2 \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + y(t) = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 1$$

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