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SYSTEM REPRESENTATION IN THE Z-DOMAIN

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THE SYSTEM FUNCTION

- The system function $H(z)$ is given by

$$H(z) \triangleq \mathcal{Z}[h(n)] = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} h(n) z^{-n}; \quad R_{h-} < |z| < R_{h+}$$

- Using the convolution property of the z-transform, the output transform $Y(z)$ is given by

$$Y(z) = H(z)X(z) \quad : \quad \text{ROC}_y = \text{ROC}_h \cap \text{ROC}_x$$

THE SYSTEM FUNCTION

- Therefore a linear and time invariant system can be represented in the z-domain by

$$X(z) \rightarrow \boxed{H(z)} \rightarrow Y(z) = H(z)X(z)$$

SYSTEM FUNCTION FROM THE DIFFERENCE EQUATION REPRESENTATION

- LTI systems are described by a difference equation

$$y(n) + \sum_{k=1}^N a_k y(n-k) = \sum_{\ell=1}^M b_{\ell} x(n-\ell)$$

- System Function Representation

$$Y(z) + \sum_{k=1}^N a_k z^{-k} Y(z) = \sum_{\ell=0}^M b_{\ell} z^{-\ell} X(z)$$

$$H(z) \triangleq \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{\sum_{\ell=0}^M b_{\ell} z^{-\ell}}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^N a_k z^{-k}} = \frac{B(z)}{A(z)} = \frac{b_o z^{-M} \left(z^M + \dots + \frac{b_M}{b_o} \right)}{z^{-N} (z^N + \dots + a_N)}$$

SYSTEM FUNCTION FROM THE DIFFERENCE EQUATION REPRESENTATION

- After factorization

$$H(z) = b_o z^{N-M} \frac{\prod_{\ell=1}^N (z - z_{\ell})}{\prod_{k=1}^N (z - p_k)}$$

- z_{ℓ} are the system zeros
- p_k are the system poles
- $H(z)$ (an LTI system) can also be represented in the z-domain using a pole-zero plot

TRANSFER FUNCTION REPRESENTATION

- A frequency response function or transfer function $H(z)$ on the unit circle $z = e^{j\omega}$

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = b_o z e^{j(N-M)\omega} \frac{\prod_{\ell=1}^N (e^{j\omega} - z_{\ell})}{\prod_{k=1}^M (e^{j\omega} - p_k)}$$

- The factor $(e^{j\omega} - z_{\ell})$ can be interpreted as a *vector* in the complex z -plane from a zero z to the unit circle at $z = e^{j\omega}$
- The factor $(e^{j\omega} - p_k)$ can be interpreted as a vector from a pole p_k to the unit circle at $z = e^{j\omega}$.

TRANSFER FUNCTION REPRESENTATION

- The magnitude response function

$$\left| H(e^{j\omega}) \right| = |b_o| \frac{|e^{j\omega} - z_1| \dots |e^{j\omega} - z_M|}{|e^{j\omega} - p_1| \dots |e^{j\omega} - p_N|}$$

- a product of the lengths of vectors from zeros to the unit circle *divided* by the lengths of vectors from poles to the unit circle and *scaled* by $|b_o|$.

TRANSFER FUNCTION REPRESENTATION

- The phase response function

$$\angle H(e^{j\omega}) = [0 \text{ or } \pi] + [(N - M)\omega] + \sum_1^M \angle(e^{j\omega} - z_k) - \sum_1^N \angle(e^{j\omega} - p_k)$$

- a sum of a constant factor, a linear-phase factor, and a nonlinear-phase factor (angles from the “zero vectors” *minus* the sum of angles from the “pole vectors”).

EXAMPLE

- Given a causal system

$$y(n) = 0.9y(n - 1) + x(n)$$

- Determine $H(z)$ and sketch its pole-zero plot.
- Plot $|H(e^{j\omega})|$ and $\angle H(e^{j\omega})$.
- Determine the impulse response $h(n)$.

EXAMPLE

- The difference equation can be put in the form

$$y(n) - 0.9y(n - 1) = x(n)$$

$$H(z) = b_o z^{N-M} \frac{\prod_{\ell=1}^N (z - z_{\ell})}{\prod_{k=1}^N (z - p_k)}$$

$$H(z) = \frac{1}{1 - 0.9z^{-1}}; \quad |z| > 0.9$$

- since the system is causal. There is one pole at 0.9 and one zero at the origin

EXAMPLE

- illustrate using the `zplane` function

```
>> b = [1, 0]; a = [1, -0.9]; zplane(b,a)
```

EXAMPLE

- determine the magnitude and phase of $H(e^{j\omega})$ using `freqz` function.
- take 100 points along the upper half of the unit circle

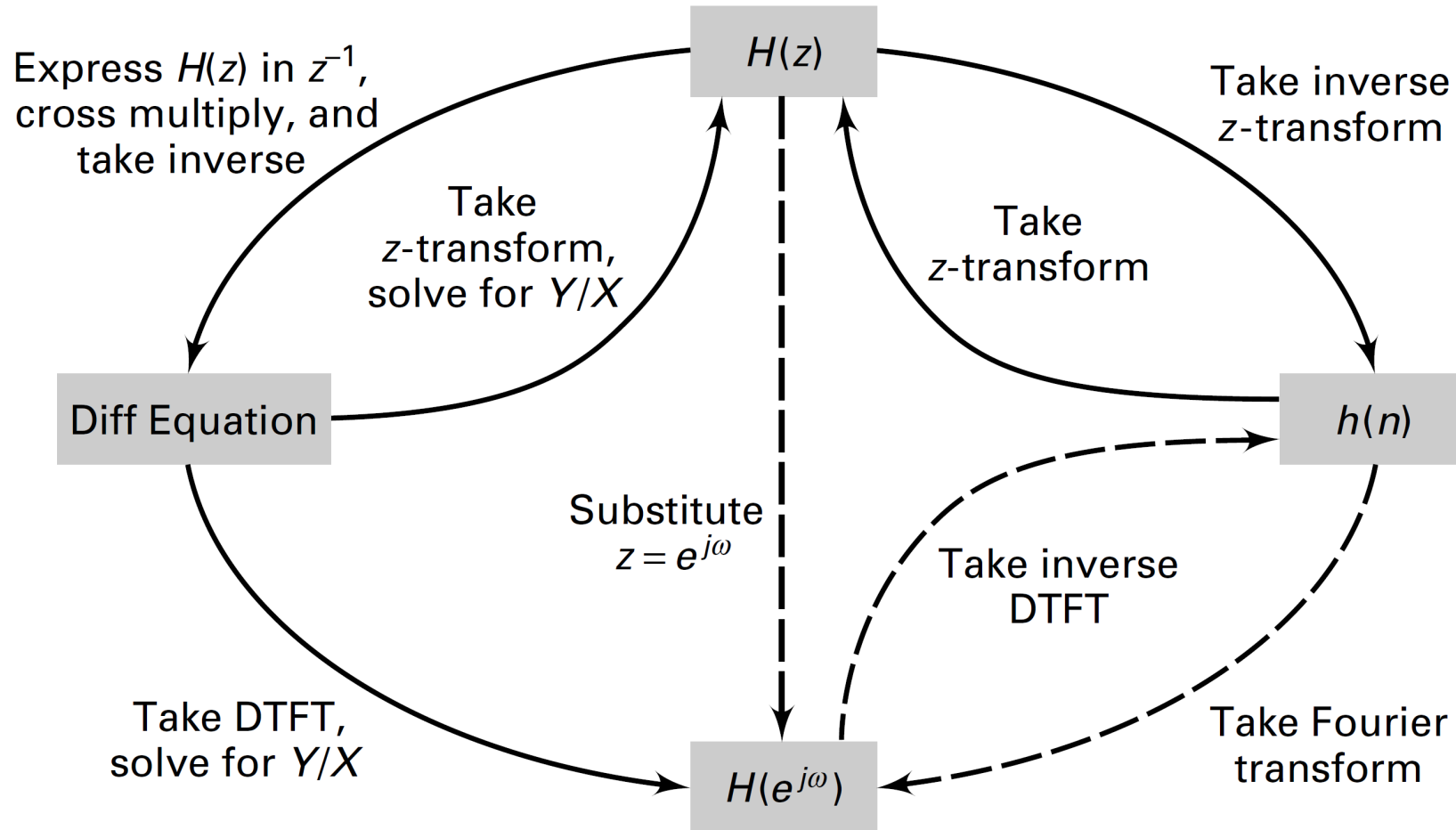
```
>> [H,w] = freqz(b,a,100); magH = abs(H); phaH = angle(H);  
>> subplot(2,1,1);plot(w/pi,magH);grid  
>> xlabel('frequency in pi units'); ylabel('Magnitude');  
>> title('Magnitude Response')  
>> subplot(2,1,2);plot(w/pi,phaH/pi);grid  
>> xlabel('frequency in pi units'); ylabel('Phase in pi units');  
>> title('Phase Response')
```

EXAMPLE

- From the z-transform in Table

$$\begin{aligned}h(n) &= Z^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{1 - 0,9z^{-1}}; \quad |z| > 0,9 \right] \\&= (0,9)^n u(n)\end{aligned}$$

RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN SYSTEM REPRESENTATIONS



Z-DOMAIN LTI STABILITY

- An LTI system is stable if and only if the unit circle is in the ROC of $H(z)$.

Z-DOMAIN CAUSAL LTI STABILITY

- A causal LTI system is stable if and only if the system function $H(z)$ has all its poles inside the unit circle.

EXAMPLE

- A causal LTI system is described by the following difference equation:

$$y(n) = 0.81y(n - 2) + x(n) - x(n - 2)$$

- Determine
 - the system function $H(z)$,
 - the unit impulse response $h(n)$,
 - the unit step response $v(n)$, that is, the response to the unit step $u(n)$, and
 - the frequency response function $H(e^{j\omega})$, and plot its magnitude and phase over $0 \leq \omega \leq \pi$.

EXAMPLE

- Since the system is causal, the ROC will be outside a circle with radius equal to the largest pole magnitude.
- Taking the z-transform of both sides of the difference equation

$$H(z) = \frac{1 - z^{-2}}{1 - 0,81z^{-2}} = \frac{1 - z^{-2}}{(1 + 0,9z^{-1})(1 - 0,9z^{-1})}, \quad |z| > 0,9$$

EXAMPLE

- Using the MATLAB script for the partial fraction expansion

$$H(z) = \frac{1 - z^{-2}}{1 - 0,81z^{-2}} = \frac{1 - z^{-2}}{(1 + 0,9z^{-1})(1 - 0,9z^{-1})}, \quad |z| > 0,9$$

```
>> b = [1,0,-1]; a = [1,0,-0.81]; [R,p,C] = residuez(b,a);
```

```
R = -0.1173 -0.1173
```

```
p = -0.9000 0.9000
```

```
C = 1.2346
```

$$H(z) = 1,2346 - 0,1173 \frac{1}{1 + 0,9z^{-1}} - 0,1173 \frac{1}{1 - 0,9z^{-1}}, \quad |z| > 0,9$$

TABLE 4.1 *Some common z -transform pairs*

| <i>Sequence</i> | <i>Transform</i> | <i>ROC</i> |
|------------------------------|---|-------------|
| $\delta(n)$ | 1 | $\forall z$ |
| $u(n)$ | $\frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}}$ | $ z > 1$ |
| $-u(-n - 1)$ | $\frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}}$ | $ z < 1$ |
| $a^n u(n)$ | $\frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}}$ | $ z > a $ |
| $-b^n u(-n - 1)$ | $\frac{1}{1 - bz^{-1}}$ | $ z < b $ |
| $[a^n \sin \omega_0 n] u(n)$ | $\frac{(a \sin \omega_0) z^{-1}}{1 - (2a \cos \omega_0) z^{-1} + a^2 z^{-2}}$ | $ z > a $ |
| $[a^n \cos \omega_0 n] u(n)$ | $\frac{1 - (a \cos \omega_0) z^{-1}}{1 - (2a \cos \omega_0) z^{-1} + a^2 z^{-2}}$ | $ z > a $ |
| $na^n u(n)$ | $\frac{az^{-1}}{(1 - az^{-1})^2}$ | $ z > a $ |
| $-nb^n u(-n - 1)$ | $\frac{bz^{-1}}{(1 - bz^{-1})^2}$ | $ z < b $ |

EXAMPLE

$$H(z) = 1,2346 - 0,1173 \frac{1}{1 + 0,9z^{-1}} - 0,1173 \frac{1}{1 - 0,9z^{-1}}, \quad |z| > 0,9$$

- from Table

$$h(n) = 1,2346 \delta(n) - 0,1173 \left\{ 1 + (-1)^n \right\} (0,9)^n u(n)$$

EXAMPLE

- From Table 4.1

$$Z[u(n)] = U(z) = \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}}, \quad |z| > 1$$

$$V(z) = H(z)U(z)$$

$$= \left[\frac{(1 + z^{-1})(1 - z^{-1})}{(1 + 0,9z^{-1})(1 - 0,9z^{-1})} \right] \left[\frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}} \right], \quad |z| > 0,9 \cap |z| > 1$$

$$= \frac{1 + z^{-1}}{(1 + 0,9z^{-1})(1 - 0,9z^{-1})}, \quad |z| > 0,9$$

$$= 1,0556 \frac{1}{1 - 0,9z^{-1}} - 0,0556 \frac{1}{1 + 0,9z^{-1}}, \quad |z| > 0,9$$

EXAMPLE

- Finally,

$$v(n) = \left[1,0556(0,9)^n - 0,556(-0,9)^n \right] u(n)$$

- There is a pole-zero cancellation at $z = 1$.
- This has two implications.
 - First, the ROC of $V(z)$ is still $\{|z| > 0.9\}$ and not $\{|z| > 0.9 \cap |z| > 1 = |z| > 1\}$
 - The step response $v(n)$ contains no steady-state term $u(n)$.

EXAMPLE

- The frequency response function $H(e^{j\omega})$
- Substituting $z = e^{j\omega}$ in $H(z)$,

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{1 - e^{-j2\omega}}{1 - 0,81e^{-j2\omega}}$$

EXAMPLE

- MATLAB script to compute and plot responses

```
>> w = [0:1:500]*pi/500; H = freqz(b,a,w);  
>> magH = abs(H); phaH = angle(H);  
>> subplot(2,1,1); plot(w/pi,magH); grid  
>> xlabel('frequency in pi units'); ylabel('Magnitude')  
>> title('Magnitude Response')  
>> subplot(2,1,2); plot(w/pi,phaH/pi); grid  
>> xlabel('frequency in pi units'); ylabel('Phase in pi units')  
>> title('Phase Response')
```

SOLUTIONS OF THE DIFFERENCE EQUATIONS

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ONE-SIDED Z-TRANSFORM

- The one-sided z-transform of a sequence $x(n)$ is given by

$$Z^+ [x(n)] \triangleq Z [x(n)u(n)] \triangleq X^+ [z] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x(n) z^{-n}$$

- Difference equations generally evolve in the positive n direction.
- Time frame for these solutions will be $n \geq 0$
- One form involved finding the particular and the homogeneous solutions
- The other form involved finding the zero-input (initial condition) and the zero-state responses

ONE-SIDED Z-TRANSFORM

- The sample shifting property is given by

$$Z^+ [x(n-k)] = x(-1)z^{1-k} + x(-2)z^{2-k} + \dots + x(-k) + z^{-k} X^+(z)$$

- The result can now be used to solve difference equations with nonzero initial conditions or with changing inputs

$$1 + \sum_{k=1}^N a_k y(n-k) = \sum_{m=0}^M b_m x(n-m), \quad n \geq 0$$

- subject to these initial conditions:

$$\{y(i), i = -1, \dots, -N\} \qquad \{x(i), i = -1, \dots, -M\}$$

EXAMPLE

- Solve

$$y(n) - \frac{3}{2}y(n-1) + \frac{1}{2}y(n-2) = x(n), \quad n \geq 0$$

- where

$$x(n) = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n u(n)$$

- subject to $y(-1) = 4$ and $y(-2) = 10$.

EXAMPLE

$$y(n) - \frac{3}{2}y(n-1) + \frac{1}{2}y(n-2) = x(n), \quad n \geq 0$$

- Taking the one-sided z-transform of both sides of the difference equation

$$Y^+(z) - \frac{3}{2}[y(-1) + z^{-1}Y^+(z)] + \frac{1}{2}[y(-2) + z^{-1}y(-1) + z^{-2}Y^+(z)] = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{4}z^{-1}}$$

- Substituting the initial conditions and rearranging

$$Y^+(z) \left[1 - \frac{3}{2}z^{-1} + \frac{1}{2}z^{-2} \right] = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{4}z^{-1}} + (1 - 2z^{-1})$$

EXAMPLE

$$Y^+(z) \left[1 - \frac{3}{2}z^{-1} + \frac{1}{2}z^{-2} \right] = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{4}z^{-1}} + (1 - 2z^{-1})$$

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

Using the partial fraction expansion

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

EXAMPLE

- After inverse transformation the solution is

$$y(n) = \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^n \right] u(n)$$

EXAMPLE

- Homogeneous and particular parts

$$y(n) = \underbrace{\left[\left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n + \frac{2}{3} \right] u(n)}_{\text{Homogeneous part}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^n u(n)}_{\text{Particular part}}$$

- The homogeneous part is due to the *system poles*, and the particular part is due to the *input poles*.

EXAMPLE

- Transient and steady-state responses

$$y(n) = \underbrace{\left[\frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^n \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n \right] u(n)}_{\text{Transient response}} + \underbrace{\frac{2}{3} u(n)}_{\text{Steady-state response}}$$

- The transient response is due to poles that are *inside* the unit circle, whereas the steady-state response is due to poles that are *on* the unit circle.

EXAMPLE

- Zero-input (or initial condition) and zero-state responses

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



$$Y_{ZS}(z) = H(z)X(z)$$



$$Y_{ZI}(z) = H(z)X_{IC}(z)$$

- $X_{IC}(z)$ can be thought of as an equivalent *initial-condition input* that generates the same output Y_{ZI} as generated by the initial conditions.

$$x_{IC}(n) = \left\{ \underset{\uparrow}{1}, -2 \right\}$$

EXAMPLE

- taking the inverse z-transform of each part of

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

- The complete response as

$$y(n) = \underbrace{\left[\frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^n - 2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n + \frac{8}{3} \right] u(n)}_{\text{Zero-state response}} + \underbrace{\left[3 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n - 2 \right] u(n)}_{\text{Zero-input response}}$$

MATLAB IMPLEMENTATION

`y = filter(b,a,x,xic)`

- xic is an equivalent initial-condition input array

MATLAB IMPLEMENTATION

```
>> n = [0:7]; x = (1/4).^n; xic = [1, -2];  
>> format long; y1 = filter(b,a,x,xic)  
>> y2 = (1/3)*(1/4).^n+(1/2).^n+(2/3)*ones(1,8)
```

MATLAB IMPLEMENTATION

`xic = filtic(b,a,Y,X)`

- to determine $x_{IC}(n)$ analytically
- b and a are the filter coefficient arrays and Y and X are the initial condition arrays from the initial conditions on $y(n)$ and $x(n)$

```
>> Y = [4, 10]; xic = filtic(b,a,Y)
```


EXAMPLE

- Solve the difference equation

$$y(n) = \frac{1}{3} [x(n) + x(n-1) + x(n-2) + 0,95y(n-1) - 0,9025y(n-2)]$$

- where $x(n) = \cos(\pi n/3)u(n)$ and $y(-1) = -2, y(-2) = -3; x(-1) = 1, x(-2) = 1$
- First determine the solution analytically and then by using MATLAB

EXAMPLE

- Taking a one-sided z-transform of the difference equation

$$Y^+(z) = \frac{1}{3} \left[X^+(z)x(-1) + z^{-1}X^+(z) + x(-2) + z^{-1}x(-1) + z^{-2}X^+(z) \right] \\ + 0,95 \left[y(-1) + z^{-1}Y^+(z) \right] - 0,9025 \left[y(-2) + z^{-1}y(-1) + z^{-2}Y^+(z) \right]$$

- and substituting the initial conditions

$$Y^+(z) = \frac{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3}z^{-1} + \frac{1}{3}z^{-2}}{1 - 0,95z^{-1} + 0,9025z^{-2}} X^+(z) + \frac{1,4742 + 2,1383z^{-1}}{1 - 0,95z^{-1} + 0,9025z^{-2}}$$

- Clearly, $x_{IC}(n) = [1,4742, 2,1383]$.

EXAMPLE

- This simplification and further partial fraction expansion can be done using MATLAB.

```
>> b = [1,1,1]/3; a = [1,-0.95,0.9025];  
>> Y = [-2,-3]; X = [1,1]; xic=filtic(b,a,Y,X)  
>> bxplus = [1,-0.5]; axplus = [1,-1,1]; % X(z) transform coeff.  
>> ayplus = conv(a,axplus) % Denominator of Yplus(z)  
>> byplus = conv(b,bxplus)+conv(xic,axplus)  
>> [R,p,C] = residuez(byplus,ayplus)  
>> Mp = abs(p), Ap = angle(p)/pi
```

EXAMPLE

- Substituting $X^+(z)$

$$X^+(z) = \frac{1 - 0,5z^{-1}}{1 - z^{-1} + z^{-2}}$$

- obtain $Y^+(z)$ as a rational function

$$Y^+(z) = \frac{0,0584 + j3,9468}{1 - e^{-j\pi/3}z^{-1}} + \frac{0,0584 - j3,9468}{1 - e^{j\pi/3}z^{-1}} \\ + \frac{0,8453 + j2,0311}{1 - 0,95e^{j\pi/3}z^{-1}} + \frac{0,8453 - j2,0311}{1 - 0,95e^{-j\pi/3}z^{-1}}$$

EXAMPLE

- From Table

$$y(n) = 0,1169 \cos(\pi n / 3) + 7,8937 \sin(\pi n / 3) \\ + (0,95)^n [1,6906 \cos(\pi n / 3) - 4,0623 \sin(\pi n / 3)], \quad n \geq 0$$

EXAMPLE — MATLAB VERIFICATION

```
>> n = [0:7]; x = cos(pi*n/3); y = filter(b,a,x,xic)
```

```
% Matlab Verification
```

```
>> A=real(2*R(1)); B=imag(2*R(1)); C=real(2*R(3)); D=imag(2*R(4));
```

```
>> y=A*cos(pi*n/3)+B*sin(pi*n/3)+((0.95).^n).*(C*cos(pi*n/3)+ D*sin(pi*n/3))
```

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