

Teoria dei Segnali – Filtri tempo-discreti

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Digital Filters

Filters are used for band limiting signals (*anti-aliasing*), for band splitting in multiplexing/demultiplexing, for pulse forming in digital modulators, for decimation and interpolation (e.g., in $\Sigma\Delta$ A/D and D/A data converters), for equalization, ...

Filters may be:

- linear
- non-linear
- adaptive

Linear Digital Filters

Linear filters are **linear time-invariant** (LTI) systems

→ they are completely described by their impulse response $h(t)$ (or $h[k]$)

For sampled-data systems (including digital systems), filtering may be described in the Z-domain:

$$H(z) = \mathcal{Z}\{h[k]\} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} h[k]z^{-k}$$

Linear filters may have:

- finite impulse response (FIR)
- infinite impulse response (IIR)

FIR Filters

The system function is

$$H(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} h[k]z^{-k}$$

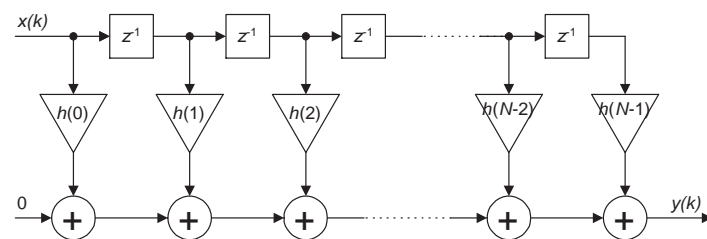
The output is

$$y[m] = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} h[k]x[m - k]$$

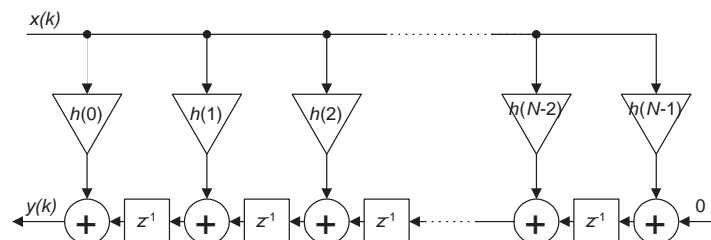
By applying an impulse $\delta[k]$ to the input, the output goes to zero after N samples.

An FIR filter is also called a **moving average (MA)** filter.

Signal Flow Graphs of an FIR Filter



Direct form I



Direct form II

Linear Phase FIR filters

In DSP and communications, phase must be proportional to the frequency (*linear phase*):

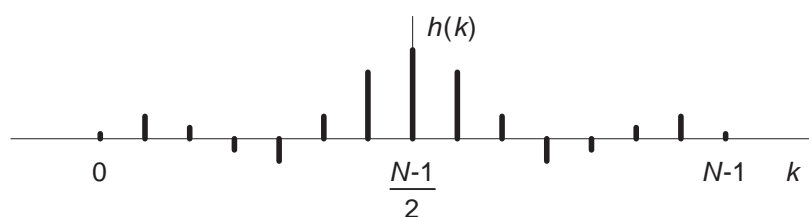
$$\varphi(f) = \angle H(f) \propto f$$

Linear phase corresponds to a pure delay in time domain: all frequency components are delayed by the same time amount.

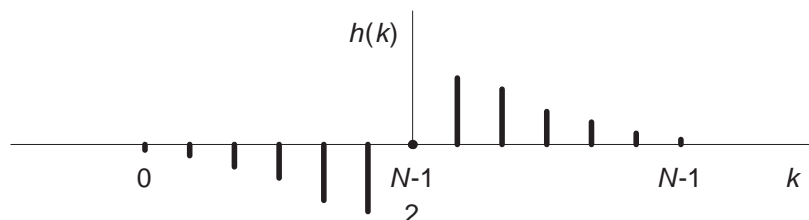
A linear phase FIR filter has **symmetrical impulse response** (either even-symmetrical or odd-symmetrical):

$$\begin{aligned} h[k] &= h[N-1-k] && \text{even-symmetric} \\ h[k] &= -h[N-1-k] && \text{odd-symmetric} \end{aligned}$$

Impulse Response of Linear Phase Filters

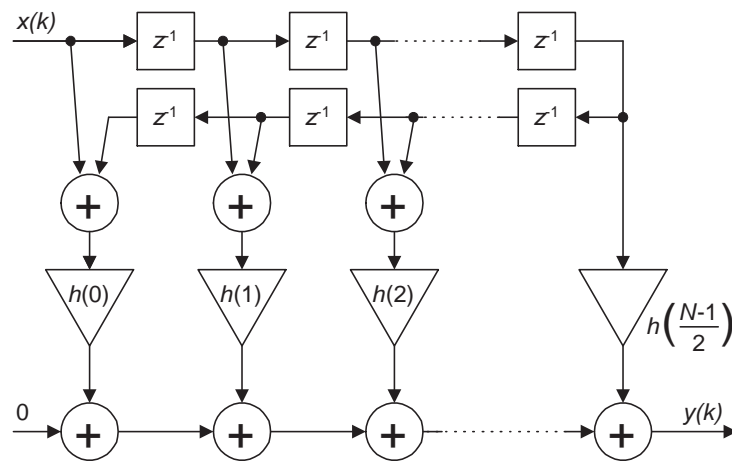


Even symmetry



Odd symmetry

SFG of a Symmetrical FIR Filter



Direct form I

This solution saves about one half of the multiplications.

IIR Filters

The system function is

$$H(z) = \frac{B(z)}{A(z)} = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} b[k]z^{-k}}{1 - \sum_{j=1}^M a[j]z^{-j}}$$

The output is

$$y[m] = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} b[k]x[m-k] + \sum_{j=1}^M a[j]y[m-j]$$

By applying an impulse to the input, the output does not go to zero after a finite number of samples.

AR IIR Filters

When $B(z) = 1$, the output sample $y[m]$ is a linear regression of previous output values. Such a filter is called an **autoregressive (AR)** filter.

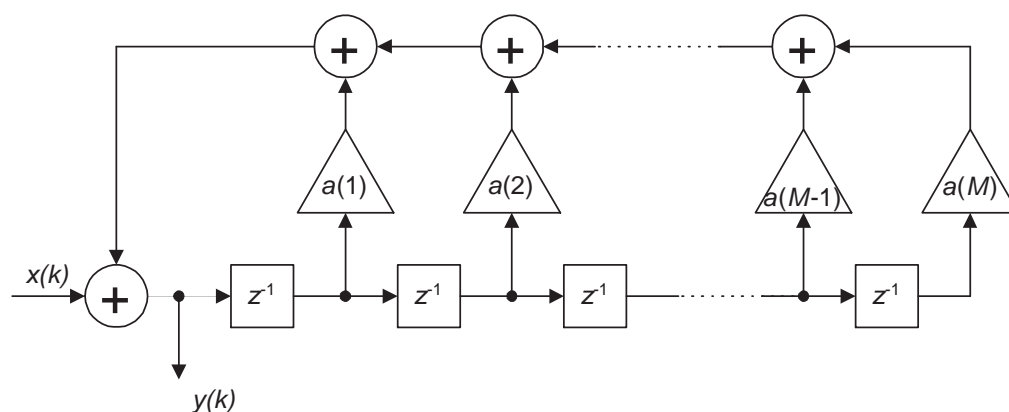
The system function is

$$H(z) = \frac{1}{A(z)} = \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{j=1}^M a[j]z^{-j}}$$

The output is

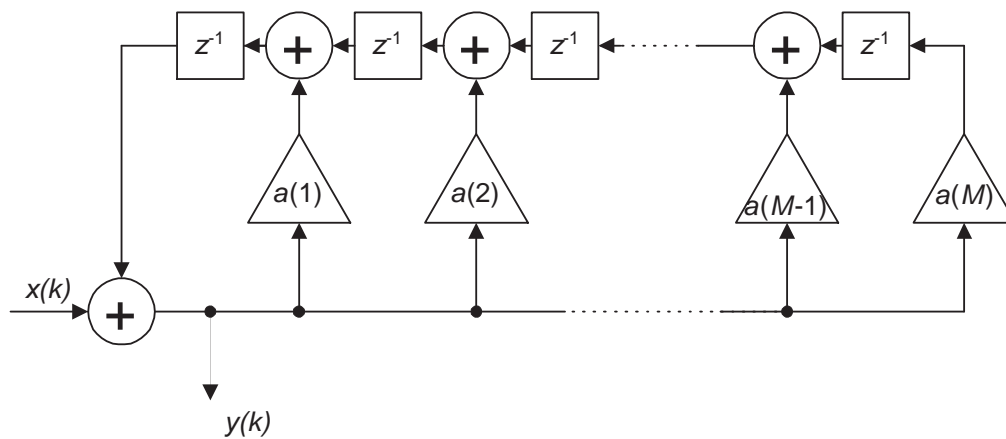
$$y[m] = x[m] + \sum_{j=1}^M a[j]y[m-j]$$

SFG of an AR IIR Filter (I)



Direct form I

SFG of an AR IIR Filter (II)



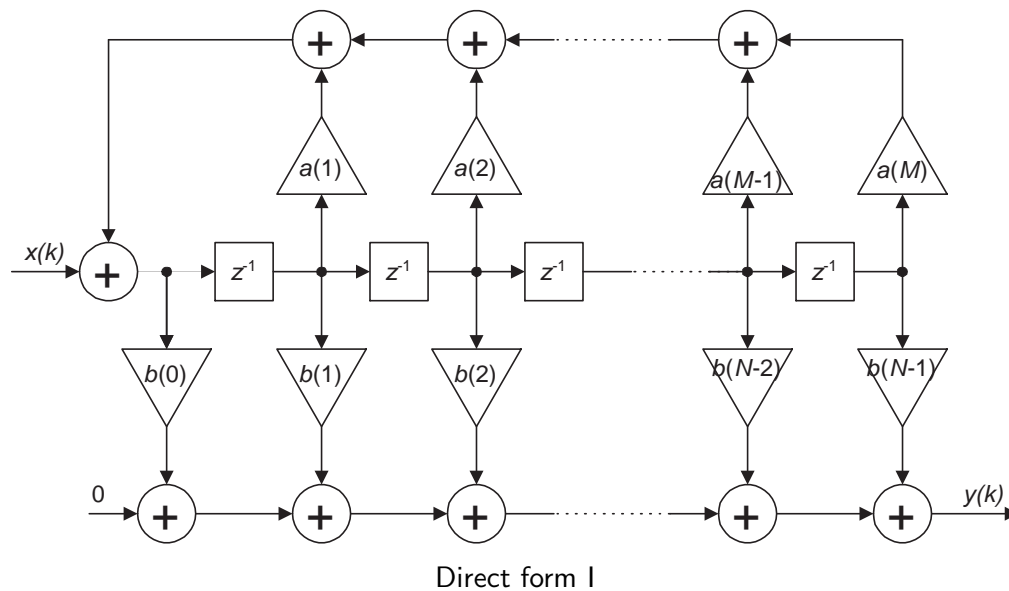
Direct form II

ARMA IIR Filters

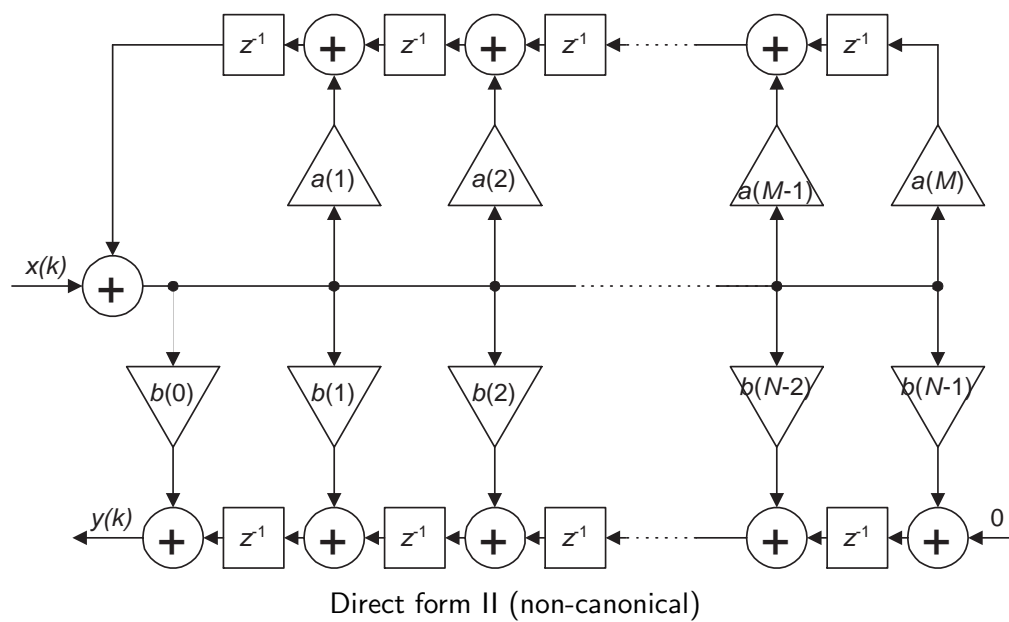
When $B(z) \neq 1$, the filter is an **autoregressive, moving average (ARMA)** filter.

The signal flow graph can be obtained by combining the SFGs of the AR part and of the MA part.

SFG of an ARMA IIR Filter (I)



SFG of an ARMA IIR Filter (II)



Note: it is NOT required to have $M = N - 1$.

FIR vs IIR Filters

FIR		IIR
more coefficients ☹️	☺️	less coefficients
smooth cut-off in transition band ☹️	☺️	sharp cut-off in transition band
linear phase ☺️	☹️	no linear phase (only approximation possible)
always stable ☺️	☹️	limit cycles may occur due to finite arithmetics → oscillations!