

Difference Equations & Z-Transforms

Difference Equations:

General Form: $y(k) = a_0 y(k-1) + a_1 y(k-2) + \dots + a_n y(k-n) = b_0 u(k) + b_1 u(k-1) + \dots + b_m u(k-m)$

$k \in \mathbb{Z}$, the discrete variable. think of u as an ^{input} seq. and y as an output sequence. The a_i, b_i are real and constant.

Some Remarks: • What if we have $y(k+\bar{k})$ terms, with $\bar{k} > 0$?

No problem! Simply Subtract \bar{k} from each term.

• What if $a_0 \neq 1$? Also, no problem! Simply divide through by a_0 .

Solution Method 1: Since the DE is linear, exploit superposition!

• As with ODEs, solns are lin. combos of homog. and particular solns (natural & forced responses).

• In CT ODEs, we use $e^{\lambda t}$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ as a candidate homog. soln. In DT ODEs, use λ^k , $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

• Subbing into the homogeneous DE, we have:

$$\lambda^k + a_1 \lambda^{k-1} + \dots + a_n \lambda^{k-n} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{multiply through by } \lambda^{n-k}$$

$$\lambda^n + a_1 \lambda^{n-1} + \dots + a_n = 0$$

This is an n^{th} -order polynomial $\Rightarrow n$ roots. Assume they are all distinct \Rightarrow We have n li. ~~inde~~ solutions. By superposition, any lin. combo is also a solution. \Rightarrow (complex roots? Take $\text{Re}\{\cdot\}$, $\text{Im}\{\cdot\}$ as basis fns)

$$y_h(k) = c_1 \lambda_1^k + \dots + c_n \lambda_n^k \quad \text{and use polar form + Euler to get poly. envelope trig}$$

• For particular soln, "guess" form and use method of undet. coeffs. (see p. 50 of notes for ex. + details).

Solution Method 2: Use Z-Transform.

• If $x(k)$ is a ~~text-valued~~ real-valued DT signal, its Z-Tsfm is

$$X(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x(k) z^{-k} \quad (\text{one-sided}) \quad (\text{details on ROC in text}).$$

• Key property for solving DE: Time-shift!

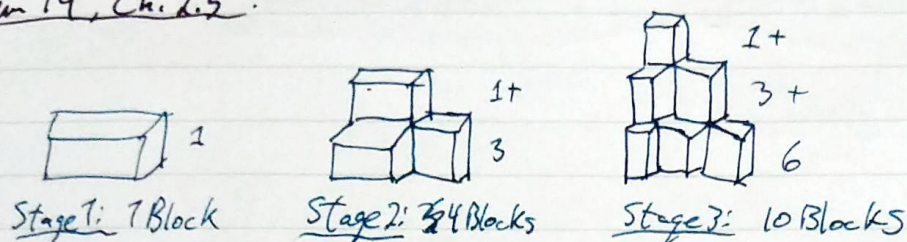
let $m > 0$. Then,

$$\mathcal{Z}\{x(k-m)\} = z^{-m} X(z) + x(m-1)z^{-m+1} + \dots + z^{-m+1} x(0)$$

$$\mathcal{Z}\{x(k+m)\} = z^m X(z) - [z^m x(0) + z^{m-1} x(1) + \dots + z x(m-1)]$$

• Inverting: $\mathcal{Z}^{-1}\{X(z)\} = x(k) = \mathcal{Z}^{-1} \text{Res}[X(z) z^{k-1}]$ (Def'n of inverse uses contour integral, for each pole p of $X(z)$. but residue method easier).

Problem 14, Ch. 2.5:



How many cubes at stage 9?

Let $y(k-1)$ be number of blocks at stage $k=1, 2, 3, \dots$.

Why $k-1$? Because i.c. is for stage $k=1$ so that $y(1-1)=y(0)$.

What does the ~~form~~ recursion on y look like?

$$y(0) = 1, \quad y(1) = y(0) + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{top}}}{1} + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{sides}}}{2}, \quad y(2) = y(1) + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{top}}}{1} + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{side layer 2}}}{2} + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{side layer 1}}}{3}$$

So we see that in general:

$$y(k+1) = y(k) + 1 + 2 + \dots + k + 2$$

Now we have 2 approaches:

(i) Treat $1 + 2 + \dots + k + 2$ as input $v(k)$ which satisfies $v(k) = 1 + 2 + \dots + k + 2$

$$v(k+1) = v(k) + k + 3 \rightarrow \text{to see why: } v(0) = 1 + 2 = 3$$

$$v(0) = 3.$$

$$\begin{aligned} v(1) &= 1 + 2 + 3 \\ &= v(0) + (0 + 3) \\ v(2) &= 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 \\ &= v(1) + (1 + 3) \end{aligned}$$

Then take $u(k) = k + 3$ as another input

$$\text{and find } u(k+1) = k + 3 + 1 = u(k) + 1$$

$$u(0) = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now have system: } y(k+1) &= y(k) + v(k), \quad y(0) = 1 \\ v(k+1) &= v(k) + u(k), \quad v(0) = 3 \\ u(k+1) &= u(k) + 1, \quad u(0) = 3 \end{aligned}$$

So we kept defining inputs until... The ~~remaining~~ remaining input became ~~to~~ constant!

Apply a z -Transform:

$$\begin{aligned} zY(z) - zy(0) &= Y(z) + V(z) \\ zV(z) - zV(0) &= V(z) + U(z) \\ zU(z) - zU(0) &= U(z) + \frac{z}{z-1} \end{aligned} \rightarrow \begin{aligned} Y(z) &= \frac{1}{z-1} (z + V(z)) \\ V(z) &= \frac{1}{z-1} (3z + U(z)) \\ U(z) &= \frac{1}{z-1} (3z + \frac{z}{z-1}) \end{aligned}$$

Started quadratic since $\sum_{i=0}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$, so we needed ~~2~~ 2 steps.

$$\Rightarrow V(z) = \frac{1}{z-1} \left(3z + \frac{3z}{z-1} + \frac{z}{(z-1)^2} \right) \Rightarrow Y(z) = \frac{1}{z-1} \left(z + \frac{3z}{z-1} + \frac{3z}{(z-1)^2} + \frac{z}{(z-1)^3} \right)$$

Factor out

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

$$\text{Then use residues: } y(k) = \frac{1}{3!} \frac{d^3}{dz^3} \left(\frac{z^4}{(z-1)^4} \cdot \frac{z^{k-1}}{(z-1)^4} \right) = \frac{1}{6} \frac{d^3}{dz^3} z^{k+3} = \frac{(k+3)(k+2)(k+1)}{6}$$

$$\text{Num blocks at stage } k=9 \text{ is } y(9-1) = y(8) \Rightarrow \frac{(11)(10)(9)}{6} = 165.$$

(ii) Alternatively, notice that:

$$y(k+1) = y(k) + \sum_{i=0}^{k+2} i = y(k) + \frac{(k+2)(k+3)}{2} \quad (\text{recall } \sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2})$$

$$\Rightarrow y(k+1) = y(k) + \frac{k^2}{2} + \frac{5k}{2} + 3$$

can find transforms!

$$\Rightarrow zY(z) - zy(0) = Y(z) + \frac{z(z+1)}{2(z-1)^3} + \frac{5z}{2(z-1)^2} + \frac{3z}{z-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y(z) = \frac{1}{z-1} \left[z + \frac{3z}{z-1} + \frac{5z}{2(z-1)^2} + \frac{z(z+1)}{2(z-1)^3} \right]$$

Then invert:

$$\begin{aligned} y(k) &= 1 + 3k + \frac{5}{2 \cdot 2!} \left[\frac{d^2}{dz^2} \right] z^k + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3!} \left[\frac{d^3}{dz^3} \right] z^{k+1} + z^k \\ &= 1 + 3k + \frac{5}{4} k(k-1) + \frac{1}{12} \cdot (k)(k-1) [k+1 + k-2] \\ &= 1 + 3k + \frac{5}{4} k(k-1) + \frac{1}{12} k(k-1)(2k-1) \end{aligned}$$

Again, we get $y(8) = 165$.