

## Solution of difference equations using z-transform:

modeling of physical system

Continuous time  
(Differential equation)

Discrete time  
(Difference equation)

Simple example:  $x(n+1) = 3x(n)$

$$x(1) = 3x(0), x(2) = 3x(1) = 3^2 x(0)$$

$x(3) = 3x(2) = 3^3 x(0), \dots, x(n) = 3^n x(0)$ , is the solution,  
where  $x(0)$  is the initial condition.

Newton's Law of Cooling:

If  $t(0)$  is the initial temperature,  $t(n)$  is the temperature after 'n' steps,  $s$  is the temperature of surroundings,

$$\text{then } t(n+1) - t(n) = k(s - t(n)) \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

where  $k > 0$  is a constant.

Example: Suppose  $t(0) = 90^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $s = 20^\circ\text{C}$ , temperature of the surroundings.  $k = 0.1$ . Solve equation (i) with these values.

Sol:-  $t(n+1) - t(n) = 0.1(20 - t(n)), t(0) = 90$ .

$$t(n+1) - 0.9t(n) = 2u(n), \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

$u(n)$  is the unit-step sequence.

Taking z-transform of (ii),  $\mathcal{Z}[t(n)] = T(z)$ ,

$$zT(z) - zt(0) - 0.9T(z) = 2 \frac{z}{z-1}$$

$$T(z)[z - 0.9] = 2 \frac{z}{z-1} + 90z$$

$$T(z) = 2 \frac{z}{(z-1)(z-0.9)} + \frac{90z}{z-0.9} \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

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- Find Inverse z-transform of  $T(z)$  to get  $t(n)$ .

Partial fraction:  $\frac{2z}{(z-1)(z-0.9)} = A \frac{z}{z-1} + B \frac{z}{z-0.9}$

$A = 20, B = -20$

Note:  
 $\frac{z}{z-1}$  ✓  
 $\frac{1}{z-1}$  ✗

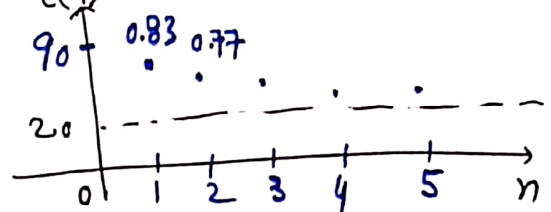
$$T(z) = 20 \frac{z}{z-1} - 20 \frac{z}{z-0.9} + \frac{90z}{z-0.9}$$

$$= 20 \frac{z}{z-1} + 70 \frac{z}{z-0.9}$$

$t(n) = 20 u(n) + 70 (0.9)^n$   $z[a^n] = \frac{z}{z-a}$

$n=0, t(0) = 20 + 70(0.9)^0 = 90$

$n \rightarrow \infty, t(n) \rightarrow 20$



Fibonacci numbers:  $F(n+2) = F(n+1) + F(n)$   
 with  $F(0) = F(1) = 1$ ;

So,  $F(2), F(3) = 3, F(4) = 5, F(5) = 8, \dots$

Mathematics of Finance:

Present value of an annuity after  $n$  periods,  
 $X(n)$ , obeys

$$X(n+1) = \frac{P + X(n)}{1+r}$$

$P$  = Payment,  $r$  is the interest rate.

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Multiplication by 'n' (or differentiation in z) property:

Show that  $n x[n] \longleftrightarrow -z \frac{d}{dz} [X(z)]$ .

$$X(z) = \mathcal{Z}\{x[n]\} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] z^{-n}$$

Differentiating both sides with respect to z, we have

$$\frac{d}{dz} [X(z)] = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} -n x[n] z^{-n-1}$$

$$\text{and } -z \frac{dX(z)}{dz} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \{n x[n]\} z^{-n} = \mathcal{Z}\{n x[n]\}$$

Thus, we conclude that  $n x[n] \longleftrightarrow -z \frac{d}{dz} [X(z)]$ .

Example: Find the z-transform of each of the following sequences:

(a).  $x[n] = n a^n u[n]$ . — (i)

$$a^n u[n] \longleftrightarrow \frac{z}{z-a}, \quad |z| > |a|, \quad \text{— (ii)}$$

Using the multiplication by n property, we get

$$n a^n u[n] \longleftrightarrow z \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{z}{z-a} \right) = \frac{az}{(z-a)^2}, \quad |z| > |a|. \quad \text{— (iii)}$$

(b).  $x[n] = n a^{n-1} u[n]$ .

$$n a^{n-1} u[n] \longleftrightarrow \frac{d}{da} \left( \frac{z}{z-a} \right) = \frac{z}{(z-a)^2}, \quad |z| > |a|. \quad \text{— (iv)}$$

Note that dividing both sides of equation (iii) by a, we obtain equation (iv).

Practice: Consider the following difference equation

$$y(n) = a y(n-1) + x(n).$$

Calculate the transfer function  $H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)}$ , and find its poles & zeros. Find  $h(n)$  with ROC.

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