

# The Z-transform

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## **Multimedial Signal Processing 1st Module**

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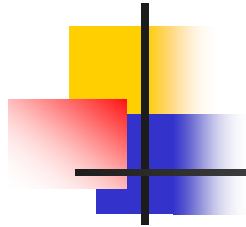
# Particulars



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# Summary:



- Ex1: The bilateral z-transform and its property
  - Definition
  - ROC
  - Properties:
    - Linearity                      Sample shifting
    - Frequency shifting              Folding
    - Complex conjugation            Differentiation in the z-domain
    - Multiplication                    Convolution
- Ex2: Inversion of the z-transform
- Ex3: System representation in the z-domain



## Exercise 1 (1/7)

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- The z-transform of a sequence  $x(n)$  is:

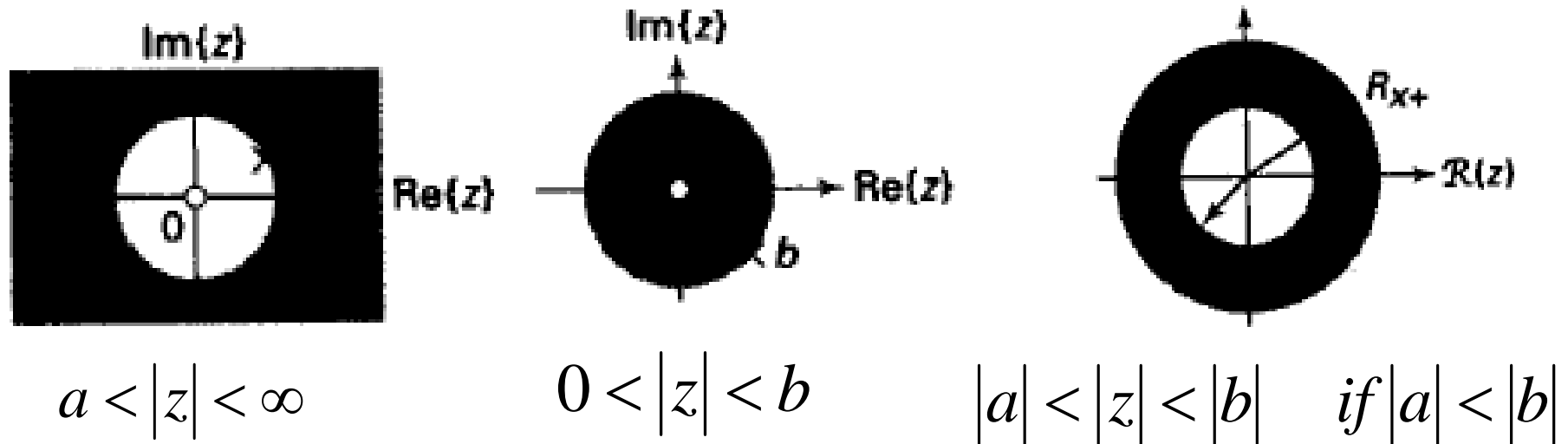
$$X(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(n) z^{-n}$$

- Where  $z$  is a complex variable  $z = |z|e^{j\phi}$
- The set of values for which  $X(z)$  exist is called the region of convergence (ROC):

$$R_{x-} \leq |z| \leq R_{x+}$$

## Exercise 1 (2/7)

- Since the ROC is defined in terms of magnitude, the shape of the ROC is an open ring:



- N.B. The ROC is one contiguous region



## Exercise 1 (3/7)

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- PROPERTIES:

- Linearity:

$$Z\{\alpha x_1(n) + \beta x_2(n)\} = \alpha Z\{x_1(n)\} + \beta Z\{x_2(n)\}$$

$$ROC : ROC_{x1} \cap ROC_{x2}$$

- Sample shifting:

$$Z\{x(n-k)\} = X(z) z^{-k}$$

$$ROC : ROC_x$$



## Exercise 1 (4/7)

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- PROPERTIES:

- Frequency shifting:

$$Z\{x(n) a^n\} = X\left(\frac{z}{a}\right) \quad ROC : ROC_x \text{ scaled by } |a|$$

- Folding:

$$Z\{x(-n)\} = X\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) \quad ROC : \text{inverted } ROC_x$$



## Exercise 1 (5/7)

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- PROPERTIES:

- Complex conjugation:

$$Z\{x^*(n)\} = X^*(z^*) \quad ROC : ROC_x$$

- Differentiation in the z-domain:

$$Z\{n x(n)\} = -z \frac{dX(z)}{dz} \quad ROC : ROC_x$$





## Exercise 1 (6/7)

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- PROPERTIES:

- Multiplication:

$$Z\{x_1(n) \cdot x_2(n)\} = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C X_1(v) X_2(z/v) v^{-1} dv$$

$$ROC : ROC_{x1} \cap inverted ROC_{x2}$$

- Convolution:

$$Z\{x_1(n) * x_2(n)\} = X_1(z) X_2(z) \quad ROC : ROC_{x1} \cap ROC_{x2}$$



## Exercise 1: convolution (7/7)

$$Z\{x_1(n) * x_2(n)\} = X_1(z)X_2(z) \quad ROC : ROC_{x1} \cap ROC_{x2}$$

**EXAMPLE 4.4** Let  $X_1(z) = 2 + 3z^{-1} + 4z^{-2}$  and  $X_2(z) = 3 + 4z^{-1} + 5z^{-2} + 6z^{-3}$ . Determine  $X_3(z) = X_1(z)X_2(z)$ .

- $x1 = [2 \ 3 \ 4];$
- $x2 = [3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6];$
- $x3 = \text{conv}(x1, x2) = \quad 6 \quad 17 \quad 34 \quad 43 \quad 38 \quad 24$
- $X_3(z) = 6 + 17z^{-1} + 34z^{-2} + 43z^{-3} + 38z^{-4} + 24z^{-5}$   
$$X_3(z) = \left(2 + 3z^{-1} + 4z^{-2}\right)\left(3 + 4z^{-1} + 5z^{-2} + 6z^{-3}\right)$$



## Exercise 1: convolution (7/7)

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$$\mathcal{Z}\{x_1(n) * x_2(n)\} = X_1(z)X_2(z) \quad \text{ROC} : \text{ROC}_{x_1} \cap \text{ROC}_{x_2}$$

**EXAMPLE 4.5** Let  $X_1(z) = z + 2 + 3z^{-1}$  and  $X_2(z) = 2z^2 + 4z + 3 + 5z^{-1}$ . Determine  $X_3(z) = X_1(z)X_2(z)$ .

- $x1 = [1 \ 2 \ 3]; \quad n1 = [-1:1];$
- $x2 = [3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6]; \quad n2 = [-2:1];$
- $[x3, n3] = \text{conv\_m}(x1, n1, x2, n2)$
- $x3 = \quad 2 \quad 8 \quad 17 \quad 23 \quad 19 \quad 15$
- $n3 = \quad -3 \quad -2 \quad -1 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 2$



## Exercise 2 (1/18)

### Fundamental theorem of algebra

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- Every non-zero single-variable polynomial with complex coefficients has exactly as many complex roots as its degree, if each root is counted up to its multiplicity

$$A(z) = \sum_{n=0}^N a_n z^{-n} = a_0 \prod_{n=1}^N (1 - z_n z^{-1})$$

- In order to evaluate the output of LTI system it is sufficient to convolve the input transform with each of the N elementar sequences

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



## Exercise 2 (2/18)

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- Fourier Transform:
  - If the ROC of  $H(z)$  includes the unit circle, then we can evaluate  $H(z)$  on the unit circle:

$$A(z) = 1 - z_0 z^{-1} = \frac{z - z_0}{z} \quad (z = e^{j\phi})$$

Ratio between 2 complex vectors:

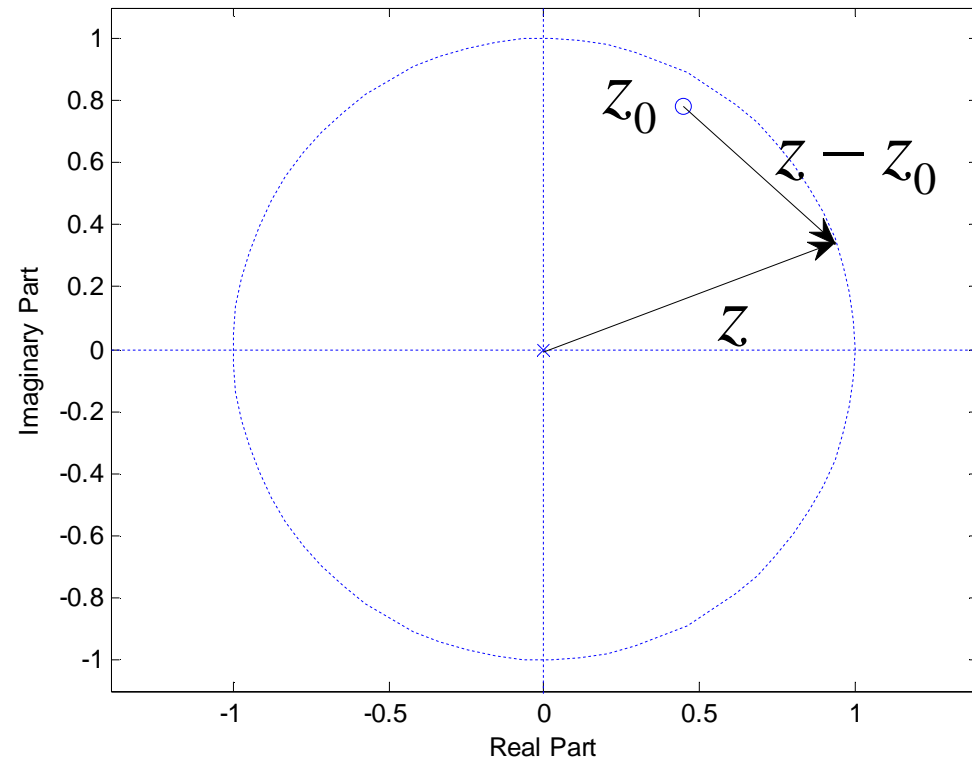
- $(z - z_0)$  is a vector from the zero to the unit circle
- $z$  is the vector to the unit circle, with phase equal to  $\phi$ .

$$|A(z)| = |z - z_0| \quad \angle A(z) = \angle(z - z_0) - \angle(z)$$

## Exercise 2 (3/18)

$$A(z) = \frac{z - z_0}{z} = \frac{e^{j\phi} - z_0}{e^{j\phi}}$$

- $(z - z_0)$  is a vector from the zero to the unit circle
- $z$  is the vector to the unit circle, with phase equal to  $\phi$ .





## Exercise 2 (4/18)

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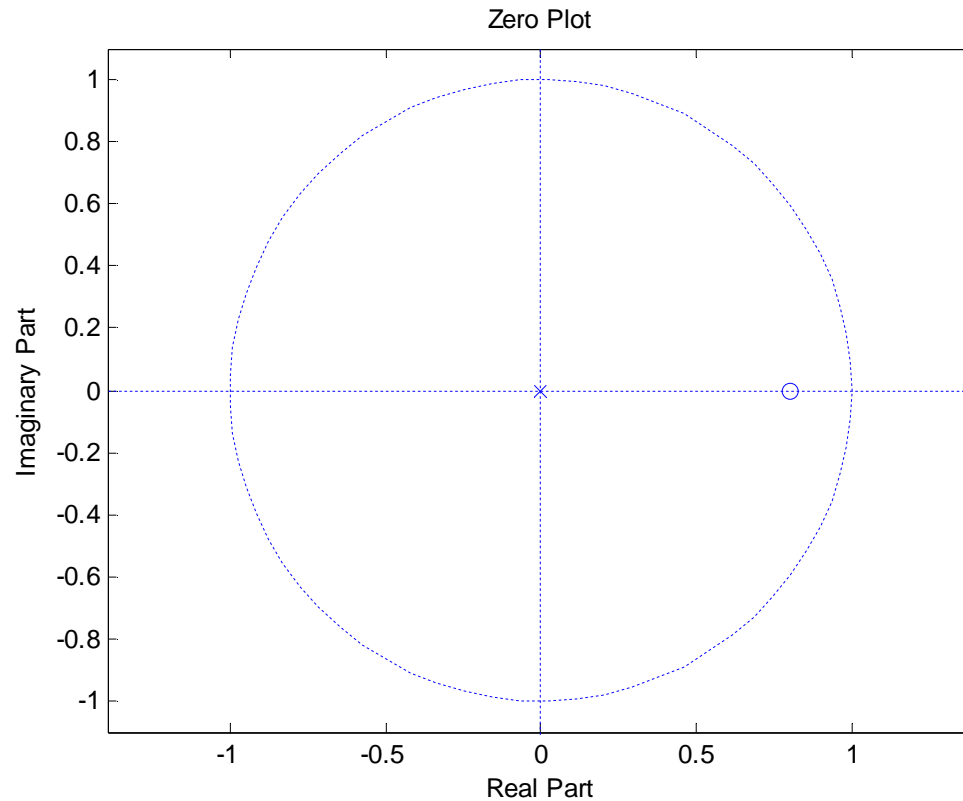
- Matlab provides the functions:
  - “`zplane(a,1)`” plot in the complex plane the position of the zero ( $^{\circ}$ ) of the polynomial  $A(z)$  which coefficients are the elements of  $a$ .
  - Matlab provides the function “`[A w]=freqz(a,1,N)`” that returns the  $N$ -point complex frequency response “ $A$ ” and the  $N$ -point frequency vector “ $w$ ” in radians/sample of the filter given numerator coefficients in vectors “ $a$ ”. The frequency response is evaluated at  $N$  points equally spaced around the upper half of the unit circle. If  $N$  isn't specified, it defaults to 512.

## Exercise 2 (5/18)

- Example 1:

$$\{a_n\} = \{1, -0.8\}$$

$$A(z) = \frac{z - 0.8}{z}$$



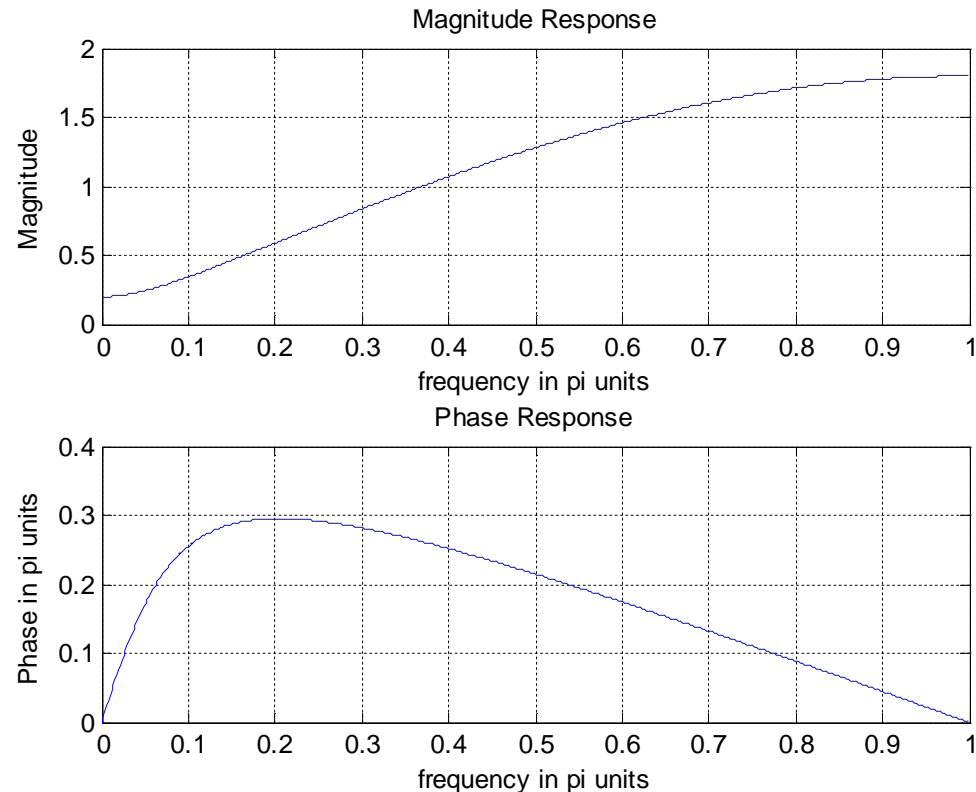
- `figure, zplane(a,1), title('Zero Plot');`



## Exercise 2 (6/18)

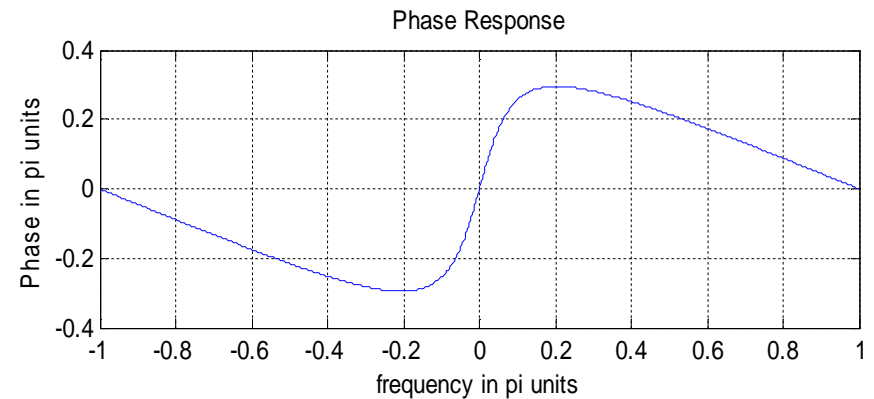
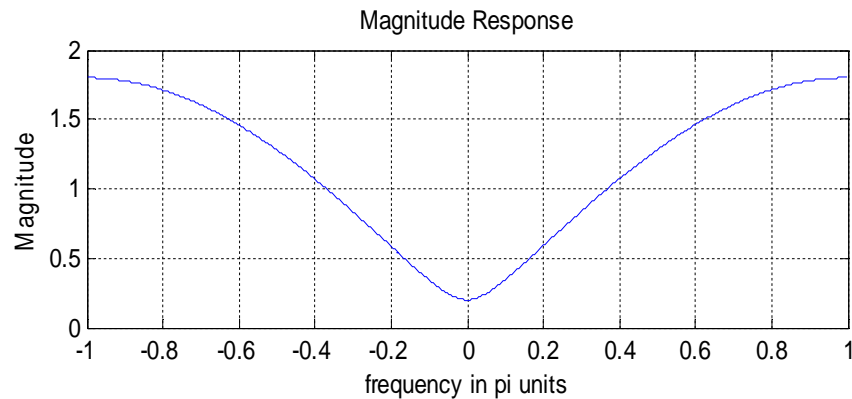
### ■ Example 1:

- $[A,w] = \text{freqz}(a,1);$
- $\text{magA} = \text{abs}(A);$
- $\text{phaA} = \text{angle}(A);$
- `figure, subplot(2,1,1);plot(w/pi,magA);grid`
- `subplot(2,1,2);plot(w/pi,phaA/pi) ;grid`



## Exercise 2 (7/18)

- Represent also the negative frequencies:
  - $w = [-\text{flipud}(w(2:\text{end}))]; w];$
  - % flipping the rows
  - $A = [\text{conj}(\text{flipud}(A(2:\text{end}))); A];$

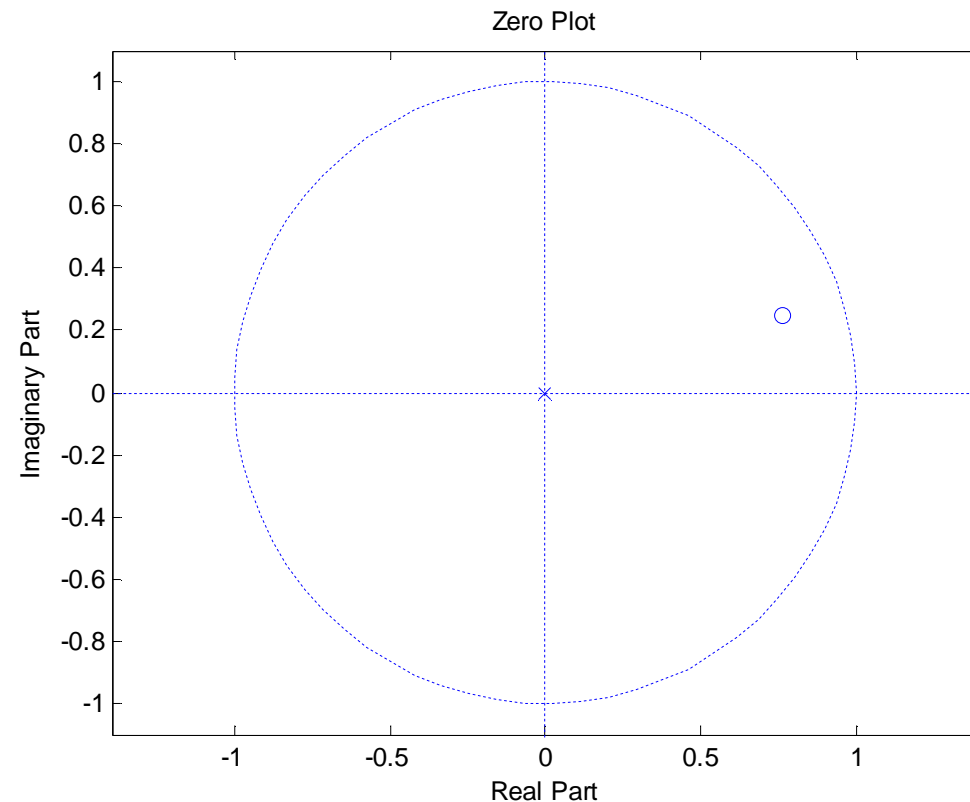


## Exercise 2 (8/18)

- Example 2:

$$\{a_n\} = \left\{1, -0.8e^{j\pi/10}\right\}$$

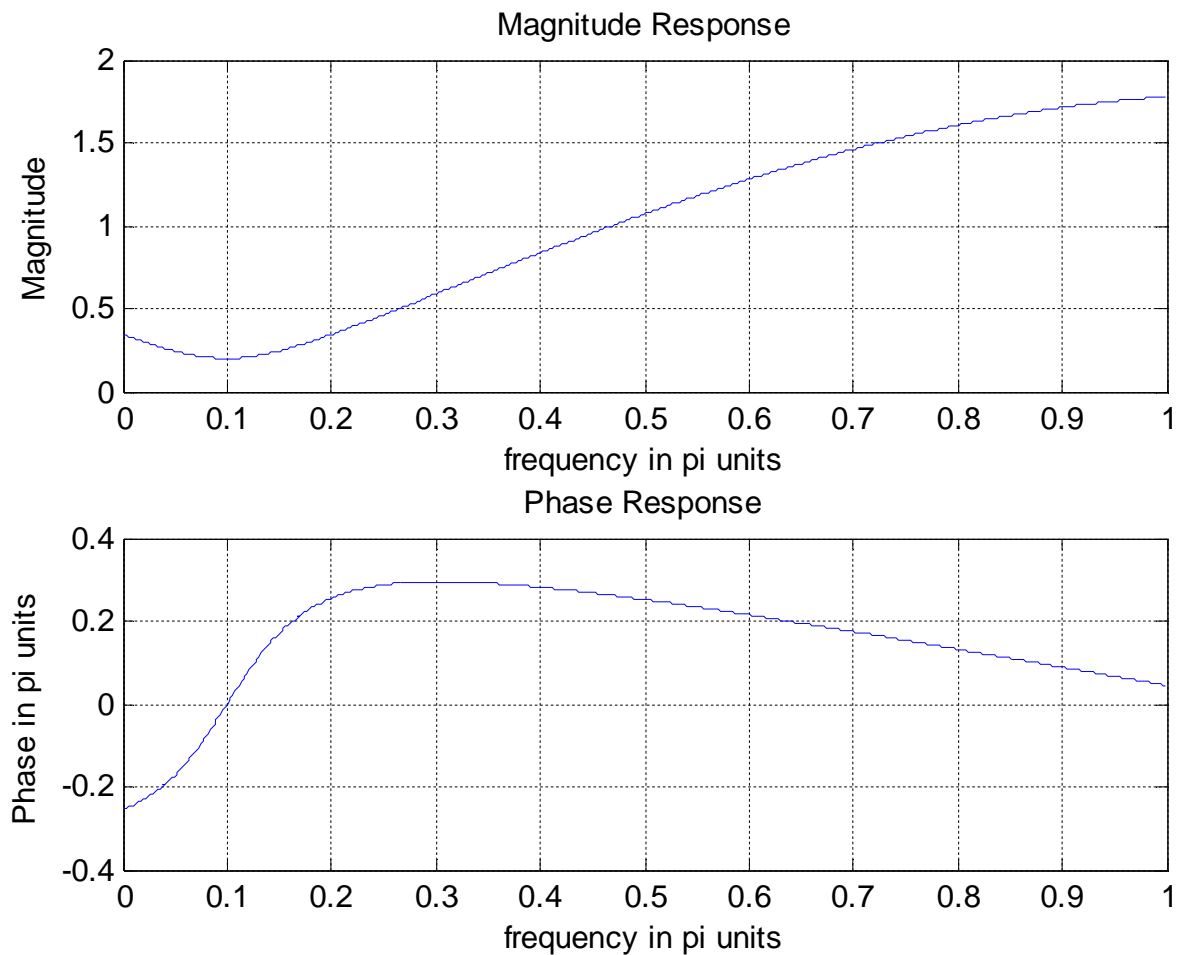
$$A(z) = \frac{z - 0.8e^{j\pi/10}}{z}$$



- `figure, zplane(a,1), title('Zero Plot');`

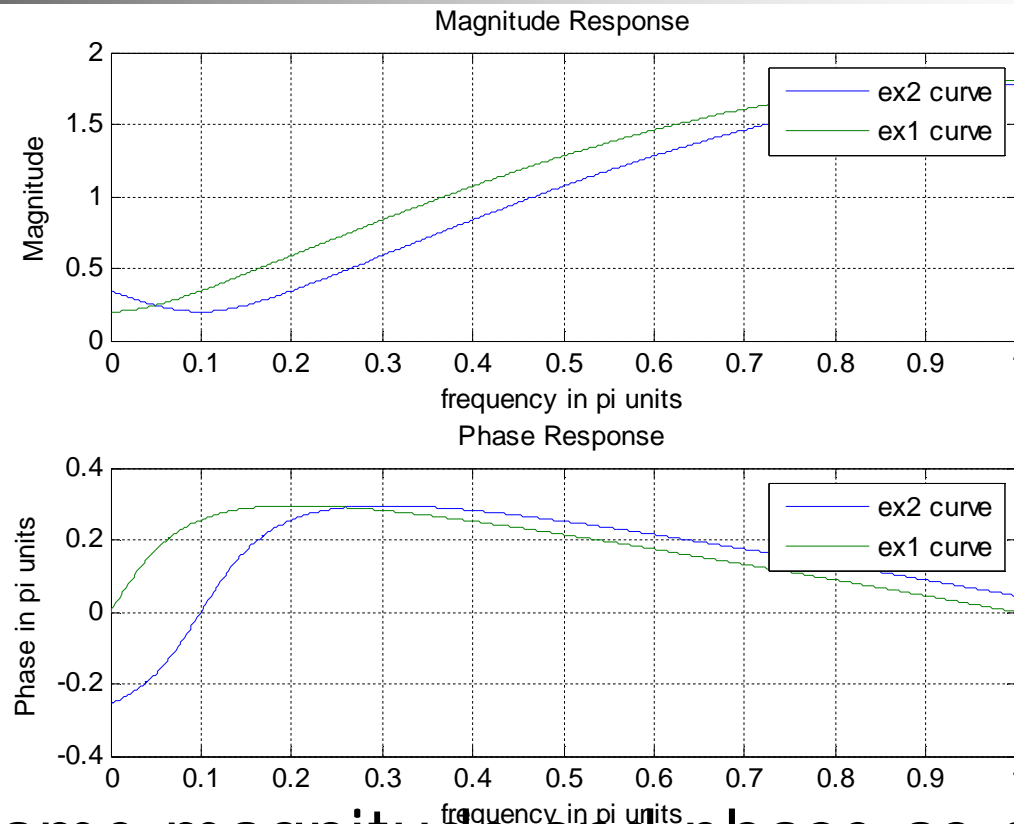
## Exercise 2 (9/18)

- Example 2:



## Exercise 2 (10/18)

- Example 2:



- It has the same magnitude and phase as ex 1, but translated on the right of an angle equal to  $\varphi_0$ .

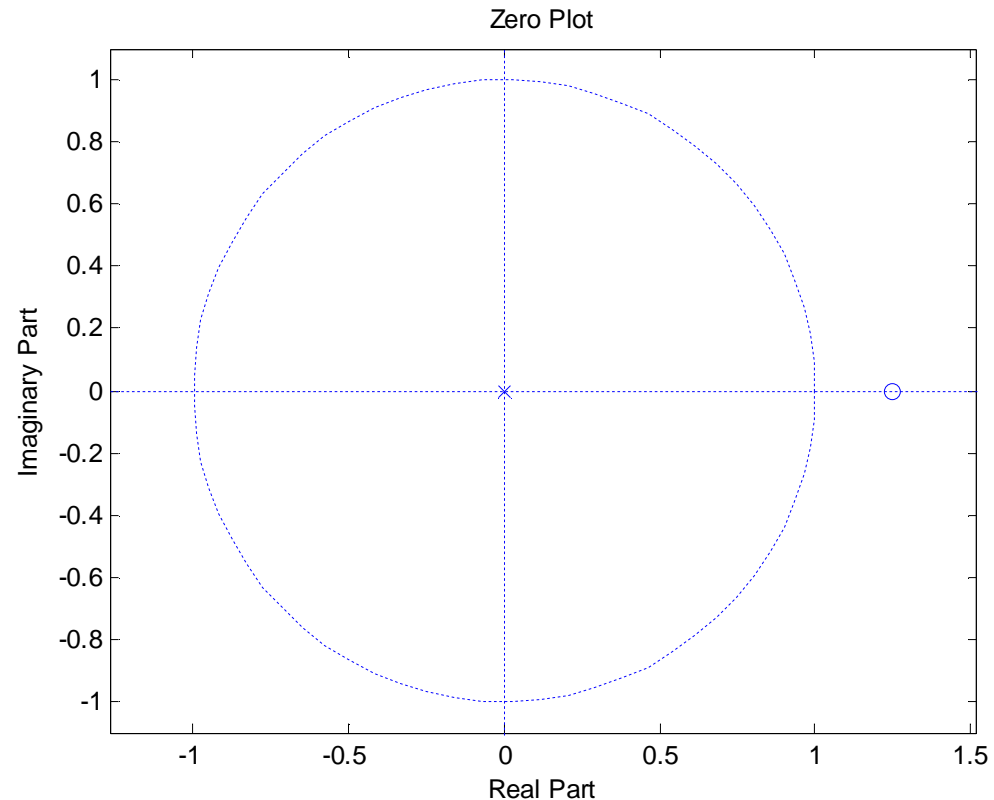
## Exercise 2 (11/18)

- Example 3:

$$\{a_n\} = \{1, -1.25\}$$

$$A(z) = \frac{z - 1.25}{z}$$

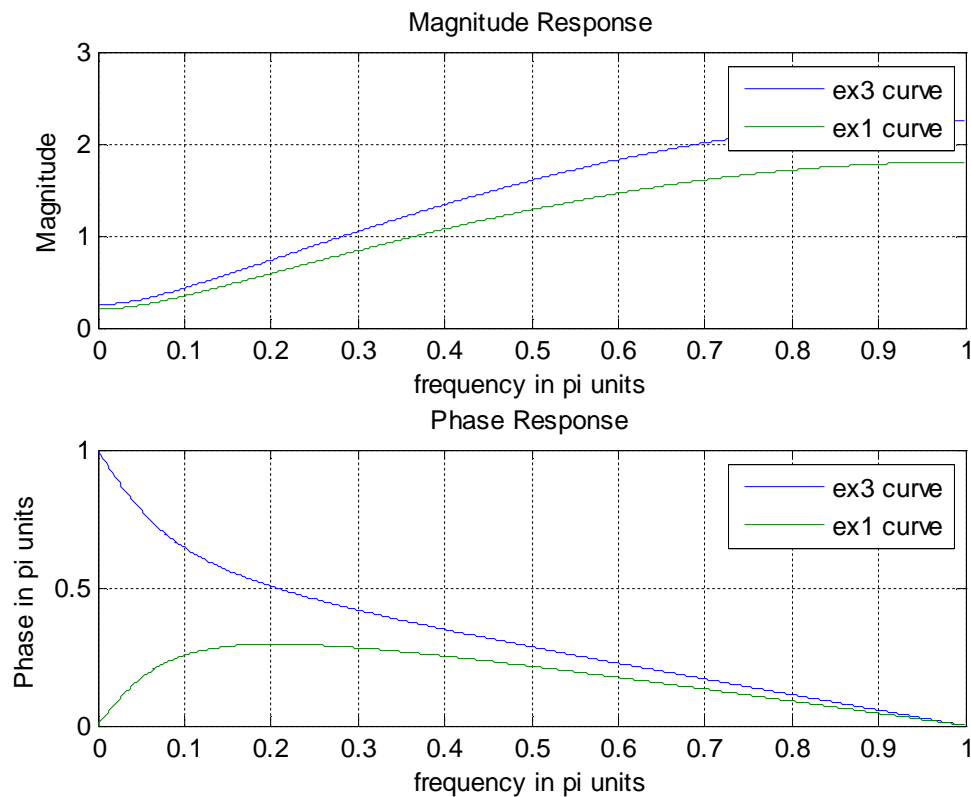
$$1.25 = \frac{1}{0.8}$$



- `figure, zplane(a,1), title('Zero Plot');`

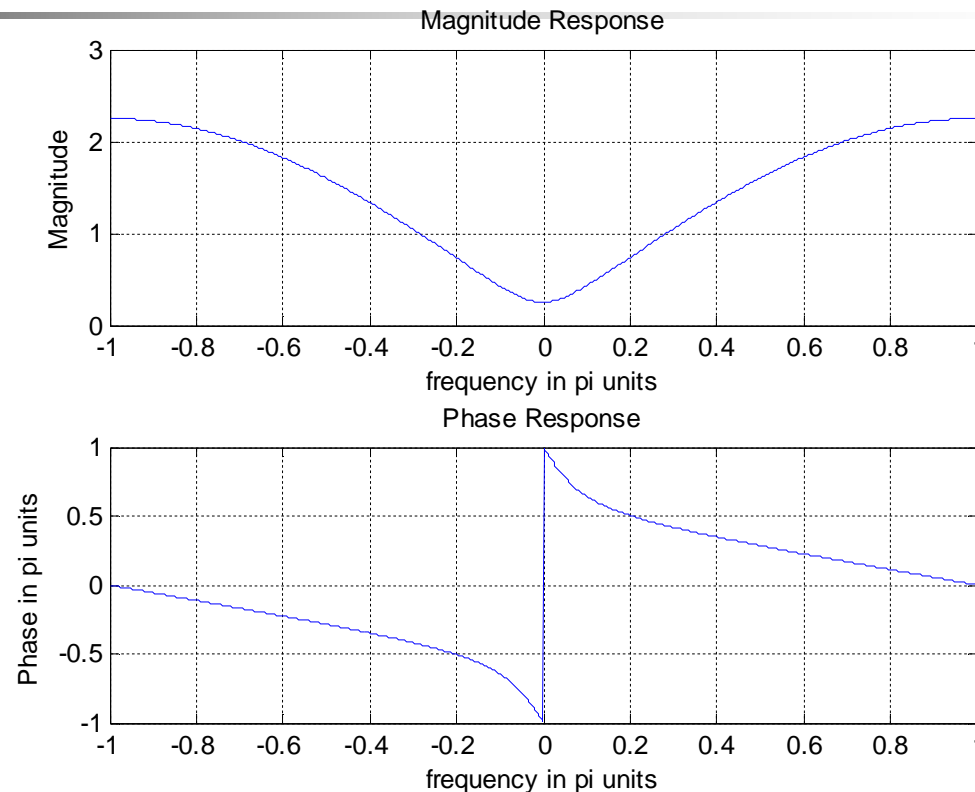
## Exercise 2 (12/18)

### ■ Example 3:



## Exercise 2 (13/18)

- Example 3:



- It has the same magnitude as ex 1 (a part for a scale factor), but the phase shows an abrupt discontinuity of  $2\pi$  in the origin of axes.





## Exercise 2 (14/18)

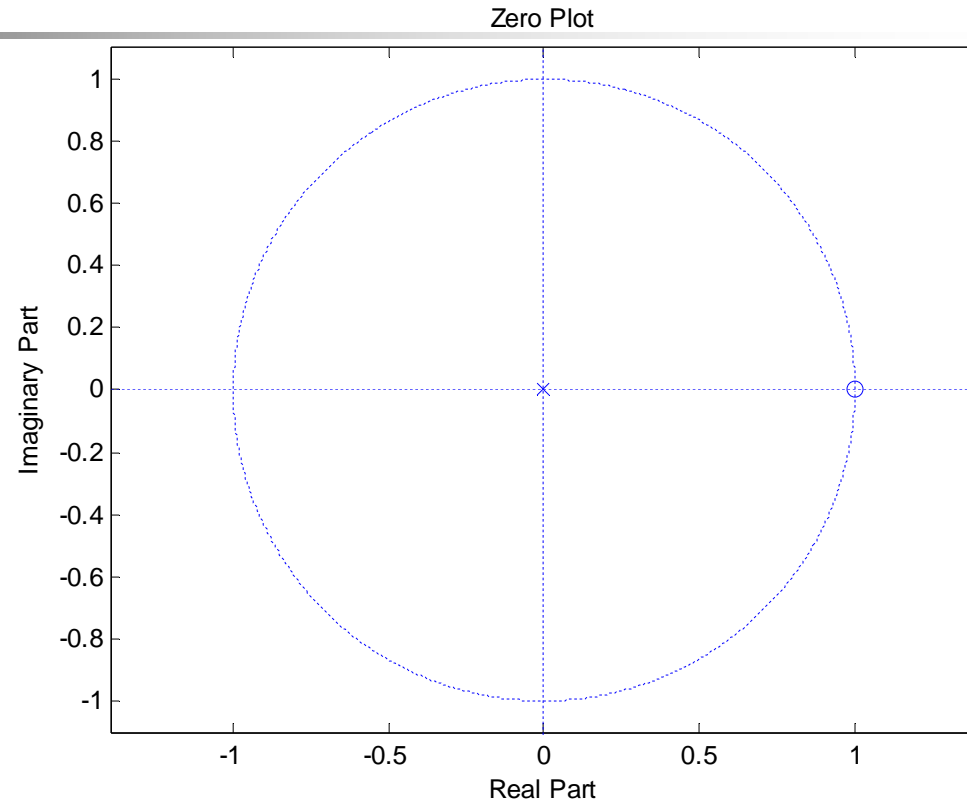
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- HINT:
- MINIMUM PHASE ZERO (inside the unit circle):  
when the vector  $z$  makes a complete phase circle,  
also the vector  $(z - z_0)$  does (we return to the  
initial phase value)
- MAXIMUM PHASE ZERO (outside the unit circle):  
when the vector  $z$  makes a complete phase circle,  
the vector  $(z - z_0)$  does not (we return to the initial  
phase value unless a jump equal to  $2\pi$ )

## Exercise 2 (15/18)

- Example 4:

$$\{a_n\} = \{1, -1\}$$



$$A(z) = 1 - ze^{-j\varphi} = e^{-j\varphi/2} \left( e^{j\varphi/2} - e^{-j\varphi/2} \right) = 2j \sin\left(\frac{\varphi}{2}\right) e^{-j\varphi/2}$$

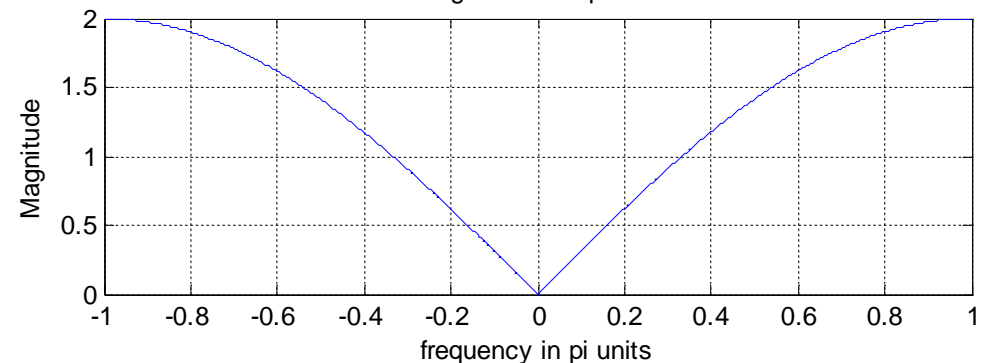
## Exercise 2 (16/18)

$$A(z) = 1 - 1e^{-j\varphi} = e^{-j\varphi/2} \left( e^{j\varphi/2} - e^{-j\varphi/2} \right) = 2j \sin\left(\frac{\varphi}{2}\right) e^{-j\varphi/2}$$

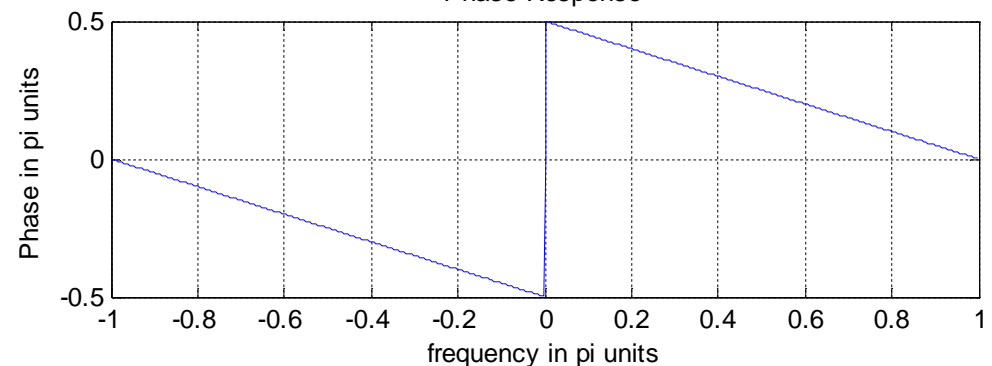
$$|A(z)| = 2 \sin\left(\frac{\varphi}{2}\right)$$

$$\angle \{A(z)\} = -\frac{\varphi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Magnitude Response



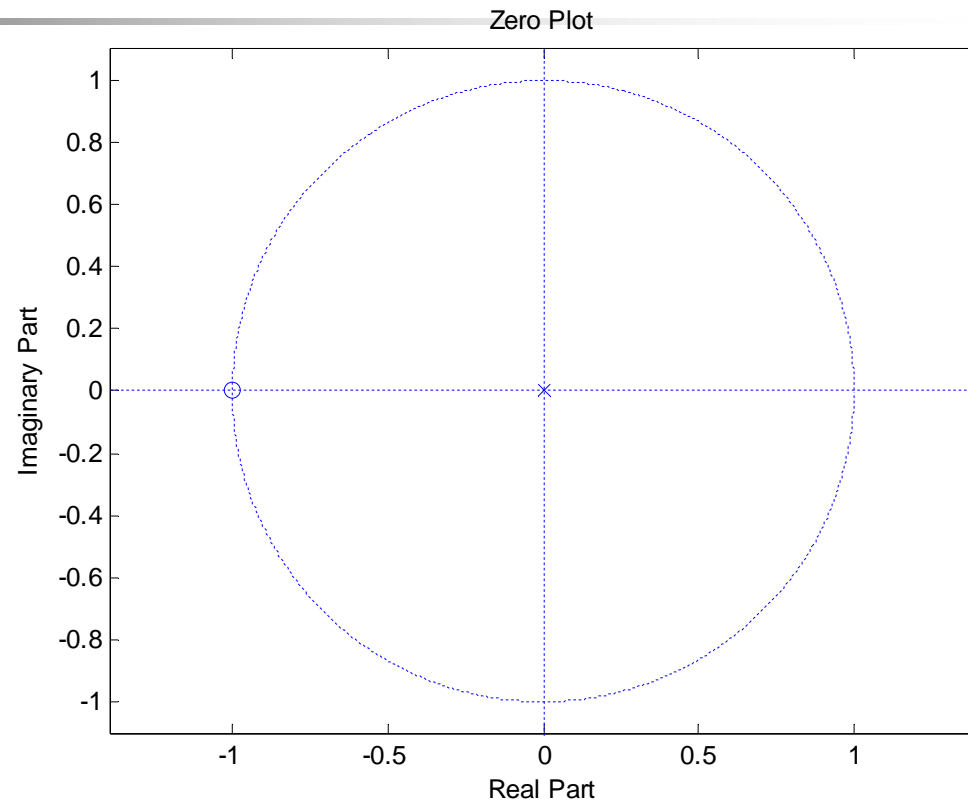
Phase Response



## Exercise 2 (17/18)

- Example 5:

$$\{a_n\} = \{1, 1\}$$



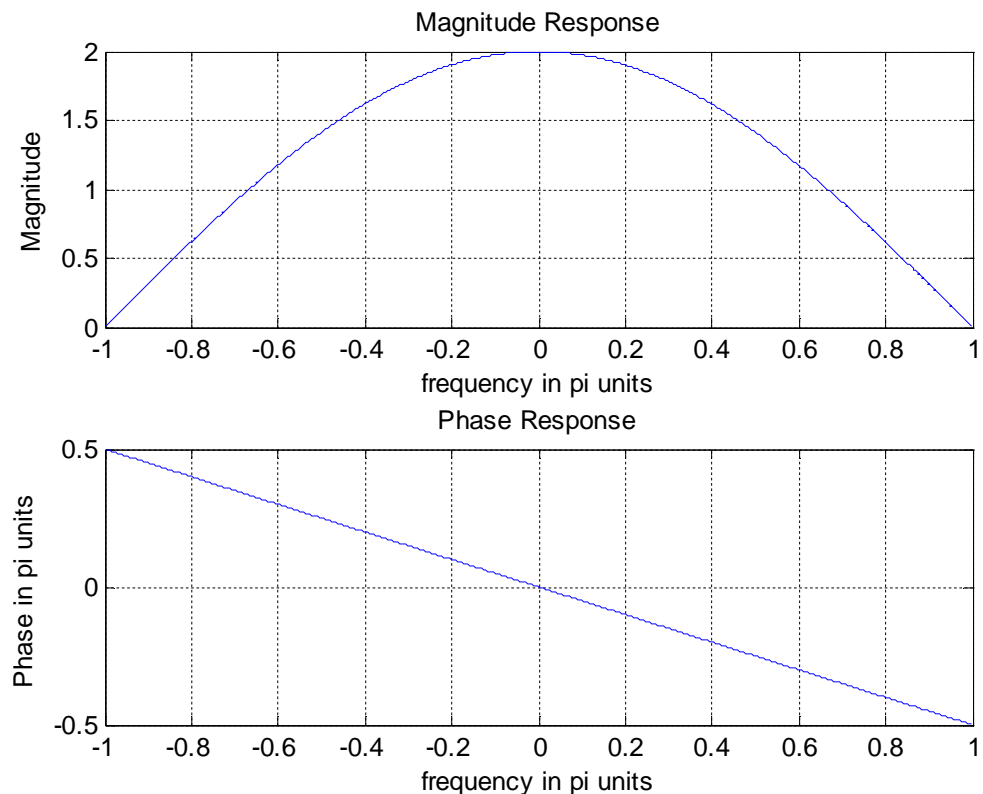
$$A(z) = 1 + 1e^{-j\varphi} = e^{-j\varphi/2} \left( e^{j\varphi/2} + e^{-j\varphi/2} \right) = 2 \cos\left(\frac{\varphi}{2}\right) e^{-j\varphi/2}$$

## Exercise 2 (18/18)

$$A(z) = 1 + 1e^{-j\varphi} = e^{-j\varphi/2} \left( e^{j\varphi/2} + e^{-j\varphi/2} \right) = 2\cos\left(\frac{\varphi}{2}\right)e^{-j\varphi/2}$$

$$|A(z)| = 2\cos\left(\frac{\varphi}{2}\right)$$

$$\angle \{A(z)\} = -\frac{\varphi}{2}$$





## Exercise 3 (1/6)

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- The inverse z-transform of a complex function  $X(z)$  is:

$$x(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_C X(z) z^{n-1} dz \quad z = |z| e^{j\omega}$$

- Where  $C$  is a counterclockwise contour encircling the origin and lying on the ROC



## Exercise 3 (2/6)

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- Let be  $x(n)$  a sequence with a rational transform:

$$X(z) = \frac{A(z)}{B(z)}$$

- Where  $B(z)$  and  $A(z)$  are polynomials in  $z^{-1}$ .
- We can numerically compute the inverse z-transform using the “filter” function as you can see in the next example



## Exercise 3 (3/6)

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- Example 4.6: Given

$$X(z) = \frac{0.25z^{-3} - 0.5z^{-4} + 0.0625z^{-5}}{1 - z^{-1} + 0.75z^{-2} - 0.25z^{-3} + 0.0625z^{-4}} \quad |z| > 0.5$$

- Check that it is the z-transform of

$$x(n) = (n-2)(0.5)^{n-2} \cos\left[\frac{\pi}{3}(n-2)\right] u(n-2)$$





- `b = [0 0 0 0.25 -0.5 0.0625];`                % numerator
- `a = [1 -1 0.75 -0.25 0.0625];`                % denominator
- `[delta, n] = impseq(0,0,7)`                % impulse
- `x = filter(b,a,delta)`    % check sequence
- `XV = [(n-2).*((1/2).^ (n-2)).*(cos(pi*(n-2)/3))].*stepseq(2,0,7)`  
% original sequence



## Exercise 3 (5/6)

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- When  $X(z)$  is a rational function,

$$X(z) = \frac{B(z)}{A(z)} = \frac{b_0 + b_1 z^{-1} + \dots + b_M z^{-M}}{1 + a_1 z^{-1} + \dots + a_N z^{-N}}$$

- it can be expressed as a sum of first order factors using the partial fraction expansion:

$$X(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_p} \sum_{l=1}^{r_k} \frac{R_{k+l-1}}{(1 - p_k z^{-1})^l} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^{M-N} C_k z^{-k}}_{M \geq N}$$



## Exercise 3 (6/6)

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- Where  $p_k$  is the  $k$ -th pole of  $X(z)$  and it has multiplicity  $r_k$ .  $R_k$  is the residue at  $p_k$ :

$$R_{k+l-1} = \left. \frac{X(z)}{\sum_{k=0}^{M-N} C_k z^{-k}} (1 - p_k z^{-1}) \right|_{z=p_k}$$

- Matlab provides the function:
  - “[r p k]=residuez(b,a)” that computes residues, poles and direct terms of the partial-fraction expansion of the transfer function  $B(z)/A(z)$ .



## Exercise 4 (1/14)

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- The system function is:

$$H(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} h(n) z^{-n} \quad R_{h-} \leq |z| \leq R_{h+}$$

- The output of the system can be computed as:

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

$$ROC_y : ROC_x \cap ROC_h$$



## Exercise 4 (2/14)

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

- When LTI systems are described by difference equation:

$$y(n) + \sum_{k=1}^N a_k y(n-k) = \sum_{l=0}^M b_l x(n-l)$$

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

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{b_0 + b_1 z^{-1} + \dots + b_M z^{-M}}{1 + a_1 z^{-1} + \dots + a_N z^{-N}} = \frac{B(z)}{A(z)}$$



## Exercise 4 (3/14)

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

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{B(z)}{A(z)} = \frac{\sum_{l=0}^M b_l z^{-l}}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^N a_k z^{-k}}$$

- factorizing

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = b_0 z^{N-M} \frac{\prod_{l=1}^M (z - z_l)}{\prod_{k=1}^N (z - p_k)}$$



## Exercise 4 (4/14)

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- Matlab provides the functions:
  - `"p=roots(a)"` that computes the roots `"p"` of the polynomial defined from the coefficients `"a"`.
  - `"a=poly(p)"` that computes the coefficients `"a"` of a polynomial whose roots are the elements of `"p"`.
  - `"zplane (z,p)"` or equivalently `"zplane(b,a)"` plot in the complex plane the position of the zeros (°) and poles (x) of the transfer function of the filter.



## Exercise 4 (5/14)

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- Given the equation:

$$1 \cdot y(n) = -2\rho \cos(\theta) y(n-1) - \rho^2 y(n-2) + x(n) + 2x(n-1) + x(n-2)$$

- Compute and plot its zeros and poles
  - $\rho = 0.9;$        $\theta = \pi/8;$
  - $a = [1 \quad 2\rho \cos(\theta) \quad \rho^2]$
  - $b = [1 \quad 2 \quad 1]$
  - $p = \text{roots}(a);$        $z = \text{roots}(b);$
  - `figure, zplane(b,a)`





## Exercise 4 (6/14)

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- Given the equation:

$$1 \cdot y(n) = -2\rho \cos(\theta) y(n-1) - \rho^2 y(n-2) + x(n) + 2x(n-1) + x(n-2)$$

- Compute and plot its impulse response
  - `[delta, n] = impseq(0,0,100)`
  - `h = filter(b,a,delta);`
  - `figure, plot(n,h), title('Impulse Responce')`



## Exercise 4 (7/14)

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- Transfer function:
  - If the ROC of  $H(z)$  includes the unit circle, then we can evaluate  $H(z)$  on the unit circle:

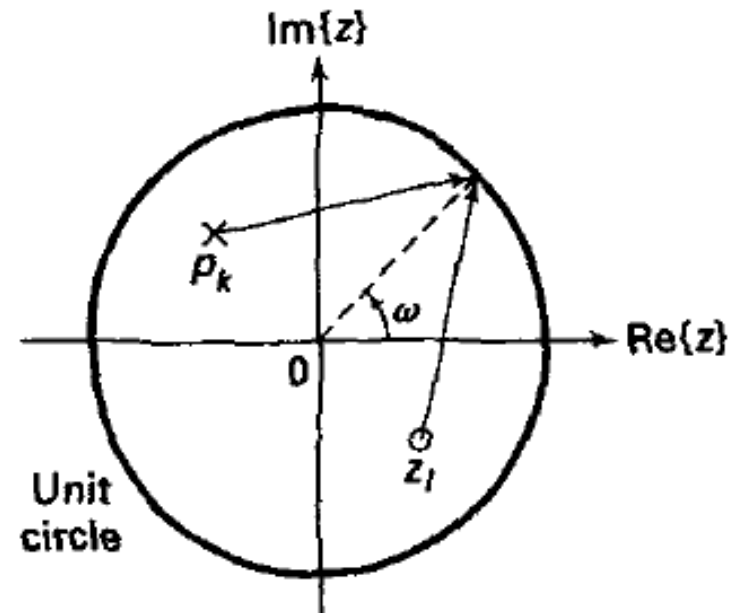
$$H(e^{j\omega}) = b_0 e^{j(N-M)\omega} \frac{\prod_{l=1}^M (e^{j\omega} - z_l)}{\prod_{k=1}^N (e^{j\omega} - p_k)}$$

- $(e^{j\omega} - z_l)$  is a vector from the zero to the unit circle
- $(e^{j\omega} - p_k)$  is a vector from the pole to the unit circle

## Exercise 4 (8/14)

- Modulus:

$$\left| H(e^{j\omega}) \right| = |b_0| \frac{\prod_{l=1}^M |e^{j\omega} - z_l|}{\prod_{k=1}^N |e^{j\omega} - p_k|}$$



- Phase:

$$\angle H(e^{j\omega}) = [0 \text{ or } \pi] + [(N - M)\omega] + \sum_{l=1}^M \angle(e^{j\omega} - z_l) - \sum_{k=1}^N \angle(e^{j\omega} - p_k)$$



## Exercise 4 (9/14)

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- GOAL: compute the transfer function of a IIR filter:

$$H(\omega) = \frac{B(\omega)}{A(\omega)} = \frac{b_0 + b_1 e^{-j\omega} + \dots + b_M e^{-j\omega M}}{1 + a_1 e^{-j\omega} + \dots + a_N e^{-j\omega N}}$$

- Matlab provides the function “[H w]=freqz(b,a,N)” that returns the N-point complex frequency response “H” and the N-point frequency vector “w” in radians/sample of the filter given numerator and denominator coefficients in vectors “b” and “a”. The frequency response is evaluated at N points equally spaced around the upper half of the unit circle. If N isn't specified, it defaults to 512.



## Exercise 4 (10/14)

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**EXAMPLE 4.11** Given a causal system

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

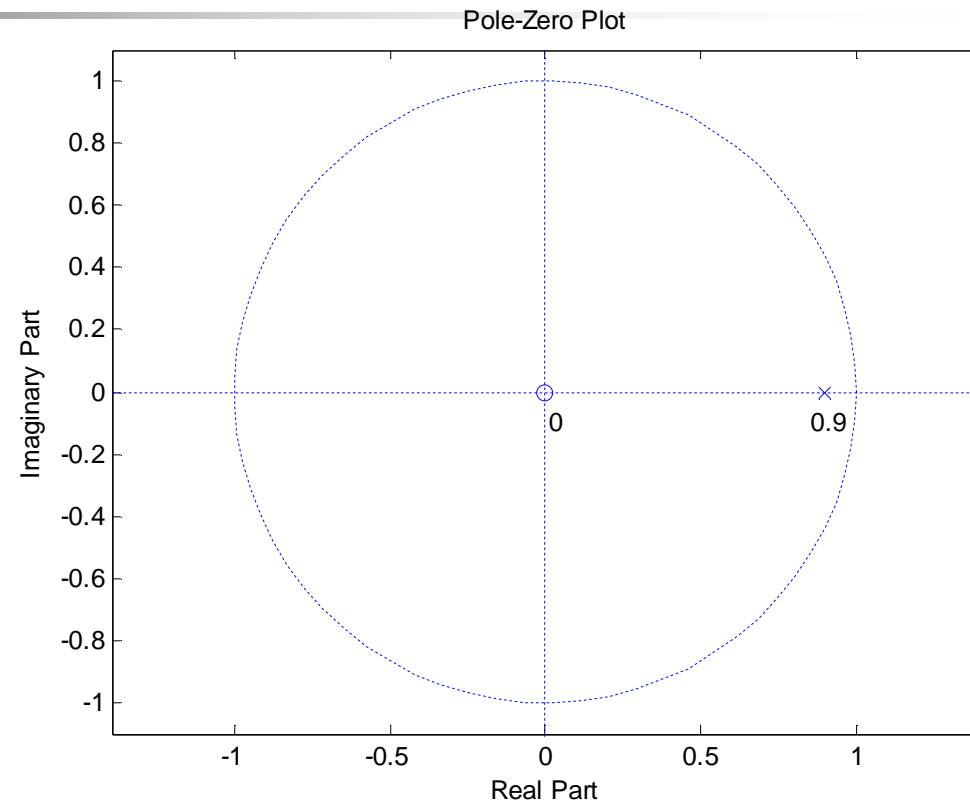
- Find  $H(z)$  and sketch its pole-zero plot.
- Plot  $|H(e^{j\omega})|$  and  $\angle H(e^{j\omega})$ .
- Determine the impulse response  $h(n)$ .

$$H(z) = \frac{1}{1 - 0.9z^{-1}} \quad |z| > 0.9 \qquad h(n) = (0.9)^n u(n)$$

## Exercise 4 (11/14)

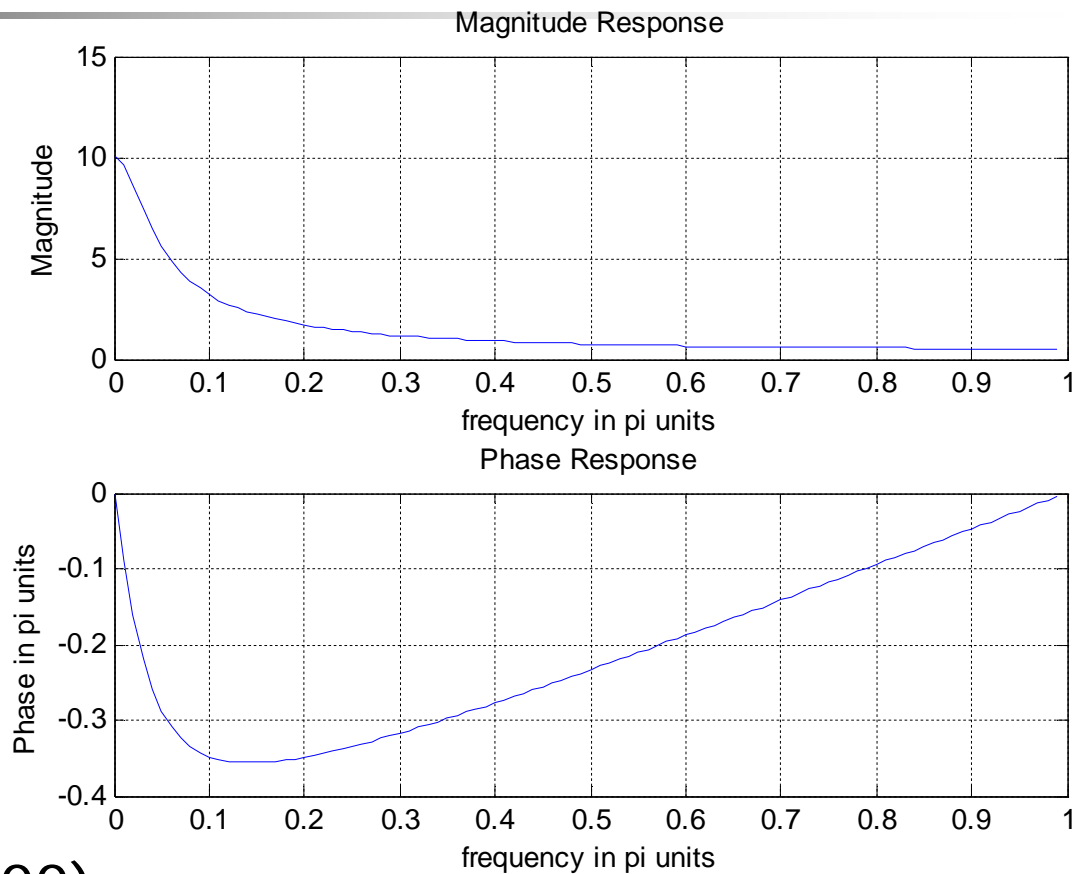
- Example 4.11 a:

- $p = \text{roots}(a) = 0.9$
- $z = \text{roots}(b) = 0$
- `figure, zplane(b,a), title('Pole-Zero Plot');`



## Exercise 4 (12/14)

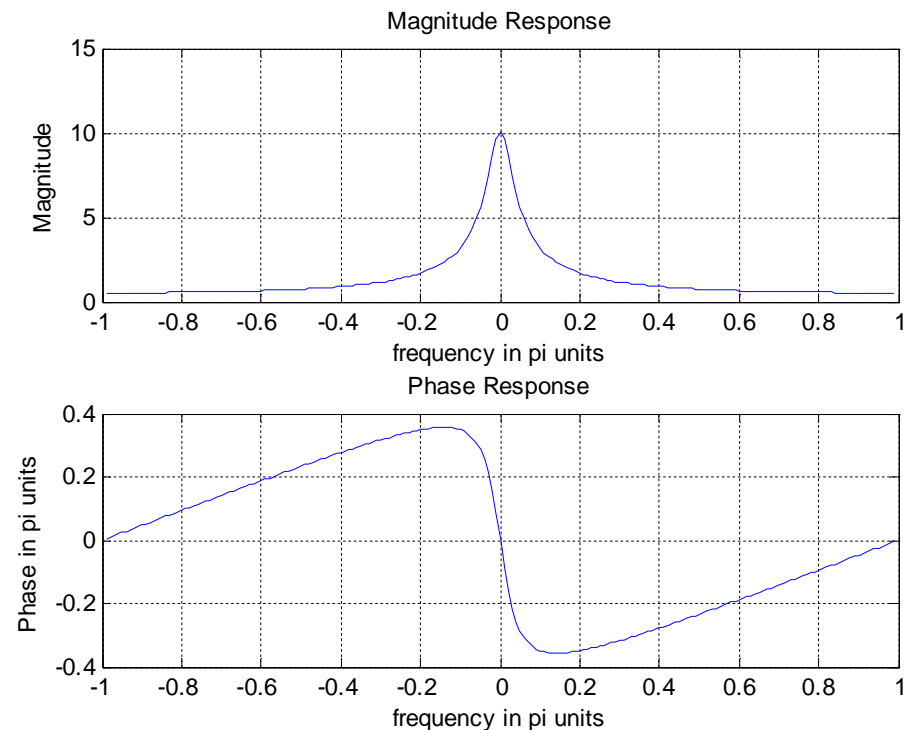
- Example 4.11 b:



- $[H,w] = \text{freqz}(b,a,100);$
- $\text{magH} = \text{abs}(H); \text{phaH} = \text{angle}(H);$

## Exercise 4 (13/14)

- Represent also the negative frequencies:
  - `w=[-flipud(w(2:end)); w]; % flipping the rows`
  - `H=[conj(flipud(H(2:end)))); H];`





## Exercise 4 (14/14)

- Example 4.11 c:
- `[delta, n] = impseq(0,0,100);`
- `h = filter(b,a,delta);`
- `h_r = (0.9).^n.*stepseq(0,0,100);`

