LINEAR CONSTANT COEFFICIENT DIFFERENCE EQUATIONS

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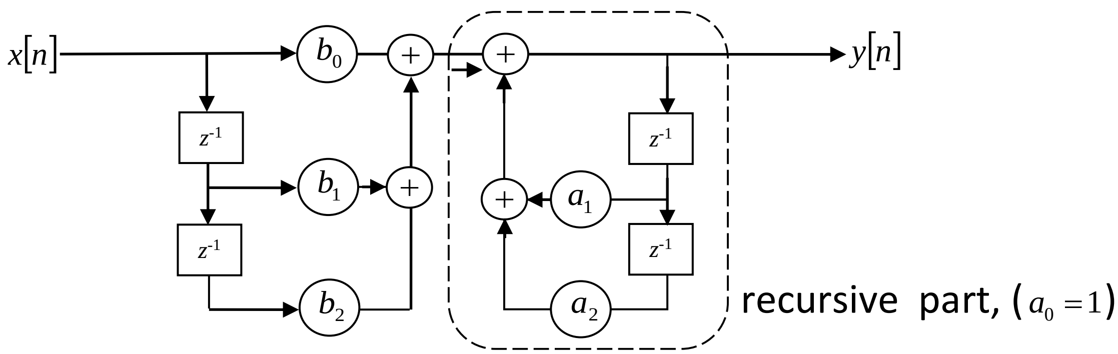
LCCDES CAN BE USED TO REPRESENT LTI SYSTEMS

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N} a_k y[n-k] = \sum_{k=0}^{M} b_k x[n-k]$$

$$y[n] + a_1 y[n-1] + a_2 y[n-2] = b_0 x[n] + b_1 x[n-1] + b_2 x[n-2]$$



Ex: Accumulator

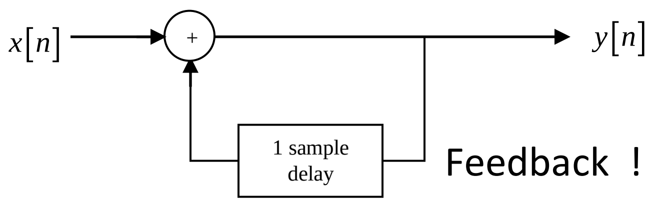
$$y[n]=\sum_{k=-\infty}^{n} x[k]$$

It can be represented as

$$y[n]=y[n-1]+x[n]$$

or

$$y[n]-y[n-1]=x[n]$$



Feedback !

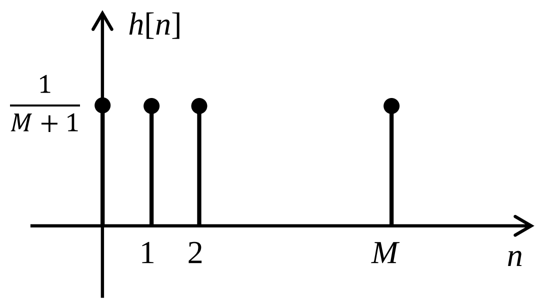
Impulse response of accumulator is $h[n]=u[n]$

Ex: Moving Average (MA) system

$$y[n] = \frac{1}{M+1}\sum_{k=0}^{M} x[n-k]$$

Impulse response

$$h[n] = \frac{1}{M+1}(u[n] - u[n-(M+1)\,])$$

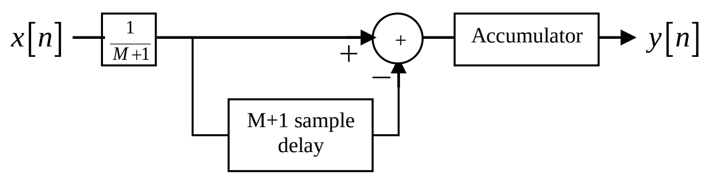


Impulse response of MA system can *also* be written as

$$h[n] = \frac{1}{M+1}\left(\delta[n] - \delta\left[n-(M+1)\right]\right) * u[n]$$

This expression reminds us that MA system can be considered as the cascade of an *accumulator* and another system with impulse response

$$h[n]=\frac{1}{M+1}\left(\delta[n]-\delta[n-(M+1)]\right)$$



Therefore MA system can also be described by

$$\rightarrow\; y[n]-y[n-1]=\frac{1}{M+1}\left(x[n]-x[n-(M+1)]\right)$$

"Less arithmetic operations in the implementation but recursion may cause numerical problems in finite precision."

FORWARD/BACKWARD SOLVABILITY

Given a set of boundary conditions, a difference equation can be solved ***recursively*** in forward and backward directions.

For example, let $y[-1], y[-2], .., y[-N]$ be specified

Forward recursive solution:

$$y[n] = -\sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{a_k}{a_0} y[n-k] + \sum_{k=0}^{M} \frac{b_k}{a_0} x[n-k] \qquad n = 0,1,\ldots$$

Backward recursive solution:

$$y[n-N] = -\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \frac{a_k}{a_N} y[n-k] + \sum_{k=0}^{M} \frac{b_k}{a_N} x[n-k] \qquad n = 0,-1,-2,\ldots$$

Ex:

$$y[n] = -\frac{1}{2}y[n-1] + x[n],$$

$$y[-1] = c$$

$$x[n] = K\delta[n]$$

Forward:

$$y[0] = -\frac{1}{2}c + K$$

$$y[1] = \frac{1}{4}c - \frac{1}{2}K$$

$$y[n] = \underbrace{\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n+1} c}_{\text{hom. soln.}} + \underbrace{\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n} K}_{\text{particular soln.}}$$

Backward:

$$y[n-1] = -2y[n] + 2x[n]$$

$$y[-1] = c$$

$$y[-2] = -2c$$

$$\vdots$$

$$y[n] = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n+1} c \qquad\qquad n \le -1$$

The general solution becomes $y[n] = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n+1} c + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n} K\ u[n]$

THE SOLUTION OF LCCDES

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N} a_k y[n-k] = \sum_{k=0}^{M} b_k x[n-k]$$

general solution = particular solution + homogeneous solution

$$y[n] = y_p[n] + y_h[n]$$

Particular solution: Given a particular input $x_p[n]$, particular solution $y_p[n]$ is any solution that satisfies the equation for this input.

Homogeneous solution: $y_h[n]$, satisfies $\sum_{k=0}^{N} a_k y_h[n-k] = 0$.

Homogeneous Solution

In general $y_h[n]$ is a *weighted* sum of z^n type signals where *z* is a(complex) constant.

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N} a_k z^{n-k} = 0$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N} a_k z^{-k} = 0$$

This equation has *N* roots, z_k , $k = 1, \dots, N$.

So,

$$y_h[n] = \sum_{k=1}^{N} A_k z_k^n = 0$$

where A_k s can be determined according to the initial (auxiliary, boundary) conditions.

When a LCCDE is considered together with "initial rest" (zero initial conditions) assumption, the input-output ($x[n]$-$y[n]$) relationship becomes a *linear* and *time-invariant* one.

For nonzero initial conditions

1) Even if the input is zero, the output is nonzero → input-output relationship is nonlinear
2) If the input is shifted by n_0, the output is not shifted by the same amount → system is time-varying.

   (For example, in the above example the solution for a shifted input is

$$y[n]=\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n+1} c+\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-n_0} K\, u[n-n_0] \text{)}$$

Therefore "A sytem described by a LCCDE is a LTI one if it is initially at rest, i.e. initial conditions are zero."

Note:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N} a_k y[n-k] = \sum_{k=0}^{M} b_k x[n-k]$$

If N = 0,

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{M} \frac{b_k}{a_0} x[n-k]$$

no initial conditions are needed to solve.

Impulse response is $$h[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{M} \left(\frac{b_k}{a_0}\right) \delta[n-k].$$

It is a FIR sytem.

Causality

Given a system described by a LCCDE together with initial rest assumption.

One cannot determine whether the system is causal or not. Causality must be specified separately.

Therefore we have to state something like “ *a causal/noncausal system described by the following LCCDE…*”

FINDING THE IMPULSE RESPONSE FROM LCCDE

Problem Statement: Given the LCCDE describing a *causal LTI* system, find its impulse response.

Ex:

$$y[n] - ay[n-1] = x[n]$$

We take $x[n] = \delta[n]$

$$h[n] - ah[n-1] = \delta[n] \qquad h[-1] = 0$$

i) By recursion

$$\begin{aligned} h[0] &= ah[-1] + \delta[0] \\ &= 1 \\ \\ h[1] &= ah[0] + \delta[1] \\ &= a \\ &\vdots \\ h[n] &= ah[n-1] + \delta[n] \\ &= a^n \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow h[n] = a^n u[n]$$

ii) By finding the homogeneous solution

$$x[n] = \delta[n] \quad \Rightarrow \quad y[n] - ay[n-1] = 0, \qquad n > 0$$

$$y[n] = Kz^n\,, \qquad n > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} Kz^n - aKz^{n-1} &= 0 \\ 1 - az^{-1} &= 0 \\ z &= a \\ y[n] = Ka^n, \qquad n &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since $h[0] = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad Ka^0 = K = 1$

$$\Rightarrow h[n] = a^n \qquad n > 0$$

Ex: $y[n]-ay[n-1]=x[n-1]$

$$\Rightarrow h[n]=a^{n-1}u[n-1]$$

Ex: $y[n]-ay[n-1]=x[n]+x[n-1]$

$$\begin{aligned} h[n] &= a^{n}u[n]+a^{n-1}u[n-1] \\ &= \delta[n]+(1+a)a^{n-1}u[n-1] \end{aligned}$$

Ex: Causal system, homogeneous solution (repeated roots)

$$y[n]-\frac{1}{2}y[n-1]-\frac{1}{4}y[n-2]-\frac{1}{4}y[n-3]=x[n]$$

$$y_h[n]-\frac{1}{2}y_h[n-1]-\frac{1}{4}y_h[n-2]-\frac{1}{4}y_h[n-3]=0$$

$$Kz^n\left(1-\frac{1}{2}z^{-1}-\frac{1}{4}z^{-2}-\frac{1}{4}z^{-3}\right)=0$$

$$z_1=\frac{1}{2},\ z_2=z_3=\frac{1}{4}$$

$$y_h[n]=K_1\frac{1}{2}^{n}u[n]+K_2\frac{1}{4}^{n}u[n]+K_3 n\frac{1}{4}^{n}u[n]$$

Ex: Impulse response, previous example.

$$h[n] = K_1 \frac{1}{2}^n u[n] + K_2 \frac{1}{4}^n u[n] + K_3 n \frac{1}{4}^n u[n]$$

Find $h[0], h[1], h[2]$, then find K_1, K_2, K_3.

From

$$h[n] - \frac{1}{2} h[n-1] - \frac{1}{4} h[n-2] = \delta[n]$$
$$h[-1] = h[-2] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad h[0] = 1 \qquad h[1] = \frac{1}{2} \qquad h[2] = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow$$

$$h[0] = K_1 + K_2 + K_3 = 1$$
$$h[1] = \frac{1}{2} K_1 + \frac{1}{4} K_2 + \frac{1}{4} K_3 = \frac{1}{2}$$
$$h[2] = \frac{1}{4} K_1 + \frac{1}{16} K_2 + \frac{1}{8} K_3 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{16} & \frac{1}{8} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} K_1 \\ K_2 \\ K_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} K_1 \\ K_2 \\ K_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{16} & \frac{1}{8} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Exercise: Find the impulse response of the causal LTI system described by

$$y[n-1]-2y[n-2]=x[n-2]$$

Is it a stable system?

Exercise:

a) Write the difference equation that describes the LTI system with impulse response $h[n]=\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n}u[n]$.

b) Repeat part-a for $h[n]=\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n-1}u[n-1]$

c) Repeat part-a for $h[n]=-\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n}u[-n-1]$

lccde.m

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clear all
close all

% N = 2;
% a = [1 -1.5 -1];
N = 1;
a = [1 -0.5];

% M = 1;
% b = [1 -2];
M = 0;
b = [1];

y = zeros(1,max(N,M)); % initial conditions
x = zeros(1,1000);
x(max(N,M)+1)=1;  % to find impulse response
% x = 2*(rand(1,1000)-0.5);

for n = max(N,M)+1:30
    D = (-y(n-N:n-1)*transpose(fliplr(a(2:end))) + x(n-M:n)*transpose(fliplr(b))) / a(1);
    y = [y D];
end
stem(y)


1./roots(fliplr(a))
1./roots(fliplr(b))
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