Assignment - 1

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Abstract—This document contains the solution to Exercise 3.17 of Oppenheimer.

Problem 1. Consider an LTI system with input x[n] and output y[n] that satisfies the difference equation

$$y[n] - \frac{5}{2}y[n-1] + y[n-2] = x[n] - x[n-1]$$
 (1)

Determine all possible values for the system's impulse response h[n] at n = 0.

Solution: We solve this problem by finding the system function H(z) of the system, and then looking at the different impulse responses which can result from our choice of the ROC.

Taking the z-transform the difference equation, we get

$$Y(z)(1 - \frac{5}{2}z^{-1} + z^{-2}) = X(z)(1 - z^{-1}), \qquad (2)$$

and thus

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{1 - z^{-1}}{1 - \frac{5}{2}z^{-1} + z^{-2}}$$
(3)

$$=\frac{1-z^{-1}}{(1-2z^{-1})(1-\frac{1}{2}z^{-1})}\tag{4}$$

$$=\frac{\frac{2}{3}}{1-2z^{-1}}+\frac{\frac{1}{3}}{1-\frac{1}{2}z^{-1}}\tag{5}$$

If the ROC is

(a) $|z| < \frac{1}{2}$:

$$h[n] = -\frac{2}{3}2^{n}u[-n-1] - \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n}u[-n-1]$$
 (6)

$$\implies h[0] = 0. \tag{7}$$

(b) $\frac{1}{2} < |z| < 2$:

$$h[n] = -\frac{2}{3}2^n u[-n-1] + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[n]$$
 (8)

$$\implies h[0] = \frac{1}{3}.$$
 (9)

(c) |z| > 2:

$$h[n] = \frac{2}{3} 2^n u[n] + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[n]$$
 (10)

$$\implies h[0] = 1. \tag{11}$$

(d) $|z| > 2or|z| < \frac{1}{2}$:

$$h[n] = \frac{2}{3} 2^n u[n] - \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[n-1]$$
 (12)

$$\implies h[0] = \frac{2}{3}.$$
 (13)