



Digital Signal  
Processing- Lecture 11

# Topics to be covered:

- Inverse Z transform

first order discrete system. Let  $y(n)$  = money in an account at the start of the  $n$ -th compounding period , and let  $p$  be the interest rate (per compounding period) . If  $x(n)$  is the deposit made at the start of the  $n$ -th period then the amount in the account at the start of the next period is given by

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

Assume that  $y(n) = 0$  for  $n < 0$  and  $x(n) = 0$  for  $n < 0$ , then take the  $z$ -transform of this equation to get

$$Y(z) = (1 + p)z^{-1}Y(z) + X(z) \Rightarrow Y(z) = \frac{X(z)}{1 - az^{-1}} \text{ where } a = 1 + p \text{ and } |z| > 1 + p$$

Obviously an investor would rather know  $y(n)$  than  $Y(z)$ .

There are three ways in which the z-transform is usually inverted, in order of increasing generality

- (i). Long division
- (ii). Partial fractions
- (iii). Residues

## Long-Division Method

This relies directly on the definition of the z-transform and is useful if the first few terms in the sequence are required. The idea is to expand the z transform as power series in z and then use the definition to read off the successive values of the signal.

For example if , in the example above, only one deposit was made, at say  $n = 0$ , then

$$X(z) = x(0)$$

and

$$Y(z) = x(0) \frac{z}{z-a}$$

Then dividing the numerator into the denominator repeatedly yields

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1 + az^{-1} + a^2z^{-2} + \dots \\
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 z - a \ ) \ z \\
 \underline{z - a} \\
 0 + a \\
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 a - a^2z^{-1} \\
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 0 + a^2z^{-1} \\
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 a^2z^{-1} - a^3z^{-2} \\
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 0 + a^3z^{-2} \\
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 \dots
 \end{array}$$

so that  $Y(z) = x(0)(z^{-0} + az^{-1} + a^2z^{-2} + \dots)$ . Comparing this with the definition

$$Y(z) = y(0)z^{-0} + y(1)z^{-1} + y(2)z^{-2} + \dots$$

leads to  $y(0) = x(0)$ ,  $y(1) = ax(0)$ ,  $y(2) = a^2x(0)$ ,  $\dots$  which is the well known compound interest result spelt out in laborious detail.

# Inversion by Partial Fraction Expansion

Sequences with rational z-transforms are rather stereotyped, mostly involving combinations of a limited number of standard forms. This makes it feasible to invert the z-transform by expanding it as a sum of simple terms, each of which has a known inverse. Thus the inversion process is one of reduction to a standard form followed by table look-up and often copious algebra.

For example, consider a causal second order system

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

has transfer function

$$H(z) = \frac{1}{1 - 2z^{-1}a \cos \theta + a^2 z^{-2}} = \frac{z^2}{z^2 - 2za \cos \theta + a^2} : |z| > a$$

The first step is to reduce the ratio to a proper fraction, which is most conveniently done here by dividing both sides by  $z$ . Then the denominator is factored.

$$\frac{1}{z} H(z) = \frac{z}{(z - ae^{i\theta})(z - ae^{-i\theta})} : |z| > a$$

Then we attempt to write the fraction in the form

$$\frac{z}{(z - ae^{i\theta})(z - ae^{-i\theta})} = \frac{C_1}{(z - ae^{i\theta})} + \frac{C_2}{(z - ae^{-i\theta})}$$

where  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are constants. Note that this expression must hold for all  $z$  so we can choose any particular value of  $z$  that makes it easy to calculate the constants. Suppose we multiply both sides by  $(z - ae^{i\theta})$



$$\frac{(z - ae^{i\theta})z}{(z - ae^{i\theta})(z - ae^{-i\theta})} = C_1 + \frac{(z - ae^{i\theta})C_2}{(z - ae^{-i\theta})}$$

The LHS of this expression simplifies, so

$$\frac{z}{(z - ae^{-i\theta})} = C_1 + \frac{(z - ae^{i\theta})C_2}{(z - ae^{-i\theta})}$$

and if we choose  $z = ae^{i\theta}$  the second term disappears, provided ( $e^{i\theta} \neq e^{-i\theta}$  ie.  $e^{2i\theta} \neq 1$  or  $\theta \neq k\pi$ ) and we get

$$C_1 = \frac{ae^{i\theta}}{a(e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta})} = \frac{e^{i\theta}}{2i \sin \theta}$$

Similarly multiplying both sides by  $(z - ae^{-i\theta})$  and choosing  $z = ae^{-i\theta}$  leads to

$$C_2 = \frac{ae^{-i\theta}}{a(e^{-i\theta} - e^{i\theta})} = \frac{-e^{-i\theta}}{2i \sin \theta}$$

Then  $H(z) = \frac{1}{2i \sin \theta} \left( \frac{ze^{i\theta}}{(z - ae^{i\theta})} - \frac{ze^{-i\theta}}{(z - ae^{-i\theta})} \right) : |z| > a$

But, from the examples of the z-transform given earlier

$$u(n)\alpha^n \leftrightarrow \frac{z}{z-\alpha} : |z| > |\alpha|$$

so that

$$h(n) = \frac{1}{2i \sin \theta} \left( u(n)a^n e^{i(n+1)\theta} - u(n)a^n e^{-i(n+1)\theta} \right) = u(n)a^n \frac{\sin((n+1)\theta)}{\sin \theta} : \theta \neq k\pi$$

# General method

The example above can be generalised to the case of proper rational fractions whose denominators do not have repeated roots, ie to cases where  $H(z) = \frac{Q(z)}{P(z)}$  where  $Q$  and  $P$  are polynomials and the order of  $Q$  is less than that of  $P$  and the solutions of  $P(z) = 0$  are all distinct. The trick is to write  $P(z) = \prod_{k=1}^N (z - p_k)$  (assume the coefficient of  $z^N$  in  $P$  is one).

$$\text{Then try writing } H(z) = \frac{Q(z)}{\prod_{k=1}^N (z - p_k)} = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{C_k}{(z - p_k)}$$

$$\text{Now } (z - p_n)H(z) = \frac{Q(z)}{\prod_{k \neq n} (z - p_k)} = C_n + (z - p_n) \sum_{k \neq n} \frac{C_k}{(z - p_k)}$$

and if none of the denominators in the sum is equal to  $(z - p_n)$  then if we put  $(z = p_n)$  the last term is zero and then

$$C_n = \frac{Q(p_n)}{\prod_{k \neq n} (p_n - p_k)} \quad : \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N.$$

# Non repeated root examples

The third order causal system

$$y(n) - 0.25y(n-1) + 0.25y(n-2) - 0.0625y(n-3) = x(n)$$

has the transfer function

$$H(z) = \frac{1}{1 - 0.25z^{-1} + 0.25z^{-2} - 0.0625z^{-3}} \quad : \quad |z| > 0.5$$

which is equivalent to

$$H(z) = \frac{z^3}{z^3 - 0.25z^2 + 0.25z - 0.0625}$$

Reduce this to a proper fraction by dividing both sides by  $z$  and factor the denominator (this usually needs to be done numerically),

$$\frac{1}{z} H(z) = \frac{z^2}{(z - i0.5)(z + i0.5)(z - 0.25)}$$

Since the roots are all distinct the PFE of this is

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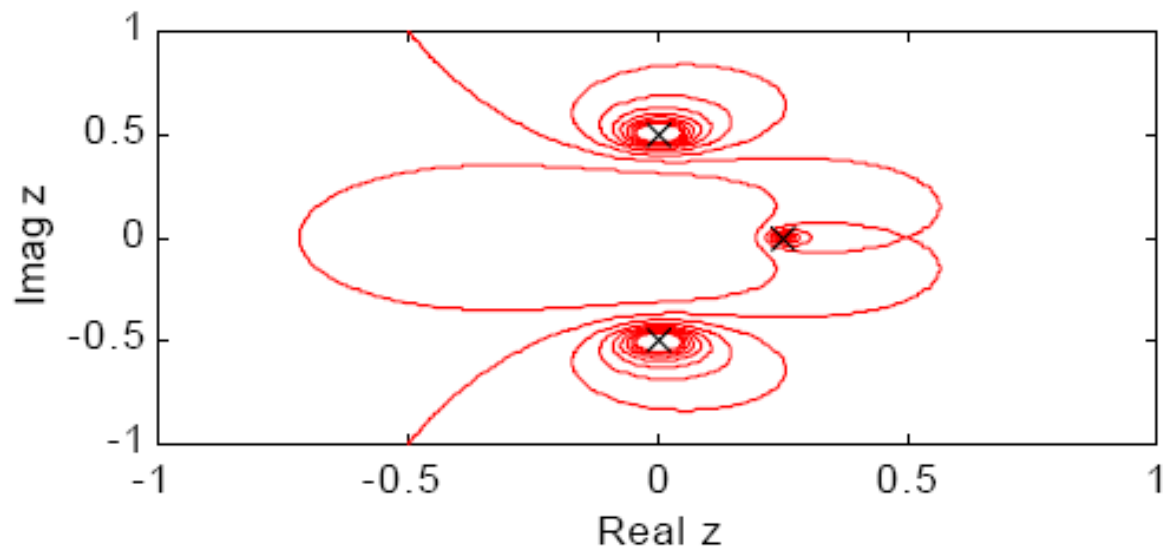
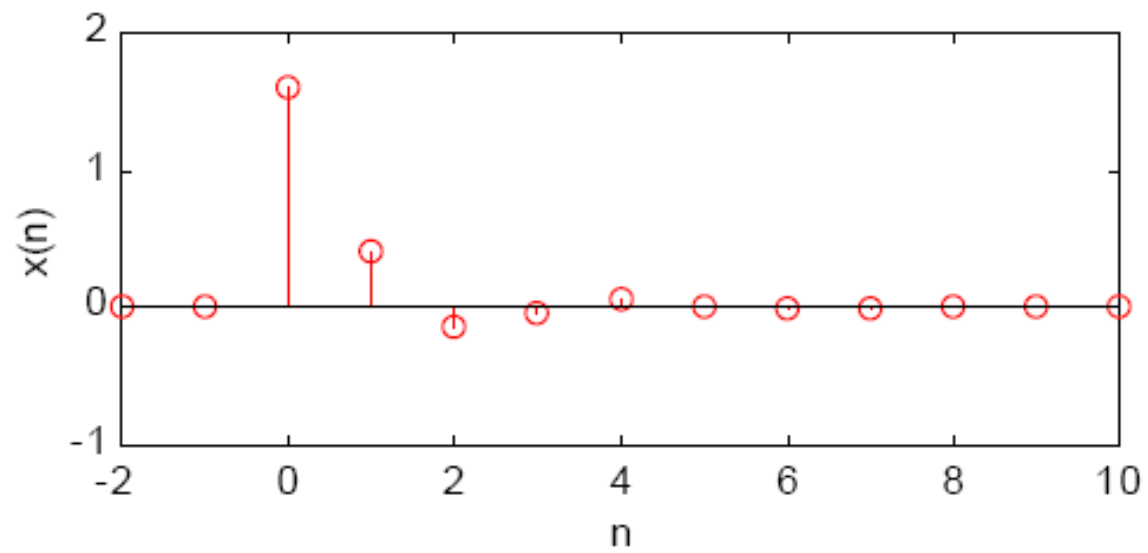
$$h(n) = 0.447e^{-i0.4636}(0.5i)^n + 0.447e^{i0.4636}(-0.5i)^n + 0.8(0.25)^n \quad : n \geq 0$$

This expression is real since the second term is the complex conjugate of the first. It can be simplified a little by writing

$$i^n = e^{in\pi/2}$$

whence

$$\begin{aligned} h(n) &= 2 \operatorname{Re}\left[e^{i(n\pi/2-0.4636)}\right]0.447(0.5)^n + 0.8(0.25)^n \\ &= \frac{0.894 \cos(n\pi/2 - 0.4636)}{2^n} + \frac{0.8}{2^{2n}} \quad : n \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$



# Rational systems with repeated

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

the PFE is taken to be of the form

$$X(z) = \frac{C_1}{(z-2)} + \frac{C_{21}}{(z-1)} + \frac{C_{22}}{(z-1)^2}$$

The coefficients  $C_1$  and  $C_{22}$  can be calculated using the usual trick: Multiply both sides by  $(z-2)$  to get

$$(z-2)X(z) = \frac{1}{(z-1)^2} = C_1 + \frac{(z-2)C_{21}}{(z-1)} + \frac{(z-2)C_{22}}{(z-1)^2}$$

and then set  $z = 2$  to get

$$C_1 = \frac{1}{(2-1)^2} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d[(z-1)^2 X(z)]}{dz} &= \frac{-1}{(z-2)^2} = \frac{d}{dz} \left[ \frac{(z-1)^2 C_1}{(z-2)} + (z-1)C_{21} + C_{22} \right] \\ &= \frac{(z-1)[2(z-2) - (z-1)]C_1}{(z-2)^2} + C_{21}\end{aligned}$$

and then take  $z = 1$

$$C_{21} = \left. \frac{d[(z-1)^2 X(z)]}{dz} \right|_{z=1} = \frac{-1}{(1-2)^2} = -1$$

Thus the final PFE is

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

which may be checked by reducing the expression to a common denominator.



The general case of a k-th order pole is easily, if tediously, handled by similar methods. If one of the poles (say  $p_m$ ) in the proper fraction  $X(z)$  is of k-th order then

$$X(z) = \frac{Q(z)}{(z - p_m)^k \tilde{P}(z)}$$

where  $\tilde{P}(z)$  is a polynomial whose roots do not include  $p_m$ .

The PFE is then written

$$X(z) = \frac{C_{m1}}{(z - p_m)} + \frac{C_{m2}}{(z - p_m)^2} + \dots + \frac{C_{mk}}{(z - p_m)^k} + A(z)$$

where  $A(z)$  contains terms which do not involve  $p_m$ . Multiply by  $(z - p_m)^k$

$$(z - p_m)^k X(z) = \frac{Q(z)}{\tilde{P}(z)} = C_{m1}(z - p_m)^{k-1} + C_{m2}(z - p_m)^{k-2} + \dots + C_{mk} + (z - p_m)^k A(z)$$

differentiate  $n$  times  $n < k$  then set  $z = p_m$  to see that

$$\left. \frac{d^n}{dz^n} [(z - p_m)^k X(z)] \right|_{z=p_m} = \left. \frac{d^n}{dz^n} \left[ \frac{Q(z)}{\tilde{P}(z)} \right] \right|_{z=p_m} = n! C_{m(k-n)}$$

The expression on the right will be finite because all the poles at  $z = p_m$  have been removed.  
(The term in  $A(z)$  can be also shown not to contribute to the final expression since it contains no poles at  $z = p_m$ .)

Thus the set of PFE coefficients for a pole of order  $k$  are given by

$$C_{m(k-n)} = \frac{1}{n!} \frac{d^n}{dz^n} \left[ (z - p_m)^k X(z) \right] \Bigg|_{z=p_m} \quad : \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k-1.$$

(Note : the zeroth derivative of a function is just the function itself.)

# Repeated roots PFE Example

Consider the causal system described by the difference equation

$$y(n) - 5y(n-1) + 9y(n-2) - 7y(n-3) + 2y(n-4) = x(n)$$

The transfer function is

$$H(z) = \frac{1}{1 - 5z^{-1} + 9z^{-2} - 7z^{-3} + 2z^{-4}} = \frac{z^4}{z^4 - 5z^3 + 9z^2 - 7z + 2}$$

Fortunately the denominator factors, thus :

$$H(z) = \frac{z^4}{(z-1)^3(z-2)}$$

and it is clear that for a causal system the ROC is  $|z| > 2$  and the system is unstable.

We reduce the RHS to a proper fraction by dividing by  $z$ . Then the PFE is of the form

$$\frac{1}{z} H(z) = \frac{C_{11}}{(z-1)} + \frac{C_{12}}{(z-1)^2} + \frac{C_{13}}{(z-1)^3} + \frac{C_2}{(z-2)}$$

Using the non-repeated roots expression for the coefficient  $C_2$  gives

$$C_2 = \left[ (z-2) \frac{1}{z} H(z) \right]_{z=2} = \left[ \frac{z^3}{(z-1)^3} \right]_{z=2} = 8$$

The repeated roots expression is then used for the other three coefficients

$$C_{13} = (z-1)^3 \frac{1}{z} H(z) \Big|_{z=1} = \frac{z^3}{(z-2)} \Big|_{z=1} = -1$$