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- This in-person exam is scheduled to last 75 minutes.
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- Calculators are allowed.
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**Problem 2.1. System Properties.** 27 points.

Each discrete-time system has input  $x[n]$  and output  $y[n]$ , and  $x[n]$  and  $y[n]$  might be complex-valued.

Determine if each system is linear or nonlinear, time-invariant or time-varying, and bounded-input bounded-output (BIBO) stable or unstable.

You must either prove that the system property holds in the case of linearity, time-invariance, or stability, or provide a counter-example that the property does not hold. Providing an answer without any justification will earn 0 points.

Part	System Name	System Formula	Linear?	Time-Invariant?	BIBO Stable?
(a)	First-Order Difference Filter	$y[n] = x[n] - x[n-1]$ for $n \geq 0$ and $x[-1] = 0$	Yes	Yes	Yes
(b)	Amplitude Modulation	$y[n] = x[n] \cos(\hat{\omega}_0 n)$ for $n \geq 0$ where $\hat{\omega}_0$ is a constant	Yes	No	Yes
(c)	Exponentiation	$y[n] = e^{x[n]}$ for $-\infty < n < \infty$	No	Yes	Yes

**Linearity.** We'll first apply the all-zero input test. If the output is not zero for all time, then the system is not linear. Otherwise, we'll have to apply the definitions for homogeneity and additivity. All-zero input test is a special case of homogeneity  $a x[n] \rightarrow a y[n]$  when the constant  $a = 0$ .

**Stability.** Bounded input  $|x[n]| \leq B < \infty$  would give bounded output  $|y[n]| \leq C < \infty$ .

(a) First-Order Difference Filter:  $y[n] = x[n] - x[n-1]$  for  $n \geq 0$  and  $x[-1] = 0$ . 9 points.

HW 5.2

**Linearity:** Passes all-zero input test. Initial condition is zero, necessary for LTI to hold.

- **Homogeneity:** Input  $a x[n]$ . Output is

$$y_{scaled}[n] = (a x[n]) - (a x[n])_{n \rightarrow n-1} = a x[n] - a x[n-1] = a y[n]. \text{ YES.}$$

- **Additivity.** Input  $x_1[n] + x_2[n]$ . Output is

$$y_{additive}[n] = (x_1[n] + x_2[n]) - (x_1[n] + x_2[n])_{n \rightarrow n-1} = (x_1[n] + x_2[n]) - (x_1[n-1] + x_2[n-1]) = x_1[n] - x_1[n-1] + x_2[n] - x_2[n-1] = y_1[n] - y_2[n]. \text{ YES.}$$

**T-I:** Input  $x[n - n_0]$ . Output  $y_{shifted}[n] = x[n - n_0] - x[n - n_0 - 1] = y[n - n_0]$ . YES.

**Stability:**  $|y[n]| = |x[n] - x[n-1]| \leq |x[n]| + |x[n-1]| = B + B = 2B$ . YES.

(b) Amplitude Modulation:  $y[n] = x[n] \cos(\hat{\omega}_0 n)$  for  $n \geq 0$  where  $\hat{\omega}_0$  is a constant. 9 points.

HW 5.2

**Linearity:** Passes all-zero input test. No initial conditions.

- **Homogeneity:** Input  $a x[n]$ . Output  $y_{scaled}[n] = (a x[n]) \cos(\hat{\omega}_0 n) = a y[n]$ . YES.

- **Additivity.** Input  $x_1[n] + x_2[n]$ . Output is

$$y_{additive}[n] = (x_1[n] + x_2[n]) \cos(\hat{\omega}_0 n)$$

$$y_{additive}[n] = x_1[n] \cos(\hat{\omega}_0 n) + x_2[n] \cos(\hat{\omega}_0 n) = y_1[n] + y_2[n]. \text{ YES.}$$

**T-I:** Input  $x[n - n_0]$ . Output  $y_{shifted}[n] = x[n - n_0] \cos(\hat{\omega}_0 n) \neq y[n - n_0]$ . NO.

**Stability:**  $|y[n]| = |x[n] \cos(\hat{\omega}_0 n)| \leq |x[n]| |\cos(\hat{\omega}_0 n)| \leq B$  because  $|\cos(\hat{\omega}_0 n)| \leq 1$ . YES.

(c) Exponentiation:  $y[n] = e^{x[n]}$  for  $-\infty < n < \infty$ . 9 points.

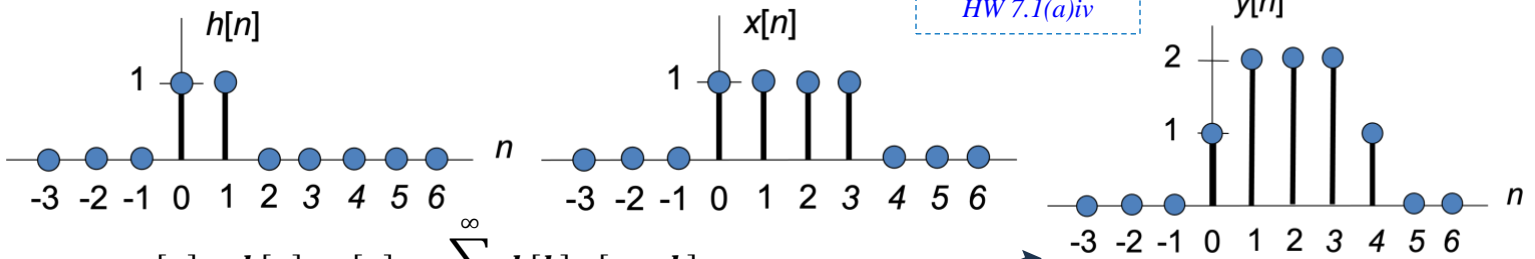
**Linearity:** Does not pass the all-zero input test; i.e., when  $x[n] = 0$ ,  $y[n] = e^0 = 1 \neq 0$ . NO.

**T-I:** Input  $x[n - n_0]$ . Output  $y_{shifted}[n] = e^{x[n - n_0]} = y[n - n_0]$ . Pointwise systems are T-I. YES.

**Stability:**  $|y[n]| = |e^{x[n]}| = |e^{x_{real}[n] + j x_{imag}[n]}| = |e^{x_{real}[n]}| |e^{j x_{imag}[n]}| \leq |e^{x_{real}[n]}| \leq e^{|x_{real}[n]|} \leq 1 + e^B$  because  $e^v$  is a non-negative monotonic function of real variable  $v$ . YES.

**Problem 2.2 Convolution.** 24 points.

(a) Compute and plot  $y[n] = h[n] * x[n]$  using the discrete-time rectangular pulses below. 12 points.



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

$$y[n] = h[0] x[n] + h[1] x[n-1] = x[n] + x[n-1]$$

Alternate solution using MATLAB:

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h = [1 1];
x = [1 1 1 1];
y = conv(h, x); % [1 2 2 2 1]
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(b) Compute and plot  $y[n] = h[n] * x[n]$  using the discrete-time rectangular pulses below. 12 points.

$$h[n] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } 0 \leq n \leq L_h - 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

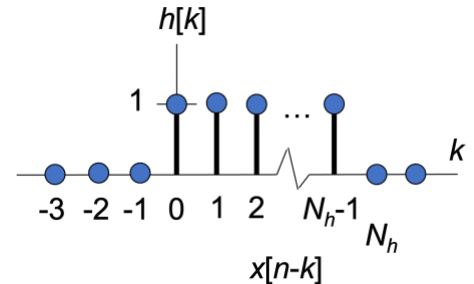
$$x[n] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } 0 \leq n \leq L_x - 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Same as HW 7.1(a)iii.

where  $L_h < L_x$  and both  $L_h$  and  $L_x$  are positive integers. Give your answer in terms of  $L_h$  and  $L_x$ .

Define  $L_{min} = \min(L_h, L_x)$  and  $L_{max} = \max(L_h, L_x)$ . Convolution result is a causal trapezoid of  $L_y = L_h + L_x - 1$  samples in duration.

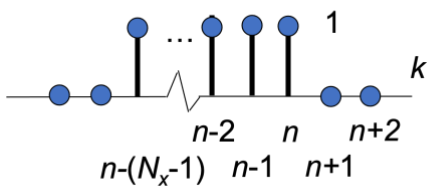
$$y[n] = h[n] * x[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k] x[n-k] = \sum_{k=0}^{L_h-1} h[k] x[n-k]$$



There are five cases for flip-and-slide convolution to consider:

1. **No overlap.**  $n < 0$ . Amplitude is 0.
2. **Partial overlap.**  $0 \leq n \leq L_{min} - 1$ . Amplitude is  $(n + 1)$ . Initial overlap of one sample at  $n = 0$  with a product of one. Each shift by one in  $n$  adds one more overlapping sample with product of one.

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=0}^n h[k] x[n-k] = \sum_{k=0}^n 1 = (n + 1)$$

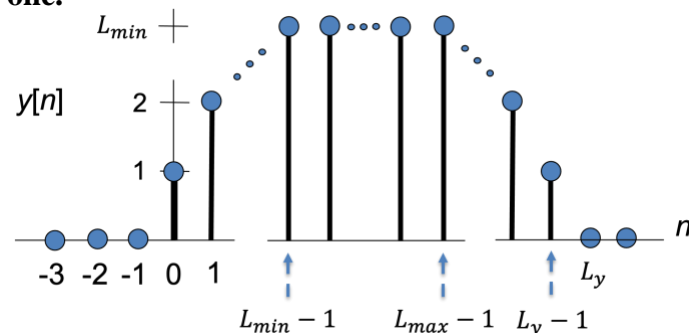


3. **Complete overlap.**  $L_{min} - 1 \leq n \leq L_{max} - 1$ . Amplitude is  $L_{min}$ . Here,  $L_{min}$  samples overlap, and each sample has a value of one.
4. **Partial overlap.**  $L_{max} \leq n \leq L_y - 1$ . Amplitude is  $L_y - n$ . Amplitude reduces by one each time  $n$  is incremented.

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=n-(L_x-1)}^{L_h-1} 1 = (L_h - 1) + (L_x - 1) + 1 - n$$

$$y[n] = L_h + L_x - 1 - n = L_y - n$$

5. **No overlap.**  $n \geq L_y$ . Amplitude is 0.



**Problem 2.3 System Identification.** 27 points.

You are given several causal discrete-time linear time-invariant (LTI) systems each with unknown impulse response but you are able to observe the input signal  $x[n]$  and output signal  $y[n]$  for  $-\infty < n < \infty$ .

For reference, the unit step function  $u[n]$  is defined as

$$u[n] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } n \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$y[n]$	$Y(z)$	Region of Convergence
$\delta[n]$	1	all $z$
$\delta[n - n_0]$	$z^{-n_0}$	$z \neq 0$
$u[n]$	$\frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}}$	$ z  > 1$
$a^n u[n]$	$\frac{1}{1 - a z^{-1}}$	$ z  >  a $

- (a) When input is  $x[n] = \delta[n] - \delta[n - 1]$ , output is  $y[n] = \delta[n] - 2\delta[n - 1] + \delta[n - 2]$ . Find the impulse response  $h[n]$ . 9 points. **This is from mini-project 2.**

Since the input signal is two samples in duration and the output signal is three samples in duration, the impulse response is two samples in duration because  $y[n] = h[n] * x[n]$ .

**Time-domain approach.**  $y[n] = \delta[n] = u[n] - u[n - 1]$ . Since  $x[n] = u[n]$ , we can write  $y[n] = x[n] - x[n - 1]$  and hence  $h[n] = \delta[n] - \delta[n - 1]$ .

**Deconvolution approach.** Assume the LTI system is an FIR filter observed for  $n \geq 0$ :

$$y[0] = h[0]x[0] + h[1]x[-1] + h[2]x[-2] + \dots + h[N-1]x[-(N-1)]$$

All initial conditions are zero as a necessary condition for LTI properties to hold:

$$y[0] = h[0]x[0] \text{ so } 1 = h[0] \text{ because } y[0] = 1 \text{ and } x[0] = 1 \text{ so } h[0] = 1$$

$$y[1] = h[0]x[1] + h[1]x[0] \text{ which is } 0 = h[0] + h[1] \text{ so } h[1] = -1$$

$$y[2] = h[0]x[2] + h[1]x[1] + h[2]x[0] \text{ which is } 0 = h[0] + h[1] + h[2] \text{ so } h[2] = 0$$

We can check to see that  $h[n] = \delta[n] - \delta[n - 1]$  convolved with  $u[n]$  is  $\delta[n]$ .

**Z-domain approach.** An equalizer problem in disguise. We are trying to find an LTI system  $h[n]$  so that  $h[n] * u[n] = \delta[n]$ . In the  $z$ -domain,  $H(z)U(z) = 1$  which means that

$$H(z) = \frac{1}{U(z)} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}}} = 1 - z^{-1} \text{ for } z \neq 0. \text{ Inverse } z\text{-transform is } h[n] = \delta[n] - \delta[n - 1].$$

- (b) When input is  $x[n] = 0.9^n u[n]$ , output  $y[n] = \delta[n]$  where  $\delta[n]$  is the discrete-time impulse:

$$\delta[n] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } n = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find the impulse response  $h[n]$ . 9 points. **This is from mini-project 2.**

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**Z-domain approach.** For input  $x[n] = 0.9^n u[n]$  and output  $y[n] = \delta[n]$ ,

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{1 - 0.9 z^{-1}} \text{ for } |z| > 0.9 \text{ and } Y(z) = 1 \text{ for all } z$$

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{1 - 0.9 z^{-1}}} = 1 - 0.9 z^{-1} \text{ for } z \neq 0$$

Taking the inverse  $z$ -transform of  $H(z) = 1 - 0.9 z^{-1}$  gives  $h[n] = \delta[n] - 0.9 \delta[n - 1]$ .

(c) When the input is  $x[n] = u[n]$ , the output is  $y[n]$  is a rectangular pulse of  $L$  samples in duration:

$$y[n] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } 0 \leq n \leq L - 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find the impulse response  $h[n]$ . 9 points.

**Time-domain approach.**  $y[n] = \delta[n] = u[n] - u[n - L]$ . Since  $x[n] = u[n]$ , we can write  $y[n] = x[n] - x[n - L]$  and hence  $h[n] = \delta[n] - \delta[n - L]$ .

**Deconvolution approach.** Assume the LTI system is an FIR filter observed for  $n \geq 0$  :

$$y[0] = h[0] x[0] + h[1] x[-1] + h[2] x[-2] + \dots + h[N - 1] x[-(N - 1)]$$

All initial conditions are zero as a necessary condition for LTI properties to hold:

$$y[0] = h[0] x[0] \text{ so } 1 = h[0] \text{ because } y[0] = 1 \text{ and } x[0] = 1 \text{ so } h[0] = 1$$

$$y[1] = h[0] x[1] + h[1] x[0] \text{ which is } 1 = h[0] + h[1] \text{ so } h[1] = 0$$

$$y[2] = h[0] x[2] + h[1] x[1] + h[2] x[0] \text{ which is } 1 = h[0] + h[1] + h[2] \text{ so } h[2] = 0$$

If  $h[n] = \delta[n]$ , then  $h[n] * u[n] \neq y[n]$ . So, we keep computing  $h[n]$  values.

$$y[L] = h[0] x[L] + h[1] x[L - 1] + \dots + h[L] x[0] \text{ which is}$$

$$0 = h[0] + h[1] + \dots + h[L] \text{ so } h[L] = 0$$

We check to see that  $h[n] = \delta[n] - \delta[n - L]$  convolved with  $u[n]$  is  $y[n]$ .

**Z-domain approach.** We're finding LTI system  $h[n]$  so that  $h[n] * u[n]$  is rectangular pulse of  $L$  samples in duration. In the  $z$ -domain,  $H(z) U(z) = 1 + z^{-1} + \dots + z^{-(L-1)}$  which means

$$H(z) = \frac{1 + z^{-1} + \dots + z^{-(L-1)}}{1 - z^{-1}} = (1 + z^{-1} + \dots + z^{-(L-1)})(1 - z^{-1}) = 1 - z^{-L} \text{ for } z \neq 0$$

Taking the inverse  $z$ -transform gives  $h[n] = \delta[n] - \delta[n - L]$ . In Matlab, polynomial multiplication is computed using the `conv` command, e.g. `conv([1 1 1 1 1 1], [1 -1])`.

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%% Deconvolution by Prof. Brian L. Evans.
%% Keep in mind the first element in a
%% MATLAB vector has index 1 and not 0.

%% USAGE
%% FIR filters convolve the input signal
%% and the FIR filter impulse response
%% (which is equal to the filter coeffs).
%% When input signal has finite length,
%% the output is finite length:
%%
%% LengthOfy = LengthOfx + NumCoeffs - 1
%%
%% Given finite-length signals x and y,
%% we can determine how many filter
%% coefficients b there are.
%%
%% If the input signal is infinite in
%% length, then the output could be
%% either infinite or finite in length.

%% Define input and output signals. Give
%% an equal number of x and y values if
%% x is to be considered infinite length.

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x = [ 1  -1 ];           %% Midterm 2.3(a)
y = [ 1  -2  1 ];

%% Determine Nmax based on input signal
%% Finite-length length(y) - length(x) + 1
%% Infinite-length length(x)
if ( length(x) == length(y) )
    Nmax = length(x);
else
    Nmax = length(y) - length(x) + 1;
end

b = zeros(1, Nmax);
b(1) = y(1) / x(1);
for k = 2:Nmax
    numer = y(k);
    n = k;
    for m = 1:(k-1)
        if (n >= 1)
            numer = numer - b(m) * x(n);
        end
        n = n - 1;
    end
    b(k) = numer / x(1);
end

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**Problem 2.4. Filter Design.** 22 points.

Consider designing discrete-time linear time-invariant (LTI) infinite impulse response (IIR) filters.

In this problem, all the poles and zeros will be real-valued.

In each part below, design a biquad by placing real-valued poles and zeros to achieve the indicated frequency selectivity (lowpass, highpass, bandpass, bandstop, allpass or notch) or indicate that no such biquad with real-valued poles and zeros could be designed.

Please use O to indicate real-valued zero locations and X to indicate real-valued pole locations.

**With poles inside unit circle, we convert transfer function  $H(z)$  into the discrete-time frequency domain by substituting  $z = \exp(j\omega)$ . We take the absolute value to get the magnitude response:**

$$H(z) = C \frac{(z - z_0)(z - z_1)}{(z - p_0)(z - p_1)}; |H(e^{j\omega})| = \left| C \frac{(e^{j\omega} - z_0)(e^{j\omega} - z_1)}{(e^{j\omega} - p_0)(e^{j\omega} - p_1)} \right| = |C| \frac{|e^{j\omega} - z_0||e^{j\omega} - z_1|}{|e^{j\omega} - p_0||e^{j\omega} - p_1|}$$

**Frequency (angle) of a pole near but inside unit circle indicates a peak in magnitude response at that frequency. From Euclidean distance  $|e^{j\omega} - p_0|$  in the denominator, the minimum distance occurs when  $\omega$  is equal to the angle of the pole  $p_0$ . Frequency (angle) of a zero on/near the unit circle indicate indicates a frequency that will be zeroed out/greatly attenuated.**

- (a) A **first-order LTI IIR filter** has zero  $z_0$  and pole  $p_0$ ; its transfer function is  $H(z) = C \frac{(z - z_0)}{(z - p_0)}$  where  $C$  is a constant. Give numeric values for zero  $z_0$  and pole  $p_0$  to give each magnitude response below, place the zero and pole on the pole-zero diagram, and explain your reasoning. 10 points.

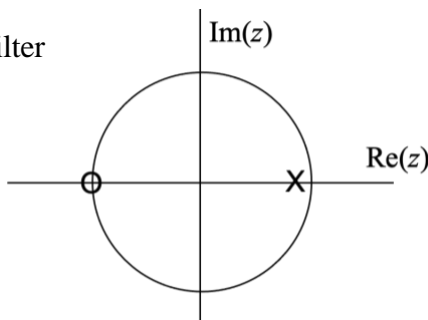
(1) Lowpass filter

**Pole**

$$p_0 = 0.9$$

**Zero**

$$z_0 = -1$$



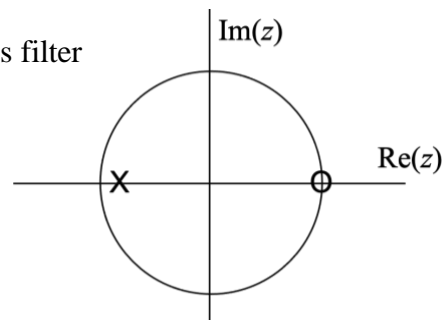
(2) Highpass filter

**Pole**

$$p_0 = -0.9$$

**Zero**

$$z_0 = 1$$



- (b) A **second-order LTI IIR filter** has zeros  $z_0$  and  $z_1$  and poles  $p_0$  and  $p_1$ , and its transfer function is  $H(z) = C \frac{(z - z_0)(z - z_1)}{(z - p_0)(z - p_1)}$  where  $C$  is a constant. Give numeric values for zeros  $z_0$  and  $z_1$  and poles  $p_0$  and  $p_1$  to give each magnitude response below, place the zeros and poles on the pole-zero diagram, and explain your reasoning. 12 points.

(3) Bandpass filter

**Poles**

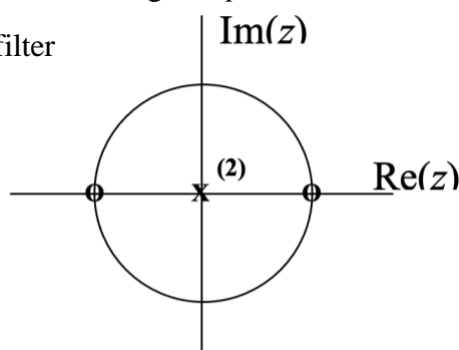
$$p_0 = 0$$

$$p_1 = 0$$

**Zeros**

$$z_0 = -1$$

$$z_1 = 1$$



(4) Bandstop filter

**Poles**

$$p_0 = -0.9$$

$$p_1 = 0.9$$

**Zeros**

$$z_0 = 0$$

$$z_1 = 0$$

