

Discrete - Time Signals and Systems

Z-Transform & IIR Filters 1

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Transfer function: 1st Order IIR Filters

Consider the difference equation of a general

1st order IIR system

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

Apply the Z – transform on both sides

$$Z \{ y[n] \} = Z \{ a_1 y[n-1] + b_0 x[n] + b_1 x[n-1] \}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y(z) = a_1 z^{-1} Y(z) + b_0 X(z) + b_1 z^{-1} X(z)$$

$$Y(z)(1 - a_1 z^{-1}) = X(z)(b_0 + b_1 z^{-1})$$

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

Unlike FIR, IIR filter transfer function is a ratio of polynomials

B(z)... numerator polynomial is defined by the weighting coefficients $\{b_k\}$ that multiply $x[n]$ and its delayed versions

A(z)...denominator polynomial is defined by feedback coefficients

An implementation view

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

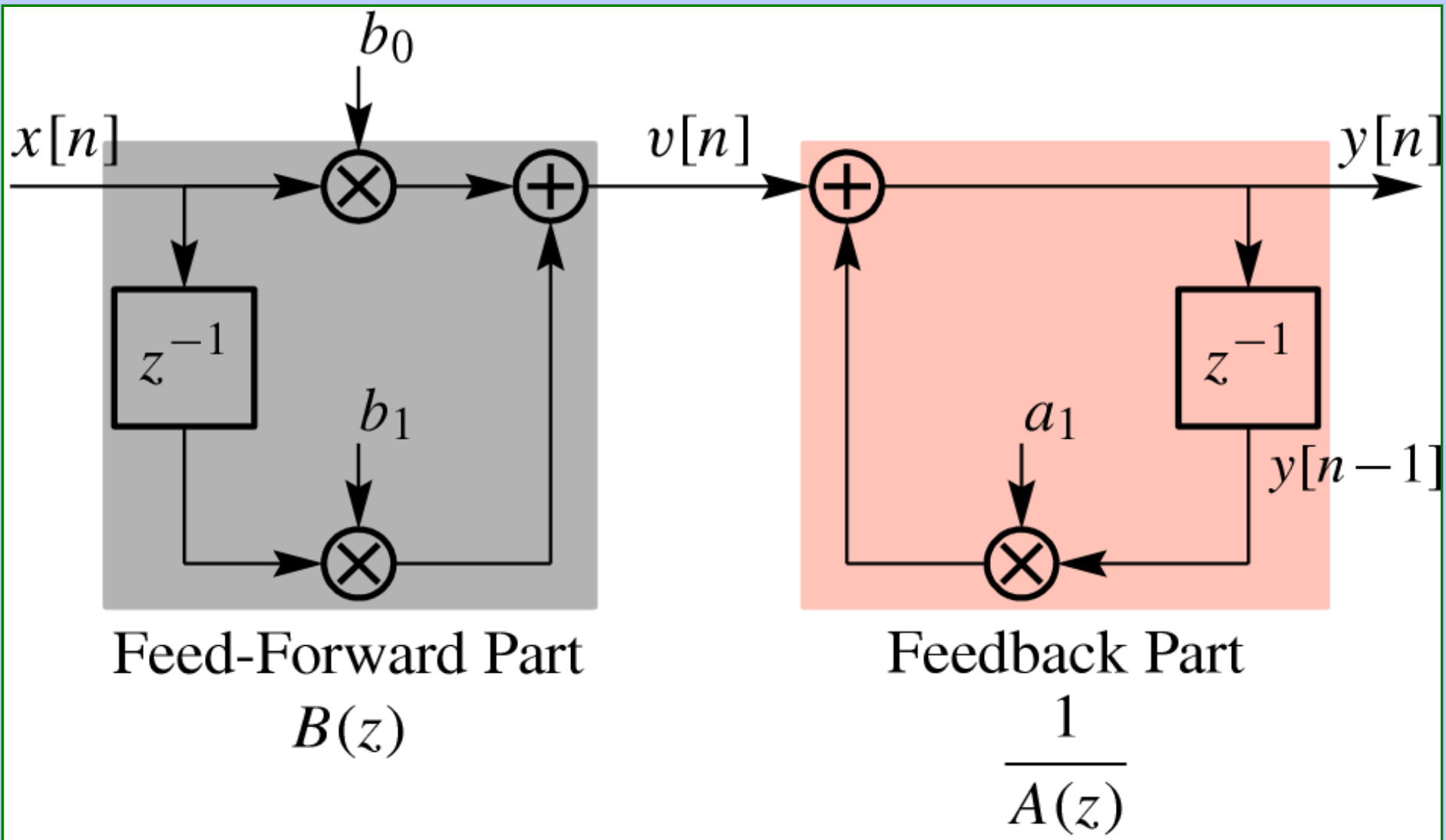
$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{(b_0 + b_1 z^{-1})}{(1 - a_1 z^{-1})} = \frac{B(z)}{A(z)}$$

using the cascading property

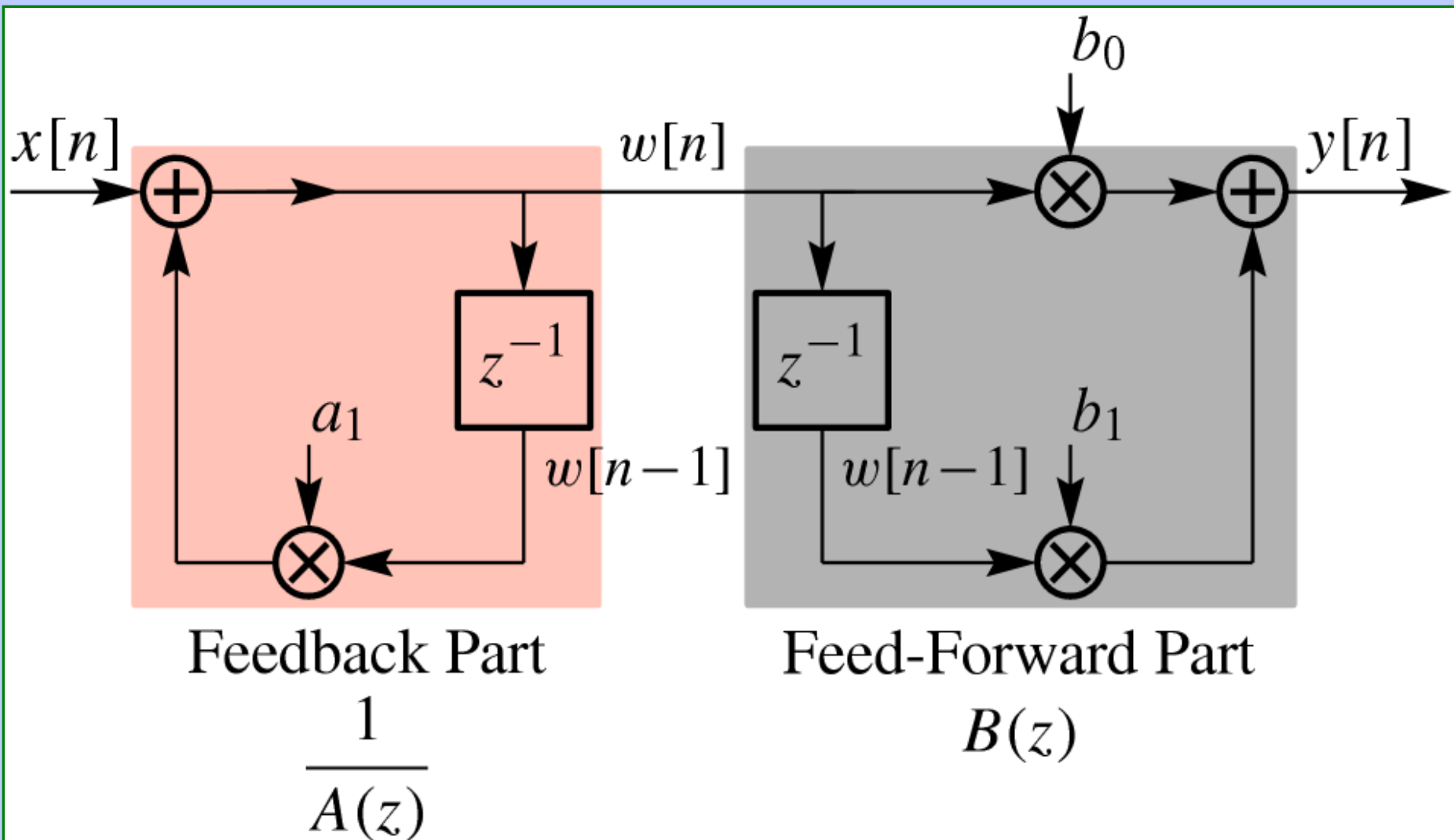
$$H(z) = H_1(z)H_2(z) = H_2(z)H_1(z)$$

$$H_1(z) = \frac{1}{A(z)}, \quad H_2(z) = B(z)$$

Direct form I



Direct form II



Example 1

Find the transfer function of the 1st order IIR system

$$y[n] = 2y[n-1] - x[n] + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)x[n-1]$$

Apply the Z – transform on both sides

$$Z \{y[n]\} = Z \{2y[n-1] - x[n] + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)x[n-1]\}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y(z) = 2z^{-1}Y(z) - X(z) + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)z^{-1}X(z)$$

$$Y(z)(1 - 2z^{-1}) = X(z)(-1 + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)z^{-1})$$

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{(-1 + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)z^{-1})}{(1 - 2z^{-1})}$$

Example 2

Find the transfer function of the 1st order IIR system

$$y[n] = ay[n-1] + bx[n] + cx[n-1]$$

Directly pick the numerator and denominator coefficients
coefficients related with 'x', numerator
coefficients related with 'y', denominator

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{(b + cz^{-1})}{(1 + az^{-1})}$$

Transfer function: 2nd order IIR Filters

Consider the difference equation of a general 2nd order IIR system

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

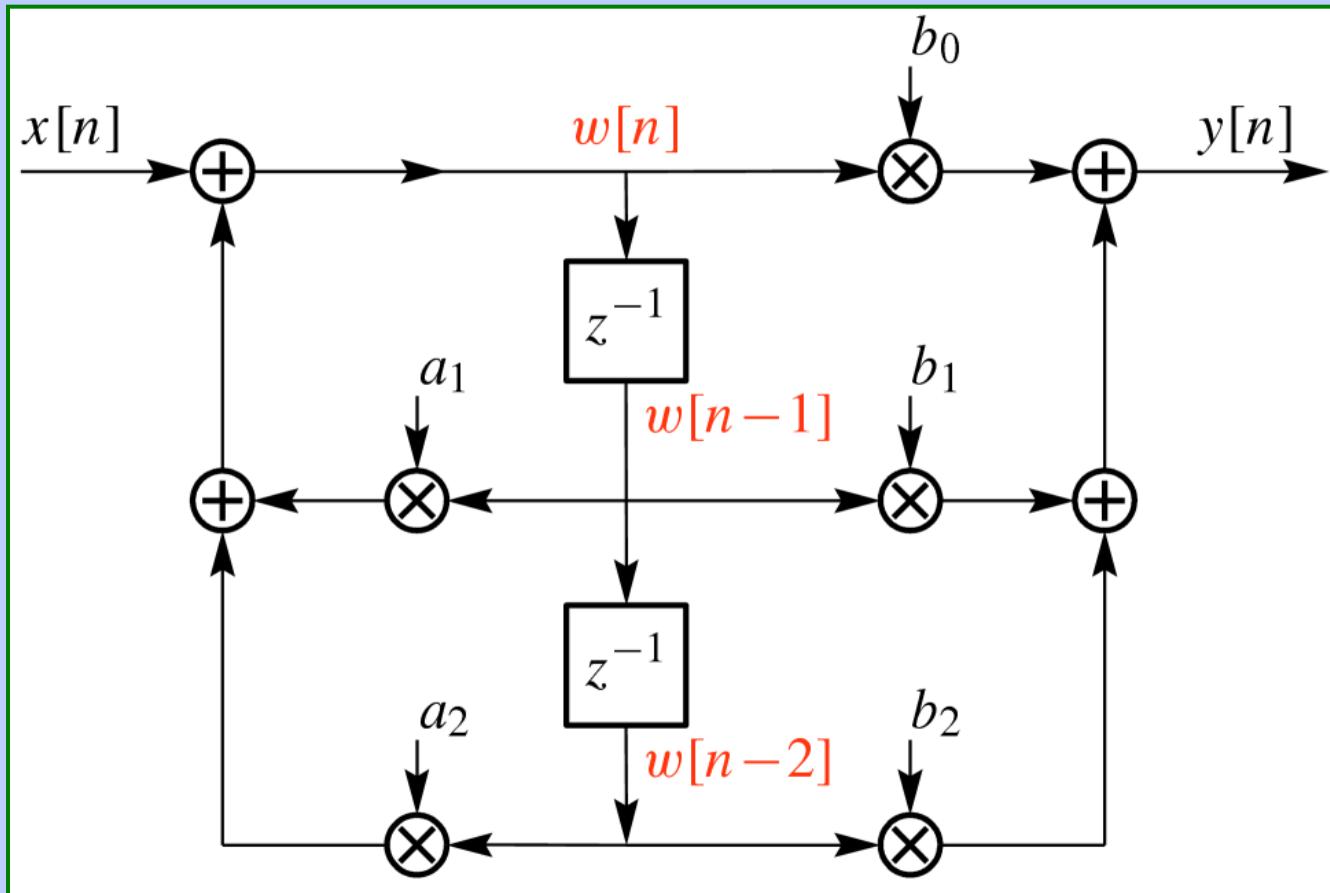
Apply the Z – transform on both sides

$$Z \{ y[n] \} = Z \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_1 y[n-1] + a_2 y[n-2] + b_0 x[n] + b_1 x[n-1] \\ + b_2 x[n-2] \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y(z) = a_1 z^{-1} Y(z) + a_2 z^{-2} Y(z) + b_0 X(z) + b_1 z^{-1} X(z) + b_2 z^{-2} X(z)$$

$$Y(z)(1 - a_1 z^{-1} - a_2 z^{-2}) = X(z)(b_0 + b_1 z^{-1} + b_2 z^{-2})$$

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{(b_0 + b_1z^{-1} + b_2z^{-2})}{(1 - a_1z^{-1} - a_2z^{-2})}$$



Example

Find the transfer function of a 2nd order IIR system

$$y[n] = 0.5y[n-1] + 0.3y[n-2] - x[n] + 3x[n-1] - 2x[n-2]$$

$$Y(z) = Z \{ 0.5y[n-1] + 0.3y[n-2] - x[n] + 3x[n-1] - 2x[n-2] \}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y(z) = 0.5z^{-1}Y(z) + 0.3z^{-2}Y(z) - X(z) + 3z^{-1}X(z) - 2z^{-2}X(z)$$

$$Y(z)(1 - 0.5z^{-1} - 0.3z^{-2}) = X(z)(-1 + 3z^{-1} - 2z^{-2})$$

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{(-1 + 3z^{-1} - 2z^{-2})}{(1 - 0.5z^{-1} - 0.3z^{-2})}$$

Transfer function: General expression

$$y[n] = \sum_{l=1}^N a_l y[n-l] + \sum_{k=0}^M b_k x[n-k]$$

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

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^M b_k z^{-k}}{1 - \sum_{l=1}^N a_l z^{-l}}$$

$a_l \dots$ *feedback* coefficients

$b_k \dots$ *feed – forward* coefficients

Transfer function: Impulse Response

Transfer function is also Z – transform of impulse

response, $H(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} h[n]z^{-n}$

From previous lecture Impulse response of,

$y[n] = a_1 y[n-1] + b_0 x[n] + b_1 x[n-1]$ is

$h[n] = b_0 a_1^n u[n] + b_1 a_1^{n-1} u[n-1]$

$\therefore a^n u[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}}$

$$H(z) = b_0 \left(\frac{1}{1 - a_1 z^{-1}} \right) + b_1 z^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{1 - a_1 z^{-1}} \right)$$

$$H(z) = \frac{b_0 + b_1 z^{-1}}{1 - a_1 z^{-1}} \dots \text{same result}$$

In summary, except for polynomial functions on both numerator and denominator, general properties of Z – transforms are same for IIR and FIR filters

Example 1: Application of inverse Z-transform

Find the impulse response of the feedback system

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

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

$$\because a^n u[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}} \quad \& \quad z^{-1} X(z) \xleftrightarrow{z} x[n - 1]$$

$$\frac{1}{1 + 2z^{-1}} \xleftrightarrow{z} (-2)^n u[n] \quad \& \quad \frac{3z^{-1}}{1 + 2z^{-1}} \xleftrightarrow{z} 3(-2)^{n-1} u[n - 1]$$

$$h[n] = (-2)^n u[n] - 3(-2)^{n-1} u[n - 1]$$

Example 2

Find the impulse response of the feedback system

$$H(z) = \frac{z^2 + 2}{(z^2 + 0.4z - .12)}$$

$$= \frac{z(z + 2)}{(z - 0.2)(z + 0.6)}$$

$$= \frac{c_1 z}{(z - 0.2)} + \frac{c_2 z}{(z + 0.6)}$$

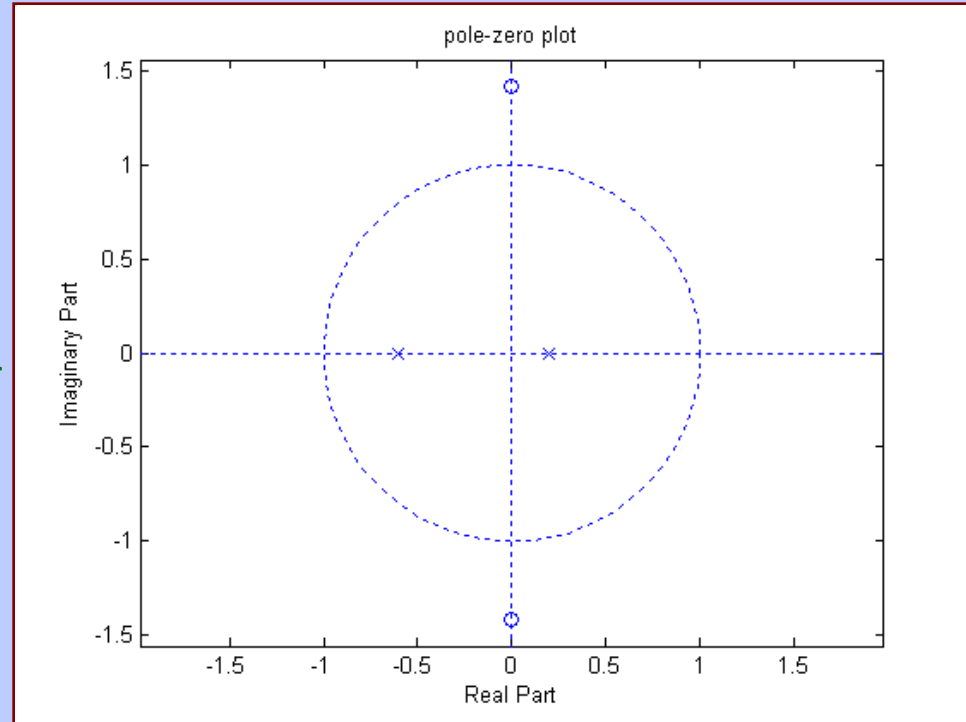
$$c_1 = X(z) \frac{(z - 0.2)}{z} \Big|_{z=0.2} = \frac{z + 2}{(z + 0.6)} \Big|_{z=0.2} = 2.75$$

$$c_2 = X(z) \frac{(z + 0.6)}{z} \Big|_{z=-0.6} = \frac{z + 2}{(z - 0.2)} \Big|_{z=-0.6} = -1.75$$

$$H(z) = \frac{2.75z}{(z - 0.2)} - \frac{1.75z}{(z + 0.6)}$$

$$\because a^n u[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} \frac{z}{z - a}$$

$$h[n] = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2.75(0.2)^n u[n] \\ -1.75(-0.6)^n u[n] \end{array} \right\}$$



Poles & Zeros

FIR filters had poles only at $z = 0$. However, IIR filters can have poles anywhere, because the poles are nothing but the roots of the denominator polynomial $A(z)$

Consider a first order transfer function, $H(z) = \frac{b_0 + b_1 z^{-1}}{1 - a_1 z^{-1}}$

$$\text{Zero...} b_0 + b_1 z^{-1} = 0 \Rightarrow z_1 = -\frac{b_1}{b_0}$$

$$\text{Pole...} 1 - a_1 z^{-1} = 0 \Rightarrow p_1 = a_1$$

Poles & Zeros — 2nd order IIR filter

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{(b_0 + b_1 z^{-1} + b_2 z^{-2})}{(1 - a_1 z^{-1} - a_2 z^{-2})}$$

Convert the function as a function of 'z'

$$H(z) = \frac{(b_0 z^2 + b_1 z^1 + b_2)}{(z^2 - a_1 z^1 - a_2)}$$

A polynomial of degree 'N' has 'N' roots

∴ order 2 polynomial will have 2 zeros and 2 poles

Zeros, from numerator;

$$b_0 z^2 + b_1 z + b_2 = 0$$

$$[z_1, z_2] = \frac{-b_1 \pm \sqrt{b_1^2 - 4b_0 b_2}}{2b_0}$$

$$z_1 = \frac{-b_1 + \sqrt{b_1^2 - 4b_0 b_2}}{2b_0}, \quad z_2 = \frac{-b_1 - \sqrt{b_1^2 - 4b_0 b_2}}{2b_0}$$

if $(b_1^2 - 4b_0 b_2) < 0$ or $b_1^2 < 4b_0 b_2$

Then the z_1 and z_2 will be a complex conjugate pair

$$z_1 = z_2^*$$

Poles, from denominator;

$$z^2 - a_1 z - a_2 = 0$$

$$[p_1, p_2] = \frac{a_1 \pm \sqrt{a_1^2 + 4a_2}}{2}$$

$$p_1 = \frac{a_1 + \sqrt{a_1^2 + 4a_2}}{2}, \quad p_2 = \frac{a_1 - \sqrt{a_1^2 + 4a_2}}{2}$$

if $(a_1^2 + 4a_2) < 0$ or $a_1^2 < -4a_2$

Then the p_1 and p_2 will be a complex conjugate pair

$$p_1 = p_2^*$$

Example 1

Find the poles and zeros of the feedback system

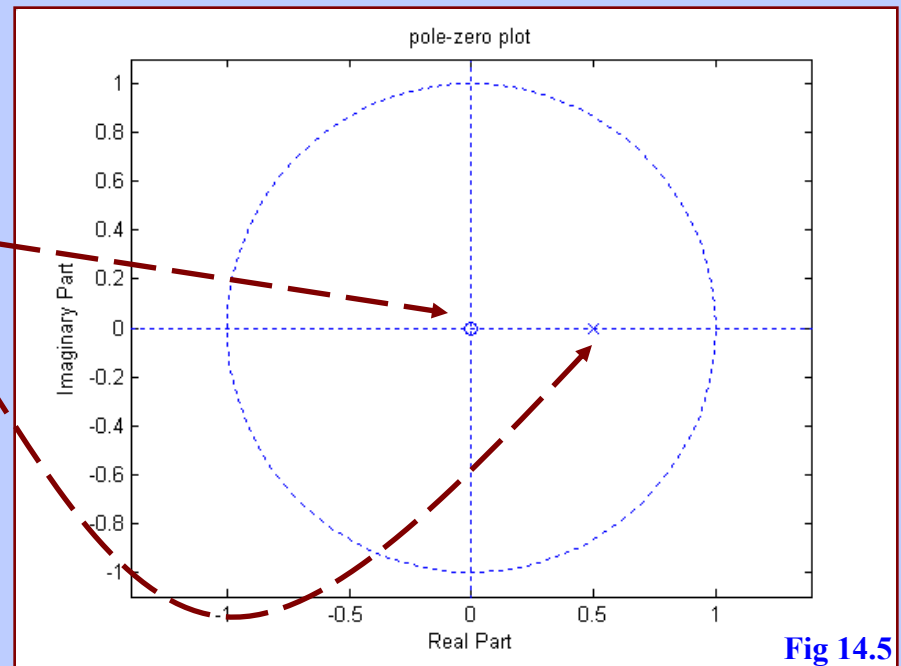
$$y[n] = 0.5y[n-1] + 2x[n]$$

$$H(z) = \frac{2}{1 - 0.5z^{-1}} = \frac{2z}{z - 0.5}$$

Zero... $2z = 0 \Rightarrow z = 0$

Pole... $z - 0.5 = 0 \Rightarrow z = 0.5$

Always convert the transfer function as a function of z



Example 2

Find the poles and zeros of the feedback system

$$y[n] = 0.5y[n-1] + 3x[n-1]$$

$$H(z) = \frac{3z^{-1}}{1 - 0.5z^{-1}} = \frac{3}{z - 0.5}$$

$$\text{Zero... } \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} H(z) = 0 \Rightarrow z = \infty$$

$$\text{Pole... } z - 0.5 = 0 \Rightarrow z = 0.5$$

if all poles and zeros at

$z = 0$ or ∞ are also counted, no. of poles = no. of zeros

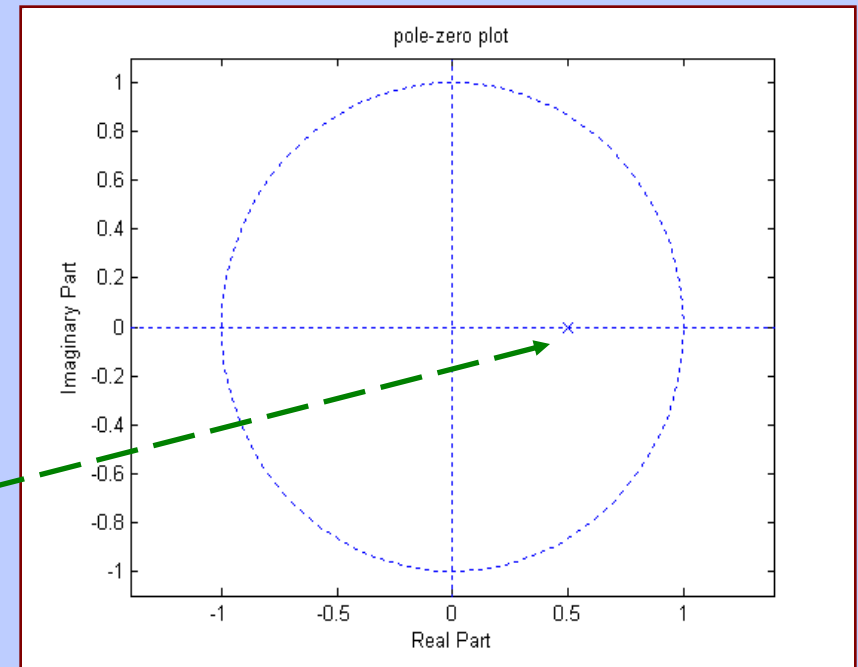


Fig 14.6

Example 3

Find the poles and zeros of the feedback system

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

Convert $H(z)$ into a function of z ,

$$H(z) = \left(\frac{2 + 2z^{-1}}{1 - z^{-1} + z^{-2}} \right) \frac{z^2}{z^2} = \frac{2z^2 + 2z}{z^2 - z + 1}$$

Zeros... $2z^2 + 2z = 0$; $2z(z + 1) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow z_1 = 0, \quad z_2 = -1$$

poles...z² - z + 1 = 0

$$p_1 = \frac{1 + \sqrt{1-4}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} + j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = e^{j\pi/3}$$

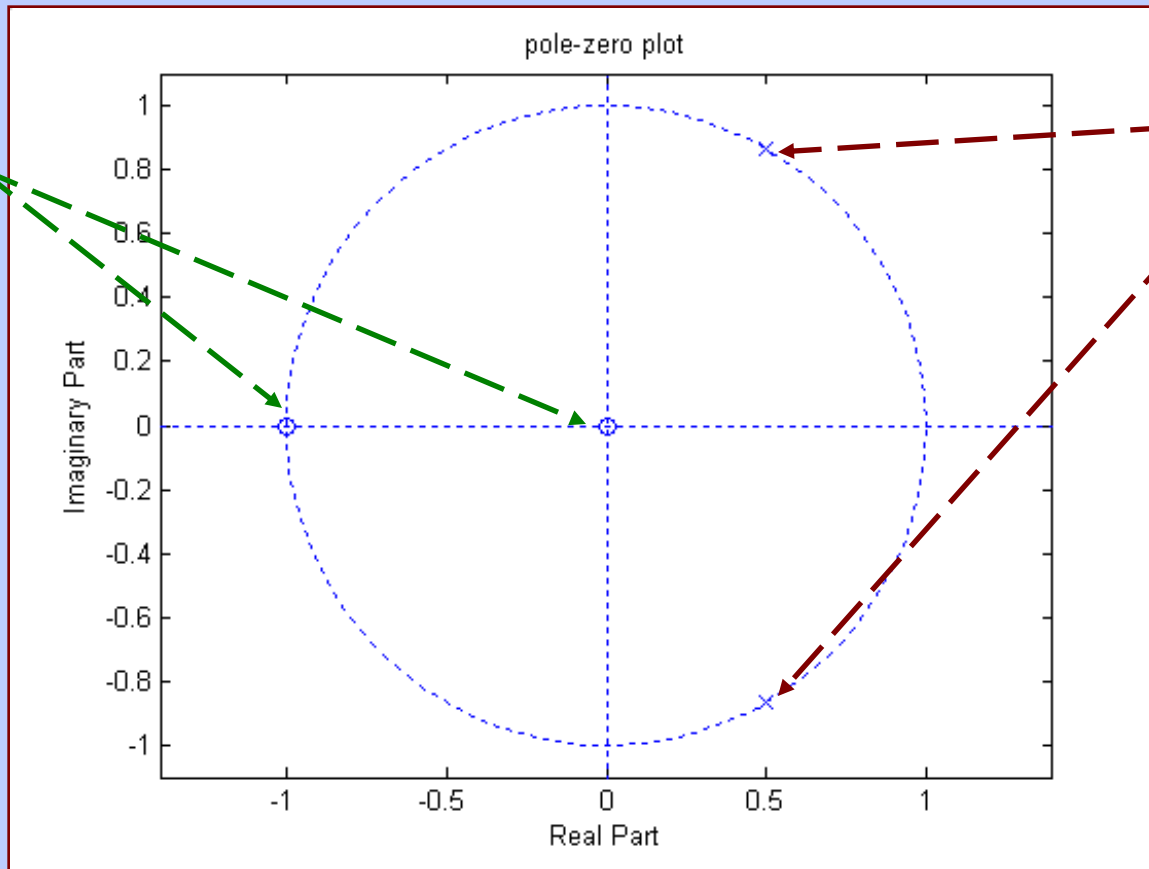
$$p_2 = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1-4}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} - j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = e^{-j\pi/3}$$

The system function can now be written in factored form also

$$H(z) = \frac{2z(z+1)}{(z - e^{j\pi/3})(z - e^{-j\pi/3})}$$

$$H(z) = \frac{2z(z+1)}{(z - e^{j\pi/3})(z - e^{-j\pi/3})}$$

Zeros



Poles

Example 4

Find the poles and zeros of the feedback system

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

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

Convert $H(z)$ into a function of z ,

$$H(z) = \left(\frac{1 + z^{-1} + 2z^{-2}}{1 - z^{-1} - z^{-2}} \right) \frac{z^2}{z^2} = \frac{z^2 + z + 2}{z^2 - z - 1}$$

Zeros... $z^2 + z + 2 = 0$

$$z_1 = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1-8}}{2} = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{j\sqrt{7}}{2}$$

$$z_2 = \frac{-1 - \sqrt{1-8}}{2} = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{j\sqrt{7}}{2}$$

Poles...z² - z - 1 = 0

$$p_1 = \frac{1 + \sqrt{1+4}}{2} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$p_2 = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1+4}}{2} = \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

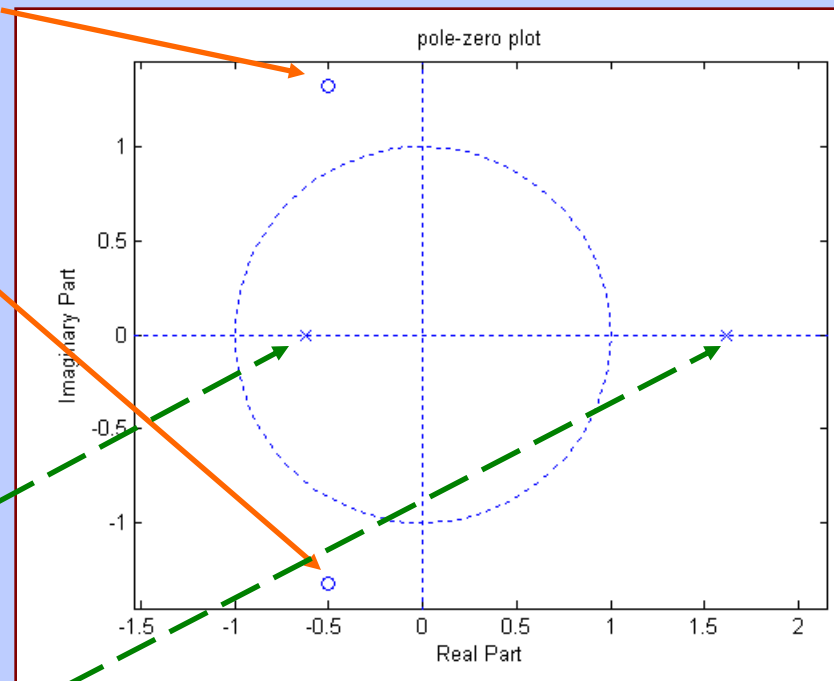


Fig 14.8

Example 5

Find the poles and zeros of the IIR filter

$$y[n] = 2y[n-1] - 3y[n-2] + 3x[n] + 2x[n-1] + x[n-2]$$

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

Convert $H(z)$ into a function of z ,

$$H(z) = \left(\frac{3 + 2z^{-1} + z^{-2}}{1 - 2z^{-1} + 3z^{-2}} \right) \frac{z^2}{z^2} = \frac{3z^2 + 2z + 1}{z^2 - 2z + 3}$$

Zeros... $3z^2 + 2z + 1 = 0$

$$z_1 = \frac{-2 + \sqrt{4 - 12}}{2} = -1 + \frac{j2\sqrt{2}}{2} = -1 + j\sqrt{2}$$

$$z_2 = \frac{-2 - \sqrt{4 - 12}}{2} = -1 - \frac{j2\sqrt{2}}{2} = -1 - j\sqrt{2}$$

Poles...z² - 2z + 3 = 0

$$p_1 = \frac{2 + \sqrt{4 - 12}}{2} = \frac{2 + j\sqrt{8}}{2} = 1 + j\sqrt{2}$$

$$p_2 = \frac{2 - \sqrt{4 - 12}}{2} = \frac{2 - j\sqrt{8}}{2} = 1 - j\sqrt{2}$$

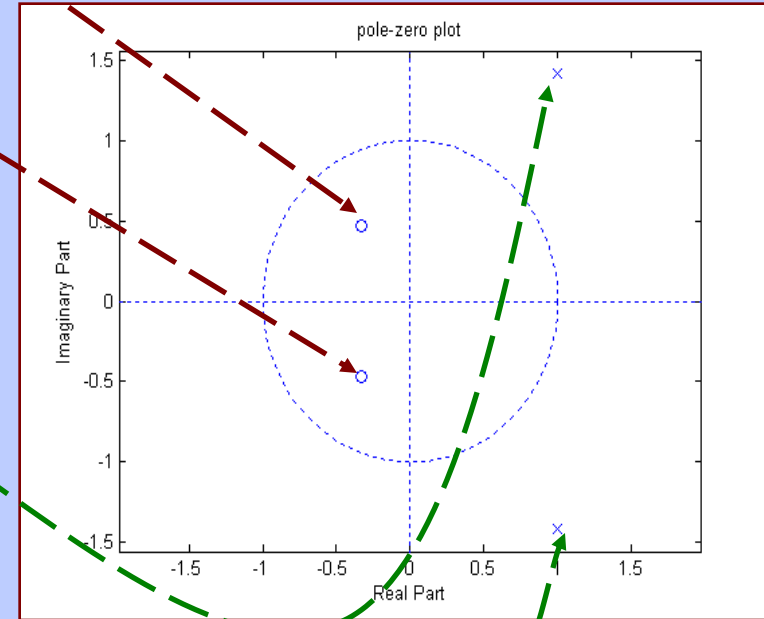


Fig 14.9

Poles locations & Stability

- All FIR filters are stable
- The location of poles plays an important role in the stability of IIR filters due to recursion

Consider the system function

$$H(z) = \frac{b_0 + b_1 z^{-1}}{1 - a_1 z^{-1}} \quad \text{the impulse response,}$$

$$h[n] = b_0 a_1^n u[n] + b_1 a_1^{n-1} u[n-1]$$

$$h[n] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } n < 0 \\ b_0 & \text{for } n = 0 \\ (b_0 + b_1 a_1^{-1}) a_1^n & \text{for } n \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Consider the part with $n \geq 1$, $(b_0 + b_1 a_1^{-1}) a_1^n$

let $(b_0 + b_1 a_1^{-1}) = k$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k a_1^n \rightarrow 0$ *if $|a_1| < 1$*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ka_1^n \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{if } |a_1| \geq 1$$

It is desirable to have the impulse response die down as $n \rightarrow \infty$, otherwise an unbound output results even from a few input samples

$|a_1| < 1$ implies that the pole will be inside the unit circle in z – plane

Thus a causal LTI IIR system with initial rest conditions is stable only if all the poles lie inside the unit circle

IIR stability: All poles must be inside unit circle

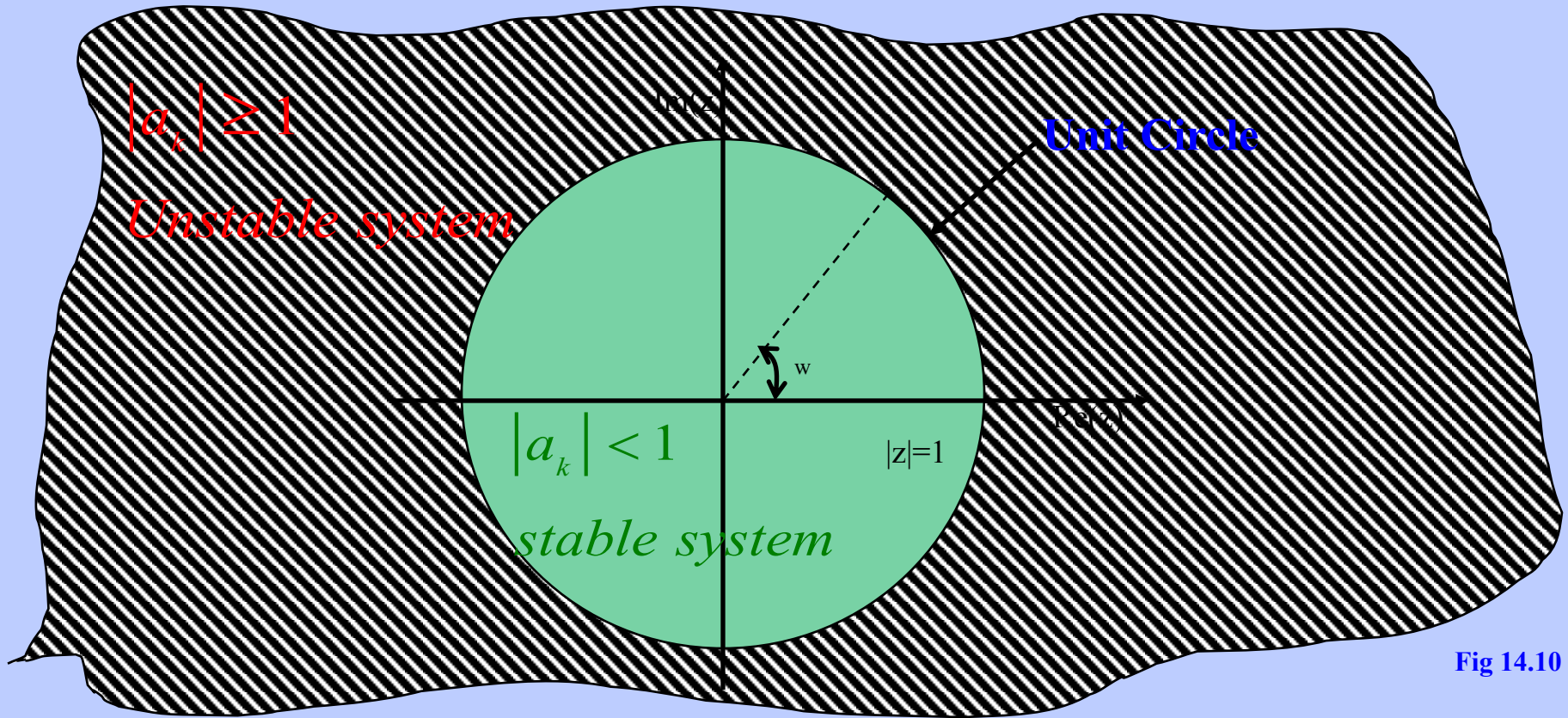


Fig 14.10

Location of Zeros has nothing to do with stability

Example 1

Comment on the stability of the IIR filter with transfer function

$$H(z) = \frac{1 - 2z^{-1}}{1 - 0.8z^{-1}}$$

zero... $1 - 2z^{-1} = 0 \Rightarrow z = 2$

pole... $1 - 0.8z^{-1} = 0 \Rightarrow z = 0.8$

$|0.8| < 1$, inside unit circle.

The filter is stable

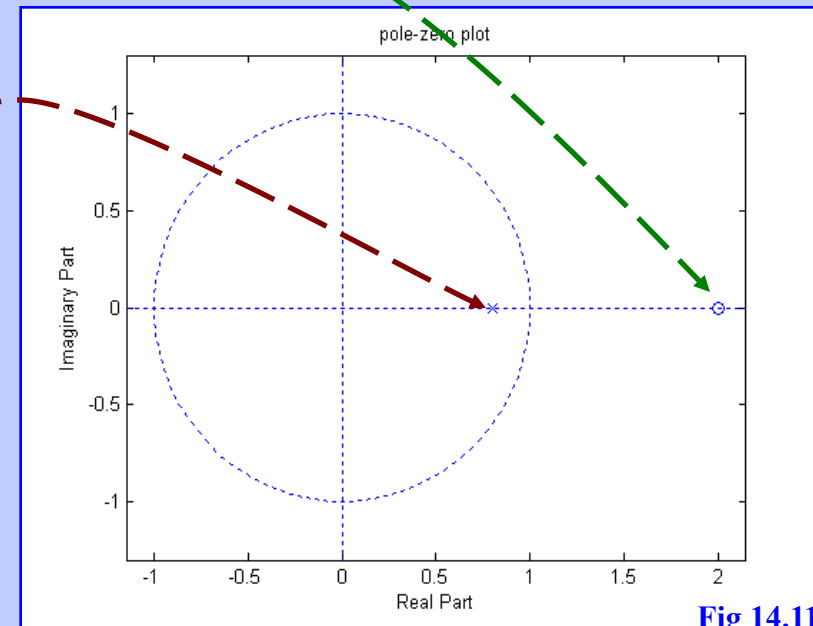


Fig 14.11

Example 2

Comment on the stability of the filter with difference equation

$$y[n] = 2y[n-1] + x[n] - 0.8x[n-1]$$

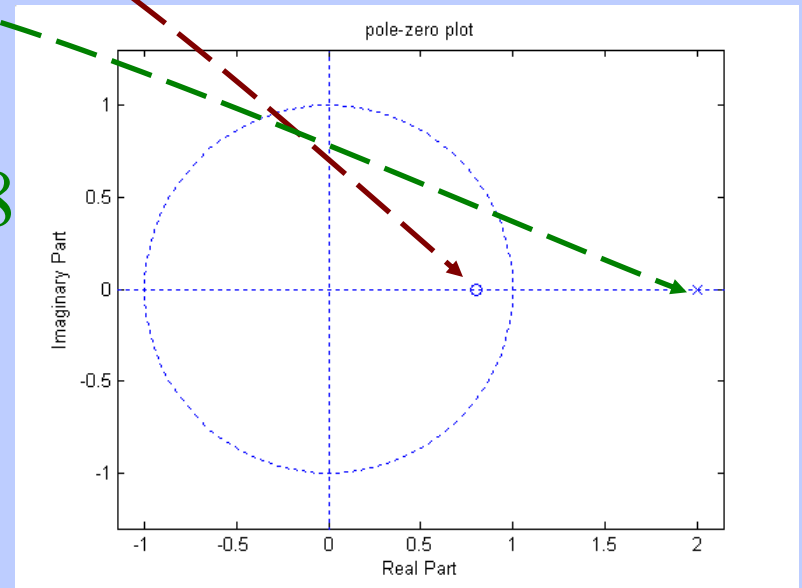
$$H(z) = \frac{1 - 0.8z^{-1}}{1 - 2z^{-1}}$$

zero... $1 - 0.8z^{-1} = 0 \Rightarrow z = 0.8$

pole... $1 - 2z^{-1} = 0 \Rightarrow z = 2$

$|2| > 1$, outside unit circle.

The filter is unstable



Example 3

Comment on the stability of the feedback system

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

$$\begin{aligned} H(z) &= \frac{1}{1 + z^{-2}} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{1 + z^{-2}} \right) \frac{z^2}{z^2} = \frac{z^2}{z^2 + 1} \end{aligned}$$

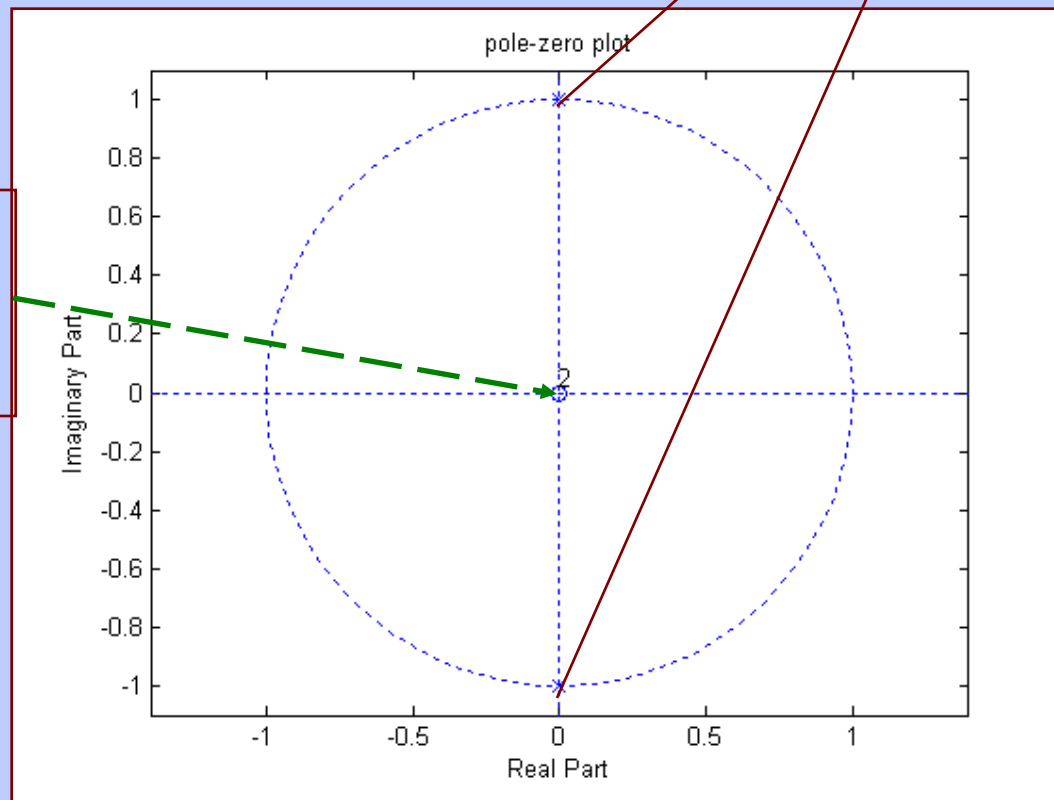
zeros... $z^2 = 0 \Rightarrow [z_1, z_2] = [0, 0]$

poles... $z^2 + 1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow z = \pm\sqrt{-1} = [p_1, p_2] = [-j, j]$$

$|j| = 1$, on the unit circle.

The filter is unstable



**2nd order
zero**

Fig 14.13

Example 4

Comment on the stability of the feedback system

$$y[n] = y[n-1] - 2y[n-2] + x[n] - 2x[n-1] + 3x[n-2]$$

$$\begin{aligned} H(z) &= \frac{1 - 2z^{-1} + 3z^{-2}}{1 - z^{-1} + 2z^{-2}} \\ &= \left(\frac{1 - 2z^{-1} + 3z^{-2}}{1 - z^{-1} + 2z^{-2}} \right) \frac{z^2}{z^2} \\ &= \frac{z^2 - 2z + 3}{z^2 - z + 2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{zeros...} z^2 - 2z + 3 = 0$$

$$z_1 = \frac{2 + \sqrt{4 - 12}}{2} = 1 + j\sqrt{2}$$

$$z_2 = \frac{2 - \sqrt{4 - 12}}{2} = 1 - j\sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{poles...} z^2 - z + 2 = 0$$

$$p_1 = \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - 8}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{j\sqrt{7}}{2}$$

$$p_2 = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - 8}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{j\sqrt{7}}{2}$$

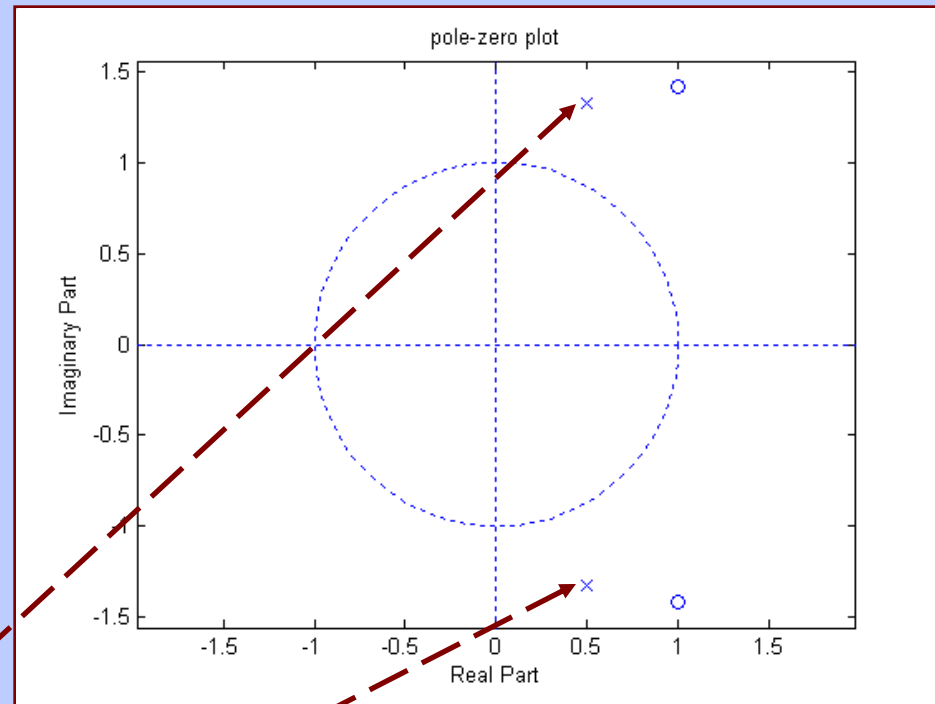


Fig 14.14

Unstable system

Example 5

Comment on the stability of the IIR system

$$4y[n] = y[n-1] - 2y[n-2] + x[n] - 5x[n-1] + 6x[n-2]$$

$$\begin{aligned} H(z) &= \frac{1 - 5z^{-1} + 6z^{-2}}{4 - z^{-1} + 2z^{-2}} \\ &= \left(\frac{1 - 5z^{-1} + 6z^{-2}}{4 - z^{-1} + 2z^{-2}} \right) \frac{z^2}{z^2} \\ &= \frac{z^2 - 5z + 6}{4z^2 - z + 2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Zeros...} z^2 - 5z + 6 = 0, \quad (z - 2)(z - 3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow [z_1, z_2] = [2, 3]$$

$$\text{Poles...} 4z^2 - z + 2 = 0$$

$$p_1 = \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - 32}}{8} = \frac{1}{8} + j \frac{\sqrt{31}}{8}$$

$$p_2 = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - 32}}{8} = \frac{1}{8} - j \frac{\sqrt{31}}{8}$$

Magnitude of poles = 0.707

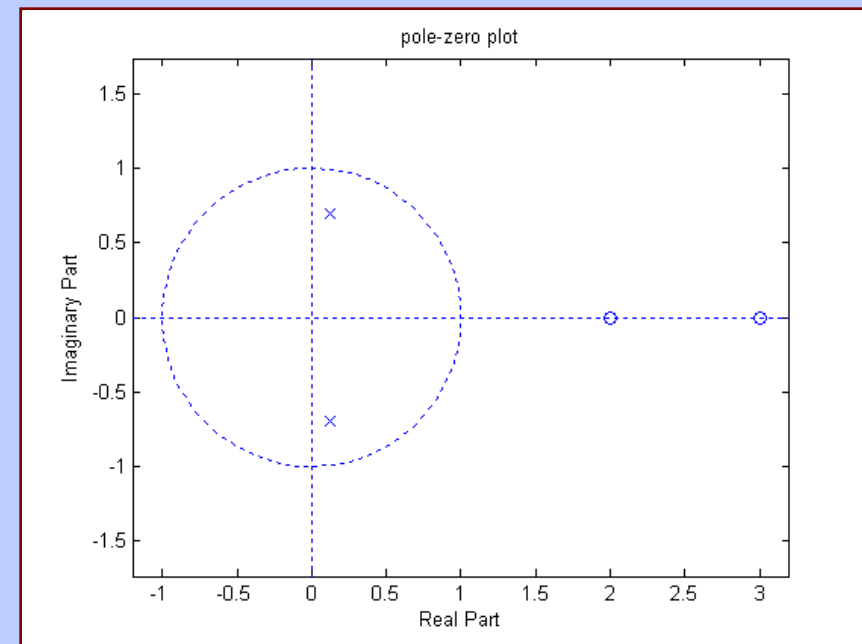


Fig 14.15

Stable system

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