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**EXAMINATION IN COURSE  
TTT4120 DIGITAL SIGNAL PROCESSING**

Date: Thursday, 19 August 2010

Time: 15.00 - 19.00

Permitted aids: D–No printed or hand-written material allowed.  
Specified, simple calculator allowed.

**INFORMATION**

- The examination consists of 4 problems:
  - Problem 1 concerns analysis of digital filters.
  - Problem 2 concerns finite word length effects in filter structures.
  - Problem 3 concerns stocastical processes.
  - Problem 4 concerns sampling in frequency domain and DFT.

The weight of each subproblem is given in parenthesis. Total number of points is 56.

- **The solution steps should be evident and all answers should be justified!**
- Some important formulae can be found in the appendix.
- The teacher will go around twice, around 16.00 and around 17.45.
- Grades will be announced by September 9th.

**Good luck!**

**Problem 1 (3+6+9+4=22 points)**

A discrete-time system with transfer function  $H(z)$  consists of two subsystems connected in series. The first subsystem is anticausal and is given by its transfer function

$$H_1(z) = \frac{1}{1 - 3z^{-1}}.$$

The second subsystem is causal and is given by the following difference equation

$$2y(n) - y(n - 1) = x(n) - 2x(n - 1),$$

where  $x(n)$  and  $y(n)$  are the input and the output signal of the subsystem, respectively.

**1a)** Sketch the region of convergency (ROC) for the transfer functions of the subsystems  $H_1(z)$  and  $H_2(z)$ , and their serial connection  $H(z)$ .

**1b)** Show that the unit pulse responses of the two subsystems are given by

$$h_1(n) = \begin{cases} -3^n & n < 0 \\ 0 & n \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$h_2(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & n < 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & n = 0 \\ -3 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n+1} & n > 0, \end{cases}$$

and that the unit pulse response of the entire system is given by

$$h(n) = \begin{cases} -\frac{3^n}{5} & n < 0 \\ \frac{3}{5} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n+1} & n \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

**1c)** Find out whether the two subsystems and their serial connection are stable?

Are they FIR- or IIR systems?

Do they have a linear phase response?

Determine their type (lowpass, highpass, bandpass, bandstop or all-pass).

**1d)** Draw the direct form II structure of the subsystem  $H_2(z)$ .

Draw the cascade structure of the entire system  $H(z)$ .

**Problem 2** (2+3+4+4=13 points)

Figure 1 shows the parallel structure of the filter  $H(z)$  from Problem 1.

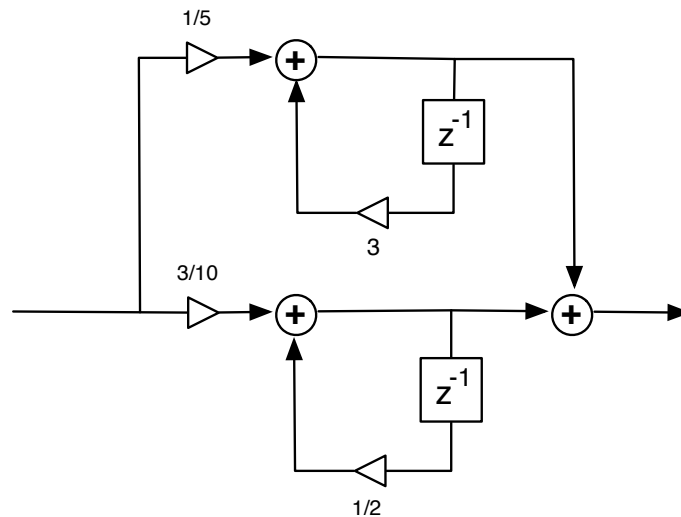


Figure 1: Implementation of a digital filter

All internal and external signals in the filter structure are represented by binary fixed-comma representation with 4 bits and the dynamic range  $[-1, 1)$ . Rounding is performed after each multiplication. Assume that the rounding error can be considered as uniformly distributed white noise.

**2a)** Derive an expression for rounding error power  $\sigma_e^2$  after a multiplication.

Find also the value of  $\sigma_e^2$ .

**2b)** Show that the signal power at the output of an LTI filter with unit sample response  $g(n)$  is equal to

$$\sigma_q^2 = \sigma_e^2 r_{gg}(0)$$

when white noise  $e(n)$  with power  $\sigma_e^2$  is sent at the input.

**2c)** Find the total rounding error power at the output of the filter in Figure 1.

**2d)** Find the necessary scaling factor at the input of the filter in Figure 1 in order to avoid overflow.

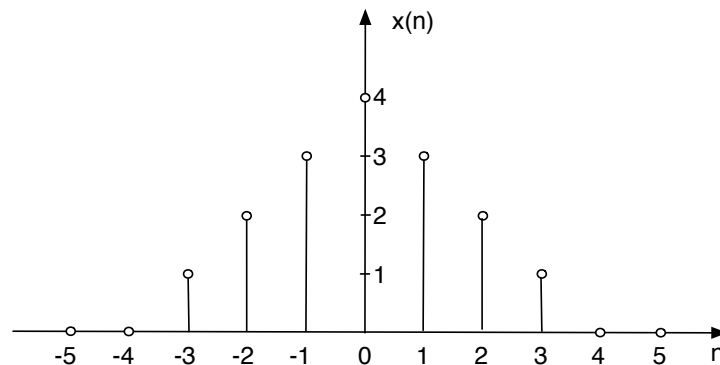
**Problem 3 (1+4+5+2=12 points)**

A stocastical process  $x(n)$  is generated by sending white Gaussian noise  $w(n)$  with variance  $\sigma_w^2 = 1$  through a system with transfer function  $H(z) = 1 - 2z^{-1}$ .

- 3a)** Which type of process is  $x(n)$ ?
- 3b)** Find the autocorrelation function  $\gamma_{xx}(l)$  and the power spectral density  $\Gamma_{xx}(\omega)$  of the process.
- 3c)** We wish to model the process by an optimal AR(2) model.  
Find the model parameters
- 3d)** Find an expression for the power spectral density estimator  $\hat{\Gamma}_{xx}(\omega)$  based on the optimal AR(2) model.

**Problem 4 (2+4+3=9 points)**

A discrete-time signal  $x(n]$  is given by the following figure.



- 4a)** Find the spectrum  $X(\omega)$  of the signal  $x(n]$ .
- 4b)** We take samples of the spectrum  $X(\omega)$  in the following way

$$X(k) = X(\omega)|_{\omega=\frac{2\pi k}{N}}.$$

Sketch the signal  $y(n]$  which has spectrum given by  $X(k)$ .

How do we have to choose  $N$  in order to be able to recover the signal  $x(n]$  from the spectral samples  $X(k)$ ?

- 4c)** Explain the principle of the overlap-add method for filtering very long sequences through an FIR filter using DFT.