ELEN E4810: Digital Signal Processing Topic 2: Time domain

- 1. Discrete-time systems
- 2. Convolution
- 3. Linear Constant-Coefficient Difference Equations (LCCDEs)
- 4. Correlation



1. Discrete-time systems

A system converts input to output:

$$x[n] \rightarrow \mathsf{DT} \operatorname{System} \rightarrow y[n] \qquad \{y[n]\} = f(\{x[n]\})_{\forall n}$$

E.g. Moving Average (MA):



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MA Smoother

 MA smoothes out rapid variations (e.g. "12 month moving average")



Accumulator

Output accumulates all past inputs:

$$y[n] = \sum_{\ell=-\infty}^{n} x[\ell]$$

$$= \sum_{\ell=-\infty}^{n-1} x[\ell] + x[n]$$

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

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y[*n*]

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Classes of DT systems

Linear systems obey superposition:

$$x[n] \longrightarrow DT$$
 system $\longrightarrow y[n]$

- if input $x_1[n] \rightarrow$ output $y_1[n], x_2 \rightarrow y_2 \dots$
- given a linear combination of inputs: x[n] = α x₁[n] + β x₂[n]
 then output y[n] = α y₁[n] + β y₂[n]
- then output $y[n] = \alpha y_1[n] + \beta y_2[n]$ for all α , β , x_1 , x_2

i.e. same linear combination of outputs



Linearity: Example 1
• Accumulator:
$$y[n] = \sum_{\ell=-\infty}^{n} x[\ell]$$

 $x[n] = \alpha \cdot x_1[n] + \beta \cdot x_2[n]$
 $\rightarrow y[n] = \sum_{\ell=-\infty}^{n} (\alpha x_1[\ell] + \beta x_2[\ell])$
 $= \sum_{\ell=-\infty}^{n} (\alpha x_1[\ell]) + \sum_{\ell=-\infty}^{n} (\beta x_2[\ell])$
 $= \alpha \sum_{r=0}^{n} x_1[\ell] + \beta \sum_{r=0}^{n} x_2[\ell]$
 $= \alpha \cdot y_1[n] + \beta \cdot y_2[n]$ Linear



Linearity Example 2:

• "Teager Energy operator": $y[n] = x^2[n] - x[n-1] \cdot x[n+1]$

$$x[n] = \alpha \cdot x_1[n] + \beta \cdot x_2[n]$$

$$\rightarrow y[n] = (\alpha x_1[n] + \beta x_2[n])^2$$

$$-(\alpha x_1[n-1] + \beta x_2[n-1])$$

$$\cdot (\alpha x_1[n+1] + \beta x_2[n+1])$$

$$\neq \alpha \cdot y_1[n] + \beta \cdot y_2[n] \qquad \bigstar \text{ Nonlinear}$$

Linearity Example 3: • 'Offset' accumulator: $y[n] = C + \sum x[\ell]$ \Rightarrow y₁[n] = C + $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_1[\ell]$ $\ell = -\infty$ $y[n] = C + \sum (\alpha x_1[\ell] + \beta x_2[\ell])$ but $\ell = -\infty$ $\neq \alpha y_1[n] + \beta y_2[n]$ X Nonlinear ... unless C = 0



Property: Shift (time) invariance

- Time-shift of input causes same shift in output
- i.e. if $x_1[n] \rightarrow y_1[n]$ then $x[n] = x_1[n-n_0]$ $\Rightarrow y[n] = y_1[n-n_0]$
- i.e. process doesn't depend on absolute value of n



Shift-invariance counterexample • Upsampler: $x[n] \rightarrow \uparrow L \rightarrow y[n]$ $y[n] = \begin{cases} x[n/L] & n = 0, \pm L, \pm 2L, \dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ $y_1[n] = x_1[n/L] \quad (n = r \cdot L)$ $x[n] = x_1[n - n_0]$ $\Rightarrow y[n] = x[n/L] = x_1[n/L - n_0]$ Not shift invariant $=x_1\left[\frac{n-L\cdot n_0}{L}\right]=y_1[n-L\cdot n_0]\neq y_1[n-n_0]$

Another counterexample

 $y[n] = n \cdot x[n]$ scaling by time index

- Hence $y_1[n n_0] = (n n_0) \cdot x_1[n n_0]$ If $x[n] = x_1[n n_0]$ then $y[n] = n \cdot x_1[n n_0]$
- Not shift invariant
 parameters depend on n



Linear Shift Invariant (LSI)

- Systems which are both linear and shift invariant are easily manipulated mathematically
- This is still a wide and useful class of systems
- If discrete index corresponds to time, called Linear Time Invariant (LTI)



Causality

- If output depends only on past and current inputs (not future), system is called causal
- Formally, if $x_1[n] \rightarrow y_1[n] \& x_2[n] \rightarrow y_2[n]$ • Causal $\rightarrow x_1[n] = x_2[n] \quad \forall n < N$ $\Leftrightarrow y_1[n] = y_2[n] \quad \forall n < N$



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• Moving average:
$$y[n] = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} x[n-k]$$

y[n] depends on $x[n-k], k \ge 0 \rightarrow$ causal

Centered' moving average

$$y_{c}[n] = y[n + (M - 1)/2]$$

= $\frac{1}{M} \left(x[n] + \sum_{k=1}^{(M-1)/2} x[n-k] + x[n+k] \right)$

- Iooks forward in time → noncausal
- .. Can make causal by delaying



Impulse response (IR) Impulse $\delta[n] = \begin{cases} 1, & n = 0 & \delta[n] & 1 \\ 0, & n \neq 0 & -3 - 2 - 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & n \end{cases}$

(unit sample sequence)

• Given a system: $x[n] \rightarrow DT$ system $\rightarrow y[n]$

if $x[n] = \delta[n]$ then $y[n] \triangleq h[n]$

"impulse response"

LSI system completely specified by h[n]



Impulse response example

Simple system: x[n] -





 $x[n] = \delta[n]$ impulse y[n] = h[n] impulse response



2. Convolution

• Impulse response: $\delta[n] \rightarrow$

LSI $\rightarrow h[n]$ Shift invariance: $\delta[n-n_0] \rightarrow$ LSI $\rightarrow h[n - n_0]$

+ Linearity: $\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{\alpha} \cdot \delta[n-k] \\ + \mathbf{\beta} \cdot \delta[n-l] \end{array}$ LSI $\rightarrow \frac{\alpha \cdot h[n-k]}{+\beta \cdot h[n-l]}$

• Can express any sequence with δ s: $x[n] = x[0]\delta[n] + x[1]\delta[n-1] + x[2]\delta[n-2].$



Convolution sum

- Hence, since $x[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]\delta[n-k]$
- For LSI, $y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]h[n-k]$ Convolution sum

written as $y[n] = x[n] \circledast h[n]$

Summation is symmetric in x and h i.e. $l = n - k \rightarrow x[n] \circledast h[n] = \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n-l]h[l] = h[n] \circledast x[n]$

Convolution properties

- LSI System output y[n] = input x[n]
 convolved with impulse response h[n]
 → h[n] completely describes system
- Commutative: $x[n] \circledast h[n] = h[n] \circledast x[n]$
- Associative:

 $(x[n] \circledast h[n]) \circledast y[n] = x[n] \circledast (h[n] \circledast y[n])$

Distributive:

 $h[n] \circledast (x[n] + y[n]) = h[n] \circledast x[n] + h[n] \circledast y[n]$

Interpreting convolution

Passing a signal through a (LSI) system is equivalent to convolving it with the system's impulse response





Convolution interpretation 2 $y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]x[n-k] \qquad x[n] \qquad 0 \qquad y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]x[n-k] \qquad x[n] \qquad y[n] \qquad y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]x[n-k] \qquad x[n] \qquad y[n] \qquad y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]x[n-k] \qquad y[n] \qquad y[n] \qquad y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]x[n-k] \qquad y[n] \qquad y[n] \qquad y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]x[n-k] \qquad y[n] \qquad y[n] \qquad y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]x[n-k] \qquad y[n] \qquad y[n] \qquad y[n] \qquad y[n] \qquad y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]x[n-k] \qquad y[n] \qquad y[$

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- weighted by points in *h*
- Conversely, weighted, delayed versions of *h* ...



x | n-2



Diagonals in X matrix are equal



Convolution notes

- Total nonzero length of convolving N and M point sequences is N+M-1
- Adding the indices of the terms within the summation gives n :

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

i.e. summation indices move in opposite senses



Convolution in MATLAB

- The M-file conv implements the convolution sum of two finite-length sequences
- If a = [0 3 1 2 -1] b = [3 2 1] then conv(a,b) yields [0 9 9 11 2 0 -1]



Connected systems

Cascade connection:

$$\rightarrow h_1[n] \longrightarrow h_2[n] \longrightarrow = \longrightarrow h_1[n] \circledast h_2[n] \longrightarrow$$

Impulse response h[n] of the cascade of two systems with impulse responses $h_1[n]$ and $h_2[n]$ is $h[n] = h_1[n] \circledast h_2[n]$

$$h_1[n] \longrightarrow h_2[n] \longrightarrow \equiv \longrightarrow h_2[n]$$

 $h_1[n]$

Inverse systems

- $\delta[n]$ is identity for convolution i.e. $x[n] \circledast \delta[n] = x[n]$
- Consider

$$x[n] \longrightarrow h_1[n] \longrightarrow y[n] \longrightarrow h_2[n] \longrightarrow z[n]$$

 $z[n] = h_2[n] \circledast y[n] = h_2[n] \circledast h_1[n] \circledast x[n]$ $= x[n] \quad \text{if} \quad h_2[n] \circledast h_1[n] = \delta[n]$

h₂[n] is the inverse system of h₁[n]



Inverse systems

- Use inverse system to recover input x[n] from output y[n] (e.g. to undo effects of transmission channel)
- Only sometimes possible e.g. cannot 'invert' h₁[n] = 0
- In general, attempt to solve $h_2[n] \circledast h_1[n] = \delta[n]$



Inverse system example

- Accumulator: Impulse response h₁[n] = µ[n]
- 'Backwards difference' $h_2[n] = \delta[n] - \delta[n-1]$



.. has desired property: $\mu[n] - \mu[n-1] = \delta[n]$ -3 -2 -1



Thus, 'backwards difference' is inverse system of accumulator.





Impulse response of two parallel systems added together is:

 $h[n] = h_1[n] + h_2[n]$



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3. Linear Constant-Coefficient Difference Equation (LCCDE)

General spec. of DT, LSI, finite-dim sys:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N} d_{k} y[n-k] = \sum_{k=0}^{M} p_{k} x[n-k]$$

• defined by
$$\{d_k\},\{p_k\}$$

• order =
$$max(N,M)$$

• Rearrange for y[n] in causal form: $y[n] = -\sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{d_k}{d_0} y[n-k] + \sum_{k=0}^{M} \frac{p_k}{d_0} x[n-k]$

• WLOG, always have $d_0 = 1$







Complementary Solution

- General form of unforced oscillation i.e. system's 'natural modes'
- Assume y_c has form $y_c[n] = \lambda^n$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{N} d_{k} \lambda^{n-k} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^{n-N} \left(d_{0} \lambda^{N} + d_{1} \lambda^{N-1} + \ldots + d_{N-1} \lambda + d_{N} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{N} d_{k} \lambda^{N-k} = 0$$
 Characteristic polynomial of system - depends only on $\{d_{k}\}$



Complementary Solution

- $\sum_{k=0}^{N} d_k \lambda^{N-k} = 0 \text{ factors into roots } \lambda_i, \text{ i.e.} \\ (\lambda \lambda_1)(\lambda \lambda_2)... = 0$
- Each/any λ_i satisfies eqn.
- Thus, complementary solution: y_c[n] = α₁λ₁ⁿ + α₂λ₂ⁿ + α₃λ₃ⁿ +... Any linear combination will work
 → α_is are free to match initial conditions



Complementary Solution

Repeated roots in chr. poly:

$$(\lambda - \lambda_1)^{L} (\lambda - \lambda_2) \dots = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y_c[n] = \alpha_1 \lambda_1^{n} + \alpha_2 n \lambda_1^{n} + \alpha_3 n^2 \lambda_1^{n} + \dots + \alpha_L n^{L-1} \lambda_1^{n} + \dots$$

• Complex $\lambda_i s \rightarrow sinusoidal y_c[n] = \alpha_i \lambda_i^n$





Particular Solution

- Recall: Total solution $y[n] = y_c[n] + y_p[n]$
- Particular solution reflects input
- 'Modes' usually decay away for large n leaving just y_p[n]
- Assume 'form' of x[n], scaled by β : e.g. x[n] constant $\rightarrow y_p[n] = \beta$ $x[n] = \lambda_0^n \rightarrow y_p[n] = \beta \cdot \lambda_0^n \ (\lambda_0 \notin \lambda_i)$ or $= \beta n^L \lambda_0^n \ (\lambda_0 \in \lambda_i)$



Need input: x[n] = 8µ[n]
Need initial conditions: y[-1] = 1, y[-2] = -1



Complementary solution:

 $y[n] + y[n-1] - 6y[n-2] = 0; \quad y[n] = \lambda^{n}$ $\Rightarrow \lambda^{n-2} (\lambda^{2} + \lambda - 6) = 0$ $\Rightarrow (\lambda + 3)(\lambda - 2) = 0 \rightarrow \text{roots } \lambda_{1} = -3, \lambda_{2} = 2$ $\Rightarrow y_{c}[n] = \alpha_{1}(-3)^{n} + \alpha_{2}(2)^{n}$ $\alpha_{1}, \alpha_{2} \text{ are unknown at this point}$



- Particular solution:
- Input x[n] is constant = $8\mu[n]$ assume $y_p[n] = \beta$, substitute in: y[n] + y[n-1] - 6y[n-2] = x[n] ('large' n) $\Rightarrow \beta + \beta - 6\beta = 8\mu[n]$ $\Rightarrow -4\beta = 8 \Rightarrow \beta = -2$



- Total solution $y[n] = y_c[n] + y_p[n]$ = $\alpha_1(-3)^n + \alpha_2(2)^n + \beta$
- Solve for unknown \$\alpha_i\$ s by substituting initial conditions into DE at \$n = 0, 1, ... \$y[n] + y[n-1] 6y[n-2] = x[n] from ICs
 \$n = 0\$ \$y[0] + \$y[-1] 6y[-2] = x[0]\$ \$\approx \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \beta + 1 + 6 = 8\$ \$\approx \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 3\$



- $\underline{n = 1} \quad y[1] + y[0] 6 \underline{y[-1]} = x[1]$ $\Rightarrow \alpha_1(-3) + \alpha_2(2) + \beta + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \beta 6 = 8$ $\Rightarrow -2\alpha_1 + 3\alpha_2 = 18$
- solve: $\alpha_1 = -1.8$, $\alpha_2 = 4.8$
- Hence, system output: $y[n] = -1.8(-3)^n + 4.8(2)^n - 2$ $n \ge 0$
- Don't find α_i s by solving with ICs at (ICs may not reflect natural modes; n = -1, -2 Mitra3 ex 2.37-8 (4.22-3) is wrong)

LCCDE solving summary

- Difference Equation (DE): $Ay[n] + By[n-1] + \dots = Cx[n] + Dx[n-1] + \dots$ Initial Conditions (ICs): y[-1] = ...
- DE RHS = 0 with $y[n] = \lambda^n \rightarrow \text{roots } \{\lambda_i\}$ gives complementary soln $y_c[n] = \sum \alpha_i \lambda_i^n$
- Particular soln: $y_p[n] \sim x[n]$ solve for $\beta \lambda_0^n$ "at large n"
- \$\alpha_i\$ by substituting DE at \$n = 0, 1, ...\$
 ICs for \$y[-1]\$, \$y[-2]\$; \$y_t = y_c + y_p\$ for \$y[0]\$, \$y[1]\$...\$

LCCDEs: zero input/zero state

- Alternative approach to solving LCCDEs is to solve two subproblems:
 - y_{zi}[n], response with zero input (just ICs)
 - y_{zs}[n], response with zero state (just x[n])
- Because of linearity, $y[n] = y_{zi}[n] + y_{zs}[n]$
- Both subproblems are 'fully realized'
- But, have to solve for α_is twice (then sum them)



Impulse response of LCCDEs

■ Impulse response: $\delta[n] \rightarrow LCCDE \mapsto h[n]$

i.e. solve with $x[n] = \delta[n] \rightarrow y[n] = h[n]$ (zero ICs)

• With $x[n] = \delta[n]$, 'form' of $y_p[n] = \beta \delta[n]$

 \rightarrow solve y[n] for n = 0, 1, 2... to find α_i s

LCCDE IR example

• e.g. y[n] + y[n-1] - 6y[n-2] = x[n](from before); $x[n] = \delta[n]$; y[n] = 0 for n < 0• $y_c[n] = \alpha_1(-3)^n + \alpha_2(2)^n$ $y_p[n] = \beta \delta[n]$ $n = 0: y[0] + y[-1] - 6y[-2] = x[0]^{-1}$ $\Rightarrow \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \beta = 1$ • n = 1: $\alpha_1(-3) + \alpha_2(2) + 1 = 0$ $\square \underline{n=2:} \alpha_1(9) + \alpha_2(4) - 1 - 6 = 0$ $\Rightarrow \alpha_1 = 0.6, \alpha_2 = 0.4, \beta = 0$ • thus $h[n] = 0.6(-3)^n + 0.4(2)^n$ $n \ge 0$ System property: Stability

Certain systems can be unstable e.g.



Output grows without limit in some conditions



Stability

- Several definitions for stability; we use Bounded-input, bounded-output (BIBO) stable
- For *every* bounded input $|x[n]| < B_x \quad \forall n$ output is also subject to a finite bound,

 $|y[n]| < B_y \quad \forall n$



Stability example

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• MA filter: $y[n] = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} x[n-k]$

$$[n] = \left| \frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} x[n-k] \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} |x[n-k]|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{M} M \cdot B_x \leq B_y \quad \rightarrow \text{BIBO Stable}$$

Stability & LCCDEs

LCCDE output is of form:

$$y[n] = \alpha_1 \lambda_1^{n} + \alpha_2 \lambda_2^{n} + ... + \beta \lambda_0^{n} + ...$$

 αs and βs depend on input & ICs, but to be bounded for any input we need |λ| < 1



4. Correlation

 Correlation ~ identifies similarity between sequences:



Correlation and convolution \sum_{∞}^{∞}

- Correlation: $r_{xy}[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty} x[k]y[k-n]$ Convolution: $x[n] \circledast y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]y[n-k]$
- Hence: $r_{xy}[n] = x[n] \circledast y[-n]$

Correlation may be calculated by convolving with time-reversed sequence



Autocorrelation

Autocorrelation (AC) is correlation of signal with itself:

$$r_{xx}[\ell] = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]x[n-\ell] = r_{xx}[-\ell]$$

• Note: $r_{xx}[0] = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x^2[n] = \varepsilon_x$ Energy of sequence $x[n]$



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Correlation maxima
Note:
$$r_{xx}[\ell] \le r_{xx}[0] \Rightarrow \left| \frac{r_{xx}[\ell]}{r_{xx}[0]} \right| \le 1$$

Similarly: $r_{xy}[\ell] \le \sqrt{\varepsilon_x \varepsilon_y} \Rightarrow \frac{r_{xy}[\ell]}{\sqrt{r_{xx}[0]r_{yy}[0]}} \le 1$
From geometry, $\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{x_i^2}}$ angle between $\langle \mathbf{xy} \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{x_i} x_i y_i = |\mathbf{x}| |\mathbf{y}| \cos \theta$ x and y
when $\mathbf{x}//\mathbf{y}$, $\cos \theta = 1$, else $\cos \theta < 1$



AC of a periodic sequence

- Sequence of period *N*: $\tilde{x}[n] = \tilde{x}[n+N]$
- Calculate AC over a finite window:

$$r_{\tilde{x}\tilde{x}}[\ell] = \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{n=-M}^{M} \tilde{x}[n]\tilde{x}[n-\ell]$$
$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \tilde{x}[n]\tilde{x}[n-\ell] \quad \text{if } M >> N$$



AC of a periodic sequence

$$r_{\tilde{x}\tilde{x}}[0] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \tilde{x}^2[n] = P_{\tilde{x}} \stackrel{\text{Average energy per}}{\text{sample or Power of } x}$$

$$r_{\tilde{x}\tilde{x}}[\ell+N] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \tilde{x}[n]\tilde{x}[n-\ell-N] = r_{\tilde{x}\tilde{x}}[\ell]$$

i.e AC of periodic sequence is periodic





What correlation looks like

Autocorrelation of generic signal



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Correlation in action

Close mic vs. video camera mic





Short-time cross-correlation



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