

Problem 1 (Golay Sequences).

Consider the sequence $\mathbf{x} = (x_0, \dots, x_N)$ where $x_i \in \{-1, 1\}$. The aperiodic autocorrelation function of the sequence \mathbf{x} is defined as follows,

$$R_x(k) = \sum_{i=0}^{N-k-1} x_i x_{i+k}, \quad \text{for } k = 0, \dots, N-1.$$

It is easy to check that $R_x(0) = N$. We say that the pair of sequences $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \{-1, +1\}^N$ are complementary, which we denote by $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathbf{y}$, if

$$R_x(k) + R_y(k) = 2N\delta[k],$$

where $\delta[k] = 1$ for $k = 0$ and zero otherwise.

i) Let $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathbf{y}$. Show that

a) $\mathbf{a} \sim \mathbf{b}$, where $a_k = (-1)^k x_k$ and $b_k = (-1)^k y_k$.

b) $\hat{\mathbf{x}} \sim \mathbf{y}$, where $\hat{x}_k = x_{N-k-1}$.

ii) Let $x[n]$ be a discrete signal such that $x[k] = x_k$ for $k = 0, \dots, N-1$ and zero otherwise. By using Parseval theorem prove that $\max_f |X(e^{j2\pi f})| \geq \sqrt{N}$ where $X(e^{j2\pi f})$ denotes the discrete time Fourier transform of $x[n]$.

iii) If $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathbf{y}$, prove that

$$|X(e^{j2\pi f})|, |Y(e^{j2\pi f})| \leq \sqrt{2N}.$$

Hint: First show that $|X(e^{j2\pi f})|^2 + |Y(e^{j2\pi f})|^2 = 2N$.

Problem 2 (LTI Systems).

For each of the following systems determine whether the system is (1) linear, (2) time-invariant, (3) stable, (4) causal, and (5) memoryless.

i) $T\{x[n]\} = \sum_{k=n_0}^n x[k]$.

ii) $T\{x[n]\} = x[Mn]$ where M is a positive integer.

iii) $T\{x[n]\} = x[n] * x[n]$.

iv) $T\{x[n]\} = \text{median}\{x[n - M_1], \dots, x[n - 1], x[n], x[n + 1], \dots, x[n + M_2]\}$ where M_1 and M_2 are positive integers.

v) $T\{x[n]\} = x[n] * h_1[n] * h_2[n] * h_3[n]$ where

$$x[n] * h_1[n] = \begin{cases} x[n/M] & \text{when } n \text{ is a multiple of } M \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$x[n] * h_2[n] = x[n] - \frac{1}{2}x[n-1]$$

$$x[n] * h_3[n] = x[Mn]$$

and M is a positive integer.

Problem 3 (Z -Transform).

Let $X(z) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]z^{-n}$ be defined as the z -transform of the sequence $x[n]$. Find the z -transform of the following two sequences, and draw their region of convergences (ROCs).

i) $x[n] = a^n u[n]$

ii) $x[n] = -a^n u[-n-1]$

Which of the above two systems are causal?

Problem 4 (Inverse Z -Transform).

Power Series Expansion: If we expand the z -transform summation, we obtain:

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]z^{-n} = \dots + x[-1]z^1 + x[0]z^0 + x[1]z^{-1} + \dots$$

We observe that the coefficients of this expansion are the sequence values of $x[n]$. Hence in case the ROC is appropriately specified, you might be able to invert a given $X(z)$ uniquely by finding its power series expansion.

1) Find the inverse z -transform using power series expansion.

i) $X(z) = z + \frac{(1-z^{-2})(1+\frac{1}{2}z^{-1})}{(1+z)}, 0 < |z| < \infty.$

ii) $X(z) = \log(1-2z^{-1}), |z| > 2.$

Partial Fraction Expansion: Assume that the z -transform can be represented as a ratio of two polynomials, i.e.

$$X(z) = \frac{\prod_{k=1}^M (1 - c_k z^{-1})}{\prod_{k=1}^N (1 - d_k z^{-1})}$$

where c_k 's are the zeros and d_k 's the poles of $X(z)$. When $M < N$ and all the d_k 's are distinct, the partial fraction expansion reduces $X(z)$ into the following form:

$$X(z) = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{A_k}{1 - d_k z^{-1}}$$

where $A_k = (1 - d_k z^{-1})X(z)|_{z=d_k}$. As you saw in Problem 3, $X(z)$ alone does not uniquely specify the corresponding $x[n]$. If the given ROC of $X(z)$ is such that each fraction of the above summation corresponds to the z -transform of a causal or anti-causal sequence, then you will be able to invert $X(z)$ into a unique sequence $x[n]$.

2) Find the inverse z -transform using partial fraction expansion.

$$\text{i) } X(z) = \frac{1}{(1 - \frac{1}{7}z^{-1})(1 - 5z^{-1})}, \quad \frac{1}{7} < |z| < 5$$

$$\text{ii) } X(z) = \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2}z^{-2}}{1 - \frac{3}{4}z^{-1} + \frac{1}{8}z^{-2}}, \quad |z| > \frac{1}{2}$$

Contour integration: The inverse z -transform can be computed directly by evaluating the following integral:

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{i2\pi} \oint_C X(z)z^{n-1}dz$$

where the integration is around a counterclockwise closed circular contour of radius $|z| = r$ inside the ROC.

3) Find the inverse z -transform evaluating the contour integral.

$$\text{i) } X(z) = \frac{(1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1})}{(1 - \frac{1}{4}z^{-1})(1 + z^{-1})}, \quad |z| > 1$$

Hint. Use the residue integration method.