

Control Engineering II

Topic 1: Z-Transform of Discrete-Time Systems

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Problem 1

Calculate the unilateral Z-transform of the unit ramp function:

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} t, & t \geq 0 \\ 0, & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

Take into account that the function can be rewritten considering the sampling period: $x(kT) = kT$, $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Solution:

Applying the definition of the transform and the formula that allows obtaining the summation of the resulting series, the transform would be:

$$X(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x(kT)z^{-k} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} kTz^{-k} = T \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} kz^{-k}$$

$$X(z) = T(z^{-1} + 2z^{-2} + 3z^{-3} + \dots)$$

$$X(z) = T \frac{z^{-1}}{(1 - z^{-1})^2} = \frac{Tz}{(z - 1)^2}$$

Problem 2

Calculate the Z-transform of the sinusoidal function:

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} \sin \omega t, & t \geq 0 \\ 0, & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

Solution:

Taking into account that $e^{j\omega t} = \cos \omega t + j \sin \omega t$ and $e^{-j\omega t} = \cos \omega t - j \sin \omega t$, we have:

- $\sin \omega t = \frac{1}{2j}(e^{j\omega t} - e^{-j\omega t})$

- $\cos \omega t = \frac{1}{2}(e^{j\omega t} + e^{-j\omega t})$

The Z-transform of the exponential function is known:

$$f(k) = e^{-\alpha k}, \quad k \geq 0 \Rightarrow F(z) = \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\alpha T} z^{-1}}$$

The sinusoidal function can be rewritten as the difference of exponentials, so the sought-after transform will be:

$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= \frac{1}{2j} \left(\frac{1}{1 - e^{j\omega T} z^{-1}} - \frac{1}{1 - e^{-j\omega T} z^{-1}} \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{2j} \frac{(e^{j\omega T} - e^{-j\omega T}) z^{-1}}{1 - (e^{j\omega T} + e^{-j\omega T}) z^{-1} + z^{-2}} \end{aligned}$$

Then:

$$X(z) = \frac{z^{-1} \sin \omega T}{1 - 2z^{-1} \cos \omega T + z^{-2}} = \frac{z \sin \omega T}{z^2 - 2z \cos \omega T + 1}$$

Problem 3

Calculate the Z-transform of the function:

$$f(k) = \begin{cases} a^{k-1}, & k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ 0, & k \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Solution:

To solve this problem one must use the real or time translation property: $Z[f(k - n)] = z^{-n}F(z)$

Since the delay in this case is one unit: $Z[f(k - 1)] = z^{-1}F(z)$

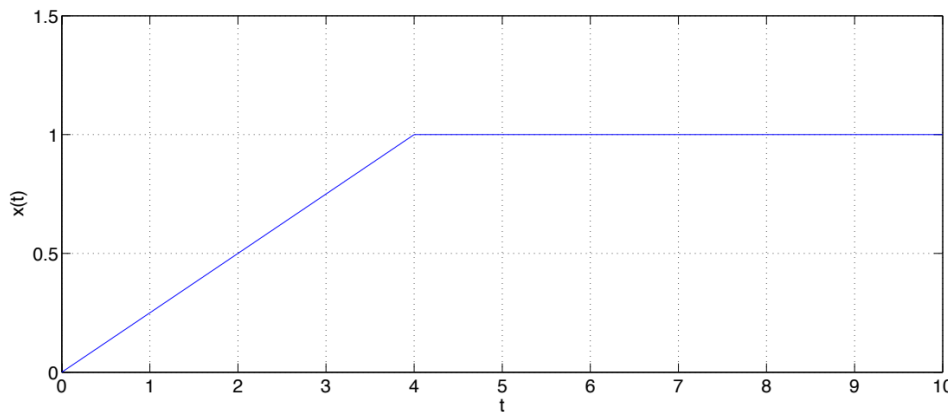
The Z-transform of the function is known: $Z[a^k] = \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}}$

Therefore:

$$Z[f(k)] = Z[a^{k-1}] = z^{-1} \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}} = \frac{z^{-1}}{1 - az^{-1}}$$

Problem 4

Obtain the Z-transform of the curve shown in the figure assuming that the sampling time T is 1 second.



Solution:

From the figure we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}x(0) &= 0, \quad x(1) = 0,5 \quad x(2) = 0,5 \\x(3) &= 0,75 \quad x(k) = 1, k = 4, 5, 6 \dots\end{aligned}$$

The Z-transform of $x(k)$ will be:

$$X(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x(k)z^{-k} = 0.25z^{-1} + 0.50z^{-2} + 0.75z^{-3} + z^{-4} + z^{-5} + z^{-6} + \dots$$

$$X(z) = 0.25(z^{-1} + 2z^{-2} + 3z^{-3}) + z^{-4} \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}} = \frac{z^{-1} + z^{-2} + z^{-3} + z^{-4}}{4(1 - z^{-1})}$$

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

Another way to calculate it would be from the expression of the curve:

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{4}t - \frac{1}{4}(t - 4)u(t - 4)$$

Where $u(t - 4)$ is a unit step occurring when $t = 4$. Since we know the sampling time the Z-transform can be calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}X(z) &= Z[x(t)] = Z\left[\frac{1}{4}t\right] - Z\left[\frac{1}{4}(t - 4)u(t - 4)\right] \\X(z) &= \frac{1}{4} \frac{z^{-1}}{(1 - z^{-1})^2} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{z^{-4}z^{-1}}{(1 - z^{-1})^2} = \frac{z^{-1}(1 - z^{-4})}{4(1 - z^{-1})^2}\end{aligned}$$

Problem 5

The function $y(k)$ is composed of a sum of functions $x(h)$, where $h = 1, 2, 3, \dots, k$, such that:

$$y(k) = \sum_{h=0}^k x(h) \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

where $y(k) = 0$ for $k < 0$. Obtain the Z-transform of $y(k)$.

Solution:

If we decompose the expression:

$$\begin{aligned} y(k) &= x(0) + x(1) + x(2) + \dots + x(k-1) + x(k) \\ y(k-1) &= x(0) + x(1) + x(2) + \dots + x(k-1) \end{aligned}$$

Subtracting: $y(k) - y(k-1) = x(k)$, $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Transforming to Z: $Z[y(k) - y(k-1)] = Z[x(k)]$

Using real or time translation, the previous expression becomes:

$$Y(z) - z^{-1}Y(z) = X(z)$$

Finally, the transform is:

$$Y(z) = \frac{1}{1-z^{-1}}X(z), \text{ where } X(z) = Z[x(k)]$$

Problem 6

Given the Z-transforms of $\sin wt$ and $\cos wt$, obtain the Z-transform of $e^{-\alpha t} \sin wt$ and $e^{-\alpha t} \cos wt$ using the complex translation theorem.

Solution:

Taking into account that $Z[\sin wt] = \frac{z^{-1} \sin wT}{1 - 2z^{-1} \cos wT + z^{-2}}$, we substitute z by $ze^{\alpha T}$ to obtain the Z-transform:

$$Z[e^{-\alpha t} \sin wt] = \frac{e^{-\alpha T} z^{-1} \sin wT}{1 - 2e^{-\alpha T} z^{-1} \cos wT + e^{-2\alpha T} z^{-2}}$$

Taking into account that $Z[\cos wt] = \frac{1 - z^{-1} \cos wT}{1 - 2z^{-1} \cos wT + z^{-2}}$, we substitute z by $ze^{\alpha T}$ to obtain the Z-transform:

$$Z[e^{-\alpha t} \cos wt] = \frac{1 - e^{-\alpha T} z^{-1} \cos wT}{1 - 2e^{-\alpha T} z^{-1} \cos wT + e^{-2\alpha T} z^{-2}}$$

Problem 7

Determine the final value $x(\infty)$ using the Final Value Theorem:

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{1-z^{-1}} - \frac{1}{1-e^{-aT}z^{-1}}, \quad a > 0$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} x(\infty) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} [(1 - z^{-1})X(z)] = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \left[(1 - z^{-1}) \left(\frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}} - \frac{1}{1 - e^{-aT}z^{-1}} \right) \right] \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \left(1 - \frac{1 - z^{-1}}{1 - e^{-aT}z^{-1}} \right) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Note: Since $X(z)$ is actually the transform of $x(t) = 1 - e^{-at}$, it can be calculated from this expression:

$$x(\infty) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (1 - e^{-at}) = 1$$

Problem 8

Find $x(k)$ for $k = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$ when:

$$X(z) = \frac{10z + 5}{(z - 1)(z - 0.2)}$$

Solution:

First we rewrite the expression to have it as a polynomial in z^{-1} :

$$X(z) = \frac{10z^{-1} + 5z^{-2}}{1 - 1.2z^{-1} + 0.2z^{-2}}$$

To solve this problem we will use the method of direct division, obtaining the inverse Z-transform by expanding $X(z)$ into a series in powers of z^{-1} . This method is useful when it is difficult to obtain the closed-form expression or only the first terms of $x(k)$ are needed.

We expand $X(z)$ to take advantage of the definition of the Z-transform:

$$X(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x(kT)z^{-k} = x(0) + x(T)z^{-1} + x(2T)z^{-2} + \dots + x(kT)z^{-k} + \dots$$

Dividing successively, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{10z^{-1} + 5z^{-2}}{1 - 1.2z^{-1} + 0.2z^{-2}} &= 10z^{-1} + \frac{17z^{-2} - 2z^{-3}}{1 - 1.2z^{-1} + 0.2z^{-2}} \\ &= 10z^{-1} + 17z^{-2} + \frac{18.4z^{-3} - 3.4z^{-4}}{1 - 1.2z^{-1} + 0.2z^{-2}} \\ &= 10z^{-1} + 17z^{-2} + 18.4z^{-3} + \frac{18.68z^{-4} - 3.68z^{-5}}{1 - 1.2z^{-1} + 0.2z^{-2}} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore: $X(z) = 10z^{-1} + 17z^{-2} + 18.4z^{-3} + 18.68z^{-4} + \dots$

Comparing this result with the expansion yields the first terms of the series:

$$x(0) = 0, \quad x(1) = 10, \quad x(2) = 17, \quad x(3) = 18.4, \quad x(4) = 18.68$$

Problem 9 (1/2)

Obtain the inverse Z-transform for the following expression via partial fraction expansion:

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

Solution:

First we expand $X(z)$ into partial fractions and obtain the coefficients by equating:

$$X(z) = \frac{A}{z - 1} + \frac{Bz + C}{z^2 - z + 1} = \frac{(A + B)z^2 + (-A - B + C)z + (A - C)}{(z - 1)(z^2 - z + 1)}$$

Equating with the equation of the problem statement yields the following system of equations:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} A + B = 1 \\ -A - B + C = 1 \\ A - C = 2 \end{array} \right\}$$

Solving:

$$A = 4, \quad B = -3, \quad C = 2$$

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

It should be noted that the poles of the quadratic term are complex conjugates, so the previous expression can be rewritten as:

$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= \frac{4z^{-1}}{1 - z^{-1}} - 3 \left(\frac{z^{-1} - 0.5z^{-2}}{1 - z^{-1} + z^{-2}} \right) + \frac{0.5z^{-2}}{1 - z^{-1} + z^{-2}} \\ X(z) &= 4z^{-1} \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}} - 3z^{-1} \left(\frac{1 - 0.5z^{-1}}{1 - z^{-1} + z^{-2}} \right) + z^{-1} \frac{0.5z^{-1}}{1 - z^{-1} + z^{-2}} \end{aligned}$$

We know that:

$$Z[e^{-\alpha t} \sin \omega t] = \frac{e^{-\alpha T} z^{-1} \sin \omega T}{1 - 2e^{-\alpha T} z^{-1} \cos \omega T + e^{-2\alpha T} z^{-2}}$$

$$Z[e^{-\alpha t} \cos \omega t] = \frac{1 - e^{-\alpha T} z^{-1} \cos \omega T}{1 - 2e^{-\alpha T} z^{-1} \cos \omega T + e^{-2\alpha T} z^{-2}}$$

Problem 9 (2/2)

We can identify $e^{-2\alpha T} = 1$ and $\cos wT = 0.5$ in this case, so we have $wT = \pi/3$ and $\sin wT = \sqrt{3}/2$. Therefore:

$$Z^{-1} \left[\frac{1 - 0.5z^{-1}}{1 - z^{-1} + z^{-2}} \right] = 1^k \cos \frac{k\pi}{3}$$
$$Z^{-1} \left[\frac{0.5z^{-1}}{1 - z^{-1} + z^{-2}} \right] = Z^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{(\sqrt{3}/2)z^{-1}}{1 - z^{-1} + z^{-2}} \right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} 1^k \sin \frac{k\pi}{3}$$

Finally:

$$x(k) = 4(1^{k-1}) - 3(1^{k-1}) \cos \frac{(k-1)\pi}{3} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(1^{k-1}) \sin \frac{(k-1)\pi}{3}$$

Rewriting:

$$x(k) = \begin{cases} 4 - 3 \cos \frac{(k-1)\pi}{3} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sin \frac{(k-1)\pi}{3}, & k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ 0, & k \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

An alternative solution would be:

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

Since:

$$Z^{-1} \left[\frac{z^{-1}}{1 - z^{-1}} \right] = \begin{cases} 1, & k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ 0, & k \leq 0 \end{cases}$$
$$Z^{-1} \left[\frac{z^{-1}}{1 - z^{-1} + z^{-2}} \right] = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} (1^k) \sin \frac{k\pi}{3}$$

The solution will be:

$$x(k) = \begin{cases} 4 - 2\sqrt{3} \sin \frac{k\pi}{3} + \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} \sin \frac{(k-1)\pi}{3}, & k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ 0, & k \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Although this solution may seem different from the one obtained previously, both solutions are correct and have the same values for $x(k)$.

Problem 10

Obtain the inverse Z-transform for the following expression via partial fraction expansion:

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

Solution:

First we expand $X(z)$ into partial fractions and obtain the coefficients by equating:

$$X(z) = \frac{A}{(z-2)} + \frac{B}{z^2} + \frac{C}{z} = \frac{Az^2 + B(z-2) + Cz(z-2)}{(z-2)z^2}$$
$$\left. \begin{aligned} A + C &= 0 \\ B - 2C &= 1 \\ -2B &= 2 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Solving:

$$A = 1, \quad B = -1, \quad C = -1$$

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

It should be noted that $X(z)$ has a double pole at $z = 0$, so the expansion must include the terms $1/z^2$ and $1/z$. The inverse transforms of all terms are known:

$$Z^{-1} \left[\frac{z^{-1}}{1-2z^{-1}} \right] = \begin{cases} 2^{k-1}, & k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ 0, & k \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$Z^{-1} [z^{-2}] = \begin{cases} 1, & k = 2 \\ 0, & k \neq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$Z^{-1} [z^{-1}] = \begin{cases} 1, & k = 1 \\ 0, & k \neq 1 \end{cases}$$

Therefore, the inverse Z-transform for $X(z)$ is equal to:

$$x(k) = \begin{cases} 0 - 0 - 0 = 0, & k = 0 \\ 1 - 0 - 1 = 0, & k = 1 \\ 2 - 1 - 0 = 1, & k = 2 \\ 2^{k-1} - 0 - 0 = 2^{k-1}, & k = 3, 4, 5, \dots \end{cases}$$

$$x(k) = \begin{cases} 0, & k = 0, 1 \\ 1, & k = 2 \\ 2^{k-1}, & k = 3, 4, 5, \dots \end{cases}$$

Problem 11 (1/3)

Obtain the inverse Z-transform for the following expression via direct division and via partial fraction expansion:

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

Solution:

Direct division: we rewrite the expression so that the highest degree term is of degree zero:

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

By successive division we obtain the values of $x(k)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1+2z^{-1}}{1-2z^{-1}+z^{-2}} &= 1 + \frac{4z^{-1}-z^{-2}}{1-2z^{-1}+z^{-2}}, & X(z) &= 1 + \frac{4z^{-1}-z^{-2}}{1-2z^{-1}+z^{-2}} \\ \frac{4z^{-1}-z^{-2}}{1-2z^{-1}+z^{-2}} &= 4z^{-1} + \frac{7z^{-2}-4z^{-3}}{1-2z^{-1}+z^{-2}}, & X(z) &= 1 + 4z^{-1} + \frac{7z^{-2}-4z^{-3}}{1-2z^{-1}+z^{-2}} \\ \frac{7z^{-2}-4z^{-3}}{1-2z^{-1}+z^{-2}} &= 7z^{-2} + \frac{10z^{-3}-7z^{-4}}{1-2z^{-1}+z^{-2}}, & X(z) &= 1 + 4z^{-1} + 7z^{-2} + \frac{10z^{-3}-7z^{-4}}{1-2z^{-1}+z^{-2}} \\ \frac{10z^{-3}-7z^{-4}}{1-2z^{-1}+z^{-2}} &= 10z^{-3} + \frac{13z^{-4}-10z^{-5}}{1-2z^{-1}+z^{-2}}, & X(z) &= 1 + 4z^{-1} + 7z^{-2} + 10z^{-3} + \frac{13z^{-4}-10z^{-5}}{1-2z^{-1}+z^{-2}} \end{aligned}$$

The result will be: $X(z) = 1 + 4z^{-1} + 7z^{-2} + 10z^{-3} + \dots$

The first terms of $x(k)$ are: $x(0) = 1$, $x(1) = 4$, $x(2) = 7$, $x(3) = 10$, ...

Partial fraction expansion:

Since the degree of the numerator is equal to that of the denominator, we can use the first division performed above:

$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= 1 + \frac{4z^{-1} - z^{-2}}{1 - 2z^{-1} + z^{-2}} = 1 + \frac{4z - 1}{(z - 1)^2} \\ X(z) &= 1 + \frac{4z - 1}{(z - 1)^2} = 1 + \frac{B}{(z - 1)} + \frac{C}{(z - 1)^2} = \frac{B(z - 1) + C}{(z - 1)^2} \\ &\quad \left. \begin{aligned} B &= 4 \\ C - B &= -1 \end{aligned} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 11 (2/3)

Solving:

$$B = 4, \quad C = 3$$

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

The inverse transforms of all fractions are known:

$$Z^{-1}[1] = \begin{cases} 1, & k = 0 \\ 0, & k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{cases}$$

$$Z^{-1}\left[\frac{z^{-1}}{(1 - z^{-1})^2}\right] = k, \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$Z^{-1}\left[\frac{z^{-1}}{1 - z^{-1}}\right] = \begin{cases} 1, & k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ 0, & k \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

The solution in this case will be:

$$x(0) = 1 \quad x(k) = 4 + 3(k - 1) = 3k + 1, \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

This equation can be rewritten as:

$$x(k) = 3k + 1, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

It can also be solved by expanding using the residue method:

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

$$\frac{H(z)}{z} = \frac{A_0}{z} + \frac{A_1}{(z - 1)^2} + \frac{A_2}{z - 1}$$

$$A_0 = \left[z \frac{H(z)}{z} \right] \Big|_{z=0} = -1$$

$$A_1 = \left[(z - 1)^2 \frac{H(z)}{z} \right] \Big|_{z=1} = \left[\frac{4z - 1}{z} \right] \Big|_{z=1} = 3$$

$$A_2 = \frac{d}{dz} \left[(z - 1)^2 \frac{H(z)}{z} \right] \Big|_{z=1} = \frac{d}{dz} \left[\frac{4z - 1}{z} \right] \Big|_{z=1} = 1$$

Problem 11 (3/3)

So that $H(z)$ can be written as:

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

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

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

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

$$Z^{-1} \left[\frac{z^{-1}}{(1-z^{-1})^2} \right] = k, \quad k \geq 0, \quad Z^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{1-z^{-1}} \right] = 1, \quad k \geq 0$$

The inverse transform of the first component is a ramp multiplied by three, and that of the second is a step, so the solution is as follows:

$$x(k) = 3k + 1, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

We see that this expression coincides with the result obtained with the other expansion.

Problem 12

Solve the following difference equation using the Z-transform method:

$$x(k+2) + 3x(k+1) + 2x(k) = 0, \quad x(0) = 0, \quad x(1) = 1$$

Solution:

First it must be taken into account that:

$$\begin{aligned} Z[x(k+2)] &= z^2 X(z) - z^2 x(0) - zx(1) \\ Z[x(k+1)] &= z^1 X(z) - zx(0) \\ Z[x(k)] &= X(z) \end{aligned}$$

Calculating the transform of the difference equation:

$$z^2 X(z) - z^2 x(0) - zx(1) + 3zX(z) - 3zx(0) + 2X(z) = 0$$

Substituting the given conditions and simplifying, we arrive at:

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

Expanding into simple fractions:

$$\frac{X(z)}{z} = \frac{A_0}{z} + \frac{A_1}{z+1} + \frac{A_2}{z+2}$$

$$A_0 = \left[z \frac{X(z)}{z} \right] \Big|_{z=0} = 0$$

$$A_1 = \left[(z+1) \frac{X(z)}{z} \right] \Big|_{z=-1} = \frac{1}{z+2} \Big|_{z=-1} = 1$$

$$A_2 = \left[(z+2) \frac{X(z)}{z} \right] \Big|_{z=-2} = \frac{1}{z+1} \Big|_{z=-2} = -1$$

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

Taking into account that:

$$Z^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{1+z^{-1}} \right] = (-1)^k, \quad Z^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{1+2z^{-1}} \right] = (-2)^k$$

The solution will be:

$$x(k) = (-1)^k - (-2)^k, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Problem 13 (1/2)

Solve the following difference equation using the Z-transform method leaving the result as a function of $x(0)$ and $x(1)$:

$$x(k+2) + (a+b)x(k+1) + abx(k) = 0$$

where a and b are constants and $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Solution:

Calculating the transform of the difference equation:

$$[z^2X(z) - z^2x(0) - zx(1)] + (a+b)[zX(z) - zx(0)] + abX(z) = 0$$

Rearranging the expression:

$$\begin{aligned} [z^2 + (a+b)z + ab]X(z) &= [z^2 + (a+b)z]x(0) + zx(1) \\ X(z) &= \frac{[z^2 + (a+b)z]x(0) + zx(1)}{z^2 + (a+b)z + ab} = \frac{[z^2 + (a+b)z]x(0) + zx(1)}{(z+a)(z+b)} \end{aligned}$$

As $-a$ and $-b$ are the roots of the characteristic polynomial, two cases must be separated: a) $a \neq b$ and b) $a = b$.

a) $a \neq b$. Expanding into simple fractions:

$$\frac{X(z)}{z} = \frac{A_0}{z} + \frac{A_1}{z+a} + \frac{A_2}{z+b}$$

$$A_0 = \left[z \frac{X(z)}{z} \right] \Big|_{z=0} = 0$$

$$A_1 = \left[(z+a) \frac{X(z)}{z} \right] \Big|_{z=-a} = \frac{[z+a+b]x(0) + x(1)}{z+b} \Big|_{z=-a} = \frac{bx(0) + x(1)}{b-a}$$

$$A_2 = \left[(z+b) \frac{X(z)}{z} \right] \Big|_{z=-b} = \frac{[z+a+b]x(0) + x(1)}{z+a} \Big|_{z=-b} = \frac{ax(0) + x(1)}{a-b}$$

$$\frac{X(z)}{z} = \frac{bx(0) + x(1)}{b-a} \frac{1}{z+a} + \frac{ax(0) + x(1)}{a-b} \frac{1}{z+b}, \quad a \neq b$$

$$X(z) = \frac{bx(0) + x(1)}{b-a} \frac{1}{1+az^{-1}} + \frac{ax(0) + x(1)}{a-b} \frac{1}{1+bz^{-1}}$$

The solution will be:

$$x(k) = \frac{bx(0) + x(1)}{b-a} (-a)^k + \frac{ax(0) + x(1)}{a-b} (-b)^k \quad a \neq b \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Problem 13 (2/2)

b) $a = b$. Now there is a multiple pole, so the expansion will be done differently:

$$X(z) = \frac{(z^2 + 2az)x(0) + zx(1)}{(z + a)^2}$$

$$\frac{X(z)}{z} = \frac{A_0}{z} + \frac{A_1}{(z + a)^2} + \frac{A_2}{z + b}$$

$$A_0 = \left[z \frac{X(z)}{z} \right] \Big|_{z=0} = 0$$

$$A_1 = \left[(z + a)^2 \frac{X(z)}{z} \right] \Big|_{z=-a} = (z + 2a)x(0) + x(1) \Big|_{z=-a} = ax(0) + x(1)$$

$$A_2 = \frac{d}{dz} \left[(z + a)^2 \frac{X(z)}{z} \right] \Big|_{z=-a} = \frac{d}{dz} [(z + 2a)x(0) + x(1)] \Big|_{z=-a} = x(0)$$

$$X(z) = \frac{zx(0)}{z + a} + \frac{z[ax(0) + x(1)]}{(z + a)^2} = \frac{x(0)}{1 + az^{-1}} + \frac{[ax(0) + x(1)]z^{-1}}{(1 + az^{-1})^2}$$

The solution will be:

$$x(k) = x(0)(-a)^k + [ax(0) + x(1)]k(-a)^{k-1}, \quad a = b \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Problem 14 (1/2)

Solve the following difference equation:

$$2x(k) - 2x(k-1) + x(k-2) = u(k)$$

$$u(k) = \begin{cases} 1, & k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ 0, & k < 0 \end{cases}$$

where $x(k) = 0$ for $k < 0$.

Solution:

First the Z-transform of the expression must be calculated taking into account the real or time translation property and the transform of $u(k)$ since it is known.

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

Solving for $X(z)$ in the previous expression:

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

This expression can be expanded into partial fractions. The coefficients will be obtained by equating:

$$X(z) = \frac{z^3}{(z - 1)(2z^2 - 2z + 1)} = \frac{Az}{(z - 1)} + \frac{Bz^2 + Cz}{(2z^2 - 2z + 1)}$$

We look for expressions whose inverse transform is known. In this case it must be taken into account that the numerator is equal to z^3 .

$$X(z) = \frac{(2A + B)z^3 + (-2A + C - B)z^2 + (A - C)z}{(z - 1)(2z^2 - 2z + 1)}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} 2A + B &= 1 \\ -2A + C - B &= 0 \\ A - B &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Problem 14 (2/2)

Solving:

$$A = 1, \quad B = -1, \quad C = 1$$

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

This equation can be rewritten so that known inverse transforms remain (in this case those of sine and cosine must be found):

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

Looking up in the tables the Z-transforms of sine and cosine, we can identify $e^{-2\alpha T} = 0.5$ and $\cos wT = 1/\sqrt{2}$. We have $wT = \pi/4$, $\sin wT = 1/\sqrt{2}$ and $e^{-\alpha T} = 1/\sqrt{2}$. Therefore:

$$x(k) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} e^{-\alpha kT} \cos wkT + \frac{1}{2} e^{-\alpha kT} \sin wkT$$

$$x(k) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^k \cos \frac{k\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^k \sin \frac{k\pi}{4}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$x(0) = 0.5, \quad x(1) = 1, \quad x(2) = 1.25, \quad x(3) = 1.25, \quad \dots$$