

Chapter 7A

LTI Discrete-Time Systems in the Transform Domain



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Types of Transfer Functions

- The time-domain classification of an LTI digital transfer function sequence is based on the length of its impulse response:
 - Finite impulse response (FIR) transfer function
 - Infinite impulse response (IIR) transfer function

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Types of Transfer Functions

- In the case of digital transfer functions with frequency-selective frequency responses, there are two types of classifications
 - (1) Classification based on the shape of the magnitude function $|H(e^{j\omega})|$
 - (2) Classification based on the form of the phase function $\theta(\omega)$

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1.1 Ideal Filters

- Based on the shape of the magnitude function, four types of ideal filters are usually defined: *lowpass*, *highpass*, *bandpass* and *bandstop*
- A digital filter designed to pass signal components of certain frequencies without distortion should have a frequency response equal to **one** at these frequencies, and should have a frequency response equal to **zero** at all other frequencies

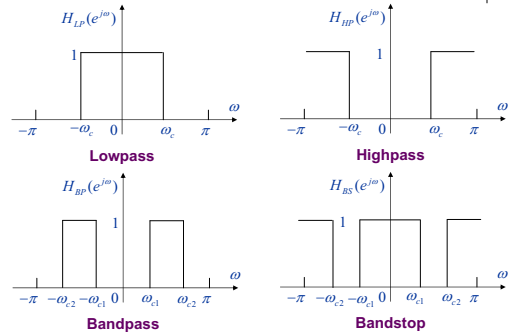
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1.1 Ideal Filters

- The range of frequencies where the frequency response takes the value of **one** is called the **passband**
- The range of frequencies where the frequency response takes the value of **zero** is called the **stopband**
- Frequency responses of the four popular types of ideal digital filters with real impulse response coefficients are shown in the next slide

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1.1 Ideal Filters



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1.1 Ideal Filters

- Earlier in the course we derived the inverse DTFT of the frequency response of the ideal lowpass filter:

$$h_{LP}(n) = \frac{\sin \omega_c n}{n\pi}, \quad -\infty \leq n \leq \infty$$

- We have also shown that the above impulse response is **not absolutely summable**, and hence, the corresponding transfer function is **not BIBO stable**

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1.1 Ideal Filters

- Also, is **not causal** and is of doubly infinite length
- The remaining three ideal filters are also characterized by **doubly infinite, noncausal impulse responses** and are **not absolutely summable**
- Thus, the ideal filters with the ideal “**brick wall**” frequency responses cannot be realized with finite dimensional LTI filters

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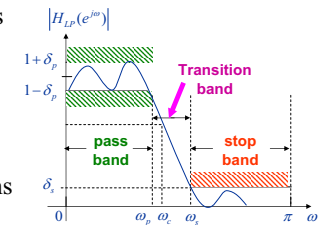
1.1 Ideal Filters

- To develop stable and realizable transfer functions, the ideal frequency response specifications are relaxed by including a **transition band** between the passband and the stopband.
- This permits the magnitude response to decay slowly from its maximum value in the passband to the zero value in the stopband.

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1.1 Ideal Filters

- Moreover, the magnitude response is allowed to vary by a small amount both in the passband and the stopband.
- Typical magnitude response specifications of a lowpass filter are shown in the figure.



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1.2 Bounded Real Transfer Functions

- A causal stable real-coefficient transfer function $H(z)$ is defined as a **bounded real (BR) transfer function** if

$$|H(e^{j\omega})| \leq 1 \text{ for all values of } \omega$$

- Let $x(n)$ and $y(n)$ denote, respectively, the input and output of a digital filter characterized by a BR transfer function $H(z)$ with $X(e^{j\omega})$ and $Y(e^{j\omega})$ denoting their DTFTs

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1.2 Bounded Real Transfer Functions

- Then the condition $|H(e^{j\omega})| \leq 1$ implies that

$$|Y(e^{j\omega})|^2 \leq |X(e^{j\omega})|^2$$

- Integrating the above from $-\pi$ to π , and applying Parseval's relation we get

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |y(n)|^2 \leq \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |x(n)|^2$$

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1.2 Bounded Real Transfer Functions

- Thus, for all finite-energy inputs, the output energy is less than or equal to the input energy implying that a digital filter characterized by a BR transfer function can be viewed as a **passive structure**
- If $|H(e^{j\omega})| = 1$, then the output energy is equal to the input energy, and such a digital filter is therefore a **lossless system**

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1.2 Bounded Real Transfer Functions

- A causal stable real-coefficient transfer function $H(z)$ with $|H(e^{j\omega})| = 1$ is thus called a **lossless bounded real (LBR) transfer function**
- The BR and LBR transfer functions are the keys to the realization of digital filters with low coefficient sensitivity

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1.3 Allpass Transfer Function

Definition

- An IIR transfer function $A(z)$ with unity magnitude response for all frequencies, i.e.,

$$|A(e^{j\omega})|^2 = 1, \text{ for all } \omega$$

is called an **allpass transfer function**

- An M -th order causal real-coefficient allpass transfer function is of the form

$$A_M(z) = \pm \frac{d_M + d_{M-1}z^{-1} + \dots + d_1z^{-M+1} + z^{-M}}{1 + d_1z^{-1} + \dots + d_{M-1}z^{-M+1} + d_Mz^{-M}} = z^{-M} \frac{D_M(z^{-1})}{D_M(\bar{z})}$$

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- Hence, $A_M(z)$ can be written as $A_M(z) = \pm \frac{z^{-M} D_M(z^{-1})}{D_M(z)}$
- Note from the above that if $z=z_0$ is a pole of a real coefficient allpass transfer function, then it has a zero at $z=1/z_0$
- The numerator of a real-coefficient allpass transfer function is said to be the **mirror-image polynomial** of the denominator, and vice versa

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1.3 Allpass Transfer Function

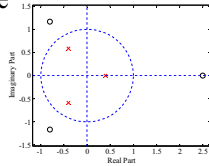
- The expression

$$A_M(z) = \pm \frac{z^{-M} D_M(z^{-1})}{D_M(z)}$$

implies that the poles and zeros of a real coefficient allpass function exhibit **mirror-image symmetry** in the z-plane

An example

$$A_3(z) = \frac{-0.2 + 0.18z^{-1} + 0.4z^{-2} + z^{-3}}{1 + 0.4z^{-1} + 0.18z^{-2} - 0.2z^{-3}}$$



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1.3 Allpass Transfer Function

- To show that $|A(e^{j\omega})|^2 = 1$, we observe that

$$A_M(z^{-1}) = \pm \frac{z^M D_M(z)}{D_M(z^{-1})}$$

- Therefore,

$$A_M(z^{-1})A_M(z) = \frac{z^{-M} D_M(z^{-1})}{D_M(z)} \frac{z^M D_M(z)}{D_M(z^{-1})} = 1$$

- Hence,

$$|A(e^{j\omega})|^2 = A_M(z^{-1})A_M(z) \Big|_{z=e^{j\omega}} = 1$$

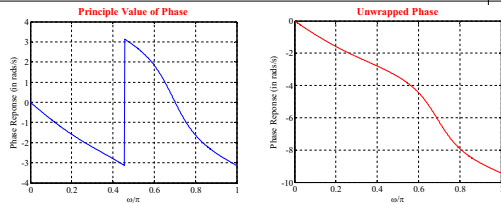
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1.3 Allpass Transfer Function

- Now, the poles of a causal stable transfer function must lie inside the unit circle in the z-plane
- Hence, all zeros of a causal stable allpass transfer function must lie outside the unit circle in a **mirror-image symmetry** with its poles situated inside the unit circle
- Figure in the next slide shows the principal value of the phase of the former example

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1.3 Allpass Transfer Function



- Note the discontinuity by the amount of 2π in the phase $\theta(\omega)$
- The unwrapped phase function is a continuous function of ω

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1.3 Allpass Transfer Function

Properties

- A causal stable real-coefficient allpass transfer function is a lossless bounded real (LBR) function or, equivalently, a causal stable allpass filter is a lossless structure
- The magnitude function of a stable allpass function $A(z)$ satisfies:

$$|A(z)| = \begin{cases} < 1 & \text{for } |z| > 1 \\ = 1 & \text{for } |z| = 1 \\ > 1 & \text{for } |z| < 1 \end{cases}$$

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- Let $\tau(\omega)$ denote the group delay function of an allpass filter $A(z)$, i.e.,

$$\tau(\omega) = - \frac{d}{d\omega} [\theta_c(e^{j\omega})]$$

The unwrapped phase function of a stable allpass function is a monotonically decreasing function of ω so that $\tau(\omega)$ is everywhere positive in the range $0 < \omega < \pi$. An M -th order stable real-coefficient allpass transfer function satisfies:

$$\int_0^\pi \tau(\omega) d\omega = M\pi$$

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1.3 Allpass Transfer Function

A Simple Application

- A simple but often used application of an allpass filter is as a **delay equalizer**
- Let $G(z)$ be the transfer function of a digital filter designed to meet a prescribed magnitude response
- The nonlinear phase response of $G(z)$ can be corrected by cascading it with an allpass filter $A(z)$ so that the overall cascade has a constant group delay in the band of interest

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- Since $|A(e^{j\omega})|^2 = 1$, we have

$$|G(e^{j\omega})A(e^{j\omega})| = |G(e^{j\omega})|$$
- Overall group delay is the given by the sum of the group delays of $G(z)$ and $A(z)$

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2.1 Zero-Phase Transfer Functions

- A second classification of a transfer function is with respect to its phase characteristics
- In many applications, it is necessary that the digital filter designed does not distort the phase of the input signal components with frequencies in the passband
- One way to avoid any phase distortion is to make the frequency response of the filter real and nonnegative, i.e., to design the filter with a **zero phase** characteristic

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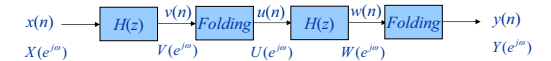
2.1 Zero-Phase Transfer Functions

- However, it is not possible to design a causal digital filter with a zero phase (pp. 287-288)
- For non-real-time processing of real-valued input signals of finite length, zero-phase filtering can be very simply implemented by relaxing the causality requirement

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2.1 Zero-Phase Transfer Functions

- One **zero-phase** filtering scheme is sketched below



- From the figure, we can arrive at

$$Y(e^{j\omega}) = W^*(e^{j\omega}) = H^*(e^{j\omega})U^*(e^{j\omega}) = H^*(e^{j\omega})V(e^{j\omega}) = H^*(e^{j\omega})H(e^{j\omega})X(e^{j\omega}) = |H(e^{j\omega})|^2 X(e^{j\omega})$$

Real and Zero-Phase

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2.2 Linear-Phase Transfer Functions

- **Linear-Phase** $H(e^{j\omega}) = e^{-j\omega D}$
 $|H(e^{j\omega})| = 1 \quad \tau(\omega) = D$
- The output $y(n)$ of this filter to an input $x(n) = Ae^{j\omega n}$ is then given by
 $y(n) = Ae^{-j\omega D} e^{j\omega n} = Ae^{j\omega(n-D)}$
- If $x_a(t)$ and $y_a(t)$ represent the continuous time signals whose sampled versions, sampled at $t = nT$, are $x(n)$ and $y(n)$ given above, then the delay between $x_a(t)$ and $y_a(t)$ is precisely the group delay of amount D

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- If D is an integer, then $y(n)$ is identical to $x(n)$, but delayed by D samples
- If D is not an integer, $y(n)$, being delayed by a fractional part, is not identical to $x(n)$
- In the latter case, the waveform of the underlying continuous-time output is identical to the waveform of the underlying continuous-time input and delayed D units of time

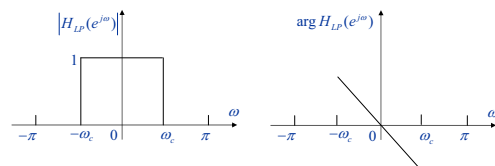
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2.2 Linear-Phase Transfer Functions

- If it is desired to pass input signal components in a certain frequency range **undistorted in both magnitude and phase**, then the transfer function should exhibit a **unity magnitude** response and a **linear-phase** response in the band of interest
- Figure in the next slide shows the frequency response if a lowpass filter with a linear-phase characteristic in the passband

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2.2 Linear-Phase Transfer Functions



- Since the signal components in the stopband are blocked, the phase response in the stopband can be of any shape

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2.2 Linear-Phase Transfer Functions

- It is nearly impossible to design a linear-phase IIR transfer function
- It is always possible to design an FIR transfer function with an exact linear-phase response
- Consider a causal FIR transfer function $H(z)$ of length N , i.e., of order $N-1$

$$H(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} h(n)z^{-n}$$

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2.2 Linear-Phase Transfer Functions

- The above transfer function has a **linear-phase**, if its impulse response $h(n)$ is either **symmetric**, i.e.,
 $h(n) = h(N-1-n), \quad 0 \leq n \leq N-1$
or is **antisymmetric**, i.e.,

$$h(n) = -h(N-1-n), \quad 0 \leq n \leq N-1$$

- There are two types linear phase

$$\theta(\omega) = \theta_0 - \tau\omega = \begin{cases} -\tau\omega, & \theta_0 = 0 \\ -\frac{\pi}{2} - \tau\omega, & \theta_0 = -\frac{\pi}{2} \end{cases} \rightarrow \frac{d\theta(\omega)}{d\omega} = -\tau$$

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2.2 Linear-Phase Transfer Functions

Proof

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} h(n)e^{-j\omega n} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} h(n)\cos \omega n - j \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} h(n)\sin \omega n$$

- If $h(n)$ is a real sequence, we have

$$\theta(\omega) = \arg \tan \left\{ \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} h(n)\sin \omega n}{\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} h(n)\cos \omega n} \right\}$$

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2.2 Linear-Phase Transfer Functions

- If this transfer function has a linear phase, such as

$$\theta(\omega) = -\tau\omega$$

- We obtain the following relationship

$$\theta(\omega) = \arg \tan \left\{ \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} h(n)\sin \omega n}{\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} h(n)\cos \omega n} \right\} = -\tau\omega$$

- Taking $\tan(\cdot)$ on both sides of the above equation

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2.2 Linear-Phase Transfer Functions

$$\tan \tau\omega = \frac{\sin \tau\omega}{\cos \tau\omega} = \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} h(n)\sin \omega n}{\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} h(n)\cos \omega n}$$

i.e.,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} h(n)\cos \omega n \sin \tau\omega - \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} h(n)\sin \omega n \cos \tau\omega = 0$$

or

$$\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} h(n)\sin[(\tau - n)\omega] = 0 \quad \star$$

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- $\sin[(\tau - n)\omega]$ is odd-symmetry on $\tau = n$
- Let $\tau = (N-1)/2$, thus equation \star holds if $h(n)$ is even-symmetry on $n = (N-1)/2$
- In other words, $h(n) = h(N-1-n)$, $0 \leq n \leq N-1$
- Similarly, if $\theta(\omega) = -\pi/2 - \tau\omega$, we can arrive at

$$h(n) = -h(N-1-n), \quad 0 \leq n \leq N-1$$

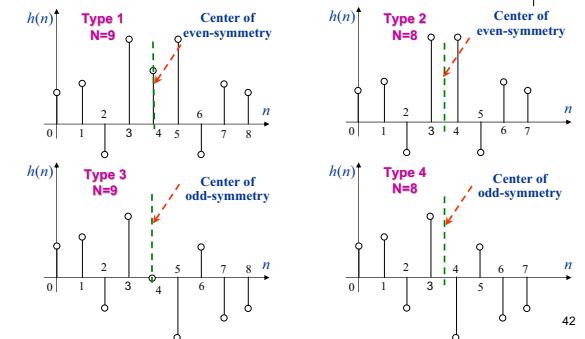
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2.2 Linear-Phase Transfer Functions

- Since the length of the impulse response can be either even or odd, we can define four types of linear-phase FIR transfer functions
- For an antisymmetric FIR filter of odd length, i.e., N odd: $h\{(N-1)/2\} = 0$
- We examine next the each of the 4 cases

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2.2 Linear-Phase Transfer Functions



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2.2 Linear-Phase Transfer Functions

- Consider first an FIR filter with a symmetric impulse response: $h(n) = h(N-1-n)$
- Its transfer function can be written as

$$H(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} h(n)z^{-n} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} h(N-1-n)z^{-n}$$

- By making a change of variable $m=N-1-n$, we can write

$$H(z) = \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} h(m)z^{-(N-1-m)} = z^{-(N-1)} \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} h(m)z^m = z^{-(N-1)} H(z^{-1})$$

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2.2 Linear-Phase Transfer Functions

- A real-coefficient polynomial $H(z)$ satisfying the above condition is called a **mirror-image polynomial (MIP)**
- In the case of anti-symmetric impulse response, the corresponding expression is

$$H(z) = -z^{-(N-1)} H(z^{-1})$$

which is called an **antimirror-image polynomial (AIP)**

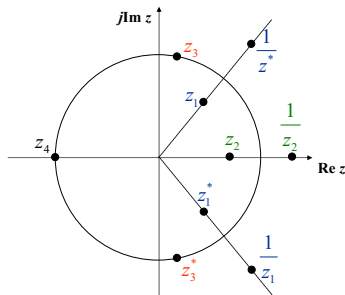
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2.2 Linear-Phase Transfer Functions

- It follows the relation $H(z) = \pm z^{-(N-1)} H(z^{-1})$ that if $z=z_i$ is a zero of $H(z)$, so is $z=1/z_i$
- Moreover, for an FIR filter with a real impulse response, the zeros of $H(z)$ occur in complex conjugate pairs
- Hence, a zero at $z=z_i$ is associated with a zero at $z=z_i^*$

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2.2 Linear-Phase Transfer Functions



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2.2 Linear-Phase Transfer Functions

- Since a zero at $z=\pm 1$ is its own reciprocal, it can appear only singly
- Now a Type 2 FIR filter satisfies $H(z) = z^{-(N-1)} H(z^{-1})$ with degree $N-1$ odd
- Hence, $H(-1) = (-1)^{-(N-1)} H(-1) = -H(-1)$ implying $H(-1)=0$, i.e., $H(z)$ must have a zero at $z=-1$

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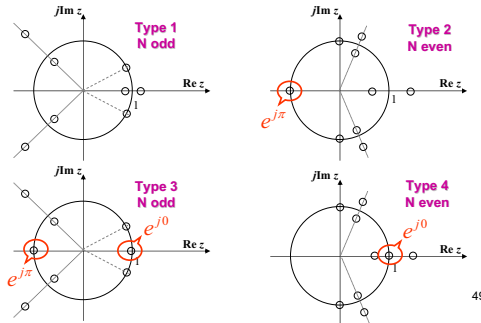
2.2 Linear-Phase Transfer Functions

- Likewise, for a Type 3 or 4 filter, $H(1) = -H(1)$ implying $H(z)$ must have a zero at $z=1$
- On the other hand, only the Type 3 FIR filter is restricted to have a zero at $z=-1$ since here the degree $N-1$ is even and hence, $H(-1) = -(-1)^{-(N-1)} H(-1) = -H(-1)$

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2.2 Linear-Phase Transfer Functions

Typical zero locations shown below



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2.2 Linear-Phase Transfer Functions

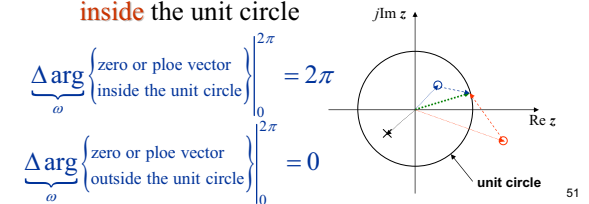
Summary

- A **Type 2** FIR filter cannot be used to design a **highpass** filter since it always has a zero $z = -1$
- A **Type 3** FIR filter has zeros at both $z = 1$ and $z = -1$, and hence cannot be used to design either a **lowpass** or a **highpass** or a **bandstop** filter
- A **Type 4** FIR filter is not appropriate to design a **lowpass** filter due to the presence of a zero at $z = 1$
- **Type 1** FIR filter has no such restrictions and can be used to **design almost any type of filter**

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2.3 Minimum-Phase and Maximum-Phase Transfer Functions

- A causal stable transfer function with all zeros **outside** the unit circle has an excess phase compared to a causal transfer function with identical magnitude but having all zeros **inside** the unit circle



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2.3 Minimum-Phase and Maximum-Phase Transfer Functions

- It is assumed that a causal stable transfer function has M zeros (with m_i inside the UC and m_o outside the UC) and N poles (with n_i inside the UC and n_o outside the UC)

$$\underbrace{\Delta \arg}_{\omega} [H(e^{j\omega})]_0^{2\pi} = 2\pi m_i - 2\pi n_i + 2\pi(N - M)$$

$$= 2\pi(n_o - m_o)$$

- Since $N = n_i$ and i.e., $n_o = 0$, we have

$$\underbrace{\Delta \arg}_{\omega} [H(e^{j\omega})]_0^{2\pi} = -2\pi m_o$$

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2.3 Minimum-Phase and Maximum-Phase Transfer Functions

- A causal stable transfer function with all zeros inside the unit circle ($m_o = 0$) is called a **minimum-phase transfer function**
- A causal stable transfer function with all zeros outside the unit circle ($m_o = M$) is called a **maximum-phase transfer function**
- A transfer function with zeros inside and outside the unit circle is called a **mixed-phase transfer function**

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2.3 Minimum-Phase and Maximum-Phase Transfer Functions

- Questions
 - An LTI system is said to be minimum-phase if the system and its **inverse** are **causal** and **stable**. ($A(z)B(z)=1$)
 - Is a causal stable allpass filter minimum or maximum phase?
 - What is the case for a linear phase FIR filter?

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