

# 8 Digital Filter Structures

## Introduction

- Input-output relation of an LTI system can be realized using different computational algorithms
- Basic realization forms of FIR and IIR digital filters are considered
- Mitra's book covers also various more sophisticated realizations of digital filters, e.g. lattice structures, allpass sections, and state space structures, not discussed in this course

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## Time-Domain Characterizations

Convolution Sum: 
$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]x[n-k]$$

Linear Constant Coefficient Difference Equation:

$$y[n] = -\sum_{k=1}^N d_k y[n-k] + \sum_{k=0}^M p_k x[n-k]$$

State-Space Equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{s}[n+1] &= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}[n] + \mathbf{B}x[n] \\ y[n] &= \mathbf{C}\mathbf{s}[n] + dx[n] \end{aligned}$$

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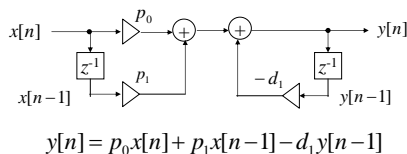
## Basic Building Blocks

- Adder:
- Multiplier:
- Unit delay:
- Branch node:

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## Basic Operations

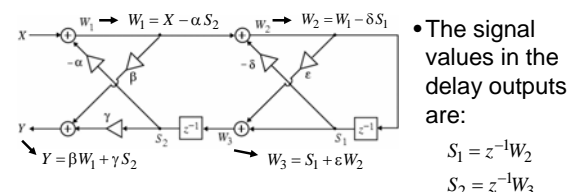
- Addition / Subtraction
- Multiplication (constant coefficient)
- Delay (memory)
- Example: First-order digital filter



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## Analysis of Block Diagrams

- **Example:** Analyze the cascaded lattice structure shown below where the z-dependence of signal variables are not shown for brevity



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### Analysis of Block Diagrams

- Substituting the values of delay elements in the first four equations we get

$$\begin{aligned} W_1 &= X - \alpha z^{-1}W_3 & W_3 &= z^{-1}W_2 + \epsilon W_2 \\ W_2 &= W_1 - \delta z^{-1}W_2 & Y &= \beta W_1 + \gamma z^{-1}W_3 \end{aligned}$$

- Solving  $W_2$  from the second equation we get

$$W_2 = W_1 / (1 + \delta z^{-1})$$

and solving  $W_3$  from the third equation we get

$$W_3 = (\epsilon + z^{-1})W_2$$

### Analysis of Block Diagrams

- Combining the last two equations we get

$$W_3 = \frac{\epsilon + z^{-1}}{1 + \delta z^{-1}} W_1$$

- Substituting the above equation in the first and fourth equation gives

$$W_1 = X - \alpha z^{-1}W_3, \quad Y = \beta W_1 + \gamma z^{-1}W_3$$

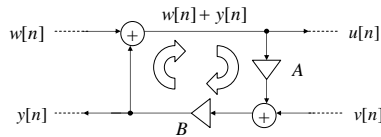
we finally arrive at

$$H(z) = \frac{Y}{X} = \frac{\beta + (\beta\delta + \gamma\epsilon)z^{-1} + \gamma z^{-2}}{1 + (\delta + \alpha\epsilon)z^{-1} + \alpha z^{-2}}$$

### The Delay-Free Loop Problem

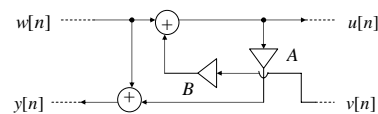
- A block diagram containing delay-free loops is physically non-realizable

- Example:  $y[n] = B\{A(w[n] + y[n]) + v[n]\}$



### The Delay-Free Loop Problem

- Solving for  $y[n]$ :  $y[n] = \frac{AB}{1-AB} w[n] + \frac{B}{1-AB} v[n]$



⇒ Delay-free loop realization

### Equivalent Structures

- Two digital filter structures are defined to be *equivalent* if they have the same transfer function
- Generation of an equivalent structure via the *transpose operation*:
  - Reverse all paths,
  - Replace pick-off (branching) nodes by adders, and vice versa,
  - Interchange the input and output nodes

The original structure and the transposed structure have the same transfer function

### Basic FIR Digital Filter Structures

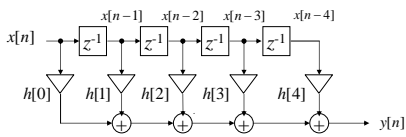
- Transfer function of a causal FIR filter of length  $M$ :

$$H(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} h[k]z^{-k}$$

$H(z)$  is a polynomial in  $z^{-1}$  of degree  $M-1$

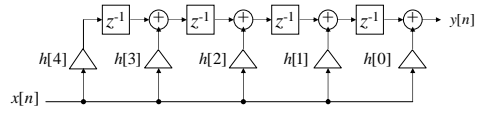
- Input-output relation is given by:  $y[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} h[k]x[n-k]$
- The output  $y[n]$  is the weighted sum of the input  $x[n]$  and its  $M-1$  previous values
- The weights are the values of the unit impulse response  $h[n]$

### Direct Form FIR Filter Structure



- The products  $h[k]x[n-k]$  are accumulated to form the output  $y[n]$
- The structure is called a *tapped delay line* or a *transversal filter*

### Transposed Direct Form FIR Filter Structure



- Both direct form structures are canonic with respect to delays
- Direct form FIR structures are computationally efficient when using modern signal processors

### Polyphase Realization

- *Polyphase decomposition* of the FIR transfer function results in a parallel structure of an FIR filter

$$H(z) = h[0] + h[1]z^{-1} + h[2]z^{-2} + h[3]z^{-3} + h[4]z^{-4} + h[5]z^{-5} + h[6]z^{-6} + h[7]z^{-7} + h[8]z^{-8}$$

- Expressing the above equation as a sum of two terms, one containing the even-indexed coefficients and the other containing the odd-indexed coefficients

$$H(z) = (h[0] + h[2]z^{-2} + h[4]z^{-4} + h[6]z^{-6} + h[8]z^{-8}) + z^{-1}(h[1] + h[3]z^{-2} + h[5]z^{-4} + h[7]z^{-6})$$

### Polyphase Realization

- Using the notations

$$E_0(z) = h[0] + h[2]z^{-1} + h[4]z^{-2} + h[6]z^{-3} + h[8]z^{-4}$$

$$E_1(z) = h[1] + h[3]z^{-1} + h[5]z^{-2} + h[7]z^{-3}$$

$H(z)$  can be written as:  $H(z) = E_0(z^2) + z^{-1}E_1(z^2)$

- Similarly, by grouping the terms differently, the transfer function can be rewritten as

$$H(z) = E_0(z^3) + z^{-1}E_1(z^3) + z^{-2}E_2(z^3)$$

where  $E_0(z) = h[0] + h[3]z^{-1} + h[6]z^{-2}$

$$E_1(z) = h[1] + h[4]z^{-1} + h[7]z^{-2}$$

$$E_2(z) = h[2] + h[5]z^{-1} + h[8]z^{-2}$$

### Polyphase Decomposition

- In general, an  $L$ -branch polyphase decomposition of the transfer function  $H(z)$  of order  $M-1$  is of the form

$$H(z) = \sum_{m=0}^{L-1} z^{-m} E_m(z^L)$$

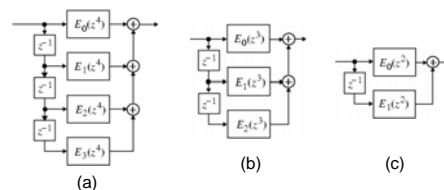
where  $E_m(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\lfloor (M/L)-1 \rfloor} h[Ln+m] z^{-n}$ ,  $0 \leq m \leq L-1$

with  $h[n] = 0$ , for  $n \geq M$

- The subfilters  $E_k(z^L)$  are also FIR filters

### Polyphase Realization

- A realization of the transfer function  $H(z)$  based on the polyphase decomposition is called a *polyphase realization*



Polyphase realizations of an FIR transfer function: Four-branch (a), three-branch (b), and two-branch (c) structures

### Linear-Phase FIR Structures

- Linear-phase FIR filter of length  $M$  is characterized by the symmetric impulse response

$$h[n] = h[M - 1 - n]$$

- An antisymmetric impulse response condition

$$h[n] = -h[M - 1 - n]$$

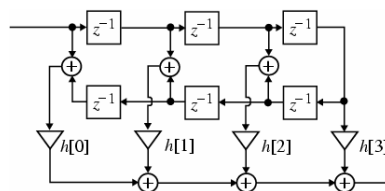
results in a constant group delay and "almost linear-phase" property

*Symmetry of the impulse response coefficients can be used to reduce the number of multiplications*

### Linear-Phase FIR Structures

- Length  $M$  is odd ( $M=7$ )

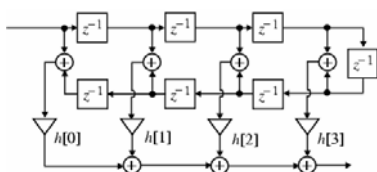
$$H(z) = h[0](1 + z^{-6}) + h[1](z^{-1} + z^{-5}) + h[2](z^{-2} + z^{-4}) + h[3]z^{-3}$$



### Linear-Phase FIR Structures

- Length  $M$  is even ( $M=8$ )

$$H(z) = h[0](1 + z^{-7}) + h[1](z^{-1} + z^{-6}) + h[2](z^{-2} + z^{-5}) + h[3](z^{-3} + z^{-4})$$



### Basic IIR Filter Structures

- The transfer function is rational
- Direct forms:** Coefficients are directly the transfer function coefficients

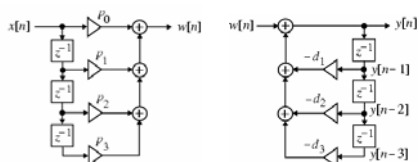
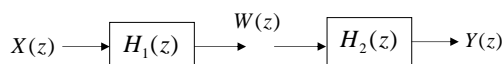
$$H(z) = \frac{P(z)}{D(z)} = \frac{p_0 + p_1z^{-1} + p_2z^{-2} + p_3z^{-3}}{1 + d_1z^{-1} + d_2z^{-2} + d_3z^{-3}}$$

- Considering the numerator and denominator separately

$$H_1(z) = \frac{W(z)}{X(z)} = P(z) = p_0 + p_1z^{-1} + p_2z^{-2} + p_3z^{-3}$$

$$H_2(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{W(z)} = \frac{1}{D(z)} = \frac{1}{1 + d_1z^{-1} + d_2z^{-2} + d_3z^{-3}}$$

### Basic IIR Filter Structures

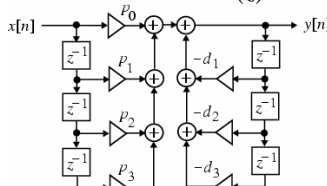


- $H_1(z)$  realizes the zeros and  $H_2(z)$  realizes the poles of the transfer function  $H(z)$

### Direct Form I

- Considering the basic cascade realization results in **Direct form I:**

$$H(z) = P(z) \cdot \frac{1}{D(z)}$$

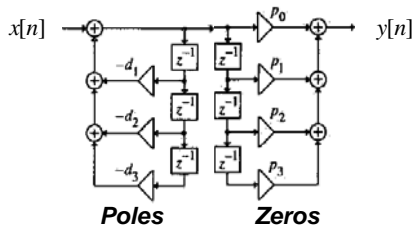


**Zeros Poles**

### Direct Form II

- Changing the order of blocks in cascade results in **direct form II**

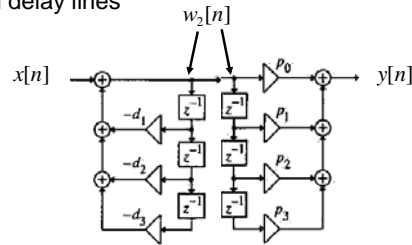
$$H(z) = P(z) \cdot \frac{1}{D(z)} = \frac{1}{D(z)} \cdot P(z)$$



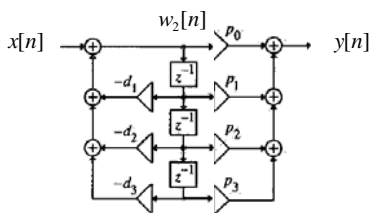
**Poles**                      **Zeros**

### Canonic Structure

- The number of delays can be reduced by noticing that the same signal value  $w_2[n]$  is stored into both delay lines

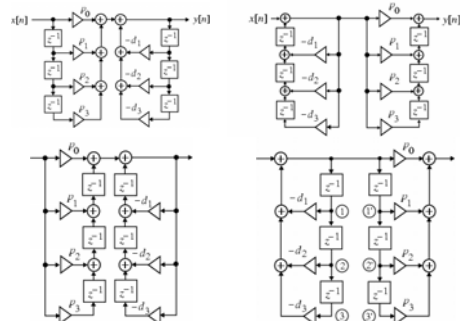


### Canonic Direct Form II Structure

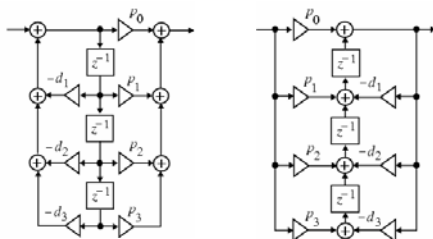


➔ **Canonic structure with respect to delays**

### Additional Direct Form I Structures



### Direct Form II Structures



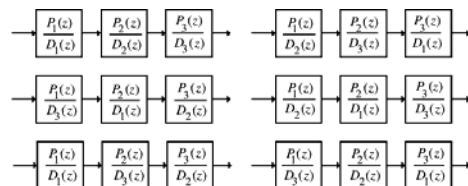
Direct Form II and Direct Form II transposed

### Cascade Realizations

- Factoring the numerator and denominator

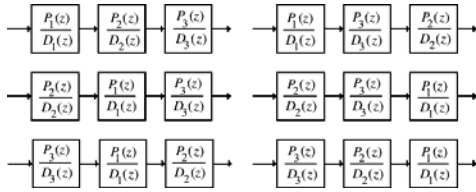
$$H(z) = \frac{P_1(z)P_2(z)P_3(z)}{D_1(z)D_2(z)D_3(z)}$$

- Various alternatives in pairing the poles and zeros



### Cascade Realizations

- Various alternatives in ordering the sections



- Different realizations behave differently under finite wordlength constraints

### First and Second Order Blocks in Cascade

- Usually the polynomials are factored into a product of first and second order polynomials

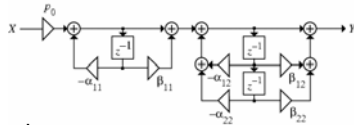
$$H(z) = \prod_k \frac{1 + \beta_{1k}z^{-1} + \beta_{2k}z^{-2}}{1 + \alpha_{1k}z^{-1} + \alpha_{2k}z^{-2}}$$

- For a first-order section  $\alpha_{2k} = \beta_{2k} = 0$
- Realizing complex conjugate poles and zeros with second order blocks results in real coefficients

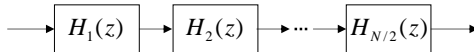
### First and Second Order Blocks in Cascade

- Example: Third order transfer function

$$H(z) = p_0 \frac{(1 + \beta_{11}z^{-1})(1 + \beta_{12}z^{-1} + \beta_{22}z^{-2})}{(1 + \alpha_{11}z^{-1})(1 + \alpha_{12}z^{-1} + \alpha_{22}z^{-2})}$$



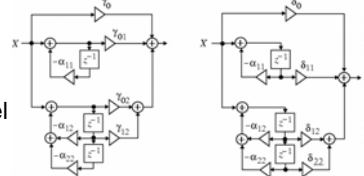
- General structure:



### Parallel Realizations

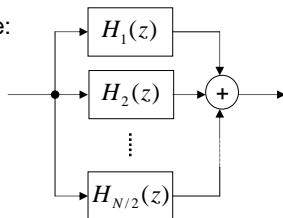
- Parallel realizations are obtained by making use of the partial fraction expansion of the transfer function

$$H(z) = \gamma_0 + \sum_k \frac{\gamma_{0k} + \gamma_{1k}z^{-1}}{1 + \alpha_{1k}z^{-1} + \alpha_{2k}z^{-2}}, \quad H(z) = \delta_0 + \sum_k \frac{\delta_{1k}z^{-1} + \delta_{2k}z^{-2}}{1 + \alpha_{1k}z^{-1} + \alpha_{2k}z^{-2}}$$



### Parallel Realizations

- General structure:



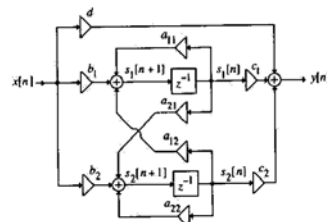
- Easy to realize:
  - No choices in section ordering and
  - No choices in pole and zero pairing

### State-Space Structures

- A second-order IIR digital filter can be described by the state-space equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} s_1[n+1] \\ s_2[n+1] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_1[n] \\ s_2[n] \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} x[n]$$

$$y[n] = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & c_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_1[n] \\ s_2[n] \end{bmatrix} + dx[n]$$



Large number of arithmetic operations needed (when compared to direct form second order blocks)

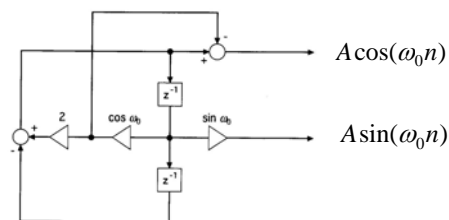
### Digital Oscillators

- There are applications where a digital oscillator or frequency synthesizer is required to generate a discrete-time sinusoid of programmable frequency  $\omega_0$
- A second-order recursive digital filter with poles on the unit circle is "marginally stable"
- With non-zero initial conditions, it ideally produces a sinusoidal output
- The frequency  $\omega_0$  of the sinusoid is determined by the angle of the unit-circle poles

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### Recursive Quadrature Oscillators

- A quadrature oscillator generates two sinusoidal outputs of the same frequency and amplitude but the phase differs by  $90^\circ$



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### Digital Sine-Cosine Generator

- Consider two causal impulse responses
- $$h_1[n] = A \cos(\omega_0 n) \mu[n]$$
- $$h_2[n] = A \sin(\omega_0 n) \mu[n]$$
- The corresponding system functions (without gain A) are

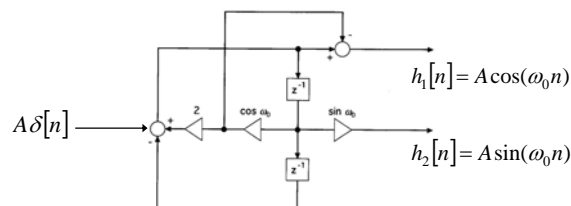
$$H_1(z) = \frac{1 - (\cos \omega_0)z^{-1}}{1 - 2(\cos \omega_0)z^{-1} + z^{-2}}$$

$$H_2(z) = \frac{(\sin \omega_0)z^{-1}}{1 - 2(\cos \omega_0)z^{-1} + z^{-2}}$$

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### Digital Sine-Cosine Generator

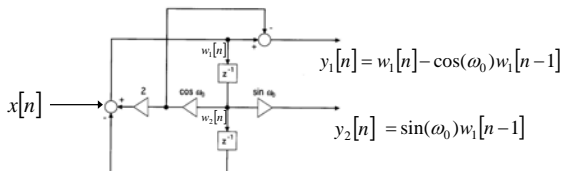
- A two-output recursive structure below has the system functions  $H_1(z)$  and  $H_2(z)$



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### Digital Sine-Cosine Generator

- Solving the signal values from the structure



$$\begin{cases} w_2[n] = w_1[n-1] \\ w_1[n] = 2 \cos(\omega_0)w_1[n-1] - w_2[n-1] + x[n] \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow w_1[n] = 2 \cos(\omega_0)w_1[n-1] - w_1[n-2] + x[n]$$

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### Digital Sine-Cosine Generator

- Using the  $z$ -transform and solving  $W_1(z)$

$$W_1(z) = 2 \cos(\omega_0)z^{-1}W_1(z) - z^{-2}W_1(z) + X(z)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow W_1(z)[1 - 2 \cos(\omega_0)z^{-1} + z^{-2}] = X(z)$$

- Taking the  $z$ -transform of the outputs gives

$$Y_1(z) = W_1(z) - \cos(\omega_0)z^{-1}W_1(z)$$

$$Y_2(z) = \sin(\omega_0)z^{-1}W_1(z)$$

- Substituting  $W_1(z)$  into the above equations

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### Digital Sine-Cosine Generator

- Equations for  $Y_1(z)$  and  $Y_2(z)$  are now

$$Y_1(z) = W_1(z) [1 - \cos(\omega_0)z^{-1}] = \frac{1 - \cos(\omega_0)z^{-1}}{1 - 2\cos(\omega_0)z^{-1} + z^{-2}} X(z)$$

$$Y_2(z) = \sin(\omega_0)z^{-1}W_1(z) = \frac{\sin(\omega_0)z^{-1}}{1 - 2\cos(\omega_0)z^{-1} + z^{-2}} X(z)$$

- Solving the system functions  $H_1(z)$  and  $H_2(z)$  gives

$$H_1(z) = \frac{Y_1(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{1 - \cos(\omega_0)z^{-1}}{1 - 2\cos(\omega_0)z^{-1} + z^{-2}}$$

$$H_2(z) = \frac{Y_2(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{\sin(\omega_0)z^{-1}}{1 - 2\cos(\omega_0)z^{-1} + z^{-2}}$$

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### Digital Sine-Cosine Generator

- Substituting now  $x[n]=A\delta[n]$  we notice that  $X(z)=A$
- The expressions for the outputs  $Y_1(z)$  and  $Y_2(z)$  are now

$$Y_1(z) = AH_1(z) = A \frac{1 - \cos(\omega_0)z^{-1}}{1 - 2\cos(\omega_0)z^{-1} + z^{-2}}$$

$$Y_2(z) = AH_2(z) = A \frac{\sin(\omega_0)z^{-1}}{1 - 2\cos(\omega_0)z^{-1} + z^{-2}}$$

- The oscillator outputs are obtained, e.g., from the inverse  $z$ -transform tables

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