

Magnitude response of $\frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}}$

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Suppose we now have a transfer function $H(z) = \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}}$, what we want is to calculate the magnitude frequency response $|H(\hat{\omega})|$

First we put $z = e^{j\hat{\omega}}$ to obtain the frequency response

$$H(\hat{\omega}) = \frac{1}{1 - ae^{-j\hat{\omega}}}$$

Next, in order to compute $|H(\hat{\omega})|$, instead of considering $|H(\hat{\omega})|$ directly, we consider $|H(\hat{\omega})|^2$ instead.

Also, instead of computing $|H(\hat{\omega})|^2 = |H(\hat{\omega})| |H(\hat{\omega})|$, we compute $|H(\hat{\omega})|^2 = |H(\hat{\omega})| |H(-\hat{\omega})|$

$$\begin{aligned} |H(\hat{\omega})|^2 &= \left| \frac{1}{1 - ae^{-j\hat{\omega}}} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - ae^{j\hat{\omega}}} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{1 - ae^{j\hat{\omega}} - ae^{-j\hat{\omega}} + a^2} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{1 - a(e^{j\hat{\omega}} + e^{-j\hat{\omega}}) + a^2} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{1 - 2a \cos \hat{\omega} + a^2} \right| \end{aligned}$$

And therefore

$$|H(\hat{\omega})| = \sqrt{\left| \frac{1}{1 - 2a \cos \hat{\omega} + a^2} \right|}$$

Therefore, for example

$$H(z) = \frac{1}{1 - 0.9z^{-1}}$$

Then the frequency response is

$$H(\hat{\omega}) = \frac{1}{1 - 0.9e^{-j\hat{\omega}}}$$

And therefore

$$|H(\hat{\omega})|^2 = \left| \frac{1}{1 - 2(0.9)\cos\hat{\omega} + 0.9^2} \right|$$

$$|H(\hat{\omega})|^2 = \left| \frac{1}{1.81 - 1.8\cos\hat{\omega}} \right|$$

Since $|\cos\hat{\omega}| \leq 1$, so $1.81 - 1.8\cos\hat{\omega}$ will always be positive, thus the value of $\hat{\omega}$ will not affect the sign of the denominator, so we can remove the absolute sign.

$$|H(\omega)|^2 = \frac{1}{1.81 - 1.8\cos\hat{\omega}}$$

Hence the $|H(\hat{\omega})|$ is

$$|H(\hat{\omega})| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1.81 - 1.8\cos\hat{\omega}}}$$