

Chapter 5

THE APPLICATION OF THE Z TRANSFORM

5.5.5 Frequency Response of Digital Filters

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- In other words, the upper edge of the baseband in digital systems is analogous to infinite frequency in analog systems.

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Note: The magnitude function $|H(z)|$ is, of course, a nonnegative quantity but $\arg H(z)$ can be positive or negative.

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 - a bandpass recursive filter.

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- The slides that follow will illustrate the various geometrical representations that are associated with the transfer function, amplitude response and phase response, e.g.,
 - zero-pole plot
 - 3-D plots of $|H(z)|$ and $\arg H(z)$ versus $z = \operatorname{Re} z + j\operatorname{Im} z$
 - 3-D plots of $|H(e^{j\omega T})|$ and $\arg H(e^{j\omega T})$ versus $z = e^{j\omega T}$
 - 2-D plots of $M(\omega) = |H(e^{j\omega T})|$ and $\theta(\omega) = \arg H(e^{j\omega T})$ versus ω

- Consider a fourth-order lowpass digital filter that has the following transfer function

$$H(z) = H_0 \prod_{i=1}^2 H_i(z) \quad \text{where} \quad H_i(z) = \frac{a_{0i} + a_{1i}z + z^2}{b_{0i} + b_{1i}z + z^2}$$

with

$$H_0 = 6.351486E - 02$$

$$a_{01} = 1.0, \quad a_{11} = 1.494070$$

$$b_{01} = 5.115041E - 01, \quad b_{11} = -1.015631$$

$$a_{02} = 1.0, \quad a_{12} = 4.188149E - 01$$

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- The transfer function can be expressed in terms of its zeros and poles as

$$H(z) = H_0 \prod_{i=1}^2 H_i(z) \quad \text{where} \quad H_i(z) = \frac{(z - z_i)(z - z_i^*)}{(z - p_i)(z - p_i^*)}$$

with

$$z_1, z_1^* = -0.7470 \pm j0.6648$$

$$z_2, z_2^* = -0.2094 \pm j0.9778$$

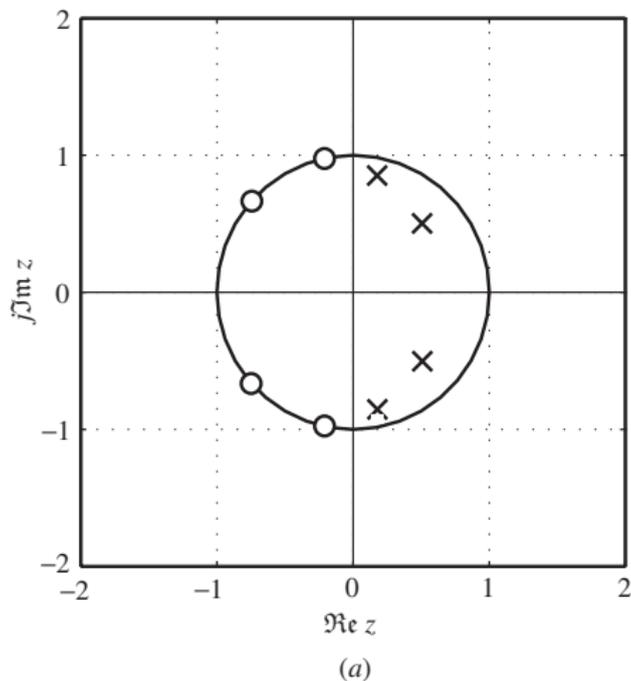
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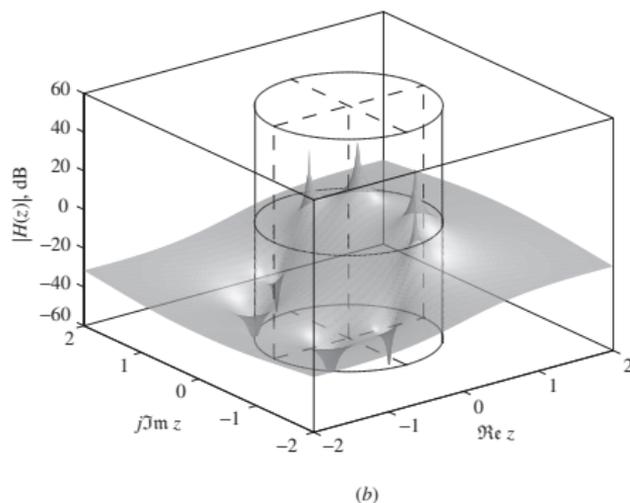
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- Zero-pole plot:



- Plot of $|H(z)|$ (in dB) versus $z = \text{Re } z + j\text{Im } z$:



The *dimples and spikes* are the *zeros and poles*, respectively.

- The amplitude response can be obtained as

$$M(\omega) = |H_0| \prod_{i=1}^2 |H_i(e^{j\omega T})| = |H_0| \prod_{i=1}^2 M_i(\omega) \quad \text{where}$$

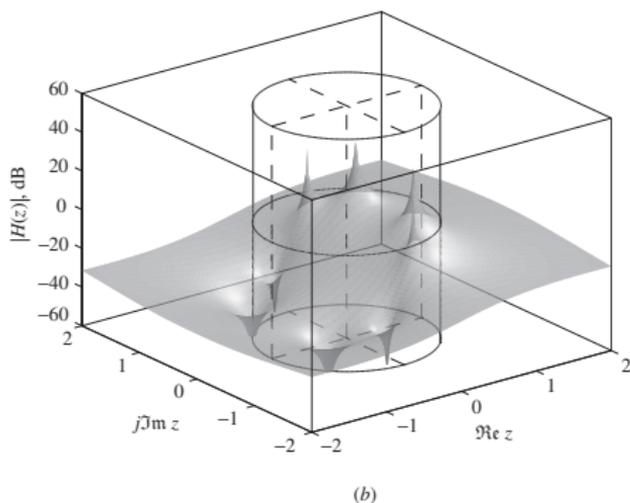
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$$M(\omega) = |H(e^{j\omega nT})|$$

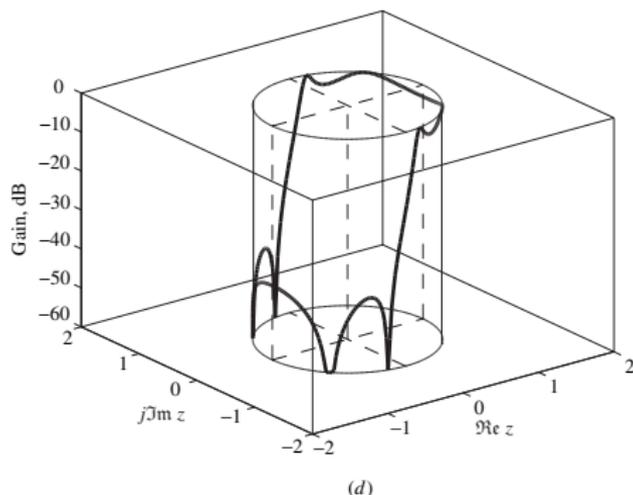
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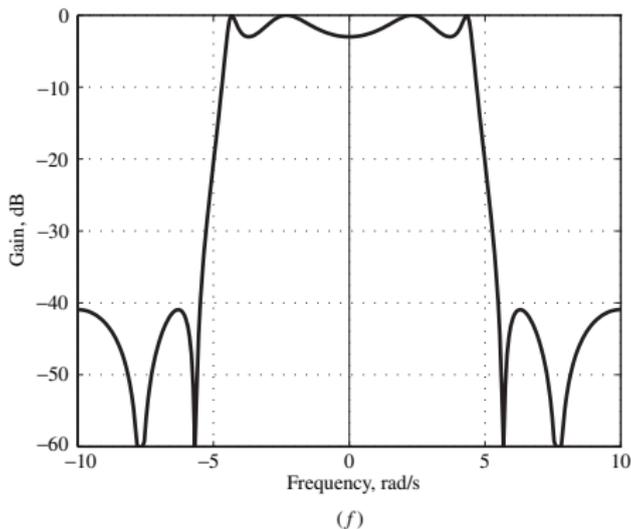
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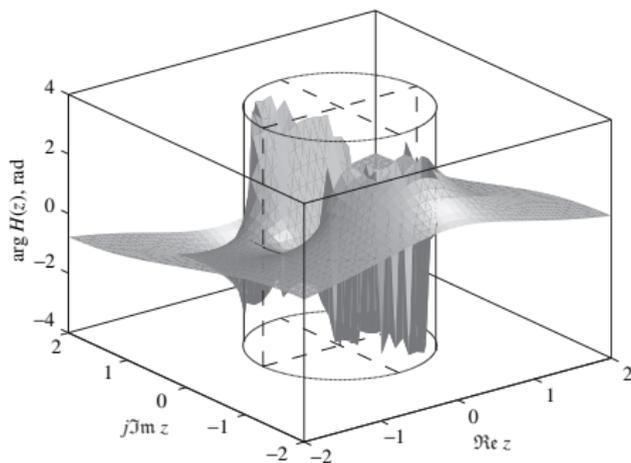
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Lowpass Filter *Cont'd*

- Slicing the cylinder along the vertical line $z = -1$ and flattening it out will reveal the amplitude response, i.e., $M(\omega)$ versus ω , as a two-dimensional plot:



- Plot of $\arg H(z)$ (in rad) versus $z = \text{Re } z + j\text{Im } z$:



(c)

- The phase response can be obtained as

$$\theta(\omega) = \arg H_0 + \sum_{i=1}^2 \arg H_i(e^{j\omega T}) = \sum_{i=1}^2 \theta_i(\omega) \quad \text{where}$$

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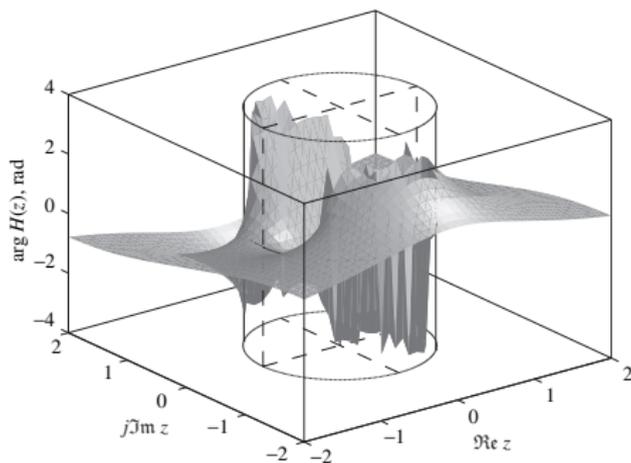
(See textbook for details.)

- Since $z = e^{j\omega T}$ represents a circle of unit radius in the z plane, the phase response

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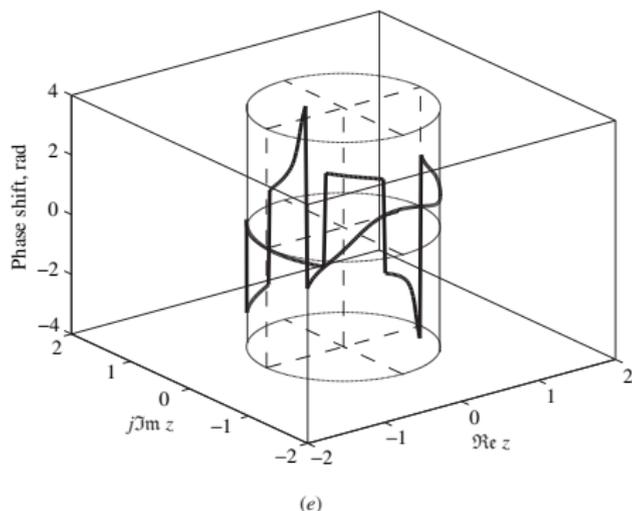
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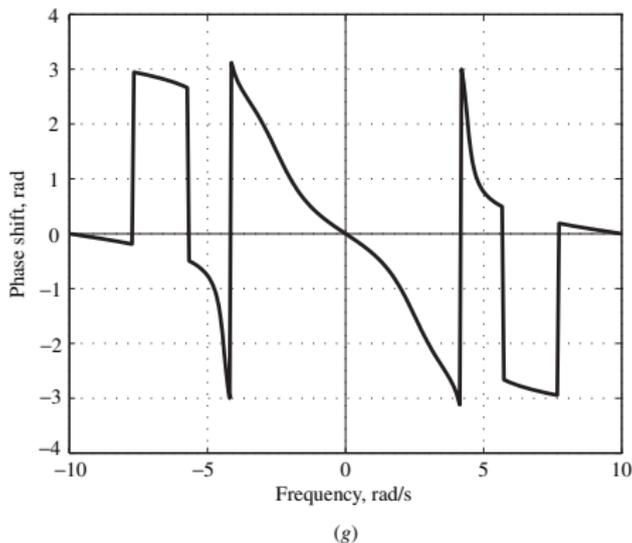
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Pitfall

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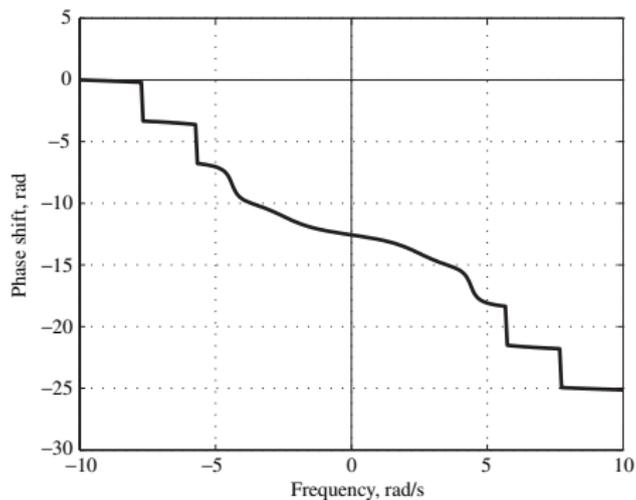
- The problem can be corrected by noting that the phase response is a continuous function of ω .

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- Alternatively, the correct value of the phase response can be obtained by using function $\text{unwrap}(p)$ of MATLAB, which will perform the necessary corrections.

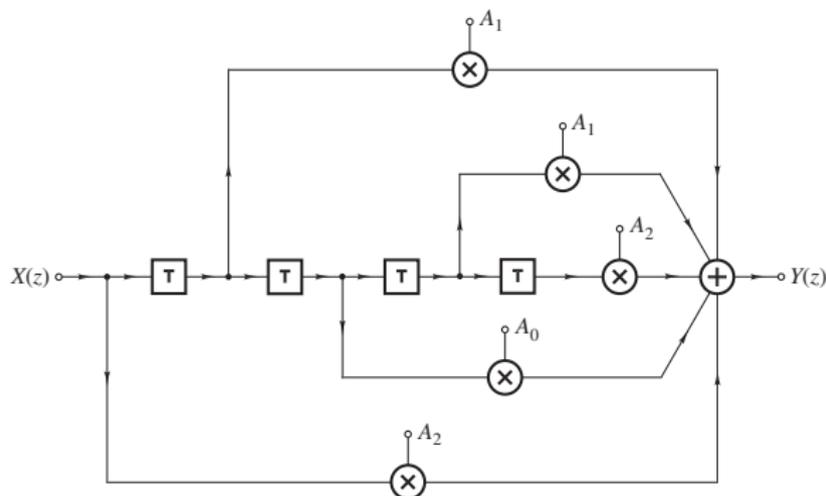
- Unwrapped phase response:



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Example – Nonrecursive Lowpass Filter

The figure shows a nonrecursive filter:

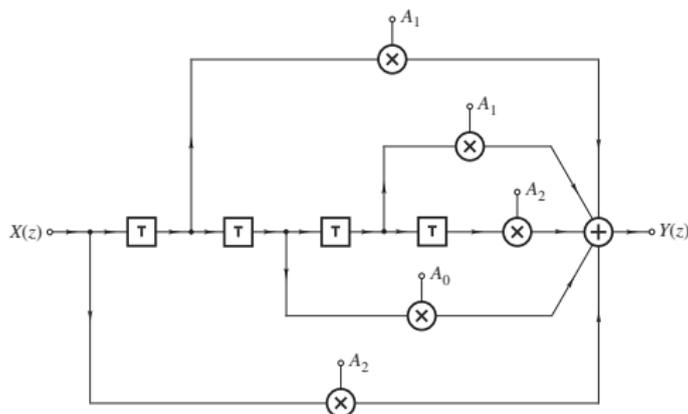


$$A_0 = 0.3352, \quad A_1 = 0.2540, \quad A_2 = 0.0784$$

Example *Cont'd*

- (a) Construct the zero-pole plot.
- (b) Plot the surface $|H(z)|$ as a function of $z = \text{Re } z + j\text{Im } z$.
- (c) Obtain expressions for the amplitude and phase responses.
- (d1) Plot the amplitude and phase responses in terms of 3-D plots.
- (d2) Plot the amplitude and phase responses in terms of 2-D plots.

Solution



Transfer function:

$$\begin{aligned}
 H(z) &= A_2 + A_1 z^{-1} + A_0 z^{-2} + A_1 z^{-3} + A_2 z^{-4} \\
 &= \frac{A_2 z^2 + A_1 z + A_0 + A_1 z^{-1} + A_2 z^{-2}}{z^2} \\
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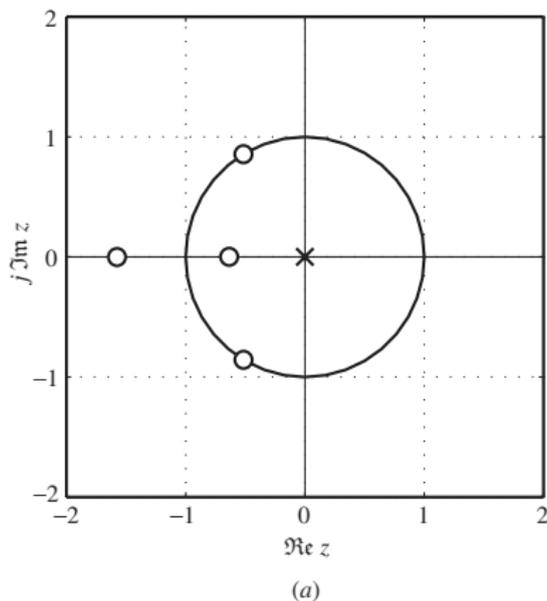
The zeros can be readily found by using D-Filter or MATLAB as

$$z_1 = -1.5756 \quad z_2 = -0.6347 \quad z_3, z_4 = -0.5148 \pm j0.8573$$

There is a 4th-order pole at the origin.

Example *Cont'd*

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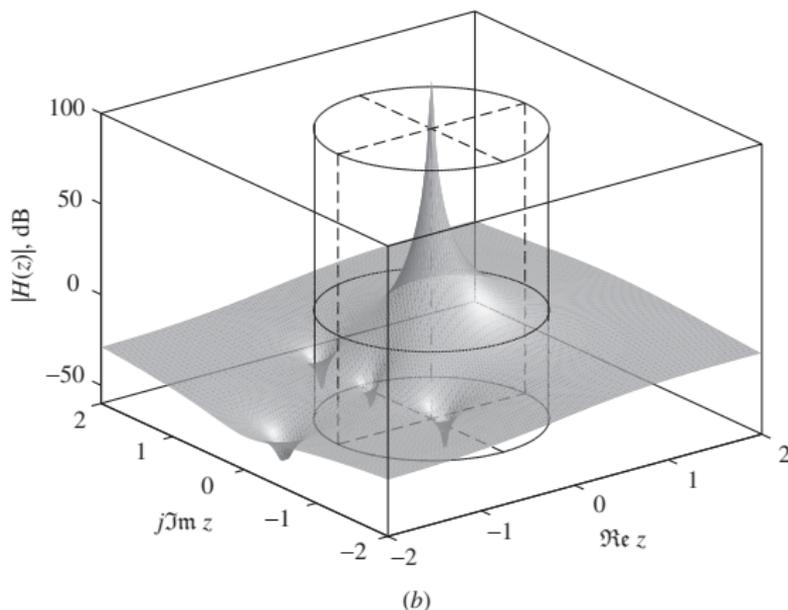


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$$p_1 = p_2 = p_3 = p_4 = 0$$

Example *Cont'd*

$|H(z)|$ versus $z = \text{Re } z + j\text{Im } z$:



Dimples represent zeros, the huge spike represents the 4th-order pole at the origin.

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Eq. (A) gives the frequency response as

$$\begin{aligned} H(e^{j\omega T}) &= \frac{A_2(e^{j2\omega T} + e^{-j2\omega T}) + A_1(e^{j\omega T} + e^{-j\omega T}) + A_0}{e^{j2\omega T}} \\ &= \frac{2A_2 \cos 2\omega T + 2A_1 \cos \omega T + A_0}{e^{j2\omega T}} \end{aligned}$$

Example *Cont'd*

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Therefore, the amplitude and phase responses are given by

$$M(\omega) = |2A_2 \cos 2\omega T + 2A_1 \cos \omega T + A_0| \quad \blacksquare$$

and

$$\theta(\omega) = \theta_N - 2\omega T \quad \blacksquare$$

respectively, where

$$\theta_N = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 2A_2 \cos 2\omega T + 2A_1 \cos \omega T + A_0 \geq 0 \\ \pi & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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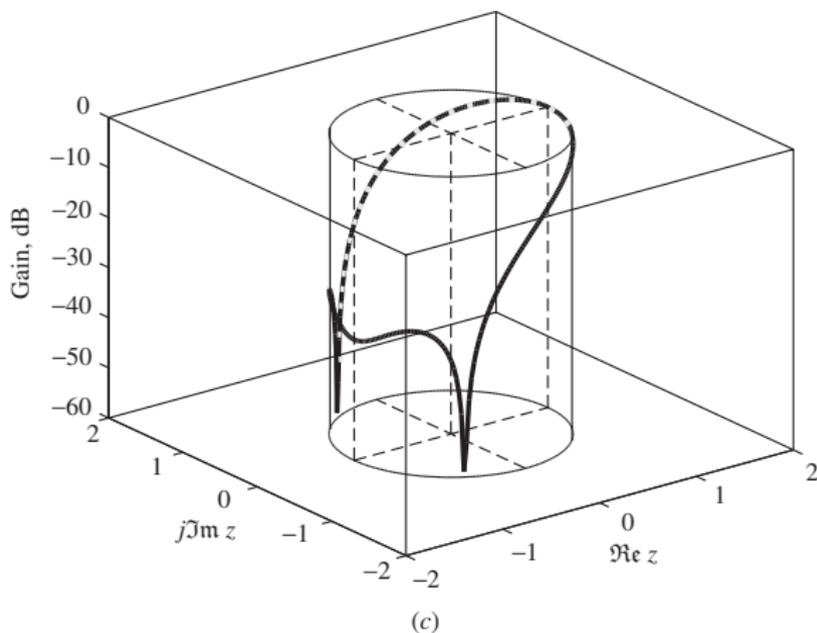
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Note: The phase response is usually a linear function of ω in nonrecursive filters (see Chap. 9).

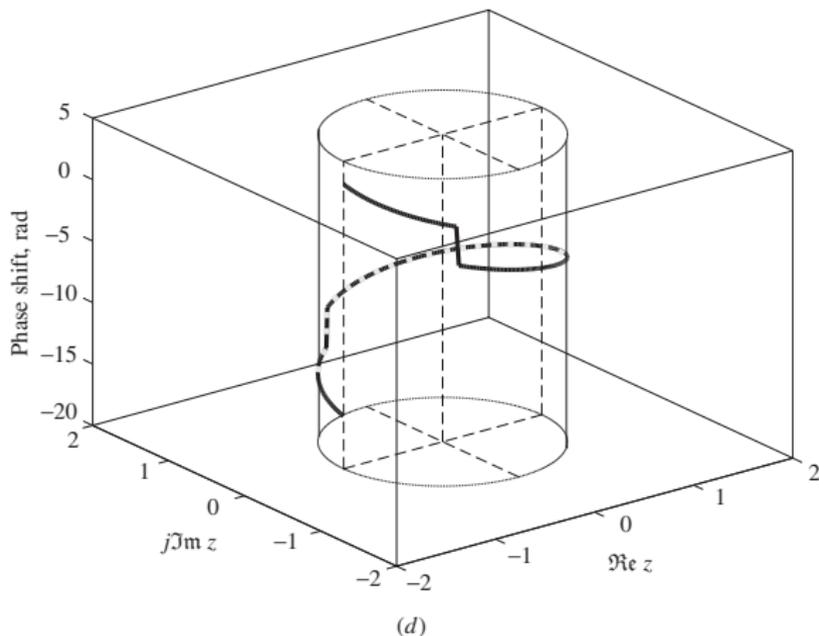
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3-D plot of amplitude response, i.e., $\arg H(e^{j\omega T})$ versus $z = e^{j\omega T}$:



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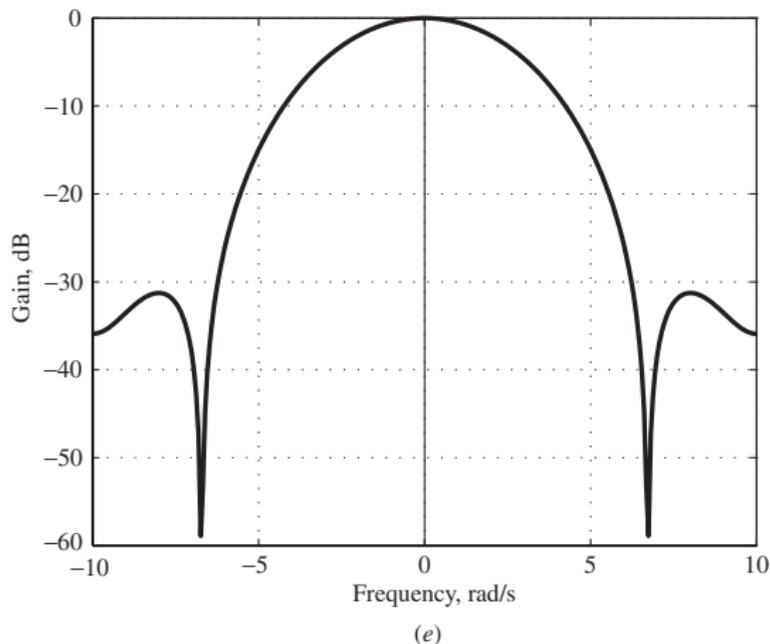
3-D plot of phase response, i.e., $\arg H(e^{j\omega T})$ versus $z = e^{j\omega T}$:



Note: The phase angle has been unwrapped.

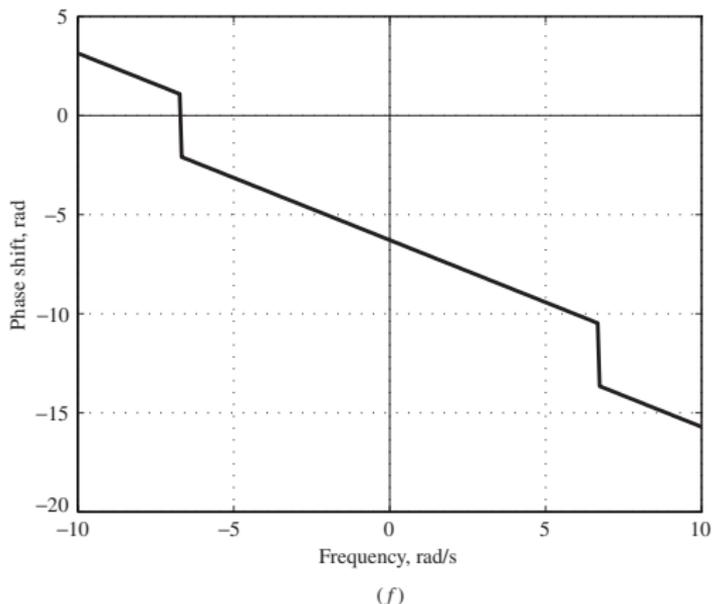
Example *Cont'd*

2-D plot of amplitude response, i.e., $M(\omega) = |H(e^{j\omega T})|$ versus ω :



Example *Cont'd*

2-D plot of phase response, i.e., $\arg H(e^{j\omega T})$ versus ω :



Note: The discontinuities are genuine: they are caused by zeros on the unit circle.

Example – Recursive Bandpass Filter

A recursive digital filter is characterized by the transfer function

$$H(z) = H_0 \prod_{i=1}^3 H_i(z)$$

where

$$H_i(z) = \frac{a_{0i} + a_{1i}z + z^2}{b_{0i} + b_{1i}z + z^2}$$

The sampling frequency is 20 rad/s.

Transfer-Function Coefficients

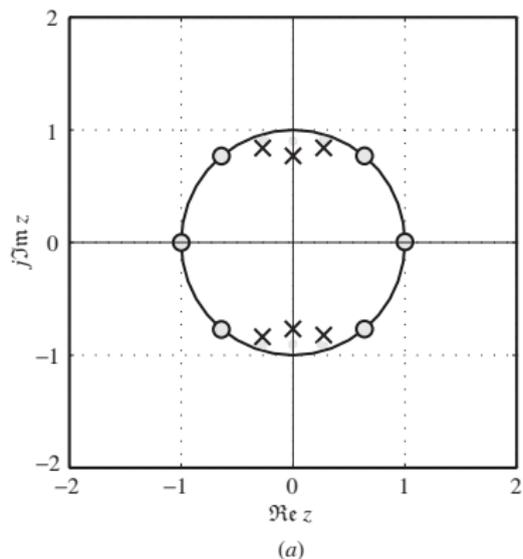
i	a_{0i}	a_{1i}	b_{0i}	b_{1i}
1	-1.0	0.0	8.131800E-1	7.870090E-8
2	1.0	-1.275258	9.211099E-1	5.484026E-1
3	1.0	1.275258	9.211097E-1	-5.484024E-1
$H_0 = 1.763161E - 2$				

Example *Cont'd*

- (a) Construct the zero-pole plot of the filter.
- (b) Plot the surface $|H(z)|$ as a function of $z = \text{Re } z + j\text{Im } z$.
- (c) Obtain expressions for the amplitude and phase responses.
- (d) Plot the amplitude and phase responses first in terms of 3-D plots and then in terms of 2-D plots.

Example *Cont'd*

Solution

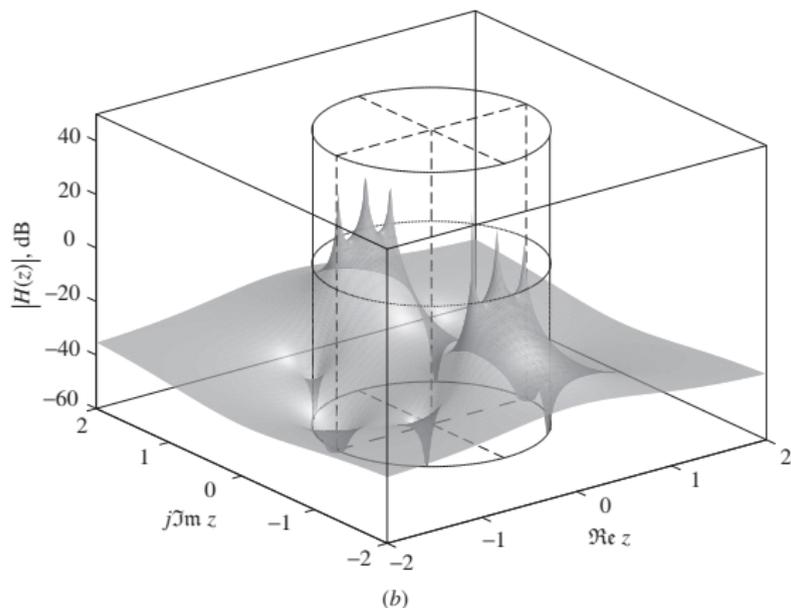


$$z_1, z_2 = \pm 1 \quad z_3, z_4 = 0.638 \pm j0.770 \quad z_5, z_6 = -0.638 \pm j0.770$$

$$p_1, p_2 = \pm j0.902 \quad p_3, p_4 = 0.274 \pm j0.770 \quad p_5, p_6 = -0.274 \pm j0.770$$

Example *Cont'd*

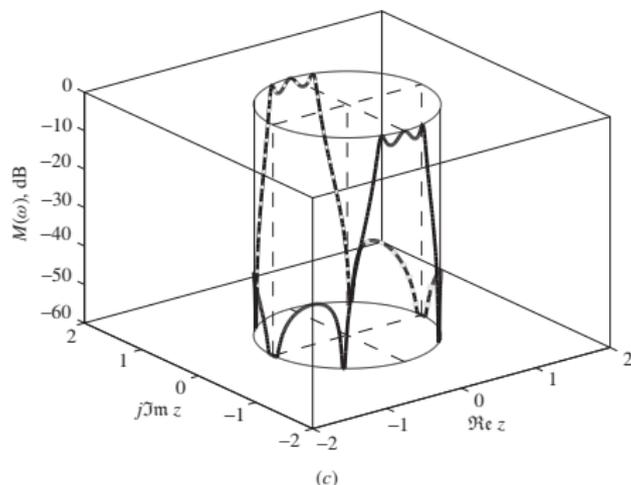
$|H(z)|$ versus $z = \text{Re } z + j\text{Im } z$:



Dimples represent zeros, the huge spike represents the 4th-order pole at the origin.

Example *Cont'd*

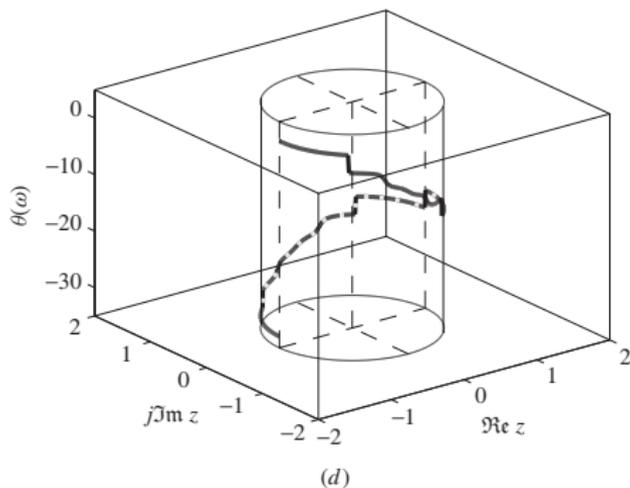
Plot of $|H(z)|$ (in dB) versus $z = e^{j\omega T}$:



The *intersection* between surface $|H(z)|$ and the cylinder, i.e., the solid curve, is the *amplitude response*.

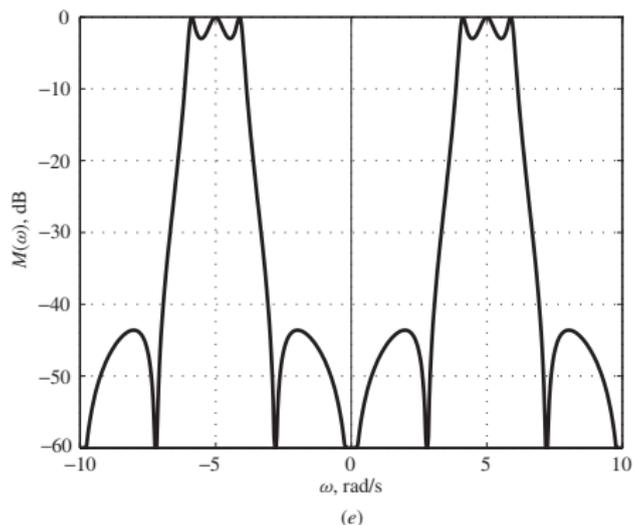
Example *Cont'd*

Plot of $\arg H(z)$ (in rad) versus $z = e^{j\omega T}$ with the phase angle unwrapped:



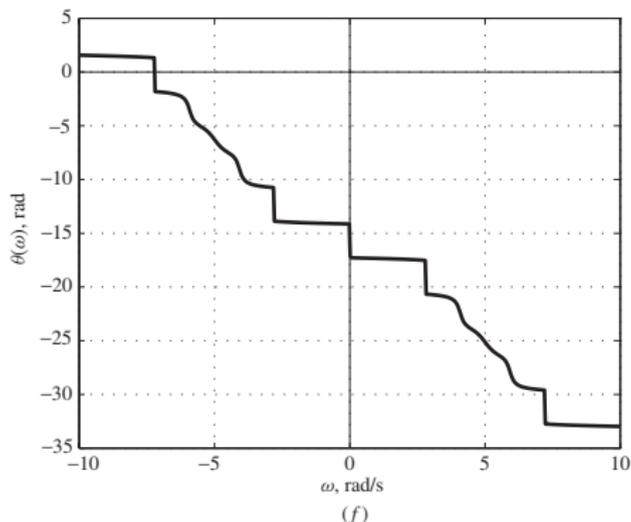
Example *Cont'd*

Slicing the cylinder along the vertical line $z = -1$ and flattening it out will reveal the amplitude response, i.e., $M(\omega)$ versus ω , as a two-dimensional plot:



Example *Cont'd*

Unwrapped phase response:



Note: The discontinuities shown are genuine. They are caused by the zeros on the unit circle.

*This slide concludes the presentation.
Thank you for your attention.*