

Problem 1:

Consider the continuous time system with transfer function $H(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 - 2}$.

1. Can it be causal? If yes, sketch the ROC.

It is causal for the ROC $\{s: 2 < \text{Re } s\}$

2. Can it be stable? If yes, sketch the ROC.

It is stable for the ROC $\{s: -2 < \text{Re } s < 2\}$

3. Compute the step response ($x(t) = u(t)$) of the causal system.

$$y(t) = L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{(s + \sqrt{2})(s - \sqrt{2})s} \right\}_{ROC: \{2 < \text{Re } s\}} = L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1/4}{(s + \sqrt{2})} + \frac{1/4}{(s - \sqrt{2})} + \frac{-1/2}{s} \right\}_{R-S} \dots$$

$$y(t) = \left\{ \frac{1}{4} e^{-\sqrt{2}t} + \frac{1}{4} e^{\sqrt{2}t} - \frac{1}{2} \right\} u(t)$$

Problem 2:

For the stable discrete time system with transfer function $H(z) = \frac{z-1}{z(z^2 - 0.16)}$

1. Sketch the region of convergence of H(z). Is the system causal?

The system is stable for the ROC $\{z: \sqrt{0.16} = 0.4 < |z|\}$, which includes the unit circle. Since the ROC extends to ∞ , the system is also causal.

2. Compute the unit step response ($x(n)=u(n)$).

$$y(n) = Z^{-1} \left\{ \frac{z-1}{z(z+0.4)(z-0.4)} \cdot \frac{z}{z-1} \right\}_{ROC: \{1 < |z|\}} = Z^{-1} \left\{ \frac{-1/0.8}{(z+0.4)} + \frac{1/0.8}{(z-0.4)} \right\}_{R-S} \dots$$

$$y(n) = \{1.25(0.4)^{n-1} - 1.25(-0.4)^{n-1}\} u(n-1)$$