

Sensorics Exam

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Task	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6	T7	Sum
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Permitted Tools: Pocket Calculator and 4 pages of formula collection

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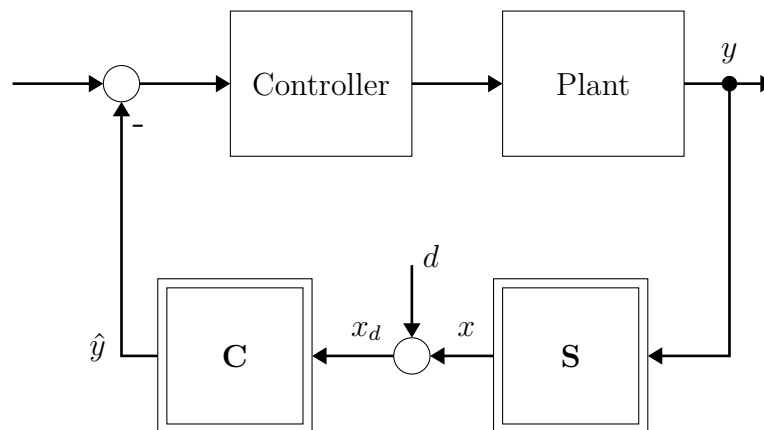
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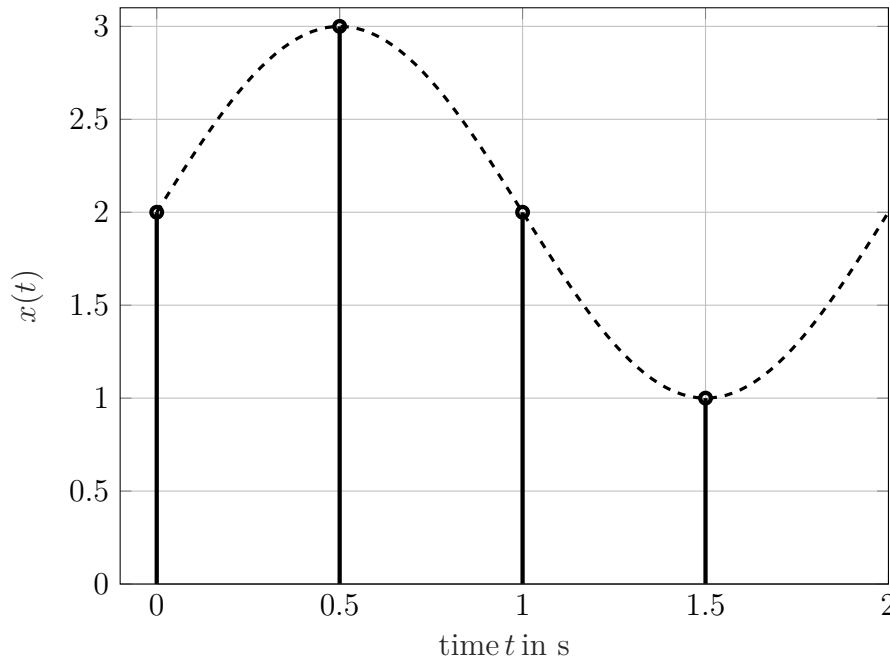
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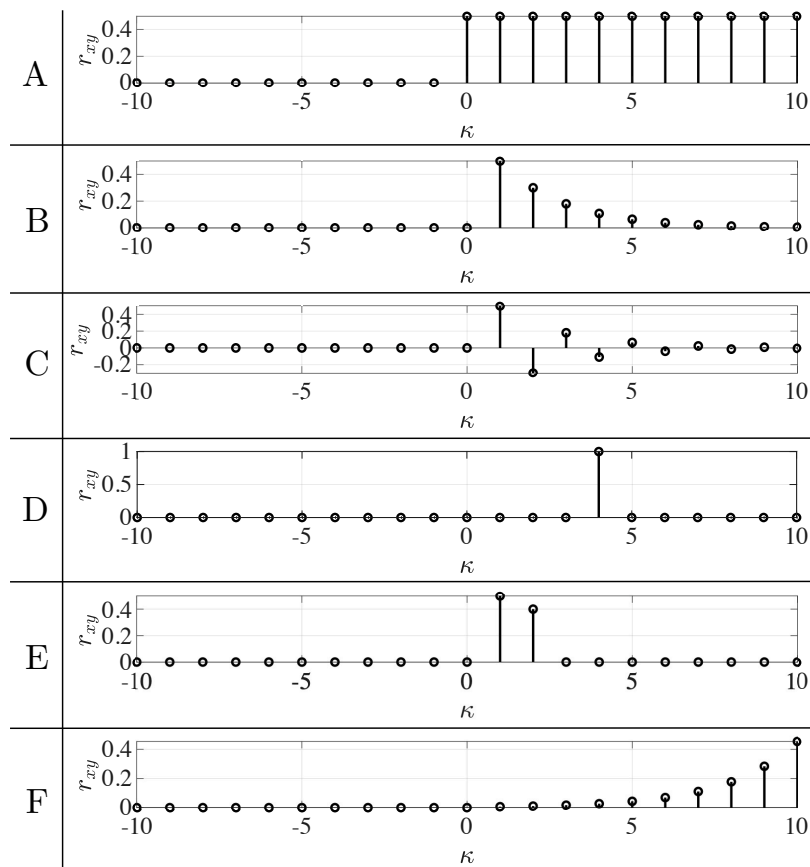
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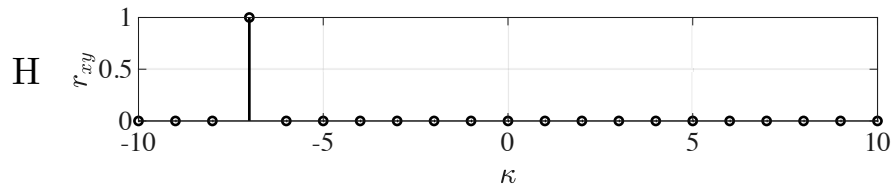
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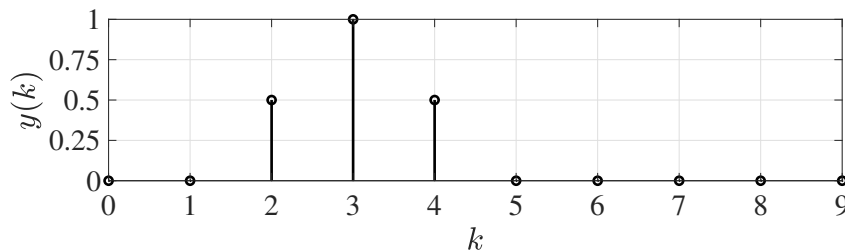
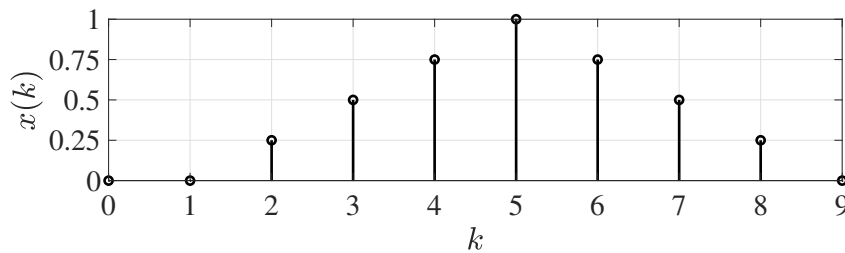


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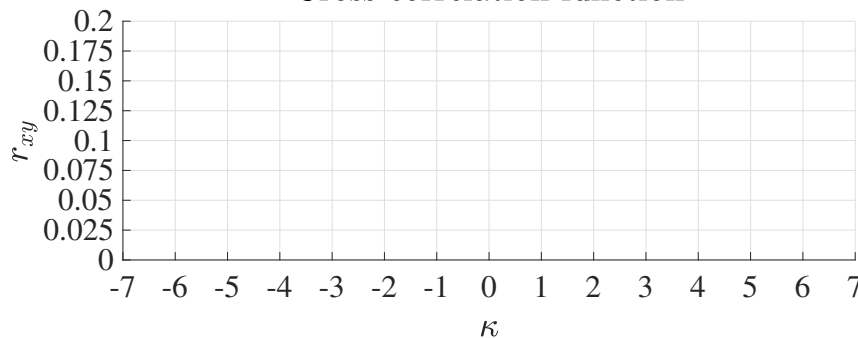
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Cross-correlation function



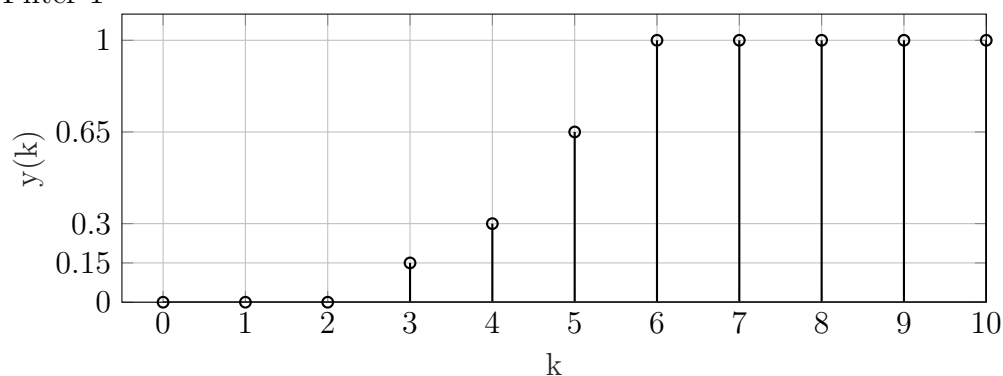
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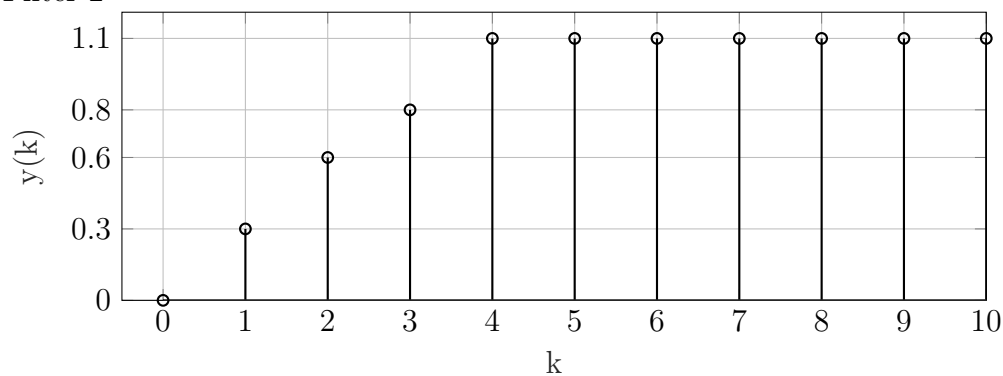
$$u(k) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } k < 2 \\ 1, & \text{if } k \geq 2 \end{cases}.$$

For each task specify a transfer function $G(z)$.

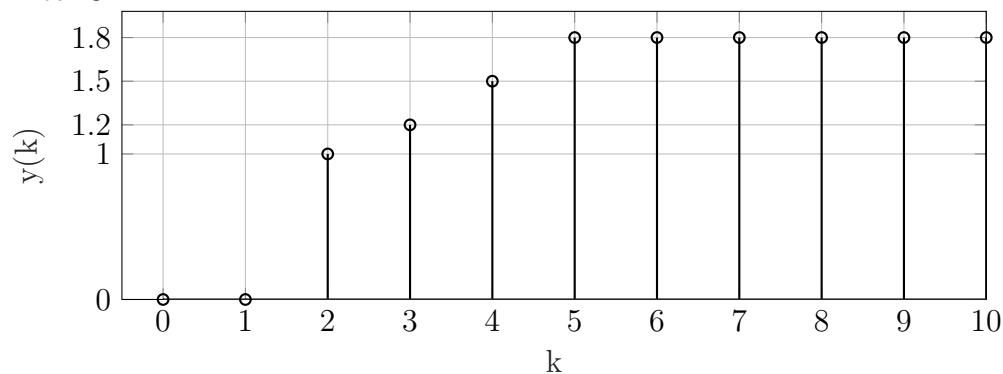
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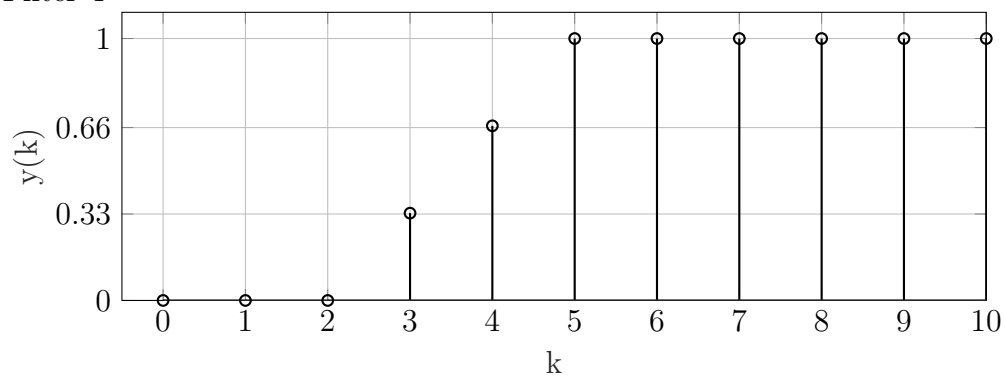
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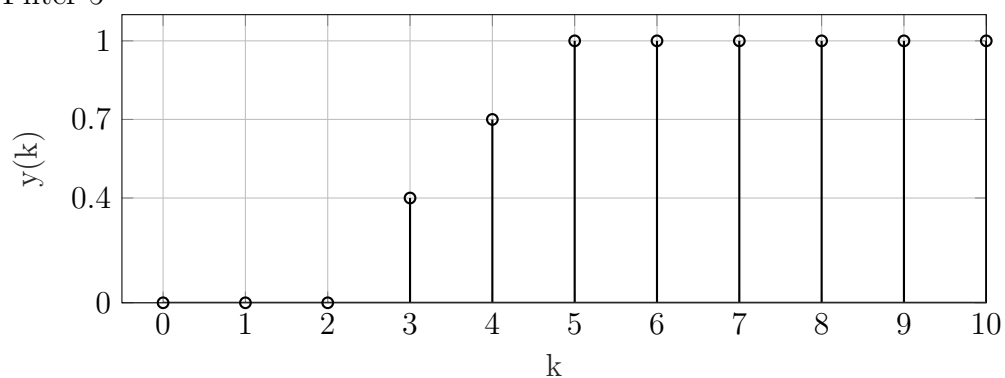
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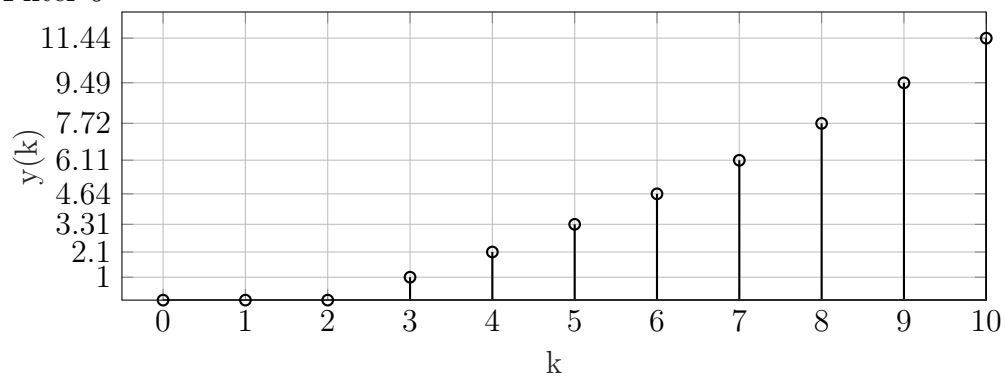
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f) Filter 6



g) Please copy the following table and mark the properties of each filter.

Filter	FIR	Non-causal	Linear phase	Instable	Gain = 1
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2					
3					
4					
5					
6					

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$$G(z) = \frac{1 + z^{-1}}{2}.$$

Calculate the filter $F(z)$ according to

$$F(z) = G(z) \cdot G(z^{-1}).$$

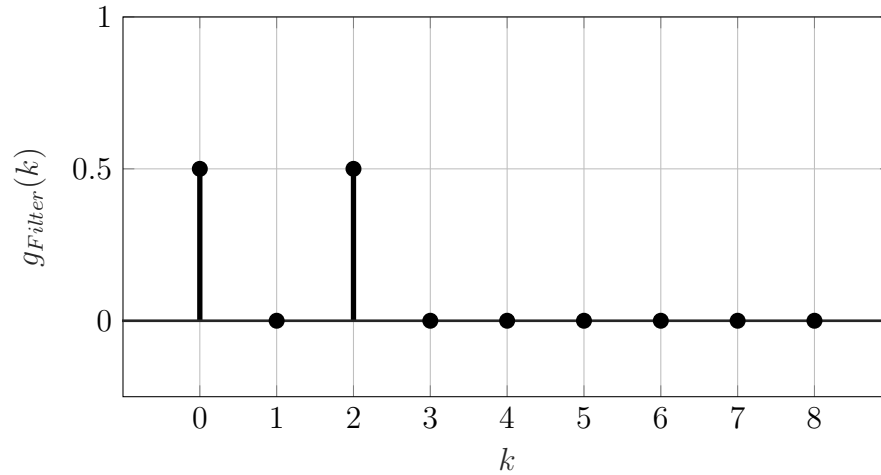
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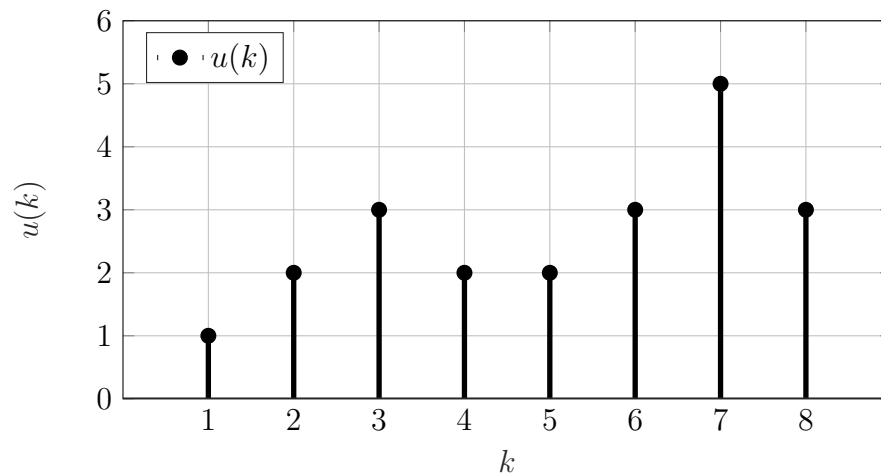
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Task 7: Linear filter (14 Points)

The following figure shows the impulse response of a linear filter $g_{Filter}(k)$:



This filter can be used to filter the input signal $u(k)$. For this task assume the following sequence for the input signal $u(k)$.



- The input signal $u(k)$ is now to be filtered. Calculate the value sequence $y(k)$ of the filter output for $k = 1, 2, \dots, 8$. Assume $u(k) = 0$ for all $k < 1$.
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Solution:

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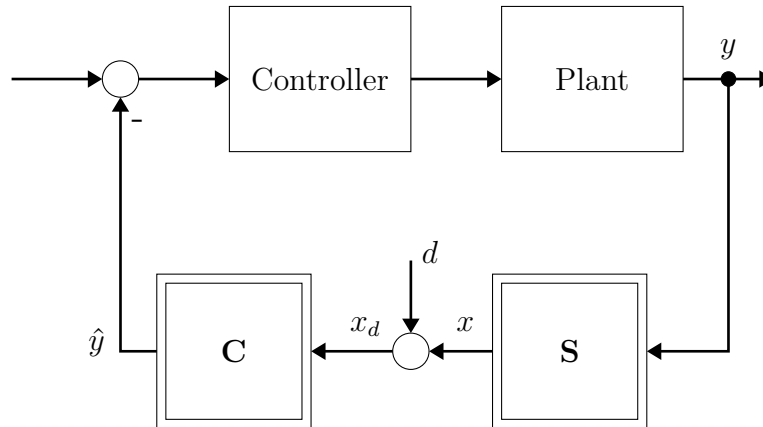
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Answer: $f_C(x_d) = \hat{y} = 2 \ln(0.5x_d^2 + 1)$

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- b) Find the sensitivity of the Compensator $\frac{d\hat{y}}{dx_d}$.

Answer: $\frac{d\hat{y}}{dx_d} = \frac{4x_d}{x_d^2 + 2}$

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- c) At which value of $x_d = x_{set}$ the sensitivity is the highest? Provide your answer with a calculation or explanation.

Answer:

One way to find the maximum: Take the derivative and set it to 0.

$$\frac{d^2\hat{y}}{dx_d^2} = \frac{-4x_d^2 + 8}{(x_d^2 + 2)^2} = 0$$

$$x_d^2 = 2$$

$$x_{d1} = \sqrt{2}; x_{d2} = -\sqrt{2}$$

The maximum must be $x_{d1} = \sqrt{2} = x_{set}$ since the operating range is for positive values of y which also means, that all values of x must be positive.

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$$y = 1.386$$

$$x_d = \sqrt{2} + 0.5 = 1.91$$

$$\hat{y} = \ln(0.5 \cdot (1.91)^2 + 1) = 2.08$$

$$e_{abs} = |\hat{y} - y| = 0.70$$

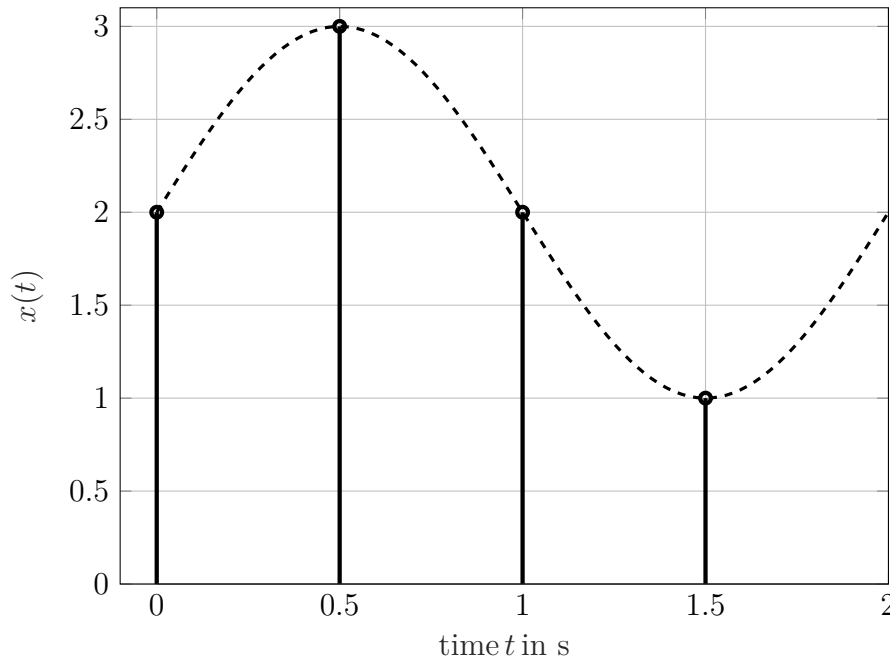
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Answer:

$$\underline{W}_N = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -i & -1 & i \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & i & -1 & -i \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

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- c) Calculate $\underline{X}(n)$.

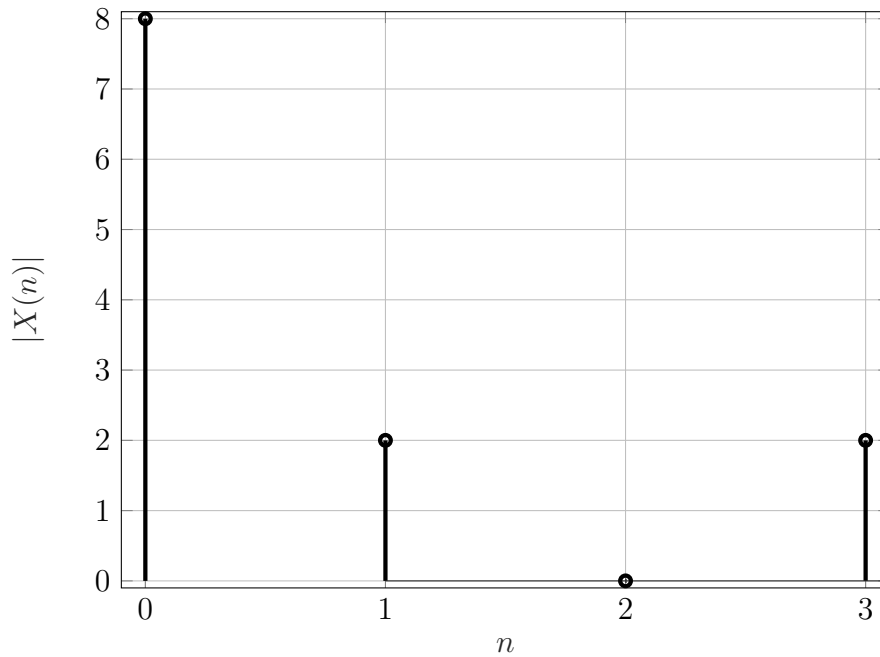
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$$\underline{X}(n) = \underline{W}_N \underline{x}(k) = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -2i \\ 0 \\ 2i \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

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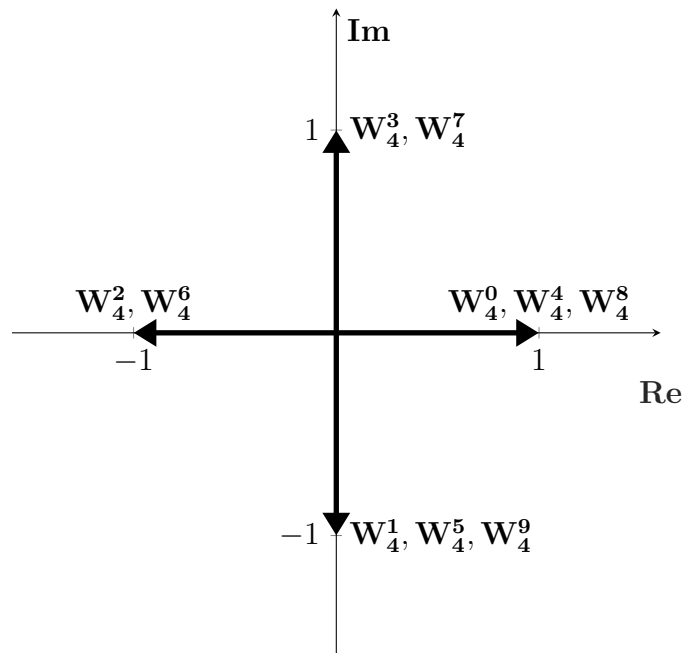
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Answer: The entries in W_N rise by the factor 4, if the amount of samples is doubled. The computational workload rises almost quadratic with the number of samples.

Method: FFT

In the FFT, the data is enhanced with zero entries, until the number of datapoints is equal to a power of 2. This is called zero padding. Then the data is split into 2

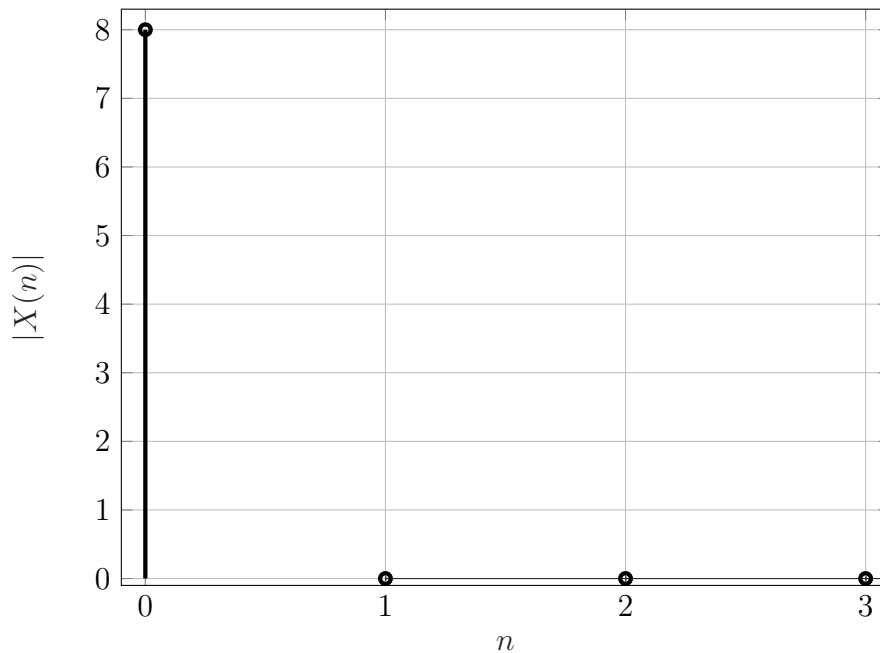
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- g) Plot the amplitudes of $X(n)$ in a diagram as a function of the discrete frequencies, when the frequency f_x of the signal $x(t)$ is doubled. The sampling frequency and time interval from part **a)** remain.

Answer:

By doubling the frequency of the signal, all measurements measure the mean of the sinusoidal function. Therefore, the signal is indistinguishable from a constant. The sampling theorem is violated.



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Task 4: Correlation Function (17 Points)

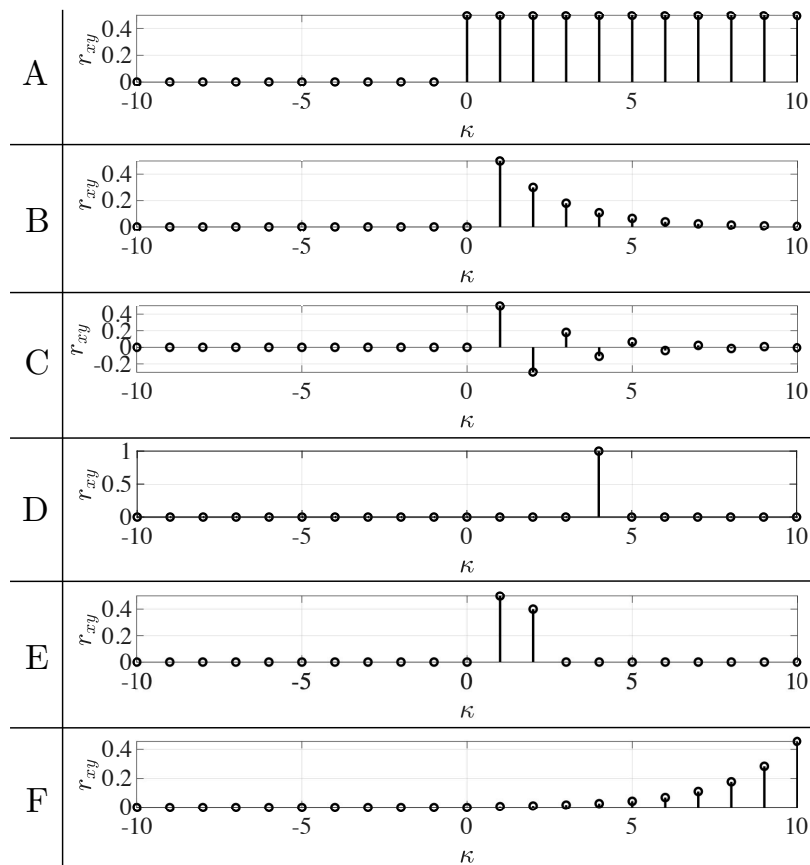
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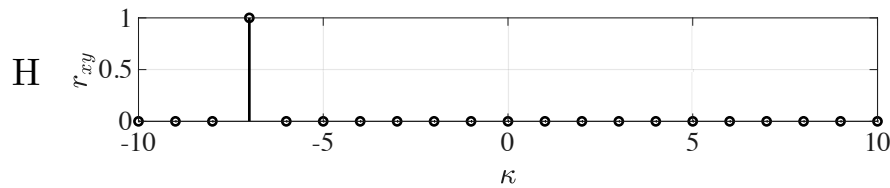
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$$G_H = z^7$$

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Answer:

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No.

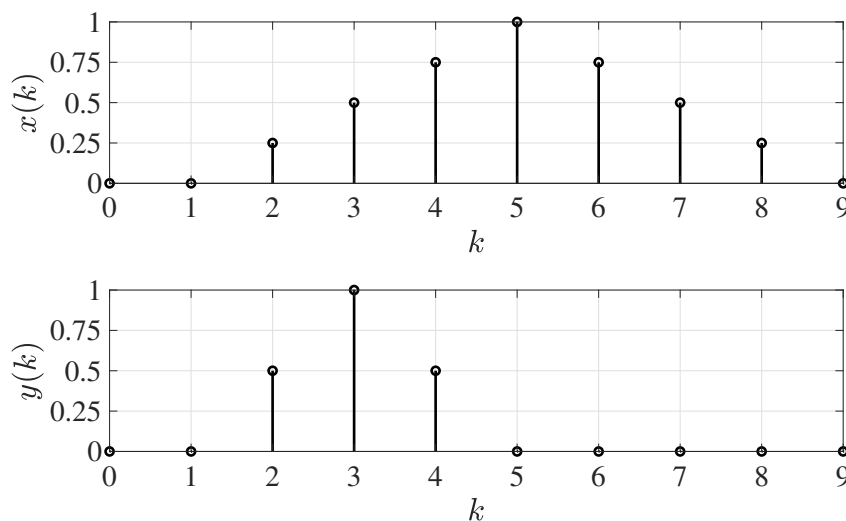
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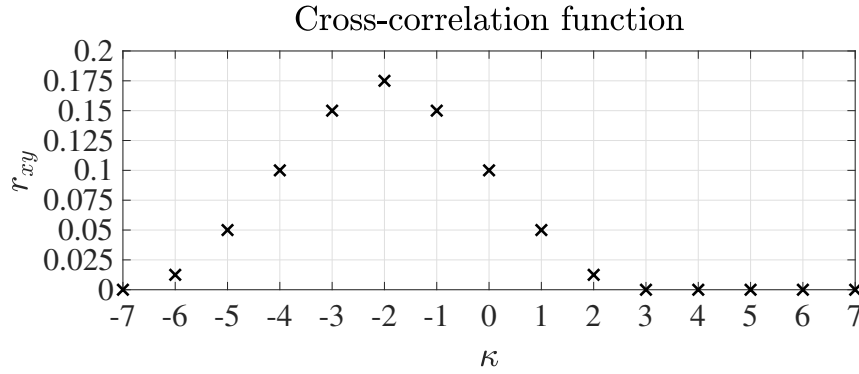
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Answer:





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$$\begin{aligned}
 r_{xy}(7) &= \frac{1}{10} (0.5 \cdot 0 + 0.25 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 0) = 0 \\
 r_{xy}(6) &= \frac{1}{10} (0.75 \cdot 0 + 0.5 \cdot 0 + 0.25 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 0) = 0 \\
 r_{xy}(5) &= \frac{1}{10} (1 \cdot 0 + 0.75 \cdot 0 + 0.5 \cdot 0 + 0.25 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 0) = 0 \\
 r_{xy}(4) &= \frac{1}{10} (0.75 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 0 + 0.75 \cdot 0 + 0.5 \cdot 0 + 0.25 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 0) = 0 \\
 r_{xy}(3) &= 0 \\
 r_{xy}(2) &= \frac{1}{10} (0.25 \cdot 0.5) = 0.0125 \\
 r_{xy}(1) &= \frac{1}{10} (0.5 \cdot 0.5 + 1 \cdot 0.25) = 0.05 \\
 r_{xy}(0) &= \frac{1}{10} (0.5 \cdot 0.75 + 1 \cdot 0.5 + 0.5 \cdot 0.25) = 0.1 \\
 r_{xy}(-1) &= \frac{1}{10} (0.5 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 0.75 + 0.5 \cdot 0.5) = 0.15 \\
 r_{xy}(-2) &= \frac{1}{10} (0.5 \cdot 0.75 + 1 \cdot 1 + 0.5 \cdot 0.75) = 0.175 \\
 r_{xy}(-3) &= \frac{1}{10} (0.5 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 0.75 + 0.5 \cdot 0.5) = 0.15 \\
 r_{xy}(-4) &= \frac{1}{10} (0.5 \cdot 0.75 + 1 \cdot 0.5 + 0.5 \cdot 0.25) = 0.1 \\
 r_{xy}(-5) &= \frac{1}{10} (0.5 \cdot 0.5 + 1 \cdot 0.25) = 0.05 \\
 r_{xy}(-6) &= \frac{1}{10} (0.25 \cdot 0.5) = 0.0125 \\
 r_{xy}(-7) &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

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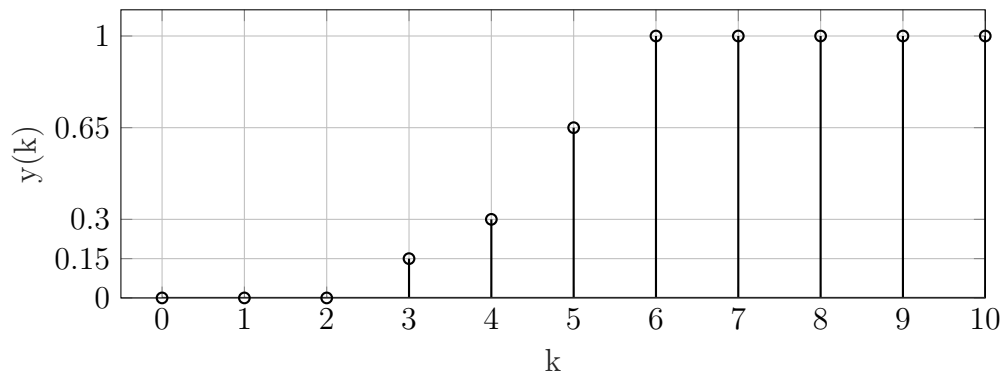
Task 5: FIR and IIR (17 Points)

The step responses of different filters are given in the following figures. The corresponding step is defined as

$$u(k) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } k < 2 \\ 1, & \text{if } k \geq 2 \end{cases}.$$

For each task specify a transfer function $G(z)$.

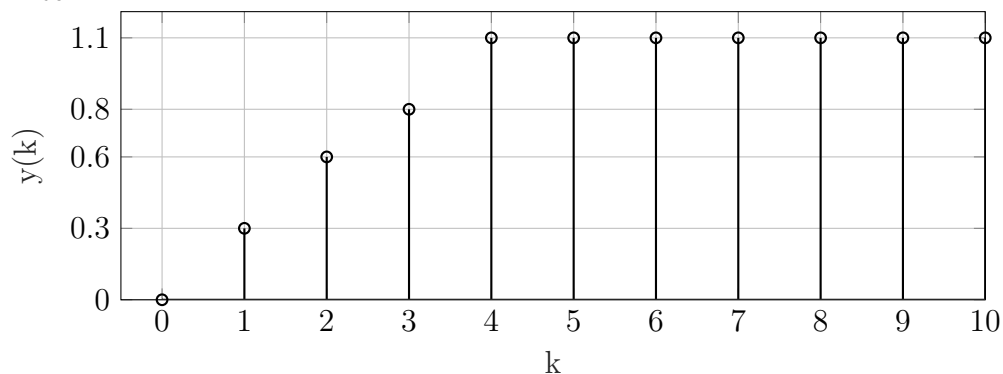
a) Filter 1



Answer: FIR causal: $G(z) = 0.15z^{-1} + 0.15z^{-2} + 0.35z^{-3} + 0.35z^{-4}$

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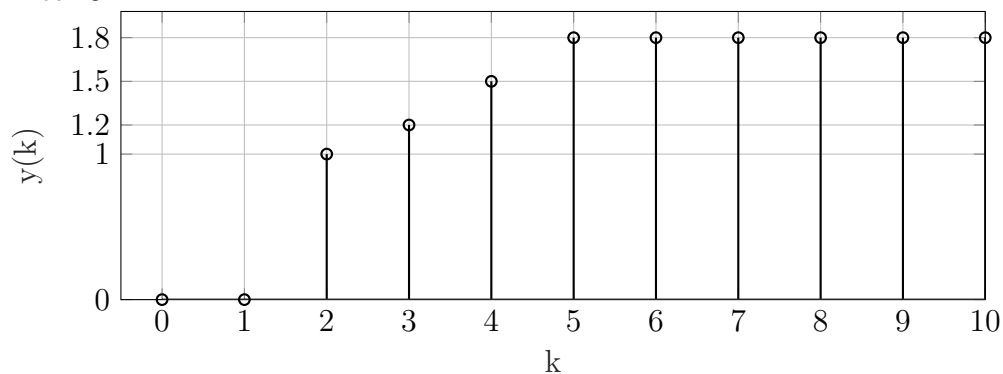
b) Filter 2



Answer: FIR non-causal: $G(z) = 0.3z^1 + 0.3 + 0.2z^{-1} + 0.3z^{-2}$

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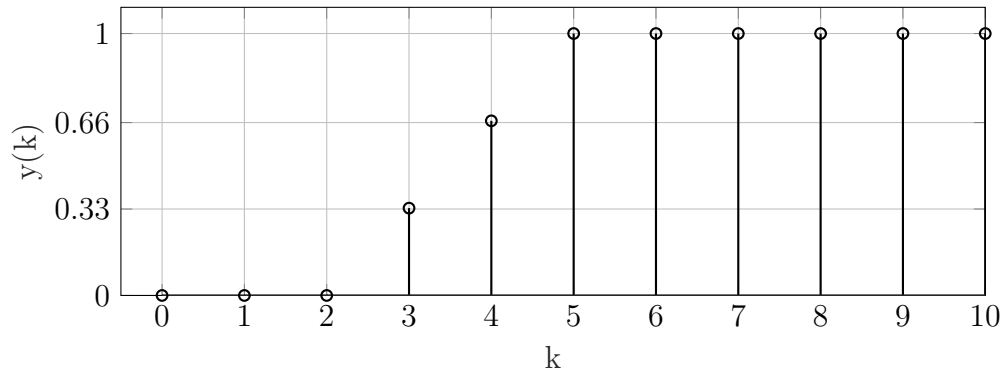
c) Filter 3



Answer: Proper system: $G(z) = 1 + 0.2z^{-1} + 0.3z^{-2} + 0.3z^{-3}$

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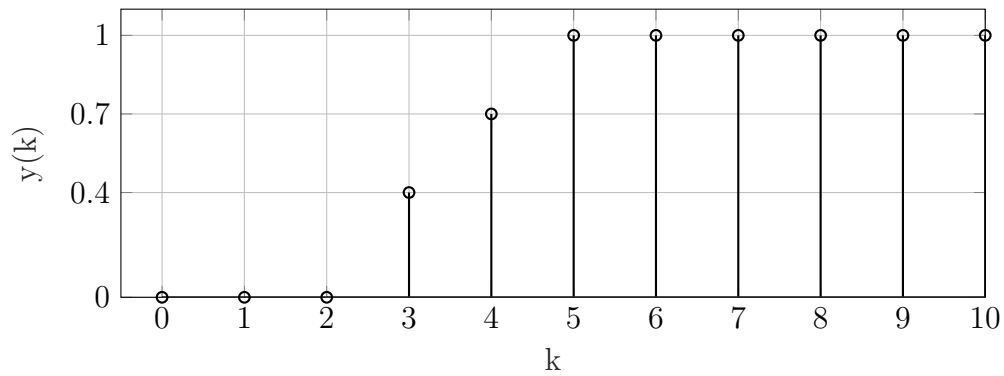
d) Filter 4



Answer: Linear phase: $G(z) = \frac{1}{3}z^{-1} + \frac{1}{3}z^{-2} + \frac{1}{3}z^{-3}$

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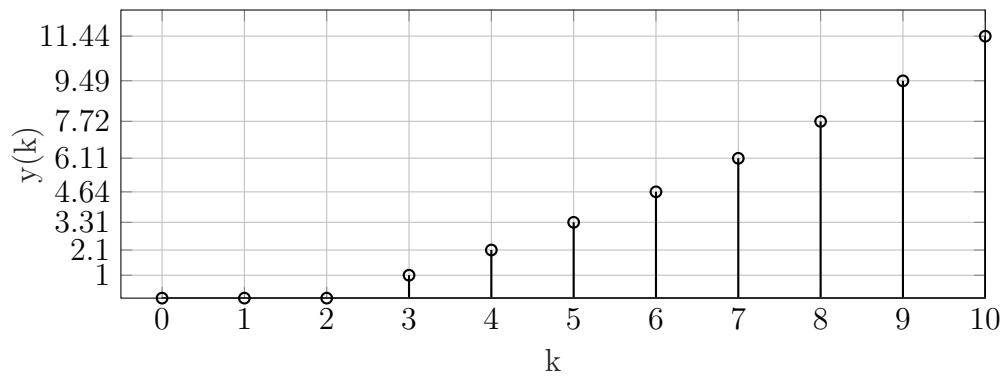
e) Filter 5



Answer: Gain = 1: $G(z) = 0.4z^{-1} + 0.3z^{-2} + 0.3z^{-3}$

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f) Filter 6



Answer: Instable: $G(z) = \frac{z^{-1}}{1-1.1z^{-1}}$

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g) Please copy the following table and mark the properties of each filter.

Answer:

Filter	FIR	Non-causal	Linear phase	Instable	Gain = 1
1	X				X
2	X	X			
3	X				
4	X		X		X
5	X				X
6				X	

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Task 6: Phase of a Filter (14 Points)

- a) The following system is given

$$G(z) = \frac{1 + z^{-1}}{2}.$$

Calculate the filter $F(z)$ according to

$$F(z) = G(z) \cdot G(z^{-1}).$$

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned} F(z) &= G(z) \cdot G(z^{-1}) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{z^{-1}}{2}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{z^1}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{z^1}{4} + \frac{z^{-1}}{4} + \frac{z^1 z^{-1}}{4} \\ &= \frac{z}{4} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{z^{-1}}{4} \\ F(z) &= \frac{z + 2 + z^{-1}}{4} \end{aligned}$$

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- b) Calculate the phase of the previously determined filter
- $F(z)$
- .

Hint: Set $z = e^{i\omega T_0}$ **Answer:**

$$\begin{aligned} F(z = e^{i\omega T_0}) &= \frac{e^{i\omega T_0} + 2 + e^{-i\omega T_0}}{4} \\ &= \frac{(\cos(\omega T_0) + i \sin(\omega T_0)) + 2 + (\cos(-\omega T_0) + i \sin(-\omega T_0))}{4} \\ &= \frac{\cos(\omega T_0) + 2 + \cos(-\omega T_0)}{4} \end{aligned}$$

 $F(z = e^{i\omega T_0})$ purely real, therefore phase = 0.

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- c) If
- $F(z)$
- is non-causal, modify
- $F(z)$
- such that it is causal and proper.

Answer:

$$\tilde{F}(z) = z^{-1} F(z) = \frac{1 + 2z^{-1} + z^{-2}}{4}$$

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- d) How is a filter with the previously calculated phase called?

Answer:

Filter with linear phase

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- e) What are advantages of such filters?

Answer:

No phase shift and a constant group propagation delay

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- f) Is it possible to define an IIR filter with linear phase?

Answer:

No, only approximately

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- g) Which IIR filter should be used, if a linear phase is required?

Answer:

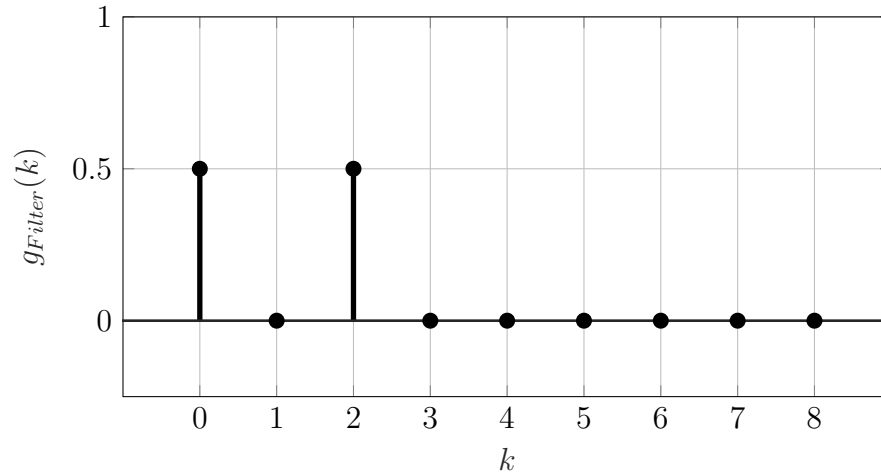
Bessel filter

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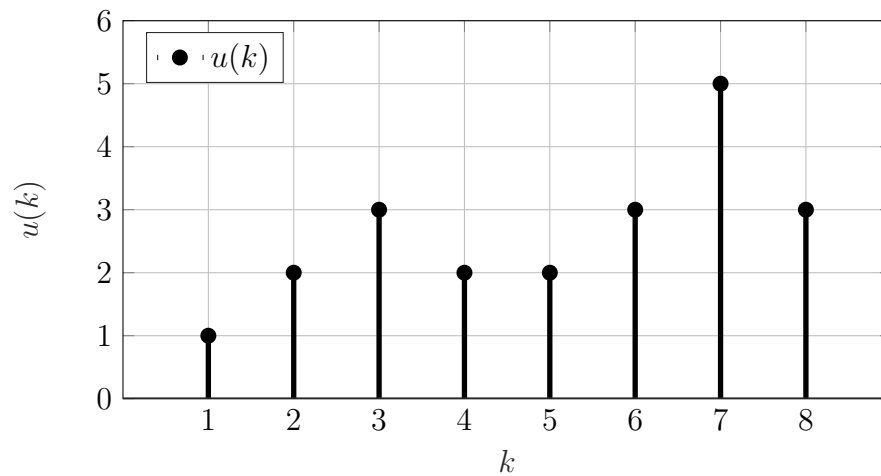
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Task 7: Linear filter (14 Points)

The following figure shows the impulse response of a linear filter $g_{Filter}(k)$:



This filter can be used to filter the input signal $u(k)$. For this task assume the following sequence for the input signal $u(k)$.



- a) The input signal $u(k)$ is now to be filtered. Calculate the value sequence $y(k)$ of the filter output for $k = 1, 2, \dots, 8$. Assume $u(k) = 0$ for all $k < 1$.

Answer: The filter output can be easily calculated using the difference equation:

$$y(k) = \frac{1}{2}u(k) + \frac{1}{2}u(k-2) = \frac{1}{2}(u(k) + u(k-2))$$

k	$0.5 \cdot u(k)$	$0.5 \cdot u(k-2)$	$y(k)$
1	0.5	0	0.5
2	1	0	1
3	1.5	0.5	2
4	1	1	2
5	1	1.5	2.5
6	1.5	1	2.5
7	2.5	1	3.5
8	1.5	1.5	3

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- b) Calculate the transfer function of the filter $G_{Filter}(z)$.

Answer:

The transfer function of the filter can be calculated from the difference equation given in subtask a).

$$y(k) = \frac{1}{2}u(k) + \frac{1}{2}u(k-2) \quad \circ \longrightarrow \bullet \quad Y(z) = \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}z^{-2}\right)U(z)$$

$$G_{Filter}(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{U(z)} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}z^{-2}$$

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- c) Which structure of linear filters is the subject of investigation?

Answer:

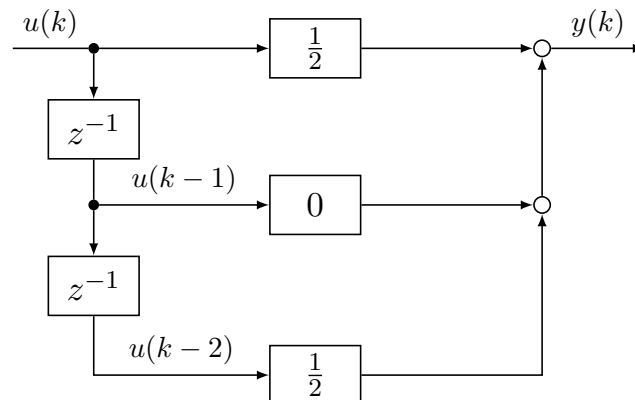
The filter structure is of FIR-type.

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- d) Draw the block diagram of the filter.

Answer:

A possible block diagram is shown in the following figure.



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