

**Question #1:** Determine the impulse responses  $h[n]$  for the following difference equations.

(a)  $y[n] + (0.8)y[n - 1] = x[n]$  (Assume system is causal)

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} Y(z) + 0.8Y(z)z^{-1} &= X(z) \\ Y(z)[1 + 0.8z^{-1}] &= X(z) \\ H(z) &= \frac{1}{1 + 0.8z^{-1}} \\ h[n] &= (-0.8)^n u[n] \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $y[n] - 4y[n - 1] + 4y[n - 2] = x[n]$  (Assume system is anti-causal)

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} Y(z) - 4Y(z)z^{-1} + 4Y(z)z^{-2} &= X(z) \\ Y(z)[1 - 4z^{-1} + 4z^{-2}] &= X(z) \\ H(z) &= \frac{1}{1 - 4z^{-1} + 4z^{-2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{(1 - 2z^{-1})^2} \\ &= (1/2)z \frac{2z^{-1}}{(1 - 2z^{-1})^2} \\ &= -(1/2)(n + 1)a^{n+1}u[-(n + 1) - 1] \\ &= -(1/2)(n + 1)a^{n+1}u[-n - 2] \end{aligned}$$

(c)  $y[n] - 2.5y[n - 1] + y[n - 2] = x[n]$  (Assume system is causal)

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}Y(z)[1 - 2.5z^{-1} + z^{-2}] &= X(z) \\H(z) &= \frac{1}{1 - 2.5z^{-1} + z^{-2}} \\&= \frac{1}{(1 - 2z^{-1})(1 - 0.5z^{-1})} \\&= \frac{4/3}{1 - 2z^{-1}} - \frac{1/3}{1 - (1/2)z^{-1}} \\&= (4/3)(2)^n u[n] - (1/3)(1/2)^n u[n]\end{aligned}$$