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## PROBABILITY AND STOCHASTIC PROCESSES

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1(a) A source signal X and a transmitted signal Z are modelled as binary random variables taking values 0 and 1.

A received signal Y is modelled as

$$Y = NZ$$

in which N is a binary random variable which takes values 0 or 1 and is independent of X and Z. (N=0 corresponds to receiver failure.)

Assume that

$$P[X = 0] = P[X = 1] = 1/2$$
  
 $P[Z = 0|X = 0] = P[Z = 1|X = 1] = \alpha$   
 $P[N = 1] = p$ .

A signal Y = 0 is received. What is the probability that the source signal was X = 0?

1(b) A section of a communication link is modelled as indicated in Figure 1. The possible states of each switch  $S_1, \ldots, S_5$  are open and closed. The events

$$S_i$$
 is closed  $i = 1, ..., 5$ 

are independent and

$$P[S_i \text{ is closed}] = q$$
 for each i.

Calculate the probability that there is a closed path between points A and B. Now suppose that a communication link is composed of identical sections, connected in series. Suppose that the states of all switches are independent,

$$q = (1 - 10^{-3})$$

and that the length of each section is 1 metre. What is the maximum length of the communication link such that

 $P[there is a closed path through the entire link] \geq 0.99$ ?

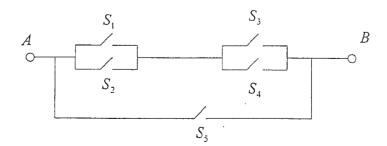


Figure 1

2 A signal  $X(\omega)$ , corrupted by a bias n, is rectified by a device with characteristic

$$R(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{for } x \ge 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } x < 0. \end{cases}$$

 $X(\omega)$  is modelled as a random variable with uniform probability density function

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 1/2 & \text{for } -1 \le x \le +1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
.

The bias n is taken to be a constant  $(0 \le n \le 1)$ . See Figure 2.

Write  $Z(\omega)$  and  $Z^*(\omega)$  for the rectified noisy signal and the rectified noise-free signal respectively:

$$Z(\omega) = R(X(\omega) + n)$$
  
 $Z^*(\omega) = R(X(\omega)).$ 

Calculate the average power of the rectifier output error, namely

$$E[(Z(\omega)-Z^*(\omega))^2].$$

(Assume n is small, so that terms involving  $n^3$ ,  $n^4$ , etc., can be ignored).

Hence determine the signal to noise ratios  $S_{in}$  and  $S_{out}$  at the input and output of the rectifier respectively

$$S_{in} = \frac{n^2}{E[X^2(\omega)]} \quad \text{and} \quad S_{out} = \frac{E[(Z(\omega) - Z^*(\omega))^2]}{E[Z^{*2}(\omega)]} \,. \label{eq:sin}$$

Notice that  $S_{in} \neq S_{out}$ . Is this a nonlinear phenomenon, i.e., is it possible that  $S_{in} \neq S_{out}$  if the nonlinear characteristic R(x) were replaced by a pure gain Kx  $(K \neq 0)$ ?

Hint: obtain formulae for R(x+n) - R(x) in the regions

(i) 
$$x < -n$$
 (ii)  $-n \le x \le 0$  (iii)  $x \ge 0$ .

Do not attempt to calculate the distribution function of  $Z(\omega)$ .

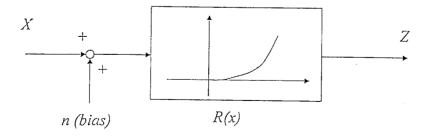


Figure 2

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3(a) Let  $X(\omega)$  and  $Y(\omega)$  be jointly distributed, zero mean, normal random variables, with variance  $\sigma^2$  and correlation coefficient r, -1 < r < +1:

$$f_{XY}(x,y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi(1-r^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}\sigma^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2(1-r^2)} \left(|x-ry|^2 + (1-r^2)y^2\right)\right\}.$$

Derive the conditional probability density  $f_{X|Y}(x;y)$  of  $X(\omega)$  given  $Y(\omega) = y$ . Show that the mean and variance of the conditional probability density are

$$m_{X|Y}(y) = ry,$$
  

$$var_{X|Y}(y) = \sigma^{2}(1 - r^{2}).$$

3(b) Now interpret  $X(\omega)$  as a signal and  $Y(\omega)$  as a measurement of the signal and

$$\hat{X}(y) = m_{X|Y}(y)$$

as an estimator of  $X(\omega)$  given  $Y(\omega) = y$ .

The higher the quality of the sensor, the larger is the absolute value of the correlation coefficient. Assume

sensor cost = 
$$\frac{10}{1 - |r|^2}$$
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What is the minimum cost of the sensor, if we require

$$var_{X|Y}(y) \le 0.01E[|X(\omega)|^2]$$
 ?

(In part (a), you can use the fact that

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(2\sigma^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x-m)^2\right\}$$

is the probability density function of a random variable with mean m and variance  $\sigma^2$ .)

onnounced 1310 4 A transmitted signal  $X(\omega)$  is modelled as a continuous random variable with probability density function  $f_X(x)$ . The received signal  $Y(\omega)$  has a random offset  $N(\omega)$ :

$$Y(\omega) = X(\omega) + N(\omega)$$
.

The offset is modelled as a discrete random variable, independent of  $X(\omega)$ , with

$$P[N(\omega) = 0] = p$$
 and  $P[N(\omega) = \frac{1}{2}] = (1 - p)$ .

Show that the conditional probability mass function of  $X(\omega)$  given  $Y(\omega) = y$  is

$$P[X(\omega) = y \mid Y(\omega) = y] = \frac{pf_X(y)}{pf_X(y) + (1-p)f_X(y-\frac{1}{2})} ,$$

$$P[X(\omega) = y - \frac{1}{2} \mid Y(\omega) = y] = \frac{(1-p)f_X(y-\frac{1}{2})}{pf_X(y) + (1-p)f_X(y-\frac{1}{2})}$$

Hence derive a formula for the least squares estimate

$$\hat{X} = g(y)$$

of  $X(\omega)$  given  $Y(\omega) = y$ .

Evaluate g(y) in the case when

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \le x \le 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise}. \end{cases}$$

Comment on the results.

Hint: In the last part of the question, consider separately the cases

(i) 
$$0 \le y < \frac{1}{2}$$
, (ii)  $\frac{1}{2} \le y \le 1$ , (iii)  $1 < y \le 1\frac{1}{2}$ 

5(a) An r-vector stationary stochastic process  $\{y_k\}$  is modelled by the state space equations

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + be_k \qquad y_k = Cx_k$$

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in which A is a 'stable'  $n \times n$  matrix, b is an n-vector, C is an  $r \times n$  matrix and  $\{e_k\}$  is a sequence of zero mean, independent scalar random variables with common variance

$$E[e_k^2] = \sigma^2.$$

Derive a set of equations, including the matrix Lyapunov equation, for the covariance function  $R_y(l)$ ,  $l = \ldots, -1, 0, +1 \ldots$ 

5(b) Consider the two stationary scalar processes  $\{u_k\}$  and  $\{v_k\}$  modelled by the difference equations:

$$u_{k+1} = v_k + e_k$$
  
 $v_{k+1} = -au_k + e_k$ .

Here, a is a modelling parameter and  $\{e_k\}$  is a sequence of zero mean, independent scalar random variables with common variance

$$E[e_k^2] = \sigma^2.$$

It is known that the covariance functions  $R_u(l)$  and  $R_v(l)$  of  $\{u_k\}$  and  $\{v_k\}$  satisfy

$$R_v(0) = \frac{5}{8} R_u(0) \,.$$

By using the results of Part (a), or otherwise, determine the value of a.

6(a) Define the spectral density  $\Phi_r(\omega)$  of a stationary, second order, zero mean, scalar stochastic process  $\{r_k\}$ .

Now suppose that

$$r_k = u_k + v_k, \quad k = \dots, -1, 0, +1, \dots$$

for stationary, second order, zero mean, scalar stochastic processes  $\{u_k\}$  and  $\{v_k\}$  such that

 $u_k$  and  $v_j$  are independent for all k, j.

Show that

$$\Phi_r(\omega) = \Phi_n(\omega) + \Phi_n(\omega)$$
.

6(b) A transmitted signal  $\{s_k\}$  is modelled as a stationary, zero mean, scalar stochastic process satisfying

$$(2 - z^{-1})s_k = e_k,$$

in which  $\{e_k\}$  is a scalar, unit variance, white noise process.

Due to the presence of noise and channel distortion, the received signal  $\{r_k\}$  is the solution to the difference equation

$$(3 - z^{-1})r_k = s_k + d_k.$$

Here, the disturbance process  $\{d_k\}$  is generated by the equation

$$d_k = D(z)\tilde{e}_k$$

in which D(z) is an unknown transfer function and  $\{\tilde{e}_k\}$  is a unit variance, white noise process, independent of  $\{e_k\}$ . See Figure 3.

The spectral density of the received signal  $\{r_k\}$  is known to be

$$\Phi_{\tau}(\omega) = \frac{1 + (17 - 4e^{j\omega} - 4e^{-j\omega})(5 - 2e^{j\omega} - 2e^{-j\omega})}{(5 - 2e^{j\omega} - 2e^{-j\omega})(10 - 3e^{j\omega} - 3e^{-j\omega})}.$$

Find the transfer functions  $G_1(z)$  and  $G_2(z)$  such that

$$r_k = u_k + v_k$$
, where  $u_k = G_1 e_k$ ,  $v_k = G_2 \tilde{e}_k$ .

By using the results of Part (a), or otherwise, determine the transfer function D(z) which generates the disturbance process  $\{d_k\}$ .

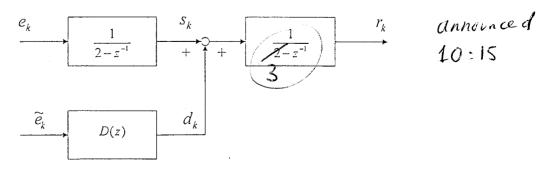


Figure 3

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   1 (i) P[x=0/Y=0] = P[x=0& Y=0] = P[x=0 & Y=0] N=0] P[N=0]
                                               P[Y=0] = + P[x=0 & Y=0 | N=1] P[N=17
                                     P[4=07
         = P[x=0] P[N=0] + P[x=0 & Z=0]. P[N=1]
                    P[Y=0 | N=0] P[N=0] + P[Y=0 | N=1] P[N=1]
         = \frac{P[x=0]P[N=0] + P[z=0|x=0]P[x=0] \cdot P[N=1]}{P[N=-1] \cdot P[x=0] \cdot P[N=1]} = \frac{1}{2} (1-p) + \frac{1}{2} \times P
          But P[2=0] = P[2=01 x=0] P[x=0] + P[2=01 x=1] P[x=L]
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         Hence P[X=0|Y=0] = \frac{1}{2(1-p)+2xp} = \frac{1-(1-x)p}{1-p+2p}
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    (ii) The event "there is a closed noth between A out 13" is
      Q= (5, USz) n (53 US4) ] US5. With Q = "complement of Q", etc.
         Then Q = \frac{5}{5} \cap \frac{(5, 05_2) \cap (5_3 \cap 5_4)}{(5, 05_2) \cap (5_3 \cap 5_4)} (Here S_1 = \frac{5}{5}, is closed \frac{3}{5}, etc.)
            P[(s, us_2) \(\delta(s_2 \capsilon S_2)] = P[s, us_2] \(\text{P[s_3 us_4]}\) (by undependence)
                   = (1-P[s, ns, ]) (1-P[s, ns, 1)
                   = (1-P[5, ]. P[5, ]) (1-P[5, ]. P[5, ]) (b) undependence)
          Hence P[(5, us_2) \cap (5_3 \cap 5_4)] = 1 - (1 - [1-2]^2)^2 |+ follows that
          P[Q] = 1 - P[\bar{Q}] = 1 - P[\bar{S}_S] (1 - (1 - (1 - q)^2)^2)
                                                                  (by independence)
           P(Q) = 1-(1-2)(x-x+2(1-9)2-(1-9)4)
                 = 1 - (1 - 9)^{3} (2 - (1 - 9)^{2})
          If 1-9= 10-6 P(Q) = 1- 2x10-9
           If N is length of link, we require
           (1 - 2 \times 10^{-9})^{N} \ge 0.99
or
1 - 2 \times N \cdot 10^{-9} \ge 0.99
                                                      (by independence)
(approximately)
          or N \ge \frac{1}{2} \times 10^9 \times 10^{-2} = \frac{1}{2} \times 10^7 meters
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2. 
$$R(x+n)-R(x) = \begin{cases} (x+n)^2 - x^2 & x \ge 0 \\ (x+n)^2 & -n \le x \le 0 \end{cases}$$
The power of the rechfied output is therefore +1

The process of the reconstruct output is therefore +1  $E[|R(x|w)+n|] - |R(x/w)|^{2}f_{x}(x)dx = \frac{1}{2}\int_{-1}^{1}(R(x+n)-R(x))^{2}f_{x}(x)dx$   $= \frac{1}{2}\int_{0}^{1}[(x+n)^{4}-2(x+n)^{2}x^{2}+x4]dx + \frac{1}{2}\int_{-1}^{0}(x+n)^{4}dx.$   $= \frac{1}{2}\int_{0}^{1}[(x+n)^{4}-2x^{4}-4x^{3}n-2x^{2}n^{2}+x4]dx + \frac{1}{2}\int_{-1}^{0}(x+n)^{4}dx.$   $= \frac{1}{2}\int_{0}^{1}[(x+n)^{4}-2x^{4}-4x^{3}n-2x^{2}n^{2}+x4]dx + \frac{1}{2}\int_{-1}^{0}(x+n)^{4}dx.$   $= \frac{1}{2}\int_{0}^{1}[(x+n)^{4}-2x^{4}-4x^{3}n-2x^{2}n^{2}+x4]dx + \frac{1}{2}\int_{0}^{0}(x+n)^{4}dx.$   $= \frac{1}{2}\int_{0}^{1}[(x+n)^{4}-2x^{4}-4x^{3}n-2x^{2}-x^{4}-x4]dx + \frac{1}{2}\int_{0}^{1}(x+n)^{4}dx.$   $= \frac{1}{2}\int_{0}^{1}[(x+n)^{4}-2x^{4}-4x^{3}-x^{4}-x^{$ 

Also  $E[X^{2}] = \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1} x^{2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{x^{3}}{3} \Big|_{-1}^{+1} = \frac{1}{3}$   $E[Z^{*2}] = \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1} x^{4} dx = \frac{1}{10}$ 

It follows that (for n small)  $Sin = \frac{n^2}{V_3} = \frac{3n^2}{n^2} \text{ and } S_{out} \cong \frac{20}{3}n^2$ 

2. We see that Sin + Sout.

If R(x) is replaced by a linear gain,  $Z-Z^*=K(x+n)-Kx=Kn$ and  $Z^*=Kx$ . So  $S_{0,t}=\frac{K^2n^2}{K^2E[1\times 1^2]}=\frac{n^2}{E[1\times 1^2]}=S_{1,t}$ 

4 We have confirmed that Sin & Sout is a wallear phenomenon.

 $3(i) f_{\gamma}(y) = (\pi [i-r]^{\frac{1}{2}}\sigma^{2})^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp \left\{-\frac{|x-ry|^{2}}{2\sigma^{2}(i-r^{2})}\right\} dx = \exp \left\{-\frac{y^{2}/2\sigma^{2}}{2\sigma^{2}}\right\}$ change variables  $x' = x - r_0$  (for fixed 9), giving  $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp S \cdot ... S = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp S - \frac{|x'|^2}{2\sigma^2(1-r^2)} 3 dx'$   $I = \pi = \sqrt{\sigma^2(1-r^2)}$  (by properties of Lorinal density) Hence  $f_{y}(y) = (\pi \sigma^{2})^{2} \exp\{-5^{2}/2\sigma^{2}\}$ . So  $f_{X|y}(x;y) = \frac{(\pi \sigma^{2})^{2}}{\pi(1-r^{2})^{2}\sigma^{2}} \cdot \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}\sigma^{2}\}$  where  $a = \frac{1}{1-r^2} \left( \frac{|x-ry| + (1-r^2)y^2}{y^2 - xy^2 + y^2 - xy^2 - y^2 + r^2y^2} \right) = \frac{|x-ry|^2}{1-r^2}$ We have shown  $f_{X/Y}(x;5) = \frac{1}{(\pi \bar{r}^2)/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\bar{r}^2} (x - \bar{m})^2 \right\}$ where m (= mx/y (5) = ry and = 2 (= Valx/y (5)) = 02(1-r2) (ii) . We require that  $Vol_{X/Y}$  19)  $\leq 0.01 E|X|^2$ But  $E|X|^2 = \sigma^2$  and  $Vol_{X/Y}$ (9) =  $\sigma^2(1-\sigma^2)$ 02(1-r2) £ 0.01 02 It follows cost =  $\frac{10}{1-0^2}$  > 1000 (\pm 's)

So minimum cost (to achieve specifications) is £1,000

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4 If Y(1)=3 then Y(1) can only take values y and  $y-\frac{1}{2}$ . For  $\beta=0$  or  $\frac{1}{2}$   $M_{X/Y}(X=y-\beta|Y=y)$   $\sim$  P[ $y \leq X+\beta \leq y+\delta \leq y$ 

$$\frac{12}{2} \cdot \frac{9(5)}{5} = \frac{\alpha_{\perp}}{\alpha_{\perp} + \alpha_{2}} + \frac{\alpha_{2}}{\alpha_{\perp} + \alpha_{2}} \left(5 - \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

Cordinoral mean, is

If  $f_{x}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \le x \le 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ , then for  $0 \le y < \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $x_{1} = p$ ,  $x_{2} = 0$ , so g(y) = yfor  $\frac{1}{2} \le y \le 1$ ,  $x_{1} = p$ ,  $x_{2} = (1-p)$ , so  $g(y) = py + (1-p)(y-\frac{1}{2})$ for  $1 < y \le 1\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $x_{1} = 0$ ,  $x_{2} = (1-p)$  so  $g(y) = y-\frac{1}{2}$ 

The point hose is that, if  $y < \frac{1}{2}$ , then we must have N=0, and x(u)=y(u) so g(s)=y is the best estunde of x(u) given y(u)=y. If y > 1, we must have  $N=\frac{1}{2}$ , so  $x(u)=\frac{1}{2}$ . Here  $g(s)=\frac{1}{2}$  is the best estunde of x(u).

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9(5) is close to 5-1 if NIW)=1/2 with high probability

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Xk+1 = Axk + bek alt follows that
                  5. (a) He have
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                                          Huce Esxen + ET = EFA xxx AT + 0 + 0 + EbekekbT?
                                      It follows that
                                            Rx(0) = A Rx(0) AT + 52 bb. (1)

Also Xk+1 xk = A xkxk + bekxk . Taking expectations gives
                               (b) We can regard up and \frac{1}{2} as components of the z-vector process \binom{u_{k+1}}{v_{k+1}} = \binom{0.1}{-a.0}\binom{u_k}{v_k} + \binom{1}{1}e_k.
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                                  . Equating matrix entries, we obtain
                                                        \Gamma_{11} = \Gamma_{22} + \sigma^{2}, \Gamma_{12} = -\alpha \Gamma_{2}, +\sigma^{2}, \Gamma_{21} = -\alpha \Gamma_{12} + \Gamma_{12} = \alpha \Gamma_{11} + \sigma^{2}
                                       Hence
                                \Gamma_{11} = a^{2}\Gamma_{11} + 2\sigma^{2} = \gamma
\Gamma_{11} = \frac{2\sigma^{2}}{1-a^{2}}
                                 \Gamma_{22} = \sigma^2 \frac{.1+\sigma^2}{1-\sigma^2}
Since \Gamma_{11} = R_u(0) and \Gamma_{22} = R_v(0), we have
                                = Rv10)/Ru10) = [22/T11 = \frac{1}{2}(1+a^2)
12 Hence a^2 = (\frac{5}{4} - 1) =  a = \pm \frac{1}{2}
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6(i) The spectful downity Fr/12) of ETA? is 手が) = これ(いらい) wher R(い)= E { TeTb-1 }. If Te=ue+Vk, R (1) = E { ( k+ 1/k) ( kk-1 + 1/k-1) } = E{ukuk-13+0+0+ E{vkvk-13} = Rull) + Rv(1). 6 It follows that \$\varphi\_{\sigma}(\omega) = \varphi\_{\sigma}(\omega) = \varphi\_{\sigma}(\omega) + \v (ii) (2-z') sk = ek, (3-z') Tk = sk + dk, dk = N(t) Ek Imps  $\Gamma_{k} = \frac{1}{3-z'} \left( \frac{e_{k}}{(z-z'')} + D(z) \tilde{e}_{k} \right) = G_{l}(z) e_{k} + G_{l}(z) \tilde{e}_{k}$ in which  $G_{1}(z) = \frac{1}{(2-z^{-1})(3-z^{-1})}$  and  $G_{2}(z) = \frac{D(z)}{(3-z^{-1})}$  $\frac{E(u)}{(5-2e^{i\omega}-2e^{-i\omega})(5-2e^{i\omega}-2e^{-i\omega})}$ But, writing up= G1(2) ele, we have  $\mathcal{Z}_{\mu}(\omega) = \frac{1}{(2-\bar{z}')(2-\bar{z})(3-\bar{z}')(3-\bar{z}')(3-\bar{z}')} = \frac{1}{(2-\bar{z}')(2-\bar{z})(2-\bar{z}')(3-\bar{z}')(3-\bar{z}')}$ So, writing  $V_R = G_1(z) e_R$ , we have  $\overline{F}_r(w) = \overline{\Phi}_r(w) - \overline{\Phi}_u(w) = \frac{(17 - 4e^{j\omega} - 4e^{j\omega})(5 - 2e^{j\omega})}{(5 - 2e^{j\omega} - 2e^{j\omega})(10 - 3e^{j\omega} - 3e^{j\omega})}$  $=\frac{\left(4-\overline{z'}\right)}{\left(3-\overline{z''}\right)}\cdot\frac{\left(4-\overline{z'}\right)}{\left(3-\overline{z''}\right)}\Big|_{z=e^{j\omega}}=G_{z}(z)G_{z}(\overline{z''})\Big|_{z=e^{j\omega}}$ It follows we can choose  $G_2(z) = \frac{4-z^{-1}}{3-z^{-2}}$ Then D'2) = (3-2-1)Gz(2) = 4-2-1 (Note: we const choose  $G_2(z) = \frac{1-4z^{-1}}{1-3z^{-1}}$  because then  $D(z) = (3-z^{-1})(1-4z^{-1})$  is an unstable transfer function.