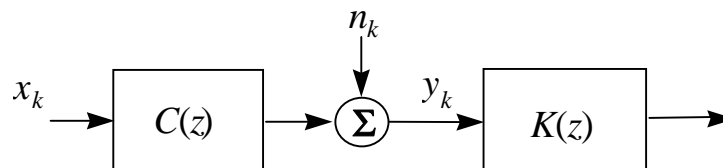


Problems marked \* are meant for private studies

Figure 1 below illustrates a discrete-time model of a digital communication system where the channel noise  $n_k$  is modeled as an additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN).



**Figure 1:** Block diagram of the communication system.

### Exercise 3-1

Since the channel is not ideal it causes ISI. Thus the channel can be modeled with the discrete-time transfer function  $C(z) = 1 + \alpha z^{-1}$ . The random input sequence is iid and assumes the values  $x_k \in \pm 1$ .

- Assume that  $\alpha$  is a positive constant smaller than unity (i.e.,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ). Draw the pole-zero diagram of  $C(z)$ . Find the optimal linear zero-forcing (LE-ZF) equalizer  $K(z)$  for this channel and draw the filter structure.
- Assume that  $|\alpha| > 1$ . Draw the pole-zero diagram of  $C(z)$ . Find the optimal LE-ZF equalizer  $K(z)$  (which is minimum-phase to guarantee stability) and draw the filter structure.
- Show that the magnitude of the frequency responses of the two equalizers are the same (regardless of the value of  $\alpha$ ).
- Compute the equalizer output noise power spectrum for case (a) (assuming that the noise at the equalizer input is white with the variance  $\sigma_n^2$ ) and determine the noise power (variance).

**Hint:** Use Parseval's relation and / or the superformula.

### \*Exercise 3-2

Given an AWN transmission channel with the transfer function  $H(z) = 1/(1-cz^{-1})$  :

- When  $|c| < 1$ , find the precursor and postcursor equalizers and the resulting MSE.
- Repeat (a) for  $|c| > 1$ .
- Interpret the results of (a) and (b).

**Exercise 3-3**

Determine the optimum coefficients of the linear equalizer (predictor) depicted in Fig. Ex 3.3. Here  $x(n)$  is the input to the equalizer/predictor filter, and  $e(n)$  is the prediction error signal that should be minimized to obtain the optimum predictor coefficients.

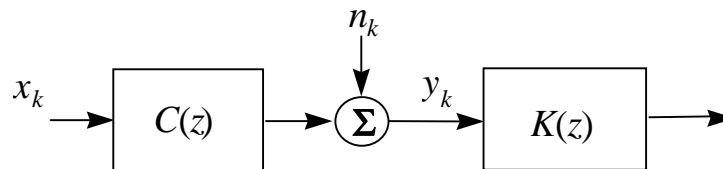
- (a) Find the optimum predictor coefficients  $a_k$ .
- (b) Sketch the simplified predictor structure which results from (a).
- (c) What is the optimal MSE?

**Homework 3 (Return time: October 28, 1998)**

A communications channel that introduces ISI has the z transform  $C(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \beta z^{-1}}$

- Assume that  $\beta$  is a positive constant smaller than unity (i.e.,  $0 < \beta < 1$ ). Draw the pole-zero diagram. Find the optimal linear zero-forcing (LE-ZF) equalizer  $K(z)$  and draw the filter structure.
- Now assume that  $\beta > 1$ . Draw the pole-zero diagram. Find the optimal LE-ZF equalizer  $K(z)$  (which is minimum-phase) and draw the filter structure. Is it a problem here to have a maximum-phase equalizer? Why?
- Show that the magnitude of the frequency responses of the two equalizers are the same (regardless of the value of  $\beta$ ).
- Compute the output noise power spectrum (assuming that the noise of the equalizer input is white) and determine the noise power (variance).
- Find the resulting MSEs (mean square errors) in (a) and (b), i.e., compute  $\varepsilon_{LE-ZF}^2$ .

NOTE: The random input sequence is iid and assumes the values  $x_k \in \pm 1$ .



**Homework:** Block diagram of the communication system.