

Magnitude squared method  
to solve a collection of  
arbitrary functions

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## Magnitude Squared Response of H(z):

$$|H(e^{j\omega})|^2 = H(z)H(z^{-1})|_{z=e^{j\omega}}$$

### Attributes:

- Matches frequency response at  $\omega$
- Ignores phase response
- Difficult to factor poles & zeros for high order polynomials

### First Order Case:

$$H(z) = b_0 + b_1z^{-1}$$

$$H(z)H(z^{-1}) = (b_0 + b_1z^{-1})(b_0 + b_1z)$$

$$H(z)H(z^{-1}) = b_0^2 + b_0b_1(z^{-1} + z) + b_1^2$$

$$H(\omega)^2 = b_0^2 + 2b_0b_1\cos\omega + b_1^2$$

## Pink Noise Filter

- Pink Noise is broadband noise where the power spectral density is inversely proportional to frequency
- Equal Energy per Octave
- Pink Noise = White Noise \*  
(-3dB/octave filter)
- A.K.A  $1/f$  Noise

## Analog Design of Pink Noise Filter

- $H(s) = H_1(s) * H_2(s) * H_3(s) * \dots * H_n(s)$
- Where  $H_n(s) = [a_n (s+b_n)] / [b_n (s+a_n)]$   
and  $a_n / b_n$  is constant ratio

This is just a set of cascaded shelf filters where the poles and zeros are spaced logarithmically.

At low frequencies (below the first pole), the frequency response is flat (0dB)

At high frequencies (above the last pole), the frequency response falls at  $-6\text{dB/oct}$  (assuming 1 extra real pole)

The “pink” response is approximately  $-3\text{dB/oct}$  between the highest and lowest poles.

## Digital Design of Pink Noise Filter

- $H_{\text{pink}}(z) = H_1(z) * H_2(z) * H_3(z) * \dots * H_n(z)$

Similar to the Analog Method where real poles and zeros are spaced logarithmically.

Assume a single pole filter where

$$H(z) = (1-a)/(1-az^{-1})$$

$$H(z)H(z^{-1}) = [(1-a)(1-a)]/[(1-az^{-1})(1-az)]$$

$$\text{Since } H(0) = 1, H(\omega)^2 = 1/2$$

$$2(1-2a+a^2) = 1-a(z^{-1}+z) + a^2$$

$$2-4a+2a^2 = 1-2a \cos \omega + a^2$$

$$a^2 + a(2 \cos \omega - 4) + 1 = 0$$

$$a = 2 - \cos \omega - \sqrt{(\cos \omega - 3)(\cos \omega - 1)}$$

Create pole-zero pairs where  $\omega_p/\omega_z$  is a constant ratio:

$$H_{pz}(z) = [(1-a_p)(1-a_z z^{-1})] / [(1-a_z)(1-a_p z^{-1})]$$

The last stage omits the real zero

$$H_p(z) = (1-a_p) / (1-a_p z^{-1})$$

8 pole – 7 zero example:

Sampling Rate: 204.8 kHz

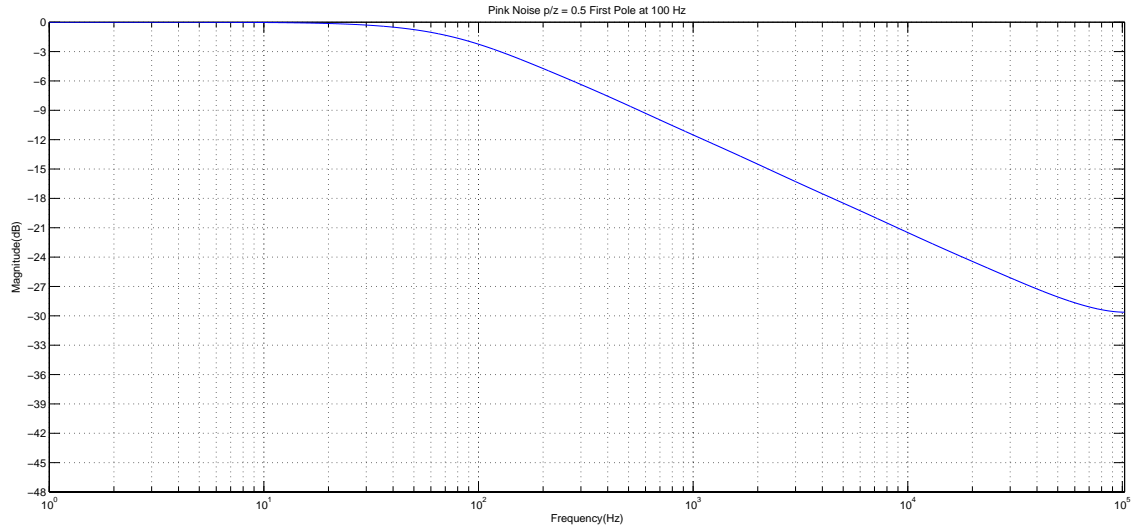
$$\omega_p/\omega_z = 1/2$$

Poles:

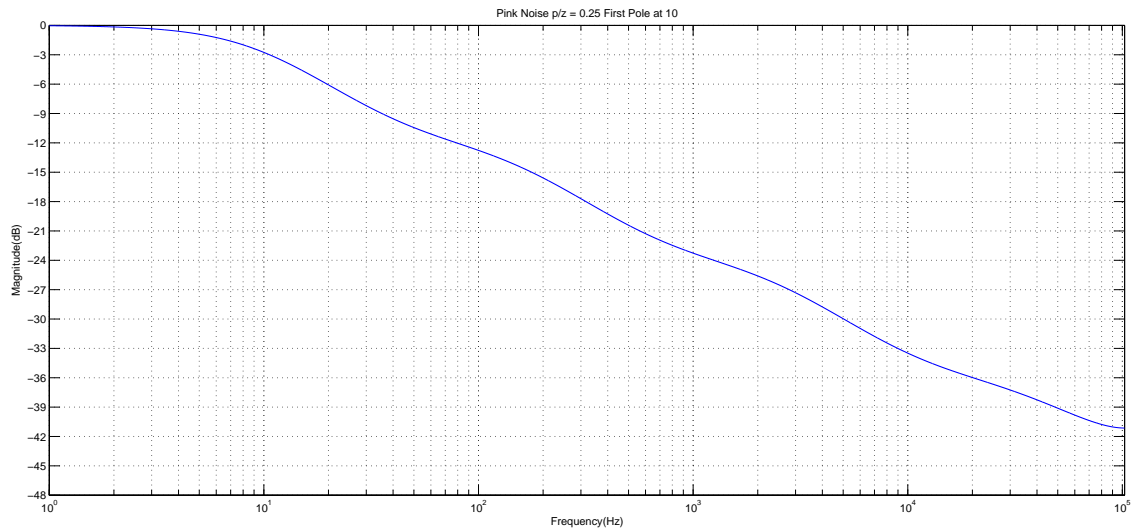
- $\omega_p = 6.25, 25, 100, 400, 1.6k, 6.4k, 25.6k, 102.4k$

Zeros:

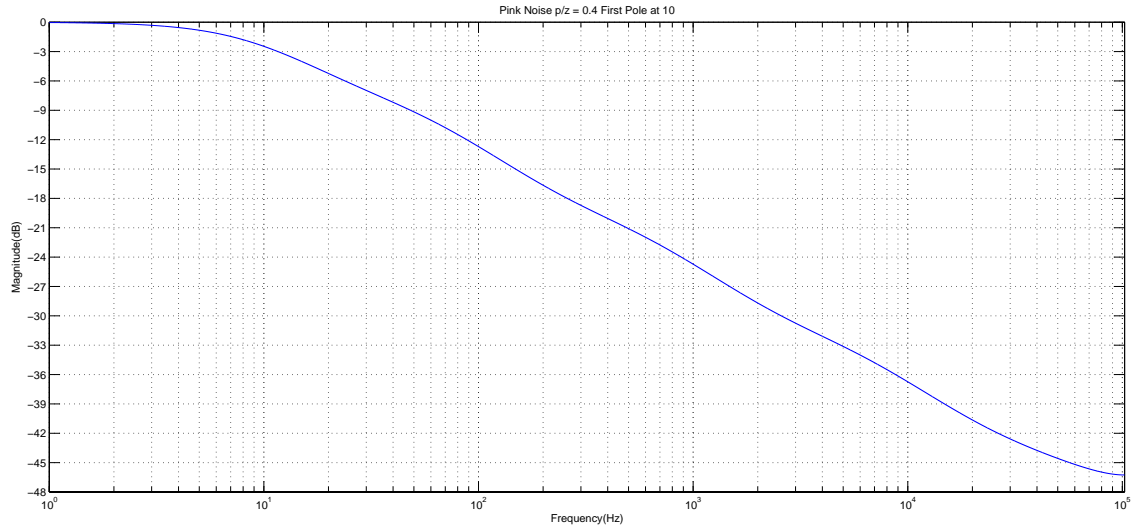
- $\omega_z = 12.5, 50, 200, 800, 3.2k, 12.8k, 51.2k$



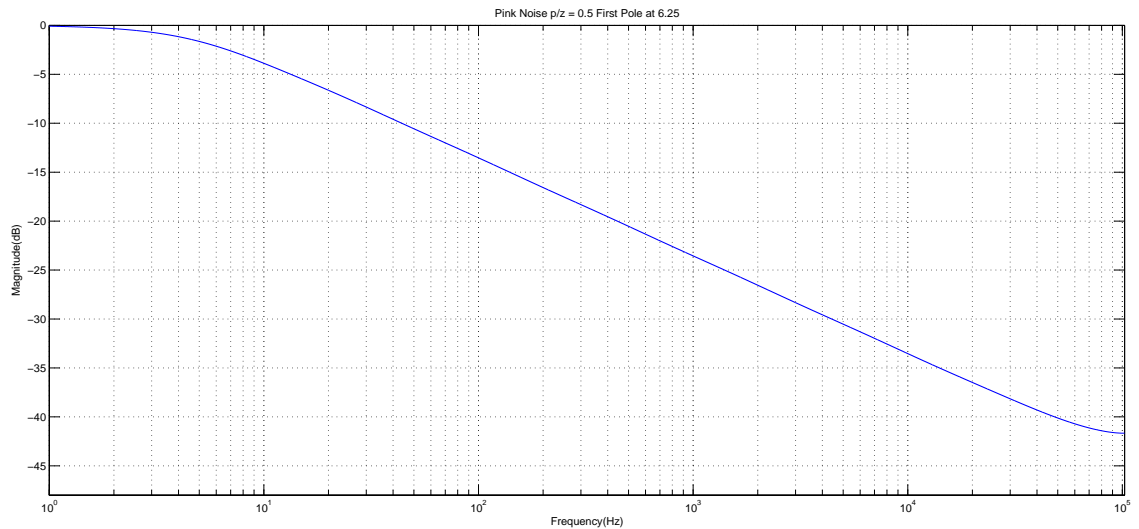
This filter starts at Nyquist (102.4k) and places 6 poles and 5 zeros descending on octave intervals. The lowest frequency pole is 100 Hz. The low frequency response is not very good, but the error is very good in the mid frequencies.



This filter starts at 10Hz ( $F_s = 204.8\text{kHz}$ ) and places 4 poles and 3 zeros at 2 \* octave intervals. The low frequency response extends to 10 Hz but there is noticeable ripple in the passband



This filter starts at 10Hz ( $F_s = 204.8\text{kHz}$ ) and places 5 poles and 4 zeros at 2.5 intervals. The low frequency response extends to 10 Hz but there is still some noticeable ripple in the passband



This filter starts at Nyquist (102.4k) and places 8 poles and 7 zeros descending on octave intervals. The lowest frequency pole is 6.25 Hz. This is the filter that was described in the text example. The response is very good.



F	W	1-a	sum 1-a	a	-a	Ratio of p/z
100	0.003068	0.003063258	0.003063258	0.996936742	-0.996936742	0.5
200	0.006136	0.006117118	0.500768164	0.993882882	-0.993882882	
400	0.012272	0.012196702	0.00610772	0.987803298	-0.987803298	
800	0.024544	0.024243743	0.251929749	0.975756257	-0.975756257	
1600	0.049087	0.047892692	0.012065594	0.952107308	-0.952107308	
3200	0.098175	0.093438141	0.129129214	0.906561859	-0.906561859	
6400	0.19635	0.177758996	0.022953879	0.822241004	-0.822241004	
12800	0.392699	0.321416022	0.071414858	0.678583978	-0.678583978	
25600	0.785398	0.526602282	0.037607227	0.473397718	-0.473397718	
51200	1.570796	0.732050808	0.051372427	0.267949192	-0.267949192	
102400	3.141593	0.828427125	0.042558312	0.171572875	-0.171572875	
	0	1	0.042558312	0	0	
10	0.000307	0.000306749	0.000306749	0.999693251	-0.999693251	0.25
40	0.001227	0.001226432	0.25011509	0.998773568	-0.998773568	
160	0.004909	0.004896701	0.001224739	0.995103299	-0.995103299	
640	0.019635	0.019442825	0.062991807	0.980557175	-0.980557175	
2560	0.07854	0.075497454	0.004755721	0.924502546	-0.924502546	
10240	0.314159	0.267730532	0.017763088	0.732269468	-0.732269468	
40960	1.256637	0.672623802	0.011947876	0.327376198	-0.327376198	
0	0	1	0.011947876	0	0	

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10	0.000307	0.000306749	0.000306749	0.999693251	-0.999693251	0.4
25	0.000767	0.000766696	0.400092058	0.999233304	-0.999233304	
62.5	0.001917	0.001915638	0.000766432	0.998084362	-0.998084362	
250	0.00767	0.007640528	0.100311345	0.992359472	-0.992359472	
625	0.019175	0.018991517	0.001905065	0.981008483	-0.981008483	
2500	0.076699	0.073796649	0.025815056	0.926203351	-0.926203351	
6250	0.191748	0.174001878	0.004491868	0.825998122	-0.825998122	
25000	0.76699	0.518997864	0.008654888	0.481002136	-0.481002136	
62500	1.917476	0.775537718	0.006712192	0.224462282	-0.224462282	
0	0	1	0.006712192	0	0	
6.25	0.000192	0.000191729	0.000191729	0.999808271	-0.999808271	0.5
12.5	0.000383	0.000383422	0.500047941	0.999616578	-0.999616578	
25	0.000767	0.000766696	0.000766696	0.999233304	-0.999233304	
50	0.001534	0.001532805	0.500191821	0.998467195	-0.998467195	
100	0.003068	0.003063258	0.001531776	0.996936742	-0.996936742	
200	0.006136	0.006117118	0.250408089	0.993882882	-0.993882882	
400	0.012272	0.012196702	0.003054153	0.987803298	-0.987803298	
800	0.024544	0.024243743	0.125976952	0.975756257	-0.975756257	
1600	0.049087	0.047892692	0.006033375	0.952107308	-0.952107308	
3200	0.098175	0.093438141	0.064570798	0.906561859	-0.906561859	
6400	0.19635	0.177758996	0.01147804	0.822241004	-0.822241004	
12800	0.392699	0.321416022	0.035710853	0.678583978	-0.678583978	
25600	0.785398	0.526602282	0.018805416	0.473397718	-0.473397718	
51200	1.570796	0.732050808	0.025688677	0.267949192	-0.267949192	
102400	3.141593	0.828427125	0.029583839	0.171572875	-0.171572875	
	0	1	0.029583839	0	0	

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# Weighting Networks

## Problem:

Many standard equalization networks and standard weighting curves are defined as analog transfer functions.

It is impossible to exactly match these functions in the digital domain.

Many of these networks include low pass filters with real poles that are too close to Nyquist.

The most popular mapping methodologies such as Bilinear Transform (BZT) and Impulse Invariant have frequency responses that deviate considerably from the standard analog transfer functions.

## Examples of Weighting Networks & Equalization Filters defined as $H(s)$ :

### Acoustics Standards:

- A,B,C Weighting Networks
- Two real poles at 12.2kHz

### Audio Standards:

- RIAA Phono EQ  
(Real Pole at 75 $\mu$ s, 2122Hz)
- FM Broadcast  
(Real Pole at 75 $\mu$ s (North America))  
(Real Pole at 50 $\mu$ s (Elsewhere))

Real Poles:

Analog:

$$H(s) = \alpha/(s + \alpha) \quad \text{with } H(0) = 1$$

Bilinear Transform (BZT):

$$H(z) = b(1 + z^{-1})/(1 - az^{-1}) \text{ where} \\ a = (1 - \alpha)/(1 + \alpha), b = \alpha/(1 + \alpha)$$

Matched Z (MZT) (normalized):

$$H(z) = (1 - a)/(1 - az^{-1}), H(0) = 1$$

## Observation:

For the low pass case, the BZT places a zero at  $z=-1$  (Nyquist). This causes the magnitude response to fall much faster than desired.

Matched Z (and Impulse Invariant) does not fall faster enough. A zero at the origin is “lazy”. It does not affect that magnitude response.

Therefore, by simple intuition, it is apparent that a better match will exist if a single real zero is placed somewhere between  $z=0$  and  $z=-1$ .

OTOH, The poles as predicted by the MZT are excellent choices.

Mapping  $H(s) = \alpha/(s+\alpha)$   
with MZT & Magnitude Squared

Matched Z of  $H(s) = \alpha/(s+\alpha)$ :

$$H_{\text{MZT}}(z) = (1-a)/(1-az^{-1})$$

where  $a = e^{-\alpha/F_s}$

$$|H_{\text{MZT}}(z)|^2 = (1-a)(1-a)/[(1-az^{-1})(1-az)]$$
$$|H_{\text{MZT}}(z)|^2 = (1-a)(1-a)/(1-2a \cos(\omega/F_s) + a^2)$$

Determine  $H(z) = H_{\text{FIR}}(z)/H_{\text{MZT}}(z)$

We need to determine  $H_{\text{FIR}}(z)$ . If  $H_{\text{FIR}}(z)$  is a single order filter then we can match at two different  $\omega$  where

$$k_w = k_s/k_{\text{MZT}} = |H_{\text{MZT}}(z)|^2$$

$$k_w = k_s/k_{MZT} = |H_{MZT}(z)|^2$$

At  $\omega = 0$ ,  $k_s = 1$  &  $k_{MZT} = 1$ , therefore

$$k_w = 1$$

If  $H_{FIR}(z) = (1-bz^{-1})/(1-b)$  then

$$|H_{FIR}(z)|^2 = (1-2b \cos(\omega/F_s) + b^2)/[(1-b)(1-b)]$$

Evaluate  $k_s$  &  $k_{MZT}$  at some arbitrary  $\omega$

$$k_w = (1-2b \cos(\omega/F_s) + b^2)/[(1-b)(1-b)]$$

Rearranging yields:

$$b^2 - [2(\cos(\omega/F_s) - k_w)/(1 - k_w)]b + 1 = 0$$

$$\text{If } \beta = 2(\cos(\omega/F_s) - k_w)/(1 - k_w)$$

$$\text{Then } b = (-\beta - \sqrt{\beta^2 - 4})/2$$

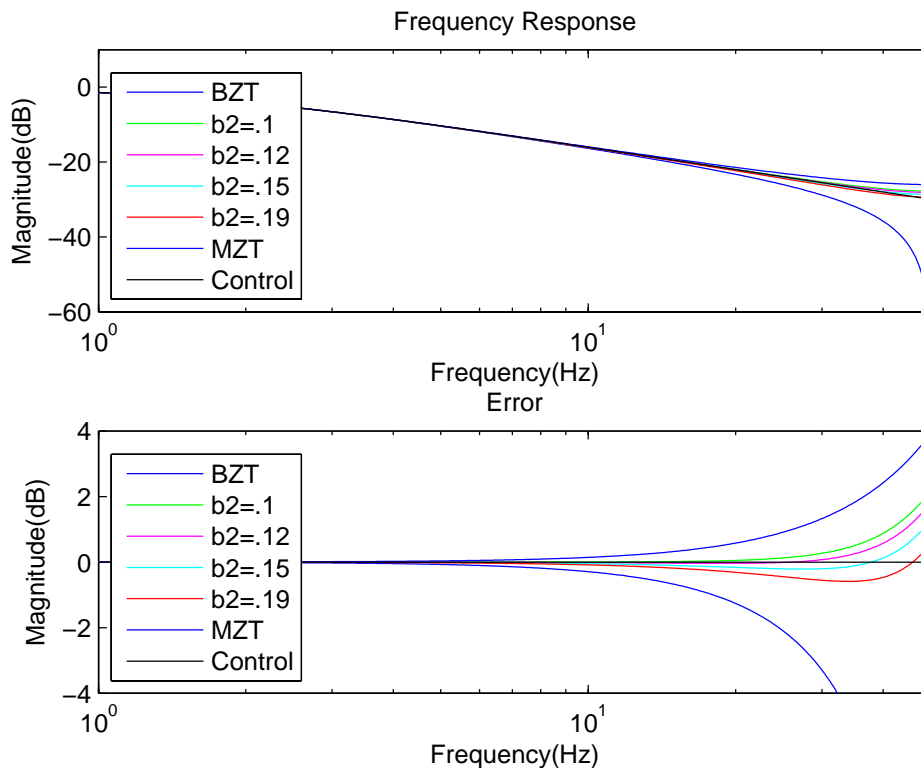


Selecting  $\omega$ :

Since the desired correction is needed most between  $\omega_p$  and Nyquist,  $\omega$  should be in this range.

Typically  $\omega = 3\omega_p$  is a good choice provided it is not close to Nyquist

Typical values for b will be .10 to .15



## Second Order Corrections:

If  $H_{\text{FIR}}(z) = b_0 + b_1z^{-1} + b_2z^{-2}$  then

$$|H_{\text{FIR}}(z)|^2 = b_0^2 + b_1^2 + b_2^2 + 2b_0b_1\cos \omega + 2b_0b_2\cos 2\omega + 2b_1b_2\cos \omega$$

We now compute the filter by matching three points. This is difficult to factor for arbitrary  $\omega$ .

Gunness & Chauhan found roots given

$$\omega_0 = 0, \omega_1 = \omega, \omega_2 = \pi - \omega$$

Their excellent paper focuses on biquadratic filter sections (bell filters) and many of the ideas in this paper benefited from their work.

Minimum phase solutions:

Given:

$$k_0 = H(0), k_1 = H(\omega), k_2 = H(\pi - \omega)$$

$$a = (k_1^2 - k_2^2) / 4 \cos \omega$$

$$\alpha = 2(1 - \cos 2\omega)$$

$$\beta = -\alpha (k_0 - b_1)$$

$$\gamma = (k_0 - b_1)^2 + b_1^2 + 2(k_0 - b_1) b_1 \cos \omega - k_1^2$$

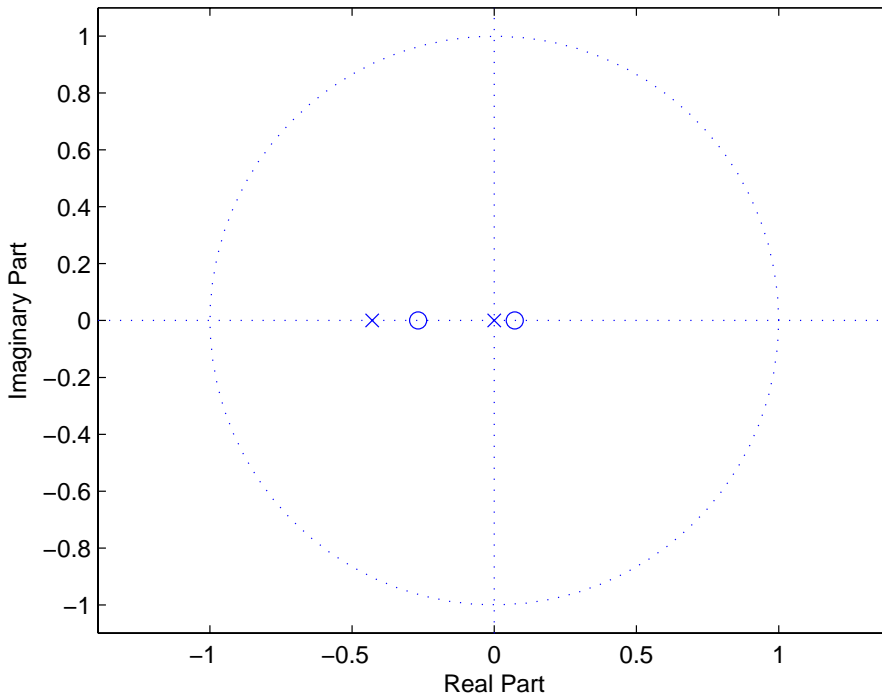
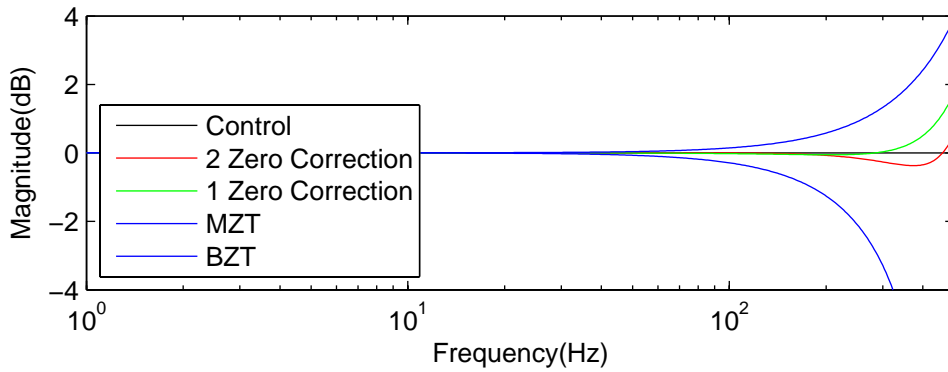
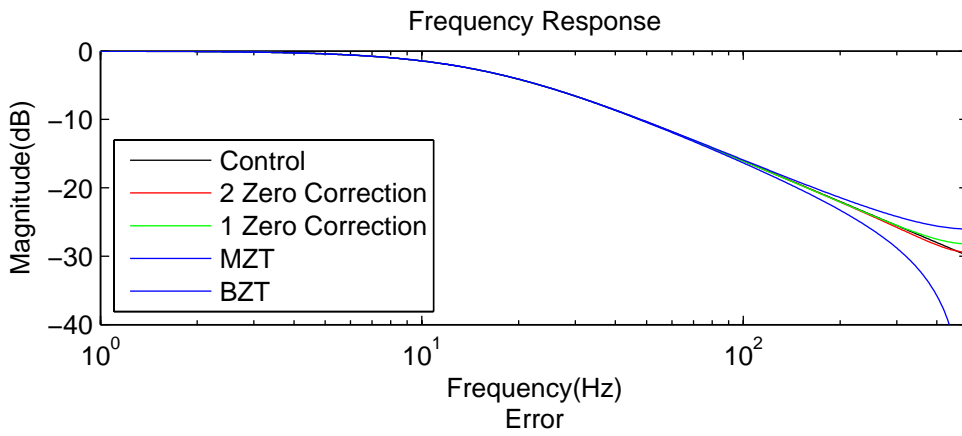
then

$$b_1 = [k_0 - \sqrt{k_0^2 - 4a}] / 2$$

$$b_2 = [-\beta - \sqrt{\beta^2 - 4\alpha\gamma}] / 2\alpha$$

$$b_0 = k_0 - b_1 - b_2$$

Note: In our examples,  $k_0 = H(0) = 1$



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# A Weighting Network

$$H_A(s) = \omega_4^2 s^4 / [(s + \omega_1)^2 (s + \omega_2)(s + \omega_3)(s + \omega_4)^2]$$

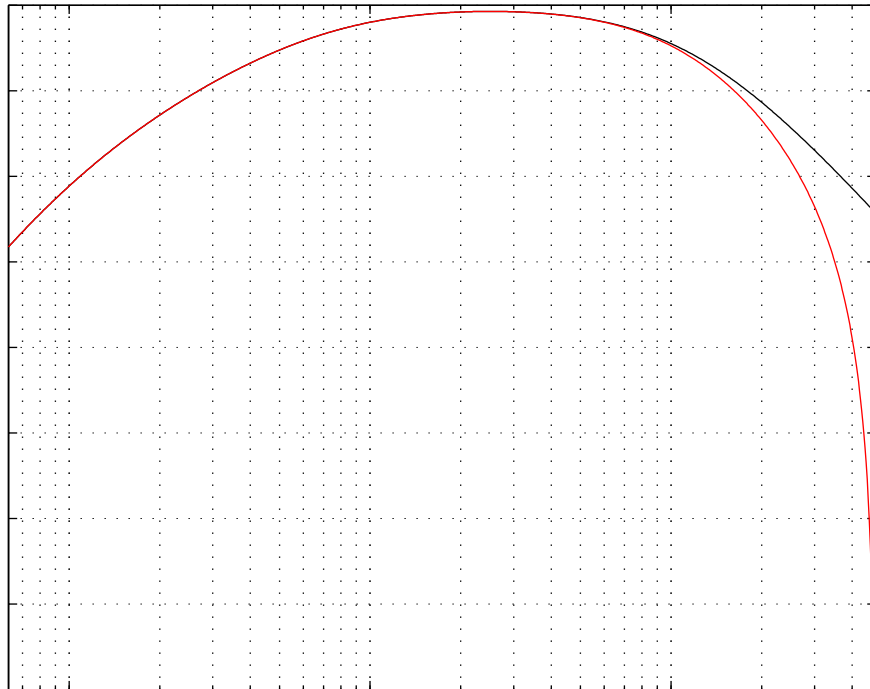
$$\omega_1 = 2\pi (20.598997) = 129.427315$$

$$\omega_2 = 2\pi (107.65265) = 676.401549$$

$$\omega_3 = 2\pi (737.8223) = 4636.12512$$

$$\omega_4 = 2\pi (12194.22) = 76618.5439$$

\* Does not include 2.0dB scaling at 1kHz



$$H_A(s)$$

$$\text{BZT } F_S = 96000$$

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BZT works well for the high pass sections  
but fails for the 12.2k poles

Therefore rewrite

$$H_A(s) = H_{123}(s) H_4(s)$$

$$H_A(s) = [s^4 / [(s + \omega_1)^2 (s + \omega_2)(s + \omega_3)]] * \omega_4^2 / (s + \omega_4)^2$$

$$H_{123}(s) \rightarrow H_{\text{BZT}123}(z) \quad \text{Use BZT}$$

$$H_4(s) = [\omega_4 / (s + \omega_4)] * [\omega_4 / (s + \omega_4)]$$

Use two second order  $H_{\text{FIR}}(z)$  where

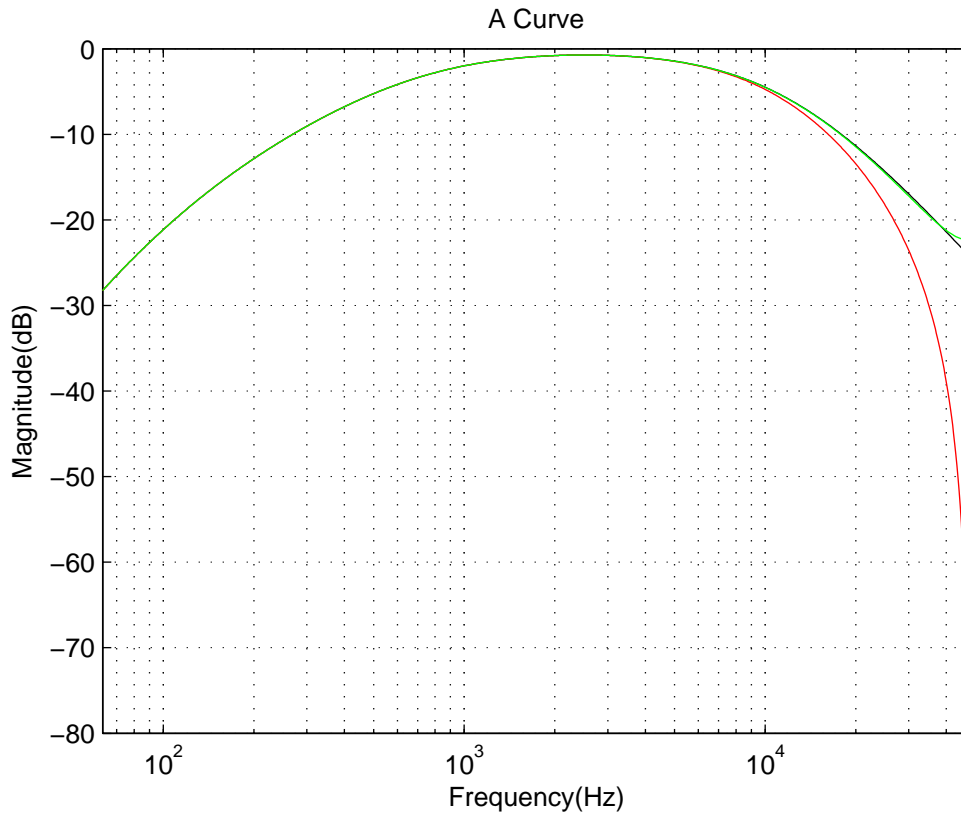
1<sup>st</sup> section uses  $\omega_0 = 0, \omega_1 = \omega_p, \omega_2 = \pi - \omega_p$

2<sup>nd</sup> section uses  $\omega_0 = 0, \omega_1 = \pi/3, \omega_2 = 2\pi/3$

\* Using two different matching criteria spreads the error

\*  $\omega_0, \omega_1, \omega_2$  are not the A weight definitions

\*  $\omega_p = 76618.5439$ , the pole location



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## Appendix:

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function [b] = ZeroCorr(w,wp,Fs)
%[b] = ZeroCorr(w,wp,Fs)
%This function will return the z^-1 term to correct the pole matched at w.
%w is the function to put the zero at, wp is the frequency of the pole and
%Fs is the sampling frequency.
%The return is of the form
%
%
% $H(z) = 1 + bz^{-1}$ 

Ks = wp^2/(w^2+wp^2);
Kmzt = ((1-exp(-wp/Fs))^2)/(1-(2*exp(-wp/Fs)*cos(w/Fs))+exp(-2*wp/Fs));
K=Ks/Kmzt;%H(w)
beta = (2*(cos(w/Fs)-K))/(1-K);
b=(-beta - sqrt(beta^2-4))/2;
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function [b0 b1 b2]=TwoZeroCorr(w,wp,Fs)
%TwoZeroCorr will return the coefficients of the zeros of a two zero
%corrected version of the BZT. These zeros will be at w and pi-w. The
%output is
%
%
%  $H(z) = b_0 + b_1 z^{-1} + b_2 z^{-2}$ 
%

Ks = wp^2/(w^2+wp^2);
Kmzt = ((1-exp(-wp/Fs))^2)/(1-(2*exp(-wp/Fs)*cos(w/Fs))+exp(-2*wp/Fs));
K=Ks/Kmzt;%H(w)
Ks2 = wp^2/((pi*Fs-w)^2+wp^2);
Kmzt2 = ((1-exp(-wp/Fs))^2)/(1-(2*exp(-wp/Fs)*cos((pi*Fs-w)/Fs))+exp(-2*wp/Fs));
K2=Ks2/Kmzt2;%H(pi-w)
b1 = (1-sqrt(1-4*((K-K2)/4*cos(w/(Fs)))))/2;
alpha = 2*(1-cos(2*w/(Fs)));
beta = 2*(1-b1)*(cos(2*w/(Fs))-1);
gamma = (1-b1)^2+b1^2+2*(1-b1)*(b1)*cos(w/(Fs))-K;
b2 = (-beta-sqrt(beta^2-4*alpha*gamma))/(2*alpha);
b0 = 1-b1-b2;
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