

Problem 5.14

Given for the FIR filter:

$$y[n] = x[n] - ax[n-1]$$

Find $y[n]$ when:

(a) $x[n] = a^n u[n]$

Then, $y[n] = h[n] * x[n]$, $h[n] = \delta[n] - a\delta[n-1]$

$$\implies y[n] = x[n] - ax[n-1] = a^n u[n] - a[a^{n-1}u[n-1]]$$

$$= a^n u[n] - a^0 a^n u[n-1]$$

$$u[n] = \delta[n] + u[n-1]$$

Thus, $y[n]$ can be expressed as

$$y[n] = a^0 \delta[n] + a^n u[n-1] - a^n u[n-1] = \delta[n] \quad \text{-(A)}$$

(b) $x[n] = a^n(u[n] - u[n-8]) \implies x[n] = a^n u[n] - a^n u[n-8]$

Since, from (a) $y[n]$ is computed for $x[n] = a^n u[n]$, as seen from (A). $y[n]$ can be expressed as, $y[n] = y_1[n] + y_2[n]$, where $y_1[n] = \delta[n]$. Hence, $y_2[n]$ can be computed corresponding to the second term, $-a^n u[n-8]$ and its value can be added to $y_1[n]$.

$$y_2[n] = -a^n u[n-8] - aa^{n-1}(u[n-9])$$

$$= -au[n-8] - a^0 a^n (u[n-9])$$

$$u[n-8] = \delta[n-8] + u[n-9]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_2[n] &= -a^8\delta[n-8] - a^nu[n-9] + a^nu[n-9] \\
 &= -a^8\delta[n-8]
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $y[n] = \delta[n] - a^8\delta[n-8]$.

(c) Plot of $x[n]$ and $y[n]$ for part (b):

Assuming $a = 1$.



