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Consider a causal LTI system described by the difference equation $y[n] + \frac{1}{2}y[n-1] = x[n]$

(a) Determine the frequency response $H(e^{j\omega})$ of the system

(b) Determine the impulse response $h[n]$ of the system

(a) Taking the DTFT of both sides of the equation we get

$$Y(e^{j\omega}) + \frac{1}{2}e^{-j\omega}Y(e^{j\omega}) = X(e^{j\omega})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{Y(e^{j\omega})}{X(e^{j\omega})} \triangleq H(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2}e^{-j\omega}}$$

(b) Using Table 11.1

$$\alpha^n u[n] \longleftrightarrow \frac{1}{1 - \alpha e^{-j\omega}}, \quad |\alpha| < 1$$

In this case $\alpha = -1/2$

$$h[n] = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[n]$$