

Chapter_4 The Z-Transform

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The Z-Transform

The z transform of a discrete time signal $x(n)$ is defined as the power series:

$$X(z) = Z[x(n)] = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(n)z^{-n} \quad (1)$$

□ Z-transform inherently concerned with sampled data systems whereas Fourier transform, and Laplace transform were developed and used with analog systems.

□ The **one-sided** Z-transform of a causal sequence

□ $x(n)$ is simply defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= Z(x(n)) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x(n)z^{-n} \\ &= x(0)z^{-0} + x(1)z^{-1} + x(2)z^{-2} + \dots \end{aligned} \quad \dots(2)$$

Note: $Z = e^{j\omega}$

Stable system if poles lie inside the unit circle

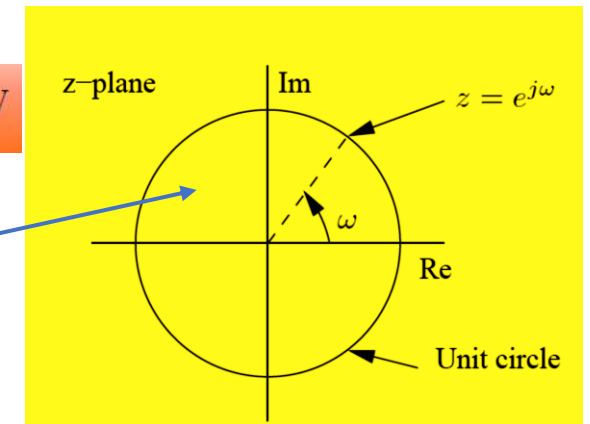


Fig.1 Unit circle Z-Transform

Note: A causal system is one in which the output $y(n)$ at time n depends only on the current input $x(n)$ at time n , and its past input sample values such as $x(n-1)$, $x(n-2)$,

□ Z-transform is an infinite power series, it exists only for those values of z for which this series converges. The Region Of Convergence **ROC** of $X(z)$ is the set of all values of z for which $X(z)$ attains a finite value.

□ **Ex1**: Find $Z\{u(n)\}$:

$$\begin{aligned} Z[u[n]] &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} u[n]z^{-n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^{-n} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 1 \cdot z^{-n} = 1 + z^{-1} + z^{-2} + z^{-3} + \dots = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{z}} = \frac{z}{z-1} \end{aligned}$$

□ This series will converge if $\frac{1}{z} < 1$, or $|z| > 1$

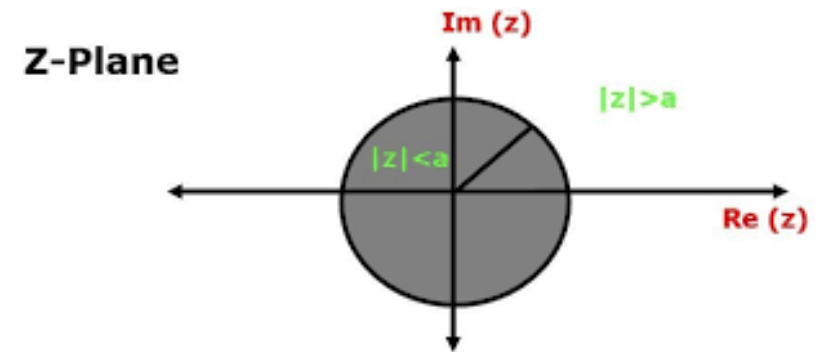
$$Z[u(n)] \iff \frac{z}{z-1} \quad \text{ROC } |z| > 1$$

Ex2: Find $Z\{a^n u(n)\}$

$$\begin{aligned} Z\{a^n u[n]\} &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a^n u[n] z^{-n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a^n z^{-n} \\ &= 1 + \frac{a}{z} + \frac{a^2}{z^2} + \frac{a^3}{z^3} + \dots = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{a}{z}} = \frac{z}{z - a} \end{aligned}$$

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$$Z[a^n u[n]] \iff \frac{z}{z - a} \quad \text{ROC } |z| > |a|$$



Ex.3: Find the ROC for the signal $x[n] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[n] + \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^n u[n]$

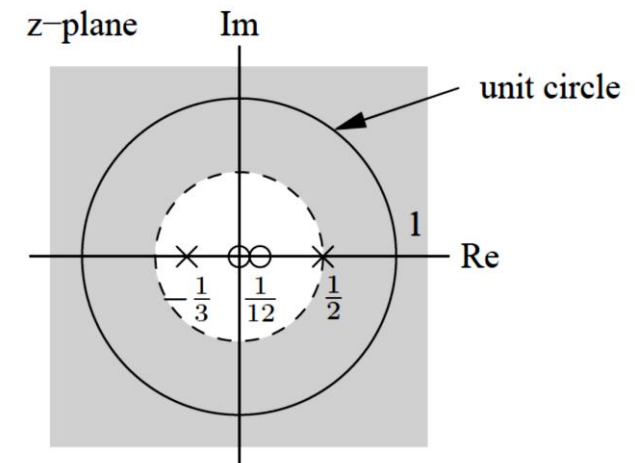
$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[n] + \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^n u[n] \right\} z^{-n} \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[n] z^{-n} + \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^n u[n] z^{-n} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2} z^{-1}\right)^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{3} z^{-1}\right)^n. \end{aligned}$$

From the example for the right-handed exponential sequence, the first term in this sum converges for $|z| > 1/2$, and the second for $|z| > 1/3$. The combined transform $X(z)$ therefore converges in the intersection of these regions,

namely when $|z| > 1/2$. In this case

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}} = \frac{2z(z - \frac{1}{12})}{(z - \frac{1}{2})(z + \frac{1}{3})}.$$

The pole-zero plot and region of convergence of the signal is



Z-Transform of some functions

$x(n)$	$X(Z)$	ROC
$\delta(n)$	1	All values of Z
$u(n)$	$\frac{Z}{Z-1}$	$ Z > 1$
$a^n u(n)$	$\frac{Z}{Z-a}$	$ Z > a$
$nu(n)$	$\frac{Z}{(Z-1)^2}$	$ Z > 1$
$e^{-An} u(n)$	$\frac{Z}{Z-e^{-A}}$	$ Z > e^{-A}$
$r^n \cos(\theta n)$	$\frac{Z^2 - Z r \cos(\theta)}{Z^2 - 2Z r \cos(\theta) + r^2}$	$ Z > r$
$r^n \sin(\theta n)$	$\frac{Z r \sin(\theta)}{Z^2 - 2Z r \cos(\theta) + r^2}$	$ Z > r$

Properties of Z-Transform

Linearity Property

$$\text{If } x(n) \xleftrightarrow{\text{Z.T}} X(Z)$$

$$\text{and } y(n) \xleftrightarrow{\text{Z.T}} Y(Z)$$

Then linearity property states that

$$a x(n) + b y(n) \xleftrightarrow{\text{Z.T}} a X(Z) + b Y(Z)$$

Time Shifting Property

$$\text{If } x(n) \xleftrightarrow{\text{Z.T}} X(Z)$$

Then Time shifting property states that

$$x(n - m) \xleftrightarrow{\text{Z.T}} z^{-m} X(Z)$$

Multiplication by Exponential Sequence Property

$$\text{If } x(n) \xleftrightarrow{\text{Z.T}} X(Z)$$

Then multiplication by an exponential sequence property states that

$$a^n \cdot x(n) \xleftrightarrow{\text{Z.T}} X(Z/a)$$

Differentiation in Z-Domain OR Multiplication by n Property

$$\text{If } x(n) \xleftrightarrow{\text{Z.T}} X(Z)$$

Then multiplication by n or differentiation in z-domain property states that

$$n^k x(n) \xleftrightarrow{\text{Z.T}} [-1]^k z^k \frac{d^k X(Z)}{dZ^k}$$

Convolution Property

$$\text{If } x(n) \xleftrightarrow{\text{Z.T}} X(Z)$$

$$\text{and } y(n) \xleftrightarrow{\text{Z.T}} Y(Z)$$

Then convolution property states that

$$x(n) * y(n) \xleftrightarrow{\text{Z.T}} X(Z) \cdot Y(Z)$$

Initial Value Theorem

For a causal signal $x(n]$, the initial value theorem states that

$$x(0) = \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} X(z)$$

This is used to find the initial value of the signal without taking inverse z-transform

Final Value Theorem

For a causal signal $x[n]$, the final value theorem states that

$$x(\infty) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} [z - 1] X(z)$$

Ex.4: Find

$$\text{❖ A) } Y(Z) = Z \{y(n)\} = Z \{4 u(n) + 3 \delta(n)\}$$

$$\text{❖ B) } G(Z) = Z \{g(n)\} = Z \{5 u(n - 3)\}$$

$$\text{❖ C) } R(Z) = Z \{\delta(n) \otimes \delta(n)\}$$

Solution:

$$\text{❖ A) } Y(Z) = 4 \left(\frac{Z}{Z-1}\right) + 3 (1)$$

$$\text{❖ B) } G(Z) = Z^{-3} \left\{\left(\frac{Z}{Z-1}\right)\right\}$$

$$\text{❖ C) } R(Z) = (1) \cdot (1)$$

Ex5.: Find $Y(Z) = Z\{ 2^n u(n) \}$

Solution: $Y(Z) = \left[\frac{Z}{Z-1} \right]_{\frac{Z}{2}} = \frac{Z/2}{\left(\frac{Z}{2}\right)-1}$

Ex.6: Find $Z\{(n-2) a^{(n-2)} \cos[\omega(n-2)] u(n-2)\}.$

$$= Z^{-2} Z\{ n a^n \cos \omega n u(n) \}$$

$$= Z^{-2} (-Z) \frac{d}{dZ} Z\{ a^n \cos \omega n u(n) \}$$

$$= -Z^{-1} \frac{d}{dZ} \frac{Z^2 - Z \cos \omega}{Z^2 - 2 Z \cos \omega + 1} \Big|_{z \rightarrow \frac{Z}{a}}$$

Inverse of Z-Transform

$$x(n) = Z^{-1} \{X(Z)\} \quad \dots(3)$$

The inverse z-transform may be obtained using:

1. Inspection method
2. Partial fraction expansion method.
3. The Residue theorem method.

1. Inspection method

Ex.7: Find $x(n)$, if $X(z) = \left(\frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} \right)$, $|z| > \frac{1}{2}$,

$$a^n u[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}}, \quad \text{for } |z| > |a|. \quad \text{then} \quad x[n] = \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n u[n].$$

2. Partial fraction expansion method.

$$X(Z) = \frac{P(Z)}{Q(Z)} = \frac{P(Z)}{(Z-a)(Z-b)(Z-c) \dots}$$

$$\text{Put } \frac{X(z)}{z} = \frac{A}{(z-a)} + \frac{B}{(z-b)} + \frac{C}{(z-c)} + \dots$$

The values of A,B, C,.. Can be found by using the [limit of each term](#). Then:

$$X(Z) = \frac{ZA}{(Z-a)} + \frac{ZB}{(Z-b)} + \frac{ZC}{(Z-c)} + \dots$$

EX.8: Find $x(n)$ using partial fraction method if:

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{(1 - z^{-1})(1 - 0.5z^{-1})}.$$

Eliminating the negative power of z by multiplying the numerator and denominator by z^2 yields

$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= \frac{z^2}{z^2(1 - z^{-1})(1 - 0.5z^{-1})} \\ &= \frac{z^2}{(z - 1)(z - 0.5)} \end{aligned}$$

• Dividing both sides by z leads to

$$\frac{X(z)}{z} = \frac{z}{(z - 1)(z - 0.5)} = \frac{A}{(z - 1)} + \frac{B}{(z - 0.5)}.$$

$$A = (z - 1) \frac{X(z)}{z} \Big|_{z=1} = \frac{z}{(z - 0.5)} \Big|_{z=1} = 2,$$

$$B = (z - 0.5) \frac{X(z)}{z} \Big|_{z=0.5} = \frac{z}{(z - 1)} \Big|_{z=0.5} = -1.$$

• Substituting for A, B

$$\frac{X(z)}{z} = \frac{2}{(z - 1)} + \frac{-1}{(z - 0.5)}$$

$$X(z) = \frac{2z}{(z - 1)} + \frac{-z}{(z - 0.5)}$$

$$x(n) = 2u(n) - (0.5)^n u(n).$$

3- The Residue theorem method.

$x(n) = \sum \text{residues of } X(Z) Z^{n-1} \text{ at the poles of } X(Z) Z^{n-1} = a_{-1} + b_{-1} + c_{-1} + \dots$

$$a_{-1} = \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \lim_{z \rightarrow a} \frac{d^{m-1}}{dZ^{m-1}} \{(Z-a)^m Z^{n-1} X(Z)\}, \text{ } m \text{ is the order of the pole}$$

Ex.9 : Find $x(n)$ using the residue theorem method if $X(Z) = \frac{2Z}{(Z-1)^2 (Z-2) (Z-3)}$

$$a_{-1} = \frac{1}{1!} \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{d}{dZ} \frac{2Z Z^{n-1}}{(z-2)(Z-3)} = n + \frac{3}{2}$$

$$b_{-1} = \frac{1}{0!} \lim_{z \rightarrow 2} \frac{2Z^n}{(Z-1)^2 (Z-3)} = -2(2)^n$$

$$c_{-1} = \frac{1}{0!} \lim_{z \rightarrow 3} \frac{2Z^n}{(Z-1)^2 (Z-2)} = \frac{1}{2}(3)^n$$

$$x(n) = a_{-1} + b_{-1} + c_{-1} = n + \frac{3}{2} - 2(2)^n + \frac{1}{2}(3)^n$$

Solution of Difference Equations (DE) Using the Z-Transform

To solve a difference equation with initial conditions, we must deal with time shifted sequences such as $y(n - 1)$, $y(n - 2)$, \dots , $y(n - m)$, and the time shifting property becomes:

$$Z\{x(n - m)\} = Z^{-m} \left\{ X(Z) + \sum_{k=-m}^{-1} x(k) Z^{-k} \right\} \quad (4)$$

Ex.10: Solve $y(n) - (3/2)y(n - 1) + (1/2)y(n - 2) = (1/4)^n$, if $y(-1) = 4$, $y(-2) = 10$ for $n \geq 0$

$$Y(Z) - \frac{3}{2} \{Y(Z) \cdot Z^{-1} + y(-1)\} + \frac{1}{2} \{Z^{-2} Y(Z) + Z^{-1} y(-1) + y(-2)\} = \frac{Z}{Z - \frac{1}{4}}$$

$$Y(Z) \left\{ 1 - \frac{3}{2} Z^{-1} + \frac{1}{2} Z^{-2} \right\} = \frac{Z}{Z - \frac{1}{4}} + 1 - 2Z^{-1}$$

$$Y(Z) = \frac{Z \left(2Z^2 - \frac{9}{4}Z + \frac{1}{2} \right)}{\left(Z - \frac{1}{4} \right) \left(Z - \frac{1}{2} \right) (Z - 1)}$$

$$Y(Z) = \frac{(1/3)Z}{\left(Z - \frac{1}{4} \right)} + \frac{Z}{Z - \frac{1}{2}} + \frac{(2/3)Z}{Z - 1}$$

$$y(n) = \left\{ \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^n + \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n + \frac{2}{3} \right\} u(n)$$

Relations between systems representation

