



# EE092IU DIGITAL SIGNAL PROCESSING LABORATORY

## Lab 4

## Z TRANSFORM

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## I. OBJECTIVES

Students know how to write m-file in Matlab to illustrate the properties of Z transform.

## II. REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

1. Computer
2. Matlab software

## III. INTRODUCTION

Just as with the Laplace transform for continuous-time signals and systems, the Z-transform provides a way to represent discrete-time signals and systems, and to process discrete-time signals. Although the Z-transform can be related to the Laplace transform, the relation is operationally not very useful. However, it can be used to show that the complex z-plane is in a polar form where the radius is a damping factor and the angle corresponds to the discrete frequency  $\omega$  in radians. Thus, the unit circle in the z-plane is analogous to the  $j\omega$  axis in the Laplace plane, and the inside of the unit circle is analogous to the left-hand s-plane. We will see that once the connection between the Laplace plane and the z-plane is established, the significance of poles and zeros in the z-plane can be obtained like in the Laplace plane.

The representation of discrete-time signals by the Z-transform is very intuitive—it converts a sequence of samples into a polynomial. The inverse Z-transform can be achieved by many more methods than the inverse Laplace transform, but the partial fraction expansion is still the most commonly used method. Using the one-sided Z-transform, for solving difference equations that could result from the discretization of differential equations, but not exclusively, is an important application of the Z-transform.

### 3.1. Mathematical Definition

The z transform of a discrete time signal is defined as:

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

**Example 1:** Compute the z-transform of the sequence  $x(n) = [3, 5, 4, 3], 0 \leq n \leq 3$

Commands	Results	Comments
<pre>syms z x0 = 3; x1 = 5; x2 = 4; x3 = 3; Xz = x0*(z^0) + x1*(z^-1) + x2*(z^-2) + x3*(z^-3) pretty(Xz)</pre>	$3 + \frac{5}{z} + \frac{4}{z^2} + \frac{3}{z^3}$	z-Transform of the sequence $x[n]$ .

An alternative and more elegant computation of the z-transform

Commands	Results	Comments
<pre>syms z x = [3 5 4 3]; n = [0 1 2 3]; X = sum(x.*(z.^-n)) pretty(X)</pre>	$3 + \frac{5}{z} + \frac{4}{z^2} + \frac{3}{z^3}$	Alternative way of computing the z-transform of the sequence $x[n]$ .

**Example 2:** Compute the z-transform of the sequence  $x(n) = 0.9^n u(n)$

Commands	Results	Comments
<pre>syms n z x = 0.9^n; X = symsum(x.*(z.^-n), n, 0, inf)</pre>	$X = 10 * z / (10 * z - 9)$	The z-transform of the sequence $x[n] = 0.9^n u[n]$ is $X(z) = \frac{z}{z - 0.9}$ .

In MATLAB, the z-transform  $F(z)$  of a sequence  $f(n)$  is computed easily by using the command `ztrans`. Moreover, the inverse z-transform of a function  $F(z)$  is computed by using the command `iztrans`.

Before using these two commands, the declaration of the complex variable  $z$  and of the discrete time  $n$  as symbolic variables is necessary. Recall that in order to define a symbolic variable, the command `syms` is used.

**Example 3:** Compute the z-transform of the sequence  $f(n) = 2^n$

Commands	Results	Comments
<pre>syms n z f = 2^n; ztrans(f) simplify(ans)</pre>	$\text{ans} = z / (z - 2)$	The z-transform of the sequence $f[n] = 2^n$ .

**Example 4:** Compute the inverse z-transform of the function  $F(z) = \frac{z}{(z-2)}$

Commands	Results	Comments
<pre>syms n z F = z / (z - 2); iztrans(F)</pre>	<pre>ans = 2^n</pre>	Inverse z-transform of the function $F(z) = \frac{z}{z - 2}$ .

**Example 5:** Using Partial Fraction Expansion of a Rational Function, express in the partial fraction form the signal which in the Z-domain is given by

$$X(z) = \frac{z^2 + 3z + 1}{z^3 + 5z^2 + 2z - 8}$$

Commands	Results	Comments
<pre>A = [1 5 2 -8]; ro = roots(A)</pre>	<pre>ro = -4.0000 -2.0000       1.0000</pre>	The vector containing the coefficients of the denominator polynomial is defined and its roots are computed.
<pre>syms z X = (z^2 + 3*z + 1) / (z^3 + 5*z^2 + 2*z - 8); c1 = limit((z - ro(1)) * X, z, ro(1)); c2 = limit((z - ro(2)) * X, z, ro(2)); c3 = limit((z - ro(3)) * X, z, ro(3));</pre>	<pre>c1 = 1/2 c2 = 1/6 c3 = 1/3</pre>	The coefficients $c_i$ are calculated according to Equation 10.27.

**Example 6:** Using Partial Fraction Expansion of a Rational Function, express in the partial fraction form the signal which in the Z-domain is given by

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

Commands	Results	Comments
<pre>A = [1 0 -3 2]; rt = roots(A)</pre>	<pre>rt = -2.0000  1.0000       1.0000</pre>	First, the roots of the denominator are calculated. The root $\lambda = 1$ is repeated two times. Notice that the coefficient of $z^2$ is zero and must be taken into account when formulating matrix $A$ .
<pre>syms z X = (z^2+3*z+1)/(z^3-3*z+2); c1 = limit((z-rt(1))*X, z, rt(1))</pre>	<pre>c1 = -1/9</pre>	The coefficient $c_1$ is computed according to the lower part of (10.29).
<pre>r = 2</pre>		In order to compute the coefficients $c_2$ and $c_3$ (that correspond to $i=1$ and $i=2$ , respectively), we set $r=2$ as there are two repeated roots. First, we compute coefficient $c_2$ .
<pre>f = ((z-1)^r)*X;</pre>		Calculation of $(z - \lambda_1)^r X(z)$ .
<pre>di = diff(f, z, r-1);</pre>		Calculation of $\frac{d^{r-i}[(z - \lambda_1)^r X(z)]}{dz^{r-i}}$ .
<pre>fact = 1/factorial(r-1);</pre>		Calculation of $\frac{1}{(r-i)!}$ . Notice that $i=1$ when calculating $c_2$ .
<pre>c2 = limit(fact*di, z, 1)</pre>	<pre>c2 = 10/9</pre>	Coefficient $c_2$ is computed according to the upper part of (10.29).
<pre>di = diff(f, z, r-2); fact = 1/factorial(r-2); c3 = limit(fact*di, z, 1)</pre>	<pre>c3 = 5/3</pre>	Coefficient $c_3$ is computed in the same way to $c_2$ , but here we set $i=2$ .

We also can use *residue* command

Commands	Results	Comments
<pre>num = [ 1 3 1]; den = [ 1 0 -3 2]</pre>		The coefficients of numerator and denominator polynomials are defined as usual.
<pre>[R, P, K] = residue(num, den)</pre>	<pre>R = -0.1111  1.1111       1.6667 P = -2.0000  1.0000 K = []</pre>	$X(z)$ is expressed in partial fraction form as $X(z) = \frac{-0.1111}{z+2} + \frac{1.1111}{z-1} + \frac{1.6667}{(z-1)^2}$ , which is the same result as the one obtained by the analytical way.

### 3.2. Basic Properties of the Z Transform

## Properties of the z-Transforms

Property	$x[n]$	$X(z)$
1. Linearity	$ax[n] + by[n]$	$aX(z) + bY(z)$
2. Time-shifting	$x[n-m]$	$z^{-m}X(z) + z^{-m+1}x[-1] + \dots + z^{-1}x[-m+1] + x[-m]$
3. Frequency scaling	$a^n x[n]$	$X\left(\frac{z}{a}\right)$
4. Time reversal	$x[-n]$	$X\left(\frac{1}{z}\right)$
5. Multiplication by $n$	$nx[n]$	$-z \frac{d}{dz} X(z)$
6. Multiplication by $n^2$	$n^2 x[n]$	$z \frac{d}{dz} X(z) + z^2 \frac{d^2}{dz^2} X(z)$
7. Modulation		
Multiplication by $e^{j\Omega_0 n}$	$e^{j\Omega_0 n} x[n]$	$X(e^{-j\Omega_0} z)$
Multiplication by $\cos \Omega n$	$(\cos \Omega n) x[n]$	$\frac{1}{2} [X(e^{j\Omega} z) + X(e^{-j\Omega} z)]$
Multiplication by $\sin \Omega n$	$(\sin \Omega n) x[n]$	$\frac{j}{2} [X(e^{j\Omega} z) - X(e^{-j\Omega} z)]$
8. Accumulation	$\sum_{k=0}^n x[k]$	$\frac{z}{z-1} X(z)$
9. Convolution	$x[n] * h[n]$	$X(z)H(z)$
10. Initial value	$x[0] = \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} X(z)$	
11. Final value	$x[\infty] = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} (1 - z^{-1})X(z)$	

Table 1: Z-transform property

### 3.3. Z Transform Pairs

Sequence	Transform	ROC
1. $\delta[n]$	1	All $z$
2. $u[n]$	$\frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}}$	$ z  > 1$
3. $-u[-n - 1]$	$\frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}}$	$ z  < 1$
4. $\delta[n - m]$	$z^{-m}$	All $z$ except 0 (if $m > 0$ ) or $\infty$ (if $m < 0$ )
5. $a^n u[n]$	$\frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}}$	$ z  >  a $
6. $-a^n u[-n - 1]$	$\frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}}$	$ z  <  a $
7. $na^n u[n]$	$\frac{az^{-1}}{(1 - az^{-1})^2}$	$ z  >  a $
8. $-na^n u[-n - 1]$	$\frac{az^{-1}}{(1 - az^{-1})^2}$	$ z  <  a $
9. $\cos(\omega_0 n)u[n]$	$\frac{1 - \cos(\omega_0)z^{-1}}{1 - 2\cos(\omega_0)z^{-1} + z^{-2}}$	$ z  > 1$
10. $\sin(\omega_0 n)u[n]$	$\frac{\sin(\omega_0)z^{-1}}{1 - 2\cos(\omega_0)z^{-1} + z^{-2}}$	$ z  > 1$
11. $r^n \cos(\omega_0 n)u[n]$	$\frac{1 - r\cos(\omega_0)z^{-1}}{1 - 2r\cos(\omega_0)z^{-1} + r^2z^{-2}}$	$ z  > r$
12. $r^n \sin(\omega_0 n)u[n]$	$\frac{r\sin(\omega_0)z^{-1}}{1 - 2r\cos(\omega_0)z^{-1} + r^2z^{-2}}$	$ z  > r$
13. $\begin{cases} a^n, & 0 \leq n \leq N - 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	$\frac{1 - a^N z^{-N}}{1 - az^{-1}}$	$ z  > 0$

Table 2: Z-transform pairs

### 3.4 Using the z-Transform to Solve Difference Equations

**Example 7:** Find the solutions of the difference equation  $y[n] + 0.5y[n-1] + 2y[n-2] = 0.9^n u[n]$ , where  $y[n] = 0$ ,  $n < 0$

**Solution:**

We have:

$$Z\{y[n]\} = Y(z).$$

$$Z\{y[n - 1]\} = z^{-1}Z\{y[n]\} = z^{-1}Y(z).$$

$$Z\{y[n - 2]\} = z^{-2}Z\{y[n]\} = z^{-2}Y(z).$$

The computational procedure as follow:

1. Applying z-transform to both parts of the differential equation yields  $Z\{y[n] + 0.5y[n-1] + 2y[n-2]\} = Z\{0.9^n u[n]\}$ .
2. Due to the linearity property, we get

$$Z\{y[n]\} + 0.5Z\{y[n-1]\} + 2Z\{y[n-2]\} = \frac{z}{z-0.9},$$

where the z-transform pair  $a^n u[n] \leftrightarrow \frac{z}{z-a}$  is used.

3. The z-transforms of  $y[n]$ ,  $y[n-1]$ , and  $y[n-2]$  are substituted according to Equations 10.35 through 10.37, and the difference equation is converted to the algebraic equation

$$Y(z) = 0.5z^{-1}Y(z) + 2z^{-2}Y(z) = \frac{z}{z-0.9}.$$

4. We solve the equation for  $Y(z)$  and get

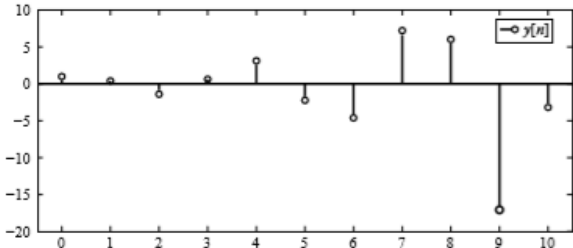
$$Y(z) = \frac{z}{(z-0.9)(1+0.5z^{-1}+2z^{-2})} = \frac{z^3}{(z-0.9)(z^2+0.5z+2)}.$$

5. The solution  $y[n]$  of the difference equation is obtained by applying inverse z-transform to  $Y(z)$ , i.e.,  $y[n] = Z^{-1}\{Y(z)\}$ .

### In Matlab:

Commands	Results	Comments
<code>syms n z Y</code>		$Y(z)$ is denoted by $Y$ .
<code>X=ztrans(0.9^n,z)</code>		The z-transform of the right side of the difference equation is computed.
<code>Y1=z^(-1)*Y;</code>		The z-transform of $y[n-1]$ , that is, $Z\{y[n-1]\}$ is defined according to (10.36). The result is assigned to variable $Y1$ .
<code>Y2=z^(-2)*Y;</code>		$Z\{y[n-2]\}$ is denoted by $Y2$ and is defined according to (10.37).
This is the crucial point of the computational procedure. The term $X$ is moved to the left side of the difference equation and the whole left side is assigned to a term $G$		
<code>G=Y+0.5*Y1+2*Y2-X;</code>		The term $G$ is a function of $Y$ and $z$ .
<code>SOL=solve(G,Y);</code> <code>pretty(SOL);</code>	$\frac{z^3}{(z-0.9)(z^2+0.5z+2)}$	Using the command <code>solve</code> allows us to solve for $Y$ . This is the solution of the differential equation expressed in the z-domain. The obtained solution is same as the analytically computed solution.
<code>y=iztrans(SOL,n);</code>		Applying inverse z-transform yields the solution $y[n]$ of the difference equation.



Commands	Results	Comments
<pre>n1=0:10; y_n=subs(y,n,n1); stem(n1,y_n) legend('y[n]') xlim([-5 10.5])</pre>		<p>The sequence <math>y[n]</math> is defined as a symbolic expression; thus in order to implement its graph, the symbolic variable <math>n</math> is substituted by a vector.</p>

In order to confirm that  $y[n]$  is in fact the solution of the difference equation,  $y[n]$  is inserted to the difference equation, if it satisfies the difference equation, then it is indeed its solution

Commands	Results	Comments
<pre>yn1=subs(y,n,n-1); yn2=subs(y,n,n-2);</pre>		The terms $y[n-1]$ and $y[n-2]$ are computed from the derived sequence $y[n]$ .
<pre>test=y+0.5*yn1+2*yn2-0.9^n; test=simplify(test)</pre>	test = 0	The obtained sequence $y[n]$ is indeed the solution of the difference equation $y[n] + 0.5y[n-1] + 2y[n-2] = 0.9^n$ .

## PROCEDURE

### Problem 1:

Express in partial fraction form the signal and determine  $x(n)$

$$X(z) = \frac{12 - 38z^{-1} + 11z^{-2} + 3z^{-3} + 54z^{-4}}{1 - 5z^{-1} + 6z^{-2}}$$

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

$$X(z) = \frac{5 - 11z^{-1}}{1 - 5z^{-1} + 6z^{-2}}$$

### Problem 2:

Compute of the Z-transform of the following sequence using the symbolic toolbox of MATLAB

$$h_1[n] = 0.8u(n)$$

$$h_2[n] = u[n] - u[n-10]$$

$$h_3[n] = \cos(\omega_0 n)u[n]$$

$$h_4[n] = h_1[n]h_3[n]$$

### Problem 3:

Consider an FIR filter with impulse response

$$h(n) = \delta(n) + \delta(n-1) + \delta(n-2)$$

Find the filter output for an input

$$x(n) = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n}{3}\right)(u(n) - u(n-14))$$

Use the convolution sum to find the output, and verify your results with MATLAB.

Use z-transform to find the output

**Problem 4:**

Use z-transform to find the solution of the difference equations:

a/  $y[n] + 1.5 y[n-1] + 0.5y[n-2] = x[n] + x[n-1]$ , where  $x[n] = 0.8^n u[n]$

b/  $y[n] - y[n-1] = x[n] + x[n-1]$ , where  $x[n] = 0.8^n u[n]$

Plot the solution for  $0 < n < 20$ .

Confirm your result by inserting the obtained solution in the difference equation.