# CAN207 Continuous and Discrete Time Signals and Systems

Lecture 20

**Z-Transform\_Part 2** 

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#### Content

- 4. Properties of z-transform
  - Linearity, time-shifting, time-reversal, time-scaling, zdomain scaling, z-domain differentiation, time-difference, time-accumulation, conjugation, time convolution.
  - Comparing with DTFT and Laplace transform
- 5. Inverse z-Transform
  - Table Look-up
  - Long Division (Power series expansion)
  - Partial Fraction Expansion
    - ROC determination



#### 4.1 Properties - Linearity

• Given the transform pairs:

$$x_1[n] \stackrel{\mathcal{Z}}{\longleftrightarrow} X_1(z)$$
 and  $x_2[n] \stackrel{\mathcal{Z}}{\longleftrightarrow} X_2(z)$ 

• It can be shown that the following relationship holds:

$$\alpha x_1[n] + \beta x_2[n] \stackrel{\mathcal{Z}}{\longleftrightarrow} \alpha X_1(z) + \beta X_2(z)$$

- ROC is the overlapping region of  $X_1(z)$  and  $X_2(z)$ .
- Example: determine the z-transform of the following signals:

$$-x[n] = 3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[n] - 5\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n u[n]$$

$$-x[n] = \cos(\omega_0 n) u[n]$$

$$-x[n] = b^{|n|}$$



## 4.2 Properties - Time-shifting

- Given the transform pair  $x[n] \stackrel{\mathcal{Z}}{\longleftrightarrow} X(z)$ ,
- The following is also valid:

$$x[n-k] \stackrel{\mathcal{Z}}{\longleftrightarrow} z^{-k}X(z)$$

- ROC is the same as X(z) with some possible exceptions:
  - left-shfting to cause negative indexed samples: excluding  $|z| \to \infty$ ;
  - right-shfting to cause positive indexed samples: excluding  $|z| \to 0$ .
- Example: determine the z-trans of:

$$-x[n] = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \le n \le N-1 \\ 0, & n < 0 \text{ or } n > N-1 \end{cases}$$



#### 4.3 Properties - Time-reversal

- Given the transform pair  $x[n] \stackrel{\mathcal{Z}}{\longleftrightarrow} X(z)$ ,
- The following is also valid:

$$x[-n] \stackrel{\mathcal{Z}}{\longleftrightarrow} X(z^{-1})$$

- Let the ROC of the original transform X(z) be  $r_1 < |z| < r_2$ ,
- The the ROC of  $X(z^{-1})$  is adjusted to be  $\frac{1}{r_2} < |z| < \frac{1}{r_1}$ .
- Example: Anti-causal exponential signal revisited. Using the time-reversal and time-shifting properties to find the z-transform of:

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



#### 4.4 Properties - z-domain scaling

- Given the transform pair  $x[n] \stackrel{\mathcal{Z}}{\longleftrightarrow} X(z)$ ,
- The following is also valid:

$$a^n x[n] \stackrel{\mathcal{Z}}{\longleftrightarrow} X\left(\frac{z}{a}\right)$$

- Let the ROC of the original transform X(z) be  $r_1 < |z| < r_2$ ,
- The the ROC of  $X\left(\frac{z}{a}\right)$  is adjusted to be:  $|a|r_1 < |z| < |a|r_2$ .
- Example: determine the z-transform of the following signal:  $x[n] = r^n \cos(\omega_0 n) \ u[n]$



#### 4.5 Properties - Time scaling

- There are two types of scaling in the DT domain: decimation and interpolation.
  - **Decimation**: Because of the irreversible nature of the decimation operation, the z-transform of x[n] and its decimated sequence y[n] = x[mn] are not related to each other.
  - **Interpolation**: the interpolation of x[n] is defined as follows:

$$x^{(m)}[n] = \begin{cases} x[n/m], & \text{if } n \text{ is a multiple of interger } m \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Given the transform pair  $x[n] \stackrel{\mathcal{Z}}{\longleftrightarrow} X(z)$ , then the z-transform is:  $X^{(m)}(z) = X(z^m)$ 

- Let the ROC of the original transform X(z) be  $r_1 < |z| < r_2$ ,
- The the ROC of  $X(z^m)$  is adjusted to be  $r_1^{1/m} < |z| < r_2^{1/m}$ .



#### 4.6 Properties - z-domain Differentiation

- Given the transform pair  $x[n] \stackrel{\mathcal{Z}}{\longleftrightarrow} X(z)$ ,
- The following is also valid:

$$nx[n] \stackrel{\mathcal{Z}}{\longleftrightarrow} (-z) \frac{dX(z)}{dz}$$

- ROC is the same as X(z)
- Example: determine the z-transform of the following signals:
  - $-x[n] = na^n u[n]$
  - -x[n] = nu[n]
  - -x[n] = n(n+2)u[n]



#### 4.7 Properties - Time-differencing

- Given the transform pair  $x[n] \stackrel{\mathcal{Z}}{\longleftrightarrow} X(z)$  with ROC of R,
- The following is also valid:

$$x[n] - x[n-1] \stackrel{\mathcal{Z}}{\longleftrightarrow} (1-z^{-1})X(z)$$

- ROC is at least R with the possible deletion of z = 0.
- Example: Based on the z-transform pair

$$u[n] \stackrel{\mathcal{Z}}{\longleftrightarrow} \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}}, \qquad |z| > 1$$

Calculate the z-transform of the impulse function  $x[n] = \delta[n]$  using the time differencing property.



#### 4.7 Properties - Time accumulation

- Given the transform pair  $x[n] \stackrel{\mathcal{Z}}{\longleftrightarrow} X(z)$  with ROC = R,
- The following is also valid:

$$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{n} x[k] \stackrel{\mathcal{Z}}{\longleftrightarrow} \frac{1}{1-z^{-1}} X(z)$$

- The ROC is  $R \cap |z| > 1$ .
- Example: Calculate the z-transform of the function nu[n] using the time-accumulation property.



## 4.9 Properties - Conjugation

- Given the transform pair  $x[n] \stackrel{\mathcal{Z}}{\longleftrightarrow} X(z)$ ,
- The following is also valid:

$$x^*[n] \stackrel{\mathcal{Z}}{\longleftrightarrow} X^*(z^*)$$

- ROC is the same as X(z).
- If x[n] is real, then

$$X(z) = X^*(z^*)$$

- Application: in the study of zero-pole locations.
- If X(z) has a pole (or zero) at  $z = z_0$ , it must also have a pole (or zero) at the complex conjugate point  $z = z_0^*$ .



 $\longrightarrow Re\{z\}$ 

 $Z_0$ 

 $Im\{z\}$ 

#### 4.10 Properties - Time convolution

• Given the transform pairs:

$$x_1[n] \stackrel{\mathcal{Z}}{\longleftrightarrow} X_1(z)$$
 and  $x_2[n] \stackrel{\mathcal{Z}}{\longleftrightarrow} X_2(z)$ 

• The following is also valid:

$$x_1[n] * x_2[n] \stackrel{\mathcal{Z}}{\longleftrightarrow} X_1(z)X_2(z)$$

- ROC is at least the overlap of the two transforms;
- It may be greater than the overlap due to the cancellation of some poles in the product of z-transforms.
- Most frequently used in finding the output signal of a system with known impulse response and input signal.



#### 4.10 Properties - Time convolution

• Example: Consider a LTID system described by the impulse response

$$h[n] = 0.9^n u[n]$$

driven by the input signal

$$x[n] = u[n] - u[n-7]$$

Compute the z-transform of the output signal Y(z).



#### Quiz 1

- Determine the z-transform for each of the following sequences. Sketch the pole-zero plot and indicate the region of convergence. Indicate whether or not the DTFT of the sequence exists.
  - 1.  $\delta[n-2]$
  - 2.  $\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^n u[-n-2]$
  - 3.  $2^n u[-n] + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n u[n-1]$
  - 4.  $|n| \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{|n|}$

#### 5.1 Methods of Inverse z-transform

• Inverse z-transform is the problem of finding x[n] from the knowledge of X(z).

$$x[n] \stackrel{\mathcal{Z}}{\longleftrightarrow} X(z)$$

- Commonly used methods:
  - (i) table look-up method;
  - (ii) inversion formula method (not required);
  - (iii) power series method (long division);
  - (iv) partial fraction expansion (PFE) method.

#### 5.2 Table look-up method

- In this method, the z-transform function X(z) is matched with one of the entries in the table of commonly used pairs.
- As the transform pairs are unique, the inverse transform is readily obtained from the time-domain entry.
- Example: inverse z-trans of  $X(z) = \frac{1}{1 0.3z^{-1}}, ROC: |z| < 0.3$

 TABLE 10.2
 SOME COMMON z-TRANSFORM PAIRS

Signal	Transform	ROC
1. δ[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. $\delta[n-m]$	<i>z</i> <sup>-m</sup>	All z, except $0$ (if $m > 0$ ) or $\infty$ (if $m < 0$ )
5. $\alpha^n u[n]$	$\frac{1}{1-\alpha z^{-1}}$	$ z  >  \alpha $
6. $-\alpha^n u[-n-1]$	$\frac{1}{1-\alpha z^{-1}}$	$ z < \alpha $
7. $n\alpha^n u[n]$	$\frac{\alpha z^{-1}}{(1-\alpha z^{-1})^2}$	$ z  >  \alpha $
8. $-n\alpha^n u[-n-1]$	$\frac{\alpha z^{-1}}{(1-\alpha z^{-1})^2}$	$ z < \alpha $
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



#### 5.3 Inversion formula method (not required)

- To find the inverse formula (synthesize equation of z-trans.):
  - Since  $X(re^{j\omega}) = \mathcal{F}\{x[n]r^{-n}\}$
  - Applying the inverse DTFT to both sides, yields:

$$x[n] = r^n \mathcal{F}^{-1} \{ X(re^{j\omega}) \} = \frac{r^n}{2\pi} \int_{2\pi} X(re^{j\omega}) e^{j\omega n} d\omega$$

- Moving the  $r^n$  term inside the integral and combining with  $e^{j\omega n}$ :

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{2\pi} X(re^{j\omega}) (re^{j\omega})^n d\omega$$

- That is, we can recover x[n] from its z-transform evaluated along a contour  $z = re^{j\omega}$  in the ROC, with r fixed and  $\omega$  varying over a  $2\pi$  interval.
- Change the variable of integration from  $\omega$  to z





#### 5.3 Inversion formula method (not required)

– Therefore, substitute  $d\omega = \frac{1}{jz}dz$  back to the equation, get

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint X(z) z^{n-1} dz$$

- This is the inverse z-transform definition equation
- Also called the synthesize equation
- In this method, the inverse z-transform is calculated directly by solving the complex contour integral.
  - This approach involves contour integration, which is beyond the scope of this module, and not often used.



#### 5.4 Power series method (Long division)

- In some cases, we may be interested in determining only a few values of x[n] for  $n \ge 0$ , rather than the complete analytical solution, then we can use the power series method, also referred to as *long division*.
  - simple to use (especially in computer)
  - not full (analytical) solution
- When the transform X(z) is expanded as follows:  $X(z) = a + bz^{-1} + cz^{-2} + dz^{-3} + \dots$
- The corresponding time-domain sequence should be:  $x[n] = a\delta[n] + b\delta[n-1] + c\delta[n-2] + d\delta[n-3] + \dots$



#### 5.4 Power series method (Long division)

• Examples: Calculate the first four non-zero values of the following right-sided sequences using the long division:

1. 
$$X_1(z) = \frac{z}{z^2 - 3z + 2}$$

2. 
$$X_2(z) = \frac{1}{1-az^{-1}}$$

3. 
$$X_3(z) = \frac{2z(3z+17)}{(z-1)(z^2-6z+25)}$$

#### 5.4 Examples:

1. Answer: the long division is shown as:

$$z^{-1} + 3z^{-2} + 7z^{-3} + 15z^{-4}$$

$$z^{2} - 3z + 2$$

$$z - 3z + 2z^{-1}$$

$$3 - 2z^{-1}$$

$$3 - 9z^{-1} + 6z^{-2}$$

$$7z^{-1} - 6z^{-2}$$

$$7z^{-1} - 21z^{-2} + 14z^{-3}$$

$$15z^{-2} - 14z^{-3}$$

$$15z^{-2} - 45z^{-3} + 30z^{-4}$$

That means

$$X_1(z) = 0z^0 + z^{-1} + 3z^{-2} + 7z^{-3} + 15z^{-4} + \dots$$

- So the time domain sequence is:

$$x[n] = \delta[n-1] + 3\delta[n-2] + 7\delta[n-3] + 15\delta[n-4] + \dots$$
  
i. e.  $\{x[n]\} = \{\mathbf{0}, 1, 3, 7, 15, \dots\}$ 



Recall the two most useful z-transform pairs:

$$\mathcal{Z}\{a^{n}u[n]\} = \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}} = \frac{z}{z - a}, \qquad ROC: |z| > |a|$$

$$\mathcal{Z}\{-a^{n}u[-n-1]\} = \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}} = \frac{z}{z - a}, \qquad ROC: |z| < |a|$$

- they are used as the basis for determining the inverse z-transform of rational fractions using the partial fraction expansion.
- Consider a transform X(z) given with its denominator factored out as

$$X(z) = \frac{N(z)}{(z - z_1)(z - z_2)...(z - z_N)}$$

- Noted that X(z) is a proper fraction, i.e. the order of N(z) is less than N.
- Expanding the transform into partial fractions in the form

$$X(z) = \frac{k_1 z}{z - z_1} + \frac{k_2 z}{z - z_2} + \dots + \frac{k_N z}{z - z_N}$$

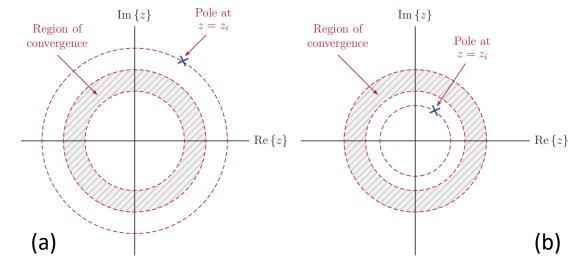
• Let individual terms in the partial fraction expansion be

$$X_i(z) = \frac{k_i z}{z - z_i}, \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

• Each one has its inverse transform like:

$$x_{i}[n] = \mathcal{Z}^{-1}\{X_{i}(z)\} = \mathcal{Z}^{-1}\left\{\frac{k_{i}z}{z - z_{i}}\right\} = \begin{cases} a^{n}u[n], & ROC: |z| > |a| \\ -a^{n}u[-n - 1], ROC: |z| < |a| \end{cases}$$

- These decisions must be made by looking at the ROC for X(z) and reasoning what the contribution from the ROC of each individual term  $X_i(z)$  must be in order to get the overlap that we have.
- Each  $X_i(z)$  has only one pole at  $z_i$ , so:
  - $(a) |z| < |z_i|$
  - $(b) |z| > |z_i|$





In LTID signals and systems analysis, the z-transform of a function x[n]generally takes the following rational form:

$$X(z) = \frac{N(z)}{D(z)} = \frac{b_M z^{-M} + b_{M-1} z^{-(M-1)} + \dots + b_1 z^{-1} + b_0}{a_N z^{-N} + a_{N-1} z^{-(N-1)} + \dots + a_1 z^{-1} + a_0}$$

If  $M \ge N$ , then X(z) can be re-expressed through long division:

$$X(z) = \sum_{l=0}^{M-N} c_l z^{-l} + \frac{P_1(z)}{D(z)}$$

- where the degree of  $P_1(z)$  is less than N.
- The rational fraction  $P_1(z)/D(z)$  is then called a *proper polynomial*.
- Example:

$$H(z) = \frac{2 + 0.8z^{-1} + 0.5z^{-2} + 0.3z^{-3}}{1 + 0.8z^{-1} + 0.2z^{-2}}$$



$$H(z) = -3.5 + 1.5 z^{-1} + \frac{5.5 + 2.1 z^{-1}}{1 + 0.8 z^{-1} + 0.2 z^{-2}}$$

$$h[n] = -3.5\delta[n] + 1.5\delta[n-1] + \dots$$



• Simple Poles: In most practical cases, the rational z-transform of interest X(z) is a proper fraction with simple poles, then it can be written in the following form

$$X(z) = \frac{k_1 z}{z - z_1} + \frac{k_2 z}{z - z_2} + \dots + \frac{k_N z}{z - z_N}$$

• That's equivalent to

$$\frac{X(z)}{z} = \frac{k_1}{z - z_1} + \frac{k_2}{z - z_2} + \dots + \frac{k_N}{z - z_N}$$

• The coefficients  $k_i$  could be obtained from:

$$k_i = \left[ (z - z_i) \frac{X(z)}{z} \right]_{z = z_i}$$

if no roots are repeated, i.e. simple poles.

• Examples:

1. 
$$X_1(z) = \frac{z}{z^2 - 3z + 2}$$
, ROC:  $1 < |z| < 2$ 

2. 
$$X_3(z) = \frac{2z(3z+17)}{(z-1)(z^2-6z+25)}$$
,  $ROC: |z| > 5$ 

• *Multiple Poles*: If the z-domain function contains an m-multiple pole, that is, a term as the following is included

$$\frac{X(z)}{z} = \frac{P_2(z)}{(z - z_i)^m}$$

• This term is expanded as:

$$\frac{X(z)}{z} = \frac{A_1}{z - z_i} + \frac{A_2}{(z - z_i)^2} + \dots + \frac{A_m}{(z - z_i)^m}$$

• where each coefficient can be computed by taking consecutive derivatives and evaluating the function at the pole

$$A_{m-i} = \frac{1}{(i)!} \frac{d^{i} \left( (z - z_{i})^{m} \frac{X(z)}{z} \right)}{dz^{i}} \bigg|_{z = z_{i}} = \frac{1}{(i)!} \frac{d^{i} P_{2}(z)}{dz^{i}} \bigg|_{z = z_{i}}$$



#### Next ...

#### • Z-transform Part 3

- 6. Geometric Evaluation of DTFT based on z-transform
- 7. Unilateral z-transform
- 8. Analysis of LTID systems using z-transform

