

# Teoria dei sistemi.

## Z transform

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- ▶ it can be used to evaluate the stability of a system.

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$$\mathcal{Z}(f(t)) = \sum_0^{\infty} f(t)z^{-t}.$$

- ▶ This time we associate a DT signal with a function of the complex variable  $z$ .
- ▶ We will find it convenient to use the polar representation:  
 $z = \rho e^{j\phi}.$

## Z-Transform of $\mathbf{1}(t)$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{1}(t)) &= \sum_0^{\infty} \mathbf{1}(t) z^{-t} \\ &= \sum_0^{\infty} z^{-t} \\ &= \lim_{H \rightarrow \infty} \sum_0^H z^{-t} \\ &= \lim_{H \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - z^{-H}}{1 - z^{-1}}.\end{aligned}$$



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Setting  $z = \rho e^{j\theta}$ , we have  $z^{-H} = \rho^{-H} e^{-jH\theta}$ . We have two cases:

$$\lim_{H \rightarrow \infty} z^{-H} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \rho = |z| > 1 \\ \infty & \text{if } \rho = |z| < 1 \\ e^{-jH\theta} & \text{if } \rho = |z| = 1 \end{cases}$$

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- ▶  $a < 0$ : we have  $\left(\frac{a}{z}\right)^H = \left(\frac{a}{\rho}\right)^H e^{j\pi - jH\theta}$ .

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In conclusion:

$$\mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{1}(t)a^t) = \begin{cases} \frac{z}{z-a} & \text{if } |z| > |a| \\ \text{is not defined} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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# Existence of the z-Transform

The existence of the z - Transform is guaranteed by the following:

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*Consider a function  $f(t)$  and assume that one of the following limits exists:*

$$R_f = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} |f(t)|^{1/t}$$
$$R_f = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(t+1)}{f(t)}.$$

*Then:*

- 1. the z-Transform  $\mathcal{Z}(f(t))$  exists and converges for  $|z| \geq R_f$ .*
- 2. the z-Transform is analytic, i.e., continuous and infinitely differentiable w.r.t.  $z$ , for  $|z| \geq R_f$ .*



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- ▶ There is an inverse theorem, as shown next.

# Inverse theorem

## Invertibility of the z- Transform

### Theorem

*If  $F(z)$  and  $G(z)$  are z-Transforms of two functions  $f(t)$  and  $g(t)$  and if  $F(z) = G(z)$  for all  $|z| > R$ , for some  $R > 0$  then  $f(t) = g(t)$  for  $t = 0, 1, 2, \dots$*

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- ▶ If  $G(z) = F(z)$  for all  $|z| > R$  then

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- ▶ Using this result, we conclude  $f(t) = g(t)$ .

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### Theorem

*the inverse transform of the z-Transform is defined by the following line integral.*

$$f(t) = \mathcal{Z}^{-1}(F(z)) = \oint_{|z|=R} F(z)z^{t-1}dz$$

*where the line integral is computed along a circle included in the ROC.*



# Observations

- ▶ This formula is impractical and the inverse z-Transform is best computed using a different procedure
- ▶ However, this formula reveals that the z-Transform is in some sense a decomposition of a function using a basis of functions of type  $z^n$ .

# Properties of the z-Transform

- ▶ The properties of z - Transform are very similar to the ones of the Laplace transform
- ▶ We state them in the following theorem

# Properties of the z - Transform

## Properties of the z- Transform (1)

### Theorem

Let  $X(z)$  have ROC  $R$ ,  $X_1(z)$  have ROC  $R_1$  and  $X_2(z)$  have ROC  $R_2$ .

*Linearity*  $\mathcal{Z}(\alpha_1 x_1(t) + \alpha_2 x_2(t)) = \alpha_1 X_1(z) + \alpha_2 X_2(z)$   
(ROC  $R' = R_1 \cap R_2$ )

*Time-shifting* if  $x(t)$  is a causal signal and  $k > 0$  then  
 $\mathcal{Z}(x(t - k)) = z^{-k} X(z)$  (ROC  
 $R' \supset R \cap \{0 < |z| < \infty\}$ , and  $\mathcal{Z}(x(t + k)) =$   
 $z^k X(z) - z^k x(0) - z^{k-1} x(1) - \dots - z x(k - 1)$   
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*Multiplication by exponential*  $\mathcal{Z}(z_0^t x(t)) = X(\frac{z}{z_0})$  (ROC  
 $R' = |z_0| R$ )

*Multiplication by t*  $\mathcal{Z}(tx(t)) = -z \frac{dX(z)}{dz}$  (ROC  $R' = R$ )

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*Time Scaling*  $\mathcal{Z}(x(t/t_0)) = X(z^{t_0})$  for  $t_0$  positive integer.

*Convolution*  $\mathcal{Z}(x_1(t) * x_2(t)) = X_1(z)X_2(z)$ . (ROC  $R' \supset R_1 \cap R_2$ ).

*Accumulation*  $\mathcal{Z}(\sum_{\tau=0}^t x(\tau)) = \frac{z}{z-1}X(z)$  (ROC  $R' = R \cap \{|z| > 1\}$ )

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

*Final value*  $x(\infty) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} (z-1)X(z)$ , if  $x(\infty)$  exists.

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## Convolution (case of causal signals)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{Z}(x_1(t) * x_2(t)) &= \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} x_1(t) * x_2(t) z^{-t} = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\tau=0}^{\infty} x_1(\tau) x_2(t - \tau) z^{-t} = \\&= \sum_{\tau=0}^{\infty} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} x_1(\tau) x_2(t - \tau) z^{-t} = \sum_{\tau=0}^{\infty} x_1(\tau) \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} x_2(t - \tau) z^{-t} = \\&= \sum_{\tau=0}^{\infty} x_1(\tau) \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} x_2(t - \tau) z^{-(t-\tau)} z^{-\tau} \\&= \sum_{\tau=0}^{\infty} x_1(\tau) z^{-\tau} \sum_{t=-\tau}^{\infty} x_2(t') z^{-t'} = \\&= X_1(z) X_2(z)\end{aligned}$$

## Example

We can use the properties to construct complex  $z$  - Transform from simpler ones.

$$s(t) = \mathbf{1}(t) \cos \Omega t$$

We can use the properties as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{1}(t) \cos \Omega t) &= \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{1}(t) e^{j\Omega t}) + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{Z}(\mathbf{1}(t) e^{-j\Omega t}) \\&= \frac{1}{2} \frac{z}{z - e^{j\Omega}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{z}{z - e^{-j\Omega}} = \\&= \frac{1}{2} \frac{z(z - e^{j\Omega} + z - e^{-j\Omega})}{z^2 - z(e^{j\Omega} + e^{-j\Omega}) + 1} \\&= \frac{z(z - \cos \Omega)}{z^2 - 2z \cos \Omega + 1}\end{aligned}$$



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z-Transform of known Signals		
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$\delta(t - t_0)$	$z^{-t_0}$	$z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus 0$
$\mathbf{1}(t)$	$\frac{z}{z-1}$	$ z  > 1$
$\mathbf{1}(t)t$	$\frac{z}{(z-1)^2}$	$ z  > 1$
$\mathbf{1}(t)t^2$	$\frac{z(z+1)}{(z-1)^3}$	$ z  > 1$
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- ▶ Application of time shifting rule

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- ▶ We will soon see how to invert this.

# Inversion of the z - Transform

- ▶ Also for LTI DT systems the evolution of the system is compounded by a free evolution and by a forced evolution.
- ▶ We have to deal with a ratio of polynomial with the numerator that is typically proportional to  $z$ .
- ▶ One of the possible ways to deal with this case is by using the same technique (partial fraction expansion) that we have used for the Laplace transform (with some care)
- ▶ We will see this through some examples



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- z -Transform

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- Which leads to

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- ▶ The partial fraction expansion is as follows:

$$\frac{Y(z)}{z} = \frac{1}{(z + 0.5)(z - 1)(z - 0.2 - 0.2j)(z - 0.2 + 0.2j)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(z + 0.5)(z - 1)(z - 0.2 - 0.2j)(z - 0.2 + 0.2j)}$$

$$= \frac{A_1}{z - 1} + \frac{A_2}{z + 0.5} + \frac{A_3}{z - 0.2 - 0.2j} + \frac{\overline{A_3}}{z - 0.2 + 0.2j}$$

$$A_1 = \frac{1}{(1 + 0.5)(1 - 0.2 - 0.2j)(1 - 0.2 + 0.2j)} = 0.9804$$

$$A_2 = \frac{1}{(-0.5 - 1)(-0.5 - 0.2 - 0.2j)(-0.5 - 0.2 + 0.2j)} = -1.2579$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_3 &= \frac{1}{(0.5 + 0.2 + 0.2j)(0.2 + 0.2j - 1)((0.2 + 0.2j - 0.2 + 0.2j))} = \\ &= \frac{1}{0.008 - 0.24j} = \frac{0.08 + 0.24j}{0.0577} = 0.1386 + 4.1594j. \end{aligned}$$

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- Therefore,

$$y(t) = \mathbf{1}(t) \left( A_1 + A_2(-0.5)^t + A_3(0.2 + 0.2j)^t + \overline{A_3}(0.2 - 0.2j)^t \right).$$

- Since

$$0.2 + 0.2j = 0.2828e^{j\frac{\pi}{4}}$$

$$0.2 - 0.2j = 0.2828e^{-j\frac{\pi}{4}}$$

- we have

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# Natural Modes

Each pole determines an evolution of the system (natural modes) described by an exponential function as for CT systems, as shown below:

Natural modes associated with the different poles		
Pole	CT modes	DT modes
Single real pole $p$	$e^{pt}$	$p^t$
Multiple real pole $p$ (multipl. $m$ )	$e^{pt}, te^{pt}, \dots, t^{m-1}e^{pt}$	$p^t, tp^t, \dots, t^{m-1}p^t$
Single complex pair $p, \bar{p}$	$e^{\text{Real}(p)t} \cos(\text{Imag}(p)t + \phi)$	$ p ^t \cos(\angle p t + \phi)$

## Real poles

- ▶ For DT systems a real pole  $p$ , when negative, gives rise to an exponential mode  $p^t$  that oscillates.
- ▶ For CT systems, on the contrary, oscillating behaviours are only possible for complex conjugate pairs.

# BIBO stability of DT systems

The discussion on the modes is synthesised in the following.

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*and assume that no zero pole cancellation takes place.*

*Then the system is BIBO stable if and only if all poles have modules smaller than 1:  $\forall p$  s.t.  $d(p) = 0$ , we have  $|p| < 1$ .*

## Remarks

- ▶ The proof of this result is the same as the proof of the similar results that we have given for CT systems.
- ▶ The stability could be checked with a criterion very similar to the Rout-Hurwitz criterion (called Jury criterion), but this is out of the scope

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- If we compute the Laplace transform of this signal, we find:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(f_D(t)) &= \int_0^{\infty} f_D(\tau) e^{-s\tau} d\tau = \int_0^{\infty} f(t) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \delta(t - kT) e^{-s\tau} d\tau \\&= \int_0^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f(kT) \delta(t - kT) e^{-s\tau} d\tau \\&= \int_0^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f(kT) \delta(t - kT) e^{-skT} d\tau \\&= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{(k-1)T}^{kT} f(kT) \delta(t - kT) e^{-skT} d\tau \\&= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f(kT) e^{-skT} \int_{(k-1)T}^{kT} \delta(t - kT) d\tau \\&= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f(kT) e^{-skT} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f(kT) (e^{-sT})^k\end{aligned}$$

# z-Transform of sampled data signals

- If we set  $e^{sT} = z$  we find

$$F(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f(kT)z^k,$$

we find the definition of the z-Transform.