

The z transform

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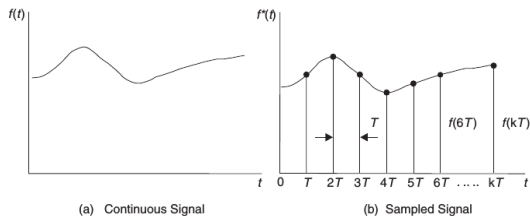
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- The z -transform is the principal analytical tool for single-input single-output discrete-time systems.
- It is analogous to the Laplace transform for continuous systems
- Conceptually, the symbol z can be associated with discrete time shifting in a difference equation in the same way that s can be associated with differentiation in a differential equation.



Taking Laplace transforms of an ideal sampled signal gives,

$$f^*(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} f(kT)\delta(t - kT), \quad (1)$$

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f^*(t)\} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f^*(t)e^{-kTs}, \quad (2)$$

$$F(s) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f^*(t)(e^{Ts})^{-k}, \quad (3)$$

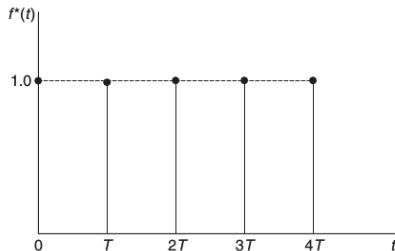
Define z as,

$$z = e^{Ts}, \quad (4)$$

$$F(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f^*(t)z^{-k} = Z[f^*(t)] . \quad (5)$$

Example

Find the z-transform of the unit step function $f(t) = 1$.



$$Z[1(t)] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 1(kT)z^{-k}, \quad (6)$$

$$F(z) = z^0 + z^{-1} + z^{-2} + z^{-3} + \dots + z^{-k}. \quad (7)$$

Equation 7 can be written in closed-form as,

$$Z[1(t)] = \frac{z}{z-1} = \frac{1}{1-z^{-1}}. \quad (8)$$

The z-transform of $x(n) = a_1 x_1(n) + a_2 x_2(n)$ is,

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a_1 x_1(n) + a_2 x_2(n)) z^{-n}, \quad (9)$$

$$= a_1 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x_1(n) z^{-n} + a_2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x_2(n) z^{-n}, \quad (10)$$

$$= a_1 X_1(z) + a_2 X_2(z). \quad (11)$$

The z-transform of $x(n - n_0)$ is,

$$X(x(n - n_0)) = \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} x(n - n_0)z^{-n}. \quad (12)$$

Let $m = n - n_0$,

$$X(x(n - n_0)) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} x(m)z^{-(m+n_0)}, \quad (13)$$

$$= z^{-n_0} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} x(m)z^{-m}, \quad (14)$$

$$= z^{-n_0} X(z). \quad (15)$$

The z-transform of

$$x(n) = x_1(n) * x_2(n) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1(k)x_2(n-k), \quad (16)$$

is,

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x_1(k)x_2(n-k) \right] z^{-n}, \quad (17)$$

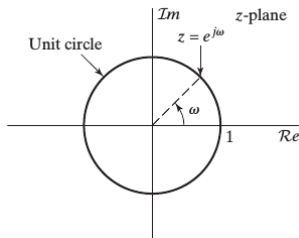
$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x_1(k) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x_2(n-k) z^{-n}, \quad (18)$$

Let $n - k = m$

$$X(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x_1(k) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x_2(m) z^{-(m+k)}, \quad (19)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x_1(k) z^{-k} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x_2(m) z^{-m}, \quad (20)$$

$$= X_1(z) X_2(z). \quad (21)$$



More generally, z can be expressed as a complex variable in polar form as,

$$z = r e^{j\omega} . \quad (22)$$

Then,

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x(n) z^{-n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x(n) (r e^{j\omega})^{-n} , \quad (23)$$

$$X(r e^{-j\omega n}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x(n) r^{-n} e^{-j\omega n} . \quad (24)$$

For $r = 1$ Eq. 24 reduces to the Fourier transform.

For any given sequence, the set of values of z for which the z -transform power series converges is called the region of convergence (ROC), of the z -transform.

This criterion leads to the condition,

$$|X(re^{-j\omega n})| \leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |x(n)r^{-n}| < \infty. \quad (25)$$

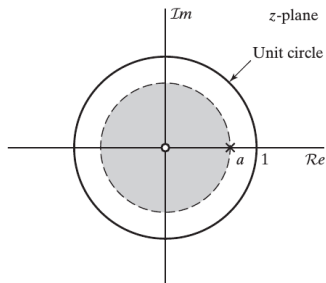
For example, what is the ROC of the step signal from Eq. 8?,

$$Z[1(t)] = \frac{z}{z-1} = z^0 + z^{-1} + z^{-2} + \dots + z^{-k}. \quad (26)$$

$$|z| > 1. \quad (27)$$

What is the ROC of this step signal?,

$$Z[a^n u(t)] = \frac{z}{z - a}. \quad (28)$$



Common Laplace and z-transforms

	$f(t)$ or $f(kT)$	$F(s)$	$F(z)$
1	$\delta(t)$	1	1
2	$\delta(t - kT)$	e^{-kTs}	z^{-k}
3	$1(t)$	$\frac{1}{s}$	$\frac{z}{z-1}$
4	t	$\frac{1}{s^2}$	$\frac{Tz}{(z-1)^2}$
5	e^{-at}	$\frac{1}{(s+a)}$	$\frac{z}{z-e^{-aT}}$
6	$1 - e^{-at}$	$\frac{a}{s(s+a)}$	$\frac{z(1 - e^{-aT})}{(z-1)(z - e^{-aT})}$
7	$\frac{1}{a}(at - 1 + e^{-at})$	$\frac{a}{s^2(s+a)}$	$\frac{z\{(aT - 1 + e^{-aT})z + (1 - e^{-aT} - aTe^{-aT})\}}{a(z-1)^2(z - e^{-aT})}$
8	$\sin \omega t$	$\frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}$	$\frac{z \sin \omega T}{z^2 - 2z \cos \omega T + 1}$
9	$\cos \omega t$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}$	$\frac{z(z - \cos \omega T)}{z^2 - 2z \cos \omega T + 1}$
10	$e^{-at} \sin \omega t$	$\frac{\omega}{(s+a)^2 + \omega^2}$	$\frac{ze^{-aT} \sin \omega T}{z^2 - 2ze^{-aT} \cos \omega T + e^{-2aT}}$
11	$e^{-at} \cos \omega t$	$\frac{(s+a)}{(s+a)^2 + \omega^2}$	$\frac{z^2 - ze^{-aT} \cos \omega T}{z^2 - 2ze^{-aT} \cos \omega T + e^{-2aT}}$

Consider a system of the form

$$\frac{X_o}{X_i}(z) = \frac{b_0 + b_1 z^{-1} + b_2 z^{-2} + \dots}{1 + a_1 z^{-1} + a_2 z^{-2} + \dots}$$

Thus

$$(1 + a_1 z^{-1} + a_2 z^{-2} + \dots)X_o(z) = (b_0 + b_1 z^{-1} + b_2 z^{-2} + \dots)X_i(z)$$

or

$$X_o(z) = (-a_1 z^{-1} - a_2 z^{-2} - \dots)X_o(z) + (b_0 + b_1 z^{-1} + b_2 z^{-2} + \dots)X_i(z)$$

Equation (7.21) can be expressed as a difference equation of the form

$$\begin{aligned} x_o(kT) = & -a_1 x_o(k-1)T - a_2 x_o(k-2)T - \dots \\ & + b_0 x_i(kT) + b_1 x_i(k-1)T + b_2 x_i(k-2)T + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{X_o}{X_i}(s) &= \frac{1}{1+s} \\ &= \frac{z}{z - e^{-T}} = \frac{z}{z - 0.368}\end{aligned}$$

Equation (7.23) can be written as

$$\frac{X_o}{X_i}(z) = \frac{1}{1 - 0.368z^{-1}}$$

Equation (7.24) is in the same form as equation (7.19). Hence

$$(1 - 0.368z^{-1})X_o(z) = X_i(z)$$

or

$$X_o(z) = 0.368z^{-1}X_o(z) + X_i(z)$$

Equation (7.25) can be expressed as a difference equation

$$x_o(kT) = 0.368x_o((k-1)T) + x_i(kT)$$

Assume that $x_o(-1) = 0$ and $x_i(kT) = 1$, then from equation (7.26)

$$x_o(0) = 0 + 1 = 1, \quad k = 0$$

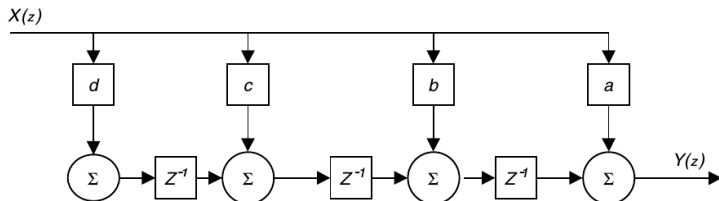
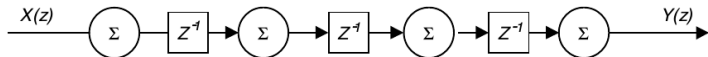
$$x_o(1) = (0.368 \times 1) + 1 = 1.368, \quad k = 1$$

$$x_o(2) = (0.368 \times 1.368) + 1 = 1.503, \quad k = 2 \quad \text{etc.}$$

Representation of Transfer Functions as Block Diagrams

Consider the general third-order transfer function

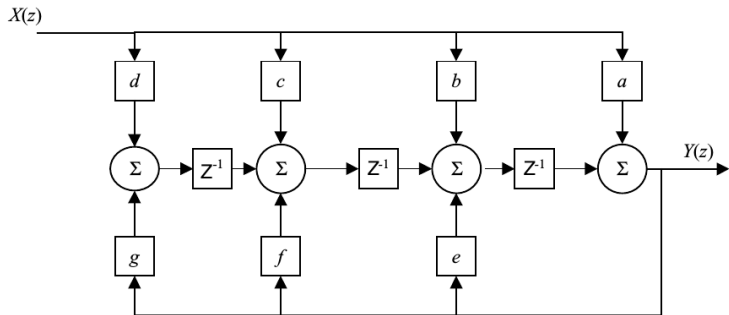
$$\frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{az^3 + bz^2 + cz + d}{z^3 + ez^2 + fz + g}$$



Representation of Transfer Functions as Block Diagrams II

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$$\frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{az^3 + bz^2 + cz + d}{z^3 + ez^2 + fz + g}$$



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