

Ch.7 *Representing Signals by Using Discrete-Time Complex Exponentials: The z -Transform*

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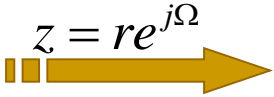
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Introduction

- The z-Transform is a more general **discrete-time signal and system representation** based on complex exponential signals.
 - To study a much broader class of discrete-time LTI systems and signals, e.g. the impulse response for unstable LTI systems.
- Main usage
 - study of system characteristics and the derivation of computational structures for implementing discrete-time system on computers.
 - to solve difference equations subject to initial conditions.

From DTFT to z -Transform

$$F\{x[n]r^{-n}\} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]r^{-n}e^{-j\Omega n} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n](re^{j\Omega})^{-n}$$



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

■ The z -Transform

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

■ The inverse z -Transform

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint X(z)z^{n-1}dz \quad \text{or} \quad x[n] = Z^{-1}\{X(z)\}$$

Integration around a circle of radius $|z|=r$ in a counter-clockwise direction

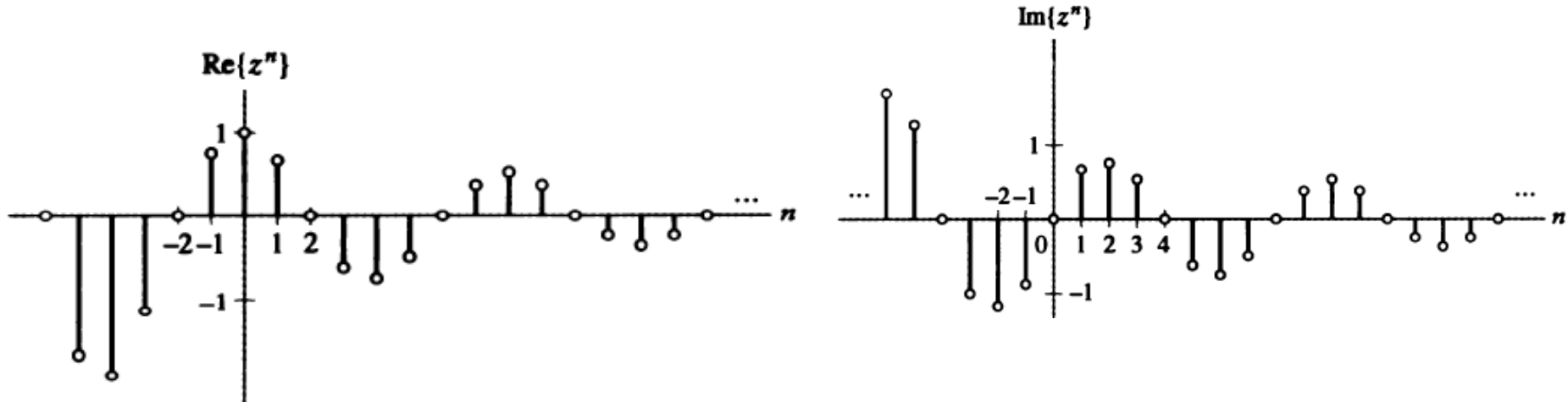
$$x[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} X(z)$$

From DTFT to z -Transform

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

- The inverse z -Transform represents $x[n]$ as a weighted superposition of complex exponentials z^n .

$$z^n = \left(r e^{j\Omega} \right)^n = r^n \cos \Omega n + j r^n \sin \Omega n$$



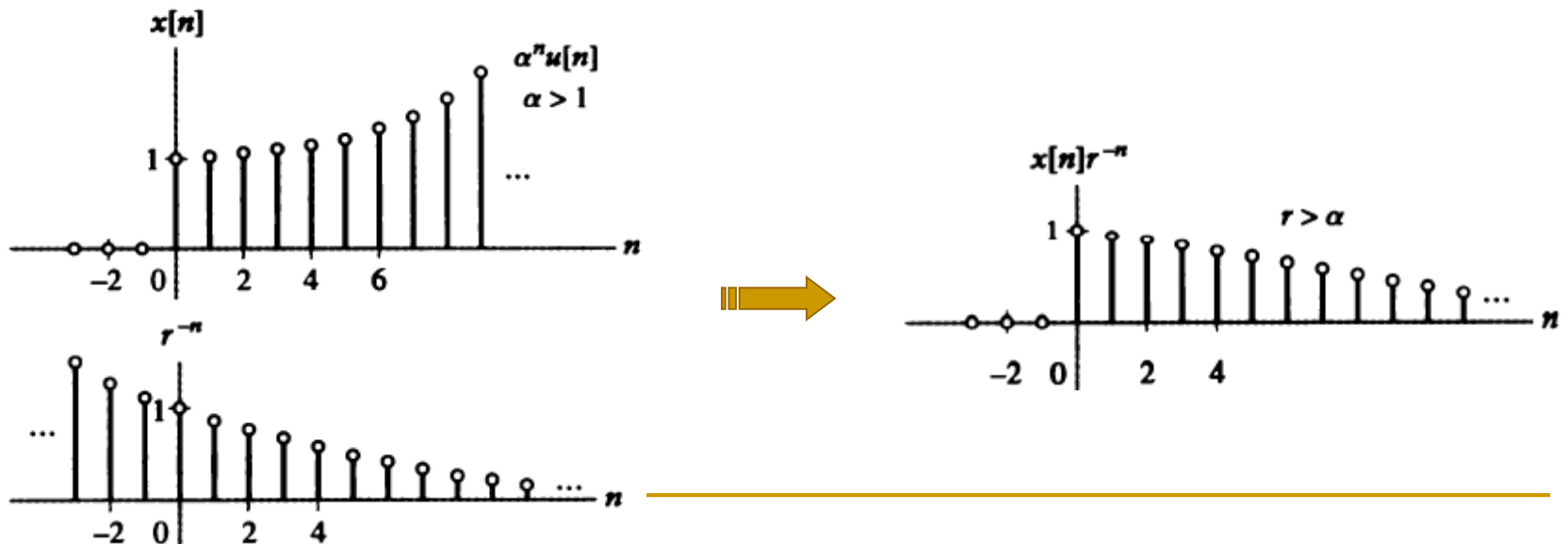
Convergence

- necessary condition for convergence: absolute summability of $x[n]z^{-n}$.

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |x[n]z^{-n}| < \infty \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |x[n]r^{-n}| < \infty$$

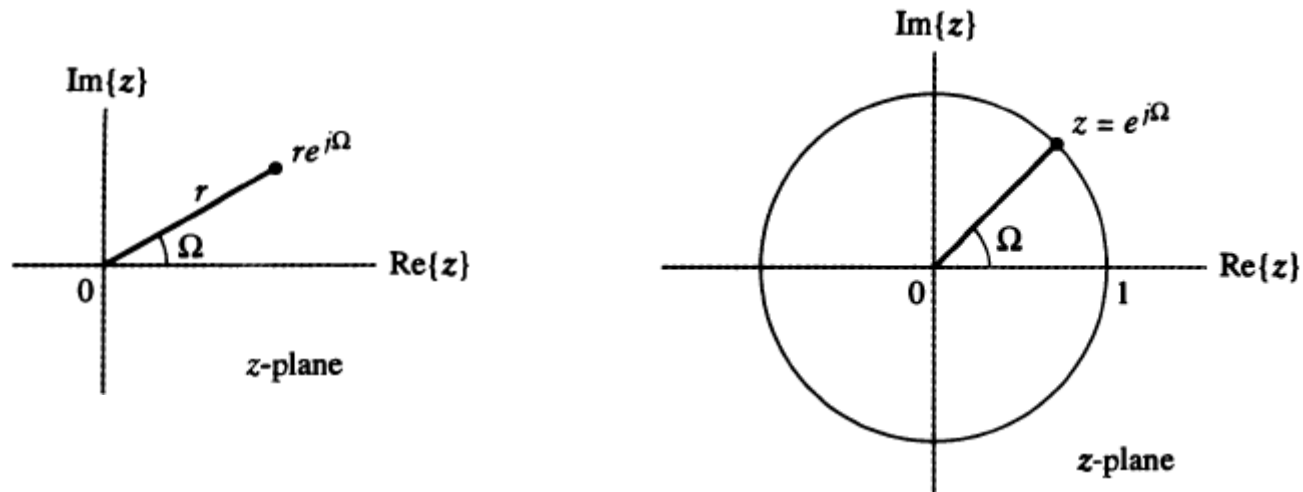
- **Region of convergence(ROC):** the range of r which the z-Transform converges.

Ex. $x[n] = \alpha^n u[n] \quad \Longrightarrow \quad |z| = r > \alpha.$



Relations between the z -Transform and DTFT

■ The z -Plane



- If $x[n]$ is absolutely summable, the DTFT is obtained from the z -transform by setting $r = 1$, i.e.

$$X(e^{j\Omega}) = X(z) \Big|_{z=e^{j\Omega}}$$

- If ROC does not include the unit circle, z -Transform exists while DTFT is nonexistent.

Poles and Zeros

$$X(z) = \frac{b_0 + b_1 z^{-1} + \dots + b_M z^{-M}}{a_0 + a_1 z^{-1} + \dots + a_N z^{-N}} = \frac{\tilde{b} \prod_{k=1}^M (1 - c_k z^{-1})}{\prod_{k=1}^N (1 - d_k z^{-1})}, \quad \tilde{b} = \frac{b_0}{a_0}.$$

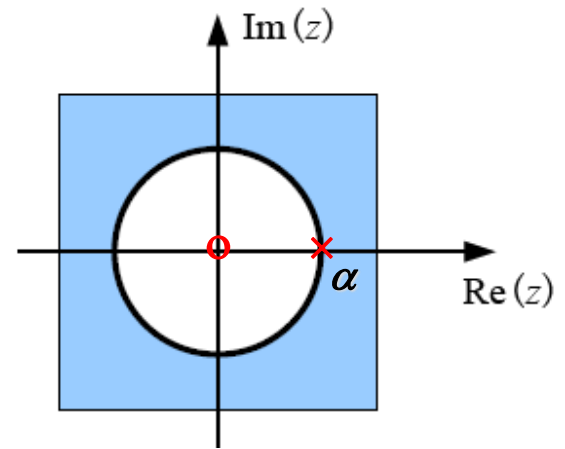
- Zeros of $X(z)$: the roots of the numerator polynomial c_k . “O”
- Poles of $X(z)$: the roots of the denominator polynomial d_k . “X”

z-Transform of Signals

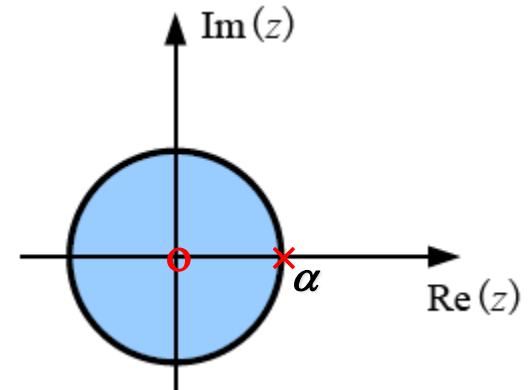
Example 7.2 Find the z-Transform of $x_1[n] = \alpha^n u[n]$ and $x_2[n] = -\alpha^n u[-n-1]$.

<Sol.>
$$X_1(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \alpha^n u[n] z^{-n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha^n z^{-n}$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\alpha z^{-1})^n = \frac{1}{1 - \alpha z^{-1}} = \frac{z}{z - \alpha}$$

ROC: $|z| > |\alpha|$



$$X_2(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} -\alpha^n u[-n-1] z^{-n} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} -\alpha^n z^{-n}$$
$$= -\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\alpha z^{-1})^{-n} = 1 - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\alpha^{-1} z)^n$$
$$= 1 - \frac{1}{1 - \alpha^{-1} z} = \frac{1}{1 - \alpha z^{-1}}$$



2024/9/10 **ROC:** $|z| < |\alpha|$

z-Transform of Signals

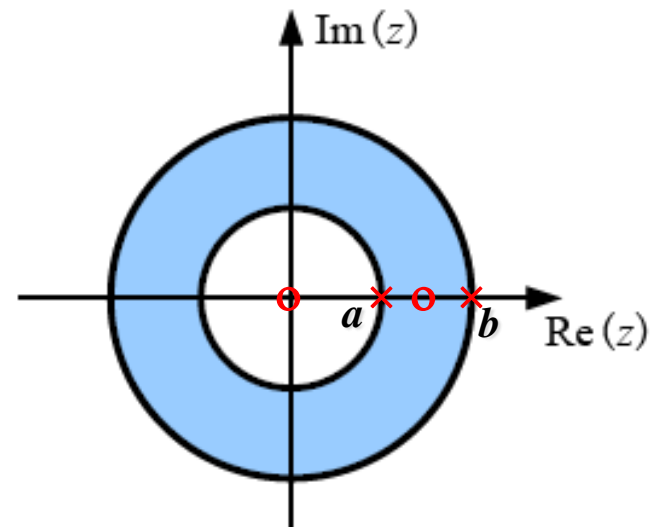
Example 7.4 Find the z-Transform of $x[n] = a^n u[n] - b^n u[-n-1]$.

<Sol.>
$$X(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a^n u[n] z^{-n} + \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} -b^n u[-n-1] z^{-n}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}} + \frac{1}{1 - bz^{-1}} \\ &= \frac{2 \left[1 - \frac{a+b}{2} z^{-1} \right]}{(1 - az^{-1})(1 - bz^{-1})} \end{aligned}$$

ROC: $|a| < |z| < |b|$

The z-Transform only exists when $|b| > |a|$.



z-Transform for Elementary Signals

$$\delta[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} 1, \quad \text{All } z$$

$$u[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}}, \quad |z| > 1; \quad nu[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} \frac{z^{-1}}{(1 - z^{-1})^2}, \quad |z| > 1$$

$$(n+1)u[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} \frac{1}{(1 - z^{-1})^2}, \quad |z| > 1$$

$$a^n u[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}}, \quad |z| > |a|; \quad na^n u[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} \frac{az^{-1}}{(1 - az^{-1})^2}, \quad |z| > |a|$$

$$(n+1)a^n u[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} \frac{1}{(1 - az^{-1})^2}, \quad |z| > |a|$$

Properties of z -Transform

$$x[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} X(z) \quad \text{with ROC } R_x \qquad y[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} Y(z) \quad \text{with ROC } R_y$$

■ Linearity

$$ax[n] + by[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} aX(z) + bY(z) \quad \text{with ROC at least } R_x \cap R_y.$$

■ Time shift

$$x[n - n_0] \xleftrightarrow{z} z^{-n_0} X(z) \quad \text{with ROC } R_x, \text{ except possibly } z = 0 \text{ or } |z| = \infty.$$

Ex. Find the z -Transform of $x[n] = u[n] - u[n - 5]$.

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}} - \frac{z^{-5}}{1 - z^{-1}} = \frac{1 - z^{-5}}{1 - z^{-1}}, \quad |z| > 1$$

Ex. If $X(z) = \frac{1}{z - a}$, $|z| > a$, determine $x[n]$.

$$X(z) = z^{-1} \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad x[n] = a^{n-1} u[n-1]$$

Properties of z -Transform

■ Convolution

$$x[n] * y[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} X(z)Y(z) \quad \text{with ROC at least } R_x \cap R_y.$$


■ Multiplication by an exponential sequence

$$a^n x[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} X\left(\frac{z}{a}\right) \quad \text{with ROC } |a|R_x.$$

■ Differential in the z -Domain

$$nx[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} -z \frac{d}{dz} X(z) \quad \text{with ROC } R_x.$$

Ex. $u[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} \frac{1}{1-z^{-1}}, \quad |z| > 1$

 $nu[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} -z \frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{1}{1-z^{-1}} \right) = -z \frac{-z^{-2}}{(1-z^{-1})^2} = \frac{z^{-1}}{(1-z^{-1})^2}$

Inversion of z -Transform

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

- Direct inversion by residue computation
- Power series expansion
- Inversion by partial-fraction expansion (部分分式法)

$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= \frac{b_M z^{-M} + \cdots + b_1 z^{-1} + b_0}{a_N z^{-N} + \cdots + a_1 z^{-1} + a_0} \quad (M \geq N) \\ &= c_0 + c_1 z^{-1} + \cdots + c_{M-N} z^{-(M-N)} + \frac{D(z)}{A(z)} \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$x[n] = c_0 \delta[n] + c_1 \delta[n-1] + \cdots + c_{M-N} \delta[n-(M-N)] + Z^{-1} \left[\frac{D(z)}{A(z)} \right]$$

Inversion by Partial-fraction Expansions

$$\frac{D(z)}{A(z)} = \frac{b_0 + b_1 z^{-1} + \cdots + b_P z^{-P}}{a_0 \prod_{k=1}^N (1 - d_k z^{-1})} = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{A_k}{1 - d_k z^{-1}} \quad (P < N)$$

$$\text{where } A_k = \left(1 - d_k z^{-1}\right) \frac{D(z)}{A(z)} \Big|_{z=d_k}$$

$$A_k (d_k)^n u[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} \frac{A_k}{1 - d_k z^{-1}} \quad \text{with ROC } |z| > d_k.$$

$$\text{or } -A_k (d_k)^n u[-n-1] \xleftrightarrow{z} \frac{A_k}{1 - d_k z^{-1}} \quad \text{with ROC } |z| < d_k.$$

$$A_k (n+1) d_k^n u[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} \frac{A_k}{(1 - d_k z^{-1})^2} \quad \text{with ROC } |z| > d_k.$$

$$\text{or } -A_k (n+1) d_k^n u[-n-1] \xleftrightarrow{z} \frac{A_k}{(1 - d_k z^{-1})^2} \quad \text{with ROC } |z| < d_k.$$

Inversion by Partial-fraction Expansions

Ex. Find the inverse z-Transform of $X(z) = \frac{1}{(1-2z^{-1})(1-3z^{-1})}$.

<Sol.>
$$X(z) = \frac{A_1}{1-2z^{-1}} + \frac{A_2}{1-3z^{-1}} = \frac{-2}{1-2z^{-1}} + \frac{3}{1-3z^{-1}}$$

$$A_1 = (1-2z^{-1})X(z)\Big|_{z=2} = -2$$

$$A_2 = (1-3z^{-1})X(z)\Big|_{z=3} = 3$$

- $|z| > 3$: $x[n] = (-2 \cdot 2^n + 3 \cdot 3^n)u[n] = (-2^{n+1} + 3^{n+1})u[n]$
- $2 < |z| < 3$: $x[n] = -2^{n+1}u[n] - 3^{n+1}u[-n-1]$
- $|z| < 2$: $x[n] = 2^{n+1}u[-n-1] - 3^{n+1}u[-n-1]$

Inversion by Partial-fraction Expansions


Ex. Find the inverse z-Transform of $X(z) = \frac{1}{(1-2z^{-1})^2(1-4z^{-1})}$, $|z| > 4$.

<Sol.>
$$X(z) = \frac{A_1}{1-2z^{-1}} + \frac{A_2}{(1-2z^{-1})^2} + \frac{A_3}{1-4z^{-1}}$$

$$A_3 = (1-4z^{-1})X(z)\Big|_{z=4} = 4$$

$$A_2 = \frac{1}{0!}(1-2z^{-1})^2 X(z)\Big|_{z=2} = -1$$

$$A_1 = \frac{1}{1!} \cdot \frac{d}{dz} \left[(1-2z^{-1})^2 X(z) \right] \Big|_{z=2} = -2$$

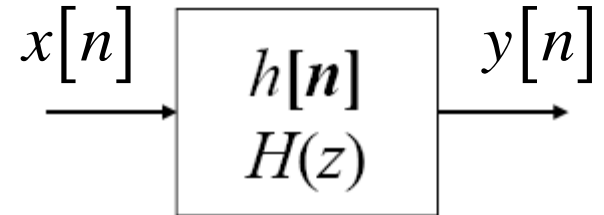

$$x[n] = \{-2 \cdot 2^n - (n+1)2^n + 4 \cdot 4^n\} u[n]$$

The Transfer Function (系统函数)

- Transfer function: for an LTI system with impulse response $h[n]$

$$H(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} h[n]z^{-n}$$

$$y[n] = h[n] * x[n]$$



$$Y(z) = H(z)X(z) \implies H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)}$$

- Furthermore, for an input $x[n] = z^n$ to the LTI system

$$y[n] = h[n] * x[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]z^{n-k} = z^n \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]z^{-k} = H(z)z^n$$

- Eigenfunction of the system: z^n
- Eigenvalue: $H(z)$

Transfer Function and Difference Equation

$$\sum_{k=0}^N a_k y[n-k] = \sum_{k=0}^M b_k x[n-k]$$

If Initial conditions equal zero, and $x[n] = z^n$

$$z^n \sum_{k=0}^N a_k z^{-k} H(z) = z^n \sum_{k=0}^M b_k z^{-k}$$

$$\implies H(z) = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^M b_k z^{-k}}{\sum_{k=0}^N a_k z^{-k}}$$

Transfer function \longleftrightarrow Difference equation system description

Transfer Function and Differential Equation

Ex. Find the transfer function of the LTI system described by the difference equation

$$y[n] - 0.7y[n-1] + 0.1y[n-2] = x[n-1], \quad n \geq 0$$

<Sol.>

$$(1 - 0.7z^{-1} + 0.1z^{-2})Y(z) = z^{-1}X(z) \implies H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{z^{-1}}{1 - 0.7z^{-1} + 0.1z^{-2}}$$

Ex. Find the impulse response of the LTI system described by the following difference equation

$$y[n] + 5y[n-1] + 6y[n-2] = x[n-1], \quad n \geq 0$$

<Sol.> $(1 + 5z^{-1} + 6z^{-2})Y(z) = z^{-1}X(z)$

$$\implies H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{z^{-1}}{1 + 5z^{-1} + 6z^{-2}} = \frac{1}{1 + 2z^{-1}} - \frac{1}{1 + 3z^{-1}}$$

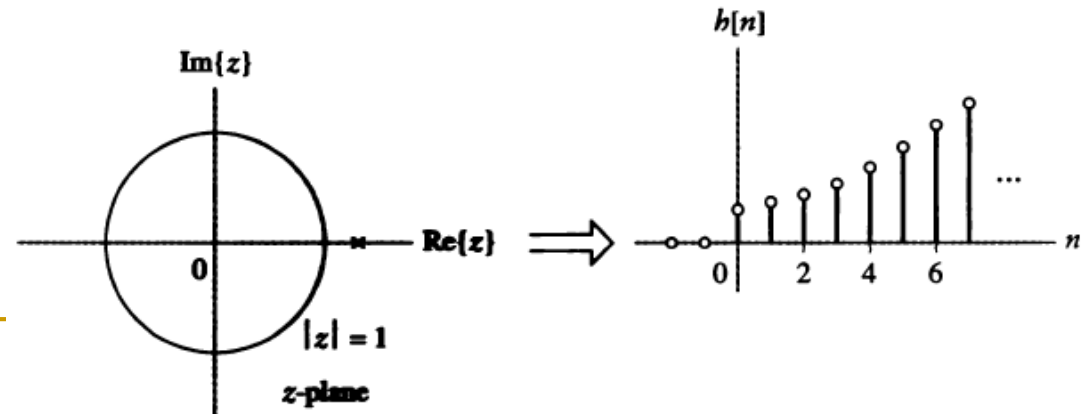
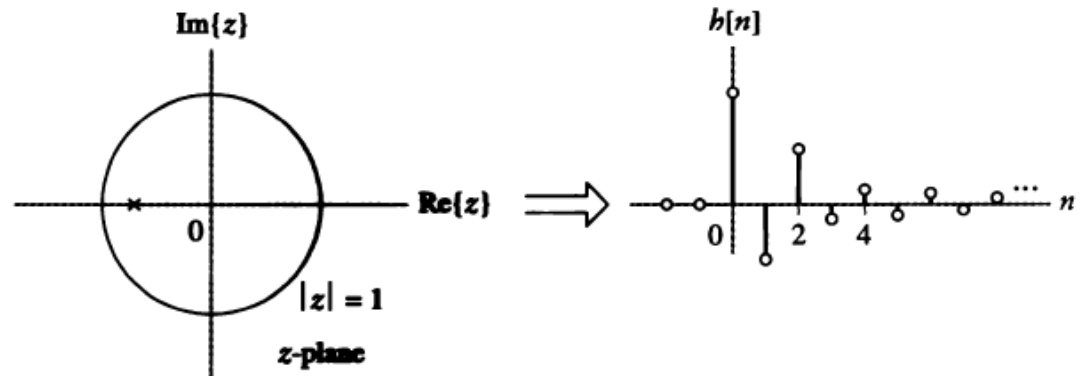
$$\implies h[n] = \{(-2)^n - (-3)^n\}u[n]$$

Causality and Stability (因果性与稳定性)

- For a causal system: $h[n] = 0$ for $n < 0$.
 - A pole inside the unit circle in the z-plane ($|\alpha| < 1$) corresponds to an exponentially decaying impulse response.
 - A pole inside the unit circle in the z-plane ($|\alpha| > 1$) corresponds to an exponentially increasing impulse response --> **unstable**.

$$\alpha^n u[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} \frac{1}{1 - \alpha z^{-1}}$$

ROC: $|z| > |\alpha|$

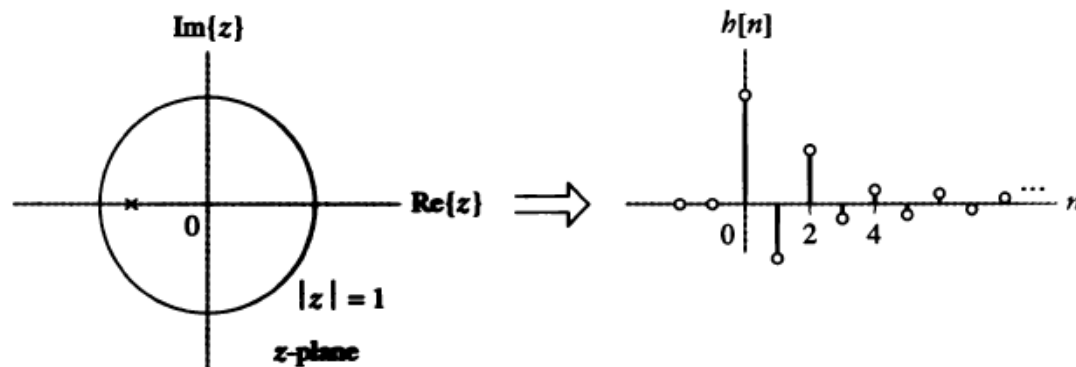


Causality and Stability (因果性与稳定性)

- For a stable system: $\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[k]| < \infty$.
 - A pole inside the unit circle in the z-plane corresponds to a right-sided impulse response.
 - A pole outside the unit circle in the z-plane corresponds to a left-sided impulse response \rightarrow **noncausal**.

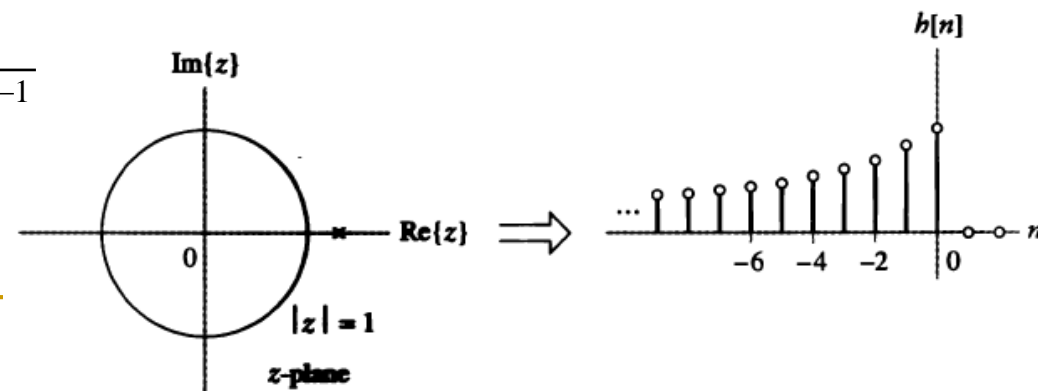
$$\alpha^n u[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} \frac{1}{1 - \alpha z^{-1}}$$

ROC: $|z| > |\alpha|$



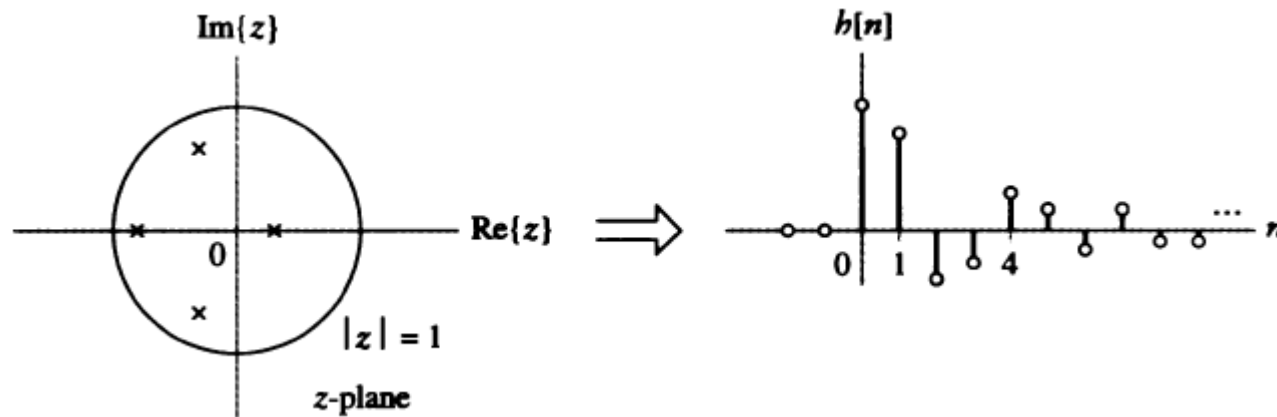
$$-\alpha^n u[-n-1] \xleftrightarrow{z} \frac{1}{1 - \alpha z^{-1}}$$

ROC: $|z| < |\alpha|$



Causality and Stability (因果性与稳定性)

- A system that is both stable and causal must have a transfer function with **all of its poles inside the unit circle**.




Causality and Stability (因果性与稳定性)

Ex. A causal system has the transfer function $H(z) = \frac{2 + z^{-1}}{1 - 0.7z^{-1} + 0.1z^{-2}}$

Find the impulse response. Is the system stable?

<Sol.>
$$H(z) = \frac{2 + z^{-1}}{1 - 0.7z^{-1} + 0.1z^{-2}} = \frac{-14/3}{1 - 0.2z^{-1}} + \frac{20/3}{1 - 0.5z^{-1}}$$


$$h[n] = \left\{ -\frac{14}{3}(0.2)^n + \frac{20}{3}(0.5)^n \right\} u[n]$$

The system has two poles: $z = 0.2$, $z = 0.5$.

The system is stable.

Summary

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■ Reference in textbook: 7.1~7.7

■ Homework: 7.17(e,g), 7.22, 7.31(a,b)