

# **DISCRETE TIME SYSTEMS AND Z-TRANSFORM**

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# What we have learned in module 2

- The Discrete Time Fourier transform of a sequence  $x[n]$  is defined as

$$X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} x[n]e^{-j\omega n} \quad \omega \text{ is the radian frequency}$$

- The Fourier transform determines how much of each frequency component is required to synthesize  $x[n]$ .

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X(e^{j\omega})e^{j\omega n}d\omega \quad \text{Inverse Fourier transform}$$

- If  $x[n]$  is absolutely summable, then the Fourier transform exists.

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |x[n]| < \infty.$$

# Today's agenda

- Discrete time signals
  - Basic sequences and operations
  - Linear systems
  - Stability, causality, time invariance
- Linear time invariant (LTI) systems
  - Impulse response and convolution
  - Parallel and cascade system combination
- Fourier transform of LTI systems
  - Definition and conditions for existence
- **Z-transform**
  - **Definition and region of convergence (ROC)**
  - **Right, left-sided and finite duration sequences**
  - **ROC analysis**
- Inverse z-transform
  - Definition and inspection method
  - Partial fraction expansion
  - Power series expansion
- Transform analysis of LTI systems
  - Linear constant coefficient difference equations
  - Stability and causality
  - Inverse systems
  - FIR and IIR systems

# The z-transform

- The z-transform of a sequence  $x[n]$  is defined as

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

- The z-transform operator transforms the sequence  $x[n]$  into the function  $X[z]$ , where  $z$  is a continuous complex variable.
- The z-transform reduces to the Fourier transform if  $z = e^{j\omega}$
- More generally, the complex variable  $z$  can be expressed as  $z = re^{j\omega}$ .

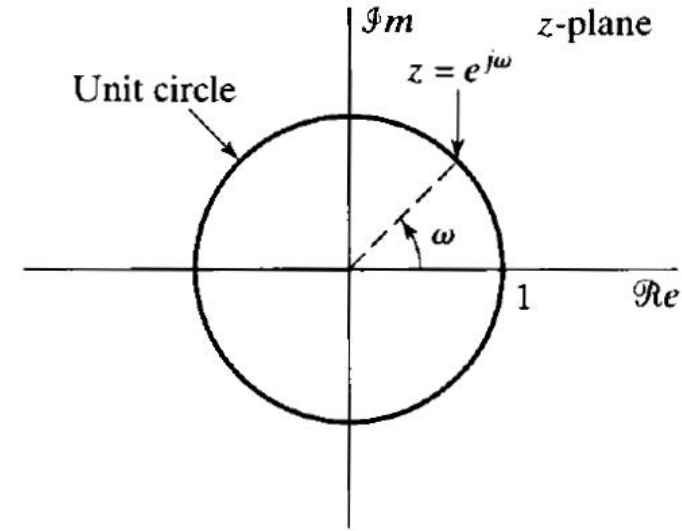
$$X(re^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n](re^{j\omega})^{-n},$$



$$X(re^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (x[n]r^{-n})e^{-j\omega n}.$$

# The z-transform

- The z-transform evaluated in the unit circle corresponds to the Fourier transform.
- When it exists, the Fourier transform is simply  $X(z)$  with  $z = e^{j\omega}$

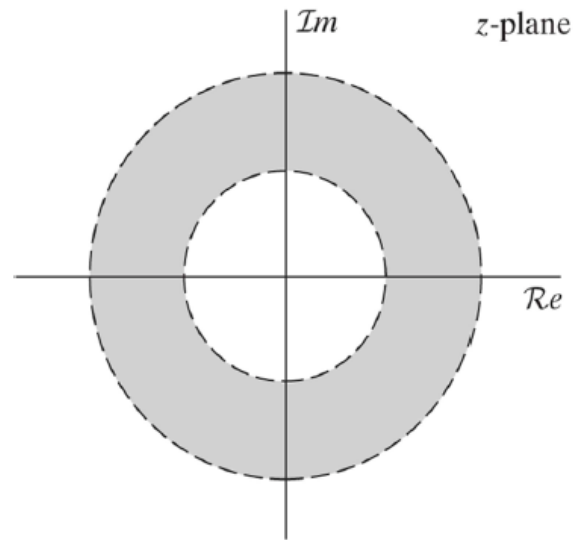


# The z-transform

- The z-transform does not converge for all sequences or all values of  $z$ .
- The set of values of  $z$  for which the z-transform converges is called the region of convergence (ROC).

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

The ROC is a ring in the z-plane



# The z-transform

- There is possibility that the z-transform converges even if Fourier transform diverges

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] \cdot r^{-n} \cdot e^{-j\omega n}$$

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |x[n] \cdot r^{-n}| \quad \text{converges even if} \quad \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |x[n]| \quad \text{diverges}$$

# The z-transform

- The z-transform is most useful when the infinite sum can be expressed in closed form.
- Among the most important and useful z-transforms, are those for which  $X(z)$  is a rational function inside the ROC, i.e.

$$X(z) = \frac{P(z)}{Q(z)},$$

where  $P(z)$  and  $Q(z)$  are polynomials in  $z$ .

- The values of  $z$  for which  $X(z)=0$  are called the zeros of  $X(z)$ , while the values of  $z$  for which  $Q(z)=0$  are the poles of  $X(z)$ .



# The z-transform

- Right-sided exponential sequence

What is the ROC for the z-transform of  $x[n] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \cdot u[n]$ ,  $-\infty < n < \infty$  ?

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a^n u[n] z^{-n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (az^{-1})^n.$$

For convergence of  $X(z)$ , we require that

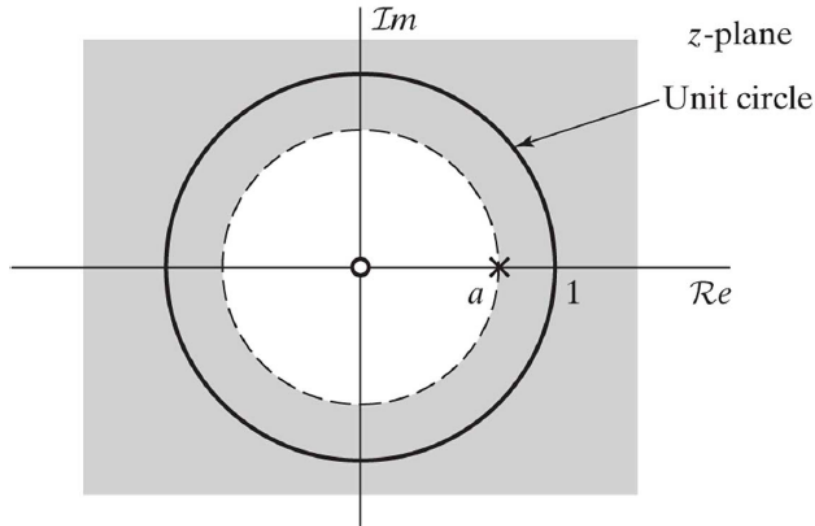
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |az^{-1}|^n < \infty.$$

Thus, the ROC is the range of values of  $z$  for which  $|az^{-1}| < 1$  or, equivalently,  $|z| > |a|$ .

Inside the ROC, the infinite series converges to

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (az^{-1})^n = \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}} = \frac{z}{z - a}, \quad |z| > |a|. \quad (12)$$

# The z-transform



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

$$a = |a| = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

- For  $|a| > 1$ , the ROC does not contain the unit circle  $\rightarrow$  Fourier transform does not exist

# The z-transform

- Left-sided exponential sequence

What is the ROC for the z-transform of  $x[n] = -\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^n \cdot u[-n-1]$  ?  $-\infty < n < \infty$  ?

$$x[n] = -a^n u[-n-1] = \begin{cases} -a^n & n \leq -1 \\ 0 & n > -1. \end{cases}$$

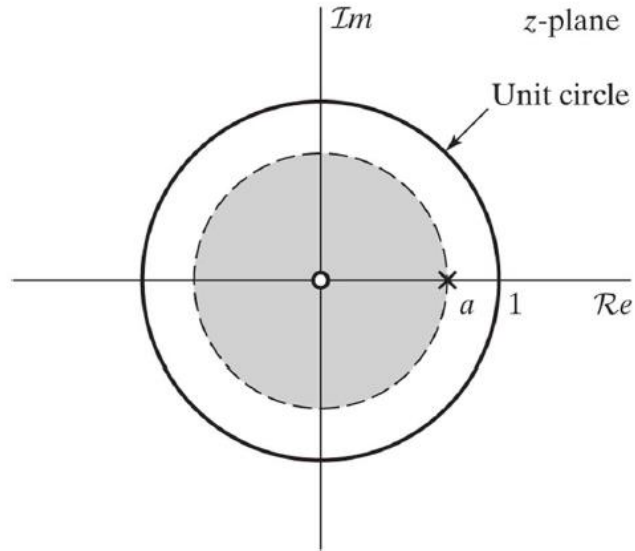
Since the sequence is nonzero only for  $n \leq -1$ , this is a *left-sided* sequence. The z-transform in this case is

$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= - \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a^n u[-n-1] z^{-n} = - \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} a^n z^{-n} \\ &= - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a^{-n} z^n = 1 - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a^{-1}z)^n. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

If  $|a^{-1}z| < 1$  or, equivalently,  $|z| < |a|$ , the last sum in Eq. (15) converges, and using again the formula for the sum of terms in a geometric series,

$$X(z) = 1 - \frac{1}{1 - a^{-1}z} = \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}} = \frac{z}{z - a}, \quad |z| < |a|. \quad (16)$$

# The z-transform



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

$$a = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$$

- For  $|a| < 1$ , the sequence grows exponentially and therefore the Fourier transform does not exist.

# The z-transform

- Sum of two exponential sequences

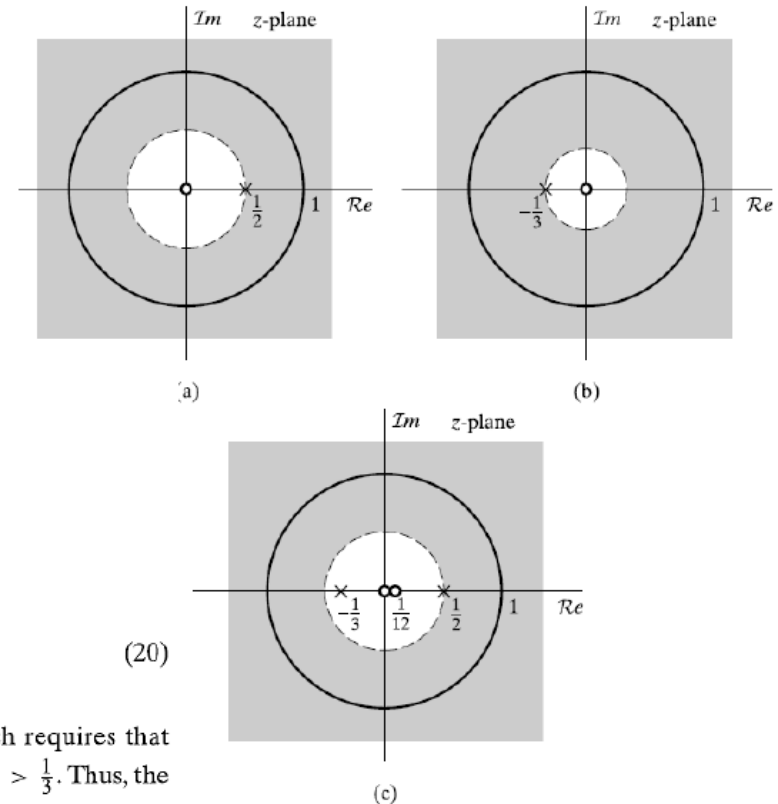
Consider a signal that is the sum of two real exponentials:

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

The z-transform is

$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[n] + \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^n u[n] \right\} z^{-n} \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[n] z^{-n} + \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^n u[n] z^{-n} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2} z^{-1}\right)^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{3} z^{-1}\right)^n \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2} z^{-1}} + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{3} z^{-1}} = \frac{2\left(1 - \frac{1}{12} z^{-1}\right)}{\left(1 - \frac{1}{2} z^{-1}\right)\left(1 + \frac{1}{3} z^{-1}\right)} \\ &= \frac{2z\left(z - \frac{1}{12}\right)}{\left(z - \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(z + \frac{1}{3}\right)}. \end{aligned}$$

For convergence of  $X(z)$ , both sums in Eq. (19) must converge, which requires that both  $\left|\frac{1}{2} z^{-1}\right| < 1$  and  $\left|-\frac{1}{3} z^{-1}\right| < 1$  or, equivalently,  $|z| > \frac{1}{2}$  and  $|z| > \frac{1}{3}$ . Thus, the ROC is the region of overlap,  $|z| > \frac{1}{2}$ . The pole-zero plot and ROC for the z-transform of each of the individual terms and for the combined signal are shown in Figure 5.



# The z-transform

- Two-sided exponential sequences

Consider the sequence

$$x[n] = \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^n u[n] - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[-n-1]. \quad (24)$$

Note that this sequence grows exponentially as  $n \rightarrow -\infty$ . Using the general result of Example 1 with  $a = -\frac{1}{3}$ , we obtain

$$\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^n u[n] \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{Z}} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}}, \quad |z| > \frac{1}{3},$$

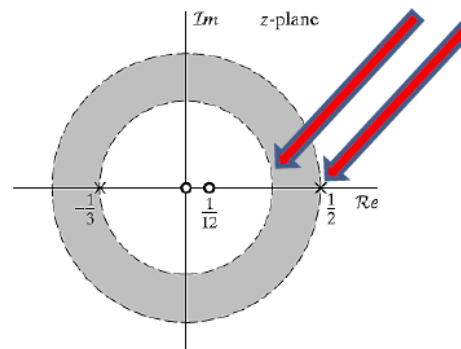
and using the result of Example 2 with  $a = \frac{1}{2}$  yields

$$-\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[-n-1] \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{Z}} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}}, \quad |z| < \frac{1}{2}.$$

Thus, by the linearity of the z-transform,

$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}} + \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}}, \quad \frac{1}{3} < |z| \text{ and } |z| < \frac{1}{2}, \\ &= \frac{2\left(1 - \frac{1}{12}z^{-1}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}\right)} = \frac{2z\left(z - \frac{1}{12}\right)}{\left(z + \frac{1}{3}\right)\left(z - \frac{1}{2}\right)}. \end{aligned}$$

Since the ROC does not contain the unit circle, the sequence in Eq. (24) does not have a Fourier transform.



# The z-transform

- What is the z-transform of  $x[n] = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } 0 \ll n \ll N-1 \\ 1, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$  ??

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (az^{-1})^n - \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} (az^{-1})^n \\
 & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (az^{-1})^n - (az^{-1})^N \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (az^{-1})^n
 \end{aligned}
 \quad \rightarrow \quad
 \begin{aligned}
 X(z) &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a^n z^{-n} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (az^{-1})^n \\
 &= \frac{1 - (az^{-1})^N}{1 - az^{-1}} = \frac{1}{z^{N-1}} \frac{z^N - a^N}{z - a},
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.23}$$

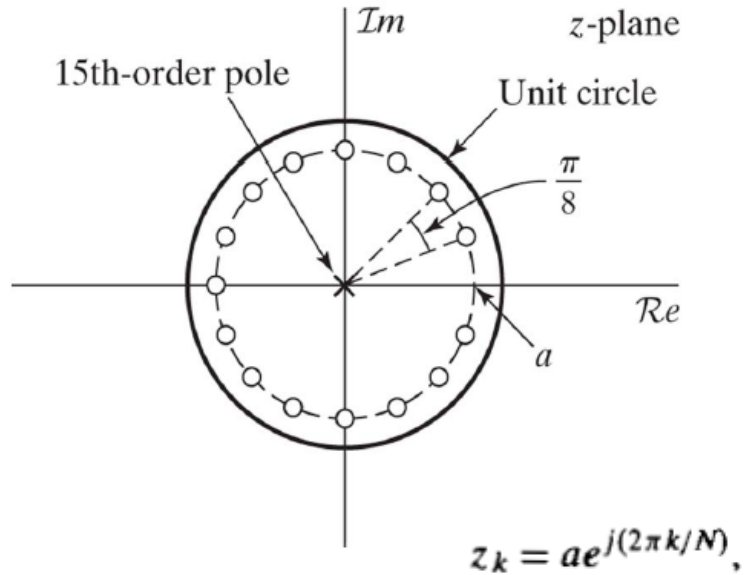
where we have used the general formula in Eq. (2.56) to sum the finite series. The ROC is determined by the set of values of  $z$  for which

$$\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} |az^{-1}|^n < \infty.$$

# The z-transform



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Pole-zero plot

$N = 16$  and  $a = 0,8$

The ROC in this example consists of all values of  $z$  except  $z = 0$ .



# The z-transform



TABLE 3.1 SOME COMMON 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$

# The z-transform



PROPERTY 1: The ROC will either be of the form  $0 \leq r_R < |z|$ , or  $|z| < r_L \leq \infty$ , or, in general the annulus, i.e.,  $0 \leq r_R < |z| < r_L \leq \infty$ .

PROPERTY 2: The Fourier transform of  $x[n]$  converges absolutely if and only if the ROC of the z-transform of  $x[n]$  includes the unit circle.

PROPERTY 3: The ROC cannot contain any poles.

PROPERTY 4: If  $x[n]$  is a *finite-duration sequence*, i.e., a sequence that is zero except in a finite interval  $-\infty < N_1 \leq n \leq N_2 < \infty$ , then the ROC is the entire z-plane, except possibly  $z = 0$  or  $z = \infty$ .

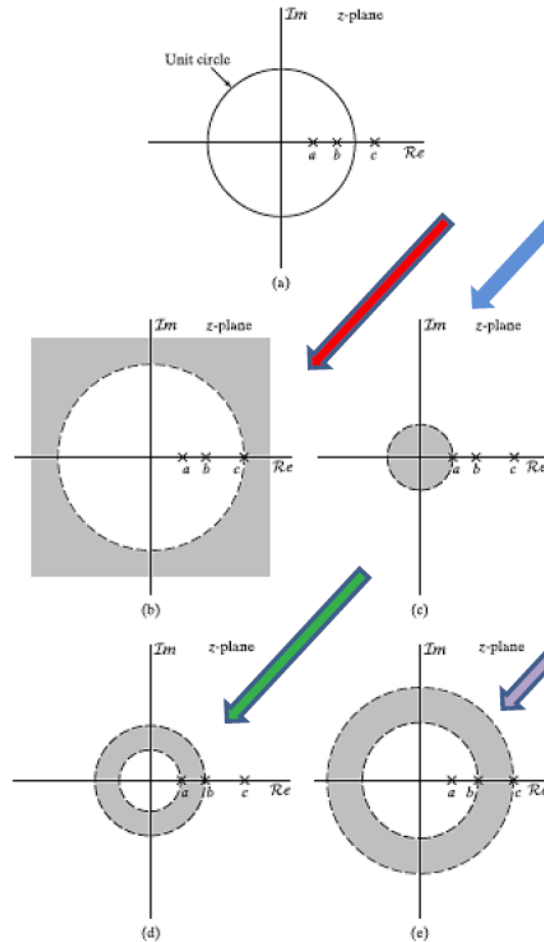
PROPERTY 5: If  $x[n]$  is a *right-sided sequence*, i.e., a sequence that is zero for  $n < N_1 < \infty$ , the ROC extends outward from the *outermost* (i.e., largest magnitude) finite pole in  $X(z)$  to (and possibly including)  $z = \infty$ .

PROPERTY 6: If  $x[n]$  is a *left-sided sequence*, i.e., a sequence that is zero for  $n > N_2 > -\infty$ , the ROC extends inward from the *innermost* (smallest magnitude) nonzero pole in  $X(z)$  to (and possibly including)  $z = 0$ .

PROPERTY 7: A *two-sided sequence* is an infinite-duration sequence that is neither right sided nor left sided. If  $x[n]$  is a two-sided sequence, the ROC will consist of a ring in the z-plane, bounded on the interior and exterior by a pole and, consistent with Property 3, not containing any poles.

PROPERTY 8: The ROC must be a connected region.

# The z-transform



Examples of four z-transforms with the same pole-zero locations, illustrating the different possibilities for the ROC, each of which corresponds to a different sequence:

- (b) to a right-sided sequence,
- (c) to a left-sided sequence,
- (d) to a two-sided sequence,
- and
- (e) to a two-sided sequence.



# The z-transform



**TABLE 3.2** SOME z-TRANSFORM PROPERTIES

Property Number	Section Reference	Sequence	Transform	ROC
		$x[n]$	$X(z)$	$R_x$
		$x_1[n]$	$X_1(z)$	$R_{x_1}$
		$x_2[n]$	$X_2(z)$	$R_{x_2}$
1	3.4.1	$ax_1[n] + bx_2[n]$	$aX_1(z) + bX_2(z)$	Contains $R_{x_1} \cap R_{x_2}$
2	3.4.2	$x[n - n_0]$	$z^{-n_0} X(z)$	$R_x$ , except for the possible addition or deletion of the origin or $\infty$
3	3.4.3	$z_0^n x[n]$	$X(z/z_0)$	$ z_0  R_x$
4	3.4.4	$nx[n]$	$-z \frac{dX(z)}{dz}$	$R_x$
5	3.4.5	$x^*[n]$	$X^*(z^*)$	$R_x$
6		$\mathcal{Re}\{x[n]\}$	$\frac{1}{2}[X(z) + X^*(z^*)]$	Contains $R_x$
7		$\mathcal{Im}\{x[n]\}$	$\frac{1}{2j}[X(z) - X^*(z^*)]$	Contains $R_x$
8	3.4.6	$x^*[-n]$	$X^*(1/z^*)$	$1/R_x$
9	3.4.7	$x_1[n] * x_2[n]$	$X_1(z)X_2(z)$	Contains $R_{x_1} \cap R_{x_2}$

# The z-transform

## Convolution in time $\leftrightarrow$ multiplication in frequency domain

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1[k] \cdot x_2[n-k] \quad \text{eller} \quad y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x_2[k] \cdot x_1[n-k] \quad \text{for alle } n$$

(Foldning er kommutativ)

$$y[n] = (x_1 * x_2)[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1[k] \cdot x_2[n-k]$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y(z) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} y[n] \cdot z^{-n} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1[k] x_2[n-k] \right\} z^{-n} \\ &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1[k] \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x_2[n-k] z^{-n} \end{aligned}$$

Ved substitution:  $m = n - k$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} Y(z) &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1[k] \left\{ \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x_2[m] \cdot z^{-m} \right\} z^{-k} \\ &= X_1(z) \cdot X_2(z) \end{aligned}$$

Altså:

$$x_1[n] * x_2[n] \xleftrightarrow{Z} X_1(z) \cdot X_2(z)$$