

Chapter 3:

z-Transform

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3.1 The z-Transform

ZT of the sequence $x(n)$ is defined as:

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

Z, complex variable

Inverse ZT:

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

3.1 The z-Transform

We have to ask if $X(z)$ converge?

For any $x(n)$, the region of converge (ROC) of ZT is the complex plane making $X(z)$ converge.

i.e.: $\{z: X(z) \text{ exists}\}$

Important:

Different $x(n)$ with different ROC may have the same ZT.

So, the ROC of each $X(z)$ should be defined.

z-Transform: Pole-zero Plot

System has ZT as:

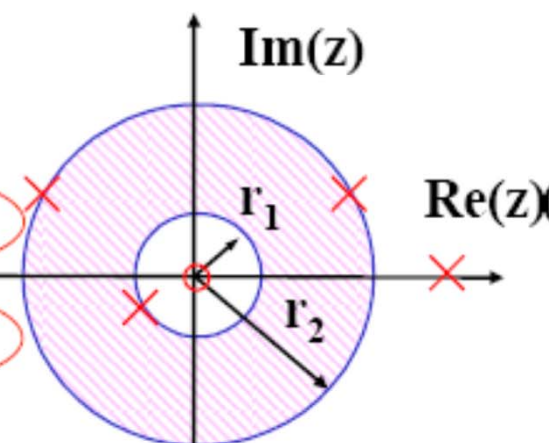
$$X(z) = \frac{P(z)}{D(z)} = \frac{p_0 + p_1 z^{-1} + p_2 z^{-2} \dots + p_M z^{-M}}{d_0 + d_1 z^{-1} + d_2 z^{-2} \dots + d_N z^{-N}}$$

$$X(z) = z^{N-M} \frac{p_0 z^M + p_1 z^{M-1} + \dots + p_M}{d_0 z^N + d_1 z^{N-1} + \dots + d_N}$$

$$X(z) = z^{N-M} \frac{p_0 \prod_{i=1}^M (z - z_i)}{d_0 \prod_{j=1}^N (z - \lambda_j)}$$

zero point

pole point



z-Transform: Pole-zero Plot

ROC:

The *ROC* is determined by $|z|=r$, in terms of the theory of complex variable function, it can be a circular band:

$$\underline{r_1 < |z| < r_2}$$

In the ROC, $X(z)$ is an analytic function, and the pole of $X(z)$ is out of ROC, with the pole on the edge.

$$\underline{r_1 \text{ can be zero, } r_2 \text{ can be } \infty}$$

If $r_2 < r_1$, it means *ROC* is not exist, neither the *z-Transform*.

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Right-side Sequence:

When $n < 0$, $x(n) = 0$;

Usually causal sequence;

$X(z)$ only contains the negative indexes of z .

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

The ROC: $|z| > r_1$, outside of radius r_1 .

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Example 1:

Determine the ZT of $x(n]$:

$$x_1(n) = a^n u(n)$$

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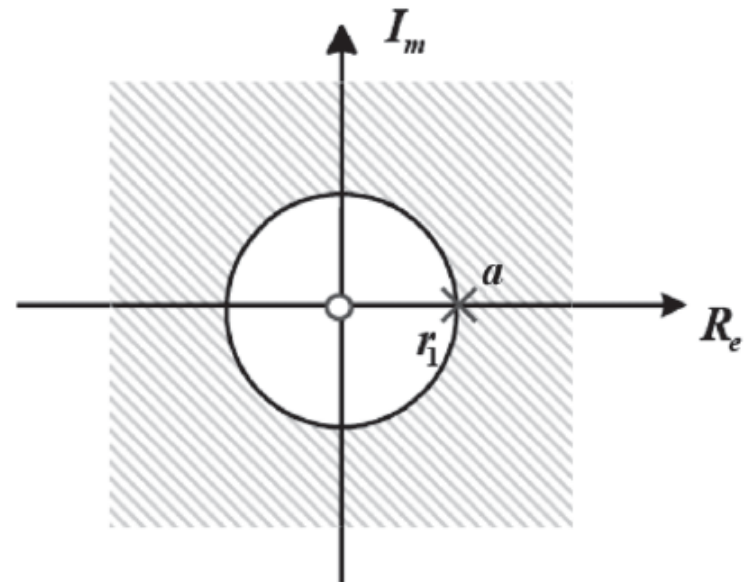
Solution:

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

$$= \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}} = \frac{z}{z - a}$$

$$R : |z| > a$$

The Pole:



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Left-side Sequence:

When $n \geq 0$, $x(n)=0$;

$X(z)$ only contains the positive indexes of z .

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

The ROC: $|z| < r_2$, inside of radius r_2 .

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Example 2:

Determine the ZT of $x_1(n)$:

$$x_1(n) = -b^n u(-n-1)$$

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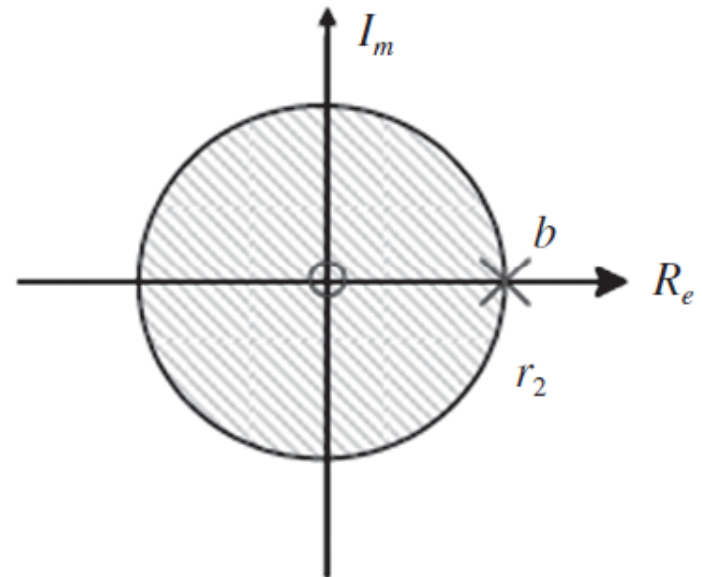
Solution:

$$X_1(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} -b^n z^{-n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -b^{-n} z^n$$

$$= 1 - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b^{-n} z^n = \frac{z}{z-b}$$

$$R : |Z| < b$$

The Pole:

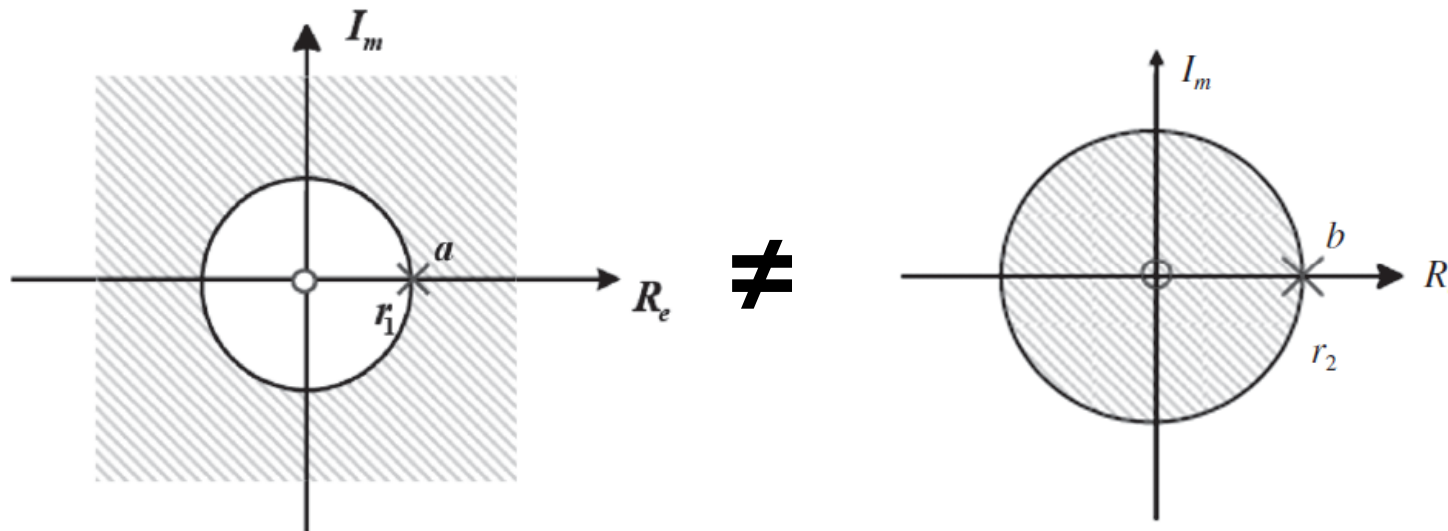


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About these two examples, if $b=a$:

$$X(z) = \frac{z}{z-a} = X_1(z) = \frac{z}{z-b}$$

But for **ROC**:



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If $b=a$:

$X_1(z)$ has the same form with $X(z)$, except for the ROC.

That implies that the ROC insures only one ZT of $x(n)$.

Different ROC means different ZT.

ROC plays an important role in system analysis.

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Two-side Sequence:

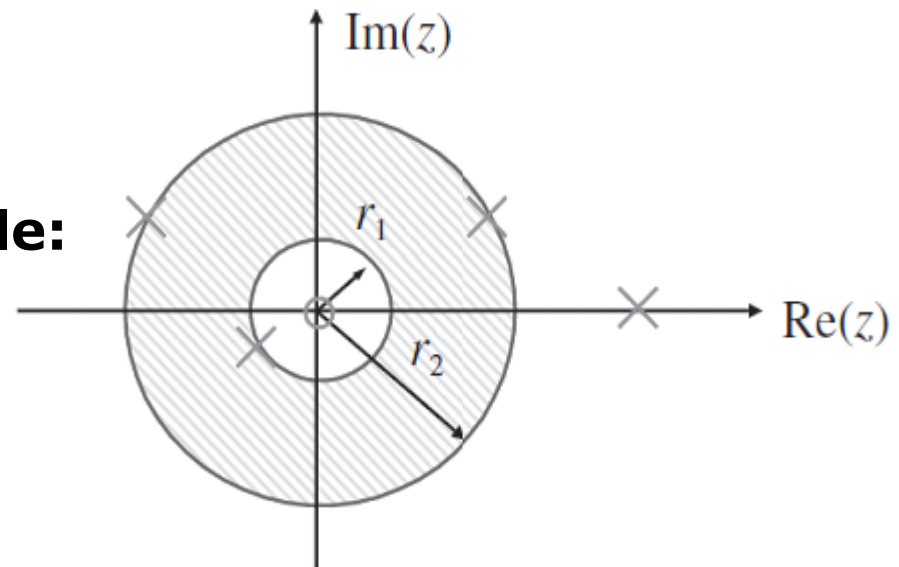
Contains *Right-side* sequence and *Left-side* sequence.

So, the *ROC* is defined as:

$$r_1 < |z| < r_2$$

or *not exist* if $r_2 < r_1$.

The Pole:



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Example 3:

Define:

$$x_2(n) = x(n) + x_1(n) = a_n u(n) - b_n u(-n-1)$$

Determine the *ZT* of $x_2(n)$.

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Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} X_2(z) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a^n z^{-n} - \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} b^n z^{-n} \\ &= \left\{ \frac{z}{z-a}, ROC: |z| > |a| \right\} + \left\{ \frac{z}{z-b}, ROC1: |z| < |b| \right\} \\ &= \frac{z}{z-a} + \frac{z}{z-b}; \quad ROC2: ROC \cap ROC1 \end{aligned}$$

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Conclusion:

$$X(Z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(n)Z^{-n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x(n)Z^{-n} + \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} x(n)Z^{-n}$$

= Right-side sequence + Left-side sequence

(1) The convergence condition is decided by the amplitude of $|z|$, so it converges in the boundary of a circle.

(2) Right-side Sequence ($n \geq 0$): the ROC is $|z| > |a|$, where a is the pole.

(3) Left-side Sequence ($n < 0$): the ROC is $|z| < |b|$, where b is the pole.

The Properties of ZT

1. Linear

$$Z[ax(n) + by(n)] = aX(z) + bY(z)$$

2. Time-domain shifting

$$Z[x(n + n_0)] = z^{n_0}X(z)$$

3. Frequency-domain shifting (*scaling in z-domain*)

$$Z[a^n x(n)] = X\left(\frac{z}{a}\right), \quad |a| r_{x-} < |z| < |a| r_{x+}$$

The Properties of ZT

4. Differential

$$Z[nx(n)] = -z \frac{dX(z)}{dz}, \quad r_{x-} < |z| < r_{x+}$$

5. Conjugation

$$Z[x^*(n)] = X^*(z^*), \quad r_{x-} < |z| < r_{x+}$$

The Properties of ZT

6. Initial Value Theorem

If $n < 0$, $x(n) = 0$, then:

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

7. Convolution in z-domain

The convolution in the discrete time domain equals to the multiplication in z domain.

$$Z[x(n) * y(n)] = X(z)Y(z)$$

$$r_{x-} < |z| < r_{x+}, \quad r_{h-} < |z| < r_{h+}$$

Common ZT Pairs

Table of common ZT pairs:

Signal, $x(n)$	Z-transform	ROC
$\delta(n)$	1	$\forall z$
$\mu(n)$	$\frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}}$	$ z > 1$
$-u(-n-1)$	$\frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}}$	$ z < 1$
$a^n u(n)$	$\frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}}$	$ z > a$
$-b^n u(-n-1)$	$\frac{1}{1 - bz^{-1}}$	$ z < b$

Important!

3.2 The Inverse z-Transform

Definition of Inverse ZT:

$$X(z) \xrightarrow{z^{-1}} x(n) \quad z \in R \quad \underline{(ROC)}$$

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

3.2 The Inverse z-Transform

Calculation of Inverse ZT:

The inverse ZT needs to calculate the integral in the complex contour C , usually it is complex and difficult.

Normal methods:

- **Part fractional method**
- **General Expression of Inverse z-Transform**
- **Definition Method**

Inverse ZT - Part fractional method

We have already got some common sequences' ZT:

$$a^n u(n) \xleftrightarrow{Z} \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}} = \frac{z}{z - a} \quad |z| > |a|$$

$$-a^n u(-n-1) \xleftrightarrow{Z} \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}} = \frac{z}{z - a} \quad |z| < |a|$$

Therefore, we could extract $X(z)$ to the sum of many fractional parts.

Then, use the already got ZT form to get $x(n)$.

Note: ROC is very important!

Inverse ZT - Part fractional method

Such as:

$$X(z) = \sum_i \frac{A_i z}{z - z_i}$$

For ROC ($|z| > r_1$): $x(n) = \sum_i A_i z_i^n u(n)$

For ROC ($|z| < r_2$): $x(n) = -\sum_i A_i z_i^n u(-n - 1)$

Inverse ZT - Part fractional method

For ROC ($r_1 < |z| < r_2$):

$$X(z) = \sum_i \frac{B_i z}{z - p_i} + \sum_i \frac{C_i z}{z - s_i}$$

Two-side sequence:

$$x(n) = \sum_i B_i p_i^n u(n) - \sum_i C_i s_i^n u(-n - 1)$$

Inverse ZT - Part fractional method

Example:

If:

$$X(z) = \frac{z}{3z^2 - 4z + 1}$$

Please determine its time domain signal $x(n)$.

Inverse ZT - Part fractional method

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= \frac{z}{3\left(z^2 - \frac{4}{3}z + \frac{1}{3}\right)} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}z^{-1}}{1 - \frac{4}{3}z^{-1} + \frac{1}{3}z^{-2}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{3}z^{-1}}{(1 - z^{-1})\left(1 - \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}\right)} = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Inverse ZT - Part fractional method

Solution:

X(z) has two poles, $z_1=1$ and $z_2=1/3$.

(1) For ROC $|z|>1$, x(n) is *Right-side* sequence.

$$x_1(n) = \frac{1}{2}u(n) - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n u(n)$$

(2) For ROC $|z|<1/3$, x(n) is *Left-side* sequence.

$$x_2(n) = -\frac{1}{2}u(-n-1) + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n u(-n-1)$$

Inverse ZT - Part fractional method

Solution:

X(z) has two poles, $z_1=1$ and $z_2=1/3$.

(3) For ROC $1/3<|z|<1$, the x(n) is *Two-side* sequence.

$$x_3(n) = -\frac{1}{2}u(-n-1) - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n u(n)$$

Inverse ZT - General Expression

The general expression for the inverse ZT is given by :

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

\oint_c is a closed curve in the *ROC*, containing the origin.

Inverse ZT - General Expression

General Expression of Inverse ZT:

Using the Residue method, the integration becomes:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} (1) x(n) = \sum [X(z) z^{n-1}] \text{ the residue number of the pole in } C] & n \geq m, \text{ causal} \\ (2) x(n) = -\sum [X(z) z^{n-1}] \text{ the residue number of the pole out of } C] & n < m, \text{ anticausal} \end{array} \right.$$

Inverse ZT - General Expression

The calculation of the Residue:

For: $X(z)z^{n-1} = \frac{\psi(z)}{(z - z_0)^s}$

The Residue of the pole is:

$$\text{Res}[X(z)z^{n-1}, z = z_0] = \frac{1}{(s-1)!} \left. \frac{d^{s-1} \psi(z)}{dz^{s-1}} \right|_{z=z_0}$$

For *1-order* Pole:

$$\text{Res}[X(z)z^{n-1}, z = z_0] = \psi(z_0)$$

Inverse ZT - General Expression

Note:

If ROC is out of a circle, we usually use Formula No.1:

$$x(n) = \sum [X(z)z^{n-1} \text{the residue of the pole in } C]$$

If ROC is inside of a circle, we usually use Formula No.2:

$$x(n) = -\sum [X(z)z^{n-1} \text{the residue of the pole out of } C]$$

If ROC is a ring, use both of them.

Inverse ZT - General Expression

Note:

The poles of $X(z)z^{n-1}$ include two parts:

- Poles from $X(z)$: usually have limited numbers and orders.
- Poles from z^{n-1} : usually exist at $z=0$ and $z=\infty$.

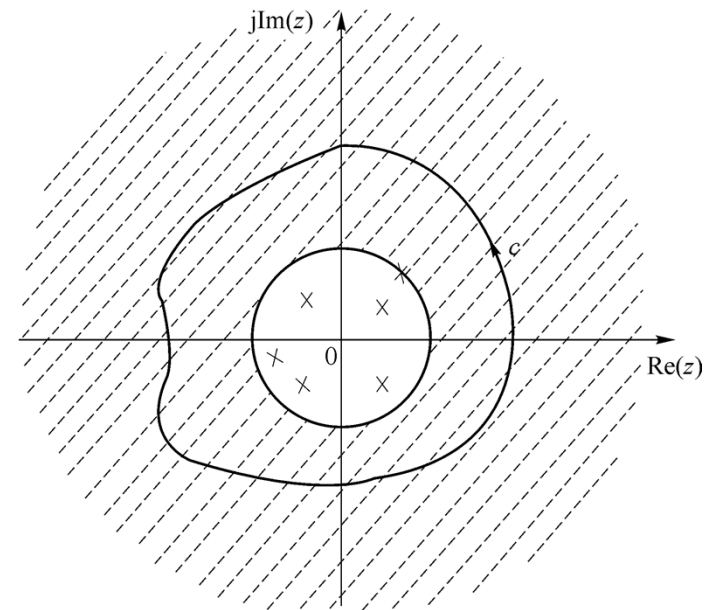
Usually, we want to choose the region that $X(z)z^{n-1}$ have limited numbers and orders' poles to calculate the residue easily and try to avoid the residue at $z=\infty$.

Inverse ZT - General Expression

Note:

If the *ROC* is outside of a circle, usually we calculate $x(n)$ at $n > 0$ (Right-side Sequence) and choose Formula No.1.

Because $X(z)$ have limited poles inside of C and z^{n-1} is analytic at $z=0$, but there are high order poles at $z=\infty$ for z^{n-1} when n is large.

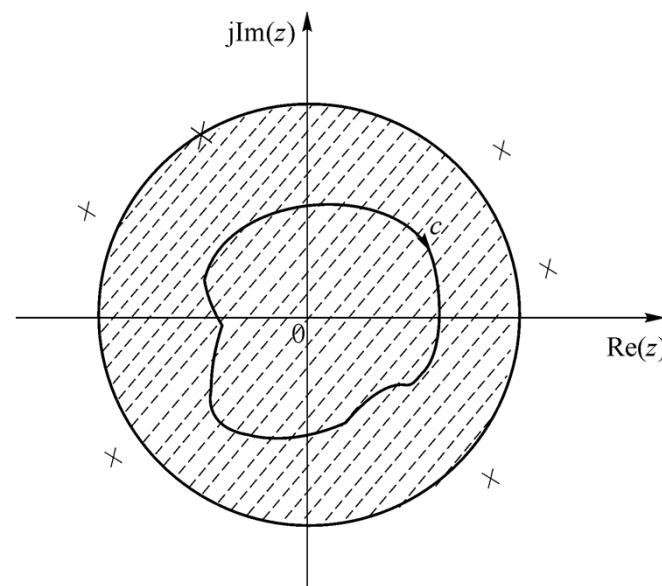


Inverse ZT - General Expression

Note:

If the *ROC* is inside of a circle, usually we calculate $x(n)$ at $n < 0$ (Left Sequence) and choose Formula No.2.

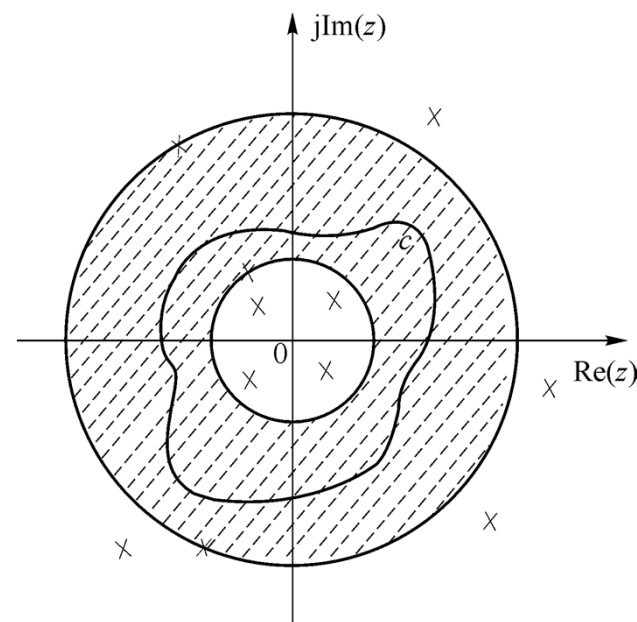
Because $X(z)$ have limited poles outside of C and z^{n-1} is analytic at $z = \infty$, but there are high order poles at $z = 0$ for z^{n-1} when n is large.



Inverse ZT - General Expression

Note:

If the *ROC* is a ring, usually we use both of Formula No.1 and No.2.



Inverse ZT - General Expression

Note:

Actually, $n=0$ is not the only edge for the residue method. We can reach one more general method:

Extract $X(z)=X_0(z)z^m$, m is an integer. Therefore, $X_0(z)$ is analytic at both $n=0$ and $n=\infty$. Then:

$$X(z)z^{n-1} = X_0(z)z^m z^{n-1} = X_0(z)z^{n+m-1} = X_1(z)$$

After determining the *ROC* of $X(z)$ and C :

We can get $x(n)$ at $n \geq 1-m$ by calculate the residue of $X_1(z)$ inside of C and then get $-x(n)$ at $n < 1-m$ outside of C .

Inverse ZT - General Expression

Example:

If:

$$X(z) = \frac{z}{3z^2 - 4z + 1}$$

Please determine its time domain signal $x(n)$ with the residue method.

Inverse ZT - General Expression

Solution:

$$X(z) = \frac{z}{3\left(z^2 - \frac{4}{3}z + \frac{1}{3}\right)} = \frac{z}{3(z-1)\left(z - \frac{1}{3}\right)}$$

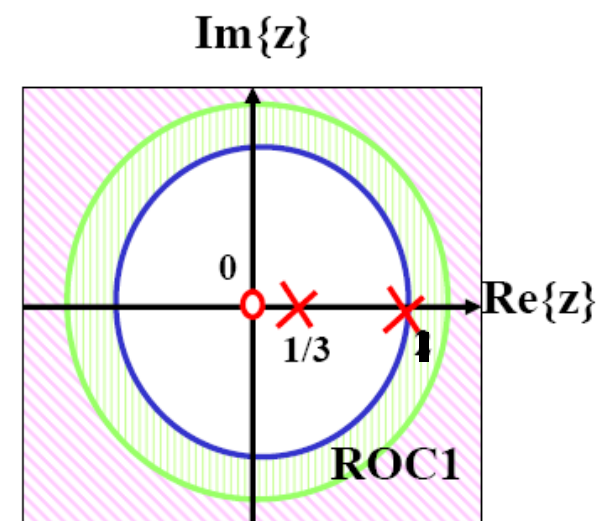
$$\begin{aligned} X_1(z) &= X(z)z^{n-1} = \frac{z^n}{3(z-1)\left(z - \frac{1}{3}\right)} = X_0(z)z^n \\ &= X_0(z)z^{m+n-1} \end{aligned}$$

Inverse ZT - General Expression

Solution:

$$X_0(z) = \frac{1}{3(z-1)(z-\frac{1}{3})} \text{ and } m = 1.$$

Evidently, the function has two poles at $z=1/3$ and $z=1$, and it is analytic out of the poles.



Inverse ZT - General Expression

Solution:

(1) If the $ROC > 1$:

Both of the two poles are inside of C , use Formula No.1.

When $n < 1 - m = 0$, $x(n) = 0$. When $n \geq 1 - m = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned}x_1(n) &= \text{Res}[X_1(z), z = 1] + \text{Res}[X_1(z), z = \frac{1}{3}] \\&= (z-1)X_1(z)\Big|_{z=1} + (z-\frac{1}{3})X_1(z)\Big|_{z=\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{z^n}{3(z-\frac{1}{3})}\Big|_{z=1} + \frac{z^n}{3(z-1)}\Big|_{z=\frac{1}{3}} \\&= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n\end{aligned}$$

Inverse ZT - General Expression

Solution:

(2) If the $ROC < 1/3$:

Both of the two poles are outside of C , use Formula No.2.

When $n \geq 1-m=0$, $x(n)=0$. When $n < 1-m=0$:

$$\begin{aligned}x_2(n) &= -\operatorname{Re} s[X_1(z), z=1] - \operatorname{Re} s[X_1(z), z=\frac{1}{3}] \\&= -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n\end{aligned}$$

Inverse ZT - General Expression

Solution:

(3) If $1/3 < ROC < 1$:

Pole $z=1/3$ is inside of C , use Formula No.1. When $n \geq 0$:

$$x_3(n) = \text{Res}[X_1(z), z = \frac{1}{3}] = -\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{3})^n$$

Pole $z=1$ is outside of C , use Formula No.2. When $n < 0$:

$$x_3(n) = -\text{Res}[X_1(z), z = 1] = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Inverse ZT - General Expression

Solution:

(3) If $1/3 < ROC < 1$:

$$x_3(n) = -\frac{1}{2}u(-n-1) - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n u(n)$$

Inverse ZT - General Expression

Conclusion of the residue method:

- 1) Draw the zero-pole plot, find the ROC, and draw the closed curve C, containing the origin.
- 2) Calculate the residue in and out of C, and get the $x(n)$.

Summary

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