



The Z-Transform

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Definition: Let $\{x[n]\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ be a discrete signal. The **forward Z-transform** is defined as:

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

which is denoted as: $X(z) = \mathcal{Z}\{x[n]\}$

-The Z-transform is a Laurent series which is converging for some values of the variable z situated in domain of convergence defined by the bounds (see figure):

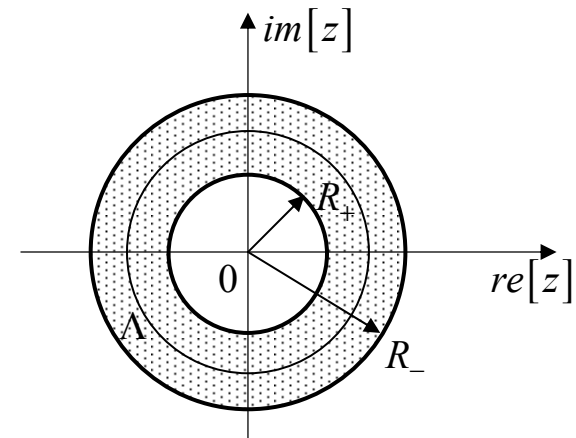
$$R_+ \leq |z| \leq R_-$$

The Z-transform can be written as:

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^0 x[n]z^{-n} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x[n]z^{-n} = X_-(z) + X_+(z)$$

- It can be shown that:

- $X_-(z)$ converges for $|z| \leq R_-$
- $X_+(z)$ converges for $|z| \geq R_+$



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Terminology:

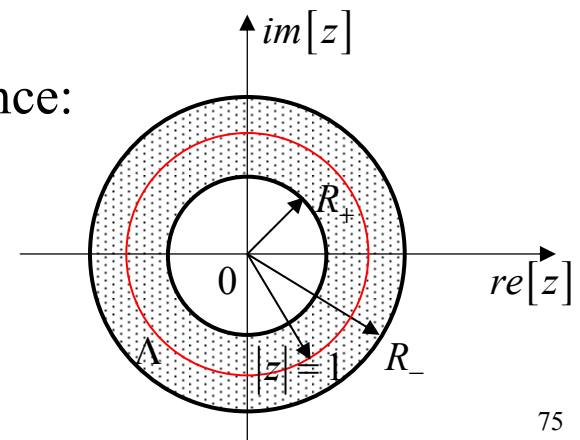
- ✍ If the **signal is causal**, that is, if $x[n] = 0, \forall n < 0$, then the transform contains only negative powers of z . In this case the transform is called the **unilateral Z-transform**
- ✍ If the opposite case, the transform is called the **bilateral Z-transform**
- For causal signals which are in $l^2(Z)$, the Z-transform exists for $|z| > R_+$, and $R_+ \leq 1$

Inverse Z-transform:

$$x_n = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_{\Lambda} X(z) z^{n-1} dz$$

- For usual signals, which are causal and in $l^2(Z)$, one can take Λ as being the unit-circle in the Z-domain, corresponding to: $|z| = 1$
- In this case, in polar coordinates: $z = e^{j\theta}$, $dz = je^{j\theta} d\theta$. Hence:

$$x_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X(e^{j\theta}) e^{jn\theta} d\theta$$



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Properties:

- The properties below refer to the unilateral Z-transform, but they can be adapted to the bilateral Z-transform as well.

1. Linearity

Let $x[n] = Ax_1[n] + bx_2[n]$. The Z-transform is linear, that is:

$$X(z) = \mathcal{Z}\{x[n]\} = \mathcal{Z}\{Ax_1[n] + Bx_2[n]\} = AX_1(z) + BX_2(z)$$

- The convergence radius R for $X(z)$ is: $R = \max(R_{1,+}, R_{2,+})$

2. Scaling

$$\mathcal{Z}\{a^n x[n]\} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a^n x[n] z^{-n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x[n] \left(\frac{z}{a}\right)^{-n} = X\left(\frac{z}{a}\right)$$

3. Shifting in time

- positive shifts in time

$$\mathcal{Z}\{x[n-k]\}_{k>0} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x[n-k] z^{-n} = z^{-k} \sum_{m=-k}^{\infty} x[m] z^{-m} = z^{-k} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} x[m] z^{-m} = z^{-k} X(z)$$

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Properties:

3. Delay

- negative shifts in time

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{Z}\{x[n-k]\}_{k<0} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x[n-k]z^{-n} = z^{-k} \sum_{m=-k}^{\infty} x[m]z^{-m} = z^{-k} \left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} x[m]z^{-m} - \sum_{m=0}^{|k|} x[m]z^{-m} \right) = \\ &= z^{-k} X(z) - z^{-k} \sum_{m=0}^{|k|} x[m]z^{-m}\end{aligned}$$

4. Multiplication in time

$$\mathcal{Z}\{nx[n]\} = -z \frac{dX}{dz}$$

Proof:

$$\frac{dX}{dz} = -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} nx[n]z^{-n-1} = -\frac{1}{z} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} nx[n]z^{-n} = -\frac{1}{z} \mathcal{Z}\{nx[n]\}$$

5. Limits

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

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x[n]z^{-n} = x[0] + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x[n]z^{-n} \Leftrightarrow \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} X(z) = x[0]$$

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Properties:

6. Convolution of discrete signals

$$\mathcal{Z}\{x[n] * y[n]\} = X(z) \cdot Y(z)$$

Proof:

$$X(z) \cdot Y(z) = \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x[n] z^{-n} \right) \left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} y[m] z^{-m} \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} x[n] y[m] z^{-n-m}$$

$$n + m = p \Rightarrow n = p - m$$

$$X(z) \cdot Y(z) = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} x[p-m] y[m] z^{-p} = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} x[p-m] y[m] \right) z^{-p} \quad [*]$$

$$\text{Let: } s[p] = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} x[p-m] y[m] \stackrel{\Delta}{=} x[p] * y[p]$$

$$\text{From [*] we write: } X(z) \cdot Y(z) = S(z).$$

In other words:

$$\mathcal{Z}\{x[n] * y[n]\} = X(z) \cdot Y(z)$$

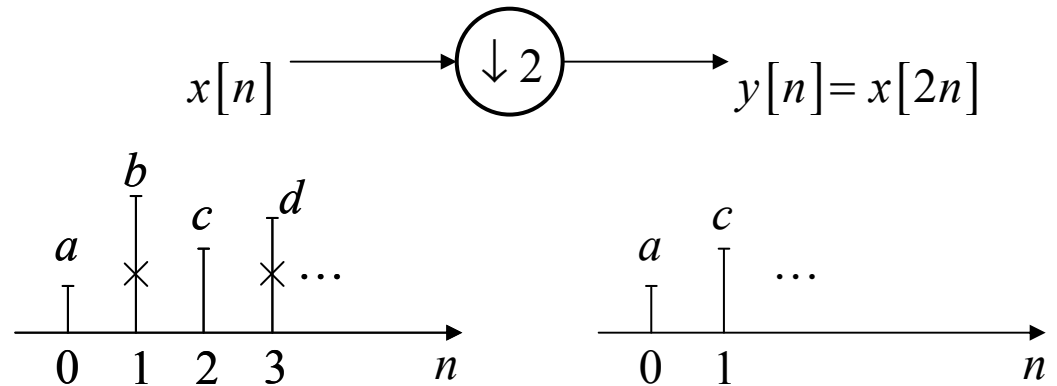
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Properties:

6. Downsampling

Let: $y[n] = x[2n]$

In \mathcal{Z} : $Y(z) = \frac{1}{2} [X(z^{1/2}) + X(-z^{1/2})]$



Proof:

$$\text{Let: } X_e(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x[2n]z^{-n} \text{ and } X_o(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x[2n+1]z^{-n}$$

$$\text{We notice that: } Y(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} y[n]z^{-n} = X_e(z)$$

$$\text{Also: } X(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x[n]z^{-n} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} x[2m]z^{-2m} + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} x[2m+1]z^{-2m-1} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$X(z) = X_e(z^2) + z^{-1}X_o(z^2) \quad [*]$$

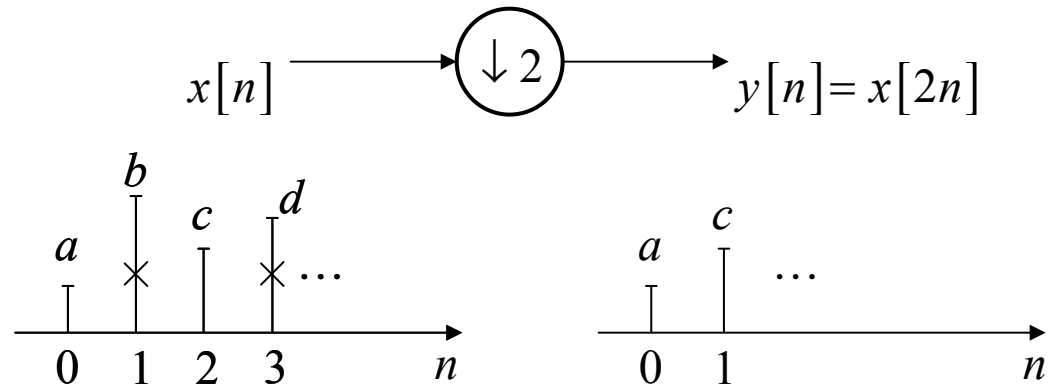
Replace $z \rightarrow -z$:

$$X(z) = X_e(z^2) - z^{-1}X_o(z^2) \quad [**]$$

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Properties:

6. Downsampling (contd.)



From $[*]$ and $[**]$ it results:

$$X_e(z^2) = \frac{1}{2} [X(z) + X(-z)] \Rightarrow X_e(z) = Y(z) = \frac{1}{2} [X(z^{1/2}) + X(-z^{1/2})]$$

We also deduce that:

$$X_o(z^2) = \frac{z}{2} [X(z) - X(-z)] \Rightarrow X_o(z) = \frac{z^{1/2}}{2} [X(z^{1/2}) - X(-z^{1/2})]$$

- $X_e(z)$, $X_o(z)$ represent the Z-transforms of **the even and odd phases** of the input signal $x[n]$

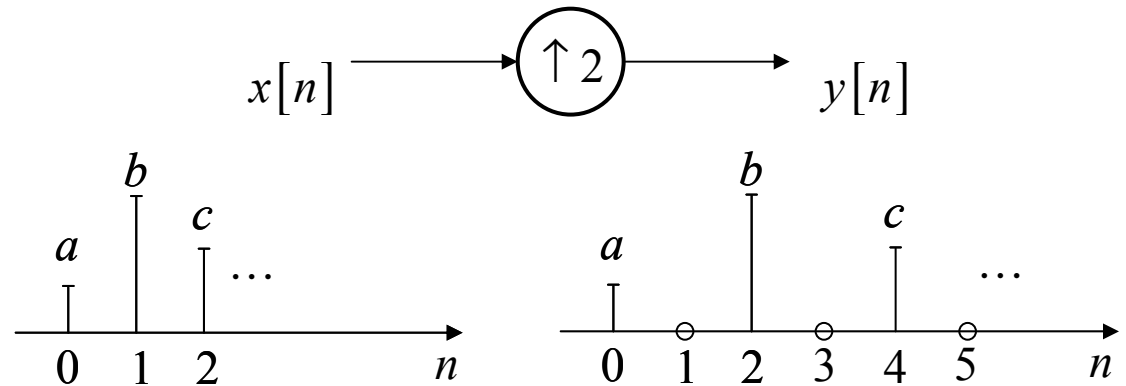
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Properties:

7. Upsampling

$$y[2n] = x[n]; \quad y[2n+1] = 0$$

In \mathcal{Z} : $Y(z) = X(z^2)$



Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} Y(z) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} y[n] z^{-n} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} y[2m] z^{-2m} + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} y[2m+1] z^{-2m-1} = \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} x[m] z^{-2m} + 0 = X(z^2) \end{aligned}$$

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8. Z-transforms of a few classical functions

Transform:	Convergence Radius:
$\mathcal{Z}\{\delta[n]\}=1$	1
$\mathcal{Z}\{u[n]\}=\frac{z}{z-1}$	1
$\mathcal{Z}\{\delta_T[n]\}=\frac{z}{z-1}$	1
$\mathcal{Z}\{n\}=\frac{z}{(z-1)^2}$	1
$\mathcal{Z}\{a^n\}=\frac{z}{z-a}$	$ a $
$\mathcal{Z}\{e^{-an}\}=\frac{z}{z-e^{-a}}$	e^{-a}
$\mathcal{Z}\{\sin \omega n\}=\frac{z \sin \omega}{z^2-2z \cos \omega+1}$	1
$\mathcal{Z}\{\cos \omega n\}=\frac{z(z-\cos \omega)}{z^2-2z \cos \omega+1}$	1

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Poles and zeros

- Let $X(z)$ be a fraction of the form:

$$X(z) = \frac{A(z)}{B(z)} = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^p \alpha_k z^{-k}}{\sum_{k=0}^q \beta_k z^{-k}} \quad [*]$$

where $A(z)$ and $B(z)$ are polynomials in z of orders p and q respectively.

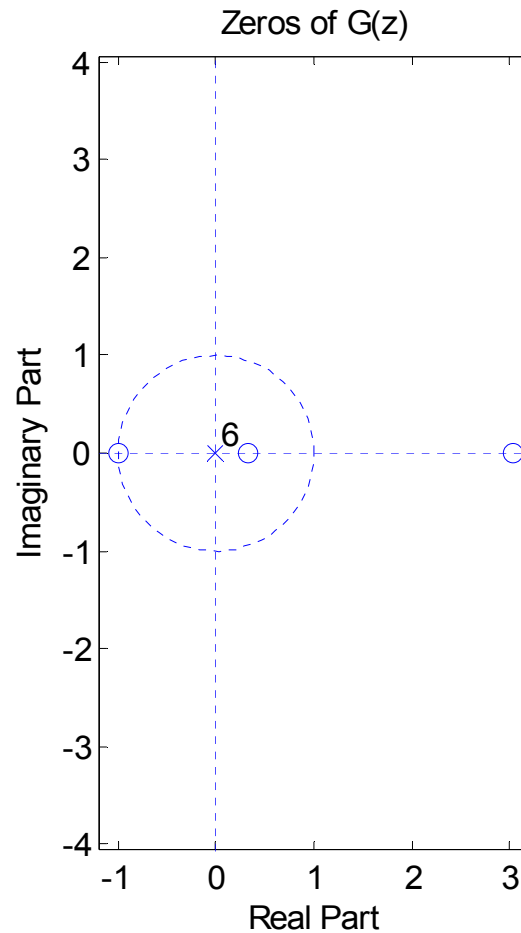
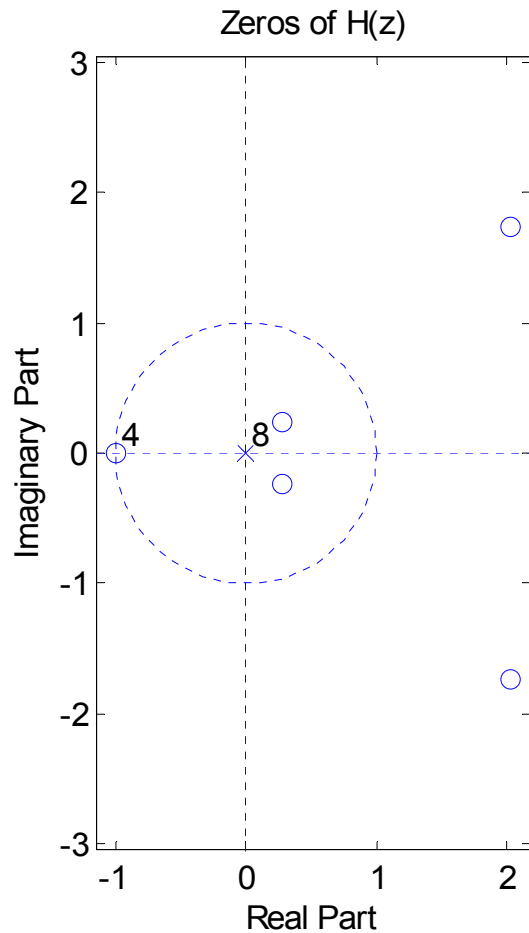
- The values z_p for which $A(z_p) = 0$ are called **the zeros** of $X(z)$
- The values z_p for which $B(z_p) = 0$ are called **the poles** of $X(z)$
- It can be shown that $[*]$ corresponds to the Z-transform of a *causal signal* if $p \leq q$
- Deriving the inverse Z-transform can be made using various methods. The most common is the factorization in simple fractions that correspond to known inverse transforms. Example:

$$X(z) = \frac{Az}{(z-a)} + \frac{Bz}{(z-a)^2} \Leftrightarrow x[n] = Aa^n + Bna^{n-1}$$

- in this example a is a *pole of order two*

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Poles and zeros



Zeros of H(z)

$2.0311 + 1.7390i$
 $2.0311 - 1.7390i$
 $-1.0001 + 0.0001i$
 $-1.0001 - 0.0001i$
 $-0.9999 + 0.0001i$
 $-0.9999 - 0.0001i$
 $0.2841 + 0.2432i$
 $0.2841 - 0.2432i$

Zeros of G(z)

3.0407
 $-1.0010 + 0.0010i$
 $-1.0010 - 0.0010i$
 $-0.9990 + 0.0010i$
 $-0.9990 - 0.0010i$
 0.3289



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Two-Channel Filter Banks

- Downsampling a signal by 2:

$$X'(z) = \frac{1}{2} \left[X(z^{1/2}) + X(-z^{1/2}) \right]$$

- Upsampling by 2:

$$X''(z) = X'(z^2)$$

- Analysis

$$Y_H(z) = \frac{1}{2} \left[H(z^{1/2}) \cdot X(z^{1/2}) + H(-z^{1/2}) \cdot X(-z^{1/2}) \right]$$

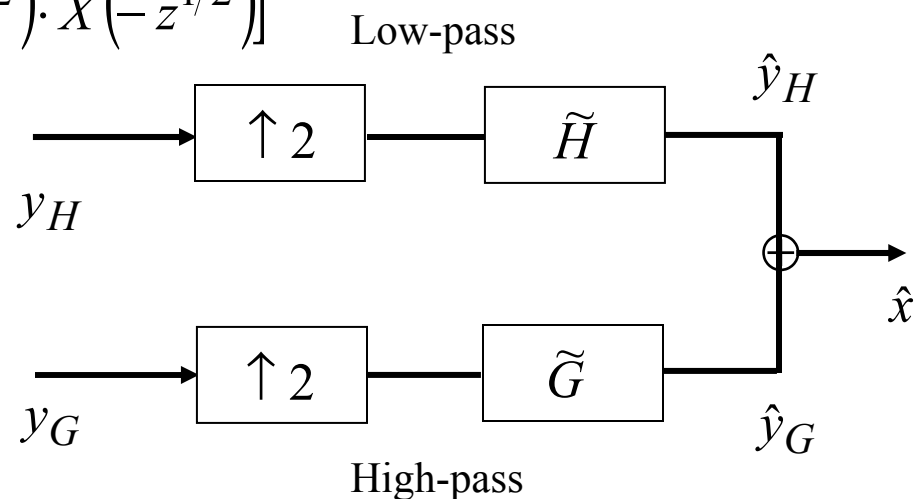
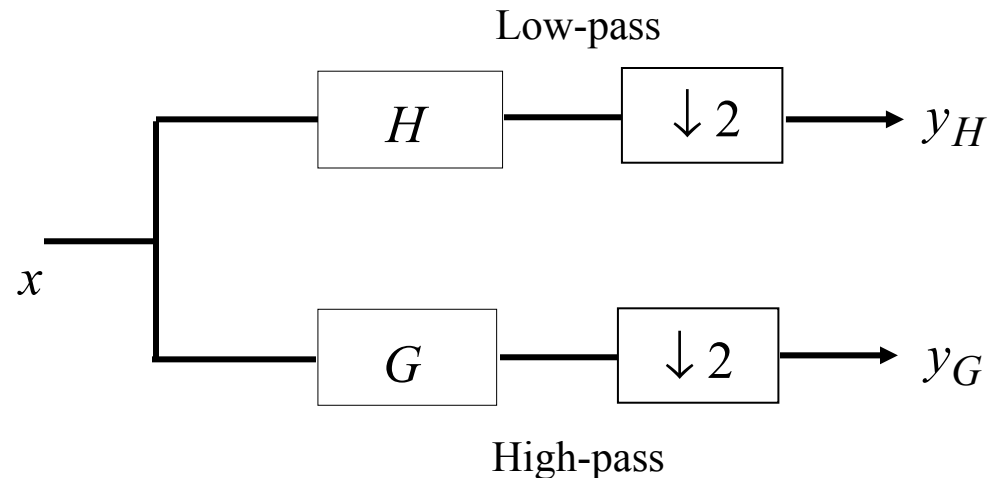
$$Y_G(z) = \frac{1}{2} \left[G(z^{1/2}) \cdot X(z^{1/2}) + G(-z^{1/2}) \cdot X(-z^{1/2}) \right]$$

- Synthesis

$$\hat{Y}_H(z) = \tilde{H}(z) \cdot Y_H(z^2)$$

$$\hat{Y}_G(z) = \tilde{G}(z) \cdot Y_G(z^2)$$

$$\hat{X}(z) = \hat{Y}_H(z) + \hat{Y}_G(z)$$



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$$\hat{Y}_H(z) = \frac{1}{2} \tilde{H}(z) \cdot [H(z) \cdot X(z) + H(-z) \cdot X(-z)]$$

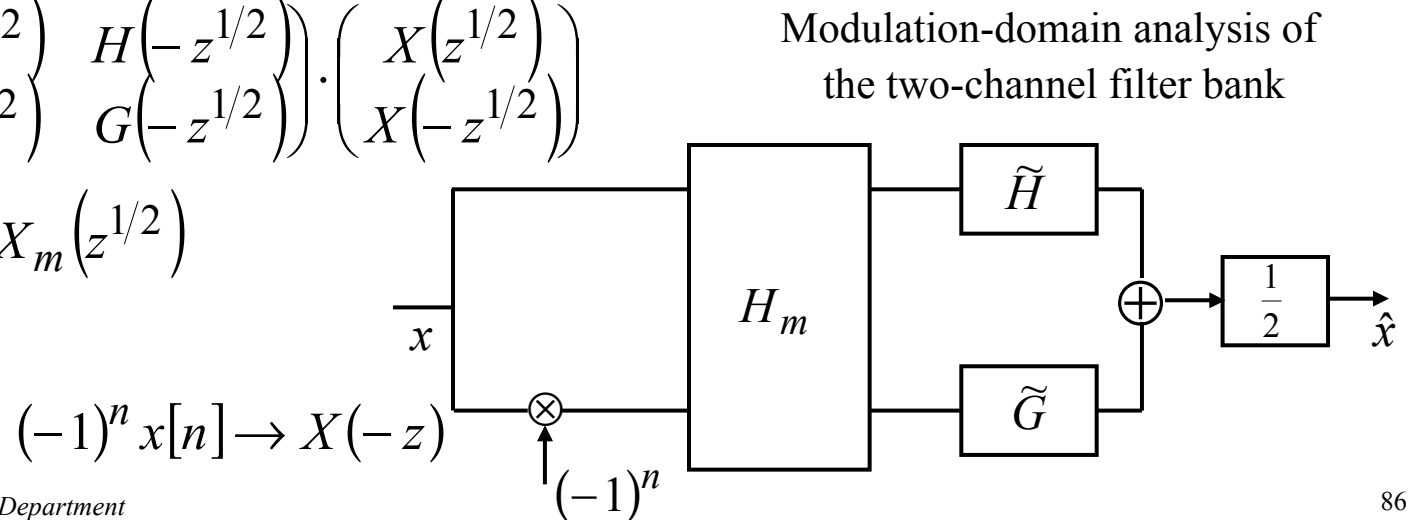
$$\hat{Y}_G(z) = \frac{1}{2} \tilde{G}(z) \cdot [G(z) \cdot X(z) + G(-z) \cdot X(-z)]$$

$$\hat{X}(z) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{H}(z) & \tilde{G}(z) \end{pmatrix} \cdot \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} H(z) & H(-z) \\ G(z) & G(-z) \end{pmatrix}}_{H_m(z)} \cdot \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} X(z) \\ X(-z) \end{pmatrix}}_{X_m(z)}$$

$H_m(z)$ is the analysis *modulation matrix*

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y_H(z) \\ Y_G(z) \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} H(z^{1/2}) & H(-z^{1/2}) \\ G(z^{1/2}) & G(-z^{1/2}) \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} X(z^{1/2}) \\ X(-z^{1/2}) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Y(z) = \frac{1}{2} H_m(z^{1/2}) \cdot X_m(z^{1/2})$$



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Perfect Reconstruction Condition

$$\hat{X}(z) = X(z) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \tilde{H}(z) \cdot H(z) + \tilde{G}(z) \cdot G(z) = 2 \\ \tilde{H}(z) \cdot H(-z) + \tilde{G}(z) \cdot G(-z) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Matrix notation:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{H}(z) & \tilde{G}(z) \end{pmatrix} \cdot H_m(z) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Transpose, and multiply by $\left(H_m^T(z)\right)^{-1}$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{H}(z) \\ \tilde{G}(z) \end{pmatrix} = \frac{2}{\det(H_m(z))} \begin{pmatrix} G(-z) \\ -H(-z) \end{pmatrix}$$

Define $P(z)$ as:

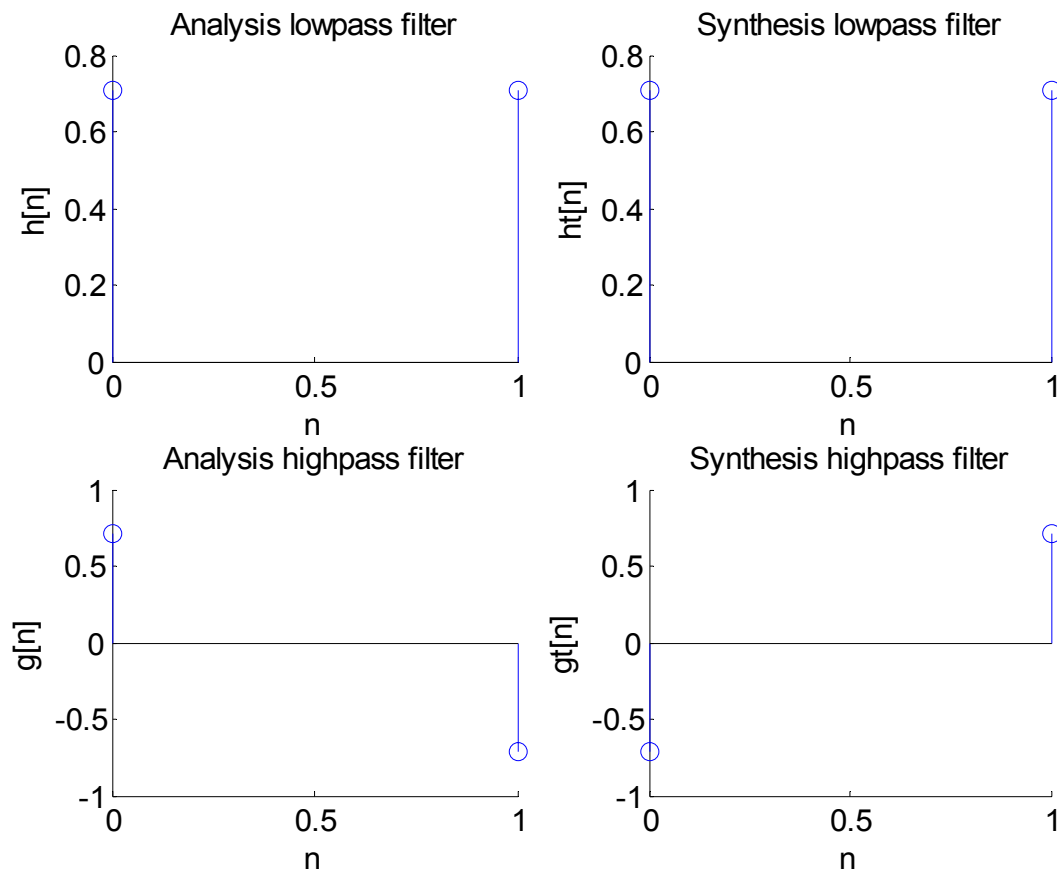
$$P(z) = \tilde{H}(z) \cdot H(z) = \frac{2}{\det(H_m(z))} H(z) \cdot G(-z)$$

$$\tilde{G}(z) \cdot G(z) = \frac{-2}{\det(H_m(z))} H(-z) \cdot G(z) = P(-z), \text{ because } \det(H_m(z)) = -\det(H_m(-z))$$

Perfect reconstruction condition: $P(z) + P(-z) = 2$

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Example of a two-channel filter bank achieving perfect reconstruction



Haar filter bank

Analysis filters

$$h[n] = \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \mid n = 0, 1 \right\}$$

$$g[n] = \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \mid n = 0, 1 \right\}$$

Synthesis filters

$$ht[n] = \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \mid n = 0, 1 \right\}$$

$$gt[n] = \left\{ -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \mid n = 0, 1 \right\}$$