

# Lecture 17: Forward Z transform

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— Recall from 2714 the Eigen function for DT systems is the signal  $z^n$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}$

$$x[n] = z^n \rightarrow \boxed{h[n]} \rightarrow y[n] = h[n] * x[n]$$

•  $H(z)$  is the bilateral Z-transform of  $h[n]$

•  $H(z)$  is the Eigen value associated with  $z^n$ , called Transfer Function.

• The value of  $z$  for which the sum converges is the Region of Convergence (ROC)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} h[m] x[n-m] \\ &= \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} h[m] z^{n-m} \\ &= z^n \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} h[m] z^{-m} \equiv z^n H(z) \end{aligned}$$

— Notation. We can take the Z-transform for any DT signal. we write

$$x[n] \xrightarrow{Z} X(z) \quad \text{or} \quad X(z) = Z\{x[n]\}$$

— Example:  $x[n] = (\gamma)^n u[n]$   $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ .

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

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\gamma)^n z^{-n} \quad \text{since } x[n] \text{ is causal}$$

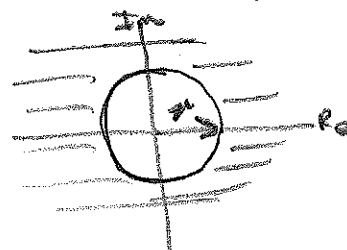
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\gamma z^{-1})^n = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\gamma z^{-1})^{N+1} - (\gamma z^{-1})^0}{(\gamma z^{-1}) - 1} \quad \text{by power series}$$

$$\text{If } |\gamma z^{-1}| < 1 \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (\gamma z^{-1})^{N+1} \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow |\gamma z^{-1}| < 1$$

$$\frac{|\gamma|}{|z|} < 1 \Rightarrow |z| > |\gamma|$$

$$\text{AND } X(z) = \frac{-1}{(\gamma z^{-1}) - 1} = \frac{1}{1 - \gamma z^{-1}} = \frac{z}{z - \gamma} \quad \text{for } |z| > |\gamma|$$

the ROC,



• Note: It will be convenient to write Z-transforms in terms of  $z$  or  $z^{-1}$ . They are equivalent.

— Note in previous example if  $r=1$  then  $x[n] = u[n]$   
and  $Z\{u[n]\} = \frac{z}{z-1}$

— Compare the previous example to the DTFT

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{X}(e^{j\omega}) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] e^{-j\omega n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (r)^n e^{-j\omega n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (r e^{-j\omega})^n \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(r e^{-j\omega})^{N+1} - (r e^{-j\omega})^0}{r e^{-j\omega} - 1} \end{aligned}$$

Again if  $|r e^{-j\omega}| < 1$  then  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (r e^{-j\omega})^{N+1} \rightarrow 0$ .

$\frac{|r|}{|e^{j\omega}|} < 1 \Rightarrow |r| < 1$  thus DTFT only exists for  $|r| < 1$ .

$$\underline{X}(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{-1}{r e^{-j\omega} - 1} = \frac{1}{1 - r e^{-j\omega}} = \frac{e^{j\omega}}{e^{j\omega} - r} \quad \text{for } |r| < 1.$$

• This provides some intuition as to why the Z-transform exists for a broader class of signals.

Let  $z = r e^{j\omega}$  then  $z^{-n} = r^{-n} e^{-j\omega n}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (r)^n z^{-n} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (r)^n r^{-n} e^{-j\omega n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{r}{r}\right)^n e^{-j\omega n} \\ &= \text{DTFT of } \left(\frac{r}{r}\right)^n \end{aligned}$$

the radius of complex  $z$  allows us to force the DTFT to converge. The values this holds for is the ROC.

— When the signal is causal the sum is always truncated to start at 0 and we have the unilateral (one-sided) Z-transform

$$\underline{Z}_2\{x[n]\} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] z^{-n}$$

$$\underline{Z}_1\{x[n]\} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x[n] z^{-n}$$

Bilateral / two-sided

Unilateral / one-sided

- Example  $x[n] = (r)^{|n|}$

$$Z_2 \{x[n]\} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] z^{-n} = \underbrace{\sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} (r^{-1})^n z^{-n}}_{\text{anticausal component}} + \underbrace{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n z^{-n}}_{\text{causal component.}}$$

• Focusing on anticausal

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} (r^{-1})^n z^{-n} &= \sum_{n=+1}^{\infty} (r^{-1})^{-n} z^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (r z)^n \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(r z)^{N+1} - (r z)^1}{(r z) - 1} \end{aligned}$$

If  $|r z| < 1$  then  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (r z)^{N+1} \rightarrow 0$  this implies  $|r||z| < 1$   
 $|z| < \frac{1}{|r|}$

$$= \frac{-r z}{r z - 1} = \frac{r z}{1 - r z} \quad \text{for } |z| < \frac{1}{|r|}$$

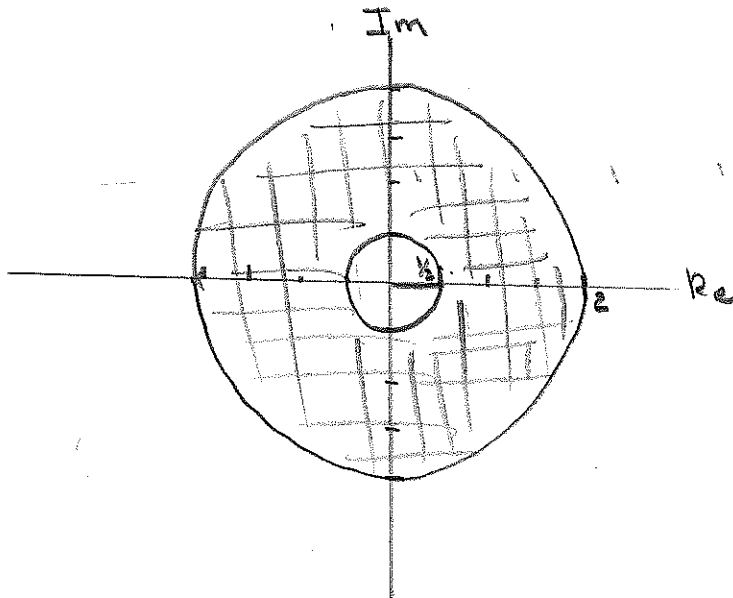


• Causal component is same as before AND

$$X(z) = \frac{r z}{1 - r z} + \frac{z}{z - r} \quad \text{for } |r| < |z| < \frac{1}{|r|}$$

Intersection of ROCs  
Forms a ring

Consider  $r = \frac{1}{2}$  then  $\frac{1}{r} = 2$  and ROC is



NOTE: If all signals are causal, we can neglect the ROC, similar to Laplace.

If not then have to keep anticausal and causal separate and carry ROC through.

- Example:  $x[n] = 5\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n u[n] + 6(2)^n u[n]$

• Since signal is causal we use the unilateral transform

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x[n] z^{-n} = 5 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n z^{-n} + 6 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2)^n z^{-n}$$

$$= \frac{5z}{z - \frac{1}{4}} + \frac{6z}{z - 2}$$

$|z| > \frac{1}{4} \cap |z| > 2$   
gives

$|z| > 2$  as ROC.

- Example  $x[n] = \delta[n]$

$$\mathcal{Z}\{x[n]\} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \delta[n] z^{-n} = z^{-0} = 1. \quad \text{ROC is entire } \mathbb{C} \text{ plane.}$$

- Example:  $x[n] = u[n] - u[n-M] \quad M \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{M-1} z^{-n} = \frac{(z^{-1})^M - (z^{-1})^0}{(z^{-1}) - 1} = \frac{z^{-M} - 1}{z^{-1} - 1} = \frac{1 - z^{-M}}{1 - z^{-1}}$$

$$= \frac{z^M - 1}{z^M - z^{M-1}} = \frac{z^M - 1}{z^{M-1}(z - 1)}$$

ROC is entire  $\mathbb{C}$  plane.

- Example:  $x[n] = e^{j\omega_0 n} u[n]$

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (e^{j\omega_0})^n z^{-n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (e^{j\omega_0} z^{-1})^n$$

$$= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(e^{j\omega_0} z^{-1})^{N+1} - (e^{j\omega_0} z^{-1})^0}{e^{j\omega_0} z^{-1} - 1}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{e^{j\omega_0} z^{-1} - 1}$$

$$1 + |e^{j\omega_0} z^{-1}| < 1$$

$$\frac{|e^{j\omega_0}|}{|z|} < 1 \Rightarrow |z| > 1$$

$$= \frac{z}{z - e^{j\omega_0}} \quad |z| > 1$$

- This result allows us to derive  $Z\{\cos(\omega_0 n)u[n]\}$

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$$Z\{\cos(\omega_0 n)u[n]\} = Z\left\{\frac{1}{2}e^{j\omega_0 n}u[n] + \frac{1}{2}e^{-j\omega_0 n}u[n]\right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{j\omega_0 n} z^{-n} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-j\omega_0 n} z^{-n}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{z}{z - e^{j\omega_0}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{z}{z - e^{-j\omega_0}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{z(z - e^{-j\omega_0}) + z(z - e^{j\omega_0})}{(z - e^{j\omega_0})(z - e^{-j\omega_0})} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{z^2 - ze^{-j\omega_0} + z^2 - ze^{j\omega_0}}{z^2 - ze^{j\omega_0} - ze^{-j\omega_0} + 1} \right]$$

$$= \frac{z(z - \cos(\omega_0))}{z^2 - 2\cos(\omega_0)z + 1} \quad ||z| > 1$$

\* the PS for this week asks you to derive  $Z\{\sin(\omega_0 n)u[n]\}$

- Example: Determine the Z transform of  $x[n] = (\frac{1}{2})^n u[n] * u[n]$   
where  $*$  denotes convolution.

Approach #1: perform convolution and take Z transform.

Approach #2: let's first derive the convolution property of Z transform.

- Convolution property of unilateral Z transform.

Given two causal signals  $x_1[n]$ ,  $x_2[n]$

their convolution  $x_1[n] * x_2[n]$  is a causal signal

given by

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} x_1[m] x_2[n-m] \quad \text{for } n \geq 0$$

The  $z$  transform is  $= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x_1[n] * x_2[n]) z^{-n}$

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$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} x_1[m] x_2[n-m] z^{-n}$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} x_1[m] \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x_2[n-m] z^{-n}$$

Let  $k = n - m$   
 $n = k + m$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} x_1[m] z^{-m} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x_2[k] z^{-k}$$

$$= X_1(z) \cdot X_2(z)$$

— returning to our example let  $x_1[n] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[n]$   $x_2[n] = u[n]$

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

$$= \frac{z}{z - \frac{1}{2}} \cdot \frac{z}{z - 1} \quad \text{for } |z| > 1$$

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

Note: if  $x_1[n] = h[n]$  the impulse response of a causal LTI system and  $x_2[n] = u[n]$  is the input then.

$$z\{h[n]\} = H(z) = \frac{z}{z - \frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{is the transfer function}$$

$$z\{u[n]\} = X_2(z) = \frac{z}{z - 1} \quad \text{is the input}$$

if output  $y[n] = h[n] * x[n]$  then

$$Y(z) = H(z) X_2(z) = \frac{z^2}{z^2 - \frac{3}{2}z + \frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{is the } z\text{-transform of the step response.}$$