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Fourier transform shortcomings

- There are *two* shortcomings to the Fourier transform approach
 - Many useful signals u(n) and nu(n) does not exist in the discrete-time Fourier transform
 - The transient response of a system due to initial conditions or due to changing inputs cannot be computed using the discrete-time Fourier transform approach

- An essential tool for the analysis of discrete-time systems
- A transformation that maps or transforms a discrete-time signal x(k) into a function X(z) of a complex variable z.

$$X(z) = Z \lceil x(n) \rceil$$



• The difference-equation can be converted to a simple algebraic equation which is readily solved for the Z-transform of the output *Y* (*z*)

• Important qualitative features of discrete-time systems also can be obtained with the help of the Z-transform.

- A discrete-time system is *stable* if and only if every bounded input signal is guaranteed to produce a bounded output signal
 - Stability is an essential characteristic of practical digital filters, and the easiest way to establish stability is with the Z-transform

- The Z-transform is a powerful tool that is useful for analyzing and solving linear discrete-time systems.
 - Its bilateral (or two-sided) version provides another domain in which a larger class of sequences and systems can be analysed
 - Its unilateral (or one-sided) version can be used to obtain system responses with initial conditions or changing inputs.

• The *Z-transform* of a discrete-time signal x(n) is a function X(z) of a complex variable z defined

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

• The set of z values for which X(z) exists is called the *region of* convergence (ROC)

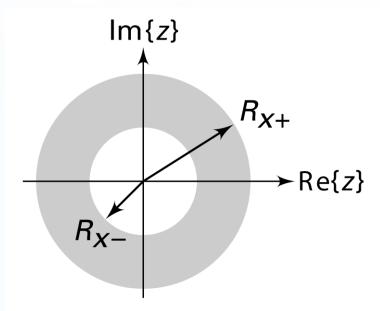
$$R_{x-} < |z| < R_{x+}$$

• The inverse z-transform of a complex function X(z) is given by

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

• C is a **counterclockwise contour** encircling the origin and lying in the ROC.

- The complex variable z is called the *complex frequency* given by $z = |z/e^{j\omega}$, where |z| is the magnitude and ω is the real frequency
- The shape of the ROC is an open ring



• R_{x-} may be equal to zero and/or R_{x+} could possibly be ∞ .

- If $R_{x+} < R_{x-}$, then the ROC is a *null space* and the *z*-transform *does* not exist.
- The function |z| = 1 (or $z = e^{j\omega}$) is a circle of unit radius in the z-plane and is called the *unit circle*.
- If the ROC contains the unit circle, then we can evaluate X(z) on the unit circle.

$$X(z)\Big|_{z=e^{j\omega}} = X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(n)e^{-j\omega} = F[x(n)]$$

• the discrete-time Fourier transform $X(e^{j\omega})$ may be viewed as a special case of the *z*-transform X(z)

A positive-time sequence

- Let $x_1(n) = a^n u(n)$, $0 < |a| < \infty$.
- Then

$$X_{1}(z) = \sum_{0}^{\infty} a^{n} z^{-n} = \sum_{0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{a}{z}\right)^{n} = \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}}; \quad \text{if } \left|\frac{a}{z}\right| < 1$$

$$= \frac{z}{z - a}, \quad |z| > |a| \Rightarrow \text{ROC}_{1}: |a| < |z| < \infty$$

$$\underset{R_{x}}{\underset{R_{x}}{\longrightarrow}}$$

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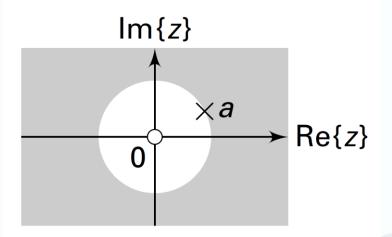
$$X_1(z) \square \frac{B(z)}{A(z)} = \frac{z}{z - a}$$

- B(z) = z is the numerator polynomial
- A(z) = z-a is the denominator polynomial
- The roots of B(z) are called the zeros of X(z)
- The roots of A(z) are called the *poles* of X(z).

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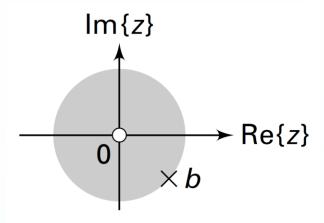
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- $X_1(z)$ has a zero at the origin z = 0 and a pole at z = a
- Hence $x_1(n)$ can also be represented by a *pole-zero diagram* in the z-plane in which zeros are denoted by O and poles by \times



A negative-time sequence

- Let $x_2(n) = -b^n u(-n-1)$, $0 < |b| < \infty$.
- Then



$$X_{2}(z) = -\sum_{-\infty}^{-1} b^{n} z^{-1} = -\sum_{-\infty}^{-1} \left(\frac{b}{z}\right)^{n} = -\sum_{1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z}{n}\right)^{n} = 1 - \sum_{0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z}{n}\right)^{n}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{1 - z/b} = \frac{z}{z - b}, \quad \text{ROC}_{2} : 0 < |z| < |b|$$

$$= R_{x-}$$

Comparing

- If b = a in both example, then $X_2(z) = X_1(z)$ except for their respective ROCs; that is, $ROC_1 = ROC_2$.
- This implies that the ROC is a distinguishing feature that guarantees the uniqueness of the *z*-transform

A two-sided sequence

- Let $x_3(n) = x_1(n) + x_2(n) = a^n u(n) b^n u(-n-1)$
- Using the preceding two examples

$$X_{3}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a^{n} z^{-1} - \sum_{-\infty}^{-1} b^{n} z^{-1}$$

$$= \left\{ \frac{z}{z-a}, ROC_{1} : |z| > |a| \right\} + \left\{ \frac{z}{z-b}, ROC_{2} : |z| < |b| \right\}$$

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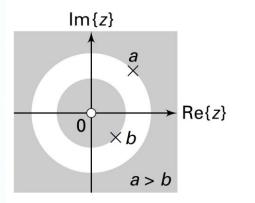
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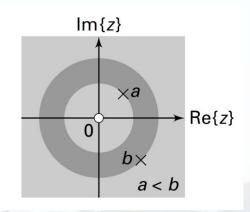
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- If |b| < |a|, than ROC₃ is a null space, and $X_3(z)$ does not exist.
- If |a| < |b|, then the ROC₃ is |a| < |z| < |b|, and $X_3(z)$ exists in this region









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