

# z Transform

EGC 113

$y[n]$

impulse response

# The z-Transform

- Counterpart of the Laplace transform for discrete-time signals. Generalization of the Fourier Transform. Fourier Transform does not exist for all signals
- The z-Transform is often time more convenient to use

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



- Compare to DTFT definition:

$$y[n] = x[n] + 2y[n+1]$$

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

- $z$  is a complex variable that can be represented as  $z=re^{j\omega}$
- Substituting  $z=e^{j\omega}$  will reduce the z-transform to DTFT

$$y[n] = x[n] * h[n]$$
$$= \sum_k x[k] h[n-k]$$

$$Y(z) = X(z) H(z)$$

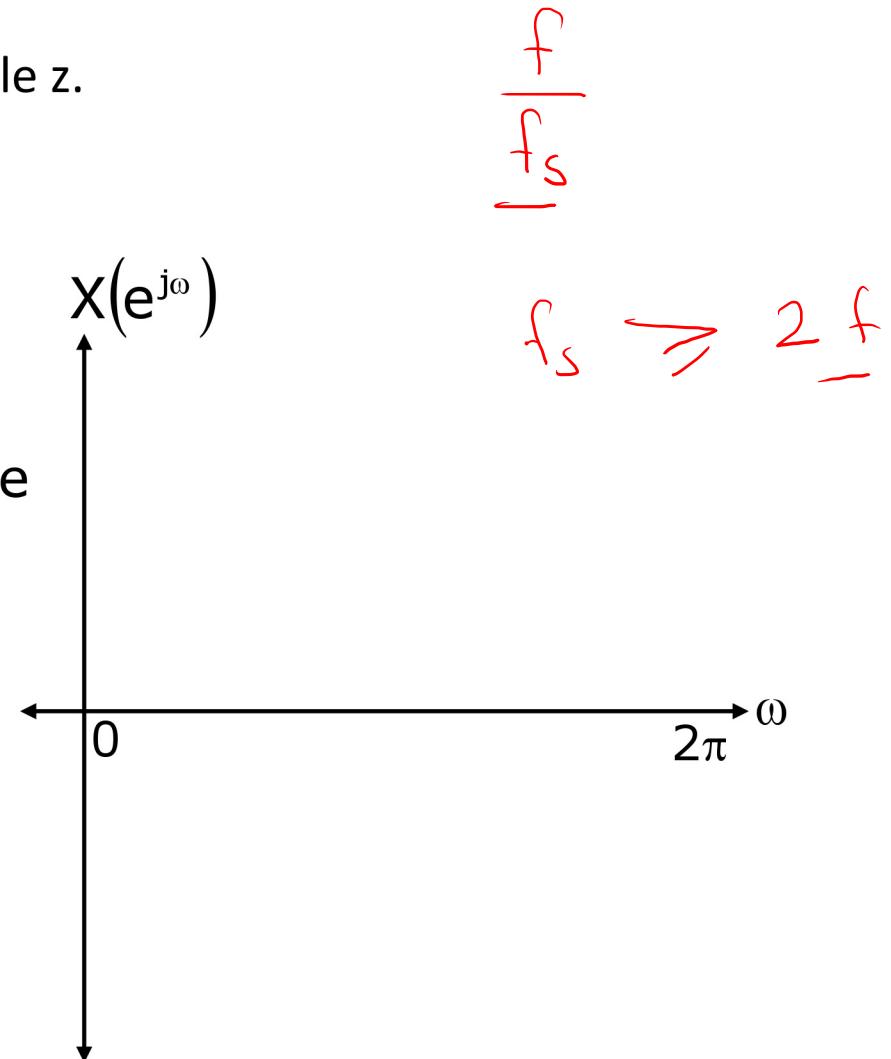
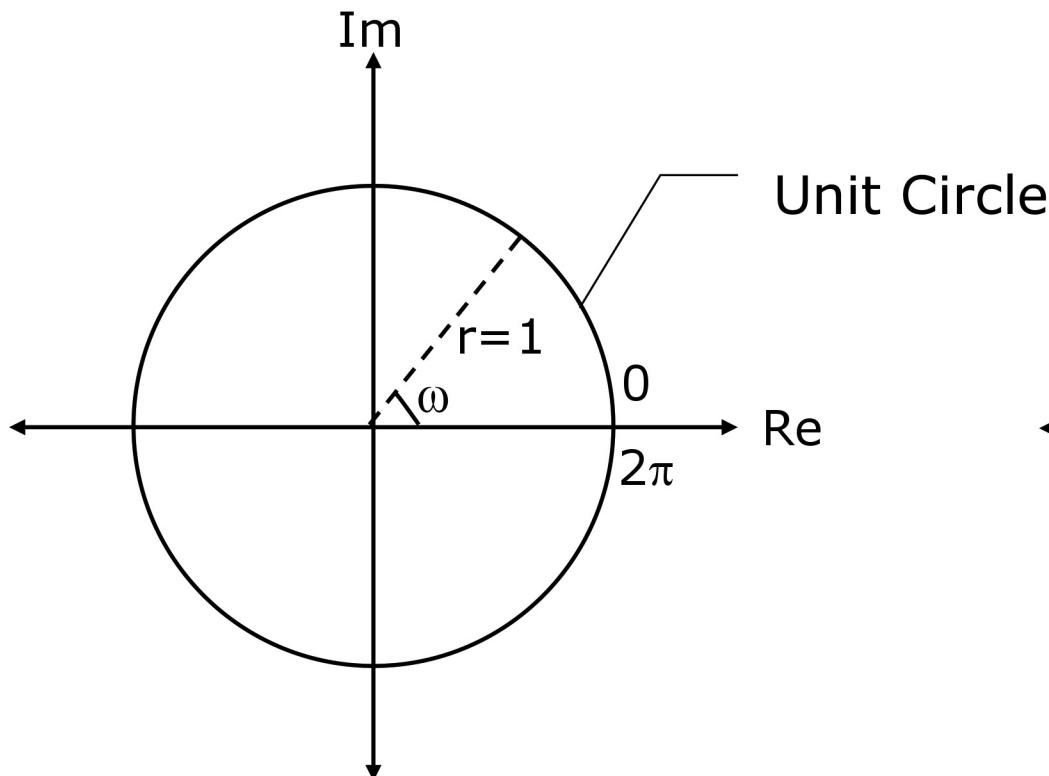
$$\int_{-\infty}^z$$

$$y(n)$$

# The z-transform and the DTFT

$$z = r e^{j\omega}$$

- The z-transform is a function of the complex variable z.
- Convenient to describe on the complex z-plane
- If we plot  $\underline{z} = e^{j\omega}$  for  $\omega=0$  to  $2\pi$  we get the unit circle



# Convergence of the z-Transform

- DTFT does not always converge

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

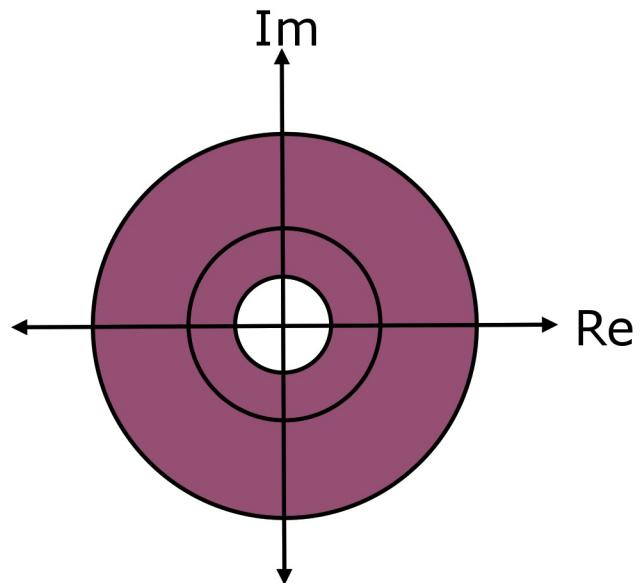
- Infinite sum not always finite if  $x[n]$  no absolute summable
- Example:  $x[n] = a^n u[n]$  for  $|a| > 1$  does not have a DTFT

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

- Complex variable  $z$  can be written as  $re^{j\omega}$  so the z-transform

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

# Region of Convergence



- Example: z-transform converges for values of  $a_1 < r < a_2$ 
  - ROC is shown on the left
  - In this example the ROC includes the unit circle, so DTFT exists
- ROC: The set of values of  $z$  for which the z-transform converges.
- Each value of  $r$  represents a circle of radius  $r$ . The region of convergence is made of circles.

# Right-Sided Exponential Sequence Example

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

- For Convergence we require

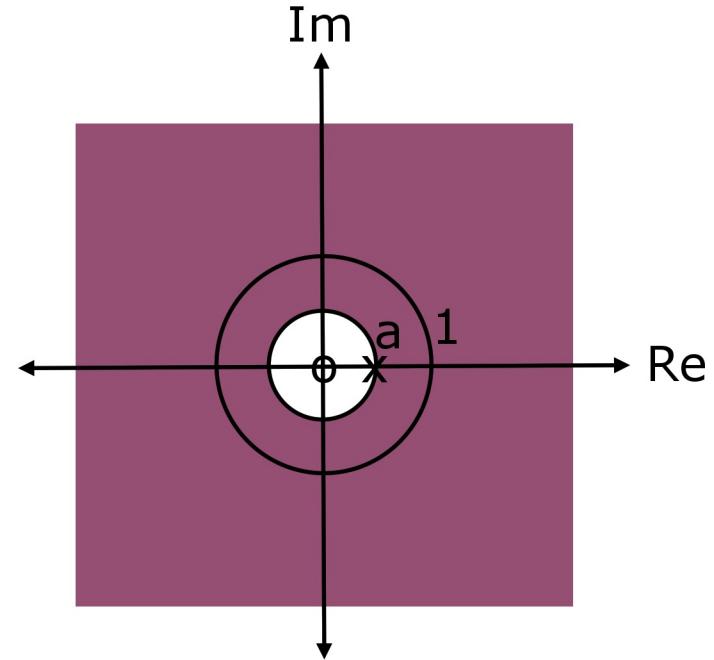
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |az^{-1}|^n < \infty$$

- Hence the ROC is defined as

$$|az^{-1}|^n < 1 \Rightarrow |z| > |a|$$

- Inside the ROC series converges to

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



- Region outside the circle of radius  $a$  is the ROC
- Right-sided sequence ROCs extend outside a circle

$$x[n] = \underbrace{a^n u[n]}_{x_1(z)} + \underbrace{x_2(z)}_{x_2(z)}$$

$$x_1(z) = \sum_n a^n u[n] z^{-n}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (az^+)^n = \boxed{\frac{1}{1-az^+}}$$

$$|az^+| < 1$$

$$\begin{cases} |a| < |z| \\ |z| > |a| \end{cases}$$

ROC

$$x_2[n] = a^{+n} u[-n+]$$

$$x_2(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} a^{-n} z^{-n} = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (az)^m$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (az)^m - 1 = \frac{1}{1-az} - 1 = \frac{1+az}{1-az} = \frac{az}{1-az}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{1-\bar{a}z^+}$$

$$x_3[n] = a^n u[-n-1]$$

$$= \frac{z}{a-z} = \frac{1}{az^{-1}-1} = \frac{-1}{1-az^{-1}}. \quad |z| < |\alpha|$$

$$x_1[n] = a^n u[n]$$

$$\boxed{x_1(z) = \frac{1}{1-az^{-1}}}$$

$$ROC_1 = |z| > |\alpha|.$$

$$\boxed{x_4[n] = -a^n u[-n-1]}$$

$$\boxed{x_4(z) = \frac{1}{1-az^{-1}}}$$

$$\boxed{ROC_4 \Rightarrow |z| < |\alpha|}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_4[n] = -\bar{a}^n \cup [-n-1]$$

$$X_4(z) = - \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} Q^n z^{-n} = - \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} (\bar{a}z^\dagger)^n$$

$$= - \left[ \frac{(\bar{a}z^\dagger)^{-\infty} - (\bar{a}z^\dagger)^0}{1 - \bar{a}z^\dagger} \right]$$

$$(\bar{a}z^\dagger)^\infty \rightarrow 0$$

$$|\bar{a}z^\dagger| < 1.$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - \bar{a}z^\dagger}$$

# Same Example Alternative Way

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

$$\sum_{n=N_1}^{N_2} \alpha^n = \frac{\alpha^{N_1} - \alpha^{N_2+1}}{1 - \alpha}$$
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (az^{-1})^n = \frac{(az^{-1})^0 - (az^{-1})^{\infty}}{1 - az^{-1}}$$
$$|z| > a$$

- For the term with infinite exponential to vanish we need

$$|az^{-1}| < 1 \Rightarrow |a| < |z|$$

- In the ROC the sum converges to

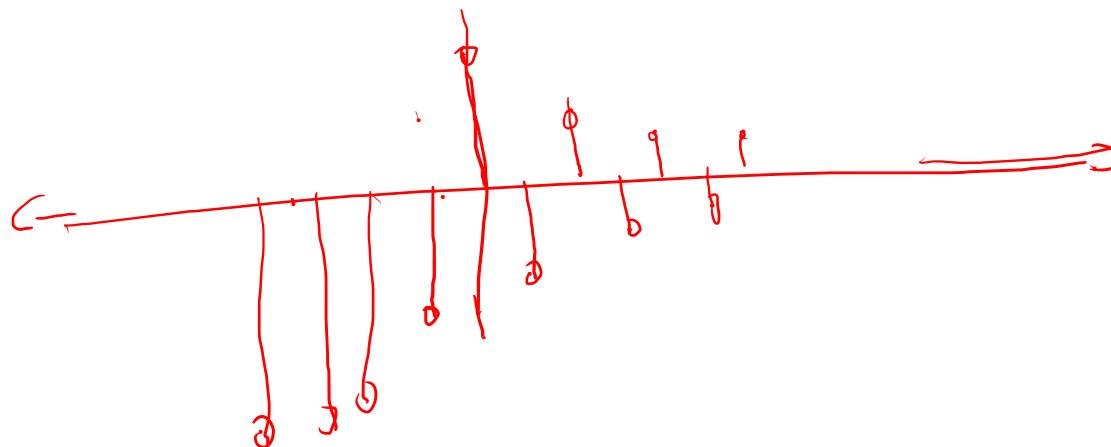
$$X(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (az^{-1})^n = \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}}$$

# Two-Sided Exponential Sequence Example

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{3}z^{-1}} + \frac{1}{1-2z^{-1}} \quad \frac{1}{3} < |z| < 2.$$

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

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



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

$$X_1(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{3}z^2} \quad |z| > \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

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

$$X_2(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} \quad |z| < \frac{1}{2}$$

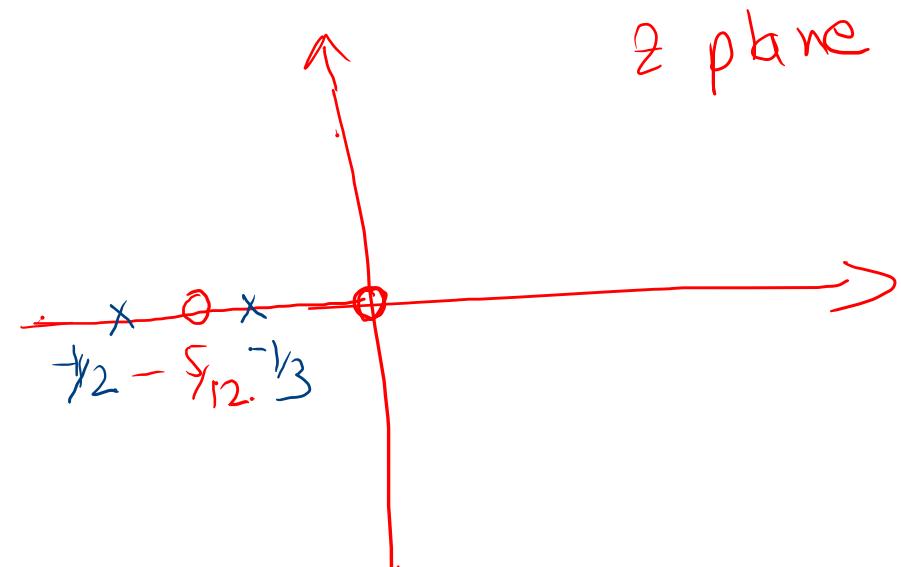
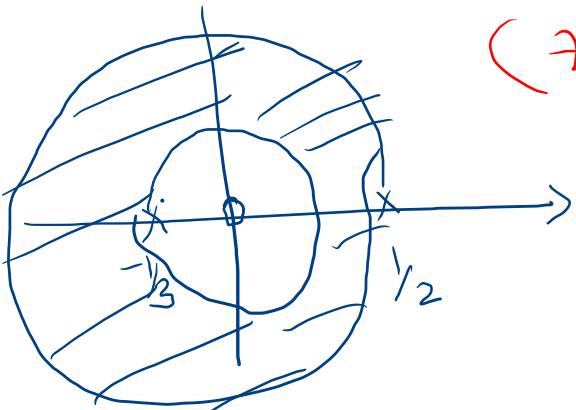
ROC

$$\frac{1}{3} < |z| < \frac{1}{2}$$

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

$$= \frac{z^2 + \frac{1}{2}z + z^2 + \frac{1}{3}z}{z^2 + \frac{5}{6}z + \frac{1}{6}} = \frac{2z^2 + \frac{5}{6}z}{(z + \frac{1}{3})(z + \frac{1}{2})}$$

$$= \frac{2z(z + \frac{5}{12})}{(z + \frac{1}{3})(z + \frac{1}{2})}$$



# Two-Sided Exponential Sequence Example

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

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{3}z^{-1}\right)^n = \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{3}z^{-1}\right)^0 - \left(-\frac{1}{3}z^{-1}\right)^{\infty}}{1 + \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}}$$

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

# Two-Sided Exponential Sequence Example

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}} + \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} = \frac{2z\left(z - \frac{1}{12}\right)}{\left(z + \frac{1}{3}\right)\left(z - \frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

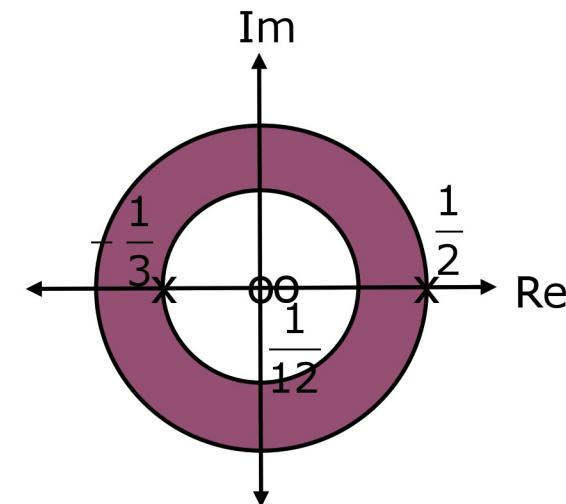
$$\text{ROC : } \left| -\frac{1}{3}z^{-1} \right| < 1$$

$$\frac{1}{3} < |z|$$

$$\text{ROC : } \left| \frac{1}{2}z^{-1} \right| > 1$$

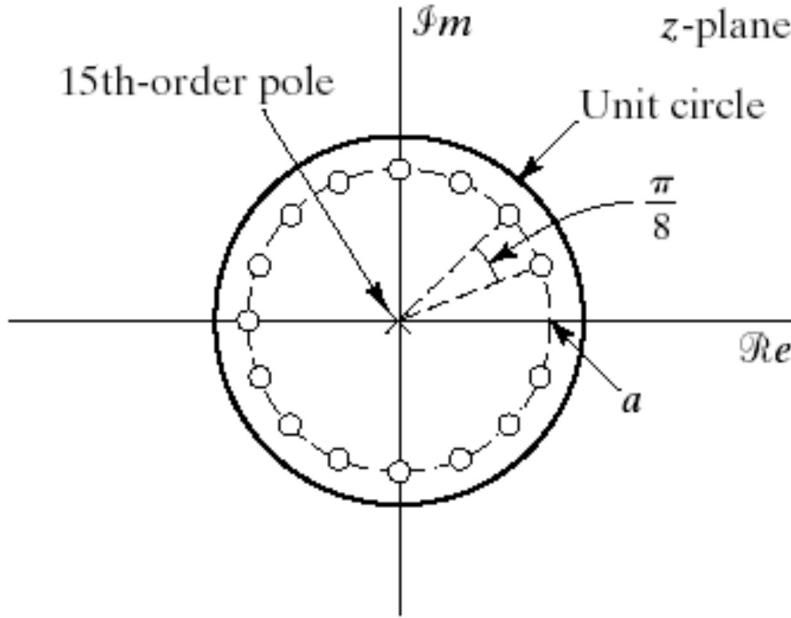
$$\frac{1}{2} > |z|$$

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# Finite Length Sequence

$$x[n] = \begin{cases} a^n & 0 \leq n \leq N - 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



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

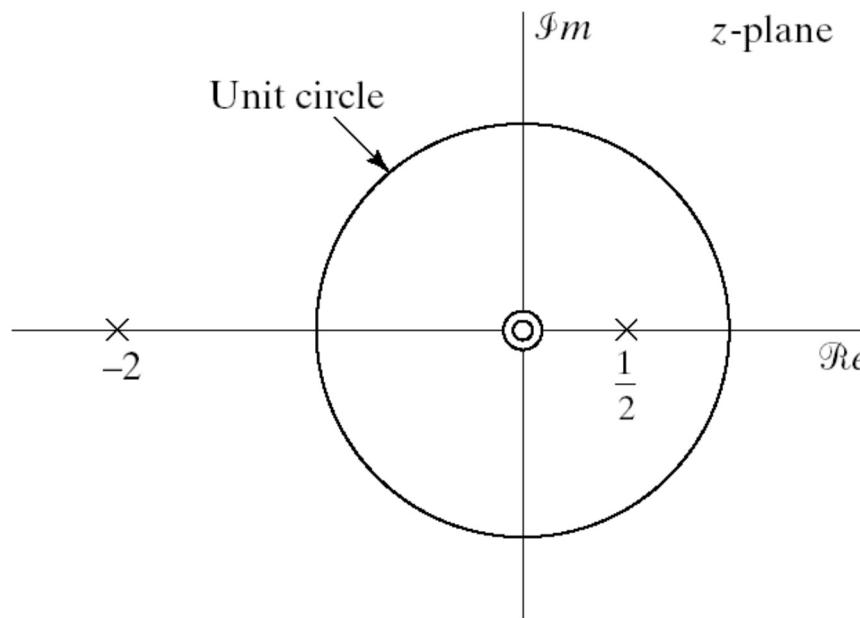
# Properties of The ROC of Z-Transform

- The ROC is a ring or disk centered at the origin
- DTFT exists if and only if the ROC includes the unit circle
- The ROC cannot contain any poles
- The ROC for finite-length sequence is the entire z-plane
  - except possibly  $z=0$  and  $z=\infty$
- The ROC for a right-handed sequence extends outward from the outermost pole possibly including  $z=\infty$
- The ROC for a left-handed sequence extends inward from the innermost pole possibly including  $z=0$
- The ROC of a two-sided sequence is a ring bounded by poles
- The ROC must be a connected region
- A z-transform does not uniquely determine a sequence without specifying the ROC

# Stability, Causality, and the ROC

- Consider a system with impulse response  $h[n]$
- The z-transform  $H(z)$  and the pole-zero plot shown below
- Without any other information  $h[n]$  is not uniquely determined
  - $|z|>2$  or  $|z|<\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{1}{2}<|z|<2$
- If system stable ROC must include unit-circle:  $\frac{1}{2}<|z|<2$
- If system is causal must be right sided:  $|z|>2$

- $$H(Z) = \frac{A}{(1+2z^{-1})(1-0.5z^{-1})}$$



# Properties of z Transform

| Property      | Sequence            | Transform           | ROC  |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|
|               | $x[n]$              | $X(z)$              | $R$  |
|               | $x_1[n]$            | $X_1(z)$            | $R_1$  |
|               | $x_2[n]$            | $X_2(z)$            | $R_2$  |
| Linearity     | $ax_1[n] + bx_2[n]$ | $aX_1(z) + bX_2(z)$ | At least the intersection of $R_1$ and $R_2$                   |
| Time shifting | $x[n - n_0]$        | $z^{-n_0} X(z)$     | $R$ except for the possible addition or deletion of the origin |

Initial Value Theorem  
If  $x[n] = 0$  for  $n < 0$ , then  
 $x[0] = \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} X(z)$

|                                       |   |                          |   |  |
|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|--|
| Time reversal                         | $x[-n]$   | $X(z^{-1})$              | Inverted $R$ (i.e., $R^{-1}$ = the set of points $z^{-1}$ where $z$ is in $R$ ) | $X(n) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[n]$ |
| Time expansion                        | $x_{(k)}[n] = \begin{cases} x[r], & n = rk \\ 0, & n \neq rk \end{cases}$<br>for some integer $r$ | $X(z^k)$                 | $R^{1/k}$<br>(i.e., the set of points $z^{1/k}$ where $z$ is in $R$ )           | $x[n] = x[-n]$                           |
| Conjugation                           | $x^*[n]$  | $X^*(z^*)$               | $R$   |  |
| Convolution                           | $x_1[n] * x_2[n]$   | $X_1(z)X_2(z)$           | At least the intersection of $R_1$ and $R_2$                                    |  |
| First difference                      | $x[n] - x[n - 1]$   | $(1 - z^{-1})X(z)$       | At least the intersection of $R$ and $ z  > 0$                                  |  |
| Accumulation                          | $\sum_{k=-\infty}^n x[k]$   | $\frac{1}{1-z^{-1}}X(z)$ | At least the intersection of $R$ and $ z  > 1$                                  |  |
| Differentiation<br>in the $z$ -Domain | $nx[n]$   | $-z \frac{dX(z)}{dz}$    | $R$   |  |

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

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} \quad \text{ROC: } |z| > \frac{1}{2}.$$

$$x_1[n] = x[-n]$$

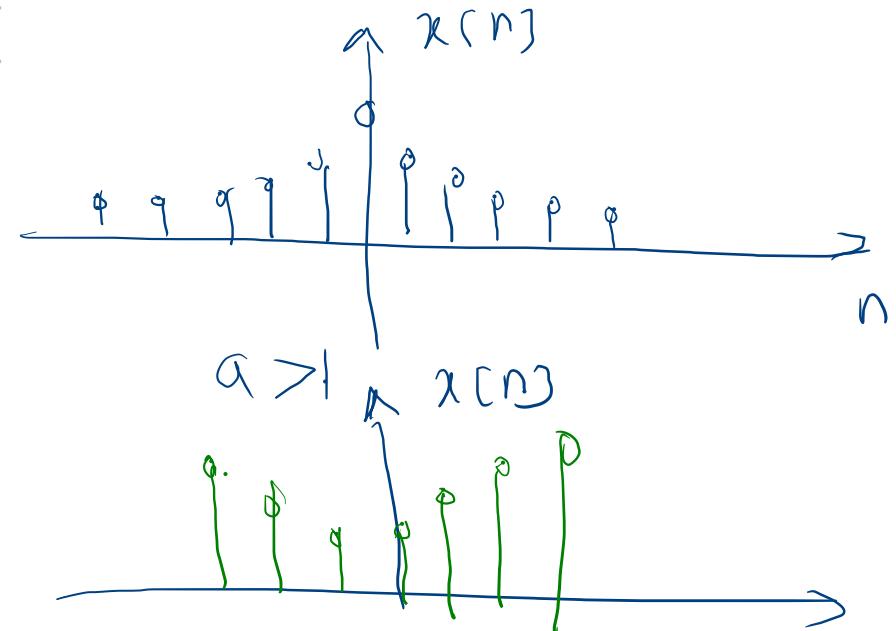
$$X(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} \quad \text{ROC: } |z| < \underline{2}$$

$$x[n] = \alpha^n u[n] \quad \alpha > 0$$

Table 4: Some Common  $z$ -Transform Pairs

| Signal                   | 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<br>0 (if $m > 0$ ) or<br>$\infty$ (if $m < 0$ ) |
| 5. $\alpha^n u[n]$       | $\frac{1}{1-\alpha z^{-1}}$                 | $ z  >  \alpha $   |
| 6. $[-\alpha^n u[-n-1]]$ | $\frac{1}{1-\alpha z^{-1}}$                 | $ z  <  \alpha $   |
| 7. $n\alpha^n u[n]$      | $\frac{\alpha z^{-1}}{(1-\alpha z^{-1})^2}$ | $ z  >  \alpha $   |
| 8. $-n\alpha^n u[-n-1]$  | $\frac{\alpha z^{-1}}{(1-\alpha z^{-1})^2}$ | $ z  <  \alpha $   |

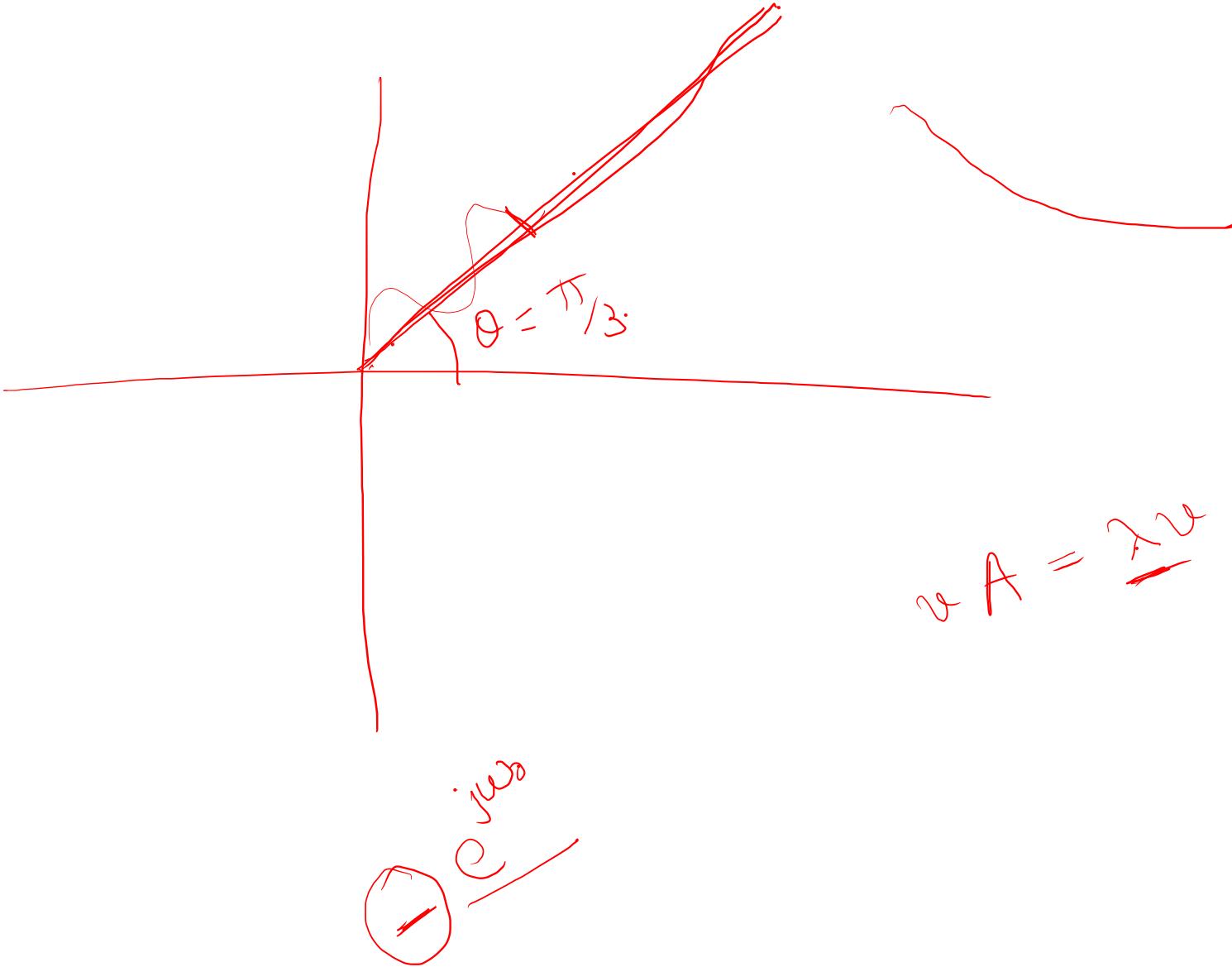
$$\alpha < 1$$



$$x[n] = \alpha^n u[n] + \alpha^{-n} u[-n-1]$$

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

$$|z| > |\alpha| \quad |z| < \left|\frac{1}{\alpha}\right|$$



# Examples

- Find the z transform of

- $x[n] = \boxed{-a^n u[-n-1]}$

- $x[n] = a^{-n} u[-n-1]$

- $x[n] = \{5, 3, -2, 0, 4, -3\}$  ✓

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

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

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

$$x[n] = \{5, 3, -2, 0, 4, -3\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}X(z) &= \sum x[n] z^{-n} \\&= 5z^2 + 3z^{-1} - 2 + 4z^{-2} - 3z^{-3} \\&= \frac{5z^5 + 3z^4 - 2z^3 + 4z^2 - 3}{z^3}\end{aligned}$$

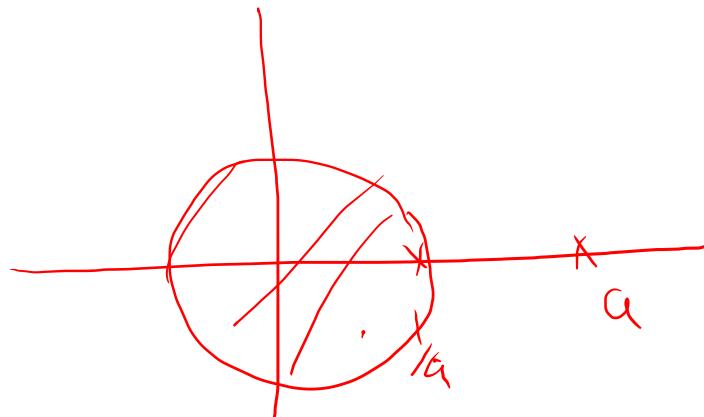
$$\begin{aligned}x[-2] &= 5 \\x[-1] &= 3 \\x[0] &= -2 \\x[1] &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$x[n] = a^{int} \quad a > 0$$

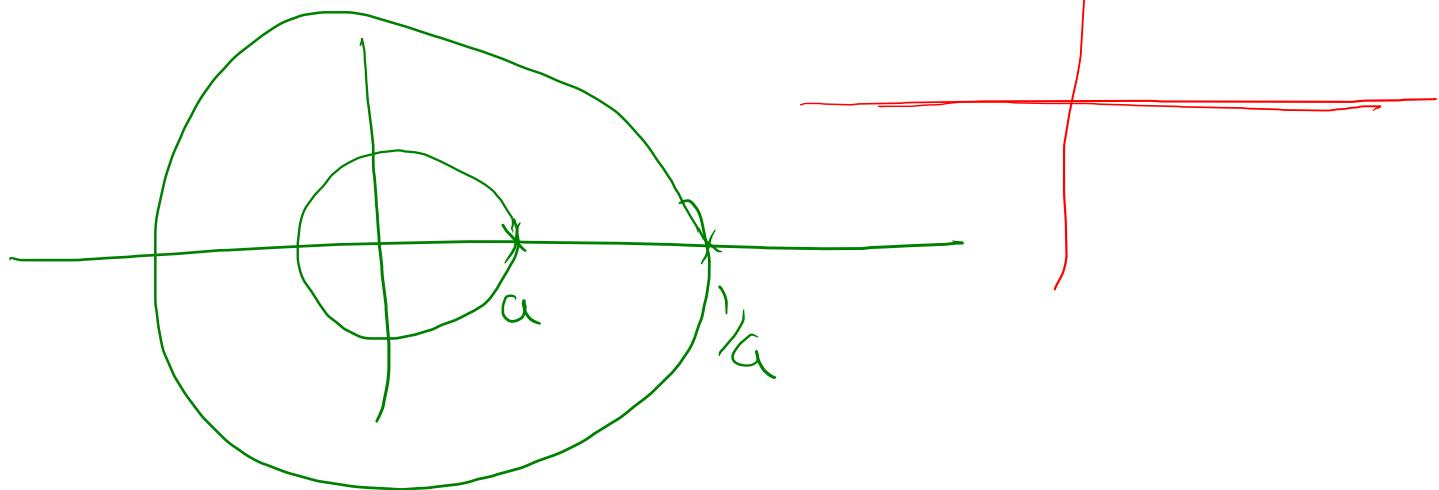
$$X(z) = \frac{1}{1-az^{-1}} - \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{a}z^{-1}}$$

ROC  
 $|a| < |z| < \left|\frac{1}{a}\right|$

for  $a > 1$



if  $a < 1$



$$x[n] = \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n u[n]}_{x_1[n]} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[-n-1]}_{x_2[n]}$$

$$x_1(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}} \quad \text{ROC: } |z| > \frac{1}{3}$$

$$x_2(z) = -\frac{1}{(-\gamma_2 z^{-1})} \quad \text{ROC: } |z| < \gamma_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} x(z) &= \frac{1}{1 - \gamma_3 z^{-1}} - \frac{1}{1 - \gamma_2 z^{-1}} = \frac{z}{z - \gamma_3} - \frac{z}{z - \gamma_2} = \frac{z^2 - \frac{1}{2}z - z^2 + \frac{1}{3}z}{(z - \gamma_3)(z - \gamma_2)} \\ &= \frac{-\frac{1}{2}z}{(z - \gamma_3)(z - \gamma_2)} \end{aligned}$$

