

# Lecture 05:

## The Z Transform

# Outline

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1. The Z Transform

2. Inverse Z Transform

# 1. The Z Transform

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- Powerful tool for analyzing & designing DT systems
- Generalization of the DTFT:

$$G(z) = \mathcal{Z}\{g[n]\} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} g[n]z^{-n} \quad \text{Z Transform}$$

- $z$  is complex...
  - $z = e^{j\omega} \rightarrow$  DTFT
  - $z = r \cdot e^{j\omega} \rightarrow \sum_n g[n]r^{-n}e^{-j\omega n}$  DTFT of  $r^{-n} \cdot g[n]$

# Region of Convergence (ROC)

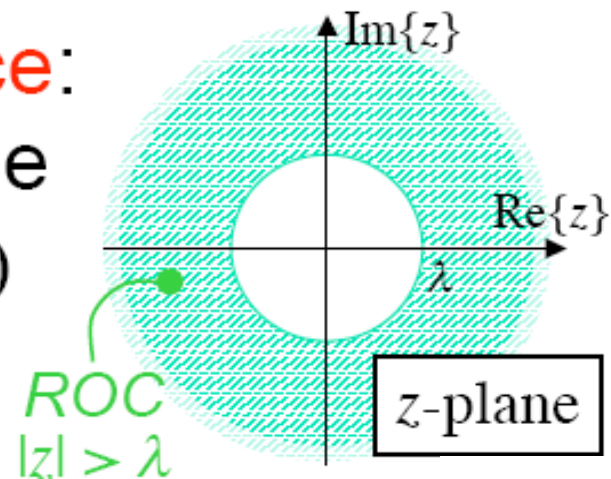
- Critical question:

Does summation  $G(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]z^{-n}$   
*converge* (to a finite value)?

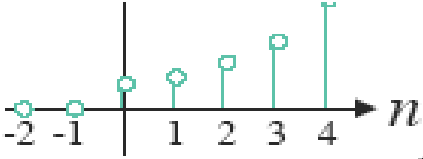
- In general, depends on the value of  $z$

→ **Region of Convergence**:

Portion of complex  $z$ -plane  
for which a **particular**  $G(z)$   
will converge

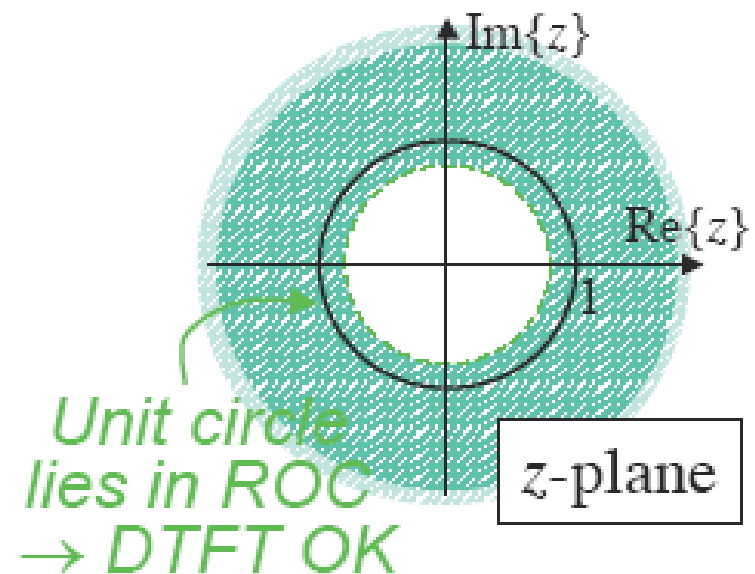


# ROC Example

- e.g.  $x[n] = \lambda^n \mu[n]$   
 $\Rightarrow X(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda^n z^{-n} = \frac{1}{1 - \lambda z^{-1}}$ 
- $\Sigma$  converges for  $|\lambda z^{-1}| < 1$   
i.e. ROC is  $|z| > |\lambda|$  (see previous slide)
- $|\lambda| < 1$  (e.g. 0.8) - finite energy sequence
- $|\lambda| > 1$  (e.g. 1.2) - divergent sequence, infinite energy, DTFT does **not** exist but **still has ZT** when  $|z| > 1.2$  (in ROC)

# About ROCs

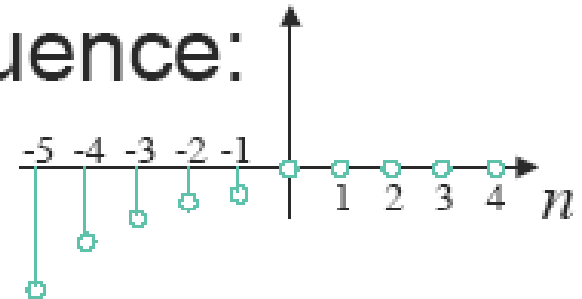
- ROCs always defined in terms of  $|z|$   
→ **circular** regions on  $z$ -plane  
(inside circles/outside circles/rings)
- If ROC includes **unit circle** ( $|z| = 1$ ),  
→  $g[n]$  has a DTFT  
(finite energy sequence)



## Another ROC example

- Anticausal (left-sided) sequence:

$$x[n] = -\lambda^n \mu[-n-1]$$



$$X(z) = \sum_n \left( -\lambda^n \mu[-n-1] \right) z^{-n}$$

$$= -\sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} \lambda^n z^{-n} = -\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \lambda^{-m} z^m$$

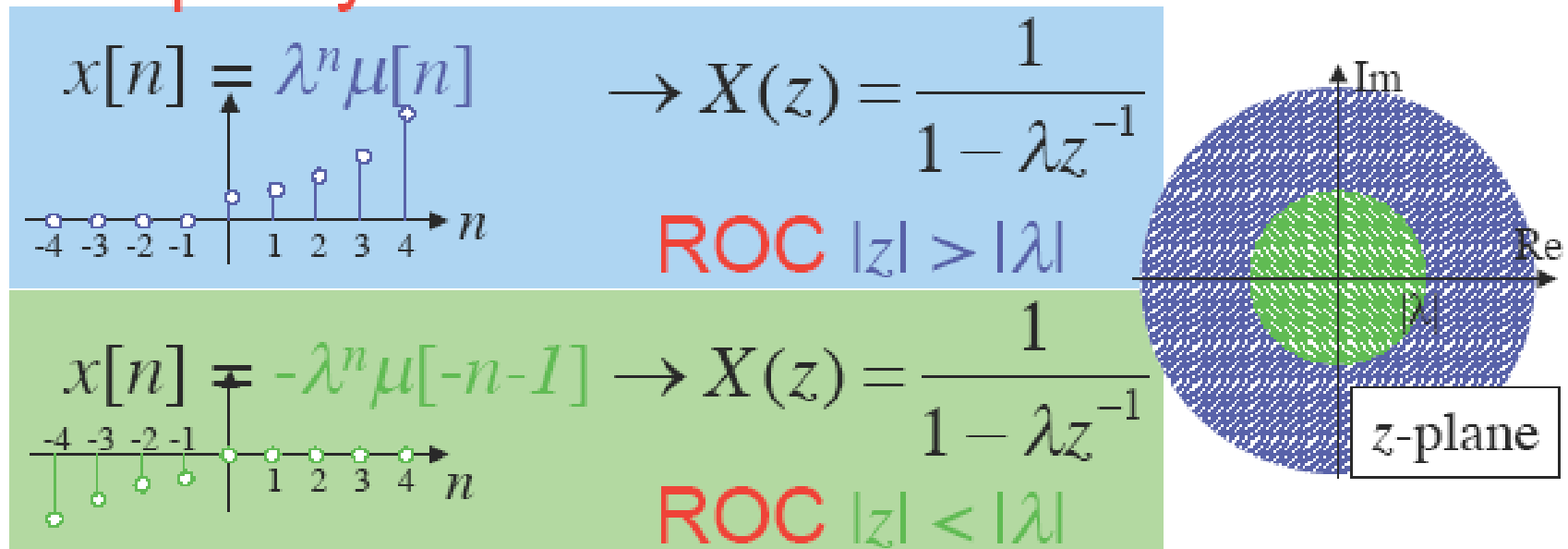
$$= -\lambda^{-1} z \frac{1}{1 - \lambda^{-1} z} = \frac{1}{1 - \lambda z^{-1}}$$

ROC:  
 $|\lambda| > |z|$

- Same ZT as  $\lambda^n \mu[n]$ , different sequence?

# ROC is necessary!

- To completely define a ZT, **you must specify the ROC:**



- A single  $G(z)$  can describe several sequences with different ROCs *DTFTs?*



# Rational Z-transforms

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- $G(z)$  can be any function;  
**rational polynomials** are important class:

$$G(z) = \frac{P(z)}{D(z)} = \frac{p_0 + p_1 z^{-1} + \dots + p_{M-1} z^{-(M-1)} + p_M z^{-M}}{d_0 + d_1 z^{-1} + \dots + d_{N-1} z^{-(N-1)} + d_N z^{-N}}$$

- By convention, expressed in terms of  $z^{-1}$   
– matches ZT definition
- (Reminiscent of LCCDE expression...)

# Factored rational ZTs

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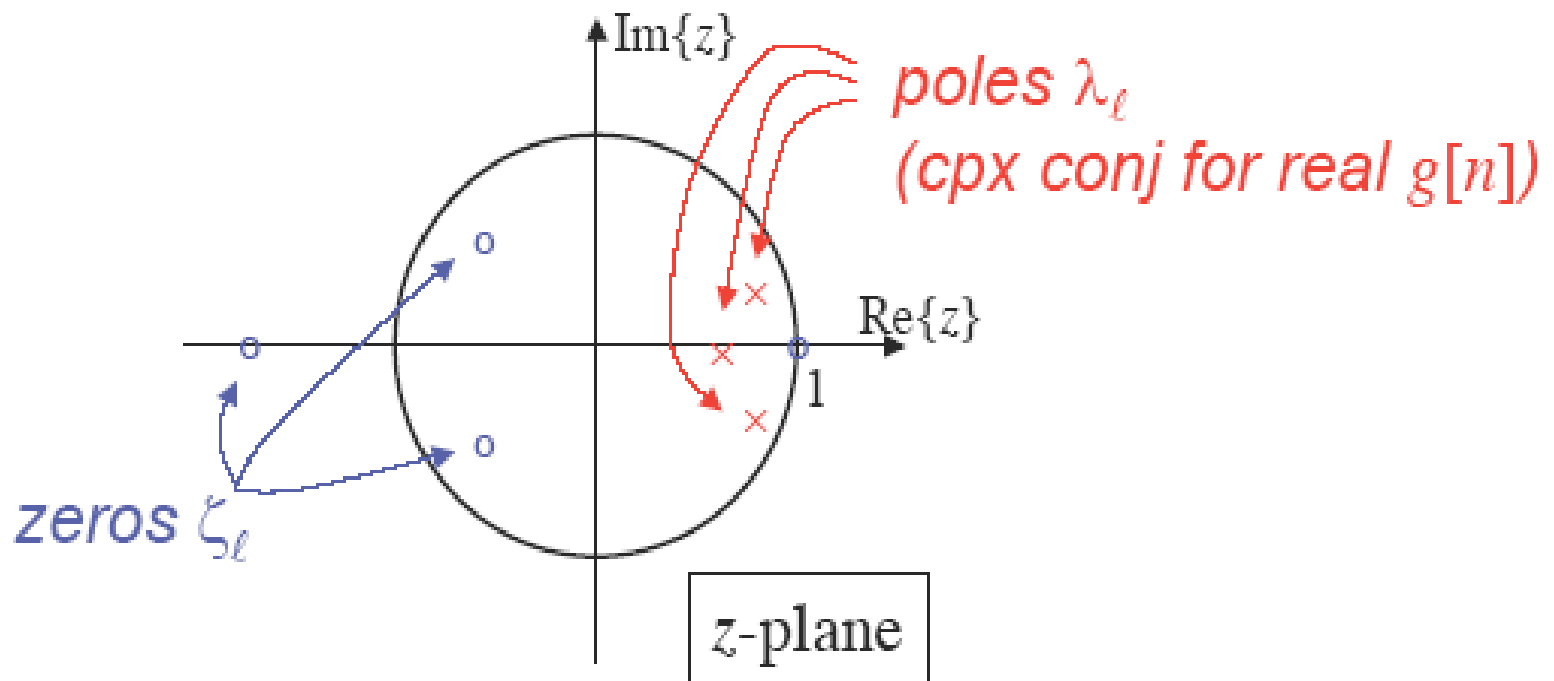
- Numerator, denominator can be **factored**:

$$G(z) = \frac{p_0 \prod_{\ell=1}^M (1 - \zeta_{\ell} z^{-1})}{d_0 \prod_{\ell=1}^N (1 - \lambda_{\ell} z^{-1})} = \frac{z^M p_0 \prod_{\ell=1}^M (z - \zeta_{\ell})}{z^N d_0 \prod_{\ell=1}^N (z - \lambda_{\ell})}$$

- $\{\zeta_{\ell}\}$  are roots of *numerator*  
 $\rightarrow G(z) = 0 \rightarrow \{\zeta_{\ell}\}$  are the **zeros** of  $G(z)$
- $\{\lambda_{\ell}\}$  are roots of *denominator*  
 $\rightarrow G(z) = \infty \rightarrow \{\lambda_{\ell}\}$  are the **poles** of  $G(z)$

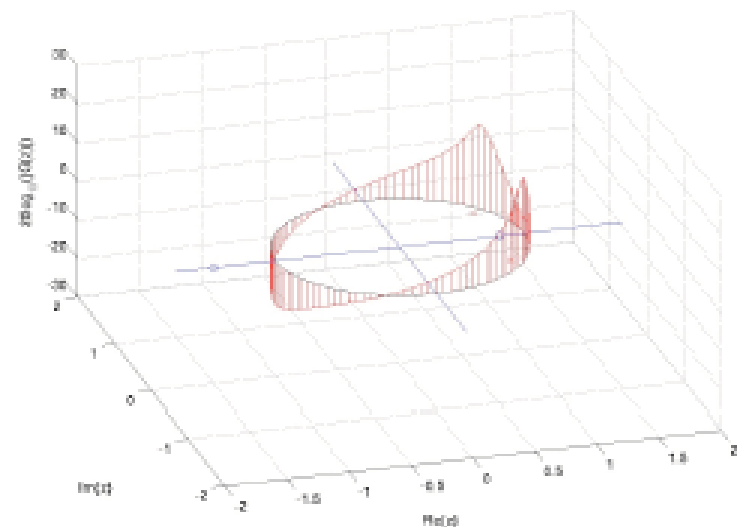
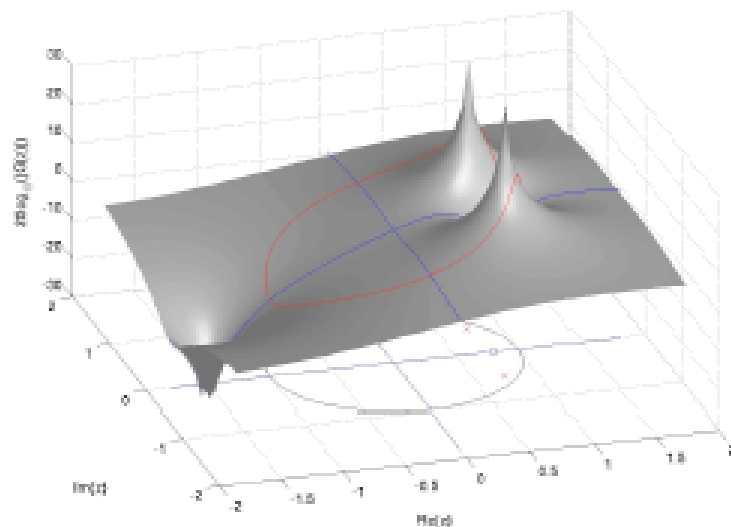
# Pole-zero diagram

- Can plot poles and zeros on complex  $z$ -plane:



# Z-plane surface

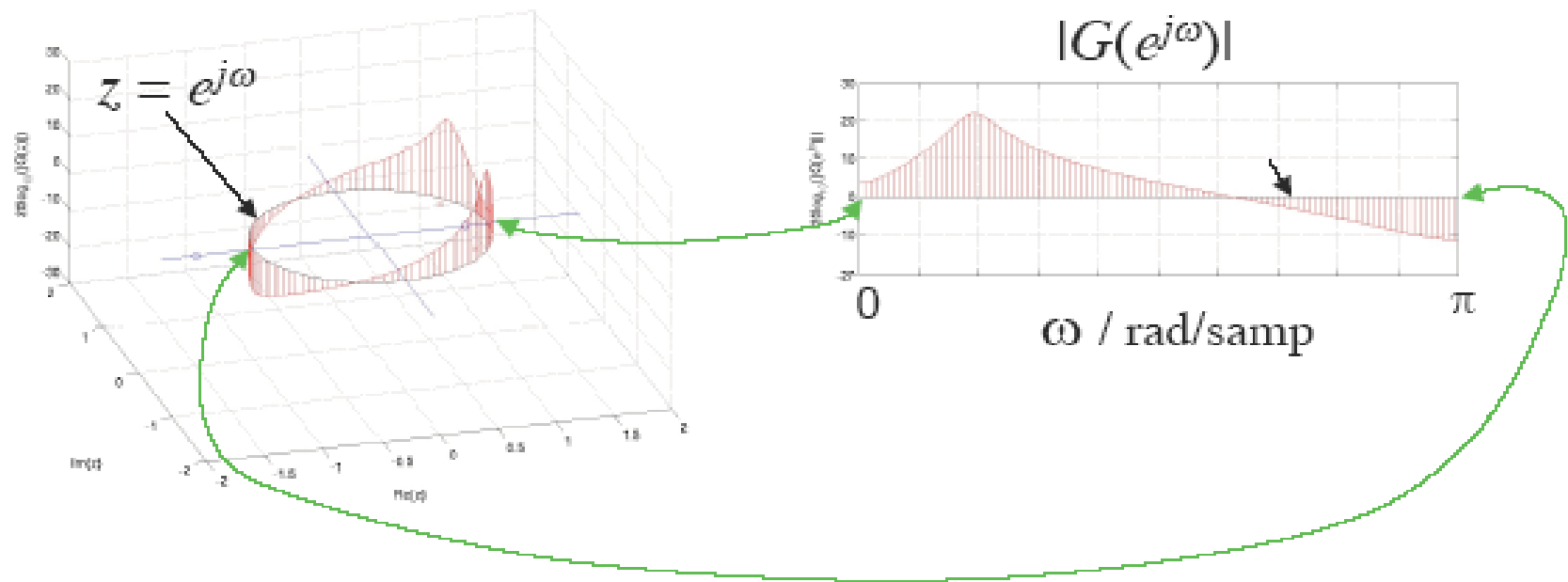
- $G(z)$ : cpx *function* of a cpx *variable*
  - Can calculate value over entire z-plane



- Slice between surface and unit cylinder ( $|z| = 1 \Rightarrow z = e^{j\omega}$ ) is  $G(e^{j\omega})$ , the **DTFT**

# Z-plane and DTFT

- Unwrapping the cylindrical slice gives the DTFT:



# ZT is Linear

- $G(z) = \mathcal{Z}\{g[n]\} = \sum_{\forall n} g[n]z^{-n}$  *Z Transform*

$$y[n] = \alpha g[n] + \beta h[n]$$

$$\Rightarrow Y(z) = \sum (\alpha g[n] + \beta h[n])z^{-n}$$

*Linear ✓*

$$= \sum \alpha g[n]z^{-n} + \sum \beta h[n]z^{-n} = \alpha G(z) + \beta H(z)$$

- Thus, if  $y[n] = \alpha_1 \lambda_1^n \mu[n] + \alpha_2 \lambda_2^n \mu[n]$

then  $Y(z) = \frac{\alpha_1}{1 - \lambda_1 z^{-1}} + \frac{\alpha_2}{1 - \lambda_2 z^{-1}}$  *ROC:  $|z| > |\lambda_1|, |\lambda_2|$*

## ZT of LCCDEs

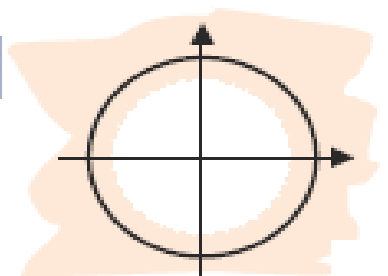
- LCCDEs have solutions of form:

$$y_c[n] = \alpha_i \lambda_i^n \mu[n] + \dots$$

(same  
 $\lambda$ s)

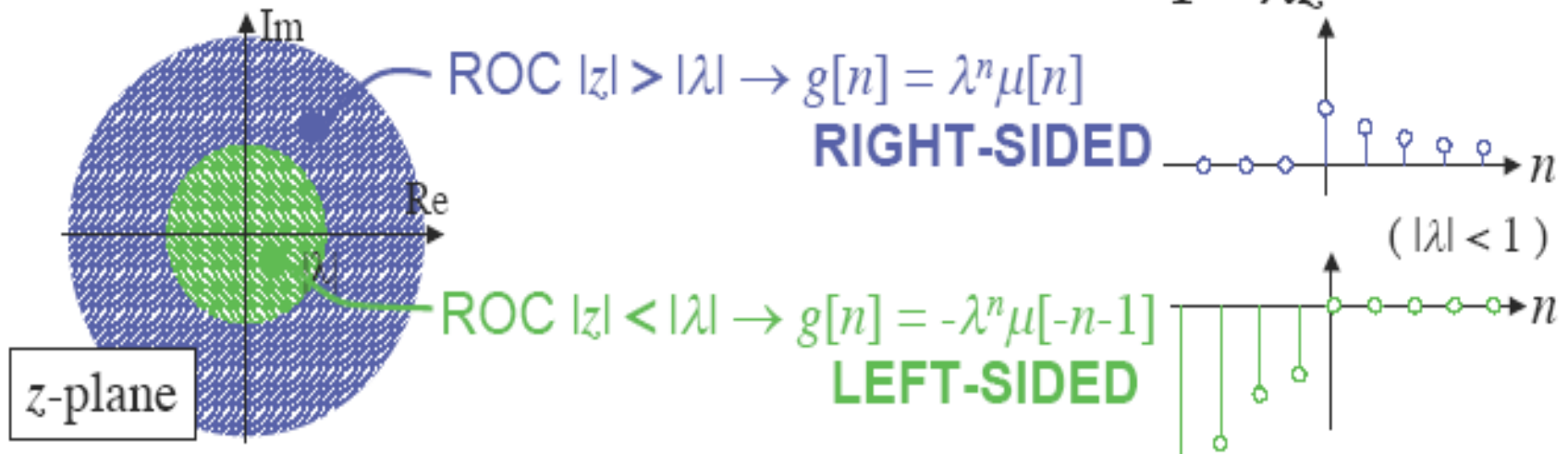
- Hence ZT  $Y_c(z) = \frac{\alpha_i}{1 - \lambda_i z^{-1}} + \dots$
- Each **term**  $\lambda_i^n$  in  $g[n]$  corresponds to a **pole**  $\lambda_i$  of  $G(z)$  ... and **vice versa**
- LCCDE sol'ns are **right-sided**  
 $\Rightarrow$  ROCs are  $|z| > |\lambda_i|$

outside  
circles



# ROCs and sidedness

- Two sequences have:  $G(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \lambda z^{-1}}$



- Each ZT pole  $\rightarrow$  region in ROC outside or inside  $|\lambda|$  for R/L sided term in  $g[n]$ 
  - Overall ROC is intersection of each term's

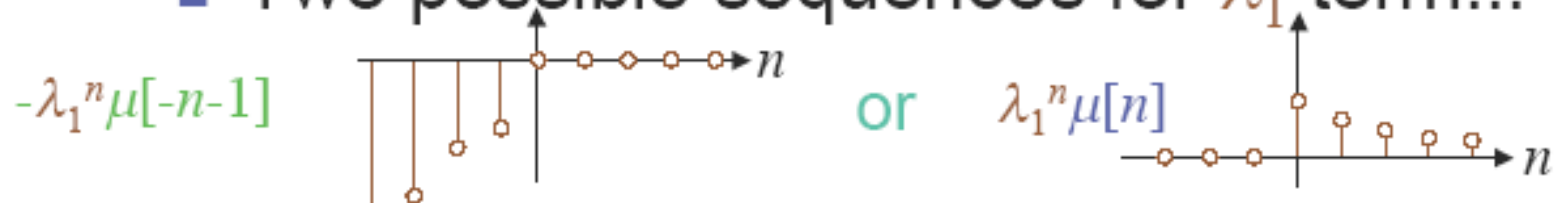


# ROC intersections

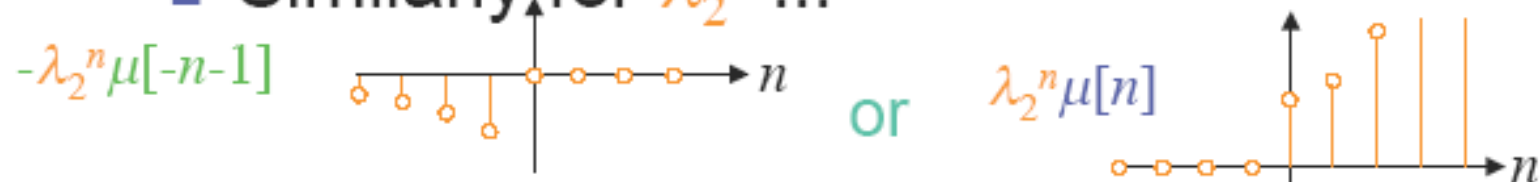
- Consider  $G(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \lambda_1 z^{-1}} + \frac{1}{1 - \lambda_2 z^{-1}}$

with  $|\lambda_1| < 1$  ,  $|\lambda_2| > 1$  ... *no ROC specified*

- Two possible sequences for  $\lambda_1$  term...



- Similarly for  $\lambda_2$  ...



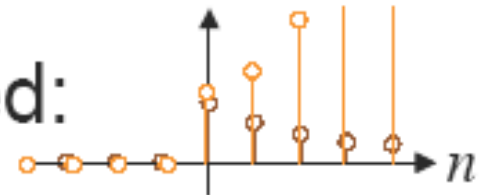
→ 4 possible  $g[n]$  seq's and ROCs ...

# ROC intersections: Case 1

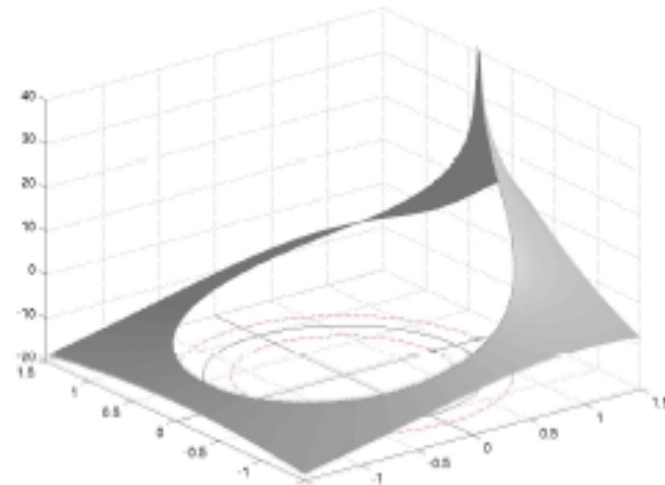
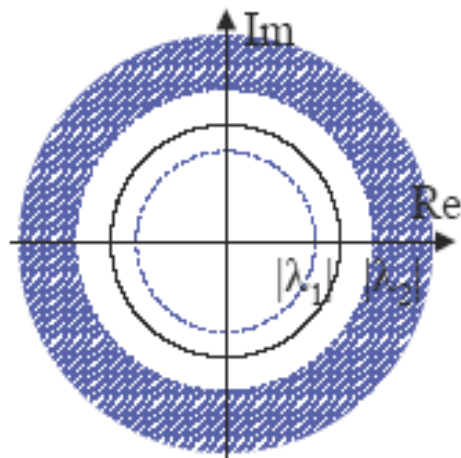
$$G(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \lambda_1 z^{-1}} + \frac{1}{1 - \lambda_2 z^{-1}}$$

$$g[n] = \lambda_1^n \mu[n] + \lambda_2^n \mu[n]$$

both right-sided:



**ROC:**  $|z| > |\lambda_1|$  and  $|z| > |\lambda_2|$

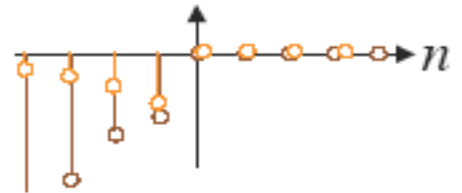


# ROC intersections: Case 2

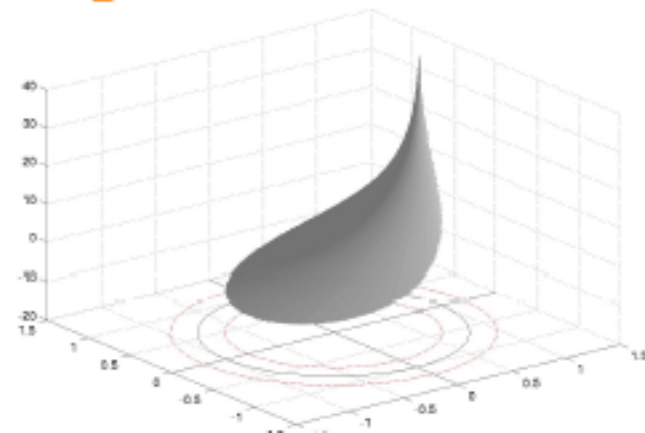
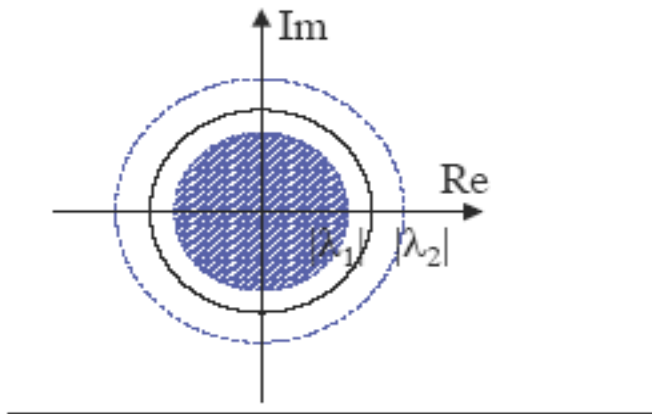
$$G(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \lambda_1 z^{-1}} + \frac{1}{1 - \lambda_2 z^{-1}}$$

$$g[n] = -\lambda_1^n \mu[-n-1] - \lambda_2^n \mu[-n-1]$$

both left-sided:



**ROC:**  $|z| < |\lambda_1|$  and  $|z| < |\lambda_2|$

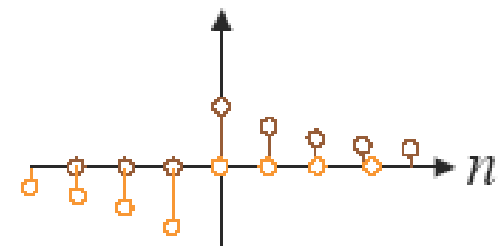


# ROC intersections: Case 3

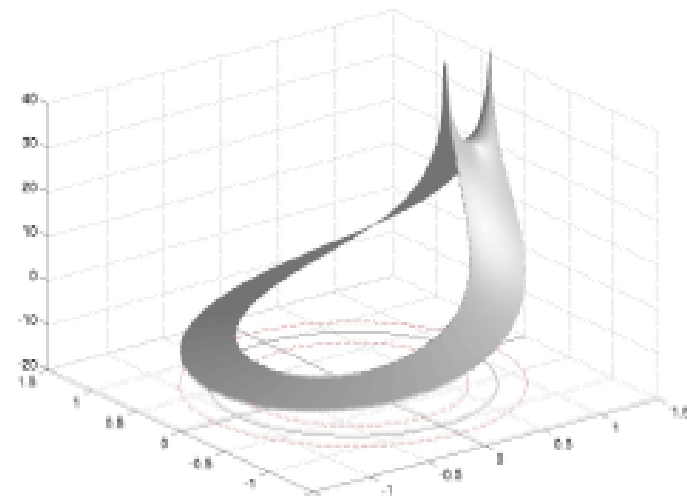
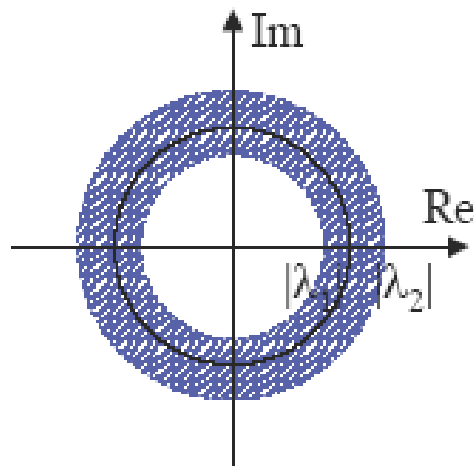
$$G(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \lambda_1 z^{-1}} + \frac{1}{1 - \lambda_2 z^{-1}}$$

$$g[n] = \lambda_1^n \mu[n] - \lambda_2^n \mu[-n-1]$$

two-sided:



**ROC:**  $|z| > |\lambda_1|$  and  $|z| < |\lambda_2|$



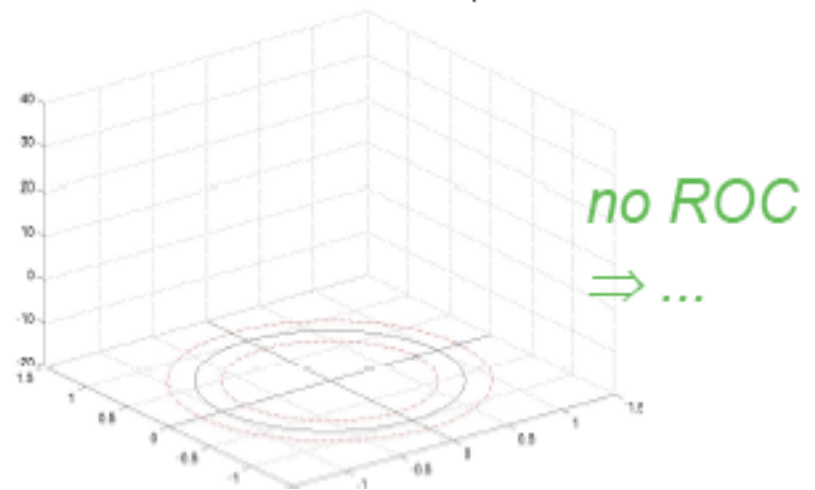
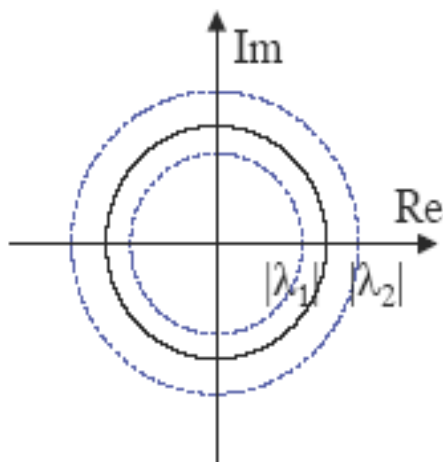
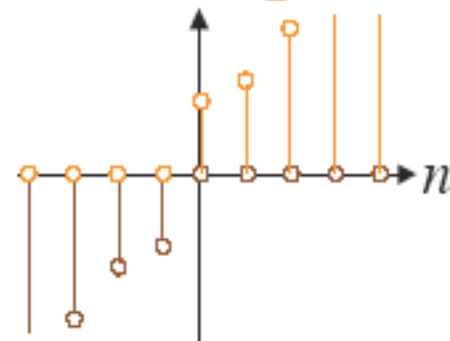
# ROC intersections: Case 4

~~$$G(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \lambda_1 z^{-1}} + \frac{1}{1 - \lambda_2 z^{-1}}$$~~

$$g[n] = -\lambda_1^n \mu[-n-1] + \lambda_2^n \mu[n]$$

two-sided:

**ROC:**  $|z| < |\lambda_1|$  and  $|z| > |\lambda_2|$  ?



# ROC intersections

- Note: **Two-sided exponential**

$$g[n] = \alpha^n \quad -\infty < n < \infty$$

$$= \underbrace{\alpha^n \mu[n]}_{\text{ROC } |z| > |\alpha|} + \underbrace{\alpha^n \mu[-n-1]}_{\text{ROC } |z| < |\alpha|}$$

ROC

$$|z| > |\alpha|$$

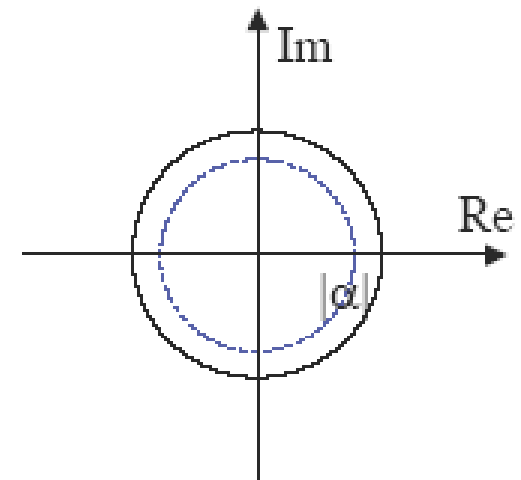
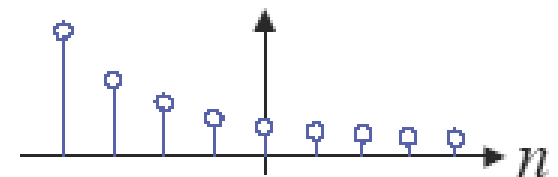
ROC

$$|z| < |\alpha|$$


- No overlap in ROCs

→ ZT **does not exist**

(does not converge for any  $z$ )



# Some common Z transforms

$g[n]$	$G(z)$	ROC
$\delta[n]$	1	$\forall z$
$\mu[n]$	$\frac{1}{1-z^{-1}}$	$ z  > 1$
$\alpha^n \mu[n]$	$\frac{1}{1-\alpha z^{-1}}$	$ z  >  \alpha $
$r^n \cos(\omega_0 n) \mu[n]$	$\frac{1-r \cos(\omega_0) z^{-1}}{1-2r \cos(\omega_0) z^{-1}+r^2 z^{-2}}$	$ z  > r$ <i>sum of <math>re^{j\omega_0 n} + re^{-j\omega_0 n}</math></i>
$r^n \sin(\omega_0 n) \mu[n]$	$\frac{r \sin(\omega_0) z^{-1}}{1-2r \cos(\omega_0) z^{-1}+r^2 z^{-2}}$	$ z  > r$ <i>poles at <math>z = re^{\pm j\omega_0}</math></i>  <i>"conjugate pole pair"</i>

# Z Transform properties

	$g[n]$	$\leftrightarrow$	$G(z)$	$w/ROC \mathcal{R}_g$
Conjugation	$g^*[n]$		$G^*(z^*)$	$\mathcal{R}_g$
Time reversal	$g[-n]$		$G(1/z)$	$1/\mathcal{R}_g$
Time shift	$g[n-n_0]$		$z^{-n_0}G(z)$	$\mathcal{R}_g$ (0/ $\infty$ ?)
Exp. scaling	$\alpha^n g[n]$		$G(z/\alpha)$	$ \alpha \mathcal{R}_g$
Diff. wrt $z$	$ng[n]$		$-z \frac{dG(z)}{dz}$	$\mathcal{R}_g$ (0/ $\infty$ ?)



# Z Transform properties

	$g[n]$	$G(z)$	$ROC$
Convolution	$g[n] \otimes h[n]$	$G(z)H(z)$	<i>at least</i> $\mathcal{R}_g \cap \mathcal{R}_h$

Modulation	$g[n]h[n]$	$\frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C G(v)H\left(\frac{z}{v}\right)v^{-1}dv$	<i>at least</i> $\mathcal{R}_g \mathcal{R}_h$
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Parseval:	$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} g[n]h^*[n]$	$= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C G(v)H^*\left(\frac{1}{v}\right)v^{-1}dv$	
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## ZT Example

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- $x[n] = r^n \cos(\omega_0 n) \mu[n]$  ; can express as

$$\frac{1}{2} \mu[n] \left( \left( r e^{j\omega_0} \right)^n + \left( r e^{-j\omega_0} \right)^n \right) = v[n] + v^*[n]$$

$$\begin{aligned} v[n] &= \frac{1}{2} \mu[n] \alpha^n ; \quad \alpha = r e^{j\omega_0} \\ &\rightarrow V(z) = 1/(2(1 - r e^{j\omega_0} z^{-1})) \\ &\text{ROC: } |z| > r \end{aligned}$$

- Hence,  $X(z) = V(z) + V^*(z^*)$ 
$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{1 - r e^{j\omega_0} z^{-1}} + \frac{1}{1 - r e^{-j\omega_0} z^{-1}} \right) \\ &= \frac{1 - r \cos(\omega_0) z^{-1}}{1 - 2r \cos(\omega_0) z^{-1} + r^2 z^{-2}} \end{aligned}$$

## Another ZT example

$$y[n] = (n+1)\alpha^n \mu[n]$$

$$= x[n] + nx[n] \quad \text{where } x[n] = \alpha^n \mu[n]$$

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \alpha z^{-1}} \quad \leftrightarrow -z \frac{dX(z)}{dz}$$

( $|z| > |\alpha|$ )

$$= -z \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{1}{1 - \alpha z^{-1}} \right) = \frac{\alpha z^{-1}}{(1 - \alpha z^{-1})^2}$$


$$\Rightarrow Y(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \alpha z^{-1}} + \frac{\alpha z^{-1}}{(1 - \alpha z^{-1})^2} = \frac{1}{(1 - \alpha z^{-1})^2} \quad \text{repeated root - IZT}$$

## 2. Inverse Z Transform (IZT)

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- Forward  $z$  transform was defined as:

$$G(z) = \mathcal{Z}\{g[n]\} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} g[n]z^{-n}$$

- 3 approaches to **inverting**  $G(z)$  to  $g[n]$ :
  - Generalization of inverse DTFT
  - Power series in  $z$  (long division)
  - Manipulate into recognizable pieces (partial fractions)  *the useful one*

# IZT #1: Generalize IDTFT

- If  $z = re^{j\omega}$  then

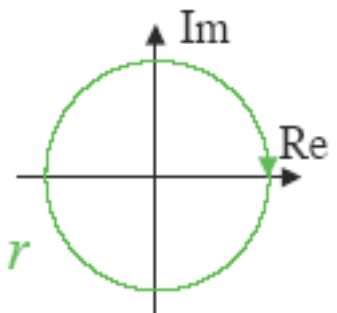
$$G(z) = G(re^{j\omega}) = \sum g[n] r^{-n} e^{-j\omega n} = \text{DTFT}\{g[n] r^{-n}\}$$

- so  $g[n] r^{-n} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} G(re^{j\omega}) e^{j\omega n} d\omega$  *IDTFT*

$$z = re^{j\omega} \Rightarrow d\omega = dz/jz$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C G(z) z^{n-1} dz$$

*Counterclockwise  
closed contour at  $|z| = r$   
within ROC*



- Any closed contour around origin will do
- Cauchy:  $g[\textcolor{red}{n}] = \Sigma[\text{residues of } G(z)z^{\textcolor{red}{n}-1}]$

## IZT #2: Long division

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- Since  $G(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} g[n]z^{-n}$   
if we could express  $G(z)$  as a simple  
power series  $G(z) = a + bz^{-1} + cz^{-2} \dots$   
then can just read off  $g[n] = \{a, b, c, \dots\}$
- Typically  $G(z)$  is right-sided (causal)  
and a rational polynomial  $G(z) = \frac{P(z)}{D(z)}$
- Can expand as power series through  
long division of polynomials

## IZT #2: Long division

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- Procedure:
  - Express numerator, denominator in descending powers of  $z$  (for a causal fn)
  - Find constant to cancel highest term  
→ first term in result
  - Subtract & repeat → lower terms in result
- Just like long division for base-10 numbers

## IZT #2: Long division

■ e.g.  $H(z) = \frac{1 + 2z^{-1}}{1 + 0.4z^{-1} - 0.12z^{-2}}$

*Result*

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 + 0.4z^{-1} - 0.12z^{-2} \overline{) 1 + 2z^{-1}} \\ \underline{1 + 0.4z^{-1} - 0.12z^{-2}} \\ 1.6z^{-1} + 0.12z^{-2} \\ \underline{1.6z^{-1} + 0.64z^{-2} - 0.192z^{-3}} \\ -0.52z^{-2} + 0.192z^{-3} \\ \dots \end{array}$$

$1 + 1.6z^{-1} - 0.52z^{-2} + 0.4z^{-3} \dots$



## IZT#3: Partial Fractions

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- Basic idea: Rearrange  $G(z)$  as **sum** of terms **recognized** as simple ZTs

- especially  $\frac{1}{1 - \alpha z^{-1}} \leftrightarrow \alpha^n \mu[n]$   
or sin/cos forms

- i.e. given products 
$$\frac{P(z)}{(1 - \alpha z^{-1})(1 - \beta z^{-1}) \cdots}$$
  
rearrange to sums 
$$\frac{A}{1 - \alpha z^{-1}} + \frac{B}{1 - \beta z^{-1}} + \cdots$$

# Partial Fractions

- Note that:

$$\frac{A}{1 - \alpha z^{-1}} + \frac{B}{1 - \beta z^{-1}} + \frac{C}{1 - \gamma z^{-1}} =$$

order 2 polynomial

$$u + v z^{-1} + w z^{-2}$$

$$\frac{A(1 - \beta z^{-1})(1 - \gamma z^{-1}) + B(1 - \alpha z^{-1})(1 - \gamma z^{-1}) + C(1 - \alpha z^{-1})(1 - \beta z^{-1})}{(1 - \alpha z^{-1})(1 - \beta z^{-1})(1 - \gamma z^{-1})}$$

order 3 polynomial  $\rightarrow$


- Can do the *reverse* i.e.

go from  $\frac{P(z)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^N (1 - \lambda_{\ell} z^{-1})}$  to  $\sum_{\ell=1}^N \frac{\rho_{\ell}}{1 - \lambda_{\ell} z^{-1}}$


- if **order** of  $P(z)$  is less than  $D(z)$  *else cancel w/ long div.*

# Partial Fractions

- Procedure:

*order N-1* 

$$F(z) = \frac{P(z)}{\prod_{\ell=1}^N (1 - \lambda_{\ell} z^{-1})} = \sum_{\ell=1}^N \frac{\rho_{\ell}}{1 - \lambda_{\ell} z^{-1}}$$

*no repeated poles!* 

$\rightarrow f[n] = \sum_{\ell=1}^N \rho_{\ell} (\lambda_{\ell})^n \mu[n]$

- where  $\rho_{\ell} = \left(1 - \lambda_{\ell} z^{-1}\right) F(z) \Big|_{z=\lambda_{\ell}}$

i.e. evaluate  $F(z)$  **at the pole** *(cancels term in denominator)*  
but **multiplied** by the pole term  
 $\rightarrow$  dominates = **residue** of pole

# Partial Fractions Example

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■ Given  $H(z) = \frac{1 + 2z^{-1}}{1 + 0.4z^{-1} - 0.12z^{-2}}$  (again)

factor:  $\frac{1 + 2z^{-1}}{(1 + 0.6z^{-1})(1 - 0.2z^{-1})} = \frac{\rho_1}{1 + 0.6z^{-1}} + \frac{\rho_2}{1 - 0.2z^{-1}}$

■ where:

$$\rho_1 = \left. (1 + 0.6z^{-1})H(z) \right|_{z=-0.6} = \left. \frac{1 + 2z^{-1}}{1 - 0.2z^{-1}} \right|_{z=-0.6} = -1.75$$

$$\rho_2 = \left. \frac{1 + 2z^{-1}}{1 + 0.6z^{-1}} \right|_{z=0.2} = 2.75$$

## Partial Fractions Example

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- Hence  $H(z) = \frac{-1.75}{1 + 0.6z^{-1}} + \frac{2.75}{1 - 0.2z^{-1}}$

- If we know ROC  $|z| > |\alpha|$  i.e.  $h[n]$  causal:

$$\Rightarrow h[n] = (-1.75)(-0.6)^n \mu[n] + (2.75)(0.2)^n \mu[n]$$

$$= -1.75 \{ 1 \quad -0.6 \quad 0.36 \quad -0.216 \dots \}$$

$$+ 2.75 \{ 1 \quad 0.2 \quad 0.04 \quad 0.008 \dots \}$$

$$= \{ 1 \quad 1.6 \quad -0.52 \quad 0.4 \dots \}$$

*same as  
long division!*