

# Module 6 Solutions: The $z$ -Transform

## Digital Signal Processing (EN.525.627.8X)

### 1. Determine all possible signals $x(n]$ associated with the $z$ -Transform

$$X(z) = \frac{5z^{-1}}{\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}\right)(3 - z^{-1})}$$

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First, use PFE to determine poles at  $z=1/2$  and  $z=1/3$ :

$$X(z) = \frac{5z}{\left(z - \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(z - \frac{1}{3}\right)} = \frac{A}{\left(z - \frac{1}{2}\right)} + \frac{B}{\left(z - \frac{1}{3}\right)}$$

Possible equations:

$$\text{For ROC} = \frac{1}{3} < |z| < \frac{1}{2}: \quad x(n) = -\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n u(n) - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u(-n-1)$$

This is the stable condition

$$\text{For ROC} = |z| > \frac{1}{2}: \quad x(n) = -\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n u(n) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u(n)$$

This is the causal condition

$$\text{For ROC} = |z| < \frac{1}{3}: \quad x(n) = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n u(-n-1) - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u(-n-1)$$

This is the anti-causal condition



## 2. Determine the $z$ -Transform of the following signals:

a.  $x(n) = \{3, 0, 0, 0, 0, 6, 1, -4\}$

Problem should have marked 6 for  $n=0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= \sum_n x(n)z^{-n} \\ &= 3z^5 + 6 + z^{-1} - 4z^{-2} \text{ ROC: } 0 < |z| < \infty \end{aligned}$$

b.  $x(n) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 & \text{for } n \geq 5 \\ 0 & \text{for } n \leq 4 \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= \sum_n x(n)z^{-n} \\ &= \sum_{n=5}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n z^{-n} \\ &= \sum_{n=5}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2z}\right)^n \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}z^{-1}\right)^{m+5} \\ &= \left(\frac{z^{-1}}{2}\right)^5 \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{32}\right) \frac{z^{-5}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} \text{ ROC: } |z| > \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$



**3. Determine the  $z$ -Transforms and sketch the ROC of the following signal:**

a.  $x_1(n) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n & \text{for } n \geq 0 \\ \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-n} & \text{for } n < 0 \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} X_1(z) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n z^{-n} + \sum_{n=-\infty}^0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n z^{-n} - 1 \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n z^n - 1 \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}} + \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z} - 1, \\ &= \frac{\frac{5}{6}}{(1 - \frac{1}{3}z^{-1})(1 - \frac{1}{2}z)} \end{aligned}$$

The ROC is  $\frac{1}{3} < |z| < 2$ .

b.  $x_2(n) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n - 2^n & \text{for } n \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } n < 0 \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} X_2(z) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n z^{-n} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^n z^{-n} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}} - \frac{1}{1 - 2z^{-1}}, \\ &= \frac{-\frac{5}{3}z^{-1}}{(1 - \frac{1}{3}z^{-1})(1 - 2z^{-1})} \end{aligned}$$

The ROC is  $|z| > 2$ .

c.  $x_3(n) = x_1(n + 4)$

$$\begin{aligned} X_3(z) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1(n + 4) z^{-n} \\ &= z^4 X_1(z) \\ &= \frac{\frac{5}{6}z^4}{(1 - \frac{1}{3}z^{-1})(1 - \frac{1}{2}z)} \end{aligned}$$

The ROC is  $\frac{1}{3} < |z| < 2$ .



d.  $x_4(n) = x_1(-n)$

$$\begin{aligned} X_4(z) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1(-n)z^{-n} \\ &= \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1(m)z^m \\ &= X_1(z^{-1}) \\ &= \frac{\frac{5}{6}}{(1 - \frac{1}{3}z)(1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1})} \end{aligned}$$

The ROC is  $\frac{1}{2} < |z| < 3$ .

e.  $x_4(n) = x_1(-n) + x_2(n)$

f.  $x_5(n) = x_2(-2n)$



4. Compute the convolution of the following signals by means of the  $z$ -Transforms:

$$x_1(n) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n & \text{for } n \geq 0 \\ \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-n} & \text{for } n < 0 \end{cases}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} X_1(z) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n z^{-n} + \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-n} z^{-n} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}} + \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z} - 1 \\ &= \frac{\frac{5}{6}}{(1 - \frac{1}{3}z^{-1})(1 - \frac{1}{2}z)} \\ X_2(z) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n z^{-n} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}}, \frac{1}{2} < |z| < 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } Y(z) &= \frac{-2}{1 - \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}} + \frac{\frac{10}{3}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} + \frac{\frac{-4}{3}}{1 - 2z^{-1}} \\ \text{Hence, } y(n) &= \begin{cases} -2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n + \frac{10}{3}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n, & n \geq 0 \\ \frac{4}{3}(2)^n, & n < 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$



**5. Using long division, determine the inverse  $z$ -Transform of**

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

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6. Determine the causal signal  $x(n]$  having the  $z$ -Transform:

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

-Similar process to Problem #1:

Use PFE to solve for the time domain signal:

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}\right)(1 - z^{-1})^2} = \frac{A}{\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}\right)} + \frac{B}{(1 - z^{-1})} + \frac{C}{(1 - z^{-1})^2}$$

Solve for  $C=-2$ ,  $A=1$ ,  $B= 16/3$  ( $Z=1$ ,  $Z=1/3$ ,  $Z=2$ )

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}\right)} + \frac{16}{3(1 - z^{-1})} + \frac{2}{(1 - z^{-1})^2}$$

So, the time-domain signal is:  $x(n) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u(n) + \left(\frac{16}{3}\right)u(n) - 2(n + 1)u(n + 1)$

