

EE401 - Digital Signal Processing (Digital Filters and DFT)

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- Introduction to the z-Transform
- Properties of the z-Transform
- Analysis of digital filters using the z-Transform

z-Transform is defined for a discrete-time signal $x[n]$ as

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

where $z = e^{sT_s} = e^{\sigma T_s + j2\pi f T_s}$. z is a complex number and f is the frequency.

The infinite summation in right-hand side of (A) may be finite for some signals. The region of the z -plane/complex-plane where $X(z)$ has a finite value is known as **Region of Convergence (ROC)**.

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

Laplace Transform is given as

$$X(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-st} dt$$

If this is applied to the sampled signal:

$$\begin{aligned} X(s) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]\delta(t - nT_s)]e^{-st} dt \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - nT_s)e^{-st} dt \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]e^{-snT_s} \end{aligned}$$

where $s = \sigma + j2\pi f$. By making the substitution: $z = e^{sT_s}$, one can get the z-transform from Laplace transform.

a) Find the z-Transform of $x[n] = (0.5)^n u[n]$.

Ans: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (0.5)^n z^{-n} = \frac{1}{1-0.5z^{-1}}$ Note: $|0.5z^{-1}| < 1$ for convergence. So ROC: $|z| > 0.5$

b) Find the z-Transform of $x[n] = \{1, 2, 0, 1, 3\}$ for $n = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$?

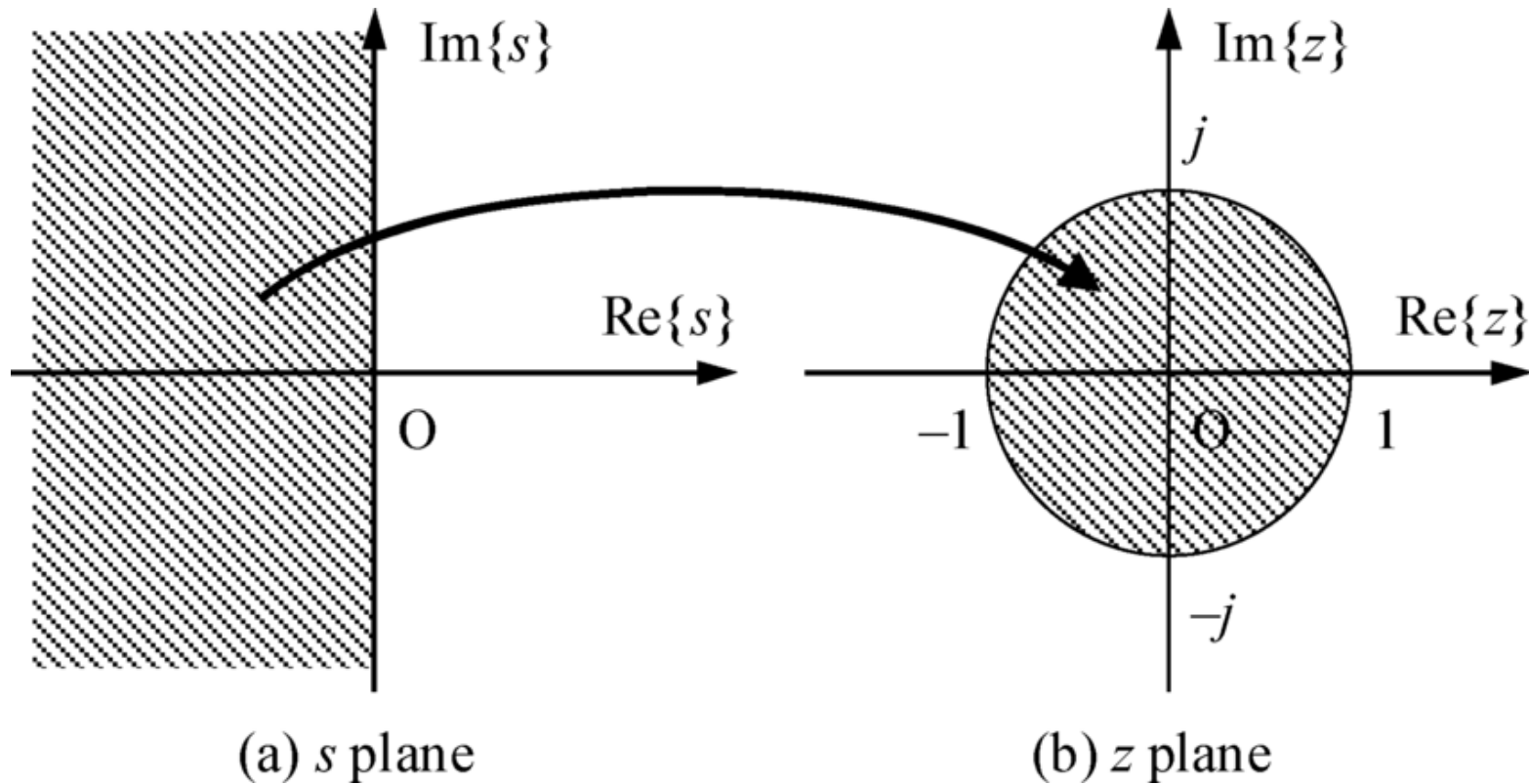
Ans: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x[n] z^{-n} = 1 + 2z^{-1} + z^{-3} + 3z^{-4}$ ROC is entire z-plane.

c) Find the z-Transform of $x[n] = \{1, 2, 0, 1, 3\}$ for $n = \{-1, 0, 1, 2, 3\}$?

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s-plane vs z-plane

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Linearity Property

$$\mathcal{Z}(a_1x_1[n] + a_2x_2[n]) = a_1\mathcal{Z}(x_1[n]) + a_2\mathcal{Z}(x_2[n])$$

Time Shifting Property If

$$x[n] \leftrightarrow X(z)$$

$$x[n - k] \leftrightarrow X(z)z^{-k}$$

where ROC of $z^{-k}X(z)$ is the same as that of $X(z)$, but:

- a) If $k > 0$, $z \neq 0$
- b) If $k < 0$, $z \neq \infty$

Scaling Property

$$x[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} X(z) \quad \text{ROC: } r_1 \leq |z| \leq r_2$$

then

$$a^n x[n] \leftrightarrow X\left(\frac{z}{a}\right) \quad \text{ROC: } |a|r_1 \leq |z| \leq |a|r_2$$

If $x[n] = (0.5)^n u[n] \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{1-0.5z^{-1}}$, what is the z-Transform of $x_1[n] = a^n x[n]$?

$$X_1(z) = \frac{1}{1-0.5\left(\frac{z}{a}\right)^{-1}} = \frac{1}{1-0.5az^{-1}} \quad \text{ROC: } |z| > 0.5a$$

Differentiation in the z-domain

$$x[n] \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{Z}} X(z)$$

then

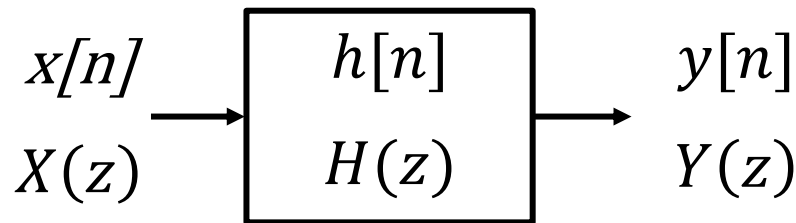
$$nx[n] \leftrightarrow -z \frac{dX(z)}{dz} \quad \text{ROC is same as that of } x[n]$$

Proof:

$$\frac{dX(z)}{dz} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n](-n)z^{-n-1} = -z^{-1} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} nx[n]z^{-n}$$

$$-z \frac{dX(z)}{dz} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} nx[n]z^{-n} = \mathcal{Z}\{nx[n]\}$$

Convolution $y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]x[n-k]$

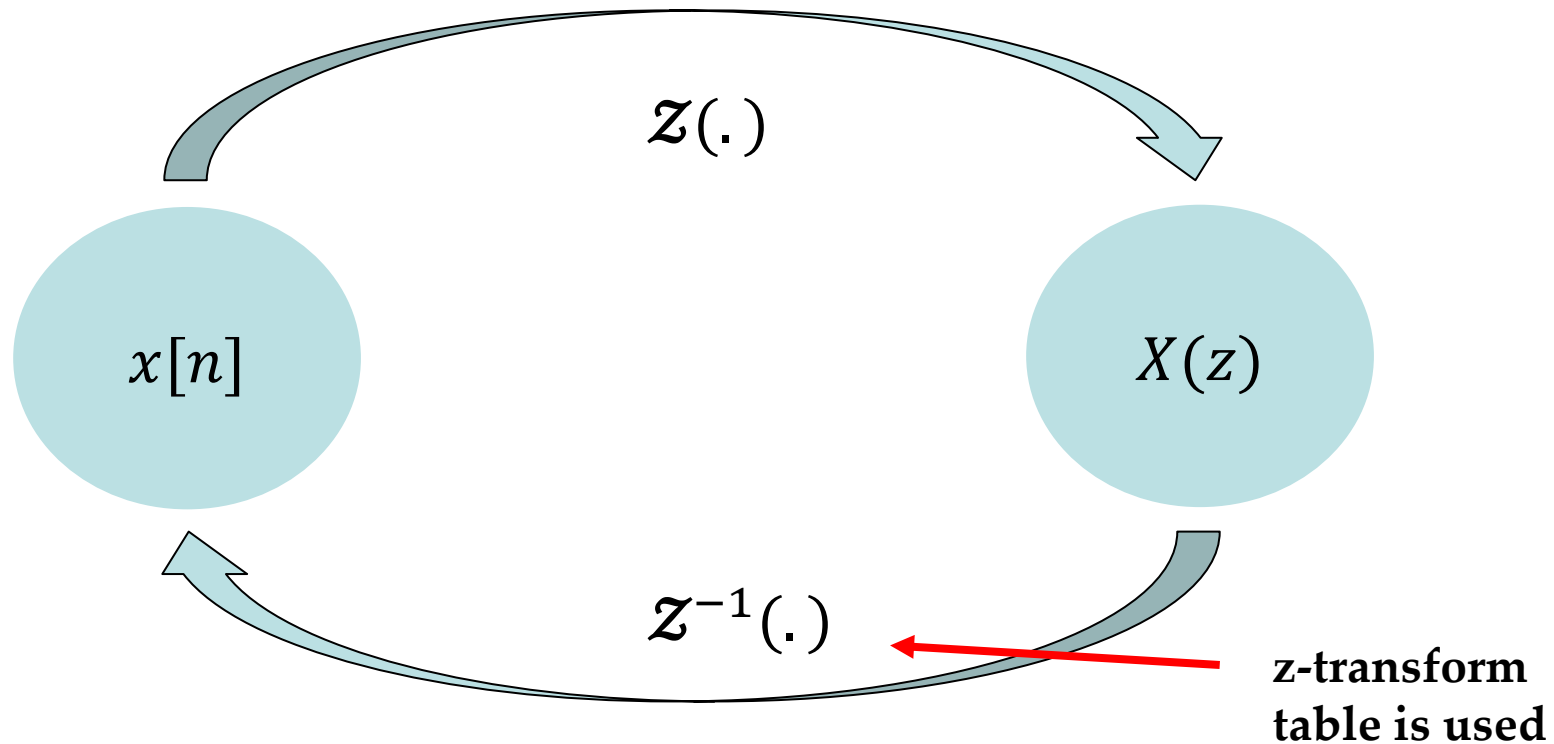


ROC of $Y(z)$ is the intersection of that of $X(z)$ and $H(z)$

$$y[n] = x[n] * h[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} Y(z) = X(z)H(z)$$

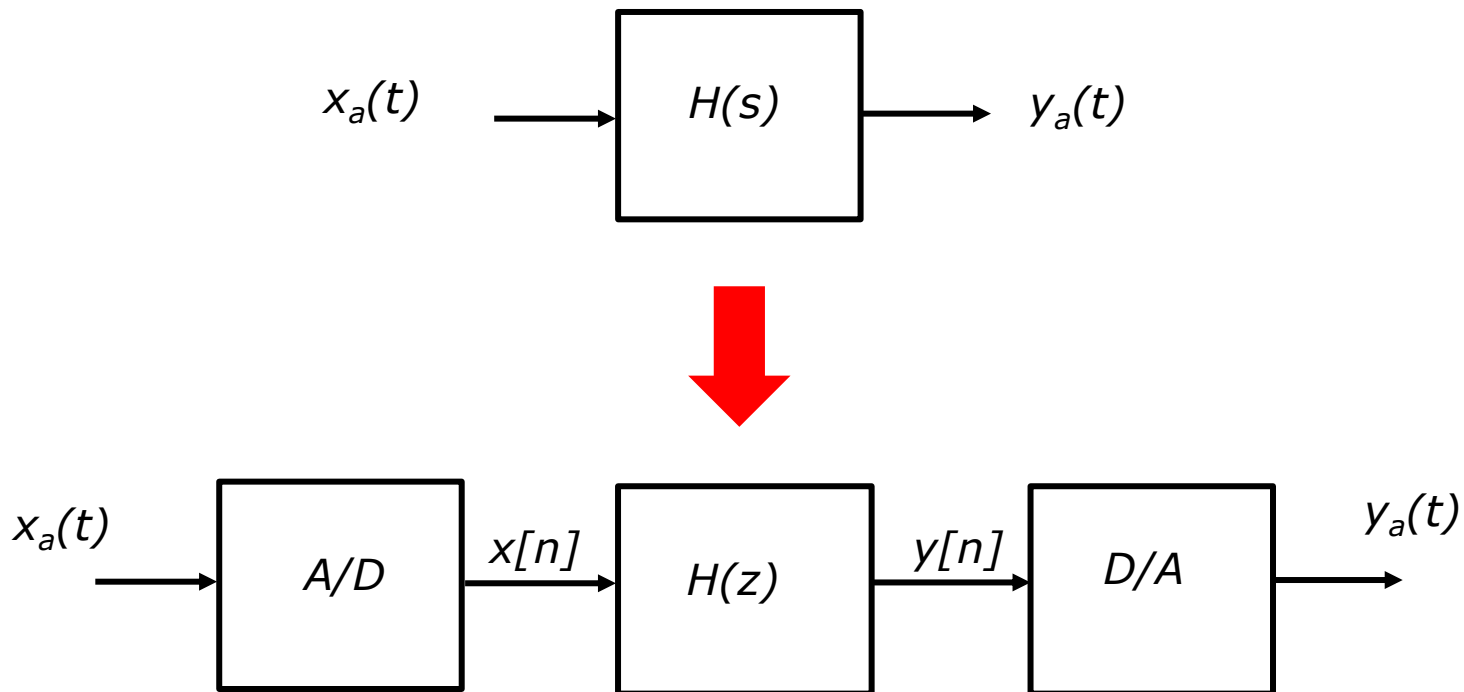
$$\begin{aligned} Y(z) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} y[n]z^{-n} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]x[n-k] \right] z^{-n} \\ &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k] \left[\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n-k]z^{-n} \right] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]X(z)z^{-k} \\ &= X(z) \left[\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]z^{-k} \right] = X(z)H(z) \end{aligned}$$

Inverse z-Transform



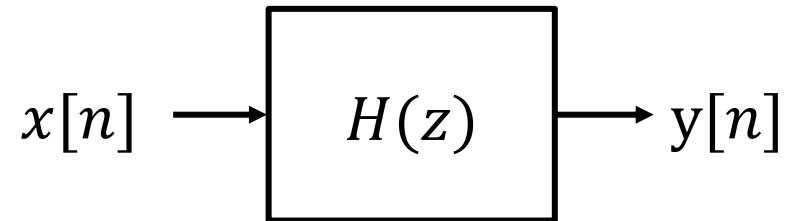
Similar to other transforms, there is an Inverse Z-Transform integral to evaluate $\mathcal{Z}^{-1}(\cdot)$, but usually the z-transform table is used to find the original signal instead of this inverse integral.

$$z = e^{sT_s} = e^{\sigma T_s + j2\pi f T_s}$$



$H(z)$ is the z-transform of the unit sample response $h[n]$.

How to find the transfer function/system function $H(z)$ of a digital filter?



E.g.: $y[n] = 0.8y[n - 1] + 0.3x[n]$. Find the system function $H(z)$.


Apply the z-transform to both sides:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{Z}(y[n]) &= \mathcal{Z}(0.8y[n - 1] + 0.3x[n]) \\ Y(z) &= 0.8z^{-1}Y(z) + 0.3X(z)\end{aligned}$$

After rearranging:

$$Y(z) = \left(\frac{1}{1 - 0.8z^{-1}} \right) X(z)$$

This is $H(z)$



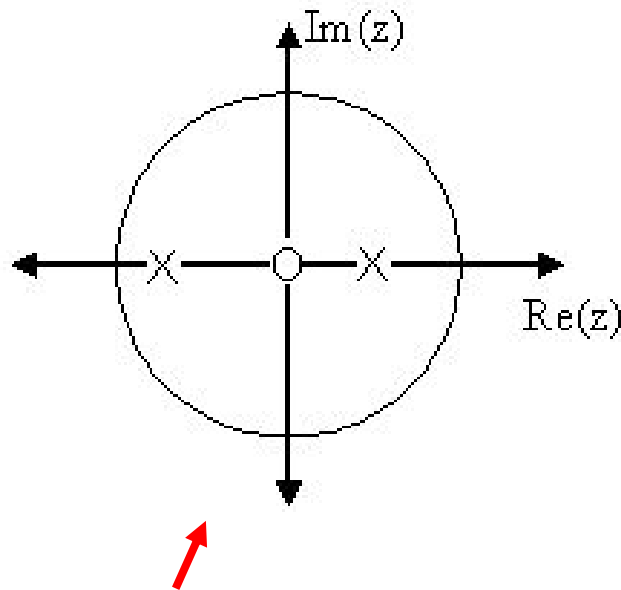
In general, the system function has the following form and can also be factored.

$$\begin{aligned} H(z) &= K \frac{\sum_{k=1}^M b_k z^{-k}}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^N a_k z^{-k}} \\ &= K \frac{\prod_{k=1}^M (1 - z_k z^{-1})}{\prod_{k=1}^N (1 - p_k z^{-1})} = K \frac{\prod_{k=1}^M (z - z_k)}{\prod_{k=1}^N (z - p_k)} \end{aligned}$$

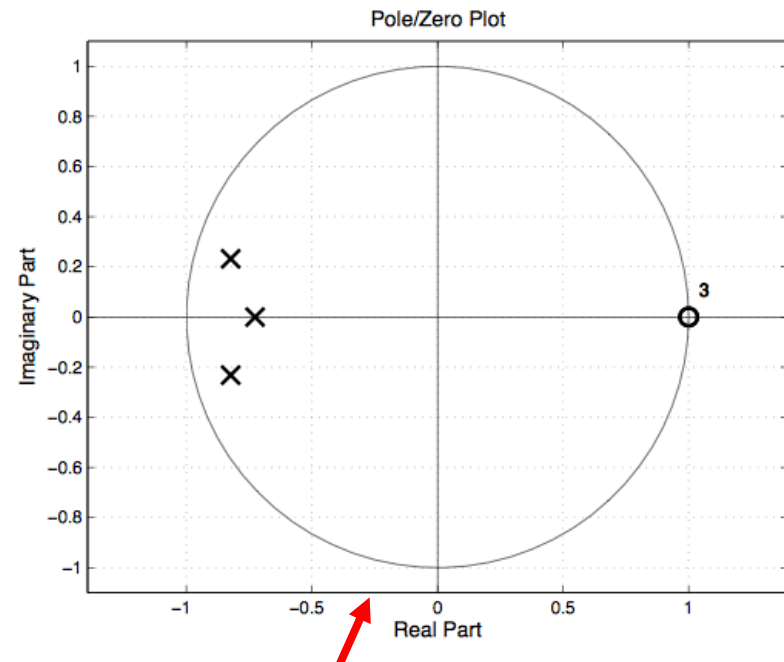
- $H(z)$ has M finite zeros (roots of the numerator polynomial) at $z = \{z_1, \dots, z_M\}$
- N finite poles (roots of the denominator polynomial) at $z = \{p_1, \dots, p_N\}$.
- There may be multiple zeros or poles at $z = 0$ depending on M and N .

Pole-Zero Plot

The Pole-Zero plot is a graphical representation of poles and zeros in the complex z -plane with **crosses (X) for poles** and **circles (o) for zeros**. The multiplicity of poles or zeros is indicated by a number close to the corresponding cross or circle.



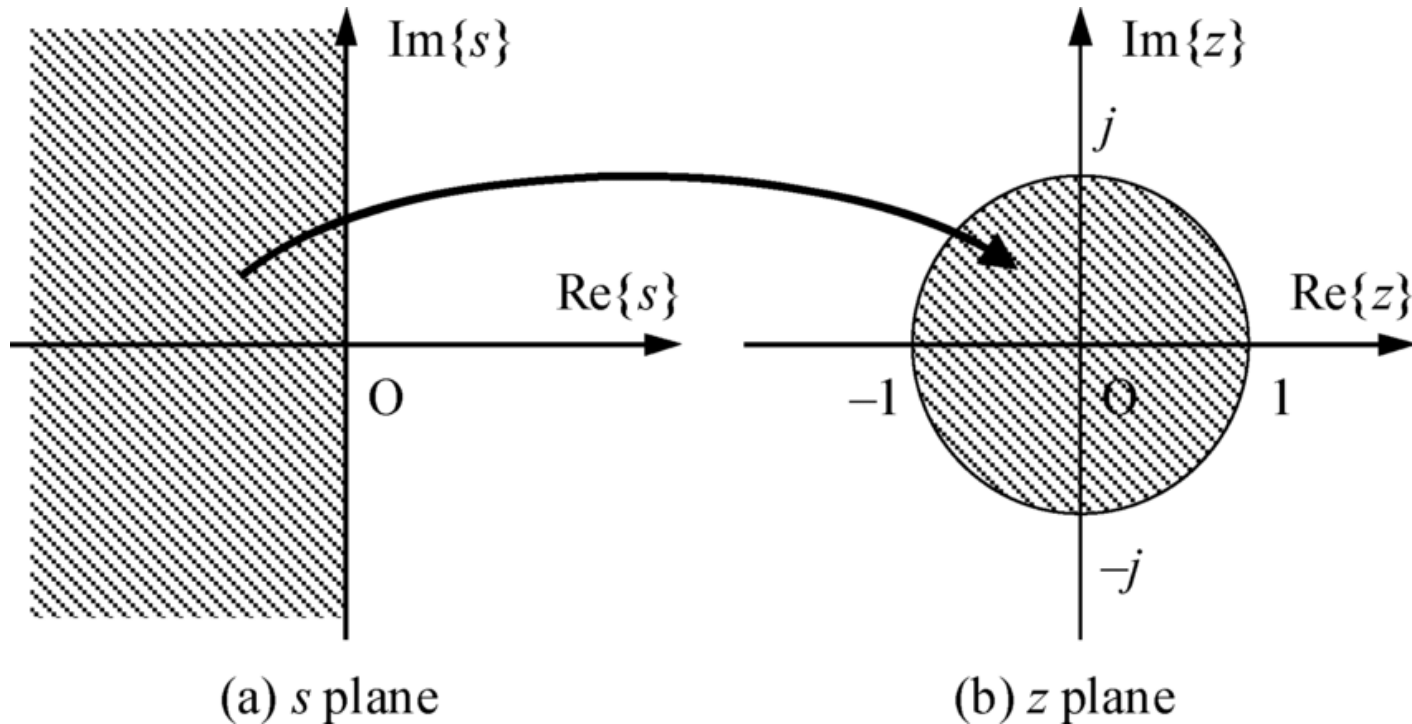
2 poles and one zero



3 poles and 3 zeros

s-plane vs z-plane

$$z = e^{sT_s} = e^{\sigma T_s + j2\pi f T_s}$$



A digital filter given by $H(z)$ is asymptotically stable if all of its poles are inside the unit circle.

We can categorise digital filters as:

- Relaxed digital filters (all initial conditions are zero)
- Non-relaxed digital filters (filters with non-zero initial conditions)

Example

$$y[n] = 0.8y[n-1] + 0.3x[n].$$

Find the output $y[n]$ for $n \geq 0$ when the filter is excited by $x[n] = u[n]$ and $y[-1] = b$?

Consider the z-transform of $y[n]$

$$\begin{aligned} Y(z) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} y[n]z^{-n} \\ &= bz + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} y[n]z^{-n} \\ &= bz + Y^+(z) \end{aligned}$$

We have split the z-transform of $y[n]$ into two parts. The second part has been denoted by $Y^+(z)$. If one can find $Y^+(z)$, by inverting it, one can find $y[n]$ for $n \geq 0$.

Apply the z-transform to both sides:

$$\mathcal{Z}(y[n]) = \mathcal{Z}(0.8y[n-1] + 0.3x[n])$$

$$Y^+(z) = 0.8z^{-1}Y(z) + 0.3X(z)$$

$$Y^+(z) = 0.8z^{-1}[Y^+(z) + bz] + 0.3X(z)$$

After rearranging:

$$Y^+(z) = \left(\frac{0.8b}{1 - 0.8z^{-1}} \right) + \left(\frac{0.3}{1 - 0.8z^{-1}} \right) X(z)$$

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$$Y^+(z) = \left(\frac{0.8bz}{z - 0.8} \right) + \left(\frac{0.3z}{z - 0.8} \right) \left(\frac{z}{z - 1} \right)$$

Use partial fractions for the second term

$$\left(\frac{0.3z}{z - 0.8} \right) \left(\frac{z}{z - 1} \right) = -\frac{1.2z}{z - 0.8} + \frac{1.5z}{z - 1}$$

$$Y^+(z) = \left(\frac{0.8bz}{z - 0.8} \right) - \frac{1.2z}{z - 0.8} + \frac{1.5z}{z - 1}$$

$$y[n] = (0.8b + 1.2)(0.8)^n u[n] + 1.5u[n].$$