Chapter 3 The z-Transform

technique of inverse transformation based on the partial fraction expansion of X(z). We also discussed other techniques for inverse transformation, such as the use of tabulated power series expansions and long division.

An important part of the chapter was a discussion of some of the many properties of the z-transform that make it useful in analyzing discrete-time signals and systems. A variety of examples demonstrated how these properties can be used to find direct and inverse z-transforms.

Problems

Basic Problems with Answers

3.1. Determine the z-transform, including the ROC, for each of the following sequences:

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

(b) $-\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n}u[-n-1]$
(c) $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n}u[-n]$
(d) $\delta[n]$
(e) $\delta[n-1]$
(f) $\delta[n+1]$

3.2 Determine the z-transform of the sequence

$$x[n] = \begin{cases} n, & 0 \le n \le N - 1, \\ N, & N \le n. \end{cases}$$

- 3.3. Determine the z-transform of each of the following sequences. Include with your answer the ROC in the z-plane and a sketch of the pole-zero plot. Express all sums in closed form; α can be complex.

(a)
$$x_a[n] = \alpha^{|n|}$$
, $0 < |\alpha| < 1$.
(b) $x_b[n] = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \le n \le N - 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$
(c) $x_c[n] = \begin{cases} n+1, & 0 \le n \le N - 1, \\ 2N-1-n, & N \le n \le 2(N-1), \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

Hint: Note that $x_h[n]$ is a rectangular sequence and $x_c[n]$ is a triangular sequence. First, express $x_c[n]$ in terms of $x_b[n]$.

- **3.4.** Consider the z-transform X(z) whose pole-zero plot is as shown in Figure P3.4.
 - (a) Determine the ROC of X(z) if it is known that the Fourier transform exists. For this case, determine whether the corresponding sequence x[n] is right sided, left sided, or two sided.
 - (b) How many possible two-sided sequences have the pole-zero plot shown in Figure P3.4?
 - (c) Is it possible for the pole-zero plot in Figure P3.4 to be associated with a sequence that is both stable and causal? If so, give the appropriate ROC.

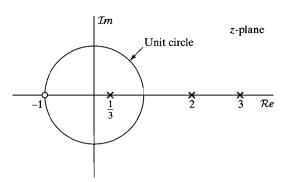
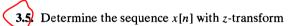


Figure P3.4



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

3.6. Following are several z-transforms. For each, determine the inverse z-transform using both methods—partial fraction expansion and power series expansion—discussed in Section 3.3. In addition, indicate in each case whether the Fourier transform exists.

(a)
$$X(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}}, \qquad |z| > \frac{1}{2}$$

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(b) $X(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}}, \qquad |z| < \frac{1}{2}$

(c)
$$X(z) = \frac{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}}{1 + \frac{3}{4}z^{-1} + \frac{1}{8}z^{-2}}, \quad |z| > \frac{1}{2}$$

(d)
$$X(z) = \frac{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}}{1 - \frac{1}{4}z^{-2}}, \qquad |z| > \frac{1}{2}$$

(e)
$$X(z) = \frac{1 - az^{-1}}{z^{-1} - a}, \qquad |z| > |1/a|$$

(3.7.) The input to a causal LTI system is

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

The z-transform of the output of this system is

$$Y(z) = \frac{-\frac{1}{2}z^{-1}}{\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}\right)\left(1 + z^{-1}\right)}.$$

- (a) Determine H(z), the z-transform of the system impulse response. Be sure to specify the ROC.
- **(b)** What is the ROC for Y(z)?
- (c) Determine y[n].

3.8. The system function of a causal LTI system is

$$H(z) = \frac{1 - z^{-1}}{1 + \frac{3}{4}z^{-1}}.$$

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The input to this system is

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

- (a) Find the impulse response of the system, h[n].
- **(b)** Find the output y[n].
- (c) Is the system stable? That is, is h[n] absolutely summable?
- (3.9. A causal LTI system has impulse response h[n], for which the z-transform is

$$H(z) = \frac{1 + z^{-1}}{\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}\right)\left(1 + \frac{1}{4}z^{-1}\right)}.$$

- (a) What is the ROC of H(z)?
- (b) Is the system stable? Explain.
- (c) Find the z-transform X(z) of an input x[n] that will produce the output

$$y[n] = -\frac{1}{3} \left(-\frac{1}{4} \right)^n u[n] - \frac{4}{3} (2)^n u[-n-1].$$

- (d) Find the impulse response h[n] of the system.
- **3.10.** Without explicitly solving for X(z), find the ROC of the z-transform of each of the following sequences, and determine whether the Fourier transform converges:

(a)
$$x[n] = \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n + \left(\frac{3}{4} \right)^n \right] u[n-10]$$

(b)
$$x[n] = \begin{cases} 1, & -10 \le n \le 10, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(c)
$$x[n] = \hat{2}^n u[-n]$$

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(c) $x[n] = 2^n u[-n]$
(d) $x[n] = \left[\left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^{n+4} - (e^{j\pi/3})^n \right] u[n - 1]$
(e) $x[n] = u[n + 10] - u[n + 5]$

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

3.11. Following are four z-transforms. Determine which ones could be the z-transform of a causal sequence. Do not evaluate the inverse transform. You should be able to give the answer by inspection. Clearly state your reasons in each case.

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

(b)
$$\frac{(z-1)^2}{(z-\frac{1}{2})}$$

$$(c) \frac{\left(z-\frac{1}{4}\right)^5}{\left(z-\frac{1}{2}\right)^6}$$

(d)
$$\frac{\left(z-\frac{1}{4}\right)^6}{\left(z-\frac{1}{2}\right)^5}$$

3.12. Sketch the pole–zero plot for each of the following z-transforms and shade the ROC:

(a)
$$X_1(z) = \frac{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}}{1 + 2z^{-1}}$$
, ROC: $|z| < 2$

(b)
$$X_2(z) = \frac{1 - \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}\right)\left(1 - \frac{2}{3}z^{-1}\right)}, \quad x_2[n] \text{ causal}$$

(c)
$$X_3(z) = \frac{1+z^{-1}-2z^{-2}}{1-\frac{13}{2}z^{-1}+z^{-2}},$$
 $x_3[n]$ absolutely summable.

3.13. A causal sequence g[n] has the z-transform

$$G(z) = \sin(z^{-1})(1 + 3z^{-2} + 2z^{-4}).$$

Find g[11].

3.14. If
$$H(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{4}z^{-2}}$$
 and $h[n] = A_1\alpha_1^n u[n] + A_2\alpha_2^n u[n]$, determine the values of A_1 , A_2 , α_1 , and α_2 .

3.15. If
$$H(z) = \frac{1 - \frac{1}{1024}z^{-10}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}}$$
 for $|z| > 0$, is the corresponding LTI system causal? Justify your answer

3.16. When the input to an LTI system is

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

the corresponding output is

$$y[n] = 5\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n u[n] - 5\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n u[n].$$

- (a) Find the system function H(z) of the system. Plot the pole(s) and zero(s) of H(z) and indicate the ROC.
- (b) Find the impulse response h[n] of the system.
- (c) Write a difference equation that is satisfied by the given input and output.
- (d) Is the system stable? Is it causal?

3.17. Consider an LTI system with input x[n] and output y[n] that satisfies the difference equation

$$y[n] - \frac{5}{2}y[n-1] + y[n-2] = x[n] - x[n-1].$$

Determine all possible values for the system's impulse response h[n] at n = 0.

3.18. A causal LTI system has the system function

$$H(z) = \frac{1 + 2z^{-1} + z^{-2}}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}\right)(1 - z^{-1})}.$$

- (a) Find the impulse response of the system, h[n].
- (b) Find the output of this system, y[n], for the input

$$x[n]=2^n$$
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(a)

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}}, \qquad |z| > \frac{1}{2}$$

$$H(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{4}z^{-1}}, \qquad |z| > \frac{1}{4}$$

(b)

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{1 - 2z^{-1}}, \qquad |z| < 2$$

$$H(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}}, \qquad |z| > \frac{1}{3}$$

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$$X(z) = \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{1}{5}z^{-1}\right)\left(1 + 3z^{-1}\right)}, \qquad \frac{1}{5} < |z| < 3$$

$$H(z) = \frac{1 + 3z^{-1}}{1 + \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}}, \qquad |z| > \frac{1}{3}$$

3.20. For each of the following pairs of input and output z-transforms X(z) and Y(z), determine the ROC for the system function H(z):

(a)

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{3}{4}z^{-1}}, \qquad |z| > \frac{3}{4}$$

$$Y(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{2}{3}z^{-1}}, \qquad |z| > \frac{2}{3}$$

(b)

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}}, \qquad |z| < \frac{1}{3}$$

$$Y(z) = \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{1}{6}z^{-1}\right)\left(1 + \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}\right)}, \qquad \frac{1}{6} < |z| < \frac{1}{3}$$

Basic Problems

3.21. A causal LTI system has the following system function:

$$H(z) = \frac{4 + 0.25z^{-1} - 0.5z^{-2}}{(1 - 0.25z^{-1})(1 + 0.5z^{-1})}$$

(a) What is the ROC for H(z)?