

Digital Signal Processing

Chapter III: The Z Transform

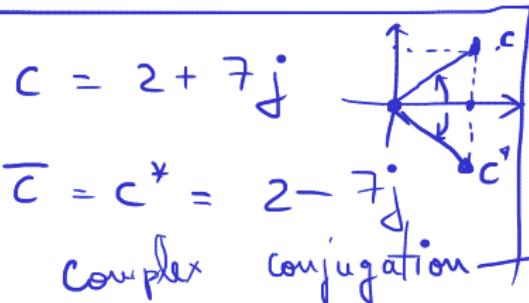
III.1 Introducing the Z transform

Preliminaries: complex numbers

$$\begin{aligned} c &= (a, b) \\ &= \{ |c|, \angle c \} \end{aligned}$$

Recap: Complex numbers

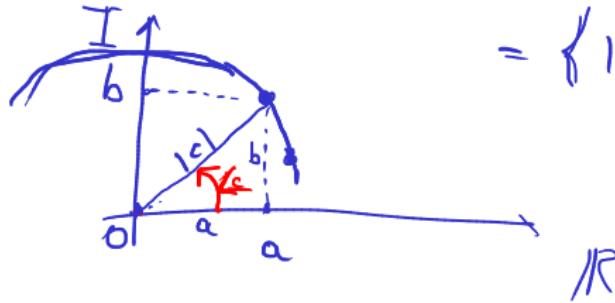
- ▶ real and imaginary part
- ▶ modulus and phase
- ▶ graphical interpretation
- ▶ Euler formula
- ▶ modulus and phase of e^{jx}



$$c = a + j \cdot b$$

$$|c| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$= d((a, b), (0, 0)) = \sqrt{(a-0)^2 + (b-0)^2}$$



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$$\angle c = \operatorname{atan} \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)$$

$$\tan = \operatorname{tg} (\angle c) = \frac{b}{a}$$

$$c = |c| \cdot e^{j \cdot \angle c} = a + j \cdot b$$

$$c^* = |c| \cdot e^{-j \cdot \angle c} = a - j \cdot b$$

$$e^{j \cdot x} = \underbrace{\cos x}_{a} + j \cdot \underbrace{\sin x}_{b}$$

$$|e^{jx}| = \sqrt{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x} = 1$$

Definition of Z transform

- The Z Transform of a signal $x[n]$, called $X(z)$, is defined as:

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]z^{-n} = X[-1] \cdot z + X[0] + X[1] \cdot z^{-1} + X[2] \cdot z^{-2} + \dots$$

- Notation:

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

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

$$\mathcal{Z}\left\{ x[n] \right\} = X(z)$$

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

Definition of Z transform

- ▶ Similar to the Laplace transform for continuous signals
- ▶ The Z transform associates **a polynomial** to a signal (think Information Theory class)
- ▶ Why?
 - ▶ Easy representation of convolution
 - ▶ Convolution of two signals = multiplication of polynomials
 - ▶ Efficient descriptions of complicated systems with poles and zeros

Region of convergence

$$X(z) \quad , \quad z \in \mathbb{C}$$

- ▶ $X(z)$ is a sum dependent on some variable z (complex number)
- ▶ The Region Of Convergence (ROC) = the values of z for which the sum is convergent (does not go to $\pm\infty$)

Examples

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

a) $x[n] = \{ \dots, 1, 2, 5, 7, 0, \dots \}$

$$X(z) = 1 + 2z^{-1} + 5z^{-2} + 7z^{-3}$$

Exercises:

- Compute Z transform for the following signals:

$$x[n] = 1, 2, 5, 7, 0, \text{ (with time origin in 1 or in 5)}$$

$$\delta[n], \delta[n-k], \delta[n+k]$$

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

b). $\delta[n] \longleftrightarrow 1$
 $\delta[n-k] \longleftrightarrow z^{-k}$
 $0 \ 0 \ 0 \dots \frac{1}{2} \ 0 \ 0 \dots$

q2) $x[n] = \{ 0, \dots, \underset{\uparrow}{1}, 2, 5, 7, 0, \dots \}$

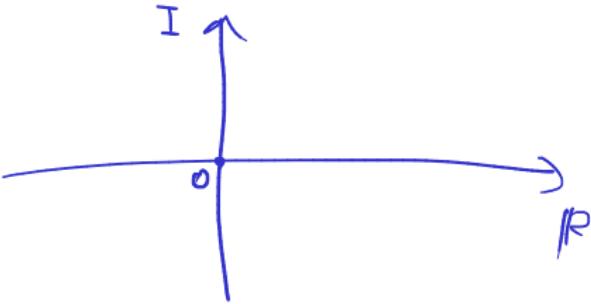
$$X(z) = 1 \cdot z^2 + 2 \cdot z + 5 + 7 \cdot z^{-1}$$

c) $x[n] = \frac{1}{2}^n u[n]$
 $= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}, (\frac{1}{2})^2, (\frac{1}{2})^3, \dots}_{1} (\frac{1}{2})^n$

Region of convergence

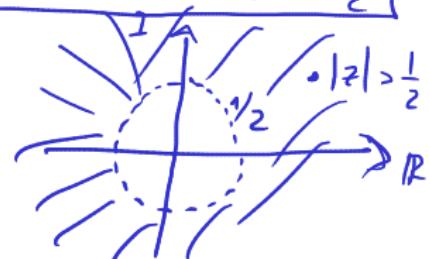
$$X(z) = 1 + z^{-1} + 5z^{-2} + 7z^{-3}, \text{ ROC: } Z - \{0\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}z &= 0 \\z^{-1} &= \frac{1}{0} = \infty\end{aligned}$$



- z is a complex number
- Region of convergence (ROC) is displayed as an area in the complex plane (also known as the Z plane)

$$X(z) = \frac{z}{z - \frac{1}{2}}, \boxed{\text{ROC: } |z| > \frac{1}{2}}$$

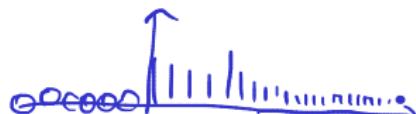


Region of convergence

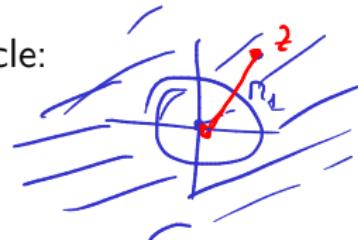
- For finite-support signals, the ROC is the whole Z plane, possibly except 0 or ∞

$$\{ \dots 0, 1, 2, 5, 7, \dots \}$$

- For causal signals, the ROC is the **outside** of a circle:



$$|z| > r_1$$

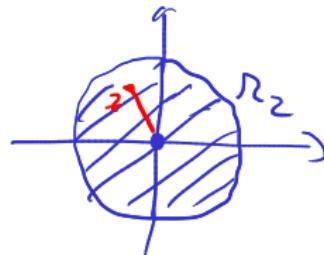


- e.g. if $|z|$ is big enough, the sum is convergent

- For anti-causal signals, the ROC is the inside of a circle:



$$|z| < r_2$$



- e.g. if $|z|$ is small enough, the sum is convergent

- Why circles? Because only modulus of z matters

- complex numbers on a circle have the same modulus

$$x[n] = u[n] = \begin{cases} 1, & n \geq 0 \\ 0, & n < 0 \end{cases}$$

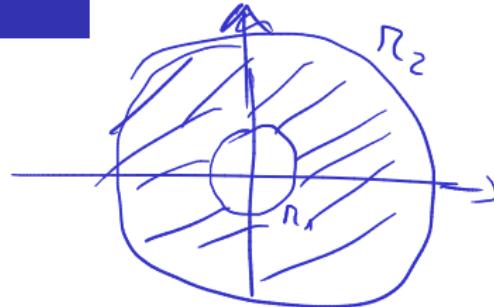
$$X(z) = 1 + z^{-1} + z^{-2} + z^{-3} + \dots z^{-n}$$

Region of convergence



- ▶ For **bilateral** signals, the ROC is the area **between** two circles:

$$r_1 < |z| < r_2 \quad \text{most general}$$



- ▶ bilateral signals have a causal part and an anti-causal part
- ▶ For finite-support signals, the two “circles” are of “radius” 0 and ∞
- ▶ Two different signals can have the same expression of $X(z)$, but with different ROC!
 - ▶ ROC is an essential part in specifying a Z transform
 - ▶ it should never be omitted

The Inverse Z Transform

$$X(z) \longleftarrow x[n] = ?$$

- From a purely mathematical point of view, $X(z)$ is a complex function

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

- Proper definition of inverse transform is based on the theory of complex functions
- Multiply with z^{n-1} and integrate along a contour C inside the ROC:

$$\oint_C X(z)z^{n-1}dz = \oint_C \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]z^{n-k-1}dz = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] \oint_C z^{n-k-1}dz$$

The Inverse Z Transform

- The Cauchy integral theorem says that:

$$\frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C z^{n-k-1} dz = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } k = n \\ 0, & \text{if } k \neq n \end{cases}$$

- And therefore:

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C X(z) z^{n-1} dz$$

- We will not use this relation in practice, but instead will rely on
partial fraction decomposition

Properties of Z transform

$$\mathcal{Z} \left\{ a \cdot x_1[n] + b \cdot x_2[n] \right\} = a \cdot \mathcal{Z} \left\{ x_1[n] \right\} +$$

$$+ b \cdot \mathcal{Z} \left\{ x_2[n] \right\}$$

1. Linearity

If $x_1[n] \xrightarrow{Z} X_1(z)$ with ROC1, and $x_2[n] \xrightarrow{Z} X_2(z)$ with ROC2, then:

$$ax_1[n] + bx_2[n] \xrightarrow{Z} aX_1(z) + bX_2(z)$$

and ROC is at least the intersection of ROC1 and ROC2.

→ Proof: use definition

$$\mathcal{Z} \left\{ a \cdot x_1[n] + b \cdot x_2[n] \right\} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (a x_1[n] + b x_2[n]) z^{-n} = a \cdot \underbrace{\sum_n x_1[n] z^{-n}}_{\mathcal{Z}\{x_1[n]\}} + b \cdot \underbrace{\sum_n x_2[n] z^{-n}}_{\mathcal{Z}\{x_2[n]\}}$$

Properties of Z transform

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

2. Shifting in time

If $x[n] \xrightarrow{Z} X(z)$ with ROC, then:

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

with same ROC, possibly except 0 and ∞ .

Proof: by definition

- ▶ valid for all k , also for $k < 0$
- ▶ delay of 1 sample = $\boxed{z^{-1}}$

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

$$x[n+k] \longleftrightarrow z^k X(z)$$

$$\mathcal{Z}\{x[n-k]\} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n-k] \cdot z^{-n} \cdot \underbrace{z^{-k} \cdot z^k}_{=1} = z^{-k} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n-k] \cdot z^{-n} = z^{-k} \underbrace{\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] \cdot z^{-n}}_{X(z)} = z^{-k} X(z)$$

3. Modulation in time

If $x[n] \xleftrightarrow{Z} X(z)$ with ROC, then:

$$e^{j\omega_0 n} x[n] \xleftrightarrow{Z} X(e^{-j\omega_0} z)$$

with same ROC

Proof: by definition

4. Reflected signal

If $x[n] \xrightarrow{Z} X(z)$ with ROC $r_1 < |z| < r_2$, then:

$$x[-n] \xrightarrow{Z} X(z^{-1})$$

with ROC $\frac{1}{r_2} < |z| < \frac{1}{r_1}$

Proof: by definition

5. Derivative of Z transform

If $x[n] \xrightarrow{Z} X(z)$ with ROC, then:

$$nx[n] \xrightarrow{Z} -z \frac{dX(z)}{dz}$$

with same ROC

Proof: by derivating the difference

6. Transform of difference

If $x[n] \xrightarrow{Z} X(z)$ with ROC, then:

$$x[n] - x[n - 1] \xrightarrow{Z} (1 - z^{-1})X(z)$$

with same ROC except $z = 0$.

Proof: using linearity and time-shift property

7. Accumulation in time

If $x[n] \xrightarrow{Z} X(z)$ with ROC, then:

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^n x[k] \xrightarrow{Z} \frac{X(z)}{(1 - z^{-1})}$$

with same ROC except $z = 1$.

Proof: $x[n] = y[n] - y[n - 1]$, apply previous property

Properties of Z transform

$$x[n] \in \mathbb{R}$$

8. Complex conjugation

If $x[n] \xrightarrow{\text{Z}} X(z)$ with ROC, and $x[n]$ is a complex signal, then:

$$x^*[n] \xrightarrow{\text{Z}} X^*(z^*)$$

with same ROC except $z = 0$.

Proof: apply definition

$$x[n] \in \mathbb{C}$$

Consequence

If $x[n]$ is a real signal, the poles / zeroes are either real or in complex pairs

9. Convolution in time

If $x_1[n] \xrightarrow{Z} X_1(z)$ with ROC1, and $x_2[n] \xrightarrow{Z} X_2(z)$ with ROC2, then:

$$x[n] = \underline{x_1[n]} * \underline{x_2[n]} \xrightarrow{Z} X(z) = \underline{X_1(z)} \cdot \underline{X_2(z)}$$

and ROC the intersection of ROC1 and ROC2.

Proof: use definition

- ▶ **Very important property!** ↪
- ▶ Can compute the convolution of two signals via the Z transform

$$\begin{aligned} Z\left\{ x_1[n] * x_2[n] \right\} &= \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\sum_k x_1[k] \cdot x_2[m-k] \right) \cdot z^{-m} \cdot \underbrace{z^{-k} \cdot z^k}_{1} = \\ &= \sum_k x_1[k] \cdot z^{-k} \cdot \sum_m x_2[m-k] \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1}{z^{m-k}}}_{m-k=m} \underbrace{\frac{1}{z^k}}_{X_2(z)} \end{aligned}$$

10. Correlation in time

If $x_1[n] \xrightarrow{Z} X_1(z)$ with ROC1, and $x_2[n] \xrightarrow{Z} X_2(z)$ with ROC2, then:

$$r_{x_1x_2}[l] = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1[n]x_2[n-l] \xrightarrow{Z} R_{x_1x_2}(z) = X_1(z) \cdot X_2(z^{-1})$$

and ROC the intersection of ROC1 and with the ROC of $X_2(z^{-1})$ (see reflection property)

Proof: correlation = convolution with second signal reflected, use convolution and reflection properties

11. Initial value theorem

If $x[n]$ is a causal signal, then

$$x[0] = \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} X(z)$$

Proof:

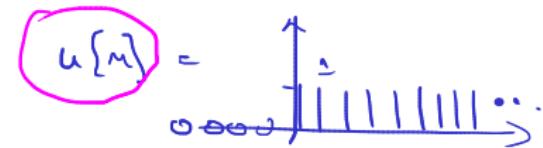
$$X(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x[n]z^{-n} = x[0] + x[1]z^{-1} + x[2]z^{-2} + \dots$$

When $z \rightarrow \infty$, all terms z^{-k} vanish.

Common Z transform pairs

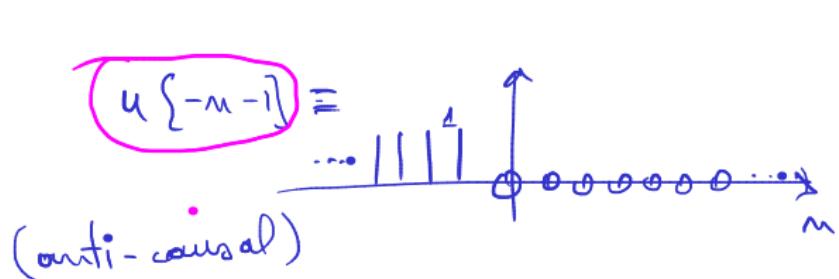
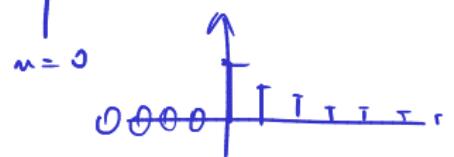
- Easily found all over the Internet

| Sequence | Transform | ROC |
|--|---|------------------------------|
| $\delta[n]$ | 1 | All z |
| $u[n]$ | $\frac{1}{1-z^{-1}}$ | $ z > 1$ |
| $-u[-n-1]$ | $\frac{1}{1-z^{-1}}$ | $ z < 1$ |
| $\delta[n-m]$ | z^{-m} | All z except 0 or ∞ |
| $a^n u[n]$ | $\frac{z}{z-a} = \frac{1}{1-az^{-1}}$ | $ z > a $ causal |
| $-a^n u[-n-1]$ | $\frac{1}{1-az^{-1}}$ | $ z < a $ anti-causal |
| $na^n u[n]$ | $\frac{az^{-1}}{(1-az^{-1})^2}$ | $ z > a $ |
| $-na^n u[-n-1]$ | $\frac{az^{-1}}{(1-az^{-1})^2}$ | $ z < a $ |
| $\begin{cases} a^n & 0 \leq n \leq N-1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ | $\frac{1-a^N z^{-N}}{1-az^{-1}}$ | $ z > 0$ |
| $\cos(\omega_0 n) u[n]$ | $\frac{1-\cos(\omega_0)z^{-1}}{1-2\cos(\omega_0)z^{-1}+z^{-2}}$ | $ z > 1$ |
| $r^n \cos(\omega_0 n) u[n]$ | $\frac{1-r\cos(\omega_0)z^{-1}}{1-2r\cos(\omega_0)z^{-1}+r^2 z^{-2}}$ | $ z > r$ |



$$a^n u[n] = \text{causal}$$

$$= \left\{ 0, \dots, 0, \underset{n=0}{\overline{1}}, a, a^2, a^3, a^4, \dots \right\}$$



III.2. Z transforms which are Rational Functions

Rational functions

- ▶ Many Z transforms are in the form of a **rational function**, i.e. a **fraction** where
 - ▶ numerator = **polynomial** in z^{-1} or z
 - ▶ denominator = **polynomial** in z^{-1} or z

$$X(z) = \frac{B(z)}{A(z)} = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^M b_k z^{-k}}{\sum_{k=0}^N a_k z^{-k}} = \frac{b_0 + b_1 z^{-1} + b_2 z^{-2} + \dots + b_M z^{-M}}{a_0 + a_1 z^{-1} + a_2 z^{-2} + \dots + a_N z^{-N}}, \quad \text{Roc}$$

- ▶ Example:

$$X(z) = \frac{b_0 + b_1 z^{-1} + b_2 z^{-2}}{1 - a_1 z^{-1} - a_2 z^{-2} + a_3 z^{-3} - a_4 z^{-4}} = \frac{B(z)}{A(z)}, \quad \text{Roc}$$

$b_0 \quad b_1 \quad b_2$
 $a_1 \quad a_2 \quad a_3 \quad a_4$
 $a_0 = 0 \quad a_3 = 0$

Poles and zeros

$$\boxed{P(x) = 0}$$

$$P(x) = X^3 + 3X^2 + 7x + 80 = G \cdot (x - x_1)(x - x_2)(x - x_3)$$

- ▶ Any polynomial is completely determined by its **roots** and a **scaling factor**

$$\text{Any } \underline{\text{polynomial}}(X) = G \cdot (X - x_1) \dots (X - x_n)$$

- ▶ The **zeros** of $X(z)$ are the **roots of the numerator** $B(z)$
- ▶ The **poles** of $X(z)$ are the **roots of the denominator** $A(z)$
- ▶ The zeros are usually named z_1, z_2, \dots, z_M , and the poles p_1, p_2, \dots, p_N .

Poles and zeros

$$= \frac{(z-z_1)(z-z_2)}{(z-0.5)(z+0.3)} \cdot \frac{z^{-1} \cdot z^{-1}}{z^{-1} \cdot z^{-1}} = \frac{(1-2z^{-1})(1-z^{-1})}{(1-0.5z^{-1})(1+0.3z^{-1})}$$

- The transform $X(z)$ can be rewritten as:

$$X(z) = \underbrace{\frac{b_0}{a_0} \cdot z^{N-M} \cdot \frac{(z-z_1)\dots(z-z_M)}{(z-p_1)\dots(z-p_N)}}_{\text{a}} = \frac{b_0}{a_0} \cdot \frac{(1-z_1z^{-1})\dots(1-z_Mz^{-1})}{(1-p_1z^{-1})\dots(1-p_Nz^{-1})}$$

- It has:

- M zeros with finite values
- N poles with finite values
- and either $N-M$ zeros in 0, if $N > M$, or $N-M$ poles in 0, if $N < M$
(trivial poles/zeros)

Poles and zeros

- ▶ Example:

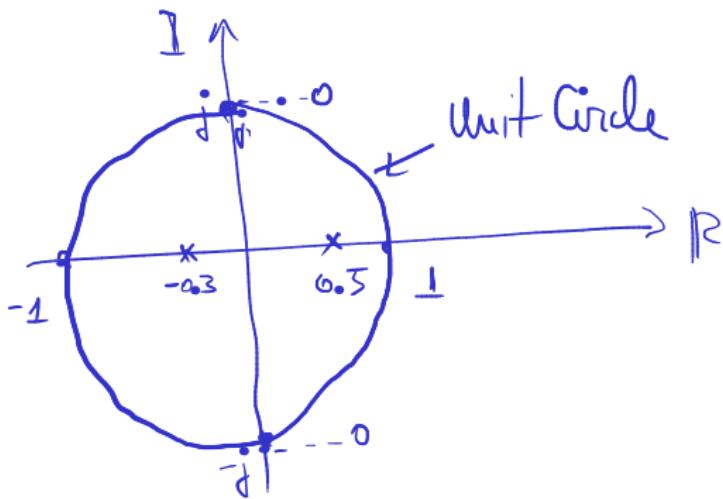
$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= \frac{2z^2 + 0.4z - 1}{3z^3 + 2.4z^2 - 3z - 2.4} \cdot \frac{z^{-3}}{z^{-3}} \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{(z - 0.3)(z + 0.5)}{(z - 1)(z + 1)(z + 0.8)} \\ &= z^{-1} \cdot \frac{(2 + 0.4z^{-1} - 1z^{-2})}{3 + 2.4z^{-1} - 3z^{-2} - 2.4z^{-3}} \\ &= z^{-1} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{(1 - 0.3z^{-1})(1 + 0.5z^{-1})}{(1 - z^{-1})(1 + z^{-1})(1 + 0.8z^{-1})} \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Multiple ways of writing same expression

Graphical representation

$$p_1 = 0.5 \quad z_1 = 0.5 + j$$
$$p_2 = -0.3 \quad z_2 = 0.5 - j$$

- ▶ The graphical representation of poles and zeros in the complex place is called **the pole-zero plot**
- ▶ Graphical: poles = “x”, zeros = “0”
- ▶ ROC cannot contain poles
- ▶ Example: at whiteboard



III.3 Inverse Z transform for rational functions

Methods for computing the Inverse Z Transform

Inverse Z Transform:

- We have $X(z)$ and the ROC, what is the signal $x[n] = ?$

Methods:

1. Direct evaluation using the Cauchy integral

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C X(z)z^{n-1} dz$$

2. Decomposition as continuous power series
3. Partial fraction decomposition (the one we'll actually use)

Partial fraction decomposition

Any rational function

$$X(z) = \frac{B(z)}{A(z)} = \frac{b_0 + b_1 z^{-1} + b_2 z^{-2} + \dots + b_M z^{-M}}{a_0 + a_1 z^{-1} + a_2 z^{-2} + \dots + a_N z^{-N}} \rightarrow (z-p_1)(z-p_2) \cdot (z-p_3)$$

can be decomposed in partial fractions:

$$X(z) = c_0 + c_1 z^{-1} + \dots + c_{N-M} z^{-(M-N)} + \frac{A_1}{z - p_1} + \dots + \frac{A_N}{z - p_N}$$

$x[n] = c_0 \delta[n] + c_1 \delta[n-1] + \dots$

- ▶ Each pole p_i has a corresponding partial fraction $\frac{A_i}{z - p_i}$
- ▶ First terms appear if $M \leq N$
- ▶ Based on linearity, we invert each term individually (simple)

Procedure for Inverse Z Transform

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See Exercise

1. If $M \geq N$, **divide numerator to denominator** to obtain the first terms.

► The remaining fraction is $X_1(z) = \frac{B_1(z)}{A(z)}$, with numerator degree strictly smaller than denominator

2. In the remaining fraction, **eliminate the negative powers** of z by multiplying with z^N . We want all powers like z^N , not z^{-N}

3. **Divide by z :**

$$\frac{X_1(z)}{z} = \frac{B_1(z)}{zA(z)}$$

Procedure for Inverse Z Transform

See Exercise

4. Compute the poles of $\frac{X_1(z)}{z}$ and **decompose in partial fractions**:

$$\frac{X_1(z)}{z} = \frac{A_1}{z - p_1} + \dots$$

5. **Multiply back with z :**

$$X_1(z) = A_1 \frac{z}{z - p_1} + \dots$$

6. Convert each term back to the time domain

Computation of partial fractions coefficients

- If all poles are distinct:

$$A_k = (z - p_k) \frac{X(z)}{z} \Big|_{z=p_k}$$

See Exercise

- If poles are in complex conjugate pairs
 - group the two fractions into a single fraction of degree 2
- If there exist m **multiple poles of same value** (pole order $m > 1$):

$$\frac{A_{1k}}{z - p_k} + \frac{A_{2k}}{(z - p_k)^2} + \dots + \frac{A_{mk}}{(z - p_k)^m}$$

$$A_{ik} = \frac{1}{(m-i)!} \frac{d^{m-i}}{dz^{m-i}} \left[(z - p_k)^m \cdot \frac{X(z)}{z} \right] \Big|_{z=p_k}$$

- example for $m = 2$

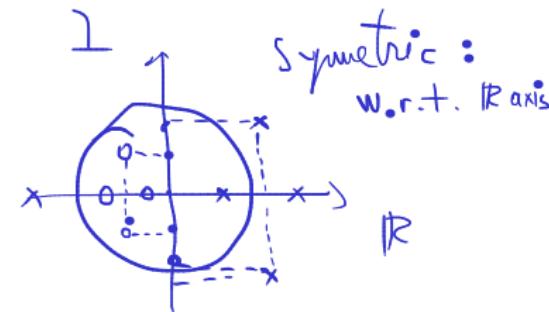
Real signals and complex poles/zeros

$$x_{1,2} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{d}}{2a} = \alpha \pm j\omega_n$$

- ▶ Consequence of the complex-conjugate property of Z transform:
- ▶ A signal $x[n]$ with **real values** can have only:
 - ▶ **real-valued** poles or zeroes
 - ▶ complex poles and zeroes in **conjugate pairs**, which can be grouped into a single term of degree 2, with real coefficients
- ▶ If a Z transform has a **complex pole or zero without its conjugate pair**, then the corresponding signal $x[n]$ is **complex**

$$P_L = 0.5 + 0.3j$$

$$P_z = 0.5 - 0.3j$$



Position of poles and signal behavior

1/TODO: Graph. examples (more)

- A rational Z transform $X(z) = \text{sum of partial fractions}$, as we just saw

- and some initial terms z^k in front

- Each partial fraction (pole) generates an exponential signal:

$$\begin{aligned} & - a^n u[n], \text{ or } -a^m u[-n-1] \\ & - (-a)^n u[-n-1] \end{aligned}$$

- For a single partial fraction (one pole only), we will analyze the relation between the position of the pole and the signal in time

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{z^2 - 0.8z + 0.15}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{(z - 0.3)(z - 0.5)} \\ &= \frac{A \cdot z}{z - 0.3} + \frac{B \cdot z}{z - 0.5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= x[n] = A \cdot 0.3^m u[n] + B \cdot (0.5)^m u[n] \end{aligned}$$

Position of poles and signal behaviour - 1 pole

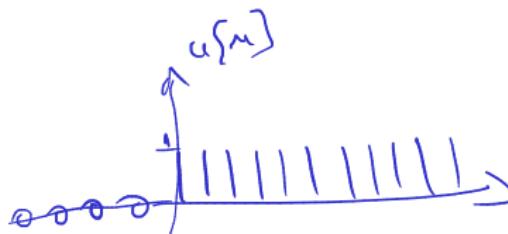
- ▶ Consider a single partial fraction with 1 pole $p_1 = a$:

$$X(z) = \dot{C} \cdot \frac{z}{z - a} \quad ROC : |z| > |a|$$

- ▶ Consider only real signals $x[n] \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow a$ is real
- ▶ Consider only causal signals $x[n] \rightarrow$ ROC is $|z| > |a|$
- ▶ Let's analyze how the corresponding signal looks like

- ▶ use the formulas:

$$x[n] = a^n \cdot u[n]$$



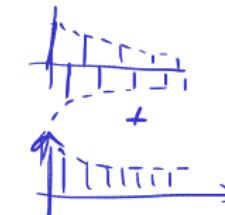
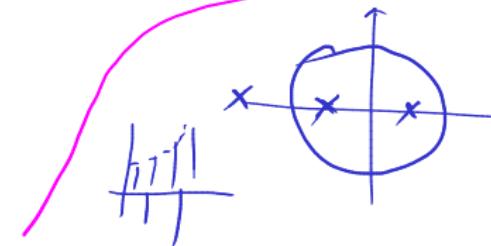
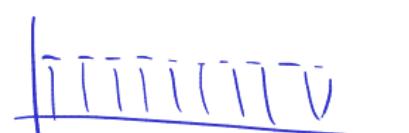
Position of poles and signal behavior - 1 pole

$$OL^m \cdot u[m]$$

How does the signal look like, depending on the pole value $p_1 = a$:

- ▶ Pole inside the unit circle ($|a| < 1$) = exponentially decreasing signal
- ▶ Pole outside the unit circle ($|a| > 1$) = exponentially increasing signal
- ▶ Pole exactly on unit circle ($|a| = 1$) = not increasing, not decreasing, but constant signal
- ▶ Negative pole ($a < 0$) —> alternating signal
- ▶ Positive value ($a > 0$) —> non-alternating signal

$$a^n u[n]$$



Position of poles and signal behavior - 1 pole

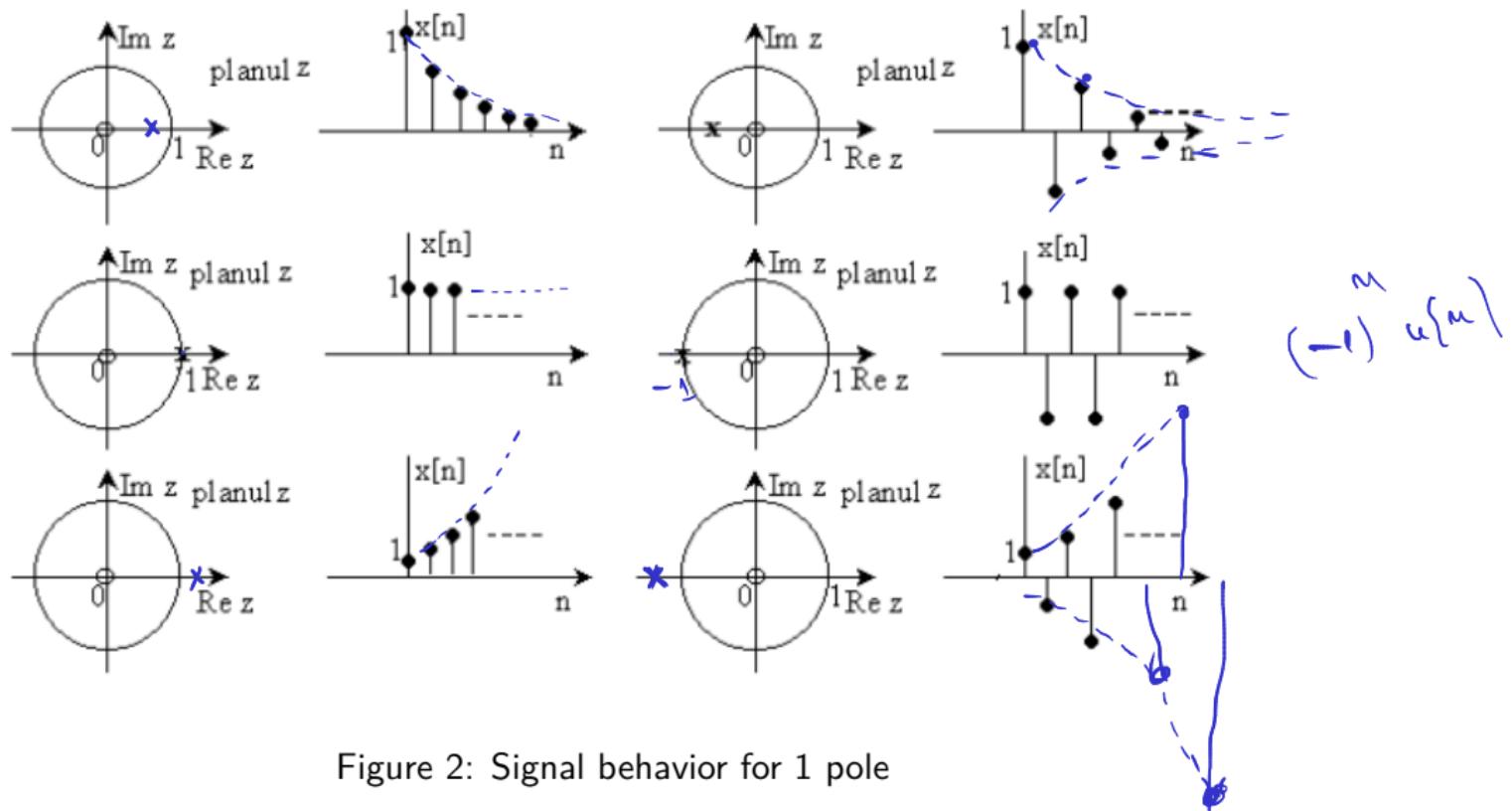


Figure 2: Signal behavior for 1 pole

Position of poles and signal behavior - 1 double pole

- ▶ Consider a **double pole** ($p_1 = a, p_2 = a$):

$$X(z) = C \frac{az}{(z-a)^2} = C \frac{az^{-1}}{(1-az^{-1})^2}, ROC : |z| > |a|$$

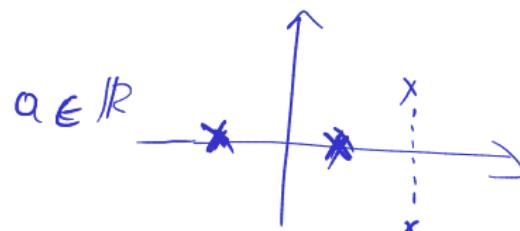
$$X(z) = \frac{1}{z^2 - 2az + 1} = \frac{1}{(z-1)(z-1)}$$

- ▶ The corresponding signal is:

$$\boxed{x[n] = na^n u[n]}$$

Effect of double pole in $p_1 = p_2 = a$:

- ▶ Pole inside the unit circle ($|a| < 1$) = decreasing signal
- ▶ Pole outside the unit circle ($|a| > 1$) = increasing signal
- ▶ Pole **exactly on** unit circle ($|a| = 1$) = **increasing** signal
- ▶ Negative pole ($a < 0$) = alternating signal
- ▶ Positive value ($a > 0$) = non-alternating signal



Position of poles and signal behavior - 1 double pole

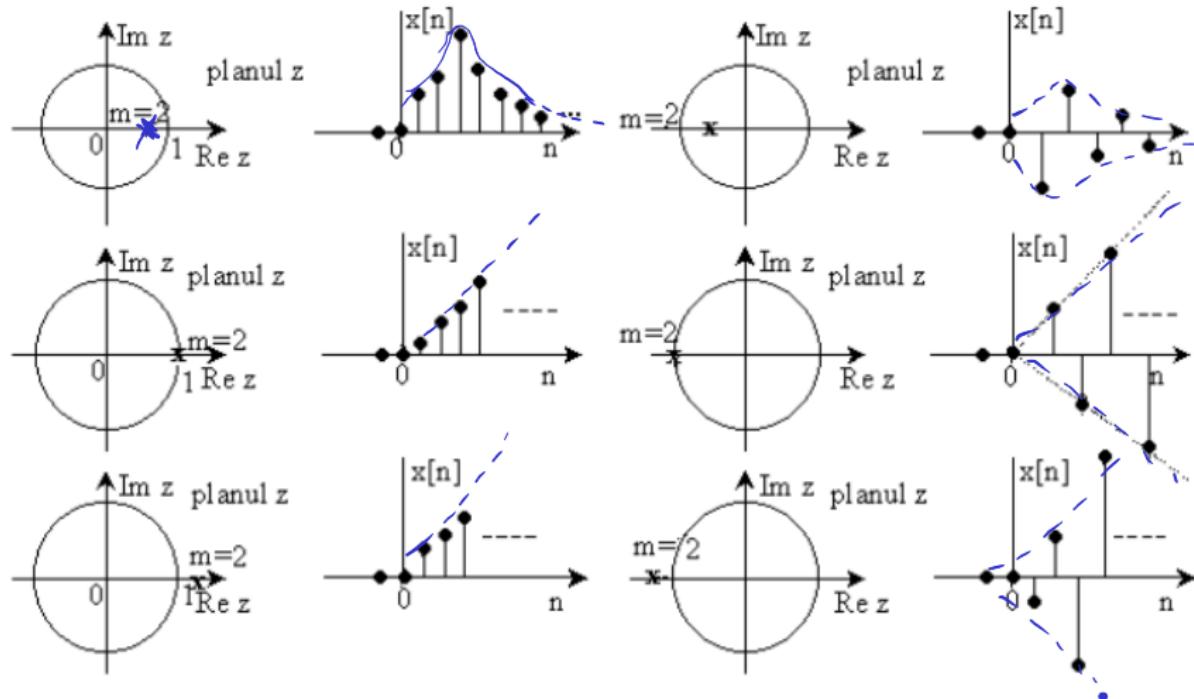


Figure 3: Signal behavior for 1 double pole

Position of poles and signal behavior - conjugate poles

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= 2 + 0.5j \\ \alpha^* &= 2 - 0.5j \end{aligned}$$

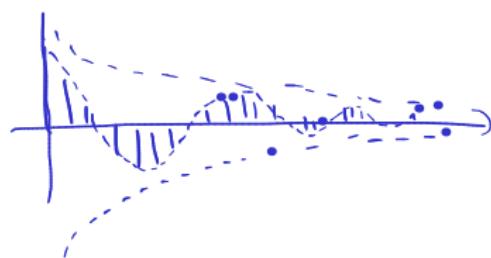
- Consider a pair of complex conjugate poles ($p_1 = \alpha$, $p_2 = \alpha^*$):

$$X(z) = \frac{1 - a \cos \omega_0 z^{-1}}{1 - 2a \cos \omega_0 z^{-1} + a^2 z^{-2}}, \text{ ROC : } |z| > |a|$$

- The corresponding signal is:

$$x[n] = a^n \cos(\omega_0 n) u[n]$$

- Effect of a pair of complex conjugate poles = **sinusoidal with exponential envelope**



Position of poles and signal behavior - conjugate poles

Effect of a pair of complex conjugate poles = **sinusoidal with exponential envelope**

- ▶ **phase** of poles gives the **frequency** of the sinusoidal
- ▶ **modulus** of poles gives the **exponential envelope**
 - ▶ poles **inside** unit circle = **decreasing** signal
 - ▶ poles **outside** unit circle → **increasing** signal
 - ▶ poles **on** unit circle → **oscillating signal**, constant amplitude, neither increasing nor decreasing

What if the poles are double?

- ▶ poles **on** unit circle → **increasing** signal
- ▶ otherwise, similar to above

Position of poles and signal behavior - conjugate poles

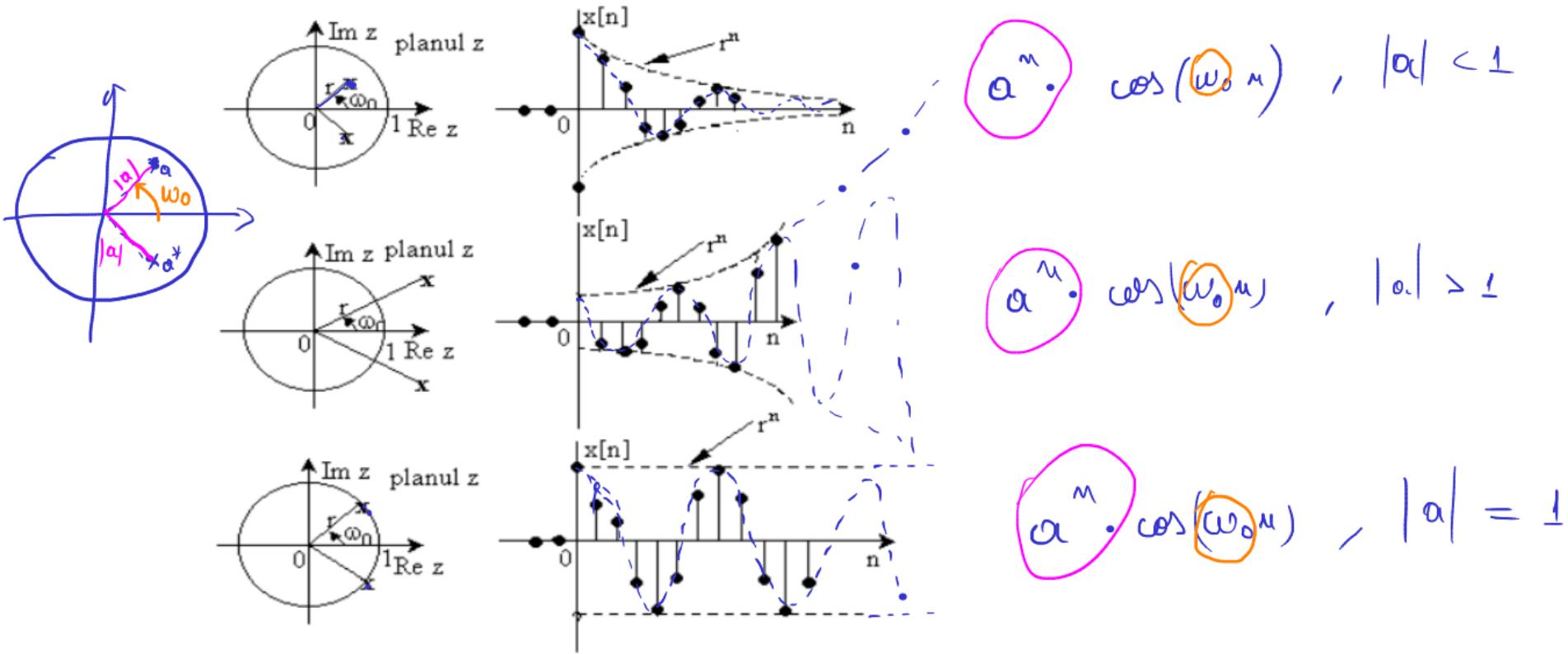
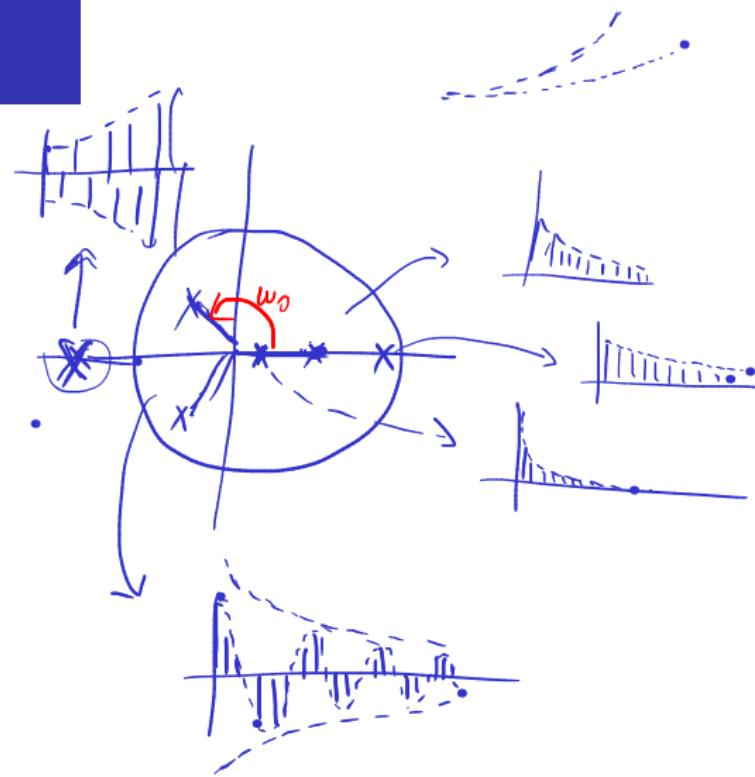


Figure 4: Signal behavior for 1 double pole

Position of poles and signal behavior

Summary: position of poles and behavior of signal

- ▶ A Z transform can be decomposed into **partial fractions**, i.e. separate poles
- ▶ Each pole means a separate fraction, means a separate component within the signal
- ▶ Conclusions (for real signals, causal):
 - ▶ **all poles inside unit circle = bounded signal**
 - ▶ because all components are exponentially decreasing
 - ▶ **simple poles on unit circle = bounded signal**
 - ▶ not increasing to infinity, but also not decreasing
 - ▶ **otherwise = unbounded signal**
 - ▶ **poles closer to 0 = faster decreasing signal**
 - ▶ **poles farther from 0 = slower decrease of signal**



III.4 LTI systems and the Z Transform

System function of a LTI system

- ▶ Consider a LTI system with impulse response $h[n]$
- ▶ If we apply an input signal $x[n]$, the output is (convolution):

$$\Rightarrow y[n] = x[n] * h[n]$$

- ▶ In Z transform, **convolution = product of transforms**

$$\Rightarrow Y(z) = X(z) \cdot H(z)$$

\Downarrow $Z\{ \}$

- ▶ The system function $H(z)$ of a LTI system = the Z transform of the impulse response $h[n]$
- ▶ The system function of a LTI system is (you know this from SCS):

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)}$$



System function and the system equation

- Reminder: any LTI system has an equation:

$$y[n] = - \sum_{k=1}^N a_k y[n-k] + \sum_{k=0}^M b_k x[n-k]$$

$$= -a_1 y[n-1] - a_2 y[n-2] - \dots - a_N y[n-N] + \\ + b_0 x[n] + b_1 x[n-1] + \dots + b_M x[n-M]$$

- which can be rewritten as:

$$y[n] + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^n a_k y[n-k]}_{\text{Output}} = \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^m b_k x[n-k]}_{\text{Input}}$$

$$y[n] + a_1 y[n-1] + a_2 y[n-2] + \dots + a_N y[n-N] = \\ = b_0 x[n] + b_1 x[n-1] + \dots + b_M x[n-M]$$

"Difference Equation"

$$\boxed{① y[n] = ② y[n-1] + ③ x[n] - ④ x[n-1]} \quad (=)$$

$$y[n] - 2 \cdot y[n-1] = 3 \cdot x[n] - x[n-1]$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \downarrow \quad \div z$$

$$Y(z) - 2 \cdot z^{-1} Y(z) = 3 X(z) - z^{-1} \cdot X(z)$$

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

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

System function and the system equation

- The system function $H(z)$ can be written **directly from the equation**

- We apply the Z transform to the whole equation

- every $y[n - k]$ becomes $z^{-k}Y(z)$
- every $x[n - k]$ becomes $z^{-k}X(z)$
- $Y(z), X(z)$ are pulled in front as common factors

- We obtain:

$$Y(z) \left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^N a_k z^{-k} \right) = X(z) \left(\sum_{k=0}^M b_k z^{-k} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} H(z) &= \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^M b_k z^{-k}}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^N a_k z^{-k}} \\ &= \frac{b_0 + b_1 z^{-1} + \dots + b_M z^{-M}}{1 + a_1 z^{-1} + \dots + a_N z^{-N}} \end{aligned}$$

$$y[n] = (-2)y[n-1] + 4y[n-3] + b_2 x[n-2] + b_3 x[n-3] + b_5 x[n-5]$$

$$H(z) = \frac{z^{-2} + 0.7z^{-3} - 0.333z^{-5}}{1 + 2z^{-1} - 4z^{-3}}$$

System function and the system equation

$$\begin{aligned} H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} &= \frac{\sum_{k=0}^M b_k z^{-k}}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^N a_k z^{-k}} \\ &= \frac{b_0 + b_1 z^{-1} + \cdots + b_M z^{-M}}{1 + a_1 z^{-1} + \cdots + a_N z^{-N}} \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ coefficients b_k of $x[n], x[n-1] \dots$ appear at numerator
- ▶ coefficients a_k of $y[n-1], y[n-2] \dots$ appear at denominator
- ! ▶ beware of the sign change of a_k
- ! ▶ the coefficient of $y[n]$ itself is always $a_0 = 1$

System function of FIR systems

Finite Impulse Response (FIR)

$$\text{Eq: } y[n] = x[n] \cdot x[n-1] \cdot x[n-2] \cdots \cdot x[n-M]$$

Particular cases:

► FIR systems: when all $a_k = 0$ (except $a_0 = 1$)

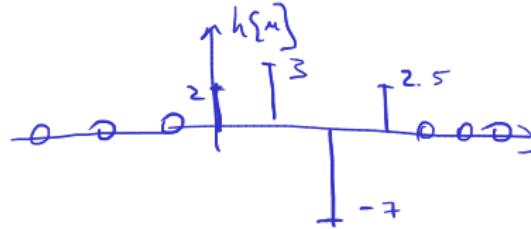
► only zeros, no poles ("all-zero system"), no denominator in $H(z)$

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \sum_{k=0}^M b_k z^{-k}$$

$$= 2 + 3z^{-1} - 7z^{-2} + 2.5z^{-3}$$

► the coefficients b_k are really the impulse response $h[n] = [2, 3, -7, 2.5]$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta[n] &\longleftrightarrow 1 \\ \delta[n-1] &\longleftrightarrow 1 \cdot z^{-1}\end{aligned}$$



$$h[n] = \{b_0(2), b_1(3), b_2(-7), b_3(2.5), \dots\}$$

System function of IIR systems

infinite impulse Response

Particular cases:

- ▶ If some $a_k \neq 0$ we have an **IIR system**
 - ▶ $H(z)$ has some polynomial at the denominator
 - ▶ If denominator is just b_0 : **all-pole system**
 - ▶ has only poles, no zeros

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{b_0}{1 + a_1 z^{-1} + \dots + a_N z^{-N}}$$

- ▶ Or it can be a **general IIR system** with both poles and zeros
(i.e. polynomials both at numerator or denominator)

Stability of a system and $H(z)$

Reminders from chapter 2:

- ▶ Stable system = a bounded input implies a bounded output
(BIBO)
- ▶ A system is stable if:

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[n]| < \infty \quad (\text{is convergent})$$

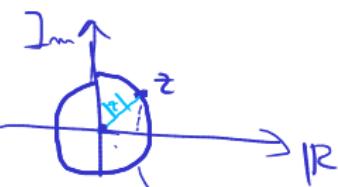
Stability of a system and $H(z)$

$$|a+b| \leq |a| + |b|$$

$$\frac{|a+b|}{|a+b|} = \frac{|a| + |b|}{|a| + |b|}$$

$$|H(z)| = \left| \sum_n h[n] z^{-n} \right| \leq \sum_n |h[n]| \cdot |z^{-n}|$$

$$= \sum_n |h[n]| \cdot |z|^{-n}$$



z on unit circle

$$|H(z)| \Big|_{|z|=1} = |H(z)| \Big|_{|z|=1} \leq \sum |h[n]|$$

$|z|$ on unit circle
 \Leftrightarrow

$$|z| = 1$$

$$|z^{-n}| = 1$$

- For a system with system function $H(z)$ we have:

$$|H(z)| = \left| \sum_n h[n] z^{-n} \right| \leq \sum_n |h[n]| \cdot |z^{-n}|$$

- Now let's consider z on the unit circle, i.e. $|z| = |z^{-n}| = 1$:

$$|H(z)| \Big|_{|z|=1} = |H(z)| \Big|_{|z|=1} \leq \sum |h[n]|$$

- If the system is **stable**, $\sum |h[n]| < \infty$ (**convergent**), so

$$|H(z)| \Big|_{|z|=1} < \infty$$

- i.e. the unit circle $|z| = 1$ is in the ROC

$|H(z)|$ on unit circle should not be ∞ !

Stability of a system and $H(z)$

- A LTI system is stable if the **unit circle** is inside the Region of Convergence of $H(z)$ \Leftrightarrow

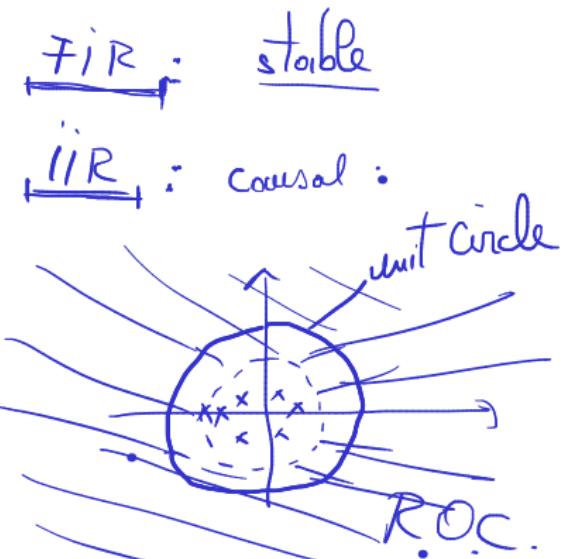
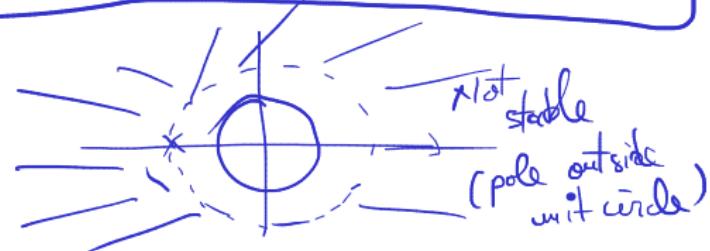
► one can also prove the reciprocal, so there is equivalence

- When the system is also **causal**: $y[n] = \sum_{m=0}^n x[m]h[m-n]$

$h[m] = \text{causal}$

- ROC of causal system = exterior of a circle given by the largest pole
- stable = unit circle inside the ROC
- therefore stable = all poles **inside** unit circle

- A **causal LTI system** is stable if **all the poles are inside the unit circle**



Stability of a system and $H(z)$



► Alternative explanation:

- If one pole is **outside** unit circle, the signal component for that partial fraction will be exponentially **increasing** -> whole signal is **unbounded**

Natural and forced response

- ▶ Consider a causal LTI system with initial conditions = 0
 - ▶ I.C. are relevant for recursive implementations (IIR)
- ▶ Consider an input signal:

$$x[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} X(z) = \frac{N(z)}{Q(z)}$$

- ▶ Consider an impulse response (system function):

$$h[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} H(z) = \frac{B(z)}{A(z)}$$

- ▶ Then the output signal is:

$$y[n] = x[n] * h[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} Y(z) = X(z)H(z) = \frac{N(z)B(z)}{Q(z)A(z)} = Y(z)$$

- ▶ (Some poles and zeros might simplify, if exactly identical)

$$y[n] = 0 + y[n-1] + x[n]$$

$$\boxed{\text{I.C.: } y[-1] = z}$$

$$Q(z) = (z - 0.1)(z - 0.2)$$

$$A(z) = (z - 0.3)(z - 0.4)$$

Natural and forced response

- ▶ Denote the poles of $X(z)$ as q_i and the poles of $H(z)$ as p_i
 - ▶ Assume all poles are *simple* (i.e. no multiplicity)
 - ▶ Assume all poles \neq all zeros, so no simplification
- ▶ The output signal has components dependent on the **input signal** and also of the **system itself**

$$Y(z) = \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{A_k}{1 - p_k z^{-1}}}_{\text{from } h[n]} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^L \frac{Q_k}{1 - q_k z^{-1}}}_{\text{from input } x[n]}$$

- ▶ and $y[n]$ is

$$\underline{y[n]} = \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^N A_k (p_k)^n u[n]}_{\substack{\text{natural response} \\ \text{from } h[n]}} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^L Q_k (q_k)^n u[n]}_{\substack{\text{forced response} \\ \text{from input } x[n]}}$$

Natural and forced response

Any output $y[n]$ is the **sum of two signals**:

- ▶ **Natural response** $y_{nr}[n]$ = the part given by the poles of the system itself
- ▶ **Forced response** $y_{fr}[n]$ = given by the poles of the input signal
- ▶ Together they form the **zero-state response** of the system = the output signal when initial conditions are 0

Zero-input response

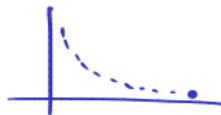
If there are **non-zero** initial conditions, there is a third component as well:

- ▶ **Zero-input response** $y_{zi}[n]$ = given by the initial conditions of the system
 - ▶ It behaves similarly to the natural response, i.e. depends on the system's poles

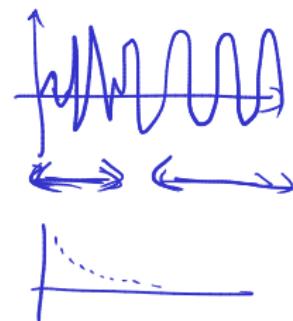
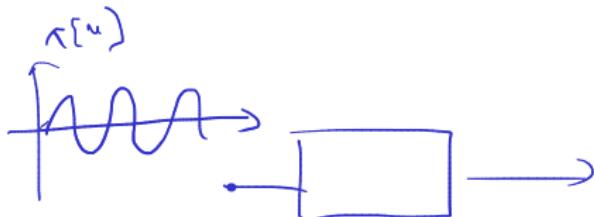
Transient and permanent response

poles of $H(z)$

- ▶ For a **stable** system, all system poles $|p_k| < 1$
 - ▶ therefore, both natural response and zero-input response are made of decreasing exponentials
- ▶ For a stable system, the natural response and the zero-input response **die out exponentially**
- ▶ Thus, the natural response and the zero-input response are called **transient** response
 - ▶ they faded ~~X~~ away, usually quickly
- ▶ Input signals last indefinitely \Rightarrow the forced response is a **permanent response**



Note to self:
Consider removing
this part next year



Transient and permanent regime

Operating regimes:

- ▶ When the input signal is first applied, and the transient response is present, the system is in **transient regime**
- ▶ When the transient response has died out, the system remains in **permanent regime**, where only the input signal determines the output

Example: apply a infinitely long sinusoidal, starting from $n = 0$

- ▶ the output has some irregularities at the beginning, due to the natural responses
- ▶ afterwards, it becomes perfectly regular