

INVERSE Z-TRANSFORMS BY CONVOLUTION THEOREM

Convolution Theorem (Statement)

If $\bar{z}^{-1}[U(z)] = u_n$ and $\bar{z}^{-1}[V(z)] = v_n$, then

$$\bar{z}^{-1}[U(z) \cdot V(z)] = \sum_{m=0}^n u_m v_{n-m}$$

$$= u_n * v_n$$

where the symbol $*$ denotes the convolution.

Problems

1. Using convolution theorem evaluate

$$\bar{z}^{-1} \left[\frac{z^2}{(z-1)(z-3)} \right]$$

Solution

$$\bar{z}^{-1} \left[\frac{z^2}{(z-1)(z-3)} \right] = \bar{z}^{-1} \left[\frac{z}{z-1} \cdot \frac{z}{z-3} \right]$$

$$= \bar{z}^{-1} \left[\frac{z}{z-1} \right] * \bar{z}^{-1} \left[\frac{z}{z-3} \right]$$

$$= 1^n * 3^n = 3^n * 1^n$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^n 3^m 1^{n-m}$$

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$$= 1 + 3 + 3^2 + \dots + 3^n$$

$$= \frac{3^{n+1} - 1}{3 - 1} = \frac{1}{2} (3^{n+1} - 1)$$

2) Find $\bar{z}^{-1} \left[\frac{z^2}{(z-a)(z-b)} \right]$ using convolution theorem

Solution

$$\bar{z}^{-1} \left[\frac{z^2}{(z-a)(z-b)} \right] = \bar{z}^{-1} \left[\frac{z}{z-a} \cdot \frac{z}{z-b} \right]$$

$$= \bar{z}^{-1} \left[\frac{z}{z-a} \right] * \bar{z}^{-1} \left[\frac{z}{z-b} \right]$$

$$= a^n * b^n$$

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$$= \sum_{m=0}^n a^m b^{n-m}$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^n a^m b^n b^{-m}$$

$$= b^n \sum_{m=0}^n a^m b^{-m}$$

$$= b^n \sum_{m=0}^n \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^m$$

$$= b^n \left[1 + \frac{a}{b} + \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n \right]$$

$$= b^n \left[\frac{\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{n+1} - 1}{\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) - 1} \right]$$

$$= b^n \frac{a^{n+1} - b^{n+1}}{b^{n+1}} \times \frac{b}{a-b}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{b^{n+1}}}{\cancel{b^{n+1}}} \frac{a^{n+1} - b^{n+1}}{a-b}$$

$$= \frac{a^{n+1} - b^{n+1}}{a-b}, n=0,1,2,\dots$$