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# Signals and Systems 7.1

--- *Representing Signals by Using Discrete-Time  
Complex Exponentials: The  $z$ -Transform*

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*Reference:*

*1. Textbook: Chapter 7.1~7.7*

# Outline

## ■ z-Transform

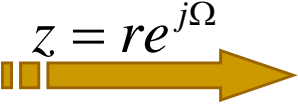
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# Introduction

- The z-Transform is a more general **discrete-time signal and system representation** based on complex exponential signals.
  - To study a much broader class of discrete-time LTI systems and signals, e.g. the impulse response for unstable LTI systems.
- Main usage
  - study of system characteristics and the derivation of computational structures for implementing discrete-time system on computers.
  - to solve difference equations subject to initial conditions.

## From DTFT to $z$ -Transform

$$F \{ x[n] r^{-n} \} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] r^{-n} e^{-j\Omega n} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] (r e^{j\Omega})^{-n}$$



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

### ■ The $z$ -Transform

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

### ■ The inverse $z$ -Transform

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint X(z) z^{n-1} dz \quad \text{or} \quad x[n] = Z^{-1} \{ X(z) \}$$

Integration around a circle of radius  $|z|=r$  in a counter-clockwise direction represents  $x[n]$  as a weighted superposition of complex exponentials  $z^n$ .

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

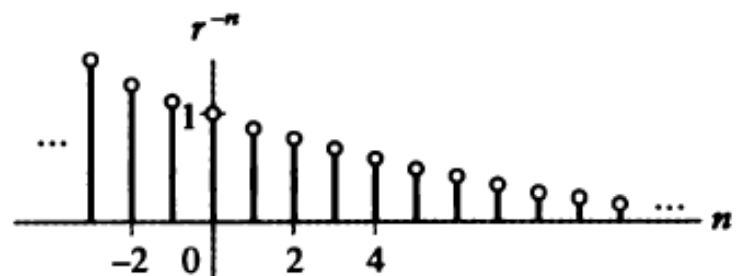
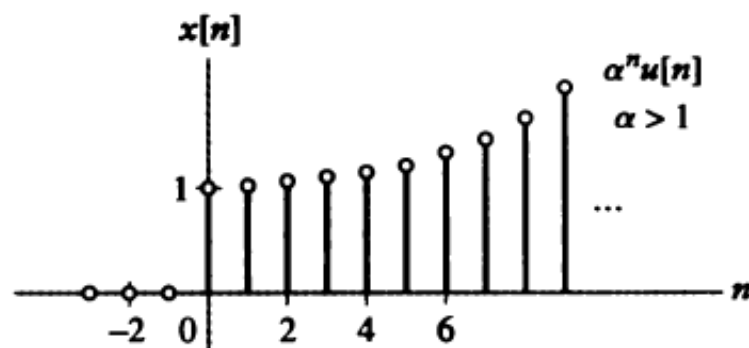
# Convergence

- necessary condition for convergence: absolute summability of  $x[n]z^{-n}$ .

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |x[n]z^{-n}| < \infty \implies \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |x[n]r^{-n}| < \infty$$

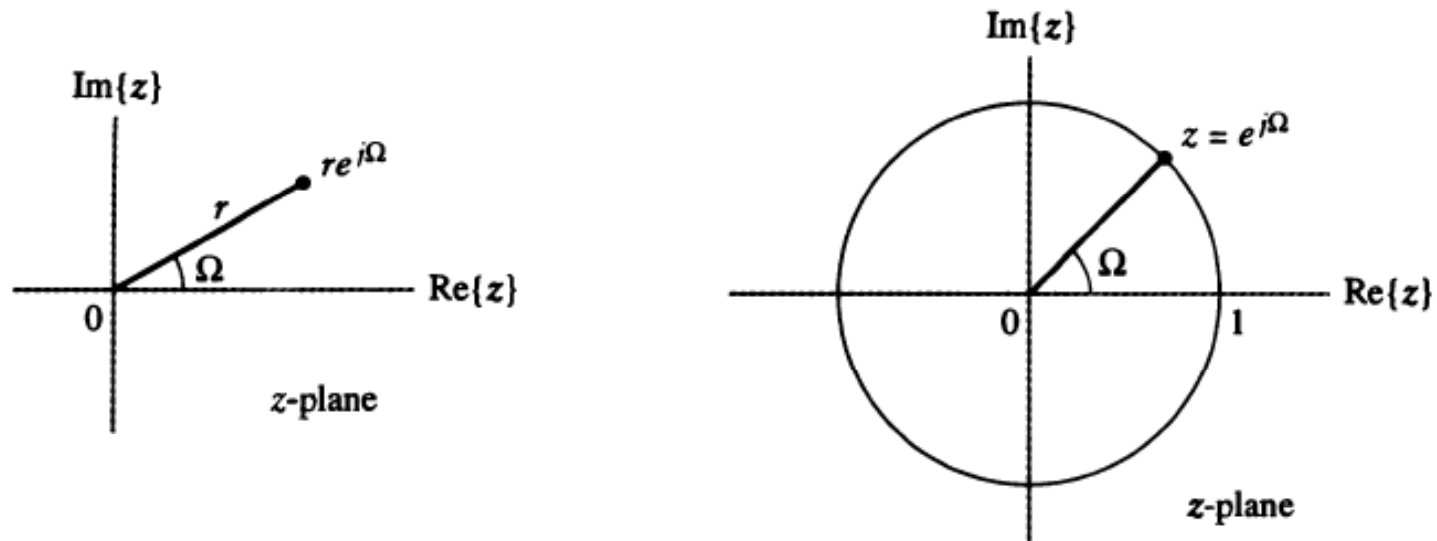
- Region of convergence(ROC):** the range of  $r$  which the z-Transform converges.

Ex.  $x[n] = \alpha^n u[n] \implies |z| = r > \alpha.$



# Relations between the $z$ -Transform and DTFT

## ■ The $z$ -Plane



- If  $x[n]$  is absolutely summable, the DTFT is obtained from the  $z$ -transform by setting  $r = 1$ , i.e.

$$X(e^{j\Omega}) = X(z) \Big|_{z=e^{j\Omega}}$$

- If ROC does not include the unit circle,  $z$ -Transform exists while DTFT is nonexistent.

# Poles and Zeros

$$X(z) = \frac{b_0 + b_1 z^{-1} + \dots + b_M z^{-M}}{a_0 + a_1 z^{-1} + \dots + a_N z^{-N}} = \frac{\tilde{b} \prod_{k=1}^M (1 - c_k z^{-1})}{\prod_{k=1}^N (1 - d_k z^{-1})}, \quad \tilde{b} = \frac{b_0}{a_0}.$$

- Zeros of  $X(z)$ : the roots of the numerator polynomial  $c_k$ . “O”
- Poles of  $X(z)$ : the roots of the denominator polynomial  $d_k$ . “X”

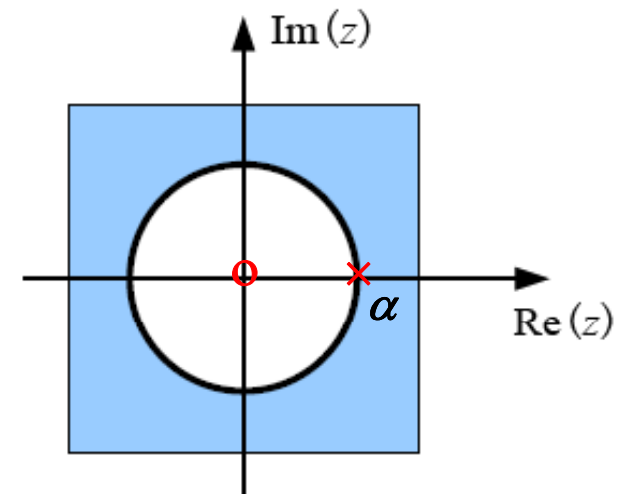
# *z-Transform of Signals*

**Example 7.2** Find the z-Transform of  $x_1[n] = \alpha^n u[n]$  and  $x_2[n] = -\alpha^n u[-n-1]$ .

**<Sol.>** 
$$X_1(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \alpha^n u[n] z^{-n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha^n z^{-n}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\alpha z^{-1})^n = \frac{1}{1 - \alpha z^{-1}}$$

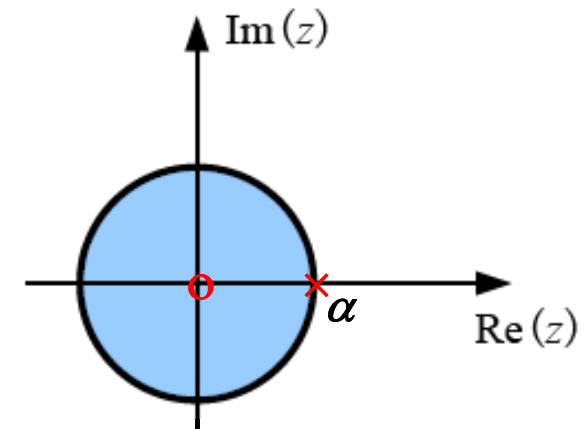
**ROC:**  $|z| > \alpha$



$$X_2(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} -\alpha^n u[-n-1] z^{-n} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} -\alpha^n z^{-n}$$

$$= -\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\alpha z^{-1})^{-n} = 1 - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\alpha^{-1} z)^n$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{1 - \alpha^{-1} z} = \frac{1}{1 - \alpha z^{-1}}$$



**ROC:**  $|z| < |\alpha|$



# *z-Transform of Signals*

**Example 7.4** Find the z-Transform of  $x[n] = a^n u[n] - b^n u[-n-1]$ .

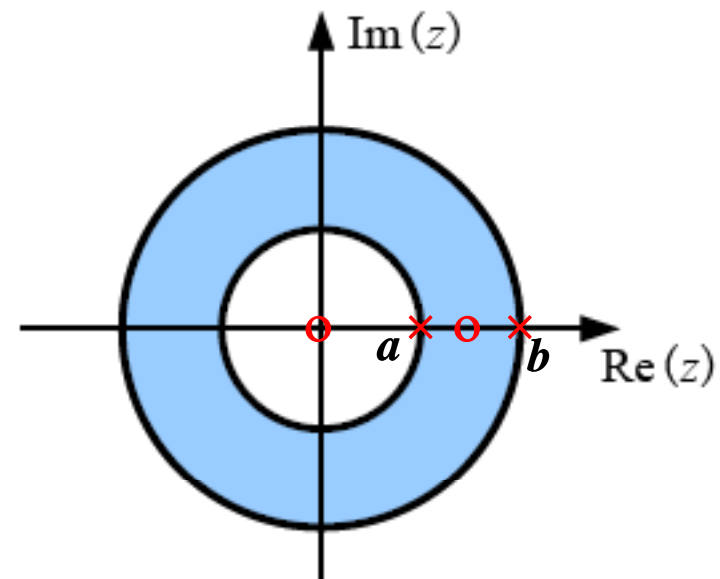
**<Sol.>** 
$$X(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a^n u[n] z^{-n} + \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} -b^n u[-n-1] z^{-n}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}} + \frac{1}{1 - bz^{-1}}$$

$$= \frac{2 \left[ 1 - \frac{a+b}{2} z^{-1} \right]}{(1 - az^{-1})(1 - bz^{-1})}$$

**ROC:**  $|a| < |z| < |b|$

The z-Transform only exists when  $|b| > |a|$ .



## *z-Transform for Elementary Signals*

$$\delta[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} 1, \quad \text{All } z$$

$$u[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}}, \quad |z| > 1$$

$$nu[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} \frac{z^{-1}}{(1 - z^{-1})^2}, \quad |z| > |a|$$

$$\alpha^n u[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} \frac{1}{1 - \alpha z^{-1}}, \quad |z| > |\alpha|$$

$$n\alpha^n u[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} \frac{\alpha z^{-1}}{(1 - \alpha z^{-1})^2}, \quad |z| > |\alpha|$$

# Properties of $z$ -Transform

$$x[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} X(z) \quad \text{with ROC } R_x \quad y[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} Y(z) \quad \text{with ROC } R_y$$

## ■ Linearity

$$ax[n] + by[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} aX(z) + bY(z) \quad \text{with ROC at least } R_x \cap R_y.$$

## ■ Time shift

$$x[n - n_0] \xleftrightarrow{z} z^{-n_0} X(z) \quad \text{with ROC } R_x, \text{ except possibly } z = 0 \text{ or } |z| = \infty.$$

**Ex.** Find the  $z$ -Transform of  $x[n] = u[n] - u[n - 5]$ .

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}} + \frac{z^{-5}}{1 - z^{-1}} = \frac{1 - z^{-5}}{1 - z^{-1}}, \quad |z| > 0$$

**Ex.** If  $X(z) = \frac{1}{z - a}$ ,  $|z| > a$ , determine  $x[n]$ .

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$$X(z) = z^{-1} \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad x[n] = a^{n-1} u[n-1]$$

# Properties of $z$ -Transform

## ■ Convolution

$$x[n] * y[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} X(z)Y(z) \quad \text{with ROC at least } R_x \cap R_y.$$

**Ex.**  $Z \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^n x[k] \right\} = Z \{ x[n] * u[n] \} = \frac{X(z)}{1 - z^{-1}}$

## ■ Multiplication by an exponential sequence

$$a^n x[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} X\left(\frac{z}{a}\right) \quad \text{with ROC } |a|R_x.$$

## ■ Differential in the $z$ -Domain

$$nx[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} -z \frac{d}{dz} X(z) \quad \text{with ROC } R_x.$$

**Ex.**  $u[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}}, \quad |z| > 1$

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$$\Rightarrow nu[n] \xleftrightarrow{z} -z \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}} \right) = \frac{1}{(1 - z^{-1})^2}$$

# Inversion of $z$ -Transform

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

- Direct inversion by residue computation
- Power series expansion
- Inversion by partial-fraction expansion (部分分式法)

$$X(z) = \frac{b_M z^{-M} + \cdots + b_1 z^{-1} + b_0}{a_N z^{-N} + \cdots + a_1 z^{-1} + a_0} \quad (M \geq N)$$
$$= c_0 + c_1 z^{-1} + \cdots + c_{M-N} z^{-(M-N)} + \frac{D(z)}{A(z)} \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$x[n] = c_0 \delta[n] + c_1 \delta[n-1] + \cdots + c_{M-N} \delta[n-(M-N)] + Z^{-1} \left[ \frac{D(z)}{A(z)} \right]$$

# *Inversion by Partial-fraction Expansions*

$$\frac{D(z)}{A(z)} = \frac{b_0 + b_1 z^{-1} + \cdots + b_P z^{-P}}{a_0 \prod_{k=1}^N (1 - d_k z^{-1})} = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{A_k}{1 - d_k z^{-1}} \quad (P < N)$$

$$\text{where } A_k = \left(1 - d_k z^{-1}\right) \frac{D(z)}{A(z)} \Big|_{z=d_k}$$

$$A_k (d_k)^n u[n] \longleftrightarrow \frac{A_k}{1 - d_k z^{-1}} \quad \text{with ROC } |z| > d_k.$$

$$\text{or } -A_k (d_k)^n u[-n-1] \longleftrightarrow \frac{A_k}{1 - d_k z^{-1}} \quad \text{with ROC } |z| < d_k.$$

$$A_k (d_k)^n n u[n] \longleftrightarrow \frac{A_k}{(1 - d_k z^{-1})^2} \quad \text{with ROC } |z| > d_k.$$

$$\text{or } -A_k (d_k)^n (n+1) u[-n-1] \longleftrightarrow \frac{A_k}{(1 - d_k z^{-1})^2} \quad \text{with ROC } |z| < d_k.$$

## *Inversion by Partial-fraction Expansions*

**Ex.** Find the inverse z-Transform of  $X(z) = \frac{1}{(1-2z^{-1})(1-3z^{-1})}$ .

**<Sol.>** 
$$X(z) = \frac{A_1}{1-2z^{-1}} + \frac{A_2}{1-3z^{-1}} = \frac{-2}{1-2z^{-1}} + \frac{3}{1-3z^{-1}}$$

$$A_1 = (1-2z^{-1})X(z)\Big|_{z=2} = -2$$

$$A_2 = (1-3z^{-1})X(z)\Big|_{z=3} = 3$$

□  $|z| > 3$ :  $x[n] = (-2 \cdot 2^n + 3 \cdot 3^n)u[n] = (-2^{n+1} + 3^{n+1})u[n]$

□  $2 < |z| < 3$ :  $x[n] = -2^{n+1}u[n] - 3^{n+1}u[-n-1]$

□  $|z| < 2$ :  $x[n] = 2^{n+1}u[-n-1] - 3^{n+1}u[-n-1]$

## *Inversion by Partial-fraction Expansions*


**Ex.** Find the inverse z-Transform of  $X(z) = \frac{1}{(1-2z^{-1})^2(1-4z^{-1})}$ ,  $|z| > 4$ .

**<Sol.>** 
$$X(z) = \frac{A_1}{1-2z^{-1}} + \frac{A_2}{(1-2z^{-1})^2} + \frac{A_3}{1-4z^{-1}} = \frac{-2}{1-2z^{-1}} + \frac{3}{1-3z^{-1}}$$

$$A_3 = (1-4z^{-1})X(z)\Big|_{z=4} = 4$$

$$A_2 = \frac{1}{0!}(1-2z^{-1})^2 X(z)\Big|_{z=2} = -1$$

$$A_1 = \frac{1}{1!} \cdot \frac{d}{dz} \left[ (1-2z^{-1})^2 X(z) \right] \Big|_{z=2} = -2$$

 
$$x[n] = \{-2 \cdot 2^n - (n+1)2^n + 4 \cdot 4^n\} u[n]$$

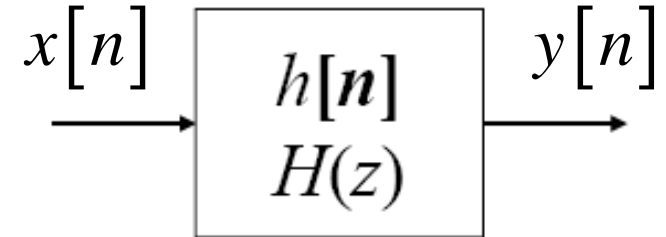


# *The Transfer Function* (系统函数)

- Transfer function: for an LTI system with impulse response  $h[n]$

$$H(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} h[n]z^{-n}$$

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



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

- Furthermore, for an input  $x[n] = z^n$  to the LTI system

$$y[n] = h[n] * x[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]z^{n-k} = z^n \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]z^{-k} = H(z)z^n$$

- Eigenfunction of the system:  $z^n$
- Eigenvalue:  $H(z)$

# *Transfer Function and Difference Equation*

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

If Initial conditions equal zero, and  $x[n] = z^n$

$$z^n \sum_{k=0}^N a_k z^{-k} H(z) = z^n \sum_{k=0}^M b_k z^{-k}$$

$$\Rightarrow H(z) = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^M b_k z^{-k}}{\sum_{k=0}^N a_k z^{-k}}$$

Transfer function  $\longleftrightarrow$  Difference equation system description

# Transfer Function and Differential Equation

**Ex.** Find the transfer function of the LTI system described by the difference equation

$$y[n] - 0.7y[n-1] + 0.1y[n-2] = x[n-1], \quad n \geq 0$$

**<Sol.>**

$$(1 - 0.7z^{-1} + 0.1z^{-2})Y(z) = z^{-1}X(z) \implies H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{z^{-1}}{1 - 0.7z^{-1} + 0.1z^{-2}}$$

**Ex.** Find the impulse response of the LTI system described by the following difference equation

$$y[n] - 5y[n-1] + 6y[n-2] = x[n-1], \quad n \geq 0$$

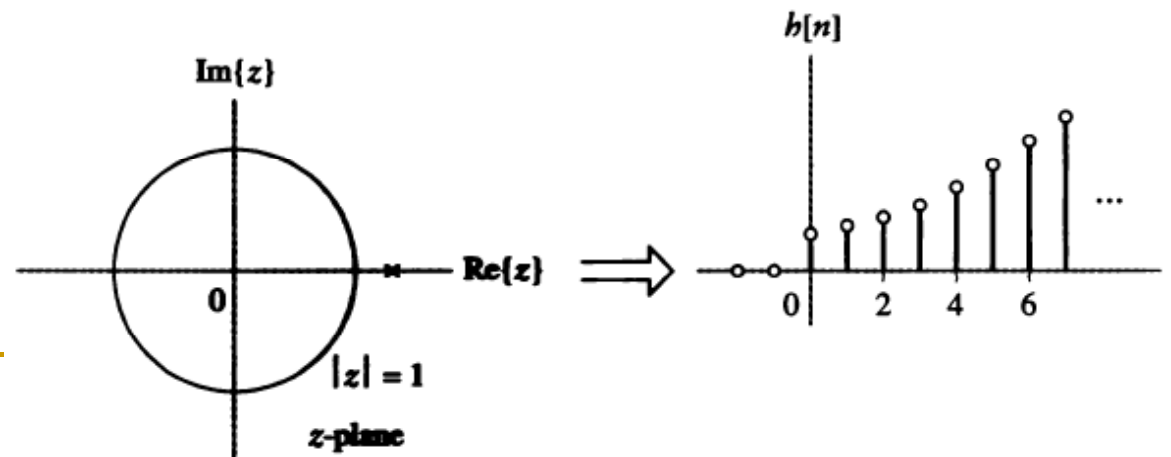
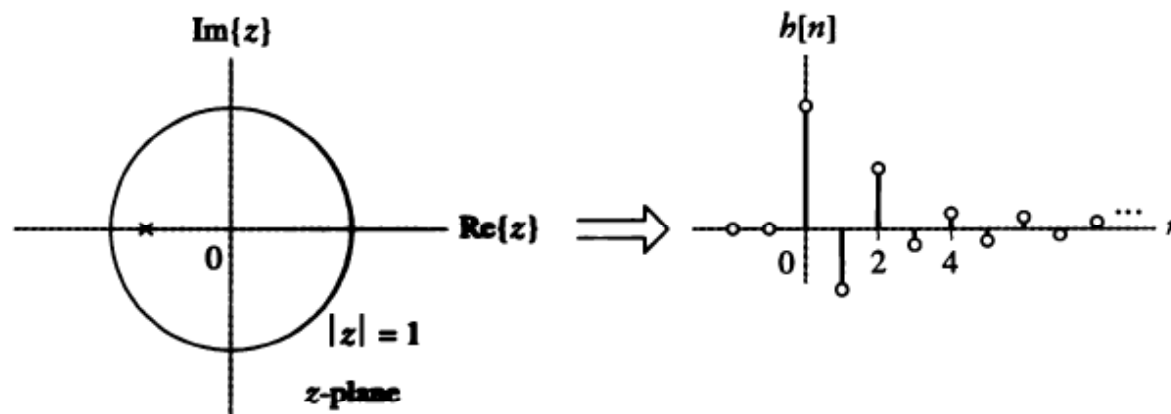
**<Sol.>**  $(1 + 5z^{-1} + 6z^{-2})Y(z) = z^{-1}X(z)$

$$\implies H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{z^{-1}}{1 + 5z^{-1} + 6z^{-2}} = \frac{1}{1 + 2z^{-1}} - \frac{1}{1 + 3z^{-1}}$$

$$\implies h[n] = \{(-2)^n - (-3)^n\}u[n]$$

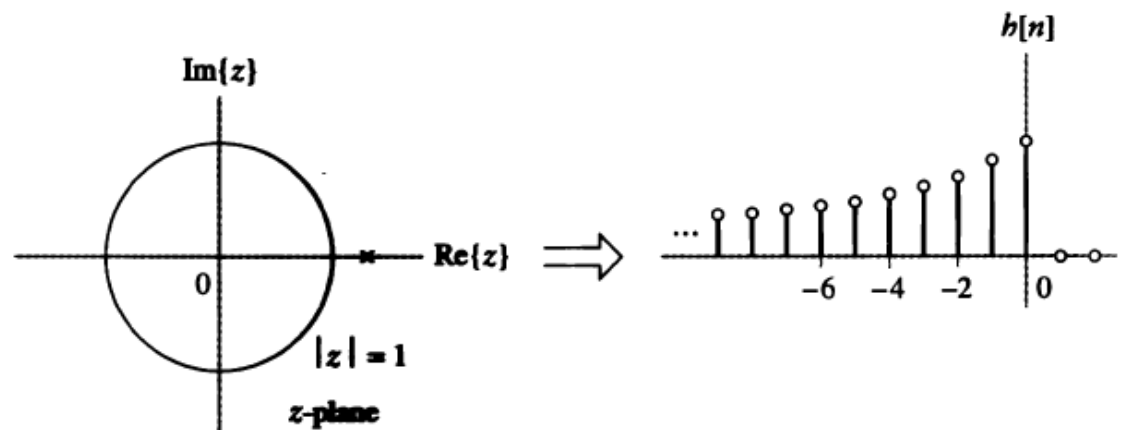
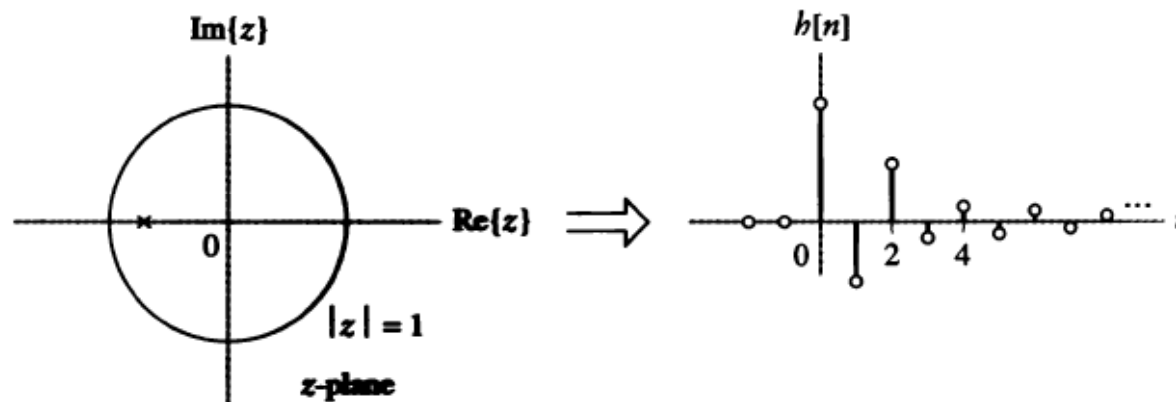
# Causality and Stability (因果性与稳定性)

- For a causal system:  $h[n] = 0$  for  $n < 0$ .
  - A pole inside the unit circle in the z-plane ( $|d_k| < 1$ ) corresponds to an exponentially decaying impulse response.
  - A pole inside the unit circle in the z-plane ( $|d_k| > 1$ ) corresponds to an exponentially increasing impulse response --> **unstable**.



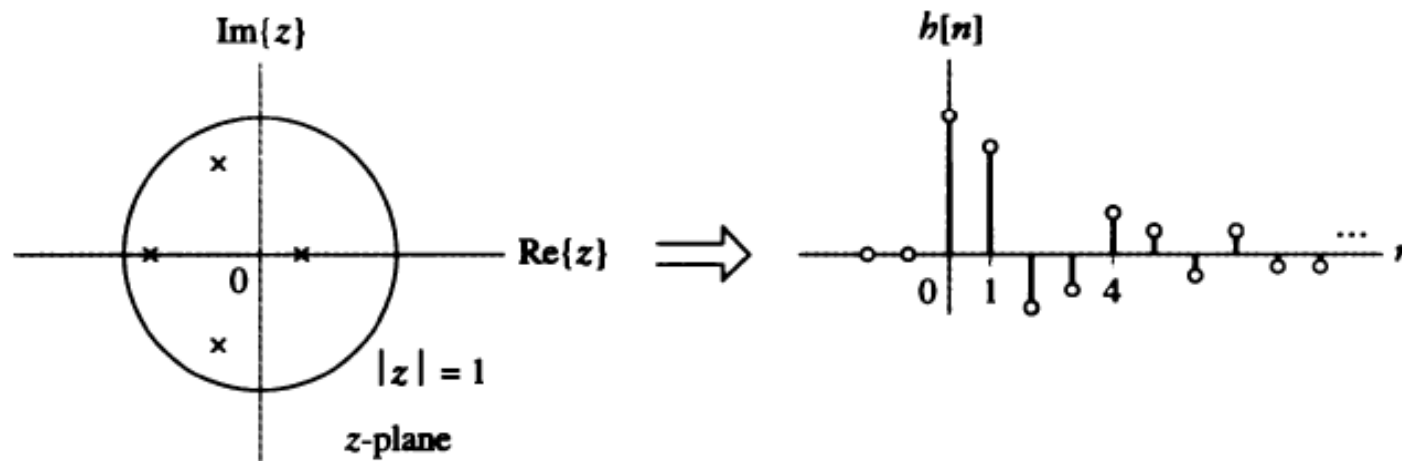
# Causality and Stability (因果性与稳定性)

- For a stable system:  $\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[k]| < \infty$ .
  - A pole inside the unit circle in the z-plane corresponds to a right-sided impulse response.
  - A pole outside the unit circle in the z-plane corresponds to a left-sided impulse response → **noncausal**.



# *Causality and Stability* (因果性与稳定性)

- A system that is both stable and causal must have a transfer function with **all of its poles inside the unit circle**.



## *Causality and Stability* (因果性与稳定性)

**Ex.** A causal system has the transfer function  $H(z) = \frac{2 + z^{-1}}{1 - 0.7z^{-1} + 0.1z^{-2}}$

Find the impulse response. Is the system stable?

**<Sol.>** The system has two poles:  $z = 0.2$ ,  $z = 0.5$ .

The system is stable.

# *Summary*

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■ Homework: 7.17(e,g), 7.22, 7.31