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### The Z-Transform

- consists in a generalization of the Fourier transform for discrete signals
	- allows to represent signals whose Fourier transform does not converge
- –is equivalent to the Laplace transform for continuous-time signals
- simplifies the notation in the analysis of problems (*e.g.* interpolation or decimation)
- •**Definition**

$$
Z\{x[n]\}=X(z)=\sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty}x[n]Z^{-n}\quad,\quad Z=re^{j\omega}
$$

where Z is a continuous complex variable, we represent symbolically:



NOTE: the Z transform of  $x[n]$  is the Fourier transform of the signal  $x[n]r^{n}$ , such that when r=1, a Z transform reduces to the Fourier transform:

$$
X(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} x[n]Z^{-n} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} x[n] (re^{j\omega})^{-n} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} [x[n]r^{-n}]e^{-j\omega n} = F\{x[n]r^{-n}\}
$$

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•Plane of the Z complex variable



- –**particularity 1:** the Fourier transform corresponds to the evaluation of the Z transform on the unit circumference
- **particularity 2:** the  $2\pi$  periodicity that characterizes the representation of a –discrete signal in the frequency domain, is intrinsic to the Z plane



- • Region of convergence
	- given a discrete sequence x[n], the set of Z values for which the Z transform converges (*i.e.* the infinite summation of power values converges to a finite result) is known as the region of convergence (RoC or RC)
	- the condition to be verified, as in the case of the Fourier transform, is  $\frac{1}{2}$ that the sequence of powers of the Z transform is absolutely summable:

$$
\sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left| x[n]Z^{-n} \right| = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left| x[n] \right| \left| Z^{-n} \right| = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left| x[n] \right| \left| r \right|^{-n} < \infty
$$

– from the previous it can be concluded that if  $Z_1$  belongs to the region of convergence, then any  $Z_2$  such that  $|Z_1| = |Z_2|$ , also belongs to the region of convergence, and hence the RC has always the shape of a ring in the Z plane and centered at the origin of this plane.



### The region of convergence of the Z-Transform

 from the previous it results that three possibilities may occur for the RC:



 NOTE: if the region of convergence associated with the Z transform of a discrete-time sequence includes the unit circumference, then it can be concluded that the Fourier transform exists (*i.e.* converges) for that sequence. Inversely, ...



## Properties of the RC of the Z-Transform

– the most common and useful way to express mathematically the Z transform of a sequence, using a closed-form expression (*i.e.* using a compact expression), is by means of a rational function:

$$
X(z) = \frac{P(z)}{Q(z)}
$$

where  $P(z)$  and  $Q(z)$  are Z polynomials. The finite roots of  $P(z)$  are the ZEROES of the Z transform (usually identified by the symbol "o" in the Z plane) and the finite roots of Q(z) are the POLES of the Z transform (*i.e.* they make that  $X(z)$  be infinite and they are usually identified by the symbol "x" in the Z plane) . It may however happen that zeroes or poles appear at Z= $0$  (visible)  $\textsf{or at }$  Z= $\infty$  (not visible).

Taking into consideration the previous ideas, we define the following:

- $\bullet$  Properties of the region of convergence (RC)
	- 1. the RC is a disc or ring in the Z plane and centered at the origin,
	- 2. the RC is a connected region (*i.e.* it is not the combination of disjoint regions),



3. the RC may not contain poles inside,

- 4. if x[n] is a finite-duration sequence (*i.e.* a sequence that is different from zero for -∞ < N<sub>1</sub> < n < N<sub>2</sub> < +∞ ) then the RC is the entire Z plane, except possibly for z=0 or for z= $\infty,$
- 5. if x[n] is a right-hand sided sequence (*i.e.* a sequence that is different from zero for n > N<sub>1</sub> > -∞ ), then the RC extends to the outside of a circumference defined by the finite pole that is more distant from the origin of the Z plane,
- 6. if x[n] is a left-hand sided sequence (*i.e.* a sequence that is different from zero for n < N $_2$  < + $\infty$  ), then the RC extends to the inside of a circumference defined by the finite pole that is closest to the origin of the Z plane,
- 7. if x[n] is neither right-hand sided nor left-hand sided (*i.e.,* it is a two-sided sequence), then the RC, if it exists, consists in a ring (that may not contain poles inside ! ), that is bounded by two circumferences defined by two finite poles,
- 8. the Fourier transform of a sequence x[n] converges absolutely if and only if the RC of its Z transform includes the unit circumference.





**NOTE 1**: if  $|a| < 1$ , then the Fourier transform of the sequence  $x[n]$  exists **NOTE 2**: this example includes, as a particular case, the unit step (that is not absolutely summable

nor square summable, but whose Fourier transform exists using discontinuous and

non-differentiable functions: pulses)

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example 2





- the previous two examples reveal that the Z function defining the poles and the zeroes of the Z transform of a signal is insufficient to characterize it: it is always necessary to specify the associated region of convergence (RC)
- in case x[n] consists of several terms, each one having its own RC, then the combined RC is the intersection among all RCs, *i.e.* the one making simultaneously valid the convergence of the different sums of Z powers, as the following example illustrates.







**NOTE 1**: the roots of the numerator (zeroes) are given by  $Z_k = ae^{jk2\pi/N}$ ,  $0 \le k \le N-1$ 

**NOTE 2**: the pole at Z=a is cancelled out by the zero at the same location,

**NOTE 3**: as long as  $|aZ^{-1}|$  is finite  $\Leftrightarrow |a| < \infty$  and  $Z \neq 0$ , this case does not imply convergence difficulties and as a result the RC is the entire Z plane except  $Z=0$ and, as a result, the RC is the entire Z plane except  $Z=0$ ,

**NOTE 4**: if N=8, the distribution of poles and zeroes in the Z plane is:





#### Implications of stability and causality in the RC

- 1. If a system having impulse response h[n] [whose Z transform is  $H(z)$ ] is stable (*i.e.* h[n] is absolutely summable and, thus, has a Fourier transform), then the RC associated with H(z) must include the unit circumference
- 2. If a system having impulse response h[n] is causal, then h[n] is a righthand sided sequence and the RC associated with its Z transform, H(z), must extend to the outside of a circumference defined by the finite pole that is more far way from the origin of the Z plane.

Question: which of the following zero-pole diagrams may correspond to a discrete system that is simultaneously stable and causal ?



#### A few important Z-Transform pairs

(useful to evaluate either the direct Z-Transform or the inverse Z-Transform !)



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frequent path in the analysis/project/modification of signals or discrete systems:



the computation of the inverse Z transform is thus necessary and frequent.

•Method 1: by inspection

> Involves the identification and direct use of known pairs of the Z transform from a table such as that of the previous slide; in order to take full advantage of this method, it is convenient to decompose the Z function (whose inverse we want to find) as a sum of simple Z functions (*e.g.,* first order functions), such that, for each one, the corresponding Z transformpair is readily identified.



•Method 2: partial fraction expansion

if  $X(z)$  is expressed as a ratio of  $Z$  polynomials:

$$
X(z) = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{M} b_k Z^{-k}}{\sum_{\ell=0}^{N} a_{\ell} Z^{-\ell}}
$$

the number of poles is equal to the number of zeroes and all may be represented in the "finite" Z plane (*i.e.* there are no zeroes or poles at z=∞), hence it is possible to express X(z) as a sum of partial fractions, each one associated to a pole of  $X(z)$ :

$$
X(z) = \frac{b_0}{a_0} \prod_{\ell=1}^{M} (1 - c_k Z^{-1})
$$
  

$$
\prod_{\ell=1}^{N} (1 - d_{\ell} Z^{-1})
$$

where  $c_k$  are the non-zero zeroes of  $X(z)$  and  $d_k$  are the non-zero poles of  $X(z)$ .

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If X(z) is presented in an irreducible form, *i.e.* if M<N *and* all poles are first order (*i.e.* their multiplicity is 1 ), then X(z) may be written as:

$$
X(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{A_k}{1 - d_k Z^{-1}}
$$

where the constants  $\mathsf{A}_\mathsf{k}$  are obtained as:

$$
A_k = (1 - d_k Z^{-1}) X(z) \Big|_{Z = d_k}
$$

Finding the inverse Z transform is now straightforward. That is also the  $case$  when M $\geq$ N after dividing the numerator by the denominator, the order of the numerator of the remainder must be less than N and  $X(z)$ may be expressed as:

$$
X(z) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{M-N} B_{\ell} Z^{-\ell} + \sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{A_k}{1 - d_k Z^{-1}}
$$



If there are poles whose multiplicity is higher than 1, a more complex approach has to be followed; for example, if a pole exists at  $d_i$  whose multiplicity is <sup>m</sup> then, presuming all other poles are first-order, X(z) may be expressed as:

$$
X(z) = \sum_{s=0}^{M-N} B_s Z^{-s} + \sum_{\substack{k=1\\k\neq i}}^{N} \frac{A_k}{1 - d_k Z^{-1}} + \sum_{\ell=1}^{m} \frac{C_{\ell}}{\left(1 - d_i Z^{-1}\right)^{\ell}}
$$

where the constants  $\mathsf{C}_\ell$  are obtained as:

$$
C_{\ell} = \frac{1}{(m-\ell)! (-d_i)^{m-\ell}} \left\{ \frac{\partial^{m-\ell}}{\partial w^{m-\ell}} \left[ (1-d_i w)^m X(w^{-1}) \right] \right\}_{w=d_i^{-1}}
$$

After the decomposition of  $X(z)$  as partial fractions,  $X[n]$  may be evaluated as the inverse Z transform of each partial fraction and taking into consideration the linearity of the Z transform. The identification of the causal or anti-causal behavior of each partial fraction results by analyzing the regions of convergence.



not to forget !



•Method 3: contour integral

Taking advantage of the Cauchy integral theorem which states that:

$$
\frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C Z^{k-1-\ell} dZ = \begin{cases} 1, & k = \ell \\ 0, & k \neq \ell \end{cases}
$$

(particular case:  $\ell$ =0) where C is a counter-clockwise contour that includes the origin of the Z plane, one may conclude [Oppenheim, 1975] that it is possible to find x[n] using the contour integral:

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

where C is a counter-clockwise contour inside the RC [Sanjit Mitra, 2006].



The advantage of this formulation is that for rational functions, it may be conveniently replaced by the computation of the residue theorem:

$$
x[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C X(z) Z^{n-1} dZ = \sum \left[ \text{residues of } X(z) Z^{n-1}, \text{ at the poles inside } C \right]
$$

where the residue for a pole at  $Z = Z_0$  and having multiplicity m is given by:

Residue 
$$
\left[ X(z)Z^{n-1} \quad at \quad Z = Z_0 \right] = \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \cdot \frac{d^{m-1}}{dz^{m-1}} \left[ (Z - Z_0)^m X(z)Z^{n-1} \right]_{z=z_0}
$$

 $\mathsf{NOTE}\;1$ : in case of a single pole at Z=Z $_0$  the corresponding residue is:

Residue 
$$
[X(z)Z^{n-1} \quad at \quad Z = Z_0] = (Z - Z_0)X(z)Z^{n-1}|_{z=z}
$$

NOTE 2: the utilization of this method for n<0 may be problematic since a pole at z=0 and having multiplicity > 1 may appear. As an alternative, it may be preferable to use other methods.



The inverse Z-Transform



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– Properties are very useful in the analysis and project of discrete-time signals and systems (allowing for example a direct connection between a difference equation describing a system and the Z transform of its impulse response).

taking:	$x[n]$	$X(z)$ , with $RC = R_x = r_E <  Z  < r_D$	
and also:	$x_1[n]$	$X_2[n]$	$X_1(z)$ , with $RC = R_{X1}$
we have:			
Linearity	$ax_1[n] + bx_2[n]$	$ax_1(z) + bX_2(z)$ , with $RC = R_{X2}$	
NOTE: a linear combination may give rise to a pole-zero cancellation and hence the final RC may be larger than $R_{X1}$ and $R_{X2}$ , for example:			
$x[n] = a^n u[n] - a^n u[n - N]$ but the final RC is $ Z  > 0$ .	$\uparrow$		
$RC_1 =  Z  >  a $	$RC_2 =  Z  >  a $	23	

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•Displacement in n



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•Multiplication by a complex exponential

$$
Z_{0}^{n}x[n] \longleftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \frac{Z}{Z_{0}} & R_{0} = |Z_{0}|R_{X} = |Z_{0}|r_{E} < |Z| < |Z_{0}|r_{D} \end{pmatrix}
$$

the implication of this operation is to scale all poles and zeroes of  $X(z)$  by  $|Z_0|$  in the radial direction in case  $Z_0$  is a positive real number, or to rotate all poles and zeroes of X(z) by  $\omega_0$  radians, relatively to the origin, in case Z $_0$ =e<sup>j $\omega$ o</sup>. This last case corresponds to the modulation property in the Fourier domain (in case the Fourier transform exists):



**example:**

Z?

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$$



#### **solution:**

as 
$$
x[n] = r^n \cos(\omega_0 n)u[n] = \frac{1}{2} (re^{j\omega_0})^n u[n] + \frac{1}{2} (re^{-j\omega_0})^n u[n]
$$



•Differentiation of X(z)

$$
\begin{array}{c}\n\text{ax}[n] \longleftrightarrow -Z \frac{dX(z)}{dZ}, & RC = R_X \\
\hline\nX(z) = \log(1 + aZ^{-1}), &|Z| > a\n\end{array}
$$

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**solution:**



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Properties of the Z-Transform



- **NOTE**: as a result of this operation, *pole-zero cancellation* may occur between the zeroes and poles of the Z function, such that the final RC may be larger than  $\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{X}1}$  and  $\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{X}2}$
- – The convolution property is fundamental in the sense that the Z transform of the output of an LTI system is given by the product between the Z transform of the input and the Z transform of the impulse response of the system, commonly known as the transfer function



#### **example of the multiplication by a complex exponential property:**

let us consider a second-order Z-Transform,  $H(z)$ , whose zero-pole distribution in the Z-plane is as follows:



Do all the plots correspond to real-valued discrete-time sequences ?

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•Multiplication

$$
x_1[n] \cdot x_2^*[n] \longleftrightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C X_1(v) X_2^* \left( \frac{Z^*}{v^*} \right) v^{-1} dv , \quad RC = R_{X1} \cdot R_{X2}
$$

where 
$$
R_{X1} = r_{E1} < |Z| < r_{D1}
$$
,  $R_{X2} = r_{E2} < |Z| < r_{D2}$ ,  $R_{X1} \cdot R_{X1} = r_{E1} \cdot r_{E2} < |Z| < r_{D1} \cdot r_{D2}$ 

- **NOTE**: C is a closed counter-clockwise contour in the area of intersection between the convergence region of  $X_1(v)$  and that of  $X_2(Z/v)$ . The multiplication property is also known as the modulation theorem or the complex convolution theorem.
- •Generalization of the Parseval theorem to the Z domain

As:  
\n
$$
w[n] = x_1[n] \cdot x_2^*[n]
$$
\n
$$
W(Z) = \sum_{n = -\infty}^{+\infty} x_1[n] \cdot x_2^*[n]Z^{-n}
$$
\nthen:  
\n
$$
\sum_{n = -\infty}^{+\infty} x_1[n] \cdot x_2^*[n] = W(1) = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C X_1(v) X_2^* \left(\frac{1}{v^*}\right) v^{-1} dv
$$



or, changing the variable v into z:

$$
\sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} x_1[n] \cdot x_2^*[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C X_1(Z) X_2^* \left(\frac{1}{Z^*}\right) Z^{-1} dZ
$$

If both  $X_1(Z)$  and  $X_2^*(1/Z^*)$  include the unit circumference in their convergence regions, it is possible to use it as the closed C contour and hence  $z=e^{j\omega}$ , which leads to:

$$
\sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} x_1[n] \cdot x_2^*[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\pi} X_1(e^{j\omega}) X_2^*[e^{j\omega}) d\omega
$$

As a particular case, the energy of a signal may be evaluated in the Z domain:

$$
\sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left| x[n] \right|^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\omega=-\pi}^{\pi} \left| X(e^{j\omega}) \right|^2 d\omega = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C X(Z) X^* \left( \frac{1}{Z^*} \right) Z^{-1} dZ
$$

•Initial value theorem

> is x[n] is causal (*i.e.*, unilateral Z transform), then:(gain of the transfer function)

#### •Final value theorem

 if x[n] is causal (*i.e.*, unilateral Z transform), such as that X(z) has all its poles inside the unit circumference, except possibly for a first-order pole at Z=1, then:

(gain at low frequencies)

$$
\lim_{n \to \infty} x[n] = \lim_{z \to 1} (1 - z^{-1}) X(z)
$$



 $\bullet$  the Z-Transform of the auto-correlation the auto-correlation is defined as (in this discussion, we admit energy signals)

$$
r_x[\ell] = x[\ell] * x^*[-\ell] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} x[k]x^*[k-\ell]
$$

considering the Z-Transform properties

$$
x[\ell] \longleftrightarrow X(z), \qquad \text{RoC} = R_x \equiv r_E < |z| < r_D
$$
\n
$$
x^*[\ell] \longleftrightarrow X^*(z^*), \qquad \text{RoC} = R_x
$$
\n
$$
x[-\ell] \longleftrightarrow X(z^{-1}), \qquad \text{RoC} = 1/R_x \equiv 1/r_D < |z| < 1/r_E
$$
\n
$$
x^*[-\ell] \longleftrightarrow X^*(1/z^*), \qquad \text{RoC} = 1/R_x
$$

Then

$$
r_x[\ell] = x[\ell] * x^*[-\ell] \stackrel{Z}{\longleftrightarrow} R_x(z) = X(z) \cdot X^*(1/z^*), \quad \text{RoC} = R_x \cap 1/R_x
$$

where  $R_x(z) = X(z) \cdot X^*(1/z^*)$  is called the energy spectrum



- $\bullet$  the Z-Transform of the auto-correlation (cont.)
	- the Wiener-Khintchine Theorem: the auto-correlation and the energy<br>——————————————————— spectrum form a Z-Transform pair

$$
r_x[\ell] \quad \stackrel{\mathcal{F}}{\longleftrightarrow} \quad R_x(z) = X(z) \cdot X^*(1/z^*)
$$

thus,

$$
r_x[\ell] = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C R_x(z) Z^{\ell-1} dz
$$

and, in particular, the energy of the signal can be found using

$$
E = r_x[0] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} |x[k]|^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C X(z) \cdot X^*(1/z^*) Z^{-1} dz
$$

which reflects the Parseval Theorem in the Z-domain

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 $\bullet$  the Z-Transform of the cross-correlation the cross-correlation is defined as (we admit energy signals)

$$
r_{xy}[\ell] = x[\ell] * y^*[-\ell] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} x[k] y^*[k-\ell]
$$

considering the Z-Transform properties

$$
x[\ell] \longleftrightarrow X(z), \quad \text{RoC} = R_x
$$
  
\n
$$
y[\ell] \longleftrightarrow Y(z), \quad \text{RoC} = R_y
$$
  
\n
$$
y^*[\ell] \longleftrightarrow Y^*(z^*), \quad \text{RoC} = R_y
$$
  
\n
$$
y[-\ell] \longleftrightarrow Y(z^{-1}), \quad \text{RoC} = 1/R_y
$$
  
\n
$$
y^*[-\ell] \longleftrightarrow Y^*(1/z^*), \quad \text{RoC} = 1/R_y
$$

then

$$
r_{xy}[\ell] = x[\ell] * y^*[-\ell] \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} R_{xy}(z) = X(z) \cdot Y^*(1/z^*), \quad \text{RoC} = R_x \cap 1/R_y
$$