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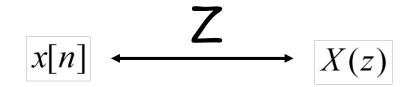


## The Z-Transform

- 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:

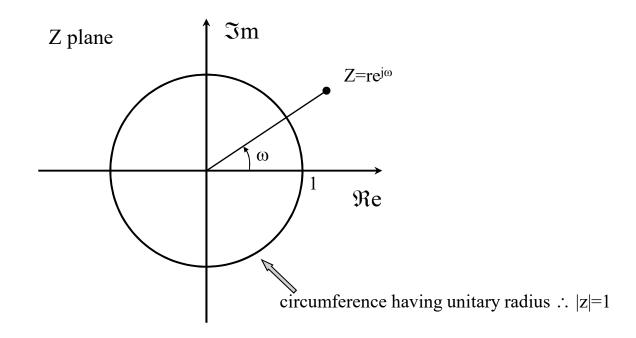


NOTE: the Z transform of x[n] is the Fourier transform of the signal x[n]r<sup>-n</sup>, such that when r=1, a Z transform reduces to the Fourier transform:

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



• 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 that the sequence of powers of the Z transform is absolutely summable:

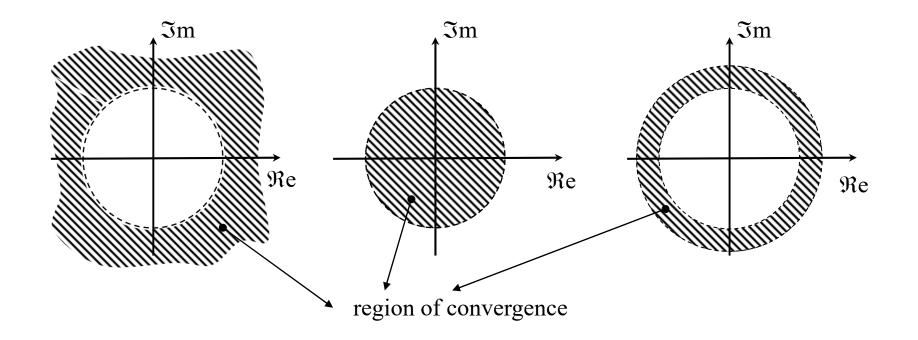
$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} |x[n]Z^{-n}| = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} |x[n]| |Z^{-n}| = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} |x[n]| |r|^{-n} < \infty$$

- 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.

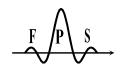


## The region of convergence of the Z-Transform

 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) or at  $z=\infty$  (not visible).

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

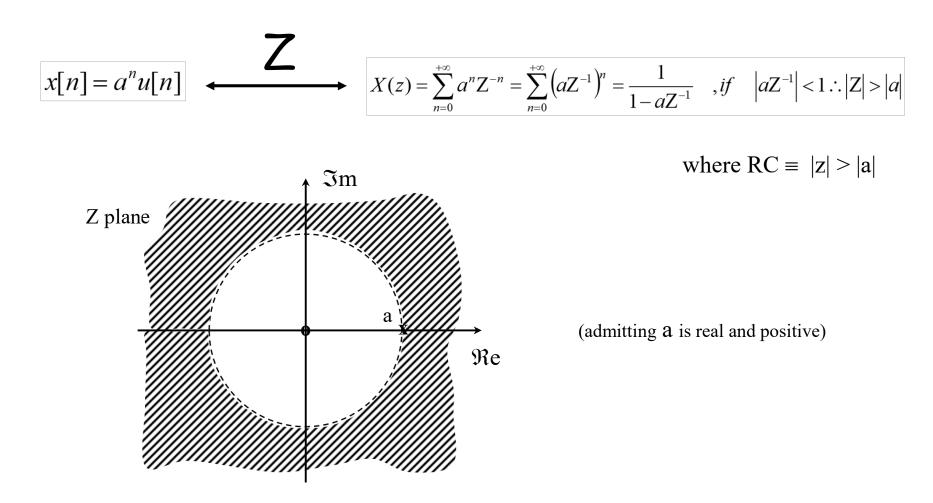
- Properties of the region of convergence (RC)
  - 1. the RC is a disc or ring in the Z plane and centered at the origin,
  - 2. the RC is a connected region (*i.e.* it is not the combination of disjoint regions),



3. the RC may not contain poles inside,

- 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=∞,</li>
- 5. if x[n] is a <u>right-hand sided sequence</u> (*i.e.* a sequence that is different from zero for  $n > N_1 > -\infty$ ), 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 <u>left-hand sided sequence</u> (*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.

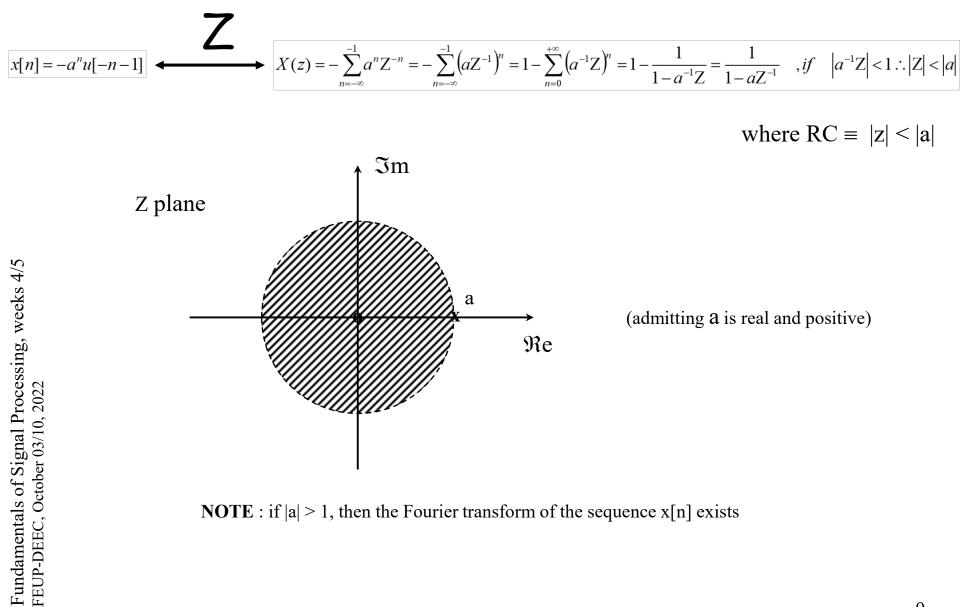




**NOTE 1**: if |a| < 1, then the Fourier transform of the sequence x[n] exists **NOTE 2**: this example includes, as a particular case, the unit step (that is not absolutely summable nor square summable, but whose Fourier transform exists using discontinuous and non-differentiable functions: pulses)

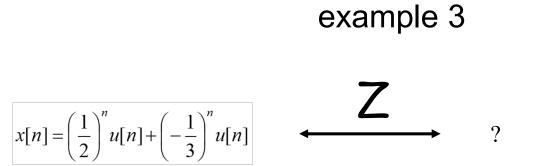


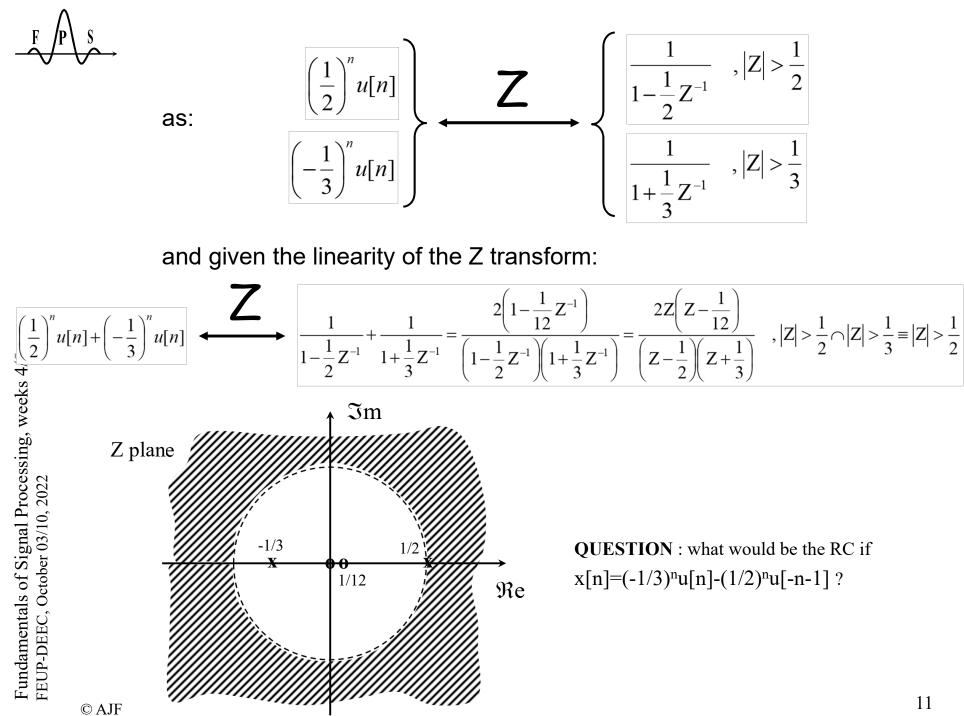
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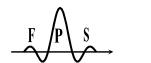




- the previous two examples reveal that the Z function defining the poles and the zeroes of the Z transform of a signal <u>is insufficient to</u> <u>characterize it</u>: it is always necessary to specify the associated region of convergence (RC)
- in case x[n] consists of several terms, each one having 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.







#### example 4

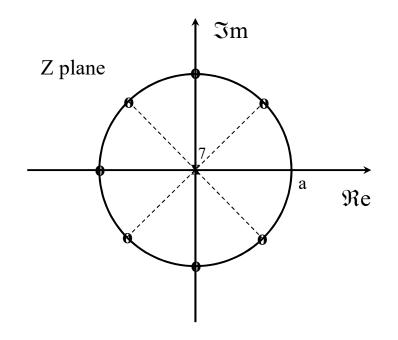
$$x[n] = \begin{cases} a^n & , 0 \le n \le N-1 \\ 0 & other \end{cases} \longrightarrow X(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a^n Z^{-n} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (aZ^{-1})^n = \frac{1 - (aZ^{-1})^N}{1 - aZ^{-1}} = \frac{1}{Z^{N-1}} \frac{Z^N - a^N}{Z - a} \quad , \forall Z \setminus \{Z = 0\}$$

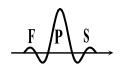
**NOTE 1**: the roots of the numerator (zeroes) are given by  $Z_k = ae^{jk2\pi/N}$ ,  $0 \le k \le N-1$ 

**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,

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

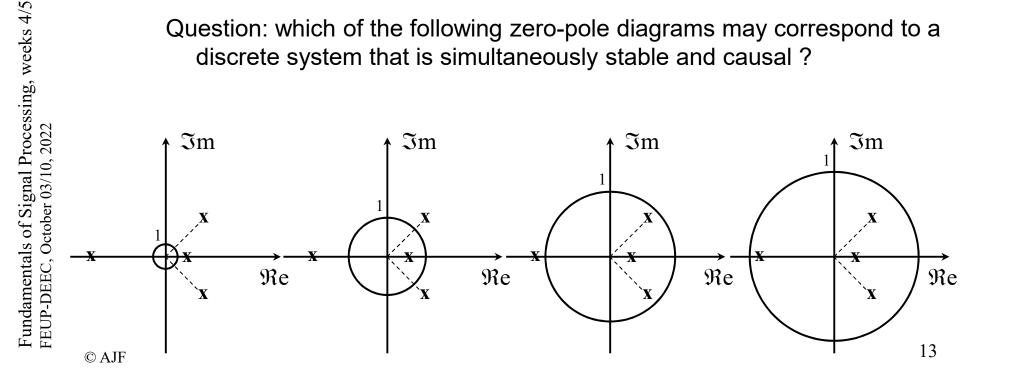




### Implications of stability and causality in the RC

- 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 !)

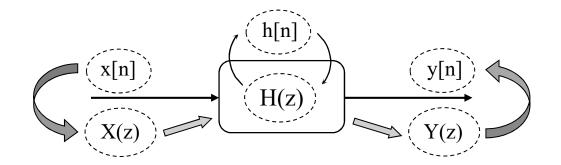
x[n]	X(z)	RC
$\delta[n]$	1	• entire Z plane • entire Z plane except $\overline{Z}=0$ (if $n > 0$ )
$\delta[n-n_0]$	$\frac{Z^{-n_0}}{1}$	• entire Z plane except Z=0 (if n₀ > 0) or except Z=∞ (if n₀ < 0)
u[n]	$\frac{1}{1-Z^{-1}}$	• $ z  > 1$
-u[-n-1]	$\frac{1}{1-Z^{-1}}$	• $ z  < 1$
$a^n u[n]$	$\frac{1}{1-aZ^{-1}}$	• $ z  > a$
$-a^n u[-n-1]$	$\frac{1}{1-aZ^{-1}}$	• $ z  < a$
$na^nu[n]$	$\frac{aZ^{-1}}{(1-aZ^{-1})^2}$	• $ z  > a$
$-na^{n}u[-n-1]$	$\frac{aZ^{-1}}{\left(1 - aZ^{-1}\right)^2}$	• $ \mathbf{z}  < \mathbf{a}$
$(\cos \omega_0 n) u[n]$	$\frac{1 - \cos \omega_0 Z^{-1}}{1 - 2 \cos \omega_0 Z^{-1} + Z^{-2}}$	• $ \mathbf{z}  > 1$
$(\sin \omega_0 n) u[n]$	$\frac{\sin \omega_0 \ Z^{-1}}{1 - 2\cos \omega_0 \ Z^{-1} + Z^{-2}}$	• $ z  > 1$
$(r^n \cos \omega_0 n) u[n]$	$\frac{1 - r \cos \omega_0 Z^{-1}}{1 - 2r \cos \omega_0 Z^{-1} + r^2 Z^{-2}}$	
$(r^n \sin \omega_0 n) \mu[n]$	$\frac{r\sin\omega_{0} Z^{-1}}{1 - 2r\cos\omega_{0} Z^{-1} + r^{2}Z^{-2}}$	• $ \mathbf{z}  > \mathbf{r}$ 14

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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 transform pair 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  $z=\infty$ ), hence it is possible to express X(z) as a sum of partial fractions, each one associated to a pole of X(z):

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

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



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  $A_k$  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≥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:

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



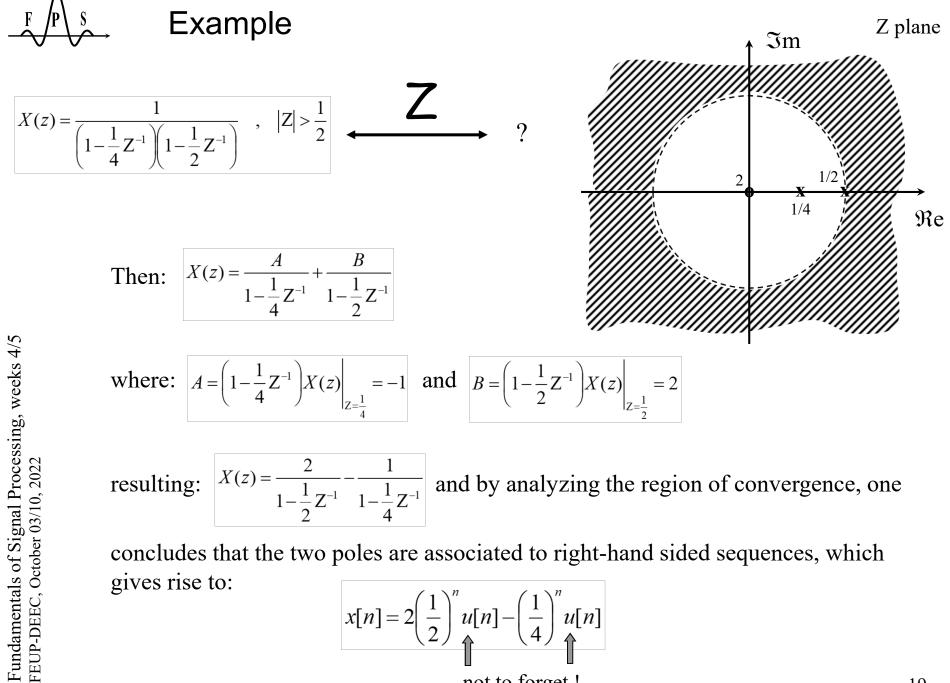
If there are poles whose multiplicity is higher than 1, a more complex approach has to be followed; for example, if a pole exists at d<sub>i</sub> whose multiplicity is m then, presuming all other poles are first-order, X(z) may be expressed as:

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

where the constants  $C_{\ell}$  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.





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:

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

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

Residue 
$$\begin{bmatrix} X(z)Z^{n-1} & at \\ Z = Z_0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \cdot \frac{d^{m-1}}{dz^{m-1}} \Big[ (Z - Z_0)^m X(z)Z^{n-1} \Big]_{z=z_0}$$

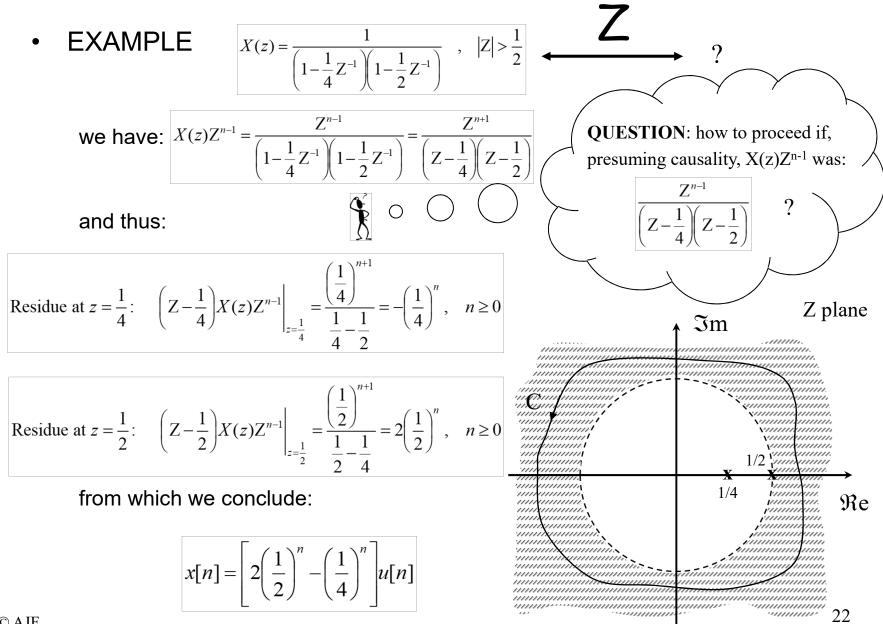
NOTE 1: in case of a single pole at  $Z=Z_0$  the corresponding residue is:

Residue 
$$\begin{bmatrix} X(z)Z^{n-1} & at & Z = Z_0 \end{bmatrix} = (Z - Z_0)X(z)Z^{n-1}\Big|_{z=z}$$

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



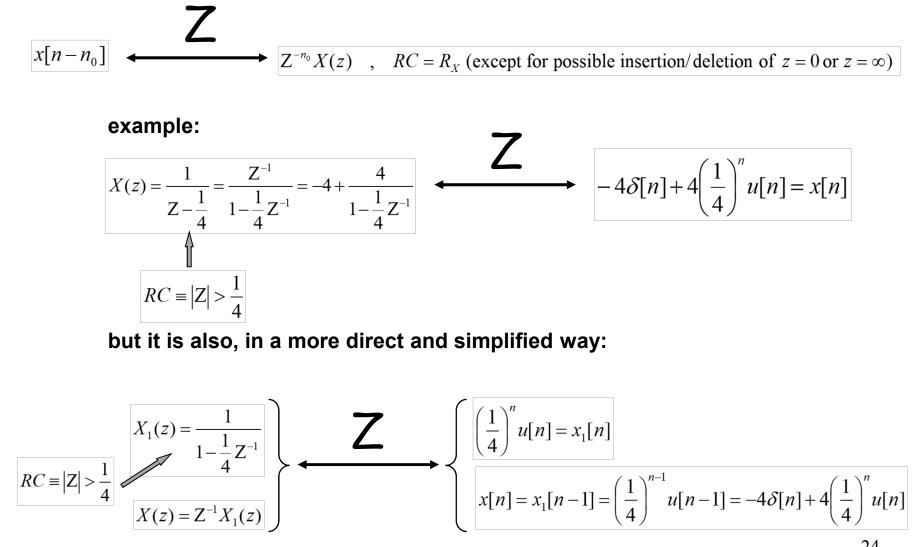


 Properties are very useful in the analysis and project of discrete-time signals and systems (allowing for example a direct connection between a difference equation describing a system and the Z transform of its impulse response).

taking: 
$$\underline{x[n]}$$
  $\overleftarrow{Z}$   $X(z)$ , with  $RC = R_x = r_E < |Z| < r_D$   
and also:  $\underline{x_1[n]}$   $\overrightarrow{Z}$   $\underbrace{X_1(z)$ , with  $RC = R_{x1}$   
 $\underline{x_2[n]}$   $\underbrace{Z}$   $\underbrace{X_1(z)$ , with  $RC = R_{x2}$   
we have:  
Linearity  $\underline{x_1[n] + bx_2[n]}$   $\underbrace{Z}$   $aX_1(z) + bX_2(z)$ , with  $RC = R_{x1} \cap R_{x2}$   
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:  
 $\underline{x[n] = a^n u[n] - a^n u[n - N]}$  but the final RC is  $|Z| > 0$ .  
 $\widehat{RC_1 = |Z| > |a|}$   $\underline{RC_2 = |Z| > |a|}$  23



• Displacement in n

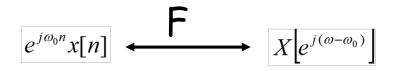




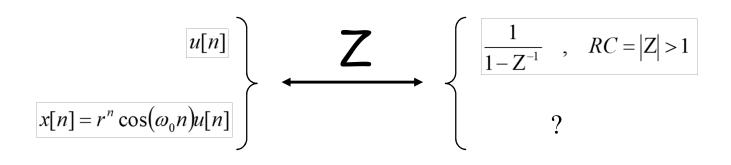
• Multiplication by a complex exponential

$$Z_0^n x[n] \qquad \longleftarrow \qquad X\left(\frac{Z}{Z_0}\right) \quad , \quad RC = |Z_0|R_X \equiv |Z_0|r_E < |Z| < |Z_0|r_D$$

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  $Z_0 = e^{j\omega_0}$ . This last case corresponds to the modulation property in the Fourier domain (in case the Fourier transform exists):



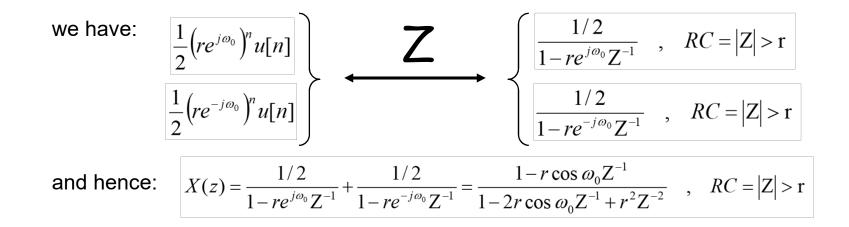
example:





#### solution:

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

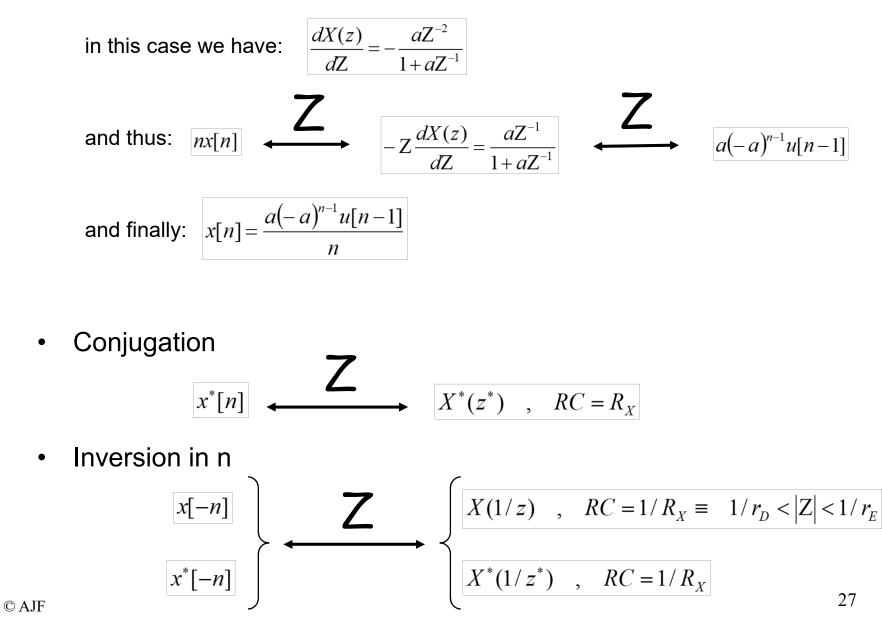


• Differentiation of X(z)

$$\begin{array}{c} & & Z \\ nx[n] & \longleftarrow & -Z \frac{dX(z)}{dZ} & , \quad RC = R_X \end{array}$$
example:
$$X(z) = \log(1 + aZ^{-1}) & , \quad |Z| > a \qquad \longleftarrow \qquad ?$$



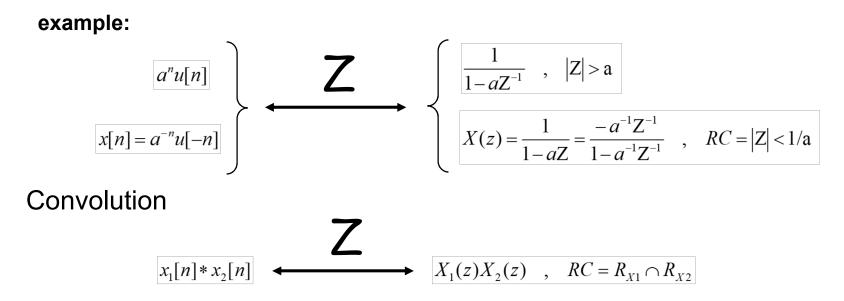
#### solution:





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Properties of the Z-Transform

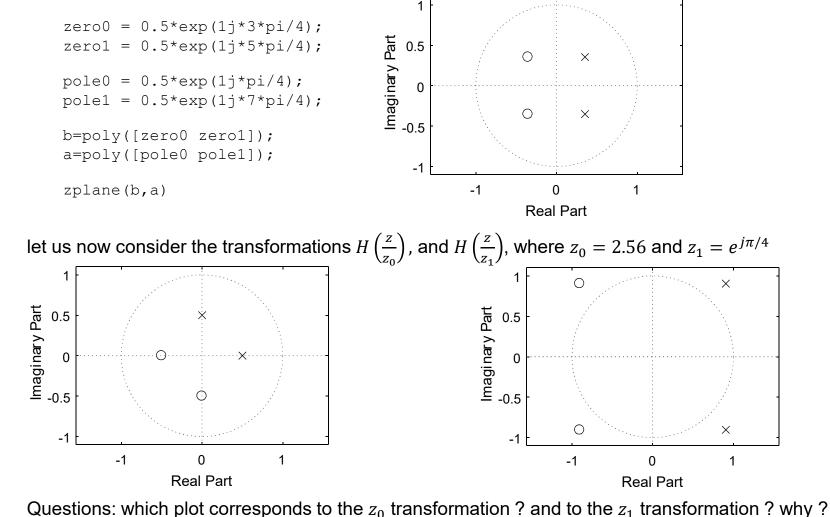


- **NOTE**: as a result of this operation, *pole-zero cancellation* may occur between the zeroes and poles of the Z function, such that the final RC may be larger than  $R_{X1}$  and  $R_{X2}$
- The convolution property is fundamental in the sense that the Z transform of the output of an LTI system is 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 <u>transfer function</u>



#### 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 ?



• Multiplication

$$X_{1}[n] \cdot x_{2}^{*}[n] \quad \longleftarrow \quad \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_{C} X_{1}(v) X_{2}^{*} \left(\frac{Z^{*}}{v^{*}}\right) v^{-1} dv \quad , \quad RC = R_{X1} \cdot R_{X2}$$

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

- **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

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or, changing the variable v into z:

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

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:

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

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

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

• Initial value theorem

is x[n] is causal (*i.e.*, unilateral Z transform), then:  $x[0] = \lim_{z \to \infty} X(z)$ 

#### • 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)

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

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• 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

$$\begin{array}{cccc} x[\ell] & \xleftarrow{Z} & X(z), & RoC = R_x \equiv r_E < |z| < r_D \\ x^*[\ell] & \xleftarrow{Z} & X^*(z^*), & RoC = R_x \\ x[-\ell] & \xleftarrow{Z} & X(z^{-1}), & RoC = 1/R_x \equiv 1/r_D < |z| < 1/r_E \\ x^*[-\ell] & \xleftarrow{Z} & X^*(1/z^*), & RoC = 1/R_x \end{array}$$

Then

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

where  $R_{\chi}(z) = X(z) \cdot X^*(1/z^*)$  is called the energy spectrum



- the Z-Transform of the auto-correlation (cont.)
  - the Wiener-Khintchine Theorem: the auto-correlation and the energy spectrum form a Z-Transform pair

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

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



• 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

then

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

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