6.003: Signals and Systems
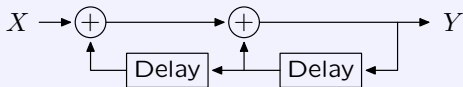
Z Transform

Concept Map: Discrete-Time Systems

Multiple representations of DT systems.

Block Diagram

$X \rightarrow \oplus \rightarrow \oplus \longrightarrow Y$

Delay, Delay

System Functional

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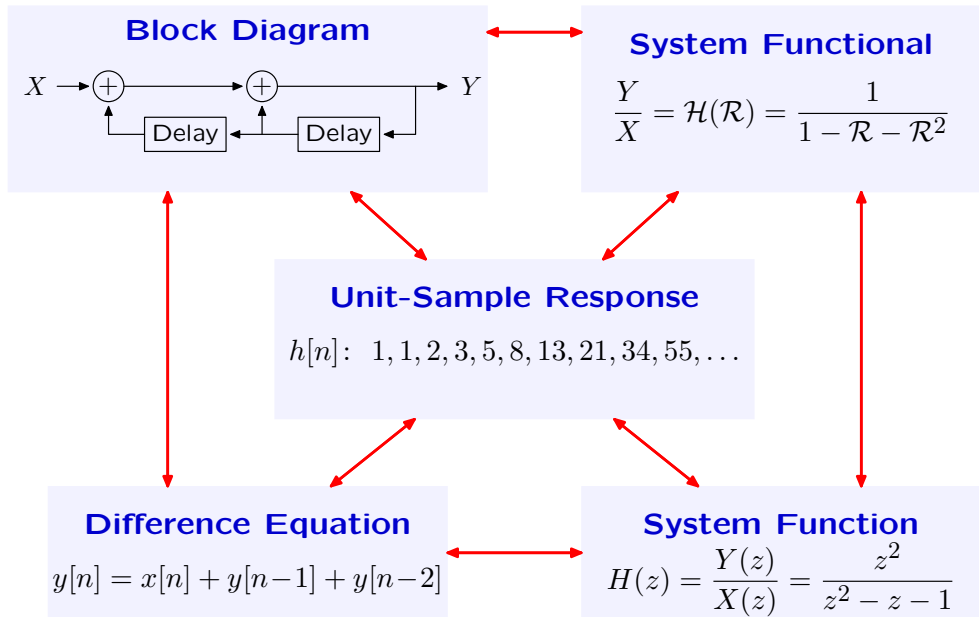
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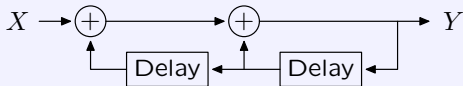
Relations among representations.

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with Delay, Delay blocks

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Concept Map: Discrete-Time Systems

Two interpretations of "Delay."

Delay $\rightarrow \mathcal{R}$

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Delay ← Delay ←

System Functional

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index shift

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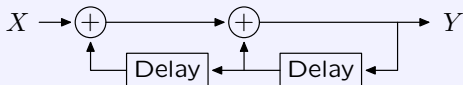### Difference Equation

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Relation between System Functional and System Function.

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System Functional

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$$\mathcal{R} \to \frac{1}{z}$$

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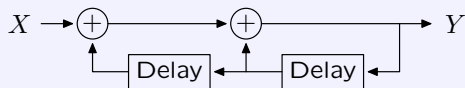
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Check Yourself

What is relation of System Functional to Unit-Sample Response

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Expand functional in a series:

$$\frac{Y}{X} = \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{R}) = \frac{1}{1 - \mathcal{R} - \mathcal{R}^2}$$

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\begin{array}{l}
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Check Yourself

Coefficients of series representation of $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{R})$

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are the successive samples in the unit-sample response!

$$h[n] : 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, \ldots$$

If a system is composed of (only) adders, delays, and gains, then

$$\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{R}) = h[0] + h[1]\mathcal{R} + h[2]\mathcal{R}^2 + h[3]\mathcal{R}^3 + h[4]\mathcal{R}^4 + \cdots$$

$$= \sum_n h[n]\mathcal{R}^n$$

We can write the system function in terms of unit-sample response!

Check Yourself

What is relation of System Functional to Unit-Sample Response?

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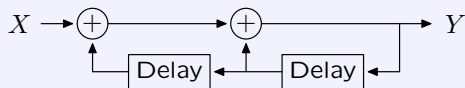
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Start with the series expansion of system functional:

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Substitute $\mathcal{R} \to \dfrac{1}{z}$:

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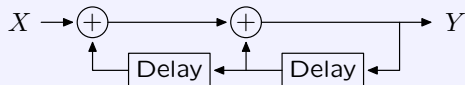
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Today: thinking about a system as a **mathematical function** $H(z)$ rather than as an operator.

Z Transform

We call the relation between $H(z)$ and $h[n]$ the Z transform.

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

Z transform maps a function of discrete time n to a function of z.

Although motivated by system functions, we can define a Z transform for any signal.

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

Notice that we include $n < 0$ as well as $n > 0 \rightarrow$ **bilateral** Z transform (there is also a unilateral Z transform with similar but not identical properties).

Simple Z transforms

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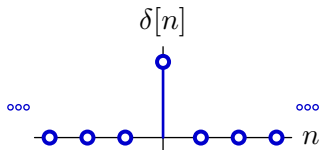
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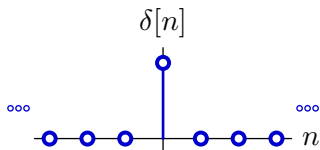
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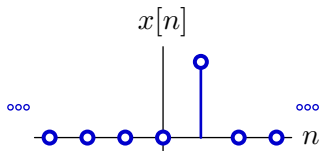
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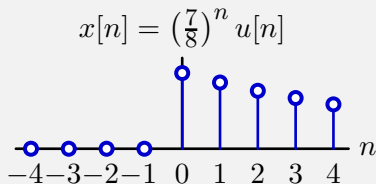Find the Z transform of a delayed unit-sample signal.
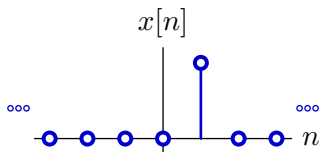
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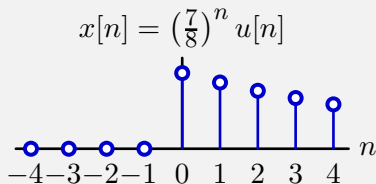
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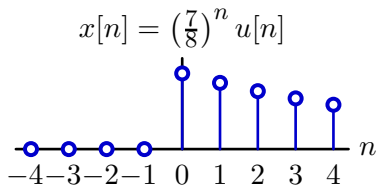
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The Z transform is only defined for values of z for which the defining sum converges.

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Therefore $\left|\frac{7}{8}z^{-1}\right| < 1$, i.e., $|z| > \frac{7}{8}$.

Regions of Convergence

The Z transform $X(z)$ is a function of z defined for all z inside a **Region of Convergence (ROC)**.

$$x[n] = \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^n u[n] \quad \leftrightarrow \quad X(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{7}{8}z^{-1}}; \quad |z| > \frac{7}{8}$$

ROC: $|z| > \dfrac{7}{8}$

Z Transform Mathematics

Based on **properties** of the Z transform.

Linearity:

if	$x_1[n]$	$\leftrightarrow$	$X_1(z)$	for z in ROC_1
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Let $y[n] = x_1[n] + x_2[n]$ then

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\begin{aligned}
Y(z) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} y[n]z^{-n} \\
&= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (x_1[n] + x_2[n])z^{-n} \\
&= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1[n]z^{-n} + \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x_2[n]z^{-n} \\
&= X_1(z) + X_2(z)
\end{aligned}
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Delay Property

If $x[n] \leftrightarrow X(z)$ for z in ROC then $x[n-1] \leftrightarrow z^{-1}X(z)$ for z in ROC.

We have already seen an example of this property.

$$\delta[n] \quad \leftrightarrow \quad 1$$
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More generally,

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Let $y[n] = x[n-1]$ then

$$Y(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} y[n]z^{-n} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n-1]z^{-n}$$

Substitute $m = n - 1$

$$Y(z) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x[m]z^{-m-1} = z^{-1}X(z)$$

Rational Polynomials

A system that can be described by a linear difference equation with constant coefficients can also be described by a Z transform that is a **ratio of polynomials** in z.

$$b_0 y[n] + b_1 y[n-1] + b_2 y[n-2] + \cdots = a_0 x[n] + a_1 x[n-1] + a_2 x[n-2] + \cdots$$

Taking the Z transform of both sides, and applying the delay property

$$b_0 Y(z) + b_1 z^{-1} Y(z) + b_2 z^{-2} Y(z) + \cdots = a_0 X(z) + a_1 z^{-1} X(z) + a_2 z^{-2} X(z) + \cdots$$

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{a_0 + a_1 z^{-1} + a_2 z^{-2} + \cdots}{b_0 + b_1 z^{-1} + b_2 z^{-2} + \cdots}$$

$$= \frac{a_0 z^k + a_1 z^{k-1} + a_2 z^{k-2} + \cdots}{b_0 z^k + b_1 z^{k-1} + b_2 z^{k-2} + \cdots}$$

Rational Polynomials

Applying the fundamental theorem of algebra and the factor theorem, we can express the polynomials as a product of factors.

$$H(z) = \frac{a_0 z^k + a_1 z^{k-1} + a_2 z^{k-2} + \cdots}{b_0 z^k + b_1 z^{k-1} + b_2 z^{k-2} + \cdots}$$

$$= \frac{(z - z_0)\ (z - z_1)\ \cdots\ (z - z_k)}{(z - p_0)\ (z - p_1)\ \cdots\ (z - p_k)}$$

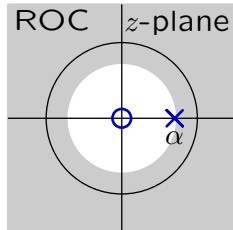where the roots are called **poles** and **zeros**.

Rational Polynomials

Regions of convergence for Z transform are delimited by circles in the Z-plane. The edges of the circles are at the poles.

Example: $x[n] = \alpha^n u[n]$

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \alpha^n u[n] z^{-n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha^n z^{-n}$$
$$= \frac{1}{1 - \alpha z^{-1}}; \quad \left| \alpha z^{-1} \right| < 1$$
$$= \frac{z}{z - \alpha}; \quad |z| > |\alpha|$$
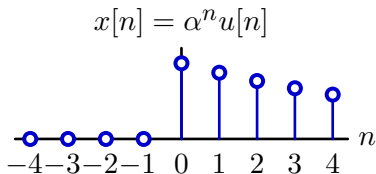
Check Yourself

What DT signal has the following Z transform?
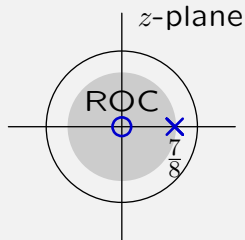
$$\frac{z}{z - \frac{7}{8}}\;;\quad |z| < \frac{7}{8}$$

z-plane

ROC

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Recall that we already know a function whose Z transform is the outer region.

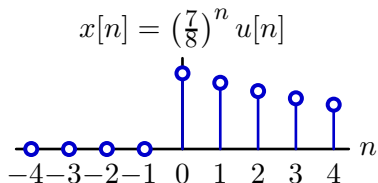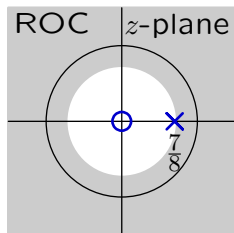$$x[n] = \left(\tfrac{7}{8}\right)^n u[n]$$
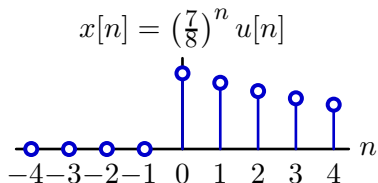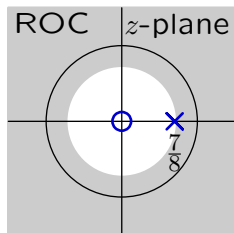
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What changes if the region changes?

The original sum

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^n z^{-n}$$

does not converge if $|z| < \frac{7}{8}$.

Check Yourself

The functional form is still the same,

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{z}{z - \frac{7}{8}}\,.$$

Therefore, the difference equation for this system is the same,

$$y[n+1] - \frac{7}{8}y[n] = x[n+1]\,.$$

Convergence **inside** $|z| = \frac{7}{8}$ corresponds to a left-sided (non-causal) response. Solve by iterating backwards in time:

$$y[n] = \frac{8}{7}\left(y[n+1] - x[n+1]\right)$$

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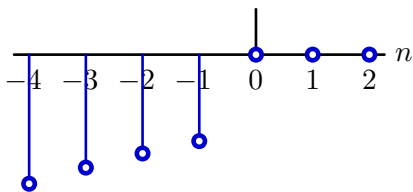
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Start "at rest":

n	$x[n]$	$y[n]$
> 0	0	0
0	1	0
-1	0	$-\left(\frac{8}{7}\right)$
-2	0	$-\left(\frac{8}{7}\right)^2$
-3	0	$-\left(\frac{8}{7}\right)^3$
$\cdots$		$\cdots$
n		$-\left(\frac{8}{7}\right)^{-n}$

$$y[n] = -\left(\frac{8}{7}\right)^{-n} ; \quad n < 0 = -\left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^n u[-1-n]$$

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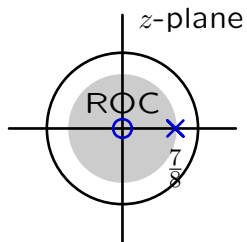
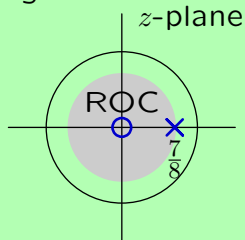Plot

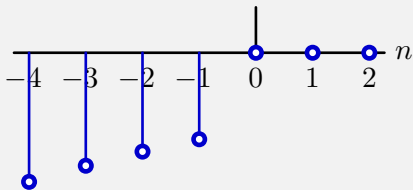$$y[n] = -\left(\tfrac{7}{8}\right)^n u[-1-n]$$

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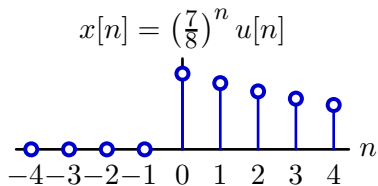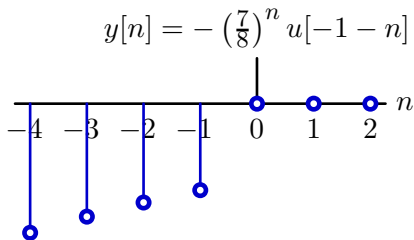

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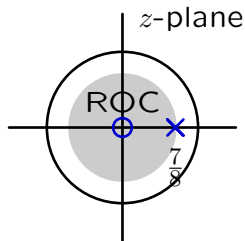Two signals and two regions of convergence.
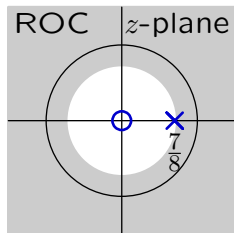
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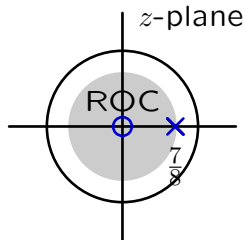
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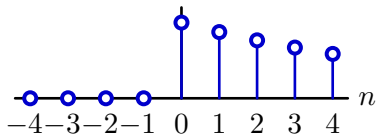
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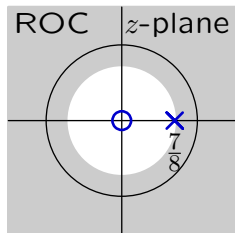
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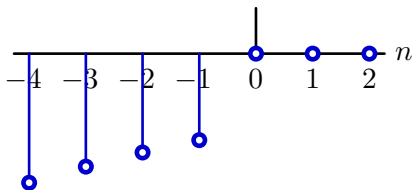$$X(z) = \frac{-3z}{2z^2 - 5z + 2} = \frac{2z}{2z - 1} - \frac{z}{z - 2} = \frac{z}{z - \frac{1}{2}} - \frac{z}{z - 2}$$

Standard form: a pole at $\frac{1}{2}$ and a pole at 2.

Check Yourself

Ratio of polynomials in z:

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

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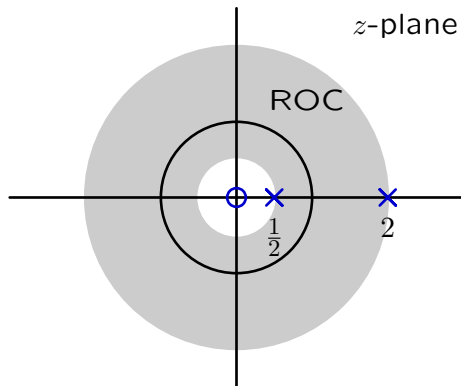
Region of convergence is "outside" pole at $\frac{1}{2}$ but "inside" pole at 2.

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Plot.

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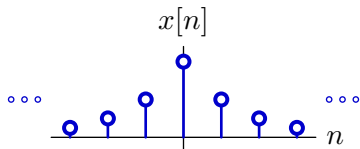
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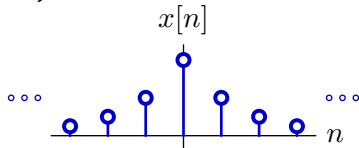
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Alternative 3: expand as polynomials in z^{-1}:

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

$$= \frac{2}{2 - z^{-1}} - \frac{1}{1 - 2z^{-1}} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} - \frac{1}{1 - 2z^{-1}}$$
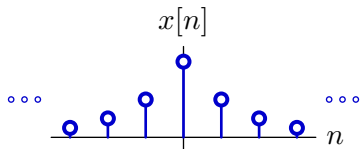
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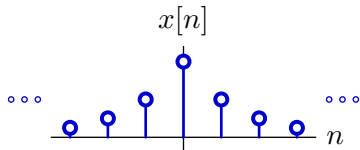
Solving Difference Equations with Z Transforms

Start with difference equation:

$$y[n] - \frac{1}{2}y[n-1] = \delta[n]$$

Take the Z transform of this equation:

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

Solve for $Y(z)$:

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

Take the inverse Z transform (by recognizing the form of the transform):

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

Inverse Z transform

The inverse Z transform is defined by an integral that is not particularly easy to solve.

Formally,

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

where C represents a closed contour that circles the origin by running in a counterclockwise direction through the region of convergence. This integral is not generally easy to compute.

This equation can be useful to prove theorems.

There are better ways (e.g., partial fractions) to compute inverse transforms for the kinds of systems that we frequently encounter.

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$y[n]$ corresponds to unit-sample response of the **right-sided** system

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

$$= \left(1 + \mathcal{R} + \mathcal{R}^2 + \mathcal{R}^3 + \cdots\right) \times \left(1 + \mathcal{R} + \mathcal{R}^2 + \mathcal{R}^3 + \cdots\right)$$

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$$\frac{Y}{X} = 1 + 2\mathcal{R} + 3\mathcal{R}^2 + 4\mathcal{R}^3 + \cdots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)\mathcal{R}^n$$

$$y[n] = h[n] = (n+1)u[n]$$

Check Yourself

Table lookup method.

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$$z \times \left(-z\frac{d}{dz}\left(\frac{z}{z-1}\right)\right) = \left(\frac{z}{z-1}\right)^2 \quad \leftrightarrow \quad (n+1)u[n+1] = (n+1)u[n]$$

Concept Map: Discrete-Time Systems

Relations among representations.

Block Diagram

$X \longrightarrow \oplus \longrightarrow \oplus \longrightarrow Y$

Delay ← Delay

System Functional

$$\frac{Y}{X} = \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{R}) = \frac{1}{1 - \mathcal{R} - \mathcal{R}^2}$$

Unit–Sample Response

$$h[n]: \quad 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, \dots$$

Z transform

Difference Equation

$$y[n] = x[n] + y[n-1] + y[n-2]$$

System Function

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