

**6.003: Signals and Systems**

**Z Transform**

February 23, 2010

**Mid-term Examination #1**

Wednesday, March 3, 7:30-9:30pm, 34-101.

No recitations on the day of the exam.

Coverage: Representations of CT and DT Systems  
 Lectures 1-7  
 Recitations 1-8  
 Homeworks 1-4

Homework 4 will not be collected or graded. Solutions will be posted.

Closed book: 1 page of notes (8½ × 11 inches; front and back).

Designed as 1-hour exam; two hours to complete.

Review sessions during open office hours.

Conflict? Contact freeman@mit.edu before Friday, Feb. 26, 5pm.

**Z Transform**

Z transform is discrete-time analog of Laplace transform.

Furthermore, you already know about Z transforms (we just haven't called them Z transforms)!

Example: Fibonacci system

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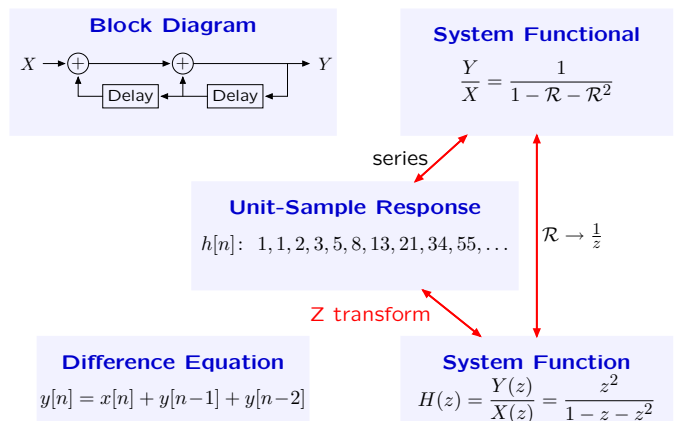
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	$\frac{Y}{X} = \sum_n h[n]\mathcal{R}^n$

What's the relation between  $H(z)$  and  $h[n]$ ?

**Concept Map: Discrete-Time Systems**

Relation between Unit-Sample Response and System Function.



**Z Transform**

Z transform is discrete-time analog of Laplace transform.  
 Z transform maps a function of discrete time  $n$  to a function of  $z$ .

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

There are two important variants:

Unilateral

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x[n]z^{-n}$$

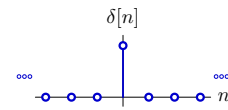
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Differences are analogous to those for the Laplace transform.

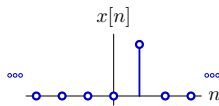
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Find the Z transform of the unit-sample signal.



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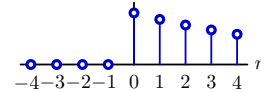
Find the Z transform of a delayed unit-sample signal.



**Z Transforms**

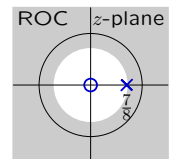
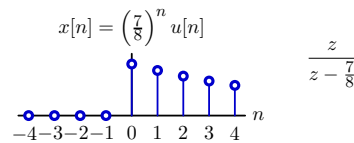
Example: Find the Z transform of the following signal.

$$x[n] = \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^n u[n]$$



$$X(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^n z^{-n} u[n] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^n z^{-n} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{7}{8}z^{-1}} = \frac{z}{z - \frac{7}{8}}$$

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

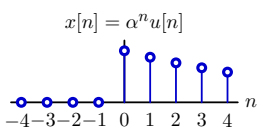


**Shape of ROC**

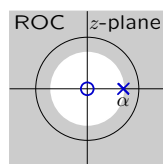
Regions of converge for Z transform are delimited by circles.

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

$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \alpha^n u[n] z^{-n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha^n z^{-n} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \alpha z^{-1}}; \quad |\alpha z^{-1}| < 1 \\ &= \frac{z}{z - \alpha}; \quad |z| > |\alpha| \end{aligned}$$



$$\frac{z}{z - \alpha}$$

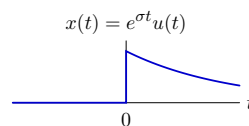


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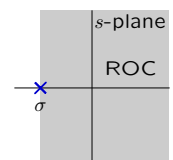
Regions of converge for Laplace transform delimited by vertical lines.

Example:  $x(t) = e^{\sigma t} u(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} X(s) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{\sigma t} u(t) e^{-st} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{\sigma t} e^{-st} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{s - \sigma}; \quad \text{Re}(s) > \text{Re}(\sigma) \end{aligned}$$



$$\frac{1}{s - \sigma}$$



**Distinguishing Features of Transforms**

Most-important feature of Laplace transforms is the derivative rule:

$$x(t) \leftrightarrow X(s)$$

$$\dot{x}(t) \leftrightarrow sX(s)$$

→ allows us to use Laplace transforms to solve differential equations.

Similarly, most-important feature of Z transforms is the delay rule:

$$x[n] \leftrightarrow X(z)$$

$$x[n-1] \leftrightarrow z^{-1}X(z)$$

→ allows us to use Z transforms to solve difference equations.

**Distinguishing Features of Transforms**

Delay property

$$x[n] \leftrightarrow X(z)$$

$$x[n-1] \leftrightarrow z^{-1}X(z)$$

Proof:

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

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

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

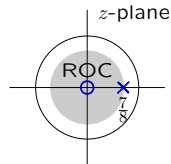
Substitute  $m = n - 1$

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

**Check Yourself**

What DT signal has the following Z transform?

$$\frac{z}{z - \frac{7}{8}}; \quad |z| < \frac{7}{8}$$

**Check Yourself**

Find the inverse transform of

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

given that the ROC includes the unit circle.

**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,

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

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.

**Properties of Z Transforms**

The use of Z Transforms to solve differential equations depends on several important properties.

Property	$x[n]$	$X(z)$	ROC
Linearity	$ax_1[n] + bx_2[n]$	$aX_1(z) + bX_2(z)$	$\supset (R_1 \cap R_2)$
Delay	$x[n - 1]$	$z^{-1}X(z)$	$R$
Multiply by $n$	$nx[n]$	$-z \frac{dX(z)}{dz}$	$R$
Convolve in $n$	$\sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1[m]x_2[n - m]$	$X_1(z)X_2(z)$	$\supset (R_1 \cap R_2)$

**Check Yourself**

Find the inverse transform of  $Y(z) = \left(\frac{z}{z-1}\right)^2$ ;  $|z| > 1$ .

**Concept Map: Discrete-Time Systems**

Relations among representations.

