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# Chapter 3

## The Z Transform

### 3.1 Introduction

Z-transform : Generalization of DTFT

**Remarks:**

1. Certain conditions are needed for DTFT to be defined for discrete signals (e.g. *absolute summability* of  $x[n]$ ).  
⇒ Needs a general transformation for broader class of discrete signals.
2. Laplace transform is a generalization of Fourier transform for continuous signals.

(cf.)

(1) Laplace vs. Fourier transform

$$(a) X(\omega) = \mathcal{F}\{x(t)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

$$(b) X(s) = \mathcal{L}\{x(t)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-st} dt \quad \text{where } s = \sigma + j\omega.$$

Therefore,

$$X(\omega) = X(s)|_{s=j\omega}$$

i.e.,  $X(\omega)$  corresponds to the  $X(s)$  where  $\sigma = 0$ , which means the sliced version of the Laplace transform along the axis of  $\sigma = 0$ .

(2) Z transform vs. DTFT

$$(a) X(e^{j\omega}) = F\{x[n]\} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]e^{-j\omega n}$$

$$(b) X(z) = \mathcal{Z}\{x[n]\} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]z^{-n} \quad \text{where } z = re^{j\omega}.$$

Therefore,

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

i.e.,  $X(e^{j\omega})$  corresponds to the  $X(z)$  where  $r = 1$ , which means the Z transform along the unit circle on the complex plane of  $z$ .

Figure 3.1: Laplace vs. Fourier transform and Z transform vs. DTFT.

## 3.2 Z transform

**Definition 3.1** The z transform  $X(z)$  of a discrete-time signal  $x[n]$  is defined as follows:

$$\mathcal{Z}\{x[n]\} \triangleq \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]z^{-n} \stackrel{d}{=} X(z) \quad : \text{Bilateral z-transform (two sided)}$$

where  $z$  is a complex variable, <sup>1</sup> i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \text{Re}[z] + j\text{Im}[z] \\ &= r \cdot e^{j\omega} \end{aligned}$$

**REMARKS:**

$$\begin{aligned} X(z) = X(re^{j\omega}) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] (re^{j\omega})^{-n} \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (x[n]r^{-n}) e^{-j\omega n} \\ &= F\{x[n]r^{-n}\} \end{aligned}$$

$$(1) \quad r = 1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad X(z) = F\{x[n]\}$$

Figure 3.2: A unit circle on z plane.

$$\begin{aligned} (2) \quad (a) \quad z = 1 &\rightarrow j \rightarrow -1 \rightarrow -j \rightarrow 1 \\ (b) \quad \omega = 0 &\rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} \rightarrow \pi \rightarrow \frac{3\pi}{2} \rightarrow 2\pi \\ &: \text{implies the periodicity of DTFT w/ period } 2\pi. \end{aligned}$$

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<sup>1</sup> $\text{Re}[z] = r \cos(\omega)$ , and  $\text{Im}[z] = r \sin(\omega)$ .

(3) Region of convergence(ROC):

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

$\Rightarrow$  For the existence of  $X(z)$ , we need a condition(i.e. *absolute summability* of sequence  $x[n]r^{-n}$ ) as:

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

$$\text{OR} \quad \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |x[n]||z|^{-n} < \infty \quad \because |z| = r$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ROC of } X(z) &= \{z|X(z) \text{ exists or converges}\} \\ &= \{z| \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |x[n]||z|^{-n} < \infty\} \\ &: \text{ composed of circles in terms of } |z| \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  ROC of  $X(z)$  only depends on  $|z|$ .

$\Rightarrow$  ROC is composed of circles.

$\Rightarrow$  If the unit circle is within the ROC, then DTFT exists.

Figure 3.3: A typical ROC on the z plane.

(4) Most important and useful form of z transform: <sup>2</sup>

$$X(z) = \frac{P(z)}{Q(z)}, \quad \text{where } P(z), Q(z) \text{ are polynomials of } z$$

(a)  $\{z|P(z) = 0\}$  : *zeros* of  $X(z)$  : denoted O in  $z$  plane.

(b)  $\{z|Q(z) = 0\}$  : *poles* of  $X(z)$  : denoted X in  $z$  plane.

### Example 3.1

Determine the z transform of an exponential sequence given below: <sup>3</sup>

$$x[n] = a^n u[n]$$

Figure 3.4: A right sided exponential sequence  $x[n]$  for  $0 < a < 1$ .

**Solution:**

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]z^{-n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a^n z^{-n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (az^{-1})^n$$

(a)

$$\text{ROC: } |az^{-1}| < 1 \Rightarrow |z| > |a|$$

(b)

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}} = \frac{z}{z - a}$$

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<sup>2</sup>For example, in an LTI system where i/o is related in a linear constant coefficient difference equation,  $H(z) = \mathcal{Z}\{h[n]\}$  is in the following form:

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

<sup>3</sup>Notice that  $\exists x[n]$  only for  $n \geq 0$ , thus a right sided sequence.

Figure 3.5: The ROC of the z transform for a right sided exponential sequence.

**Note:**

(a) If  $|a| < 1 \longrightarrow X(e^{j\omega})$  exists. (Recall !!!)

(b) If  $|a| = 1 \xrightarrow{\text{e.g. } a=1} x[n] = u[n],$  then

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

(c) poles:  $z = a$  (represented by X)

zeros:  $z = 0$  (represented by O)

**Example 3.2**

Determine the z transform of an exponential sequence given below: <sup>4</sup>

$$x[n] = -a^n u[-n - 1]$$

Figure 3.6: A left sided exponential sequence  $x[n]$  for  $a > 1$ .

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<sup>4</sup>Notice that  $\exists x[n]$  only for  $n < 0$ , thus a left sided sequence.

**Solution:**

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

(a)

$$\text{ROC: } |a^{-1}z| < 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad |z| < |a|$$

(b)

$$X(z) = \frac{-a^{-1}z}{1 - a^{-1}z} = \frac{z}{z - a}$$

Figure 3.7: The ROC of the z transform for a left sided exponential sequence.

**Note:**

(a) If  $|a| > 1 \rightarrow X(e^{j\omega})$  exists!

(b) Notice that the z transform  $X(z)$  is the same as in the previous example, while the ROC is different.

$\Rightarrow$  This indicates **the necessity of ROC** for representing the z transform.

(c) poles:  $z = a$  (represented by X)

zeros:  $z = 0$  (represented by O)



### Example 3.3

Determine the z transform of another exponential sequence given below: <sup>5</sup>

$$x[n] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[n] + \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^n u[n] \triangleq x_1[n] + x_2[n]$$

**Solution:**

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]z^{-n} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1[n]z^{-n} + \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x_2[n]z^{-n} \triangleq X_1(z) + X_2(z)$$

$$(a) \quad X_1(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n z^{-n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}z^{-1}\right)^n = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}}, \quad \left|\frac{1}{2}z^{-1}\right| < 1 \quad (|z| > \frac{1}{2})$$

$$(b) \quad X_2(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^n z^{-n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{3}z^{-1}\right)^n = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}}, \quad \left|\frac{1}{3}z^{-1}\right| < 1 \quad (|z| > \frac{1}{3})$$

Therefore, the z-transform  $X(z)$  of  $x[n]$  is as follows:

$$X(z) = X_1(z) + X_2(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}} = \frac{2z(z - \frac{1}{12})}{(z - \frac{1}{2})(z + \frac{1}{3})}$$

where

$$\text{ROC} = \left\{z \mid \left(|z| > \frac{1}{2}\right) \cap \left(|z| > \frac{1}{3}\right)\right\} = \left\{z \mid |z| > \frac{1}{2}\right\}$$

Figure 3.8: The ROC of the z transform for  $x[n]$ .

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<sup>5</sup>Notice that  $\exists x[n]$  only for  $n \geq 0$ , thus a right sided sequence.

### Example 3.4

Determine the z transform of the exponential sequence given below: <sup>6</sup>

$$x[n] = \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^n u[n] - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[-n-1] \triangleq x_1[n] + x_2[n]$$

**Solution:**

$$(a) X_1(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}}, \quad |z| > \frac{1}{3}$$

$$(b) X_2(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}}, \quad |z| < \frac{1}{2}$$

Therefore, the z-transform  $X(z)$  of  $x[n]$  is as follows:

$$X(z) = X_1(z) + X_2(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}} + \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} = \frac{2z(z - \frac{1}{12})}{(z - \frac{1}{2})(z + \frac{1}{3})}$$

where

$$\text{ROC} = \left\{z \mid \left(|z| > \frac{1}{3}\right) \cap \left(|z| < \frac{1}{2}\right)\right\} = \left\{z \mid \frac{1}{3} < |z| < \frac{1}{2}\right\}$$

Figure 3.9: The ROC of the z transform for two sided  $x[n]$ .

### Note:

From the above examples, notice that if  $x[n]$  is a (sum of) infinitely long exponential sequences, then the z-transform  $X(z)$  is a **rational function of  $z^{-1}$  or  $z$** .

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<sup>6</sup>Notice that  $\exists x[n]$  for entire  $n$ , i.e.  $-\infty < n < \infty$ , thus a **two** sided sequence.

### Example 3.5

Determine the  $z$  transform of a *finite duration* sequence given below:

$$x[n] = a^n u[n] - a^n u[n - N]$$

Figure 3.10: A finite duration sequence  $x[n]$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a^n z^{-n} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (az^{-1})^n = \frac{1 - (az^{-1})^N}{1 - az^{-1}} \\ &= \frac{z - \frac{a^N}{z^{N-1}}}{z - a} \\ &= \frac{1}{z^{N-1}} \cdot \frac{z^N - a^N}{z - a} \end{aligned}$$

(a) ROC:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} |az^{-1}|^n < \infty &\longrightarrow |az^{-1}| < \infty \\ &\longrightarrow \frac{|a|}{|z|} < \infty \\ &\longrightarrow |a| < \infty \text{ and } z \neq 0 \\ &\xrightarrow{\text{i.e.}} \text{entire } z \text{ plane except } z = 0 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Poles and zeros:

- (i) zeros <sup>7</sup>:  $z^N - a^N = 0 \longrightarrow z_k = ae^{j\frac{2\pi k}{N}}, k = 1, 2, \dots, N - 1$
- (ii) poles:  $z = 0$  :  $(N - 1)st$  order

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<sup>7</sup>Note that the term  $(z - a)$  cancels out in the numerator and the denominator of  $X(z)$ .

Figure 3.11: The ROC of the z transform for a finite duration sequence  $x[n]$ .

**Table 3.1: Common z-transform pairs** at page 104  
: *Self study (assignment)*.

### 3.3 Properties of ROC

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

1. ROC is a *ring* or a *disc* in the z-plane centered at the origin, i.e.

$$\text{ROC} = \{z | 0 \leq r_R < |z| < r_L < \infty\}$$

2.  $F\{x[n]\}$  exists if and only if ROC contains the unit circle.
3. ROC cannot contain any poles. <sup>8</sup>
4. If  $x[n]$  is a finite duration sequence, then ROC is the entire z-plane except possibly at  $z = 0$  or  $z = \infty$ .

(cf.) Note that the followings:

$$|X(z)| \left| \sum_{n=N_1}^{N_2} x[n]z^{-n} \right| \leq \sum_{n=N_1}^{N_2} |x[n]| \cdot |z|^{-n}$$

- (i) if  $n < 0$ , then  $|X(z)| \rightarrow \infty$  as  $z \rightarrow \infty$ .
  - (ii) if  $n \geq 0$ , then  $|X(z)| \rightarrow \infty$  as  $z \rightarrow 0$ .
5. If  $x[n]$  is a *right-sided* sequence, then ROC extends outward from the outermost finite pole to  $z = \infty$ .

Figure 3.12: The ROC of a right-sided sequence.

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<sup>8</sup>This is so because if ROC contains a pole,  $|X(z)| \rightarrow \infty$ .

6. If  $x[n]$  is a *left-sided* sequence, then ROC extends inward from the innermost non-zero pole to  $z = 0$ .

Figure 3.13: The ROC of a left-sided sequence.

7. If  $x[n]$  is a *two-sided* sequence, then ROC consists of a ring bounded by poles.

Figure 3.14: The ROC of a two-sided sequence.

8. ROC must be a connected region( i.e. cannot be disjoint).

**Proof**(detailed): Assignment(self study)

### Example 3.6

Given a pole-zero diagram with its pole locations as follows:

Figure 3.15: An example of pole-zero diagram.

Then, there  $\exists$  4 possible cases of ROC depending on which we get different discrete-time signals.

(a) Right-sided sequence:

Figure 3.16: A pole-zero diagram for a right-sided sequence.

(b) Left-sided sequence:

Figure 3.17: A pole-zero diagram for a left-sided sequence.

(c) Two-sided sequence: #1

Figure 3.18: A pole-zero diagram for a two-sided sequence.

(d) Two-sided sequence: #2

Figure 3.19: Another pole-zero diagram for a two-sided sequence.

**Note:**

1.  $x[n]$  cannot be a finite duration sequence with the given pole-zero diagram of  $X(z)$ .
2. The only case when  $\exists$  the DTFT of  $x[n]$  is (3). Why?



## 3.4 The inverse z-transform

**EXAMPLE:** Analysis of a DLTI system:

Figure 3.20: A DLTI system.

After analyzing DLTI system in z-domain (i.e. finding the output  $Y(z)$ ), we need to compute  $y[n]$  (i.e.  $Y(z) \rightarrow y[n]$ ).

### 3.4.1 Inspection method

Use of familiar z-transform pairs, where tables of z-transform pairs are quite useful!!!

#### Example 3.7

Recall the following z-transform pair (either from the table or from the previous example ...)

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

Therefore, if we are given that:

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

then by inspection, we get the inverse z-transform easily as:

$$x[n] = \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^n u[n]$$

**(cf.)** If the ROC was  $|z| < \frac{1}{5}$ , then we know by inspection (from previous experiences) that:

$$x[n] = -\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^n u[-n - 1]$$

### 3.4.2 Partial fraction expansion: w/ inspection

Suppose  $X(z)$  is in the form of *ratio of polynomials* in  $z^{-1}$ , i.e.:

$$X(z) = \frac{P(z)}{Q(z)} = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^M b_k z^{-k}}{\sum_{k=0}^N a_k z^{-k}} \quad (3.1)$$

$$= \frac{b_0 \prod_{k=1}^M (1 - c_k z^{-1})}{a_0 \prod_{k=1}^N (1 - d_k z^{-1})}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\text{or}}} \quad \frac{b_0 z^N \prod_{k=1}^M (z - c_k)}{a_0 z^M \prod_{k=1}^N (z - d_k)} \quad (3.2)$$

$$= \begin{cases} \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{A_k}{1 - d_k z^{-1}}, & \text{if } M < N \\ \sum_{r=0}^{M-N} B_r z^{-r} + \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{A_k}{1 - d_k z^{-1}}, & \text{if } M \geq N \end{cases}$$

where

- (i)  $B_r$ : by long division of the numerator by the denominator
- (ii)  $A_k = (1 - d_k z^{-1})X(z)|_{z=d_k}$

The inverse z-transform can then be found by:

$$x[n] = \sum_{r=0}^{M-N} \mathcal{Z}^{-1} \{B_r z^{-r}\} + \sum_{k=1}^N \mathcal{Z}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{A_k}{1 - d_k z^{-1}} \right\}$$

where

(i) <sup>9</sup>

$$\mathcal{Z}^{-1} \{B_r z^{-r}\} = B_r \delta[n - r]$$

(ii) <sup>10</sup>

$$\mathcal{Z}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{A_k}{1 - d_k z^{-1}} \right\} = \begin{cases} A_k (d_k)^n u[n], & \text{ROC: } |z| > |d_k| \\ -A_k (d_k)^n u[-n - 1], & \text{ROC: } |z| < |d_k| \end{cases}$$

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<sup>9</sup>Note that the z-transform of an unit sample sequence is:  $\mathcal{Z} \{\delta[n]\} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta[n] z^{-n} = 1$ , and thus  $\mathcal{Z} \{\delta[n - n_0]\} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta[n - n_0] z^{-n} = z^{-n_0}$ .

<sup>10</sup>This is easily done by inspection!

## Remarks:

1. When  $X(z)$  has multiple poles( $d_i$ ) of order  $s$ , i.e. if  $X(z)$  is in the following form:

$$X(z) = \frac{P(z)}{Q(z)} = \frac{p(z)}{(1 - d_i z^{-1})^s q(z)}$$

Then, the partial fraction expansion of  $X(z)$  is in the form given below: <sup>11</sup>

$$X(z) = \sum_{r=0}^{M-N} B_r z^{-r} + \sum_{k=1, k \neq i}^N \frac{A_k}{1 - d_k z^{-1}} + \sum_{m=1}^s \frac{C_m}{(1 - d_i z^{-1})^m}$$

where <sup>12</sup>

$$C_m = \frac{1}{(s - m)!(-d_i)^{s-m}} \left\{ \frac{d^{s-m}}{dw^{s-m}} [(1 - d_i w)^s X(w^{-1})] \right\}_{w=d_i^{-1}}, \quad (w \triangleq z^{-1})$$

2.  $X(z)$  has the same number of poles and zeros(see (3.2)), which is:

$$\# \text{ of poles and/or zeros} = \begin{cases} M, & \text{if } M > N \\ N, & \text{if } M < N \end{cases}$$

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<sup>11</sup>The first term is only when  $M > N$ , and the second term represents the *single poles*, while the last term represents the *multiple poles* in  $X(z)$ .

<sup>12</sup>Note that if  $s = 1$ , then  $C_m = A_m$ .

### Example 3.8

Find the inverse z-transform of  $X(z)$  given below along with its ROC.

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

where its ROC is as follows:

$$\text{ROC} = \{z \mid |z| > 1\} \implies \text{right-sided sequence}$$

Figure 3.21: The ROC of  $X(z)$  with its pole-zero locations.

#### Solution:

Applying the partial fraction method,  $X(z)$  must be in the following form: ( $M = N = 2$ )

$$X(z) = B_0 + \frac{A_1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} + \frac{A_2}{1 - z^{-1}}$$

where

(i)  $B_0 = 2$  (the ratio of coefficient for  $z^2$  or  $z^{-2}$ , i.e. the highest order.)

$$(ii) A_1 = X(z)(1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}) \Big|_{z=\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{(1+z^{-1})^2}{1-z^{-1}} \Big|_{z=\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{9}{-1} = -9$$

$$(ii) A_2 = X(z)(1 - z^{-1}) \Big|_{z=1} = \frac{(1+z^{-1})^2}{1-\frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} \Big|_{z=1} = \frac{9}{\frac{1}{2}} = 18$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= 2 - 9 \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} + 18 \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}} \\ \implies x[n] &= 2\delta[n] - 9 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[n] + 18u[n] \quad (\text{by inspection}) \end{aligned}$$

**Remark:** Depending on the ROC, we could have different sequences, i.e.

$$X(z) = 2 - 9 \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} + 8 \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}}$$

(1) ROC =  $\{z \mid |z| > 1\}$ : outside of the unit circle (as in the example above)

$$x[n] = 2\delta[n] - 9 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[n] + 8u[n] \quad : \text{right-sided sequence}$$

Figure 3.22: ROC =  $\{z \mid |z| > 1\}$ : outside of the unit circle.

(2) ROC =  $\{z \mid |z| < \frac{1}{2}\}$ : inside of a circle

$$x[n] = 2\delta[n] + 9 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[-n - 1] - 8u[-n - 1] \quad : \text{left-sided sequence}$$

Figure 3.23: ROC =  $\{z \mid |z| < \frac{1}{2}\}$ : inside of a circle.

(3) ROC =  $\{z \mid \frac{1}{2} < |z| < 1\}$ : in-between two circles

$$x[n] = 2\delta[n] - 9 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[n] - 8u[-n - 1] \quad : \text{two-sided sequence}$$

Figure 3.24: ROC =  $\{z \mid \frac{1}{2} < |z| < 1\}$ : in-between two circles.

### 3.4.3 Power series expansion

Note that the definition of the z-transform  $X(z)$  itself is in the form of a power series, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]z^{-n} \\ &= \dots + x[-2]z^2 + x[-1]z^1 + x[0]z^0 + x[1]z^{-1} + x[2]z^{-2} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$\implies$  Finding  $x[n]$  is equivalent to determining the coefficients of  $z^{-n}$  in  $X(z)$ !!!

#### Example 3.9

Find the inverse z-transform of  $X(z)$  given below, where the ROC is the entire z-plane except at  $z = 0$ .

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

#### Solution:

Developing the given  $X(z)$ , we get:

$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= z^2(1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1})(1 + z^{-1})(1 - z^{-1}) \\ &= 1 \cdot z^2 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot z - 1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot z^{-1} \\ &= x[-2] \cdot z^2 + x[-1] \cdot z + x[0] + x[1] \cdot z^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

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

**(cf.)** Find  $x[n]$  using the partial fraction expansion method: *assignment*

### Example 3.10

Find the inverse z-transform of  $X(z)$  given below, where the ROC is the outside of a circle with radius  $|a|$ .

$$X(z) = \log(1 + az^{-1}), \quad \text{ROC} = \{z \mid |z| > |a|\}$$

#### Solution:

Developing the given  $X(z)$  using the logarithmic series expansion<sup>13</sup>, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} a^n z^n}{n}, \quad |az^{-1}| < 1 \text{ (i.e. } |z| > |a|) \\ &\triangleq \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] z^{-n} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore:

$$x[n] = \begin{cases} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} a^n}{n}, & n \geq 1 \\ 0, & n \leq 0 \end{cases} = \frac{(-1)^{n+1} a^n}{n} u[n]$$

(cf.)

Note that  $x[n]$  is a right-sided sequence, since the ROC is given as the outside of a circle.

### Example 3.11

Find the inverse z-transform of  $X(z)$  given below, which we already have discussed in previous examples<sup>14</sup>, using the power series expansion method.

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}} = \frac{z}{z - a}$$

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<sup>13</sup>Logarithmic series:  $\log(1 + x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} x^n}{n}$ , where  $|x| < 1$ .

<sup>14</sup>We know the answer as:  $x[n] = a^n u[n]$  if  $|z| > |a|$ , and  $x[n] = -a^n u[-n - 1]$  if  $|z| < |a|$ .

**Solution:**

There  $\exists$  two possible ROC's for the given  $X(z)$ :

(i) ROC:  $|z| > |a|$  (i.e. right-sided sequence)

Since  $x[n]$  must be a right-sided sequence,  $X(z)$  should be expressed as a series in powers of  $z^{-1}$  ( $\because n \geq 0$ )

$\implies$  By long division, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}} = \dots\dots \\ &= \dots\dots \\ &= \vdots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}} = 1 + az^{-1} + a^2z^{-2} + \dots \\ &= x[0] + x[1]z^{-1} + x[2]z^{-2} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have:

$$x[n] = a^n u[n]$$

(ii) ROC:  $|z| < |a|$  (i.e. left-sided sequence)

Since  $x[n]$  must be a left-sided sequence,  $X(z)$  should be expressed as a series in powers of  $z$  ( $\because n < 0$ )

$\implies$  By long division, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= \frac{1}{-az^{-1} + 1} = \dots\dots \\ &= \dots\dots \\ &= \vdots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= \frac{1}{-az^{-1} + 1} = -a^{-1}z - a^{-2}z^2 + a^{-3}z^3 + \dots \\ &= x[-1]z + x[-2]z^2 + x[-3]z^3 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have:

$$x[n] = -a^n u[-n - 1]$$



## 3.5 The z-transform properties

Let

$$\begin{aligned}X(z) &= \mathcal{Z}\{x[n]\}, & \text{ROC} &= R_x \\X_1(z) &= \mathcal{Z}\{x_1[n]\}, & \text{ROC} &= R_{x_1} \\X_2(z) &= \mathcal{Z}\{x_2[n]\}, & \text{ROC} &= R_{x_2}\end{aligned}$$

(1) **Linearity:**

$$\mathcal{Z}\{ax_1[n] + bx_2[n]\} = aX_1(z) + bX_2(z), \quad \text{ROC} \supseteq R_{x_1} \cap R_{x_2}$$

**proof:** assignment (trivial)

**NOTE:**

The fact that  $\text{ROC} \supseteq R_{x_1} \cap R_{x_2}$  rather than  $\text{ROC} = R_{x_1} \cap R_{x_2}$  is **due to the possible cancellation of poles in  $X(z)$** .

### Example 3.12

Consider the finite duration sequence  $x[n]$  discussed in the previous example:

$$\begin{aligned}x[n] &= a^n u[n] - a^n u[n - N] \\ &= x_1[n] - x_2[n]\end{aligned}$$

We already know that the ROC's each sequence are as follows;

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} R_{x_1} : |z| > |a| \\ R_{x_2} : |z| > |a| \\ R_x : \text{entire z-plane except at } z = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

Figure 3.25: The ROC of a finite duration sequence as  $R_x \supset R_{x_1} \cap R_{x_2}$ .

Note that  $R_x \supset R_{x_1} \cap R_{x_2}$ , and this results from the cancellation of the term  $1 - az^{-1}$  in the numerator and the denominator of  $X(z)$ , i.e.

$$\begin{cases} X_1(z) = \frac{1}{1-az^{-1}} \\ X_2(z) = \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a^n z^{-n} = \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} (az^{-1})^n = \frac{(az^{-1})^N}{1-az^{-1}} \end{cases}$$

Thus;

$$X(z) = X_1(z) - X_2(z) = \frac{1 - (az^{-1})^N}{1 - az^{-1}} = \frac{1 - az^{-1}}{1 - az^{-1}} \cdot q(z)$$

where the term  $1 - az^{-1}$  cancels out which eliminates the pole located at  $z = a$ , and corresponding ROC extends to the origin.

## (2) Time shifting:

$$\mathcal{Z}\{x[n - n_0]\} = X(z)z^{-n_0}, \quad \text{ROC} = R_x \pm \{z = 0 \text{ or } z = \infty\}$$

**proof:** assignment (trivial)

### NOTE:

The fact that  $\text{ROC} = R_x \pm \{z = 0 \text{ or } z = \infty\}$  is **due to added term**  $z^{-n_0}$  by which  $z = 0$  and  $z = \infty$  arises for  $n_0 < 0$  and  $n_0 > 0$  respectively.

**Example 3.13**

Find the inverse z-transform of the following  $X(z)$ :

$$X(z) = \frac{z^{-1}}{1 - \frac{1}{4}z^{-1}}, \quad |z| > \frac{1}{4} \quad (\text{right sided sequence})$$

**Solution:**

We will use two different approaches to obtain  $x[n]$ :

(a) Ordinary way:

By applying the partial fraction expansion, we get <sup>15</sup>

$$X(z) = -4 + \frac{4}{1 - \frac{1}{4}z^{-1}}$$

Therefore, by inspection we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} x[n] &= -4\delta[n] + 4 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n u[n] \\ &= 4 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n u[n-1] \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{n-1} u[n-1] \end{aligned}$$

(b) Utilizing the time-shift property:

Express  $X(z)$  in the following form:

$$X(z) = z^{-1} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{4}z^{-1}} \right)$$

Then,  $x[n]$  can be obtained as:

$$\begin{aligned} x[n] &= \mathcal{Z}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{4}z^{-1}} \right\} \Big|_{n \rightarrow n-1} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n u[n] \Big|_{n \rightarrow n-1} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{n-1} u[n-1] \end{aligned}$$

which is the same result as in (a)!!!

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<sup>15</sup>By partial fraction expansion,  $X(z) = -4 + \frac{A_1}{1 - \frac{1}{4}z^{-1}}$ , where  $A_1 = z^{-1} \Big|_{z=\frac{1}{4}} = 4$ .

### (3) Multiplication by an exponential sequence:

$$\mathcal{Z} \{x[n]z_0^n\} = X\left(\frac{z}{z_0}\right), \quad \text{ROC} = R_x \cdot |z_0|$$

**proof:** assignment

#### Remarks:

(1) If  $R_x = \{z \mid r_R < |z| < r_L\}$ , then the ROC of  $x[n]z_0^n$  becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ROC} &= \left\{z \mid r_R < \left|\frac{z}{z_0}\right| < r_L\right\} \\ &= \{z \mid |z_0|r_R < |z| < |z_0|r_L\} \end{aligned}$$

(2) Pole-zero locations are also scaled by the factor of  $z_0$ , i.e. the location  $z_1$  in  $X(z)$  becomes the location  $z_0z_1$  in  $X\left(\frac{z}{z_0}\right)$ .<sup>16</sup>

#### Special Cases:

(i) If  $z_0$  is a positive real number:

Only magnitude changes, which means that pole and/or zero moves in *radial direction*!

(ii) If  $z_0$  is complex w/ unit magnitude (i.e.  $z_0 = e^{j\omega_0}$ ):

Pole and/or zero *rotates by an angle of  $\omega_0$* , which means that **frequency shift** occurs!<sup>17</sup>

i.e.:

$$e^{j\omega_0 n} x[n] \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{Z}} X\left(\frac{e^{j\omega}}{e^{j\omega_0}}\right) = X(e^{j(\omega-\omega_0)})$$

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<sup>16</sup>The term  $(z - z_1)$  in  $X(z)$ , whose root is  $z = z_1$ , is being transformed into a term  $\left(\frac{z}{z_0} - z_1\right)$  in  $X\left(\frac{z}{z_0}\right)$  where corresponding root then becomes  $\frac{z}{z_0} = z_1$ ; that is  $z = z_0z_1$ .

<sup>17</sup>Recall the frequency shift property of the DTFT, that is  $e^{j\omega_0 n} x[n] \xleftrightarrow{F} X(e^{j(\omega-\omega_0)})$  if there  $\exists X(e^{j\omega})$ .

### Example 3.14

Recall that the z-transform of the unit step sequence is as follows:

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

Then, find the z-transform of the exponentially decaying (or growing) sinusoidal sequence given below:

$$x[n] = r^n \cos(\omega_0 n) u[n]$$

**Solution:**

Express  $x[n]$  as:

$$\begin{aligned} x[n] &= r^n \cos(\omega_0 n) u[n] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (r e^{j\omega_0})^n u[n] + \frac{1}{2} (r e^{-j\omega_0})^n u[n] \\ &\triangleq x_1[n] + x_2[n] \end{aligned}$$

Then, we have:

$$X_1(z) = \frac{1}{2} U \left( \frac{z}{r e^{j\omega_0}} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1 - r e^{j\omega_0} z^{-1}}$$

where corresponding ROC of  $X_1(z)$  becomes:  $|z| > 1 \cdot |r e^{j\omega_0}| = r$ .

And

$$X_2(z) = \frac{1}{2} U \left( \frac{z}{r e^{-j\omega_0}} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1 - r e^{-j\omega_0} z^{-1}}$$

where corresponding ROC of  $X_2(z)$  becomes:  $|z| > 1 \cdot |r e^{-j\omega_0}| = r$ .

Therefore, the z-transform of  $x[n]$  is then,

$$X(z) = X_1(z) + X_2(z) = \frac{1 - r \cos(\omega_0) z^{-1}}{1 - 2r \cos(\omega_0) z^{-1} + r^2 z^{-2}}, \quad \text{ROC} = \{z \mid |z| > r\}$$

(4) Convolution of sequences:

$$\mathcal{Z} \{x_1[n] * x_2[n]\} = X_1(z) \cdot X_2(z), \quad \text{ROC} \supseteq R_{x_1} \cap R_{x_2}$$

**proof:** assignment

**Remarks:**

- (1) The fact that  $\text{ROC} \supseteq R_{x_1} \cap R_{x_2}$  rather than  $\text{ROC} = R_{x_1} \cap R_{x_2}$  is again **due to the possible cancellation of poles in  $X(z)$** .
- (2) This property is very useful in the *analysis* of a DLTI system.

(e.g.)

Figure 3.26: A DLTI system.

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

$$Y(z) = H(z)X(z)$$

where

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} \quad : \text{ system function}$$

**Example 3.15**

Determine the output sequence of the *accumulator* when the input signal is an exponentially decaying sequence, i.e.

$$h[n] = u[n]$$

$$x[n] = a^n u[n], \quad \text{where } 0 < a < 1$$

**Solution:**

We can obtain the output  $y[n]$  by taking convolution sum b/w  $h[n]$  and  $x[n]$  (*assignment*), which might be very cumbersome to do!!! Instead, we try to get the output in z-domain:

We already know that

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}}, \quad |z| > |a|$$

$$H(z) = \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}}, \quad |z| > 1$$

Therefore, from the convolution property of z-transform;

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

where the ROC of  $Y(z)$  is

$$\text{ROC} = R_y = \{z \mid |z| > 1\}, \quad \text{since } |a| < 1$$

Figure 3.27: The ROC  $R_y$  of the output signal w/ its pole-zero locations.

Taking the partial fraction expansion of  $Y(z)$ , we get;

$$Y(z) = \frac{1}{1 - a} \left( \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}} - \frac{a}{1 - az^{-1}} \right), \quad |z| > 1$$

Therefore, by taking the inverse z-transform of  $Y(z)$ , we obtain

$$y[n] = \mathcal{Z}^{-1}\{Y(z)\} = \frac{1}{1 - a} (u[n] - a^{n+1}u[n]) = \frac{1}{1 - a} (1 - a^{n+1}) u[n]$$

**(5) Initial value theorem:**

If  $x[n] = 0 \quad \forall n < 0$ , then

$$x[0] = \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} X(z)$$

**proof:** assignment (problem 3.54 at your textbook)

**OTHER PROPERTIES:** *Self Study*

**(6) Differentiation of  $X(z)$ :** at p.122

**(7) Conjugate of complex sequence:** at p.123

**(8) Time reversal:** at p.123

**SUMMARY (Table 3.2):** *Self Study*



### 3.6 The inverse z-transform using contour integration :Formal expression for inverse z-transform

Cauchy Integral Theorem(Formula): <sup>18</sup>

$$\frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C z^{-k} dz = \begin{cases} 1, & k = 1 \\ 0, & k \neq 1 \end{cases} = \delta[k - 1]$$

where  $C$  is a CCW(counter clockwise) contour encircling the origin. <sup>19</sup>

Figure 3.28: Cauchy residue theorem: integrating  $z^{-k}$  over a CCW contour  $C$  in z-plane..

#### Derivation of inverse z-transform:

From the z-transform formula:

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

Multiplying  $z^{k-1}$  to both sides and integrating over a CCW contour encircling the origin *within the ROC of  $X(z)$* , we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C X(z)z^{k-1} dz &= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]z^{-n+k-1} dz \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C z^{-n+k-1} dz \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C z^{-(n-k+1)} dz \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] \delta[n - k] \quad (\text{by Cauchy integral theorem}) \\ &= x[k] \end{aligned}$$

<sup>18</sup>Line integral or contour integral

<sup>19</sup>This will be officially proved using the Residue theorem at later section.

Therefore, the inverse transform  $x[n]$  of  $X(z)$  in terms of contour integration can be expressed in the following formula:

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C X(z) z^{n-1} dz \quad (3.3)$$

where  $C$  is a CCW contour encircling the origin within the ROC.

**Remarks:**

1. If the integration contour  $C$  is taken to be the unit circle (i.e.  $z = e^{j\omega}$ ), (3.3) reduces to be the inverse DTFT, i.e.

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

Let:

$$(i) \quad z = e^{j\omega} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{contour } C \text{ in } z\text{-plane becomes an interval } \omega = [-\pi, \pi].$$

$$(ii) \quad dz = j e^{j\omega} d\omega$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} x[n] &= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X(e^{j\omega}) e^{j\omega n - j\omega} \cdot j e^{j\omega} d\omega \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X(e^{j\omega}) e^{j\omega n} d\omega \\ &: \quad \text{inverse DTFT} \end{aligned}$$

2. (3.3) can be evaluated by the Cauchy Residue Theorem, which is:

$$\begin{aligned} x[n] &= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C X(z) z^{n-1} dz \\ &= \sum \{ \text{residues of } X(z) z^{n-1} \text{ at the poles inside } C \} \end{aligned}$$

where if the integrand is a rational function of  $z$ , i.e.

$$X(z)z^{n-1} = \frac{\psi(z)}{(z-d_0)^s}$$

then,

$$\text{Res} [X(z)z^{n-1} \text{ at } z = d_0] = \frac{1}{(s-1)!} \left. \frac{d^{s-1}\psi(z)}{dz^{s-1}} \right|_{z=d_0}$$

**(cf.)** If  $s = 1$  (single pole), then  $\text{Res} [X(z)z^{n-1} \text{ at } z = d_0] = \psi(d_0)$ , assuming  $z = d_0$  is located inside of  $C$ .

### 3. Proof of Cauchy integral theorem:

Applying the Cauchy residue theorem, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C z^{-k} dz &= \begin{cases} 0, & k \leq 0 & (\because \text{no poles}) \\ 1, & k = 1 & (\because \text{single pole at } z = 0) \\ 0, & k > 1 & (\because \frac{1}{(k-1)!} \frac{d^{k-1}}{dz^{k-1}} \{(1)\} = 0) \end{cases} \\ &= \delta[k-1] \end{aligned}$$

#### Example 3.16

Find the inverse z-transform of  $X(z)$  given below: <sup>20</sup>

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{1-az^{-1}}, \quad \text{ROC: } |z| > |a|$$

**Solution:**

Using the formal expression of the inverse z-transform,

$$\begin{aligned} x[n] &= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C X(z)z^{n-1} dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C \frac{z^{n-1}}{1-az^{-1}} dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C \frac{z^n}{z-a} dz \end{aligned}$$

where  $C$  is taken to be a circle of radius greater than  $|a|$  (i.e. a contour *within* ROC encircling the origin).

<sup>20</sup>We already know from previous examples that  $\mathcal{Z}^{-1} \{X(z)\} = x[n] = a^n u[n]$ .

Figure 3.29: The integration contour  $C$  in  $z$ -plane.

(1)  $n \geq 0$ : (a single pole at  $z = a$  : inside of  $C$ )

$$\begin{aligned}x[n] &= \sum [\text{residues of } X(z)z^{n-1} \text{ at the poles inside } C] \\ &= z^n \Big|_{z=a} \\ &= a^n\end{aligned}$$

(2)  $n < 0$ : (multiple poles at  $z = 0$  & a single pole at  $z = a$  : inside of  $C$ )

$$x[n] = \sum [\text{residues of } X(z)z^{n-1} \text{ at the poles inside } C]$$

(i)  $n = -1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}x[-1] &= \sum [\text{residues of } X(z)z^{-2} \text{ at the poles inside } C] \\ &= \sum \left[ \text{residues of } \frac{1}{z(z-a)} \text{ at } z = 0 \text{ \& } z = a \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{a} \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

(ii)  $n = -2$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 x[-2] &= \sum [\text{residues of } X(z)z^{-3} \text{ at the poles inside } C] \\
 &= \sum \left[ \text{residues of } \frac{1}{z^2(z-a)} \text{ at } z = 0 \text{ \& } z = a \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{1!} \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{1}{z-a} \right) \Big|_{z=0} + \frac{1}{z^2} \Big|_{z=a} \\
 &= \frac{-1}{(z-a)^2} \Big|_{z=0} + \frac{1}{a^2} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{a^2} \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

⋮

(tedius to carry out!!!)

Likewise, we get  $x[n] = 0 \ \forall n < 0$ , and therefore:

$$x[n] = a^n u[n]$$

**(cf.)** For the case of  $n < 0$ , let  $m = -n$ , thus making  $m > 0$ , then: <sup>21</sup>

$$\begin{aligned}
 x[n] = x[-m] &= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C \frac{1}{(z-a)z^m} dz \\
 &= \sum \left[ \text{residues of } \frac{1}{(z-a)z^m} \text{ at } z = a \text{ \& } z = 0 \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{z^m} \Big|_{z=a} + \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \frac{d^{m-1}}{dz^{m-1}} \left\{ \frac{1}{z-a} \right\} \Big|_{z=0} \\
 &= \frac{1}{a^m} + \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \frac{(-1)^{m-1}(m-1)!}{(z-a)^m} \Big|_{z=0} \\
 &= \frac{1}{a^m} + \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \frac{(-1)^{m-1}(m-1)!}{(-1)^m a^m} \\
 &= \frac{1}{a^m} - \frac{1}{a^m} \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

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<sup>21</sup>Let  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z-a}$ , then  $f^{(n)}(z) = \frac{(-1)^n n!}{(z-a)^{n+1}}$ .

**Remark:**

The inverse z-transform formula (3.3) is very cumbersome to carry out for the case when  $n < 0$ , since we get *multiple poles* at  $z = 0$  due to the factor  $z^{n-1}$  in the integrand(see below).

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

This can be avoided by the change of variable technique, i.e. by letting:

$$z = p^{-1}$$

we get an equivalent formula of: <sup>22</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} x[n] &= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_{C''} X\left(\frac{1}{p}\right)p^{-n-1}dp \\ &= \sum \text{Res} \left[ X\left(\frac{1}{p}\right)p^{-n-1} \text{ at poles inside of } C'' \right] \end{aligned}$$

where  $C''$  is a **CCW** circle of radius less than  $\frac{1}{r}$ , if  $C$  was a **CCW** circle of radius greater than  $r$ .

Note:

- (1) The integration contour is now **CCW** by exchanging the sign of the integration and the direction of the contour!!! (i.e.  $-p^{-1}dp \rightarrow p^{-2}dp$  makes the **CW** contour  $C'$  a **CCW** contour  $C''$ )
- (2) The above formula for inverse z-transform, on the contrary, will cause multiple poles at  $p = 0$  when  $n \geq 0$ .

**proof:** done (refer the footnote below.)

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<sup>22</sup>Note that from  $z = p^{-1}$  we have:  $dz = -p^{-2}dp$ ,  $z^{n-1} = p^{-n+1}$ , and the **CCW** contour  $C$  on  $z$  becomes a **CW**(clockwise) contour  $C'$  on  $p$ .

**Example 3.17**

Redo the previous example for the case of  $n < 0$ .

**Solution:**

Figure 3.30: The CCW integration contour  $C'$  on the  $p$  plane.

$$\begin{aligned}x[n] &= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_{C'} \frac{p^{-n-1}}{1-ap} dp \quad (C': \text{radius of less than } \frac{1}{a}) \\ &= \sum \text{Res} \left[ \frac{p^{-n-1}}{1-ap} \text{ at poles inside of } C' \right] \quad (\text{NONE}) \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

### 3.7 The complex convolution theorem

: Relative to (or generalization of) the *periodic convolution property* of DTFT

(cf.) **Periodic convolution property of DTFT**(Recall from S&S class)  
:Windowing theorem or modulation property

Let  $w[n] = x_1[n] \cdot x_2[n]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}\{w[n]\} = W(e^{j\omega}) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X_1(e^{j\Omega}) X_2(e^{j(\omega-\Omega)}) d\Omega \\ &\triangleq \frac{1}{2\pi} X_1(e^{j\omega}) \otimes X_2(e^{j\omega}) \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $w[n] = x_1[n] \cdot x_2[n]$ , then the z-transform  $W(z)$  of  $w[n]$  is in the following form:

$$W(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_{C_2} X_1\left(\frac{z}{v}\right) X_2(v) v^{-1} dv$$

where  $C_2$  is a CCW contour within the overlap of ROC  $R_{x_2}$  of  $X_2(v)$  and ROC of  $X_1\left(\frac{z}{v}\right)$ .

OR,

$$W(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_{C_1} X_1(v) X_2\left(\frac{z}{v}\right) v^{-1} dv$$

where  $C_1$  is a CCW contour within the overlap of ROC  $R_{x_1}$  of  $X_1(v)$  and ROC of  $X_2\left(\frac{z}{v}\right)$ .



**Derivation:**

Since

$$w[n] = x_1[n] \cdot x_2[n]$$

we have:

$$W(z) \triangleq \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} w[n]z^{-n} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1[n]x_2[n]z^{-n} \quad (3.4)$$

Here,

$$x_2[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_{C_2} X_2(v)v^{n-1}dv \quad (3.5)$$

where  $C_2$  is a CCW contour within  $R_{x_2}$ .

Inserting (3.5) into (3.4), we get:

$$\begin{aligned} W(z) &= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1[n] \oint_{C_2} X_2(v) \left(\frac{z}{v}\right)^{-n} v^{-1} dv \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_{C_2} \left\{ \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1[n] \left(\frac{z}{v}\right)^{-n} \right\} X_2(v)v^{-1} dv \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_{C_2} X_1\left(\frac{z}{v}\right) X_2(v)v^{-1} dv \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

where  $C_2$  should now be a CCW contour within the overlap of ROC of  $X_1\left(\frac{z}{v}\right)$  and ROC of  $X_2(v)$ .

**Remark:**

1. ROC  $R_w$  of  $W(z)$ :

Let

$$R_{x_1} : r_{R_1} < |z| < r_{L_1}$$

$$R_{x_2} : r_{R_2} < |z| < r_{L_2}$$

Then, from (3.6), the contour  $C_2$  is within regions of:

$$(i) X_2(v) : r_{R_2} < |v| < r_{L_2}$$

$$(ii) X_1\left(\frac{z}{v}\right) : r_{R_1} < \left|\frac{z}{v}\right| < r_{L_1}$$

From (ii), we have  $r_{R_1}|v| < |z| < r_{L_1}|v|$ , and combining (i) and (ii) we get the ROC  $R_w$  of  $W(z)$  as:

$$r_{R_1}r_{R_2} < |z| < r_{L_1}r_{L_2}$$

$\Rightarrow$  We denote it as  $R_w = R_{x_1} \cdot R_{x_2}$ , but notice that  $R_w$  may actually be larger than  $R_{x_1} \cap R_{x_2}$ , depending on possible cancellation of poles.

## 2. Periodic convolution of DTFT:

In (3.6), let  $C_2$  (and/or  $C_1$ ) be the unit circle(s), which means the change of variable as  $v = e^{j\Omega}$ , then:

$$(i) C_2 \longrightarrow -\pi \leq \Omega \leq \pi$$

$$(ii) dv = je^{j\Omega}d\Omega$$

Also, let  $z = e^{j\omega}$ , then (3.6) becomes the DTFT  $W(e^{j\omega})$  of  $w[n]$ :

$$\begin{aligned} W(e^{j\omega}) &= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X_1(e^{j(\omega-\Omega)}) X_2(e^{j\Omega}) e^{-j\Omega} \cdot je^{j\Omega} d\Omega \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X_1(e^{j(\omega-\Omega)}) X_2(e^{j\Omega}) d\Omega \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} X_1(e^{j\omega}) \otimes X_2(e^{j\omega}) \end{aligned}$$

as we expected!!!

**Example 3.18**

Let  $w[n] = x_1[n]x_2[n]$  where  $x_1[n] = a^n u[n]$  and  $x_2[n] = b^n u[n]$ . Determine the z-transform  $W(z)$  of  $w[n]$ .

**Solution:**

We already have the following z-transform pairs:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1[n] = a^n u[n] &\longleftrightarrow X_1(z) = \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}}, \quad |z| > |a| \\ x_2[n] = b^n u[n] &\longleftrightarrow X_2(z) = \frac{1}{1 - bz^{-1}}, \quad |z| > |b| \end{aligned}$$

From (3.6), the z-transform of  $w[n]$  is then:

$$\begin{aligned} W(z) &= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_{C_2} \frac{1}{1 - a\left(\frac{z}{v}\right)^{-1}} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - bz^{-1}} v^{-1} dv \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_{C_2} \frac{-\frac{z}{a}}{\left(v - \frac{z}{a}\right)} \cdot \frac{1}{v - b} dv \end{aligned}$$

Notice that:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{pole \#1 : } v = b \\ \text{pole \#2 : } v = \frac{z}{a} \end{array} \right.$$

and, since  $C_2$  MUST be within overlap region of the ROC's of  $X_2(v)$  and  $X_1\left(\frac{z}{v}\right)$ , each ROC should be as follows;

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ROC of } X_2(v) : |v| > |b| \\ \text{ROC of } X_1\left(\frac{z}{v}\right) : \left|\frac{z}{v}\right| > |a| \longrightarrow |v| < \frac{|z|}{|a|} \end{array} \right.$$

Note that pole at  $v = b$  is inside of  $C_2$  whereas pole at  $v = \frac{z}{a}$  is outside of  $C_2$ . Therefore, by the Cauchy's residue theorem, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} W(z) &= \text{Res} \left[ \frac{-\frac{z}{a}}{v - \frac{z}{a}} \cdot \frac{1}{v - b} \text{ at pole } v = b \right] \\ &= \frac{-\frac{z}{a}}{b - \frac{z}{a}} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - abz^{-1}}, \quad |z| > |ab| \end{aligned}$$

(cf.) The ROC  $R_w$  of  $W(z)$ :

Note from the ROC's of  $X_2(v)$  and  $X_1\left(\frac{z}{v}\right)$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & |b| < |v| < \frac{|z|}{|a|} \\ \rightarrow & |z| > |v| \cdot |a| \quad \text{and} \quad |v| > |b| \\ \rightarrow & |z| > |a| \cdot |b| \end{aligned}$$

Figure 3.31: ROC of  $X_2(v)$  and  $X_1\left(\frac{z}{v}\right)$  in  $v$ -plane.

**Note:**

Since  $w[n]$  can be put into the following form:

$$x_1[n]x_2[n] = a^n b^n u[n] = (ab)^n u[n]$$

we can directly derive the z-transform by a simple inspection as:

$$W(z) = \frac{1}{1 - abz^{-1}}, \quad \text{ROC: } |z| > |ab|$$

## 3.8 The Parseval's theorem

### Theorem 3.2

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

where  $C$  is a CCW contour within overlap of ROC of  $X_1(v)$  and ROC of  $X_2^*\left(\frac{1}{v^*}\right)$ .

### Derivation:

Let  $y[n] = x_1[n]x_2^*[n]$ , then from the complex convolution theorem, we have: <sup>23</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} Y(z) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1[n]x_2^*[n]z^{-n} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C X_1(v)X_2^*\left(\frac{z^*}{v^*}\right)v^{-1}dv \end{aligned}$$

Put  $z = 1$  in both sides <sup>24</sup>, then

$$Y(z)|_{z=1} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1[n]x_2^*[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C X_1(v)X_2^*\left(\frac{1}{v^*}\right)v^{-1}dv$$

**q.e.d.**

<sup>23</sup>Note that  $x^*[n] \leftrightarrow X^*(z^*)$ ; refer to Table 3.2 at p.126 of the textbook.

<sup>24</sup>Since (i)  $z = 1$  must be inside of  $R_y$ , and (ii) ROC is composed of circles  $\Rightarrow$  ROC  $R_y$  must include the **unit circle** for the Parseval's theorem to be valid, i.e. Parseval's theorem can only be applied to *absolutely summable* sequences whose DTFT exists.

**Remarks:**

(1) If  $x_1[n] = x_2[n] = x[n]$  are *real* sequences, then the Parseval's theorem becomes:

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x^2[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C X(v)X(v^{-1})v^{-1}dv$$

and it represents the *energy* in  $x[n]$ :

- (i) LHS = energy of  $x[n]$  in time domain
- (ii) RHS = energy of  $x[n]$  in  $z$  (or frequency) domain

(2) DTFT equivalent form:

Let  $v = e^{j\omega}$ , then the Parseval's theorem states:

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

**Example 3.19**

Suppose  $x[n]$  is a *right-sided real* sequence with its z-transform given below:

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - bz^{-1}}$$

where  $0 < a < b < 1$ .

Then, determine the energy contained in  $x[n]$ .

**Solution:**

From the Parseval's theorem, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} y[n] &\equiv \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x^2[n] \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C X(v)X(v^{-1})v^{-1}dv \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C \frac{1}{(1-av^{-1})(1-bv^{-1})} \cdot \frac{1}{(1-av)(1-bv)} \cdot \frac{1}{v}dv \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C \frac{v^2}{(v-a)(v-b)} \cdot \frac{1}{(1-av)(1-bv)} \cdot \frac{1}{v}dv \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C \frac{v}{(v-a)(v-b)} \cdot \frac{1}{(1-av)(1-bv)}dv\end{aligned}$$

where  $C$  is taken to be the unit circle, since the unit circle must be within  $R_y$  (refer the footnote #24).

(cf.)

(i) ROC of  $X(v)$ :

Figure 3.32: ROC of  $X(v)$ .

(ii) ROC of  $X(\frac{1}{v})$ :

Figure 3.33: ROC of  $X(\frac{1}{v})$ .

(iii) The integration contour  $C$  in  $v$ -plane with ROC  $R_y$ :

Figure 3.34: The CCW integration contour  $C$  in  $v$ -plane with ROC  $R_y$ .

Therefore, the energy in  $x[n]$  is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x^2[n] &= \sum \text{Res} \left\{ \frac{v}{(v-a)(v-b)(1-av)(1-bv)} \text{ at poles inside of } C \right\} \\
 &= \sum \text{Res} \left\{ \frac{v}{(v-a)(v-b)(1-av)(1-bv)} \text{ at } v=a \text{ and } v=b \right\} \\
 &= \frac{a}{(a-b)(1-a^2)(1-ab)} + \frac{b}{(b-a)(1-ab)(1-b^2)} \\
 &= \frac{a(1-b^2) - b(1-a^2)}{(a-b)(1-a^2)(1-b^2)(1-ab)} \quad (\text{joules})
 \end{aligned}$$

(cf.) Notice that poles at  $v = \frac{1}{a}$  and  $v = \frac{1}{b}$  are outside of the unit circle  $C$ .

**Remark:**

Evaluating the energy of  $x[n]$  in time domain would be very difficult, if not impossible, i.e.:

$$X(z) \xrightarrow{Z^{-1}} x[n] \longrightarrow \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x^2[n]$$

**Assignment:** Try the procedure described above.



## 3.9 The unilateral z-transform

**Definition 3.2** The unilateral z-transform of a sequence  $x[n]$  is defined as:

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

**Remark:**

(1) So far, we considered the so called “bi-lateral” z-transform:

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

(2) If  $x[n] = 0$  for all  $n < 0$ , then  $X(z) = \mathcal{X}(z)$ .

(3) All of the *ROC properties* of  $\mathcal{X}(z)$  are the same as those of  $X(z)$ .

(4) Some of the *properties of  $\mathcal{X}(z)$*  are the same, but some are different from those of  $X(z)$ .

### Example 3.20

Let  $x[n] = \delta[n]$ , then:

$$(i) X(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta[n]z^{-n} = \delta[0]z^0 = 1$$

$$(ii) \mathcal{X}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \delta[n]z^{-n} = \delta[0]z^0 = 1$$

$$\implies X(z) = \mathcal{X}(z)$$

**Example 3.21**

Let  $x[n] = \delta[n + 1]$ , then:

$$(i) X(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta[n + 1]z^{-n} = \delta[0]z^1 = z$$

$$(ii) \mathcal{X}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \delta[n + 1]z^{-n} = 0$$

$$\implies X(z) \neq \mathcal{X}(z)$$

**Remark:**

The principal use of  $\mathcal{X}(z)$  is in analyzing DLTI systems described by a linear constant coefficient difference equation with *non-initial* (i.e.  $n \neq 0$ ) rest conditions.

Let  $y[n] = x[n - m]$  where  $m > 0$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Y}(z) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x[n - m]z^{-n} \\ &= \underbrace{x[-m]z^0}_{n=0} + \underbrace{x[1 - m]z^1}_{n=1} + \cdots + \underbrace{x[-1]z^{-m+1}}_{n=m-1} + \underbrace{x[0]z^{-m}}_{n=m} + \underbrace{x[1]z^{-m-1}}_{n=m+1} + \cdots \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^m x[k - 1 - m]z^{-k+1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x[k - m]z^{-k} \\ &\quad (\text{let } k - m = n, \text{ then } k = m + n) \\ &= \sum_{n=1-m}^0 x[n - 1]z^{-n-m+1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x[n]z^{-n}z^{-m} \\ &= \sum_{n=1-m}^0 x[n - 1]z^{-n-m+1} + \mathcal{X}(z)z^{-m} \\ &\quad (\text{let } n - 1 \rightarrow n) \\ &= \sum_{n=-m}^{-1} x[n]z^{-n-m} + \mathcal{X}(z)z^{-m} \end{aligned}$$

OR

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{Y}(z) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x[n-m]z^{-n} \\ &\quad (\text{let } n-m = k) \\ &= \sum_{k=-m}^{\infty} x[k]z^{-k-m} \\ &= \sum_{k=-m}^{-1} x[k]z^{-k-m} + \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x[k]z^{-k} \right) z^{-m} \\ &\quad (\text{let } k \rightarrow n) \\ &= \sum_{n=-m}^{-1} x[n]z^{-n-m} + \mathcal{X}(z)z^{-m}\end{aligned}$$

**Note:**

Notice that the time shift property of  $\mathcal{X}(z)$  is different from that of  $X(z)$ !!!

### Example 3.22

Given a DLTI system with the i/o relation of:

$$y[n] - \frac{1}{2}y[n-1] = x[n] \quad (3.7)$$

where  $x[n] = u[n]$  and with a non-initial rest condition of  $y[-1] = 1$ .

Find the output  $y[n]$  of the system.

**Solution:**

We know that:

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

Taking the unilateral z-transform of (3.7), we get:

$$\mathcal{Y}(z) - \frac{1}{2} \{y[-1] + \mathcal{Y}(z)z^{-1}\} = \frac{1}{1-z^{-1}} = \mathcal{X}(z)$$

Solving for  $\mathcal{Y}(z)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{Y}(z) &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} \left\{ \frac{1}{2}y[-1] + \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} + \frac{1}{(1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1})(1 - z^{-1})} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} - \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} + \frac{2}{1 - z^{-1}} \quad (\text{by partial fraction}) \\
 &= \frac{2}{1 - z^{-1}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow y[n] &= 2u[n] - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^n u[n] \quad (\text{by inverse unilateral z-transform}) \\
 &= \left\{ 1 - \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{n+1} \right\} u[n]
 \end{aligned}$$

**(cf.)**

(i)  $y[-1] = 1$ .

(ii) If there is no non-initial condition (i.e. if  $y[n] = 0, \forall n < 0$ ), then:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y(z) - \frac{1}{2}Y(z)z^{-1} &= X(z) \\
 \rightarrow \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1} \right) Y(z) &= X(z) \\
 \rightarrow Y(z) &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}} = \frac{-1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} + \frac{2}{1 - z^{-1}} \\
 \rightarrow y[n] &= \left\{ - \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^n + 2 \right\} u[n]
 \end{aligned}$$