
Digital Signal Processing (DSP)

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Lecture 4

Z-Transform

ZT

- Z-transform (ZT)
 - By Prof. Zadeh
 - A generalization of DTFT
 - Limitations of DTFT
 - Existence/ convergence
 - Can be applied to a large class of signals
 - DT version of Laplace transform

ZT

- ZT: a mapping from DT signal to a function of the (complex) variable z :

$$x[n] \xleftrightarrow{Z} X(z) \qquad \mathcal{Z}\{x[n]\} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]z^{-n} = X(z).$$

- Remember:

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

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- Domain of $X(z)$: The set of complex z for which $X(z)$ absolutely converges:

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

- ROC: region of convergence (ROC)
- ROC: only depends on $\text{abs}(z)$

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- Note:

$$z = r e^{j\omega}$$

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

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

- Special case:
 - DTFT for $r = 1$
- Adjust r for convergence

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- Example: $x[n] = a^n u[n]$

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

– For convergence:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |az^{-1}|^n < \infty.$$

– Leading to: $|az^{-1}| < 1$

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- In sum:

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (az^{-1})^n = \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}} = \frac{z}{z - a}, \quad |z| > |a|$$

– DTFT exists if $|a| < 1$.

– Unit step function $a = 1$

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

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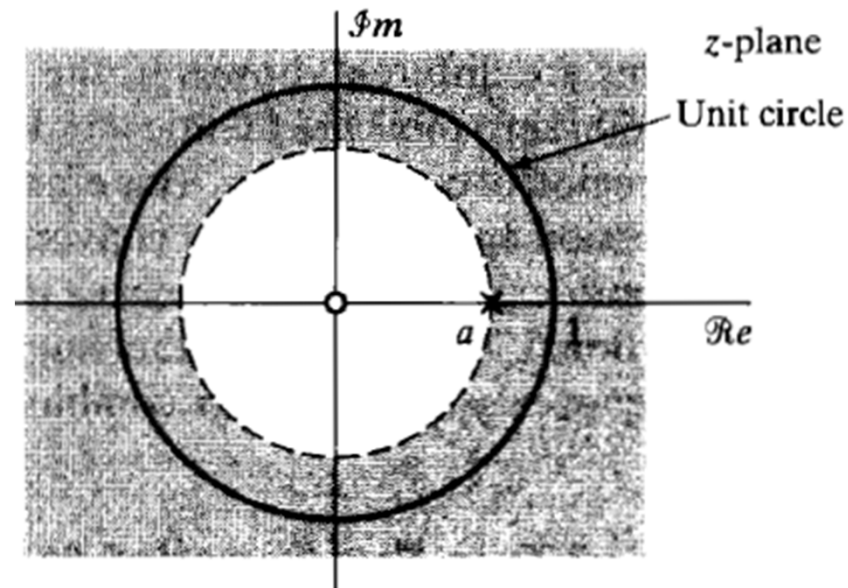
- Specifying an ZT: both $X(z)$ and ROC
- Unit circle: DTFT
 - ROC includes unit circle means that DTFT exists
- Rational $X(z)$:

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

- Zero: $X(z) = 0$:
- Pole: infinite value

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- Graphical representation (zero-pole plot):
 - Right-hand side signal
 - ROC: outside a circle



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- Example: $x[n] = -a^n u[-n - 1]$.

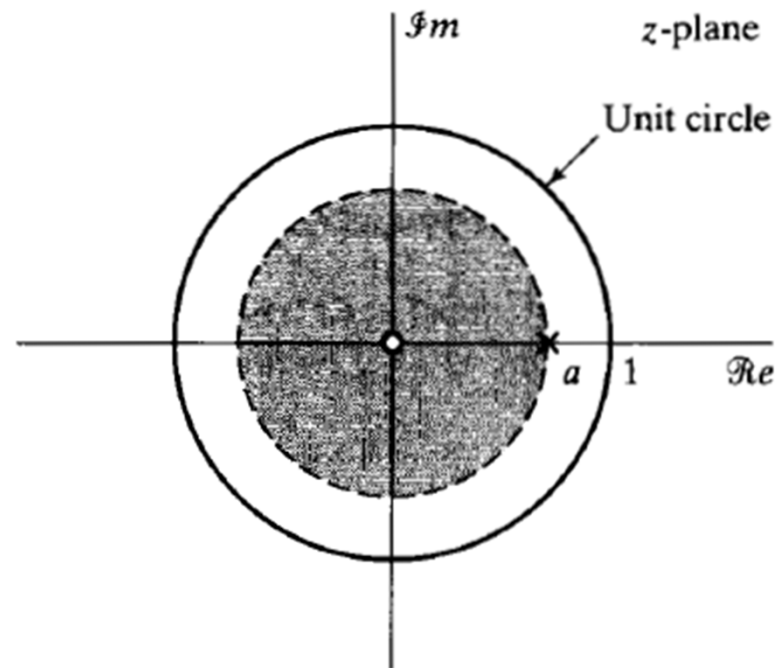
$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= - \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a^n u[-n - 1] z^{-n} = - \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} a^n z^{-n} \\ &= - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a^{-n} z^n = 1 - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a^{-1} z)^n. \end{aligned}$$

- And for $|a^{-1} z| < 1$

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

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- Zero-pole plot:
 - left-hand side signal
 - ROC: inside a circle



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- Example: $x[n] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[n] + \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^n u[n]$.

$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[n] + \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^n u[n] \right\} z^{-n} \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[n] z^{-n} + \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^n u[n] z^{-n} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2} z^{-1}\right)^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{3} z^{-1}\right)^n \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2} z^{-1}} + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{3} z^{-1}} = \frac{2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{12} z^{-1}\right)}{\left(1 - \frac{1}{2} z^{-1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{3} z^{-1}\right)} \\ &= \frac{2z \left(z - \frac{1}{12}\right)}{\left(z - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(z + \frac{1}{3}\right)}. \end{aligned}$$

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- Convergence

- The first term: $|\frac{1}{2}z^{-1}| < 1$

- The second term: $|(-\frac{1}{3})z^{-1}| < 1$

- Or equivalently:

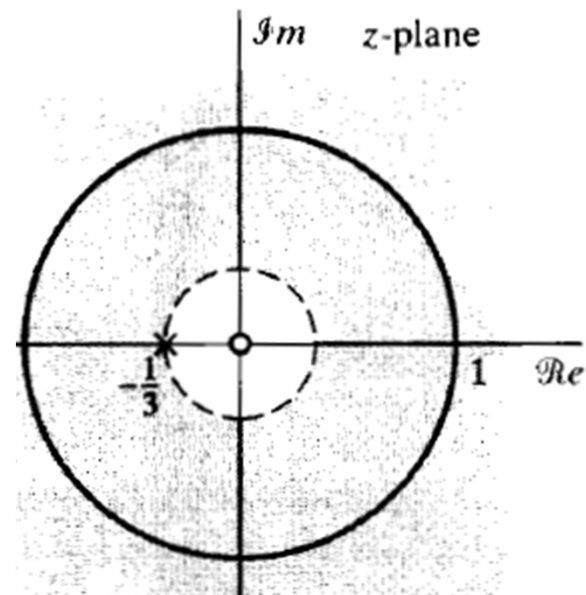
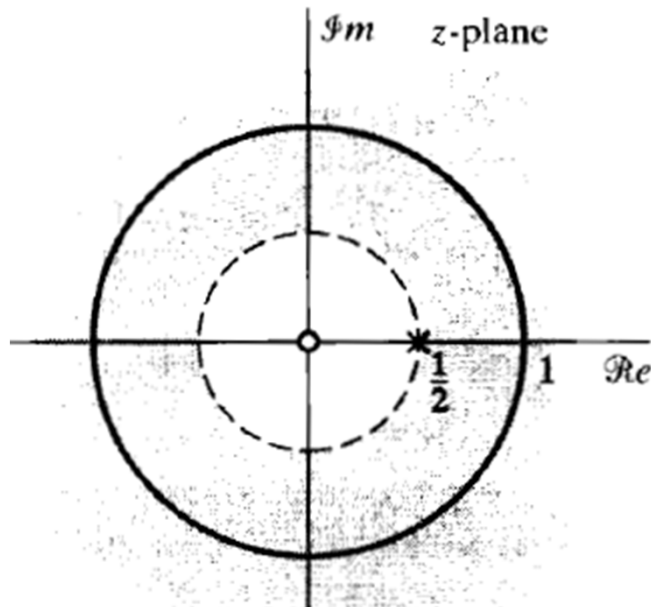
$$|z| > \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } |z| > \frac{1}{3}$$

- Which leads to

$$|z| > \frac{1}{2}$$

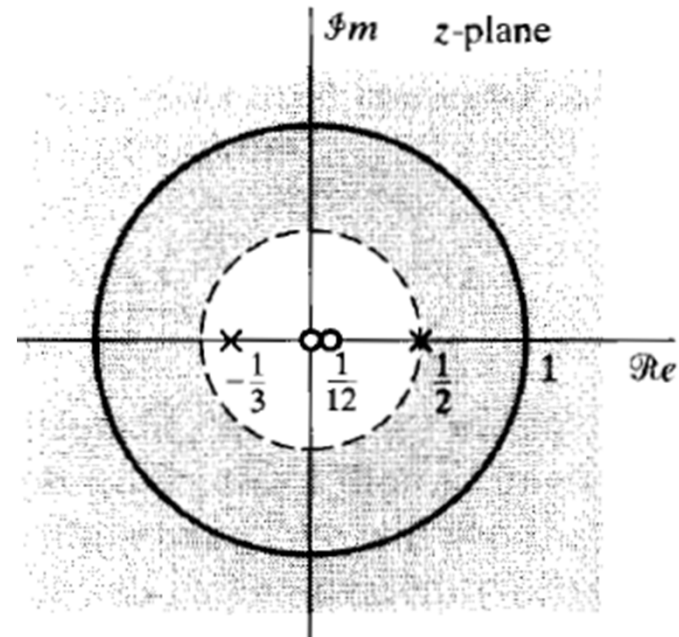
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- Illustration: zero-poles of the terms



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- Zero-poles of the sum
 - ROC includes no pole



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- Example: a two-sided signal

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

- Using previous results:

$$\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^n u[n] \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{Z}} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}}, \quad |z| > \frac{1}{3},$$

$$-\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[-n - 1] \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{Z}} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}}, \quad |z| < \frac{1}{2}.$$

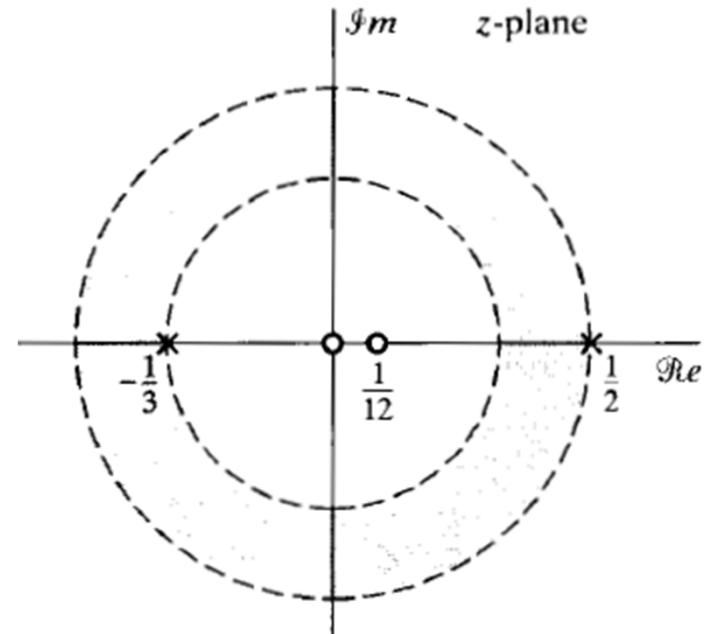
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- Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}} + \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}}, \quad \frac{1}{3} < |z|, \quad |z| < \frac{1}{2}, \\ &= \frac{2(1 - \frac{1}{12}z^{-1})}{(1 + \frac{1}{3}z^{-1})(1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1})} = \frac{2z(z - \frac{1}{12})}{(z + \frac{1}{3})(z - \frac{1}{2})}. \end{aligned}$$

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- Zero-pole plot:
 - Two-sided signal
 - ROC: a ring



ZT

- Example:

$$x[n] = \begin{cases} a^n, & 0 \leq n \leq N-1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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

- The term $\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} |az^{-1}|^n < \infty$ should be finite