

DIGITAL SIGNAL PROCESSING

Chapter 3 z-Transform

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Introduction to z-Transform

- Aims

- To analyze discrete-time signal in the frequency domain using z-transform technique and to perform convolution in frequency domain.

- Expected Outcomes

- At the end of this course, able to understand how to convert signal from time-domain to frequency domain and perform signal convolution in frequency domain using z-transform technique.



z-Transform: definition

- It is hard to analyze any sampled signal or data in the frequency domain using s-plane (Laplace's Transform). Analysis in z-plane is much preferred.
- The resulting transformation from s-domain to z-domain is called **z-transform**.
- The z-transform maps any point $s = \sigma + j\omega$ in the s-plane to z-plane ($r \angle \theta$).
- The relation between s-plane and z-plane and vice-versa is described below :

$$z = e^{sT} , s = (1 / T) \ln z$$

Where T is the sampling period ($T = 1 / F_s$).



z-Transform: definition

- The z-transform of a sequence $x[n]$ is defined as below :

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

- From the equation above, it can be seen that z^{-n} correspond to a delay of nT seconds or n sampling period.



- The z-transform can be converted to Fourier Transform (Frequency Domain) by replacing z with $e^{j\omega}$ as shown below :

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



z-Transform: definition

- z-transform is used to characterize the LTI system in term of its response to input signal by pole-zero locations.
- z-transform is also used to analyze the characteristic of LTI system in frequency domain while s-transform is used to analyze time-domain signal.



Z-Transform: Region of Convergence (ROC)

- ❑ A discrete-time signal is uniquely determined by its z-transform $X(z)$ and the region of the convergence (ROC) of $X(z)$.
- ❑ The ROC of the **causal signal** is **exterior** of an unit circle in z-plane. Meanwhile, the ROC of the **anti-causal signal** is **interior** of an unit circle in z-plane.



Z-Transform: ROC Properties

- The properties of ROC are :
 1. A finite length sequence has a z-transform with a region of convergence that includes entire z-plane except at $z = 0$ or $z = \infty$.
 2. A right sided sequence has a z-transform with a ROC is exterior of the circle:
ROC : $|z| > a$
 3. A left sided sequence has a z-transform with ROC is the interior of a circle.
ROC : $|z| < \beta$



z-Transform: Table of common z-transform pairs

No	Signal, $x(n)$	Z-Transform	ROC
1	$\delta(n)$	1	All z
2	$u(n)$	$1 / (1 - z^{-1})$	$ z > 1$
3	$a^n u(n)$	$1 / (1 - az^{-1})$	$ z > a $
4	$na^n u(n)$	$az^{-1} / (1 - az^{-1})^2$	$ z > a $
5	$-a^n u(-n-1)$	$1 / (1 - az^{-1})$	$ z < a $
6	$-na^n u(-n-1)$	$az^{-1} / (1 - az^{-1})^2$	$ z < a $
7	$(\cos\omega_0 n)u(n)$	$(1 - z^{-1}\cos\omega_0) / (1 - 2z^{-1}\cos\omega_0 + z^{-2})$	$ z > 1$
8	$(\sin\omega_0 n)u(n)$	$(z^{-1}\sin\omega_0) / (1 - 2z^{-1}\cos\omega_0 + z^{-2})$	$ z > 1$
9	$a^n(\cos\omega_0 n)u(n)$	$(1 - az^{-1}\cos\omega_0) / (1 - 2az^{-1}\cos\omega_0 + a^2z^{-2})$	$ z > a $
10	$a^n(\sin\omega_0 n)u(n)$	$(az^{-1}\sin\omega_0) / (1 - 2az^{-1}\cos\omega_0 + a^2z^{-2})$	$ z > a $



z-Transform: Table of z-transform properties

No.	Properties	Time-Domain	Z-Domain	ROC
1	Notation	$x(n)$	$X(z)$	$r_2 < z < r_1$
2	Linearity	$a_1x_1(n) + a_2x_2(n)$	$a_1X_1(z) + a_2X_2(z)$	At least the intersection of ROC_1 and ROC_2
3	Time shifting	$x(n-k)$	$Z^{-k}X(z)$	That of $X(z)$ except $z=0$ if $k>0$ and $z=\infty$ if $k<0$
4	Scaling in z-domain	$a^n x(n)$	$X(a^{-1}z)$	$ a r_2 < z < a r_1$
5	Time Reversal	$x(-n)$	$X(z^{-1})$	$1/r_1 < z < 1/r_2$
6	Conjugate	$x^*(n)$	$X^*(z^*)$	ROC
7	Real	$\text{Re}\{x(n)\}$	$\frac{1}{2} [X(z) + X^*(z^*)]$	Include ROC
8	Imaginary	$\text{Im}\{x(n)\}$	$\frac{1}{2} [X(z) - X^*(z^*)]$	Include ROC
9	Differentiation in z-transform	$nx(n)$	$-zdX(z)/dz$	$r_2 < z < r_1$
10	Convolution	$x_1(n) * x_2(n)$	$X_1(z) X_2(z)$	At the least the intersection of ROC_1 and ROC_2



z-Transform-Examples

- Examples of z-transform using z-transform formula;
Given the finite length sequence of discrete-time signal as below;

$$x[n] = \{1, 2, 5, 7, 0, 1\}$$

Determine the z-transform of the sequence and its ROC.

Solution :

$$\begin{aligned} Z \{x[n]\} = X(z) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \{1, 2, 5, 7, 0, 1\} z^{-n} \\ &= 1.z^{-0} + 2.z^{-1} + 5.z^{-2} + 7.z^{-3} + 0.z^{-4} + \\ &\quad 1.z^{-5} \\ &= \mathbf{1 + 2z^{-1} + 5z^{-2} + 7z^{-3} + 0 + z^{-5}} \end{aligned}$$

The ROC is the entire z-plane except $z = 0$.



z-Transform-Examples

- Examples of z-transform using table of common z-transform pairs;

Given the discrete-time signal as below;

$$x(n) = 0.8^n u(n)$$

Determine the z-transform of the sequence and its ROC.

Solution :

First, inspect the table and find the matching equation in term of z-transform.

The equation match with equation no. 3 in the table where $a = 0.8$, thus,

$$X(z) = 1 / (1 - az^{-1}) = 1 / (1 - 0.8z^{-1})$$

The ROC is at $|z| > 0.8$



Inverse z-Transform

- The inverse of z-transform of the discrete time signal is required in the signal processing in order to convert the analysis of the discrete-time signal in the z-domain to the time domain for signal re-construction.
- The inverse z-transform generate the discrete sequence, $x[n]$ from its z-transform, $X(z)$. It can be defined as below :

$$x[n] = \mathcal{Z}^{-1} \{X(z)\}$$

- The z-transform, $X(z)$ is often expressed in the ratio of 2 polynomials in z^{-1} or z (Numerator over Denominator) as shown below , where M is the highest order of numerator and N is the highest order of denominator:

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad X(z) = N(z)/D(z) &= \frac{\sum_{k=0}^M b_k z^{-k}}{\sum_{k=0}^N a_k z^{-k}} \\ &= \frac{b_0 + b_1 z^{-1} + \dots + b_M z^{-M}}{a_0 + a_1 z^{-1} + \dots + a_N z^{-N}} \end{aligned}$$



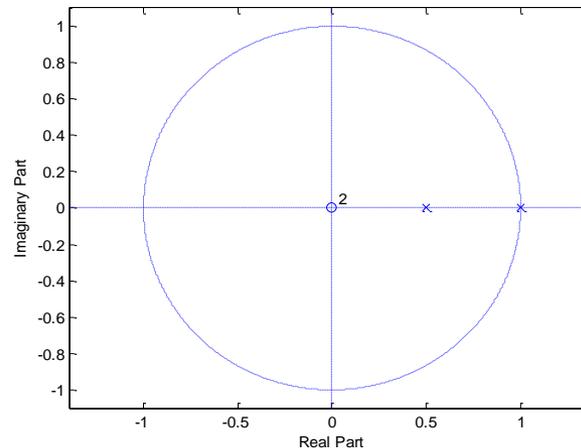
Inverse z-Transform

- The $X(z)$ also can be expressed in a factor form in term of poles and zeros as shown below :

$$X(z) = b_0 z^{-M+N} \frac{(z-z_1)(z-z_2)(z-z_3)\dots(z-z_M)}{(z-p_1)(z-p_2)(z-p_3)\dots(z-p_N)}$$

- In the z-plane, the zeros are denoted by “o” and the poles are denoted by “x” as shown in the diagram for the following equation of $X(z)$;

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{1 - 1.5z^{-1} + 0.5z^{-2}}$$



Inverse z-Transform

- There are 3 methods to obtain the inverse z-transform;
 1. Inspection Method
 2. Power Series Expansion Method
 3. Partial Fraction Expansion Method
 4. Residue Method



Inverse z-Transform - Example

- **1. Inspection method**

Inspect the given z-transform, $X(z)$ and by using the table of common z-transform pairs to determine the inverse of $X(z)$. Given the z-transform, $X(z) = (1/1-0.5z^{-1})$, find the inverse z-transform of $X(z)$.

Solution :

First, inspect the table of common z-transform pairs to find the matching one.

Second, the z-transform is match to $X(z) = 1/1-\alpha z^{-1}$. In this case, $\alpha = 0.5$.

Third, write the given z-transform in time domain, which is $X(z) \Rightarrow (0.5)^n u[n]$.



Inverse z-Transform - Example

- **2. Power Series Expansion method**

Expand the given z-transform $X(z)$ into a power series of the form by a long division.

Example :

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{1 - 1.5z^{-1} + 0.5z^{-2}}$$

- After long division, the z-transform,

$$X(z) = 2z^{-2} + 6z^{-3} + 14z^{-4} + 30z^{-5} + 62z^{-6} + \dots$$

Thus,

$$x[n] = \mathcal{Z}^{-1} \{X(z)\} = \{\dots, 62, 30, 14, 6, 2, 0, 0\}$$



Inverse z-Transform - Example

- **3. Partial Fraction Inspection method**

In this method, the z-transform is first, expanded into partial fractions. Then, determine the inverse z -transform of each partial fraction from z-transform table and sum them up. If the order of the Numerator less than Denominator ($M < N$), there is no B_o in front of the partial fraction. If the order of the Numerator = the order of Denominator ($M \geq N$), the B_o in front of the partial fraction will be $B_o = b_M / a_N$. The rule of order :

=> If $M < N$,

$$X(z)/z = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{A_k z}{z-p_k} = \frac{A_1}{z-p_1} + \frac{A_2}{z-p_2} + \dots + \frac{A_N}{z-p_N}$$

=> If $M = N$,

$$X(z)/z = B_o + \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{A_k z}{z-p_k} = B_o + \frac{A_1}{z-p_1} + \frac{A_2}{z-p_2} + \dots + \frac{A_N}{z-p_N}$$

=> if $M > N$, then the Numerator must first divided by Denominator through long division to make $M \leq N$.



Inverse z-Transform - Example

• 3. Partial Fraction Inspection method

Find the discrete-time signal, $x[n]$ represented by the following z-transform by using Partial Expansion Method:

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{1 - 1.5z^{-1} + 0.5z^{-2}}$$

Solution:

1. Express the $X(z)$ in power of z by multiplying the equation by the highest power of z , namely, z^2 .

2. The $X(z)$ now become:

$$X(z) = \frac{z^2}{z^2 - 1.5z + 0.5}$$

3. Factor out the denominator by using this formula:

$$P_1, P_2 = \frac{\sqrt{-b \pm b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

4. Thus, by using the formula above,

$$P_1, P_2 = \frac{-(-1.5) \pm \sqrt{(-1.5)^2 - 4(1)(0.5)}}{2(1)} = \frac{1.5 \pm 0.5}{2} = 1, 0.5$$

5. Express $X(z)$ as below :

$$X(z) = \frac{z}{(z - 1)(z - 0.5)}$$



Inverse z-Transform - Example

• 3. Partial Fraction Inspection method

Solution:

6. By using PFE, $X(z)/z$ become:

$$X(z) = \frac{A_1}{z} + \frac{A_2}{(z-1) + (z-0.5)}$$

7. Calculate A_1 and A_2 as below :

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= \frac{X(z)}{z} (z-1) = \frac{z}{(z-1)(z-0.5)} (z-1) \\ &= \frac{z}{(z-0.5)} \Big|_{z=1} = \frac{1}{(1-0.5)} = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_2 &= X(z) (z-0.5) = \frac{z}{(z-1)(z-0.5)} (z-0.5) \\ &= \frac{z}{(z-1)} \Big|_{z=0.5} = \frac{0.5}{(0.5-1)} = -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$8. X(z) = \frac{2z}{(z-1)} - \frac{z}{(z-0.5)}$$

9. From the table of z-transform, $x[n] = [2 - (0.5)^n] u[n]$, $n > 0$.



Inverse z-Transform - Example

- **4. Residue method**

In this method, the inverse z-transform is obtained by evaluating the contour integral :

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

= sum of the residue of $z^{n-1} X(z)$ at all poles inside contour C.

The residue of $z^{n-1} X(z)$ at pole p_k is given by:

$$\text{Res}[F(z), p_k] = \frac{1}{(N-1)!} \frac{d^{N-1}}{dz^{N-1}} [(z - p_k) F(z)]_{z=p_k}$$



Inverse z-Transform - Example

• 4. Residue method

Find the discrete-time sequence, $x[n]$ of the following z-transform by using Residue Method,

$$X(z) = \frac{z^{-1}}{1 - 1.5z^{-1} - 0.5z^{-2}}$$

Solution :

1. The $X(z)$ can be expressed in the form of:

$$X(z) = \frac{z^2}{(z - 1)(z - 0.5)}$$

2. By using Residue Method, let the function $F(z) = z^{n-1} X(z)$

3. $F(z)$ now become :

$$F(z) = z^{n-1} \frac{z^2}{(z - 1)(z - 0.5)} = \frac{z^{n+1}}{(z - 1)(z - 0.5)} = \frac{z^n z}{(z - 1)(z - 0.5)}$$

4. let $n = 0$, then $F(z)$ become :

$$F(z) = \frac{z}{(z - 1)(z - 0.5)}$$



Inverse z-Transform - Example

- **4. Residue method**

Find the discrete-time sequence, $x[n]$ of the following z-transform by using Residue Method,

$$X(z) = \frac{z^{-1}}{1 - 1.5z^{-1} - 0.5z^{-2}}$$

Solution :

5. Now, calculate the residue :

$$\text{a. Res}[F(z), 1] = (z - 1) F(z) = \frac{(z - 1) z}{(z - 1)(z - 0.5)} \Big|_{z=1} = \frac{1}{1 - 0.5} = 2(1)^n$$

$$\text{b. Res}[F(z), 0.5] = (z - 0.5)F(z) = \frac{(z - 0.5) z}{(z - 1)(z - 0.5)} \Big|_{z=0.5} = \frac{0.5}{(0.5 - 1)} = -1(0.5)^n$$

6. Thus the inverse z-transform;

$$x[n] = [2(1)^n - (0.5)^n] u[n], n > 0$$



System Stability & Causality

□ Causal:

→ ROC of the LTI system is **exterior of a circle**.

□ Non-Causal:

→ ROC of the LTI system in **interior of a circle**.

□ Stable:

→ The **poles** of the transfer function $H(z)$ **inside the unit circle**. **ROC must include unit circle**.

□ Unstable:

→ The **poles** of the transfer function $H(z)$ **outside the unit circle**. **ROC does not include unit circle**.



System Stability & Causality

The LTI system is described by its transfer function below;

$$H(z) = (3 - 4z^{-1}) / (1 - 3.5z^{-1} + 1.5z^{-2})$$

First, locate the poles of the system;

$$H(z) = (3 - 4z^{-1}) / (1 - 0.5z^{-1})(1 - 3z^{-1})$$

The poles at $z = 0.5$ and 3 .

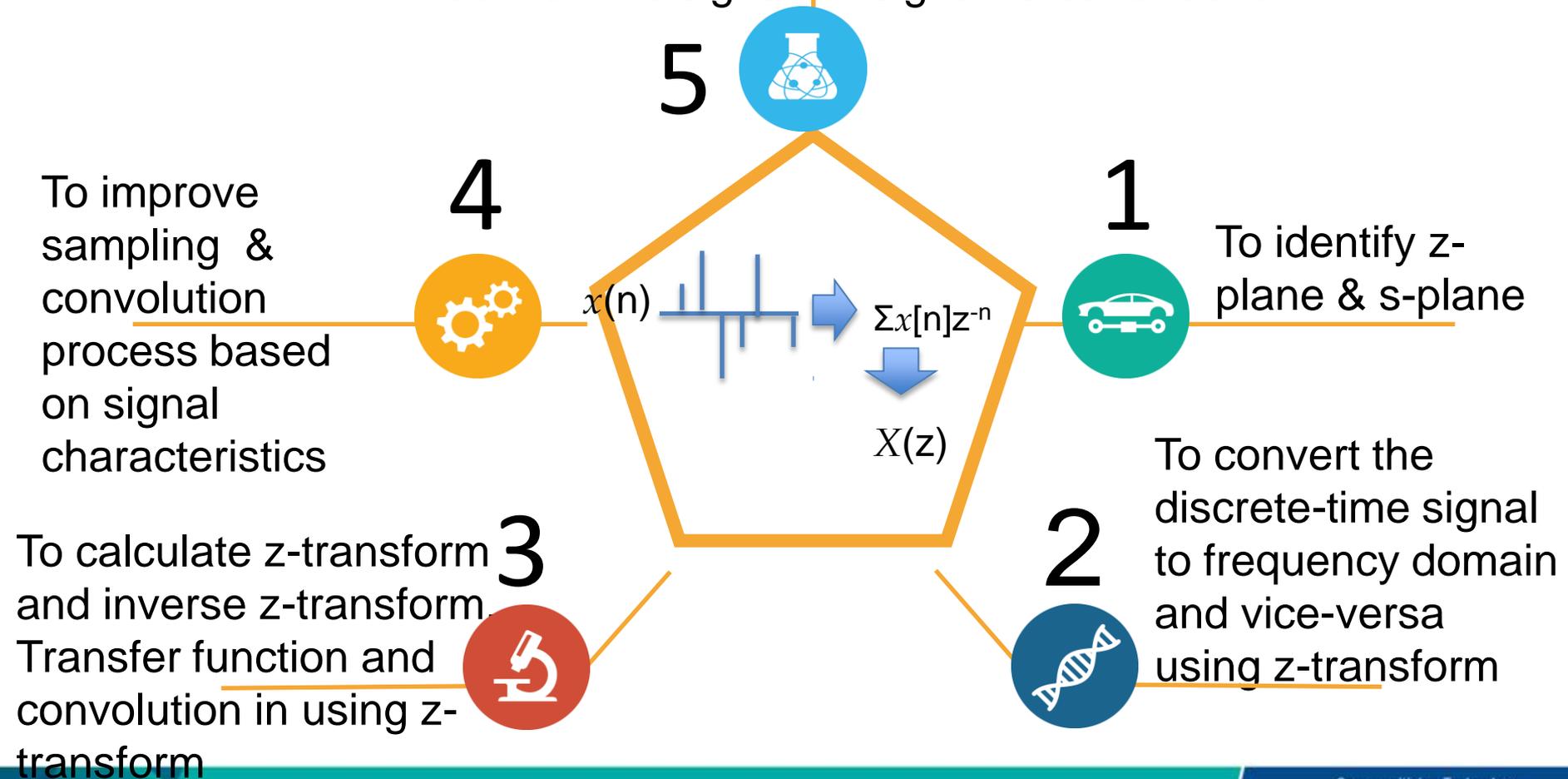
Second, determine the system stability based on the location of z in the unit circle.

Based on the location of the poles in unit circle, the system is **unstable** since one of the pole located outside unit circle. The system is **non-causal** if ROC is $0.5 < |z| < 3$ **interior** and, **causal** if ROC is at $|z| > 3$, **exterior**.



INTRODUCTION TO Z-TRANSFORM

To perform signal analysis in z-transform domain and to convert the signal for signal re-construction



Conclusion of The Chapter

- Able to understand and apply the z-transform technique to perform signal analysis in frequency domain.
- Able to apply inverse z-transform technique for signal reconstruction.
- Able to calculate system stability and causality
- Able to obtain zero-pole location of the system from its z-plane or unit circle.



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