

## ESE 531: Digital Signal Processing

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z-Transform



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## Lecture Outline

- LTI System Frequency Response
- z-Transform
  - Regions of convergence (ROC) & properties
  - z-Transform properties
- Inverse z-transform

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## LTI System Frequency Response

- (DT) Fourier Transform of impulse response

$$x[n] = e^{j\omega n} \rightarrow \text{LTI System} \rightarrow y[n] = H(e^{j\omega})e^{j\omega n}$$

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]e^{-j\omega k}$$

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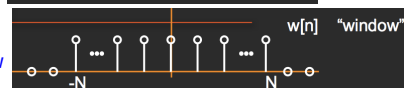
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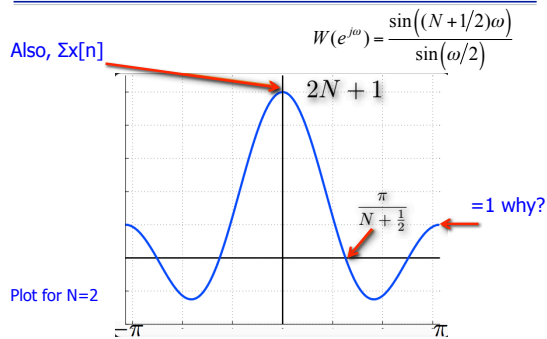


$$w[n] \leftrightarrow W(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{\sin((N+1/2)\omega)}{\sin(\omega/2)}$$

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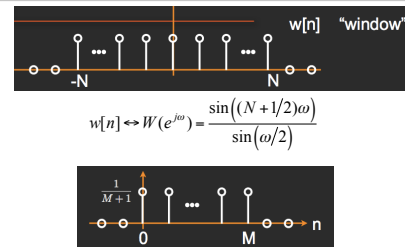
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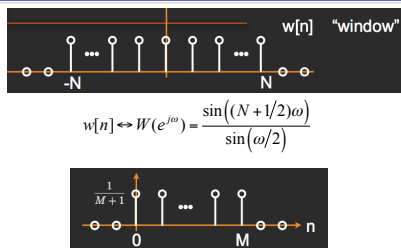


$$h[n] =$$

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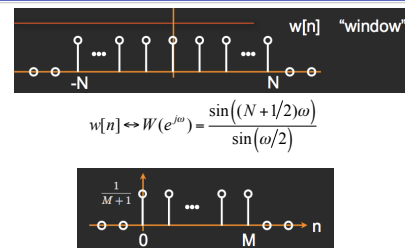


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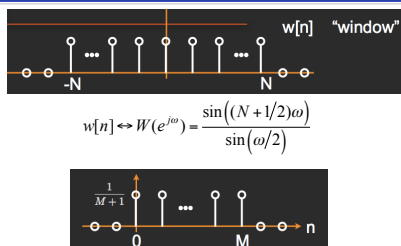
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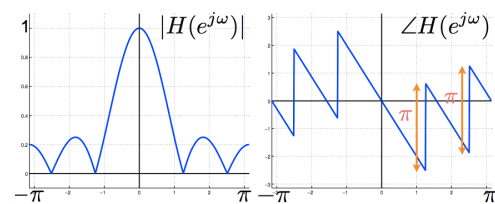


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### Example: Moving Average



$$M=4$$

$$(N=2)$$

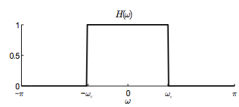
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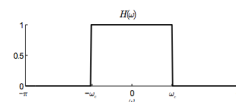
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- Apply the inverse DTFT

$$h[n] = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} H(\omega) e^{j\omega n} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} = \int_{-\omega_c}^{\omega_c} e^{j\omega n} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} = \frac{e^{j\omega n}}{2\pi j n} \Big|_{-\omega_c}^{\omega_c} = \frac{e^{j\omega_c n} - e^{-j\omega_c n}}{2\pi j n} = \frac{\omega_c}{\pi} \frac{\sin(\omega_c n)}{\omega_c n}$$

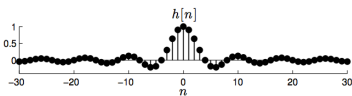
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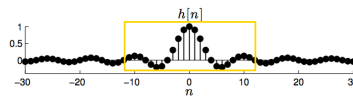
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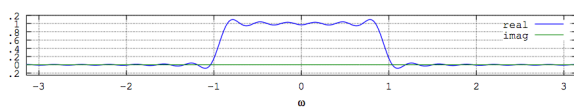
Truncate  
and shift

$$h_{LP}[n] = w_N[n - N] \cdot h[n - N]$$

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## Example: Practical LP Filter



- Pass band smeared and rippled
  - Smeared determined by width of main lobe
  - Rippling determined by size of main side lobes

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## z-Transform



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## z-Transform

- The z-transform generalizes the Discrete-Time Fourier Transform (DTFT) for analyzing infinite-length signals and systems
- Very useful for designing and analyzing signal processing systems
- Properties are very similar to the DTFT with a few caveats

## Reminder: DTFT Definition

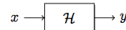
- The core “basis functions” (i.e. eigenfunctions) of the DTFT are the complex sinusoids  $e^{j\omega n}$  with arbitrary frequencies  $\omega$
- The sinusoids  $e^{j\omega n}$  are eigenvectors of LTI systems for infinite-length signals

$$X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]e^{-j\omega k}, \quad -\pi \leq \omega < \pi$$

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X(e^{j\omega})e^{j\omega n}d\omega, \quad -\infty \leq n < \infty$$

## Reminder: Frequency Response of LTI System

- We can use the DTFT to characterize an LTI system



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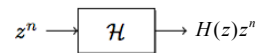
- and relate the DTFTs of the input and output

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

$$Y(\omega) = X(\omega)H(\omega)$$

## Complex Exponentials as Eigenfunctions

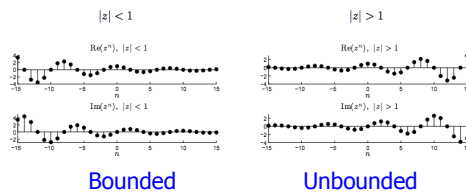
- Fact: A more general set of eigenfunctions of an LTI system are the complex exponentials  $z^n$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}$



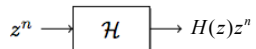
## Reminder: Complex Exponentials

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

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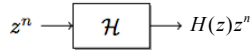


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- Define the **forward z-transform** of  $x[n]$  as

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

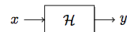
- The core “basis functions” of the z-transform are the complex exponentials  $z^n$  with arbitrary  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ; these are the eigenfunctions of LTI systems for infinite-length signals

- **Notation abuse alert:** We use  $X(\bullet)$  to represent both the DTFT  $X(\omega)$  and the z-transform  $X(z)$ ; they are, in fact, intimately related

$$X_{\text{DTFT}}(\omega) = X_z(z)|_{z=e^{j\omega}} = X_z(e^{j\omega})$$

### Transfer Function of LTI System

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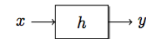
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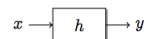
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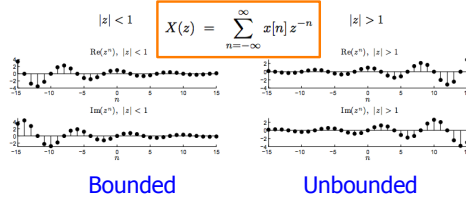
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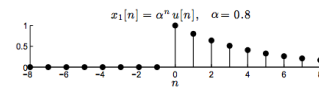
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Given a time signal  $x[n]$ , the **region of convergence (ROC)** of its  $z$ -transform  $X(z)$  is the set of  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $X(z)$  converges, that is, the set of  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $x[n] z^{-n}$  is absolutely summable

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

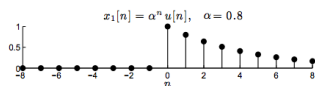
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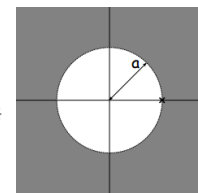
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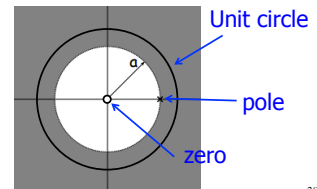
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Left-sided sequence

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□ The z-transform without ROC does not uniquely define a sequence!

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### ROC Example 4

- What is the z-transform of  $x_4[n]$ ? ROC?

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### ROC Example 5

- What is the z-transform of  $x_5[n]$ ? ROC?

$$x_5[n] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[n] - \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^n u[-n-1]$$

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finite length sequence

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$$X_6(z) = \frac{1-a^M z^{-M}}{1-az^{-1}} \quad \text{Zero cancels pole}$$

$$= \prod_{k=1}^{M-1} (1 - ae^{j2\pi k/M} z^{-1})$$

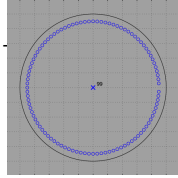


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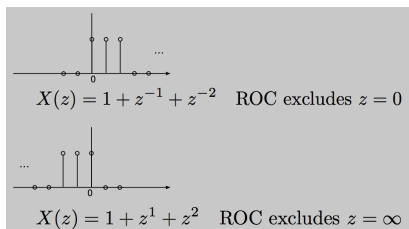
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## Properties of ROC

- For right-sided sequences: ROC extends outward from the outermost pole to infinity
  - Examples 1,2
- For left-sided: inwards from inner most pole to zero
  - Example 3
- For two-sided, ROC is a ring - or do not exist
  - Examples 4,5

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## Formal Properties of the ROC

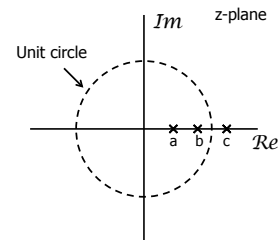
- PROPERTY 1:
  - The ROC will either be of the form  $0 < r_R < |z|$ , or  $|z| < r_L < \infty$ , or, in general the annulus, i.e.,  $0 < r_R < |z| < r_L < \infty$ .
- PROPERTY 2:
  - The Fourier transform of  $x[n]$  converges absolutely if and only if the ROC of the z-transform of  $x[n]$  includes the unit circle.
- PROPERTY 3:
  - The ROC cannot contain any poles.
- PROPERTY 4:
  - If  $x[n]$  is a *finite-duration sequence*, i.e., a sequence that is zero except in a finite interval  $-\infty < N_1 < n < N_2 < \infty$ , then the ROC is the entire z-plane, except possibly  $z=0$  or  $z=\infty$ .

## Formal Properties of the ROC

- PROPERTY 5:
  - If  $x[n]$  is a *right-sided sequence*, the ROC extends outward from the *outermost* finite pole in  $X(z)$  to (and possibly including)  $z = \infty$ .
- PROPERTY 6:
  - If  $x[n]$  is a *left-sided sequence*, the ROC extends inward from the *innermost* nonzero pole in  $X(z)$  to (and possibly including)  $z=0$ .
- PROPERTY 7:
  - A *two-sided sequence* is an infinite-duration sequence that is neither right sided nor left sided. If  $x[n]$  is a two-sided sequence, the ROC will consist of a ring in the z-plane, bounded on the interior and exterior by a pole and, consistent with Property 3, not containing any poles.
- PROPERTY 8:
  - The ROC must be a connected region.

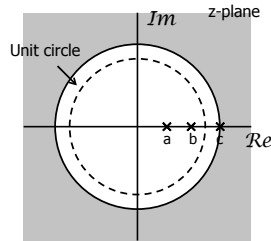
## Example: ROC from Pole-Zero Plot

- How many possible ROCs?



### Example: ROC from Pole-Zero Plot

#### ROC 1: right-sided

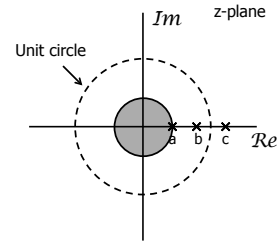


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### Example: ROC from Pole-Zero Plot

#### ROC 2: left-sided

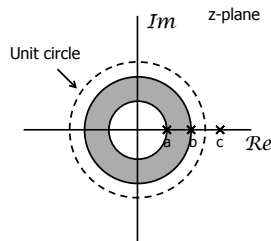


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### Example: ROC from Pole-Zero Plot

#### ROC 3: two-sided

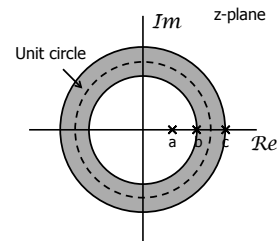


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### Example: ROC from Pole-Zero Plot

#### ROC 4: two-sided



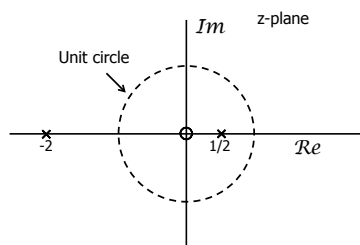
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### Example: Pole-Zero Plot

#### □ $H(z)$ for an LTI System

- How many possible ROCs?



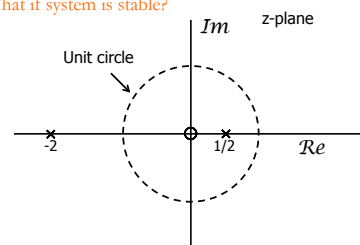
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### Example: Pole-Zero Plot

#### □ $H(z)$ for an LTI System

- How many possible ROCs?
- What if system is stable?



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## BIBO Stability Revisited

**DEFINITION**

An LTI system is **bounded-input bounded-output** (BIBO) stable if input  $x$  always produces a bounded output  $y$ .

bounded  $x$   $\xrightarrow{h}$  bounded  $y$

■ Bounded input and output means  $\|x\|_\infty < \infty$  and  $\|y\|_\infty < \infty$

■ **Fact:** An LTI system with impulse response  $h$  is BIBO stable if and only if

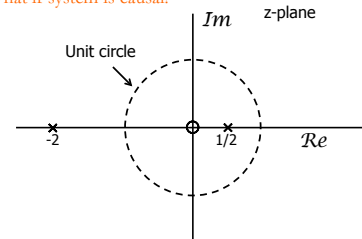
$$\|h\|_1 = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[n]| < \infty$$

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## Example: Pole-Zero Plot

- $H(z)$  for an LTI System
  - How many possible ROCs?
  - What if system is causal?



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## Properties of z-Transform

- Linearity:
 
$$ax_1[n] + bx_2[n] \leftrightarrow aX_1(z) + bX_2(z)$$
- Time shifting:
 
$$x[n] \leftrightarrow X(z)$$

$$x[n - n_d] \leftrightarrow z^{-n_d} X(z)$$
- Multiplication by exponential sequence
 
$$x[n] \leftrightarrow X(z)$$

$$z_0^n x[n] \leftrightarrow X\left(\frac{z}{z_0}\right)$$

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## Properties of z-Transform

- Time Reversal:
 
$$x[n] \leftrightarrow X(z)$$

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

$$nx[n] \leftrightarrow -z \frac{dX(z)}{dz}$$
- Convolution in Time:
 
$$y[n] = x[n] * h[n]$$

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

ROC<sub>y</sub> at least ROC<sub>x</sub> ∩ ROC<sub>h</sub>

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## Big Ideas

- z-Transform
  - Uses complex exponential eigenfunctions to represent discrete time sequence
    - DTFT is z-Transform where  $z = e^{j\omega}$ ,  $|z| = 1$
  - Draw pole-zero plots
  - Must specify region of convergence (ROC)
- z-Transform properties
  - Similar to DTFT

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## Admin

- HW 1 due Sunday at midnight
  - Submit **single pdf** in Canvas
  - Don't need to submit .m file, just the code in your pdf
- HW 2 posted Sunday
- Advice
  - Want to try and develop intuition
  - Practice problems at end of chapter with answers in the text

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