

ESE 531: Digital Signal Processing

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z-Transform



Lecture Outline

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

LTI System Frequency Response

- (DT) Fourier Transform of impulse response



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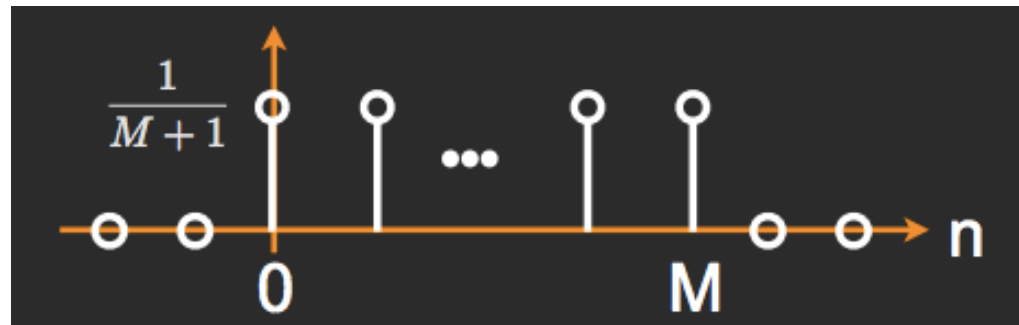
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□ Moving Average Filter

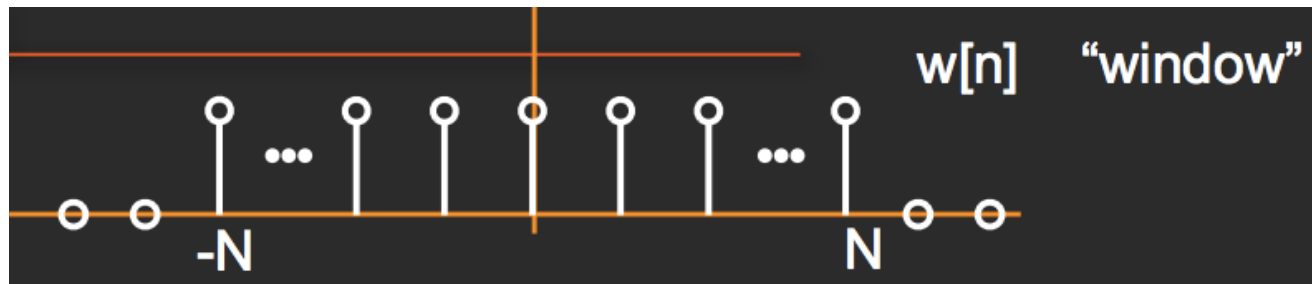
- Causal: $M_1=0$, $M_2=M$

$$y[n] = \frac{x[n-M] + \dots + x[n]}{M+1}$$

Impulse
response



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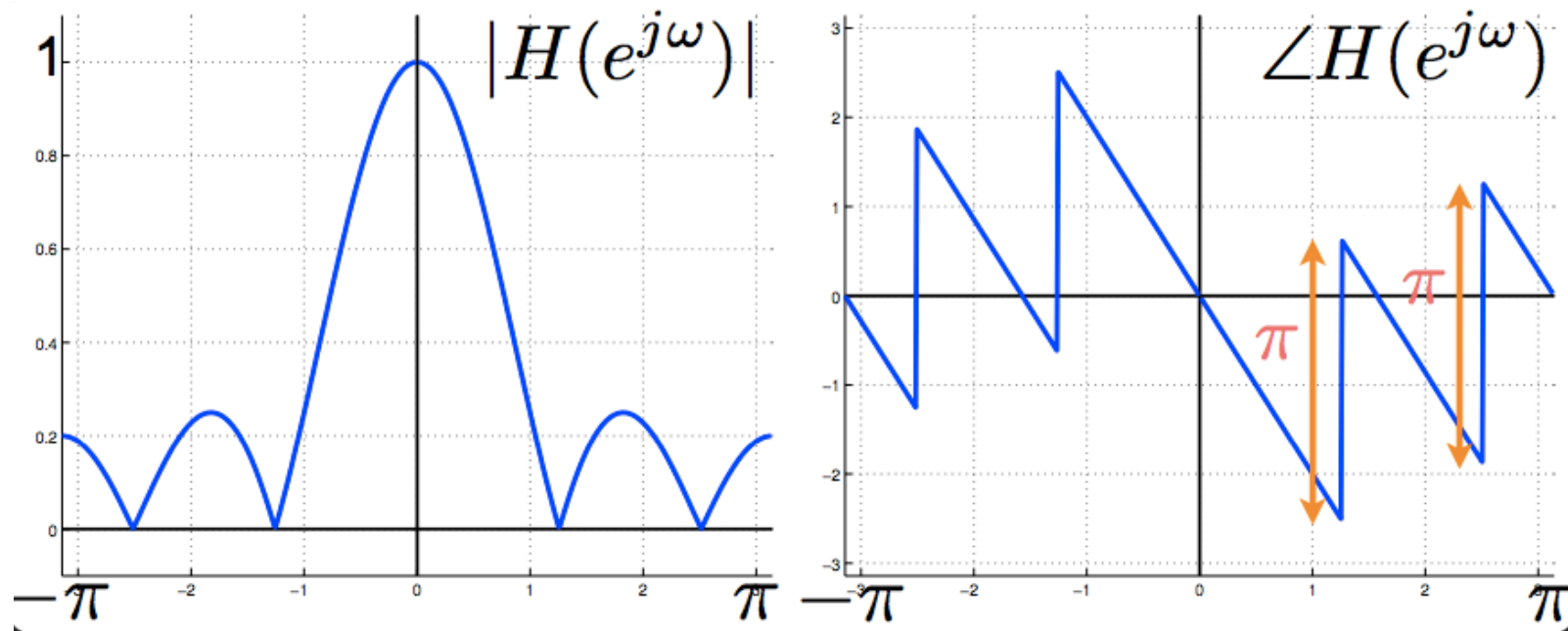


$$w[n] \leftrightarrow W(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{\sin((N + 1/2)\omega)}{\sin(\omega/2)}$$



$$h[n] = \frac{1}{M+1} w[n - M/2] \leftrightarrow H(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{e^{-j\omega M/2}}{M+1} \frac{\sin((M/2 + 1/2)\omega)}{\sin(\omega/2)}$$

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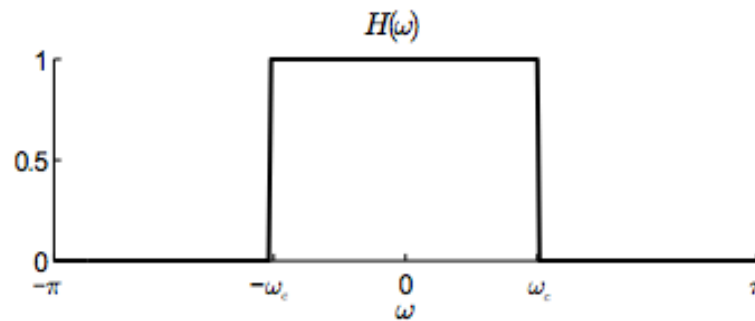


$M=4$
($N=2$)

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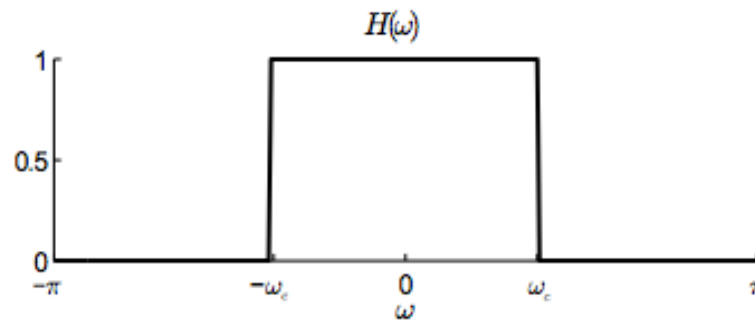
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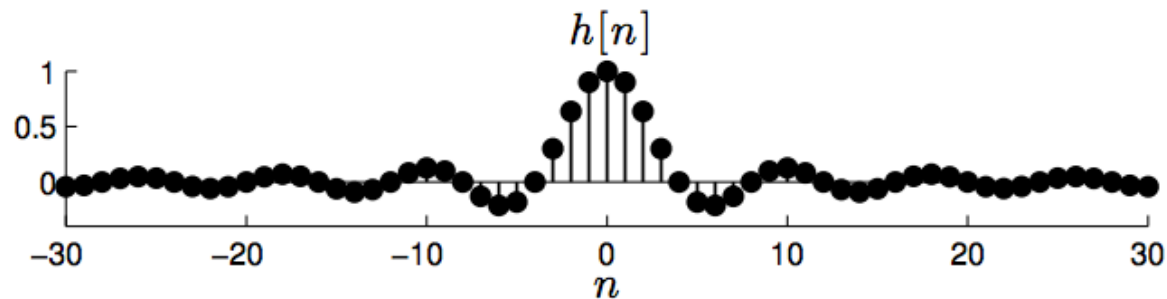
- Compute the impulse response $h[n]$ given this $H(\omega)$
- Apply the inverse DTFT:

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

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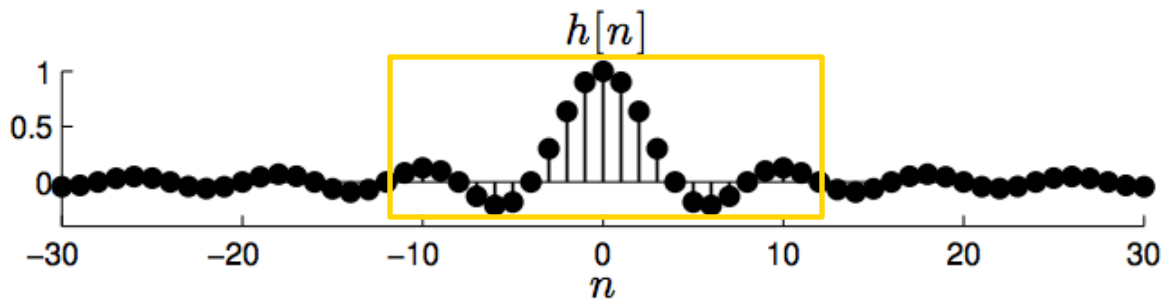
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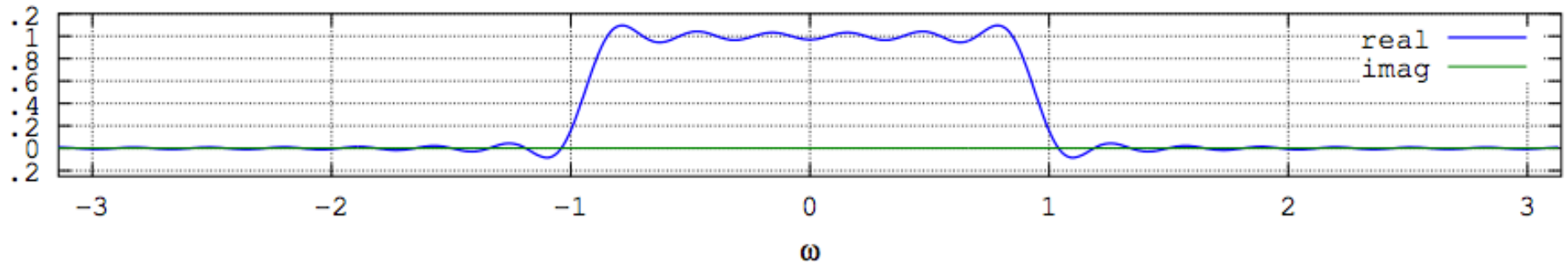
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Truncate
and shift

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

Example: Practical LP Filter



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

z-Transform



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

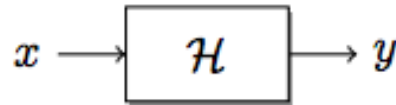
- ❑ The core “basis functions” (I.e eigenfunctions) of the DTFT are the complex sinusoids $e^{j\omega n}$ with arbitrary frequencies ω
- ❑ The sinusoids $e^{j\omega n}$ are eigenvectors of LTI systems for infinite-length signals

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Reminder: Frequency Response of LTI System

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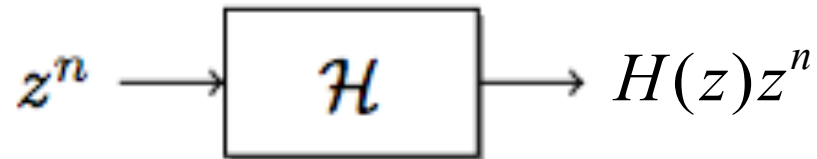
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$$Y(\omega) = X(\omega)H(\omega)$$

Complex Exponentials as Eigenfunctions

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



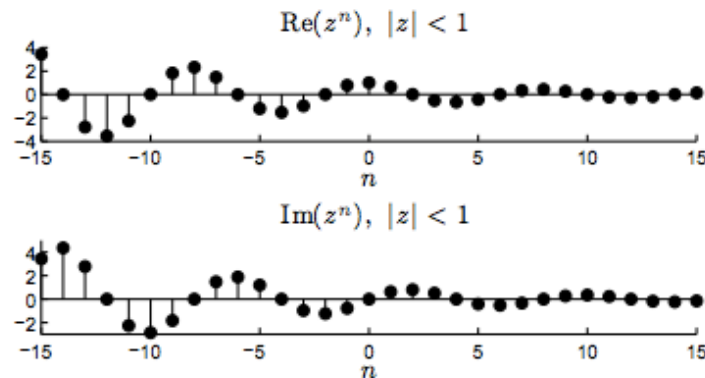
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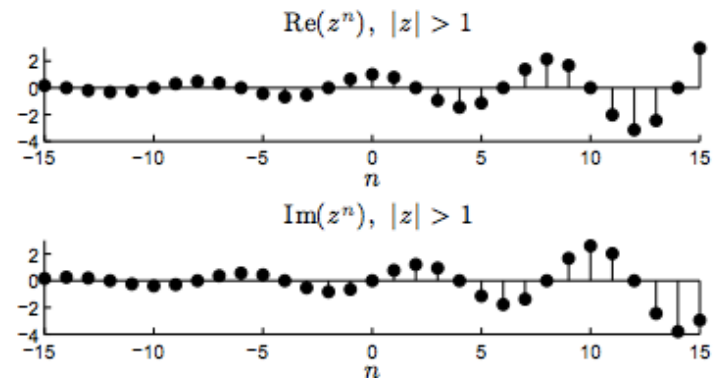
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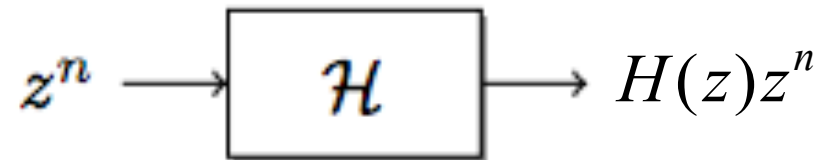
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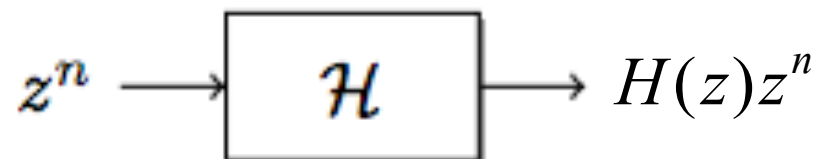
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z-Transform

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

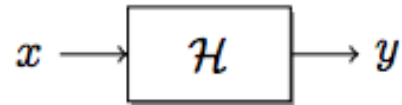
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- The core “basis functions” of the z-transform are the complex exponentials z^n with arbitrary $z \in \mathbb{C}$; these are the eigenfunctions of LTI systems for infinite-length signals
- **Notation abuse alert:** We use $X(\bullet)$ to represent both the DTFT $X(e^{j\omega})$ and the z-transform $X(z)$; they are, in fact, intimately related

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

Transfer Function of LTI System

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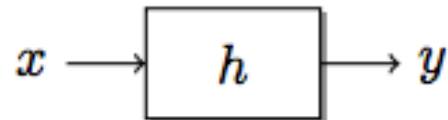
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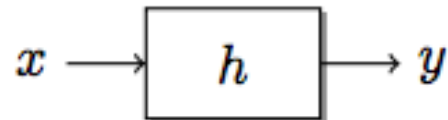
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Z-transform

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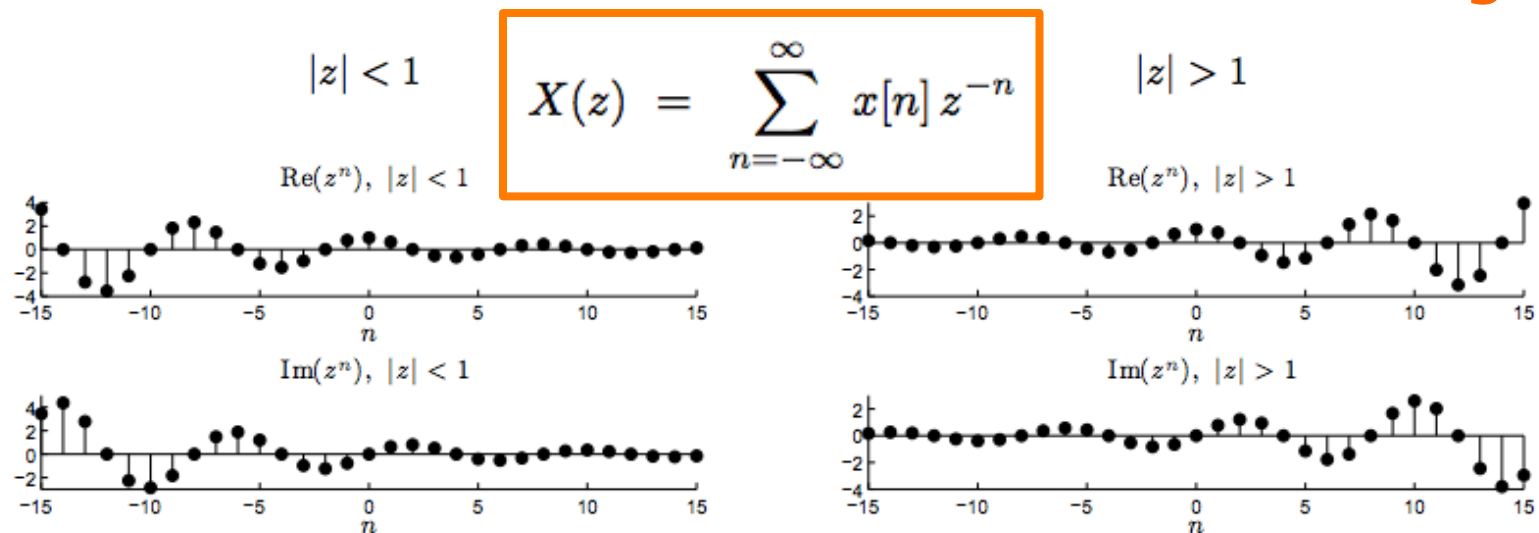
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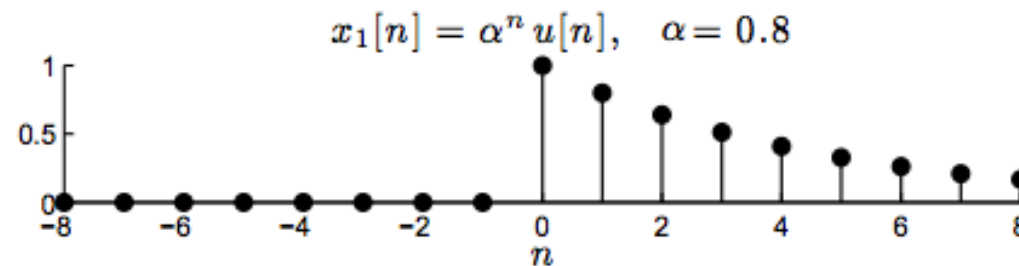
DEFINITION

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

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

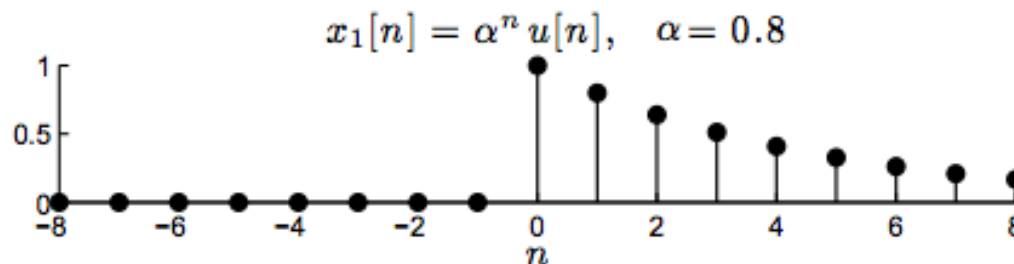
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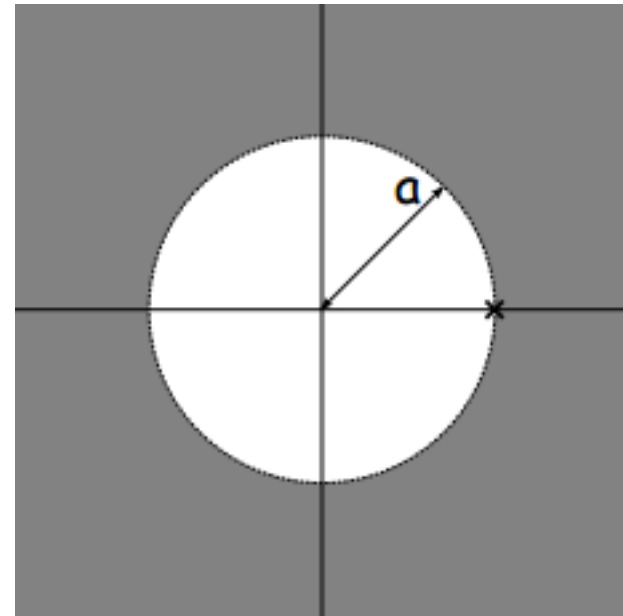
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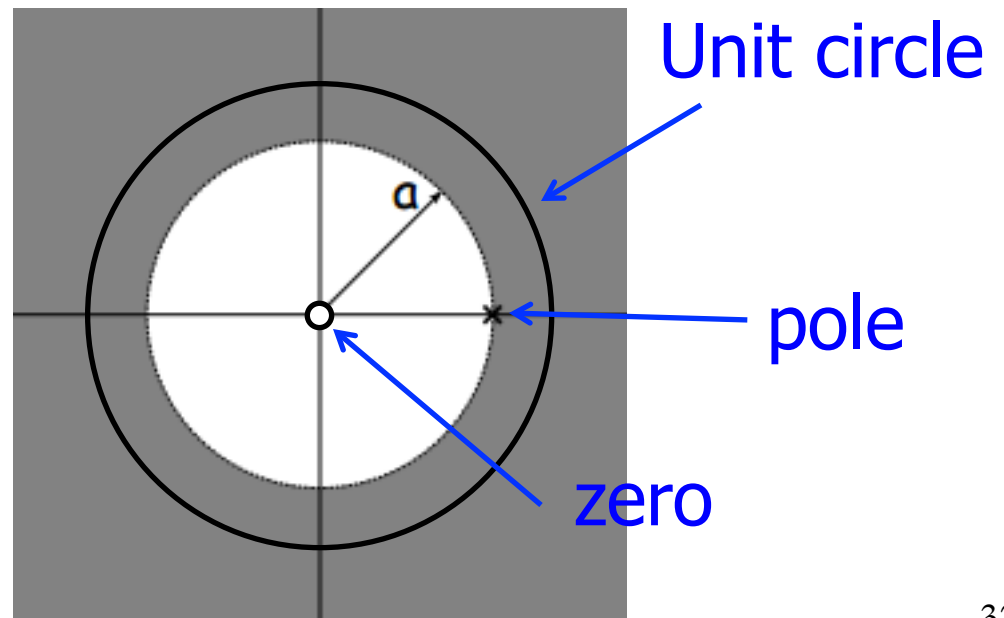
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$$X_1(z) = \frac{z}{z - a}$$

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ROC Example 2



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



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ROC Example 5

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

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finite length sequence

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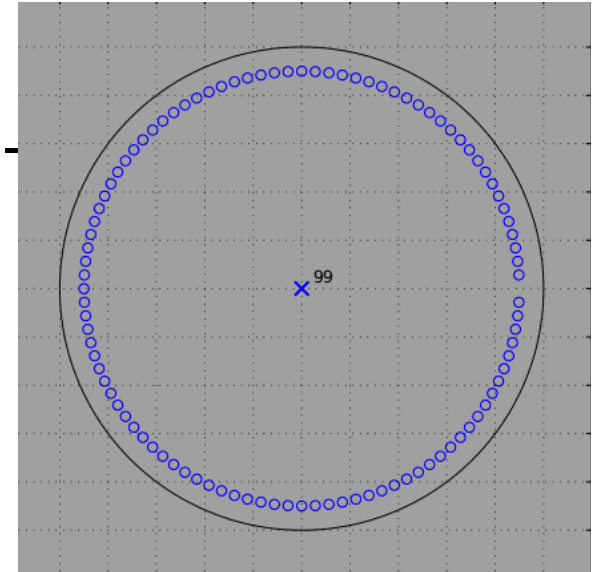
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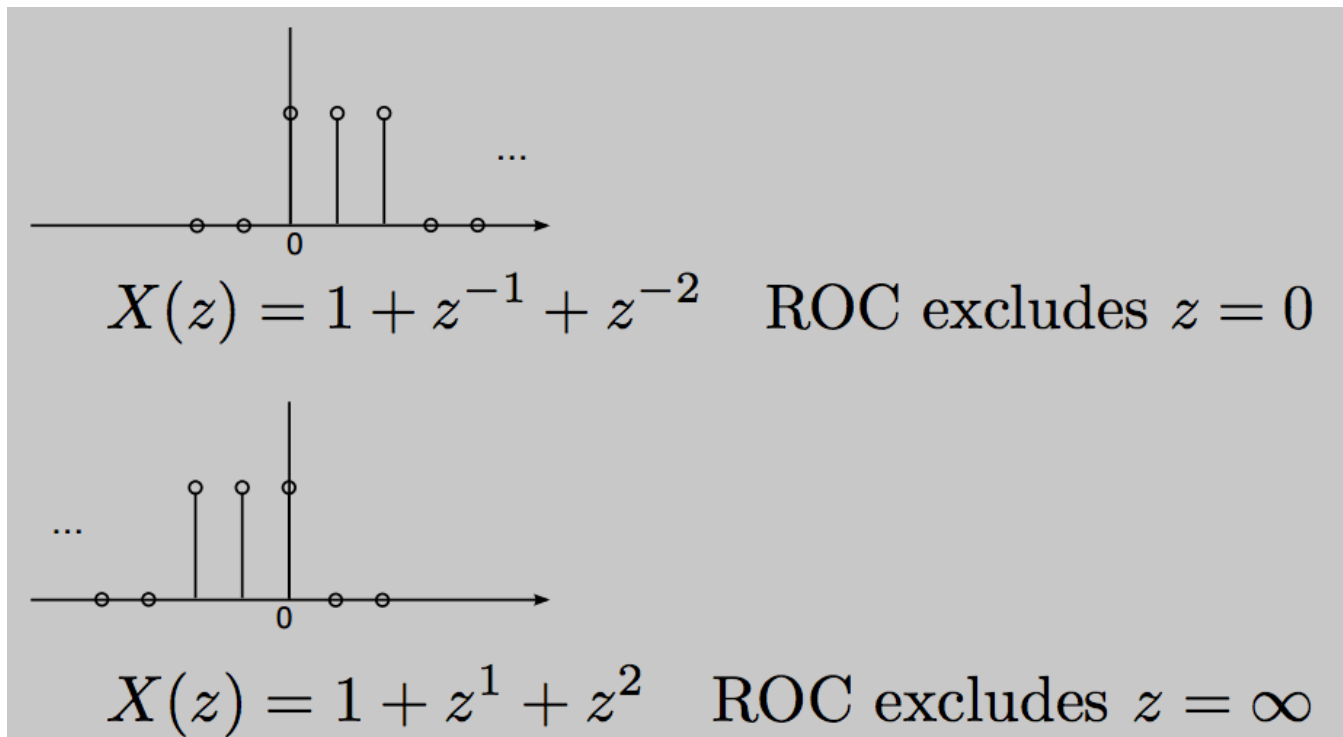


Properties of ROC

- ❑ 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

Properties of ROC

- For finite duration sequences, ROC is the entire z -plane, except possibly $z=0$, $z=\infty$ (Example 6)





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:

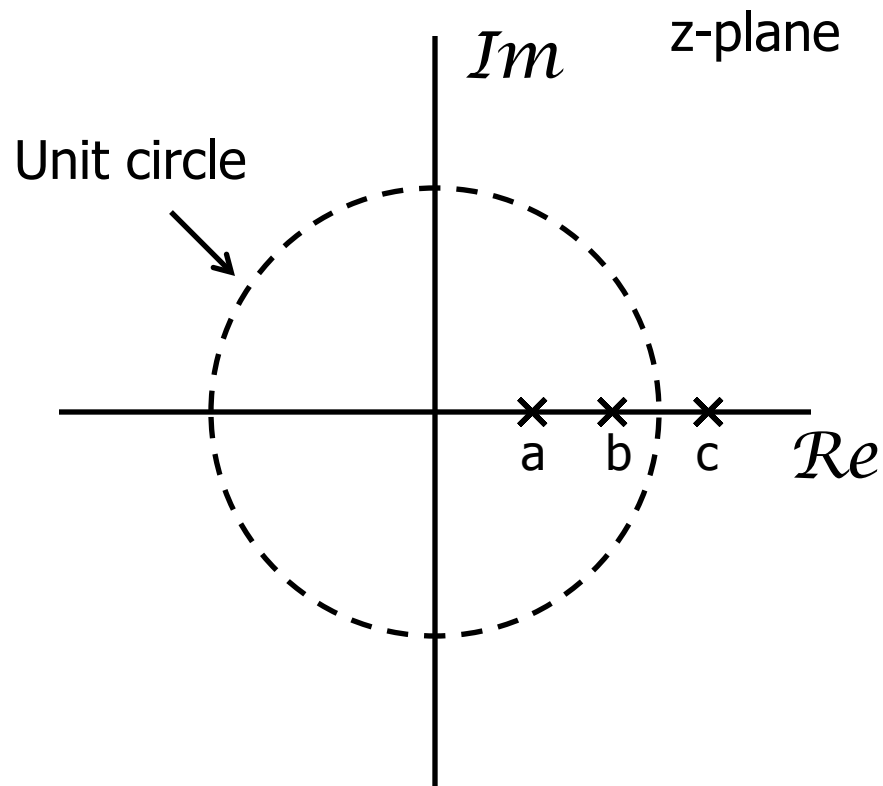
- A *two-sided sequence* is an infinite-duration sequence that is neither right sided nor left sided. If $x[n]$ is a two-sided sequence, the ROC will consist of a ring in the z -plane, bounded on the interior and exterior by a pole and, consistent with Property 3, not containing any poles.

❑ PROPERTY 8:

- The ROC must be a connected region.

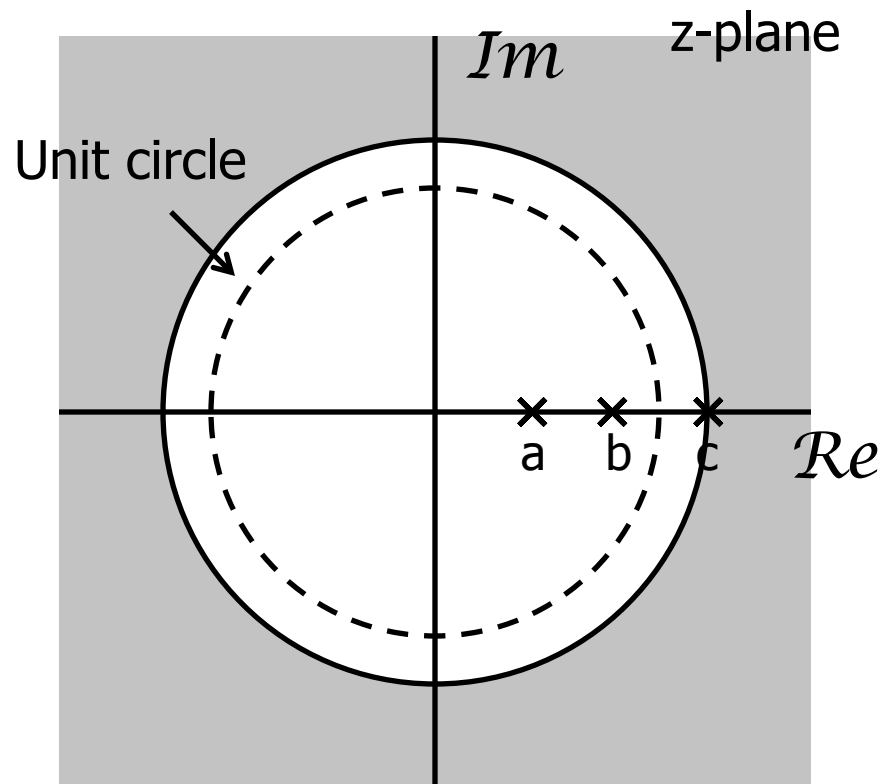
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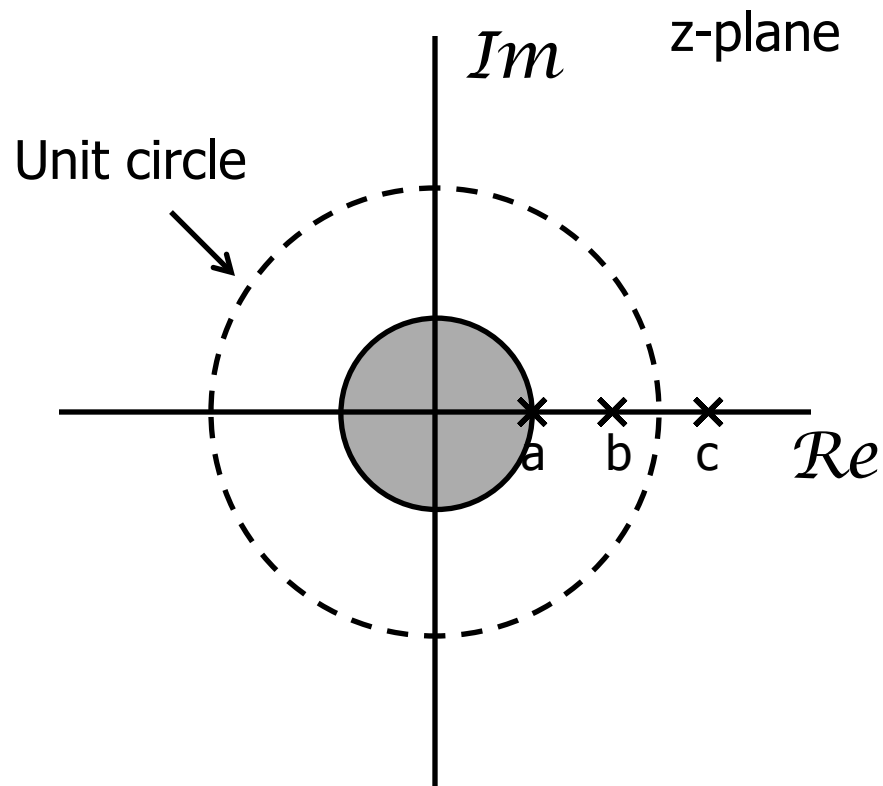
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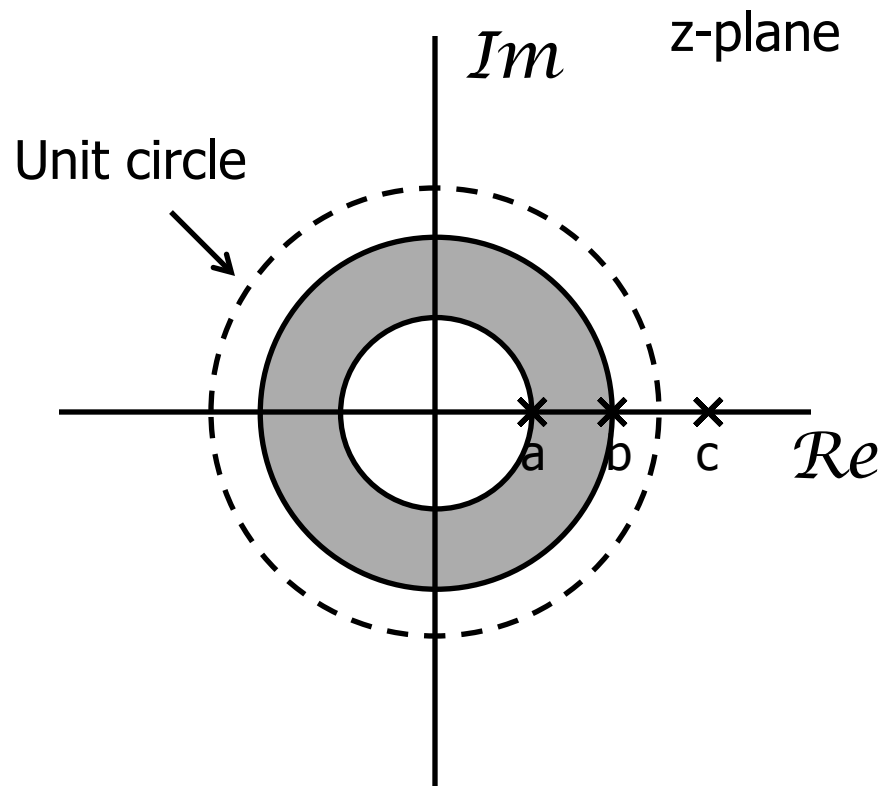
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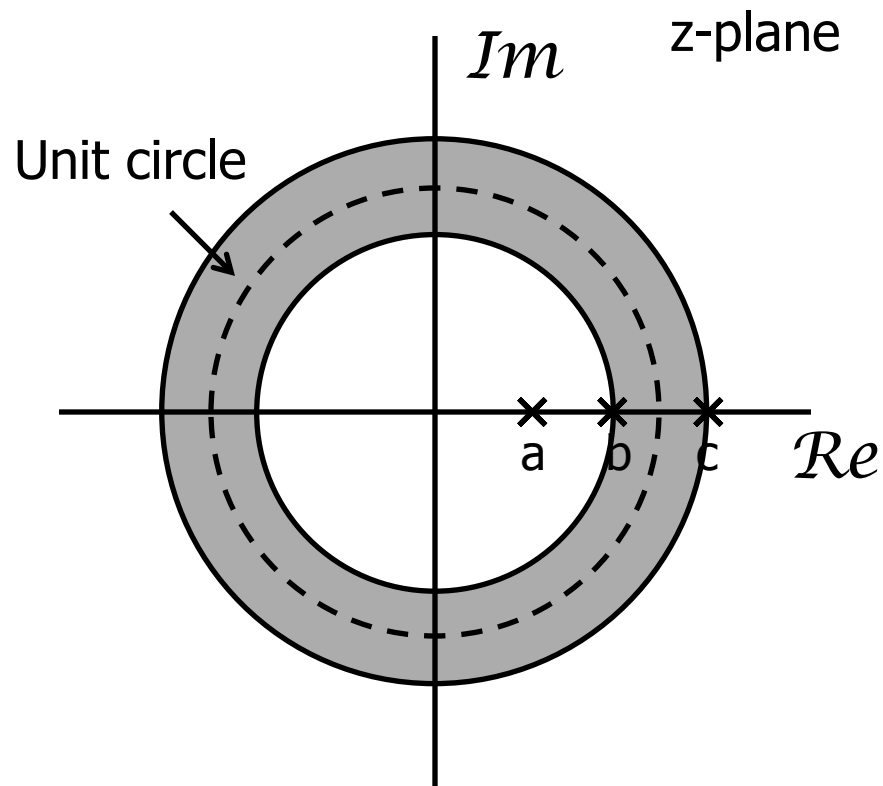
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ROC 3: two-sided



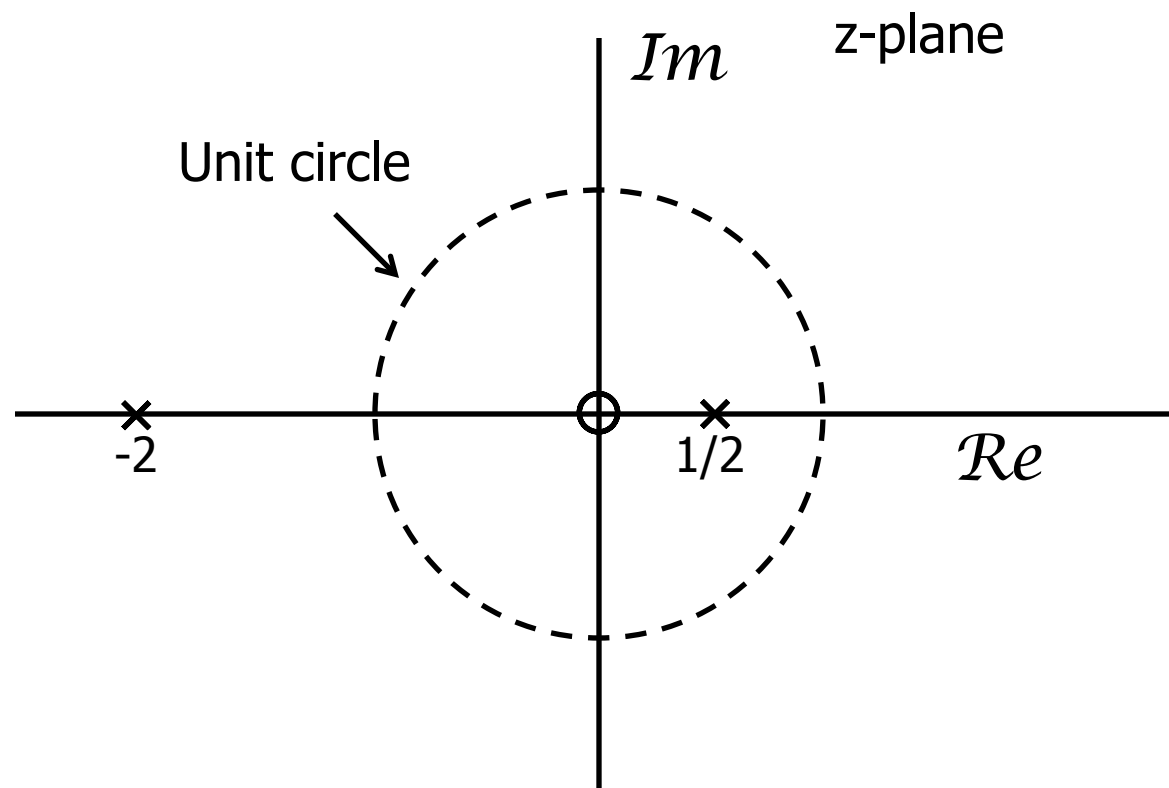
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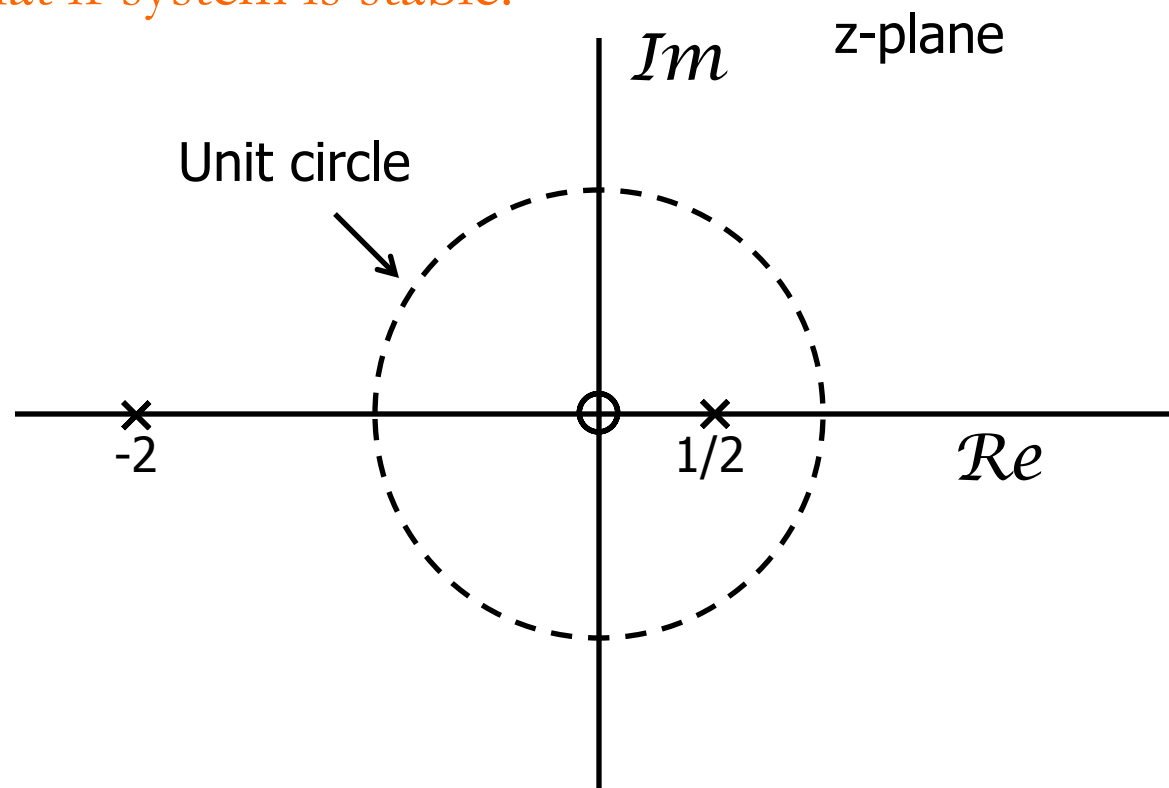
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 - What if system is stable?

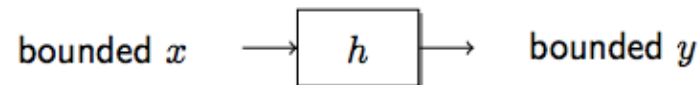


BIBO Stability Revisited

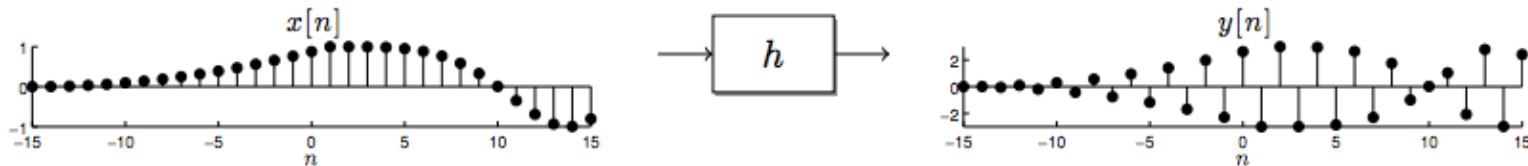
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DEFINITION

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



- Bounded input and output means $\|x\|_{\infty} < \infty$ and $\|y\|_{\infty} < \infty$

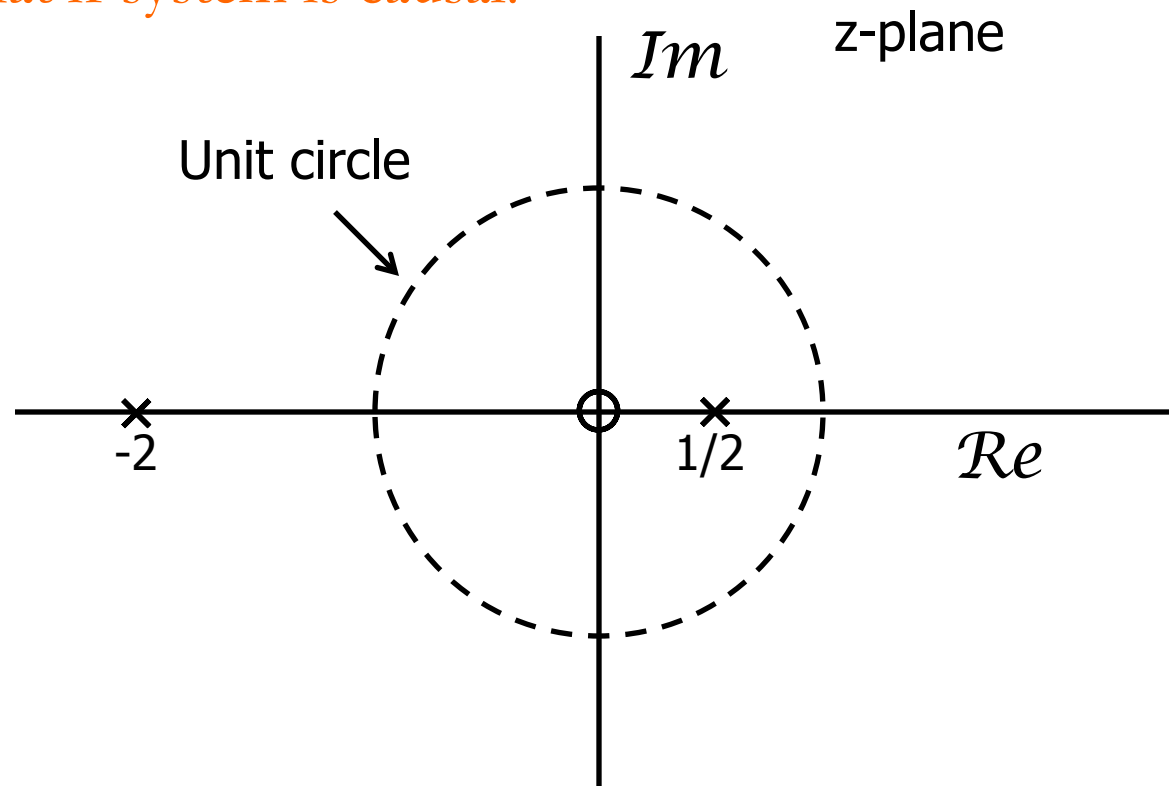


- **Fact:** An LTI system with impulse response h is BIBO stable if and only if

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

Example: Pole-Zero Plot

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





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

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

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



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:

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

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

$$\text{ROC}_Y \text{ at least } \text{ROC}_X \wedge \text{ROC}_H$$



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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- ❑ 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 and toolbox
 - Practice problems at end of chapter with answers in the text