

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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Example: Moving Average

- Moving Average Filter

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

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

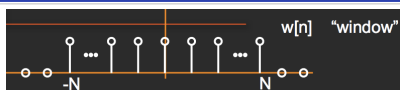
Impulse response



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Example: Moving Average



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

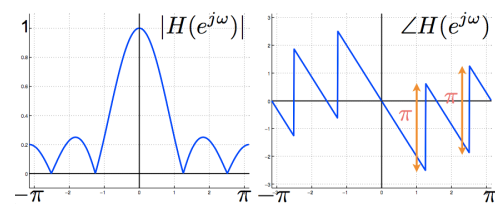


$$h[n] = \frac{1}{M+1}w[n-M/2] \leftrightarrow H(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{e^{-j\omega M/2}}{M+1} \frac{\sin((M/2+1/2)\omega)}{\sin(\omega/2)}$$

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Example: Moving Average



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

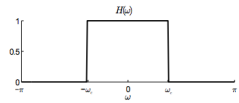
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Example: Ideal Low-Pass Filter

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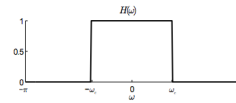
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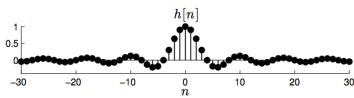
- Compute the impulse response $h[n]$ given this $H(\omega)$
- Apply the inverse DFT:

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

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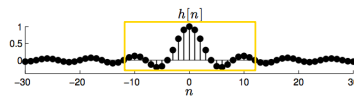
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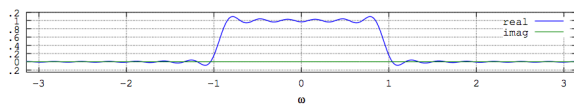
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Truncate
and shift

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

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

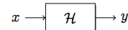
- The core “basis functions” (i.e. eigenfunctions) of the DTFT are the complex sinusoids $e^{j\omega n}$ with arbitrary frequencies ω
- The sinusoids $e^{j\omega n}$ are eigenvectors of LTI systems for infinite-length signals

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

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

Reminder: Frequency Response of LTI System

- We can use the DTFT to characterize an LTI system



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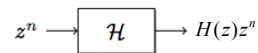
- and relate the DTFTs of the input and output

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

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

Complex Exponentials as Eigenfunctions

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

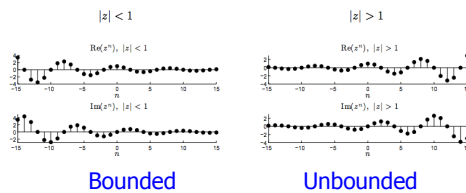


Reminder: Complex Exponentials

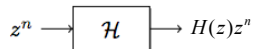
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$e^{j\omega n}$ is a **complex sinusoid**

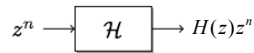


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$$\begin{aligned} z^n * h[n] &= \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} z^{n-m} h[m] = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} z^n z^{-m} h[m] \\ &= \left(\sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} h[m] z^{-m} \right) z^n \\ &= H(z) z^n \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

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z-Transform

- 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 $X(e^{j\omega})$ and the z-transform $X(z)$; they are, in fact, intimately related

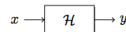
$$X_z(z)|_{z=e^{j\omega}} = X_z(e^{j\omega})$$

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Transfer Function of LTI System

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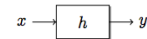
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Proof: Transfer Function of LTI Systems



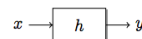
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Z-transform

What are we missing?

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

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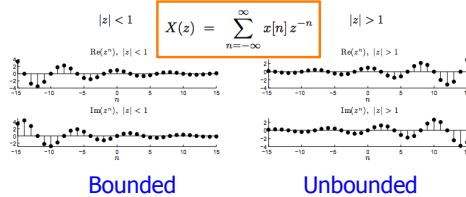
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Z-Transform

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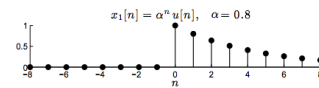
Given a time signal $x[n]$, the **region of convergence (ROC)** of its z-transform $X(z)$ is the set of $z \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $X(z)$ converges, that is, the set of $z \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $x[n] z^{-n}$ is absolutely summable

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

ROC Example 1

■ Signal $x_1[n] = \alpha^n u[n]$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ (causal signal) **Right-sided sequence**

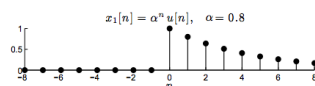
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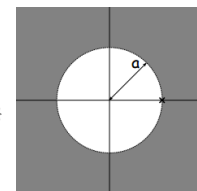
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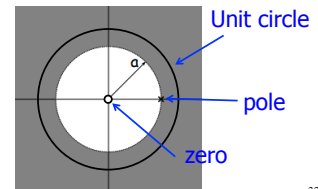
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ROC Example 2

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ROC Example 3

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Left-sided sequence

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

ROC Example 4

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two-sided sequence

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ROC Example 5

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

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

two-sided sequence

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ROC Example 6

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finite length sequence

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

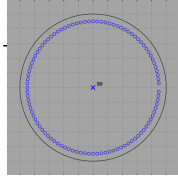
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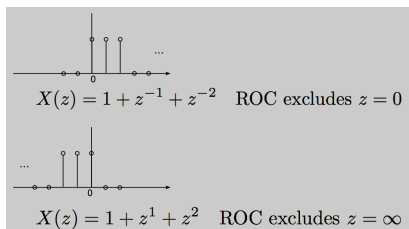
M=100

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

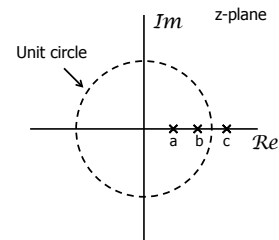
- PROPERTY 1:
 - The ROC will either be of the form $0 < r_R < |z|$, or $|z| < r_L < \infty$, or, in general the annulus, i.e., $0 < r_R < |z| < r_L < \infty$.
- PROPERTY 2:
 - The Fourier transform of $x[n]$ converges absolutely if and only if the ROC of the z-transform of $x[n]$ includes the unit circle.
- 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.

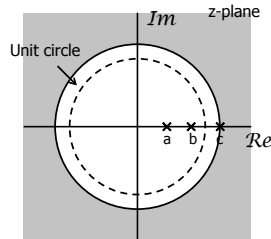
Example: ROC from Pole-Zero Plot

- How many possible ROCs?



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ROC 1: right-sided

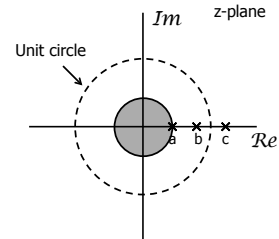


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Example: ROC from Pole-Zero Plot

ROC 2: left-sided

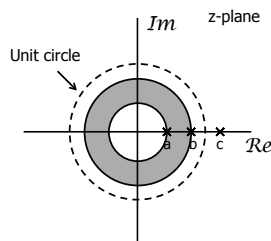


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Example: ROC from Pole-Zero Plot

ROC 3: two-sided

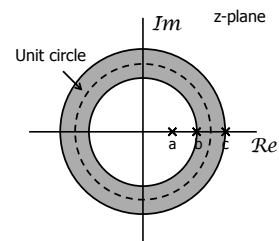


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Example: ROC from Pole-Zero Plot

ROC 4: two-sided



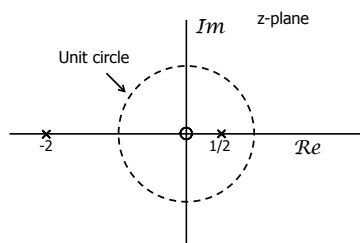
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Example: Pole-Zero Plot

□ $H(z)$ for an LTI System

- How many possible ROCs?



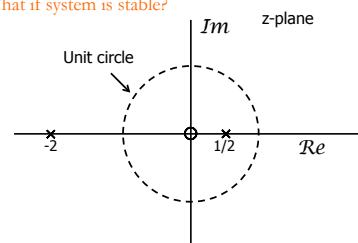
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Example: Pole-Zero Plot

□ $H(z)$ 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

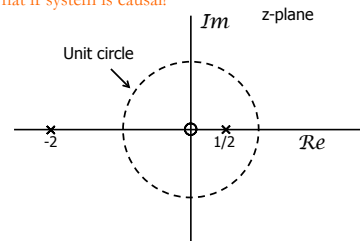
$$\|h\|_1 = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[n]| < \infty$$

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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_y at least ROC_x ∩ ROC_h

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

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