

# ESE 5310: Digital Signal Processing

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Lecture 5: January 26, 2023  
z-Transform



# Lecture Outline

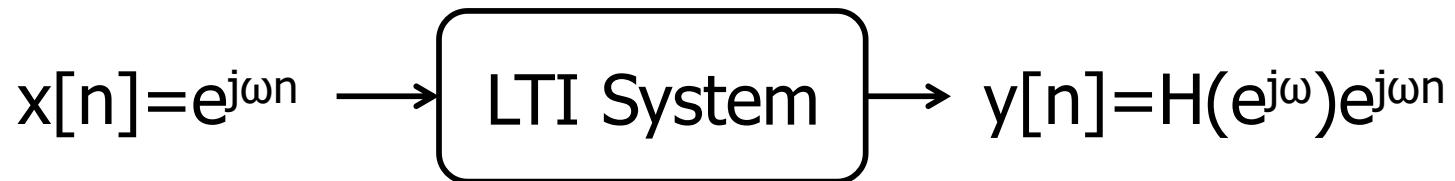
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- Frequency Response wrap-up
- LP filter example
- z-Transform
  - Regions of convergence (ROC) & properties
  - z-Transform properties

# LTI System Frequency Response

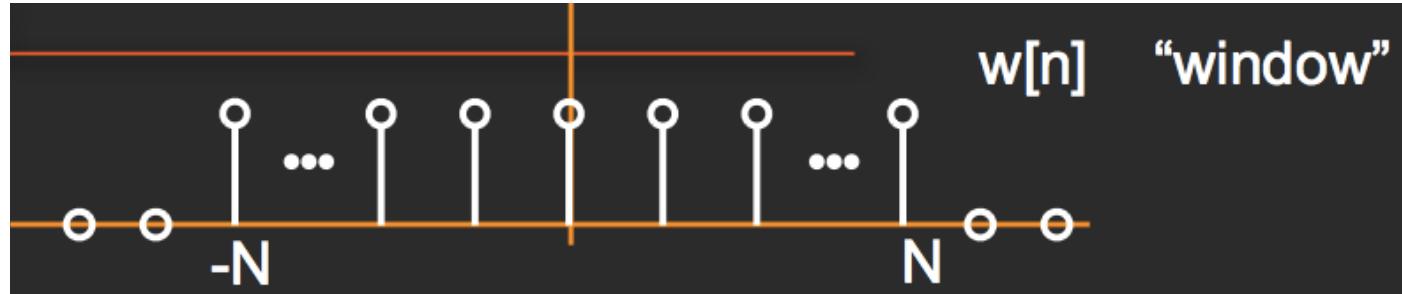
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- (DT)Fourier Transform of impulse response

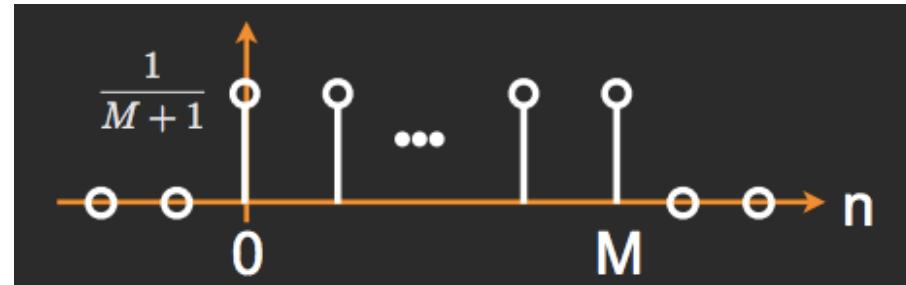


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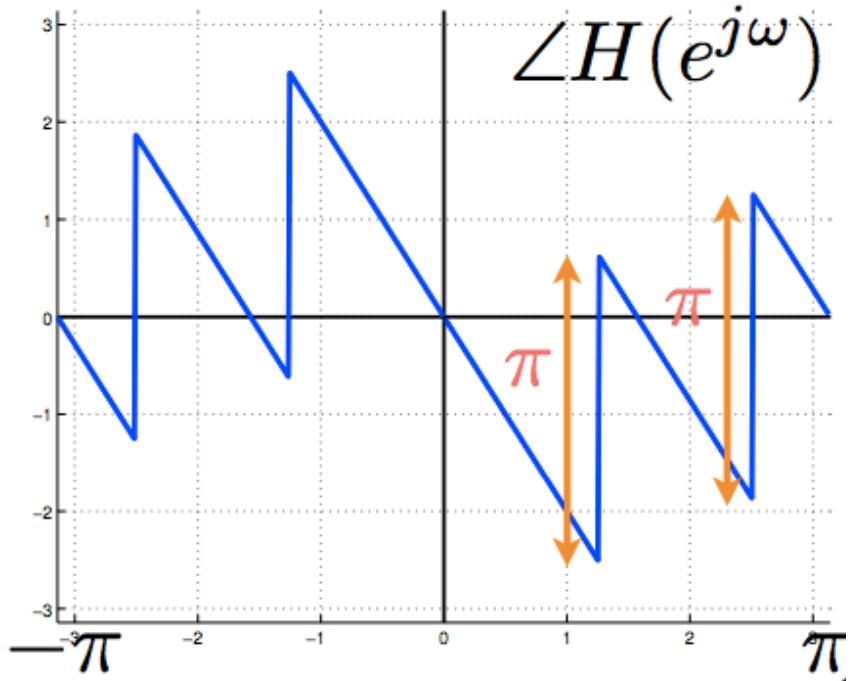
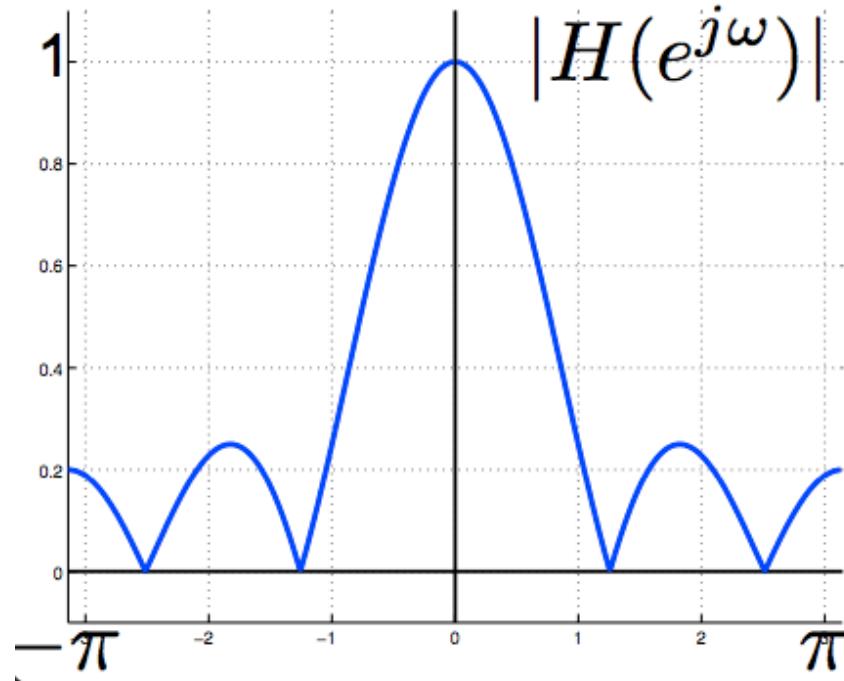


$$w[n] \Leftrightarrow W(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{\sin((N + 1/2)\omega)}{\sin(\omega/2)}$$



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

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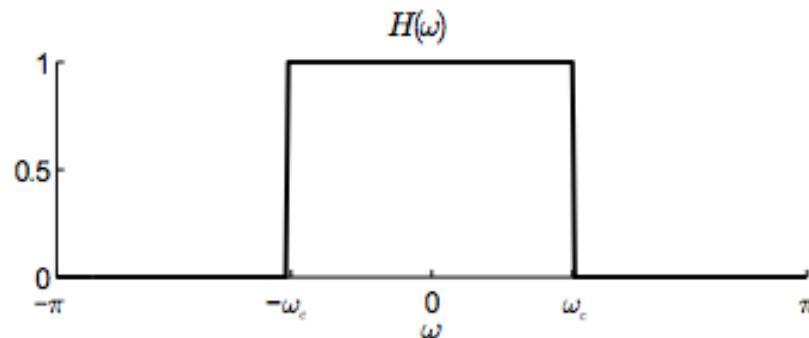
M=4  
(N=2)

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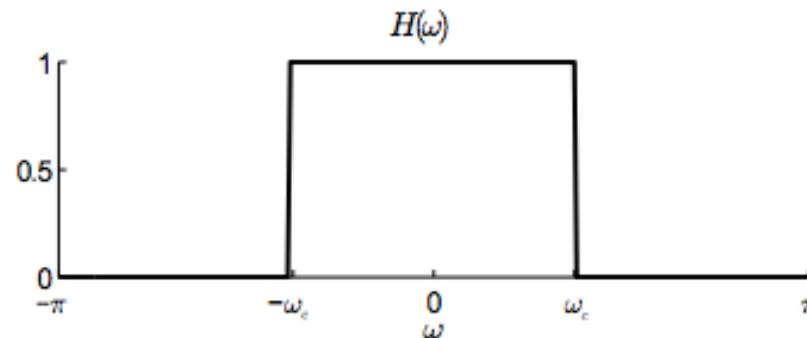
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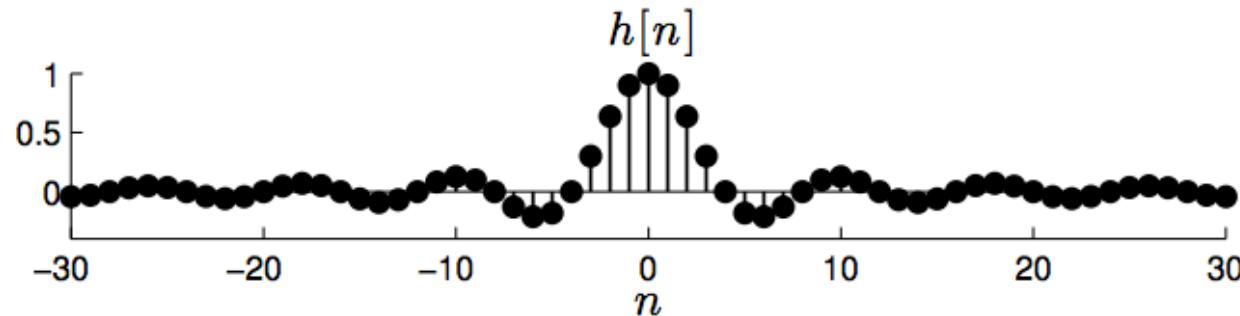
- Compute the impulse response  $h[n]$  given this  $H(\omega)$
- Apply the inverse DTFT

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

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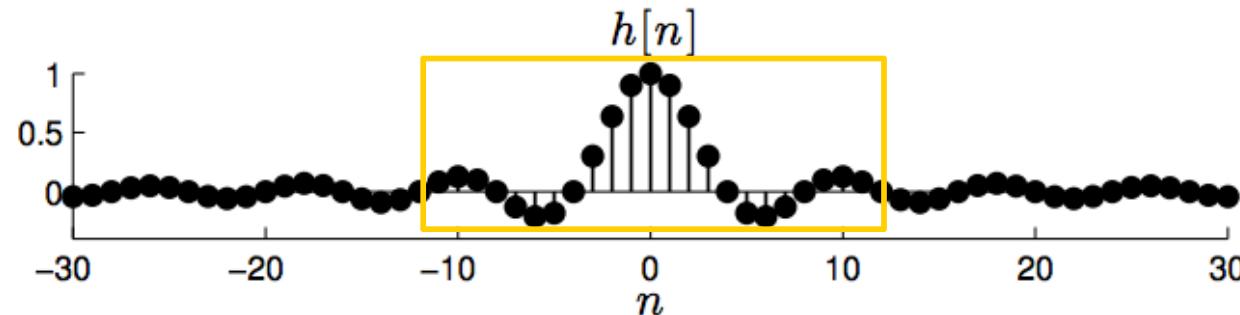
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Truncate  
and shift

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

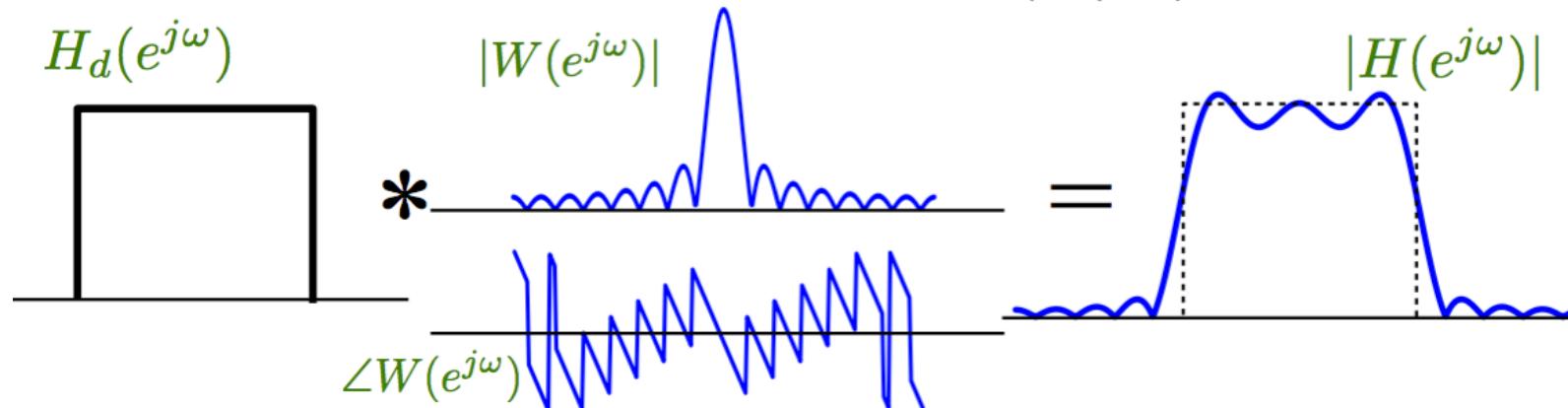
# FIR Design by Windowing

- Desired filter,

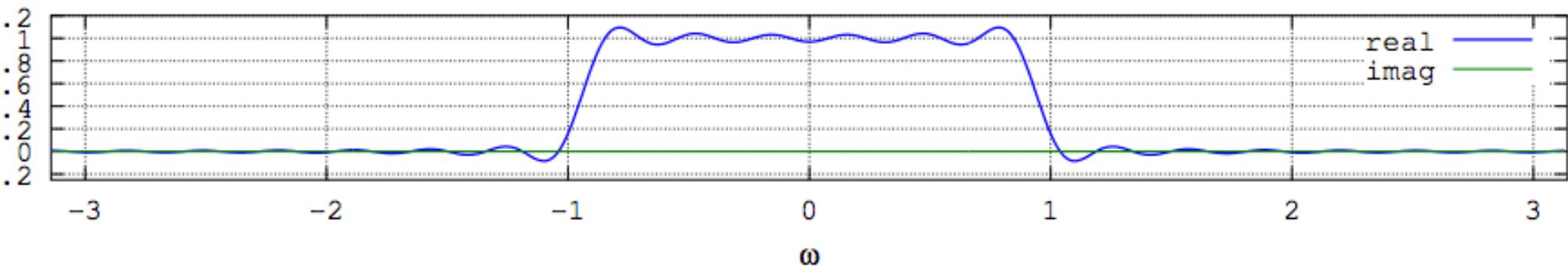
$$H(e^{j\omega}) = H_d(e^{j\omega}) * W(e^{j\omega})$$

- For Boxcar (rectangular) window

$$W(e^{j\omega}) = e^{-j\omega \frac{M}{2}} \frac{\sin(w(M+1)/2)}{\sin(w/2)}$$



# Example: Practical LP Filter



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

# z-Transform

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- 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

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- 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

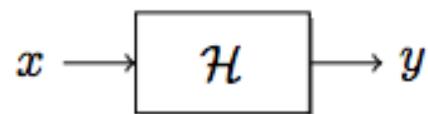
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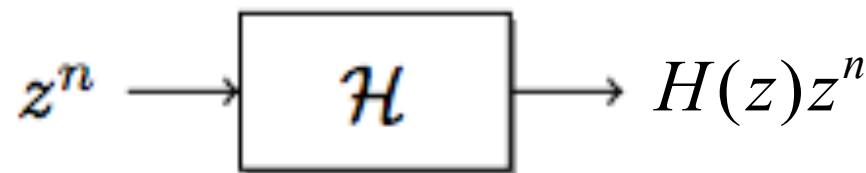
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# Complex Exponentials as Eigenfunctions

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



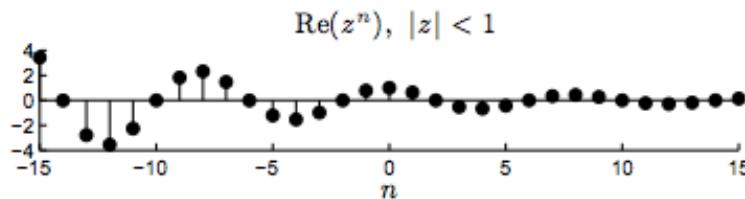
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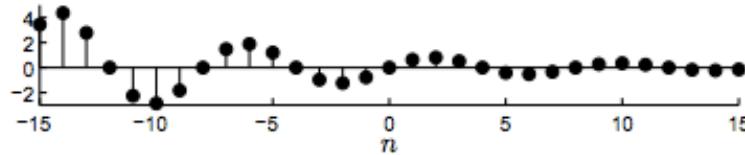
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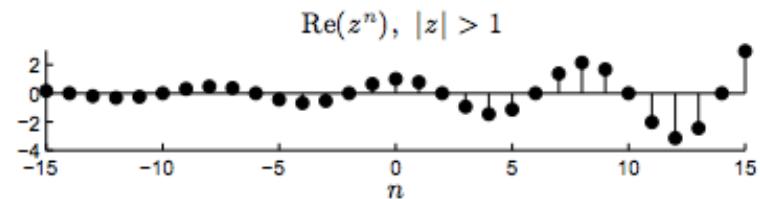


$$\text{Im}(z^n), |z| < 1$$

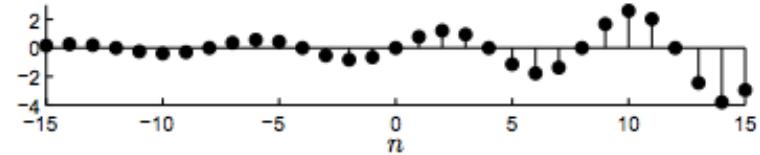


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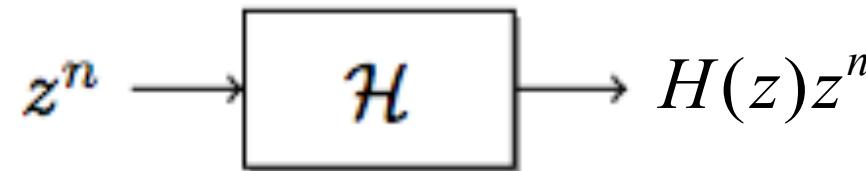


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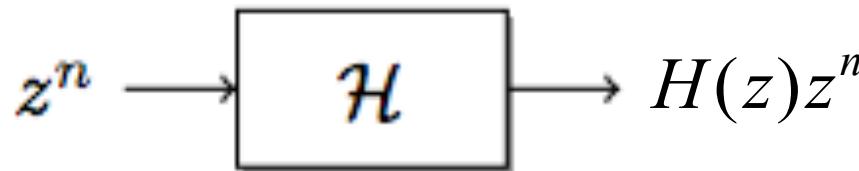
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$$\begin{aligned} z^n * h[n] &= \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} z^{n-m} h[m] = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} z^n z^{-m} h[m] \\ &= \left( \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} h[m] z^{-m} \right) z^n \\ &= H(z)z^n \checkmark \end{aligned}$$



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

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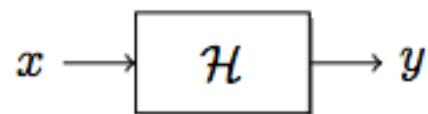
- The core “basis functions” of the z-transform are the complex exponentials  $z^n$  with arbitrary  $z \in C$ ; these are the eigenfunctions of LTI systems for infinite-length signals
- **Notation abuse alert:** We use  $X(\bullet)$  to represent both the DTFT  $X(e^{j\omega})$  and the z-transform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

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

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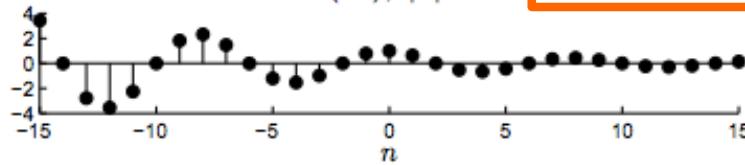
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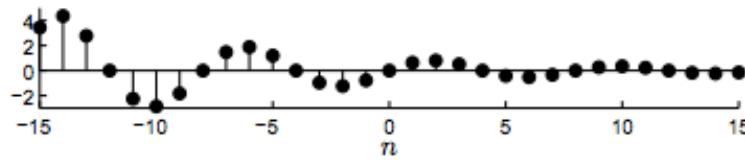
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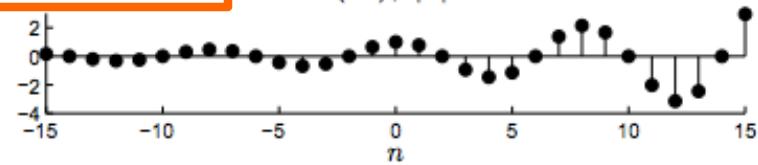
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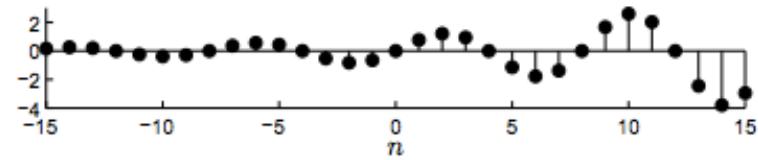
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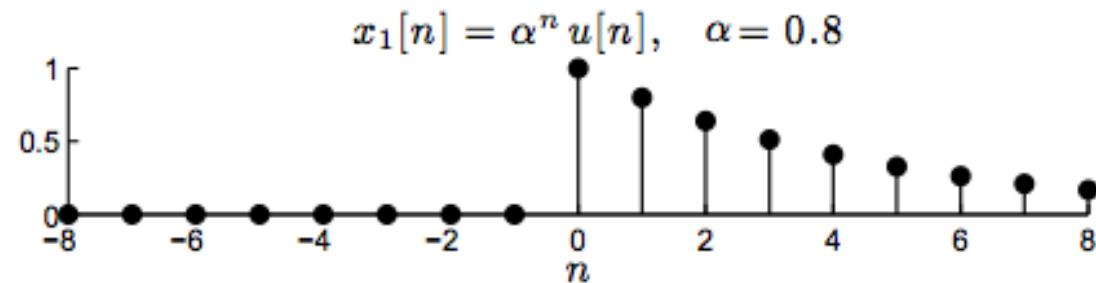
DEFINITION

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

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

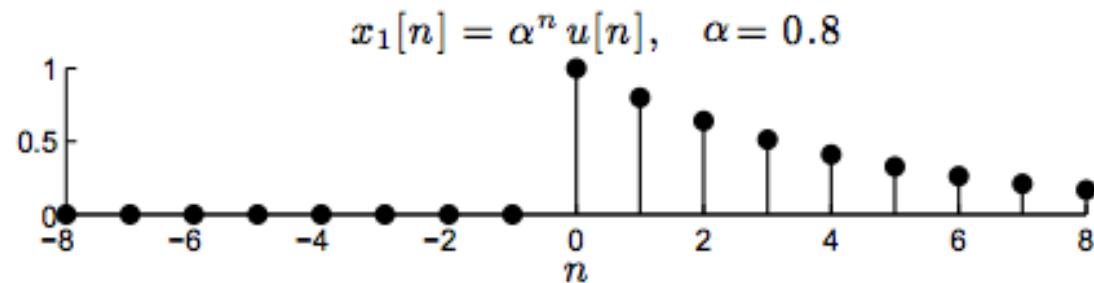
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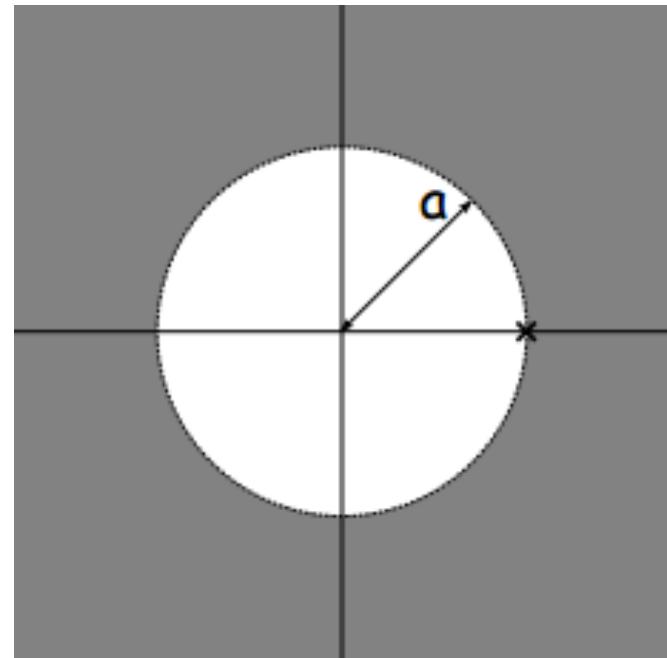
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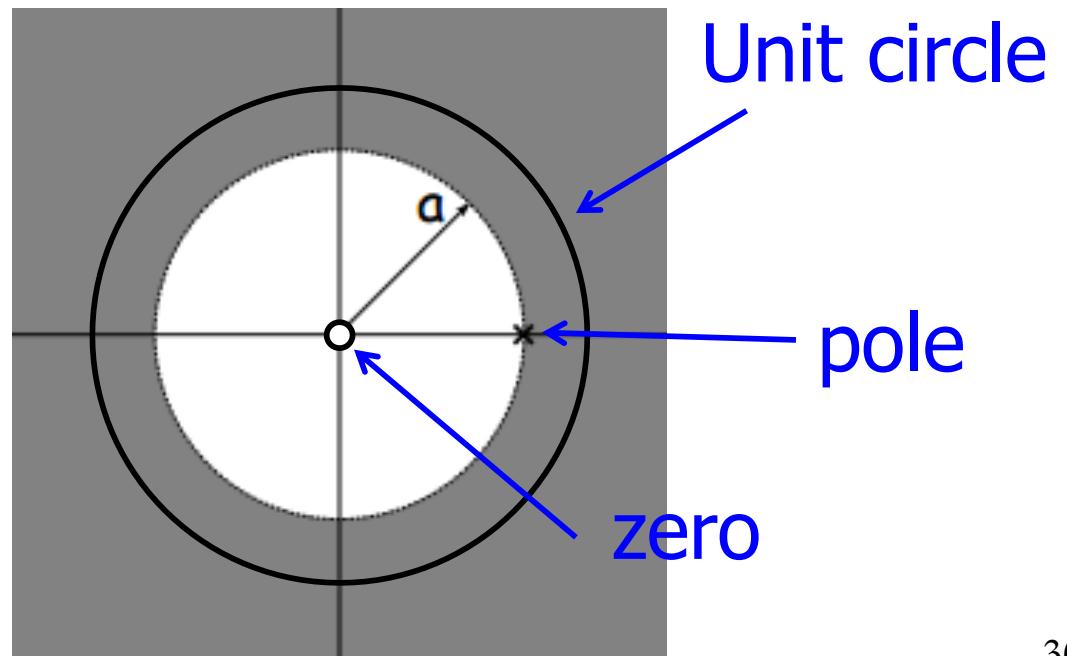
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- The z-transform without ROC does not uniquely define a sequence!



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

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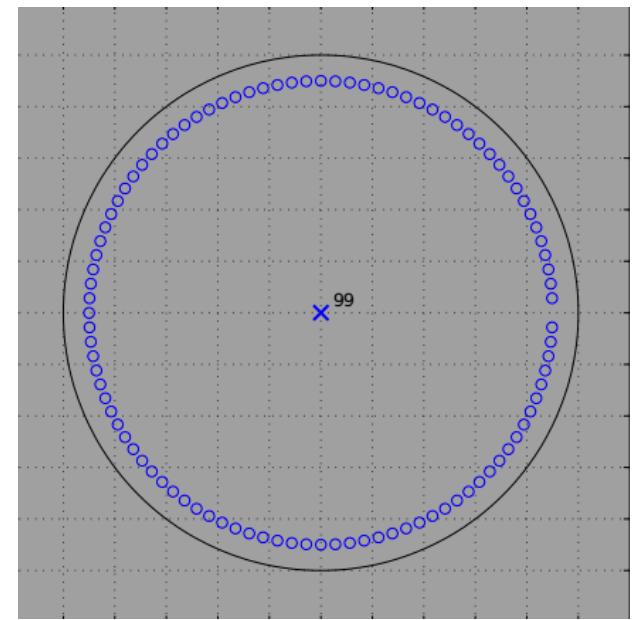
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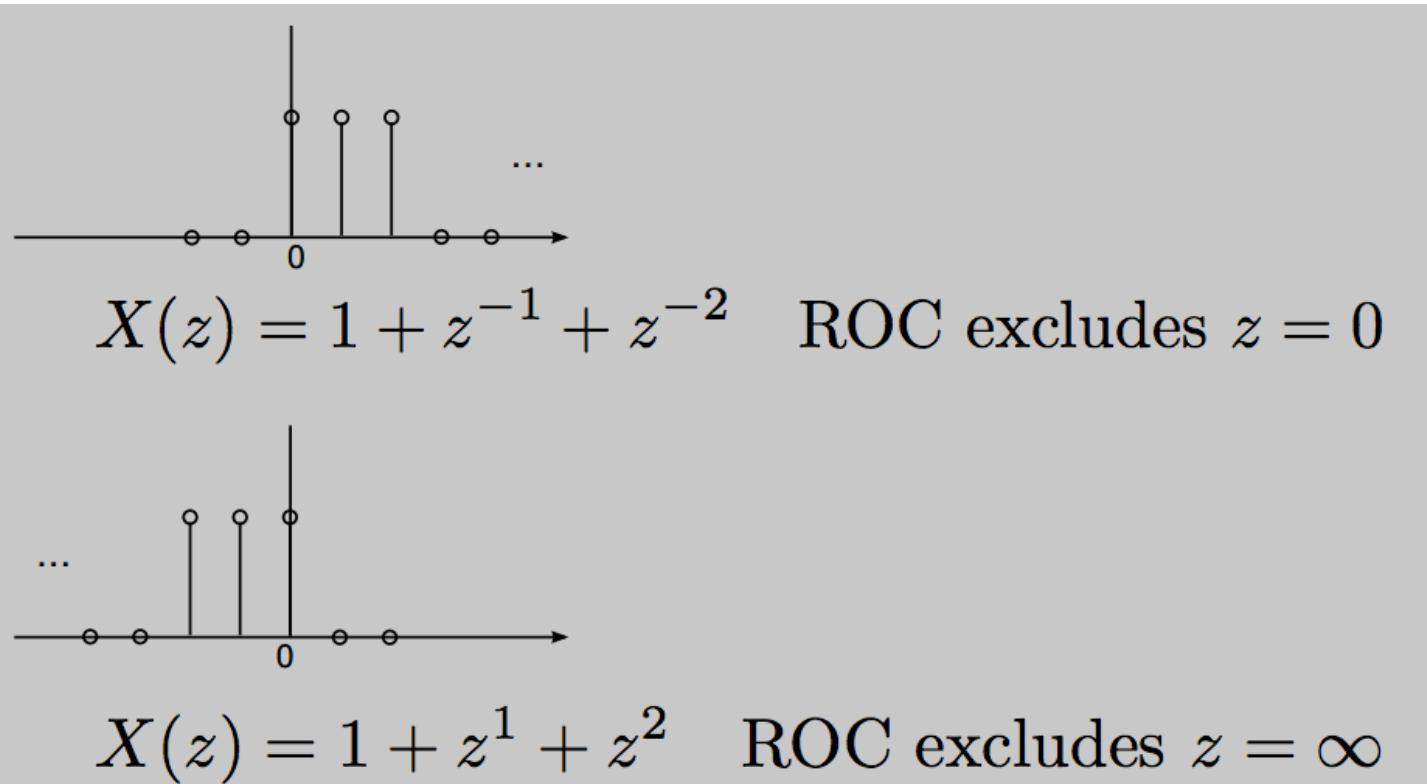
# Properties of ROC

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- 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 does not exist
  - Examples 4,5

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





# Formal Properties of the ROC

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- 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  $z = \infty$ .



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- 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:

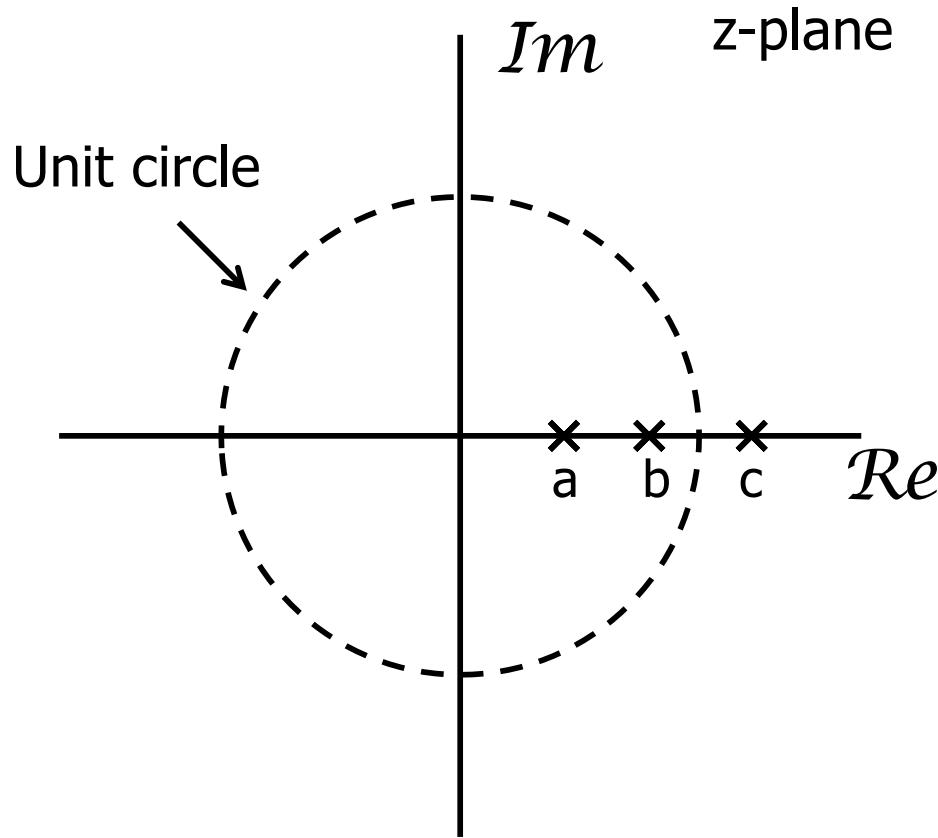
- A *two-sided sequence* is an infinite-duration sequence that is neither right sided nor left sided. If  $x[n]$  is a two-sided sequence, the ROC will consist of a ring in the  $z$ -plane, bounded on the interior and exterior by a pole and, consistent with Property 3, not containing any poles.

- PROPERTY 8:

- The ROC must be a connected region.

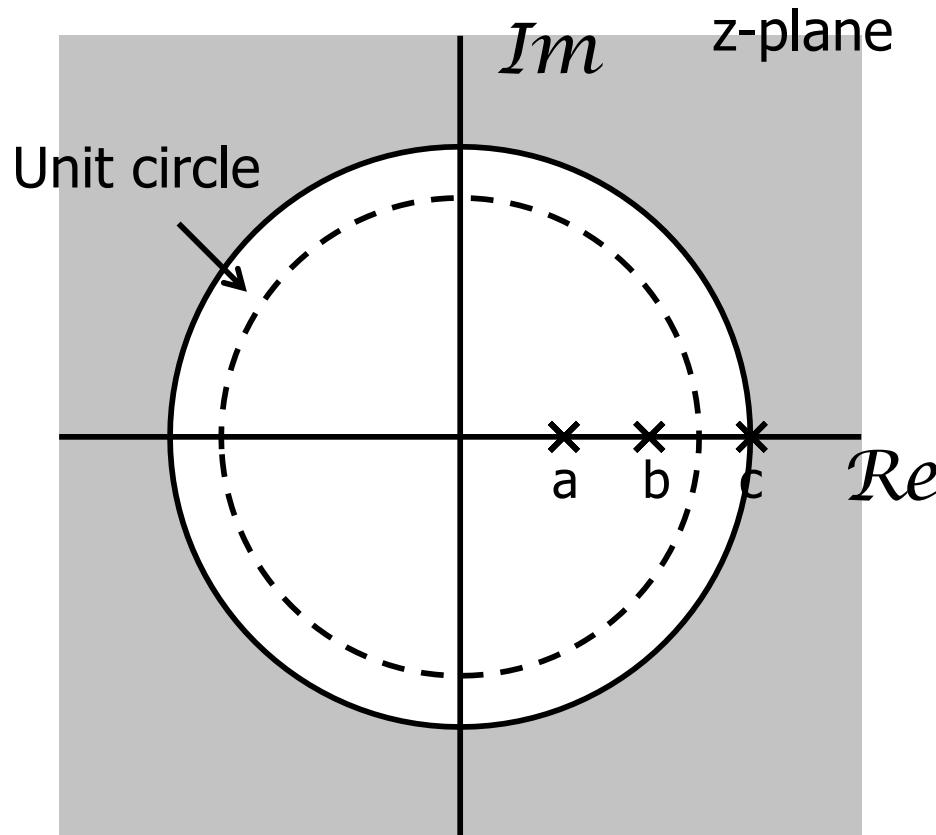
# Example: ROC from Pole-Zero Plot

- How many possible ROCs?



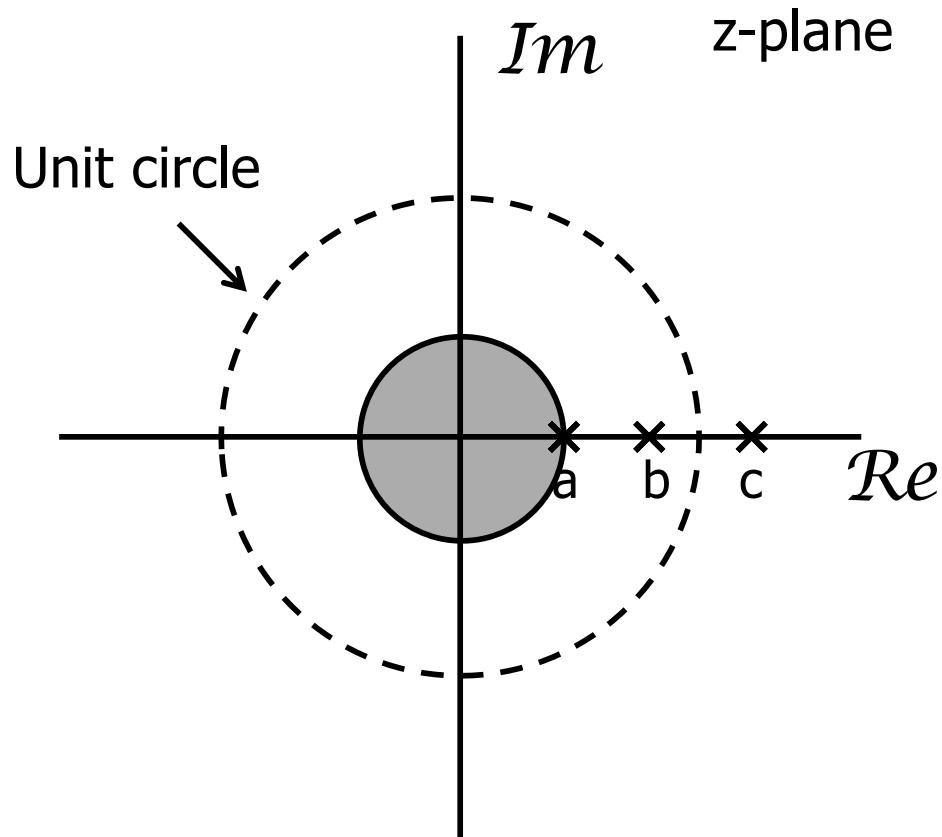
# Example: ROC from Pole-Zero Plot

## ROC 1: right-sided



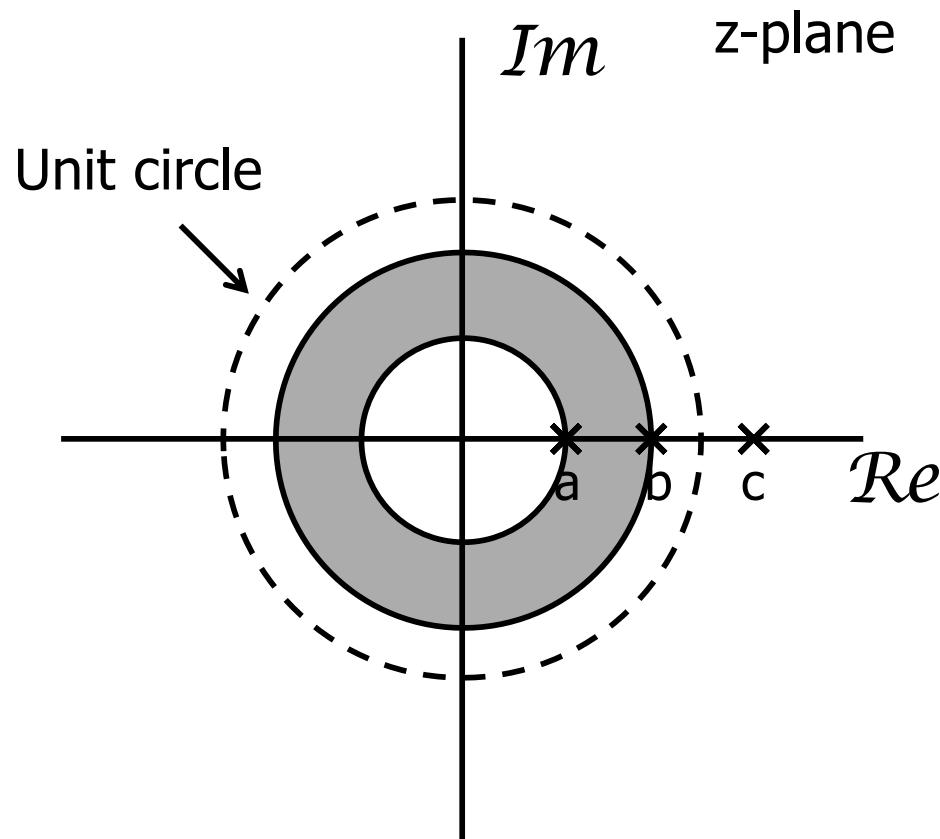
# Example: ROC from Pole-Zero Plot

## ROC 2: left-sided



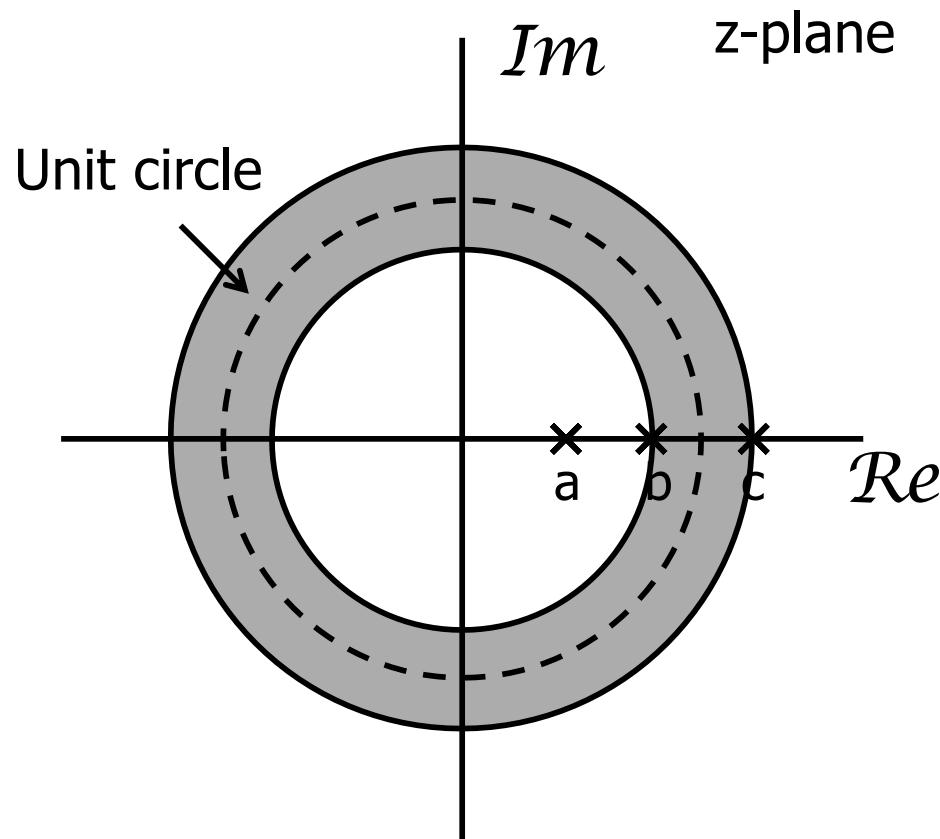
# Example: ROC from Pole-Zero Plot

## ROC 3: two-sided



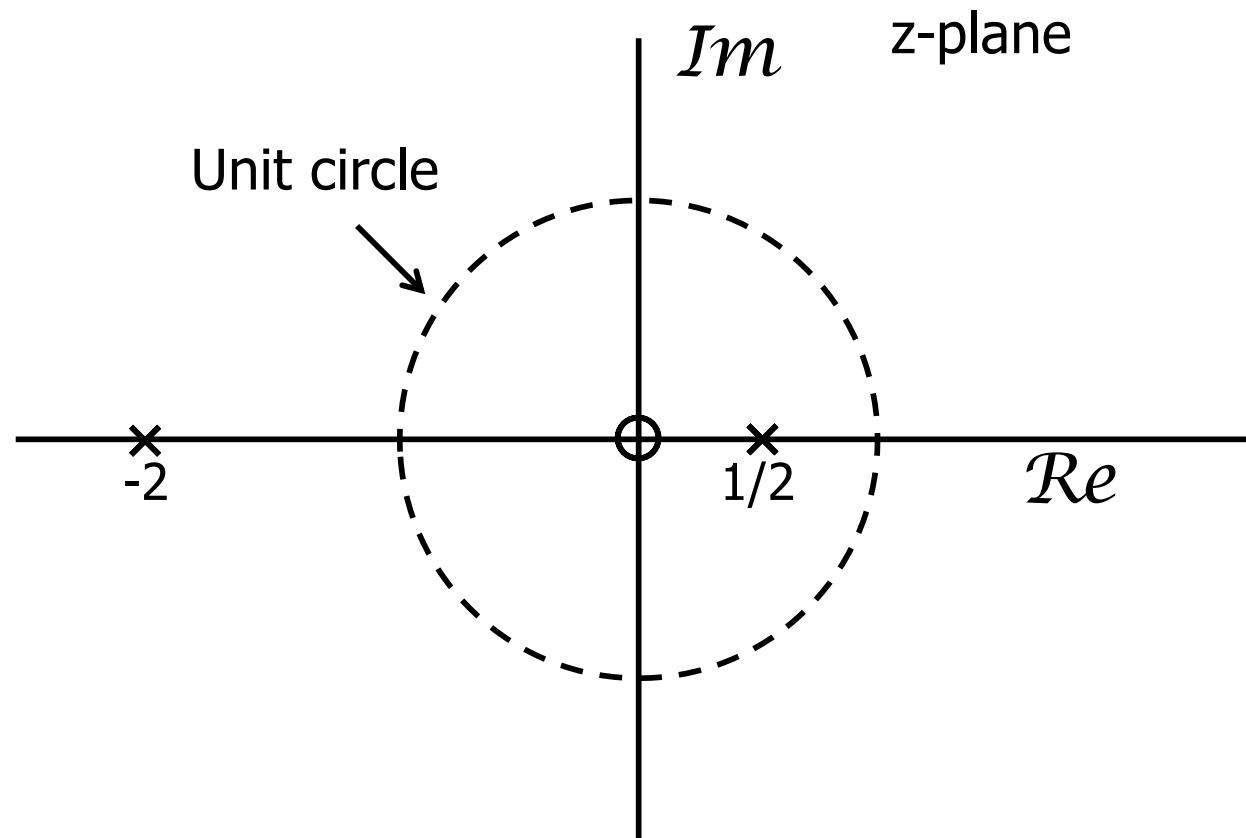
# Example: ROC from Pole-Zero Plot

## ROC 4: two-sided



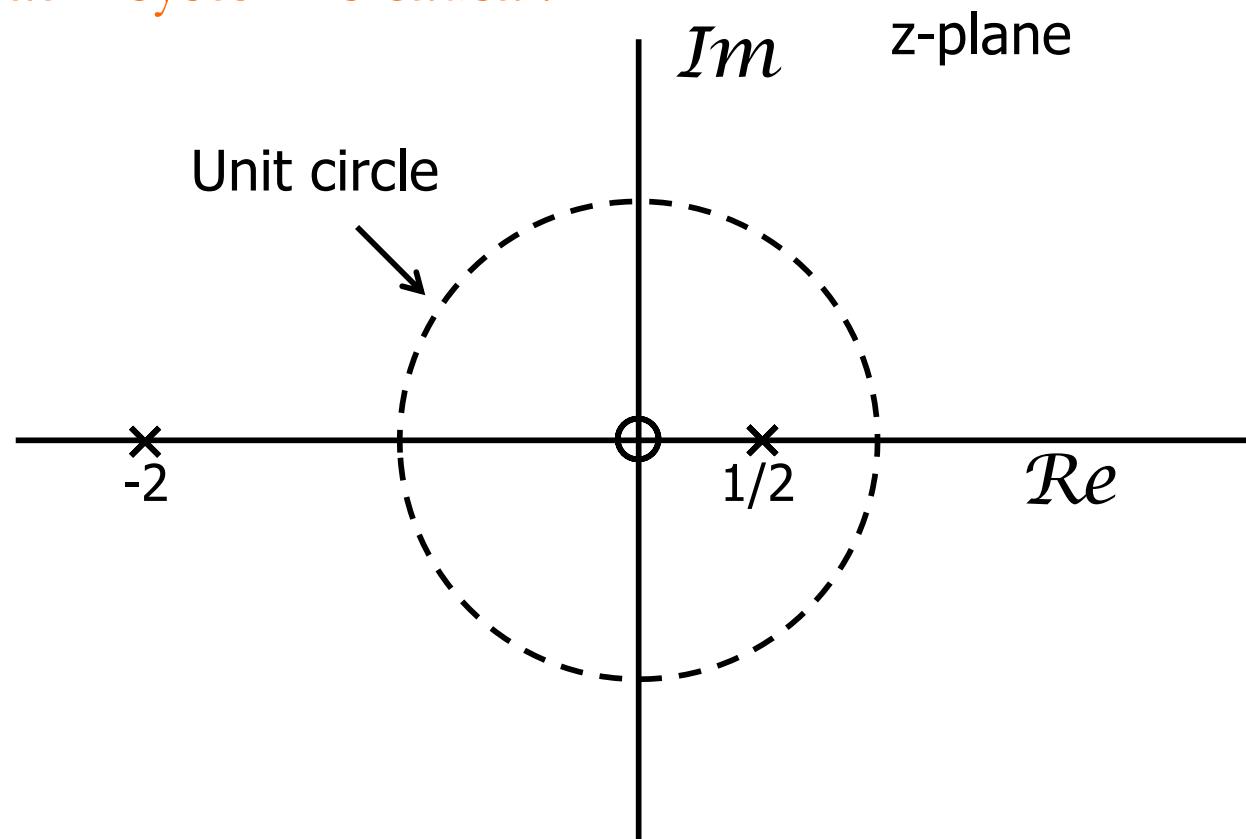
# Example: Pole-Zero Plot

- $H(z)$  for an LTI System
  - How many possible ROCs?



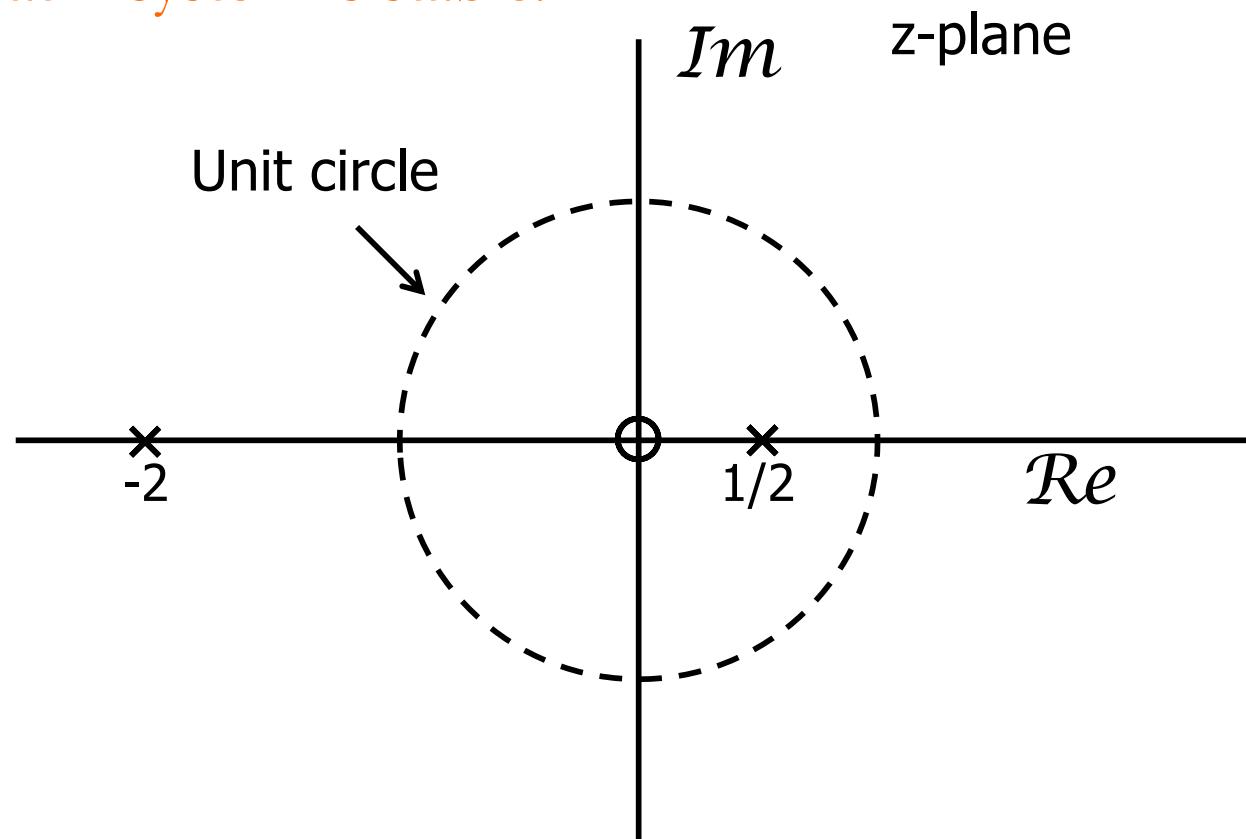
# Example: Pole-Zero Plot

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



# Example: Pole-Zero Plot

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





# Region of Convergence (ROC)

DEFINITION

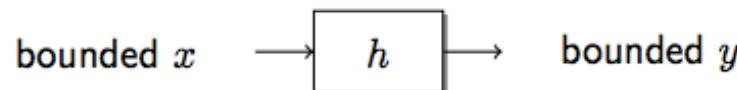
Given a time signal  $x[n]$ , the **region of convergence** (ROC) of its  $z$ -transform  $X(z)$  is the set of  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $X(z)$  converges, that is, the set of  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $x[n] z^{-n}$  is absolutely summable

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

# BIBO Stability Revisited

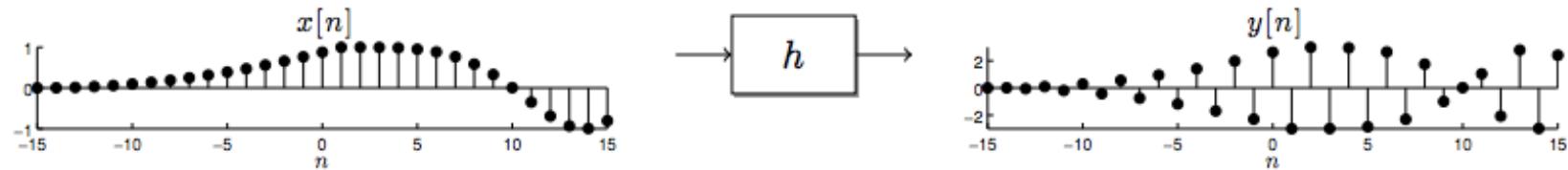
## DEFINITION

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



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

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

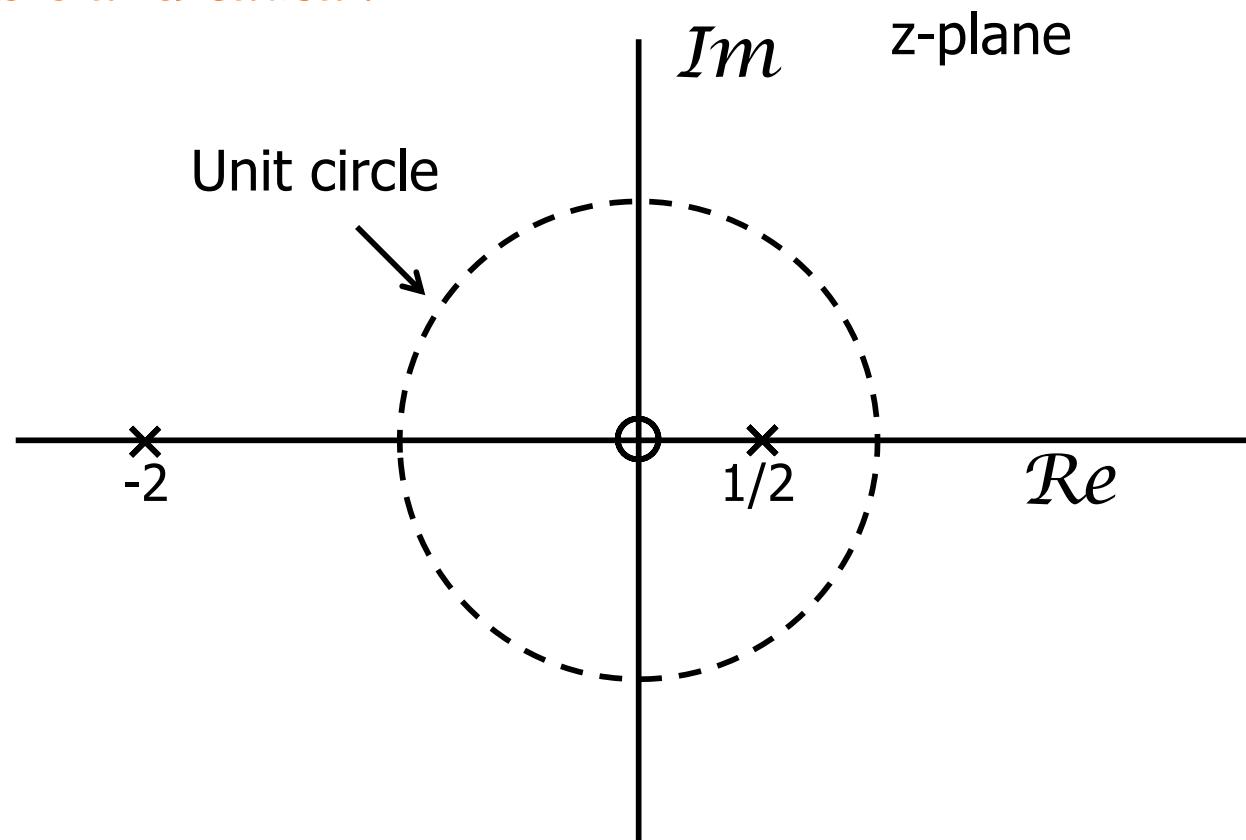


- **Fact:** An LTI system with impulse response  $h$  is BIBO stable if and only if

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

# Example: Pole-Zero Plot

- $H(z)$  for an LTI System
  - How many possible ROCs?
  - Stable and causal?



# z-transform Pairs

TABLE 3.1 SOME COMMON z-TRANSFORM PAIRS

Sequence	Transform	ROC
1. $\delta[n]$	1	All $z$
2. $u[n]$	$\frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}}$	$ z  > 1$
3. $-u[-n - 1]$	$\frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}}$	$ z  < 1$
4. $\delta[n - m]$	$z^{-m}$	All $z$ except 0 (if $m > 0$ ) or $\infty$ (if $m < 0$ )
5. $a^n u[n]$	$\frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}}$	$ z  >  a $
6. $-a^n u[-n - 1]$	$\frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}}$	$ z  <  a $
7. $na^n u[n]$	$\frac{az^{-1}}{(1 - az^{-1})^2}$	$ z  >  a $
8. $-na^n u[-n - 1]$	$\frac{az^{-1}}{(1 - az^{-1})^2}$	$ z  <  a $
9. $\cos(\omega_0 n)u[n]$	$\frac{1 - \cos(\omega_0)z^{-1}}{1 - 2\cos(\omega_0)z^{-1} + z^{-2}}$	$ z  > 1$
10. $\sin(\omega_0 n)u[n]$	$\frac{\sin(\omega_0)z^{-1}}{1 - 2\cos(\omega_0)z^{-1} + z^{-2}}$	$ z  > 1$
11. $r^n \cos(\omega_0 n)u[n]$	$\frac{1 - r \cos(\omega_0)z^{-1}}{1 - 2r \cos(\omega_0)z^{-1} + r^2 z^{-2}}$	$ z  > r$
12. $r^n \sin(\omega_0 n)u[n]$	$\frac{r \sin(\omega_0)z^{-1}}{1 - 2r \cos(\omega_0)z^{-1} + r^2 z^{-2}}$	$ z  > r$
13. $\begin{cases} a^n, & 0 \leq n \leq N - 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	$\frac{1 - a^N z^{-N}}{1 - az^{-1}}$	$ z  > 0$



# Properties of z-Transform

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- 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

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- 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>  $\wedge$  ROC<sub>H</sub>

# z-transform Properties

**TABLE 3.2** SOME z-TRANSFORM PROPERTIES

Property Number	Section Reference	Sequence	Transform	ROC
1	3.4.1	$x[n]$	$X(z)$	$R_x$
		$x_1[n]$	$X_1(z)$	$R_{x_1}$
		$x_2[n]$	$X_2(z)$	$R_{x_2}$
2	3.4.2	$x[n - n_0]$	$z^{-n_0} X(z)$	$R_x$ , except for the possible addition or deletion of the origin or $\infty$
3	3.4.3	$z_0^n x[n]$	$X(z/z_0)$	$ z_0  R_x$
4	3.4.4	$n x[n]$	$-z \frac{dX(z)}{dz}$	$R_x$
5	3.4.5	$x^*[n]$	$X^*(z^*)$	$R_x$
6		$\mathcal{R}e\{x[n]\}$	$\frac{1}{2}[X(z) + X^*(z^*)]$	Contains $R_x$
7		$\mathcal{I}m\{x[n]\}$	$\frac{1}{2j}[X(z) - X^*(z^*)]$	Contains $R_x$
8	3.4.6	$x^*[-n]$	$X^*(1/z^*)$	$1/R_x$
9	3.4.7	$x_1[n] * x_2[n]$	$X_1(z)X_2(z)$	Contains $R_{x_1} \cap R_{x_2}$



# Big Ideas

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## □ 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



# Admin

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- ❑ HW 1 out now
  - Due 1/29 at midnight
  - Submit in Canvas/Gradescope
- ❑ HW 2 posted on Sunday
  
- ❑ Jiyue updated office hours location
  - In person: T 5-7pm in Towne M70
  - Full details on course webpage