# EEO 401 <br> Digital Signal Processing Prof. Mark Fowler 

## Note Set \#6

- Intro to Z-Transform
- Reading Assignment: Sect. 3.1 of Proakis \& Manolakis


## Discrete-Time System Relationships

## Time Domain

$\underline{Z} /$ Freq Domain


$$
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$$



$$
\text { Unit Circle } \quad H^{z}(z)=Z\{h[n]\}
$$

$$
z=e^{j \omega}
$$

If UC in ROC

$$
H^{\mathrm{f}}(\omega)=\operatorname{DTFT}\{h[n]\}
$$

## Transforms for Systems

DTFT of Impulse Reponse $=$ Frequency Response of System

$$
H^{\mathrm{f}}(\omega)=\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} h[n] e^{-j \omega n} \quad \underline{\underline{\text { Discrete}} \text { Time }} \underset{\underline{\text { Fourier Transform }}}{ }
$$

ZT of Impulse Reponse = Transfer Function of System
$H^{z}(z)=\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} h[n] z^{-n}$

## For Zero ICs Only

$$
\begin{gathered}
Y^{\mathrm{f}}(\omega)=H^{\mathrm{f}}(\omega) X^{\mathrm{f}}(\omega) \\
Y^{\mathrm{z}}(z)=H^{\mathrm{z}}(z) X^{\mathrm{z}}(z)
\end{gathered}
$$

Q: If both FR \& TF reduce system analysis to multiplication why do we need both??
A: TF is a generalization of FR... it allows

- Greater insight into system characteristics... it is a more powerful tool!!
- Application to wider class of systems (namely... unstable systems)
- Easily extended to allow handling ICs (more of a "Controls" topic than DSP)

Q: If TF is more powerful why even consider FR?
A: FR provides a better connection back to "reality"

DTFT is also used to analyze signals... ZT is not really a useful signal analysis tool

- Based on Fourier ideas... connects back to how systems modify sinusoids


## Z-Transform Definition

Given a D-T signal $x[n]-\infty<n<\infty$ the DTFT of $x[n]$ is given by:

$$
D T F T: X(\omega)=\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] e^{-j \omega n} \quad(\text { Periodic in } \omega \text { with period } 2 \pi)
$$

Issue: The sum in the DTFT doesn't converge for some signals... In particular, for the impulse response of an unstable system.

So, to extend applicability to such cases we include a decay into the transform:


## Z-Transform (Two-Sided)

$$
X^{z}(z)=\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] z^{-n} \quad z \text { is complex-valued }
$$

The "one-sided" ZT is used more in control systems... less in DSP.

So... the Z-Transform gives a complex-valued function on a complex plane called the "z-plane"

Plot Magnitude on complex z-plane. (Rarely actually plot phase on z-plane)

For the Z-Transform we'll need to divide the plane into two parts:

- those values of $z$ inside the unit circle
- those values of $z$ outside the unit circle



## Region of Convergence (ROC)

Remember that the whole motivation for the Z-Transform was to give a transform that "converges" for a wider class of signals than does the DTFT

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { DTFT }: X(\omega)=\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] e^{-j \omega n} \\
& Z T: \quad X^{z}(z)=\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] z^{-n} Z^{-n} \triangleq\left(\alpha e^{j \omega}\right)^{-n}
\end{aligned}
$$

So... given a signal for which the DTFT does not converge the ZT will converge for only certain values of $z$ (clearly in this case it can’t converge for those $z$ with $|z|=1!!!$ )

So... in general then... for each signal $x[n]$ there will only be certain values of $z$ for which the ZT summation converges (or sometimes none at all!).

Define: ROC $=$ Set of all $z$ values for which the ZT sum converges $(|X(z)|<\infty)$
Each signal has its own region of convergence.

## Example of Finding the ZT: Unit Impulse Sequence

$$
\delta[n]= \begin{cases}1, & n=0 \\ 0, & n \neq 0\end{cases}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
Z\{\delta[n]\} & =\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta[n] z^{-n} \\
& =\cdots+0 \times z^{2}+0 \times z^{1}+1 \times z^{0}+0 \times z^{-1}+0 \times z^{-2}+\cdots
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
=1
$$

ROC = all complex \#'s

$$
\delta[n] \leftrightarrow 1 \quad \text { ROC }=\{\text { all } z\}
$$

There's really only one term here so convergence is not an issue!

This result and many others are on Table of Z Transforms available on my website...

## Z Transform of Finite-Duration Signals

For finite-duration signals the ZT is easy to find and the ROC is also easy to find because there are not infinitely many terms in the summation!
Example: $x[n]=\{1,2,5,7,0,1\}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
Z\{x[n]\} & =\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] z^{-n} \\
& =\cdots+0 z^{1}+1 z^{0}+2 z^{-1}+5 z^{-2}+7 z^{-3}+1 \\
& =1+2 z^{-1}+5 z^{-2}+7 z^{-3}+z^{-5} \\
& \quad \text { ROC }=\text { entire } z \text { plane except } z=0
\end{aligned}
$$

Finite Duration \& Causal

$$
=\cdots+0 z^{1}+1 z^{0}+2 z^{-1}+5 z^{-2}+7 z^{-3}+0 z^{-4}+1 z^{-5}+0 z^{-6}+\cdots
$$

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

$$
\begin{aligned}
Z\{x[n]\} & =\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] z^{-n} \\
& =1 z^{2}+2 z^{1}+5+7 z^{-1}+z^{-3}
\end{aligned}
$$

Finite Duration \& "Bi-Directional"

ROC = entire z plane except $z=0$ and $z=\infty$

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

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\begin{aligned}
Z\{x[n]\} & =\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] z^{-n} \\
& =1 z^{5}+2 z^{4}+5 z^{3}+7 z^{2}+1
\end{aligned}
$$

Finite Duration \&
Anti-Causal
ROC $=$ entire z plane

$$
\text { except } z=\infty
$$

## Summary of ROC for Finite-Duration Signals

| Type of Finite-Duration Signal | ROC |
| :--- | :--- |
| Causal | All $z$ except $z=0$ |
| Anti-Causal | All $z$ except $z=\infty$ |
| Bi-Directional | All $z$ except $z=\infty \& z=0$ |

## Z Transform of Infinite-Duration Signals

For infinite-duration signals finding the ZT is harder and finding the ROC requires some attention!

Example of Finding the ZT: Unit Step $u[n]$
$U^{z}(z)=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u[n] z^{-n}=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^{-n}=\frac{1}{1-z^{-1}}=\frac{z}{z-1}$
Using standard result for "geometric sum"... converges when $|z|>1$


## Example of Finding the ZT: Causal Exponential

$$
x[n]=a^{n} u[n]
$$

Using standard result for "geometric sum"... converges if $|a / z|<1$
Again using geometric sum: $\quad X^{z}(z)=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a^{n} z^{-n}=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\left(\frac{a}{z}\right)^{n} \stackrel{1}{1-a z^{-1}}=\frac{z}{z-a}$
Note: The example for $u[n]$ is just

$$
\text { ROC }=\text { all } z \text { such that }|z|>|a|
$$ a special case of this example

$$
a^{n} u[n] \leftrightarrow \frac{z}{z-a}=\frac{1}{1-a z^{-1}} \quad \text { ROC }=\text { all } z \text { such that }|z|>|a|
$$



## General Result for ROC of Causal Signal

$$
X^{z}(z)=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x[n] z^{-n}=x[0] z^{0}+x[1] z^{-1}+x[2] z^{-2}+x[3] z^{-3}+\cdots
$$

$$
\text { Now use } Z \triangleq \alpha e^{j \omega}
$$

$$
X^{z}(z)=x[0]+x[1] \alpha^{-1} e^{-j \omega}+x[2] \alpha^{-2} e^{-j 2 \omega}+x[3] \alpha^{-3} e^{-j 3 \omega}+\cdots
$$

With a little thought we can guess that it should be the value of $\alpha$ that will be important to ensure that the terms in this sum get "small enough" "fast enough" so that the summation converges.

And... we can actually show that mathematically:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left|X^{z}(z)\right| & =\left|\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x[n] z^{-n}\right| \leq \sum_{n=0}^{|a+b| \leq|a|+|b|}\left|x[n] z^{-n}\right|=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}|x[n]|\left|z^{-n}\right| \\
& =\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}|x[n]|\left|\alpha^{-n}\right| \underbrace{e^{-j \omega n}}_{=1}=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{|x[n]|}{\alpha^{n}} \\
z & \triangleq \alpha e^{j \omega}, \alpha \geq 0
\end{aligned}
$$

So only $\alpha$ (magnitude of $z$ ) matters when finding $z$ values to ensure $|X(z)|<\infty$

So... $\left|X^{z}(z)\right| \leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{|x[n]|}{\alpha^{n}}$
And... the slower $|x[n]|$ decays the faster we need $1 / \alpha^{n}$ to decay. Note that if we find some value of $\alpha$ that works, all values larger than it will also work.

Thus, if there is a ROC then there is some smallest $\alpha$ that works and all $z$ with magnitudes larger than it will be in the ROC.


Note that the result for a finite-duration causal signal is consistent with this, where $R_{c}=0$

## General Result for ROC of Anti-Causal Signal

$X^{z}(z)=\sum_{n=-\infty}^{0} x[n] z^{-n}=x[0] z^{0}+x[-1] z^{1}+x[-2] z^{2}+x[-3] z^{3}+\cdots$ Now use $Z \triangleq \alpha e^{j \omega}$

$$
X^{z}(z)=x[0]+x[-1] \alpha^{1} e^{j \omega}+x[-2] \alpha^{2} e^{j 2 \omega}+x[-3] \alpha^{3} e^{j 3 \omega}+\cdots
$$

And... we can actually show that mathematically:

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& =\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}|x[-n]|\left|\alpha^{n}\right| \underbrace{e^{j \omega n}}_{=1}=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}|x[-n]| \alpha^{n}
\end{aligned}
$$

So... $\left|X^{z}(z)\right| \leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty}|x[-n]| \alpha^{n}$
And... the slower $|x[-n]|$ decays the faster we need $\alpha^{n}$ to decay. Note that if we find some value of $\alpha$ that works, all values smaller than it will also work.

Thus, if there is a ROC then there is some largest $\alpha$ that works and all $z$ with smalller larger than it will be in the ROC.


Note that the result for a finite-duration anti-causal signal is consistent with this, where $R_{a}=\infty$

## General Result for ROC

Any general signal can be decomposed into one part that is causal and one part that is anti-causal. So it is no surprise that in general the ROC would be a ringshaped (annular) region:

$$
R O C=\left\{z\left|R_{c}<|z|<R_{a}\right\}\right.
$$



Note that if for the given signal we have that $\mathrm{Ra}<\mathrm{Rc}$ then the two individual regions (causal \& anti-causal) do not overlap and there is no region of $z$ such that both parts converge. Then we say that there is no ROC for that signal and we can not apply the ZT to that signal.

## Summary of Results for ROC

Causal Signal


Bi-Directional Signal


## Connection between ZT and DTFT:

If the ROC contains the UC then the ZT converges for $z=e^{j \omega}$ and that means that the DTFT exists. So then if we have the ZT we can easily convert it into a DTFT by replacing z by $e^{j \omega}$

## Example:

$$
x[n]=a^{n} u[n] \quad \leftrightarrow \quad X^{z}(z)=\frac{z}{z-a}=\frac{1}{1-a z^{-1}} \quad \text { ROC }=\text { all } z \text { such that }|z|>|a|
$$

If $|a|<1$ then ROC includes the UC and the DTFT of this signal is

$$
X^{z}(z)=\frac{1}{1-a z^{-1}} \Rightarrow \quad X^{\mathrm{f}}(\omega)=\left.X^{z}(z)\right|_{z=e^{j \omega}}=\left.\frac{1}{1-a z^{-1}}\right|_{z=e^{j \omega}}=\frac{1}{1-a e^{-j \omega}}
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