

EECE 301  
Signals & Systems  
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**Note Set #32**

- D-T Systems: Z-Transform ... Solving Difference Eqs. w/ ICs.

# Two Different Scenarios for ZT Analysis

We've already used the ZT to analyze a DT system described by a Difference Equation...

However, our focus there was:

- For inputs that *could* exist for all time:  $-\infty < n < \infty$
- For systems that did not have Initial Conditions

Can't really think of ICs if the signal never really "starts"...

This is a common view in areas like signal processing and communications...

For that we used the bilateral ZT and found:  $y[n] = Z^{-1} \{H(z)X(z)\}$

But in some areas (like control systems) it is more common to consider:

- Inputs that *Start* at time  $n = 0$  (input  $x[n] = 0$  for  $n < 0$ )
- Systems w/ Initial Conditions (output  $y[n]$  has values for some  $n < 0$ )

For that scenario it is best to use the unilateral ZT...

One sided Z-transform

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x[n]z^{-n}$$

$z$  is complex-valued

Note that we will apply this to  $x[n]$  even though it has non-zero ICs

# Properties of Unilateral ZT

Most of the properties are the same as for the bilateral form

But... there are important difference for the unilateral ZT of shifted signals

## Unilateral ZT of Right Shift for **\*\*Causal Signal\*\***

Let  $x[n] = 0, n < 0$

$$\text{If } x[n] \leftrightarrow X(z), \quad \text{then} \quad x[n - q] \leftrightarrow z^{-q} X(z)$$

We use the symbol for an input here since we now assume our input  $x[n]$  to be **causal**.

"Proof":  $X(z) = x[0]z^0 + x[1]z^{-1} + x[2]z^{-2} + \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} Z\{x[n - q]\} &= \underbrace{0z^0 + 0z^{-1} + \dots + 0z^{-q+1}}_{= 0} + x[0]z^{-q} + x[1]z^{-q-1} + \dots \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$= x[0]z^0 z^{-q} + x[1]z^{-1} z^{-q} + x[2]z^{-2} z^{-q} + \dots$$

$$= z^{-q} \left[ x[0]z^0 + x[1]z^{-1} + \dots \right]$$

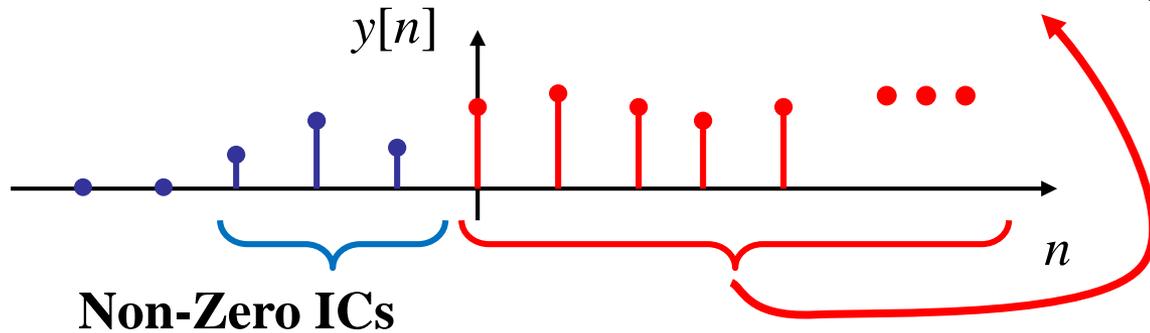
$$= X(z)$$

Pull out the  $z^{-q}$

# Unilateral ZT of Right Shift for **\*\*Non-Causal Signal\*\***

Let  $y[n]$  be a non-causal signal...  $y[n] \neq 0$  for some  $n < 0$

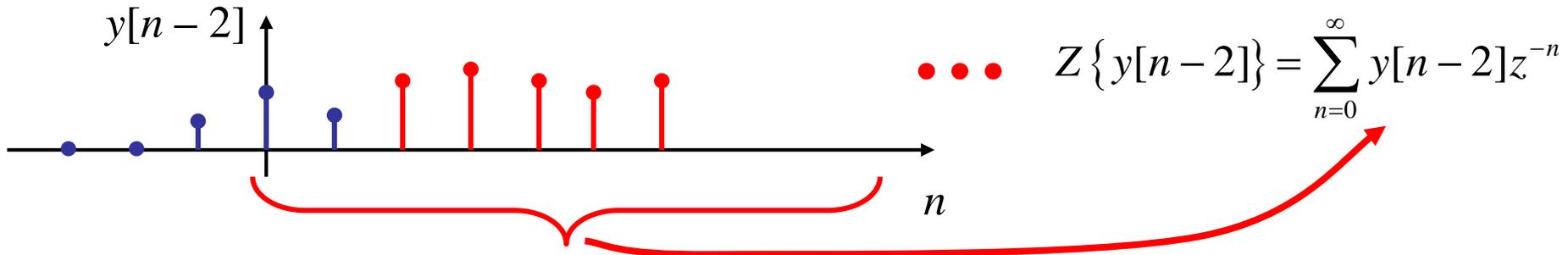
Then the One-Sided ZT is:  $y[n] \leftrightarrow Y(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} y[n]z^{-n}$



We use the symbol for output here since we now assume our output  $y[n]$  to be **non-causal**.

Because  $y[n]$  is not causal... not all non-zero values of  $y[n]$  are used here!!!

Note that right-shifting a non-causal signal brings new values into the one-sided ZT summation!!!



**What is  $Z\{y[n-q]\}$  in terms of  $Y(z)$ ??**

We'll write this property for the first 2 values of  $q$ ...

$$\begin{aligned} y[n-1] &\leftrightarrow z^{-1}Y(z) + y[-1] \\ y[n-2] &\leftrightarrow z^{-2}Y(z) + y[-1]z^{-1} + y[-2] \\ &\vdots \qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots \end{aligned}$$

... and then write the general result:

$$y[n-q] \leftrightarrow z^{-q}Y(z) + y[-1]z^{-q+1} + y[-2]z^{-q+2} + \dots + z^{-1}y[-q+1] + y[-q]$$

“Proof” for  $q = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} Z\{y[n-q]\} &= y[-2]z^0 + y[-1]z^{-1} + y[0]z^{-2} + y[1]z^{-3} + \dots \\ &= \underbrace{y[-2]z^0 + y[-1]z^{-1}} + z^{-2} \underbrace{(y[0]z^0 + y[1]z^{-1} + \dots)}_{Y(z)} \end{aligned}$$

Parts that get “shifted into” the one-sided ZT’s “machinery”

**Now... we've got all the ZT machinery needed to solve a D.E. with ICs!!!**

## Solving a First-order Difference Equation using the ZT

Given:  $y[n] + ay[n-1] = bx[n]$

IC =  $y[-1]$

$x[n]$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Solve for:  $y[n]$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Recalling recursive form:

$$y[n] = ay[n-1] + bx[n]$$

we see why one IC is needed!

Take ZT of difference equation:

$$Z\{y[n] + ay[n-1]\} = Z\{bx[n]\}$$

Use Linearity of ZT

$$Z\{y[n]\} + aZ\{y[n-1]\} = bZ\{x[n]\}$$

$Y(z)$

$X(z)$

Need Right-Shift Property... for non-causal signal because  $y[n]$  has ICs!!!

$$Z\{y[n-1]\} = z^{-1}Y(z) + y[-1]$$

Using these results gives:

$$Y(z) + a[z^{-1}Y(z) + y[-1]] = bX(z)$$

...which is an algebraic equation that can be solved for  $Y(z)$ !

Now...Solving that algebraic equation  $Y(z)$  gives:

$$Y(z) = \frac{-ay[-1]}{1+az^{-1}} + \frac{b}{1+az^{-1}} X(z)$$

Not the best form for doing Inverse ZT... we want things in terms of  $z$  not  $z^{-1}$

Multiply each term by  $z/z$

$$Y(z) = -ay[-1] \frac{z}{z+a} + \frac{bz}{z+a} X(z)$$

On ZT Table

Part due to input signal modified by Transfer Function

$$H(z) = \frac{bz}{z+a}$$

$$y[n] = -ay[-1](-a)^n u[n] + Z^{-1}\{H(z)X(z)\}$$

If  $|a| < 1$  this dies out as  $n \uparrow$ , its an IC-driven transient

If the ICs are zero, this is all we have!!!

**Two parts to the solution: one due to ICs and one due to Input!!!**

## Ex.: Solving a Difference Equation using ZT: 1<sup>st</sup>-Order System w/ Step Input

$$\text{For } x[n] = u[n] \leftrightarrow X(z) = \frac{z}{z-1}$$

Then using our general results we just derived we get:

$$Y(z) = \frac{-ay[-1]z}{z+a} + \left( \frac{bz}{z+a} \right) \left( \frac{z}{z-1} \right)$$

For now assume that  $a \neq -1$  so we don't have a repeated root.

Then doing Partial Fraction Expansion we get (and we have to do the PFE by hand because we don't know  $a$ ... but it is not that hard!!!)

$$Y(z) = \frac{-ay[-1]z}{z+a} + \frac{\left(\frac{ab}{a+1}\right)z}{z+a} + \frac{\left(\frac{b}{a+1}\right)z}{z-1}$$

Now using  
ZT Table we  
get:

$$y[n] = -ay[-1](-a)^n + \frac{b}{a+1} \left[ a(-a)^n + (1)^n \right] \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

**IC-Driven Transient:**  
**decays if system is stable**

**Input-Driven Output... 2 Terms:**

**1<sup>st</sup> term decays (called "Transient")**

**2<sup>nd</sup> term persists (called "Steady State")**

## Solving a Second-order Difference Equation using the ZT

The Given Difference Equation:  $y[n] + a_1 y[n-1] + a_2 y[n-2] = b_0 x[n] + b_1 x[n-1]$

Assume that the input is causal

Assume you are given ICs:  $y[-1]$  &  $y[-2]$

**Find the system response  $y[n]$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$**

Take the ZT using the non-causal right-shift property:

$$Y(z) + a_1(z^{-1}Y(z) + y[-1]) + a_2(z^{-2}Y(z) + z^{-1}y[-1] + y[-2]) = b_0 X(z) + b_1 z^{-1} X(z)$$

**Errors in Video!**

$$Y(z) = \frac{-(a_1 y[-1] + a_2 y[-2])z^{-1} - a_2 y[-1]}{1 + a_1 z^{-1} + a_2 z^{-2}} + \underbrace{\frac{b_0 + b_1 z^{-1}}{1 + a_1 z^{-1} + a_2 z^{-2}}}_{H(z)} X(z)$$

**Due to IC's... decays  
if system is stable**

$H(z)$

**Due to input – will have  
transient part and  
steady-state part**

Let's take a look at the IC-Driven transient part:

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$$Y_{zi}(z) = \frac{-(a_1 y[-1] + a_2 y[-2])z^{-1} - a_2 y[-1]}{1 + a_1 z^{-1} + a_2 z^{-2}} = \frac{A - Bz^{-1}}{1 + a_1 z^{-1} + a_2 z^{-2}}$$

Multiply top and bottom by  $z^2$ :

$$Y_{zi}(z) = \frac{Az^2 + Bz}{z^2 + a_1 z + a_2}$$

Now to do an inverse ZT on this requires a bit of trickery...

Take the bottom two entries on the ZT table and form a linear combination:

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 a^n \cos(\Omega_o n) u[n] \\ + C_2 a^n \sin(\Omega_o n) u[n] \end{aligned} \leftrightarrow \frac{C_1 z^2 + a(C_2 \sin(\Omega_o) - C_1 \cos(\Omega_o))z}{z^2 - 2a \cos(\Omega_o)z + a^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \sqrt{a_2} & \Omega_0 &= \cos^{-1} \left[ \frac{-a_1}{2\sqrt{a_2}} \right] \\ C_1 &= A & C_2 &= \frac{B}{a \sin(\Omega_0)} - C_1 \frac{\cos(\Omega_0)}{\sin(\Omega_0)} \end{aligned}$$

Compare  
&  
Identify

Finally, by a trig ID we know that

$$C_1 a^n \cos(\Omega_o n) u[n] + C_2 a^n \sin(\Omega_o n) u[n] = C a^n \cos(\Omega_o n + \theta) u[n]$$

So... all of this machinery leads to the insight that the IC-Driven transient of a second-order system will look like this:

$$y_{zi}[n] = C a^n \cos(\Omega_o n + \theta) u[n]$$

...where:

1. The frequency  $\Omega_o$  and exponential  $a$  are set by the Characteristic Eq.



$$a = \sqrt{a_2} \quad \Omega_o = \cos^{-1} \left[ \frac{-a_1}{2\sqrt{a_2}} \right]$$

2. The amplitude  $C$  and the phase  $\theta$  are set by the ICs

Note: If  $|a_2| < 1$  then we get a decaying response!!

## Solving a N<sup>th</sup>-order Difference Equation using the ZT

$$y[n] + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N a_i y[n-i]}_{\text{}} = \underbrace{\sum_{i=0}^M b_i x[n-i]}_{\text{}}$$

Contains  $x[n], x[n-1], \dots$

If this system is causal, we won't have  $x[n+1], x[n+2], \dots$  here

$$A(z) = z^N + a_1 z^{N-1} + \dots + a_{N-1} z + a_N$$

$$B(z) = b_0 z^N + b_1 z^{N-1} + \dots + b_M z^{N-M}$$

$C(z)$  = depends on the IC's

Transforming gives:

$$Y(z) = \frac{C(z)}{A(z)} + \frac{B(z)}{A(z)} X(z)$$

$Y_{zs}(z)$  – “Zero State Part”

$H(z)$  – transfer function

$A(z)$  is denominator of Transfer Function...  
“Characteristic Poly.”

$Y_{zi}(z)$  – “Zero Input Part”

# Interpreting the General Output Result $Y(z) = Y_{zi}(z) + Y_{zs}(z)$

$Y_{zi}(z)$  **Zero-Input Response**: Is due to ICs... and its nature is defined by  $A(z)$ !

$$Y_{zi}(z) = \frac{C(z)}{A(z)} = \frac{k_1 z}{z - p_1} + \frac{k_2 z}{z - p_2} + \dots + \frac{k_N z}{z - p_N}$$

For simplicity... assumed distinct poles

$$y_{zi}[n] = k_1 p_1^n u[n] + k_2 p_2^n u[n] + \dots + k_N p_N^n u[n]$$

**Decays if  $|p_i| < 1$**

**System Poles**  
...roots of  $A(z)$ ...  
play big role  
here!!!

$Y_{zs}(z)$  **Zero-State Response**: Is due to input & its nature is defined by  $A(z)$  and  $X(z)$

For simplicity assume  $X(z) = E(z)/F(z)$

$$Y_{zs}(z) = \frac{B(z) E(z)}{A(z) F(z)} = \frac{c_1 z}{z - p_1} + \frac{c_2 z}{z - p_2} + \dots + \frac{c_N z}{z - p_N} + \frac{D(z)}{F(z)}$$

Some  
Polynomial  
that "falls  
out of" PFE

$$y_{zs}[n] = \underbrace{c_1 p_1^n u[n] + c_2 p_2^n u[n] + \dots + c_N p_N^n u[n]}_{\text{ZS Transient Response...Decays if } |p_i| < 1} + y_{ss}[n]$$

**ZS Transient Response...Decays if  $|p_i| < 1$**

**ZS Steady State  
Response**

So... the output of a stable, causal Difference Equation with ICs and a causal input is....

$$y[n] = y_{zi}[n] + \left[ y_{zs,tr}[n] + y_{zs,ss}[n] \right]$$

**System Poles**  
...roots of  $A(z)$ ...  
play big role  
here!!!

**Both decay if  
system is stable!**

**Might decay but  
might not...  
depends on  
interaction of  
system and input**

