

Z Transform and Its Application to the Analysis of LTI Systems

- Z-transform is an alternative representation of a discrete signal.
- Z-Transform is important in the analysis and characterization of LTI systems
- Z-Transform play the same role in the analysis of discrete time signal and LTI systems as Laplace transform does in the analysis of continuous time signal and LTI systems.
- Z-transform provides us with a mean of characterizing an LTI system and its response to various signals by its pole-zero locations.

The direct Z-Transform:

- The z-transform of a discrete time signal $x(n)$ is defined as

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

←The direct z-transform

where z is complex variable.

The inverse procedure is called *inverse z-transform*. So relationship can give as

$$x(n) \overset{z}{\leftrightarrow} X(z)$$

We also denote the z-transform as

$$X(z) \equiv Z[x(n)]$$

Since the z-transform is an infinite power series, it exists only for the series convergence. The region of convergence (ROC) of $X(z)$ is the set of all values of z for which $X(z)$ attains a finite value.

Example:

$$x(n) = \{1, 2, 5, 7, 0, 1\}$$

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$$X(z) = 1 + 2z^{-1} + 5z^{-2} + 7z^{-3} + z^{-5}, \text{ ROC: } z \neq 0$$

z^k ($k > 0$) becomes unbounded for $z = \infty$

z^{-k} ($k > 0$) becomes unbounded for $z = 0$

In many cases, we can express the sum of the finite or infinite series for z-transform in a closed-form expression.

Example:

$$x(n) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u(n)$$

$$x(n) = \left\{1, \frac{1}{2}, \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2, \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3, \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4, \dots\right\}$$

$$X(z) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}z^{-1} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 z^{-2} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 z^{-3} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 z^{-4} + \dots$$

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n z^{-n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}z^{-1}\right)^n$$

If $\left|\frac{1}{2}z^{-1}\right| < 1$ or $|z| > \frac{1}{2}$

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} \quad \text{ROC: } |z| > \frac{1}{2}$$

Remind:

$$1 + A + A^2 + A^3 + \dots = \frac{1}{1 - A} \quad \text{if } |A| < 1$$

The complex variable z can be written in polar form as

$$z = re^{jq}$$

The $X(z)$ can be expressed as

$$X(z) \Big|_{z=re^{jq}} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(n)r^{-n}e^{-jqn}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |X(z)| &= \left| \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(n)r^{-n}e^{-jqn} \right| \leq \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |x(n)r^{-n}| \\ &\leq \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} |x(n)r^{-n}| + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{x(n)}{r^n} \right| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x(-n)r^n| + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{x(n)}{r^n} \right| \end{aligned}$$

In the first sum, there must be exist values of r small enough so that $x(-n)r^n$ is absolutely summable.

In the second sum, there must exist values of r large enough so that $x(n)/r^n$ is absolutely summable.

Since the convergence of $X(z)$ requires that both sums, the ROC of $X(z)$ is specified the common region where the both sum are finite.

If there is no common region, then $X(z)$ does not exist.

Example:

$$x(n) = \mathbf{a}^n u(n) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{a}^n & n \geq 0 \\ 0 & n < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{a}^n z^{-n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\mathbf{a}z^{-1})^n$$

if $|\mathbf{a}z^{-1}| < 1$ the power series is

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \mathbf{a}z^{-1}} \quad \text{ROC: } |z| > |\mathbf{a}|$$

Example:

$$x(n) = -\mathbf{a}^n u(-n-1) = \begin{cases} 0 & n \geq 0 \\ -\mathbf{a}^n & n \leq -1 \end{cases}$$

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} (-\mathbf{a})^n z^{-n} = -\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (\mathbf{a}^{-1}z)^m$$

if $|\mathbf{a}^{-1}z| < 1$ the power series is

$$X(z) = -\frac{\mathbf{a}^{-1}z}{1 - \mathbf{a}^{-1}z} = \frac{1}{1 - \mathbf{a}z^{-1}} \quad \text{ROC: } |z| < |\mathbf{a}|$$

The both signal has same z-transform.

$$\mathcal{Z}\{\mathbf{a}^n u(n)\} = \mathcal{Z}\{-\mathbf{a}^n u(-n-1)\} = \frac{1}{1 - \mathbf{a}z^{-1}}$$

Example:

$$x(n) = \mathbf{a}^n u(n) + \mathbf{b}^n u(-n-1)$$

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\mathbf{a})^n z^{-n} + \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} b^n z^{-n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\mathbf{a}z^{-1})^n + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (b^{-1}z)^m$$

From the first power series if $|\mathbf{a}z^{-1}| < 1$ or $|z| > |\mathbf{a}|$ and from the second power series if $|b^{-1}z| < 1$ or $|z| < |b|$, then

We have two cases:

- $|b| < |\mathbf{a}|$: There is no common region, $X(z)$ does not exist.
- $|b| > |\mathbf{a}|$: There is common region, which is $|\mathbf{a}| < |z| < |b|$,

Then we obtain

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \mathbf{a}z^{-1}} - \frac{1}{1 - b^{-1}z} = \frac{b - \mathbf{a}}{\mathbf{a} + b - z - \mathbf{a}bz^{-1}} \quad \text{ROC: } |\mathbf{a}| < |z| < |b|$$

The Inverse z-Transform:

$X(n)$ can be obtain from $X(z)$ using the Cauchy integral theorem. Multiplying both side z^{n-1} and integral both sides over a closed contour with in ROC of $X(z)$ which encloses the origin.

$$\oint_C X(z) z^{n-1} dz = \oint_C \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x(k) z^{n-1-k} dz$$

$$\oint_C X(z) z^{n-1} dz = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x(k) \oint_C z^{n-1-k} dz$$

The Cauchy integral theorem, which states that

$$\frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C z^{n-1-k} dz = \begin{cases} 1 & k = n \\ 0 & k \neq n \end{cases}$$

Applying this the previous equation, we have inversion formula

$$x(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_C X(z) z^{n-1} dz$$

Properties of z-Transform

Linearity:

$$\text{If } x_1(n) \xleftrightarrow{z} X_1(z) \text{ and } x_2(n) \xleftrightarrow{z} X_2(z)$$

$$\text{Then } x(n) = a_1 x_1(n) + a_2 x_2(n) \xleftrightarrow{z} a_1 X_1(z) + a_2 X_2(z)$$

Example:

$$x(n) = [3(2^n) - 4(3^n)]u(n)$$

$$x_1(n) = 2^n u(n)$$

$$x_2(n) = 3^n u(n)$$

$$x(n) = 3x_1(n) - 4x_2(n)$$

Its z-transform:

$$X(z) = 3X_1(z) - 4X_2(z)$$

$$a^n u(n) \xleftrightarrow{z} \frac{1}{1 - a z^{-1}} \quad \text{ROC: } |z| > |a|$$

$$x_1(n) = 2^n u(n) \xleftrightarrow{z} X_1(z) \frac{1}{1 - 2z^{-1}} \quad \text{ROC: } |z| > 2$$

$$x_2(n) = 3^n u(n) \xleftrightarrow{z} X_2(z) \frac{1}{1 - 3z^{-1}} \quad \text{ROC: } |z| > 3$$

The intersection of the ROC of $X_1(z)$ and $X_2(z)$ is $|z| > 3$

$$X(z) = \frac{2}{1 - 2z^{-1}} - \frac{4}{1 - 3z^{-1}} \quad \text{ROC: } |z| > 3$$

Example: Find z-transform of the following function

$$x(n) = (\cos \mathbf{w}_0 n) u(n)$$

Using Euler's identity:

$$x(n) = (\cos \mathbf{w}_0 n) u(n) = \frac{1}{2} e^{j\mathbf{w}_0 n} u(n) + \frac{1}{2} e^{-j\mathbf{w}_0 n} u(n)$$

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{2} Z\{e^{j\mathbf{w}_0 n} u(n)\} + \frac{1}{2} Z\{e^{-j\mathbf{w}_0 n} u(n)\}$$

We set

$$\mathbf{a} = e^{\pm j\mathbf{w}_0 n} \quad (|\mathbf{a}| = |e^{\pm j\mathbf{w}_0 n}| = 1)$$

$$e^{j\mathbf{w}_0 n} u(n) \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{1 - e^{j\mathbf{w}_0} z^{-1}}, \quad \text{ROC: } |z| > 1$$

$$e^{-j\mathbf{w}_0 n} u(n) \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{1 - e^{-j\mathbf{w}_0} z^{-1}}, \quad \text{ROC: } |z| > 1$$

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1 - e^{j\mathbf{w}_0} z^{-1}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1 - e^{-j\mathbf{w}_0} z^{-1}}, \quad \text{ROC: } |z| > 1$$

Some algebraic manipulation:

$$(\cos \mathbf{w}_0 n) u(n) \overset{z}{\leftrightarrow} \frac{1 - z^{-1} \cos \mathbf{w}_0}{1 - 2z^{-1} \cos \mathbf{w}_0 + z^{-2}} \quad \text{ROC: } |z| > 1$$

For Sin signal:

$$(\sin \mathbf{w}_0 n) u(n) \overset{z}{\leftrightarrow} \frac{z^{-1} \sin \mathbf{w}_0}{1 - 2z^{-1} \cos \mathbf{w}_0 + z^{-2}} \quad \text{ROC: } |z| > 1$$