# 22 The z-Transform

# Recommended Problems

### P22.1

An LTI system has an impulse response h[n] for which the z-transform is

$$H(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} h[n] z^{-n} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2} z^{-1}}, \quad |z| > \frac{1}{2}$$

- (a) Plot the pole-zero pattern for H(z).
- (b) Using the fact that signals of the form  $z^n$  are eigenfunctions of LTI systems, determine the system output for all n if the input x[n] is

$$x[n] = (\frac{3}{4})^n + 3(2)^n$$

#### P22.2

Consider the sequence  $x[n] = 2^n u[n]$ .

- (a) Is x[n] absolutely summable?
- (b) Does the Fourier transform of x[n] converge?
- (c) For what range of values of r does the Fourier transform of the sequence  $r^{-n}x[n]$  converge?
- (d) Determine the z-transform X(z) of x[n], including a specification of the ROC.
- (e) X(z) for  $z = 3e^{j\Omega}$  can be thought of as the Fourier transform of a sequence  $x_1[n]$ , i.e.,

$$2^{n}u[n] \stackrel{\mathbb{Z}}{\longleftrightarrow} X(z),$$
  
$$x_{1}[n] \stackrel{\mathfrak{F}}{\longleftrightarrow} X(3e^{j\Omega}) = X_{1}(e^{j\Omega})$$

Determine  $x_1[n]$ .

#### P22.3

Shown in Figure P22.3 is the pole-zero plot for the z-transform X(z) of a sequence x[n].



Determine what can be inferred about the associated region of convergence from each of the following statements.

- (a) x[n] is right-sided.
- (b) The Fourier transform of x[n] converges.
- (c) The Fourier transform of x[n] does not converge.
- (d) x[n] is left-sided.

#### P22.4

- (a) Determine the z-transforms of the following two signals. Note that the z-transforms for both have the same algebraic expression and differ only in the ROC.
  - (i)  $x_1[n] = (\frac{1}{2})^n u[n]$
  - (ii)  $x_2[n] = -(\frac{1}{2})^n u[-n 1]$
- (b) Sketch the pole-zero plot and ROC for each signal in part (a).
- (c) Repeat parts (a) and (b) for the following two signals:
  - (i)  $x_3[n] = 2u[n]$
  - (ii)  $x_4[n] = -(2)^n u[-n 1]$
- (d) For which of the four signals  $x_1[n]$ ,  $x_2[n]$ ,  $x_3[n]$ , and  $x_4[n]$  in parts (a) and (c) does the Fourier transform converge?

#### P22.5

Consider the pole-zero plot of H(z) given in Figure P22.5, where H(a/2) = 1.



- (a) Sketch  $|H(e^{j\Omega})|$  as the number of zeros at z = 0 increases from 1 to 5.
- (b) Does the number of zeros affect  $\measuredangle H(e^{j\Omega})$ ? If so, specifically in what way?
- (c) Find the region of the z plane where |H(z)| = 1.

# P22.6

Determine the z-transform (including the ROC) of the following sequences. Also sketch the pole-zero plots and indicate the ROC on your sketch.

(a)  $(\frac{1}{3})^n u[n]$ 

**(b)**  $\delta[n + 1]$ 

## P22.7

For each of the following z-transforms determine the inverse z-transform.

(a) 
$$X(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}}, \quad |z| > \frac{1}{2}$$
  
(b)  $X(z) = \frac{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}}{1 - \frac{1}{4}z^{-2}}, \quad |z| > \frac{1}{2}$   
(c)  $X(z) = \frac{1 - az^{-1}}{z^{-1} - a}, \quad |z| > \left|\frac{1}{a}\right|$ 

# Optional Problems

#### P22.8

In this problem we study the relation between the z-transform, the Fourier transform, and the ROC.

- (a) Consider the signal x[n] = u[n]. For which values of r does  $r^{-n}x[n]$  have a converging Fourier transform?
- (b) In the lecture, we discussed the relation between X(z) and  $\mathcal{F}\{r^{-n}x[n]\}$ . For each of the following values of r, sketch where in the z plane X(z) equals the Fourier transform of  $r^{-n}x[n]$ .
  - (i) r = 1
  - (ii)  $r = \frac{1}{2}$
  - (iii) r = 3
- (c) From your observations in parts (a) and (b), sketch the ROC of the z-transform of u[n].

#### P22.9

(a) Suppose X(z) on the circle  $z = 2e^{j\Omega}$  is given by

$$X(2e^{j\Omega}) = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{3}e^{-j\Omega}}$$

Using the relation  $X(re^{j\Omega}) = \mathcal{F}\{r^{-n}x[n]\}$ , find  $2^{-n}x[n]$  and then x[n], the inverse *z*-transform of X(z).

(b) Find x[n] from X(z) below using partial fraction expansion, where x[n] is known to be causal, i.e., x[n] = 0 for n < 0.

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

### P22.10

A discrete-time system with the pole-zero pattern shown in Figure P22.10-1 is referred to as a first-order all-pass system because the magnitude of the frequency response is a constant, independent of frequency.



- (a) Demonstrate algebraically that  $|H(e^{j\Omega})|$  is constant.
- (b) To demonstrate the same property geometrically, consider the vector diagram in Figure P22.10-2. Show that the length of  $v_2$  is proportional to the length of  $v_1$  independent of  $\Omega$  by following these two steps:
  - (i) Express the length of  $v_1$  using the law of cosines and the fact that it is one leg of a triangle for which the other two legs are the unit vector and a vector of length a.
  - (ii) In a manner similar to that in step (i), determine the length of  $v_2$  and show that it is proportional in length to  $v_1$  independent of  $\Omega$ .



# P22.11

Parts (a)–(e) (Figures P22.11-1 to P22.11-5) give pole-zero plots, and parts (i)–(iv) (Figures P22.11-6 to P22.11-9) give sketches of possible Fourier transform magnitudes. Assume that for all the pole-zero plots, the ROC includes the unit circle. For each pole-zero plot (a)–(e), specify which one *if any* of the sketches (i)–(iv) could represent the associated Fourier transform magnitude. More than one pole-zero plot may be associated with the same sketch.





#### P22.12

Determine the z-transform for the following sequences. Express all sums in closed form. Sketch the pole-zero plot and indicate the ROC. Indicate whether the Fourier transform of the sequence exists.

(a) 
$$(\frac{1}{2})^{n} \{u[n] - u[n - 10]\}$$
  
(b)  $(\frac{1}{2})^{|n|}$   
(c)  $7\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n} \cos\left[\frac{2\pi n}{6} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right] u[n]$   
(d)  $x[n] = \begin{cases} 0, & n < 0\\ 1, & 0 \le n \le 9\\ 0, & 9 < n \end{cases}$ 

#### P22.13

Using the power-series expansion

$$\log(1-w) = -\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{w^i}{i}, \quad |w| < 1,$$

determine the inverse of the following z-transforms.

(a)  $X(z) = \log(1 - 2z), |z| < \frac{1}{2}$ (b)  $X(z) = \log(1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}), |z| > \frac{1}{2}$  MIT OpenCourseWare http://ocw.mit.edu

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