# **Inversion of the** *z***-Transform**

- Focus on rational z-transform of  $z^{-1}$ .
- Apply partial fraction expansion.
- Like bilateral Laplace transforms, ROC must be used to determine a unique inverse *z*-transform.

## Let

$$X(z) = \frac{B(z)}{A(z)} = \frac{b_0 + b_1 z^{-1} + \dots + b_M z^{-M}}{a_0 + a_1 z^{-1} + \dots + a_N z^{-N}}$$

and assume that M < N.

#### **Inversion of the** *z***-Transform (cont.)**

If  $M \ge N$ :

$$X(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{M-N} f_k z^{-k} + \frac{\tilde{B}(z)}{A(z)}$$

where  $\tilde{B}(z)$  has order one less than the denominator polynomial.

 Partial fraction expansion is obtained by factoring the denominator polynomial into a product of first-order terms.

$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= \frac{b_0 + b_1 z^{-1} + \dots + b_M z^{-M}}{a_0 \prod_{k=1}^N (1 - d_k z^{-1})} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{A_k}{1 - d_k z^{-1}}, \text{ if all poles } d_k \text{ are distinct} \end{aligned}$$

#### **Inversion of the** *z***-Transform (cont.)**

• 
$$A_k(d_k)^n u[n] \xleftarrow{z}{\longrightarrow} \frac{A_k}{1-d_k z^{-1}}$$
, with ROC  $|z| > d_k$ .

• 
$$-A_k(d_k)^n u(-n-1) \xleftarrow{z}{1-d_k z^{-1}}$$
, with ROC  $|z| < d_k$ .

If a pole  $d_i$  is repeated r times, then there are r terms in the partial-fraction expansion associated with that pole:

$$\frac{A_{i_1}}{1-d_i z^{-1}}, \ \frac{A_{i_2}}{(1-d_i z^{-1})^2}, \ \cdots, \ \frac{A_{i_r}}{(1-d_i z^{-1})^r}$$

#### **Inversion of the** *z***-Transform (cont.)**

• 
$$A \frac{(n+1)\cdots(n+m-1)}{(m-1)!} (d_i)^n u[n] \xleftarrow{z} \frac{A}{(1-d_i z^{-1})^m}$$
, with ROC  $|z| > d_i$ .  
•  $-A \frac{(n+1)\cdots(n+m-1)}{(m-1)!} (d_i)^n u[-n-1] \xleftarrow{z} \frac{A}{(1-d_i z^{-1})^m}$ , with ROC  $|z| < d_i$ .

 ROC of X(z) is the intersection of the ROCs associated with the individual terms in the partial-fraction expansion.

Example 7.9,  $p_{574}$ : find the inverse *z*-transform of

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

with ROC 1 < |z| < 2. Using partial fraction expansion:

$$X(z) = \frac{A_1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} + \frac{A_2}{1 - 2z^{-1}} + \frac{A_3}{1 - z^{-1}}$$
$$= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} + \frac{2}{1 - 2z^{-1}} + \frac{-2}{1 - z^{-1}}$$

where  $A_1, A_2$ , and  $A_3$  are solved the same way as in Laplace transform:

$$A_1 = X(z)(1 - 1/2z^{-1})|_{z=1/2} = 1.$$



Applying the given ROC

- The first term (pole at z = 1/2) is a RSS. Thus,  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[n] \xleftarrow{z} \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{2}z^{-1}}$ .
- The second term (pole at z = 2) is a LSS. Thus,  $-2(2)^n u[-n-1] \xleftarrow{z}{1-2z^{-1}}$ .
- The third term (pole at  $\mathbf{z} = 1$ ) is a RSS. Thus,  $-2(1)^n u[n] \xleftarrow{z}{1-z^{-1}}$ .

Combining these terms gives

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

Example 7.10,  $p_{575}$ : Find the inverse *z*-transform of

$$X(z) = \frac{z^3 - 10z^2 - 4z + 4}{2z^2 - 2z - 4}, \quad \text{with ROC} \ |z| < 1$$

• X(z) given in terms of z, instead of  $z^{-1}$ .

• X(z) is not a proper function of  $z^{-1}$ .

Factoring  $z^3$  from the numerator and  $2z^2$  from the denominator gives

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{2}z\left(\frac{1-10z^{-1}-4z^{-2}+4z^{-3}}{1-z^{-1}-2z^{-2}}\right) = \frac{1}{2}zY(z)$$

- Factor  $\frac{1}{2}z$  is easily incorporated using the time-shift property.
- The term in parentheses, Y(z), must be converted into two terms, a polynomial function of z<sup>-1</sup> and a proper function of z<sup>-1</sup>, as

$$Y(z) = (-2z^{-1} + 3) + \frac{-5z^{-1} - 2}{(1 + z^{-1})(1 - 2z^{-1})}$$
  
=  $(-2z^{-1} + 3) + \frac{1}{1 + z^{-1}} - \frac{3}{1 - 2z^{-1}}$ , with ROC  $|z| < 1$ 

Thus, we have

$$\begin{split} X(z) &= \frac{1}{2} z Y(z) \\ Y(z) &= (-2z^{-1} + 3) + \frac{1}{1 + z^{-1}} - \frac{3}{1 - 2z^{-1}} \\ & \text{(apply tables on } p_{784 - 785}) \\ y[n] &= \mathbf{I} - 2\delta[n - 1] + \mathbf{B}\delta[n]\mathbf{I} - (-1)^n u[-n - 1]\mathbf{I} + 3(2)^n u[-n - 1] \\ x[n] &= \frac{1}{2} y[n + 1] \\ &= \mathbf{I} - \delta[n] + \frac{3}{2}\delta[n + 1] - \frac{1}{2}(-1)^{n+1} u[-n - 2] + 3(2)^n u[-n - 2] \end{split}$$

# **The transfer function**

- For LTI discrete-time systems with input x[n] and output y[n]:
  - ★ y[n] = x[n] \* h[n]
     ★ Y(z) = X(z)H(z), where system transfer function H(z) is viewed as

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)}.$$

- In order to uniquely determine the impulse response from the transfer function, must know ROC.
- If ROC is not known, other system characteristics such as stability or casuality must be known.

# **The transfer function - Examples**

Example 7.13,  $p_{580}$ : Find the transfer function and impulse of a causal LTI system if the input is

$$x[n] = (-1/3)^n u[n]$$

and the output is

$$y[n] = 3(-1)^n u[n] + (1/3)^n u[n].$$

$$\begin{split} X(z) &= \frac{1}{1 + (1/3)z^{-1}}, \quad \text{ROC} \quad |z| > 1/3 \\ Y(z) &= \frac{3}{1 + z^{-1}} + \frac{1}{1 - (1/3)z^{-1}} \\ &= \frac{4}{(1 + z^{-1})(1 - (1/3)z^{-1})}, \text{ROC} \quad |z| > 1 \end{split}$$

# The transfer function - Examples (cont.)

ROC |z| > 1

Thus, the transfer function is obtained as

$$H(z) = \frac{4(1 + (1/3)z^{-1})}{(1 + z^{-1})(1 - (1/3)z^{-1})}, \quad \text{with}$$

Partial-fraction expansion:

$$H(z) = \frac{A}{1+z^{-1}} + \frac{B}{1-\frac{1}{3}z^{-1}}$$
$$= \frac{2}{1+z^{-1}} + \frac{2}{1-\frac{1}{3}z^{-1}}$$

Taking inverse *z*-transform we obtain the system impulse response

$$h[n] = 2(-1)^n u[n] + 2(1/3)^n u[n].$$

#### The transfer function - Examples (cont.)

Problem 7.8,  $p_{580}$ : An LTI system has impulse response  $h[n] = (1/2)^n u[n]$ . Determine the input to the system if the output if given by  $y[n] = (1/2)^n u[n] + (-1/2)^n u[n]$ .

• The *z*-transform of system output

$$Y(z) = \frac{1}{1 - (1/2)z^{-1}} + \frac{1}{1 + (1/2)z^{-1}}, \quad ROC \quad |z| > 1/2$$

System transfer function

$$H(z) = \frac{1}{1 - (1/2)z^{-1}}, \quad ROC \quad |z| > 1/2$$

## The transfer function - Examples (cont.)

The *z*-transform of the system input is

$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= Y(z)/H(z) \\ &= 1 + \frac{1 - (1/2)z^{-1}}{1 + (1/2)z^{-1}} \\ &= \frac{2}{1 + (1/2)z^{-1}} \xleftarrow{z} x[n] = 2(-1/2)^n u[n]. \end{aligned}$$

# The transfer function and difference equation

• For a system described by the difference equation:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N} a_k y[n-k] = \sum_{k=0}^{M} b_k x[n-k]$$
$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{M} b_k z^{-k}}{\sum_{k=0}^{N} a_k z^{-k}}$$

- The transfer function of an LTI system described by a difference equation is a ratio of polynomials in  $z^{-1}$ .
- This form of the transfer function is termed a *rational transfer function*.

## The transfer function and difference equation - Examples

Example 7.14,  $p_{581}$ : Determine the transfer function and the impulse response for the causal LTI system described by the difference equation

$$y[n] - (1/4)y[n-1] - (3/8)y[n-2] = -x[n] + 2x[n-1]$$

Taking *z*-transform of both sides gives

# The transfer function and difference equation - Examples (cont.)

Example 7.15,  $p_{581}$ : Find the difference-equation description of an LTI system with transfer function

$$H(z) = \frac{5z+2}{z^2+3z+2}.$$

Dividing both numerator and denominator by  $z^2$ , we obtain

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{5z^{-1} + 2z^{-2}}{1 + 3z^{-1} + 2z^{-2}}.$$

Cross multiply and then inverse *z*-transform:

$$Y(z) + 3Y(z)z^{-1} + 2Y(z)z^{-2} = 5X(z)z^{-1} + 2X(z)z^{-2}$$
$$y[n] + 3y[n-1] + 2y[n-2] = 5x[n-1] + 2x[n-2]$$

# **System causality and stability**

- Similar to continuous-time LTI systems, but there are differences.
- System transfer function  $H(z) \stackrel{z}{\longleftrightarrow} h[n]$ , system impulse response.
- In order to uniquely determine h[n], must know ROC or other knowledge of the system characteristics.
- Causal system  $\rightarrow h[n] = 0$  for  $n < 0 \rightarrow H(z)$  is right-sided transform.
- Stable system  $\rightarrow h[n]$  absolutely summable  $\rightarrow$  DTFT of x[n]exists  $\rightarrow$  ROC includes unit circle ( $z = e^{j\Omega}$ ).

# System causality and stability (cont.)

- Assume a pole at  $z = d_k$ .
  - ★ If  $|d_k| < 1$  (pole inside unit circle), the pole contributes an exponentially decaying term to the impulse response.
  - ★ If  $|d_k| > 1$  (pole outside unit circle), the pole contributes an exponentially increasing term to the impulse response.
- Conclusion: If a system is causal and stable, then all poles of H(z) are inside the unit circle.

#### System causality and stability (cont.)



(a)



For causal systems

#### System causality and stability (cont.)



(a)



(b)

For stable systems

# **System causality and stability - Examples**

- Read Example 7.16,  $p_{584}$
- Read Example 7.17,  $p_{585}$

Problem 7.10,  $p_{585}$ : A stable and causal LTI system is described by the difference equation

$$y[n] + \frac{1}{4}y[n-1] - \frac{1}{8}y[n-2] = -2x[n] + \frac{5}{4}x[n-1].$$

Find the system impulse response.

## System causality and stability - Examples (cont.)

Taking z-transform of both sides of the difference equation, we obtain

$$Y(z) + \frac{1}{4}Y(z)z^{-1} - \frac{1}{8}Y(z)Z^{-2} = -2X(z) + \frac{5}{4}X(z)z^{-1}$$

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{-2 + \frac{5}{4}z^{-1}}{1 + \frac{1}{4}z^{-1} - \frac{1}{8}z^{-2}}$$

$$= \frac{-2 + \frac{5}{4}z^{-1}}{(1 - \frac{1}{4}z^{-1})(1 + \frac{1}{2}z^{-1})}$$

$$= \frac{A}{1 - \frac{1}{4}z^{-1}} + \frac{B}{1 + \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}}$$

#### System causality and stability - Examples (cont.)

Poles at z = 1/4 and z = -1/2, both are inside the unit circle. Because system is causal, both poles corresponding to right-sided terms.

$$A = \frac{-2 + \frac{5}{4}z^{-1}}{1 + \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} \bigg|_{z^{-1}=4} = 1$$
$$B = \frac{-2 + \frac{5}{4}z^{-1}}{1 - \frac{1}{4}z^{-1}} \bigg|_{z^{-1}=-2} = -3$$
$$H(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{4}z^{-1}} + \frac{-3}{1 + \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}}$$
$$h[n] = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{n} u[n] - 3\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n} u[n]$$

#### Freq. response from poles and zeros

- If ROC of an LTI system transfer function includes the unit circle, frequency response can be obtained as  $H(e^{j\Omega}) = H(z)|_{z=e^{j\Omega}}$ .
- For a rational transfer function assuming a  $p^{th}$ -order pole at z = 0 and an  $l^{th}$ -order zero at z = 0 expressed as

$$H(z) = \frac{\tilde{b}z^{-p} \prod_{k=1}^{M-p} (1 - c_k z^{-1})}{z^{-l} \prod_{k=1}^{N-l} (1 - d_k z^{-1})}$$

where  $\tilde{b} = b_p/a_l$ , the frequency response is obtained by substituting  $z = e^{j\Omega}$ :

$$H(e^{j\Omega}) = \frac{\tilde{b}e^{-jp\Omega}\prod_{k=1}^{M-p}(1-c_ke^{-j\Omega})}{e^{-jl\Omega}\prod_{k=1}^{N-l}(1-d_ke^{-j\Omega})}$$
$$= \frac{\tilde{b}e^{-j(N-M)\Omega}\prod_{k=1}^{M-p}(e^{j\Omega}-c_k)}{\prod_{k=1}^{N-l}(e^{j\Omega}-d_k)}$$

## Freq. response from poles and zeros (cont.)

For a particular frequency  $\Omega_0$ , the overall magnitude is evaluated in terms of the magnitude associated with each pole and zero as

$$|H(e^{j\Omega_0})| = \frac{|\tilde{b}| \prod_{k=1}^{M-p} (e^{j\Omega_0} - c_k)}{\prod_{k=1}^{N-l} (e^{j\Omega_0} - d_k)}$$

and the overall phase is evaluated in terms of the phase associated with each pole and zero as

$$arg\{H(e^{j\Omega_0})\} = arg\{\tilde{b}\} + (N - M)\Omega_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{M-p} arg\{e^{j\Omega_0} - c_k\} - \sum_{k=1}^{N-l} arg\{e^{j\Omega_0} - d_k\}$$

# **Applications to Filters and Equalizers**

- Distortionless transmission:
  - ⋆ A scaling of magnitude
  - ⋆ A constant time delay

Let x(t) be the input to an LTI system. If the system is distortionless, output must be  $y(t) = Cx(t - t_0)$ , where *C* is a constant and  $t_0$  is the transmission delay.

★ The impulse response of the system is:  $h(t) = \mathbb{C}\delta(t - t_0)$ . ★ Fourier transform of y(t):  $Y(j\omega) = \mathbb{C}X(j\omega)e^{-j\omega t_0}$ .

# **Distortionless transmission**

- The system transfer function:  $H(j\omega) = \mathbb{C}e^{-j\omega t_0}$

# **Ideal low-pass filters**

Consider

$$H(j\omega) = \begin{cases} e^{-j\omega t_0} & |\omega| \le \omega_c \\ 0 & |\omega| > \omega_c \end{cases}$$

where

- the constant is set to C = 1.
- a finite delay  $t_0$  is chosen.
- $\omega_c$  is the cutoff frequency.

To evaluate the filter impulse response h(t), we take the inverse Fourier transform:

$$H(j\omega) \stackrel{FT}{\longleftrightarrow} h(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\omega_c}^{\omega_c} e^{j\omega(t-t_0)} d\omega$$
$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{e^{j\omega(t-t_0)}}{j(t-t_0)} \Big|_{-\omega_c}^{-\omega_c}$$
$$= \frac{\sin(\omega_c(t-t_0))}{\pi(t-t_0)} = \frac{\omega_c}{\pi} \operatorname{sinc}\left(\frac{\omega_c}{\pi}(t-t_0)\right)$$

where the definition of  $sinc(\omega t) = \frac{sin(\pi \omega t)}{\pi \omega t}$  is applied.



Frequency response of ideal low-pass filters. (a) Magnitude response. (b) Phase response.



Time-shifted form of the impulse response of an ideal, noncausal, low-pass filter for  $\omega_c = 1$  and  $t_0 = 8$ .

# **Design of filters**

Impulse responses of ideal filters are noncausal and infinite length. These filters are nonimplementable. Practical filters allow

- Passband ripple:  $1 \epsilon \le |H(j\omega)| \le 1$  for  $0 \le |\omega| \le \omega_p$ , where  $\omega_p$  is the passband cutoff frequency and  $\epsilon$  is a tolerance parameter.
- Stop band ripple:  $|H(j\omega)| \le \delta$  for  $|\omega| \ge \omega_s$ , where  $\omega_s$  is the stopband cutoff frequency and  $\delta$  is the tolerance parameter.
- Transition band:  $\omega_s \omega_p$ , a finite width.



Tolerance diagram of a practical low-pass filter. The passband, transition band, and stopband are shown for positive frequencies.

# **Approximating functions – Butterworth prototype**

Butterworth function of order K:

$$|H(j\omega)|^2 = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_c}\right)^{2K}}, \ K = 1, 2, 3, \cdots,$$

- $\omega_c$ : cutoff frequency.
- *K*: filter order.
- For prescribed values of tolerance parameters  $\epsilon$  and  $\delta$ , the passband and stopband frequencies are:

$$\star \omega_p = \omega_c \left(\frac{\epsilon}{1-\epsilon}\right)^{1/(2K)}$$
$$\star \omega_s = \omega_c \left(\frac{1-\delta}{\delta}\right)^{1/(2K)}$$

# **Approximating functions – Butterworth prototype (cont.)**



Magnitude response of Butterworth filter for varying orders.

# **Approximating functions – Butterworth prototype (cont.)**

- Butterworth filters are *maximally flat* at  $\omega = 0$  (i.e., the first 2K 1 derivatives of  $|H(j\omega)|^2$  at  $\omega = 0$  are equal to zero).
- For any given set of specifications  $(\omega_p, \omega_s, \epsilon, \delta)$ , K and  $\omega_c$  can be calculated, and hence  $|H(j\omega)|^2$  can be determined.

Given Butterworth function  $|H(j\omega)|^2$ , the transfer function H(s) maybe obtained by using the following procedures:

- Find the 2K pole locations of  $H(s)H(-s)|_{s=j\omega} = |H(j\omega)|^2$ :  $s = \omega_c e^{j\pi(2k+1)/(2K)}$ , for  $k = 0, 1, \cdots, 2K - 1$ .
- For a stable system, the K poles on the left half plane belong to H(s).

#### **Approximating functions – Butterworth prototype (cont.)**

- Read example 8.3,  $p_{627}$ .
- Problem 8.3,  $p_{628}$ : Find the transfer function of a Butterworth filter with cutoff frequency  $\omega_c = 1$  and filter order K = 2.
  - ★ The 2K = 4 poles of H(s)H(-s) are determined to be  $(s = \omega_c e^{j(2k+1)/(2K)}, k = 0, 1, 2, 3)$ :  $s_{1,2} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \pm j\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ ,  $s_{3,4} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \pm j\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ . ★ Poles of H(s) are:  $s_{3,4} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \pm j\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ . Thus,

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{(s + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + j\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2})(s + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - j\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2})}$$
$$= \frac{1}{s^2 + \sqrt{2}s + 1}$$

#### **Approximating functions – Chebyshev prototype**



Magnitude response of Chebyshev filter for order (a) K = 3 and (b) K = 4 and passband ripple = 0.5 dB. The frequencies  $\omega_b$  and  $\omega_a$  in case (a) and the frequencies  $\omega_{a1}$  and  $\omega_b$ , and  $\omega_{a2}$  in case (b) are defined in accordance with the optimality criteria for equiripple amplitude response.

# **Approximating functions – Chebyshev prototype (cont.)**

- Equiripple in the passband.
- Monotonic in the stopband.
- Approximation functions with an equiripple magnitude response are known collectively as *Chebyshev functions*.
- A filter designed on this basis is called a *Chebyshev filter*.

# **Frequency transformations**

- So far, have considered only low-pass filters.
- High-pass, band-pass, and band-stop filters can be designed by an appropriate transformation of the independent variable.
  - \* Low-pass to high-pass transformation:  $s \rightarrow \frac{\omega_c}{s}$ , where  $\omega_c$  is the desired cutoff frequency of the high-pass filter.
  - ★ Low-pass to band-pass transformation:  $s \rightarrow \frac{s^2 + \omega_0^2}{Bs}$ , where *B* is the bandwidth of the band-pass filter and  $\omega_0$  is the midband frequency of the band-pass filter, both measured in radians per second.