



The z-transform

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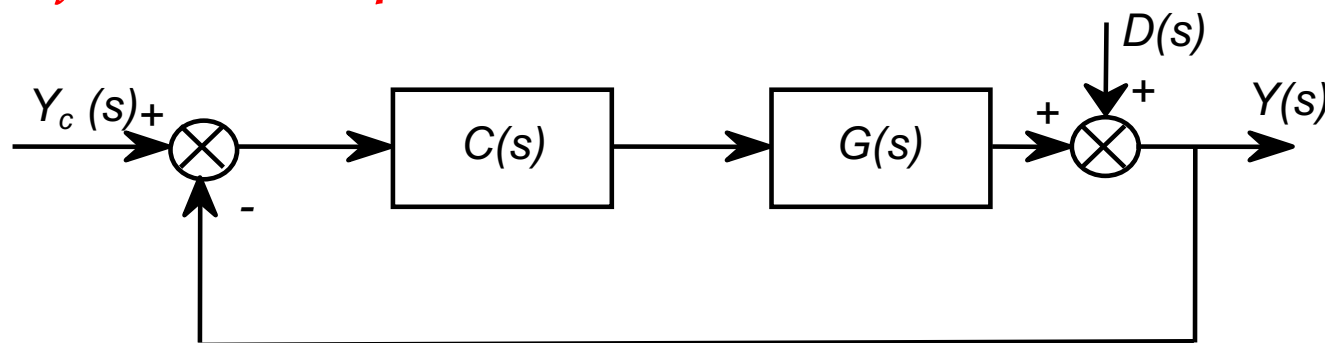
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Interest of the Laplace transform (*reminder*)

- To determine the solution of a *differential equation* with constant coefficients
 - Ex: solve

$$\frac{d^2 y(t)}{dt^2} + 2 \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + y(t) = 0, \quad y(0) = 0; \dot{y}(0) = 1$$

- Mathematical tool that facilitates *the analysis of continuous-time control feedback loops*



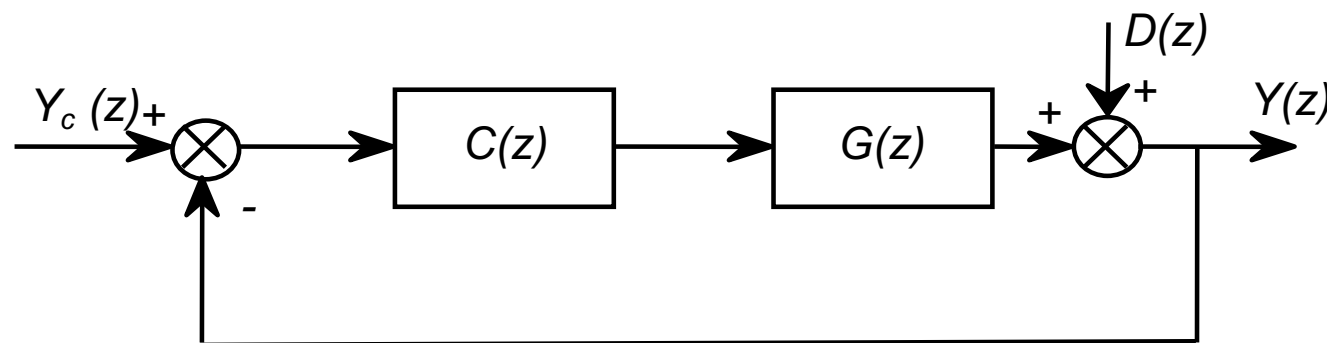
$$Y(s) = \frac{F_{BO}(s)}{1 + F_{BO}(s)} Y_c(s) + \frac{1}{1 + F_{BO}(s)} D(s)$$

Benefits of the Z-transform

- To determine the solution of a *difference equation* with constant coefficients
 - Ex : solve

$$y(k) - 4y(k - 1) + 3y(k - 2) = \delta(k), \quad y(-1) = y(-2) = 0$$

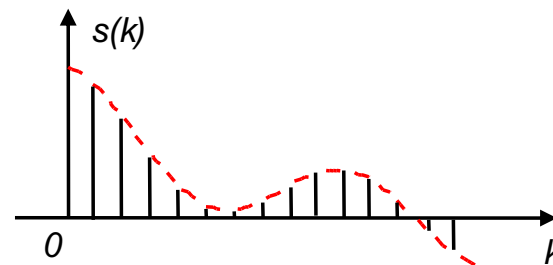
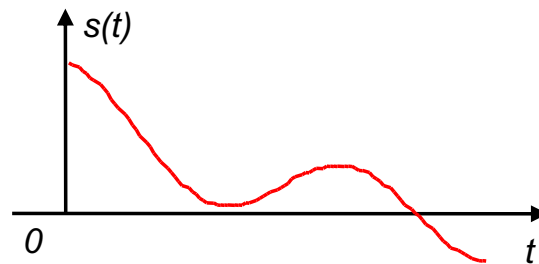
- Mathematical tool that facilitates *analysis of digital control feedback loops*



$$Y(z) = \frac{F_{BO}(z)}{1 + F_{BO}(z)} Y_c(z) + \frac{1}{1 + F_{BO}(z)} D(z)$$

Discrete-time signal

- A *discrete-time* signal is denoted $s(k)$ with $k \in \mathbb{Z}$
- It is defined only for discrete values of time
- It can be obtained by sampling a continuous-time signal: the values represent the signal samples



Discrete-time signal

- **Definition**

- A *discrete-time* signal $s(k)$ is a *numerical sequence*, i.e. an ordered list of numbers:

$$s(0) = 1, s(1) = 2, s(2) = 4, \dots$$

- **Representation mode**

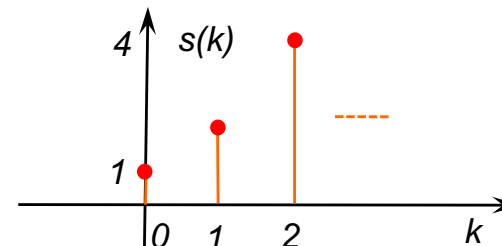
- by an **analytical expression**

$$s(k) = 2^k, k \geq 0$$

- by a **recurrence relation**

$$s(k) = 2 \times s(k - 1), k \geq 1 \text{ with } s(0) = 1$$

- with a **graphical representation**



Difference equations

- **Definition**

Let a discrete-time signal $s(0), s(1), \dots, s(k), \dots$

An equation linking the $k^{\text{ième}}$ term to its predecessors is called a **recurrence equation** or **difference equation**

$$s(k) - 4s(k-1) + 3s(k-2) = \delta(k) \quad s(-1) = s(-2) = 0$$

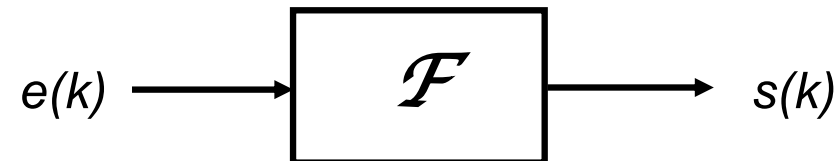
- **Solving a difference equation** consists in determining the solution (the digital signal) $s(k)$ that satisfies the equation

$$s(k) = \frac{1}{2}(3^{k+1} - 1) \quad k \geq 0$$

- There are several methods for solving difference equations
 - One of them is based on the ***z-transform***

Discrete-time system

- A discrete-time system is defined as an operator between *two discrete-time signals*. It is described by a difference equation



$$s(k) = \mathcal{F}(s(k-1), (s(k-2), \dots, e(k), e(k-1), \dots))$$

\mathcal{F} : is a *discrete-time system* which will be assumed hereafter to be:

- linear
- time-invariant
- causal

Tool for analyzing the characteristics of a linear discrete-time system

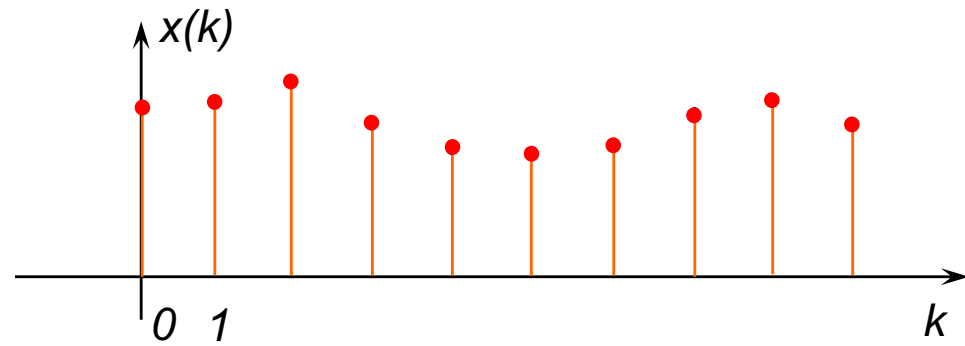
- A linear discrete-time system can be described mathematically by :
 - a difference equation
 - a convolution product
 - its transfer function
- *The mathematical tool* used to facilitate its analysis is :

the z-transform

z-transform

- Let $x(k)$ be a causal discrete-time signal. *The z-transform* is defined by :

$$Z(x(k)) = X(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} x(k) z^{-k}$$



where

- z is the z-transform variable
- $z = r e^{j\theta} = \alpha + j\beta$

- $X(z)$ is said to be the z-transform of the signal $x(k)$

Link between Fourier transform and z-transform

- The z-transform defined above is in fact the monolateral z-transform

In fact, there exists the two-sided z-transform defined by :

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

- There is a relationship between the **bilateral z-transform** and the **Fourier transform** of a discrete-time signal:

$$X(f) = X(z) \Big|_{z=e^{j2\pi f T_e}} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} x(k) e^{-j2\pi f k T_e}$$

- With T_e the signal sampling period

Link between Laplace transform and transformed into Z

For a sampled signal (ideally), the *Laplace transform* is given by :

$$X_e(s) = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} x(k)e^{-ksT_e} = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} x(k) \left(e^{-sT_e} \right)^k$$

En posant $z = e^{sT_e}$

$$X(z) = Z(x_e(t)) = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} x(k) z^{-k}$$

The **Z-transform** can therefore be seen as *the Laplace transform* applied to a sampled signal (*ideally*) in which the change of variable :

$$z = e^{sT_e}$$

Whole series (*reminders*)

- **Definition**

An *integer series* of variable x is **any sum** (finite or infinite) of the elements of a numerical sequence with general term $u_k = a x_k^k$ where a_k is a real number and k is a natural *number*

$$u_0 + u_1 + u_2 + \dots$$

On any interval where it is convergent, the sum of an integer series is a function. An integer series is therefore a function of the form :

$$a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_k x^k$$

- **Remarks**

- an integer series does not necessarily converge for all x
- there exists an integer R called the *radius or region of convergence* such that the whole series converges for $|x| < R$ and diverges for $|x| > R$

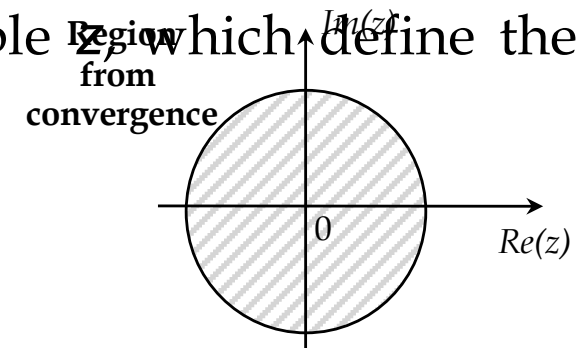
Convergence region

- The Z-transform of a signal $x(k)$ is defined by an **integer series** (*infinite sum of the terms of a numerical sequence*)

$$X(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} x(k) z^{-k} = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} x(k) (z^{-1})^k$$

- When this sum is finite, the series is said to be convergent and $X(z)$ exists.
- This is the case for certain values of the variable z , which define the **Convergence Region (RdC)**.

$$\text{RdC} = \left\{ z = \alpha + j\beta \text{ telles que } \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} |x(k)z^{-k}| < \infty \right\}$$



- RdC contains no pole of $X(z)$. It corresponds, in general, for causal signals outside a circle $|z| > a$
- For physical signals (which have a finite existence time) :

RdC = the whole complex plane with the possible exclusion of $z=0$ or $z=\infty$

Convergence region - Example

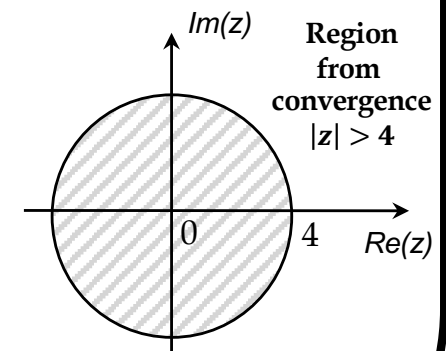
- Consider the digital signal whose first values are :
 $x(0) = 1, x(1) = 4, x(2) = 16, x(3) = 64, x(4) = 256 \dots$

Using the definition of the z -transform, determine $X(z)$. Under what condition does the resulting series converge? Assuming this condition is met, give the value of $X(z)$.

$$X(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} x(k) z^{-k} = x(0) + x(1)z^{-1} + x(2)z^{-2} + \dots$$

$$X(z) = 1 + 4z^{-1} + 4^2 z^{-2} + \dots = \left(\frac{4}{z}\right)^0 + \left(\frac{4}{z}\right)^1 + \left(\frac{4}{z}\right)^2 + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \left(\frac{4}{z}\right)^k$$

$$X(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \left(\frac{4}{z}\right)^k = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{4}{z}} = \frac{z}{z-4} \quad \text{si } |z| > 4$$



Reminder: sum of a geometric sequence of reason q

$$\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} q^k = \frac{1}{1-q} \quad \text{si } |q| < 1$$

z-transform - Example

- Let be the discrete-time signal with finite existence time defined by :

$$x(0) = 1, x(1) = 2, x(2) = 3, x(k>2) = 0$$

Using the definition of the Z-transform, determine $X(z)$

$$X(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} x(k) z^{-k} = x(0) + x(1)z^{-1} + x(2)z^{-2} + \dots = 1 + 2z^{-1} + 3z^{-2}$$

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

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

Common form of a z-transform

- The Z-transform can be written in 2 forms:
 - *Integer series (impractical form)*: obtained from the definition

We obtain an integer series in negative power of z weighted by $x(k)$

$$X(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} x(k) z^{-k} = x(0) + x(1)z^{-1} + x(2)z^{-2} + \dots + x(i)z^{-i} + \dots$$

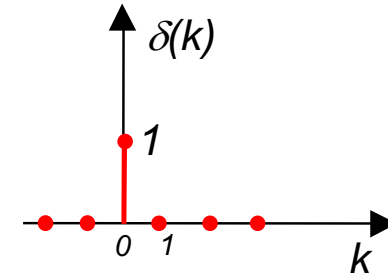
- *Rational function (most common form)* in positive power of z or in negative power of z (z)⁻ⁱ

$$\text{Exemple : } X(z) = \frac{1}{1-2z^{-1} + z^{-2}} \quad \text{ou} \quad X(z) = \frac{z^2}{z^2 - 2z + 1}$$

Usual discrete-time signals

- *Unit impulse or Kronecker impulse*

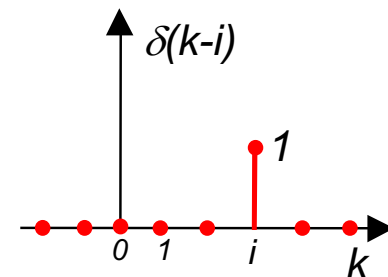
$$\delta(k) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{pour } k = 0 \\ 0 & \text{pour } k \neq 0 \end{cases}$$



It should not be confused with the Dirac pulse $\delta(t)$, which is a continuous-time signal. It's much easier to manipulate!

- *Delayed Kronecker impulse*

$$\delta(k-i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{pour } k = i \\ 0 & \text{pour } k \neq i \end{cases}$$

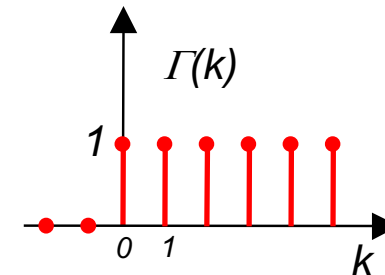


- Any signal $s(k)$ can be written : $s(k) = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{+\infty} s(i)\delta(k-i)$

Usual discrete-time signals

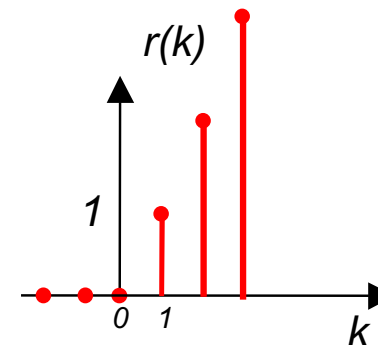
- *Unit level*

$$\Gamma(k) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{pour } k \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{pour } k < 0 \end{cases}$$



- *Ramp unit*

$$r(k) = \begin{cases} k & \text{pour } k \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{pour } k < 0 \end{cases}$$

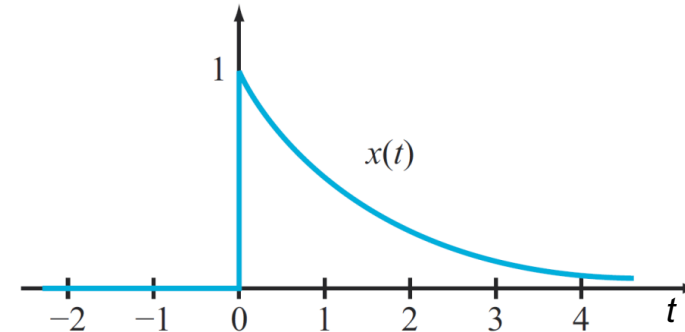


Usual discrete-time signals

- Reminder: causal continuous-time exponential signal (null if $t < 0$)

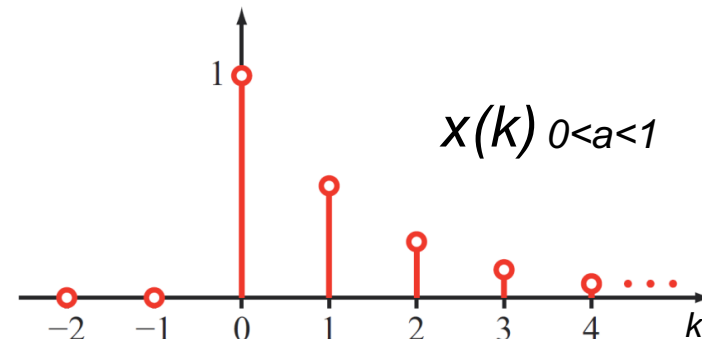
$$x(t) = e^{-\alpha t} \Gamma(t)$$

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makes the signal causal



- **Discrete-time** (or exponential base a) and causal *geometric signal*

$$x(k) = a^k \Gamma(k)$$

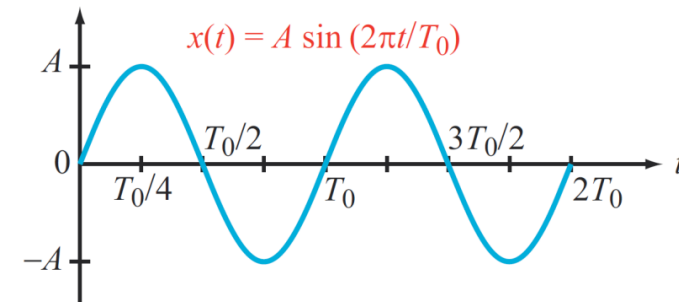


Discrete-time sinusoidal signal

- Reminder: *continuous-time* sinusoidal signal

$$x(t) = A \sin(\omega_o t + \phi_o)$$

période: $T_o = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_o}$, ω_o en rad/s



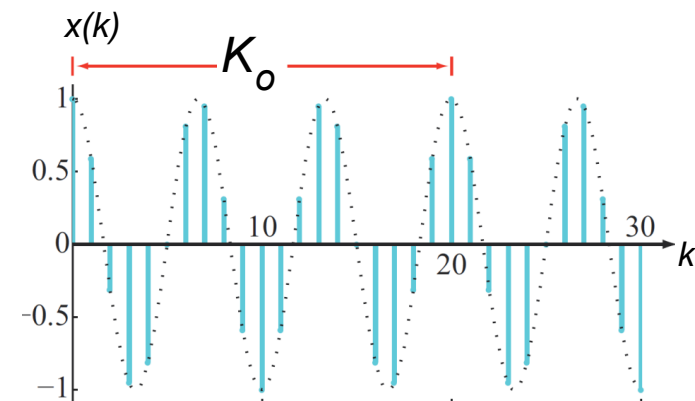
- *Discrete-time sinusoidal signal*

$$x(k) = A \sin(\Omega_o k + \phi_o)$$

$x(k)$ périodique de période $K_o = \frac{2\pi}{\Omega_o}$, $K_o \in \mathbb{Z}$

si $\Omega_o = \frac{M}{N} 2\pi$ avec M et N entiers, Ω_o en rad

K_o plus petit entier >0 tel que $\frac{M}{N}$ entier



A discrete-time sinusoidal signal is not always periodic!

z-transform of standard signals

- *Impulse unit* $Z(\delta(k)) = 1$

$$Z(\delta(k)) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \delta(k) z^{-k} = \delta(0)z^{-0} + \delta(1)z^{-1} + \dots = 1$$

- *Unit level* $Z(\Gamma(k)) = \frac{1}{1-z^{-1}} = \frac{z}{z-1}$

$$Z(\Gamma(k)) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 1 z^{-k} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (z^{-1})^k$$

$$Z(\Gamma(k)) = \frac{1}{1-z^{-1}} \quad \text{si} \quad |z^{-1}| < 1 \Leftrightarrow |z| > 1$$

Sum of a geometric sequence
of reason z^{-1}

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^k = \frac{1}{1-q} \quad \text{si} \quad |q| < 1$$

z-transform of standard signals

- *Geometric signal (causal)*

$$\mathbf{Z}\left(a^k \Gamma(k)\right) = \frac{z}{z-a}$$

$$\text{si } a = e^{bT_e}, \quad \mathbf{Z}\left(\left(e^{bT_e}\right)^k \Gamma(k)\right) = \frac{z}{z - e^{bT_e}}$$

- *Sine signals (causal)*

$$\mathbf{Z}\left(\sin\left(\omega_o k T_e\right) \Gamma(k)\right) = \frac{z \sin\left(\omega_o T_e\right)}{z^2 - 2 \cos\left(\omega_o T_e\right) z + 1}$$

$$\mathbf{Z}\left(\cos\left(\omega_o k T_e\right) \Gamma(k)\right) = \frac{z\left(z - \cos\left(\omega_o T_e\right)\right)}{z^2 - 2 \cos\left(\omega_o T_e\right) z + 1}$$

Table of z-transforms

$x(k) \quad X(z)$

$$\delta(k) \qquad 1$$

$$\delta(k-i) \qquad z^{-i}$$

$$\Gamma(k) \qquad \frac{z}{z-1}$$

$$r(k) = kT_e \Gamma(k) \qquad \frac{zT_e}{(z-1)^2}$$

$$(kT_e)^2 \Gamma(k) \qquad \frac{z(z+1)T_e^2}{(z-1)^3}$$

$$a^k \Gamma(k) \qquad \frac{z}{z-a}$$

Table of z-transforms

$x(k) \quad X(z)$

$(kT_e) a^k \Gamma(k)$	$\frac{azT_e}{(z-a)^2}$
$(kT_e)^2 a^k \Gamma(k)$	$\frac{az(z+a)T_e^2}{(z-a)^3}$
$\sin(\omega_o kT_e) \Gamma(k)$	$\frac{z \sin(\omega_o T_e)}{z^2 - 2\cos(\omega_o T_e)z + 1}$
$\cos(\omega_o kT_e) \Gamma(k)$	$\frac{z(z - \cos(\omega_o T_e))}{z^2 - 2\cos(\omega_o T_e)z + 1}$

Properties of the z-transform *transform*

- *Linearity*

$$\mathcal{Z}(a x(k) + b y(k)) = a X(z) + b Y(z)$$

- *Time delay*

$$\mathcal{Z}(x(k-i)) = z^{-i} X(z)$$

$$\mathcal{Z}(x(k-1)) = z^{-1} X(z)$$


$$\mathcal{Z}(x(k-2)) = z^{-2} X(z)$$

- *Time advance*

$$\mathcal{Z}(x(k+i)) = z^i \left[X(z) - \sum_{k=0}^{i-1} x(k) z^{-k} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{Z}(x(k+1)) = zX(z) - zx(0)$$

Initial conditions
of the $x(k)$ signal



Properties of the z-transform

- *Time convolution product*

$$x(k) * y(k) = \sum_{i=0}^{+\infty} x(i) y(k-i)$$

$$Z(x(k) * y(k)) = X(z) \times Y(z)$$

- *Initial value theorem Final value theorem*

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow 0} (x(k)) = \lim_{z \rightarrow +\infty} (X(z))$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} (x(k)) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} ((z-1)X(z))$$

If limits exist

Inverse z-transform

- *The inverse z-transform recovers the signal samples*

$$Z^{-1}(S(z)) = s(k)$$

- *Several methods are available:*

1. Decomposition into sums of rational functions and use of tables

$$S(z) = A_1 \frac{z}{z - a_1} + A_2 \frac{z}{z - a_2} + \dots$$

$$s(k) = Z^{-1}(S(z)) = Z^{-1}\left(A_1 \frac{z}{z - a_1} + A_2 \frac{z}{z - a_2} + \dots\right)$$

$$s(k) = A_1 Z^{-1}\left[\frac{z}{z - a_1}\right] + A_2 Z^{-1}\left[\frac{z}{z - a_2}\right] + \dots \quad \text{because the inverse Z-transform is linear}$$

$$s(k) = A_1 (a_1)^k \Gamma(k) + A_2 (a_2)^k \Gamma(k) + \dots \quad \text{car } Z(a^k \Gamma(k)) = \frac{z}{z - a}$$

Please note that this is not the usual breakdown into simple elements. Presence of a z in the numerator!

Inverse z-transform - Example

Find the original $x(k)$ of the transform below:

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

Derive the values of $x(0)$, $x(1)$, $x(2)$ and $x(3)$.

Inverse z-transform - Example

Find the original $x(k)$ of the transform below:

$$X(z) = \frac{z^2}{z^2 - 3z + 2} = \frac{z^2}{(z-1)(z-2)} = A_1 \frac{z}{z-1} + A_2 \frac{z}{z-2}$$

$$A_1 = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{z-1}{z} X(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{z-1}{z} \frac{z^2}{(z-1)(z-2)} = -1$$

$$A_2 = \lim_{z \rightarrow 2} \frac{z-2}{z} X(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 2} \frac{z-2}{z} \frac{z^2}{(z-1)(z-2)} = 2$$

$$x(k) = Z^{-1}(X(z)) = -Z^{-1}\left[\frac{z}{z-1}\right] + 2Z^{-1}\left[\frac{z}{z-2}\right]$$

$$x(k) = -\Gamma(k) + 2 \times 2^k \Gamma(k) = (-1 + 2^{k+1})\Gamma(k)$$

$$k=0, \quad x(0) = 1; \quad k=2, \quad x(2) = 7$$

$$k=1, \quad x(1) = 3; \quad k=3, \quad x(3) = 15$$

Inverse z-transform

2. Polynomial division

$$X(z) = \frac{B(z)}{A(z)} = \frac{b_0 z^{n_b} + b_1 z^{n_b-1} + \dots + b_{n_b}}{a_0 z^{n_a} + a_1 z^{n_a-1} + \dots + a_{n_a}}$$

Simply divide $B(z)$ by $A(z)$ defined as a positive power of z to obtain a series in decreasing power of z^{-1} whose coefficients are the $x(k)$ values we're looking for.

$$\begin{array}{r|l}
 B(z) & A(z) \\
 \hline
 & X(z) = x(0) + x(1)z^{-1} + x(2)z^{-2} + x(3)z^{-3} + \dots \\
 & \begin{array}{cccc}
 \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\
 x(0) & x(1) & x(2) & x(3), \dots
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

By identification, we deduce :

Inverse Z-transform

2. Polynomial division - Example

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

$$\begin{array}{r|l}
 z^2 & z^2 - 3z + 2 \\
 \hline
 -z^2 + 3z - 2 & 1 + 3z^{-1} + 7z^{-2} + 15z^{-3} + \dots + x(i)z^{-i} + \dots \\
 3z + 2 & \\
 \vdots & \\
 & X(z) = x(0) + x(1)z^{-1} + x(2)z^{-2} + x(3)z^{-3} + \dots + x(i)z^{-i} + \dots
 \end{array}$$

By identification, we deduce : $x(0) = 1, x(1) = 3, x(2) = 7, x(3) = 15, \dots$

Solving difference equations using the z-transform

- The resolution procedure is as follows:
 1. Apply the z-transform to the 2 members of the difference equation in $x(k)$
 2. Calculate $X(z)$ using the properties of the z-transform
 3. Decompose $X(z)$ into simple rational functions
 4. Use the transform table to obtain $x(k)$ by inverse transform

Benefits of the Z-transform

- Determines the solution of a difference equation

- Solve

$$s(k) - 4s(k-1) + 3s(k-2) = \delta(k) \quad s(-1) = s(-2) = 0$$

$$s(k) = \frac{1}{2}(3^{k+1} - 1) \quad k \geq 0$$

- Facilitates the analysis of discrete-time systems

- Determine the step response of a digital system. This is equivalent to solving a difference equation

$$s(k) = -\frac{1}{2}s(k-1) + e(k), \quad e(k) = \Gamma(k)$$

$$s(k) = \frac{1}{3} \left(2 + (-0,5)^k \right) \Gamma(k)$$

$$Z^{-1} \left(\frac{z}{z+0,5} \right) = Z^{-1} \left(\frac{z}{z-(-0,5)} \right) = (-0,5)^k \Gamma(k)$$