# Chapter 4 THE Z TRANSFORM 4.8 Z-Transform Inversion Techniques

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- In this method, the inverse of a z transform X(z) is given by

$$x(nT) = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_{\Gamma} X(z) z^{n-1} \, dz$$

where  $\Gamma$  is a closed contour in the counterclockwise sense enclosing all the singularities of function  $X(z)z^{n-1}$ .

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- However, for most DSP applications, the z transform turns out to be a rational function and for such functions the contour integral can be easily evaluated by using the residue theorem.

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According to the residue theorem,

$$x(nT) = \frac{1}{2\pi j} \oint_{\Gamma} X(z) z^{n-1} dz = \sum_{i=1}^{P} \operatorname{res}_{z \to p_i} \left[ X(z) z^{n-1} \right]$$

where res  $_{z \to p_i} [X(z)z^{n-1}]$  and *P* are the residue of pole  $p_i$  and the number of poles of  $X(z)z^{n-1}$ , respectively.

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For a simple pole,

res 
$$_{z=p_i} [X(z)z^{n-1}] = \lim_{z \to p_i} [(z-p_i)X(z)z^{n-1}]$$

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### Example – General Inversion Method

Using the general inversion method, find the inverse z transform of

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

**Solution** We note that the factor  $z^{n-1}$  introduces a pole in  $X(z)z^{n-1}$  at the origin for the case n = 0, which must be taken into account in the evaluation of x(0).

*Note:* For n > 0, the pole at the origin *disappears*.

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Thus for n = 0, we have

$$X(z)z^{n-1}\Big|_{n=0} = \frac{z^{n-1}}{2(z-1)(z+\frac{1}{2})} \Bigg|_{n=0} = \frac{1}{2z(z-1)(z+\frac{1}{2})}$$
  
Hence  $x(0) = \frac{1}{2(z-1)(z+\frac{1}{2})} \Bigg|_{z=0} + \frac{1}{2z(z+\frac{1}{2})} \Bigg|_{z=1} + \frac{1}{2z(z-1)} \Bigg|_{z=-\frac{1}{2}} = -1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} = 0$ 

Actually, this follows from the initial-value theorem (Theorem 3.8) without any calculations.

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For n > 0

$$x(nT) = \frac{z^{n-1}}{2(z+\frac{1}{2})} \bigg|_{z=1} + \frac{z^{n-1}}{2(z-1)} \bigg|_{z=-\frac{1}{2}}$$
$$= \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

and from the initial-value theorem, x(nT) = 0 for n < 0.

Therefore, for any value of n, we have

$$x(nT) = u(nT - T) \left[\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}\right] \quad \blacksquare$$

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### Example – General Inversion Method

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$$X(z) = rac{(2z-1)z}{2(z-1)(z+rac{1}{2})}$$

Solution We can write

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

We note that  $X(z)z^{n-1}$  has simple poles at z = 1 and  $-\frac{1}{2}$ .

Furthermore, the zero in X(z) at the origin cancels the pole at the origin introduced by  $z^{n-1}$  for the case n = 0.

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

Hence for any  $n \ge 0$ , the general inversion formula gives

$$\begin{aligned} x(nT) &= \operatorname{res}_{z=1} \left[ X(z) z^{n-1} \right] + \operatorname{res}_{z=-\frac{1}{2}} \left[ X(z) z^{n-1} \right] \\ &= \left. \frac{(2z-1) z^n}{2(z+\frac{1}{2})} \right|_{z=1} + \left. \frac{(2z-1) z^n}{2(z-1)} \right|_{z=-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right)^n \end{aligned}$$

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Since the numerator degree in X(z) does not exceed the denominator degree, it follows that x(nT) is a right-sided signal, i.e., x(nT) = 0 for n < 0, according to the Corollary of Theorem 3.8.

Therefore, for any value of n, we have

$$x(nT) = u(nT) \left[\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^n\right]$$

where u(nT) is the unit-step function.

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Since

- the z transform is a particular type of Laurent series, and
- the Laurent series in a given annulus of convergence is unique

it follows that any technique that can be used to generate a power series for X(z) that converges in the outermost annulus of convergence can be used to obtain the inverse z transform.

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Consequently, several inversion techniques are available, as follows:

- using the binomial theorem,
- using the convolution theorem,
- performing long division,
- using the initial-value theorem, or
- expanding X(z) into partial fractions.

Some of these techniques are illustrated by examples in the next few slides.

### Example – Binomial Theorem

Using the binomial method, find the inverse z transform of

$$X(z) = \frac{Kz^m}{(z-w)^k}$$

where m and k are integers, and K and w are constants, possibly complex.

**Solution** The inverse z transform can be obtained by obtaining a binomial series for X(z) that converges in the outside annulus of X(z).

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Such a binomial series can be obtained by expressing X(z) as

$$X(z) = Kz^{m-k} [1 + (-wz^{-1})]^{-k}$$
  
=  $Kz^{m-k} \left[ \binom{-k}{0} + \binom{-k}{1} (-wz^{-1}) + \binom{-k}{2} (-wz^{-1})^2 + \dots + \binom{-k}{n} (-wz^{-1})^n + \dots \right]$   
where  $\binom{-k}{n} = \frac{(-k)(-k-1)\dots(-k-n+1)}{n!}$ 

Hence

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} Ku(nT) \frac{(-k)(-k-1)\cdots(-k-n+1)(-w)^n z^{-n+m-k}}{n!}$$

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Now if we let n = n' + m - k and then replace n' by n, we have

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ Ku[(n+m-k)T] \times \frac{(-k)(-k-1)\cdots(-n-m+1)(-w)^{n+m-k}}{(n+m-k)!} \right\} z^{-n}$$

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Hence the coefficient of  $z^{-n}$  is obtained as

$$x(nT) = \mathcal{Z}^{-1} \left[ \frac{Kz^{m}}{(z-w)^{k}} \right]$$
  
=  $Ku[(n+m-k)T] \frac{(-k)(-k-1)\cdots(-n-m+1)(-w)^{n+m-k}}{(n+m-k)!}$ 

By assigning different values to constants k, K, and m a variety of z-transform pairs can be deduced as shown in the next slide.

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x(nT)	X(z)
u(nT)	$\frac{z}{z-1}$
u(nT-kT)K	$\frac{Kz^{-(k-1)}}{z-1}$
u(nT)Kw <sup>n</sup>	$\frac{Kz}{z-w}$
$u(nT-kT)Kw^{n-1}$	$\frac{K(z/w)^{-(k-1)}}{z-w}$
$u(nT)e^{-\alpha nT}$	$\frac{z}{z-e^{-\alpha T}}$
r(nT)	$\frac{Tz}{(z-1)^2}$
$r(nT)e^{-\alpha nT}$	$\frac{Te^{-\alpha T}z}{(z-e^{-\alpha T})^2}$

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# Use of Real Convolution

From the real-convolution theorem

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If we take the inverse z transform of both sides, we get

$$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1(kT)_2(nT - kT) = \mathcal{Z}^{-1}[X_1(z)X_2(z)]$$

or

$$\mathcal{Z}^{-1}[X_1(z)X_2(z)] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1(kT)x_2(nT-kT)$$

Thus, if a z transform can be expressed as a *product* of two z transforms whose inverses are available, then performing the convolution summation will yield the desired inverse.

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### Example – Real Convolution

Find the inverse z transform of

$$X_3(z) = \frac{z}{(z-1)^2}$$

$$X_3(z)=X_1(z)X_2(z)$$

where

$$X_1(z) = rac{z}{z-1}$$
 and  $X_2(z) = rac{1}{z-1}$ 

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From the table of standard z transforms, we can write

$$x_1(nT) = u(nT)$$
 and  $x_2(nT) = u(nT - T)$ 

Hence for  $n \ge 0$ , the real convolution yields

$$x_{3}(nT) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x_{1}(kT)x_{2}(nT-kT) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} u(kT)u(nT-T-kT)$$
  
=  $\cdots + \underbrace{u(-T)u(nT)}_{k=n-1} + \underbrace{u(0)u(nT-T)}_{k=n} + \underbrace{u(T)u(nT-2T)}_{k=n-1} + \cdots$   
+  $\underbrace{u(nT-T)u(0)}_{k=n-1} + \underbrace{u(nT)u(-T)}_{k=n-1} + \cdots$   
=  $0 + 1 + 1 + \cdots + 1 + 0 = n$ 

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For n < 0, we have

$$x_{3}(nT) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} u(kT)u(nT - T - kT)$$
  
= ...+  $u(-T)u(nT)$  +  $u(0)u(nT - T)$  +  $u(T)u(nT - 2T)$  + ...  
+  $u(nT - T)u(0)$  +  $u(nT)u(-T)$  + ...

and since all the terms are zero, we get

$$x_3(nT)=0$$

(This result also follows from the initial value theorem.)

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Summarizing, for  $n \ge 0$ ,

$$x_3(nT) = n$$

and for n < 0,

$$x_3(nT)=0$$

Therefore, for any value of n, we have

$$x_3(nT) = u(nT)n$$

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### Example – Real Convolution

Using the real-convolution theorem, find the inverse z transforms of

$$X_3(z) = \frac{z}{(z-1)^3}$$

Solution For this example, we can write

$$X_1(z) = rac{z}{(z-1)^2}$$
 and  $X_2(z) = rac{1}{z-1}$ 

and from the previous example, we have

 $x_1(nT) = u(nT)n$  and  $x_2(nT) = u(nT - T)$ 

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From the initial value theorem, for n < 0, we have

 $x_3(n)=0$ 

For  $n \ge 0$ , the convolution summation gives

$$x_{3}(nT) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} ku(kT)u(nT - T - kT)$$
  
=  $+ \underbrace{0 \cdot [u(nT - T)]}_{k=n} + \underbrace{1 \cdot [u(nT - 2T)]}_{k=n} + \cdots$   
+  $\underbrace{(n-1)u(0)}_{k=n} + \underbrace{nu(-T)}_{nu(-T)}$   
=  $+0 + 1 + 2 + \cdots + n - 1 + 0$   
=  $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k$ 

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- "It's very simple, Sir, twice the sum is  $100 \times 99$ ".

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Gauss' reasoning was as follows:

That is,

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k = \frac{1}{2}n(n-1)$$

Using this result,  $x_3(nT)$  can be obtained as

$$x_3(nT) = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k = \frac{1}{2}u(nT)n(n-1)$$

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# Use of Long Division

Given a z transform X(z) = N(z)/D(z), a series that converges in the outermost annulus of X(z) can be readily obtained by arranging the numerator and denominator polynomials in descending powers of z and then performing polynomial division also known as *long division*.

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### Example – Long Division

Using long division, find the inverse z transform of

$$X(z) = \frac{-\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2}z - \frac{1}{2}z^2 - \frac{7}{4}z^3 + 2z^4 + z^5}{-\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}z - z^2 + z^3}$$

**Solution** The numerator and denominator polynomials can be arranged in descending powers of *z* as

$$X(z) = \frac{z^5 + 2z^4 - \frac{7}{4}z^3 - \frac{1}{2}z^2 + \frac{1}{2}z - \frac{1}{4}}{z^3 - z^2 + \frac{1}{4}z - \frac{1}{4}}$$

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$$z^3 - z^2 + \frac{1}{4}z - \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\frac{z^{2} + 3z + 1 + z^{-2} + z^{-3} + \frac{3}{4}z^{-4} + \cdots}{z^{5} + 2z^{4} - \frac{7}{4}z^{3} - \frac{1}{2}z^{2} + \frac{1}{2}z - \frac{1}{4}}{\frac{\pm z^{5} \pm z^{4} \mp \frac{1}{4}z^{3} \pm \frac{1}{4}z^{2}}{3z^{4} - \frac{8}{4}z^{3} - \frac{1}{4}z^{2} + \frac{1}{2}z - \frac{1}{4}}{\frac{\pm 3z^{4} \pm 3z^{3} \mp \frac{3}{4}z^{2} \pm \frac{3}{4}z}{z^{3} - z^{2} + \frac{5}{4}z - \frac{1}{4}}{\frac{\pm z^{3} \pm z^{2} \mp \frac{1}{4}z \pm \frac{1}{4}}}$$

$$\frac{z^{3} - z^{2} + \frac{5}{4}z - \frac{1}{4}}{\frac{\pm z^{3} \pm z^{2} \mp \frac{1}{4}z \pm \frac{1}{4}}{z^{2}}$$

$$\frac{z^{2} \pm 1 \mp \frac{1}{4}z^{-1} \pm \frac{1}{4}z^{-2}}{1 - \frac{1}{4}z^{-1} \pm \frac{1}{4}z^{-2}}{\frac{\pm 1 \pm z^{-1} \mp \frac{1}{4}z^{-2} \pm \frac{1}{4}z^{-3}}{\frac{3}{4}z^{-1} + \frac{1}{4}z^{-3}}$$

$$\vdots$$

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#### Therefore,

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

i.e.,

$$x(-2T) = 1$$
,  $x(-T) = 3$ ,  $x(0) = 1$ ,  $x(T) = 0$   
 $x(2T) = 1$ ,  $x(3T) = 1$ ,  $x(4T) = \frac{3}{4}$ , ...

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- The inverses of such z transforms can be easily obtained in closed form by finding the values of the signal for  $n \le 0$  using *long division* and then applying the *general inversion method* to the remainder of the long division.

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Consider a z transform whose numerator degree exceeds the denominator degree of the form

$$X(z) = \frac{N(z)}{D(z)} = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{M} a_i z^{M-i}}{\sum_{i=0}^{N} b_i z^{N-i}}$$

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The first nonzero value of x(nT) occurs at n = (N - M)T according to the initial value theorem.

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Performing long division until the signal values x[(N - M)T], x[(N - M + 1)T], ..., x(0) are obtained, X(z) can be expressed as

$$X(z) = \frac{N(z)}{D(z)} = Q(z) + R(z)$$

where

$$Q(z) = x[(N-M)T]z^{(M-N)} + x[(N-M+1)T]z^{(M-N-1)} + \dots + x(0)$$

is the *quotient* polynomial and

$$R(z) = \frac{N'(z)}{D(z)}$$

is the *remainder* whose numerator degree is less than the denominator degree.

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$$X(z)=rac{N(z)}{D(z)}=Q(z)+R(z)$$
 where  $R(z)=rac{N'(z)}{D(z)}$ 

#### Hence

$$\begin{aligned} x(nT) &= \mathcal{Z}^{-1}Q(z) + \mathcal{Z}^{-1}\frac{N'(z)}{D(z)} \\ &= x[(N-M)T]z^{(M-N)} + x[(N-M+1)T]z^{(M-N-1)} + \cdots \\ &+ x(0) + \mathcal{Z}^{-1}\frac{N'(z)}{D(z)} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\mathcal{Z}^{-1}\frac{N'(z)}{D(z)}$  represents a right-sided signal, it can be *easily* evaluated in *closed-form* by using the general inversion method.

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# Example – Long Division and General Inversion Method

Using long division along with the general inversion method, obtain a closed-form solution for the inverse z transform of

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#### Solution

$$z^{3} - z^{2} + \frac{1}{4}z - \frac{1}{4}$$

$$z^{5} + 2z^{4} - \frac{7}{4}z^{3} - \frac{1}{2}z^{2} + \frac{1}{2}z - \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\frac{\mp z^{5} \pm z^{4} \mp \frac{1}{4}z^{3} \pm \frac{1}{4}z^{2}}{3z^{4} - \frac{8}{4}z^{3} - \frac{1}{4}z^{2} + \frac{1}{2}z - \frac{1}{4}}$$

$$\frac{\mp 3z^{4} \pm 3z^{3} \mp \frac{3}{4}z^{2} \pm \frac{3}{4}z}{z^{3} - z^{2} + \frac{5}{4}z - \frac{1}{4}}$$

$$\frac{\mp z^{3} \pm z^{2} \mp \frac{1}{4}z \pm \frac{1}{4}}{z}$$

Hence 
$$X(z) = Q(z) + R(z) = z^2 + 3z + 1 + \frac{z}{z^3 - z^2 + \frac{1}{4}z - \frac{1}{4}}$$

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Applying the inverse z transform, we have

$$x(nT) = \mathcal{Z}^{-1}\left(z^2 + 3z + 1 + \frac{z}{z^3 - z^2 + \frac{1}{4}z - \frac{1}{4}}\right)$$
$$= x(-2T)z^2 + x(-T)z + x(0) + \mathcal{Z}^{-1}R(z)$$

where x(-2T) = 1, x(-T) = 3, x(0) = 1, and

$$R(z) = \frac{z}{z^3 - z^2 + \frac{1}{4}z - \frac{1}{4}} = \frac{z}{(z-1)(z+j\frac{1}{2})(z-j\frac{1}{2})}$$

The inverse z transform of R(z) can now be obtained by using the general inversion method.

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Since  $-j\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}e^{-j\pi/2}$ , the residues of  $R(z)z^{n-1}$  can be obtained as

$$R_{1} = \lim_{z \to 1} \frac{z^{n}}{(z^{2} + \frac{1}{4})} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{4}} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$R_{2} = \lim_{z \to -j\frac{1}{2}} \frac{z^{n}}{(z - 1)(z - j\frac{1}{2})} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n} e^{-jn\pi/2}}{(-\frac{1}{2} + j)}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n} e^{-jn\pi/2}}{e^{j(\pi - tan^{-1}2)}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n} e^{-j(n\pi/2 + \pi - tan^{-1}2)}$$

$$R_{3} = R_{2}^{*} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n} e^{j(n\pi/2 + \pi - tan^{-1}2)}$$

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Thus for  $n \ge 1$ , we have

$$R(z) =) R_1 + R_2 + R_3$$
  
=  $\frac{4}{5} + \frac{4}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \frac{1}{2} \left[ e^{j(n\pi/2 + \pi - tan^{-1}2)} + e^{-j(n\pi/2 + \pi - tan^{-1}2)} \right]$ 

Hence

$$r(nT) = \frac{4}{5}u(nT) + \frac{4}{\sqrt{5}}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n}\cos(n\pi/2 + \pi - \tan^{-1}2)$$

Since x(-2T) = 1, x(-T) = 3, and x(0) = 1, the value of x(nT) for any value of *n* is given by

$$x(nT) = \delta(nT + 2T) + 3\delta(nT + T) + \delta(nT) + u(nT - T)[\frac{4}{5} + \frac{4}{\sqrt{5}} (\frac{1}{2})^n \cos(n\pi/2 + \pi - \tan^{-1}2)]$$

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## Use of Partial Fractions

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- Two techniques are available, as detailed next.

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### Use of Partial Fractions, Technique I

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$$\frac{X(z)}{z} = \frac{R_0}{z} + \sum_{i=1}^{P} \frac{R_i}{z - p_i}$$

where P is the number of poles in X(z) and

$$R_0 = \lim_{z \to 0} X(z)$$
  $R_i = \operatorname{res}_{z=p_i} \left[ \frac{X(z)}{z} \right]$ 

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## Use of Partial Fractions, Technique I Cont'd

$$X(z) = R_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{P} \frac{R_i z}{z - p_i}$$

Therefore,

$$x(nT) = Z^{-1}\left(R_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{P} \frac{R_i z}{z - p_i}\right) = Z^{-1}R_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{P} Z^{-1} \frac{R_i z}{z - p_i}$$

and from the table of standard z transforms, we get

$$x(nT) = R_0\delta(nT) + \sum_{i=1}^{P} u(nT)R_ip_i^n$$

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### Example – Partial Fractions Method

Using Technique I, find the inverse z transform of

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

**Solution** On expanding X(z)/z into partial fractions, we get

$$\frac{X(z)}{z} = \frac{1}{z^2 + z + \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{(z - p_1)(z - p_2)} = \frac{R_1}{z - p_1} + \frac{R_2}{z - p_2}$$

	$e^{j3\pi/4}$	and	n. —	$e^{-j3\pi/4}$
where	$p_1 = - \sqrt{2}$	anu	$p_2 =$	$\sqrt{2}$

Thus we obtain

$$R_1 = \operatorname{res}_{z=p_1} \left[ \frac{X(z)}{z} \right] = -j \text{ and } R_2 = \operatorname{res}_{z=p_2} \left[ \frac{X(z)}{z} \right] = j$$

*Note:* Complex conjugate poles give complex conjugate residues.

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From the table of z transforms, we can now obtain

$$\begin{aligned} x(nT) &= u(nT) \left( -jp_1^n + jp_2^n \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{n/2} u(nT) \frac{1}{j} \left( e^{j3\pi n/4} - e^{-j3\pi n/4} \right) \\ &= 2 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{n/2} u(nT) \sin \frac{3\pi n}{4} \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

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## Use of Partial Fractions, Technique II

An alternative approach is to expand X(z) into partial fractions as  $X(z) = R_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{P} \frac{R_i}{z - p_i}$ 

where 
$$R_0 = \lim_{z \to \infty} X(z)$$
  $R_i = \operatorname{res}_{z=p_i} X(z)$ 

and P is the number of poles in X(z).

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Thus

$$\begin{aligned} x(nT) &= \mathcal{Z}^{-1} \left[ R_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{P} \frac{R_i}{z - p_i} \right] \\ &= \mathcal{Z}^{-1} R_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{P} \mathcal{Z}^{-1} \frac{R_i}{z - p_i} \end{aligned}$$

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### Use of Partial Fractions, Technique II Cont'd

$$x(nT) = \mathcal{Z}^{-1}R_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{P} \mathcal{Z}^{-1} \frac{R_i}{z - p_i}$$

■ Therefore, from Table 3.2, we obtain

$$X(nT) = R_0\delta(nT) + \sum_{i=1}^{P} u(nT - T)R_ip_i^{n-1}$$

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### Example – Partial Fractions Method

Using Technique II, find the inverse z transform of

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

**Solution** X(z) can be expressed as

$$X(z) = \frac{z}{\left(z - \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(z - \frac{1}{4}\right)} = R_0 + \frac{R_1}{z - \frac{1}{2}} + \frac{R_2}{z - \frac{1}{4}}$$

where

$$R_{0} = \lim_{z \to \infty} X(z) = \lim_{z \to \infty} \frac{z}{\left(z - \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(z - \frac{1}{4}\right)} = \lim_{z \to \infty} \frac{1}{z} = 0$$
  
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and 
$$R_2 = \operatorname{res}_{z=\frac{1}{4}} X(z) = \left. \frac{z}{(z-\frac{1}{2})} \right|_{z=\frac{1}{4}} = -1$$

Hence 
$$X(z) = \frac{2}{z - \frac{1}{2}} + \frac{-1}{z - \frac{1}{4}}$$

and from Table 3.2

$$x(nT) = 4u(nT - T)\left[\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n - \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n\right] \quad \blacksquare$$

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## Use of Partial Fractions Cont'd

The partial fraction method is based on the assumption that the denominator degree of the z transform is equal to or greater than the numerator degree.

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## Use of Partial Fractions Cont'd

- The partial fraction method is based on the assumption that the denominator degree of the z transform is equal to or greater than the numerator degree.
- If this is not the case, then through long division the z transform can be expressed as

$$X(z) = \frac{N(z)}{D(z)} = Q(z) + R(z)$$

where

$$Q(z) = x[(N-M)T]z^{(M-N)} + x[(N-M+1)T]z^{(M-N-1)} + \dots + x(0)$$

is the *quotient* polynomial and

$$R(z)=\frac{N'(z)}{D(z)}$$

is the *remainder* polynomial whose denominator degree is greater than the numerator degree.

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### Important Notes

- Given a z transform X(z), a partial fraction expansion can be obtained through the following steps:
  - represent the residues by variables,
  - generate a system of simultaneous equations, and then
  - solve the system of equations for the residues.

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For example, if

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

we can write

$$X(z) = R_0 + \frac{R_1}{z - 1} + \frac{R_2}{z - 2}$$
  
=  $\frac{R_0(z - 1)(z - 2) + R_1 z - 2R_1 + R_2 z - R_2}{(z - 1)(z - 2)}$   
=  $\frac{R_0(z^2 - 3z + 2) + R_1 z - 2R_1 + R_2 z - R_2}{(z - 1)(z - 2)}$   
=  $\frac{R_0 z^2 - 3R_0 z + 2R_0 + R_1 z - 2R_1 + R_2 z - R_2}{(z - 1)(z - 2)}$   
=  $\frac{R_0 z^2 + (R_1 + R_2 - 3R_0)z + 2R_0 - 2R_1 - R_2}{(z - 1)(z - 2)}$  (B)

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By equating equal powers of z in Eqs. (A) and (B), we get

$$\begin{array}{ll} z^2: & R_0 = 1 \\ z^1: & R_1 + R_2 - 3R_0 = 0 \\ z^0: & 2R_0 - 2R_1 - R_2 = -2 \end{array}$$

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By equating equal powers of z in Eqs. (A) and (B), we get

 Solving this system of equations would give the correct solution as

$$R_0 = 1, \quad R_1 = 1, \quad R_2 = 2$$

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■ For a *z* transform with six poles, a set of 6 simultaneous equations with 6 unknowns would need to be solved.

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- For a *z* transform with six poles, a set of 6 simultaneous equations with 6 unknowns would need to be solved.
- Obviously, this is a very *inefficient method* and it should definitely be avoided.

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The quick solution for this example is easily obtained by evaluating the residues individually, as follows:

$$R_{0} = \frac{z^{2} - 2}{(z - 1)(z - 2)} \bigg|_{z = \infty} = 1, \quad R_{1} = \frac{z^{2} - 2}{(z - 2)} \bigg|_{z = 1} = 1$$
$$R_{2} = \frac{z^{2} - 2}{(z - 1)} \bigg|_{z = 2} = 2$$

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$$R_{2} = \frac{z^{2} - 2}{(z - 1)} \bigg|_{z = 2} = 2$$

Hence

$$X(z) = \frac{z^2 - 2}{(z - 1)(z - 2)} = R_0 + \frac{R_1}{z - 1} + \frac{R_2}{z - 2}$$
$$= 1 + \frac{1}{z - 1} + \frac{2}{z - 2}$$

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## Important Notes Cont'd

In the partial-fraction method, constant R<sub>0</sub> must always be included although it may sometimes be found to be zero.

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## Important Notes Cont'd

- In the partial-fraction method, constant R<sub>0</sub> must always be included although it may sometimes be found to be zero.
- For example, if  $R_0$  were omitted in the partial-fraction expansion

$$X(z) = \frac{z^2 - 2}{(z - 1)(z - 2)} = R_0 + \frac{R_1}{z - 1} + \frac{R_2}{z - 2}$$

then the right-hand side would assume the form

$$\frac{R_1}{z-1} + \frac{R_2}{z-2} = \frac{(R_1 + R_2)z - (2R_1 + R_2)}{(z-1)(z-2)}$$

which cannot represent the given function whatever the values of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ !

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## Important Notes Cont'd

By the way, you can always check your work by combining the partial fractions back into a function, as you can check a division by multiplying.

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This slide concludes the presentation. Thank you for your attention.