

EEE5108/ETI5103 Digital Signal Processing.

Prof. Ciira Maina
ciira.maina@dkut.ac.ke

17th July, 2025

Today's Lecture

1. z-Transform

z-Transform

- ▶ Recall that for a discrete time sequence $x[n]$, its Fourier transform $X(e^{j\omega})$ is given by

$$X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]e^{-j\omega n} \quad (1)$$

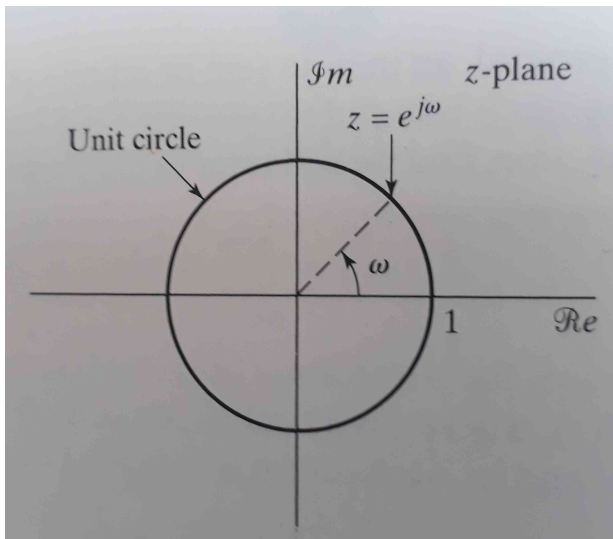
- ▶ The z-transform is defined as

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]z^{-n} \quad (2)$$

- ▶ When the Fourier transform exists, it is $X(z)$ with $z = e^{j\omega}$

z-Transform

- ▶ z is a complex variable
- ▶ We can express z in polar form as $z = re^{j\omega}$
- ▶ When we evaluate the z -transform along the unit circle $r = 1$, we get the Fourier transform



Example

- ▶ Consider the sequence $x[n] = a^n u[n]$. Determine its z-transform

Solution



$$\begin{aligned}X(z) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a^n u[n] z^{-n} \\&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a^n z^{-n} \\&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (az^{-1})^n \\&= \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}}\end{aligned}$$

- This converges for $|az^{-1}| < 1$ or $|z| > |a|$

Region of Convergence

- ▶ $X(z)$ converges when $|X(z)| < \infty$
- ▶ We have

$$\begin{aligned}|X(z)| &= \left| \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]z^{-n} \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |x[n]| |(re^{j\omega})^{-n}| \\ &\leq \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |x[n]| r^{-n} < \infty\end{aligned}$$

