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Inverse z-Transform

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The Inverse z-Transform

1. Inspection Method

- Recognize “by inspection” certain transform pairs.
- For example, we know that for a right sided exponential sequence:

$$a^n u[n] \leftrightarrow \frac{z}{1 - az^{-1}}, \quad |z| > |a|$$

- So if we need to find the inverse transform of:

$$\frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}}, \quad |z| > \frac{1}{2}$$

We can recall the z-transform pair above and can find the inverse z- transform “by inspection” as:

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

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1. Inspection Method

- Similarly, we know that for a left sided exponential sequence:

$$-a^n u[-n - 1] \stackrel{z}{\leftrightarrow} \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}}, \quad |z| < |a|$$

- So if we need to find the inverse transform of:

$$\frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}}, \quad |z| < \frac{1}{2}$$

We can recall the z-transform pair above and can find the inverse z-transform “by inspection” as:

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

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2. Partial Fraction Expansion Method

- Sometimes $X(z)$ may not be given explicitly in an available table, but it may be possible to obtain an alternative expression for $X(z)$ as a sum of simpler terms each of which is available in a table.
- Particularly useful in the case of rational functions.

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2. Partial Fraction Expansion Method

$X(z)$ is generally expressed as a ratio of polynomials in z^{-1} or z ; i.e.,

$$X(z) = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^M b_k z^{-k}}{\sum_{k=0}^N a_k z^{-k}} \quad (5)$$

Or

$$X(z) = \frac{z^N \sum_{k=0}^M b_k z^{M-k}}{z^M \sum_{k=0}^N a_k z^{N-k}} \quad (6)$$

- Eq. (6) clearly shows that for such functions, there will be M zeros and N poles.
- Z-transforms of the form of Eq. (5) always have the same number of poles and zeros in the finite z -plane and there are no poles or zeros at infinity.
- In addition, there will be
 - $M - N$ poles at $z = 0$ if $M > N$, or
 - $N - M$ zeros at $z = 0$ if $N > M$

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2. Partial Fraction Expansion Method

- To obtain the PFE of $X(z)$ in Eq. (5), $X(z)$ is first expressed in the form:

$$X(z) = \frac{b_0 \prod_{k=1}^M (1 - c_k z^{-1})}{a_0 \prod_{k=1}^N (1 - d_k z^{-1})} \quad (7)$$

Where

- the c_k 's are the non-zero zeros of $X(z)$ and
- the d_k 's are the non-zero poles of $X(z)$.

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2. Partial Fraction Expansion Method

- If $M < N$ and the poles are all first order, then $X(z)$ can be expressed as:

$$X(z) = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{A_k}{1-d_k z^{-1}} \quad (8)$$

- Multiplying both sides of Eq. (8) by $(1 - d_k z^{-1})$ and evaluation for $z = d_k$ shows that the coefficients A_k can be found from:

$$A_k = (1 - d_k z^{-1})X(z)|_{z=d_k} \quad (9)$$

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2. Partial Fraction Expansion Method

Example 3.8 (Second-order z-transform)

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2. Partial Fraction Expansion Method

- If $M \geq N$, then Eq. (8) needs to be modified as:

$$X(z) = \sum_{r=0}^{M-N} B_r z^{-r} + \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{A_k}{1-d_k z^{-1}} \quad (10)$$

- The B_r 's can be obtained by long division of the numerator by the denominator, with the division process terminating when the remainder is of lower degree than the denominator.
- The A_k 's can be obtained as in Eq. (9).

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2. Partial Fraction Expansion Method

- If $M \geq N$, and $X(z)$ has multiple order poles, then Eq. (8) needs to be further modified.
- In particular, if $X(z)$ has a pole of order s at $z = d_i$ and all the other poles are first-order, then Eq. (8) becomes:

$$X(z) = \sum_{r=0}^{M-N} B_r z^{-r} + \sum_{k=1, k \neq i}^N \frac{A_k}{1-d_k z^{-1}} + \sum_{m=1}^s \frac{C_m}{(1-d_i z^{-1})^m} \quad (11)$$

- The B_r 's and A_k 's are obtained as before.
- The C_m 's are obtained as:

$$C_m = \frac{1}{(s-m)!(-d_i)^{s-m}} \left\{ \frac{d^{s-m}}{dw^{s-m}} [(1-d_i w)^s X(w^{-1})] \right\}_{w=d_i^{-1}} \quad (12)$$

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2. Partial Fraction Expansion Method

Example 3.9 (Inverse by PFE)

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3. Power Series Expansion Method

- If the z-transform is given as a power series in the form:

$$X(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]z^{-n}$$
$$= \dots + x[-2]z^2 + x[-1]z + x[0] + x[1]z^{-1} + x[2]z^{-2} + \dots,$$

- We can determine any particular value of the sequence by finding the coefficient of the appropriate power of z^{-1} .
- This approach is very useful for finite-length sequences where $X(z)$ may have a no simpler form than a polynomial in z^{-1} .

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3. Power Series Expansion Method

Example 10 (Finite-length Sequence)

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3. Power Series Expansion Method

Example 11 (Inverse Transform by PSE)

$$\log(1 + x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{x^n}{n} \quad \text{for } |x| < 1$$

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3. Power Series Expansion Method

Example 12 (PSE by Long Division)

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3. Power Series Expansion Method

Example 13 (PSE for a left-sided sequence)

Suggested Reading

Section 3.3 (Oppenheim)

Practice Problems

Practice Problems: 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.14, 3.15 (Oppenheim)