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This test has 2 questions and 7 pages. Please provide your answers below each question. Tables 3.1, 3.2, and the list of ROC properties are provided on pages 5 and 6. You may use page 7 for drafting.

**QUESTION 1 (8 points)**

Consider a stable LTI system whose system function  $H(z)$  is given by

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

- a) (2 p) Find the region of convergence of the system function
- b) (6p) Suppose the input to the system is the unit step sequence:  $x[n]=u[n]$ . Find the output  $y[n]$  that corresponds to this input by computing the inverse Z transform of  $Y(z)$ .



## QUESTION 2. ( 7 points)

A causal LTI system is described by the following difference equation:

$$y[n] - 0.25y[n-2] = x[n] - x[n-1]$$

- a) (3p) Find the system function  $H(z)$  for this system and its region of convergence.
- b) (1p) Determine whether this system is stable or not.
- c) (3p) Determine the Z transform  $X(z)$  of the input signal  $x[n]$  so that the corresponding output of the above system is :

$$y[n] = \delta[n] - \delta[n-1].$$

- d) (1 point bonus) Determine the signal  $x[n]$  that corresponds to  $X(z)$  found in c) by computing the inverse Z Transform.



**TABLE 3.1** SOME COMMON  $z$ -TRANSFORM PAIRS

| Sequence                                                                             | Transform                                                                  | ROC                                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. $\delta[n]$                                                                       | 1                                                                          | All $z$                                                  |
| 2. $u[n]$                                                                            | $\frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}}$                                                     | $ z  > 1$                                                |
| 3. $-u[-n - 1]$                                                                      | $\frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}}$                                                     | $ z  < 1$                                                |
| 4. $\delta[n - m]$                                                                   | $z^{-m}$                                                                   | All $z$ except 0 (if $m > 0$ ) or $\infty$ (if $m < 0$ ) |
| 5. $a^n u[n]$                                                                        | $\frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}}$                                                    | $ z  >  a $                                              |
| 6. $-a^n u[-n - 1]$                                                                  | $\frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}}$                                                    | $ z  <  a $                                              |
| 7. $na^n u[n]$                                                                       | $\frac{az^{-1}}{(1 - az^{-1})^2}$                                          | $ z  >  a $                                              |
| 8. $-na^n u[-n - 1]$                                                                 | $\frac{az^{-1}}{(1 - az^{-1})^2}$                                          | $ z  <  a $                                              |
| 9. $\cos(\omega_0 n)u[n]$                                                            | $\frac{1 - \cos(\omega_0)z^{-1}}{1 - 2\cos(\omega_0)z^{-1} + z^{-2}}$      | $ z  > 1$                                                |
| 10. $\sin(\omega_0 n)u[n]$                                                           | $\frac{\sin(\omega_0)z^{-1}}{1 - 2\cos(\omega_0)z^{-1} + z^{-2}}$          | $ z  > 1$                                                |
| 11. $r^n \cos(\omega_0 n)u[n]$                                                       | $\frac{1 - r\cos(\omega_0)z^{-1}}{1 - 2r\cos(\omega_0)z^{-1} + r^2z^{-2}}$ | $ z  > r$                                                |
| 12. $r^n \sin(\omega_0 n)u[n]$                                                       | $\frac{r\sin(\omega_0)z^{-1}}{1 - 2r\cos(\omega_0)z^{-1} + r^2z^{-2}}$     | $ z  > r$                                                |
| 13. $\begin{cases} a^n, & 0 \leq n \leq N - 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ | $\frac{1 - a^N z^{-N}}{1 - az^{-1}}$                                       | $ z  > 0$                                                |

**TABLE 3.2** SOME  $z$ -TRANSFORM PROPERTIES

| Property Number | Section Reference | Sequence               | Transform                       | ROC                                                                            |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                 |                   | $x[n]$                 | $X(z)$                          | $R_x$                                                                          |
|                 |                   | $x_1[n]$               | $X_1(z)$                        | $R_{x_1}$                                                                      |
|                 |                   | $x_2[n]$               | $X_2(z)$                        | $R_{x_2}$                                                                      |
| 1               | 3.4.1             | $ax_1[n] + bx_2[n]$    | $aX_1(z) + bX_2(z)$             | Contains $R_{x_1} \cap R_{x_2}$                                                |
| 2               | 3.4.2             | $x[n - n_0]$           | $z^{-n_0} X(z)$                 | $R_x$ , except for the possible addition or deletion of the origin or $\infty$ |
| 3               | 3.4.3             | $z_0^n x[n]$           | $X(z/z_0)$                      | $ z_0  R_x$                                                                    |
| 4               | 3.4.4             | $nx[n]$                | $-z \frac{dX(z)}{dz}$           | $R_x$                                                                          |
| 5               | 3.4.5             | $x^*[n]$               | $X^*(z^*)$                      | $R_x$                                                                          |
| 6               |                   | $\mathcal{Re}\{x[n]\}$ | $\frac{1}{2}[X(z) + X^*(z^*)]$  | Contains $R_x$                                                                 |
| 7               |                   | $\mathcal{Im}\{x[n]\}$ | $\frac{1}{2j}[X(z) - X^*(z^*)]$ | Contains $R_x$                                                                 |
| 8               | 3.4.6             | $x^*[-n]$              | $X^*(1/z^*)$                    | $1/R_x$                                                                        |
| 9               | 3.4.7             | $x_1[n] * x_2[n]$      | $X_1(z)X_2(z)$                  | Contains $R_{x_1} \cap R_{x_2}$                                                |

Properties of the ROC for the  $z$ -Transform

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**PROPERTY 1:** The ROC will either be of the form  $0 \leq r_R < |z|$ , or  $|z| < r_L \leq \infty$ , or, in general the annulus, i.e.,  $0 \leq r_R < |z| < r_L \leq \infty$ .

**PROPERTY 2:** The Fourier transform of  $x[n]$  converges absolutely if and only if the ROC of the  $z$ -transform of  $x[n]$  includes the unit circle.

**PROPERTY 3:** The ROC cannot contain any poles.

**PROPERTY 4:** If  $x[n]$  is a *finite-duration sequence*, i.e., a sequence that is zero except in a finite interval  $-\infty < N_1 \leq n \leq N_2 < \infty$ , then the ROC is the entire  $z$ -plane, except possibly  $z = 0$  or  $z = \infty$ .

**PROPERTY 5:** If  $x[n]$  is a *right-sided sequence*, i.e., a sequence that is zero for  $n < N_1 < \infty$ , the ROC extends outward from the *outermost* (i.e., largest magnitude) finite pole in  $X(z)$  to (and possibly including)  $z = \infty$ .

**PROPERTY 6:** If  $x[n]$  is a *left-sided sequence*, i.e., a sequence that is zero for  $n > N_2 > -\infty$ , the ROC extends inward from the *innermost* (smallest magnitude) nonzero pole in  $X(z)$  to (and possibly including)  $z = 0$ .

**PROPERTY 7:** A *two-sided sequence* is an infinite-duration sequence that is neither right sided nor left sided. If  $x[n]$  is a two-sided sequence, the ROC will consist of a ring in the  $z$ -plane, bounded on the interior and exterior by a pole and, consistent with Property 3, not containing any poles.

**PROPERTY 8:** The ROC must be a connected region.

