

Z Transform Pairs and Properties

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Time Domain *	Z Domain	
	z	z⁻¹
δ[k] (unit impulse)	1	1
γ[k] † (unit step)	$\Gamma(z) = \frac{z}{z-1}$	$\Gamma(z) = \frac{1}{1-z^{-1}}$
a^k	$\frac{z}{z-a}$	$\frac{1}{1-z^{-1}a}$
$e^{-bT}k$	$\frac{z}{z-e^{-bT}}$	$\frac{1}{1-z^{-1}e^{-bT}}$
k	$\frac{z}{(z-1)^2}$	$\frac{z^{-1}}{(1-z^{-1})^2}$
sin(bk)	$\frac{z \sin(b)}{z^2 - 2z \cos(b) + 1}$	$\frac{z^{-1} \sin(b)}{1 - 2z^{-1} \cos(b) + z^{-2}}$
cos(bk)	$\frac{z(z - \cos(b))}{z^2 - 2z \cos(b) + 1}$	$\frac{1 - z^{-1} \cos(b)}{1 - 2z^{-1} \cos(b) + z^{-2}}$
$a^k \sin(bk)$	$\frac{az \sin(b)}{z^2 - 2az \cos(b) + a^2}$	$\frac{az^{-1} \sin(b)}{1 - 2az^{-1} \cos(b) + a^2 z^{-2}}$
$a^k \cos(bk)$	$\frac{z(z - a \cos(b))}{z^2 - 2az \cos(b) + a^2}$	$\frac{1 - az^{-1} \cos(b)}{1 - 2az^{-1} \cos(b) + a^2 z^{-2}}$

*All time domain functions are implicitly=0 for k<0 (i.e. they are multiplied by unit step, γ[k]).

†u[k] is more commonly used for the step, but is also used for other things. γ[k] is chosen to avoid confusion (and because in the Z domain it looks a little like a step function, Γ(z)).

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Property Name	Illustration
Linearity	$af_1[k] + bf_2[k] \xrightarrow{\mathcal{Z}} aF_1(z) + bF_2(z)$
Left Shift by 1	$f[k+1] \xrightarrow{\mathcal{Z}} zF(z) - zf[0]$
Left Shift by 2	$f[k+2] \xrightarrow{\mathcal{Z}} z^2F(z) - z^2f[0] - zf[1]$
Left Shift by n	$f[k+n] \xrightarrow{\mathcal{Z}} z^n F(z) - z^n \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f[k]z^{-k}$ $= z^n \left(F(z) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f[k]z^{-k} \right)$
Right Shift by n	$f[k-n] \xrightarrow{\mathcal{Z}} z^{-n}F(z)$
Multiplication by time	$kf[k] \xrightarrow{\mathcal{Z}} -z \frac{dF(z)}{dz}$
Scale in z	$a^k f[k] \xrightarrow{\mathcal{Z}} F\left(\frac{z}{a}\right)$
Scale in time	$f\left[\frac{k}{n}\right] \xrightarrow{\mathcal{Z}} F(z^n);$ n is an integer $n \geq 1$
Convolution	$f_1[k] * f_2[k] \xrightarrow{\mathcal{Z}} F_1(z)F_2(z)$
Initial Value Theorem	$f[0] = \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} F(z)$
Final Value Theorem (if final value exists)	$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f[k] = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} (z-1)F(z)$