

Z-transform right shift property: $f[n - m]u[n] \Leftrightarrow z^{-m}F[z] + z^{-m} \left(\sum_{n=1}^m f[-n]z^n \right)$

Derivation: Consider an alternative expression for the unit step, $u[n]$:

$$u[n] = \prod_m [n] + u[n - m]$$

where $\prod_m [n]$ is a rectangular function with unit magnitude and width m given by:

$$\prod_m [n] = u[n] - u[n - m]$$

Using the above expression for the unit step, the z-transform property can be written as:

$$\rightarrow f[n - m]u[n] = f[n - m] \prod_m [n] + f[n - m]u[n - m]$$

The rectangular function, $\prod_m [n]$ is just a sum of m time-shifted impulse functions:

$$\prod_m [n] = \sum_{l=0}^{m-1} \delta[n - l]$$

$$\rightarrow \therefore f[n - m]u[n] = \sum_{l=0}^{m-1} f[l - m]\delta[n - l] + f[n - m]u[n - m]$$

where the $f[l - m]$ terms in the sum are the weights of the impulse function

Writing the expression by expanding the sum:

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow f[n - m]u[n] \\ &= f[-m]\delta[n] + f[1 - m]\delta[n - 1] + \dots + f[-1]\delta[n - (m - 1)] + f[n - m]u[n - m] \end{aligned}$$

Taking the z-transform of both sides:

$$\rightarrow Z\{f[n - m]u[n]\} = f[-m] + f[1 - m]z^{-1} + \dots + f[-1]z^{-m+1} + z^{-m}F[z]$$

factor out z^{-m} from all the summed terms:

$$= z^{-m} \left(\sum_{n=1}^m f[-n]z^n \right) + z^{-m}F[z]$$

