



UNIT 5 Z - Transforms and Difference equations  
Z - Transforms

Z-transform

Definition : [Two sided (or) bilateral]

Let  $\{f(n)\}$  be a sequence defined for all integers  
then its z-transform is defined to be

$$F(z) = Z\{f(n)\} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} f(n) z^{-n}$$

where  $z$  is an arbitrary complex number.

Definition : [one-sided (or) unilateral]

Let  $\{f(n)\}$  be a sequence defined for all positive  
integers then the z-transform of  $\{f(n)\}$  is defined

to be

$$F(z) = Z\{f(n)\} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f(n) z^{-n}$$

Definition : Z-transform for discrete values of  $t$ .

If  $f(t)$  is a function defined for discrete  
values of  $t$ , where  $t = nT$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, T$  being  
the sampling period, then z-transform of  $f(t)$  is

defined as

$$F(z) = Z\{f(t)\} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f(nT) z^{-n}$$

Note!

1. If  $f(n)$  given then replace 'n' by 'n'.
2. If  $f(t)$  given then replace 't' by  $nT$ .