1. Determine the z-transform of the following signals:



- 2. Determine the inverse z-transform of the following function:
 - (a) $X(z) = 1 z^{-1} + z^{-3}$ (b) $X(z) = \frac{1 + z^{-2}}{2 + 3z^{-1} + z^{-2}}$ (c) $X(z) = \frac{z^{-1}}{z^{-3}(1 - 0.5 z^{-1})}$
- 3. Obtain (a) the impulse response and (b) the unit step response of the discrete-time system defined by the following difference equation:

$$y[n] = 0.5 y[n-1] + 3 x[n] - x[n-1]$$
, $y[-1] = 0$