**Concept Question 8-1:** For the half-band filter, why are the zeros equally spaced on the unit circle?

The zeros cause the rejection of discrete-time frequencies in the range  $\pi/2 < \Omega < 3\pi/2$ , which in the z plane is  $\mathbf{z} = e^{j\Omega}$  for  $\pi/2 < \Omega < 3\pi/2$ .

Equal spacing of these zeros is the best way to reject all discrete-time frequencies in this range.