



## Lecture 3

# Convolution and Linear Time-invariant Systems

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# Convolution

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- For discrete signal, convolution sum:

$$x[n] * y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]y[n-k]$$

- For continuous signal, convolution integral:

$$x(t) * y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau)y(t-\tau)d\tau$$

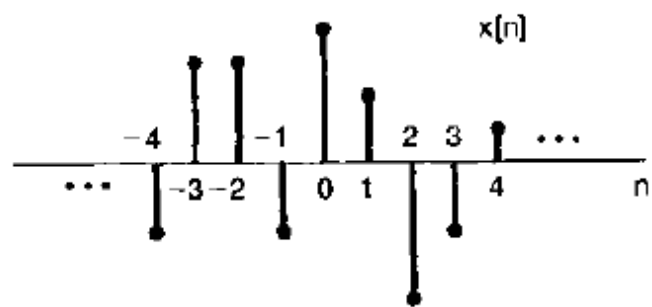
## 2.1 Discrete-time Systems: the Convolution Sum

- Representing an arbitrary signal as a sequence of unit impulses

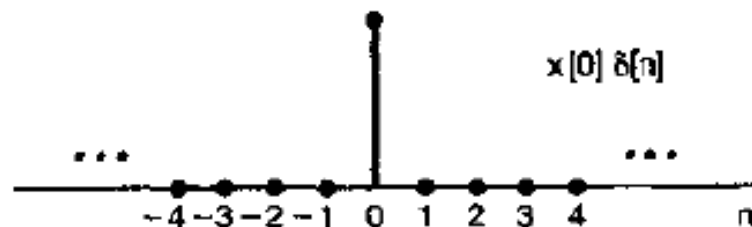
$$x[n] * \delta[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] \delta[n - k]$$



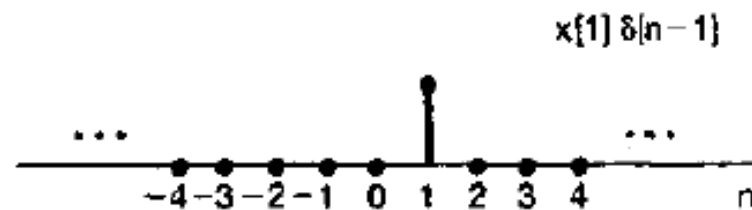
an unit impulse located at  $n = k$  on the index  $n$



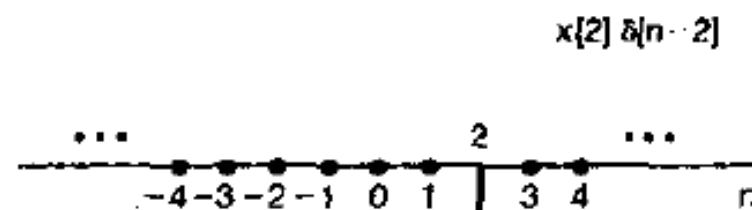
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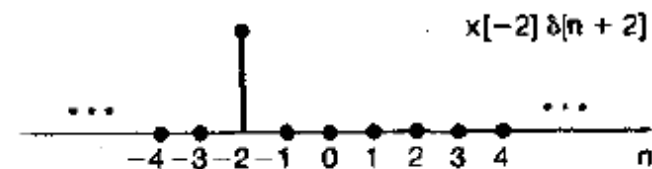
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(f)



(b)



(c)

图 2.1 一个离散时间信号分解为一组加权的移位脉冲之和

## 2.1 Discrete-time Systems: the Convolution Sum

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an unit impulse located at  $n = k$  on the index  $n$

*See Fig. 2.1, p.76 of text*

$$u[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \delta[n - k] \quad \text{a special case}$$

## 2.1 Discrete-time Systems: the Convolution Sum

- Convolution sum can be used to represent an arbitrary signal as a sequence of unit impulses

$$x[n] = x[n] * \delta[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] \delta[n - k]$$

- For discrete signal, convolution sum:

$$x[n] * h[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] h[n - k]$$

- A Different Way to visualize the convolution sum
  - looked at on the index  $k$

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]h[n-k]$$

Contribution to the  
output signal at time  
 $n$

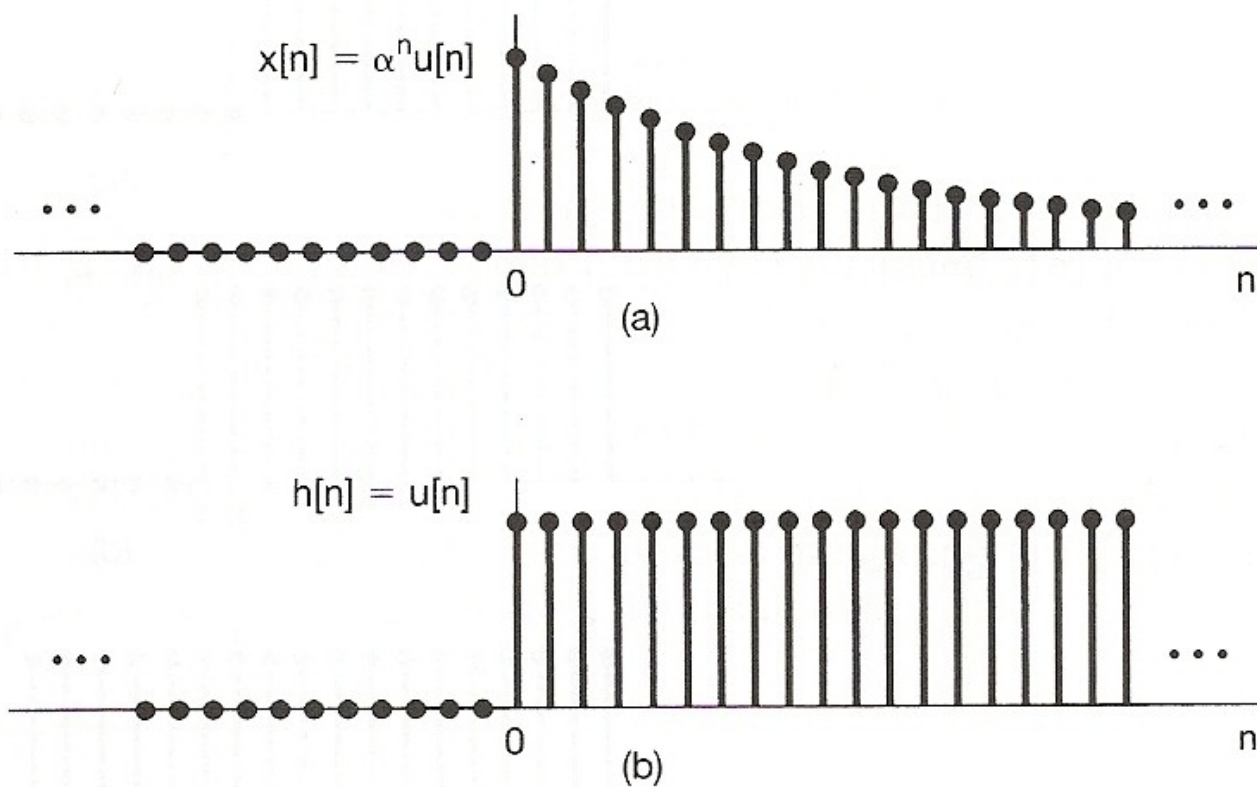
input signal

reflected-over version of  $h[k]$   
located at  $k = n$

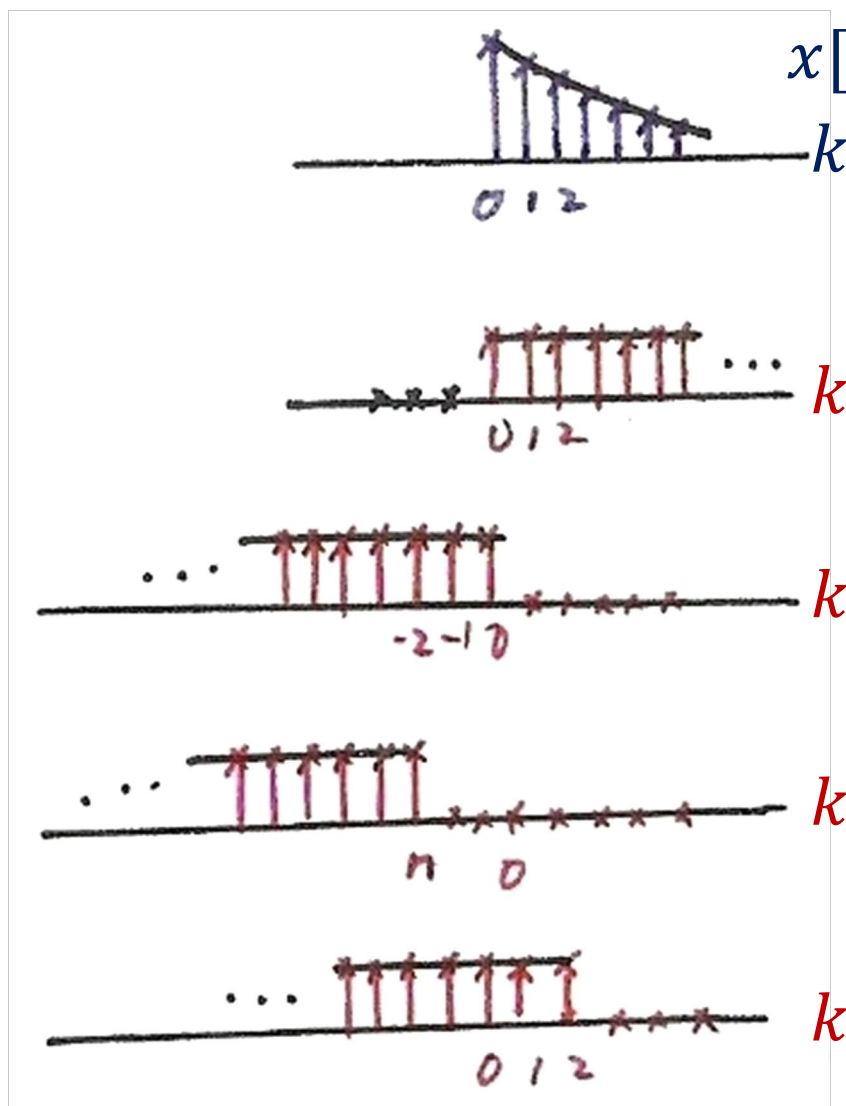
- on the dummy index  $k$ ,  $h[k]$  is reflected over and shifted to  $k=n$ , weighted by  $x[k]$  and summed to produce an output sample  $y[n]$  at time  $n$

*See Figs 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, pp. 83-85 of text*





**Figure 2.5** The signals  $x[n]$  and  $h[n]$  in Example 2.3.



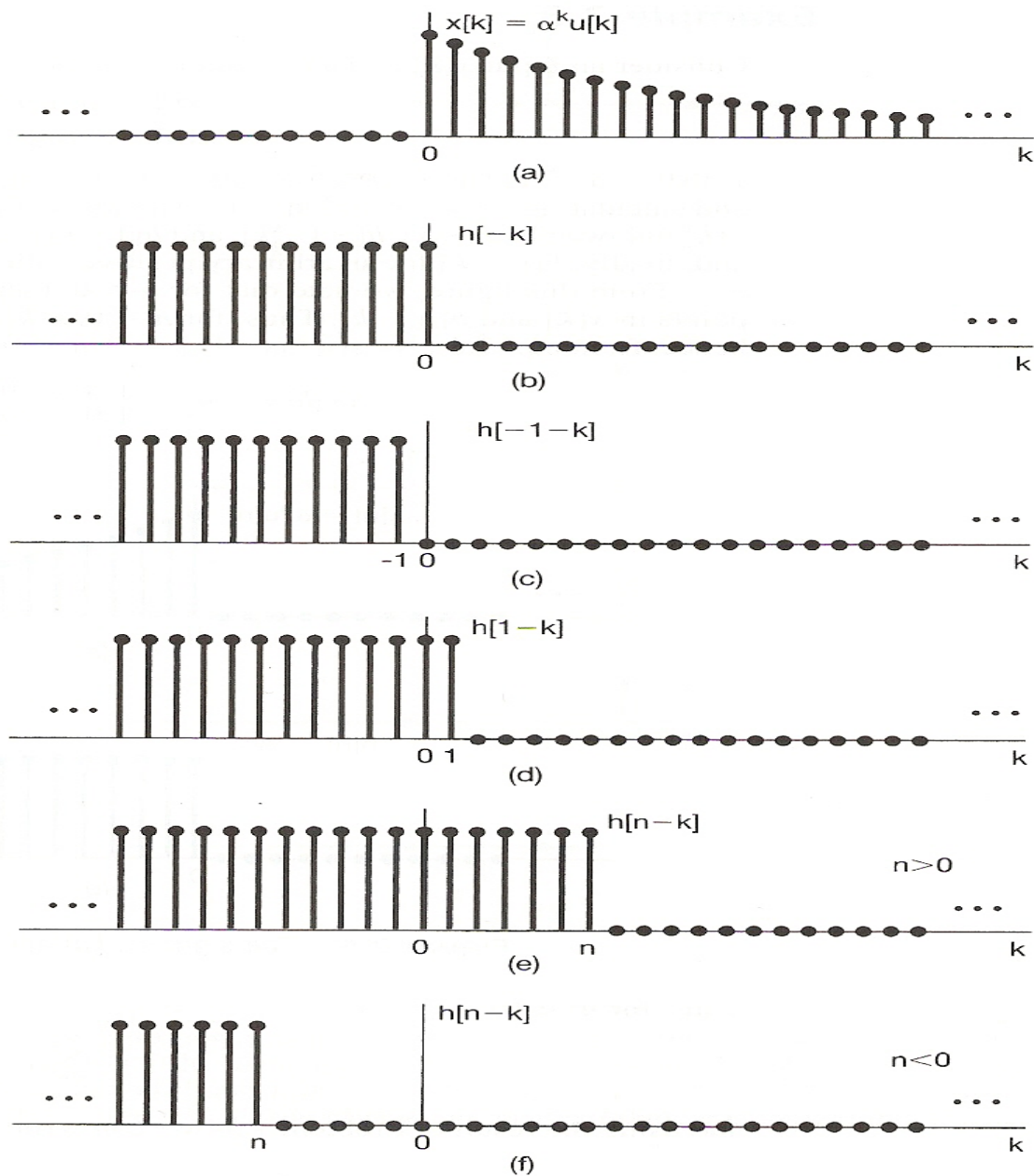
$h[k]$

**Fig. 2.6**

$h[-k], n = 0$

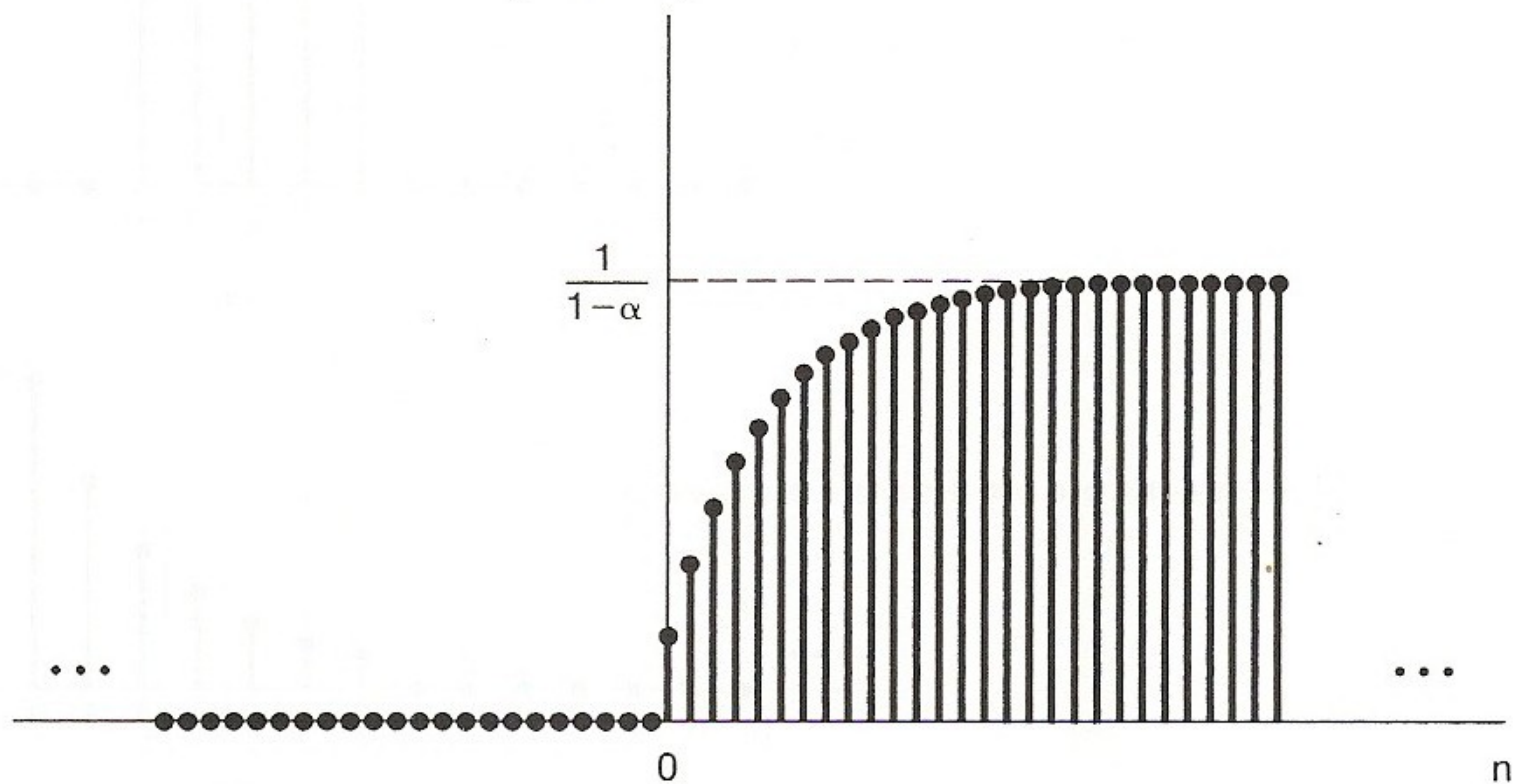
$h[n - k], n < 0$

$h[n - k], n = 2 > 0$



**Figure 2.6** Graphical interpretation of the calculation of the convolution sum for Example 2.3.

$$y[n] = \left( \frac{1 - \alpha^{n+1}}{1 - \alpha} \right) u[n]$$



**Figure 2.7** Output for Example 2.3.

## 2.2 Continuous-time System : the Convolution Integral



- Representing an arbitrary signal as an integral of impulses

$$x(t) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x(k\Delta) \delta_{\Delta}(t - k\Delta) \Delta$$

*See Fig 2.12 , p.91 of text*

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) \delta(t - \tau) d\tau$$

an impulse located at  $t = \tau$  whose value is  $x(\tau)$  (合成)

$$u(t) = \int_0^{\infty} \delta(t - \tau) d\tau \quad \text{a special case}$$

- A Different Way to visualize the convolution integral

- Look on the index  $\tau$

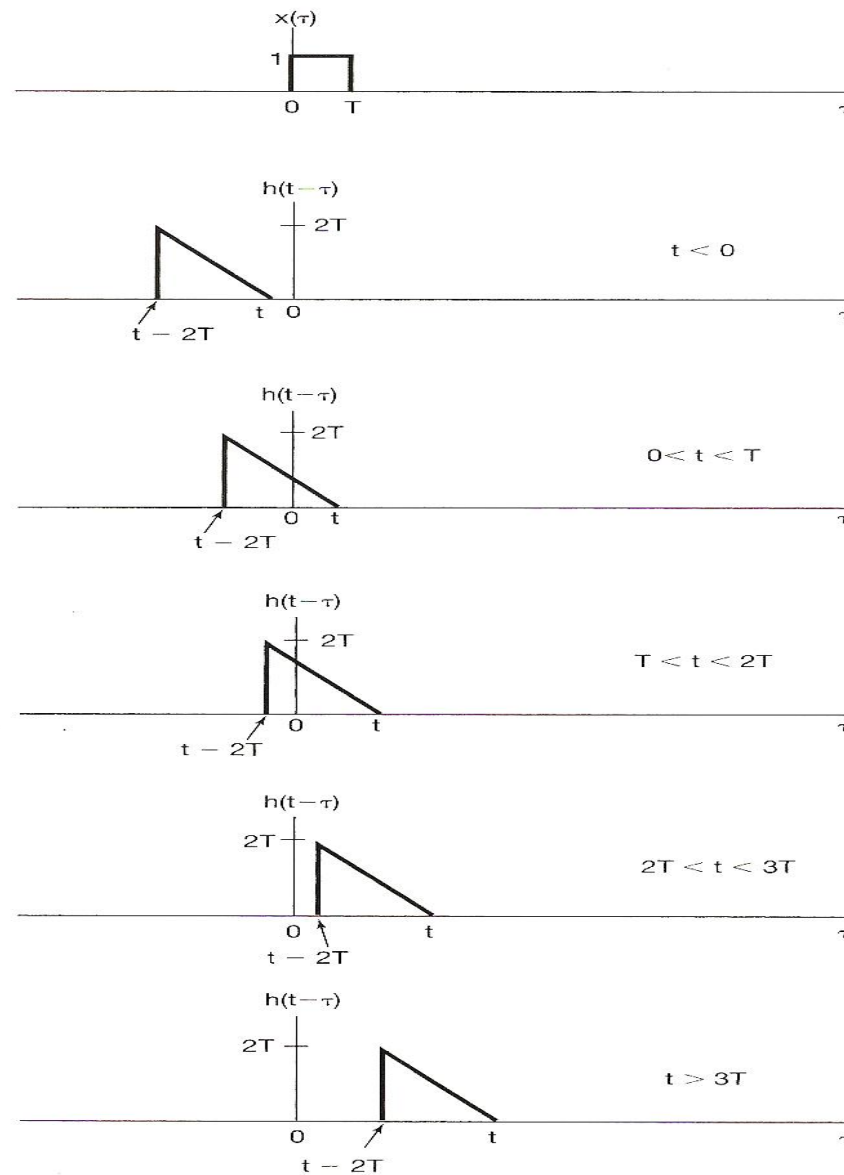
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output signal at time  $t$       input signal      reflected-over version of  $h(t)$  located at  $\tau = t$

- On the dummy index  $\tau$ ,  $h(t)$  is reflected over and shifted to  $\tau = t$ , weighted by  $x(t)$  and integrated to produce the output value at time  $t$ ,  $y(t)$

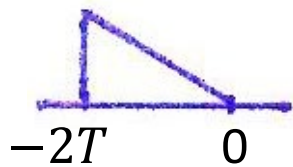
*see Figs.2.19,2.20,2.21,pp.100-101 of text*

- A linear time-invariant system is completely characterized by its unit impulse response

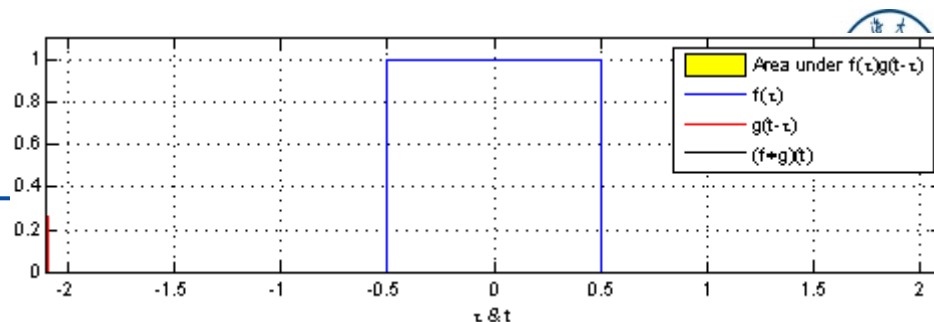


**Figure 2.19** Signals  $x(\tau)$  and  $h(t-\tau)$  for different values of  $t$  for Example 2.7.

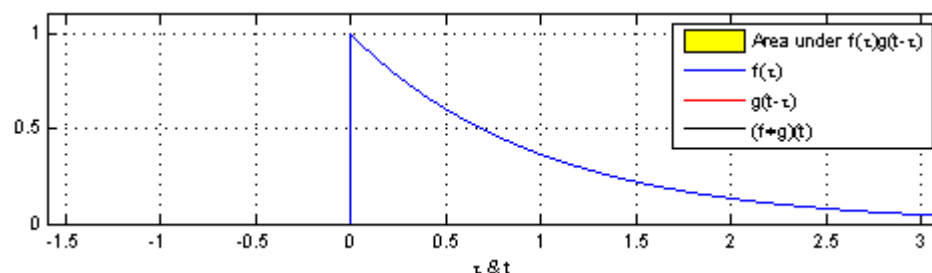
$h(t)$



$h(-t)$



In this example, the red-colored "pulse",  $g(\tau)$ , is an **even function** ( $g(-\tau) = g(\tau)$ ), so convolution is equivalent to correlation. A snapshot of this "movie" shows functions  $g(t - \tau)$  and  $f(\tau)$  (in blue) for some value of parameter  $t$ , which is arbitrarily defined as the distance from the  $\tau = 0$  axis to the center of the red pulse. The amount of yellow is the area of the product  $f(\tau) \cdot g(t - \tau)$ , computed by the convolution/correlation integral. The movie is created by continuously changing  $t$  and recomputing the integral. The result (shown in black) is a function of  $t$ , but is plotted on the same axis as  $\tau$ , for convenience and comparison.

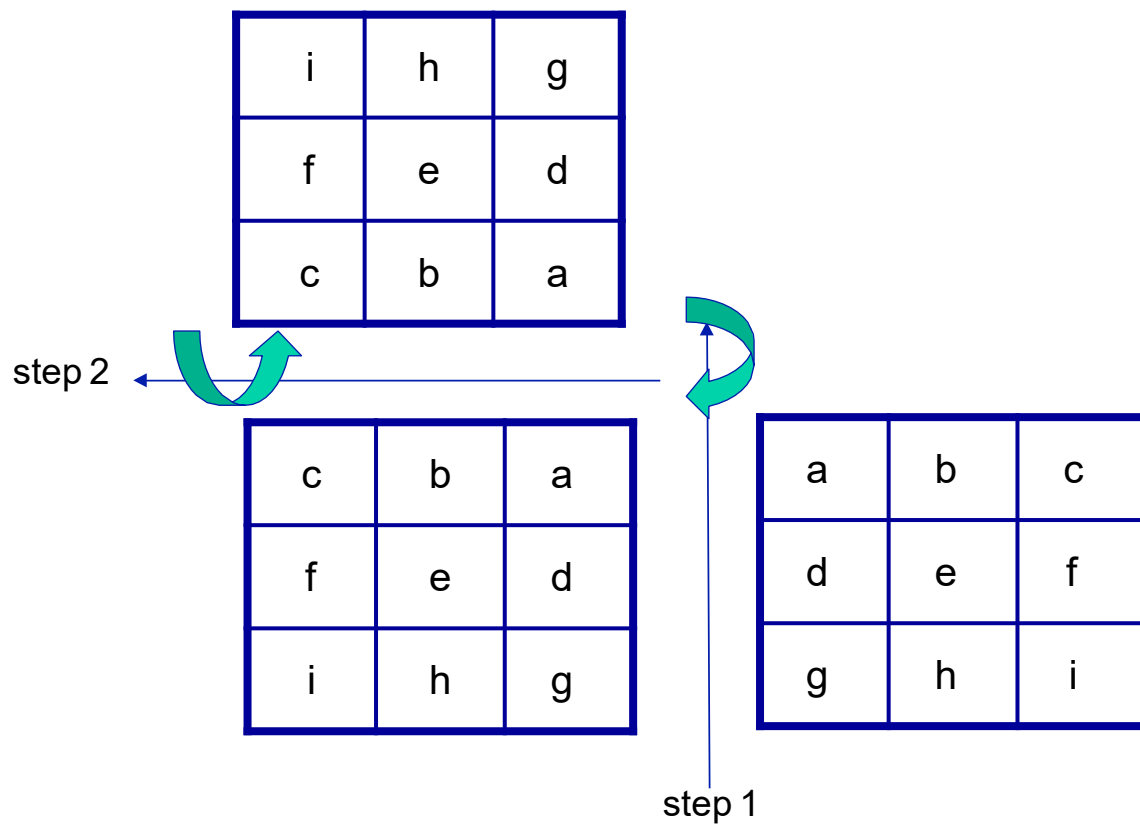


In this depiction,  $f(\tau)$  could represent the response of an RC circuit to a narrow pulse that occurs at  $\tau = 0$ . In other words, if  $g(\tau) = \delta(\tau)$ , the result of convolution is just  $f(t)$ . But when  $g(\tau)$  is the wider pulse (in red), the response is a "smeared" version of  $f(t)$ . It begins at  $t = -0.5$ , because we defined  $t$  as the distance from the  $\tau = 0$  axis to the center of the wide pulse (instead of the leading edge).



# Matrix perspective

$$f[n_1, n_2] ** h[n_1, n_2] = \sum_{m_1=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{m_2=-\infty}^{\infty} f[m_1, m_2] h[n_1 - m_1, n_2 - m_2]$$



# Convolution Example

h

1	-1	-1
1	2	-1
1	1	1

Rotate

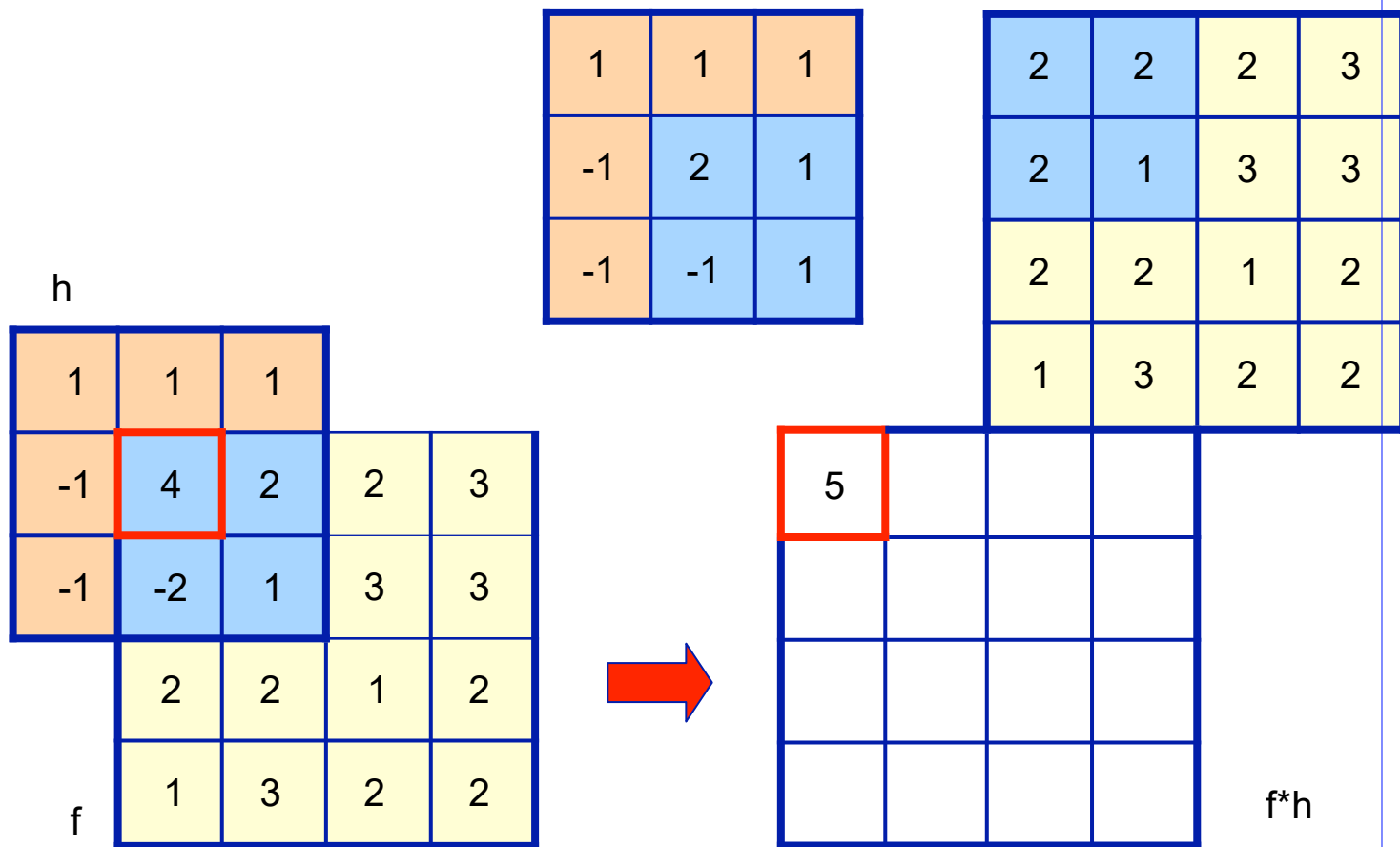
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-1	2	1
-1	-1	1

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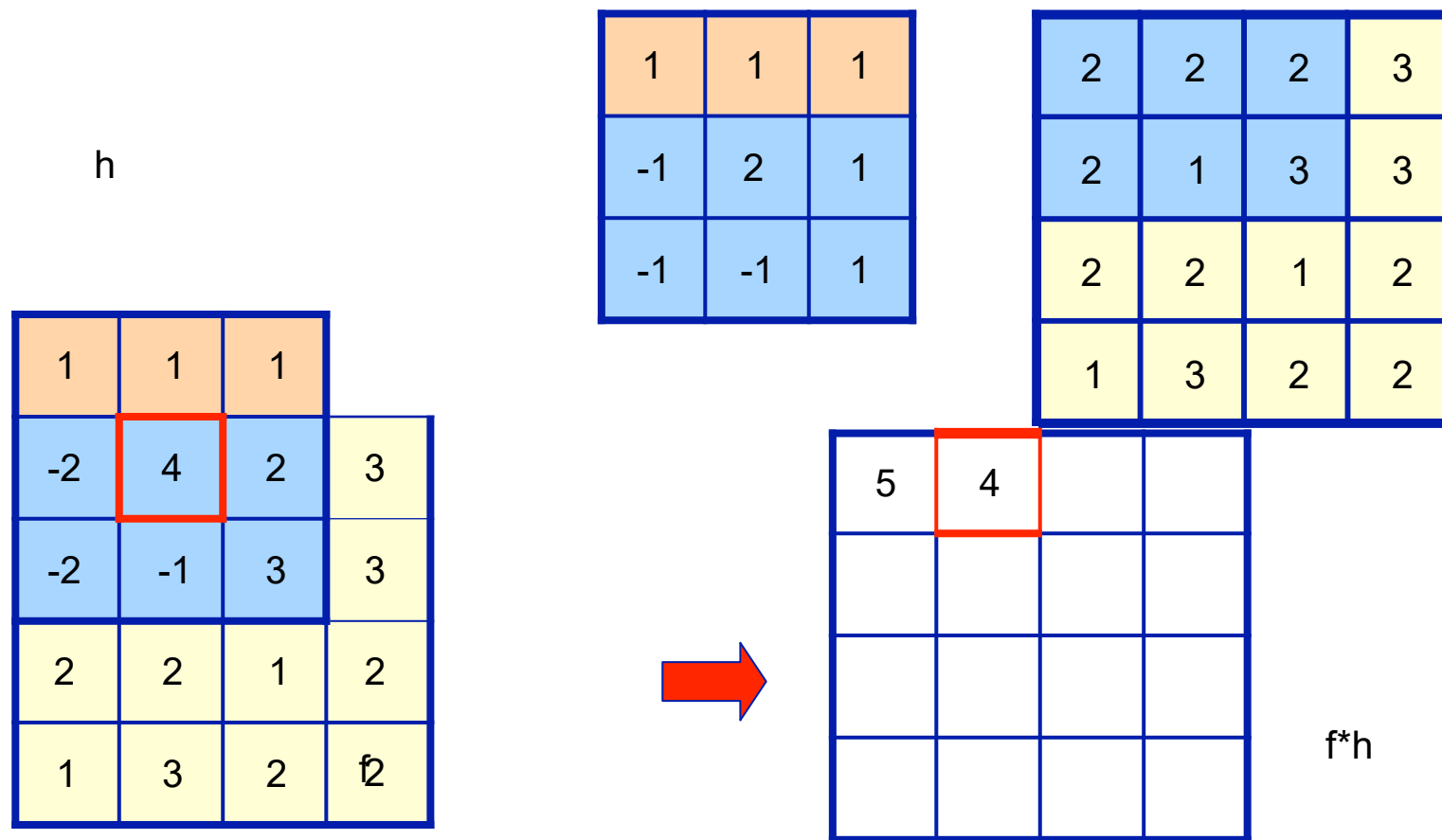
f

2	2	2	3
2	1	3	3
2	2	1	2
1	3	2	2

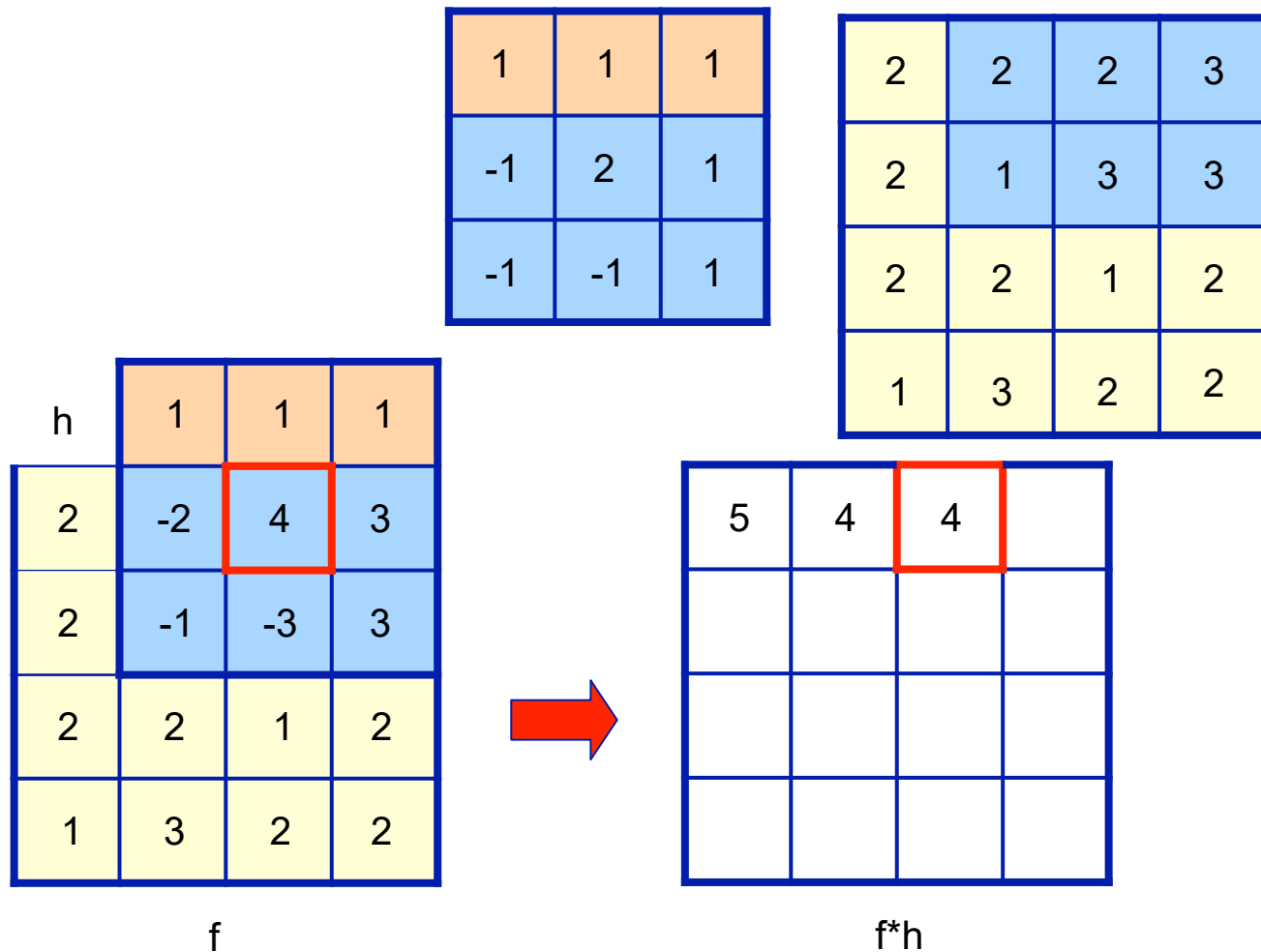
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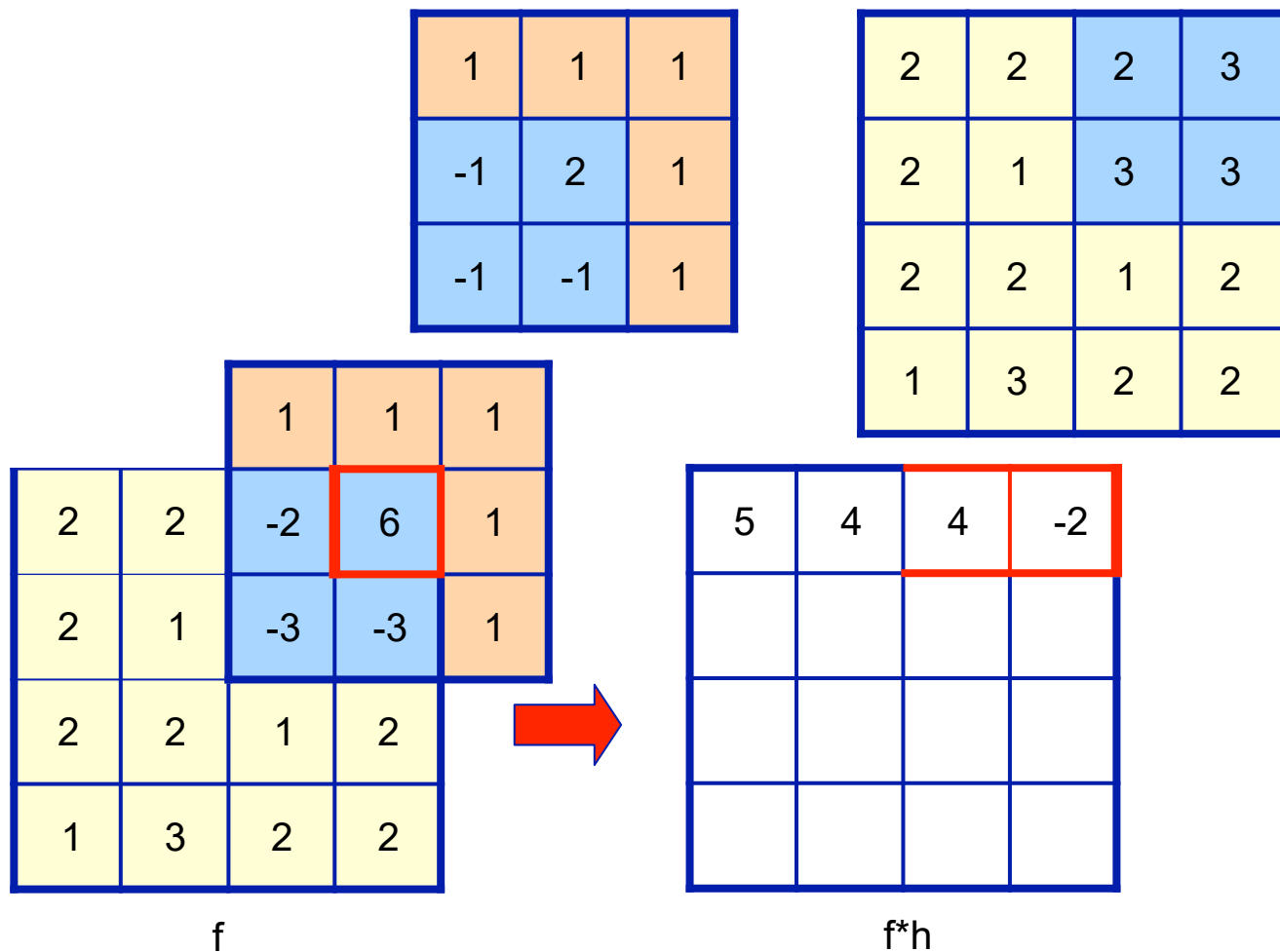
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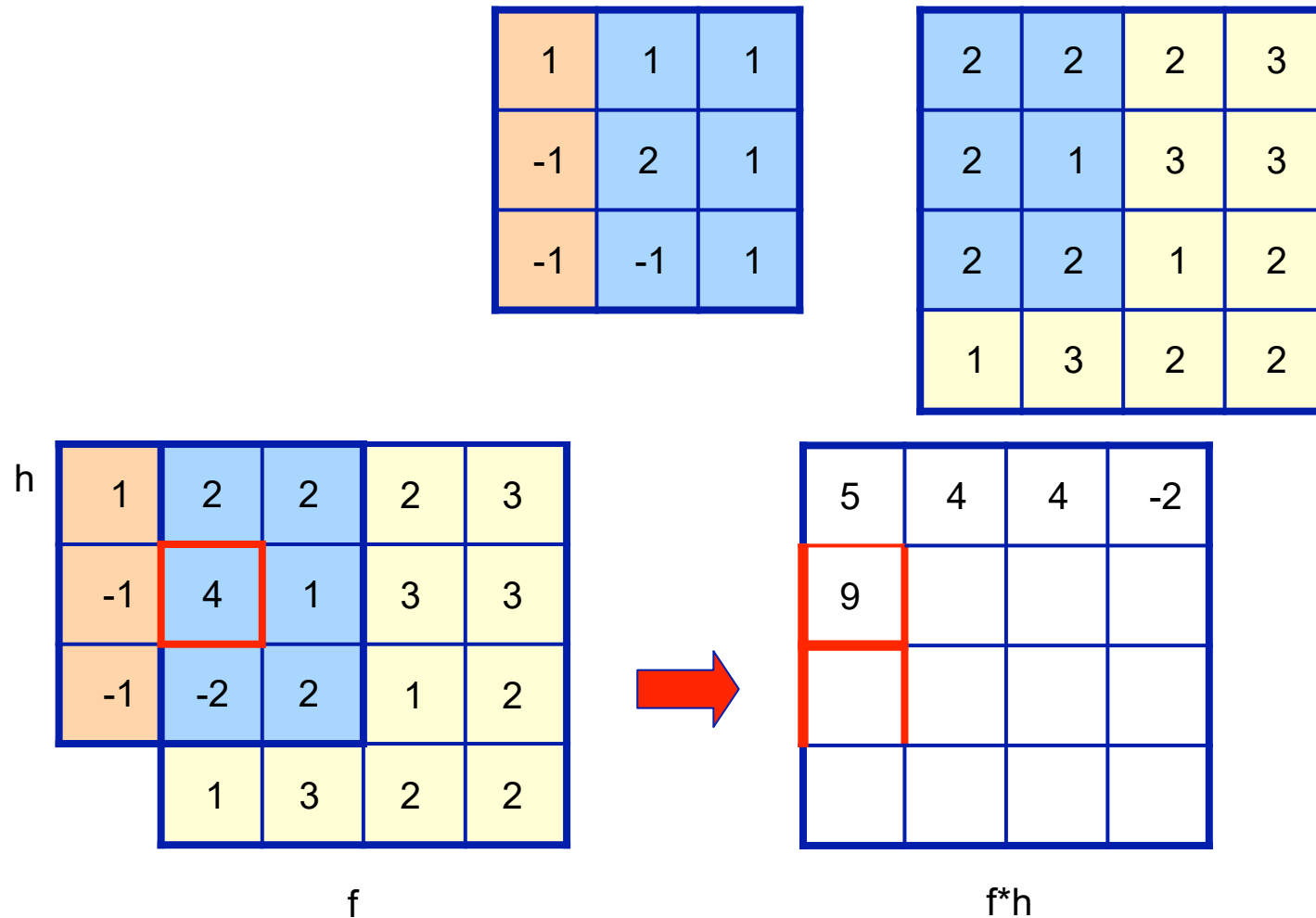
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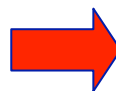
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-1	2	1
-1	-1	1

2	2	2	3
2	1	3	3
2	2	1	2
1	3	2	2

h

2	2	2	3
-2	2	3	3
-2	-2	1	2
1	3	2	2



5	4	4	-2
9	6		

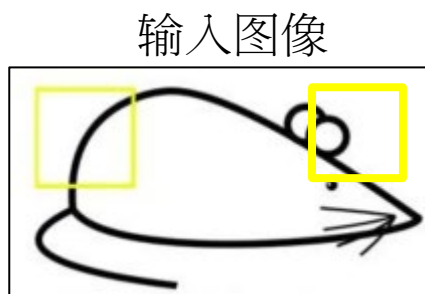
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$f \cdot h$



# 卷积运算的物理意义

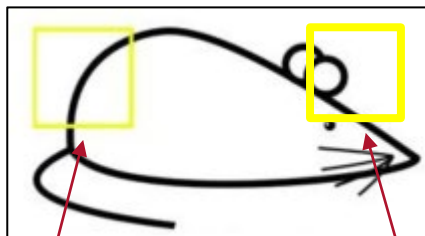
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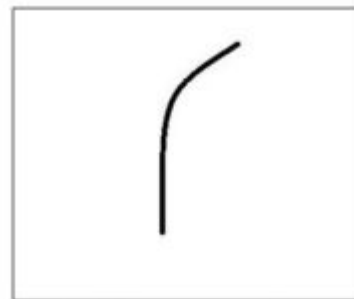
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输入图像



特征图像



- 用像素值表示：

0	0	0	0	0	30	0
0	0	0	0	30	0	0
0	0	0	30	0	0	0
0	0	0	30	0	0	0
0	0	0	30	0	0	0
0	0	0	30	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

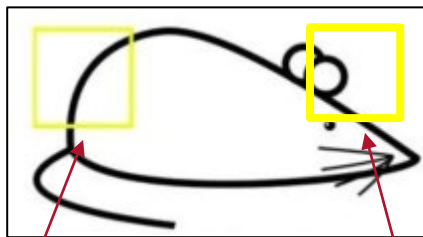
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0	50	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	50	0	0	0	0
25	25	0	50	0	0	0

0	0	0	0	0	0	30
0	0	0	0	50	50	50
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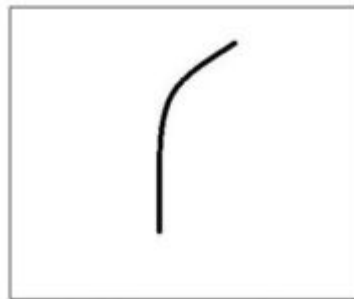
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0	0	0	30	0	0	0
0	0	0	30	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	40	0	0	0	0	0
40	0	40	0	0	0	0
40	20	0	0	0	0	0
0	50	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	50	0	0	0	0
25	25	0	50	0	0	0

0	0	0	0	0	0	30
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内积

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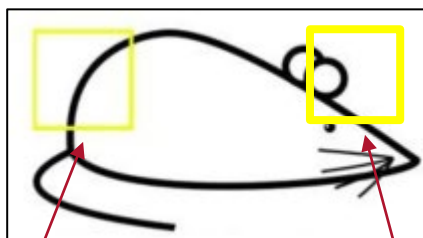
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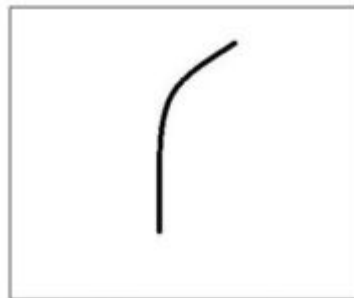
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0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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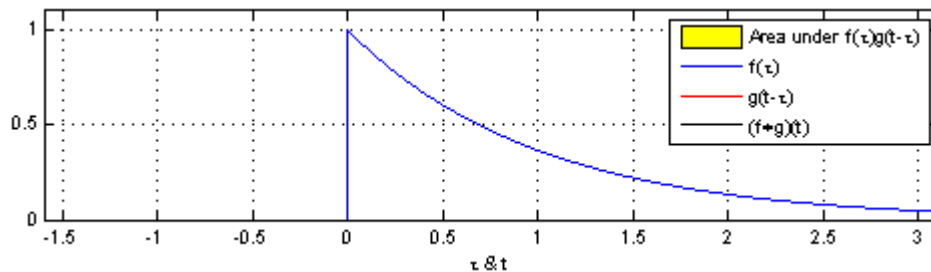
更符合所需特征

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# 卷积运算的物理意义

- 信号处理中，卷积运算的本质与上述图像卷积运算类似：



- 卷积运算的结果表示一维曲线 $f(t)$ 与特征曲线 $g(t)$ 的匹配程度，可用来滤除我们不希望的特征：滤波

# *Linear Time-invariant Systems*

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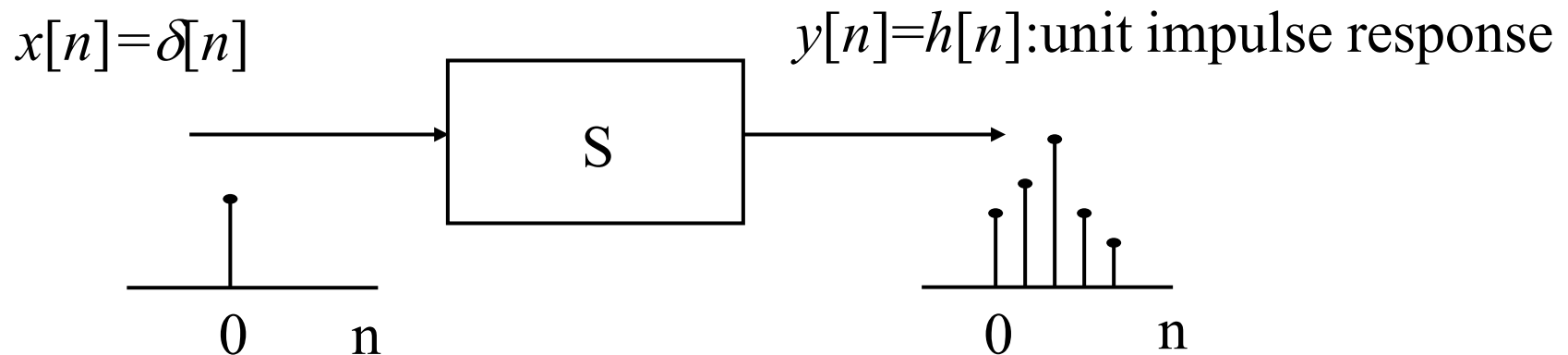
$$y[n] = x[n] * h[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]h[n-k]$$

$$y(t) = x(t) * h(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau)h(t-\tau)d\tau$$

But what is  $h[n]$  or  $h(t)$ ?

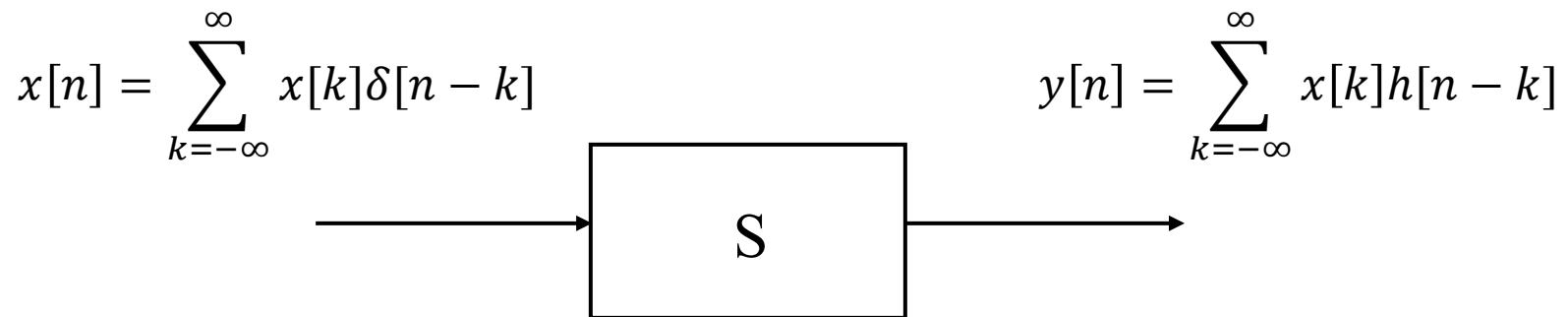
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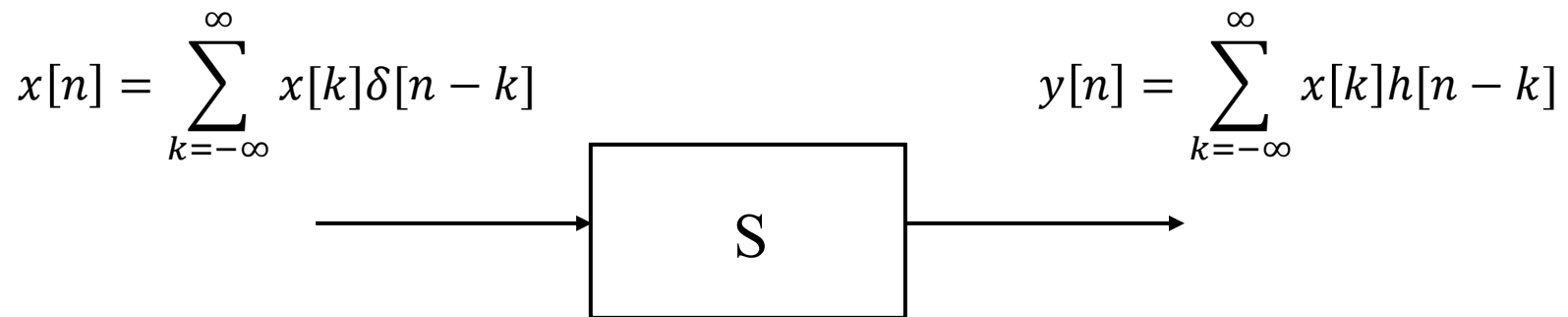


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- Theoretically, for any  $x[n]$ , which can be constructed by  $\delta[n]$ , the system output  $y[n]$  can be computed based on  $h[n]$ , **only if the system is a linear time-invariant system.**

## 线性（Linear）系统

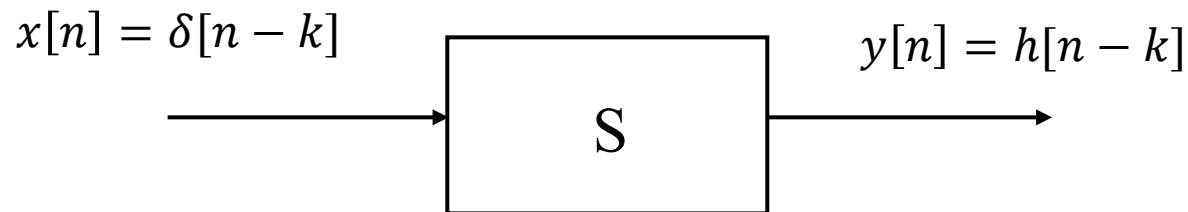
- **Linear:** a system is linear if the output of the scaled sum of two input signals is the equivalent scaled sum of outputs （如果输入信号是两个信号的加权和，那么输出信号也是这两个输入信号对应输出的加权和）
- 例：如果系统对输入信号 $x(t)$ 的输出是 $y(t)$ ，则系统对输入信号 $ax_1(t)+bx_2(t)$ 的输出为 $ay_1(t)+by_2(t)$
- 线性系统对信号在频域表示下的处理具有重要意义。

## 时不变 (Time-invariant) 系统

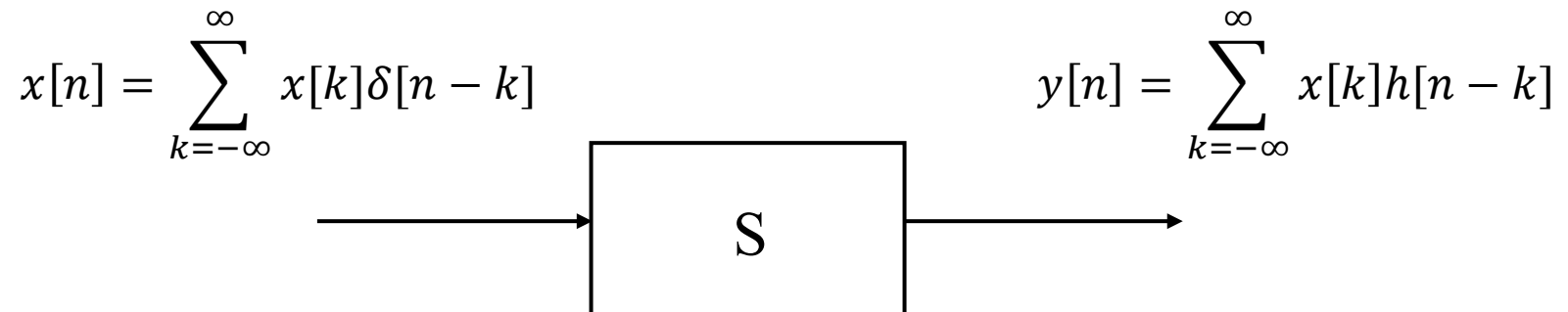
- **Time-invariance:** a system is time invariant if the system's output is the same, given the same input signal, regardless of time. (系统特性不随时间发生变化)
- 例：如果系统对输入信号 $x(t)$ 的输出是 $y(t)$ ，则系统对输入信号 $x(t-t_0)$ 的输出为 $y(t-t_0)$
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# Linear Time-invariant Systems

- Time-invariant: for any  $k$ , response of  $\delta[n - k]$  is always  $h[n - k]$



- Linearity: response can always be represented by the scaled sum of  $h[n - k]$



# Properties of Linear Time-invariant Systems

- Commutative Property (交换律)

$$x[n] * h[n] = h[n] * x[n]$$

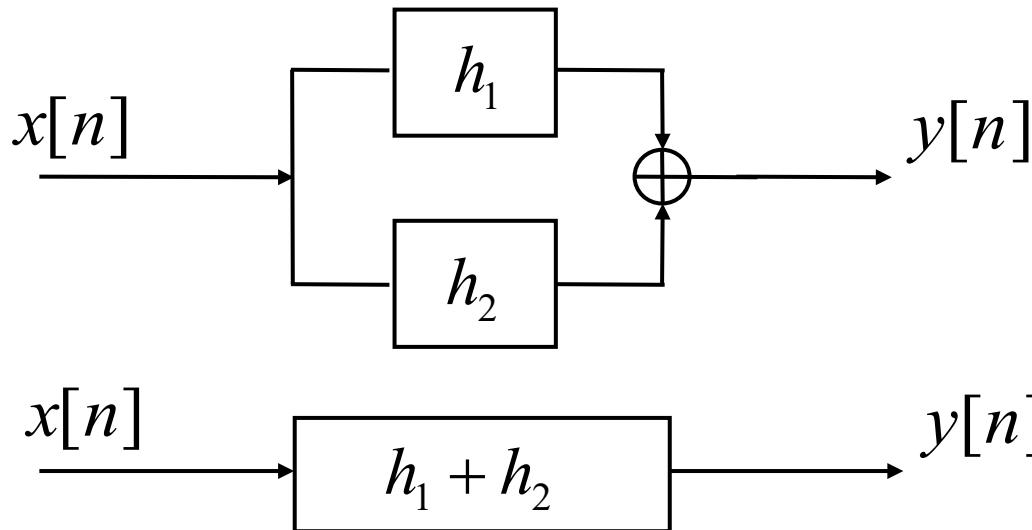
$$x(t) * h(t) = h(t) * x(t)$$

- the role of input signal and unit impulse response is interchangeable, giving the same output signal
- In evaluating the convolution sum or integral, the input signal can be reflected over and weighted by the unit impulse response

## ● Distributive Property (分配率)

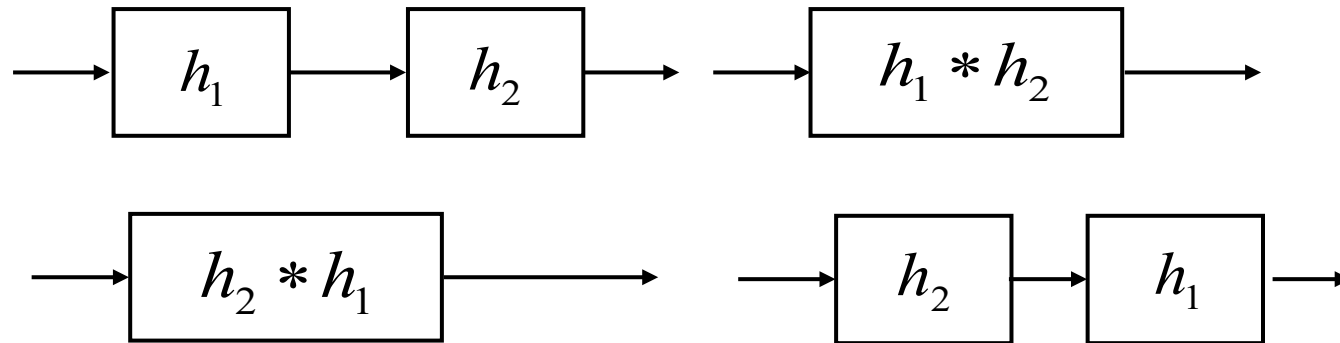
$$x[n] * (h_1[n] + h_2[n]) = x[n] * h_1[n] + x[n] * h_2[n]$$

$$x(t) * [h_1(t) + h_2(t)] = x(t) * h_1(t) + x(t) * h_2(t)$$



## ● Associative Property (结合律)

$$x[n] * (h_1[n] * h_2[n]) = (x[n] * h_1[n]) * h_2[n]$$



- Cascade of two systems gives an unit impulse response which is the convolution of the unit impulse responses of the two individual systems
- The behavior of a cascade of two systems is independent of the order in which the two systems are cascaded

## ● Causality

- causal if  $y[n]$  does not depend on  $x[k]$  for  $k > n$

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]h[n-k]$$

- Causal iff  $h[n]=0, n < 0$

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^n x[k]h[n-k] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} h[k]x[n-k]$$



## ● Causality

– continuous-time

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau)h(t - \tau)d\tau$$

– Causal iff  $h(t)=0, t<0$

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau)h(t - \tau)d\tau = \int_0^{\infty} h(\tau)x(t - \tau)d\tau$$

## ● Unit step response

output for an unit step function input

$$s[n] = u[n] * h[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^n h[k]$$

Running sum

$$h[n] = s[n] - s[n-1]$$

First difference

similarly

$$s(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t h(\tau) d\tau$$

Running integral

$$h(t) = \frac{ds(t)}{dt}$$

First derivative

## ● Unit step response

output for an unit step function input

$$s[n] = u[n] * h[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} h[n-k]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow k' = n - k:$$

$$s[n] = u[n] * h[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} h[n-k] = \sum_{k'=n}^{-\infty} h[k'] = \sum_{k=n}^{-\infty} h[k]$$

$$\Rightarrow s[n-1] = \sum_{k=n-1}^{-\infty} h[k]$$

因此：

$$s[n] - s[n-1] = \sum_{k=n}^{-\infty} h[k] - \sum_{k=n-1}^{-\infty} h[k] = h[n]$$



# 本章部分关键词汇中英文对照表

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卷积	Convolution
卷积和	Convolution sum
卷积积分	Convolution integral
单位冲激响应	Unit impulse response
单位阶跃响应	Unit step response
线性	Linearity
时不变	Time-invariant