

# Convolution Sum

## Definition

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

## Example :

Consider a discrete LTI system :

$$y(n) = x(n+1) - 2x(n)$$

Determine  $y(n)$  given  $x(n) = [2, 1, 3, 2]$

## Solution :

$$\begin{aligned} y(n) &= x(n+1) - 2 \cdot x(n) = [1, -2] \\ x(n) &= [2, 1, 3, 2] \end{aligned}$$

+ step 1: fix a signal, in this case, fix  $x(n)$

+ step 2: reverse the other signal

$$y[n] = [1, -2] \xrightarrow{\text{reverse}} [-2, 1]$$

+ step 3: calculate

$$y[0] : [2, 1, 3, 2] \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \xrightarrow{\quad} y[0] = -2 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 3 = 1 \\ [-2, 1] \end{array} \right.$$

$$y[-1] : [2, 1, 3, 2] \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \xrightarrow{\quad} y[-1] = -2 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 1 = -3 \\ [-2, 1] \end{array} \right.$$

$$y[1] : \left[ \begin{matrix} 2, 1, 3, 2 \\ \downarrow & & & \\ 0, -2, 1 \end{matrix} \right] \rightarrow y_1 = 0 \cdot 1 - 2 \cdot 3 + 1 \cdot 2 = -4$$

$$y[2] : \left[ \begin{matrix} 2, 1, 3, 2 \\ \downarrow & & & \\ 0, 0, -2, 1 \end{matrix} \right] \rightarrow y[2] = 0 + 0 - 4 = -4$$

$$y[-2] : \left[ \begin{matrix} 2, 1, 3, 2 \\ \downarrow & & & \\ -2, 1, 0 \end{matrix} \right] \rightarrow y[-2] = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow y[n] = [2, -3, 1, \underset{\uparrow}{-4}, -4]$$

Exercise 1: (signal and system p. 159 / answer p. 942)

$$x[n] = s[n] + 2s[n-1] - s[n-3]$$

$$h[n] = 2s[n+1] + 2s[n-1]$$

Compute and plot each of the following convolutions:

$$a, y_1[n] = x[n] * h[n]$$

$$b, y_2[n] = x[n+2] * h[n]$$

$$c, y_3[n] = x[n] * h[n+2]$$

$$x[n] = \begin{bmatrix} 1, 2, 0, -1 \\ \downarrow \\ 1, 2, 0, -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad h[n] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ \uparrow & & \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a) \quad x[n] * h[n]$$

$$y[0] : \begin{bmatrix} 1, 2, 0, -1 \\ \downarrow \\ 2, 0, 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow y[0] = 0 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 2 = 4$$

$$y[-1] : \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ \downarrow \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow y[-1] = 2$$

$$y[1] : \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ \downarrow \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow y[1] = 2 \cdot 1 + 0 + 0 = 2$$

$$y[2] : \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ \downarrow \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow y[2] = 0 + 2 \cdot 2 + 0 - 2 \cdot 1 = 2$$

$$y[3] : \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ \downarrow \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow y[3] = 0 + 0 + 0 - 0 = 0$$

$$y[4] : \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ \downarrow \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow y[4] = 0 + 0 + 0 - 2 \cdot 1 = -2$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{y[n] = \begin{bmatrix} 2, 4, 2, 2, 0, -2 \\ \uparrow \end{bmatrix}}$$

$$b) \quad y_2[n] = x[n+2] * h[n]$$

$$x[n+2] = [1 \ 2 \ 0 \ -1] \quad h[n] = [2 \ 0 \ 2] \quad \uparrow$$

$$y_2[0] = 2 \cdot 2 + 0 - 2 \cdot 1 = 2$$

$$y_2[1] = 0, \quad y_2[2] = -2$$

$$y_2[-1] = 1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 0 = 2$$

$$y_2[-2] = 1 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 2 = 4$$

$$y_2[-3] = 1 \cdot 2 + 0 = 2$$

$$\rightarrow y_2[n] = [2, 4, 2, 2, 0, -2] = y[n+2]$$

$$c) \quad y_3[n] = x[n] * h[n+2]$$

$$x[n] = [1, 2, 0, -1] \quad \text{and} \quad h[n+2] = [2 \ 0 \ 2 \ 0] \quad \uparrow$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y_3[0] = 2 \\ y_3[1] = 0 \\ y_3[2] = -2 \\ y_3[1] = 2 \\ y_3[-2] = 4 \\ y_3[-3] = 2 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow y_3[n] = [2, 4, 2, 2, 0, -2] = y_2[n]$$

Exercise 2: (signal and system p.160 / ans p. 942)

Consider an input  $x[n]$  and a unit impulse response  $h[n]$  given by :

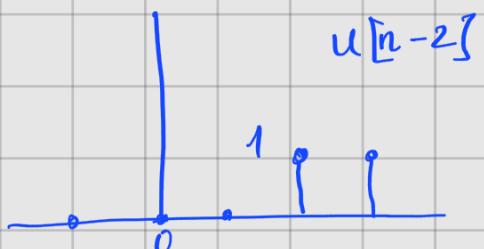
$$x[n] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-2} \cdot u[n-2]$$

$$h[n] = u[n+2]$$

Determine and plot the output  $y[n] = x[n] * h[n]$

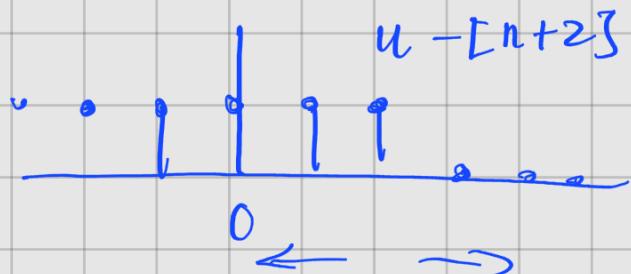
Solution:

$$u[n-2] = \begin{cases} 1 & n \geq 2 \\ 0 & n < 2 \end{cases}$$



$$x[0] = x[1] = 0$$

(reverse and move  $h[n]$  to the right)



$$y[n] = 0 \text{ if } n < 0$$

$$y[0] = 1$$

$$y[1] = 1 + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$1 + q + q^2 + \dots + q^k = \frac{1 - q^{k+1}}{1 - q}$$

$$y[n] = \boxed{\frac{1 - q^{n+1}}{1 - q}}$$

$$y_2 = 1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2-2}$$

$$y_0 = \frac{1}{2}^{-2} =$$