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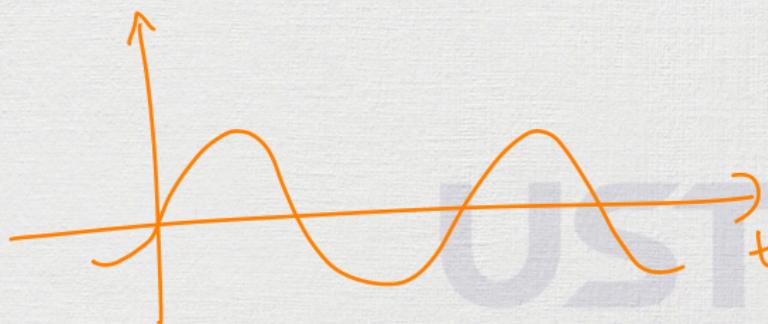
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A signal is a function of one or more variables.

- 1-dimensional: a speech signal



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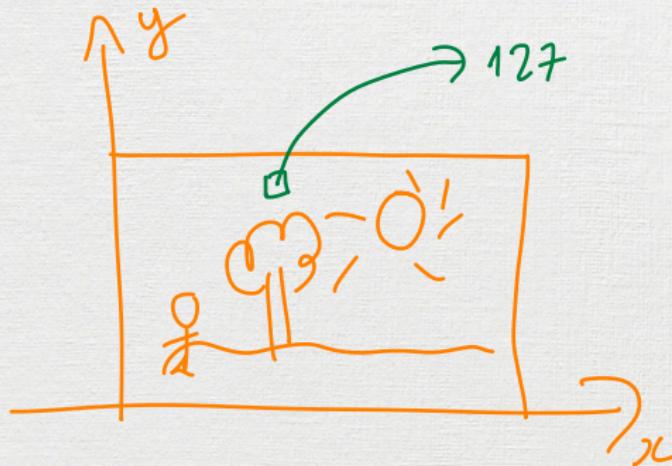
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- 1-dimensional: a speech signal
- 2-dimensional: a photo



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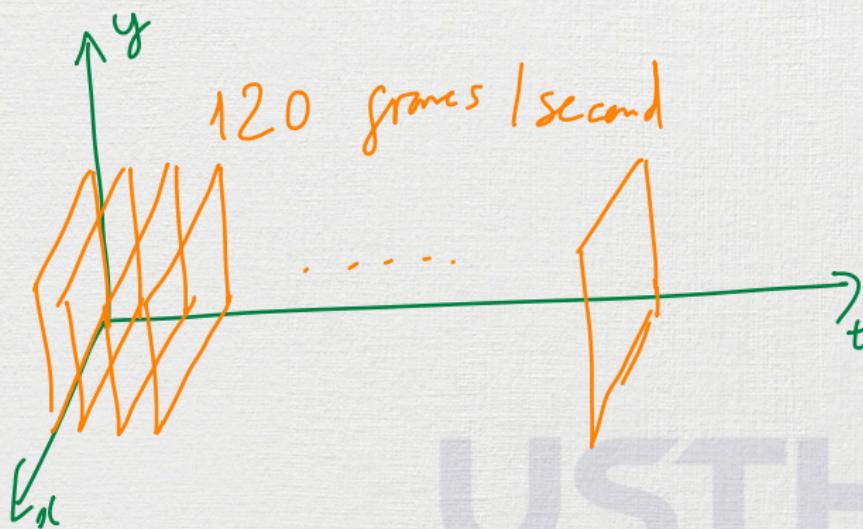
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A signal is a function of one or more variables.

- 1-dimensional: a speech signal
- 2-dimensional: a photo
- 3-dimensional: a video



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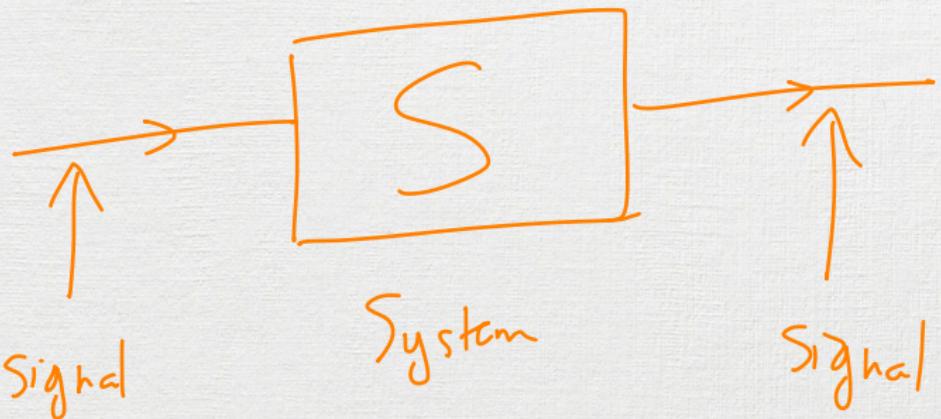
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At the end of this lesson, you should be able to

- Distinguish different kinds of signals: continuous, discrete, analog, digital...
- Apply signals' transformations: time shift, time reversal, scaling

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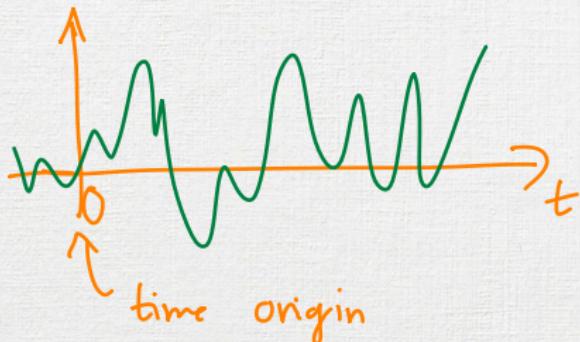
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- 1 Graph
- 2 Math Formula



$$x(t) = \sin(2t + \pi) \quad t \in [-\pi, \pi]$$

Discrete

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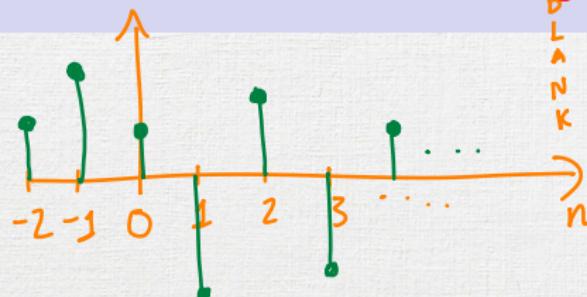
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1 Graph

2 Math Formula

3 List

4 Vector



$$x_{(n)} = 2n - 1$$

$$-2 \leq n \leq 3$$

$$x_{(-2)} = -5$$

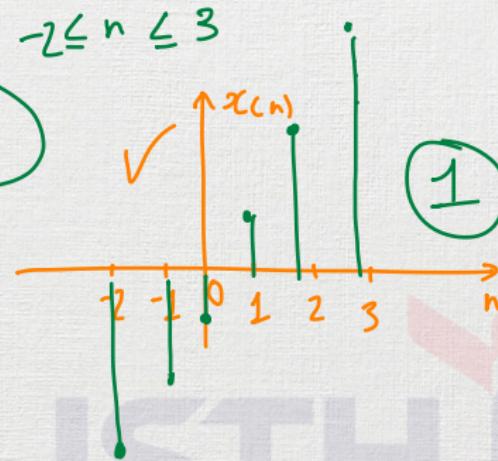
$$x_{(10)} = -1$$

... . . .

$$[-5 \quad -3 \quad -1 \quad 1 \quad 3 \quad 5]$$

$$\checkmark x_{(n)}$$

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There are many ways in which signals can be classified:

- 1** Continuous-time and discrete-time signals
- 2** Analog and digital signals
- 3** Periodic and aperiodic signals
- 4** Even and odd signals
- 5** Energy and power signals

Continuous-time vs Discrete-time Signals

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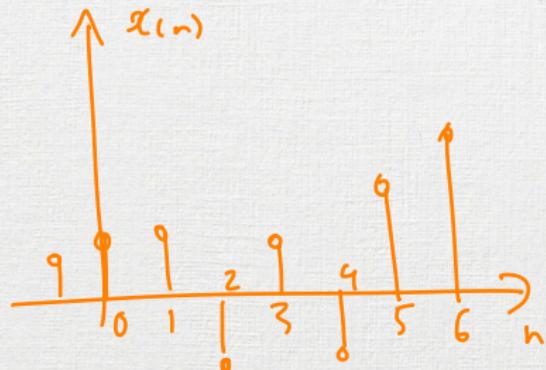
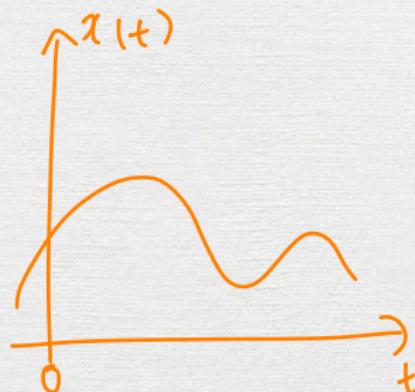
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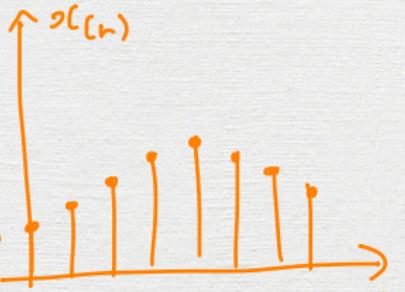
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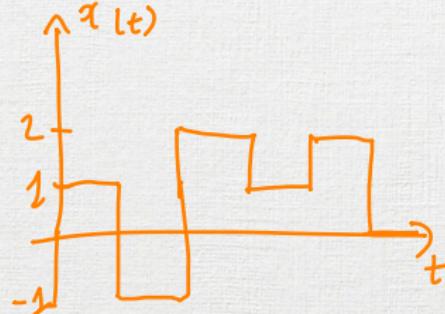
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disc-time cont-valued



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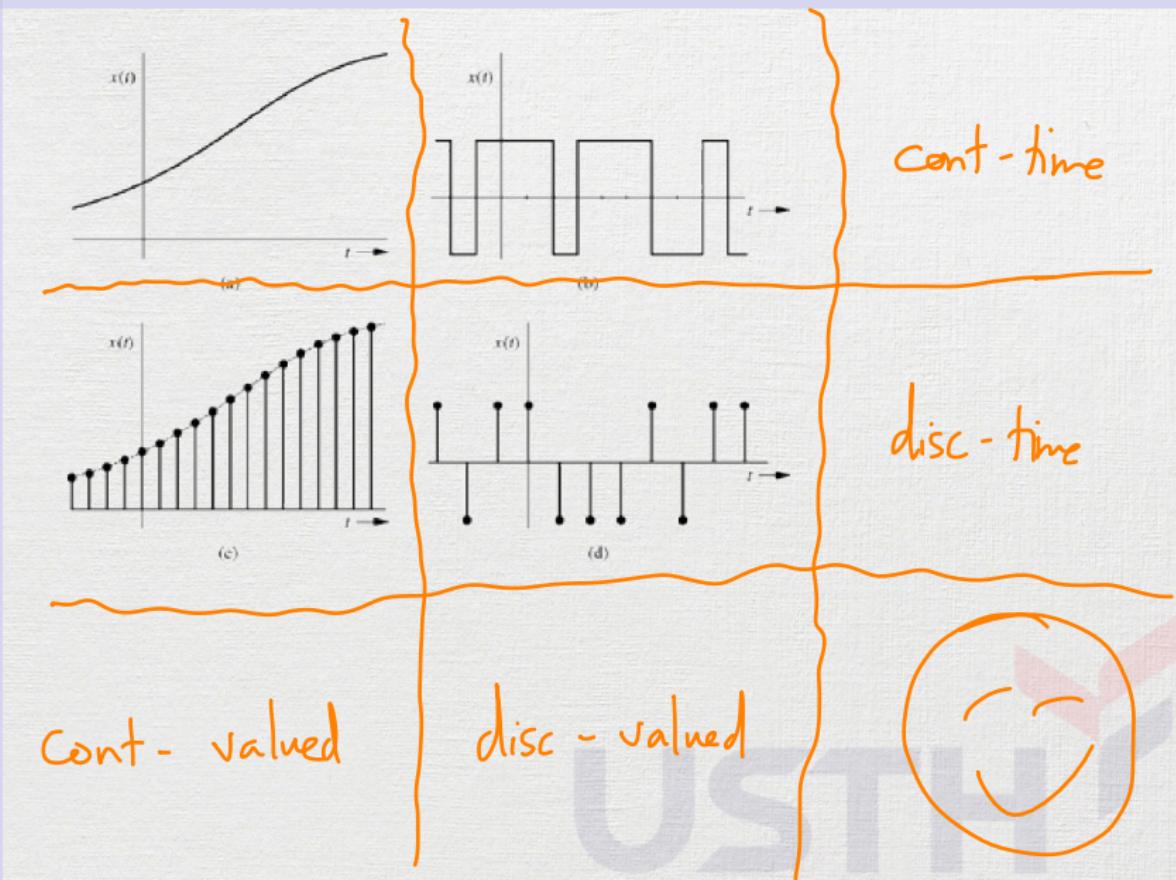
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A signal $x(t)$ is said to be **periodic** if for a positive constant T_0 :

$$x(t) = x(t + T_0) \text{ for all } t$$

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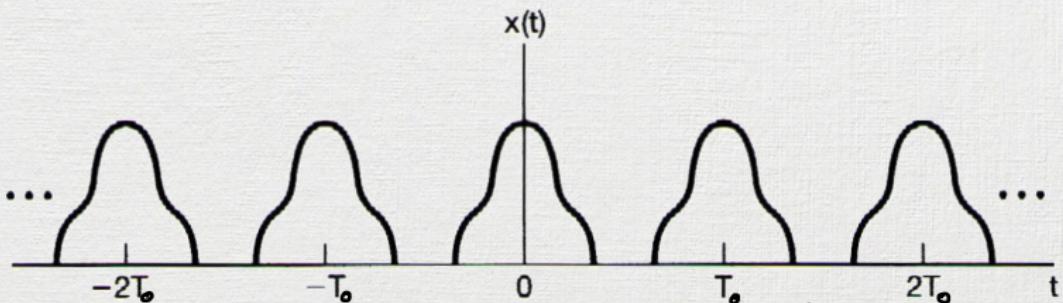
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A signal $x(t)$ is said to be
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and **odd** if:

$$x(t) = -x(-t)$$

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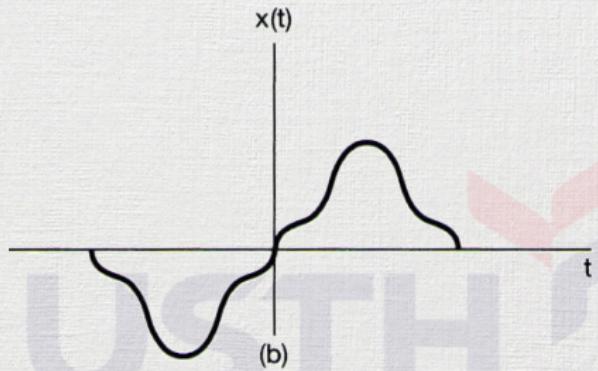
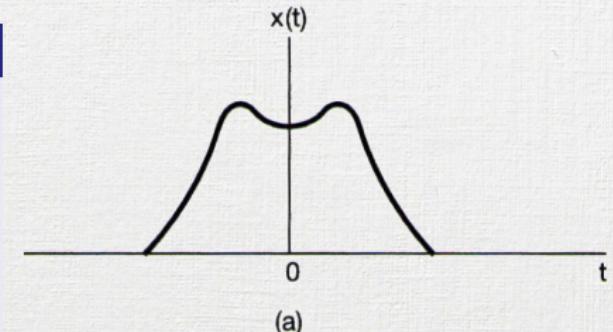
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A signal $x(t)$ is said to be **even** if:

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Energy of a continuous-time signal $x(t)$ is defined as

$$E_x = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |x(t)|^2 dt$$

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A signal having finite energy is called an **energy signal**.

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Power of a continuous-time signal $x(t)$ is defined as

$$P_x = \lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{+T/2} |x(t)|^2 dt$$

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$$P_x = \lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{2N+1} \sum_{-N}^{+N} |x[n]|^2$$

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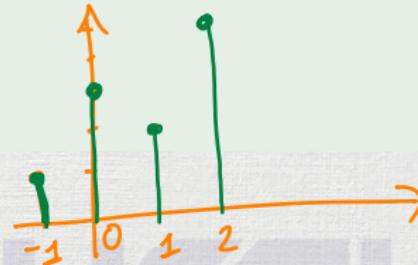
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$$y(n) = x(n - n_0) \quad \forall n$$

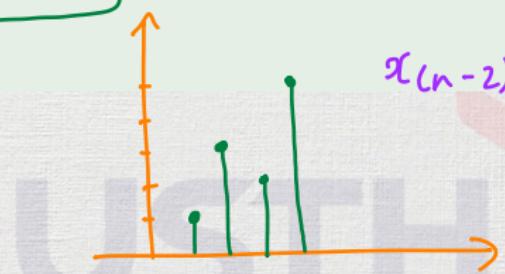
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$$\bullet x(n-2)$$

$$y_1(n) = x(n-2)$$

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■ $\cancel{x(n-2)}$

■ $\cancel{x(n+3)} \quad y_2(n) = x(n+3)$

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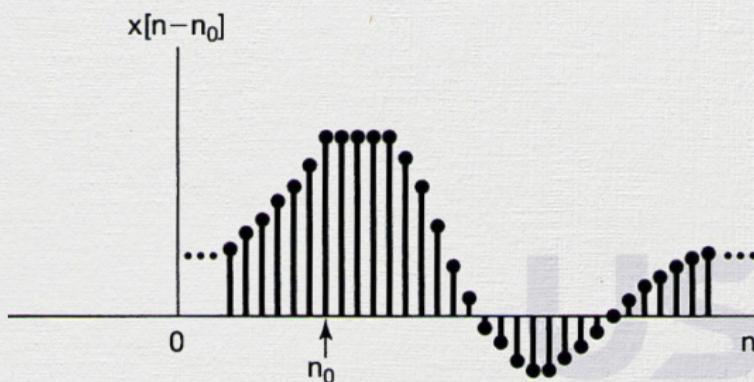
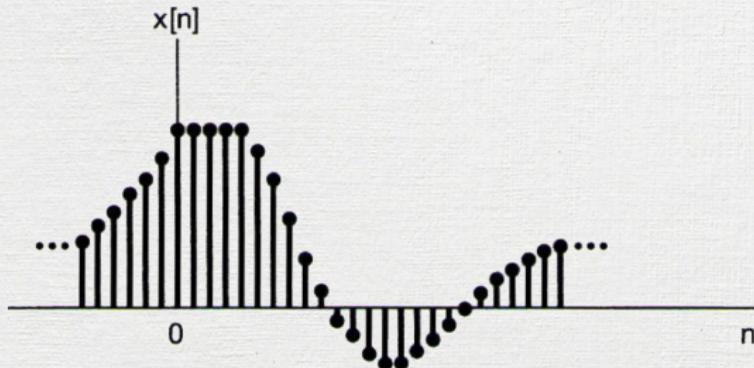
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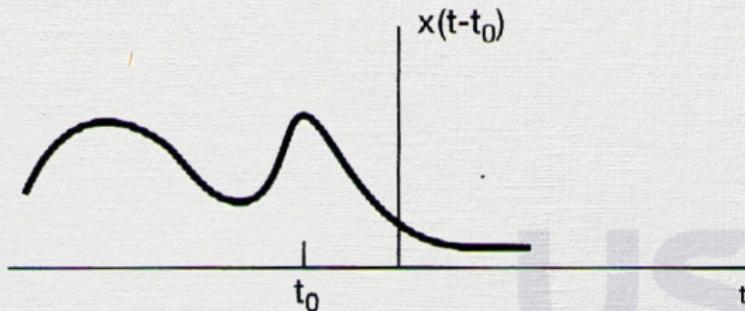
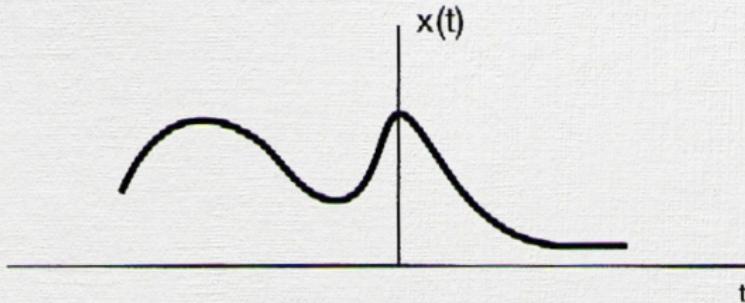
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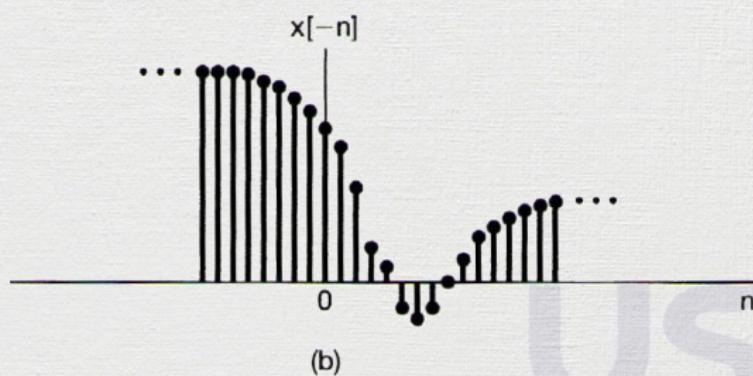
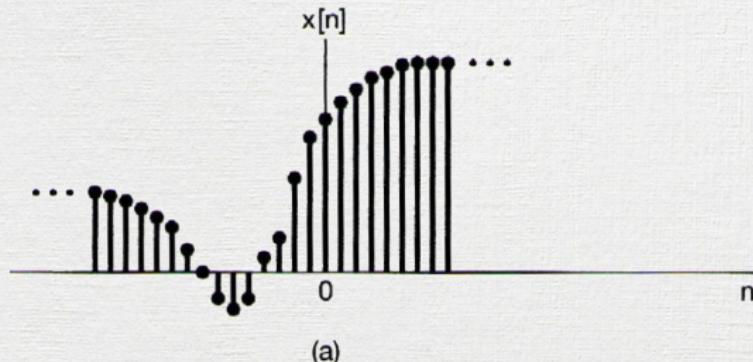
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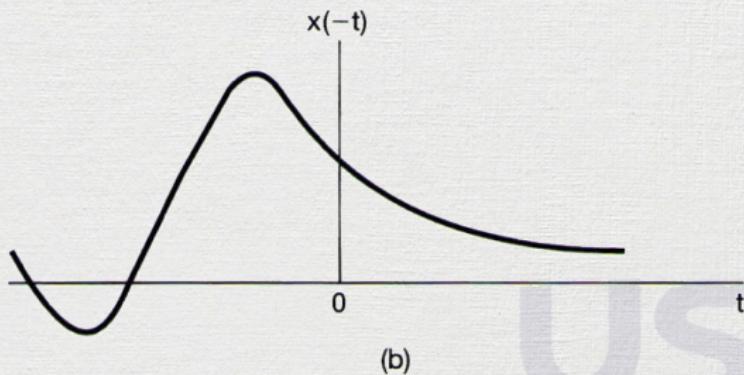
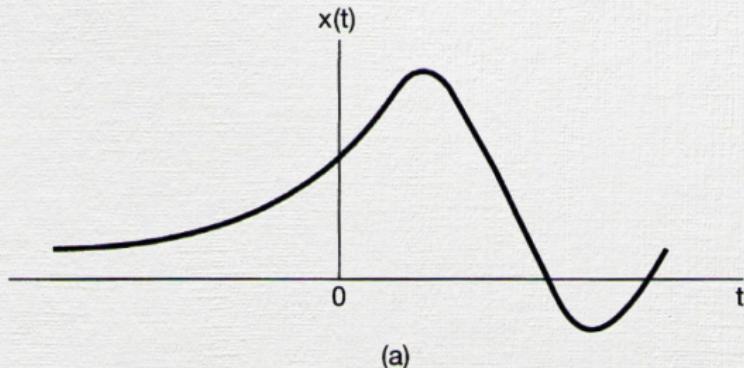
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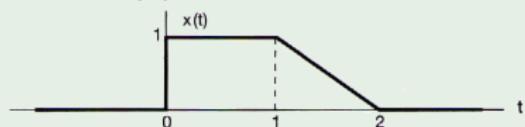
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Determine $x(\frac{3}{2}t)$

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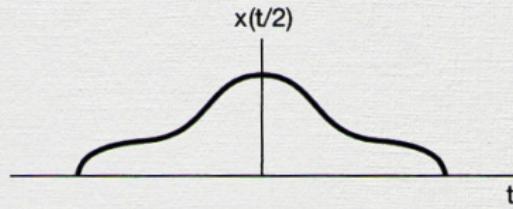
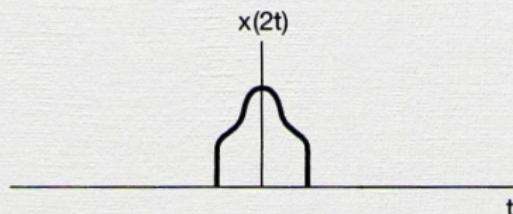
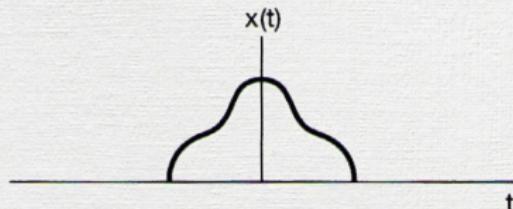
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