Computation of the DFT of Real Sequences

- In most practical applications, sequences of interest are real
- In such cases, the symmetry properties of the DFT given in Table 5.2 can be exploited to make the DFT computations more efficient

- Let g[n] and h[n] be two length-N real sequences with G[k] and H[k] denoting their respective N-point DFTs
- These two *N*-point DFTs can be computed efficiently using a single *N*-point DFT
- Define a complex length-N sequence x[n] = g[n] + jh[n]
- Hence, $g[n] = \Re\{x[n]\}$ and $h[n] = Im\{x[n]\}$

- Let *X*[*k*] denote the *N*-point DFT of *x*[*n*]
- Then, from Table 5.1 we arrive at

$$G[k] = \frac{1}{2} \{ X[k] + X * [\langle -k \rangle_N] \}$$

$$H[k] = \frac{1}{2i} \{ X[k] - X * [\langle -k \rangle_N] \}$$

• Note that for $0 \le k \le N-1$,

$$X * [\langle -k \rangle_N] = X * [\langle N - k \rangle_N]$$

• Example - We compute the 4-point DFTs of the two real sequences g[n] and h[n] given below

$$\{g[n]\} = \{1 \quad 2 \quad 0 \quad 1\}, \quad \{h[n]\} = \{2 \quad 2 \quad 1 \quad 1\}$$

• Then $\{x[n]\} = \{g[n]\} + j\{h[n]\}$ is given by

$$\{x[n]\} = \{1 + j2 \quad 2 + j2 \quad j \quad 1 + j\}$$

• Its DFT *X*[*k*] is

$$\begin{bmatrix} X[0] \\ X[1] \\ X[2] \\ X[3] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -j & -1 & j \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & j & -1 & -j \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1+j2 \\ 2+j2 \\ j \\ 1+j \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4+j6 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ j2 \end{bmatrix}$$

From the above

$$X * [k] = [4 - j6 \quad 2 \quad -2 \quad -j2]$$

Hence

$$X * [\langle 4-k \rangle_4] = [4-j6 -j2 -2 2]$$

Therefore

$${G[k]} = {4 \quad 1-j \quad -2 \quad 1+j}$$

 ${H[k]} = {6 \quad 1-j \quad 0 \quad 1+j}$

verifying the results derived earlier

- Let v[n] be a length-2N real sequence with an 2N-point DFT V[k]
- Define two length-N real sequences g[n] and h[n] as follows:

$$g[n] = v[2n], \quad h[n] = v[2n+1], \quad 0 \le n \le N$$

• Let G[k] and H[k] denote their respective Npoint DFTs

• Define a length-*N* complex sequence

$${x[n]} = {g[n]} + j{h[n]}$$

with an N-point DFT X[k]

• Then as shown earlier

$$G[k] = \frac{1}{2} \{ X[k] + X * [\langle -k \rangle_N] \}$$

$$H[k] = \frac{1}{2j} \{ X[k] - X * [\langle -k \rangle_N] \}$$

• Now
$$V[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{2N-1} v[n] W_{2N}^{nk}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} v[2n] W_{2N}^{2nk} + \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} v[2n+1] W_{2N}^{(2n+1)k}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} g[n] W_{N}^{nk} + \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} h[n] W_{N}^{nk} W_{2N}^{k}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} g[n] W_{N}^{nk} + W_{2N}^{k} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} h[n] W_{N}^{nk}, 0 \le k \le 2N-1$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} g[n] W_{N}^{nk} + W_{2N}^{k} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} h[n] W_{N}^{nk}, 0 \le k \le 2N-1$$

• i.e.,

$$V[k] = G[\langle k \rangle_N] + W_{2N}^k H[\langle k \rangle_N], \quad 0 \le k \le 2N - 1$$

• Example - Let us determine the 8-point DFT V[k] of the length-8 real sequence

$$\{v[n]\} = \{1 \quad 2 \quad 2 \quad 2 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 1\}$$

 We form two length-4 real sequences as follows

$$\{g[n]\} = \{v[2n]\} = \{1 \quad 2 \quad 0 \quad 1\}$$

 $\{h[n]\} = \{v[2n+1]\} = \{2 \quad 2 \quad 1 \quad 1\}$

Now

$$V[k] = G[\langle k \rangle_4] + W_8^k H[\langle k \rangle_4], \quad 0 \le k \le 7$$

• Substituting the values of the 4-point DFTs G[k] and H[k] computed earlier we get

$$V[0] = G[0] + H[0] = 4 + 6 = 10$$

$$V[1] = G[1] + W_8^1 H[1]$$

$$= (1 - j) + e^{-j\pi/4} (1 - j) = 1 - j2.4142$$

$$V[2] = G[2] + W_8^2 H[2] = -2 + e^{-j\pi/2} \cdot 0 = -2$$

$$V[3] = G[3] + W_8^3 H[3]$$

$$= (1 + j) + e^{-j3\pi/4} (1 + j) = 1 - j0.4142$$

$$V[4] = G[0] + W_8^4 H[0] = 4 + e^{-j\pi} \cdot 6 = -2$$

$$V[5] = G[1] + W_8^5 H[1]$$

$$= (1 - j) + e^{-j5\pi/4} (1 - j) = 1 + j0.4142$$

$$V[6] = G[2] + W_8^6 H[2] = -2 + e^{-j3\pi/2} \cdot 0 = -2$$

$$V[7] = G[3] + W_8^7 H[3]$$

$$= (1 + j) + e^{-j7\pi/4} (1 + j) = 1 + j2.4142$$

Linear Convolution Using the DFT

- Linear convolution is a key operation in many signal processing applications
- Since a DFT can be efficiently implemented using FFT algorithms, it is of interest to develop methods for the implementation of linear convolution using the DFT

Linear Convolution of Two Finite-Length Sequences

- Let g[n] and h[n] be two finite-length sequences of length N and M, respectively
- Denote L = N + M 1
- Define two length-L sequences

$$g_{e}[n] = \begin{cases} g[n], & 0 \le n \le N - 1 \\ 0, & N \le n \le L - 1 \end{cases}$$

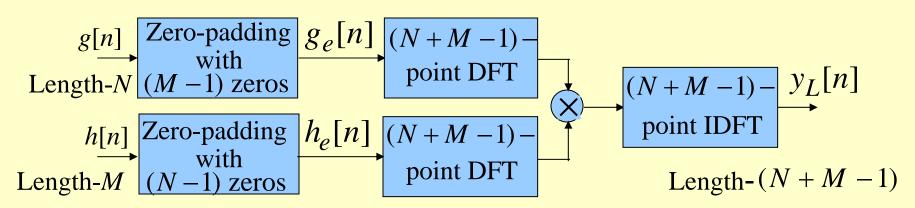
$$h_{e}[n] = \begin{cases} h[n], & 0 \le n \le M - 1 \\ 0, & M \le n \le L - 1 \end{cases}$$

Linear Convolution of Two Finite-Length Sequences

Then

$$y_L[n] = g[n] \circledast h[n] = y_C[n] = g_e[n] \textcircled{1} h_e[n]$$

• The corresponding implementation scheme is illustrated below



- We outlined earlier a DFT-based method to perform a linear convolution of a length-N sequence $\{g[n]\}$ with a length-M sequence $\{h[n]\}$ with N > M
- To this end, both sequences were zeropadded to lengths L = N + M - 1

- Next, the *L*-point DFTs of the extended sequences are formed and multiplied sample-wise
- An *L*-point inverse DFT of the product sequence leads to the convolution sum $\{y[n]\}$ of $\{g[n]\}$ and $\{h[n]\}$

- In some applications, it is required to compute only a length-*N* portion of {*y*[*n*]}
- This can be implemented using an *N*-point DFT and IDFT by appending the longer sequence with a subsequence called the cyclic prefix
- We explain the procedure next

- Consider two sequences $\{x[n]\}$, $0 \le n \le N-1$ and $\{h[n]\}$, $0 \le n \le M-1$ with N > M
- The cyclic prefix of $\{x[n]\}$ is given by the length-(M-1) subsequence $\{x[N-M+1], x[N-M+2], ..., x[N-1]\}$
- Consisting of the last (M-1) samples of $\{x[n]\}$

• Define a new sequence $\{\hat{x}[n]\}$ obtained by appending $\{x[n]\}$ at the beginning with its cyclic prefix

$$\{\hat{x}[n]\} = \left\{x[N-M+1], \dots, x[N-1], x[0], \dots, x[N-M], \dots, x[N-1]\right\}$$
cyclic prefix
original sequence \{x[n]\}

• The new sequence $\{\hat{x}[n]\}$, $-M+1 \le n \le N-1$ is of length L=N+M-1

- Now $\hat{x}[n] = x[\langle n \rangle_N], -M + 1 \le n \le N 1$
- From the above equation it follows that $\hat{x}[n-\ell] = x[\langle n-\ell \rangle_N], -M+1 \le n-\ell \le N-1$
- Let $\{y[n]\}$ denote the linear convolution of $\{\hat{x}[n]\}$ and $\{h[n]\}$, i.e.

$$y[n] = \hat{x}[n] \circledast h[n] = \sum_{\ell=0}^{L-1} \hat{x}[n-\ell] h[\ell]$$
$$-M+1 \le n \le N+M-2$$

• Let $\{h_e[n]\}$ denote a length-N sequence obtained by zero-padding $\{h[n]\}$ with N-M zeros, i.e.

$$h_e[n] = \begin{cases} h[n], & 0 \le n \le M - 1 \\ 0, & M \le n \le N - 1 \end{cases}$$

• Let $\{\hat{y}[n]\}$ denote the *N*-point circular convolution of $\{x[n]\}$ and $\{h_e[n]\}$

$$\hat{y}[n] = \sum_{\ell=0}^{N-1} x[\langle n-\ell \rangle_N] h_e[n] = x[n] \otimes h_e[n],$$

$$0 \le n \le N-1$$

- Since, for $0 \le n \le N-1$, $\hat{x}[n-\ell] = x[\langle n-\ell \rangle_N]$, it follows then $\hat{y}[n] = y[n]$, $0 \le n \le N-1$
- The above circular convolution can be computed using the DFT-based method

• Taking the *N*-point DFT of both sides of

$$\hat{y}[n] = \sum_{\ell=0}^{N-1} x[\langle n-\ell \rangle_N] h_e[n] = x[n] \hat{w} h_e[n],$$

$$0 \le n \le N-1$$

we arrive at

$$\hat{Y}[k] = X[k]H_e[k]$$

• In the above equation $\hat{Y}[k]$, X[k], and $H_e[k]$ denote the N-point DFTs of $\hat{y}[n]$, x[n], and $h_e[n]$, respectively

- The cyclic prefix plays an important role in multicarrier-based digital communication
- Here, the objective is to recover the length-N input sequence x[n] knowing the output sequence $\hat{y}[n]$ and the length-M impulse response h[n] of the channel

• To this end, x[n] is enlarged to a length-(N+M-1) sequence $\hat{x}[n]$ by appending it at the beginning by its last M-1 samples as indicated below

$$\{\hat{x}[n]\} = \left\{x[N-M+1], \dots, x[N-1], x[0], \dots, x[N-M], \dots, x[N-1]\right\}$$
cyclic prefix
original sequence \{x[n]\}

- In the absence of noise, original input sequence x[n] can be recovered from $\hat{x}[n]$ knowing the channel impulse response h[n] and the output sequence y[n] as follows:
- 1) Develop $\hat{y}[n]$ by extracting the middle N samples from y[n]
- 2) Zero-pad h[n] with (N-M) zeros to generate a length-N sequence $h_e[n]$

- 3) Form the *N*-point DFT $\hat{Y}[k]$ of $\hat{y}[n]$, and the *N*-point DFT $H_e[k]$ of $h_e[n]$
- The desired input sequence x[n] is then recovered as indicated below

$$x[n] = IDFT \left\{ \frac{\hat{Y}[k]}{H_{e}[k]} \right\}$$

provided none of the samples of $H_e[k]$ is zero

• Even though the output sequence y[n] is of length N + 2M - 2, the first and last M - 1 samples of y[n] do not have to be computed as they are not needed to recover the input sequence x[n]

• Example – Consider the length-6 sequence

$$\{x[n]\} = \{-2, 4, 1, -1, 3, 5\}, 0 \le n \le 5$$

and the length-4 sequence

$${h[n]} = {1, -2, 4, -1}, 0 \le n \le 3$$

• The cyclic prefix of $\{x[n]\}$ is thus the length-3 sequence $\{-1, 3, 5\}$ consisting of the last 3 samples of $\{x[n]\}$

• The new sequence $\{x[n]\}$ is hence given by

$$\{\hat{x}[n]\} = \{-1, 3, 5, -2, 4, 1, -1, 3, 5\},\$$
Cyclic prefix $| -3 \le n \le 5|$

• The convolution sum $\{y[n]\}$ of $\{\hat{x}[n]\}$ and $\{h[n]\}$ is given by

$$\{y[n]\} = \{-1, 5, -5, 1, 25, -20, 15, 5, -6, 3, 17, -5\},\$$

• The length-6 sequence $\{h_e[n]\}$ obtained by zero-padding $\{h[n]\}$ with 2 zero-valued samples is thus

$${h[n]} = {1, -2, 4, -1, 0, 0}, 0 \le n \le 5$$

• Now, the 6-point circular convolution of $\{x[n]\}$ and $\{h_e[n]\}$ is given by

$$\{\hat{y}[n]\} = \{x[n]\} \oplus \{h_{e}[n]\}\$$

= $\{1, 25, -20, 15, 5, -6\}, 0 \le n \le 5$

• Note: The samples of $\{\hat{y}[n]\}$ given in the previous slide are precisely the middle 6 samples of $\{y[n]\}$ given earlier:

$$\{y[n]\} = \{-1, 5, -5, 1, 25, -20, 15, 5, -6, 3, 17, -5\},\$$

$$-3 \le n \le 8$$

• Using MATLAB we compute the 6-point DFT $\{Y[k]\}$ of $\{\hat{y}[n]\}$ and the 6-point DFT $H_e[k]$ of $h_e[n]$

• Dividing $\{\hat{Y}[k]\}$ by $H_e[k]$ sample-wise, and then taking the 6-point IDFT of the result we arrive at $\{-20.0, 4.0, 1.0, -1.0, 3.0, 5.0\}$, $0 \le n \le 5$ which is precisely the desired input sequence

Linear Convolution of a Finite-Length Sequence with an Infinite-Length Sequence

 We next consider the DFT-based implementation of

$$y[n] = \sum_{\ell=0}^{M-1} h[\ell] x[n-\ell] = h[n] * x[n]$$

where h[n] is a finite-length sequence of length M and x[n] is an infinite length (or a finite length sequence of length much greater than M)

• We first segment x[n], assumed to be a causal sequence here without any loss of generality, into a set of contiguous finitelength subsequences $x_m[n]$ of length N each:

$$x[n] = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} x_m [n - mN]$$

where

$$x_m[n] = \begin{cases} x[n+mN], & 0 \le n \le N-1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Thus we can write

$$y[n] = h[n] * x[n] = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} y_m[n-mN]$$

where

$$y_m[n] = h[n] \circledast x_m[n]$$

• Since h[n] is of length M and $x_m[n]$ is of length N, the linear convolution $h[n] *x_m[n]$ is of length N+M-1

- As a result, the desired linear convolution $y[n] = h[n] \circledast x[n]$ has been broken up into a sum of infinite number of short-length linear convolutions of length N + M 1 each: $y_m[n] = x_m[n] \circledast h[n]$
- Each of these short convolutions can be implemented using the DFT-based method discussed earlier, where now the DFTs (and the IDFT) are computed on the basis of (N + M − 1) points

• There is one more subtlety to take care of before we can implement

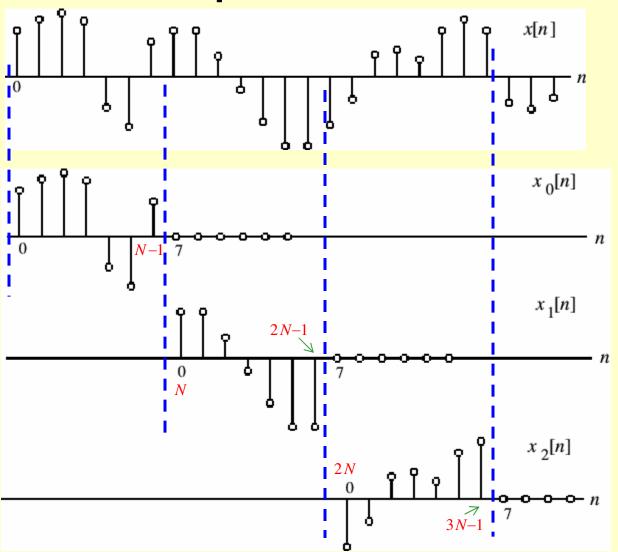
$$y[n] = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} y_m [n - mN]$$

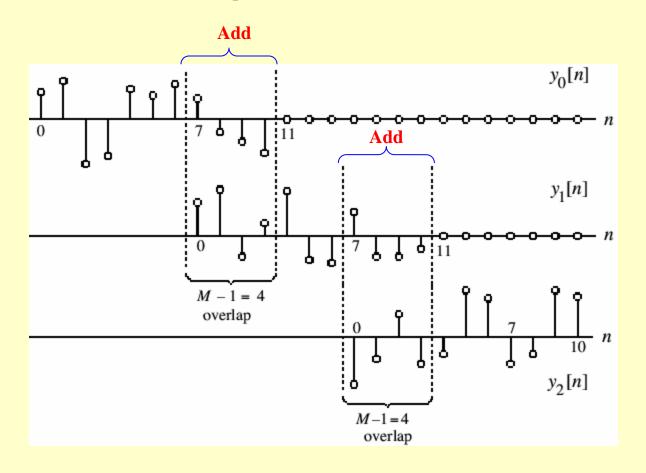
using the DFT-based approach

• Now the first convolution in the above sum, $y_0[n] = h[n] \circledast x_0[n]$, is of length N + M - 1 and is defined for $0 \le n \le N + M - 2$

- The second short convolution $y_1[n] = h[n] \circledast x_1[n]$, is also of length N + M 1 but is defined for $N \le n \le 2N + M 2$
- There is an overlap of M-1 samples between these two short linear convolutions
- Likewise, the third short convolution $y_2[n] = h[n] \circledast x_2[n]$, is also of length N + M 1 but is defined for $2N \le n \le 3N + M 2$

- Thus there is an overlap of M-1 samples between $h[n] \circledast x_1[n]$ and $h[n] \circledast x_2[n]$
- In general, there will be an overlap of M-1 samples between the samples of the short convolutions $h[n] \circledast x_{r-1}[n]$ and $h[n] \circledast x_r[n]$ for $(r-1)N \le n \le rN + M 2$
- This process is illustrated in the figure on the next slide for M = 5 and N = 7



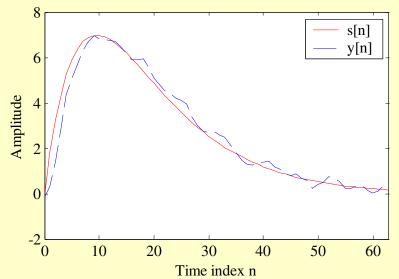


• Therefore, y[n] obtained by a linear convolution of x[n] and h[n] is given by

$$y[n] = y_0[n],$$
 $0 \le n \le 6$
 $y[n] = y_0[n] + y_1[n-7],$ $7 \le n \le 10$
 $y[n] = y_1[n-7],$ $11 \le n \le 13$
 $y[n] = y_1[n-7] + y_2[n-14],$ $14 \le n \le 17$
 $y[n] = y_2[n-14],$ $18 \le n \le 20$
 \vdots

- The above procedure is called the **overlap-add method** since the results of the short linear convolutions overlap and the overlapped portions are added to get the correct final result
- The function fftfilt can be used to implement the above method

- Program 5_5 illustrates the use of fftfilt in the filtering of a noise-corrupted signal using a length-3 moving average filter
- The plots generated by running this program is shown below



- In implementing the overlap-add method using the DFT, we need to compute two (N+M−1)-point DFTs and one (N+M−1)-point IDFT since the overall linear convolution was expressed as a sum of short-length linear convolutions of length (N+M−1) each
- It is possible to implement the overall linear convolution by performing instead circular convolution of length shorter than (N + M 1)

• To this end, it is necessary to segment x[n] into overlapping blocks $x_m[n]$, keep the terms of the circular convolution of h[n] with $x_m[n]$ that corresponds to the terms obtained by a linear convolution of h[n] and $x_m[n]$, and throw away the other parts of the circular convolution

- To understand the correspondence between the linear and circular convolutions, consider a length-4 sequence x[n] and a length-3 sequence h[n]
- Let $y_L[n]$ denote the result of a linear convolution of x[n] with h[n]
- The six samples of $y_L[n]$ are given by

```
y_{L}[0] = h[0]x[0]
y_{L}[1] = h[0]x[1] + h[1]x[0]
y_{L}[2] = h[0]x[2] + h[1]x[1] + h[2]x[0]
y_{L}[3] = h[0]x[3] + h[1]x[2] + h[2]x[1]
y_{L}[4] = h[1]x[3] + h[2]x[2]
y_{L}[5] = h[2]x[3]
```

• If we append h[n] with a single zero-valued sample and convert it into a length-4 sequence $h_e[n]$, the 4-point circular convolution $y_C[n]$ of $h_e[n]$ and x[n] is given by

```
y_C[0] = h[0]x[0] + h[1]x[3] + h[2]x[2]
y_C[1] = h[0]x[1] + h[1]x[0] + h[2]x[3]
y_C[2] = h[0]x[2] + h[1]x[1] + h[2]x[0]
y_C[3] = h[0]x[3] + h[1]x[2] + h[2]x[1]
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• If we compare the expressions for the samples of $y_L[n]$ with the samples of $y_C[n]$, we observe that the first 2 terms of $y_C[n]$ do not correspond to the first 2 terms of $y_L[n]$, whereas the last 2 terms of $y_C[n]$ are precisely the same as the 3rd and 4th terms of $y_L[n]$, i.e.,

$$y_L[0] \neq y_C[0],$$
 $y_L[1] \neq y_C[1]$
 $y_L[2] = y_C[2],$ $y_L[3] = y_C[3]$

- General case: N-point circular convolution of a length-M sequence h[n] with a length-N sequence x[n] with N > M
- First *M* −1 samples of the circular convolution are incorrect and are rejected
- Remaining N M + 1 samples correspond to the correct samples of the linear convolution of h[n] with x[n]

- Now, consider an infinitely long or very long sequence x[n]
- Break it up as a collection of smaller length (length-4) overlapping sequences $x_m[n]$ as $x_m[n] = x[n+2m], \quad 0 \le n \le 3, \quad 0 \le m \le \infty$
- Next, form

$$w_m[n] = h[n] \oplus x_m[n]$$

• Or, equivalently,

$$w_m[0] = h[0]x_m[0] + h[1]x_m[3] + h[2]x_m[2]$$

$$w_m[1] = h[0]x_m[1] + h[1]x_m[0] + h[2]x_m[3]$$

$$w_m[2] = h[0]x_m[2] + h[1]x_m[1] + h[2]x_m[0]$$

$$w_m[3] = h[0]x_m[3] + h[1]x_m[2] + h[2]x_m[1]$$

• Computing the above for $m = 0, 1, 2, 3, \ldots$ and substituting the values of $x_m[n]$ we 56 arrive at

$$w_0[0] = h[0]x[0] + h[1]x[3] + h[2]x[2]$$
 \leftarrow Reject $w_0[1] = h[0]x[1] + h[1]x[0] + h[2]x[3]$ \leftarrow Reject $w_0[2] = h[0]x[2] + h[1]x[1] + h[2]x[0] = y[2]$ \leftarrow Save $w_0[3] = h[0]x[3] + h[1]x[2] + h[2]x[1] = y[3]$ \leftarrow Save $w_1[0] = h[0]x[2] + h[1]x[5] + h[2]x[4]$ \leftarrow Reject $w_1[1] = h[0]x[3] + h[1]x[2] + h[2]x[5]$ \leftarrow Reject $w_1[2] = h[0]x[4] + h[1]x[3] + h[2]x[2] = y[4]$ \leftarrow Save $w_1[3] = h[0]x[5] + h[1]x[4] + h[2]x[3] = y[5]$ \leftarrow Save $w_1[3] = h[0]x[5] + h[1]x[4] + h[2]x[3] = y[5]$ \leftarrow Save $w_1[3] = h[0]x[5] + h[1]x[4] + h[2]x[3] = y[5]$ \leftarrow Save

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$$w_2[0] = h[0]x[4] + h[1]x[5] + h[2]x[6]$$
 \leftarrow Reject $w_2[1] = h[0]x[5] + h[1]x[4] + h[2]x[7]$ \leftarrow Reject $w_2[2] = h[0]x[6] + h[1]x[5] + h[2]x[4] = y[6]$ \leftarrow Save $w_2[3] = h[0]x[7] + h[1]x[6] + h[2]x[5] = y[7]$ \leftarrow Save

• It should be noted that to determine y[0] and y[1], we need to form $x_{-1}[n]$:

$$x_{-1}[0] = 0, \quad x_{-1}[1] = 0,$$

 $x_{-1}[2] = x[0], \quad x_{-1}[3] = x[1]$

and compute $w_{-1}[n] = h[n] \oplus x_{-1}[n]$ for $0 \le n \le 3$ reject $w_{-1}[0]$ and $w_{-1}[1]$, and save $w_{-1}[2] = y[0]$ and $w_{-1}[3] = y[1]$

- General Case: Let h[n] be a length-N sequence
- Let $x_m[n]$ denote the m-th section of an infinitely long sequence x[n] of length N and defined by

$$x_m[n] = x[n + m(N - m + 1)], \quad 0 \le n \le N - 1$$

with $M < N$

- Let $w_m[n] = h[n] \otimes x_m[n]$
- Then, we reject the first M-1 samples of $w_m[n]$ and "abut" the remaining N-M+1 samples of $w_m[n]$ to form $y_L[n]$, the linear convolution of h[n] and x[n]
- If $y_m[n]$ denotes the saved portion of $w_m[n]$, i.e.

$$y_m[n] = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \le n \le M - 2 \\ w_m[n], & M - 1 \le n \le N - 2 \end{cases}$$

Then

$$y_L[n+m(N-M+1)] = y_m[n], \quad M-1 \le n \le N-1$$

The approach is called overlap-save
 method since the input is segmented into
 overlapping sections and parts of the results
 of the circular convolutions are saved and
 abutted to determine the linear convolution
 result

Process is illustrated next

