

# **Chapter 1**

## **Discrete Sequences and Systems**

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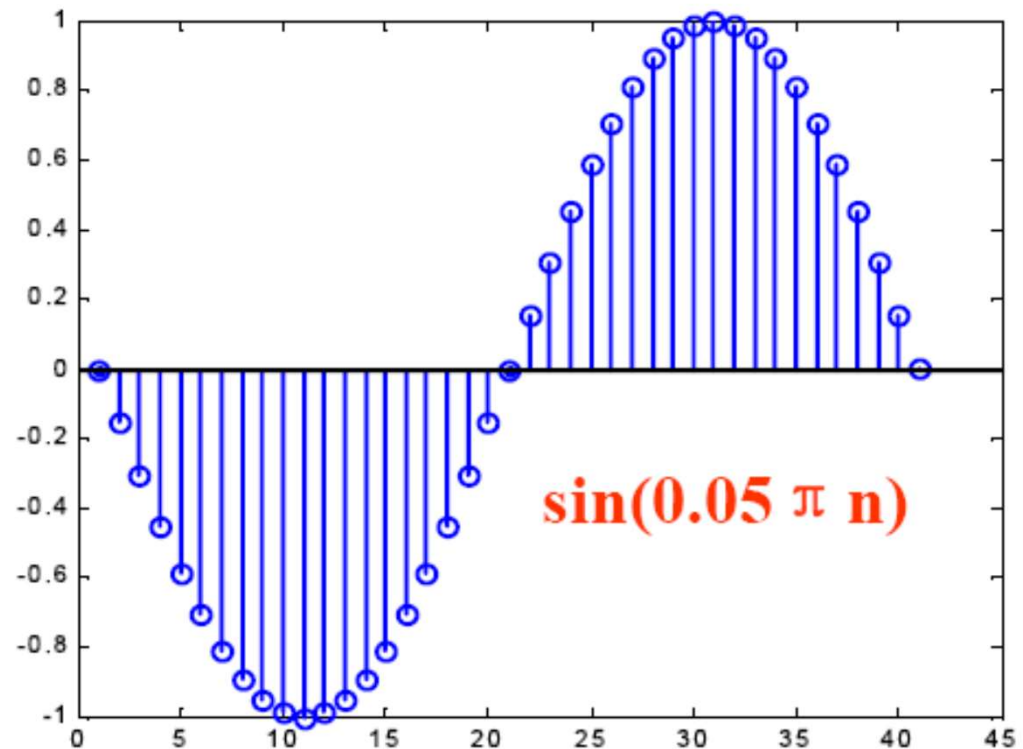
## 1.1.1 Discrete-time Signals

$\{x(n)\}$ :  $n$  is integer in the range  $-\infty$  and  $+\infty$

:  $x(n)$  is one sample

E.g.

- $x(-1) = -0.1564$ ;
- $x(0) = 0$ ;
- $x(1) = 0.1564$ ;
- $x(2) = 0.3090$ ;
- ...



## 1.1.1 Discrete-time Signals

$x(n)$

comes from:

$$x_a(t) = \sin(2\pi ft)$$

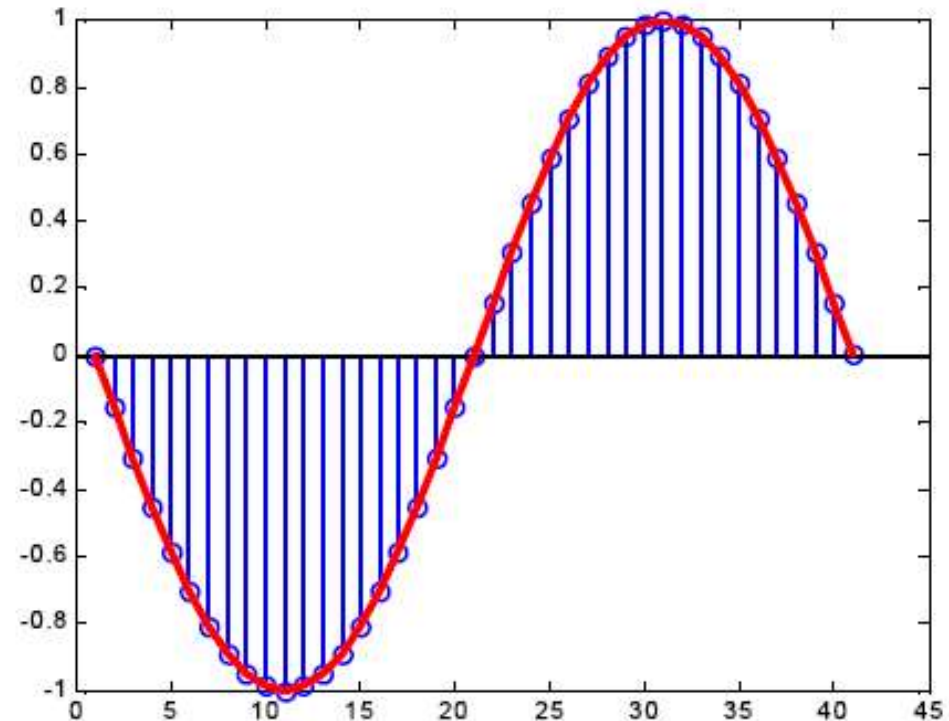
Uniformly sampled as:

$$x_a(nT) = \sin(2\pi f nT)$$

$T$  denotes sampling interval or period and its reciprocal is sampling frequency written as:

sampling frequency  $\Rightarrow$

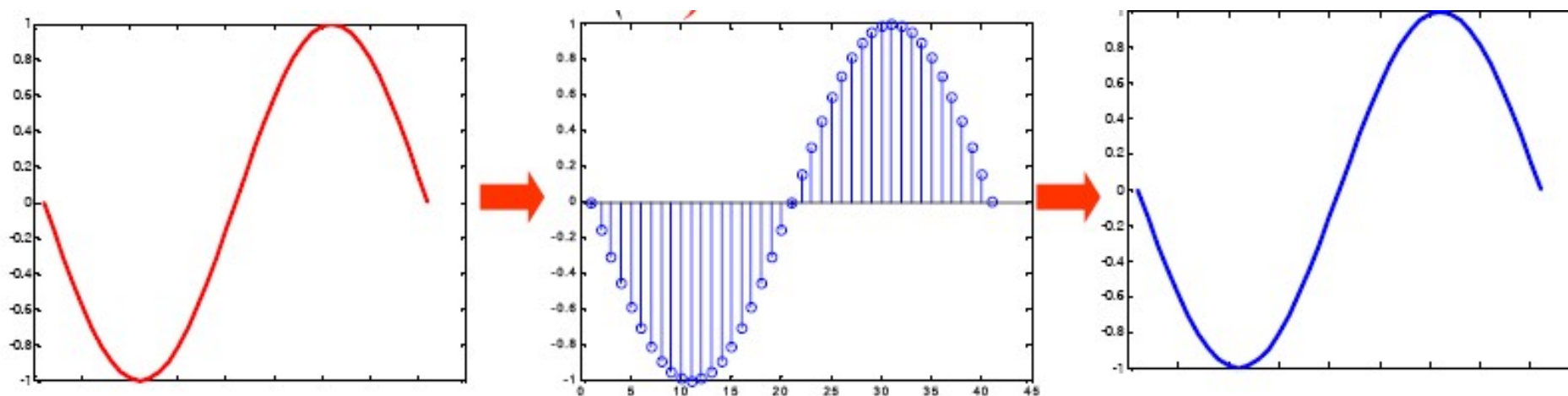
$$f_s = \frac{1}{T}$$



# 1.1.1 Discrete-time Signals

Relationship between  $x_a(nT)$  and  $x_a(t)$ :

- ✓ Part and whole;
- ✓ Many curves connecting the two points  $x(nT)$  and  $x((n+1)T)$ , but under *certain conditions*,  $x_a(t)$  can be *exclusively reconstructed* based on  $x_a(nT)$ .



# 1.1.1 Discrete-time Signals

## About Sequence:

$\{x(n)\}$  is a real sequence if  $x(n)$  is real for any  $n$ .

$\{x(n)\}$  is a complex sequence if  $x(n)$  is complex.

$$\{x(n)\} = \{x_{re}(n)\} + j\{x_{im}(n)\}$$

$x(n)$  is a finite length sequence if it is defined only for a finite time interval as:  $N_1 \leq n \leq N_2$ .


The *period of a finite length sequence* is:

$$N = N_2 - N_1 + 1: N \text{ point sequence}$$

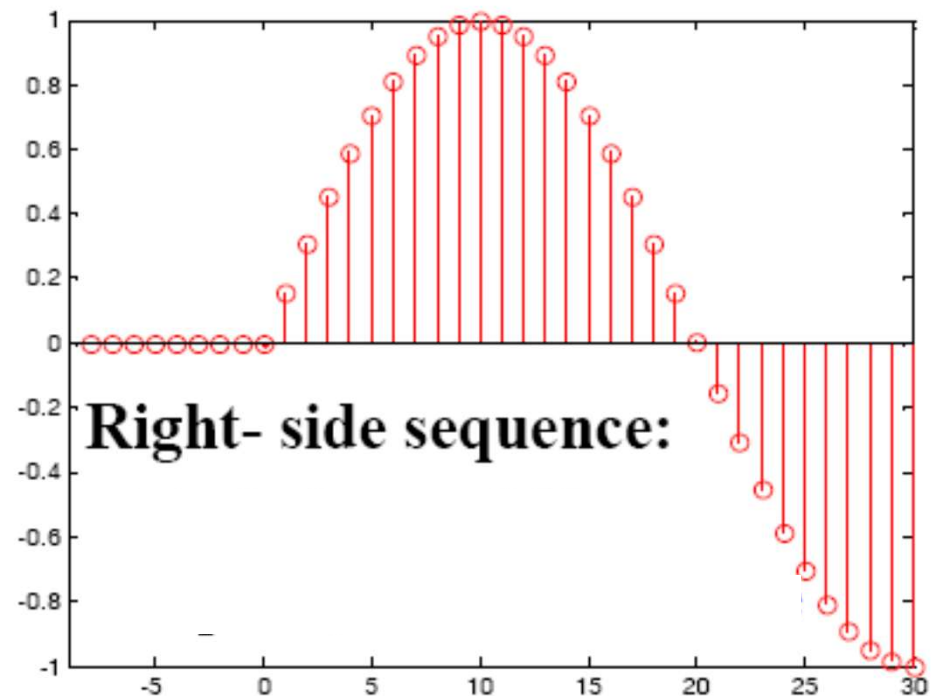
# 1.1.1 Discrete-time Signals

## About Sequence:

$x(n]$  is a infinite length sequence if it is defined for infinite time interval.

(By *appending with zeros or zero-padding*, finite length sequence  infinite.)

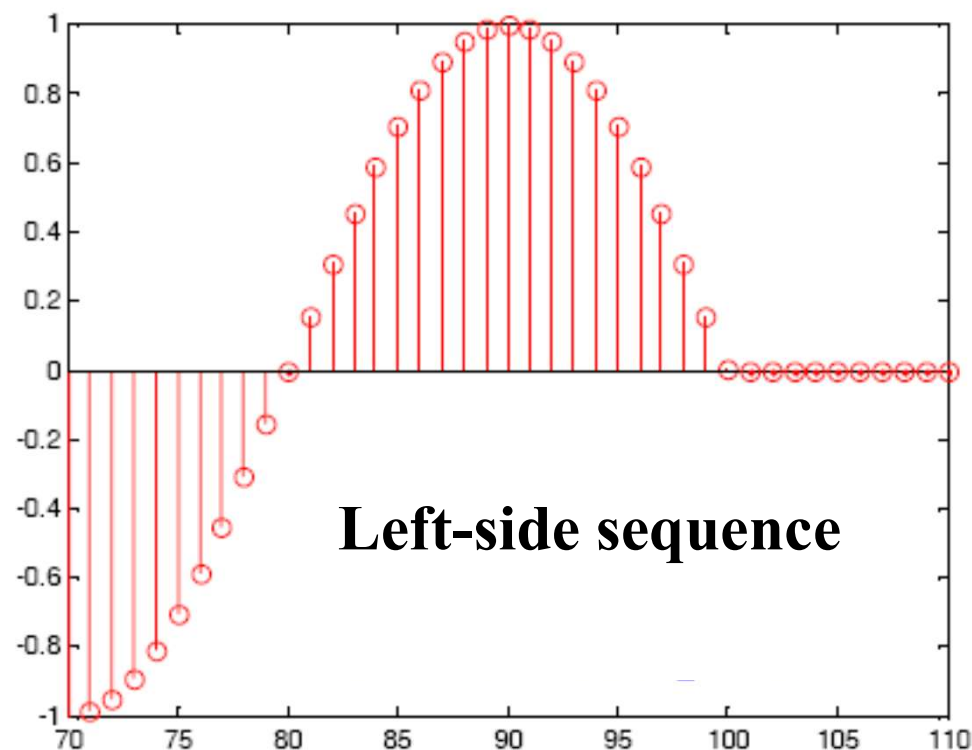
Three types of infinite length sequence, as:  
*Right-side sequence*



## 1.1.1 Discrete-time Signals

**About Sequence:**

**Left-side sequence**



**Two-side sequence:  $-\infty < n < \infty$**



## 1.1.2 Frequently Used Discrete Sequences

### (1) Unit sample sequence

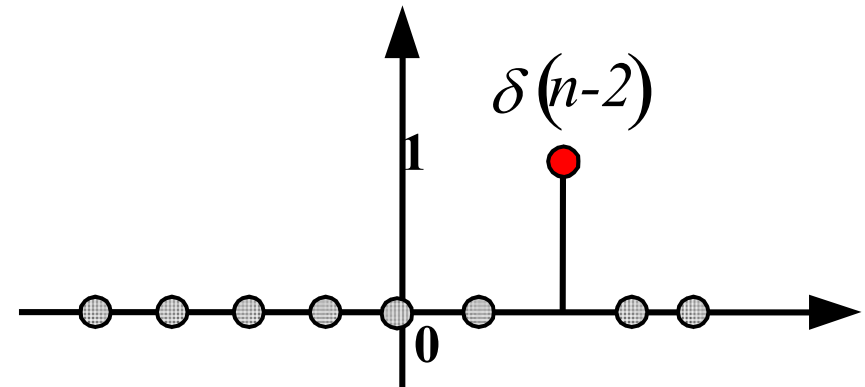
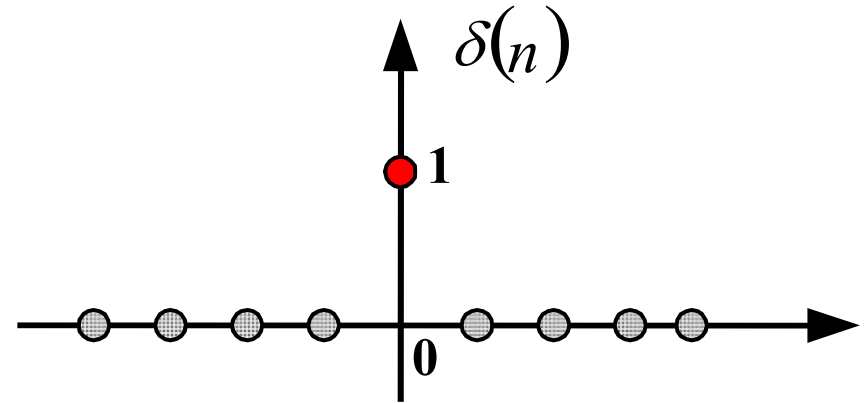
discrete-time impulse

unit impulse

$$\delta(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & , n = 0 \\ 0 & , n \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

Shifted:

$$\delta(n - n_0) = \begin{cases} 1 & , n = n_0 \\ 0 & , n \neq n_0 \end{cases}$$



## 1.1.2 Frequently Used Discrete Sequences

Any sequence could be expressed as the weighted sum of:

*shifted unit sample sequences*

$$x(n) = x(0)\delta(n) + x(1)\delta(n-1) + x(2)\delta(n-2) + \dots$$

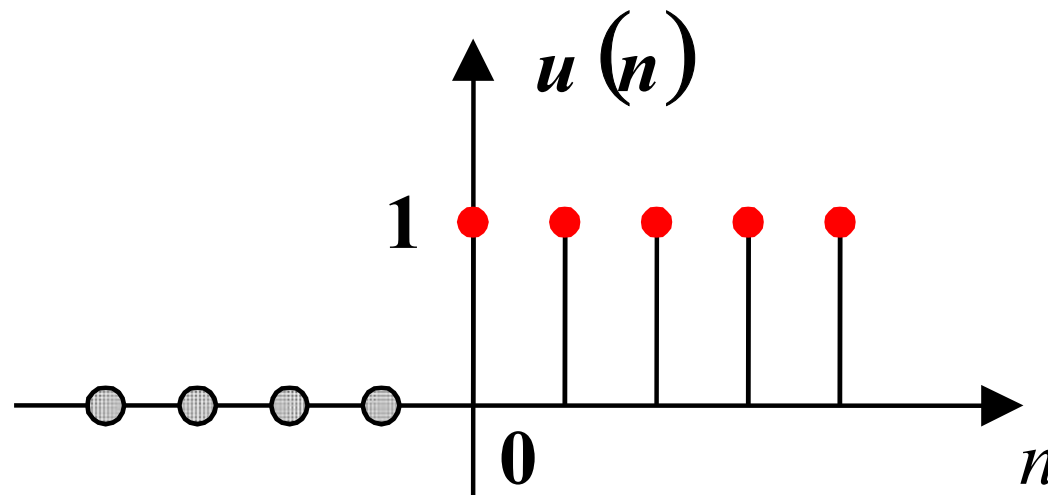
$$= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x(k)\delta(n-k)$$

➡ ***Important! Often used later***

## 1.1.2 Frequently Used Discrete Sequences

### (2) Unit step sequence

$$u(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & , n \geq 0 \\ 0 & , n < 0 \end{cases}$$



## 1.1.2 Frequently Used Discrete Sequences

### Relation between $u(n)$ and $\delta(n)$

- $\delta(n)$  could be expressed as:

$$\delta(n) = u(n) - u(n-1)$$

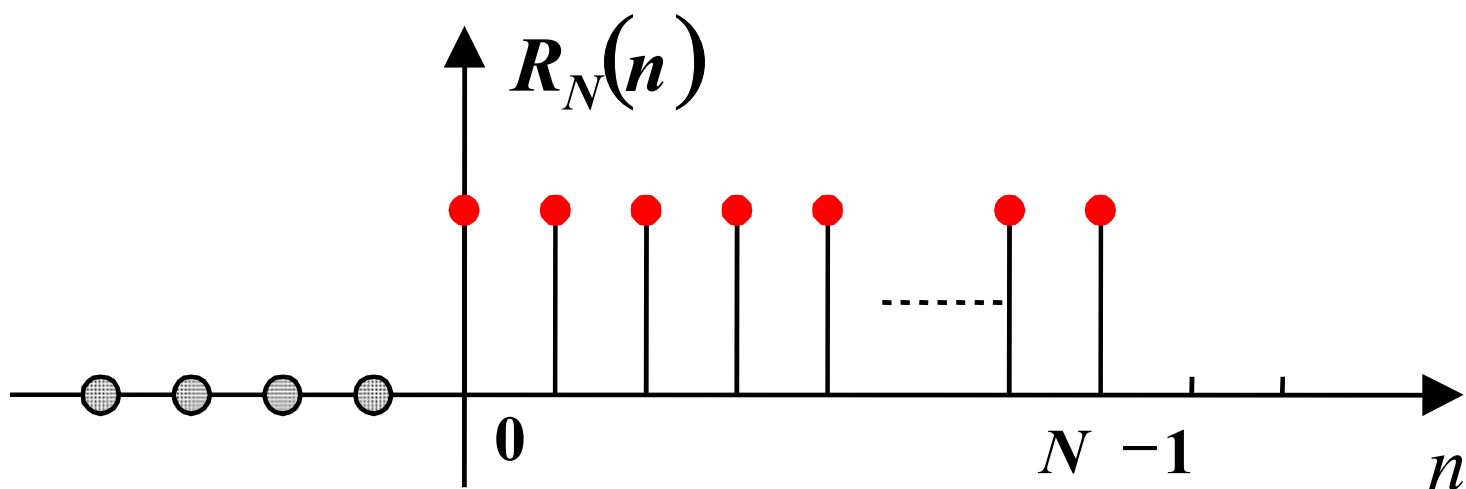
- $u(n)$  could be expressed as:

$$u(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \delta(n-k) = \delta(n) + \delta(n-1) + \delta(n-2) + \cdots$$

## 1.1.2 Frequently Used Discrete Sequences

### (3) Rectangular sequence

$$R_N(n) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq n \leq N-1 \\ 0 & , n < 0, n \geq N \end{cases}$$



## 1.1.2 Frequently Used Discrete Sequences

### Relation of $R_N(n)$ , $u(n)$ and $\delta(n)$

•  $R_N(n)$  is expressed as:

$$R_N(n) = u(n) - u(n - N)$$

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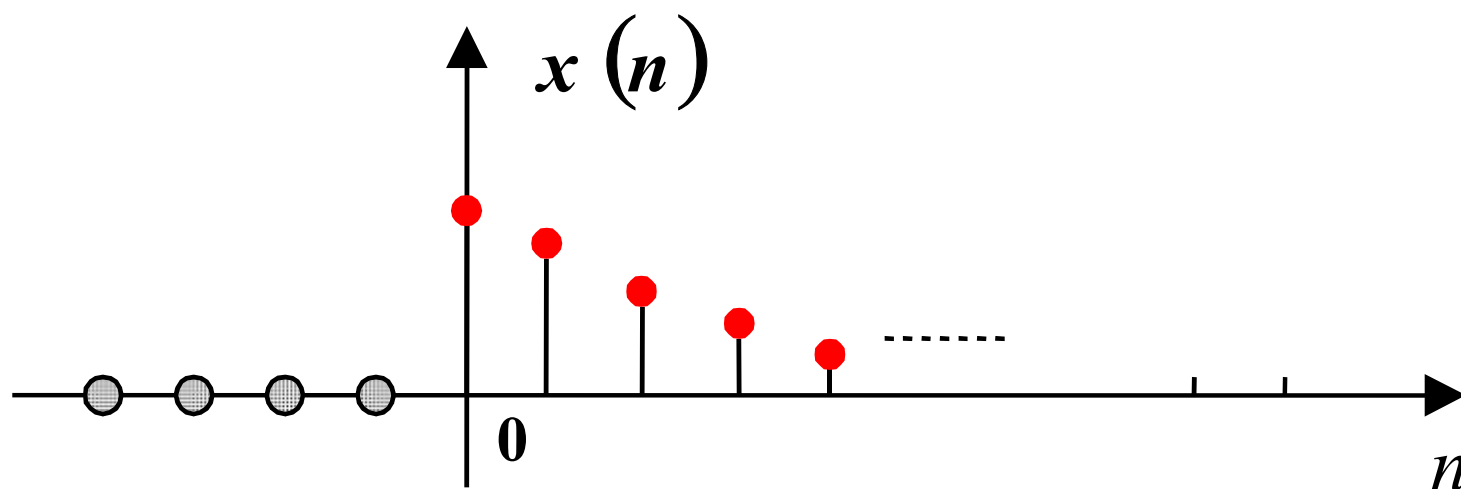
$$R_N(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \delta(n - k) = \delta(n) + \delta(n - 1) + \cdots + \delta(n - (N - 1))$$

## 1.1.2 Frequently Used Discrete Sequences

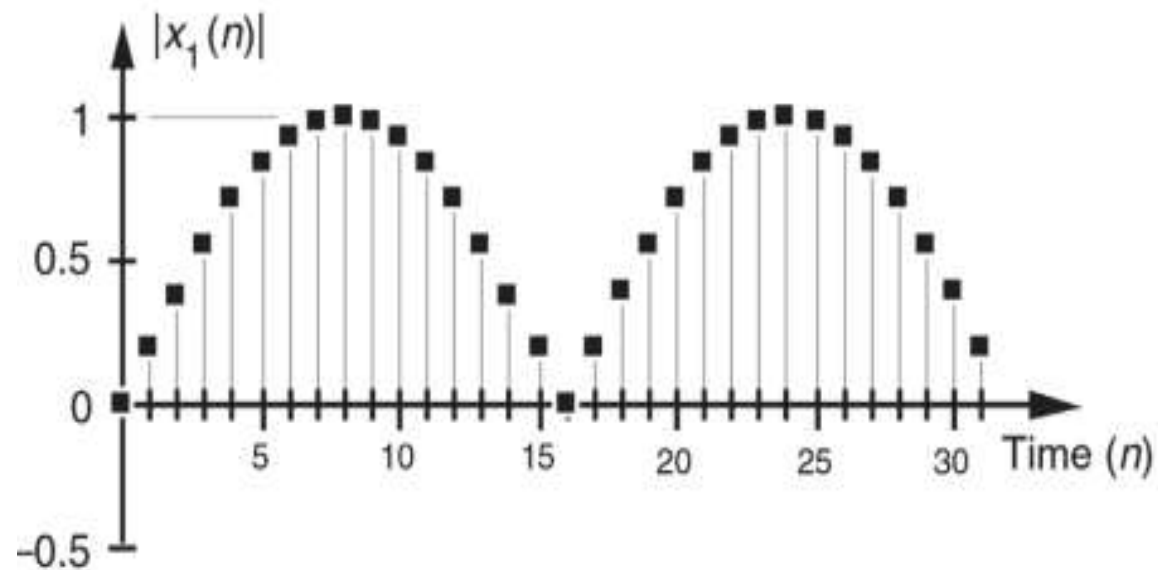
### (4) Real exponential sequence

$$x(n) = a^n u(n), \quad a \neq 0 \text{ \& } a \in R$$

when  $0 < a < 1$



## 1.2 Signal Amplitude, Magnitude, Power



$$x_{\text{pwr}}(n) = x(n)^2 = |x(n)|^2,$$

**or**

$$X_{\text{pwr}}(m) = X(m)^2 = |X(m)|^2.$$



## 1.3 Signal Processing Operational Symbols

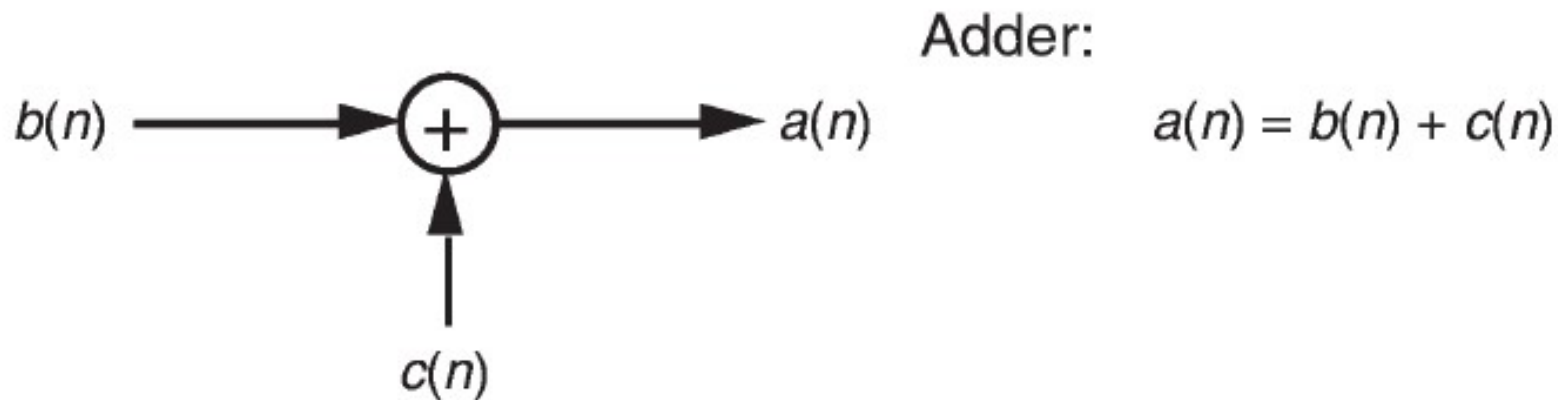
### Operation on Sequences

- **Single Input-Single Output:**
  - ✓ Input: corrupted signals
  - ✓ Output: pure signals
- **M Input-N Output:**
  - ✓ Several branches of signals are combined to output
- **But above system could be decomposed into simple operations, including:**
  - ✓ modulator, scalar multiplication
  - ✓ addition, unit advance

## 1.3 Signal Processing Operational Symbols

### Addition (Adder):

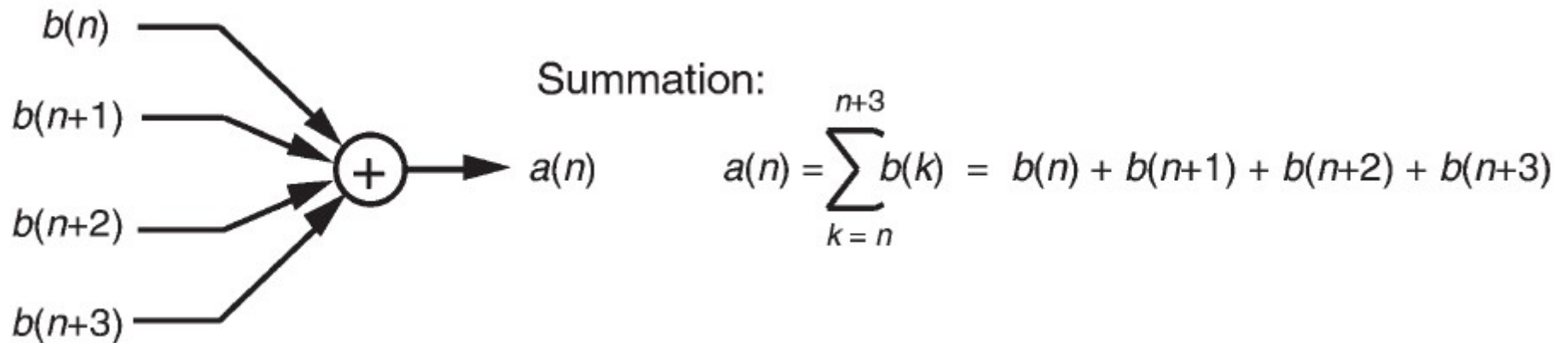
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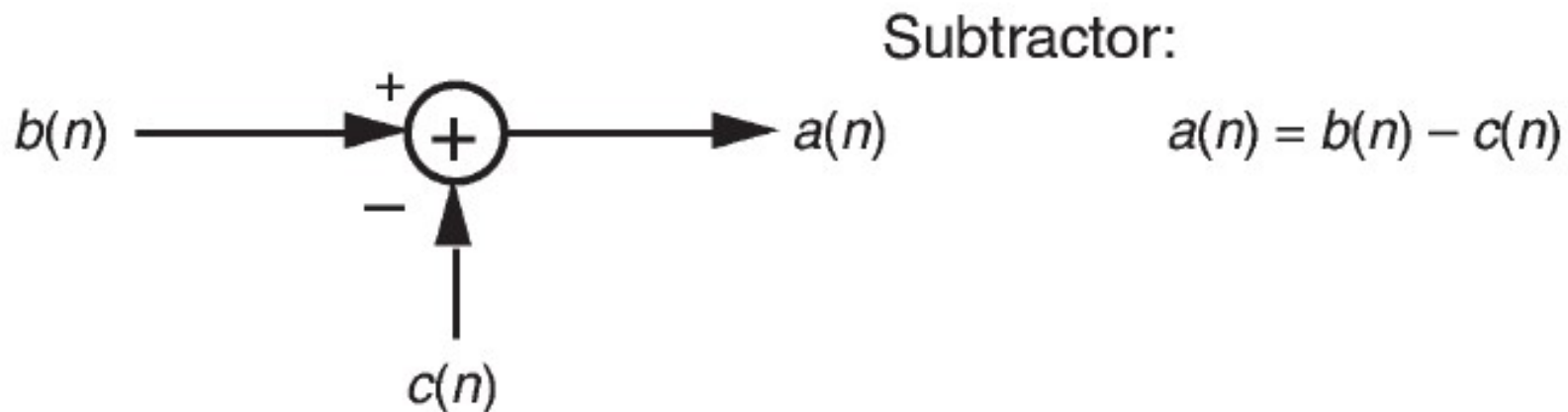
- $a(n) = \sum_{k=n}^{n+3} b(k)$
- **summation of samples.**



## 1.3 Signal Processing Operational Symbols

### Subtract :

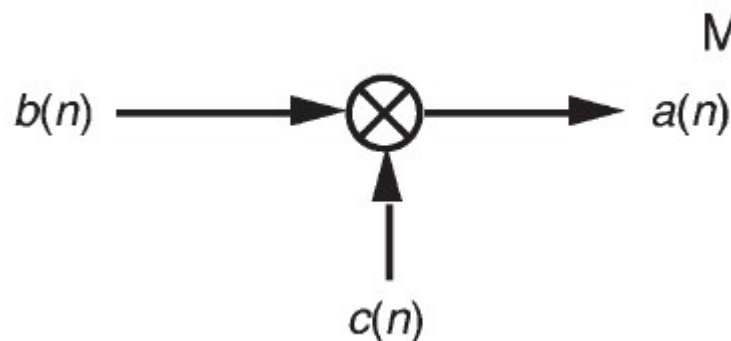
- $a(n)=b(n)-c(n)$
- difference of samples at the same instant.



## 1.3 Signal Processing Operational Symbols

### Multiplication:

- $a(n)=b(n)\cdot c(n)$
- product of samples at the same instant.
- Like: Windowing operation.



Multiplication:

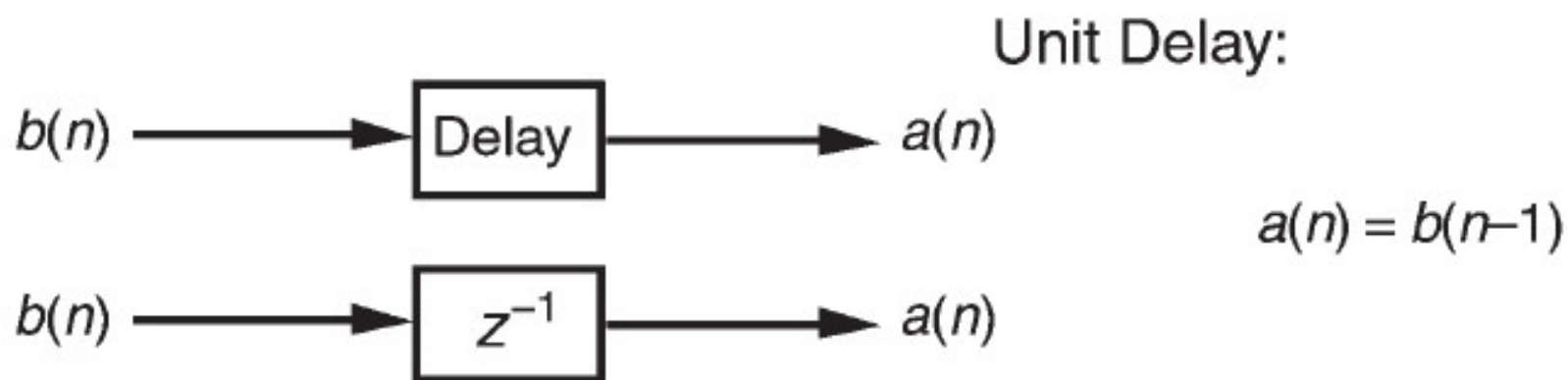
$$a(n) = b(n)c(n) = b(n) \cdot c(n)$$

[Sometimes we use a "."  
to signify multiplication.]

## 1.3 Signal Processing Operational Symbols

### Unit Delay:

- $a(n) = b(n-1)$
- A delayed version of *sample*



## 1.4 Introduction to Discrete Linear Time-Invariant Systems

- ***Linearity* and *Time-Invariance (LTI)* are two important system characteristics having very special properties.**
- **We need to recognize and understand the notions of *Linearity* and *Time-Invariance* not just because the vast majority of discrete systems used in practice are LTI systems, but also LTI systems are very accommodating when it comes to their analysis.**

## 1.5 Discrete Linear Systems

- The term Linear defines a special class of systems where the output is the superposition, or sum, of the individual outputs had the individual inputs been applied separately to the system.

$$x_1(n) \xrightarrow{\text{results in}} y_1(n)$$

$$x_2(n) \xrightarrow{\text{results in}} y_2(n)$$

$$x_1(n) + x_2(n) \xrightarrow{\text{results in}} y_1(n) + y_2(n)$$

$$c_1x_1(n) + c_2x_2(n) \xrightarrow{\text{results in}} c_1y_1(n) + c_2y_2(n)$$



# Example

**E.g:**

- **Given**  $y(n) = 3x(n) + 4$  :
- **Is this sequence linear ?**

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- **Is this sequence linear ?**

$$y_1(n) = T[x_1(n)] = 3x_1(n) + 4$$

$$y_2(n) = T[x_2(n)] = 3x_2(n) + 4$$

$$ay_1(n) + by_2(n) = 3ax_1(n) + 3bx_2(n) + 4(a + b)$$

$$T[ax_1(n) + bx_2(n)] = 3[ax_1(n) + bx_2(n)] + 4$$

$$\therefore T[ax_1(n) + bx_2(n)] \neq ay_1(n) + by_2(n)$$

$$\therefore \text{Non-linear}$$

# 1.6 Time-Invariant Systems

- A time-invariant system is one where a time delay (or shift) in the input sequence causes a equivalent time delay in the system's output sequence.

$$x(n) \xrightarrow{\text{results in}} y(n)$$

$$x'(n) = x(n+k) \xrightarrow{\text{results in}} y'(n) = y(n+k)$$

# Example

**E.g:**

- **Given**  $y(n) = 3x(n) + 4$  :
- **Is this sequence time-invariant ?**

# Example

**Time-shift Invariant ?**

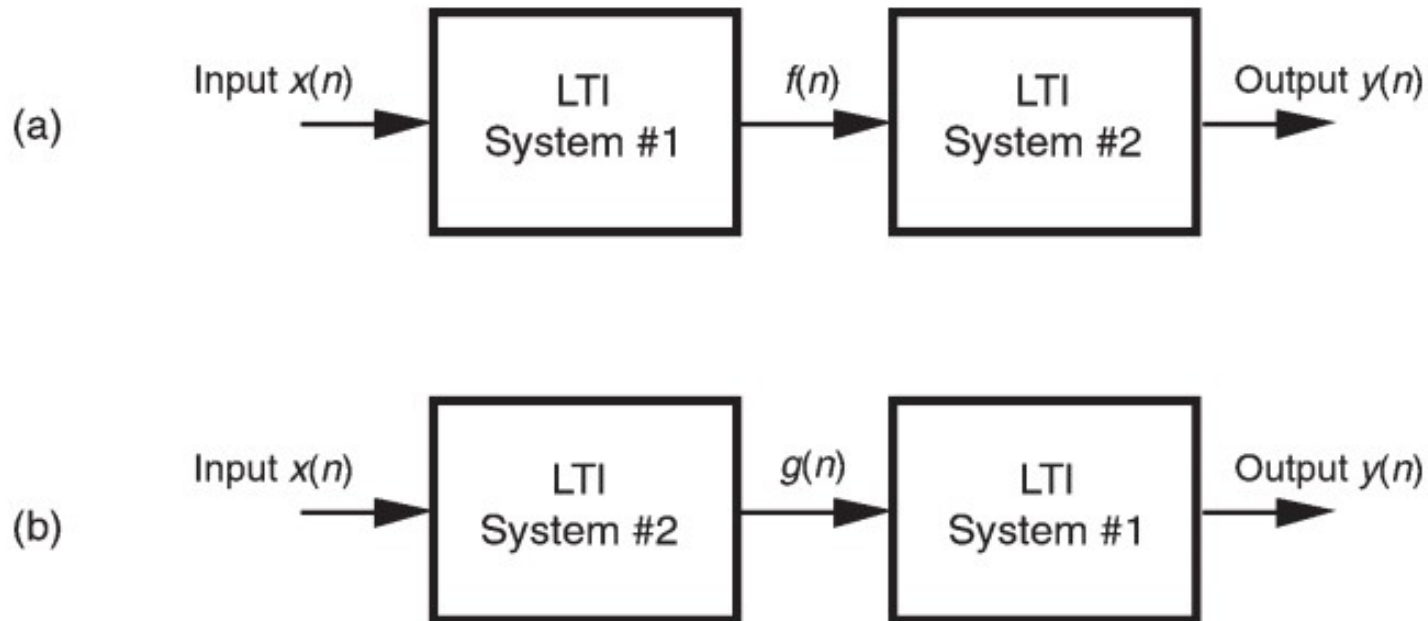
$$T[x(n - m)] = 3x(n - m) + 4$$

$$y(n - m) = 3x(n - m) + 4$$

- **So, it's Time-shift Invariant .**
- **-> This system is not a LTI system.**

## 1.7 The Commutative Property of Linear Time-Invariant Systems

- Swapping the order of two cascaded systems does not alter the final output.



## 1.8 The Causality Property of Linear Time-Invariant Systems

**Causality definition:**

$$y_1[n] = y_2[n] \quad \text{for } n < N$$

**This implies that:**

**For the causal system, if  $x_1(n)=x_2(n)$  for  $n < n_0$ , then  $y_1(n)=y_2(n)$  for  $n < n_0$ .**

## 1.8 The Causality Property of Linear Time-Invariant Systems

### Causality:

If a LTI system is a causal system, it satisfies:

$$h(n) = 0, \quad n < 0$$

—Realizable System, it is used to prove the causality of the system (*Important*).



## 1.9 The Stability Property of Linear Time-Invariant Systems

### Stability:

If and only if for every bounded input, the output is also bounded (**BIBO**).

•i.e.

$$|x(n)| < \infty, \quad \text{every } n$$

•Then

$$|y(n)| < \infty, \quad \text{every } n$$

**In the later discussion, the involved discrete system is the LTI system. General practical systems are causal and stable.**

## 1.9 The Stability Property of Linear Time-Invariant Systems

### Significant Conclusion:

- For a LTI system, the *sufficient* and *necessary* condition to stability is:

$$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |h(k)| < \infty$$

## 1.9 The Stability Property of Linear Time-Invariant Systems

### Proof:

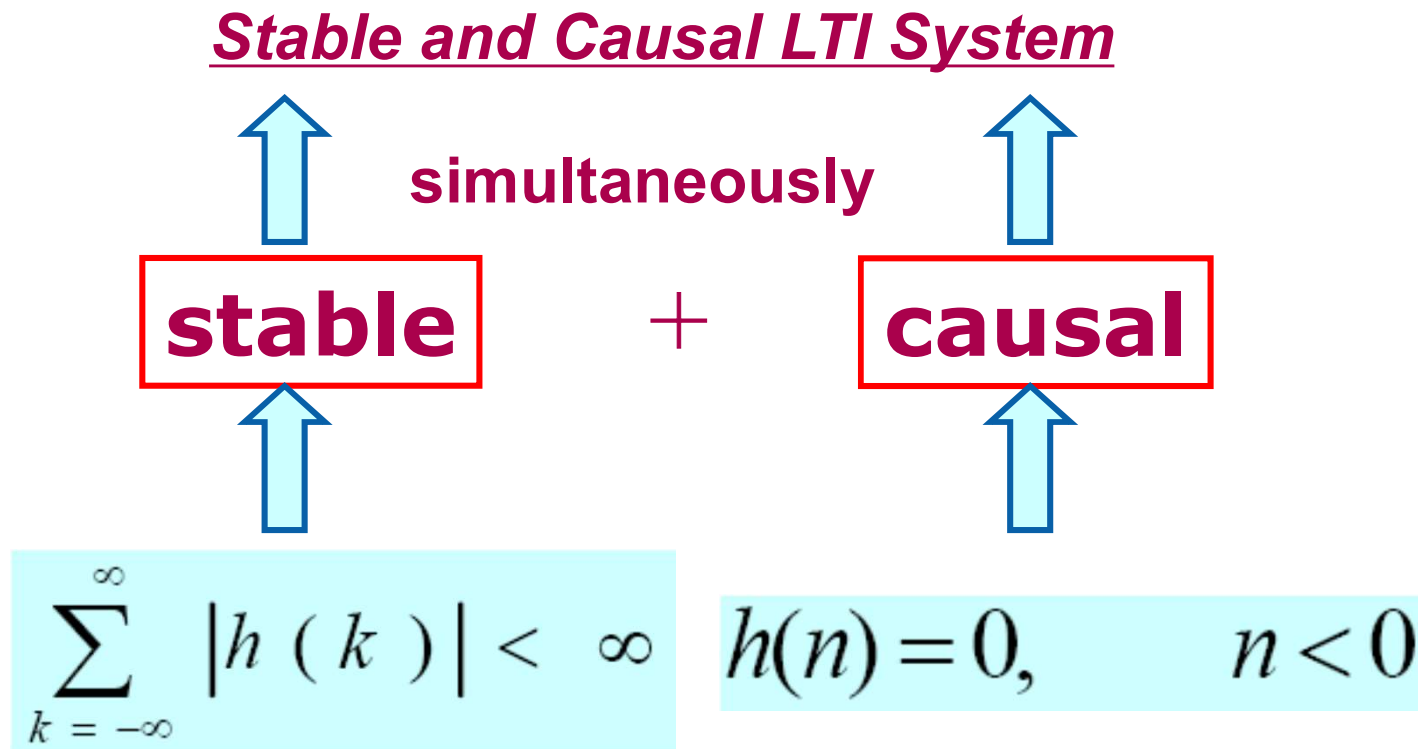
•Assuming  $|x(n)| \leq M$ .

•Then,

$$\begin{aligned} |y(n)| &\leq \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |h(k)x(n-k)| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |h(k)| |x(n-k)| \\ &\leq M \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |h(k)| < \infty \end{aligned}$$

# Stability and Causality

We focus on:



# Stability and Causality

**E.g.:**

Impulse response of a LTI system is given by

$$h(n) = a^n u(n)$$

**Question:**

Is it a causal system?

Is it a stable system?

# Stability and Causality

**Solution:**

$$n < 0 \quad u(n) = 0$$

$$\therefore n > 0 \quad h(n) = a^n u(n)$$

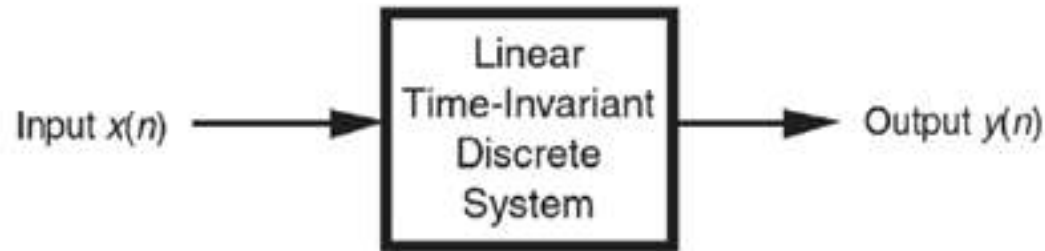
causal

bounded  
stable

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |h(n)| = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |a^n u(n)| = \begin{cases} |a| < 1 & \frac{1}{1-a} \\ |a| > 1 & \frac{1-a^{n+1}}{1-a} \end{cases}$$

not stable

## 1.10 Analyzing Linear Time-Invariant Systems



- Knowing the (unit) impulse response of an LTI system, we can determine the system's output sequence for any input sequence because the output is equal to the convolution of the input sequence and the system's impulse response.

$$y(n) = T[x(n)] = x(n) * h(n)$$

$$h(n) = T[\delta(n)]$$

# Summary

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