

# COMM 401: Signals & Systems Theory

## Lecture 4

- **Properties of LTI Systems**
  - **(Cont.)**

## Remember:      Convolution Sum

The output of LTI system is given by:

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

Symbolic representation of convolution

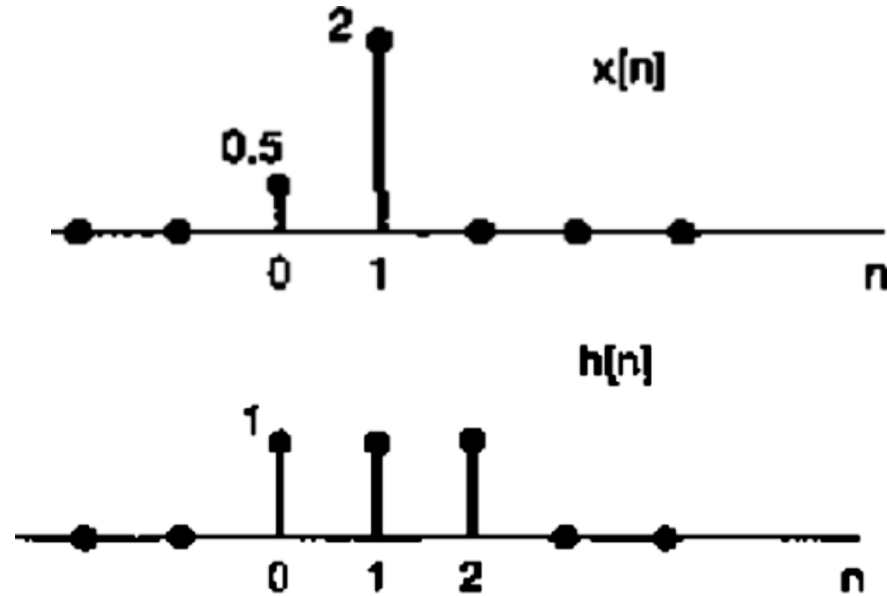
$$y[n] = x[k] * h[n]$$

*Impulse  
Response*

**LTI systems are fully described by their impulse response**

- **Example:**

A LTIS has impulse response  $h[n]$  shown in the Fig, find the output  $y[n]$  if the input to the system is given by  $x[n]$



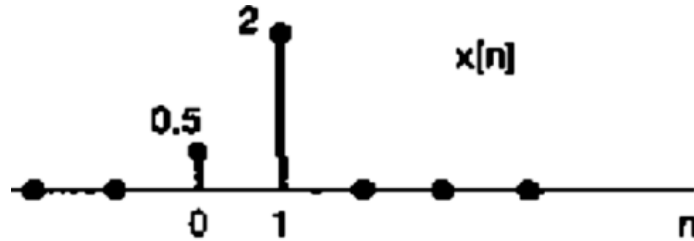
The output is given by:

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

We have different method to find the convolution:

### First method:

Since  $x[n]$  has finite length



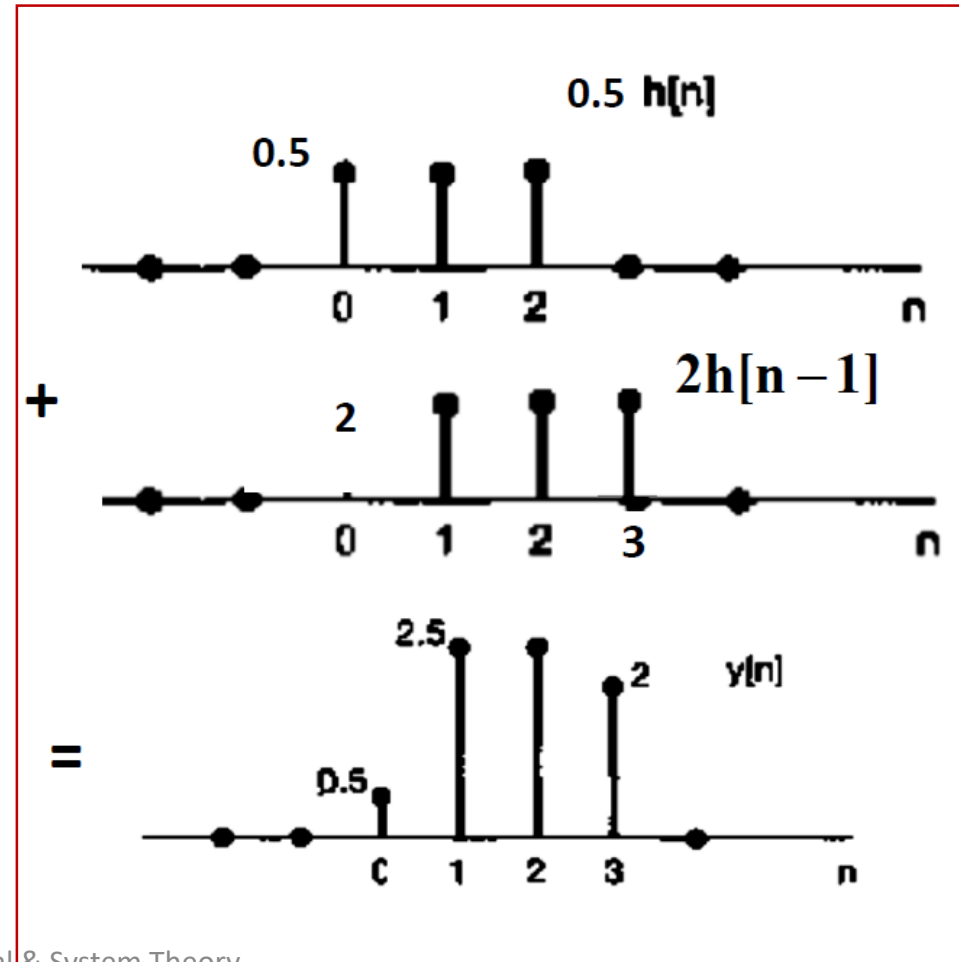
#### Rules:

$$x(t) * \delta(t) = x(t)$$

$$x(t) * \delta(t - a) = x(t - a)$$

$$x(t - b) * \delta(t - a) = x(t - a - b)$$

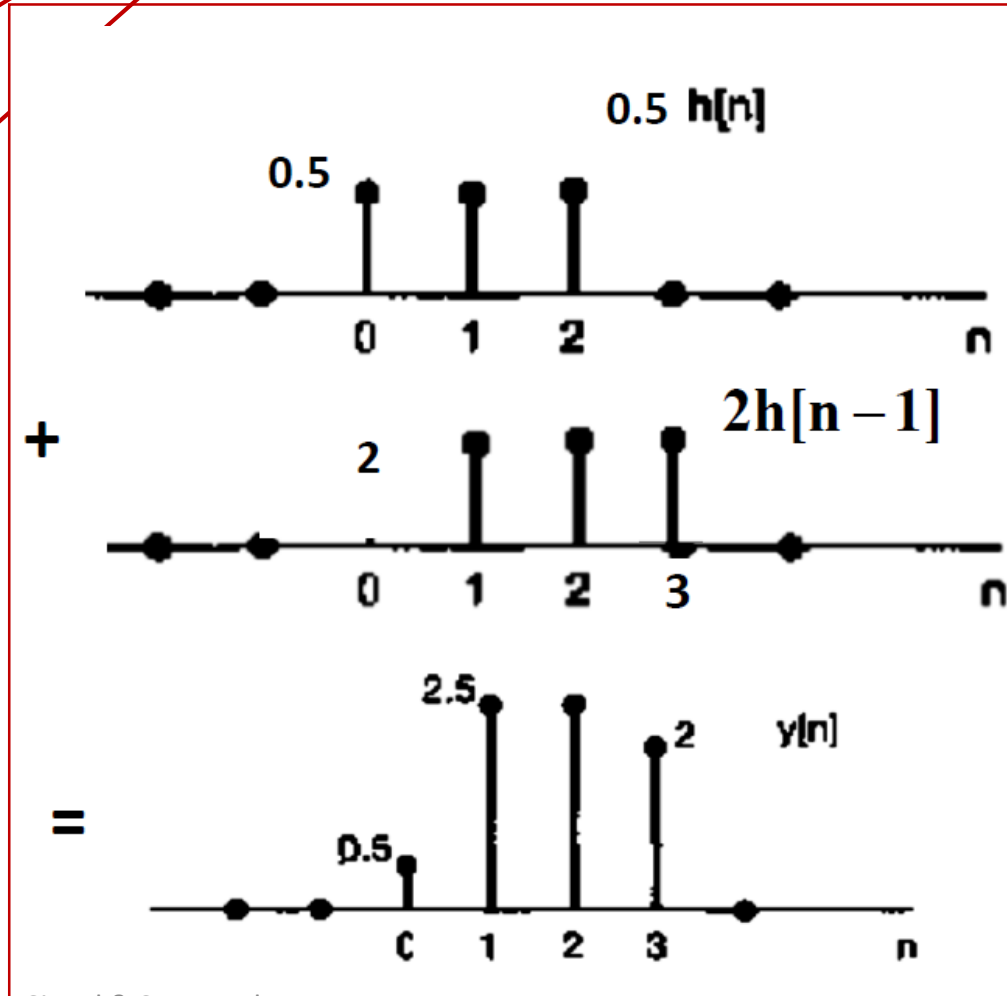
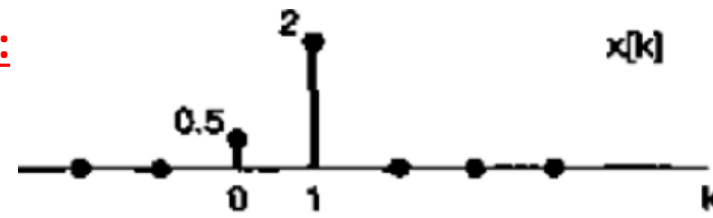
$$\begin{aligned} y[n] &= x[n] * h[n] \\ &= (0.5\delta[n] + 2\delta[n-1]) * h[n] \\ &= 0.5\delta[n] * h[n] + 2\delta[n-1] * h[n] \\ &= 0.5h[n] + 2h[n-1] \end{aligned}$$



**Second method (similar to first method):**

Since  $x[n]$  has finite length

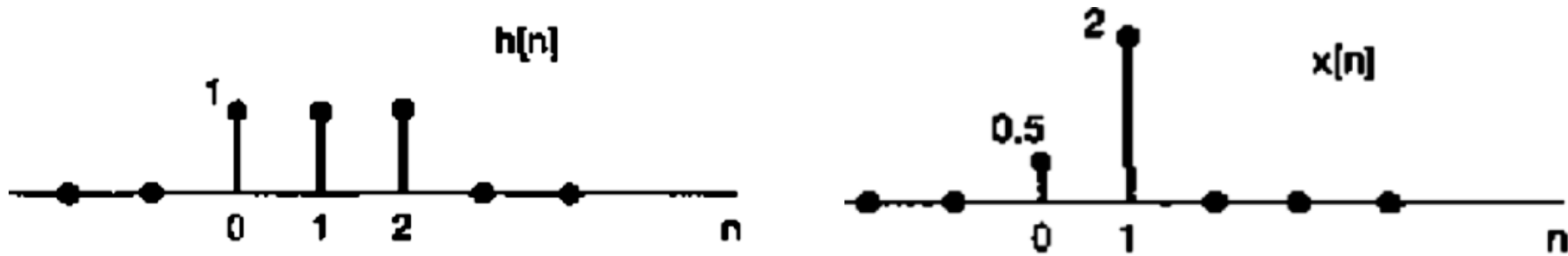
$$\begin{aligned} y[n] &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] h[n-k] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^1 x[k] h[n-k] \\ &= x[0]h[n] + x[1]h[n-1] \\ &= 0.5h[n] + 2h[n-1] \end{aligned}$$



### 3<sup>rd</sup> method: (General)

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

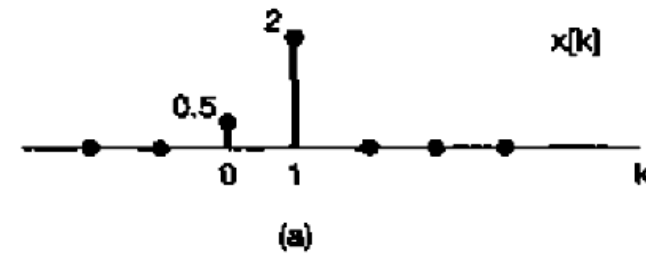
**Example:** A LTIS has impulse response  $h[n]$  shown in the Fig, find the output  $y[n]$  if the input to the system is given by  $x[n]$



### Steps:

- 1- To get  $x[k]$ , rename the axis to be  $k$  instead of  $n$
- 2- To get  $h[n-k]$  do the following:
  - Rename the axis to be  $k$  instead of  $n$ .
  - Make a time shift and reversal to get  $h[n-k]$ .
- 3- The output  $y[n]$  is obtained by multiplying  $x[k]$  and  $h[n-k]$  and sum the result for all  $k$

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



For  $n < 0$ ,  $y[n] = 0$

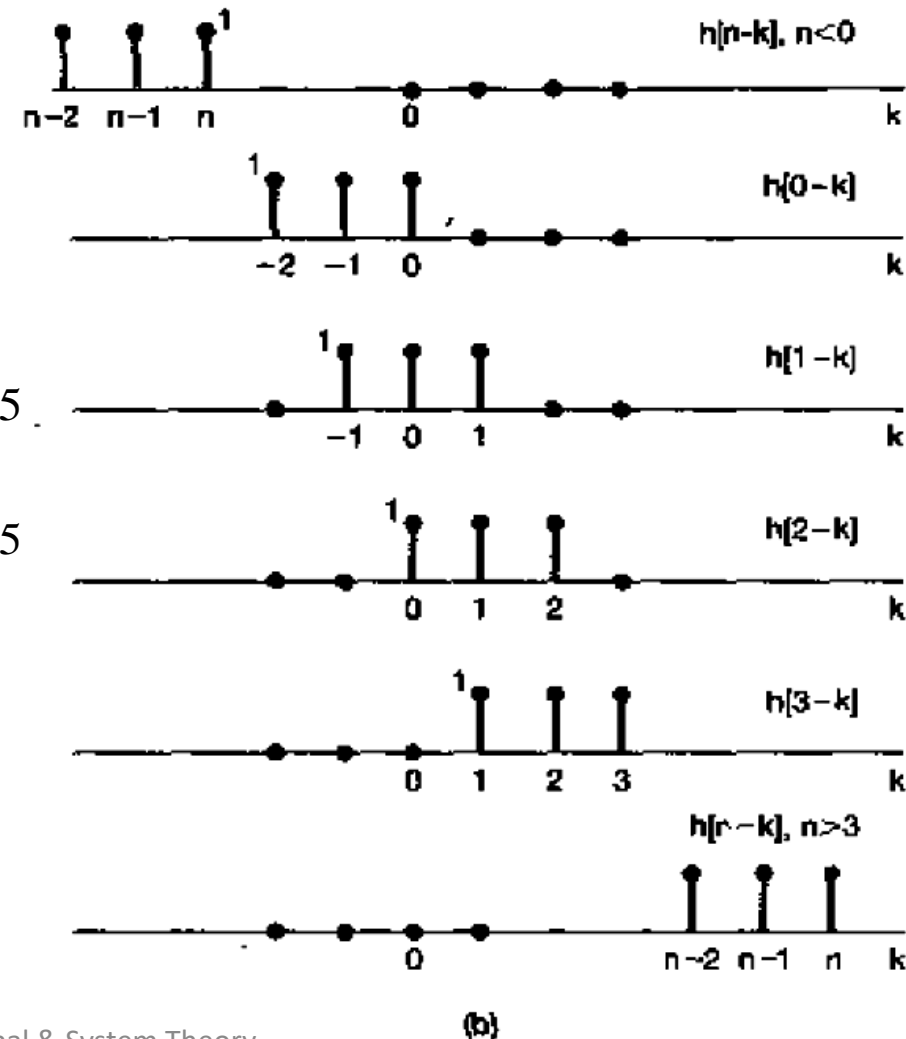
For  $n = 0$ ,  $y[0] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]h[0-k] = 0.5$

For  $n = 1$ ,  $y[1] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]h[1-k] = 0.5 + 2 = 2.5$

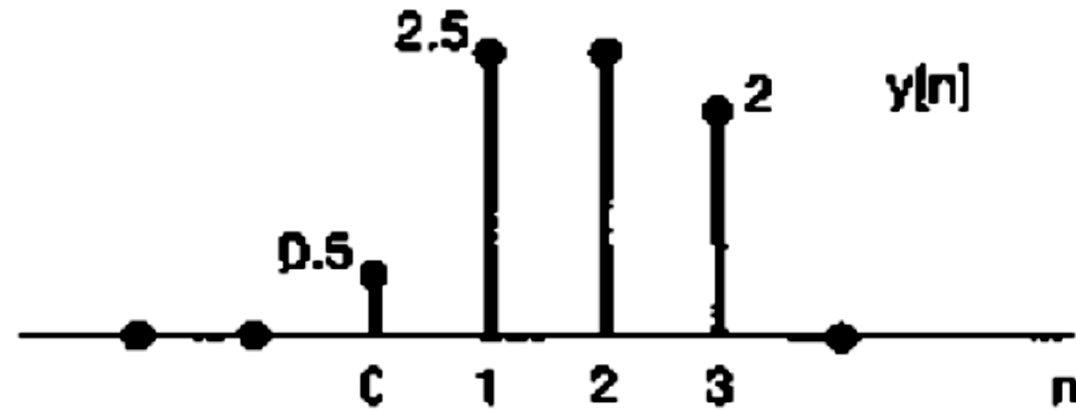
For  $n = 2$ ,  $y[2] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]h[2-k] = 0.5 + 2 = 2.5$

For  $n = 3$ ,  $y[3] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]h[3-k] = 2$

For  $n > 3$ ,  $y[n] = 0$



The output  $y[n]$ :



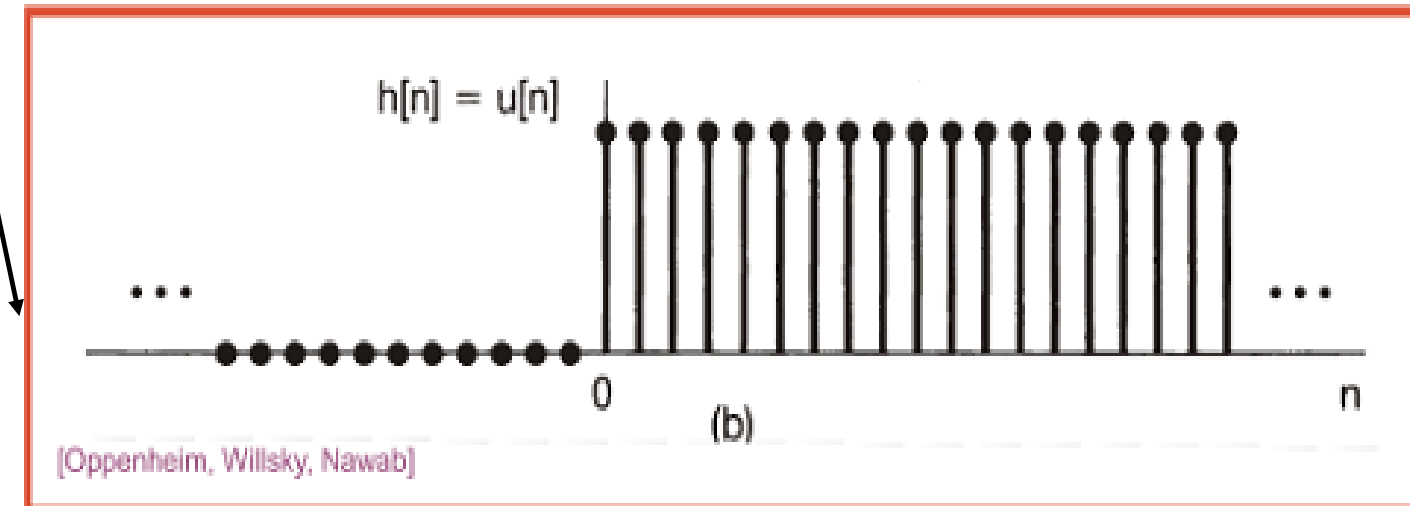
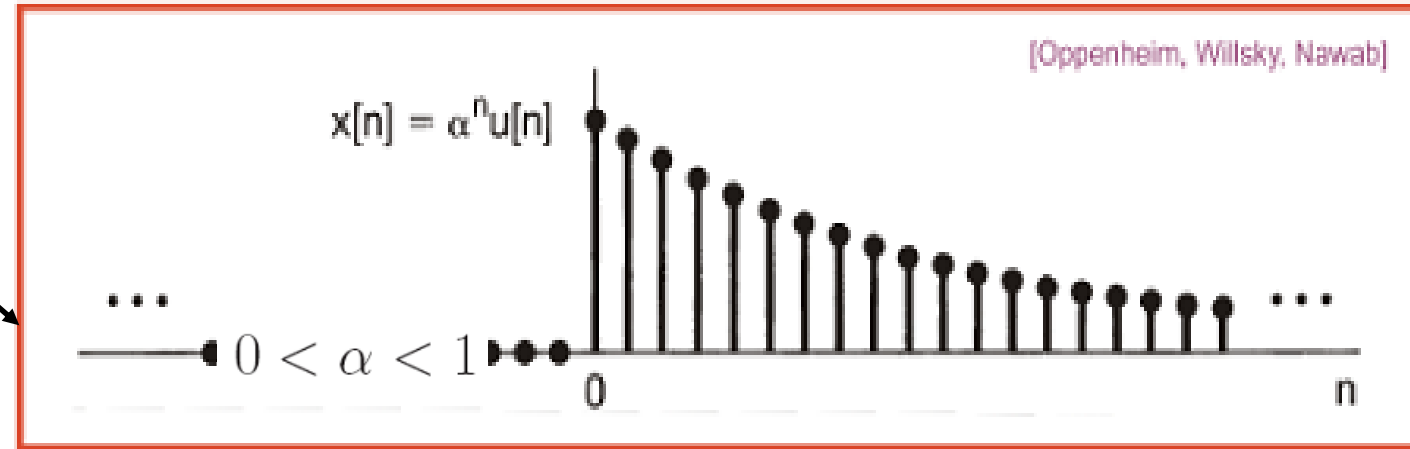


## Example 2:

Calculate

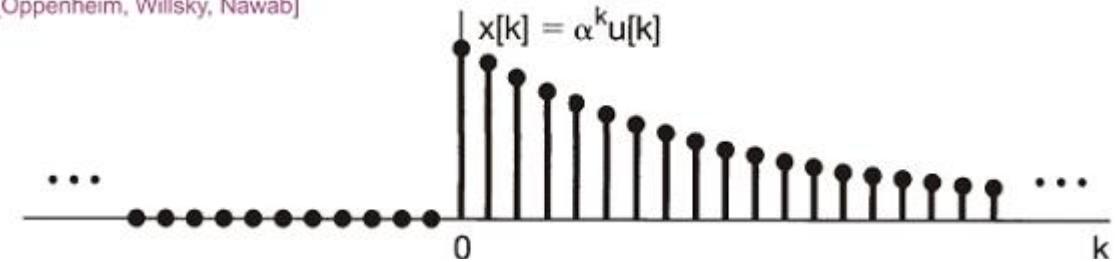
$$y[n] = x[n] * h[n]$$

Given:



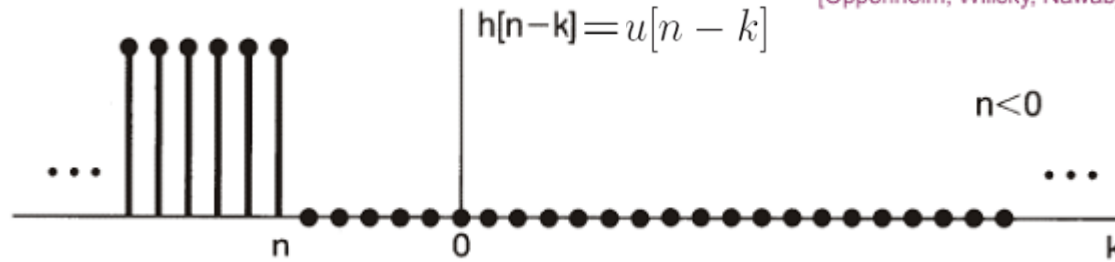
## Example 2

[Oppenheim, Willsky, Nawab]



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**Solution** for  $n < 0$

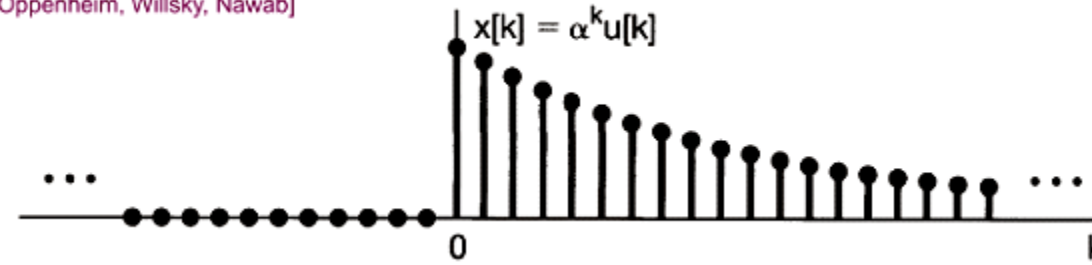


$$\begin{aligned} y[n] &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] h[n-k] = \\ &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \alpha^k u[k] u[n-k] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

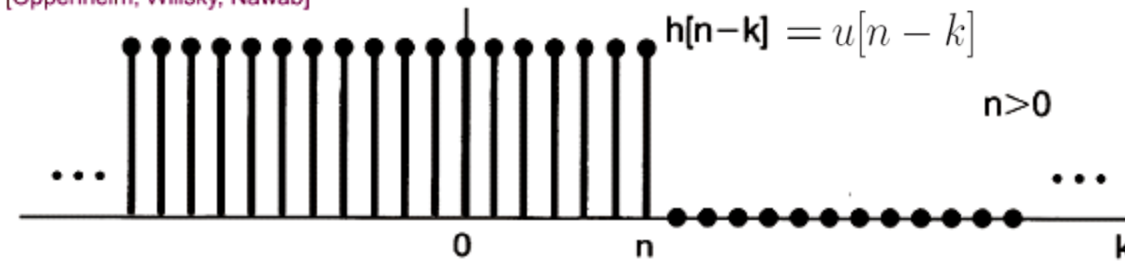
## Example 2

**Solution** for  $n \geq 0$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 y[n] &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] h[n-k] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \alpha^k u[k] u[n-k] \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^n \alpha^k = \frac{1 - \alpha^{n+1}}{1 - \alpha}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n_1} a^k = \frac{1 - a^{n_1+1}}{1 - a}$$

# CT LTI Systems: The Convolution Integral

## Remember:

Like the discrete time case, any continuous time signal can be expressed in terms of impulses;

This property is described by

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

# CT LTI Systems: The Convolution Integral

## Convolution Integral

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## Symbolic representation of convolution

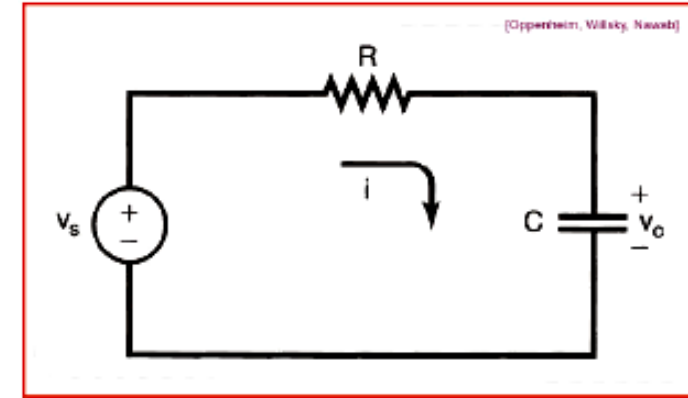
$$y(t) = x(t) * h(t)$$

## Practical Example:

Given the impulse response of the low pass filter (LTIS) shown in Fig.:

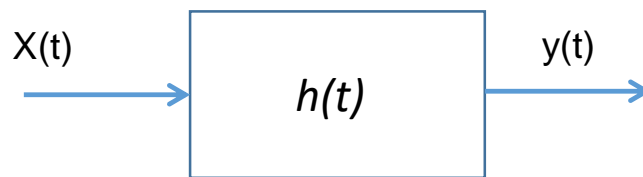
$$h(t) = \frac{1}{RC} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} u(t)$$

Find the output when a dc voltage ( $u(t)$ ) is its input.

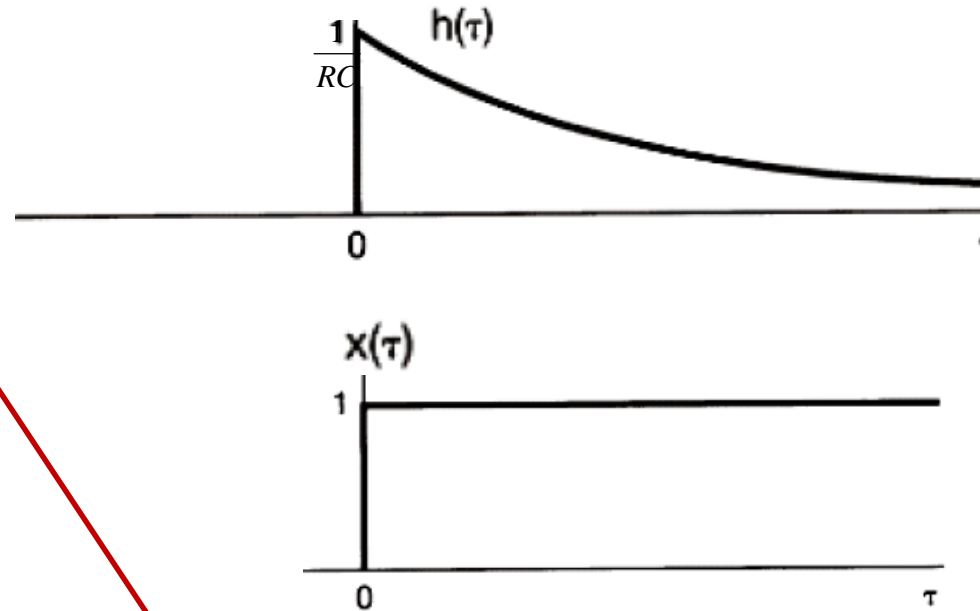


solution

$$h(t) = \frac{1}{RC} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} u(t)$$



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



transfer function  $H(s) = \frac{V_{out}(s)}{V_{in}(s)} = \frac{1}{1 + sRC}$

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

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

at  $t < 0$

$$y(t) = 0$$

at  $t > 0$

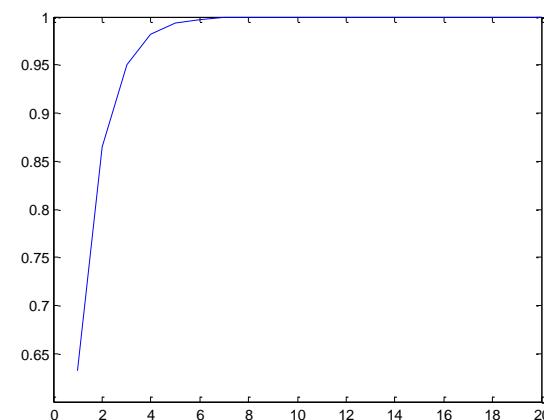
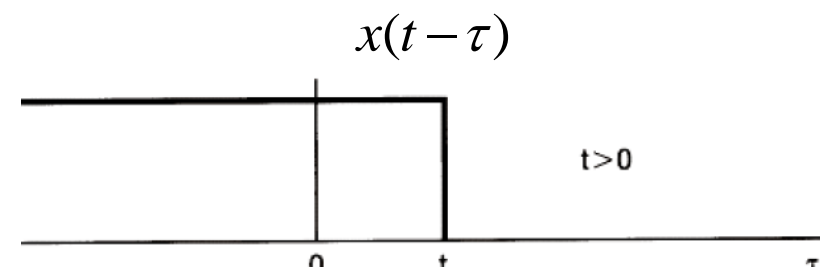
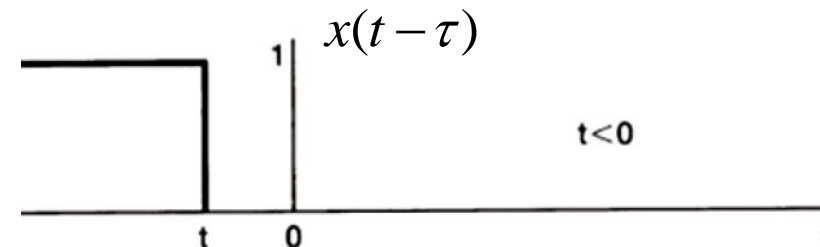
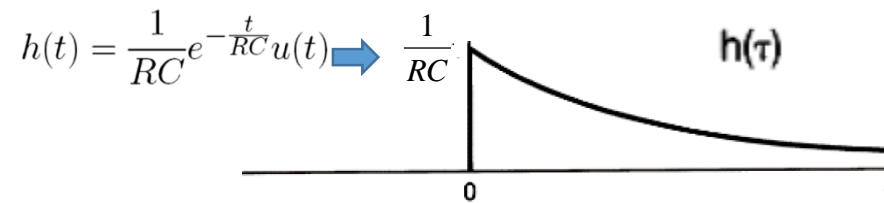
$$y(t) = \frac{1}{RC} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{\frac{-\tau}{RC}} u(\tau) x(t - \tau) d\tau$$

$$= \frac{1}{RC} \int_0^t e^{\frac{-\tau}{RC}} d\tau$$

$$= \frac{-RC}{RC} \left( e^{\frac{-t}{RC}} - 1 \right)$$

$$= \left( 1 - e^{\frac{-t}{RC}} \right) u(t)$$

To start from  $t=0$



LPF

RC=1

# Properties of LTI Systems

Proof of properties  
In the Appendix at  
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## Commutative property in CT

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) * h(t) &= h(t) * x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} h(\tau) x(t - \tau) d\tau \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) h(t - \tau) d\tau \end{aligned}$$

## Commutative property in DT

$$\begin{aligned} x[n] * h[n] &= h[n] * x[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} h[k] x[n - k] \\ &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] h[n - k] \end{aligned}$$

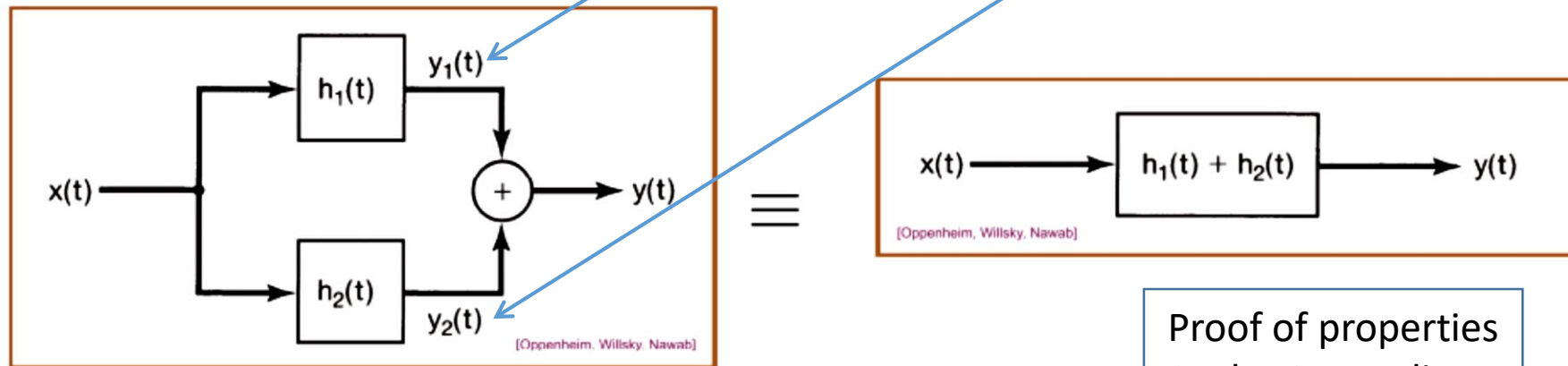


# Properties of LTI Systems

## Distributive property

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

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



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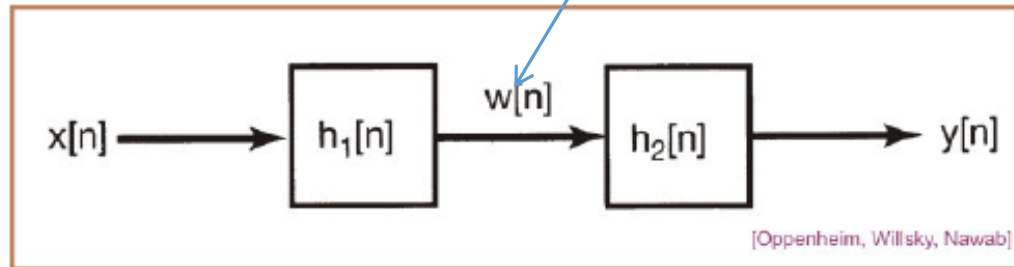
# Properties of LTI Systems

## Associative property

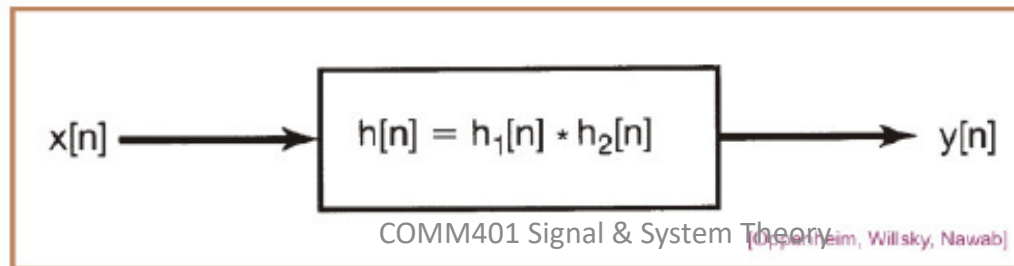
$$x(t) * (h_1(t) * h_2(t)) = (x(t) * h_1(t)) * h_2(t)$$

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

- Cascade connection of two LTI system represented by single LTI system



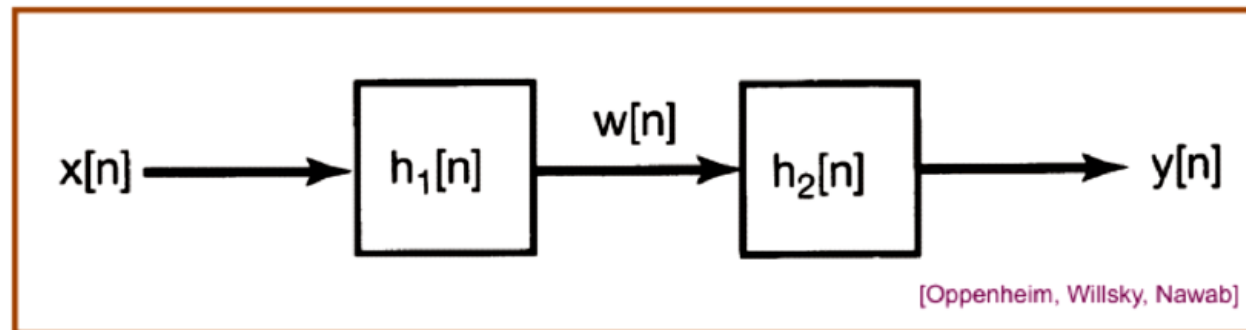
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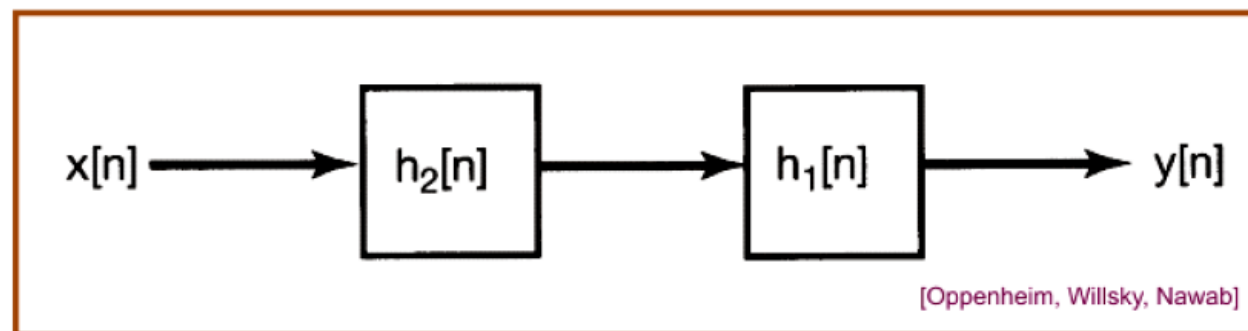
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# Properties of LTI Systems

order in a cascade of LTI systems irrelevant

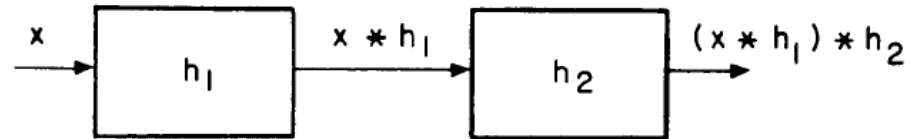


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# Summary of Properties of LTI Systems

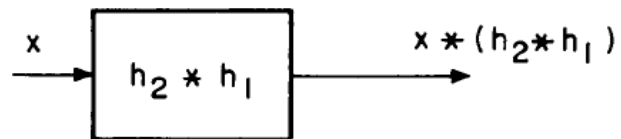
- LTI system can be cascaded to any order:



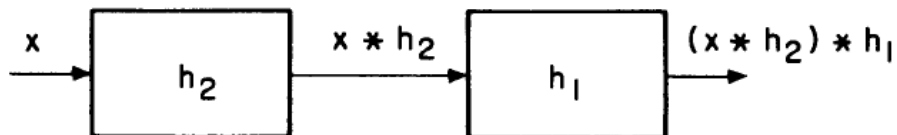
Associative:



Commutative:



Associative:



# Reading Materials

## Appendix A

### Proofs of Properties

# Properties of LTI Systems

## Distributive property: proof

$$\begin{aligned}x(t) * (h_1(t) + h_2(t)) &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x(\tau)(h_1(t - \tau) + h_2(t - \tau))d\tau \\&= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x(\tau)h_1(t - \tau)d\tau \\&\quad + \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x(\tau)h_2(t - \tau)d\tau \\&= x(t) * h_1(t) + x(t) * h_2(t)\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, the distributive property for LTI DT Systems can be proved. sum instead of convolution integral.

# Properties of LTI Systems

## Commutative property in CT

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

**Proof:**

$$\begin{aligned} h(t) * x(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} h(\tau)x(t - \tau)d\tau \stackrel{\tau' = t - \tau}{=} \int_{+\infty}^{-\infty} h(t - \tau')x(\tau')d\tau' \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} h(t - \tau')x(\tau')d\tau' = x(t) * h(t) \end{aligned}$$

## Commutative property in DT

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**Proof:**

$$\begin{aligned} x[n] * h[n] &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} x[k]h[n-k] \stackrel{r=n-k}{=} \sum_{r=-\infty}^{+\infty} x[n-r]h[r] \\ &= h[n] * x[n] \end{aligned}$$



# Thank You