

# Multi-rate Signal processing

## Single-rate vs Multi-rate DSP

- Single-rate: Same sampling rates at both input and outputs.
- Multi-rate: Different sampling rates possibly at different points within the overall system

### Advantages:

- 1 - Better management of resources e.g., memory, CPU, etc. hence lower cost.
- 2 - Fractional sampling rate conversion. e.g., CD players (44.1 KHz), professional audio systems (48 KHz), vs digital broadcasting (32 KHz).  
Facilitates <sup>Worse in video processing.</sup>
- 3 - Integration of different systems with different bandwidths e.g., CD players with audio DSP (22 KHz) - performs processing in all digital domain.

### Disadvantages:

- 1 - Increases system complexity
- 2 - Aliasing problems - can be avoided.

## Basic Elements of Multi-rate Systems

~~Online~~ In addition to basic elements of fractional single-rate systems, i.e. multipliers, adders, and delays elements for multi-rate systems we have:

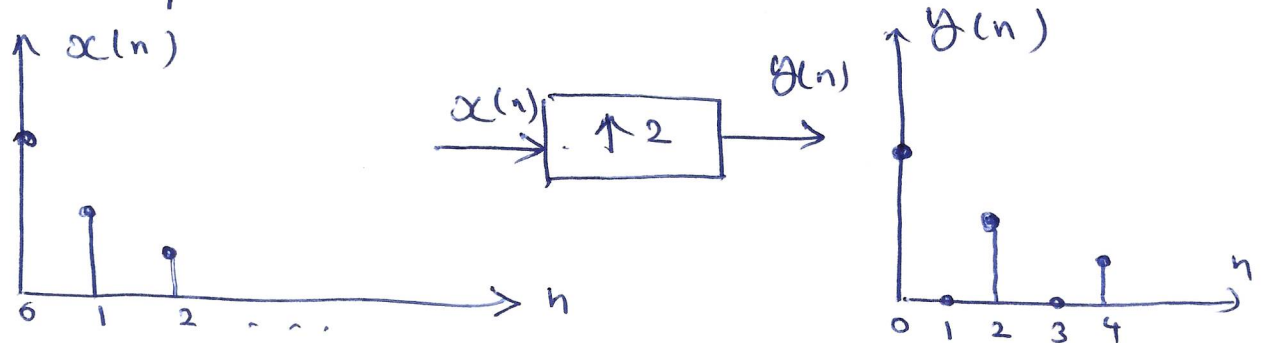
# 1- $M$ -fold Interpolator / expander / Upsampler

Performs up-sampling by adding  $M-1$  ~~samples~~ zeros between samples i.e.

$$y(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & n \neq lM \\ x\left(\frac{n}{M}\right), & n=0, \pm M, \pm 2M, \dots \\ \text{i.e. } n=lM \end{cases}$$



$M=2$  example seen below



Note: up-sampling does not cause any loss of information.

Let  $x(n) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{Z}} X(z)$

then  $Y(z) = \mathcal{Z}\{y(n)\} = \sum_k x(k) z^{-kM} = X(z^M)$

In frequency domain

$$Y(e^{j\Omega}) = X(e^{j\Omega M})$$



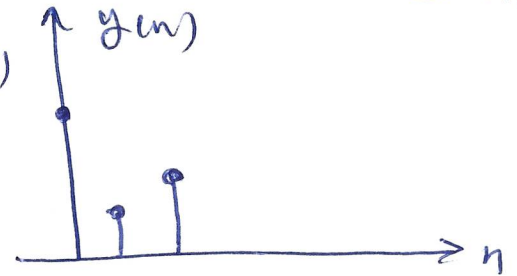
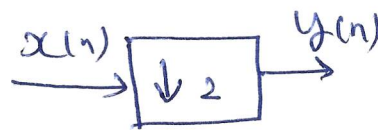
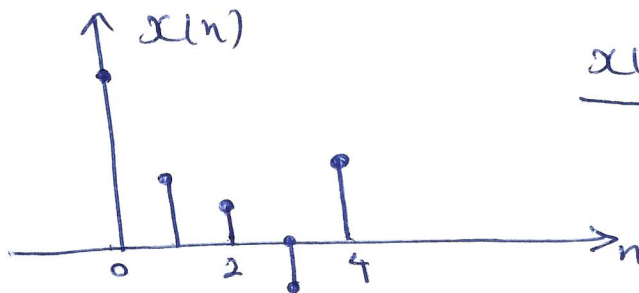
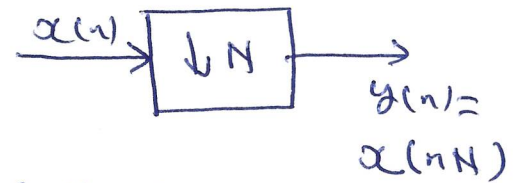
Remark i.e. - spectrum contracts by  $M$ .

~~Also~~ Besides the base spectrum, there are spectral "images" caused by interleaving of zeros in the up-sampling process. A LPF with cutoff freq.  $\pi/M$  can be used to get rid of these "images".

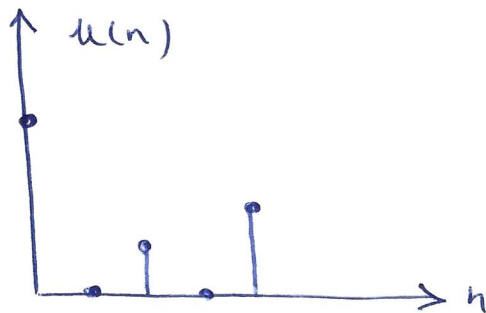
## 2- N-fold DownSampler / Decimator

performs downsampling or decimation by keeping one out of  $N$  samples

$N=2$  example shown below



Let us define  $u(n)$  as shown



Clearly  $u(n)$  is the upsampled version of  $y(n)$  i.e.  
 $u(n) = y(n/N)$  or  $U(z) = Y(z^N)$  or

$$Y(z) = U(z^{1/N})$$

on the other hand  $u(n)$  is a resampled version of  $x(n)$  with sampling function

$$S_N(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } n = lN \\ 0 & \text{when } n \neq lN \end{cases} \quad l \in \mathbb{Z}$$

hence

$$u(n) = S_{N}(n) x(n)$$

But



$$\delta_N(n) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} e^{j \frac{2\pi k n}{N}} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = \ell N \\ 0 & \text{if } n \neq \ell N \end{cases}$$

Thus

$$u(n) = x(n) \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} e^{j \frac{2\pi k n}{N}}$$

and

$$U(z) = \sum u(n) z^{-n} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_k \sum_n x(n) (z e^{j \frac{2\pi k}{N}})^{-n}$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(e^{j \frac{2\pi k}{N}} z)$$

*modulation on the unit circle.*

Finally

$$Y(z) = U(z^{1/N}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(e^{j \frac{2\pi k}{N}} z^{1/N})$$

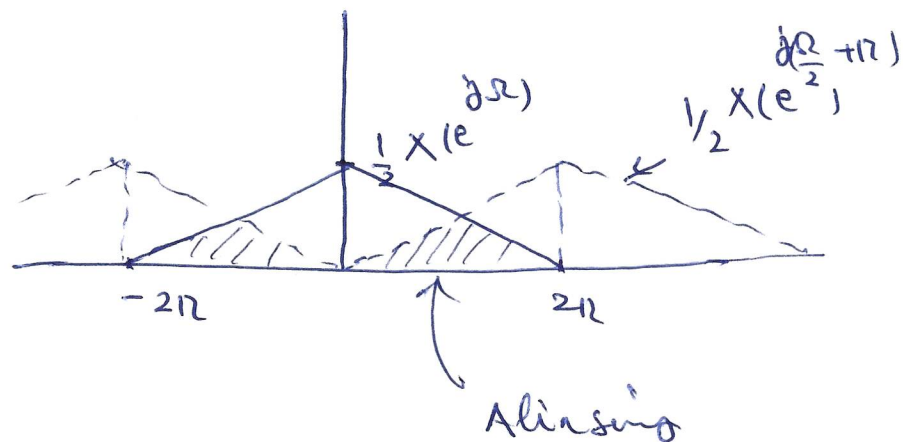
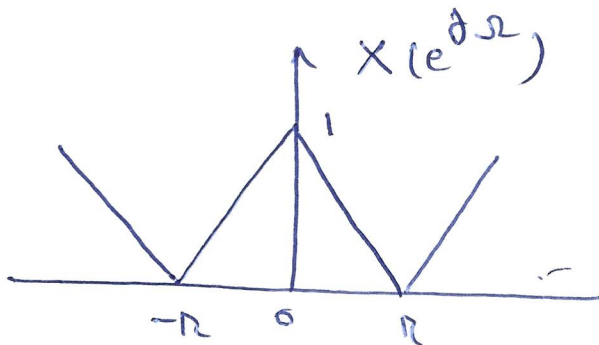
In frequency-domain

$$Y(e^{j\Omega}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(e^{j(\frac{\Omega}{N} + \frac{2\pi k}{N})})$$

i.e. periodic extension with period  $\frac{2\pi}{N}$  (instead of  $2\pi$ )

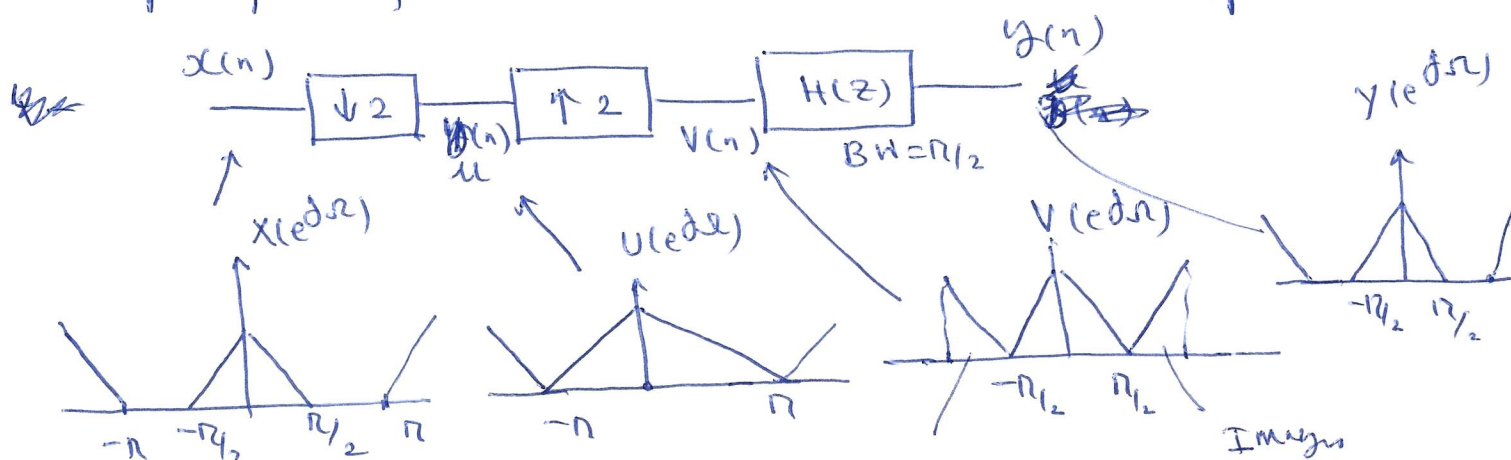
For example  $N=2$

$$Y(e^{j\Omega}) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ X(e^{j\frac{\Omega}{2}}) + X(e^{j(\frac{\Omega}{2} + \pi)}) \right]$$

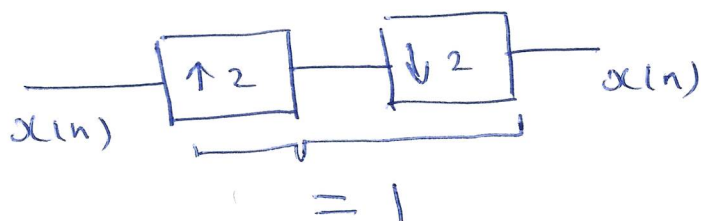


## Remarks

- 1- Decimation is a lossy operation - cannot be reversed.
- 2- Although frequencies  $-\frac{\pi}{N} < \Omega < \frac{\pi}{N}$  are not affected by aliasing, frequencies outside this region are aliased. To avoid this problem, a prefilter with bandwidth  $|\Omega| < \pi/N$  should be used.
- 3- When no aliasing, one can recover  $x(n)$  from  $y(n)$  using upsampling followed by filtering to remove the 'images'.



4- Note that



## Fractional Sampling Rate Conversion and Commutativity

Question: How to change rate by a rational fraction  
 e.g., ~~44.1~~ 44.1 KHz  $\rightarrow$  Audio 48 KHz  
 @ rate

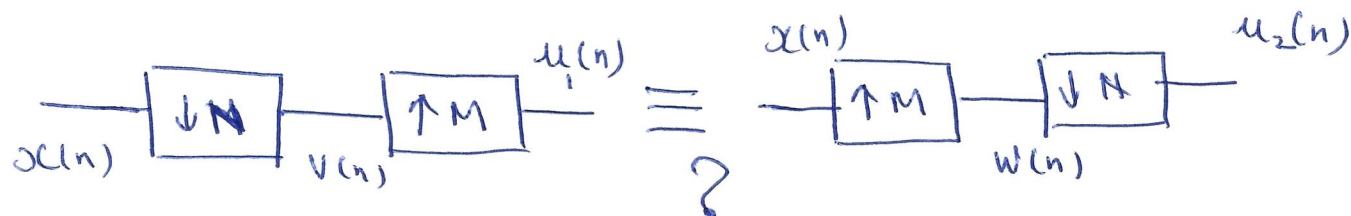
Approach 1: Convert to analog and then resample

" 2: Convert in <sup>all</sup> digital domain (usually done with filters)

First,

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Consider the following scenario



For first one (left)

$$V(z) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(e^{j\frac{2\pi k}{N}} z^{1/N})$$

and

$$U_1(z) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(e^{j\frac{2\pi k}{N}} z^{-M/N})$$

For second one (right)

$$W(z) = X(z^M) \quad \text{and} \quad U_2(z) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} W(e^{j\frac{2\pi k}{N}} z^{1/N})$$

$$\text{or } U_2(z) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(e^{j\frac{2\pi kM}{N}} z^{M/N})$$

operations are equal (i.e. commute) when

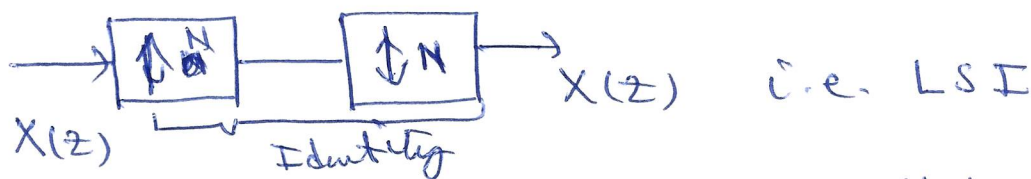
$$e^{j\frac{2\pi kM}{N}} = e^{j\frac{2\pi k}{N}} \Rightarrow KM = nN + K$$

or  $KM \bmod N = K$

$$\Rightarrow M \text{ and } N \text{ are coprime i.e. } \gcd(M, N) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow mM + nN = 1 \quad (\text{Bezout Identity})$$

Special case: If  $M = N$



Whereas

$$X(z) \rightarrow \downarrow N \rightarrow \uparrow N \rightarrow Y(z) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(e^{j\frac{2\pi k}{N}} z^{1/N})$$

Not LSI

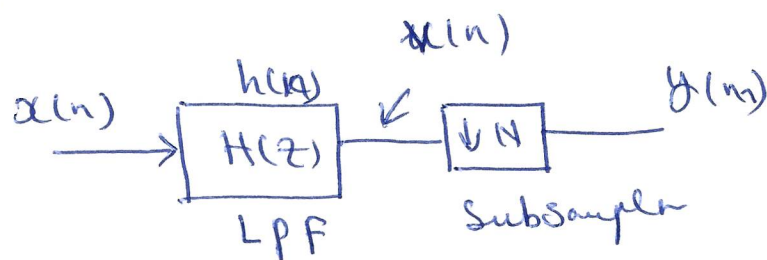


# Decimation and Interpolation Filters

A decimator is typically preceded by a LPF to avoid aliasing while an interpolator is followed by a LPF to ~~avoid~~ suppress the spectral images.

## (a) Decimation Filter

Consider



$$v(n) = \sum_k h(k) x(n-k) = \sum_k h(n-k) x(k)$$

$$y(m) = v(Nm) = \sum_k h(k) x(Nm-k) = \sum_k h(Nm-k) x(k)$$

In z-domain

$$V(z) = H(z) X(z)$$

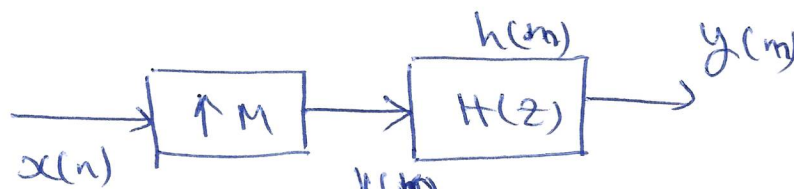
$$Y(z) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} V(e^{j\frac{2\pi k}{N}} z^{1/N}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} HX(e^{j\frac{2\pi k}{N}} z^{1/N})$$

or

$$Y(e^{j\Omega}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} HX(e^{j(\Omega + \frac{2\pi k}{N})})$$

## (b) Interpolation Filter

Consider



$$v(m) = \begin{cases} x(n/L) & n = 0, L, 2L, \dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad n/L = m$$

$$y(m) = \sum_k v(k) h(m-k) = \sum_{k'} x(k') h(m-k'L)$$

In ~~the~~ z-domain

$$Y(z) = H(z) V(z) \quad \text{But } V(z) = X(z^M)$$

$$\Rightarrow Y(z) = H(z) X(z^M)$$

or  $Y(e^{j\Omega}) = H(e^{j\Omega}) X(e^{j\Omega M})$

Interpolated sequence is more narrowband than the original ( $X(e^{j\Omega})$  is periodic w period  $2\pi$  vs.

$X(e^{j\Omega M})$  which is periodic w period  $\frac{2\pi}{M}$ ).

In summary, we have the following input/output relation (time-domain) for

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (a) N-fold decimation filter    | $y(n) = \sum_k x(k) h(nN-k)$  |
| (b) M-fold Interpolation filter | $y(n) = \sum_k x(k) h(n-kM)$  |
| (c) N/M-fold decimation filter  | $y(n) = \sum_k x(k) h(nN-kM)$ |

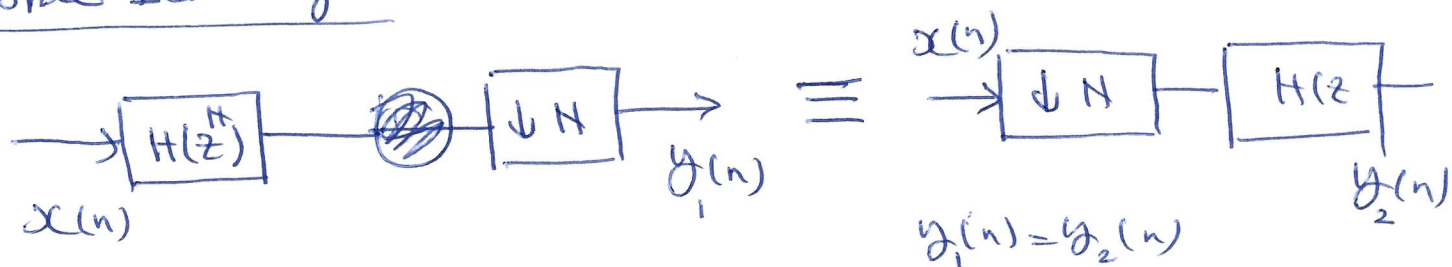


# Noble Identity and Interchangeability of Filters and Samplers

The two systems covered:

In previous section, have many inefficiency e.g., in decimation filter, we filter all the data and then throw away  $M-1$  samples. Similarly in the interpolation filter we add  $M-1$  zeros while only one sample is useful in every  $M$  samples. Thus, we need more efficient implementation in multi-rate systems. The key is the Noble identities and polyphase implementation.

Noble Identity 1:



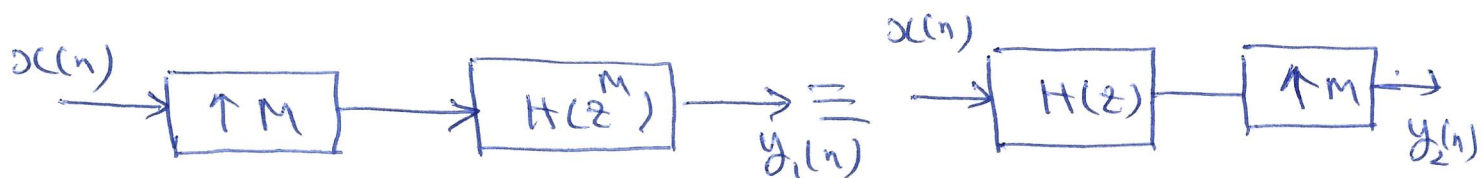
To show

$$Y_1(z) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} X(e^{j\frac{2\pi k}{M}} z^{1/M}) \underbrace{H(e^{j\frac{2\pi k}{M}} z^{1/M})^M}_{H(z)}$$

$$Y_2(z) = H(z) \frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} X(e^{j\frac{2\pi k}{M}} z^{1/M})$$

i.e.  $Y_1(z) = Y_2(z)$

Noble Identity 2:

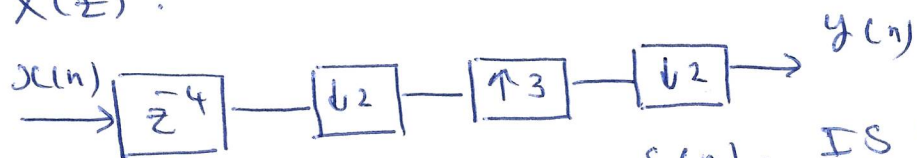


$$Y_1(z) = X(z^M) H(z^M)$$

$$Y_2(z) = X(z) H(z) \Big|_{z \rightarrow z^M} = X(z^M) H(z^M)$$

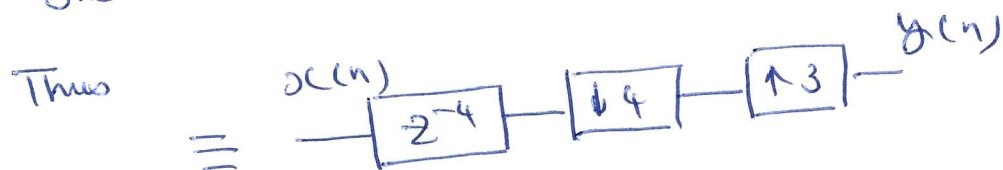
Note: In both cases  $H(z)$  must be a function of  $z^N$  (or  $z^M$ ) in order to use these identities.

(a) simplify the following system and write  $y(z)$  in terms of  $X(z)$ .

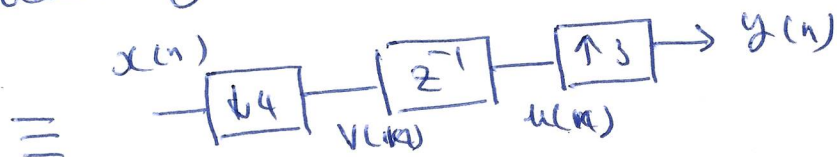


(b) Find  $y(n)$  for  $x(n) = \delta(n)$ . Is it LSI?

Since  $\gcd(2, 3) = 1 \Rightarrow$



Using identity 1



$$W_4 = e^{-j \frac{2\pi}{4}}$$

$$V(z) = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=0}^3 X(W_4^k z^{1/4})$$

$$U(z) = z^{-1} V(z)$$

$$Y(z) = U(z^3) = \frac{z^{-3}}{4} \sum_{k=0}^3 X(W_4^k z^{3/4})$$

(b) For  $x(n) = \delta(n) \Rightarrow X(z) = 1 \Rightarrow Y(z) = z^{-3}$

$x(n) = \delta(n-1) \Rightarrow X(z) = z^{-1}$ ,  $V(z) = \frac{1}{4} (z^{-1/4} + j z^{-1/4} - z^{-1/4} - j z^{-1/4}) = 0$

$V(n) = 0 \Rightarrow y(n) = 0$

i.e. Not LSI (LSV)