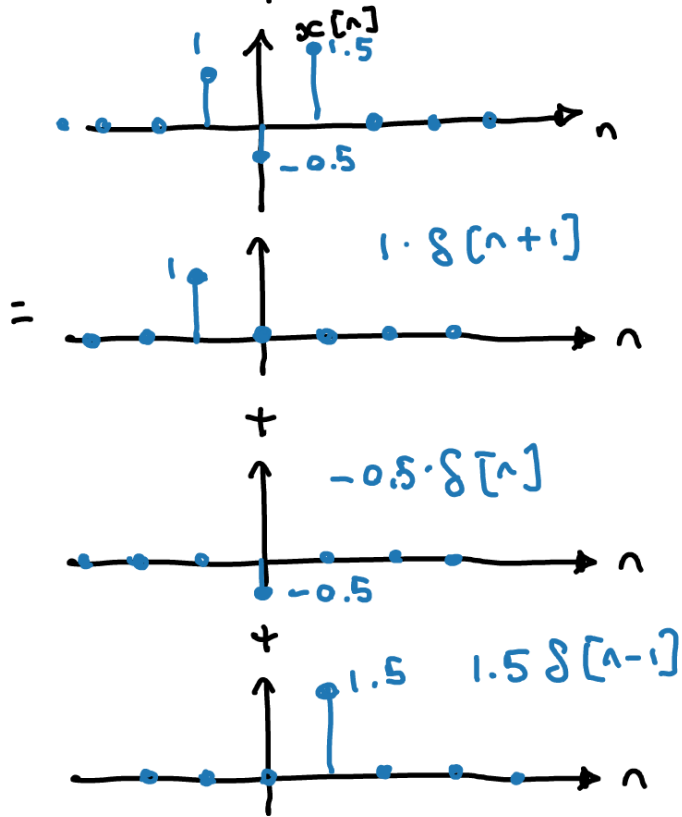


# Linear time-invariant systems

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# Linear time-invariant (LTI) systems

$$x[n] = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} x[i] \cdot \delta[n-i]$$



Discrete system:  $y[n] = \mathcal{T}\{x[n]\}$   
 $= \mathcal{T}\left\{\sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} x[i] \cdot \delta[n-i]\right\}$

Assume linear:  $y[n] = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} x[i] \mathcal{T}\{\delta[n-i]\}$

Assume time-invariant:  $h[n] = \mathcal{T}\{\delta[n]\}$   
 $\mathcal{T}\{\delta[n-i]\} = h[n-i]$

LTI:  $y[n] = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} x[i] \cdot h[n-i] = x[n] * h[n]$

$x[n] \rightarrow \boxed{h[n]} \rightarrow y[n] = x[n] * h[n]$

# LTI example

$$h[n] = \{ \underset{\uparrow}{2} \quad 3 \quad 1 \quad 2 \}$$

$$x[n] = \{ \underset{\uparrow}{1} \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 1 \}$$

What is  $y[n]$ ?

$$h[i] =$$

$$\{ \underset{\uparrow}{2} \quad 3 \quad 1 \quad 2 \}$$

$$n=0: \quad x[-i] = \{ \quad \quad \quad \underset{\uparrow}{1} \quad \}$$

$$n=1: \quad x[1-i] = \{ \quad \quad \quad 2 \quad 1 \}$$

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

$$= \{ \underset{\uparrow}{2} \quad 7 \quad 13 \quad 15 \quad 10 \quad 7 \quad 2 \}$$

$$x[n] \rightarrow \boxed{\overset{?}{h[n]}} \rightarrow y[n]$$

# Causality in LTI systems

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

$$y[n_0] = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} h[i] \cdot x[n_0-i]$$

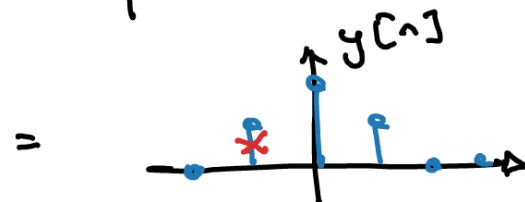
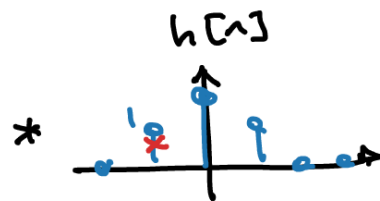
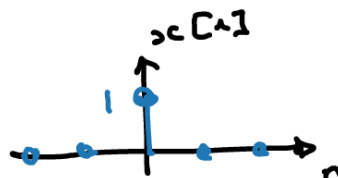
$x[n_0]$  ✓  
 $x[n_1]$  ✗

Causal system:  $y[n_0]$  only depends on  $x[n_0-i]$  where  $i \geq 0$

$$y[n_0] = \dots + h[-2]x[n_0+2] + h[-1]x[n_0+1] + \underbrace{h[0]x[n_0] + h[1]x[n_0-1] + \dots}_{\text{causal part}}$$

$$= \underbrace{\sum_{i=-\infty}^{-1} h[i]x[n_0-i]}_{=0} + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} h[i]x[n_0-i]$$

$$\therefore h[n] = 0 \text{ for } n < 0$$



Causal LTI system:

$$h[i] = 0 \text{ for all } i < 0$$

If we also have that  $x[n] = 0$  for  $n < 0$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned} y[n] &= \sum_{i=0}^n h[i]x[n-i] \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n x[i]h[n-i] \end{aligned}$$

BIBO

# Stability of LTI systems

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

$$|y[n]| = \left| \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} h[i]x[n-i] \right| = \left| \dots + h[-2]x[n+2] + h[-1]x[n+1] + h[0]x[n] \right. \\ \left. + h[1]x[n-1] + \dots \right|$$

$$\leq \dots + |h[-2]| |x[n+2]| + |h[-1]| |x[n+1]| + \\ |h[0]| |x[n]| + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[i]| \cdot |x[n-i]|$$

$$|x[n]| \leq M_x \\ \text{for all } n$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[i]| \cdot M_x$$

$$= M_x \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[i]|$$

We must have  $\sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[i]| < \infty$

See the note

"Necessity, sufficiency and stability"

An LTI system is stable if its impulse response is summable:

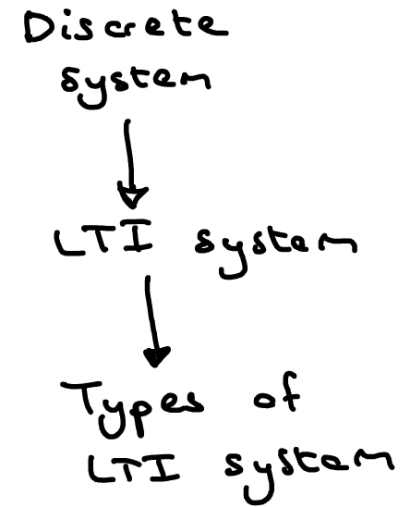
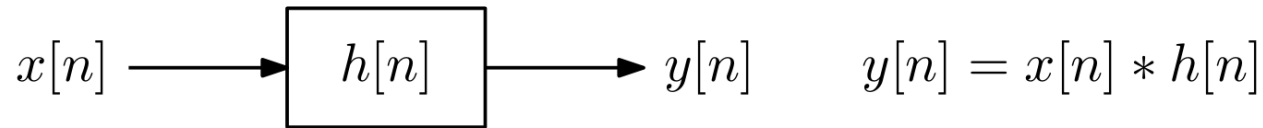
$$\sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[i]| < \infty$$

From this result it can be shown that:

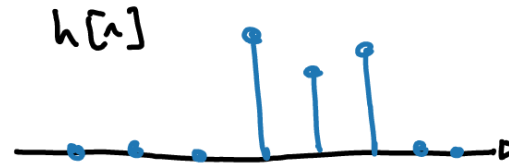
- $|h[n]| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$
- $|y[n]| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for finite-duration  $x[n]$



# Subclasses of LTI systems



- Finite impulse response (FIR)  
(Moving average)



- Infinite impulse response (IIR)

Decaying exponential

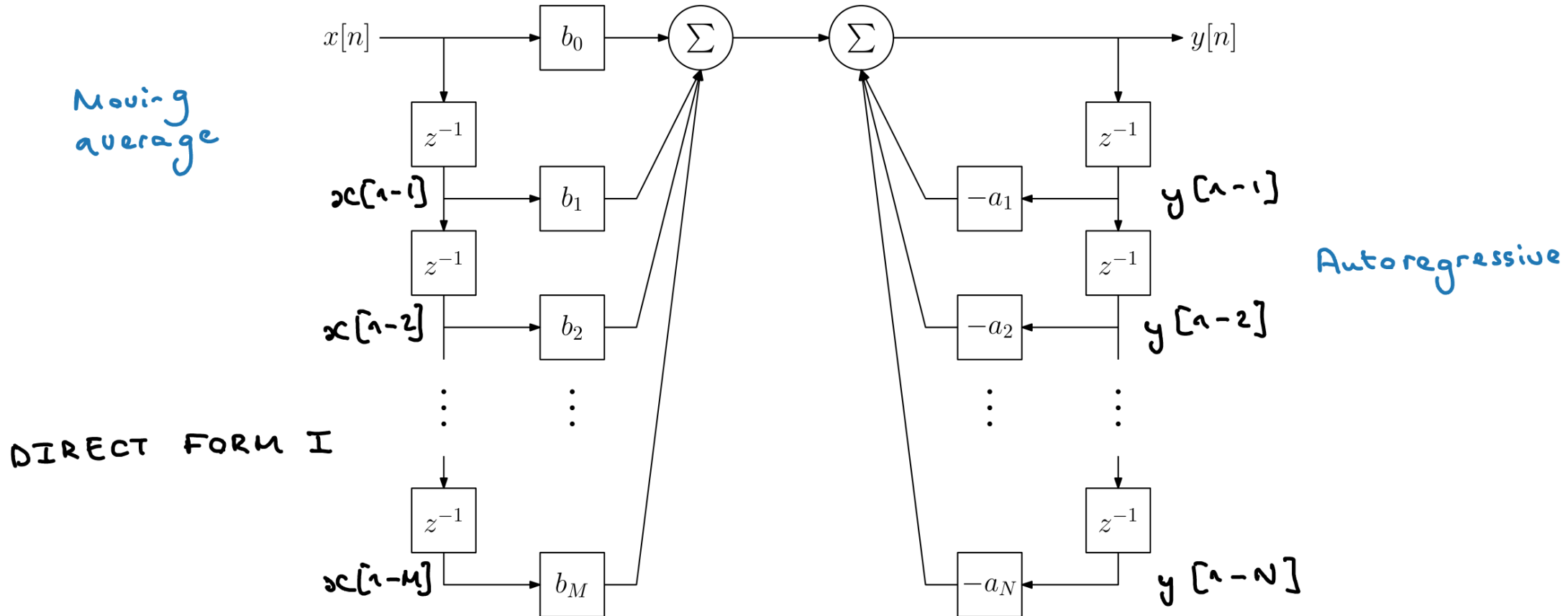


- Linear constant-coefficient difference equation (LCCDE): Output is linear combination of finite number of weighted past outputs and past and present inputs

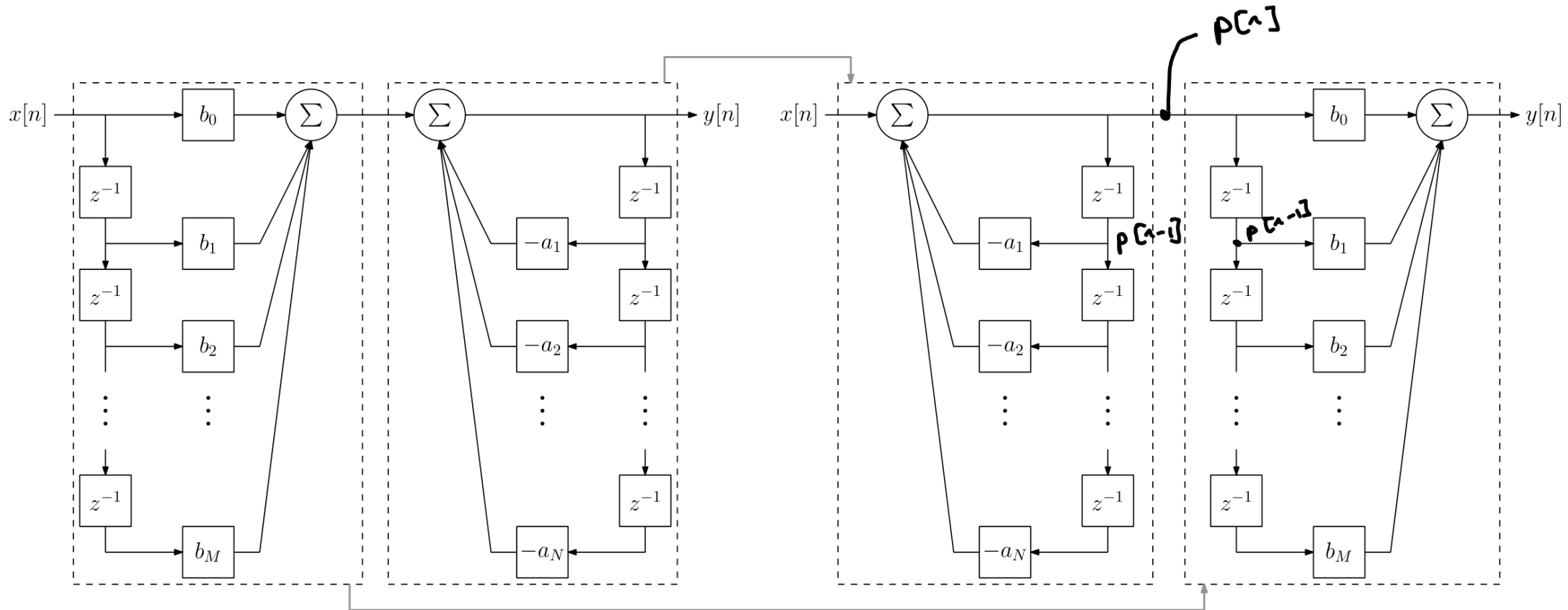


# Linear constant-coefficient difference equation (LCCDE)

$$y[n] = - \sum_{k=1}^N a_k y[n-k] + \sum_{k=0}^M b_k x[n-k]$$

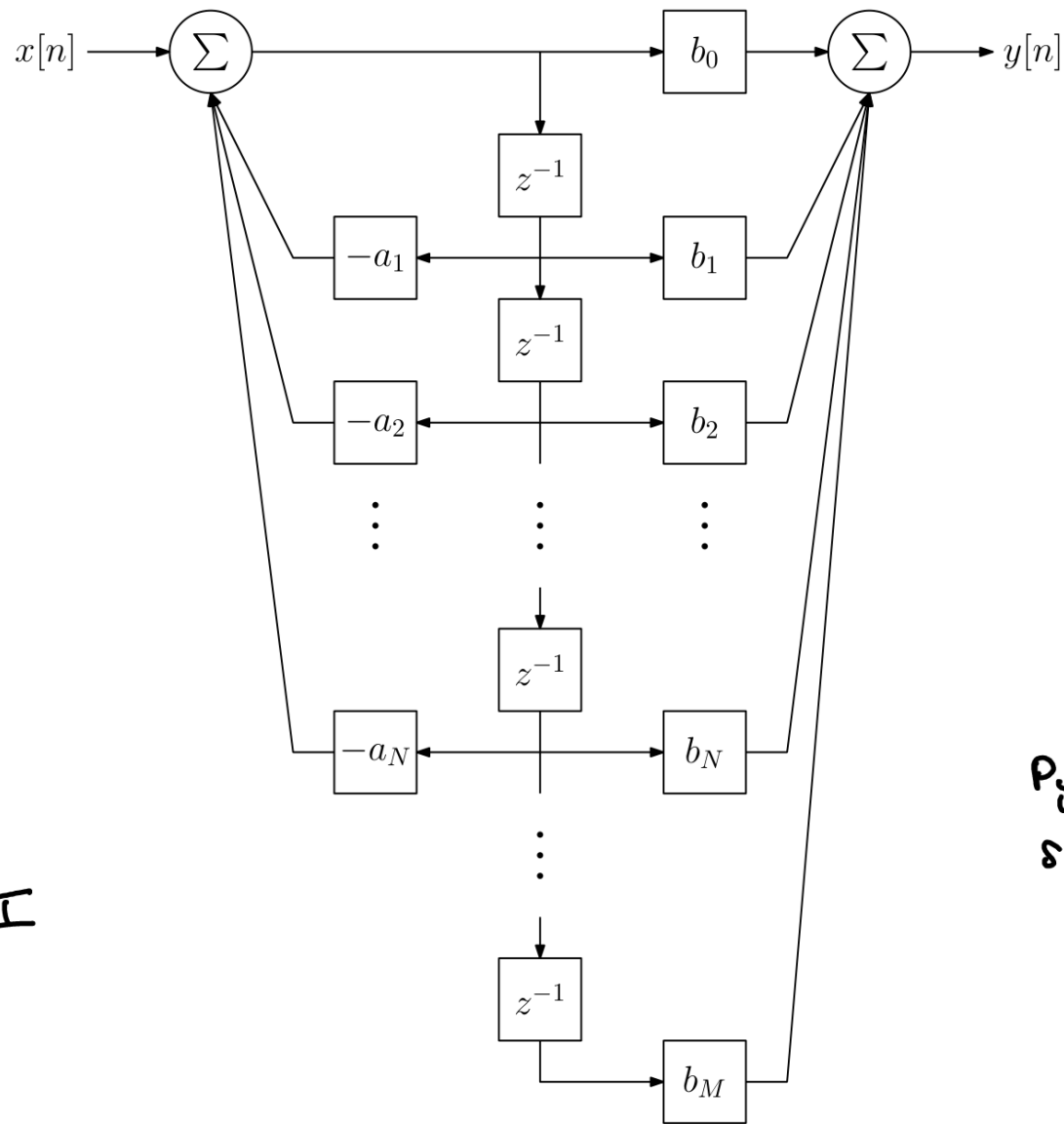


# Efficient LCCDE implementation



$$x[n] \rightarrow [h_1[n]] \rightarrow [h_2[n]] \rightarrow y[n] \equiv x[n] \rightarrow [h_2[n]] \rightarrow [h_1[n]] \rightarrow y[n]$$

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



DIRECT FORM II

Python:  
`scipy.signal.lfilter`

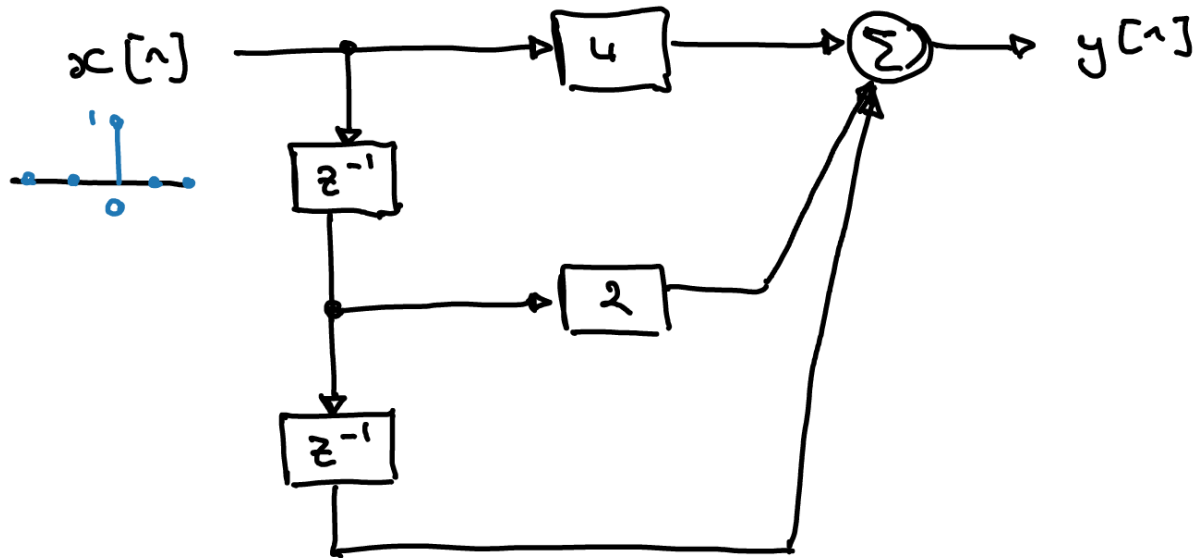
# LCCDE example

$$y[n] = 4x[n] + 2x[n-1] + x[n-2]$$

(a) Draw the direct-form I for this filter

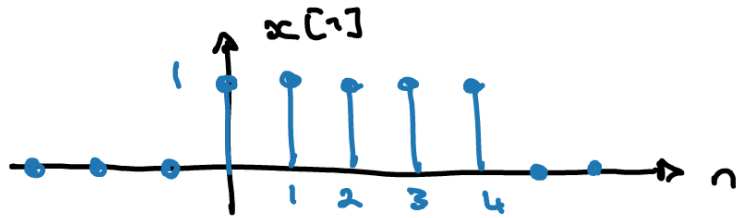
(b) What is the impulse response of this filter?

$$h[n] = \{ \underset{\uparrow}{4} \quad 2 \quad 1 \}$$



$$y[n] = 4x[n] + 2x[n-1] + x[n-2]$$

(c) What is the filter's output for  $x[n] = u[n] - u[n-5]$ ?



$$y[n] = \{ \underset{\uparrow}{4} \quad 6 \quad 7 \quad 7 \quad 7 \quad 3 \quad 1 \}$$

Can do from block diagram  
or from  $y[n] = x[n] * h[n]$