

# System Properties – Examples

$$x(t - t_0) \rightarrow y(t - t_0)$$

do proof



System	Linear	Time-Invariant	Causal	Memoryless
$y[n] = 2x[n]$	✓	✓	✓	✓
$y[n] = 2x[n] + 3$	✗	✓	✓	✓
$y[n] = x[-n]$	✓	✗	✗	✗
$y(t) = tx(t)$	✓	✗	✓	✓
$y(t) = \cos(3t)x(t)$	✓	✗	✓	✓
$y(t) = \sin(x(t))$	✗	✓	✓	✓
$y(t) = t^2x(t - 1)$	✓	✗	✓	✗

$$\alpha_1 x_1(t) + \alpha_2 x_2(t) \rightarrow \alpha_1 y_1(t) + \alpha_2 y_2(t)$$

$$y[n] = x[-n]$$

time-invariant:  $x[n-n_0] \rightarrow y[n-n_0]$

1.  $y[n-n_0] = x[-(n-n_0)] = x[-n+n_0]$

2.  $\underline{x_1[n]} = \underline{x[n-n_0]}$

$\rightarrow y_1[n] = x_1[-n] = x[-n-n_0] \neq y[n-n_0]$

$\Rightarrow$  system is time varying

linear:  $\alpha_1 x_1[n] + \alpha_2 x_2[n] \rightarrow \underline{\alpha_1 y_1[n] + \alpha_2 y_2[n]}$

1.  $x_1[n] \rightarrow y_1[n] = x_1[-n], x_2[n] \rightarrow y_2[n] = x_2[-n]$

2.  $\alpha_1 y_1[n] + \alpha_2 y_2[n] = \underline{\alpha_1 x_1[-n] + \alpha_2 x_2[-n]}$

3.  $x_3[n] = \alpha_1 x_1[n] + \alpha_2 x_2[n] \quad )) \Rightarrow \text{linear}$

$y_3[n] = x_3[-n] = \underline{\alpha_1 x_1[-n] + \alpha_2 x_2[-n]}$

$$y[n] = 2x[n] + 3$$

time-invariant

$$x[n-n_0] \rightarrow y[n-n_0]$$

$$1. \quad y[n-n_0] = 2x[n-n_0] + 3$$

$$2. \quad x_1[n] = x[n-n_0] \Rightarrow y_1[n] = 2x_1[n] + 3 = 2x[n-n_0] + 3$$

$$= y[n-n_0] \Rightarrow \text{time-invariant}$$

$$\text{linear} \quad \alpha_1 x_1[n] + \alpha_2 x_2[n] \rightarrow \alpha_1 y_1[n] + \alpha_2 y_2[n]$$

$$1. \quad x_1[n] \rightarrow y_1[n] = 2x_1[n] + 3$$

$$x_2[n] \rightarrow y_2[n] = 2x_2[n] + 3$$

$$2. \quad \alpha_1 y_1[n] + \alpha_2 y_2[n] = \alpha_1 (2x_1[n] + 3) + \alpha_2 (2x_2[n] + 3)$$

$$3. \quad x_3[n] = \alpha_1 x_1[n] + \alpha_2 x_2[n]$$

$$\rightarrow y_3[n] = 2x_3[n] + 3 = 2(\alpha_1 x_1[n] + \alpha_2 x_2[n]) + 3$$

$$\neq \alpha_1 y_1[n] + \alpha_2 y_2[n] \Rightarrow \text{non-linear}$$

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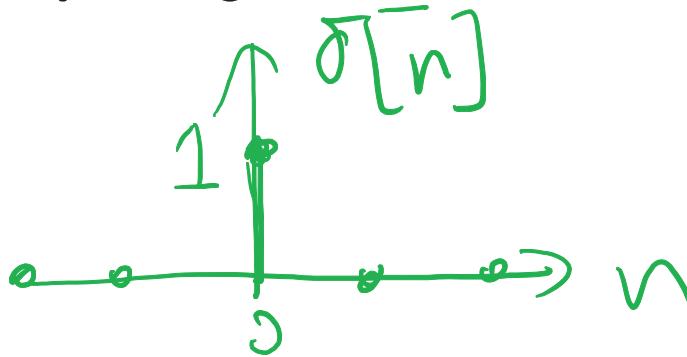
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# LTI

- Linear Time-Invariant (LTI) Systems
- That is systems which have the properties of linearity and time-invariance
- Practically important - model many physical processes
- Extensive analysis tools for LTI systems - e.g. convolution
- Response of an LTI system can be understand from the response to a special type of input signal
- LTI systems can be characterized by a “signal” called a unit sample (DT) or an impulse (CT)



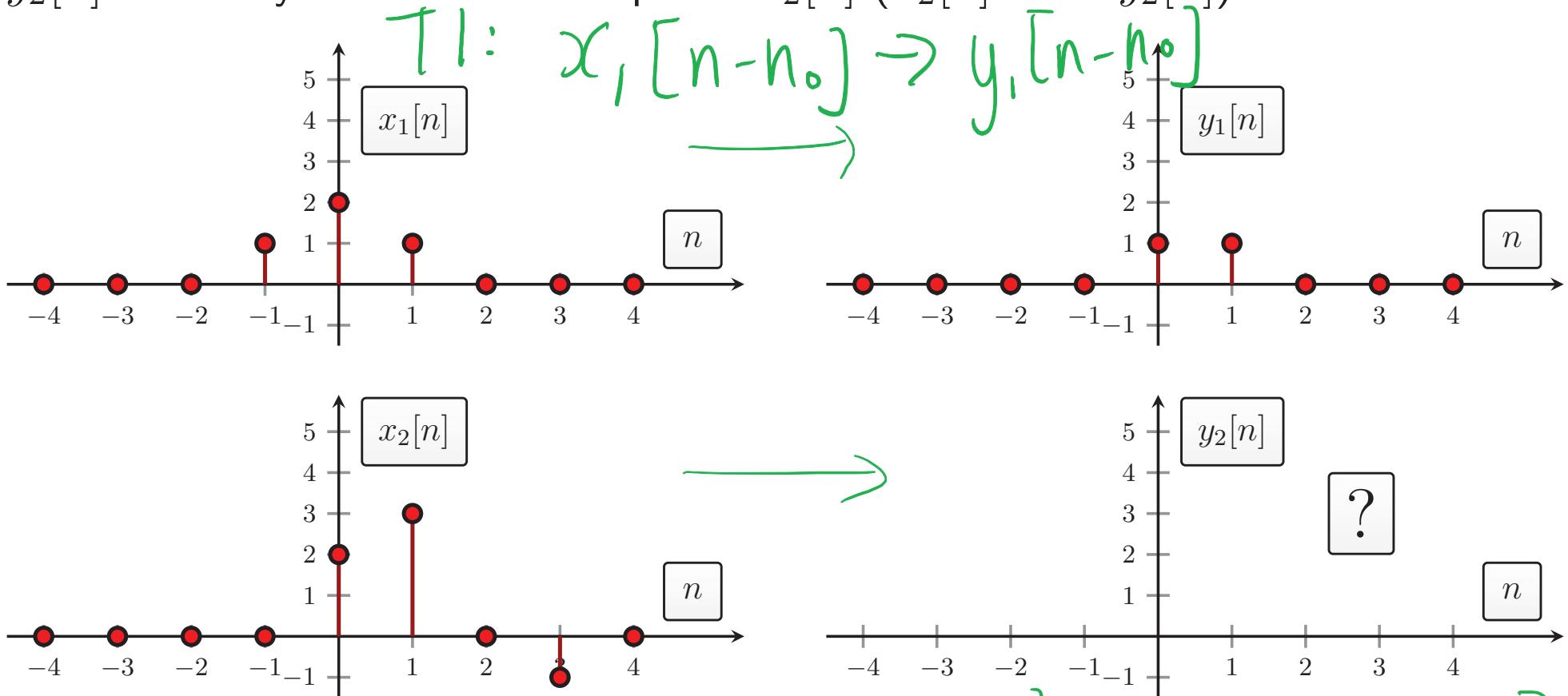
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# DT LTI Systems – Using DT LTI Property

A system is linear and time-invariant. It is unknown except that output  $y_1[n]$  occurs for input  $x_1[n]$ , that is,  $x_1[n] \rightarrow y_1[n]$ . Can we work out the output  $y_2[n]$  of this system when the input is  $x_2[n]$  ( $x_2[n] \rightarrow y_2[n]$ )?

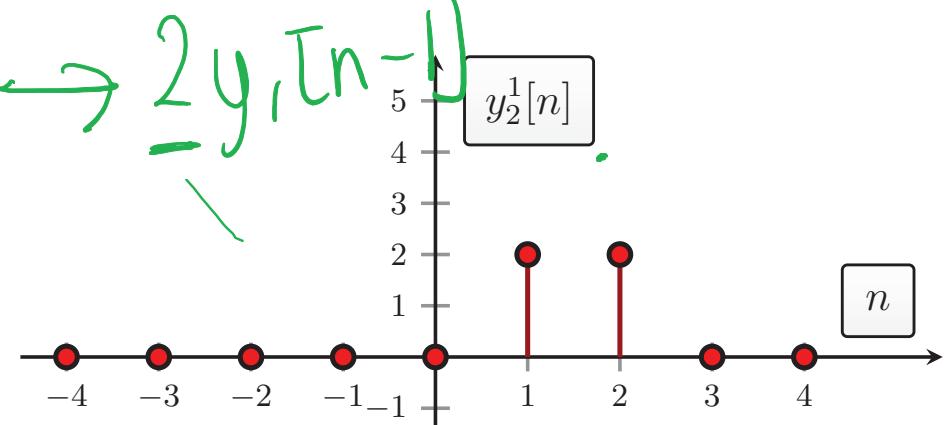
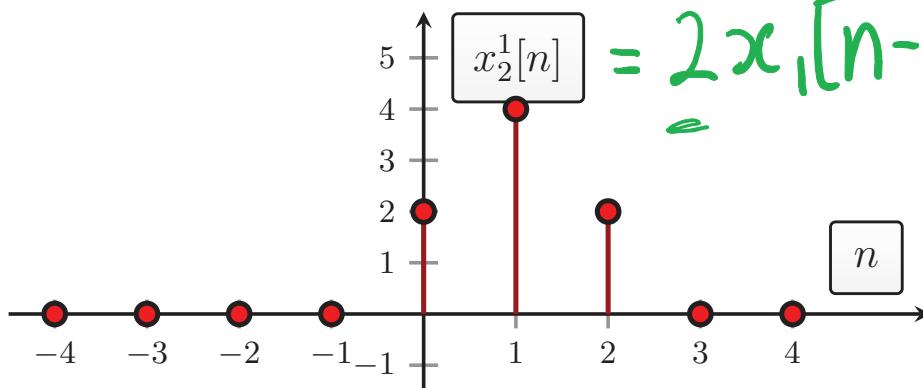
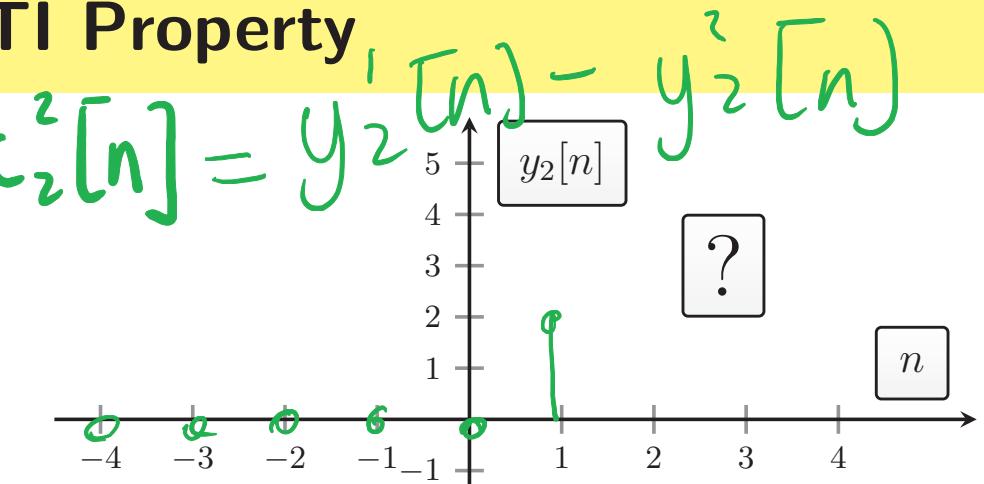
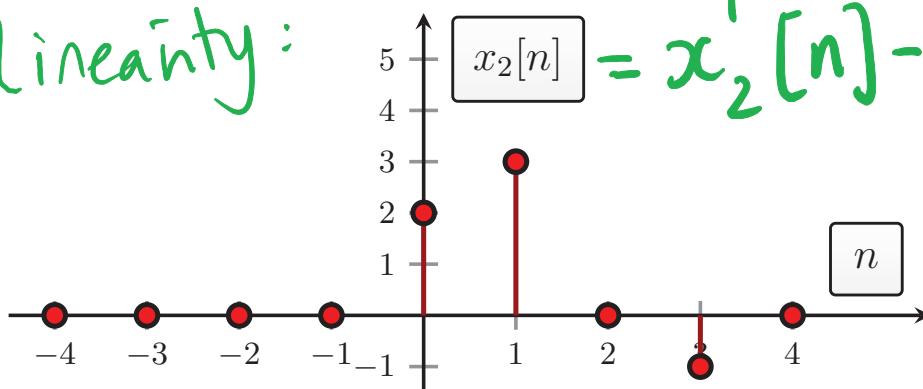


$$L: \alpha_1 x_1[n - n_0^1] + \alpha_2 x_1[n - n_0^2] \rightarrow \alpha_1 y_1[n - n_0^1] + \alpha_2 y_1[n - n_0^2]$$

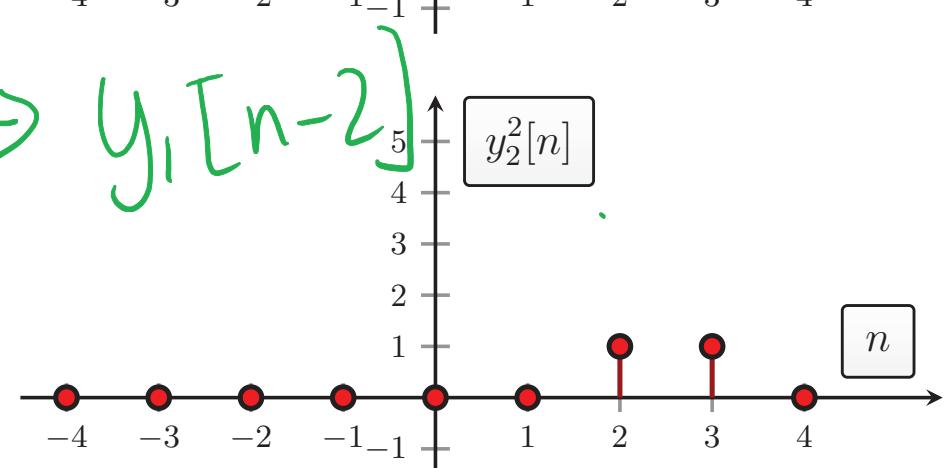
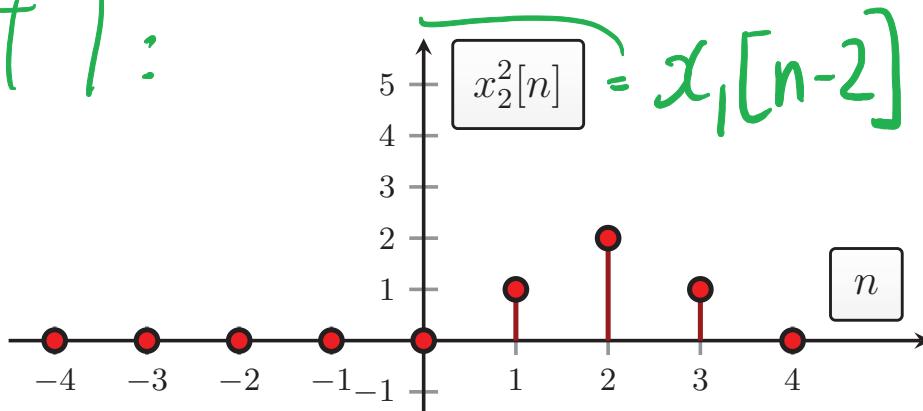


# DT LTI Systems – Using DT LTI Property

Linearity:



Time Invariance:



# DT LTI Systems – Using DT LTI Property

Note that  $x_2^1[n]$  and  $x_2^2[n]$  are shifted and scaled versions of  $x_1[n]$ , and further that

$$x_2[n] = x_2^1[n] - x_2^2[n]$$

So by linearity and time-invariance

$$y_2[n] = y_2^1[n] - y_2^2[n]$$

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# DT LTI Systems – Superposition + Time-Invariance

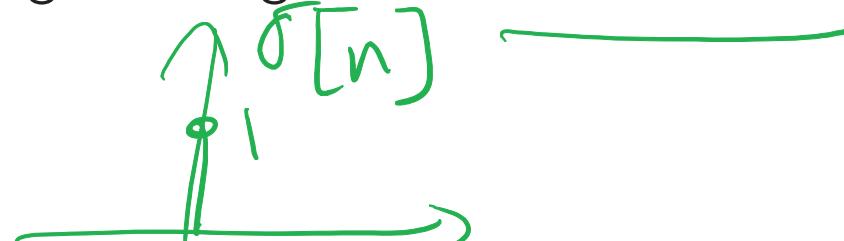
e.g. scaled  $x_1[n]$

- By superposition and time-invariance

$$x_k[n] \longrightarrow y_k[n]$$
$$x[n] = \sum_k a_k x_k[n] \longrightarrow y[n] = \sum_k a_k y_k[n]$$

$x_k[n]$  is an indexed set of candidate building blocks.

- Seek basic building blocks to represent any signal, that is, linear combinations of these building blocks.
- The response of LTI systems to these basic building blocks, if properly chosen, is elegant and powerful.
- In DT the natural choice of building block signals are **time shifted unit samples**.



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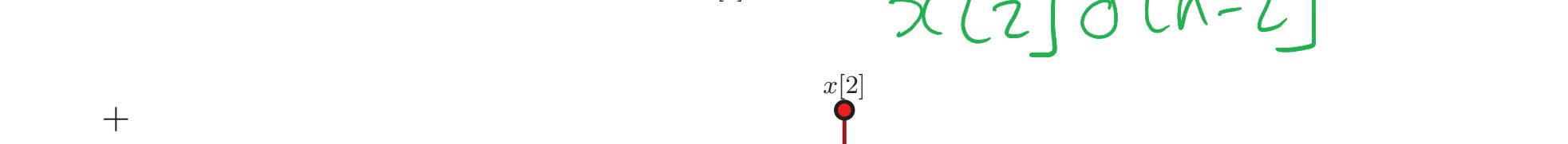
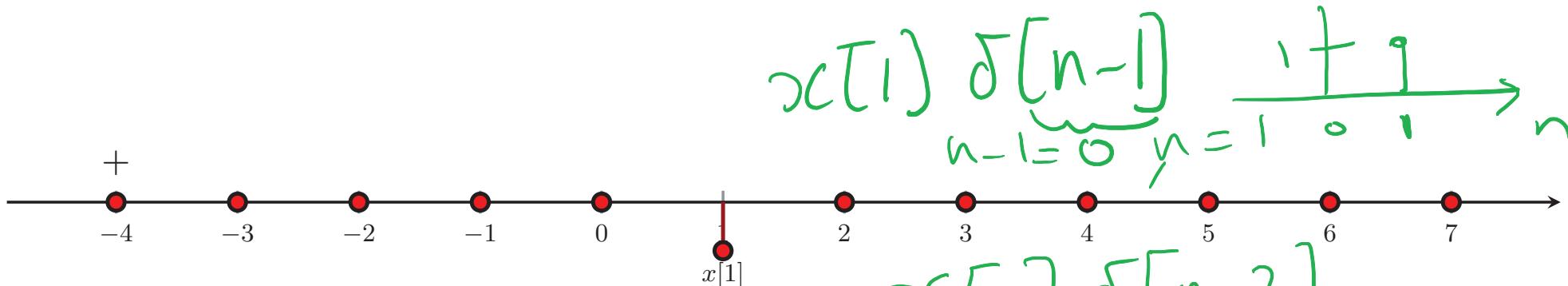
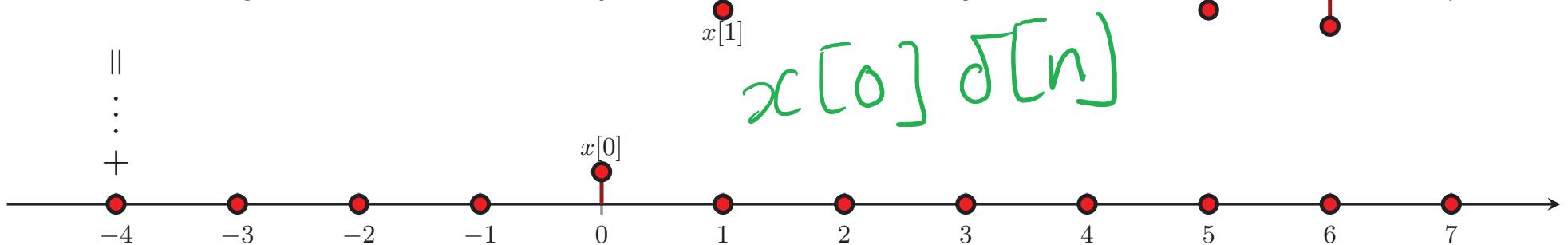
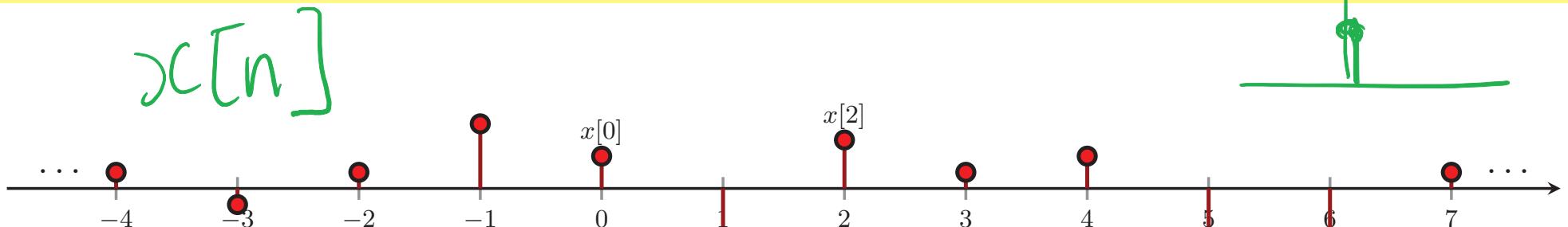
DT

Finding the output of a linear system:

- Any signal can be represented as a combination of scaled and shifted DT unit impulses.
- 2 • Hence, find the response of a system to a unit impulse.
- 3 • By superposition, we can find the DT output for any DT input, using the impulse response. This becomes the convolution sum.



# DT LTI Systems – Signal Representation (cont'd)



$$x[n] = \dots + x[0] \delta[n] + x[1] \delta[n-1] + x[2] \delta[n-2] + \dots$$

# DT LTI Systems – Signal Representation

- Unit impulse/sample (this is a signal)

$$\delta[n] \triangleq \begin{cases} 1 & n = 0 \\ 0 & n \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

- Expand  $x[n]$  in terms of shifted unit samples

$$x[n] = \cdots + x[-2]\delta[n+2] + x[-1]\delta[n+1] + x[0]\delta[n] + x[1]\delta[n-1] + x[2]\delta[n-2] + x[3]\delta[n-3] + \cdots$$

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

“Sifting Property” of the unit sample  $\delta[n]$        $n - k = 0$

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# DT LTI Systems – Unit Pulse Response $h[n]$

definition :

$$\delta[n]$$

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$$y(n) = h[n]$$

time-invariance:

$$\delta[n - k]$$

DT LTI System

$$h[n - k]$$



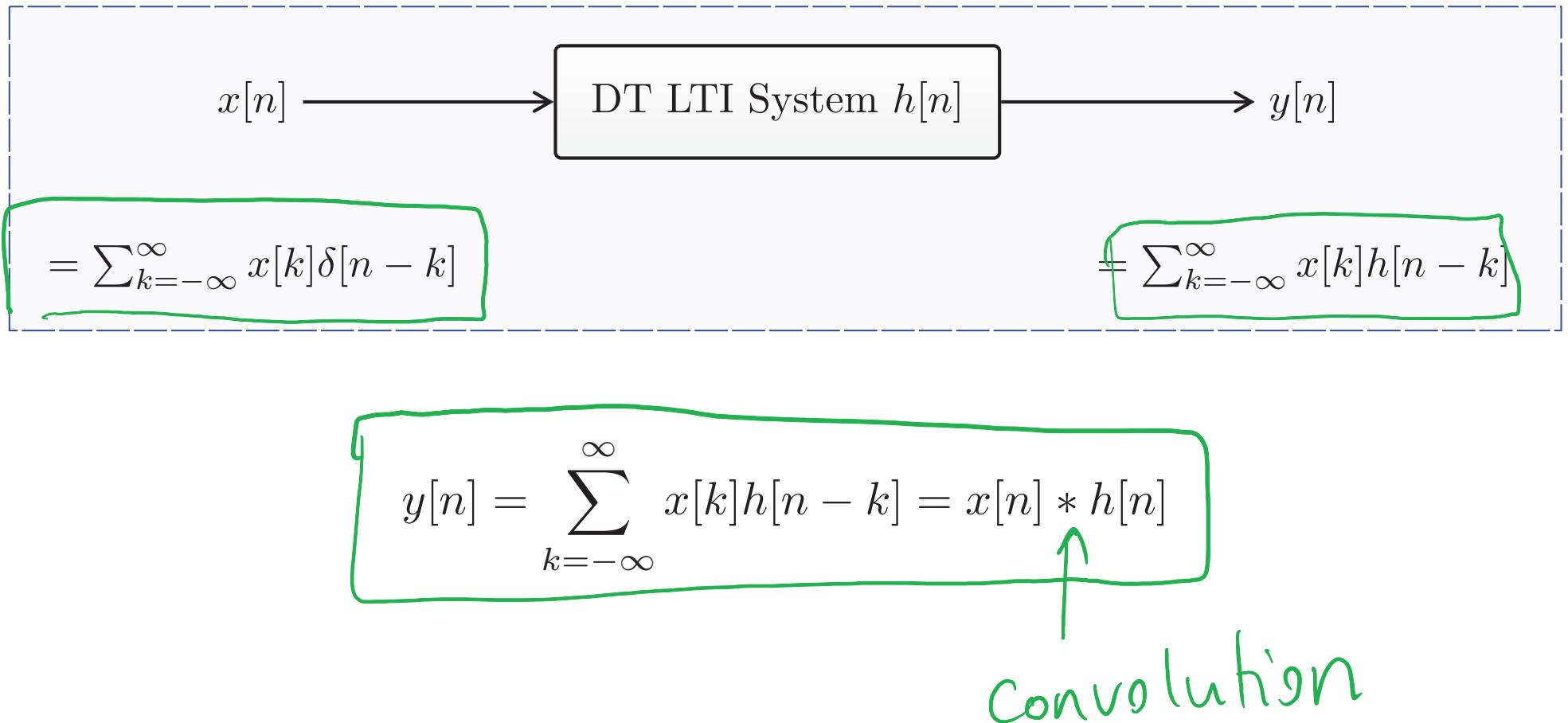
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- For an LTI system, define **unit sample response**  $h[n]$

$$\delta[n] \longrightarrow h[n],$$

that is,  $h[n]$  is the response of the LTI system to a kick at  $n = 0$ .

- But from time-invariance

$$\delta[n - k] \longrightarrow h[n - k],$$

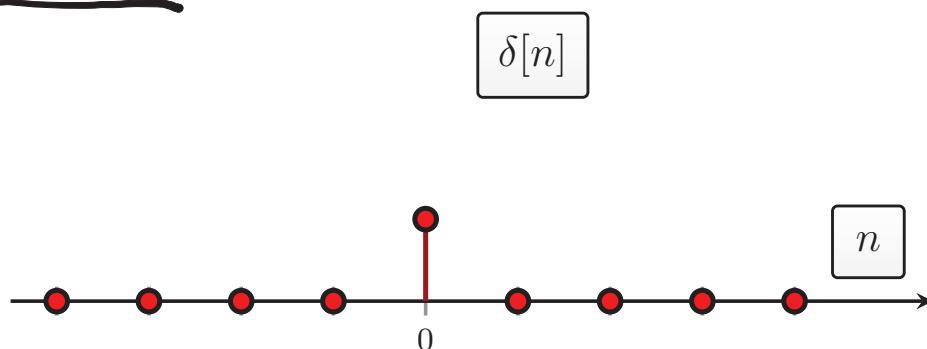
that is, kick at  $k$  is the same as a kick at 0 shifted by  $k$ . Hence,  $h[n]$  completely characterizes a LTI System !!!

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

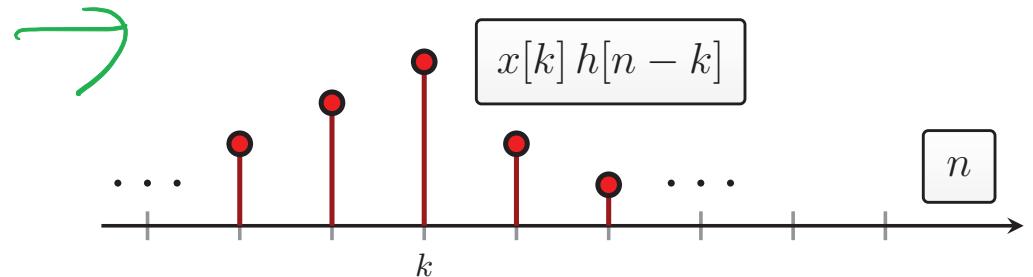
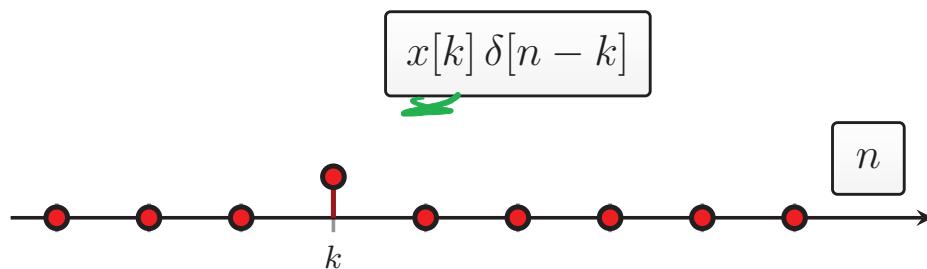
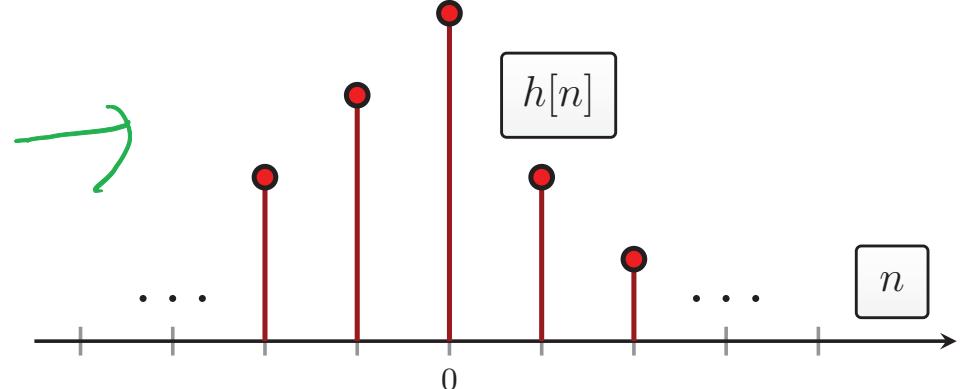
# DT LTI Systems – Unit Pulse Response

Interpretation:

Input



Output



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# DT LTI Systems – Examples (cont'd)

An accumulator:

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

is causal LTI.

- Unit sample response

$$h[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^n \delta[k] = u[n]$$

where  $u[n]$  is the unit step.

- In convolution form

$$x[n] * u[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^n x[k]$$

*h[n]*



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$$\delta[n-k] \cancel{*} h[n-k]$$

- Response (output  $y[n]$ ) of a time-varying (TV) linear system to  $x[n]$  can be thought of in terms of superposition of unit sample responses.
- So we want to figure out the response in  $y[n]$  to the  $\delta[n - k]$  components in  $x[n]$ .
- Define  $h_k[n]$  as the response to  $\delta[n - k]$ :

$$\delta[n - k] \longrightarrow h_k[n]$$

- By superposition, this linear (generally time-varying) system is given by

$$x[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] \delta[n - k] \longrightarrow y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] h_k[n]$$

- We need to know the response of a time-varying linear system to an **infinite** number of shifted unit samples to fully characterize it.

# DT LTI Systems – More General TV Case

- If I give a linear system a kick then it has a response.
- But the response may be different depending on when I kick it. It can still be linear.
- If the response is different depending on when I kick it it is called **time-varying (TV)**. This is why we wrote

$$h_{\color{red}k}[n]$$

which is the result of a kick at time  $\color{red}k$ ,  $\delta[n - \color{red}k]$ .



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# DT LTI Systems – Commutative Property



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From the definition of convolution it can be shown (we do this later in Part 5)

$$y[n] = x[n] \star h[n] = h[n] \star x[n]$$

- Can be used to reinterpret LTI systems.  $x[n]$  as input signal to a system with unit sample response  $h[n]$  is the same as  $h[n]$  as input signal to a system with unit sample response  $x[n]$ .
- Can be used as a tool or trick:

$$s[n] = u[n] \star h[n] = h[n] \star u[n]$$

the second is the “accumulator” system. Hence

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

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# DT Convolution – Street Version

The screenshot shows a dictionary application interface. The search bar at the top contains the word "convolution". The main content area displays the following definition:

**con.volution** |kən'velūshən|  
noun

**1** (often **convolutions**) a coil or twist, esp. one of many : crosses adorned with elaborate convolutions.

- a thing that is complex and difficult to follow : *the convolutions of farm policy.*
- a sinuous fold in the surface of the brain.
- the state of being coiled or twisted, or the process of becoming so : *the flexibility of the polymer chain allows extensive convolution.*

**2** (also **convolution integral**) Mathematics a function derived from two given functions by integration that expresses how the shape of one is modified by the other.

- a method of determination of the sum of two random variables by integration or summation.

**DERIVATIVES**

**con.volution.al** |-shənl| |'kən'velūʃənl| |'kən'velūʃnal| adjective

**ORIGIN** mid 16th cent.: from medieval Latin **convolutio(n-)**, from **convolvere 'roll together'** (see **CONVOLVE** ).



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# DT Convolution – Graphical Flip and Shift



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

Looking at the equation for convolution we can arrive at the following procedure:

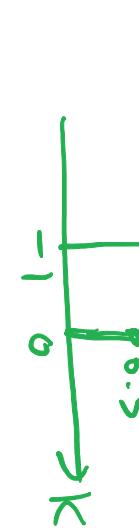
1. Choose one signal to be  $x[n]$ , the other is then  $h[n]$
2. Draw them on the  $k$ -axis  $x[k]$  and  $h[k]$
3. Flip  $h[k]$  around  $k = 0$  (the  $y$ -axis)  $h[-k]$
4. Shift the flipped version of  $h$  to the right by  $n$   $h[n-k]$
5. Multiply  $x[k]$  by flipped/shifted version of  $h[k]$  and sum over all values of  $k$
6. The summation only gives you  $y[n]$  for one value of  $n$



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$$x[n] \xrightarrow{\text{DT-LTI}} \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{=} y[n]$$

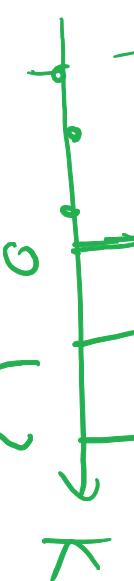
2.  $\begin{array}{c} x[k] \\ \uparrow \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{array} \xrightarrow{h[-k]} \begin{array}{c} h[n] \\ \uparrow \\ 0.5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \xrightarrow{=} y[n]$



3.  $n < 0:$   
 $\begin{array}{c} x[k] \\ \uparrow \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{array} \xrightarrow{h[-k]} \begin{array}{c} h[n-k] \\ \uparrow \\ 0.5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{array}$

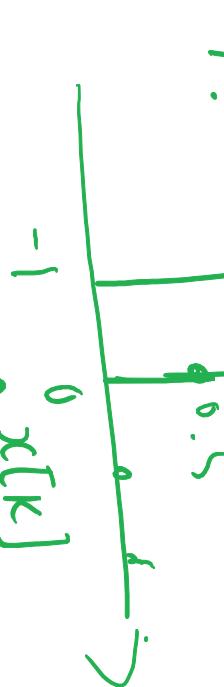


4.  $\begin{array}{c} x[k] \\ \uparrow \\ 0.5 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{array} \xrightarrow{h[-k]} \begin{array}{c} h[n-k] \\ \uparrow \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{array}$



5.  $y[n] = 0 \quad \forall n < 0$

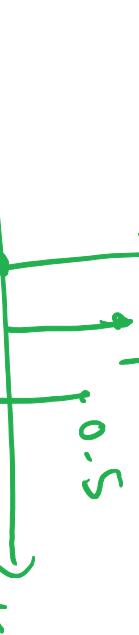
6.  $n=0 \quad \begin{array}{c} h[n-k] \\ \uparrow \\ = h[-k] \\ 0.5 \end{array}$



7.  $y[0] = 0 + 0.5 \times 1 + 0 + 0 = 0.5$

h=1 4.  $\begin{array}{c} x[k] \\ \uparrow \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{array} \xrightarrow{h[1-k]} \begin{array}{c} h[1-k] \\ \uparrow \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{array}$

5.  $y[1] = 1 + 0.5 = 1.5$   
 $n=2$  4.  $h[2-k]$

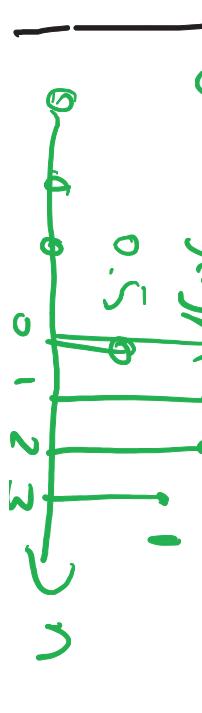


5.  $y[2] = 0 + 1 + 0.5 = 1.5$   
 $n=3$  4.  $h[3-k]$



5.  $y[3] = 1$   
 $n > 3$

$y[n] = 0$   
 $y[n] = 0.5 \delta[n-1] + 1.5 \delta[n-2] + \delta[n-3]$



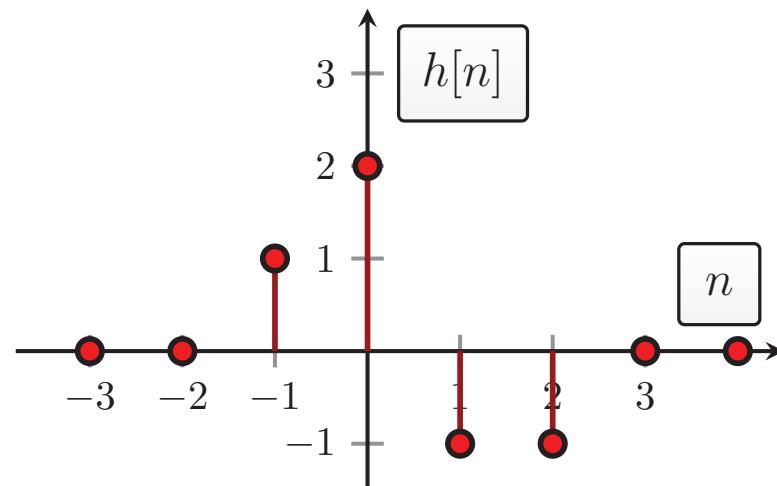
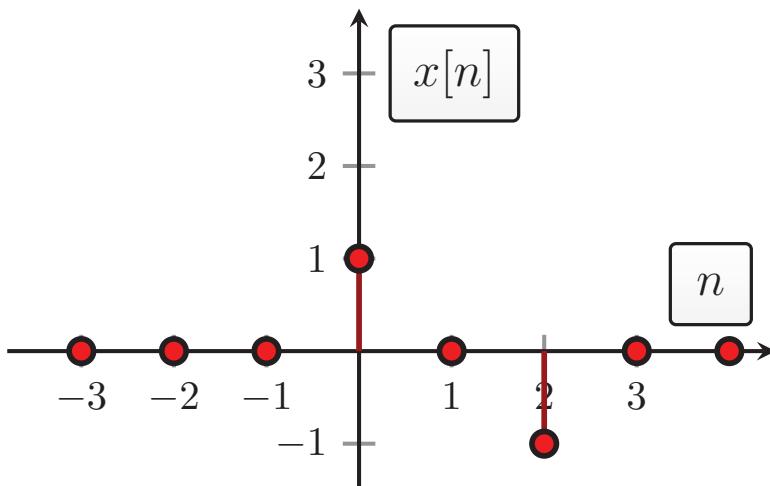
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Consider the convolution of

$$x[n] = \begin{cases} 1 & n = 0 \\ 0 & n = 1 \\ -1 & n = 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise } (n < 0, \text{ or } n > 2) \end{cases}$$

and (non-causal) pulse response

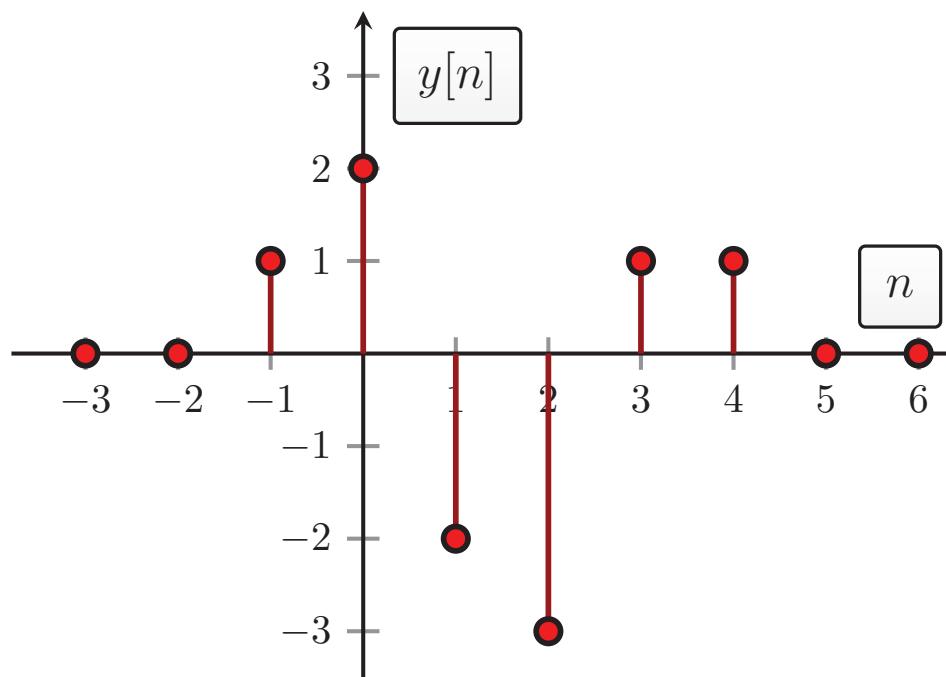
$$h[n] = \begin{cases} 1 & n = -1 \\ 2 & n = 0 \\ -1 & n = 1 \\ -1 & n = 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise } (n < -1, \text{ or } n > 2) \end{cases}$$

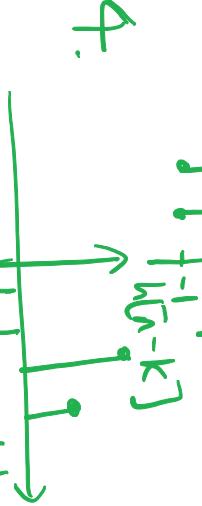
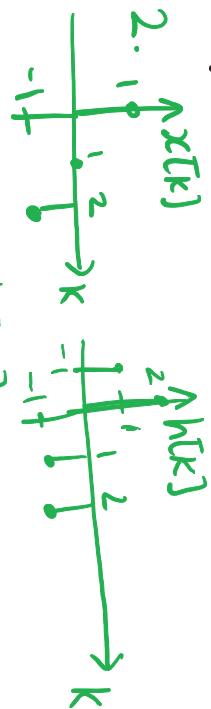


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The convolution is

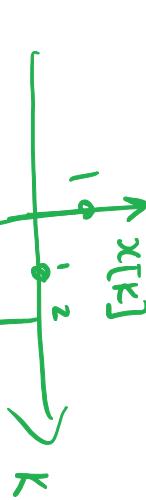
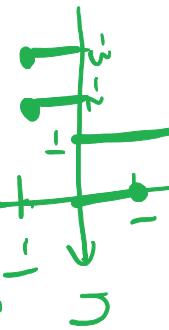
$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] h[n-k] = \begin{cases} 1 & n = -1 \\ 2 & n = 0 \\ -1 - 1 = -2 & n = 1 \\ -1 - 2 = -3 & n = 2 \\ 1 & n = 3 \\ 1 & n = 4 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise } (n < -1, \text{ or } n > 4) \end{cases}$$





5. no overlap for  $n+1 < 0$   
 $\Rightarrow y[n]=0 \quad \forall n < -1$  ( $\forall$  = for all)

4. for  $n=-1$   
 $h[n-k]=h[-1-k]$

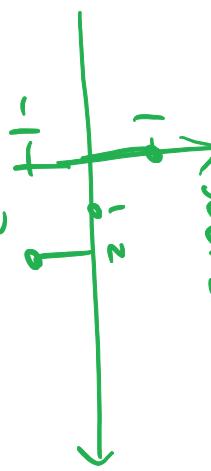


5.  $y[-1]=1$   
4. for  $n=0$ :

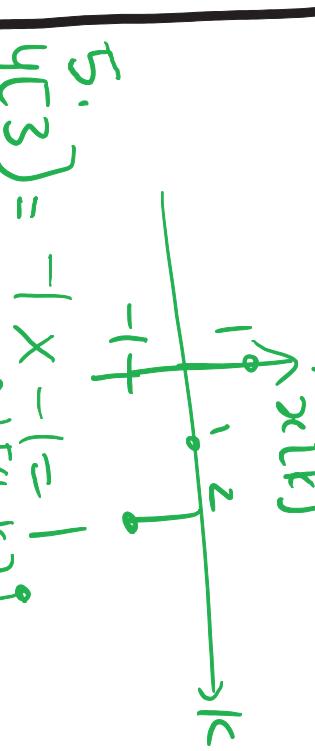
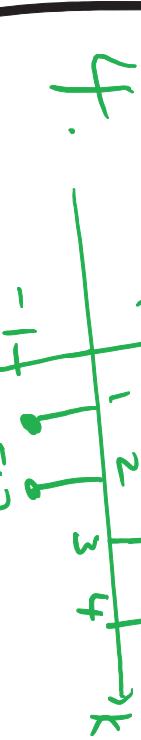


5.  $y[0]=2$   
 $2+0=2$

for  $n=1$ : 4.

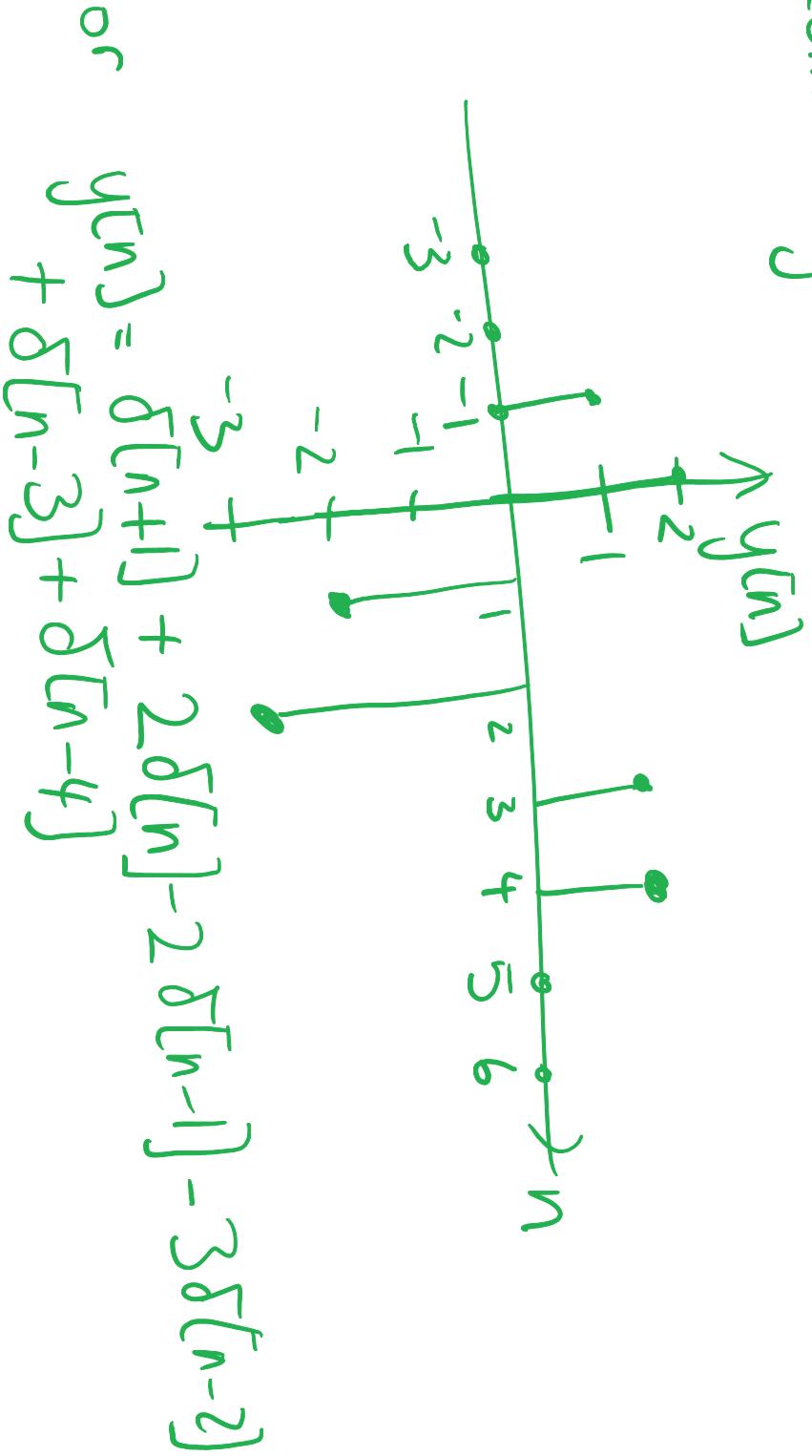


5.  $y[2]=-1+(-2)=-3$   
for  $n=3$ : 4.



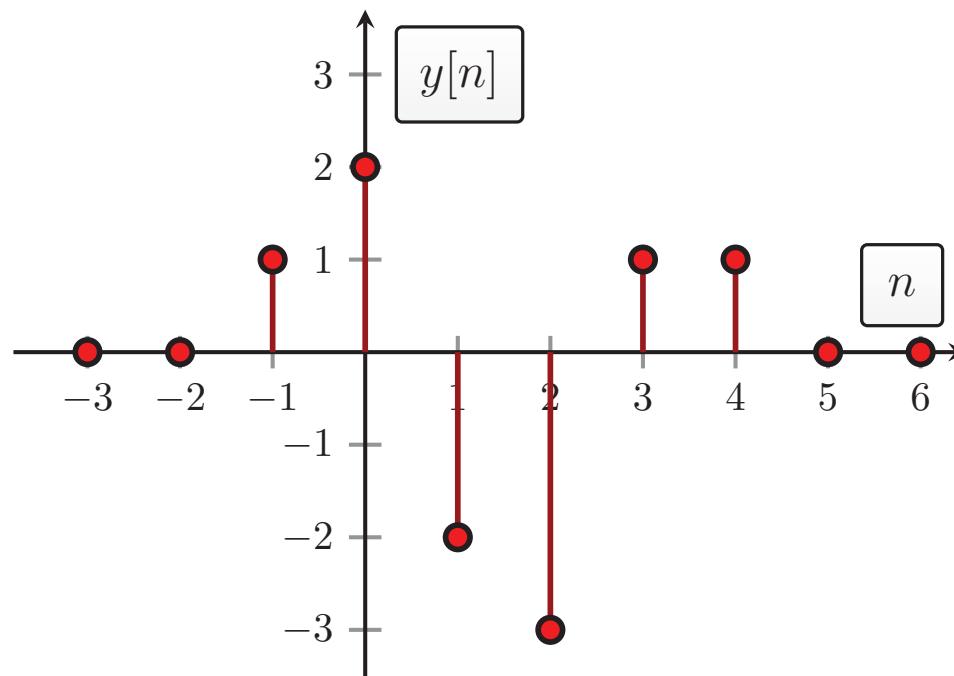
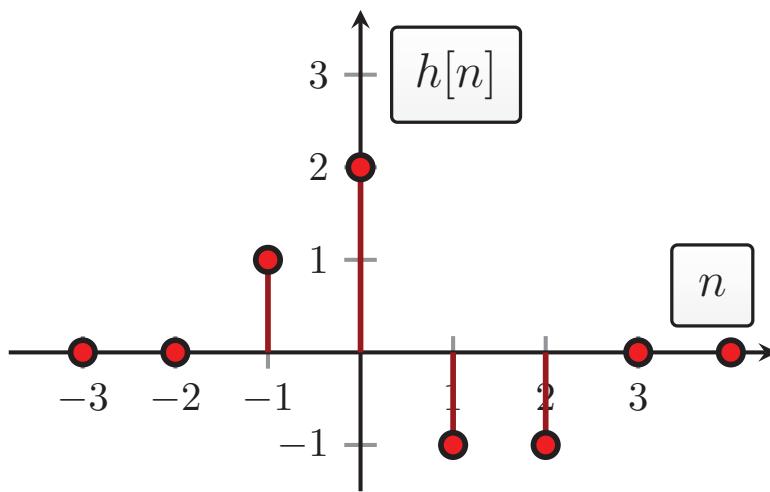
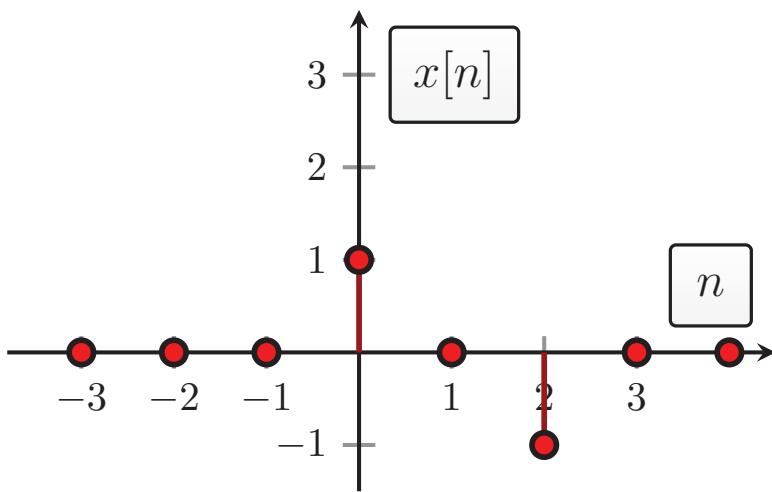
5.  $y[4]=-1+(-1)=-2$

for  $n > 4$  no overlap  $\Rightarrow y[n] = 0 \quad \forall n > 4$   
combining our results



or 
$$y[n] = \delta[n+1] + 2\delta[n] - 2\delta[n-1] - 3\delta[n-2] + \delta[n-3] + \delta[n-4]$$

# DT Convolution – Graphical Flip and Shift (cont'd)

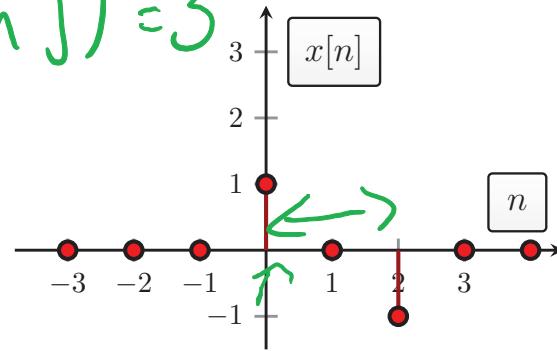


# DT Convolution – Graphical Flip and Shift (cont'd)

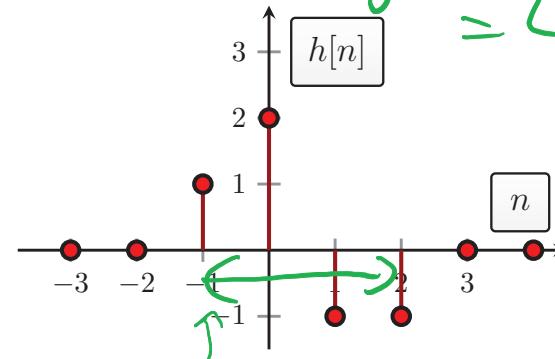
Checks: DT finite length convolution

- $\text{length}(y[n]) = \text{length}(x[n]) + \text{length}(h[n]) - 1$
- $y[n]$  will begin at  $\text{start}(x[n]) + \text{start}(h[n])$
- $y[n]$  will end at  $\text{end}(x[n]) + \text{end}(h[n])$

$$\text{length}(x[n]) = 3$$

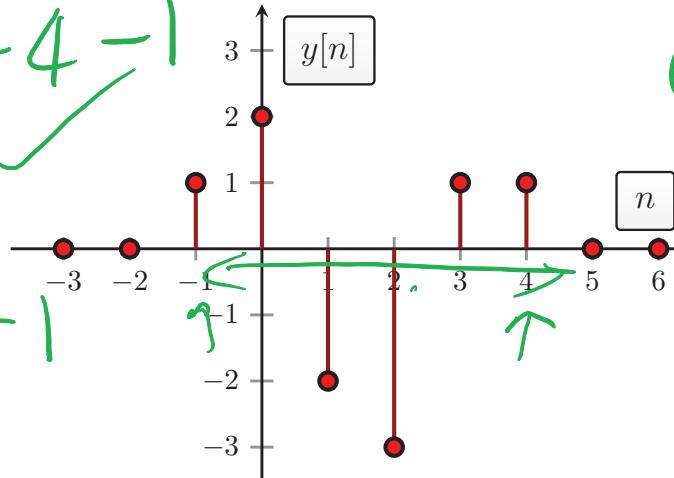


$$\text{length}(h[n]) = 4$$



$$\text{length}(y[n]) = 3 + 4 - 1$$
$$= 6$$

$$\text{start}(y[n]) = 0 + -1$$
$$= -1$$



$$\text{end}(y[n])$$

$$= 2 + 2$$
$$= 4$$

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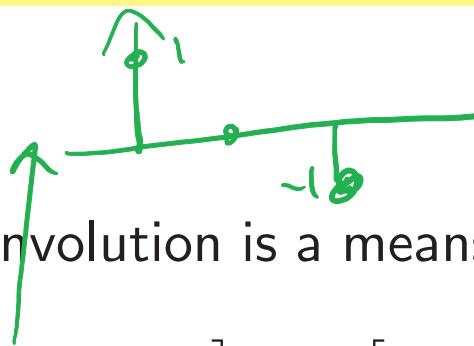
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# Other DT Convolution Methods – Matlab



The calculation of DT convolution is a means to combine two vectors/sequences

$$[1 \ 0 \ -1] \text{ and } [1 \ 2 \ -1 \ -1]$$

to generate a new vector/sequence

$$[1 \ 2 \ -2 \ -3 \ 1 \ 1]$$

and indeed this is what MATLAB command

y = conv( x, h );

does. Where else does this exact type of calculation appear?

# Other DT Convolution Methods – Polynomial Version

Consider the polynomial multiplication:

$$(1x^2 - 1)(x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 1) = x^5 + 2x^4 - 2x^3 - 3x^2 + x + 1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 & -3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $x[n]$  and  $h[n]$  provide the LHS polynomials' coefficients.
- $y[n]$  provides the RHS polynomial's coefficients.
- So DT convolution appears to be related to polynomial multiplication.
- Here the non-causal shift in  $h[n]$  has not been factored in (but can be).
- $x$  is the polynomial indeterminate, it can be thought of as a unit time shift.



# Other DT Convolution Methods – Matrix Version

Matrix version of convolution

$$\begin{matrix} -1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

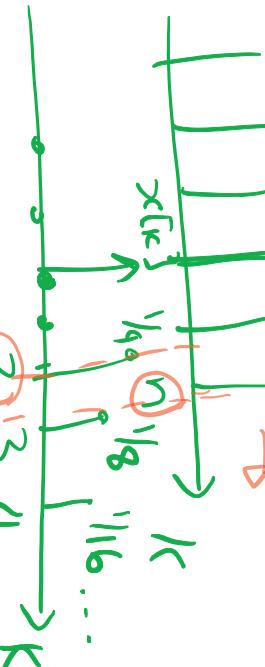
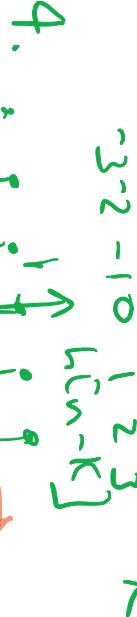
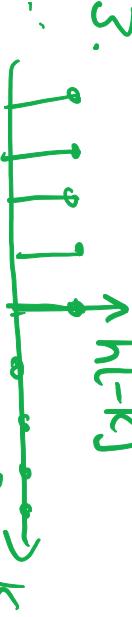
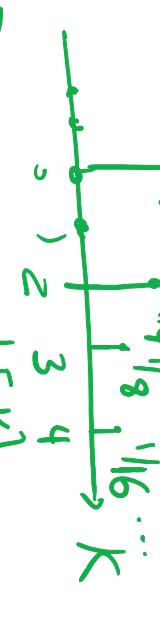
- Here  $h[n]$  is implemented as a  $6 \times 3$  Toeplitz matrix. The rows are formed by reversing  $h[n]$  and shifting.
- The orange portions above are just an aid to understand and not part of the matrix.



$$x[n] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[n-2]$$

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

2.



5. for  $n < 2$  no overlap  
 $\Rightarrow y[n] = 0$  for  $n < 2$

$n \geq 2$  overlap

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

$$= \sum_{k=2}^n \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k \boxed{1}$$

$$\text{informal} \quad K=2, \rho=n, \alpha=\frac{1}{2}$$

$$y[n] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n+1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n+1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$$

Therefore

$$y[n] = \begin{cases} 0, & n < 2 \\ \frac{1}{2} - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n, & n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

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# DT Convolution – Convolution with Impulses

Convolution of a signal with a shifted impulse shifts the signal to the location of the impulse

$$\bullet u[n] * \delta[n - 1] = u[n - 1]$$



— Can use this Property rather than doing an infinite length convolution by hand

$$\bullet \delta[n] * \delta[n - 4] = \delta[n - 4]$$



$$\bullet \delta[n - 1] * \delta[n - 4] = \delta[n - 5]$$

$$\delta[n - 4 - 1] =$$

$$\bullet (\delta[n] + 2\delta[n - 1] - \delta[n - 2]) * 2\delta[n - 4] = 2\delta[n - 4] + 4\delta[n - 5] - 2\delta[n - 6]$$

$$= \delta[n] * 2\delta[n - 4] + 2\delta[n - 1] * 2\delta[n - 4]$$



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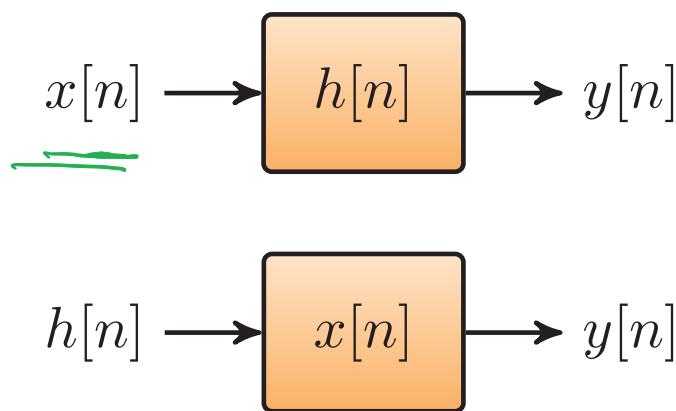
# DT Convolution – Commutative Property



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Previously we noted the **Commutative Property**:

$$y[n] = x[n] \star h[n] = h[n] \star x[n]$$



# DT Convolution – Commutative Property

- This follows from (change variables to  $\ell = n - k$ )

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

Change variables:  $\ell = n - k$

- Alternatively, if we have two polynomials say  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  then  $p(x)q(x) = q(x)p(x)$ . Polynomial multiplication is commutative. Convolution is commutative.

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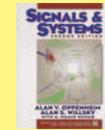
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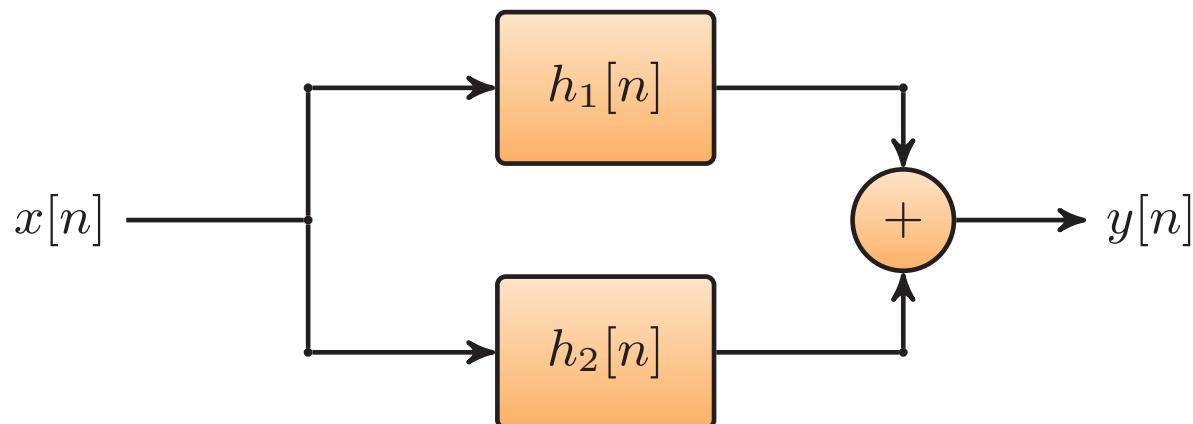
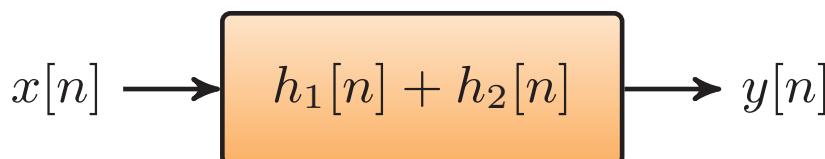
# DT Convolution – Distributive Property



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Consider an input signal  $x[n]$  and two DT LTI Systems  $h_1[n]$  and  $h_2[n]$ , in **parallel**, then we have the **Distributive Property**:

$$x[n] \star (h_1[n] + h_2[n]) = x[n] \star h_1[n] + x[n] \star h_2[n]$$



- This implies that we can combine two DT LTI systems in parallel into a single equivalent DT LTI system (by **adding** the pulse responses).



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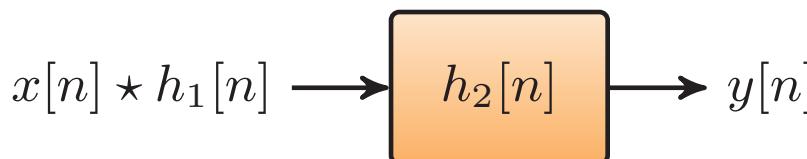
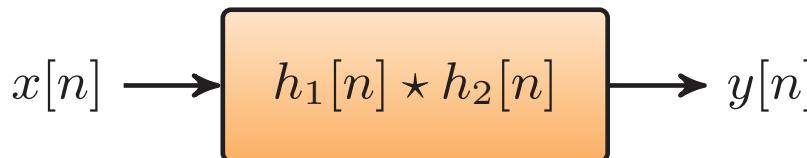
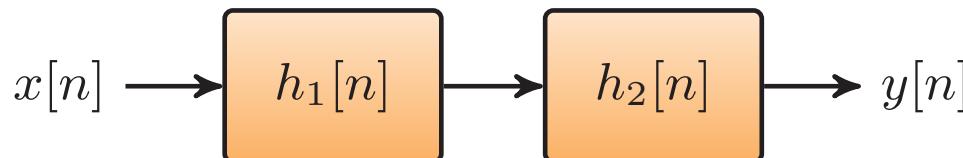
# DT Convolution – Associative Property



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Consider an input signal  $x[n]$  to two DT LTI Systems  $h_1[n]$  and  $h_2[n]$ , in **cascade**, then we have the **Associative Property**:

$$x[n] \star (h_1[n] \star h_2[n]) = (x[n] \star h_1[n]) \star h_2[n]$$



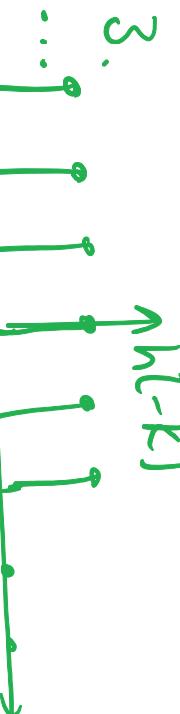
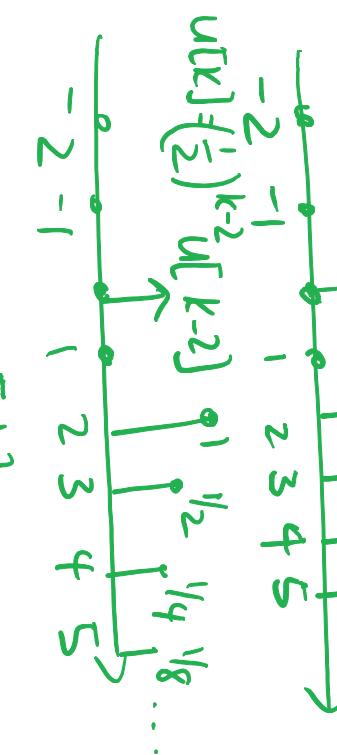
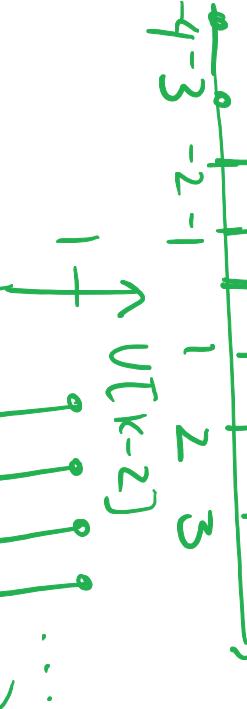
- This implies that we can combine two DT LTI systems in series into a single equivalent DT LTI system (by **convolving** the pulse responses).



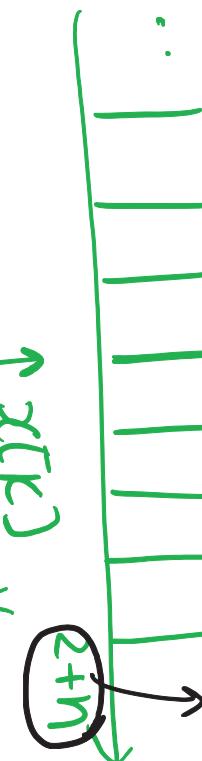
$$x[n] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-2} u[n-2], h[n] = u[n+2]$$

$$2. \quad h[k] = u[k+2]$$

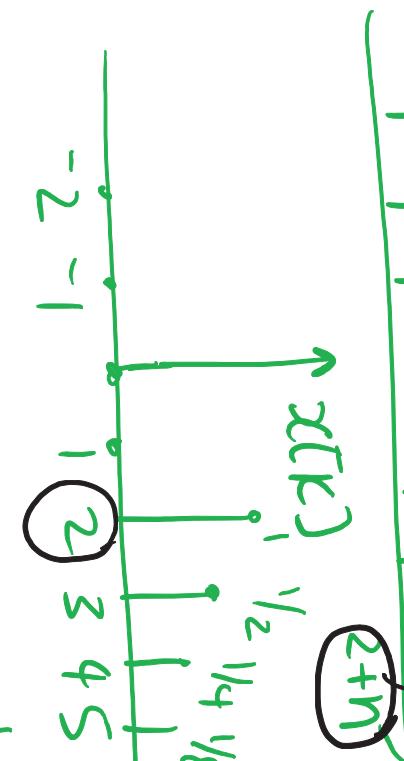
$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]h[n-k]$$



$$3. \quad h[-k]$$



$$4. \quad h[n-k]$$



from formula sheet:  
 $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\ell = 2+n$

$k=2$ . Putting these values into the formula:

$$Y[n] = 4 \left( \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2+n} \right)$$

$$= 2 \left( \frac{1}{4} - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{3+n} \right)$$

$$= 2 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2+n}$$

5.  $2+n < 2$  no overlap

$$\Rightarrow y[n] = 0 \quad \forall n < -4$$

Therefore

$$y[n] = \begin{cases} 0 & n < -4 \\ 2 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n & n \geq -4 \end{cases}$$