

Digital Signal Processing

II. Discrete signals and systems

II.1 Discrete signals

Representation

A discrete signal can be represented:

- ▶ graphically
- ▶ in table form
- ▶ as a vector: $x[n] = [..., 0, 0, 1, 3, 4, 5, 0, ...]$
 - ▶ an **arrow** indicates the origin of time ($n = 0$).
 - ▶ if the arrow is missing, the origin of time is at the first element
 - ▶ the dots ... indicate that the value remains the same from that point onwards

Examples: at blackboard

Notation: $x[4]$ represents the value of the fourth sample in the signal $x[n]$



$$x[n] = \left\{ \dots, x[0], x[1], x[2], x[3], 0, \dots \right\}$$

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 $n=0$

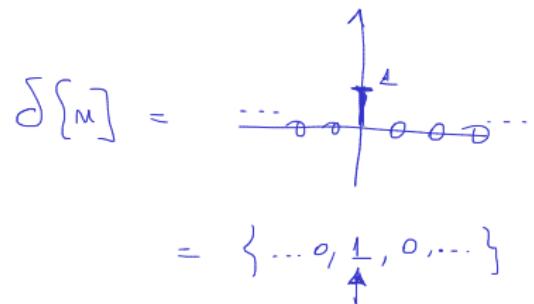
Basic signals

Some elementary signals are presented below.

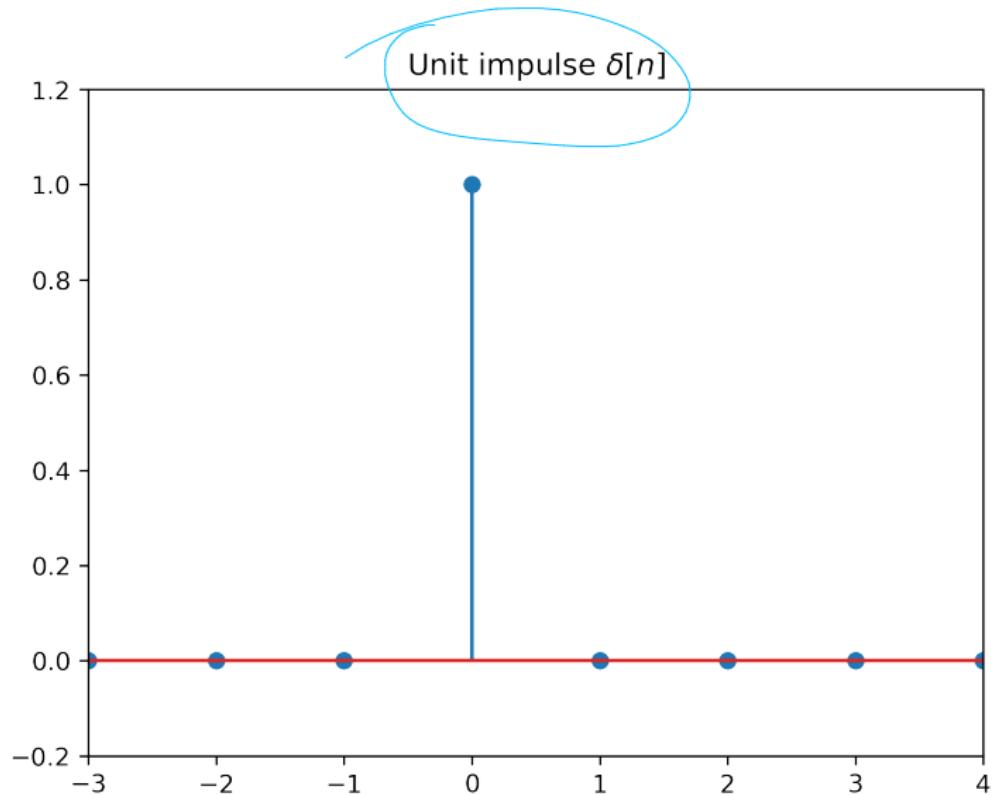
Unit impulse

Contains a single non-zero value of 1 located at time 0. It is denoted with $\delta[n]$.

$$\delta[n] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} .$$



Representation



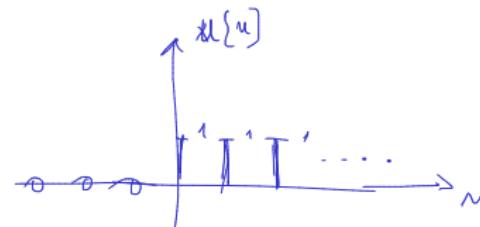
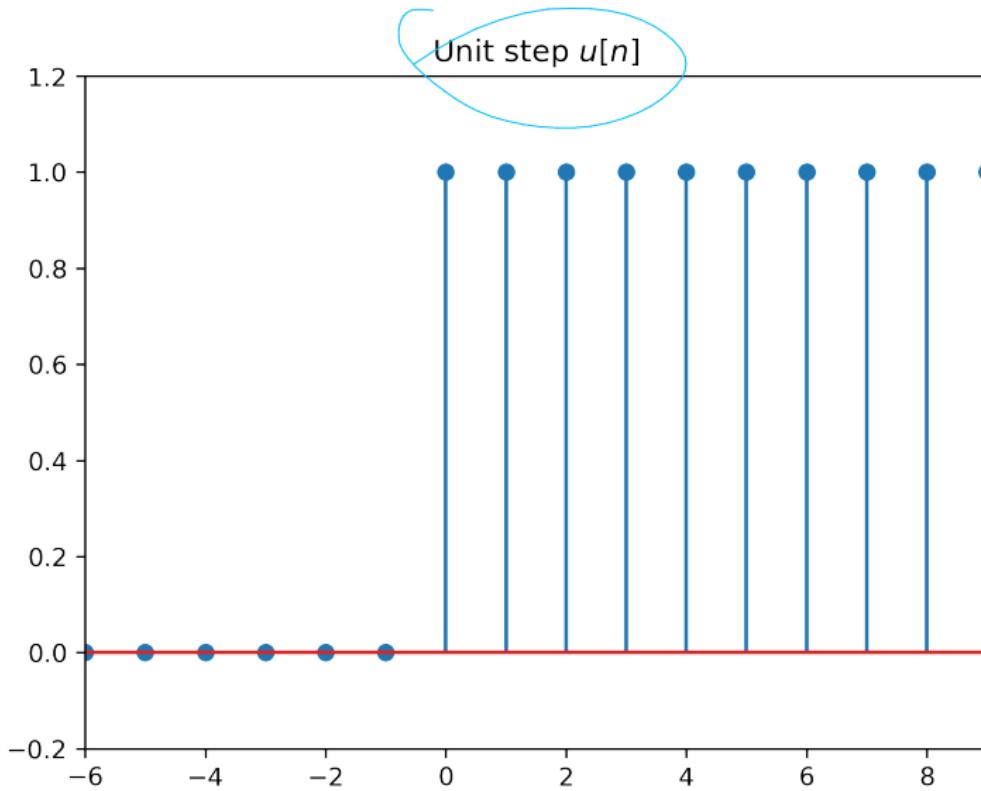
Unit step

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It is denoted with $u[n]$.

$$u[n] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

Representation



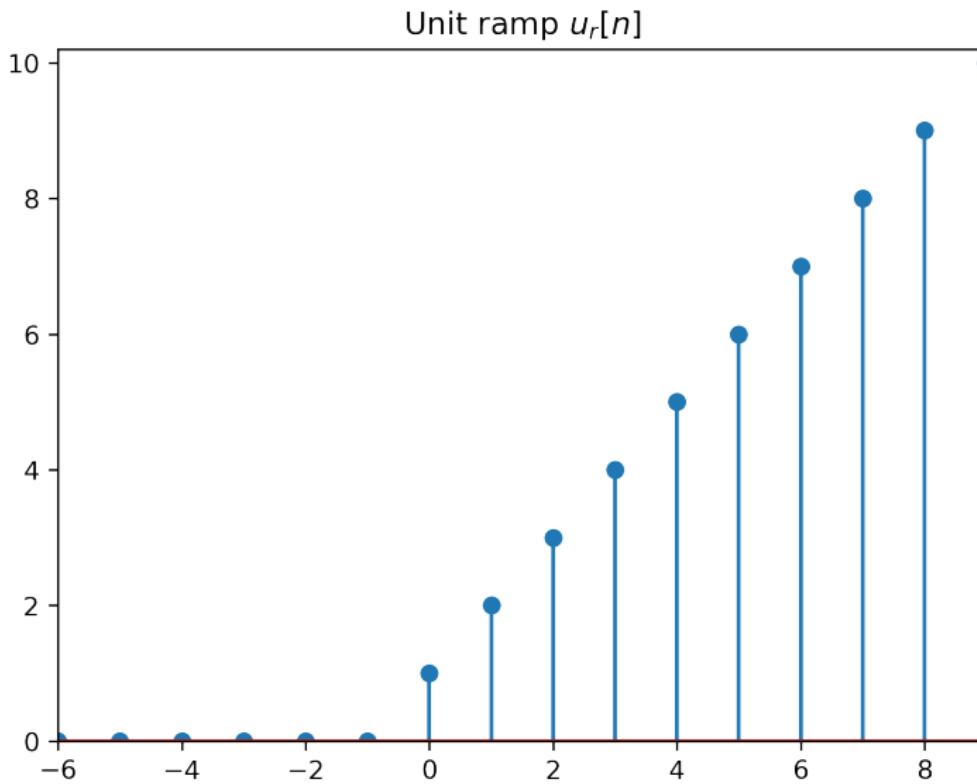
Unit ramp

Unit ramp

It is denoted with $u_r[n]$.

$$u_r[n] = \begin{cases} n & \text{if } n \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

Representation



Exponential signal

Exponential signal

It does not have a special notation. It is defined by:

$$x[n] = a^n$$

a can be a real or a complex number. Here we consider only the case when a is real.

Depending on the value of a , we have four possible cases:

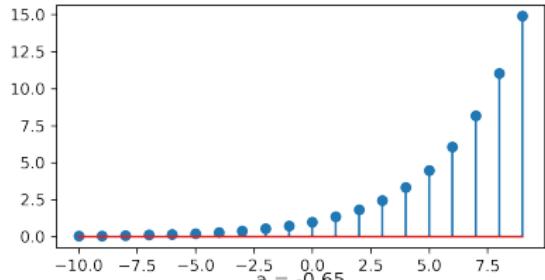
1. $a \geq 1$
2. $0 \leq a < 1$
3. $-1 < a < 0$
4. $a \leq -1$

$$x[n] = a^n$$

Representation

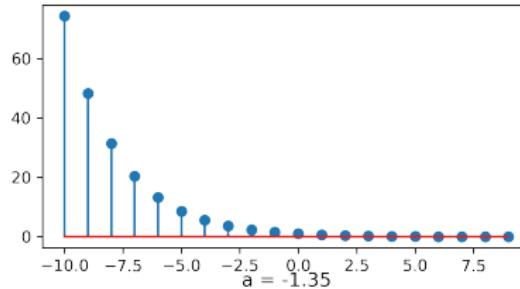
$\alpha > 1$

$a = 1.35$

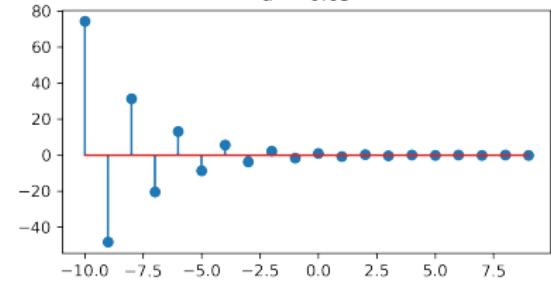


$0 < \alpha < 1$

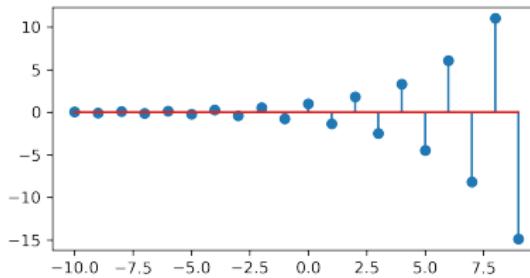
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$-1 < \alpha < 0$



$\alpha < -1$



II.2 Types of discrete signals

Signals with finite energy

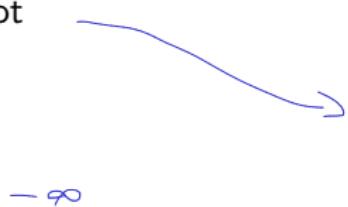
- The energy of a discrete signal is defined as

$$E = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (x[n])^2.$$

- If E is finite, the signal is said to have finite energy.

- Examples:

- unit impulse has finite energy
- unit step does not



$$E = 1$$



$$\underline{E = \infty}$$

$+ \infty$

Connection with DEDP class

$$\|a - b\| = d(a, b)$$

- ▶ Cross-link with DEDP course:

$$E = d(x, \mathbf{0})^2$$

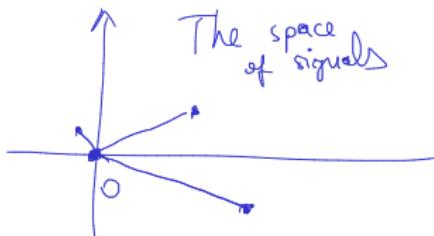
$$E = \|x - \mathbf{0}\|^2 = \|x\|^2$$

$$x = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

- ▶ Energy of a signal = **squared Euclidean distance to 0**

- ▶ geometric interpretation: squared length of the segment from 0 to the point x
- ▶ holds for continuous signals as well:

$$E = \|x\|^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2(t) dt$$



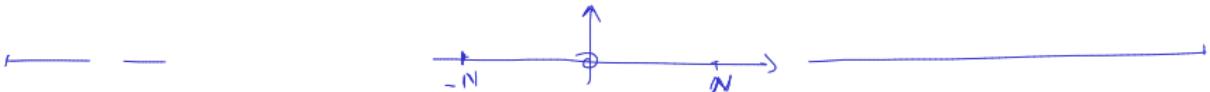
$$\mathbf{0} = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$d(x, \mathbf{0}) = \sqrt{(x_1 - 0)^2 + (x_2 - 0)^2 + (x_3 - 0)^2}$$
$$= \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + \dots}$$

$$d(x, \mathbf{0})^2 = \sum \text{all}(x[n])^2 = E$$

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Signals with finite power



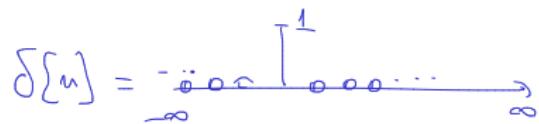
- The average power of a discrete signal is defined as

$$P = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{n=-N}^N (x[n])^2}{2N+1}.$$

Average value of $(x[n])^2$ = $\frac{\sum_{\text{all}} (x[n])^2}{\text{How many}} = \frac{E}{\text{How many}}$
= the average $(x[n])^2$

- In other words, the average power is the average energy per sample.
- If P is finite, the signal is said to have finite power.
- A signal with finite energy has finite power ($P = 0$ if the signal has infinite length). A signal with infinite energy can have finite or infinite power.
- Example: unit step has finite power $P = \frac{1}{2}$ (proof at blackboard).

$$\rightarrow P = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N+1}{2N+1} = \frac{1}{2}$$



$$P = \frac{1}{\infty} = 0$$



$$P = \text{?} = \infty$$

Connection with DEDP class

- ▶ Average power = temporal average squared value $\overline{X^2}$ = the average of the X^2
 - ▶ i.e. average value of the square of samples

$$x[n] =$$

Periodic and non-periodic signals

- ▶ A signal is called **periodic** if its values repeat themselves after a certain time (known as **period**).

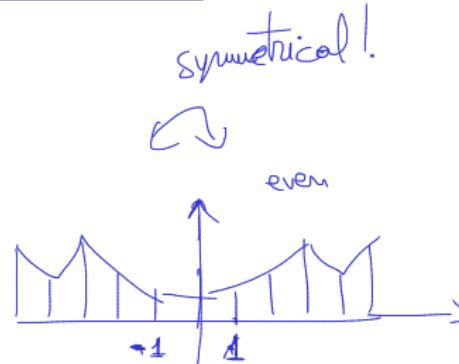
$$x[n] = x[n + N], \forall t$$

- ▶ The **fundamental period** of a signal is the minimum value of N .
- ▶ Periodic signals have infinite energy, and finite power equal to the power of a single period.

Even and odd signals

- A real signal is even if it satisfies the following symmetry:

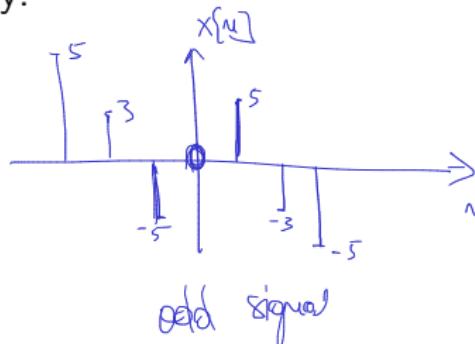
$$x[n] = x[-n], \forall n.$$



- A real signal is odd if it satisfies the following anti-symmetry:

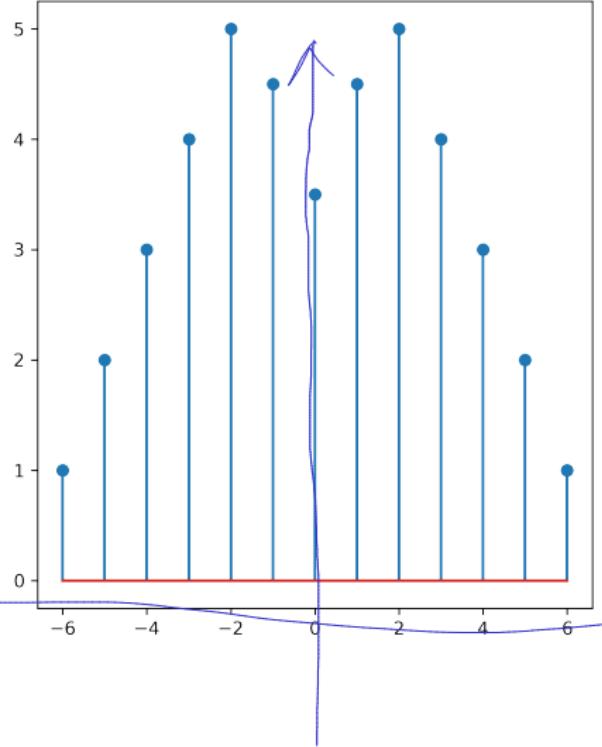
$$-\underbrace{x[n]}_{\text{right}} = \underbrace{x[-n]}_{\text{left}}, \forall n.$$

- There exist signals which are neither even nor odd.

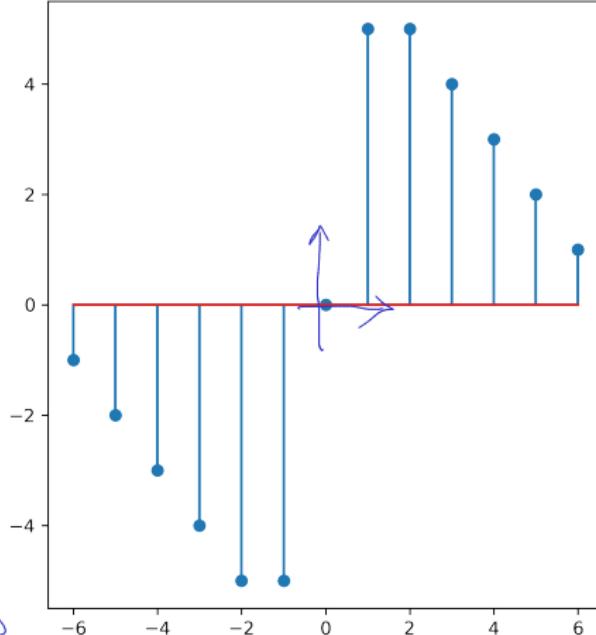


Even and odd signals: example

Even signal



Odd signal



Even and odd parts of a signal

- ▶ Every signal can be written as the sum of an even signal and an odd signal:

$$x[n] = \underbrace{x_e[n]}_{\text{even}} + \underbrace{x_o[n]}_{\text{odd}}$$

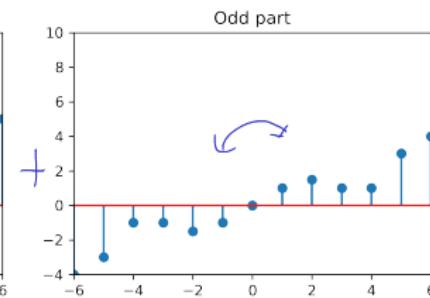
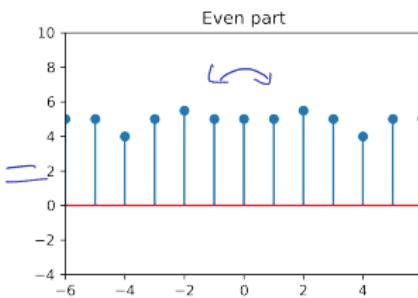
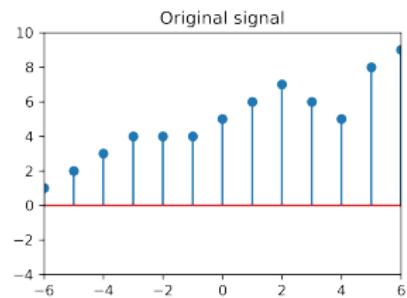
- ▶ The even and the odd parts of the signal can be found as follows:

$$x_e[n] = \frac{x[n] + x[-n]}{2}. \quad \text{even} : \quad x_e[-n] = x_e[n]$$

$$x_o[n] = \frac{x[n] - x[-n]}{2}. \quad \text{odd} : \quad x_o[-n] = -x_o[n]$$

- ▶ Proof: check that $x_e[n]$ is even, $x_o[n]$ is odd, and their sum is $x[n]$

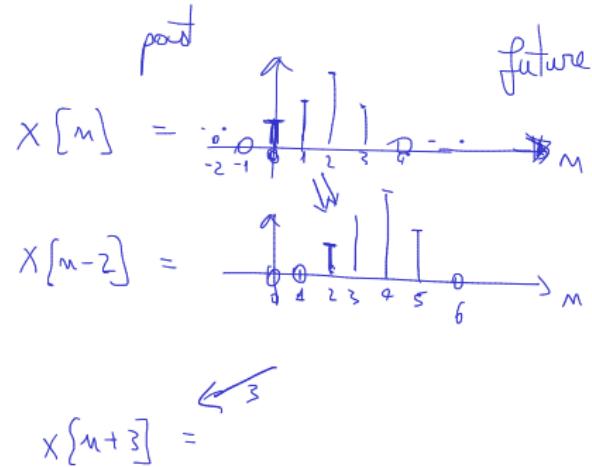
Even and odd parts: example



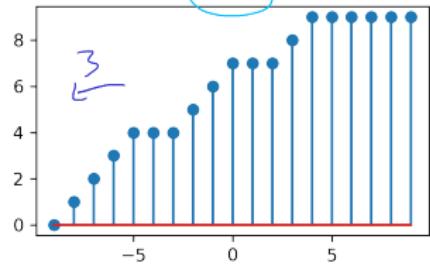
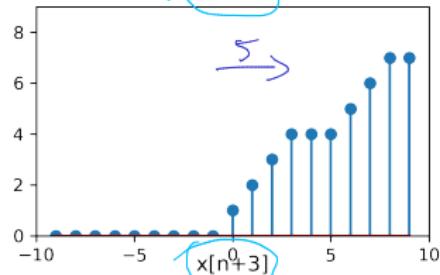
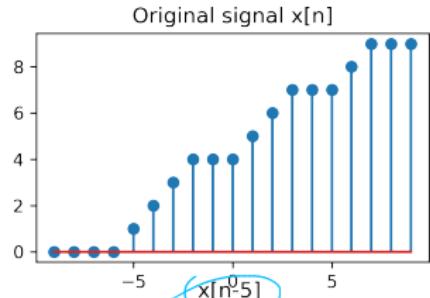
II.3 Basic operations with discrete signals

Time shifting

- ▶ The signal $x[n - k]$ is $x[n]$ delayed with k time units
 - ▶ Graphically, $x[n - k]$ is shifted k units to the **right** compared to the original
- ▶ The signal $x[n + k]$ is $x[n]$ anticipated with k time units
 - ▶ Graphically, $x[n + k]$ is shifted k units to the **left** compared to the original signal.

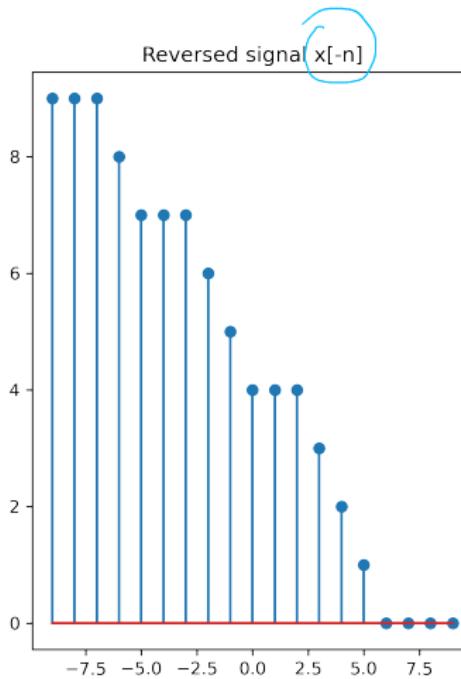
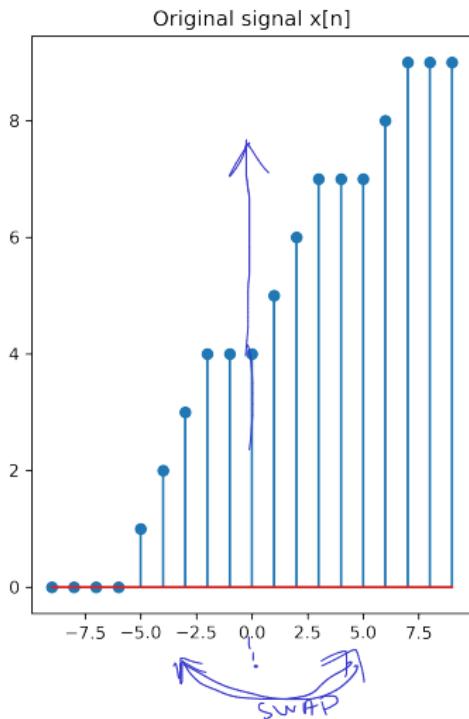


Time shifting: representation



Time reversal

- ▶ Changing the variable n to $-n$ produces a signal $x[-n]$ which mirrors $x[n]$.



Subsampling

Subsampling

- ▶ Subsampling by a factor of M = keep only 1 sample from every M of the original signal

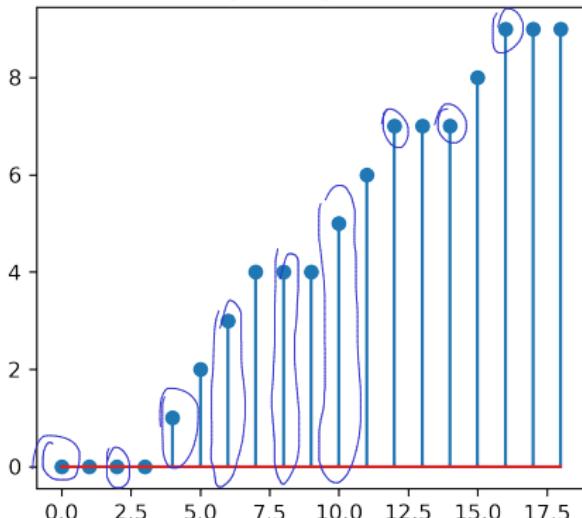
- ▶ Total number of samples is reduced M times

$$x_{2\downarrow} = x[2^{-n}]$$

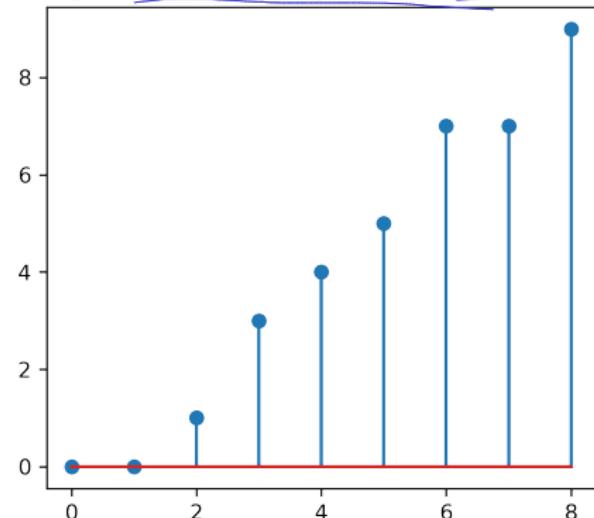
$$\begin{aligned} x &= [-3 \ 0 \ -1 \ 2 \ -1 \ 4 \ 5] \\ &\quad \downarrow \\ x_{2\downarrow} &= [-6 \ 0 \ 2 \ -2 \ 5] \end{aligned}$$

Diagram illustrating subsampling by a factor of 2. The original signal x is $\{-3, 0, -1, 2, -1, 4, 5\}$. The subsampled signal $x_{2\downarrow}$ is $\{-6, 0, 2, -2, 5\}$. The indices of the original signal are circled in blue, and the corresponding indices in the subsampled signal are circled in blue.

Original signal $x[n]$



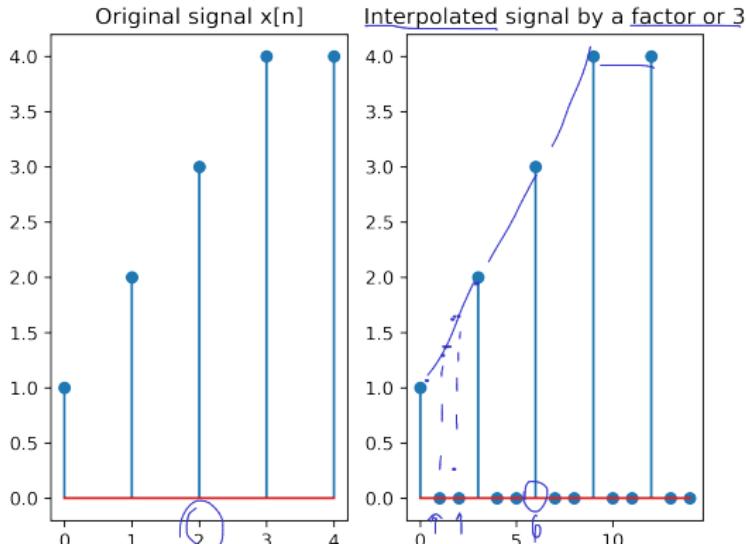
Signal subsampled by a factor of 2, $x_{2\downarrow}[n]$



Interpolation

- ▶ Interpolation by a factor of L adds $(L - 1)$ zeros between two samples in the original signal
 - ▶ Total number of samples increases L times

$$x_{L\uparrow} = \begin{cases} x\left[\frac{n}{L}\right] & \text{if } \frac{n}{L} \in \mathbb{N} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$



$$x_{L\uparrow} = \begin{cases} x\left[\frac{m}{L}\right] & \text{if } \frac{m}{L} \in \mathbb{N} \\ 0, \text{ rest} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

new signal

Mathematical operations

- ▶ A signal $x[n]$ can be scaled by a constant A , i.e. each sample is multiplied by A :

$$y[n] = Ax[n].$$

- ▶ Two signals $x_1[n]$ and $x_2[n]$ can be summed by summing the individual samples:

$$y[n] = x_1[n] + x_2[n]$$

- ▶ Two signals $x_1[n]$ and $x_2[n]$ can be multiplied by multipling the individual samples:

$$y[n] = x_1[n] \cdot x_2[n]$$

II.4 Discrete systems

Definition

- ▶ **System** = a device or algorithm which produces an output signal based on an input signal
 $x[n]$
- ▶ We will only consider systems with a single input and a single output
- ▶ Figure here: blackboard.
- ▶ Common notation:
 - ▶ $x[n]$ is the input
 - ▶ $y[n]$ is the output
 - ▶ H is the system.



Notations

$$y[n] = H\{x[n]\}$$

- ▶ Notations:

$$y[n] = H[x[n]]$$

("the system H applied to the input $x[n]$ produces the output $y[n]$ ")

$$x[n] \xrightarrow{H} y[n]$$

("the input $x[n]$ is transformed by the system H into $y[n]$ ")

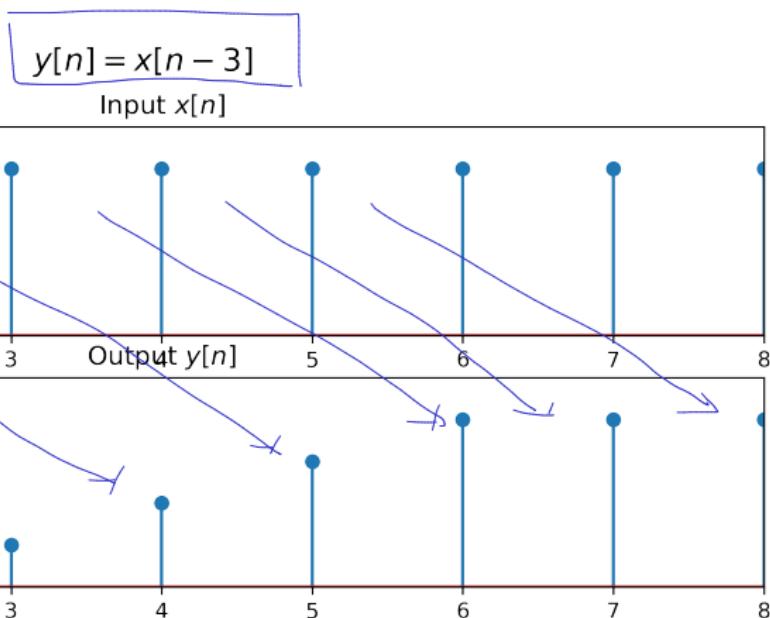
Equations

- ▶ Usually, a system is described by the **input-output equation** (or **difference equation**) which explains how $y[n]$ is defined in terms of $x[n]$.

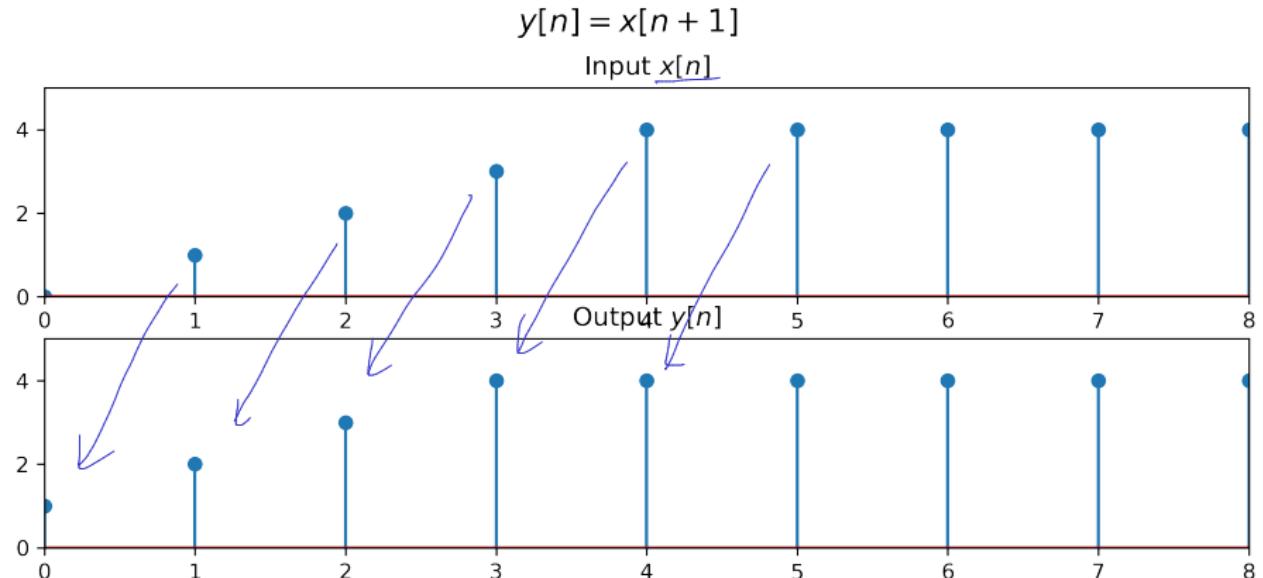
Examples:

1. $y[n] = x[n]$ (the identity system)
2. $y[n] = x[n - 3]$
3. $y[n] = x[n + 1]$
4. $y[n] = \frac{1}{3}(x[n + 1] + x[n] + x[n - 1])$
5. $y[n] = \max(x[n + 1], x[n], x[n - 1])$
6. $y[n] = (x[n])^2 + \log_{10} x[n - 1]$
7. $y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^n x[k] = x[n] + x[n - 1] + x[n - 2] + \dots$

Example



Example



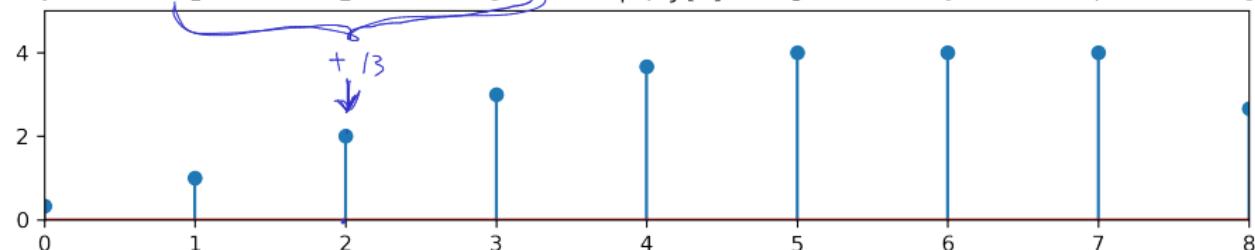
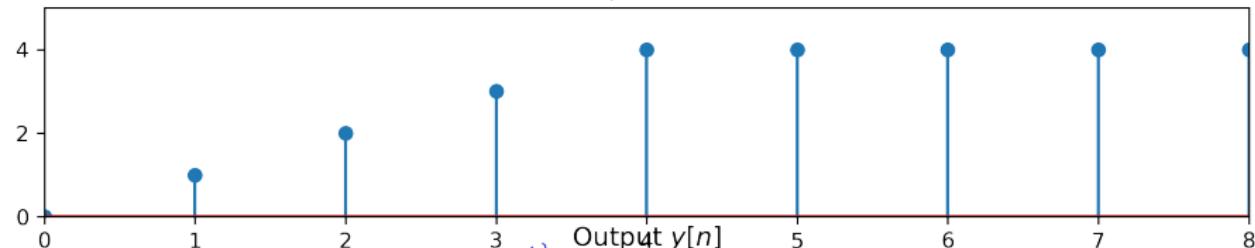
Example

$$y[2] = (x[3] + x[2] + x[1])/3$$

$$y[3] = (x[4] + x[3] + x[2])/3$$

$$\underline{y[n]} = (x[n+1] + x[n] + x[n-1])/3$$

Input $x[n]$



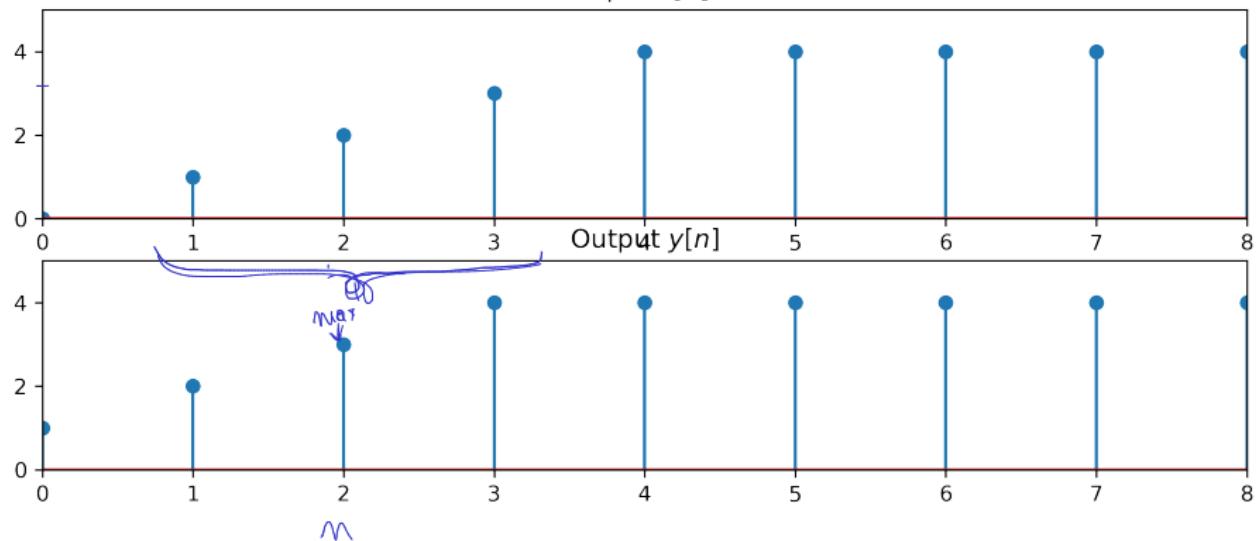
$M=2$

$\Rightarrow m$

Example

$$y[n] = \max(x[n+1], x[n], x[n-1])$$

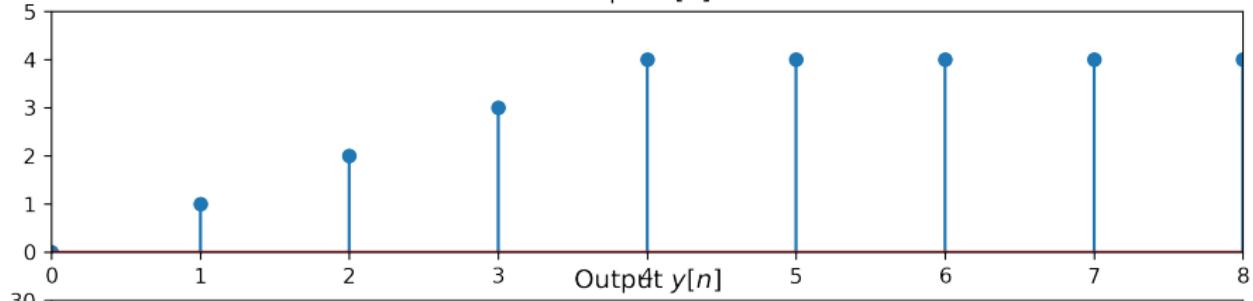
Input $x[n]$



Example

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^n x[k] = x[n] + x[n-1] + x[n-2] + \dots$$

Input $x[n]$



Output $y[n]$

Recursive systems

- ▶ Some systems can/must be written in recursive form

$$y[n] = y[n-1] + x[n],$$

y[n] y[n-1]

- ▶ Must always specify initial conditions

- ▶ i.e. initial value (e.g. $y[-1] = 2.5$)
- ▶ if not mentioned, assume they are 0 ("relaxed system")
- ▶ they represent the internal state of the system at the starting moment

- ▶ For recursive systems, the output signal depends on both the input signal **and** on the initial conditions

- ▶ different initial conditions lead to different outputs, even if input signal is the same
- ▶ a recursive system with non-zero initial conditions can produce an output signal even in the absence of an input ($x[n] = 0$)

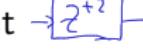
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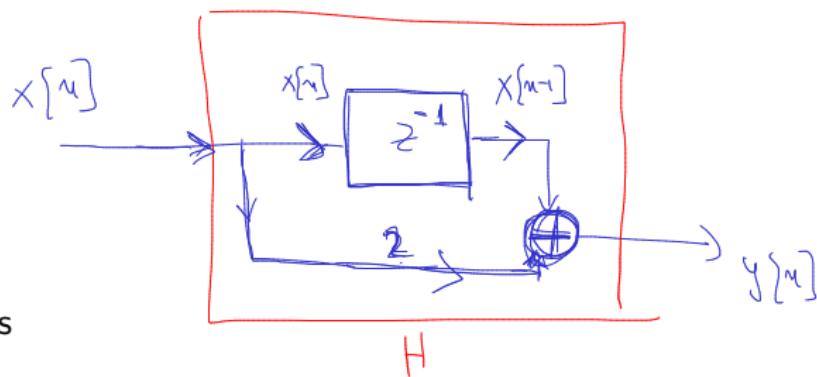
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$$\boxed{y[-1] = \cancel{2.5} \quad \cancel{-3.3}}$$
$$y[0] = y[1] + x[0]$$
$$y[1] = \dots$$
$$y[2] = \dots$$
$$y[3] = \dots$$
$$y[4] = \dots$$
$$y[5] = \dots$$

Representation of systems

- ▶ The operation of a system can be described graphically (see examples on blackboard):

- ▶ summation of two signals 
- ▶ scaling of a signal with a constant
- ▶ multiplication of two signals
- ▶ delay element 
- ▶ anticipation element 
- ▶ other blocks for more complicated math operations



$$y[n] = 2 \cdot x[n] + x[n-1]$$

II.4 Classification of discrete systems

Memoryless / systems with memory

fürdő memoriát

- ▶ **Memoryless (or static)**: output at time n depends only on the input from the same moment n

- ▶ Otherwise, the system **has memory (dynamic)**
- ▶ Examples:

- ▶ memoryless: $y[n] = (x[n])^3 + 5$
- ▶ with memory: $y[n] = \underbrace{(x[n])^3}_{\text{with memory}} + \underbrace{x[n - 1]}_{\text{from previous time}}$

Memoryless / systems with memory

► Memory of size N :

- ▶ output at time n $y[n]$ depends only up to the last N inputs,
 $x[n-N], x[n-(N-1)], \dots, x[n]$,
- ▶ if N is finite: the system has **finite memory**
- ▶ if $N = \infty$, the system has **infinite memory**

► Examples:

- ▶ finite memory of order 4: $y[n] = x[n] + x[n-2] + x[n-4]$ $\leftarrow N=4$

- ▶ infinite memory: $y[n] = 0.5y[n-1] + 0.8x[n]$

- ▶ recursive systems usually have infinite memory

$y[n]$

$x[0]$

$y[1000000]$

Memoryless / systems with memory

- ▶ An input sample has an effect on the output only for the next N time moments
- ▶ For systems infinite memory, any sample influences all the following samples, forever
 - ▶ but, if system is stable, the influence gets smaller and smaller

Time-Invariant and Time-Variant systems

- A relaxed system H is time-invariant if and only if:

$$x[n] \xrightarrow{H} y[n]$$

implies, $\forall x[n], \forall k$, that

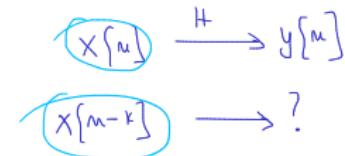
$$\underline{x[n-k]} \xrightarrow{H} \underline{y[n-k]}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} x[n] & \xrightarrow{H} & y[n] \\ x[n-k] & \xrightarrow{H} & y[n-k] \end{array}$$

- Delaying the input signal with k will only delay the output with the same amount, otherwise the output is not affected
 - Must be true for all input signals, for all possible delays (positive or negative)
- Otherwise, the system is said to be time-variant

Time-Invariant and Time-Variant systems

$$y[n] = x[n] - x[n-1]$$



$$? \quad y[n-k] = x[n-k] - x[n-k-1]$$

► Examples:

- $y[n] = x[n] - x[n-1]$ is time-invariant ✓
- $y[n] = n \cdot x[n]$ is not time-invariant

→ A system is time-invariant if it depends on n only through the input signal $x[n]$

$$y[n] = m \cdot x[n] \rightarrow y[n-k] = m \cdot x[n-k]$$

When input is $x[n]$, output is

$$y[n] = m \cdot x[n]$$

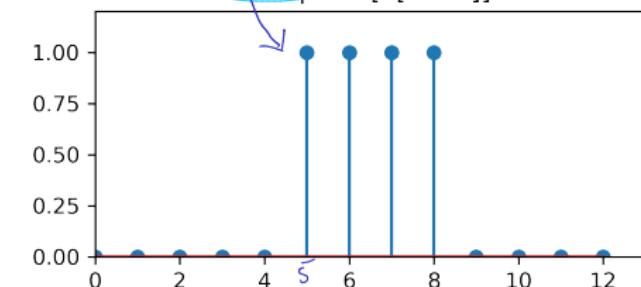
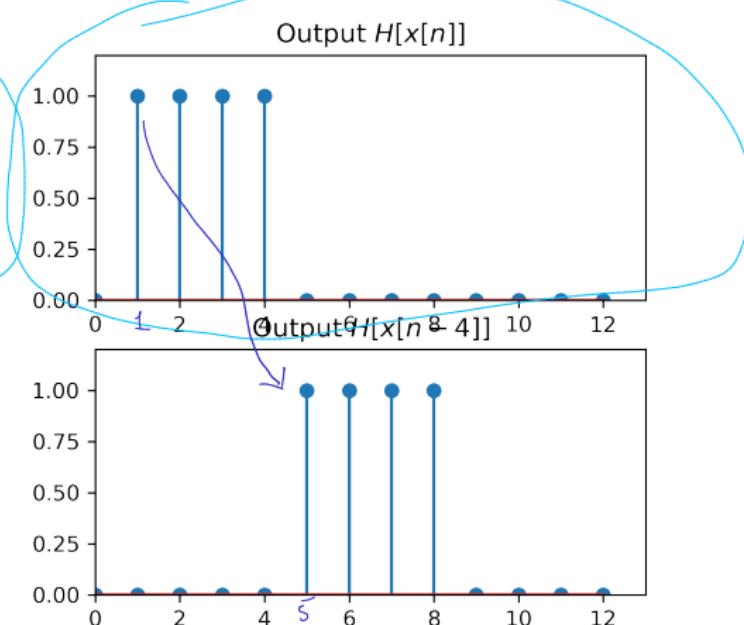
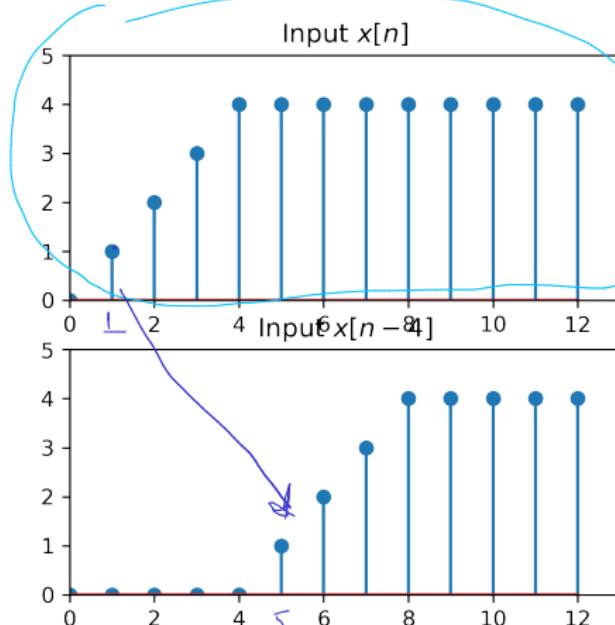
When input is $x[n-k]$, output is

$$m \cdot x[n-k]$$

$\neq \Rightarrow \text{Not Time Invar.}$

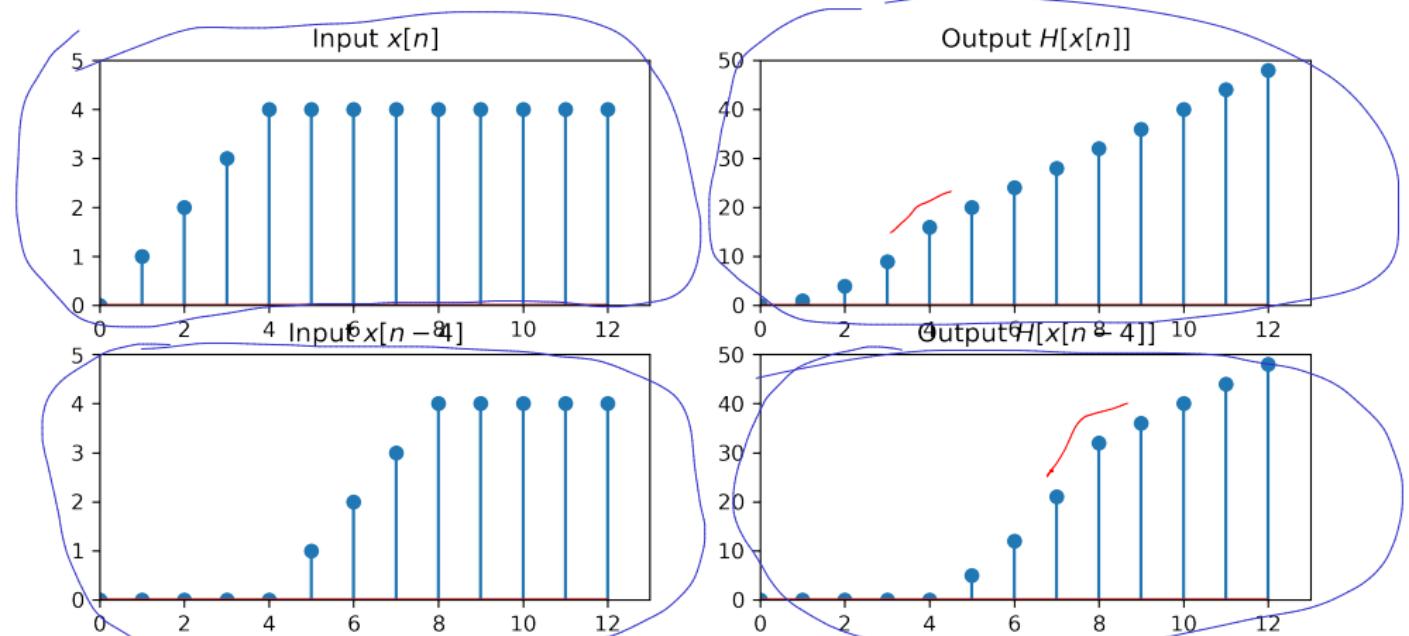
Example

Time-invariant system $y[n] = x[n] - x[n - 4]$



Another example

Time-variant system $y[n] = n \cdot x[n]$

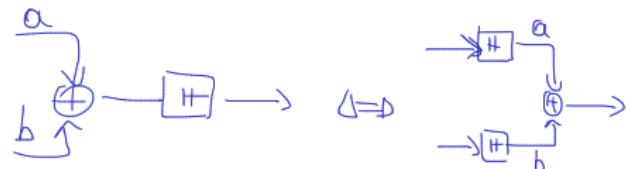


Linear and nonlinear systems

$$H\left\{ a \cdot x_1[n] + b \cdot x_2[n] \right\} = a \cdot H\left\{ x_1[n] \right\} + b \cdot H\left\{ x_2[n] \right\}$$

- A system H is linear if:

$$H[ax_1[n] + bx_2[n]] = aH[x_1[n]] + bH[x_2[n]].$$



- Composed of two parts:
 - Applying the system to a sum of two signals = applying the system to each signal, and adding the results
 - Scaling the input signal with a constant a is the same as scaling the output signal with a
- The same relation will be true for a sum of many signals, not just two

Linear and nonlinear systems

► Advantage of linear systems

- ▶ Complicated input signals can be decomposed into a sum of smaller parts
- ▶ The system can be applied to each part independently
- ▶ Then the results are added back

► Examples:

- ▶ linear system: $y[n] = 3x[n] + 5x[n - 2]$
- ▶ nonlinear system: $y[n] = 3(x[n])^2 + 5x[n - 2]$

$$\underbrace{\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{LINEAR} \\ \text{NON-LINEAR} \end{array} \right)}_{\begin{array}{l} \text{e}^x \\ \text{cos } (\cdot) \\ \text{sin } (\cdot) \end{array}} + 5$$

Linear and nonlinear systems

- For a system to be linear, the input samples $x[n]$ must not undergo non-linear transformations.
- **The only transformations** of the input $x[n]$ allowed to take place in a linear system are:
 - scaling (multiplication) with a constant
 - delaying
 - summing different delayed versions of the signal (not summing with a constant)

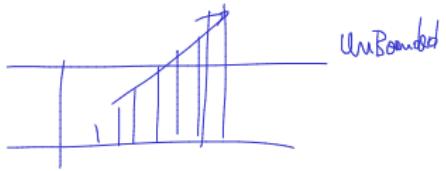
Causal and non-causal systems

- ▶ **Causal:** the output $y[n]$ depends only on the current input $x[n]$ and the past values $x[n-1], x[n-2] \dots$, but not on the future samples $x[n+1], x[n+2] \dots$
- ▶ Otherwise the system is **non-causal**.
- ▶ A causal system can operate in real-time
 - ▶ we need only the input samples from the past
 - ▶ non-causal systems need samples from the future
- ▶ Examples:
 - ▶ $y[n] = x[n] - x[n-1]$ is causal
 - ▶ $y[n] = x[n+1] - x[n-1]$ is non-causal
 - ▶ $y[n] = x[-n]$ is non-causal

$$y[5] = x[-5]$$

$y[-3] = x[3]$ NOT-causal

Stable and unstable systems

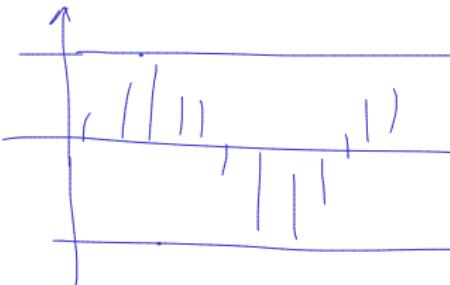


Magnitude

- ▶ **Bounded** signal: if there exists a value M such that all the samples of the signal or smaller than M , in absolute values

$$x[n] \in [-M, M]$$

$$|x[n]| \leq M$$



Bounded

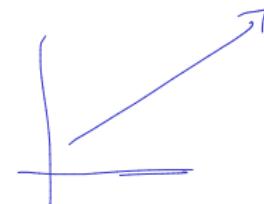
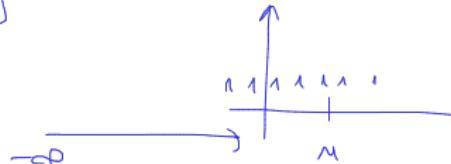
- ▶ **Stable system**: if for any bounded input signal it produces a bounded output signal
 - ▶ not necessarily with the same M
 - ▶ known as BIBO (Bounded Input --> Bounded Output)
- ▶ In other words: when the input signal has bounded values, the output signal does not go towards ∞ or $-\infty$.

Stable and unstable systems

► Examples:

- $y[n] = (x[n])^3 - x[n+4]$ is stable
- $y[n] = \frac{1}{x[n]-x[n-1]}$ is unstable
- $y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^n x[k] = \underbrace{x[n]}_{\text{initial value}} + \underbrace{x[n-1]}_{\text{error}} + \underbrace{x[n-2]}_{\text{error}} + \dots$ is unstable

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



Impulse response of Linear Time-Invariant (LTI) systems

Linear Time-Invariant (LTI) systems

- ▶ Notation: An LTI system (Linear Time-Invariant) is a system which is simultaneously linear and time-invariant.
AND
- ▶ LTI systems have an equation like this:

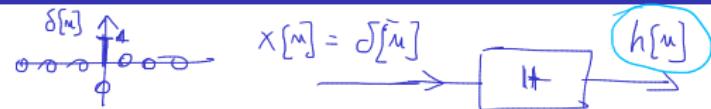
$$y[n] = x[n] + x[n-1]$$

General template

$$\begin{aligned} y[n] &= -a_1y[n-1] - a_2y[n-2] - \dots - a_Ny[n-N] + \\ &\quad + b_0x[n] + b_1x[n-1] + \dots + b_Mx[n-M] \\ &= -\sum_{k=1}^N a_k y[n-k] + \sum_{k=1}^M b_k x[n-k] \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ the above is for causal systems; non-causal can also have [n+k]

The impulse response

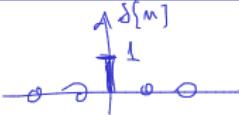


- ▶ **Impulse response** of a system = output (response) of when the input signal is the impulse $\delta[n]$:

$$\underline{h[n]} = H(\underline{\delta[n]})$$

- ▶ The impulse response of a LTI system **fully characterizes the system**:
 - ▶ based on $h[n]$ we can compute the response of the system to **any** input signal
 - ▶ all the properties of LTI systems can be described via characteristics of the impulse response

Signals are a sum of impulses



- ▶ Any signal $x[n]$ can be composed as a sum of scaled and delayed impulses $\delta[n]$.

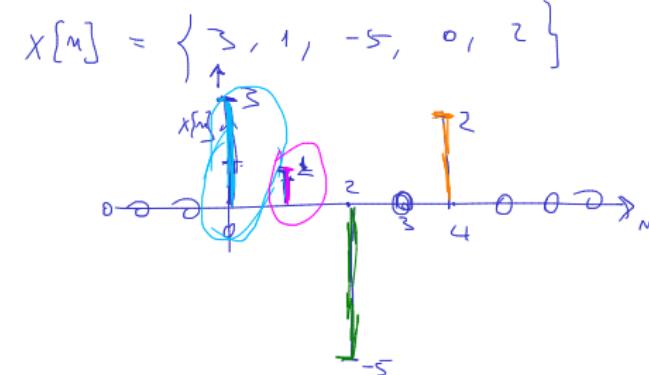
- ▶ Example:

$$x[n] = \{3, 1, -5, 0, 2\} = 3\delta[n] + \delta[n-1] - 5\delta[n-2] + 2\delta[n-3]$$

- ▶ In general

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

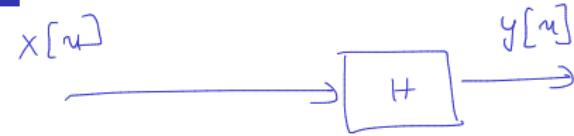
with n delay



i.e. a sum of impulses $\delta[n]$, each one delayed with k and scaled with the corresponding value $x[k]$

Convolution

- The response of a LTI system to a sum of impulses, delayed with k and scaled with $x[k]$, is a sum of impulse responses, delayed with k and scaled with $x[k]$.



T.i:

$$\delta[n] \rightarrow h[n]$$

$$\delta[m-k] \rightarrow h[m-k]$$

$$y[n] = H(x[n])$$

$$= H\left(\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]\delta[n-k]\right)$$

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

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

$$y[n] = H(x[n])$$

$$= H\left(\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]\delta[n-k]\right)$$

$$= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} H(x[k]\cdot \delta[n-k])$$

$$= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] \cdot H(\delta[n-k])$$

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

Convolution

- ▶ Convolution in short:
 - ▶ The input signal is composed of separate impulses
 - ▶ Each impulse will generate its own response (LTI)
 - ▶ Output signal is the sum of impulse responses, delayed and scaled
- ▶ Convolution only applies for LTI systems

Convolution

- ▶ This operation = the **convolution** of two signals $x[n]$ and $h[n]$

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

- ▶ The response of a LTI system to an input signal $x[n]$ is **the convolution of $x[n]$ with the system's impulse response $h[n]$**

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

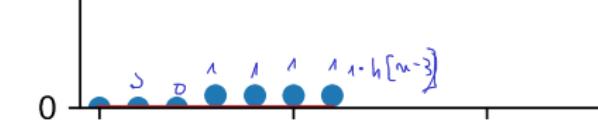
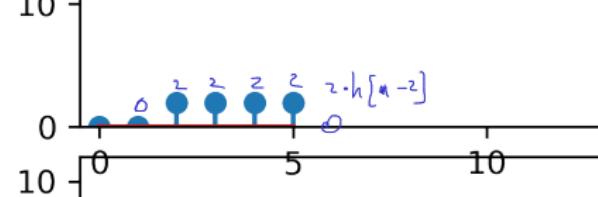
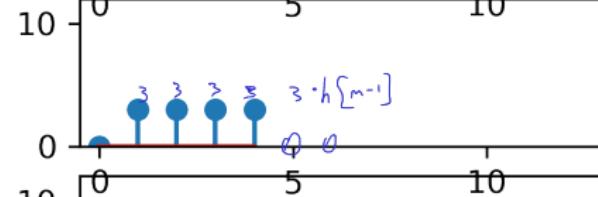
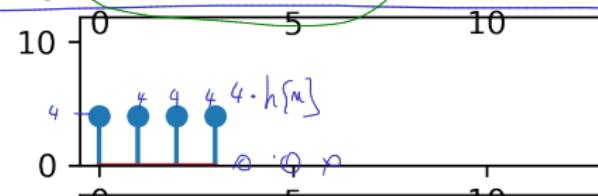
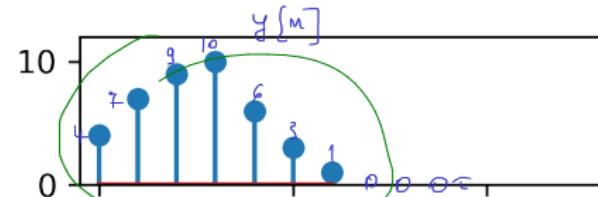
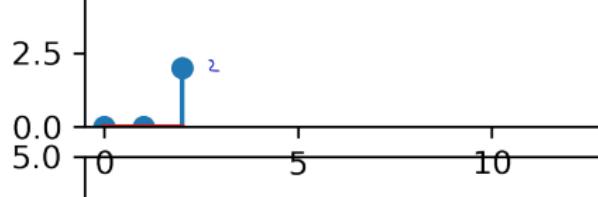
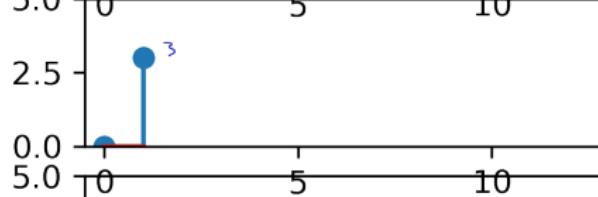
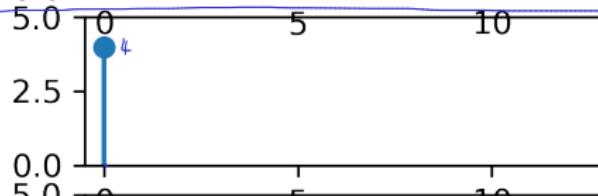
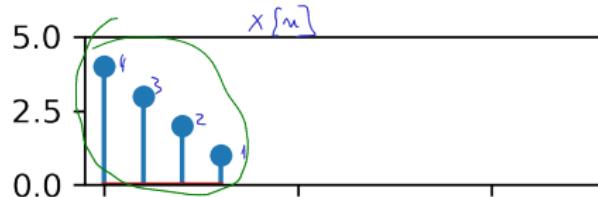
Convolution

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

- ▶ Convolution is commutative: $x[n] * h[n] = h[n] * x[n]$
 - ▶ in equation it doesn't matter which signal has $[k]$ and which with $[n - k]$

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

Example



Interpretation of the convolution equation

The convolution equation can be interpreted in two ways:

1. The output signal $y[n] =$ a sum of a lot of impulse responses $h[n]$, each one delayed by k (hence $[n - k]$) and scaled by $x[k]$

- ▶ one for each sample in the input signal
- ▶ explain at blackboard

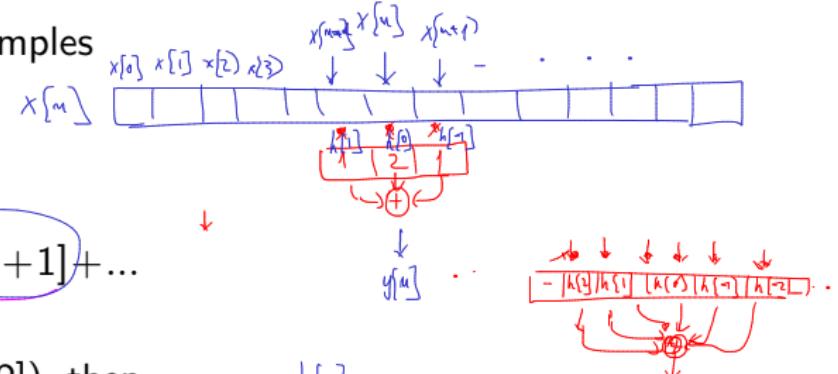
$$y[n] = x[n] * h[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] h[n - k]$$

coef. — delay

$$y[n] = \dots + x_0 \cdot \underbrace{h[n]}_{k=0} + \underbrace{x_1 h[n-1]}_{k=1} + \underbrace{x_2 h[n-2]}_{k=2} + \dots$$

Interpretation of the convolution equation

2. Each output sample $y[n]$ = a **weighted sum** of the input samples around it



$$y[n] = \dots + h[2] \cdot x[n-2] + h[1] \cdot x[n-1] + h[0] \cdot x[n] + h[-1] \cdot x[n+1] + \dots$$

$k = -2$ $k = -1$ $k = 0$

- If $h[n]$ has finite length (e.g. non-zero only between $h[-2] \dots h[2]$), then there are only a few terms in the sum

- Example at blackboard

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

Diagram illustrating the convolution process with a finite-length kernel $h[n]$.

$h[n] = \begin{cases} 1 & n = -2 \\ 2 & n = -1 \\ 1 & n = 0 \\ 1 & n = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$h[k] = \begin{cases} h[-1] & k = -1 \\ h[0] & k = 0 \\ h[1] & k = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$y[n] = 1 \cdot x[n-2] + 2 \cdot x[n-1] + 1 \cdot x[n] + 1 \cdot x[n+1]$

$y[5] = 1 \cdot x[4] + 2 \cdot x[5] + 1 \cdot x[6]$

$y[6] = 1 \cdot x[5] + 2 \cdot x[6] + 1 \cdot x[7]$

Interpretation of the convolution equation

$$f = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad g = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad c = f * g$$

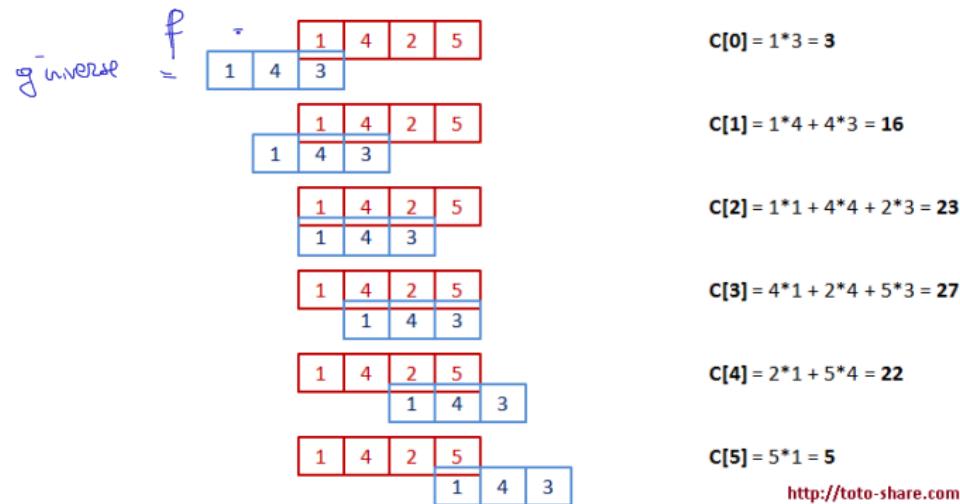


Figure 1: Convolution as weighted sum

- ▶ image from <http://www.stokastik.in>

Interpretation of the convolution equation

- ▶ Watch the following:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uIKbLD6BRJA>

Example

$$h[n] = \{h[-1], h[0], h[1]\}$$
$$y[n] = 1 \cdot x[n-1] + 2 \cdot x[n] + (-1) \cdot x[n+1]$$

The impulse response can be read directly from the system equation (for non-recursive systems):

- ▶ Suppose we have the system:

$$y[n] = 3x[n+1] + 5x[n] - 2x[n-1] + 4x[n-2]$$

$\underbrace{h[-1]}_{\text{h}[-1]}$ $\underbrace{h[0]}_{\text{h}[0]}$ $\underbrace{h[1]}_{\text{h}[1]}$ $\underbrace{h[2]}_{\text{h}[2]}$

- ▶ What is the impulse response of the system?
- ▶ Answer: $h[n] = \{\dots, 0, 3, 5, -2, 4, 0, \dots\}$

Convolution as matrix multiplication

- ▶ Convolution can we written as multiplication with a circulant (or "Toeplitz") matrix

- ▶ in this example, assuming $h[n]$ is non-zero only from $h[-1]$ to $h[3]$

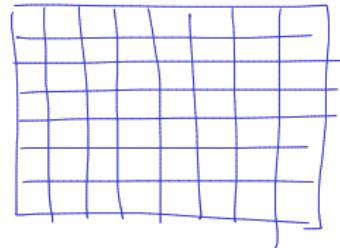
$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k] \cdot x[n-k]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ y_n \\ y_{n+1} \\ y_{n+2} \\ y_{n+3} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dots & \vdots & \dots \\ \dots & 0 & h_3 & h_2 & h_1 & h_0 & h_{-1} & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ \dots & 0 & 0 & h_3 & h_2 & h_1 & h_0 & h_{-1} & 0 & \dots \\ \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & h_3 & h_2 & h_1 & h_0 & h_{-1} & \dots \\ \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & h_3 & h_2 & h_1 & h_0 & \dots \\ \dots & \vdots & \dots \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ x_{n-4} \\ x_{n-3} \\ x_{n-2} \\ x_{n-1} \\ x_n \\ x_{n+1} \\ x_{n+2} \\ x_{n+3} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

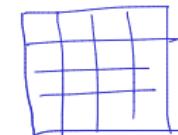
2D convolution

- ▶ Convolution can be applied in 2D (for images)
- ▶ The input signal = an image $I[x, y]$
- ▶ The impulse response (the **kernel**) = a matrix $H[x, y]$
- ▶ The convolution result:

$I =$



$H =$



$$2D: \quad Y[x, y] = I * H = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} I[x - i, y - j] \cdot H[i, j]$$

$$1D: \quad y[n] = \sum_k x[n-k] \cdot h[k]$$

$n \rightarrow [x, y]$

$k \rightarrow [i, j]$

2D convolution

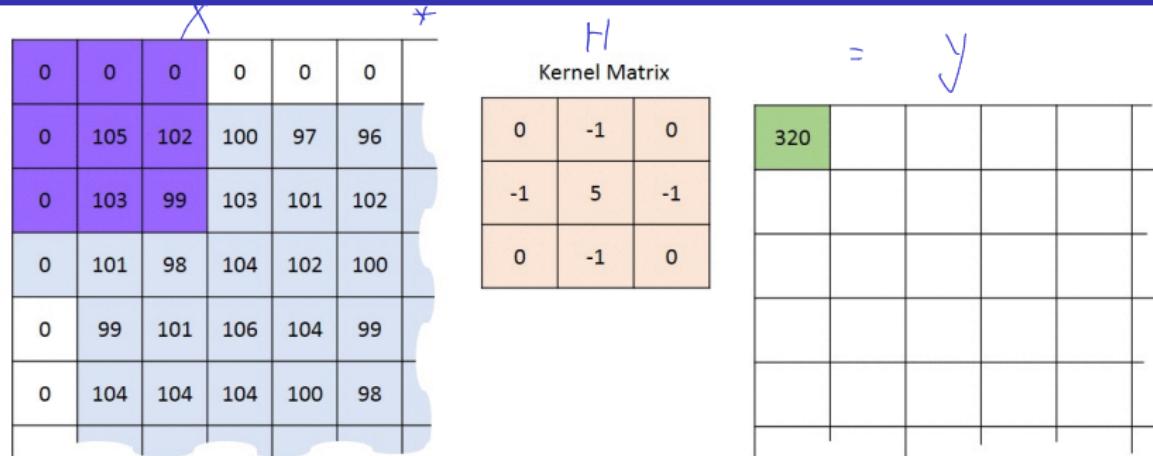


Image Matrix

$$\begin{aligned} & 0 * 0 + 0 * -1 + 0 * 0 \\ & + 0 * -1 + 105 * 5 + 102 * -1 \\ & + 0 * 0 + 103 * -1 + 99 * 0 = 320 \end{aligned}$$

Output Matrix

Convolution with horizontal and vertical strides = 1

Figure 2: 2D Convolution as weighted sum

- ▶ image from <http://machinelearningguru.com>

2D Convolution

- ▶ Watch this:

http://machinelearningguru.com/computer_vision/basics/convolution/cor

2D Convolution

- ▶ Simple image effects with 2D convolutions:
 - ▶ the "kernel" = the impulse response $H[x, y]$
- ▶ See here: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kernel_\(image_processing\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kernel_(image_processing))
- ▶ What are their 1D counterparts?

Properties of convolution

Basic properties of convolution

- ▶ Convolution is **commutative** (the order of the signals doesn't matter):

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

- ▶ Proof: make variable change $(n - k) \rightarrow l$, change all in equation
- ▶ Convolution is **associative**:

$$(a[n] * b[n]) * c[n] = a[n] * (b[n] * c[n])$$

- ▶ (No proof)

Properties of convolution

$$\delta[n]$$

$$a \cdot 1 = a$$

- The unit impulse is neutral element for convolution:

$$a[n] * \delta[n] = \delta[n] * a[n] = a[n]$$

(..)

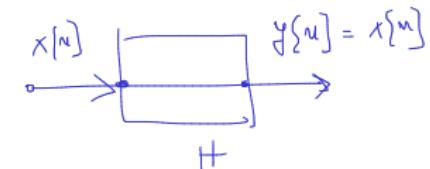
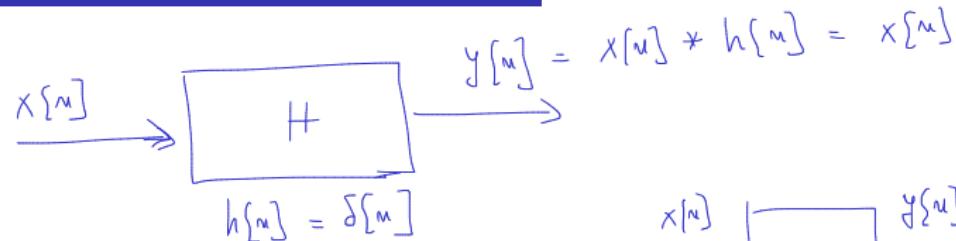
- Proof: equation
- Convolution is a linear operation (or distributive):

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

$$(\underbrace{\alpha \cdot a[n] + \beta \cdot b[n]}_{x[n]} * c[n]) = \alpha \cdot (a[n] * c[n]) + \beta \cdot (b[n] * c[n])$$

- Proof: by linearity of the corresponding system

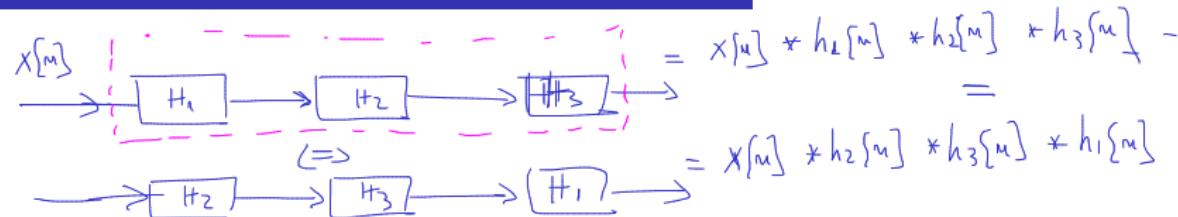
Properties of LTI systems expressed with $h[n]$



1. Identity system

- ▶ A system with $h[n] = \delta[n]$ produces an response equal to the input, $y[n] = x[n], \forall x[n]$.
- ▶ Proof: $\delta[n]$ is neutral element for convolution.

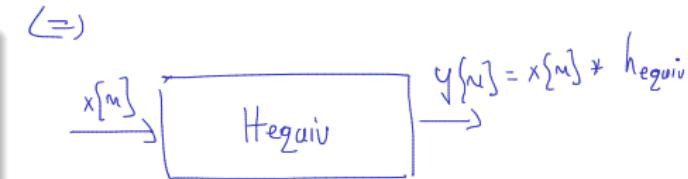
Properties of LTI systems expressed with $h[n]$



2. Series connection is commutative

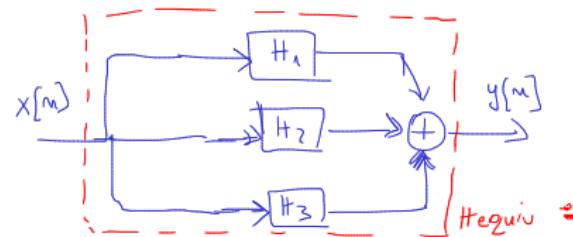
- ▶ LTI systems connected in series can be interchanged in any order
- ▶ Proof: by commutativity of convolution.
- ▶ LTI systems connected in series are equivalent to a single system with

$$h_{\text{equiv}}[n] = h_1[n] * h_2[n] * \dots * h_N[n]$$



$$h_{\text{equiv}}[n] = h_1[n] * h_2[n] * h_3[n]$$

Properties of LTI systems expressed with $h[n]$



$$\begin{aligned}y[n] &= x[n] * h_1[n] + x[n] * h_2[n] + x[n] * h_3[n] \\&= x[n] * \left(h_1[n] + h_2[n] + h_3[n] \right)\end{aligned}$$

$\underbrace{h_1[n] + h_2[n] + h_3[n]}_{h_{\text{equiv}}[n]}$

$$h_{\text{equiv}}[n] = h_1[n] + h_2[n] + h_3[n]$$

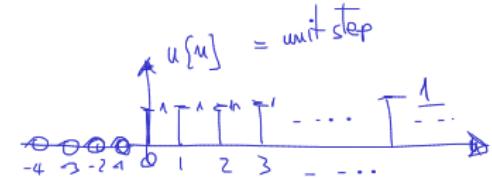
3. Parallel connection means sum

LTI systems connected in parallel are equivalent to a single system with

$$h_{\text{equiv}}[n] = h_1[n] + h_2[n] + \dots + h_N[n]$$

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Properties of LTI systems expressed with $h[n]$



4. Response of LTI systems to unit step

- If the input signal is $u[n]$, the response of the system is

$$s[n] = u[n] * h[n] = h[n] * u[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]u[n-k] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^n h[k] = \text{"step response"}$$

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

$n-k < 0 \Rightarrow 0$

$n-k \geq 0 \Rightarrow 1$

$$= \left(\begin{array}{c} t \\ \int_{-\infty}^t f(t) dt = F(t) \end{array} \right)$$

Properties of LTI systems expressed with $h[n]$

► Proof:

- The signal $\sum_{k=-\infty}^n h[k]$ is a *discrete-time integration* of $h[n]$
- The unit step $u[n]$ itself is the discrete-time integral of the unit impulse:

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

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

- Therefore the system response to the integral of the impulse = the integral of the system response to the impulse
- The interchanging of the integration with the system is due to the linearity of the system and is valid for all signals:

$$H \left(\sum_{k=-\infty}^n x[k] \right) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^n H(x[k])$$

Relation between LTI system properties and $h[n]$

Relation between LTI system properties and $h[n]$

- ▶ For an LTI system, if we know $h[n]$, we know **everything** about the system
- ▶ Therefore, the properties (causal, memory, stability) must be reflected somehow in $h[n]$
 - ▶ Not linearity and time-invariance, they must be true, otherwise we wouldn't talk about $h[n]$

1. Causal LTI systems and their $h[n]$

Causal : $y[n]$ does not depend on $x[n+1], x[n+2], \dots$

If a LTI system is causal, then

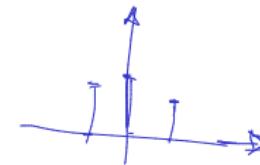
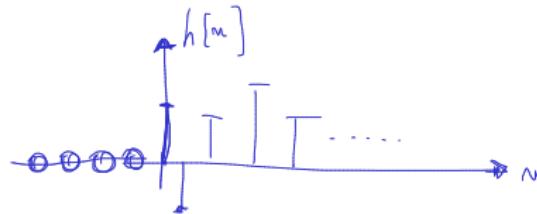
$$h[n] = 0, \forall n < 0$$

$x[n+2] \cdot h[-2] \stackrel{=} 0$
 $x[n+1] \cdot h[-1] \stackrel{=} 0$

► Proof:

- ▶ $y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]h[n-k]$,
- ▶ $y[n]$ does not depend on $x[n+1], x[n+2], \dots$
- ▶ it means that these terms are multiplied with 0
- ▶ the value $x[n+1]$ is multiplied with $h[n-(n+1)] = h[-1]$, $x[n+2]$ is multiplied with $h[n-(n+2)] = h[-2]$, and so on
- ▶ Therefore:

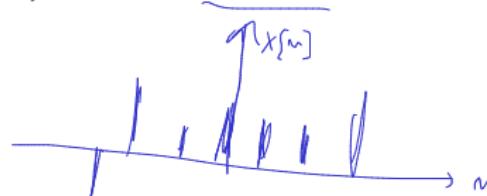
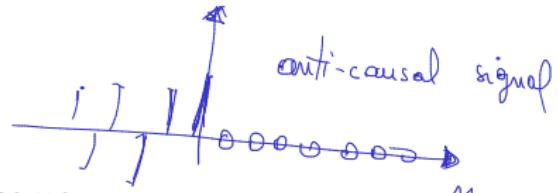
$$h[n] = 0, \forall n < 0$$



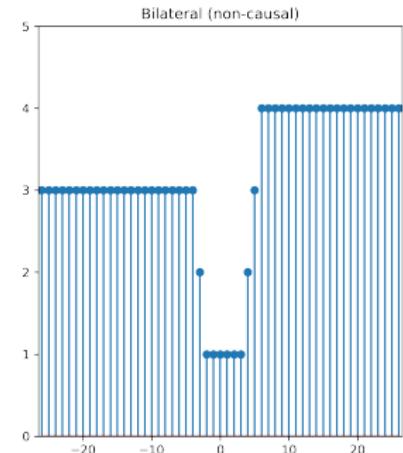
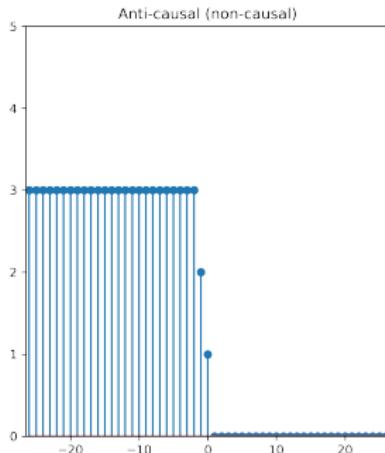
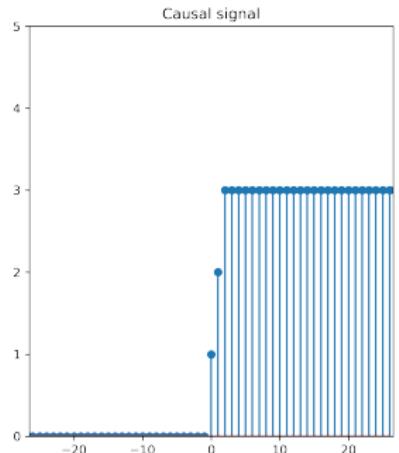
Causal signals and causal systems



- ▶ A **signal** which is 0 for $n < 0$ is called a **causal** signal
- ▶ Otherwise the signal is **non-causal**
- ▶ We can say that a **system** is causal if and only if it has a causal **impulse response**
- ▶ Further definitions:
 - ▶ a signal which 0 for $n > 0$ is called an **anti-causal** signal
 - ▶ a signal which has non-zero values both for some $n > 0$ and for some $n < 0$ (and thus is neither causal nor non-causal) is called **bilateral**



Example



2. Stable systems and their $h[n]$

- Considering a bounded input signal, $|x[n]| \leq A$, the absolute value of the output is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |y[n]| &= \left| \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]h[n-k] \right| \\
 &\leq \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |x[k]h[n-k]| \\
 &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |x[k]| |h[n-k]| \\
 &\leq A \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[n-k]|
 \end{aligned}$$

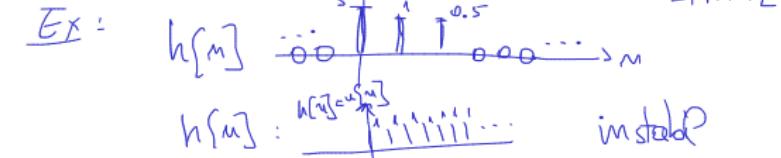
$$|a+b| \leq |a| + |b|$$

$$|a \cdot b| = |a| \cdot |b|$$

$$|y[m]| \leq A \cdot \underbrace{\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[n-k]|}_{m-k \rightarrow m} \leq B$$

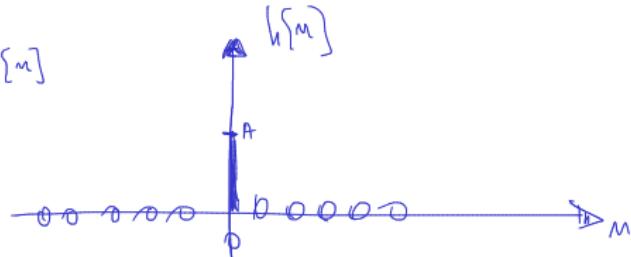
- Therefore a LTI system is stable if

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[n]| < \infty \quad \text{converge}$$



3. Memoryless systems and their $h[n]$ (Exercise)

Memoryless: $y[n]$ depends only on $x[n]$

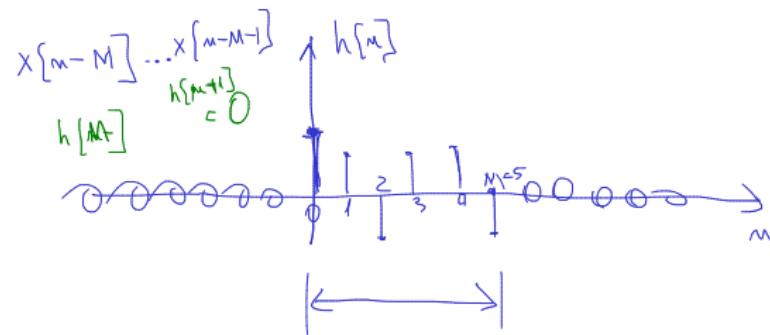


Exercises:

- ▶ What can we say about the impulse response $h[n]$ of a memoryless system?
- ▶ What about a system with finite memory M ?

$$y[n] = \dots x[n] \dots x[n-M] \dots \dots$$

$h[0] \quad h[1]$
 $(h[k] \cdot x[n-k])$

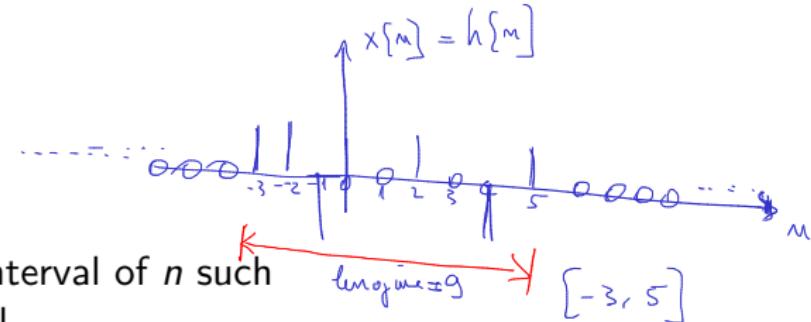


FIR = Finite Impulse Response

IIR = Infinite Impulse Response

FIR and IIR systems

Support



- ▶ The support of a discrete signal = the smallest interval of n such that the signal is 0 everywhere outside the interval.
- ▶ Examples: at whiteboard
- ▶ Depending on the support of the impulse response, discrete LTI systems can be **FIR** or **IIR** systems.

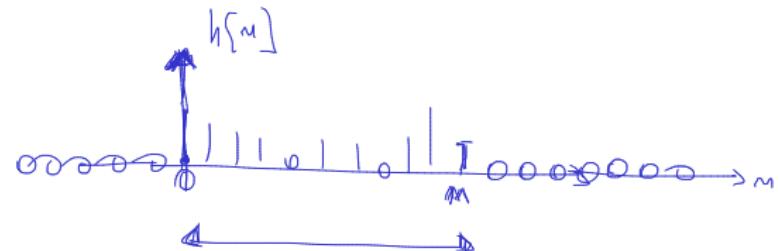
FIR systems

- ▶ A Finite Impulse Response (**FIR**) system has an impulse response with finite support

- ▶ i.e. the impulse response is 0 outside a certain interval.
- ▶ i.e. $h[n]$ is zero beyond some element $h[M]$

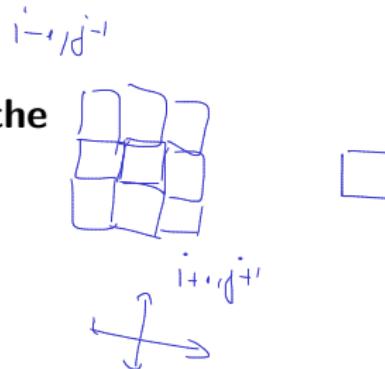
- ▶ The system equation for a FIR system:

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=0}^M h[k]x[n-k] = \underbrace{h[0] \cdot x[n]}_{\text{blue circle}} + \underbrace{h[1] \cdot x[n-1]}_{\text{blue circle}} + \dots + \underbrace{h[M] \cdot x[n-M]}_{\text{blue circle}} = \sum_{k=0}^M b_k \cdot \underbrace{x[n-k]}_{h[k]}$$



- ▶ is non-recursive (depends only on x)
- ▶ goes only up to some term $h[M]x[n-M]$
- ▶ for causal system, starts from $h[0]x[n]$; for non-causal, can start from $h[-k]x[n+k]$

- ▶ For a causal FIR system, the output is a **linear combination** of the **last $M+1$ input samples**
- ▶ For non-causal FIR system, some future input samples enter the combination



IIR systems

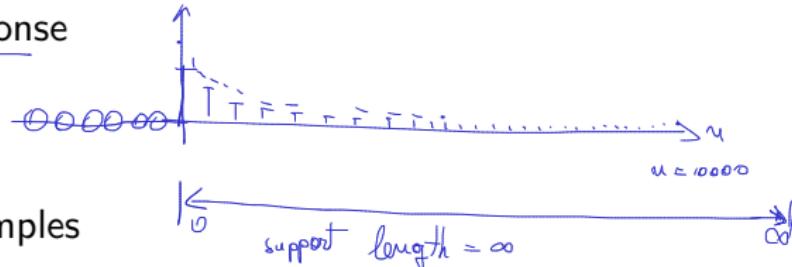
- ▶ An Infinite Impulse Response (**FIR**) system has an impulse response with infinite support

▶ i.e. the impulse response never becomes completely 0 forever.

- ▶ The output $y[n]$ potentially depends on all the preceding input samples
 - ▶ from the convolution equation:

$$\begin{aligned}y[n] &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} h[k]x[n-k] \\&= h[0] \cdot x[n] + h[1] \cdot x[n-1] + \dots h[M] \cdot x[n-M] + \dots \text{goes on} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

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



$$+ h[10000] \cdot x[10000] + \dots$$

- ▶ An IIR system has infinite memory

IIR systems

- IIR systems must have recursive equations:

- they depend on previous outputs $y[n-1]$ up to $y[n-N]$
- they also depend on input, going back up to $x[n-k]$

- General equation of an IIR system:

$$y[n] = -a_1y[n-1] - a_2y[n-2] - \dots - a_Ny[n-N] + \\ + b_0x[n] + b_1x[n-1] + \dots + b_Mx[n-M]$$

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

- the impulse response cannot be read explicitly from the equation
- IIR equations are more general than FIR

$$y[n] = \frac{1}{2} \cdot y[n-1] + 1 \cdot x[n]$$

$$y[n-1] = \frac{1}{2} y[n-2] + x[n-1]$$

$$y[n-2] = \frac{1}{2} y[n-3] + x[n-2]$$

⋮
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General equation of an LTI system

Recap:

- ▶ The general equation of an LTI system is:

$$y[n] = -a_1y[n-1] - a_2y[n-2] - \dots - a_Ny[n-N] + \\ + b_0x[n] + b_1x[n-1] + \dots + b_Mx[n-M]$$

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

- ▶ If all $a_i = 0$, it is a FIR system, no $y[n-k]$ term
 - ▶ in this case the coefficients $b_k = h[k]$ (impulse response)
- ▶ If some $a_i \neq 0$, it is an IIR system
 - ▶ impulse response $h[n]$ is infinitely long, is more complicated to find
- ▶ Note: if system is non-causal, can start from $x[n+k]$

$$+ b_{-1}x[n+1] +$$

Initial conditions for recursive systems

$$y[m] = \frac{1}{2}y[m-1] + -x[m] + x[m-1]$$

$$y[-1] = \cancel{\underline{5}}$$

$$y[0] = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 5 + \dots =$$
$$y[1] = \frac{1}{2} \cdot y[0] + \dots$$

- ▶ Recursive systems need initial conditions (starting values)
 - ▶ since they rely on previous outputs
- ▶ If initial conditions are all 0, the system is relaxed
 - ▶ the output depends only on the input signal
- ▶ If initial conditions are not zero, the output depends on the input signal and the initial conditions

Initial conditions for recursive systems

- The effect of the input signal and the effect of initial conditions are **independent**

- the system behaves **linear** with respect to them
- total output = output due to input + output due to initial conditions

Input	Init.Cond.	$y[n]$
$x[n]$	0	$\Rightarrow y[n] = y_{zs}[n]$
0	non-zero	$\Rightarrow y[n] = y_{zi}[n]$
$x[n]$	non-zero	$\Rightarrow y[n] = y_{zs}[n] + y_{zi}[n]$

$$y_{\text{zero-state}}[n] = y[n] \text{ if init cond. are } 0$$

$$y_{\text{zero-input}}[n] = y[n] \text{ if input } x[n] = 0$$