



## CYBER SECURITY TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

### DIGITAL SIGNAL PROCESSING THIRD STAGE

Lect.8 Digital Convolution and Deconvolution.



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## Digital Convolution

Given a linear time-invariant system, we can determine its unit-impulse response  $h(n)$ , which relates the system input and output. To find the output sequence  $y(n)$  for any input sequence  $x(n)$ , we write the digital convolution as shown in Equation (3) as:

$$\begin{aligned} y(n) &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h(k)x(n-k) \\ &= \dots + h(-1)x(n+1) + h(0)x(n) + h(1)x(n-1) + h(2)x(n-2) + \dots \\ y(n) &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x(k)h(n-k) \\ &= \dots + x(-1)h(n+1) + x(0)h(n) + x(1)h(n-1) + x(2)h(n-2) + \dots \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Using a conventional notation, we express the digital convolution as

$$y(n) = h(n)*x(n). \tag{5}$$

Note that for a causal system, which implies its impulse response

$$h(n) = 0 \text{ for } n < 0,$$

The lower limit of the convolution sum begins at 0 instead of 1, that is

$$y(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} h(k)x(n-k) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x(k)h(n-k).$$

We will focus on evaluating the convolution sum based on Equation (4). Let us examine first a few outputs from Equation (4):

$$\begin{aligned} y(0) &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x(k)h(-k) = \dots + x(-1)h(1) + x(0)h(0) + x(1)h(-1) + x(2)h(-2) + \dots \\ y(1) &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x(k)h(1-k) = \dots + x(-1)h(2) + x(0)h(1) + x(1)h(0) + x(2)h(-1) + \dots \\ y(2) &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x(k)h(2-k) = \dots + x(-1)h(3) + x(0)h(2) + x(1)h(1) + x(2)h(0) + \dots \\ &\dots \end{aligned}$$

### Digital convolution using the graphical method.

Step 1. Obtain the reversed sequence  $h(-k)$ .

Step 2. Shift  $h(-k)$  by  $|n|$  samples to get  $h(n-k)$ . If  $n \geq 0$ ,  $h(-k)$  will be shifted to the right by  $n$  samples; but if  $n < 0$ ,  $h(-k)$  will be shifted to the left by  $|n|$  samples.

Step 3. Perform the convolution sum that is the sum of the products of two sequences  $x(k)$  and  $h(n-k)$  to get  $y(n)$ .

Step 4. Repeat steps 1 to 3 for the next convolution value  $y(n)$ .

## Example

Given a sequence,

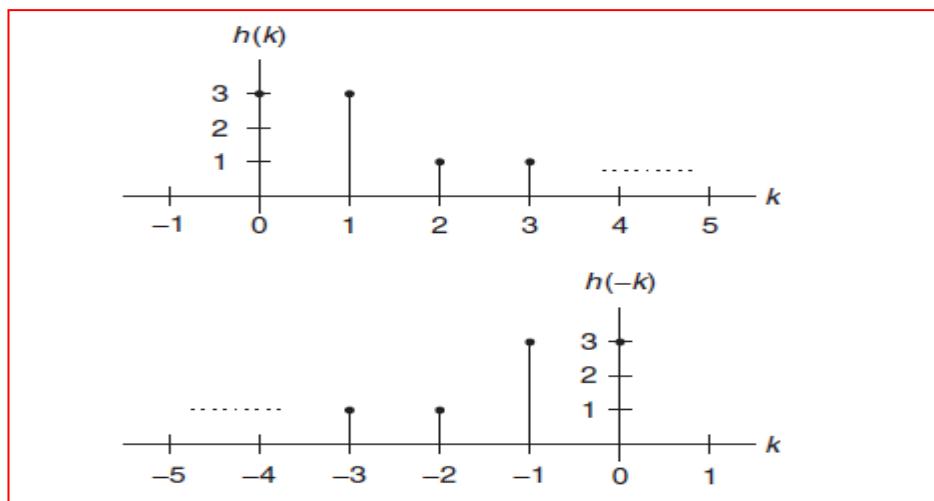
$$h(k) = \begin{cases} 3, & k = 0,1 \\ 1, & k = 2,3 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

where  $k$  is the time index or sample number,

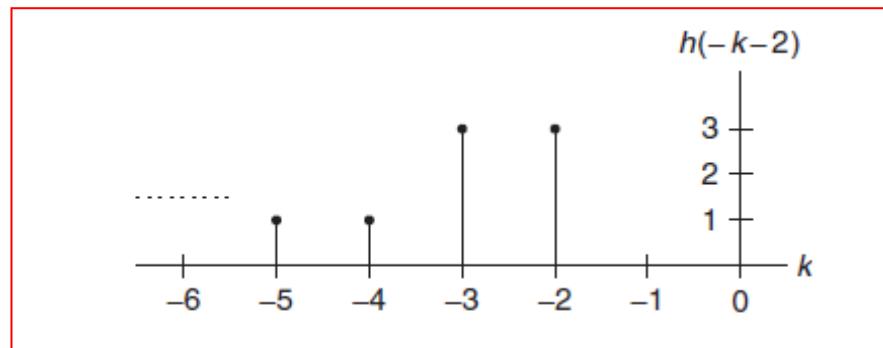
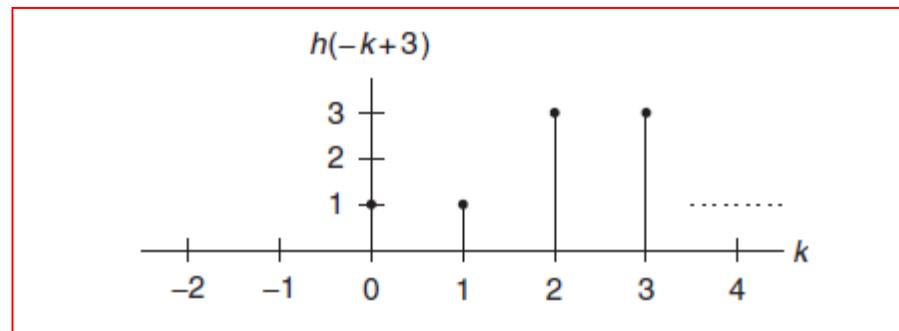
- Sketch the sequence  $h(k)$  and reversed sequence  $h(-k)$ .
- Sketch the shifted sequences  $h(-k+3)$  and  $h(-k-2)$ .

### Solution:

a)

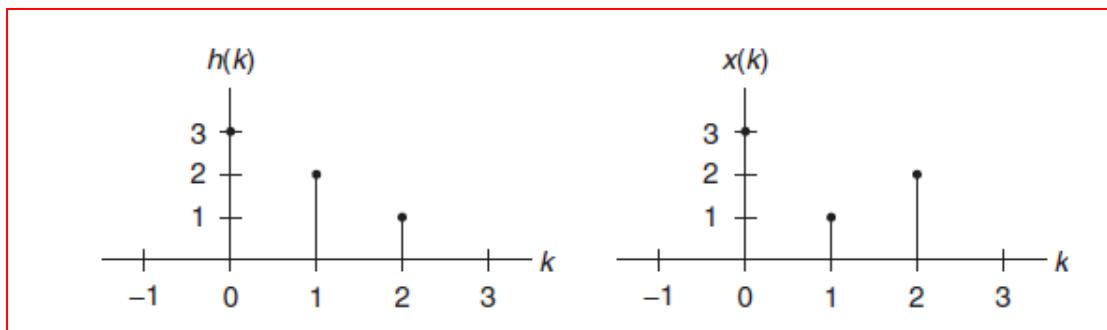


b)



### Example

Using the following sequences defined in the Figure below, evaluate the digital convolution



$$h(k) = [3 \quad 2 \quad 1]$$

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0

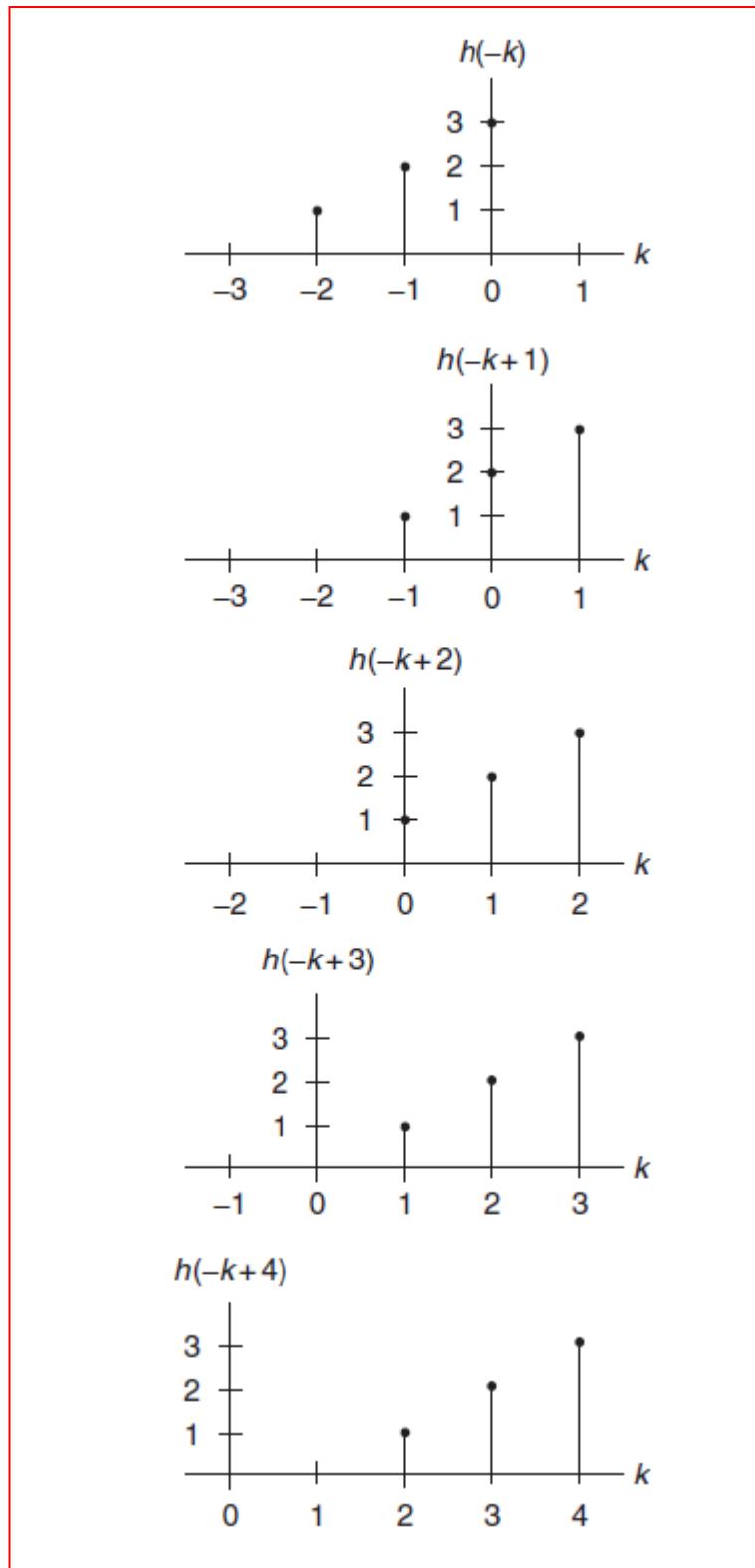
$$x(k) = [3 \quad 1 \quad 2]$$

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0

- By the graphical method.
- By applying the formula directly.

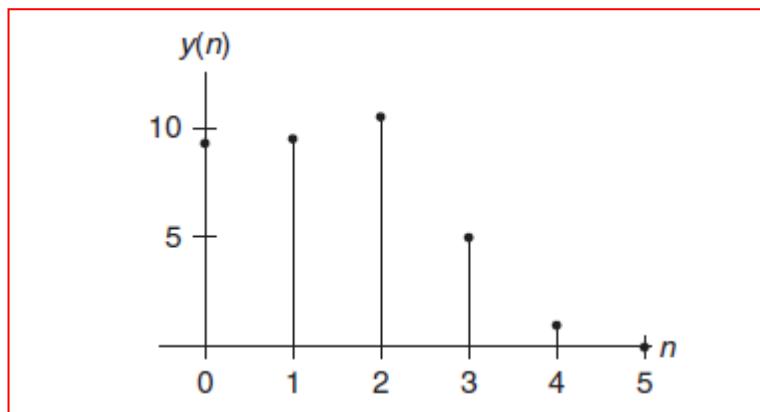
**Solution:**

a)



We can compute the convolution sum as:

sum of product of  $x(k)$  and  $h(-k)$ :  $y(0) = 3 \times 3 = 9$   
 sum of product of  $x(k)$  and  $h(1 - k)$ :  $y(1) = 1 \times 3 + 3 \times 2 = 9$   
 sum of product of  $x(k)$  and  $h(2 - k)$ :  $y(2) = 2 \times 3 + 1 \times 2 + 3 \times 1 = 11$   
 sum of product of  $x(k)$  and  $h(3 - k)$ :  $y(3) = 2 \times 2 + 1 \times 1 = 5$   
 sum of product of  $x(k)$  and  $h(4 - k)$ :  $y(4) = 2 \times 1 = 2$   
 sum of product of  $x(k)$  and  $h(5 - k)$ :  $y(n) = 0$  for  $n > 4$ , since sequences  $x(k)$  and  $h(n - k)$  do not overlap.



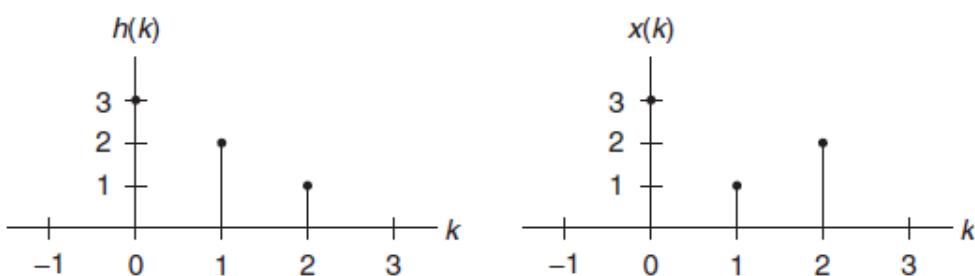
b) Applying Equation (4) with zero initial conditions leads to

$$y(n) = x(0)h(n) + x(1)h(n - 1) + x(2)h(n - 2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} n = 0, y(0) &= x(0)h(0) + x(1)h(-1) + x(2)h(-2) = 3 \times 3 + 1 \times 0 + 2 \times 0 = 9, \\ n = 1, y(1) &= x(0)h(1) + x(1)h(0) + x(2)h(-1) = 3 \times 2 + 1 \times 3 + 2 \times 0 = 9, \\ n = 2, y(2) &= x(0)h(2) + x(1)h(1) + x(2)h(0) = 3 \times 1 + 1 \times 2 + 2 \times 3 = 11, \\ n = 3, y(3) &= x(0)h(3) + x(1)h(2) + x(2)h(1) = 3 \times 0 + 1 \times 1 + 2 \times 2 = 5. \\ n = 4, y(4) &= x(0)h(4) + x(1)h(3) + x(2)h(2) = 3 \times 0 + 1 \times 0 + 2 \times 1 = 2, \\ n \geq 5, y(n) &= x(0)h(n) + x(1)h(n - 1) + x(2)h(n - 2) = 3 \times 0 + 1 \times 0 + 2 \times 0 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

### Example:

Using the following sequences defined in the Figure below, evaluate the digital convolution



Convolve them using the table method.

**Solution:**

**Digital convolution steps via the table.**

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- Step 1. List the index  $k$  covering a sufficient range.
  - Step 2. List the input  $x(k)$ .
  - Step 3. Obtain the reversed sequence  $h(-k)$ , and align the rightmost element of  $h(n-k)$  to the leftmost element of  $x(k)$ .
  - Step 4. Cross-multiply and sum the nonzero overlap terms to produce  $y(n)$ .
  - Step 5. Slide  $h(n-k)$  to the right by one position.
  - Step 6. Repeat step 4; stop if all the output values are zero or if required.
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**Convolution sum using the table method.**

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$k:$	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
$x(k):$			3	1	2			
$h(-k):$	1	2	3					$y(0) = 3 \times 3 = 9$
$h(1-k)$		1	2	3				$y(1) = 3 \times 2 + 1 \times 3 = 9$
$h(2-k)$			1	2	3			$y(2) = 3 \times 1 + 1 \times 2 + 2 \times 3 = 11$
$h(3-k)$				1	2	3		$y(3) = 1 \times 1 + 2 \times 2 = 5$
$h(4-k)$					1	2	3	$y(4) = 2 \times 1 = 2$
$h(5-k)$						1	2	$y(5) = 0$ (no overlap)

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## Deconvolution:

The digital Deconvolution can be performed by **Iterative Approach**, **Polynomial Approach**, and **Graphical Method**. In the following subsection, the polynomial approach will be explained.

### Polynomial Approach:

A long division process is applied between two polynomials. For causal system, the remainder is always zero.

**Example:** If  $y(n) = [15 -8 -5 2]$  and  $h(n) = [-3 1]$  find  $x(n)$ .

**Solution:**  $y = 15 - 8x - 5x^2 + 2x^3$ , and  $h = -3 + x$ . Applying long division, we obtain

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x^2 + x - 5 \\ x - 3 \overline{) 2x^3 - 5x^2 - 8x + 15} \\ 2x^3 - 6x^2 \\ \hline x^2 - 8x \\ x^2 - 3x \\ \hline -5x + 15 \\ -5x + 15 \\ \hline \text{Remainder } 0 \end{array}$$

result =  $-5 + x + 2x^2$ . Then  $x(n) = [-5 1 2]$

**Example:** If  $y(n) = [12 10 14 6]$  and  $h(n) = [4 2]$  find  $x(n)$ .

**Solution:**  $y = 12 + 10x + 14x^2 + 6x^3$ , and  $h = 4 + 2x$ . Applying long division, we obtain  
result =  $3 + x + 3x^2$ . Then  $x(n) = [3 1 3]$