

# **Signals and Systems**

**Lecture # 5**

## **Basic Signals**

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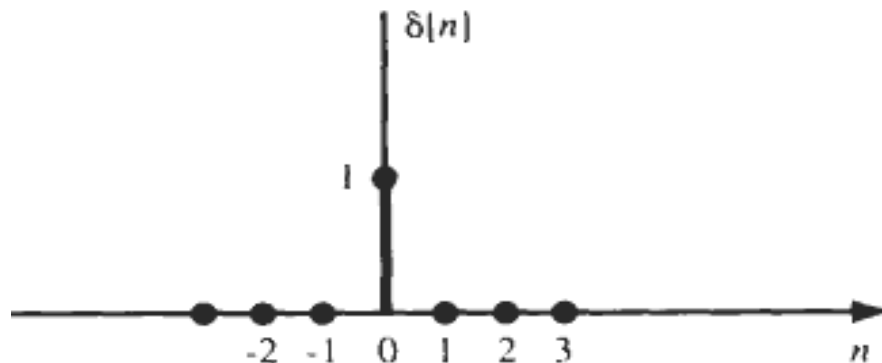
## Topics of the lecture:

- **Discrete-Time Unit Impulse and Unit step Signals.**
- **Continuous-Time Unit Impulse and Unit step Signals.**

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### The discrete-time unit Impulse Signal:

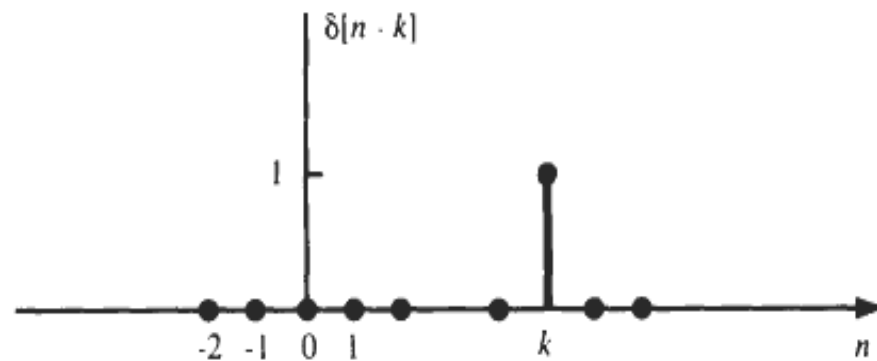
$$\delta[n] = \begin{cases} 1 & ; n = 0 \\ 0 & ; n \neq 0 \end{cases}$$



It is also called **unit sample** signal

### The discrete-time shifted unit impulse Signal:

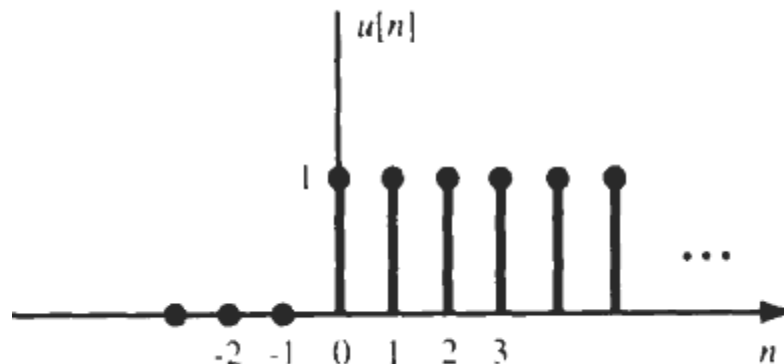
$$\delta[n - k] = \begin{cases} 1 & ; n = k \\ 0 & ; n \neq k \end{cases}$$



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### The discrete-time unit step Signal:

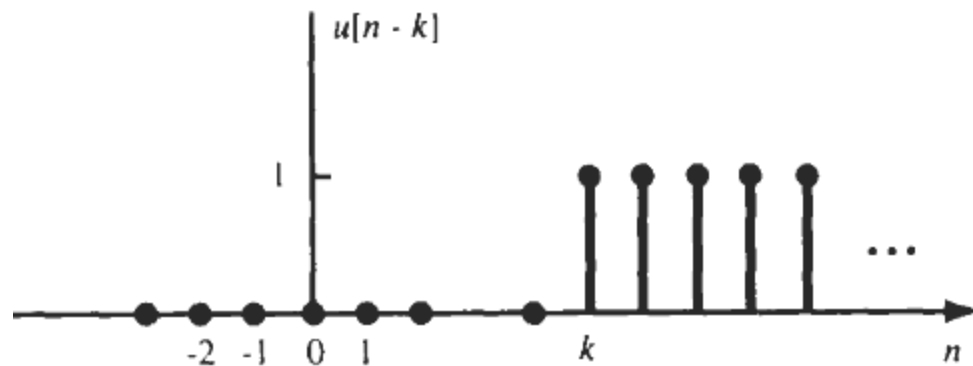
$$u[n] = \begin{cases} 1 & ; n \geq 0 \\ 0 & ; n < 0 \end{cases}$$



It is also called **unit sequence** signal

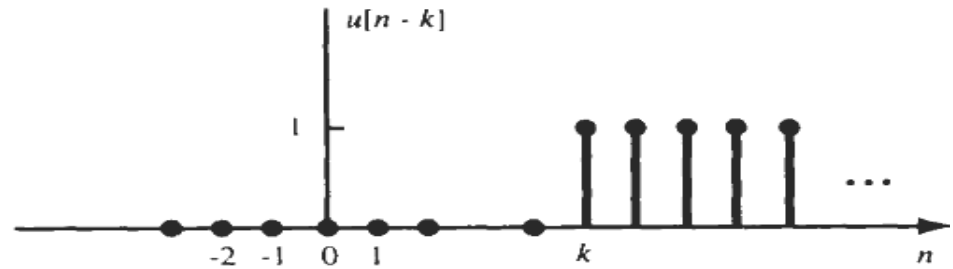
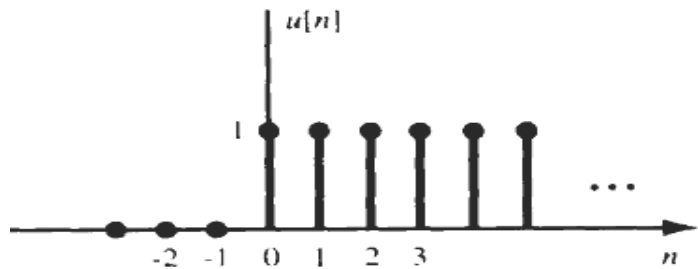
### The discrete-time shifted unit step Signal:

$$u[n - k] = \begin{cases} 1 & ; n \geq k \\ 0 & ; n < k \end{cases}$$



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The relationship between discrete-time unit impulse and unit step signals:



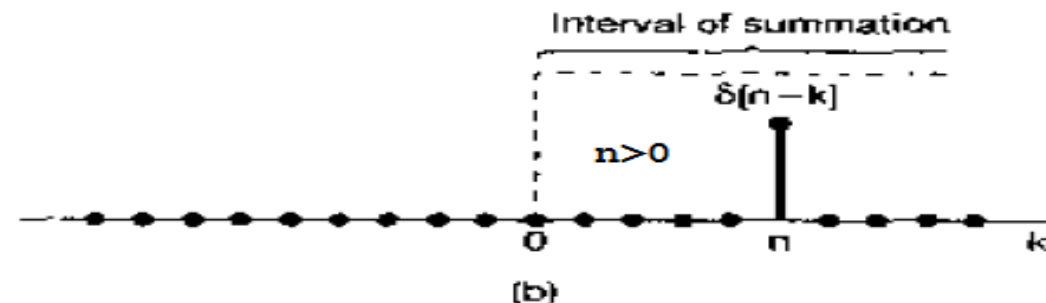
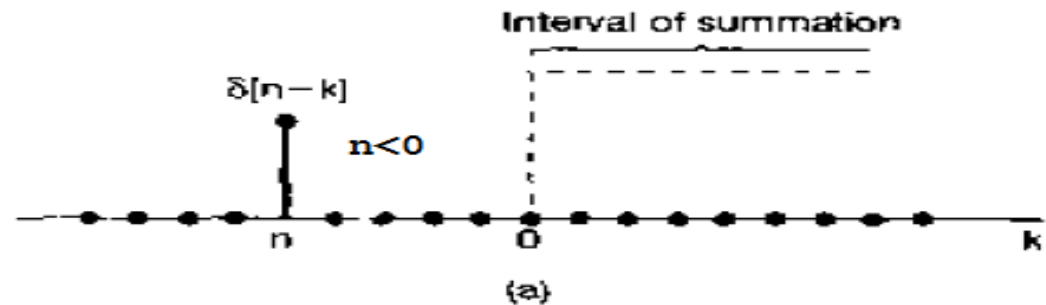
$$\delta[n] = u[n] - u[n-1]$$

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

Let  $m = n - k$  OR  $k = n - m$

$$\therefore u[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^0 \delta[n-k]$$

$$\therefore u[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \delta[n-k]$$



The unit impulse sequence can be used to sample the value of a signal at  $n = 0$ . In particular, since  $\delta[n]$  is nonzero (and equal to 1) only for  $n = 0$ , it follows that

$$x[n]\delta[n] = x[0]\delta[n] = x[0]$$

More generally, if we consider a unit impulse  $\delta[n - n_0]$  at  $n = n_0$ , then

$$x[n]\delta[n - n_0] = x[n_0]\delta[n - n_0] = x[n_0]$$

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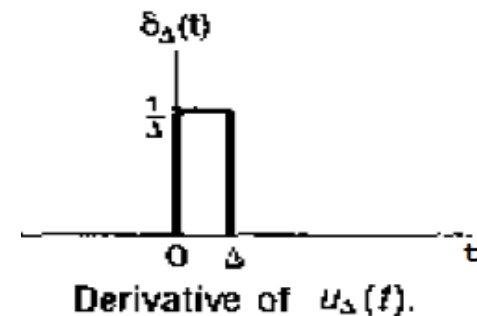
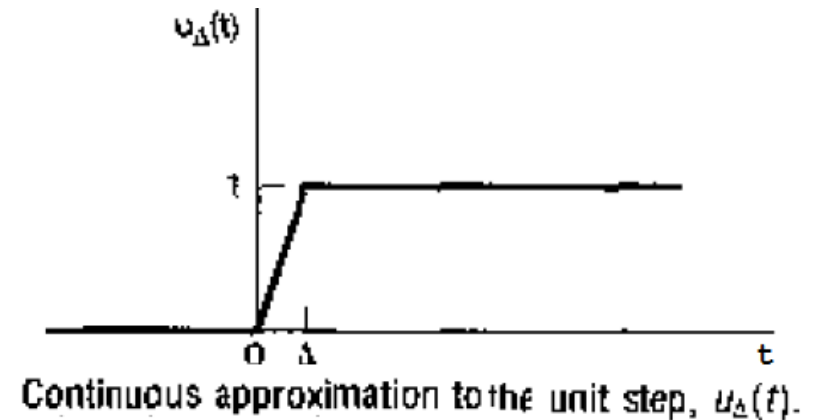
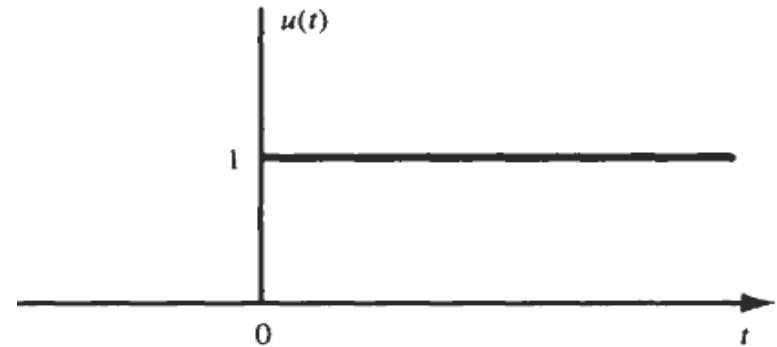
### The continuous-time unit step Signal:

$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & ; \quad t > 0 \\ 0 & ; \quad t < 0 \end{cases}$$

As there is no such sudden change in real practical application. So an approximation of the ideal case is usually what happens.

Similarly to the discrete-time case the unit continuous-time impulse signal is the differentiation of the unit step signal

$$\delta_{\Delta}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} u_{\Delta}(t)$$



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### The continuous-time unit impulse Signal:

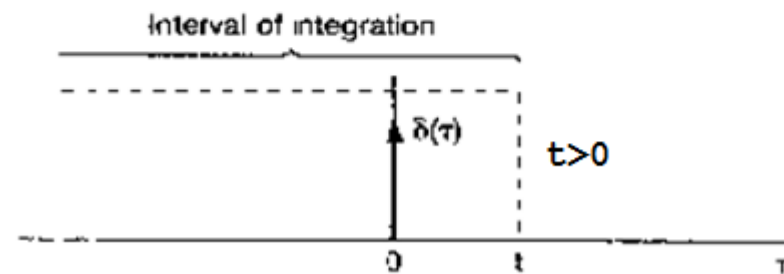
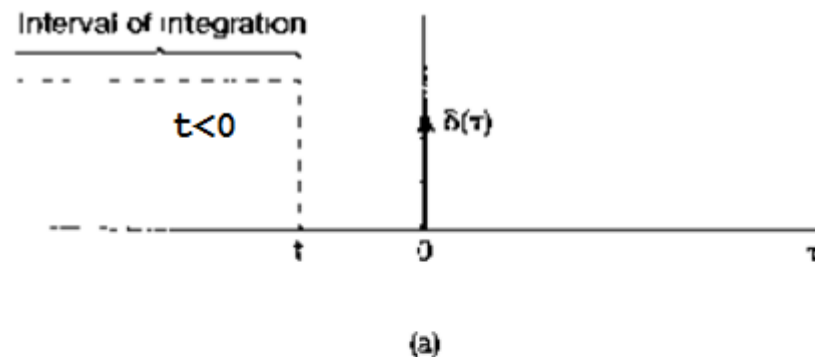
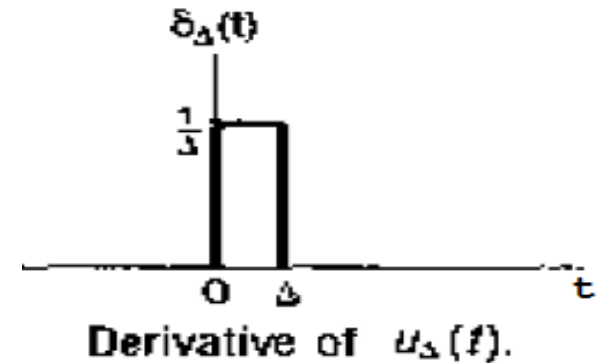
$$\delta_{\Delta}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} u_{\Delta}(t)$$

Note that  $\delta_{\Delta}(t)$  is a short pulse of duration  $\Delta$  and unit area. As the  $\Delta$  becomes smaller the  $\delta_{\Delta}(t)$  becomes narrower and higher maintaining the unit area. As the  $\Delta$  goes to zero the  $\delta_{\Delta}(t)$  goes to  $\infty$

$$\delta(t) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \delta_{\Delta}(t)$$

Then  $u(t)$  can be thought as a running integral of  $\delta(t)$

$$u(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t \delta(\tau) d\tau$$





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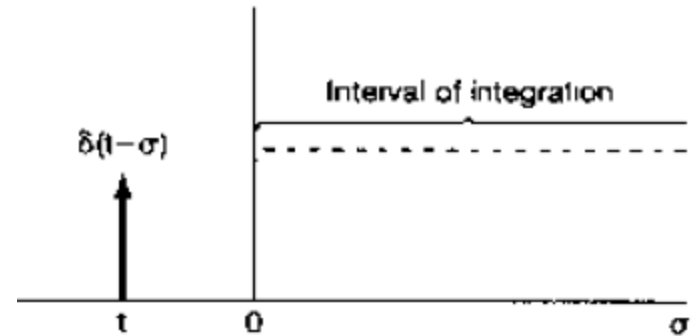
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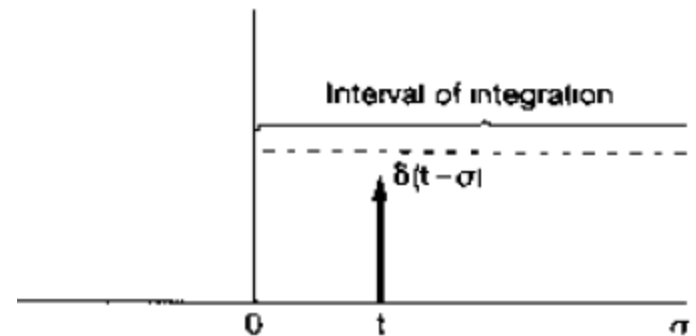
Let  $\sigma = t - \tau$  OR  $\tau = t - \sigma$

$$u(t) = \int_{\infty}^0 \delta(t - \sigma)(-d\sigma)$$

$$u(t) = \int_0^{\infty} \delta(t - \sigma) d\sigma$$



(a)



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$$x_1(t) = x(t)\delta_\Delta(t).$$

In Figure (a) we have depicted the two time functions  $x(t)$  and  $\delta_\Delta(t)$ , and in Figure (b) we see an enlarged view of the nonzero portion of their product. By construction,  $x_1(t)$  is zero outside the interval  $0 \leq t \leq \Delta$ . For  $\Delta$  sufficiently small so that  $x(t)$  is approximately constant over this interval,

$$x(t)\delta_\Delta(t) \approx x(0)\delta_\Delta(t).$$

Since  $\delta(t)$  is the limit as  $\Delta \rightarrow 0$  of  $\delta_\Delta(t)$ , it follows that

$$x(t)\delta(t) = x(0)\delta(t).$$

By the same argument, we have an analogous expression for an impulse concentrated at an arbitrary point, say,  $t_0$ . That is,

$$x(t)\delta(t - t_0) = x(t_0)\delta(t - t_0).$$

