

# LTI SYSTEMS

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## IMPULSE RESPONSE AND CONVOLUTION

An input signal can be written as

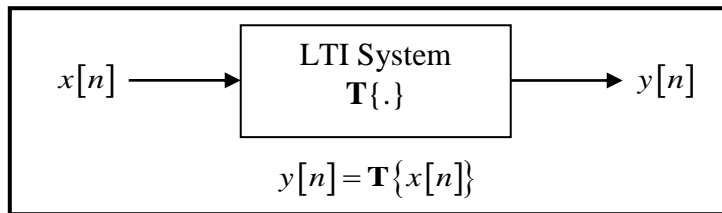
$$x[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] \delta[n-k]$$

Using the linearity and time-invariance of the system the output of the LTI system can be written as

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

where  $h[n]$  is the “impulse response” of the LTI system.

This operation is called *convolution* of  $x[n]$ , and  $h[n]$ .



Linearity  $\mathbf{T}\{a x_1[n] + b x_2[n]\} = a \mathbf{T}\{x_1[n]\} + b \mathbf{T}\{x_2[n]\}$

Time-invariance  $\mathbf{T}\{x[n]\} = y[n] \Rightarrow \mathbf{T}\{x[n-n_0]\} = y[n-n_0]$ .

### Derivation

$$\begin{aligned}y[n] &= T \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] \delta[n-k] \right\} \\&= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] T\{\delta[n-k]\} \\&= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] h[n-k] \quad \text{Convolution of } x[n] \text{ and } h[n]\end{aligned}$$

Convolution is written as

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

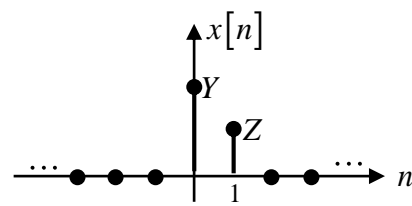
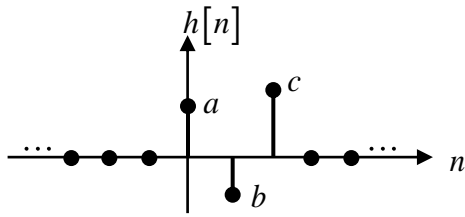
It is easy to show that

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

i.e.,

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

Ex:



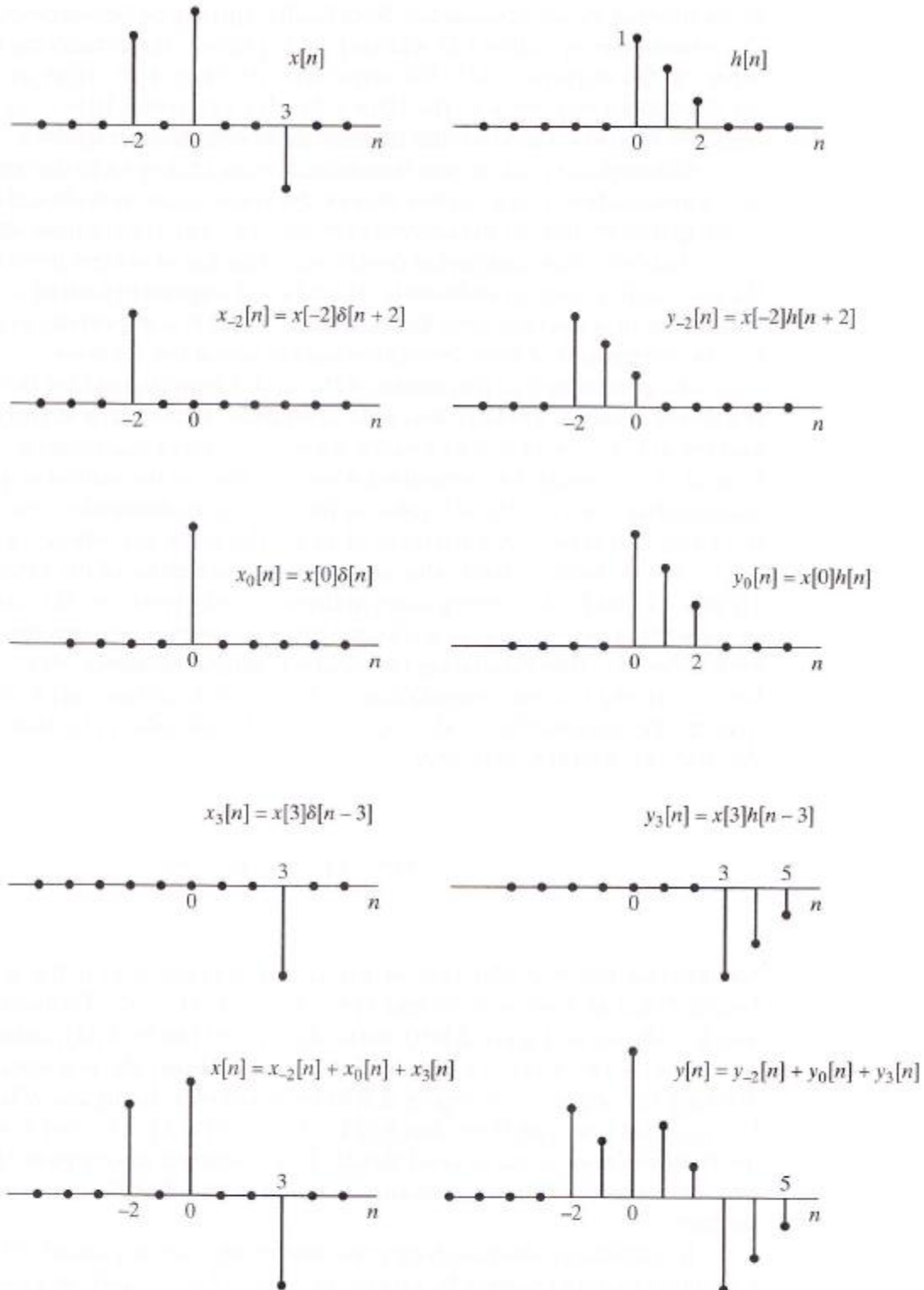
The output can be considered as the superposition of responses to individual samples of the input.

$$y[n] = \underbrace{Yh[n]}_{\text{the response to } x[0]} + \underbrace{Zh[n-1]}_{\text{the response to } x[1]}$$

or equivalently

$$y[n] = ax[n] + bx[n-1] + cx[n-2]$$

**Ex:** The output can be considered as the superposition of responses to individual samples of the input.



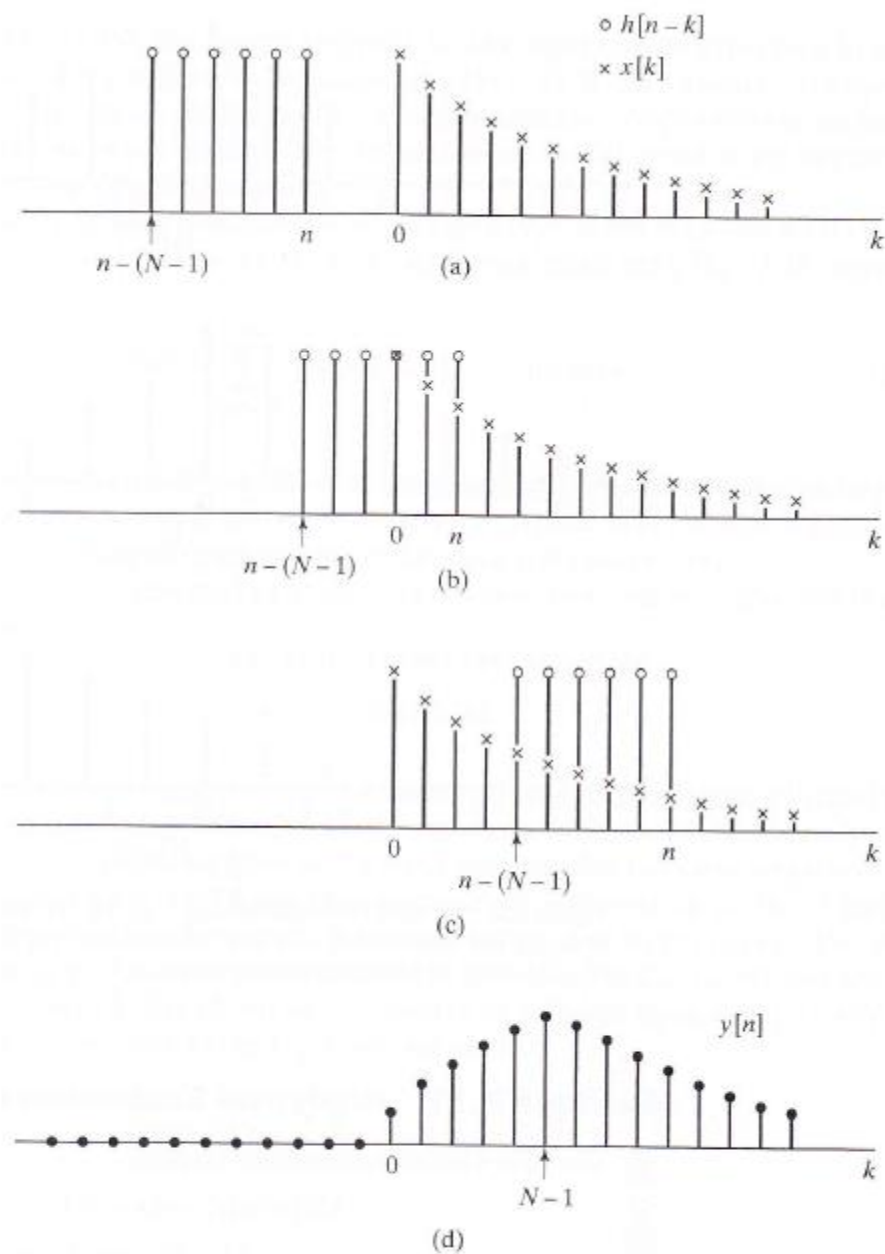
**Figure 2.8** Representation of the output of an LTI system as the superposition of responses to individual samples of the input.

**The second interpretation of convolution allows one to compute one output sample at a time.**

For example, to get  $y[n]$  (say  $y[3]$ ),

- 1) multiply the two sequences  $x[k]$  and  $h[n - k]$  ( $h[3 - k]$ ), taking  $k$  as the independent variable.
- 2) Add the sample values of this product

Ex: Applying the second method to compute the whole output samples.



**Figure 2.10** Sequence involved in computing a discrete convolution. (a)–(c) The sequences  $x[k]$  and  $h[n-k]$  as a function of  $k$  for different values of  $n$ . (Only nonzero samples are shown.) (d) Corresponding output sequence as a function of  $n$ .

## THE LENGTHS OF INPUT AND OUTPUT SEQUENCES

Suppose that the input signal and the impulse response have finite durations:

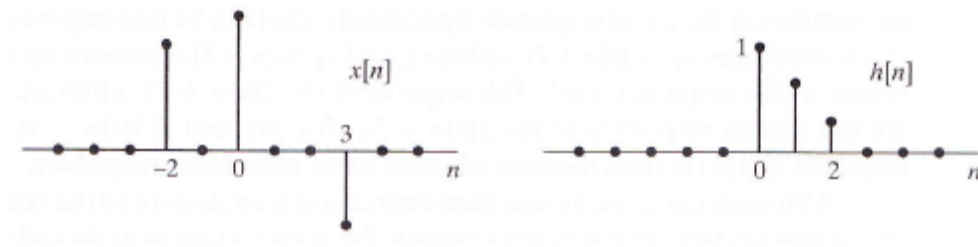
Input  $x[n]$  : length  $N$

Imp. Resp.  $h[n]$  : length  $M$

Then the length of the output signal is  $N + M - 1$ .

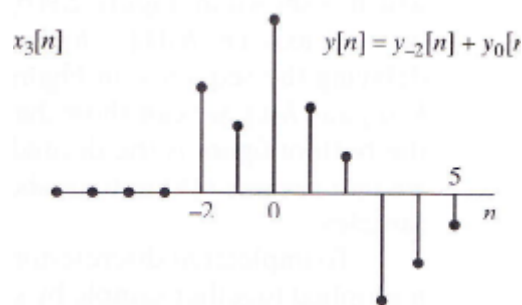
Output  $y[n]$  : length  $N + M - 1$

**Ex:**



Input  $x[n]$  : length is 6 samples

Imp. Resp.  $h[n]$  : length is 3 samples



Output  $y[n]$  : length is 8 samples



## CONVOLUTION IN MATLAB

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>> help conv
conv Convolution and polynomial multiplication.
  C = conv(A, B) convolves vectors A and B. The resulting vector is
  length MAX([LENGTH(A)+LENGTH(B)-1,LENGTH(A),LENGTH(B)]). If A and B
are
  vectors of polynomial coefficients, convolving them is equivalent to
  multiplying the two polynomials.

  C = conv(A, B, SHAPE) returns a subsection of the convolution with
size
  specified by SHAPE:
    'full' - (default) returns the full convolution,
    'same' - returns the central part of the convolution
              that is the same size as A.
    'valid' - returns only those parts of the convolution
              that are computed without the zero-padded edges.
              LENGTH(C) is MAX(LENGTH(A)-MAX(0,LENGTH(B)-1),0).

Class support for inputs A,B:
  float: double, single

See also deconv, conv2, convn, filter and,
in the signal Processing Toolbox, xcorr, convmtx.

Overloaded methods:
  cvx/conv
  gf/conv
  gpuArray/conv

Reference page in Help browser
  doc conv
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Exercise: Compare “conv” and “filter” commands

Exercise: Study “deconv”

## LINEAR BUT TIME-VARYING SYTEMS

If the system is linear but time-varying, the derivation on the first page yields

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

where

$h_k[n]$  (time-varying impulse response)

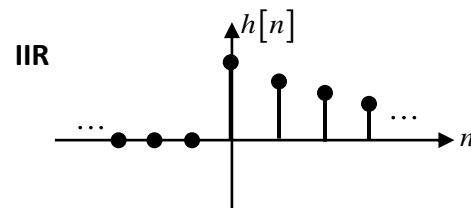
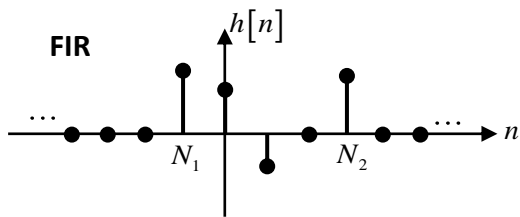
is the response of the system to an impulse at time  $k$ , i.e,  $\delta[n - k]$ .

LTV systems are used, for example, to model mobile communication channels.

In mobile communication channel impulse response changes due to the motion of the transmitter and receiver, and also due to the change or moving objects in the environment.

## FINITE/INFINITE IMPULSE RESPONSE SYSTEMS

If  $h[n]$  has a finite number of samples ( $h[n]=0$   $n < N_1$   $n > N_2$ ,  $N_1 < N_2$ ) then the system is said to be a *Finite Impulse Response* (FIR) system, otherwise an *Infinite Impulse Response* (IIR) system.



## PROPERTIES OF LTI SYSTEMS

### CONVOLUTION IS COMMUTATIVE

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

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

Let  $m = n - k$

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

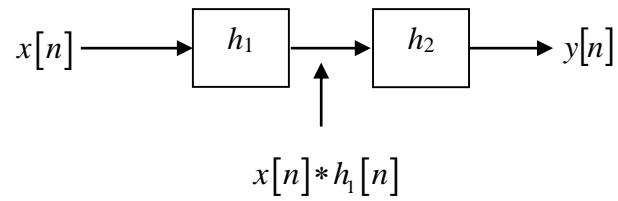
$$= h[n] * x[n]$$

## CONVOLUTION IS ASSOCIATIVE

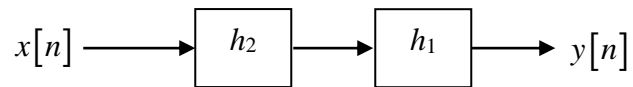
$$(a[n] * b[n]) * c[n] = a[n] * (b[n] * c[n])$$

Prove!

## CASCADING LTI SYSTEMS



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



→ If the systems are LTI, the order of cascade can be changed!

**Ex:** Consider the following two systems

$$y_1[n] = x[n] + x[n-1] + x[n-2]$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} y_2[n] &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a^k x[n-k] \\ &= x[n] + ax[n-1] + a^2 x[n-2] + \dots \end{aligned}$$

They are LTI (check!), so their order is arbitrary in their cascade connection.

Show that their impulse responses are

$$\begin{aligned} h_1[n] &= u[n] - u[n-3] \\ &= \delta[n] + \delta[n-1] + \delta[n-2] \end{aligned}$$

$$h_2[n] = a^n u[n]$$

What is the impulse response of their cascade?

**Ex:** Let two systems be described by

$$y_1[n] = x[n-2] \quad (\text{impulse response is } h_1[n] = \delta[n-2])$$

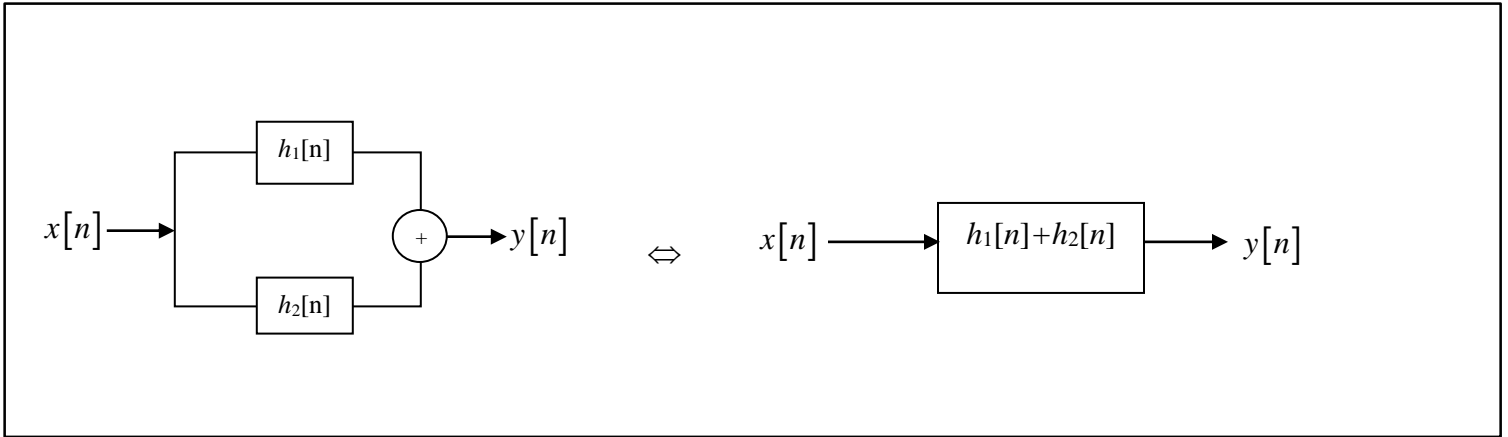
and

$$y_2[n] = x^2[n]. \quad (! \text{ impulse response is } h_2[n] = \delta^2[n] = \delta[n])$$

One of them is nonlinear so their order cannot be changed in their cascade.



## PARALLEL LTI SYSTEMS



## BIBO STABILITY

For an LTI system

$$\text{BIBO stability} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[n]| \leq B_h \quad (\text{impulse response is absolutely summable})$$

Proof:

Sufficiency:

$$|y[n]| = \left| \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k] x[n-k] \right| \leq \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[k]| \underbrace{|x[n-k]|}_{\leq B_x} \leq B_x \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[k]|$$

$$\text{so if } \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[k]| \leq B_h \text{ then } |y[n]| \leq B_h B_x = B_y$$

Necessity: (by contradiction)

Assume that the impulse response is not absolutely summable, i.e.  $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[n]| \rightarrow \infty$

$$\text{Also let } x[n] = \begin{cases} \frac{h[-n]}{|h[-n]|} & h[-n] \neq 0 \\ 0 & h[-n] = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{so that it is bounded.}$$

$$\text{Now consider } y[0] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k] x[-k] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{h[k]}{|h[k]|} h[k] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[k]| \rightarrow \infty$$

FIR (LTI) SYSTEMS ARE ALWAYS STABLE

Why?

## CAUSAL LTI SYSTEMS

The impulse response of a causal LTI system satisfies

$$h[n] = 0 \quad n < 0$$