



1.1. Convolution

a mathematical operation used to combine two signals (or functions) to produce a third signal that represents how one signal modifies or "filters" the other. In signal processing and systems theory, convolution is essential for analyzing linear time-invariant (LTI) systems, which are systems that respond to an input signal in a way that doesn't change over time.

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

This equation can be understood as follows:

- $x(k)$: Represents the values of the input signal.
- $h(n-k)$: Represents the impulse response shifted by k .
- The above equation is the linear convolution of $x(n)$ and $h(n)$, this linear convolution gives the total response $y(n)$.
- This equation provides the response of a Linear Shift (or Time) Invariant System (LSI or LTI) to an input $x(n)$ using the system's impulse response $h(n)$.



Example1: Convolve the following two sequences $x(n)$ & $h(n)$ to get $y(n)$

$$x(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } 3 \geq n \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases} \quad h(n) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{for } 1 \geq n \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Sol,

$$x(n) = \{1, 1, 1, 1\} \quad h(n) = \{2, 2\}$$

$$X(0) = 1 \quad h(0) = 2$$

$$X(1) = 1 \quad h(1) = 2$$

$$X(2) = 1$$

$$X(3) = 1$$

- Lowest index of $x(n)$ is $n_{xL} = 0$
- Highest index of $x(n)$ is $n_{xH} = 3$
- Lowest index of $h(n)$ is $n_{hL} = 0$
- Highest index of $h(n)$ is $n_{hH} = 1$

$$y(n) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} X(k)h(n-k) = \sum_{k=n_{xL}=0}^{n_{xH}=3} X(k)h(n-k)$$

$$y(n) = x(0)h(n) + x(1)h(n-1) + x(2)h(n-2) + x(3)h(n-3)$$

Range of "n"

$$(n_{xH} + n_{hH}) \geq n \geq (n_{xL} + n_{hL})$$

$$(3+1) \geq n \geq (0+0)$$

$$4 \geq n \geq 0$$



$$n=0$$

$$y(0)=x(0)h(0)+x(1)h(-1)+x(2)h(-2)+x(3)h(-3)=2$$

$$n=1$$

$$y(1)=x(0)h(1)+x(1)h(0)+x(2)h(-1)+x(3)h(-2)=4$$

$$n=2$$

$$y(2)=x(0)h(2)+x(1)h(1)+x(2)h(0)+x(3)h(1)=4$$

$$n=3$$

$$y(3)=x(0)h(3)+x(1)h(2)+x(2)h(1)+x(3)h(0)=4$$

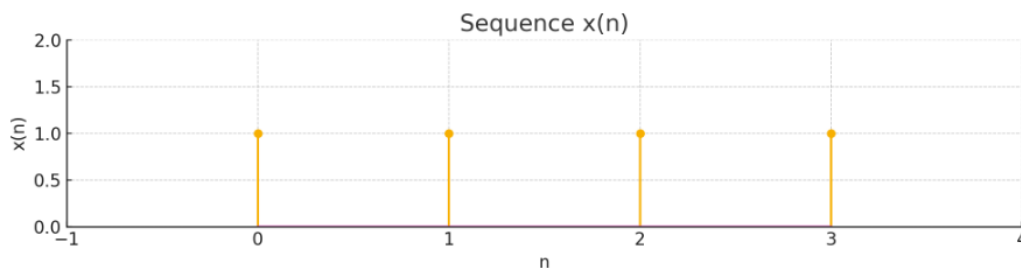
$$n=4$$

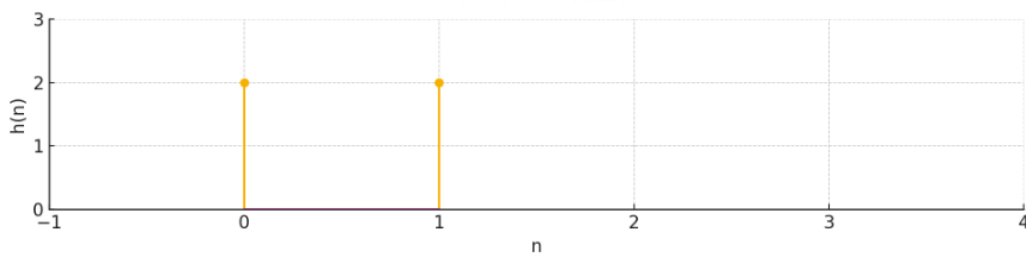
$$y(4)=x(0)h(4)+x(1)h(3)+x(2)h(2)+x(3)h(1)=2$$

$$\diamondsuit \quad y(n)=\{2,4,4,4,2\}$$

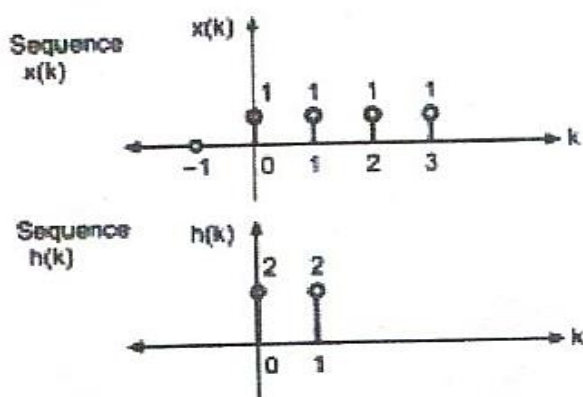
Example2: Solve the previous example by using Graphical method?

$$x(n)=\{1,1,1,1\}, \quad h(n)=\{2,2\}$$



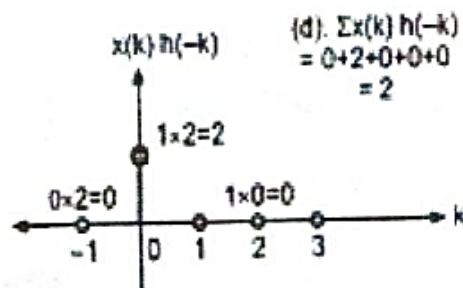
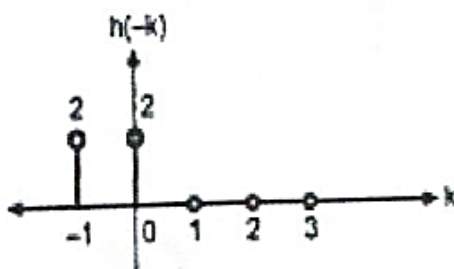


Solve:

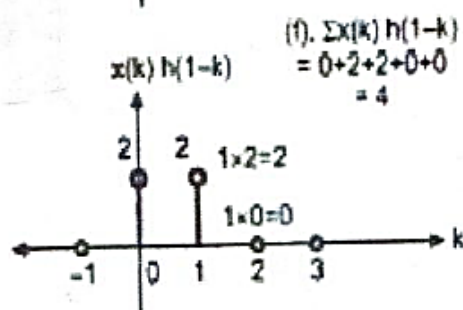
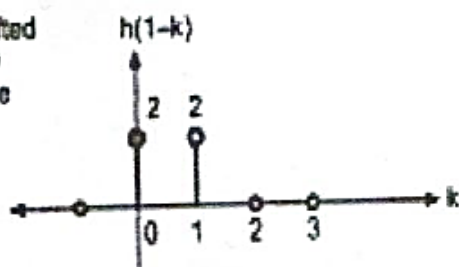




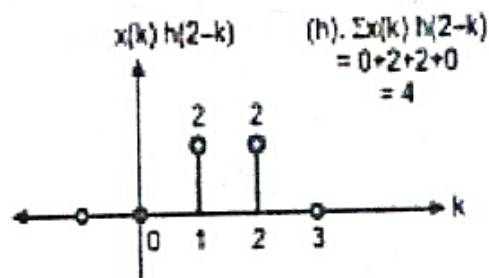
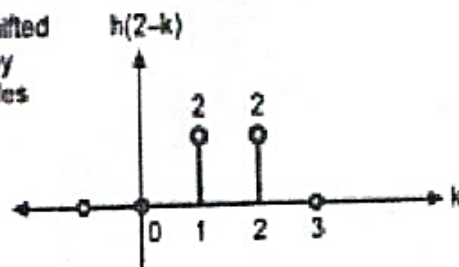
Folded
sequence
 $h(-k)$



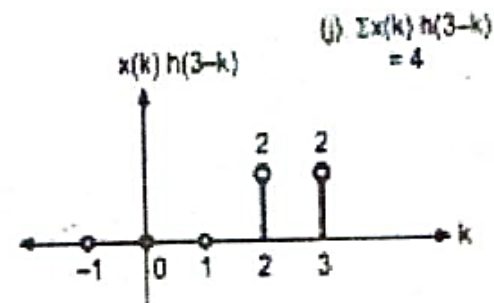
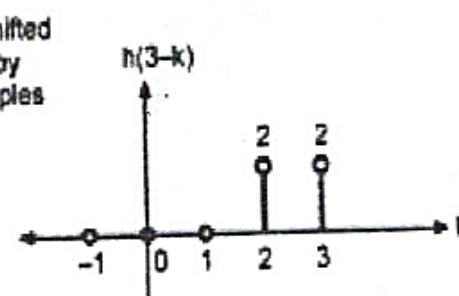
$h(-k)$ shifted
to right by
one sample



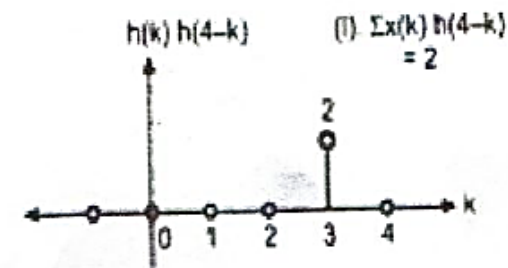
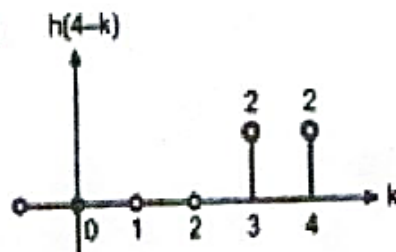
$h(-k)$ shifted
to right by
two samples



$h(-k)$ shifted
to right by
three samples

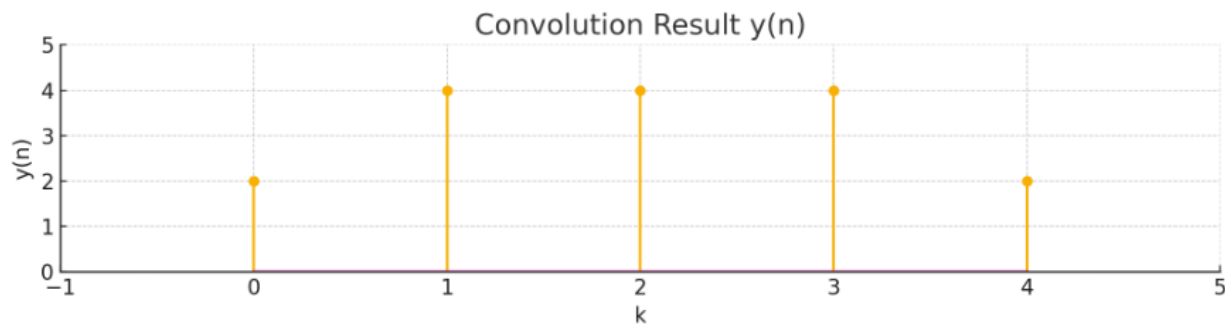


$h(-k)$ shifted
to right by
four samples





$$\diamond y(n) = \{2, 4, 4, 4, 2\}$$



Example3: Convolve the following two sequences to get $y(n)$:

$$x(n) = \{1, 1, 0, 1, 1\}, h(n) = \{1, -2, -3, 4\}$$

These two sequences can also be written as:

$x(-2)=1$	$h(-3)=1$
$x(-1)=1$	$h(-2)=-2$
$x(0)=0$	$h(-1)=-3$
$x(1)=1$	$h(0)=4$
$x(2)=1$	

- Lowest index of $x(n)$ is $n_{xL} = -2$
- Highest index of $x(n)$ is $n_{xH} = 2$
- Lowest index of $h(n)$ is $n_{hL} = -3$
- Highest index of $h(n)$ is $n_{hH} = 0$



$$y(n) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x(k)h(n-k) = \sum_{n_{xL}=k=-2}^{n_{xH}=2} x(k)h(n-k)$$

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

Range of “n”

$$(n_{xL} + n_{hL}) \leq n \leq (n_{xH} + n_{hH})$$

$$(-2-3) \leq n \leq (2+0)$$

$$-5 \leq n \leq 2$$

$$n = -5$$

$$y(-5) = x(-2)h(-5+2) + x(-1)h(-5+1) + x(0)h(-5) + x(1)h(-5-1) + x(2)h(-5-2) = 1$$

$$n = -4$$

$$y(-4) = x(-2)h(-4+2) + x(-1)h(-4+1) + x(0)h(-4) + x(1)h(-4-1) + x(2)h(-4-2) = -2 + 1 = -1$$

$$n = -3$$

$$y(-3) = x(-2)h(-3+2) + x(-1)h(-3+1) + x(0)h(-3) + x(1)h(-3-1) + x(2)h(-3-2) = -5$$

$$n = -2$$

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

$$n = -1$$

$$y(-1) = x(-2)h(-1+2) + x(-1)h(-1+1) + x(0)h(-1) + x(1)h(-1-1) + x(2)h(-1-2) = 3$$

$$n = 0$$



$$y(0)=x(-2)h(0+2)+x(-1)h(0+1)+x(0)h(0)+x(1)h(0-1)+x(2)h(0-2)= -5$$

$$n=1$$

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

$$n=2$$

$$y(2)=x(-2)h(2+2)+x(-1)h(2+1)+x(0)h(2)+x(1)h(2-1)+x(2)h(2-2)= 4$$

$$\diamond y(n)=\{-5,2,3,-5,1,4\}$$

Example4: Determine the convolution of the following two sequences by using direct method?

$$x(n)=\{1,2,3,1\}, h(n)=\{2,0,2\}$$

$$y(n)=\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} X(k)h(n-k) = \sum_{k=0}^5 X(k)h(n-k)$$

$$y(n)=x(0)h(n)+x(1)h(n-1)+x(2)h(n-2)+x(3)h(n-3)+x(4)h(n-4)+x(5)h(n-5)$$

$$n=0$$

$$y(0)=x(0)h(0)+x(1)h(-1)+x(2)h(-2)+x(3)h(-3)+x(4)h(-4)+x(5)h(-5)=2$$

$$n=1$$

$$y(1)=x(0)h(1-0)+x(1)h(1-1)+x(2)h(1-2)+x(3)h(1-3)+x(4)h(1-4)+x(5)h(1-5)=4$$



$$n=2$$

$$y(2)=x(0)h(2-0)+x(1)h(2-1)+x(2)h(2-2)+x(3)h(2-3)+x(4)h(2-4)+x(5)h(2-5)=8$$

$$n=3$$

$$y(3)=x(0)h(3-0)+x(1)h(3-1)+x(2)h(3-2)+x(3)h(3-3)+x(4)h(3-4)+x(5)h(3-5)=6$$

$$n=4$$

$$y(4)=x(0)h(4-0)+x(1)h(4-1)+x(2)h(4-2)+x(3)h(4-3)+x(4)h(4-4)+x(5)h(4-5)=6$$

$$n=5$$

$$y(5)=x(0)h(5-0)+x(1)h(5-1)+x(2)h(5-2)+x(3)h(5-3)+x(4)h(5-4)+x(5)h(5-5)=2$$

$$\diamondsuit \quad y(n)=\{2,4,8,6,6,2\}$$

H.W/ Determine the convolution between $x(n)$ & $h(n)$ as given below:

$$h(n)=u(n)$$

$$x(n)=\{1,1,2\} \text{ using graphical method?}$$

H.W/ Determine the response the system whose input $x(n)$ & $h(n)$ is given as following:

$$x(n)=\begin{cases} \frac{1}{3}n & \text{for } 0 \leq n \leq 6 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases} \quad h(n)=\begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } -2 \leq n \leq 2 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$