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# EEO 401 Digital Signal Processing Prof. Mark Fowler

# Note Set #3

- Convolution & Impulse Response Review
- Reading Assignment: Sect. 2.3 of Proakis & Manolakis

# **Convolution for LTI D-T systems**



Before we can <u>find</u> the outptut... we need something first:

### **Impulse Response**

The impulse response h[n] is what "comes out" when  $\delta[n]$  "goes in" w/ ICs=0



The impulse response h[n] uniquely describes the system... so we can identify the system by specifying its impulse response h[n].

Thus, we often show the system using a block diagram with the system's impulse response h[n] inside the box representing the system:



Because impulse response h[n] is only defined for LTI systems, if you see a box with the symbol h[n] inside it you can assume that the system is an LTI system.

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

## **Q:** How do we use *h*[*n*] to find the Zero-State Response?

<u>A: "Convolution"</u> We'll go through three analysis steps that will <u>derive</u> "The General Answer" that convolution is what we need to do to find the zerostate response

After that... we won't need to re-do these steps... we'll just "Do Convolution"





**<u>Step 3:</u>** Use "additivity" part of linearity

#### In Step 2 we looked at inputs like this:



#### Now we use the additivity part of linearity:





So... what we've seen is this:

Input: 
$$\sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} x[i]\delta[n-i]$$
  
=  $x[n]$  Output: 
$$\sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} x[i]h[n-i]$$

Or in other words... we've derived an expression that tells what comes out of a D-T LTI system with input *x*[*n*]:

$$x[n]$$

$$h[n]$$

$$ICs = 0$$

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

$$CONVOLUTION!$$

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

$$Notation for Convolution$$

So... now that we have derived this result we don't have to do these three steps... we "just" use this equation to find the zero-state output:

$$y[n] = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} x[i]h[n-i]$$
 CONVOLUTION!

Note: In your Signals & Systems course you should have learned how to \*do\* convolution.... You should review that!

# **Big Picture**

For a LTI D-T system in <u>zero state</u> characterized by impulse response h[n], we can analytically find the output when the input is x[n] by performing the convolution between x[n] and h[n].

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

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### **Convolution Properties**

These are things you can exploit to make it easier to solve problems

- 1.<u>Commutativity</u> x[n] \* h[n] = h[n] \* x[n]  $\Rightarrow$  You can choose which signal to "flip" 2. <u>Associativity</u> x[n] \* (v[n] \* w[n]) = (x[n] \* v[n]) \* w[n]  $\Rightarrow$  Can change order  $\rightarrow$  sometimes one order is easier than another 3. <u>Distributivity</u>  $x[n] * (h_1[n] + h_2[n]) = x[n] * h_1[n] + x[n] * h_2[n]$   $\Rightarrow$  may be easier to split complicated system h[n] into sum of simple ones OR..  $\Rightarrow$  we can split complicated input into sum of simple ones (nothing more than "linearity")
- 4. <u>Convolution with impulses</u>  $x[n] * \delta[n-q] = x[n-q]$

This one is VERY easy to see using the graphical convolution steps. <u>TRY IT</u>!!

### **Checking for Stability via the Impulse Response**

An LTI system is BIBO stable if and only if its impulse response is "absolutely summable":  $\infty$ 

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

# Systems w/ Infinite-Duration & Finite-Duration Impulse Resp.

For simplicity of notation we focus on causal systems here.

$$y[n] = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} h[i]x[n-i]$$
 In general, the impulse  
response has infinite duration

A system for which h[n] has infinitely many non-zero values is said to be an "infinite-duration impulse response (IIR) system.

A system for which h[n] has finitely many non-zero values is said to be an "finite-duration impulse response (FIR) system. Suppose h[n] = 0 for n < 0 and for  $n \ge M$  then the convolution sum becomes

$$w[n] = \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} h[i]x[n-i]$$
This is said to be an order M  
FIR system

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