

# Polyphase Structure of Filter

Note: “Polyphase Filters” is often incorrectly taken to mean some special kind of filter... instead, it is merely a special structure that is handy when using filters in multirate settings

# Polyphase Filters

Polyphase is a way of doing sampling-rate conversion that leads to very efficient implementations.

But more than that, it leads to very general viewpoints that are useful in building filter banks.

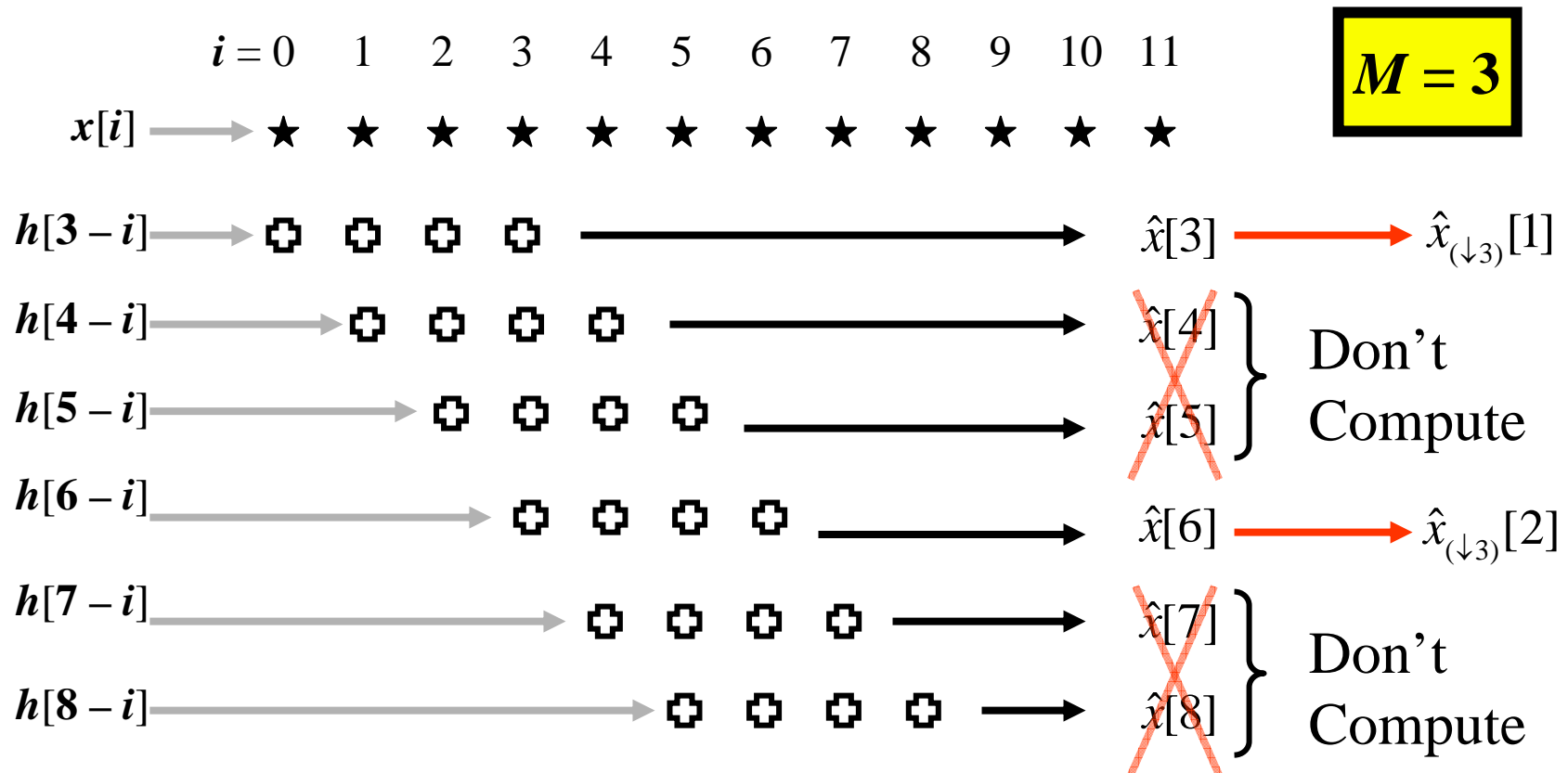
Before we delve into the math we can see a lot just by looking at the structure of the filtering....

..... Of course, we WILL need to do the math, too, though.

# Efficient FIR Filtering for Decimation

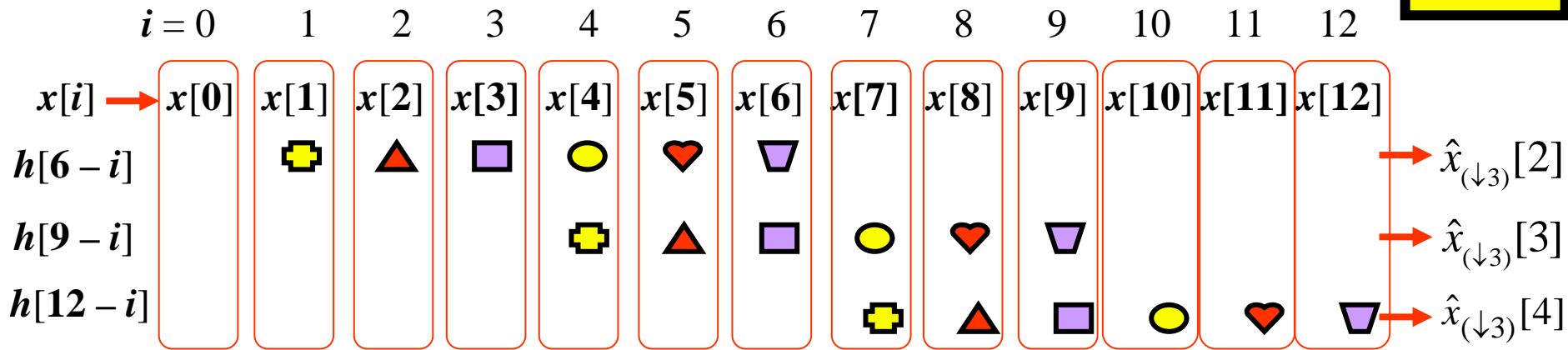
Filtering:  $\hat{x}[n] = \sum_i x[i] h[n-i]$

Decimation:  $\hat{x}_{(\downarrow M)}[n] = \hat{x}[nM]$   
 $= \sum_i x[i] h[nM-i]$



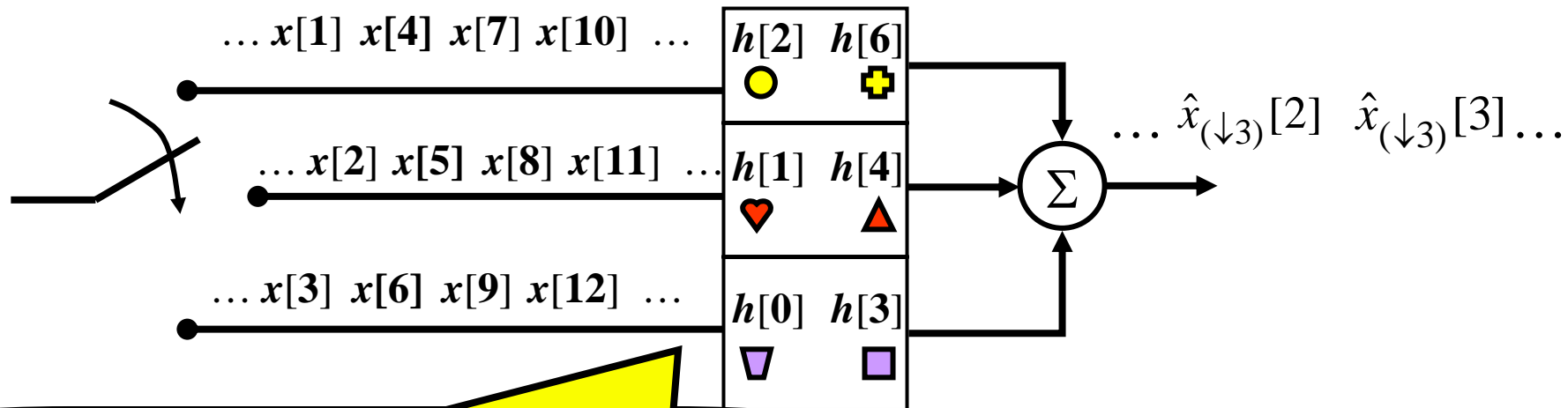
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$M = 3$



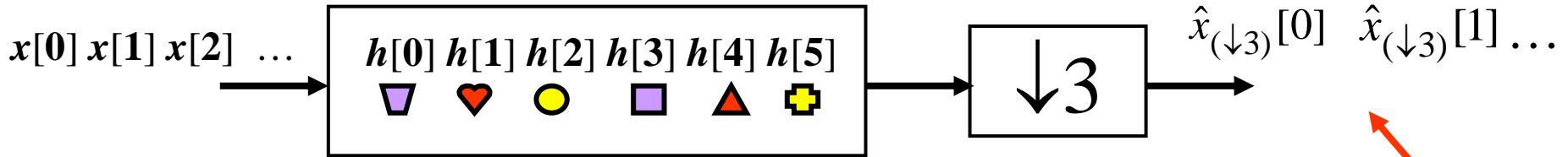
Original Filter...  $h[0] h[1] h[2] h[3] h[4] h[5]$  ... gets split into  $M=3$  subfilters:

## Polyphase Form of FIR Decimation



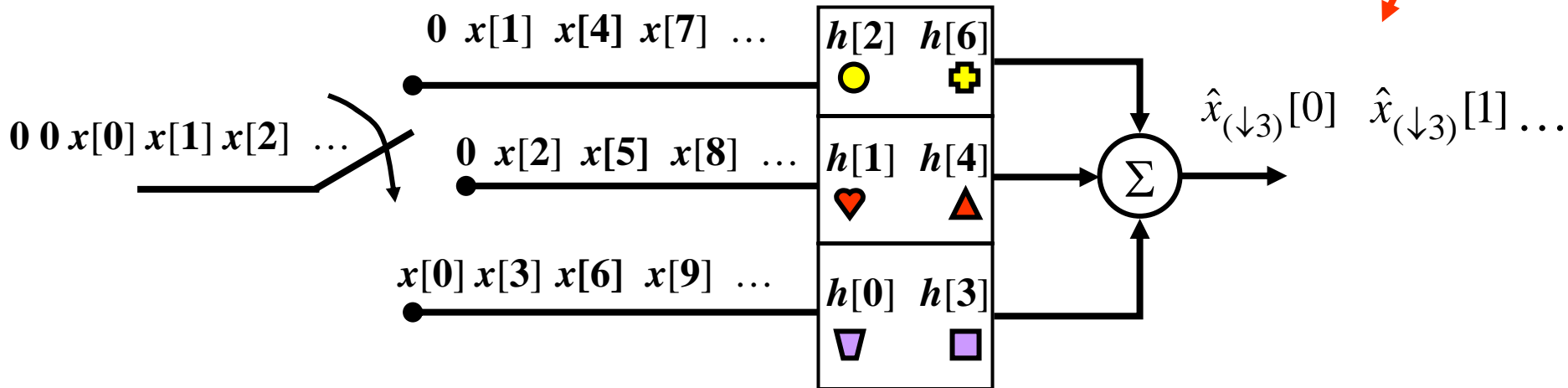
**Advantage:** “Decimate” then Filter

# Inefficient Direct Form of FIR Decimation



Outputs  
are the  
Same

# Efficient Polyphase Form of FIR Decimation



# Example of Polyphase Filters for Decimation

Consider Length-10 Filter w/  $M=4$

$i$ : 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

$h[i]$ :  $h[0]$   $h[1]$   $h[2]$   $h[3]$   $h[4]$   $h[5]$   $h[6]$   $h[7]$   $h[8]$   $h[9]$  0 0 0 ....

Length of Polyphase Filters:  $\text{ceil}\{\text{length}/M\} = \text{ceil}\{10/4\} = 3$

$i'$ : 0 1 2

$p_0[i']$ :  $h[0]$   $h[4]$   $h[8]$

$p_1[i']$ :  $h[1]$   $h[5]$   $h[9]$

$p_2[i']$ :  $h[2]$   $h[6]$  0

$p_3[i']$ :  $h[3]$   $h[7]$  0

$x_0[n]$ :  $x[0]$   $x[4]$   $x[8]$   $x[12]$   $x[16]$  ....

$x_1[n]$ :  $x[-1]$   $x[3]$   $x[7]$   $x[11]$   $x[15]$  ....

$x_2[n]$ :  $x[-2]$   $x[2]$   $x[6]$   $x[10]$   $x[14]$  ....

$x_3[n]$ :  $x[-3]$   $x[1]$   $x[5]$   $x[9]$   $x[13]$  ....

# Example of Polyphase Filters for Decimation (pt. 2)

## Matlab Code

**% Create input signal and filter**

```
x=1:21;
```

```
h=[1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 0 0];
```

Pad zeros to make length equal to integer multiple of  $M$

**%% Direct Form (Inefficient) %%**

```
y=filter(h,1,x); % Compute filter output
```

```
y_dec=y(1:4:end) % Throw away unneeded output samples
```

**%% Polyphase Form (Efficient) %%**

```
% Select polyphase filters
```

```
p0=h(1:4:end)
```

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p1=h(2:4:end)
```

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p2=h(3:4:end)
```

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p3=h(4:4:end)
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```
% Select polyphase signals
```

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x0=x(1:4:end)
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x1=[0 x(4:4:end)]
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x2=[0 x(3:4:end)]
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x3=[0 x(2:4:end)]
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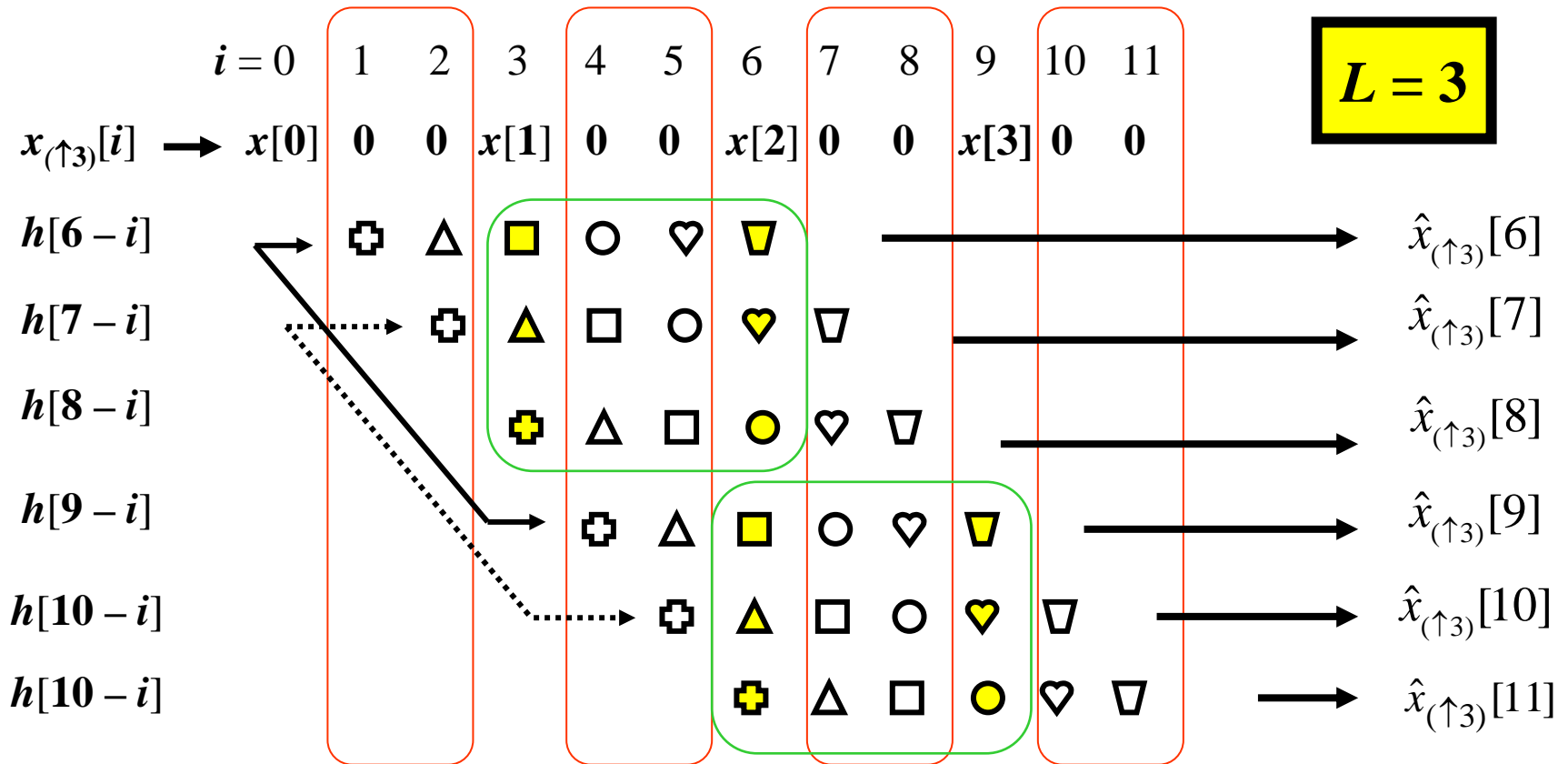
Put a zero in front to provide the  $x[-3]$ ,  $x[-2]$ , and  $x[-1]$  terms

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% filter each polyphase component and add together
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```
y_poly_dec=filter(p0,1,x0)+filter(p1,1,x1)+filter(p2,1,x2)+filter(p3,1,x3)
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# Efficient FIR Filtering for Interpolation

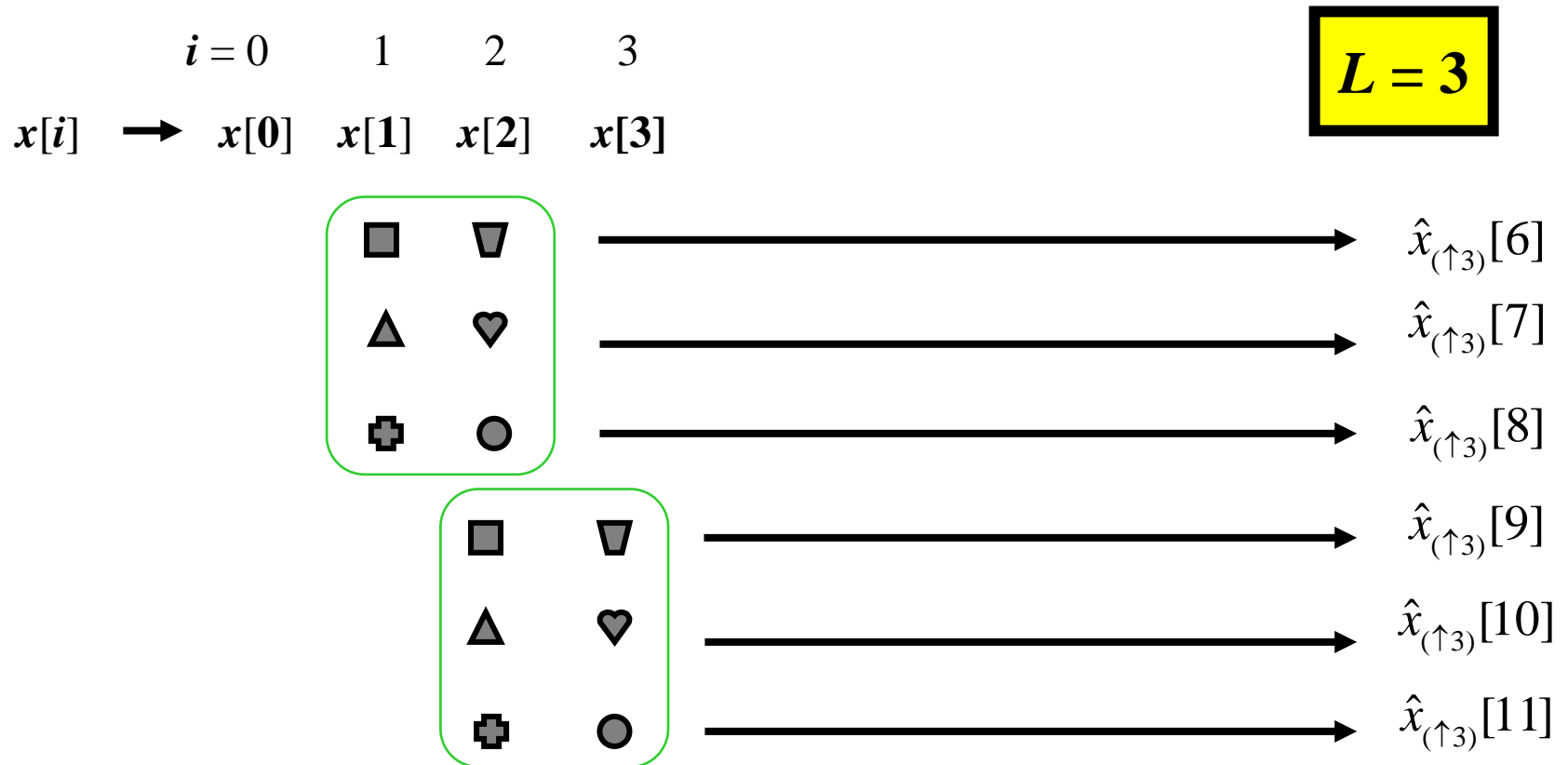
Interpolation :  $\hat{x}_{(\uparrow L)}[n] = \sum_i x_{(\uparrow L)}[i] h[n-i]$





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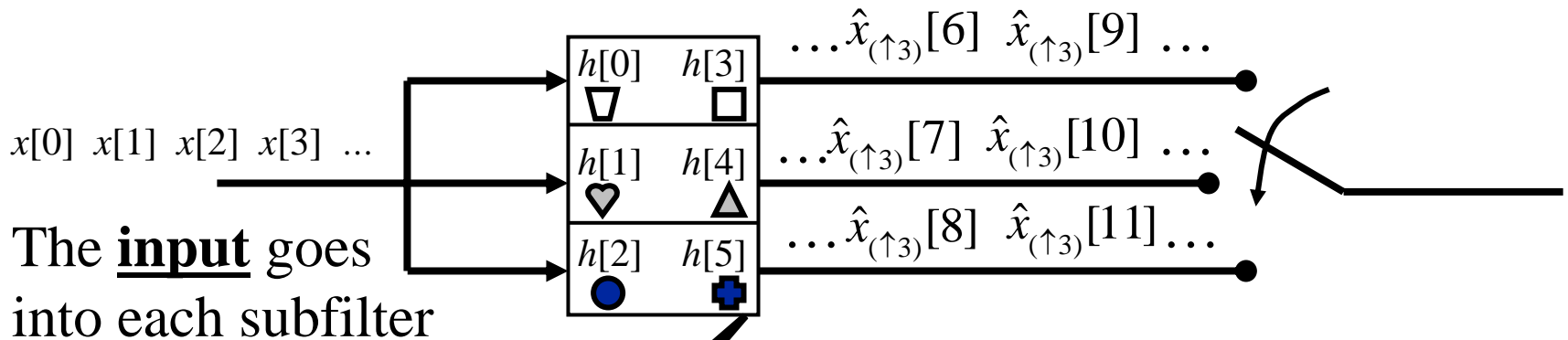
Original Filter...

$h[0]$   $h[1]$   $h[2]$   $h[3]$   $h[4]$   $h[5]$   
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$L = 3$

... gets split into  $L = 3$  subfilters:

## Polyphase Form of FIR Interpolation



**Advantage**  
Filter then  
Interpolate

The **output** comes from alternating between the subfilter outputs

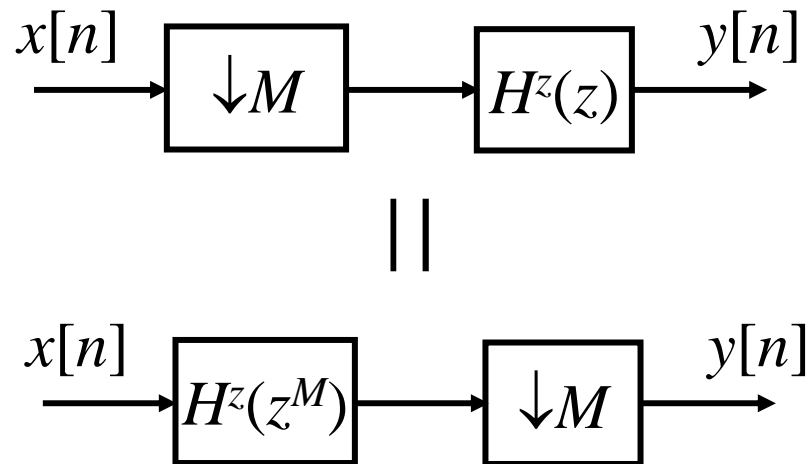
# Multirate Identities – “The Noble Identities”

These provide analysis “tricks” useful when dealing with mathematical analysis of multirate systems.

The question in general is: How can we interchange the order of filtering w/ decimation/expansion?

## Decimation Identity

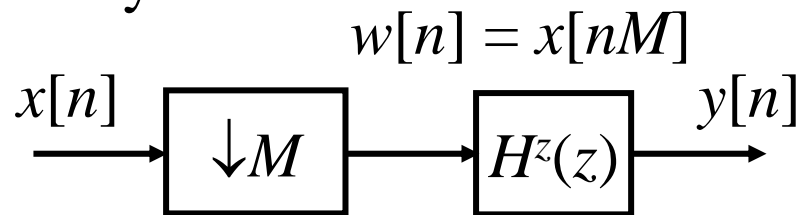
This identity asserts equality between the following 2 systems:



Can prove this either in the Time-Domain or Z-Domain

# TD Proof of Decimation Identity

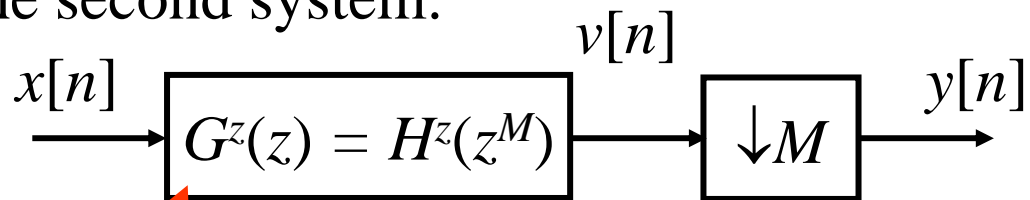
For the first system:



$$y[n] = w[n] * h[n] = \sum_k h[k]w[n-k]$$

$$= \sum_k h[k]x[(n-k)M]$$

For the second system:



$$g[n] = h_{(\uparrow M)}[n] \quad \text{By Eq. (12.15)}$$

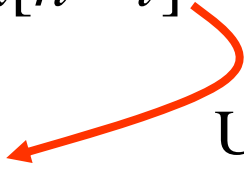
$$= \begin{cases} h[n/M], & \text{if } n/M = \text{integer} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (\star)$$

# TD Proof of Decimation Identity (cont.)

Thus...

$$\begin{aligned}v[n] &= x[n] * g[n] = \sum_l g[l]x[n-l] \\ &= \sum_k h[k]x[n-kM]\end{aligned}$$

Use (★)



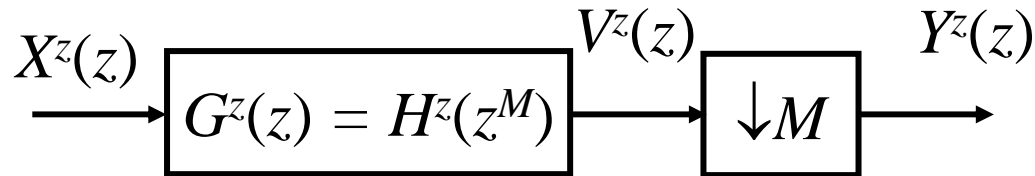
Then...

$$\begin{aligned}y[n] &= v[nM] \\ &= \sum_k h[k]x[(n-k)M]\end{aligned}$$

Same as for System #1 → Proved!!!

# ZD Proof of Decimation Identity

For the second system:



where...  $V^z(z) = X^z(z)H^z(z^M)$  (★★)

But...  $Y^z(z) = \{V^z(z)\}_{(\downarrow M)}$  By ZT Result for Decimation

$$= \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} V^z(z^{1/M} W_M^{-m})$$

Use (★★)

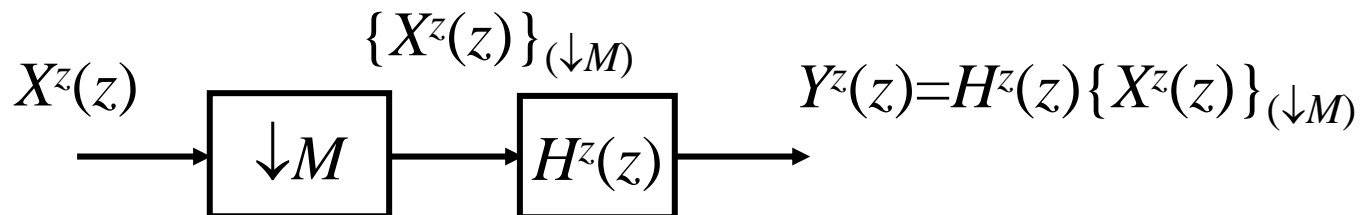
$$= \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} X^z(z^{1/M} W_M^{-m}) H^z((z^{1/M} W_M^{-m})^M)$$

Now...  $(z^{1/M} W_M^{-m})^M = z \underbrace{W_M^{-mM}}_{e^{j2\pi} = 1} = z$

# ZD Proof of Decimation Identity (cont.)

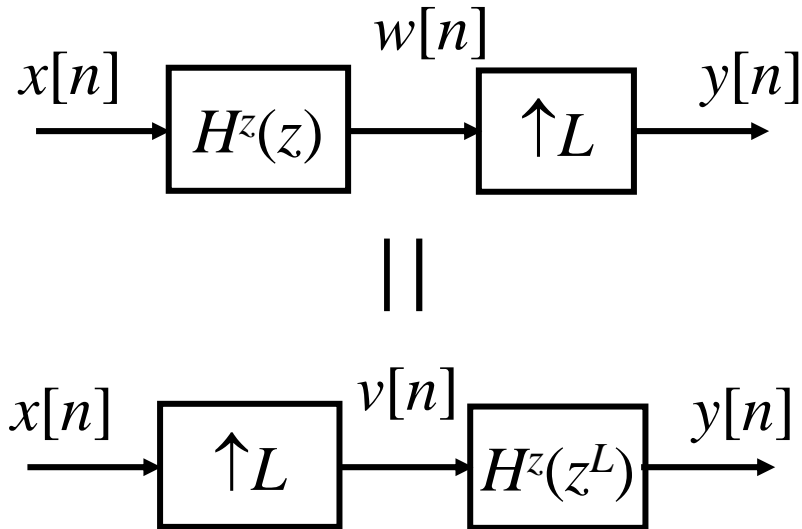
$$\begin{aligned} Y^z(z) &= \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} X^z(z^{1/M} W_M^{-m}) H^z(z) \\ &= H^z(z) \left[ \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} X^z(z^{1/M} W_M^{-m}) \right] \\ &= H^z(z) \{X^z(z)\}_{(\downarrow M)} \end{aligned}$$

Which is clearly the same thing that the first system gives:



# Expansion Identity

This identity asserts equality between the following 2 systems:

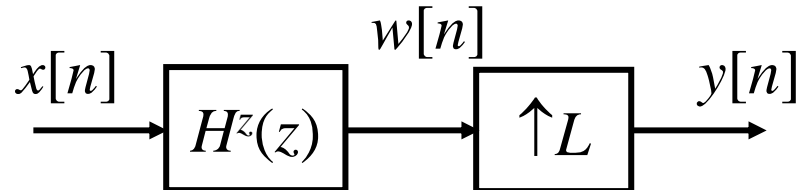


Will give only Z-Domain proof here.



# ZD Proof of Expansion Identity

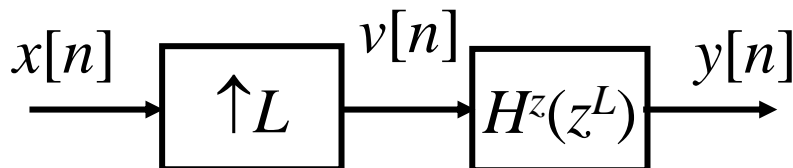
First system gives:



$$W^z(z) = X^z(z)H^z(z)$$

Then...  $Y^z(z) = W_{(\uparrow L)}^z(z) = W^z(z^L)$   
 $= X^z(z^L)H^z(z^L)$

Second system gives:



$$V^z(z) = X_{(\uparrow L)}^z(z) = X^z(z^L)$$

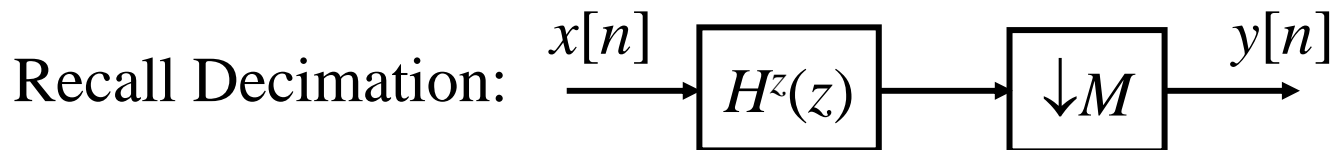
Then...  $Y^z(z) = V^z(z)H^z(z^L)$   
 $= X^z(z^L)H^z(z^L)$

Same!

# Polyphase Representation of Decimation

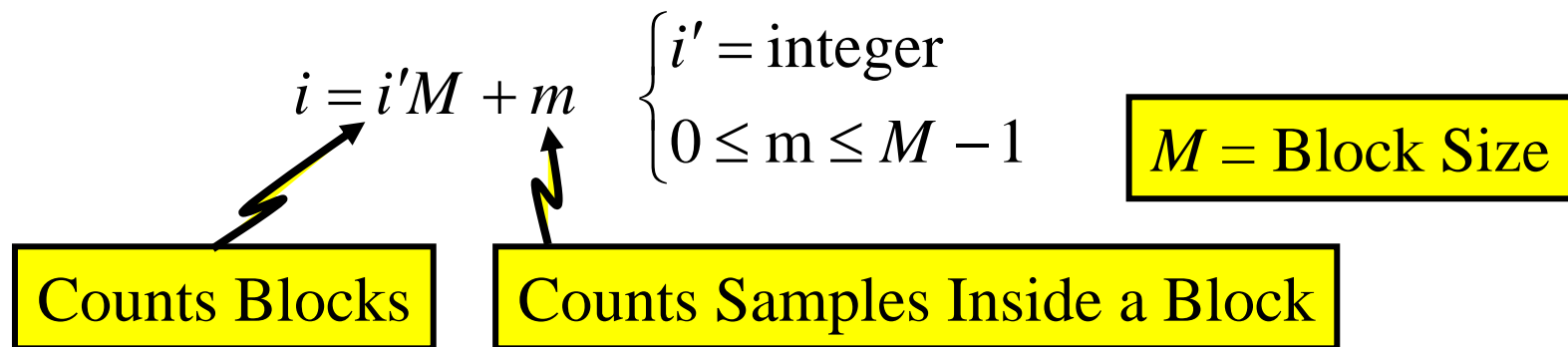
Now we re-visit this topic and do it mathematically...

**Basic Math Idea**: Re-write convolution sum's index & manipulate to get “parallel” filters:



Output given by (12.17) as...  $y[n] = \sum_i h[i]x[nM - i]$  (★★★)

Write sum's index in “block form” – a common “trick”:



# Polyphase Rep of Dec (cont.)

Block-Based Indexing:

$$i = i'M + m \quad \begin{cases} i' = \text{integer} \\ 0 \leq m \leq M - 1 \end{cases}$$

$m \backslash i'$	0	1	2	...	$M - 1$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
-1	$-M$	$-M + 1$	...	$-2$	$-1$
0	0	1	2	...	$M - 1$
1	$M$	$M + 1$	$M + 2$	...	$2M - 1$
2	$2M$	$2M + 1$	$2M + 2$	...	$3M - 1$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$

Forward Indexing

Each row is indexed forward

# Polyphase Rep of Dec (cont.)

Use Block Indexing in (★★★):

$$y[n] = \sum_i h[i]x[nM - i]$$

$$= \sum_{i'} \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} h[i'M + m]x[\underbrace{nM - i'M - m}_{(n-i')M - m}]$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} \sum_{i'} h[i'M + m]x[(n - i')M - m] \quad (\star\star\star\star)$$

- Sum up inside each block
- Sum up all Block Results

Sum all elements in the  $m^{\text{th}}$  position of each block

# Polyphase Rep of Dec (cont.)

Now, let's interpret this:

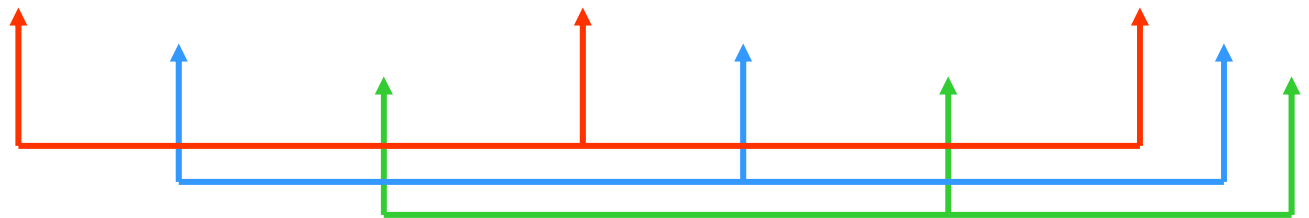
Define for each  $m$ ,  $0 \leq m \leq M-1$

$$p_m[i'] = h[i'M + m]$$

$m^{\text{th}}$  Polyphase Component of  $h[n]$

Example  $n$ : 0    1    2    3    4    5    6  
 $h[n]$ : 1.2   4    0.5   7    1    1.7   2   0   0...

$M=3$



$$p_0[i'] = \{1.2, 7, 2\}$$

$$p_1[i'] = \{4, 1, 0\}$$

$$p_2[i'] = \{0.5, 1.7, 0\}$$

Each one is a decimated version of  $h[n]$  & the versions are staggered

< See Fig. 12.15 on next page >

**Fig. 12.15 from Porat's Book**

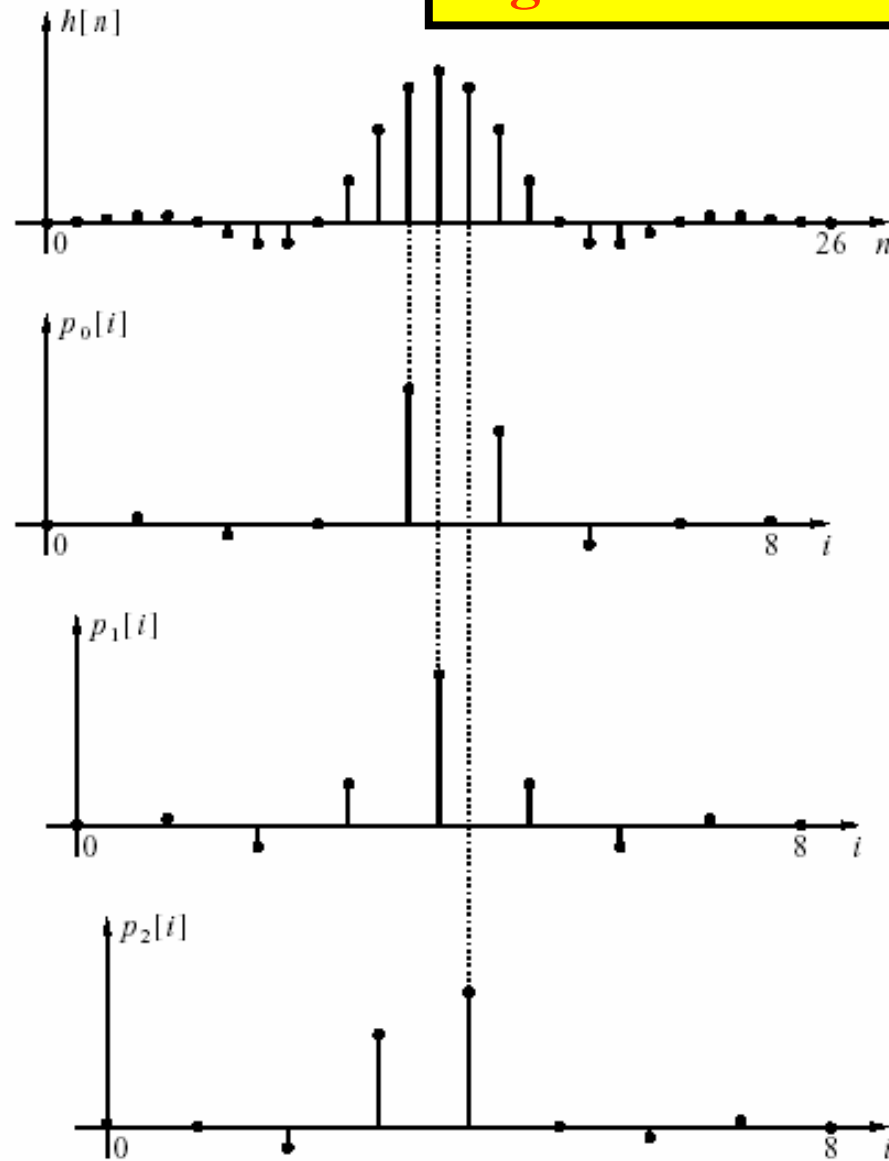


Figure 12.15 The polyphase components of an FIR filter, illustrated for  $N = 26$  and  $M = 3$ .

# Polyphase Rep of Dec (cont.)

What have we done?

Split up  $h[n]$  into  $M$  subsequences – where the  $m^{\text{th}}$  subsequence is a decimated-by- $M$  version of  $h[n + m]$

Why the name “Polyphase”?

Recall: Time-Shift in TD  $\leftrightarrow$  Phase-Shift in FD

$$h[n + m] \leftrightarrow e^{j\theta m} H^f(\theta)$$

→ “Polyphase”



# Polyphase Rep of Dec (cont.)

Now... let's chop up the input similarly:

$$u_m[n] = x[nM - m]$$

$m \backslash n$	0	1	2	...	$M - 1$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
-1	$-M$	$-M - 1$	...		$-2M + 1$
0	0	-1	-2	...	$-M + 1$
1	$M$	$M - 1$	$M - 2$	...	1
2	$2M$	...		$M + 2$	$M + 1$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$

Backward Indexing

Differs From Before:  
Each row is indexed backward



# Polyphase Rep of Dec (cont.)

Now... back to the mathematical development.

Putting these re-indexed versions into (★★★★):

$$y[n] = \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} \sum_{i'} h[i'M + m] x[(n - i')M - m]$$

$$p_m[i'] = h[i'M + m]$$

$$u_m[n] = x[nM - m]$$

$$y[n] = \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} \left[ \sum_{i'} p_m[i'] u_m[n - i'] \right]$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} \{ p_m * u_m \}[n]$$

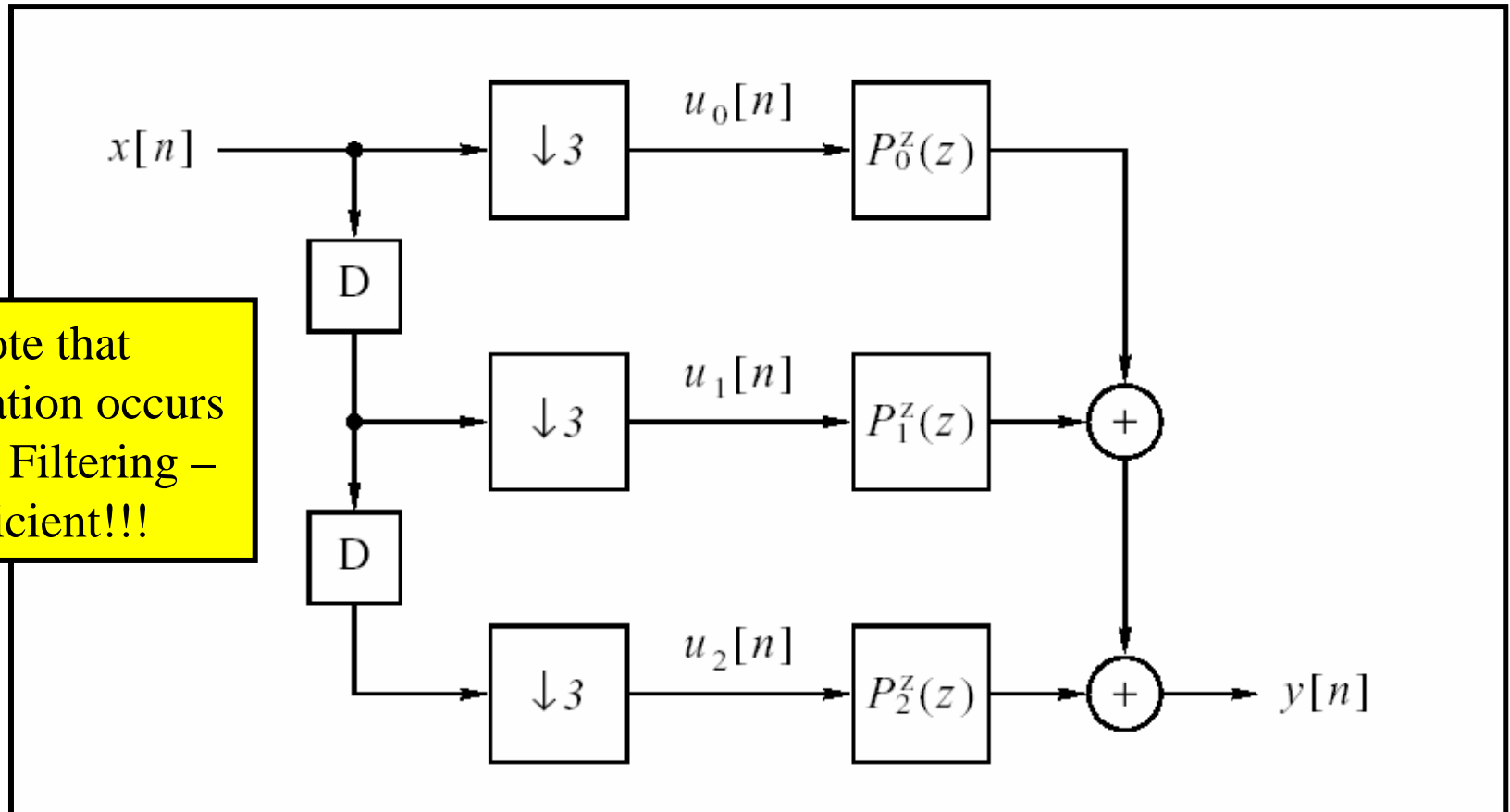
## To Implement Polyphase Decimation

- Chop up filter into  $M$  sub-filters
- Chop up signal into  $M$  sub-signals
- Filter each sub-signal w/ a sub-filter
- Add outputs point-by-point

# Polyphase Rep of Dec (cont.)

Two equivalent ways to think of this:

## First Way (shown for $M=3$ ):

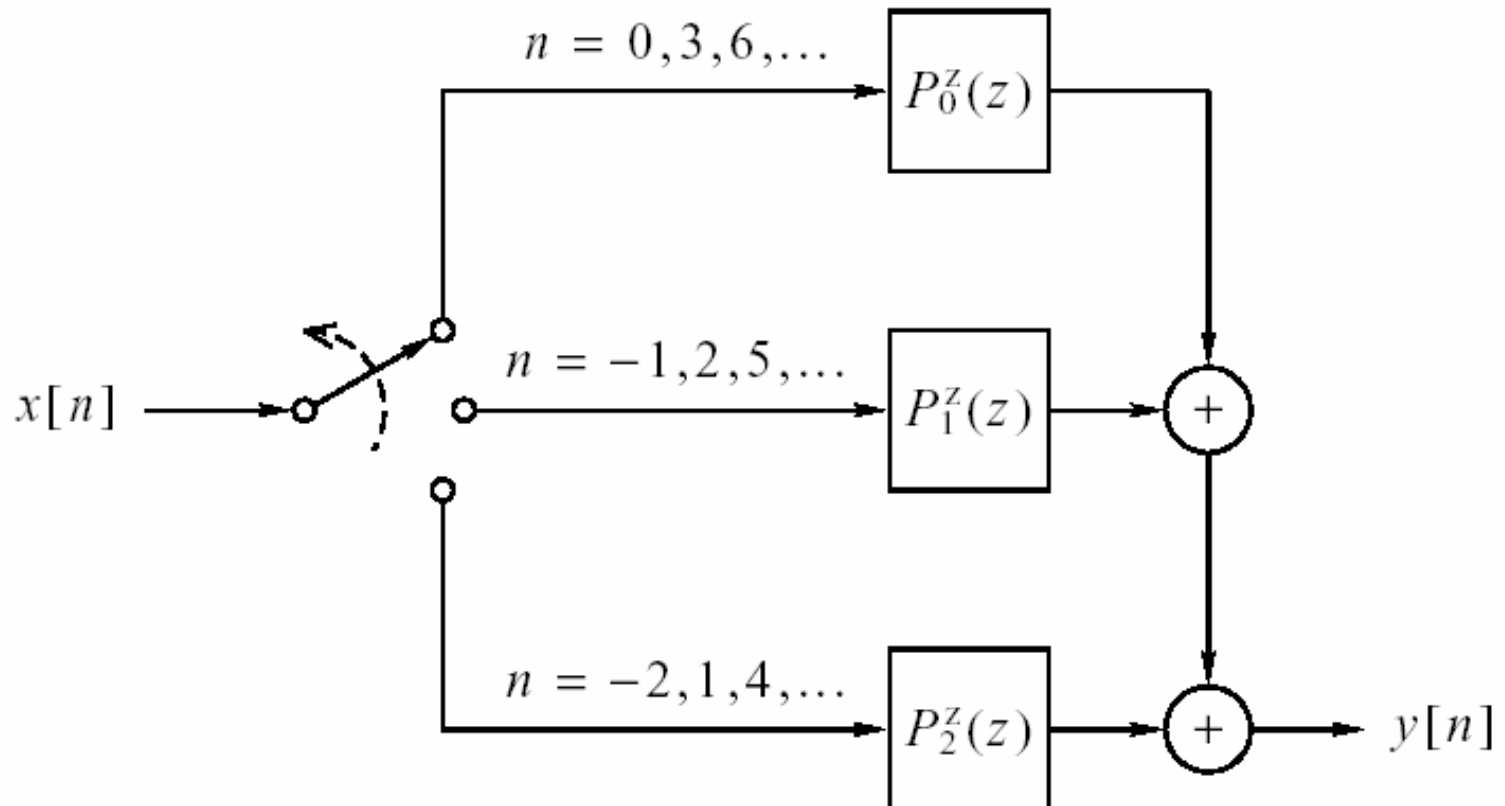


Note that  
Decimation occurs  
Before Filtering –  
Efficient!!!

<This is Fig. 12.16 from Porat's Book>

# Polyphase Rep of Dec (cont.)

## Second Way to View It (shown for $M=3$ ):



<This is Fig. 12.17 from Porat's Book>

# Polyphase Rep of Dec (cont.)

Now we re-analyze this set-up, but in the Z-Domain....

Why? ....It provides further analysis insight.

Z-Domain results often provide insight into how to:

- Derive other results
- Design Polyphase Filters
- Etc.

# Polyphase Rep of Dec (cont.)

First.... some time-domain trickery:

How do we get back  $h[n]$  from the  $p_m[n]$ ???

1. Insert  $M-1$  zeros between each sample
2. “Line them up” using delays
3. Add them up

Expansion!

## Recall Example:

$$p_0[i'] = \{1.2, 7, 2\}$$

$$p_1[i'] = \{4, 1, 0\}$$

$$p_0[i'] = \{0.5, 1.7, 0\}$$



$$\{1.2, 0, 0, 7, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0\}$$

$$\{ 4, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0\}$$

$$\{0.5, 0, 0, 1.7, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0\}$$



$$\{1.2, 0, 0, 7, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0\}$$

$$\{ 0, 4, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0\}$$

$$\{ 0, 0, 0.5, 0, 0, 1.7, 0, 0, 0\}$$

$$h[n] = \{1.2, 4, 0.5, 7, 1, 1.7, 2, 0, 0\}$$

# Polyphase Rep of Dec (cont.)

Thus....

$$h[n] = \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} \{p_{m(\uparrow M)}\} [n - m]$$

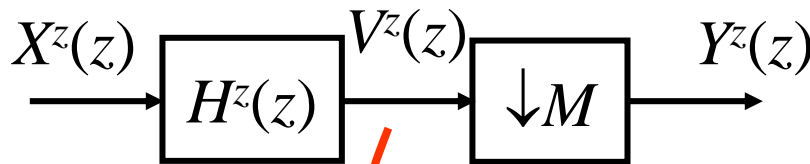
So.... in Z-Domain we have:

Delay

Expand

$$H^z(z) = \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} z^{-m} P_m^z(z^M)$$

Now... filter/decimate looks like this:

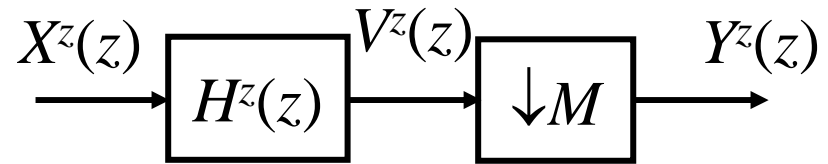


$$V^z(z) = X^z(z)H^z(z)$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} z^{-m} P_m^z(z^M) X^z(z)$$

# Polyphase Rep of Dec (cont.)

... and after  $\downarrow M$  we get:



$$Y^z(z) = \{V^z(z)\}_{(\downarrow M)}$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} \underbrace{\{z^{-m} P_m^z(z^M) X^z(z)\}}_{=P_m^z(z)\{z^{-m} X^z(z)\}_{(\downarrow M)}}_{(\downarrow M)}$$

By the  
“Decimation  
Identity”

$$= \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} P_m^z(z) \underbrace{\{z^{-m} X^z(z)\}}_{U_m^z(z)}_{(\downarrow M)}$$

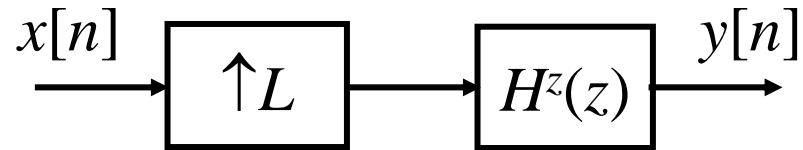
By Definition  
Signal’s  
Polyphase  
Components

$$= \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} P_m^z(z) U_m^z(z)$$

...which is the Z-Domain Description of the polyphase decimation structure. We have now developed two different derivations of the polyphase structure.

# Polyphase Rep of Expansion

Recall Expansion:



Output given by (12.19) as... 
$$y[n] = \sum_i x[i]h[n - Li]$$

Re-Index using: 
$$n = n'L + \underbrace{(L-1) - l}_{\text{"backwards"}} \quad \begin{cases} n' \text{ integer} \\ 0 \leq l \leq L-1 \end{cases}$$

$n'$  = Block Index

$l$  = In-Block Index (indexes backward through block)



# Polyphase Rep of Exp (cont.)

$$n = n'L + \underbrace{(L-1) - l}_{\text{"backwards"}} \quad \begin{cases} n' \text{ integer} \\ 0 \leq l \leq L-1 \end{cases}$$

$l \backslash n'$	0	1	2	...	$L-1$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
-1	-1	-2	...		-L
0	$L-1$	$L-2$	$L-3$	...	0
1	$2L-1$	$2L-2$	$2L-3$	...	$L$
2	$3L-1$	$3L-2$	$3L-3$	...	$2L$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$

Expansion  
Re-Index  
Table

# Polyphase Rep of Exp (cont.)

Using this re-indexing gives...

$$\begin{aligned}y[n] &= \sum_i x[i]h[n - Li] \\y[\underbrace{n'L + (L - 1) - l}_n] &= \sum_i x[i]h[\underbrace{n'L + (L - 1) - l - Li}_n] \\&= \sum_i x[i]h[(n' - i)L + (L - 1) - l]\end{aligned}$$

For each  $l$  such that  $0 \leq l \leq L - 1$  we define:

$$\begin{aligned}q_l[n'] &= h[n'L + (L - 1) - l] \\v_l[n'] &= y[n'L + (L - 1) - l]\end{aligned} \quad \longrightarrow \quad v_l[n'] = \{x * q_l\}[n']$$

... for each  $l$ , this indexing just reads down a column of the “Expansion Re-Index Table”

# Polyphase Rep of Exp (cont.)

To see this indexing structure, look at an example with  $L = 3$ :

$l \backslash n'$	$v_0[n']$	$v_1[n']$	$v_2[n']$
	0	1	2
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
-1	$y[-1]$	$y[-2]$	$y[-3]$
0	$y[2]$	$y[1]$	$y[0]$
1	$y[5]$	$y[4]$	$y[3]$
2	$y[8]$	$y[7]$	$y[6]$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$

# Polyphase Rep of Exp (cont.)

Now... how do we get  $y[n]$  from the  $v_i$ 's??

If we interpolate each  $v_i$  sequence we get ( $L = 3$ )....

$$\begin{array}{cccccccccccc} \cdots & y[-3] & 0 & 0 & y[0] & 0 & 0 & y[3] & 0 & 0 & y[6] & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ \cdots & y[-2] & 0 & 0 & y[1] & 0 & 0 & y[4] & 0 & 0 & y[7] & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ \cdots & y[-1] & 0 & 0 & y[2] & 0 & 0 & y[5] & 0 & 0 & y[8] & 0 & 0 & \cdots \end{array}$$

Now delay these interpolated sequences...

$$\begin{array}{cccccccccccc} \cdots & y[-3] & 0 & 0 & y[0] & 0 & 0 & y[3] & 0 & 0 & y[6] & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ \cdots & 0 & y[-2] & 0 & 0 & y[1] & 0 & 0 & y[4] & 0 & 0 & y[7] & 0 & \cdots \\ \cdots & 0 & 0 & y[-1] & 0 & 0 & y[2] & 0 & 0 & y[5] & 0 & 0 & y[8] & \cdots \end{array}$$

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$$\cdots \quad y[-3] \quad y[-2] \quad y[-1] \quad y[0] \quad y[1] \quad y[2] \quad y[3] \quad y[4] \quad y[5] \quad y[6] \quad y[7] \quad y[8] \quad \cdots$$

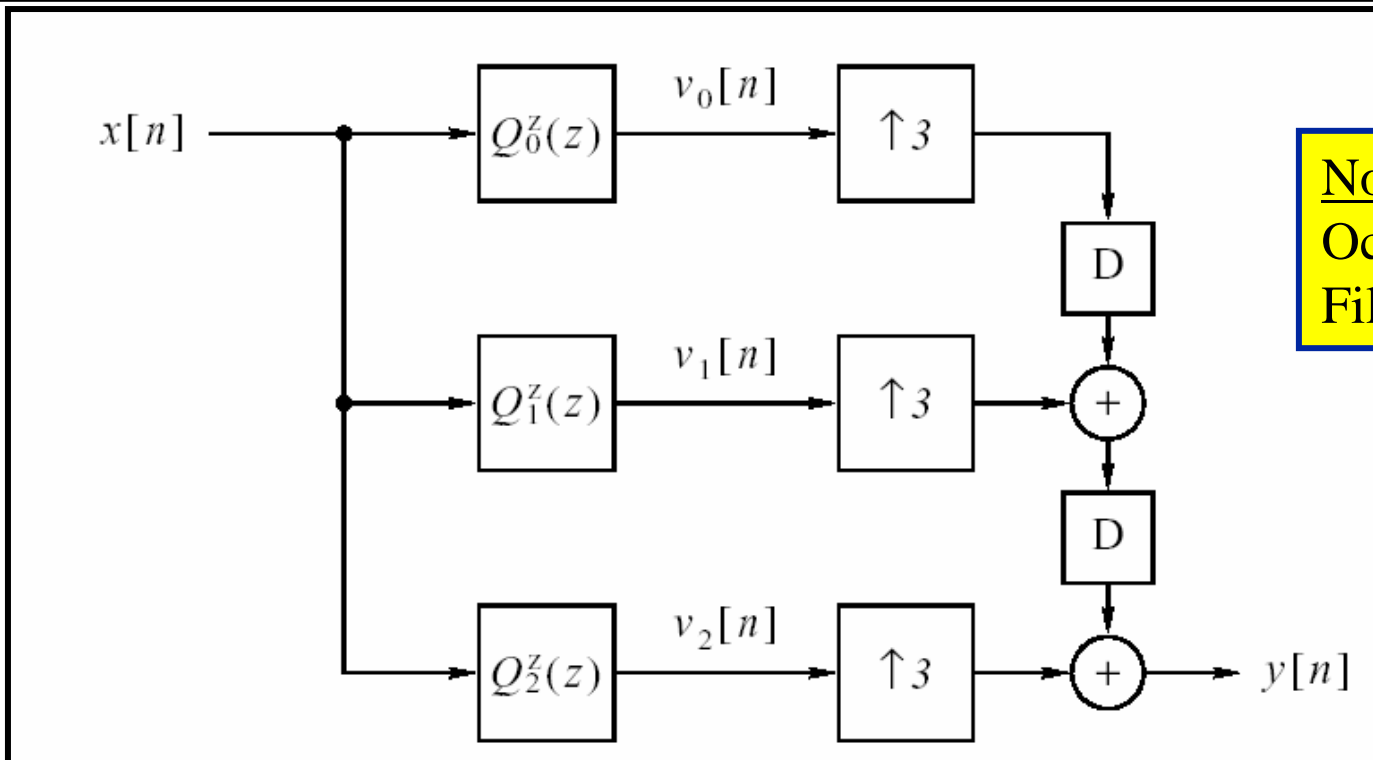
**To get  $y[n]$ : add up the delayed, interpolated components!!**

# Polyphase Rep of Exp (cont.)

From this we see that we can write...

$$y[n] = \sum_{l=0}^{L-1} \{v_l\}_{(\uparrow L)}[n - (L-1) + l] \quad \text{Recall: } v_l[n'] = \{x * q_l\}[n']$$

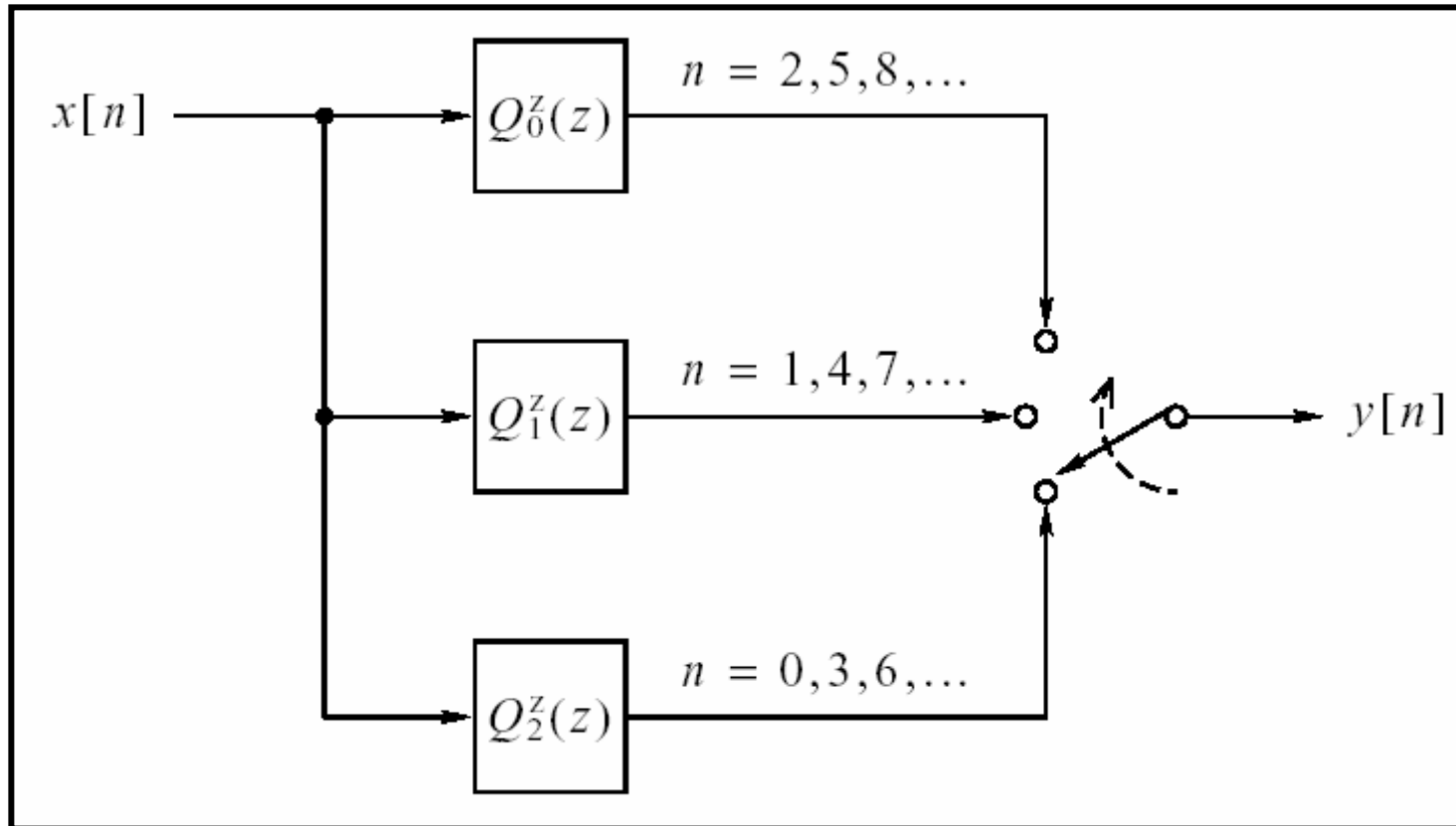
This leads to the following polyphase implementation for expansion:



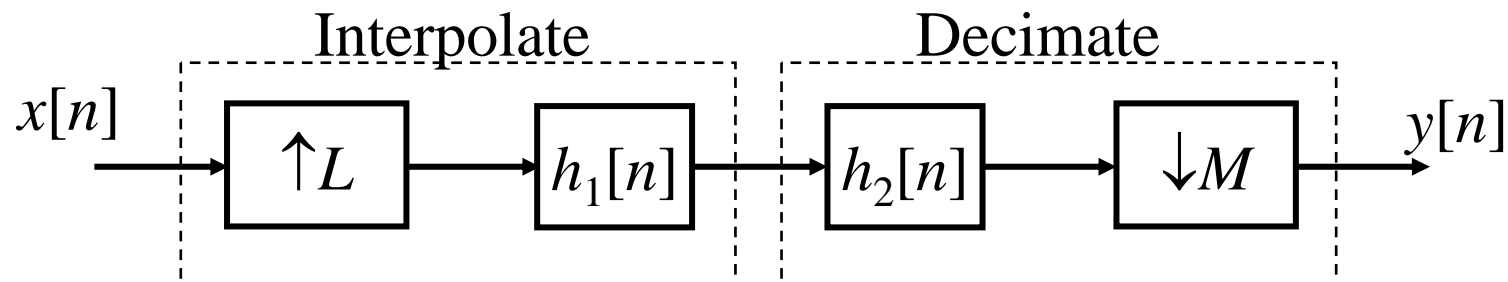
Note: Expansion  
Occurs After  
Filtering – Efficient!!

# Polyphase Rep of Exp (cont.)

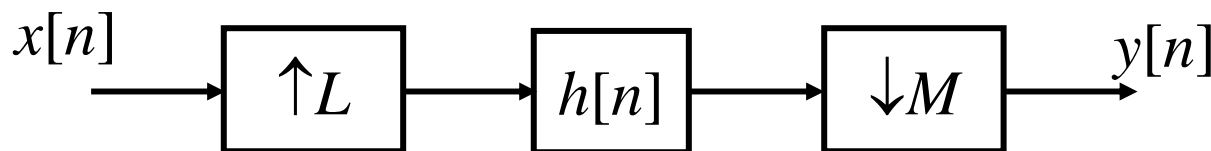
An equivalent alternate form of this processing is...



# Briefly... to change the rate by rational factor of $L/M$



which is equivalent to...



**Q: How to implement this efficiently using polyphase ideas?**  
If interested: see Ch.3 of Oppenheim & Lim (on reserve)