

discussion week 2

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# Contents

# 1 Questions

## 4 Convolution

**Recommended Problems** *Discussion 2*  
*problems 4.1, 4.2 & 4.3 (if Time allows)*

**P4.1**

This problem is a simple example of the use of superposition. Suppose that a discrete-time linear system has outputs  $y[n]$  for the given inputs  $x[n]$  as shown in Figure P4.1-1.

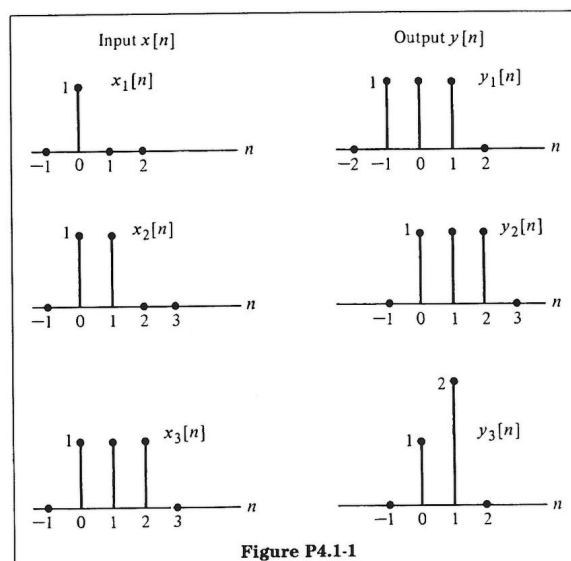


Figure P4.1-1

Determine the response  $y_4[n]$  when the input is as shown in Figure P4.1-2.

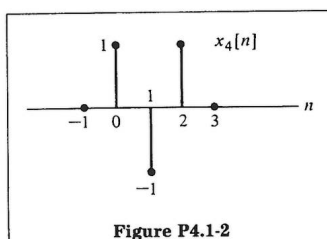


Figure P4.1-2

- Express  $x_4[n]$  as a linear combination of  $x_1[n]$ ,  $x_2[n]$ , and  $x_3[n]$ .
- Using the fact that the system is linear, determine  $y_4[n]$ , the response to  $x_4[n]$ .
- From the input-output pairs in Figure P4.1-1, determine whether the system is time-invariant.

P4-1

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P4.2

Determine the discrete-time convolution of  $x[n]$  and  $h[n]$  for the following two cases.

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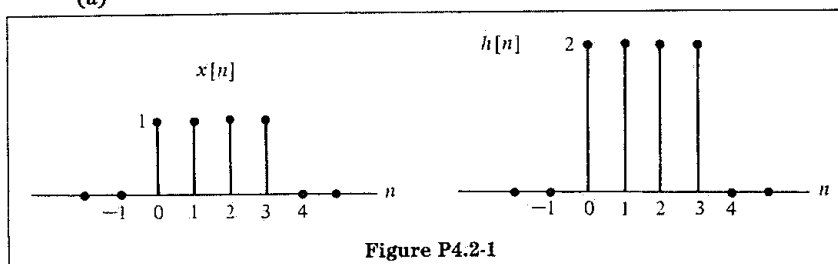


Figure P4.2-1

(b)

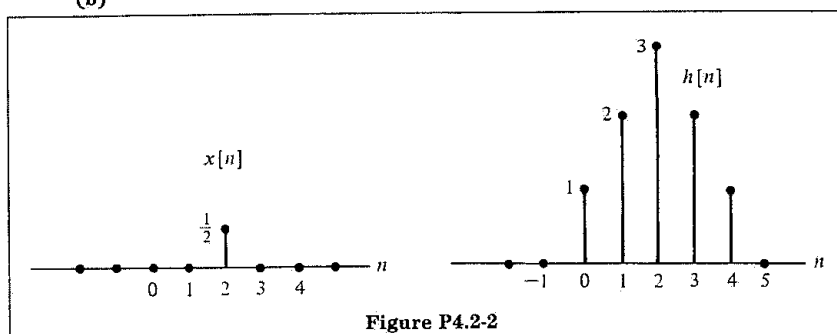


Figure P4.2-2

P4.3

Determine the continuous-time convolution of  $x(t)$  and  $h(t)$  for the following three cases:

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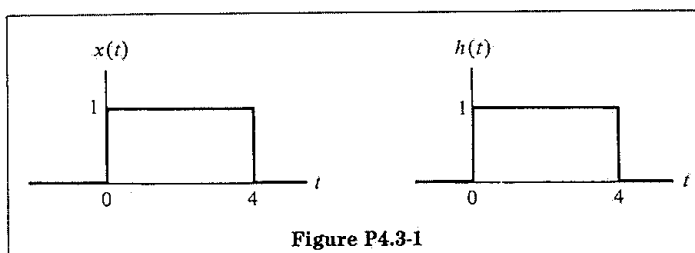
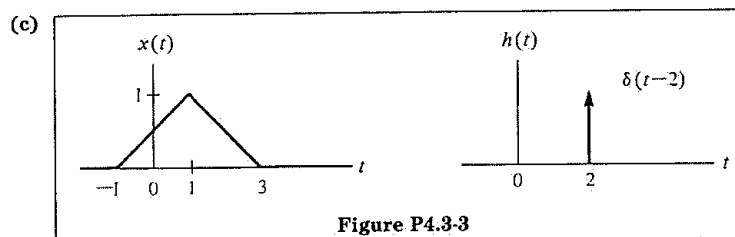
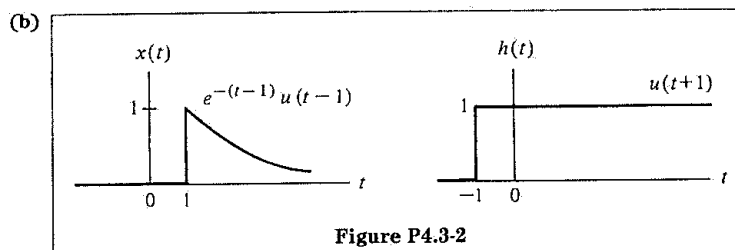


Figure P4.3-1

**P4.4**

Consider a discrete-time, linear, shift-invariant system that has unit sample response  $h[n]$  and input  $x[n]$ .

- Sketch the response of this system if  $x[n] = \delta[n - n_0]$ , for some  $n_0 > 0$ , and  $h[n] = (\frac{1}{2})^n u[n]$ .
- Evaluate and sketch the output of the system if  $h[n] = (\frac{1}{2})^n u[n]$  and  $x[n] = u[n]$ .
- Consider reversing the role of the input and system response in part (b). That is,

$$\begin{aligned} h[n] &= u[n], \\ x[n] &= (\frac{1}{2})^n u[n] \end{aligned}$$

Evaluate the system output  $y[n]$  and sketch.

**P4.5**

- Using convolution, determine and sketch the responses of a linear, time-invariant system with impulse response  $h(t) = e^{-t/2} u(t)$  to each of the two inputs  $x_1(t)$ ,  $x_2(t)$  shown in Figures P4.5-1 and P4.5-2. Use  $y_1(t)$  to denote the response to  $x_1(t)$  and use  $y_2(t)$  to denote the response to  $x_2(t)$ .

## 2 Problem 4.1

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### Solution

#### 2.1 part a

We need to find linear combination of  $x_1[n]$ ,  $x_2[n]$ ,  $x_3[n]$  which gives  $x_4[n]$ . In other words, looking at samples at  $n = 0, 1, 2$  and adding corresponding samples gives

$$\begin{aligned} a + b + c &= 1 \\ b + c &= -1 \\ c &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

But from second equation  $b = -1 - 1 = -2$  and from first equation  $a = 1 - b - c = 1 + 2 - 1 = 2$ .  
Hence

$$2x_1[n] - 2x_2[n] + x_3[n] = x_4[n]$$

## 2.2 part b

Therefore by linearity

$$2y_1[n] - 2y_2[n] + y_3[n] = y_4[n]$$

Hence

$$y_4[n] = 2\delta[n+1] + \delta[n] + 2\delta[n-1] - 2\delta[n-2]$$

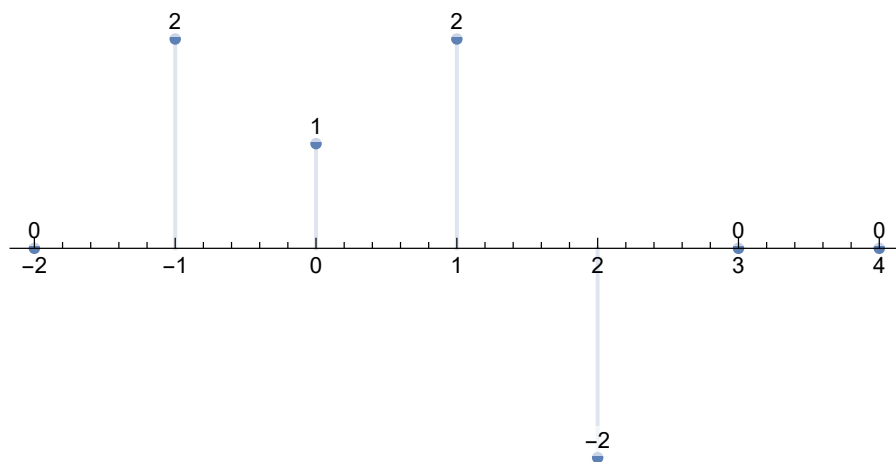


Figure 1: Plot of  $y[n]$

## 2.3 part c

System is time invariant if shifted input gives same output but also shifted by the same amount as the input is shifted by. Let us consider  $x_1[n]$ . By shifting it to the right by one, then the output should be  $y_1[n]$  but shifted to the right by one which is  $y_1[n-1]$

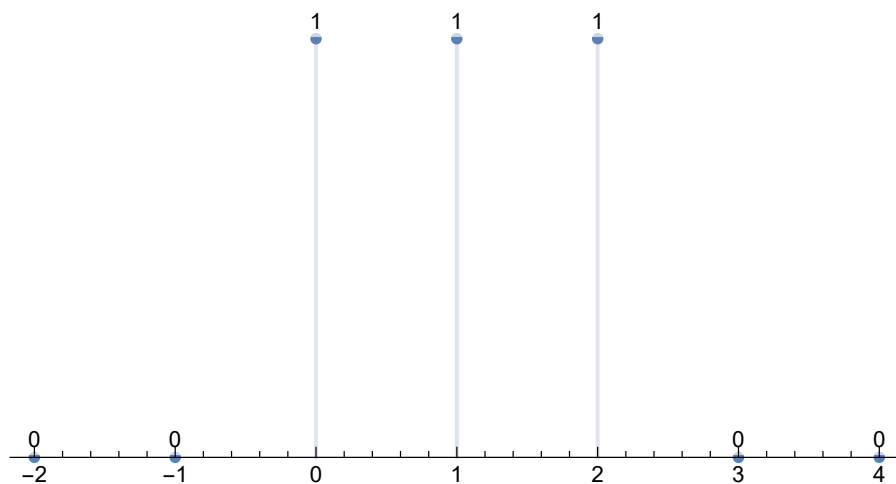
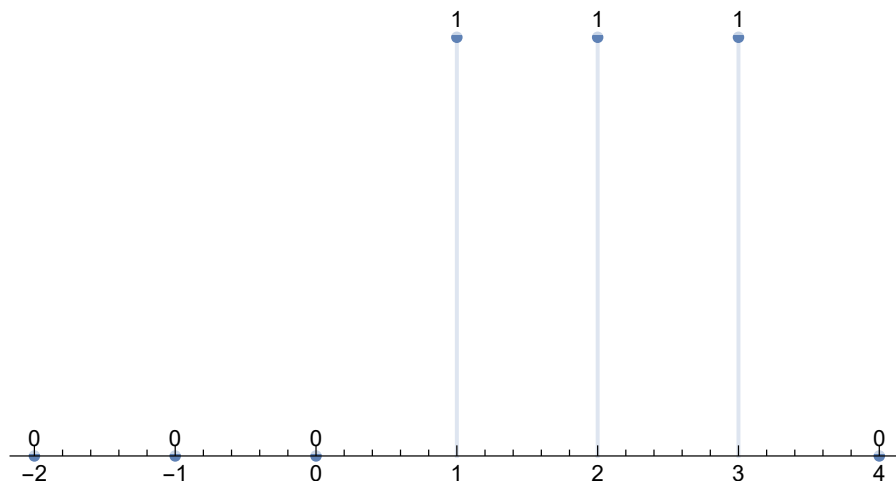
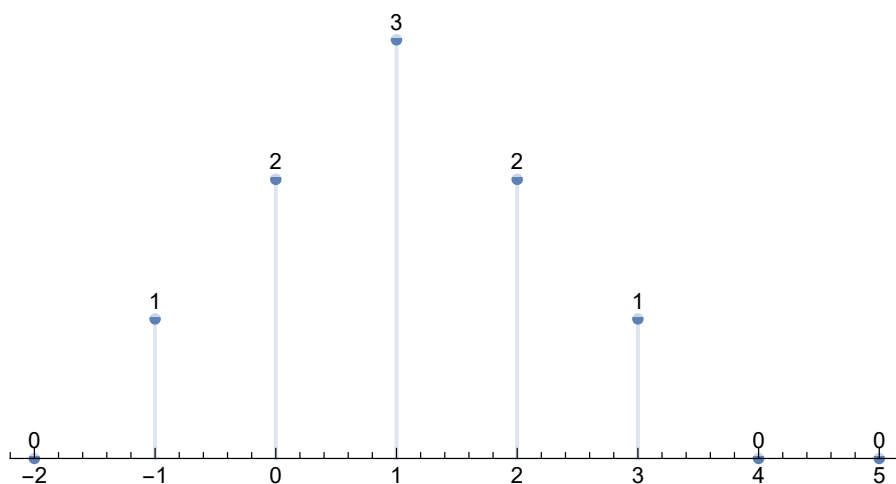


Figure 2: Plot of  $y_1[n-1]$

Shifting  $x_1[n]$  by 2 now the output should be  $y_1[n-2]$

Figure 3: Plot of  $y_1[n-2]$ 

But adding  $x_1[n] + x_1[n-1] + x_1[n-2]$  gives  $x_3[n]$ . Which has the output shown. Let us now add  $y_1[n] + y_1[n-1] + y_1[n-2]$  and see if this gives same as  $y_3[n]$

Figure 4: Plot of all shifted inputs of  $x_1[x]$ 

Since the above is not the same as  $y_3[n]$  then the system is not time invariant.

### 3 Problem 4.2

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#### Solution

#### 3.1 Part a

By folding  $x[n]$  and shifting to the right, we see that  $y[0] = 2, y[1] = 2 + 2 = 4, y[2] = 2 + 2 + 2 = 6, y[3] = 8, y[4] = 6, y[5] = 4, y[6] = 2, y[7] = 0$  and  $y[n] = 0$  for all other values.

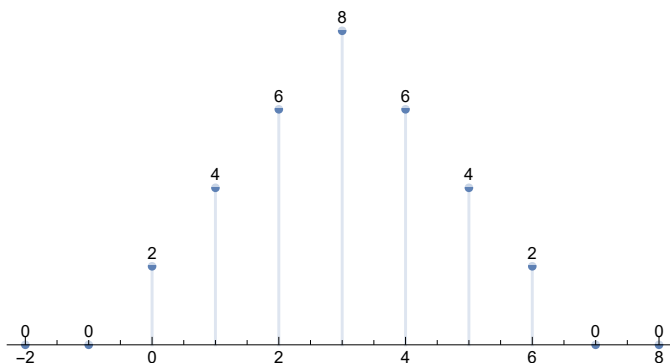


Figure 5:  $y[n]$

#### 3.2 Part b

By folding  $x[n]$  and shifting to the right, we see that  $y[0] = 0, y[1] = 0, y[2] = 0.5, y[3] = 1, y[4] = 1.5, y[5] = 1, y[6] = 0.5, y[7] = 0$  and  $y[n] = 0$  for all other values.

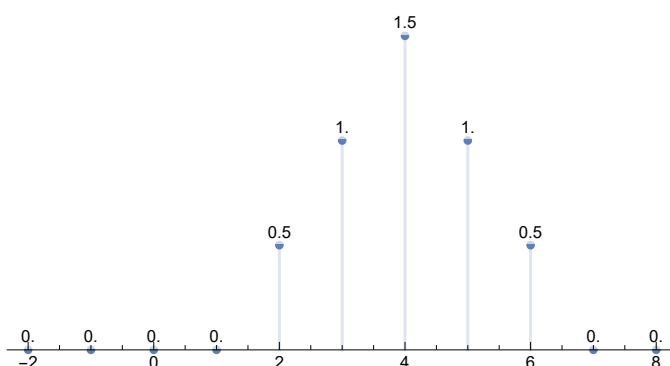


Figure 6:  $y[n]$

### 4 Problem 4.3

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#### Solution

#### 4.1 Part a

By folding  $x(t)$  and shifting, we see that for  $t < 0$  that  $y(t) = 0$ . And for  $0 < t < 4$  the integral becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 y(t) &= \int_0^t h(\tau) d\tau & 0 < t < 4 \\
 &= \int_0^t 1 d\tau \\
 &= t
 \end{aligned}$$



And for  $0 < t - 4 < 4$  or  $4 < t < 8$

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \int_{t-4}^4 h(\tau) d\tau & 4 < t < 8 \\ &= \int_{t-4}^4 1 d\tau \\ &= 4 - (t - 4) \\ &= 8 - t \end{aligned}$$

And for  $t < 0$  or  $t > 8$

$$y(t) = 0$$

Hence  $y(t)$  is

$$y(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ t & 0 < t < 4 \\ 8 - t & 4 < t < 8 \\ 0 & t > 8 \end{cases}$$

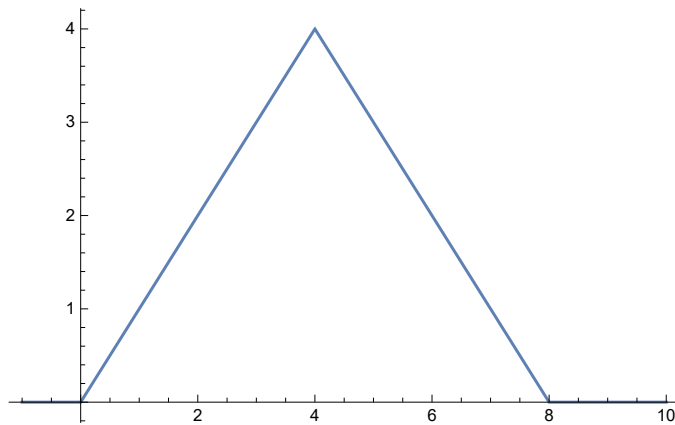


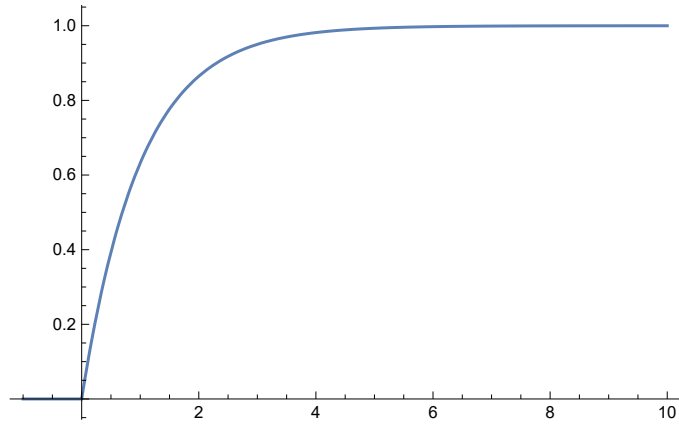
Figure 7:  $y(t)$

## 4.2 Part b

By folding  $h(t)$  and shifting, we see that for  $t < 0$  that  $y(t) = 0$ . And for  $t > 0$  the integral becomes

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \int_1^{1+t} h(\tau) d\tau & t > 0 \\ &= \int_1^{1+t} e^{-(\tau-1)} d\tau \\ &= \left[ \frac{e^{-(\tau-1)}}{-1} \right]_1^{1+t} \\ &= - \left[ e^{-(\tau-1)} \right]_1^{1+t} \\ &= - \left[ e^{-((1+t)-1)} - e^{-(1-1)} \right] \\ &= - \left[ e^{-t} - 1 \right] \\ &= 1 - e^{-t} \end{aligned}$$

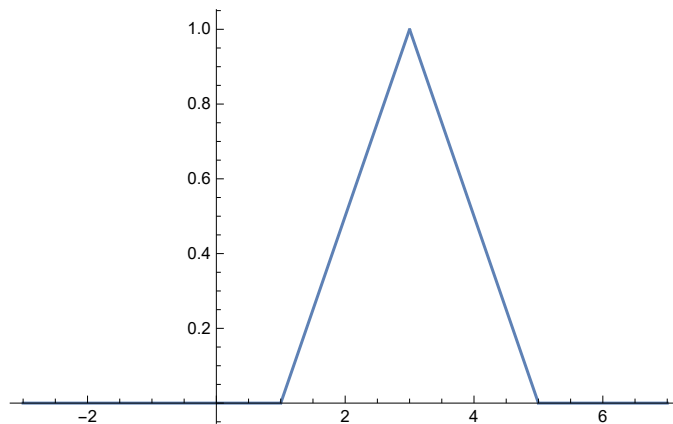
Hence  $y(t)$  is

Figure 8:  $y(t)$ 

### 4.3 Part c

By folding  $h(t)$  and shifting, we see that for  $-2 + t < -1$  or  $t < 1$  that  $y(t) = 0$ . And for  $-1 < -2 + t < 3$  or  $1 < t < 5$  the integral becomes  $x(t)$  itself (i.e. original  $x(t)$  but shifted to right by 2). And for  $3 < -2 + t$  or  $t > 5$  then  $y(t) = 0$ . Hence

$$y(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 1 \\ x(t-2) & 1 < t < 5 \\ 0 & t > 5 \end{cases}$$

Figure 9:  $y(t)$