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## LINEAR TIME-INVARIANT SYSTEMS



## 2.0 INTRODUCTION

- In continuous time, linear time-invariant systems are rare.
- In a short term viewpoint, these assumptions are permissible.
- In discrete time, these systems can be constructed (e.g. implemented in a digital computer).

### Linearity : Superposition Property

If an input can be represented by a linear combination of basic signals, the output can also be represented by the same linear combination of outputs corresponding to the individual basic input signals.

### Time-invariance : Shift-invariance

## 2.1.1 The representation of discrete-time signals in terms of impulses

Given an input sequence  $x[n]$

$$x[-1]\delta[n+1] = \begin{cases} x[-1] & n = -1 \\ 0 & n \neq -1 \end{cases}$$

$$x[0]\delta[n] = \begin{cases} x[0] & n = 0 \\ 0 & n \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$x[1]\delta[n-1] = \begin{cases} x[1] & n = 1 \\ 0 & n \neq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$x[n] = \cdots + x[-2]\delta[n+2] + x[-1]\delta[n+1] + x[0]\delta[n] \\ + x[1]\delta[n-1] + x[2]\delta[n-2] + \cdots$$

$$x[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]\delta[n-k]; \text{ sifting property of the discrete-time unit impulse}$$

(Fig.2.1, Page 76)

## 2.1.2 The Discrete-Time Unit Impulse Response and the Convolution Sum Representation of LTI systems

Let  $h_k[n]$  be the output of the **linear** system corresponding to the input  $\delta[n - k]$

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

For a **time - invariant** system,  $h_k[n] = h_0[n - k] = h[n - k]$

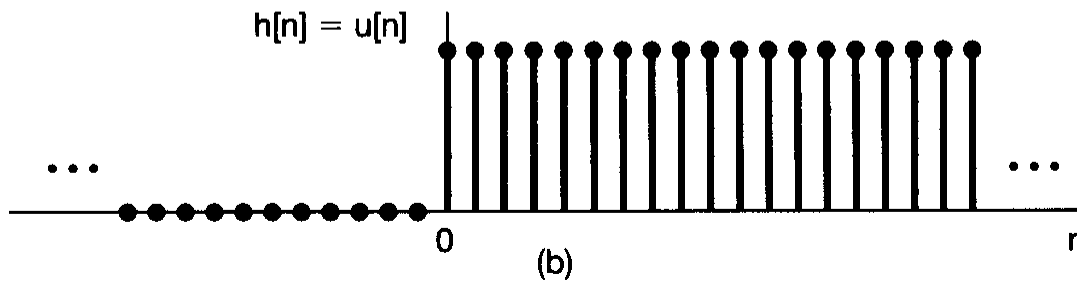
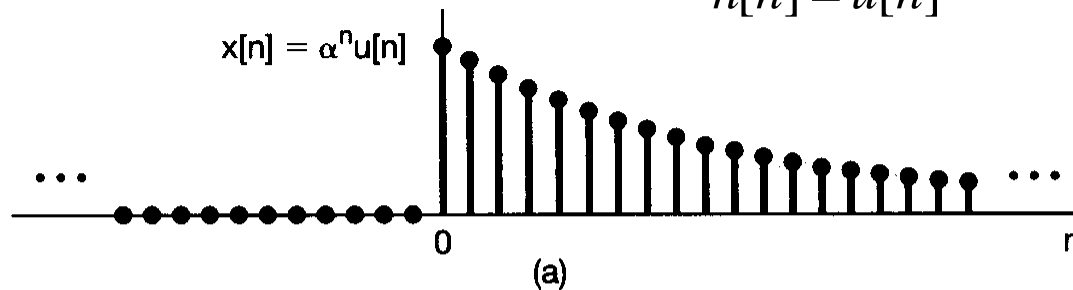
$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]h[n - k] \quad : \quad \text{Convolution Sum}$$

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

### Example 2.3

$$x[n] = \alpha^n u[n] \quad , \quad |\alpha| < 1$$

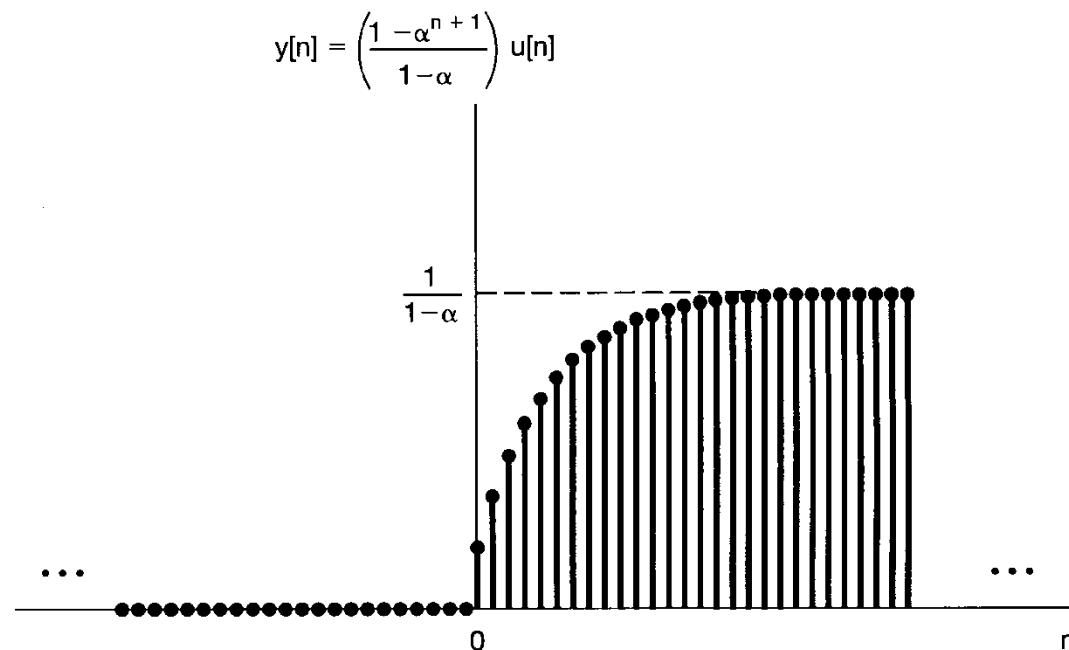
$$h[n] = u[n]$$



$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} (\alpha^k u[k]) \cdot u[n-k] = \sum_{k=0}^n \alpha^k = \frac{1 - \alpha^{n+1}}{1 - \alpha} \quad \text{for } n \geq 0$$

:Graphical interpretation (Fig.2.6, Page 84)

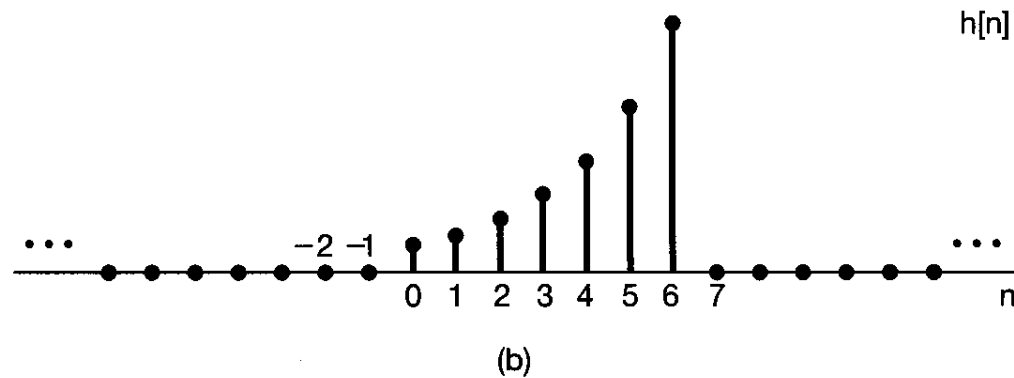
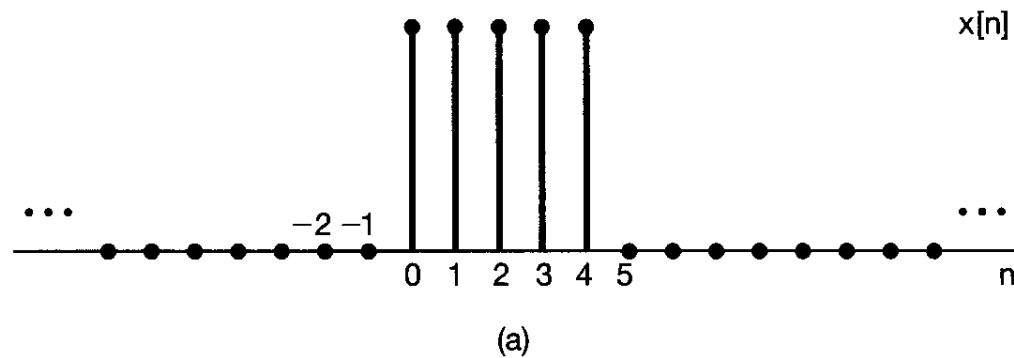
$$y[n] = \left( \frac{1 - \alpha^{n+1}}{1 - \alpha} \right) u[n]$$

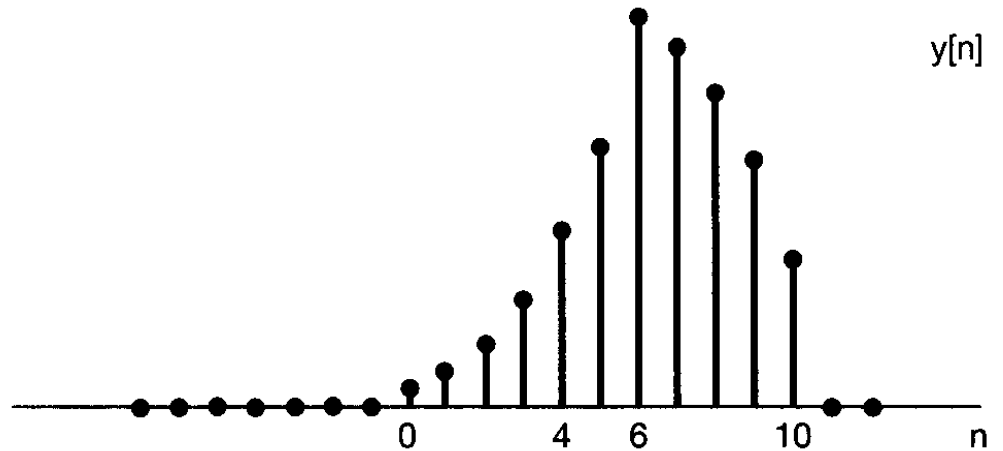
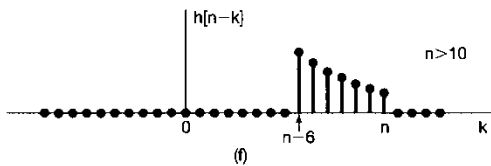
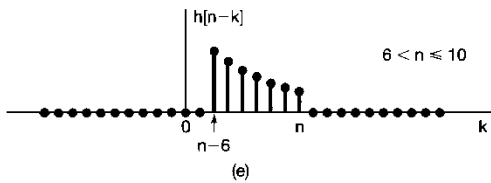
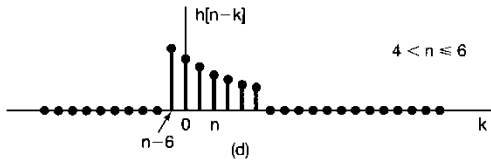
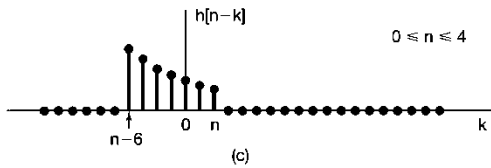
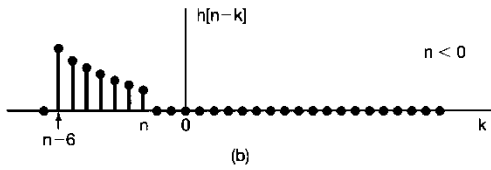
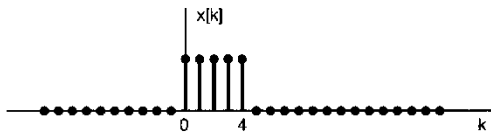


Example 2.4

$$x[n] = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq n \leq 4 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$h[n] = \begin{cases} \alpha^n, & 0 \leq n \leq 6 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$





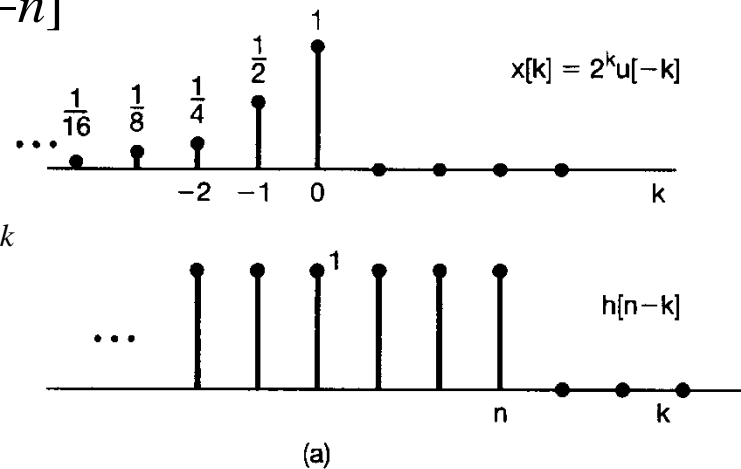


Example 2.5  $h[n] = u[n]$   $x[n] = 2^n u[-n]$

For  $n \geq 0$

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]h[n-k] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^k u[-k]u[n-k] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^0 2^k$$

$$= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^r = \frac{1}{1-(1/2)} = 2$$

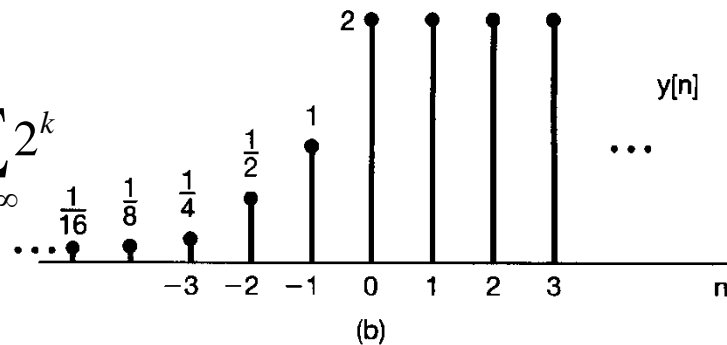


For  $n < 0$

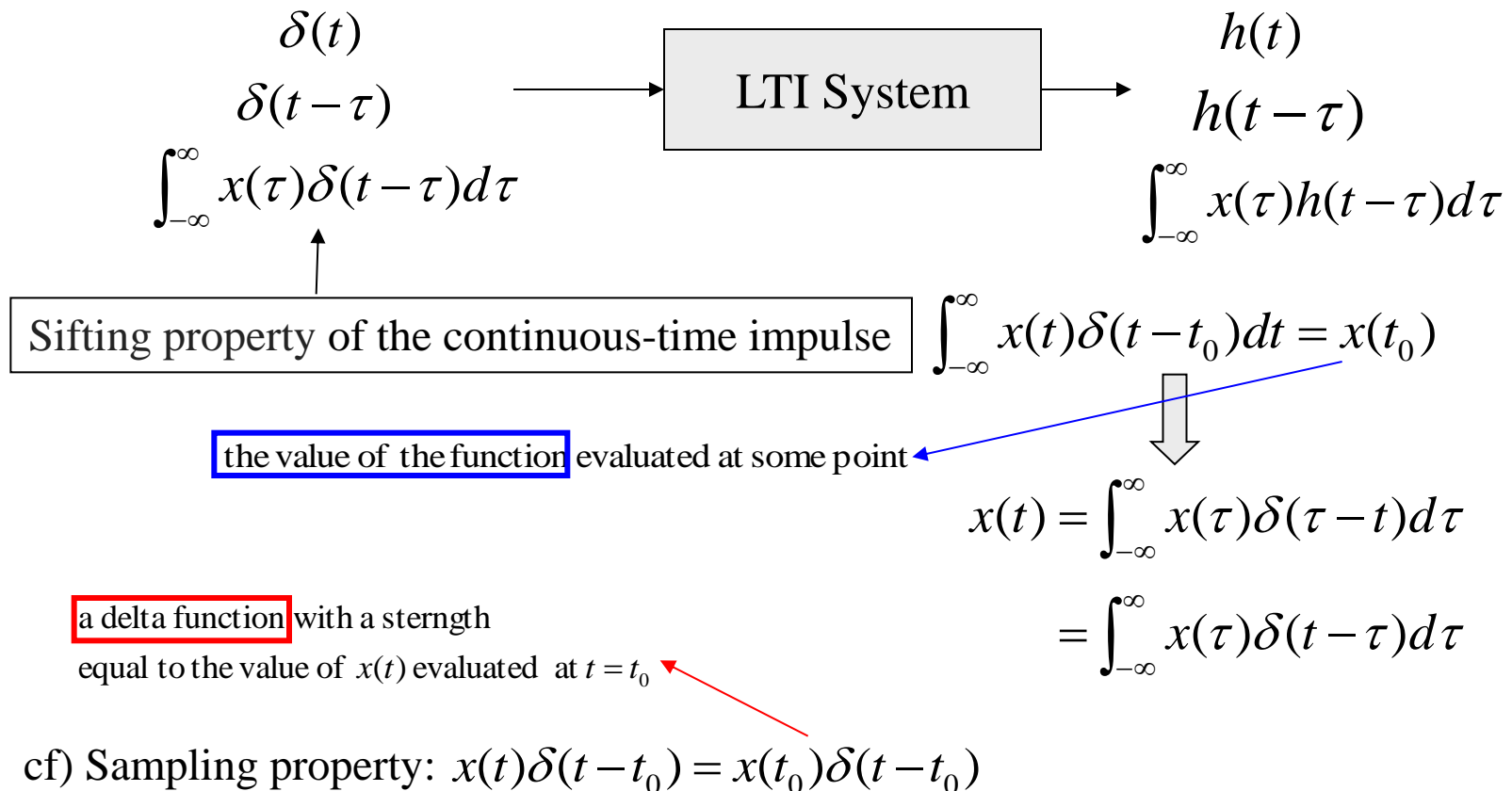
$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]h[n-k] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^k u[-k]u[n-k] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^n 2^k$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-n} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^m = 2^n \cdot 2 = 2^{n+1}$$

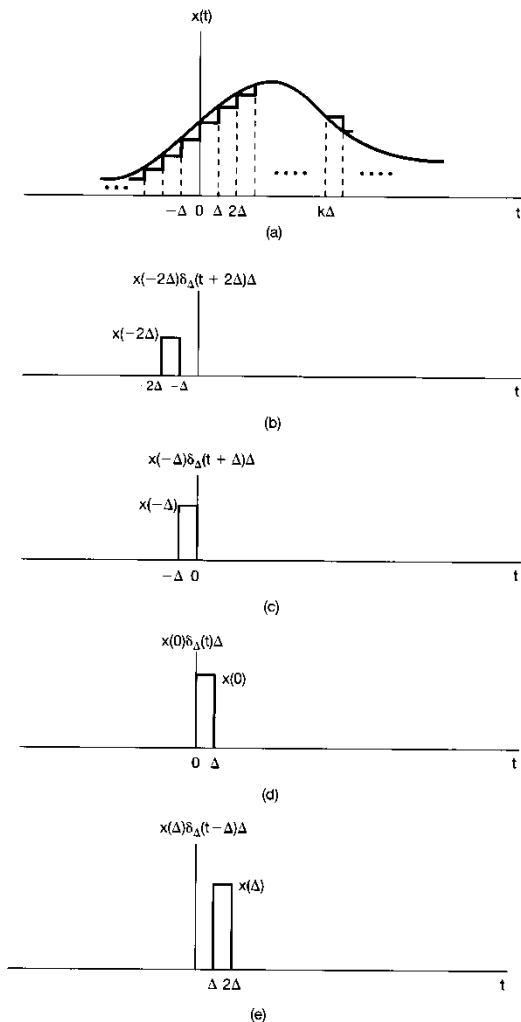
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 $m = -k$



## 2.2 Continuous-time LTI systems : the convolution integral



## 2.2.1 The representation of continuous-time signals in terms of impulses



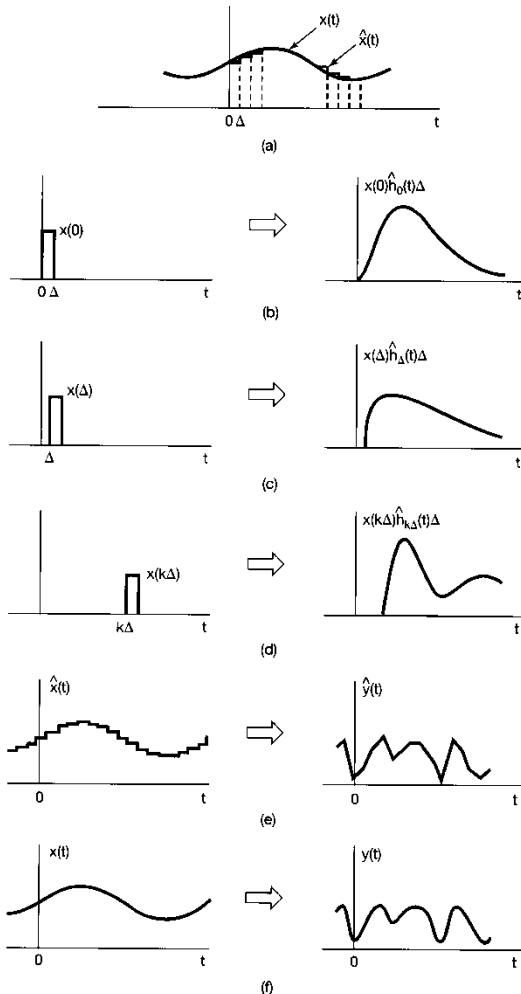
$$\delta_{\Delta}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Delta}, & 0 \leq t < \Delta \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{x}(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x(k\Delta)\delta_{\Delta}(t - k\Delta)\Delta$$

$$x(t) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x(k\Delta)\delta_{\Delta}(t - k\Delta)\Delta$$

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x(\tau)\delta(t - \tau)d\tau$$

## 2.2.2 The continuous-time unit impulse response and the convolution integral representation of LTI systems



$$\hat{x}(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x(k\Delta)\delta_{\Delta}(t-k\Delta)\Delta$$

Linear  $\downarrow$

$$\hat{y}(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} x(k\Delta)\hat{h}_{k\Delta}(t)\Delta$$

$$y(t) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} x(k\Delta)h_{k\Delta}(t)\Delta$$

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x(\tau)h_{\tau}(t)d\tau$$

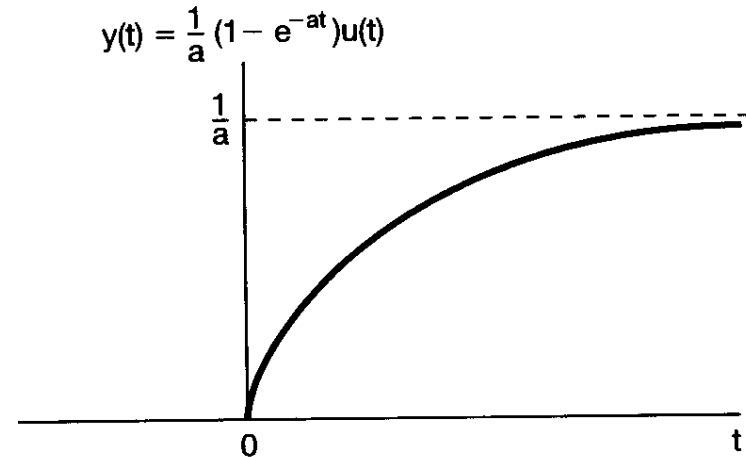
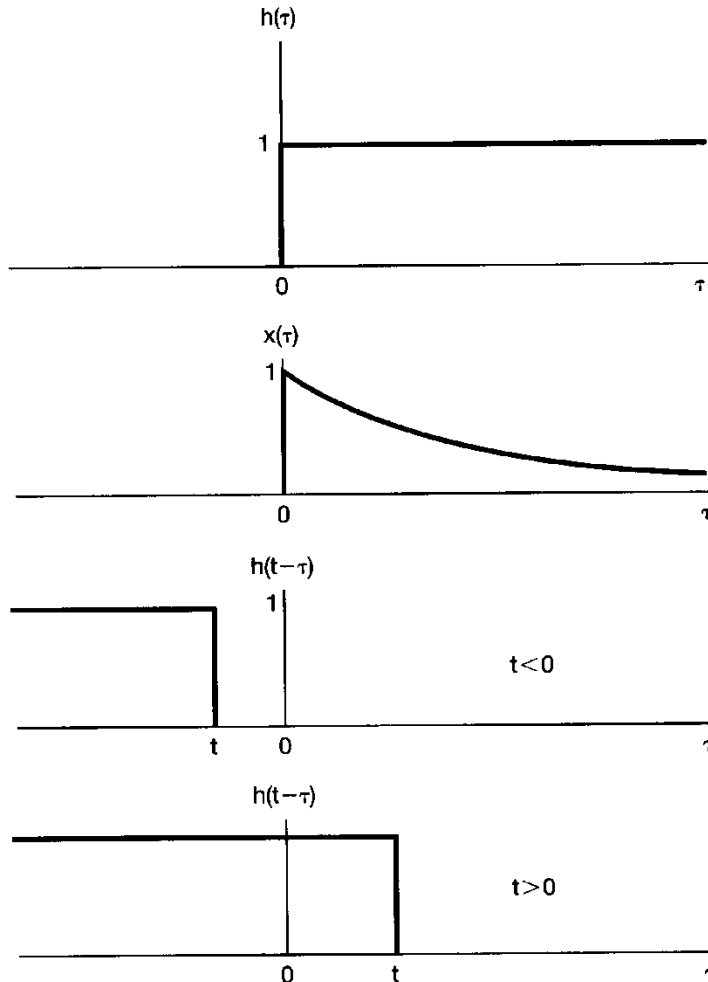
For an LTI system  $h_{\tau}(t) = h(t-\tau)$

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x(\tau)h(t-\tau)d\tau$$

$y(t) = x(t) * h(t)$ ; convolution integral  
or superposition integral

Example 2.6  $x(t) = e^{-at}u(t)$ ,  
 $h(t) = u(t)$

$a > 0$

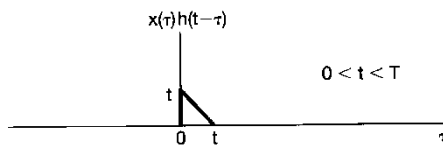
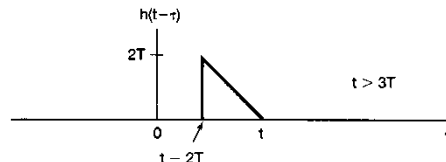
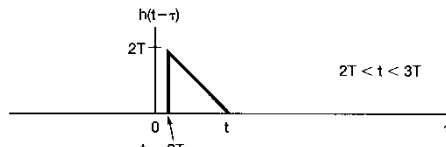
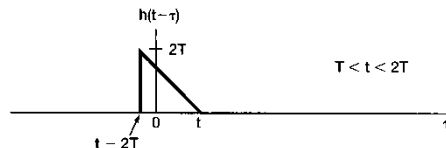
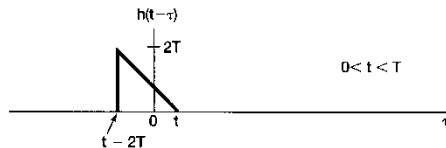
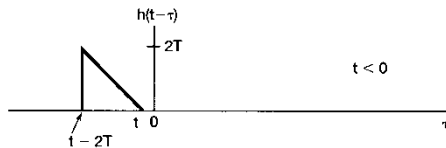
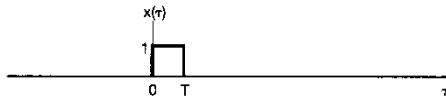


Note) step response of an LPF,  
 when  $h(t)$  : input,  
 $x(t)$  : impulse response of an LPF

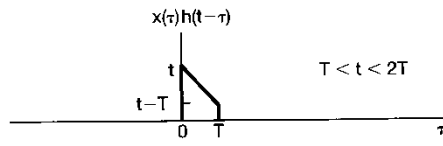
### Example 2.7

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 < t < T \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

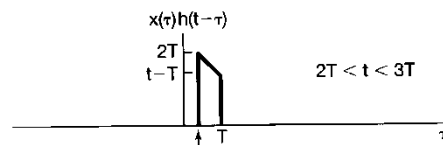
$$h(t) = \begin{cases} t, & 0 < t < 2T \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



(a)



(b)



(c)

