



Digital Signal Processing

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Chapter 4

FIR filtering and Convolution

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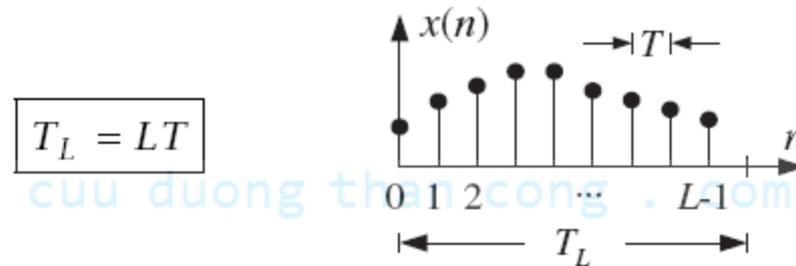
- ❖ Block processing methods: data are collected and processed in blocks.
 - ❑ FIR filtering of finite-duration signals by convolution
 - ❑ Fast convolution of long signals which are broken up in short segments
 - ❑ DFT/FFT spectrum computations
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- ❖ Sample processing methods: the data are processed one at a time- with each input sample being subject to a DSP algorithm which transforms it into an output sample.
 - ❑ Real-time applications
 - ❑ Digital audio effects processing
 - ❑ Digital control systems
 - ❑ Adaptive signal processing

1. Block Processing method

- ❖ The collected signal samples $x(n)$, $n=0, 1, \dots, L-1$, can be thought as a block:

$$\mathbf{x} = [x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{L-1}]$$



The duration of the data record in second: $T_L = LT$

- ❖ Consider a **casual FIR** filter of **order M** with impulse response:

$$\mathbf{h} = [h_0, h_1, \dots, h_M]$$

The length (the number of filter coefficients): $L_h = M + 1$

1.1. Direct form

❖ The convolution in the direct form:

$$y(n) = \sum_m h(m)x(n-m)$$

❖ For DSP implementation, we must determine

- ❑ The range of values of the output index n
- ❑ The precise range of summation in m

❖ Find index n :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{index of } h(m) &\rightarrow 0 \leq m \leq M \\ \text{index of } x(n-m) &\rightarrow 0 \leq n-m \leq L-1 \\ \rightarrow 0 \leq m \leq n \leq m+L-1 \leq M+L-1 \end{aligned}$$

$$0 \leq n \leq M+L-1$$

❖ $L_x=L$ input samples which is processed by the filter with order M yield the output signal $y(n)$ of length $L_y = L + M = L_x + M$

Direct form

- ❖ Find index m :
 - index of $h(m)$ $\rightarrow 0 \leq m \leq M$
 - index of $x(n-m)$ $\rightarrow 0 \leq n-m \leq L-1 \rightarrow n+L-1 \leq m \leq n$

$$\max(0, n-L+1) \leq m \leq \min(M, n)$$

- ❖ The direct form of convolution is given as follows:

$$y(n) = \sum_{m=\max(0, n-L+1)}^{\min(M, n)} h(m)x(n-m) = \mathbf{h} * \mathbf{x} \quad \text{with} \quad 0 \leq n \leq M+L-1$$

- ❖ Thus, \mathbf{y} is longer than the input \mathbf{x} by M samples. This property follows from the fact that a filter of order M has memory M and keeps each input sample inside it for M time units.

Example 1



- ❖ Consider the case of an order-3 filter and a length of 5-input signal.
Find the output ?

$$\mathbf{h} = [h_0, h_1, h_2, h_3]$$

$$\mathbf{x} = [x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4]$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{h} * \mathbf{x} = [y_0, y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4, y_5, y_6, y_7]$$

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1.2. Convolution table

❖ It can be observed that $y(n) = \sum_{\substack{i,j \\ i+j=n}} h(i)x(j)$

❖ Convolution table

❖ The convolution table is convenient for **quick calculation by hand** because it displays all required operations compactly.

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	x_0	x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4
h_0	h_0x_0	h_0x_1	h_0x_2	h_0x_3	h_0x_4
h_1	h_1x_0	h_1x_1	h_1x_2	h_1x_3	h_1x_4
h_2	h_2x_0	h_2x_1	h_2x_2	h_2x_3	h_2x_4
h_3	h_3x_0	h_3x_1	h_3x_2	h_3x_3	h_3x_4

↓ i

Example 2



❖ Calculate the convolution of the following filter and input signals?

$$\mathbf{h}=[1, 2, -1, 1], \quad \mathbf{x}=[1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 2, 1, 1]$$

❖ Solution:

$\mathbf{h} \backslash \mathbf{x}$	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	1
1	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	1
2	2	2	4	2	4	4	2	2
-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	-2	-2	-1	-1
1	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	1

sum of the values along anti-diagonal line yields the output \mathbf{y} :

$$\mathbf{y}=[1, 3, 3, 5, 3, 7, 4, 3, 3, 0, 1]$$

Note that there are $L_y=L+M=8+3=11$ output samples.

1.3. LTI Form

❖ LTI form of convolution: $y(n) = \sum_m x(m)h(n-m)$

❖ Consider the filter $\mathbf{h}=[h_0, h_1, h_2, h_3]$ and the input signal $\mathbf{x}=[x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4]$. Then, the output is given by

$$y(n) = x_0h(n) + x_1h(n-1) + x_2h(n-2) + x_3h(n-3) + x_4h(n-4)$$

❖ We can represent the input and output signals as blocks:

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \mathbf{x} = x_0 [1, 0, 0, 0, 0] \\
 + x_1 [0, 1, 0, 0, 0] \\
 + x_2 [0, 0, 1, 0, 0] \\
 + x_3 [0, 0, 0, 1, 0] \\
 + x_4 [0, 0, 0, 0, 1]
 \end{array}
 \xrightarrow{H}
 \begin{array}{l}
 \mathbf{y} = x_0 [h_0, h_1, h_2, h_3, 0, 0, 0, 0] \\
 + x_1 [0, h_0, h_1, h_2, h_3, 0, 0, 0] \\
 + x_2 [0, 0, h_0, h_1, h_2, h_3, 0, 0] \\
 + x_3 [0, 0, 0, h_0, h_1, h_2, h_3, 0] \\
 + x_4 [0, 0, 0, 0, h_0, h_1, h_2, h_3]
 \end{array}$$

1.3. LTI Form



❖ LTI form of convolution:

	h_0	h_1	h_2	h_3	0	0	0	0
x_0	x_0h_0	x_0h_1	x_0h_2	x_0h_3	0	0	0	0
x_1	0	x_1h_0	x_1h_1	x_1h_2	x_1h_3	0	0	0
x_2	0	0	x_2h_0	x_2h_1	x_2h_2	x_2h_3	0	0
x_3	0	0	0	x_3h_0	x_3h_1	x_3h_2	x_3h_3	0
x_4	0	0	0	0	x_4h_0	x_4h_1	x_4h_2	x_4h_3
	y_0	y_1	y_2	y_3	y_4	y_5	y_6	y_7

❖ LTI form of convolution provides a more intuitive way to understand the linearity and time-invariance properties of the filter.

Example 3



❖ Using the LTI form to calculate the convolution of the following filter and input signals?

$$\mathbf{h}=[1, 2, -1, 1], \quad \mathbf{x}=[1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 2, 1, 1]$$

❖ Solution:

n	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
$\mathbf{x} \backslash \mathbf{h}$	1	2	-1	1								partial output
1	1	2	-1	1								$x_0 h_n$
1		1	2	-1	1							$x_1 h_{n-1}$
2			2	4	-2	2						$x_2 h_{n-2}$
1				1	2	-1	1					$x_3 h_{n-3}$
2					2	4	-2	2				$x_4 h_{n-4}$
2						4	-2	2				$x_5 h_{n-5}$
1							1	2	-1	1		$x_6 h_{n-6}$
1								1	2	-1	1	$x_7 h_{n-7}$
y_n	1	3	3	5	3	7	4	3	3	0	1	$\sum_m x_m h_{n-m}$

1.4. Matrix Form

❖ Based on the convolution equations $y(n) = \sum_{m=\max(0, n-L+1)}^{\min(n, M)} h(m)x(n-m)$

we can write $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}$

- ❑ \mathbf{x} is the column vector of the L_x input samples.
- ❑ \mathbf{y} is the column vector of the $L_y = L_x + M$ put samples.
- ❑ \mathbf{H} is a rectangular matrix with dimensions $(L_x + M) \times L_x$.

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \\ y_5 \\ y_6 \\ y_7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ h_1 & h_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ h_2 & h_1 & h_0 & 0 & 0 \\ h_3 & h_2 & h_1 & h_0 & 0 \\ 0 & h_3 & h_2 & h_1 & h_0 \\ 0 & 0 & h_3 & h_2 & h_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & h_3 & h_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & h_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}$$

1.4. Matrix Form



- ❖ It can be observed that \mathbf{H} has the same entry along each diagonal. Such a matrix is known as **Toeplitz matrix**.
- ❖ Matrix representations of convolution are very useful in some applications:
 - ❑ Image processing
 - ❑ Advanced DSP methods such as parametric spectrum estimation and adaptive filtering

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Example 4

- ❖ Using the matrix form to calculate the convolution of the following filter and input signals?

$$\mathbf{h}=[1, 2, -1, 1], \quad \mathbf{x}=[1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 2, 1, 1]$$

- ❖ **Solution:** since $L_x=8, M=3 \rightarrow L_y=L_x+M=11$, the filter matrix is 11x8 dimensional

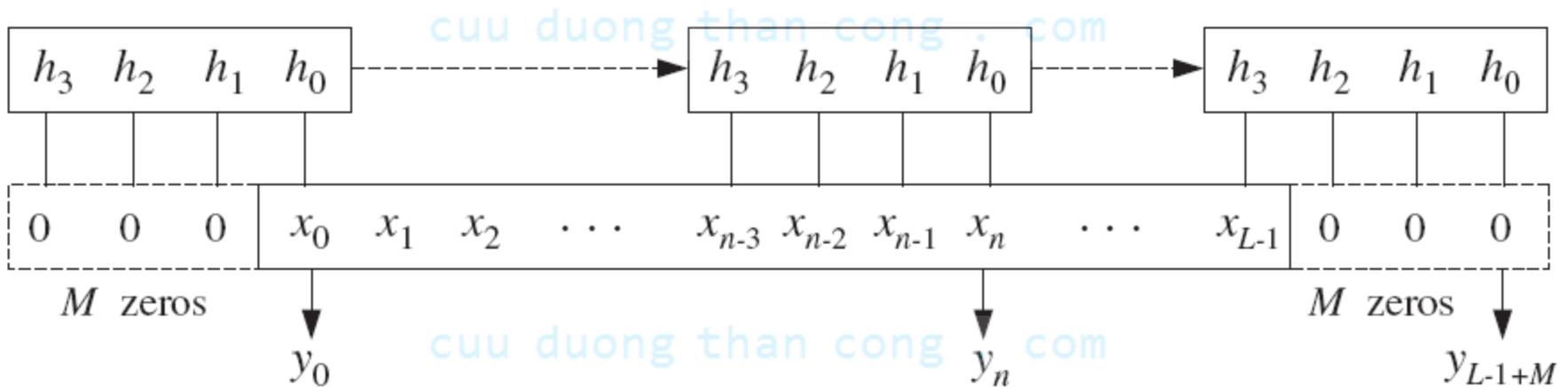
$$H_{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 3 \\ 7 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

1.5. Flip-and-slide form

❖ The output at time n is given by

$$y_n = h_0 x_n + h_1 x_{n-1} + \dots + h_M x_{n-M}$$

❖ Flip-and-slide form of convolution



❖ The flip-and-slide form shows clearly the input-on and input-off transient and steady-state behavior of a filter.

1.6. Transient and steady-state behavior

❖ From LTI convolution:
$$y(n) = \sum_{m=0}^M h(m)x(n-m) = h_0x_n + h_1x_{n-1} + \dots + h_Mx_{n-M}$$

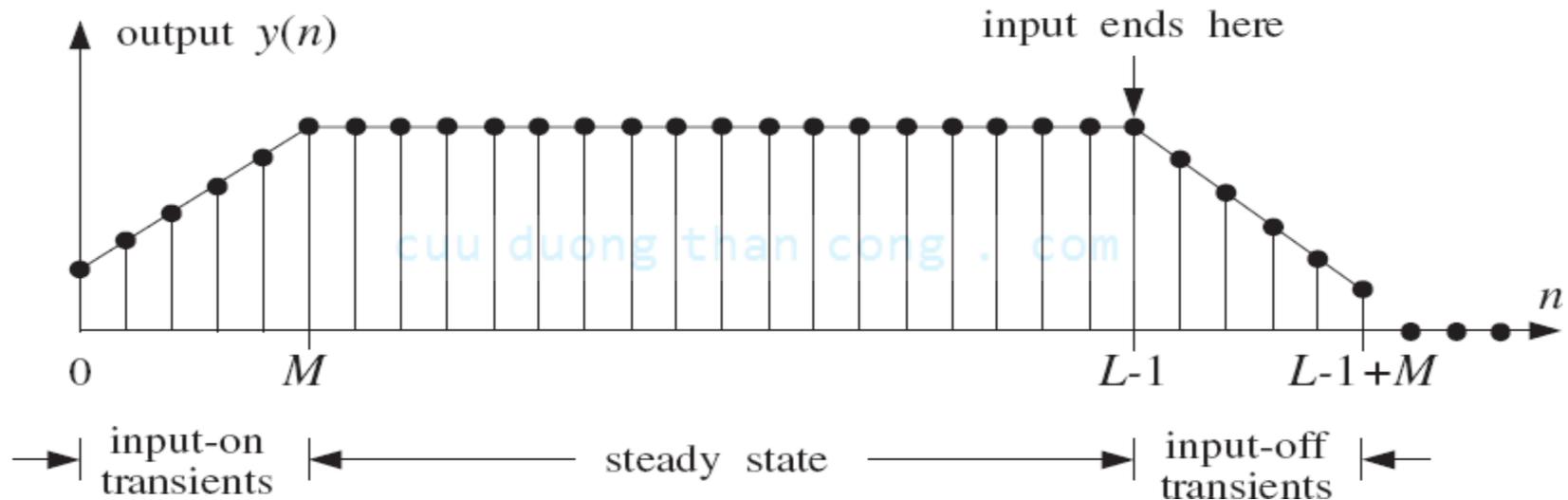
❖ The output is divided into 3 subranges:

$$0 \leq n < M \quad \text{(input-on transients)}$$

$$M \leq n \leq L - 1 \quad \text{(steady state)}$$

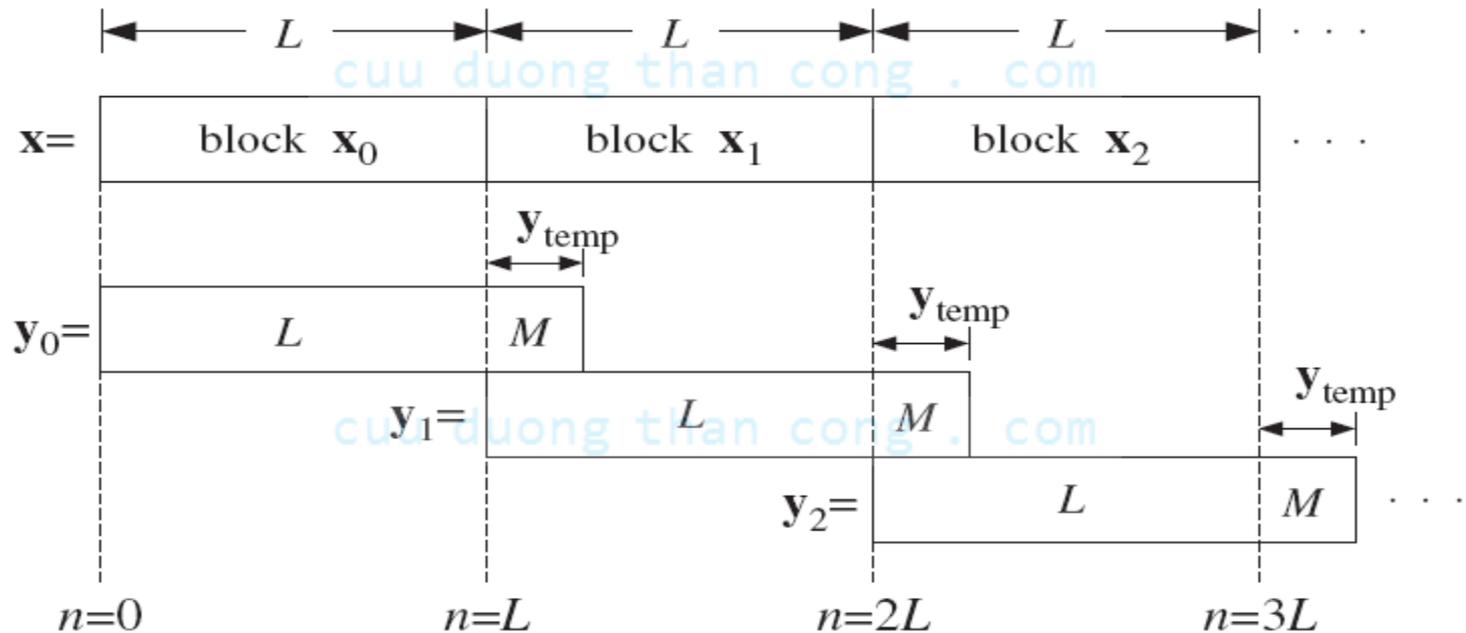
$$L - 1 < n \leq L - 1 + M \quad \text{(input-off transients)}$$

❖ Transient and steady-state filter outputs:



1.7. Overlap-add block convolution method

- ❖ As the input signal is infinite or extremely large, a practical approach is to divide the long input into contiguous non-overlapping blocks of manageable length, say L samples.
- ❖ Overlap-add block convolution method:



Example 5

❖ Using the overlap-add method of block convolution with each block length $L=3$, calculate the convolution of the following filter and input signals? $\mathbf{h}=[1, 2, -1, 1]$, $\mathbf{x}=[1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 2, 1, 1]$

❖ **Solution:** The input is divided into block of length $L=3$

$$\mathbf{x} = [\underbrace{1, 1, 2}_{\mathbf{x}_0}, \underbrace{1, 2, 2}_{\mathbf{x}_1}, \underbrace{1, 1, 0}_{\mathbf{x}_2}]$$

The output of each block is found by the convolution table:

	block 0			block 1			block 2		
$\mathbf{h} \backslash \mathbf{x}$	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	0
1	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	0
2	2	2	4	2	4	4	2	2	0
-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	-2	-2	-1	-1	0
1	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	0

Example 5



❖ The output of each block is given by

$$\mathbf{y}_0 = \mathbf{h} * \mathbf{x}_0 = [1, 3, 3, 4, -1, 2]$$

$$\mathbf{y}_1 = \mathbf{h} * \mathbf{x}_1 = [1, 4, 5, 3, 0, 2]$$

$$\mathbf{y}_2 = \mathbf{h} * \mathbf{x}_2 = [1, 3, 1, 0, 1, 0]$$

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❖ Following from time invariant, aligning the output blocks according to their absolute timings and adding them up gives the final results:

n	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
\mathbf{y}_0	1	3	3	4	-1	2					
\mathbf{y}_1				1	4	5	3	0	2		
\mathbf{y}_2							1	3	1	0	1
\mathbf{y}	1	3	3	5	3	7	4	3	3	0	1

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2. Sample processing methods

- ❖ The direct form convolution for an FIR filter of order M is given by

$$y(n) = h_0x(n) + h_1x(n - 1) + \dots + h_Mx(n - M)$$

- ❖ Introduce the internal states $w_i(n) = x(n - i)$

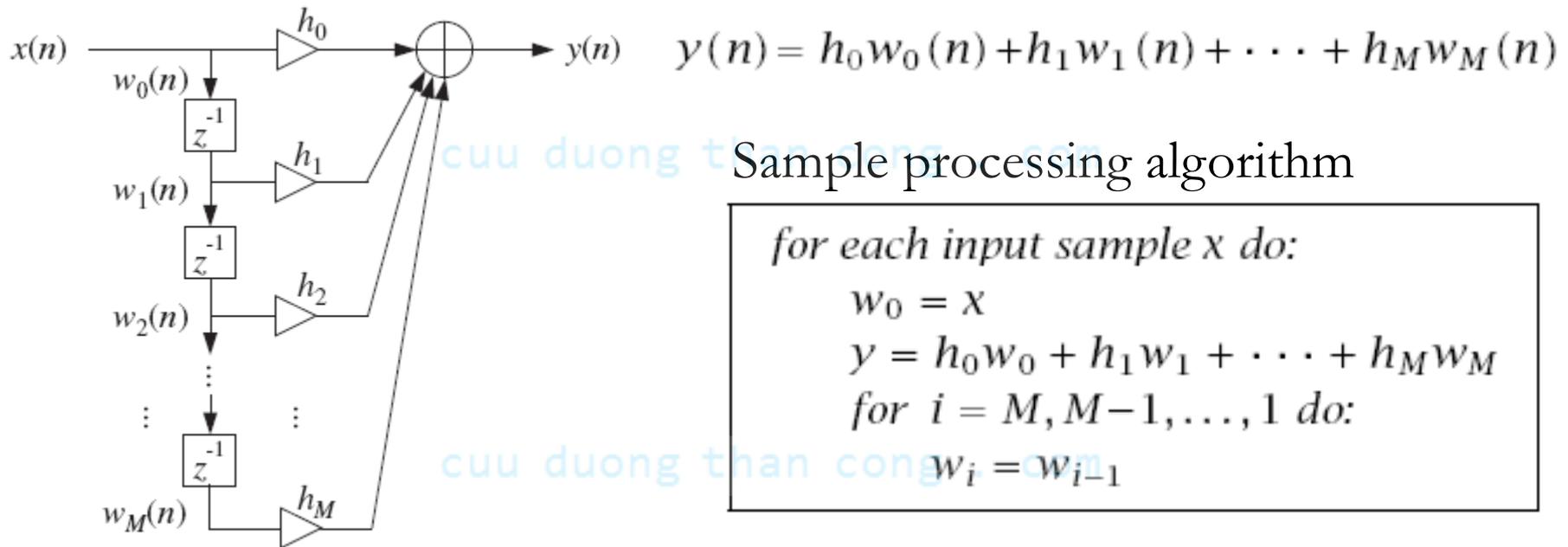


Fig: Direct form realization of M th order filter

- ❖ Sample processing methods are convenient for real-time applications

Example 6



❖ Consider the filter and input given by

$$\mathbf{h} = [1, 2, -1, 1], \quad \mathbf{x} = [1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 2, 1, 1]$$

Using the sample processing algorithm to compute the output and show the input-off transients.

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Example 6



Solution: The I/O equation of this filter is

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

Introducing the internal states $w_i(n) = x(n-i)$, $i = 1, 2, 3$, and setting $w_0(n) = x(n)$, we obtain the following system describing the output equation and the state updating:

$$w_0(n) = x(n)$$

$$y(n) = w_0(n) + 2w_1(n) - w_2(n) + w_3(n)$$

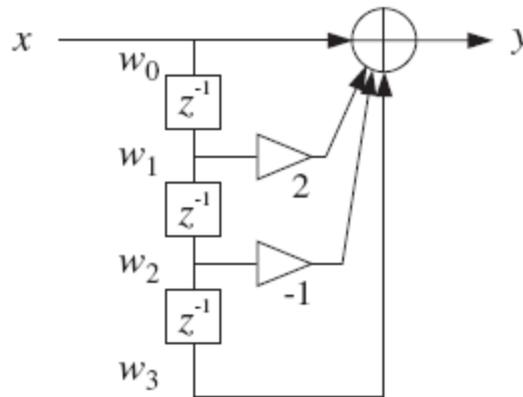
$$w_3(n+1) = w_2(n)$$

$$w_2(n+1) = w_1(n)$$

$$w_1(n+1) = w_0(n)$$

The corresponding block diagram realization and sample processing algorithm are shown below:

Example



for each input sample x do:

$$w_0 = x$$

$$y = w_0 + 2w_1 - w_2 + w_3$$

$$w_3 = w_2$$

$$w_2 = w_1$$

$$w_1 = w_0$$

The sample processing algorithm generates the following output samples:

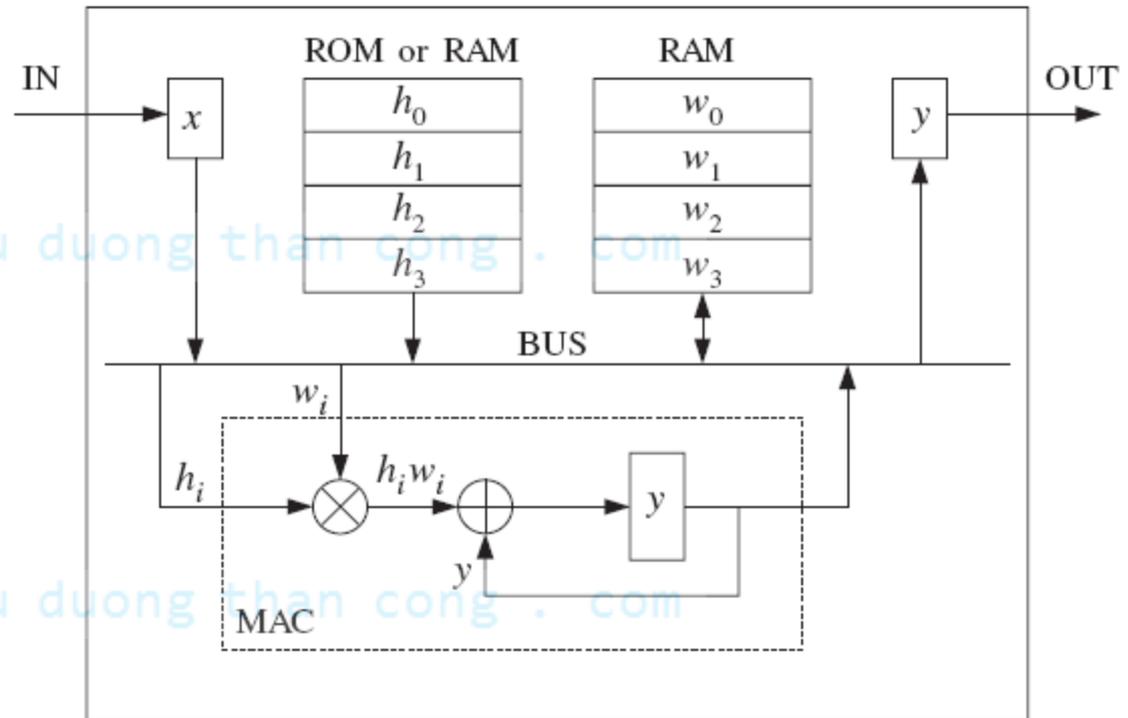
n	x	w_0	w_1	w_2	w_3	$y = w_0 + 2w_1 - w_2 + w_3$
0	1	1	0	0	0	1
1	1	1	1	0	0	3
2	2	2	1	1	0	3
3	1	1	2	1	1	5
4	2	2	1	2	1	3
5	2	2	2	1	2	7
6	1	1	2	2	1	4
7	1	1	1	2	2	3
8	0	0	1	1	2	3
9	0	0	0	1	1	0
10	0	0	0	0	1	1

Hardware realizations

- ❖ The FIR filtering algorithm can be realized in hardware using DSP chips, for example the Texas Instrument TMS320C25

- ❖ MAC: Multiplier Accumulator

$$y := y + h_i w_i$$



- ❖ The signal processing methods can efficiently rewritten as

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for each input sample  $x$  do:  
   $w_0 := x$   
   $y := h_M w_M$   
  for  $i = M-1, \dots, 1, 0$  do:  
     $w_{i+1} := w_i$   
     $y := y + h_i w_i$ 
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- ❖ In modern DSP chips, the two operations $w_{i+1} := w_i$

$$y := y + h_i w_i$$

can carried out with a single instruction.

- ❖ The total processing time for each input sample of M th order filter:

$$T_{\text{proc}} = (M + 1) T_{\text{instr}}$$

where T_{instr} is one instruction cycle in about 30-80 nanoseconds.

- ❖ For real-time application, it requires that

$$T \geq T_{\text{proc}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad f_s \leq \frac{1}{T_{\text{proc}}}$$

Example 7



- ❖ What is the longest FIR filter that can be implemented with a 50 nsec per instruction DSP chip for digital audio applications with sampling frequency $f_s = 44.1$ kHz ?

Solution:

$$T = (M + 1)T_{\text{instr}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad M + 1 = \frac{T}{T_{\text{instr}}} = \frac{1}{f_s T_{\text{instr}}} = \frac{f_{\text{instr}}}{f_s}$$

where the *instruction rate* is $f_{\text{instr}} = 1/T_{\text{instr}} = 20$ million instructions per second (MIPS).
For digital audio at $f_s = 44.1$ kHz, we find

$$M + 1 = \frac{f_{\text{instr}}}{f_s} = \frac{20 \cdot 10^6}{44.1 \cdot 10^3} = 453 \text{ taps}$$

This filter length is quite sufficient to implement several digital audio algorithms. □

Homework 1



The impulse response $h(n)$ of a filter is nonzero over the index range $3 \leq n \leq 6$. The input signal $x(n)$ to this filter is nonzero over the index range $10 \leq n \leq 20$. Consider the direct and LTI forms of convolution:

$$y(n) = \sum_m h(m)x(n-m) = \sum_m x(m)h(n-m)$$

- Determine the overall index range n for the output $y(n)$. For each n , determine the corresponding summation range over m , for both the direct and LTI forms.
- Assume $h(n) = 1$ and $x(n) = 1$ over their respective index ranges. Calculate and sketch the output $y(n)$. Identify (with an explanation) the input on/off transient and steady state parts of $y(n)$.

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Homework 2



An LTI filter has infinite impulse response $h(n) = a^n u(n)$, where $|a| < 1$. Using the convolution summation formula $y(n) = \sum_m h(m)x(n-m)$, derive closed-form expressions for the output signal $y(n)$ when the input is:

- A unit step, $x(n) = u(n)$
- An alternating step, $x(n) = (-1)^n u(n)$.

In each case, determine the steady state and transient response of the filter.

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Homework 3



Let $\mathbf{x} = [1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1]$ be an input to the filter described by the I/O equation:

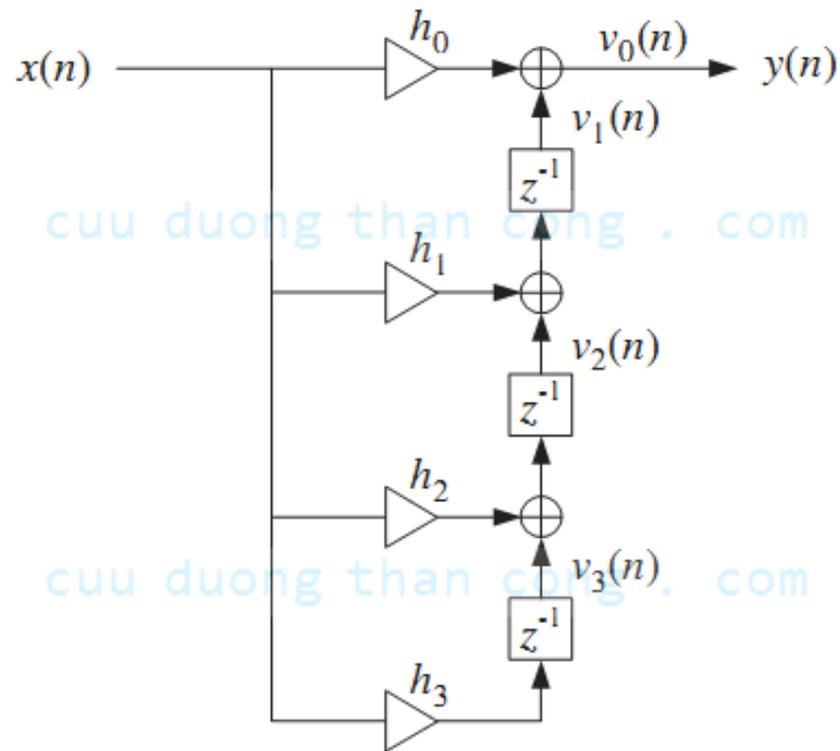
$$y(n) = x(n) - x(n - 2) + 2x(n - 3)$$

- Determine the impulse response $h(n)$ of this filter.
- Compute the corresponding output signal $y(n)$ using the *LTI form* of convolution. Show your computations in table form.
- Compute the same output using the overlap-add method of block convolution by partitioning the input signal into length-4 blocks.
- Draw a block diagram realization of this filter. Then, introduce appropriate internal states and write the corresponding sample processing algorithm.

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Homework 4

- ❖ Compute the output $y(n]$ of the filter $h(n) = \{1, -1, 1, -1\}$ and input $x(n) = \{1, 2, 3, 4, @, -3, 2, -1\}$



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❖ Compute the convolution, $y = h * x$, of the filter and input, $h(n) = \{1, -1, -1, 1\}$, $x(n) = \{1, 2, 3, 4, @, -3, 2, -1\}$ using the following methods:

1. The convolution table.
2. The LTI form of convolution, arranging the computations in a table form.
3. The overlap-add method of block convolution with length-3 input blocks.
4. The overlap-add method of block convolution with length-4 input blocks.
5. The overlap-add method of block convolution with length-5 input blocks.