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# *Circuits and Systems I*

LECTURE #11

Linearity, Time Invariance, and Convolution

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# Lecture Objectives

- **GENERAL PROPERTIES of FILTERS**

- LINEARITY

LTI SYSTEMS

- TIME-INVARIANCE

- $\implies$  **CONVOLUTION**

- BLOCK DIAGRAM REPRESENTATION

- Components for **Hardware**

- **Connect** Simple Filters Together to Build More Complicated Systems

# Overview

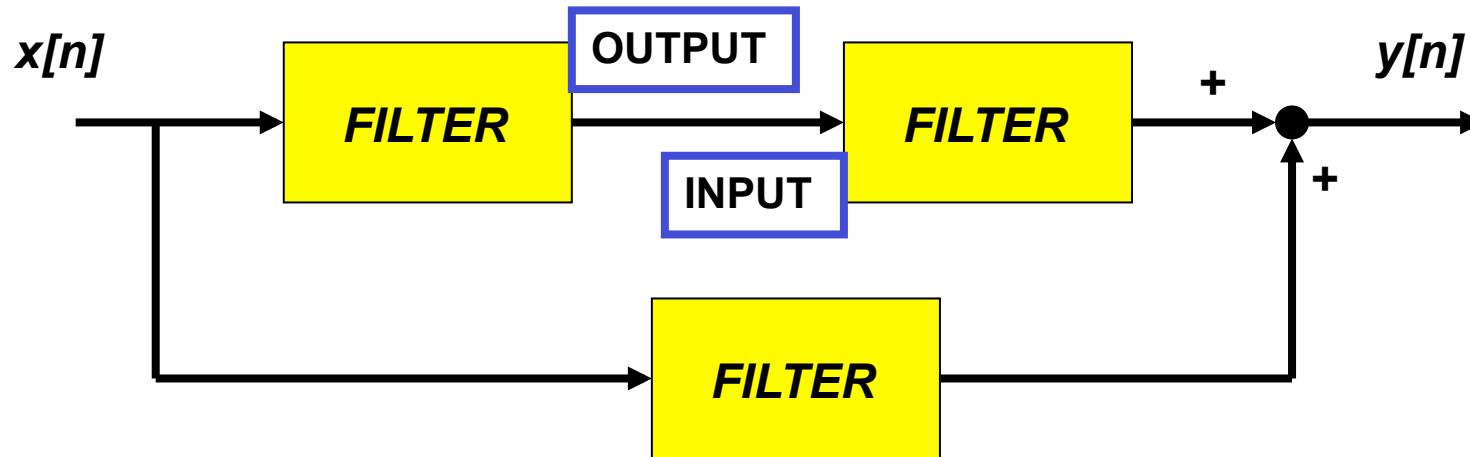
- IMPULSE RESPONSE,  $h[n]$ 
  - FIR case: same as  $\{b_k\}$
- CONVOLUTION
  - GENERAL:  $y[n] = h[n] * x[n]$
  - GENERAL CLASS of SYSTEMS
  - LINEAR and TIME-INVARIANT
- ALL LTI systems have  $h[n]$  & use convolution

# Digital Filtering



- CONCENTRATE on the FILTER (DSP)
- DISCRETE-TIME SIGNALS
  - FUNCTIONS of  $n$ , the "time index"
  - INPUT  $x[n]$
  - OUTPUT  $y[n]$

# Building Blocks

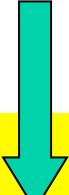


- BUILD UP COMPLICATED FILTERS
  - FROM SIMPLE **MODULES**
  - Ex: FILTER **MODULE** MIGHT BE 3-pt FIR

# General FIR Filter


- FILTER COEFFICIENTS  $\{b_k\}$

- DEFINE THE FILTER


$$y[n] = \sum_{k=0}^M b_k x[n-k]$$

- For example,

$$b_k = \{3, -1, 2, 1\}$$


$$\begin{aligned} y[n] &= \sum_{k=0}^3 b_k x[n-k] \\ &= 3x[n] - x[n-1] + 2x[n-2] + x[n-3] \end{aligned}$$



# MATLAB for FIR Filter

- $\mathbf{yy} = \text{conv}(\mathbf{bb}, \mathbf{xx})$

- VECTOR  $\mathbf{bb}$  contains Filter Coefficients

- DSP-First:  $\mathbf{yy} = \text{firfilt}(\mathbf{bb}, \mathbf{xx})$

- FILTER COEFFICIENTS  $\{b_k\}$

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=0}^M b_k x[n-k]$$

**conv2()**  
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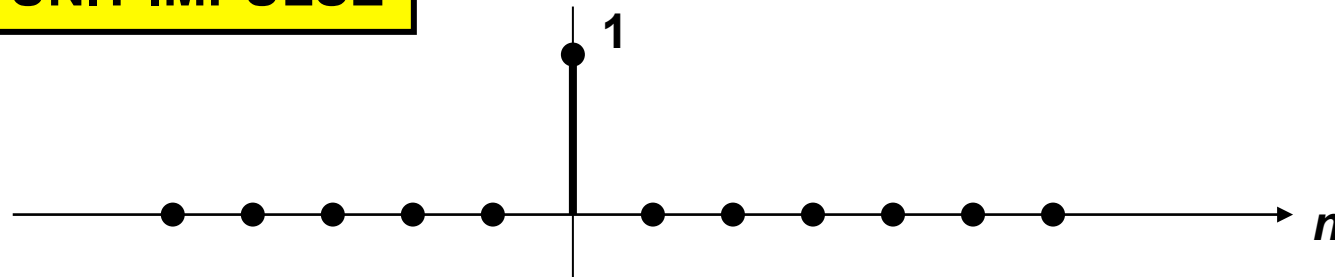
# Special Input Signals

- $x[n] = \text{SINUSOID}$
- $x[n]$  has only one NON-ZERO VALUE

**FREQUENCY RESPONSE**

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

**UNIT-IMPULSE**



# FIR Impulse Response

- Convolution = Filter Definition
  - Filter Coeffs = Impulse Response

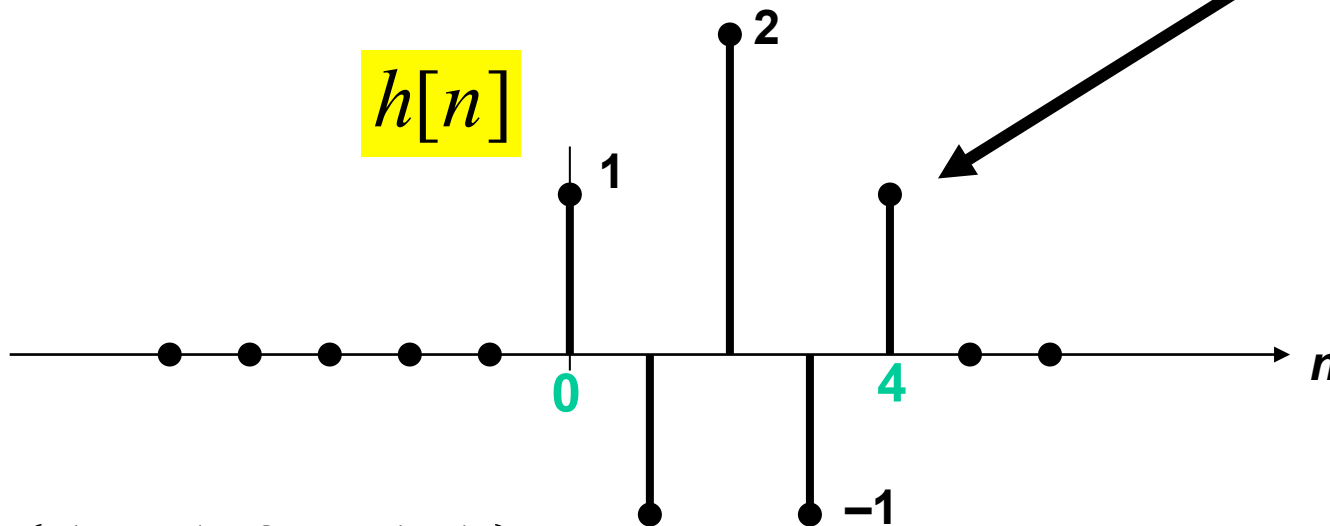
$n$	$n < 0$	0	1	2	3	...	$M$	$M + 1$	$n > M + 1$
$x[n] = \delta[n]$	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$y[n] = h[n]$	0	$b_0$	$b_1$	$b_2$	$b_3$	...	$b_M$	0	0

$$h[n] = \sum_{k=0}^M b_k \delta[n - k]$$

# Mathematical Formula for $h[n]$

- Use **SHIFTED** IMPULSES to write  $h[n]$

$$h[n] = \delta[n] - \delta[n - 1] + 2\delta[n - 2] - \delta[n - 3] + \delta[n - 4]$$

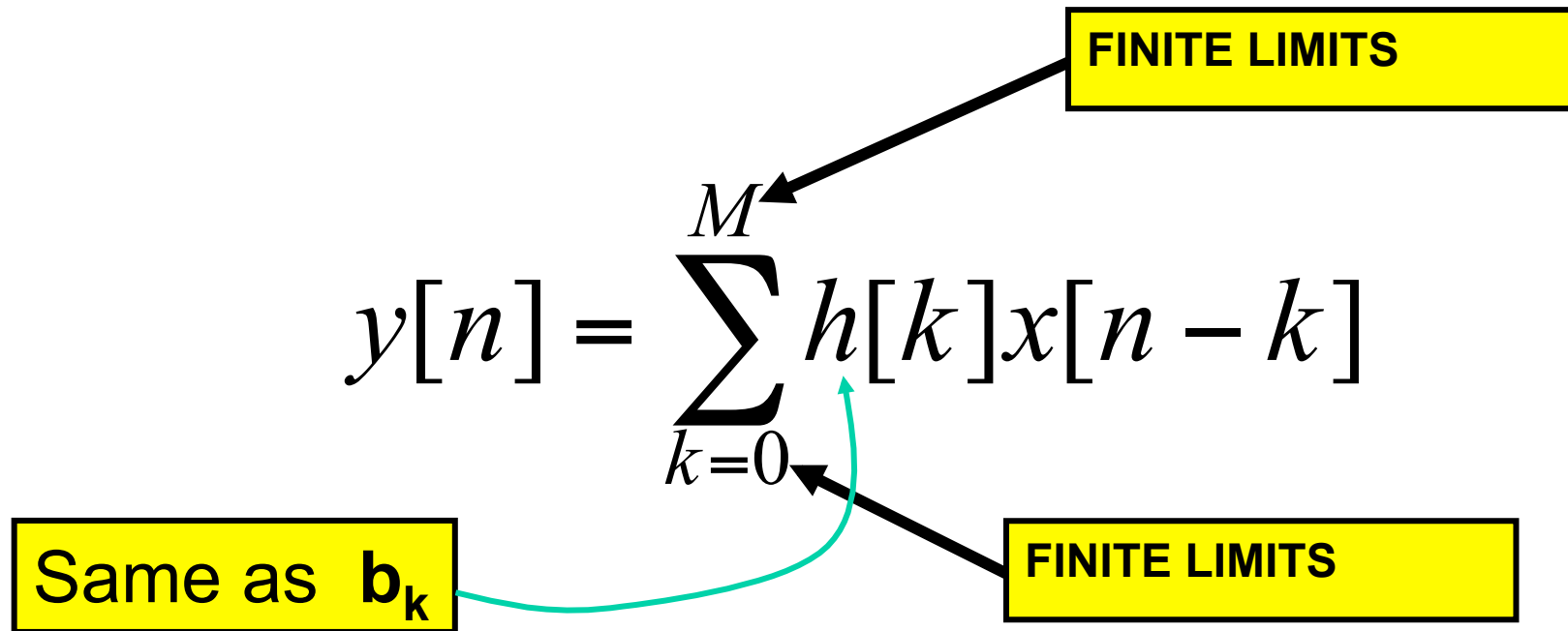


$$b_k = \{1, -1, 2, -1, 1\}$$

# LTI: Convolution Sum

- **Output = Convolution of  $x[n]$  &  $h[n]$** 
  - NOTATION:
  - Here is the FIR case:

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



# CONVOLUTION Example

$$h[n] = \delta[n] - \delta[n - 1] + 2\delta[n - 2] - \delta[n - 3] + \delta[n - 4]$$

$$x[n] = u[n]$$

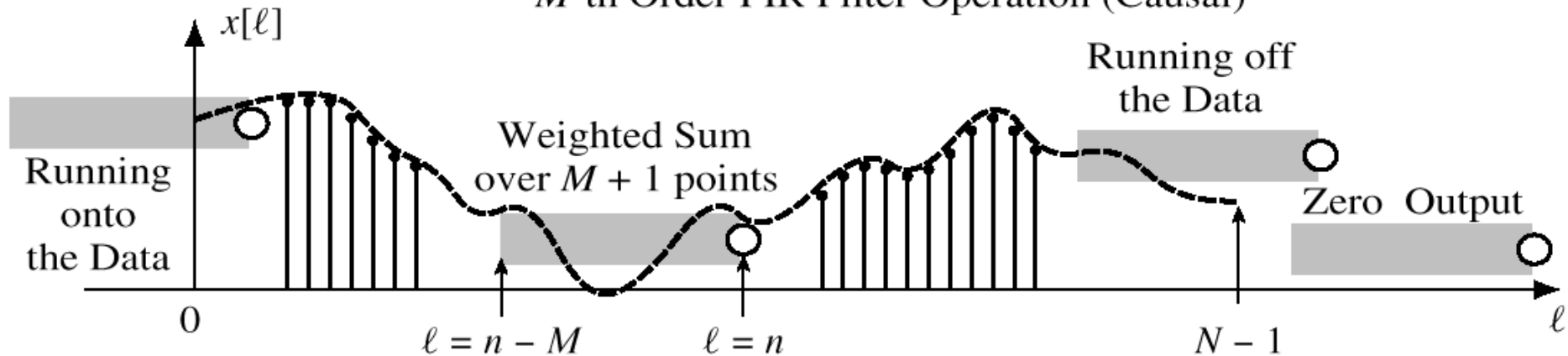
$n$	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$x[n]$	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...
$h[n]$	0	1	-1	2	-1	1	0	0	0
$h[0]x[n]$	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$h[1]x[n - 1]$	0	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
$h[2]x[n - 2]$	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2
$h[3]x[n - 3]$	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
$h[4]x[n - 4]$	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
$y[n]$	0	1	0	2	1	2	2	2	...

# GENERAL FIR FILTER

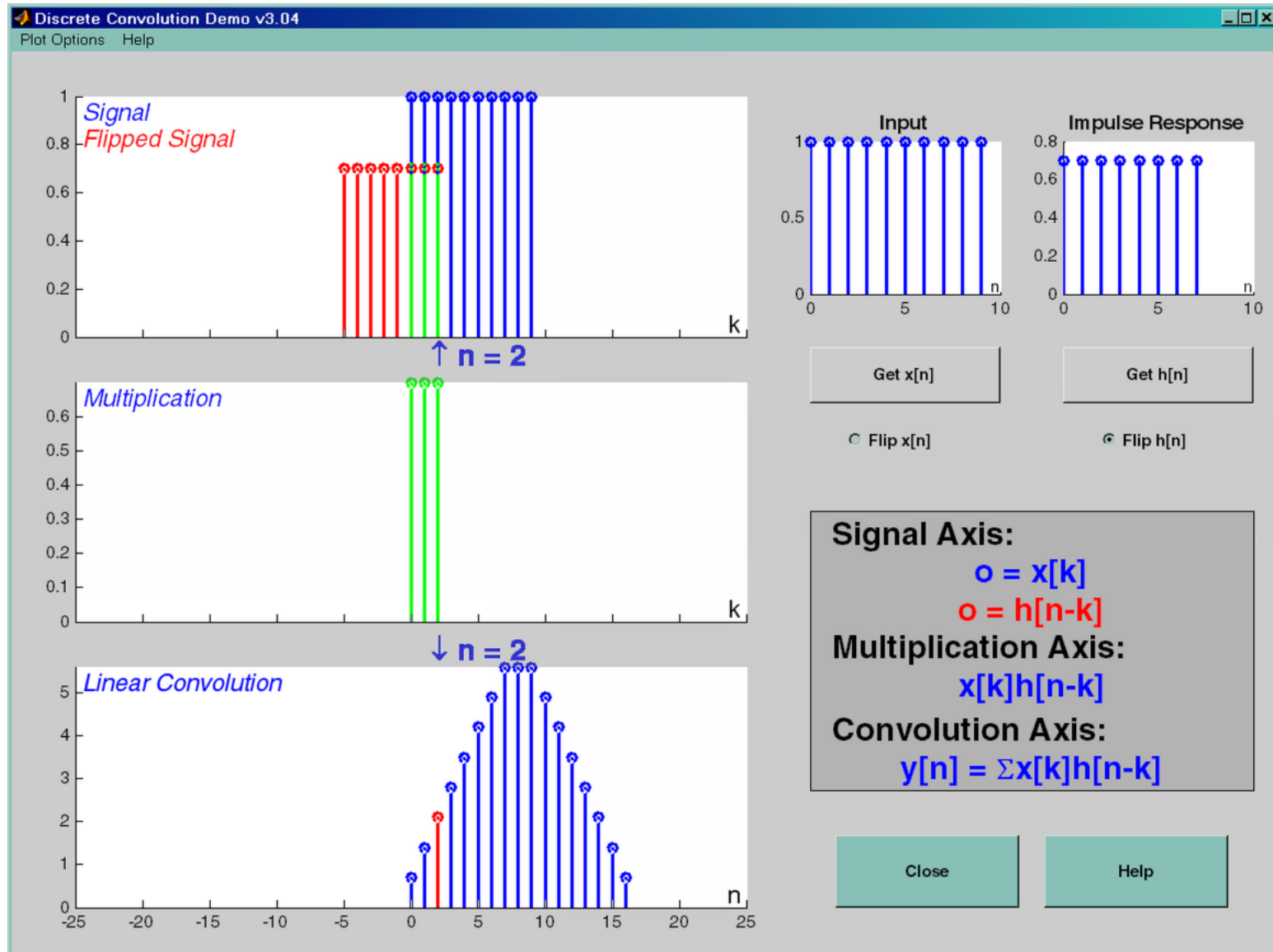
- SLIDE a Length-L WINDOW over  $x[n]$

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=0}^M b_k x[n - k]$$

*M*-th Order FIR Filter Operation (Causal)



# DCONVDEMO: MATLAB GUI

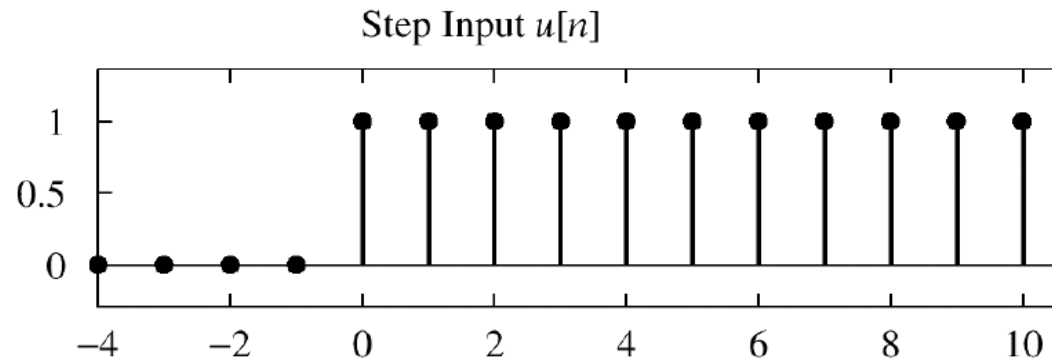




# Pop Quiz

- FIR Filter is "FIRST DIFFERENCE"
  - $y[n] = x[n] - x[n-1]$
- INPUT is "UNIT STEP"

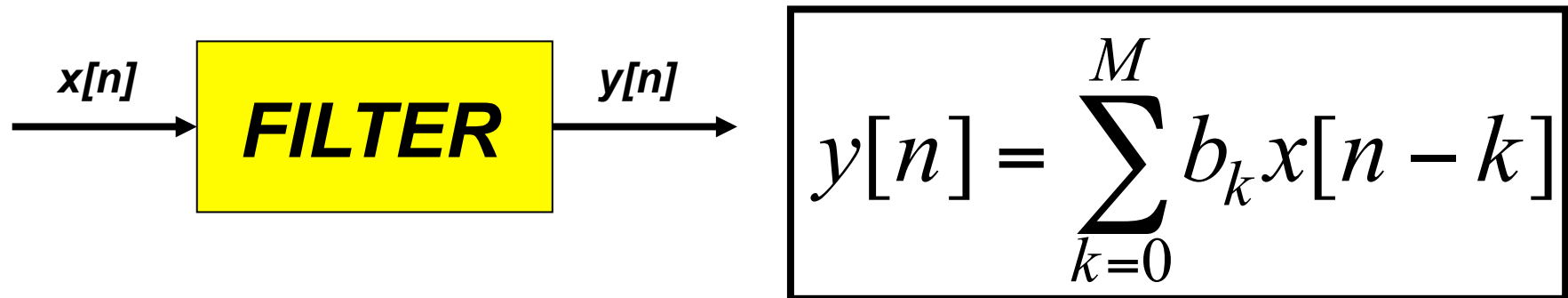
$$u[n] = \begin{cases} 1 & n \geq 0 \\ 0 & n < 0 \end{cases}$$



- Find  $y[n]$

$$y[n] = u[n] - u[n-1] = \delta[n]$$

# Hardware Structures

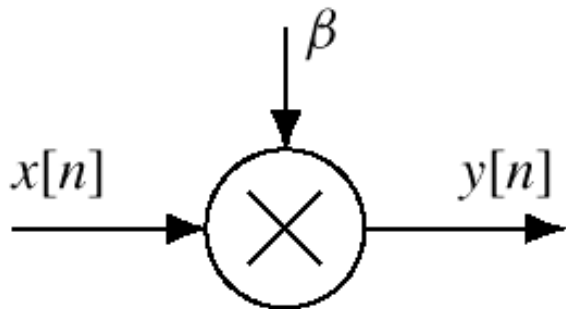


- **INTERNAL STRUCTURE** of “FILTER”
  - WHAT COMPONENTS ARE NEEDED?
  - HOW DO WE “HOOK” THEM TOGETHER?
- **SIGNAL FLOW GRAPH NOTATION**

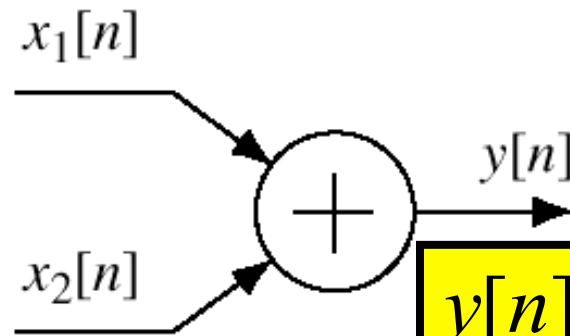
# Hardware Atoms

- Add, Multiply & Store

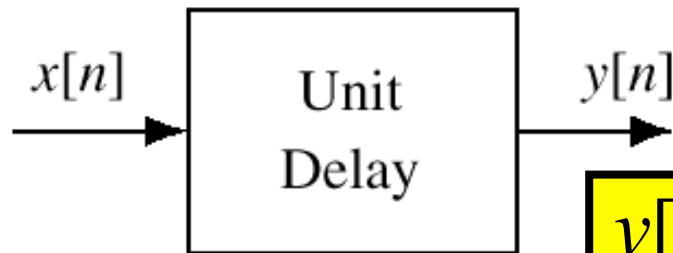
$$y[n] = \sum_{k=0}^M b_k x[n - k]$$



$$y[n] = \beta x[n]$$



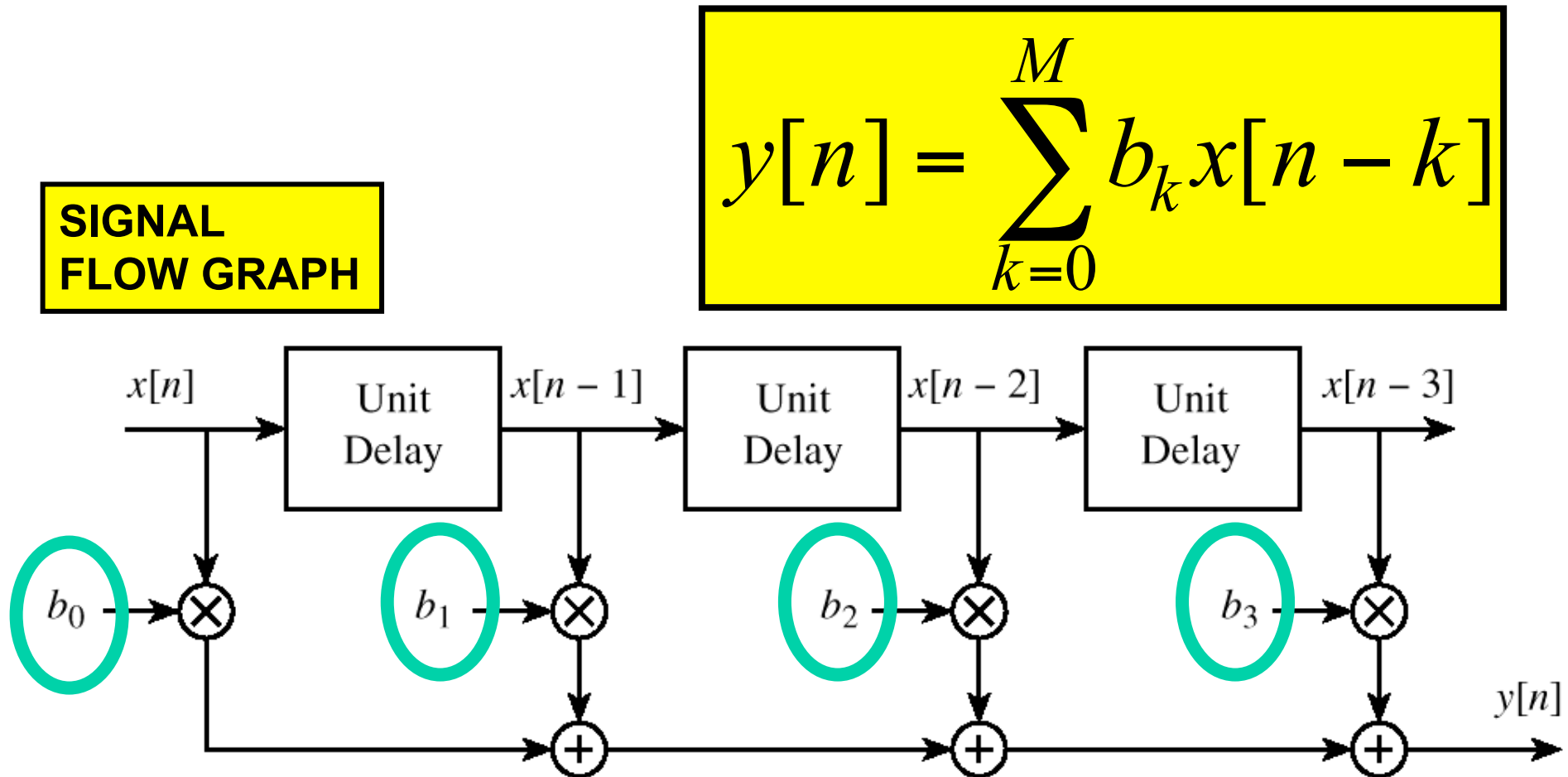
$$y[n] = x_1[n] + x_2[n]$$



$$y[n] = x[n - 1]$$

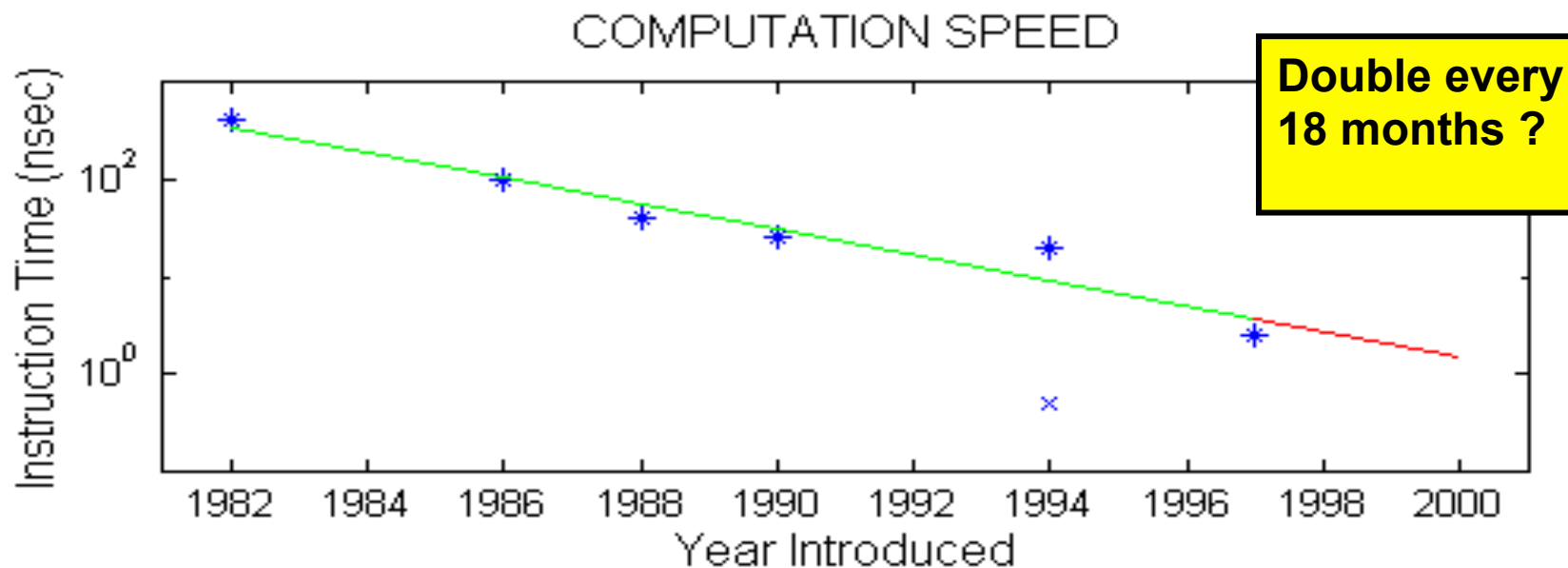
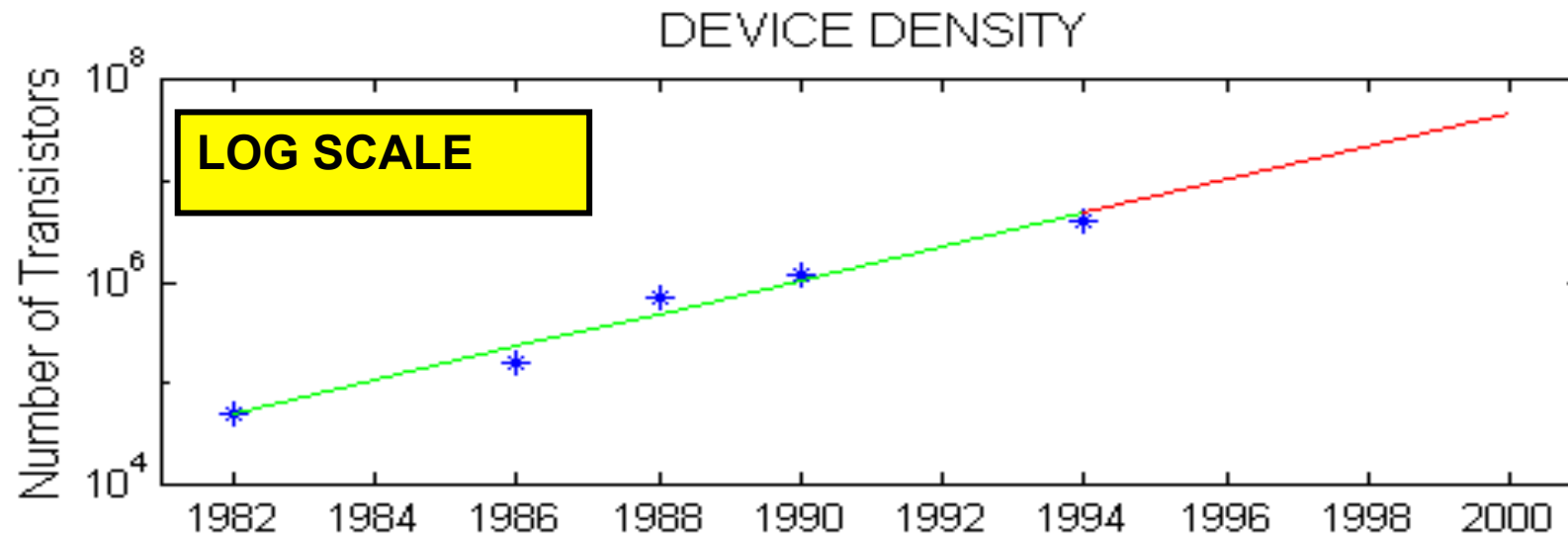
# FIR Structure

- Direct Form



**Figure 5.13** Block-diagram structure for the  $M$ th order FIR filter.

# Moore's Law for TI DSPs



# System Properties

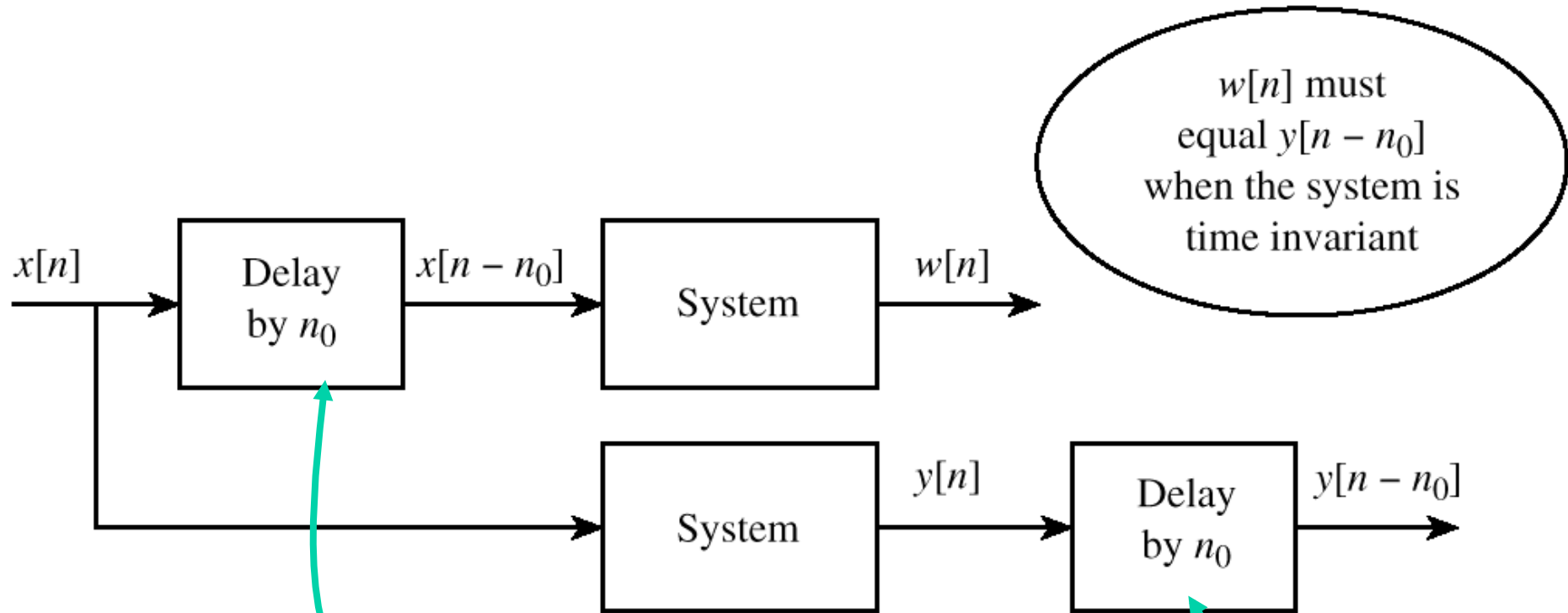


- MATHEMATICAL DESCRIPTION
- TIME-INVARIANCE
- LINEARITY
- CAUSALITY
  - "No output prior to input"

# Time-Invariance

- IDEA:
  - “Time-Shifting the input will cause the **same** time-shift in the output”
- EQUIVALENTLY,
  - We can prove that
    - The time origin ( $n=0$ ) is picked arbitrary

# TESTING Time-Invariance



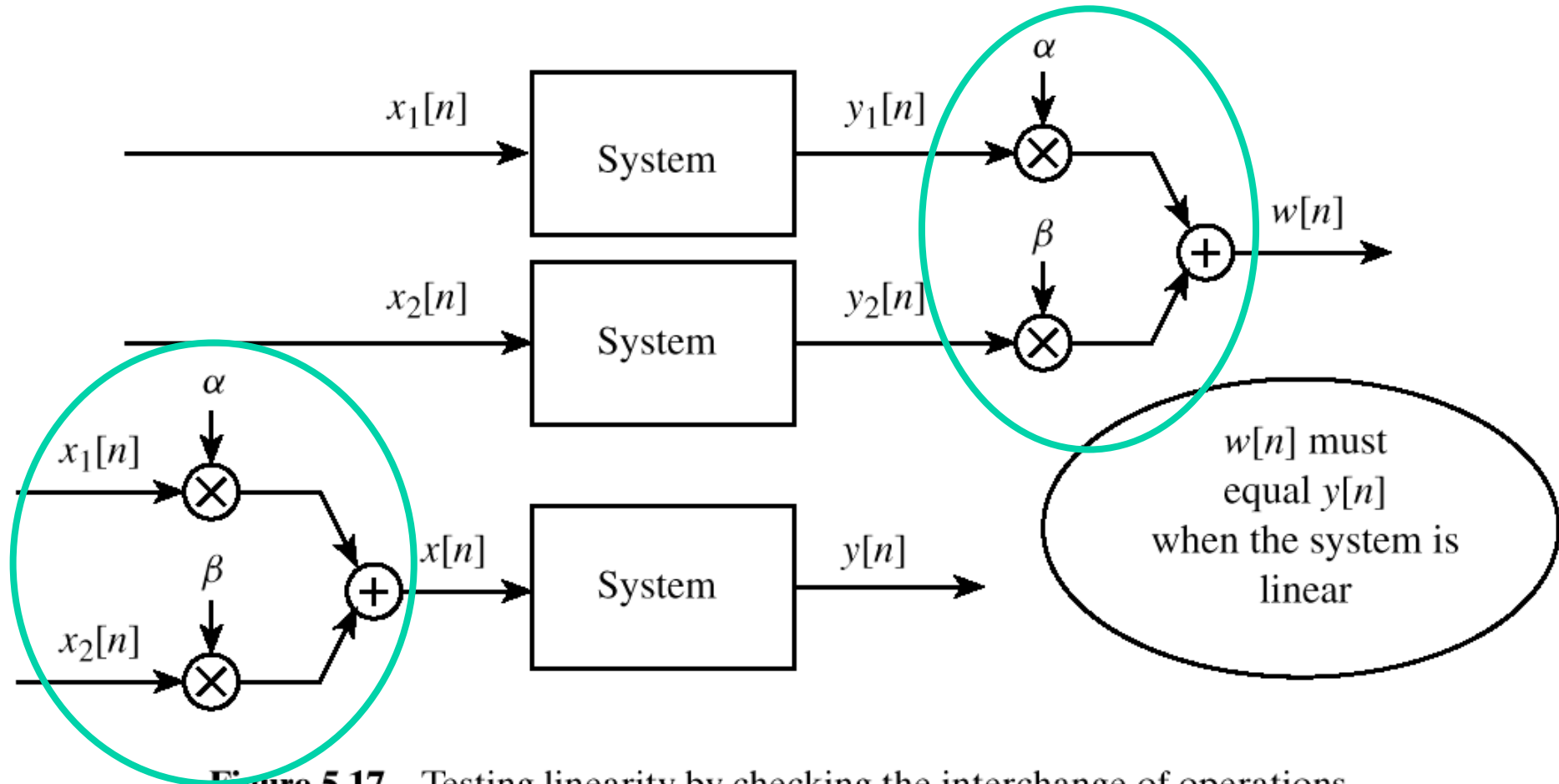
**Figure 5.16** Testing time-invariance property by checking the interchange of operations.



# Linear System

- LINEARITY = Two Properties
- SCALING
  - “Doubling  $x[n]$  will double  $y[n]$ ”
- SUPERPOSITION:
  - “Adding two inputs gives an output that is the sum of the individual outputs”

# TESTING Linearity



**Figure 5.17** Testing linearity by checking the interchange of operations.

# LTI SYSTEMS

- LTI: **L**inear & **T**ime-**I**nvariant
- COMPLETELY CHARACTERIZED by:
  - **IMPULSE RESPONSE**  $h[n]$
  - **CONVOLUTION**:  $y[n] = x[n]*h[n]$ 
    - The “rule” defining the system can ALWAYS be re-written as convolution
- FIR Example:  $h[n]$  is same as  $b_k$

# Pop Quiz

- FIR Filter is "FIRST DIFFERENCE"

- $y[n] = x[n] - x[n - 1]$

- Write output as a convolution

- Need impulse response

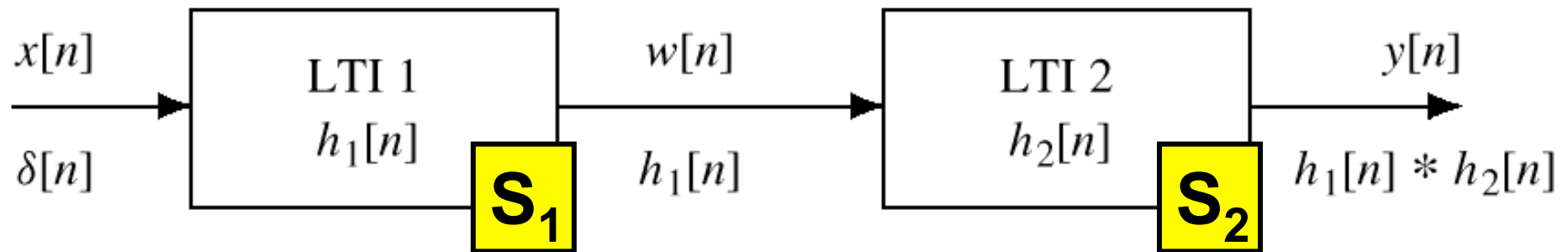
$$h[n] = \delta[n] - \delta[n - 1]$$

- Then, another way to compute the output:

$$y[n] = (\delta[n] - \delta[n - 1]) * x[n]$$

# Cascade Systems

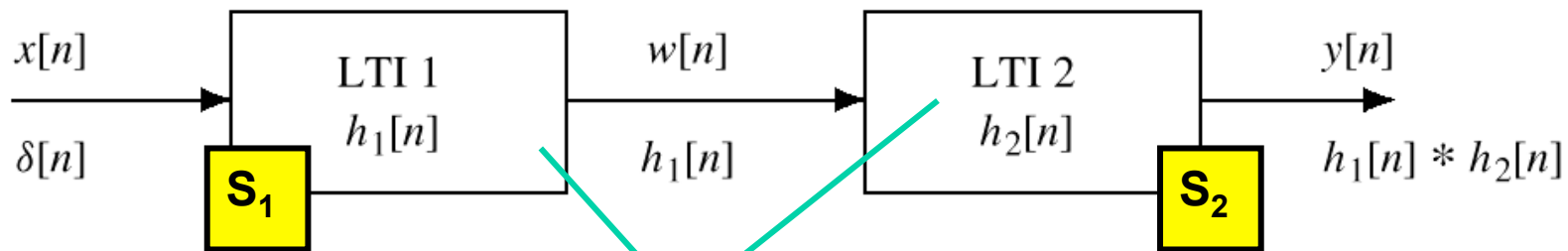
- Does the order of  $S_1$  &  $S_2$  matter?
  - NO, LTI SYSTEMS can be rearranged !!!
  - WHAT ARE THE FILTER COEFFS?  $\{b_k\}$



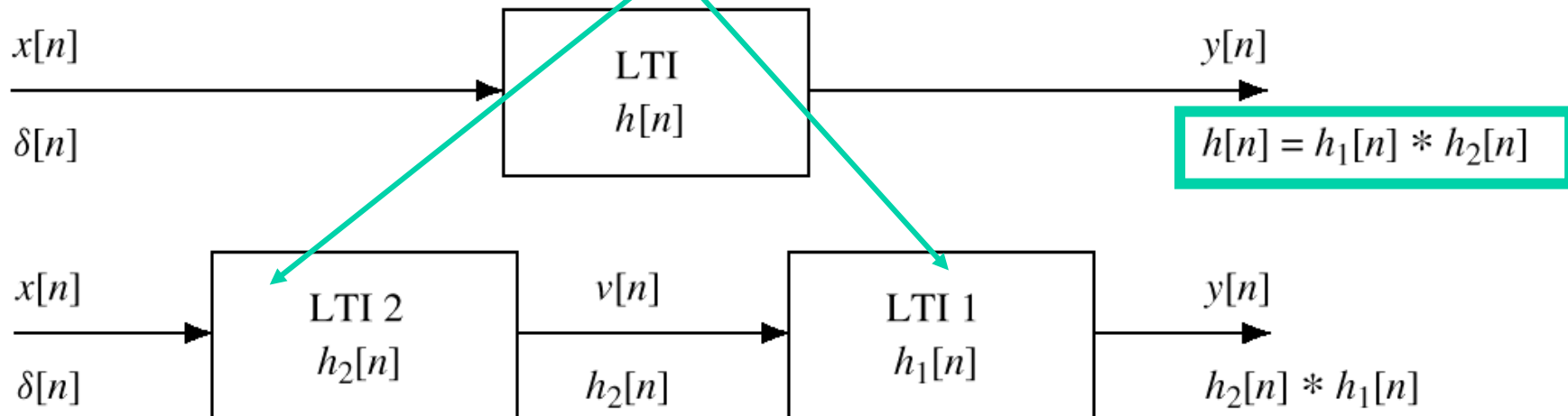
**Figure 5.19** A Cascade of Two LTI Systems.

# Cascade Equivalent

- Find "overall"  $h[n]$  for a cascade ?



**Figure 5.19** A Cascade of Two LTI Systems.



**Figure 5.20** Switching the order of cascaded LTI systems.



*That's all Folks!*

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