

Digital Convolution

The Convolution Sum or Superposition Sum Representation of LTI Systems:

The **convolution** allows us to find the output signal from any LTI processor in response to any input signal. We can find the output signal $y(n)$ from an LTI processor by convolving its input signal $x(n)$ with a second function representing the impulse response $h(n)$ of the processor. The convolution sum or superposition sum of the sequences $x(n)$ and $h(n)$ can be represented by

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

$N = N_1 + N_2 - 1$. Where N_1 = number of samples of $x(n)$, N_2 = number of samples of $h(n)$, and N = total number of samples.

This operation is represented symbolically as $x(n) * h(n)$

Properties of Convolution:

1- Commutativity

Convolution is a commutative operation, meaning signals can be convolved in any order.

$$x(n) * h(n) = h(n) * x(n)$$

$$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} x[k]h[n-k] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} h[k]x[n-k]$$

2- Associativity (Cascaded Connection)

Convolution is associative, meaning that convolution operations in series can be done in any order.

$$(x(n) * h(n)) * g(n) = x(n) * (h(n) * g(n))$$

$$x(n) \rightarrow \boxed{h_1(n)} \rightarrow \boxed{h_2(n)} \rightarrow y(n) = x(n) * [h_1(n) * h_2(n)]$$

$$x(n) \rightarrow \boxed{h_2(n)} \rightarrow \boxed{h_1(n)} \rightarrow y(n) = x(n) * [h_2(n) * h_1(n)]$$

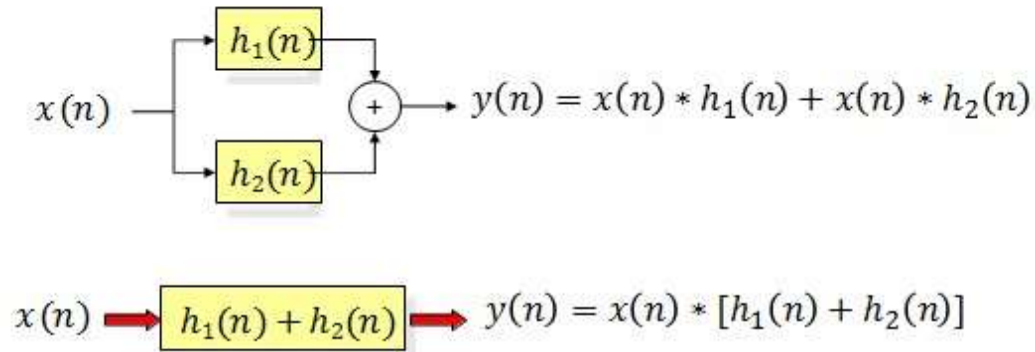
$$x(n) \rightarrow \boxed{h_1(n) * h_2(n)} \rightarrow y(n) = x(n) * h_1(n) * h_2(n)$$

These systems are identical.

3- Distributivity (Parallel Connection)

Convolution is distributive over addition

$$x(n) * [h(n) + g(n)] = x(n) * h(n) + x(n) * g(n)$$



These two systems are identical.

The linear convolution can be performed by *direct*, *graphical*, *table lookup*, and *matrix by vector* methods.

Graphical Method:

The convolution sum of two sequences can be found by using the following steps:

Step 1. Obtain the reversed sequence $h(-k)$.

Step 2. Shift $h(-k)$ by n samples to get $h(n-k)$. If $n \geq 0$, $h(-k)$ will be shifted to the right by n samples; but if $n < 0$, $h(-k)$ will be shifted to the left by n samples.

Step 3. Perform the convolution sum that is the sum of the products of two sequences $x(k)$ and $h(n-k)$ to get $y(n)$.

Step 4. Repeat steps 1 to 3 for the next convolution value $y(n)$.

Example: Find the convolution of the two sequences $x[n]$ and $h[n]$ given by $x[n] = \{3, 1, 2\}$ and $h[n] = \{3, 2, 1\}$. The bold number shows where $n=0$. Using:

- Direct method.
- Graphical method.

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a. Using $y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]h[n-k]$

$x[n] = \{3, 1, 2\}$ and $h[n] = \{3, 2, 1\}$

Total number of samples $N = N_1 + N_2 - 1 = 3 + 3 - 1 = 5$ samples.

$$n = 0, y(0) = x(0)h(0) + x(1)h(-1) + x(2)h(-2) = 3 \times 3 + 1 \times 0 + 2 \times 0 = 9,$$

$$n = 1, y(1) = x(0)h(1) + x(1)h(0) + x(2)h(-1) = 3 \times 2 + 1 \times 3 + 2 \times 0 = 9,$$

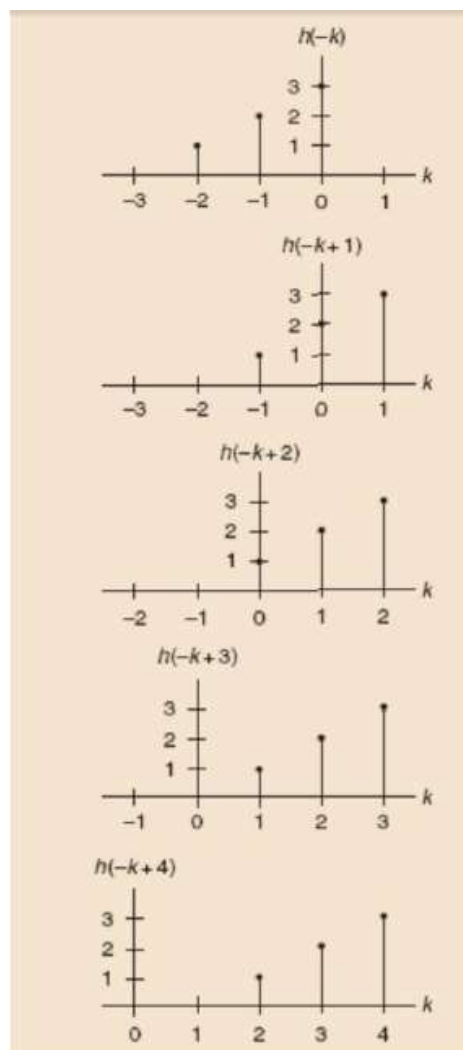
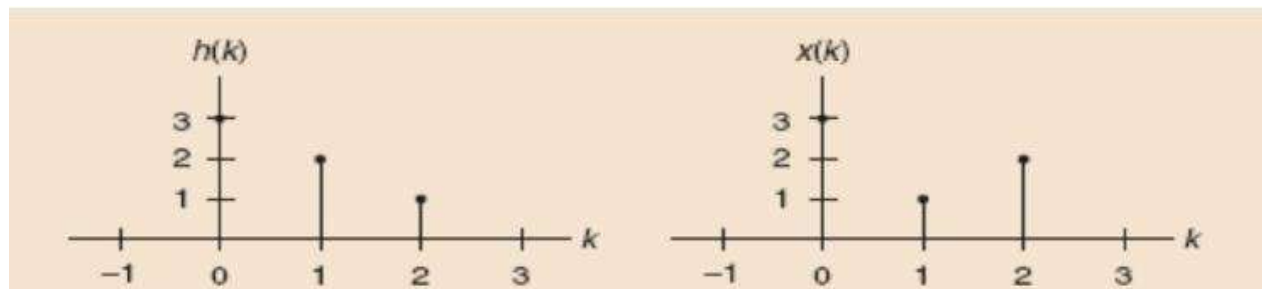
$$n = 2, y(2) = x(0)h(2) + x(1)h(1) + x(2)h(0) = 3 \times 1 + 1 \times 2 + 2 \times 3 = 11,$$

$$n = 3, y(3) = x(0)h(3) + x(1)h(2) + x(2)h(1) = 3 \times 0 + 1 \times 1 + 2 \times 2 = 5.$$

$$n = 4, y(4) = x(0)h(4) + x(1)h(3) + x(2)h(2) = 3 \times 0 + 1 \times 0 + 2 \times 1 = 2,$$

$$n \geq 5, y(n) = x(0)h(n) + x(1)h(n-1) + x(2)h(n-2) = 3 \times 0 + 1 \times 0 + 2 \times 0 = 0.$$

b.



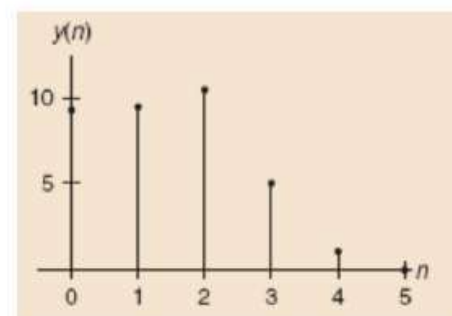
$$3 \times 3 = 9$$

$$2 \times 3 + 3 \times 1 = 9$$

$$1 \times 3 + 2 \times 1 + 3 \times 2 = 11$$

$$0 \times 3 + 1 \times 1 + 2 \times 2 + 3 \times 0 = 5$$

$$0 \times 3 + 0 \times 1 + 1 \times 2 + 2 \times 0 = 2$$



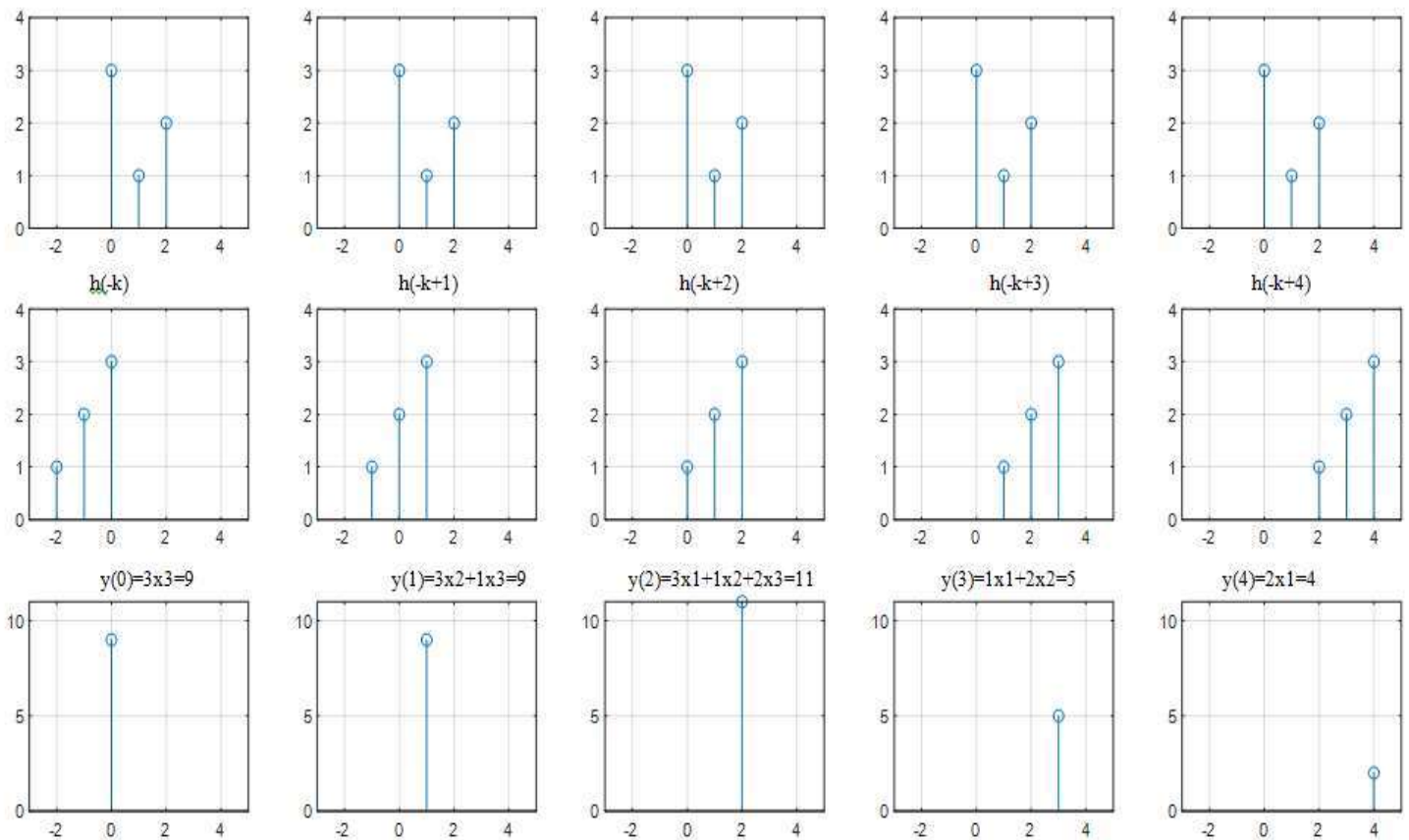


Table Lookup Method:

	$y(0)$	$y(1)$	$y(2)$	
	3	2	1	
3	9	6	3	
1	3	2	1	$y(3)$
2	6	4	2	$y(4)$

Matrix by Vector Method:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{h} &= [1, 2, -1, 1] \\
 \mathbf{x} &= [1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 2, 1, 1] \\
 \mathbf{y} &= \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 3 \\ 7 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Linear Convolution and Circular Convolution:

Linear convolution:

$$x_1(n) \otimes x_2(n) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1(n-k) x_2(k) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1(k) x_2(n-k)$$

Circular convolution:

$$x_1(n) \otimes_N x_2(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_1((n-k) \bmod N) x_2(k) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_1(k) x_2((n-k) \bmod N)$$

Note: If both $x_1(n)$ and $x_2(n)$ are of *finite length* N_1 and N_2 and defined on $[0 N_1-1]$ and $[0 N_2-1]$ respectively, the value of N needed so that circular and linear convolution are the same on $[0 N-1]$ is: $N \geq N_1 + N_2 - 1$

The circular convolution can be performed by **direct**, **graphical**, and **concentric circle** methods.

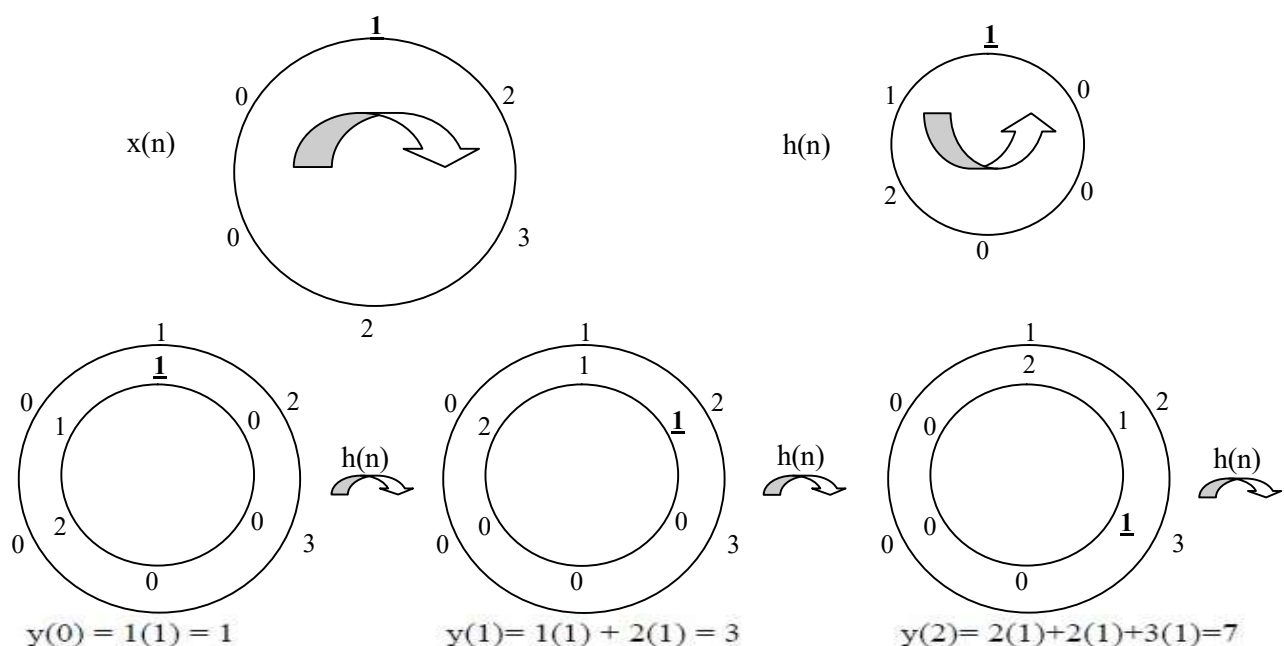
Example: If $x(n) = [1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 2]$, and $h(n) = [1 \ 1 \ 2]$. Find $y(n)$ such that linear and circular convolution are the same using concentric circle method.

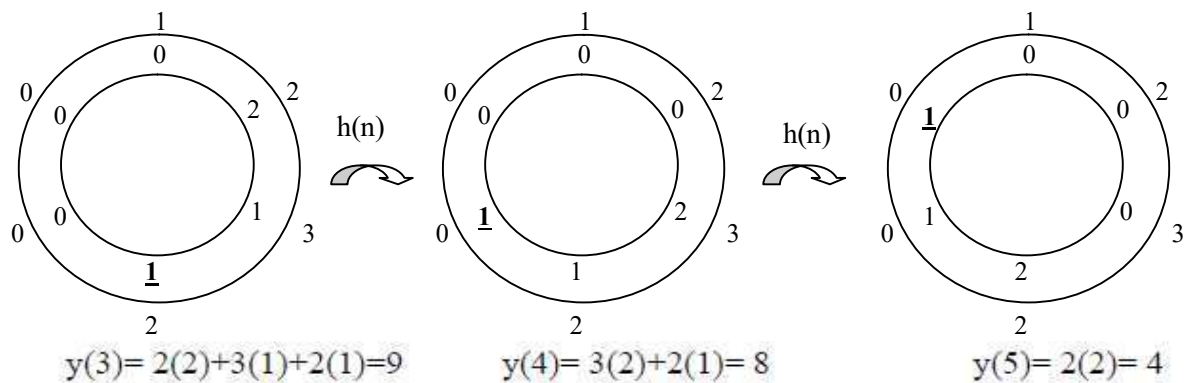
sol.

$N = 4 + 3 - 1 = 6$, then $x(n) = [1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 2 \ 0 \ 0]$ and $h(n) = [1 \ 1 \ 2 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]$

$x(n)$ is arranged in clockwise direction, while $h(n)$ is arranged in the opposite clockwise direction (bold numbers). Each time, only $h(n)$ will be shifted with the **clockwise direction** to find $y(n)$.

Note: the reference point is * and, the arrows represent multiplication process. Finally, addition process is performed.





Example: Use graphical method to find circular convolution of $x_1(n)=[1 \ 2 \ 2]$ and $x_2(n)=[0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3]$.

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Applying the equation of circular convolution

$$y(n) = \sum_{k=0}^3 x_1(k) x_2((n-k) \bmod 4)$$

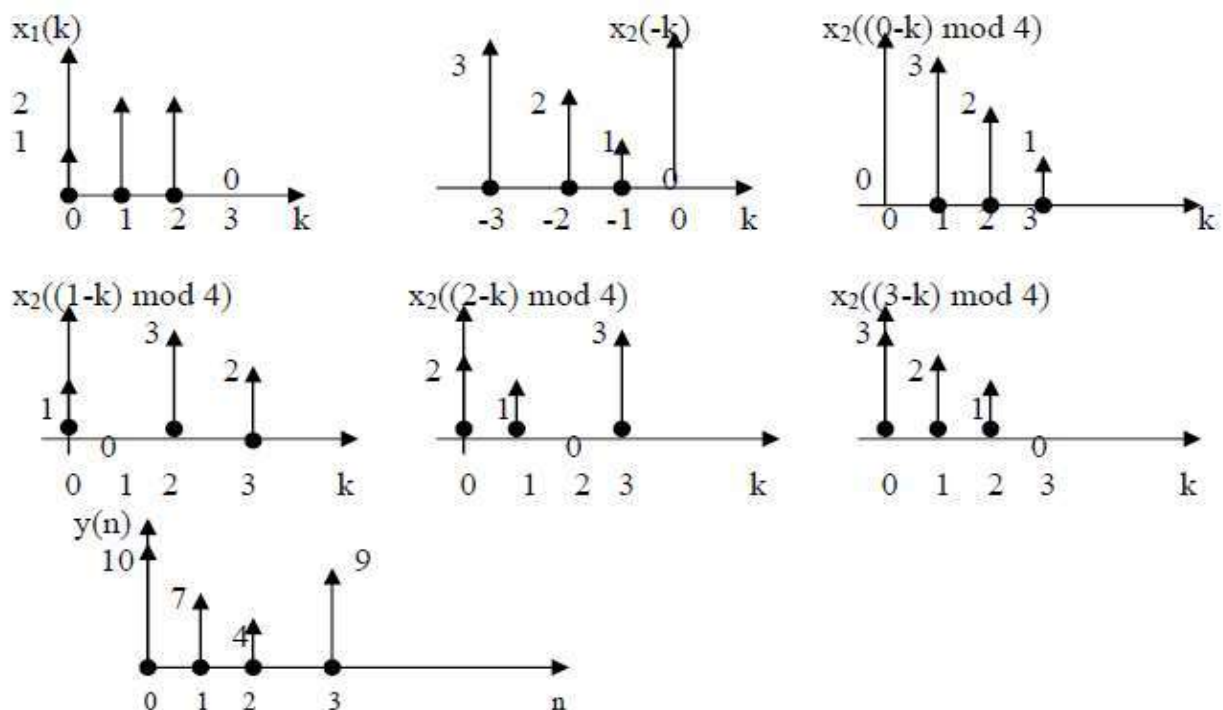
$$y(0) = \sum_{k=0}^3 x_1(k) x_2((-k) \bmod 4)$$

$$y(0) = x_1(0) x_2(-0 \bullet 4) + x_1(1) x_2(-1 \bullet 4) + x_1(2) x_2(-2 \bullet 4) + x_1(3) x_2(-3 \bullet 4)$$

$\bullet = \text{mod addition}$

$$y(0) = x_1(0) x_2(0) + x_1(1) x_2(3) + x_1(2) x_2(2) + x_1(3) x_2(1) = 1(0) + 2(3) + 2(2) + 0(1) = 10$$

and so on



Deconvolution:

The digital Deconvolution can be performed by ***Iterative Approach***, ***Polynomial Approach***, and ***Graphical Method***. In the following subsection, the polynomial approach will be explained.

Polynomial Approach:

A long division process is applied between two polynomials. For causal system, the remainder is always *zero*.

If $y(n) = [12 \ 10 \ 14 \ 6]$ and $h(n) = [4 \ 2]$

Then $y = 12 + 10x + 14x^2 + 6x^3$, and $h = 4 + 2x$. Applying long division, we obtain

$i/p = 3 + x + 3x^2$. Then $x(n) = [3 \ 1 \ 3]$