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**EXAMPLE 3** Find the convolution of the signals

$$x(n) = \begin{cases} 2 & n = -2, 0, 1 \\ 3 & n = -1 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

$$h(n) = \delta(n) - 2\delta(n-1) + 3\delta(n-2) - \delta(n-3)$$

**Solution:** Given  $x(n) = \left\{ \begin{matrix} 2, 3, 2, 2 \\ \uparrow \end{matrix} \right\}$ ;  $h(n) = \{1, -2, 3, -1\}$

$x(n)$  starts at  $n_1 = -2$  and  $h(n)$  starts at  $n_2 = 0$ . The starting sample of  $y(n)$  is at  $n = n_1 + n_2 = -2 + 0 = -2$ . Since number of samples in  $x(n)$  is 4, and the number of samples in  $h(n)$  is 4, the number of samples in  $y(n)$  will be  $4 + 4 - 1 = 7$ . So  $y(n)$  exists from  $-2$  to 4.

### Method 1 Graphical method

We know that 
$$y(n) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x(k)h(n-k)$$

From Figure 1 , we get

$$\text{For } n = -2 \quad y(-2) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x(k)h(-2-k) = 2 \cdot 1 = 2$$

$$\text{For } n = -1 \quad y(-1) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x(k)h(-1-k) = 2(-2) + 3 \cdot 1 = -1$$

$$\text{For } n = 0 \quad y(0) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x(k)h(-k) = 2 \cdot 3 + 3(-2) + 2 \cdot 1 = 2$$

$$\text{For } n = 1 \quad y(1) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x(k)h(1-k) = 2(-1) + 3(3) + 2(-2) + 2 \cdot 1 = 5$$

$$\text{For } n = 2 \quad y(2) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x(k)h(2-k) = 3(-1) + 2 \cdot 3 + 2(-2) = -1$$

$$\text{For } n = 3 \quad y(3) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x(k)h(3-k) = 2(-1) + 2 \cdot 3 = 4$$

$$\text{For } n = 4 \quad y(4) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x(k)h(4-k) = 2(-1) = -2$$

$$\therefore y(n) = \left\{ \begin{matrix} 2, -1, 2, 5, -1, 4, -2 \\ \uparrow \end{matrix} \right\}$$

To check the correctness of the result sum all the samples in  $x(n)$  and multiply with the sum of all samples in  $h(n)$ . This value must be equal to sum of all samples in  $y(n)$ .

$$\text{In the given problem, } \sum_n x(n) = 9, \sum_n h(n) = 1, \text{ and } \sum_n y(n) = 9.$$

$$\text{This shows } \sum_n x(n) \cdot \sum_n h(n) = \sum_n y(n) \quad (\text{proved}).$$

Therefore, the result is correct.

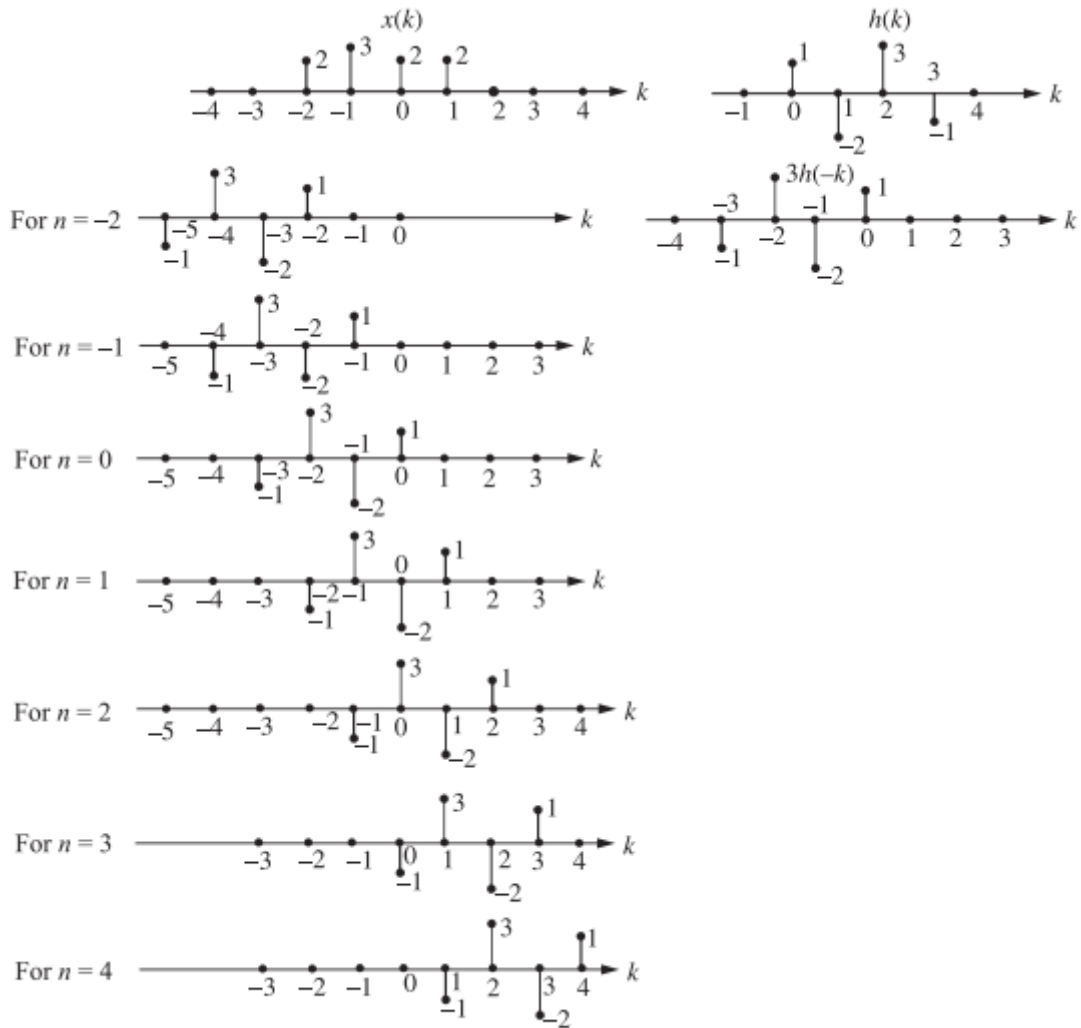


Figure 1 Operation on signals  $x(n)$  and  $h(n)$  to compute convolution.

**Method 2 Tabular array**

Tabulate the sequence  $x(k)$  and shifted version of  $h(k)$  as shown in Table 1

Table 1 Table for computing  $y(n)$ .

$k$	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
$x(k)$	-	-	-	2	3	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
$h(-k)$	-	-	-1	3	-2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
$n = -2$ $h(-2 - k)$	-1	3	-2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
$n = -1$ $h(-1 - k)$	-	-1	3	-2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
$n = 0$ $h(-k)$	-	-	-1	3	-2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
$n = 1$ $h(1 - k)$	-	-	-	-1	3	-2	1	-	-	-	-	-
$n = 2$ $h(2 - k)$	-	-	-	-	-1	3	-2	1	-	-	-	-
$n = 3$ $h(3 - k)$	-	-	-	-	-	-1	3	-2	1	-	-	-
$n = 4$ $h(4 - k)$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1	3	-2	1	-	-

The starting sample of  $y(n)$  is at  $n = -2$ .  $y(n)$  is calculated as shown below. From the table, we can see that

For  $n = -2$   $y(-2) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x(k)h(-2-k) = 2 \cdot 1 = 2$

For  $n = -1$   $y(-1) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x(k)h(-1-k) = 2(-2) + 3 \cdot 1 = -1$

For  $n = 0$   $y(0) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x(k)h(-k) = 2 \cdot 3 + 3(-2) + 2 \cdot 1 = 2$

For  $n = 1$   $y(1) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x(k)h(1-k) = 2(-1) + 3(3) + 2(-2) + 2 \cdot 1 = 5$

For  $n = 2$   $y(2) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x(k)h(2-k) = 3(-1) + 2 \cdot 3 + 2(-2) = -1$

For  $n = 3$   $y(3) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x(k)h(3-k) = 2(-1) + 2 \cdot 3 = 4$

For  $n = 4$   $y(4) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x(k)h(4-k) = 2(-1) = -2$

$\therefore y(n) = \left\{ 2, -1, 2, 5, -1, 4, -2 \right\}$

**Method 3 Tabular method**

$y(n) = x(n) * h(n)$  is computed by tabular method as shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2. Table for computing  $y(n)$ .

		$x(n)$			
		2	3	2	2
$h(n)$	1	2	3	2	2
	-2	-4	-6	-4	-4
	3	6	9	6	6
	-1	-2	-3	-2	-2

$\therefore y(n) = 2, -4 + 3, 6 - 6 + 2, -2 + 9 - 4 + 2, -3 + 6 - 4, -2 + 6, -2$

$= \left\{ 2, -1, 2, 5, -1, 4, -2 \right\}$

**Method 4 Matrices method**

The given sequences are:  $x(n) = \{x(0), x(1), x(2), x(3)\} = \{2, 3, 2, 2\}$   
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and  $h(n) = \{h(0), h(1), h(2), h(3)\} = \{1, -2, 3, -1\}$   
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The sequence  $x(n)$  is starting at  $n = -1$  and the sequence  $h(n)$  is also starting at  $n = -1$ . So the sequence  $y(n)$  corresponding to the linear convolution of  $x(n)$  and  $y(n)$  will start at  $n = -1 + (-1) = -2$ .  $x(n)$  is of length 4 and  $h(n)$  is also of length 4. So length of  $y(n) = 4 + 4 - 1 = 7$ . Substituting the sequence values in matrix form and multiplying, we get the convolution of  $x(n)$  and  $h(n)$ .

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