

# **Linear Constant Coefficient Difference Equations (LCCDE)**

**ECE 3640 Discrete-Time Signals and Systems**

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# Linear Constant Coefficient Difference Equations (LCCDE)

$$\sum_{k=0}^N a[k]y[n-k] = \sum_{m=0}^M b[m]x[n-m] \quad (\text{both sides look like convolution})$$

(output) (input)

To compute output, solve for  $y[n]$ .

$$a[0]y[n] = \sum_{m=0}^M b[m]x[n-m] - \sum_{k=1}^N a[k]y[n-k] \quad (\text{recursive formula})$$

(usually  $a[0] = 1$ )

Note that current output  $y[n]$  depends on:

- Current input:  $x[n]$
- Past inputs:  $x[n-1], \dots, x[n-M]$  (initial conditions)
- Past outputs:  $y[n-1], \dots, y[n-N]$

# Linear Constant Coefficient Difference Equations (LCCDE)

Forward recursion leads to causal output signal.

$$a[0]y[n] = \sum_{m=0}^M b[m]x[n-m] - \sum_{k=1}^N a[k]y[n-k]$$

Backward recursion leads to anti-causal output signal.

$$a[N]y[n-N] = \sum_{m=0}^M b[m]x[n-m] - \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} a[k]y[n-k]$$

- For LCCDE to represent LTI system, need zero initial conditions.
- All LTI systems representable by difference equations.

# Linear Constant Coefficient Difference Equations (LCCDE)

$$\sum_{k=0}^N a[k]y[n - k] = \sum_{m=0}^M b[m]x[n - m]$$

Finite Impulse Response (FIR)

$$a[0] = 1, N = 0, M < \infty$$

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

- No feedback
- Feed forward
- Convolution
- `conv` command in Matlab

Infinite Impulse Response (IIR)

$$N > 0$$

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- Feedback
- Recursive
- Difference equation
- `filter` command in Matlab

# Linear Constant Coefficient Difference Equations in Matlab

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Finite Impulse Response (FIR)

**a** = 1

**b** =  $[b_0, b_1, \dots, b_M]$

**x** =  $[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_L]$

**y** =  $[y_0, y_1, \dots, y_L]$

**y** = **filter**(**b**, 1, **x**)

**y** = **conv**(**b**, **x**)

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$$y[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x[n-k] \quad a[0] = 1, N = 0$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^N a[k]y[n-k] = \sum_{m=0}^M b[m]x[n-m] \quad b[n] = 1 \text{ for all } n \geq 0, M = \infty$$

## Example: Accumulator

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

$$= x[n] + \sum_{k=-\infty}^{n-1} x[k]$$
$$= x[n] + y[n - 1]$$

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

(diff. eq. representation  
is more compact)

$$\sum_{k=0}^N a[k]y[n - k] = \sum_{m=0}^M b[m]x[n - m]$$

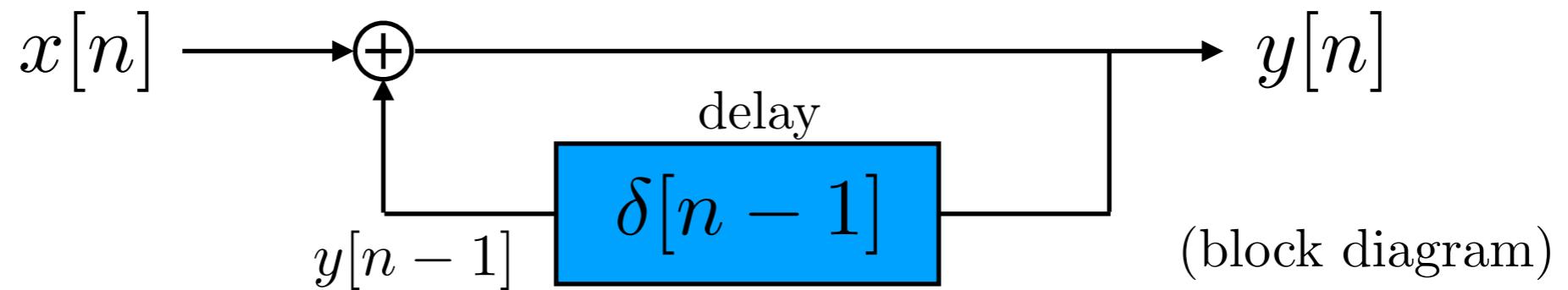
$$a[0] = 1, a[1] = -1, N = 1$$

$$b[0] = 1, M = 0$$

`y = filter(1, [1, -1], x)` (Matlab command)

## Example: Accumulator

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



## Example: Moving Average

(impulse response)

$$b[n] = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{L}, & n = 0, 1, \dots, L-1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{L} \right) (u[n] - u[n-L])$$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{L} \right) (\delta[n] - \delta[n-L]) * u[n]$$

$$y[n] = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{k=0}^{L-1} x[n-k]$$

$$N = 0, \mathbf{a} = 1$$

$$M = L-1, \mathbf{b} = \left[ \frac{1}{L}, \dots, \frac{1}{L} \right]$$

This representation uses  $L$  adds.

$L$  length

`y = filter(b,a,x)` in Matlab

(What is the difference?)

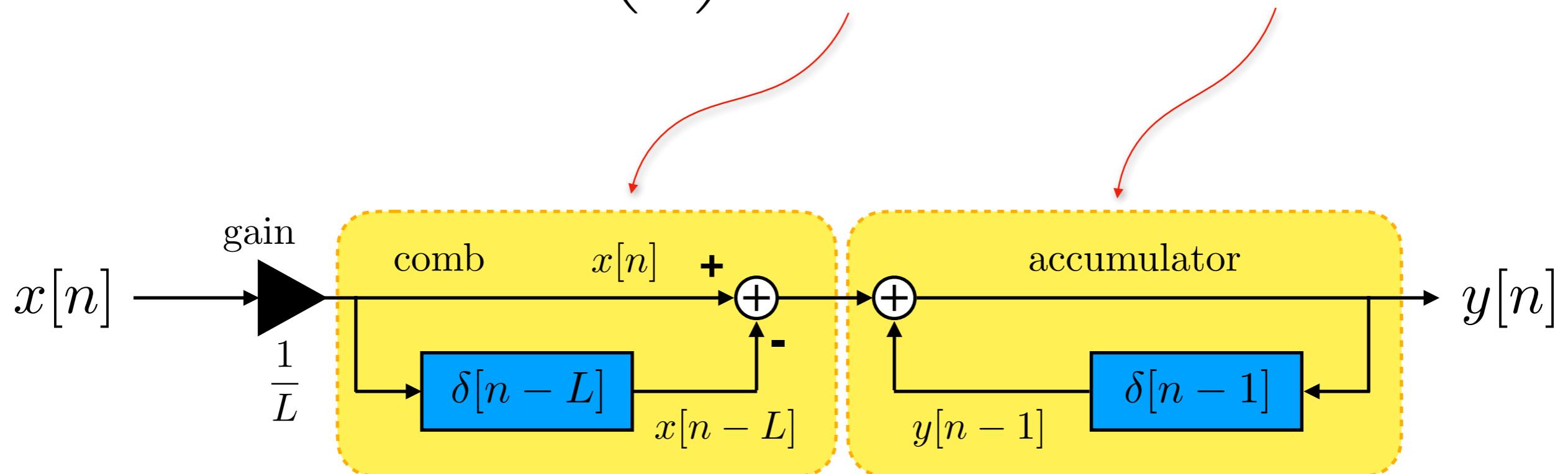
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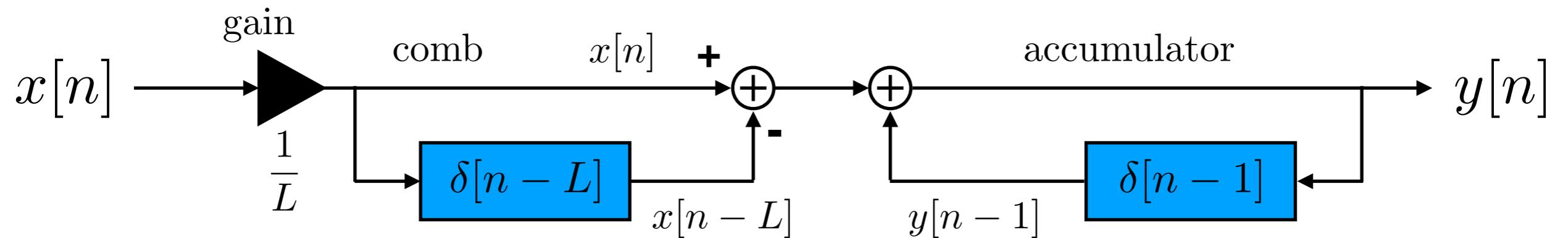
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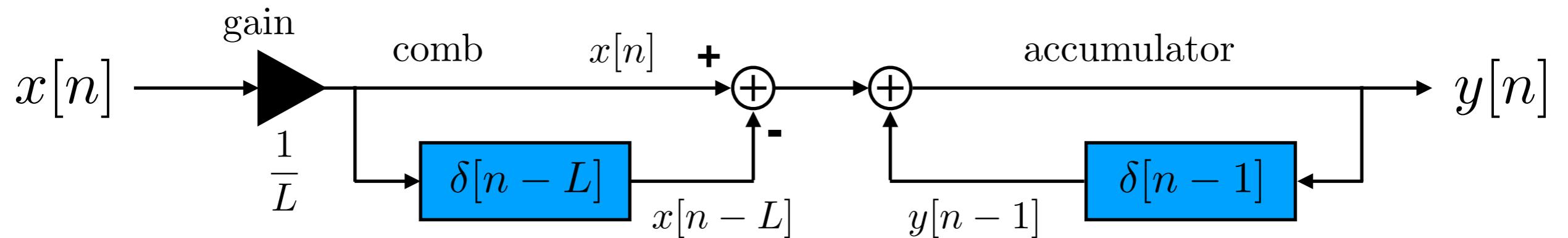
This representation uses less arithmetic: 2 adds.

## Example: Moving Average



$$y[n] = y[n - 1] + \frac{1}{L} (x[n] - x[n - L])$$

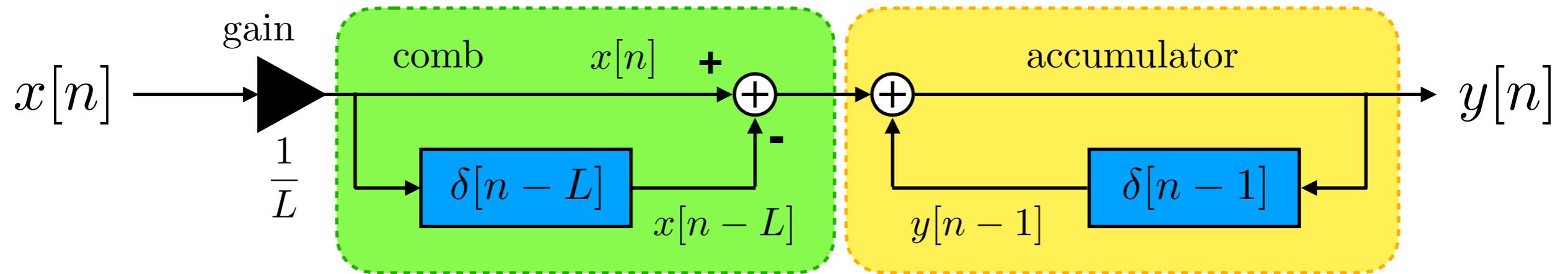
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## Example: Moving Average



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$$y[n] - y[n-1] = \frac{1}{L} (x[n] - x[n-L])$$

$$N = 1, \quad \mathbf{a} = [1, -1]$$

$$M = L - 1,$$

$$\mathbf{b} = \left[ \frac{1}{L}, 0, \dots, 0, -\frac{1}{L} \right]$$

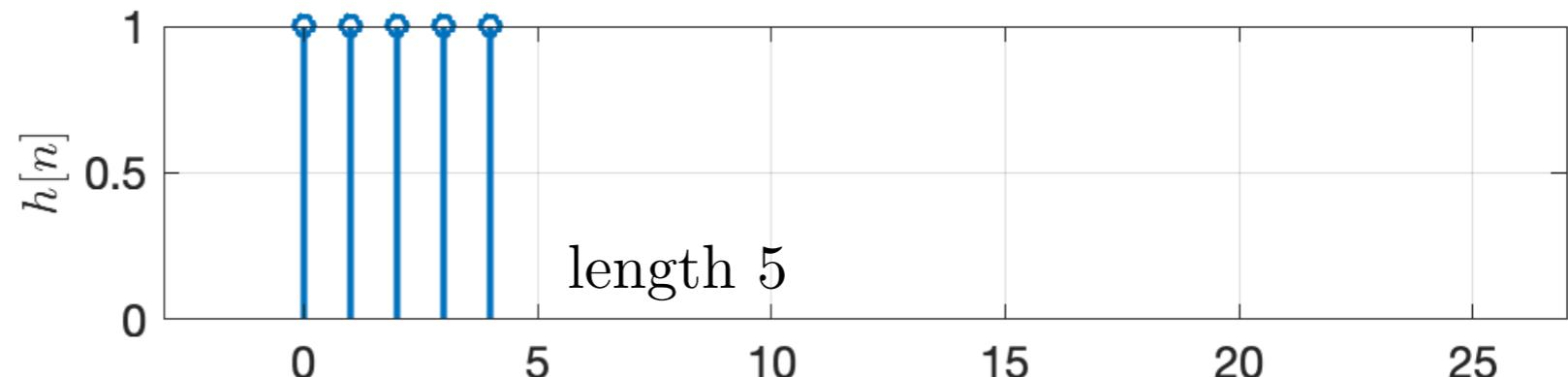
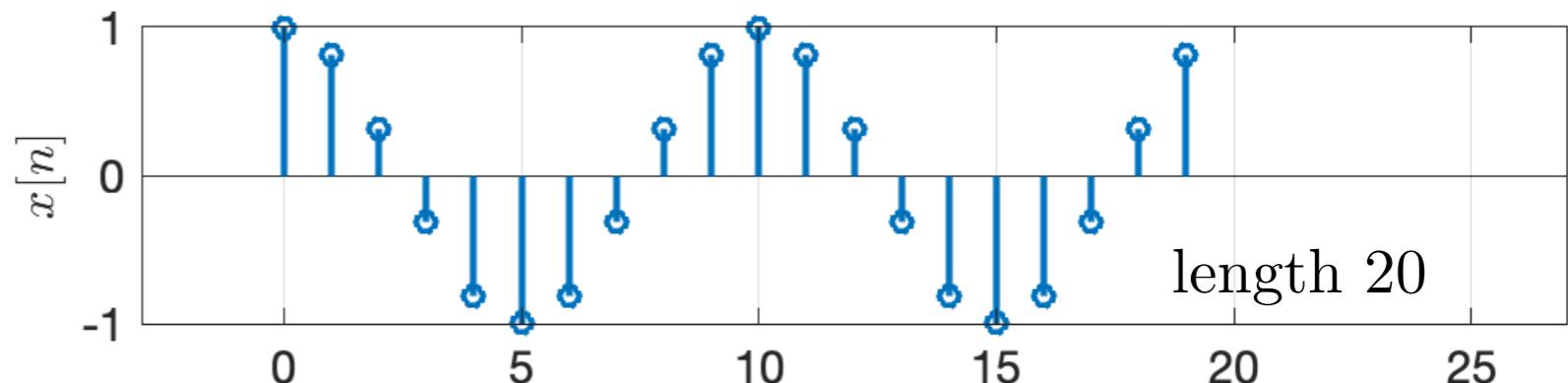
$L - 1$  zeros

$L + 1$  length

`y = filter(b, a, x)` in Matlab

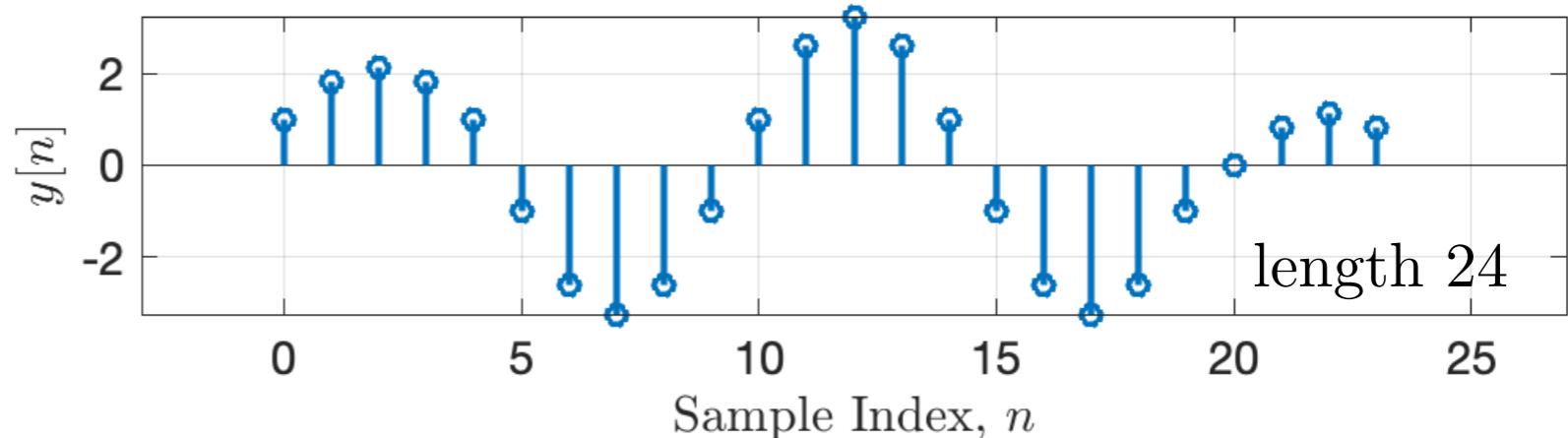
# Convolution and Filtering in Matlab

```
x = cos(2*pi*0.1*[0:19]);  
h = ones(1,5);  
y = conv(h,x);
```



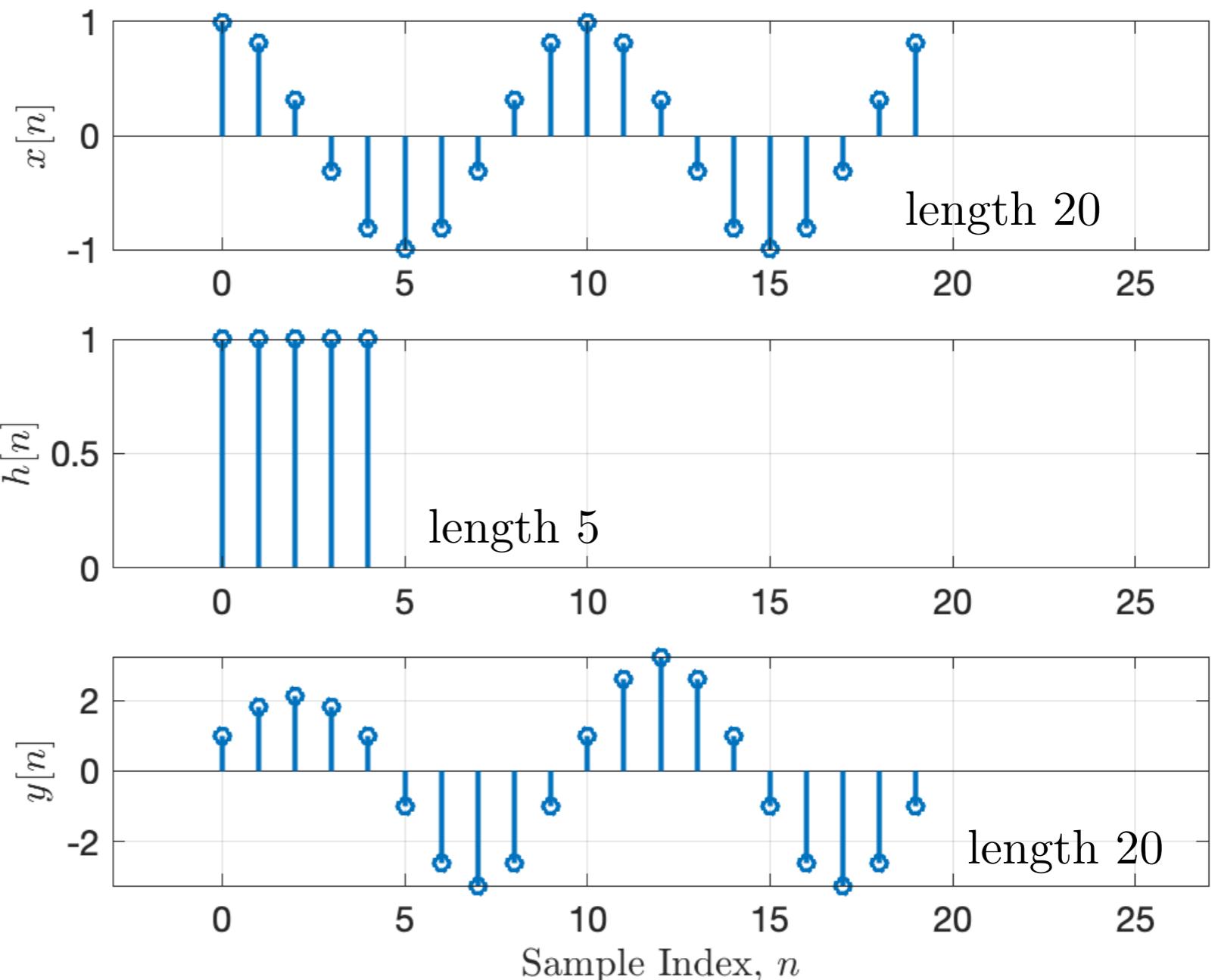
Length of convolution result:

$$L_y = L_x + L_h - 1$$



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Length of filtering result:

$$L_y = L_x$$

# Convolution and Filtering in Matlab

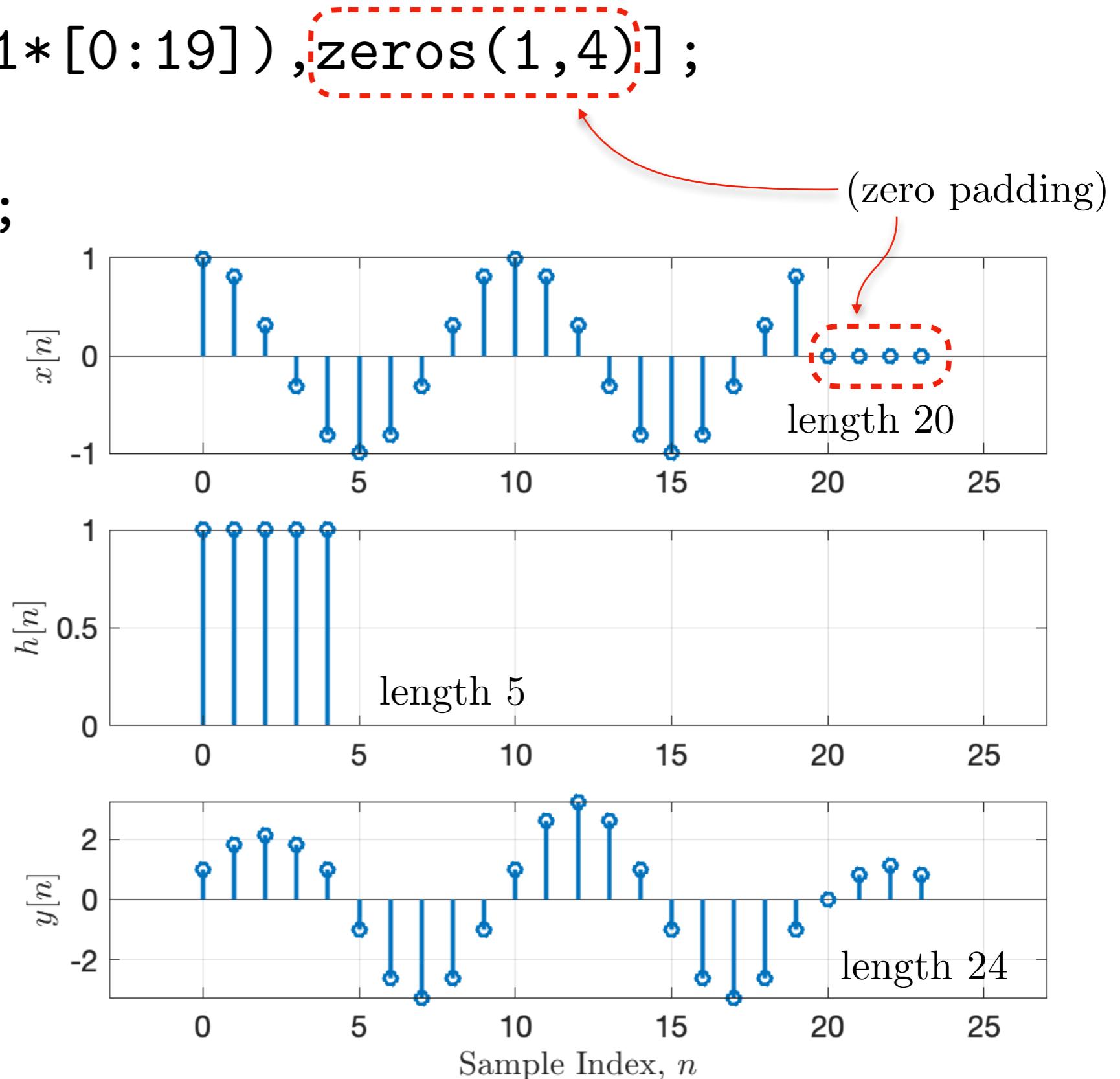
```
x = [cos(2*pi*0.1*[0:19]),zeros(1,4)];  
h = ones(1,5);  
y = filter(h,1,x);
```

Make filtering perform convolution by zero padding the input.

Zero pad by  $L_h - 1$ .

Length of convolution result:

$$L_y = L_x + L_h - 1$$



Q: Given a difference equation, how do you compute the impulse response?

$$a[0]y[n] = \sum_{m=0}^M b[m]x[n-m] - \sum_{k=1}^N a[k]y[n-k]$$

A: Put in an impulse and see what comes out.

$$\mathbf{a} = [a_0, a_1, \dots, a_N]$$

$$\mathbf{b} = [b_0, b_1, \dots, b_M]$$

$$\boldsymbol{\delta} = [1, 0, 0, \dots, 0] \quad (\text{Kronecker delta sequence})$$

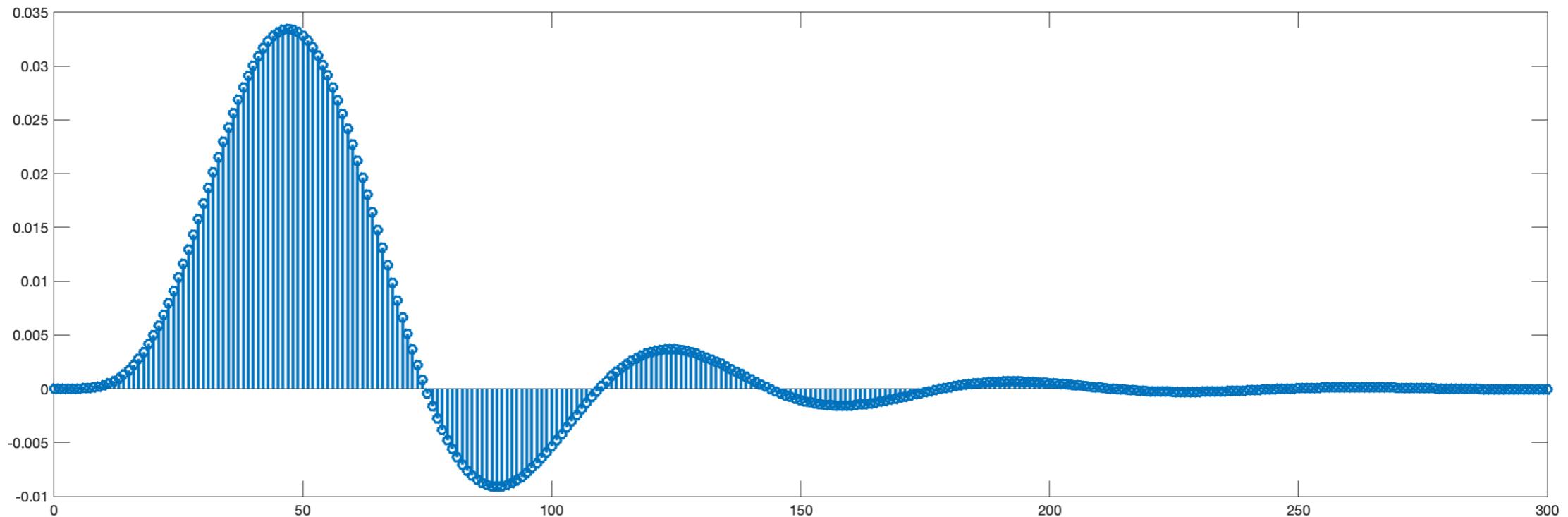
$$\mathbf{h} = [h_0, h_1, \dots, h_L] \quad (\text{Impulse response})$$

$$\mathbf{h} = \text{filter}(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\delta})$$

Note: This only computes the first  $L$  samples of the impulse response. To compute the entire impulse response sequence, we will need the  $z$ -transform.

# Butterworth Filter Impulse Response

```
[b,a]=butter(6,0.03); % LPF  
h = filter(b,a,[1,zeros(1,300)]);  
stem([0:300],h,'LineWidth',2);
```



- This gives the first 301 samples of the impulse response, which continues forever.
- At some point the impulse response amplitude becomes negligible.
- Truncation gives an approximate FIR filter.
- Difference equation realization more computationally efficient than convolution with truncated impulse response.