

For many of the problems, you might find the following geometric-series identities useful. In the equations,  $\gamma$  is a real or complex number.

$$\sum_{m=0}^M \gamma^m = \begin{cases} M+1 & \text{if } \gamma = 1 \\ \frac{1-\gamma^{M+1}}{1-\gamma} & \text{if } \gamma \neq 1. \end{cases}$$

Furthermore,

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \gamma^m = \frac{1}{1-\gamma}$$

when  $|\gamma| < 1$ .

In first six problems, find  $x_1 * x_2$ . Please try to express your answers to all but Problems 4 and 6 in the form

$$x_1 * x_2(n) = \begin{cases} f(n) & \text{if } n \geq 0 \\ g(n) & \text{if } n < 0, \end{cases}$$

which is the same as

$$x_1 * x_2(n) = f(n)u(n) + g(n)u(-n-1) \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

1.  $x_1 = u$  and  $x_2$  is the signal with specification  $x_2(n) = 7^n u(n)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
2.  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are signals with specification  $x_1(n) = 7^{-n} u(n)$  and  $x_2(n) = 3^n u(n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
3.  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are signals with specification  $x_1(n) = x_2(n) = 3^n u(n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
4.  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are signals with specification  $x_1(n) = u(-n-1)$  and  $x_2(n) = 3^{-n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
5.  $x_1 = u$  and  $x_2$  is the signal with specification

$$x_2(n) = 3^{-|n|} = \begin{cases} 3^{-n} & \text{if } n \geq 0 \\ 3^n & \text{if } n < 0, \end{cases}$$

6.  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are signals with specification

$$x_1(n) = (-1)^n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ -1 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

and

$$x_2(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{6} & \text{if } 0 \leq n \leq 5 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

7. In each case, verify that the convolution of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  fails to exist.
  - (a)  $x_1 = u$  and  $x_2$  is the signal with specification  $x_2(n) = 3^{-n}$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
  - (b)  $x_1 = u$  and  $x_2$  is the signal with specification

$$x_2(n) = 5^{-n} u(-n-1) = \begin{cases} 5^{-n} & \text{when } n < 0 \\ 0 & \text{when } n \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

8. In each case, without trying to calculate  $x_1 * x_2$ , explain why you know  $x_1 * x_2$  exists.

- (a)  $x_1$  is the signal with specification  $x_1(n) = e^{n^2}$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $x_2 = u - \text{Shift}_3(u)$ .  
 (b)  $x_1 = u$  and  $x_2$  is the signal with specification

$$x_2(n) = \begin{cases} \cos^2(n) & \text{when } n \geq -17 \\ 0 & \text{when } n < -17. \end{cases}$$

- (c)  $x_1 = 3u$  and  $x_2$  is the signal with specification  $x_2(n) = 1/(|n|!)$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

9. Let  $h \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{Z}}$  be the signal with specification:

$$h(n) = \begin{cases} (1+r)^n & \text{if } n \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } n < 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $r \in (0, 1)$ . Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{Z}}$  be the signal with specification

$$x(n) = \begin{cases} P & \text{if } N_o \leq n \leq N_o + 359 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $P > 0$  and  $N_o$  is a nonnegative integer.

- (a) Find  $\text{Conv}_h(x)$ , i.e. find an explicit formula for  $\text{Conv}_h(x)(n)$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  
 (b) Suppose you work at a mundane job for thirty years starting in month  $N_o$  of your life. You get paid 273 dollars at the beginning of each month and never get a raise or salary reduction. You never spend any of the money you make because you're independently wealthy, but you put all your earnings in a special bank account that earns interest compounded monthly at a monthly rate of .07/12. The interest you earn in month  $n$  goes into your account at the beginning of month  $n + 1$ . Find the balance in your bank account on the second day of month  $n$  as a function of  $n$ , where  $n$  ranges over all of  $\mathbb{Z}$ .