

# 1. Continuous- and discrete- time signals

## 1. Complex numbers

For any complex number,  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ , we have

- **Cartesian/algebraic form**

$$z = x + jy; \quad j = \sqrt{-1}$$

where

$$x = \operatorname{Re}\{z\}$$

$$y = \operatorname{Im}\{z\}$$

- **Polar form**

$$z = r \cdot e^{j\theta}; \quad j = \sqrt{-1}$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \nearrow & \nwarrow \\ \text{Modulus} & \text{argument/phase} \end{array}$$

$$r = |z| \quad \arg\{z\} = \angle\{z\}$$

The **complex conjugate** of a complex number:

$$z^* = x - jy = r \cdot e^{-j\theta}$$

The **absolute value**

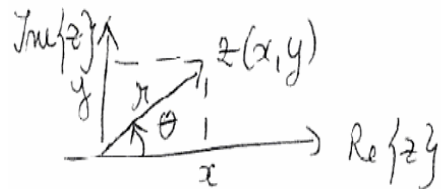
$$|z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$z \cdot z^* = |z|^2$$

Relation between polar and cartesian coordinates

$$\begin{cases} x = r \cos \theta \\ y = r \sin \theta \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\ \theta = \begin{cases} \arctg \frac{y}{x} & x > 0 \\ \arctg \frac{y}{x} + \pi & x < 0, y \geq 0 \\ \arctg \frac{y}{x} - \pi & x < 0, y < 0 \end{cases} \end{cases} \quad \theta = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{2} & x = 0, y > 0 \\ -\frac{\pi}{2} & x = 0, y < 0 \end{cases}$$



**Euler's relation**

$$e^{j\theta} = \cos \theta + j \sin \theta$$

$$\begin{cases} \cos \theta = \frac{e^{j\theta} + e^{-j\theta}}{2} \\ \sin \theta = \frac{e^{j\theta} - e^{-j\theta}}{2j} \end{cases}$$

## Problems

**P1.** Determine the Cartesian coordinates of the following complex numbers, depending on  $x_0$  and  $y_0$ , where we have:

$$z_0 = x_0 + jy_0$$

a)  $z_1 = r_0 \cdot e^{-j\theta_0}$

b)  $z_2 = r_0$

c)  $z_3 = r_0 \cdot e^{j(\theta_0+\pi)}$

d)  $z_4 = r_0 \cdot e^{-j(\theta_0+\pi)}$

e)  $z_5 = r_0 \cdot e^{j(\theta_0+2\pi)}$

Sketch  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_5$  in the complex plane for the following cases of  $r_0$  and  $\theta_0$

$$r_0 = 2 \quad \theta_0 = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

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## Solution

**a)**

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 &= r_0 \cdot e^{-j\theta_0} = r_0 \cdot [\cos(-\theta_0) + j \sin(-\theta_0)] \\ &= r_0 \cdot [\cos \theta_0 - j \sin \theta_0] \\ &= x_0 - jy_0 \end{aligned}$$

**b)**

$$z_2 = r_0 = \sqrt{x_0^2 + y_0^2}$$

**c)**

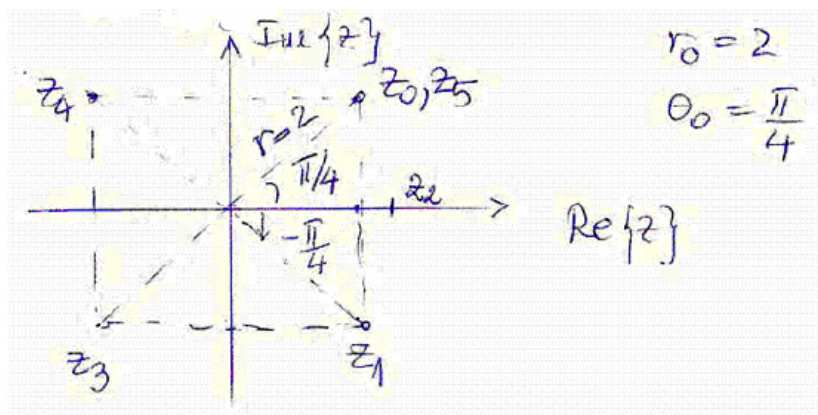
$$\begin{aligned} z_3 &= r_0 \cdot e^{j(\theta_0+\pi)} = r_0 \cdot [\cos(\theta_0 + \pi) + j \sin(\theta_0 + \pi)] \\ &= r_0 \cdot [-\cos \theta_0 - j \sin \theta_0] = -x_0 - jy_0 \end{aligned}$$

**d)**

$$z_4 = r_0 \cdot e^{-j(\theta_0+\pi)} = -x_0 + jy_0$$

**e)**

$$z_5 = r_0 \cdot e^{j(\theta_0+2\pi)} = x_0 + jy_0$$



**P2.** Consider  $z$  a complex variable with its complex conjugate

$$z^* = x - jy = r \cdot e^{-j\theta}$$

Prove the following relations are true, where  $z$ ,  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are complex numbers.

a)  $z \cdot z^* = r^2$

b)  $\frac{z}{z^*} = e^{2j\theta}$

c)  $z + z^* = 2 \operatorname{Re}\{z\}$

d)  $z - z^* = 2j \operatorname{Im}\{z\}$

e)  $(z_1 + z_2)^* = z_1^* + z_2^*$

f)  $(az_1z_2)^* = az_1^*z_2^*$

g)  $\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right)^* = \frac{z_1^*}{z_2^*}$

**Solution**

a)  $z \cdot z^* = r \cdot e^{j\theta} \cdot r \cdot e^{-j\theta} = r^2$

b)  $\frac{z}{z^*} = \frac{r \cdot e^{j\theta}}{r \cdot e^{-j\theta}} = e^{2j\theta}$

c)  $z + z^* = x + jy + x - jy = 2x = 2 \operatorname{Re}\{z\}$

d)  $z - z^* = x + jy - x + jy = 2jy = 2j \operatorname{Im}\{z\}$

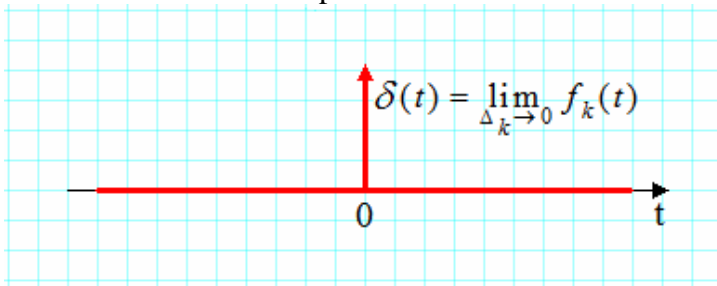
e)  $(z_1 + z_2)^* = (x_1 + jy_1 + x_2 + jy_2)^* = x_1 + x_2 - j(y_1 + y_2) = z_1^* + z_2^*$

f)  $(az_1z_2)^* = (a \cdot r_1 e^{j\theta_1} \cdot r_2 e^{j\theta_2})^* = ar_1r_2 e^{-j(\theta_1+\theta_2)} = a \cdot r_1 e^{-j\theta_1} r_2 e^{-j\theta_2} = az_1^*z_2^*$

g)  $\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right)^* = \frac{z_1^*}{z_2^*}$

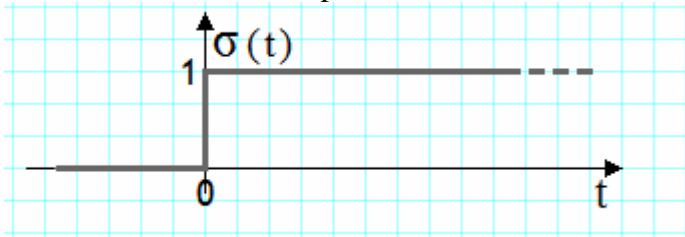
## Continuous-time signals

Continuous-time unit impulse



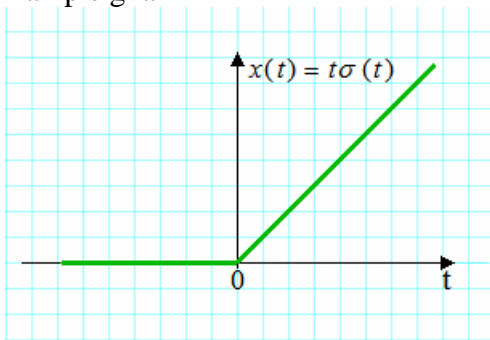
$$\delta(t) = \begin{cases} \infty, & t = 0 \\ 0, & t \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

Continuous-time unit step

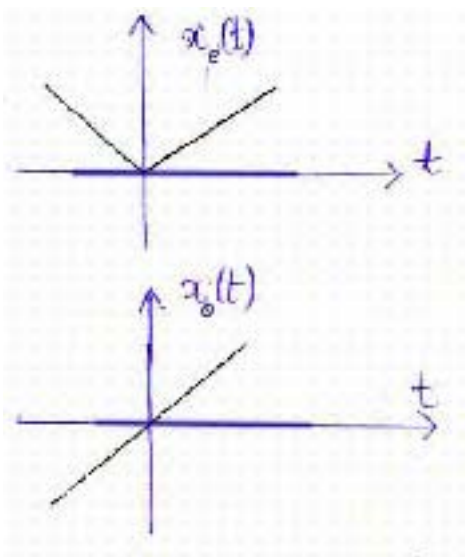


$$\sigma(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & t \geq 0 \\ 0, & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

Ramp signal



$$r(t) = \begin{cases} t, & t \geq 0 \\ 0, & t < 0 \end{cases} = t\sigma(t)$$



Even signal  $x_e(t) = \frac{x(t) + x(-t)}{2}$

$$x_e(-t) = x_e(t)$$

Odd signal  $x_o(t) = \frac{x(t) - x(-t)}{2}$

$$x_o(-t) = -x_o(t)$$

Any given signal  $x(t)$  has an odd part and an even part

$$x(t) = x_e(t) + x_o(t)$$

With

$$x_e(t) = \frac{x(t) + x(-t)}{2} \text{ and } x_o(t) = \frac{x(t) - x(-t)}{2}$$

- **Energy** of a continuous-time signal

$$W = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x(t)|^2 dt$$

If the signals has the support  $[t_1, t_2]$ , the energy is:

$$W = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} |x(t)|^2 dt$$

Power of the continuous-time signal (again support  $[t_1, t_2]$ )

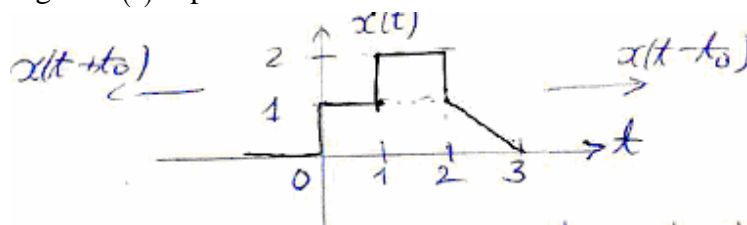
$$P = \frac{W}{t_2 - t_1} = \frac{1}{t_2 - t_1} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} |x(t)|^2 dt$$

For periodic signals the power is computed over one period!!!

$$P = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_{T_0} |x(t)|^2 dt$$

### Problems

**P3.** Consider the signal  $x(t)$  represented below.

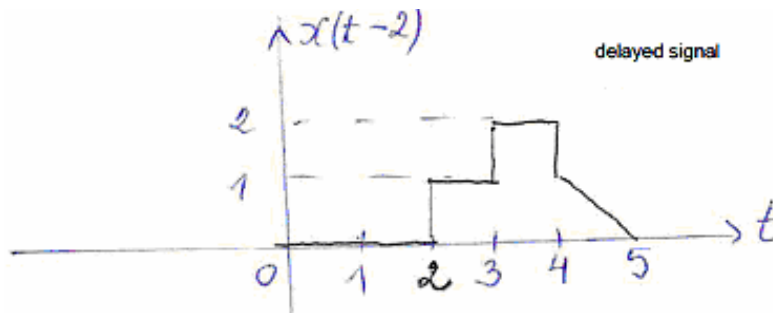


Sketch the following signals:

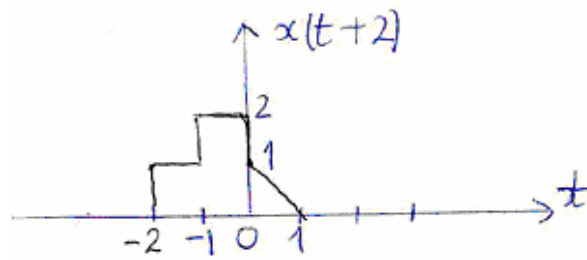
- |              |              |   |
|--------------|--------------|---|
| a) $x(t-2)$  | e) $x(-t-1)$ | i) $x(t) \cdot \delta(t)$                   |
| b) $x(t+2)$  | f) $x(2t)$   | j) $x(t) \cdot [\sigma(t-1) - \sigma(t-2)]$ |
| c) $x(-t)$   | g) $x(t/2)$  |   |
| d) $x(-t+3)$ | h) $x(2t-4)$ |   |

### Solution.

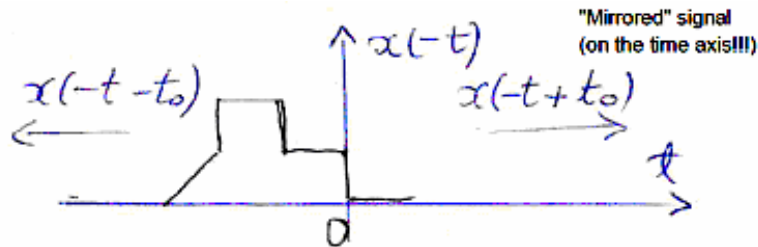
a)  $x(t-2)$ . The “new origin” is  $t=2$ :  $t-2=0$ . This is a delayed version of the signal



b)  $x(t+2)$ . The "new origin" is  $t=-2$ :  $x(t+2) \Rightarrow t+2=0$

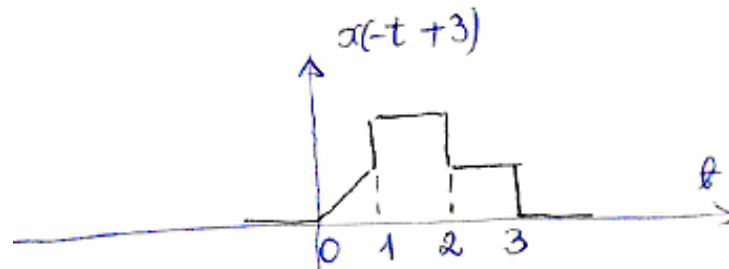


c)  $x(-t)$ . The signal is reversed or "mirrored" on the time axis

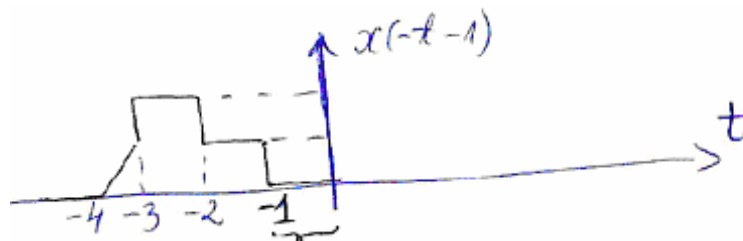


d)  $x(-t+3)$

same as c) with shifting on the time axis. The origin is shifted on  $t=3$

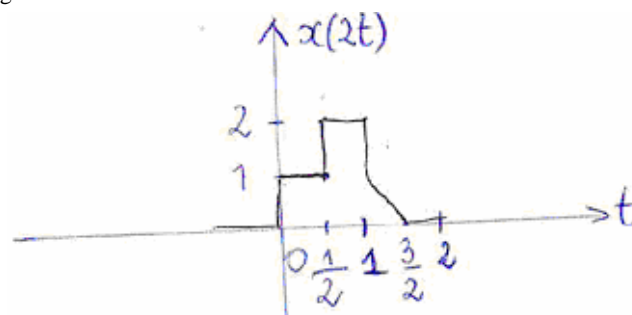


e)  $x(\underbrace{-t-1}_{-(t+1)})$



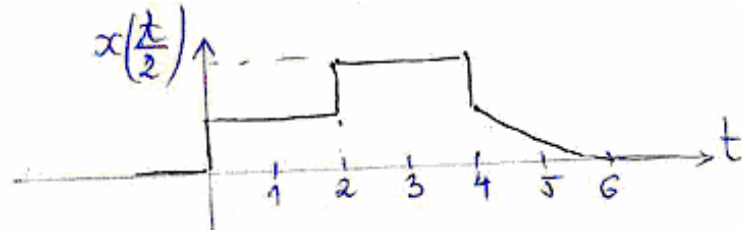
f)  $x(2t)$ . The support is compressed; this is signal compression in time.

$2 \underset{\text{new signal}}{t} = \underset{\text{original signal}}{t'}$  ; for  $2t=t'=1$ ; on the new time axis we have  $t=1/2$  and so on.

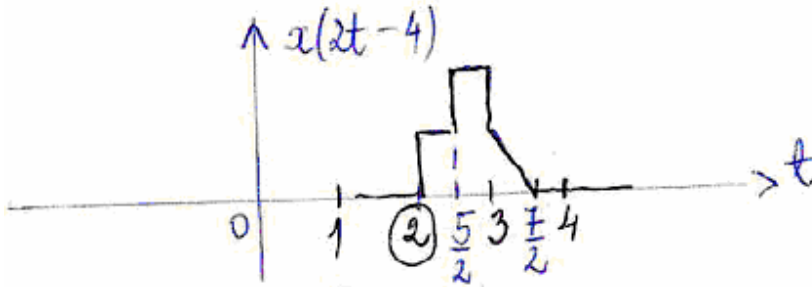


g)  $x(t/2)$ . The support is dilated; this is signal dilation in time.

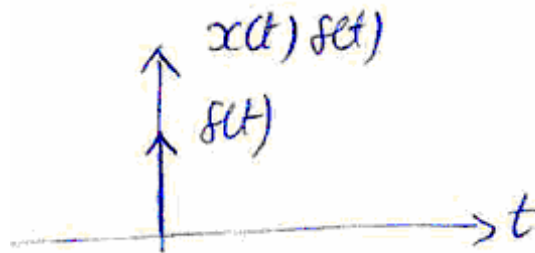
$\frac{t}{2} = t'$  ; for  $t/2 = t' = 1$ ; on the new time axis we have  $t = 2$  and so on.  
 new signal                  original signal



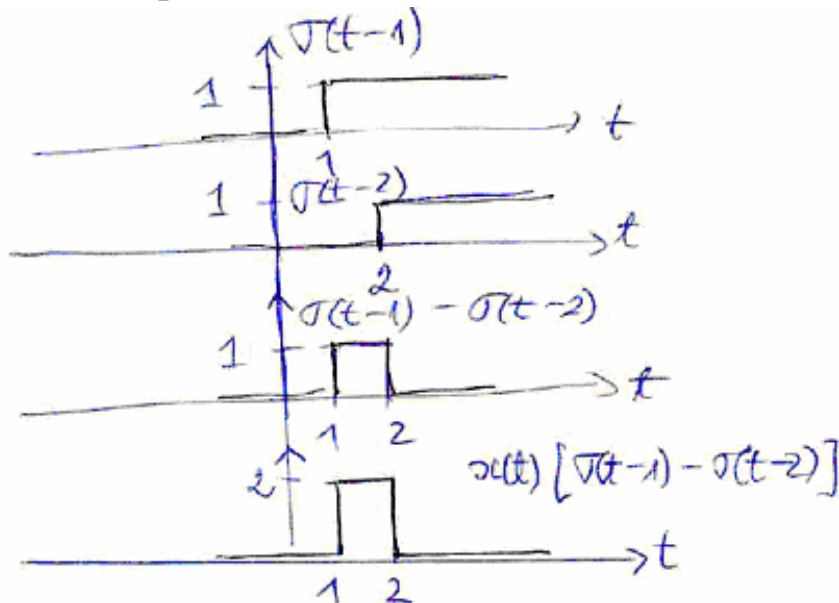
h)  $x(2t-4)$ .  $2t-4=0 \Rightarrow t=2$ . The origin is now in  $t=2$  (time compression + shifting)



i)  $x(t) \cdot \delta(t)$

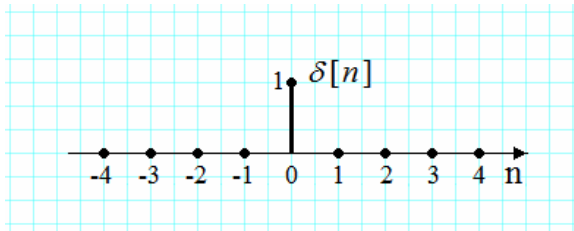


j)  $x(t) \cdot [\sigma(t-1) - \sigma(t-2)]$



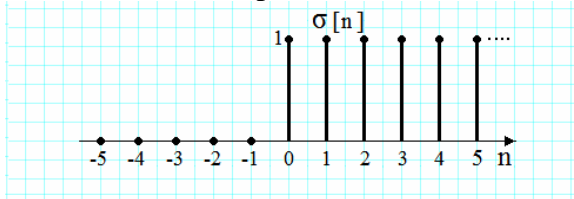
## Discrete-time signals

Discrete-time unit impulse (Dirac impulse)



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

Discrete-time unit step



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

Any given signal  $x[n]$  has an odd part and an even part

$$x[n] = x_e[n] + x_o[n]$$

with

$$x_e[n] = \frac{x[n] + x[-n]}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad x_o[n] = \frac{x[n] - x[-n]}{2}$$

Even signal:  $x_e[-n] = x_e[n]$  ;    Odd signal:  $x_o[-n] = -x_o[n]$

- **Energy** of a discrete-time signal

$$W = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |x[n]|^2$$

If the signals has the support  $\{N_1, N_{1+1}, \dots, N_2\}$ , the energy is:

$$W = \sum_{n=N_1}^{N_2} |x[n]|^2$$

Power of the discrete-time signal (again support  $\{N_1, N_{1+1}, \dots, N_2\}$ )

$$P = \frac{W}{N_2 - N_1 + 1} = \frac{1}{N_2 - N_1 + 1} \sum_{n=N_1}^{N_2} |x[n]|^2$$

For periodic signals the power is computed over one period!!!

$$P = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n \in \langle N \rangle} |x[n]|^2$$

### Problems

**P4.** Consider the signal  $x[n]$  sketched below.



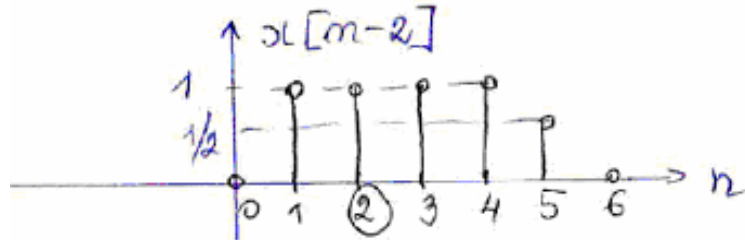


Sketch the following signals:

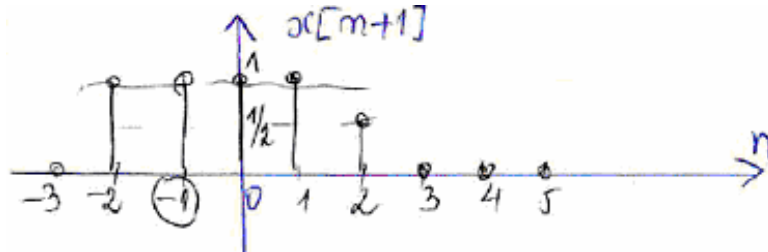
- a)  $x[n-2]$       d)  $x[-n]$       g)  $x[n-1] \cdot \delta[n-3]$   
 b)  $x[n+1]$       e)  $x[2-n]$   
 c)  $x[2n]$       f)  $x[n] \cdot \sigma[1-n]$

**Solution.**

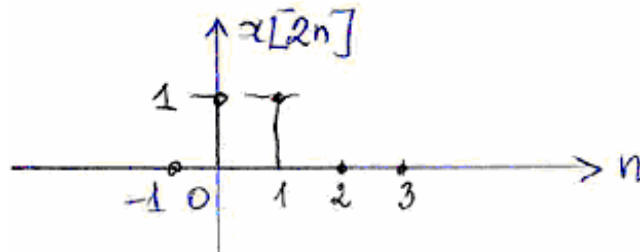
a)  $x[n-2]$ . The new origin is  $n=2$ ; for  $n-2=0$



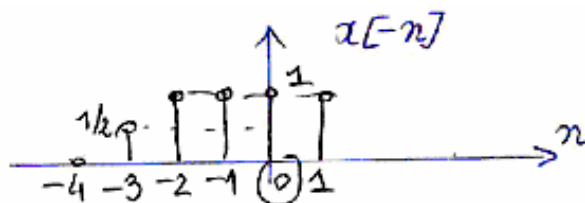
b)  $x[n+1]$ . The new origin is  $n=-1$ ; for  $n+1=0$



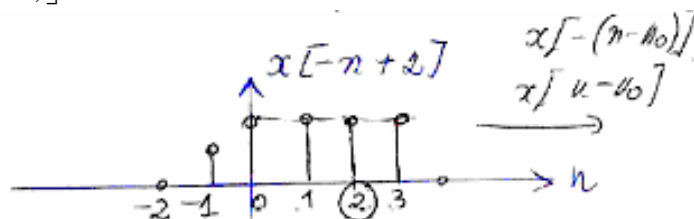
c)  $x[2n]$ . We have  $2 \underset{\text{new}}{n} = \underset{\text{original}}{n'}$ . Number "n" integer  $\Rightarrow$  n' even values: ... -2; 0; 2; 4...



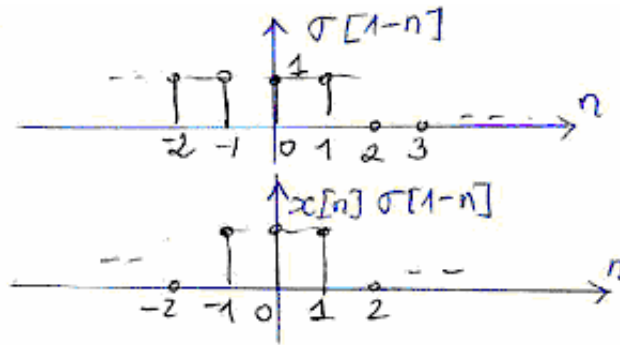
d)  $x[-n]$



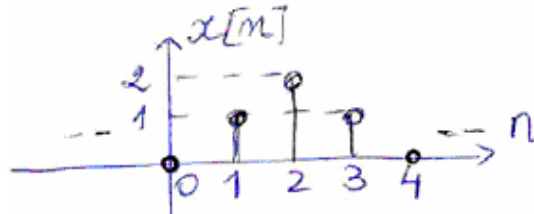
e)  $x[2-n] = x[-(n-2)]$ . The signal is reversed and then shifted or vice versa.



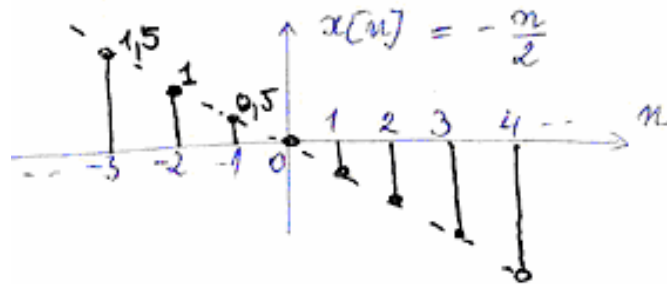
f)  $x[n] \cdot \sigma[1-n]$



**P5-Homework.** Draw the odd and even signals of the  $x[n]$  signal represented below:



**P6-Homework.** Consider the discrete-time signal  $x[n]$  represented below.



Sketch the following signals:

- a)  $x[-n]$
- b)  $x[n+1]$
- c)  $x[4n] \cdot \delta[n-2]$
- d)  $x[2n+1](\sigma[n+2] - \sigma[n-2])$
- e)  $x[n+2](\sigma[n+2] - \sigma[-n])$

**P7.** a) If the signal  $x[n]$  is odd, prove that:  $S = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=-N}^N x[n] = 0$

b) If  $x_1[n]$  is even and  $x_2[n]$  is odd, show that their product  $x_1[n] \cdot x_2[n]$  is odd

c) For a finite energy signal  $x[n]$ , with the even and odd parts  $x_e[n]$  and  $x_o[n]$ , prove that:

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x^2[n] = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x_e^2[n] + \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x_o^2[n]$$

d) Verify by direct computation the relation from c) for the sketched signal.

