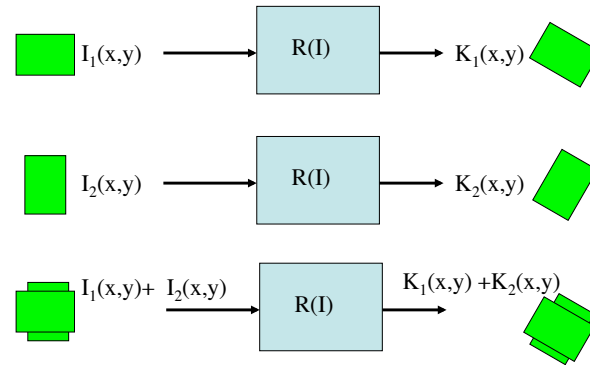


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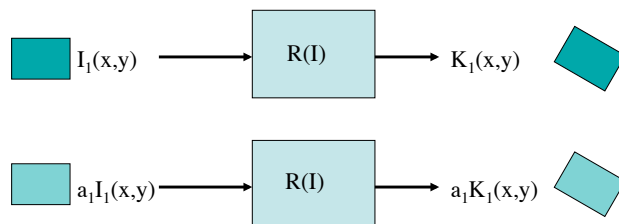
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### Linearity (Addition)



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### Linearity (Scaling)



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### Linearity

A system  $R$  is linear if for two inputs  $I_1(x,y)$  and  $I_2(x,y)$  with outputs

$$R(I_1(x,y))=K_1(x,y) \text{ and } R(I_2(x,y))=K_2(x,y)$$

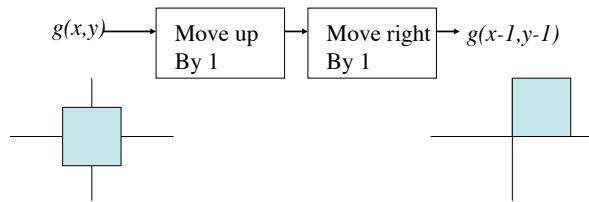
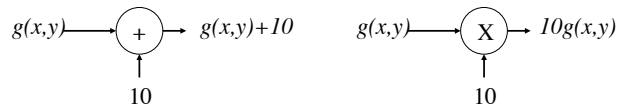
the response to the weighted sum of inputs is the weighted sum of outputs:

$$R(a_1 I_1(x,y) + a_2 I_2(x,y)) = a_1 K_1(x,y) + a_2 K_2(x,y)$$

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## Example

Are these linear systems?



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## Superposition

$$g[m] = g[0]\delta[m] + g[1]\delta[m-1] + g[2]\delta[m-2]$$

$$h[m', k] = L[\delta[m-k]]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y[m'] &= L[g[m]] \\
 &= L[g[0]\delta[m] + g[1]\delta[m-1] + g[2]\delta[m-2]] \\
 &= L[g[0]\delta[m]] + L[g[1]\delta[m-1]] + L[g[2]\delta[m-2]] \\
 &= g[0]L[\delta[m]] + g[1]L[\delta[m-1]] + g[2]L[\delta[m-2]] \\
 &= g[0]h[m', 0] + g[1]h[m', 1] + g[2]h[m', 2] \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^2 g[k]h[m', k]
 \end{aligned}$$

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## Superposition Integral

What is the response to an arbitrary function  $g(x_1, y_1)$ ?

$$\text{Write } g(x_1, y_1) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\xi, \eta) \delta(x_1 - \xi, y_1 - \eta) d\xi d\eta.$$

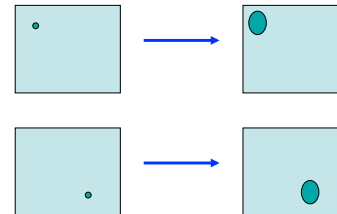
The response is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 I(x_2, y_2) &= L[g_1(x_1, y_1)] \\
 &= L\left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\xi, \eta) \delta(x_1 - \xi, y_1 - \eta) d\xi d\eta\right] \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\xi, \eta) L[\delta(x_1 - \xi, y_1 - \eta)] d\xi d\eta \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\xi, \eta) h(x_2, y_2; \xi, \eta) d\xi d\eta
 \end{aligned}$$

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## Space Invariance

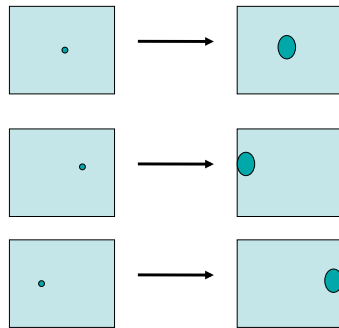
If a system is space invariant, the impulse response depends only on the difference between the output coordinates and the position of the impulse and is given by  $h(x_2, y_2; \xi, \eta) = h(x_2 - \xi, y_2 - \eta)$



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## Pinhole Magnification Example

\_\_\_\_, the pinhole system \_\_\_\_ space invariant.



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## Convolution

$$g[m] = g[0]\delta[m] + g[1]\delta[m-1] + g[2]\delta[m-2]$$

$$h[m',k] = L[\delta[m-k]] = h[m'-k]$$

$$y[m'] = L[g[m]]$$

$$= L[g[0]\delta[m] + g[1]\delta[m-1] + g[2]\delta[m-2]]$$

$$= L[g[0]\delta[m]] + L[g[1]\delta[m-1]] + L[g[2]\delta[m-2]]$$

$$= g[0]L[\delta[m]] + g[1]L[\delta[m-1]] + g[2]L[\delta[m-2]]$$

$$= g[0]h[m'-0] + g[1]h[m'-1] + g[2]h[m'-2]$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^2 g[k]h[m'-k]$$

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## 1D Convolution

$$I(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\xi)h(x;\xi)d\xi$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\xi)h(x-\xi)d\xi$$

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

Useful fact:

$$g(x) * \delta(x-\Delta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\xi)\delta(x-\Delta-\xi)d\xi$$

$$= g(x-\Delta)$$

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## 2D Convolution

For a space invariant linear system, the superposition integral becomes a convolution integral.

$$I(x_2, y_2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\xi, \eta)h(x_2, y_2; \xi, \eta)d\xi d\eta$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\xi, \eta)h(x_2 - \xi, y_2 - \eta)d\xi d\eta$$

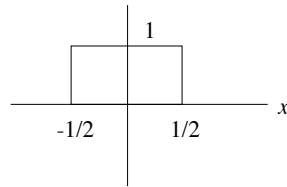
$$= g(x_2, y_2) ** h(x_2, y_2)$$

where \*\* denotes 2D convolution. This will sometimes be abbreviated as \*, e.g.  $I(x_2, y_2) = g(x_2, y_2) * h(x_2, y_2)$ .

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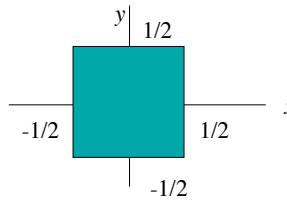
## Rectangle Function

$$\Pi(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & |x| > 1/2 \\ 1 & |x| \leq 1/2 \end{cases}$$



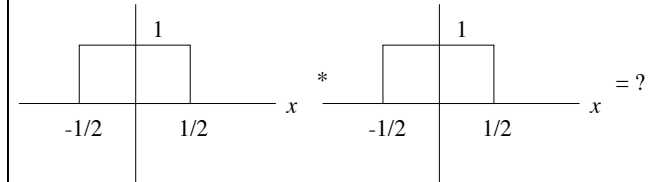
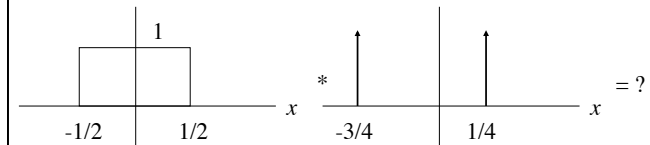
Also called  $\text{rect}(x)$

$$\Pi(x,y) = \Pi(x)\Pi(y)$$



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## 1D Convolution Examples

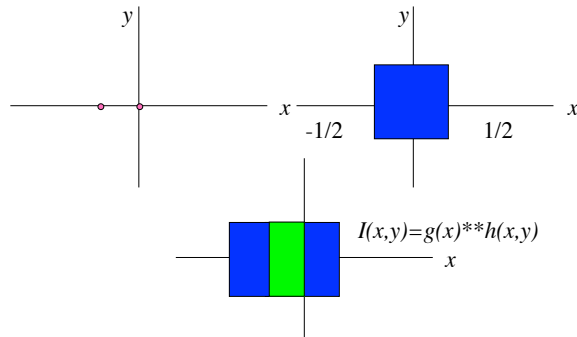


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## 2D Convolution Example

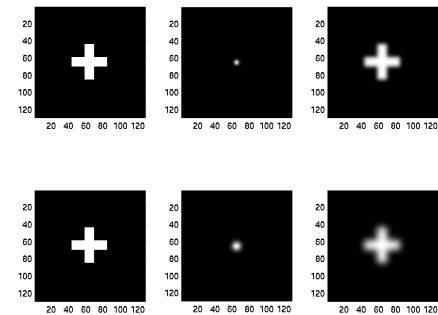
$$g(x) = \delta(x+1/2, y) + \delta(x, y)$$

$$h(x,y) = \text{rect}(x,y)$$

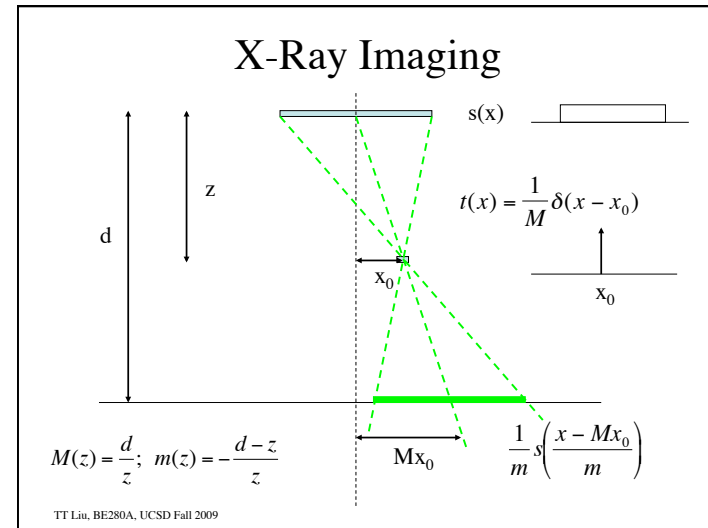
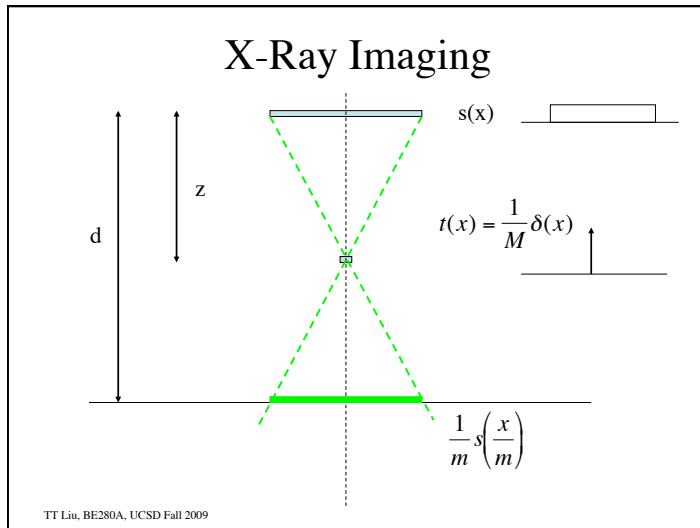


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## 2D Convolution Example



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### X-Ray Imaging

For off-center pinhole object, the shifted source image can be written as

$$s\left(\frac{x - Mx_0}{m}\right) = s\left(\frac{x}{m}\right) * \frac{1}{M} \delta\left(\frac{x - Mx_0}{M}\right)$$

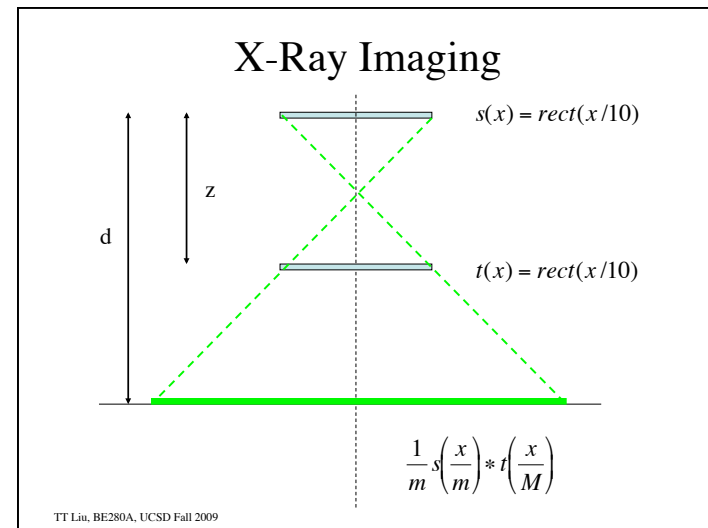
$$= s(x/m) * t\left(\frac{x}{M}\right)$$

For the general 2D case, we convolve the magnified object with the impulse response

$$I(x, y) = t\left(\frac{x}{M}, \frac{y}{M}\right) ** \frac{1}{m^2} s\left(\frac{x}{m}, \frac{y}{m}\right)$$

Note: we have ignored obliquity factors etc.

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## X-Ray Imaging

$$m = 1; M = 2$$

$$\frac{1}{m} s\left(\frac{x}{m}\right) * t\left(\frac{x}{M}\right) = \text{rect}(x/10) * \text{rect}(x/20)$$
$$= ???$$

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## Summary

1. The response to a linear system can be characterized by a spatially varying impulse response and the application of the superposition integral.
2. A shift invariant linear system can be characterized by its impulse response and the application of a convolution integral.

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