



Chapter 9

Random Processes

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Definition of a Random Process

- Assume that we have a random experiment with outcomes w belonging to the sample set S . To each $w \in S$, we assign a time function $X(t, w)$, $t \in I$, where I is a time index set: discrete or continuous. $X(t, w)$ is called a random process.
- If w is fixed, $X(t, w)$ is a deterministic time function, and is called a realization, a sample path, or a sample function of the random process.
- If $t = t_0$ is fixed, $X(t_0, w)$ as a function of w , is a random variable.
- A random process is also called a stochastic process.

Definition of a Random Process

- Example: A random experiment has two outcomes $w \in \{0, 1\}$. If we assign:

$$X(t, 0) = A \cos t$$

$$X(t, 1) = A \sin t$$

where A is a constant. Then $X(t, w)$ is a random process.

- Usually we drop w and write the random process as $X(t)$.

Specifying a Random Process

- Joint distribution of time samples

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be the samples of $X(t, w)$ obtained at t_1, \dots, t_n , i.e. $X_i = X(t_i, w)$, then we can use the joint CDF

$$F_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = P[X_1 \leq x_1, \dots, X_n \leq x_n]$$

or the joint pdf $f_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ to describe a random process partially.

- Mean function:

$$m_X(t) = E[X(t)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_{X(t)}(x) dx$$

- Autocorrelation function

$$R_X(t_1, t_2) = E[X(t_1)X(t_2)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xy f_{X(t_1)X(t_2)}(x, y) dx dy$$

Specifying a Random Process

- Autocovariance function

$$\begin{aligned}C_X(t_1, t_2) &= E[(X(t_1) - m_X(t_1))(X(t_2) - m_X(t_2))] \\ &= R_X(t_1, t_2) - m_X(t_1)m_X(t_2)\end{aligned}$$

a special case:

$$C_X(t, t) = E[(X(t) - m_X(t))^2] = \text{Var}[X(t)]$$

- The correlation coefficient

$$\rho_X(t_1, t_2) = \frac{C_X(t_1, t_2)}{\sqrt{C_X(t_1, t_1)C_X(t_2, t_2)}}$$

- Mean and autocorrelation functions provide a partial description of a random process. Only in certain cases (Gaussian), they can provide a fully description.

Specifying a Random Process

- Example: $X(t) = A \cos(2\pi t)$, where A is a random variable.

$$m_X(t) = E[A \cos(2\pi t)] = E[A] \cos(2\pi t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_X(t_1, t_2) &= E[A \cos(2\pi t_1) \cdot A \cos(2\pi t_2)] \\ &= E[A^2] \cos(2\pi t_1) \cos(2\pi t_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_X(t_1, t_2) &= R_X(t_1, t_2) - m_X(t_1)m_X(t_2) \\ &= (E[A^2] - E[A]^2) \cos(2\pi t_1) \cos(2\pi t_2) \\ &= \text{Var}(A) \cos(2\pi t_1) \cos(2\pi t_2) \end{aligned}$$

Specifying a Random Process

- Example: $X(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \Theta)$, where Θ is uniform in $[0, 2\pi]$, A and ω are constants.

$$\begin{aligned} m_X(t) &= E[A \cos(\omega t + \Theta)] \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} A \cos(\omega t + \theta) d\theta = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_X(t_1, t_2) &= R_X(t_1, t_2) = A^2 E[\cos(\omega t_1 + \Theta) \cos(\omega t_2 + \Theta)] \\ &= \frac{A^2}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\cos \omega(t_1 - t_2) + \cos[\omega(t_1 + t_2) + \theta]}{2} d\theta \\ &= \frac{A^2}{2} \cos \omega(t_1 - t_2) \end{aligned}$$

Gaussian Random Processes

- A random process $X(t)$ is a Gaussian random process if for any n , the samples taken at t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n are jointly Gaussian, i.e. if

$$X_1 = X(t_1), \dots, X_n = X(t_n)$$

then

$$f_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\underline{x} - \underline{m})^T K^{-1}(\underline{x} - \underline{m})}}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |K|^{1/2}}$$

where $\underline{m} = [m_X(t_1), \dots, m_X(t_n)]^T$ and

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} C_X(t_1, t_1) & \dots & C_X(t_1, t_n) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ C_X(t_n, t_1) & \dots & C_X(t_n, t_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiple Random Processes

- To specify joint random processes $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$, we need to have the pdf of all samples of $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$ such as $X(t_1), \dots, X(t_i), Y(t'_1), \dots, Y(t'_j)$ for all i and j and all choices of $t_1, \dots, t_i, t'_1, \dots, t'_j$.
- The processes $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$ are independent if the random vectors $(X(t_1), \dots, X(t_i))$ and $(Y(t'_1), \dots, Y(t'_j))$ are independent for all i, j and $t_1, \dots, t_i, t'_1, \dots, t'_j$.

Multiple Random Processes

- The cross-correlation $R_{X;Y}(t_1, t_2)$ is defined as

$$R_{X;Y}(t_1, t_2) = E[X(t_1)Y(t_2)]$$

Two processes are orthogonal if

$$R_{X;Y}(t_1, t_2) = 0 \text{ for all } t_1 \text{ and } t_2$$

- The cross-covariance

$$C_{X;Y}(t_1, t_2) = E[(X(t_1) - m_X(t_1))(Y(t_2) - m_Y(t_2))]$$

$$= R_{X;Y}(t_1, t_2) - m_X(t_1)m_Y(t_2)$$

$X(t)$ and $Y(t)$ are uncorrelated if

$$C_{X;Y}(t_1, t_2) = 0 \text{ for all } t_1 \text{ and } t_2$$

Multiple Random Processes

- Example: $X(t) = \cos(\omega t + \Theta)$ and $Y(t) = \sin(\omega t + \Theta)$, where Θ is uniform in $[0, 2\pi]$ and ω is a constant.

$$m_X(t) = m_Y(t) = 0$$

$$C_{X;Y}(t_1, t_2) = R_{X;Y}(t_1, t_2)$$

$$= E[\cos(\omega t_1 + \Theta) \sin(\omega t_2 + \Theta)]$$

$$= E\left[-\frac{1}{2} \sin \omega(t_1 - t_2) + \frac{1}{2} \sin(\omega(t_1 + t_2) + 2\Theta)\right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \sin \omega(t_1 - t_2)$$

Discrete-Time Random Processes

- i.i.d random processes: $X_n \sim f_X(x_n)$ then

$$F_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = F_X(x_1) \cdots F_X(x_n)$$

$$m_X(n) = E[X_n] = m \quad \text{for all } n$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_X(n_1, n_2) &= E[(X_{n_1} - m)(X_{n_2} - m)] \\ &= E[X_{n_1} - m]E[X_{n_2} - m] = 0 \quad \text{if } n_1 \neq n_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$C_X(n, n) = E[(X_n - m)^2] = \sigma^2$$

$$\Rightarrow C_X(n_1, n_2) = \sigma^2 \delta_{n_1; n_2}$$

$$R_X(n_1, n_2) = \sigma^2 \delta_{n_1; n_2} + m^2$$

Discrete-Time Random Processes

- Example: let X_n be a sequence of i.i.d. Bernoulli r.v.s. with $P(X_i = 1) = p$.

$$m_X(n) = p$$

$$\text{Var}(X_n) = p(1 - p)$$

$$C_X(n_1, n_2) = p(1 - p)\delta_{n_1; n_2}$$

$$R_X(n_1, n_2) = p(1 - p)\delta_{n_1; n_2} + p^2$$

- Example:

$Y_n = 2X_n - 1$, where X_n are i.i.d. Bernoulli r.v.s

$$Y_n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{with } p \\ -1 & \text{with } (1 - p) \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow m_Y(n) = 2p - 1, \quad \text{Var}(Y_n) = 4p(1 - p)$$

Random Walk

- Let $S_n = Y_1 + \cdots + Y_n$, where Y_n are i.i.d. r.v.s. with $P\{Y_n = 1\} = p$ and $P\{Y_n = -1\} = 1 - p$. This is a one-dimensional random walk.

- If there are k positive jumps (+1's) in n trials (n walks), then there are $n - k$ negative jumps (-1's). So $S_n = k \times 1 + (n - k) \times (-1) = 2k - n$ and

$$P\{S_n = 2k - n\} = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n - k}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

Properties of Random Walk

- Independent increment

Let $I_1 = (n_0, n_1]$ and $I_2 = (n_2, n_3]$. If $n_1 \leq n_2$, I_1 and I_2 do not overlap. Then the increments on the two intervals are

$$S_{n_1} - S_{n_0} = Y_{n_0+1} + \cdots + Y_{n_1}$$

$$S_{n_3} - S_{n_2} = Y_{n_2+1} + \cdots + Y_{n_3}$$

Since they have no Y_n 's in common (no overlapping) and Y_n 's are independent.

$\Rightarrow S_{n_1} - S_{n_0}$ and $S_{n_3} - S_{n_2}$ are independent.

This property is called independent increment.

Properties of Random Walk

- Stationary increment

Furthermore, if I_1 and I_2 have the same length, i.e. $n_1 - n_0 = n_3 - n_2 = m$, then the increments $S_{n_1} - S_{n_0}$ and $S_{n_3} - S_{n_2}$ have the same distribution since they both are the sum of m i.i.d r.v.s

This means that the increments over interval of the same length have the same distribution. The process S_n is said to have stationary increment.

Properties of Random Walk

- These two properties can be used to find the joint pmf of S_n at $n_1; \dots; n_k$

$$\begin{aligned} & P[S_{n_1} = s_1; S_{n_2} = s_2; \dots; S_{n_k} = s_k] \\ &= P[S_{n_1} = s_1; S_{n_2} - S_{n_1} = s_2 - s_1; \dots; S_{n_k} - S_{n_{k-1}} = s_k - s_{k-1}] \\ &= P[S_{n_1} = s_1]P[S_{n_2} - S_{n_1} = s_2 - s_1] \cdots P[S_{n_k} - S_{n_{k-1}} = s_k - s_{k-1}] \\ &\quad \text{(from independent increment)} \\ &= P[S_{n_1} = s_1]P[S_{n_2 - n_1} = s_2 - s_1] \cdots P[S_{n_k - n_{k-1}} = s_k - s_{k-1}] \\ &\quad \text{(from stationary increment)} \end{aligned}$$

Properties of Random Walk

- If Y_n are continuous valued r.v.s.

$$f_{S_{n_1}; \dots; S_{n_k}}(s_1, \dots, s_k) \\ = f_{S_{n_1}}(s_1) f_{S_{n_2 - n_1}}(s_2 - s_1) \cdots f_{S_{n_k - n_{k-1}}}(s_k - s_{k-1})$$

e.g., if $Y_n \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ then

$$f_{S_{n_1}; S_{n_2}}(s_1, s_2) = f_{S_{n_1}}(s_1) f_{S_{n_2 - n_1}}(s_2 - s_1) \\ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi n_1} \sigma} e^{-\frac{s_1^2}{2n_1 \sigma^2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(n_2 - n_1)} \sigma} e^{-\frac{(s_2 - s_1)^2}{2(n_2 - n_1) \sigma^2}}$$

Sum of i.i.d Processes

- If $X_1; X_2; \dots; X_n$ are i.i.d and $S_n = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$, we call S_n the sum process of i.i.d, e.g. random walk is a sum process.

$$m_S(n) = E[S_n] = nE[X] = nm$$

$$\text{Var}[S_n] = n\text{Var}[X] = n\sigma^2$$

Autocovariance

$$\begin{aligned} C_S(n; k) &= E[(S_n - E[S_n])(S_k - E[S_k])] \\ &= E[(S_n - nm)(S_k - km)] = E \left[\prod_{i=1}^n (X_i - m) \prod_{j=0}^k (X_j - m) \right] \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=0}^k E[(X_i - m)(X_j - m)] = \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=0}^k C_X(i; j) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=0}^k \sigma^2 \delta_{ij} = \min(n; k) \sigma^2 \end{aligned}$$

Sum of i.i.d Processes

- Example: For random Walk

$$E[S_n] = nm = n(2p - 1)$$

$$\text{Var}[S_n] = n\sigma^2 = 4np(1 - p)$$

$$C_S(n, k) = \min(n, k)4p(1 - p)$$

Continuos Time Random Processes

- Poisson Process: a good model for arrival process
 $N(t)$: Number of arrivals in $[0, t]$
 λ : arrival rate (average # of arrivals per time unit)
We divide $[0, t]$ into n subintervals, each with duration
 $\delta = \frac{t}{n}$

- Assume:

- The probability of more than one arrival in a subinterval is negligible.
- Whether or not an event (arrival) occurs in a subinterval is *independent* of arrivals in other subintervals.

So the arrivals in each subinterval are *Bernoulli* and they are *independent*.

Poisson Process

- Let $p = \text{Prob}\{1 \text{ arrival}\}$. Then the average number of arrivals in $[0, t]$ is

$$np = \lambda t \quad \Rightarrow \quad p = \frac{\lambda t}{n}$$

The total arrivals in $[0, t] \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$

$$P[N(t) = k] = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \rightarrow \frac{(\lambda t)^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda t}$$

when $n \rightarrow \infty$.

- Stationary increment? Yes
- Independent increment? Yes

Poisson Process

- Inter-arrival Time: Let T be the inter-arrival time.

$$P\{T > t\} = P\{\text{no arrivals in } t \text{ seconds}\}$$

$$= P\{N(t) = 0\} = e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$\Rightarrow P\{T \leq t\} = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$f_T(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t}, \text{ for } t \geq 0$$

So the inter-arrival time is exponential with mean $\frac{1}{\lambda}$.

Random Telegraph Signal



- Read on your own



Wiener Process

- Suppose that the symmetric random walk ($p = \frac{1}{2}$) takes steps of magnitude of h every δ seconds. At time t , we have $n = \frac{t}{\delta}$ jumps.

$$X_{\square}(t) = h(D_1 + D_2 + \cdots + D_n) = hS_n$$

where D_i are *i.i.d* random variables taking ± 1 with equal probability.

$$E[X_{\square}(t)] = hE[S_n] = 0$$

$$Var[X_{\square}(t)] = h^2 n Var[D_i] = h^2 n$$

Wiener Process

- If we let $h = \sqrt{\alpha\delta}$, where α is a constant and $\delta \rightarrow 0$ and let the limit of $X_{\square}(t)$ be $X(t)$, then $X(t)$ is a continuous-time random process and we have:

$$E[X(t)] = 0$$

$$\text{Var}[X(t)] = \lim_{\square \rightarrow 0} h^2 n = \lim_{\square \rightarrow 0} (\sqrt{\alpha\delta})^2 \frac{t}{\delta} = \alpha t$$

- $X(t)$ is called the *Wiener process*. It is used to model *Brownian motion*, the motion of particles suspended in a fluid that move under the rapid and random impact of neighboring particles.

Wiener Process

- Note that since $\delta = \frac{t}{n}$,

$$X_{\square}(t) = hS_n = \sqrt{\alpha\delta}S_n = \frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}}\sqrt{\alpha t}$$

When $\delta \rightarrow 0$, $n \rightarrow \infty$ and since $\mu_D = 0$, $\sigma_D = 1$, from CLT, we have

$$\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{S_n - n\mu_D}{\sigma_D \sqrt{n}} \sim N(0, 1)$$

So the distribution of $X(t)$ follows

$$X(t) \sim N(0, \alpha t)$$

i.e.

$$f_{X(t)}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\alpha t}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\alpha t}}$$

Wiener Process

- Since *Wiener process* is a limit of random walk, it inherits the properties such as independent and stationary increments. So the joint pdf of $X(t)$ at t_1, t_2, \dots, t_k ($t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_k$) will be

$$\begin{aligned} & f_{X(t_1); X(t_2); \dots; X(t_k)}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) \\ &= f_{X(t_1)}(x_1) f_{X(t_2 - t_1)}(x_2 - x_1) \cdots f_{X(t_k - t_{k-1})}(x_k - x_{k-1}) \\ &= \frac{\exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{x_1^2}{t_1} + \cdots + \frac{(x_k - x_{k-1})^2}{(t_k - t_{k-1})}\right]\right\}}{(2\pi\alpha)^k t_1 (t_2 - t_1) \cdots (t_k - t_{k-1})} \end{aligned}$$

Wiener Process

- mean function: $m_X(t) = E[X(t)] = 0$
auto-covariance: $C_X(t_1, t_2) = \alpha \min(t_1, t_2)$
Proof:

$$X_{\square}(t) = hS_n$$

$$C_{X_{\square}}(t_1, t_2) = h^2 C_S(n_1, n_2) \quad (\text{where } n_1 = \frac{t_1}{\delta}, n_2 = \frac{t_2}{\delta})$$

$$= (\sqrt{\alpha\delta})^2 \min(n_1, n_2) \sigma_D^2$$

$$\quad (\text{keep in mind that: } \sigma_D^2 = 1)$$

$$= \alpha \min(n_1\delta, n_2\delta) = \alpha \min(t_1, t_2)$$

Stationary Random Processes

- $X(t)$ is *stationary* if the joint distribution of any set of samples does not depend on the placement of the time origin.

$$F_{X(t_1); X(t_2); \dots; X(t_k)}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$$

$$= F_{X(t_1+\tau); X(t_2+\tau); \dots; X(t_k+\tau)}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$$

for all time shift τ , all k , and all choices of t_1, t_2, \dots, t_k .

- $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$ are *joint stationary* if the joint distribution of $X(t_1), X(t_2), \dots, X(t_k)$ and $Y(t_1^0), Y(t_2^0), \dots, Y(t_j^0)$ do not depend on the placement of the time origin for all k, j and all choices of t_1, t_2, \dots, t_k and $t_1^0, t_2^0, \dots, t_j^0$.

Stationary Random Processes

- First-Order Stationary

$$F_{X(t)}(x) = F_{X(t+\tau)}(x) = F_X(x), \quad \text{for all } t, \tau$$

$$\Rightarrow m_X(t) = E[X(t)] = m, \quad \text{for all } t$$

$$\text{Var}X(t) = E[(X(t) - m)^2] = \sigma^2, \quad \text{for all } t$$

- Second-Order Stationary

$$F_{X(t_1)X(t_2)}(x_1, x_2) = F_{X(0)X(t_2-t_1)}(x_1, x_2), \quad \text{for all } t_1, t_2$$

$$\Rightarrow R_X(t_1, t_2) = R_X(t_1 - t_2), \quad \text{for all } t_1, t_2$$

$$C_X(t_1, t_2) = C_X(t_1 - t_2), \quad \text{for all } t_1, t_2$$

The auto-correlation and auto-covariance depend only on the time difference.

Stationary Random Processes



Example:

- An i.i.d random process is stationary.

$$\begin{aligned} & F_{X(t_1); X(t_2); \dots; X(t_k)}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) \\ &= F_X(x_1)F_X(x_2) \cdots F_X(x_k) \\ &= F_{X(t_1+\tau); X(t_2+\tau); \dots; X(t_k+\tau)}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) \end{aligned}$$

- sum of i.i.d random process $S_n = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$
We know $m_S(n) = nm$ and $Var[S_n] = n\sigma^2$
 \Rightarrow not stationary.



Wide-Sense Stationary (WSS)

- $X(t)$ is WSS if:

$$m_X(t) = m, \quad \text{for all } t$$

$$C_X(t_1, t_2) = C_X(t_1 - t_2), \quad \text{for all } t_1, t_2$$

Let $\tau = t_1 - t_2$, then $C_X(t_1, t_2) = C_X(\tau)$.

Wide-Sense Stationary (WSS)

- Example: Let X_n consists of two interleaved sequences of independent r.v.s.

For n even: $X_n \in \{+1, -1\}$ with $p = \frac{1}{2}$

For n odd: $X_n \in \{\frac{1}{3}, -3\}$ with $p = \frac{9}{10}$ and $\frac{1}{10}$ resp.

Obviously, X_n is not stationary, since its pmf varies with n . However,

$$\begin{aligned}m_X(n) &= 0 \quad \text{for all } n \\C_X(i, j) &= \begin{cases} E[X_i]E[X_j] = 0, & i \neq j \\ E[X_i^2] = 1, & i = j \end{cases} \\&= \delta_{i;j} \\&\Rightarrow X_n \text{ is WSS.}\end{aligned}$$

So stationary \Rightarrow WSS, WSS ; stationary.

Autocorrelation of WSS processes

- $R_X(0) = E[X^2(t)]$, for all t .
 $R_X(0)$: average power of the process.
- $R_X(\tau)$ is an even function.
 $R_X(\tau) = E[X(t+\tau)X(t)] = E[X(t)X(t+\tau)] = R_X(-\tau)$
- $R_X(\tau)$ is a measure of the rate of change of a r.p.
$$P\{|X(t+\tau) - X(t)| > \varepsilon\} = P\{(X(t+\tau) - X(t))^2 > \varepsilon^2\}$$
$$\leq \frac{E[(X(t+\tau) - X(t))^2]}{\varepsilon^2} \quad (\text{Markov Inequality})$$
$$= \frac{2[R_X(0) - R_X(\tau)]}{\varepsilon^2}$$

If $R_X(\tau)$ is flat $\Rightarrow [R_X(0) - R_X(\tau)]$ is small \Rightarrow the probability of having a large change in $X(t)$ in τ seconds is small.

Autocorrelation of WSS processes

- $|R_X(\tau)| \leq R_X(0)$

Proof: $E[(X(t+\tau) \pm X(t))^2] = 2[R_X(0) \pm R_X(\tau)] \geq 0$
 $\Rightarrow |R_X(\tau)| \leq R_X(0)$

- If $R_X(0) = R_X(d)$, then $R_X(t)$ is periodic with period d , and $X(t)$ is *mean square periodic*, i.e.,

$$E[(X(t+d) - X(t))^2] = 0$$

Proof: read textbook (pg.360). Use the inequality $E[XY]^2 \leq E[X^2]E[Y^2]$ (from $|\rho| \leq 1$, sec.4.7)

- If $X(t) = m + N(t)$, where $N(t)$ is a zero-mean process s.t. $R_N(\tau) \rightarrow 0$, as $\tau \rightarrow \infty$, then

$$R_X(\tau) = E[(m+N(t+\tau))(m+N(t))] = m^2 + R_N(t) \rightarrow m^2$$

as $\tau \rightarrow \infty$.

Autocorrelation of WSS processes

- $R_X(\tau)$ can have three types of components: (1) a component that $\rightarrow 0$, as $\tau \rightarrow \infty$, (2) a periodic component, and (3) a component that due to a non zero mean.
- Example: $R_X(\tau) = e^{-2\alpha|\tau|}$, $R_Y(\tau) = \frac{a^2}{2} \cos 2\pi f_0 \tau$
If $Z(t) = X(t) + Y(t) + m$ and assume X, Y are independent with zero mean, then

$$R_Z(\tau) = R_X(\tau) + R_Y(\tau) + m^2$$

WSS Gaussian Random Process

- If a Gaussian r.p. is WSS, then it is stationary (Strict Sense Stationary)

Proof:

$$f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}) = \frac{\exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(\underline{x} - \underline{m})^T K^{-1}(\underline{x} - \underline{m})\right\}}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}} |K|^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$\underline{m} = \begin{bmatrix} m_X(t_1) \\ \vdots \\ m_X(t_n) \end{bmatrix} \quad K = \begin{bmatrix} C_X(t_1, t_1) & \cdots & C_X(t_1, t_n) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ C_X(t_n, t_1) & \cdots & C_X(t_n, t_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

If $X(t)$ is WSS, then $m_X(t_1) = m_X(t_2) = \cdots = m$,
 $C_X(t_i, t_j) = C_X(t_i - t_j)$. So $f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x})$ does not depend on
the choice of the time origin \Rightarrow Strict Sense
Stationary.

Cyclo Stationary Random Process

- Read on your own.



Continuity of Random Process

- Recall that for $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, \dots$
 $X_n \rightarrow X$ in m.s. (mean square) if $E[(X_n - X)^2] \rightarrow 0$,
as $n \rightarrow \infty$
- Cauchy Criterion
If $E[(X_n - X_m)^2] \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and $m \rightarrow \infty$, then
 $\{X_n\}$ converges in m.s.
- Mean Square Continuity
The r.p. $X(t)$ is continuous at $t = t_0$ in m.s. if
$$E[(X(t) - X(t_0))^2] \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow t_0$$

We write it as: $\text{l.i.m.}_{t \rightarrow t_0} X(t) = X(t_0)$ (limit in the mean)

Continuity of Random Process

- Condition for mean square continuity

$$E[(X(t) - X(t_0))^2] = R_X(t, t) - R_X(t_0, t) - R_X(t, t_0) + R_X(t_0, t_0)$$

If $R_X(t_1, t_2)$ is continuous (both in t_1, t_2), at point (t_0, t_0) , then $E[(X(t) - X(t_0))^2] \rightarrow 0$. So $X(t)$ is continuous at t_0 in m.s. if $R_X(t_1, t_2)$ is continuous at (t_0, t_0)

- If $X(t)$ is WSS, then:

$$E[(X(t_0 + \tau) - X(t_0))^2] = 2(R_X(0) - R_X(\tau))$$

So $X(t)$ is continuous at t_0 , if $R_X(\tau)$ is continuous at $\tau = 0$

Continuity of Random Process

- If $X(t)$ is continuous at t_0 in m.s., then

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} m_X(t) = m_X(t_0)$$

Proof:

$$\text{Var}[X(t) - X(t_0)] \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow E[X(t) - X(t_0)]^2 \leq E[(X(t) - X(t_0))^2] \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (m_X(t) - m_X(t_0))^2 \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m_X(t) \rightarrow m_X(t_0)$$

Continuity of Random Process

- Example: Wiener Process:

$$R_X(t_1, t_2) = \alpha \min(t_1, t_2)$$

$R_X(t_1, t_2)$ is continuous at $(t_0, t_0) \Rightarrow X(t)$ is continuous at t_0 in m.s.

- Example: Poisson Process:

$$C_N(t_1, t_2) = \lambda \min(t_1, t_2)$$

$$R_N(t_1, t_2) = \lambda \min(t_1, t_2) + \lambda^2 t_1 t_2$$

$N(t)$ is continuous at t_0 in m.s.

Note that for any sample poisson process, there are infinite number of discontinuities, but $N(t)$ is continuous at any t_0 in m.s.

Mean Square Derivative

- The mean square derivative $X^0(t)$ of the r.p. $X(t)$ is defined as:

$$X^0(t) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{X(t + \varepsilon) - X(t)}{\varepsilon}$$

provided that

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} E \left[\frac{X(t + \varepsilon) - X(t)}{\varepsilon} - X^0(t) \right]^2 = 0$$

- The mean square derivative of $X(t)$ at t exists if $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} R_X(t_1, t_2)$ exists at point (t, t) .

Proof: read on your own.

- For a Gaussian random process $X(t)$, $X^0(t)$ is also Gaussian

Mean Square Derivative

- Mean, cross-correlation, and auto-correlation of $X^0(t)$

$$m_{X^0}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} m_X(t)$$

$$R_{X^0}(t_1, t_2) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t_2} R_X(t_1, t_2)$$

$$R_{X^0}^0(t_1, t_2) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t_1 \partial t_2} R_X(t_1, t_2)$$

- When $X(t)$ is WSS,

$$m_{X^0}(t) = 0$$

$$R_{X^0}(\tau) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t_2} R_X(t_1 - t_2) = -\frac{d}{d\tau} R_X(\tau)$$

$$R_{X^0}^0(\tau) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial t_2} R_X(t_1 - t_2) = -\frac{d^2}{d\tau^2} R_X(\tau)$$

Mean Square Derivative

- Example: Wiener Process

$$R_X(t_1, t_2) = \alpha \min(t_1, t_2) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t_2} R_X(t_1, t_2) = \alpha u(t_1 - t_2)$$

$u(\cdot)$ is the step function and is discontinuous at $t_1 = t_2$. If we use the delta function,

$$R_{X^0}(t_1, t_2) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} \alpha u(t_1, t_2) = \alpha \delta(t_1 - t_2)$$

Note $X^0(t)$ is not physically feasible since

$E[X^0(t)^2] = \alpha \delta(0) = \infty$, i.e., the signal has infinite power. When $t_1 \neq t_2$, $R_{X^0}(t_1, t_2) = 0 \Rightarrow X^0(t_1), X^0(t_2)$ uncorrelated (note $m_{X^0}(t) = 0$ for all t) \Rightarrow independent since $X^0(t)$ is a Gaussian process.

- $X^0(t)$ is the so called White Gaussian Noise.

Mean Square Integrals

- The mean square integral of $X(t)$ from t_0 to t :

$$Y(t) = \int_{t_0}^t X(t^0) dt^0 \text{ exists if the integral}$$
$$\int_{t_0}^t \int_{t_0}^t R_X(u, v) dudv \text{ exists.}$$

- The mean and autocorrelation of $Y(t)$

$$m_Y(t) = \int_{t_0}^t m_X(t^0) dt^0$$
$$R_Y(t_1, t_2) = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \int_{t_0}^{t_2} R_X(u, v) dudv$$

Ergodic Theorems



- Time Averages of Random Processes and Ergodic Theorems.

Read on your own.

