

Stationary Processes

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 \blacktriangleright All joint probabilities invariant to time shifts, i.e., for any ${\bf s}$

$$\mathsf{P}(X(t_1 + s) \le x_1, X(t_2 + s) \le x_2, \dots, X(t_n + s) \le x_n) = \mathsf{P}(X(t_1) \le x_1, X(t_2) \le x_2, \dots, X(t_n) \le x_n)$$

 \Rightarrow If above relation holds X(t) is called strictly stationary (SS)

• First-order stationary \Rightarrow probs. of single variables are shift invariant

$$P(X(t+s) \le x) = P(X(t) \le x)$$

► Second-order stationary \Rightarrow joint probs. of pairs are shift invariant $P(X(t_1 + s) \le x_1, X(t_2 + s) \le x_2) = P(X(t_1) \le x_1, X(t_2) \le x_2)$

Pdfs and moments of stationary processes



▶ For SS process joint cdfs are shift invariant. Hence, pdfs also are

$$f_{X(t+s)}(x) = f_{X(t)}(x) = f_{X(0)}(x) := f_X(x)$$

► As a consequence, the mean of a SS process is constant

$$\mu(t) := \mathbb{E}\left[X(t)\right] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_{X(t)}(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx = \mu$$

The variance of a SS process is also constant

$$\operatorname{var} [X(t)] := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 f_{X(t)}(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 f_X(x) dx = \sigma^2$$

The power (second moment) of a SS process is also constant

$$\mathbb{E}\left[X^{2}(t)\right] := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^{2} f_{X(t)}(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^{2} f_{X}(x) dx = \sigma^{2} + \mu^{2}$$

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Joint pdf of two values of a SS random process

$$f_{X(t_1)X(t_2)}(x_1, x_2) = f_{X(0)X(t_2-t_1)}(x_1, x_2)$$

 \Rightarrow Used shift invariance for shift of t_1

 \Rightarrow Note that $t_1 = 0 + t_1$ and $t_2 = (t_2 - t_1) + t_1$

▶ Result above true for any pair t₁, t₂
 ⇒ Joint pdf depends only on time difference s := t₂ - t₁

• Writing $t_1 = t$ and $t_2 = t + s$ we equivalently have

$$f_{X(t)X(t+s)}(x_1, x_2) = f_{X(0)X(s)}(x_1, x_2) = f_X(x_1, x_2; s)$$



- Stationary processes follow the footsteps of limit distributions
- ► For Markov processes limit distributions exist under mild conditions
 - Limit distributions also exist for some non-Markov processes
- ▶ Process somewhat easier to analyze in the limit as t → ∞
 ⇒ Properties can be derived from the limit distribution
- \blacktriangleright Stationary process \approx study of limit distribution
 - \Rightarrow Formally initialize at limit distribution
 - \Rightarrow In practice results true for time sufficiently large
- ► Deterministic linear systems ⇒ transient + steady-state behavior ⇒ Stationary systems akin to the study of steady-state
- But steady-state is in a probabilistic sense (probs., not realizations)



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► From the definition of autocorrelation function we can write

$$R_X(t_1, t_2) = \mathbb{E}\left[X(t_1)X(t_2)\right] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_1 x_2 f_{X(t_1)X(t_2)}(x_1, x_2) \, dx_1 dx_2$$

▶ For SS process $f_{X(t_1)X(t_2)}(\cdot)$ depends on time difference only

$$R_X(t_1, t_2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_1 x_2 f_{X(0)X(t_2 - t_1)}(x_1, x_2) \, dx_1 dx_2 = \mathbb{E}\left[X(0)X(t_2 - t_1)\right]$$

 $\Rightarrow R_X(t_1, t_2)$ is a function of $s = t_2 - t_1$ only

$$R_X(t_1, t_2) = R_X(0, t_2 - t_1) := R_X(s)$$

The autocorrelation function of a SS random process X(t) is R_X(s)
 ⇒ Variable s denotes a time difference / shift / lag
 ⇒ R_X(s) specifies correlation between values X(t) spaced s in time



► Similarly to autocorrelation, define the autocovariance function as

$$C_X(t_1, t_2) = \mathbb{E}\left[\left(X(t_1) - \mu(t_1)\right)\left(X(t_2) - \mu(t_2)\right)\right]$$

 Expand product to write C_X(t₁, t₂) as C_X(t₁, t₂) = E[X(t₁)X(t₂)] + µ(t₁)µ(t₂) - E[X(t₁)]µ(t₂) - E[X(t₂)]µ(t₁)
 For SS process µ(t₁) = µ(t₂) = µ and E[X(t₁)X(t₂)] = R_X(t₂ - t₁) C_X(t₁, t₂) = R_X(t₂ - t₁) - µ² = C_X(t₂ - t₁)

 \Rightarrow Autocovariance function depends only on the shift $s = t_2 - t_1$

 \blacktriangleright We will typically assume that $\mu={\rm 0}$ in which case

$$R_X(s)=C_X(s)$$

 \Rightarrow If $\mu
eq 0$ can study process $X(t) - \mu$ whose mean is null



▶ Def: A process is wide-sense stationary (WSS) when its

$$\Rightarrow$$
 Mean is constant $\Rightarrow \mu(t) = \mu$ for all t

- \Rightarrow Autocorrelation is shift invariant \Rightarrow $R_X(t_1, t_2) = R_X(t_2 t_1)$
- Consequently, autocovariance of WSS process is also shift invariant

$$C_X(t_1, t_2) = \mathbb{E} [X(t_1)X(t_2)] + \mu(t_1)\mu(t_2) - \mathbb{E} [X(t_1)]\mu(t_2) - \mathbb{E} [X(t_2)]\mu(t_1)$$

= $R_X(t_2 - t_1) - \mu^2$

► Most of the analysis of stationary processes is based on $R_X(t_2 - t_1)$ ⇒ Thus, such analysis does not require SS, WSS suffices



SS processes have shift-invariant pdfs

- \Rightarrow Mean function is constant
- \Rightarrow Autocorrelation is shift-invariant
- ► Then, a SS process is also WSS
 - \Rightarrow For that reason WSS is also called weak-sense stationary
- The opposite is obviously not true in general
- ► But if Gaussian, process determined by mean and autocorrelation ⇒ WSS implies SS for Gaussian process
- ▶ WSS and SS are equivalent for Gaussian processes (More coming)



- WSS Gaussian process X(t) with mean 0 and autocorrelation R(s)
- The covariance matrix for $X(t_1 + s), X(t_2 + s), \dots, X(t_n + s)$ is

$$\mathbf{C}(t_1+s,\ldots,t_n+s) = \begin{pmatrix} R(t_1+s,t_1+s) & R(t_1+s,t_2+s) & \ldots & R(t_1+s,t_n+s) \\ R(t_2+s,t_1+s) & R(t_2+s,t_2+s) & \ldots & R(t_2+s,t_n+s) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ R(t_n+s,t_1+s) & R(t_n+s,t_2+s) & \ldots & R(t_n+s,t_n+s) \end{pmatrix}$$

▶ For WSS process, autocorrelations depend only on time differences

$$\mathbf{C}(t_1 + s, \dots, t_n + s) = \begin{pmatrix} R(t_1 - t_1) & R(t_2 - t_1) & \dots & R(t_n - t_1) \\ R(t_1 - t_2) & R(t_2 - t_2) & \dots & R(t_n - t_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ R(t_1 - t_n) & R(t_2 - t_n) & \dots & R(t_n - t_n) \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{C}(t_1, \dots, t_n)$$

 \Rightarrow Covariance matrices **C**(t_1, \ldots, t_n) are shift invariant

Gaussian wide-sense stationary process (continued)



- ► The joint pdf of $X(t_1 + s), X(t_2 + s), \dots, X(t_n + s)$ is $f_{X(t_1+s),\dots,X(t_n+s)}(x_1,\dots,x_n) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{C}(t_1 + s,\dots,t_n + s); [x_1,\dots,x_n]^T)$ \Rightarrow Completely determined by $\mathbf{C}(t_1 + s,\dots,t_n + s)$
- Since covariance matrix is shift invariant can write

$$f_{X(t_1+s),...,X(t_n+s)}(x_1,...,x_n) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{C}(t_1,...,t_n); [x_1,...,x_n]^T)$$

• Expression on the right is the pdf of $X(t_1), X(t_2), \ldots, X(t_n)$. Then

$$f_{X(t_1+s),...,X(t_n+s)}(x_1,...,x_n) = f_{X(t_1),...,X(t_n)}(x_1,...,x_n)$$

▶ Joint pdf of X(t₁), X(t₂),..., X(t_n) is shift invariant
 ⇒ Proving that WSS is equivalent to SS for Gaussian processes



Ex: Brownian motion X(t) with variance parameter σ^2

 \Rightarrow Mean function is $\mu(t) = 0$ for all $t \ge 0$

 \Rightarrow Autocorrelation is $R_X(t_1, t_2) = \sigma^2 \min(t_1, t_2)$

► While the mean is constant, autocorrelation is not shift invariant ⇒ Brownian motion is not WSS (hence not SS)

Ex: White Gaussian noise W(t) with variance parameter σ^2

 \Rightarrow Mean function is $\mu(t) = 0$ for all t

 \Rightarrow Autocorrelation is $R_W(t_1, t_2) = \sigma^2 \delta(t_2 - t_1)$

> The mean is constant and the autocorrelation is shift invariant

 \Rightarrow White Gaussian noise is WSS

 \Rightarrow Also SS because white Gaussian noise is a GP



For WSS processes:

(i) The autocorrelation for s = 0 is the power of the process

$$R_X(0) = \mathbb{E}\left[X^2(t)\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[X(t)X(t+0)\right]$$

(ii) The autocorrelation function is symmetric $\Rightarrow R_X(s) = R_X(-s)$

Proof.

Commutative property of product and shift invariance of $R_X(t_1, t_2)$

$$egin{aligned} R_X(s) &= R_X(t,t+s) \ &= \mathbb{E}\left[X(t)X(t+s)
ight] \ &= \mathbb{E}\left[X(t+s)X(t)
ight] \ &= R_X(t+s,t) = R_X(-s) \end{aligned}$$



For WSS processes:

(iii) Maximum absolute value of the autocorrelation function is for s = 0

 $|R_X(s)| \leq R_X(0)$

Proof. Expand the square $\mathbb{E}\left[\left(X(t+s)\pm X(t) ight)^2 ight]$

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\left(X(t+s)\pm X(t)\right)^2\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[X^2(t+s)\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[X^2(t)\right] \pm 2\mathbb{E}\left[X(t+s)X(t)\right]$$
$$= R_X(0) + R_X(0) \pm 2R_X(s)$$

Square $\mathbb{E}\left[\left(X(t+s)\pm X(t)\right)^2\right]$ is always nonnegative, then $0 \leq \mathbb{E}\left[\left(X(t+s)\pm X(t)\right)^2\right] = 2R_X(0)\pm 2R_X(s)$

Rearranging terms $\Rightarrow R_X(0) \ge \mp R_X(s)$



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Def: The Fourier transform of a function (signal) x(t) is

$$X(f) = \mathcal{F}(x(t)) := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-j2\pi ft} dt$$

• The complex exponential is (recall $j^2 = -1$)

$$e^{-j2\pi ft} = \cos(-2\pi ft) + j\sin(-2\pi ft)$$
$$= \cos(2\pi ft) - j\sin(2\pi ft)$$
$$= 1\angle -2\pi ft$$

► The Fourier transform is complex valued
 ⇒ It has a real and a imaginary part (rectangular coordinates)
 ⇒ It has a magnitude and a phase (polar coordinates)

• Argument f of X(f) is referred to as frequency

Examples



Ex: Fourier transform of a constant x(t) = c

$$\mathcal{F}(c) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} c e^{-j2\pi f t} dt = c\delta(f)$$

Ex: Fourier transform of scaled delta function $x(t) = c\delta(t)$

$$\mathcal{F}(c\delta(t)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} c\delta(t) e^{-j2\pi ft} dt = c$$

Ex: For a complex exponential $x(t) = e^{j2\pi f_0 t}$ with frequency f_0 we have

$$\mathcal{F}(e^{j2\pi f_0 t}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{j2\pi f_0 t} e^{-j2\pi f t} dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-j2\pi (f-f_0)t} dt = \delta(f-f_0)$$

Ex: For a shifted delta $\delta(t-t_0)$ we have

$$\mathcal{F}(\delta(t-t_0)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t-t_0) e^{-j2\pi ft} dt = e^{-j2\pi ft_0}$$

 \Rightarrow Note the symmetry (duality) in the first two and last two transforms



Ex: Fourier transform of a cosine $x(t) = \cos(2\pi f_0 t)$

- Begin noticing that we may write $\cos(2\pi f_0 t) = \frac{1}{2}e^{j2\pi f_0 t} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-j2\pi f_0 t}$
- ▶ Fourier transformation is a linear operation (integral), then

$$\mathcal{F}(\cos(2\pi f_0 t)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}e^{j2\pi f_0 t} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-j2\pi f_0 t}\right) e^{-j2\pi f t} dt$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}\delta(f - f_0) + \frac{1}{2}\delta(f + f_0)$$

 \Rightarrow A pair of delta functions at frequencies $f = \pm f_0$ (tones)

• Frequency of the cosine is $f_0 \Rightarrow$ "Justifies" the name frequency for f



▶ **Def:** The inverse Fourier transform of $X(f) = \mathcal{F}(x(t))$ is

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(f) e^{j2\pi f t} df$$

 \Rightarrow Exponent's sign changes with respect to Fourier transform

- We show next that x(t) can be recovered from X(f) as above
- ▶ First substitute *X*(*f*) for its definition

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(f) e^{j2\pi ft} df = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(u) e^{-j2\pi fu} du \right) e^{j2\pi ft} df$$



Nested integral can be written as double integral

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(f) e^{j2\pi ft} df = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(u) e^{-j2\pi fu} e^{j2\pi ft} du df$$

Rewrite as nested integral with integration w.r.t. f carried out first

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(f) e^{j2\pi ft} df = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(u) \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-j2\pi f(t-u)} df \right) du$$

Innermost integral is a delta function

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(f) e^{j2\pi ft} df = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(u) \delta(t-u) du = x(t)$$

Frequency components of a signal



Interpretation of Fourier transform through synthesis formula

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(f) e^{j2\pi ft} df \approx \Delta f \times \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} X(f_n) e^{j2\pi f_n t}$$

 \Rightarrow Signal x(t) as linear combination of complex exponentials

• X(f) determines the weight of frequency f in the signal x(t)



Ex: Signal on the left contains low frequencies (changes slowly in time) Ex: Signal on the right contains high frequencies (changes fast in time)



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- ▶ Def: A system characterizes an input-output relationship
- ► This relation is between functions, not values
 - \Rightarrow Each output value y(t) depends on all input values x(t)
 - \Rightarrow A mapping from the input signal to the output signal





- ▶ Def: A system is time invariant if a delayed input yields a delayed output
- ▶ If input x(t) yields output y(t) then input x(t-s) yields y(t-s)
 ⇒ Think of output applied s time units later



Linear system



- Def: A system is linear if the output of a linear combination of inputs is the same linear combination of the respective outputs
- If input $x_1(t)$ yields output $y_1(t)$ and $x_2(t)$ yields $y_2(t)$, then

 $a_1x_1(t) + a_2x_2(t) \quad \Rightarrow \quad a_1y_1(t) + a_2y_2(t)$





- ► Linear + time-invariant system = linear time-invariant system (LTI)
- Denote as h(t) the system's output when the input is $\delta(t)$ $\Rightarrow h(t)$ is the impulse response of the LTI system

$$\xrightarrow{\delta(t)} LTI \xrightarrow{h(t)}$$

- 1) Response to $\delta(t-u) \Rightarrow h(t-u)$ due to time invariance
- 2) Response to $x(u)\delta(t-u) \Rightarrow x(u)h(t-u)$ due to linearity

3) Reponse to
$$x(u_1)\delta(t - u_1) + x(u_2)\delta(t - u_2)$$

 $\Rightarrow x(u_1)h(t - u_1) + x(u_2)h(t - u_2)$

Output of a linear time-invariant system



Any function x(t) can be written as

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(u) \delta(t-u) \, du$$

• Thus, the output of a LTI with impulse response h(t) to input x(t) is

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(u)h(t-u) \, du = (x * h)(t)$$

► The above integral is called the convolution of x(t) and h(t)
⇒ It is a "product" between signals, denoted as (x * h)(t)



• The Fourier transform Y(f) of the output y(t) is given by

$$Y(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(u)h(t-u) \, du \right) e^{-j2\pi ft} \, dt$$

• Write nested integral as double integral & change variable $t \rightarrow u + v$

$$Y(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(u)h(v)e^{-j2\pi f(u+v)} dv du$$

• Write $e^{-j2\pi f(u+v)} = e^{-j2\pi f u} e^{-j2\pi f v}$ and reorder terms to obtain

$$Y(f) = \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(u)e^{-j2\pi f u} \, du\right) \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(v)e^{-j2\pi f v} \, dv\right)$$

• The factors on the right are the Fourier transforms of x(t) and h(t)



Def: The frequency response of a LTI system is

$$H(f) := \mathcal{F}(h(t)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t) e^{-j2\pi f t} dt$$

 \Rightarrow Fourier transform of the impulse response h(t)

► Input signal with spectrum X(f), LTI system with freq. response H(f)
⇒ We established that the spectrum Y(f) of the output is

Y(f) = H(f)X(f)

$$\begin{array}{c} X(f) \\ \hline \\ H(f) \\ \hline \\ H(f) \\ \hline \\ H(f) \\ \hline \\ H(f) \\ H(f) \\ \hline \\ H(f) \\ \\$$

More on frequency response



- Frequency components of input get "scaled" by H(f)
 - ▶ Since *H*(*f*) is complex, scaling is a complex number
 - Represents a scaling part (amplitude) and a phase shift (argument)
- Effect of LTI on input easier to analyze

 \Rightarrow "Usual product" instead of convolution





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► Linear filter (system) with \Rightarrow impulse response h(t) \Rightarrow frequency response H(f)

- ► Input to filter is wide-sense stationary (WSS) random process X(t)
 ⇒ Process has zero mean and autocorrelation function R_X(s)
- Output is obviously another random process Y(t)
- ► Describe Y(t) in terms of \Rightarrow properties of X(t) \Rightarrow filter's impulse and/or frequency response
- Q: Is Y(t) WSS? Mean of Y(t)? Autocorrelation function of Y(t)?
 ⇒ Easier and more enlightening in the frequency domain

$$\begin{array}{c} X(t) \\ R_X(s) \end{array} \qquad h(t)/H(f) \qquad Y(t) \\ R_Y(s) \end{array}$$



Def: The power spectral density (PSD) of a WSS random process is the Fourier transform of the autocorrelation function

$$S_X(f) = \mathcal{F}ig(R_X(s)ig) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty R_X(s) e^{-j2\pi f s}\,ds$$

- Does S_X(f) carry information about frequency components of X(t)?
 ⇒ Not clear, S_X(f) is Fourier transform of R_X(s), not X(t)
- ▶ But yes. We'll see $S_X(f)$ describes spectrum of X(t) in some sense
- ▶ Q: Can we relate PSDs at the input and output of a linear filter?

$$S_X(f)$$
 $H(f)$ $S_Y(f) = ...$

Example: Power spectral density of white noise



- Autocorrelation of white noise W(t) is $\Rightarrow R_W(s) = \sigma^2 \delta(s)$
- PSD of white noise is Fourier transform of $R_W(s)$

$$S_W(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sigma^2 \delta(s) e^{-j2\pi fs} \, ds = \sigma^2$$

 \Rightarrow PSD of white noise is constant for all frequencies

• That's why it's white \Rightarrow Contains all frequencies in equal measure



Dark side of the moon







• The power of WSS process X(t) is its (constant) second moment

$$P = \mathbb{E}\left[X^2(t)\right] = R_X(0)$$

• Use expression for inverse Fourier transform evaluated at t = 0

$$R_X(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_X(f) e^{j2\pi f s} df \Rightarrow R_X(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_X(f) e^{j2\pi f 0} df$$

• Since $e^0 = 1$, can write $R_X(0)$ and therefore process' power as

$$P = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_X(f) \, df$$

 \Rightarrow Area under PSD is the power of the process

Mean of filter's output



- ► Q: If input X(t) to a LTI filter is WSS, is output Y(t) WSS as well? ⇒ Check first that mean $\mu_Y(t)$ of filter's output Y(t) is constant
- Recall that for any time t, filter's output is

$$Y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(u) X(t-u) \, du$$

• The mean function $\mu_Y(t)$ of the process Y(t) is

$$\mu_{Y}(t) = \mathbb{E}\left[Y(t)\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(u)X(t-u)\,du\right]$$

• Expectation is linear and X(t) is WSS, thus

$$\mu_{Y}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(u) \mathbb{E} \left[X(t-u) \right] \, du = \mu_{X} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(u) \, du = \mu_{Y}$$



- Compute autocorrelation function $R_Y(t, t+s)$ of filter's output Y(t) \Rightarrow Check that $R_Y(t, t+s) = R_Y(s)$, only function of s
- Start noting that for any times t and s, filter's output is

$$Y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(u_1) X(t-u_1) \, du_1, \quad Y(t+s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(u_2) X(t+s-u_2) \, du_2$$

• The autocorrelation function $R_Y(t, t + s)$ of the process Y(t) is

$$R_Y(t,t+s) = \mathbb{E}\left[Y(t)Y(t+s)\right]$$

• Substituting Y(t) and Y(t+s) by their convolution forms

$$R_Y(t,t+s) = \mathbb{E}\left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(u_1)X(t-u_1)\,du_1\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(u_2)X(t+s-u_2)\,du_2\right]$$

Autocorrelation of filter's output (continued)



Product of integrals is double integral of product

$$R_Y(t,t+s) = \mathbb{E}\left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}h(u_1)X(t-u_1)h(u_2)X(t+s-u_2)\,du_1du_2\right]$$

Exchange order of integral and expectation

$$R_Y(t,t+s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(u_1) \mathbb{E} \Big[X(t-u_1) X(t+s-u_2) \Big] h(u_2) du_1 du_2$$

• Expectation in the integral is autocorrelation function of input X(t)

$$\mathbb{E}\Big[X(t-u_1)X(t+s-u_2)\Big] = R_X(t+s-u_2-(t-u_1)) = R_X(s-u_2+u_1)$$

• Which upon substitution in expression for $R_Y(t, t + s)$ yields

$$R_{Y}(t, t+s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(u_{1})R_{X}(s-u_{2}+u_{1})h(u_{2}) du_{1}du_{2} = R_{Y}(s)$$



Def: Two WSS processes X(t) and Y(t) are said jointly WSS if

$$R_{XY}(t,t+s) := \mathbb{E}\left[X(t)Y(t+s)\right] = R_{XY}(s)$$

 \Rightarrow The cross-correlation function is shift-invariant

- If input to filter X(t) is WSS, showed output Y(t) also WSS
- ► Also jointly WSS since the input-output cross-correlation is

$$R_{XY}(t, t+s) = \mathbb{E}\left[X(t)\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}h(u)X(t+s-u)\,du\right]$$
$$=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}h(u)R_X(s-u)\,du = R_{XY}(s)$$

 \Rightarrow Cross-correlation given by convolution $R_{XY}(s) = h(s) * R_X(s)$





• Going back to the autocorrelation of Y(t), recall we found

$$R_Y(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(u_2) \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(u_1) R_X(s - u_2 + u_1) du_1 \right] du_2$$

• Inner integral is cross-correlation $R_{XY}(u_2 - s)$

$$R_{Y}(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(u_2) R_{XY}(u_2 - s) du_2$$

• Noting that $R_{XY}(u_2 - s) = R_{XY}(-(s - u_2))$

$$R_Y(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(u_2) R_{XY}(-(s-u_2)) du_2$$

► Autocorrelation given by convolution $R_Y(s) = h(s) * R_{XY}(-s)$ ⇒ Recall $R_Y(s) = R_Y(-s)$, hence also $R_Y(s) = h(-s) * R_{XY}(s)$



• Power spectral density of Y(t) is Fourier transform of $R_Y(s)$

$$S_Y(f) = \mathcal{F}(R_Y(s)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R_Y(s) e^{-j2\pi fs} \, ds$$

• Substituting $R_Y(s)$ for its value

$$S_Y(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(u_1) R_X(s - u_2 + u_1) h(u_2) du_1 du_2 \right) e^{-j2\pi f s} ds$$

• Change variable s by variable $v = s - u_2 + u_1$ (dv = ds)

$$S_{Y}(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(u_{1}) R_{X}(v) h(u_{2}) e^{-j2\pi f(v+u_{2}-u_{1})} du_{1} du_{2} dv$$

• Rewrite exponential as $e^{-j2\pi f(\mathbf{v}+u_2-u_1)} = e^{-j2\pi f \mathbf{v}} e^{-j2\pi f u_2} e^{+j2\pi f u_1}$

Power spectral density of filter's output (continued)

Write triple integral as product of three integrals

$$S_{Y}(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(u_{1}) e^{j2\pi f u_{1}} du_{1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R_{X}(v) e^{-j2\pi f v} dv \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(u_{2}) e^{-j2\pi f u_{2}} du_{2}$$

Integrals are Fourier transforms

$$S_Y(f) = \mathcal{F}(h(-u_1)) \times \mathcal{F}(R_X(v)) \times \mathcal{F}(h(u_2))$$

- ► Note definitions of $\Rightarrow X(t)$'s PSD $\Rightarrow S_X(f) = \mathcal{F}(R_X(s))$ \Rightarrow Filter's frequency response $\Rightarrow H(f) := \mathcal{F}(h(t))$ Also note that $\Rightarrow H^*(f) := \mathcal{F}(h(-t)))$
- Latter three observations yield (also use $H^*(f)H(f) = |H(f)|^2$)

$$S_{Y}(f) = H^{*}(f)S_{X}(f)H(f) = |H(f)|^{2}S_{X}(f)$$

 \Rightarrow Key identity relating the input and output PSDs



Ex: Input process X(t) = W(t) = white Gaussian noise with variance σ^2 \Rightarrow Filter with frequency response H(f). Q: PSD of output Y(t)?

• PSD of input $\Rightarrow S_W(f) = \sigma^2$

► PSD of output $\Rightarrow S_Y(f) = |H(f)|^2 S_W(f) = |H(f)|^2 \sigma^2$

 \Rightarrow Output's spectrum is filter's frequency response scaled by σ^2



Ex: System identification \Rightarrow LTI system with unknown response

• White noise input \Rightarrow PSD of output is frequency response of filter

Interpretation of power spectral density



• Consider a narrowband filter with frequency response centered at f_0

$$H(f) = 1$$
 for: $f_0 - h/2 \le f \le f_0 + h/2$
 $-f_0 - h/2 \le f \le -f_0 + h/2$

▶ Input is WSS process with PSD $S_X(f)$. Output's power P_Y is

$$P_{Y} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_{Y}(f) df = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |H(f)|^{2} S_{X}(f) df \approx h \Big(S_{X}(f_{0}) + S_{X}(-f_{0}) \Big)$$

 \Rightarrow $S_X(f)$ is the power density the process X(t) contains at frequency f





For WSS processes:

(i) The power spectral density is a real-valued function

Proof.

Recall that $R_X(s) = R_X(-s)$ and $e^{j\theta} = \cos(\theta) + j\sin(\theta)$

$$S_X(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R_X(s) e^{-j2\pi fs} ds$$

= $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R_X(s) \cos(-2\pi fs) ds + j \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R_X(-s) \sin(-2\pi fs) ds$
= $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R_X(s) \cos(2\pi fs) ds$

Gray integral vanishes since $R_X(-s)\sin(-2\pi fs) = -R_X(s)\sin(2\pi fs)$

(ii) The power spectral density is an even function, i.e., $S_X(f) = S_X(-f)$



(iii) The power spectral density is a non-negative function, i.e., $S_X(f) \ge 0$ Proof.

Pass WSS X(t) through narrowband filter centered at f_0

$$H(f) = 1 \quad \text{for:} \ f_0 - h/2 \le f \le f_0 + h/2 \\ - f_0 - h/2 \le f \le -f_0 + h/2$$

For $h \rightarrow 0$, output's power P_Y can be approximated as

$$0 \le P_Y = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |H(f)|^2 S_X(f) df$$
$$\approx h \Big(S_X(f_0) + S_X(-f_0) \Big) = 2h S_X(f_0)$$

Since f_0 is arbitrary and $P_Y \ge 0 \implies S_X(f) \ge 0$





Ex: WSS signal S(t) corrupted by additive, independent interference

$$I(t) = A\cos(2\pi f_0 t + \theta), \ \theta \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 2\pi)$$

 \Rightarrow Randomly phased sinusoidal interference I(t) (fixed $A, f_0 > 0$)

- Corrupted signal X(t) = S(t) + I(t). Q: Filter out interference?
- ▶ Sinusoidal interference has period $T = 1/f_0$. Use differencing filter

$$Y(t) = X(t) - X(t - T)$$

 \Rightarrow Difference I(t) - I(t - T) = 0 for all t

• Wish to determine the PSD of the output $S_Y(f) = |H(f)|^2 S_X(f)$

Differencing filter



► The differencing filter is an LTI system with impulse response

$$Y(t) = X(t) - X(t - T) \Rightarrow h(t) = \delta(t) - \delta(t - T)$$

> By taking the Fourier transform, the frequency response becomes

$$H(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\delta(t) - \delta(t - T)) e^{-j2\pi f t} dt = 1 - e^{-j2\pi f T}$$

• The magnitude-squared of H(f) is $|H(f)|^2 = 2 - 2\cos(2\pi fT)$



 \Rightarrow As expected, it exhibits zeros at multiples of $f = 1/T = f_0$

Randomly phased sinusoid





► Above are four different sample paths of *I*(*t*)

Randomly phased sinusoid is wide-sense stationary



- ► Q: Is I(t) a wide-sense stationary process? ⇒ Compute $\mu_I(t)$ and $R_I(t_1, t_2)$ and check
- Cosine integral over a cycle vanishes, hence

$$\mu_I(t) = \mathbb{E}\left[I(t)\right] = \int_0^{2\pi} A\cos(2\pi f_0 t + \theta) \frac{1}{2\pi} d\theta = 0$$

• Use
$$\cos(\theta_1)\cos(\theta_2) = (\cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2))/2$$
 to obtain

$$R_{I}(t_{1}, t_{2}) = A^{2}\mathbb{E}\left[\cos(2\pi f_{0}t_{1} + \theta)\cos(2\pi f_{0}t_{2} + \theta)\right]$$

= $\frac{A^{2}}{2}\cos(2\pi f_{0}(t_{2} - t_{1})) + \frac{A^{2}}{2}\mathbb{E}\left[\cos(2\pi f_{0}(t_{1} + t_{2}) + 2\theta)\right]$
= $\frac{A^{2}}{2}\cos(2\pi f_{0}(t_{2} - t_{1}))$

• Thus I(t) is WSS with PSD given by

$$S_I(f) = \mathcal{F}(R_I(s)) = \frac{A^2}{4}\delta(f-f_0) + \frac{A^2}{4}\delta(f+f_0)$$





Since
$$S(t)$$
 and $I(t)$ are independent and $\mu_I(t) = 0$

$$R_X(s) = \mathbb{E}\left[(S(t) + I(t))(S(t+s) + I(t+s))\right]$$
$$= R_S(s) + R_I(s)$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
 Also $S_X(f) = S_S(f) + S_I(f)$

• Therefore the PSD of the filter output Y(t) is

$$S_Y(f) = |H(f)|^2 S_X(f) = |H(f)|^2 (S_S(f) + S_I(f))$$

= 2 (1 - cos(2\pi fT))(S_S(f) + S_I(f))

• Filter annihilates the tones in $S_I(f) = \frac{A^2}{4}\delta(f - f_0) + \frac{A^2}{4}\delta(f + f_0)$, so

$$S_Y(f) = 2(1 - \cos(2\pi fT))S_S(f)$$

 \Rightarrow Unfortunately, the signal PSD has also been modified



Stationary random processes

Autocorrelation function and wide-sense stationary processes

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The matched and Wiener filters

A simple model of a radar system





- Air-traffic control system sends out a known radar pulse v(t)
- No plane in radar's range ⇒ Radar output X(t) = N(t) is noise ⇒ Noise is zero-mean WSS process N(t), with PSD S_N(f)
- ▶ Plane in range \Rightarrow Reflected pulse in output X(t) = v(t) + N(t)
- Q: System to decide whether X(t) = v(t) + N(t) or X(t) = N(t)?





Filter radar output X(t) with LTI system h(t). System output is

$$Y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t-s)[v(s) + N(s)]ds = v_0(t) + N_0(t)$$

Filtered signal (radar pulse) and noise related components

$$v_0(t)=\int_{-\infty}^\infty h(t-s)v(s)ds, \quad N_0(t)=\int_{-\infty}^\infty h(t-s)N(s)ds$$

• Design filter to maximize output signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) at t_0

$$SNR = rac{v_0^2(t_0)}{\mathbb{E}\left[N_0^2(t_0)
ight]}$$

Filtered signal and noise components



• The filtered noise power $\mathbb{E}\left[N_0^2(t_0)\right]$ is given by

$$\mathbb{E}\left[N_0^2(t_0)\right] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_{N_0}(f) df = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |H(f)|^2 S_N(f) df$$

• If $V(f) = \mathcal{F}(v(t))$, filtered radar pulse at time t_0

$$v_0(t_0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(f) V(f) e^{j2\pi f t_0} df$$

• Multiply and divide by $\sqrt{S_N(f)}$, use complex conjugation

$$\begin{aligned} w_0(t_0) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(f) \sqrt{S_N(f)} \frac{V(f) e^{j2\pi f t_0}}{\sqrt{S_N(f)}} df \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(f) \sqrt{S_N(f)} \left[\frac{V^*(f) e^{-j2\pi f t_0}}{\sqrt{S_N(f)}} \right]^* df \end{aligned}$$



► The Cauchy-Schwarz inequality for complex functions *f* and *g* states

$$\Big|\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}f(t)g^{*}(t)dt\Big|^{2}\leq\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}|f(t)|^{2}dt\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}|g(t)|^{2}dt$$

 \Rightarrow Equality is attained if and only if $f(t) = \alpha g(t)$

Recall the filtered signal component at time t₀

$$v_0(t_0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(f) \sqrt{S_N(f)} \left[\frac{V^*(f) e^{-j2\pi f t_0}}{\sqrt{S_N(f)}} \right]^* df$$

▶ Use the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality to obtain the upper-bound

$$|v_0(t_0)|^2 \leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |H(f)|^2 S_N(f) df \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|V(f)|^2}{S_N(f)} df$$

The matched filter



• Since
$$\mathbb{E}\left[N_0^2(t_0)\right] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |H(f)|^2 S_N(f) df$$
, bound SNR

$$SNR = \frac{|v_0(t_0)|^2}{\mathbb{E}\left[N_0^2(t_0)\right]} \le \frac{\mathbb{E}\left[N_0^2(t_0)\right] \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|V(f)|^2}{S_N(f)} df}{\mathbb{E}\left[N_0^2(t_0)\right]} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|V(f)|^2}{S_N(f)} df$$

▶ The maximum SNR is attained when

$$H(f)\sqrt{S_N(f)} = \alpha \frac{V^*(f)e^{-j2\pi ft_0}}{\sqrt{S_N(f)}}$$

► The sought matched filter has frequency response

$$H(f) = \alpha \frac{V^*(f)e^{-j2\pi ft_0}}{S_N(f)}$$

 \Rightarrow H(f) is "matched" to the known radar pulse and noise PSD



- Ex: Suppose noise N(t) is white, with PSD $S_N(f) = \sigma^2$. Let $\alpha = \sigma^2$
 - ► The frequency response of the matched filter simplifies to

$$H(f) = V^*(f)e^{-j2\pi ft_0}$$

• The inverse Fourier transform of H(f) yields the impulse response

$$h(t)=v(t_0-t)$$



Simply a time-reversed and translated copy of the radar pulse v(t)

Analysis of matched filter output



▶ PSD of filtered noise is $S_{N_0}(f) = |H(f)|^2 S_N(f)$. For matched filter

$$S_{N_0}(f) = \frac{|\alpha V(f)|^2}{S_N^2(f)} S_N(f) = \frac{|\alpha V(f)|^2}{S_N(f)}$$

▶ Inverse Fourier transform yields autocorrelation function of $N_0(t)$

$$R_{N_0}(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|\alpha V(f)|^2}{S_N(f)} e^{j2\pi fs} df$$

The matched filter signal output is

$$v_0(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(f) V(f) e^{j2\pi ft} df = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha |V(f)|^2}{S_N(f)} e^{j2\pi f(t-t_0)} df$$

► Last two equations imply that $v_0(t) = (1/\alpha)R_{N_0}(t - t_0)$ ⇒ Matched filter signal output \propto shifted autocorrelation





► Estimate unobserved process V(t) from correlated process U(t)⇒ Zero mean U(t) and V(t)⇒ Known (cross-) PSDs $S_U(f)$ and $S_{VU}(f)$

Ex: Say U(t) = V(t) + W(t), with W(t) a white noise process

Restrict attention to linear estimators

$$\hat{V}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(s) U(t-s) ds$$

Filter design criterion



$$U(t)$$
 $h(t)$ $\hat{V}(t)$

► Criterion is mean-square error (MSE) minimization, i.e, find

$$\min_{h} \mathbb{E}\left[|V(t) - \hat{V}(t)|^2\right], \quad \text{s. to } \hat{V}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(s)U(t-s)ds$$

• Suppose $\tilde{h}(t)$ is any other impulse response such that

$$ilde{V}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} ilde{h}(s) U(t-s) ds$$

 \Rightarrow MSE-sense optimality of filter h(t) means

$$\mathbb{E}\left[|V(t)-\hat{V}(t)|^2
ight] \leq \mathbb{E}\left[|V(t)- ilde{V}(t)|^2
ight]$$



Theorem If for every linear filter $\tilde{h}(t)$ it holds

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\left(V(t)-\hat{V}(t)\right)\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\tilde{h}(s)U(t-s)ds\right]=0$$

then h(t) is the MSE-sense optimal filter.

- Orthogonality principle implicitly characterizes the optimal filter h(t)
- Condition must hold for all \tilde{h} , in particular for $h \tilde{h}$ implying

$$\mathbb{E}\left[(V(t)-\hat{V}(t))(\hat{V}(t)-\tilde{V}(t))
ight]=0$$

 \Rightarrow Recall this identity, we will use it next



Proof.

• The MSE for an arbitrary filter $\tilde{h}(t)$ can be written as

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\left| V(t) - ilde{V}(t)
ight|^2
ight] = \mathbb{E}\left[\left| (V(t) - \hat{oldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}}(t)) + (\hat{oldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}}(t) - ilde{V}(t))
ight|^2
ight]$$

Expand the squares, use linearity of expectation

$$\mathbb{E}\left[|V(t) - \tilde{V}(t)|^{2}\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[|V(t) - \hat{V}(t)|^{2}\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[|\hat{V}(t) - \tilde{V}(t)|^{2}\right] \\ + 2\mathbb{E}\left[(V(t) - \hat{V}(t))(\hat{V}(t) - \tilde{V}(t))\right]$$

$$\blacktriangleright \text{ But } \mathbb{E}\left[(V(t) - \hat{V}(t))(\hat{V}(t) - \tilde{V}(t))\right] = 0 \text{ by assumption, hence} \\ \mathbb{E}\left[|V(t) - \tilde{V}(t)|^{2}\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[|V(t) - \hat{V}(t)|^{2}\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[|\hat{V}(t) - \tilde{V}(t)|^{2}\right] \\ \geq \mathbb{E}\left[|V(t) - \hat{V}(t)|^{2}\right]$$





• If h(t) is optimum, for any $\tilde{h}(t)$ orthogonality principle implies

$$0 = \mathbb{E}\left[\left(V(t) - \hat{V}(t)\right) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{h}(s)U(t-s)ds\right]$$
$$= \mathbb{E}\left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{h}(s)(V(t) - \hat{V}(t))U(t-s)ds\right]$$

• Interchange order of expectation and integration, $\tilde{h}(t)$ deterministic

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{h}(s) \mathbb{E}\left[(V(t) - \hat{V}(t)) U(t - s) \right] ds = 0$$

▶ Recall definitions of cross-correlation functions $R_{VU}(s)$ and $R_{\hat{V}U}(s)$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{h}(s)(R_{VU}(s) - R_{\hat{V}U}(s))ds = 0$$



• For arbitrary $\tilde{h}(t)$, orthogonality principle requires

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{h}(s)(R_{VU}(s) - R_{\hat{V}U}(s))ds = 0$$

▶ In particular, select $\tilde{h}(t) = R_{VU}(t) - R_{\hat{V}U}(t)$ to get

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (R_{VU}(s) - R_{\hat{V}U}(s))^2 ds = 0$$

 \Rightarrow Above integral vanishes if and only if $R_{VU}(s) = R_{\hat{V}U}(s)$

► At the optimum, cross-correlations $R_{VU}(s)$ and $R_{\hat{V}U}(s)$ coincide ⇒ Reasonable, since MSE is a second-order cost function



- Best filter yields estimates $\hat{V}(t)$ for which $R_{VU}(s) = R_{\hat{V}U}(s)$
- Since $\hat{V}(t)$ is the output of the LTI system h(t), with input U(t)

$$R_{\hat{V}U}(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t)R_U(s-t)dt = h(s)*R_U(s)$$

Taking Fourier transforms

$$S_{\hat{V}U}(f) = H(f)S_U(f) = S_{VU}(f)$$

 \Rightarrow The optimal Wiener filter has frequency response

$$H(f) = \frac{S_{VU}(f)}{S_U(f)}$$





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