

# Ch2, Probability & Stochastic Processes

• Importance of statistics to Communications

Source info. is random? "to the system designer"  
noise, interference --- random

• Previous exposure is expected... we do brief review

"It is the responsibility of the student to review."

## 2.1 Probability

• Example (Experiment, sample Space  $S$ , outcomes, Event  $A$ ,  $P(A)$ )  
     $\cup$  union,  $\cap$  intersection,

Probability  
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Two events are **mutually exclusive**  $\Rightarrow$  the intersection is the null event  $\emptyset$

• Joint events & their probability.  $P(A, B)$

• Conditional probability

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A, B)}{P(B)}$$

**Bayes Rule**

or

$$P(A, B) = P(A|B) P(B) = P(B|A) P(A)$$

• Statistical ~~indep~~ independence

$$P(A|B) = P(A)$$

$$P(A, B) = P(A) P(B)$$

$$P(A, B, C) = P(A) P(B) P(C)$$

### 2.1.1 Random Variable

• Represent the outcomes in terms of numbers  $X(s)$

We define the CDF (Cumulative distribution function)

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x)$$

$$-\infty < x < \infty$$

$$F(-\infty) = 0$$

$$F(\infty) = 1$$

the PDF (probability density function)

$$p(x) = \frac{dF(x)}{dx} \quad -\infty < x < \infty \quad F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x p(u) du \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

$$P(x_1 < X \leq x_2) = F(x_2) - F(x_1) = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} p(x) dx$$

• For Random Variables, we may define

joint & conditional pdf's & CDF's

• Similarly for statistical independence

$$F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = F(x_1) F(x_2) \dots F(x_n)$$

$$P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = p(x_1) p(x_2) \dots p(x_n)$$

2.1.2. Functions of Random Variables . e.g.  $Y = aX + b$

💡 Given the CDF of  $X$  can we find the CDF of  $Y$ ?

2.1.3 Statistical Averages

💡 mean expected value  $E(X) \equiv m_x = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x p(x) dx$  "first moment"

in general the  $n^{\text{th}}$  moment

$$E[X^n] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^n p(x) dx$$

$n^{\text{th}}$  central moment

$$E[(x - m_x)^n] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - m_x)^n p(x) dx$$

Variance  $\sigma_x^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - m_x)^2 p(x) dx$

$$\sigma_x^2 = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = E(X^2) - m_x^2$$

standard deviation =  $\sigma_x$

## 2.1.4 Some Useful Probability Distribution

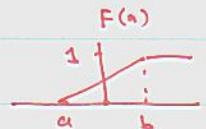
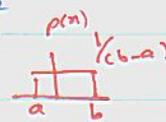
[1] Binomial distribution  $P(Y=k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$   
read text

[2] Uniform distribution between  $a$  &  $b$

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{2}(a+b)$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{12}(a-b)^2$$

🔗 sketch the pdf & CDF?



[3] Gaussian (normal) distribution

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x p(u) du = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sqrt{2}\sigma}\right)$$

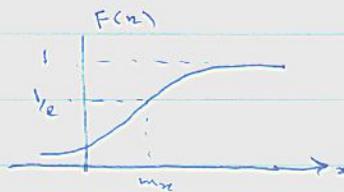
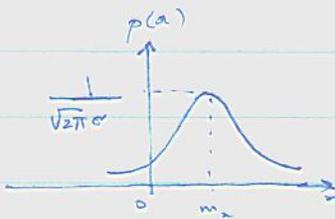
where  $\operatorname{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt$

\* notice erf, erfc  
Q function.

different definitions.

$$Q(x) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

$$\operatorname{erfc}(x) = 1 - \operatorname{erf}(x)$$



other important distributions.

[4] Chi-square  $Y = X_1^2 + X_2^2$

[5] Rayleigh distribution  $Y = \sqrt{X_1^2 + X_2^2}$

where  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are zero-mean statistically independent Gaussian R.V.

[6] Rice distribution

7 Nakagami  $m$ -distribution

8 Lognormal distribution

9 Multivariate Gaussian distribution see p. 48

### 2.1.5 Upper Bounds on the Tail Probability

It is often necessary to determine the area under the tail of the PDF

Chebyshev inequality  $P(|X - \mu| \geq \delta) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{\delta^2}$

for any positive number  $\delta$

Chernoff bound "one tail bound"

### 2.1.6 Sum of R.V.s and the central Limit Theorem very important

the sum of statistically independent & identically distributed r.v.s with finite mean and variance approaches a Gaussian CDF as  $n \rightarrow \infty$



Can be illustrated using Matlab (M)

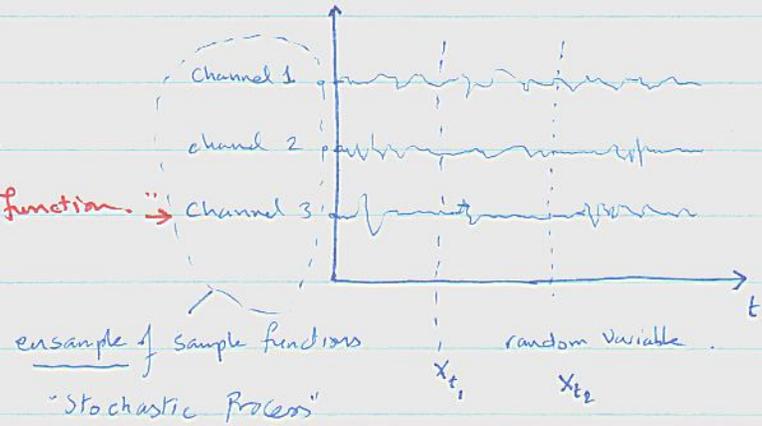
## 2.2. STOCHASTIC PROCESSES

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Define →

an ensemble of sample functions

"Sample function" →



• Many random phenomena are functions of time.

"importance"  
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noise, source, channel.

• r.v.s are characterized by pdf

• r. processes are = = joint pdf  $p(x_{t_1}, x_{t_2}, \dots)$

Def. Stationary stochastic Process

$$p(x_{t_1}, x_{t_2}, \dots, x_{t_n}) = p(x_{t_1+t}, x_{t_2+t}, \dots, x_{t_n+t})$$

for all  $t$  and all  $n$  • stationary in the strict sense"

otherwise "nonstationary"

### 2.2.1 Statistical Averages.

ensemble averages

generally depend on  $t_i$

$n^{\text{th}}$  moment  $E(X_{t_i}^n) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_{t_i}^n p(x_{t_i}) dx_{t_i}$

Auto correlation  $\phi(t_1, t_2)$

joint moment

$$= E(X_{t_1}, X_{t_2}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_{t_1} x_{t_2} p(x_{t_1}, x_{t_2}) dx_{t_1} dx_{t_2}$$

For Stationary processes

$$E(X_{t_1}, X_{t_2}) = \phi(t_1, t_2) = \phi(t_1 - t_2) = \phi(\tau)$$

$$\phi(\tau) = \phi(-\tau) \quad \text{even function}$$



$$\phi(0) = E(X_t^2) \equiv \text{average power}$$

Def.

The nonstationary process with

1) Constant mean

2)  $\phi(t_1, t_2) = \phi(t_1 - t_2)$

is called

Wide-sense stationary

WSS

Usually if we say stationary without specification we refer to WSS

### Auto covariance

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(t_1, t_2) &= E\{[X_{t_1} - m(t_1)][X_{t_2} - m(t_2)]\} \\ &= \phi(t_1, t_2) - m(t_1)m(t_2) \end{aligned}$$

for stationary process

$$\mu(t_1, t_2) = \mu(t_1 - t_2) = \mu(\tau) = \phi(\tau) - m^2$$

A Gaussian Random Process is completely characterized by its first two moments.

For Gaussian r.p. WSS  $\Rightarrow$  strict sense stationarity

### Averages for joint stochastic Processes

Let  $X(t)$ ,  $Y(t)$  be two random processes defined by the joint pdf  $P(x_{t_1}, x_{t_2}, \dots, x_{t_n}, y_{t_1}, y_{t_2}, \dots, y_{t_n})$

#### Cross-correlation function

$$\phi_{xy}(t_1, t_2) = E[X_{t_1} Y_{t_2}] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_{t_1} y_{t_2} P(x_{t_1}, y_{t_2}) dx_{t_1} dy_{t_2}$$

#### Cross-covariance

$$\mu_{xy}(t_1, t_2) = \phi_{xy}(t_1, t_2) - m_x(t_1)m_y(t_2)$$

$X(t)$  &  $Y(t)$  are statistically independent

$$p(x_{t_1}, x_{t_2}, \dots, x_{t_n}, y_{t_1}, y_{t_2}, \dots, y_{t_n}) = p(x_{t_1}, x_{t_2}, \dots, x_{t_n}) p(y_{t_1}, y_{t_2}, \dots, y_{t_n})$$

Uncorrelated if

$$\phi_{xy}(t_1, t_2) = E(X_{t_1})E(Y_{t_2}) \Rightarrow \mu_{xy}(t_1, t_2) = 0$$

Complex-valued stochastic process  $Z(t)$

$$Z(t) = X(t) + jY(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{zz}(t_1, t_2) &= \frac{1}{2} E(Z_{t_1} Z_{t_2}^*) \quad \leftarrow \text{arbitrary} \quad \text{auto correlation} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} E[(X_{t_1} + jY_{t_1})(X_{t_2} - jY_{t_2})] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \{ \phi_{xx}(t_1, t_2) + \phi_{yy}(t_1, t_2) + j[\phi_{yx}(t_1, t_2) - \phi_{xy}(t_1, t_2)] \}$$

2.2.2

Power Density Spectrum (Power Spectral Density PSD)

. A stationary stochastic process is an infinite energy signal  
(No Fourier Transform), PSD  $\Phi(f)$

$$\Phi(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(\tau) e^{-j2\pi f\tau} d\tau \quad \mathcal{F}[\phi(\tau)]$$

$$\phi(\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \bar{\Phi}(f) e^{j2\pi f\tau} df$$

$$\text{Note } \phi(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \bar{\Phi}(f) df = E(|X_t|^2) \geq 0$$

average power  
area under

$\Phi_{xy}$  cross-power density spectrum.

$\Phi(f)$  or  $\phi(\tau)$

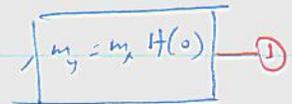
### 2.2.3 Response of a linear Time-Invariant System to a Random input Signal.

$$y = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau) x(t-\tau) d\tau$$



$$m_y = E[Y(t)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau) E[X(t-\tau)] d\tau$$

$$= m_x \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau) d\tau = m_x H(0)$$



$$\Phi_{yy}(t_1, t_2) = \frac{1}{2} E(Y_{t_1} Y_{t_2}^*)$$

auto correlation.

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\beta) h^*(\alpha) \Phi_{xx}(t_1 - t_2 + \alpha - \beta) d\alpha d\beta$$

$$\Phi_{yy}(f) = \Phi_{xx}(f) |H(f)|^2$$

power density spectrum.

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{yy}(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Phi_{yy}(f) e^{j2\pi ft} df \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Phi_{xx}(f) |H(f)|^2 e^{j2\pi ft} df \end{aligned}$$

Example 2.2.1 p 68

→ The concepts are extended to Discrete-Time process  $X(n)$  [2.2.5 p71]

$$\text{For example } \Phi(f) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(n) e^{-j2\pi fn}$$

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### 2.2.6 Cyclostationary Process

mean & autocorrelation are periodic with period = T

$$X(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n g(t-nT)$$

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random

widely used to represent sequences of data with rate  $\leq \frac{1}{T}$

# White Noise:

## "Examples for R.P. Through Linear Sys"

- flat over all frequencies "IDEAL"

$$\Phi_w(f) = \frac{N_0}{2} \text{ Watts/Hz}$$

$$\phi_w(\tau) = \frac{N_0}{2} \delta(\tau) \quad \text{By inverse Fourier Transform}$$

- Any two samples, no matter how closely together in time they are taken, are uncorrelated.
- if they are Gaussian  $\Rightarrow$  independent "statistically"

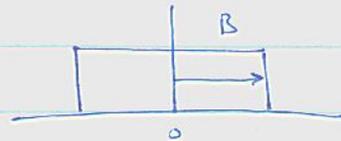
WGN represents the highest degree in "randomness"

- White noise  $\propto$  average power  $\phi_w(0) = \frac{N_0}{2} \delta(0)$ 
  - mathematically easy to deal with
  - Can be approximated for a given bandwidth

### Example I:

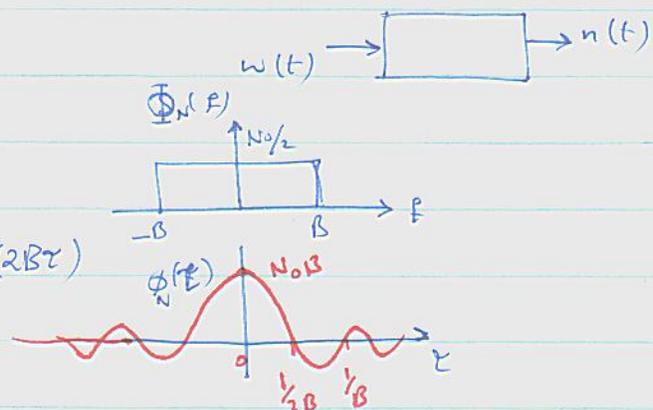
#### Ideal low Pass filtered noise:

Bandwidth = B amplitude = 1

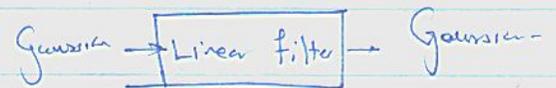


$$\Phi_N(f) = \begin{cases} \frac{N_0}{2} & -B < f < B \\ 0 & |f| > B \end{cases}$$

$$\phi_N(\tau) = \int_{-B}^B \Phi_N(f) e^{j2\pi f\tau} df = N_0 B \text{sinc}(2B\tau)$$



The output is also Gaussian.



are correlated except samples taken at  $t = \pm \frac{k}{2B}$   
 are uncorrelated "Because they are Gaussian  $\Rightarrow$  statistically independent"

$$\mu_N = \mu_w \quad H(0) = 0 \quad (\mu_w = 0)$$

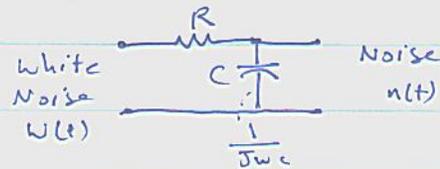
$$\sigma_N^2 = E [v^2(t)] - \mu_N^2 = \Phi_N(0) = \underbrace{N_0 B}_{\text{Watt/Hz} \cdot \text{Hz}} \text{ watts} :$$

### Example II

#### RC low-pass filtered white noise

A white Gaussian noise  $w(t)$  with zero mean and PSD  $\frac{N_0}{2}$  is applied to a low-pass RC filter.

$$H(f) = \frac{1}{1 + j2\pi fRC}$$



we get  $H(f)$  using voltage divider.

$$\frac{1/j\omega C}{R + 1/j\omega C}$$

$$\Phi_N(f) = \Phi_w(f) |H(f)|^2 = \frac{N_0/2}{1 + (2\pi fRC)^2}$$

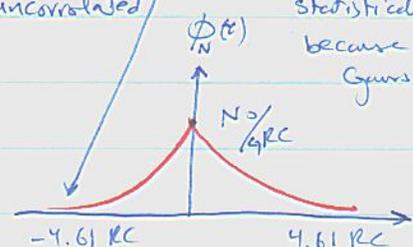
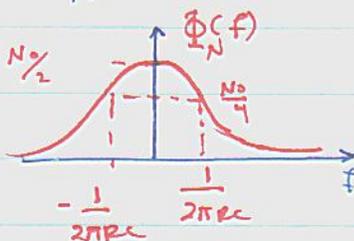
if the noise at the output is sampled at a

By inverse Fourier Transform "Tables"

rate  $\leq \frac{1}{4RC}$  samples/sec

$$\phi_N(\tau) = \frac{N_0}{4RC} \exp\left(-\frac{|\tau|}{RC}\right)$$

the resulting samples are essentially uncorrelated "statistically indep. because of being Gaussian"



A Natural Example that follows next is

Narrow-band noise:

This requires some mathematical representation which is  
the motive for Chapter 4 "Signal Representation"

