

## Chapter 6. Random Process – Temporal Characteristics

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### 6.1 The Random Process Concept

R.P. = collection of r.v.'s

$$X[n], \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad X[n], \quad n \in Z^+ = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} = \{0\} \cup N$$

$X[0], X[1], X[2], \dots$  are r.v.'s

Ex 1:  $X[n], n \in Z$ , where  $\dots, X[-1], X[0], X[1], \dots$   
are iid r.v.'s with  $f_X(x; n) = f_{X[n]}(x) = u(x) - u(x-1)$

Ex 2:  $X[n], n \in Z$ , where  $X[n] = A$  and  $A$  is a r.v. with  
 $f_A(a)$

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## 6.1 The Random Process Concept

continuous time

$$X(t), \quad -\infty < t < \infty$$

Ex 3:  $X(t) = A, \quad -\infty < t < \infty$

where  $A$  is a r.v. with  $f_A(a)$

Ex 4:  $X(t), \quad -\infty < t < \infty$  (Poisson R.P.)

$$P[X(t) = k] = \frac{(\lambda t)^k e^{-\lambda t}}{k!}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

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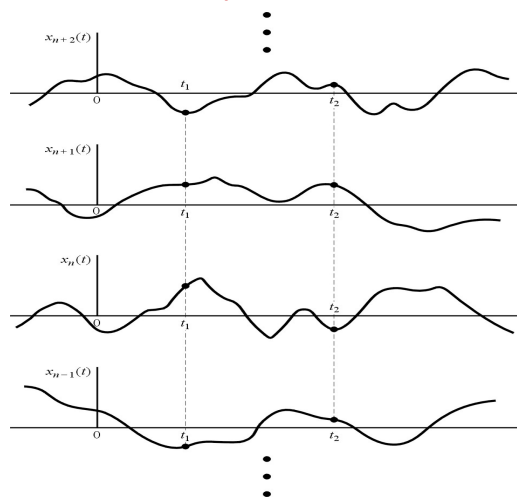
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R.P.  $X(t)$

$$x(t, s)$$

$X(t_1) = X_1$  -- r.v.

$x(t)$  -- a sample function



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## 6.1 The Random Process Concept

Classification of R.P.

1. continuous random process
2. discrete random process
3. continuous random sequence
4. discrete random sequence

continuous time  $t \Rightarrow X(t) = R.$  Process

discrete time  $n \Rightarrow X[n] = R.$  Sequence

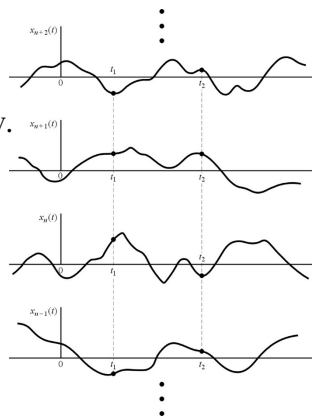
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## 6.1 The Random Process Concept

continuous random process

$t$  -- continuous

$X(t)$  -- continuous r.v.



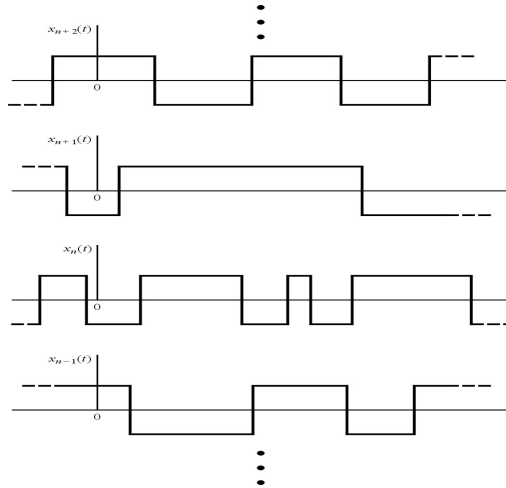
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## 6.1 The Random Process Concept

discrete random process

$t$  -- continuous

$X(t)$  -- discrete r.v.



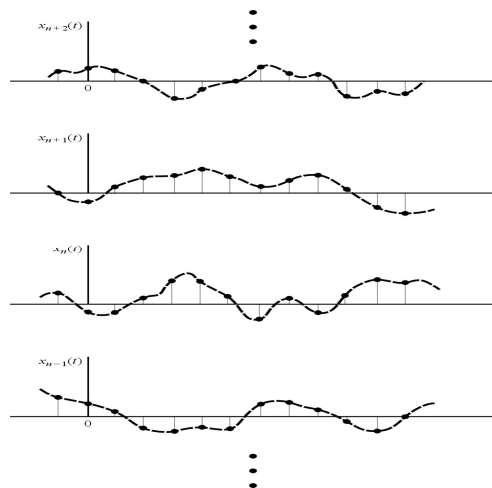
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## 6.1 The Random Process Concept

continuous random sequence

$n$  -- discrete

$X[n]$  -- continuous r.v.



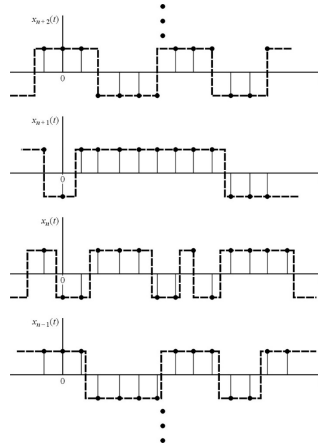
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## 6.1 The Random Process Concept

discrete random sequence

$n$  -- discrete

$X[n]$  -- discrete r.v.



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## 6.1 The Random Process Concept

Nondeterministic R.P. -- future values of any sample function can not be predicted exactly from the past values.

Most R.P.s are non-deterministic

Deterministic R.P. -- future values of any sample function can be predicted exactly from the past values.

Ex:  $X(t) = A \cos(\omega_0 t + \theta)$ ,  $A, \omega_0, \theta$ : r.v.'s

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## 6.2 Stationary and Independence

Stationary R.P. -- all its statistical properties do not change with time.

Nonstationary R.P. -- not stationary

$$F_X(x_1; t_1) = P\{X(t_1) \leq x_1\} \quad \text{1st-order distribution}$$

$$f_X(x_1; t_1) = \frac{d}{dx_1} F_X(x_1; t_1) \quad \text{1st-order density}$$

$$F_X(x_1, x_2; t_1, t_2) = P\{X(t_1) \leq x_1, X(t_2) \leq x_2\} \quad \text{2nd-order joint distribution}$$

$$f_X(x_1, x_2; t_1, t_2) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} F_X(x_1, x_2; t_1, t_2) \quad \text{2nd-order joint density}$$

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## 6.2 Stationary and Independence

Nth-order joint distribution & density

$$F_X(x_1, \dots, x_N; t_1, \dots, t_N) \quad f_X(x_1, \dots, x_N; t_1, \dots, t_N)$$

Ex 3:  $X(t) = A, \quad -\infty < t < \infty \quad f_A(a)$

$$f_X(x_1; t_1) = f_A(x_1) \quad f_X(x_1, x_2; t_1, t_2) = f_A(x_1) \delta(x_1 - x_2)$$

Mean (ensemble average)  $E[X(t)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x; t) dx$

$$E[X(t)] = \sum_i x_i P\{X(t) = x_i\}$$

Autocorrelation function of  $X(t)$

$$R_{XX}(t_1, t_2) = E[X(t_1)X(t_2)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_1 x_2 f_X(x_1, x_2; t_1, t_2) dx_1 dx_2$$

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## 6.2 Stationary and Independence

Autocovariance function of  $X(t)$

$$\begin{aligned}C_{XX}(t_1, t_2) &= E[\{X(t_1) - E[X(t_1)]\} \{X(t_2) - E[X(t_2)]\}] \\ &= R_{XX}(t_1, t_2) - E[X(t_1)]E[X(t_2)]\end{aligned}$$

Cross-correlation function of  $X(t)$  &  $Y(t)$

$$R_{XY}(t_1, t_2) = E[X(t_1)Y(t_2)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_1 y_1 f_{XY}(x_1, y_1; t_1, t_2) dx_1 dy_1$$

Cross-covariance function of  $X(t)$  &  $Y(t)$

$$\begin{aligned}C_{XY}(t_1, t_2) &= E[\{X(t_1) - E[X(t_1)]\} \{Y(t_2) - E[Y(t_2)]\}] \\ &= R_{XY}(t_1, t_2) - E[X(t_1)]E[Y(t_2)]\end{aligned}$$

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## 6.2 Stationary and Independence

$X(t)$  &  $Y(t)$  -- independent  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned}f_{XY}(x_1, \dots, x_N, y_1, \dots, y_M; t_1, \dots, t_N, \tau_1, \dots, \tau_M) \\ = f_X(x_1, \dots, x_N; t_1, \dots, t_N) f_Y(y_1, \dots, y_M; \tau_1, \dots, \tau_M)\end{aligned}$$

$X(t)$  &  $Y(t)$  -- uncorrelated  $\Leftrightarrow C_{XY}(t_1, t_2) = 0$

$X(t)$  &  $Y(t)$  -- orthogonal  $\Leftrightarrow R_{XY}(t_1, t_2) = 0$

indep.  $\Rightarrow$  uncorr.

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## 6.2 Stationary and Independence

1st-order stationary (stationary to order one)

$$f_X(x_1; t_1) = f_X(x_1; t_1 + \Delta), \quad \forall t_1, \Delta$$

$$E[X(t_1 + \Delta)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x; t_1 + \Delta) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x; t_1) dx = E[X(t_1)]$$

$$E[X(t)] = \bar{X} = \text{constant}$$

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## 6.2 Stationary and Independence

2nd-order stationary (stationary to order two)

$$f_X(x_1, x_2; t_1, t_2) = f_X(x_1, x_2; t_1 + \Delta, t_2 + \Delta), \quad \forall t_1, t_2, \Delta$$

$$f_X(x_1, x_2; t_1, t_2) = f_X(x_1, x_2; 0, t_2 - t_1)$$

2nd-order stationary  $\Rightarrow$  1st-order stationary

$$f_X(x_1; t_1) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x_1, x_2; t_1, t_2) dx_2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x_1, x_2; t_1 + \Delta, t_2 + \Delta) dx_2 = f_X(x_1; t_1 + \Delta)$$

$$2\text{nd-order stationary} \Rightarrow R_{XX}(t_1, t_1 + \tau) = E[X(t_1)X(t_1 + \tau)] = R_{XX}(\tau)$$

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## 6.2 Stationary and Independence

$$\begin{aligned} \text{widesense stationary} &\Leftrightarrow E[X(t)] = \bar{X} = \text{const} \\ &E[X(t)X(t+\tau)] = R_{XX}(\tau) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{2nd-order stationary} &\Rightarrow \text{widesense stationary} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \end{aligned}$$

Nth-order stationary

$$f_X(x_1, \dots, x_N; t_1, \dots, t_N) = f_X(x_1, \dots, x_N; t_1 + \Delta, \dots, t_N + \Delta)$$

$$\text{Nth-order stationary} \Rightarrow \text{kth-order stationary } (k < N)$$

strict-sense stationary = stationary to all orders

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## 6.2 Stationary and Independence

Ex 6.2-1:  $X(t) = A \cos(\omega_0 t + \Theta)$   $A, \omega_0$  : constants

$$f_\Theta(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \{u(\theta) - u(\theta - 2\pi)\}$$

$$E[X(t)] = \int_0^{2\pi} A \cos(\omega_0 t + \theta) \frac{1}{2\pi} d\theta = 0$$

$$R_{XX}(t, t + \tau) = E[X(t)X(t + \tau)] = A^2 E[\cos(\omega_0 t + \Theta) \cos(\omega_0(t + \tau) + \Theta)]$$

$$= \frac{A^2}{2} E[\cos(2\omega_0 t + \omega_0 \tau + 2\Theta) + \cos(\omega_0 \tau)]$$

$$= \frac{A^2}{2} E[\cos(\omega_0 \tau)] + \frac{A^2}{2} E[\cos(2\omega_0 t + \omega_0 \tau + 2\Theta)] = \frac{A^2}{2} \cos(\omega_0 \tau)$$

$$\Rightarrow X(t) \text{ -- w.s.s. (widesense stationary)}$$

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## 6.2 Stationary and Independence

jointly wide-sense stationary

$X(t)$  &  $Y(t)$  w.s.s.

$$R_{XY}(t, t + \tau) = E[X(t)Y(t + \tau)] = R_{XY}(\tau)$$

Time average

$$A[\bullet] = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T [\bullet] dt$$

$$\bar{x} = A[x(t)] = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T x(t) dt$$

time autocorrelation function

$$\mathfrak{R}_{xx}(\tau) = A[x(t)x(t + \tau)] = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T x(t)x(t + \tau) dt$$

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## 6.2 Stationary and Independence

time cross-correlation function

$$\mathfrak{R}_{xy}(\tau) = A[x(t)y(t + \tau)] = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T x(t)y(t + \tau) dt$$

$$\text{ergodic} \Leftrightarrow \begin{aligned} \bar{x} &= \bar{X} \\ \mathfrak{R}_{xx}(\tau) &= R_{XX}(\tau) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{jointly ergodic} \Leftrightarrow \begin{aligned} &\text{ergodic } X(t) \text{ and } Y(t) \\ \mathfrak{R}_{xy}(\tau) &= R_{XY}(\tau) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Mean-ergodic} \Rightarrow \bar{x} = \bar{X}$$

$$\text{Correlation-ergodic} \Rightarrow \mathfrak{R}_{xx}(\tau) = R_{XX}(\tau)$$

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## 6.3 Correlation Functions

Properties of autocorrelation function of w.s.s. r.p.:

$$R_{XX}(t, t + \tau) = E[X(t)X(t + \tau)] = R_{XX}(\tau)$$

- (1)  $|R_{XX}(\tau)| \leq R_{XX}(0)$
- (2)  $R_{XX}(-\tau) = R_{XX}(\tau)$
- (3)  $R_{XX}(0) = E[X(t)^2]$
- (4) stationary & ergodic  $X(t)$  with no periodic components  
 $\Rightarrow \lim_{|\tau| \rightarrow \infty} R_{XX}(\tau) = \bar{X}^2$
- (5) stationary  $X(t)$  has a periodic component  
 $\Rightarrow R_{XX}(\tau)$  has a periodic component with the same period.

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## 6.3 Correlation Functions

Ex 6.3-1: stationary, ergodic with no periodic component

$$R_{XX}(\tau) = 25 + \frac{4}{1 + 6\tau^2}$$

$$\lim_{|\tau| \rightarrow \infty} R_{XX}(\tau) = \bar{X}^2 \Rightarrow E[X(t)] = \bar{X} = \pm\sqrt{25} = \pm 5$$

$$\sigma_X^2 = E[X^2(t)] - (E[X(t)])^2 = R_{XX}(0) - \bar{X}^2 = 29 - 25 = 4$$

Ex 6.3-2: w.s.s.  $X(t)$   $R_{XX}(\tau) = e^{-a|\tau|}$ ,  $a > 0$

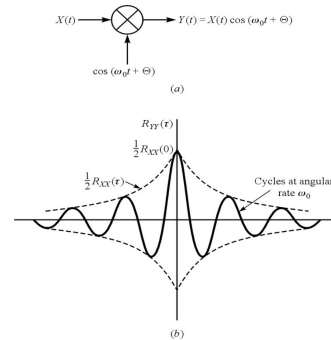
$$Y(t) = X(t) \cos(\omega_0 t + \Theta) \quad X(t) \text{ \& \Theta indep.}$$

$$\omega_0 = \text{constant} \quad f_{\Theta}(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \{u(\theta + \pi) - u(\theta - \pi)\}$$

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## 6.3 Correlation Functions

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{YY}(t, t + \tau) &= E[Y(t)Y(t + \tau)] \\
 &= E[X(t)X(t + \tau)\cos(\omega_0 t + \Theta)\cos(\omega_0 t + \omega_0 \tau + \Theta)] \\
 &= E[X(t)X(t + \tau)]E[\cos(\omega_0 t + \Theta)\cos(\omega_0 t + \omega_0 \tau + \Theta)] \\
 &= R_{XX}(\tau)\frac{1}{2}E[\cos(2\omega_0 t + \omega_0 \tau + 2\Theta) + \cos(\omega_0 \tau)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}R_{XX}(\tau)\cos(\omega_0 \tau) = R_{YY}(\tau)
 \end{aligned}$$



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## 6.3 Correlation Functions

Properties of cross-correlation function of jointly w.s.s. r.p.'s:

$$R_{XY}(\tau) = E[X(t)Y(t + \tau)]$$

- (1)  $R_{XY}(-\tau) = R_{YX}(\tau)$
- (2)  $|R_{XY}(\tau)| \leq \sqrt{R_{XX}(0)R_{YY}(0)}$
- (3)  $|R_{XY}(\tau)| \leq \frac{1}{2}[R_{XX}(0) + R_{YY}(0)]$

$$E[\{Y(t + \tau) + \alpha X(t)\}^2] \geq 0, \quad \forall \alpha$$

$$\sqrt{R_{XX}(0)R_{YY}(0)} \leq \frac{1}{2}[R_{XX}(0) + R_{YY}(0)]$$

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## 6.3 Correlation Functions

Ex 6.3-3:  $A, B$ : r.v.'s  $\omega_0 = \text{const}$

$$E[A] = E[B] = 0, \quad E[AB] = 0, \quad E[A^2] = E[B^2] = \sigma^2$$

$$X(t) = A \cos(\omega_0 t) + B \sin(\omega_0 t), \quad Y(t) = B \cos(\omega_0 t) - A \sin(\omega_0 t)$$

$$E[X(t)] = E[A \cos(\omega_0 t) + B \sin(\omega_0 t)] = E[A] \cos(\omega_0 t) + E[B] \sin(\omega_0 t) = 0$$

$$R_{XX}(t, t + \tau) = E[X(t)X(t + \tau)]$$

$$= E[A^2 \cos(\omega_0 t) \cos(\omega_0 t + \omega_0 \tau) + AB \cos(\omega_0 t) \sin(\omega_0 t + \omega_0 \tau)$$

$$+ AB \sin(\omega_0 t) \cos(\omega_0 t + \omega_0 \tau) + B^2 \sin(\omega_0 t) \sin(\omega_0 t + \omega_0 \tau)]$$

$$= \sigma^2 \{ \cos(\omega_0 t) \cos(\omega_0 t + \omega_0 \tau) + \sin(\omega_0 t) \sin(\omega_0 t + \omega_0 \tau) \} = \sigma^2 \cos(\omega_0 \tau)$$

$\Rightarrow X(t)$ : w.s.s.

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## 6.3 Correlation Functions

$Y(t)$ : w.s.s.

$$R_{XY}(\tau) = E[X(t)Y(t + \tau)]$$

$$= E\{[A \cos(\omega_0 t) + B \sin(\omega_0 t)][B \cos(\omega_0(t + \tau)) - A \sin(\omega_0(t + \tau))]\}$$

$$= E[AB \cos(\omega_0 t) \cos(\omega_0 t + \omega_0 \tau) + B^2 \sin(\omega_0 t) \cos(\omega_0 t + \omega_0 \tau)$$

$$- A^2 \cos(\omega_0 t) \sin(\omega_0 t + \omega_0 \tau) - AB \sin(\omega_0 t) \sin(\omega_0 t + \omega_0 \tau)]$$

$$= \sigma^2 [\sin(\omega_0 t) \cos(\omega_0 t + \omega_0 \tau) - \cos(\omega_0 t) \sin(\omega_0 t + \omega_0 \tau)]$$

$$= -\sigma^2 \sin(\omega_0 \tau)$$

$\Rightarrow X(t)$  &  $Y(t)$ : jointly w.s.s.

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## 6.3 Correlation Functions

Random Sequence (=Discrete-time R.P)

$$X(nT_s) = X[n]$$

$$\text{Mean} = E(X[n])$$

$$R_{XX}(n, n+k) = E(X[n]X[n+k])$$

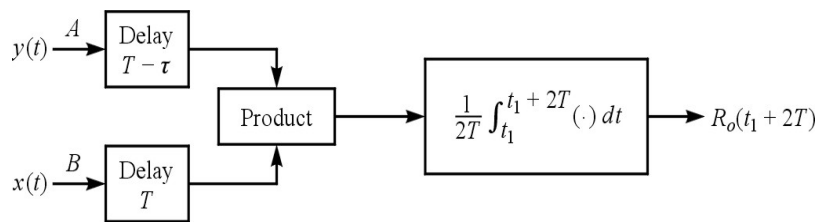
$$\begin{aligned} C_{XX}(n, n+k) &= E\{(X[n] - \bar{X}[n])(X[n+k] - \bar{X}[n+k])\} \\ &= R_{XX}(n, n+k) - \bar{X}[n]\bar{X}[n+k] \end{aligned}$$

$$R_{XY}(n, n+k) = E(X[n]Y[n+k])$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_{XY}(n, n+k) &= E\{(X[n] - \bar{X}[n])(Y[n+k] - \bar{Y}[n+k])\} \\ &= R_{XY}(n, n+k) - \bar{X}[n]\bar{Y}[n+k] \end{aligned}$$

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## 6.4 Measurement of Correlation Functions



$$R_0(t_1 + 2T) = \frac{1}{2T} \int_{t_1}^{t_1 + 2T} x(t-T)y(t-T+\tau)dt = \frac{1}{2T} \int_{t_1-T}^{t_1+T} x(t)y(t+\tau)dt$$

$$t_1 = 0 \quad \& \quad T \text{ large}$$

$$R_0(2T) = \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T x(t)y(t+\tau)dt \approx \mathfrak{R}_{xy}(\tau) = R_{XY}(\tau)$$

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## 6.4 Measurement of Correlation Functions

Ex 6.4-1:  $X(t) = A \cos(\omega_0 t + \Theta)$   $\Theta$  : uniform on  $(-\pi, \pi)$

$$\begin{aligned} R_0(2T) &= \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T A^2 \cos(\omega_0 t + \theta) \cos(\omega_0 t + \theta + \omega_0 \tau) dt \\ &= \frac{A^2}{4T} \int_{-T}^T [\cos(\omega_0 \tau) + \cos(2\omega_0 t + 2\theta + \omega_0 \tau)] dt \end{aligned}$$

$$R_0(2T) = R_{XX}(\tau) + \varepsilon(T) \quad R_{XX}(\tau) = \frac{A^2}{2} \cos(\omega_0 \tau)$$

$$\varepsilon(T) = \frac{A^2}{2} \cos(\omega_0 \tau + 2\theta) \frac{\sin(2\omega_0 T)}{2\omega_0 T}$$

$$|\varepsilon(T)| < 0.05 R_{XX}(0) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2\omega_0 T} < 0.05 \Rightarrow T > \frac{10}{\omega_0}$$

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## 6.5 Gaussian Random Process

- continuous r.p.  $X(t)$ ,  $-\infty < t < \infty$

$$f_X(x_1, \dots, x_N; t_1, \dots, t_N) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^N |C_X|}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} [x - \bar{X}]' C_X^{-1} [x - \bar{X}]\right\}$$

$$\bar{X}_i = E[X(t_i)] \quad C_{ik} = C_{XX}(t_i, t_k)$$

stationary  $\Rightarrow E[X(t)] = \bar{X}$  (const) &  $R_{XX}(t_i, t_k) = R_{XX}(t_k - t_i)$

$$C_{XX}(t_i, t_k) = C_{XX}(t_k - t_i)$$

w.s.s. Gaussian  $\Rightarrow$  strictly stationary

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## 6.5 Gaussian Random Process

Ex 6.5-1: w.s.s. gaussian r.p.  $X(t)$

$$\bar{X} = 4 \quad R_{XX}(\tau) = 25e^{-3|\tau|} \quad t_i = t_0 + \frac{i-1}{2}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3.$$

$$C_{ik} = C_{XX}(t_i, t_k) = R_{XX}(t_i, t_k) - \bar{X}^2 = 25e^{-3\frac{|k-i|}{2}} - 16$$

$$C_X = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} & C_{13} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} & C_{23} \\ C_{31} & C_{32} & C_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 25-16 & 25e^{-\frac{3}{2}}-16 & 25e^{-3}-16 \\ 25e^{-\frac{3}{2}}-16 & 25-16 & 25e^{-\frac{3}{2}}-16 \\ 25e^{-3}-16 & 25e^{-\frac{3}{2}}-16 & 25-16 \end{bmatrix}$$

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## 6.6 Poisson Random Process

-- integer-valued discrete r.p.  $X(t)$ ,  $-\infty < t < \infty$

$$X(0) = 0 \quad t_b < t_a \Rightarrow X(t_b) \leq X(t_a)$$

$$P[X(t_a) - X(t_b) = k] = \frac{[\lambda(t_a - t_b)]^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda(t_a - t_b)}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$t_d < t_c \leq t_b < t_a \Rightarrow X(t_a) - X(t_b)$  &  $X(t_c) - X(t_d)$  are indep.

$$\bar{X}(t) = E[X(t)] = \lambda t \quad R_{XX}(t, t) = E[X(t)^2] = \lambda t + (\lambda t)^2$$

$$C_{XX}(t, t) = \lambda t$$

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## 6.6 Poisson Random Process

$$0 < t_1 < t_2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} P[X(t_1) = k_1, X(t_2) = k_2] &= P[X(t_1) = k_1, X(t_2) - X(t_1) = k_2 - k_1] \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{(\lambda t_1)^{k_1}}{k_1!} e^{-\lambda t_1} \frac{[\lambda(t_2 - t_1)]^{(k_2 - k_1)}}{(k_2 - k_1)!} e^{-\lambda(t_2 - t_1)}, & k_2 \geq k_1 \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{(\lambda t_1)^{k_1} [\lambda(t_2 - t_1)]^{(k_2 - k_1)}}{k_1! (k_2 - k_1)!} e^{-\lambda t_2}, & k_2 \geq k_1 \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

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## 6.6 Poisson Random Process

$$0 < t_1 < t_2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} P[X(t_2) = k_2 | X(t_1) = k_1] &= P[X(t_2) - X(t_1) = k_2 - k_1 | X(t_1) = k_1] \\ &= P[X(t_2) - X(t_1) = k_2 - k_1] \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{[\lambda(t_2 - t_1)]^{(k_2 - k_1)}}{(k_2 - k_1)!} e^{-\lambda(t_2 - t_1)}, & k_2 \geq k_1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

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## 6.6 Poisson Random Process

Ex 6.6-1:  $X(t) = \text{Poisson r.p.}$

$$0 < t_1 < t_2 < t_3$$

$$0 \leq k_1 \leq k_2 \leq k_3 \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} & P[X(t_1) = k_1, X(t_2) = k_2, X(t_3) = k_3] \\ &= P[X(t_1) = k_1, X(t_2) - X(t_1) = k_2 - k_1, X(t_3) - X(t_2) = k_3 - k_2] \\ &= P[X(t_1) = k_1]P[X(t_2) - X(t_1) = k_2 - k_1]P[X(t_3) - X(t_2) = k_3 - k_2] \\ &= \frac{(\lambda t_1)^{k_1}}{k_1!} e^{-\lambda t_1} \frac{[\lambda(t_2 - t_1)]^{(k_2 - k_1)}}{(k_2 - k_1)!} e^{-\lambda(t_2 - t_1)} \frac{[\lambda(t_3 - t_2)]^{(k_3 - k_2)}}{(k_3 - k_2)!} e^{-\lambda(t_3 - t_2)} \\ &= \frac{(\lambda t_1)^{k_1} [\lambda(t_2 - t_1)]^{(k_2 - k_1)} [\lambda(t_3 - t_2)]^{(k_3 - k_2)}}{k_1! (k_2 - k_1)! (k_3 - k_2)!} e^{-\lambda t_3} \end{aligned}$$

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