

\* Average of indep. identically distributed (i.i.d.)  
 $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  R.V.

Ex: throw a dice 1000 times.

pull a slot machine 10000 times.

Suppose each  $X_i$  has a common mean  $\mu_x$  and common variance  $\sigma_x^2$

the sample mean is defined

$$\text{as } M_n = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n}$$

$n$  is termed the sample size

Note that a "sample mean" is not a constant but a Random variable

$$\begin{aligned} E(M_n) &= \frac{1}{n} (\mu_x + \mu_x + \dots + \mu_x) \\ &= \mu_x. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(M_n) &= \frac{1}{n^2} (\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_x^2 + \dots + \sigma_x^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sigma_x^2 \quad (\text{No cross-terms} \\ &\quad \because \text{independence}) \end{aligned}$$

The sample mean has the same mean of  $X$  but with reduced variance.

When the variance approaches zero, the sample mean  $M_n$  concentrates around the (actual) mean

### Chebyshev Inequality

$$P(|M_n - \mu| \geq \varepsilon) \leq \frac{\text{Var}(M_n)}{\varepsilon^2} = \frac{\sigma_x^2}{\varepsilon^2 \cdot n}$$

★ Weak Law of Large Numbers (WLLN)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|M_n - \mu| \geq \varepsilon) = 0$$

for any  $\varepsilon$ . || Note: WLLN applies to any (marginal) distribution  $X$ .

Intuition:

Set a large number  $n = 100,000$ . Even before I throw the dice  $n$  times, I am confident <sup>that</sup> once I finish throwing the dice, with high prob my "sample mean" (the avg of the outcome) will be very close to the true mean

$\mu$ .

# \* Strong Law of Large Numbers P. 225

$$P\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_n = \mu\right) = 1$$

Intuition:

① Fix  $n = 100,000$ , WLLN says that with high prob  $M_{100,000}$  is

close to  $\mu$ . However with small prob,  $M_{100,000}$  may be far from

$\mu$ . ② The SLLN says that even if I had a bad luck in the

first 100,000 throws, as long as I am persistent and keep throwing the

dice, in the end the sample mean will come back to  $\mu$ . (Although we

may need to throw the dice 1 million more times.)

\* WLLN & SLLN are used to model the system

Noise Voltage  $\longrightarrow$  modeled as  $G_{sn}$  with  $\mu_x = 0, \sigma_x = 1$ .

$\rightarrow$  Sample it  $\rightarrow$  check the sample mean  $M_n = \frac{1}{n}(X_1 + \dots + X_n)$ ,  $W_n = \frac{1}{n}(X_1^2 + X_2^2 + \dots + X_n^2)$  update the  $\mu$

\* Central Limit Theorem (CLT) P. 226  
- applicable to any distribution

$S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$  the sum of  
i.i.d R.V.s.

$$\mu_S = n \mu_X$$

$$\sigma_S^2 = n \sigma_X^2$$

$$\sigma_S = \sqrt{n} \sigma_X$$

Q: How to normalize  $S_n$  by  
a linear operation  $Z_n = a S_n + b$  such  
that  $Z_n$  has zero mean &  
variance 1

Ans: 
$$Z_n = \frac{1}{\sigma_S} (S_n - \mu_S)$$
$$= \frac{S_n - n \mu_X}{\sqrt{n} \cdot \sigma}$$

Q: What is the distribution of  
 $Z_n$ ?

Ans: Without the knowledge about the distri  
of  $X_i$ , I do not know the exact

distribution of  $Z_n$ , but the central limit theorem guarantees that it is going to be "close" to a standard  $G_{0,1}$ . Moreover, the larger the sample size  $n$  is, the closer the distribution of  $Z_n$  is to a standard  $G_{0,1}$ .

## Central Limit Theorem

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(Z_n \leq z) = \int_{-\infty}^z \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx$$

3 Main Ingredients:

- ①  $S_n$ : Sum of i.i.d  $X_1, \dots, X_n$
- ② Normalize  $S_n \rightarrow Z_n$
- ③  $Z_n$  has a distribution close to that of a standard  $G_{0,1}$

Note: Generally, the prob arguments are sensitive to the underlying Weight Assignment. However

WLLN, SLLN, CLT show that sometimes different W.A may have the same properties.

\* Using the CLT.

Application I: Gaussian Approximation for other R.V.s.

Ex:  $X_i$ : the outcome of an unfair dice

$$P_1 = \frac{1}{21}, P_2 = \frac{2}{21}, \dots, P_6 = \frac{6}{21}$$

$$S_{100} = X_1 + \dots + X_{100}$$

$$Q: P(S_{100} < 400.5) = ?$$

Ans: Solution 1: <sup>Step 1:</sup> Find the pmf of  $S_{100}$ . (the sample space of  $S_{100}$  is  $\{100, 101, \dots, 600\}$ )

by convolution

$$\text{Step 2: Count: } P_{100} + P_{101} + \dots + P_{400}.$$

Solution #2:

Step 1: Normalize  $S_{100}$

$$E(S_{100}) = 100 E(X) = 100 \times \frac{91}{21}$$

$$\text{Var}(S_{100}) = 100 \text{Var}(X) = 100 \times \frac{20}{9}$$

$$\sigma_{S_{100}} = \frac{10\sqrt{20}}{3} = \frac{20\sqrt{5}}{3}$$

$$\bar{Z}_{100} = \frac{1}{\frac{20\sqrt{5}}{3}} \left( S_{100} - \frac{9100}{21} \right)$$

Step 2:  $P(S_{100} < 400)$

$$= P\left(\frac{1}{\frac{20\sqrt{5}}{3}} \left( S_{100} - \frac{9100}{21} \right) < \frac{1}{\frac{20\sqrt{5}}{3}} \left( 400 - \frac{9100}{21} \right)\right)$$

$$= P(\bar{Z}_{100} < -2.236)$$

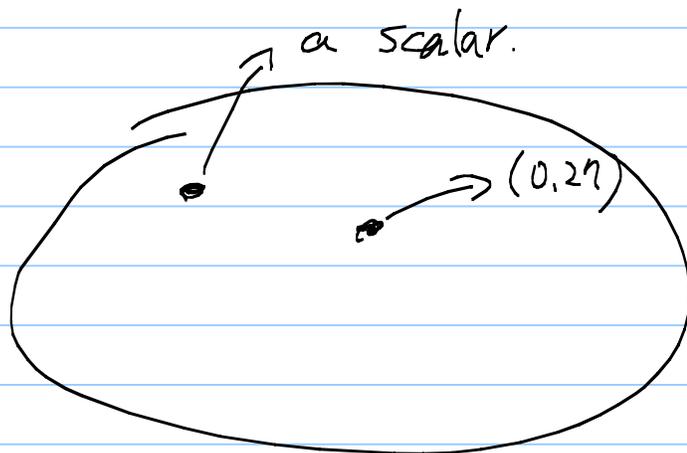
$$\approx P(Z < -2.236) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{CLT} \\ Z \text{ is standard} \\ \text{Gsn} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= \Phi(-2.236) = Q(2.236)$$

$$= 1.27\%$$

# \* Random Process

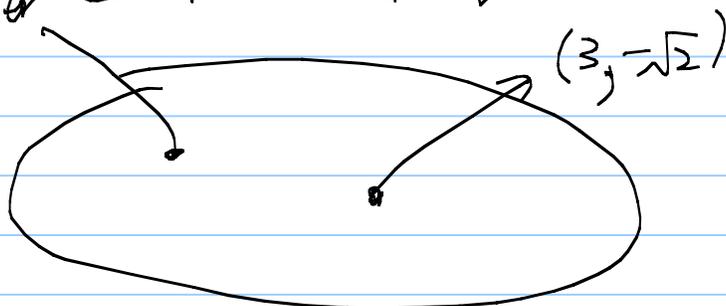
Review: 1-Dim R.V.



Sample space

W.A for each scalar.

a vector 3-Dim R.V.



Sample space

W.A for each vector.

$$\text{Ex: } P(X = (0, 0.5, 1)) = 0.5$$

$$P(X = (1, -3, -0.5)) = 0.3$$

$$P(X = (\pi, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{2})) = 0.2$$

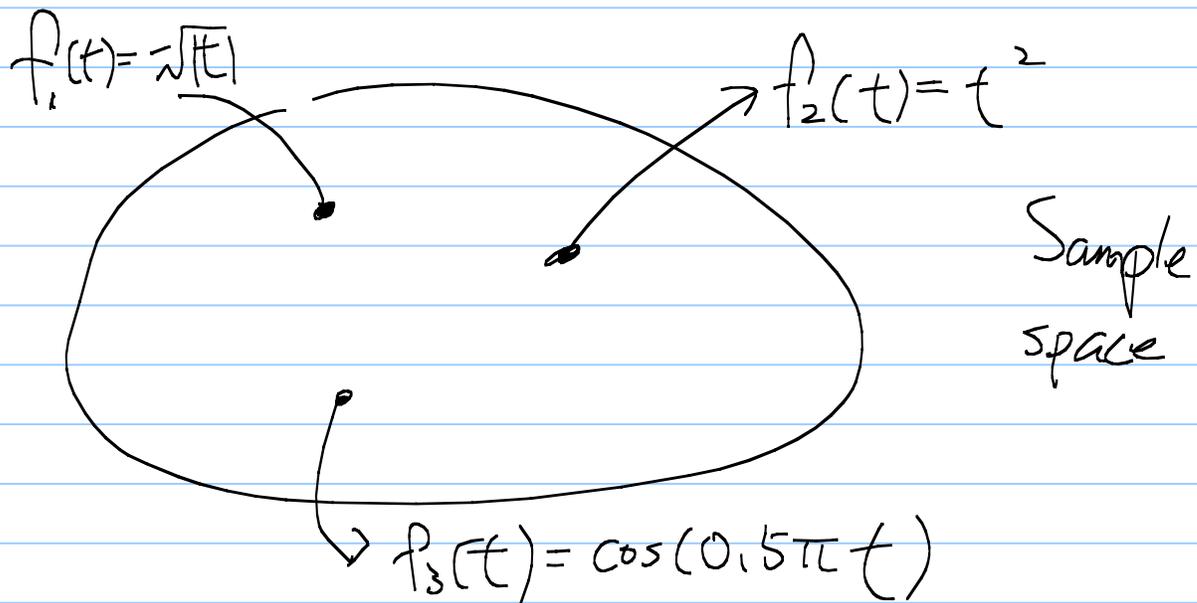
Q:  $P(\text{the second coordinate of } X > 0)$

$$\text{Ans: } = 0.5 + 0.2$$

Q  $P(\text{At least one coordinate of } X \text{ is less than } 0) = 0.3$

# Random processes

$\infty$ -dim R.V.



## Example

$$P(X(t) = f_1(t)) = 0.5$$

$$P(X(t) = f_2(t)) = 0.3$$

$$P(X(t) = f_3(t)) = 0.2$$

Q:  $P(X(4) > 0)$

Ans:  $0.3 + 0.2 = 0.5$

Q:  $P(X(t) < 0 \text{ for some } t)$

Ans:  $0.5 + 0.2 = 0.7$

We call the "random function  $X(t)$ " as a Random process.

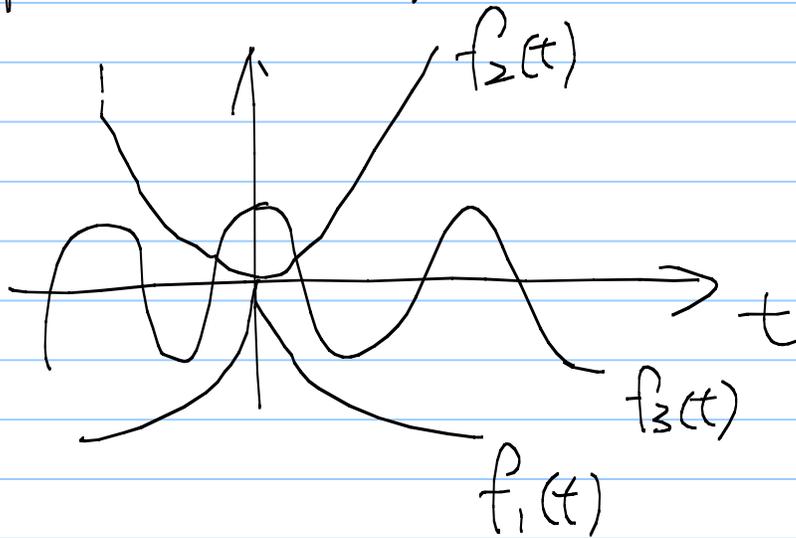
Remark:  $X(t)$  is a Random Process

$X(1), X(2,3), X(-1)$  are R.V.s.

$(X(3), X(\pi))$  are joint R.V.

The "outcome" of a R.P  $X(t)$  is a "function"  $x(t)$ , which is called the "sample path" (or "sample function" or "realization")

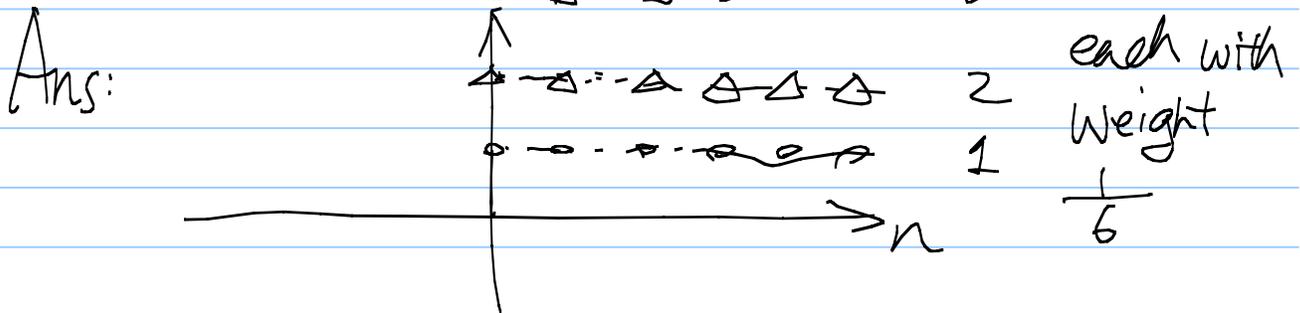
Example: there were three sample paths in the previous example



Ex: Prob 9.2

A fair die is tossed, & the output is  $k$ . Once  $k$  is decided,  $X[n] = k$  for all  $n$ .

Q: Plot some sample path of the R.P  $X[n]$



Q: Find the pmf of  $X_n$  (say  $X_6$ )

Ans:  $X_{16}$  can take values in  $\{1, \dots, 6\}$   
with prob  $\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}, \dots, \frac{1}{6}$

Q: Find the joint pmf of  $X_n, X_{n+k}$   
(say  $X_1, X_5$ )

Ans:

$X_n$ \ $X_{n+k}$	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	$\frac{1}{6}$					
2		$\frac{1}{6}$				
3			$\frac{1}{6}$			
4				$\frac{1}{6}$		
5					$\frac{1}{6}$	
6						$\frac{1}{6}$

\* Random Process  $X(t)$  or  $X[n]$

Sample space:  $\{ \text{all functions } x(t) (x[n]) \}$

W.A: Two methods of describing the W.A.

Method 1: We write  $X(t) = X(t, \zeta)$

where  $\zeta$  represents the "Random part"

and we specify the W.A of  $\zeta$ .

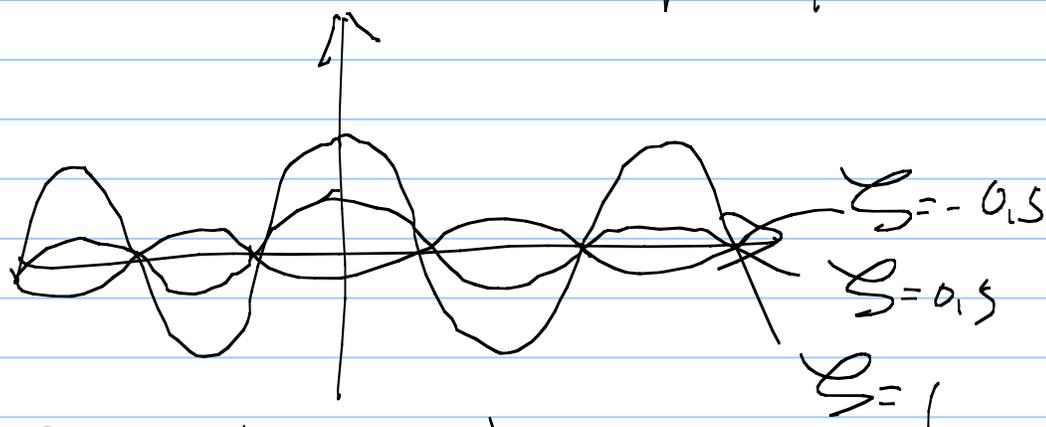
$$\text{Ex: } X(t, \zeta) = \sum \cos(2\pi t \zeta)$$

Not random  
 ↘ random

\*  $\zeta$  is uniformly distri between  $[-1, 1]$

Q: What are the sample paths?

Ans:



Q:  $P(X(\frac{1}{4}) = 0)$

Ans: = 1.

Q:  $P(|X(0) - X(\frac{1}{2})| < 0.5)$

Ans:  $P(|\zeta \cos(2\pi \cdot 0) - \zeta \cos(2\pi \cdot \frac{1}{2})| < 0.5)$

$$= P(|2\zeta| < 0.5)$$

$$= P(-0.25 < \zeta < 0.25)$$

$$= \int_{-0.25}^{0.25} \frac{1}{2} d\theta = \frac{1}{4} \#$$

Method 2: Sometimes it is impossible to specify the weights for individual sample paths. For example the trend of Dow-Jones in the future.

Instead, Specify the joint pdf/pdf for any  $k$  sample R.V.s.

Namely for any  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_k$ ,  
We specify the joint pdf/pdf of the  $k$ -dim R.V.  $(X(t_1), X(t_2), \dots, X(t_k))$

Ex: A white Gaussian R.P

for any  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_k$ ,  
(say  $k=3, t_1=\pi, t_2=-e, t_3=\sqrt{3}$ )

$(X_{t_1}, \dots, X_{t_k}) \quad (X_{\pi}, X_{-e}, X_{\sqrt{3}})$

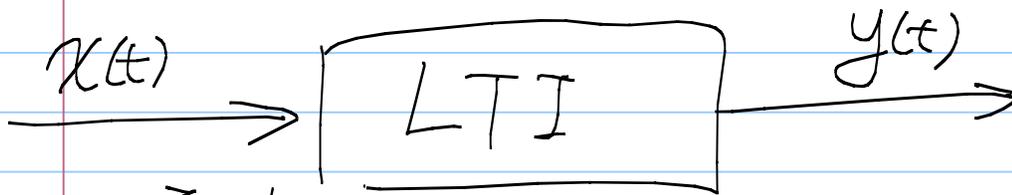
has joint pdf

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(X_{t_1})^2}{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(X_{t_2})^2}{2}} \dots \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(X_{t_k})^2}{2}}$$

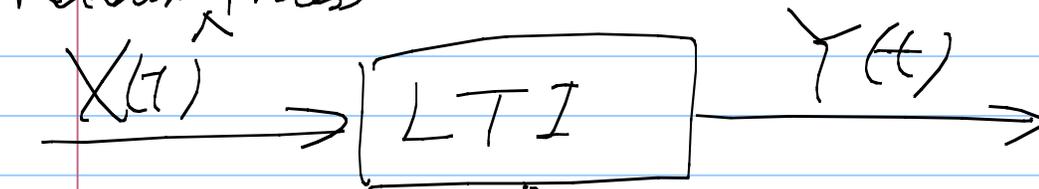
Examples 9.5, 9.6

# Why studying R.P.

deterministic



Input.  
Random Process



Noise is also random

Interested in

$P(\text{the received audio signal } Y(t) \text{ becomes inaudible}) = ?$

It is generally a very hard problem.

Recall: It is easy to find the mean & variance of a linear transform.

Therefore, most of the time we engineers focus on the mean & variance of a R.P.

★ The mean function of a R.P.

$$m_X(t) = E(X(t))$$

the mean of  $X(t)$  for a given  $t$ .

★ The variance function

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

the variance of  $X(t)$  for a given  $t$ .

Compute it for general

★ Auto correlation function

$$R_X(t_1, t_2) = E(X(t_1)X(t_2))$$

★ Auto covariance function

$$C_X(t_1, t_2) = \text{Cov}(X(t_1), X(t_2))$$

How to compute the auto correlation / covariance function?

Ans: Find the joint pdf of  $X_{t_1}, X_{t_2}$  first, then treat them as  $X, Y$  & Find the expectation.

Ex: HW15 Prob 9.2.

	$X_{n+k}$				
$X_n$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$

$$R_x(n, n+k) = E(X_n \cdot X_{n+k})$$

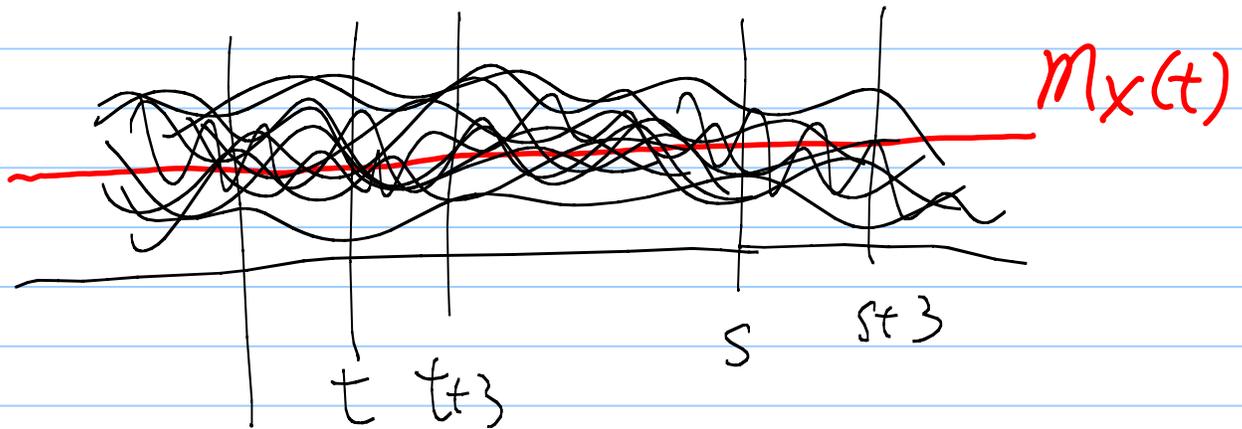
$$= 1^2 \times \frac{1}{6} + 2^2 \times \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + \dots + 6^2 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)$$

$$= \frac{91}{6}$$

$$C_x(n, n+k) = \text{Cov}(X_n, X_{n+k})$$

$$= \frac{35}{12}$$

In many real systems  
the correlation & covariance depends  
only on the distance between  $t_1, t_2$



& the mean function is  
a flat horizontal line.

We say such a R.P is

\* Wide Sense Stationary. (W.S.S)

& the  $m_x(t) \longrightarrow \underline{m_x}$  flat

$R_x(t_1, t_2) \longrightarrow R_x(\Delta t)$

I.e.  $R_x(3,5)$

$= E(X_0 \cdot X_{3,5})$

or  $= E(X_{100} \cdot X_{103,5})$