

Convolution of Two Gaussian Pulses

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_1 \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma_1^2}} * \frac{1}{\sigma_2 \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma_2^2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma_3 \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma_3^2}} \quad \sigma_3^2 = \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2$$

And, again, $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2}} dt = 1$

Derivation: convolving two Gaussians

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{\tau^2}{2\sigma_1^2}} e^{-\frac{(t-\tau)^2}{2\sigma_2^2}} d\tau$$

$$= e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma_2^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{\left(-\frac{\tau^2}{2\sigma_1^2} + \frac{t\tau}{\sigma_2^2} - \frac{\tau^2}{2\sigma_2^2}\right)} d\tau$$

Focus on exponent inside sum: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{put over common} \\ \text{denominator } \sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2 \end{array} \right.$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)}{\sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2} \left\{ \tau^2 - \left(\frac{2\sigma_1^2 t}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2} \right) \tau + \underbrace{\frac{\sigma_1^4 t^2}{(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)^2}}_{\text{complete square}} \right\}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)}{\sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2} \left\{ \left(\tau - \frac{\sigma_1^2 t}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2} \right)^2 \right\}$$

have to multiply outside of integral by: $e^{\frac{1}{2} \frac{(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)}{\sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2} \frac{\sigma_1^4 t^2}{(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)^2}}$

At this point, we have:

$$e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma_2^2}} e^{\frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma_1^2 t^2}{\sigma_2^2 (\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma_2^2} \left(\tau - \frac{\sigma_1^2 t}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2} \right)^2} d\tau$$

where:

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{\sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}$$

area = $\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma$
Gaussian distribution

Thus:

$$e^{-\frac{t^2}{2} \left\{ \frac{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 - \sigma_1^2}{\sigma_2^2 (\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)} \right\}} = e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma_3^2}}$$

where:

$$\sigma_3^2 = \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2$$

Throwing in original multiplicative scalars:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_1} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_2} \cdot \sqrt{2\pi} \frac{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}{\sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_3}$$

This completes proof.

- We know from Time-Invariance

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_1 \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(t-t_1)^2}{2\sigma_1^2}} * \frac{1}{\sigma_2 \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(t-t_2)^2}{2\sigma_2^2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma_3 \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(t - (t_1 + t_2))^2}{2\sigma_3^2}}$$

where: $\sigma_3^2 = \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2$ Variances add
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