

Session 28

Recall...

Stationary Random Processes

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"Stationary" $\triangleq$ staying in one place throughout time.

What if the n -th order distributions don't change with a shift in the time origin?

"Probabilistic behavior is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow."

Probabilistic description "stays in one place" throughout time.

Recall...

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Defn: A random process $X(t)$ is called n-th order stationary if all n-th order cdfs or pdfs are invariant to time shifts in the origin:

$$f_{X(t_1) \dots X(t_n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f_{X(t_1+c) \dots X(t_n+c)}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

for all $c \in \mathbb{R}$ and for any n time instants $t_1, \dots, t_n$.

Defn: A random process $X(t)$ is called stationary, or strict sense stationary (SSS), if $X(t)$ is n-th order stationary for all $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$

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Defn: A random process $X(t)$ is called wide-sense stationary (WSS) if

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

and

$$(ii) E[X(t_1) \cdot X(t_2)] = R(t_1 - t_2)$$

i.e., it depends on t_1 and t_2 only through the time difference $t_1 - t_2$.

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Note:

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1. If a random process $X(t)$ is first and second order ($n=1,2$) stationary, and if $E[X(t,)]$ and $E[X(t_1)X(t_2)]$ exist, then $X(t)$ is wide-sense stationary. The converse is not true.
 2. If a R.P. $X(t)$ is stationary (S.S.S), it is also wide-sense stationary (W.S.S) if $E[X(t,)]$ and $E[X(t_1)X(t_2)]$ exist.
 3. If $X(t)$ is a W.S.S R.P., $E[X(t_1)X(t_2)]$, $\text{cov}(X(t_1), X(t_2))$, and the correlation coefficient $r_{X(t_1)X(t_2)}$ will depend only on the time difference $t_1 - t_2$.

Example: Consider a R.P.

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$$X(t) = \cos(\omega_0 t + \Theta)$$

where Θ is a R.V. uniformly distributed on $[0, 2\pi]$:

$$f_{\Theta}(\theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\pi} & , 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi \\ 0 & , \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}, \omega_0 = \text{constant (radian frequency, not outcome)}$$

Is $X(t)$ W.S.S? Let's check the two defining conditions

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(i)} \quad E[X(t)] &= E[\cos(\omega_0 t + \Theta)] \\
 &= E[\cos(\omega_0 t) \cos(\Theta) - \sin(\omega_0 t) \sin(\Theta)] \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\cos(\omega_0 t) \cos \theta - \sin(\omega_0 t) \sin \theta) f_{\Theta}(\theta) d\theta \\
 &= \frac{\cos \omega_0 t}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos \theta d\theta - \frac{\sin \omega_0 t}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin \theta d\theta \\
 &= 0 \quad \therefore E[X(t)] = 0 = \text{constant} \quad \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$

n.b. Even easier:

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

integral over one period = 0

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$$\cos A \cdot \cos B = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(A+B) + \cos(A-B)]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii)}: E[X(t_1) X(t_2)] &= E[\cos(\omega_0 t_1 + \Theta) \cdot \cos(\omega_0 t_2 + \Theta)] \\
 &= E\left[\frac{1}{2} [\cos(\omega_0(t_1+t_2) + 2\Theta) + \cos(\omega_0(t_1-t_2))]\right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[E[\cos(\omega_0(t_1+t_2) + 2\Theta)] + E[\cos(\omega_0(t_1-t_2))] \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \cos(\omega_0(t_1-t_2)) \quad \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$

$$(i) E[X(t_1)] = 0 = \text{constant}$$

$$(ii) E[X(t_1)X(t_2)] = \frac{1}{2} \cos(\omega_0(t_1 - t_2))$$

A function of t_1 and t_2 only through $t_1 - t_2$.

$\therefore X(t)$ is a W.S.S R.P.

Another Example:

$$\text{Let } Y(t) = \cos(\omega_0 t + \psi)$$

where $\omega_0 = \text{constant}$

and ψ is a uniform R.V. on $[0, \pi)$.

Is $Y(t)$ W.S.S.?

$$(i) E[Y(t)] = E[\cos(\omega_0 t + \psi)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos(\omega_0 t + \psi) d\psi$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} [\cos \omega_0 t \cos \psi - \sin \omega_0 t \sin \psi] d\psi$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\cos \omega_0 t}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos \psi d\psi + \frac{\sin \omega_0 t}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin \psi d\psi \\
 &= \frac{\sin \omega_0 t}{\pi} [-\cos \psi]_0^\pi = \frac{2}{\pi} \sin \omega_0 t \\
 &\quad \neq \text{constant}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore E[\psi(t)] \neq \text{constant}$

$\Rightarrow \psi(t)$ is not W.S.S.

Defn: The mean of a R.P. $x(t)$ is

$$\mu_x(t) \triangleq E[x(t)]$$

Defn: The autocorrelation function of a R.P. $x(t)$ is

$$R_{xx}(t_1, t_2) \triangleq E[x(t_1)x(t_2)]$$

n.b. The autocorrelation function is just a measure of the correlation in $x(t)$ at time t_1 and time t_2 .

n.b. $R_{xx}(t_1, t_2) = E[X(t_1)X(t_2)]$

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$$= E[X(t_2)X(t_1)] = R_{xx}(t_2, t_1)$$

for a real random process.

n.b. The autocorrelation function is symmetric in its time arguments.

For a complex random process $X(t)$

$$R_{xx}(t_1, t_2) = E[X(t_1)X^*(t_2)] = (E[X(t_2)X^*(t_1)])^* \\ = R_{xx}^*(t_2, t_1)$$

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Defn: The autocovariance

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function of a _{real} random process

$X(t)$ is defined as

$$C_{xx}(t_1, t_2) \triangleq E[(X(t_1) - \mu_x(t_1))(X(t_2) - \mu_x(t_2))]$$

$$(\quad = \dots = R_{xx}(t_1, t_2) - \mu_x(t_1)\mu_x(t_2) \quad)$$

can easily show this

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Defn: A random process $X(t)$ is called a Gaussian random process if the RVs $X(t_1), X(t_2), \dots, X(t_n)$ are jointly Gaussian for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and any set of sample times $t_1, \dots, t_n$.

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Fact: The n -th order characteristic function of a Gaussian R.P. $X(t)$ is

$$\Phi_{X(t_1), \dots, X(t_n)}(w_1, \dots, w_n) = \exp \left\{ i \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_X(t_j) w_j \right\} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n C_{XX}(t_j, t_k) w_j w_k \right\}$$

This is a complete probabilistic description.

Fact: A Gaussian random process $X(t)$ is completely characterized by

- (i) $\mu_X(t) = E[X(t)]$
 and
 (ii) $C_{XX}(t_1, t_2) = E[(X(t_1) - \mu_X(t_1))(X(t_2) - \mu_X(t_2))]$

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Note: If a R.P. $x(t)$ is W.S.S.,
then

$$\begin{aligned} R_{xx}(t_1, t_2) &= E[x(t_1)x(t_2)] \\ &= f(t_1 - t_2) \\ &= "R_x(t_1 - t_2)" \end{aligned}$$

This is also sometimes written as

$$E[x(t+\tau)x(t)] = R_x(\tau)$$

for a W.S.S. random process.

Defn: If $x(t)$ is a W.S.S. random process with autocorrelation function $R_x(\tau)$, then the Power Spectral Density of $x(t)$ is defined as

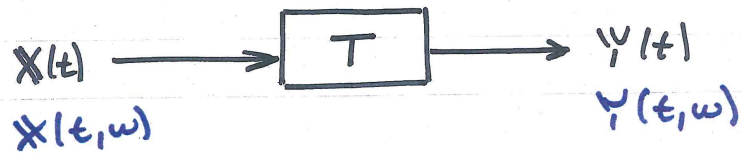
$$S_{xx}(\omega) \triangleq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R_x(\tau) e^{-i\omega\tau} d\tau$$

Here ω is radian frequency (not the outcome of experiment.)

$S_{xx}(\omega)$ is a measure of the average distribution of signal power in frequency for the R.P. $x(t)$.

Systems with Stochastic Inputs

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Given a R.P. $X(t)$, if we assign to each sample function $X(t, \omega)$ a new sample function $Y(t, \omega)$, we have a new random process

$$Y(t) = T[X(t)]$$

whose sample functions are

$$Y(t, \omega) = T[X(t, \omega)].$$

n.b. We will assume that

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$T[\cdot]$ is deterministic. (not random)

Think of

$X(t)$ = input to a system

$Y(t)$ = output of the system

$$X(t) \longrightarrow \boxed{T} \longrightarrow Y(t)$$

$$X(t, \omega) \longrightarrow \boxed{T} \longrightarrow Y(t, \omega)$$

$$Y(t, \omega) = T[X(t, \omega)], \forall \omega \in \Omega.$$

- We are interested in finding a statistical description of the output $Y(t)$ in terms of the statistical description of the input $X(t)$ and the system description $T[\cdot]$
- For general T this is very difficult
- We will look at two special cases:
 1. Linear Time Invariant (L.T.I.) Systems
 2. Memoryless Systems.

Linear Systems

A linear system $L[\cdot]$ is a transformation rule satisfying the following two properties:

$$1. L[X_1(t) + X_2(t)] = L[X_1(t)] + L[X_2(t)]$$

(Superposition)

$$2. L[A \cdot X(t)] = A \cdot L[X(t)]$$

(Homogeneity)

n.b. A can be an R.V. or a constant

Defn: A (linear) system is time-invariant if, given response $y(t)$ to input $x(t)$ it has response $y(t+c)$ for input $x(t+c)$, for all $c \in \mathbb{R}$.

A linear time invariant system is characterized by its impulse response $h(t)$:

$$\underset{\delta(t-t_0)}{\delta(t)} \rightarrow \boxed{h(t)} \rightarrow \underset{h(t-t_0)}{h(t)}$$

$$x(t) \rightarrow \boxed{h(t)} \rightarrow y(t) = x(t) * h(t).$$