

Power Spectral Density function (PSD) (Chapter 10.1)

Definition: If $X(t)$ is a WSS RP w/ $R_x(\tau)$ then the Power Spectral density of $X(t)$ is

$$S_x(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R_x(\tau) e^{-j2\pi f\tau} d\tau$$

the Fourier Transform of the autocorrelation function

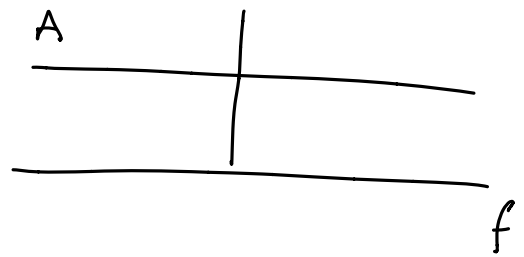
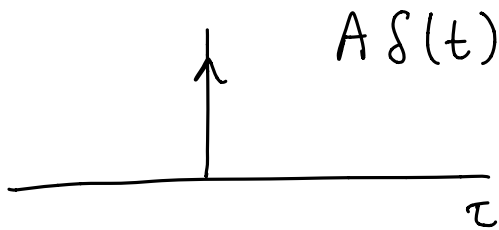
A measure of the average distribution of signal power as a function of frequency. It is only defined for WSS RPs

Examples

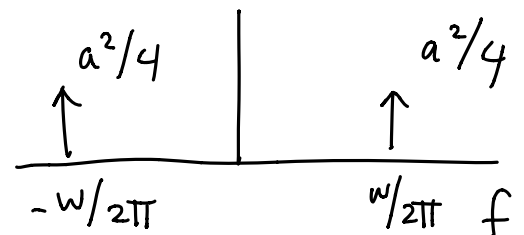
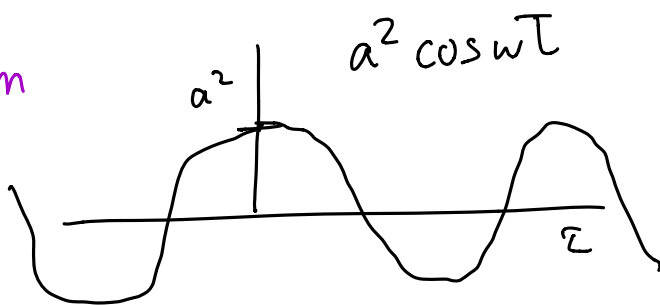
$R_x(\tau)$

$S_x(f)$

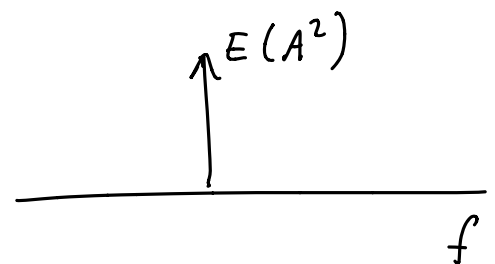
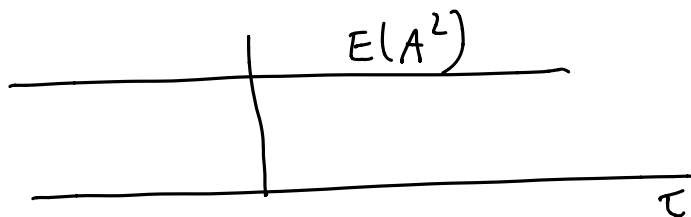
white noise



cosine w/ random phase



a constant RP $X(t)=A$



Intuition and power spectral density function

$$S_x(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R_x(\tau) e^{-j2\pi f\tau} d\tau$$

- ① PSD is just auto-correlation in another form, so it's a different way to represent the same thing
- ② Sometimes we can get more insight from one form than another. But intuition can be obtained from either

$$R_x(\tau) = E(X(t)X(t+\tau))$$

τ represents how far apart the samples we're considering are.

- (a) If there is still a high correlation when τ is large, then $X(t)$ must not vary quickly. If $X(t)$ doesn't vary quickly, it must be comprised of mostly low frequencies.
- (b) If a low correlation when τ small, then $X(t)$ typically varies quickly \Rightarrow comprised mostly of high frequencies

Properties of PSD.

① $S_x(f)$ is a real function

(because $R_x(\tau)$ is even symmetric)

②
$$R_x(\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_x(f) e^{j2\pi f\tau} df$$

③ Cannot compute $S_x(f)$ unless $X(t)$ is WSS

④ $S_x(f) \geq 0$ always

⑤ Average power

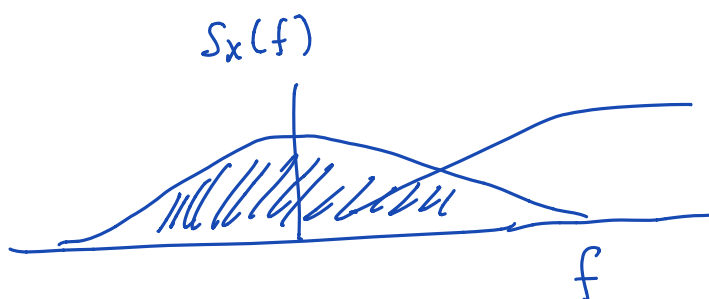
$$E(X^2(t)) = R_x(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_x(f) df$$

computed by integrating

the PSD over all frequencies

(which is consistent with the notion

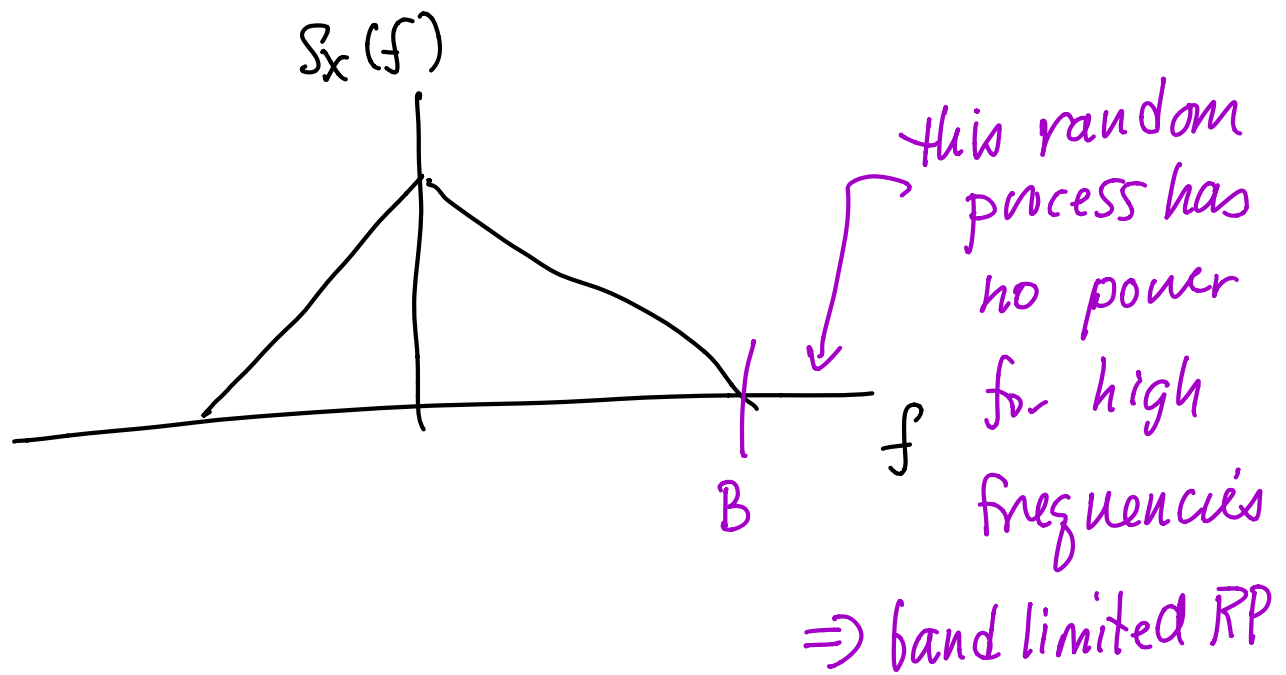
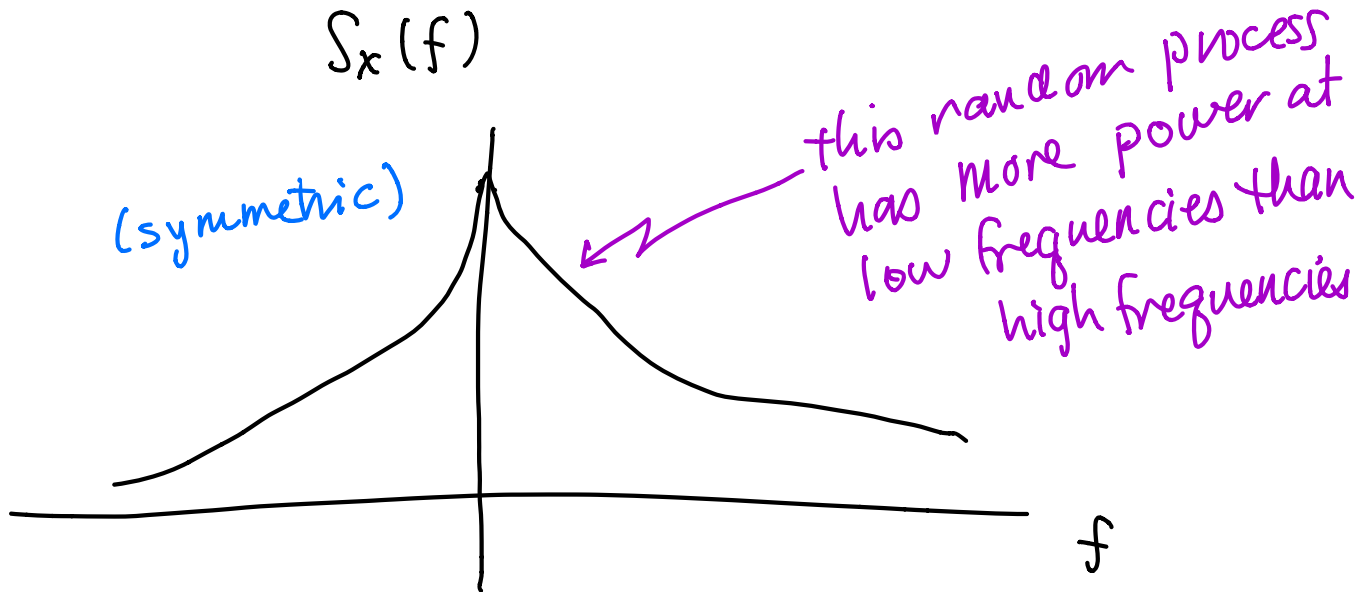
of a "power spectral density")



area under curve
is average power

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_x(f) df$$

PSD is also a measure of the average distribution of signal power as a function of frequency



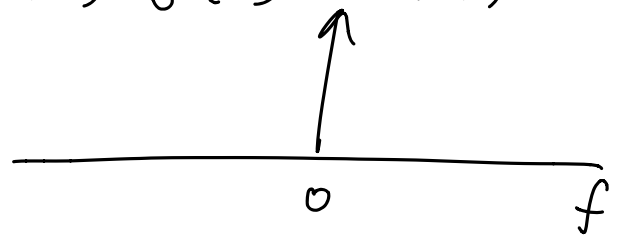
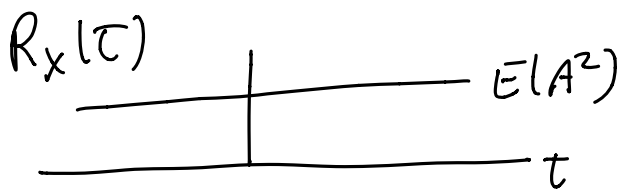
Examples of PSD

① a constant RP $X(t) = A$ where A is a RV

- This is WSS because $E(X(t)) = \text{constant}$
and $E(X(t_1)X(t_2)) = \text{a function of } (t_2 - t_1)$

$$R_x(\tau) = E(X(t)X(t+\tau)) = E(A^2)$$

$$S_x(f) = \mathcal{F}(R_x(\tau)) = E(A^2) \delta(f) \quad S_x(f)$$



② Cosine w/ random phase

θ uniform on $[0, 2\pi)$

$$X(t) = a \cos(\omega t + \theta)$$

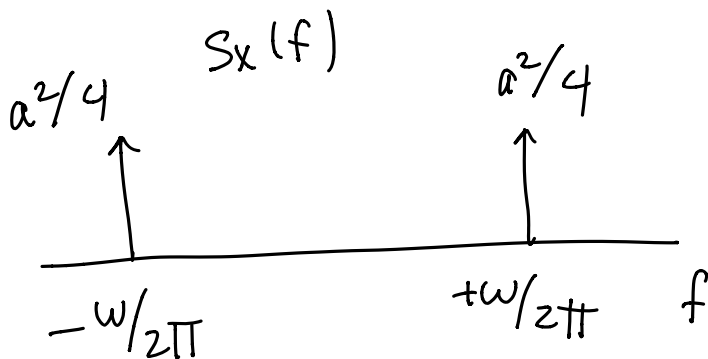
constant amplitude a .

$$E(X(t)) = 0$$

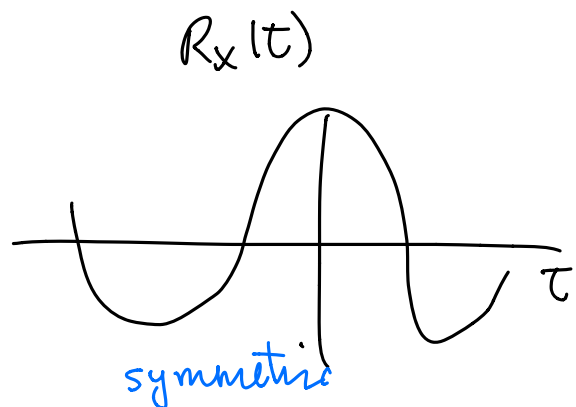
$$R_x(X(t)X(t+\tau)) = \frac{a^2}{2} \cos \omega \tau$$

\Rightarrow WSS

$$S_x(f) = \mathcal{F}(R_x(\tau)) = \frac{a^2}{4} \left[\delta\left(f - \frac{\omega}{2\pi}\right) + \delta\left(f + \frac{\omega}{2\pi}\right) \right]$$

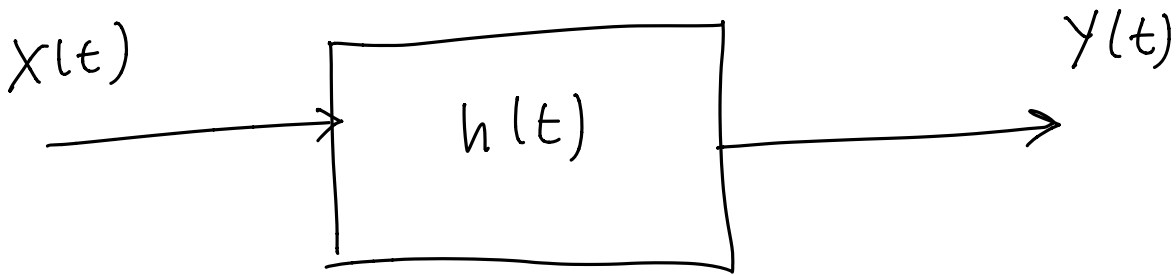


signal power focused on a given frequency



symmetric

PSD and LTI systems (Chapter 10.2)



Main result

If $X(t)$ is a WSS RP, and it is input to a stable Linear Time Invariant (LTI) system with input response $h(t)$, then the output, $Y(t)$ is also a WSS RP.

And if $X(t)$ has PSD $S_x(f)$

then $Y(t)$ has PSD

$$S_y(f) = |H(f)|^2 S_x(f)$$

(equation)
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where $H(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t) e^{-2\pi f t} dt$

Note: a stable LTI system is one for which

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(t)|^2 dt \text{ is finite}$$

Example

$X(t)$ is WSS RP

$$m_x = 10 \text{ volts} = E(X(t))$$

LTI impulse response

$$h(t) = \begin{cases} \exp(t/0.2) & 0 \leq t \leq 0.1 \text{ sec} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

What is expected value of output $y(t)$?

$$E(y(t)) = E \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau) X(t-\tau) d\tau \right]$$

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

this is a constant,
not dependent on
 t or τ , since

X is WSS

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

$$= 10 \int_0^{0.1} \exp(t/0.2) dt$$

$$= 2 (e^{1/2} - 1) = 1.3 \text{ volts}$$

Proof : $y(t) = h(t) * x(t)$

of WSS of $y(t)$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau_1) x(t - \tau_1) d\tau_1$$

we're going to have trouble w/ τ notations, so let's use τ for the autocorrelation, and τ_1 and/or τ_2 for convolution.

To show WSS, need

① $m_y(t) = \text{constant}$

$$E(y(t)) = E \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau_1) x(t - \tau_1) d\tau_1 \right]$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau_1) E(x(t - \tau_1)) d\tau_1$$

this is a constant, not dependent on t or τ_1 , since x is WSS

$$= m_x \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau_1) d\tau_1$$

$$= m_y \rightarrow \text{a constant not dependent on time}$$

$m_y = m_x H(0)$

just a scaled value of the input's mean

Also need $R_y(t, t+\tau)$ to be depend only on τ , not t .

$$\begin{aligned} & E(y(t) y(t+\tau)) \\ &= E \left[\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau_1) x(t-\tau_1) d\tau_1 \right) \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau_2) x(t+\tau-\tau_2) d\tau_2 \right) \right] \\ &= E \left[\iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau_1) h(\tau_2) x(t-\tau_1) x(t+\tau-\tau_2) d\tau_1 d\tau_2 \right] \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau_1) h(\tau_2) \underbrace{E \left[x(t-\tau_1) x(t+\tau-\tau_2) \right]}_{\substack{\text{does not depend on } t, \\ \text{because } x(t) \text{ is WSS}}} d\tau_1 d\tau_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau_1) h(\tau_2) R_x(\tau - \tau_1 + \tau_2) d\tau_1 d\tau_2$$

this depends on τ , but not on t ,

so $y(t)$ is WSS

Power Spectral Density of $y(t)$

$$S_y(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R_y(\tau) e^{-j2\pi f\tau} d\tau$$

$$= \iiint h(\tau_1) h(\tau_2) R_x(\tau - \tau_1 + \tau_2) e^{-j2\pi f\tau} d\tau_1 d\tau_2 d\tau$$

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$$= \iiint h(\tau_1) h(\tau_2) R_x(\tau') e^{-j2\pi f(\tau' + \tau_1 - \tau_2)} d\tau_1 d\tau_2 d\tau'$$

(using a change of variables

$$\text{of } \left. \begin{aligned} \tau' &= \tau - \tau_1 + \tau_2 \\ d\tau' &= d\tau \end{aligned} \right\}$$

This triple integral is now separable

$$= \left(\int h(\tau_1) e^{-j2\pi f\tau_1} d\tau_1 \right) \left(\int h(\tau_2) e^{+j2\pi f\tau_2} d\tau_2 \right) \left(\int R_x(\tau') e^{-j2\pi f\tau'} d\tau' \right)$$

$$= H(f) H(-f) S_x(f)$$

$$S_y(f) = |H(f)|^2 S_x(f)$$