

# Intro to Turbulent Flow HW2

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# 1 Stationarity and Ergodicity

For a random process to be stationary, it needs to fulfill the following conditions:

1.  $\mathbb{E}\{x_{k(t)}\} = \text{constant}$
2.  $Q_{(t,t+s)} = \mathbb{E}\{x_{k(t)}x_{k(t+s)}\} = Q_{(s)}$

To determine if a random process is ergodic the following condition needs to be met:

1.  $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T Q_{(\hat{s})} d\hat{s} = 0$

## 1.1 Random Process #1

$$x_k = a_k \sin(2\pi ft + \theta) \quad (1)$$

Where:

$$a_k \sim U[0, 1] \quad (2)$$

### 1.1.1 Stationarity

The expectation operator for  $x_k$  is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\{x_{k(t)}\} &= \int_0^1 a \sin(2\pi ft + \theta) da \\ &= \left[ \frac{1}{2} a^2 \sin(2\pi ft + \theta) \right]_0^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\pi ft + \theta) \neq \text{const} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$\Downarrow$

Not stationary

### 1.1.2 Ergodicity

The covariance function is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{(t,t+s)} &= \mathbb{E}\{x_{k(t)}x_{k(t+s)}\} \\ &= \mathbb{E}\{a_k \sin(2\pi ft + \theta) a_k \sin(2\pi f(t+s) + \theta)\} \\ &\Downarrow \sin(\alpha) \sin(\beta) = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(\alpha - \beta) + \cos(\alpha + \beta)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left\{a_k^2 \frac{1}{2} [\cos(2\pi ft + \theta - 2\pi f(t+s) - \theta) - \cos(2\pi ft + \theta + 2\pi f(t+s) + \theta)]\right\} \\ &= \int_0^1 a^2 \frac{1}{2} [\cos(2\pi fs) - \cos(4\pi ft + 2\pi fs + 2\theta)] da \\ &= \int_0^1 a^3 \frac{1}{6} [\cos(2\pi fs) - \cos(4\pi ft + 2\pi fs + 2\theta)] da \neq Q_{(s)} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

$\Downarrow$

Not ergodic



## 1.2 Random Process #2

$$x_k = a \sin(2\pi ft + \theta_k) \quad (5)$$

Where:

$$\theta_k \sim U[0, 2\pi] \quad (6)$$

### 1.2.1 Statorarity

The expectation operator for  $x_k$  is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\{x_{k(t)}\} &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2\pi} \alpha \sin(2\pi ft + \theta) d\theta \\ &= \left[ -\frac{1}{2\pi} \alpha \cos(2\pi ft + \theta) \right]_0^{2\pi} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\pi} \alpha \cos(2\pi ft + 2\pi) + \frac{1}{2\pi} \alpha \cos(2\pi ft + 0) \\ &= 0 = \text{const} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

The covariance function is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{(t,t+s)} &= \mathbb{E}\{x_{k(t)}x_{k(t+s)}\} \\ Q_{(t,t+s)} &= \mathbb{E}\{a \sin(2\pi ft + \theta_k) a \sin(2\pi f(t+s) + \theta_k)\} \\ &\Downarrow \sin(\alpha) \sin(\beta) = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(\alpha - \beta) + \cos(\alpha + \beta)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left\{a^2 \frac{1}{2} [\cos(2\pi ft + \theta_k - 2\pi f(t+s) - \theta_k) - \cos(2\pi ft + \theta_k + 2\pi f(t+s) + \theta_k)]\right\} \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} a^2 \frac{1}{4\pi} [\cos(2\pi ft + \theta - 2\pi f(t+s) - \theta) - \cos(2\pi ft + \theta + 2\pi f(t+s) + \theta)] d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \left[ a^2 \frac{1}{4\pi} \cos(2\pi fs) - a^2 \frac{1}{4\pi} \cos(4\pi ft + 2\theta + 2\pi fs) \right] d\theta \\ &= \left[ a^2 \frac{1}{4\pi} \cos(2\pi fs) \theta - a^2 \frac{1}{8\pi} \sin(4\pi ft + 2\theta + 2\pi fs) \right]_0^{2\pi} \\ &= a^2 \frac{1}{2} \cos(2\pi fs) - a^2 \frac{1}{8\pi} \sin(4\pi ft + 4\pi + 2\pi fs) + a^2 \frac{1}{8\pi} \sin(4\pi ft + 2\pi fs) \\ &= \frac{a^2}{2} \cos(2\pi fs) = Q_{(s)} \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

$\Downarrow$

Stationary



### 1.2.2 Ergodicity

To prove an ergodic process we need to check the next limit:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T Q_{(\hat{s})} d\hat{s} &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \frac{a^2}{2} \cos(2\pi f \hat{s}) d\hat{s} \\
 &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \left[ \frac{a^2}{4\pi f} \sin(2\pi f \hat{s}) \right]_0^T \\
 &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \frac{a^2}{4\pi f} \sin(2\pi f T) = 0 \quad \blacksquare \\
 &\Downarrow \\
 &\boxed{\text{Ergodic}}
 \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

### 1.3 Random Process #3

$$x_k = a_k \sin(2\pi f t + \theta_k) \tag{10}$$

Where:

$$a_k \sim U[0, 1] \quad \theta_k \sim U[0, 2\pi] \tag{11}$$

#### 1.3.1 Stationarity

The expectation operator for  $x_k$  is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{E}\{x_{k(t)}\} &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^1 a \sin(2\pi f t + \theta) da d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{a^2}{2} \sin(2\pi f t + \theta) \right]_0^1 d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{4\pi} \sin(2\pi f t + \theta) d\theta \\
 &= \left[ -\frac{1}{4\pi} \cos(2\pi f t + \theta) \right]_0^{2\pi} = 0 = \text{const}
 \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$



The covariance function is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
Q_{(t,t+s)} &= \mathbb{E} \{x_{k(t)} x_{k(t+s)}\} \\
Q_{(t,t+s)} &= \mathbb{E} \{a_k \sin(2\pi f t + \theta_k) a_k \sin(2\pi f(t+s) + \theta_k)\} \\
&\Downarrow \sin(\alpha) \sin(\beta) = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(\alpha - \beta) + \cos(\alpha + \beta)] \\
&= \mathbb{E} \left\{ a_k^2 \frac{1}{2} [\cos(2\pi f t + \theta_k - 2\pi f(t+s) - \theta_k) - \cos(2\pi f t + \theta_k + 2\pi f(t+s) + \theta_k)] \right\} \\
&= \mathbb{E} \left\{ a_k^2 \frac{1}{2} [\cos(2\pi f s) - \cos(4\pi f t + 2\theta_k + 2\pi f s)] \right\} \\
&= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^1 a^2 \frac{1}{2} [\cos(2\pi f s) - \cos(4\pi f t + 2\theta + 2\pi f s)] da d\theta \\
&= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ a^3 \frac{1}{6} [\cos(2\pi f s) - \cos(4\pi f t + 2\theta + 2\pi f s)] \right]_0^1 d\theta \\
&= \int_0^{2\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{12\pi} \cos(2\pi f s) - \frac{1}{12\pi} \cos(4\pi f t + 2\theta + 2\pi f s) \right] d\theta \\
&= \left[ \frac{1}{12\pi} \cos(2\pi f s) \theta - \frac{1}{24\pi} \sin(4\pi f t + 2\theta + 2\pi f s) \right]_0^{2\pi} \\
&= \frac{1}{6} \cos(2\pi f s) = Q_{(s)} \quad \blacksquare
\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

$\Downarrow$

Stationary

### 1.3.2 Ergodicity

To prove an ergodic process we need to check the next limit:

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T Q_{(\hat{s})} d\hat{s} &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \frac{1}{6} \cos(2\pi f \hat{s}) d\hat{s} \\
&= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \left[ \frac{1}{12\pi f} \sin(2\pi f \hat{s}) \right]_0^T \\
&= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \frac{1}{12\pi f} \sin(2\pi f T) = 0 \quad \blacksquare
\end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

$\Downarrow$

Ergodic



## 2 Getting Closure

Considering the differencing equation:

$$u_{n+1} = ru_n(1 - u_n) \quad (15)$$

### 2.1 Ensemble Average $\langle u \rangle$

In order to calculate the ensemble average  $\langle u \rangle$  we will assume that the limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n$  exists. This means there is  $n$  at which  $u_{n+1} = u_n = u$ . Hence:

$$\langle u \rangle = \langle u_n + 1 \rangle = \langle ru - ru^2 \rangle \quad (16)$$



### 3 Scalar TKE Equation

Considering the instantaneous transport equation for a passive scalar  $\tilde{T}$ :

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\tilde{T} \tilde{u}_j) = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{T}}{\partial x_j^2} \quad (17)$$

Where:

- $\tilde{T} = \bar{T} + T$
- $\tilde{u} = \bar{u} + u$
- $(\tilde{\cdot})$  - instantaneous quantity
- $(\bar{\cdot})$  - ensemble average
- $(\cdot)$  - fluctuating component representing the turbulence

In order to describe the magnitude of the fluctuations we will derive an equivalent to the TKE for the temperature fluctuations,  $\frac{1}{2} \bar{T}^2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \bar{T} + T}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} ((\bar{T} + T) (\bar{u}_j + u_j)) &= \alpha \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} (\bar{T} + T) \\ \frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\bar{T} \bar{u}_j + \bar{T} u_j + T \bar{u}_j + T u_j) &= \alpha \frac{\partial^2 \bar{T}}{\partial x_j^2} + \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x_j^2} \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Let's ensemble average:

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\bar{T} \bar{u}_j + \bar{T} u_j + T \bar{u}_j + T u_j)} &= \alpha \overline{\frac{\partial^2 \bar{T}}{\partial x_j^2}} + \alpha \overline{\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x_j^2}} \\ \frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\bar{T} \bar{u}_j + \bar{T} u_j + T \bar{u}_j + T u_j) &= \alpha \frac{\partial^2 \bar{T}}{\partial x_j^2} + \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x_j^2} \\ \frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\overline{\bar{T} \bar{u}_j + \bar{T} u_j + T \bar{u}_j + T u_j}) &= \alpha \frac{\partial^2 \bar{T}}{\partial x_j^2} \\ \frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\bar{T} \bar{u}_j + \overline{\bar{T} u_j}) &= \alpha \frac{\partial^2 \bar{T}}{\partial x_j^2} \\ \frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \bar{T} \bar{u}_j}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial \overline{\bar{T} u_j}}{\partial x_j} &= \alpha \frac{\partial^2 \bar{T}}{\partial x_j^2} \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

By subtracting Eq.19 from Eq.18 we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \cancel{\frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial t}} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\cancel{\bar{T} \bar{u}_j} + \bar{T} u_j + T \bar{u}_j + T u_j) - \cancel{\frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial t}} - \cancel{\frac{\partial \bar{T} \bar{u}_j}{\partial x_j}} - \frac{\partial \overline{\bar{T} u_j}}{\partial x_j} &= \cancel{\alpha \frac{\partial^2 \bar{T}}{\partial x_j^2}} + \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x_j^2} - \cancel{\alpha \frac{\partial^2 \bar{T}}{\partial x_j^2}} \\ \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\bar{T} u_j + T \bar{u}_j + T u_j) - \frac{\partial \overline{\bar{T} u_j}}{\partial x_j} &= \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x_j^2} \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$



By assuming incompressible flow and applying the ensemble average and subtraction to the overall continuity equation,  $\frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial x_j} = 0$  yields:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \bar{u}_j = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} u_j = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial \overline{T u_j}}{\partial x_j} = 0 \quad (21)$$

Hence we can rewrite Eq.20 as:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \bar{T} u_j}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial T \bar{u}_j}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial T u_j}{\partial x_j} &= \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x_j^2} \\ \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \cancel{\bar{T} \frac{\partial \psi_j}{\partial x_j}} + u_j \frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial x_j} + \cancel{T \frac{\partial \bar{\psi}_j}{\partial x_j}} + \bar{u}_j \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} + \cancel{T \frac{\partial \psi_j}{\partial x_j}} + u_j \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} &= \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x_j^2} \\ \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + u_j \frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial x_j} + \bar{u}_j \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} + u_j \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} &= \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x_j^2} \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

By multiplying by  $T$  we get:

$$T \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + T u_j \frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial x_j} + T \bar{u}_j \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} + T u_j \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} = T \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x_j^2} \quad (23)$$

and ensemble averaging the equation:

$$\overline{\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial T^2}{\partial t} + T u_j \frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial x_j} + T \bar{u}_j \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} + T u_j \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j}} = \overline{T \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x_j^2}} \quad (24)$$