









Filtering a stochastic process



What happens if one filters a stochastic process through a $\it linear, stable, \it casual,$ and time-invariant filter?

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Linear:} & \alpha x_1(t) + \beta x_2(t) & \Rightarrow \alpha y_1(t) + \beta y_2(t) \\ \text{Time-invariant:} & x_{t-d} & \Rightarrow y_{t-d} \end{array}$$

Notable, if x_t is WSS / Gaussian, so is y_t .

Recall that such a (discrete-time) filter may be written as

$$y_t = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h_{t-k} x_k = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h_k x_{t-k}$$

$$\begin{split} m_y &= E\left\{\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h_k x_{t-k}\right\} = m_x \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h_k = m_x H(0) \\ H(\omega) &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h_k e^{-i\omega k} \end{split}$$

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where \star denotes the convolution operator. Expressed in the frequency domain,

$$\phi_y(\omega) = |H(\omega)|^2 \phi_x(\omega)$$

Defining the cross spectral density of two stationary processes, x_t and y_t , as the DFT of the cross-covariance function, i.e.,

$$\phi_{x,y}(\omega) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} r_{x,y}(k) e^{-i\omega k}$$

Then,

$$\phi_{x,y}(\omega) = H(\omega)\phi_x(\omega)$$

This is the so-called Wiener-Hopf equation.



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