

## ECE 863

### Analysis of Stochastic Systems

Part III.2: Multiple Random Processes  
& Examples of Discrete- & Continuous-  
Time Processes

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### Multiple Random Processes

- Two random processes  $X(t, \zeta)$  and  $Y(t, \zeta)$  can be generated by the random outcomes  $\zeta$ .
- These two random processes,  $X(t)$  and  $Y(t)$ , have joint statistics:
  - cross-correlation
  - cross-covariance
  - orthogonality

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### Multiple Random Processes

- The cross-correlation function is defined as:
 

$$R_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2) = E[X(t_1)Y(t_2)].$$
- When  $Y=X$ , the cross-correlation function is the same as the autocorrelation function:
 

$$R_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2) = R_{X,X}(t_1, t_2) = R_X(t_1, t_2).$$

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## Multiple Random Processes

- The cross-covariance function is defined as:

$$C_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2) = E[\{X(t_1) - m_X(t_1)\}\{Y(t_2) - m_Y(t_2)\}]$$

$$C_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2) = R_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2) - m_X(t_1)m_Y(t_2)$$

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## Multiple Random Processes

- The two random processes  $X(t)$  and  $Y(t)$  are orthogonal if:

$$R_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2) = 0 \quad \forall t_1 \text{ and } t_2$$

- When  $X(t)$  and  $Y(t)$  are orthogonal:

$$C_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2) = -m_X(t_1)m_Y(t_2)$$

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## Multiple Random Processes

- The two random processes  $X(t)$  and  $Y(t)$  are uncorrelated when:

$$C_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2) = 0 \quad \forall t_1 \text{ and } t_2$$

- When  $X(t)$  and  $Y(t)$  are uncorrelated:

$$R_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2) = m_X(t_1)m_Y(t_2)$$

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## Example: Sinusoidal Amplitude

- Let  $\zeta$  be a random variable, and let  $X(t, \zeta)$  and  $Y(t, \zeta)$  be two random processes:

$$X(t, \zeta) = \zeta \cos(t) \quad Y(t, \zeta) = \zeta \sin(t)$$

Find the cross-covariance of  $X(t, \zeta)$  and  $Y(t, \zeta)$

$$C_{XY}(t_1, t_2) = R_{XY}(t_1, t_2) - m_X(t_1)m_Y(t_2)$$

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### Example: Sinusoidal Amplitude

- First lets find the means:

$$m_x(t) = E[\zeta \cos(t)]$$

$$m_y(t) = E[\zeta \sin(t)]$$

$$m_x(t) = E[\zeta] \cos(t)$$

$$m_y(t) = E[\zeta] \sin(t)$$

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### Example: Sinusoidal Amplitude

- The cross-correlation function

$$R_{xy}(t_1, t_2) = E[\zeta \cos(t_1) \zeta \sin(t_2)]$$

$$R_{xy}(t_1, t_2) = E[\zeta^2] \cos(t_1) \sin(t_2)$$

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### Example: Sinusoidal Amplitude

- The cross-covariance function:

$$C_{xy}(t_1, t_2) = R_{xy}(t_1, t_2) - m_x(t_1) m_y(t_2)$$

$$= \{E[\zeta^2] - (E[\zeta])^2\} \cos(t_1) \sin(t_2)$$

$$C_{xy}(t_1, t_2) = \text{VAR}(\zeta) \cos(t_1) \sin(t_2)$$

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### Example: Sinusoidal Phase

- Let  $\Theta$  be a uniform random variable over the interval  $(-\pi, \pi)$ , and let the two random processes:

$$X(t) = \cos(t + \Theta) \quad \& \quad Y(t) = \sin(t + \Theta),$$

Find the cross-covariance function of  $X(t, \Theta)$  and  $Y(t, \Theta)$

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### Example: Sinusoidal Phase

- The mean values  $m_x(t)$  and  $m_y(t)$ :

$$m_x(t) = E[\cos(t + \Theta)]$$

$$m_x(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(t + \theta) d\theta$$

$$m_x(t) = 0 \quad \text{similarly} \quad m_y(t) = 0$$

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### Example: Sinusoidal Phase

- The cross-covariance function:

$$C_{xy}(t_1, t_2) = R_{xy}(t_1, t_2) - m_x(t_1)m_y(t_2)$$

$$C_{xy}(t_1, t_2) = R_{xy}(t_1, t_2)$$

$$C_{xy}(t_1, t_2) = E[\cos(t_1 + \Theta) \sin(t_2 + \Theta)]$$

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### Example: Sinusoidal Phase

$$R_{x,y}(t_1, t_2) = E[\cos(t_1 + \Theta) \sin(t_2 + \Theta)]$$

$$= E\left[-\frac{1}{2}\sin(t_1 - t_2) + \frac{1}{2}\sin((t_1 + t_2) + 2\Theta)\right]$$

Since  $\Theta$  is uniformly distributed  $[-\pi, \pi]$

$$\Rightarrow E[\sin((t_1 + t_2) + 2\Theta)] = 0.$$

$$C_{xy}(t_1, t_2) = R_{xy}(t_1, t_2) = -\frac{1}{2}\sin(t_1 - t_2)$$

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### Independent Random Processes

- Let the two random processes  $X(t)$  and  $Y(t)$  generates the two random-variable vectors:

$$(X_1, \dots, X_k) = (X(t_1), \dots, X(t_k))$$

$$(Y_1, \dots, Y_j) = (Y(t'_1), \dots, Y(t'_j))$$

- The two random processes  $X(t)$  and  $Y(t)$  are independent when the two vectors are independent for all values of  $k$ ,  $j$ , and time-indexes:  $t_1, \dots, t_k$  &  $t'_1, \dots, t'_j$ .

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## Independent Random Processes

- Therefore, the two random processes  $X(t)$  and  $Y(t)$  are independent when:

$$F_{X_1, \dots, X_k, Y_1, \dots, Y_j}(x_1, \dots, x_k, y_1, \dots, y_j) \\ = F_{X_1}(x_1) \dots F_{X_k}(x_k) F_{Y_1}(y_1) \dots F_{Y_j}(y_j)$$

$$\forall k, j, t_1, \dots, t_k \text{ \& } t'_1, \dots, t'_j$$

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## Example: Independent Noise & Signal

- Let  $X(t)$  be a random signal generated at the transmitter of a communication system with mean  $m_X(t)$  and autocorrelation function  $R_X(t_1, t_2)$ . Let  $N(t)$  be a zero-mean additive noise (random) process, that corrupts the signal  $X(t)$ . (The two processes  $N(t)$  and  $X(t)$  are independent.)

Find the cross-correlation function between the received and transmitted signals.

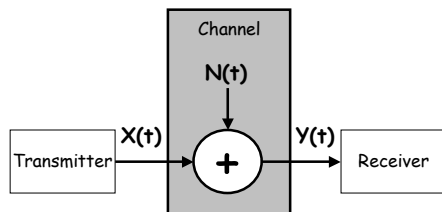
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## Example: Independent Noise & Signal

The channel has an input  $X(t)$  and output  $Y(t)$   
The cross-correlation function is a measure for how the input and output are related



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## Example: Independent Noise & Signal

- The additive noise  $N(t)$  leads to the process  
$$Y(t) = X(t) + N(t)$$
  
at the receiver.

$$R_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2) = E[X(t_1)Y(t_2)] \\ = E[X(t_1)\{X(t_2) + N(t_2)\}]$$

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### Example: Independent Noise & Signal

$$\begin{aligned} R_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2) &= \\ E[X(t_1)X(t_2)] + E[X(t_1)N(t_2)] \\ &= R_X(t_1, t_2) + E[X(t_1)]E[N(t_2)] \end{aligned}$$

$$R_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2) = R_X(t_1, t_2) + m_X(t_1)m_N(t_2)$$

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### Example: Independent Noise & Signal

- Since  $N(t)$  is a zero-mean random process:

$$m_N(t) = 0 \quad \forall t$$

Then

$$R_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2) = R_X(t_1, t_2) + m_X(t_1)m_N(t_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow R_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2) = R_X(t_1, t_2)$$

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### Example: Independent Noise & Signal

$$Y(t) = X(t) + N(t) \quad m_N(t) = 0 \quad \forall t$$

$$R_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2) = R_X(t_1, t_2)$$

- Therefore, for a "zero-mean, independent, additive noise process", the cross-correlation function between the input and output processes is the same as the auto-correlation function of the input process.
- What's about the cross-covariance  $C_{X,Y}(t_1, t_2)$ ?

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### Discrete-Time Random Processes

- A discrete-time random process  $X_{n_i}$  is a RP with countable time index-set:

$$\{n_1, n_2, \dots\}$$

- To simplify the notation, let the countable time indexes be integers:

$$\{n_1, n_2, \dots\} = \{1, 2, \dots\}$$

- Therefore, a discrete-time process  $X_n$  generates a sequence of random variables:

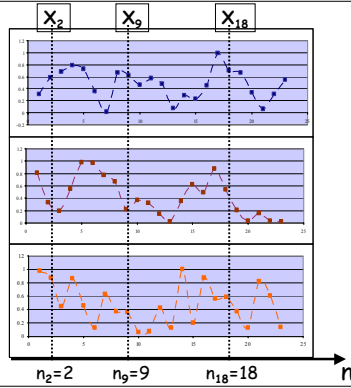
$$X_1, X_2, \dots$$

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## Discrete-Time Random Processes



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## IID Random processes

- A discrete-time random process  $X_n$  is an iid process when the sequence:

$$X_1, X_2, \dots$$

is a set of independent-identically-distributed random variables

- Therefore, the sequence have the same cdf:

$$F_{X_1}(x) = F_{X_2}(x) \dots = F_{X_k}(x) \triangleq F_X(x)$$

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## IID Random processes

- Therefore, the joint cdf of an iid process:

$$F_{X_1, \dots, X_k}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) = P[X_1 \leq x_1, X_2 \leq x_2, \dots, X_k \leq x_k]$$

$$F_{X_1, \dots, X_k}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) = F_X(x_1) F_X(x_2) \dots F_X(x_k)$$

By evaluating the joint cdf at the same value  $x$ :

$$F_{X_1, \dots, X_k}(x, x, \dots, x) = (F_X(x))^k$$

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## IID Random processes

- For an iid process  $X_n$ :

$$E[X_n] = m_X(n) = m \quad \forall n$$

$$C_X(n_1, n_2) = E[(X_{n_1} - m)(X_{n_2} - m)]$$

$$\forall n_1 \neq n_2$$

$$C_X(n_1, n_2) = E[(X_{n_1} - m)]E[(X_{n_2} - m)]$$

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## IID Random processes

- Therefore, for an iid process  $X_n$ :

$$\forall n_1 \neq n_2$$

$$C_X(n_1, n_2) = E[(X_{n_1} - m)]E[(X_{n_2} - m)]$$

$$C_X(n_1, n_2) = 0 \quad \forall n_1 \neq n_2$$

## IID Random processes

- However, for an iid process  $X_n$ :

$$C_X(n_1, n_2) = E[(X_{n_1} - m)(X_{n_2} - m)]$$

$$\forall n_1 = n_2 = n$$

$$C_X(n, n) = E[(X_n - m)^2] = \sigma^2$$

## IID Random processes

- Therefore, for an iid process  $X_n$ :

$$C_X(n_1, n_2) = 0 \quad \forall n_1 \neq n_2$$

$$C_X(n_1, n_2) = C_X(n, n) = \sigma^2 \quad \forall n_1 = n_2 = n$$

$$C_X(n_1, n_2) = \sigma^2 \delta(n_1, n_2)$$

$$\text{where } \delta(n_1, n_2) = 0 \quad \forall n_1 \neq n_2$$

$$= 1 \quad \forall n_1 = n_2$$

## IID Random processes

- Moreover, for an iid process  $X_n$ :

$$R_X(n_1, n_2) = C_X(n_1, n_2) + m^2$$

$$R_X(n_1, n_2) = \sigma^2 \delta(n_1, n_2) + m^2$$



## IID Sum Random Processes

- Special cases of iid sum processes are the "random walk" and binomial "counting" processes
- Similar to the sum of sequences of iid RVs, the sum process:

$$S_n = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$$

$$n = 1, 2, \dots$$

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## IID Sum Random Processes

- Also similar to the sum of iid RVs, if

$$E[X_1] = E[X_2] = \dots = E[X_n] = E[X] = m, \text{ then:}$$

$$m_S(n) = E[S_n] \quad m_S(n) = nm$$

Similarly for the variance of  $S_n$ :

$$\text{VAR}(S_n) = n\text{VAR}(X) \quad \text{VAR}(S_n) = n\sigma^2$$

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## IID Sum Random Processes

- Note that:

$$S_{n-1} = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{n-1}$$

$$S_n = S_{n-1} + X_n$$

$$n = 1, 2, \dots \text{ and where } S_0 = 0$$

Therefore, at any "discrete-time instance"  $n$ , the sum process  $S_n$  depends on the past only through the the previous instance ( $n-1$ ):  $S_{n-1}$

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## Example: Binomial Process

- If  $X_n = I_n$  is a Bernoulli process with probability  $p = P[I_n=1]$  ( $P[I_n=0] = 1-p$ ), then the sum:

$$S_n = I_1 + I_2 + \dots + I_n$$

is a "Binomial Process":

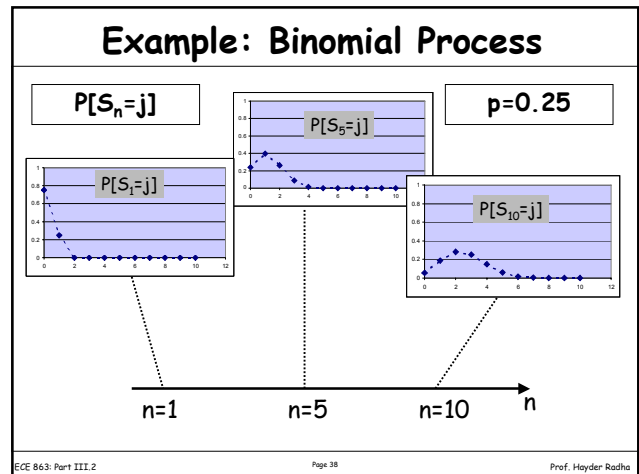
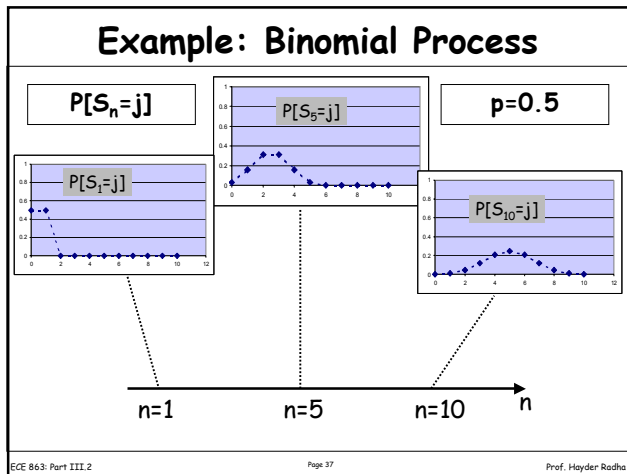
$$P[S_n = j] = \binom{n}{j} p^j (1-p)^{n-j}$$

$$\forall 0 \leq j \leq n$$

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### IID Sum Proc. - Covariance

- The autocovariance of the sum process  $S_n$  can be found using:

$$C_S(n_1, n_2) = E[(S_{n_1} - E[S_{n_1}])(S_{n_2} - E[S_{n_2}])]$$

$$C_S(n_1, n_2) = E[(S_{n_1} - n_1 m)(S_{n_2} - n_2 m)]$$

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### IID Sum Proc. - Covariance

$$C_S(n_1, n_2) = E[(S_{n_1} - n_1 m)(S_{n_2} - n_2 m)]$$

$$C_S(n_1, n_2) = E\left[\left\{\sum_{i=1}^{n_1} (X_i - m)\right\}\left\{\sum_{j=1}^{n_2} (X_j - m)\right\}\right]$$

$$C_S(n_1, n_2) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} E[(X_i - m)(X_j - m)]$$

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## IID Sum Proc. - Covariance

$$C_S(n_1, n_2) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} E[(X_i - m)(X_j - m)]$$

When  $i \neq j$ , then we have zero terms since  $X_i$  and  $X_j$  are uncorrelated (because they are independent)

$$C_S(n_1, n_2) = \sum_{i=1}^{\min(n_1, n_2)} C_X(i, i)$$

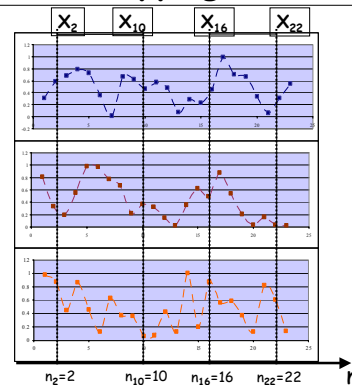
$$C_S(n_1, n_2) = \min(n_1, n_2) \sigma^2$$

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## Non-overlapping Intervals



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## IID Sum Proc. - Non-overlapping Intervals

- Over non-overlapping intervals, the sum process  $S_n$  has non-overlapping iid RVs
- Let  $S(n_1, n_2) = S_{n_2} - S_{n_1}$  and  $S(n_3, n_4) = S_{n_4} - S_{n_3}$  where  $n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < n_4$
- Therefore,
 
$$S(n_1, n_2) = X_{n_1+1} + X_{n_1+2} + \dots + X_{n_2}$$

$$S(n_3, n_4) = X_{n_3+1} + X_{n_3+2} + \dots + X_{n_4}$$

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## IID Sum Proc. - Non-overlapping Intervals

- Since  $S(n_1, n_2)$  and  $S(n_3, n_4)$  are functions of "non-overlapping" independent random variables, then  $S(n_1, n_2)$  and  $S(n_3, n_4)$  are independent:

$$P[S(n_1, n_2) = k_1, S(n_3, n_4) = k_2] \\ = P[S(n_1, n_2) = k_1] P[S(n_3, n_4) = k_2]$$

The iid sum process  $S_n$  has independent increments

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### IID Sum Proc. - Non-overlapping Intervals

- Since

$$S(n_1, n_2) = S_{n_2} - S_{n_1} = X_{n_1+1} + X_{n_1+2} + \dots + X_{n_2}$$

is the sum of  $(n_2 - n_1)$  iid random variables

$$P[S(n_1, n_2) = k] = P[S_{n_2 - n_1} = k]$$

The iid sum process  $S_n$  has stationary increments

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### IID Sum Proc. - Non-overlapping Intervals

- The “independent increments” and “stationary increments” properties of the iid sum process  $S_n$  can be used to compute joint probability functions (e.g., pmf and pdf):

$$P[S_{n_1} = k_1, S_{n_2} = k_2] =$$

$$P[S_{n_1} = k_1] P[S_{n_2} - S_{n_1} = k_2 - k_1]$$

$$P[S_{n_1} = k_1, S_{n_2} = k_2] =$$

$$P[S_{n_1} = k_1] P[S_{n_2 - n_1} = k_2 - k_1]$$

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### IID Sum Proc. - Non-overlapping Intervals

- For example,  $P[S_{n_1} = k_1, S_{n_2} = k_2]$   
 $= P[S_{n_1} = k_1, S_{n_2} - S_{n_1} = k_2 - k_1]$

independent  
increments

$$P[S_{n_1} = k_1, S_{n_2} = k_2] =$$

$$P[S_{n_1} = k_1] P[S_{n_2} - S_{n_1} = k_2 - k_1]$$

stationary  
increments

$$P[S_{n_1} = k_1, S_{n_2} = k_2] =$$

$$P[S_{n_1} = k_1] P[S_{n_2 - n_1} = k_2 - k_1]$$

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### IID Sum Proc. - Non-overlapping Intervals

- In general, for “discrete-valued”  $X_i$  of the iid sum process  $S_n = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$ ,

$$P[S_{n_1} = k_1, S_{n_2} = k_2, \dots, S_{n_m} = k_m] =$$

$$P[S_{n_1} = k_1] \prod_{i=2}^m P[S_{n_i - n_{i-1}} = k_i - k_{i-1}]$$

(See example 6.16)

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## IID Sum Proc. - Non-overlapping Intervals

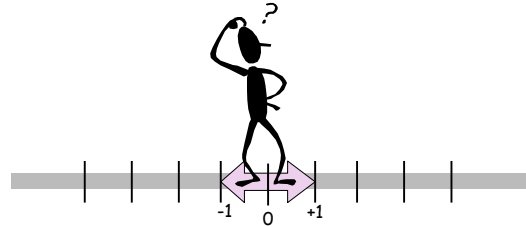
- For "continuous-valued"  $X_i$  of the iid sum process  $S_n = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$ ,

$$f_{s_{n_1}, s_{n_2}, \dots, s_{n_m}}(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_m) = f_{s_{n_1}}(z_1) \prod_{i=2}^m f_{s_{n_i} - s_{n_{i-1}}}(z_i - z_{i-1})$$

(See example 6.17)

## The "Random Walk" Process

- A person or an object taking a step with a random direction (e.g. +1, -1) generates what is known as the "random walk" process.



## The "Random Walk" Process

- The random outcome  $D_n$  (-1 or +1) of the random walk process at any given time-index  $n$ ,  $n=1,2,\dots$  can be expressed as a function of the Bernoulli process  $I_n$  (0 or +1):

$$D_n = 2I_n - 1$$

## The "Random Walk" Process

- Therefore, when

$$D_n = 2I_n - 1$$

we have:

$$D_n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } I_n = 1 \\ -1 & \text{if } I_n = 0. \end{cases}$$

$$P[D_n = +1] = P[I_n = 1] = p$$

$$P[D_n = -1] = P[I_n = 0] = 1 - p$$

## The "Random Walk" Process

- The mean  $D_n$ :

$$m_D(n) = E[D_n] = E[2I_n - 1]$$

$$m_D(n) = 2E[I_n] - 1 = 2p - 1.$$

$$m_D(n) = 2p - 1.$$

## The "Random Walk" Process

- The variance for  $D_n$ :

$$\text{VAR}[D_n] = \text{VAR}[2I_n - 1]$$

$$\text{VAR}[D_n] = 4\text{VAR}[I_n]$$

$$\text{VAR}[D_n] = 4p(1 - p)$$

## The "Random Walk" Process

- The random walk process can be expressed as the sum of the iid process  $D_n$ :

$$S_{Dn} = D_1 + D_2 + \dots + D_n$$

Therefore,  $S_{Dn}$  represents the position of the object after taking  $n$  random steps over a straight line (one-dimensional random walk).

## The "Random Walk" Process

- Now, the probability that "the object is  $d$  steps away from the origin after taking  $n$  random steps":

$$P[S_{Dn}=d]$$

is the same as the probability that the object takes  $k$  positive steps (+1) and  $n-k$  negative steps (-1):  $d = k - (n-k) = 2k - n$

$$P[S_{Dn}=d] = P[S_{Dn}=2k-n]$$

## The "Random Walk" Process

- The event " $S_{Dn}=2k-n$ " is equivalent to the event that there are  $k$  "successes" after  $n$  "trials" of a binomial process:

$$P[S_{Dn} = d] = P[S_{Dn} = 2k - n]$$

$$P[S_{Dn} = 2k - n] = P[S_n = k] \quad \forall k \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$$

where  $S_n$  is the binomial process  
(i.e. sum of Bernoulli iid RVs)

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## The "Random Walk" Process

- Therefore, :

$$\begin{aligned} P[S_{Dn} = d] &= P[S_{Dn} = 2k - n] \\ &= \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\forall k \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$$

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## The "Random Walk" Process

- Since  $d=2k-n$  where  $k=0,1,2,\dots,n$  then:

when  $n$  is even  $\Rightarrow$

$d$  is even  $\Rightarrow d \in \{0, \pm 2, \pm 4, \dots, \pm n\}$

when  $n$  is odd  $\Rightarrow$

$d$  is odd  $\Rightarrow d \in \{\pm 1, \pm 3, \dots, \pm n\}$

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## The "Random Walk" Process

- Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} P[S_{Dn} = d] &= P[S_{Dn} = 2k - n] \\ &= \binom{n}{\left(\frac{n+d}{2}\right)} p^{(n+d)/2} (1-p)^{(n-d)/2} \end{aligned}$$

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## The "Random Walk" Process

$$P[S_{Dn} = d] = \binom{n}{\frac{n+d}{2}} p^{(n+d)/2} (1-p)^{(n-d)/2}$$

It is important to note that:

$\left(\frac{n+d}{2}\right)$  and  $\left(\frac{n-d}{2}\right)$  are always integer

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## The "Random Walk" Process

- Since the random walk process is an iid sum process, then its covariance:

$$C_{SD}(n_1, n_2) = \text{VAR}[D_n] \min(n_1, n_2)$$

$$C_{SD}(n_1, n_2) = 4p(1-p) \min(n_1, n_2)$$

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## Continuous-Time Processes

- Continuous-time processes arises in many applications and systems (e.g. queueing systems)

- Important continuous-time processes include:

The Wiener Process (related to Random Walk)

The Poisson Process (related to Binomial proc.)

Other processes are derived from the above (e.g., Random Telegraph Signal from Poisson)

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## The Wiener Processes

- The "random walk" process can be extended to a continuous-time process under certain conditions
- First, let the step size be of size  $h$
- Second, let the probability of a "+h" step is the same as a "-h" step (i.e.,  $p=1/2$ )
- Third, let the object takes a step (+h or -h) every  $\delta$  time-units (e.g. seconds)

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## The Wiener Processes

- Now, we can define the sum process,  $X_\delta(t)$  which represents the position of the object at time  $t$
- Therefore, by time  $t$ , the object takes  $n$  steps, where:

$$n = \left\lfloor \frac{t}{\delta} \right\rfloor$$

$\lfloor x \rfloor$  is the largest integer smaller than or equal to  $x$

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## The Wiener Processes

- Therefore,  $X_\delta(t)$  is also a sum process:

$$X_\delta(t) = h(D_1 + D_2 + \dots + D_{\lfloor t/\delta \rfloor})$$

$$X_\delta(t) = h(D_1 + D_2 + \dots + D_n)$$

$$X_\delta(t) = hS_{Dn}$$

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## The Wiener Processes

- Now, we can evaluate the mean and variance of  $X_\delta(t)$  using results from the "random walk" process:

$$X_\delta(t) = hS_{Dn}$$

$$E[X_\delta(t)] = hE[S_{Dn}] = 0$$

$$\text{VAR}[X_\delta(t)] = h^2n \text{VAR}[D_n] = h^2n$$

remember  $\text{VAR}[D_n] = 4p(1-p)$

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## The Wiener Processes

- Now, we would like to express the variance ( $hn^2$ ) as a function of time ( $t$ ) rather than as a function of the integer ( $n$ ):  $n = \lfloor t/\delta \rfloor$
- We are also going to make the object takes very small steps ( $h$  gets very small) and much more often ( $\delta$  gets very small)
- Therefore, both  $h$  and  $\delta$  get small simultaneously

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## The Wiener Processes

- Hence,  $h$  is "proportional to"  $\delta$  :

$$h = \sqrt{\alpha \delta}$$

you can think of  $\sqrt{\alpha}$  as a "proportionality" constant

- Also, as  $\delta$  gets very small,

$$n = \lfloor t/\delta \rfloor \cong t/\delta$$

$$\lim_{\substack{h \rightarrow 0 \\ \delta \rightarrow 0}} \text{VAR}[X_\delta(t)] = \lim_{\substack{h \rightarrow 0 \\ \delta \rightarrow 0}} h^2 n = \alpha t$$

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## The Wiener Processes

- Therefore, the resulting process:

$$X(t) = \lim_{\substack{h \rightarrow 0 \\ \delta \rightarrow 0}} X_\delta(t)$$

has a variance ( $\alpha t$ ) and zero-mean

- Also,  $X(t)$  results from a sum of a very large number ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ) of iid RVs
- Therefore,  $X(t)$  is a Gaussian process

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## The Wiener Processes

- Therefore, the Wiener Process has a pdf:

$$f_{X(t)}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\alpha t}} e^{-x^2/2\alpha t}$$

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## The Wiener Processes

- The Wiener Process meets the "independent increments" and "stationary increments" properties:

$$f_{X(t_1), \dots, X(t_k)}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{k-1}, x_k) = f_{X(t_1)}(x_1) f_{X(t_2-t_1)}(x_2 - x_1) \dots f_{X(t_k-t_{k-1})}(x_k - x_{k-1})$$

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## The Wiener Processes

- Therefore,

$$f_{X(t_1), \dots, X(t_k)}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{k-1}, x_k) = \frac{\exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{x_1^2}{\alpha t_1} + \frac{(x_2 - x_1)^2}{\alpha(t_2 - t_1)} + \dots + \frac{(x_k - x_{k-1})^2}{\alpha(t_k - t_{k-1})}\right]\right\}}{\sqrt{(2\pi\alpha)^k t_1(t_2 - t_1) \dots (t_k - t_{k-1})}}$$

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## The Wiener Processes

- Is the Wiener process a Gaussian process ?
- A random process  $X(t)$  is a Gaussian process when the RVs  $X(t_1), X(t_2), \dots, X(t_k)$  are jointly Gaussian
- For the Wiener process  $X(t)$ , the RVs:  $X(t_1), (X(t_2) - X(t_1)), \dots, (X(t_k) - X(t_{k-1}))$  are independent Gaussian RVs

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## The Wiener Processes

- Since the RVs:  $X(t_1), (X(t_2) - X(t_1)), \dots, (X(t_k) - X(t_{k-1}))$  are independent Gaussian RVs it can be shown that:  $X(t_1), X(t_2), \dots, X(t_k)$  are jointly Gaussian

Therefore:

the Wiener process is a Gaussian process

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## The Wiener Processes

- The "independent and stationary increment" property enables us to compute the covariance:

$$C_X(t_1, t_2) = E[X(t_1)X(t_2)]$$

First let's assume that  $t_1 \leq t_2$

$$C_X(t_1, t_2) = E[X(t_1)\{(X(t_2) - X(t_1)) + X(t_1)\}]$$

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## The Wiener Processes

$$C_X(t_1, t_2) = E[X(t_1)\{(X(t_2) - X(t_1)) + X(t_1)\}]$$

$$C_X(t_1, t_2) = E[X(t_1)(X(t_2) - X(t_1))] + E[(X(t_1))^2]$$

$$C_X(t_1, t_2) = E[X(t_1)]E[X(t_2) - X(t_1)] + E[(X(t_1))^2]$$

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## The Wiener Processes

$$C_X(t_1, t_2) = E[(X(t_1))^2] = \text{VAR}[X(t_1)]$$

$$C_X(t_1, t_2) = \alpha t_1 \quad \text{when } t_1 \leq t_2$$

$$C_X(t_1, t_2) = \alpha t_2 \quad \text{when } t_2 \leq t_1$$

$$C_X(t_1, t_2) = \alpha \min(t_1, t_2)$$

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## The Poisson Process

- Let assume that a random event occurs at an average rate of  $\lambda$  per unit-of-time. Therefore, the average number of occurrences  $N(t)$  of the event during a time interval  $[0, t]$  is  $(\lambda t)$
- If we divide the interval  $[0, t]$  into a large number ( $n$ ) of subintervals with duration ( $\delta$ )
- The subinterval ( $\delta$ ) is small enough such that the probability that the event occurs more than once during ( $\delta$ ) is negligible

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## The Poisson Process

- Therefore, during each subinterval ( $\delta$ ) the event either occurs once or does not occur.
- Hence, the average number of occurrences of the event in these  $n$  subintervals is  $(np)$ , where  $p$  is the probability that the event occurs in a given (Bernoulli) trial
- Now, since  $n=t/\delta$ , then the average number of occurrences is  $np=(\lambda t)$

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## The Poisson Process

- This process can be modeled as a binomial process with parameters (n) and (p)
- We have shown that a binomial random variable converges to a Poisson random variable as (n) gets very large and (p) gets very small while  $np = \lambda t$
- Therefore,  $N(t)$  is a Poisson process:

$$P[N(t) = k] = \frac{(\lambda t)^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda t} \quad k = 0, 1, \dots$$

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## The Poisson Process

- Since the Poisson process is derived from the binomial process, then the Poisson process also has the "independent and stationary increments" properties:
- Therefore, for  $t_1 < t_2$

$$P[N(t_1) = k_1, N(t_2) = k_2] = P[N(t_1) = k_1] P[N(t_2) - N(t_1) = k_2 - k_1]$$

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## The Poisson Process

$$P[N(t_1) = k_1, N(t_2) = k_2] = P[N(t_1) = k_1] P[N(t_2) - N(t_1) = k_2 - k_1]$$

$$P[N(t_1) = k_1, N(t_2) = k_2] = P[N(t_1) = k_1] P[N(t_2 - t_1) = k_2 - k_1]$$

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## The Poisson Process

- The independent and stationary increment property of the Poisson process  $N(t)$  can be used to compute the Covariance of  $N(t)$  (with parameter  $\lambda$ ):

$$C_N(t_1, t_2) = \lambda \min(t_1, t_2)$$

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## The Poisson Process

- The independent and stationary increment property of the Poisson process  $N(t)$  can also be used to show that the number of arrivals ( $k$ ) in a time interval  $[0, t]$  are distributed independently and uniformly over that interval
- In particular, given that an event has occurred during  $[0, t]$ , then the probability that the event has occurred during a smaller interval  $[0, x]$ , where  $x \leq t$ :

$$P[X \leq x] = P[N(x) = 1 | N(t) = 1] = \frac{x}{t}$$

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## The Poisson Process

- It is important to recall that the inter-arrival time  $T$  of a Poisson process is an exponential random variable:

$$f_T(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t}$$

with mean  $(1/\lambda)$

- Also recall that the sum of exponential iid RVs:  $S_n = T_1 + T_2 + \dots + T_n$  is an "Erlang" random variable.

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## The Poisson Process

- Therefore, the sum of the Poisson process's inter-arrival times:  $S_n = T_1 + T_2 + \dots + T_n$  has an Erlang density function:

$$f_{S_n}(y) = \frac{(\lambda y)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \lambda e^{-\lambda y} \quad y \geq 0$$

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