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## Chapter 6 Stationary Processes

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# Stationary Processes

$$\forall \vec{t} \xrightarrow[\forall h]{\text{shift}} \vec{t} + h.$$

严平稳

Many important processes have the property that their finite-dimensional distributions are invariant under time shifts (or space shifts). These processes are called *strict-sense stationary processes*.

很难满足！

Another kind of stationary is *wide-sense stationary* while it has constant mean and its autocorrelation function is invariant under time shifts.

求其次.

(宽平稳)

$$\begin{cases} \mu_X(t) = E(X_t) = \dots = C. & \text{is constant.} \\ R_X(t, t+\tau) = E(X_t \cdot X_{t+\tau}) = \dots = R_X(\tau) \end{cases}$$

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depends only on  $\tau$ .

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# Strict Stationary Processes

## Definition

A **strict-sense stationary process** (SSS) is a stochastic process  $\{X_t\}_{t \in T}$  with the property that for **any constant  $h$** , for any positive integer  $n$ , for any  $t_1, \dots, t_n \in T$  and for any  $t_1 + h, \dots, t_n + h \in T$ ,

$$(X_{t_1}, X_{t_2}, \dots, X_{t_n})$$

and

$$(X_{t_1+h}, X_{t_2+h}, \dots, X_{t_n+h})$$

have the same  $n$ th-order probability distribution function, i.e.,

$$F_X(x_1, \dots, x_n; t_1, \dots, t_n) = F_X(x_1, \dots, x_n; t_1 + h, \dots, t_n + h)$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}$ .

# Strict Stationary Processes

$$d=1. \quad X_t \stackrel{d.}{=} X_{t+h} \quad \mu_X(t) = E(X_t) = E(X_0) = \text{const.}$$

esp.  $h = -t. \quad X_t \stackrel{d.}{=} X_0, \forall t.$

## Remark

For a SSS process, *the first-order distribution is independent of  $t$* . To see this, note that from the definition of stationarity, for any  $t$ , the distribution of  $X(t)$  is as same as  $X(t+h)$ .

*The second-order distribution* — the distribution of any two r.v.s  $X(s)$  and  $X(t)$  *depends only on  $\tau = t - s$* . To see this, take  $h = -s$ , the joint distribution of  $X(s)$  and  $X(t)$  is the same as the joint distribution of  $X(0)$  and  $X(t-s)$ .

$$d=2. \quad (X_t, X_{t+\tau}) \stackrel{d.}{=} (X_{t+h}, X_{t+\tau+h})$$

$R_X(t, t+\tau) = R_X(0, \tau) = R_X(\tau)$

esp.  $h = -t. \quad (X_t, X_{t+\tau}) \stackrel{d.}{=} (X_0, X_\tau)$

# Strict Stationary Processes

二阶矩过程

## Definition

A process  $\{X_t\}_{t \in T}$  is said to be of second order if

$$E(X_t^2) < \infty \quad \text{for all } t \in T.$$

$$E(X_s X_t)^2 \leq E(X_s^2) \cdot E(X_t^2)$$

## Theorem

Suppose that the process  $\{X_t\}_{t \in T}$  is ~~strict-sense stationary~~ and of ~~second~~ order. Then

- (i) for all  $t \in T$ ,  $\mu_X(t) = E(X_t) = \text{constant}$ ;
- (ii)  $R_X(s, t) = E(X_s X_t)$  depends only on the time difference  $t - s$  for all  $t, s \in T$ .

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**Proof.** (i) By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we have

$$[E(X_t)]^2 \leq E(X_t^2) < +\infty,$$

thus  $E(X_t)$  exists.

If we let  $h = -t$  in the definition of strict-sense stationary process, then we conclude that  $X_t$  and  $X_0$  have the same distribution function. Hence,

$$\mu_X(t) = E(X_t) = E(X_{t-t}) = E(X_0)$$

is a constant.

# Strict Stationary Processes

(ii) By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we have

$$[E(X_s X_t)]^2 \leq E(X_s^2) E(X_t^2) < +\infty.$$

Thus  $E(X_s X_t)$  exists.

If we let  $h = -s$ , then  $(X_s, X_t)$  and  $(X_0, X_{t-s})$  have the same distribution function. It follows that

$$E(X_s X_t) = E(X_0 X_{t-s}),$$

that is,

$$R_X(s, s + \tau) = E(X_0 X_\tau) = R_X(\tau),$$

where  $\tau = t - s$ . Therefore,  $R_X(s, t)$  depends only on the time difference  $t - s$ . □



# Strict Stationary Processes

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - \mu_X \cdot \mu_Y$$

Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned} C_X(t, t+\tau) &= E[(X_t - \mu_X)(X_{t+\tau} - \mu_X)] \\ &= \cancel{E(X_t X_{t+\tau}) - E(X_t \mu_X) - E(\mu_X X_{t+\tau}) + E(\mu_X^2)} \\ &= R_X(\tau) - \mu_X^2 = C_X(\tau) \end{aligned}$$

depends only on  $\tau$  and

$$\sigma_X^2(t) = C_X(0) = \boxed{R_X(0)} - \mu_X^2$$

is a constant.

$$R_X(0) = E(X_t^2), \quad \forall t.$$

$$R_X(\tau) = E(X_t \cdot X_{t+\tau})^2$$

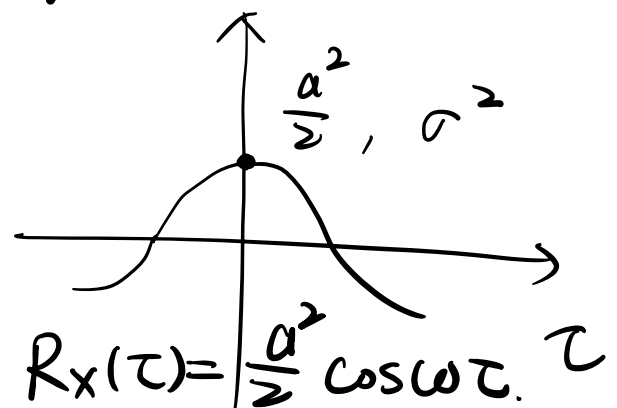
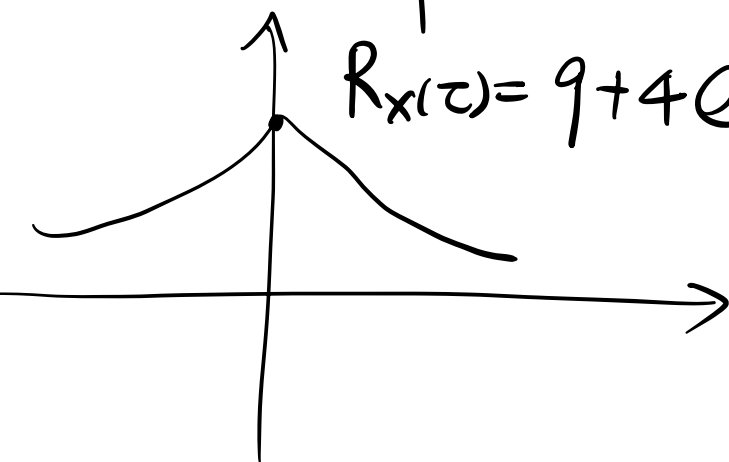
C-S. Ineq.

$$\leq E(X_t^2) \cdot E(X_{t+\tau}^2)$$

$$= R_X(0) \cdot R_X(0)$$

$$\left[ \int f g dx \right]^2 \leq \int f^2 dx \cdot \int g^2 dx$$

$$\Rightarrow |R_X(\tau)| \leq |R_X(0)|$$



# Strict Stationary Processes

## Example

Suppose that  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  are IID random sequences, each of which has a uniform distribution in the interval  $(0, 1)$ . Is  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  a stationary process in the strict sense? Determine the value  $E(X_n)$  and  $E(X_n X_m)$ ,  $n, m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ .

**Solution.** Suppose that the distribution function of  $X_n$  is  $F(x)$ . Then for all  $k, h \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $0 < n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_k$ , the joint distribution functions of  $(X_{n_1}, X_{n_2}, \dots, X_{n_k})$  and  $(X_{n_1+h}, X_{n_2+h}, \dots, X_{n_k+h})$  are both

$$\begin{aligned} F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) &= P(X_{n_1} \leq x_1, X_{n_2} \leq x_2, \dots, X_{n_k} \leq x_k) \\ &= P(X_{n_1} \leq x_1)P(X_{n_2} \leq x_2) \cdots P(X_{n_k} \leq x_k) \\ &= F(x_1)F(x_2) \cdots F(x_k). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is a strict-sense stationary process.

# Strict Stationary Processes

Since  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  are IID random sequences, each of which has a uniform distribution in the interval  $(0, 1)$ , we get  $E(X_n) = \frac{1}{2}$ ,

$$E(X_n X_m) = E(X_n)E(X_m) = \frac{1}{4} \quad \text{for } m \neq n,$$

and

$$E(X_n X_m) = E(X_n^2) = \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{for } m = n.$$

Thus,

$$E(X_n X_m) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3}, & \text{for } m = n, \\ \frac{1}{4}, & \text{for } m \neq n. \end{cases}$$

$$\tau = |m - n|$$



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# Wide Stationary Processes

A weaker form of stationarity exists which does not directly constrain the  $n$ th-order probability density functions, but rather just the first- and second-order moments. This property, which is easier to check, is called wide-sense stationarity and will be quite useful.

Test.



# Wide Stationary Processes

## Definition

A process  $\{X_t\}_{t \in T}$  is said to be **wide-sense stationary** (WSS), if it is of second order and satisfies

- (i) for all  $t \in T$ ,  $\mu_X(t) = E(X_t) = \text{constant}$ ;
- (ii) for all  $t, t + \tau \in T$ ,  $R_X(t, t + \tau) = R_X(\tau)$  depends only on the time difference  $\tau$ .

In particular, a random sequence  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is said to be a stationary random sequence (or time sequence) in the wide sense if it is of second order and satisfies

- (i) for all  $n \geq 0$ ,  $E(X_n) = \text{constant}$ ,
- (ii) for all  $m, n \geq 0$ ,  $R_X(n, n + m) = R_X(m)$  depends only on  $m$ .

# Wide Stationary Processes

Clearly if SSS is of second order, it must imply WSS. The converse is not necessarily true.

## Example

(HW)

*Suppose that  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  are IID random sequences, each of which has a standard normal distribution, and  $\{Y_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  are also IID random sequences, while each of which has a uniform distribution in the interval  $(-\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3})$ . Suppose that  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  and  $\{Y_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  are independent. Let*

$$Z_n = \begin{cases} X_n & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ Y_n & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

*Prove  $\{Z_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  is WSS, but not SSS.*



# Wide Stationary Processes

Let  $X_t$  be a WSS process and relabel  $R_X(t, t + \tau)$  as  $R_X(\tau)$ .  
We can see  $R_X(\tau)$  has the following properties.

## Proposition

- (i)  $R_X(\tau)$  is even, i.e.,  $R_X(-\tau) = R_X(\tau)$  for all  $\tau$ .
- (ii)  $R_X(0) \geq 0$ .
- (iii)  $|R_X(\tau)| \leq R_X(0)$ . (CS).  $R_X(0) = E(X_t^2)$
- (iv) If  $X_t$  is a periodic process with period  $T$  (i.e.,  $X(t + T) = X(t)$ ), then its autocorrelation function is also periodic with period  $T$ . That is,  $R_X(\tau + T) = R_X(\tau)$ .

The above properties of  $R_X(\tau)$  are necessary but not sufficient for a function to qualify as an autocorrelation function for a WSS process.

# Wide Stationary Processes

## Proposition

*The necessary and sufficient condition for a function  $R_X(\tau)$  to be an autocorrelation function for a WSS process is that it be even and nonnegative definite, that is, for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , for any  $t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n$ , and for any real vector  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ , we have*

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_i a_j R_X(t_j - t_i) \geq 0.$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_i a_j R_X(t_j - t_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_i a_j E(X_{t_i} X_{t_j}) = E \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_{t_i} \right)^2 \right]$$

# Wide Stationary Processes

## Example

Suppose that  $\{X_n, n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots\}$  is a pairwise uncorrelated time sequence (i.e.,  $C_X(n, m) = 0$  for any  $n \neq m$ ) and  $E(X_n) = 0$ ,  $Var(X_n) = \sigma^2 > 0$ . Then  $\{X_n\}$  is wide-sense stationary.

**Solution.** Since  $E(X_n) = 0$  and

$$E(X_m X_n) = \begin{cases} \sigma^2 & \text{for } m = n, \\ 0 & \text{for } m \neq n, \end{cases}$$

$\{X_n\}$  is a wide-sense stationary time sequence. □

We call a random process  $\{X_t\}$  a uncorrelated process if  $C_X(s, t) = 0$  for any  $s \neq t$ .

# Wide Stationary Processes

## Example

Let  $X_t$  be strict-sense stationary with finite second moment, and let  $Y_t = a + bt + X_t$ ,  $W_t = t[X_t - E(X_t)]$  and

$$Z_t = \begin{cases} \alpha + X_t & \text{if } t \leq t_0, \\ \beta + X_t & \text{if } t > t_0. \end{cases}$$

Are  $Y_t$ ,  $W_t$  and  $Z_t$  stationary?

# Wide Stationary Processes

Recall a sinusoid with random phase  $X_t = a \sin(\omega t + \Theta)$ , the mean and the autocorrelation function of  $X_t$  are  $\mu_X(t) = 0$  and  $R_X(t, t + \tau) = \frac{a^2}{2} \cos \tau$  respectively. Thus  $X_t$  is wide-sense stationary. In fact we have a general results as follows.

## Example

Suppose that  $S_t$  is a deterministic function with period  $T$  and the random variable  $\Theta$  has a uniform distribution in the interval  $(0, T)$ . Let  $X_t = S_{t+\Theta}$ . Discuss the stationarity of  $X_t$ .

# Wide Stationary Processes

**Solution.** Since the p.d.f. of  $\Theta$  is

$$f(\theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{T} & \text{for } 0 < \theta < T, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} E(X_t) &= E(S_{t+\Theta}) = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T S_{t+\theta} d\theta = \frac{1}{T} \int_t^{t+T} S_\phi d\phi \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T S_\phi d\phi = \text{constant,} \end{aligned}$$

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and

$$\begin{aligned} R_X(t, t + \tau) &= E[S_{t+\Theta} \cdot S_{t+\tau+\Theta}] \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T S_{t+\theta} S_{t+\tau+\theta} d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \int_t^{t+T} S_\phi S_{\tau+\phi} d\phi. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from the periodicity of  $S_\phi S_{\tau+\phi}$  (with respect to  $\phi$ ) that

$$R_X(t, t + \tau) = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T S_\phi S_{\tau+\phi} d\phi$$

depends only on  $\tau$ . Thus  $X_t$  is a wide-sense stationary process.

# Wide Stationary Processes

## Example

Suppose  $\{X_t\}$  is a stationary process and

$$Y_t = X_t \cos(\omega_0 t + \Theta),$$

where  $X_t$  and  $\Theta$  are independent,  $\Theta \sim U(0, 2\pi)$ , and  $\omega_0$  is a constant. Prove that  $Y_t$  is stationary.

Pf. Let  $\underline{\mu}_x = E(X_t) = \text{const.}$   
 $R_x(\tau) = E(X_t \cdot X_{t+\tau})$  depends only  
on  $\tau$ .



Then.  $\mu_Y(t) = E(Y_t)$

$$= E(X_t \cdot \cos(\omega_0 t + \theta))$$

$$= E(X_t) \cdot E(\cos(\omega_0 t + \theta))$$

$$= \mu_X \cdot \int_0^{2\pi} \cos(\omega_0 t + \theta) \frac{1}{2\pi} d\theta$$

$$= 0$$

$\therefore \mu_Y(t)$  is constant.

$$R_Y(t, t+\tau) = E(Y_t \cdot Y_{t+\tau})$$

$$= E(\underbrace{X_t}_{\text{red}} \cdot \underbrace{\cos(\omega_0 t + \theta)}_{\text{green}} \cdot \underbrace{X_{t+\tau}}_{\text{red}} \cdot \underbrace{\cos(\omega_0(t+\tau) + \theta)}_{\text{green}})$$

$$= E(\underbrace{X_t \cdot X_{t+\tau}}_{\text{red}}) \cdot E(\underbrace{\cos(\omega_0 t + \theta) \cdot \cos(\omega_0(t+\tau) + \theta)}_{\text{green}})$$

$$= \underbrace{R_X(\tau)}_{\text{red}} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \cos(\omega_0 \tau)}_{\text{green}}$$

depends only on  $\tau$ .

Thus.  $\{Y_t\}$  is stationary.

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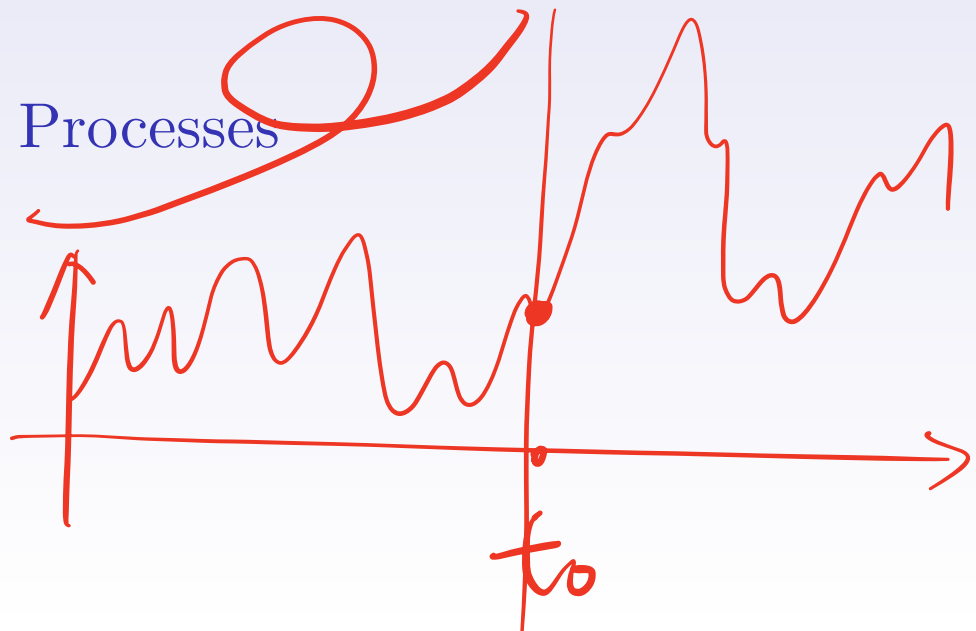
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$$X_{t_0} \leftarrow \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{10}\}$$

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# Stochastic Analysis

## Definition

(Continuity in Mean) A stochastic process  $X_t$  is **continuous in mean square** at  $t_0$  if

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} E[(X_{t_0+\varepsilon} - X_{t_0})^2] = 0$$

Denote it by

$$\text{l.i.m.}_{t \rightarrow t_0} X_t = X_{t_0},$$

where l.i.m. denotes limit in mean. The stochastic process  $\{X_t\}$  is called a mean square continuous process if it is continuous in mean square for all  $t$ .

## Definition

*A mean square integral of a random process  $X_t$  is defined by*

$$Y_t = \int_{t_0}^t X_s ds = \text{l.i.m.}_{\Delta s_i \rightarrow 0} \sum_i X(s_i) \Delta s_i,$$

*where  $t_0 < s_1 < \dots < t$  and  $\Delta s_i = s_{i+1} - s_i$ .*

# Ergodicity of Stationary Process

## Definition

*The time average of a WSS stochastic process  $\{X_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$  is defined by*

$$\langle X_t \rangle = \text{l.i.m.}_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T X_t dt.$$

## Definition

*The time correlation function of a WSS stochastic process  $\{X_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$  is defined by*

$$\langle X_t X_{t+\tau} \rangle = \text{l.i.m.}_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T X_t X_{t+\tau} dt.$$

# Ergodicity of Stationary Process

## Definition

*A WSS stochastic process  $\{X_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$  is ergodic in the mean if the time average converges to the ensemble average  $\mu_X$ , that is,*

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} E \left[ \left( \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T X_t dt - \mu_X \right)^2 \right] = 0. \quad (1)$$

## Definition

*A WSS stochastic process  $\{X_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$  is ergodic in correlation for shift (lag)  $\tau$  if*

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} E \left[ \left( \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T X_t X_{t+\tau} dt - R_X(\tau) \right)^2 \right] = 0. \quad (2)$$

*If this condition is true for all  $\tau$ , we say  $X_t$  is ergodic in correlation.*

# Ergodicity of Stationary Process

## Theorem

*A mean-square continuous and WSS stochastic process  $X_t$  is ergodic in the mean iff its covariance function, that is,  $R_X(\tau) - \mu_X^2$  satisfies*

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^{2T} \left(1 - \frac{\tau}{2T}\right) [R_X(\tau) - \mu_X^2] d\tau = 0. \quad (3)$$

## Corralary

*A mean-square continuous and WSS stochastic process  $\{X_t\}$  is ergodic in the mean iff*

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^{2T} \left(1 - \frac{\tau}{2T}\right) R_X(\tau) d\tau = \mu_X^2.$$

# Ergodicity of Stationary Process

## Theorem

*Suppose that  $\{X_t\}$  is a mean-square continuous and WSS stochastic process, and for each  $\tau$ ,  $\{X_t X_{t+\tau}\}$  is also a mean-square continuous and WSS stochastic process. Then  $\{X_t\}$  is ergodic in correlation iff*

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^{2T} \left(1 - \frac{\tau_1}{2T}\right) [B(\tau_1) - R_X^2(\tau)] d\tau_1 = 0,$$

*where  $B(\tau_1) = E(X_t X_{t+\tau} X_{t+\tau_1} X_{t+\tau+\tau_1})$ .*



# Ergodicity of Stationary Process

## Definition

*Suppose that  $\{X_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$  is a WSS process. If it is ergodic in the mean and the correlation, then we say it is an ergodic process.*

## Example

Consider the WSS process

$$X_t = \sin(\omega_0 t + \Theta), \quad t \in (-\infty, +\infty),$$

where  $\omega_0$  is a constant and  $\Theta \sim U(0, 2\pi)$ . Discuss the ergodicity of this process.

# Ergodicity of Stationary Process

**Solution.** We have known that  $E(X_t) = \mu_X = 0$  and  $R_X(\tau) = \frac{1}{2} \cos \tau$ . On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned}\langle X_t \rangle &= \text{l.i.m.}_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T \sin(\omega_0 t + \Theta) dt \\ &= \text{l.i.m.}_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\sin(\omega_0 T) \sin \Theta}{T \omega_0} = 0 = \mu_X.\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\{X_t\}$  is ergodic in the mean. Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned}\langle X_t X_{t+\tau} \rangle &= \text{l.i.m.}_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T \sin(\omega_0 t + \Theta) \sin[\omega_0(t + \tau) + \Theta] dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cos \omega_0 \tau = R_X(\tau).\end{aligned}$$

That means,  $\{X_t\}$  is ergodic in correlation. Hence,  $\{X_t\}$  is an ergodic process. □

# Ergodicity of Stationary Process

$$\mu_X = \mu_X(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x, t) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx,$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_X(\tau) &= R_X(t, t + \tau) = \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} xy f(x, y; t, t + \tau) dx dy \\ &= \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} xy f(x, y; \tau) dx dy. \end{aligned}$$

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$$\mu_X \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^n x_t^{(k)} \quad \text{and} \quad R_X(\tau) \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^n x_t^{(k)} x_{t+\tau}^{(k)},$$

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What we usually use is the time average

$$\frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T x(t) dt \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T x(t) x(t + \tau) dt.$$

The end

Thank you for your  
patience !