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**Note:** Throughout this paper  $\{\epsilon_t\}$  is a sequence of uncorrelated random variables (white noise) having zero mean and variance  $\sigma_\epsilon^2$ , unless stated otherwise. The unqualified term "stationary" will always be taken to mean second-order stationary. All processes are real-valued unless stated otherwise. The sample interval is unity unless stated otherwise.  $B$  denotes the backward shift operator.

1. (a) What is meant by saying that a stochastic process is stationary?
- (b) Determine whether each of the following models for a random process  $\{X_t\}$  is stationary, justifying your answer. For those that are stationary, specify their mean and autocovariance sequence.
  - (i)  $X_t = \epsilon_t \cos(ct)$ , where  $c \neq 0$  is a fixed constant.
  - (ii)  $X_t = \epsilon_t \epsilon_{t-1}$ .
  - (iii)  $X_t = W y_t$ , where  $W$  is a random variable with distribution  $N(0, 1)$  and

$$y_t = \begin{cases} +1 & t \text{ even} \\ -1 & t \text{ odd.} \end{cases}$$

- (c) An ARMA( $p, q$ ) process  $\{X_t\}$  can be represented by the equation

$$\Phi(B)X_t = \Theta(B)\epsilon_t$$

where  $\Phi(z)$  and  $\Theta(z)$  are  $p$  and  $q$  order  $z$ -polynomials, respectively. State conditions on  $\Phi(z)$  and  $\Theta(z)$  for  $\{X_t\}$  to be

- (i) stationary,
  - (ii) invertible.
- (d) Consider the process  $\{X_t\}$  defined through the model

$$X_t - \epsilon_t = \frac{1}{2}X_{t-1} + \frac{1}{4}\epsilon_{t-1}.$$

- (i) Show that  $\{X_t\}$  is both stationary and invertible.
- (ii) Express  $\{X_t\}$  in its *general linear process* form and hence show  $\text{var}\{X_t\} = \frac{7}{4}\sigma_\epsilon^2$ .

2. (a) Let  $\{X_t\}$  be the MA(1) process

$$X_t = \epsilon_t - \theta\epsilon_{t-1}.$$

- (i) Derive the form of the autocorrelation sequence  $\{\rho_\tau\}$  for  $\{X_t\}$ .
  - (ii) Show that  $|\rho_1| \leq 1/2$  for any value of  $\theta$ . For which values of  $\theta$  does  $\rho_1$  attain its maximum and minimum?
- (b) The difference operator is defined as  $\Delta = 1 - B$ . You may use without proof:

$$X_t^{(d)} \equiv \Delta^d X_t = \sum_{k=0}^d \binom{d}{k} (-1)^k X_{t-k}.$$

Consider the process  $\{X_t\}$  defined as

$$X_t = \alpha + \beta t + Y_t,$$

where  $\{Y_t\}$  is a zero-mean stationary process.

- (i) Show  $\{X_t^{(2)}\}$  is a zero-mean stationary process.
- (ii) State the three conditions that must be satisfied by a linear time invariant (LTI) digital filter and hence show that  $\Delta^d$  is an LTI filter.
- (iii) Find the frequency response function  $G(f)$  associated with the LTI filter  $\Delta^d$ .
- (iv) If  $\{Y_t\}$  is the MA(1) process  $Y_t = \epsilon_t - \theta\epsilon_{t-1}$ , show the spectral density function of  $X_t^{(2)}$  is

$$S_{X^{(2)}}(f) = \sigma_\epsilon^2 (6 - 8 \cos(2\pi f) + 2 \cos(4\pi f)) (1 + \theta^2 - 2\theta \cos(2\pi f)).$$

3. (a) Let  $X_1, \dots, X_N$  be a realisation from a stationary process  $\{X_t\}$  with mean  $\mu$  and autocovariance sequence  $\{s_\tau\}$ .

Show that the sample mean

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N X_t$$

is an unbiased estimator for  $\mu$  and

$$\text{var}\{\bar{X}\} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\tau=-(N-1)}^{(N-1)} \left(1 - \frac{|\tau|}{N}\right) s_\tau.$$

*HINT: when confronted with a double sum, instead of summing across "rows", sum across "diagonals".*

- (b) The biased estimator  $\hat{s}_\tau^{(p)}$  of  $\{s_\tau\}$  is defined as

$$\hat{s}_\tau^{(p)} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^{N-|\tau|} (X_t - \bar{X})(X_{t+|\tau|} - \bar{X}) \quad \tau = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm(N-1).$$

When the mean is known,  $\bar{X}$  is replaced by  $\mu$ .

The periodogram  $\hat{S}^{(p)}(\cdot)$  can be defined as the Fourier transform of  $\{\hat{s}_\tau^{(p)}\}$ . Show

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \hat{S}^{(p)}(f_k) = \hat{s}_0^{(p)},$$

where  $f_k = k/N$ . *HINT: you may use without proof that*

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} e^{ikx} = \frac{1 - e^{iNx}}{1 - e^{ix}}$$

for  $x \neq 0, \pm 2\pi, \pm 4\pi, \dots$

[Question 3 continues on the next page]

- (c) A random process  $\{X_t\}$  with non-zero mean  $\mu$  has the spectral representation

$$X_t - \mu = \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} e^{i2\pi ft} dZ(f).$$

If a time series has a non-zero mean, centring it (removing the mean) before performing spectral estimation is crucial. Failure to do so can have consequences.

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_N$  be a realisation of a white noise process with mean and variance both equal to 1. Consider the direct spectral estimator

$$\hat{S}^{(d)}(f) \equiv \left| \sum_{t=1}^N h_t X_t e^{-i2\pi ft} \right|^2, \quad |f| \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

where  $\{h_t\}$  is a data taper of length  $N$  normalised such that  $\sum_{t=1}^N h_t^2 = 1$ .

Show

$$E\{\hat{S}^{(d)}(f)\} = 1 + \mathcal{H}(f),$$

where

$$\mathcal{H}(f) = \left| \sum_{t=1}^N h_t e^{-i2\pi ft} \right|^2.$$

You may use without proof that  $\int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \mathcal{H}(f - f') df' = 1$  for all  $f \in [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]$ .

4. (a) What is meant by saying a pair of real-valued discrete-time stochastic processes are jointly stationary?
- (b) Let  $\{X_t\}$  and  $\{Y_t\}$  be a pair of zero-mean real-valued jointly stationary processes with spectral density functions  $S_X(\cdot)$  and  $S_Y(\cdot)$ , respectively, and cross-spectrum  $S_{XY}(\cdot)$ . Considering their individual spectral representations

$$X_t = \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} e^{i2\pi ft} dZ_X(f) \quad Y_t = \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} e^{i2\pi ft} dZ_Y(f),$$

show the coherence

$$\gamma_{XY}^2(f) = \frac{|S_{XY}(f)|^2}{S_X(f)S_Y(f)}$$

at frequency  $f \in [-1/2, 1/2]$  is the magnitude square of the correlation between  $dZ_X(f)$  and  $dZ_Y(f)$ . *HINT: for a pair of zero mean complex random variables  $S$  and  $T$ ,  $\text{cov}(S, T) = E\{S^*T\}$ , where  $*$  denotes complex conjugation.*

- (c) Let  $\{X_t\}$  and  $\{Y_t\}$  be a pair of zero-mean real-valued stationary processes that are independent of each other. They have autocovariance sequences  $\{s_{X,\tau}\}$  and  $\{s_{Y,\tau}\}$  and spectral density functions  $S_X(\cdot)$  and  $S_Y(\cdot)$ , respectively. Consider the processes  $\{V_t\}$  and  $\{W_t\}$  defined as

$$\begin{aligned} V_t &= AX_t + BY_t \\ W_t &= CX_t + DY_t, \end{aligned}$$

where  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  are each unit variance, zero mean real-valued random variables that are all independent of  $\{X_t\}$  and  $\{Y_t\}$ . The vector  $(A, B, C, D)^T$  has covariance matrix

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \beta \\ \alpha & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (i) Show that  $\{V_t\}$  and  $\{W_t\}$  are jointly stationary and determine their autocovariance sequences  $\{s_{V,\tau}\}$  and  $\{s_{W,\tau}\}$ , and the cross-covariance sequence  $\{s_{VW,\tau}\}$  in terms of  $s_{X,\tau}$ ,  $s_{Y,\tau}$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .
- (ii) Give an expression for  $\gamma_{VW}^2(f)$ , the coherence between  $\{V_t\}$  and  $\{W_t\}$  at frequency  $f$ , in terms of  $S_X(f)$ ,  $S_Y(f)$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .
- (iii) Suppose the autocovariance sequences for  $\{X_t\}$  and  $\{Y_t\}$  are given as

$$s_{X,\tau} = \begin{cases} 1 & \tau = 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & |\tau| = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad s_{Y,\tau} = \begin{cases} 2 & \tau = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

Show that

$$\gamma_{VW}^2(0) = \frac{(\alpha + \beta)^2}{4}.$$

5. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_N$  be a realisation of a zero mean stationary process  $\{X_t\}$  with autocovariance sequence  $\{s_\tau\}$  and spectral density function  $S(\cdot)$ . The direct spectral estimator  $\hat{S}^{(d)}(\cdot)$  is as defined in 3(c).

- (a) What are the reasons for smoothing the periodogram and direct spectral estimators? Justify smoothing in the frequency domain by considering the average of the periodogram over a finite set of adjacent Fourier frequencies.
- (b) The lag-window estimator of  $S(f)$  is defined as

$$\hat{S}^{(lw)}(f) = \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} W_m(f - \phi) \hat{S}^{(d)}(\phi) d\phi$$

where  $W_m(\cdot)$  is a symmetric real-valued periodic (period 1) function which is square integrable over  $[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]$  and whose smoothing properties can be controlled by a parameter  $m$ . Furthermore,  $W_m(\cdot)$  is normalised such that  $\int_{-1/2}^{1/2} W_m(f) df = 1$ .

Using a data taper  $\{h_t\}$ , it is true that

$$E\{\hat{S}^{(lw)}(f)\} = \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \mathcal{U}_m(f - \phi) S(\phi) d\phi,$$

where  $\mathcal{U}_m(f) = \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} W_m(f - f') \mathcal{H}(f') df'$  and  $\mathcal{H}(\cdot)$  is as defined in Question 3(c).

- (i) Show that

$$\mathcal{U}_m(f) = \sum_{\tau=-(N-1)}^{N-1} w_{\tau,m} \left( \sum_{t=1}^{N-|\tau|} h_t h_{t+|\tau|} \right) e^{-i2\pi f\tau},$$

where  $W_m(\cdot)$  and  $\{w_{\tau,m}\}$  form the Fourier transform pair

$$w_{\tau,m} = \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} W_m(f) e^{i2\pi f\tau} df \quad W_m(f) = \sum_{\tau=-(N-1)}^{N-1} w_{\tau,m} e^{-i2\pi f\tau}.$$

*HINT: it is true that*

$$\left| \sum_{t=1}^N h_t e^{-i2\pi f t} \right|^2 = \sum_{\tau=-(N-1)}^{N-1} \sum_{t=1}^{N-|\tau|} h_t h_{t+|\tau|} e^{-i2\pi f\tau}.$$

- (ii) Show that

$$E\{\hat{S}^{(lw)}(f)\} = \sum_{\tau=-(N-1)}^{N-1} \left( w_{\tau,m} s_\tau \sum_{t=1}^{N-|\tau|} h_t h_{t+|\tau|} \right) e^{-i2\pi f\tau}.$$

- (iii) Let  $X_1, \dots, X_N$  be a realisation of the zero mean process  $\{X_t\}$  given in Question 4(c)(iii). Using the rectangular data-taper  $h_t = N^{-1/2}$ ,  $t = 1, \dots, N$ , show that

$$E\{\hat{S}^{(lw)}(f)\} - S(f) = \left( w_{1,m} \frac{N-1}{N} - 1 \right) \cos(2\pi f).$$

*HINT:  $\{w_{m,\tau}\}$  is symmetric about  $\tau = 0$ .*



## M345S8 SOLUTIONS

1. (a)  $\{X_t\}$  is second-order stationary if  $E\{X_t\}$  is a finite constant for all  $t$ ,  $\text{var}\{X_t\}$  is a finite constant for all  $t$ , and  $\text{cov}\{X_t, X_{t+\tau}\}$  is a finite quantity depending only on  $\tau$  and not on  $t$ .

seen ↓

3(A)

- (b) (i) This is non-stationary. The mean is constant as  $E\{X_t\} = 0$  for all  $t$ , however  $E\{X_t^2\} = \sigma_\epsilon^2 \cos^2(ct)$  which depends on  $t$ .

2(A)

- (ii) This is stationary and is shown by considering the mean and autocovariance.

sim. seen ↓

Mean:  $E\{X_t\} = E\{\epsilon_t \epsilon_{t-1}\} = E\{\epsilon_t\} E\{\epsilon_{t-1}\} = 0$ .

Autocovariance:  $E\{X_t X_{t+\tau}\} = E\{\epsilon_t \epsilon_{t-1} \epsilon_{t+\tau} \epsilon_{t+\tau-1}\}$ . First consider  $\tau = 0$ , then  $E\{\epsilon_t \epsilon_{t-1} \epsilon_t \epsilon_{t-1}\} = E\{\epsilon_t^2\} E\{\epsilon_{t-1}^2\} = \sigma_\epsilon^4$ . When  $\tau = 1$  (and similarly for  $\tau = -1$ ),  $E\{\epsilon_t \epsilon_{t-1} \epsilon_{t+1} \epsilon_t\} = E\{\epsilon_t^2\} E\{\epsilon_{t+1}\} E\{\epsilon_{t-1}\} = 0$ . Likewise, for all  $|\tau| > 1$ ,  $E\{X_t X_{t+\tau}\} = 0$ . Therefore

$$E\{X_t X_{t+\tau}\} = \begin{cases} \sigma_\epsilon^4 & \tau = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and the process is stationary.

3(B)

- (iii) This is stationary and is shown by considering the mean and autocovariance.

unseen ↓

Mean:  $E\{X_t\} = y_t E\{W\} = 0$ .

Autocovariance:  $E\{X_t X_{t+\tau}\} = E\{W^2\} y_t y_{t+\tau} = y_t y_{t+\tau}$ . For any fixed  $t$ , when  $\tau$  is even  $y_t y_{t+\tau} = 1$  and when  $\tau$  is odd  $y_t y_{t+\tau} = -1$ , therefore

$$E\{X_t X_{t+\tau}\} = \begin{cases} 1 & \tau \text{ even} \\ -1 & \tau \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

and it is not dependent  $t$ . Therefore it is stationary.

3(B)

- (c) (i) Roots of  $\Phi(z)$  lie outside the unit circle.  
(ii) Roots of  $\Theta(z)$  lie outside the unit circle.

seen ↓

2(A)

(d) (i) The process can be formulated as

sim. seen ↓

$$X_t - \frac{1}{2}X_{t-1} = \epsilon_t + \frac{1}{4}\epsilon_{t-1}$$

which is in ARMA(1,1) form where  $\Phi(z) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}z$  and  $\Theta(z) = 1 + \frac{1}{4}z$ . The roots of  $\Phi(z)$  and  $\Theta(z)$  are 2 and -4, respectively, which both lie outside the unit circle. Process  $\{X_t\}$  is therefore stationary and invertible.

2(A)

(ii) We are required to put it in general linear form  $X_t = G(B)\epsilon_t$ . Here

$$\begin{aligned} G(z) &= \Phi^{-1}(z)\Theta(z) \\ &= (1 + \frac{1}{2}z + \frac{1}{4}z^2 + \dots)(1 + \frac{1}{4}z) \\ &= (1 + \frac{1}{2}z + \frac{1}{4}z^2 + \dots) + (\frac{1}{4}z + \frac{1}{8}z^2 + \dots) \\ &= 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{2^{k+1}}z^k. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, general linear process form is

$$X_t = \epsilon_t + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{2^{k+1}}\epsilon_{t-k}.$$

2(B)

For a general linear process  $X_t = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} g_k\epsilon_{t-k}$ , we have  $\text{var}\{X_t\} = \sigma_{\epsilon}^2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} g_k^2$ . Therefore,  $\text{var}\{X_t\} = \sigma_{\epsilon}^2(1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{9}{4^{k+1}}) = \sigma_{\epsilon}^2(1 + 9(\frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{4}} - 1 - \frac{1}{4})) = \frac{7}{4}\sigma_{\epsilon}^2$ .

3(B)

2. (a) We immediately have  $E\{X_t\} = 0$ , therefore

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$$\begin{aligned} s_\tau &= E\{X_t X_{t+\tau}\} = E\{(\epsilon_t - \theta\epsilon_{t-1})(\epsilon_{t+\tau} - \theta\epsilon_{t-1+\tau})\} \\ &= E\{\epsilon_t \epsilon_{t+\tau}\} - \theta(E\{\epsilon_t \epsilon_{t-1+\tau}\} + E\{\epsilon_{t-1} \epsilon_{t+\tau}\}) + \theta^2 E\{\epsilon_{t-1} \epsilon_{t-1+\tau}\} \end{aligned}$$

This gives

$$\begin{aligned} s_0 &= \sigma_\epsilon^2(1 + \theta^2), \\ s_1 &= -\sigma_\epsilon^2\theta = s_{-1} \end{aligned}$$

and  $s_\tau = 0$  for all  $|\tau| > 1$ . Therefore the autocorrelation sequence, defined as  $\rho_\tau = s_\tau/s_0$  is

$$\rho_\tau = \begin{cases} 1 & \tau = 0 \\ -\frac{\theta}{1+\theta^2} & |\tau| = 1 \\ 0 & |\tau| > 1 \end{cases}$$

3(A)

It follows that  $\frac{d\rho_1}{d\theta} = \frac{d}{d\theta} \frac{-\theta}{1+\theta^2} = \frac{-(1+\theta)(1-\theta)}{(1+\theta^2)^2}$ . This equals zero when  $\theta = 1$  (minimum,  $\rho_1 = -1/2$ ) and  $-1$  (maximum,  $\rho_1 = 1/2$ .)

unseen ↓

1(A)

(b) (i)

seen ↓

$$\begin{aligned} X_t^{(2)} &= \Delta^2 X_t \\ &= \Delta(\alpha - \alpha + \beta - \beta(t-1) + \Delta Y_t) \\ &= \Delta^2 Y_t \\ &= Y_t - 2Y_{t-1} + Y_{t-2}. \end{aligned}$$

This is stationary because, by the stationarity of  $\{Y_t\}$ ,

$$E\{X_t^{(2)}\} = E\{Y_t - 2Y_{t-1} + Y_{t-2}\} = E\{Y_t\} - 2E\{Y_{t-1}\} + E\{Y_{t-2}\} = 0$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} E\{X_t^{(2)} X_{t+\tau}^{(2)}\} &= E\{(Y_t - 2Y_{t-1} + Y_{t-2})(Y_{t+\tau} - 2Y_{t-1+\tau} + Y_{t-2+\tau})\} \\ &= s_{Y,\tau} - 2s_{Y,\tau-1} + s_{Y,\tau-2} - 2s_{Y,\tau+1} + 4s_{Y,\tau} - 2s_{Y,\tau-1} + s_{Y,\tau+2} - 2s_{Y,\tau+1} + s_{Y,\tau} \\ &= s_{Y,\tau-2} - 4s_{Y,\tau-1} + 6s_{Y,\tau} - 4s_{Y,\tau+1} + s_{Y,\tau+2} \end{aligned}$$

which depends only on  $\tau$ .

3(B)

(ii) The conditions for an LTI digital filter are:

sim. seen ↓

1. Scale preservation:

$$L\{\alpha x_t\} = \alpha L\{x_t\}.$$

This is satisfied by  $\Delta^d$  because

$$\Delta^d \alpha x_t = \sum_{k=0}^d \binom{d}{k} (-1)^k \alpha x_{t-k} = \alpha \sum_{k=0}^d \binom{d}{k} (-1)^k x_{t-k} = \alpha \Delta^d x_t.$$

2. Superposition:

$$L\{x_{1,t} + x_{2,t}\} = L\{x_{1,t}\} + L\{x_{2,t}\}.$$

This is satisfied by  $\Delta^d$  because

$$\Delta^d(x_{1,t} + x_{2,t}) = \Delta^d x_{1,t} + \Delta^d x_{2,t}.$$

3. Time invariance: if  $L\{x_t\} = y_t$  then  $L\{x_{t+\tau}\} = y_{t+\tau}$ .

This is satisfied by  $\Delta^d$  because if  $\Delta^d x_t = y_t$

$$\Delta^d x_{t+\tau} = \sum_{k=0}^d \binom{d}{k} (-1)^k x_{t+\tau-k} = \sum_{k=0}^d \binom{d}{k} (-1)^k x_{t'-k} = y_{t'} = y_{t+\tau}. \quad \boxed{5(A)}$$

(iii) Frequency response function is computed by considering

$$\Delta^d e^{i2\pi f t} = \sum_{k=0}^d \binom{d}{k} (-1)^k e^{i2\pi f (t-k)} = e^{i2\pi f t} \sum_{k=0}^d \binom{d}{k} (-1)^k e^{-i2\pi f k}.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } G(f) = \sum_{k=0}^d \binom{d}{k} (-1)^k e^{-i2\pi f k} = (1 - e^{-i2\pi f})^d. \quad \boxed{2(A)}$$

- (iv) We have that  $X_t^{(2)} = Y_t^{(2)} = \Delta^2 Y_t$ . Therefore,  $S_{X^{(2)}}(f) = |G(f)|^2 S_Y(f)$ , where from 2b(iii) the frequency response function of LTI filter  $\Delta^2$  is given as  $G(f) = 1 - 2e^{-i2\pi f} + e^{-i4\pi f}$ .

unseen ↓

We first have to compute the spectral density function of  $\{Y_t\}$ . This can either be done via a Fourier transform of the autocovariance sequence (see 2(a)), or by considering an MA(1) process to be a linear filter on a white noise process. Here is the Fourier transform method:

$$\begin{aligned} S_Y(f) &= \sum_{\tau=-\infty}^{\infty} s_{Y,\tau} e^{-i2\pi f\tau} \\ &= \sigma_\epsilon^2 (-\theta e^{i2\pi f} + 1 + \theta^2 - \theta e^{-i2\pi f}) \\ &= \sigma_\epsilon^2 (1 + \theta^2 - 2\theta \cos(2\pi f)). \end{aligned}$$

With

$$\begin{aligned} |G(f)|^2 &= (1 - 2e^{-i2\pi f} + e^{-i4\pi f})(1 - 2e^{i2\pi f} + e^{i4\pi f}) \\ &= 6 - 8 \cos(2\pi f) + 2 \cos(4\pi f), \end{aligned}$$

it follows that

$$S_{X^{(2)}}(f) = \sigma_\epsilon^2 (6 - 8 \cos(2\pi f) + 2 \cos(4\pi f)) (1 + \theta^2 - 2\theta \cos(2\pi f)).$$

6(D)

3. (a) To show unbiasedness:

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$$\mathbb{E}\{\bar{X}\} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^n \mathbb{E}\{X_t\} = \frac{1}{N} N\mu = \mu,$$

therefore  $\bar{X}$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\mu$ .

2(A)

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}\{\bar{X}\} &= \mathbb{E}\{(\bar{X} - \mu)^2\} \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left\{\left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \mu)\right)^2\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{t=1}^N \sum_{u=1}^N \mathbb{E}\{(X_t - \mu)(X_u - \mu)\} \\ &= \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{t=1}^N \sum_{u=1}^N s_{u-t} \\ &= \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{\tau=-(N-1)}^{N-1} \sum_{k=1}^{N-|\tau|} s_{\tau} \\ &= \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{\tau=-(N-1)}^{N-1} (N - |\tau|) s_{\tau} \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\tau=-(N-1)}^{N-1} \left(1 - \frac{|\tau|}{N}\right) s_{\tau}. \end{aligned}$$

The summation interchange merely swaps row sums for diagonal sums.

5(A)

(b) Using the Fourier relationship

unseen ↓

$$\hat{S}^{(p)}(f) = \sum_{\tau=-(N-1)}^{(N-1)} \hat{s}_{\tau}^{(p)} e^{-i2\pi f\tau},$$

it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \hat{S}^{(p)}(f_k) &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \sum_{\tau=-(N-1)}^{(N-1)} \hat{s}_{\tau}^{(p)} e^{-i2\pi f_k \tau} \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\tau=-(N-1)}^{(N-1)} \hat{s}_{\tau}^{(p)} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} e^{-i2\pi f_k \tau} \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\tau=-(N-1)}^{(N-1)} \hat{s}_{\tau}^{(p)} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} e^{-ik \frac{2\pi \tau}{N}} \end{aligned}$$

Using the given hint,

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} e^{-ik \frac{2\pi\tau}{N}} = \frac{1 - e^{i2\pi\tau}}{1 - e^{-i \frac{2\pi\tau}{N}}} = 0 \quad \text{for } \tau = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm (N-1)$$

and clearly for  $\tau = 0$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} e^{-ik \frac{2\pi\tau}{N}} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} 1 = N.$$

Therefore

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{\tau=-(N-1)}^{(N-1)} \widehat{s}_{\tau}^{(p)} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} e^{-ik \frac{2\pi\tau}{N}} = \frac{1}{N} N \widehat{s}_0^{(p)} = \widehat{s}_0^{(p)}.$$

(c) Considering:

$$E\{|J(f)|^2\} \quad \text{where} \quad J(f) = \sum_{t=1}^N h_t X_t e^{-i2\pi f t}, \quad |f| \leq \frac{1}{2}.$$

$$[\widehat{S}^{(d)}(f) = |J(f)|^2.]$$

We know from the spectral representation theorem that,

$$X_t = 1 + \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} e^{i2\pi f' t} dZ(f'),$$

so that,

$$\begin{aligned} J(f) &= \sum_{t=1}^N \left( \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} h_t e^{i2\pi f' t} dZ(f') \right) e^{-i2\pi f t} + \sum_{t=1}^N h_t e^{-i2\pi f t} \\ &= \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \sum_{t=1}^N h_t e^{-i2\pi(f-f')t} dZ(f') + \sum_{t=1}^N h_t e^{-i2\pi f t} \end{aligned}$$

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Then

$$\begin{aligned}
E\{\widehat{S}^{(p)}(f)\} &= E\{|J(f)|^2\} = E\{J^*(f)J(f)\} \\
&= E\left\{\left(\int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \sum_{t=1}^N h_t e^{i2\pi(f-f')t} dZ(f') + \sum_{t=1}^N h_t e^{i2\pi ft}\right) \right. \\
&\quad \times \left.\left(\int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \sum_{t=1}^N h_t e^{-i2\pi(f-f')t} dZ(f') + \sum_{t=1}^N h_t e^{-i2\pi ft}\right)\right\} \\
&= \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \sum_{t=1}^N h_t e^{i2\pi(f-f')t} \sum_{s=1}^N h_s e^{-i2\pi(f-f'')s} E\{dZ^*(f') dZ(f'')\} \\
&\quad + \sum_{t=1}^N h_t e^{-i2\pi ft} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \sum_{s=1}^N h_s e^{i2\pi(f-f')s} E\{dZ(f')\} \\
&\quad + \sum_{t=1}^N h_t e^{i2\pi ft} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \sum_{s=1}^N h_s e^{-i2\pi(f-f')s} E\{dZ(f')\} \\
&\quad + \left|\sum_{t=1}^N h_t e^{-i2\pi ft}\right|^2 \\
&= \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \mathcal{H}(f-f') \cdot 1 df' + \mathcal{H}(f) \\
&= 1 + \mathcal{H}(f)
\end{aligned}$$

using properties of orthogonal increment process that  $E\{dZ(f')\} = 0$  and  $E\{dZ^*(f')dZ(f'')\} = 0$  if  $f' \neq f''$  and equals  $S(f) = 1$  (unit variance white noise) if  $f' = f''$ .

8(D)



4. (a) Two real-valued discrete-time processes  $\{X_t\}$  and  $\{Y_t\}$  are said to be jointly stationary stochastic processes if each are separately second-order stationary processes, and  $\text{cov}\{X_t, Y_{t+\tau}\}$  is a function of  $\tau$  only.
- (b) The cross-spectrum is defined as

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3(A)

$$S_{XY}(f)df = E\{dZ_X^*(f)dZ_Y(f)\},$$

and the sdfs as  $S_X(f)df = E\{|dZ_X(f)|^2\}$  and  $S_Y(f)df = E\{|dZ_Y(f)|^2\}$ , so

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_{XY}^2(f) &= \frac{E\{dZ_X^*(f)dZ_Y(f)\}}{E\{|dZ_X(f)|^2\}E\{|dZ_Y(f)|^2\}} \\ &= \frac{\text{cov}\{dZ_X(f), dZ_Y(f)\}}{\text{var}\{dZ_X(f)\}\text{var}\{dZ_Y(f)\}}\end{aligned}$$

which is the magnitude square of the correlation between  $dZ_X(f)$  and  $dZ_Y(f)$ .

3(A)

- (c) (i) We are first required to check that  $\{V_t\}$  and  $\{W_t\}$  are individually stationary. Considering  $\{V_t\}$ :

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Mean:  $E\{V_t\} = E\{AX_t + BY_t\} = E\{AX_t\} + E\{BY_t\} = E\{A\}E\{X_t\} + E\{B\}E\{Y_t\} = 0$ .

Autocovariance:  $s_{V,\tau} = \text{cov}\{V_t, V_{t+\tau}\} = E\{V_t V_{t+\tau}\} = E\{(AX_t + BY_t)(AX_{t+\tau} + BY_{t+\tau})\} = E\{A^2\}E\{X_t X_{t+\tau}\} + E\{AB\}E\{X_t Y_{t+\tau}\} + E\{AB\}E\{X_{t+\tau} Y_t\} + E\{B^2\}E\{Y_t Y_{t+\tau}\} = 1 \cdot s_{X,\tau} + 0 + 0 + 1 \cdot s_{Y,\tau} = s_{X,\tau} + s_{Y,\tau}$ . Therefore  $\{V_t\}$  is stationary, as is  $\{W_t\}$  by an identical argument with also  $s_{W,\tau} = s_{X,\tau} + s_{Y,\tau}$ .

It is next required that  $\text{cov}\{V_t, W_{t+\tau}\}$  depends only on  $\tau$ .

$\text{cov}\{V_t, W_{t+\tau}\} = E\{V_t W_{t+\tau}\} = E\{(AX_t + BY_t)(CX_{t+\tau} + DY_{t+\tau})\} = E\{AC\}E\{X_t X_{t+\tau}\} + E\{AD\}E\{X_t Y_{t+\tau}\} + E\{BC\}E\{X_{t+\tau} Y_t\} + E\{BD\}E\{Y_t Y_{t+\tau}\} = \alpha s_{X,\tau} + 0 + 0 + \beta s_{Y,\tau} = \alpha s_{X,\tau} + \beta s_{Y,\tau}$ .

5(B)

- (ii) The cross spectrum for  $\{V_t\}$  and  $\{W_t\}$  is the Fourier transform of the  $s_{VW,\tau}$ . It is shown in the (c)(i) that  $s_{VW,\tau} = \alpha s_{X,\tau} + \beta s_{Y,\tau}$ , therefore, taking the Fourier transform, we have  $S_{VW}(f) = \alpha S_X(f) + \beta S_Y(f)$ , which we recognise as being real valued. Using an analogous argument, we have  $S_V(f) = S_W(f) = S_X(f) + S_Y(f)$ . Therefore the coherence is

$$\gamma_{VW}^2(f) = \left( \frac{\alpha S_X(f) + \beta S_Y(f)}{S_X(f) + S_Y(f)} \right)^2.$$

5(C)

- (iii) The spectral density functions are computed by taking the Fourier transform of the respective autocovariance sequence. Specifically,

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$$\begin{aligned} S_X(f) &= \sum_{\tau=-\infty}^{\infty} s_{X,\tau} e^{-i2\pi f\tau} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} e^{i2\pi f} + 1 + \frac{1}{2} e^{-i2\pi f} \\ &= 1 + \cos(2\pi f) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} S_Y(f) &= \sum_{\tau=-\infty}^{\infty} s_{Y,\tau} e^{-i2\pi f\tau} \\ &= 2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\gamma_{VW}^2(f) = \left( \frac{\alpha(1 + \cos(2\pi f)) + 2\beta}{3 + \cos(2\pi f)} \right)^2.$$

When  $f = 0$ , this becomes

$$\gamma_{VW}^2(0) = ((2\alpha + 2\beta)/4)^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2/4.$$

4(C)

5. (a) - The periodogram has poor bias and variance properties. seen ↓
- For spectra with large dynamic range, the bias can be significantly reduced by tapering. However, variance problems still persist.
  - Traditional approaches to this problem look to smooth  $\widehat{S}^{(d)}(\cdot)$  across frequencies.
  - Suppose  $N$  is large enough so that the periodogram  $\widehat{S}^{(p)}(\cdot)$  can reasonably be considered an unbiased estimator of  $S(\cdot)$  and is pair-wise uncorrelated at the Fourier frequencies  $f_k = k/N$ . If  $S(\cdot)$  is slowly varying in the neighbourhood of, for example,  $f_k$ , then

$$S(f_{k-M}) \approx \dots \approx S(f_k) \approx \dots \approx S(f_{k+M})$$

are a set of  $2M + 1$  unbiased and uncorrelated estimators of  $S(f_k)$ . Therefore the average of these, namely

$$\bar{S}(f_k) \equiv \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{j=-M}^M \widehat{S}^{(p)}(f_{k-j})$$

will have

$$E\{\bar{S}(f_k)\} \approx S(f_k)$$

and

$$\text{var } \bar{S}(f_k) \approx \frac{\text{var}\{\widehat{S}^{(p)}(f_k)\}}{2M+1}.$$

- This concept can be extended to averaging over any discrete set of frequencies, or over a continuous range of frequencies through a convolution of the type

$$\widehat{S}^{(lw)}(f) = \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} V_m(f - \phi) \widehat{S}^{(d)}(\phi) d\phi.$$

(b) (i)

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{U}_m(f) &= \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} W_m(f - f') \mathcal{H}(f') df' \\ &= \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \sum_{\tau=-(N-1)}^{(N-1)} w_{\tau,m} e^{-i2\pi(f-f')\tau} \left| \sum_{t=1}^N h_t e^{-i2\pi f' t} \right|^2 df' \\ &= \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \sum_{\tau=-(N-1)}^{(N-1)} w_{\tau,m} e^{-i2\pi(f-f')\tau} \sum_{\tau'=-N}^{N-1} \sum_{t=1}^{N-|\tau'|} h_t h_{t+|\tau'|} e^{-i2\pi f' \tau'} df' \\ &= \sum_{\tau=-(N-1)}^{(N-1)} w_{\tau,m} e^{-i2\pi f \tau} \sum_{\tau'=-N}^{N-1} \sum_{t=1}^{N-|\tau'|} h_t h_{t+|\tau'|} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} e^{-i2\pi f'(\tau'-\tau)} df'. \end{aligned}$$

Considering the integral, we have

$$\int_{-1/2}^{1/2} e^{-i2\pi f'(\tau'-\tau)} df' = \begin{cases} 1 & \tau = \tau' \\ 0 & \tau \neq \tau' \end{cases},$$

and it follows that

$$\mathcal{U}_m(f) = \sum_{\tau=-(N-1)}^{(N-1)} w_{\tau,m} \left( \sum_{t=1}^{N-|\tau|} h_t h_{t+|\tau|} \right) e^{-i2\pi f\tau}.$$

5(D)

(ii) Using the result from (i), we have

$$\begin{aligned} E\{\widehat{S}^{(tw)}(f)\} &= \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \mathcal{U}_m(f-\phi) S(\phi) d\phi \\ &= \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \sum_{\tau=-(N-1)}^{(N-1)} w_{\tau,m} \left( \sum_{t=1}^{N-|\tau|} h_t h_{t+|\tau|} \right) e^{-i2\pi(f-\phi)\tau} S(\phi) d\phi \\ &= \sum_{\tau=-(N-1)}^{(N-1)} w_{\tau,m} \left( \sum_{t=1}^{N-|\tau|} h_t h_{t+|\tau|} \right) e^{-i2\pi f\tau} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} S(\phi) e^{i2\pi\phi\tau} d\phi \\ &= \sum_{\tau=-(N-1)}^{N-1} \left( w_{\tau,m} s_{\tau} \sum_{t=1}^{N-|\tau|} h_t h_{t+|\tau|} \right) e^{-i2\pi f\tau} \end{aligned}$$

due to  $s_{\tau} = \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} S(\phi) e^{i2\pi\phi\tau} d\phi$ .

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(iii) For  $\{X_t\}$ ,  $s_0 = 1$ ,  $s_{-1} = s_1 = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $s_{\tau} = 0$  for all  $|\tau| > 1$ . Therefore (with  $w_{0,m} = \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} W_m(f) df = 1$ ),

$$\begin{aligned} E\{\widehat{S}^{(tw)}(f)\} &= \frac{1}{2} w_{-1,m} \frac{N-1}{N} e^{i2\pi f} + w_{0,m} + \frac{1}{2} w_{1,m} \frac{N-1}{N} e^{-i2\pi f} \\ &= 1 + w_{1,m} \frac{N-1}{N} \cos(2\pi f). \\ E\{\widehat{S}^{(tw)}(f)\} - S(f) &= 1 + w_{1,m} \frac{N-1}{N} \cos(2\pi f) - (1 + \cos(2\pi f)) \\ &= \left( w_{1,m} \frac{N-1}{N} - 1 \right) \cos(2\pi f). \end{aligned}$$

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