

# Rhythms

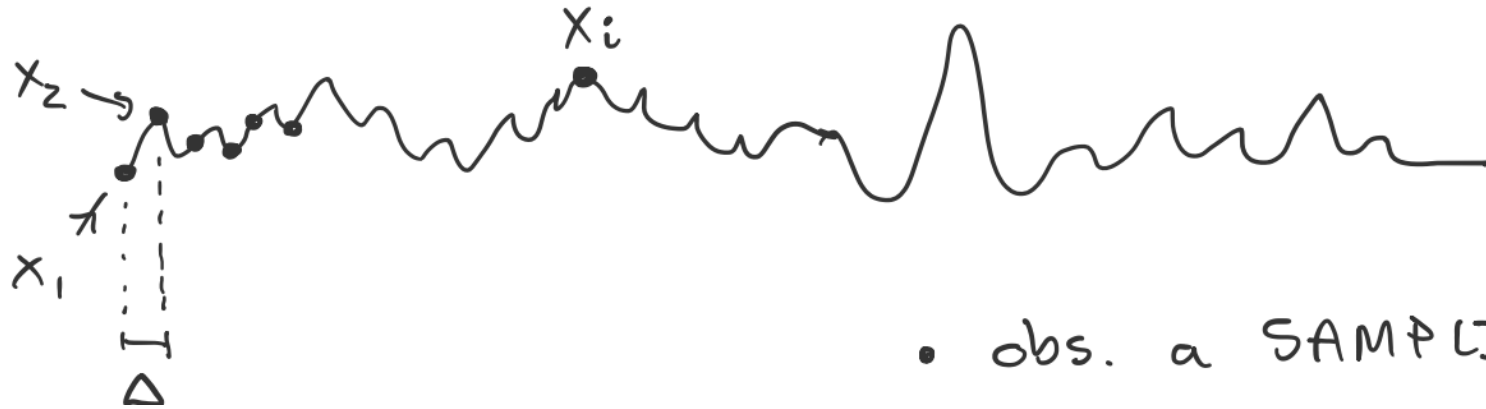
## **Analyzing Rhythms (Part 2)**

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# Today

## Autocovariance

# Notation



- obs. a SAMPLING.

- $\Delta$  = sampling interval (Ex. 1ms)
- $\frac{1}{\Delta}$  = sampling freq. (Ex. 1000 Hz)



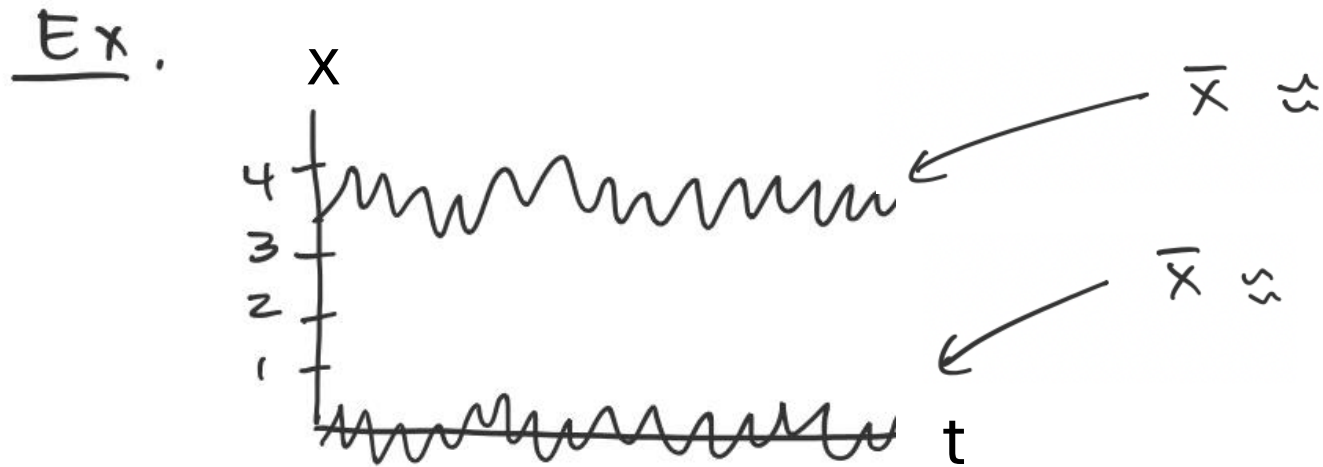
$N$  = length of data (# of data points)

or  $T = N\Delta$  = total duration of recording

# Mean & variance

Define  $x_n$  data at index  $n$

Define  $\bar{x}$  = mean of  $x$   $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n$



# Mean & variance

Define  $x_n$  data at index  $n$

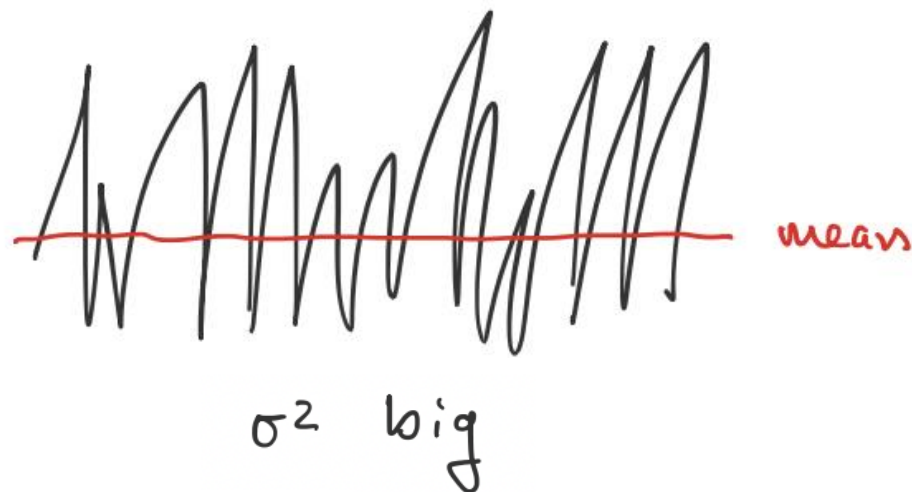
Define  $\sigma^2$  = variance of  $x$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \bar{x})^2$$

Ex.



$\sigma^2$  small



$\sigma^2$  big

# Autocovariance (equation)

Define:

$$r_{xx}[L] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N-L} (x_{n+L} - \bar{x})(x_n - \bar{x})$$

The autocovariance  
of x at lag L

number  
of data  
points

sum over  
all data  
points

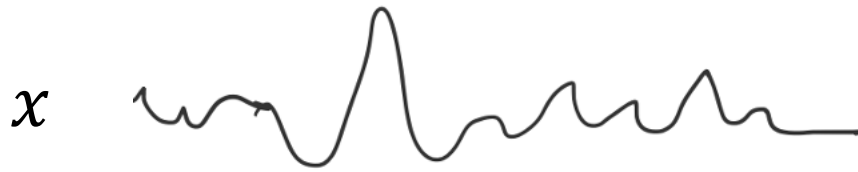
the data  
with mean  
subtracted  
at index  $n + L$

... multiplied  
by itself  
at index  $n$

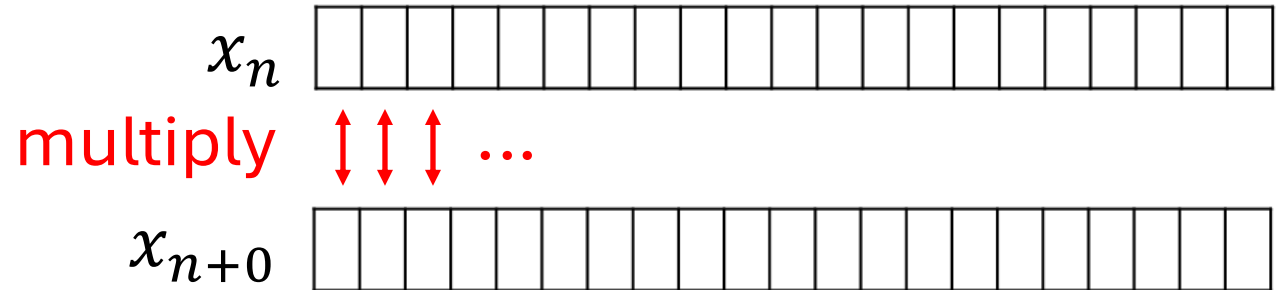
# Autocovariance (intuition)

$$r_{xx}[L] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N-L} (x_{n+L} - \bar{x})(x_n - \bar{x})$$

Fix **L=0**



assume mean = 0 (i.e.,  $\bar{x} = 0$ )



- at each index, multiply the two signals  $\rightarrow$  get a number
- sum these numbers to get  $r_{xx}[0]$

Note: compare to variance

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \bar{x})^2$$

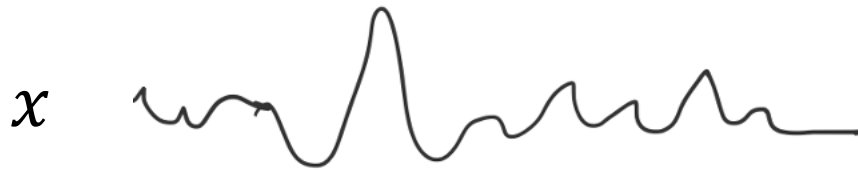
Q. Will this number be big or small?

$$r_{xx}[0] = \sigma^2$$

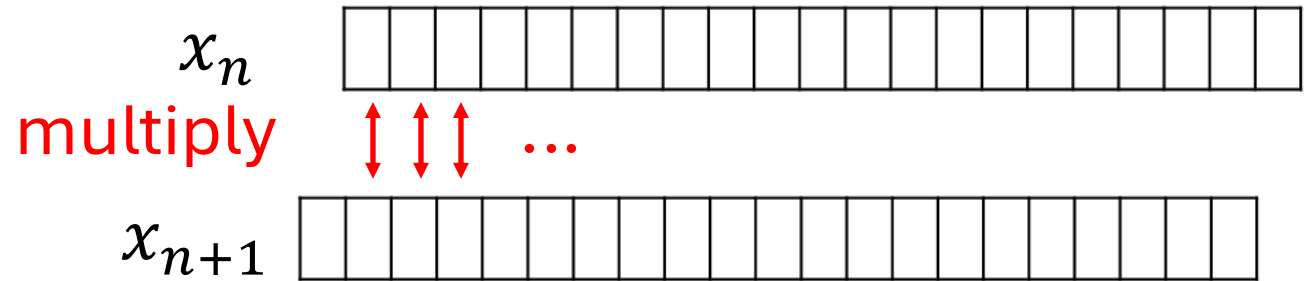
# Autocovariance (intuition)

$$r_{xx}[L] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N-L} (x_{n+L} - \bar{x})(x_n - \bar{x})$$

Fix **L=1**



assume mean = 0 (i.e.,  $\bar{x} = 0$ )



- at each index, multiply the two signals  $\rightarrow$  get a number
- sum these numbers to get  $r_{xx}[1]$

$x_0 \ x_1$

$x_1 \ x_2$

$x_2 \ x_3$

...

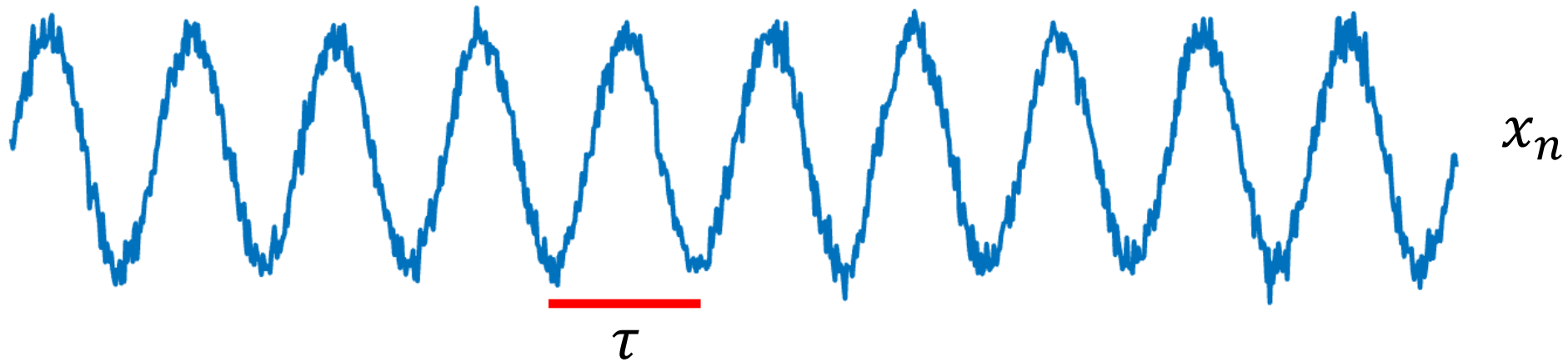
**Q.** Will this number be big or small?

Repeat for  $L = 2, 3, \dots, L = -1, -2, \dots$  to get  $r_{xx}[L]$



# Autocovariance (example)

Ex. Consider these nearly sinusoidal data

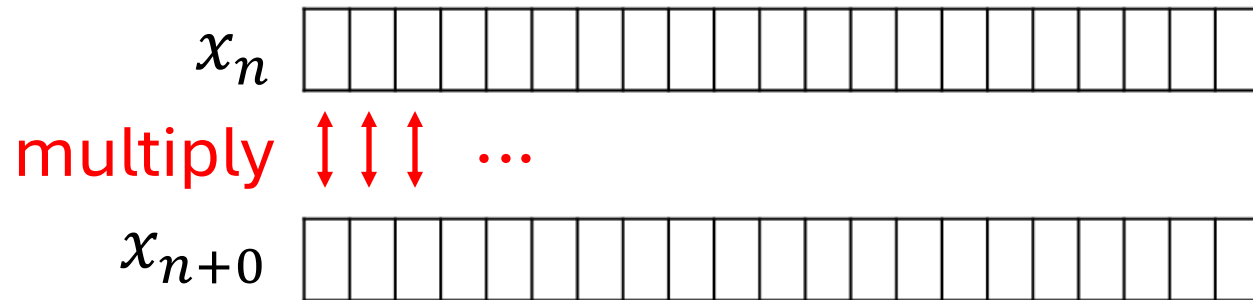
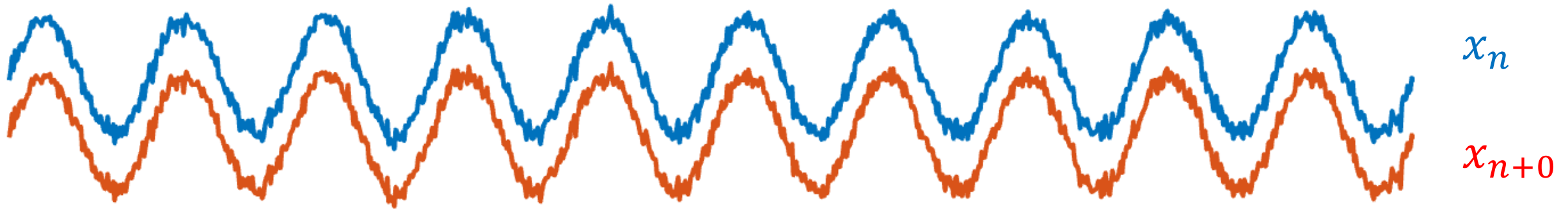


Here,  $x_n$  approximately sinusoid with period  $\tau$

assume mean = 0 (i.e.,  $\bar{x} = 0$ )

# Autocovariance (example)

Q. What is  $r_{xx}[0]$  ?

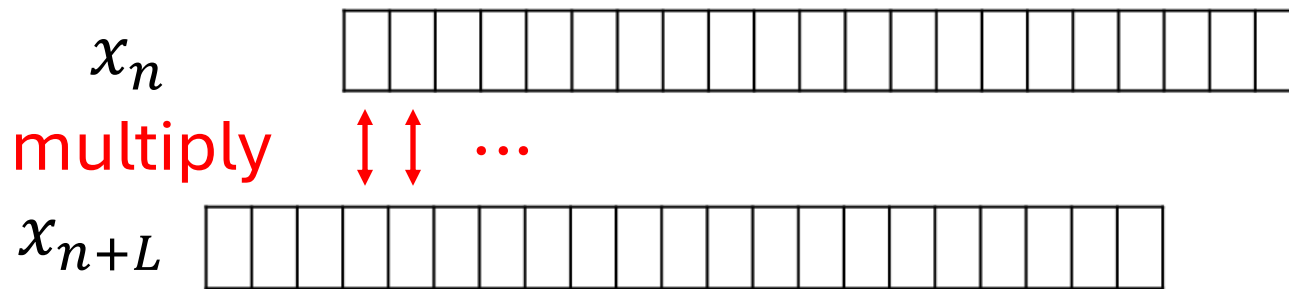
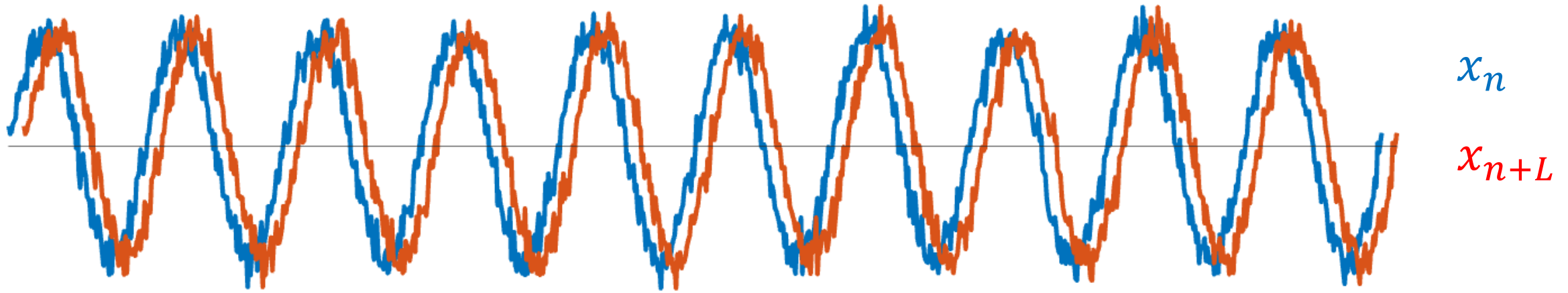


$$x_n * x_n \geq 0$$

$r_{xx}[0] \sim$  big positive number  
good match

# Autocovariance (example)

Q. What is  $r_{xx}[L]$  for  $L > 0$  but small ?

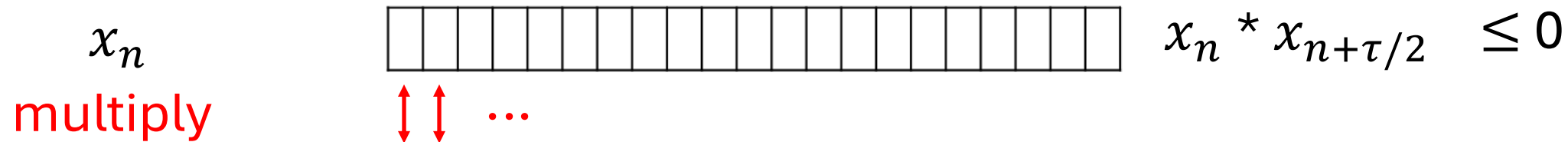
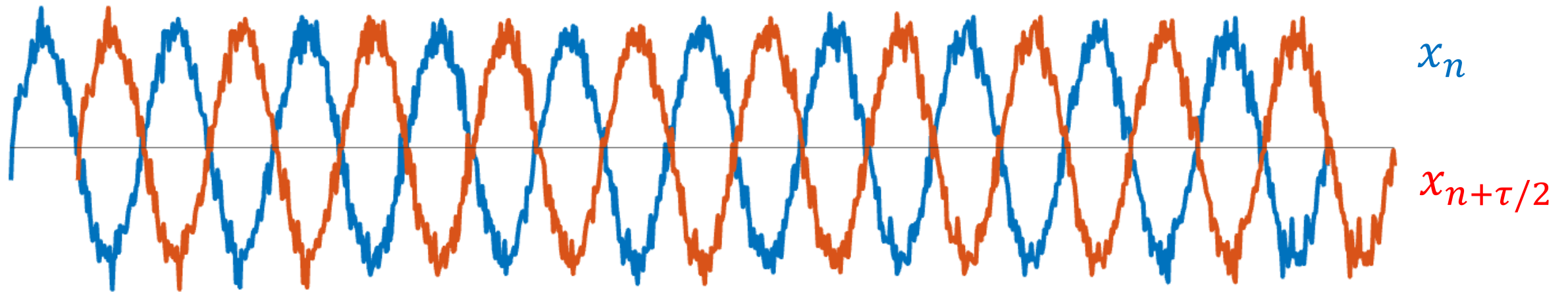


$$x_n * x_{n+L} > 0 \text{ and } x_n * x_{n+L} < 0$$

$r_{xx}[0] \sim$  less big positive number  
not as good a match

# Autocovariance (example)

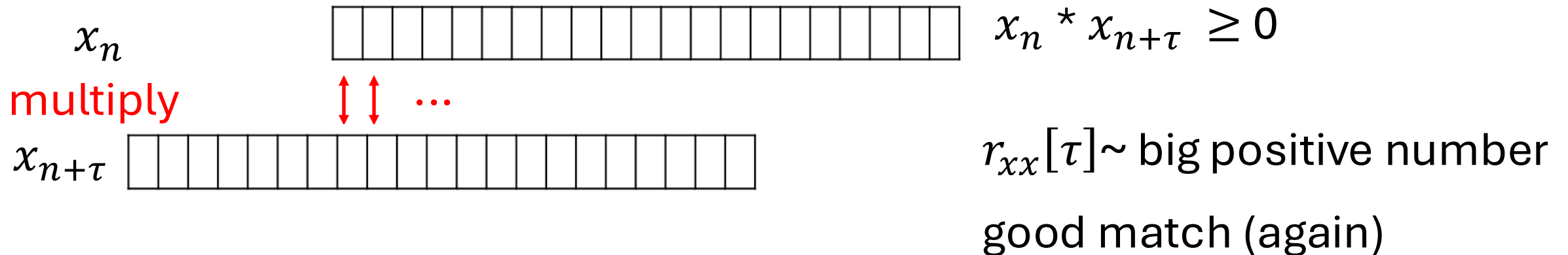
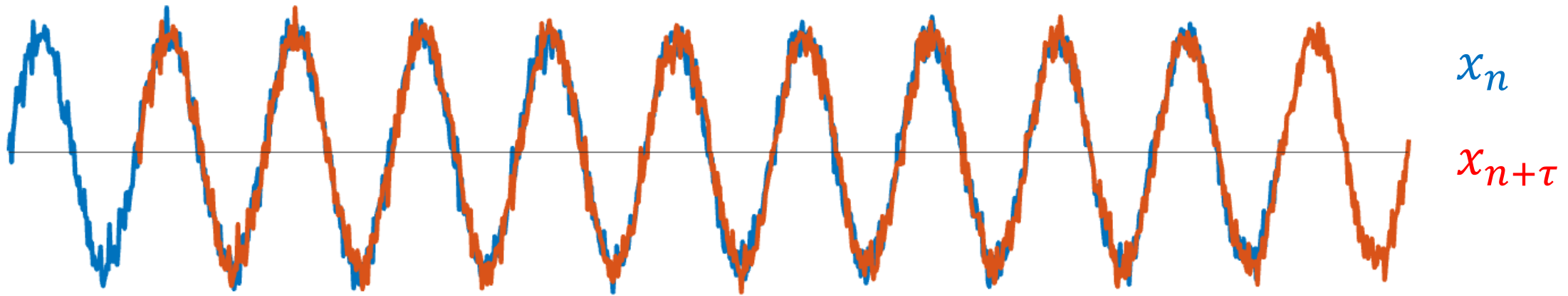
Q. What is  $r_{xx}[L]$  for  $L = \tau/2$  ?



$r_{xx}[\tau/2] \sim$  big negative number  
good anti-match

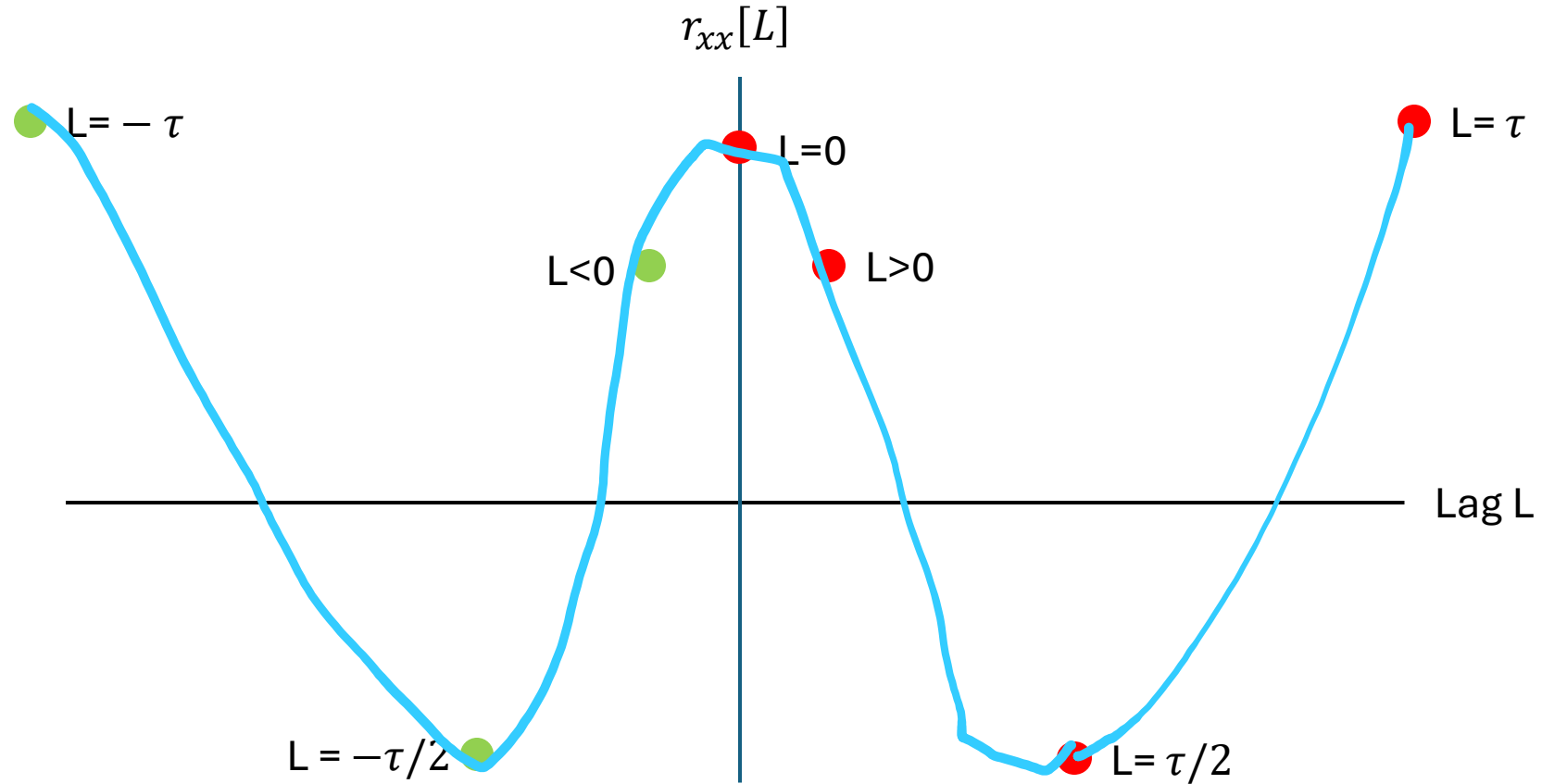
# Autocovariance (example)

Q. What is  $r_{xx}[L]$  for  $L = \tau$ ?



# Autocovariance (example)

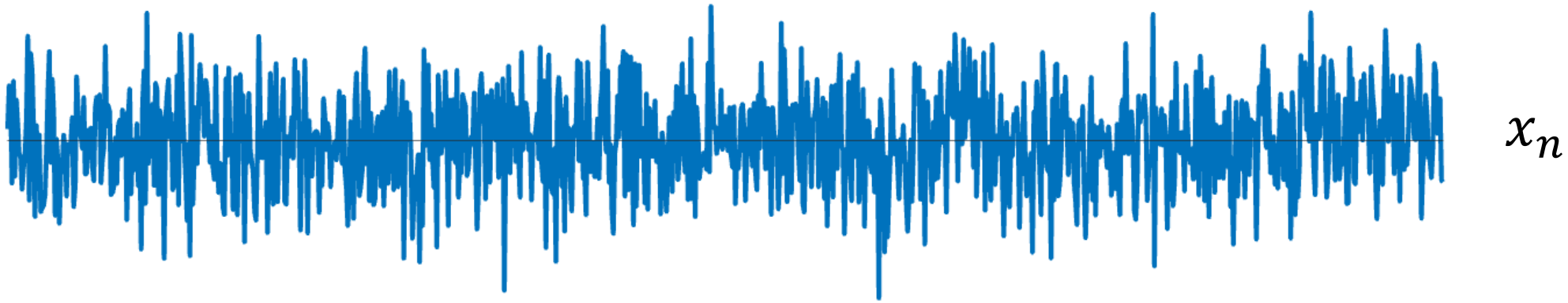
Q. Plot  $r_{xx}[L]$  versus  $L$ ?



Periodic  $x \rightarrow$  periodic  $r_{xx}[L]$

# Autocovariance (example 2)

Consider these noisy data



Here,  $x_n$  (Gaussian) random noise

assume mean = 0 (i.e.,  $\bar{x} = 0$ )

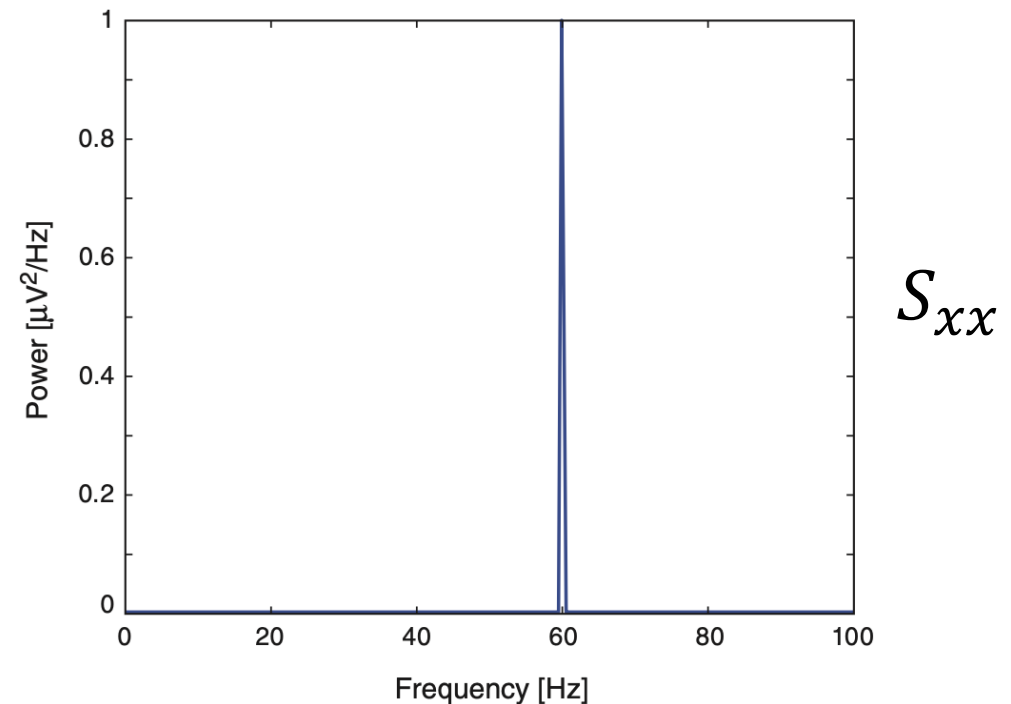
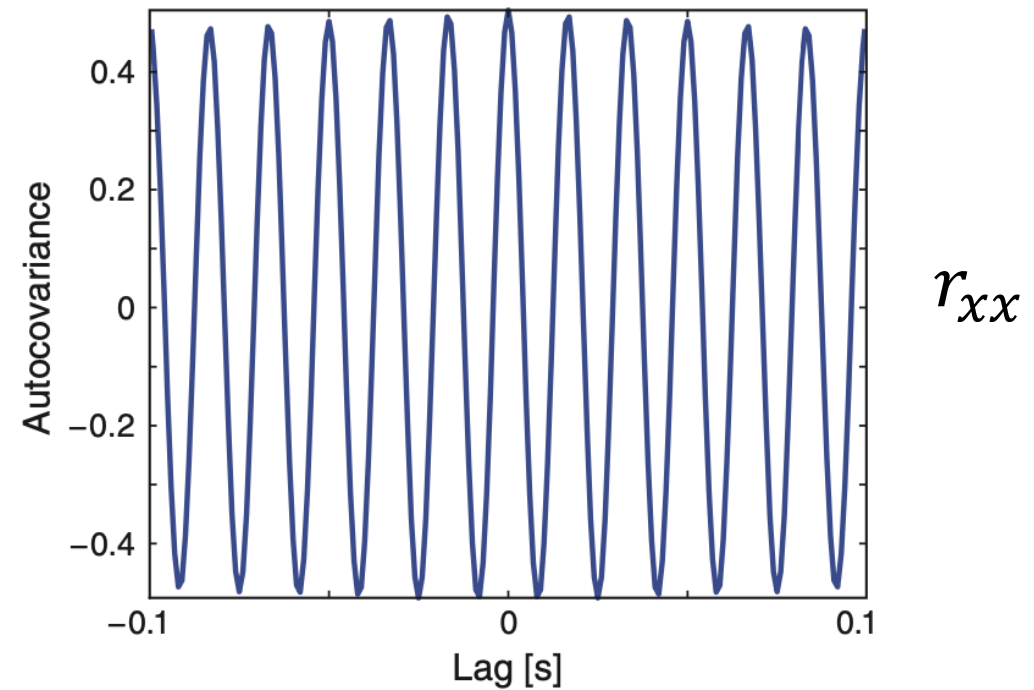
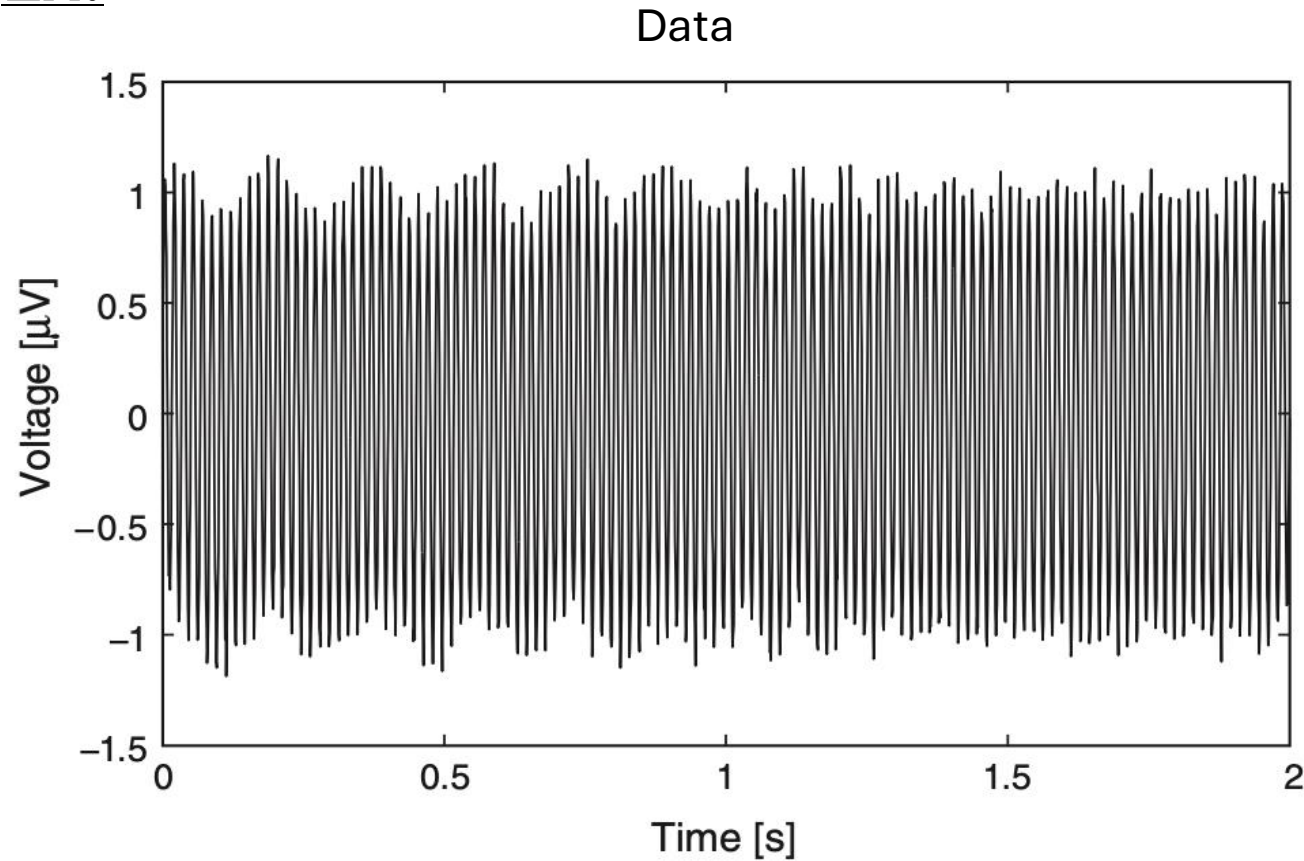
**Q.** What is  $r_{xx}[0]$  ?

**Q.** What is  $r_{xx}[L]$  versus  $L$ ?

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# Autocovariance vs spectrum

**Ex.**



**Q.** Are  $r_{xx}$  and  $S_{xx}$  related?



# Autocovariance vs spectrum

Remember the spectrum:

$$S_{xx,j} = \frac{2\Delta^2}{T} X_j X_j^*$$



where  $X_j = \sum_{n=1}^N x_n \exp(-2\pi i f_j t_n)$  Fourier transform of  $x$

substitute in ...

$$S_{xx,j} = \frac{2\Delta^2}{T} \left( \sum_n x_n \exp(-2\pi i f_j t_n) \right) \left( \sum_m x_m^* \exp(2\pi i f_j t_m) \right)$$

# Autocovariance vs spectrum

$$S_{xx,j} = \frac{2\Delta^2}{T} \left( \sum_n x_n \exp(-2\pi i f_j t_n) \right) \left( \sum_m x_m^* \exp(2\pi i f_j t_m) \right)$$

$X_j$



$X_j^*$

New dummy time index

Note: replace  $i$  with  $-i$

Note: replace  $x_m$  with  $x_m^*$

But  $x_m^*$  is real, so  $x_m^* = x_m$

# Autocovariance vs spectrum

$$S_{xx,j} = \frac{2\Delta^2}{T} \left( \sum_n x_n \exp(-2\pi i f_j t_n) \right) \left( \sum_m x_m \exp(2\pi i f_j t_m) \right)$$

Replace

$X_j$

$X_j^*$

$$f_j = j * df \qquad df = \frac{1}{T} \qquad f_j = \frac{j}{T} = \frac{j}{N\Delta}$$

$$t_n = n \Delta \qquad t_m = m \Delta$$

$$S_{xx,j} = \frac{2\Delta^2}{T} \sum_n \sum_m x_n x_m \exp\left(-\frac{2\pi i}{N} j(n - m)\right)$$

# Autocovariance vs spectrum

$$S_{xx,j} = \frac{2\Delta^2}{T} \sum_n \sum_m x_n x_m \exp\left(-\frac{2\pi i}{N} j \boxed{n - m}\right)$$

$T = N\Delta$  (blue arrow pointing to  $T$ )

$n = m + l$  (red arrow pointing from  $n$  to  $m + l$ )

sum over all  $n \rightarrow$  sum over all  $l$

Define a new variable  $l = n - m$

$$S_{xx,j} = \frac{2\Delta^2}{\Delta} \sum_l \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_m x_{m+l} x_m \right) \exp\left(-\frac{2\pi i}{N} j l\right)$$

# Autocovariance vs spectrum

$$r_{xx}[L] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N-L} (x_{n+L} - \bar{x})(x_n - \bar{x})$$

$$S_{xx,j} = \frac{2\Delta^2}{\Delta} \sum_l \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_m x_{m+l} x_m \right) \exp\left(-\frac{2\pi i}{N} j l\right)$$

Q. What is this?  $r_{xx}[l]$

$$S_{xx,j} = 2\Delta \sum_l r_{xx}[l] \exp\left(-\frac{2\pi i}{N} j l\right)$$

spectrum                      autocovariance

# Autocovariance vs spectrum

$$\begin{aligned} S_{xx,j} &= 2\Delta \sum_l r_{xx}[l] \exp\left(-\frac{2\pi i}{N} j l\right) \\ &= 2\Delta \sum_l r_{xx}[l] \exp\left(-\frac{2\pi i}{N\Delta} j \Delta l\right) \\ &= 2\Delta \sum_l r_{xx}[l] \exp\left(-2\pi i \frac{j}{T} \Delta l\right) \\ &= 2\Delta \sum_l r_{xx}[l] \exp\left(-2\pi i f_j t_l\right) \end{aligned}$$

a few more steps ...

$$T = N\Delta$$

$$f_j = \frac{j}{T} \qquad t_l = l \Delta$$

# Autocovariance vs spectrum

$$S_{xx,j} = 2\Delta \sum_l r_{xx}[l] \exp(-2\pi i f_j t_l)$$

sum over time complex exponentials at frequency  $f_j$

Remember the Fourier transform of  $x_n$

$$X_j = \sum_{n=1}^N x_n \exp(-2\pi i f_j t_n) \quad \text{or} \quad X_j = FT\{x_n\}$$

sum over time complex exponentials at frequency  $f_j$

So

$$S_{xx,j} = 2 \Delta FT\{r_{xx}\}$$

**The spectrum is the Fourier transform of the autocovariance.**

# Autocovariance vs spectrum

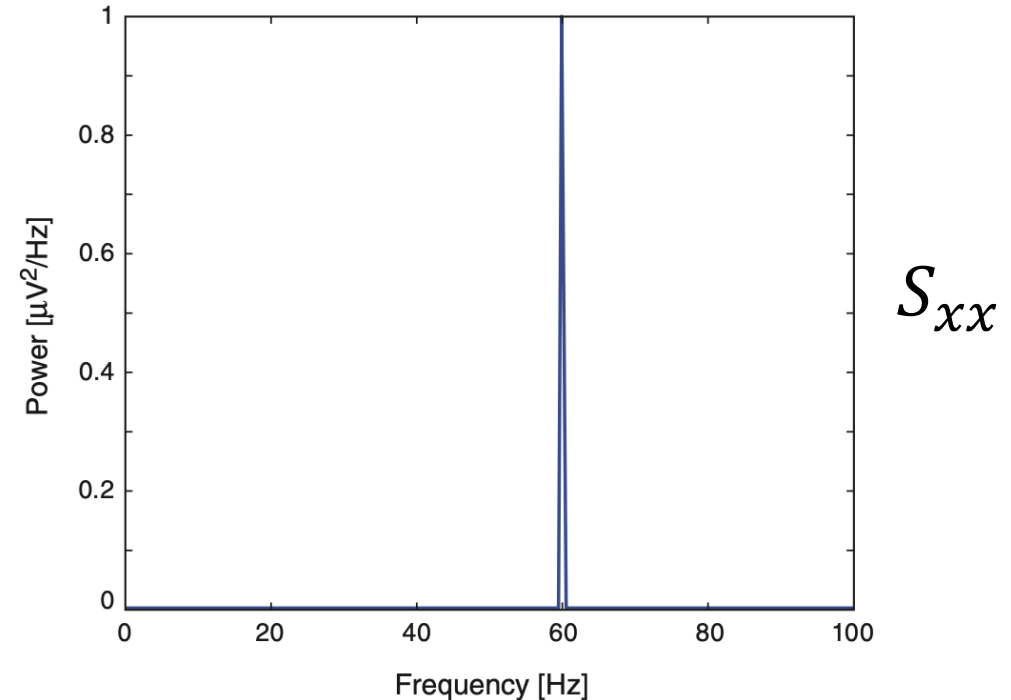
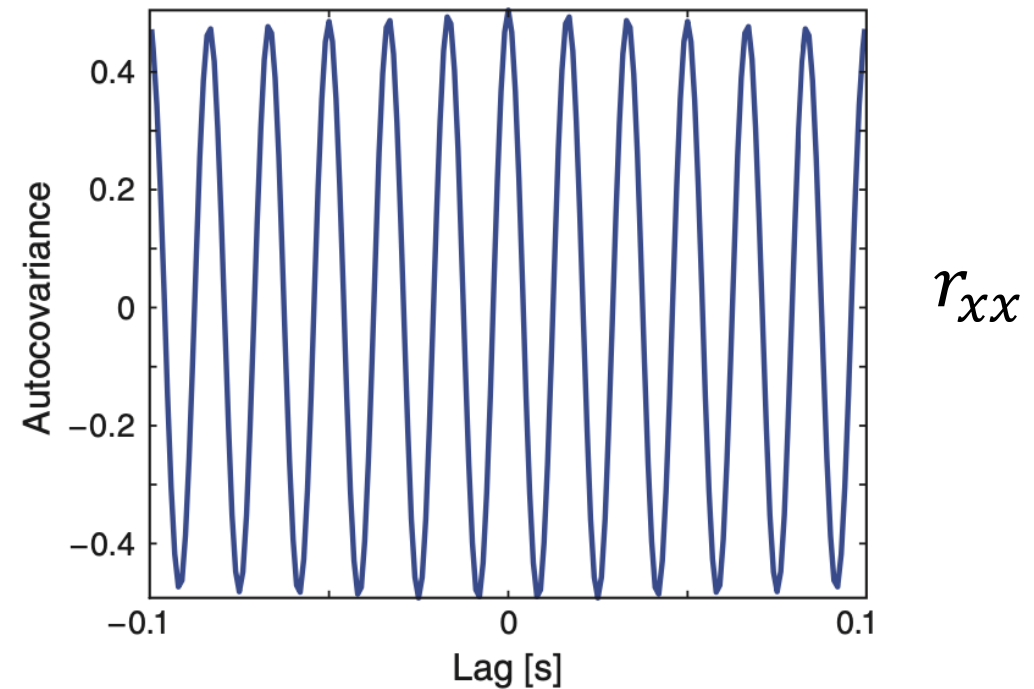
**The spectrum is the Fourier transform of the autocovariance.**

Autocovariance: time-domain, lag  $L$

Spectrum: freq-domain measure,  $f_j$

Different perspective on the dependent structure in the data.

In practice, consider both (sometimes)





# Autocovariance vs spectrum

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