



Probability and Random Process

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• 4. Random Process

- Introduction to Random Processes ✓
- Brownian Motion/Wiener Process ✓
- Poisson Process ✓
- Complex RV and RP ✗ *not covered*
- Stationarity ✓
- PSD, QAM, White Noise *No problem about "show real value"*
- Response of Systems *No problem about { "Non-linear" "solving differential equation" }*
- LTI Systems and RPs
 - Input WSS \Rightarrow Output WSS
 - how to find mean and correlation R_x^*
 - PSD & R_x/S_x

Need \mathcal{F} transform
** Example.*

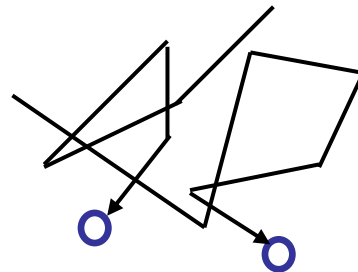


Brownian Motion/Wiener Process

Brownian Motion

In 1857, R. Brown observed that small particles immersed in a liquid exhibit ceaseless irregular motions. Einstein described the phenomenon mathematically from the laws of physics.

The first concise mathematical formulation was given by Wiener in 1918; the process is also called the “**Wiener Process**.”



Elastic collisions
of gas particles

Defining Properties

properties defined

*↗ \mathbb{R}
rather than \mathbb{R}^2*

The one-dimensional Brownian Motion, $X(t)$, has

- a) Independent increments *↗ continuous but not differentiable*
- b) Stationary increments
- c) ** improve* The increment $X(s+t) - X(s)$ is normally distributed with mean zero and variance αt
- d) $X(0) = 0$ and $X(t)$ is continuous for $t \geq 0$

If $\alpha = 1$, $X(t)$ is a **Standard Brownian Motion**.

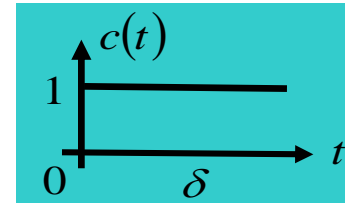
Alternative Definition

The Brownian Motion is the limit of the continuous-time random walk (CTRW)

Definition of CTRW:

Let $\{B_i\}$ be the same iid sequence used to define the discrete-time random walk.

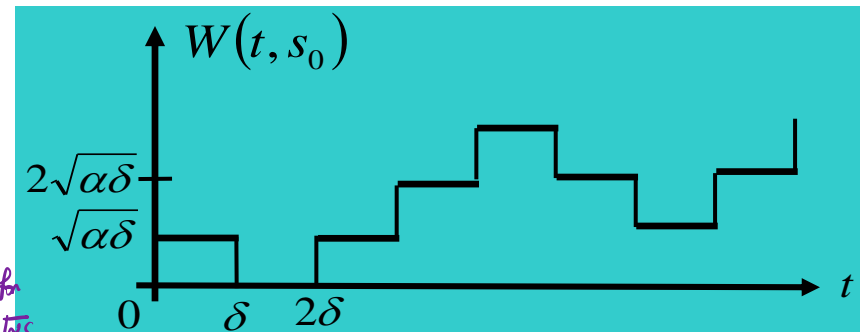
Let $c(t)$ be the unit step function.
u(t)



Then the CTRW is:

$$W(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\alpha\delta} B_i c(t - i\delta) & t \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

delta = sqrt(alpha), Bernoulli => a step for t = delta: sqrt(alpha)



Statistics of the CTRW

$$W(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\alpha \delta} B_i c(t - i\delta) & t \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$E[W(t)] = 0$$

$$Var[W(t)] = \begin{cases} \alpha \delta m & m\delta \leq t \leq (m+1)\delta, \quad m \geq 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

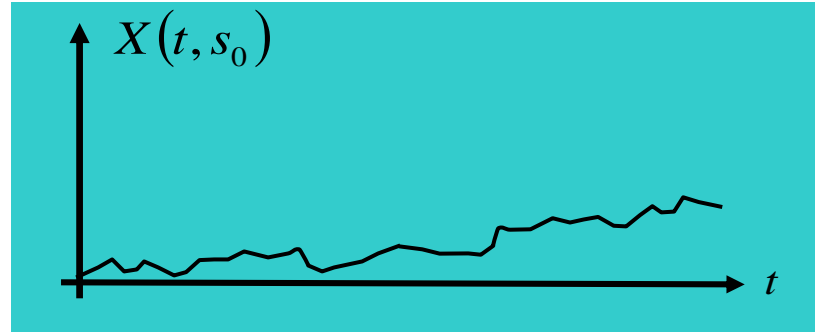
Now let $\delta \rightarrow 0$. Both distance-step and time-step shrink together in a certain way: $\delta m \rightarrow t$

$$X(t) = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} W(t) \quad \text{and} \quad Var(X(t)) = \sigma_X^2(t) = \alpha t$$

$$\mu_{X(t)} = 0 \quad \text{still.}$$

Limit of the CTRW: Wiener Process

$$X(t) = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} W(t)$$



$X(t)$ is the Wiener Process, or one-dimensional Brownian motion

Now any interval $[0, t]$, $t > 0$, has an infinite number of steps in it

By the Central Limit Theorem, $X(t)$ is Gaussian: $\mathcal{N}(0, \alpha t)$

α is called the **diffusion constant**

$X(t)$ is continuous everywhere, but nowhere differentiable

Wiener Process Autocorrelation

Suppose $0 < t_1 < t_2$

$$\begin{aligned} R_X(t_1, t_2) &= E\{X(t_1)X(t_2)\} \\ &= E\{X(t_1)[X(t_1) + (X(t_2) - X(t_1))]\} \\ &= E\{X^2(t_1)\} + E\{X(t_1)[(X(t_2) - X(t_1))]\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sigma_X^2(t_1) \\ &= \alpha t_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= E[X(t_1)] E[(X(t_2) - X(t_1))] \\ &= 0 \times 0 \end{aligned}$$

independent
(independent increments)

$$R_X(t_1, t_2) = \alpha \min(t_1, t_2) \text{ for } \begin{cases} 0 < t_1 \\ 0 < t_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\rho = \frac{\text{cov}}{\sqrt{\alpha t_1} \sqrt{\alpha t_2}}$$

Example: Derivative of Wiener Process

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Extended Derivative

Let $X(t)$ be a Wiener process such that

$$R_X(t_1, t_2) = \sigma^2 \min(t_1, t_2), \quad \begin{matrix} t_1 > 0 \\ t_2 > 0 \end{matrix}$$

Observations: $E[X(t)] = 0$, $X(t) = 0$, for $t \leq 0$
and $X(t)$ is Normal for $t > 0$.

Let

Gaussian White Noise

$$Y(t) = L_t[X(t)] = \frac{dX(t)}{dt}$$

↖
See

$$m_Y(t) = L_t[m_X(t)] = 0$$

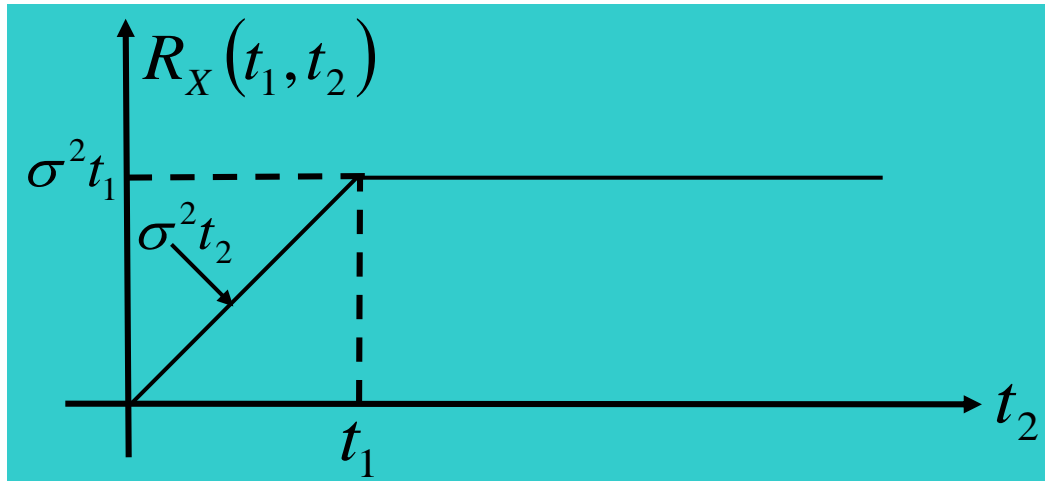
$$R_{XY}(t_1, t_2) = L_{t_2}[R_X(t_1, t_2)]$$

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Weiner New defined
Gaussian
 $X(t_1) Y(t_2)$

→
 $\frac{dR_X(t_1, t_2)}{dt}$

Derivative of Wiener Process

View $R_X(t_1, t_2)$ as a function of t_2 with t_1 fixed.

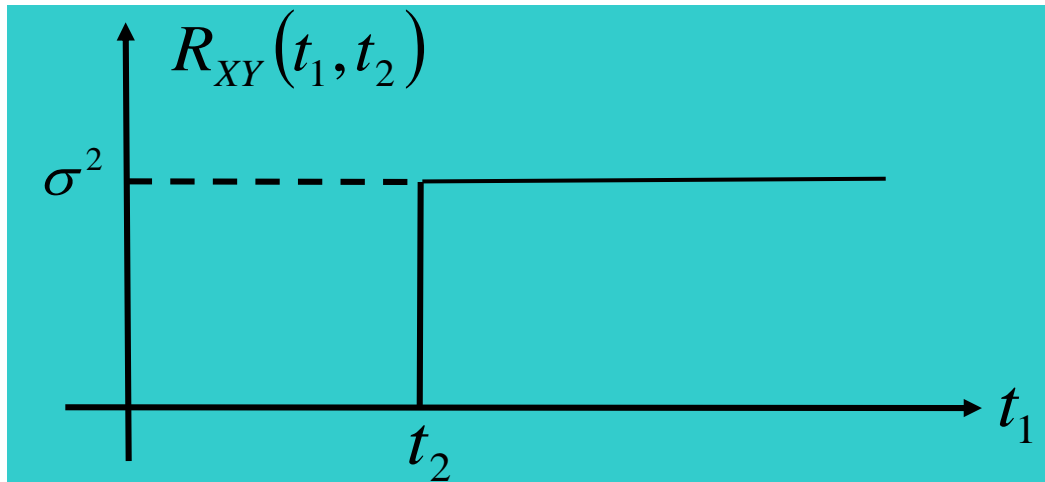


$$R_{XY}(t_1, t_2) = \frac{dR_X(t_1, t_2)}{dt_2} = \begin{cases} \sigma^2 & t_2 < t_1 \\ 0 & \text{ow} \end{cases}$$

Derivative of Wiener Process

$$R_{YY}(t_1, t_2) = \frac{d}{dt_1} R_{XY}(t_1, t_2)$$

Now view $R_{XY}(t_1, t_2)$ as a function of t_1 with t_2 fixed.



$$R_{YY}(t_1, t_2) = \sigma^2 \delta(t_1 - t_2)$$

- The Wiener Process is one of the most fundamental RPs

- The derivative of a Wiener process

$$Y(t) = \frac{dX(t)}{dt} \text{ is white noise with } E[Y(t)] = 0$$

$$R_{YY}(t_1, t_2) = \sigma^2 \delta(t_1 - t_2), \quad 0 < t_1, \quad 0 < t_2$$

- It can be shown that any **integral of $Y(t)$ is Gaussian**, therefore we call $Y(t)$ Gaussian White Noise (GWN)

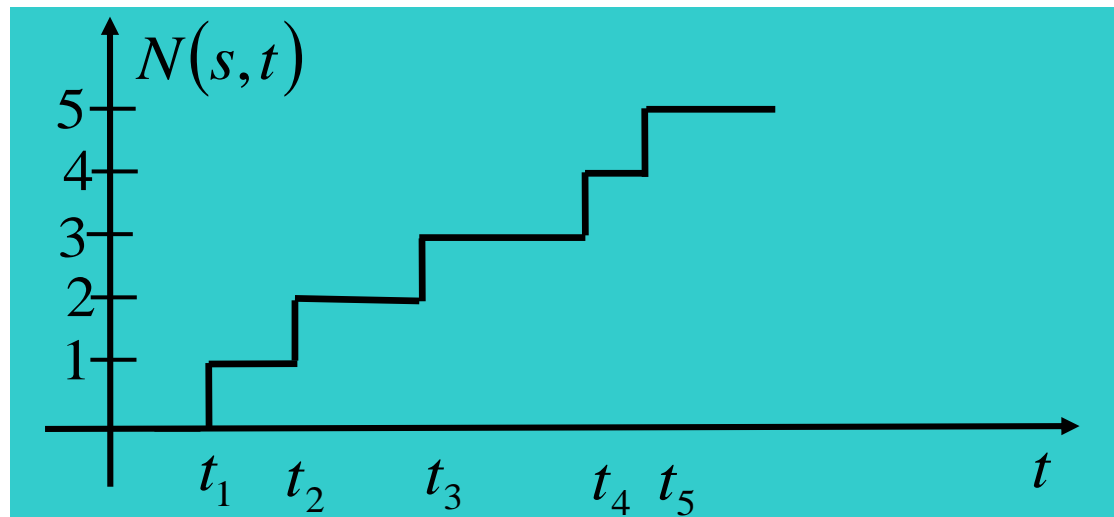


Poisson Process

The Poisson Counting Process

The Poisson counting process, $N(t)$, counts the number of times a specified event occurs during the time from 0 to t . Thus, each sample function is a non-decreasing step function.

Ex:



$\{t_1, t_2, \dots\}$ are called the Poisson Points

Postulates ^{properties}

Karlin and Taylor, A First Course in Stochastic Processes

The following postulates define the process:

1. $N(t)$ has **independent** increments.

2. $N(t)$ has **stationary** increments.

3. $P(N(h) \geq 1) = \lambda h + o(h)$ \rightarrow if h is small $o(h) \approx 0$

4. $P(N(h) \geq 2) = o(h)$

Interpretation: the probability of two or more changes in a sufficiently small interval is essentially 0

$$g(t) = o(t), t \rightarrow 0$$

is the usual way of writing $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(t)}{t} = 0$

4. $P(N(h) \geq 2) = o(h)$

Postulate 4 implies that the events do not happen simultaneously

This is reasonable for:

1. Breakdowns of a machine
2. Customer arrivals
3. Photoelectron generation in an optical detector

Homogenous Poisson Process

Based on these postulates, one can show that

PMP:

$$P(N(t + \Delta) - N(t) = m) = \frac{\Lambda^m}{m!} e^{-\Lambda}$$

That is, the **increments are Poisson-distributed** with parameter $\Lambda = \lambda\Delta$, where

λ is the average rate of occurrence

Δ the length of the interval of observation

λ being not a function of t makes $N(t)$ a **homogenous Poisson Process**

if λ changes, i.e. non-homo.
非齐次过程

A homogenous Poisson Process may also describe random points in space, for example, locations of stars in the galaxy, or point defects in a solid material.

For example, let V be a volume in \mathcal{R}^3 , and $N(V)$ = the number of points in V

$$P(N(V) = m) = \frac{(\lambda V)^m}{m!} e^{-\lambda V}, \quad \lambda > 0$$

Standard Poisson Process

A **Standard Poisson Process** allows the rate, $\lambda(t)$, to vary with time

$$P(N(t + \Delta) - N(t) = m) = \frac{\left(\int_t^{t+\Delta} \lambda(u) du \right)^m}{m!} e^{-\int_t^{t+\Delta} \lambda(u) du}$$

This process has independent but **not stationary** increments

λ changes as t changes

A homogenous Poisson Process is a **special case** of the Standard Poisson Process

Consider the joint PMF of the homogenous Poisson Process. Let $t_1 < t_2, i \leq j$

$$P_{N(t_1)N(t_2)}(i, j) = P\{N(t_1) = i \cap N(t_2) = j\}$$

$t_1 \rightarrow t_2$
follows poisson.

Write $N(t_2)$ as a sum of independent increments

$$N(t_2) = [N(t_2) - N(t_1)] + N(t_1)$$

Then, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \{N(t_1) = i \cap N(t_2) = j\} \\ = \{N(t_1) = i\} \cap \{[N(t_2) - N(t_1)] = j - i\} \end{aligned}$$

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Now exploit the independent increments

$$p_{N(t_1)N(t_2)}(i, j) = P\{N(t_1) = i\} P\{N(t_2) - N(t_1) = j - i\}$$

And finally exploit the stationary increments

$$p_{N(t_1)N(t_2)}(i, j) = P\{N(t_1) = i\} P\{N(t_2 - t_1) = j - i\}$$

Joint PMF, Final Expression

$$\therefore p_{N(t_1)N(t_2)}(i, j) = \left[\frac{(\lambda t_1)^i}{i!} e^{-\lambda t_1} \right] \frac{(\lambda [t_2 - t_1])^{(j-i)}}{(j-i)!} e^{-\lambda [t_2 - t_1]}$$

poisson
↓ ↓

Mean, Correlation, and Covariance

自己算下
mid-steps

$$E[N_t] = \lambda t \text{ and } \text{var}(N_t) = \lambda t.$$

$$E[N_t N_s] = (\lambda t)(\lambda s) + \lambda t \text{ for } t < s$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cov}(N_t, N_s) &= E[(N_t - \lambda t)(N_s - \lambda s)] \\ &= E[N_t N_s] - (\lambda t)(\lambda s) \\ &= \lambda t. \end{aligned}$$

Example

Suppose fish bite with a Poisson distribution, with an average rate of one per 20 min. What is the probability that at least one fish will bite in the next 5 min given that no fish has bitten in the last 20 min?

$$P(N(t+5) - N(t) \geq 1 \mid N(t) - N(t-20) = 0)$$

$$= P(N(t+5) - N(t) \geq 1) = 1 - \frac{(5/20)^0}{0!} e^{-5/20} = 0.22$$

Because of independent increments, there is
"No premium for waiting"



Poisson Inter-arrival Times

Let $T = t_2 - t_1$, where t_1 and t_2 are two consecutive event times. Characterize T .

→ CDF or PDF

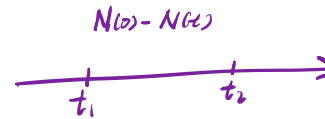
$$\text{CDF: } P(T \leq t)$$

$$= 1 - P(N(t_1 + t) - N(t_1) = 0)$$

$$= 1 - P(N(t) = 0)$$

$$= 1 - e^{-\lambda t} \quad t \geq 0 \quad t \geq 0$$

$$f_T(t) = \frac{d}{dt} F_T(t) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda t} & t \geq 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

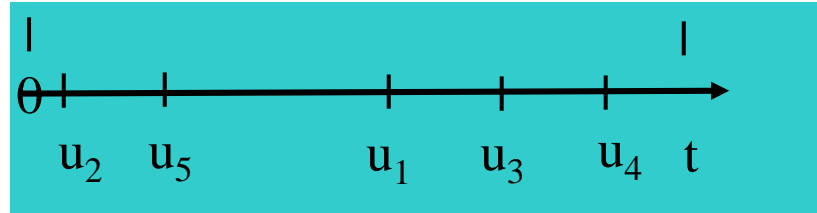


Random Points Interpretation

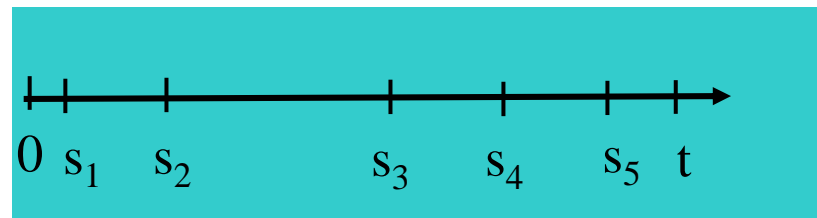
Given $N(t) = k$, the k event times are equivalent to k independent RVs that are uniformly distributed over $[0, t]$, given that they are ordered.

In other words, let u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k be k independent trials of a RV uniformly distributed over $[0, t]$.

Ex: $k = 5$



Then, define s_1, s_2, \dots, s_k to be the ordered version of the u 's.



Example

Suppose two customers arrive at a shop during a two-minute period. Find the probability that one arrived in the first minute and the other arrived in the second minute.

Poisson approach:

$$P(N(1)=1 \mid N(2)=2) = \frac{P(N(1)=1 \cap N(2)=2)}{P(N(2)=2)} = \frac{P(N(1)=1 \cap N(2)-N(1)=1)}{P(N(2)=2)}$$

Definition of Poisson Process

Postulates

Homogeneous

Standard

Inter-arrival Times are Exponential

Random Points

Similarities of Wiener and Poisson processes:

Stationary and independent increments

Variance are scalar of time

Initial is 0

Differences between Wiener and Poisson processes:

Continuous and discrete

Gaussian and Poisson

Mean: 0 and λt



Thank You!