

1 Exercise 1

$X(k) = W(k) - W(k-1)$, $k = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$, where $W(k)$ is stationary stochastic with i.i.d. stochastic variables and $E[W(k)] = 0$, $E[W(k)^2] = 1$, $E[W(k)^3] = 1$

Covariance of $X(k)$: $c_2^x = m_2^x = E[X(k)X(k+\tau)] = 2\delta(\tau) - \delta(\tau-1) - \delta(\tau+1)$ where $\delta(\tau)$ is the delta Kroenecker function; hence,

$$c_2^x(\tau) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } \tau = 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } \tau = -1, \tau = 1 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Power Spectrum: $C_2^x(\omega) = \sum_{\tau=-1}^1 c_2^x(\tau)e^{(-j\omega\tau)} = 2 - 2\cos(\omega)$

1.1 Computing c_3^x

We compute the 3rd-order cumulants of $X(k)$ as shown.

$$\begin{aligned} c_3^x(\tau_1, \tau_2) &= m_3^x(\tau_1, \tau_2) - m_1^x[m_2^x(\tau_1) + m_2^x(\tau_2) + m_2^x(\tau_2 - \tau_1)] + 2(m_1^x)^3 \\ &= m_3^x(\tau_1, \tau_2) \quad \text{because } m_1^x = E[X(k)] = E[W(k)] - E[W(k-1)] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} c_3^x(\tau_1, \tau_2) &= m_3^x(\tau_1, \tau_2) = E(X(k)X(k+\tau_1)X(k+\tau_2)) \\ &= E((W(k) - W(k-1))(W(k+\tau_1) - W(k+\tau_1-1))(W(k+\tau_2) - W(k+\tau_2-1))) \\ &= E(W(k)W(k+\tau_1)W(k+\tau_2) - W(k)W(k+\tau_1)W(k+\tau_2-1) \\ &\quad - W(k)W(k+\tau_1-1)W(k+\tau_2) + W(k)W(k+\tau_1-1)W(k+\tau_2-1) \\ &\quad - W(k-1)W(k+\tau_1)W(k+\tau_2) + W(k-1)W(k+\tau_1)W(k+\tau_2-1) \\ &\quad + W(k-1)W(k+\tau_1-1)W(k+\tau_2) - W(k-1)W(k+\tau_1-1)W(k+\tau_2-1)) \end{aligned}$$

As $W(k), W(k+\tau)$ are independent stochastic processes,
 $E(W(k)W(k+\tau)) = E(W(k))E(W(k+\tau))$

Therefore, for all possible combinations of τ_1 and τ_2

$$\begin{aligned} c_3^x(\tau_1, \tau_2) &= -\delta(\tau_1, \tau_2 - 1) - \delta(\tau_1 - 1, \tau_2) \\ &\quad + \delta(\tau_1 - 1, \tau_2 - 1) - \delta(\tau_1 + 1, \tau_2 + 1) \\ &\quad + \delta(\tau_1 + 1, \tau_2 - 1) + \delta(\tau_1, \tau_2 + 1) \\ &= \begin{cases} -1, & \tau_1 = 0, \tau_2 = 1 \\ -1, & \tau_1 = 1, \tau_2 = 0 \\ +1, & \tau_1 = 1, \tau_2 = 1 \\ -1, & \tau_1 = -1, \tau_2 = -1 \\ +1, & \tau_1 = -1, \tau_2 = 0 \\ +1, & \tau_1 = 0, \tau_2 = -1 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

We notice that the values of $c_3^x(\tau_1, \tau_2)$ are anti-symmetrical

1.2 Calculating the skewness γ_3^x

We can find the skewness by observing the 3rd order cumulants in $(\tau_1, \tau_2) = (0, 0)$ as,

$$\gamma_3^x = c_3^x(0, 0) = 0$$

We can, therefore, conclude that the stochastic process $X(k)$ has a probability distribution in which the observations are perfectly symmetrical around the mean. So, $(m_1^x = 0)$ and the observations are symmetrical around $(0, 0)$.

1.3 Finding the bispectrum $C_3^x(\omega_1, \omega_2)$

$$\begin{aligned} C_3^x(\omega_1, \omega_2) &= \sum_{\tau_1=-1}^{\tau_1=+1} \sum_{\tau_2=-1}^{\tau_2=+1} c_3^x(\tau_1, \tau_2) e^{-j(\omega_1 \tau_1 + \omega_2 \tau_2)} \text{ where, } |\omega_1| \leq \pi, |\omega_2| \leq \pi, |\omega_1 + \omega_2| \leq \pi \\ &= e^{-j(\omega_1 + \omega_2)} - e^{-j(-\omega_1 - \omega_2)} \\ &\quad + e^{j\omega_1} + e^{-j\omega_2} - e^{-j\omega_1} - e^{-j\omega_2} \\ &= -2j(-\sin \omega_1) - 2j(-\sin \omega_2) - 2j(\sin(\omega_1 + \omega_2)) \\ &= 2j(\sin \omega_1 + \sin \omega_2 - \sin(\omega_1 + \omega_2)) \end{aligned}$$

We notice that the bispectrum $C_3^x(\omega_1, \omega_2)$ is imaginary.

1.4 General Comments

If $c_3^x(\tau_1, \tau_2) \neq 0$, apart from the imaginary part of the bispectrum, there would also be a real part in it. We can, therefore, assume that the skewness of $X(k)$ affects the real part of the bispectrum.