



Statistical signal processing (5CTA0)

Lecture 2, part B

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Part 1: Random variables and Random Signals

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Lecture 2: Random vectors, Random processes
and random signals

Part A: Pairs of random variables

Part B: Random vectors, random processes and
random signals

Random vectors, random processes and random signals

Lecture 2, Part B

Outline

- Random vectors
- Stochastic processes
- Stationarity and ergodicity
- Auto-correlation and power spectral density
- Ideal and approximate signal statistics

Random vectors: introduction

- A stochastic process may involve multiple random variables
 - Multiple random variables associated to the same stochastic process are called **joint** random variables
 - The **probability model** of joint random variables contains properties of the individual random variables and the relationships among them

Multiple random variables

Suppose we have N random variables

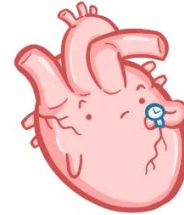
Example: vital signs measurements



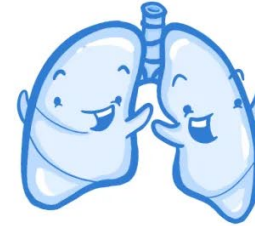
**BODY
TEMPERATURE**



**BLOOD
PRESSURE**



**HEART RATE
(PULSE)**



**RESPIRATORY
RATE**

Random vectors

Denoting each random variable X_n , with $n = 1, \dots, N$, we can group all random variables X_n in a random vector as

$$\mathbf{X} = [X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N]^\top$$

Random vector

$$\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N]^\top$$

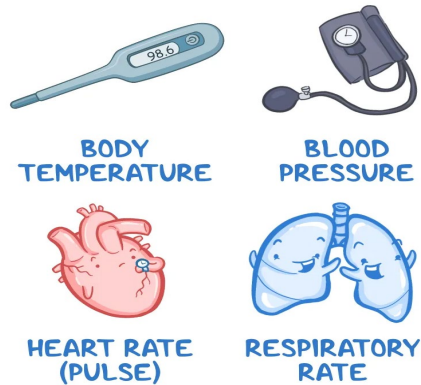
Single realization

Random vectors

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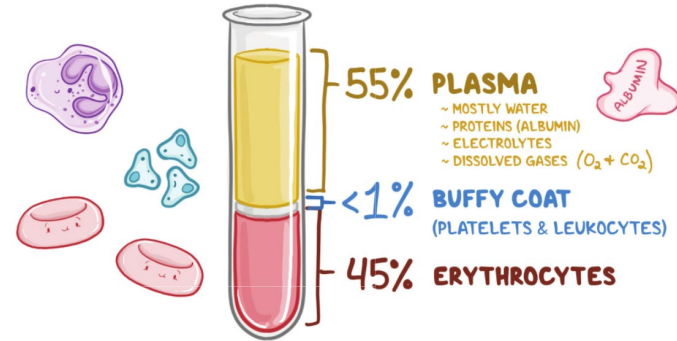
Vital signs

$X =$



Lab values (blood)

$Y =$



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Example: vital signs + lab values

$$\mathbf{X} = [X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N]^\top$$

$$\mathbf{Y} = [Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_M]^\top$$

$$\mathbf{Z} = [\mathbf{X}^\top, \mathbf{Y}^\top]^\top$$

$$\mathbf{Z} = [X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N, Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_M]^\top$$

Multivariate probability distributions

Denoting each random variable X_n , with $n = 1, \dots, N$, we can define the **multivariate joint CDF** as

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Joint PMF
$$p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = p_{X_1, \dots, X_N}(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \Pr[X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_N = x_N]$$

Joint PDF
$$p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = p_{X_1, \dots, X_N}(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \frac{\partial^N P_{X_1, \dots, X_N}(x_1, \dots, x_N)}{\partial x_1 \dots \partial x_N}$$

Marginalization

To obtain the probability function of a random variable of interest, we “marginalize” over all other random variables

Discrete

$$p_{X_2, X_3}(x_2, x_3) = \sum_{x_1 \in S_{X_1}} \sum_{x_4 \in S_{X_4}} \cdots \sum_{x_N \in S_{X_N}} p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x})$$

Continuous

$$p_{X_2, X_3}(x_2, x_3) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) \, dx_1 dx_4 \cdots dx_N$$

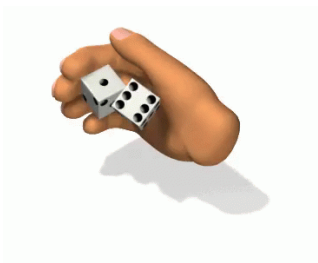
Independence

The random variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N can be regarded as independent if and only if the following factorization holds

$$p_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) = p_{X_1}(x_1)p_{X_2}(x_2)\dots p_{X_N}(x_N).$$

Independence: example

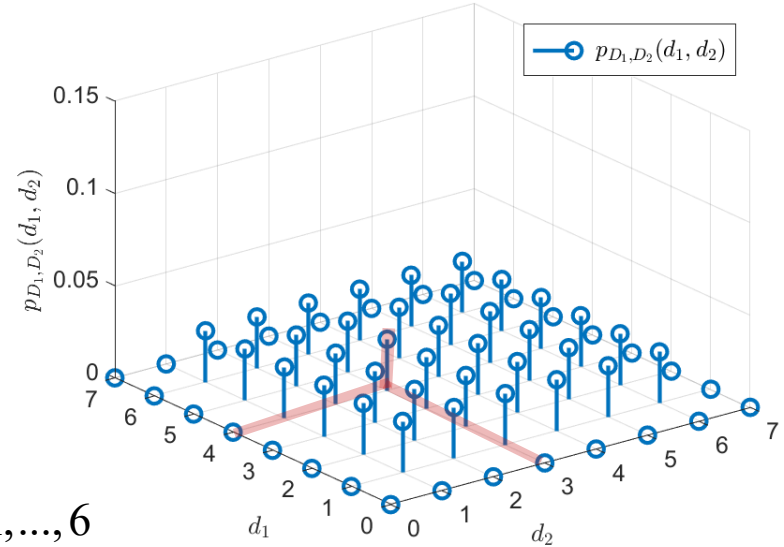
Rolling two dice



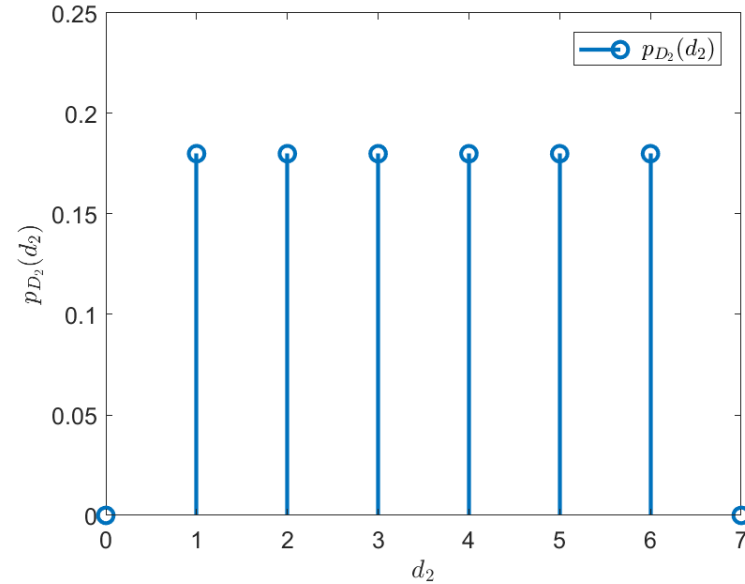
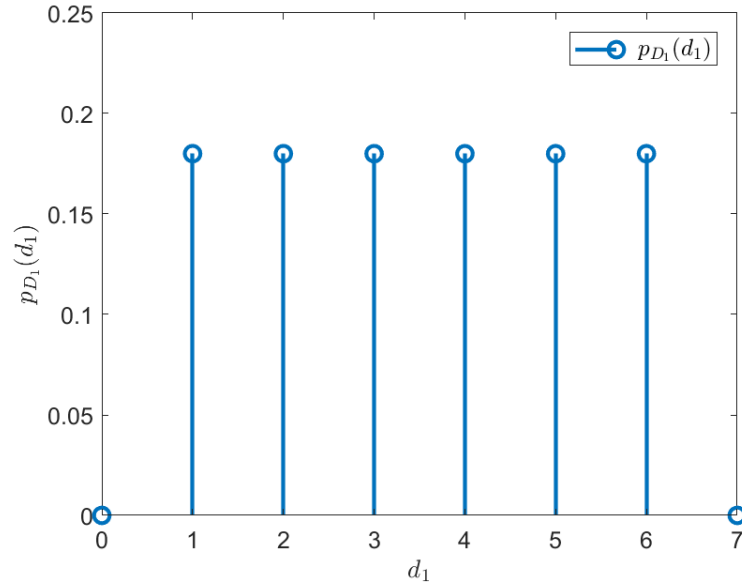
D_1 = number on first die

D_2 = number on second die

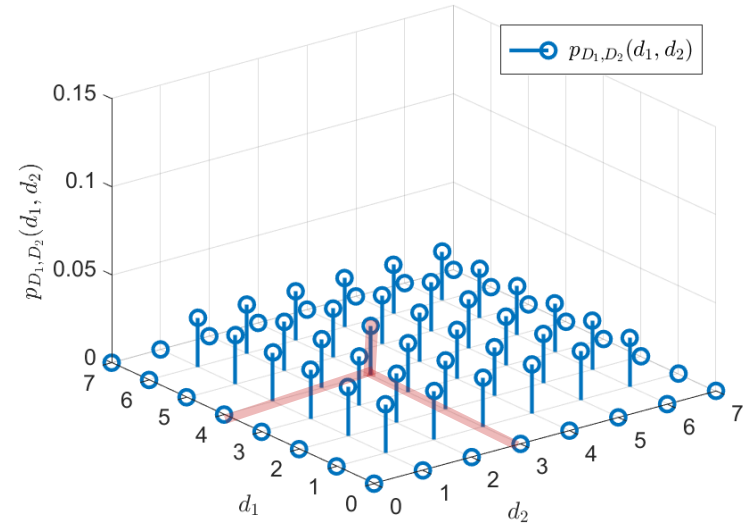
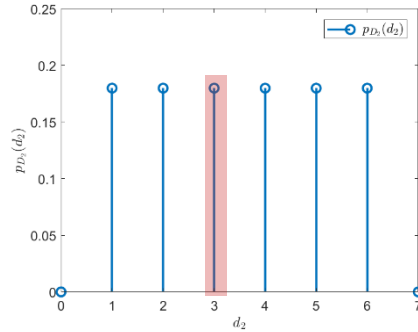
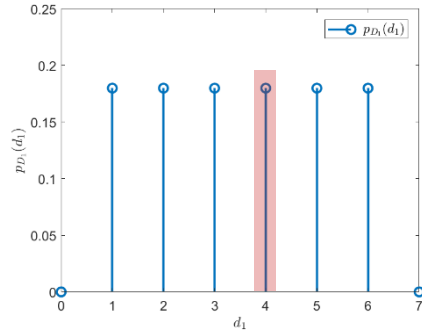
$$p_{D_1, D_2}(d_1, d_2) = \begin{cases} 1/36 & \text{for } d_1 = 1, \dots, 6; d_2 = 1, \dots, 6 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$



Independence: example



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$$p_{D_1, D_2}(d_1 = 4, d_2 = 3) = p_{D_1}(d_1 = 4)p_{D_2}(d_2 = 3) = \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{36}$$

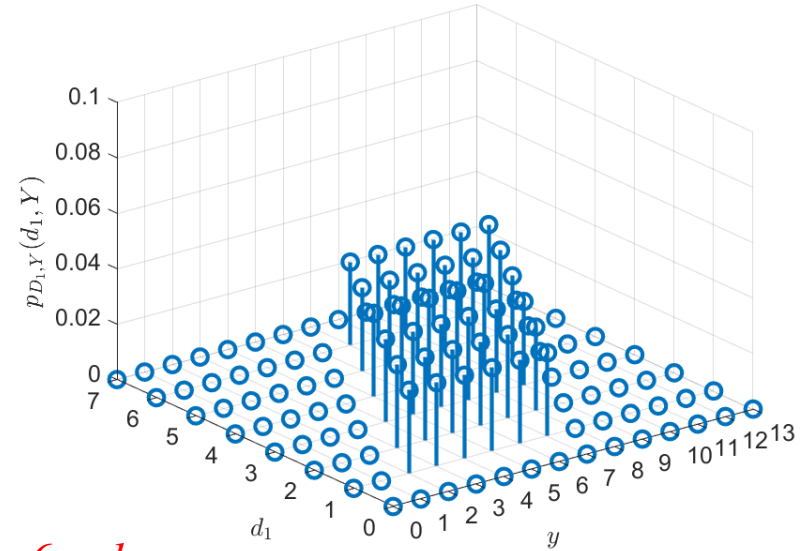
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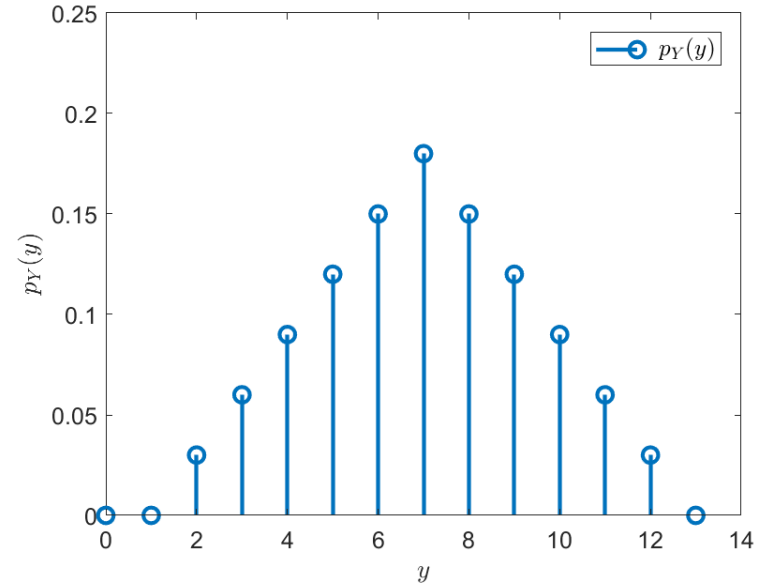
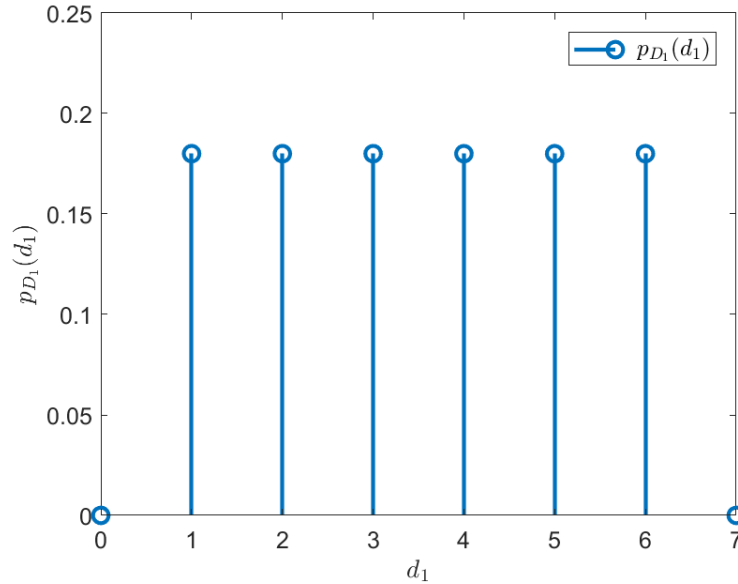
D_2 = number on second die

$$Y = D_1 + D_2$$

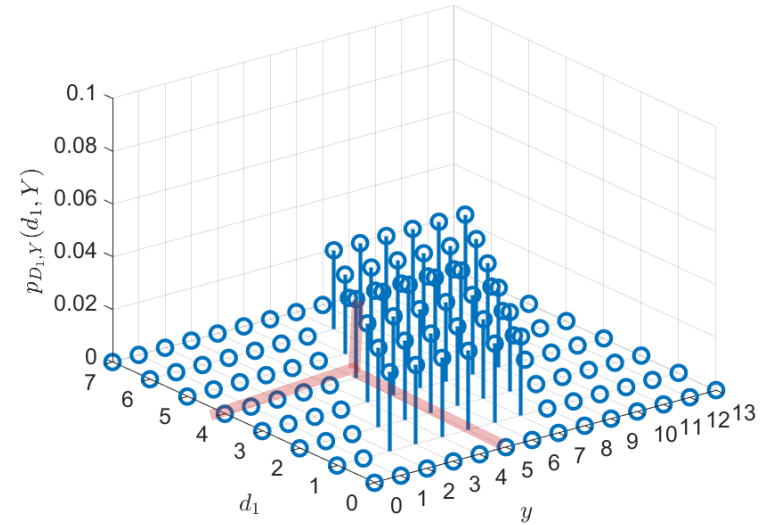
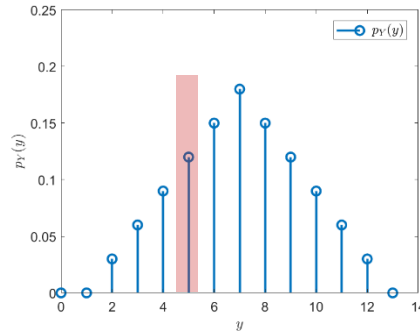
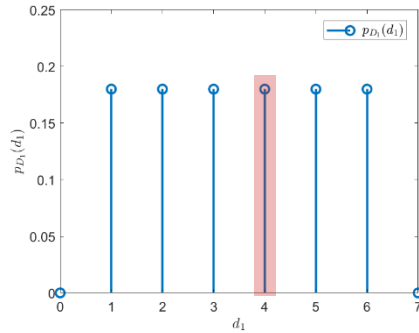


$$p_{D_1, Y}(d_1, y) = 1/36 \text{ for } d_1 = 1, \dots, 6; y = 1 + d_1, \dots, 6 + d_1$$

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$$p_{D_1, Y}(d_1 = 4, y = 5) = \frac{1}{36}$$

$$p_{D_1, Y}(d_1 = 4, y = 5) \neq p_{D_1}(x_1 = 4)p_Y(y = 5) = \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{4}{36} \neq \frac{1}{36}$$

D_1 and Y are not independent

Covariance and correlation

The **covariance** is a measure of the correlation between two random variables

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}[X_1, X_2] &= \text{E}[(X_1 - \mu_{X_1})(X_2 - \mu_{X_2})] = \\ &= \text{E}[X_1 X_2] - \mu_{X_1} \mu_{X_2} = r_{X_1, X_2} - \mu_{X_1} \mu_{X_2}\end{aligned}$$

With r_{x_1, x_2} called correlation $r_{X_1, X_2} = \text{E}[X_1 X_2]$

X_1, X_2 Real-valued random variables

Extension to random vector: Cross-covariance matrix

$$\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{XY}} = \mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{X} - \mu_{\mathbf{X}})(\mathbf{Y} - \mu_{\mathbf{Y}})^{\top}] = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & \cdots & c_{1N} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} & \cdots & c_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{N1} & c_{N2} & \cdots & c_{NN} \end{bmatrix}$$

\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y} uncorrelated
if $\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{XY}} = \mathbf{0}$

$$c_{mn} = \mathbb{E}[(X_m - \mu_n)(Y_n - \mu_n)]$$

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$$\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{X} - \mu_{\mathbf{X}})(\mathbf{X} - \mu_{\mathbf{X}})^{\top}] = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & c_{12} & \cdots & c_{1N} \\ c_{21} & \sigma_2^2 & \cdots & c_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{N1} & c_{N2} & \cdots & \sigma_N^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c_{mn} = \mathbb{E}[(X_m - \mu_m)(X_n - \mu_n)] \quad \text{for } m \neq n$$

$$\sigma_m^2 = \mathbb{E}[(X_m - \mu_m)^2] \quad \text{for } m = n$$

Extension to random vector: Cross-correlation matrix

$$\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{XY}} = \mathbf{E}[\mathbf{XY}^\top] = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & \cdots & r_{1N} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & \cdots & r_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ r_{N1} & r_{N2} & \cdots & r_{NN} \end{bmatrix}$$

\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y} orthogonal if $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{XY}} = 0$

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Random signals: introduction

Continuous-time

$$x(t) = s(t) + w(t)$$

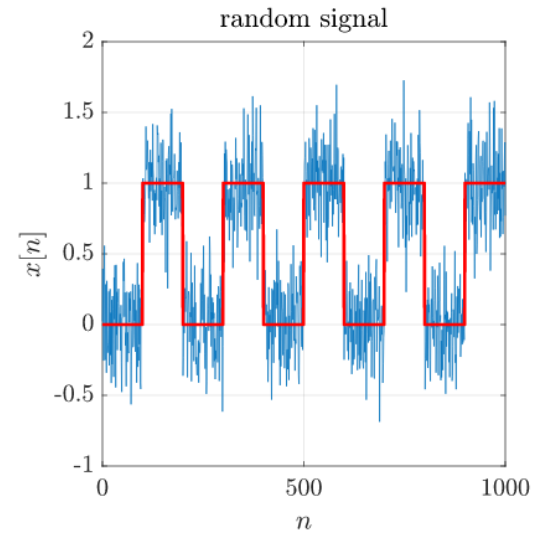
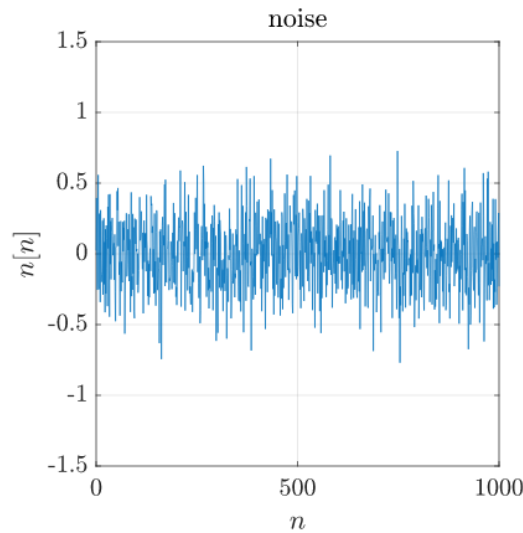
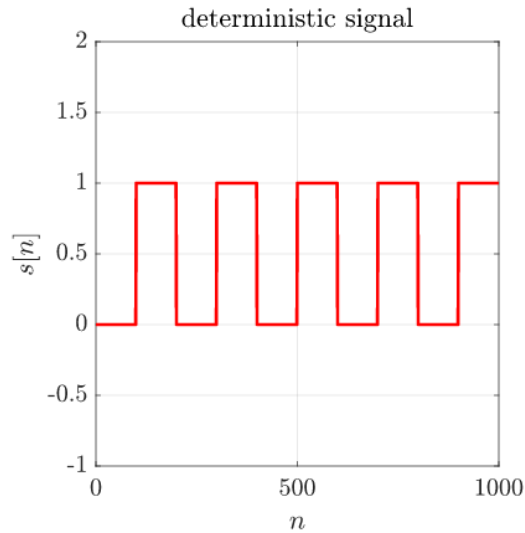
$s(t), s[n]$: deterministic signal

Discrete-time

$$x[n] = s[n] + w[n]$$

$x(t), x[n]$: random signal

$w(t), w[n]$: noise sequence



Random Processes, random variables, random signals

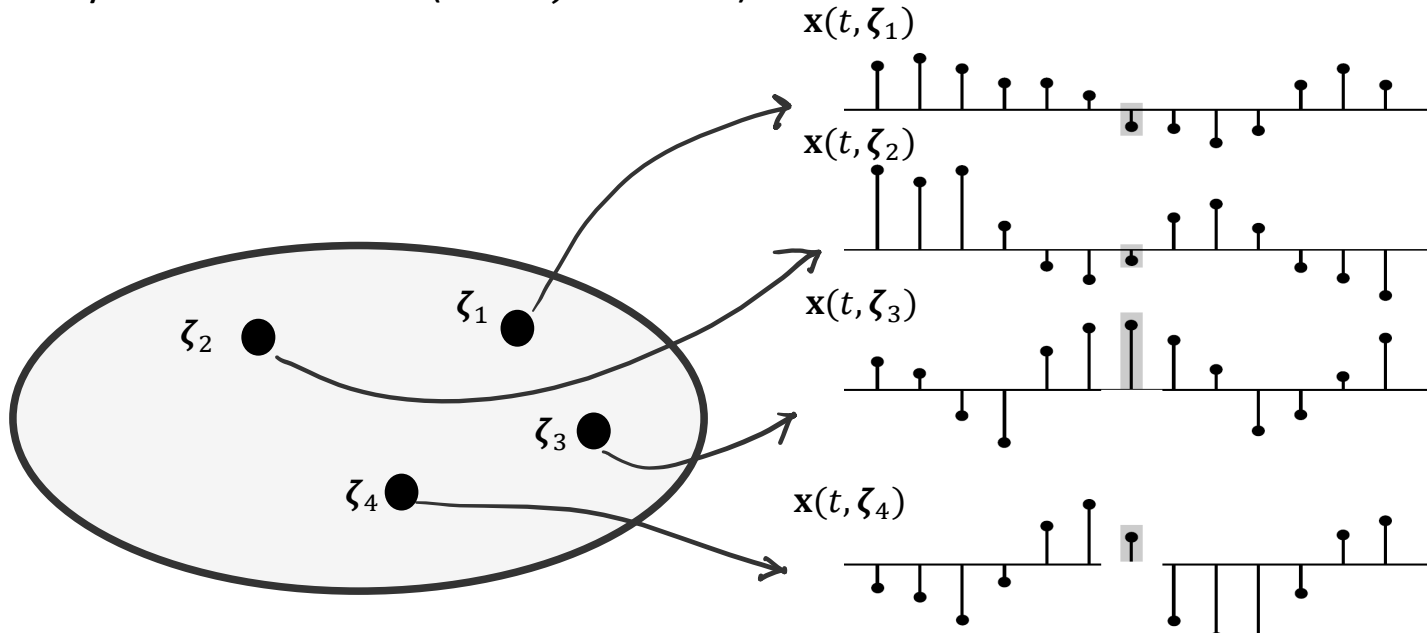
- Start with an experiment specified by its outcomes ζ forming the sample space \mathcal{S} .
- To every outcome ζ_k we assign a time function $x(t, \zeta_k)$, each occurring with a different probability
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- To every outcome ζ of the sample space \mathcal{S} , each occurring with a probability $P(\zeta)$, the random process $\mathbf{X}(t, \zeta)$ maps each outcome of the sample space to a time function.
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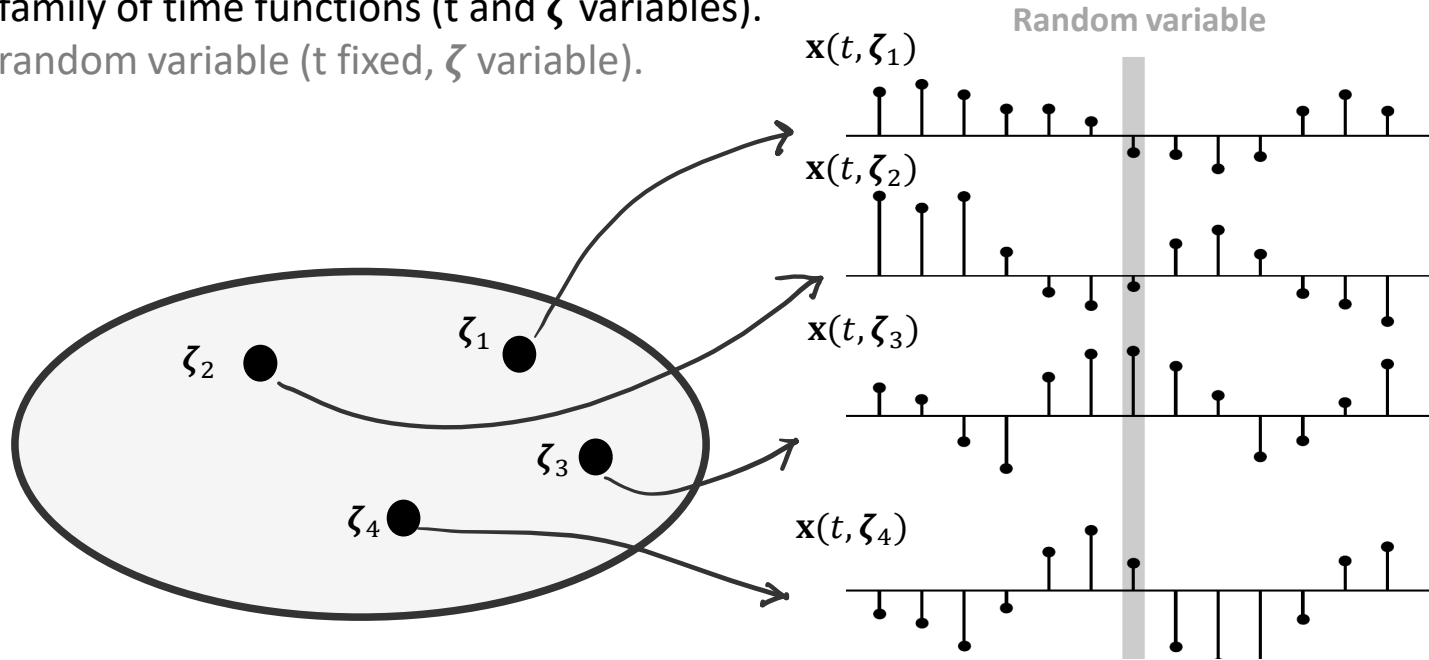
Random Processes and Random Variables

- Four ways to think about the function $\mathbf{X}(t, \zeta)$:
 - A family of time functions (t and ζ variables).



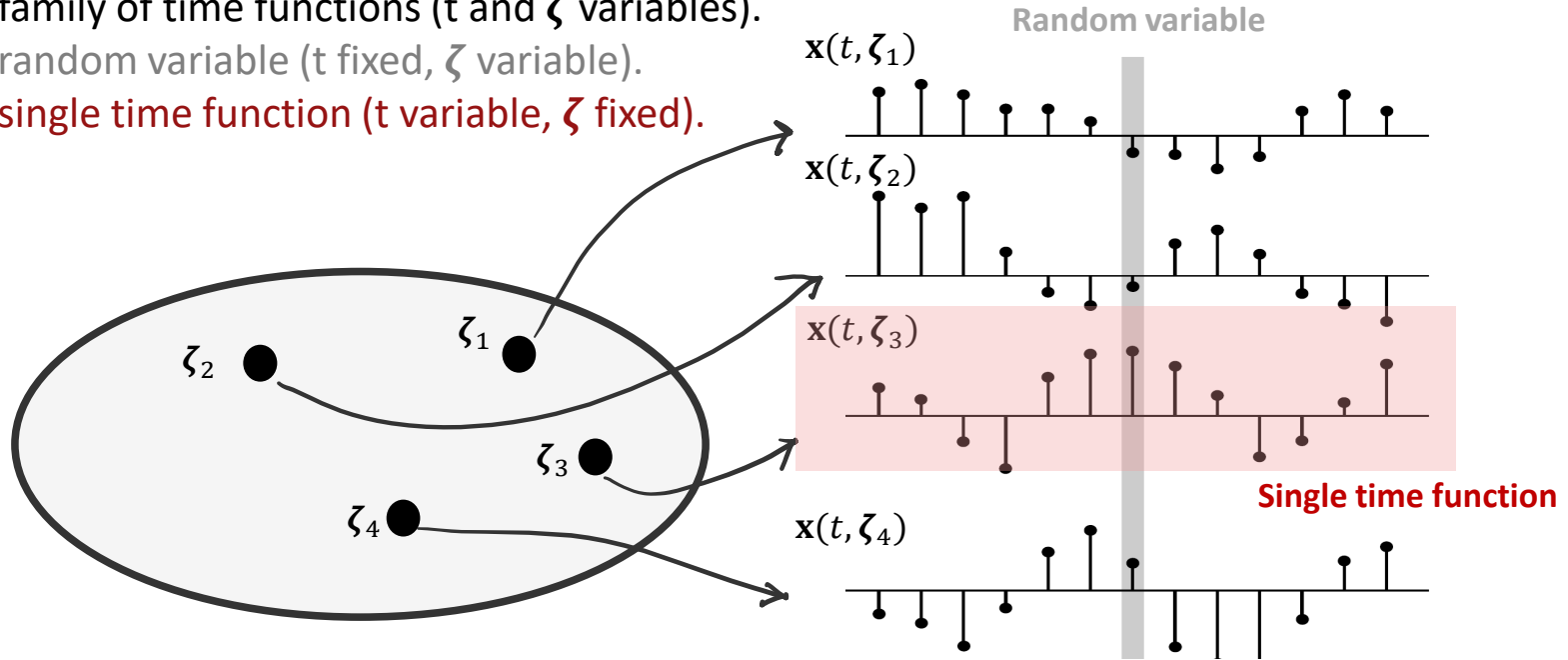
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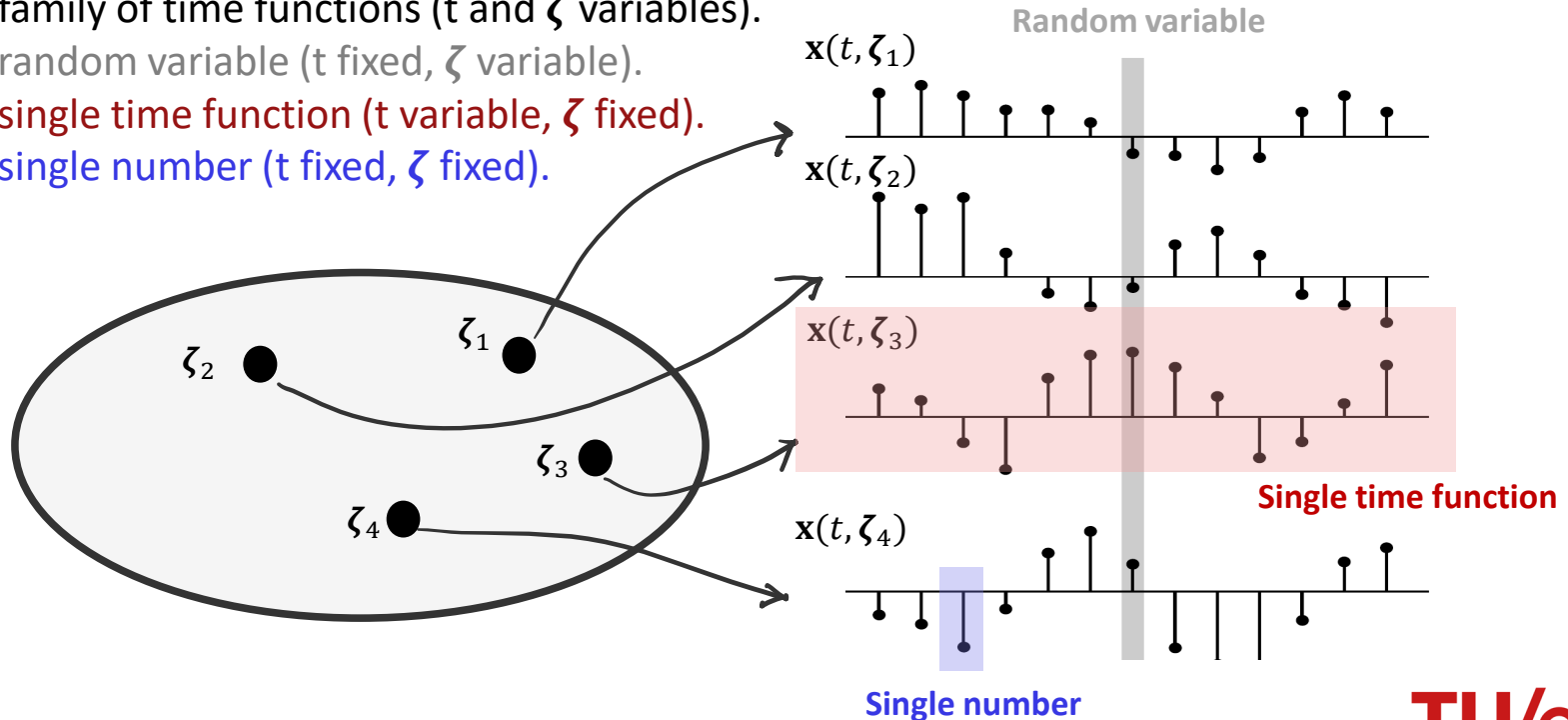
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- Remember the statistics used for random vectors

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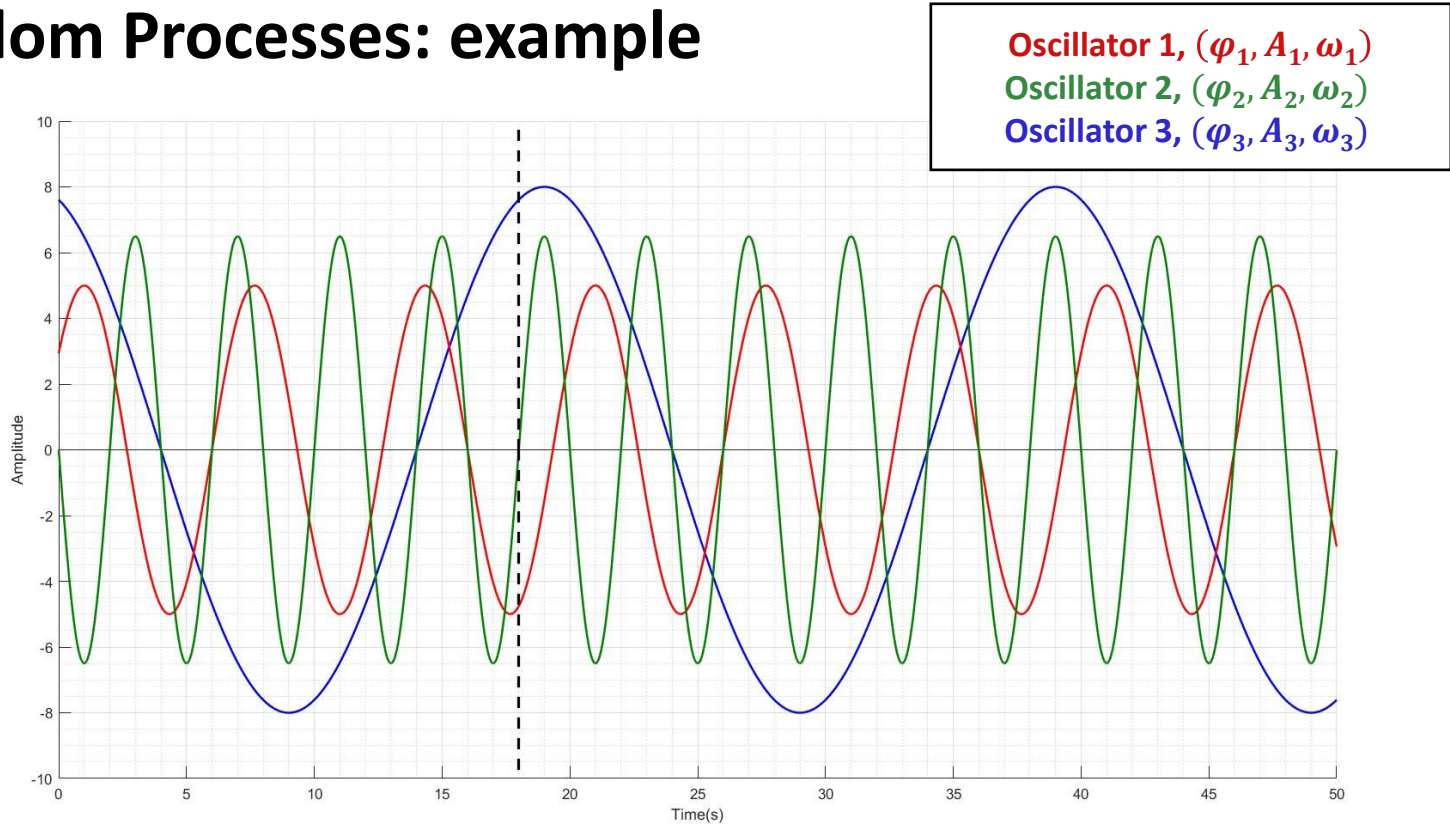
- For random processes $\mathbf{X}(t, \boldsymbol{\zeta})$, fixing the time results in a random variable. (Note: We dropped $\boldsymbol{\zeta}$ and write $\mathbf{X}(t)$ instead of $\mathbf{X}(t, \boldsymbol{\zeta})$):

Joint CDF $P_{\mathbf{X}(t)}(\mathbf{x}; t) = P_{X(t_1), \dots, X(t_N)}(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \Pr[X(t_1) \leq x_1, \dots, X(t_N) \leq x_N].$

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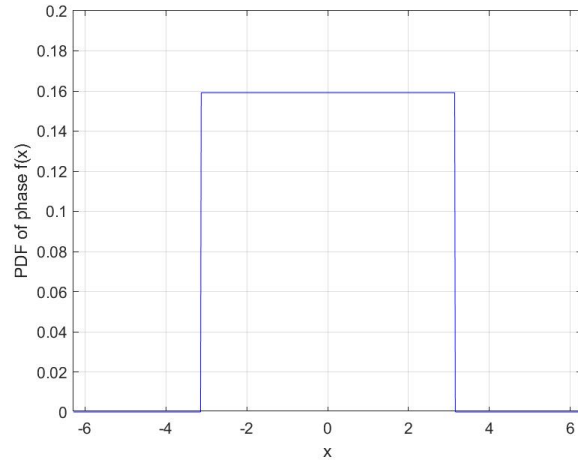
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Random Processes: example

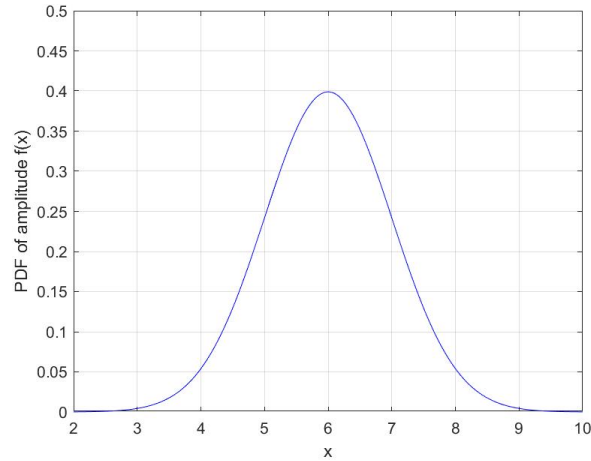


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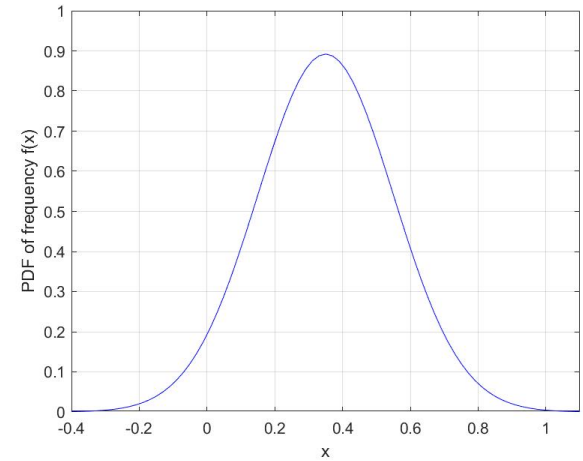
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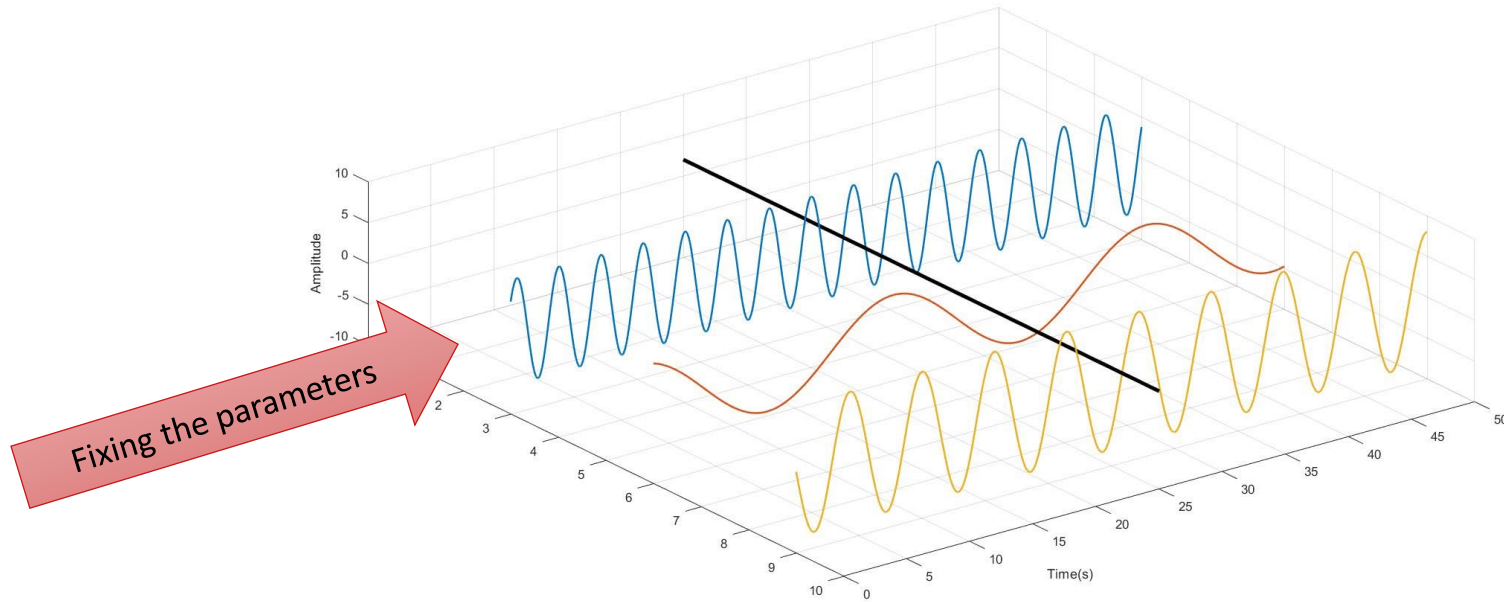
$$p_A(a)$$



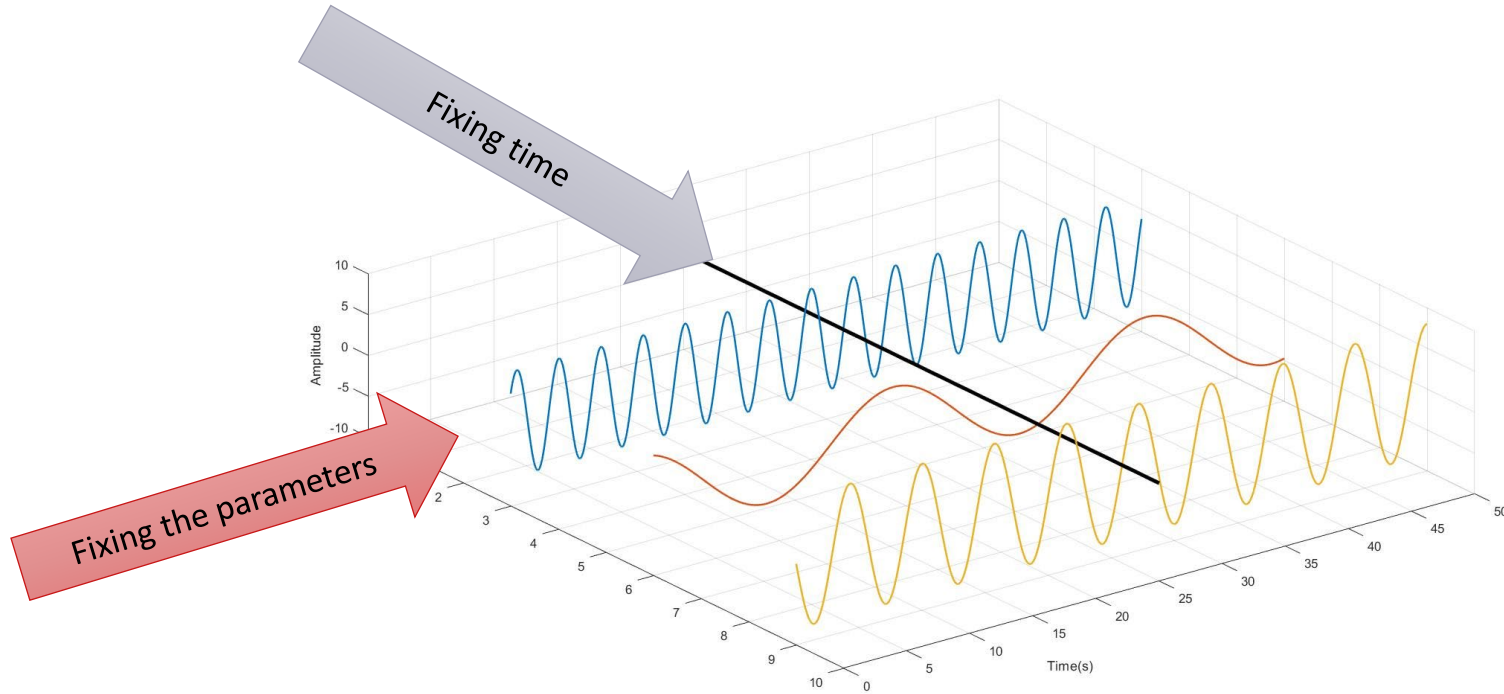
$$p_{\Omega}(\omega)$$



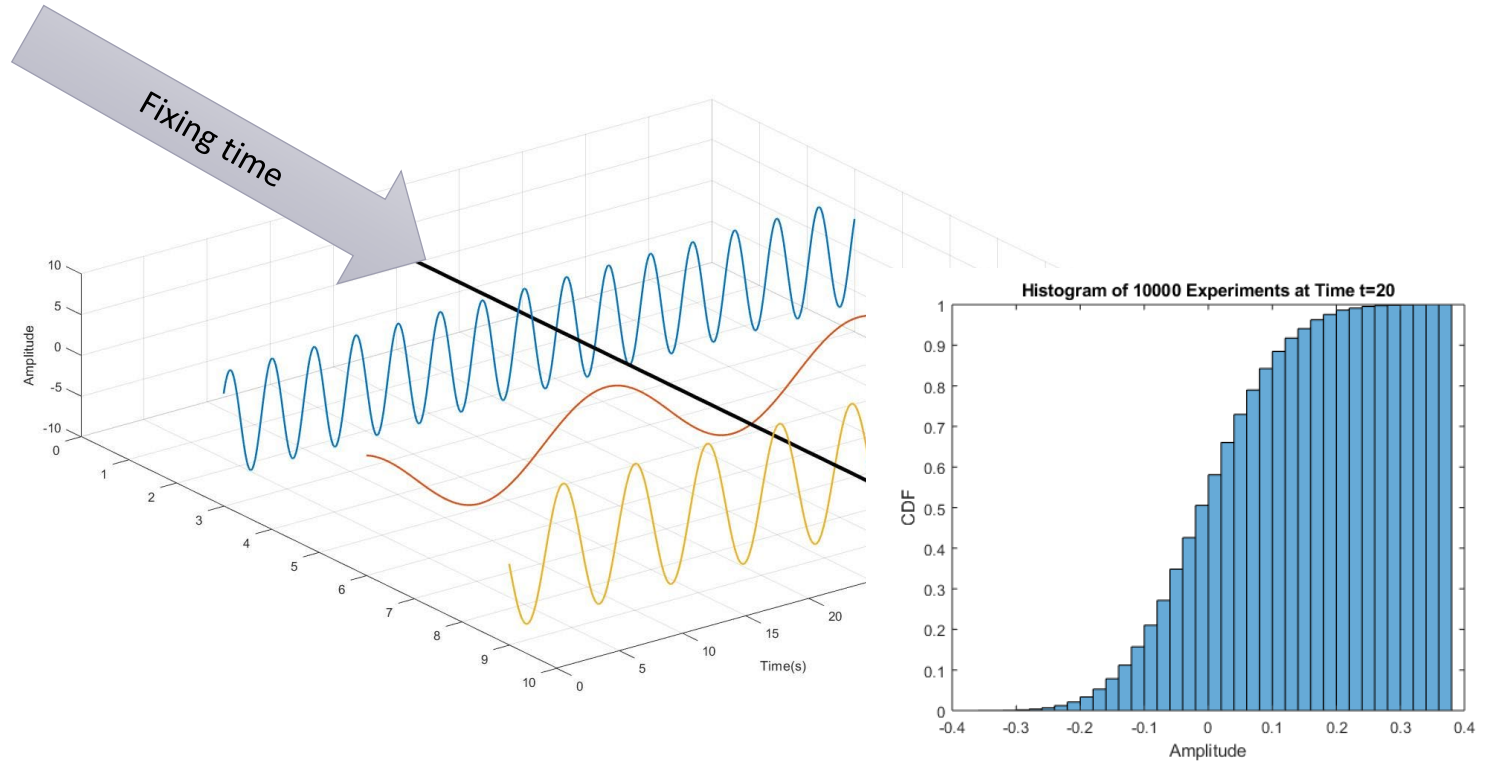
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1st Order Statistics of Random Processes

- Mean of a Random Process:

DISCRETE:

$$\mu_X[n] = E[\mathbf{X}[n]] = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{Z}} xp_X(x, t)$$

CONTINUOUS:

$$\mu_X(t) = E[\mathbf{X}(t)] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} xp_X(x, t)dx$$

1st Order Statistics of Random Processes

- Consider the example of tossing a coin:
 - Substitute 1 for heads, 0 for tails
 - At any repetition n , $p_X(1; n) = p_X(0; n) = 0.5$
 - Calculate the mean of the random process:



$$E\{\mathbf{x}[n]\} = \sum_{x=0}^1 x \cdot p_X(x; n) = 0.5$$

2nd Order Distribution

Consider the random process $\mathbf{X}(t, \boldsymbol{\zeta})$, fixing the time at two different instances t_1 and t_2 .

- The **joint cumulative distribution function** of two random variables $x(t_1)$ and $x(t_2)$ is called the second-order distribution of the process $\mathbf{X}(t, \boldsymbol{\zeta})$:

$$P(x_1, x_2; t_1, t_2) = P[X(t_1) \leq x_1, X(t_2) \leq x_2]$$

- The **joint probability density function**:

$$p(x_1, x_2; t_1, t_2) = \frac{\partial^2 P(x_1, x_2; t_1, t_2)}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2}$$

2nd Order Statistics

Consider the random process $\mathbf{X}(t, \zeta)$, fixing the time at two different instances t_1 and t_2 .

- Why are we interested in the 2nd order statistics?
 - Autocorrelation
 - Power Spectral Density

2nd Order Statistics: Autocorrelation

- **Auto-correlation** of a random process:

Continuous
$$r(t_1, t_2) = E\{x(t_1)x(t_2)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_1 \cdot x_2 \cdot p(x_1, x_2; t_1, t_2) dx_1 dx_2$$

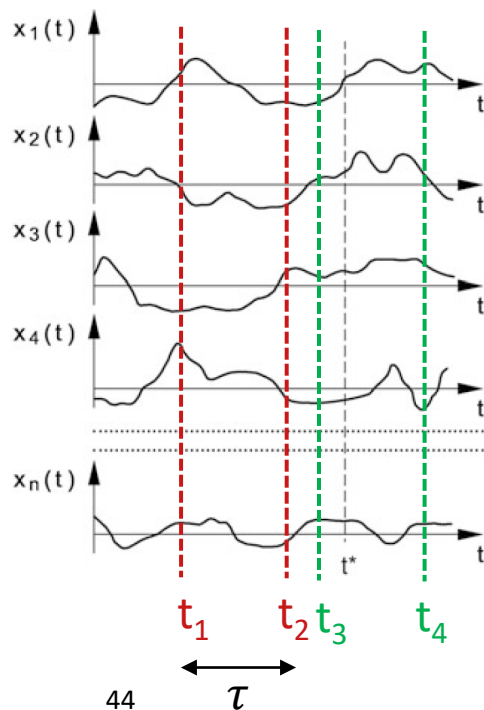
Discrete
$$r[n_1, n_2] = E\{x[n_1]x[n_2]\} = \sum_{x \in \zeta} x_1 \cdot x_2 \cdot p(x_1, x_2; n_1, n_2)$$

- The autocorrelation gives an indication of how the two random variables (obtained by fixing the time at t_1 and t_2) change in relation to each other.

Note: here we focus on real signals, hence the complex conjugates are omitted

Stationarity

Random process



Statistical properties do not change over time

- 1st order statistics:

$$E\{X(t_1)\} = E\{X(t_2)\} = \mu$$

$$E\{X(t)\} = E\{X(t + \tau)\} = \mu$$

- 2nd order statistics:

$$r(t_1, t_2) = E\{X(t_1) X(t_2)\} = E\{X(t_1 + \tau) X(t_2 + \tau)\}$$

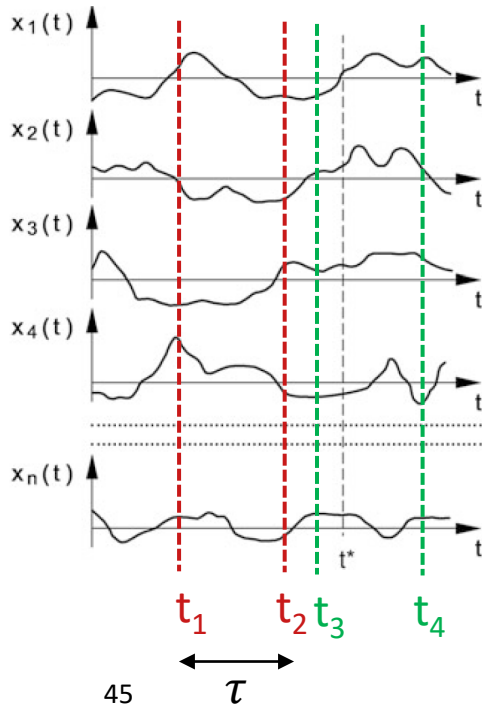
$$E\{X(t_1) X(t_2)\} = E\{X(t_3) X(t_4)\} \text{ if } t_2 - t_1 = t_4 - t_3 = \tau$$

$$r(\tau) = E\{X(t_1) X(t_1 + \tau)\}$$

2nd order statistics depends only on the time lag

Stationarity

Random process



Statistical properties are constant

n-order Stationarity

Generalize over higher order density functions:

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_n; t_1, \dots, t_n) = p(x_1, \dots, x_n; t_1 + \tau, \dots, t_n + \tau)$$

Any order n → strict-sense stationarity

Up 2nd order → wide-sense stationarity

Strict sense stationary \Rightarrow Wide Sense stationary

Properties autocorrelation

- For **wide-sense stationary** signals the autocorrelation depends only on the shift

$$r_x[n_1, n_2] = r_x[l], \quad \text{with } l = n_1 - n_2$$

- The autocorrelation is maximum for $l = 0$, and it is equal to average power of the signal

$$r_x[0] = E\{|x[n]|^2\} = \sigma_x^2 + |\mu_x|^2 \geq 0$$

- The autocorrelation is a ***conjugate symmetric function***

$$r_x^*[-l] = r_x[l]$$

2nd Order Statistics: Power Spectral Density

- The **power spectral density** of a random process defined as the Fourier Transform of its autocorrelation (Wiener-Kintchine):

Continuous

$$P(e^{j\omega}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} r(\tau) e^{-j\omega\tau} d\tau$$

Discrete

$$P(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} r[n] e^{-j\omega n}$$

The inverse relation is (inverse Fourier Transform):

$$r(\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(e^{j\omega}) e^{j\omega\tau} d\omega$$

$$r[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} P(e^{j\omega}) e^{j\omega n} d\omega$$

Properties (auto)PSD

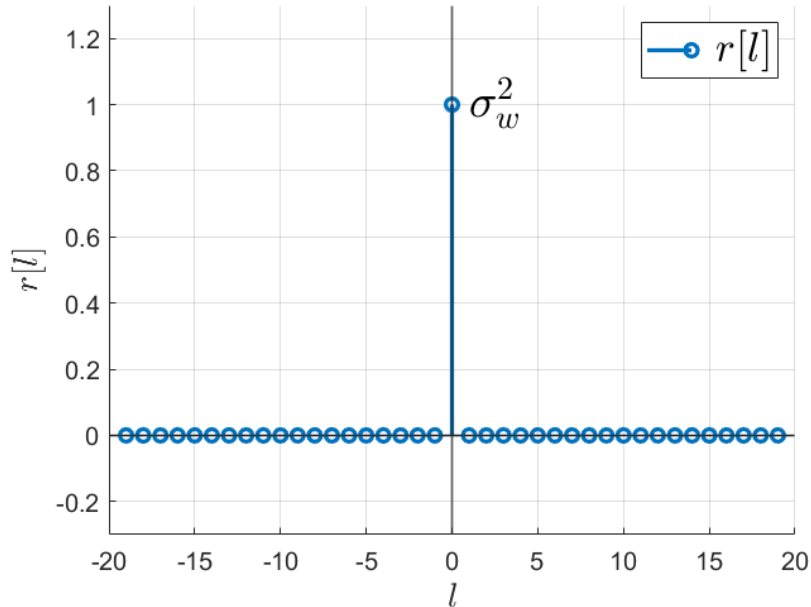
- The PSD is a real-valued periodic function of frequency with period 2π
 - $x[n]$ real-valued, then $P_x(e^{j\theta})$ is even: $P_x(e^{j\theta}) = P_x(e^{-j\theta})$
- The PSD is non-negative definite: $P_x(e^{j\theta}) \geq 0$
- The area under the PSD is non-negative and it equals the average power of $x[n]$:

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} P_x(e^{j\theta}) d\theta = r_x[0] = E\{|x[n]|^2\} \geq 0$$

Special-case: zero-mean white noise sequence

Given a zero-mean white noise sequence $w[n]$ with variance σ_w^2

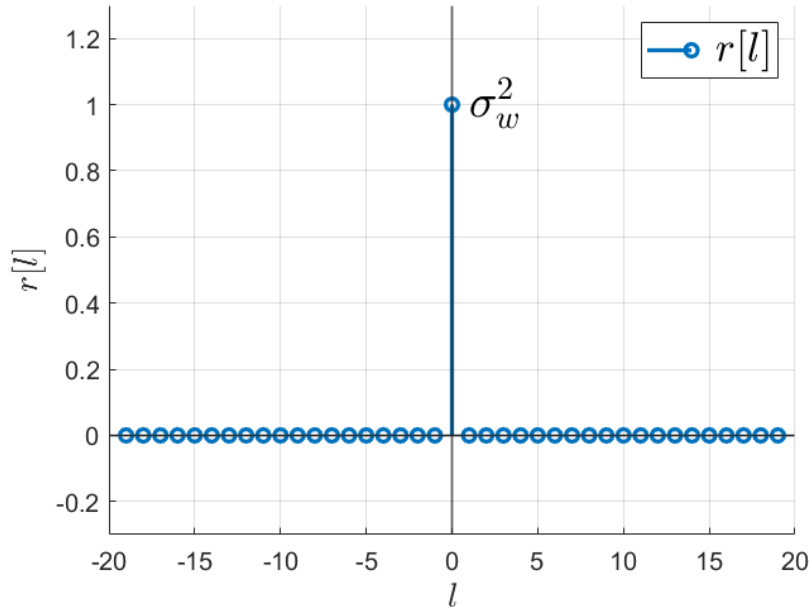
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$$r[1] = E[w[n]w[n-1]]$$

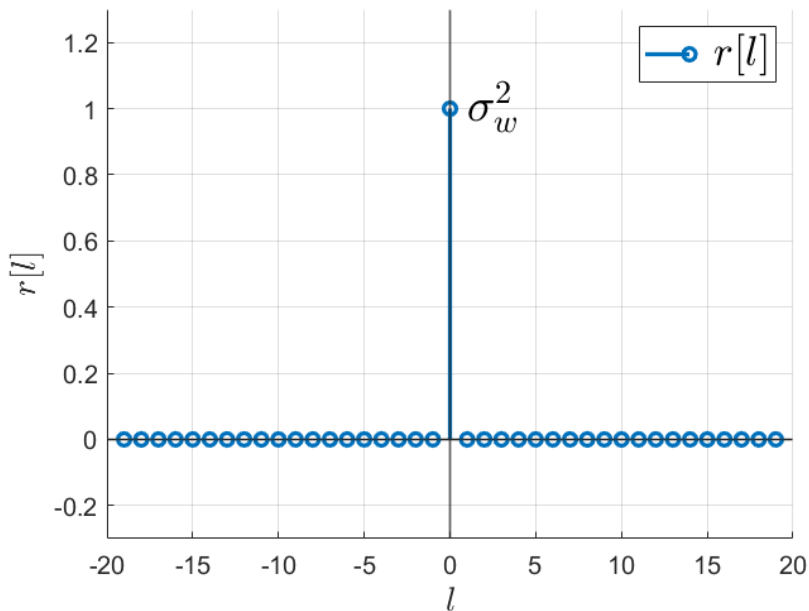
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$$r[2] = E[w[n]w[n-2]]$$

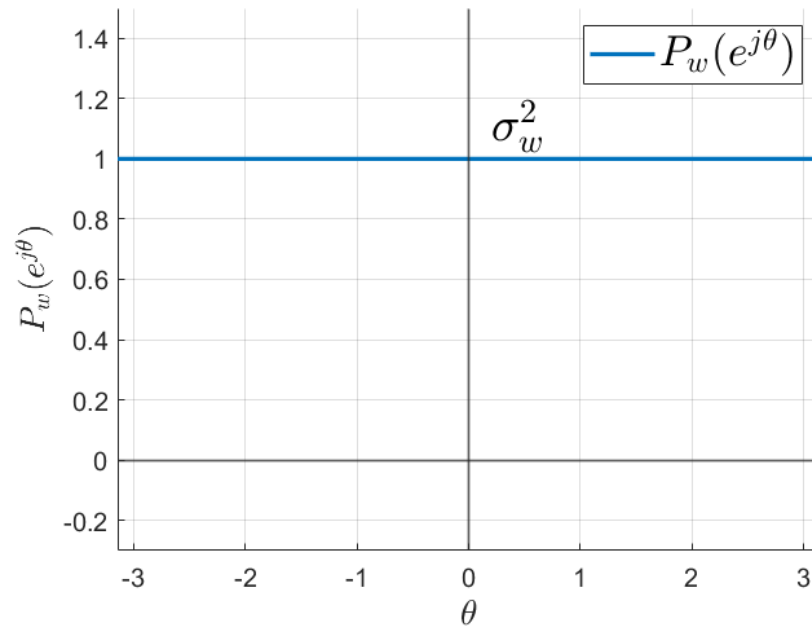
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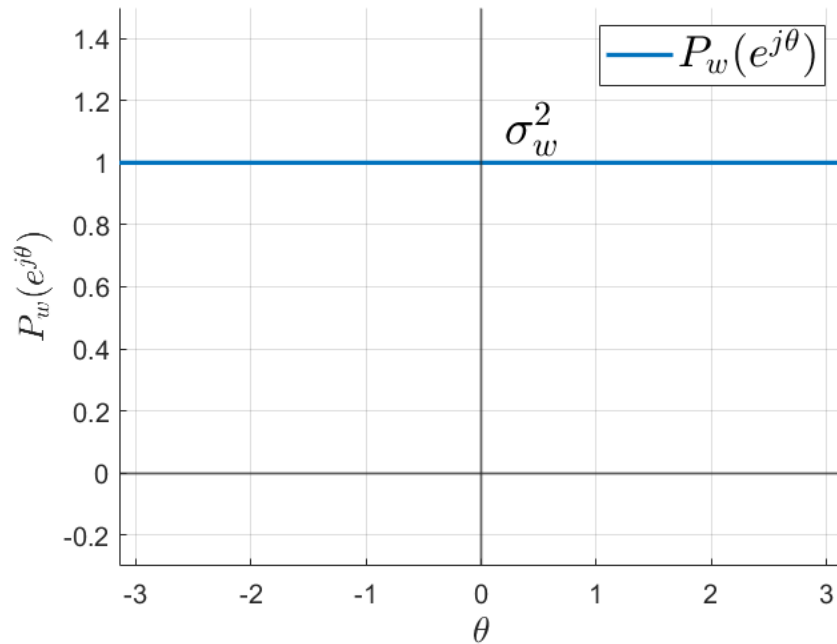
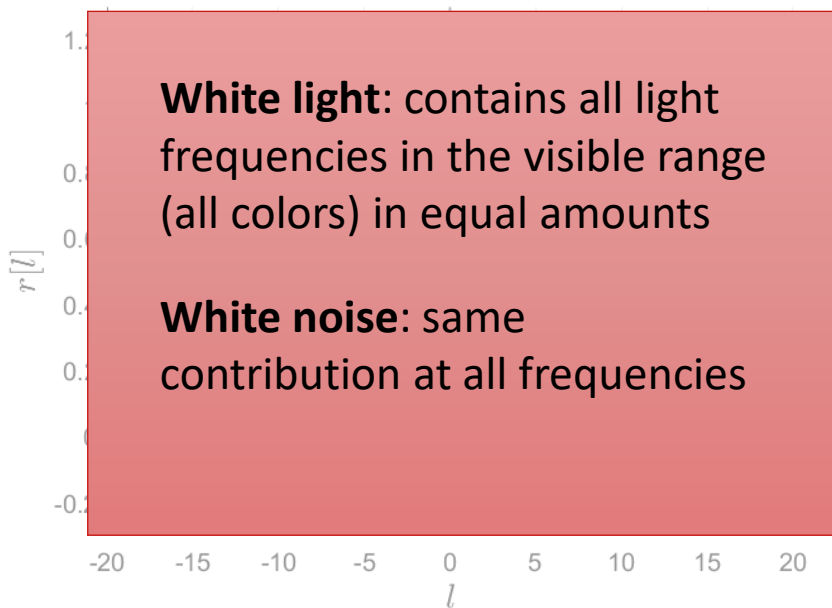


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Ideal signal statistics: discrete-time

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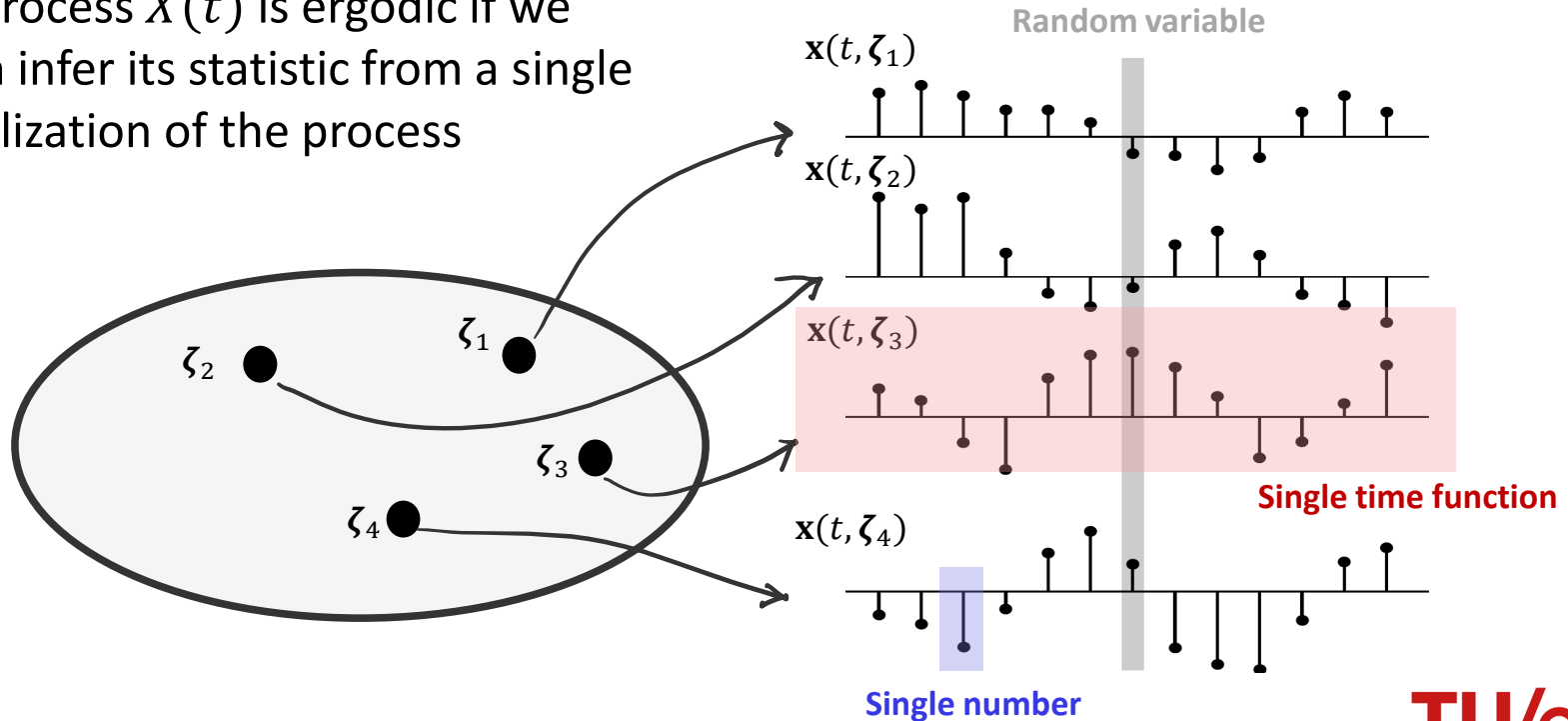
Cross-Covariance: $c_{XY}[n_1, n_2] = E[(X[n_1] - \mu_X[n_1])(Y[n_2] - \mu_Y[n_2])^*]$

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Cross-Correlation coefficient: $\rho_{XY}[n_1, n_2] = \frac{c_{XY}[n_1, n_2]}{\sigma_X[n_1]\sigma_Y[n_2]}$

Ergodicity

- A process $X(t)$ is ergodic if we can infer its statistic from a single realization of the process



Ergodicity: general definition

- The formal definition of ergodicity states that a strict-sense stationary process $X(t)$ is strict-sense ergodic if **time average equals the ensemble average**.
- This means that any of the statistical properties of $X(t)$ of any order can be obtained by any of its single realizations $x(t)$, known during an infinite time interval.

Ergodicity

- A process is **ergodic in the mean** if

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T x(t) dt = \mu_x = E[X(t)] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x p_X(x; t) dx$$

equality only holds if the variance of the time-average tends to zero for $T \rightarrow \infty$

For discrete time signals in a window of length $N \rightarrow \infty$

$$E \left\{ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] \right\} = \mu_X \qquad \text{Var} \left\{ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] \right\} \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

Ergodicity

- A process is **ergodic in the autocorrelation** if

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T x(t + \tau)x(t) dt = R_X(\tau) = E[X(t + \tau)X(t)]$$

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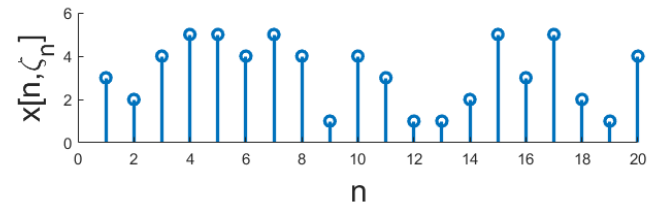
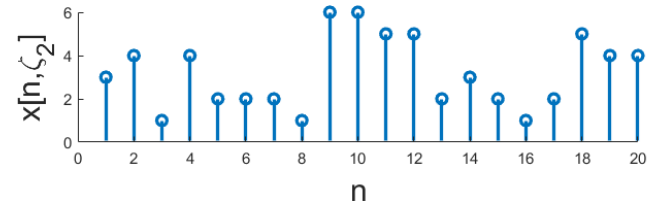
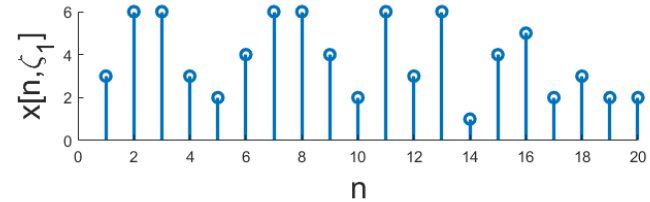
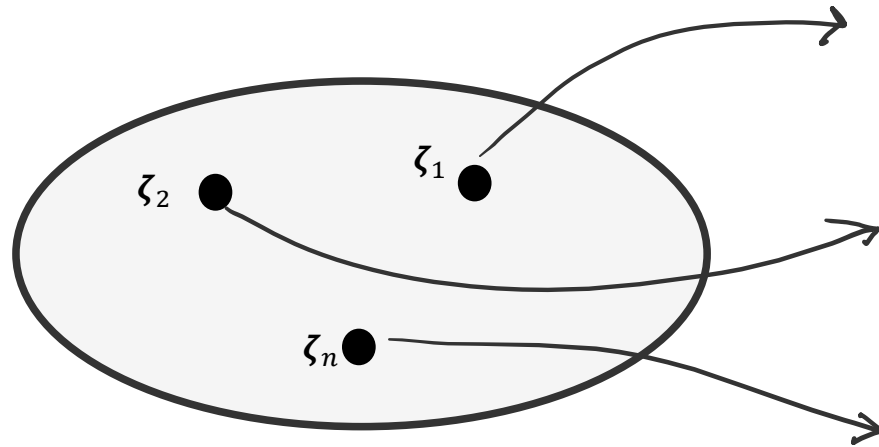
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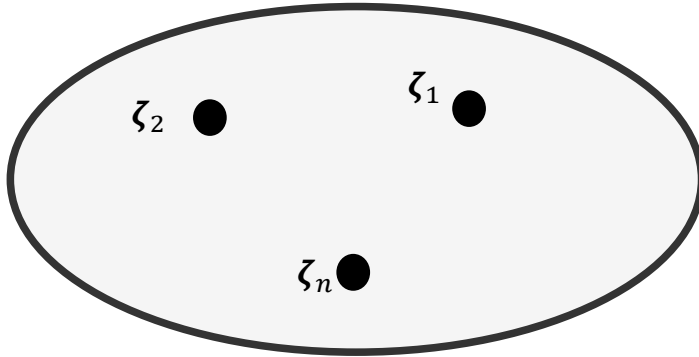
$$E\{x[n, \zeta_1]\} = E\{x[n, \zeta_2]\} = \dots = E\{x[n, \zeta_n]\} = 3.5$$

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We can conclude that this process is **ergodic in the mean**

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If the dice are equal, the statistics of the whole process
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ζ_2

We can conclude that this process is
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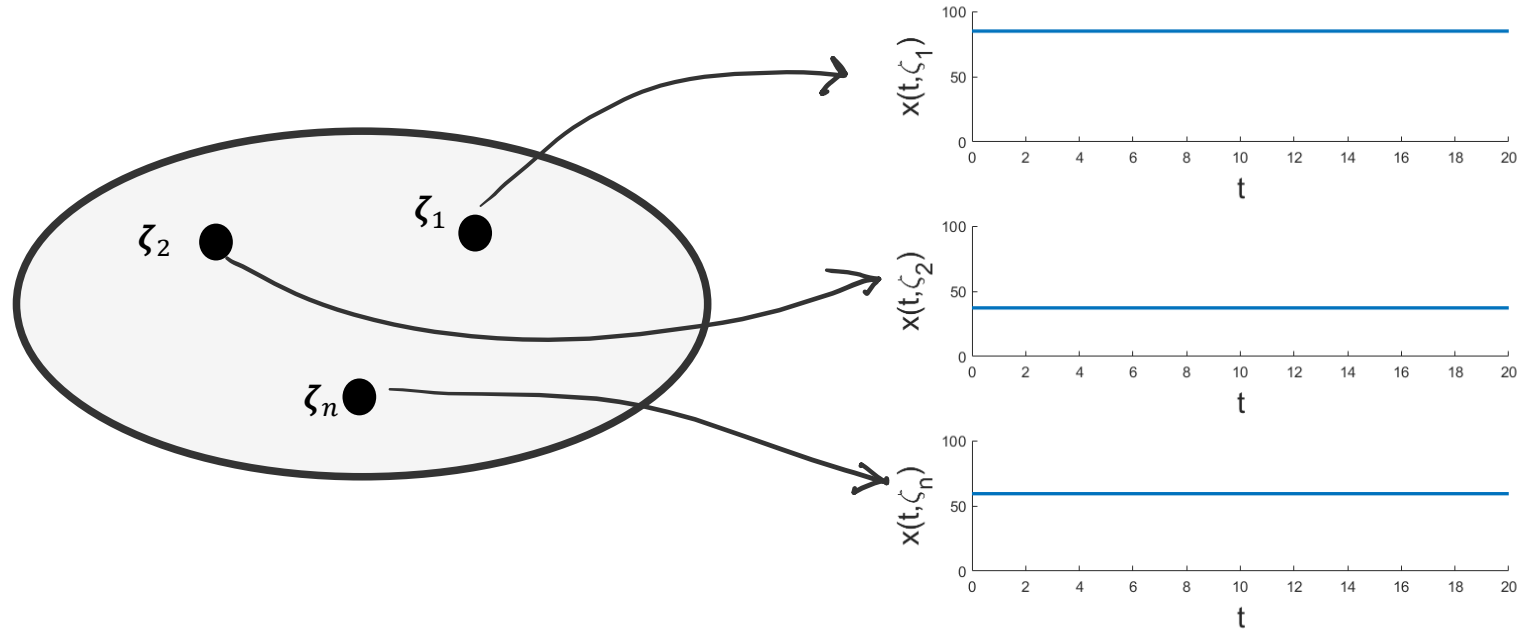
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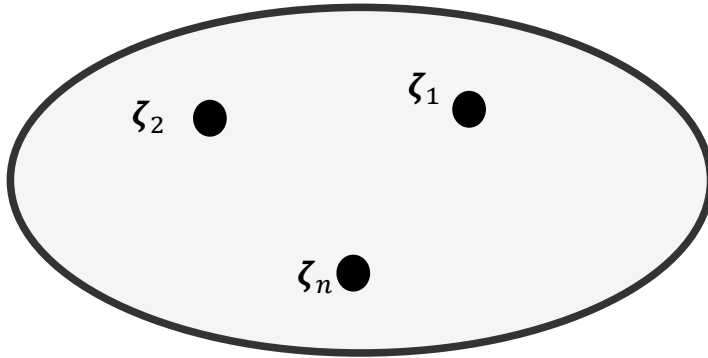
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Each ζ_i represent picking a resistor. Once the resistor is picked, the value is constant.

$$x(t, \zeta_1) = a_1 \quad a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \text{ Fixed over time}$$

$$x(t, \zeta_2) = a_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$x(t, \zeta_n) = a_n \quad X(t) \sim U(0,100)$$

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$$E\{x(t, \zeta_1)\} = a_1$$

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$$\vdots$$

$$E\{x(t, \zeta_n)\} = a_n$$

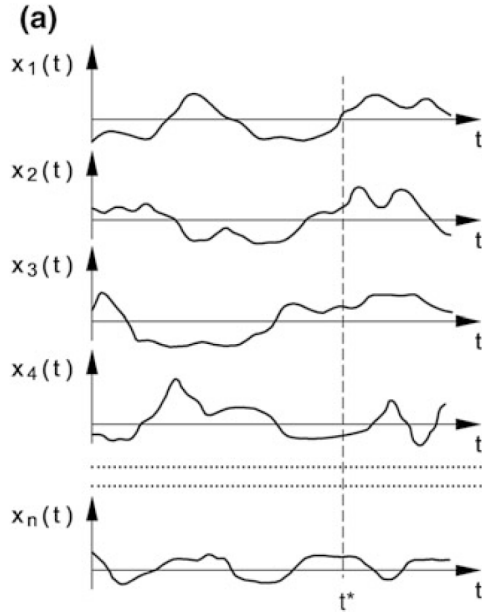


$$E\{X(t)\} = 50$$

We can conclude that this process is **not** ergodic

Ergodicity

Random process



Ergodic process



Statistics can be calculated by time-averaging over single representative members of the ensemble

Ergodicity of the mean

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T \mathbf{x}(t) dt = E\{\mathbf{x}(t)\}$$

Ergodicity \Rightarrow Stationarity

Practice: Limited set of samples

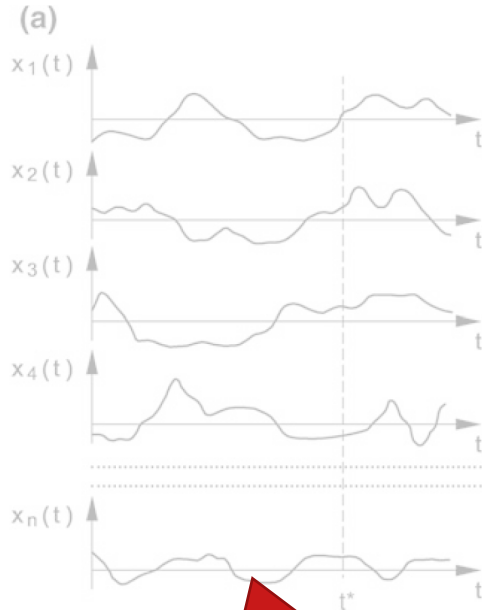


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Stationarity and Ergodicity

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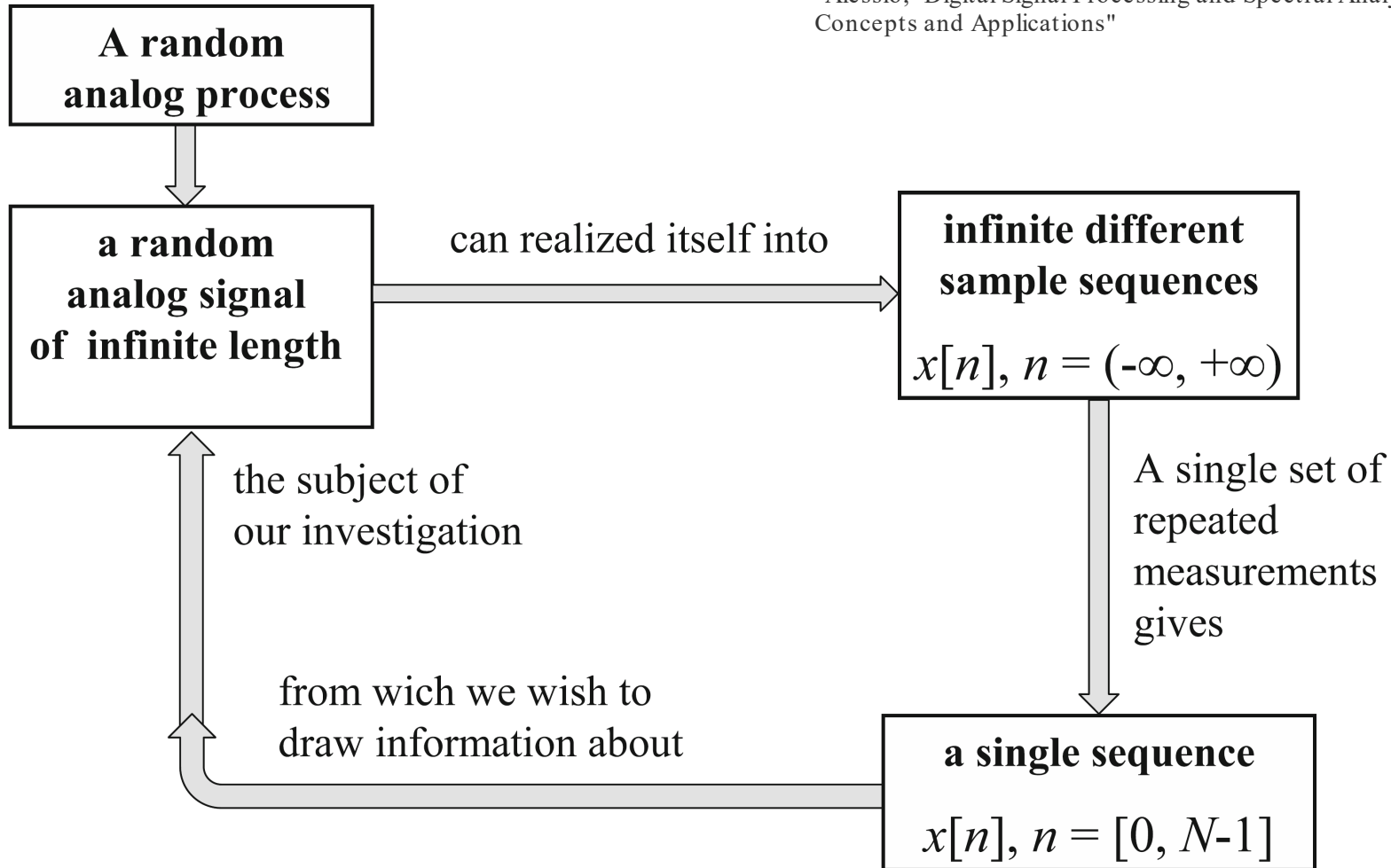
Draw information on the underlying random process

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Autocorrelation/Autocovariance

Discrete-time random process $X[n]$

Autocorrelation

$$r_X[n_1, n_2] = E[X[n_1] \cdot X^*[n_2]]$$



WSS

$$r_X[l] = E[X[n]X^*[n-l]]$$



Ergodic, limited time

$$\hat{r}_X[l] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1-|l|} x[n]x^*[n-l] = \hat{\gamma}_X[l] + |\hat{\mu}_X|^2$$

Autocovariance

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WSS

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$$\hat{c}_X[l] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1-|l|} (x[n] - \hat{\mu}_X)(x[n-l] - \hat{\mu}_X)^*$$

Approximate signal statistics: ergodic, limited-time signals

Mean: $\hat{\mu}_X = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n]$

Variance: $\hat{\sigma}_X^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} |x[n] - \hat{\mu}_X|^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} |x[n]|^2 - |\hat{\mu}_X|^2$

Covariance: $\hat{c}_X[l] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1-|l|} (x[n] - \hat{\mu}_X)(x[n-l] - \hat{\mu}_X)^* \quad |l| \leq L-1$

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$$\hat{c}_{XY}[l] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1-|l|} (x[n] - \hat{\mu}_X)(y[n-l] - \hat{\mu}_Y)^*$$

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**Cross-Correlation
coefficient:**

$$\rho_{XY}[l] = \frac{c_{XY}[l]}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$$

Cross power spectral density

- The **cross-power spectrum** between two WSS processes can be calculated as

$$P_{XY}(e^{j\theta}) = \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} r_{XY}[l]e^{-jl\theta} \Leftrightarrow r_{XY}[l] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} P_{XY}(e^{j\theta})e^{jl\theta} d\theta$$

- For the complex conjugate symmetry property of the correlation function:

$$r_{XY}[l] = r_{YX}^*[-l] \Leftrightarrow P_{XY}(e^{j\theta}) = P_{YX}^*(e^{j\theta})$$

Wrap up (I)

- Multiple random variables can be conveniently grouped as **random vectors**, of which we can define a joint probability model and calculate statistics
- A **random process** maps each outcome of the sample space to a time function. Each realization of the random process is a **time signal**.
- Random processes can be characterized by the joint probability model for each time instance
- Of practical interest are **1st order statistics** (mean, variance) and **2nd order statistics** (autocorrelation, power spectral density)

Wrap up (II)

- For **stationary processes**, the statistics do not change over time (1st order statistics are constant, 2nd order statistics only depends on time lags)
 - **Strict-sense stationarity**: statistics of any order n
 - **Wide-sense stationarity**: statistics up to order 2
- For **ergodic processes**, the statistical properties of any order can be obtained by any of its single realizations $x(t)$, known during an infinite time interval (strict-sense)
- In practice, signals are available only in a limited time window, and we assume that the statistics can be **approximated in a finite-time interval**



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