

Assignment 8

AI1110: Probability and Random Variables

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Question 10.9 [Papoulis Textbook]: The position of a particle in underdamped harmonic motion is a normal process with autocorrelation as in (10-60). Show that its conditional density assuming $x(O) = X_o$ and $x'(O) = v(O) = V_o$ equals

$$f(x|x_o, v_o) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi P}} e^{-\frac{(x-ax_o-bv_o)^2}{2}} \quad (1)$$

Find the constants a, b, and P.

$$R_x(\tau) = \frac{kT}{c} e^{-\alpha|\tau|} \left(\cos \beta\tau + \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \sin \beta|\tau| \right) \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P &= E \{ [x(t) - ax(0) - bv(0)] x(t) \} = R_{xx}(0) - aR_{xx}(t) - bR_{xv}(t) \\ &= \frac{2kTf}{m^2} \left[1 - e^{-2\alpha t} \left(1 + \frac{2\alpha^2}{B} \sin^2 Bt + \frac{\alpha}{B} \sin 2\beta t \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

1 SOLUTION

Let us try to use the given conditions to solve the constants a, b and P

$$R_x(\tau) = \frac{kT}{c} e^{-\alpha|\tau|} \left(\cos \beta\tau + \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \sin \beta|\tau| \right) \quad (3)$$

$$\tilde{x}(\tau) - a\tilde{x}(0) - b\tilde{v}(0) \perp \tilde{x}(0), \tilde{v}(0) \quad (4)$$

$$(5)$$

We know that,

$$R_{xx}(\tau) = aR_{xx}(0) + bR_{xv}(0) \quad (6)$$

$$R_{xv}(\tau) = aR_{xv}(0) + bR_{vv}(0) \quad (7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{xx}(\tau) &= Ae^{-\alpha\tau} \left(\cos B\tau + \frac{\alpha}{B} \sin B\tau \right) \\ R_{xv}(\tau) &= -R'_{xx}(\tau) = Ae^{-\alpha\tau} (\sin B\tau) \frac{\alpha^2 + 3^2}{\beta} \\ R_{vv}(\tau) &= R'_{xv}(\tau) = Ae^{-\alpha\tau} \left(\cos B\tau - \frac{\alpha}{B} \sin B\tau \right) \frac{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}{\beta^2} \end{aligned}$$

Inserting into (i) and solving, we obtain

$$a = e^{-\alpha\tau} \left(\cos B\tau + \frac{\alpha}{B} \sin B\tau \right)$$

$$b = \frac{1}{B} e^{-\alpha\tau} \sin B\tau$$