

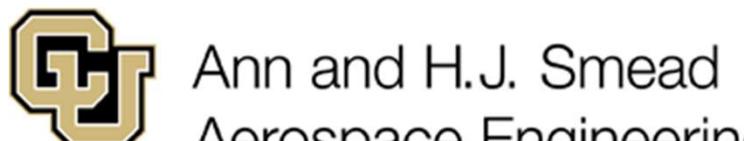
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# Statistical Estimation for Dynamical Systems

## Lecture 19: CT and DT Stochastic Linear Systems

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# Announcements

*Fri. (tomorrow)*

- Homework 5: due ~~today~~ on Canvas
- Homework 6 posted today – due in 2 weeks
- ~~Quiz 6 posted due Tues (1 extra day)~~ Quiz 6 Postponed until next week
- Midterm 1: being graded...
- Special Topic Lecture #4 posted tomorrow:  
Intro to Bayesian Estimation Theory
- Quick pitch/info for ASEN 5519: Autonomous Bayesian Reasoning course  
(Spring 2025)

# Last Time

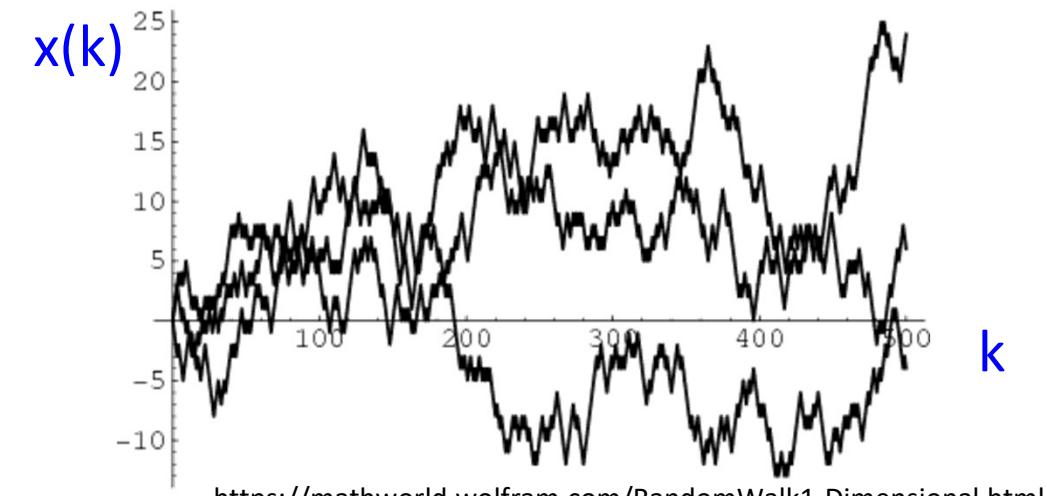
- Stochastic processes
- White noise processes
- DT stochastic processes: white noise sequences, Markov sequences

# Example Markov Sequence: DT Random Walk

- Suppose we have a white noise sequence  $W = \{\dots, w(k), \dots\}$  with  $Q(k)=Q$ , i.e.

let  $x(0) = 0$ , and  $x(k + 1) = x(k) + w(k)$

$\rightarrow$  clearly  $x(k) = \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} w(j)$  (accumulating noise)



Suppose we want to predict  $x(k+1)$  given only  $\{x(k), w(1), w(2), \dots, w(k-1)\}$

$\rightarrow$  Then only  $x(k)$  needed, since it already has all info from  $w(1), w(2), \dots, w(k-1)$

$\rightarrow$  Therefore:  $p(x(k+1)|x(k), w(1), \dots, w(k-1)) = p(x(k+1)|x(k))$

$\rightarrow X = \{\dots, x(1), x(2), \dots, x(k), \dots\}$  is a *Markov sequence*

(Is this sequence ergodic? Is it stationary?)

# Today

## Today:

- CT and DT linear stochastic systems driven by white noise
- Converting CT white process/measurement noise specs to DT equivalent specs
- Additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN)
- Van Loan's method for converting CT LTI process noise to DT LTI process noise
- CT to DT white noise transformation example

**READ SIMON BOOK, CHAPTER 3.2 - 3.3**

# General DT Linear Stochastic Systems

- Given CT LTI model  $(A, B, C, D, \Gamma)$ :

$$\dot{x} = [Ax(t) + Bu(t)] + \boxed{\Gamma \tilde{w}(t)}$$

$$y(t) = [Cx(t) + Du(t)] + \boxed{\tilde{v}(t)}$$

$\tilde{w}(t)$  = process noise (white:  $E[\tilde{w}(t)] = 0$ ,  $E[\tilde{w}(t)\tilde{w}^T(\tau)] = W \cdot \delta(t - \tau)$ )

$\tilde{v}(t)$  = measurement noise (white:  $E[\tilde{v}(t)] = 0$ ,  $E[\tilde{v}(t)\tilde{v}^T(\tau)] = V \cdot \delta(t - \tau)$ )

Annotations:

- $\Gamma \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n_w}$  "process noise to state matrix:  $x$ "
- $\tilde{w} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_w \times n_w}$
- proc. noise PSD intensity
- Dirac delta
- $n_w$  ( $n_w = \#$  of proc. noise inputs)
- $W \in \mathbb{R}^{n_w \times n_w}$
- $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n_w \times n_w}$
- meas. noise PSD intensity

- Want to convert to DT LTI model  $(F, G, H, M)$  with ZOH sample time  $\Delta t$ :

$$\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \leftarrow \underline{x}(k+1) = [F\underline{x}(k) + Gu(k)] + \boxed{\underline{w}(k)} \rightarrow \underline{w}(k) \in \mathbb{R}^n = Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$\underline{y} \in \mathbb{R}^P \leftarrow y(k) = [H\underline{x}(k) + Mu(k)] + v(k)$$

$w(k)$  = process noise (white:  $E[w(k)] = 0$ ,  $E[w(k)w^T(j)] = Q \cdot \delta(k, j)$ )

$v(k)$  = measurement noise (white:  $E[v(k)] = 0$ ,  $E[v(k)v^T(j)] = R \cdot \delta(k, j)$ )

Annotations:

- $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$
- DT proc. covariance (intensity)
- $R \in \mathbb{R}^{P \times P}$
- DT meas. covar. (intensity)

# Converting CT to DT Linear Stochastic Systems

- We already know how to get deterministic parts described by  $(F, G, H, M)$  matrices (see Lecture 6)
- But how to describe random parts  $w(k)$  and  $v(k)$ ?  $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu + \underline{\tau \tilde{w}(t)}$
- Start by looking at mean of  $w(k)$ , i.e.  $E[w(k)] = ?$   $x_{k+1} = \underline{Fx_k + Gu_k + w_k}$

Note: over a given  $\Delta t$  sampling window for  $t_k \leq t \leq t_{k+1}$ :

$$\rightarrow w(k) = w(t_k) = \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} e^{A(t_{k+1}-\tau)} \Gamma \tilde{w}(\tau) d\tau = \text{cumulative effect of CT process noise } \tilde{w}(t) \text{ on the state } x \text{ as we move from } t=t_k \rightarrow t=t_{k+1}$$

[looks very similar to  $\int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} e^{A(t_{k+1}-\tau)} B u(\tau) d\tau$  for CT  $\rightarrow$  DT control; input effect conversion  $\xrightarrow{\text{ie+bw we got G matrix}}$ ]

(\*) except: we cannot use ZOH assumption on  $\tilde{w}(t)$ : b/c it's white & b/c it's noise  $\rightarrow$  can't do ZOH! [RU!] control/pred. ct it!]

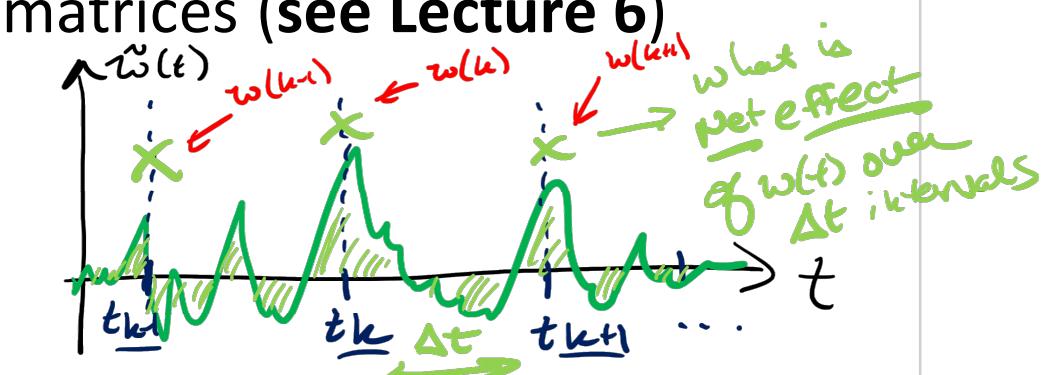
But: if  $\tilde{w}(t)$  is white noise, then it follows:

$$\rightarrow E[w(t_k)] = E \left[ \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} e^{A(t_{k+1}-\tau)} \Gamma \tilde{w}(\tau) d\tau \right] = \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} e^{A(t_{k+1}-\tau)} \Gamma \cdot E[\tilde{w}(\tau)] d\tau = 0$$

= 0, b/c it's white noise!

(Remember  $\tilde{w}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$   
 $w(k) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$ )

$$\rightarrow \boxed{E[w(t_k)] = E[w(k)] = 0}$$



# Converting CT to DT Linear Stochastic Systems

- Now look at covariance of  $w(k) - \text{need } E[w(k)w(j)^T]$  (b/c  $\text{cov}(w_k w_j^T) = E[w_k w_j^T] - E[w_k] \cdot E[w_j^T]$ )

$\rightarrow \text{So: } E[w_k w_j^T] = E \left[ \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} e^{A(t_{k+1} - \tau_1)} \cdot \Gamma \tilde{w}(\tau_1) \cdot \tilde{w}^T(\tau_2) \Gamma^T e^{A^T(t_{j+1} - \tau_2)} d\tau_1 d\tau_2 \right]$

use linearity of expectation  $\hookrightarrow = \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} e^{A(t_{k+1} - \tau_1)} \cdot \Gamma \cdot E[\tilde{w}(\tau_1) \cdot \tilde{w}^T(\tau_2)] \cdot \Gamma^T e^{A^T(t_{j+1} - \tau_2)} d\tau_1 d\tau_2$

$= \overline{W} \cdot J(t_1 - t_2)$  from def. of autocovr. of white proc. noise  
 $\uparrow$   
CT PSD intensity matrix

$= \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} e^{A(t_{k+1} - \tau_1)} \Gamma \overline{W} \Gamma^T e^{A^T(t_{j+1} - \tau_2)} \cdot \delta(\tau_1 - \tau_2) d\tau_1 d\tau_2$

use shifting property of Dirac func to get rid of  $\tau_2$   $\hookrightarrow = \delta_{jk} \cdot \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} e^{A(t_{k+1} - \tau_1)} \cdot \underbrace{\int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} \Gamma \overline{W} \Gamma^T e^{A^T(t_{k+1} - \tau_1)} d\tau_1}_{= Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}}$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{E[w_k w_j^T] = \delta_{jn} \cdot Q^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}}$  (makes sense since  $w(k), w(j) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ )