



$X(t=t_0) = \cos(2\pi t_0 + \Theta)$  // deterministic function of a r.v.

r.v.	PDF/PMF/CDF	$E[X]$
2 r.v.'s	JOINT	$E[XY]$
r.p.	$\forall^n, \{t_n\}_{i=1}^n$	$E[X(t)] = \mu(t)$
	$\{X(t_i)\}_{i=1}^n$	$E[X(t_1)X(t_2)] = R_X(t_1, t_2)$
	$F_{X(t_1), \dots, X(t_n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$	

**Stationarity:** A random process is stationary if its statistical characteristics do not change over time.

Specifically,

$$\forall \Delta \quad F_{X(t), \dots, X_n(t)}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = F_{X(t+\Delta), \dots, X_n(t+\Delta)}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ \forall n \quad \{t_i\}_{i=1}^n \quad \Delta.$$

**WIDE Sense Stationary:** A random process is WSS if

$$(i) \quad \mathbb{E}[X(t)] = \mu$$

$$(ii) \quad R_X(t_1, t_2) \triangleq \mathbb{E}[X_1(t_1)X_2(t_2)] \\ = R(\tau)$$

$$\text{where } \tau = t_2 - t_1$$

**Examples**

① i.i.d sequence of random variables.

**STRICTLY  
STATIONARY**

$$F_{X(t_1) \dots X(t_n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = F_{X(t_1)}(x_1) F_{X(t_2)}(x_2) \dots F_{X(t_n)}(x_n)$$

$$= F_{X(t_1+\Delta)}(x_1) \dots F_{X(t_n+\Delta)}(x_n) \quad \text{by iid}$$

$$\varphi^{(1)} + \varphi^{(2)} + \varphi^{(3)} = \varphi^{(4)}$$

$$\varphi^{(4)} = \sum_{i=1}^3 \varphi^{(i)} ; \quad \varphi^{(0)} ?$$

## ② Binomial Counting Process

$$X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{w.p. } p \\ 0 & \text{w.p. } 1-p \end{cases}$$

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

$$\mathbb{E}[S_n] = np \neq \text{Constant!} \quad \text{NOT STATIONARY}$$

## ③ Random Walk

$$X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{w.p. } 1/2 \\ -1 & \text{w.p. } 1/2 \end{cases}$$

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

$$\mathbb{E}[S_n] = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[X_i] = 0 \quad \boxed{\text{WSS}}$$

$$\text{Var}(S_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i) = n$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad X(t) = \cos(2\pi t + \textcircled{\theta}) \quad , \quad \textcircled{\theta} \sim \mu[0, 2\pi)$$

(see textbook for proof)

STRICTLY STATIONARY

**Increment:** The increment of a r.p.  $\{X(t)\}$  over an interval  $[a, b]$  is the r.v.  $\underbrace{X(b) - X(a)}_{\text{another r.v.}}$

**Independent Increments:**  $\{X(t)\}$  has independent increments if  $\forall n$ , and for all  $t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n$  the increments  $X(t_1 - t_0), \dots, X(t_n - t_{n-1})$  are independent

**Examples**

① i.i.d sequence of Bernoulli r.v's w/  $1/2$

$$X_2 - X_1 = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{w.p. } 1/2 \\ -1 & \text{w.p. } 1/4 \\ 1 & \text{w.p. } 1/4 \end{cases}$$

$X_3 - \textcircled{X_2}$  depends on realization of this increment

$$\Pr[X_3 - X_2 = 1 \mid X_2 - X_1 = 1] = 0 \neq \Pr[X_3 - X_2 = 1]$$

**NOT** independent increments

## ② Binomial Counting $S_n$

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

YES

$$S(t_1) - S(t_0)$$

$$S(t_2) - S(t_1)$$

$$S(t_3) - S(t_2)$$

⋮

$$S(t_n) - S(t_{n-1})$$

Independent  
Increments

## Stationary Increments

$\{X(t)\}$  has stationary increments if the distribution of  $X(t + \tau) - X(t)$  depends only on  $\tau$ , not  $t$ .

Key Idea: When characterizing processes w/ independent increments over non-overlapping intervals

### Example: Binomial Counting

\* Joint PMF of  $S_{n_1}, S_{n_2}, S_{n_3}$  ( $n_1 < n_2 < n_3$ )

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr[S_{n_1} = s_1, S_{n_2} = s_2, S_{n_3} = s_3] \\ &= \Pr[S_{n_1} = s_1] \Pr[S_{n_2} = s_2 | S_{n_1} = s_1] \Pr[S_{n_3} = s_3 | S_{n_1} = s_1, S_{n_2} = s_2] \\ &= \Pr[S_{n_1} = s_1] \Pr[S_{n_2} - S_{n_1} = s_2 - s_1] \Pr[S_{n_3} - S_{n_2} = s_3 - s_2] \\ &= \binom{n_1}{s_1} p^{s_1} (1-p)^{n_1-s_1} \\ &\quad \binom{n_2-n_1}{s_2-s_1} p^{s_2-s_1} (1-p)^{n_2-n_1-(s_2-s_1)} \\ &\quad \binom{n_3-n_2}{s_3-s_2} p^{s_3-s_2} (1-p)^{n_3-n_2-(s_3-s_2)} \end{aligned}$$

### Example: Binomial Counting ( $m < n$ )

$$\begin{aligned} R_S(m, n) &\triangleq \mathbb{E}[S_m, S_n] \\ &\quad \downarrow \text{by physical meaning of counting} \\ &= \mathbb{E}[S_m(S_m + (S_n - S_m))] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[S_m^2 + S_m(S_n - S_m)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[S_m^2] + \mathbb{E}[S_m(S_n - S_m)] \\ &\quad \nwarrow \text{independent increments} \\ &= \mathbb{E}[S_m^2] + \mathbb{E}[S_m] \mathbb{E}[S_n - S_m] \end{aligned}$$

## Counting Function

$f(t)$  ( $t \geq 0$ ) is a counting function if  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f(t)$  takes non-negative integers, is non-decreasing, and is right continuous.

## Counting Process

$\{X(t)\}$  where every sample path is a counting function.