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# Homework 6 Chapter 9

EE 520 Random Processes

Problems: 9.1, 9.5, & 9.14.

## Exercise 9.1

Let  $X[n]$  be a real-valued stationary random sequence with mean  $E[X[n]] = \mu_x$  and auto-correlation function  $E[X[n+m]X[n]] = R_{XX}[m]$ . If  $X[n]$  is the input to a D/A converter, the continuous-time output can be idealized as the analog random process  $X_a(t)$  with

$$X_a(t) \triangleq X[n], \text{ for } n \leq t < n+1, \forall n$$

- (a) Find the mean  $E[X_a(t)] = \mu_a(t)$  as a function of  $\mu_x$ .

Here,  $n \leq t < n+1$  is equivalent to saying  $\lfloor t \rfloor = n$

$$\begin{aligned} E[X_a(t)] &= E[X[\lfloor t \rfloor]] \\ &= \mu_x[\lfloor t \rfloor] \\ &= \mu_x \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Find the correlation  $E[X_a(t_1)X_a(t_2)] = R_{X_a X_a}(t_1, t_2)$  in terms of  $R_{XX}[m]$

$$\begin{aligned} E[X_a(t_1)X_a(t_2)] &= E[X_a(\lfloor t_1 \rfloor)X_a(\lfloor t_2 \rfloor)] \\ &= E[X[\lfloor t_1 \rfloor]X[\lfloor t_2 \rfloor]] \\ &= R_{XX}[X[\lfloor t_1 \rfloor]X[\lfloor t_2 \rfloor]] \\ &= R_{XX}[\lfloor t_1 \rfloor, \lfloor t_2 \rfloor] \end{aligned}$$

Here,  $\lfloor t_2 \rfloor - \lfloor t_1 \rfloor \neq t_2 - t_1$ , so it cannot be assumed that  $R_{XX}$  is stationary.

## Exercise 8.22

Let  $N(t)$  be a Poisson random process defined on  $0 \leq t < \infty$  with  $N(0) = 0$  and mean arrival rate  $\lambda > 0$ .

- (a) Find the joint probability  $P[N(t_1) = n_1, N(t_2) = n_2]$  for  $t_2 > t_1$ .

Because the poisson process can be broken down into a sum of independent increments, this is really, what is the probability that  $N(t_1) = n_1$ , and that the difference between  $N(t_1)$  and  $N(t_2)$  is the difference between  $n_2$  and  $n_1$ .

Thus for the poisson process pmf

$$P(X = k) = \frac{(\lambda t)^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda t}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \text{ and } t \geq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(N(t_1) = n_1, N(t_2) = n_2) &= P(N(t_1) = n_1, N(t_2) - N(t_1) = n_2 - n_1) \\ &= P(N(t_1) = n_1)P(N(t_2) - N(t_1) = n_2 - n_1), \quad \text{by independence} \\ &= \left[ \frac{(\lambda t_1)^{n_1}}{n_1!} e^{-\lambda t_1} u(n_1) \right] \left[ \frac{(\lambda(t_2 - t_1))^{n_2 - n_1}}{(n_2 - n_1)!} e^{-\lambda(t_2 - t_1)} u(n_2 - n_1) \right] \\ &= \frac{(\lambda t_1)^{n_1} e^{-\lambda t_1} (\lambda(t_2 - t_1))^{n_2 - n_1} e^{-\lambda(t_2 - t_1)} u(n_1) u(n_2 - n_1)}{n_1! (n_2 - n_1)!} \\ &= \frac{\lambda^{n_2} (t_1)^{n_1} e^{-\lambda t_2} (t_2 - t_1)^{n_2 - n_1} u(n_2 - n_1)}{n_1! (n_2 - n_1)!} \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Find an expression for the  $K$ th order joint PMF,  $P_N(n_1, \dots, n_K; t_1, \dots, t_K)$ .

For  $t_i = 0$  and  $n_0 = 0$

$$P_N(n_1, \dots, n_K; t_1, \dots, t_K) = \lambda^{n_K} e^{-\lambda t_K} \prod_{i=1}^K \frac{((t_i - t_{i-1}))^{n_i - n_{i-1}}}{(n_i - n_{i-1})!} u(n_i - n_{i-1})$$

## Exercise 9.14

Let  $W(t)$  be a *standard* Wiener process, defined over  $[0, \infty)$ . Find the joint density  $f_W(a_1, a_2; t_1, t_2)$  for  $0 < t_1 < t_2$

A standard Wiener process is normally distributed on independent increments with mean dependent upon the previous increment. As such, for increment 1  $f_X(x) = N(0, \alpha t)$  then for increment 2 it is  $f_X(x_2) = N(x_1, \alpha(t_2 - t_1))$

Here,  $\alpha$  is simply 1.

$$\begin{aligned} f_W(a_1, a_2; t_1, t_2) &= f_W(a_1; t_1) f_W(a_2 | a_1; t_1, t_2) \\ &= f_{N(0, t_1)}(a_1) f_{N(a_1, t_2)}(a_2) \\ &= \frac{e^{-\frac{a_1^2}{2t_1}}}{\sqrt{2\pi t_1}} \frac{e^{-\frac{(a_2 - a_1)^2}{2(t_2 - t_1)}}}{\sqrt{2\pi(t_2 - t_1)}} \end{aligned}$$