

## Week 4

# The autocorrelation function

**10.8.1/13.7.1** First, write the definition:

$$C_X[m, k] = E[(X_m - \mu_X)(X_{m+k} - \mu_X)] \quad (4.1)$$

$$= E[X_m X_{m+k} - X_m \mu_X - \mu_X X_{m+k} + \mu_X^2] \quad (4.2)$$

$$= E[X_m X_{m+k}] - E[X_m] \mu_X - \mu_X E[X_{m+k}] + \mu_X^2 \quad (4.3)$$

Now is given that  $X_n$  is iid, with mean  $\mu_X$  and variance  $\sigma_X^2$ , we can simplify it further.

For  $k \neq 0$ :

$$C_X[m, k] = E[X_m X_{m+k}] - E[X_m] \mu_X - \mu_X E[X_{m+k}] + \mu_X^2 \quad (4.4)$$

$$= E[X_m] E[X_{m+k}] - \mu_X \mu_X - \mu_X \mu_X + \mu_X^2 = 0 \quad (4.5)$$

For  $k = 0$  we get

$$C_X[m, 0] = E[X_m X_m] - E[X_m] \mu_X - \mu_X E[X_m] + \mu_X^2 \quad (4.6)$$

$$= E[X_m^2] - \mu_X^2 = \sigma^2 \quad (4.7)$$

So, in total:

$$C_X[m, k] = \begin{cases} \sigma^2 & k = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (4.8)$$

**10.8.3/13.7.3** (a) To compute the expected value, use the definition, and the fact that  $X_n$  is iid with zero mean:

$$E[C_n] = E \left[ 16 \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi n}{365} \right) + 4X_n \right] = 16E \left[ 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi n}{365} \right] + 4E[X_n] = 16(1 - \cos \frac{2\pi n}{365}) \quad (4.9)$$

(b) Again, fill in the definition:

$$C_C[m, k] = E[(C_m - \mu_C(m))(C_{m+k} - \mu_C(m+k))] \quad (4.10)$$

$$= E[C_m C_{m+k}] - E[C_m] E[C_{m+k}] \quad (4.11)$$

$$= E \left[ \left( 16 \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi m}{365} \right) + 4X_m \right) \left( 16 \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi(m+k)}{365} \right) + 4X_{m+k} \right) \right] \\ - 16^2 \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi m}{365} \right) \left( 1 - \cos \frac{2\pi(m+k)}{365} \right) \quad (4.12)$$

$$= E[4X_m \cdot 4X_{m+k}] = 16E[X_m X_{m+k}] \quad (4.13)$$

Now is given that  $X_n$  is iid, and using the result of question 10.8.1, we get:

$$C_C[m, k] = \begin{cases} 16 & k = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (4.14)$$

(c) It captures the overall seasonal changes, but it does not capture the correlations between consecutive days.

**10.9.1/13.8.1** So, we assume that for an arbitrary  $a$ , we have  $Y(t) = X(t + a)$ . Further it is given that  $X(t)$  is stationary. If  $X$  is stationary, then holds that:

$$f_{X(t_1+\Delta t), \dots, X(t_k+\Delta t)} = f_{X(t_1), \dots, X(t_k)} \quad (4.15)$$

If we want to check if process  $Y$  is also stationary, we have to check if this holds:

$$f_{Y(t_1+\Delta t), \dots, Y(t_k+\Delta t)} = f_{Y(t_1), \dots, Y(t_k)} \quad (4.16)$$

So, we fill in for  $Y$ :

$$f_{Y(t_1+\Delta t), \dots, Y(t_k+\Delta t)} = f_{X(t_1+a+\Delta t), \dots, X(t_k+a+\Delta t)} \quad (4.17)$$

$$= f_{X(t_1+a), \dots, X(t_k+a)} = f_{Y(t_1), \dots, Y(t_k)} \quad (4.18)$$

So,  $Y$  should also be stationary.

**10.10.4/13.9.9** (a) When  $X(t)$  is WSS with average power 1, then by definition  $E[X^2(t)] = 1$ .

(b) Given that  $\Theta$  is a uniform random variable over  $[0, 2\pi]$ , we can compute:

$$E[\cos(2\pi f_c t + \Theta)] = \int \cos(2\pi f_c t + u) f_{\Theta}(u) du \quad (4.19)$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \cos(2\pi f_c t + u) \frac{1}{2\pi} du \quad (4.20)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} [\sin(2\pi f_c t + u)]_0^{2\pi} = 0 \quad (4.21)$$

(c) We are saved by the fact that  $X$  and  $\Theta$  are independent, because then:

$$E[Y(t)] = E[X(t) \cos(2\pi f_c t + \Theta)] = E[X(t)] E[\cos(2\pi f_c t + \Theta)] = 0 \quad (4.22)$$

(d) Finally, the average power becomes:

$$E[Y^2(t)] = E[X^2(t) \cos^2(2\pi f_c t + \Theta)] = E[X^2(t)] E[\cos^2(2\pi f_c t + \Theta)] \quad (4.23)$$

$$= E[\cos^2(2\pi f_c t + \Theta)] \quad (4.24)$$

Now we have to be creative to integrate the  $\cos^2()$ . We can use Math Fact B.2 and derive:

$$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos(2\theta)) \quad (4.25)$$

so now we can integrate:

$$E[Y^2(t)] = E[\cos^2(2\pi f_c t + \Theta)] \quad (4.26)$$

$$= E\left[\frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos(4\pi f_c t + 2\Theta))\right] \quad (4.27)$$

$$= E\left[\frac{1}{2}\right] + E[\cos(4\pi f_c t + 2\Theta)] \quad (4.28)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + 0 = \frac{1}{2} \quad (4.29)$$

**10.10.1/13.9.1**  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are valid autocorrelation functions, because it is symmetric around  $\tau = 0$  and  $R_X(0) \geq R_X(\tau)$ .  $R_3$  is not valid, because it is not symmetric around 0, and  $R_4$  is not valid because for  $\tau \rightarrow \infty$  the autocorrelation function does not converge to  $\mu^2$  (it converges to a negative number!).

**11.1.1/1.1** To compute  $R_Y(t, \tau)$  we rewrite the definition:

$$\begin{aligned} R_Y(t, \tau) &= E[Y(t)Y(t+\tau)] = E[(2+X(t))(2+X(t+\tau))] \\ &= E[4+2X(t)+2X(t+\tau)+X(t)X(t+\tau)] \\ &= 4+2E[X(t)]+2E[X(t+\tau)]+E[X(t)X(t+\tau)] \\ &= 4+0+0+R_X(t, \tau) = R_X(t, \tau) + 4 \end{aligned} \quad (4.30)$$

Because  $X$  is WSS,  $E[X]$  and  $R_X$  do not depend on  $t$  and therefore also  $Y$  is WSS.

**11.1.3/1.3** This is very simple, when we use Theorem 11.2 on page 396:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_Y = 1 &= \mu_X \int h(u) du \\ &= 4 \int_0^\infty e^{-u/a} du = \left[ -4ae^{-t/a} \right]_0^\infty = 4a \end{aligned} \quad (4.31)$$

Solving gives  $a = 1/4$ .

**E1** The expected value can directly be computed using the definition (and using that the expected value of  $X_n$  is 0):

$$E[W_n] = E\left[\frac{1}{2}(X_n + X_{n+1})\right] = \frac{1}{2}(E[X_n] + E[X_{n+1}]) = 0 \quad (4.32)$$

Next, the variance (using that the variance of  $X_n$  is 1):

$$Var[W_n] = E[W_n^2] - E[W_n]^2 = E[W_n^2] \quad (4.33)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} E[X_n^2 + 2X_n X_{n-1} + X_{n-1}^2] \quad (4.34)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} E[X_n^2] + \frac{1}{2} E[X_n X_{n-1}] + \frac{1}{4} E[X_{n-1}^2] \quad (4.35)$$

$$= 1/4 + 0 + 1/4 = 1/2 \quad (4.36)$$

Then the covariance:

$$Cov[W_{n+1}, W_n] = E[W_{n+1}W_n] - E[W_{n+1}]E[W_n] = E[W_{n+1}W_n] \quad (4.37)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} E[(X_{n+1} + X_{n+2})(X_n + X_{n+1})] \quad (4.38)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} E[X_{n+1}X_n + X_{n+2}X_n + X_{n+1}X_{n+1} + X_{n+2}X_{n+1}] \quad (4.39)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} (R_X(1) + R_X(-2) + R_X(0) + R_X(-1)) \quad (4.40)$$

Now use that  $X_n$  is iid:

$$Cov[W_{n+1}, W_n] = \frac{1}{4} (0 + 0 + 1 + 0) = \frac{1}{4} \quad (4.41)$$

Finally,

$$\rho_{W_{n+1}, W_n} = \frac{Cov[W_{n+1}W_n]}{\sqrt{Var[W_{n+1}]Var[W_n]}} = \frac{1/4}{1/2} = \frac{1}{2} \quad (4.42)$$

