

EE901 PROBABILITY AND RANDOM PROCESSES

MODULE 11 DISTRIBUTION OF RANDOM PROCESSES

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Mean of a Random Process

- At a fixed t , $X(t)$ is a random variable.
- The mean of a random process at time t is given as
$$m_X(t) = \mathbb{E}[X(t)]$$
- For a different t , we may get a different mean value.
- Hence, $m_X(t)$ is a function of t .

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Example: Mean of a Random Process

$$X(\omega, t) = A \cos(2\pi f t + \Phi(\omega))$$

- The random process at time t_1 is given as

$$Z = X(t_1) = A \cos(2\pi f t_1 + \Phi)$$

- Ensemble mean at time t_1

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[Z] &= \mathbb{E}[A \cos(2\pi f t_1 + \Phi)] \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A \cos(2\pi f t_1 + \phi) \mathbb{1}(0 < \phi < 2\pi) \frac{1}{2\pi} d\phi \\ &= \frac{A}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos(2\pi f t_1 + \phi) d\phi = 0. \end{aligned}$$

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Mean

- At a fixed t , $X(t)$ is a random variable.

- Its distribution can be found as

$$F_{X(t_1)}(x_1) = \mathbb{P}(X(t_1) \leq x_1)$$

- The mean of a random process at time t can also be computed as

$$m_X(t) = \mathbb{E}[X(t)] = \int x \underbrace{f_{X(t)}(x)}_{\text{pdf}} dx$$

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Example: Mean of a Bernoulli Process

Consider A Bernoulli process $X(\omega, t)$ where each of $X(\omega, k)$ is a Bernoulli RV with probability p .

$Z = X(\omega, t_1)$ is a Bernoulli random variable

$$m(t) = \mathbb{E}[X(\omega, t)] = p$$

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Variance

Variance of a random process at time t can be written as

$$\text{Var}(X(t)) = \mathbb{E}[X^2(t)] - (\mathbb{E}[X(t)])^2$$

Note that at a fixed t , $X(t)$ is a random variable.

The variance is also a function of time t .

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Auto-correlation of a random process

- The auto-correlation of a random process describes the correlation between values of the process at different points in time, as a function of these two time instants

$$R_X(t_1, t_2) = \mathbb{E}[(X(t_1))X(t_2)] \quad \mathbb{E}[Z_1 Z_2]$$

(Handwritten: t_1 and t_2 are underlined with arrows pointing to $X(t_1)$ and $X(t_2)$ respectively)

- Note that $Z_1 = X(\omega, t_1)$ and $Z_2 = X(\omega, t_2)$ are RVs. If their distributions are known, $\mathbb{E}[Z_1 Z_2]$ can also be computed from their distributions.

$$E[Z_1 Z_2] = \int Z_1 Z_2 f_{Z_1 Z_2}(z_1, z_2) dz_1 dz_2$$

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Example

Example: Let $X(\omega, t) = A \cos(2\pi f t + \Phi(\omega))$,
where $\Phi(\omega)$ is uniformly distributed over $(-\pi, +\pi)$

Now, ACF of $X(\omega, t)$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} R(t_1, t_2) &= \mathbb{E}[A \cos(2\pi f t_1 + \Phi) A \cos(2\pi f t_2 + \Phi)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[A^2 \cos(2\pi f t_1 + \Phi) \cos(2\pi f t_2 + \Phi)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{A^2}{2} \cos(2\pi f(t_1 - t_2))\right] \\ &= \frac{A^2}{2} \cos(2\pi f(t_1 - t_2)) \end{aligned}$$

(Handwritten: $X(t_1)$ and $X(t_2)$ are written above the first two terms of the first line)

- ACF here is dependent on the difference only.

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Example

- Consider a Bernoulli process

$$R_X(t_1, t_2) = \mathbb{E}[(X(t_1))X(t_2)]$$

$\mathbb{E}[Z_1 Z_2] = \mathbb{E}[Z_1] \mathbb{E}[Z_2]$

- $X(\omega, t_1) = Z_1$ is a Bernoulli random variable ~ p
- $X(\omega, t_2) = Z_2$ is another Bernoulli random variable ~ p

If $t_1 = t_2$, $Z_1 = Z_2 = Z$, then

$$R_X(t_1, t_1) = \mathbb{E}[Z^2] = p$$

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If $t_1 \neq t_2$, then

$$\mathbb{E}[Z_1 Z_2] = \mathbb{E}[Z_1] \mathbb{E}[Z_2] = pp = p^2$$

(as they are independent.)

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Auto-covariance of Random Processes

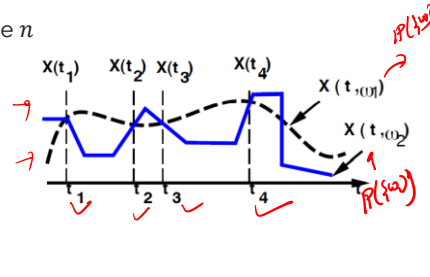
- Auto-covariance is defined as

$$C_X(t_1, t_2) = \mathbb{E}[(\underbrace{X(t_1) - \mathbb{E}[X(t_1)]}_{\text{deviation from mean}})(\underbrace{X(t_2) - \mathbb{E}[X(t_2)]}_{\text{deviation from mean}})]$$

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Finite Dimensional Distribution

- Consider a number n . Let $(t_1, t_2, t_3 \dots t_n)$ be n time instants.
- The n th order FDD is defined as the joint distribution of $X(\omega, t_1), X(\omega, t_2), X(\omega, t_3), \dots, X(\omega, t_n)$
- Let's denote these RVs as $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n$.



$$F_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \mathbb{P}(X_1 \leq x_1, X_2 \leq x_2, \dots, X_n \leq x_n)$$

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

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Wide Sense Stationary Processes

A random process is said to be a Wide Sense Stationary (WSS) Process if it satisfies the following properties

- Its mean is a constant with time
 $E[X(t)] = \text{constant}$
- Its ACF is a function of time difference τ only

$$E[X(t)X(t+\tau)] = f(\tau)$$

\downarrow
 $R_X(t, t+\tau)$

$$R_X(t_1, t_2) = f(t_2 - t_1)$$

\downarrow
 $f(t_2 - t_1)$

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Power Spectral Density

- Power Spectral Density (PSD) of a WSS $X(t)$ is the Fourier Transform of ACF of $X(t)$

$$S_X(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R_X(\tau) e^{-j2\pi f\tau} d\tau$$

Handwritten notes: $\mathbb{E}[X(t)X(t+\tau)]$ with an arrow pointing to $R_X(\tau)$.

$$R_X(\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_X(f) e^{j2\pi f\tau} df$$

Handwritten notes: $\tau=0$ with an arrow pointing to the exponent, and a checkmark.

At $t = 0$

$$R_X(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_X(f) df$$

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Handwritten note: $\mathbb{E}[|X(t)|^2]$ with an arrow pointing to $R_X(0)$.

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Example

- Let a RP X has autocorrelation given as

$$R_X(\tau) = e^{-2\alpha|\tau|}$$

$$S_X(\omega) = \mathcal{F}\{R_X(\tau)\} = \frac{4\alpha}{4\alpha^2 + \omega^2}$$

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Example:

Let $X(t) = a \cos(\omega_0 t + \Theta)$, $\Theta \sim \text{Uniform}[0, 2\pi]$. Find $R_X(\tau)$ and $S_X(\omega)$.

Solution:



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PSD Interpretation

$$R_X(0) = \mathbb{E}[|X(t)|^2] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_X(f) df$$



- Integrating $S_X(f)$ over a band gives the expected power of the signal content between these frequencies.

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Cross Correlation

- The cross-correlation function of $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$ is

$$R_{XY}(t_1, t_2) = \mathbb{E}[X(t_1)Y(t_2)]$$

- The cross-covariance function of $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$ is

$$C_{XY}(t_1, t_2) = \mathbb{E}[(X(t_1) - m_X(t_1))(Y(t_2) - m_Y(t_2))]$$

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