Principles of Communication

Signals and Spectra (3)

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Introduction

- Random Process
- Stationary
- Ergodic
- Correlation Functions
- Power Spectral Density
- Wiener-Khintchine Theorem

Random Process

- A real random process (or stochastic process) is an indexed set of real functions of some parameter (usually time) that has certain statistical properties.
- Imagine voltage waveforms that might be emitted from a noise source. In general, v(t, E_i) denotes the waveform that is obtained when the event Ei of the sample space occurs. v(t, E_i) is said to be a sample function of the sample space. The set of all possible sample functions {v(t, E_i)} is called the ensemble and defines the random process v(t) that describes the noise source.



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Random Process

- The difference between a random variable and a random process is that for a random variable, an outcome in the sample space is mapped into a number, whereas for a random process it is mapped into a function of time.
- A random process may be described by an indexed set of random variables.
- To describe a general random process x(t) completely, an N-dimensional PDF, $f_x(x)$, is required, where $X = (x_1, x_2, ..., x_N)$, $x_j = x(t_j)$ and $N \rightarrow \infty$. $f_x(x) = f_x(x(t_1), x(t_2), ..., x(t_N))$

Stationary

A random process x(t) is said to be stationary to the order N if, for any t₁, t₂, ..., t_N

$$f_{X}(x(t_{1}), x(t_{2}), ..., x(t_{N})) = f_{X}(x(t_{1}+t_{0}), x(t_{2}+t_{0}), ..., x(t_{N}+t_{0}))$$

Where t_0 is any arbitrary real constant. Furthermore, the process is said to be strictly stationary if it is stationary to the order $N \rightarrow \infty$.



Example

■ First-order stationary

The requirement for first-order stationary is that is the first-order PDF not be a function of time. Let the random process be $x(t)=Asin(\omega t+\theta)$

Case 1: Stationary Result. Assume A and ω are deterministic constants and θ is a random variable uniformly distributed over - π to π .

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\pi\sqrt{A^2 - x^2}}, & |x| \le A\\ 0, & |x| > A \end{cases}$$

Case 2: Nonstationary Result. Assume A, ω and θ are deterministic constants.

$$f(x) = \delta(x - A\sin(\omega t + \theta))$$

Ergodic

The time average is

$$\langle [x(t)] \rangle = \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} [x(t)] dt$$

- The ensemble average is $\overline{[x(t)]} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [x] f_x(x) dx = m_x$
- A random process is said to be ergodic if all time averages of any sample function are the corresponding ensemble averages (expectations).
 Ensemble average



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Example

- Let a random process be given by $x(t) = A\cos(\omega t + \theta)$, Assume A and ω are deterministic constants and θ is a random variable uniformly distributed over 0 to 2π .
- The ensemble averages

$$\bar{x} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[x(\theta) \right] f_{\theta}(\theta) d\theta = \int_{0}^{2\pi} \left[A\cos(\omega t + \theta) \right] \frac{1}{2\pi} d\theta = 0$$

■ The time averages

$$\langle x(t) \rangle = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} A \cos(\omega t + \theta) dt = 0$$

- The time average is equal to the ensemble average.
- Shall we conclude that the process is ergodic?
- No. Because we have not evaluated all the possible time and ensemble averages. In general, it is difficult to prove that a process is ergodic

Ergodic vs. Stationary

- The ergodic process must be stationary, because otherwise the ensemble averages would be a function of time.
- However, if a process is known to be stationary, it may or may not be ergodic.
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Correlation Functions

The autocorrelation function of a random process x(t) is

$$R_x(t_1, t_2) = \overline{x(t_1)x(t_2)} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_1 x_2 f_x(x_1, x_2) dx_1 dx_2$$

where $x_1 = x(t_1)$ and $x_2 = x(t_2)$.

If the process is stationary to the second order, the autocorrelation function is a function only of the time difference $\tau = t_2 - t_1$

$$R_x(\tau) = x(t)x(t+\tau)$$

if x(t) is second-order stationary

A random process is said to be wide-sense stationary if

$$\frac{d\overline{x(t)}}{dt} = 0 \text{ and } R_x(t_1, t_2) = R_x(t_2 - t_1)$$

The auto-correlation function has following properties:

$$R_{x}(0) = \overline{x^{2}(t)}$$
$$R_{x}(\tau) = R_{x}(-\tau)$$
$$R_{x}(0) \ge |R_{x}(\tau)|$$

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Cross-Correlation Function

The cross-correlation function of two random process x(t) and y(t) is $R_{xy}(t_1, t_2) = \overline{x(t_1)y(t_2)}$

If x(t) and y(t) are jointly stationary, the cross-correlation function is

$$R_{xy}(t_1, t_2) = R_{xy}(t_2 - t_1)$$

The cross-correlation function has following properties:

$$R_{xy}(-\tau) = R_{yx}(\tau)$$
$$\left|R_{xy}(\tau)\right| \le \sqrt{R_x(0)R_y(0)}$$
$$\left|R_{xy}(\tau)\right| \le \frac{1}{2} \left[R_x(0) + R_y(0)\right]$$

- Two random processes x(t) and y(t) are said to be uncorrelated if $R_{xy}(\tau) = \overline{[x(t)][y(t+\tau)]} = m_x m_y \quad \text{for all values of } \tau$
- Two random processes x(t) and y(t) are said to be orthogonal if

$$R_{xy}(\tau) = 0$$
 for all values of τ

Correlation Measurement

Power Spectral Density

■ The power spectral density for a random process x(t) is given by

$$P_{x}(f) = \lim_{T \to \infty} \left(\frac{\overline{\left[\left| X_{T}(f) \right|^{2} \right]}}{T} \right)$$

where

$$X_T(f) = \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) e^{-j2\pi ft} dt$$

Wiener-Khintchine Theorem

When x(t) is a wide-sense stationary process, the PSD can be obtained from the Fourier transform of the autocorrelation function

$$P_x(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R_x(t) e^{-j2\pi ft} dt$$

Conversely,

$$R_{x}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_{x}(f) e^{j2\pi ft} dt$$

- To calculate the PSD of a random process:
- 1. Direct method: Use the original definition of PSD
- 2. Indirect method: Use Wiener-Khintchine Theorem

Proof of W-K Theorem

From the definition of PSD

$$P_{x}(f) = \lim_{T \to \infty} \left(\frac{\left[|X_{T}(f)|^{2} \right]}{T} \right)$$

Where

$$\overline{|X_T(f)|^2} = \overline{\left|\int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) e^{-j2\pi f t} dt\right|^2}$$
$$= \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \overline{x(t_1)x(t_2)} e^{-j2\pi f(t_1-t_2)} dt_1 dt_2$$

Proof of W-K Theorem



Proof of W-K Theorem



Region of Integration

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If x(t) is stationary,

$$\overline{|X_{T}(f)|^{2}} = \int_{-T}^{0} R_{x}(\tau) e^{-j2\pi f\tau} \left[t_{1} \Big|_{-T/2-\tau}^{T/2} \right] d\tau + \int_{0}^{T} R_{x}(\tau) e^{-j2\pi f\tau} \left[t_{1} \Big|_{-T/2}^{T/2-\tau} \right] d\tau$$
$$= \int_{-T}^{T} \left(T - |\tau| \right) R_{x}(\tau) e^{-j2\pi f\tau} d\tau$$

Then

$$P_{x}(f) = \lim_{T \to \infty} \int_{-T}^{T} \left(1 - \frac{|\tau|}{T} \right) R_{x}(\tau) e^{-j2\pi f\tau} d\tau$$
$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R_{x}(\tau) e^{-j2\pi f\tau} d\tau$$

Example

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Properties of PSD

- P_x(f) is always real
- $\blacksquare P_x(f) \ge 0$
- When x(t) is real, $P_x(-f) = P_x(f)$
- Total normalized power $\int_{\infty}^{\infty} P_x(f) df = P$

$$P_x(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R_x(\tau) d\tau$$

General Formula for the PSD of Digital Signals

$$P_{x}(f) = \frac{|F(f)|^{2}}{T_{s}} \left[\sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} R(k) e^{jk\omega T_{s}} \right]$$
$$R(k) = \overline{a_{n}a_{n+k}} = \sum_{i=1}^{I} (a_{n}a_{n+k})_{i} P_{i}$$

- Pi is the probability of getting the product (a_na_{n+k})₁, of which there are I possible values
- F(f) is the spectrum of the pulse shape of the digital symbol

White-Noise Processes

- A random process x(t) is said to be a white-noise process if the PSD is constant over all frequencies, $P_x(f) = N_0/2$, where N_0 is a positive constant.
- The autocorrelation function for the white noise is obtained by taking the inverse Fourier transform $R_x(t) = N_0/2 \delta(t)$
- Any two different samples of a white noise process are uncorrelated. Since thermal noise is a Gaussian process and the sample are uncorrelated, the noise samples are also independent.
- The effect on the detection process of a channel with Additive White Gaussian Noise is that the noise affects each transmitted symbol independently. Memoryless channel.

Measurement of PSD

Analog techniques
 Narrowband filters
 RF spectrum analyzer
 Numerical computation

$$P_{T}(f) = \frac{|X_{T}(f)|^{2}}{T}$$

$$\overline{P_T(f)} = \left[\frac{|X_T(f)|^2}{T}\right] = F\left[R_x(\tau)\Lambda\left(\frac{\tau}{T}\right)\right]$$
$$= TP_x(f) * \left(\frac{\sin \pi fT}{\pi fT}\right)^2$$





Homework

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