# **Chapter 6: Stochastic (Random) Processes**

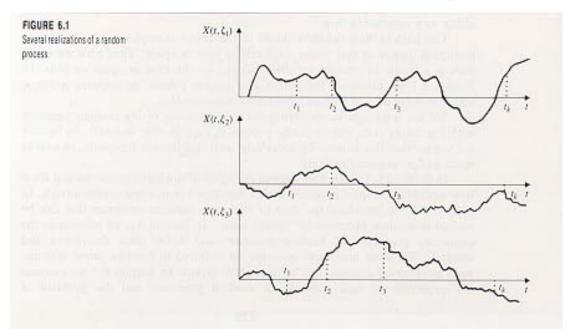
Let outcomes  $\xi$  from S be such that, for  $\xi \in S$  we assign a function of time according to some rule:

$$X(t,\xi)$$
 where  $t \in I$ 

- 1) The graph of  $X(t,\xi)$  for a fixed  $\xi$  is called a realization.
- 2) For each fixed  $t_k$  the set  $X(t_k,\xi)$  is a r.v.

 $\Rightarrow$  Indexed family of r.v.  $\Rightarrow$  Stochastic Process

- If the index set "I" is If "I" is continuous, then it is a continuous-time stochastic process.
- If discrete-time then, we have a discrete-time stochastic process.



#### **Ex: 6.1 Random Binary Sequence**

 $\xi$  selected randomly in interval S = [0,1]  $b_1b_2...$  binary expansion of  $\xi$ , then

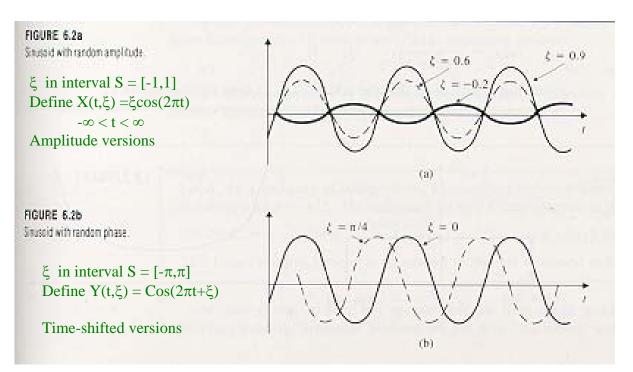
$$\xi = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} b_i 2^{-i}$$
; where  $b_i \in \{0,1\}$ 

Define  $X(t,\xi) = b_n$  n = 1,2,... The result is a sequence of binary numbers.

Ex: 6.3 Find 
$$P[X(1,\xi)=0]$$
 and  $P[X(1,\xi)=0$  and  $X(2,\xi)=1]$   
 $P[X(1,\xi)=0] = P[0 \le \xi < 1/2] = 1/2$   
 $P[X(1,\xi)=0 \text{ and } X(2,\xi)=1] = P[1/4 \le \xi < 1/2] = 1/4$ 

Sequence of k bits has subinterval of length  $2^{-k}$ .

#### Ex: 6.2 Random Sinusoids

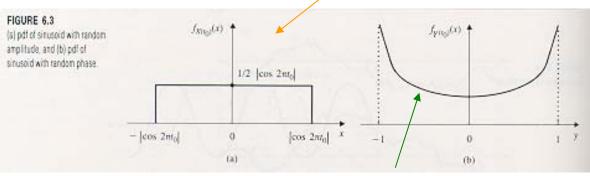


**Ex: 6.4** Find pdf of  $X(t_0,\xi)$  and  $Y(t_0,\xi)$  of Ex: 6.2

- If  $\cos(2\pi t_0) = 0$ ,  $X(t_0,\xi) = 0 \implies f_{X(t_0)}(x) = \delta(x)$
- Else, X(t<sub>0</sub>,ξ) is uniformly distributed in [-cos(2πt<sub>0</sub>), cos(2πt<sub>0</sub>)], since X(t<sub>0</sub>,ξ) is uniformly distributed in [-1,1]

$$f_{X(t_0)}(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & o.w. \\ 1/2|\cos(2\pi t_0)| & x \le |\cos(2\pi t_0)| \end{cases}$$

Note: pdf of  $X(t_0,\xi)$  depends on  $t_{0.}$ 



 $Y(t_0,\xi)$  has an arcsine distribution (see Ex: 3.28).

$$f_{Y(t_0)}(y) = \frac{1}{\pi \sqrt{1 - y^2}} |y| < 1$$

Note: pdf of  $Y(t_0,\xi)$  does not depend on  $t_0$ .

#### **Random Process Specification:**

Let  $X_1, X_2, ..., X_k$  be k r.v.'s obtained by sampling a Random Process  $X(t,\xi)$  at times  $t_1, ..., t_k$ 

$$X_1 = X(t_1,\xi)$$
,  $X_2 = X(t_2,\xi)$ ,...,  $X_k = X(t_k,\xi)$ 

Then a stochastic (random) process is specified by the collection of k<sup>th</sup> order joint cdf:

$$F_{X_1...X_k}(x_1, x_2, ..., x_k) = P[X_1 \le x_1, X_2 \le x_2, ..., X_k \le x_k]$$

If Stochastic Process is discrete then pmf can be used to specify Stochastic Process

$$p_{X_1...X_k}(x_1, x_2, ..., x_k) = P[X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, ..., X_k = x_k]$$

If Stochastic Process is continuous-valued the pdf can be used to specify Stochastic Process:

$$f_{X_1...X_k}(x_1, x_2, ...x_k)$$

A Stochastic Process X(t) has independent increments if for any k and any choice of sampling instants:

$$t_1 < t_2 < \ldots < t_k$$
, the random variables  
 $X(t_2) - X(t_1) \ldots X(t_k) - X(t_{k-1})$  are independent

Then the joint pdf (pmf) of  $X(t_1) \dots X(t_k)$  is given by the product of marginal pdf (pmf).

A Stochastic Process is **Markov** if the future of the process given the present is independent of the past:

$$f_{X(t_k)}(x_k \mid X(t_{k-1}) = x_{k-1}, \dots, X(t_1) = x_1)$$
  
=  $f_{X(t_k)}(x_k \mid X(t_{k-1}) = x_{k-1})$ 

If X(t) is continuous, but for discrete X(t) the expression becomes

$$P[X(t_k) = x_k | X(t_{k-1}) = x_{k-1}, \dots, X(t_1) = x_1]$$
  
=  $P[X(t_k) = x_k | X(t_{k-1}) = x_{k-1}]$ 

# **Mean function:**

$$m_X(t) = E[X(t)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_{X(t)}(x) dx$$

In general the mean function is a function of time.

Autocorrelation function (joint moment):

$$R_X(t_1, t_2) = E[X(t_1)X(t_2)] = \int_{-\infty - \infty}^{\infty - \infty} \int_{-\infty - \infty}^{\infty - \infty} xy f_X(t_1)X(t_2)(x, y)dxdy$$

**Autocovariance function:** 

$$C_X(t_1, t_2) = E[(X(t_1) - m_X(t_1))(X(t_2) - m_X(t_2))]$$
  
=  $R_X(t_1, t_2) - m_X(t_1)m_X(t_2)$ 

Variance of X(t):

$$\sigma^{2}_{X(t)} = VAR[X(t)] = E[(X(t_{1}) - m_{X}(t_{1}))^{2}] = C_{X}(t,t)$$

#### **Correlation Coefficient:**

$$\rho_X(t_1, t_2) = \frac{C_X(t_1, t_2)}{\sqrt{C_X(t_1, t_1)C_X(t_2, t_2)}} \quad \text{with the property:} \quad \left| \rho_X(t_1, t_2) \right| \le 1$$

**Ex: 6.6** Let  $X(t) = A\cos 2\pi t$ . Find mean, autocorrelation and autocovariance  $m_X(t) = E[A\cos 2\pi t] = E[A]\cos 2\pi t$ 

Note: The mean function is time-dependent.

$$R_X(t_1, t_2) = E[A\cos 2\pi t_1 A\cos 2\pi t_2] = E[A^2]\cos 2\pi t_1 \cos 2\pi t_2$$
$$C_X(t_1, t_2) = R_X(t_1, t_2) - m_X(t_1)m_X(t_2) = \left\{ E[A^2] - E[A]^2 \right\} \cos 2\pi t_1 \cos 2\pi t_2$$
$$= VAR[A]\cos 2\pi t_1 \cos 2\pi t_2$$

**Ex:** 6.7 Let  $X(t) = cos(wt+\theta)$ , where  $\theta$  is uniformly distributed in  $(-\pi,\pi)$ . Let us find mean, autocorrelation and autocovariance.

$$m_X(t) = E[\cos(wt + \theta)] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(wt + \theta) d\theta = 0$$
  

$$C_X(t_1, t_2) = R_X(t_1, t_2) = E[\cos(wt_1 + \theta)\cos(wt_2 + \theta)]$$
  

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{2} \{\cos(w(t_1 - t_2)) + \cos(w(t_1 + t_2) + 2\theta)\} d\theta$$
  

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cos w(t_1 - t_2) \qquad See Appendix A$$

Note:  $m_X(t)$  is constant and  $C_X(t_1,t_2)$  depends only on  $|t_1-t_2|$ .

**Gaussian Random Process:** X(t) is a Gaussian S.P. if the samples  $X_1 = X(t_1)$ , ...,  $X_k = X(t_k)$  are jointly Gaussian with

$$f_{X_1 X_2 \dots X_k}(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2} |K|^{1/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} (\underline{x} - \underline{m})^T K^{-1} (\underline{x} - \underline{m})\right\}$$

where

$$\underline{m} = \begin{bmatrix} m_X(t_1) \\ \vdots \\ m_X(t_k) \end{bmatrix} \qquad K = \begin{bmatrix} C_X(t_1, t_1) & C_X(t_1, t_2) & \cdots & C_X(t_1, t_k) \\ C_X(t_2, t_1) & C_X(t_2, t_2) & \cdots & C_X(t_2, t_k) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ C_X(t_k, t_1) & \cdots & C_X(t_k, t_k) \end{bmatrix}$$

**Ex 6.8**  $X_n$  is iid Gaussian r.v. with m and  $\sigma^2$ , then

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 & \vdots \\ \vdots & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix} = \sigma^2 I \quad \text{Because: } C_X(t_i, t_j) = \sigma^2 \delta_{ij}$$

Then:

$$f_{X_1 X_2 \dots X_k}(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \frac{1}{\left(2\pi\sigma^2\right)^{k/2}} \exp\left\{-\sum_{i=1}^k (x_i - \underline{m})^2 / 2\sigma^2\right\}$$
$$= f_{X_1}(x_1) f_{X_2}(x_2) \cdots f_{X_k}(x_k)$$

#### **Two or more variable Random Process:**

- 1. For a pair of S.P. X(t) and Y(t') all possible joint density functions must be specified for all choices of  $t_1, \ldots, t_k$  and  $t_1', \ldots, t_k'$ .
- 2. X(t) and Y(t') are independent iff the vector r.v. **X** and **Y** are **independent** for all k, j and all choices of  $t_1, \ldots, t_k$ ,  $t_1', \ldots, t_k'$ .
- 3. Crosscorrelation:  $R_{XY}(t_1,t_2) = E[X(t_1)Y(t_2)]$ X(t) and Y(t) processes are orthogonal if  $R_{XY}(t_1,t_2) = 0$  for all  $t_1$  and  $t_2$
- 4. Cross-Covariance:  $C_{XY}(t_1,t_2) = R_{XY}(t_1,t_2) m_X(t_1)m_Y(t_2)$ X(t) and Y(t) are uncorrelated if  $C_{XY}(t_1,t_2) = 0$  for all  $t_1$  and  $t_2$

**Ex:** 6.9 Given a process with  $X(t) = \cos(wt + \theta)$  and  $Y(t) = \sin(wt + \theta)$ , where  $\theta$  is uniformly distributed in  $[-\pi, \pi]$ . Find cross-covariance.

$$R_{XY}(t_1, t_2) = E[\cos(wt_1 + \theta)\sin(wt_2 + \theta)]$$
  
=  $E\left[-\frac{1}{2}\sin(w(t_1 - t_2)) + \frac{1}{2}\sin(w(t_1 + t_2) + 2\theta)\right]$   
=  $-\frac{1}{2}\sin(w(t_1 - t_2))$ 

**Ex: 6.10** Given an additive noise channel with a model: Y(t) = X(t) + N(t) Find cross-correlation. Assume that X(t) and N(t) are independent

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

$$R_{XY}(t_1, t_2) = E[X(t_1)X(t_2)] + E[X(t_1)N(t_2)]$$

$$= R_X(t_1, t_2) + E[X(t_1)]E[N(t_2)]$$

$$= R_X(t_1, t_2) + m_X(t_1)m_N(t_2)$$

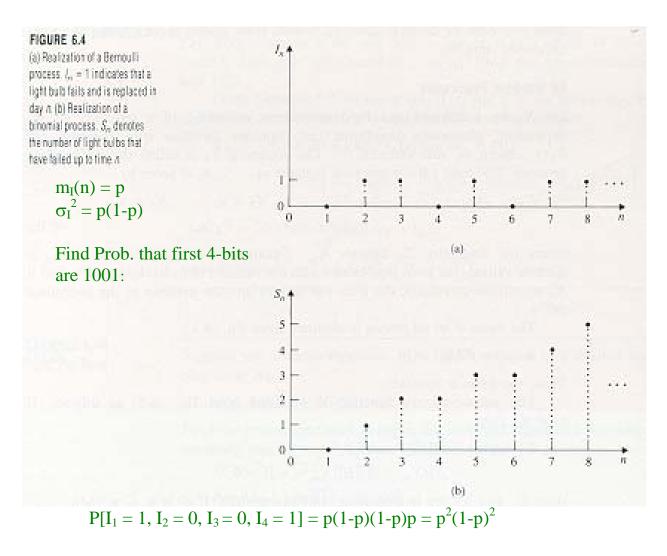
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#### **Examples of Discrete-Time Stochastic Processes:**

Given iid Stochastic Process:  $X_n$ : discrete iid r.v. with common, m,  $\sigma^2$ Then,  $X_n$  – sequence is called iid R.P. and for any time instants  $n_1, \dots, n_k$  $F_{X_1\dots X_k}(x_1,\dots,x_k) = P[X_1 \le x_1,\dots,X_k \le x_k]$  $= F_X(x_1)F_X(x_2)\cdots F_X(x_k)$ 

# The mean of iid S.P.: $m_{X}(n) = E[X_{n}] = m \quad \text{for all } n; \quad \text{Constant mean}$ $if \quad n_{1} \neq n_{2}: \quad C_{X}(n_{1}, n_{2}) = E[(X_{n_{1}} - m)(X_{n_{2}} - m)]$ $= E[X_{n_{1}} - m]E[X_{n_{2}} - m] = 0$ $if \quad n_{1} = n_{2}: \quad C_{X}(n, n) = E[(X_{n} - m)^{2}] = \sigma^{2}$ Because: $C_{X}(n_{1}, n_{2}) = R_{X}(n_{1}, n_{2}) - m^{2}, \text{ which results in:}$ $C_{X}(n_{1}, n_{2}) = R_{X}(n_{1}, n_{2}) - m^{2}$ $\Rightarrow R_{X}(n_{1}, n_{2}) = C_{X}(n_{1}, n_{2}) + m^{2}$

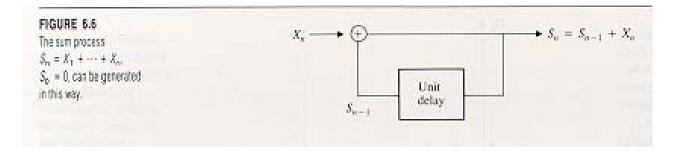
**Ex: 6.11** Bernoulli R.P. : i.i.d. Bernoulli R.V.  $I_n$  from a set {0,1}, where  $I_n$ : Indicator function for the event a light bulb fails & replaced on day n.



## **Sum Process:**

Let 
$$S_n = X_1 + X_2 + ... + X_n$$
  $n = 1, 2, ...$   
=  $S_{n-1} + X_n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, ...$ 

pmf/pdf of  $S_n$  is found by convolution or characteristic equation methods. The block diagram shows a counting process:



$$E[S_n] = m_S(n) = nE[X] = nm$$
  

$$\sigma_{S_n}^2 = n\sigma_X^2 = n\sigma^2$$
  

$$C_S(n,k) = E[(S_n - E[S_n])(S_k - E[S_k])]$$
  

$$= E[(S_n - nm)(S_k - km)]$$
  

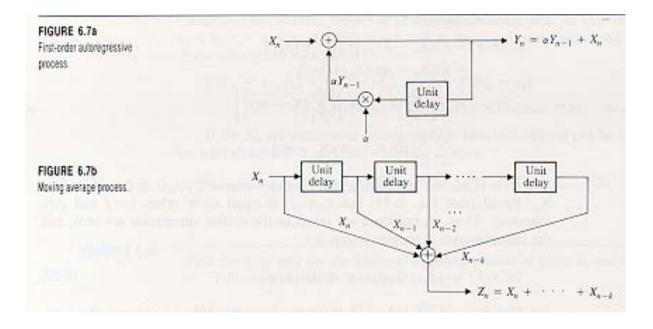
$$= E\left[\left\{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - m)\right\}\left\{\sum_{j=1}^k (X_k - m)\right\}\right]$$
  

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^k E[(X_i - m)(X_j - m)]$$
  

$$C_X(i,j) = \sigma^2 \delta_{ij}$$

which yields:

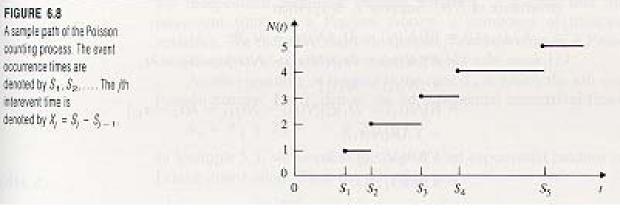
$$C_{S}(n,k) = \sum_{i=1}^{\min\{n,k\}} C_{X}(i,i) = \min(n,k)\sigma^{2}$$



#### **Examples of Continuous-Time Stochastic Processes**

(As a limit of Discrete-Time Stochastic Processes)

# **Poisson Process**



• Events occur randomly at a rate  $\lambda$ 

- Let N(t) be the number of occurrences in time interval [0,t]. N(t) is nondecreasing, integer-valued, continuous-time R.P.
- Let [0,t] be divided into n-intervals of duration  $\delta = t/n$  and assume
- Probability of more than one event occurring in a subinterval is negligible.
   ⇒ Bernoulli Trial
- 2) Event occurrences in a subinterval is independent of activities in other subintervals
  - ⇒ Bernoulli Trials are Independent
  - ⇒ N(t) is counting process that counts number of success in n-trials. Keeping  $np = \lambda t$  fixed, let  $n \to \infty$  and  $p \to 0$ . Then we have a poisson distribution with parameter  $\lambda t$
  - $\Rightarrow$  Poisson Process N(t) in the interval [0,t] has Poisson distribution with

$$P[N(t) = k] = \frac{(\lambda t)^2}{k!} e^{-\lambda t} \qquad \text{for } k = 0, 1, 2, \cdots$$

The independent and stationary increments property leads us to write for  $t_1 < t_2$ :

$$P[N(t_1) = i, N(t_2) = j] = P[N(t_1) = i]P[N(t_2) - N(t_1) = j - i]$$
  
=  $P[N(t_1) = i]P[N(t_2 - t_1) = j - i]$   
=  $\frac{(\lambda t_1)^i}{i!}e^{-\lambda t_1} \cdot \frac{(\lambda (t_2 - t_1))^{j-i}}{(j-i)!}e^{-\lambda (t_2 - t_1)}$ 

**Autocovariance** of N(t) for  $t_1 < t_2$ :

$$C_{N}(t_{1},t_{2}) = E[(N(t_{1}) - \lambda t_{1})(N(t_{2}) - \lambda t_{2})]$$
  
=  $E[(N(t_{1}) - \lambda t_{1})\{N(t_{2}) - N(t_{1}) - \lambda t_{2} + \lambda t_{1} + N(t_{1}) - \lambda t_{1}\}]$   
 $C_{N}(t_{1},t_{2}) = \underbrace{E[(N(t_{1}) - \lambda t_{1})]}_{0}E[(N(t_{2} - t_{1}) - \lambda (t_{2} - t_{1}))] + VAR[N(t_{1})]$   
=  $VAR[N(t_{1})] = \lambda t_{1}$  Since  $t_{1} \le t_{2}$ 

In general we have:

 $C_N(t_1, t_2) = \lambda \min\{t_1, t_2\}$ 

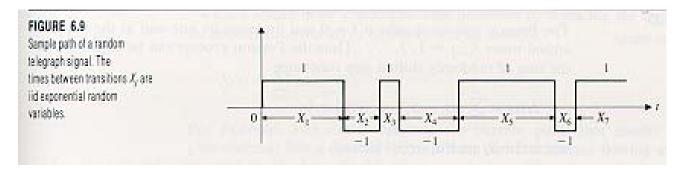
**Ex: 6.19** 15 Inquires/minute; A Poisson Process Find P[N(10) = 3 and N(60) - N(45) = 2]

Poisson  $\Rightarrow$  indep increment & stationary increment

$$P[N(10) = 3 \text{ and } N(60) - N(45) = 2] = P[N(10) = 3]P[N(60) - N(45) = 2]$$
$$= P[N(10) = 3]P[N(60 - 45) = 2]$$
$$= \frac{(10/4)^3 e^{-10/4} (15/4)^2 e^{-15/4}}{3!}$$

#### Ex: 6.22 Random Telegraph Signal

X(t) is  $\pm 1$  P[X(0)= $\pm 1$ ]=1/2 X(t) is Poisson with rate  $\alpha$ Probability mass function (pmf):



 $P[X(t) = \pm 1] = P[X(t) = \pm 1 \mid X(0) = 1]P[X(0) = 1] + P[X(t) = \pm 1 \mid X(0) = -1]P[X(0) =$ 

Since X(t) has same polarity as X(0) only when even number of events

 $P[X(t) = \pm 1 | X(0) = 1] = P[N(t) = even \text{ int } eger]$ 

$$= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha t)^{2j}}{(2j)!} e^{-\alpha t}$$
$$= e^{-\alpha t} \frac{1}{2} \left\{ e^{\alpha t} + e^{-\alpha t} \right\} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ 1 + e^{-2\alpha t} \right\}$$

X(t) and X(0) differ in sign with odd number of events:

$$P[X(t) = \pm 1 \mid X(0) = 1] = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha t)^{2j+1}}{(2j+1)!} e^{-\alpha t}$$
$$= e^{-\alpha t} \frac{1}{2} \left\{ e^{\alpha t} + -e^{-\alpha t} \right\} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ 1 - e^{-2\alpha t} \right\}$$

Therefore,

$$P[X(t) = 1] = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left\{ 1 + e^{-2\alpha t} \right\} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left\{ 1 - e^{-2\alpha t} \right\} = \frac{1}{2}$$
$$P[X(t) = -1] = 1 - P[X(t) = 1] = \frac{1}{2}$$

Thus signal is equally likely to be  $\pm 1$ . Next we find the mean, variance and autocovariance functions.

$$m_{X}(t) = (1) \cdot P[X(t) = 1] + (-1) \cdot P[X(t) = -1] = 0$$
  

$$VAR[X(t)] = E[X(t)^{2}] = (1)^{2} \cdot P[X(t) = 1] + (-1)^{2} \cdot P[X(t) = -1] = 1$$
  

$$C_{X}(t_{1}, t_{2}) = E[X(t_{1})X(t_{2})] = (1)P[X(t_{1}) = X(t_{2})] + (-1)P[X(t_{1}) \neq X(t_{2})]$$
  

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ 1 + e^{-2\alpha|t_{2} - t_{1}|} \right\}$$

**Note:** Time samples of X(t) become less correlated as time between them increases. Also it does not matter which time is greater.

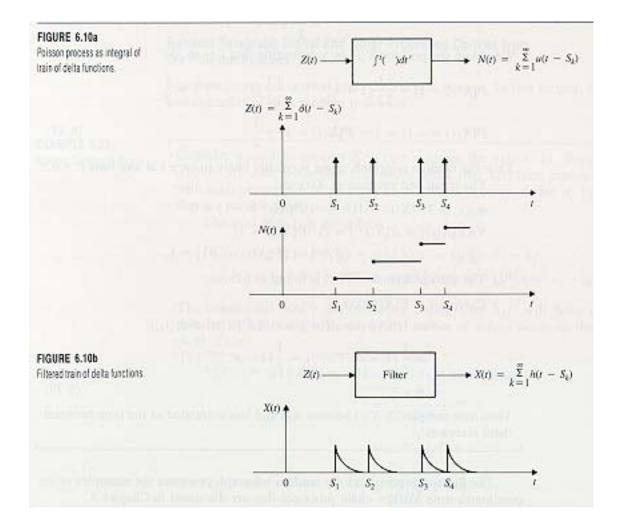
**Ex: 6.23** Filtered Poisson Impulse Train: Zero at t = 0 and increases by one unit at random arrival times:  $S_j$ , i = 1, 2, ...

$$N(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} u(t - S_i)$$
  $N(0) = 0$ 

We can view N(t) as the integral of a train of delta functions

$$Z(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \delta(t - S_i)$$

We can obtain other continuous-time processes by replacing the step function by another function h(t)—Figure 6.10b.



**Ex: 6.24 Shot Noise:** h(t) is the current pulse generator when a photoelectron hits a detector.

$$X(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} h(t - S_i)$$

Find expected value: E[X(t)] = E[E[X(t) | N(t)]], where N(t) is number of impulses that occurred up to time t

$$E[E[X(t) \mid N(t) = k]] = E\left[\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} h(t - S_j)\right] = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} E[h(t - S_j)]$$

Since independent and uniformly distributed in interval [0,t]:

$$E[h(t-S_j)] = \int_0^t h(t-s) \frac{ds}{t} = \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t h(u) du$$

Thus:

$$E[X(t) | N(t) = k] = \frac{k}{t} \int_{0}^{t} h(u) du$$

and

$$E[X(t) | N(t)] = \frac{N(t)}{t} \int_{0}^{t} h(u) du$$

Finally, we obtain:

$$E[X(t)] = E[E[X(t) | N(t)]] = \frac{E[N(t)]}{t} \int_{0}^{t} h(u) du$$
$$= \lambda \int_{0}^{t} h(u) du \quad \text{where} \quad E[N(t)] = \lambda t$$

The integral is finite, as t becomes large  $E[N(t)] \rightarrow constant$ 

(Skip Wiener Process and Brownian Motion)

# **Stationary Random Process (Strictly Stationary)**

- Nature of randomness stays unchanged with time (Independent of time origin).
- A discrete-time or continuous S.P. X(t) is stationary if the joint distribution of any set of samples does not depend on the time origin:

$$F_{X(t_1)\cdots X(t_k)}(x_1,...,x_k) = F_{X(t_1+\tau)\cdots X(t_k+\tau)}(x_1,...,x_k)$$

for all  $\tau$  , all k, and all choices of  $t_1,\,...,\,t_k$ 

• First-order cdf of a stationary R.P. must be independent of t.

$$F_{X(t)}(x) = F_{X(t+\tau)}(x) = F_X(x) \qquad \forall t, \forall \tau$$
$$m_{X(t)} = E[X(t)] = m \qquad \forall t$$
$$VAR[X(t)] = \sigma^2 \qquad \forall t$$

• 2<sup>nd</sup> order cdf of a stationary R.P. can depend only on the time difference between the samples:

$$F_{X(t_1)X(t_2)}(x_1, x_2) = F_{X(t_1)X(t_2-t_1)}(x_1, x_2) \quad \forall t_1, t_2$$
  

$$R_X(t_1, t_2) = R_X(t_2 - t_1) = R_X(\tau) \quad where \ \tau = t_2 - t$$
  

$$C_X(t_1, t_2) = C_X(t_2 - t_1) = C_X(\tau) \quad where \ \tau = t_2 - t$$

Ex: 6.26 Show i.i.d. R.P. is stationary:  $F_{X(t_1)\cdots X(t_k)}(x_1, x_2, ..., x_k) = F_X(x_1) F_X(x_2) \cdots F_X(x_k)$  $= F_{X(t_1+\tau)\cdots X(t_k+\tau)}(x_1, ..., x_k)$ 

for all  $k, t_1, \ldots, t_k$ .

Therefore, i.i.d. R.P. is stationary.

**Ex: 6.27** Is sum process a discrete-time stationary process?

$$\begin{split} S_n &= X_1 + X_2 + \ldots + X_n & \text{ where } X_i \text{ are iid sequences} \\ m_S(n) &= nm \ VAR[S_n] = n\sigma^2 \end{split}$$

Mean and Variance are not constant but linear with time index n, thus sum process cannot be a stationary process.

Ex: 6.28 Show Random Telegraph Signal of Ex: 6.22 is stationary. Need to show that:  $P[X(t_1) = a_1, ..., X(t_k) = a_K] = P[X(t_1 + \tau) = a_1, ..., X(t_k + \tau) = a_K]$ for any k, any  $t_1 < \cdots < t_k$ , and  $a_j = \pm 1$ .

Since the Poisson process has the independent increments property:

$$P[X(t_1) = a_1, ..., X(t_k) = a_K] = P[X(t_1) = a_1]P[X(t_2) = a_2 | X(t_1) = a_1] \cdots P[X(t_k) = a_k | X(t_{k-1}) = a_{k-1}]$$

Since the values of the random telegraph at  $t_1, \ldots, t_k$  is determined by time intervals  $(t_j, t_{j+1})$ :

$$P[X(t_1 + \tau) = a_1, ..., X(t_k + \tau) = a_K]$$
  
=  $P[X(t_1 + \tau) = a_1]P[X(t_2 + \tau) = a_2 | X(t_1 + \tau) = a_1] \cdots$   
 $P[X(t_k + \tau) = a_k | X(t_{k-1} + \tau) = a_{k-1}]$ 

The transition probabilities in the above two equations are equal since  $P|X(t_{i+1}) = a_{i+1} | X(t_i) = a_i |$ 

$$\begin{aligned} t_{j+1} &= a_{j+1} \mid X(t_j) = a_j \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \{ 1 + e^{-2\alpha(t_{j+1} - t_j)} \} & \text{if } a_j = a_{j+1} \\ \frac{1}{2} \{ 1 - e^{-2\alpha(t_{j+1} - t_j)} \} & \text{if } a_j \neq a_{j+1} \\ &= P \Big[ X(t_{j+1} + \tau) = a_{j+1} \mid X(t_j + \tau) = a_j \Big] \end{aligned}$$

Thus they differ only in the first term

 $P[X(t_1) = a_1]$  and  $P[X(t_1 + \tau) = a_1]$ 

if  $P[X(0) = \pm 1] = 1/2$ then:

$$P[X(t_1) = a_1] = 1/2, P[X(t_1 + \tau) = a_1] = 1/2$$

Therefore,

 $P[X(t_1) = a_1, ..., X(t_k) = a_K] = P[X(t_1 + \tau) = a_1, ..., X(t_k + \tau) = a_K]$ The process is stationary.

If  $P[X(0) = \pm 1] \neq 1/2$  they are not equal.

However,

$$P[X(t) = a] = P[X(t) = a | X(0) = a1]$$
$$= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \{1 + e^{-2\alpha t}\} & \text{if } a = 1\\ \frac{1}{2} \{1 - e^{-2\alpha t}\} & \text{if } a = -1 \end{cases}$$

for small t, X(t) is close to 1; but as t increases  $X(t) = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$  thus as t becomes large the joint pmf's become equal. Therefore when the process settles down into "steady state" is becomes stationary.

#### Wide-Sense Stationary Random Processes

A discrete-time or continuous-time random process X(t) is **wide-sense stationary** (WSS) if

 $m_X(t) = m$  for all t,

and

$$C_X(t_1, t_2) = C_X(t_1 - t_2)$$
 for all  $t_1, t_2$ 

X(t) and Y(t) are **jointly wide-sense stationary** if they are both wide-sense stationary and if their cross-covariance depends only on  $t_1$ -  $t_2$ 

 $C_{XY}(t_1, t_2) = C_{XY}(\tau) \qquad \text{ and } \quad R_{XY}(t_1, t_2) = R_{XY}(\tau) \qquad \tau = t_2 - t_1$ 

All stationary random processes are wide-sense stationary.

Ex: 6.29 
$$X_n$$
: Two interleaved sequences of indep. random variables.  
For n even  $X_n = \pm 1$   $p = 1/2$   
For n odd  $X_n = 1/3$ , -3  $p = 9/10$  and  $1/10$   
 $m_X(n) = 0$  for all n  
 $C_X(i, j) = \begin{cases} E[X_i]E[X_j] = 0 & i \neq j \\ E[X_i^2] = 1 & i = j \end{cases}$ 

Therefore,  $X_n$  is wide-sense stationary.

#### **Properties of WSS processes:**

- 1. Autocorrelation function at  $\tau = 0 \implies$  average power  $R_X(0) = E[X(t)^2]$  for all t
- 2. Autocorrelation function is an even function of  $\tau$ :

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

3. Autocorrelation function is a measure of the rate of change of random processes:

$$P[|X(t+\tau) - X(t)| > \varepsilon] = P[(X(t+\tau) - X(t))^{2} > \varepsilon^{2}]$$

$$\leq \frac{E[(X(t+\tau) - X(t))^{2}]}{\varepsilon^{2}}$$

$$\leq \frac{2\{R_{X}(0) - R_{X}(\tau)\}}{\varepsilon^{2}}$$

4. Autocorrelation function is maximum at  $\tau = 0$ . Because,

$$E[XY]^{2} \le E[X^{2}].E[Y^{2}]$$

$$R_{X}(\tau)^{2} = E[X(t+\tau)X(t)]^{2} \le E[X^{2}(t+\tau)].E[X^{2}(t)] = R_{X}(0)^{2}$$

5. If  $R_X(0) = R_X(d)$  then  $R_X(\tau)$  is periodic with period *d* and X(t) is mean-square periodic i.e.  $E\left[\left(X(t+d) - X(t)\right)^2\right] = 0$ 

6.  $R_X(\tau)$  approaches the square of the mean of X(t) as  $\tau \to \infty$ 

Let X(t) = m + N(t), where N(t) is a zero-mean process for which  

$$R_X(\tau) \rightarrow 0$$
 as  $\tau \rightarrow \infty$ , then  
 $R_X(\tau) = E[(m + N(t + \tau)(m + N(t))] = m^2 + 2mE[N(t)] + R_N(\tau)$   
 $= m^2 + R_N(\tau) \rightarrow m^2$  as  $\tau \rightarrow \infty$ 

#### Ex: 6.30

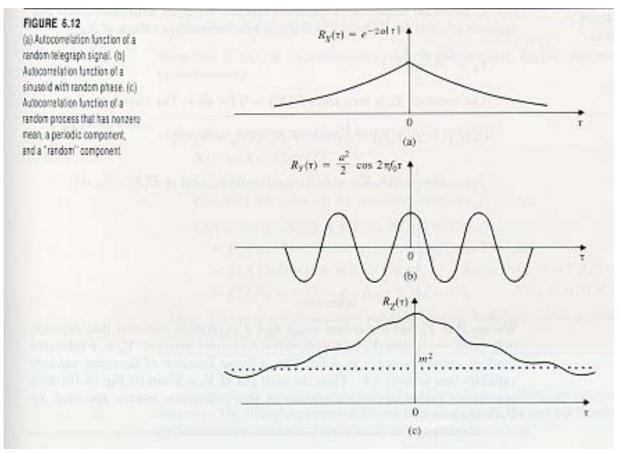
Fig 6.12a is autocorrelation function for random telegraph signal  $R_X(\tau) = e^{-2\alpha |\tau|}$ 

Fig 6.12b is the autocorrelation function for a sinusoid  $R_X(\tau) = \frac{a^2}{2} \cos(2\pi f_0 \tau)$ 

Fig 6.12c is autocorrelation function for the process Z(t) = X(t) + Y(t) + m

Where X(t) is random telegraph process, Y(t) is sinusoid with random phase, and m is constant. X(t) and Y(t) are independent.

$$R_{Z}(\tau) = E[\{X(t+\tau) + Y(t+\tau) + m\}\{X(t) + Y(t) + m\}]$$
  
=  $R_{X}(\tau) + R_{Y}(\tau) + m^{2}$ 



(Skip Wide-Sense Stationary Gaussian Random Processes) (Skip Cyclostationary Random Processes, Skip Section 6.6)

# **Time Averages of Random Processes and Ergodic Theorems**

Sometimes we are interested in estimating the mean or autocorrelation functions from the **time average** of a single realization

$$\left\langle X(t)\right\rangle_{T} = \frac{1}{2T}\int_{-T}^{T}X(t,\xi)dt$$

and

$$VAR\left[\left\langle X(t)\right\rangle_{T}\right] = \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-2T}^{2T} \left(1 - \frac{|u|}{2T}\right) C_{X}(u) du$$
  
where  $u = t - t'$  for  $-2T < u < 2T$ 

Let X(t) be a wide-sense stationary (WSS) process with  $m_X(t) = m$ , then  $\lim_{T \to \infty} \langle X(t) \rangle_T = m$  in the mean square sense, if and only if  $\lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-2T}^{2T} \left( 1 - \frac{|u|}{2T} \right) C_X(u) du = 0$  A WSS process is said to be **mean ergodic** if it satisfies the above conditions. A time-average estimate for the autocorrelation function of Y(t) is

$$\left\langle Y(t+\tau)Y(t)\right\rangle_T = \frac{1}{2T}\int_{-T}^{T}Y(t+\tau)Y(t)dt$$

The time-average autocorrelation converges to  $R_Y(\tau)$  in the mean square sense if Y(t) is mean ergodic.

For discrete case, the mean and autocorrelation functions of X<sub>n</sub> are:

$$\langle X_n \rangle_T = \frac{1}{2T+1} \sum_{n=-T}^T X_n \langle X_{n+k} X_n \rangle_T = \frac{1}{2T+1} \sum_{n=-T}^T X_{n+k} X_n$$

If  $X_n$  is WSS, then

$$E[\langle X_n \rangle_T] = m \quad \text{and} \quad VAR[\langle X_n \rangle_T] = \frac{1}{2T+1} \sum_{k=-2T}^{2T} \left(1 - \frac{|k|}{2T+1}\right) C_X(k)$$

 $[\langle X_n \rangle_T]$  is mean ergodic if  $VAR[\langle X_n \rangle_T]$  approaches zero with increasing T.

# Ex: 6.43 Random Telegraph Process

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

$$VAR[\langle X(t) \rangle_T] = \frac{1}{2T} \int_0^{2T} \left(1 - \frac{u}{2T}\right) e^{-2\alpha u} du < \frac{1}{2T} \int_0^{2T} e^{-2\alpha u} du = \frac{1 - e^{-4\alpha T}}{2\alpha T}$$

as  $T \to \infty VAR[\langle X(t) \rangle_T] \to 0$ , thus process is **mean ergodic.** 

Heads  $X_n = (-1)^n$  Tails  $X_n = (-1)^{n+1}$ #6.3 Fair coin toss a) Sketch If Heads If Tails b) Find the pmf  $P[X_n = 1] = P[Heads] = 1/2$ n even  $P[X_n = -1] = P[Tails] = 1/2$ n odd Find the joint pmf c) k even  $P[X_n = 1, X_{n+k} = 1] = P[Heads] = 1/2$ 

$$P[X_n = -1, X_{n+k} = -1] = P[Tails] = 1/2$$
  
$$P[X_n = \pm 1, X_{n+k} = \mp 1] = 0$$

k odd

$$\begin{split} P[X_n &= 1, X_{n+k} = -1] = P[Heads] = 1/2\\ P[X_n &= -1, X_{n+k} = 1] = P[Tails] = 1/2\\ P[X_n &= \pm 1, X_{n+k} = \pm 1] = 0 \end{split}$$

d) Find the mean and autocovariance  $E[X_n] = 1(1/2) + (-1)(1/2) = 0$ k even  $E[X_n X_{n+k}] = (1)^2(1/2) + (-1)^2(1/2) = 1$ k odd  $E[X_n X_{n+k}] = (1)(-1)(1/2) + (-1)(1)(1/2) = -1$ 

#6.15 
$$Z(t) = Xt + Y$$
  $m_X, m_Y, \sigma_X^2, \sigma_Y^2, \rho_{XY}$   
a) Find mean and autocovariance of  $Z(t)$   
 $E[Z(t)] = E[Xt + Y] = E[X]t + E[Y] = tm_X + m_Y = m_Z$   
 $C_Z(t_1, t_2) = E[(Xt_1 + Y)(Xt_2 + Y)] - m_Z(t_1)m_Z(t_2)$   
 $= t_1 t_2 E[X^2] + (t_1 + t_2)E[XY] + E[Y^2]$   
 $-t_1 t_2 m_X^2 - (t_1 + t_2)m_X m_Y - m_Y^2$   
 $= t_1 t_2 \sigma_X^2 + (t_1 + t_2)\sigma_X \sigma_Y \rho_{XY} + \sigma_Y^2$ 

b) Find pdf of Z(t) if X and Y are jointly Gaussian r.v. From example 4.32, (Page:222), where Z=X+Y

$$f_{Z(t)}(z) = \frac{\exp\left\{-\frac{(z-tm_X-m_y)^2}{2(t^2\sigma_X^2+2t\sigma_X\sigma_Y\rho_{XY}+\sigma_Y^2)}\right\}}{\sqrt{2\pi(t^2\sigma_X^2+2t\sigma_X\sigma_Y\rho_{XY}+\sigma_Y^2)}}$$

#6.53 X(t) = Acoswt + Bsinwt

A, B iid, zero mean

a) Show X(t) is WSS  

$$E[X(t)] = E[A\cos wt + B\sin wt]$$

$$= E[A]\cos wt + E[B]\sin wt = 0$$

$$C_X(t_1, t_2) = E[(A\cos wt_1 + B\sin wt_1)(A\cos wt_2 + B\sin wt_2)]$$

$$C_X(t_1, t_2) = E[A^2] \cos wt_1 \cos wt_2 + E[B^2] \sin wt_1 \sin wt_2$$
  
+  $E[A]E[B] \cos wt_1 \sin wt_2 + E[A]E[B] \sin wt_1 \cos wt_2$   
=  $E[A^2] \cos wt_1 \cos wt_2 + E[B^2] \sin wt_1 \sin wt_2$   
=  $E[A^2] \{ \cos wt_1 \cos wt_2 + \sin wt_1 \sin wt_2 \}$   
 $\frac{1}{2} \cos w(t_1 - t_2)$   
where we assumed  $E[A^2] = E[B^2]$   
=  $\frac{1}{2}E[A^2] \cos w(t_1 - t_2) = \frac{1}{2}E[A^2] \cos w\tau$   
 $\therefore \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{t})$  is WSS

b) Show X(t) is not strictly-stationary  

$$E[X^{3}(t)] = E[(A\cos wt + B\sin wt)^{3}]$$

$$= E[A^{3}\cos^{3}wt + 3A^{2}B\cos^{2}wt\sin wt + 3AB^{2}\cos wt\sin^{2}wt + B^{2}\sin^{3}wt]$$

$$= E[A^{3}]\cos^{3}wt + E[B^{3}]\sin^{3}wt = E[A^{3}]\cos^{3}wt + \sin^{3}wt)$$

$$= \frac{E[A^{3}]}{4} \underbrace{\{3(\cos wt + \sin wt) + (\cos 3wt - \sin 3wt)\}}_{these terms depend on t explicitly}$$

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{moment of } X(t) \mbox{ depends explicitly on time-origin} \\ \Rightarrow & X(t) \mbox{ is not strictly-stationary} \end{array}$ 

#6.78 Find variance of Example 6.42 page 379.  

$$X(t) = A \quad \text{A is zero mean, unit-variance r.v.}$$

$$E[X(t)] = E[A] = 0$$

$$E[X(t_1)X(t_2)] = E[A^2] = 1$$

$$VAR[\langle X(t) \rangle_T] = \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-2T}^{2T} \left(1 - \frac{|u|}{2T}\right) C_X(u) du = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2T} \int_{0}^{2T} \left(1 - \frac{u}{2T}\right) du = 1$$
This process is not mean errodic

 $\Rightarrow$  This process is <u>not</u> mean-ergodic