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2. Random sinusoid

$$X(u, t) = \sin(t + \phi(u))$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{E}\{X(u, t)\} &= \int_0^{2\pi} \sin(t + \phi) f_\phi(\phi) d\phi \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin(t + \phi) d\phi = 0 \quad \forall t\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}R_X(t_1, t_2) &= \mathcal{E}\{\sin(t_1 + \phi)\sin(t_2 + \phi)\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin(t_1 + \phi)\sin(t_2 + \phi) d\phi = 0 \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} [\cos(t_1 - t_2) - \cos(t_1 + t_2 + 2\phi)] d\phi \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cos(t_1 - t_2)\end{aligned}$$

Notice that the autocorrelation depends only on the *difference* $t_1 - t_2$ and not on t_1 or t_2 individually.

It is natural to ask the question : Are there any restrictions (or properties) imposed on a function $R_X(t_1, t_2)$ in order for it to be a *legitimate* correlation function ?

Example 1

Can $R_X(t_1, t_2) = -1$ be a correlation function ?

It holds that $X^2(u, t_1) \geq 0$. So $R_X(t_1, t_1) = \mathcal{E}\{X^2(u, t_1)\} \geq 0$ Then -1 is not a legitimate choice.

Example 2

What about the function with $K_X(t_1, t_1) = 0.8$, $K_X(t_1, t_2) = -1, t_1 \neq t_2$?

We list below some properties that any autocorrelation or covariance function must satisfy.

- (a) Any well defined function $m_X(t)$ can be the mean function $\mathcal{E}\{X(u, t)\}$ of a process
- (b) the correlation function $R_X(t_1, t_2)$ must be *hermitian symmetric* i.e.

$$R_X(t_1, t_2) = R_X^*(t_2, t_1)$$

Proof :

by definition

$$\begin{aligned} R_X(t_1, t_2) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{E}\{X(u, t_1)X^*(u, t_2)\} \\ &= \mathcal{E}\{X^*(u, t_2)X(u, t_1)\} \\ &= \mathcal{E}\{[X(u, t_2)X^*(u, t_1)]^*\} \\ &= \mathcal{E}^*\{X(u, t_2)X^*(u, t_1)\} \quad \text{qed} \end{aligned}$$

- (c) The correlation function must be a *nonnegative definite* function :

Definition 1.3.1 A complex function $R_X(t_1, t_2)$ is called *nonnegative definite* iff for any choice of n complex numbers a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n and every n -tuple (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) , it is true that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_i a_j^* R_X(t_i, t_j) \geq 0 \quad \otimes$$

Proof :

We prove the necessary part, i.e. that if $R_X(t_1, t_2)$ is a correlation function for some process $X(u, t)$, then \otimes holds

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_i a_j^* R_X(t_i, t_j) = \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_i a_j^* \mathcal{E}\{X(u, t_i)X^*(u, t_j)\} \\ &= \mathcal{E}\left\{\left|\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X(u, t_i)\right|^2\right\} \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

The converse will be proven later.

(d) The correlation function must satisfy the Schwartz inequality

$$|R_X(t_1, t_2)| \leq \sqrt{R_X(t_1, t_1)} \sqrt{R_X(t_2, t_2)}$$

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$$R_X^2(t_1, t_2) \leq R_X(t_1, t_1) R_X(t_2, t_2)$$

Consider

$$\mathcal{E}\{[X(u, t_1) + aX(u, t_2)]^2\} \geq 0$$

for any $a \in \mathcal{R}$

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Note that in example 2 above, the function is illegitimate because

$$|-1| \not\leq \sqrt{0.8}\sqrt{0.8}$$

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Notice that $R_{YX}(t_1, t_2) = R_{XY}(t_1, t_2) \neq R_{XY}(t_1, t_2)$ i.e. the symmetry property does not hold for *crosscorrelations*. One could ask the following question: Why not define

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Chapter 2

RANDOM VECTORS

2.1 Definition - Correlation and Covariance matrix

Random vectors come about either by “sampling” one random process $X(u, t)$ at t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n or by “observing” a number of processes $X_1(u, t), X_2(u, t), \dots, X_n(u, t)$ at the same time. Essentially the two ways are equivalent mathematically. Let

$$\underline{X}(u) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{bmatrix} X(u, 1) \\ \vdots \\ X(u, n) \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathcal{E}\{\underline{X}(u)\} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{bmatrix} m_X(1) \\ \vdots \\ m_X(n) \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the autocorrelation function is

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{R}_X &= \mathcal{E}\{\underline{X}(u)\underline{X}^{*T}(u)\} \\ &= \mathcal{E}\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} X(u, 1) \\ \vdots \\ X(u, n) \end{bmatrix} [X(u, 1), \dots, X(u, n)]^* \right\} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} R_X(1, 1) & R_X(1, 2) & \dots & R_X(1, n) \\ R_X(2, 1) & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ R_X(n, 1) & \cdot & \cdot & R_X(n, n) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The covariance matrix is

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{K}_X &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{E}\{[\underline{X}(u) - \underline{m}_X][\underline{X}(u) - \underline{m}_X]^{T*}\} \\ &= \mathcal{E}\{\underline{X}(u)\underline{X}^{*T}(u)\} - \underline{m}_X \mathcal{E}\{\underline{X}^{*T}(u)\} \\ &\quad - \mathcal{E}\{\underline{X}(u)\} \underline{m}_X^{*T} + \underline{m}_X \underline{m}_X^{*T} \\ &\Rightarrow \boxed{\underline{K}_X = \underline{R}_X - \underline{m}_X \underline{m}_X^{*T}} \end{aligned}$$

2.2 Linear transformations - Spectral shaping and factorization

Suppose we are given a random vector $\underline{X}(u)$ and we construct another random vector $\underline{Y}(u)$ through the linear transformation

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{Y}(u) &= \underline{H}\underline{X}(u) \\ (m, 1) &= (m, n)x(n, 1)\end{aligned}$$

The question that we pose is " what is the second-moment description of $\underline{Y}(u)$? " We first look at the mean of $\underline{Y}(u)$

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{m}_Y = \mathcal{E}\{\underline{Y}(u)\} &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{E}\{Y(u, 1)\} \\ \vdots \\ \mathcal{E}\{Y(u, m)\} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & \dots & h_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ h_{m1} & \dots & h_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{E}\{X(u, 1)\} \\ \vdots \\ \mathcal{E}\{X(u, n)\} \end{bmatrix} \\ &\Rightarrow \boxed{\underline{m}_Y = \underline{H}\underline{m}_X}\end{aligned}$$

In the above derivation we claimed that

$$\mathcal{E}\left\{\sum_{i=1}^n h_{ji}X(u, i)\right\} \stackrel{?}{=} \sum_{i=1}^n h_{ji}\mathcal{E}\{X(u, i)\}$$

In other words we assumed that expectation and summation can be interchanged but this holds only if $R_X(t, t)$ is finite (i.e. the variance is finite). For the autocorrelation function of Y :

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{R}_Y &= \mathcal{E}\{\underline{Y}(u)\underline{Y}^{*T}(u)\} \\ &= \mathcal{E}\{\underline{H}\underline{X}(u)(\underline{H}\underline{X}(u))^{*T}\} \\ &= \mathcal{E}\{\underline{H}\underline{X}(u)\underline{X}^{*T}(u)\underline{H}^{*T}\} \\ &\Rightarrow \boxed{\underline{H}\underline{R}_X\underline{H}^{*T} = \underline{R}_Y}\end{aligned}$$

A useful concept is that a "white" vector, $\underline{W}(u)$, which is a random vector with

$$\underline{m}_W = \underline{0}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{R}_W &= \underline{K}_W = \sigma^2 \underline{I} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

where σ is a constant and \underline{I} is the identity matrix. This means that all components W_i of \underline{W} are uncorrelated with all others, all have zero mean and variance σ^2 .

There arises the question of *spectral shaping*: "Given a white vector $\underline{W}(u)$, can we find a linear transformation such that the resultant vector $\underline{X}(u)$ has a given mean \underline{m}_X and a given covariance matrix \underline{K}_X ? " We

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can answer this question by looking at our previous results. The mean is $\underline{m}_X = \underline{H}\underline{m}_W$ where \underline{H} is the linear transformation (i.e. matrix) that we are looking for. Since $\underline{m}_W = \underline{0}$ it follows that $\underline{m}_X = \underline{0}$. Consequently

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{R}_X &= \underline{H}\underline{R}_W\underline{H}^{*T} \\ &= \sigma^2 \underline{H}\underline{H}^{*T}\end{aligned}$$

or

$$\boxed{\underline{R}_X = \sigma^2 \underline{H}\underline{H}^{*T}}$$

Therefore spectral shaping is equivalent to the following: Given a correlation matrix \underline{R}_X find an \underline{H} such that $\underline{R}_X = \underline{H}\underline{H}^{*T}$

Note :

σ^2 can be absorbed in the given \underline{R}_X by creating a "new" given \underline{R}_X . Other names for this problem are "matrix factorization", "square root of a matrix"

Brief review of linear algebra

Definition 2.2.1 A complex (real) matrix \underline{A} is called Hermitian symmetric (symmetric) iff

$$\underline{A} = \underline{A}^{*T}$$