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2. 1 Random Variable

- A **random variable** $X(A)$ represents the fundamental relationship between a random event A and a real number . For notational convenience, we usually designate the random variable by X .
- The random variable may be discrete or continuous.

2.1.1 Probability Distribution Function

- The distribution function $F_X(x)$ of the random variable X is given by

$$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x) \quad (1.1)$$

where $P(X \leq x)$ is the probability that the value taken by the random variable X is less than or equal to a real number x .

- $F_X(x)$ is also called the **cumulative distribution function (CDF)** .

- The distribution function $F_X(x)$ has the following properties :
 1. $0 \leq F_X(x) \leq 1$
 2. $F_X(x_1) \leq F_X(x_2)$ if $x_1 \leq x_2$
 3. $F_X(-\infty) = 0$
 4. $F_X(+\infty) = 1$
- The **probability distribution function (PDF)** of the random variable X is defined as

$$p_X(x) = d F_X(x) / dx \quad (1.2)$$

The probability of the event $x_1 \leq X \leq x_2$ equals

$$\begin{aligned} P(x_1 \leq X \leq x_2) &= P(X \leq x_2) - P(X \leq x_1) \\ &= F_X(x_2) - F_X(x_1) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int p_X(x) dx \quad (1.3)$$

- The probability function has the following properties :

1. $p_X(x) \geq 0$

2. $\int p_X(x)dx = 1$

- In the following , for ease of notation , we often omit the subscript X and write the PDF of a continuous random variable X simply as $p(x)$.

We will use the designation $p(X=x_i)$ for the probability of a discrete random variable X , where X can take on discrete values only .

- Example 1.1 : Exponential Random Variable

$$P(X > x) = e^{-\lambda x} \quad x \geq 0$$

The CDF of X is

$$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x) = 1 - P(X > x)$$

$$= 0 \quad x < 0$$

$$1 - e^{-\lambda x} \quad x \geq 0$$

- **Example 1.1.2 : Uniform Random Variable**

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} 1/(b-a) & a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (1.4)$$

Here we have

$$E[X] = (b-a) / 2$$

$$\text{VAR} [X] = (b-a)^2 / 12$$

- **Example 1.1.3 Gaussian Random Variable**

$$p(x) = 1/\sqrt{(2\pi\sigma^2)} \exp \{ -(x-m)^2 / 2\sigma^2 \} \quad (1.5)$$

2.1.2 Statistical Averages

- The mean value m_X of a random variable X is defined by

$$m_X = E[X] = \int x p_X (x) dx \quad (1.6)$$

- The mean-square value of X is given by

$$E[X^2] = \int x^2 p_X (x) dx \quad (1.7)$$

- The variance of X is defined as

$$\text{var} (X) = \sigma_X^2 = E[(X - m_X)^2] = \int (x - m_X)^2 p_X (x) dx \quad (1.8)$$

- The variance and the mean-square are related by

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_X^2 &= E[X^2 - 2 m_X X + m_X^2] \\ &= E [X^2] - m_X^2 \end{aligned} \quad (1.9)$$

■ Chebyshev's Inequality

The variance σ_X^2 of a random variable X is a measure of the spread of the x values about their mean .

The Chebyshev inequality states that the x -values tend to cluster about their mean in the sense that the probability of a value not occurring in the near vicinity of the mean is small ; and it is the smaller the variance.

$$Pro [| x-m | \geq \Delta] \leq \sigma^2 / \Delta^2 \quad (1.10)$$

■ Appendix

1. We have

$$\text{Pro} [| x-m | \geq \Delta] \leq \sigma^2 / \Delta^2$$

For $\Delta = k \sigma$, then

$$\text{Pro} [| x-m | \geq k \sigma] \leq 1 / k^2$$

2. Schwarz Inequality

$$| (h, g) | = \| h \| \| g \|$$

3. Chi-squared density function

For a gaussian distribution function

$$f_X(x) = 1 / \sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2} \exp \{ - x^2 / 2\sigma^2 \}$$

define $Y = X^2$

The pdf of Y is given by

$$f_Y(y) = 1 / \sqrt{2\pi y \sigma^2} \exp \{ - y / 2\sigma^2 \}.$$

This is a Chi-squared distribution function.

2.1.3 Conditional Probability and Bayes' Rule

- Consider a combined experiment in which a joint event occurs with **joint probability** $P(A, B)$.
- Suppose that the event B has occurred and we wish to determine the probability of occurrence of the event A .

This is called the **conditional probability** of the event A given the occurrence of the event B and is defined as

$$P(A | B) = P(A, B) / P(B) \quad (1.11)$$

provided that $P(B) > 0$.

In a similar manner, the probability of the event B conditioned on the occurrence of the event A is defined as

$$P(B | A) = P(A, B) / P(A) \quad (1.12)$$

provided that $P(A) > 0$.

These relations may also be expressed as

$$P(A, B) = P(A | B) P(B) = P(B | A) P(A) \quad (1.13)$$

2.1.4 Conditional Probability Density

- A pair of two different random variables , $X = (X_1, X_2)$, may be thought of as a vector-valued random variable. Its statistical description requires knowledge of the **joint probability density** $p(x_1, x_2) \dots$
- A quantity that provides a measure for the degree of dependence of the two random variables on each other is the **conditional probability density** $p(x_1 | x_2)$ of x_1 given x_2 , and $p(x_2 | x_1)$ of x_2 given x_1 .
- **Bayes' rule** :

$$p(x_1, x_2) = p(x_1 | x_2) p(x_2) = p(x_2 | x_1) p(x_1)$$

- Two random variables are **independent** if they do not conditioned each other , that is , if

$$p(x_2 | x_1) = p(x_2) \quad \text{and} \quad p(x_1 | x_2) = p(x_1)$$

Then, $p(x_1, x_2) = p(x_1) p(x_2)$

2.1.5 Gaussian Random Variable

- A Gaussian random variable X is one whose probability density function can be written in the general form

$$p(x) = \{ 1 / \sqrt{(2\pi)\sigma^2} \} \exp [- (x - m)^2 / 2\sigma^2]$$

where m is the mean and σ^2 is the variance.

- CDF of a Gaussian random variable

$$F_X(x) = \int p(y) dy$$

$$= \int 1 / \sqrt{(2\pi)} \} \exp [- t^2 / 2] dt$$

$$= 1 - Q[(x - m)/\sigma] \tag{1.15}$$

$$\text{where } Q(x) = 1 / \sqrt{(2\pi)} \} \int \exp (- t^2 / 2) dt \tag{1.16}$$

Gaussian function with mean = 0 , variance = 1

$$g(x) = \{ 1/ \sqrt{(2\pi)} \} \exp (- x^2 / 2) \quad (1.17)$$

Error function

$$\text{erf} (x) = \{ 2 / \sqrt{(\pi)} \} \int \exp (- x^2) dt \quad (1.18)$$

Complementary error function

$$\begin{aligned} \text{erfc} (x) &= 1 - \text{erf} (x) \\ &= 2 / \sqrt{(\pi)} \int \exp (- x^2) dt \end{aligned} \quad (1.19)$$

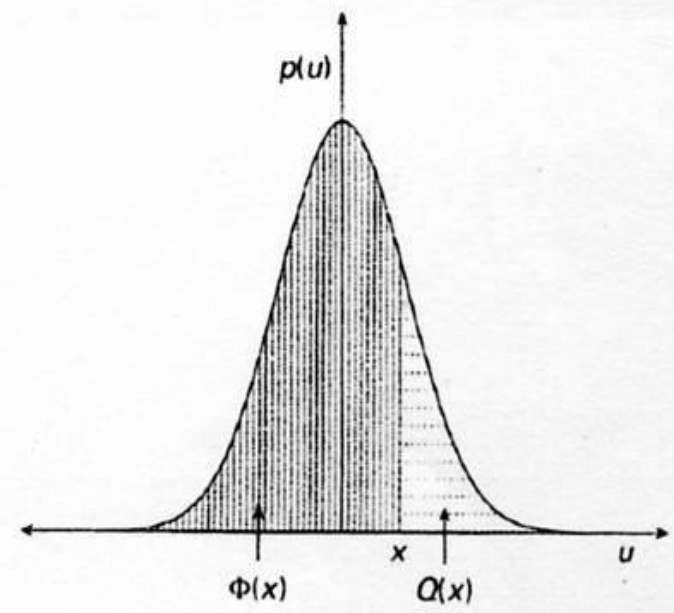
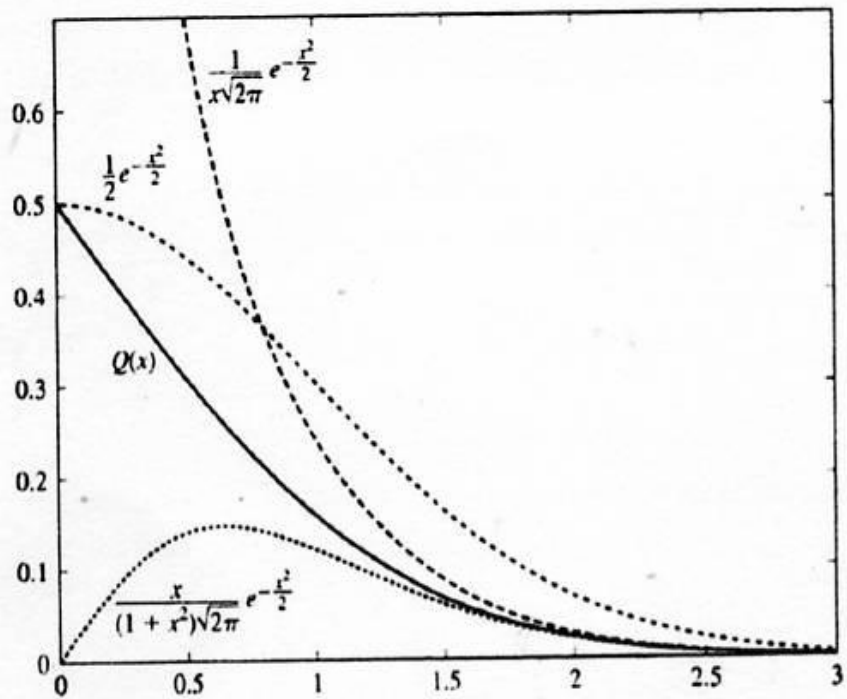
Q-function

$$Q(x) = \{ 1/ \sqrt{(2\pi)} \} \int \exp (- x^2 / 2) dt \quad (1.20)$$

Relation between $\text{erfc} (x)$ and Q - function :

$$Q (x) = \frac{1}{2} \text{erfc} (x / \sqrt{2})$$

$$\text{erfc} (x) = 2 Q(x \sqrt{2})$$



2.1.6 Multiple Random Variables

■ Joint CDF

The joint CDF of multiple random variable $X_i, i=1, 2, \dots, n$, is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) &= P(X_1 \leq x_1, X_2 \leq x_2, \dots, X_n \leq x_n) \\ &= \int \int \dots \int p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n \end{aligned} \quad (1.21)$$

$$\text{and } p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \frac{\partial^n F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2 \dots \partial x_n} \quad (1.22)$$

- The **correlation** between two random variables is defined as

$$R_{XY} = E[XY] = \iint xy p_{xy}(x,y) dx dy = m_{XY} \quad (1.23)$$

Two random variables , X and Y , are said to be

uncorrelated if $m_{XY} = m_X m_Y$

- The **covariance** between two random variables , X and Y , is defined as

$$\sigma_{xy} = \text{Cov}(X,Y) = E[(X- m_x) (Y- m_y)]$$

$$= \iint (x- m_x) (y - m_y) p_{XY}(x,y) dx dy \quad (1.24)$$

The **correlation coefficient** is defined as

$$\rho_{XY} = \sigma_{xy} / \sigma_x \sigma_y \quad , \quad -1 < \rho_{XY} < 1 \quad (1.25)$$

- If X and Y are statistically independent, then $\rho_{XY} = 0$

Note that random variables, X and Y , are **independent** if

$$P(X = x_i, Y = y_i) = P(X = x_i) P(Y = y_i)$$

- **Gaussian Bivariate Distribution**

The bivariate Gaussian PDF of two random variables, X and Y , is expressed as

$$p_{XY}(x,y) = \left\{ \frac{1}{(2\pi \sigma_x \sigma_y) \sqrt{(1-\rho^2)}} \right\} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left[\frac{(x-m_x)^2}{\sigma_x^2} + \frac{(y-m_y)^2}{\sigma_y^2} - 2\rho(x-m_x)(y-m_y) / \sigma_x \sigma_y \right] \right\} \quad (1.26)$$

If they are independent, then

$$p_{XY}(x,y) = \left\{ \frac{1}{(2\pi \sigma_x \sigma_y)} \right\} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{(x-m_x)^2}{\sigma_x^2} + \frac{(y-m_y)^2}{\sigma_y^2} \right] \right\} \quad (1.27)$$

2.1.7 Sum of iid Random Variables and the Central Limit Theorem

- Suppose that $X_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, are statistically **independent and identically distributed (iid)** random variables, each having a finite mean m_x and a finite variance σ^2 .
- Let Y_n be defined as the **normalized sum**, called the sample mean :
$$Y_n = (1/n) \sum X_i \quad (1.30)$$

The mean of Y_n is
$$\begin{aligned} E[Y_n] &= m_y = (1/n) \sum E[X_i] \\ &= m_x \end{aligned} \quad (1.31)$$

The variance of Y_n is $\sigma_y^2 = E(Y_n^2) - m_y^2$

$$= (1/n^2) \sum \sum E(X_i X_j)$$
$$= (1/n) \sigma_x^2 \quad (1.32)$$

■ Central Limit Theorem

Define the normalized random variable

$$Z_n = (Y_n - m_n) / \sigma_y = \Sigma (X_i - m) / (\sigma_x \sqrt{n}) \quad (1.33)$$

Then the random variable Z_n has a distribution that is asymptotically unit normal.

That is, as n becomes large, the distribution of Z_n approaches that of a **zero-mean Gaussian random variable with unit variance.**

2.1.8 Transformation of Random Variables

- Let X_1 and X_2 be continuous random variables with a joint PDF $f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2)$, and consider the transformation defined by

$$y_1 = h_1(x_1, x_2) \quad \text{and} \quad y_2 = h_2(x_1, x_2)$$

Which are assumed to be one-to-one and continuously differentiable.

The **Jacobian** of this transformation is defined by the matrix **determinant**

$$J(\quad) = \det \quad \neq 0 \quad (1.34)$$

The joint pdf of Y_1 and Y_2 is given by

$$f_{Y_1 Y_2} (y_1, y_2) = f_{X_1 X_2} (x_1, x_2) | J (\quad) | \quad (1.35)$$

- **Example 1.1: Rayleigh distribution**

Let $Y = \sqrt{(X_1^2 + X_2^2)}$

where X_1 and X_2 are independent **zero-mean** Gaussian random variables.

$$f_{X, X}(x_1, x_2) = (1/2\pi\sigma^2) \exp [- (x_1^2 + x_2^2) / 2 \sigma^2]$$

we will transform the two Gaussian random variables from Cartesian to polar coordinates.

Denote that $R = \sqrt{(X_1^2 + X_2^2)}$

$$\text{and } \Theta = \tan^{-1} (X_2 / X_1)$$

The inverse transformation is

$$X_1 = R \cos\Theta, \quad X_2 = R \sin\Theta,$$

The Jacobian is then calculate as

$$J = \det \quad = \det$$

$$= r$$

The joint pdf of R and Θ is then

$$\begin{aligned} f_{R \Theta}(r, \theta) &= f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) J \\ &= (r/2\pi\sigma^2) \exp [-(x_1^2 + x_2^2) / 2\sigma^2] \\ &= (r/2\pi\sigma^2) \exp [-r^2 / 2\sigma^2] \\ &\quad r \geq 0, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi \end{aligned} \quad (1.36)$$

The marginal distribution of R and Θ are then given by

$$f_R(r) = (r/\sigma^2) \exp(-r^2/2\sigma^2) \quad r \geq 0 \quad (1.37)$$

$$\text{and } f_\Theta(\theta) = 1/(2\pi), \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi \quad (1.38)$$

Note that $f_R(r)$ is the PDF of a Rayleigh random variable. It is also denoted as **Rayleigh distribution**.

- **Example 1.2 : Rician distribution**

If X_1 and X_2 are two independent Gaussian random variables with means m_1 and m_2 , respectively, and a common variance σ^2 , then the new random variable

$$R = \sqrt{(X_1^2 + X_2^2)}$$

has a Rician distribution.

The pdf of R is given by

$$f_R(r) = (r/\sigma^2) \exp \left\{ - (r^2 + s^2) / 2\sigma^2 \right\} I_0(r s / \sigma^2) \quad r \geq 0$$

(1.39)

where $I_0(\cdot)$ is the modified Bessel function of zero order, and $s = \sqrt{(m_1^2 + m_2^2)}$, $K = s^2 / 2\sigma^2$ is denoted as Rician factor

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Appendix: Complex Random Variables

- $R_{XX} = E[XX^H]$

where H denotes the Hermitian transpose operation.

- $R_{XY} = E[XY^H]$

- $C_{XY} = E[(X - m_X)(Y - m_Y)^H]$

2.2 Random Signal and Random Process

2.2.1 Random Vector

- For a vector of random variables $\mathbf{X} = [X_1 \ X_2 \ \dots \ X_N]^T$, we can construct a corresponding **mean vector** that is a column vector of the same dimension and whose components are the means of the elements of \mathbf{X} .

$$\text{That is, } \mathbf{m}_x = E[\mathbf{X}] = \{ E[X_1] \ E[X_2] \ \dots \ E[X_N] \}^T \quad (1.44)$$

The **correlation matrix** is defined as

$$\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}} = E[\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T] \quad (1.45)$$

Similarly, the covariance matrix is defined as

$$\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}} = E[(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_x)(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_x)^T] \quad (1.46)$$

- **Theorem :**

Correlation matrices and covariance matrices are symmetric and positive definite.

- Correlation between two random vectors \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y} is given by

$$\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}} = E[\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}^T] \quad (1.47)$$

■ Joint Expectations for Two Random vectors

(a) For two random vectors, X and Y ,

the **cross-correlation matrix** is defined as

$$R_{XY} = E[XY^T] \quad (1.48)$$

and the **cross-covariance matrix** is defined as

$$C_{XY} = E[(X - m_x)(Y - m_y)^T] \quad (1.49)$$

where m_x and m_y are mean vectors of X and Y , respectively.

It can be shown that $R_{XY} = C_{XY} + m_x m_y^T$ (1.50)

(b) The random vectors X and Y are said to be

uncorrelated if $R_{XY} = m_x m_y^T$; or, equivalently, the **cross-covariance** $C_{XY} = 0$

(c) Two vectors are said to be **orthogonal** if

$R_{XY} = 0$, or the cross-correlation is zero

2.2.2 Random Process and Statistical Average

2.2.2.1 Random Process

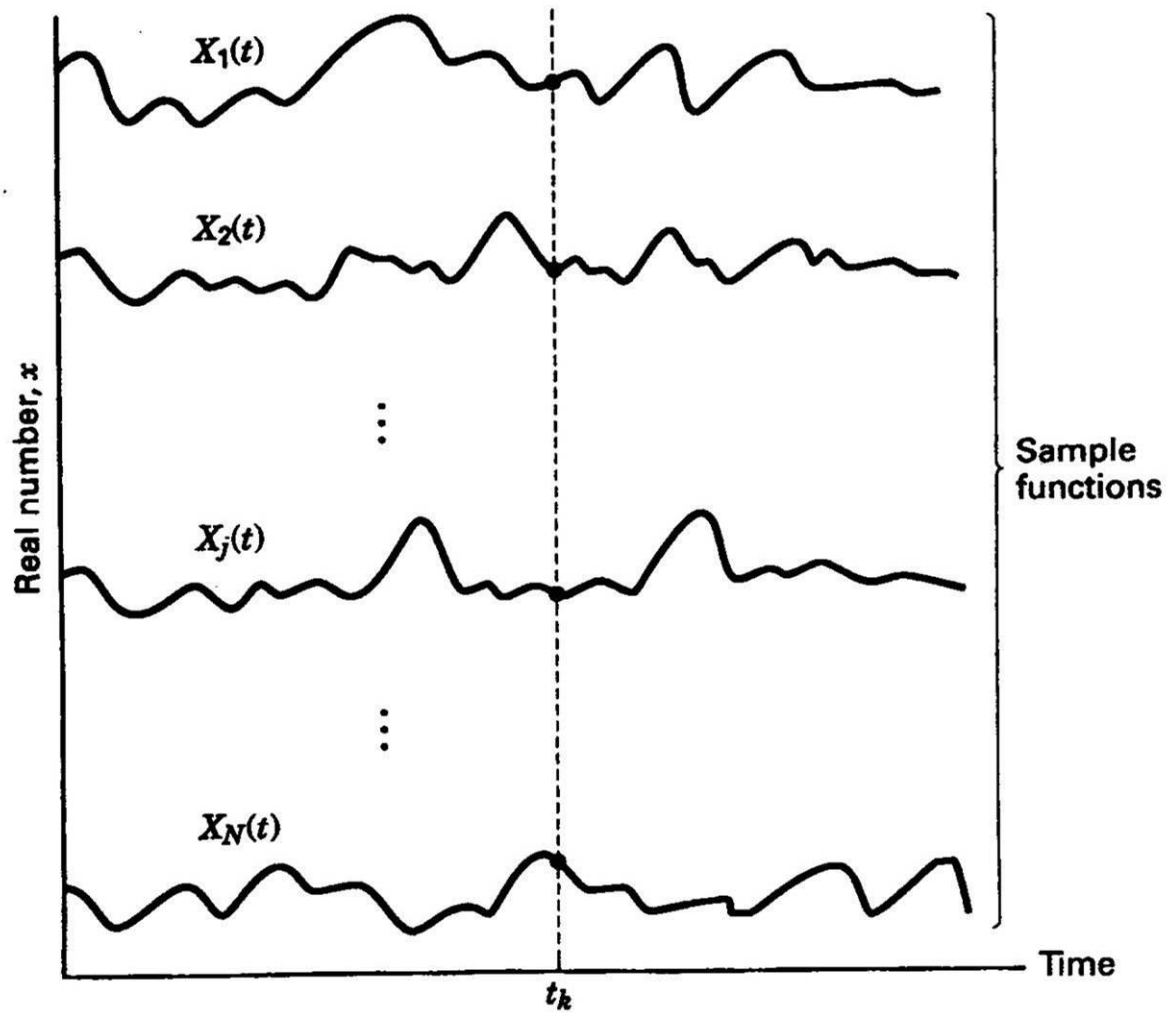
- A random process (or **stochastic process**) $X(A,t)$ can be viewed as a function of two variables : **an event A and time t** .
- Fig.1 illustrates a random process. In the figure, there are N sample functions of time, $\{ X_j(t) \}$.

Each of the sample functions can be regarded as the output of a different noise generator. For a specific event A_j , there is a single time function $X(A_j,t) = X_j(t)$, i.e. a **sample function**.

The totality of all sample functions is called an **ensemble**.

For a specific time t_k , $X(A_j,t) = X_j(t_k)$ is simply a number.

- For notational simplicity, we shall designate the random process by $X(t)$.



Random process.

2.2.2.2 Statistical Averages

- A random process whose distribution functions are continuous can be described statistically with a probability density function (PDF). In general, the form of the PDF of a random process will be different for different times.
- The **mean** of a random process

$$E\{X(t_k)\} = \int x p_X(x) dx \equiv m_X \quad (1.78)$$

where $X(t_k)$ is the random variable obtained by observing the random process at time t_k . The pdf of $X(t_k)$ is designated as $p_X(x)$.

- The **autocorrelation function** of a random process is defined as

$$R_X(t_1, t_2) = E[X(t_1) X(t_2)] \quad (1.79)$$

The autocorrelation function is a measure of the degree to which two time samples of the same random process are related.

- In general, the n th moment is defined as

$$E\{X^n\} = \int x^n p_X(x) dx \quad (1.80)$$

- $E\{(X - m_X)^n\}$ is called the **n th central moment**, and when $n=2$, the central moment is called the variance of the random process, denoted by σ_X^2 .

$$\sigma_X^2 = \int (x - m_X)^2 p_X(x) dx \quad (1.81)$$

- **Stationary Random Process** (in the strict sense) :

The statistics of a stationary random process are invariant to any translation of the time axis. That is,

$$p(x(t_1), x(t_2), \dots, x(t_n)) = p(x(t_1 + \tau), x(t_2 + \tau), \dots, x(t_n + \tau)) \quad (1.82)$$

■ Wide-Sense Stationary (WSS) Random Process

A random process is said to be wide-sense stationary (WSS) if two of its statistics, mean and autocorrelation, are invariant to a time shift. That is,

$$E\{ X(t) \} = m_X = \text{a constant}$$

$$\text{and } R_X(t_1, t_2) = R_X(t_1 - t_2) = R_X(\tau) \quad (1.83)$$

$$\text{where } \tau = (t_1 - t_2) \quad (1.84)$$

■ Properties of Autocorrelation of a **Real-Valued** WSS Random Process

1. $R_X(\tau) = R_X(-\tau)$

2. $| R_X(\tau) | \leq R_X(0)$ for all τ

3. $R_X(\tau) \longleftrightarrow S_X(f) = \text{power spectral density}$

4. $R_X(0) = E[X^2(t)] = \text{average power of the signal}$

■ Stationary and Ergodicity

A stationary random process is said to be **ergodic** if **time averages** of a sample function are equal the corresponding **ensemble average** (or expectation) at a particular point in time.

That is,

$$m_X = \text{Lim} (1/T) \int X(t) dt \quad (1.85)$$

and $R_X = \text{Lim} (1/T) \int X(t) X(t+\tau) dt \quad (1.86)$

Example : Gaussian Random Process

- A random process $x(t)$ is said to be Gaussian if the random variables

$$x_1 = x(t_1), x_2 = x(t_2), \dots, x_n = x(t_N)$$

have an N-dimensional Gaussian PDF for any N and x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N

- The N-dimensional Gaussian PDF is

$$f_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) = \left\{ \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N/2}} \left| \text{Det } \mathbf{C} \right|^{-1/2} \right\} \\ \exp \left\{ -(1/2) [(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{m})^T \mathbf{C}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{m})] \right\}$$

where \mathbf{m} is the mean vector, \mathbf{C} is the covariance matrix of \mathbf{x} .

- For a wide-sense stationary process, $m_i = \mathbf{E}[x(t_i)] = m_j = \mathbf{E}[x(t_j)]$, and the element of the covariance matrix become

$$c_{ij} = \mathbf{E}[(x_i - m_i)(x_j - m_j)] = \mathbf{E}[(x_i - m_i)] \mathbf{E}[(x_j - m_j)]$$

- If, in addition, the x_i happen to be uncorrelated (e.g., white noise),

$$\mathbf{E}[(x_i - m_i)] = \mathbf{E}[(x_j - m_j)] \quad \text{for } i \neq j$$

$$\text{then } c_{ij} = \sigma^2 \quad , \quad c_{ij} = 0 \quad \text{for } i \neq j$$

2.2.2.3 Power Spectral Density

- **Definition of power spectral density (PSD) :**

For a random process $X(t)$, define a truncated version of the random process as

$$X_a(t) = \begin{cases} X(t) & |t| \leq a \\ 0 & |t| > a \end{cases} \quad (1.87)$$

The energy of this random process is

$$E_{X_a} = \int X^2(t) dt = \int X_a^2(t) dt \quad (1.88)$$

Hence, the time-average power is

$$P_{X_a} = (1/2a) \int X_a^2(t) dt = (1/2a) \int X_a^2(f) df \quad (1.89)$$

- The last quantity is obtained using Parseval's theorem. The quantity $X_a(f)$ is the Fourier transform of $X_a(t)$.
- Note that P_{Xa} is a random variable and so to get the ensemble average power, we must take an expectation,

$$P_{Xa} = E[P_{Xa}] = (1/2a) \int E[| X_a(f) |^2] df \quad (1.90)$$

The power in the (untruncated) random process $X(t)$ is then found by passing to the limit $a \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\begin{aligned} P_{Xa} &= \text{Lim} (1/2a) \int E[| X_a(f) |^2] df \\ &= \int \text{Lim} (1/2a) E[| X_a(f) |^2] df \end{aligned} \quad (1.91)$$

Define $S_X(f) = \text{Lim} (1/2a) E[| X_a(f) | ^2]$ (1.92)

Then, the average power in the process can be expressed

as $P_X = \int S_X(f) df$ (1.93)

$S_X(f)$ is denoted as **power spectral density** of the random process $X(t)$.

■ **Note : Parseval's energy theorem**

The energy of a non-periodic signal $g(t)$ is equal to the total area under the curve of the energy density spectrum

$S_g(f)$, where

$$E_g = \int | \underline{g}(t) | ^2 dt = \int | G(f) | ^2 df$$
 (1.94)

and $g(t) \quad G(f)$ (1.95)

- **Wiener-Khinchine Relation :**

For a wide- sense stationary random process $X(t)$ whose autocorrelation function is given by $R_X(\tau)$, the power spectral (PSD) of the process is

$$S_X(f) = F \{R_X(\tau)\} = \int R_X(\tau) e^{-j2\pi f\tau} d\tau \quad (1.96)$$

In other words, the autocorrelation function and power spectral density for a Fourier transform pair.

2.4.4 Cross Correlation

- **Definition :** The cross correlation between two random processes $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$ is defined as

$$R_{XY}(t_1, t_2) = E [X(t_1) Y(t_2)] \quad (1.97)$$

- **Two random processes $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$ are jointly stationary if both $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$ are individually stationary , and the cross correlation $R_{XY}(t_1, t_2)$ depends only on $\tau = (t_1 - t_2)$.**

It follows that

$$R_{XY}(t_1, t_2) = R_{XY}(t_1 - t_2) = R_{XY}(\tau)$$

- **Example :**

If two random processes $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$ are jointly stationary and

$Z(t) = X(t) + Y(t)$ then the autocorrelation of $Z(t)$ is

$$R_Z(t+\tau, t) = R_X(\tau) + R_Y(\tau) + R_{XY}(\tau) + R_{XY}(-\tau)$$

2.2.3 Response of a Linear Time-Invariant System to Random Signals

- Consider a linear time-invariant (LTI) system characterized by its impulse response $h(t)$, or, equivalently, by its frequency response $H(f)$, where $h(t)$ and $H(f)$ are a Fourier transform pair. That is,

$$H(f) = \int h(t) e^{-j2\pi f t} dt \quad (1.101)$$

$$h(t) = \int H(f) e^{j2\pi f t} df \quad (1.102)$$

- Let $x(t)$ be the input signal to the system and let $y(t)$ denote the output signal. Then $y(t)$ can be expressed in terms the convolution integral

$$y(t) = \int h(\tau) x(t - \tau) d\tau \quad (1.103)$$

- Now , suppose that $x(t)$ is a sample function of a stationary stochastic process $X(t)$. Then, the output $y(t)$ is a sample function of a stochastic process $Y(t)$. The statistical averages are given as follows.

The **mean value** of $Y(t)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} m_Y(t) &= E[Y(t)] = \int h(\tau) E[X(t-\tau)] d\tau \\ &= m_x \int h(\tau) d\tau = m_x H(0) \end{aligned} \quad (1.104)$$

where $H(0)$ is the frequency response of the linear system at $f = 0$.

The autocorrelation function of the output is

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{yy}(t_1, t_2) &= (1/2) E[Y_{t_1}, Y_{t_2}^*] \\ &= (1/2) \int \int h(\beta) h^*(\alpha) E[X(t-\beta) X^*(t-\alpha)] d\alpha d\beta \end{aligned} \quad (1.105)$$

After some mathematical manipulations, we finally obtain

$$\Psi_{yy}(\tau) = \iint h(\beta) h^*(\alpha) \Psi_{xx}(\tau + \alpha - \beta) d\alpha d\beta$$

- By evaluating the Fourier transform of both sides of the above equation, we obtain the power spectral density of the output process in the form

$$\Phi_{yy}(f) = \Phi_{xx}(f) |H(f)|^2$$

When the autocorrelation function $\Psi_{yy}(\tau)$ is desired, it can be evaluated by

$$\Psi_{yy}(\tau) = \int \Phi_{yy}(f) e^{j2\pi f\tau} df$$

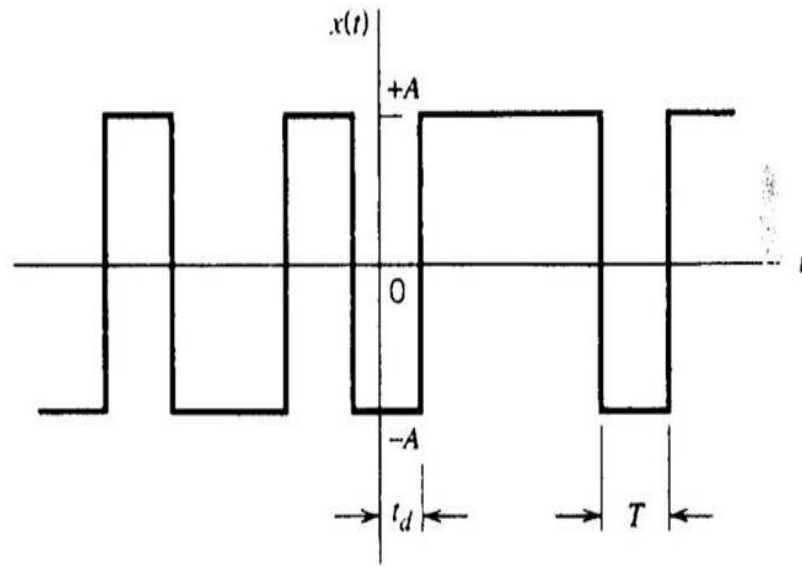
and $\Psi_{yy}(0) = \int \Phi_{xx}(f) |H(f)|^2 df$

Example : Random Binary signal

The figure shows the sample function $x(t)$ of a random process $X(t)$ consisting of a random binary sequence of binary symbols, 1 and 0. The following assumptions are made :

1. The symbols 1 and 0 are represented by rectangular pulses of amplitudes $+A$ and $-A$, respectively.
2. The pulses are not synchronized, so the starting time of the first complete pulse for positive time is equal to lie between 0 and T . Thus τ_d is a random variable uniformly distributed between 0 and T .
3. The amplitude level $-A$ and $+A$ occur with equal probability.
Thus $E[X(t)] = 0$ for all t .

Consider the first case when $|t_k - t_j| > T$, the random variables $X(t_k)$ and $X(t_j)$ occur in different pulse intervals and are, therefore, independent. Thus we have $E[X(t_k) X(t_j)] = E[X(t_k)] E[X(t_j)] = 0$



Sample function of random binary wave.

Consider next the case when $|t_k - t_i| < T$, with $t_k = 0$, $t_i < t_k$, or $t_i > t_k$. In such a situation, we can see that, from the figure, that the random variables $X(t_k)$ and $X(t_i)$ occur in the same pulse interval if and only if the delay τ_d satisfies the condition

$$\tau_d < T - |t_k - t_i|$$

Thus we obtain the conditional expectation

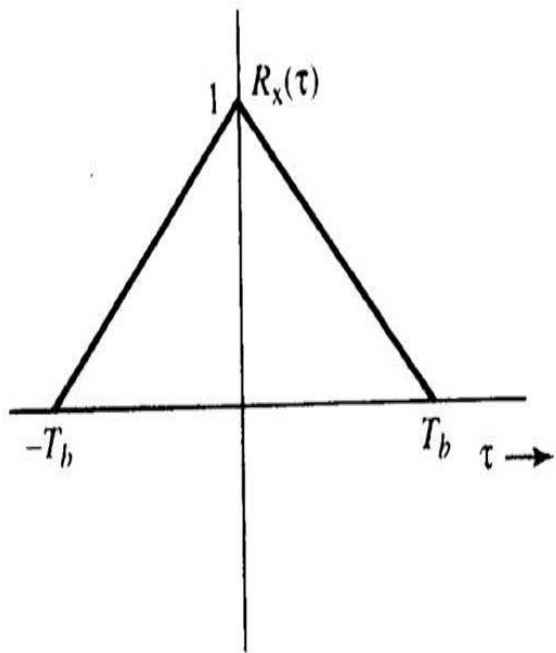
$$E[X(t_k) X(t_i) | \tau_d] = \begin{cases} A^2 & \tau_d < T - |t_k - t_i| \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Averaging this result over all possible values of τ_d , we get

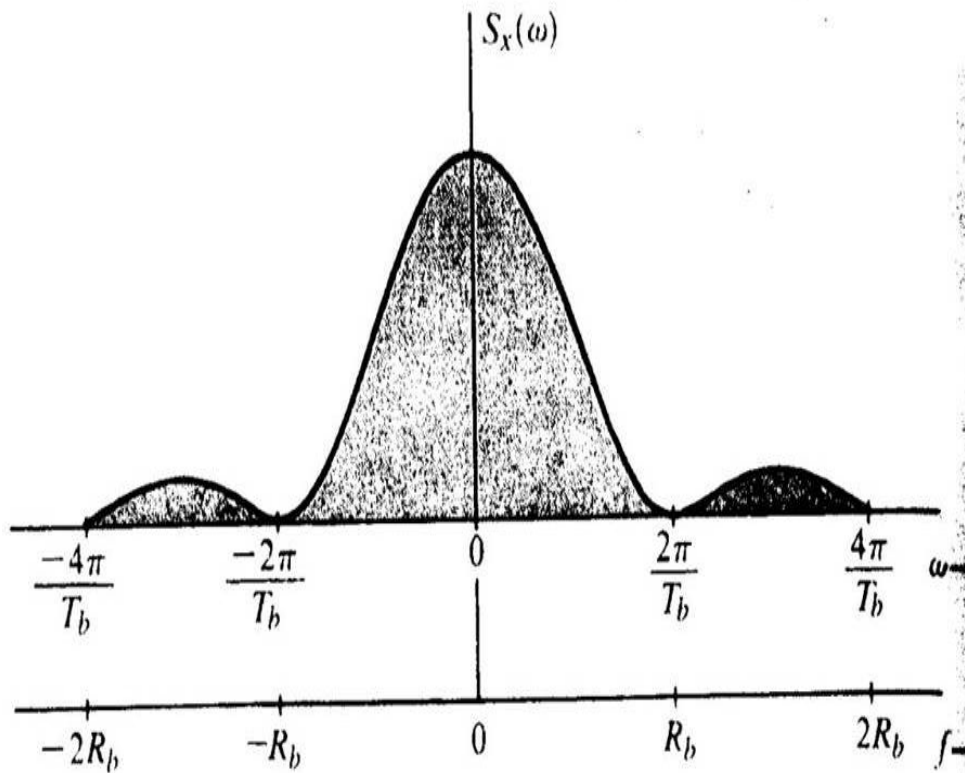
$$\begin{aligned} E[X(t_k) X(t_i)] &= \int (A^2 / T) d\tau_d \\ &= A^2 (1 - |t_k - t_i| / T), \quad |t_k - t_i| < T \end{aligned}$$

By same reasoning for any other values of t_k , we conclude that the autocorrelation function of a random binary wave can be expressed as

$$R_X(\tau) = \begin{cases} A^2 (1 - |\tau| / T) & |\tau| < T \\ 0 & |\tau| \geq T \end{cases}$$



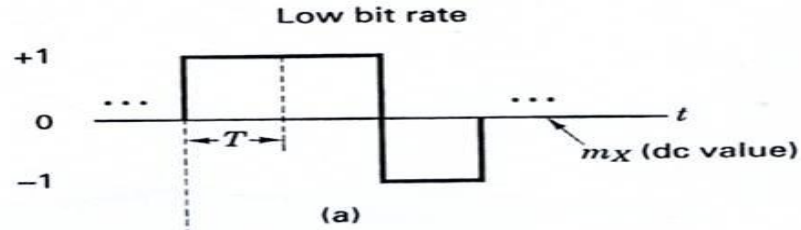
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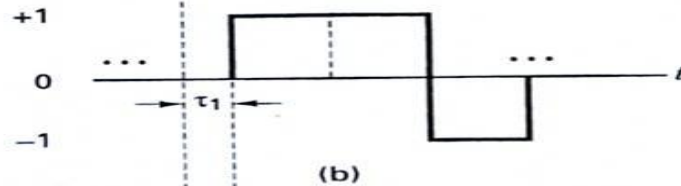
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- Random Polar Binary Signal

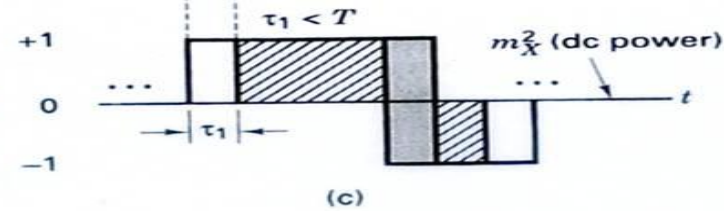
$X(t)$ Random binary sequence



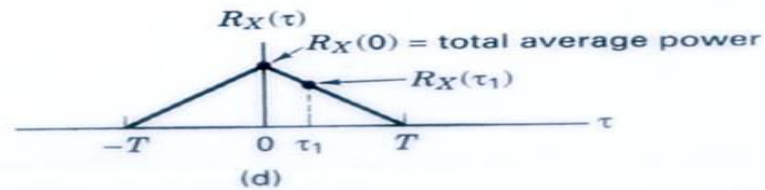
$X(t - \tau_1)$



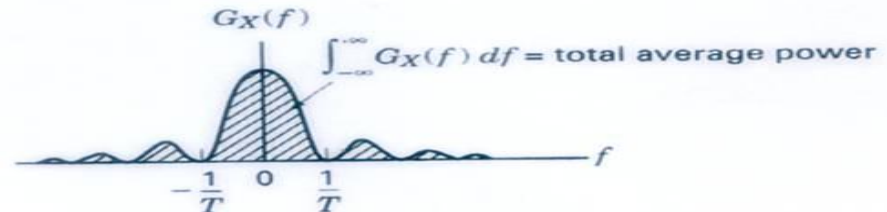
$$R_X(\tau_1) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} X(t) X(t - \tau_1) dt$$



$$R_X(\tau) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{|\tau|}{T} & \text{for } |\tau| < T \\ 0 & \text{for } |\tau| > T \end{cases}$$



$$G_X(f) = T \left(\frac{\sin \pi f T}{\pi f T} \right)^2$$



Autocorrelation and power spectral density.

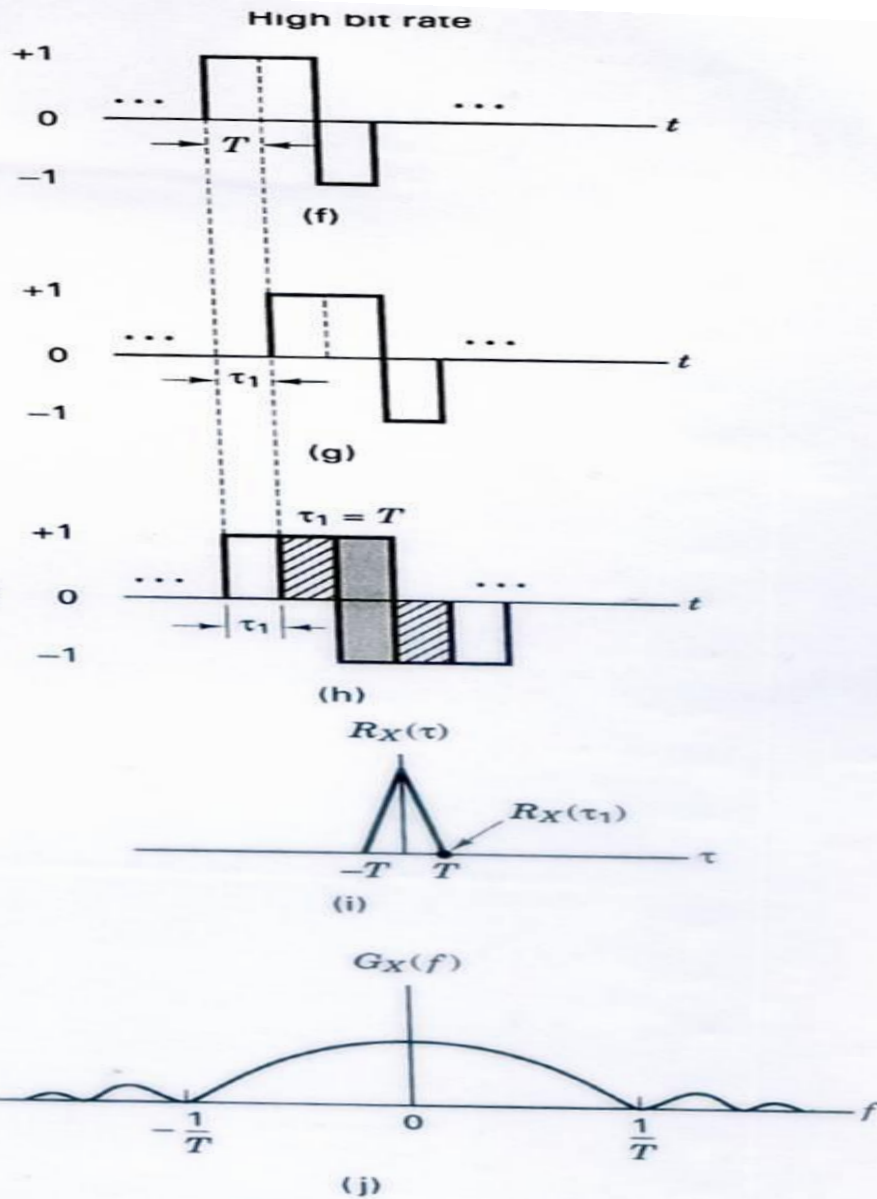
$X(t)$ Random binary sequence

$X(t - \tau_1)$

$$R_X(\tau_1) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} X(t) X(t - \tau_1) dt$$

$$R_X(\tau) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{|\tau|}{T} & \text{for } |\tau| < T \\ 0 & \text{for } |\tau| > T \end{cases}$$

$$G_X(f) = T \left(\frac{\sin \pi f T}{\pi f T} \right)^2$$



continued

2.2.4 Bandpass Random Process

- We define a bandpass (or narrowband) process as a real , zero-mean , and WSS random process by

$$\begin{aligned} X(t) &= \text{Re} [g(t) \exp (j2\pi f_0 t + \theta_c)] \\ &= X_i(t) \cos (2\pi f_0 t + \theta_c) - X_q(t) \sin (2\pi f_0 t + \theta_c) \end{aligned}$$

where $X_i(t)$ and $X_q(t)$ are denoted as the equivalent lowpass in-phase component and quadrature component , respectively, and θ_c is an independent random variable uniformly distributed over $(0 , 2\pi)$.

The **lowpass equivalent process** is given by

$$g(t) = X_i(t) + j X_q(t)$$

The constant θ_c is often called the random start-up phase.

■ We can show that [Couch, pp. 446-452]

1. $g(t)$ is a complex WSS baseband process .
2. $X_i(t)$ and $X_q(t)$ are jointly WSS zero-mean random processes .
3. $X_i(t)$ and $X_q(t)$ have the same power spectral density.

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{X_i}(f) &= S_{X_q}(f) \\
 &= [S_X(f - f_c) + S_X(f + f_c)] \quad |f| < B \\
 &\quad 0 \quad \text{otherwise}
 \end{aligned}$$

where B is the bandwidth of $g(t)$.

4. Autocorrelation function

$$R_X(\tau) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \{ R_g(\tau) \exp(j 2\pi f_0 \tau) \}$$

5. Power spectral density

$$S_X(f) = \frac{1}{4} [S_g(f - f_c) + S_g(-f - f_c)]$$

- **Example : Filtered White Gaussian Noise**

White Gaussian noise with power spectral density of $N_0 / 2$ passes through an ideal bandpass filter with transfer function

$$H(f) = \begin{cases} 1 & |f - f_0| < B \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where $B < f_0$.

The output, called filtered Gaussian white noise, is denoted by $X(t)$.

The power spectral density of the filtered noise will be

$$S_X(f) = (N_0 / 2) |H(f)|^2$$

The filtered white Gaussian noise can also be expressed as

$$X(t) = X_i(t) \cos(2\pi f_0 t) - X_q(t) \sin(2\pi f_0 t)$$

where $X_i(t)$ and $X_q(t)$ are the in-phase and quadrature components of $X(t)$, respectively, and are lowpass processes.

The power spectral density of the **lowpass-equivalent** processes are given by

$$S_{X_i}(f) = S_{X_q}(f) = \begin{cases} N_0 & |f| < B \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and
$$S_g(f) = \begin{cases} 2N_0 & |f| < B \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Power of the bandpass Gaussian noise = $2 N_0 B$

Example : Power Spectral Density of BPSK signal

The BPSK signal can be expressed by

$$v(t) = x(t) \cos(2\pi f_0 t + \theta_c)$$

where $x(t)$ represents the polarity binary data and θ_c is the random start-up phase.

The PSD of $v(t)$ is found by

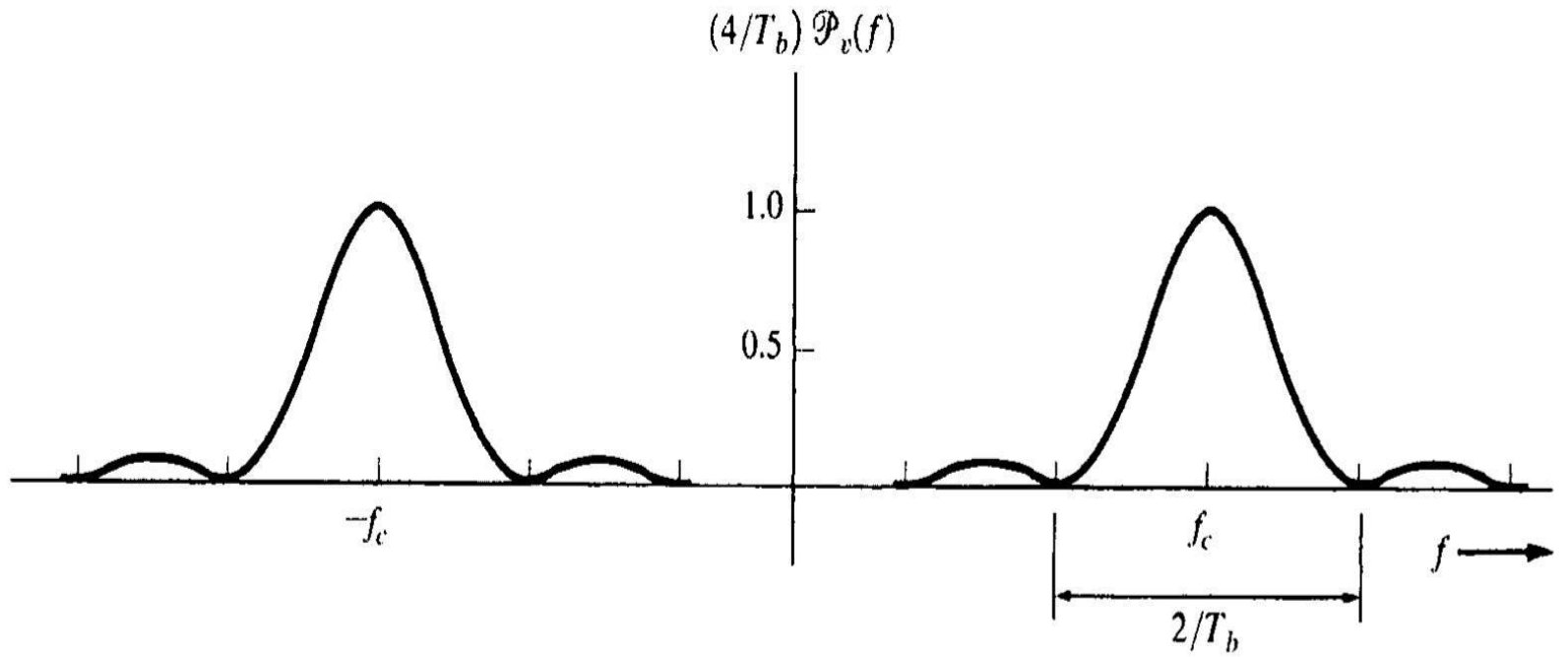
$$S_v(f) = 1/4 [S_x(f - f_c) + S_x(-f - f_c)]$$

The PSD of the **polar baseband signal** with equally likely binary data is given by

$$S_x(f) = T_b \left(\sin \pi f T_b / \pi f T_b \right)^2$$

We then obtain the PSD for the BPSK signal

$$S_v(f) = (1/4) T_b \left\{ \left[\sin \pi(f - f_c) T_b / \pi(f - f_c) T_b \right]^2 + \left[\sin \pi(f + f_c) T_b / \pi(f + f_c) T_b \right]^2 \right\}$$



Power spectrum for a BPSK signal.

Exercise #2

The PDF of a Rayleigh –distributed random variable X is given by

$$p(x) = (x / \sigma^2) \exp (-x^2 / 2\sigma^2) \quad x \geq 0$$

Find the mean and variance of X .

Answer : mean = $\sigma / \sqrt{(\pi/2)}$

variance = $\sqrt{(2-\pi/2)} \sigma$

2.2.5 Markov Processes

- **Markov Process :**

A random process, $X(t)$, is said to be a Markov process if for any time instants, $t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n < t_{n+1}$, the random process satisfies

$$F_X (X (t_{n+1}) \leq x_{n+1} \mid X (t_n) = x_n , X (t_{n-1}) = x_{n-1} , \dots , X (t_1) = x_1)$$

$$= F_X (X(t_{n+1}) \leq x_{n+1} \mid X (t_n) = x_n) \quad (1.98)$$

The Markovian property states that given the present, the future is independent of the past .

In other words, the future of the random process depends only on where it is now and not on how it got there.

Example #1 Sinusoidal wave with random phase

$$X(t) = A \cos (2\pi f_c t + \Theta)$$

where A is a constant and Θ is a random variable with uniform pdf

over the interval $[-\pi , \pi]$, i.e.,

$$f_{\Theta}(\theta) = \begin{cases} 1/2\pi & , -\pi \leq \theta \leq \pi \\ 0 & , \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

1. Find the autocorrelation function of $X(t)$

$$\text{Ans. } R_X(\tau) = (A^2/2) \cos (2\pi f_c \tau)$$

2. Find the power spectral density of $X(t)$

$$\text{Ans. } S_X(f) = (A^2/2) [\delta(f - f_c) + \delta(f + f_c)]$$

Example # 2

If $Y(t) = X(t) \cos (2\pi f_c t + \Theta)$

where $X(t)$ is a stationary random process and Θ is a random variable with uniform pdf over the interval $[-\pi, \pi]$

Find the autocorrelation function and power spectral density of $X(t)$.

Ans. $R_Y(\tau) = (1/2) R_X(\tau) \cos (2\pi f_c \tau)$

$$S_Y(f) = (1/2) [S_X(f - f_c) + S_X(f + f_c)]$$

Example #3

A stationary Gaussian process $X(t)$ with zero-mean and PSD $S_X(f)$ is applied to a linear filter whose impulse response is a rectangular function of time, duration = T , height = $1/T$.

$Y(t)$ is the output at time t .

1. find the mean and variance of $Y(t)$
2. what is the probability density function of Y ?
3. Find the output power spectral density.

Ans. $H(f) = \exp(-j\pi fT) \sin(\pi fT) / (\pi fT)$

$$S_{YY}(f) = [\sin^2(\pi fT) / (\pi fT)^2] S_{XX}(f)$$