

# **Chapter 2 Random Process and Optimal Filtering**

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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

$$F_X(x) = P( X \leq x ) \quad (2.1)$$

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

$$p_X(x) = d F_X(x) / dx \quad (2.2)$$

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

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

$$= \int p_X(x) dx \quad (2.3)$$

- The probability function has the following properties :

1.  $p_X(x) \geq 0$

2.  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p_X(x) dx = 1$

- 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**

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} 1/(b-a) & a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (2.4)$$

Here we have

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

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

- **Example 1.1.3 Gaussian Random Variable**

$$p(x) = 1/\sqrt{(2\pi\sigma^2)} \exp \{ -(x-m)^2 / 2\sigma^2 \} \quad (2.5)$$

## 2.1.2 Statistical Averages

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

$$m_X = \mathbf{E}[ X ] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x p_X(x) dx \quad (2.6)$$

- The mean-square value of  $X$  is given by

$$\mathbf{E}[X^2] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 p_X(x) dx \quad (2.7)$$

- The variance of  $X$  is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(X) &= \sigma_X^2 = \mathbf{E}[ (X - m_X)^2 ] \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - m_X)^2 p_X(x) dx \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

- The variance and the mean-square are related by

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_X^2 &= \mathbf{E}[ X^2 - 2 m_X X + m_X^2 ] \\ &= \mathbf{E}[X^2] - m_X^2 \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$



## ■ Chebyshev's Inequality

The variance  $\sigma_X^2$  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.

$$\text{Pro} [ | x-m | \geq \Delta ] \leq \sigma^2 / \Delta^2 \quad (2.10)$$

## ■ Appendix

### 1. We have

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

For  $\Delta = k \sigma$ , then

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

### 2. Schwarz Inequality

$$| ( \mathbf{h}, \mathbf{g} ) | = \| \mathbf{h} \| \| \mathbf{g} \|$$

### 3. Chi-squared density function

For a gaussian distribution function

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

define  $Y = X^2$

The pdf of  $Y$  is given by

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

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

$$P(A | B) = P(A, B) / P(B) \quad (2.11)$$

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

$$P(B | A) = P(A, B) / P(A) \quad (2.12)$$

provided that  $P(A) > 0$ .

These relations may also be expressed as

$$P(A, B) = P(A | B) P(B) = P(B | A) P(A) \quad (2.13)$$

## 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** :

$$p(x_1, x_2) = p(x_1 | x_2) p(x_2) = p(x_2 | x_1) p(x_1) \quad (2.14)$$

- 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  $\sigma^2$  is the variance.

- CDF of a Gaussian random variable

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x p(y) dy$$

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

$$= 1 - Q[(x-m)/\sigma] \quad (2.15)$$

$$\text{where } Q(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \{ 1 / \sqrt{(2\pi)} \} \exp ( - t^2 / 2 ) dt \quad (2.16)$$

**Gaussian function with mean = 0 , variance = 1**

$$g(x) = \{ 1 / \sqrt{(2\pi)} \} \exp ( - x^2 / 2 ) \quad (2.17)$$

**Error function**

$$\text{erf} (x) = \{ 2 / \sqrt{(\pi)} \} \int_0^x \exp ( - t^2 ) dt \quad (2.18)$$

**Complementary error function**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{erfc} (x) &= 1 - \text{erf} (x) \\ &= \{ 2 / \sqrt{(\pi)} \} \int_x^\infty \exp ( - t^2 ) dt \quad (2.19) \end{aligned}$$

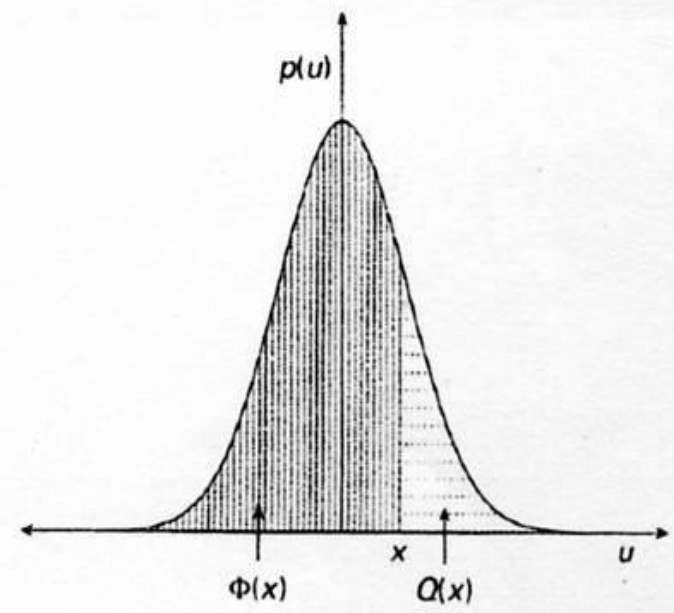
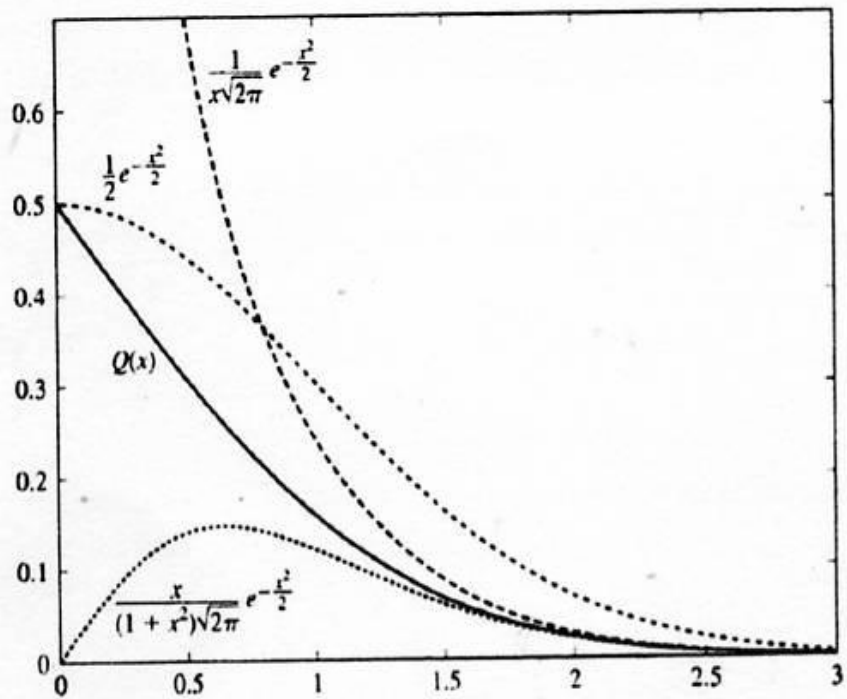
**Q-function**

$$Q(x) = \{ 1 / \sqrt{(2\pi)} \} \int_x^\infty \exp ( - t^2 / 2 ) dt \quad (2.20)$$

**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

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) &= P(X_1 \leq x_1, X_2 \leq x_2, \dots, X_n \leq x_n) \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{x_1} \int_{-\infty}^{x_2} \dots \int_{-\infty}^{x_n} p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.21}$$

and  $p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \frac{\delta^n F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)}{\delta x_1 \delta x_2, \dots, \delta x_n}$



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

$$\begin{aligned} R_{XY} &= E[XY] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xy p_{xy}(x,y) dx dy \\ &= m_{XY} \end{aligned} \quad (2.23)$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{xy} &= \text{Cov} (X,Y) = E[ (X- m_x) (Y- m_y) ] \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x- m_x) (y - m_y) p_{XY}(x,y) dx dy \end{aligned} \quad (2.24)$$

The **correlation coefficient** is defined as

$$\rho_{XY} = \sigma_{xy} / \sigma_x \sigma_y \quad , \quad -1 < \rho_{XY} < 1 \quad (2.25)$$

- 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

$$p_{XY}(x,y) = \left\{ \frac{1}{(2\pi \sigma_x \sigma_y) \sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \right\} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left[ \frac{(x-m_x)^2}{\sigma_x^2} + \frac{(y-m_y)^2}{\sigma_y^2} - 2\rho(x-m_x)(y-m_y) / \sigma_x \sigma_y \right] \right\} \quad (2.26)$$

If they are independent, then

$$p_{XY}(x,y) = \left\{ \frac{1}{(2\pi \sigma_x \sigma_y)} \right\} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{(x-m_x)^2}{\sigma_x^2} + \frac{(y-m_y)^2}{\sigma_y^2} \right] \right\} \quad (2.27)$$

## 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  $\sigma^2$ .
- Let  $Y_n$  be defined as the **normalized sum**, called the sample mean :
$$Y_n = (1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \quad (2.30)$$

The mean of  $Y_n$  is 
$$\begin{aligned} E[Y_n] &= m_y = (1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i] \\ &= m_x \end{aligned} \quad (2.31)$$

The variance of  $Y_n$  is

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_y^2 &= E(Y_n^2) - m_y^2 \\ &= (1/n^2) \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n E(X_i X_j) \\ &= (1/n) \sigma_x^2\end{aligned}\tag{2.32}$$

## ■ Central Limit Theorem

Define the normalized random variable

$$Z_n = ( Y_n - m_n ) / \sigma_y = \sum_{i=1}^n ( X_i - m ) / ( \sigma_x \sqrt{n} ) \quad (2.33)$$

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**

$$\mathcal{J}(x_1, y_1; x_2, y_2) = \det \begin{pmatrix} \delta x_1 / \delta y_1 & \delta x_1 / \delta y_2 \\ \delta x_2 / \delta y_1 & \delta x_2 / \delta y_2 \end{pmatrix} \neq 0 \quad (2.34)$$

The joint pdf of  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  is given by

$$f_{Y_1 Y_2} (y_1, y_2) = f_{X_1 X_2} (x_1, x_2) | J ( ) | \quad (2.35)$$

- **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

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

**The Jacobian is then calculate as**

$$J = \det \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial \theta} \end{vmatrix} = \det \begin{vmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= r$$

**The joint pdf of  $R$  and  $\Theta$  is then**

$$\begin{aligned} f_{R \Theta}(r, \theta) &= f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) |J| \\ &= (r/2\pi\sigma^2) \exp [-(x_1^2 + x_2^2) / 2\sigma^2] \\ &= (r/2\pi\sigma^2) \exp [-r^2 / 2\sigma^2] \\ & \quad r \geq 0, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi \end{aligned} \quad (2.36)$$



The marginal distribution of  $R$  and  $\Theta$  are then given by

$$f_R(r) = (r/\sigma^2) \exp(-r^2/2\sigma^2) \quad r \geq 0 \quad (2.37)$$

and  $f_\Theta(\theta) = 1/(2\pi)$  ,  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$  (2.38)

**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  $\sigma^2$ , then the new random variable

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

has a Rician distribution.

The pdf of R is given by

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

(2.39)

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

.

# 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  $\mathbf{X}$ .

$$\text{That is, } \mathbf{m}_x = E[\mathbf{X}] = \{ E[ X_1 ] \ E[ X_2 ] \ \dots \ E[X_N] \}^T \quad (2.44)$$

The **correlation matrix** is defined as

$$R_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}} = E [ \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^T ] \quad (2.45)$$

Similarly, the covariance matrix is defined as

$$C_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}} = E [ ( \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_x ) ( \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{m}_x )^T ] \quad (2.46)$$

- **Theorem :**

Correlation matrices and covariance matrices are symmetric and positive definite.

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

$$R_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}} = E[ \mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}^T ] \quad (2.47)$$

## ■ Joint Expectations for Two Random vectors

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

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

$$R_{XY} = E[XY^T] \quad (2.48)$$

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

$$C_{XY} = E[(X - m_x)(Y - m_y)^T] \quad (2.49)$$

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

It can be shown that  $R_{XY} = C_{XY} + m_x m_y^T$  (2.50)

(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

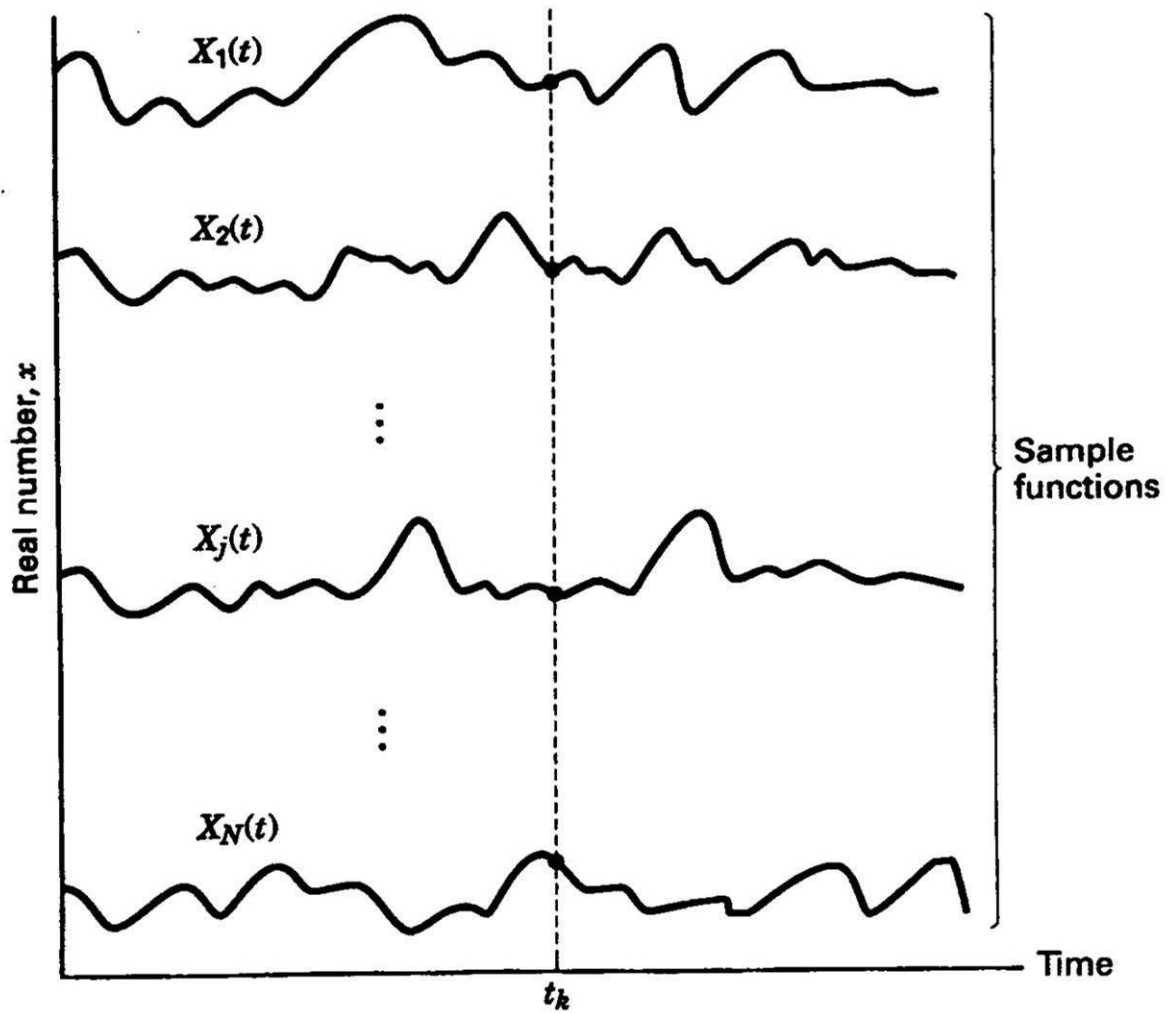
- A random process ( or **stochastic process** )  $X(A,t)$  can be viewed as a function of two variables : **an event  $A$  and time  $t$** .
- Fig.1 illustrates a random process. In the figure, there are  $N$  sample functions of time,  $\{ X_j(t) \}$ .

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

$$E\{X(t_k)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x p_X(x) dx \equiv m_X \quad (2.78)$$

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

$$R_X(t_1, t_2) = E[X(t_1) X(t_2)] \quad (2.79)$$

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

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

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

$$\sigma_X^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - m_X)^2 p_X(x) dx \quad (2.81)$$

- **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,

$$p(x(t_1), x(t_2), \dots, x(t_n)) = p(x(t_1 + \tau), x(t_2 + \tau), \dots, x(t_n + \tau)) \quad (2.82)$$

## ■ 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,

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

$$\text{and } R_X(t_1, t_2) = R_X(t_1 - t_2) = R_X(\tau) \quad (2.83)$$

$$\text{where } \tau = (t_1 - t_2) \quad (2.84)$$

## ■ 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  $\tau$

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,

$$m_X = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} (1/T) \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} X(t) dt \quad (2.85)$$

and 
$$R_X = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} (1/T) \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} X(t) X(t+\tau) dt \quad (2.86)$$

## 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),

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

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

### 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**

$$X_a(t) = \begin{cases} X(t) & |t| \leq a \\ 0 & |t| > a \end{cases} \quad (2.87)$$

**The energy of this random process is**

$$E_{X_a} = \int_{-a}^a X^2(t) dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X_a^2(t) dt \quad (2.88)$$

**Hence, the time-average power is**

$$P_{X_a} = (1/2a) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X_a^2(t) dt = (1/2a) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X_a^2(f) df \quad (2.89)$$

- 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,

$$P_{Xa} = E[P_{Xa}] = (1/2a) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E[ | X_a(f) |^2 ] df \quad (2.90)$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} P_{Xa} &= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} (1/2a) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E[ | X_a(f) |^2 ] df \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} (1/2a) E[ | X_a(f) |^2 ] df \end{aligned} \quad (2.91)$$

**Define**  $S_X(f) = \text{Lim} ( 1/2a) E[ | X_a(f) | ^2 ]$  (2.92)

**Then, the average power in the process can be expressed**

**as**  $P_X = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_X(f) df$  (2.93)

$S_X(f)$  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

$$\begin{aligned} E_g &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} | g(t) | ^2 dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} | G(f) | ^2 df \end{aligned} \quad (2.94)$$

**and**  $g(t) \leftarrow \rightarrow G(f)$  (2.95)

- **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**

$$S_X(f) = F \{R_X(\tau)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R_X(\tau) e^{-j2\pi f\tau} d\tau \quad (2.96)$$

**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

$$R_{XY}(t_1, t_2) = E [ X(t_1) Y(t_2) ] \quad (2.97)$$



- **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,

$$H(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t) e^{-j2\pi f t} dt \quad (2.101)$$

$$h(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(f) e^{j2\pi f t} df \quad (2.102)$$

- 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

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau) x(t - \tau) d\tau \quad (2.103)$$

- 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

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_Y (t) &= \mathbf{E}[Y(t)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau) \mathbf{E}[X(t-\tau)] d\tau \\
 &= m_x \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau) d\tau \\
 &= m_x H (0)
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.104}$$

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

The autocorrelation function of the output is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Psi_{yy} ( t_1, t_2 ) &= (1/2) \mathbf{E}[ Y_{t1} , Y_{t2}^* ] \\
 &= (1/2) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\beta ) h^*(\alpha ) \mathbf{E}[X(t-\beta )X^* (t -\alpha ) ] \\
 &\quad d\alpha d\beta
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.105}$$

After some mathematical manipulations, we finally obtain

$$\Psi_{yy}(\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\beta) h^*(\alpha) \Psi_{xx}(\tau + \alpha - \beta) d\alpha d\beta \quad (2.106)$$

- 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

$$\Phi_{yy}(f) = \Phi_{xx}(f) |H(f)|^2 \quad (2.107)$$

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

$$\Psi_{yy}(\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Phi_{yy}(f) e^{j2\pi f\tau} df \quad (2.108)$$

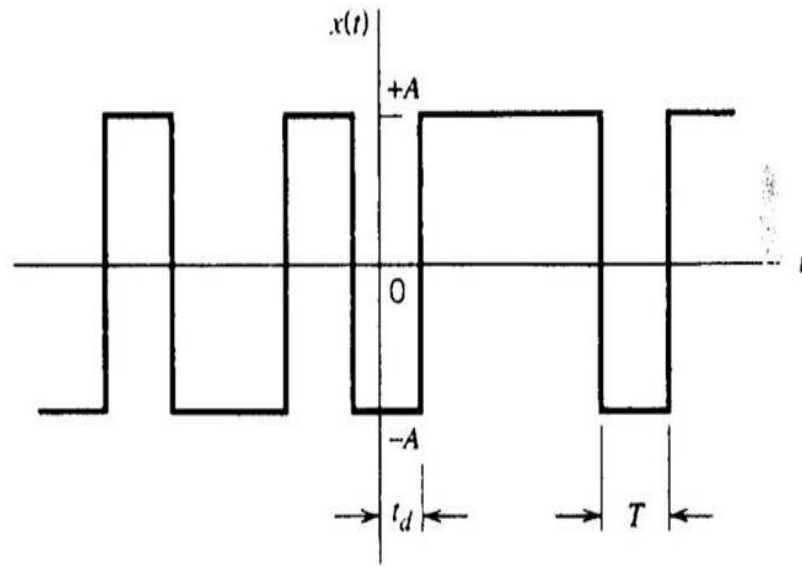
and  $\Psi_{yy}(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Phi_{xx}(f) |H(f)|^2 df$

# 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  $\tau_d$  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  $\tau_d$  satisfies the condition

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

Thus we obtain the conditional expectation

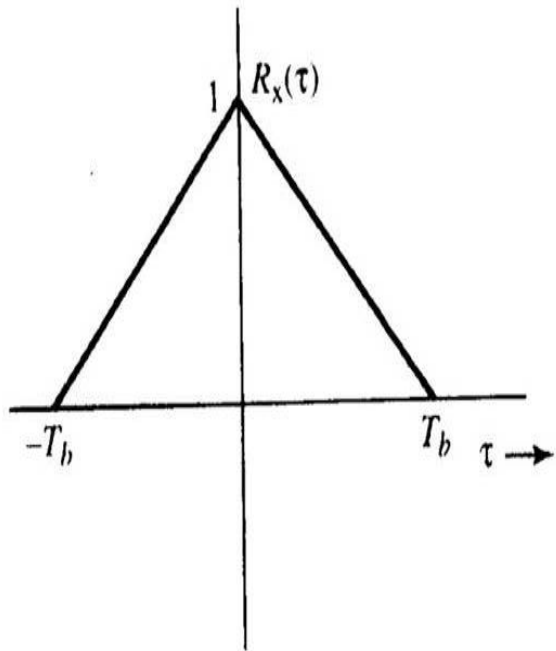
$$E[X(t_k) X(t_i) | \tau_d] = \begin{cases} A^2 & \tau_d < T - |t_k - t_i| \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Averaging this result over all possible values of  $\tau_d$ , we get

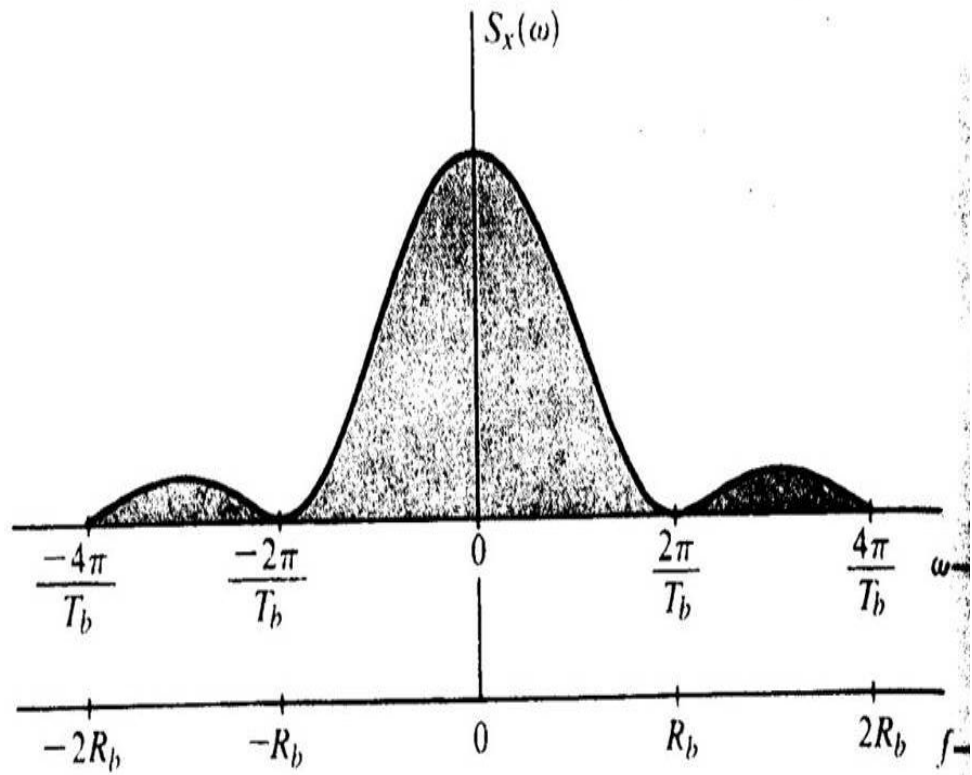
$$\begin{aligned} E[X(t_k) X(t_i)] &= \int_0^{T - |t_k - t_i|} (A^2 / T) d\tau_d \\ &= A^2 (1 - |t_k - t_i| / T), \quad |t_k - t_i| < T \end{aligned}$$

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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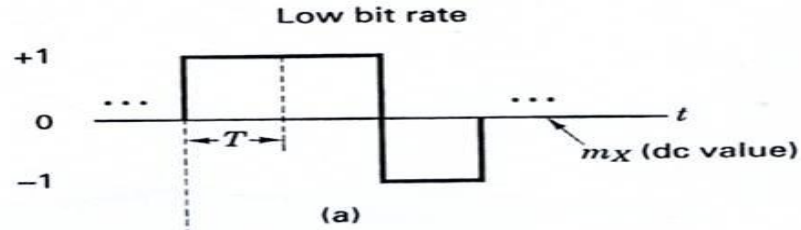


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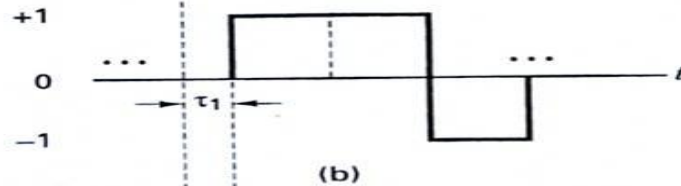


- Random Polar Binary Signal

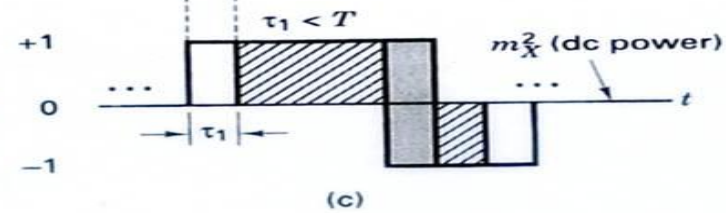
$X(t)$  Random binary sequence



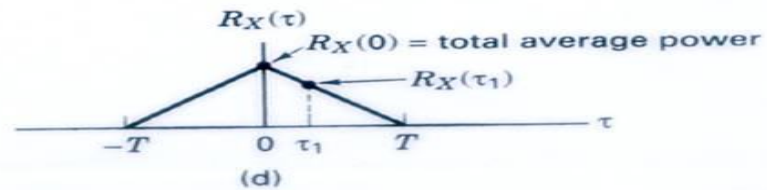
$X(t - \tau_1)$



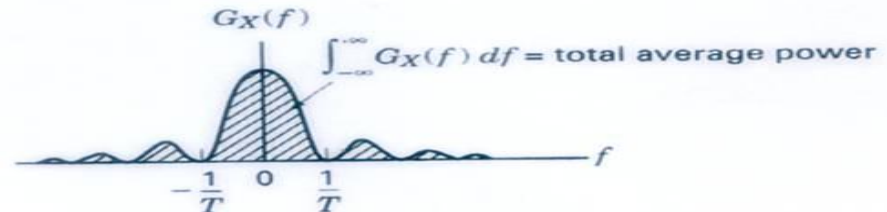
$$R_X(\tau_1) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} X(t) X(t - \tau_1) dt$$



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



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



Autocorrelation and power spectral density.

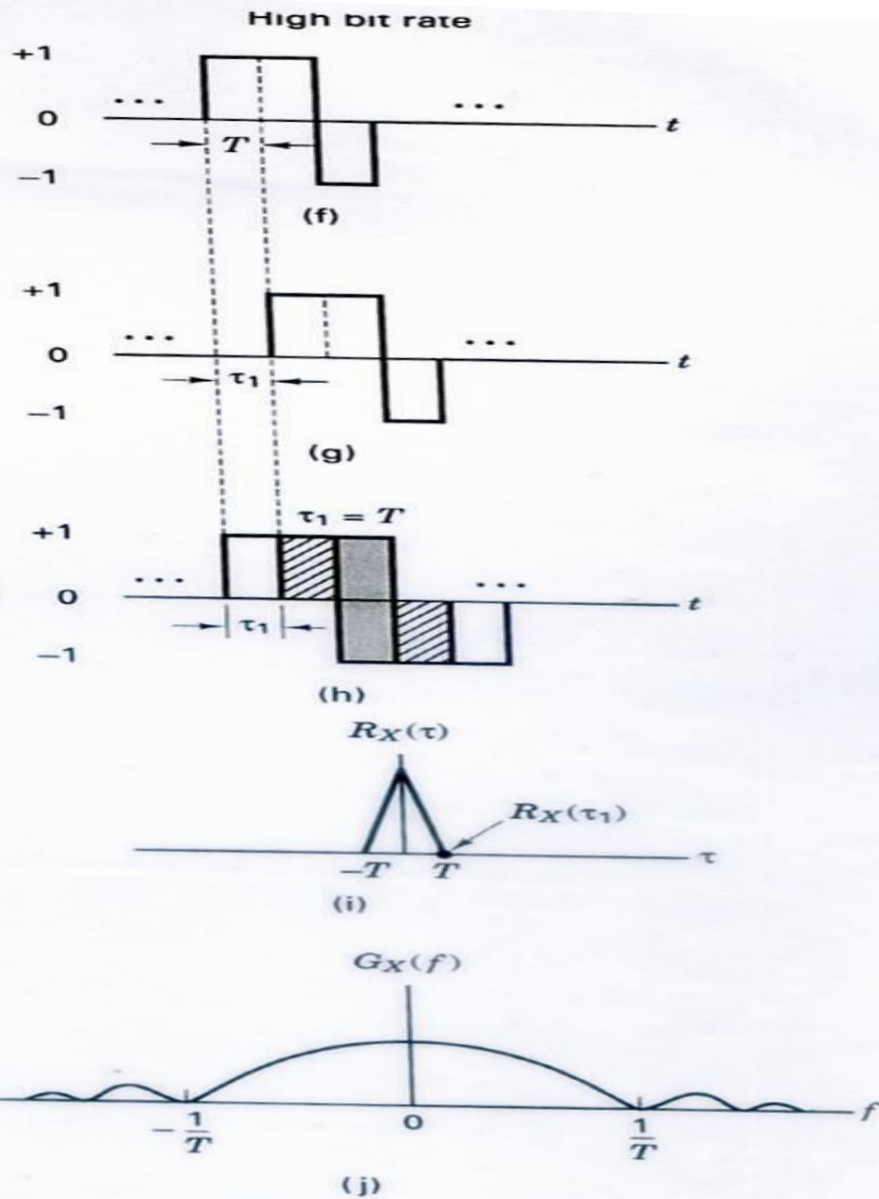
$X(t)$  Random binary sequence

$X(t - \tau_1)$

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

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

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



continued

## 2.2.4 Bandpass Random Process

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

$$\begin{aligned} X(t) &= \text{Re} [ g(t) \exp ( j2\pi f_0 t + \theta_c ) ] \\ &= X_i(t) \cos ( 2\pi f_0 t + \theta_c ) - X_q(t) \sin ( 2\pi f_0 t + \theta_c ) \end{aligned} \quad (2.109)$$

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

The **lowpass equivalent process** is given by

$$g(t) = X_i(t) + j X_q(t) \quad (2.110)$$

The constant  $\theta_c$  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  $w(t)$ .

The power spectral density of the filtered noise will be

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

The filtered white Gaussian noise can also be expressed as

$$w(t) = w_i(t) \cos(2\pi f_0 t) - w_q(t) \sin(2\pi f_0 t)$$

where  $w_i(t)$  and  $w_q(t)$  are the in-phase and quadrature components of  $w(t)$ , respectively, and are lowpass processes.

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

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

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  $\theta_c$  is the random start-up phase.

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

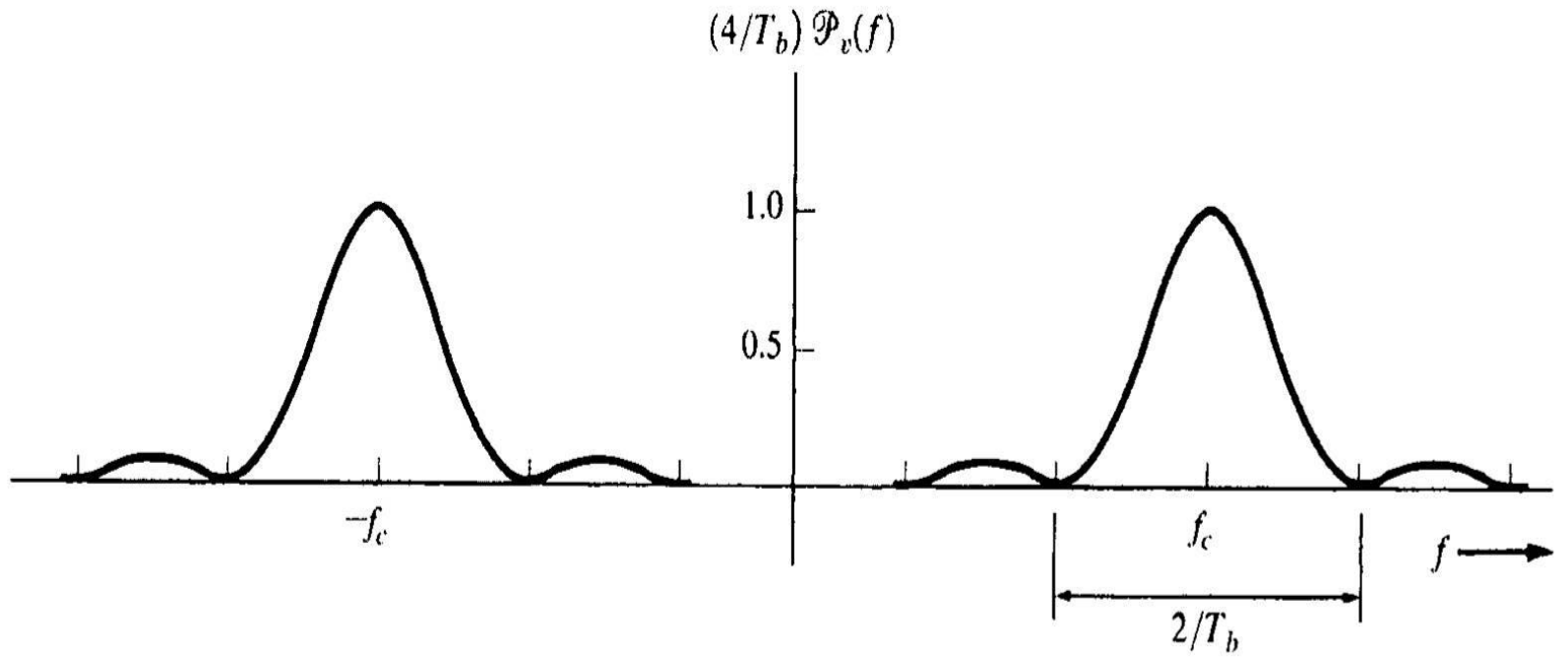
$$S_v(f) = 1/4 [S_x(f - f_c) + S_x(-f - f_c)]$$

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

$$S_x(f) = T_b \left( \frac{\sin \pi f T_b}{\pi f T_b} \right)^2$$

We then obtain the PSD for the BPSK signal

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



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**

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

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

**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  $\Theta$  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  $\Theta$  is a randomvariable 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.  $H(f) = \exp ( -j \pi f T ) \sin ( \pi f T ) / ( \pi f T )$

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

# Appendix

## 2.A. Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization Process

- Suppose that the subspace  $Y$  is defined by means of a non-orthogonal basis , such as a collection of random variables

$$Y = \{ y_1, y_2, \dots, y_M \} \quad (1.68)$$

Which may be mutually correlated. The subspace  $Y$  is defined again as the linear span of this basis. The Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization process is a recursive procedure of generating an **orthogonal basis**  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_M$  from  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_M$  .

The basic idea of the method is this :

- a. Initiate the procedure by selecting  $\epsilon_1 = y_1$
- b. Consider  $y_2$  and decompose it relative to  $\epsilon_1$  . Then the component of  $y_2$  which is perpendicular to  $\epsilon_1$  is selected as  $\epsilon_2$  ; so that  $(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2) = 0$  .

c. Take  $y_3$  and decompose it relative to the subspace spanned by  $\{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2\}$  and take the corresponding perpendicular component to be  $\varepsilon_3$ , and so on. For example, the first three steps of the procedure are

$$\varepsilon_1 = y_1$$

$$\varepsilon_2 = y_2 - E[y_2 \varepsilon_1] E[\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_1]^{-1} \varepsilon_1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_3 = y_3 - E[y_3 \varepsilon_1] E[\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_1]^{-1} \varepsilon_1 \\ - E[y_3 \varepsilon_2] E[\varepsilon_2 \varepsilon_2]^{-1} \varepsilon_2 \end{aligned}$$

d. At the  $n$ th iteration step

$$\varepsilon_n = y_n - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} E[y_n \varepsilon_i] E[\varepsilon_i \varepsilon_i]^{-1} \varepsilon_i, \quad 2 \leq n \leq M \quad (1.69)$$

The basis  $\{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_M\}$  generated in this way is orthogonal by construction.