

## Summary

Reading: Textbook sec. 6.1 ~ sec. 6.7

In this topic, I will discuss:

- Random Sequence
- Stationarity
- Wide-sense Stationary (WSS) Random Sequence
- Linear Time Invariant (LTI) System
- WSS in LTI
- Power Spectral Density
- Markov Chain
- Convergence of Random Sequence

**Notation** We will use the following notation rules, unless otherwise noted, to represent symbols during this course.

- Boldface upper case letter to represent **MATRIX**
- Boldface lower case letter to represent **vector**
- Superscript  $(\cdot)^T$  and  $(\cdot)^H$  to denote transpose and hermitian (conjugate transpose), respectively
- Upper case italic letter to represent *RANDOM VARIABLE*

# 1 Random Sequence

(1) In plain words, we can view a *random sequence* as follows:

- A mathematical formulation of a probabilistic experiment that evolves in *time*
- A random sequence can be considered as an evolution in *time* of *random variables*
  - \* The outcomes constitute a sequence of numerical values
  - \* The outcomes are measured in countable time instants, e.g. the time instants in the set  $\mathcal{T} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  or  $\mathcal{T} = \{\dots, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ .

(2) For example, a random sequence can be used to model

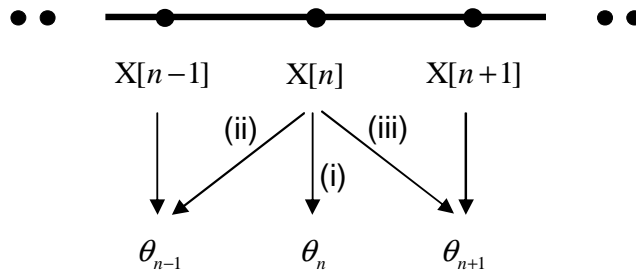
- the sequence of daily prices of a stock
- the sequence of hourly traffic loads at a node of a network
- the sequence of radar measurement of the position of an airplane
- the sequence of failure times of a machine
- the sequence of received and periodically sampled signal in a communication link

(3) Something of particular interests:

- We tend to focus on the *dependencies* in the sequence. For example, how do future prices of a stock depend on past values?
- We are often interested in *long-term averages*, involving the entire sequence of generated values. For example, what is the fraction of time on average that a machine is idle?
- We sometimes wish to characterize the likelihood or frequency of certain *boundary events*.

For example:

- \* What is the probability that within a given hour all circuits of some telephone system become simultaneously busy?
- \* What is the frequency with which some buffer in a computer network overflows with data?



**Figure 1:** The (i) filtering, (ii) smoothing, and (iii) prediction operations for time-varying unknown parameters  $\theta_n$  embedded in the random sequence  $X[n]$  for all  $n$ .

(4) Things you may learn

- Formulation of several probabilistic discrete time models
- Filtering, smoothing, and prediction
- Examine the behaviors, e.g. convergence, of the **filtering**, **smoothing**, and **prediction** operations shown in Fig. 2 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

→ **Filtering** means that we estimate the parameter  $\theta_n$  at the  $n$ th time based upon the observations up to time  $n$

→ **Smoothing** means we go back to modify previously estimated parameter  $\theta_i$  for  $i < n$  when the  $n$ th observation becomes available

→ Prediction

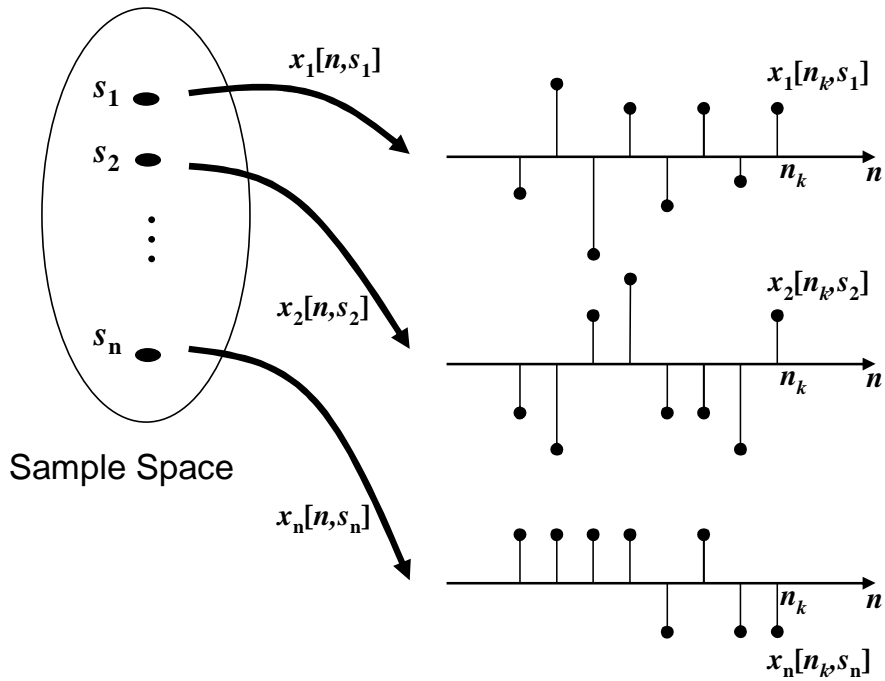


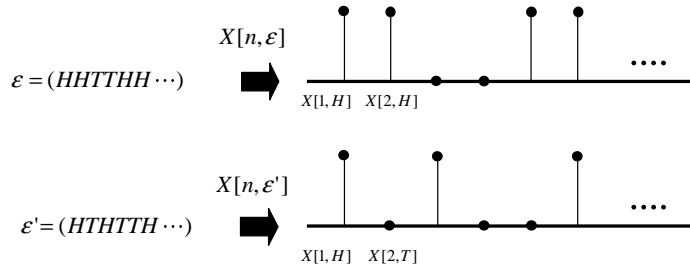
Figure 2: A mapping of a random sequence.

(4) **Definition (Random Sequence)**

Let  $\varepsilon \in \Omega$  be an outcome of the sample space  $\Omega$ . Let  $X[n, \varepsilon]$  be a **mapping** of the sample space  $\Omega$  into a space of complex-valued sequence on some index set  $\mathbb{Z}$ . If for each fixed integer  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $X[n, \varepsilon]$  is a random variable, then  $X[n, \varepsilon]$  is a random sequence (also known as discrete-time random process).

**Remarks:**

- (a) For a fixed outcome  $\varepsilon^*$ , the *sample sequence*  $X[n, \varepsilon^*]$  is a non-random (deterministic) function. That is, once we know what the outcome  $\varepsilon^*$  is, the *sample sequence*  $X[n, \varepsilon^*]$  associated with that  $\varepsilon$  is also determined.
  
- (b) The randomness falls in that we cannot exactly know what the outcome is at each time instant before the experiment is conducted.
  
- (c) We often write  $X[n, \varepsilon]$  as  $X[n]$  for notational simplicity.
  
- (d) Conceptually, *random sequence* can be considered as **a sequence of random variables**, or more generally, a sequence of random vectors.



**Figure 3:** Two realizations, i.e. sample sequences, of the Bernoulli random sequence, one for  $\varepsilon = (HHTTHH \dots)$  and the other for  $\varepsilon' = (HTHTTH \dots)$ .

**Example: (Bernoulli Process)**

Suppose  $X$  is a Bernoulli random variable modeling a success (E) or failure ( $E^c$ ) of an event E with  $X(E) = 1$  and  $X(E^c) = 0$ . For example, by flipping a coin, we can model  $X(H) = 1$  and  $X(T) = 0$  with  $H$  being the outcome of a head and  $T$  a tail.

The Bernoulli random sequence, or Bernoulli process, is defined as

$$X[n, \varepsilon] \triangleq X(\varepsilon_n),$$

where  $\varepsilon_n \in \{H, T\}$  is the outcome of the  $n$ th flip and  $\varepsilon = (\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 \dots \varepsilon_n \dots)$  is an outcome, consisting of an infinite length sequence of events, in the sample space of the Bernoulli random sequence.

Two *realizations*, also known as *sample sequences*, of the Bernoulli random sequence are shown in Fig. 3, one for the event  $\varepsilon = (HHTTHH \dots)$  and the other for the event  $\varepsilon' = (HTHTTH \dots)$ .

It should be noted that the sample space in this example consists of infinite outcomes, each with infinite length of events  $(\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 \dots \varepsilon_n \dots)$ . ■

## 2 Statistical Description

- (1) A random sequence is statistically specified by its  $N$ th order probability distribution (or density) function

$$\begin{aligned} F_X(x_n, x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{n+N-1}; n, n+1, \dots, n+N-1) \\ = P[X[n] \leq x_n, X[n+1] \leq x_{n+1}, \dots, X[n+N-1] \leq x_{n+N-1}] \end{aligned}$$

for all integers  $N \geq 1$ , and for all time instants  $n, n+1, \dots, n+N-1$ .

- (2) The **mean** function, **autocorrelation** function, and **autocovariance** function are defined as:

Mean function:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_X[n] &\triangleq E[X[n]] \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x; n) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Autocorrelation function: for all  $k$  and  $l$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{XX}[k, l] &\triangleq E[X[k]X^*[l]] \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_k x_l^* f_X(x_k, x_l; k, l) dx_k dx_l. \end{aligned}$$

Autocovariance function: for all  $k$  and  $l$

$$\begin{aligned} K_{XX}[k, l] &\triangleq E[(X[k] - \mu_X[k])(X[l] - \mu_X[l])^*] \\ &= R_{XX}[k, l] - \mu_X[k]\mu_X^*[l]. \end{aligned}$$

### 3 Independent Increments

(1) **Definition (Independent Increments)**

A random sequence is said to have *independent increments* if for all integers  $n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_N$ , the increments

$$X[n_1], X[n_2] - X[n_1], \dots, X[n_N] - X[n_{N-1}]$$

are jointly independent for  $N > 1$ .

(2) The running sum

$$S[n] \triangleq \sum_{k=1}^n X[k]$$

of an independent random sequence  $X[n]$  is also a random sequence, and has independent increments.

**Example:**

Let  $X[n]$  be the Bernoulli random sequence.

$$S[n] \triangleq \sum_{k=1}^n X[k]$$

is the random sequence, commonly known as the *Binomial counting process*, used to model the *number of successes (occurrences)* of a certain event up to time  $n$ . The Binomial counting process has independent increments.

**Example:**

Let  $X[n]$  be the Bernoulli random sequence. Define  $Y[n] \triangleq 2X[n] - 1$ . Then,

$$W[n] \triangleq \sum_{k=1}^n Y[k]$$

is the *random walk* sequence, which can be used to model the amount of money a gambler wins up to the  $n$ th trial, where he earns one unit with a win and gives one unit away with a lose. The random walk sequence  $W[n]$  also has independent increments.



- (3) Let  $S[n]$  be a random sequence having independent increments. Its  $N$ th order joint pdf can be written as products of the pdf's of its increments.

*Proof:*

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N$  be the increments of the sequence  $S[1], S[2], \dots, S[N]$ . That is,

$$X_1 \triangleq S[1], \quad X_2 \triangleq S[2] - S[1], \dots, \quad X_N \triangleq S[N] - S[N-1].$$

Define  $\mathbf{x} \triangleq [X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N]$ . We can obtain the joint pdf of

$$\mathbf{s} \triangleq [S[1], S[2], \dots, S[N]]$$

from the joint pdf of  $\mathbf{x}$  using the concept of linear transformation, which gives

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\mathbf{s}}(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_N) &= \frac{1}{|\mathbf{J}|} f_{\mathbf{x}}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) \Big|_{x_1=s_1, \dots, x_N=s_N-s_{N-1}} \\ &= f_{X_1}(s_1) f_{X_2}(s_2 - s_1) \cdots f_{X_N}(s_N - s_{N-1}) \\ &= f_{S[1]}(s_1) f_{S[2]-S[1]}(s_2 - s_1) \cdots f_{S[N]-S[N-1]}(s_N - s_{N-1}). \end{aligned}$$

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**Example:** (Waiting Time)

Consider the random sequence  $\tau[n]$  consisting of i.i.d. exponential random variables for all  $n$  with

$$f_{\tau}(t; n) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t}, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Then, the running sum

$$T[n] \triangleq \sum_{k=1}^n \tau[k]$$

is the *waiting time random sequence*, which can be used to model the *waiting time* to the  $n$ th occurrence of a certain event, *e.g.*, the total amount of time that the  $n$ th packet in a queue has to wait until being processed.

- (a) What is the pdf of  $T[n]$ ?
- (b) What are the mean function and variance function of  $T[n]$ ?
- (c) What is the autocorrelation function?
- (d) What is the  $N$ th order joint pdf? (Use the independent increments property)

## 4 Stationarity

### (1) Definition (Stationary Random Sequence)

A random sequence  $X[n]$  is **stationary** if for all  $N \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned} & F_X \left[ x_n, x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{n+N-1}; n, n+1, \dots, n+N-1 \right] \\ &= F_X \left[ x_{n+k}, x_{n+1+k}, \dots, x_{n+N-1+k}; n+k, n+1+k, \dots, n+N-1+k \right] \end{aligned}$$

for all integer shift  $k$  and for all  $x_n$  through  $x_{n+N-1}$ .

### Example:

The Bernoulli random sequence is stationary. But, the waiting time random sequence is NOT.

### (2) Definition (Wide-Sense Stationary)

A random sequence  $X[n]$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  is **wide-sense stationary** (WSS) if

(i) The mean function  $\mu_X[n]$  is constant for all integers  $n$ ,

$$\mu_X[n] = \mu_X[0], \quad \text{and}$$

(ii) The correlation function is independent of any integer shift  $n$ .

$$R_{XX}[k, l] = R_{XX}[k+n, l+n], \quad \forall k, l \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

### Example

Let  $X[n]$  be a sequence of zero mean uncorrelated random variables with unit variance. Then,  $X[n]$  is WSS by checking  $R_{XX}[k, l] = \delta[k - l] = R_{XX}[k+n, l+n]$ . This random sequence is known as **white process**.

(3) All stationary random sequences are wide-sense stationary.

**Remarks:**

- (1) The correlation function  $R_{XX}[k, l]$  of a WSS random sequence  $X[n]$  can be expressed in terms of the time shift  $k - l$  only, instead of specifying two time instants  $k$  and  $l$ .

$$R_{XX}[k, l] = R_{XX}[k - l, 0] \triangleq R_{XX}[k - l].$$

In particular, we write

$$R_{XX}[m] \triangleq R_{XX}[l + m, l]$$

to specify the correlation between two random variables in the random sequence with  $m$  time units apart.

- (2) Due to the shift-invariant property of WSS, the output random sequence of a linear time invariant (LTI) system to a WSS random sequence input is also WSS.  
WSS  $\rightarrow$  LTI  $\rightarrow$  WSS.

(3) Properties of  $R_{XX}[m]$  for WSS  $X[n]$ :

(a)  $|R_{XX}[m]| \leq R_{XX}[0]$  for arbitrary  $m$ .

(b)  $|R_{XY}[m]|^2 \leq R_{XX}[0]R_{YY}[0]$  for WSS  $X[n]$  and  $Y[n]$ .

(c) The sequence  $R_{XX}[m]$  is complex-conjugate symmetric, i.e.

$$R_{XX}[m] = R_{XX}^*[-m].$$

(d) (Positive semidefinite) For all  $N \geq 1$  and all complex  $a_1, \dots, a_N$ , we must have

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^N a_n a_k^* R_{XX}[n-k] \geq 0.$$

Recall: (Page 254 in the text)

A square matrix  $\mathbf{R}$  is positive semi-definite if for any vector  $\mathbf{a}$

$$\mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{R} \mathbf{a} \geq 0.$$

## 5 Linear Time Invariant System

- (1) Definition of a system

A system is a **mapping** that transforms an arbitrary **input** sequence into an **output** sequence.

- (2) A system is **linear** if to a linear combination of inputs corresponds the same linear combination of outputs. That is, suppose we know

$$x_1[n] \rightarrow \boxed{L\{\}} \rightarrow L\{x_1[n]\} \quad \text{and} \quad x_2[n] \rightarrow \boxed{L\{\}} \rightarrow L\{x_2[n]\}.$$

Then, the linear system with operator  $L\{\}$  guarantees

$$a_1x_1[n] + a_2x_2[n] \rightarrow \boxed{L\{\}} \rightarrow a_1L\{x_1[n]\} + a_2L\{x_2[n]\}.$$

- (3) The **impulse response**  $h[n]$  of a linear system is the output sequence when the input is an impulse  $\delta[n]$ ,

$$h[n] \triangleq L\{\delta[n]\}.$$

For any input sequence  $x[n]$ , we can write

$$x[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]\delta[n-k].$$

If the system is linear, then the output sequence  $y[n]$  is

$$\begin{aligned} y[n] &= L\{x[n]\} \\ &= L\left\{\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]\delta[n-k]\right\} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]L\{\delta[n-k]\} \\ &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]h[n,k], \end{aligned}$$

where we define  $h[n,k] \triangleq L\{\delta[n-k]\}$  as the output response at time  $n$  to an impulse applied at time  $k$ .

- (4) A system is called **time-invariant** if shifting the input by  $k$  time units results in shifting the output by  $k$  time unit. That is, suppose we know

$$x[n] \rightarrow \boxed{L\{\cdot\}} \rightarrow y[n]$$

with  $L\{\cdot\}$  being a time-invariant operator. Then, the time-invariant property tells us

$$x[n - k] \rightarrow \boxed{L\{\cdot\}} \rightarrow y[n - k].$$

So, for a linear time-invariant (LTI) system with impulse response  $h[n]$ , the output sequence is

$$\begin{aligned} y[n] &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]L\{\delta[n - k]\} \\ &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]h[n - k] \\ &= x[n] * h[n], \end{aligned}$$

which is the **convolution** between the input and the impulse response.

(5) **(Fourier Transform)**

The Fourier transform, or more precisely the discrete-time Fourier transform, for a sequence  $x[n]$  is defined by

$$X(\omega) \triangleq \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]e^{-j\omega k} \quad \text{for } -\pi \leq \omega \leq \pi.$$

The inverse Fourier transform is

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X(\omega)e^{j\omega n} d\omega.$$

(6) The Fourier transform of  $y[n] = x[n] * h[n]$  is

$$Y(\omega) = X(\omega)H(\omega).$$

*Proof:*

$$\begin{aligned} Y(\omega) &= \sum_n y[n]e^{-j\omega n} = \sum_n (x[n] * h[n])e^{-j\omega n} \\ &= \sum_n \sum_k x[k]h[n-k]e^{-j\omega n} \\ &= \sum_n \sum_k x[k]h[n-k]e^{-j\omega(n-k+k)} \\ &= \sum_k x[k]e^{-j\omega k} \left( \sum_n h[n-k]e^{-j\omega(n-k)} \right) = X(\omega)H(\omega). \end{aligned}$$

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## 6 Random Sequences in LTI Systems

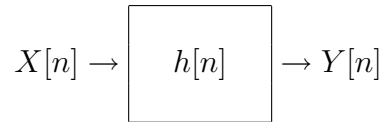
- (1) When the input  $X[n]$  to a linear system is a random sequence, the output  $Y[n] = L\{X[n]\}$  is also a random sequence in the sense that for each outcome  $\varepsilon \in \Omega$ , the deterministic sample  $X[n, \varepsilon]$  is mapped to

$$Y[n, \varepsilon] = L\{X[n, \varepsilon]\}.$$

That is, overall,  $Y[n, \varepsilon]$  is yet another **mapping** from each outcome  $\varepsilon$  of the sample space to a **new** sample sequence.

- (2) We are usually interested in the behavior of random sequences in LTI systems.

Consider the following bounded LTI system with an impulse response  $h[n]$ . Suppose the input random sequence  $X[n]$  is WSS.



Questions:

- What is the correlation function  $R_{YY}[k, l]$  of  $Y[n]$ ?
- Is  $Y[n]$  WSS?

To answer these questions, we need to figure out the cross-correlation  $R_{XY}[k, l]$  first.

$$\begin{aligned} R_{XY}[k, l] &= E[X[k]Y^*[l]] \\ &= E\left[X[k]\left(\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} h[n]X[l-n]\right)^*\right] \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} h^*[n]E[X[k]X^*[l-n]] \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} h^*[n]R_{XX}[k-l+n]. \end{aligned}$$

It is obvious that  $R_{XY}[k, l]$  depends on the relative shift  $k - l$  only, instead of two separate  $k$  and  $l$ . We can write the correlation function in a more compact form as

$$R_{XY}[m] \triangleq R_{XY}[k, l] = h^*[-m] * R_{XX}[m],$$

where  $m \triangleq l - k$ .

Then, the auto-correlation function of  $Y$  is

$$\begin{aligned} R_{YY}[k, l] &= E[Y[k]Y^*[l]] \\ &= E\left[\left(\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} h[n]X[k-n]\right)Y^*[l]\right] \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} h[n]R_{XY}[k-l-n], \end{aligned}$$

which also depends on the relative shift  $k-l$  only. It is therefore evident that the correlation function of  $Y[n]$  is shift-invariant. A more compact form for  $R_{YY}[k, l]$  is

$$\begin{aligned} R_{YY}[m] &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} h[n]R_{XY}[m-n] \\ &= h[m] * R_{XY}[m] \\ &= h[m] * h^*[-m] * R_{XX}[m]. \end{aligned}$$

This suggests that we can compute the correlation function of  $Y[n]$  from the impulse response and the correlation function of the input random sequence. Here, it would be easier to work the problem in the frequency domain, giving

$$\begin{aligned} S_{YY}(\omega) &= H(\omega)H^*(\omega)S_{XX}(\omega) \\ &= |H(\omega)|^2 S_{XX}(\omega). \end{aligned}$$

where  $S_{YY}(\omega)$ ,  $H(\omega)$ , and  $S_{XX}(\omega)$  are the discrete-time Fourier transform of  $R_{YY}[m]$ ,  $h[m]$ , and  $R_{XX}[m]$ , respectively. The correlation function can be found by the inverse Fourier transform

$$R_{YY}[m] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} S_{YY}(\omega) e^{j\omega m} d\omega. \quad (1)$$

*Remarks:*

- The output random sequence  $Y[n]$  is WSS.
- $S_{YY}(\omega)$  and  $S_{XX}(\omega)$  are called the **power spectral density** (PSD) of  $Y[n]$  and  $X[n]$ , respectively. From the definition of a density, we can say the average power of the random sequence  $X[n]$  is

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\text{ave}} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} S_{XX}(\omega) d\omega \\ &= R_{XX}[0] \\ &= E[|X[n]|^2]. \end{aligned}$$

So, for a **zero mean WSS** random sequence, the **average power** is its **variance**.

We see this statement very often in the literature.

– **Question:**

Why can we say the Fourier transform of  $R_{XX}[m]$  is the PSD of  $X[n]$ ?

## 7 Power Spectral Density

- (1) Deterministic signals can be classified into (i) power signals, and (ii) energy signals.

(i) For power signal, the power of a signal  $x[n]$  is defined by

$$P \triangleq \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2N+1} \sum_{n=-N}^N |x[n]|^2. \quad (2)$$

(ii) For energy signal, the energy of a signal  $x[n]$  is defined by

$$E \triangleq \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |x[n]|^2.$$

The Parseval's theorem states the following relation

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |x[n]|^2 &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]x^*[n] \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X(\omega) e^{j\omega n} d\omega \right)^* \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X^*(\omega) \left( \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] e^{-j\omega n} \right) d\omega \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |X(\omega)|^2 d\omega, \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where, by the definition of a density, we can take  $|X(\omega)|^2$  as the energy spectral density.

- (2) For a power signal  $x[n]$ , its energy is infinity. We can define a truncated version of  $x[n]$  as

$$x_T[n] = \begin{cases} x[n] & -N \leq n \leq N \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

which has a finite energy

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |x_T[n]|^2 = \sum_{n=-N}^N |x[n]|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |X_T(\omega)|^2 d\omega, \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where the last equality comes from the Parseval's relation and  $X_T(\omega)$  is the Fourier transform of  $x_T[n]$ .

By dividing equation (4) by  $2N + 1$  and taking the limit, we have

$$\begin{aligned} P &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2N + 1} \sum_{n=-N}^N |x[n]|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2N + 1} |X_T(\omega)|^2 d\omega. \end{aligned}$$

We can see from the above that the power spectral density of the signal  $x[n]$  is

$$\text{PSD} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2N + 1} |X_T(\omega)|^2.$$

- (3) For random sequence  $x[n]$ , the sample sequence  $X[n, \varepsilon_i]$  for each outcome  $\varepsilon_i \in \Omega$  is deterministic and can be plugged into the above relation. That is, the PSD for  $X[n, \varepsilon_i]$  is

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2N + 1} |X_T(\omega, \varepsilon_i)|^2,$$

where  $X_T(\omega, \varepsilon_i)$  is the Fourier transform of the similarly truncated  $X_T[n, \varepsilon_i]$ .

By averaging all realizations of sample sequences, we have the *average power*

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\text{ave}} &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2N + 1} \sum_{n=-N}^N E [|X[n, \varepsilon_i]|^2] \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2N + 1} E [|X_T(\omega, \varepsilon_i)|^2] d\omega. \end{aligned}$$

So, the power spectral density  $S_{XX}(\omega)$  of the random sequence  $X[n]$  that bears more physical meanings is from the above

$$S_{XX}(\omega) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2N+1} E [|X_T(\omega, \varepsilon_i)|^2]. \quad (5)$$

Next, we will show that the equation (5) is indeed the Fourier transform of the correlation function of  $R_{XX}[m]$ .

(4) **(Wiener-Khinchine Theorem)**

The PSD

$$S_{XX}(\omega) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2N+1} E [ |X_T(\omega, \varepsilon_i)|^2 ],$$

if it exists, of a random sequence  $X[n]$  is the Fourier transform of  $R_{XX}[m]$ .

*Proof:*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2N+1} E [ |X_T(\omega, \varepsilon_i)|^2 ] &= \frac{1}{2N+1} \sum_{k=-N}^N \sum_{l=-N}^N R_{XX}[k-l] e^{-j\omega(k-l)} \\ &= \sum_{m=-2N}^{2N} R_{XX}[m] \left( 1 - \frac{|m|}{2N+1} \right) e^{-j\omega m} \end{aligned}$$

Then, it follows, by taking the limit of the above,

$$\begin{aligned} S_{XX}(\omega) &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2N+1} E [ |X_T(\omega, \varepsilon_i)|^2 ] \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{m=-2N}^{2N} R_{XX}[m] \left( 1 - \frac{|m|}{2N+1} \right) e^{-j\omega m} \\ &= \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} R_{XX}[m] e^{-j\omega m}. \end{aligned}$$

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(4) Properties of PSD  $S_{XX}(\omega)$ :

- $S_{XX}(\omega)$  is real.
- $S_{XX}(\omega)$  is an even function if  $X[n]$  is real.
- $S_{XX}(\omega) \geq 0$  for all  $\omega$ .

## 8 Autoregressive Moving Average (ARMA) Model

(1) What is ARMA model?

- A model used to describe *time-varying* phenomena, e.g. channel fading, with correlation at different time instants
- Linear constant coefficient difference equation model having the form [p. 364 in textbook]

$$X[n] = \sum_{k=1}^M c_k X[n-k] + \sum_{k=0}^L d_k W[n-k],$$

where  $W[n]$  is the input independent random sequence with zero mean and unit variance, and  $X[n]$  is the output sequence.

$\Rightarrow X[n]$  is used to model a *time-varying* parameter that evolves from  $X[m]$  with  $m \leq n$  and perturbed by noise  $W[m]$  with  $m = n - L, \dots, n$ .

- When  $L = 0$ , the model is called **autoregressive** (AR) model.

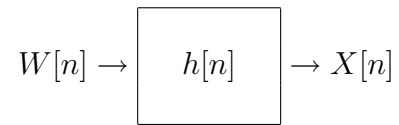
$$X[n] = \sum_{k=1}^M c_k X[n-k] + d_0 W[n]$$

- When  $M = 0$ , the linear equation is

$$X[n] = \sum_{k=0}^L d_k W[n-k],$$

and is called **moving average**.

- (2) Can use the concept of system to view ARMA.



If the model is stable, we have the PSD of the output sequence

$$\begin{aligned} S_{XX}(\omega) &= |H(\omega)|^2 S_{WW}(\omega) \\ &= \frac{\left| \sum_{k=0}^L d_k e^{-j\omega k} \right|^2}{\left| 1 - \sum_{k=0}^M c_k e^{-j\omega k} \right|^2} \end{aligned}$$

- (3) Consider the problem of generating a random sequence with a specified PSD or correlation function. (Used in computer simulation) See textbook p. 355 and example 6.4-5 and 6.4-6.



## 9 Markov Random Sequence

(1) **Definition (Markov Property)**

If the pdf or pmf of a random sequence  $X[n]$  has the property

$$f_X\left(x_{n+1} \mid x_n, x_{n-1}, \dots, x_0\right) = f_X\left(x_{n+1} \mid x_n\right)$$

for all  $x_0, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}$  with  $n \geq 0$ , then we say  $X[n]$  is a **Markov** random sequence.

**Example:**

Consider the **Binomial** random sequence

$$S[n] = \sum_{k=1}^n X[k]$$

with  $X[n]$  being the Bernoulli random sequence. The Binomial random sequence is Markov since  $S[n]$  directly depends on  $S[n-1]$ , from the recursive relation

$$S[n] = S[n-1] + X[n].$$

**Remarks:**

- If the random sequence  $X[n]$  is Markov, the above relation can be generalized to

$$f_X\left(x_{n+k} \mid x_n, x_{n-1}, \dots, x_0\right) = f_X\left(x_{n+k} \mid x_n\right)$$

for all positive integer  $k$ .

- The Markov property allows us to specify a random sequence more efficiently.

We can find the  $N$ th order joint pdf for a Markov random sequence  $X[n]$  using

$$f_X\left(x_0, \dots, x_{N-1}\right) = f_X(x_0) \prod_{k=1}^{N-1} f_X(x_k \mid x_{k-1}).$$

We can see this from

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_X(x_0, \dots, x_{N-1}) &= \underbrace{f_X(x_{N-1} | x_0, \dots, x_{N-2})}_{f_X(x_{N-1} | x_{N-2})} \cdot f_X(x_0, \dots, x_{N-2}) \\
 &= f_X(x_{N-1} | x_{N-2}) f_X(x_{N-2} | x_{N-3} \dots x_0) f_X(x_0, \dots, x_{N-3}) \\
 &= \dots \\
 &= f_X(x_{N-1} | x_{N-2}) f_X(x_{N-2} | x_{N-3}) \dots f_X(x_1 | x_0) f_X(x_0),
 \end{aligned}$$

which is based on repeated use of conditioning and on the Markov property.

- The *discrete-valued* Markov random sequence is called **Markov chain**.

(2) **Definition (Markov Chain)**

A discrete-time **Markov chain** is a random sequence  $X[n]$  whose  $N$ th order conditional pmfs satisfy

$$P_X[x[n] | x[n-1], \dots, x[n-N]] = P_X[x[n] | x[n-1]]$$

for all  $n$ , and all integers  $N > 1$ . The value of  $X[n]$  at time  $n$  is called the **state** at time  $n$ .

- (3) We are particularly interested in the applications of Markov chains which have a finite state space, i.e.  $X[n]$  takes on a finite set of values, typically integer.

A state transition diagram can represent the transition probability matrix. Such a diagram shows the states, and the probabilities are represented by numbers on arrows between states.

**Example:**

Consider the Binomial counting process  $S[n] = \sum_{k=1}^n X[k]$ . In each step,  $S[n]$  can either stay the same or increase by one. The state transition matrix is given by

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-p & p & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 1-p & p & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 1-p & p & \dots \\ \dots & & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Example:**

Suppose  $X[n]$  is a finite state Markov chain taking on values from  $\{1, 2, \dots, M\}$ . The probability that  $X[n]$  is in state  $j$  at time  $n$  is

$$P_X[X[n] = j] = \sum_{i=1}^M \underbrace{P_X[X[n] = j | X[n-1] = i]}_{\triangleq p_{ij}} P_X[X[n-1] = i].$$

Writing it in a matrix representation, we have

$$\boxed{\mathbf{p}^T[n] = \mathbf{p}^T[n-1] \cdot \mathbf{P}_n} \quad (6)$$

where

$$\mathbf{p}[n] \triangleq \left[ P_X[X[n] = 1], \dots, P_X[X[n] = M] \right]^T$$

and the  $(i, j)$ th component of the matrix  $\mathbf{P}_n$  is

$$\mathbf{P}_n(i, j) = P_X[X[n] = j | X[n-1] = i] = p_{ij}.$$

The matrix  $\mathbf{P}_n$  is referred to as the **state transition matrix** (or **transition probability matrix**). If  $\mathbf{P}_n$  does not change over time, that is  $\mathbf{P}_n$  does not depend on the time instant  $n$ , we say  $X[n]$  is a **homogeneous** Markov chain.

- (4) For a homogeneous Markov chain  $X[n]$ , the state probability at time  $n$  can be given by

$$\mathbf{p}^T[n] = \mathbf{p}^T[0] \cdot \mathbf{P}^n,$$

which requires the knowledge of initial state probability  $\mathbf{p}[0]$ . If the matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  is symmetric, we can resort to eigenvalue decomposition to find  $\mathbf{P}^n$  efficiently. Otherwise, we may need to solve the difference equation (See p. 370 in textbook)

$$\mathbf{p}^T[n] = \mathbf{p}^T[n-1] \cdot \mathbf{P}.$$

- (5) The finite dimensional distributions of  $X[n]$  can be completely specified by the initial distribution  $\mathbf{p}[0]$  and the transition matrix  $\mathbf{P}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P_X \left[ x[n] = x_n, X[n-1] = x_{n-1}, \dots, X[0] = x_0 \right] \\ = P_X \left[ X[n] = x_n | X[n-1] = x_{n-1} \right] \cdots P_X \left[ X[1] = x_1 | X[0] = x_0 \right] \\ \times P \left[ X[0] = x_0 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

## 10 Convergence

We have seen that a random sequence is actually a sequence of functions (random variables).

Thus, before plunging into the convergence concepts of random sequences, we need to review the basic definitions of the convergence of a sequence of numbers and a sequence of functions.

### (1) Definition (Convergence of A Sequence of Numbers)

*A sequence of complex numbers  $x_n$  converges to the complex number  $x$  if given an  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists an integer  $n_0$  such that for  $n > n_0$ , we have*

$$|x_n - x| < \varepsilon.$$

*Notationally, we can write*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x \quad (\text{or } x_n \rightarrow x \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty).$$

### (2) Definition (Convergence of A Sequence of Functions)

*The sequence of functions  $f_n(x)$  converges to the function  $f(x)$  if the sequence of complex numbers  $f_n(x_0)$  converges to  $f(x_0)$  for each  $x_0$ .*

# 11 Convergence of Random Sequences

## (1) Definition (Almost-Sure Convergence)

The random sequence  $X[n]$  converges **almost surely** to the random variable  $X$  if the sequence  $X[n, \varepsilon]$  converges  $X[\varepsilon]$  for all  $\varepsilon \in \Omega$  except possibly on a set of probability 0.

### Example:

Consider a sample space  $\Omega = [0, 1]$ , the closed interval between 0 and 1. Assume that each sample point  $\varepsilon \in \Omega$  has a uniform distribution. Then, the random sequence

$$X[n, \varepsilon] = \exp(-n^2(\varepsilon - n))$$

converges to  $X = 0$  almost surely.

## (2) Definition (Mean-square Convergence)

A random sequence  $X[n]$  converges in the **mean-square sense** to the random variable  $X$  if

$$E[|X[n] - X|^2] = 0$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

### Remarks:

The convergence in mean square sense has the physical concept of power.

## (3) Definition (Convergence in Probability)

A random sequence  $X[n]$  converges **in probability** to the random variable  $X$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P[|X[n] - X| > \varepsilon] = 0.$$

### Remarks:

- Convergence in mean square sense implies the convergence in probability. This can be shown by the Chebyshev inequality.
- Convergence almost surely implies convergence in probability.

**Example:**

**(Difference between a.s. convergence and convergence in prob.)**

Let the sample space be the closed interval  $\Omega = [0, 1]$  with the uniform probability distribution. Define the sequence as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} X[1, s] &= s + I_{[0,1]}(s), & (\text{group 1}) \\ X[2, s] &= s + I_{[0,1/2]}(s), & X[3, s] = s + I_{[1/2,1]}(s), & (\text{group 2}) \\ X[4, s] &= s + I_{[0,1/3]}(s), & X[5, s] = s + I_{[1/3,2/3]}(s), & X[6, s] = s + I_{[2/3,1]}(s), \\ X[7, s] &= s + I_{[0,1/4]}(s), & X[8, s] = s + I_{[1/4,2/4]}(s), & \dots \\ & \vdots \end{aligned}$$

Define a random variable  $X$  as  $X(s) = s$ .

- Considering any sample sequence generated by picking a sample point  $s$  in  $\Omega$ , say  $s = 3/8$ . It is clear that  $X[n]$  does not converge to  $X$  with probability one, since, for any sample point, there always exists one or two jumps in each group as  $n$  grows to a very large number. So, we do not see the concept of convergence of a regular (deterministic) sequence for every sample sequence.
- The random sequence  $X[n]$  does converge in probability. We have to examine the probability measure

$$P\left[|X[n] - X| > \alpha\right]$$

for any  $\alpha > 0$  as  $n$  approaches infinity.

Let  $n$  be the time instant located at the  $k$ th point of the  $l$ th group. Mathematically,

$$n = 1 + 2 + \dots + (l - 1) + k = \frac{l(l - 1)}{2} + k.$$

With this, we know

$$\begin{aligned} X[n] &= s + I_{[\frac{k-1}{l}, \frac{k}{l}]}(s), & \text{yielding} \\ X[n] - X &= I_{[\frac{k-1}{l}, \frac{k}{l}]}(s). \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$P[|X[n] - X| > \alpha] = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } s \notin [\frac{k-1}{l}, \frac{k}{l}] \text{ for any } \alpha > 0; \\ 0, & \text{if } s \in [\frac{k-1}{l}, \frac{k}{l}] \text{ for } \alpha > s; \\ 1/l, & \text{if } s \in [\frac{k-1}{l}, \frac{k}{l}] \text{ for } 0 < \alpha < s. \end{cases}$$

As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we see the above probability goes to zero.