

**Given:**  $x(t)$  is a real-valued 0-mean WSS random process (RP).

**With:** Autocorrelation  $R_x(\tau) = E[x(t)x(t \pm \tau)]$  for any *time*  $t$ ,

**Note:**  $x(t)$  0-mean  $\rightarrow R_x(\tau) = K_x(\tau)$  = covariance func. & lag  $\tau$ .

**WSS:**  $E[x(t)x(s)] = R_x(t-s)$ ; not function of  $t$  and  $s$  separately.

**DEF: Power spectral density** (PSD)  $S_x(\omega)$  is defined as:

$$S_x(\omega) = \mathcal{F}\{R_x(\tau)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R_x(\tau) e^{-j\omega\tau} d\tau = 2 \int_0^{\infty} R_x(\tau) \cos(\omega\tau) d\tau.$$

$$R_x(\tau) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{S_x(\omega)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_x(\omega) e^{j\omega\tau} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} = \int_0^{\infty} S_x(\omega) \cos(\omega\tau) \frac{d\omega}{\pi}.$$

**Assume:**  $x(t)$  is 2nd-order process:  $E[x(t)^2] < \infty$  (except: white).

### Properties of Power Spectral Density

1.  $x(t)$  real  $\rightarrow R_x(\tau) = R_x(-\tau) \rightarrow S_x(\omega) = S_x(-\omega)$  is real:  
 $\mathcal{F}\{\text{real, even function}\} = \text{real, even function} \rightarrow \text{cosine xform.}$

2.  $R_x(\tau)$  is *positive semidefinite*  $\Leftrightarrow S_x(\omega) \geq 0$ :

$$\sigma_{y(t)=\int f(t)x(t)dt}^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) R_x(t-s) f^*(s) dt ds \geq 0.$$

**Proof:**  $\Rightarrow$ : Suppose  $\exists \omega_o$  so that  $S_x(\omega_o) < 0$ . Let  $f(t) = e^{j\omega_o t}$ .

**Then:**  $\sigma_y^2 = \int \int e^{j\omega_o t} R_x(t-s) e^{-j\omega_o s} dt ds = S_x(\omega_o) \cdot \infty < 0$ .

**Proof:**  $\Leftarrow$ : For any real  $f(t)$ , write  $f(t) = \int F(\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega$ .

**Then:**  $\sigma_y^2 = \int |F(\omega)|^2 S_x(\omega) d\omega \geq 0$  using Parseval twice.

**Note:** Much simpler in the frequency domain! (just nonnegative)

3. See table of properties on p.471 of Stark and Woods.

4. *Average power*  $= E[x(t)^2] = \sigma_{x(t)}^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_x(\omega) d\omega$ .

**Note:** “Power” is the *tendency* of random  $|x(t)|$  to be large:  
 Larger variance  $\rightarrow$  broader pdf  $\rightarrow$  RV tends to be larger.

**EX:** Let  $v(t)$  = random voltage across a resistor  $R = 1\Omega$ .

Average power  $= E[v(t)^2]$ ; large despite  $E[v(t)] = 0$ .

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(LTI) SYSTEM OUTPUT WITH WSS PROCESS INPUT

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1. LTI system; impulse response  $h(t): \delta(t) \rightarrow \overline{|h(t)|} \rightarrow h(t)$
2. LTI system has transfer function  $H(\omega) = \mathcal{F}\{\overline{h(t)}\}$ :  
 $\cos(\omega t) \rightarrow \overline{|h(t)|} \rightarrow |H(\omega)| \cos(\omega t + \text{ARG}[H(\omega)])$
3. WSS random processes:  $x(t) \rightarrow \overline{|h(t)|} \rightarrow y(t)$
4. IMPORTANT FORMULA:  $S_y(\omega) = |H(\omega)|^2 S_x(\omega)$ .

**From:** Take  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $R_y(\tau) = \int \int h(u)h(v)R_x(\tau - u + v)du dv$ .

**Note:** Compare to random vectors:  $y = Ax \rightarrow K_y = AK_x A^T$ .

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**EX:**  $x(t) \rightarrow \overline{\left| \frac{dy}{dt} + ay(t) = x(t) \right|} \rightarrow y(t)$ ,  $a > 0$  so stable.  
 $x(t)$  is a 0-mean uncorrelated WSS RP. What is  $S_y(\omega)$ ?

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1. 0-mean WSS uncorrelated  $\rightarrow R_x(\tau) = \delta(\tau) \rightarrow S_x(\omega) = 1$ .  
(Assume WLOG that the area under impulse is unity.)
  - 2a. **Impulse response:**  $h(t) = e^{-at}$  for  $t \geq 0$ ; 0 otherwise.
  - 2b. **Transfer function:**  $H(\omega) = \mathcal{F}\{h(t)\} = 1/(j\omega + a)$ .
  3.  $S_y(\omega) = |1/(j\omega + a)|^2 \cdot 1 = 1/(\omega^2 + a^2)$ .
  4.  $R_y(\tau) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\omega^2 + a^2} e^{j\omega\tau} d\omega = \frac{1}{2a} e^{-a|\tau|}$ .
  5.  $\sigma_{y(t)}^2 = E[y(t)^2] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\omega^2 + a^2} d\omega = R_y(0) = \frac{1}{2a}$
  6.  $x(t)$  Gaussian  $\rightarrow y(t)$  Gaussian  $\rightarrow f_{y(t)}(Y) \sim N(0, \frac{1}{2a})$ .
  7. See p. 487 of Stark and Woods for more details.
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**EX:**  $x(t)$  Gaussian;  $a = 5$ .  $Pr[1 < x(5) < 2 \& 3 < x(6) < 4] = ?$

**Soln:**  $Pr = \int_1^2 \int_3^4 \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det[K]}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}[X_5, X_6]K^{-1}[X_5, X_6]'} dX_6 dX_5$

**where:**  $K = \frac{1}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & e^{-5} \\ e^{-5} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \det[K] = 0.01(1 - e^{-10})$ .

**Def:** A 0-mean WSS RP  $x(t)$  is a *white* process if  $S_x(\omega) = \sigma^2$  for some positive constant  $\sigma^2 > 0$ .

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**Comments on White Processes:**

1. All frequencies  $\omega$  equally represented  $\rightarrow$  "white" process:  
Red+orange+yellow+green+blue+violet+others=white  
if all colors (even not listed) present in equal strengths.
2.  $R_x(\tau) = \sigma^2 \delta(\tau)$ ;  $x(t)$  is an *uncorrelated* process.
3. Power= $R_x(0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sigma^2 d\omega \rightarrow \infty!$  (impulse at  $\tau = 0$ ).
  - a. *Infinite* power  $\rightarrow$  white process cannot exist physically!
  - b. NOT a 2nd-order process. Still: often used in models.
4. Implications of *continuous-time uncorrelated RP*:
  - a. Knowledge of  $x(7)$  does not help you predict  $x(7.000001)$ ;
  - b. Typical sample function (realization) of a white RP:  
 $\sim$ scatter plot (dust sprinkled on figure with  $t$  axis).
  - c. Takes *infinite power* to be able to move from  $x(7)$   
to different value  $x(7.000001)$  in *almost-zero* time.

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**So What Good are White RPs If They Don't Exist?**

- 1a. In modelling: Usually pass white  $x(t)$  through LTI system.
- 1b. Real-life systems have finite bandwidth:  $\lim_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} |H(\omega)| = 0$ .
- 1c. So  $S_x(\omega)$  *doesn't matter* for large  $\omega$ : gets filtered anyway.  
White input and bandlimited white input  $\rightarrow$  same output.
2. A 2nd-order 0-mean WSS RP  $x(t)$  can be modelled as:

white RP  $\rightarrow \overline{|H(\omega) = \sqrt{S_x(\omega)}|} \rightarrow x(t)$ . OR:  $H(\omega)$  causal.

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$$H(s) = \frac{\prod (s+z_i)(s+z_i^*)}{\prod (s+p_i)(s+p_i^*)} \rightarrow S_x(\omega) = \frac{\prod (\omega^2+z_i^2)(\omega^2+z_i^{*2})}{\prod (\omega^2+p_i^2)(\omega^2+p_i^{*2})} = \frac{\prod |\omega^2+z_i^2|^2}{\prod |\omega^2+p_i^2|^2}.$$

**using:**  $(j\omega+z)(-j\omega+z)(j\omega+z^*)(-j\omega+z^*) = (\omega^2+z^2)(\omega^2+z^{*2})$ .

$$1. x(t) \rightarrow \overline{|H(\omega)|} \rightarrow y(t), \quad H(\omega) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } 3 \leq |\omega| \leq 3.001; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$2. \text{ Then } S_y(\omega) = \begin{cases} S_x(\omega) \approx S_x(3), & \text{if } 3 \leq |\omega| \leq 3.001; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

3. Then the average power  $E[y(t)^2]$  in output  $y(t)$  is:

$$E[y(t)^2] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_y(\omega) d\omega = \frac{2}{2\pi} \int_3^{3.001} S_x(\omega) d\omega \approx \frac{0.001}{\pi} S_x(3).$$

4. **Interpretation:**  $S_x(3)$  is the average power per unit bilateral bandwidth in  $x(t)$  at  $\omega = 3$ :

a. **Bilateral:** components at both  $\omega = 3$  and  $\omega = -3$ ;

b.  $\frac{2\Delta}{2\pi} S_x(\omega_o)$  is the average power in random process  $x(t)$  in the frequency band of width  $\Delta$ :  $\omega_o \leq \omega \leq \omega_o + \Delta$ .

c. **Units:**  $x(t)$  volts  $\rightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi} S_x(\omega) \frac{\text{volts}^2}{\text{rad/sec}}$ ;  $S_x(f) \frac{\text{volts}^2}{\text{Hertz}}$ .

5.  $S_x(\omega)$  must be multiplied by frequency to get power in a frequency band; it is a power spectral **density**:

a. •  $S_x(\omega_o) \frac{2\Delta}{2\pi} = \text{Power in } [\omega_o \leq \omega \leq \omega_o + \Delta]$ .

b. •  $S_x(f_o) 2\Delta = \text{Power in } [f_o \leq f \leq f_o + \Delta]$ .

c. **Compare:**  $f_x(X)\Delta = \text{Pr}[X \leq x \leq X + \Delta]$ .

6. This interpretation makes the following evident:

a.  $S_x(\omega) \geq 0$ : otherwise power in some frequency band would be negative! **Compare to:**  $f_x(X) \geq 0$ .

b. Total average power  $= E[x(t)^2] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_x(f) df$ .

**Compare to:** Total probability  $= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_x(X) dX = 1$ .

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1. Recall we can *decorrelate* a random N-vector  $x$  as follows:
    - a. Covariance matrix  $K_x$  has  $N$  eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  and eigenvectors  $\phi_i, i = 1 \dots N$ , where  $K_x \phi_i = \lambda_i \phi_i$ .
    - b. Let  $A = [\phi_1 \dots \phi_N]^T$  (don't forget transpose!) and  $y = Ax$ . Then:  $y_i = \phi_i^T x = \phi_i \cdot x = \sum_{j=1}^N (\phi_i)_j x_j$ .
    - c. Then  $K_y = AK_x A^T = \text{DIAG}[\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_N]$  and then  $E[y_i y_j] = \lambda_i \delta(i - j) \rightarrow \{y_i\}$  have been decorrelated.
    - d.  $y = Ax \rightarrow x = A^T y \rightarrow x = \sum_{i=1}^N y_i \phi_i$ :  
 $x = \text{sum of uncorrelated RVs} \times \text{eigenvectors}$ .
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2. Now try this for 2nd-order 0-mean WSS processes:
  - a. Eigenfunctions of LTI systems:  $\phi(t) = e^{j\omega t}$ : Means
  - b.  $e^{j\omega t} \rightarrow \overline{H(\omega)} \rightarrow H(\omega) e^{j\omega t} = |H(\omega)| e^{(j\omega t + \text{ARG}[H(\omega)])}$ .
3.  $x(t)$  is a real-valued 2nd-order 0-mean WSS process.
  - a. Define RVs  $X(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt$ , for all  $\omega$ .
  - b. Then  $\{X(\omega)\}$  are *uncorrelated random variables*:

$$E[X(\omega_1) X^*(\omega_2)] = 2\pi S_x(\omega_1) \delta(\omega_1 - \omega_2).$$

4. Spectral interpretation of 2nd-order WSS RPs:

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(\omega) e^{j\omega t} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} : \int \text{uncorrelated RVs} \times \text{eigenfunctions}.$$

5. We have for *finite but large*  $T$  and interval  $[-\frac{T}{2}, \frac{T}{2}]$ :

$$\mathbf{K-L:} \quad x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x_n \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} e^{j2\pi n t / T}, \quad |t| \leq T/2 \rightarrow \infty,$$

$$\mathbf{where:} \quad x_n = \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} e^{-j2\pi n t / T} dt \text{ for integers } n.$$

$$\mathbf{Then:} \quad E[x_i x_j] = S_x(2\pi i / T) \delta(i - j) \rightarrow \{x_n\} \text{ uncorrelated.}$$

**DEF:** This is *Karhunen-Loeve expansion* for WSS processes.

**Works:**  $S_x(\omega) \approx 0$  for  $|\omega| > B \rightarrow \text{need } TB \gg 1$ .

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1.  $E[X(\omega_1)X^*(\omega_2)] = E[\int x(t)e^{-j\omega_1 t} dt \int x(s)e^{j\omega_2 s} ds] = \int \int E[x(t)x(s)]e^{-j(\omega_1 t - \omega_2 s)} dt ds. E[x(t)x(s)] = R_x(t - s).$
  2. *Change variables:  $t, s \rightarrow \tau = t - s, z = t + s : |J| = 2.$*   

$$E[X(\omega_1)X^*(\omega_2)] = \int \int R_x(\tau)e^{-j[\omega_1(\tau+z)+\omega_2(\tau-z)]/2} \frac{d\tau dz}{2}$$

$$= \int R_x(\tau)e^{-j(\frac{\omega_1+\omega_2}{2})\tau} d\tau \int e^{-j(\frac{\omega_1-\omega_2}{2})z} (\frac{dz}{2}) [\mathcal{F}\{1\} = 2\pi\delta(\omega)]$$

$$= 2\pi S_x(\frac{\omega_1+\omega_2}{2}) \delta(\omega_1 - \omega_2) = 2\pi S_x(\omega_1)\delta(\omega_1 - \omega_2). \text{ QED.}$$
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### Gaussian RPs and The Distribution of $X(\omega)$

1. Let  $x(t)$  be Gaussian RP  $\rightarrow X(\omega)$  Gaussian RVs:
    - a.  $Re[X(\omega)]$  and  $Im[X(\omega)]$  are Gaussian RVs;
    - b.  $|X(\omega)|$  Rayleigh RVs;  $ARG[X(\omega)]$  uniform RVs.  
**Rayleigh pdf:**  $f_z(Z) = \frac{Z}{\sigma^2} e^{-Z^2/(2\sigma^2)}, Z \geq 0.$  p. 138.
  - 2a. **Physical** Let  $H(\omega) = \delta(\omega - \omega_o) + \delta(\omega + \omega_o)$ :  
**interpretation:**  $H(\omega)$  passes ONLY frequency  $\omega_o$ .
    - b.  $x(t) \rightarrow \overline{|H(\omega)|} \rightarrow y(t); H(\omega)$  narrowband.
  3. All possible sample functions of RP  $x(t)$  are filtered.
    - a.  $y(t) = A \cos(\omega_o t) + B \sin(\omega_o t)$  for RVs  $A, B.$
    - b. Jointly Gaussian RVs  $A, B \sim N(0, S_x(\omega_o)\pi\infty).$
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**REF:** Papoulis, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. (1991), pp. 416-418.

- Let:**  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$  be real-valued 0-mean *jointly* WSS RPs.  
**with:** Cross-correlation  $R_{xy}(\tau) = E[x(t)y(t - \tau)]$  for any  $t$ .  
**Means:**  $E[x(t)y(s)] = R_{xy}(t - s)$ ; jointly WSS  $\rightarrow$  not  $t, s$  separately.  
**Def:** The *Cross-Spectral Density*  $S_{xy}(\omega)$  is defined as:  
 $S_{xy}(\omega) = \mathcal{F}\{R_{xy}(\tau)\}$ ;  $R_{xy}(\tau) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{S_{xy}(\omega)\}$ .
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### Properties of The Cross-Spectral Density

1.  $R_{yx}(\tau) = R_{xy}(-\tau) \rightarrow S_{yx}(\omega) = S_{xy}(-\omega) = S_{xy}^*(\omega)$ .
2.  $S_{xy}(\omega)$ , unlike  $S_x(\omega)$ , is *not* a real or even function.
3. WSS random processes:  $x(t) \rightarrow \overline{H(\omega)} \rightarrow y(t)$

FORMULA:  $S_{yx}(\omega) = H(\omega)S_x(\omega)$  (note  $S_{yx}$ , not  $S_{xy}$ ):  
 Take  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $R_{yx}(\tau) = \int h(u)R_x(\tau - u)du$ .

4. From #1 and #3 we have  $S_{xy}(\omega) = H^*(\omega)S_x(\omega)$ .
  5. Exchange  $x(t), y(t)$  and replace  $H(\omega)$  with  $\frac{1}{H(\omega)}$ :  
 $S_{yx}(\omega) = \frac{1}{H^*(\omega)}S_y(\omega) \rightarrow S_y(\omega) = |H(\omega)|^2 S_x(\omega)$ !
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### Example of Cross-Spectral Density

Let  $x(t) \rightarrow \overline{F(\omega)} \rightarrow y(t)$  and  $x(t) \rightarrow \overline{G(\omega)} \rightarrow z(t)$

Compute the cross-spectral density  $S_{yz}(\omega)$ . **Solution:**

1.  $x(t), y(t), z(t)$  are real-valued 0-mean jointly WSS RPs.
2.  $y(t) = \int f(u)x(t - u)du$  and  $z(s) = \int g(v)x(s - v)dv \rightarrow$
3.  $E[y(t)z(s)] = \int \int f(u)g(v)E[x(t - u)x(s - v)]du dv \rightarrow$   
 $R_{yz}(t - s) = \int \int f(u)g(v)R_x(t - s - u + v)du dv \rightarrow$   
 $S_{yz}(\omega) = F(\omega)G^*(\omega)S_x(\omega)$ . Neat formula! (I think so)
4. Passbands of  $F(\omega)$  and  $G(\omega)$  don't overlap  $\rightarrow R_{yz}(\tau) = 0$ .  
 $y(t)$  and  $z(t)$  (different frequency components of  $x(t)$ )  
 are *uncorrelated*  $\rightarrow$  spectral interpretation of WSS RPs.

**Infinite Smoothing Filter for Signal in Noise:**

1.  $y(t), x(t), v(t)$  are 2nd-order 0-mean jointly WSS RPs.
    - a. Observe  $y(t) = x(t) + v(t)$  where  $E[x(t)v(s)] = 0$ .
    - b.  $x(t)$ =signal,  $v(t)$ =noise,  $y(t)$ =noisy data.
  2. We have the following (cross)covariance functions:
    - a.  $R_{xy} = E[x(t)y(s)] = E[x(t)(x(s) + v(s))] = R_x$ .
    - b.  $R_y = E[(x(t) + v(t))(x(s) + v(s))] = R_x + R_v$ .
  3. GOAL: Compute LLSE of  $x(t)$  from  $\{y(s), -\infty < s < \infty\}$ .  
 NOTE:  $x(t), v(t)$  jointly Gaussian RPs  $\rightarrow \hat{x}_{LLSE} = \hat{x}_{LS}$ .
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4. LEMMA: 0-mean *uncorrelated*  $\{x(i)\}$  and  $\{v(i)\}$ .  
 Observe  $y(n) = x(n) + v(n)$  where  $E[x(i)v(j)] = 0$ .

Then LLSE of  $x(i)$  from  $\{y(j), -\infty < j < \infty\}$  is

$$\hat{x} = K_{xy}K_y^{-1}y = K_x(K_x + K_v)^{-1}y$$

$$= \text{DIAG}[\sigma_{x(i)}^2] \text{DIAG}[\sigma_{x(i)}^2 + \sigma_{v(i)}^2]^{-1}y$$

$$\rightarrow \hat{x}(i) = \frac{\sigma_{x(i)}^2}{\sigma_{x(i)}^2 + \sigma_{v(i)}^2} y(i) \text{ where } y = \text{vector of } \{y(j)\}.$$

Problem *decouples* since the  $\{y(j)\}$  are uncorrelated.

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5. Write  $x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(\omega)e^{j\omega t} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi}$ ; write  $y(t), v(t)$  similarly.  
 Apply LEMMA to RVs  $X(\omega), Y(\omega), V(\omega)$ . **Solution:**

$$y(t) \rightarrow \frac{S_x(\omega)}{S_x(\omega) + S_v(\omega)} \rightarrow \hat{x}(t).$$

6. Comments:
  - a. More insightful than Recitation derivation!
  - b. Shows significance of decorrelation=prewhitening:  
 Eliminates need to compute  $K_y^{-1}$  (saves much work).
  - c. See Stark and Woods p. 553 for more details.