

# Chapter 10 in Miller and Childers

Consider a continuous time WSS process  $\{X(t)\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$  with ACF  $R_{XX}(\tau)$ .

**DEF**

The PSD is the Fourier transform of the ACF  

$$S_{XX}(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-j2\pi f\tau} R_{XX}(\tau) d\tau = (\mathcal{F} R_{XX})(f), f \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**Fact**

By the inversion formula it follows that

$$R_{XX}(\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{j2\pi f\tau} S_{XX}(f) df = (\mathcal{F}^{-1} S_{XX})(\tau).$$

**Example**

Recall that  $X(t) = A \sin(\omega_0 t + \Theta)$  with  $\omega_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  a constant and  $A$  and  $\Theta$  independent random variables with  $\Theta$  unif  $[0, 2\pi]$  has  $R_{XX}(\tau) = \frac{1}{2} E(A^2) \cos(\omega_0 \tau)$  which gives  $S_{XX}(f) = \frac{1}{4} E(A^2) (\delta(f - \omega_0/2\pi) + \delta(f + \omega_0/2\pi))$  by "the backway" method.

**Example**

One common ACF (it turns out) is  $R_{XX}(\tau) = e^{-\alpha|\tau|}$  has  $S_{XX}(f) = \frac{2\alpha}{\alpha^2 + 4\pi^2 f^2}$  since

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-j2\pi f\tau} e^{-\alpha|\tau|} d\tau &= \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-(\alpha + j2\pi f)\tau} d\tau + \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{(\alpha - j2\pi f)\tau} d\tau \\ &= \left[ \frac{e^{-(\alpha + j2\pi f)\tau}}{-\alpha - j2\pi f} \right]_0^{+\infty} + \left[ \frac{e^{(\alpha - j2\pi f)\tau}}{\alpha - j2\pi f} \right]_{-\infty}^0 = \frac{1}{\alpha + j2\pi f} + \frac{1}{\alpha - j2\pi f} \end{aligned}$$

From this in turn one can conclude without calculation that  $R_{XX}(\tau) = \frac{2\alpha}{\alpha^2 + 4\pi^2 \tau^2}$  has  $S_{XX}(f) = e^{-\alpha|f|}$ .

For a discrete time WSS process  $\{X(n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  with ACF  $R_{XX}(k)$  the PSD is given by  $S_{XX}(f) = \mathcal{F}\{R_{XX}(k)\} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-j2\pi f k} R_{XX}(k)$  for  $f \in [-1/2, 1/2]$ .

By Fourier series technique it follows that  $R_{XX}(k) = \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} e^{j2\pi f k} S_{XX}(f) df$ .

Properties  $S_{XX}(f) \geq 0$  (non-negative)

$$S_{XX}(f) = S_{XX}(-f)$$

$S_{XX}(f)$  is real

$$E\{X^2(t)\} = \begin{cases} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} S_{XX}(f) df & \text{continuous time} \\ \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} S_{XX}(f) df & \text{discrete time} \end{cases}$$

Proof

The first property is very hard to prove while the fourth is by inspection of the inversion formula. In continuous time we further have

$$S_{XX}(-f) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{j2\pi f \tau} R_{XX}(\tau) d\tau = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-j2\pi f \tau} R_{XX}(-\tau) d\tau = S_{XX}(f)$$

$$\overline{S_{XX}(f)} = S_{XX}(-f) = S_{XX}(f) \quad \#$$

DEF

The crossspectral density  $S_{XY}(f)$  between two jointly WSS processes  $X(t)$  and  $Y(t)$  is defined as  $S_{XY}(f) = \mathcal{F}\{R_{XY}(\tau)\}$  where  $R_{XY}(\tau) = E\{X(t)Y(t+\tau)\}$ .

The bandwidth of a process is a certain measure of the width of the graph of  $S_{XX}(f)$ , for example, the width of the 3dB-zone. There are several ways to measure bandwidth.

Note WSS  $X(t)$  and  $Y(t)$  are jointly WSS if  $R_{XY}(t, t+\tau)$  does not depend on  $t$ .

Given an observation  $(X(t))_{t \in [-t_0, t_0]}$  of a WSS process  $X(t)$  it is natural to estimate (based on ergodicity in the autocorrelation)

$$\hat{R}_{XX}(\tau) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2t_0 - |\tau|} \int_{-t_0 + |\tau|/2}^{t_0 - |\tau|/2} X(t - \frac{|\tau|}{2}) X(t + \frac{|\tau|}{2}) dt & \text{for } |\tau| < 2t_0 \\ 0 & \text{for } |\tau| \geq 2t_0 \end{cases}$$

In reality it turns out that it is suitable to damp the estimate of  $\hat{R}_{XX}(\tau)$  for big  $|\tau|$  (close to  $2t_0$  as they are more uncertain than others because based on fewer data) so one uses  $\hat{R}_{XX}^{(w)}(\tau) = w(\tau) \hat{R}_{XX}(\tau)$

where  $|w(\tau)| \leq 1$  is a so called windowing function.

The most commonly used windowing function is  $w(\tau) = \text{tri}\left(\frac{\tau}{2t_0}\right) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{|\tau|}{2t_0} & |\tau| < 2t_0 \\ 0 & |\tau| \geq 2t_0 \end{cases}$

which in turn leads to the most commonly used ACF-estimate

$$\hat{R}_{XX}^{(w)}(\tau) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2t_0} \int_{-t_0 + |\tau|/2}^{t_0 - |\tau|/2} X(t - \frac{|\tau|}{2}) X(t + \frac{|\tau|}{2}) dt & |\tau| < 2t_0 \\ 0 & |\tau| \geq 2t_0 \end{cases}$$

To estimate  $S_{XX}(f)$  one simply uses

$$\hat{S}_{XX}^{(w)}(f) = \left( \int \hat{R}_{XX}^{(w)}(\tau) e^{-j2\pi f\tau} d\tau \right)$$

The most commonly used PSD-estimate becomes

$$\hat{S}_{XX}^{(tri)}(f) = (\mathcal{F} \hat{R}_{XX}^{(tri)})(f).$$

We have the following useful result:

**THM**  $\hat{S}_{XX}^{(tri)}(f) = \frac{1}{2T_0} |\mathcal{X}_{T_0}(f)|^2$  where

$$\mathcal{X}_{T_0}(f) = (\mathcal{F} \mathcal{X}_{T_0})(f) = \int_{-T_0}^{T_0} e^{-j2\pi ft} x(t) dt.$$

**DEF**  $\frac{1}{2T_0} |\mathcal{X}_{T_0}(f)|^2$  is called the periodogram and denoted  $\hat{S}_{XX}^{(per)}(f)$ .

**Proof**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2T_0} |\mathcal{X}_{T_0}(f)|^2 &= \frac{1}{2T_0} \mathcal{F} [\mathcal{X}_{T_0}(\tau) * \mathcal{X}_{T_0}(-\tau)](f) \\ &= \frac{1}{2T_0} \mathcal{F} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \mathcal{X}_{T_0}(u) \mathcal{X}_{T_0}(u-\tau) du \right](f) \\ &= \frac{1}{2T_0} \mathcal{F} \left[ \int_{-T_0}^{T_0} \mathcal{X}_{T_0}(u) \mathcal{X}_{T_0}(u-\tau) du \right](f) \\ &= \frac{1}{2T_0} \mathcal{F} \left[ \int_{-T_0+T_0/2}^{T_0-T_0/2} x(t-T_0/2) x(t+T_0/2) dt \right](f) \\ &= (\mathcal{F} \hat{R}_{XX}^{(tri)})(f) = \hat{S}_{XX}^{(tri)}(f) \quad \# \end{aligned}$$

The above mentioned method to estimate PSD is called non-parametric because it does not assume any advance knowledge about the process at hand whatsoever.

Now let  $\{e[n]\}_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty}$  be IID zero-mean with variance  $\sigma^2$  (= discrete white noise) and consider the process  $\{X[n]\}_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty}$  given by

$$Y[n] = \sum_{i=1}^p a_i Y[n-i] + \sum_{i=0}^q b_i e[n-i]$$

where  $e[n]$  independent of earlier  $Y[n]$

This process is called an ARMA(p,q)-process.

When  $p=0$  it is called an MA(q)-process and

when  $q=1$  it is called an AR(p)-process.

Let us study the AR(1)-process

$$Y[n] = a_1 Y[n-1] + e_n$$

We will see in Ch 11 that  $Y$  is WSS so

$$R_{YY}(0) = E(Y[n]^2) = E((a_1 Y[n-1] + e_n)^2) = a_1^2 R_{YY}(0) + \sigma^2$$

so that  $R_{YY}(0) = \frac{\sigma^2}{1-a_1^2}$ . Further

$$\begin{aligned} R_{YY}(k) &= E(Y[n]Y[n+k]) \quad \text{for } k \geq 1 \\ &= E(Y[n](a_1 Y[n+k-1] + e_{n+k-1})) = a_1 R_{YY}(k-1) \end{aligned}$$

which is a difference equation with solution

$$R_{YY}(k) = a_1^{|k|} R_{YY}(0) = a_1^{|k|} \frac{\sigma^2}{1-a_1^2}$$

Now we can do estimates  $\hat{a}_1$  and  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  of  $a_1$  and  $\sigma^2$  from  $R_{YY}(0)$  and  $R_{YY}(1)$  through

$$\hat{R}_{YY}(0) = \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{1-\hat{a}_1^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{R}_{YY}(1) = \hat{a}_1 \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{1-\hat{a}_1^2}$$

and then do a parametric estimate of

$$S_{XX}(f) = \frac{\sigma^2}{|1 - a_1 e^{-j2\pi f}|^2}$$

with

$$\hat{S}_{XX}(f) = \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{|1 - \hat{a}_1 e^{-j2\pi f}|^2} \quad \text{see Ch 11 for proof of this } S_{XX}(f) \text{ formula}$$

**DEF**

White noise is a WSS (possibly Gaussian) process  $X(t)$  with constant PSD  $S_{XX}(f) = N_0/2$ .

Going the "backway" we realize that  $X(t)$  must have ACF  $R_{XX}(\tau) = N_0/2 \delta(\tau)$  in both discrete and continuous time.