

# Hsu Section 6.3C-6.5: PSD's, white noise & LTI

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

**[DEF]**

The PSD is the Fourier transform of the ACF

$$S_X(w) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-jw\tau} R_X(\tau) d\tau = (\mathcal{F} R_X)(w), w \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Fact

By the inversion formula it follows that

$$R_X(\tau) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{jw\tau} S_X(w) dw = (\mathcal{F}^{-1} S_X)(\tau).$$

Example

Recall that  $X(t) = A \sin(w_0 t + \Theta)$  with  $w_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  a constant and  $A$  and  $\Theta$  independent random variables with  $\Theta \text{ Unif}[0, 2\pi]$  has  $R_X(\tau) = \frac{1}{2} E(A^2) \cos(w_0 \tau)$  which gives  $S_X(w) = \frac{\pi}{2} E(A^2) (\delta(w-w_0) + \delta(w+w_0))$  by "the "backward" method".

Example

One common ACF (it turns out) is  $R_X(\tau) = e^{-\alpha|\tau|}$  has  $S_X(w) = \frac{2\alpha}{\alpha^2 + w^2}$  since

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

From this in turn one can conclude with a bit of calculation that  $R_X(\tau) = \frac{2\alpha}{\alpha^2 + \tau^2}$  has  $S_X(w) = 2\pi e^{-\alpha|w|}$ .

For a discrete time WSS process  $\{X(n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  with ACF  $R_X(k)$  the PSD is given by

$$S_X(\omega) = (\mathcal{F}R_X)(\omega) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-j\omega k} R_X(k) \text{ for } \omega \in [-\pi, \pi].$$

By Fourier series technique it follows that

$$R_X(z) = (\mathcal{F}^{-1}S_X)(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{j\omega z} S_X(\omega) d\omega, z \in \mathbb{C}$$

Properties  $S_X(\omega) \geq 0$

$$S_X(\omega) = S_X(-\omega)$$

$S_X(\omega)$  is real

$$E(X(t)^2) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} S_X(\omega) d\omega & \text{continuous time} \\ \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{-\pi}^{\pi} S_X(\omega) d\omega & \text{discrete time} \end{cases}$$

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

$$S_X(-\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{j\omega t} R_X(t) dt = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-j\omega t} R_X(-t) dt = S_X(\omega)$$

$$\overline{S_X(\omega)} = S_X(-\omega) = S_X(\omega) \#$$

DEF

The crosspectral density  $S_{XY}(\omega)$  between two jointly WSS processes  $X(t)$  and  $Y(t)$  is defined as

$$S_{XY}(\omega) = (\mathcal{F}R_{XY})(\omega) \text{ where } R_{XY}(z) = E(X(t)Y(t+z)).$$

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.

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

Ex:

Now let  $\{e_n\}_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty}$  be IID zero-mean  
with variance  $\sigma^2$  ( $\equiv$  discrete white noise)  
and consider a process  $\{\bar{Y}_n\}_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty}$  given by

$$\bar{Y}_n = \sum_{i=1}^p a_i Y_{n-i} + \sum_{i=0}^q b_i e_{n-i}$$

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  $q=0$  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 Sec 6.5 that  $Y$  is WSS so

$$R_Y(0) = E(Y_n^2) = E((a_1 Y_{n-1} + e_n)^2) = a_1^2 R_Y(0) + \sigma^2$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} R_Y(k) &= E(Y_n Y_{n+k}) \\ &= E(Y_n (a_1 Y_{n+k-1} + e_{n+k})) = a_1 R_Y(k-1) \end{aligned}$$

which is a difference equation with solution

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

DEF

White noise is a WSS (possibly Gaussian)  
process  $X(t)$  with constant PSD  $S_X(\omega) = \sigma^2$ .

Going the "back way" we realize that  $X(t)$   
must have ACF  $R_X(\tau) = \sigma^2 \delta(\tau)$  in both  
discrete and continuous time.

## Section 6.5: LTI systems

[DEF]

A linear time invariant (LTI) system with in signal  $x(t)$  and out signal  $y(t) = (T x)(t)$  satisfies

- \*  $(T(\alpha x_1 + \beta x_2))(t) = \alpha(Tx_1)(t) + \beta(Tx_2)(t)$
- \*  $(T(x(\cdot - t_0)))(t) = (Tx)(t - t_0)$

[DEF]

The impulse response of an LTI system is  $h(t) = (T\delta)(t)$ .

[THM]

For an LTI system we have

$$(Tx)(t) = (h * x)(t) = \begin{cases} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} h(t-u)x(u)du & \text{continuous time} \\ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} h(t-k)x(k) & \text{discrete time} \end{cases}$$

Proof

(Discrete time) As  $x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} x(k)\delta(t-k)$  we have

$$(Tx)(t) = T\left(\sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} x(k)\delta(t-k)\right) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} x(k)T(\delta(t-k)) = (h * x)(t)$$

We will now use a WSS process  $\bar{x}(t)$  with mean  $M_{\bar{x}}$  and ACF  $R_{\bar{x}}(t)$  as in signal to an LTI system. For the out signal  $\bar{y}(t)$  we then obtain

$$M_y(t) = E(\bar{y}(t)) = E\left(\sum_{u=-\infty}^{+\infty} \bar{x}(u)h(t-u)\right) = \sum_{u=-\infty}^{+\infty} E(\bar{x}(u))h(t-u)du = M_{\bar{x}} \sum_{u=-\infty}^{+\infty} h(u)du$$

$$R_{\bar{y}}(t, t+r) = E(\bar{y}(t), \bar{y}(t+r)) = E\left(\left(\sum_{u=-\infty}^{+\infty} h(u)\bar{x}(t-u)du\right) \left(\sum_{v=-\infty}^{+\infty} h(v)\bar{x}(t+r-v)dv\right)\right)$$

$$= \sum_{u=-\infty}^{+\infty} \sum_{v=-\infty}^{+\infty} h(u)h(v)R_{\bar{x}}(r-v+u)du dv = (h(\cdot) * h * R_{\bar{x}})(r) = R_{\bar{y}}(r)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{XY}(t+\tau) &= E(X(t)Y(t+\tau)) = E\left(X(t)\sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} h(k)X(t-\tau+k)\right) \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} h(u)R_X(\tau-u)du = (h * R_X)(\tau)
 \end{aligned}$$

**Def** Frequency response (= transfer function)

$$H(\omega) = (\mathcal{F}h)(\omega) \quad \text{in both continuous and discrete time}$$

$$\text{It follows that } S_{Y\bar{Y}}(\omega) = |H(\omega)|^2 S_X(\omega),$$

$$S_{XY}(\omega) = H(\omega) S_X(\omega) \text{ and } S_{\bar{Y}X}(\omega) = \overline{H(\omega)} S_X(\omega)$$

Here we made use of the very important fact that  
 $(\mathcal{F}(f*g)) = (\mathcal{F}f)(\mathcal{F}g) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{F}(f(-\cdot)) = \overline{\mathcal{F}f}$

Ex: An AR(1)-process  $\bar{Y}(k) = a\bar{Y}(k-1) + e(k)$  where  $(e_k)_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty}$   
(cont) is white noise can be considered as an LTI system  
with insignal  $(e_k)_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty}$  and outsignal  $\bar{Y}(k)$  where  
 $H(\omega)e(\omega) = (\mathcal{F}(h * e))(\omega) = \bar{Y}(\omega) = a\sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-j\omega k} Y(k-1) + e(\omega)$   
 $= a\bar{e}^{-j\omega} \bar{Y}(\omega) + e(\omega) = a\bar{e}^{-j\omega} H(\omega)e(\omega) + e(\omega)$

$$\text{giving } H(\omega) = 1/(1 - a\bar{e}^{-j\omega}) \text{ so that}$$

$$S_{\bar{Y}\bar{Y}}(\omega) = |H(\omega)|^2 S_e(\omega) = \sigma^2 / (1 + a^2 - 2a\cos(\omega)).$$