

Stochastic Processes – agenda (Chap5)

□ Introduction

- Concept & classification
- Model identification

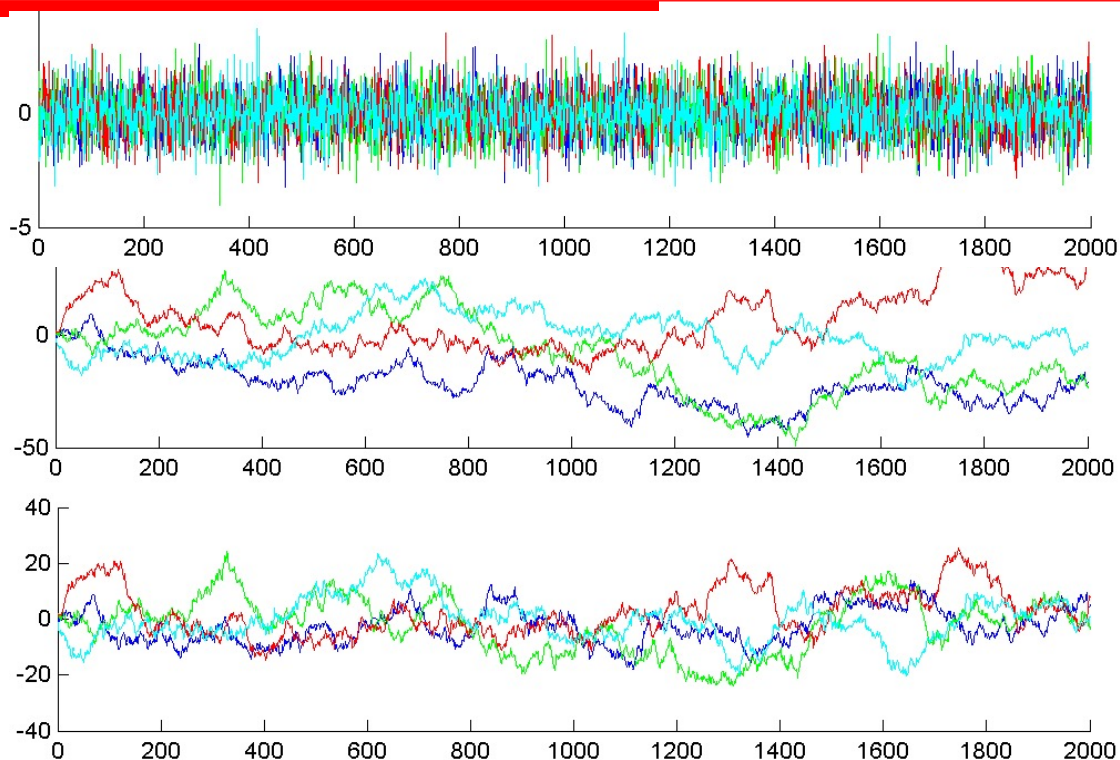
□ Examples

- White Noise
- Random bias
- Autoregressive/shaped white noise (Gauss-Markov)

□ Characteristics

- Auto-correlation (**AC**)
- Power Spectral Density (**PSD**)
- Allan Variance (**AV**) / Wavelet Variance (**WV**)

Random process – an example



Random processes – general concept

- ❑ **Association** of random variable(s) with a deterministic parameter (e.g. time)
- ❑ Stochastic **collection** – values depend on the outcome of an experiment
- ❑ Time is a **parameter**, but the process is ONLY LOOSELY/stochastic “function” of time
- ❑ Discrete or continuous

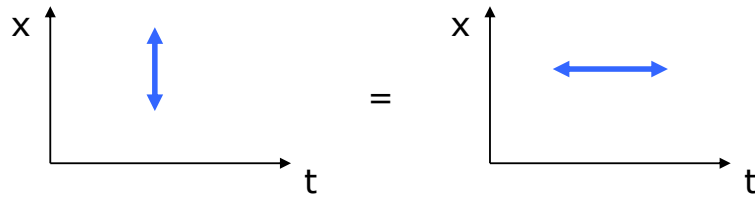
Random variable vs. random process

- ❑ Probability
 - Distribution
 - Density
- Characteristics

❑ Variables	❑ Processes
■ Moments	■ Autocorrelation func. (AC)
■ Characteristic function	■ Power spectral density (PSD)

Classification of random processes

□ By **ergodicity**



$$E(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T x(t) dt$$

$$E(x^2) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T x^2(t) dt$$

$$\varphi_{xx}(t_1, t_2) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T x(t_1) x(t_2) dt$$

Classification of random processes

□ By **stationarity**

- Characteristics = const.(t)
- Can be computed from "sample interval" (rather than absolute time)

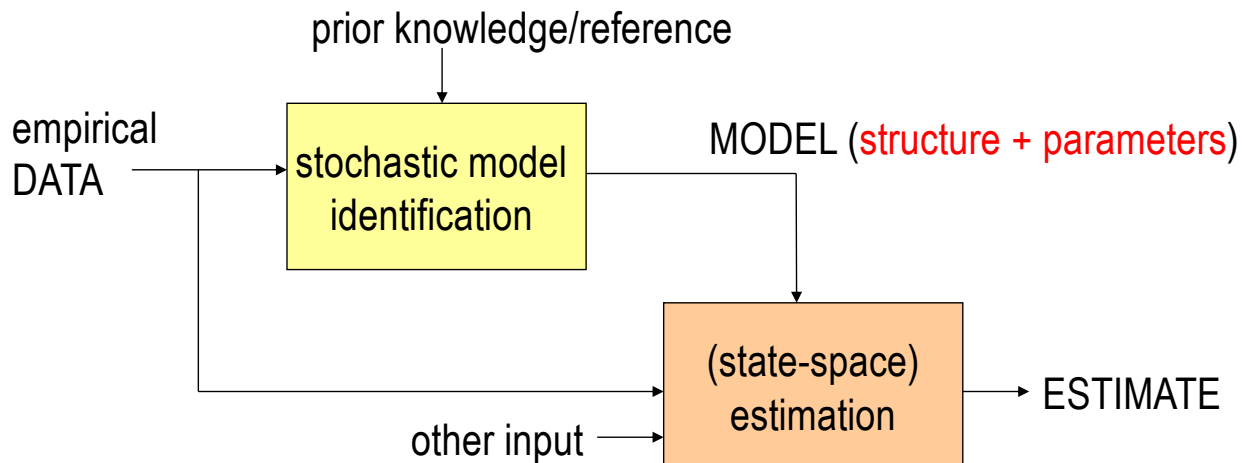
$$\varphi_{xx}(\tau) = E(x(t)x(t+\tau))$$

$$\varphi_{xx}(0) = E(x^2)$$

$$\varphi_{xx}(-\tau) = \varphi_{xx}(\tau)$$

Empirical model identification

- Stochastic model
 - structure (type) + parameter (values)
 - prerequisite for sensor fusion (e.g. Kalman filtering)



Empirical model identification

- Autocorrelation techniques:
 - Assumption **1**: Underlying process is **stationary** Gaussian random process
 - Assumption **2**: Data (z) sampled at **constant Δt**

$$m = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N z_i$$

$$\varphi_{zz}(l\Delta t) = \frac{1}{N-l-1} \sum_{i=1}^{N-l} (z_i - m)(z_{i+l} - m)^T; l = 0, 1, \dots, N-2$$

- Time series (or frequency) analysis:
 - AR, MA, ARMA, ARIMA, ... + estimators
 - AV, WV, ... + estimators

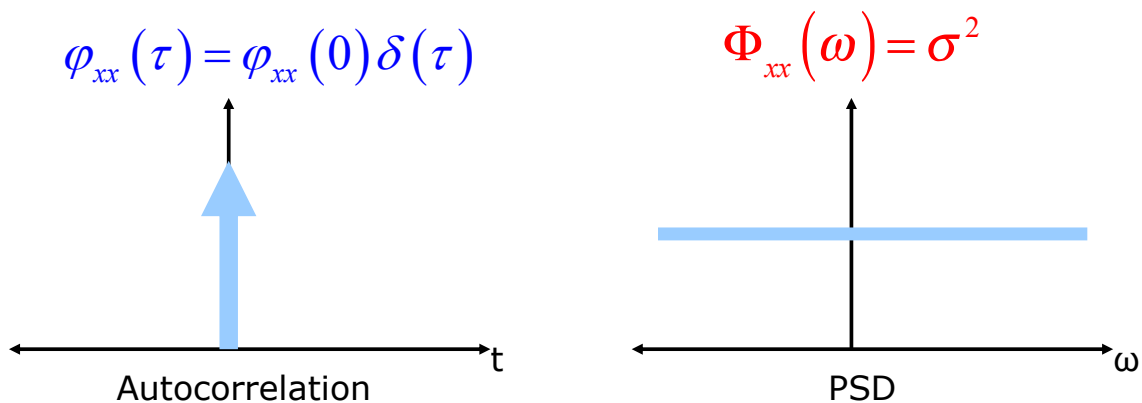
White noise process

- State propagation:

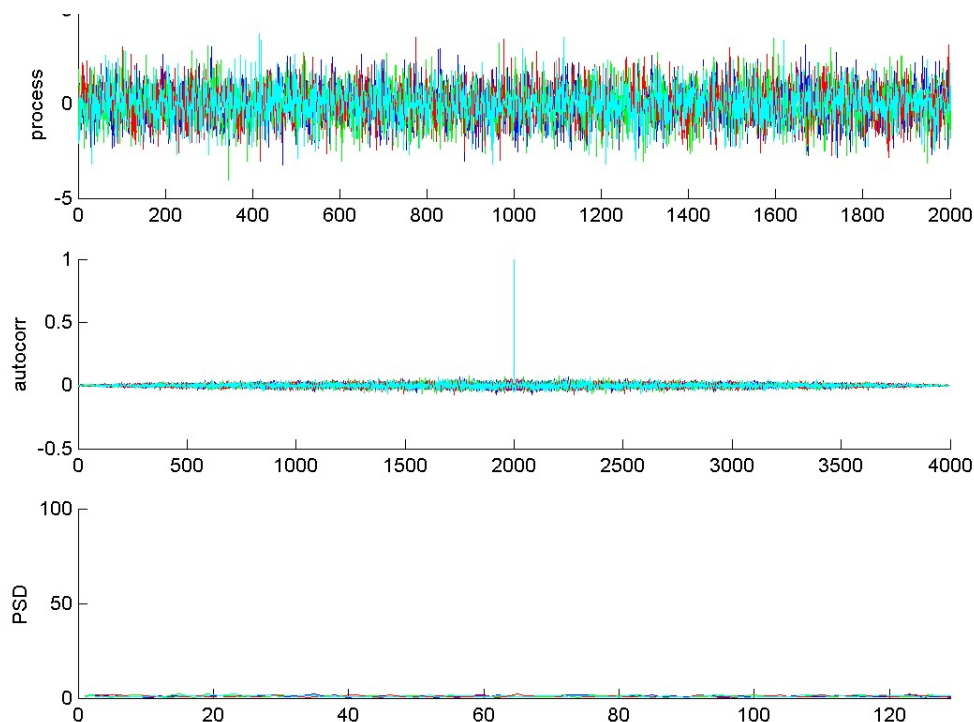
$$x_k = w_k$$

- Differential equation:

theoretically not differentiable



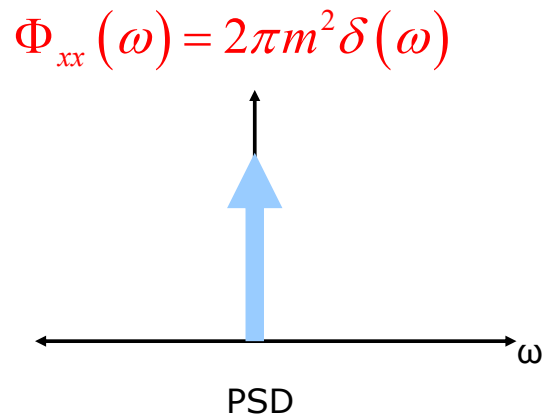
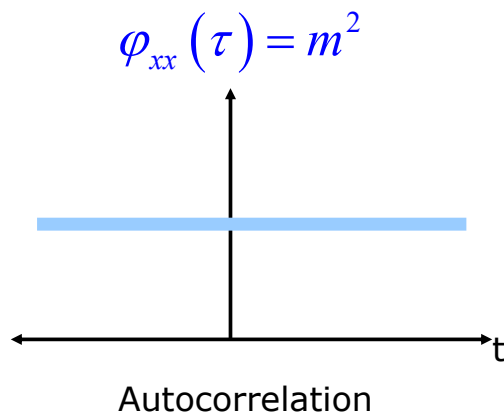
White noise - example



Random bias/constant

□ State propagation: $x_{k+1} = x_k = m$

□ Differential equation: $\dot{x}(t) = 0$

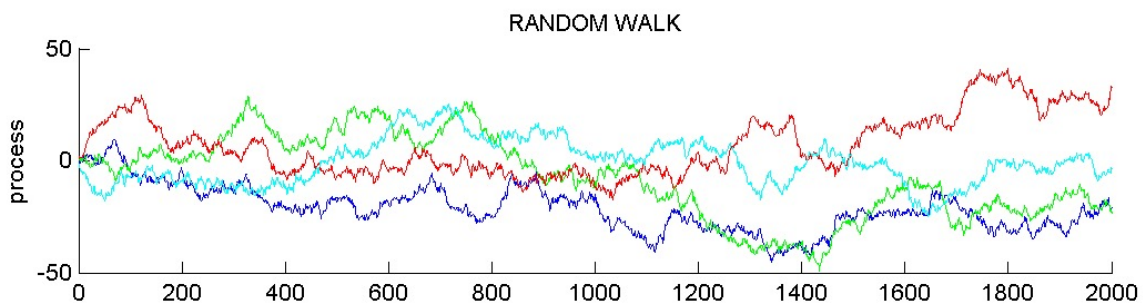


Shaped white noise

- Amplitude:
 - Gaussian probability density -> results of number of independent random variables.
- Correlation in time (frequency)
 - **White noise**: not correlated in time
 - **Colored noise**: white noise put through a small linear system can duplicate virtually many forms of time-correlated noise.
- Linear transformation of white noise = **Shaping Filter**

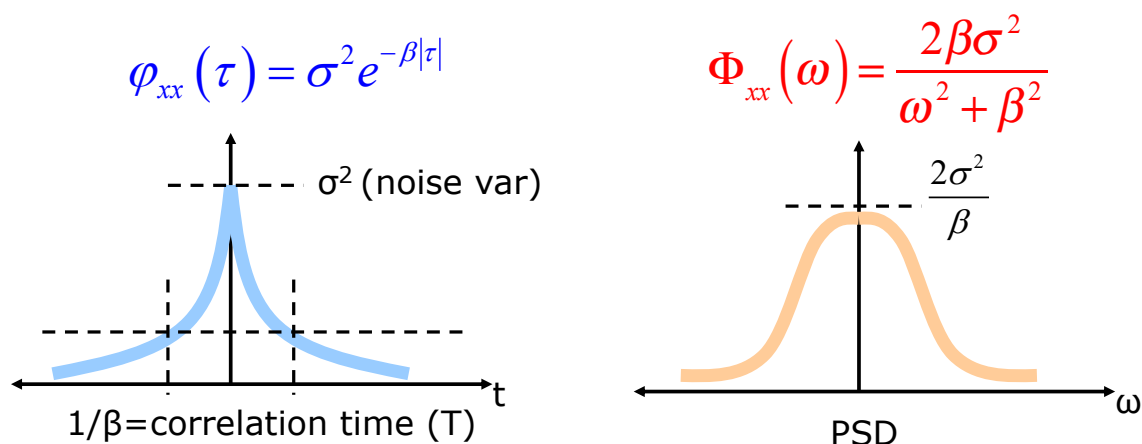
Random walk

- Differential equation: $\dot{x}(t) = w(t)$
- State propagation: $x_{k+1} = x_k + w_k$
- Not a stationary process!

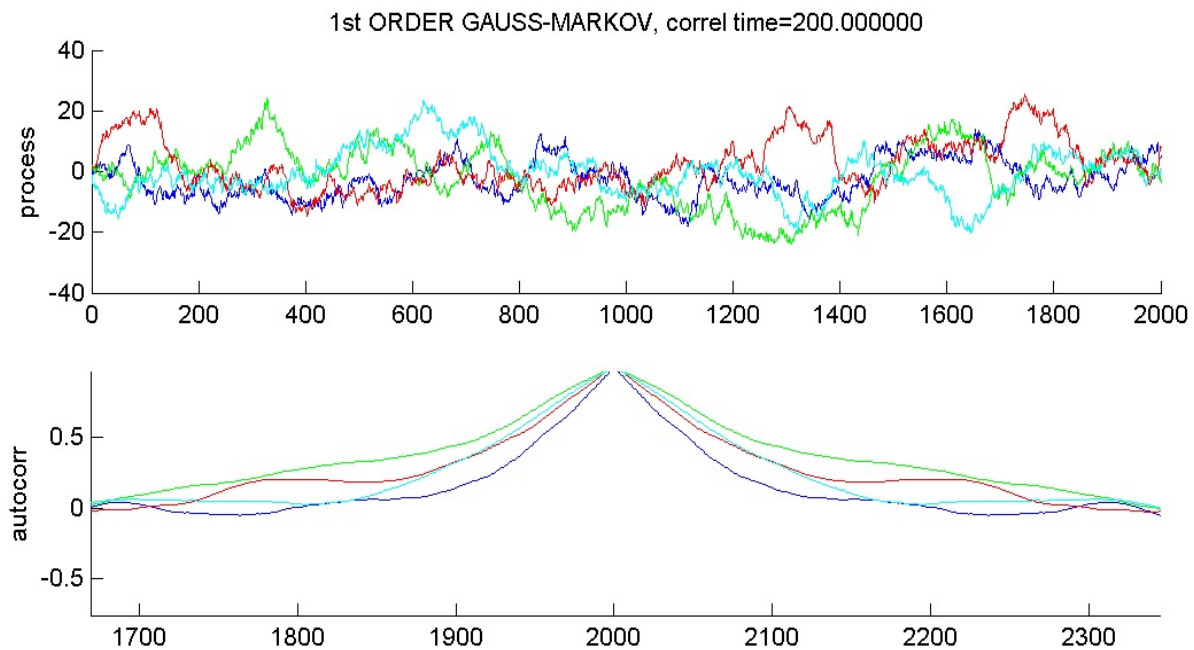


1st order Gauss-Markov process

- Differential equation: $\dot{x}(t) = -\beta x(t) + w(t)$
- State propagation: $x_{k+1} = e^{-\beta \Delta t} x_k + w_k$



1st o. Gauss-Markov process - example



Other random processes

- ☐ Random ramp
- ☐ Quantization noise
- ☐ Auto-Regressive (AR) process
- ☐ Moving-Average (MA) process
- ☐ Auto-Regressive Moving Average (ARMA)
- ☐ ...

Power spectrum (or PSD)

- PSD is the discrete Fourier transform (DFT) of AC:

$$\Phi_{xx}(\omega) = \sum_{\tau=-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi_{xx}(\tau) e^{-j\omega\tau}$$

- If we have a signal of length N:

- Sample AC (AC estimate):

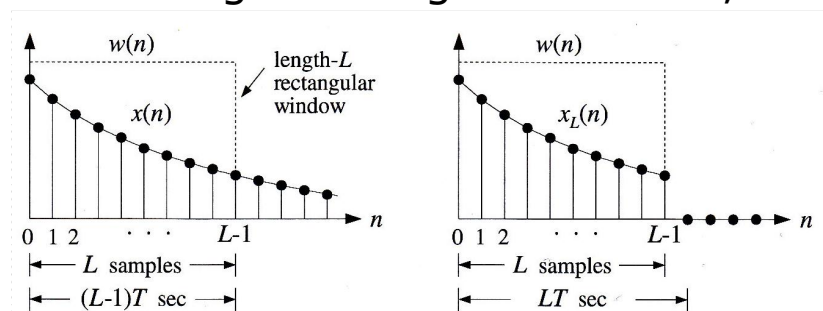
$$\hat{\varphi}_{xx}(\tau) = \frac{1}{N-\tau-1} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1-\tau} x_{n+\tau} x_n; \quad \tau = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$$

- Periodogram spectrum (PSD estimate)

$$\hat{\Phi}_{xx}(\omega) = \sum_{\tau=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{\varphi}_{xx}(\tau) e^{-j\omega\tau}$$

General note about windowing in DFT

- Time windowing -rectangular window, $x(nT) = \varphi_{xx}(\tau)$



- Original and time-windowed spectrum:

$$\hat{\Phi}(\omega) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(nT) e^{-j\omega nT}$$

$$\hat{\Phi}_L(\omega) = \sum_{n=0}^{L-1} x_L(nT) e^{-j\omega nT} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x_L(n) e^{-j\omega n}$$

General note about windowing in DFT

□ Windowing has two (side) effects:

- Reduction of the frequency **resolution** of the computed spectrum

$$\Delta\omega = \frac{1}{T_L}$$

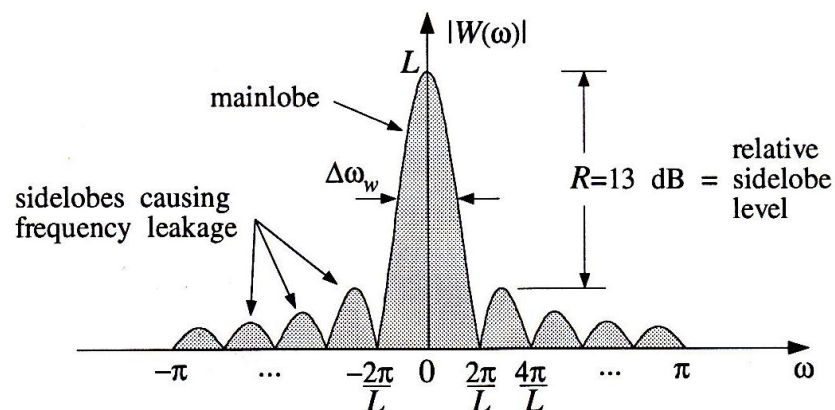
- Frequency leakage

- Introduction of high-frequency components into the spectrum
- Caused by the sharp clipping of the signal at the left & right sides of the rectangular window

$$|W(\omega)| = \left| \frac{\sin(\omega L / 2)}{\sin(\omega / 2)} \right|$$

General note about windowing in DFT

□ Magnitude spectrum of rectangular window:

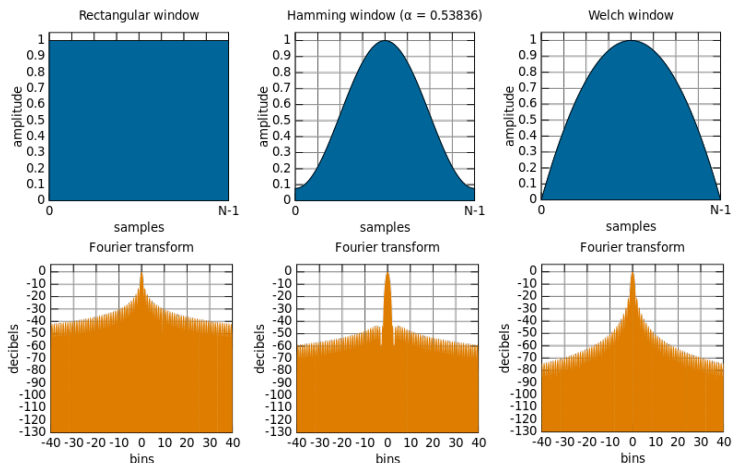
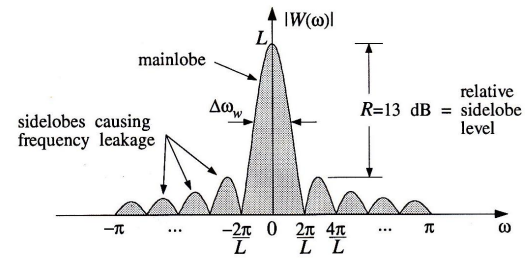


$$|W(\omega)| = \left| \frac{\sin(\omega L / 2)}{\sin(\omega / 2)} \right|$$

General note about windowing in DFT

- ❑ Reduces sidelobes
- ❑ Reduces leakage
- ❑ Narrows the main lobe
- ❑ Some windowing function:

- Welch
- Hamming
- Hanning
- Kaiser
- ...

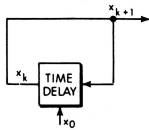
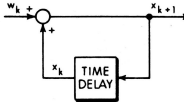
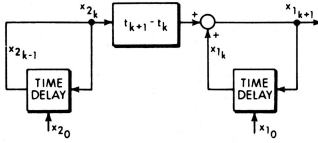
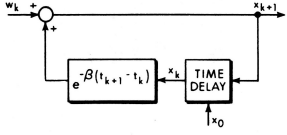


Common Random Processes (distributed)

PROCESS	AUTOCORRELATION FUNCTION	POWER SPECTRAL DENSITY
WHITE NOISE	 $\phi_{xx}(\tau) = \phi_0 \delta(\tau)$	 $\Phi_{xx} = \Phi_0$
MARKOV PROCESS $m = 0$	 $\phi_{xx}(\tau) = \sigma^2 e^{-\beta_1 \tau }$	 $\Phi_{xx} = \frac{2\sigma^2/\beta_1}{\omega^2 + \beta_1^2}$
SINUSOID	 $\phi_{xx}(\tau) = \frac{A^2}{2} \cos \omega_1 \tau$	 $\Phi_{xx} = \frac{\pi}{2} A^2 [\delta(\omega - \omega_1) + \delta(\omega + \omega_1)]$
RANDOM BIAS	 $\phi_{xx}(\tau) = m^2$	 $\Phi_{xx} = 2\pi m^2 \delta(\omega)$

After Gelb, A. (1974)

Error Models – Discrete Case (distributed)

NAME	STATE DIFFERENCE EQUATION	BLOCK DIAGRAM	RELATION of DISCRETE q_k to CONTINUOUS q
RANDOM CONSTANT	$x_{k+1} = x_k$		$q_k = 0$
RANDOM WALK	$x_{k+1} = x_k + w_k$		$q_k = q(t_{k+1} - t_k)$
RANDOM RAMP	$x_{1k+1} = x_{1k} + \Delta t_k$ $x_{2k+1} = x_{2k}$		$q_k = 0$
EXPONENTIALLY CORRELATED RANDOM VARIABLE	$x_{k+1} = e^{-\beta(t_{k+1} - t_k)} x_k + w_k$		$q_k = \frac{q}{2\beta} [1 - e^{-2\beta(t_{k+1} - t_k)}]$

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Allan variance (AV) - D. Allan 1966

Alternative measure of variability

= "variations of sample averages of different length τ "

$$\bar{X}_k(\tau) = \frac{1}{\tau} \sum_{j=0}^{\tau-1} X_{k-j} \quad \sigma_{\bar{X}}^2(\tau) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{E} \left[\left(\bar{X}_k(\tau) - \bar{X}_{k-\tau}(\tau) \right)^2 \right]$$

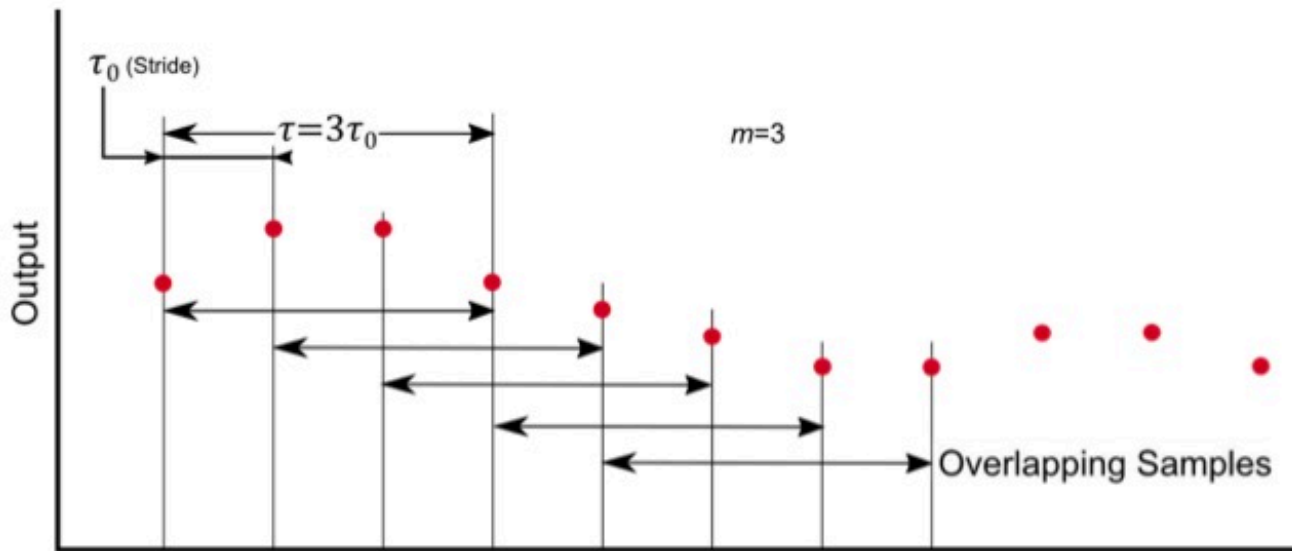
Greenhall (1991) estimator of AV

$$\hat{\sigma}_{\bar{X}}^2(\tau) = \frac{1}{2(N - 2\tau + 1)} \sum_{k=2\tau}^N \left(\bar{x}_k(\tau) - \bar{x}_{k-\tau}(\tau) \right)^2$$

$x_k : k = 1, \dots, N$

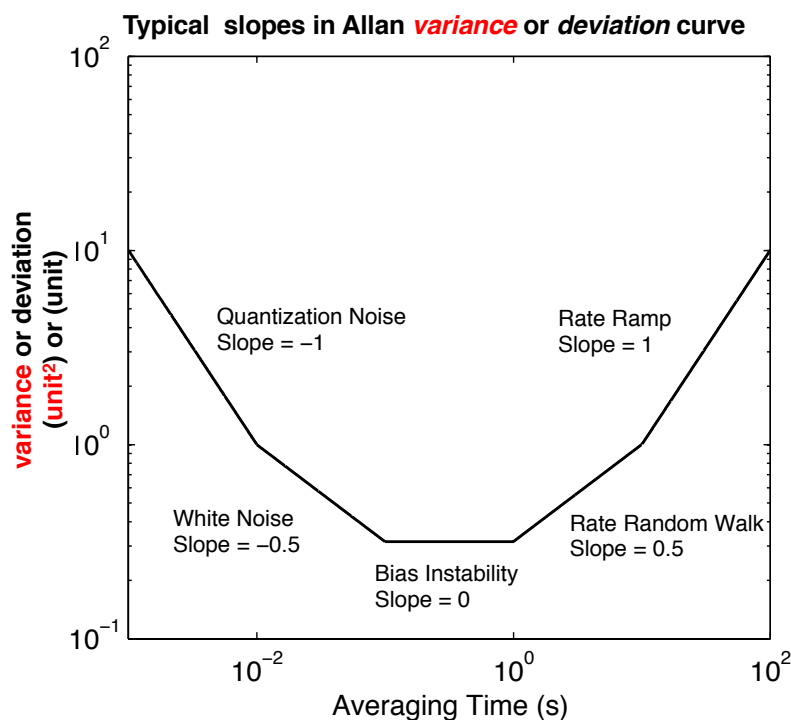
Allan variance – with sample overlap

Concept of AV with overlapping samples



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Process identification in AV plots

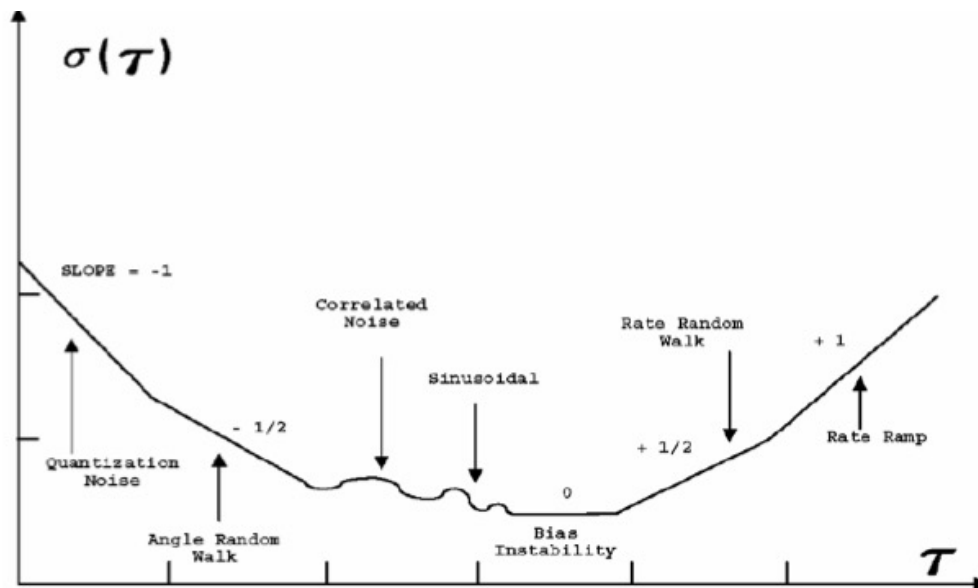


Remarks:

- Forward mapping:
 - Easy
 - IEEE standard
- Inverse:
 - not always
 - not a standard
 - Use GMWM ...

Allan deviation – process signature

Complex error structure -> parameter estimation difficult



AV of a "static" gyro, source: scientific publication

Latent time series models estimation methods

- ❑ **Transformation** into a "non-latent" model (e.g. ARMA)
 - Does not work in general
 - Difficult to "inverse"
- ❑ "Graphical" / **lin. regression** method
 - Limited to a few possible models
 - Not consistent in general and "inefficient"
- ❑ Maximum Likelihood Estimation (**MLE**) / EM algorithm
 - Computationally intensive, laborious for new models
 - Diverges with "complex" models
- ❑ General Method of Wavelet Moment (**GMWM**)
 - Rigorous, precise and efficient (*from students in this course*)
 - Released as a freely available package in "R" (v1. 2015)
 - Released as a GUI online tool (v1. 2018)
 - <http://ggmwm.smac-group.com/>