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Chapter 8

Random Processes - Spectral Characteristics

So far, we have considered the characteristics of random processes in time domain, i.e.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{autocorrelation function} \\ \text{cross-correlation function} \\ \text{covariance function} \\ \text{stationarity \& ergodicity} \\ \vdots \end{array} \right.$$

Objective:

Now, we study the spectral characteristics of random processes via “Fourier transform”.

Recall: Wiener-Khinchin theorem

$$\text{Auto power spectral density} \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \text{Autocorrelation}$$

$$\text{Cross power spectral density} \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \text{Cross-correlation}$$

8.1 Power spectral density (PSD) and its properties

8.1.1 Fourier transform: review

The Fourier transform pair for a non-periodic signal $x(t)$ is as follows:

$$X(\omega) = \mathcal{F}[x(t)] \triangleq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

$$x(t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}[X(\omega)] \triangleq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(\omega)e^{j\omega t} d\omega$$

(cf) $X(\omega)$ represents the distribution of frequency components contained in the signal $x(t)$!

Note: Condition(s) for the existence of F.T.:

(a) $x(t)$ must be *absolutely integrable*, i.e.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x(t)| dt < \infty$$

(b) $x(t)$ must satisfy the Dirichlet conditions given below:

- (i) $x(t)$ must have finite number of finite discontinuities within any finite time interval.
- (ii) $x(t)$ must have finite number of finite maxima and minima within any time interval.

\Rightarrow Often many sample functions ($x(t)$) from a random process $X(t)$ do not satisfy the above condition(s), i.e. the Fourier transform of $X(t)$ does not exist. ¹

\Rightarrow Instead of direct F.T., we search for the distribution of **power** ² along the frequency domain in order to guarantee the existence of frequency domain representation of a random process as $T \rightarrow \infty$.

\Rightarrow **Concept of Power Spectral Density (PSD) !!!**

¹Especially the condition (a), and note that $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x(t)| dt < \infty$ cannot be checked in practice!

²This implies that we will consider $X(t)$ within *finite duration* time interval.

8.1.2 Derivation of power spectral density

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Define $x_T(t)$ as a portion of a sample function $x(t)$ from a r.p. $X(t)$:

$$x_T(t) = \begin{cases} x(t) & -T < t < T \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Then, since $x_T(t)$ is absolutely integrable ⁴, i.e.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x_T(t)| dt = \int_{-T}^T |x(t)| dy < \infty,$$

there \exists the Fourier transform $X_T(\omega)$ of $x_T(t)$.

$$X_T(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_T(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt = \int_{-T}^T x(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

Since $x_T(t)$ has its F.T., the Parseval's theorem holds, i.e: the energy(power) in time domain equals to the energy(power) in frequency domain, from which it follows:

$$E = \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_T^2(t) dt \right) = \int_{-T}^T x^2(t) dt \equiv \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |X_T(\omega)|^2 d\omega \quad (8.1)$$

Expressing (8.1) in terms of average power in $(-T, T)$, we get: ⁵

$$P = \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T x^2(t) dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|X_T(\omega)|^2}{2T} d\omega \quad (8.2)$$

Notes on (8.2):

1. The integrand of RHS is in the form of power spectral density, i.e. it represents the distribution of power in $x_T(t)$ along frequency.
2. But, only for $-T < t < T$ in $x(t)$, i.e it does not represent the entire sample function $x(t)$ from $X(t)$, and therefore we must let $T \rightarrow \infty$.
3. Also, it is only for a specific sample function $x(t)$, i.e. it is a random variable for the r.p. $X(t)$, and therefore we must take the expectation of it!

³Sometimes it called also as the power density spectrum.

⁴Assuming $x(t)$ satisfies the Dirichlet conditions.

⁵This corresponds to the power of $x(t)$, or the energy of $x_T(t)$.

Therefore: by taking the mathematical expectation of (8.2) and letting $T \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain the average power P_{XX} of the random process $X(t)$.

$$P_{XX} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T E [x^2(t)] dt \equiv \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E [|X_T(\omega)|^2]}{2T} d\omega \quad (8.3)$$

Remarks:

- (i) Notice that the LHS of (8.3) is the *time average of the 2nd moment*, i.e. $A \{E [X^2(t)]\}$.
- (ii) If $x(t)$ is WSS, then $P_{XX} = \overline{X^2} = \text{constant}$ ⁶.

From (8.3), we have the following definition of the power spectral density for a random process $X(t)$:

$$S_{XX}(\omega) \triangleq \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E [|X_T(\omega)|^2]}{2T}$$

Corresponding average power contained in $X(t)$ can be calculated by:

$$P_{XX} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_{XX}(\omega) d\omega$$

⁶If $X(t)$ is wss, $E[X^2(t)] = R_{XX}(0) = \overline{X^2}$.

Example 8.1

Calculate the average power of the following random process $X(t)$ both in time and frequency domains.

$$X(t) = A \cos(\omega_0 t + \Theta)$$

where A , ω_0 are constants, and $\Theta \sim U[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$.

Solution:

(1) Average power in time domain:

$$P_{XX} = A \{E[X^2(t)]\} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T E[X^2(t)] dt$$

Here, the second moment of $X(t)$ is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} E[X^2(t)] &= E[A^2 \cos^2(\omega_0 t + \Theta)] \\ &= E\left[\frac{A^2}{2} + \frac{A^2}{2} \cos(2\omega_0 t + 2\Theta)\right] \\ &= \frac{A^2}{2} + \frac{A^2}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos(2\omega_0 t + 2\theta) \cdot \frac{2}{\pi} d\theta \\ &= \frac{A^2}{2} + \frac{A^2}{2} \frac{1}{2} \{\sin(2\omega_0 t + \pi) - \sin(2\omega_0 t)\} \cdot \frac{2}{\pi} \\ &= \frac{A^2}{2} + \frac{A^2}{2} \frac{1}{2} \{-\sin(2\omega_0 t) - \sin(2\omega_0 t)\} \cdot \frac{2}{\pi} \\ &= \frac{A^2}{2} - \frac{A^2}{\pi} \sin(2\omega_0 t) \end{aligned}$$

(cf) Note that $E[X^2(t)] \neq \text{constant}$, which means $X(t)$ is NOT WSS !

The average power of $X(t)$ is then: ⁷

$$P_{XX} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T \left\{ \frac{A^2}{2} - \frac{A^2}{\pi} \sin(2\omega_0 t) \right\} dt = \frac{A^2}{2} \text{ (watts)}$$

⁷Note that $\int_{-T}^T \sin(2\omega_0 t) dt = 0$, since cosine function is an even function.

(2) Average power in frequency domain (using PSD):

From the definition of the power spectral density, we have:

$$S_{XX}(\omega) \triangleq \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} E [|X_T(\omega)|^2] \cdot \frac{1}{2T}$$

where the Fourier transform of $x_T(t)$ can be derived as: ⁸

$$\begin{aligned} X_T(\omega) &= \int_{-T}^T A \cos(\omega_0 t + \Theta) e^{-j\omega t} dt \\ &\quad \vdots \text{ (assignment)} \\ &= AT \left\{ \text{Sa} [(\omega - \omega_0)T] e^{j\Theta} + \text{Sa} [(\omega + \omega_0)T] e^{-j\Theta} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

where $\text{Sa}(x) \triangleq \frac{\sin(x)}{x}$.

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} |X_T(\omega)|^2 &= X_T(\omega) \cdot X_T^*(\omega) \\ &= A^2 T^2 \left\{ \text{Sa}^2 [(\omega - \omega_0)T] + \text{Sa} [(\omega - \omega_0)T] \text{Sa} [(\omega + \omega_0)T] e^{j2\Theta} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \text{Sa} [(\omega - \omega_0)T] \text{Sa} [(\omega + \omega_0)T] e^{-j2\Theta} + \text{Sa}^2 [(\omega + \omega_0)T] \right\} \\ &= A^2 T^2 \left\{ \text{Sa}^2 [(\omega - \omega_0)T] + \text{Sa}^2 [(\omega + \omega_0)T] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2 \text{Sa} [(\omega - \omega_0)T] \text{Sa} [(\omega + \omega_0)T] \cos(2\Theta) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have: ⁹

$$E [|X_T(\omega)|^2] = A^2 T^2 \left\{ \text{Sa}^2 [(\omega - \omega_0)T] + \text{Sa}^2 [(\omega + \omega_0)T] \right\}$$

The power spectral density $S_{XX}(\omega)$ now becomes:

$$S_{XX}(\omega) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A^2 T}{2} \left\{ \text{Sa}^2 [(\omega - \omega_0)T] + \text{Sa}^2 [(\omega + \omega_0)T] \right\}$$

⁸In the process of derivation, you may have to use the Euler's formula to get the final expression.

⁹Here, notice the fact: $E [\cos(2\Theta)] = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos(2\theta) \cdot \frac{2}{\pi} d\theta = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{1}{2} [\sin(2\theta)]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{1}{\pi} [\sin(\pi) - \sin(0)] = 0$.

Fact: From *Introduction to Random Signals and Communication Theory* by Lathi.

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k}{\pi} \text{Sa}(kt) = \delta(t)$$

or

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k}{\pi} \text{Sa}^2(kt) = \delta(t)$$

Figure 8.1: Convergence of the sampling function $\text{Sa}(\cdot)$.

Therefore, the power spectral density $S_{XX}(\omega)$ of $X(t)$ can be expressed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} S_{XX}(\omega) &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A^2 T}{2} \left\{ \text{Sa}^2 [(\omega - \omega_0)T] + \text{Sa}^2 [(\omega + \omega_0)T] \right\} \\ &= \frac{A^2 \pi}{2} \left\{ \delta(\omega - \omega_0) + \delta(\omega + \omega_0) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Corresponding average power of $X(t)$ is then:

$$\begin{aligned} P_{XX} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_{XX}(\omega) d\omega \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left\{ \frac{A^2 \pi}{2} + \frac{A^2 \pi}{2} \right\} \\ &= \frac{A^2}{2} \text{ (watts)} \end{aligned}$$

8.1.3 Properties of PSD

1. $S_{XX}(\omega)$ is real.
2. $S_{XX}(\omega) \geq 0$
3. If $X(t)$ is real, then $S_{XX}(\omega) = S_{XX}(-\omega)$, i.e. even function of ω .
4. The average power of $X(t)$ can be evaluated as:

$$P_{XX} = A \{E [X^2(t)]\} \text{ or } \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_{XX}(\omega) d\omega$$

5. The PSD of the derivative of $X(t)$ is as follows:

$$S_{\dot{X}\dot{X}}(\omega) = \omega^2 S_{XX}(\omega) \quad \text{where } \dot{X}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} X(t)$$

6. If $X(t)$ is real, then the *PSD* and the *time average of correlation function* are Fourier transform pair:

$$S_{XX}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A [R_{XX}(t, t + \tau)] e^{-j\omega\tau} d\tau = \mathcal{F} \{A [R_{XX}(t, t + \tau)]\}$$

or

$$A [R_{XX}(t, t + \tau)] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_{XX}(\omega) e^{j\omega\tau} d\omega = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \{S_{XX}(\omega)\}$$

7. If $X(t)$ is at least WSS, then above relation in 6 becomes as follows:

$$S_{XX}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R_{XX}(\tau) e^{-j\omega\tau} d\tau = \mathcal{F} \{R_{XX}(\tau)\}$$

or

$$R_{XX}(\tau) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_{XX}(\omega) e^{j\omega\tau} d\omega = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \{S_{XX}(\omega)\}$$

: called **Wiener Khinchine Theorem**

Proof:

1. $S_{XX}(\omega) \triangleq \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E[|X_T(\omega)|^2]}{2T} = \text{real}$, since $|X_T(\omega)|$ is real.
2. $S_{XX}(\omega) \triangleq \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E[|X_T(\omega)|^2]}{2T} \geq 0$, since $|X_T(\omega)|^2 \geq 0$.
3. Notice that

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_T(-\omega) &= \int_{-T}^T X(t) e^{j\omega t} dt \\
 &= \left(\int_{-T}^T X^*(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt \right)^* \\
 &= \left(\int_{-T}^T X(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt \right)^* \quad : \text{ since } X(t) \text{ is real} \\
 &= X_T^*(\omega)
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{XX}(-\omega) &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} E[|X_T(-\omega)|^2] \\
 &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} E[|X_T(\omega)|^2] \\
 &= S_{XX}(\omega)
 \end{aligned}$$

4. Previously shown.
5. Note that: $\mathcal{F}[\dot{x}_T(t)] = j\omega \mathcal{F}[x_T(t)] = j\omega X_T(\omega) \triangleq \dot{X}_T(\omega)$, and thus we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{\dot{X}\dot{X}}(\omega) &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} E[|\dot{X}_T(-\omega)|^2] \\
 &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \omega^2 E[|X_T(-\omega)|^2] \\
 &\triangleq \omega^2 S_{XX}(\omega)
 \end{aligned}$$

6. Will be shown in the next section...

8.1.4 RMS bandwidth of the PSD

Suppose (i) $X(t)$ is real,¹⁰ and (ii) $X(t)$ is a lowpass process whose power spectral density is as follows:

Figure 8.2: The PSD of a lowpass random process $X(t)$.

⇒ Normalize $S_{XX}(\omega)$ with its area to get $\hat{S}_{XX}(\omega)$, i.e.

$$\hat{S}_{XX}(\omega) = \frac{S_{XX}(\omega)}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_{XX}(\omega) d\omega}$$

⇒ Note that $\hat{S}_{XX}(\omega)$ is similar to a p.d.f. with its mean=0.

⇒ We define the RMS bandwidth W_{rms} of $X(t)$ as follows:

$$W_{\text{rms}}^2 \triangleq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \omega^2 \hat{S}_{XX}(\omega) d\omega$$

(cf) This corresponds to the amount of dispersion (i.e variance) in power from the viewpoint of frequency, and notice the similarity between W_{rms}^2 and σ^2 (variance w/ its mean zero).

Likewise, for a real, bandpass process $X(t)$, the RMS bandwidth is defined as:

$$W_{\text{rms}}^2 \triangleq 4 \cdot \int_0^{\infty} (\omega - \bar{\omega})^2 \hat{S}_{XX}(\omega) d\omega$$

where

$$\hat{S}_{XX}(\omega) \triangleq \frac{S_{XX}(\omega)}{\int_0^{\infty} S_{XX}(\omega) d\omega}, \quad \omega > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\omega} \triangleq \int_0^{\infty} \omega \hat{S}_{XX}(\omega) d\omega$$

¹⁰This means $S_{XX}(\omega)$ is an even function of ω .

Remark: Why the factor of 4? ($\because BW_{BP} = 2 BW_{LP}$)

(1) Lowpass process;

Figure 8.3: The PSD of a lowpass random process $X(t)$.

$$W_{\text{rms}}^2 \triangleq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \omega^2 \hat{S}_{XX}(\omega) d\omega$$

(2) Bandpass process:

Figure 8.4: The PSD of a bandpass random process $X(t)$.

Considering only for $\omega > 0$,

$$W^2 = \int_0^{\infty} (\omega - \bar{\omega})^2 \hat{S}_{XX}(\omega) d\omega \quad \text{where} \quad \hat{S}_{XX}(\omega) = \frac{S_{XX}(\omega)}{\int_0^{\infty} S_{XX}(\omega) d\omega}$$

Therefore, the RMS bandwidth of a bandpass random process W_{rms} is then:

$$W_{\text{rms}}^2 = (2W)^2 = 4W^2 = 4 \cdot \int_0^{\infty} (\omega - \bar{\omega})^2 \hat{S}_{XX}(\omega) d\omega$$

8.2 Relationship b/w PSD and autocorrelation function

: Proof of properties 6 and 7 in the previous section

Property 6: Time average of autocorrelation function and the PSD are Fourier transform pair for a real r.p. $X(t)$, i.e.

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_{XX}(\omega) e^{j\omega\tau} d\omega = A[R_{XX}(t, t + \tau)] \quad (8.4)$$

or

$$\mathcal{F}\{A[R_{XX}(t, t + \tau)]\} = S_{XX}(\omega)$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} S_{XX}(\omega) &\triangleq \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} E[|X_T(\omega)|^2] \\ &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} E[X_T^*(\omega) X_T(\omega)] \\ &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} E \left[\int_{-T}^T X(t_1) e^{j\omega t_1} dt_1 \int_{-T}^T X(t_2) e^{-j\omega t_2} dt_2 \right] \quad : X(t) \text{ is real} \\ &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T \int_{-T}^T E[X(t_1) X(t_2)] e^{-j\omega(t_2 - t_1)} dt_1 dt_2 \\ &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T \int_{-T}^T R_{XX}(t_1, t_2) e^{-j\omega(t_2 - t_1)} dt_1 dt_2 \\ &\quad \text{(Let } t_1 = t \text{ and } t_2 = t_1 + \tau = t + \tau, \text{ then } dt_1 = dt \text{ and } dt_2 = d\tau) \\ &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \left[\int_{-t-T}^{-t+T} \left\{ \int_{-T}^T R_{XX}(t, t + \tau) dt \right\} e^{-j\omega\tau} d\tau \right] \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T R_{XX}(t, t + \tau) dt \right] e^{-j\omega\tau} d\tau \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A[R_{XX}(t, t + \tau)] e^{-j\omega\tau} d\tau \\ &\triangleq \mathcal{F}\{A[R_{XX}(t, t + \tau)]\} \end{aligned}$$

Note: If $X(t)$ is a WSS random process, then:

$$\begin{aligned} A[R_{XX}(t, t + \tau)] &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T R_{XX}(t, t + \tau) dt \\ &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T R_{XX}(\tau) dt \\ &= R_{XX}(\tau) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, (8.4) becomes:

$$S_{XX}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R_{XX}(\tau) e^{-j\omega\tau} d\tau$$

or

$$R_{XX}(\tau) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_{XX}(\omega) e^{j\omega\tau} d\omega$$

i.e., we have the following relationship between the autocorrelation function and the power spectral density, which is called **Wiener-Khinchine Relation**:

$$R_{XX}(\tau) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} S_{XX}(\omega)$$

Note: Given the PSD of a random process, we can recover:

- (i) The autocorrelation function $R_{XX}(\tau)$ if $X(t)$ is at least WSS.
- (ii) The time average of the autocorrelation function $A[R_{XX}(t, t + \tau)]$, if $X(t)$ is non-stationary.

Self study: Example 7.2-1 of the textbook

8.3 Cross power spectral density and its properties

8.3.1 Cross power spectral density

Given two *real* random processes $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$, define $x_T(t)$ and $y_T(t)$ as portions of sample functions $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ from the r.p.'s $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$, i.e.:

$$x_T(t) \triangleq \begin{cases} x(t) & -T < t < T \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

$$y_T(t) \triangleq \begin{cases} y(t) & -T < t < T \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Then, since $x_T(t)$ and $y_T(t)$ are absolutely integrable, \exists F.T. of them. (i.e., $x_T(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X_T(\omega)$, and $y_T(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} Y_T(\omega)$.)

\implies The cross power of $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ within $[-T, T]$ is:

$$\begin{aligned} P_{XY}(T) &\triangleq \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T x_T(t)y_T(t)dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T x(t)y(t)dt \\ &\equiv \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2T} \{X_T^*(\omega)Y_T(\omega)\} d\omega \quad : \text{ by Parseval's theorem} \end{aligned}$$

: random variable: depending on particular sample functions

\implies The average cross power of $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ within $[-T, T]$ is then:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{P}_{XY}(T) \triangleq E[P_{XY}(T)] &= \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T E[X(t)Y(t)] dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T R_{XY}(t, t) dt \\ &\equiv \text{or } \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2T} E[X_T^*(\omega)Y_T(\omega)] d\omega \end{aligned}$$

\implies The total(overall) average cross power is then, by $T \rightarrow \infty$:

$$P_{XY} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T R_{XY}(t, t) dt$$

$$\stackrel{\text{or}}{\equiv} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} E [X_T^*(\omega) Y_T(\omega)] d\omega$$

(cf) Notice that the integrand in the second integral above is in the form of the cross power spectral density between $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$, $S_{XY}(\omega)$:

Definition of the cross PSD:

$$S_{XY}(\omega) \triangleq \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} E [X_T^*(\omega) Y_T(\omega)]$$

and corresponding cross power in $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$ is given by:

$$P_{XY} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_{XY}(\omega) d\omega$$

Likewise, we can define the cross PSD b/w $Y(t)$ and $X(t)$ as:

$$S_{YX}(\omega) \triangleq \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} E [Y_T^*(\omega) X_T(\omega)]$$

and corresponding cross power in $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$ is given by:

$$P_{YX} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_{YX}(\omega) d\omega$$

8.3.2 Properties of cross PSD

Suppose $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$ are *real* random processes, then:

1. Cross PSD is *conjugate symmetric*:¹¹

$$S_{XY}(\omega) = S_{YX}(-\omega) = S_{YX}^*(\omega)$$

2. The real part of cross PSD is even function of ω :

$$\text{Re} [S_{XY}(\omega)] = \text{Re} [S_{XY}(-\omega)]$$

$$\text{Re} [S_{YX}(\omega)] = \text{Re} [S_{YX}(-\omega)]$$

3. The imaginary part of cross PSD is odd function of ω :

$$\text{Im} [S_{XY}(\omega)] = -\text{Im} [S_{XY}(-\omega)]$$

$$\text{Im} [S_{YX}(\omega)] = -\text{Im} [S_{YX}(-\omega)]$$

4. If $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$ are *orthogonal*,¹² then:

$$S_{XY}(\omega) = S_{YX}(\omega) = 0$$

5. If $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$ are *uncorrelated*,¹³ and $E[X(t)] = \bar{X}$ and $E[Y(t)] = \bar{Y}$, then:

$$S_{XY}(\omega) = S_{YX}(\omega) = 2\pi\bar{X}\bar{Y}\delta(\omega)$$

6. Cross PSD and the time average of cross correlation function are Fourier transform pair, i.e.:

$$A[R_{XY}(t, t + \tau)] \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} S_{XY}(\omega)$$

$$A[R_{YX}(t, t + \tau)] \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} S_{YX}(\omega)$$

7. If $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$ are JWSS, then:

$$R_{XY}(\tau) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} S_{XY}(\omega)$$

$$R_{YX}(\tau) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} S_{YX}(\omega)$$

proof: Assignment¹⁴

¹¹Recall that the auto PSD $S_{XX}(\omega)$ is always real, and even function of ω .

¹²This means that $E[X(t)Y(t)] = 0$.

¹³This means that $E[X(t)Y(t)] = E[X(t)]E[Y(t)]$.

¹⁴Similar to those for auto PSD.

Question:

If a real r.p. $W(t)$ is defined as a sum of two real r.p.'s $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$, then what is the PSD of $W(t)$ in terms of the PSD's related to $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$?

Given:

$$W(t) \triangleq X(t) + Y(t)$$

The autocorrelation function of $W(t)$ is:

$$\begin{aligned} R_{WW}(t, t + \tau) &\triangleq E[W(t)W(t + \tau)] \\ &= E[\{X(t) + Y(t)\}\{X(t + \tau) + Y(t + \tau)\}] \\ &= E[X(t)X(t + \tau)] + E[X(t)Y(t + \tau)] \\ &\quad + E[Y(t)X(t + \tau)] + E[Y(t)Y(t + \tau)] \\ &\equiv R_{XX}(t, t + \tau) + R_{XY}(t, t + \tau) + R_{YX}(t, t + \tau) + R_{YY}(t, t + \tau) \end{aligned}$$

Then, the auto PSD of $W(t)$ is:

$$\begin{aligned} S_{WW}(\omega) &= \mathcal{F}\{A[R_{WW}(t, t + \tau)]\} \\ &= \mathcal{F}\{A[R_{XX}(t, t + \tau)]\} + \mathcal{F}\{A[R_{XY}(t, t + \tau)]\} \\ &\quad + \mathcal{F}\{A[R_{YX}(t, t + \tau)]\} + \mathcal{F}\{A[R_{YY}(t, t + \tau)]\} \\ &= S_{XX}(\omega) + S_{XY}(\omega) + S_{YX}(\omega) + S_{YY}(\omega) \end{aligned}$$

Note:

(1) If $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$ are orthogonal, i.e. $R_{XY}(t, t + \tau) = R_{YX}(t, t + \tau) = 0$, then:

$$S_{WW}(\omega) = S_{XX}(\omega) + S_{YY}(\omega)$$

(2) If $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$ are uncorrelated to each other and $E[X(t)] = \bar{X}$, $E[Y(t)] = \bar{Y}$, i.e. $R_{XY}(t, t + \tau) = R_{YX}(t, t + \tau) = \bar{X}\bar{Y}$, and thus $\mathcal{F}\{A[R_{XY}(t, t + \tau)]\} = \mathcal{F}\{A[R_{YX}(t, t + \tau)]\} = \mathcal{F}\{\bar{X}\bar{Y}\} = 2\pi\bar{X}\bar{Y}\delta(\omega)$, then:

$$S_{WW}(\omega) = S_{XX}(\omega) + S_{YY}(\omega) + 4\pi\bar{X}\bar{Y}\delta(\omega)$$

8.4 Relationship between cross PSD and cross-correlation function

Assignment (READ): The proof of properties 6 & 7 in previous section

Example 8.2

Given the cross-correlation function $R_{XY}(t, t + \tau)$ as follows,¹⁵ find the cross power spectral density $S_{XY}(\omega)$ between $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$.

$$R_{XY}(t, t + \tau) = \frac{AB}{2} \{ \sin(\omega_0\tau) + \cos(\omega_0(2t + \tau)) \}$$

Solution:

$$S_{XY}(\omega) \triangleq \mathcal{F} \{ A [R_{XY}(t, t + \tau)] \}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A [R_{XY}(t, t + \tau)] &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T R_{XY}(t, t + \tau) dt \\ &= \frac{AB}{2} \sin(\omega_0\tau) + \frac{AB}{2} \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T \cos(\omega_0(2t + \tau)) dt \\ &= \frac{AB}{2} \sin(\omega_0\tau) + \frac{AB}{2} \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \left[\frac{1}{2\omega_0} \sin(\omega_0(2t + \tau)) \right]_{-T}^T \\ &= \frac{AB}{2} \sin(\omega_0\tau) \\ &\quad + \frac{AB}{2} \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \frac{1}{2\omega_0} \{ \sin(\omega_0(2T + \tau)) + \sin(\omega_0(2T - \tau)) \} \\ &= \frac{AB}{2} \sin(\omega_0\tau) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the cross PSD $S_{XY}(\omega)$ becomes:

$$S_{XY}(\omega) = \mathcal{F} \left\{ \frac{AB}{2} \sin(\omega_0\tau) \right\} = \frac{AB}{2} \cdot j\pi [\delta(\omega + \omega_0) - \delta(\omega - \omega_0)]$$

Corresponding average cross power between $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$ is then:¹⁶

$$P_{XY} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_{XY}(\omega) d\omega = 0$$

¹⁵Notice that $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$ are NOT JWSS.

¹⁶If the cross-correlation was $R_{XY}(t, t + \tau) = \frac{AB}{2} \{ \cos(\omega_0\tau) + \cos(\omega_0(2t + \tau)) \}$, then the cross PSD is $S_{XY}(\omega) = \frac{AB}{2} \cdot \pi [\delta(\omega + \omega_0) + \delta(\omega - \omega_0)]$ and thus the average cross power is $P_{XY} = \frac{AB}{2}$ (watts).

8.5 Some noise definitions and other topics

: Definitions of noise in terms of PSD

8.5.1 White and colored noise

(1) White noise ¹⁷

Definition 8.1 A sample function $n(t)$ of a WSS noise random process $N(t)$ is called a *white noise* if:

$$S_{NN}(\omega) = \frac{N_0}{2} \quad : \text{constant } \forall \omega$$

Then, corresponding autocorrelation function of a white noise is in the form of the Dirac delta function, i.e. ¹⁸

$$R_{NN}(\tau) = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \{S_{NN}(\omega)\} = \frac{N_0}{2} \delta(\tau)$$

Figure 8.5: Auto PSD and autocorrelation function of a white noise.

Note:

- (i) White noise is physically unrealizable, since any signal cannot have an infinite power:

$$P_{NN} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_{NN}(\omega) d\omega = \infty$$

- (ii) Close approximation to the white noise are: (a) lightening phenomenon (b) thermal noise etc..

¹⁷Why white? : If you add up all of the light frequencies, you end up getting a white light.

¹⁸Note that $R_{NN}(\cdot)$ is a function of τ only, since $N(t)$ is WSS; and recall that $\delta(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} 1$.

(2) Colored noise ¹⁹

Definition 8.2 A noise which is NOT white is called a colored noise.

Example 8.3

Bandlimited white noise

$$S_{NN}(\omega) = \begin{cases} \frac{P\pi}{W} & -W < \omega < W \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{power} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_{NN}(\omega) d\omega = \frac{1}{2\pi} 2W \cdot \frac{P\pi}{W} = P \text{ (watts)}$$

Figure 8.6: Auto power spectral density of a colored noise.

Corresponding autocorrelation function is then:

$$R_{NN}(\tau) = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \{S_{NN}(\omega)\} = P \cdot \text{Sa}(W\tau)$$

where $\text{Sa}(x) \triangleq \frac{\sin(x)}{x}$.

$$\text{power} = R_{NN}(0) = P \text{ (watts)}$$

Figure 8.7: Autocorrelation function of a colored noise.

¹⁹Why colored? : portions of visible light frequencies give a certain color.

8.5.2 Product device response to a random signal

Figure 8.8: Block diagram of a product device.

Example 8.4

*AMSC(amplitude modulation w/ suppressed carrier)*²⁰

Figure 8.9: AMSC.

Question:

Suppose $X(t)$ is a WSS r.p., then what is the PSD of the output $Y(t)$ in terms of the PSD of $X(t)$?

Steps:

- (i) $Y(t)$
- (ii) $R_{YY}(t, t + \tau)$
- (iii) $A [R_{YY}(t, t + \tau)]$
- (iv) $S_{YY}(\omega) = \mathcal{F} \{A [R_{YY}(t, t + \tau)]\}$

²⁰Note that the carrier $c(t) = A \cos(\omega_c t)$ is a deterministic signal, i.e. A and ω_c are constant.

(i) The output signal:

$$Y(t) = AX(t) \cos(\omega_c t)$$

(ii) The autocorrelation of the output:

$$\begin{aligned} R_{YY}(t, t + \tau) &\triangleq E[Y(t)Y(t + \tau)] \\ &= E[AX(t) \cos(\omega_c t) AX(t + \tau) \cos(\omega_c t + \omega_c \tau)] \\ &= A^2 R_{XX}(\tau) \cos(\omega_c t) \cos(\omega_c t + \omega_c \tau) \quad (\because X(t) \text{ is WSS}) \\ &= \frac{A^2}{2} R_{XX}(\tau) \{\cos(\omega_c \tau) + \cos(2\omega_c t + \omega_c \tau)\} \end{aligned}$$

NOTE: Notice that $Y(t)$ is NOT WSS,²¹ even if $X(t)$ is WSS, and this is because the product device is a non-linear system!!!

(iii) The time average of $R_{YY}(t, t + \tau)$:

$$\begin{aligned} A[R_{YY}(t, t + \tau)] &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T \frac{A^2}{2} R_{XX}(\tau) \{\cos(\omega_c \tau) + \cos(2\omega_c t + \omega_c \tau)\} dt \\ &= \frac{A^2}{2} R_{XX}(\tau) \cos(\omega_c \tau) + \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} (\text{constant}) \end{aligned}$$

²¹ R_{YY} depends on t .

(iv) The auto PSD of $Y(t)$:

$$\begin{aligned} S_{YY}(\omega) &= \mathcal{F} \left\{ \frac{A^2}{2} R_{XX}(\tau) \cos(\omega_c \tau) \right\} \\ &= \frac{A^2}{2} [\mathcal{F} \{R_{XX}(\tau)\} * \mathcal{F} \{\cos(\omega_c \tau)\}] \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi} \\ &= \frac{A^2}{4\pi} [S_{XX}(\omega) * \{\pi\delta(\omega - \omega_c) + \pi\delta(\omega + \omega_c)\}] \\ &= \frac{A^2}{4} [S_{XX}(\omega - \omega_c) + S_{XX}(\omega + \omega_c)] \end{aligned}$$

Figure 8.10: The auto PSD's of the input $X(t)$ and the output $Y(t)$.

Example: Demodulation of AMSC:

$$Z(t) = Y(t)A \cos(\omega_c t)$$

Express $S_{ZZ}(\omega)$ in terms of $S_{XX}(\omega)$.

: Assignment