

# EN 257: Applied Stochastic Processes

## Problem Set 8

Douglas Lanman  
dlanman@brown.edu  
9 May 2007

### Problem 8.2

---

Let  $X(t)$  be a random process with constant mean  $\mu_X \neq 0$  and covariance function

$$K_{XX}(t_1, t_2) = \sigma^2 \cos(\omega_0(t_1 - t_2)).$$

- (a) Show that the mean-square (m.s.) derivative  $X'(t)$  exists.
  - (b) Find the correlation function of the m.s. derivative  $R_{X'X'}(t_1, t_2)$ .
  - (c) Find the covariance function of the m.s. derivative  $K_{X'X'}(t_1, t_2)$ .
- 

#### Part (a)

Recall, from Theorem 8.1-2 on page 490 in [4], that a random process  $X(t)$  with autocorrelation function  $R_{XX}(t_1, t_2)$  has a m.s. derivative at time  $t$  if  $\partial^2 R_{XX}(t_1, t_2)/\partial t_1 \partial t_2$  exists at  $t_1 = t_2 = t$ . Furthermore, we recall that the correlation function  $R_{XX}(t_1, t_2)$  is related to the covariance function  $K_{XX}(t_1, t_2)$  as follows.

$$R_{XX}(t_1, t_2) = K_{XX}(t_1, t_2) + \mu_X(t_1)\mu_X^*(t_2) \quad (1)$$

For this problem we have a constant mean function  $\mu_X \neq 0$  such that

$$R_{XX}(t_1, t_2) = \sigma^2 \cos(\omega_0(t_1 - t_2)) + \mu_X \mu_X^*.$$

Evaluating the mixed partial derivative of  $R_{XX}(t_1, t_2)$  at  $t_1 = t_2 = t$  yields the following result.

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 R_{XX}(t_1, t_2)}{\partial t_1 \partial t_2} \right|_{(t_1, t_2)=(t, t)} = \sigma^2 \left\{ \left. \frac{\partial^2 \cos(\omega_0(t_1 - t_2))}{\partial t_1 \partial t_2} \right|_{(t_1, t_2)=(t, t)} \right\} = \sigma^2 \omega_0^2$$

By Theorem 8.1-2, the m.s. derivative  $X'(t)$  exists since  $\partial^2 R_{XX}(t_1, t_2)/\partial t_1 \partial t_2$  exists at  $t_1 = t_2 = t$ .

#### Part (b)

Recall, by Theorem 8.1-3 on page 494 in [4], that if a random process  $X(t)$  with mean function  $\mu_X(t)$  and correlation function  $R_{XX}(t_1, t_2)$  has a m.s. derivative  $X'(t)$ , then the mean and correlation functions of  $X'(t)$  are given by

$$\mu_{X'}(t) = \frac{d\mu_X(t)}{dt} \quad (2)$$

and

$$R_{X'X'}(t_1, t_2) = \frac{\partial^2 R_{XX}(t_1, t_2)}{\partial t_1 \partial t_2}. \quad (3)$$

As a result, we find that the correlation function  $R_{X'X'}(t_1, t_2)$  is given by the following expression.

$$\boxed{R_{X'X'}(t_1, t_2) = \sigma^2 \omega_0^2 \cos(\omega_0(t_1 - t_2))}$$

**Part (c)**

From Equation 1 we conclude that the covariance function of the m.s. derivative  $X'(t)$  is given by

$$K_{X'X'}(t_1, t_2) = R_{X'X'}(t_1, t_2) - \mu_{X'}(t_1)\mu_{X'}^*(t_2).$$

From Equation 2 we find that  $\mu_{X'}(t) = \mu_{X'}^*(t) = 0$ , since  $X(t)$  has a constant mean  $\mu_X \neq 0$ . As a result, we conclude that the covariance function  $K_{X'X'}(t_1, t_2)$  is equal to the correlation function  $R_{X'X'}(t_1, t_2)$  for this example.

$$K_{X'X'}(t_1, t_2) = \sigma^2 \omega_0^2 \cos(\omega_0(t_1 - t_2))$$

**Problem 8.3**

Let the random process  $X(t)$  be wide-sense stationary with correlation function

$$R_{XX}(\tau) = \sigma^2 e^{-(\tau/T)^2}.$$

Let  $Y(t) = 3X(t) + 2X'(t)$ , where the derivative is interpreted in the mean-square sense.

- State conditions for the m.s. existence of  $Y(t)$  in terms of  $R_{XX}(\tau)$ .
- Find the correlation function  $R_{YY}(\tau)$  for the given  $R_{XX}(\tau)$  in terms of  $\sigma^2$  and  $T$ .

**Part (a)**

To begin our analysis we recall, from Theorem 8.1-4, that the m.s. derivative  $X'(t)$  of a WSS random process  $X(t)$  exists at time  $t$  if the autocorrelation function  $R_{XX}(\tau)$  has up to second order derivatives at  $\tau = 0$ . In addition, from Definition 8.1-1 and Theorem 8.1-1, we note that the random process  $Y(t)$  is m.s. continuous if

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} E\{|Y(t + \varepsilon) - Y(t)|^2\} = 0, \quad \forall t.$$

Expanding this expression, we find

$$E\{|Y(t + \varepsilon) - Y(t)|^2\} = R_{YY}(t + \varepsilon, t + \varepsilon) - R_{YY}(t, t + \varepsilon) - R_{YY}(t + \varepsilon, t) + R_{YY}(t, t).$$

As a result, we find the  $Y(t)$  exists (and is m.s. continuous) if  $R_{YY}(t_1, t_2)$  is continuous at  $t_1 = t_2 = t$ . As we'll show in Part (b), the correlation function  $R_{YY}(t_1, t_2)$  is WSS and has the following general form for  $Y(t) = 3X(t) + 2X'(t)$ .

$$R_{YY}(\tau) = 9R_{XX}(\tau) + 4R_{X'X'}(\tau)$$

By Corollary 8.1-1, we note that the WSS random process  $X(t)$  is m.s. continuous if  $R_{XX}(\tau)$  is continuous at  $\tau = 0$ . In conclusion, we can combine the previous results to arrive at the following conditions for the m.s. existence of  $Y(t)$  in terms of  $R_{XX}(\tau)$ .

- $R_{XX}(\tau)$  must be continuous at  $\tau = 0$ .
- The derivatives of  $R_{XX}(\tau)$  must exist up to second order.

**Part (b)**

Let's begin by expanding the expression for the correlation function  $R_{YY}(\tau)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{YY}(\tau) &= E \{Y(t+\tau)Y^*(t)\} \\
 &= E \{[3X(t+\tau) + 2X'(t+\tau)] [3X(t) + 2X'(t)]^*\} \\
 &= 9E \{X(t+\tau)X^*(t)\} + 6E \{X(t+\tau)X'^*(t)\} + 6E \{X'(t+\tau)X^*(t)\} + 4E \{X'(t+\tau)X'^*(t)\} \\
 &= 9R_{XX}(\tau) + 6R_{XX'}(\tau) + 6R_{X'X}(\tau) + 4R_{X'X'}(\tau)
 \end{aligned}$$

Recall from Equations 8.1-10 and 8.1-11 that, for a WSS random process  $X(t)$ , the cross-correlation functions are given by the following expressions.

$$R_{X'X}(\tau) = +\frac{dR_{XX}(\tau)}{d\tau} \quad \text{and} \quad R_{XX'}(\tau) = -\frac{dR_{XX}(\tau)}{d\tau}$$

In addition, we recall from Theorem 8.1-4 that the correlation function for the m.s. derivative  $X'(t)$  is given by

$$R_{X'X'}(\tau) = -\frac{d^2R_{XX}(\tau)}{d\tau^2}$$

Substituting into the previous expression for  $R_{YY}(\tau)$ , we find that the correlation function for  $Y(t)$  is given by the following expression.

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{YY}(\tau) &= 9R_{XX}(\tau) + 4R_{X'X'}(\tau) \\
 &= 9R_{XX}(\tau) - 4 \left\{ \frac{d^2R_{XX}(\tau)}{d\tau^2} \right\} \\
 &= 9\sigma^2 e^{-(\tau/T)^2} - 4 \left\{ \sigma^2 \left( \frac{4\tau^2 - 2T^2}{T^4} \right) e^{-(\tau/T)^2} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

In conclusion, the correlation function  $R_{YY}(\tau)$  has the following solution.

$$R_{YY}(\tau) = \sigma^2 \left( \frac{9T^4 - 16\tau^2 + 8T^2}{T^4} \right) e^{-(\tau/T)^2}$$

## Problem 8.7

To estimate the mean of a stationary random process  $X(t)$ , we often consider an integral average

$$I(T) \triangleq \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T X(t) dt, \quad T > 0.$$

- (a) Find the mean of  $I(T)$ , denoted  $\mu_I(T)$ , in terms of the mean  $\mu_X$  for  $T > 0$ .  
 (b) Find the variance of  $I(T)$ , denoted  $\sigma_I^2(T)$ , in terms of the covariance  $K_{XX}(\tau)$  for  $T > 0$ .

### Part (a)

The mean function  $\mu_I(T)$  of the integral average  $I(T)$  is given by the following expression.

$$\mu_I(T) = E\{I(t)\} = E\left\{\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T X(t) dt\right\} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T E\{X(t)\} dt = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \mu_X dt = \mu_X$$

Note that in the previous expression we have applied the linearity property of the expectation operator, as well as the condition that  $E\{X(t)\} = \mu_X$  for a stationary random process  $X(t)$ . In conclusion, the mean function  $\mu_I(T)$  is equal to  $\mu_X$  – which implies that  $X(t)$  is *ergodic in the mean* such that the time average equals the ensemble average.

$$\boxed{\mu_I(T) = \mu_X, \text{ for } T > 0}$$

### Part (b)

The variance function  $\sigma_I^2(T)$  of the integral average  $I(T)$  is given by the following expression.

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_I^2(T) &= E\left\{[I(T) - \mu_I(T)]^2\right\} = E\left\{[I(T) - \mu_I(T)][I(T) - \mu_I(T)]^*\right\} \\ &= E\left\{\left[\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T X(t_1) dt_1 - \mu_X\right] \left[\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T X^*(t_2) dt_2 - \mu_X^*\right]\right\} \\ &= E\left\{\left[\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (X(t_1) - \mu_X) dt_1\right] \left[\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (X(t_2) - \mu_X)^* dt_2\right]\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{T^2} \int_0^T \int_0^T E\left\{[X(t_1) - \mu_X][X(t_2) - \mu_X]^*\right\} dt_1 dt_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{T^2} \int_0^T \int_0^T K_{XX}(t_1, t_2) dt_1 dt_2 \end{aligned}$$

Note that we have applied the linearity of the expectation operator, as well as the condition that  $K_{XX}(t_1, t_2) = E\{[X(t_1) - \mu_X][X(t_2) - \mu_X]^*\}$  for a stationary random process  $X(t)$ . Furthermore, we recall that for a stationary random process the covariance function is only a function of the time shift  $\tau = t_1 - t_2$  such that  $K_{XX}(t_1, t_2) = K_{XX}(t_1 - t_2)$ . In conclusion, the variance function  $\sigma_I^2(T)$  is equal to the following expression in terms of the covariance function  $K_{XX}(\tau)$ .

$$\boxed{\sigma_I^2(T) = \frac{1}{T^2} \int_0^T \int_0^T K_{XX}(t_1 - t_2) dt_1 dt_2, \text{ for } T > 0}$$

## Problem 8.12

This problem concerns the mean-square derivative. Let the random process  $X(t)$  be second order (i.e.,  $E\{|X(t)|^2\} < \infty$ ) with correlation function  $R_{XX}(t_1, t_2)$ . Let the random process  $Y(t)$  be defined by the mean-square integral

$$Y(t) \triangleq \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-(t-s)} X(s) ds. \quad (4)$$

- State the condition for the existence of the m.s. integral  $Y(t)$  in terms of  $R_{XX}(t_1, t_2)$ .
- Find the correlation function  $R_{YY}(t_1, t_2)$  of  $Y(t)$  in terms of  $R_{XX}(t_1, t_2)$ .
- Determine the condition on  $R_{XX}(t_1, t_2)$  for the existence of the m.s. derivative  $dY(t)/dt$ .

### Part (a)

Note that Equation 4 defines a weighted mean-square integral of the form

$$I \triangleq \int_{T_1}^{T_2} h(t) X(t) dt,$$

where  $h(t) = e^{-(T_2-t)}$  is the specific weighting function and  $(T_1, T_2) = (-\infty, t)$ . From pages 503 and 505 of [4], we recall that the weighted mean-square integral  $I$  is defined by

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E \left\{ \left| I - \sum_{i=1}^n h(t_i) X(t_i) \Delta t_i \right|^2 \right\} = 0, \quad (5)$$

where the integral  $I$  is approximated by the following summation.

$$I_n \triangleq \sum_{i=1}^n h(t_i) X(t_i) \Delta t_i, \text{ for } \Delta t_i = (T_2 - T_1)/n$$

At this point we can apply the Cauchy criterion to determine the necessary conditions for the existence of the m.s. integral.

$$\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} E\{|I_n - I_m|^2\} = 0$$

Expanding this expression yields the following condition for convergence.

$$\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} E\{I_n I_n^*\} - 2\text{Re}(E\{I_n I_m^*\}) + E\{I_m I_m^*\} = 0 \quad (6)$$

Focusing on the cross-term, we find the following result.

$$\begin{aligned} E\{I_n I_m^*\} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m h(t_i) h^*(t_j) E\{X(t_i) X^*(t_j)\} \Delta t_i \Delta t_j \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m h(t_i) h^*(t_j) R_{XX}(t_i, t_j) \Delta t_i \Delta t_j \end{aligned}$$

As a result, we conclude that the m.s. integral of  $Y(t)$  will exist if and only if

$$\int_{-\infty}^{t_1} \int_{-\infty}^{t_2} e^{-(t_1-s_1)} e^{-(t_2-s_2)} R_{XX}(s_1, s_2) ds_1 ds_2$$

exists in the ordinary calculus. If this integral exists, then Equation 6 is satisfied and, via the Cauchy criterion, the weighted mean-square integral  $I$  must satisfy Equation 5.

**Part (b)**

The correlation function can be found by direct evaluation as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{YY}(t_1, t_2) &= E \{Y(t_1)Y^*(t_2)\} \\
 &= E \left\{ \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{t_1} e^{-(t_1-s_1)} X(s_1) ds_1 \right] \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{t_2} e^{-(t_2-s_2)} X(s_2) ds_2 \right]^* \right\} \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{t_1} \int_{-\infty}^{t_2} e^{-(t_1-s_1)} e^{-(t_2-s_2)} E \{X(s_1)X^*(s_2)\} ds_1 ds_2
 \end{aligned}$$

Since the correlation function of  $X(t)$  satisfies  $R_{XX}(t_1, t_2) = E \{X(t_1)X^*(t_2)\}$ , we conclude that  $R_{YY}(t_1, t_2)$  has the following solution.

$$R_{YY}(t_1, t_2) = \int_{-\infty}^{t_1} \int_{-\infty}^{t_2} e^{-(t_1-s_1)} e^{-(t_2-s_2)} R_{XX}(s_1, s_2) ds_1 ds_2$$

**Part (c)**

From page 506 in [4], we recognize that the solution  $Y(t)$  to the stochastic differential equation

$$dY(t)/dt = X(t)$$

is given by

$$Y(t) = \int_{t_0}^t X(s) ds + Y(t_0), \text{ for } t \geq t_0.$$

As a result, we note that the m.s. derivative  $dY(t)/dt$  will exist if the weighted integral in Equation 4 exists and is bounded. From Equation 8.2-6 we recall that the following condition of the weighting kernel  $h(t, s) = e^{-(t-s)}$  is required.

$$\int_{-\infty}^t |e^{-(t-s)}| ds < \infty$$

As before, this generalizes to a m.s. stochastic integral involving the correlation function  $R_{XX}(t_1, t_2)$ . In conclusion, we find that the m.s. derivative  $dY(t)/dt$  will exist if and only if

$$\int_{-\infty}^{t_1} \int_{-\infty}^{t_2} e^{-(t_1-s_1)} e^{-(t_2-s_2)} R_{XX}(s_1, s_2) ds_1 ds_2$$

exists in the ordinary calculus.

## Problem 8.17

---

Consider the m.s. differential equation

$$\frac{dY(t)}{dt} + 2Y(t) = X(t),$$

for  $t \geq 0$ , subject to the initial condition  $Y(0) = 0$ . Let the input be given by

$$X(t) = 5 \cos(2t) + W(t), \quad (7)$$

where  $W(t)$  is a mean-zero Gaussian noise process with covariance function  $K_{WW}(\tau) = \sigma^2 \delta(\tau)$ .

- Find the mean function  $\mu_Y(t)$  for  $t \geq 0$ .
  - Find the covariance function  $K_{YY}(t_1, t_2)$  for  $t_1 \geq 0$  and  $t_2 \geq 0$ .
  - What is the maximum value of  $\sigma$  such that  $P[|Y(t) - \mu_Y(t)| < 0.1] > 0.99$ , for all  $t > 0$ ?
- 

### Part (a)

Note that in the following analysis we will follow the general approach outlined in Example 8.3-1. Let's begin by taking the expectation of both sides of Equation 7.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dE\{Y(t)\}}{dt} + 2E\{Y(t)\} &= E\{X(t)\}, \text{ for } E\{Y(0)\} = 0 \text{ and } t \geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow \mu'_Y(t) + 2\mu_Y(t) &= \mu_X(t) = 5 \cos(2t), \text{ for } \mu_Y(0) = 0 \text{ and } t \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

In conclusion, the solution to this ordinary differential equation is given by the following expression.

$$\mu_Y(t) = \frac{5}{4} (\cos(2t) + \sin(2t) - e^{-2t}), \text{ for } t \geq 0$$

### Part (b)

For brevity, we recall that the derivation of the covariance function  $K_{YY}(t_1, t_2)$  is presented on pages 506-511 in [4]. From that section we recall that the following expression defines the cross-covariance function  $K_{XY}(t_1, t_2)$  for  $t_1 \geq 0$  and  $t_2 \geq 0$ .

$$\frac{\partial K_{XY}(t_1, t_2)}{\partial t_2} + 2K_{XY}(t_1, t_2) = K_{XX}(t_1, t_2) = \sigma^2 \delta(t_1 - t_2), \text{ for } K_{XY}(t_1, 0) = 0$$

Note that the initial condition is given by  $K_{XY}(t_1, 0) = 0$  since  $Y(0) = 0$ . Also recognize that the covariance of the input function is given by  $K_{XX}(t_1, t_2) = \sigma^2 \delta(t_1 - t_2)$ . As described in Example 8.3-1, this ordinary differential equation has the following solution.

$$K_{XY}(t_1, t_2) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } 0 \leq t_2 < t_1, \\ \sigma^2 e^{-2(t_2 - t_1)}, & \text{for } t_2 \geq t_1 \end{cases}$$

Continuing with our analysis, we recall that Equation 8.3-4 yields the following expression for the output covariance  $K_{YY}(t_1, t_2)$  in terms of the cross-covariance  $K_{XY}(t_1, t_2)$ .

$$\frac{\partial K_{YY}(t_1, t_2)}{\partial t_1} + 2K_{YY}(t_1, t_2) = K_{XY}(t_1, t_2), \text{ for } K_{YY}(0, t_2) = 0$$

In conclusion, we find that covariance function  $K_{YY}(t_1, t_2)$  is given by the following expression.

$$K_{YY}(t_1, t_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sigma^2}{4} e^{-2t_2} (e^{2t_1} - e^{-2t_1}), & \text{for } 0 < t_1 \leq t_2, \\ \frac{\sigma^2}{4} (1 - e^{-4t_2}) e^{-2(t_1-t_2)}, & \text{for } t_1 \geq t_2 \end{cases}$$

### Part (c)

As discussed on page 511, the random process  $Y(t)$  has *asymptotic wide-sense stationarity* such that covariance  $K_{YY}(t_1, t_2)$  tends to the constant  $\sigma^2/4$  as  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  become large. As a result, let's assume that the random process  $Y(t) - \mu_Y(t)$  is modeled by a white Gaussian random process noise with mean zero and variance  $\sigma^2/4$ . Under these circumstances we find that the maximum value of  $\sigma$  can be found using the following constraint.

$$\begin{aligned} P[|Y(t) - \mu_Y(t)| < 0.1] &= P[-0.1 < Y(t) - \mu_Y(t) < 0.1] > 0.99 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \int_{-0.1}^{0.1} \exp\left(\frac{-2x^2}{\sigma^2}\right) dx &> 0.99 \end{aligned}$$

Recall that the error function has the following definition.

$$\operatorname{erf}(z) \triangleq \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^z e^{-t^2} dt$$

Substituting this expression in the previous result yields the following condition.

$$\operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{1}{5\sqrt{2}\sigma}\right) > 0.99$$

In conclusion,  $\sigma$  must satisfy the following inequality in order for  $P[|Y(t) - \mu_Y(t)| < 0.1] > 0.99$ , for all  $t > 0$ .

$$\sigma < 0.07765$$



## Problem 8.22

To detect a constant signal of amplitude  $A$  in white Gaussian noise of variance  $\sigma^2$  and mean zero, we consider two hypotheses (i.e., events):

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} H_0 : R(t) = W(t) \\ H_1 : R(t) = A + W(t) \end{array} \right\} \text{ for } t \in [0, T].$$

It can be shown that the optimal detector, to decide between hypotheses, first computes the integral

$$\Lambda \triangleq \int_0^T R(t) dt$$

and then performs a threshold test.

- Find the mean value of the integral  $\Lambda$  under each hypothesis.
- Find the variance of  $\Lambda$  under each hypothesis.
- An optimal detector would compare  $\Lambda$  to the threshold  $\Lambda_0 \triangleq AT/2$  when each hypothesis is equally likely (i.e.,  $P[H_0] = P[H_1] = 1/2$ ). Under these conditions, find  $P[\Lambda \geq \Lambda_0|H_0]$  and express your result in terms of the error function.

### Part (a)

Let's begin by evaluating the mean value of the integral  $\Lambda$  under hypothesis  $H_0$ .

$$\mu_{\Lambda|H_0}(T) = E \left\{ \int_0^T W(t) dt \right\} = \int_0^T E\{W(t)\} dt = 0$$

Note that we have applied the linearity property of the expectation operator, as well as the mean-zero condition  $E\{W(t)\} = 0$  for the white Gaussian noise process. Similarly, the mean value of the integral  $\Lambda$  under hypothesis  $H_1$  is given by the following expression.

$$\mu_{\Lambda|H_1}(T) = E \left\{ \int_0^T (A + W(t)) dt \right\} = AT + \int_0^T E\{W(t)\} dt = AT$$

In conclusion, we find that the mean value function has the following values under each hypothesis.

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} H_0 : \mu_{\Lambda|H_0}(T) = 0 \\ H_1 : \mu_{\Lambda|H_1}(T) = AT \end{array}} \quad (8)$$

### Part (b)

Following the derivation in Problem 8.7(b), we conclude that the general solution for the variance function  $\sigma_{\Lambda}^2(T)$  is given by the following expression.

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\Lambda}^2(T) &= E \left\{ [\Lambda(T) - \mu_{\Lambda}(T)]^2 \right\} = E \left\{ [\Lambda(T) - \mu_{\Lambda}(T)] [\Lambda(T) - \mu_{\Lambda}(T)]^* \right\} \\ &= E \left\{ \left[ \int_0^T R(t_1) dt_1 - \mu_{\Lambda}(T) \right] \left[ \int_0^T R^*(t_2) dt_2 - \mu_{\Lambda}^*(T) \right] \right\} \\ &= \int_0^T \int_0^T R_{RR}(t_1, t_2) dt_1 dt_2 - \mu_{\Lambda}(T) \mu_{\Lambda}^*(T) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Note that we have substituted for the correlation function  $R_{RR}(t_1, t_2) = E\{R(t_1)R^*(t_2)\}$ . At this point, we require closed-form expressions for the correlation function under each hypothesis. Let's begin by evaluating the correlation under hypothesis  $H_0$ .

$$R_{RR|H_0}(t_1, t_2) = E\{W(t_1)W^*(t_2)\} = \sigma^2\delta(t_1 - t_2) \quad (10)$$

Note that, by Equation 7.3-6 on page 436 in [4], we conclude that the correlation function for mean zero white Gaussian noise is given by the previous expression. Now let's evaluate the correlation function under the hypothesis  $H_1$ .

$$R_{RR|H_1}(t_1, t_2) = E\{[A + W(t_1)][A + W(t_2)]^*\} = A^2 + \sigma^2\delta(t_1 - t_2) \quad (11)$$

In conclusion, substituting Equations 12, 10, and 11 into Equation 9 yields the following solution for the variance function under each hypothesis (which, as should be expected, turns out to be identical under either hypothesis).

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} H_0 : \sigma_{\Lambda|H_0}^2(T) = T\sigma^2 \\ H_1 : \sigma_{\Lambda|H_1}^2(T) = T\sigma^2 \end{array}} \quad (12)$$

### Part (c)

First, by Problem 8.13(c), we conclude that  $\Lambda$  is a Gaussian random variance. Under hypothesis  $H_0$ ,  $\Lambda$  is a white Gaussian random noise processes with mean zero and variance  $T\sigma^2$ . As a result, the false alarm probability (i.e., the probability of incorrectly identifying a noise sequence as containing the target signal) is given by the following expression.

$$\begin{aligned} P[\Lambda \geq \Lambda_0|H_0] &= 1 - P[\Lambda < \Lambda_0|H_0] \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi T\sigma^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{AT/2} \exp\left(\frac{-x^2}{2T\sigma^2}\right) dx \end{aligned}$$

Recall that the error function has the following definition.

$$\operatorname{erf}(z) \triangleq \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^z e^{-t^2} dt$$

In conclusion, we find that the false alarm probability has the following simple form in terms of the error function.

$$\boxed{P[\Lambda \geq \Lambda_0|H_0] = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 - \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{AT}{2\sqrt{2T\sigma^2}}\right) \right]}$$

Briefly, we note that this function has several properties which must logically follow from the detection criterion. If  $A = 0$ , then the hypotheses are equal and we obtain  $P[\Lambda \geq \Lambda_0|H_0] = 1/2$  – corresponding to equal detection likelihoods. Similarly, we recall that the error function has an output on the interval  $(-1, 1)$ . As a result, the false alarm probability  $P[\Lambda \geq \Lambda_0|H_0]$  must be within the interval  $(0, 1)$  depending on the value of parameters  $\{A, T, \sigma\}$ .

## Problem 9.9

In this problem we will derive the Kalman filter under a Gauss-Markov signal model with nonzero mean. In the general case we consider a vector-valued discrete random process  $\mathbf{X}[n]$  with nonzero mean. Let the Gauss-Markov signal model be

$$\mathbf{X}[n] = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}[n-1] + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{W}[n], \quad n \geq 0$$

where  $\mathbf{X}[-1] = \mathbf{0}$  and the centered noise process  $\mathbf{W}_c[n] \triangleq \mathbf{W}[n] - \mu_{\mathbf{W}}[n]$  is white Gaussian with variance  $\sigma_{\mathbf{W}}^2$  and  $\mu_{\mathbf{W}}[n] \neq \mathbf{0}$ . Note that  $\mathbf{V} \perp \mathbf{W}_c$  and that the observation equation is given by

$$\mathbf{Y}[n] = \mathbf{X}[n] + \mathbf{V}[n], \quad n \geq 0.$$

- (a) Find expressions for  $\mu_{\mathbf{X}}[n]$  and  $\mu_{\mathbf{Y}}[n]$ .
- (b) Show that the MMSE estimate of  $\mathbf{X}[n]$  equals the sum of  $\mu_{\mathbf{X}}[n]$  and the MMSE estimate of  $\mathbf{X}_c[n] \triangleq \mathbf{X}[n] - \mu_{\mathbf{X}}[n]$  based on the centered observations  $\mathbf{Y}_c[n] \triangleq \mathbf{Y}[n] - \mu_{\mathbf{Y}}[n]$ .
- (c) Extend the Kalman filter Equation 9.2-16 to the nonzero mean case using the result of (b).

### Part (a)

Let's begin by evaluating the mean function for  $\mathbf{X}[n]$ .

$$\mu_{\mathbf{X}}[n] = E \{ \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}[n-1] + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{W}[n] \} = \mathbf{A}\mu_{\mathbf{X}}[n-1] + \mathbf{B}\mu_{\mathbf{W}}[n]$$

Substituting the initial condition  $\mathbf{X}[-1] = \mathbf{0}$ , we find that  $\mu_{\mathbf{X}}[0]$  is given by

$$\mu_{\mathbf{X}}[0] = \mathbf{A}\mu_{\mathbf{X}}[-1] + \mathbf{B}\mu_{\mathbf{W}}[0] = \mathbf{B}\mu_{\mathbf{W}}[0].$$

Iterating, we find the following expressions for  $\mu_{\mathbf{X}}[1]$  and  $\mu_{\mathbf{X}}[2]$ .

$$\mu_{\mathbf{X}}[1] = \mathbf{A}\mu_{\mathbf{X}}[0] + \mathbf{B}\mu_{\mathbf{W}}[1] = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}\mu_{\mathbf{W}}[0] + \mathbf{B}\mu_{\mathbf{W}}[1]$$

$$\mu_{\mathbf{X}}[2] = \mathbf{A}\mu_{\mathbf{X}}[1] + \mathbf{B}\mu_{\mathbf{W}}[2] = \mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{B}\mu_{\mathbf{W}}[0] + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}\mu_{\mathbf{W}}[1] + \mathbf{B}\mu_{\mathbf{W}}[2]$$

By induction we conclude that  $\mu_{\mathbf{X}}[n]$  and  $\mu_{\mathbf{Y}}[n]$  are given by the following expression.

$$\mu_{\mathbf{X}}[n] = \mu_{\mathbf{Y}}[n] = \sum_{m=0}^n \mathbf{A}^m \mathbf{B} \mu_{\mathbf{W}}[n-m], \quad n \geq 0$$

Note that  $\mu_{\mathbf{X}}[n] = \mu_{\mathbf{Y}}[n]$  by substituting  $\mu_{\mathbf{V}}[n] = \mathbf{0}$  in the following expression.

$$\mu_{\mathbf{Y}}[n] = E \{ \mathbf{X}[n] + \mathbf{V}[n] \} = \mu_{\mathbf{X}}[n] + \mu_{\mathbf{V}}[n] = \mu_{\mathbf{X}}[n]$$

**Part (b)**

First, we recall that the MMSE estimate of  $\mathbf{X}[n]$  is defined on page 576 in [4] as follows.

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}[n] \triangleq E\{\mathbf{X}[n]|\mathbf{Y}[n-1], \mathbf{Y}[n-2], \dots, \mathbf{Y}[0]\}$$

Note that the state estimate  $\hat{\mathbf{X}}[n]$  is the conditional expectation of  $\mathbf{X}[n]$  given the set of prior observations  $\{\mathbf{Y}[n-1], \mathbf{Y}[n-2], \dots, \mathbf{Y}[0]\}$ . By the problem statement we wish to show that the following equality holds.

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}[n] \stackrel{?}{=} \mu_{\mathbf{X}}[n] + \hat{\mathbf{X}}_c[n] = \mu_{\mathbf{X}}[n] + E\{\mathbf{X}_c[n]|\mathbf{Y}_c[n-1], \mathbf{Y}_c[n-2], \dots, \mathbf{Y}_c[0]\}$$

This can be shown by applying the linearity property of the conditional expectation operator.

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{X}}[n] &= E\{\mathbf{X}[n]|\mathbf{Y}[n-1], \mathbf{Y}[n-2], \dots, \mathbf{Y}[0]\} \\ &= E\{\mu_{\mathbf{X}}[n] + (\mathbf{X}[n] - \mu_{\mathbf{X}}[n])|\mathbf{Y}[n-1], \mathbf{Y}[n-2], \dots, \mathbf{Y}[0]\} \\ &= \mu_{\mathbf{X}}[n] + E\{\mathbf{X}_c[n]|\mathbf{Y}[n-1], \mathbf{Y}[n-2], \dots, \mathbf{Y}[0]\} \end{aligned}$$

Note that, as shown in the previous part,  $\mu_{\mathbf{X}}[n]$  is independent of the observation sequence, so  $E\{\mu_{\mathbf{X}}[n]|\mathbf{Y}[n-1], \mathbf{Y}[n-2], \dots, \mathbf{Y}[0]\} = \mu_{\mathbf{X}}[n]$ . At this point we can define the following innovations sequence for  $\mathbf{Y}[n]$  for the noiseless centered observations  $\mathbf{X}_c[n]$ . As shown on pages 576-577, such a sequence must be an orthogonal (or white) random sequence which consists of a causal, linear transformation of  $\mathbf{Y}[n]$ . By the previous part we recall that  $\mu_{\mathbf{X}}[n] = \mu_{\mathbf{Y}}[n]$ . As a result, we find the the innovations sequence  $\tilde{\mathbf{Y}}_c[n]$  is defined on the centered observations  $\mathbf{Y}_c[n]$  as follows.

$$\tilde{\mathbf{Y}}_c[0] \triangleq \mathbf{Y}_c[0]$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{Y}}_c[n] \triangleq \mathbf{Y}_c[n] - E\{\mathbf{Y}_c[n]|\mathbf{Y}_c[n-1], \mathbf{Y}_c[n-2], \dots, \mathbf{Y}_c[0]\}, \text{ for } n \geq 1$$

Since the innovations sequence  $\tilde{\mathbf{Y}}_c[n]$  and  $\mathbf{Y}_c[n]$  are equivalent, we conclude that the equality holds.

$$\boxed{\hat{\mathbf{X}}[n] = \mu_{\mathbf{X}}[n] + E\{\mathbf{X}_c[n]|\mathbf{Y}_c[n-1], \mathbf{Y}_c[n-2], \dots, \mathbf{Y}_c[0]\} = \mu_{\mathbf{X}}[n] + \hat{\mathbf{X}}_c[n]}$$

**Part (c)**

The Kalman filter, providing an optimal estimate of the system state  $\mathbf{X}[n]$  given the observations  $\{\mathbf{Y}[n], \mathbf{Y}[n-1], \dots, \mathbf{Y}[0]\}$ , is defined for mean zero sequences by Equation 9.2-16 as

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}[n|n] = \mathbf{A}\hat{\mathbf{X}}[n-1|n-1] + \mathbf{G}_n(\mathbf{Y}[n] - \mathbf{A}\hat{\mathbf{X}}[n-1|n-1]),$$

where  $\hat{\mathbf{X}}[n|m] \triangleq E\{\mathbf{X}[n]|\mathbf{Y}[m], \mathbf{Y}[m-1], \dots, \mathbf{Y}[0]\}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{X}}[-1|-1] \triangleq \mathbf{0}$ . From the previous part, we conclude that the Kalman filter for nonzero mean sequences has a similar form for the centered sequences.

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}_c[n|n] = \mathbf{A}\hat{\mathbf{X}}_c[n-1|n-1] + \mathbf{G}_{c_n}(\mathbf{Y}_c[n] - \mathbf{A}\hat{\mathbf{X}}_c[n-1|n-1])$$

Note that the Kalman gain matrix  $\mathbf{G}_{c_n}$  for the centered sequences may not correspond to that in the previous expression. Finally, we add the mean function to obtain the desired expression for the Kalman filter.

$$\boxed{\hat{\mathbf{X}}[n|n] = \mu_{\mathbf{X}}[n] + \mathbf{A}\hat{\mathbf{X}}_c[n-1|n-1] + \mathbf{G}_{c_n}(\mathbf{Y}_c[n] - \mathbf{A}\hat{\mathbf{X}}_c[n-1|n-1])}$$

**Problem 2.3-4 [Larson and Shubert, p. 130]**

A Gaussian random sequence  $X[n]$ , for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , is defined as

$$X[n] = - \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{k+2}{2} X[n-k] + W[n], \quad (13)$$

where  $X[0] = W[0]$  and  $W[n]$  is a Gaussian white noise sequence with zero mean and unity variance.

- Show that  $W[n]$  is the innovations sequence for  $X[n]$ .
- Show that  $X[n] = W[n] - 3W[n-1] + 3W[n-2] - W[n-3]$ , for  $W[-1] = W[-2] = W[-3] = 0$ .
- Use the preceding result to obtain the best two-step predictor of  $X[12]$  as a linear combination of  $X[0], \dots, X[10]$ . Also calculate the resulting mean-square prediction error.

**Part (a)**

Recall, from Definition 9.2-1 on page 571 in [4], that the innovations sequence for a random sequence  $X[n]$  is defined to be a white random sequence which is a causal and causally-invertible linear transformation of the sequence  $X[n]$ . From Equation 13 we find that  $W[n]$  is a causal linear transformation of  $\{X[0], X[1], \dots, X[n]\}$  such that

$$W[n] = X[n] + \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{k+2}{2} X[n-k].$$

In addition, we note that each  $X[n]$  is composed of a linear combination of zero-mean Gaussian random variables and, as a result, must also be a white random sequence. In conclusion, we find that  $W[n]$  is a white random sequence that is causally equivalent to  $X[n]$ . Similarly, as we'll show in Part (b),  $X[n]$  can be expressed as a causal linear combination of  $\{W[n-3], W[n-2], W[n-1], W[n]\}$ . As a result, we find that  $W[n]$  is the innovations sequence for  $X[n]$  since it satisfies Definition 9.2-1. In other words,  $W[n]$  contains the new information obtained when we observe  $X[n]$  given the past observations  $\{X[n-1], X[n-2], \dots, X[0]\}$ .

**Part (b)**

Let's begin by evaluating  $X[1]$  by direct evaluation of Equation 13.

$$\begin{aligned} X[1] &= W[1] - \sum_{k=1}^1 \binom{k+2}{2} X[1-k] \\ &= W[1] - 3X[0] = W[1] - 3W[0] \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for  $X[2]$  we find the following result.

$$\begin{aligned} X[2] &= W[2] - \sum_{k=1}^2 \binom{k+2}{2} X[2-k] \\ &= W[2] - 3X[1] - 6X[0] = W[2] - 3W[1] + 3W[0] \end{aligned}$$

Continuing our analysis we find that  $X[3]$  has the following solution.

$$\begin{aligned} X[3] &= W[3] - \sum_{k=1}^3 \binom{k+2}{2} X[3-k] \\ &= W[3] - 3X[2] - 6X[1] - 10X[0] = W[3] - 3W[2] + 3W[1] - W[0] \end{aligned}$$

By induction we conclude that the general solution for  $X[n]$ , for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , is given by the following expression.

$$\boxed{X[n] = W[n] - 3[n-1] + 3W[n-2] - W[n-3], \text{ for } W[-1] = W[-2] = W[-3] = 0}$$

### Part (c)

Recall that the best two-step predictor  $\hat{X}[12]$  of  $X[12]$  will be given by the following conditional expectation.

$$\hat{X}[12] = E\{X[12]|X[10], \dots, X[0]\}$$

Note that  $W[n]$ , the innovations sequence, is causally equivalent to  $X[n]$ . As a result, we can also express the two-step predictor as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{X}[12] &= E\{X[12]|W[10], \dots, W[0]\} \\ &= E\{W[12] - 3W[11] + 3W[10] - W[9]|W[10], \dots, W[0]\} \\ &= 3W[10] - W[9] \end{aligned}$$

Note that we substituted for  $X[n]$  using the result found in Part (b). Since  $W[n]$  is a white random process, we also conclude that  $E\{W[12]|W[10], \dots, W[0]\} = E\{W[11]|W[10], \dots, W[0]\} = 0$ . As a result, the best two-step predictor of  $X[12]$  is given by the following expression.

$$\boxed{\hat{X}[12] = 3W[10] - W[9] = 3 \left\{ X[10] + \sum_{k=1}^{10} \binom{k+2}{2} X[10-k] \right\} - \left\{ X[9] + \sum_{k=1}^9 \binom{k+2}{2} X[9-k] \right\}}$$

Finally, we note that the mean-square prediction error  $\varepsilon^2$  is given by the following expression.

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon^2 &= E\{(X[12] - \hat{X}[12])^2\} = E\{(W[12] - 3W[11])^2\} \\ &= E\{W[12]^2\} - 6E\{W[12]W[11]\} + 9E\{W[11]^2\} \\ &= E\{W[12]^2\} - 6E\{W[12]\}E\{W[11]\} + 9E\{W[11]^2\} = 10 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $W[n]$  is a mean-zero white random process we conclude that  $E\{W[12]^2\} = E\{W[11]^2\} = 1$  and  $E\{W[12]W[11]\} = E\{W[12]\}E\{W[11]\} = 0$ . In conclusion, the mean-square prediction error  $\varepsilon^2$  for  $X[12]$  is given by the following equation.

$$\boxed{\varepsilon^2 = E\{(X[12] - \hat{X}[12])^2\} = 10}$$

## References

- [1] Geoffrey Grimmett and David Stirzaker. *Probability and Random Processes (Third Edition)*. Oxford University Press, 2001.
- [2] Harold J. Larson and Bruno O. Shubert. *Probabilistic Models in Engineering Sciences: Random Variables and Stochastic Processes*. John Wiley & Sons, 1979.
- [3] Michael Mitzenmacher and Eli Upfal. *Probability and Computing: Randomized Algorithms and Probabilistic Analysis*. Cambridge University Press, 2005.
- [4] Henry Stark and John W. Woods. *Probability and Random Processes with Applications to Signal Processing (Third Edition)*. Prentice-Hall, 2002.