- 1. Determine the correctness or incorrectness of the following statements and provide reasoning for each :
  - (a)  $\{N_t\}$  (Poisson process) is a stationary random process.
  - (b) It is possible to determine whether a random process is SSS by observing a sample path of the process.
  - (c) Assume N(t) is a Poisson process with rate  $\lambda$  and  $X_1$  is the time of the first arrival. Given that N(t) = 1,  $X_1$  is uniformly distributed over the interval (0, t].
- (f) Consider the process  $\{X(t); t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  where X(t) = At and  $A \sim N(0,1)$ . The covariance of X(t) is given by  $\text{Cov}(X(t_1), X(t_2)) = t_1t_2$ .

#### Solution:

- (a) False: For example,  $\mathbb{E}[N_t] = \lambda t$ , which depends on t.
- (b) False: According to the definitions, this statement is clearly incorrect.
- (c) Correct: Suppose that for a Poisson process at rate  $\lambda$ , we condition on the event  $\{N(t) = 1\}$ , the event that exactly one arrival occurred during (0,t]. We might conjecture that under such conditioning,  $t_1$  should be uniformly distributed over (0,t). To see that this is in fact so, choose  $s \in (0,t)$ . Then

$$\mathbb{P}(t_1 \le s \mid N(t) = 1) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(t_1 \le s, N(t) = 1)}{\mathbb{P}(N(t) = 1)}$$

$$= \frac{\mathbb{P}(N(s) = 1, N(t) - N(s) = 0)}{\mathbb{P}(N(t) = 1)}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-\lambda s} \lambda s e^{-\lambda (t - s)}}{e^{-\lambda t} \lambda t}$$

$$= \frac{s}{t}.$$

(f) Correct: **Auto-Covariance Function:** 

$$Cov(X(t_1), X(t_2)) = \mathbb{E}[X(t_1)X(t_2)] = \mathbb{E}[t_1A \cdot t_2A] = t_1t_2\mathbb{E}[A^2] = t_1t_2 \cdot Var(A) = t_1t_2.$$

- 2. Joyce receives Facebook updates from her three closest friends: Amy, Brenda and Cindy. Each of her friends has different Facebook habits, with Amy sending her messages at a rate of 1/7 per day, Brenda at a rate of 1/2 per day, and Cindy at a rate of 1 per day. We assume that the number of messages Joyce receives from her friends are independent Poisson processes.
  - (a) [5 PTS] Let N(t) denote the number of messages Joyce receives from her three friends during the period [0,t]. Write down the PMF of N(t), i.e., P(N(t)=n) for  $n=0,1,2,\ldots$

Solution:

Since the superposition of independent Poisson processes is again a Poisson process whose rate is the sum of the rates, then N(t) is a Poisson process with rate

$$\frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{2} + 1 = \frac{2+7+14}{14} = \frac{23}{14}$$

or equivalently,

$$P(N(t) = n) = \frac{e^{-23t/14}(23t/14)^n}{n!}, \dots n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

(b) [8 PTS] Compute the probability that the next Facebook update Joyce receives from her three friends comes from Cindy.

Solution:

Since this is the same as the probability that the minimum of three independent exponentials,  $\chi_A$ ,  $\chi_B$  and  $\chi_C$ , having rates 1/7, 1/2 and 1, respectively, is equal to  $\xi_C$ , then

$$P(\text{Next update is from Cindy}) = P(\chi_C = \min\{\chi_A, \chi_B, \chi_C) = \frac{1}{1/7 + 1/2 + 1} = \frac{14}{23}$$

(c) [8 PTS] Given that yesterday Joyce received 5 Facebook updates from her group of three friends (during a 24 hour period), compute the probability that none of them are from Cindy.

Solution:

Let  $N_A(t)$ ,  $N_B(t)$ , and  $N_C(t)$  denote the number of Facebook updates from Amy, Brenda and Cindy, respectively, that Joyce received during the period [0, t]. Then, we need to compute

$$P(N_C(t) = 0|N(t) = 5) = \frac{P(N_C(t) = 0, N(t) = 5)}{P(N(t) = 5)}$$

$$= \frac{P(N_C(t) = 0, N_A(t) + N_B(t) + N_C(t) = 5)}{P(N(t) = 5)}$$

$$= \frac{P(N_C(t) = 0)P(N_A(t) + N_B(t) = 5)}{P(N(t) = 5)}$$
 (by independence)
$$= \frac{e^{-1} \cdot e^{-(1/7 + 1/2)}(1/7 + 1/2)^5/5!}{e^{-(23/14)}(23/14)^5/5!}$$

$$= \frac{(1/7 + 1/2)^5}{(23/14)^5} = \left(\frac{9}{23}\right)^5$$

# Question

Let  $\{X_t\}$  be a weakly stationary process with mean zero and autocovariance function  $\gamma_X(\tau)$ . Define a new process  $Z_t$  by:

$$Z_t = X_t X_{t-1}. (1)$$

- 1. Determine whether  $\{Z_t\}$  is weakly stationary by calculating its mean and autocovariance function.
- 2. If  $X_t$  is a white noise process with variance  $\sigma^2$ , determine if  $\{Z_t\}$  is weakly stationary. If so, calculate its mean and autocovariance function.

### Answer

## 1. Determine if $Z_t = X_t X_{t-1}$ is weakly stationary

Mean of  $Z_t$ : Since  $X_t$  is weakly stationary with mean zero, we have:

$$\mathbb{E}[Z_t] = \mathbb{E}[X_t X_{t-1}] = \gamma_X(1), \tag{2}$$

where  $\gamma_X(1)$  is the autocovariance at lag 1. Therefore, the mean of  $Z_t$  is constant over time, assuming  $\gamma_X(1)$  itself is constant.

Autocovariance of  $Z_t$ : To check weak stationarity, we need to compute  $Cov(Z_t, Z_{t+\tau})$  and see if it depends only on  $\tau$  and not on t. By expanding  $Z_t = X_t X_{t-1}$  and  $Z_{t+\tau} = X_{t+\tau} X_{t+\tau-1}$ , we get:

$$Cov(Z_{t}, Z_{t+\tau}) = \mathbb{E}[(X_{t}X_{t-1})(X_{t+\tau}X_{t+\tau-1})] - \mathbb{E}[X_{t}X_{t-1}]\mathbb{E}[X_{t+\tau}X_{t+\tau-1}]. \tag{3}$$

Since  $\{X_t\}$  is weakly stationary, each term  $\mathbb{E}[X_t X_{t-1}] = \gamma_X(1)$ , so we simplify:

$$Cov(Z_t, Z_{t+\tau}) = \mathbb{E}[X_t X_{t-1} X_{t+\tau} X_{t+\tau-1}] - \gamma_X(1)^2. \tag{4}$$

To proceed further, we would need higher-order moments of  $X_t$ , which depend on the specific distribution of  $X_t$ . Thus, without additional assumptions on  $X_t$ , we cannot conclude whether  $Z_t$  is weakly stationary.

#### 2. If $X_t$ is a white noise process with variance $\sigma^2$ :

Mean of  $Z_t$ : If  $X_t$  is white noise, then  $\mathbb{E}[X_tX_{t-1}] = 0$  since white noise is uncorrelated across time. Therefore:

$$\mathbb{E}[Z_t] = \mathbb{E}[X_t X_{t-1}] = 0. \tag{5}$$

Autocovariance of  $Z_t$ : For white noise,  $X_t$  and  $X_{t-1}$  are independent, so we can expand  $\mathbb{E}[X_tX_{t-1}X_{t+\tau}X_{t+\tau-1}]$  based on whether  $\tau = 0, 1$ , or  $\tau \geq 2$ :

• If  $\tau = 0$ :

$$Cov(Z_t, Z_t) = \mathbb{E}[(X_t X_{t-1})^2] = \mathbb{E}[X_t^2] \mathbb{E}[X_{t-1}^2] = \sigma^4.$$
 (6)

• If  $\tau = 1$ :

$$Cov(Z_t, Z_{t+1}) = \mathbb{E}[X_t X_{t-1} X_{t+1} X_t] = \mathbb{E}[X_t^2] \mathbb{E}[X_{t-1} X_{t+1}] = 0, \tag{7}$$

since  $X_{t-1}$  and  $X_{t+1}$  are uncorrelated in a white noise process.

If τ ≥ 2:

$$Cov(Z_t, Z_{t+\tau}) = \mathbb{E}[X_t X_{t-1} X_{t+\tau} X_{t+\tau-1}] = \mathbb{E}[X_t X_{t-1}] \mathbb{E}[X_{t+\tau} X_{t+\tau-1}] = 0.$$
(8)

Therefore, the autocovariance function  $\gamma_Z(\tau)$  for  $\{Z_t\}$  is:

$$\gamma_Z(\tau) = \begin{cases} \sigma^4 & \text{if } \tau = 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } \tau \neq 0. \end{cases}$$
 (9)

This implies that  $Z_t$  is weakly stationary, with mean zero and an autocovariance structure similar to white noise, as all covariances  $\gamma_Z(\tau)$  vanish for  $\tau \neq 0$ .

# سوال چهارم

3. Consider a WSS random sequence X[n] with mean function  $\mu_X$ , a constant, and correlation function  $R_{XX}[m]$ . Form a random process as

$$X(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} X[n] \frac{\sin \pi (t - nT)/T}{\pi (t - nT)/T}$$

- (a) Find  $\mu_X(t)$  in terms of  $\mu_X$ .
- (b) Find  $R_{XX}(t_1, t_2)$  in terms of  $R_{XX}[m]$ . Is X(t) WSS?

Solution:

Consider a WSS (Wide-Sense Stationary) random sequence X[n] with: - Mean function  $\mu_X$  (a constant) - Correlation function  $R_{XX}[m]$ 

The random process X(t) is defined as:

$$X(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} X[n] \frac{\sin \pi (t - nT)/T}{\pi (t - nT)/T}$$

Part (a) Find  $\mu_X(t)$  in terms of  $\mu_X$ .

The mean of the process X(t), denoted as  $\mu_X(t) = E[X(t)]$ , is given by:

$$\mu_X(t) = E\left[\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} X[n] \frac{\sin \pi (t - nT)/T}{\pi (t - nT)/T}\right]$$

Since expectation is a linear operator:

$$\mu_X(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} E[X[n]] \frac{\sin \pi (t - nT)/T}{\pi (t - nT)/T}$$

Given  $E[X[n]] = \mu_X$  for all n (because X[n] is WSS):

$$\mu_X(t) = \mu_X \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin \pi (t - nT)/T}{\pi (t - nT)/T}$$

The sum:

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin \pi (t - nT)/T}{\pi (t - nT)/T} = 1$$

This is due to the property of the Dirichlet kernel (sinc function as a sampling reconstruction kernel).

Thus:

$$\mu_X(t) = \mu_X$$

Part (b) Find  $R_{XX}(t_1, t_2)$  in terms of  $R_{XX}[m]$ . Is X(t) WSS? The autocorrelation function  $R_{XX}(t_1, t_2)$  is defined as:

$$R_{XX}(t_1, t_2) = E[X(t_1)X(t_2)]$$

Substituting the definition of X(t):

$$R_{XX}(t_1, t_2) = E\left[ \left( \sum_{n = -\infty}^{\infty} X[n] \frac{\sin \pi (t_1 - nT)/T}{\pi (t_1 - nT)/T} \right) \left( \sum_{m = -\infty}^{\infty} X[m] \frac{\sin \pi (t_2 - mT)/T}{\pi (t_2 - mT)/T} \right) \right]$$

Expanding the expectation:

$$R_{XX}(t_1, t_2) = \sum_{n = -\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{m = -\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin \pi (t_1 - nT)/T}{\pi (t_1 - nT)/T} \frac{\sin \pi (t_2 - mT)/T}{\pi (t_2 - mT)/T} E[X[n]X[m]]$$

Since X[n] is WSS,  $E[X[n]X[m]] = R_{XX}[n-m]$ :

$$R_{XX}(t_1, t_2) = \sum_{k = -\infty}^{\infty} R_{XX}[k] \sum_{n = -\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin \pi (t_1 - nT)/T}{\pi (t_1 - nT)/T} \frac{\sin \pi (t_2 - (n - k)T)/T}{\pi (t_2 - (n - k)T)/T}$$

Using the orthogonality of the sinc functions:

$$R_{XX}(t_1, t_2) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} R_{XX}[k] \frac{\sin \pi (t_1 - t_2 - kT)/T}{\pi (t_1 - t_2 - kT)/T}$$

Now, for X(t) to be WSS,  $R_{XX}(t_1, t_2)$  should depend only on  $\tau = t_1 - t_2$ :

$$R_{XX}(t_1, t_2) = R_{XX}(\tau)$$

Thus, X(t) is WSS if  $R_{XX}(t_1, t_2)$  only depends on  $\tau$ , which is satisfied here since it depends on  $\tau$  through  $t_1 - t_2$ .

Conclusion 1.  $\mu_X(t) = \mu_X$  2.  $R_{XX}(t_1, t_2)$  is derived in terms of  $R_{XX}[m]$ , and X(t) is WSS.

# سوال ينجم

فرض کنید که X(t) یک فرایند گوسی با میانگین صفر و Sinc( au)=sinc( au) باشد. اگر X(t) ورودی سیستم LTI زیر باشد:

$$H(f) = \begin{cases} 1 & |f| < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{1}$$

و Y(t) < 1 خروجی آن باشد. Y(1) < 1 را محاسبه کنید.

جواب:

با توجه به اینکه ورودی یک فرایند گوسی wss است و از یک سیستم LTI عبور داده شده پس خروجی هم یک فرایند گوسی WSS است. برای محاسبه ی فرایند گوسی  $R_Y( au)$  داریم:

$$S_X(f) = \begin{cases} 1 & |f| < \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (Y)

$$S_Y(f) = S_X(f)|H(f)|^2 = \begin{cases} 1 & |f| < \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (7)

در نتیجه:  $E[Y(1)^2] = sinc(0) = 1 \Rightarrow Var(Y(1) = 1)$  بنابراین:  $E[Y(1)^2] = sinc(0) = 1 \Rightarrow Var(Y(1) = 1)$  از طرفی داریم:  $E[Y(1)Y(2)] = R_Y(1) = 0$  و میدانیم توزیع مشترک  $Y(1), Y(2) = R_Y(1) = 0$  گوسی است و توزیع مستقل از هم هستند. و داریم:  $\Rightarrow P(Y(2) < 1|Y(1) < 1) = P(Y(2) < 1) = \phi(1)$  است.