## Answers to Exercises in Chapter 7 - Correlation Functions

7-1. (from Papoulis and Pillai) The random variable C is uniform in the interval (0,T). Find  $R_x(t_1,t_2)$  if (a)

$$X(t) = u(t - C), (b) X(t) = \delta(t - C). \quad (Use R_{X'X'}(t_1, t_2) = \frac{\partial^2 R_{XX}(t_1, t_2)}{\partial t_1 \partial t_2} \text{ in (b)})$$
(a)

$$R_{x}(t_{1},t_{2}) = \begin{cases} 0 , t_{1} < 0 \text{ or } t_{2} < 0 \\ 1 , t_{1} > T \text{ and } t_{2} > T \\ \min(t_{1},t_{2}) / T , \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$



(b) 
$$R_{X'X'}(t_1,t_2) = \frac{1}{T}\delta(t_1-t_2)$$

7-2. The random variable C is equally likely to have any value in  $\{0,1,2,3,4\}$ . Find  $R_x[n_1,n_2]$  if (a) X[n] = u[n-C], (b)  $X[n] = \delta[n-C]$ .

(a)

$$\mathbf{R}_{x}[n_{1},n_{2}] = \begin{cases} 0 \ , \ n_{1} < 0 \text{ or } n_{2} < 0 \\ 1 \ , \ n_{1} \ge 4 \text{ and } n_{2} \ge 4 \\ \frac{\min(n_{1},n_{2}) + 1}{5} \ , \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$



(b)

7-3. (from Papoulis and Pillai) The random variables A and B are independent and Gaussian with zero mean and standard deviation  $\sigma$  and p is the probability that the stochastic CTCV process X(t) = A - Bt crosses the t axis in the interval (0,T). Show that  $\pi p = \tan^{-1}(T)$ . (*Hint:*  $p = P(0 \le A / B \le T)$ .)

Proof.

7-4. (from Papoulis and Pillai) The stochastic CTCV process X(t) is WSS and Gaussian with  $R_x(\tau) = 4e^{-2|\tau|}$ . (a) Find  $P[X(t) \le 3]$ . (b) Find  $E([X(t+1) - X(t-1)]^2)$ .

(a) 0.9332(b) 7.8535

- 7-5. The stochastic DTDV process X[n] is WSS and geometrically distributed with  $R_x[m] = 10(0.8)^{|m|}$ . (a) Find  $P[X[n] \le 5]$ . (b) Find  $E([X[n+1] X[n-1]]^2)$ .
  - (a) 0.9222
  - (b) 7.2

- 7-6. (from Papoulis and Pillai) Given a Gaussian stochastic CTCV process X(t) with  $R_x(\tau) = 4e^{-2|\tau|}$ , we form the random variables Z = X(t+1), W = X(t-1) (a) Find E(ZW) and  $E((Z+W)^2)$ , (b) find  $f_z(z)$ , P[Z < 1] and  $f_{ZW}(z,w)$ .
  - (a) 0.0733, 8.1465

(b) 
$$P[Z < 1] = 0.6915$$
  
 $f_{ZW}(z, w) = \frac{\exp\left[-\frac{(z/2)^2 - 0.00915zw + (w/2)}{1.99933}\right]}{25.13}$   
 $f_{Z}(z) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{z^2/8}$ .

7-7. (from Cooper and McGillem) A WSS stochastic CTCV process having sample functions X(t) has an autocorrelation function  $R_x(\tau) = 5e^{-s|\tau|}$ . Another WSS stochastic process has sample functions

$$\mathbf{Y}(t) = \mathbf{X}(t) + b\mathbf{X}(t-0.1) \quad .$$

- (a) Find the value of b that minimizes the mean-squared value of Y. -0.6065
- (b) Find the value of the minimum mean-squared value of Y. 3.1608
- (c) If  $|b| \le 1$ , find the maximum mean-squared value of Y. 16.065.
- 7-8. Consider a WSS stochastic CTDV process having sample functions illustrated in Figure E7-8.



Figure E7-8 A sample function from a WSS stochastic DTDV process

In this process a pulse of height A and width T is equally likely to occur or not occur at times  $t_0 \pm nT_0$ . The probability of occurrence of the pulse is independent of the probabilities of occurrence of all other pulses. The time  $t_0$  is random and uniformly distributed over t = 0 to  $t=T_0$  and the pulse width T is less than half the pulse spacing  $T_0$ . Find the autocorrelation function for this process.

$$R_{\chi}(\tau) = \frac{A^2T}{4T_0} \operatorname{tri}\left(\frac{\tau}{T}\right) + \frac{A^2T}{4T_0} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \operatorname{tri}\left(\frac{\tau - nT_0}{T}\right) \; .$$



7-9. Consider a WSS stochastic DTDV process having the sample functions illustrated in Figure E7-9.



Figure E7-9 A DTCV bipolar-pulse stochastic process

In this process bipolar pulse pairs occur every integer multiple of 4 in discrete time with probability p. The probability of occurrence of each pulse pair is independent of the occurrence of any other pulse pair. The positions  $n_0$  of the first pulse pair after n = 0 (whether or not the pulse pair actually occurs) are uniformly distributed on  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ .

(a) Find the autocorrelation function for this process.

$$\mathbf{R}\left[m\right] = \frac{p}{4} \left( \left(1-p\right)\left[\left(A^{2}+B^{2}\right)\delta\left[m\right]+AB\left(\delta\left[m+1\right]+\delta\left[m-1\right]\right)\right] + p\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty}\left\{\left(A^{2}+B^{2}\right)\delta\left[m-4k\right]+AB\left(\delta\left[m-4k-1\right]+\delta\left[m-4k-3\right]\right)\right\}\right) \right)$$

(b) If p = 1/2, A = 4 and B = -1 graph the autocorrelation function.



- 7-10. Which of the following functions could or could not be an autocorrelation function of a real WSS stochastic process and why?
  - (a)  $3\sin(200\pi\tau)$  Cannot be
  - (b)  $3\cos(500\pi\tau)$  Can be

- (c)  $10\operatorname{sinc}(\tau/4)$  Can be
- (d)  $4 \operatorname{rect}(10\tau)$  Cannot be
- (e)  $12 \operatorname{tri}(\tau / 24)$  Can be
- (f)  $12\left[\operatorname{tri}\left(\frac{\tau-18}{24}\right) + \operatorname{tri}\left(\frac{\tau+18}{24}\right)\right]$  Cannot be

(g) 
$$12\left[\operatorname{tri}\left(\frac{\tau-6}{24}\right) + \operatorname{tri}\left(\frac{\tau+6}{24}\right)\right]$$
 Cannot be

(h) 
$$10\cos(20\pi\tau)\operatorname{tri}(\tau/3)$$
 Can be

(i)  $10\sin^2(20\pi\tau)$  Cannot be

(j) 
$$\delta(\tau-5) + \delta(\tau+5)$$
 Cannot be

(k)  $\delta(\tau-5) + 4\delta(\tau) + \delta(\tau+5)$  Can be

(1) 
$$\delta(\tau-5) + 1.5\delta(\tau) + \delta(\tau+5)$$
 Cannot be

7-11. A WSS stochastic CTCV process has an autocorrelation function

$$\mathbf{R}_{x}\left(\tau\right) = 10\cos\left(4\pi\tau\right)\operatorname{tri}\left(\tau / 3\right) + 4\cos\left(6\pi\tau\right) + 12\,.$$

## (a) Find its mean value, mean-squared value and standard deviation. 26, 3.742

- (b) Does the autocorrelation have a sinusoidal component and, if so, what is its frequency? Yes, at 3 Hz.
- (c) What is the smallest positive value of  $\tau$  at which X(t) and  $X(t + \tau)$  are uncorrelated?  $\tau = 0.109$
- 7-12. An ergodic, stochastic CTCV process  $\{X(t)\}$  has the autocorrelation function  $R_x(\tau)$  graphed below. A sample function X(t) of that random process is sampled at a rate  $f_s = 1/T_s$ . A DTCV random variable is formed according to the following formula.

$$Y[0] = \frac{X(0) + 2X(T_{s}) + X(2T_{s})}{4}$$

$$Y[1] = \frac{X(3T_{s}) + 2X(4T_{s}) + X(5T_{s})}{4}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$Y[k] = \frac{X(3kT_{s}) + 2X((3k+1)T_{s}) + X((3k+2)T_{s})}{4}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$R_{X}(\tau)$$

$$0.2 \quad \tau(s)$$

(a) If the sampling rate  $f_s$  is 5 Hz, what is the variance of the random variable Y? 3/8

- (b) If the sampling rate  $f_s$  is 10 Hz, what is the variance of the random variable Y? 3/4
- 7-13. An ergodic, deterministic stochastic CTDV process has sample functions each of which is a sequence of contiguous rectangular pulses of width 1 second. The pulses can have only two possible amplitudes 2 and 4 with equal probability. The pulse amplitudes occur randomly and are all statistically independent of each other. Sketch the autocorrelation function for this random process.





7-14. Let the function

$$g(\tau) = \begin{cases} 1 - |\tau| / a , |\tau| < 1 \\ 0 , \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

For what values of *a* could this function be an autocorrelation function? a = 1

7-15. Generate samples from a sample function of an ergodic stochastic CTCV process with the instruction sequence

N = 10000 ;	%	Number of time samples
X = randn(N, 1);	%	Gaussian distributed random values
[b,a] = butter(3,0.05) ;	%	Third-order Butterworth lowpass filter
X = filtfilt(b,a,X) ;	%	Compute filtered signal

Then compute and graph an estimate of the autocorrelation function using the approximation given in the text.



7-16. Find the mean and variance of stochastic CTCV processes having the following autocorrelation functions.

(a)  $R_{x}(\tau) = 18e^{-|\tau|}$  0,18

(b) 
$$R_{\chi}(\tau) = 6 \frac{|\tau| + 3}{|\tau| + 2} \pm 2.449,3$$

(c) 
$$R_x(\tau) = 4e^{-\tau}\cos(10\pi\tau) \quad 0.4$$

7-17. Two independent WSS stochastic CTCV processes with sample functions X(t) and Y(t) have autocorrelation functions

$$R_{\chi}(\tau) = 3\operatorname{sinc}(8\tau)$$
,  $R_{\chi}(\tau) = 12e^{-5|\tau|}$ 

(a) Find the autocorrelation functions of  $Z_s(t) = X(t) + Y(t)$  and  $Z_d(t) = X(t) - Y(t)$ .

$$\mathbf{R}_{Z_{s}}(\tau) = 3\operatorname{sinc}(8\tau) + 12e^{-5|\tau|}$$
$$\mathbf{R}_{Z_{d}}(\tau) = 3\operatorname{sinc}(8\tau) + 12e^{-5|\tau|}$$

(c) Find the cross-correlations  $R_{Z_sZ_d}(\tau)$  and  $R_{Z_dZ_s}(\tau)$  and compare their maximum values to the upper limit stated above in the text.

$$R_{z_{s}z_{d}}(\tau) = 3\operatorname{sinc}(8\tau) + 12e^{-S|\tau|} = R_{z_{s}z_{d}}(-\tau)$$

$$\left|R_{z_{s}z_{d}}(\tau)\right| \leq \sqrt{R_{z_{s}}(0)R_{z_{s}}(0)} , R_{z_{s}}(0) = 15 \text{ and } R_{z_{d}}(0) = 15 , \left|R_{z_{s}z_{d}}(\tau)\right| \leq 15$$

$$R_{z_{s}z_{d}}(\tau)$$

7-18. A WSS stochastic CTCV process has an autocorrelation function

(a) Find 
$$R_{xx}(\tau)$$
  
 $R_x(\tau) = 15 \operatorname{tri}(\tau/4)$   
 $R_{xx}(\tau) = \frac{15}{4} \begin{cases} 0 & , \ \tau \le -4 \\ -1 & , \ -4 < \tau \le 0 \\ 1 & , \ 0 < \tau \le 4 \\ 0 & , \ \tau > 4 \end{cases}$   
(b) Find  $R_{x'}(\tau)$   
 $R_{x'}(\tau) = \frac{15}{4} [-\delta(\tau+4) + 2\delta(\tau) - \delta(\tau-4)]$ 

- 7-19. A common technique for optimally detecting a sinusoidal signal in the presence of broadband noise is to multiply the signal plus noise by a sinusoid of the same frequency and let the product excite a lowpass filter. The multiplying sinusoid is generated by what is called the *local oscillator*. The expected value of the filter response indicates the amplitude of the sinusoid. Let the sinusoidal signal be  $X(t) = 0.01 \sin(50\pi t + \theta)$  and let the autocorrelation of the noise be  $R_N(\tau) = e^{-8|\tau|}$ . Let the local-oscillator sinusoid be of the form,  $y(t) = 10\cos(50\pi t + \theta)$ . Then the product of the incoming signal and the locally-generated sinusoid is Z(t) = y(t)X(t) + y(t)N(t).
  - (a) Find the expected value of Z(t), with  $\phi$  a constant.

$$\mathbf{E}\left[\mathbf{Z}(t)\right] = 0.05\left[\sin\left(100\pi t + \phi + \theta\right) + \sin\left(\phi - \theta\right)\right]$$

(b) What value of  $\phi$  maximizes  $E(\langle Z(t) \rangle)$ ?  $\phi - \theta = \pi / 2 \pm n\pi$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \cdots$ .