

457.643 Structural Random Vibrations
In-Class Material: Class 02

I. Basic Elements (Contd.)

⊙ **Joint characteristic function:** alternative complete description to _____ PDF

$$\begin{aligned} M_X(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &\equiv E_X\{\exp[i\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X}]\} \\ &= E_X\{\exp[i(\theta_1 X_1 + \theta_2 X_2 + \dots + \theta_n X_n)]\} \\ &= \int \dots \int \exp[i(\theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \dots + \theta_n x_n)] f_X(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \end{aligned}$$

→ m_____variate F_____transform of _____ PDF

Therefore,

$$f_X(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int \dots \int \exp[-i(\theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \dots + \theta_n x_n)] d\boldsymbol{\theta}$$

Can show _____-generating property for the joint characteristic function, i.e.

$$\frac{1}{i^{m_1+\dots+m_n}} \left. \frac{\partial^{m_1+\dots+m_n} M_X(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial \theta_1^{m_1} \dots \partial \theta_n^{m_n}} \right|_{\boldsymbol{\theta}=0} = E[X_1^{m_1} X_2^{m_2} \dots X_n^{m_n}]$$

Some observations:

- 1) Consistency rule: $M_X(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k, 0, \dots, 0) =$
- 2) For statistically independent random variables, $M_X(\boldsymbol{\theta}) =$

⊙ **Joint log characteristic function**

Remember $M_X(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = E_X[\exp(i\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{X})] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(i\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{x}) f_X(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$

Joint log characteristic function $L_X(\boldsymbol{\theta}) =$

Joint cumulant function

$$\kappa(\mathbf{X}) = \left. \frac{1}{i^n} \frac{\partial^n L_X(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial \theta_1 \dots \partial \theta_n} \right|_{\boldsymbol{\theta}=0}$$

- $\kappa(X_i) =$
- $\kappa(X_i, X_j) =$
- $\kappa(X_i, X_j, X_k) =$

Example: Characteristic function of $Y = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$ (and PDF?)

◎ **Multivariate normal (Gaussian) distribution**

Joint PDF:

$$f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} \sqrt{|\det \boldsymbol{\Sigma}|}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{M})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{M}) \right]$$

- completely determined by _____ and _____ order moments
- denoted by $\mathbf{X} \sim N(\mathbf{M}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$
- can show $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{b} \sim N(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{M} + \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{A}^T)$

e.g. $n = 1, X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right]$$

Can show

$$M_{\mathbf{X}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \exp \left(i\mathbf{M}^T \boldsymbol{\theta} - \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \boldsymbol{\theta} \right)$$

$L_{\mathbf{X}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) =$

- _____ function of $\boldsymbol{\theta}$
- Higher order ($n \geq$) cumulants are zero

Example: $\kappa(X_i, X_j)$ for bivariate normal random variables

◎ **Proof of Central Limit Theorem using characteristic functions**

Consider $Z = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$ where $X_i, i = 1, \dots, n$ are statistically independent, identically distributed (IID) random variables. Try

$$Z' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right)$$

where μ and σ respectively denote the common mean and standard deviation of X_i 's.

Let $Y_i = \frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma}$ Then, $Z' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$

The characteristic function of Z' is then derived as

$$\begin{aligned} M_{Z'}(\theta) &= E[\exp(i\theta Z')] = E \left\{ \exp \left[\frac{i\theta}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{j=1}^n Y_j \right] \right\} = E \left[\prod_{j=1}^n \exp \left(\frac{i\theta Y_j}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right] \\ &= \prod_{j=1}^n E \left[\exp \left(\frac{i\theta Y_j}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right] = \prod_{j=1}^n M_{Y_j} \left(\frac{\theta}{\sqrt{n}} \right) = \left[M_Y \left(\frac{\theta}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right]^n \end{aligned}$$

statistically independent
identically distributed

Let us consider the characteristic function of Y , $M_Y(\theta)$. Note that the mean of Y is zero and its standard deviation is one. From the moment generating property of the characteristic function, we confirm

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{dM_Y(\theta)}{d\theta} \right|_{\theta=0} &= iE[Y] = i \cdot \mu_Y = 0 \\ \left. \frac{d^2M_Y(\theta)}{d\theta^2} \right|_{\theta=0} &= i^2E[Y^2] = -(\sigma_Y^2 + \mu_Y^2) = -1 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the characteristic function $M_Y(\theta)$ can be constructed by a Taylor series:

$$\begin{aligned} M_Y(\theta) &= 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2} + o(\theta^2) \\ M_Y \left(\frac{\theta}{\sqrt{n}} \right) &= 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2n} + o \left(\frac{\theta^2}{n} \right) \\ M_{Z'}(\theta) &= \left[1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2n} + o \left(\frac{\theta^2}{n} \right) \right]^n \end{aligned}$$

Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n} \right)^n = e^x$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_{Z'}(\theta) = \exp \left(-\frac{\theta^2}{2} \right)$$

The end result is the characteristic function of the standard _____ distribution. Thus, we hereby proved that Z' asymptotically follows the standard _____ distribution as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Since Z is a linear function of Z' , Z also asymptotically follows a _____ distribution.

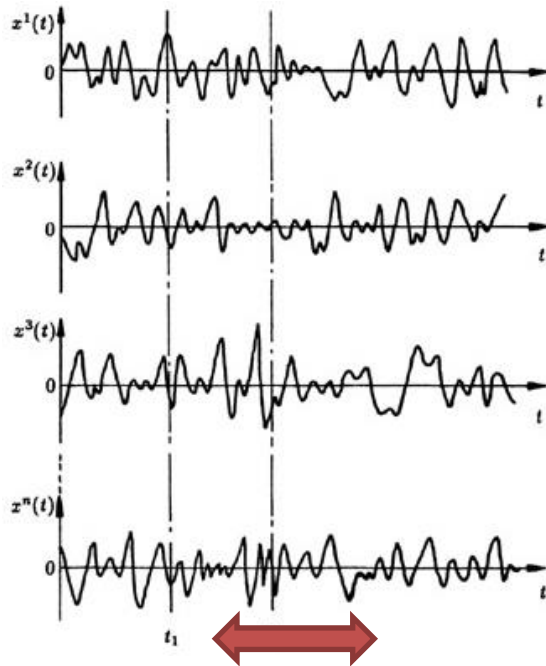
II. Introduction to Random Process

II-1. Random Process

◎ Definitions

Random (stochastic) process: $\{X(t)\}$ or $X(t)$ (cf. $x(t)$)

e.g. earthquake ground motion



Definition 1: Random process is an “e _____” (collection) of possible t _____ h _____ $\{x^{(1)}(t), x^{(2)}(t), \dots\}$

Definition 2: “Continuously indexed” r _____ v _____, or a family of random variables $\{X(0), \dots X(t_k), \dots X(t_m), \dots\}$

Note: the concept of random process can be generalized

- 1) Random field $X(t, u, v)$, e.g. wind pressure at location (u, v) of the roof at time t
- 2) Vector random process:

$$\mathbf{X}(t) = \begin{Bmatrix} X_1(t) \\ X_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ X_n(t) \end{Bmatrix} \quad \text{e.g. } \mathbf{X}_g(t) = \begin{Bmatrix} x_g(t) \\ \dot{x}_g(t) \\ \ddot{x}_g(t) \end{Bmatrix}$$

- 3) Vector random field:

$$\mathbf{X}(t, u, v) = \begin{Bmatrix} X_1(t, u, v) \\ X_2(t, u, v) \\ \vdots \\ X_n(t, u, v) \end{Bmatrix}$$

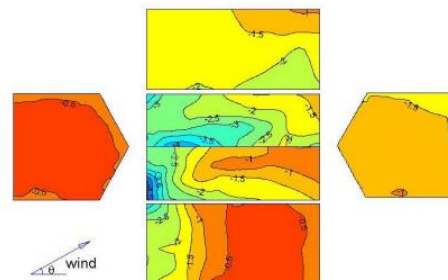


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