

**EC 421 STATISTICAL  
COMMUNICATION THEORY**

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Lecture # 6

## GAUSSIAN PROCESS

1. **Gaussian pdf** (probability density function)

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma_X \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - \bar{X})^2}{2\sigma_X^2}\right)$$

2. **Bi-variate** pdf (jointly Gaussian)

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_X\sigma_Y\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left\{\frac{-1}{2(1-\rho^2)}\left[\frac{(x-\bar{X})^2}{\sigma_X^2} - \frac{2\rho(x-\bar{X})(y-\bar{Y})}{\sigma_X\sigma_Y} + \frac{(y-\bar{Y})^2}{\sigma_Y^2}\right]\right\}$$

Correlation coefficient  $\rho \triangleq \frac{E[(X - \bar{X})(Y - \bar{Y})]}{\sigma_X\sigma_Y}$

3. **N-variate pdf** (jointly Gaussian)  $-1 < \rho < 1$

## PROPERTIES OF GAUSSIAN PROCESSES

1. Gaussian processes are completely specified by their mean  $E[X(t)]$  and autocorrelation function  $R_{X,X}(t_i, t_j)$ .
2. A wide-sense stationary Gaussian process is also strict-sense stationary.
3. If the jointly Gaussian processes  $X(t)$  and  $Y(t)$  are uncorrelated, then they are independent.
4. If the Gaussian process  $X(t)$  is passed through a linear time-invariant system, then the corresponding output process  $Y(t)$  is also a Gaussian process. ←

Linear weighted sum of Gaussian RVs → Another Gaussian RV

## WHITE NOISE

- **White** → occupies all frequencies → *PSD is independent on the operating frequency.*
- Dimensions of  $N_0$  is watt per Hertz,  $N_0 = KT$  ( $K$ : Boltzman const.,  $T$ : equivalent noise temperature of the receiver)

$$S_N(f) = \frac{N_0}{2}$$

$$R_N(\tau) = \frac{N_0}{2} \delta(\tau)$$

- Any two different samples of white noise no matter how close they are will be **uncorrelated**.
- If white noise is **Gaussian** then they will also be **independent**

## WHITE GAUSSIAN NOISE PROCESSES

- **Definition.** A random process  $N(t)$  is a **white Gaussian noise** if:
  - $N(t)$  is a WSS process satisfying:
    1.  $\mu_N = E[N(t)] = 0$  (zero mean)
    2. For any time instants  $t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_k$ ,  $N(t_1)$ ,  $N(t_2)$ , ...,  $N(t_k)$  are **independent** Gaussian random variables.

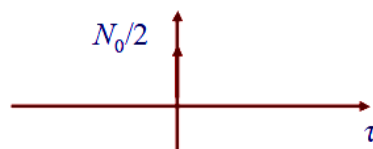


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## THE CHARACTERISTICS OF $N(t)$

- (1)  $N(t)$  is a **Gaussian random variable** for any time instance  $t$ .
- (2) **Zero mean:**  $\mu_N = 0$
- (3) The **autocorrelation function:**

$$R_N(\tau) = \frac{N_0}{2} \delta(\tau), \quad -\infty < \tau < \infty$$



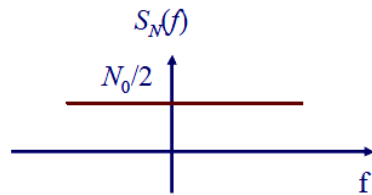
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## THE CHARACTERISTICS OF $N(t)$

(4) The **power spectral density** is flat:

$$S_N(f) = \frac{N_0}{2}, \quad -\infty < f < \infty$$

○ where  $N_0$  is the **power per unit bandwidth** of  $N(t)$ .

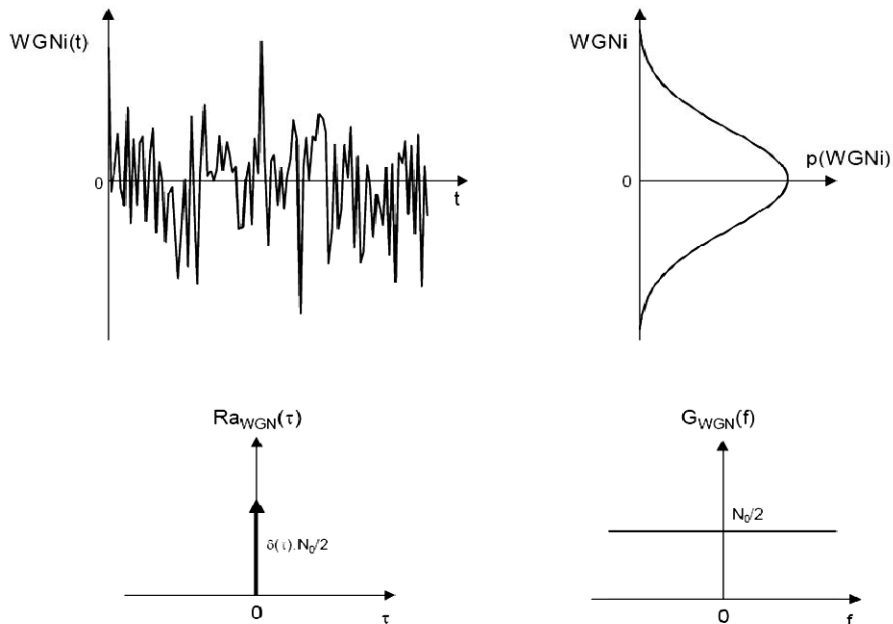


(5) The **average power** is infinity:

$$P_N = E[N^2(t)] = \infty$$

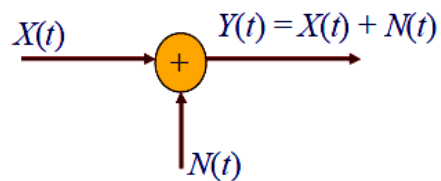
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## WHITE GAUSSIAN NOISE (WGN)



## EXAMPLE

- Sum with a White Gaussian Noise. Suppose that  $N(t)$  is a white Gaussian noise with power spectrum  $N_0/2$ . We also assume that  $X(t)$  and  $N(t)$  are *joint WSS and independent*. Find the mean and the power spectral density of  $Y(t)$ .



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## SOLUTION

- Mean: 
$$\begin{aligned}\mu_Y(t) &= E[X(t) + N(t)] \\ &= E[X(t)] + E[N(t)] \\ &= \mu_X + 0 = \mu_X\end{aligned}$$

- Autocorrelation:

$$\begin{aligned}R_Y(t, t+\tau) &= E[Y(t)Y(t+\tau)] \\ &= E[(X(t) + N(t))(X(t+\tau) + N(t+\tau))] \\ &= R_X(t, \tau) + R_{XN}(t, \tau) + R_{NX}(t, \tau) + R_N(t, \tau) \\ &= R_X(\tau) + R_N(\tau) = R_Y(\tau)\end{aligned}$$

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## SOLUTION

- Thus,  $Y(t)$  is WSS. The PSD of  $Y(t)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} S_Y(f) &= F(R_Y(\tau)) = F(R_X(\tau) + R_N(\tau)) \\ &= S_X(f) + S_N(f) = S_X(f) + \frac{N_0}{2} \end{aligned}$$

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## IDEAL LOW PASS FILTERED (ILPF) WHITE NOISE

- A white Gaussian noise with zero mean and variance  $N_0/2$  is applied to an ideal low pass filter of bandwidth  $B$  and amplitude response of one.
- PSD of output  $Y(t)$  is: 
$$S_Y(f) = \begin{cases} \frac{N_0}{2} & -B \leq f \leq B \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
- The autocorrelation is:  $R_Y(\tau) = N_0 B \text{sinc}(2B\tau)$
- Autocorrelation **maximum** at  $\tau$  equal **zero**, it is equal  $N_0 B$ , and passes through **zero** at  $\tau = n/2B$  for  $n =$  integer values and **variance**  $N_0 B$ .
- If noise is **sampled** at rate  $2B$  then they are **uncorrelated** and being Gaussian then **statistically independent**

## RC LOW PASS FILTERED WHITE NOISE

- The  $H(f)$  of RC filter is  $H(f) = \frac{1}{1 + j2\pi fRC}$
- The PSD of the o/p is  $S_Y(f) = \frac{N_0/2}{1 + (2\pi fRC)^2}$
- The autocorrelation of the output is  $R_Y(\tau) = \frac{N_0}{4RC} \exp(-\frac{|\tau|}{RC})$
- If noise is samples at rate  $0.217/RC$  then they are **uncorrelated** and being **Gaussian** then **statistically independent**

## EXAMPLE SINE WAVE PLUS WHITE NOISE

$$X(t) = A \cos(2\pi f_c t + \theta) + N(t)$$

$\theta$  is uniformly distributed and  $N(t)$  is WGN.

$$R_x(\tau) = E[X(t)X(t+\tau)] = \frac{A^2}{2} \cos(2\pi f_c \tau) + \frac{N_0}{2} \delta(\tau)$$

$$S_x(f) = \frac{A^2}{4} [\delta(f - f_c) + \delta(f + f_c)] + \frac{N_0}{2}$$

## NOISE EQUIVALENT BANDWIDTH

- Output average power of **I-LPF**  $\rightarrow N_o B$
- Output average power of **RC-LPF**  $\rightarrow N_o/4RC$
- Output average power of **any filter**  $\rightarrow N_o B H^2(0)$
- Equivalent **Bandwidth** =

$$B = \frac{\int_0^{\infty} |H(f)|^2 df}{H^2(0)}$$

## NARROWBAND NOISE (NBN)

- **Filters** at the receiver have **enough bandwidth** to pass the **desired signal** but not too big to pass **excess noise**.
- **Narrowband (NB)**  $\rightarrow$  center frequency is much bigger than the bandwidth.
- **Noise** at the output of such filters are called **narrowband noise (NBN)**.
- **NBN** has spectral concentrated about some mid-band frequency  $\pm f_c$
- The **sample function** of such NBN  $n(t)$  **appears as** a **sine wave of frequency  $f_c$**  which modulates slowly in amplitude and phase.

$$S_N(f) = \frac{N_o}{2} |H(f)|^2$$



