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STOCHASTIC ESTIMATION

Response of Linear Systems to
White Noise Inputs: Discrete
Time Case

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MATHEMATICAL DEFINITION OF DISCRETE-TIME WHITE NOISE

- Time index

$$t = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

- Discrete white noise $\underline{\xi}(t)$

- Mean:

$$E \{ \underline{\xi}(t) \} = \underline{\bar{\xi}}(t) \quad (1)$$

Examples: Dice,
Roulette

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- Covariance:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cov} [\underline{\xi}(t); \underline{\xi}(\tau)] \\ &= E \left\{ \left(\underline{\xi}(t) - \underline{\bar{\xi}}(t) \right) \left(\underline{\xi}(\tau) - \underline{\bar{\xi}}(\tau) \right)' \right\} \\ &= \underline{\Xi}(t) \delta_{t\tau} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Finite variance!
Zero time-correlation

- $\delta_{t\tau}$ is Kroenecker delta

$$\delta_{t\tau} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t = \tau \\ 0 & \text{if } t \neq \tau \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

$$\underline{\Xi}(t) = \underline{\Xi}'(t) \geq \underline{0} \quad \text{intensity matrix} \quad (4)$$

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PROBLEM FORMULATION

- State Dynamics:

$$\underline{x}(t+1) = \underline{A}(t) \underline{x}(t) + \underline{B}(t) \underline{u}(t) + \underline{L}(t) \underline{\xi}(t)$$

Deterministic

(5)

discrete-time WN

- Initial State $\underline{x}(0)$: random vector
- $\underline{\xi}(t)$: discrete white noise
- $\underline{A}(t)$, $\underline{B}(t)$, $\underline{L}(t)$, $\underline{u}(t)$: deterministic

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BASIC QUESTIONS

How does $\underline{x}(t)$ propagate on the average?

→ Determine $E\{\underline{x}(t)\} \triangleq \bar{\underline{x}}(t)$

- How variable is $\underline{x}(t)$ about its average?

→ Determine $\text{cov}[\underline{x}(t); \underline{x}(t)] \triangleq \underline{\Sigma}(t)$

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INITIAL STATE UNCERTAINTY

- $\underline{x}(0) \in R_n$ is random vector

$$E\{\underline{x}(0)\} = \bar{\underline{x}}(0) \quad (6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cov}[\underline{x}(0); \underline{x}(0)] &= \underline{\Sigma}(0) \\ &= \underline{\Sigma}'(0) \geq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

- $\bar{\underline{x}}(0)$, $\underline{\Sigma}(0)$ assumed known

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DRIVING WHITE NOISE

- $\underline{\xi}(t)$ white discrete time noise sequence

$$E\{\underline{\xi}(t)\} = \bar{\underline{\xi}}(t) \quad (8)$$

$$\text{cov}[\underline{\xi}(t); \underline{\xi}(\tau)] = \underline{\Xi}(t) \delta_{t\tau} \quad (9)$$

$$\underline{\Xi}(t) = \underline{\Xi}'(t) \geq 0$$

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- $\underline{\xi}(t), \underline{x}(0)$ independent for all t

$$\rightarrow \text{cov} [\underline{\xi}(t); \underline{x}(0)] = \underline{0} \quad (10)$$

- $\underline{\bar{\xi}}(t), \underline{\Xi}(t)$ assumed known

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS

- State sequence $\underline{x}(t)$ is Markov sequence.

- Mean Dynamics

$$E \{ \underline{x}(t) \} \triangleq \underline{\bar{x}}(t) \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\bar{x}}(t+1) &= \underline{A}(t) \underline{\bar{x}}(t) + \underline{B}(t) \underline{u}(t) \\ &\quad + \underline{L}(t) \underline{\bar{\xi}}(t) \end{aligned}$$

(12) Dynamic propagation of mean. Pure prediction.

$$\underline{\bar{x}}(0) = E \{ \underline{x}(0) \} = \text{known} \quad (13)$$

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- Covariance Dynamics

$$\underline{\Sigma}(t) \triangleq \text{cov} [\underline{x}(t); \underline{x}(t)] \quad (14)$$

$$= E \left\{ \left(\underline{x}(t) - \underline{\bar{x}}(t) \right) \left(\underline{x}(t) - \underline{\bar{x}}(t) \right)' \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\Sigma}(t+1) &= \underline{A}(t) \underline{\Sigma}(t) \underline{A}'(t) \\ &\quad + \underline{L}(t) \underline{\Xi}(t) \underline{L}'(t) \end{aligned}$$

(15) Dynamic propagation of covariance (uncertainty).

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$$\underline{\Sigma}(0) = \text{cov} [\underline{x}(0); \underline{x}(0)] = \text{known}$$

(16) No need to know $\underline{u}(t)$.

What-if scenarios.

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DERIVATION OF MEAN DYNAMICS

• State Dynamics

$$\underline{x}(t+1) = \underline{A}(t) \underline{x}(t) + \underline{B}(t) \underline{u}(t) + \underline{L}(t) \underline{\xi}(t) \quad (17)$$

$$\begin{aligned} E \{ \underline{x}(t+1) \} &= E \{ \underline{A}(t) \underline{x}(t) + \underline{B}(t) \underline{u}(t) + \underline{L}(t) \underline{\xi}(t) \} \\ &= \underline{A}(t) E \{ \underline{x}(t) \} + \underline{B}(t) \underline{u}(t) + \underline{L}(t) E \{ \underline{\xi}(t) \} \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

$\underbrace{E \{ \underline{x}(t) \}}_{\underline{\bar{x}}(t)} \quad \underbrace{E \{ \underline{\xi}(t) \}}_{\underline{\bar{\xi}}(t)}$

• Therefore

$$\underline{\bar{x}}(t+1) = \underline{A}(t) \underline{\bar{x}}(t) + \underline{B}(t) \underline{u}(t) + \underline{L}(t) \underline{\bar{\xi}}(t) \quad (19)$$

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"Error" Dynamics (Prediction error)

$$\underline{\tilde{x}}(t) \triangleq \underline{x}(t) - \underline{\bar{x}}(t); \quad E \{ \underline{\tilde{x}}(t) \} = \underline{0} \quad (20)$$

• From Eqs (17) and (19)

$$\underline{\tilde{x}}(t+1) = \underline{A}(t) \underline{\tilde{x}}(t) + \underline{L}(t) \underline{\tilde{\xi}}(t) \quad (21)$$

where

$$\underline{\tilde{\xi}}(t) = \underline{\xi}(t) - \underline{\bar{\xi}}(t) \quad (22)$$

$$E \{ \underline{\tilde{\xi}}(t) \} = \underline{0} \quad (23)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cov} [\underline{\tilde{\xi}}(t); \underline{\tilde{\xi}}(\tau)] &= E \{ \underline{\tilde{\xi}}(t) \underline{\tilde{\xi}}'(\tau) \} \\ &= \underline{\Xi}(t) \delta_{t\tau} \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

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DERIVATION OF COVARIANCE DYNAMICS (Error Covariance)

• State covariance matrix $\underline{\Sigma}(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\Sigma}(t) &\triangleq \text{cov} [\underline{x}(t); \underline{x}(t)] \\ &= E \{ \left(\underline{x}(t) - \underline{\bar{x}}(t) \right) \left(\underline{x}(t) - \underline{\bar{x}}(t) \right)' \} \\ &= E \{ \underline{\tilde{x}}(t) \underline{\tilde{x}}'(t) \} \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

• Try to relate $\underline{\Sigma}(t+1)$ to $\underline{\Sigma}(t)$.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{\Sigma}(t+1) &= E \{ \underline{\tilde{x}}(t+1) \underline{\tilde{x}}'(t+1) \} \\
 &= E \{ [\underline{A}(t) \underline{\tilde{x}}(t) + \underline{L}(t) \underline{\tilde{\xi}}(t)] [\underline{A}(t) \underline{\tilde{x}}(t) + \underline{L}(t) \underline{\tilde{\xi}}(t)]' \} \\
 &= \underbrace{\underline{A}(t) E \{ \underline{\tilde{x}}(t) \underline{\tilde{x}}'(t) \}}_{\underline{\Sigma}(t)} + \underbrace{\underline{L}(t) E \{ \underline{\tilde{\xi}}(t) \underline{\tilde{\xi}}'(t) \}}_{\underline{\Xi}(t)} \underline{L}'(t) \\
 &\quad + \underbrace{\underline{A}(t) E \{ \underline{\tilde{x}}(t) \underline{\tilde{\xi}}'(t) \}}_{\underline{0}} \underline{L}'(t) + \underbrace{\underline{L}(t) E \{ \underline{\tilde{\xi}}(t) \underline{\tilde{x}}'(t) \}}_{\underline{0}} \underline{A}'(t)
 \end{aligned}$$

(26) State $\underline{x}(t)$ and error $\underline{\tilde{x}}(t)$ independent of $\underline{\xi}(t)$, since $\underline{\xi}(t)$ is discrete-time WN.

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• Hence

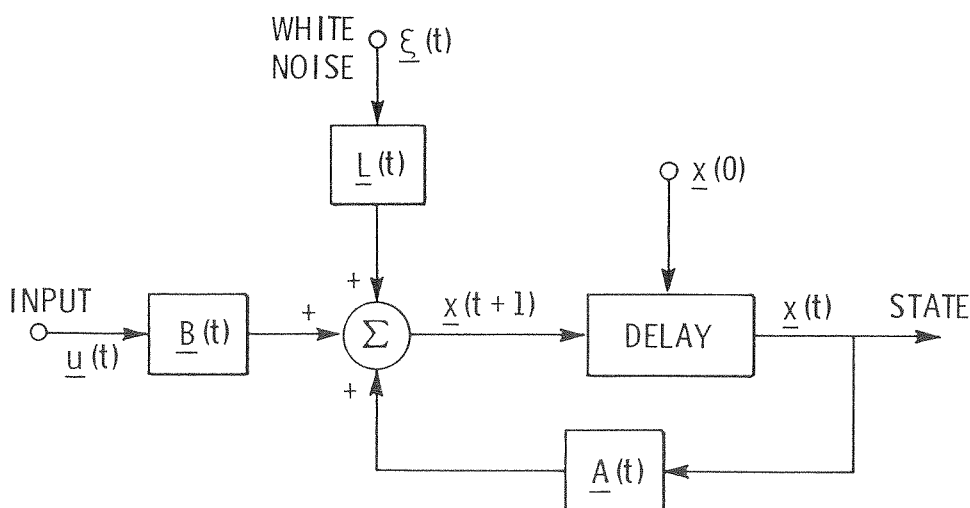
$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{\Sigma}(t+1) &= \underline{A}(t) \underline{\Sigma}(t) \underline{A}'(t) \\
 &\quad + \underline{L}(t) \underline{\Xi}(t) \underline{L}'(t)
 \end{aligned}$$

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• Note: Covariance Propagation independent of input $\underline{u}(t)$.

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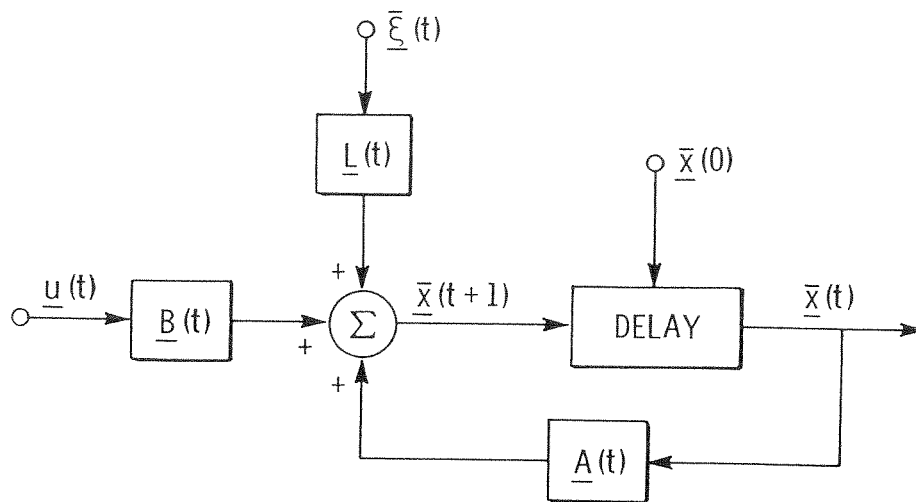
STOCHASTIC DYNAMIC SYSTEM



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DYNAMIC SYSTEM THAT GENERATES MEAN STATE

Replica of system dynamics

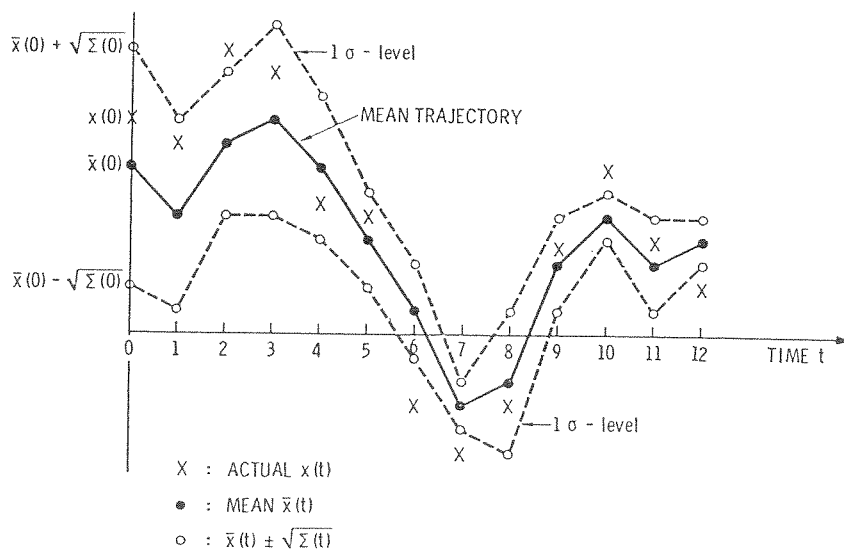


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CONCLUSION

- The mean $\bar{x}(t)$ of $x(t)$ is generated by a deterministic dynamic system with identical structure to the stochastic one. All random quantities are replaced by their expected values.

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STEADY-STATE CONSIDERATIONS

- Time Invariant State Dynamics

$$\underline{x}(t+1) = \underline{A} \underline{x}(t) + \underline{B} \underline{u}(t) + \underline{L} \underline{\xi}(t) \quad (28)$$

- Stationary white noise

$$\text{cov} [\underline{\xi}(t); \underline{\xi}(\tau)] = \underline{\Xi} \delta_{t\tau} \quad (29)$$

- Is there a limiting behavior of $\underline{\Sigma}(t)$?

Steady-state (statistical)
Effects of initial
conditions die-out
for stable plants

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RESULT

- If $\underline{A}$ is strictly stable matrix, i.e.

$$|\lambda_i(\underline{A})| < 1; \quad i=1, 2, \dots, n \quad (30)$$

- Then for all $\underline{\Sigma}(0)$

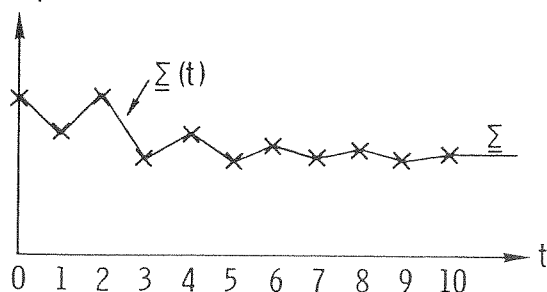
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \underline{\Sigma}(t) = \underline{\Sigma} \quad \text{exists} \quad (31)$$

$$\underline{\Sigma} = \underline{\Sigma}' \geq \underline{0} = \text{constant} \quad (32)$$

$$\boxed{\underline{\Sigma} = \underline{A} \underline{\Sigma} \underline{A}' + \underline{L} \underline{\Xi} \underline{L}'} \quad (33)$$

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- If $[\underline{A}, \underline{L}]$ is controllable, then $\underline{\Sigma}$ is positive definite.



Recall
 $[\underline{A}, \underline{L}] = \text{controllable}$ iff
 $\text{rank} [\underline{L}; \underline{A} \underline{L}; \underline{A}^2 \underline{L}; \dots; \underline{A}^{n-1} \underline{L}] = n$
 i.e. WN excites all
 modes of dynamic system

FURTHER FACTS

- If initial state $\underline{x}(0)$ is gaussian.
- If white noise $\underline{\xi}(t)$ is gaussian for all t .
- Then $\underline{x}(t)$ is gaussian for all $t > 0$.

God made linear systems
and gaussian processes
together.