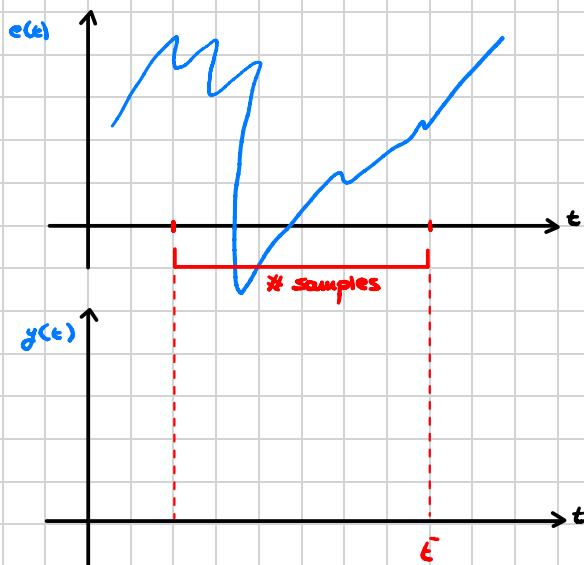


19/02 - Moving Average

DEF: Let $e(t) \sim WN(0, \lambda^2)$ (for simplicity $\mu=0$) and consider the process obtained as $y(t) = c_0 e(t) + c_1 e(t-1) + \dots + c_n e(t-n)$ where c_i are the weights and $y(t)$ is called **MOVING AVERAGE PROCESS** of order n ; and it is denoted as $MA(n)$



$y(t)$ is a function of $e(t) \dots e(t-n)$

Is $MA(n)$ a stationary process?

Is stochastic for sure because $e(t) \sim WN(0, \lambda^2)$

$$\begin{aligned} m_y(t) &= E[y(t)] \\ &= E[c_0 e(t) + \dots + c_n e(t-n)] \\ &\stackrel{\text{because } E \text{ is linear}}{=} c_0 E[e(t)] + \dots + c_n E[e(t-n)] \\ &= (c_0 + \dots + c_n) E[e(t)] \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n c_i m_e = 0 \quad \text{constant} \end{aligned}$$

and so we can write $m_y(t) = m_y = 0 \quad \forall t$

• $\tau=0$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_y(t, t) &= E[(y(t) - m_y)^2] = E[y^2(t)] \quad \text{Simplified because } m_y=0 \\ &= E[(c_0 e(t) + \dots + c_n e(t-n))^2] \\ &= E[c_0^2 e^2(t) + \dots + c_n^2 e^2(t-n) + 2c_0 c_1 e(t) e(t-1) + \dots + 2c_{n-1} c_n e(t-n+1) e(t-n)] \\ &= E[c_0^2 e^2(t)] + \dots + E[2c_{n-1} c_n e(t-n+1) e(t-n)] \\ &= c_0^2 E[e^2(t)] + \dots + c_n^2 E[e^2(t-n)] + \cancel{2c_0 c_1 E[e(t) e(t-1)]} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Remember: $E[e^2(t)] = E[(e(t) - m)^2] = \lambda^2 \quad \forall t$

$$E[e(t-i) e(t-j)] = 0 \quad \forall i, j; i \neq j$$

$$= c_0^2 \lambda^2 + c_1^2 \lambda^2 + \dots + c_n^2 \lambda^2 = \sum_{i=0}^n c_i^2 \lambda^2 \quad \text{constant}$$

$e(t)$ is stationary
 $e(t)$ is white noise

in two different time instants (t and $t-1$) the two samples of white noise are uncorrelated

• $\tau=1$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_y(t, t-1) &= E[(y(t) - m_y)(y(t-1) - m_y)] = E[y(t)y(t-1)] \\ &= E[(c_0 e(t) + \dots + c_n e(t-n))(c_0 e(t-1) + \dots + c_n e(t-n-1))] \\ &= E[c_0^2 e(t)e(t-1) + c_0 c_1 e(t)e(t-2) + \dots + c_1 c_0 e(t-1)e(t-2) + \dots] \\ &= E[c_1 c_0 e(t-1)^2] + E[c_2 c_1 e(t-1)^2] + \dots + E[c_0^2 e(t)e(t-1)] + \dots \\ &= c_0^2 E[e(t)e(t-1)] + c_0 c_1 E[e(t)e(t-2)] + \dots + c_0 c_1 E[e(t-1)^2] + c_1^2 E[e(t-1)e(t-2)] \\ &= (c_0 c_1 + c_1 c_2 + \dots + c_n c_{n-1}) \lambda^2 \quad \text{constant} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

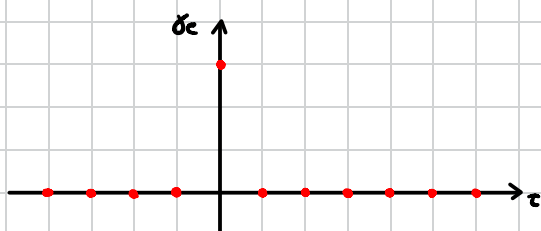
$$\gamma_y(t, t-2) = (c_0 c_2 + c_1 c_3 + \dots) \lambda^2$$

$n-1$ element in the sum

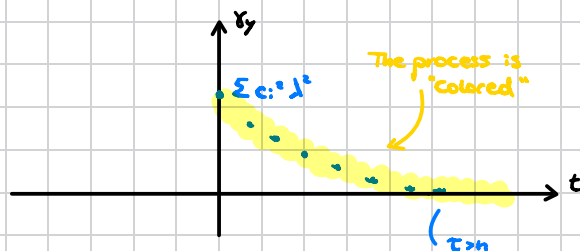
$$\gamma_y(t, t-n) = c_0 c_n \lambda^2$$

only 1 element in the sum of coefficient

$$\gamma_y(t, t-n-1) = E[y(t)y(t-n-1)] = E[(c_0 e(t) + \dots + c_n e(t-n))(c_0 e(t-n-1) + \dots)] = 0 \quad \forall \tau > n$$



$c_0, \dots, c_n$
 $\Rightarrow$



This is only a mathematical object, WN do not exist!

Generalization of $MA(m)$: $y(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{+\infty} c_i e(t-i)$ with $e(t) \sim WN(0, \lambda^2)$

Moving Average Processes of infinite grade ($MA(\infty)$)

An $MA(\infty)$ process is a generalization of $MA(m)$ and it can be written as

$$y(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{+\infty} c_i e(t-i) \quad e(t) \sim WN(0, \lambda^2)$$

Assumption: $\sum_{i=0}^{+\infty} c_i^2 < +\infty$

Mean: $m_y(t) = E[y(t)] = E\left[\sum c_i e(t-i)\right] = \sum c_i E[e(t-i)] = \sum c_i \cdot 0 = 0$

Variance: $\begin{aligned} \sigma_y(t, t) &= E[y(t)^2] = E\left[\left(\sum c_i e(t-i)\right)\left(\sum c_j e(t-j)\right)\right] \\ &= E\left[\sum_{i,j} c_i c_j e(t-i) e(t-j)\right] \\ &= \sum_i c_i c_j E[e(t-i) e(t-j)] = \sum c_i^2 \lambda^2 < +\infty \end{aligned}$

Covariance $\begin{aligned} \sigma_y(t, t-\tau) &= E\left[\sum c_i e(t-i) \sum c_j e(t-j-\tau)\right] \\ &= E\left[\sum c_i c_j e(t-i) e(t-j-\tau)\right] \\ &= \sum_{i,j} c_i c_j \underbrace{E[e(t-i) e(t-j-\tau)]}_{\neq 0 \text{ only if } i=j+\tau} = \sum_{i=0}^{+\infty} c_i c_{i+\tau} \lambda^2 \end{aligned}$

$MA(\infty)$ is a SSI that can model any process that we will see in this course

