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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is addressed to analysts with a good background in statistics and with some exposure to time series analysis. Applications of time series are found in a host of fields including the physical and biological sciences, in economics, and in industrial processes. The principal products of this study are derivations of certain equations and numerical illustrations of their use. A computer program is provided to implement the calculations. These results relate statistical properties of one time series to another series whose elements are subsummed from those of the first. Special attention is given the case in which the first series is related to itself with first-order dynamics. The fluctuating behavior of the series studied is assumed to be steady-state. The study results can assist in building statistical models thru identification of proper functional forms and in parameter estimation.

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## MEMORANDUM REPORT

SUBJECT: Statistical Properties of an Integrated, Stationary Stochastic Process

1. Background

In some applications where a random time series is studied, the questions of interest are: What is the variance of the series sum? and What is the variance of the average? In this kind of application a member of the time series is viewed as the rate of change of the quantity of interest. Such might be the case, for example, in a series of production output rates. The focus in this case is on the output of the process over some long time interval. The latter is, of course, the integral (or numerical sum) of the rate over this time period. Perhaps one cannot be assured that the rates are statistically independent. Or perhaps -- as is often the case in a real manufacturing process -- the rates are known to be autocorrelated. In this case one might ask how precise is the estimate of the quantity of interest. An example of an autocorrelated industrial process of military interest is the production of batches of explosive Composition B [1]. Because of RDX-batch mixing operations, successive batches of Comp B exhibit batch viscosities which are not statistically independent.

Other applications may require the identification of an appropriate stochastic model for a time series  $\{y_t\}$  subsumed from another  $\{x_t\}$ . Successive members of  $\{y_t\}$  do not share members of  $\{x_t\}$ . For example, weekly totals are obtained from daily quantities. Questions of interest in this regard might be: How does the autocorrelation function of  $y_t$  compare with that of  $x_t$ ? or How do the spectra of these related processes compare?

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[1] "Stochastic Model of the Batch Viscosity Generation Process in Sequential Batches of Composition B ...", DRSAR/PE/N-88, (AD B057395), April 1981.

Paraphrasing, one might ask how independent are  $\{y_t\}$  relative to  $\{x_t\}$  or, relatively, how variable are the fluctuations of a particular duration in the two series. Another challenging problem arises when only data for subsummed series are available but one wishes to model  $\{x_t\}$ . An example of a stationary autocorrelated time series, in which subsummed data is often published, is found in ballistic tests of large caliber artillery, [2]. In some instances evidence of "ballistic memory" exists.

## 2. Objectives

One purpose of this report is to derive an expression for the variance of the integral of a stationary stochastic process which is taken to be first-order. This brief exposition will serve to quantify the effect of autocorrelation in the rate process on the precision of sums (or integrals) and averages of that process. Quantitative insights will be provided in the discussion. Another objective is to derive expressions for the autocorrelation function and the autospectrum of a first-order process  $\{x_t\}$  and of the subsummed process  $\{y_t\}$ . These are compared in specific numerical examples.

## 3. Notation

The notational conventions of Jenkins and Watts [3] are followed here. Consider the time series  $\{x_t\}$  with integer index  $t$ . The time interval separating successive members of the series is a constant  $\Delta$ . If this

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[2] "Statistical Evidence of a Memory Process in Cannon Artillery Weapons and Its Implication for Testing," DRSAR/SA/N-76, (AD C013498), January 1978.

[3] Jenkins, G.M. and Watts, D.G. Spectral Analysis and Its Applications, Holden-Day, San Francisco, c. 1969.

series is derived from a continuous process,  $\Delta$  is the sampling interval. This process is assumed covariance stationary. Without loss of generality the mean of the process is taken as zero. Thus, with  $E$  denoting the ensemble expectation operator,

$$E[x_t] = 0 \quad . \quad (1)$$

The variance,  $V[x_t]$ , is denoted by  $\gamma_{xx}(0)$ .

$$\gamma_{xx}(0) = E[x_t^2] \quad . \quad (2)$$

The process studied satisfies the first-order difference equation:

$$x_t = bx_{t-1} + n_t \quad , \quad (3a)$$

with constant  $b$  and where

$\{n_t\}$  is a white noise.

Thus,

$$E[n_t] = 0 \quad (3b)$$

$$\gamma_{nn}(k) = E[n_t n_{t+k}] = 0 \quad , \quad k \neq 0 \quad , \quad (3c)$$

$$\gamma_{nn}(0) = \sigma^2 \quad . \quad (3d)$$

Notationally, let

$$\gamma_{xn}(k) = E[x_{t+k} n_t] \quad . \quad (4)$$

Since future values of the noise in (3a) are uncorrelated with  $x_t$ ,

$$\gamma_{xn}(k) = 0 \quad , \quad k < 0 \quad . \quad (5)$$

The autocorrelation of  $\{x_t\}$  is denoted by  $\rho_{xx}(k)$ , where

$$\rho_{xx}(k) = \gamma_{xx}(k) / \gamma_{xx}(0) \quad . \quad (6)$$

#### 4. Autocorrelation of $x_t$

From (3a),

$$E[x_{t+k} x_t] = E[(bx_{t+k-1} + n_{t+k})(bx_{t-1} + n_t)] , \quad k \geq 1 .$$

Using the results of equations (3) with the above,

$$\gamma_{xx}(k) = \frac{b}{1-b^2} \gamma_{xn}(k-1) . \quad (7)$$

Clearly, for stability of the  $\{x_t\}$  process  $|b| < 1$  .

By multiplying both sides of (3a) by  $n_{t-k}$  and taking expectations,

$$\gamma_{xn}(k) = b \gamma_{xn}(k-1) + \gamma_{nn}(k) . \quad (8)$$

Using (3c) and (8) ,

$$\gamma_{xn}(k) = b^k \gamma_{xn}(0) . \quad (9)$$

With (5), equation (8) implies that

$$\gamma_{xn}(0) = \gamma_{nn}(0) = \sigma^2 . \quad (10)$$

Hence, from (9)

$$\gamma_{xn}(k) = b^k \sigma^2 . \quad (11)$$

Finally, (7) and (11) yield

$$\gamma_{xx}(k) = \frac{b^k}{1-b^2} \sigma^2 , \quad (12)$$

from which

$$\rho_{xx}(k) = b^k , \quad (13a)$$

with the variance  $(\sigma_x^2)$  of  $\{x_t\}$  given by

$$\gamma_{xx}(0) = \frac{1}{1-b^2} \sigma^2 . \quad (13b)$$

## 5. Correlation Time Interval

A concept of considerable significance in time series analysis is correlation time,  $\tau^*$ . This notion is discussed at length by Fishman and Kiviat\* in application to analysis of stochastic simulations. Any stationary stochastic process must be observed for a time interval of  $2\tau^*$  in order to derive information that is equivalent to one observation of an uncorrelated random variable. Thus, the number of equivalent degrees of freedom obtained by observing a stationary process for time  $T$  is  $T/(2\tau^*)$ . For a continuous 1st-order process, i.e., one that is defined at every point in time -- say,  $z(t)$  -- the autocorrelation function is shown by Fishman and Kiviat to have the form

$$\rho_{zz}(t) = e^{-\lambda t} , \quad (14)$$

where  $\lambda$  is a rate constant. Now, by definition, for a continuous process

$$\tau_z^* = \int_0^{\infty} \rho_{zz}(t) dt . \quad (15)$$

Then, for the first-order continuous stochastic process

$$\tau_z^* = 1/\lambda . \quad (16)$$

Similarly, for a discrete process, the correlation time is defined as

$$\tau_x^* = \Delta \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \rho_{xx}(k) , \quad (17)$$

where neighboring members of  $\{x_t\}$  are separated by duration  $\Delta$ . Using (13a) and (17), the discrete first-order process has correlation time

$$\tau_x^* = \Delta/(1-b) . \quad (18)$$

It is worthwhile to compare the results of (16) and (18).

Suppose that the continuous process  $\{z(t)\}$  is time-sampled with sampling interval  $\Delta$ . In this case the process is observed only at times  $t = k\Delta$ , with  $k$  an integer.

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\* Fishman, G.S. and Kiviat, P.J. Spectral Analysis of Time Series Generated by Simulation Models, RM-4393-PR, Rand Corp., Santa Monica, CA, February 1965.

Then, the correlation function in (14) would be defined discretely as

$$\rho_{zz}(k) = b^k \quad (19a)$$

with

$$b = e^{-\lambda\Delta} . \quad (19b)$$

The constant  $b$  in the discrete process is related to the rate parameter  $\lambda$  of the continuous process by

$$\lambda = -\ln b / \Delta . \quad (20)$$

Using (16) and (20) ,

$$\tau_z^* / \Delta = -1 / \ln b . \quad (21)$$

The last equation should be compared with its counterpart for the discrete process, equation (18). To give a numerical example, suppose that  $b = 0.9$ . Then, the correlation time of the discrete process, from (18), is  $10\Delta$ . For a continuous process having the same autocorrelation, the correlation time, from (21), is  $9.491\Delta$ . One observes that the value of  $\tau^*$  is slightly larger for the discrete process. This would require a longer observation period for the discrete (time-sampled) process than for the underlying continuous stochastic process to achieve the same degree of statistical precision. This result quantifies the information loss associated with coarse time-sampling of a continuous process.

## 6. Variance of the Sum of $\{x_t\}$

After the slight digression in paragraph 5, we return to the main task of deriving an expression for the variance of the sum of the discrete time series  $\{x_t\}$ .

Let,

$$y_t = \sum_{k=1}^t x_k . \quad (22)$$

Since  $\{x_k\}$  has zero mean,

$$E[y_t] = 0 \quad (23a)$$

and

$$V[y_t] = E[y_t^2] . \quad (23b)$$

The variance of  $\{y_t\}$  is also denoted by  $\sigma_y^2$ . With (22) and (23b),

$$V[y_t] = E[\sum_{i=1}^t x_i^2] + 2E[\sum_{i=1}^{t-1} \sum_{k=1}^{t-i} x_i x_{i+k}] . \quad (24)$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned} V[y_{t+1}] &= E[\sum_{i=1}^t x_i^2] + E[x_{t+1}^2] \\ &+ 2E[\sum_{i=1}^{t-1} \sum_{k=1}^{t-i} x_i x_{i+k}] + 2\sum_{i=1}^t E[x_i x_{t+1}] . \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

By comparing (24) and (25)

$$V[y_{t+1}] = V[y_t] + \gamma_{xx}(0) + 2\sum_{k=1}^t \gamma_{xx}(k) , \quad t \geq 1 . \quad (26)$$

With (12), (13), and (26),

$$V[y_{t+1}] = V[y_t] + \sigma_x^2 (1+2\beta_t) , \quad t \geq 1 , \quad (27a)$$

where

$$\beta_t = \sum_{k=1}^t b^k \quad (27b)$$

or

$$\beta_t = b(1-b^t)/(1-b) . \quad (27c)$$

From (22),

$$V[y_1] = \sigma_x^2 \quad (28)$$

From (27a) and (28), by induction,

$$V[y_t]/\sigma_x^2 = t + 2\sum_{k=1}^{t-1} \beta_k , \quad t \geq 2 . \quad (29)$$

Using (27c) the last term on the right-hand side of (29) can be written as

$$S_t = \frac{2b}{1-b} [t - \frac{(1-b^t)}{1-b}] . \quad (30)$$

Finally,

$$\sigma_y^2/\sigma_x^2 = t + S_t . \quad (31)$$

This is one of the expressions of interest. Note that an uncorrelated series, with  $b=0$ , would produce the familiar result that the variance of the sum is the sum of the variances, i.e.,

$$\sigma_y^2 = t\sigma_x^2 . \quad (32)$$

The effect of autocorrelation on the ratio  $\sigma_y^2/\sigma_x^2$  is to increase the effective series length relative to an uncorrelated series by  $S_t$ . As noted in pgf. 4, the magnitude of  $b$  must be less than unity.

### 7. Variance of the Average of $\{x_t\}$

Suppose that the variable of interest is the estimated mean ( $\bar{x}_t$ ) of the time series  $\{x_t\}$ , where

$$\bar{x}_t = y_t/t . \quad (33)$$

Since  $t$  is a constant in (33),

$$V[\bar{x}_t] = V[y_t]/t^2 . \quad (34)$$

From (31) and (34),

$$V[\bar{x}_t] = \sigma_x^2 (t + S_t)/t^2 . \quad (35)$$

If the  $\{x_t\}$  process is uncorrelated, one has the conventional result

$$V[\bar{x}_t] = \sigma_x^2/t . \quad (36)$$

However, for long correlation intervals and relatively short sampling intervals, one may expect  $S_t$  to be larger than  $t$ . In this case the variance of the average should be calculated from (30) and (35) using the best estimate of  $b$ .

### 8. An Asymptotic Result

As  $t$  becomes large, the second term on the right in (30) becomes small relative to the first. Asymptotically, the variance of the estimated mean, given in (35), becomes

$$V[\bar{x}_t] = (\sigma_x^2/t)(1+b)/(1-b) . \quad (37)$$



Thus, for a positively autocorrelated first-order time series, the variance of the average is amplified by a factor of at most  $(1+b)/(1-b)$  relative to that of an uncorrelated time series of the same length.

#### 9. A Numerical Example

To provide a feeling for magnitude relative to this problem, consider the following special case. Suppose that  $\{x_t\}$  is a first-order time series obtained by sampling a continuous stochastic process every minute. The continuous process is claimed to have a correlation time of 20 minutes. This implies that every 40 samples are "worth" one degree of freedom. From (18), solving for  $b$  gives

$$b = 0.95 .$$

Then, the variance of the estimated mean is given by (30) and (35) as

$$\sigma_x^2 [t + 38 (t - 20 (1 - 0.95^t))] / t^2 .$$

The variance of an uncorrelated series of length  $t$  is, by contrast,

$$\sigma_x^2 / t .$$

The asymptotic variance estimate for this example, from (37), is

$$39\sigma_x^2 / t .$$

To yield a reasonable approximation, the asymptotic result should only be used when time exceeds, say, 20 correlation time intervals. These variance values are shown in Table 1.

#### 10. Autocovariance of an Integrated Process

The variable  $(y_t)$  characterizing the integral of a stationary stochastic process is given in discrete form by equation (22). Suppose that successive values of  $y_t$  are formed from disjoint sums of  $n$  successive values of the  $\{x_t\}$  series thus

$$y_j = \sum_{i=1}^n x_{i+(n-1)j} . \quad (38)$$

TABLE 1

VARIANCES FOR THE ESTIMATE OF THE MEAN  
OF A FIRST-ORDER STOCHASTIC PROCESS

Parameters:Correlation time ( $\tau^*$ ) 20 minutesSampling interval ( $\Delta$ ) 1 minute

Autocorrelation constant (b) 0.95

Time, $t\Delta$ (min)	$t\Delta/\tau^*$	$V[\bar{x}_t]/\sigma_x^2$	Uncor. $V[\bar{x}_t]/\sigma_x^2$	Asymp. $V[\bar{x}_t]/\sigma_x^2$
2	0.1	0.9750	0.5000	—
20	1.0	0.7311	0.0500	—
120	6.0	0.2723	0.0083	—
240	12.0	0.1493	0.0042	0.1625
480	24.0	0.0780	0.0021	0.0812
960	48.0	0.0398	0.0010	0.0406

Note that  $y_j$  is not a conventional moving average of the  $x$ -series. Since  $\{x_t\}$  is covariance stationary with mean zero,  $\{y_t\}$  also has these properties. Using previous notation, the autocovariance of the  $\{y_t\}$  process is given as

$$\gamma_{yy}(k) = E[y_{j+k} y_j] \quad (39)$$

For notational simplicity the number ( $n$ ) of members of  $\{x_t\}$  in each  $y_t$  is not noted explicitly here. For the case in which  $n=2$ , from (38),

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= x_1 + x_2 \\ y_2 &= x_3 + x_4 \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

and so forth.

Then,

$$E[y_1^2] = E[x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 + x_2^2]$$

or

$$\gamma_{yy}(0) = 2\gamma_{xx}(0) + 2\gamma_{xx}(1) \quad (41)$$

If  $\{x_t\}$  is a first-order process, from (13),

$$\gamma_{xx}(1) = \gamma_{xx}(0)b$$

Then,

$$\gamma_{yy}(0)/\gamma_{xx}(0) = 2 + 2b, \quad (42)$$

which agrees with (29) for the special case of  $t = 2$ .

Pursuing this special case where  $n = 2$ ,

$$E[y_1 y_2] = E[x_1 x_3 + x_1 x_4 + x_2 x_3 + x_2 x_4]$$

or

$$\gamma_{yy}(1) = \gamma_{xx}(1) + 2\gamma_{xx}(2) + \gamma_{xx}(3) \quad (43)$$

Similarly,

$$\gamma_{yy}(2) = \gamma_{xx}(3) + 2\gamma_{xx}(4) + \gamma_{xx}(5) \quad (44)$$

and

$$\gamma_{yy}(3) = \gamma_{xx}(5) + 2\gamma_{xx}(6) + \gamma_{xx}(7) \quad (45)$$

By induction, one infers that

$$\gamma_{yy}(j) = \gamma_{xx}(2j-1) + \gamma_{xx}(2j) + \gamma_{xx}(2j+1) \quad , \quad j \geq 1 \quad , \quad (46)$$

for this case (n=2).

11. Consider another special case for the  $\{y_t\}$  process in which n=3 in equation (38). Following the same procedure used in developing (46), one finds

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{yy}(j) &= \gamma_{xx}(3j-2) + 2\gamma_{xx}(3j-1) \\ &+ 3\gamma_{xx}(3j) + 2\gamma_{xx}(3j+1) + \gamma_{xx}(3j+2) \quad . \end{aligned} \quad (47)$$

One can generalize the results presented this far by applying mathematical induction to the case in which n is not assigned a specific value in equation (38). The general result is

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{yy}(j) &= \sum_{k=1}^n k \gamma_{xx}(n(j-1) + k) \\ &+ \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \gamma_{xx}(n(j+1) - k) \quad , \quad j \geq 1 \quad . \end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

A compact expression, which is equivalent to (48), is

$$\gamma_{yy}(j) = \sum_{k=0}^{2n-1} c_{nk} \gamma_{xx}(n(j-1)+k+1) \quad ,$$

with

$$c_{nk} = |n - |\text{int}[(n+1)/2] - k|| \quad , \quad j \geq 1 \quad . \quad (49)$$

Note that the expressions in (48) and (49) are not restrictive regarding the form of the autocovariance of  $\{x_t\}$ . Only the assumption of stationarity is involved.

## 12. A Variance Relationship for $\{y_t\}$

The procedure followed in deriving the relationship between the autocovariance of an integrated  $\{y_t\}$  process and the autocovariance of the  $\{x_t\}$ , or rate-, process involved mathematical induction at several places. A similar procedure is followed in obtaining the textbook formula for the variance of  $\{y_t\}$ .

$$\gamma_{yy}(0) = n\gamma_{xx}(0) + 2\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (n-k) \gamma_{xx}(k) \quad . \quad (50)$$

### 13. An Autocorrelation Relationship

Often the analysis of an autocorrelated time series involves a comparison of an empirical autocorrelation function with several theoretical alternatives. To facilitate the comparison, autocorrelations are used instead of autocovariances. The following autocorrelation function relating the  $\{y_t\}$  and  $\{x_t\}$  processes is, in general, rather complicated. Calculation of  $\rho_{yy}(j)$  is best done via computer. The computer program which does this is in Annex 1.

Since

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{yy}(j) &= \gamma_{yy}(j)/\gamma_{yy}(0) \quad , \\ \rho_{yy}(j) &= \frac{\gamma_{yy}(j) \gamma_{xx}(0)}{\gamma_{xx}(0) \gamma_{yy}(0)} \quad .\end{aligned}\tag{51}$$

But, from (50),

$$\gamma_{yy}(0)/\gamma_{xx}(0) = n + 2\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (n-k)\rho_{xx}(k) \quad .\tag{52}$$

And, from (48),

$$\gamma_{yy}(j)/\gamma_{xx}(0) = T(n,j) + U(n,j) \quad ,\tag{53a}$$

with

$$T(n,j) = \sum_{k=1}^n k \rho_{xx}(n(j-1) + k)\tag{53b}$$

$$U(n,j) = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \rho_{xx}(n(j+1) - k) \quad .\tag{53c}$$

Finally, from (51, 52, 53),

$$\rho_{yy}(j) = \frac{T(n,j) + U(n,j)}{n + 2\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (n-k)\rho_{xx}(k)} \quad .\tag{54}$$

This result is also one of the study objectives.

14. To corroborate the expression for the variance of an integrated first-order process -- equation (31) -- we substitute

$$\gamma_{xx}(k) = \sigma_x^2 b^k \quad (55)$$

into (50), obtaining

$$\gamma_{yy}(0)/\sigma_x^2 = n + 2b\left[\frac{n}{1-b} - \frac{(1-b^n)}{(1-b)^2}\right] \quad (56)$$

Apart from notational differences, equations (31) and (56) are identical.

#### 15. Autocorrelation of an Integrated First-Order Process

A general equation for the autocorrelation function of an integrated first-order process is obtained by substituting  $b^k$  for  $\rho_{xx}(k)$  in equations (53) and (54). This operation yields

$$\rho_{yy}(j) = \frac{C(n,b) b^{n(j-1)} + D(n,b) b^{nj}}{n + 2D(n,b)} \quad , \quad j \geq 1 \quad (57a)$$

where

$$C(n,b) = \sum_{k=1}^n k b^k \quad (57b)$$

$$C(n,b) = \frac{b(1-b^n)}{(1-b)^2} - \frac{n b^{n+1}}{(1-b)}$$

and

$$D(n,b) = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (n-k) b^k$$

$$D(n,b) = \frac{nb}{1-b} - \frac{b(1-b^n)}{(1-b)^2} \quad (57c)$$

As an example, for  $n=2$ ,

$$\rho_{yy}(j) = \frac{(1+b)}{2b} b^{2j} \quad , \quad j \geq 1 \quad (58)$$

#### 16. The Autospectrum

The discussion of autocovariance and autocorrelation concerns the temporal relationship between members of a time series. An alternative means of studying the dynamics of a stochastic process is set in the frequency domain. The variance (or power) of a process is decomposed

into the variance components associated with each of its Fourier frequencies. This form of expressing process dynamics is calculated via the autospectrum of the process. The kind of question answered by spectrum analysis is the following: How does the variance associated with process fluctuations of one temporal period (or reciprocal frequency) compare with those of other periods? Altho the autospectrum of a continuous stochastic process  $x(t)$  can be defined in terms of the Fourier integral of  $x(t)$ , an equivalent ("indirect") method is used here, which involves the autocovariance of  $x(t)$ .

17. Notationally, the autospectrum of  $x(t)$  is expressed as a function of angular frequency  $\omega$  as

$$\Gamma'_{XX}(\omega):$$

$$\Gamma'_{XX}(\omega) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \gamma_{XX}(t) \cos(\omega t) dt . \quad (59)$$

The autospectrum is often expressed in terms of the natural frequency  $\nu$  in cycles per unit time:

$$\Gamma_{XX}(\nu) = 2\pi \Gamma'_{XX}(\omega) . \quad (60)$$

From p. 259, Jenkins and Watts (1968), [3], the smoothed (or estimated) autospectrum of the discrete process  $\{x_t\}$  is

$$\Gamma_{XX}(\nu) = \Delta \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} w(k) \gamma_{XX}(k) e^{-j2\pi\nu k\Delta} ,$$

using complex notation with  $j = \sqrt{-1}$  .

Alternatively,

$$\Gamma_{XX}(\nu) = 2\Delta[\gamma_{XX}(0) + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} w(k) \gamma_{XX}(k) \cos 2\pi\nu k\Delta] , \quad 0 \leq \nu \leq 1/(2\Delta) . \quad (61)$$

The weight function  $w(k)$ , of lag  $k$ , is bounded between zero and one. When  $w(k)$  is set to unity for all  $k$ , the unsmoothed autospectrum is obtained. To smooth out the random variation occurring in the estimate of  $\gamma_{XX}(k)$ , a variety of forms for  $w(k)$  may be used. Some are suggested in [3] and

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[3] Jenkins, G.M. and Watts, D.G. Spectral Analysis and Its Applications, c. 1968.

[4]. All  $w(k)$  have the property:

$$w(k) = 0 \quad , \quad |k| > m ,$$

for some integer  $m$ .

However, we are only concerned with the theoretical autospectrum here, since the exact expression for  $\gamma_{xx}(k)$  is available. Hence,  $w(k)$  will be set to unity in analytic applications. When calculating a spectral density via direct numerical evaluation of (61), it is necessary to truncate the infinite sum at some maximum lag  $m$ . This procedure is equivalent to assigning  $w(k)$  the boxcar function:

$$w(k) = 1 \quad , \quad |k| \leq m ,$$

$$w(k) = 0 \quad , \quad |k| > m .$$

High frequency perturbations are superposed on the spectrum due to this truncation -- the Gibbs' phenomenon (p. 73, [4]). To minimize this effect, the boxcar weight function (or lag window) should not be used. A better choice, used in the annexed computer program, is the Tukey lag window.

18. To compare the autospectra of time series having different variance values, it is convenient to use a normalized autospectrum, the spectral density:

$$\bar{\Gamma}_{xx}(\nu) = \Gamma_{xx}(\nu) / \gamma_{xx}(0) . \quad (62)$$

From (61) and (62) ,

$$\bar{\Gamma}_{xx}(\nu) = 2\Delta[1+2\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} w(k)\rho_{xx}(k)\cos k\lambda] \quad , \quad 0 \leq k\lambda \leq \pi \quad (63)$$

where

$$\lambda = 2\pi\nu\Delta . \quad (64)$$

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[4] Hamming, R.W. Digital Filters, Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, c. 1977.



### 19. Autospectrum of a First-Order Process

Consider  $\{x_t\}$  to be first-order so that (13) applies.

Then, with (63),

$$\bar{\Gamma}_{xx}(\nu) = 2\Delta[1 + 2\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b^k \cos k\lambda] \quad (65)$$

To obtain the sum in (65), one can use the following result from Gradshteyn and Ryzhik (1965), [5]:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p^k \cos kx = \frac{1 - p \cos x - p^n \cos nx + p^{n+1} \cos (n+1)x}{1 - 2p \cos x + p^2} \quad (66)$$

For  $|p| < 1$ , as  $n$  approaches  $\infty$ ,

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p^k \cos kx = \frac{p(\cos x - p)}{1 - 2p \cos x + p^2} \quad (67)$$

Using (67), equation (65) becomes

$$\bar{\Gamma}_{xx}(\nu) = \frac{2\Delta(1 - b^2)}{1 + b^2 - 2b \cos \lambda} \quad (68)$$

Parenthetically, the last result could have been obtained by another method. This method uses the fact that a first-order time series is a first-order digital filter of white noise. Thus,

$$x_{t+1} = b x_t + n_t$$

Taking Fourier transforms on both sides of this equation gives the transfer function  $H(\omega)$ , whose square is given by

$$H^2(\omega) = 1/[1 + b^2 - 2b \cos \omega\Delta]$$

One then uses the following theorem relating the spectra of the  $\{x_t\}$  and  $\{n_t\}$  processes to obtain equation (68):

$$\Gamma'_{xx}(\omega) = H^2(\omega) \Gamma'_{nn}(\omega) \quad , \quad 0 \leq \omega \leq \pi/\Delta \quad ,$$

with

$$\Gamma'_{nn}(\omega) = \sigma^2 \Delta / \pi$$

Equation (13b) is also employed to obtain the spectral density in (68).

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[5] Gradshteyn, I.S. and Ryzhik, I.M. Tables of Integrals, Series, and Products, Academic Press, N.Y., c. 1965.

## 20. Autospectrum of an Integrated First-Order Process

One can substitute the expression for  $\rho_{yy}$ , (57) in lieu of  $\rho_{xx}$ , into the general equation for a spectral density (equation 63). This process yields an equation for the autospectrum of an integrated first-order process. Except for special values of  $n$ , this process is messy. The computer program for obtaining numerical results is found in Annex 1. The particular case of an integrated first-order process for  $n=2$  is tractable. In this case,  $\rho_{yy}$  is given by (58). Substitution of this expression for the autocorrelation into (63), with  $w(k)$  set to unity, yields

$$\bar{\Gamma}_{yy}(\nu) = 2\Delta \left[ 1 + \frac{(1+b)}{b} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b^{2k} \cos k\lambda \right] . \quad (69)$$

Using (67) with (69),

$$\bar{\Gamma}_{yy}(\nu) = 2\Delta \left[ 1 + \frac{(1+b)b(\cos \lambda - b^2)}{1-2b^2 \cos \lambda + b^4} \right] . \quad (70)$$

## 21. Numerical Results

A numerical example will facilitate the comparison of properties of first-order  $\{x_t\}$  with integrated first-order  $\{y_t\}$  time series. Let the parameters  $b = 0.9$  and  $\Delta = 1$  minute. Equations (13a) and (58) are used to calculate autocorrelation functions, and (68) and (70) are used for spectral densities. Autocorrelations are tabulated in Table 2 and plotted in Figure 1. The autocorrelation for the integrated ( $n=2$ ) process displays a much more rapid decrease with increasing lag. For lags  $k \geq 1$ , the autocorrelation  $\rho_{yy}(k)$  for the integrated process is linear on a log-uniform plot. However, unlike  $\rho_{xx}(k)$ ,  $\rho_{yy}(k)$  has a change of slope on this plot at  $k=1$ . The autospectra are compared in Figure 2. Notice that  $\bar{\Gamma}_{yy}(\nu)$  is much flatter than  $\bar{\Gamma}_{xx}(\nu)$ . This illustrates the approach of the integrated process toward white noise. However, for this degree of integration ( $n=2$ ) and range of frequency  $\nu$ , the two autospectra have quite similar shapes. With a change in parameter  $b$  to 0.82 in  $\bar{\Gamma}_{xx}(\nu)$ , the spectral densities are nearly conformable. In practical terms, this implies that the estimated autospectrum of an integrated ( $n=2$ ) first-order process would be nearly indistinguishable from that of a first-order process for certain parameters.

TABLE 2

COMPARISON OF AUTOCORRELATIONS OF A  
FIRST-ORDER AND AN INTEGRATED\*  
FIRST-ORDER TIME SERIES

Autocorrelation parameter for  $\{x_t\}$ :  $b = 0.9$

Lag, $k$	$\rho_{xx}(k)$	$\rho_{yy}(k)$
0	1.0000	1.0000
1	0.9000	0.8550
2	0.8100	0.6926
3	0.7290	0.5610
4	0.6561	0.4544
5	0.5905	0.3680
6	0.5314	0.2981
10	0.3487	0.1283
20	0.1216	0.0156

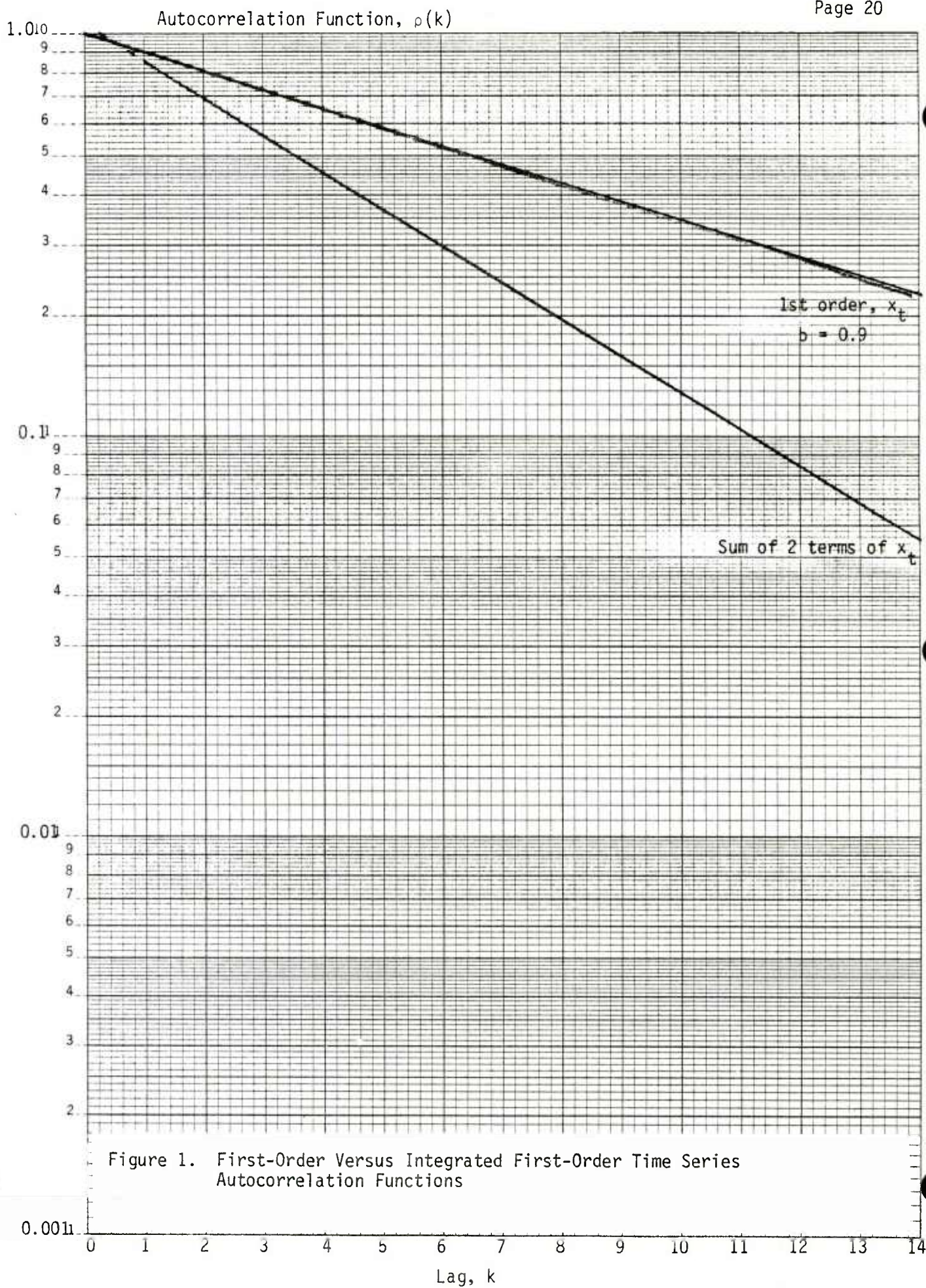
\* Two terms are in the sum.

$$y_j = x_{j+1} + x_{j+2}, \quad j \geq 0.$$

$$\rho_{xx}(k) = b^k$$

$$\rho_{yy}(k) = ((1+b)/2)b^{2k-1}$$







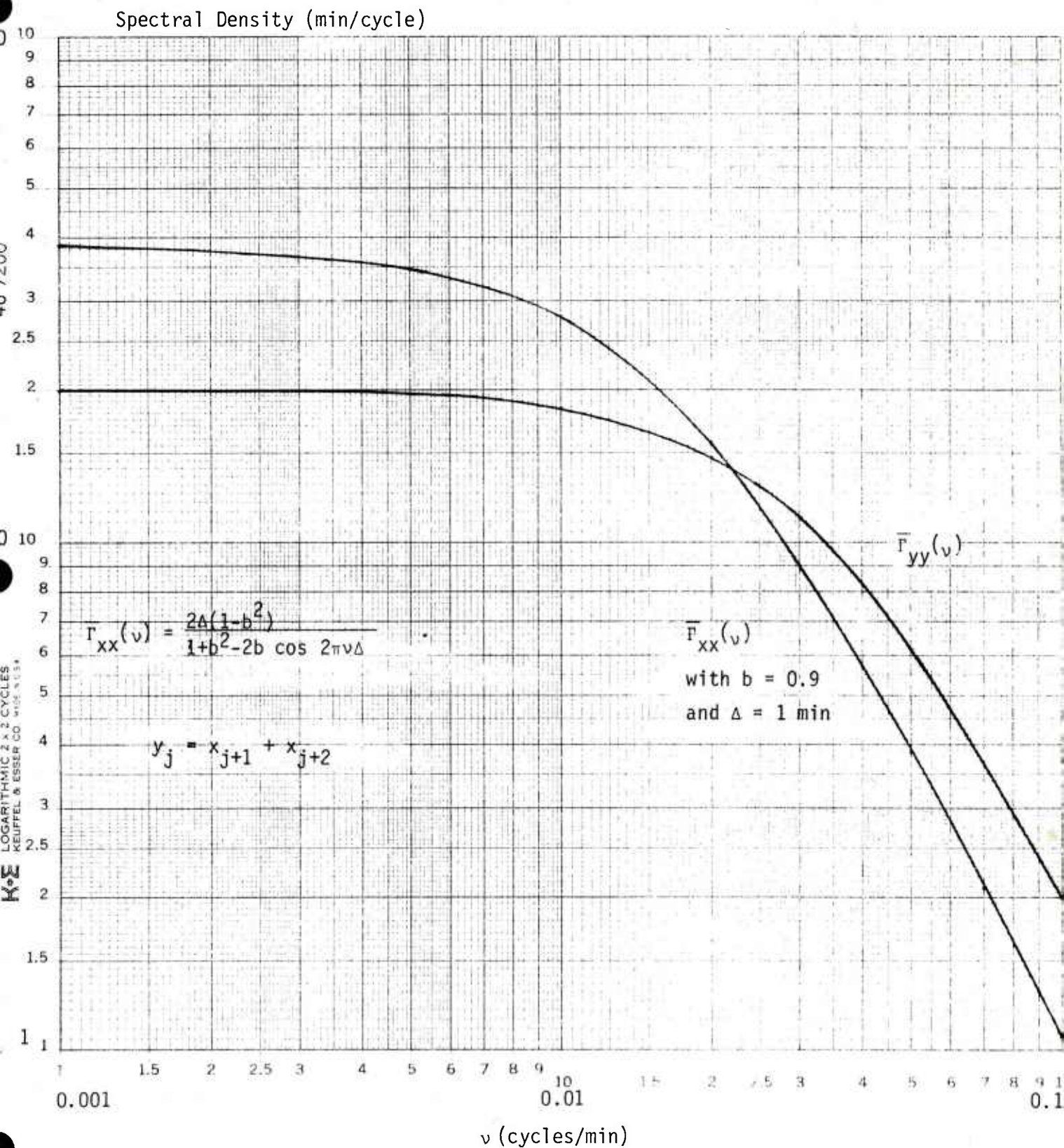


Figure 2. Comparison of Spectral Densities for a First-Order and an Integrated First-Order Time Series

## 22. Summary

This report has examined and compared statistical properties of stationary, first-order time series and integrated first-order series. A connection between continuous stochastic processes and time series was made thru the concept of correlation time. Expressions for the variance of the sum and average of a first-order series were derived. Asymptotic results for large samples were shown to be reasonable. When  $\{y_t\}$  consists of disjoint sums of any stationary process  $\{x_t\}$ , the autocovariances and autospectra of these processes are related. These relationships were derived, and were particularized for the case in which  $\{x_t\}$  is first-order. Numerical examples were provided and discussed. A computer program is provided to evaluate special cases.

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## ANNEX 1

### COMPUTER PROGRAMS

This annex contains the computer program used to calculate the autocorrelation function and spectral density of a general, integrated first-order stochastic process. The main program (SA.DRIVER) and subroutines are written in SIMSCRIPT 2.5. They have been run on the PRIME 550 minicomputer in an interactive mode. However, no commands specific to PRIME are used. The program listing is quite English-like and, with internal comments, is essentially self-documenting. Conversion to Fortran is straightforward. The autocorrelation functions of both the x-series --  $\rho_{xx}(k)$  -- and integrated x-series (or y-series) are sent to the terminal for output. At the user's option the spectral densities of the x- and y-series are also calculated and printed. By changing only the formula for  $\rho_{xx}(k)$ , one can obtain these statistical properties for integrals of other-than-first-order processes.

1 PREAMBLE  
2 NORMALLY MODE IS REAL  
3 DEFINE SPK.WT AS A REAL FUNCTION GIVEN 2 ARGUMENTS  
4 END PREAMBLE FOR SA-DRIVER

CROSS - R E F E R E N C E

NAME	TYPE	MODE	LINE NUMBERS OF REFERENCES
SPK.WT	ROUTINE	DOUBLE	3

```

1  MAIN **SP.DRIVER
2
3  **DRIVER FOR AUTOCORRELATION FUNCTION OF AN INTEGRATED, 1 ST-ORDER SERIES.
4  **SPECTRA FOR THE RATE PROCESS AND ITS INTEGRAL ARE OPTIONALLY CALCULATED.
5
6  DEFINE FLAG.S, FLAG.W, I, J, K, MLAG, N AS INTEGER VARIABLES
7  DEFINE ANSWER AS A TEXT VARIABLE
8  DEFINE RHOXV AND RHOYV AS REAL, 1-DIMENSIONAL ARRAYS
9
10 **GET PARAMETERS FROM THE TERMINAL.
11
12 **L1 PRINT 1 LINE THUS
13 INPUT THE INTEGER NUMBER OF TERMS IN THE SUM. ZERO STOPS.
14 READ N
15 IF N < 2
16 STOP
17 OTHERWISE
18 PRINT 1 LINE THUS
19 INPUT THE MAX LAG IN THE AUTOCORRELATION FUNCTION.
20 READ MLAG
21 LET MLAG=MAX(F(MLAG,N)
22 RESERVE RHOXV(*) AND RHOYV(*) AS MLAG
23 PRINT 1 LINE THUS
24 INPUT THE FIRST-ORDER CORRELATION PARAMETER (B).
25 READ B
26 LET DELTA=1.0
27 PRINT 1 LINE THUS
28 ARE SPECTRA DESIRED? (YES OR NO).
29 READ ANSWER
30 IF SUBSTR.F(ANSWER,1,LENGTH.F(ANSWER)) NE "Y"
31 GO TO L2
32 OTHERWISE
33 LET FLAG.S=1
34 PRINT 1 LINE THUS
35 DO YOU WANT SPECTRAL SMOOTHING? (YES OR NO).
36 READ ANSWER
37 IF SUBSTR.F(ANSWER,1,LENGTH.F(ANSWER))="Y"
38 LET FLAG.W=1
39 OTHERWISE
40 LET FLAG.W=0
41 ALWAYS
42 **L2 SKIP 4 LINES
43 **ECHO INPUTS.
44 PRINT 7 LINES WITH N, MLAG, B, DELTA THUS
45 INPUT PARAMETERS FOR AUTOCORRELATIONS AND AUTOSPECTRA
46
47 NUMBER OF TERMS IN THE SERIES SUM
48 MAXIMUM LAG IN THE AUTOCORRELATION
49 CORRELATION PARAM IN 1 ST-ORD PROCESS
50 SAMPLING INTERVAL (MINUTES)
51
52
53 **PRINT HEADINGS.
54
55

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46 SKIP 2 LINES  
47 PRINT 6 LINES THUS  
AUTOCORRELATION FUNCTIONS FOR 1 ST-ORDER- AND INTEGRATED 1 ST-ORDER SERIES

```
LAG      TM-LAG      X=X010-      Y=X010-
INDEX X  (MIN)      CORREL      CORREL

48 FOR K=1 TO MLAG DO
49   LET TM-LAG=DELTA*K
50   LET RHOX=B**K
51   LET RHOXV(K)=RHOX
52   CALL S-AUTOCOR GIVEN H, N, K YIELDING RHOY
53   LET RHOYV(K)=RHOY
54   PRINT 1 LINE WITH K, TM-LAG, RHOX, RHOY THUS
** *****
55 LOOP **OVER LAGS
56 PRINT 2 LINES THUS
```

```
57 LET VAR-RATIO=N
58 FOR K=1 TO N-1 DO
59   ADD 2.0*(N-K)*RHOXV(K) TO VAR-RATIO
60 LOOP **OVER K LINE WITH VAR-RATIO THUS
61 PRINT 1 LINE WITH VAR-RATIO THUS
62 VARIANCE(Y)/VARIANCE(X) IF FLAG-SINE I ---
63 GO TO L1
64 OTHERWISE
65 SKIP 4 LINES
66 IF FLAG-W=1
67   PRINT 4 LINES WITH N, MLAG, DELTA THUS
68   PRINT 2 LINES WITH N THUS
69   SMOOTHED SPECTRAL DENSITIES OF X- AND INTEGRATED X-SERIES WITH N = **
69   TUKEY LAG WINDOW WITH *** LAGS OF ***** TIME UNITS EACH
```

```
68 OTHERWISE
69 PRINT 2 LINES WITH N THUS
69 SPECTRAL DENSITIES OF X- AND INTEGRATED X-SERIES WITH N = **

70 ALWAYS
71 CALL SPK-DENS(DELTA, MLAG, FLAG-W, RHOXV(*), RHOYV(**))
72 GO TO L1
73 END **SA-DRIVER
```

CROSS - REFERENCE

NAME	TYPE	MODE	LINE NUMBERS OF REFERENCES
ANSWER	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	TEXT	7 25 26* 32 33*
B	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	DOUBLE	22 42 50 52
DELTA	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	DOUBLE	23 42 49 52
FLAG.S	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	DOUBLE	6 27 30 62
FLAG.F	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	DOUBLE	6 27 30 66
I	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
J	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
K	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
L1	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
L2	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
LENGTH.F	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
MAX.F	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
MLAG	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
N	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
RHOX	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
RHOXY	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
RHOY	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
S.AUTOCOR	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
SPK.DENS	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
SUBSTR.F	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
TM.LAG	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
UIE.W	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
VAR.RATIO	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
ANSWER	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	TEXT	7 25 26* 32 33*
B	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	DOUBLE	22 42 50 52
DELTA	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	DOUBLE	23 42 49 52
FLAG.S	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	DOUBLE	6 27 30 62
FLAG.F	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	DOUBLE	6 27 30 66
I	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
J	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
K	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
L1	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
L2	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
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MLAG	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
N	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
RHOX	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
RHOXY	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
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S.AUTOCOR	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
SPK.DENS	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
SUBSTR.F	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
TM.LAG	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
UIE.W	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66
VAR.RATIO	RECURSIVE VARIABLE	INTEGER	6 27 30 66

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1 ROUTINE FOR S.AUTOCOR GIVEN B, N, LAG YIELDING RHO
2
3 **ROUTINE CALCULATES THE AUTOCORRELATION FUNCTION AT GIVEN LAG FOR
4 **AN INTEGRATED (SUMMED) FIRST-ORDER TIME SERIES, HAVING N TERMS
5 **IN THE SUM, WITH CORRELATION PARAMETER B.
6
7 DEFINE N AND LAG AS INTEGER VARIABLES
8 IF N < 2
9 INPUT ERROR TO S.AUTOCOR. N = *.
10 STOP
11 OTHERWISE
12 LET BEN=B**N
13 LET OMB=1.0-H
14 LET OMB2=OMB**2
15 LET CTERM=1.0-BEN)/OMB2
16 LET D=CTERM-N*B*BEN/OMB
17 LET RHO=(C*B**N*(LAG-1))+D*B**N*(LAG))/N*(2.0*D)
18 RETURN
19 **S.AUTOCOR
20 ENO

```

# C R O S S - R E F E R E N C E

NAME	TYPE	MODE	LINE NUMBERS OF REFERENCES					
BEN	ARGUMENT	DOUBLE	1	13	15	16	17	18*
C	RECURSIVE	DOUBLE	12	16				
CTERM	VARIABLE	DOUBLE	16	17				
D	RECURSIVE	DOUBLE	15	18*				
LAG	RECURSIVE	DOUBLE	17	18*	9	12	16	17
N	ARGUMENT	INTEGER	1	7				
OMB	ARGUMENT	DOUBLE	18*	16	17			
OMB2	RECURSIVE	DOUBLE	13	15				
RHO	RECURSIVE	DOUBLE	14	16				
S.AUTOCOR	ROUTINE	INTEGER	1	18				

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1 ROUTINE FOR SPK.DENS(Delta, MLAG, FLAG.W, RHOXV, RHOYV)
2
3 **ROUTINE CALCULATES AND PRINTS THE SPECTRAL DENSITIES (OR SMOOTHED
4 **SPECTRAL DENSITIES) OF TWO TIME SERIES: X-SERIES AND Y-SERIES, WHERE
5 **Y-SERIES CONSISTS OF N-ELEMENT SUBSUMS OF X-SERIES. THE CALCULATION
6 **USES THE AUTOCORRELATION FUNCTIONS OF THESE TIME SERIES.
7
8 **INPUTS:
9 **DELTA
10 **MLAG
11 **FLAG.W
12 **OR NOT (=0) ON THE AUTOCORRELATIONS.
13 **RHOXV
14 **RHOYV
15
16 **OUTPUT:
17 **THE SPECTRAL DENSITIES ARE PRINTED TO THE TERMINAL FROM THIS ROUTINE.
18
19 DEFINE FLAG.W, I, K, MLAG, NF AS INTEGER VARIABLES
20 DEFINE RHOXV AND RHOYV AS REAL, 1-DIMENSIONAL ARRAYS
21 SKIP 2 LINES
22 IF FLAG.W=1
23   PRINT 4 LINES THUS

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NATURAL SMOOTHED DENSITIES FOR
FREQUENCY X-SERIES Y-SERIES (TIME UNITS/CYCLE)
24
25 OTHERWISE
PRINT 4 LINES THUS

```

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NATURAL UNSMOOTHED DENSITIES FOR
FREQUENCY X-SERIES Y-SERIES (TIME UNITS/CYCLE)
26
27 ALWAYS
28 LET NF=100 **FREQUENCY POINTS EXCLUSIVE OF ZERO
29 LET F=FREQ=0.5/DELTA
30 LET DFREQ=F.FREQ/NF
31 LET TPID=2.0*PI.C*DELTA
32 LET W=1.0
33 FOR I=1 TO NF+1 DO
34   LET FREQ=(I-1)*DFREQ
35   LET LAMBDA=TPID*FREQ
36   LET SUMX=0.0
37   LET SUMY=0.0
38   FOR K=1 TO MLAG DO
39     LET COSKL=COS.F(K*LAMBDA)
40     IF FLAG.W=1
41       LET W=SPK.WT(K,MLAG)
42     ALWAYS
43     ADD W.RHOXV(K)*COSKL TO SUMX
44     ADD W.RHOYV(K)*COSKL TO SUMY
45   LOOP **OVER K
46   LET DENSX=2.0*DELTA*(1.0+2.0*SUMX)
47   LET DENSY=2.0*DELTA*(1.0+2.0*SUMY)
48   PRINT 1 LINE WITH FREQ, DENSX, DENSY THUS
49 *****
50 **OVER (I) FREQUENCIES

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1 FUNCTION FOR SPK.WT (K, MAX)
2 **
3 ** ROUTINE CALCULATES THE WEIGHT FUNCTION (OR LAG WINDOW). AS A FUNCTION OF
4 ** INTEGER LAG (K), USED IN OBTAINING THE SMOOTHED AUTOSPECTRUM VIA THE
5 ** INDIRECT METHOD OF CALCULATING SPECTRA. REFERENCE: P. 259, JENKINS AND
6 ** NUTTALL, SPECTRAL ANALYSIS AND ITS APPLICATIONS, C. 1968. THE
7 ** WINDOW (PAGE 244) IS USED HERE.
8 **
9 DEFINE K AND MAX AS INTEGER VARIABLES
10 IF K GE MAX
11   RETURN WITH 0.0
12 OTHERWISE
13   LET W=0.5*(1.0+COS.F(PI.C*K/MAX))
14   RETURN WITH W
15 END *SPK.WT
    
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# CROSS - R E F E R E N C E

NAME	TYPE	NO.	NO.	MODE	LINE NUMBERS OF REFERENCES
COS.F	ROUTINE	1	13	DOUBLE	13
K MAX	ARGUMENT	2	1	INTEGER	1
PI.C	PERMANENT ATTRIBUTE	33	9	DOUBLE	10
SPK.WT	ROUTINE	1	13	DOUBLE	10
	RECURSIVE VARIABLE		14	DOUBLE	13