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LIST OF SYMBOLS

К	number of data points, (1)
×k	k-th data value, (1)
IID	independent identically distributed
E()	expectation of random variable, (1)
F	fourth moment of random variable x_k , (1)
n	n-th delay, (2)
R _n	sample covariance at delay n, (2)
w _K	whiteness measure, (3)
Var	variance, (10)
v _K	variance of K-th whiteness measure $W_{K'}$ (10)
A,B,C,D	unknown constants in (10) and (35)
• _n	sum of delayed products of data, (11)
A, B, Ĉ	constants for K odd, (45)
A,B,C	constants for K even, (48)
p(x)	probability density function of random variable x , (51)
D	constant for K even or odd, (55)
М	size of fast Fourier transform, (56)
{x _m }	fast Fourier transform of data $\{x_k\}$, (56)
u	threshold value, (56)
CDF(u)	cumulative distribution function, (57)
EDF(u)	exceedance distribution function, (57)
v _n	interval probabilities, (B-1)
С	cumulative distribution function, (B-3)
Е	exceedance distribution function, (B-3)
μ_{n}	n-th moment, (B-8)

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STATISTICS OF A WHITENESS MEASURE

INTRODUCTION

When a random number generator is designed to yield zero-mean independent random variables, one useful test of its validity is afforded by its sample covariance function. This quantity would ideally be zero for all delays except the origin value. However, in practice, due to the finite length of data generated and used to test the generator, the sample covariance function is not identically zero but fluctuates about zero. A measure of the whiteness of the generator is afforded by the sum of squares of all the off-zero elements of the sample covariance function, relative to the square of its origin value. This measure was suggested in [1; appendix C].

In this report, we investigate the statistics of this whiteness measure, including its cumulative and exceedance distribution functions and its mean and variance. Since a sample covariance involves products of data values, the squared covariance depends on fourth-order products of the data, and the variance of this sample quantity involves eighth-order products of the data under various delays. It is this latter high-order product which greatly complicates the statistical analysis and which necessitates a roundabout procedure for exact evaluation of the variance of the whiteness measure. The probability distributions of this measure are determined by simulation for two types of random variables, uniform and Gaussian.

MEAN AND VARIANCE OF WHITENESS MEASURE

Consider real data sequence x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{K-1} of K data points which are independent and identically distributed (IID) with a symmetric probability density function about zero. This zero-mean sequence will have all odd-order moments equal to zero. Also, assume that the data are scaled to have unit variance and a fourth moment of value F; that is

$$E(x_k^2) = 1$$
, $E(x_k^4) = F$, for $0 \le k \le K-1$, (1)

where E denotes the expectation. This situation includes the uniform random number generator and the Gaussian random number generator, for example. For the usual uniform random variable distributed over $(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$, we have scaled its output by $\sqrt{12}$ for present purposes in order to realize variance 1. Thus, F = 1.8 for the uniform case, while F = 3 for Gaussian numbers.

The sample covariance of the available data is defined as

$$R_n = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k x_{k-n} \quad \text{for all } n .$$
 (2)

Ideally, we might like to have sequence $\{R_n\}$ equal to zero for $n \neq 0$. However, this is never the case, although the $\{R_n\}$ for $n \neq 0$ are much smaller than R_0 when K is large. The mean value of R_0 is easily seen to be 1, by reference to (1). A measure of the whiteness of data sequence $\{x_k\}$ is afforded by the sum of squares of all the off-zero elements of sequence $\{R_n\}$:

$$W_{\rm K} \equiv \sum_{n \neq 0} R_n^2 = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\rm K-1} R_n^2 \text{ for } {\rm K} \ge 2.$$
 (3)

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MEAN OF WHITENESS MEASURE W

The mean value of random variable R_n^2 follows from (2) as

$$E\left(R_{n}^{2}\right) = E\left(\frac{1}{K^{2}}\sum_{k}\sum_{j}x_{k}x_{k-n}x_{j}x_{j-n}\right) =$$
$$= \frac{1}{K^{2}}\sum_{k}\sum_{j}E\left(x_{k}x_{k-n}x_{j}x_{j-n}\right) . \qquad (4)$$

Since we are only interested in values of n > 0 according to (3), the expectation in (4) is nonzero only when k = j; here, we are utilizing both the IID and the zero-mean properties of $\{x_k\}$. Then, (4) becomes, upon use of (1),

$$E\left(R_{n}^{2}\right) = \frac{1}{K^{2}} \sum_{k=n}^{K-1} 1 = \frac{K-n}{K^{2}} \text{ for } 1 \le n \le K-1 .$$
 (5)

(For completeness, $E(R_0^2) = (F + K - 1)/K$; $Variance(R_0) = (F-1)/K$. Thus, R_0 clusters around 1 as $K \rightarrow \infty$, while $R_n \rightarrow 0$ as $K \rightarrow \infty$ for fixed $n \neq 0$.) Use of result (5) in (3) yields the desired mean value of whiteness measure W_K as

$$E(W_{K}) = \frac{2}{K^{2}} \sum_{n=1}^{K-1} (K - n) = \frac{K - 1}{K} .$$
 (6)

Notice that this mean value is independent of fourth-moment F and that it approaches 1 as $K \rightarrow \infty$. Recall that $E(R_0) = 1$ for comparison.

VARIANCE OF WHITENESS MEASURE WK

The direct evaluation of the variance of random variable W_K in (3) would require a <u>very</u> tedious procedure. Whereas the mean evaluation in (4) only encountered fourth-order products of delayed versions of $\{x_k\}$, we would now encounter eighth-order products, requiring a complicated counting procedure to account for all the various types of terms. Specifically, from (2) and (3), we have whiteness measure

$$W_{K} = \frac{2}{K^{2}} \sum_{n=1}^{K-1} \sum_{k=n}^{K-1} \sum_{j=n}^{K-1} x_{k} x_{k-n} x_{j} x_{j-n} , \qquad (7)$$

leading to mean square value

$$E\left(W_{K}^{2}\right) = \frac{4}{\kappa^{4}} \sum_{n=1}^{K-1} \sum_{m=1}^{K-1} \sum_{k=n}^{K-1} \sum_{j=n}^{K-1} \sum_{q=m}^{K-1} \sum_{p=m}^{K-1} \sum_{p=m}^{K-1} \left(x_{k} x_{k-n} x_{j} x_{j-n} x_{q} x_{q-m} x_{p} x_{p-m}\right) .$$
(8)

Not only would this eighth-order average have to be evaluated for all possible values of n,m,k,j,q,p, but the sixth-order summation would then have to be conducted. The only reasonable case that can be evaluated from (8) is that for the term proportional to F^2 . It is obtained only for the special choices n = m and k = j = q = p; then the right-hand side of (8) reduces to

$$\frac{4}{\kappa^4} \sum_{n=1}^{K-1} \sum_{k=n}^{K-1} F^2 = \frac{4}{\kappa^4} \sum_{n=1}^{K-1} (K - n) F^2 = \frac{2(K - 1)}{\kappa^3} F^2 .$$
(9)

Notice that moments of $\{x_k\}$ above the fourth need not be known.

The difficulty of attempting to evaluate (8) directly forces us to attack the problem from a different aspect. Specifically, we adopt a shortcut to obtain, exactly, the variance of whiteness measure W_{K} . First, observe from (8) that the mean square value of W_{K} contains a denominator of K^{4} . Secondly, it has been observed from simulations that the variance of W_{K} goes to zero proportional to 1/K for large K. Therefore, the form of the variance, V_{K} , of random variable W_{K} must be

$$V_{K} = Var(W_{K}) = \frac{A K^{3} + B K^{2} + C K + D}{K^{4}},$$
 (10)

where A, B, C, D are unknown constants. In order to determine these four constants, we will evaluate, exactly, the variance V_{K} of W_{K} for a sufficient number of low-order values of K, and then solve the four simultaneous linear equations yielded by (10).

For convenience, we define the sums

$$\phi_n = \sum_{k=n}^{K-1} x_k x_{k-n}$$
 for $1 \le n \le K-1$. (11)

Then

$$R_n = \frac{1}{K} \phi_n \quad \text{for } 1 \le n \le K-1 , \qquad (12)$$

as seen from (2). The whiteness measure in (3) then takes the form

$$W_{\rm K} = \frac{2}{\kappa^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\rm K-1} \phi_n^2 \quad \text{for } \kappa \ge 2$$
 (13)

For K = 1, there are no terms in the sum, yielding $W_1 = 0$.

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SPECIAL CASE K = 2

We have, from (11) and (13),

$$\phi_1 = x_1 x_0$$
, $W_2 = \frac{2}{4} \phi_1^2 = \frac{1}{2} x_1^2 x_0^2$. (14)

Therefore, upon use of the IID property of the $\{x_k\}$ and (1),

$$E\left(W_{2}^{2}\right) = \frac{1}{4} E\left(x_{1}^{4} x_{0}^{4}\right) = \frac{1}{4} F^{2} . \qquad (15)$$

The variance of W_2 then follows as

$$V_2 = Var(W_2) = E(W_2^2) - E(W_2)^2 = \frac{1}{4}(F^2 - 1)$$
, (16)

where we used (6).

SPECIAL CASE K = 3

The procedure for the remaining cases is similar to that detailed above for K = 2; therefore, the following presentation will be abbreviated, and only the main results will be listed. We have

$$\phi_1 = x_1 x_0 + x_2 x_1 , \quad \phi_2 = x_2 x_0 , \quad (17)$$

$$W_{3} = \frac{2}{9} \left[\phi_{1}^{2} + \phi_{2}^{2} \right] = \frac{2}{9} \left[x_{1}^{2} (x_{0} + x_{2})^{2} + x_{2}^{2} x_{0}^{2} \right] , \qquad (18)$$

$$W_3^2 = \frac{4}{81} \left[x_1^4 (x_0 + x_2)^4 + x_2^4 x_0^4 + 2 x_1^2 (x_0 + x_2)^2 x_2^2 x_0^2 \right] .$$
(19)

The mean value of (19) is given by

$$E\left(W_{3}^{2}\right) = \frac{4}{81}\left(F\left(F + 6 + F\right) + F^{2} + 2\left(F + F\right)\right) = \frac{4}{81}\left(3F^{2} + 10F\right) . (20)$$

Finally, the variance of ${\tt W}_{\tt 3}$ is

$$V_3 = \frac{4}{81} \left(3F^2 + 10F - 9 \right) . \tag{21}$$

SPECIAL CASE K = 4

In this case, we have

$$\phi_1 = x_1 x_0 + x_2 x_1 + x_3 x_2, \quad \phi_2 = x_2 x_0 + x_3 x_1, \quad \phi_3 = x_3 x_0, \quad (22)$$

$$W_4 = \frac{2}{16} \left[\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2 + \phi_3^2 \right] , \qquad (23)$$

$$64 W_4^2 = \phi_1^4 + \phi_2^4 + \phi_3^4 + 2 \phi_1^2 \phi_2^2 + 2 \phi_1^2 \phi_3^2 + 2 \phi_2^2 \phi_3^2 .$$
 (24)

The mean value of (24) will be found in stages. The six components of (24) have the following average values:

$$E(\phi_3^4) = E(x_3^4 x_0^4) = F^2 , \qquad (25)$$

$$E\left(\phi_{3}^{2} \phi_{2}^{2}\right) = E\left(x_{3}^{2} x_{0}^{2}(x_{2} x_{0} + x_{3} x_{1})^{2}\right) = F + F = 2F , \qquad (26)$$

$$E\left(\phi_{3}^{2} \phi_{1}^{2}\right) = E\left(x_{3}^{2} x_{0}^{2}(x_{1} x_{0} + x_{2} x_{1} + x_{3} x_{2})^{2}\right) = F+1+F = 2F + 1,$$
(27)

$$E(\phi_2^4) = E((x_2 x_0 + x_3 x_1)^4) = F^2 + 6 + F^2 = 2F^2 + 6 , \quad (28)$$

$$E\left(\phi_{2}^{2} \phi_{1}^{2}\right) = E\left(\left(x_{2} x_{0} + x_{3} x_{1}\right)^{2} (x_{1} x_{0} + x_{2} x_{1} + x_{3} x_{2})^{2}\right) =$$

$$= E\left(\left[x_{2}^{2} x_{0}^{2} + x_{3}^{2} x_{1}^{2} + 2 x_{3} x_{2} x_{1} x_{0}\right] \left[x_{1}^{2} x_{0}^{2} + x_{2}^{2} x_{1}^{2} + x_{1}^{2} x_{1}^{2} + x_{2}^{2} x_{1}^{2} + x_{3}^{2} x_{2}^{2} + 2 x_{2} x_{1}^{2} x_{0} + 2 x_{3} x_{2} x_{1} x_{0} + 2 x_{3} x_{2}^{2} x_{1}\right]\right) =$$

$$= F + F + F + F + F + F + F + F + 4 = 6F + 4 , \qquad (29)$$

$$\phi_{1}^{2} = x_{1}^{2}(x_{0} + x_{2})^{2} + x_{3}^{2} x_{2}^{2} + 2 x_{3} x_{2} x_{1}(x_{0} + x_{2}) , \qquad (30)$$

$$\phi_{1}^{4} = x_{1}^{4}(x_{0} + x_{2})^{4} + x_{3}^{4} x_{2}^{4} + 6 x_{3}^{2} x_{2}^{2} x_{1}^{2}(x_{0} + x_{2})^{2} + x_{3}^{2} x_{1}^{2}(x_{0} + x_{2})^{3} + 4 x_{3}^{3} x_{2}^{3} x_{1}(x_{0} + x_{2}) , \qquad (31)$$

$$E\left(\phi_{1}^{4}\right) = F(F + 6 + F) + F^{2} + 6(1 + F) = 3F^{2} + 12F + 6 . \qquad (32)$$

Combining these results into (24), we have mean square value

$$E\left(W_{4}^{2}\right) = \frac{1}{32}\left(3F^{2} + 16F + 11\right)$$
(33)

and variance

$$V_4 = \frac{1}{32} \left(3F^2 + 16F - 7 \right) . \tag{34}$$

The analytical derivations of V_5 , V_6 , V_7 , V_8 are deferred to appendix A due to their lengthy calculations and need for a shorthand notation. It will turn out that we also need all of these latter results when we find the constants A, B, C, D in variance expression (10).

GENERAL DETERMINATION OF VARIANCE OF WK

The general form for the variance V_{K} of whiteness measure W_{K} is given by (10) for arbitrary K and is repeated below:

$$V_{K} = Var(W_{K}) = \frac{A K^{3} + B K^{2} + C K + D}{K^{4}}$$
 (35)

However, analytic determination of V_K for K = 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8(see appendix A also) have revealed that separate forms like (35) must be employed for K even versus K odd. That is, two <u>different</u> sets of constants A, B, C, D apply in the even versus odd cases of K. The available analytic results for V_K (above and in appendix A) are summarized below:

$$V_1 = 0$$
 (see the line under (13)), (36)

$$V_2 = \frac{1}{4} \left(F^2 - 1 \right) , \qquad (37)$$

$$V_3 = \frac{4}{81} \left(3F^2 + 10F - 9 \right) , \qquad (38)$$

$$v_4 = \frac{1}{32} \left(3F^2 + 16F - 7 \right) , \qquad (39)$$

$$V_5 = \frac{8}{625} \left(5F^2 + 38F - 11 \right) , \qquad (40)$$

$$V_6 = \frac{1}{324} \left(15F^2 + 144F - 23 \right) ,$$
 (41)

$$V_7 = \frac{4}{2401} \left(21F^2 + 246F - 23 \right) ,$$
 (42)

$$V_8 = \frac{1}{256} \left(7F^2 + 96F - 3 \right) .$$
 (43)

If we take K equal to the odd values 1, 3, 5, 7 in (35) and use results (36), (38), (40), (42), we obtain four simultaneous linear equations for the constants A, B, C, D. Their solution leads to the following expression for the variance V_K of W_K :

$$V_{K} = \frac{K-1}{K^{4}} \left(A K^{2} + \tilde{B} K + \tilde{C} \right) \text{ for } K \text{ odd }, \qquad (44)$$

where

$$A = 4F + \frac{4}{3}$$
, $\tilde{B} = 2F^2 - 4F - \frac{38}{3}$, $\tilde{C} = -4F + 8$. (45)

When (45) is substituted into (44), the variance expression can be rearranged in terms of powers of F:

$$V_{K} = \frac{2(K-1)}{K^{4}} \left[KF^{2} + 2 \left(K^{2} - K - 1 \right) F + \frac{1}{3} \left(2K^{2} - 19K + 12 \right) \right] \text{ for } K \text{ odd } .$$
 (46)

The F^2 term here confirms (9), as anticipated.

If we take K equal to the even values 2, 4, 6, 8 in (35) and use results (37), (39), (41), (43), we obtain four different simultaneous linear equations for the constants A, B, C, D. Their solution leads to the following expression for the variance V_K of W_K :

$$V_{K} = \frac{1}{K^{3}} (A K^{2} + B K + C)$$
 for K even, (47)

where

A = 4F +
$$\frac{4}{3}$$
, B = 2F² - 8F - 14, C = -2F² + $\frac{62}{3}$. (48)

When (48) is substituted into (47), the variance expression can be rearranged in terms of powers of F according to

$$V_{K} = \frac{2}{\kappa^{3}} \left[(K-1)F^{2} + 2K(K-2)F + \frac{1}{3} \left(2K^{2} - 21K + 31 \right) \right] \text{ for } K \text{ even . (49)}$$

Again, the F^2 dependence in (9) is confirmed.

The asymptotic behavior of variance ${\tt V}_{\rm K}$ for large K is given by

$$V_{K} \sim \left(4F + \frac{4}{3}\right) \frac{1}{K} \text{ as } K \rightarrow \infty$$
 (50)

for both K odd and K even. This is due to the fact that constant A in (35) is identical for the odd and even cases; compare (45) and (48). Thus, whiteness measure W_K tends to cluster around 1 as $K \rightarrow \infty$. Recall that $R_0 \rightarrow 1$, while $R_p \rightarrow 0$ for fixed n, as $K \rightarrow \infty$.

The end results for variance V_K of whiteness measure W_K are given by (44) and (47), or by (46) and (49). Plots of V_K for the uniform random variable and the Gaussian random variable $\{x_k\}$ are displayed in figures 1 and 2, respectively. A short tabulation of V_K is given in table 1 for the uniform, Gaussian, exponential, and alternating random variables $\{x_k\}$. The probability density functions of $\{x_k\}$ for these four cases are, respectively,

$$p_{11}(x) = .5/\sqrt{3}$$
 for $|x| < \sqrt{3}$, F = 1.8; (51)

$$p_{g}(x) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp(-x^{2}/2)$$
, F = 3; (52)

$$p_e(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \exp(-\sqrt{2}|x|)$$
, $F = 6$; (53)

$$p_{a}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \delta(x-1) + \frac{1}{2} \delta(x+1) , F = 1 .$$
 (54)





A short table of the variances for these four examples is given below. For the alternating example, $x_k = \pm 1$ and F = 1, whiteness measure W_2 for K = 2 is always equal to 1/2, thereby leading to variance $V_2 = 0$. The smallest possible example of F is 1, as realized in the alternating random variable case.

Table 1. Variance V_{K} of Whiteness Measure W_{K}

K	Uniform	Gaussian	Exponential	Alternating
2	.56	2.	8.75	•0
3	.92444	2.37037	7.85185	.19753
4	.985	2.125	6.15625	.375
5	.94208	1.8944	5.0816	.4096
6	.87901	1.67901	4.26235	.41975
7	.81273	1.50604	3.68013	.40650
8	.75188	1.35938	3.22266	.39063
16	.45117	.75586	1.60986	.25977
32	.24569	.39722	.79987	.14771
64	.12804	.20346	.39808	.07852
128	.06534	.10295	.19850	.04045

If we combine (47) with the multiplied-out version of (44), the variance V_{K} can indeed be written in the form (35) for <u>all</u> K, where the constants A, B, C are as given in (48), but constant D must be taken according to the two different values

$$D = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } K \text{ even} \\ 4(F - 2) & \text{for } K \text{ odd} \end{cases}.$$
 (55)

Notice that, despite (8) involving eighth-order products, nothing above fourth-order moment F of $\{x_k\}$ is required in these results.

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PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTIONS OF WHITENESS MEASURE

The direct evaluation of whiteness measure W_K , according to its definition (3) in conjunction with (2), is very time consuming for large K, due to all the multiplications required. An attractive alternative, in terms of fast Fourier transforms, was derived in [1; appendix C] and is employed here; the program utilized is listed in appendix B. The key relation relative to (3) is [1; (C-5)]

$$W_{K} = \frac{1}{K^{2}M^{2}} \left[M \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} |X_{m}|^{4} - \left(\sum_{m=0}^{M-1} |X_{m}|^{2} \right)^{2} \right] , \qquad (56)$$

where M is the size of the fast Fourier transform $\{X_m\}$ of data $\{x_k\}$. The only restriction on M is that we must use $M \ge 2K - 1$; then, the right-hand side of (56) is independent of M. (For $K = 1, X_m = x_0$ for $0 \le m \le M-1$, leading to $W_1 = 0$, as noted under (13).) Again, notice that the whiteness measure W_K depends on fourth-order products of the data or its transform.

The cumulative distribution function (CDF) and exceedance distribution function (EDF) of whiteness measure $W_{K'}$,

$$CDF(u) = Prob(W_{\kappa} < u)$$
, $EDF(u) = Prob(W_{\kappa} > u)$, (57)

for the case where data $\{x_k\}$ is uniformly distributed over $-\sqrt{3},\sqrt{3}$ [see (51)], are displayed in figures 3 - 10 for K = 2, 3, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, respectively. These results were determined by using at least one million trials for W_K as defined in (56). The

exceedance distribution function for small K has a cusp near zero argument which disappears for larger K. However, random variable W_K does not approach Gaussian as K increases; rather, as shown in figure 10 for K = 128, the right-hand tail appears to approach exponential behavior. For a bounded random variable, $|x_k| < B$, the value of W_K is bounded according to

$$W_{K} < \frac{(K-1)(2K-1)}{3K} B^{4}$$
 (58)

In the case of the uniform random variable x_k , where $B = \sqrt{3}$, (58) yields 4.5 for K = 2, 10 for K = 3, and 15.75 for K = 4.

Although the mean of W_{128} is 127/128 and its variance is $V_{128} = .06534$, the standard deviation of W_{128} is 0.256; this leads to the possibility of large values of W_{128} on occasion. For example, figure 10 shows that the whiteness measure can reach a value of 1.8 or larger about 1% of the time. If a candidate uniform random number generator has probability distributions for W_K which differ significantly from figures 3 - 10, it is suspect and should be more thoroughly investigated before further use.

The corresponding cumulative and exceedance distribution functions of the whiteness measure W_K for a Gaussian random number generator [see (52)] are displayed in figures 11 - 18 for K = 2, 3, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, respectively. The first observation to make is that the positive tail of W_K can now reach much larger values when K is small. However, for the larger values of K, the probability distributions of W_K appear to be approaching a common behavior, regardless of the distribution of the underlying data $\{x_k\}$; compare figures 10 and 18 for K = 128.

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SUMMARY

The statistics of a whiteness measure, for testing a random number generator, have been investigated in terms of the mean, variance, and probability distributions. The mean and variance results are exact and have been borne out by numerous simulations for different noise sources $\{x_k\}$ and data sizes K. These results, for whiteness measure W_K defined in (3), are summarized below:

$$E(W_{K}) = \frac{K-1}{K}$$
, $V_{K} = Var(W_{K}) = \frac{A K^{3} + B K^{2} + C K + D}{K^{4}}$, (59)

where

$$A = 4F + \frac{4}{3}$$
, $B = 2F^2 - 8F - 14$, $C = -2F^2 + \frac{62}{3}$ for all K,

while
$$D = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } K \text{ even} \\ 4(F-2) & \text{for } K \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$
. (60)

The mean of whiteness measure W_K is independent of fourth-order moment F, while the variance of W_K depends on F, but not on sixth or eighth-order moments of data $\{x_k\}$. That is, the eighth-order product encountered in the general mean-square expression (8) never requires knowledge higher than fourth-order for its evaluation. This result applies for a symmetric zero-mean probability density function for unit-variance data $\{x_k\}$.

The cumulative and exceedance probability distributions were determined by simulations involving more than one million trials each and therefore have good reliability approximately down to the .0001 probability level.

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APPENDIX A. DERIVATION OF VARIANCE OF WHITENESS MEASURE WK

The variances V_K of whiteness measure W_K for K = 2, 3, 4 were derived in (14) - (34) in the main text. We now present the derivations for the remaining cases, K = 5, 6, 7, 8, that are necessary in order to determine V_K for all K.

SPECIAL CASE K = 5

$$\phi_1 = x_1 x_0 + x_2 x_1 + x_3 x_2 + x_4 x_3 , \quad \phi_4 = x_4 x_0 ,$$

$$\phi_2 = x_2 x_0 + x_3 x_1 + x_4 x_2 , \quad \phi_3 = x_3 x_0 + x_4 x_1 , \quad (A-1)$$

$$W_5 = \frac{2}{25} [\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2 + \phi_3^2 + \phi_4^2] , \quad (A-2)$$

$$\frac{625}{4} W_5^2 = \phi_1^4 + \phi_2^4 + \phi_3^4 + \phi_4^4 + 2 \phi_1^2 \phi_2^2 + 2 \phi_1^2 \phi_3^2 + 2 \phi_1^2 \phi_4^2 + 2 \phi_1^2 \phi_3^2 + 2 \phi_1^2 \phi_4^2 + 2 \phi_1^2 \phi_3^2 + 2 \phi_1^2 \phi_4^2 +$$

The component averages required are developed in detail as follows:

$$E(\phi_4^4) = E(x_4^4 x_0^4) = F^2$$
, (A-4)

$$E\left(\phi_{4}^{2} \phi_{3}^{2}\right) = E\left(x_{4}^{2} x_{0}^{2}(x_{3} x_{0} + x_{4} x_{1})^{2}\right) = F + F = 2F , \quad (A-5)$$

$$E\left(\phi_{4}^{2} \phi_{2}^{2}\right) = E\left(x_{4}^{2} x_{0}^{2}[x_{3} x_{1} + x_{2}(x_{0} + x_{4})]^{2}\right) =$$

$$E\left(x_{4}^{2} x_{0}^{2}\left[x_{3}^{2} x_{1}^{2} + x_{2}^{2}(x_{0} + x_{4})^{2} + 2 x_{3} x_{2} x_{1}(x_{0} + x_{4})\right]\right) =$$

$$= 1 + (F + F) = 2F + 1 , \qquad (A-6)$$

$$E\left(*_{4}^{2} + *_{1}^{2}\right) = E\left[x_{4}^{2} x_{0}^{2}[x_{1}(x_{0} + x_{2}) + x_{3}(x_{2} + x_{4})]^{2}\right] =$$

$$= E\left[x_{4}^{2} x_{0}^{2}\left[x_{1}^{2}(x_{0}+x_{2})^{2} + x_{3}^{2}(x_{2}+x_{4})^{2} + 2 x_{3} x_{1}(x_{0}+x_{2})(x_{2}+x_{4})\right]\right] =$$

$$= (F + 1) + (1 + F) = 2F + 2 , \qquad (A-7)$$

$$E\left(*_{3}^{4}\right) = E\left[(x_{3} x_{0} + x_{4} x_{1})^{4}\right] = F^{2} + 6 + F^{2} = 2F^{2} + 6 , \qquad (A-8)$$

$$E\left(*_{3}^{2} + x_{2}^{2}\right) = E\left[(x_{3} x_{0} + x_{4} x_{1})^{2} (x_{3} x_{1} + x_{2}(x_{4} + x_{0}))^{2}\right] =$$

$$= E\left[\left[x_{3}^{2} x_{0}^{2} + x_{4}^{2} x_{1}^{2} + 2 x_{4} x_{3} x_{1} x_{0}\right]\left[x_{3}^{2} x_{1}^{2} + x_{2}^{2}(x_{4} + x_{0})^{2} + 2 x_{3} x_{2} x_{1}(x_{4} + x_{0})\right]\right] = F + (1+F) + F + (F+1) = 4F + 2 , \qquad (A-9)$$

$$E\left[*_{3}^{2} + x_{1}^{2}\right] = E\left[(x_{3} x_{0} + x_{4} x_{1})^{2} (x_{1}(x_{2} + x_{0}) + x_{3}(x_{4} + x_{2}))^{2}\right] =$$

$$= E\left[\left[x_{3}^{2} x_{0}^{2} + x_{4}^{2} x_{1}^{2} + 2 x_{4} x_{3} x_{1} x_{0}\right]\left[x_{1}^{2}(x_{2} + x_{0})^{2} + x_{3}^{2}(x_{4} + x_{2})^{2}\right] + 2 x_{3} x_{1}(x_{2} + x_{0}) (x_{4} + x_{2})\right]\right] =$$

$$= (1 + F) + F(1 + 1) + F(1 + 1) + (F + 1) + 4 = 6F + 6 , \qquad (A-10)$$

$$E\left[*_{4}^{4}\right] = E\left[(x_{3} x_{1} + x_{2}(x_{4} + x_{0}))^{4}\right] =$$

$$= r^{2} + 6(1 + 1) + F(F + 6 + F) = 3F^{2} + 6F + 12, \qquad (A-11)$$

Now, we combine all the component averages, above, to obtain mean square value

$$E(W_5^2) = \frac{8}{625}(5F^2 + 38F + 39)$$
 (A-14)

and variance

$$V_5 = \frac{8}{625}(5F^2 + 38F - 11)$$
 (A-15)

SPECIAL CASE K = 6

Now, we adopt a very useful shorthand notation to handle the rest of the cases of interest. For example, here, $\phi_5 = x_5 x_0$ and $\phi_5^2 = x_5^2 x_0^2$, which is denoted by 5500; that is, the superfluous x is ignored when possible. Also, $x_4 x_2^2 x_0$ is denoted by 4220. With this background, we now have

$$\phi_5^2 = 5500 , \quad \phi_4^2 = 4400+5511+2(5410) ,$$

$$\phi_3^2 = 3300+4411+5522+2(4310+5320+5421) ,$$

$$\phi_2^2 = 2200+3311+4422+5533+2(3210+4220+5320+4321+5331+5432) ,$$

$$\phi_1^2 = 1100+2211+3322+4433+5544+$$

+2(2110+3210+4310+5410+3221+4321+5421+4332+5432+5443) . (A-16)

From (13), there follows

$$W_{6} = \frac{2}{36} \sum_{n=1}^{5} \phi_{n}^{2} = \frac{1}{18} \left(\phi_{1}^{2} + \phi_{2}^{2} + \dots + \phi_{5}^{2} \right)$$
(A-17)

and

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$$W_6^2 = \phi_1^4 + \phi_2^4 + \phi_3^4 + \phi_4^4 + \phi_5^4 + 2(\phi_1^2 \phi_2^2 + \dots + \phi_4^2 \phi_5^2)$$
 (A-18)

We also abbreviate the following ensemble averages as follows

$$E\left(\phi_{m}^{2} \phi_{n}^{2}\right) = Tmn \quad . \tag{A-19}$$

Then, there follows, in a straightforward but tedious manner,

$$T55 = F^{2}, T54 = F+F = 2F, T53 = F+1+F = 2F+1,$$

$$T52 = F+1+1+F = 2F+2, T51 = F+1+1+1+F = 2F+3,$$

$$T44 = F^{2}+6+F^{2} = 2F^{2}+6, T43 = (F+F+1)+(1+F+F) = 4F+2,$$

$$T42 = (F+1+F+1)+(1+F+1+F) = 4F+4,$$

$$T41 = (F+1+1+F+F)+(F+F+1+1+F)+4 = 6F+8,$$

$$T33 = 3F^{2}+4(1+1+1)+2(1+1+1) = 3F^{2}+18,$$

$$T32 = (F+F+1+F)+(1+F+F+1)+(F+1+F+F)+4(1) = 8F+8,$$

$$T31 = (F+1+F+F+1)+(F+F+1+F+F)+(1+F+F+1+F)+4(1+1) = 10F+13,$$

$$T22 = 4F^{2}+4(1+F+1+1+F+F)+(1+F+F+F)+(1+1+F+F+F)+12 = 14F+18$$

$$T11 = 5F^{2}+(4+2)(F+1+1+1+F+1+F+F) = 5F^{2}+24F+36.$$
 (A-20)

The desired average is, from (A-18) - (A-20),

$$324 E\left(W_6^2\right) = 15F^2 + 144F + 202 . \qquad (A-21)$$

The variance of W_6 is then

$$V_6 = \frac{1}{324} \left(15F^2 + 144F - 23 \right)$$
 (A-22)

SPECIAL CASE K = 7

Continuing in the fashion established above, we now have

$$\phi_6^2 = 6600 , \quad \phi_5^2 = 5500+6611+2(6510) ,$$

$$\phi_4^2 = 4400+5511+6622+2(5410+6420+6521) ,$$

$$\phi_3^2 = 3300+4411+5522+6633+2(4310+5320+6330+5421+6431+6532) ,$$

$$\phi_3^2 = 2200+3311+4422+5533+6644+$$

$$+2(3210+4220+5320+6420+4321+5331+6431+5432+6442+6543) ,$$

$$\phi_1^2 = 1100+2211+3322+4433+5544+6655+2(2110+3210+4310+5410+$$

$$+6510+3221+4321+5421+6521+4332+5432+6532+5443+6543+6554) . (A-23)$$

From (13),

$$W_7 = \frac{2}{49} \left(\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2 + \dots + \phi_6^2 \right)$$
 (A-24)

and therefore

$$\frac{2401}{4} W_7^2 = \phi_1^4 + \cdots + \phi_6^4 + 2\left(\phi_1^2 \phi_2^2 + \cdots + \phi_5^2 \phi_6^2\right) . \qquad (A-25)$$

The required averages are as follows:

 $T66 = F^{2} , T65 = F+F = 2F , T64 = F+1+F = 2F+1 ,$ T63 = F+1+1+F = 2F+2 , T62 = F+1+1+1+F = 2F+3 , $T61 = F+1+1+1+F = 2F+4 , T55 = F^{2}+F^{2}+4+2 = 2F^{2}+6 ,$ T54 = (F+F+1)+(1+F+F) = 4F+2 , T53 = (F+1+F+1)+(1+F+1+F) = 4F+4 , T52 = (F+1+1+F+1)+(1+F+1+1+F) = 4F+6 ,T51 = (F+1+1+F+F)+(F+F+1+1+F)+4 = 6F+10 ,

$$T44 = 3F^{2}+4(1+1+1)+2(1+1+1) = 3F^{2}+18 ,$$

$$T43 = (F+F+1+1)+(1+F+F+1)+(1+1+F+F) = 6F+6 ,$$

$$T42 = (F+1+F+1+F)+(1+F+1+F+1)+(F+1+F+1+F)+4(1) = 8F+11 ,$$

$$T41 = (3F+3)+(4F+2)+(3F+3)+4(1+1) = 10F+16 ,$$

$$T33 = 4F^{2}+4(1+1+F+1+1+1)+2(1+1+F+1+1+1) = 4F^{2}+6F+30 ,$$

$$T32 = (3F+2)+(3F+2)+(3F+2)+(3F+2)+4(1+1) = 12F+16 ,$$

$$T31 = (3F+3)+(4F+2)+(4F+2)+(3F+3)+4(1+1+1) = 14F+22 ,$$

$$T22 = 5F^{2}+(4+2)(1+F+1+1+F+1+1+F+1) = 5F^{2}+18F+42 ,$$

$$T21 = 2(3F+3)+3(4F+2)+4(1+1+1) = 18F+28 ,$$

$$T11 = 6F^{2}+(4+2)(F+1+1+1+F+1+1+F+1+1+F+1) = 6F^{2}+30F+60 .$$

$$(A-26)$$

The average of interest is, from (A-25) and (A-26),

$$\frac{2401}{4} E\left(W_7^2\right) = 21F^2 + 246F + 418 , \qquad (A-27)$$

leading to variance

$$V_7 = \frac{4}{2401} \left(21F^2 + 246F - 23 \right)$$
 (A-28)

SPECIAL CASE K = 8This is the last case that we need to evaluate. We now have $\phi_7^2 = 7700$, $\phi_6^2 = 6600+7711+2(7610)$, $\phi_5^2 = 5500+6611+7722+2(6510+7520+7621)$, $\phi_A^2 = 4400+5511+6622+7733+2(5410+6420+7430+6521+7531+7632)$, $\phi_3^2 = 3300+4411+5522+6633+7744+$ +2(4310+5320+6330+7430+5421+6431+7441+6532+7542+7643) , $\phi_2^2 = 2200+3311+4422+5533+6644+7755+2(3210+4220+5320+6420+$ +7520+4321+5331+6431+7531+5432+6442+7542+6543+7553+7654) , $\phi_1^2 = 1100+2211+3322+4433+5544+6655+7766+$ +2(2110+3210+4310+5410+6510+7610+3221+4321+5421+6521+7621+ +4332+5432+6532+7632+5443+6543+7643+6554+7654+7665) . (A-29) From (13) again,

$$W_8 = \frac{2}{64} \left(\phi_1^2 + \phi_2^2 + \cdots + \phi_7^2 \right) , \qquad (A-30)$$

giving

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$$W_8^2 = \phi_1^4 + \cdots + \phi_7^4 + 2(\phi_1^2 \phi_2^2 + \cdots + \phi_6^2 \phi_7^2)$$
. (A-31)

The averages needed are listed below.

$$T77 = F^2$$
, $T76 = 2F$, $T75 = 2F+1$, $T74 = 2F+2$,
 $T73 = 2F+3$, $T72 = 2F+4$, $T71 = 2F+5$,

$$T66 = F^{2} + F^{2} + 4 + 2 = 2F^{2} + 6 , T65 = (F+F+1) + (1+F+F) = 4F+2 ,$$

$$T64 = (F+1+F+1) + (1+F+1+F) = 4F+4 ,$$

$$T63 = (F+1+1+F+1) + (1+F+1+F) = 4F+6 ,$$

$$T62 = (F+1+1+F+1) + (1+F+1+F) = 4F+8 ,$$

$$T61 = (3F+4) + (3F+4) + 4 = 6F+12 ,$$

$$T55 = 3F^{2} + 4 (1+1+1) + 2 (1+1+1) = 3F^{2} + 18 ,$$

$$T54 = (F+F+1+1) + (1+F+F+1) + (1+1+F+F) = 6F+6 ,$$

$$T53 = 3 (2F+3) = 6F+9 ,$$

$$T52 = (3F+3) + (2F+4) + (3F+3) + 4 (1) = 8F+14 ,$$

$$T51 = (3F+4) + (4F+3) + (3F+4) + 4 (1+1) = 10F+19 ,$$

$$T44 = 4F^{2} + 4 (6) + 2 (6) = 4F^{2} + 36 ,$$

$$T43 = (3F+2) + (2F+3) + (2F+3) + (3F+2) + 4 (1) = 10F+14 ,$$

$$T42 = 4 (3F+3) + 4 (1+1) = 12F+20 ,$$

$$T41 = 2 (3F+4) + 2 (4F+3) + 4 (1+1+1) = 14F+26 ,$$

$$T33 = 5F^{2} + 4 (2F+8) + 2 (2F+8) = 5F^{2} + 12F+48 ,$$

$$T32 = 4 (3F+3) + (4F+2) + 4 (1+1+1) = 16F+26 ,$$

$$T31 = 2 (3F+4) + 3 (4F+3) + 4 (1+1+1+1) = 18F+33 ,$$

$$T22 = 6F^{2} + 4 (4F+1) + 2 (4F+11) = 6F^{2} + 24F+66 ,$$

$$T21 = 2 (3F+4) + 4 (4F+3) + 4 (1+1+1+1) = 22F+40 ,$$

$$T11 = 7F^{2} + 4 (6F+15) + 2 (6F+15) = 7F^{2} + 36F+90 .$$

(A-32)

The desired average is therefore

$$1024 E\left(W_8^2\right) = 28F^2 + 384F + 772 , \qquad (A-33)$$

giving variance

$$V_8 = \frac{1}{256} \left(7F^2 + 96F - 3 \right) . \tag{A-34}$$

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APPENDIX B. PROGRAM FOR ESTIMATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS OF WK

! NUMBER OF TRIALS "NUWC TR10237" 10 T=1E6 I NUMBER OF DATA POINTS, ARBITRARY 20 K=32 FFT SIZE, M >= 2K-1, POWER OF 2 M=64 30 I NUMBER OF LEVELS FOR DISTRIBUTION 40 L=11000 INCREMENT IN W 50 Dw=.001 1 Gr=1000 GRID SPACING 60 1 70 PRINTER IS PRT T =";T;" Dw =";Dw;" UNIFORM" 80 PRINT "K =":K:" 90 PRINTER IS CRT DOUBLE T,K,M,L,M1,Ms,M2,K1,Ts,Ks ! INTEGERS, NOT DP 100 DIM Cos(512),X(2048),Y(2048),V(30000) 110 120 M1=M-1130 REDIM Cos(0:M/4),X(0:M1),Y(0:M1),V(0:L) 140 A=2.*PI/M 150 FOR Ms=0 TO M/4 Cos(Ms)=COS(A*Ms) ! QUARTER-COSINE TABLE IN Cos(*) 160 170 NEXT Ms 180 M2=M/2 190 K1=K-1 200 T1=1./T ! UNIT-VARIANCE UNIFORM F=12./(K*M) 210 ! RANDOM VARIABLES (x(subk)) F≈F*F 220 ! EXACT MEAN OF WK Mu=K1/K 230 240 Mul=Var=0. 250 Ta=TIMEDATE 260 FOR Ts=1 TO T 270 FOR Ks=0 TO K1 280 X(Ks)=RND-.5 ! ZERO MEAN ! REAL INPUT 290 Y(Ks)=0. 300 NEXT Ks 310 FOR Ks=K TO M1 320 X(Ks)=Y(Ks)=0.330 NEXT Ks 340 CALL Fft14(M,Cos(*),X(*),Y(*)) 350 S2=S4=0. FOR Ms=1 TO M2-1 ! ZERO TO NYQUIST 360 370 X=X(Ms) Y=Y(Ms) 380 390 A=X*X+Y*Y 400 S2=S2+A \$4=\$4+A*A 410 NEXT Ms 420 430 X=X(0) A=X(M2) 440 450 X=X*X A=A*A 460 470 S2=X+A+2.*S2 480 S4=X*X+A*A+2.*S4 W=F*(M*S4-S2*S2) ! WHITENESS MEASURE WK 490

500 Mu1=Mu1+W 510 Var=Var+(W-Mu)*(W-Mu)! USE KNOWN MEAN Mu 520 Ms=INT(W/Dw) 530 Ms=MIN(Ms,L) 540 ! INCREMENTAL PROBABILITIES $V(M_S) = V(M_S) + T1$ 550 NEXT Ts 560 Tb=TIMEDATE 570 PRINTER IS PRT 580 PRINT (Tb-Ta)/3600;" HOURS" 590 PRINT 600 Mu1=Mu1/T ! ESTIMATED MEAN OF WK 610 Var=Var/T ESTIMATED VARIANCE OF WK 620 PRINT "Mu1 =";Mu1;" Mu =";Mu PRINT "Var =";Var 630 640 PRINT 650 PLOTTER IS "GRAPHICS" 660 **GRAPHICS ON** 670 WINDOW 0,L,-6,0 680 LINE TYPE 3 690 GRID Gr,1 700 LINE TYPE 1 710 C=0. 720 FOR Ms=0 TO L-1 730 C=C+V(Ms) ! CDF OF WHITENESS MEASURE WK IF C>0. THEN 760 740 750 GOTO 770 760 PLOT Ms+1, LGT(C) 770 NEXT Ms 780 PENUP 790 E=S1=S2=0. 800 FOR Ms=L TO 1 STEP -1 810 ! EDF OF WHITENESS MEASURE WK E=E+V(M≤) 820 S1=S1+E S2=S2+S1 830 840 IF E>0. THEN 860 850 GOTO 870 PLOT Ms,LGT(E) 860 870 NEXT Ms 880 PLOT 0.0 PENUP 890 900 Mu1=Dw*(.5+S1) ! ESTIMATED MEAN OF WK I SEE APPENDIX C 910 Mu2=2.*Dw*Dw*S2 920 PRINT "Mu1 =";Mu1;" Mu =";Mu 930 PRINT "Var =";Mu2-Mu*Mu ! ESTIMATED VARIANCE OF WK 940 PRINT 950 PRINTER IS CRT 960 PRUSE 970 END 980 990 SUB Fft14(DOUBLE N,REAL Cos(*),X(*),Y(*)) ! N<=2^14=16384; O SUBS

APPENDIX C. EVALUATION OF MOMENTS DIRECTLY FROM MEASURED EXCEEDANCE DISTRIBUTION

Let x be a positive random variable with probability density function p, cumulative distribution function (CDF) C, and exceedance distribution function (EDF) E. Let the measurements of these distributions be the interval probabilities

$$V_{n} = \operatorname{Prob}(n\Delta \leq x \leq (n+1)\Delta) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq n . \tag{C-1}$$

Then

$$1 = \int_{0}^{\infty} dx p(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_{n\Delta}^{(n+1)\Delta} dx p(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} V_n . \qquad (C-2)$$

At the same time, we can express

$$V_n = C((n+1)\Delta) - C(n\Delta) = E(n\Delta) - E((n+1)\Delta) , \qquad (C-3)$$

which can be inverted, leading respectively to EDF and CDF

$$E(n\Delta) = Prob(x \ge n\Delta) = \sum_{m=n}^{\infty} V_m \text{ for } n \ge 0 , \qquad (C-4)$$

$$C(n\Delta) = \operatorname{Prob}(x < n\Delta) = \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} V_m \quad \text{for } n \ge 1 . \quad (C-5)$$

There also follows

$$E(0) = 1$$
, $E((n+1)\Delta) = E(n\Delta) - V_n$ for $n \ge 0$, (C-6)

or, as an alternative form to (C-4) if desired,

$$E(\Delta) = 1 - V_0$$
, $E(2\Delta) = 1 - V_0 - V_1$, $E(3\Delta) = 1 - V_0 - V_1 - V_2$, ... (C-7)

The first two moments of random variable x can be developed as

$$\mu_{1} = \int_{0}^{\infty} dx \ x \ p(x) = \int_{0}^{\infty} dx \ E(x) = \Delta \left[\frac{1}{2} \ E(0) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ E(n\Delta) \right] , \quad (C-8)$$

and

$$\mu_{2} = \int_{0}^{\infty} dx \ x^{2} \ p(x) = 2 \int_{0}^{\infty} dx \ x \ E(x) = 2 \ \Delta^{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \ E(n\Delta) \ . \quad (C-9)$$

These results can be rapidly evaluated by recursion. For $E((N+1)\Delta) = 0$, use

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E=S1=S2=0.

FOR Ns=N TO 1 STEP -1

E=E+V(Ns)

S1=S1+E

S2=S2+S1

NEXT Ns

Mu1=Delta*(.5+S1)

Mu2=2.*Delta*Delta*S2
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(C-10)

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