

• Probability density ξ - random variable

$$P(\xi \leq x) = \langle \theta(x - \xi) \rangle$$

$$W_\xi(x) = \frac{dP(\xi \leq x)}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \langle \theta(x - \xi) \rangle = \langle \delta(x - \xi) \rangle$$

or

$$P(\xi \leq x + dx) - P(\xi \leq x) = \underbrace{W_\xi(x)}_{dP(\xi \leq x)/dx} dx$$

$x_{\max}$

$$\int_{x_{\min}}^{x_{\max}} W_\xi(x) dx = 1 \quad \text{from any of the definitions above.}$$

For any $f(\xi)$:

$$f(\xi) = \int f(x) \delta(x - \xi) dx$$

$$\langle f(\xi) \rangle = \int f(x) \langle \delta(x - \xi) \rangle dx \equiv \int f(x) W_\xi(x) dx$$

Again, taking $f \equiv 1$ normalisation of $W_\xi(x)$ follows.

• Transformation of variables

$$\xi \rightarrow \zeta = g(\xi)$$

$$\text{Then, } W_\zeta(y) = \langle \delta(y - \zeta) \rangle = \langle \delta(y - g(\xi)) \rangle$$

$$= \int W_\xi(x) \delta(y - g(x)) dx$$

If $y - g(x) = 0 \rightarrow$ roots $x_n \equiv x_n(y)$, then

$$\delta(y - g(x)) = \sum_n \frac{1}{|-g'(x_n)|} \delta(x - x_n) = \sum_n \frac{\delta(x - x_n)}{|g'(x_n)|}$$

and

$$W_\zeta(y) = \sum_n \frac{W_\xi(x_n)}{|g'(x_n)|}$$

► As an example, consider the Maxwell's distribution for the velocity

$$W(v) = \sqrt{\frac{m}{2\pi kT}} \exp\left(-\frac{mv^2}{2kT}\right)$$

and let us derive its analog for the energy $E = \frac{mv^2}{2}$.

Here E stands for ζ , v for ξ , $g(x) = \frac{1}{2}mx^2$. ~~Equation:~~

$$E - \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = 0 \rightarrow \text{roots } v_{1,2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2E}{m}}$$

and $g'(x_{1,2}) = mx_{1,2} = \pm \sqrt{2Em}$, so that

$$\begin{aligned} W(E) &= \sqrt{\frac{m}{2\pi kT}} \sum_{n=1,2} \frac{W_{\xi}(x_{1,2})}{|\pm \sqrt{2Em}|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2Em}} \cdot 2 \sqrt{\frac{m}{2\pi kT}} e^{-E/kT} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2Em\pi}} e^{-E/kT} \end{aligned}$$

• Characteristic function

$$C_{\xi}(u) = \langle e^{iu\xi} \rangle = \int_{x_{\min}}^{x_{\max}} W_{\xi}(x) e^{iux} dx \quad (2.19)$$

It is a FT if $x_{\min} = -\infty$, $x_{\max} = +\infty$.

Moments of the distribution:

$$M_n = \langle \xi^n \rangle = \int x^n W_{\xi}(x) dx$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u}\right)^n C_{\xi}(u) = \langle (i\xi)^n e^{iu\xi} \rangle = i^n \int x^n e^{iux} W_{\xi}(x) dx$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u}\right)^n C_{\xi}(u) \Big|_{u=0} = i^n \int x^n W_{\xi}(x) dx \equiv i^n M_n,$$

$$\hookrightarrow M_n = \frac{1}{i^n} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u}\right)^n C_{\xi}(u) \Big|_{u=0} \quad (2.20)$$

Taylor expansion of $C_{\xi}(u)$:

$$C_f(u) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{u^n}{n!} \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u} \right)^n C_f(u) \right]_{u=0} \equiv \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(iu)^n}{n!} M_n$$

$$= 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(iu)^n}{n!} M_n \quad (2.21)$$

• Cumulants K_n

$$C_f(u) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(iu)^n}{n!} M_n \stackrel{\text{Def}}{=} \exp \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(iu)^n}{n!} K_n \right] \quad (2.24)$$

or

$$\ln C_f(u) = \ln \left[1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(iu)^n}{n!} M_n \right] \equiv \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(iu)^n}{n!} K_n \quad (2.25)$$

Expanding on both sides allows obtaining relationships between M_n and K_n . From (2.24):

~~$$\frac{iu}{1} M_1 = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(iu)^n}{n!} M_n = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(iu)^n}{n!} K_n + \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(iu)^n}{n!} K_n \right)^2 + \frac{1}{6} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(iu)^n}{n!} K_n \right)^3 + \dots$$~~

from which:

$$u^1: \quad \frac{iu}{1} M_1 = \frac{iu}{1} K_1 \rightarrow M_1 = K_1$$

$$u^2: \quad \left(\frac{(iu)^2}{2} \right) M_2 = \frac{(iu)^2}{2} K_2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{iu}{1} \right)^2 K_1^2 \rightarrow M_2 = K_2 + K_1^2$$

$$u^3: \quad \frac{(iu)^3}{6} M_3 = \frac{(iu)^3}{6} K_3 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{(iu)^3}{2 \cdot 1} (K_1 K_2 + K_2 K_1) + \frac{1}{6} \frac{(iu)^3}{1} K_1^3$$

$$\hookrightarrow M_3 = K_3 + 3 K_1 K_2 + K_1^3, \text{ etc.}$$

Reversely, from (2.25):

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(iu)^n}{n!} M_n + \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(iu)^n}{n!} M_n \right)^2 + \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(iu)^n}{n!} M_n \right)^3 + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(iu)^n}{n!} K_n,$$

giving:

$$u^1: \quad \frac{(iu)}{1} M_1 = \frac{iu}{1} K_1 \rightarrow M_1 = K_1$$

$$u^2: \frac{(iu)^2}{2} M_2 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{(iu)^2}{1} M_1^2 = \frac{(iu)^2}{2} K_2 \rightarrow K_2 = M_2 - M_1^2.$$

$$u^3: \frac{(iu)^3}{6} M_3 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{(iu)^3}{2 \cdot 1} \cdot 2 M_1 M_2 + \frac{1}{3} \frac{(iu)^3}{1} M_1^3 = \frac{(iu)^3}{6} K_3$$

$$\hookrightarrow K_3 = M_3 - 3 M_1 M_2 + 2 M_1^3, \text{ etc.}$$

There is a general relationship between the two via determinants

• The 2nd cumulant

$$K_2 = M_2 - M_1^2 = \langle \xi^2 \rangle - \langle \xi \rangle^2 = \langle (\xi^2 - \langle \xi \rangle^2) \rangle$$

$$\equiv \langle (\xi - \langle \xi \rangle)^2 \rangle \geq 0 \quad (2.30)$$

while $K_1 = M_1 = \langle \xi \rangle$,

• All moments cannot be zero, but only a few $\neq 0$. But for cumulants this may work.

Consider several cases:

(a) $K_1 \neq 0$, but $K_2 = K_3 = \dots = 0$

$$\text{Then } C_\xi(u) = e^{iuk_1}, \quad W_\xi(u) = \delta(u - k_1) \quad (2.31)$$

as, from (2.19),

$$\int W_\xi(x) e^{iux} dx = e^{iuk_1} \text{ if } W_\xi(x) \equiv \delta(x - k_1).$$

(b) $K_1 \neq 0, K_2 \neq 0$, but $K_3 = K_4 = \dots = 0$

In that case

$$C_\xi(u) = \exp\left[iuk_1 - \frac{1}{2}u^2 K_2\right]$$

To derive $W_\xi(x)$, we assume $-\infty < x < \infty$, then

$$C_\xi(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} W_\xi(x) e^{iux} dx \rightarrow W_\xi(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} C_\xi(u) e^{-iux} du$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i u (x-k_1)} e^{-\frac{k_2}{2} u^2} du = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi k_2}} e^{-\frac{(x-k_1)^2}{2k_2}} \quad (2.32)$$

is the Gaussian distribution.

If higher order $k_n \neq 0$, the $W_\xi(x)$ may not always be positive.

Several variables

$\xi_1, \dots, \xi_r$ random variables

$$\langle f(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_r) \rangle = \int dx_1 \dots dx_r f(x_1, \dots, x_r) W_{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_r}(x_1, \dots, x_r) \quad (2.35)$$

$$W_{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_r}(x_1, \dots, x_r) \equiv W_r(x_1, \dots, x_r) = \langle \delta(x_1 - \xi_1) \dots \delta(x_r - \xi_r) \rangle \quad (2.34)$$

Reduced distribution:

$$W_i(x_1, \dots, x_i) = \int dx_{i+1} \dots dx_r W_r(x_1, \dots, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_r) \quad (2.36)$$

Characteristic function:

$$\begin{aligned} C_r(u_1, \dots, u_r) &= \langle e^{i(u_1 \xi_1 + \dots + u_r \xi_r)} \rangle \\ &= \int e^{i(u_1 x_1 + \dots + u_r x_r)} W_r(x_1, \dots, x_r) dx_1 \dots dx_r \quad (2.37) \end{aligned}$$

and the moments

$$\begin{aligned} M_{n_1, \dots, n_r} &= \langle \xi_1^{n_1} \dots \xi_r^{n_r} \rangle = \int x_1^{n_1} \dots x_r^{n_r} W_r(x_1, \dots, x_r) dx_1 \dots dx_r \\ &\equiv \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial (i u_1)} \right)^{n_1} \dots \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial (i u_r)} \right)^{n_r} C_r(u_1, \dots, u_r) \Big|_{u_1 = \dots = u_r = 0} \quad (2.38) \end{aligned}$$

$$\hookrightarrow C_r(u_1, \dots, u_r) = \sum_{n_1, \dots, n_r=0}^{\infty} M_{n_1, \dots, n_r} \frac{(i u_1)^{n_1}}{n_1!} \dots \frac{(i u_r)^{n_r}}{n_r!} \quad (2.39)$$

If any $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$, the $W_r(x)$ is given via the Inverse FT of $C_r(u)$:

$$W_r(x_1, \dots, x_r) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^r} \int d u_1 \dots d u_r C_r(u_1, \dots, u_r) e^{-i(u_1 x_1 + \dots + u_r x_r)} \quad (2.40)$$

Cumulants are introduced via

$$\ln C_r(u_1, \dots, u_r) \equiv \sum_{n_1 \dots n_r=1}^{\infty} \frac{(i u_1)^{n_1}}{n_1!} \dots \frac{(i u_r)^{n_r}}{n_r!} k_{n_1 \dots n_r} \quad (2.42)$$

so that

$$k_{n_1 \dots n_r} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial (i u_1)} \right)^{n_1} \dots \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial (i u_r)} \right)^{n_r} \ln C_r(u_1, \dots, u_r) \quad (2.41)$$

Conditional probability density

If $x_2, \dots, x_r$ take fixed values then $W_r(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r)$ is called conditional probability density and denoted

$$P(x_1 | x_2, \dots, x_r)$$

Obviously,

$$W_r(x_1, \dots, x_r) = P(x_1 | x_2, \dots, x_r) W_{r-1}(x_2, \dots, x_r) \quad (2.43)$$

$$\hookrightarrow P(x_1 | x_2, \dots, x_r) = \frac{W_r(x_1, \dots, x_r)}{W_{r-1}(x_2, \dots, x_r)} = \frac{W_r(x_1, \dots, x_r)}{\int W_r(x_1, \dots, x_r) dx_1} \quad (2.44)$$

For two random variables:

$$P(x_1 | x_2) = \frac{W_2(x_1, x_2)}{\int W_2(x_1, x_2) dx_1} \quad (2.45)$$

Cross correlation

If $P(x_1 | x_2)$ does not depend on x_2 , x_1 and x_2 are uncorrelated:

$$W_2(x_1, x_2) = \underbrace{P(x_1 | x_2)}_{P(x_1) \text{ only}} \int W_2(x_1, x_2) dx_1 = \underbrace{P(x_1)}_{W_1^{(1)}(x_1)} \cdot \underbrace{P(x_2)}_{W_1^{(2)}(x_2)}$$

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is the product of two probabilities.

In another extreme, $\xi_1 = f(\xi_2)$, i.e. ξ_1 is completely determined by ξ_2 , and hence

$$P(x_1/x_2) = \delta(x_1 - f(x_2)) \quad (2.47)$$

$$W_2(x_1, x_2) = \delta(x_1 - f(x_2)) W_1(x_2) \quad (2.48)$$

To study intermediate cases of correlation of random variables, the degree of correlation may be measured by

$$R = \frac{\langle \xi_1 \xi_2 \rangle - \langle \xi_1 \rangle \langle \xi_2 \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle \xi_1^2 \rangle - \langle \xi_1 \rangle^2} \sqrt{\langle \xi_2^2 \rangle - \langle \xi_2 \rangle^2}} \quad (2.50)$$

If ξ_1 and ξ_2 are uncorrelated, $\langle \xi_1 \xi_2 \rangle = \langle \xi_1 \rangle \langle \xi_2 \rangle$ and $R = 0$.

In the general case of r random variables:

$$\mathcal{Z}(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_r) = K_{11\dots 1} = \frac{\partial^r}{\partial(iu_1) \partial(iu_2) \dots \partial(iu_r)} \ln C_r(u_1, \dots, u_r)$$

is introduced. It is $= 0$ only if all variables are independent. It also vanishes if only one is independent on the others; e.g.

$$W_r(x_1, \dots, x_r) = W_1^{(1)}(x_1) W_{r-1}(x_2, \dots, x_r)$$

$$C_r(u_1, \dots, u_r) = \int e^{i(u_1 x_1 + \dots + u_r x_r)} W_r(x_1, \dots, x_r) dx_1 \dots dx_r$$

$$= \int e^{iu_1 x_1} W_1^{(1)}(x_1) dx_1 \int \dots dx_2 \dots dx_r$$

$$= C_1^{(1)}(u_1) C_{r-1}(u_2, \dots, u_r)$$

$$\hookrightarrow \ln C_r = \ln C_1^{(1)} + \ln C_{r-1}$$

If $r \geq 2$, then $\partial^r / \partial iu_2 \partial iu_2 \dots$ is zero, since $\ln C_1^{(1)}$ does not depend on $u_2, \dots$, but $\ln C_{r-1}$ does not depend on u_1 .

Gaussian distribution

All cumulants except those with $n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_r \leq 2$ vanish.

$$C_r(u_1, \dots, u_r) = \exp \left[\sum_{j=1}^r a_j i u_j + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k=1}^r \underbrace{\sigma_{jk}}_{=\sigma_{kj}} i u_j i u_k \right] \quad (2.55)$$

$$\langle \xi_j \rangle = M_{00\dots 1\dots 0} = \frac{\partial}{\partial i u_j} C_r \Big|_{u=0} = a_j \quad (2.56)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \xi_i \xi_k \rangle &= M_{0\dots 1\dots 1\dots 0} = \frac{\partial}{\partial i u_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial i u_k} C_r \Big|_{u=0} = \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial i u_i} C_r \left\{ a_k + \sum_{j=1}^r \sigma_{jk} i u_j \right\} \Big|_{u=0} = C_r \{ \sigma_{ik} \} \Big|_{u=0} + C_r \left\{ a_i + \sum_{j=1}^r \sigma_{ji} i u_j \right\} \times \\ &\times \left\{ a_k + \sum_{j=1}^r \sigma_{jk} i u_j \right\} \Big|_{u=0} \equiv \sigma_{ik} + a_i a_k \end{aligned} \quad (2.57)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hookrightarrow \langle (\xi_j - \langle \xi_j \rangle) (\xi_k - \langle \xi_k \rangle) \rangle &= \langle \xi_j \xi_k \rangle - \langle \xi_j \rangle \langle \xi_k \rangle \\ &= (\sigma_{jk} + a_j a_k) - a_j a_k \equiv \sigma_{jk} \end{aligned} \quad (2.58)$$

Probability density is the inverse FT:

$$\begin{aligned} W_r(x_1, \dots, x_r) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^r} \int du_1 \dots du_r C_r(u_1, \dots, u_r) e^{-i(u_1 x_1 + \dots + u_r x_r)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^r} \int du_1 \dots du_r \exp \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^r (a_j - x_j) i u_j + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k} \sigma_{jk} i u_j i u_k \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (2.59)$$

The matrix $S = \|\sigma_{jk}\|$ is assumed to be positively definite. Then

$$\{ \dots \} = i A^T u + \frac{1}{2} u^T S u,$$

$$A = \|a_j - x_j\|, \quad u = \|u_j\|, \quad S = \|\sigma_{jk}\|$$

$$S e_\lambda = \sigma_\lambda e_\lambda, \quad V = \|e_\lambda\| - \text{modal matrix of } S, \quad V^{-1} = V^T$$

$$\text{and hence } S = \sum_\lambda \sigma_\lambda e_\lambda e_\lambda^T$$

then $U^T S U = \sum_{\lambda} \sigma_{\lambda} (U^T e_{\lambda} (e_{\lambda}^T U)) = \sum_{\lambda} \sigma_{\lambda} (e_{\lambda}^T U)^T (e_{\lambda}^T U)$

If $y_{\lambda} = e_{\lambda}^T U$ is a new set of ~~vectors~~, then numbers, then

$$U^T S U = \sum_{\lambda} \sigma_{\lambda} y_{\lambda}^2.$$

The old ~~one~~ ($U = \|u_j\|$) and new ($Y = \|y_{\lambda}\|$) "coordinates" are related via

$$y_{\lambda} = e_{\lambda}^T U \equiv \sum_j \underbrace{e_{\lambda j}}_{\text{unitary } E} u_j, \quad u_j = \sum_{\lambda} \underbrace{e_{\lambda j}}_E y_{\lambda}$$

The Jacobian

$$J = \frac{\partial (u_1, \dots, u_c)}{\partial (y_1, \dots, y_r)} = \left| \underbrace{e_{\lambda j}}_E \right| = 1 \text{ as it is a unitary matrix}$$

and hence

$$\{\dots\} \text{ in (2.59)} = i A^T E Y - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\lambda} \sigma_{\lambda} y_{\lambda}^2$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\lambda} \sigma_{\lambda} y_{\lambda}^2 + i \sum_{\lambda} \underbrace{\left[\sum_j (a_j - x_j) \cdot e_{\lambda j} \right]}_{x_{\lambda}} y_{\lambda}$$

$$= \sum_{\lambda} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sigma_{\lambda} y_{\lambda}^2 + i x_{\lambda} y_{\lambda} \right\} = \sum_{\lambda} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sigma_{\lambda} \left(y_{\lambda} - \frac{i x_{\lambda}}{\sigma_{\lambda}} \right)^2 - \frac{x_{\lambda}^2}{2 \sigma_{\lambda}} \right\}$$

and hence

$$W_r \equiv \prod_{\lambda} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \underbrace{\left[\int dy_{\lambda} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sigma_{\lambda} \left(y_{\lambda} - \frac{i x_{\lambda}}{\sigma_{\lambda}} \right)^2} \right]}_{\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2\sigma_{\lambda}}} = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\sigma_{\lambda}}}} e^{-\frac{x_{\lambda}^2}{2\sigma_{\lambda}}} = \prod_{\lambda} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_{\lambda}}} e^{-\frac{x_{\lambda}^2}{2\sigma_{\lambda}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{r/2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\underbrace{\sqrt{\prod_{\lambda} \sigma_{\lambda}}}_{\det S}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\lambda} \frac{x_{\lambda}^2}{\sigma_{\lambda}} \right\},$$

where

$$\sum_{\lambda} \frac{x_{\lambda}^2}{\sigma_{\lambda}} = \sum_{\lambda} \frac{1}{\sigma_{\lambda}} \sum_{ij} (a_j - x_j) e_{\lambda j} (a_i - x_i) e_{\lambda i}$$

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$$= \sum_{ij} (q_j - x_j) S_{ji}^{-1} (q_i - x_i),$$

v.e.

$$W_r(x_1, \dots, x_r) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{r/2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det S}} \cdot \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{jk} (q_j - x_j) S_{jk}^{-1} (q_k - x_k) \right\} \quad (2.62)$$

• Introduce random variables (mean zero):

$$y_i = \xi_i - \underbrace{q_i}, \quad \langle y_i \rangle = 0 \quad (2.63)$$

Then, it is (2.55) with $q_i = 0$. $\langle \xi_i \rangle$

$$\langle \underbrace{y_{j_1} y_{j_2} \dots y_{j_n}}_{\substack{\text{odd number} \\ \text{of variables in the product}}} \rangle = \frac{\partial}{\partial i u_{j_1}} \dots \frac{\partial}{\partial i u_{j_n}} C_r /_{u=0}$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial (i u_{j_1})} \dots \frac{\partial}{\partial (i u_{j_{2n+1}})} \exp \left\{ \sum_{jk} S_{jk} i u_j i u_k \right\} /_{u=0}$$

= 0 if $n = \text{odd}$ and $\neq 0$ if $n = \text{even}$.

• Linear transformation

A linear transformation of stoch. variables

$$\xi \rightarrow \xi' \quad \text{via} \quad \xi'_i = \sum_j \alpha_{ij} \xi_j + \beta_i$$

is still a Gaussian, see (2.62).

- Here we shall consider all moments of the zero-centred Gaussian distribution (2.62):

$$W_r(x_1, \dots, x_r) = (2\pi)^{-r/2} (\det S)^{-1/2} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k} x_j S_{jk}^{-1} x_k\right]$$

The characteristic function

$$C_r(u_1, \dots, u_r) = \exp\left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k} \sigma_{jk} i u_j i u_k\right)$$

and the moments

$$M_{n_1 \dots n_r} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial i u_1}\right)^{n_1} \dots \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial i u_r}\right)^{n_r} C_r(u_1, \dots, u_r) \Big|_{u=0}$$

In particular,

$$\underbrace{M_{01100\dots 1\dots}}_{\langle y_{j_1} y_{j_2} \dots y_{j_n} \rangle} = \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial i u_{j_1}} \frac{\partial}{\partial i u_{j_2}} \dots \frac{\partial}{\partial i u_{j_n}} \exp\left[\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k} \sigma_{jk} i u_j i u_k\right] \right\} \Big|_{u=0}$$

$$\langle y_{j_1} y_{j_2} \dots y_{j_n} \rangle$$

→ all j_k are different.

Again, consider $S e_\lambda = \sigma_\lambda e_\lambda$, $e_\lambda = \|e_\lambda\|$,

$$u_j = \sum_\lambda e_{\lambda j} y_\lambda, \quad y_\lambda = \sum_j e_{\lambda j} u_j$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} = \sum_\lambda e_{\lambda i} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_\lambda} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{j,k} \sigma_{jk} u_j u_k = \sum_\lambda \sigma_\lambda y_\lambda^2$$

This gives:

$$\langle y_{j_1} \dots y_{j_n} \rangle = \sum_{\lambda_1} \dots \sum_{\lambda_n} e_{\lambda_1 j_1} \dots e_{\lambda_n j_n} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial y_{\lambda_1}} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{\lambda_2}} \dots \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{\lambda_n}} \prod_{\lambda} e^{+\frac{i^2}{2} \sigma_\lambda y_\lambda^2} \right]_{y=0} \quad (R)$$

Here $\{\lambda_i\}$ may be different or the same (repeat). We shall now consider various cases which may appear:

(i) single repetition:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial i y_\lambda} e^{\frac{i^2}{2} \sigma_\lambda y_\lambda^2} \Big|_{y_\lambda=0} = e^{\frac{i^2}{2} \sigma_\lambda y_\lambda^2} i \sigma_\lambda y_\lambda \Big|_{y_\lambda=0} = 0$$

(ii) double:

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial i y_\lambda} \right)^2 e^{\frac{i^2}{2} \sigma_\lambda y_\lambda^2} \Big|_{y_\lambda=0} = \frac{\partial}{\partial i y_\lambda} i \sigma_\lambda y_\lambda e^{\frac{i^2}{2} \sigma_\lambda y_\lambda^2} \Big|_{y_\lambda=0} =$$

$$= [(i\sigma_\lambda y_\lambda)^2 + \sigma_\lambda] e^{\dots} \rightarrow \sigma_\lambda$$

It follows, if to continue, that

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial i y_\lambda} \right)^{2n} e^{\sigma_\lambda (i y_\lambda)^2 / 2} \Big|_{y_\lambda=0} = \underbrace{\frac{(2n)!}{2^n n!}}_{\# \text{ of pairs}} \sigma_\lambda^n \quad (*)$$

This means that we can simply divide all σ_λ terms in (*) into pairs of equal $\lambda_i = \lambda_j$, each pair giving exactly σ_{λ_i} (for $n = \text{even}$):

$$\begin{aligned} \langle y_{j_1} \dots y_{j_n} \rangle &= \sum_{\text{pairs}} \underbrace{\left(\sum_{\lambda_1} e_{\lambda_1 j_1} e_{\lambda_1 j_2} \sigma_{\lambda_1} \right)}_{\text{from one pair}} \underbrace{\left(\dots \right)}_{\text{other pairs}} \\ &= \sum_{\text{pairs}} \underbrace{\sigma_{j_1 j_2} \sigma_{j_3 j_4} \dots}_{\text{for all possible pairs}} \end{aligned} \quad (2.64)$$

For $n = \text{odd}$ the result is zero (one incomplete pair $\Rightarrow 0$).

Proof of (*): $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^{2n} e^{\sigma x^2 / 2} \Big|_{x=0} = \frac{(2n)!}{2^n n!} \sigma^n.$

Expand the exponent and consider:

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^{2n} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sigma}{2} \right)^k \frac{x^{2k}}{k!} \Big|_{x=0} = \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sigma}{2} \right)^k \frac{(2k)!}{k!} \frac{x^{2k-2n}}{(2k-2n)!} \Big|_{x=0} = \left(\frac{\sigma}{2} \right)^n \frac{(2n)!}{n!}$$

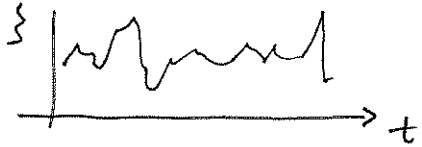
which is the required result.

It, however, ~~is~~ the power is odd:

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^{2n+1} e^{\sigma x^2 / 2} \Big|_{x=0} = \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sigma}{2} \right)^k \frac{(2k)!}{(2k-2n-1)! k!} \frac{x^{2k-2n-1}}{(2k-2n-1)!} \Big|_{x=0} = 0.$$

Hence, if there are y_λ the same, their contribution is exactly the same as grouping all $\{y_\lambda\}$ into pairs.

Time dependent random variables

$\xi = \xi(t)$  ← for a single system in the ensemble

Probability density at time t for ξ :

$$W_1(x_1, t) = \langle \delta(x_1 - \xi(t)) \rangle \quad (2.66)$$

$$W_1(x_1, t) dx_1 = \text{prob. } P(x_1 \leq \xi(t) \leq x_1 + dx_1, t)$$

~~For many variables at different times:~~

$$\cancel{W_n(x_n, t_n; \dots; x_1, t_1) = \langle \delta(x_1 - \xi(t_1)) \dots \delta(x_n - \xi(t_n)) \rangle}$$

To find ξ at diff. times being within dx_1 (at t_1), dx_2 (at t_2), etc. leads to:

$$W_n(x_n, t_n; \dots; x_1, t_1) = \langle \delta(x_1 - \xi(t_1)) \delta(x_2 - \xi(t_2)) \dots \delta(x_n - \xi(t_n)) \rangle \quad (2.66')$$

$W_n dx_1 \dots dx_n$ - probability

The hierarchy $W_1(x_1, t_1)$
 $W_2(x_2, t_2; x_1, t_1)$
 $W_3(x_3, t_3; x_2, t_2; x_1, t_1)$ $(t_0 \leq t_i \leq t_0 + T)$

defines completely the process in time, between t_0 and $t_0 + T$.

The correlation function

$$\langle \xi(t_1) \xi(t_2) \rangle = \int dx_1 dx_2 W_2(x_2, t_2; x_1, t_1) x_1 x_2 \quad (2.68)$$

• From W_2 one can obtain W_1 by integration (reduction):

$$W_1(x_1, t_1) = \int dx_2 W_2(x_2, t_2; x_1, t_1), \text{ etc.}$$

Stationary processes:

$$W_n(\dots t_i + T \dots) \equiv W_n(\dots t_i \dots)$$

for all i at the same time, T - arbitrary

Then $W_1(x_1, t_1 + T) \equiv W_1(x_1, t_1)$ for any $T \rightarrow W_1(x_1, t_1) \equiv W_1(x_1)$

does not depend on time;

$$W_2(x_2, t_2 + T; x_1, t_1 + T) = W_2(x_2, t_2; x_1, t_1)$$

for any T , $\Rightarrow W_2$ only depends on $t_2 - t_1$.

Ex.

Classification of random processes

$$P(x_n, t_n | x_{n-1}, t_{n-1}; \dots; x_1, t_1) = \langle \delta(x_n - \xi(t_n)) \rangle \left| \begin{array}{l} \xi(t_{n-1}) \equiv x_{n-1} \\ \vdots \\ \xi(t_1) \equiv x_1 \end{array} \right.$$

$\hookrightarrow$ at times $t_1, \dots, t_{n-1}$, ξ has fixed values.

This is conditional probability; we may have

$$t_n > t_{n-1} > \dots > t_1,$$

then I gives the cond. prob. that at time t_n $\xi = x_n$ provided that at previous times $t_{n-1}, \dots, t_1$ ξ was $x_{n-1}, \dots, x_1$.

From (2.44):

$$P(x_n, t_n | x_{n-1}, t_{n-1}; \dots; x_1, t_1) = \frac{W_n(x_n, t_n; \dots; x_1, t_1)}{\int dx_n W_n(x_n, t_n; \dots; x_1, t_1)} = \frac{W_n(\dots)}{W_{n-1}(x_{n-1}, t_{n-1}; \dots; x_1, t_1)} \quad (2.70)$$

(a) Purely random processes

If I does not depend on values of ξ at previous times:

$$P(x_n, t_n | x_{n-1}, t_{n-1}; \dots; x_1, t_1) = P(x_n, t_n)$$

Then:

$$W_n(x_n, t_n; \dots; x_1, t_1) = P(x_n, t_n) W_{n-1}(x_{n-1}, t_{n-1}; \dots; x_1, t_1)$$

$$= \dots = P(x_n, t_n) P(x_{n-1}, t_{n-1}) \dots P(x_1, t_1) \quad (2.72)$$

Purely random process cannot describe a physical system as at close enough times the values of ξ should somehow correlate.

② Markov processes

$$P(x_n t_n | x_{n-1} t_{n-1}; \dots; x_1 t_1) \equiv P(x_n t_n | x_{n-1} t_{n-1}) \quad (2.73)$$

only depends on a previous time, but not on all others before it.

$$\begin{aligned} W_n(x_n t_n; \dots; x_1 t_1) &= P(x_n t_n | x_{n-1} t_{n-1}) W_{n-1}(x_{n-1} t_{n-1}; \dots; x_1 t_1) \\ &= P(x_n t_n | x_{n-1} t_{n-1}) P(x_{n-1} t_{n-1} | x_{n-2} t_{n-2}) \dots P(x_2 t_2 | x_1 t_1) W_1(x_1 t_1). \end{aligned} \quad (2.74)$$

also called transition probability

The transition probability

$$P(x_2 t_2 | x_1 t_1) = \frac{W_2(x_2 t_2; x_1 t_1)}{W_1(x_1 t_1)} = \frac{W_2(x_2 t_2; x_1 t_1)}{\int dx_2 W_2(x_2 t_2; x_1 t_1)} \quad (2.75)$$

↳ all information is contained in $W_2(x_2 t_2; x_1 t_1)$.

When $t_2 \rightarrow t_1$ we should have $x_2 = x_1$:

$$\lim_{t_2 \rightarrow t_1} P(x_2 t_2 | x_1 t_1) = \delta(x_2 - x_1) \quad (2.76)$$

③ General processes

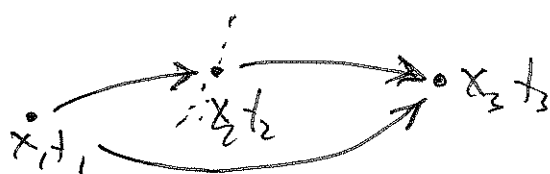
More previous times could be used, but it is more complex this way. Generalised Fokker-Planck eq. could be better suited (with memory) to describe non-Markovian behaviour.

• Chapman-Kolmogorov eq.

$$W_2(x_3 t_3; x_1 t_1) = \int W_3(x_3 t_3; x_2 t_2; x_1 t_1) dx_2$$

$$P(x_3 t_3 | x_1 t_1) W_1(x_1 t_1) \quad P(x_3 t_3 | x_2 t_2) P(x_2 t_2 | x_1 t_1) W_1(x_1 t_1)$$

$$\hookrightarrow P(x_3 t_3 | x_1 t_1) = \int P(x_3 t_3 | x_2 t_2) P(x_2 t_2 | x_1 t_1) dx_2 \quad (2.78)$$



$x_1 \rightarrow x_3$ is the same as jumping via all possible x_2 at $t_1 < t_2 < t_3$

Wiener-Khinchine theorem

$$\xi(t) \rightarrow \tilde{\xi}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i\omega t} \xi(t) dt \leftarrow \text{also random} \quad (2.79)$$

Jacobian = 1

Stationary processes:

$$\langle \tilde{\xi}(\omega) \tilde{\xi}^*(\omega') \rangle = \int dt dt' e^{-i\omega t} e^{i\omega' t'} \underbrace{\langle \xi(t) \xi^*(t') \rangle}_{\substack{\tau = t-t' \\ t_0 = \frac{t+t'}{2}}} = \langle \xi(t-t') \xi^*(0) \rangle$$

(where $t = t_0 + \tau/2, t' = t_0 - \tau/2$)

$$= \int d\tau \int dt_0 e^{-i\omega t} e^{i\omega' t'} \langle \xi(\tau) \xi^*(0) \rangle e^{-i(\omega - \omega')t_0} e^{-i(\omega + \omega')\tau/2}$$

$$= 2\pi \delta(\omega - \omega') \int d\tau e^{-i(\omega + \omega')\tau/2} \langle \xi(\tau) \xi^*(0) \rangle$$

$$= 2\pi \delta(\omega - \omega') \int d\tau e^{-i\omega\tau} \langle \xi(\tau) \xi^*(0) \rangle$$

$$= \pi \delta(\omega - \omega') S(\omega), \quad (2.85)$$

$$S(\omega) = 2 \int d\tau e^{-i\omega\tau} \langle \xi(\tau) \xi^*(0) \rangle \leftarrow \text{spectral density} \quad (2.86)$$

Several time dependent r. variables

Similarly.