



*Apprentissage de modèles
dynamiques*

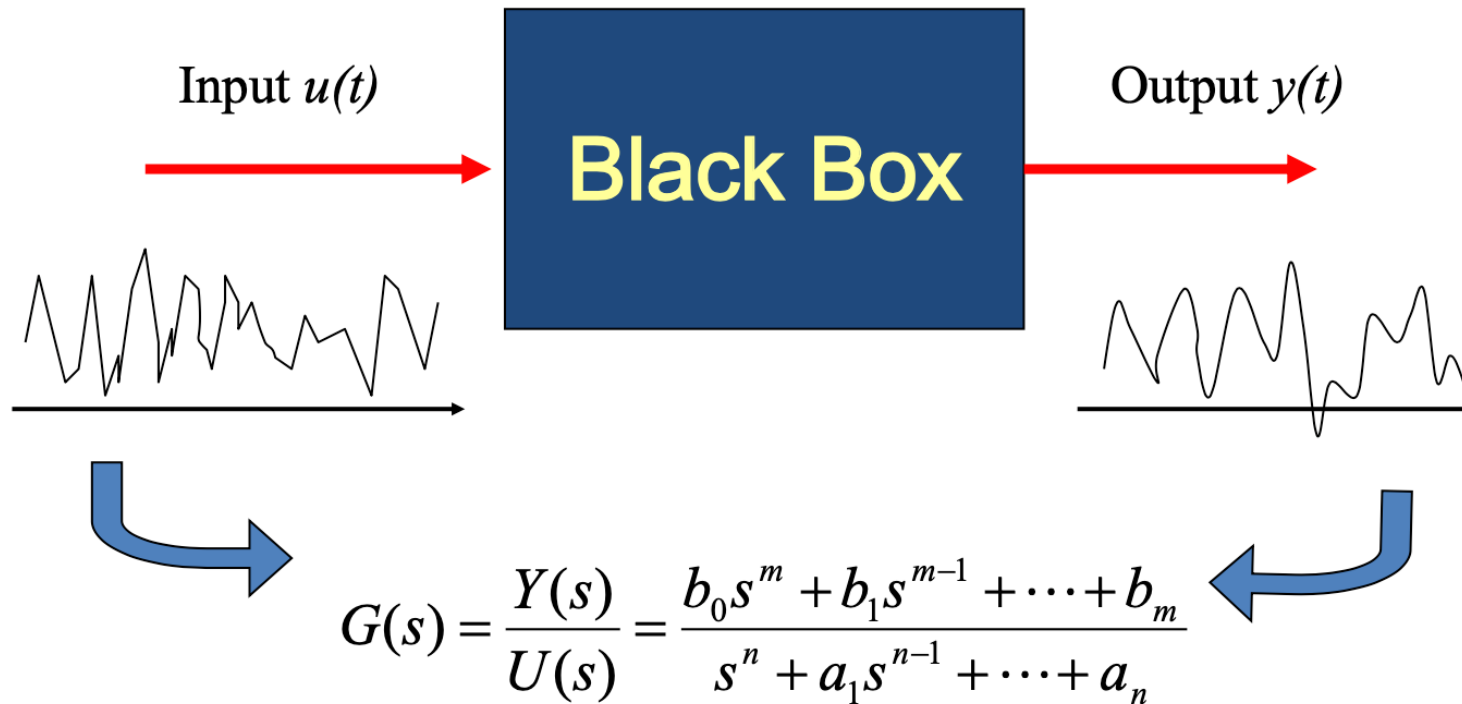
Models for disturbances: stochastic models

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Data-driven model learning = System identification

System Identification;
 "Let the data speak about the system".



Find a model structure and determine parameter values that fit the data.

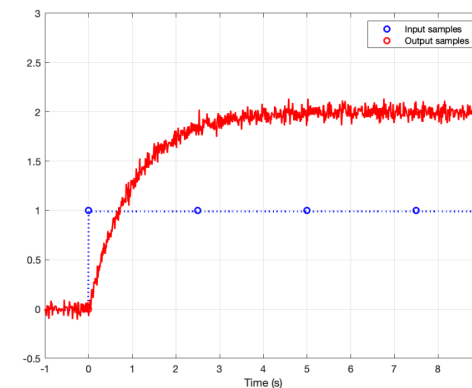
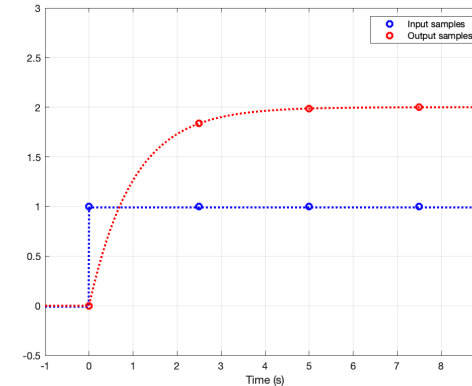
Use of simple linear regression for transfer function model learning – A brief recap

When the model structure is known

- In the ideal noise-free or deterministic case, use of simple least squares works fine !
 - the transfer function model parameter can be estimated by linear regression

- In practice, the simple least squares method breaks down
 - The output is not perfectly known. It is contaminated by measurement noise

⇒ Incorrect least squares estimates
(whatever the continuous or discrete-time model form)

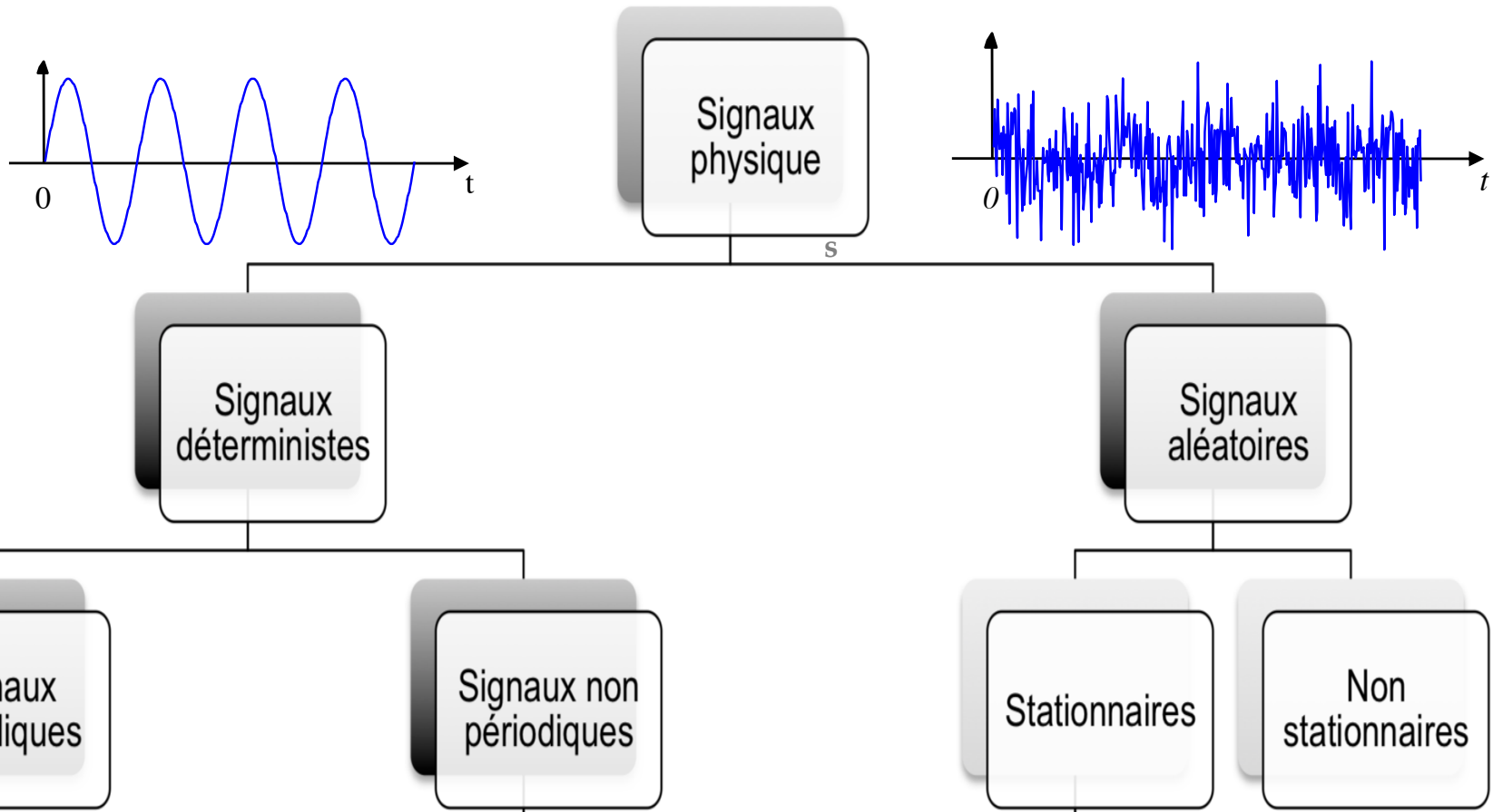


How can we model the noisy measurement output ?

Identifying measurement noise models

- In control design and estimation/prediction, it is often important to identify not only the dynamics from input to output, but also the measurement noise dynamics
 - how noise and disturbance perturb the system
 - where noise comes in
 - whether the noise is colored and correlated
- In system identification, various techniques are available for identifying both input-output dynamics and noise dynamics

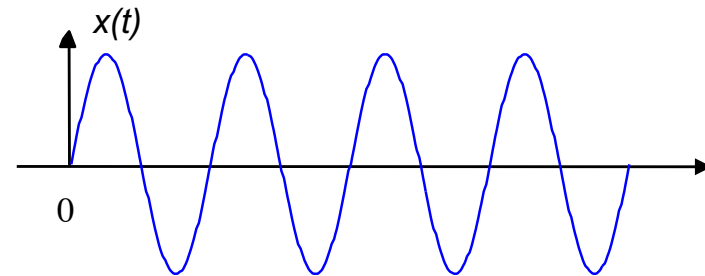
Classification of signals



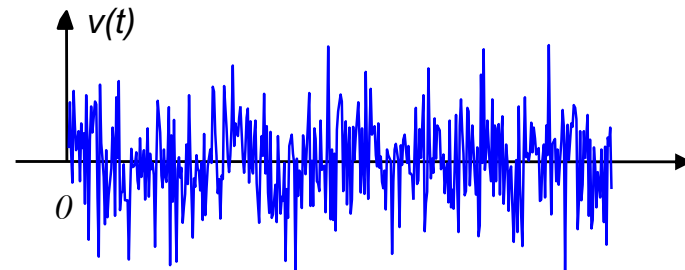
Model for noisy measurement output signals

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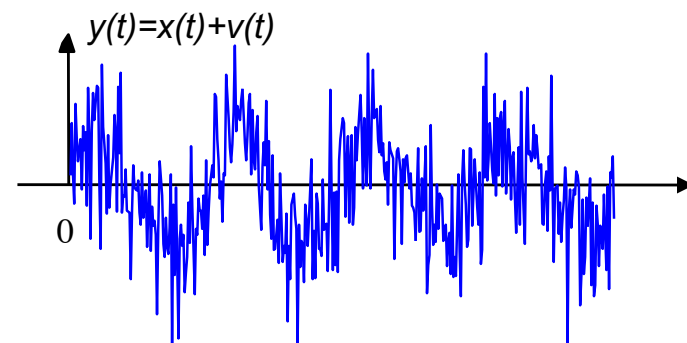
a deterministic signal



+ a stochastic signal

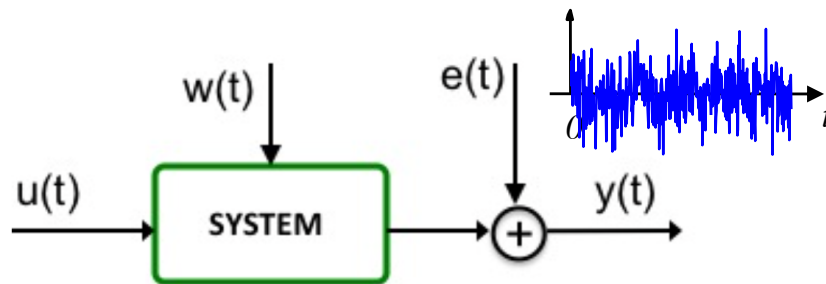


= noisy measurement signal



Models for disturbance and measurement noise

So far: only deterministic models



$u(t)$ = input

$w(t)$ = disturbance

$e(t)$ = measurement noise

$y(t)$ = output

- disturbance and measurement noise are **stochastic signals**
- Stochastic models:
 - means, covariances
 - spectra (energy or power)

Moments of a probability distribution A brief review

- Moments of a random variable X with density $f_X(x)$:

- l -th moment

$$m'_l = E[X^l] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^l f_X(x) dx$$

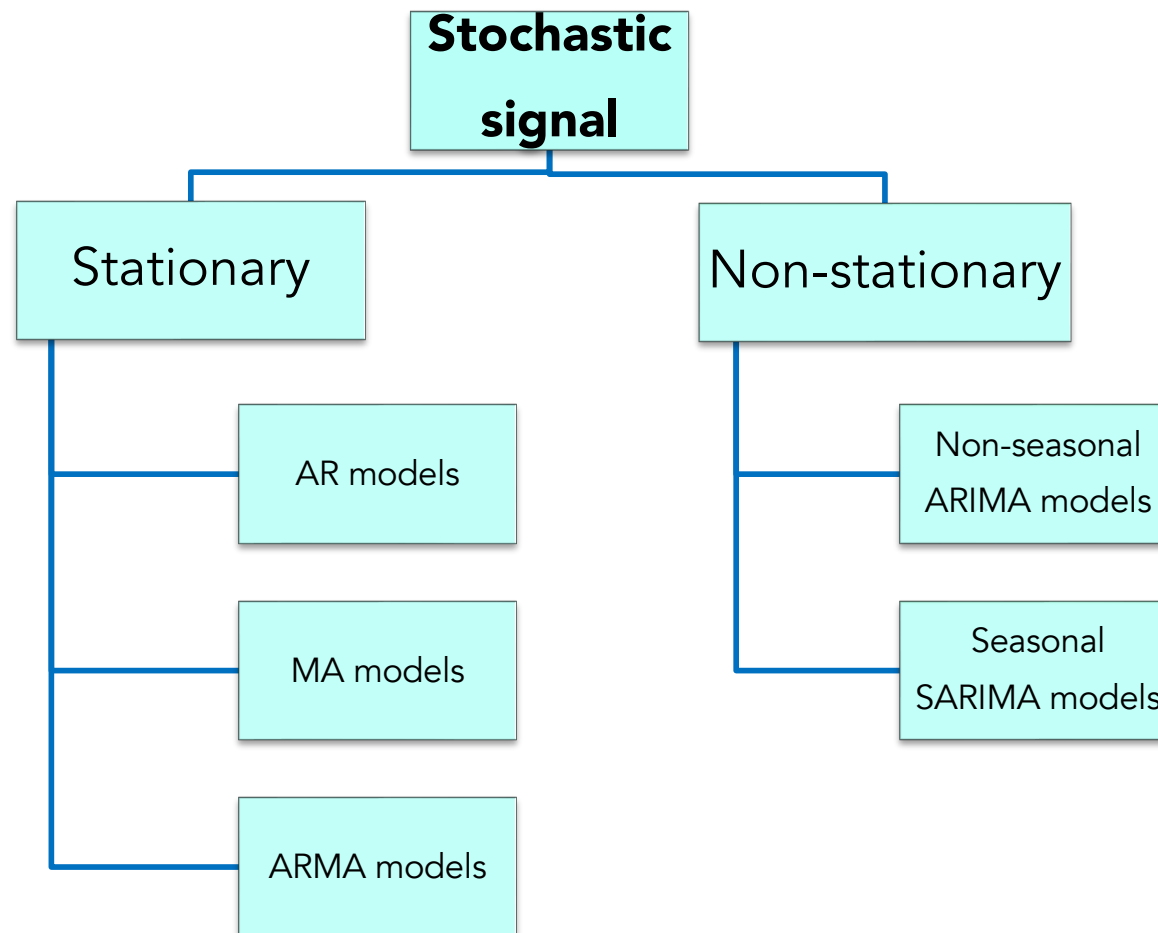
- l -th central moment

$$m_l = E[(X - \mu)^l] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^l f_X(x) dx$$

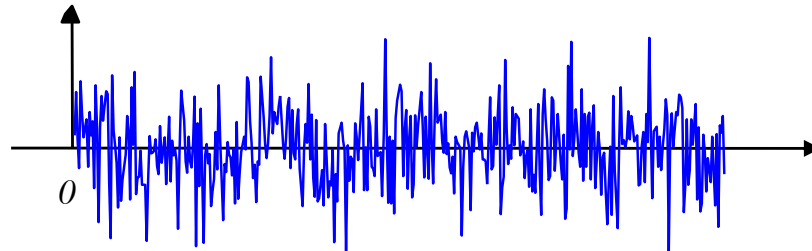
- Low-order moments: example
 - Expectation (mean): $m_1 = \mu = E[X]$
 - Variance: $m_2 = \sigma^2 = E[(X - \mu)^2]$

Family of ARMA/ARIMA models

- ARMA/ARIMA models are a class of *black-box* models that is capable of representing stationary *as well as* non-stationary stochastic signals



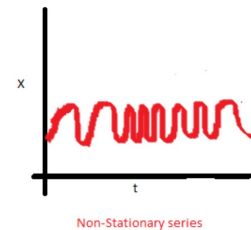
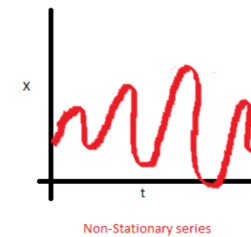
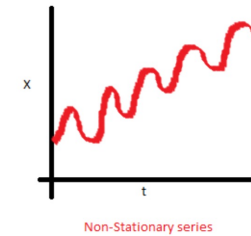
Modelling the disturbances: the stationary assumption



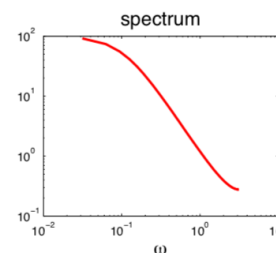
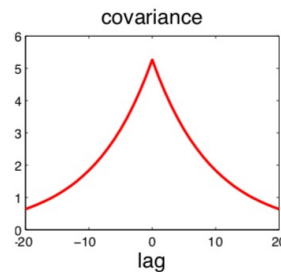
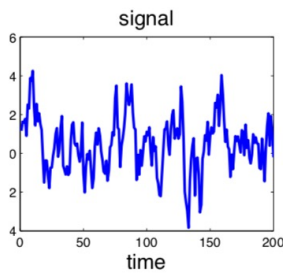
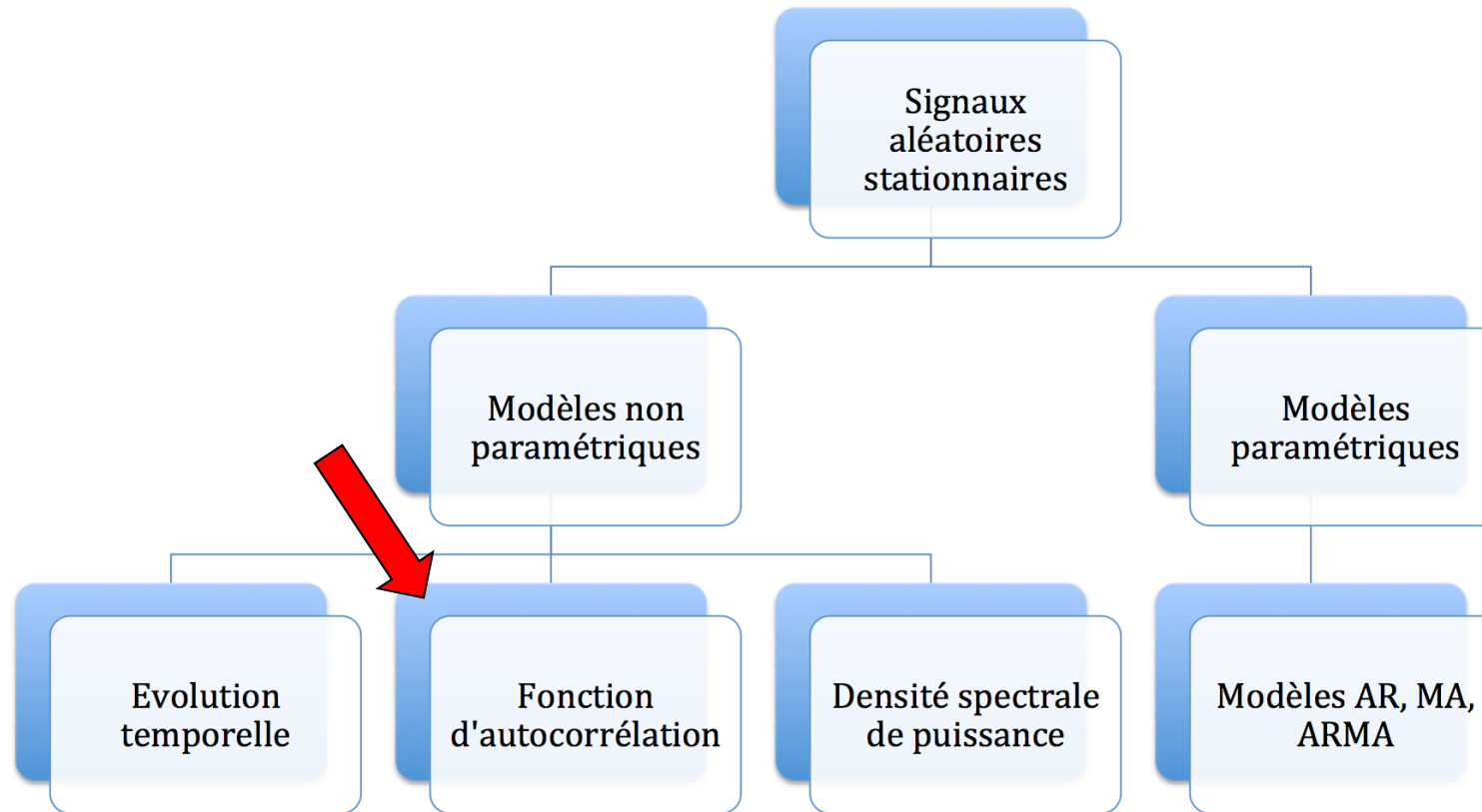
- The stochastic measurement process is assumed to be **stationary**
 - Its probability distribution does not change when shifted in time
 - Realizations of a stationary stochastic process, vary over time in a stable manner about a fixed mean
 - It is (*weakly*) *stationary* if it can be described by its first two moments only
 - Mean, variance
 - AutoCorrelation Function (ACF)

Major assumption: **stationarity** of the signals

- The properties of one section of a data are much like the properties of the other sections. The future is "similar" to the past (*in a probabilistic sense*)
- A stationary stochastic signals has
 - no trend / no seasonality
 - no systematic change in variation
 - no periodic fluctuations



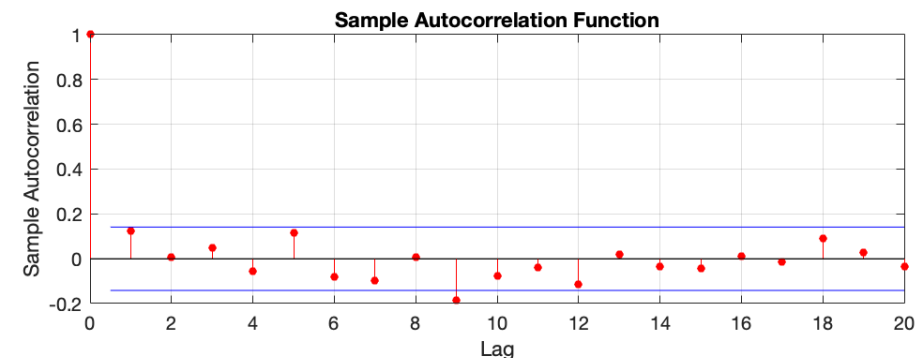
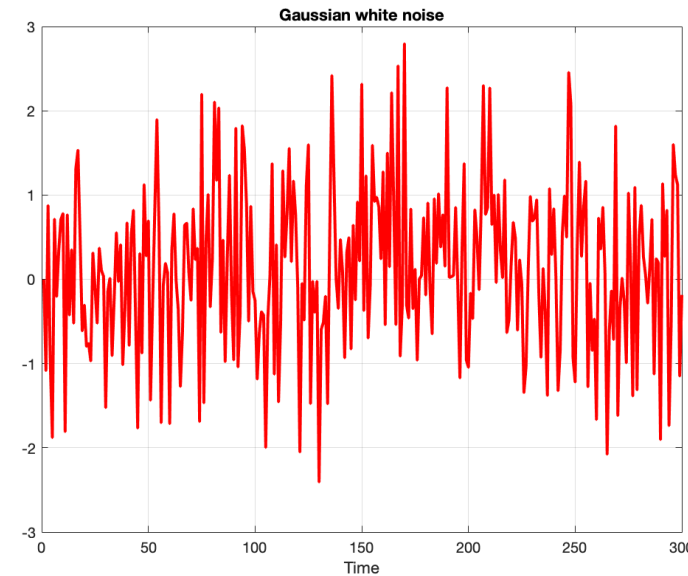
Models for stationary stochastic signals



$$y_t = \frac{C(q^{-1})}{D(q^{-1})} e_t$$

Autocorrelation function (ACF)

- Statistical correlation summarizes the strength of the relationship between two different variables
- We can calculate the correlation for time series observations with observations with previous time instants, called lags. This is called an autocorrelation
- A plot of the autocorrelation of a time series in terms of lags is called the **AutoCorrelation Function**, or its acronym **ACF**
- Sample ACF at lag h , denoted as $\gamma_y(h)$, measures the linear correlation between y_t and y_{t+h}



ACF: stationary case

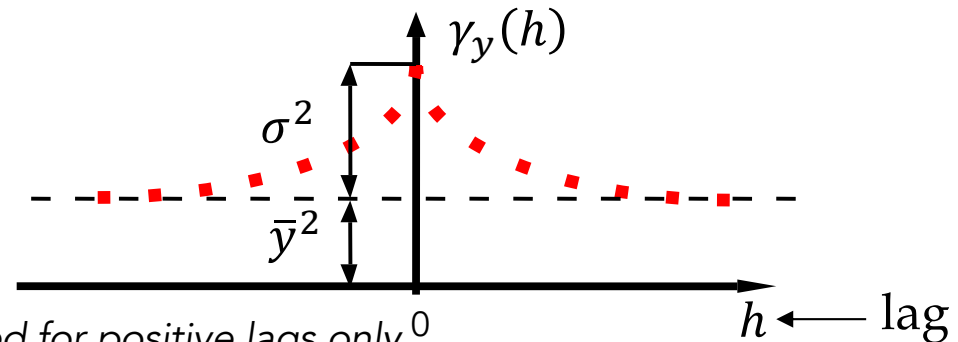
- **Autocovariance** function of a stationary time series $\{y_t\}$

$$\gamma_y(h) = \text{Cov}(y_{t+h}, y_t) = E[(y_{t+h} - \mu)(y_t - \mu)] \quad |h| < N$$

with the following 3 properties

1. $\gamma_y(0) \geq 0$,
2. $|\gamma_y(h)| \leq \gamma_y(0)$
3. $\gamma_y(h) = \gamma_y(-h)$

\Rightarrow even function. ACF is usually plotted for positive lags only⁰



- **Autocorrelation** function of a stationary signal $\{y_t\}$

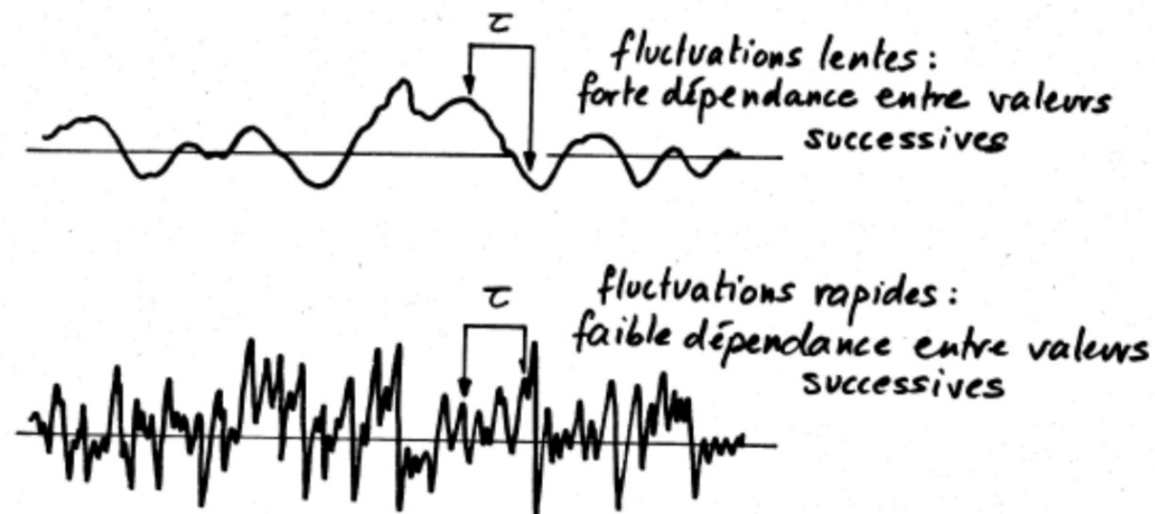
$$\rho_y(h) = \frac{\gamma_y(h)}{\gamma_y(0)} \quad 0 \leq h < N$$

with all the properties of the autocovariance function, except $\rho_y(0) = 1$

- It measures the **linear correlation** between y_t and y_{t+h}

Autocorrelation function (ACF)

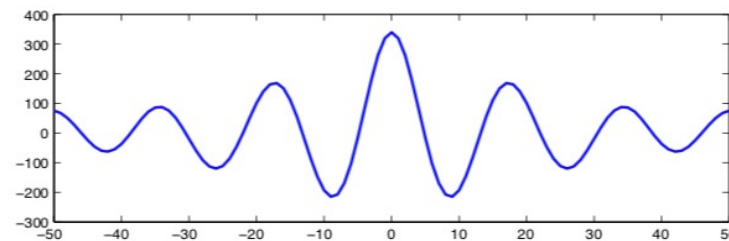
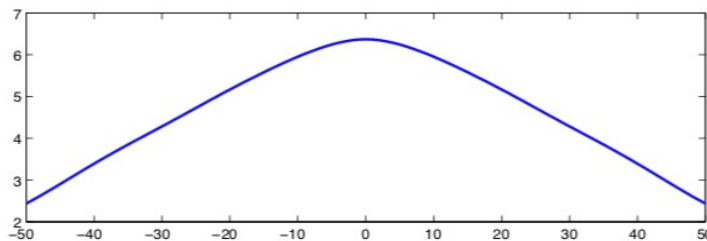
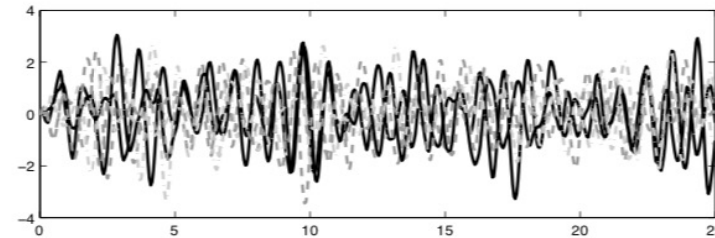
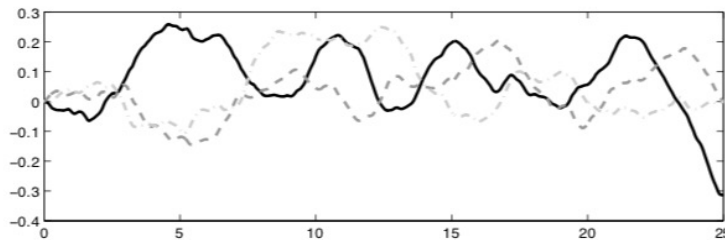
- ACF: *measures the speed of variation of temporal evolutions*
 - we compare the time series with itself but shifted by τ (or h)
 - it allows us to see how the time series at a given time is influenced (*linear autocorrelation*) by what happened at a previous time



Autocorrelation function (ACF)

Slowly varying autocorrelation function – slowly varying process

Quickly varying autocorrelation function – quickly varying process



Finite sample statistics

- Given $\{y_1, \dots, y_N\}$ observations of a stationary signal $\{y_t\}$, estimate the **finite sample** mean, variance, autocovariance and ACF

- Sample mean

$$\hat{\mu} = \bar{y} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N y_i$$

- Sample variance

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \hat{\mu})^2$$

- Sample autocovariance function

$$\hat{\gamma}_y(h) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N-h} (y_{j+h} - \bar{y})(y_j - \bar{y}), \quad 0 \leq h < N,$$

$$\text{with } \hat{\gamma}_y(h) = \hat{\gamma}_y(-h), \quad -N < h \leq 0$$

- Sample autocorrelation function (ACF)

$$\hat{\rho}_y(h) = \frac{\hat{\gamma}_y(h)}{\hat{\gamma}_y(0)}, \quad |h| < N$$

Finite sample ACF - Example

$$y = [0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0] \quad N=5$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{5} \sum_{i=1}^5 y_i = 0.6$$

$$\hat{\gamma}_y(h) = \frac{1}{5} \sum_{j=1}^{5-h} (y_{j+h} - \bar{y})(y_j - \bar{y}), \quad h = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$$

$$\hat{\rho}_y(h) = \frac{\hat{\gamma}_y(h)}{\hat{\gamma}_y(0)}, \quad h = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$$

$$\hat{\rho}_y = [1 \ -0.13 \ -0.26 \ -0.4 \ 0.3]$$

In Matlab :

```
y=[0 1 1 1 0];
[rho_hat_y,Lag]=xcov(y,'norm');
stem(Lag,rho_hat_y)
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Or

autocorr(y) (Matlab econometrics toolbox)

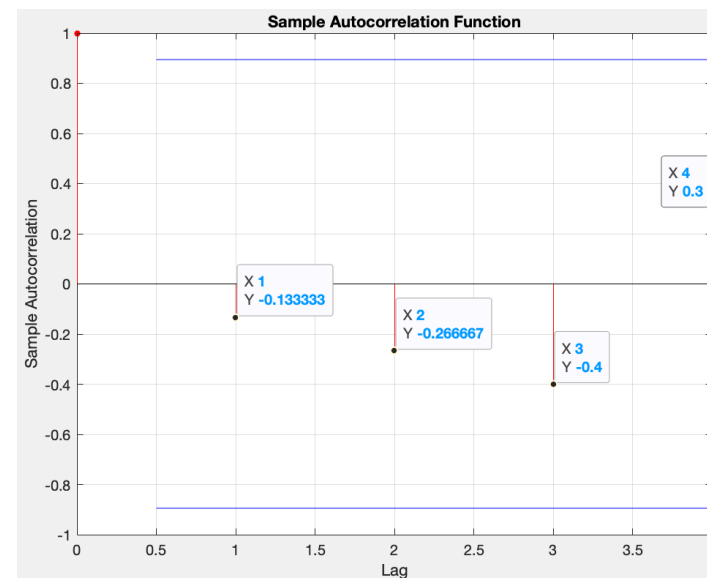
$$\hat{\gamma}_y(0) = \frac{1}{5} \sum_{j=1}^5 (y_j - \bar{y})(y_j - \bar{y}) = 0.24$$

$$\hat{\gamma}_y(1) = \frac{1}{5} \sum_{j=1}^4 (y_{j+1} - \bar{y})(y_j - \bar{y}) = -0.0320$$

$$\hat{\gamma}_y(2) = \frac{1}{5} \sum_{j=1}^3 (y_{j+2} - \bar{y})(y_j - \bar{y}) = -0.0620$$

$$\hat{\gamma}_y(3) = \frac{1}{5} \sum_{j=1}^2 (y_{j+3} - \bar{y})(y_j - \bar{y}) = -0.0960$$

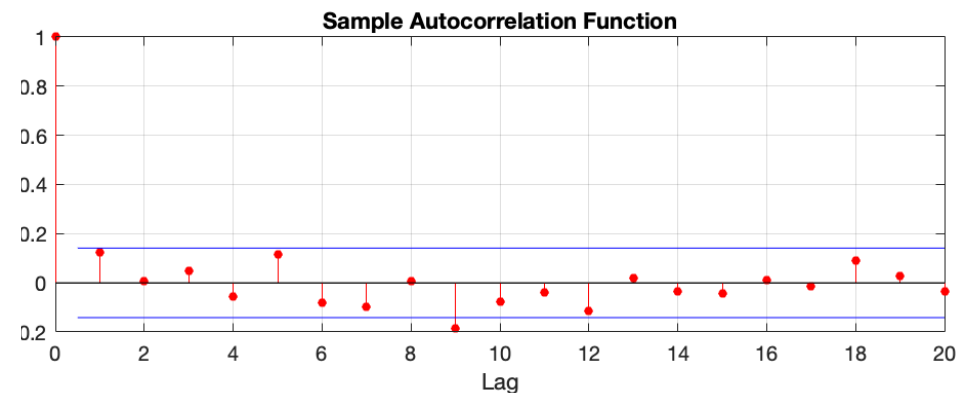
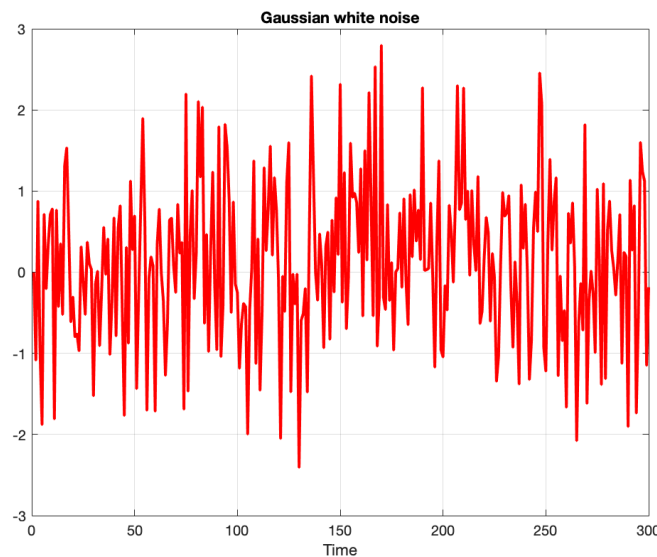
$$\hat{\gamma}_y(4) = \frac{1}{5} \sum_{j=1}^1 (y_{j+4} - \bar{y})(y_j - \bar{y}) = 0.0720$$



The white noise process

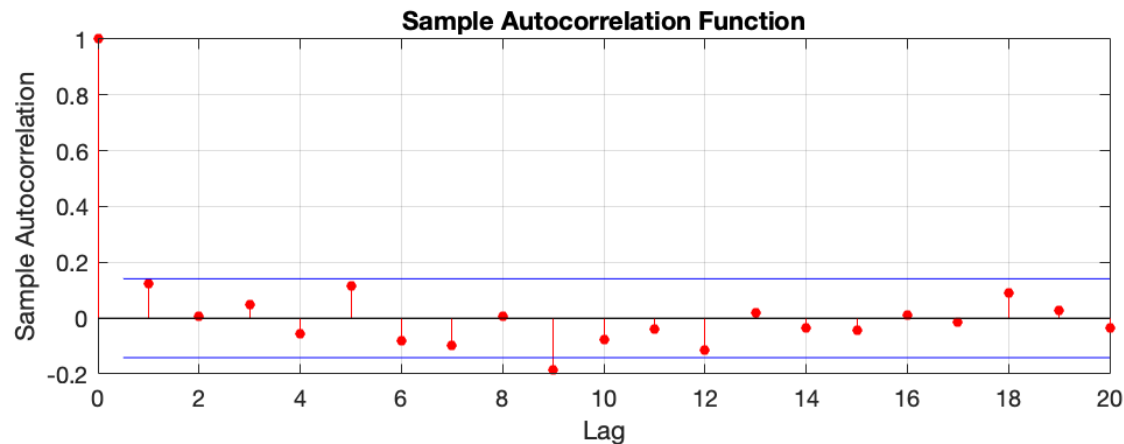
The most fundamental example of stationary signal

- A white noise is a sequence of **independent and identically distributed (i.i.d)** random variables
 - The sequences are *uncorrelated*, have zero mean, and constant variance
 - A Gaussian white noise are *i.i.d* observations from $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$
 - Because independence implies that its variables are uncorrelated at different times, **its ACF looks like a Kronecker impulse**



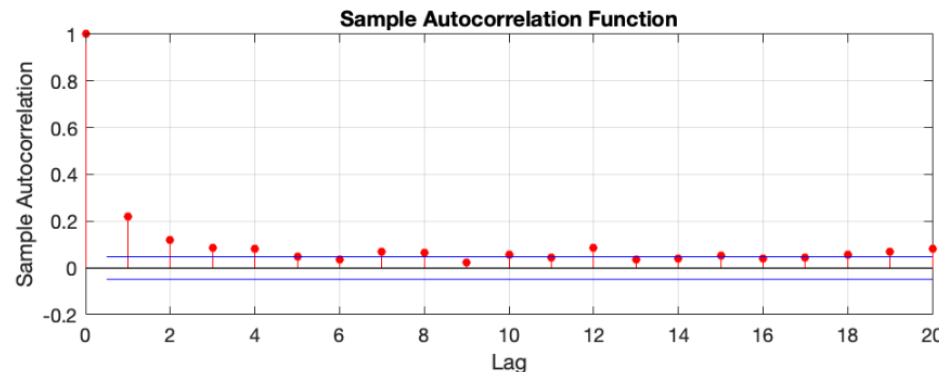
Finite sample distribution of sample ACF

- Finite sample distribution of ACF for a white noise is asymptotically Gaussian $\mathcal{N}\left(0, \frac{1}{N}\right)$
 - 95% of all ACF coefficients for a white noise must lie within $\pm \frac{1.96}{\sqrt{N}}$
 - It is common to plot horizontal limit lines at $\pm \frac{1.96}{\sqrt{N}}$ when plotting the ACF
- When $N = 125$, limit line values at $\pm \frac{1.96}{\sqrt{125}} = \pm 0.175$
 - All ACF coefficients lie within these limits, confirming that the data are white noise (*more precisely, the data cannot be distinguished from white noise*)



Properties of white noise

- Best prediction of a white noise
 - If a signal is white noise, it is unpredictable and so there is nothing to forecast. Or more precisely, *the best prediction is its mean value which is zero*
- Whitening test of the residuals
 - At the validation stage of the system identification methodology, we will check whether the *prediction errors=residuals* are a white noise by plotting its sample ACF



Sample ACF shows some significant autocorrelations at lags 1, 2, 3 and 4. This shows the residuals are not white here

- If the residual ACF does not resemble to the ACF of a white noise, it suggests that improvements could be made to the predictive model
- If the residual ACF resembles to the ACF of a white noise, the modelling procedure is finished. There is nothing else to capture in the residuals

Gaussian white noise

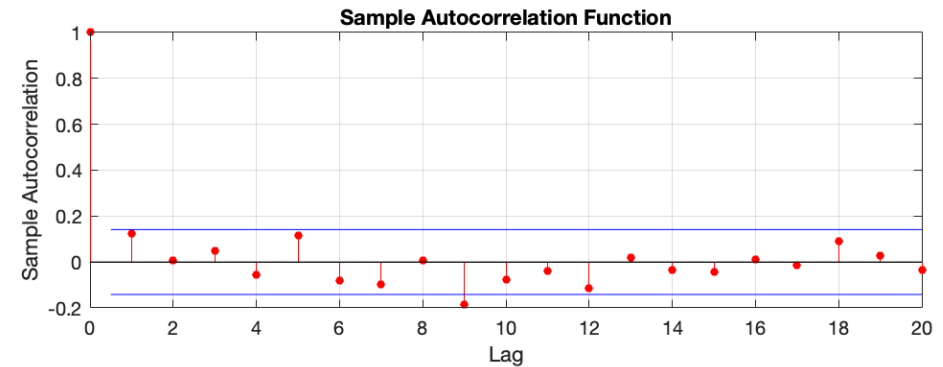
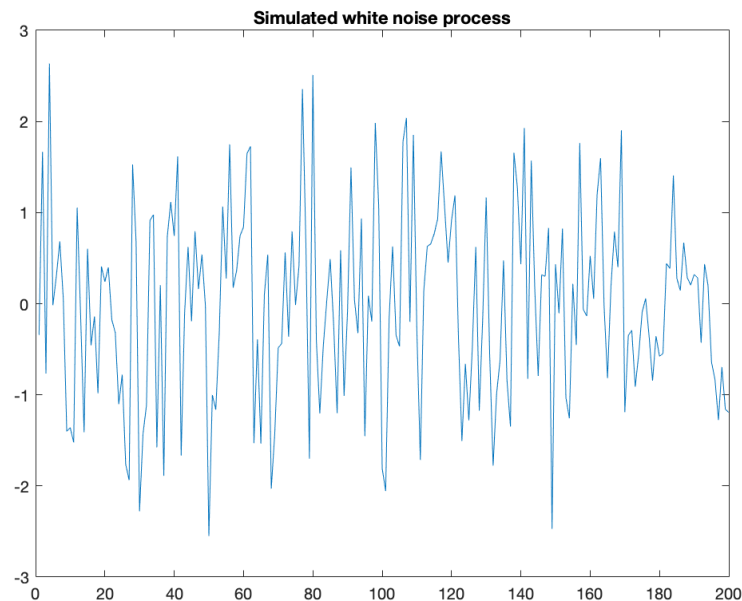
- It is a white noise whose probability function is Gaussian

- In Matlab

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>> e=randn(200,1);
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>> plot(e)
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>> autocorr(e)
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Gaussian probability function

A brief review

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x-m}{\sigma}\right)^2}$$

m : mean

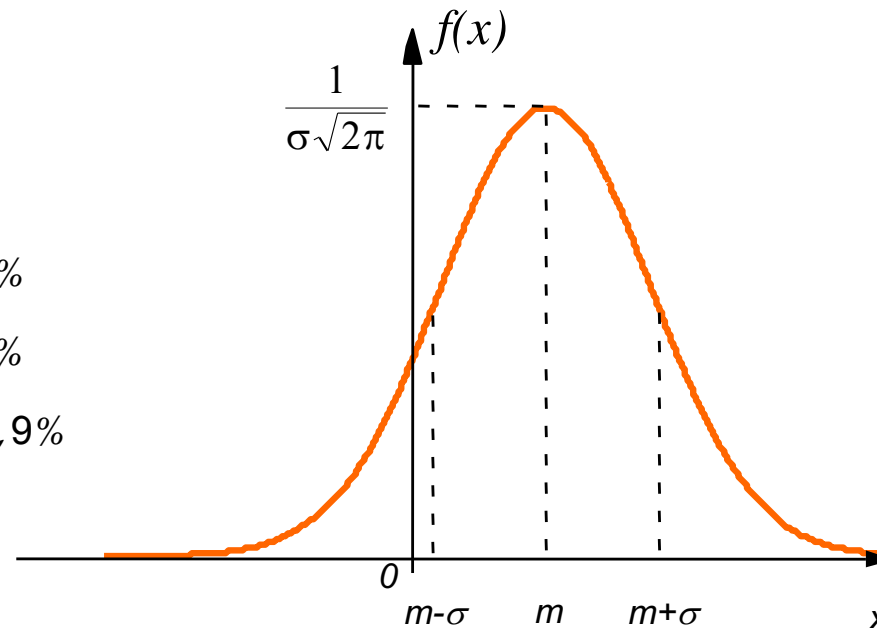
σ : standard-deviation

$$P(m - \sigma \leq x \leq m + \sigma) = 67\%$$

$$P(m - 2\sigma \leq x \leq m + 2\sigma) = 95\%$$

$$P(m - 3\sigma \leq x \leq m + 3\sigma) = 99\%$$

$$P(m - 4\sigma \leq x \leq m + 4\sigma) = 99,9\%$$

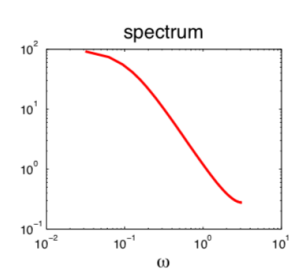
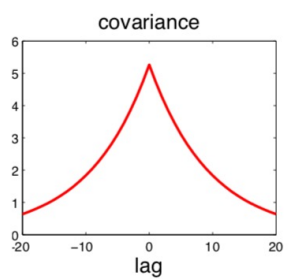
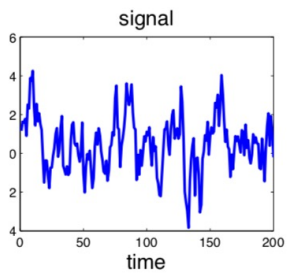
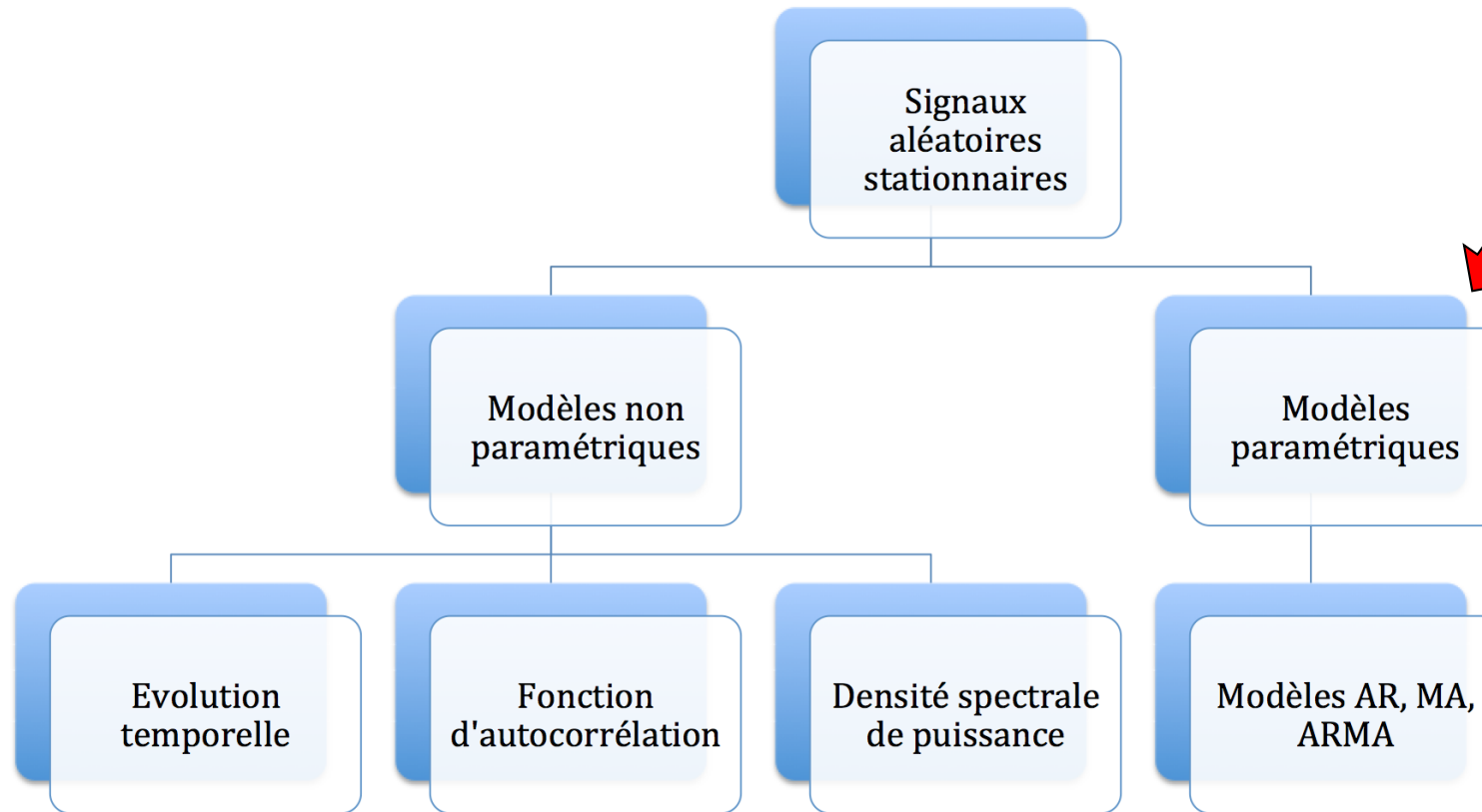


Gaussian probability function

Review

- Important properties
 - Two Gaussian random signals x_k and x_l for $k \neq l$ are uncorrelated (property of white noise) and therefore independent (property of Gaussian probability density)
 - The Gaussian probability density is the only law for which there is equivalence between non-correlation and independence
 - Gaussian laws preserve their Gaussian character in any linear operation: derivation, integration, convolution, filtering

Models for stationary random signals



$$y_t = \frac{C(q^{-1})}{D(q^{-1})} \varepsilon_t$$

General linear parametric model of stationary signals

- Box and Jenkins in 1970 (*following Yule and Slutsky 1927*)
 - Many time series (*or their derivatives*) can be considered as a special class of stochastic processes: (*weakly*) **stationary stochastic processes**
 - First two moments are finite and constant over time
 - Defined completely by the mean, variance and autocorrelation function
- General parametric model of stationary stochastic processes (*Wold 1938*)
 - All (*weakly*) stationary stochastic processes can be written as

$$y_k = c + \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \psi_i e_{k-i} + e_k$$

where c is a constant and e_k is a white Gaussian noise

- e_k is often called the *innovation process* because it captures all new information in the series at time k

Backward shift q^{-1} operator

- The *backward shift* operator, q^{-1} , is defined as

$$q^{-1} \varepsilon_k = \varepsilon_{k-1}$$

$$q^{-i} \varepsilon_k = \varepsilon_{k-i}$$

- The general linear model of a stationary stochastic process can be written as

$$y_k = c + \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \psi_i \varepsilon_{k-i} + \varepsilon_k$$

$$y_k = c + \psi(q^{-1}) \varepsilon_k$$

$$\Psi(q^{-1}) = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \psi_i L^i$$

- This model has an infinite-degree polynomial $\Psi(q^{-1})$ with **infinite coefficients** which cannot be estimated from a finite amount of data in the time series 😞

Towards AR, MA and ARMA models for stationary signals

- If $H(q)$ is a rational polynomial, we can write it (at least approximately) as the quotient of two finite-degree polynomials

$$H(q) = \frac{C(q^{-1})}{D(q^{-1})}$$

$$C(q^{-1}) = 1 + c_1 q^{-1} + \dots + c_{n_c} q^{-n_c}$$

$$D(q^{-1}) = 1 + d_1 q^{-1} + \dots + d_{n_d} q^{-n_d}$$

(*Matlab System Identification
toolbox notations*)

- **Wold's theorem:** every zero-mean stationary stochastic process can be written as

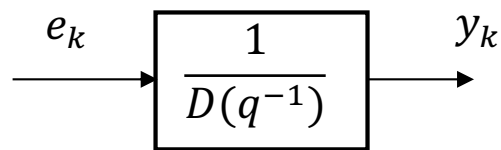
$$y_k = \frac{C(q^{-1})}{D(q^{-1})} e_k$$

- which has a **finite number** ($n_c + n_d$) of coefficients
- e_k is a white Gaussian noise
- This leads to the use of **parsimonious** models : **AR**, **MA** and **ARMA** models
 - They are most useful for practical applications since these models can be quite easily estimated from a finite number of signal samples

Family of ARMA models for stationary stochastic signals

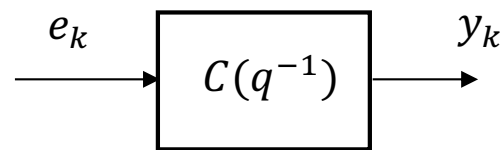
- ARMA models: a way to “see” stationary stochastic signals as *filtered white noise*
 - The filter takes different forms according to the signal properties

AR models



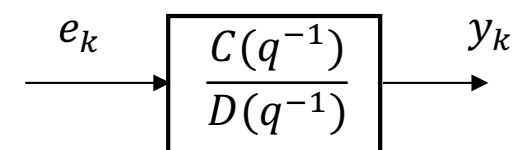
$$y_k = \frac{1}{D(q^{-1})} e_k$$

MA models



$$y_k = C(q^{-1}) e_k$$

ARMA models



$$y_k = \frac{C(q^{-1})}{D(q^{-1})} e_k$$

$$e_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$