

1. (1) Let $\{A_i\}_{i=1}^5$ be zero-mean uncorrelated r.v.s, $Var A_i = 1$.

Define

$$X_n = A_1 + A_2 \cos(n\pi/2) + A_3 \cos(n\pi/4) + A_4 \sin(n\pi/2) + A_5 \sin(n\pi/4)$$

then $EX_n = 0$ and $Cov(X_n, X_{n+h}) = f(h)$.

(2) Since $f(4) = 3 > f(0) = 1$, $f(h)$ can not be the autocovariance function of a stationary series.

(3) $\forall n \in N$, consider

$$\Sigma_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.4 & & & \\ 0.4 & 1 & 0.4 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & 0.4 & 1 & 0.4 \\ & & & 0.4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues of Σ_n are

$$\lambda_k = 1 - 2 \times 0.4 \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{n+1}\right) > 0, \quad k = 1, \dots, n.$$

Σ_n is positive definite.

(4) $\forall n \in N$, consider

$$\Sigma_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.6 & & & \\ 0.6 & 1 & 0.6 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & 0.6 & 1 & 0.6 \\ & & & 0.6 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues of Σ_n are

$$\lambda_k = 1 - 2 \times 0.6 \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{n+1}\right), \quad k = 1, \dots, n.$$

Σ_n is not positive definite.

2. (1)

$$\begin{aligned} Ee^{tZ^2} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tz^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2t}} \end{aligned}$$

(2) By the independence,

$$Ee^{t(Z_1^2 + \dots + Z_n^2)} = E \prod_{i=1}^n e^{tZ_i^2} = \prod_{i=1}^n Ee^{tZ_i^2} = \frac{1}{(1-2t)^{n/2}}$$

(3) Since Σ is non-singular, it must be positive-definite.

So we have

$$\Sigma = (\Sigma^{1/2})^2,$$

which yields

$$\Sigma^{-1} = (\Sigma^{-1/2})^2,$$

where $\Sigma^{-1/2} = (\Sigma^{1/2})^{-1}$.

Hence,

$$\Sigma^{-1/2}(\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \sim N(0, I).$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu})' \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) &= [\Sigma^{-1/2}(\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu})]' [\Sigma^{-1/2}(\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu})] \\ &\sim \chi^2(n). \end{aligned}$$

3. (The last two were calculated using MATLAB)

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(t_1, t_2, t_3) &= e^{it^T \boldsymbol{\mu} - \frac{t^T \Sigma t}{2}} \\ &= \exp\left\{-\frac{(t_1^2 + t_2^2 + t_3^2)}{2} \sigma^2 - t_1 t_2 \sigma_{12} - t_1 t_3 \sigma_{13} - t_2 t_3 \sigma_{23}\right\}. \\ E(X_1 X_2 X_3) &= i^{-3} \frac{\partial^3 \phi(t_1, t_2, t_3)}{\partial t_1 \partial t_2 \partial t_3} \Big|_{t_1=0, t_2=0, t_3=0} \\ &= 0. \\ E(X_1^2 X_2^2 X_3^2) &= i^{-6} \frac{\partial^6 \phi(t_1, t_2, t_3)}{\partial t_1^2 \partial t_2^2 \partial t_3^2} \Big|_{t_1=0, t_2=0, t_3=0} \\ &= \sigma^6 + 2\sigma^2(\sigma_{12}^2 + \sigma_{13}^2 + \sigma_{23}^2) + 8\sigma_{12}\sigma_{13}\sigma_{23}. \\ E[(X_1^2 - \sigma^2)(X_2^2 - \sigma^2)(X_3^2 - \sigma^2)] &= E[X_1^2 X_2^2 X_3^2 + \sigma^4(X_1^2 + X_2^2 + X_3^2) \\ &\quad - \sigma^2(X_1^2 X_2^2 + X_1^2 X_3^2 + X_2^2 X_3^2) - \sigma^6] \\ &= 8\sigma_{12}\sigma_{13}\sigma_{23}. \end{aligned}$$

4.

$$\begin{aligned} F(y_1, y_2) &= P(X_1 \leq y_1, |X_2| \leq y_2, X_1 \geq 0) + P(X_1 \leq y_1, -|X_2| \leq y_2, X_1 < 0) \\ &= \begin{cases} (\Phi(y_1) - 1/2)(2\Phi(y_2) - 1) + 1/2, & y_1 > 0, y_2 > 0 \\ \Phi(y_2), & y_1 > 0, y_2 < 0 \\ \Phi(y_1), & y_1 \leq 0, y_2 \geq 0 \\ 2\Phi(y_1)\Phi(y_2), & y_1 \leq 0, y_2 < 0 \\ 0, & else \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $F_1(y_1) = F(y_1, \infty) = \Phi(y_1)$, $F_2(y_2) = F(\infty, y_2) = \Phi(y_2)$.

Since $f(y_1, y_2) = 0$ when $y_1 y_2 < 0$, (Y_1, Y_2) must be non-normal as the support of a bivariate normal distribution (nondegenerate) is \mathbf{R}^2 .

5. a.

$$EX_t = \begin{cases} E\varepsilon_t, & t \text{ is even} \\ E(\varepsilon_{t-1}^2 - 1)/\sqrt{2}, & t \text{ is odd} \end{cases} = 0.$$

$$Cov(X_{t_1}, X_{t_2}) = \begin{cases} 1, & t_1 = t_2, \\ 0, & else. \end{cases}$$

b.

n is even: $E(X_{n+1}|X_1, \dots, X_n) = E((\varepsilon_n^2 - 1)/\sqrt{2}|X_n) = (X_n^2 - 1)/\sqrt{2}$.

n is odd: $E(X_{n+1}|X_1, \dots, X_n) = E(\varepsilon_{n+1}|X_n, \dots, X_1) = 0$.

6. If $s = t$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_t \leq x, X_s \leq y) &= P(X_t \leq \min\{x, y\}) \\ &= P(X_{t-12} + \varepsilon_t \leq \min\{x, y\}) \\ &= \Phi\left(\frac{\min\{x, y\}}{\sqrt{\lceil t/12 \rceil} \sigma}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Assume $s > t$, then

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_t \leq x, X_s \leq y) &= P(X_{t-12} + \varepsilon_t \leq x, X_{s-12} + \varepsilon_s \leq y) \\ &= \dots \\ &= P\left(\sum_{k=0}^{\lceil t/12 \rceil} \varepsilon_{(t \bmod 12) + 12k} \leq x, \sum_{k=0}^{\lceil s/12 \rceil} \varepsilon_{(s \bmod 12) + 12k} \leq y\right) \\ &= \begin{cases} G(x, y), & (t \bmod 12) = (s \bmod 12) \\ \Phi\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{\lceil t/12 \rceil} \sigma}\right) \Phi\left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{\lceil s/12 \rceil} \sigma}\right), & (t \bmod 12) \neq (s \bmod 12) \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

where $G(\cdot, \cdot)$ is the cdf of $N(0, \Sigma)$ and

$$\Sigma = \sigma^2 \begin{pmatrix} \lceil t/12 \rceil & \lceil t/12 \rceil \\ \lceil t/12 \rceil & \lceil s/12 \rceil \end{pmatrix}.$$

7.

$$\Sigma^{1/2} = \begin{pmatrix} 2\sqrt{6}/3 & \sqrt{6}/3 & \sqrt{6}/3 \\ \sqrt{6}/3 & \sqrt{6}/6 & \sqrt{6}/6 \\ \sqrt{6}/3 & \sqrt{6}/6 & \sqrt{6}/6 \end{pmatrix}$$

solving $\Sigma^{1/2}a = 0$, we have $\text{Var}(\sum_{i=1}^3 a_i X_i) = a^T \Sigma a = 0$.

8. (a)

$$\begin{aligned} E \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i X_i\right) &= E \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i (Z_i + \theta Z_{i-1})\right) \\ &= E \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (\lambda_i + \theta \lambda_{i-1}) Z_i + \lambda_n Z_n + \theta \lambda_1 Z_0\right) \\ &= m(\lambda_n) m(\theta \lambda_1) \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} m(\lambda_i + \theta \lambda_{i-1}). \end{aligned}$$

(b)

By the result in (a), $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, t_1, \dots, t_n , the moment-generating function of $(X_{t_1}, \dots, X_{t_n})$ is irrelevant to (t_1, \dots, t_n) .

Hence, $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$, $(X_{t_1}, \dots, X_{t_n}) \stackrel{d}{=} (X_{t_1+k}, \dots, X_{t_n+k})$.