Photo-Detection

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Preliminaries

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Figure: Photoelectric effect.

• Photoelectric effect: The emission of electrons from a material by light.

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Figure: Lenard's photoelectric experiment.

• Lenard's photoelectric experiment: Kinetic energy doesn't depend on intensity.



Figure: Millikan's photoelectric experiment.

• Millikan's photoelectric experiment: Kinetic energy depends on intensity.





- Einstein's photoelectric kinetic energy: $K = (h\nu W_0)u(\nu \nu_0)$
- Einstein's photoelectric current: $J = Alu(\nu \nu_0)$

Bohr's Hydrogen Atom Model



Figure: Bohr's atomic model.

- Energy level; $E_n = -13.6/n^2$ eV
- Orbital radius; $r_n = 52.9n^2$ pm
- Orbital velocity; $v_n = 2.187 \times 10^6/n \text{ m/s}$
- Radiation (absorption) frequency; $\nu = \frac{1}{\lambda} = R_H(\frac{1}{n^2} \frac{1}{n_r^2})$ Hz

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Figure: Hydrogen absorption spectrum.

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Bohr's Hydrogen Atom Model



Figure: Hydrogen emission spectrum.

Schrodinger's Hydrogen-like Atom Model



Figure: Schrodinger's atomic model.

- Schrodinger's equation: $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{\partial^2\Psi}{\partial x^2} + V\Psi = j\hbar\frac{\partial\Psi}{\partial t}$
- Time-independent Schrodinger's equation: $-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + V\psi = E\psi$
- Potential function: $V(r) = -Ze^2/r$
- Energy levels: $E_n = -\frac{M_r Z^2 e^4}{(4\pi\epsilon_0)^2 2\hbar^2} \frac{1}{n^2}$
- Wavefunctions: $\psi(r, \theta, \phi) = R_{nl}(r)\Theta_{lm}(\theta)\Phi_m(\phi)$

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Schrodinger's Hydrogen-like Atom Model



Figure: Energy levels of a hydrogen-like atomic stricture.

- Associated Laguerre function: $R_{nl}(r)$
- Associated Legendre function: $\Theta_{Im}(\theta)$
- Phase function: $\Phi_m(\phi)$
- Principal quantum number (shell): $n = 1, 2, 3 \cdots$
- Azimuthal quantum number (sub-shell): $I = 0, 1, \dots, n-1 \equiv s, p, d, f, \dots$
- Magnetic quantum number: $m = 0, \pm 1, \cdots, \pm l$
- Electron configuration: nl^u

• Spin quantum number:
$$s = \pm \frac{1}{2}$$

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Multi-electron Atom Model



Figure: Energy levels of a multi-electron atom.

- Schrodinger's equation: Hartree approximated method
- Manifold: Collection of closely spaced fine-structure energy-level splittings
- Pauli exclusion principle: No two electrons may have the same quantum numbers.
- Minimum energy principle: Energy minimization while satisfying the Pauli exclusion.
- Valence electron: Electrons in the outermost shell.

Molecules



Figure: Sample energy levels of molecule.

- Common molecular binding: Ionic binding and covalent binding.
- Energy levels: Arise from rotational transitions, vibrational transitions, and electronic transitions
- Minimum energy principle: A stable molecule emerges when the sharing of valence electrons by the constituent atoms reduces the overall energy.

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Figure: Change of energy levels by proximity of individual atoms in a solid.

- Common solid binding: Ionic, covalent, and metallic binding.
- Solid structures: Crystal and non-crystal
- Crystals: A solid with periodic arrangement of molecules.
- Energy levels: Arise from individual and neighboring atoms

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Band Theory



Figure: Broadening of the discrete energy levels of an isolated atom into energy bands in a crystal. The bands can also be described by solving the Schrodinger equation for Kronig-Penny model of crystals.

- Conduction band: Lowest unoccupied, or partially occupied, energy band
- Valence band: Highest fully occupied energy band.
- Forbidden band: Separation distance between conduction and valence bands
- Bandgap energy: Energy extent between conduction and valence bands
- Conductivity: Metal, Semi-conductor, isolator

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Occupancy of energy levels



Figure: Occupancy of energy levels are described by Boltzman and Fermi equations.

Boltzman distribution: P(E_m) ∝ exp(-E_m/kT), m = 1, 2, ···
Fermi function: f(E) = 1/(exp[(E-E_k)/kT]+1)

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Intrinsic Semi-conductors



Figure: Creation of electron-hole pairs for thermal excitation in an intrinsic semi-conductor crystal. The electron and holes creates current under external applied field. The conductivity increases as temperature goes up.

- Zero-conductivity at zero temperature: Full valance band
- Thermal excitation: Electron-hole generation
- Thermal equilibrium: Radiative/nonradiative electron-hole recombination
- Probability of electron occupancy in valence band: f(E)
- Probability of hole occupancy in valence band: 1 f(E)
- Intrinsic carrier concentration: $n = p = n_i = \sqrt{N_c N_v} \exp\left(-\frac{E_g}{2kT}\right)$

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Doped Semi-conductors



Figure: N-type and P-type doped semi-conductors.

- Donor dopants: Impurities with excess valence electron
- Acceptor dopants: Impurities with deficiency of valence electron
- Doped carrier concentration: $np = n_i^2$

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PN Junction



Figure: Unbiased PN junction.

- Depletion layer: A region without mobile carriers
- Majority carriers: Holes in p-type and electrons in n-type
- Minority carriers: Holes in n-type and electrons in p-type
- Inoized atoms: Positive ions in n-type and negative atom in p-type
- Built-in field: Electric field from n-type to p-type
- No net current: Cancellation of diffusion and drift currents

PN Junction





- Shockly diode equation: $i = i_s [\exp(eV/kT) 1]$
- Avalanche breakdown: Current multiplication via free-electron creation by collision

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Figure: Three main interactions of a photon with energy $h\nu = E_g = E_2 - E_1$ and atom, spontaneous emission, absorption, and stimulated emission.

- Two-state transitions: Arise from Schrodinger equation
- Fermi's golden rule: Transition rate from one energy state to another due to a weak perturbation
- Absorption/stimulated emission probability density: $W_i = \frac{dP_i}{dt} \propto I(t, \mathbf{r}) \Delta \mathbf{r} \delta(E_g - h\nu)$

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Interaction of Photons and Material



Figure: Absorption and stimulated emission for bands.

- Absorption/stimulated emission probability density: $W_i = \frac{dP_i}{dt} \propto I(t, \mathbf{r})\Delta \mathbf{r}, \quad E_g \ge h\nu$
- Independency of time
- Proportionality to state density
- Proportionality to coupling strength

Physical Description of Photo-Detection

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Figure: Vacuum photodiode tube and photomultiplier tube.

- Photoelectric effect: The emission of electrons from a material by light.
- Photon multiplication: Secondary emission of electrons from dynodes using photo-emitted electrons emitted from photo-cathode.

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Photodiode





- Generation: Absorbed photons generate free carriers.
- Transport: Built-in field causes these carriers to move and create current.

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Avalanche Photodiode



Figure: Multiplication process in avalanche photodiode.

- Generation: Absorbed photons generate free carriers.
- Transport: Built-in field causes these carriers to move and create current.
- Gain: Large electric fields impart sufficient energy to the carriers to free additional carriers.

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Characteristic Current



Figure: Generic photodiode and its i-V relation. .

- Photo-diode characteristic curve: $i = i_s [\exp(eV/kT) 1] i_p$
- Dark current: *i_s* arisen from thermally-excited random generation of electrons-hole pairs

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Quantum Efficiency



Figure: Effect of surface reflection, incomplete absorption, and penetration depth on the detector quantum efficiency.

- Quantum efficiency: Number of generated electron-hole pairs to the number of incident photons.
- Quantum efficiency: $\eta = (1 R)\zeta[1 \exp(-\alpha d)]$.
- Surface reflection: 1 R.
- Incomplete absorption: η .
- Penetration depth: $1 \exp(-\alpha d)$.

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Figure: Electron current and hole current.

- Mean drift velocity: $v = \mu E = \frac{a\tau_{col}}{m}E$
- Carrier mobility: $\mu = \frac{a\tau_{col}}{m}$.
- Ramo's formula: $-QEdx = -Q\frac{V}{w}dx = i(t)Vdt$.
- Ramo's formula: $i(t) = -\frac{Q}{w}v(t)$.
- Transit-time spread: x/v_h , $(W-x)/v_e$, $v_h < v_e$.



Figure: Impulse response function for a uniformly illuminated detector subject to transit-time spread.

- Total current: $i(t) = i_h(t) + i_e(t)$
- Generated charge: Ne

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Responsivity



Figure: Responsivity versus wavelength.

- Responsivity: Ratio of the current to the power.
- Responsivity: $\mathcal{R} = \frac{i_p}{P} = \frac{1}{P} d \frac{\eta e \frac{E}{h}}{dt} = \frac{\eta e}{h\nu}$.
- Multiplicative responsivity: $\mathcal{R} = \frac{i_p}{P} = \frac{G\eta e}{h\nu}$.

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Statistical Description of Photo-Detection

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Probability mass function	P(k)	$e^{-m}\frac{m^k}{k!}$
Mean	$\sum_{k} kP(k)$	m
Mean-square	$\sum_{k}^{n} k^2 P(k)$	$m^2 + m$
Variance	$\sum_{k} k^2 P(k) - \left[\sum_{k} k^2 P(k)\right]^2$	т
Characteristic function	$\sum_{k} e^{j\omega k} P(k)$	$e^{m(e^{j\omega}-1)}$
Moment-generating function	$\sum_{k}(1-z)^{k}P(k)$	e^{-zm}
<i>q</i> th moment	$\sum_{k} k^{q} P(k)$	$\frac{\partial^q}{\partial z^q} \left[e^{-mz} \right]_{z=1}$

Table: Identities for Poisson random variable.

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Definition (Poisson Stochastic Process)

The counting process $\{N(t), t \in [0, \infty)\}$ is called a Poisson process with fixed rate $\lambda > 0$ if all the following conditions hold

- N(0) = 0
- N(t) has independent increments.
- The number of arrivals in any interval of length $\tau > 0$ has a Poisson distribution of mean $\lambda \tau$.

Figure: Poisson stochastic process.

- Independent inter-arrival times: $X_n \sim \text{Exponential}(\lambda) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$
- Dependent arrival times: $T_n \sim \text{Gamma}(\lambda) = \frac{\lambda^n t^{n-1} e^{-\lambda x}}{(n-1)!}$

Counting Statistics



Figure: Random photo-detection process over an infinitesimal area r and infinitesimal interval Δt .

- Fermi's golden rule: $\frac{dP_i}{dt} = \alpha I(t, \mathbf{r}) \Delta \mathbf{r}$.
- No carrier generation probability: $P(0) = 1 - P(t_i, \mathbf{r}_i) \approx 1 - \alpha I(t_i, \mathbf{r}_i) \Delta \mathbf{r} \Delta t = 1 - \alpha I(\mathbf{v}_i) \Delta \mathbf{v}.$
- Single carrier generation probability: $P(1) = P(t_i, \mathbf{r}_i) \approx \alpha I(t_i, \mathbf{r}_i) \Delta \mathbf{r} \Delta t = \alpha I(\mathbf{v}_i) \Delta \mathbf{v}.$
- More carrier generation probability: P(k) = 0, $k \ge 2$.

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Figure: Random photo-detection process over area A and interval T for a constant intensity I.

- No carrier generation probability: $P(0) = 1 \alpha I \Delta \mathbf{v} = 1 \alpha I \frac{AT}{N} = 1 p$.
- Single carrier generation probability: $P(1) = \alpha I \Delta \mathbf{v} = \alpha I \frac{AT}{N} = p$.
- k carrier generation probability: $P(k) = \frac{N!}{k!(N-k)!}p^k(1-p)^{N-k}$.
- k carrier generation probability:

$$pN = \alpha IAT, N \to \infty \Rightarrow P(k) = e^{-m_v} \frac{m_v^k}{k!}, \quad m_v = pN = \alpha IAT = \alpha E.$$

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Figure: Random photo-detection process over area A and interval T for a deterministic intensity I.

- No carrier generation probability: $P(\mathbf{V}_i = 0) = 1 \alpha I(\mathbf{v}_i) \Delta \mathbf{v} = 1 p_i$.
- Single carrier generation probability: $P(\mathbf{V}_i = 1) \approx \alpha I(\mathbf{v}_i) \Delta \mathbf{v} = p_i$.
- k carrier generation probability: $P(\mathbf{V} = k) \approx P(\sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathbf{V}_i = k)$.

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Figure: Random photo-detection process over area A and interval T for a deterministic intensity I.

- Characteristic function: $\Psi_{V_i}(\omega) = \mathcal{E}\{e^{j\omega v_i}\} = 1 p_i + e^{j\omega}p_i$.
- Characteristic function: $\Psi_{\boldsymbol{V}}(\omega) = \mathcal{E}\{e^{j\omega\sum_{i}^{N}\boldsymbol{v}_{i}}\} = \prod_{i=1}^{N}[1 + (e^{j\omega} 1)p_{i}]$.
- Characteristic function: $\Psi_{\boldsymbol{V}}(\omega) = \exp(m_{\nu}(e^{j\omega}-1)).$
- *k* carrier generation probability: P(k) = e^{-m_ν} m^{m_ν}/_{k!}, m_ν = α ∫_A ∫_T I(**r**, t)d**r**dt.
 Calculation lemma:

$$\lim_{N\to\infty}\sum_{i=1}^{N}\ln\left(1+(e^{j\omega}-1)p_i\right)=\lim_{N\to\infty}\sum_{i=1}^{N}(e^{j\omega}-1)p_i=(e^{j\omega}-1)\lim_{N\to\infty}\sum_{i=1}^{N}p_i=m_v(e^{j\omega}-1)$$



Figure: Random photo-detection process over area A and interval T for a deterministic intensity I.

- Carrier generation variance: $m_v = \alpha \int_A \int_T I(\mathbf{r}, t) d\mathbf{r} dt$.
- Carrier generation mean: $m_v = \alpha \int_A \int_T I(\mathbf{r}, t) d\mathbf{r} dt$.
- Carrier generation mean: $\eta \frac{1}{h\nu} \int_A \int_T I(\mathbf{r}, t) d\mathbf{r} dt$.
- Fermi's proportionality constant: $\alpha = \frac{\eta}{h\nu}$.

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Figure: Random photo-detection process over area A and interval T for a stochastic intensity I.

- Random carrier generation PDF: p(m)
- Conditional Poisson distribution: $P(k|m) = e^{-m\frac{m^k}{k!}}$
- Mandel's formula: $P(k) = \int_0^\infty e^{-m} \frac{m^k}{k!} p(m) dm$

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Figure: Random photo-detection process and random multiplication process over area A and interval T for a stochastic intensity I.

- Primary count probability: $P(k_1) = \int_0^\infty e^{-m} \frac{m^{k_1}}{k_1!} p(m) dm$
- Secondary count probability: $P(k_2) = \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} P(k_2|k_1)P(k_1)$

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Example (Constant monochromatic point source)

The count of generated carriers for a photo-detector illuminated by a constant monochromatic point source at far field has Poisson distribution.

$$f_{r}(t, \mathbf{r}) = ae^{j2\pi\nu t}, \quad \mathbf{r} \in A$$

$$m_{v} = \alpha \int_{A} \int_{T} |f_{r}(t, \mathbf{r})|^{2} d\mathbf{r} dt = \alpha |a|^{2} AT = \alpha IAT \Rightarrow p(m) = \delta(m - \alpha IAT)$$

$$P(k) = e^{-m} \frac{m^{k}}{k!} = e^{-\alpha IAT} \frac{(\alpha IAT)^{k}}{k!}$$

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Example (Intensity-modulated monochromatic point source)

The count of generated carriers for a photo-detector illuminated by an intensitymodulated monochromatic point source at far field has Poisson distribution.

$$f_{r}(t, \mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{a}(t)e^{j2\pi\nu t}, \quad \mathbf{r} \in A$$

$$m_{v} = \alpha \int_{A} \int_{T} |f_{r}(t, \mathbf{r})|^{2} d\mathbf{r} dt = \alpha A \int_{0}^{T} |\mathbf{a}(t)|^{2} dt \Rightarrow p(m) = \delta(m - \alpha A \int_{0}^{T} |\mathbf{a}(t)|^{2} dt)$$

$$P(k) = e^{-m} \frac{m^{k}}{k!} = e^{-\alpha A \int_{0}^{T} |\mathbf{a}(t)|^{2} dt} \frac{(\alpha A \int_{0}^{T} |\mathbf{a}(t)|^{2} dt)^{k}}{k!}$$

$$T \to 0 \Rightarrow P(k) = e^{-m} \frac{m^{k}}{k!} = e^{-\alpha A T I(t)} \frac{(\alpha A T I(t))^{k}}{k!}, I(t) = |\mathbf{a}(t)|^{2}$$

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Example (Thermal light)

If a zero-mean stationary Gaussian random envelope $n(t) = \text{Re}\{n(t)\} + j \text{Im}\{n(t)\}$ illuminates on a photo-detector, the count of carriers has Bose distribution.

$$\begin{aligned} y &= Kx^2, x \ge 0 \Rightarrow f_Y(y) = \frac{f_X(\sqrt{\frac{y}{K}})}{2\sqrt{Ky}} \\ f_r(t, \mathbf{r}) &= n(t)e^{j2\pi\nu t}, \mathbf{r} \in A, \quad \operatorname{Re}\{n(t)\} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2), \operatorname{Im}\{n(t)\} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2), \operatorname{Re}\{n(t)\} \perp \operatorname{Im}\{n(t)\} \\ |f_r(t, \mathbf{r})| &= |n(t)| \sim \operatorname{Rayleigh}(\sigma) = \frac{a}{\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{a^2}{2\sigma^2}} \\ m_v &= \alpha \int_A \int_T |f_r(t, \mathbf{r})|^2 d\mathbf{r} dt = \alpha A \int_T |n(t)|^2 dt \approx \alpha AT |n(t)|^2 \\ p(m) &= \frac{1}{2\sigma^2 \alpha AT} \exp\left(-\frac{m}{2\sigma^2 \alpha AT}\right) \\ P(k) &= \int_0^\infty e^{-m} \frac{m^k}{k!} p(m) dm = \int_0^\infty e^{-m} \frac{m^k}{k!} \frac{1}{2\sigma^2 \alpha TA} e^{-\frac{m}{2\sigma^2 \alpha TA}} dm = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2 \alpha TA + 1} \left[\frac{2\sigma^2 \alpha TA}{2\sigma^2 \alpha TA + 1}\right]^k \end{aligned}$$

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Counting Performance Metrics



Figure: Average and SNR of the photon number are two main performance metrics of the photo-detector.

- Average carrier count: $\bar{k} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k P(k)$
- Carrier count SNR: $\frac{\bar{k}^2}{\sigma_L^2}$

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Example (Intensity-modulated monochromatic point source)

The average carrier count for a photo-detector illuminated by an intensitymodulated monochromatic point source at far field is $\alpha ATI(t)$.

$$P(k) = e^{-m} \frac{m^k}{k!} = e^{-\alpha ATI(t)} \frac{(\alpha ATI(t))^k}{k!}, I(t) = |a(t)|^2$$

$$\bar{k} = \alpha ATI(t)$$

$$\sigma_k^2 = \alpha ATI(t)$$

$$SNR = \frac{\bar{k}^2}{\sigma_k^2} = \frac{(\alpha ATI(t))^2}{\alpha ATI(t)} = \alpha ATI(t)$$

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Example (Thermal light)

If a zero-mean stationary Gaussian random envelope $n(t) = \text{Re}\{n(t)\} + j \text{Im}\{n(t)\}$ illuminates on a photo-detector, the average carrier count is $2\sigma^2 \alpha TA$.

$$P(k) = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2 \alpha TA + 1} \left[\frac{2\sigma^2 \alpha TA}{2\sigma^2 \alpha TA + 1} \right]^k$$

$$\bar{k} = 2\sigma^2 \alpha TA$$

$$\sigma_k^2 = 2\sigma^2 \alpha TA(1 + 2\sigma^2 \alpha TA)$$

$$SNR = \frac{\bar{k}^2}{\sigma_k^2} = \frac{(2\sigma^2 \alpha TA)^2}{2\sigma^2 \alpha TA(1 + 2\sigma^2 \alpha TA)} = \frac{2\sigma^2 \alpha TA}{1 + 2\sigma^2 \alpha TA}$$

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Complex Examples

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ltem	Expression
Probability density function Mean Variance Characteristic function	$\frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}, x \in (-\infty, \infty)}{\substack{\mu\\\sigma^2\\e^{j\mu\omega-\sigma^2\omega^2/2}}}$

Table: Identities for Gaussian random variable $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$.

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ltem	Expression
Probability density function	$\frac{x}{\sigma^2}e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}}, x \in [0,\infty)$
Mean	$\sigma\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}$
Variance	$\frac{4-\pi}{2}\sigma^2$
Characteristic function	$1 - \sigma t e^{-rac{\sigma^2 \omega^2}{2}} \sqrt{rac{\pi}{2}} \left(\operatorname{erfi}(rac{\sigma \omega}{\sqrt{2}}) ight)$

Table: Identities for Rayleigh random variable Rayleigh(σ). If $X \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$, $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$, and $X \perp Y$, then, $\sqrt{X^2 + Y^2} \sim \text{Rayleigh}(\sigma)$.

- Error function: $\operatorname{erf}(z) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^z e^{-t^2} dt$
- Complementary error function: $\operatorname{erfc}(z) = 1 \operatorname{erf}(z)$
- Imaginary error function: erfi(z) = -jerf(jz)

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ltem	Expression
Probability density function	$\frac{x}{\sigma^2}e^{-\frac{x^2+\nu^2}{2\sigma^2}}I_0(\frac{x\nu}{\sigma^2}), x \in [0,\infty)$
Mean	$\sigma \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} L_{1/2}(-\frac{\nu^2}{2\sigma^2})$
Variance	$2\sigma^2 + \nu^2 - \frac{\pi\sigma^2}{2}L_{1/2}^2(-\frac{\nu^2}{2\sigma^2})$

Table: Identities for Rice random variable Rice(ν, σ). If $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\nu \cos(\theta), \sigma^2)$, $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\nu \sin(\theta), \sigma^2)$, and $X \perp Y$, then, $\sqrt{X^2 + Y^2} \sim \text{Rice}(\nu, \sigma)$.

- Gamma function: $\Gamma(z) = \int_0^\infty x^{z-1} e^{-x} dx$
- Modified Bessel function of the first kind: $I_{\alpha}(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!\Gamma(i+\alpha+1)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2i+\alpha}$
- Lagurre function of order 1/2: $L_{1/2}(x) = e^{x/2} [(1-x)I_0(-\frac{x}{2}) xI_1(-\frac{x}{2})]$

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ltem	Expression
Probability mass function	$e^{-\lambda}rac{\lambda^k}{k!}, k=0,1,\cdots$
Mean	λ
Variance	λ
Characteristic function	$e^{\lambda(e^{j\omega}-1)}$

Table: Identities for Poisson random variable $Poisson(\lambda)$.

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ltem	Expression
Probability mass function	$rac{1}{p+1}(rac{p}{p+1})^k, k=0,1,\cdots$
Mean	p
Variance	ho(ho+1)
Characteristic function	$\frac{1}{p+1-pe^{j\omega}}$

Table: Identities for Bose random variable Bose(p).

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ltem	Expression
Probability mass function	$rac{b^k}{(1+b)^{k+c+1}}e^{-rac{a}{1+b}}L_k^cig[-rac{a}{b(1+b)}ig], k=0,1,\cdots$
Mean	(c+1)b+a
Variance	(c+1)(b+1)b+a(2b+1)
Characteristic function	$\left[\frac{1}{1+b(1-e^{j\omega})}\right]^{c+1}\exp\left(-\frac{a(1-e^{j\omega})}{1+b(1-e^{j\omega})}\right)$

Table: Identities for Lagurre random variable Lagurre(a, b, c).

- Generalized Lagurre polynomial of integer degree c: $L_k^c(x) = \sum_{i=0}^k {\binom{c+k}{k-i}} \frac{(-x)^i}{i!}$
- Limiting froms of Lagurre distribution:
 - Lagurre $(0, b, 0) \equiv Bose(b)$
 - Lagurre $(a, b \rightarrow 0, c \rightarrow \infty) \equiv \mathsf{Poisson}(a + bc)$
 - Lagurre $(a, 0, 0) \equiv \text{Poisson}(a)$

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Example (Characteristic function of counting variable)

Characteristic function of counting variable $\Psi_k(j\omega)$ is obtained by replacing ω with $-j(e^{j\omega}-1)$ in the characteristic function of the carrier generation variable $\Psi_m(j\omega)$.

$$\Psi_k(j\omega) = \mathcal{E}\{e^{j\omega k}\} = \mathcal{E}_m\{\mathcal{E}\{e^{j\omega k} \mid m\}\} = \mathcal{E}_m\{e^{m(e^{j\omega}-1)}\} = \mathcal{E}_m\{e^{j[-j(e^{j\omega}-1)]}\} = \Psi_m(j[-j(e^{j\omega}-1)])$$

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Example (Random field with Gaussian decomposition)

For a random field decomposed to its Karhunen-Loeve modes with Gaussian random coefficients, the characteristic function of the overall carrier count is the product of the characteristic functions of carrier count for each mode.

$$\begin{split} m_{v} &= \alpha \int_{A} \int_{0}^{T} I(\boldsymbol{r}, t) dt dA = \alpha \int_{A} \int_{0}^{T} |f_{r}(\boldsymbol{r}, t)|^{2} dt dA = \alpha \int_{A} \int_{0}^{T} |a_{r}(\boldsymbol{r}, t)|^{2} dt dA \\ &= \alpha \int_{A} \int_{0}^{T} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_{i} \Phi_{i}(\boldsymbol{r}, t) \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_{j}^{*} \Phi_{j}^{*}(\boldsymbol{r}, t) dt dA = \alpha \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_{i} a_{j}^{*} \int_{A} \int_{0}^{T} \Phi_{i}(\boldsymbol{r}, t) \Phi_{j}^{*}(\boldsymbol{r}, t) dt dA = \alpha \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |a_{i}|^{2} \\ a_{i} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{i}, \sigma_{i}^{2}), \mathcal{E}\{a_{i}a_{j}^{*}\} = \mu_{i}\mu_{j}, i \neq j \Rightarrow a_{i} \perp a_{j}, i \neq j \\ \Psi_{m}(j\omega) &= \mathcal{E}\{e^{j\omega m}\} = \mathcal{E}\{e^{j\omega \alpha \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |a_{i}|^{2}}\} = \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{E}\{e^{j\omega \alpha |a_{i}|^{2}}\} = \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{E}\{e^{j\omega m_{i}}\} = \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} \Psi_{m_{i}}(j\omega) \\ \Psi_{k}(j\omega) &= \Psi_{m}(j[-j(e^{j\omega}-1)]) = \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} \Psi_{m_{i}}(j[-j(e^{j\omega}-1)]) \end{split}$$

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Example (Deterministic field decomposition)

For a deterministic field decomposed to its modes, the corresponding counting process has Poisson distribution.

$$m_{v} = \alpha \int_{A} \int_{0}^{T} I(\mathbf{r}, t) dt dA = \alpha \int_{A} \int_{0}^{T} |f_{r}(\mathbf{r}, t)|^{2} dt dA = \alpha \int_{A} \int_{0}^{T} |a_{r}(\mathbf{r}, t)|^{2} dt dA$$
$$= \alpha \int_{A} \int_{0}^{T} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_{i} \Phi_{i}(\mathbf{r}, t) \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_{j}^{*} \Phi_{j}^{*}(\mathbf{r}, t) dt dA = \alpha \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_{i} a_{j}^{*} \int_{A} \int_{0}^{T} \Phi_{i}(\mathbf{r}, t) \Phi_{j}^{*}(\mathbf{r}, t) dt dA = \alpha \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |a_{i}|^{2}$$
$$P(k) = e^{-m_{v}} \frac{m_{v}^{k}}{k!} \Rightarrow \text{SNR} = \frac{\bar{k}^{2}}{\sigma_{k}^{2}} = m_{v} = \alpha \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |a_{i}|^{2} = \alpha \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} E_{i}$$

$$\begin{split} f_{m_i}(m) &= \delta(m - \alpha |a_i|^2) \Rightarrow \Psi_{m_i} = e^{j\omega \alpha |a_i|^2} \\ \Psi_k(j\omega) &= \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} \Psi_{m_i}(j[-j(e^{j\omega} - 1)]) = \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} e^{(e^{j\omega} - 1)\alpha |a_i|^2} = e^{(e^{j\omega} - 1)\alpha \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |a_i|^2} = e^{(e^{j\omega} - 1)m_v} \\ P(k) &= e^{-m_v} \frac{m_v^k}{k!} \end{split}$$

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Example (Monochromatic field plus thermal light)

Let a zero-mean stationary Gaussian random envelope $n(t) = \text{Re}\{n(t)\}+j \text{Im}\{n(t)\}$ pollute a deterministic slow-varying monochromatic envelope s(t) illuminating on a photo-detector. Then, the number of carriers has Laguerre distribution.

$$\begin{split} f_{r}(t, \mathbf{r}) &= [\mathbf{s}(t) + n(t)]e^{j2\pi\nu t}, \mathbf{r} \in A, \quad \operatorname{Re}\{n(t)\} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^{2}), \operatorname{Im}\{n(t)\} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^{2}), \operatorname{Re}\{n(t)\} \perp \operatorname{Im}\{n(t)\}\} \\ &|f_{r}(t, \mathbf{r})| \sim \operatorname{Rice}(\sigma, I) = \frac{a}{\sigma^{2}}e^{-\frac{a^{2}+I(t)}{2\sigma^{2}}} I_{0}(\frac{a\sqrt{I(t)}}{\sigma^{2}}) \\ &m_{v} = \alpha \int_{A} \int_{T} |f_{r}(t, \mathbf{r})|^{2} d\mathbf{r} dt \approx \alpha AT |f_{r}(t, \mathbf{r})|^{2} \\ &p(m) = \frac{1}{2\sigma^{2}\alpha TA} e^{-\frac{m+\alpha TAI(t)}{2\sigma^{2}\alpha TA}} I_{0}(\frac{\sqrt{m\alpha TAI(t)}}{\sigma^{2}\alpha TA}) \\ &P(k) = \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-m} \frac{m^{k}}{k!} p(m) dm = \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-m} \frac{m^{k}}{k!} \frac{1}{2\sigma^{2}\alpha TA} e^{-\frac{m+\alpha TAI(t)}{2\sigma^{2}\alpha TA}} I_{0}(\frac{\sqrt{m\alpha TAI(t)}}{\sigma^{2}\alpha TA}) dm \\ &= \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-m} \frac{m^{k}}{k!} \frac{1}{b} e^{-\frac{m+a}{b}} I_{0}(\frac{2\sqrt{ma}}{b}) dm = e^{-\frac{a}{b}} \frac{1}{bk!} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^{j}}{(b)^{2j}(j!)^{2}} \int_{0}^{\infty} m^{k+j} e^{-\frac{m(1+b)}{b}} dm \end{split}$$

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Example (Monochromatic field plus thermal light (cont.))

Let a zero-mean stationary Gaussian random envelope $n(t) = \text{Re}\{n(t)\}+j \text{Im}\{n(t)\}$ pollute a deterministic slow-varying monochromatic envelope s(t) illuminating on a photo-detector. Then, the number of carriers has Laguerre distribution.

$$\begin{split} P(k) &= e^{-\frac{a}{b}} \frac{1}{bk!} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^{j}}{(b)^{2j}(j!)^{2}} \left(\frac{b}{1+b}\right)^{k+j+1} \int_{0}^{\infty} x^{k+j+1-1} e^{-x} dx \\ &= \frac{e^{-\frac{a}{b}}}{1+b} \left(\frac{b}{1+b}\right)^{k} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{a}{b(b+1)}\right]^{j} \frac{\Gamma(j+k+1)}{(j!)^{2}k!} = \frac{e^{-\frac{a}{b}}}{1+b} \left(\frac{b}{1+b}\right)^{k} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{a}{b(b+1)}\right]^{j} \frac{(k+j)!}{(j!)^{2}k!} \\ &= \frac{e^{-\frac{a}{b}}}{1+b} \left(\frac{b}{1+b}\right)^{k} {}_{1}F_{1}(k+1,1,\frac{a}{b(b+1)}) = \frac{e^{-\frac{a}{b}}}{1+b} \left(\frac{b}{1+b}\right)^{k} e^{\frac{a}{b(b+1)}} {}_{1}F_{1}(-k,1,-\frac{a}{b(b+1)}) \\ &= \frac{e^{-\frac{a}{b}}}{1+b} \left(\frac{b}{1+b}\right)^{k} e^{\frac{a}{b(b+1)}} L_{k}^{0} \left(-\frac{a}{b(b+1)}\right) = \frac{b^{k}}{(1+b)^{k+1}} e^{-\frac{a}{1+b}} L_{k}^{0} \left(-\frac{a}{b(b+1)}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sigma^{2}\alpha TA + 1} \left(\frac{2\sigma^{2}\alpha TA}{1+2\sigma^{2}\alpha TA}\right)^{k} \exp\left(-\frac{\alpha ATI(t)}{1+2\sigma^{2}\alpha AT}\right) L_{k}^{0} \left[\frac{-I(t)/(2\sigma^{2})}{1+2\sigma^{2}\alpha AT}\right] \end{split}$$

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Example (Monochromatic field plus thermal light (cont.))

Let a zero-mean stationary Gaussian random envelope $n(t) = \text{Re}\{n(t)\}+j \text{Im}\{n(t)\}$ pollute a deterministic slow-varying monochromatic envelope s(t) illuminating on a photo-detector. Then, the number of carriers has Laguerre distribution.

$$k \sim \text{Lagurre}(\alpha ATI(t), 2\sigma^2 \alpha AT, 0)$$

$$I(t) = 0 \Rightarrow k \sim \text{Lagurre}(0, 2\sigma^2 \alpha AT, 0) \equiv \text{Bose}(2\sigma^2 \alpha AT)$$

$$\sigma^2 = 0 \Rightarrow k \sim \text{Lagurre}(\alpha ATI(t), 0, 0) \equiv \text{Poisson}(\alpha ATI(t))$$

$$\mathsf{SNR} = \frac{\bar{k}^2}{\sigma_k^2} = \frac{(2\sigma^2\alpha AT + \alpha ATI(t))^2}{2\sigma^2\alpha AT(2\sigma^2\alpha AT + 1) + \alpha ATI(t)(4\sigma^2\alpha AT + 1)} = \frac{\alpha AT(2\sigma^2 + I(t))^2}{2\sigma^2(2\sigma^2\alpha AT + 1) + I(t)(4\sigma^2\alpha AT + 1)}$$

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Example (Decomposed deterministic signal plus Gaussian noise)

Let a zero-mean stationary Gaussian random envelope with the coherence function $R_n(t_1, r_1; t_2, r_2)$ pollute a deterministic slow-varying monochromatic envelope illuminating on a photo-detector. Then, the characteristic function of the overall carrier count is the product of the characteristic functions of carrier count for each mode.

$$\begin{aligned} f_{r}(t,\mathbf{r}) &= f_{s}(t,\mathbf{r}) + f_{n}(t,\mathbf{r}) = [s(t,\mathbf{r}) + n(t,\mathbf{r})]e^{j2\pi\nu t} \\ f_{r}(t,\mathbf{r}) &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_{i}\Phi_{i}(t,\mathbf{r}), \quad a_{i} = s_{i} + n_{i} = a_{R} + ja_{l}, a_{R} \sim \mathcal{N}(\operatorname{Re}\{s_{i}\},\lambda_{i}/2), a_{l} \sim \mathcal{N}(\operatorname{Im}\{s_{i}\},\lambda_{i}/2), a_{R} \perp a_{l} \\ |a_{i}| \sim f_{|a_{i}|}(a) &= \operatorname{Rice}(\sqrt{\lambda_{i}/2},|s_{i}|) = \frac{2a}{\lambda_{i}}e^{-\frac{a^{2}+|s_{i}|^{2}}{\lambda_{i}}}l_{0}(\frac{2a|s_{i}|}{\lambda_{i}}) \\ m_{i} &= \alpha|a_{i}|^{2} \sim f(m) = \frac{1}{\alpha\lambda_{i}}\exp\left[-\frac{|s_{i}|^{2}+\frac{m}{\alpha}}{\lambda}\right]b\left[\frac{2|s_{i}|\sqrt{\frac{m}{\alpha}}}{\lambda_{i}}\right] \\ \Psi_{m_{i}}(j\omega) &= \frac{1}{1-\alpha\lambda_{i}j\omega}\exp\left[\frac{\alpha|s_{i}|^{2}j\omega}{1-\alpha\lambda_{i}j\omega}\right] \Rightarrow \Psi_{m}(j\omega) = \prod_{i=0}^{\infty}\Psi_{m_{i}}(j\omega) = \prod_{i=0}^{\infty}\frac{1}{1-\alpha\lambda_{i}j\omega}\exp\left[\frac{\alpha|s_{i}|^{2}j\omega}{1-\alpha\lambda_{i}j\omega}\right] \\ \Psi_{k}(j\omega) &= \prod_{i=1}^{\infty}\Psi_{m_{i}}(j[-j(e^{j\omega}-1)]) = \prod_{i=0}^{\infty}\frac{1}{1+\alpha\lambda_{i}(1-e^{j\omega})}\exp\left[\frac{-\alpha|s_{i}|^{2}(1-e^{j\omega})}{1+\alpha\lambda_{i}(1-e^{j\omega})}\right] \end{aligned}$$

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Example (Decomposed deterministic signal plus Gaussian noise (cont.))

Let a zero-mean stationary Gaussian random envelope with the coherence function $R_n(t_1, \mathbf{r}_1; t_2, \mathbf{r}_2)$ pollute a deterministic slow-varying monochromatic envelope illuminating on a photo-detector. Then, the characteristic function of the overall carrier count is the product of the characteristic functions of carrier count for each mode.

$$\begin{split} \Psi_{k}(j\omega) &= \prod_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 + \alpha\lambda_{i}(1 - e^{j\omega})} \exp\left[\frac{-\alpha|s_{i}|^{2}(1 - e^{j\omega})}{1 + \alpha\lambda_{i}(1 - e^{j\omega})}\right] \\ P_{k_{i}}(k) &= \frac{(\alpha\lambda_{i})^{k}}{(1 + \alpha\lambda_{i})^{k+1}} \exp\left[-\frac{\alpha|s_{i}|^{2}}{1 + \alpha\lambda_{i}}\right] L_{k}\left[-\frac{|s_{i}|^{2}}{\lambda_{i}(1 + \alpha\lambda_{i})}\right] \sim \mathsf{Lagurre}(\alpha|s_{i}|^{2}, \alpha\lambda_{i}, 0) \\ k &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} k_{i} \end{split}$$

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Short-Term Counting Statistics

Example (Decomposed Wiener noise process)

Let a zero-mean stationary Gaussian random envelope with the wiener coherence function illuminate on a photo-detector. Then, the mean carrier count is $0.5\alpha\sigma^2 T^2$.

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(z) &= \prod_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{4z^2}{\pi^2 (2i-1)^2}\right), \quad \sec(z) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^i \epsilon_{2i}}{(2i)!} z^{2i} \\ s_i &= 0, \quad \lambda_i = \frac{4\sigma^2 T^2}{(2i-1)^2 \pi^2}, i = 1, 2, \cdots \\ \Psi_m(j\omega) &= \prod_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 - \alpha \lambda_i j \omega} = \prod_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{4\alpha \sigma^2 T^2 j \omega}{(2i-1)^2 \pi^2}} = \sec\left(\sigma T \sqrt{\alpha j \omega}\right) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^i \epsilon_{2i}}{(2i)!} (j\alpha \sigma^2 T^2 \omega)^i \\ \Psi_k(j\omega) &= \prod_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 + \alpha \lambda_i (1 - e^{j\omega})} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^i \epsilon_{2i}}{(2i)!} [\alpha \sigma^2 T^2 (e^{j\omega} - 1)]^i \\ \bar{k} &= \frac{\Psi'_k(j0)}{j} = \frac{1}{2} \alpha \sigma^2 T^2, \quad \bar{k^2} = \frac{\Psi''_k(j0)}{j^2} = \frac{1}{2} \alpha \sigma^2 T^2 + \frac{5}{12} \alpha^2 \sigma^4 T^4 \\ \sigma_k^2 &= \frac{1}{2} \alpha \sigma^2 T^2 + \frac{1}{6} \alpha^2 \sigma^4 T^4 \\ \text{SNR} &= \frac{\frac{1}{2} \alpha \sigma^2 T^2}{1 + \frac{1}{3} \alpha \sigma^2 T^2} \end{aligned}$$

Example (Decomposed Wiener noise process (cont.))

Let a zero-mean stationary Gaussian random envelope with the wiener coherence function illuminate on a photo-detector. Then, the mean carrier count is $0.5\alpha\sigma^2 T^2$.

$$\begin{split} \Psi_{m}(j\omega) &= \prod_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 - \alpha\lambda_{i}j\omega} = \prod_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{4\alpha\sigma^{2}T^{2}j\omega}{(2i-1)^{2}\pi^{2}}} = \sec\left(\sigma T\sqrt{\alpha j\omega}\right) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{i}\epsilon_{2i}}{(2i)!} (j\alpha\sigma^{2}T^{2}\omega)^{i}\\ P_{k}(k) &= \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{m^{k}}{k!} e^{-m} P_{m}(m) dm = \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{m^{k}}{k!} P_{m}(m) \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-m)^{l}}{l!} dm = \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{l}}{l!} \mathcal{E}\{m^{k+l}\}\\ P_{k}(k) &= \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{l}}{(2k+2l)!} {k+l \choose l} |\epsilon_{2k+2i}| (\alpha\sigma^{2}T^{2})^{k+l} \end{split}$$

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Short-Term Counting Statistics

Example (Decomposed colored noise process)

Let a zero-mean stationary Gaussian random envelope with the colored coherence function illuminate on a photo-detector. Then, the mean carrier count is approximately $(2BT + 1)\alpha N_0$.

$$\begin{split} R_{t}(t_{1},t_{2}) &= N_{0}\text{sinc}[2B(t_{1}-t_{2})] \Rightarrow \lambda \int_{-0.5T}^{0.5T} N_{0}\text{sinc}[2B(t_{1}-t_{2})]g(t_{1})dt_{1} = \lambda g(t_{2}) \\ (1-t^{2})f''(t) - 2tf'(t) + (\lambda_{n} - c^{2}t^{2})f(t) = 0, c = \pi BT, |t| < 1 \\ N_{0}T[R_{0n}^{(1)}(c,1)]^{2}S_{0n}^{(1)}(c,t_{2}) &= \int_{-1}^{1}\text{sinc}(\frac{c(t_{1}-t_{2})}{\pi})S_{0n}^{(1)}(c,t_{1})dt_{1}, \quad |t| < 1 \\ \lambda_{n} &= N_{0}T[R_{0n}^{(1)}(\pi BT,1)]^{2} \approx \begin{cases} N_{0}, \quad n = 0, 1, \cdots, \lfloor 2BT \rfloor \\ 0, \quad n > \lfloor 2BT \rfloor + 1 \end{cases}, \quad n = 0, 1, \cdots \\ \Psi_{k}(j\omega) &= \prod_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 + \alpha\lambda_{i}(1-e^{j\omega})} \approx \left[\frac{1}{1 - \alpha N_{0}(e^{j\omega} - 1)}\right]^{2BT+1} \\ \bar{k} &= \frac{\Psi_{k}'(j0)}{j} = \alpha N_{0}(2BT + 1), \quad \bar{k}^{2} = \frac{\Psi_{k}''(j0)}{j^{2}} = \alpha N_{0}(\alpha N_{0} + 1)(2BT + 1) + \alpha^{2}N_{0}^{2}(2BT + 1)^{2} \\ \sigma_{k}^{2} = \alpha N_{0}(\alpha N_{0} + 1)(2BT + 1) \end{cases}$$
SNR = $\frac{\alpha N_{0}}{1 + \alpha N_{0}}(2BT + 1)$

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Example (Decomposed colored noise process (cont.))

Let a zero-mean stationary Gaussian random envelope with the colored coherence function illuminate on a photo-detector. Then, the mean carrier count is approximately $(2BT + 1)\alpha N_0$.

$$\begin{split} \Psi_{k}(j\omega) &\approx \big[\frac{1}{1-\alpha N_{0}(e^{j\omega}-1)}\big]^{2BT+1} \\ P_{k}(k) &= \binom{2BT+k}{k} \big(\frac{1}{1+\alpha N_{0}}\big)^{2BT+1} \big(\frac{\alpha N_{0}}{1+\alpha N_{0}}\big)^{k} \\ 2BT &\ll 1 \Rightarrow P_{k}(k) \approx \text{Bose}(\alpha N_{0}) \\ 2BT \gg 1 \Rightarrow P_{k}(k) \approx \text{Poisson}(2BT\alpha N_{0}) \end{split}$$

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Example (Decomposed deterministic signal plus colored noise process)

Let a zero-mean stationary Gaussian random envelope with the colored coherence function pollute a deterministic envelope illuminating on a photo-detector. Then, the mean carrier count is approximately $(2BT + 1)\alpha N_0 + \alpha E_s$.

$$\begin{split} \Psi_{k}(j\omega) &= \prod_{i=1}^{2BT+1} \frac{1}{1 + \alpha N_{0}(1 - e^{j\omega})} \exp\left[\frac{-\alpha(1 - e^{j\omega})|s_{i}|^{2}}{1 + \alpha N_{0}(1 - e^{j\omega})}\right] \\ \Psi_{k}(j\omega) &= \left[\frac{1}{1 + \alpha N_{0}(1 - e^{j\omega})}\right]^{2BT+1} \exp\left[\frac{-\alpha(1 - e^{j\omega})\sum_{i=0}^{2BT}|s_{i}|^{2}}{1 + \alpha N_{0}(1 - e^{j\omega})}\right], E_{s} = \sum_{i=0}^{2BT} |s_{i}|^{2} \\ P_{k}(k) \sim \text{Lagure}(\alpha E_{s}, \alpha N_{0}, 2BT) \\ \bar{k} &= \alpha N_{0}(2BT + 1) + \alpha E_{s} \\ \sigma_{k}^{2} &= \alpha N_{0}(\alpha N_{0} + 1)(2BT + 1) + \alpha(1 + 2\alpha N_{0})E_{s} \\ \text{SNR} &= \frac{[\alpha N_{0}(2BT + 1) + \alpha(1 + 2\alpha N_{0})E_{s}]}{\alpha N_{0}(\alpha N_{0} + 1)(2BT + 1) + \alpha(1 + 2\alpha N_{0})E_{s}} \end{split}$$

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Example (Decomposed deterministic signal plus colored noise process (cont.))

Let a zero-mean stationary Gaussian random envelope with the colored coherence function pollute a deterministic envelope illuminating on a photo-detector. Then, the mean carrier count is approximately $(2BT + 1)\alpha N_0 + \alpha E_s$.

$$\begin{split} & k \sim \mathsf{Lagurre}(\alpha E_s, \alpha N_0, 2BT) \\ & E_s = 0, 2BT \ll 1 \Rightarrow k \sim \mathsf{Lagurre}(0, \alpha N_0, 0) \equiv \mathsf{Bose}(\alpha N_0) \\ & N_0 \ll 0, 2BT \ll 1 \Rightarrow k \sim \mathsf{Lagurre}(\alpha E_s, 0, 0) \equiv \mathsf{Poisson}(\alpha E_s) \\ & N_0 \ll 0, 2BT \gg 1 \Rightarrow k \sim \mathsf{Lagurre}(\alpha E_s, \alpha N_0 \to 0, 2BT \to \infty) \equiv \mathsf{Poisson}(\alpha E_s + \alpha N_0 2BT) \end{split}$$

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Example (Photo-multiplier Tube (PMT))

The secondary carrier count in a PMT with mean gain \bar{g} and spreading factor ζ has approximately Gaussian-shaped discrete distribution if the primary carrier count has Poisson distribution.

$$P(k_2|k_1) = C \exp\left[-\frac{(k_2 - \bar{g}k_1)^2}{2(\zeta \bar{g}k_1)^2}\right]$$
$$p(k_2) = \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} P(k_2|k_1)p(k_1)$$
$$\bar{k}_1 \gg 1 \Rightarrow P(k_2) = C \exp\left[-\frac{(k_2 - \bar{g}\bar{k}_1)^2}{2(\zeta \bar{g}\bar{k}_1)^2}\right]$$

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Example (Avalanche Photo-Diode (APD))

The secondary carrier count in a APD with mean gain \bar{g} and avalanche ionization γ has approximately Gaussian-shaped discrete distribution if the primary carrier count has Poisson distribution.

$$\begin{split} P(k_2|k_1) &= \frac{k_1 \Gamma(\frac{\gamma_2}{1-\gamma}+1)}{k_2(k_2-k_1)! \Gamma(\frac{\gamma k_2}{1-\gamma}+1+k_1)} \big[\frac{1+\gamma(\bar{g}-1)}{\bar{g}}\big]^{\frac{k_1+\gamma k_2}{1-\gamma}} \big[\frac{(1-\gamma)(\bar{g}-1)}{\bar{g}}\big]^{k_2-k_1} \\ p(k_2) &= \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} P(k_2|k_1) p(k_1) \\ \bar{g}\sqrt{\bar{k}_1/F} \gg 1 \Rightarrow P(k_2) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(\bar{g}\bar{k}_1)^2(F-1)}} \exp\big[-\frac{(k_2-\bar{g}\bar{k}_1)^2}{2(\bar{g}\bar{k}_1)^2(F-1)}\big], \quad F = \gamma \bar{g} + (2-\frac{1}{\bar{g}})(1-\gamma) \end{split}$$

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