

Stochastic Structural Dynamics

Lecture-17

Failure of randomly vibrating systems-1

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Input-output relations for randomly driven systems

- Time and frequency domain analyses
- Stationary and non-stationary excitations
- Response mean, covariance & psd functions
 - SDOF systems
 - Discrete MDOF systems
 - Distributed parameter systems

pdf of the response process

$$m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = f(t); x(0) = 0; \dot{x}(0) = 0$$

Let $f(t)$ be a zero mean Gaussian random process

$\Rightarrow x(t)$ is also a Gaussian random process.

\Rightarrow

$$p_x(x; t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_x(t)} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left\{\frac{x - m_x(t)}{\sigma_x(t)}\right\}^2\right]; -\infty < x < \infty$$

$$p_{xx}(x_1, x_2; t_1, t_2) \sim N\left[0 \quad \begin{bmatrix} R_{xx}(t_1, t_1) & R_{xx}(t_1, t_2) \\ R_{xx}(t_1, t_2) & R_{xx}(t_2, t_2) \end{bmatrix}\right]$$

\vdots

$$p_{\tilde{x}}(\tilde{x}; \tilde{t}) \sim N[0 \quad [\mathbf{R}]]$$

Problem of reliability analysis

$$P\left[x(t) \leq \alpha \forall t \in (0, T)\right] = ?$$

Select $\{t_i\}_{i=1}^n \in (0, T)$ such that $t_i = i\Delta t$ and $n\Delta t = T$.

Question: can we approximate the given probability by

$\iint \cdots \int p_{\tilde{x}}(\tilde{x}; \tilde{t}) d\tilde{x}$ where the integration is carried over the region

$$\Omega = (x_1 \leq \alpha) \cap (x_2 \leq \alpha) \cap \cdots (x_n \leq \alpha)?$$

Not quite!

May be yes, as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Even if this were to be acceptable, we still need to evaluate a multi-fold integral (with dimension $=n$ and set to become large) which by no means is a simple task.

How to proceed?

We need newer descriptions of $x(t)$.

Failure of randomly driven vibrating systems

First passage failure

Response level exceeds a permissible threshold for the first time.

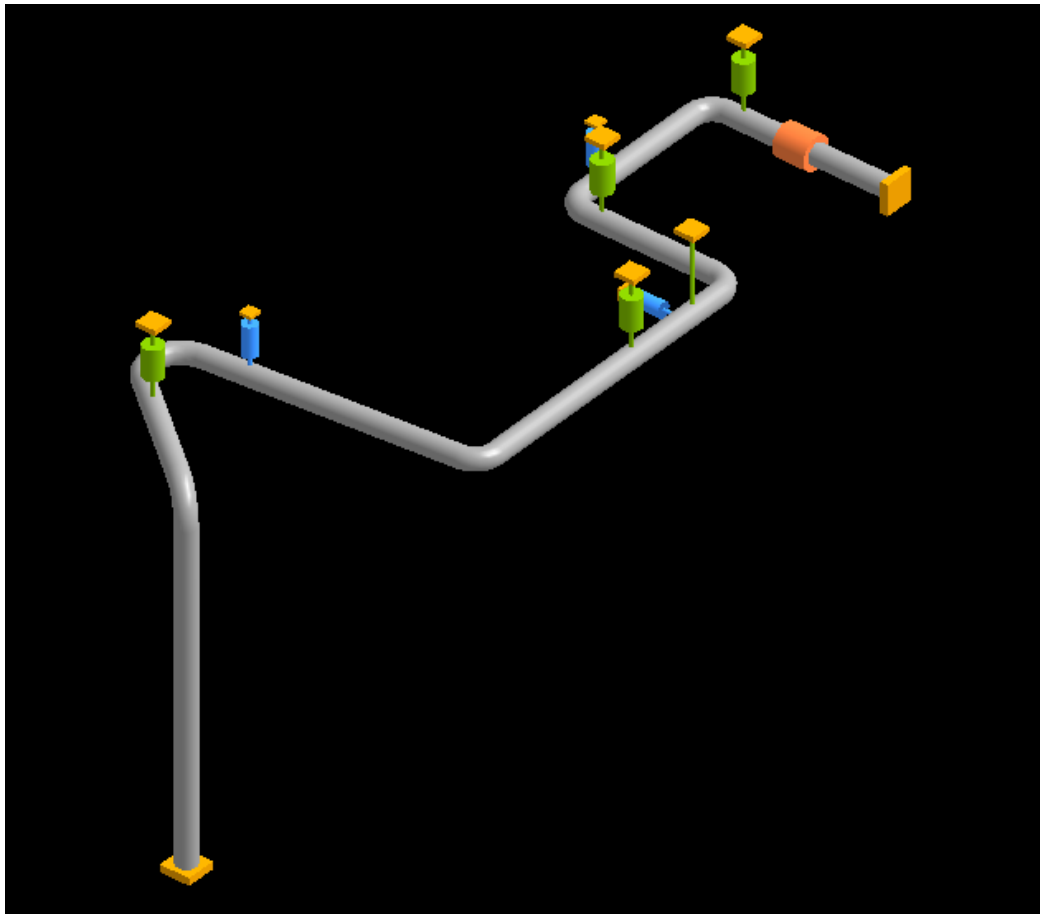
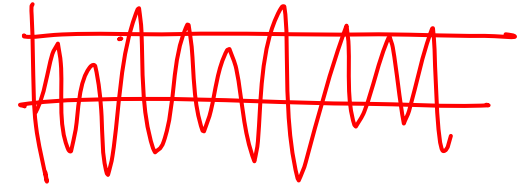
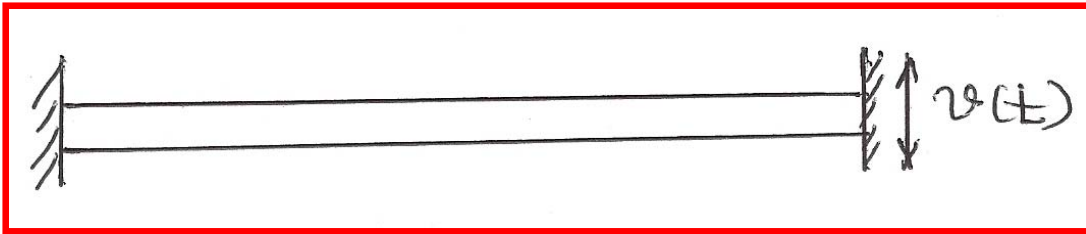
Fatigue failure

The accumulated fatigue damage exceeds a threshold value.

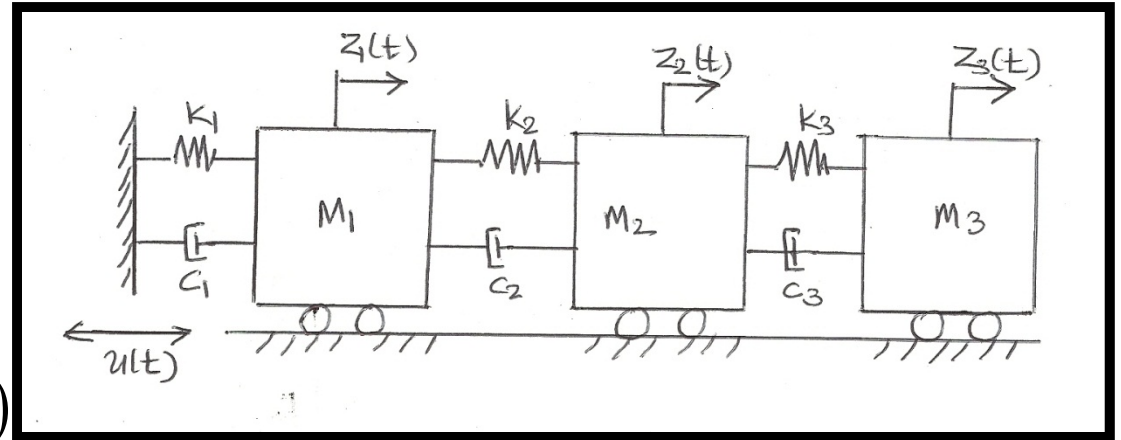
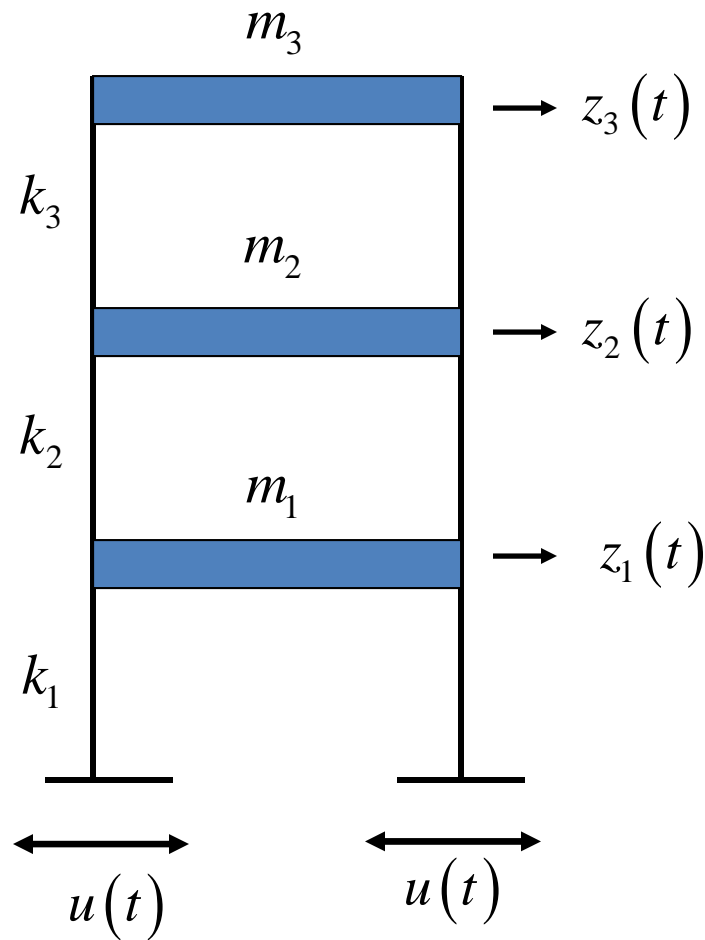
Loss of stability

The structure loses its stability under parametric random excitations

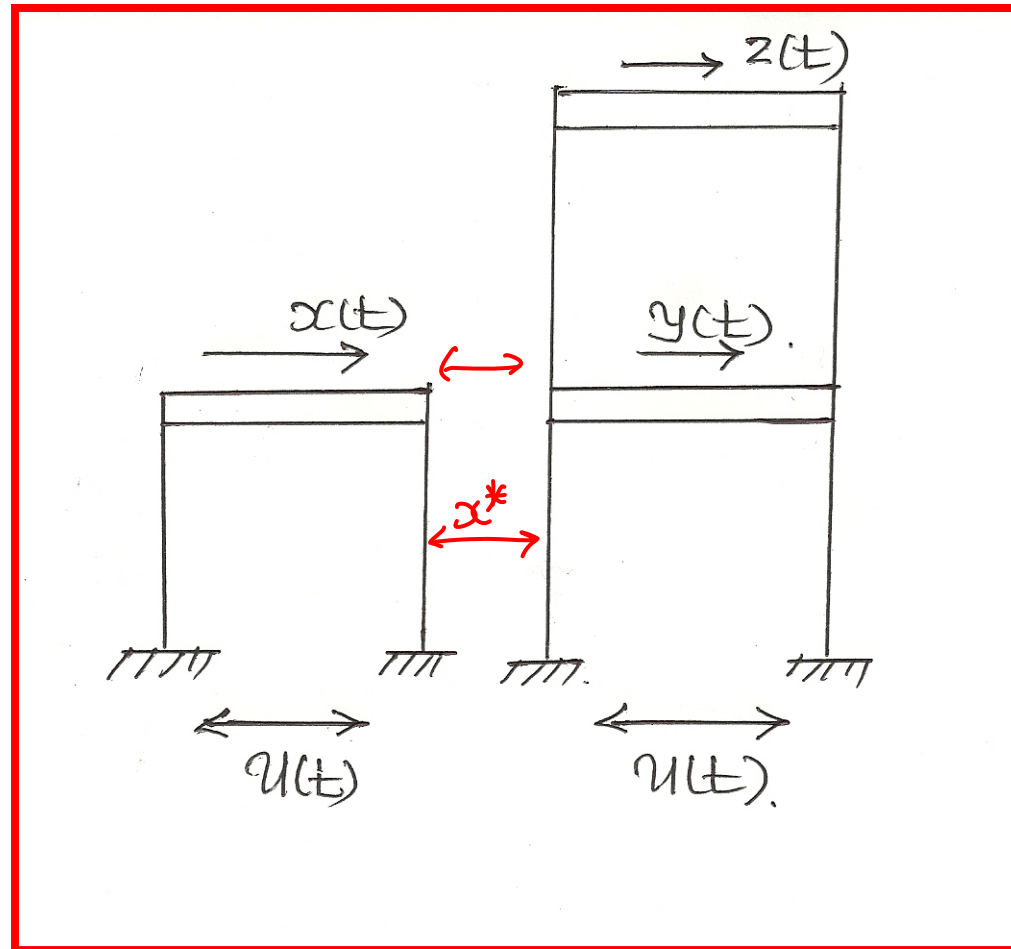
Starting point: the description of response process of interest has been obtained by using appropriate input-output relations (possibly based on the application of FEM)



A building frame under random support motion



Pounding of adjacent buildings



$$z(t) - y(t) > x^*$$

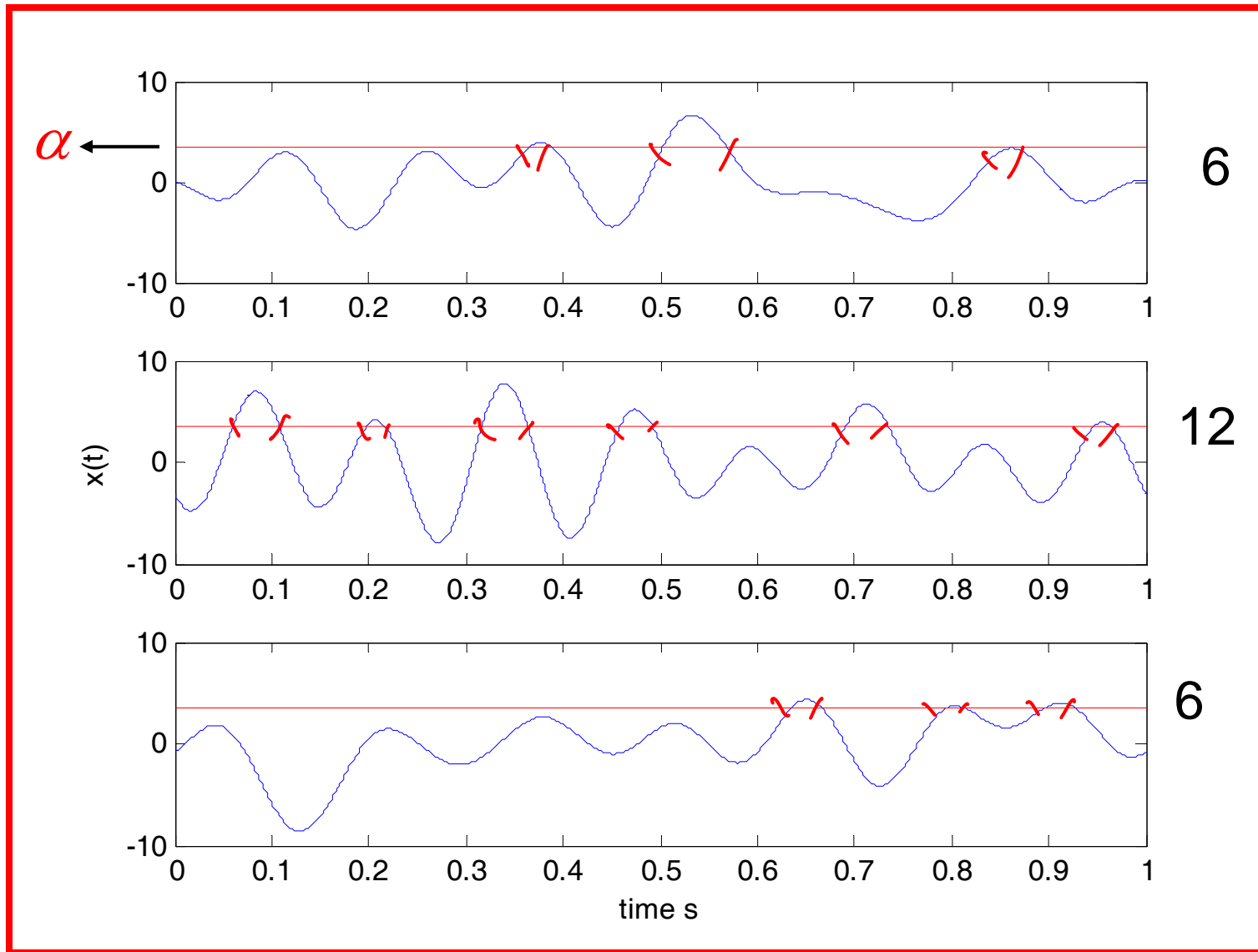
Fatigue damage accumulation



Descriptions

- The number of times the level α is crossed by $X(t)$ in interval 0 to T .
- The number of peaks of $X(t)$ above level α in interval 0 to T .
- Total time spent by $X(t)$ above level α in interval 0 to T .
- Time required by $X(t)$ to reach level α for the first time.
- The envelope and phase processes associated with $X(t)$
- The maximum value of $X(t)$ in interval 0 to T

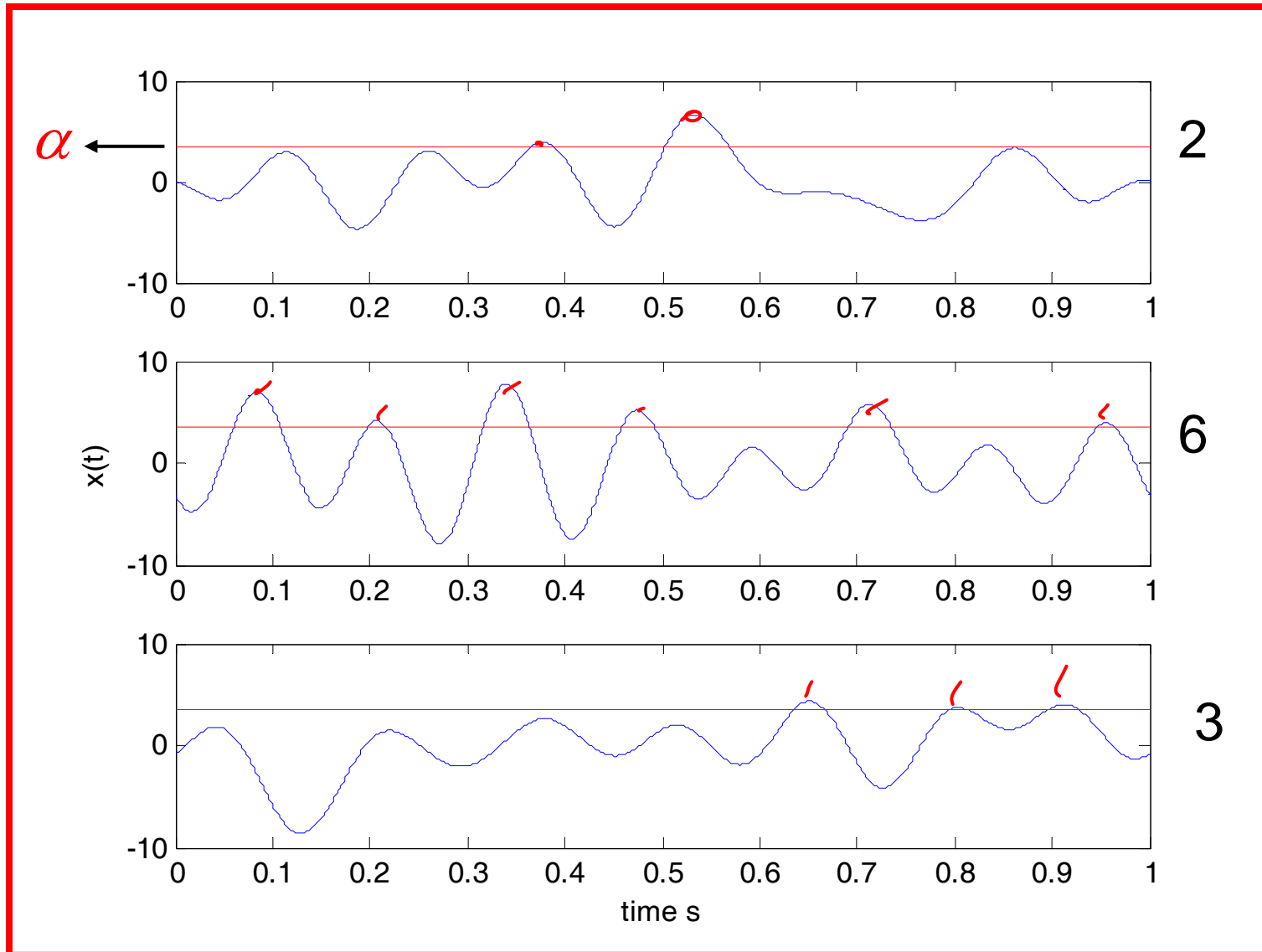
The number of times the level α is crossed by $X(t)$ in interval 0 to T



$$N(\alpha, 0, T)$$

- Number of times $X(t)$ crosses α in 0 to T
- A integer valued random variable
- Given the complete description of $X(t)$,
can we characterize $N(\alpha, 0, T)$?
- This is known as the level crossing problem.

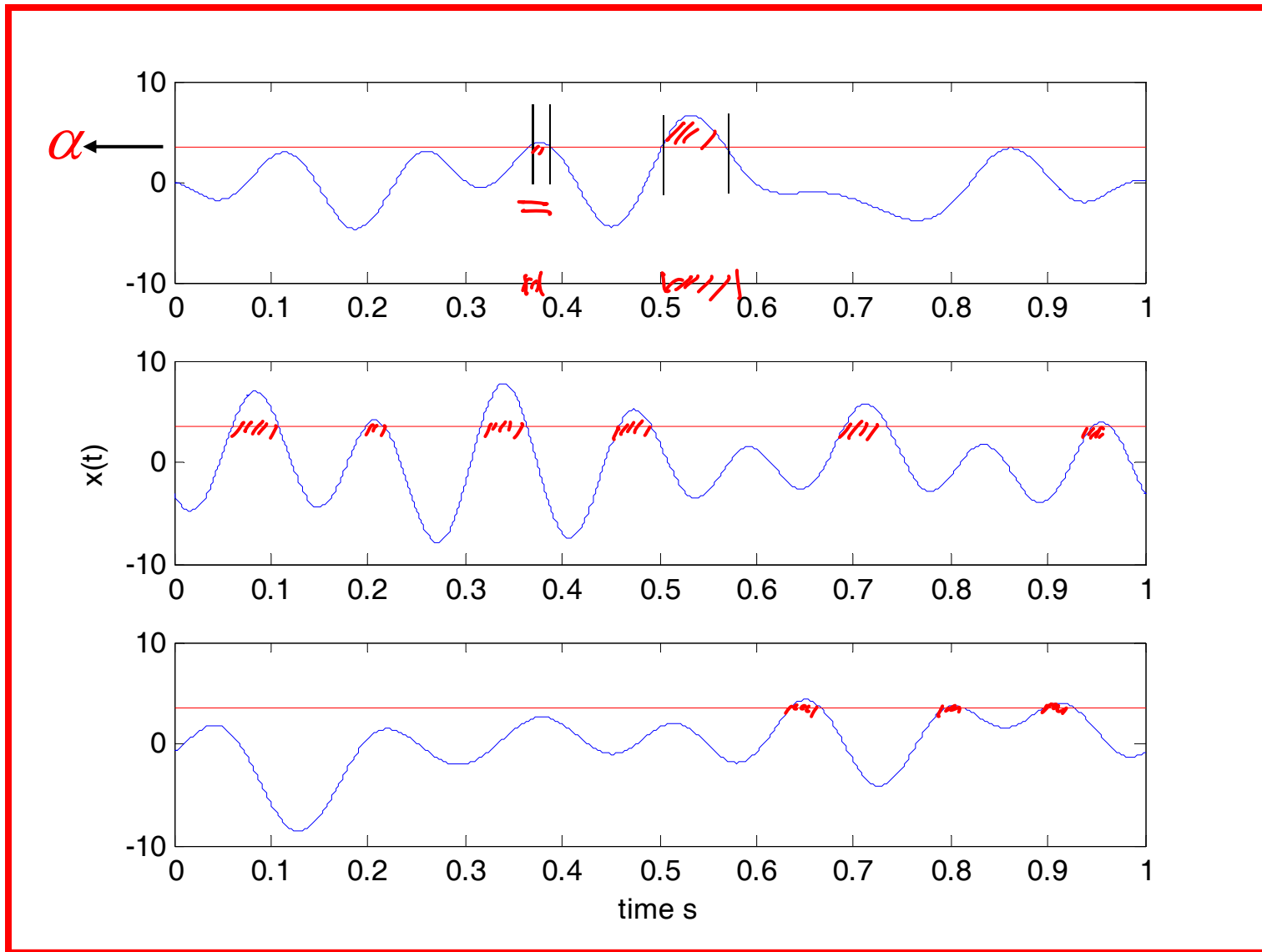
The number of peaks of $X(t)$ above level α in interval 0 to T



$M(\alpha, 0, T)$

- Number of peaks in $X(t)$ above the level α in 0 to T
- A integer valued random variable
- Given the complete description of $X(t)$,
can we characterize $M(\alpha, 0, T)$?
- This is the problem of determining peak statistics.

Total time spent by $X(t)$ above level α in interval 0 to T .

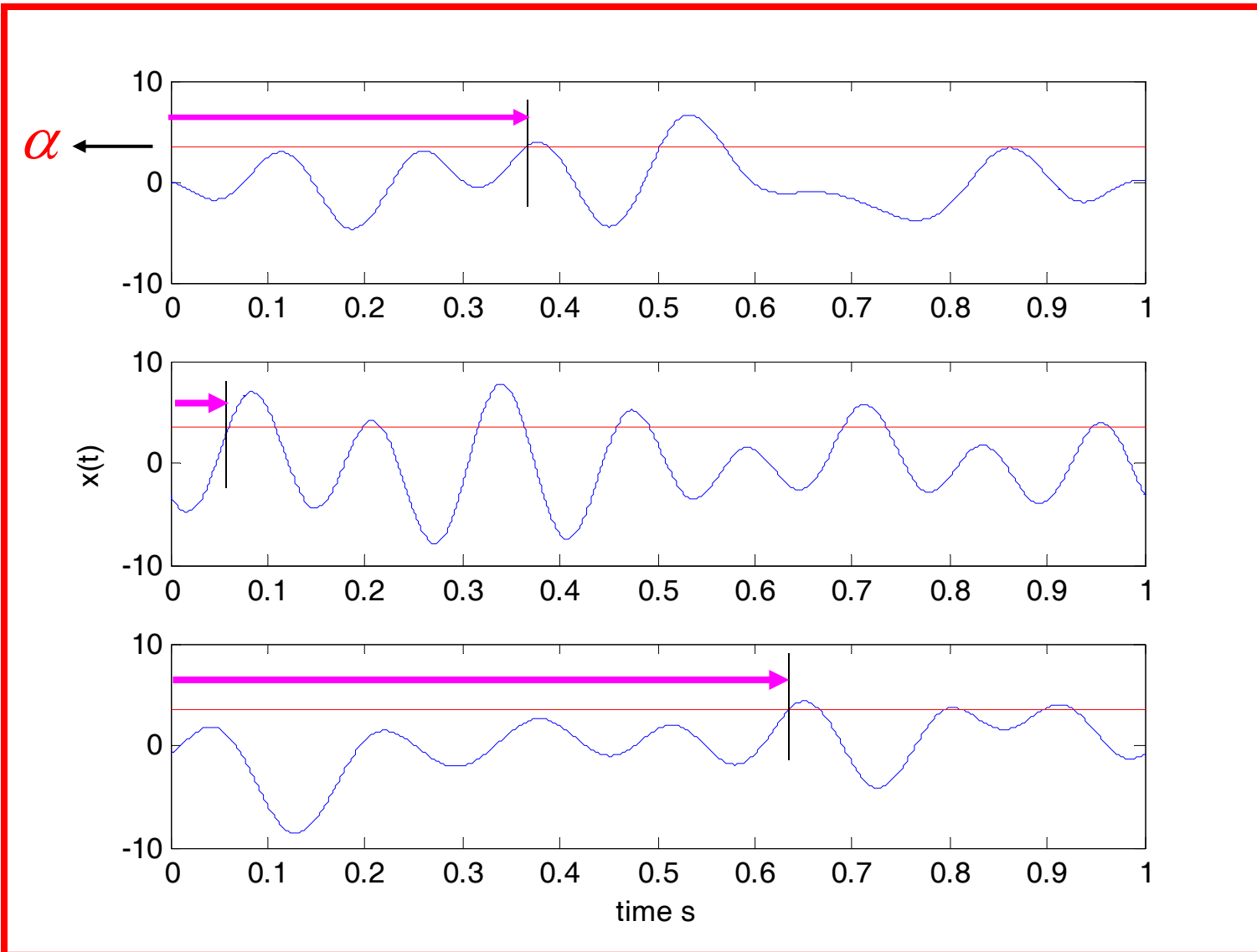


$\Gamma(\alpha, 0, T)$

- Time spent by $X(t)$ above the level α in 0 to T
- A real valued random variable
- Given the complete description of $X(t)$,
can we characterize $\Gamma(\alpha, 0, T)$?

- $\frac{\Gamma(\alpha, 0, T)}{T}$ is called the fractional occupation time
- This takes values in 0 to 1.
- The problem on hand consists of characterizing the fractional occupation time.

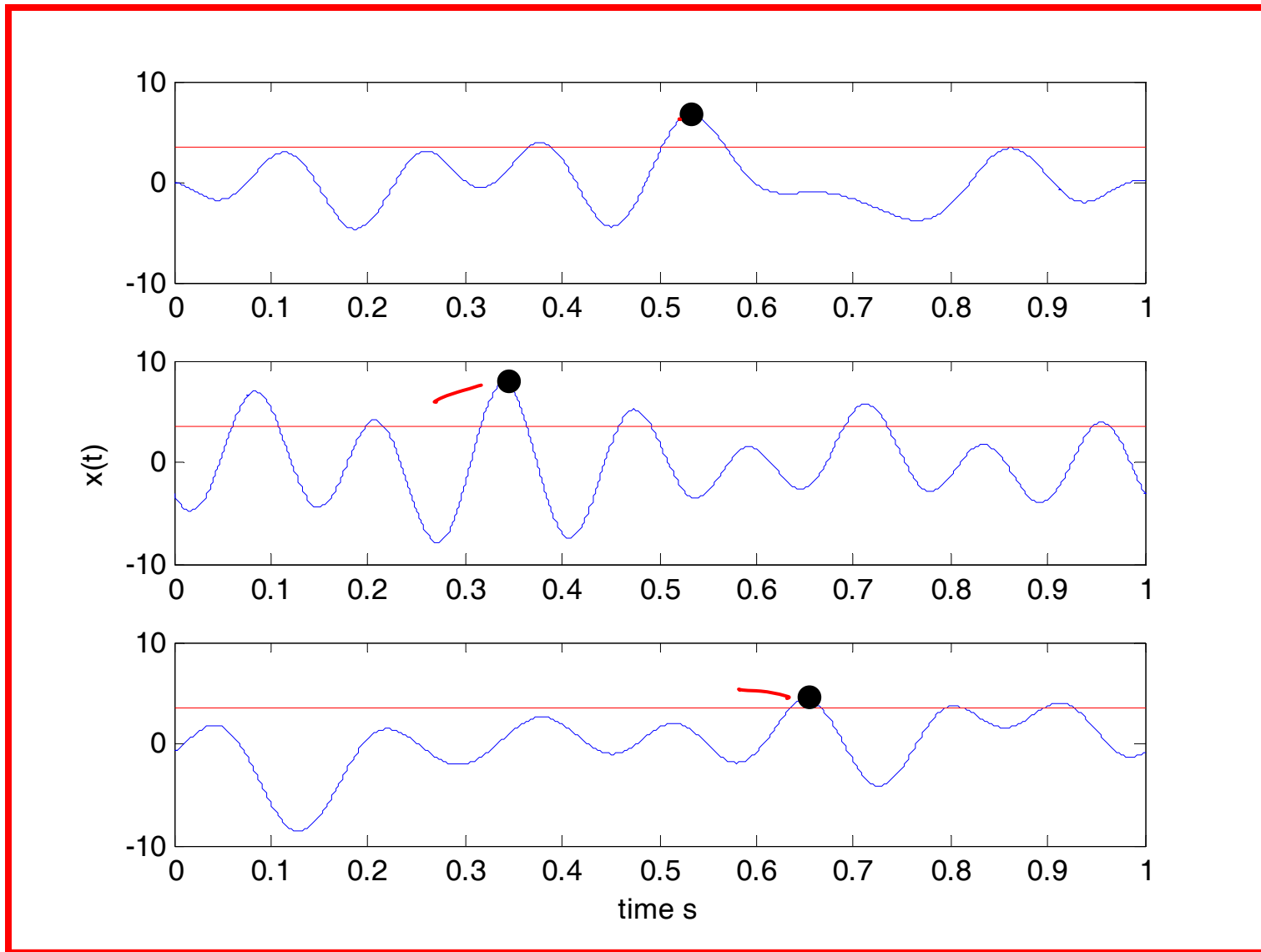
Time required by $X(t)$ to reach level α for the first time



$T_f(\alpha)$

- The time required by $X(t)$ to cross level α for the first time
- A real valued random variable taking values in 0 to ∞
- Given the complete description of $X(t)$,
can we characterize $T_f(\alpha)$?
- This is known as the
 - First passage problem
 - Barrier crossing problem
 - Outcrossing problem

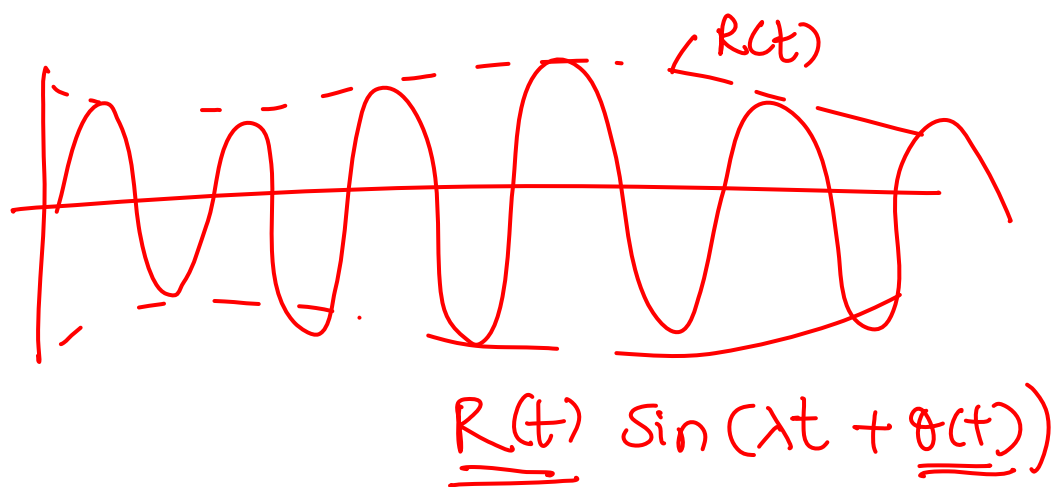
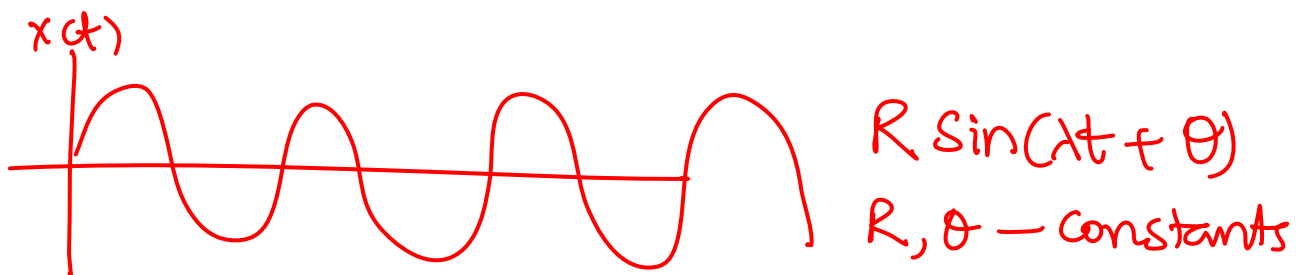
The maximum value of $X(t)$ in interval 0 to T



$$X_m = \max_{0 < t < T} X(t)$$

- The maximum value of $X(t)$ in 0 to T
- A real valued random variable
- Given the complete description of $X(t)$,
can we characterize X_m ?
- This is known as the problem of extreme value analysis

Envelope and phase



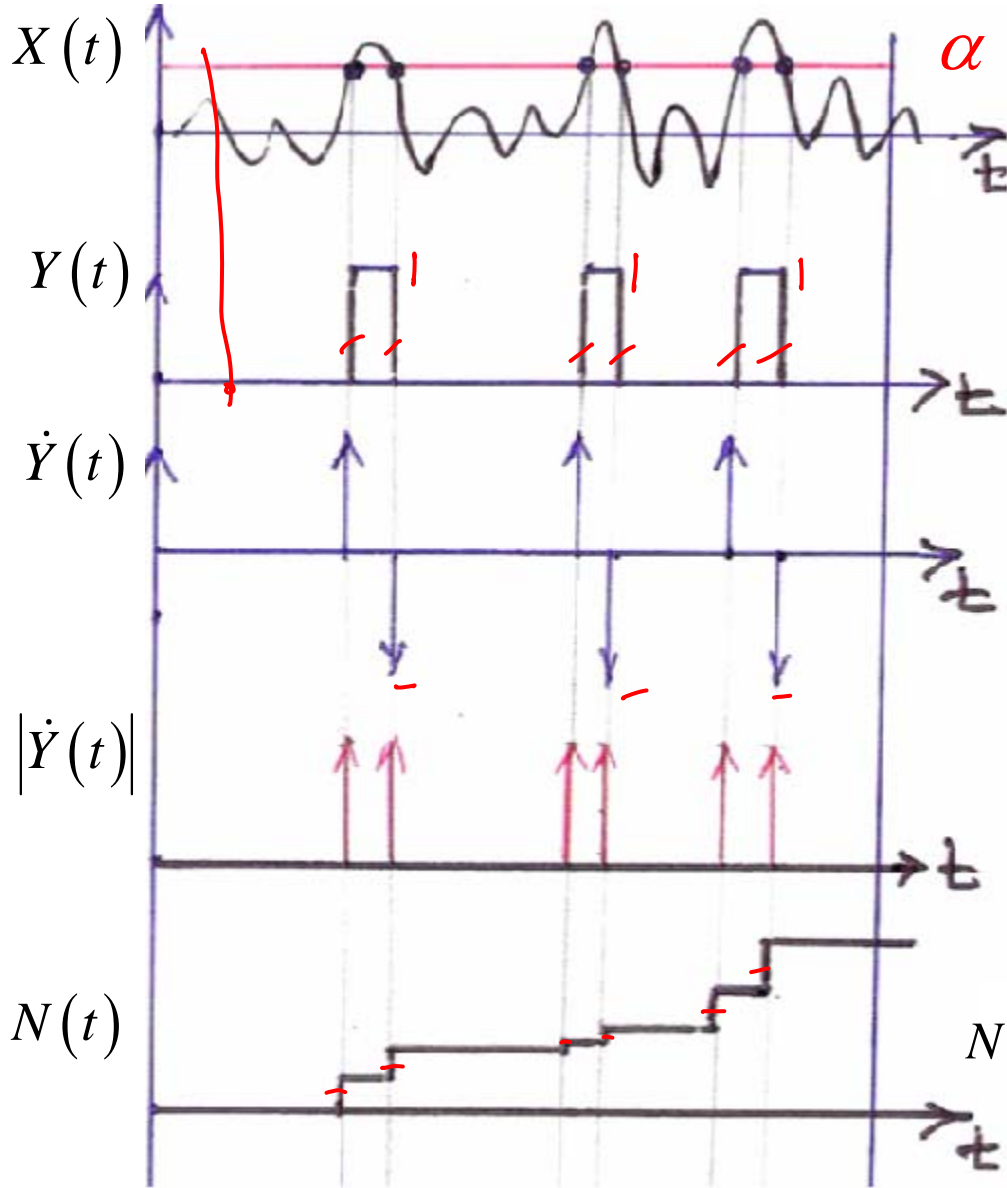
Level Crossing problem

- Let $X(t)$ be a random process.
 - Not necessarily Gaussian
 - Not necessarily stationary

$N(\alpha, 0, T)$ = Number of times the level α is crossed in the time interval $0-T$.

$N(\alpha, 0, T)$ is an integer valued random variable.

What is the PDF of $N(\alpha, 0, T)$?



$$Y(t) = U[X(t) - \alpha]$$

$$= 1 \quad X(t) > \alpha$$

$$= 0 \quad X(t) < \alpha$$

$$\dot{Y}(t) = \underline{\underline{\dot{X}(t) \delta[X(t) - \alpha]}}$$

$$|\dot{Y}(t)| = |\dot{X}(t)| \delta[X(t) - \alpha]$$

$$N(T) = \underline{\underline{\int_0^T |\dot{X}(t)| \delta[X(t) - \alpha] dt}}$$

Notes

- $U[X(t) - \alpha] = 1$ for $X(t) > \alpha$
 $= 0$ for $X(t) < \alpha$

- $\frac{d}{dt}U(t - \tau) = \delta(t - \tau)$

$$N(\alpha, 0, T) = \underline{N(T)} = \int_0^T |\dot{X}(t)| \delta[X(t) - \alpha] dt$$

$$= \int_0^T \underline{n(\alpha, t)} dt$$

$$\underline{n(\alpha, t)} = |\dot{X}(t)| \delta[X(t) - \alpha] = F[x(t), \dot{x}(t)]$$

Remarks

- For a fixed value of T , $N(\alpha, 0, T)$ is an integer valued random variable
- $n(\alpha, t) =$ rate of crossing of level α
- For a fixed value of t , $n(\alpha, t)$ is an integer valued random variable

$$N(T) = \int_0^T |\dot{X}(t)| \delta[X(t) - \alpha] dt$$

- **Finding PDF of $N(\alpha, \theta, T)$ is difficult.**
- **Here, given the highly nonlinear nature of transformation, the rules of transformation of random variables are difficult to apply.**
- **Can we find moments of $N(\alpha, \theta, T)$?**

$$\begin{aligned}
N(T) &= \int_0^T |\dot{X}(t)| \delta[X(t) - \alpha] dt \\
\langle N(T) \rangle &= \left\langle \int_0^T |\dot{X}(t)| \delta[X(t) - \alpha] dt \right\rangle \\
&= \int_0^T \langle |\dot{X}(t)| \delta[X(t) - \alpha] \rangle dt \\
&= \int_0^T \langle n(\alpha, t) \rangle dt
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle n(\alpha, t) \rangle &= \langle |\dot{X}(t)| \delta[X(t) - \alpha] \rangle \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\dot{x}| \delta(x - \alpha) p_{x\dot{x}}(x, \dot{x}; t) \underline{dx d\dot{x}} \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\dot{x}| p_{x\dot{x}}(\alpha, \dot{x}; t) d\dot{x} \checkmark
\end{aligned}$$

This integral can be evaluated.

How about higher order moments?

$$N(T) = \int_0^T |\dot{X}(t)| \delta[X(t) - \alpha] dt \quad \checkmark$$

$$N^2(T) = \int_0^T \int_0^T |\dot{X}(t_1)| \delta[X(t_1) - \alpha] |\dot{X}(t_2)| \delta[X(t_2) - \alpha] dt_1 dt_2 \quad \text{---}$$

$$\langle N^2(T) \rangle = \int_0^T \int_0^T \langle |\dot{X}(t_1)| \delta[X(t_1) - \alpha] |\dot{X}(t_2)| \delta[X(t_2) - \alpha] \rangle dt_1 dt_2$$

$$\langle |\dot{X}(t_1)| \delta[X(t_1) - \alpha] |\dot{X}(t_2)| \delta[X(t_2) - \alpha] \rangle =$$

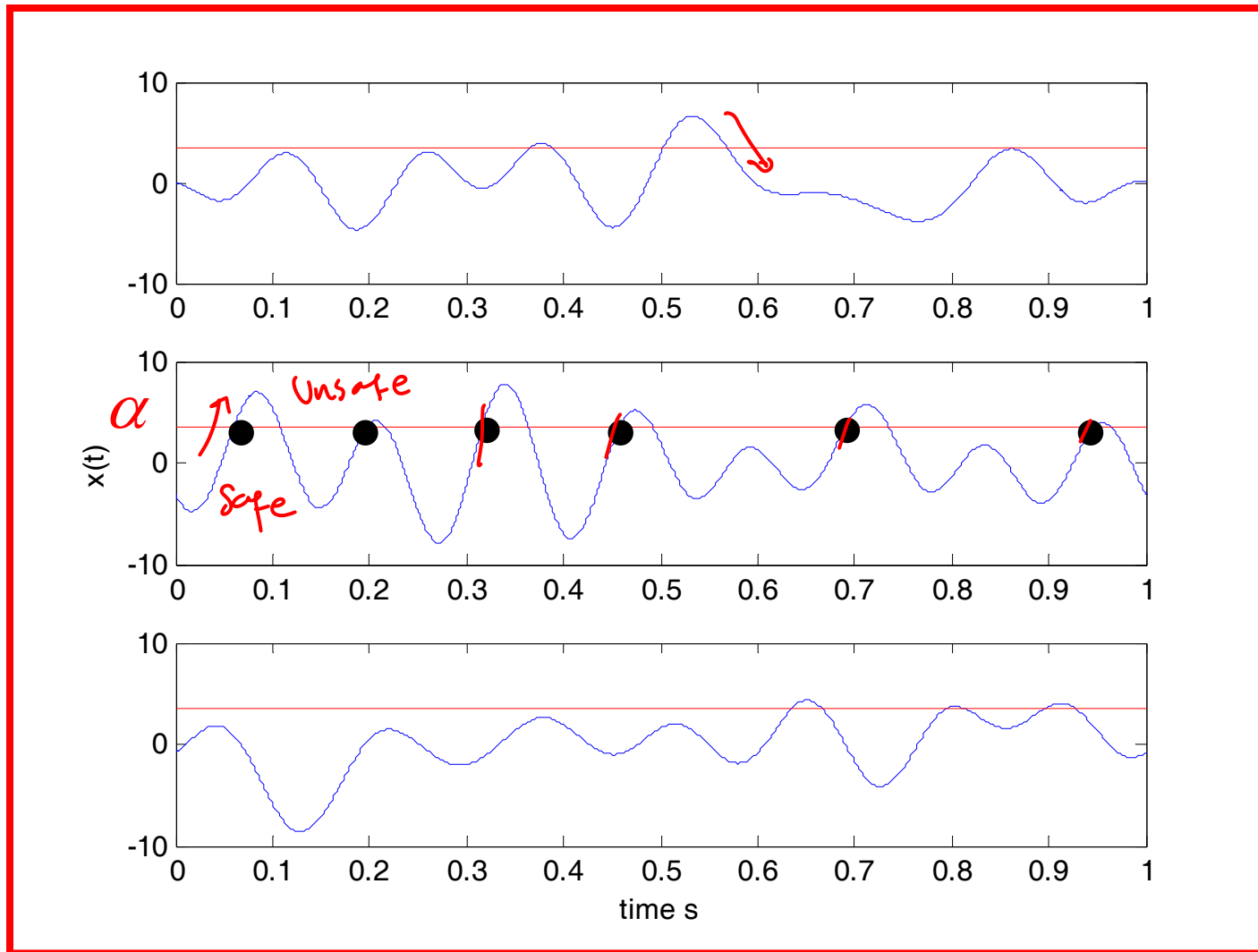
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\dot{x}_1| |\dot{x}_2| \delta(x_1 - \alpha) \delta(x_2 - \alpha) p_{\dot{x}\dot{x}\dot{x}\dot{x}}(x_1, x_2, \dot{x}_1, \dot{x}_2; t_1, t_2, t_1, t_2) dx_1 dx_2 d\dot{x}_1 d\dot{x}_2$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\dot{x}_1| |\dot{x}_2| p_{\dot{x}\dot{x}\dot{x}\dot{x}}(\alpha, \alpha, \dot{x}_1, \dot{x}_2; t_1, t_2, t_1, t_2) d\dot{x}_1 d\dot{x}_2 \quad \checkmark \checkmark$$

With some effort, this integral can also be evaluated.

Remarks

- Suppose we are interested in crossing of level α with positive slopes



$$\begin{aligned}
 N(T) &= \int_0^T \dot{X}(t) U \left[\dot{X}(t) - 0 \right] \delta \left[X(t) - \alpha \right] dt \\
 &= \int_0^T \underline{n^+(\alpha, t)} dt
 \end{aligned}$$

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 \langle n^+(\alpha, t) \rangle &= \left\langle \dot{X}(t) U \left[\dot{X}(t) - 0 \right] \delta \left[X(t) - \alpha \right] \right\rangle \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\dot{x}| \delta(x - \alpha) U(\dot{x} - 0) p_{x\dot{x}}(x, \dot{x}; t) dx d\dot{x} \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} \dot{x} p_{x\dot{x}}(\alpha, \dot{x}; t) d\dot{x}
 \end{aligned}$$

Average rate of zero crossings with positive slope

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle n^+(0, t) \rangle &= \left\langle \dot{X}(t) U[\dot{X}(t) - 0] \delta[X(t) - 0] \right\rangle \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\dot{x}| \delta(x - 0) U(\dot{x} - 0) p_{x\dot{x}}(x, \dot{x}; t) dx d\dot{x} \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} \dot{x} p_{x\dot{x}}(0, \dot{x}; t) d\dot{x}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 1:

$X(t)$ is a stationary Gaussian random process with zero mean and covariance $R_{XX}(\tau)$ and PSD function $S_{XX}(\omega)$. Determine the average rate of crossing of level α .

Given $\langle X(t) \rangle = 0$; $\langle X(t) X(t + \tau) \rangle = R_{XX}(\tau) \Leftrightarrow S_{XX}(\omega)$.

We need the jpdf of $X(t)$ & $\dot{X}(t^*)$ at $t^* = t$.

$$R_{XX}(\tau) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_{XX}(\omega) \exp(-i\omega\tau) d\omega$$

$$R_{X\dot{X}}(\tau) = \frac{-1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_{XX}(\omega) (-i\omega) \exp(-i\omega\tau) d\omega$$

$$R_{X\dot{X}}(0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_{XX}(\omega) (-i\omega) d\omega = 0$$

$$\therefore S_{XX}(\omega) = S_{XX}(-\omega)$$

That is, the process and its time derivative at the same time are uncorrelated.

This is a property of stationary random processes.

Since $X(t)$ is given to be Gaussian, we have

$$p_{x\dot{x}}(x, \dot{x}; t) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_{\dot{x}}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{x^2}{\sigma_x^2} + \frac{\dot{x}^2}{\sigma_{\dot{x}}^2}\right]\right\}; -\infty < x, \dot{x} < \infty$$

$$\langle n(\alpha, t) \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\dot{x}| p_{x\dot{x}}(\alpha, \dot{x}; t) d\dot{x}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\dot{x}| \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_{\dot{x}}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{\alpha^2}{\sigma_x^2} + \frac{\dot{x}^2}{\sigma_{\dot{x}}^2}\right]\right\} d\dot{x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_{\dot{x}}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{\alpha^2}{\sigma_x^2}\right\} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\dot{x}| \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{\dot{x}^2}{\sigma_{\dot{x}}^2}\right\} d\dot{x} \quad \checkmark$$

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 &= \frac{2}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_{\dot{x}}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{\alpha^2}{\sigma_x^2}\right\} \int_0^{\infty} \dot{x} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{\dot{x}^2}{\sigma_{\dot{x}}^2}\right\} d\dot{x} \\
 &= \frac{2}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_{\dot{x}}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{\alpha^2}{\sigma_x^2}\right\} \int_0^{\infty} \exp\{-u\} \sigma_{\dot{x}}^2 du \quad \frac{\dot{x}^2}{2\sigma_{\dot{x}}^2} = u \\
 &= \frac{\sigma_{\dot{x}}}{\pi\sigma_x} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{\alpha^2}{\sigma_x^2}\right\} =
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle n(\alpha, t) \rangle = \frac{\sigma_{\dot{x}}}{\pi\sigma_x} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\alpha^2}{\sigma_x^2}\right\}$$

$$\langle N(T) \rangle = \int_0^T \langle n(\alpha, t) \rangle dt$$

$$\int_0^T \frac{\sigma_{\dot{x}}}{\pi\sigma_x} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\alpha^2}{\sigma_x^2}\right\} dt$$

$$= \frac{\sigma_{\dot{x}} T}{\pi\sigma_x} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\alpha^2}{\sigma_x^2}\right\}$$

$$\langle n(\alpha, t) \rangle = \frac{\sigma_{\dot{x}}}{\pi \sigma_x} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\alpha^2}{\sigma_x^2} \right\}$$

$$\sigma_x^2 = \int_0^{\infty} S_{XX}(\omega) d\omega \quad \text{—}$$

$$\sigma_{\dot{x}}^2 = \int_0^{\infty} \omega^2 S_{XX}(\omega) d\omega \quad \text{—}$$

$$\frac{S_{XX}(\omega)}{\sigma_x^2}$$

Spectral moments

$$\lambda_n = \int_0^{\infty} \omega^n S_{XX}(\omega) d\omega$$

$$\sigma_x^2 = \lambda_0$$

$$\sigma_{\dot{x}}^2 = \lambda_2$$

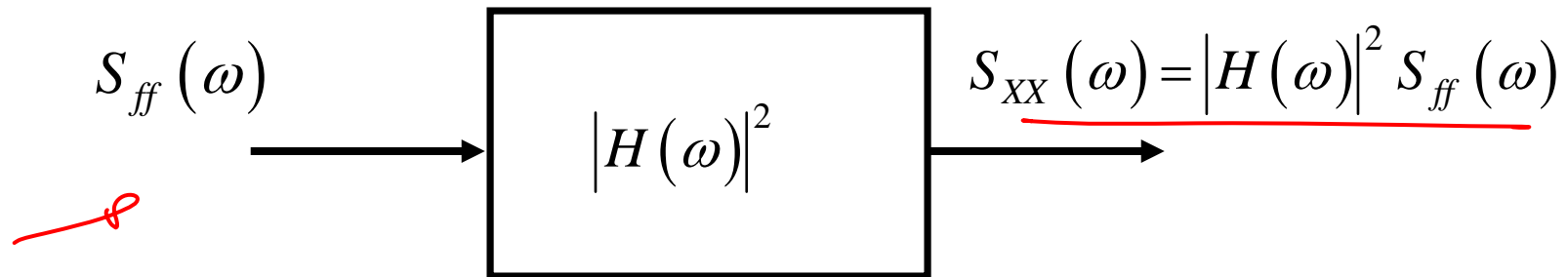
$$\langle n(\alpha, t) \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_0}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\alpha^2}{\lambda_0} \right\}$$

Zero-crossing rates

$$\langle n(0, t) \rangle = \frac{\sigma_{\dot{x}}}{\pi \sigma_x} = \frac{1}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_0}} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\langle n^+(0, t) \rangle = \frac{\sigma_{\dot{x}}}{2\pi \sigma_x} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_0}}$$

RECALL



$$M\ddot{X} + C\dot{X} + KX = F(t); X(0) = 0; \dot{X}(0) = 0$$

$$S_{XX}(\omega) = H(\omega) S_{FF}(\omega) H^{*t}(\omega)$$

$$S_{YY}(x, \xi, \omega) = |G(x, \xi, \omega)|^2 S_{FF}(\omega)$$

Example

Let $X(t)$ be the steady state response of a sdof system under stationary, zero mean Gaussian random excitation. Determine the mean rate of crossing of level α by the response process $X(t)$ in the steady state.

$$m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = f(t)$$

$$\langle f(t) \rangle = 0; \langle f(t) f(t + \tau) \rangle = R_{ff}(\tau) \Leftrightarrow S_{ff}(\omega)$$

In the steady state $x(t)$ and $\dot{x}(t)$ would be uncorrelated.

$$\underline{S_{xx}}(\omega) = |H(\omega)|^2 S_{ff}(\omega)$$

$$H(\omega) = \frac{1}{-m\omega^2 + i\omega c + k} //$$

$$\langle n(\alpha, t) \rangle = \frac{\sigma_{\dot{x}}}{\pi \sigma_x} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\alpha^2}{\sigma_x^2} \right\} \checkmark$$

$$\sigma_x^2 = \int_0^{\infty} S_{xx}(\omega) d\omega = \int_0^{\infty} \underbrace{|H(\omega)|^2}_{\text{red underline}} S_{ff}(\omega) d\omega$$

$$\sigma_{\dot{x}}^2 = \int_0^{\infty} \omega^2 S_{xx}(\omega) d\omega = \int_0^{\infty} \omega^2 \underbrace{|H(\omega)|^2}_{\text{red underline}} S_{ff}(\omega) d\omega$$

Spectral moments

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$$\langle n(\alpha, t) \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_0}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\alpha^2}{\lambda_2} \right\} \checkmark$$

Example

Find average rate of zero crossing with positive slope of $x(t)$ when $f(t)$ is a zero mean Gaussian white noise process. Consider response in the steady state.

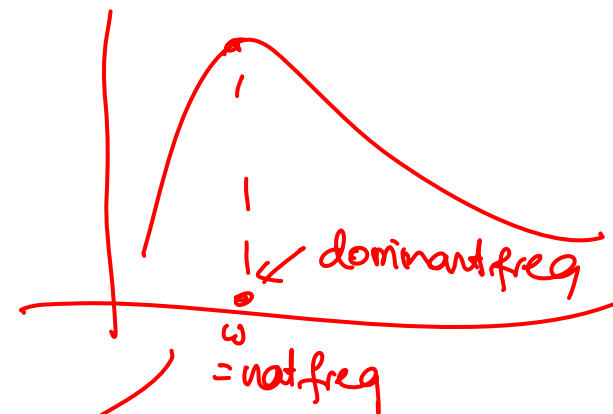
$$S_{xx}(\omega) = |H(\omega)|^2 S_{ff}(\omega) \\ = \int |H(\omega)|^2$$

Recall

$$\sigma_x^2 = \frac{I}{4\eta\omega^3} \quad \& \quad \sigma_{\dot{x}}^2 = \frac{I}{4\eta\omega}$$

\Rightarrow

$$\langle n^+(0) \rangle = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$$



Example

Let $X(t)$ be a nonstationary, zero mean, Gaussian random process with autocovariance function $R_{XX}(t_1, t_2)$.

Determine the average rate of crossing of level α by the process $X(t)$.

$$\langle \underline{n(\alpha, t)} \rangle = \langle \underline{|\dot{X}(t)| \delta[X(t) - \alpha]} \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\dot{x}| \underline{p_{XX}(\alpha, \dot{x}; t)} d\dot{x}$$

We need the jpdf of $\underline{X(t)}$ and $\underline{\dot{X}(t)}$.

$$p(x, \dot{x}; t) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_{\dot{x}}\sqrt{(1-\underline{r^2})}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2(1-r^2)} \left\{ \frac{x^2}{\sigma_x^2} + \frac{\dot{x}^2}{\sigma_{\dot{x}}^2} - \frac{2rx\dot{x}}{\sigma_x\sigma_{\dot{x}}} \right\}\right]$$

$$-\infty < x, \dot{x} < \infty$$

$$\langle n^+ (\alpha, t) \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\sigma_{\dot{x}}}{\sigma_x} (1 - r^2) \left[\exp \left(-\frac{\alpha^2}{2\sigma_x^2 (1 - r^2)} \right) + \frac{\alpha r}{\sigma_x} \exp \left(-\frac{\alpha^2}{2\sigma_x^2} \right) \left\{ 1 - \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{\alpha r}{\sigma_x \sqrt{2(1 - r^2)}} \right) \right\} \right]$$

$$\underline{N(T)} = \int_0^T \langle n^+(\alpha, t) \rangle dt$$

Note

- The quantities r , σ_x , & $\sigma_{\dot{x}}$ are time varying.
- If $r = 0$ and σ_x , & $\sigma_{\dot{x}}$ are time invariant, the above expression reduces to the expression for the case when $X(t)$ is stationary.

This is what is expected.