

Problem:

The correlation function $K_X(\tau)$ of the stationary random function X(t) is given: $K_X(\tau) = \sigma^2 e^{-\alpha^2 \tau^2}$.

Find the correlation function of the random function Y(t) = aX'(t).

Solution:

$$K_X(\tau) = \sigma^2 e^{-\alpha^2 \tau^2}, \quad Y(t) = aX'(t).$$

We have the theorem:

The correlation function of the derivative of the stationary random function is equal to the second derivative of its correlation function, taken with a minus sign:

$$\begin{split} K_{X'}(\tau) &= -K_{X}''(\tau), \qquad K_{X}'(\tau) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \left(\sigma^{2} e^{-\alpha^{2} \tau^{2}} \right) = \sigma^{2} \cdot (-2\alpha^{2} \cdot \tau) e^{-\alpha^{2} \tau^{2}}, \\ K_{X}''(\tau) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \left(-2\sigma^{2} \alpha^{2} \tau \cdot e^{-\alpha^{2} \tau^{2}} \right) = -2\alpha^{2} \sigma^{2} \left(e^{-\alpha^{2} \tau^{2}} + \tau (-2\alpha^{2} \tau) e^{-\alpha^{2} \tau^{2}} \right) = -2\alpha^{2} \tau^{2} \cdot (1 - 2\alpha^{2} \tau^{2}) \cdot e^{-\alpha^{2} \tau^{2}}, \\ K_{Y}(\tau) &= K_{aX'}(\tau) = a^{2} K_{X'}(\tau) \Rightarrow K_{Y}(\tau) = -a^{2} K_{X}''(\tau), \Rightarrow \boxed{K_{Y}(\tau) = 2a^{2} \alpha^{2} \tau^{2} (1 - 2\alpha^{2} \tau^{2}) e^{-\alpha^{2} \tau^{2}}}. \end{split}$$