

# Stationary and non-stationary signals

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# Stationary and non-stationary

- Non-stationary signals  $\Leftrightarrow$  differential/difference equations with time-varying coefficients

$$\ddot{y}(t) - t y(t) = 0$$

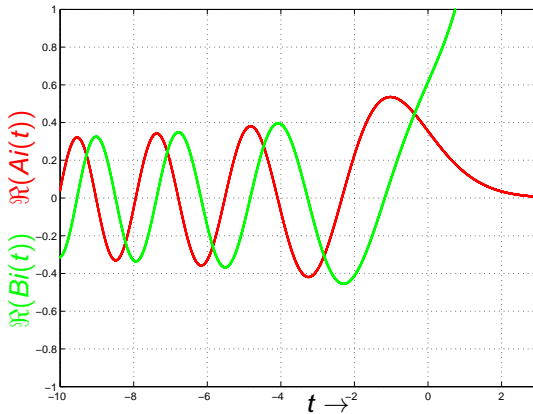
- Airy's functions

$$Ai(t) = \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{t} \left[ I_{-1/3} \left( \frac{2}{3} t^{3/2} \right) - I_{1/3} \left( \frac{2}{3} t^{3/2} \right) \right]$$

$$Bi(t) = \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{t} \left[ I_{-1/3} \left( \frac{2}{3} t^{3/2} \right) + I_{1/3} \left( \frac{2}{3} t^{3/2} \right) \right]$$



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- Stationary signals  $\Leftrightarrow$  differential/difference equations with constant coefficients

$$\ddot{y}(t) + \omega_0^2 y(t) = 0$$

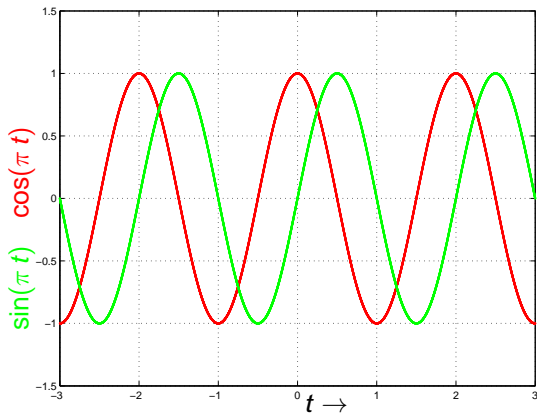
- Harmonic wave (periodic functions)

$$\cos(\omega_0 t) \quad \sin(\omega_0 t)$$





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# About **stationarity**

A deterministic signal is said to be stationary if it can be written as a discrete sum of cosine waves or exponentials :

$$x(t) = A_0 + \sum_{k=1}^N A_k \cos(2\pi k f_0 t + \Phi_k) \quad (1)$$

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-N}^N C_k \exp(2\pi j k f_0 t + \Phi_k) \quad (2)$$

i.e. as a sum of elements which have constant instantaneous amplitude and instantaneous frequency.



# About **stationarity**

In the random case, a signal  $\{x(n)\}$  is said to be wide-sense stationary (or stationary up to the second order) if its variance is independent of time

$$\sigma^2 = E[(x - \mu)^2] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (x - \mu)^2(n)$$



# About **stationarity**

The autocorrelation function for a discrete process of length  $N$   $\{x(n)\}$  with known mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma$ ,

$$\varrho_{xx}(n, n+m) = \frac{1}{N\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^N (x(n) - \mu)(x(n+m) - \mu)$$

depends only on the time difference  $m$ .



## ...and non-stationarity

A signal is said to be non-stationary if one of these fundamental assumptions is no longer valid. For example, a finite duration signal, and in particular a transient signal (for which the length is short compared to the observation duration), is non-stationary.



# Short time Fourier transform of a non-stationarity signal

- 1 removing the mean of a signal
- 2 moving average filtering
- 3 segmentation of a signal using window functions
- 4 Fourier transform



# Moving average filtering

- Assume we have a EEG signal corrupted with noise
- Set the mean to zero
- Apply moving average filter to the noisy signal (use filter order=3 and 5)
- The higher filter order will remove more noise, but it will also distort the signal more (i.e. remove the signal parts also)
- So, a compromise has to be found (normally by trial and error)



# Moving average filtering - MATLAB file

```
% moving average filtering
% December 3, 2009
load('zdroj.mat');
y=EEG(3).Data(:,1);
N=length(y);
% length of average window is 3
for i=1:N-2,
    signal3(i)=(y(i)+y(i+1)+y(i+2))/3;
end
signal3(N-1)=(y(N-1)+y(N))/2;
signal3(N)=y(256);
%length of average window is 5
for i=1:N-4,
    signal5(i)=(y(i)+y(i+1)+y(i+2)+y(i+3)+y(i+4))/5;
end
```



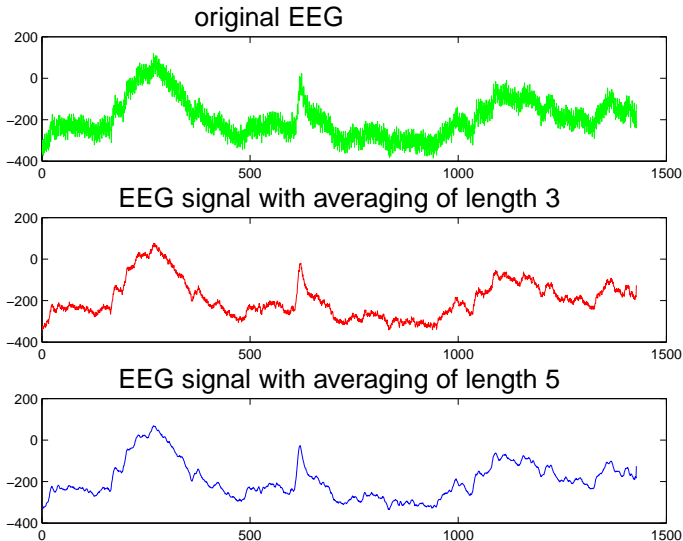


# Moving average filtering - MATLAB file

```
signal5(N-3)= (y(N-3)+y(N-2)+y(N-1)+y(N))/4;  
signal5(N-2)=(y(N-2)+y(N-1)+y(N))/3;  
signal5(N-1)=(y(N-1)+y(N))/2;  
signal5(N)=y(N);  
subplot(3,1,1), plot(y, 'g '); title('original  
EEG')  
subplot(3,1,2), plot(signal3,'r'); title('EEG  
signal with averaging of length 3')  
subplot(3,1,3), plot(signal5,'b'); title('EEG  
signal with averaging of length 5')  
print -depsc figureEEG
```



# Moving average filtering



# STFT, Wavelets, Huang Transform

	STFT	Wavelets	Huang
inversion	yes	yes, but...	no inversion
resolution in time	limited	good	good
resolution in frequency	good	bad	floating frequency



# Thank you for your attention

