

# Stochastic Monitoring and Testing of Digital LTI Filters

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## INTRODUCTION

**Overall goal:** “Functional verification” of digital systems

**Application:** Testing and monitoring of digital circuits  
(e.g., manufacturing defects, design flaws)

**Monitoring versus testing:**

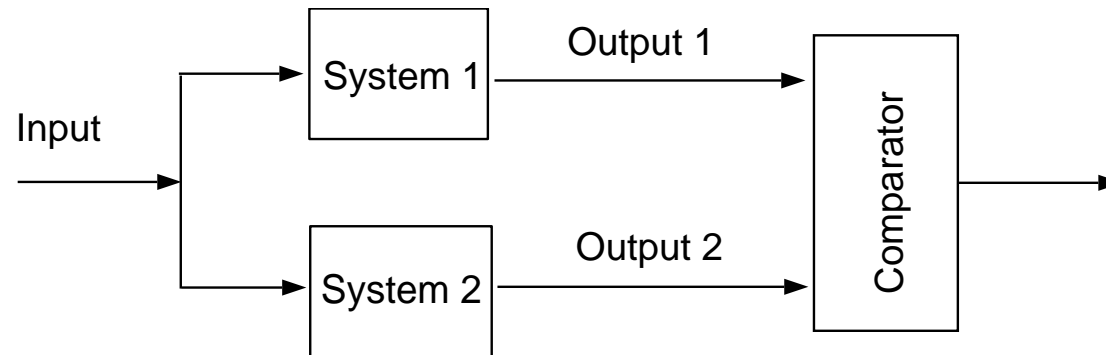
- *Testing:* “Off-line,” can control inputs (e.g., testing sequence)
- *Concurrent testing:* “On-line,” can access inputs (but not control)
- *Monitoring:* “On-line,” cannot access inputs

**Desirable features:**

- High fault coverage
- Short testing sequence
- Small hardware overhead

## “UNIVERSAL” APPROACH TO CONCURRENT TESTING

### Double modular redundancy



**Problems:** Cost, common mode faults

**Solution:** Parity check schemes (sacrifice fault coverage)

**Main challenges:**

- Identify invariant properties
- Enforce/verify invariants using small hardware overhead
- Combat finite precision effects

## STOCHASTIC MONITORING



**Given data:** Stochastic characterization of input  
( $\Rightarrow$  exact input sequence not required, i.e. monitoring)

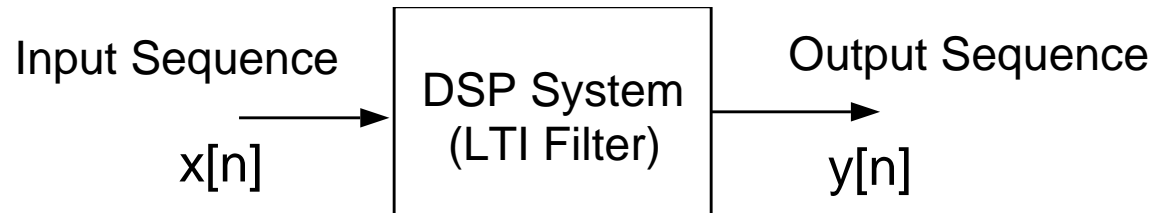
**Expect:** Certain stochastic properties at output

**Goal:** Changes in output stochastic behavior  $\Rightarrow$  Fault detection/identification

**Key challenge:** Identify statistical invariants, match with faults

**Related Work:** Stochastic testing of FSM's (ACC 01)

## STOCHASTIC MONITORING/TESTING OF DSP SYSTEMS



$x[n]$  Wide Sense Stationary

$$E(X[n]) = \mu_x$$

$$E(X[n+k]X[n]) = R_{xx}[k]$$

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$y[n]$  also WSS

$$\mu_y = \mu_x H(0)$$

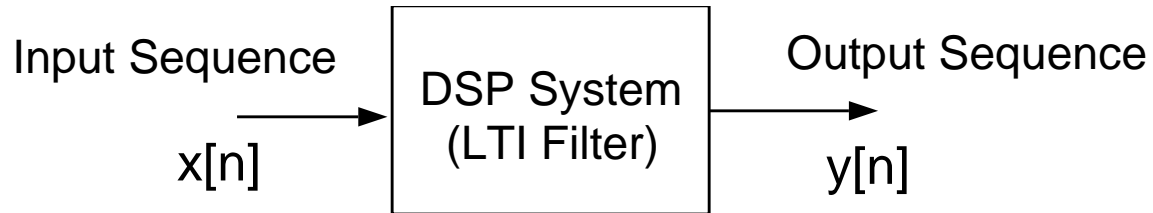
$$R_{yy}[k] = R_{hh}[k] * R_{xx}[k]$$

**Goal:** Use  $\mu_y$  and  $R_{yy}[k]$  to detect/identify faults

**Focus on:** Mean  $E(Y[n])$  and average power  $E(Y^2[n]) = R_{yy}[0]$

**More generally:** (i) Higher order statistics  
 (ii) Other types of random processes

EXAMPLE: WHITE GAUSSIAN WSS INPUT



$x[n]$  White Gaussian WSS

$$E(X[n]) = \mu_x$$

$$R_{xx}[k] = \mu_x^2 + p^2 \delta[k]$$

$$\Rightarrow h[n] \Rightarrow$$

$y[n]$  Gaussian WSS

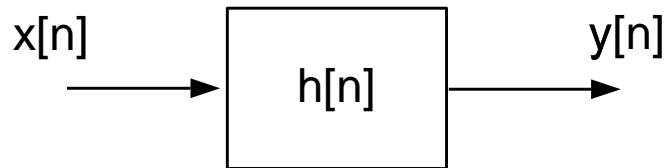
$$E(Y[n]) = \mu_x H(0)$$

$$R_{yy}[k] = \mu_y^2 + p^2 R_{hh}[k]$$

**Mean:**  $\mu_y = \mu_x H(0)$  where  $H(0) = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{+\infty} h[j]$

**Autocorrelation:**  $R_{yy}[k] = \mu_y^2 + p^2 R_{hh}[k]$  where  $R_{hh}[k] = h[k] * h[-k]$

## PERMANENT FAULTS



Fault-free response:

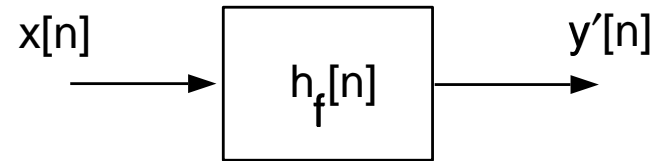
**Mean:**

$$\mu_y = \mu_x H(0)$$

**Autocorrelation:**

$$R_{yy}[k] = R_{hh}[k] * R_{xx}[k]$$

**Focus:** Changes in the *mean* of output process  
(average power requires fourth moments to be stationary)



Faulty response:  $h[n] + c\delta[n - n_0]$

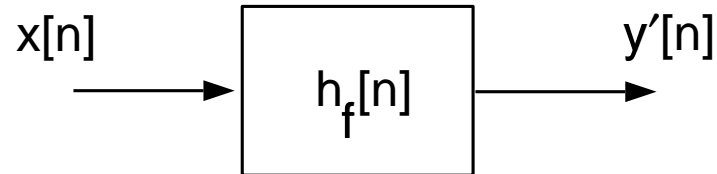
**Mean:**

$$\mu_{y'} = \mu_y + c\mu_x$$

**Autocorrelation:**

$$R_{y'y'}[k] = R_{yy}[k] + R_{xx}[k] * (c^2\delta[k] + ch[k + n_0] + ch[-k - n_0])$$

## EXAMPLE: WHITE GAUSSIAN WSS INPUT



**Input  $x[n]$ :** Gaussian Random Process

**Mean:**  $\mu_x$

**Autocorrelation:**  $R_{xx}[k] = \mu_x^2 + p^2\delta[k]$

**Fault-free output  $y[n]$ :**

**Mean:**  $\mu_y = \mu_x H(0)$

**Average power:**  $E(Y^2[n]) = \mu_y^2 + p^2 R_{hh}[0] = \mu_y^2 + p^2 \sum_{j=0}^{M-1} h^2[j]$

**Faulty output  $y'[n]$ :**

**Mean:**  $\mu_{y'} = \mu_y + c\mu_x$

**Average power:**  $E((Y'[n])^2) = E(Y^2[n]) + (c^2 + c(h[n_0] + h[-n_0]))p^2$

## ESTIMATORS FOR THE MEANS

**Estimator for input mean:**

$$\hat{\mu}_x = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} x[j]$$

**Variance:**

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\mu}_x) = \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{i=-(N-1)}^{N-1} (N - |i|) C_{xx}[i]$$

**Estimator for output mean:**

$$\hat{\mu}_y = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} y[j]$$

**Variance:**

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\mu}_y) = \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{i=-(N-1)}^{N-1} (N - |i|) C_{yy}[i]$$

## EXAMPLE (CONTINUED)

**Input  $x[n]$ :** Gaussian Random Process

**Mean:**  $\mu_x$

**Autocorrelation:**  $R_{xx}[k] = \mu_x^2 + p^2\delta[k]$

**Estimator  $\hat{\mu}_x$  is a Gaussian random variable:**

**Mean:**  $\mu_x$

**Variance:**  $(\sigma_{\hat{\mu}_x})^2 = \frac{1}{N^2} \times N \times p^2 = \frac{p^2}{N}$

**Estimator  $\hat{\mu}_y$  is a Gaussian random variable:**

**Mean:**  $\mu_y$

**Variance:**  $(\sigma_{\hat{\mu}_y})^2 = \frac{p^2}{N^2} \left( -R_{hh}[0] + 2 \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (N-i)R_{hh}[i] \right)$

## CHOICE OF THRESHOLD — PROBABILITIES OF MISS AND FALSE ALARM

**Threshold test:**

$$H(0)\hat{\mu}_x - T < \hat{\mu}_y < H(0)\hat{\mu}_x + T$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

DECLARE NO FAULT

Threshold allows us to adjust the probabilities of *miss* and *false alarm*:

$P_M$  = Probability that rule indicates no fault given fault

$P_{FA}$  = Probability that rule indicates fault given no fault

**When  $x[n]$  is a Gaussian random process and  $\mu_x$  is known exactly:**

$$\Pr[\text{False Alarm}] = 2Q\left(\frac{T}{\sigma_{\hat{\mu}_y}}\right) \qquad \Pr[\text{Miss}] = Q\left(\frac{-T - c\mu_x}{\sigma'_{\hat{\mu}_y}}\right) - Q\left(\frac{T - c\mu_x}{\sigma'_{\hat{\mu}_y}}\right)$$

**Error function:**  $Q(x) = \int_x^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx$

## CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

### **Potential Advantages:**

- No input knowledge required
- Simple invariants
- Small hardware overhead

### **Future Work:**

- Average power of output process
- Non-Gaussian WSS processes
- Bounds on length of observation window