

A physical model with cyclical long-range dependence

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Cyclical long-range dependence (LRD)

Continuous time: Stationary process $Y = \{Y_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$. Assume $\mathbb{E}Y_t = 0$ for simplicity.

Spectrum: For some frequency $\nu_0 > 0$,

$$S(\nu) \simeq C_S(\nu_0 - \nu)^{-2\delta}, \text{ as } \nu \uparrow \nu_0,$$

with $\delta \in (0, 1/2)$ and constant $C_S > 0$.¹

ACVF: For $R(h) = \mathbb{E}Y_{t+h}Y_t = \int_0^\infty \cos(h\nu)S(\nu)d\nu$,

$$R(h) \simeq C_R \cos(\nu_0 h + \phi_R) h^{2\delta-1}, \text{ as } h \rightarrow \infty.$$

Notes: $\int_0^\infty |R(h)|dh = \infty$, but $\left| \int_0^\infty R(h)dh \right| < \infty$. Traditional LRD can be thought as above with $\nu_0 = 0$.

¹More generally, divergence can occur on both sides of the frequency ν_0 , and more than one fixed frequency can be considered. Other names used as well.

For small fixed $\epsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\nu_0-\epsilon}^{\nu_0} e^{ih\nu} S(\nu) d\nu &\simeq C_S \int_{\nu_0-\epsilon}^{\nu_0} e^{ih\nu} (\nu_0 - \nu)^{-2\delta} d\nu = C_S e^{ih\nu_0} \int_0^\epsilon e^{-ihz} z^{-2\delta} dz \\ &= C_S e^{ih\nu_0} h^{2\delta-1} \int_0^{\epsilon h} e^{-ix} x^{-2\delta} dx \simeq C_S a_\delta e^{i(h\nu_0 + \phi_\delta)} h^{2\delta-1}, \end{aligned}$$

as $h \rightarrow \infty$. Thus, we expect that

$$R(h) \simeq C_R \cos(\nu_0 h + \phi_R) h^{2\delta-1},$$

as $h \rightarrow \infty$.

Squared process: Under Gaussianity, $R_2(h) = 2(R(h))^2$, so that

$$R_2(h) \simeq 2C_R^2 \cos^2(\nu_0 h + \phi_R) h^{4\delta-2}$$

or

$$R_2(h) \simeq C_R^2 h^{4\delta-2} + C_R^2 \cos(2\nu_0 h + 2\phi_R) h^{4\delta-2}.$$

Notes:

$$\int_0^\infty R_2(h) dh \begin{cases} < \infty \\ = \infty \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \delta \in (0, \frac{1}{4}) \\ \delta \in [\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}) \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \text{SRD} \\ \text{LRD} \end{cases}.$$

For $\delta \in (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2})$, expect

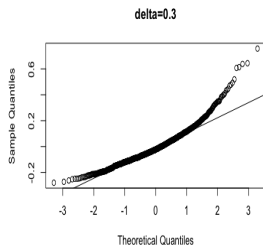
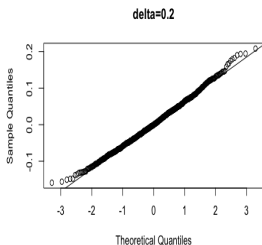
$$S_2(\nu) \simeq C_{1,S} \nu^{-4\delta+1}, \text{ as } \nu \downarrow 0, \quad \simeq C_{2,S} (2\nu_0 - \nu)^{-4\delta+1}, \text{ as } \nu \uparrow 2\nu_0,$$

When $\delta = \frac{1}{4}$, still expect logarithmic divergence. (This cannot be seen just considering the spectra.)

(Non)Central limit theorems:

$$\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T Y_t^2 dt \simeq \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Normal, } \delta \in (0, \frac{1}{4}) \\ \text{Non-Normal, } \delta \in (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}) \end{array} \right\} \Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{SRD} \\ \text{LRD} \end{array} \right\}.$$

Normal QQ-plots for averages of squared LRD series, $\delta = 0.2$ and 0.3 :



The boundary case $\delta = \frac{1}{4}$ seems unresolved.

This is important in e.g. setting confidence intervals for the variance.

Origins: Hosking (1981), “Fractional differencing,” *Biometrika*, last para:

Finally we mention two other processes involving fractional differencing which may prove useful in applications. The fractional equal-root integrated moving-average process is defined by $\nabla^q y_t = (1 - \theta B)^d a_t$, $|q| < \frac{1}{2}$, $|\theta| < 1$; as a forecasting model it corresponds to ‘fractional order multiple exponential smoothing’. The process $(1 - 2\phi B + B^2)^d y_t = a_t$, $|d| < \frac{1}{2}$, $|\phi| < 1$, exhibits both long-term persistence and quasiperiodic behaviour; its correlation function resembles a hyperbolically damped sine wave.

There were a number of follow-up papers looking at this phenomenon, with some applications. But it has largely stayed at the margins of LRD research. E.g. pp. 185-191 in Giraitis et al. (2012; 500+ pages); pp. 496-499 in Beran et al. (2013; 800+ pages); no mention in Pipiras and Taqqu (2017; 600+ pages); etc.

No known physical model leading to this phenomenon.

Wave elevation model

Longuet-Higgins model: Along x -direction and time t ,

$$\zeta(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \cos(k_n(\cos \mu_0)x - w_n t + \phi_n)$$

with frequencies w_n , amplitudes $a_n = \sqrt{2S(w_n)\Delta w}$ for spectrum $S(w)$, heading μ_0 , random phases ϕ_n , and wave numbers

$$k_n = w_n^2/g. \quad (\text{Dispersion relation})$$

At $x = 0$,

$$\zeta_0(t) = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \cos(-w_n t + \phi_n)$$

ACVF:

$$R(h) = \sum_{n=1}^N \cos(hw_n)S(w_n)\Delta w \simeq \int_0^\infty \cos(hw)S(w)dw.$$

Wave elevation at non-zero speed

Non-zero forward speed: Setting $x = U_0 t$ for speed U_0 , the model becomes

$$\zeta_e(t) = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \cos(-w_{e,n}t + \phi_n)$$

for encounter frequencies

$$w_{e,n} = w_n - \frac{U_0}{g} (\cos \mu_0) w_n^2 = w_n - qw_n^2.$$

ACVF:

$$R(h) = \sum_{n=1}^N \cos(hw_{e,n}) S(w_n) \Delta w \simeq \int_0^{\infty} \cos(hw_e) S(w) dw.$$

Original and transformed spectra

Note: With $w_e = w - qw^2 = w - \frac{U_0}{g} \cos \mu_0 w^2$ and for $q > 0$ ($\mu_0 \in (-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$),

$$\int_0^\infty \cos(hw_e)S(w)dw = \int_0^\infty \cos(h\nu)\tilde{S}(\nu)d\nu,$$

where

$$\tilde{S}(\nu) = \frac{S(w_1(\nu)) + S(w_2(\nu))}{(1 - 4q\nu)^{1/2}} + \frac{S(w_3(\nu))}{(1 + 4q\nu)^{1/2}}$$

for $\nu \in (0, 1/4q)$, and

$$\tilde{S}(\nu) = \frac{S(w_3(\nu))}{(1 + 4q\nu)^{1/2}}$$

for $\nu \in (1/4q, \infty)$. So cyclical LRD with

$$\delta = \frac{1}{4}.$$

(This is directly related to the dispersion relation.)

Original and transformed spectra

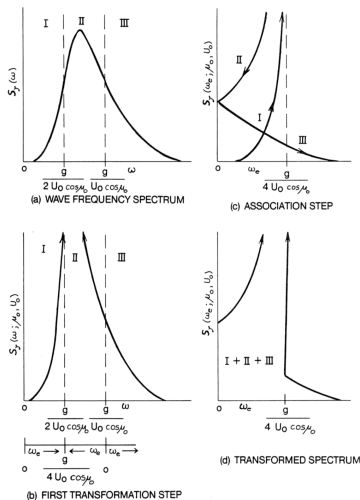
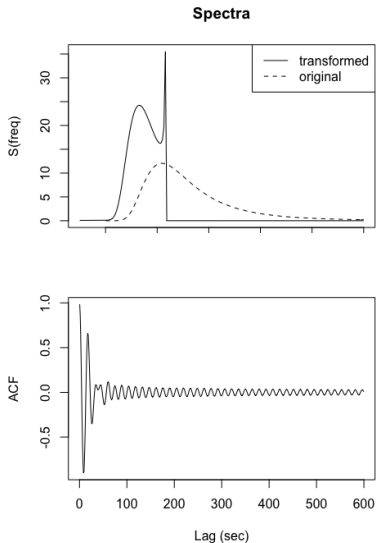
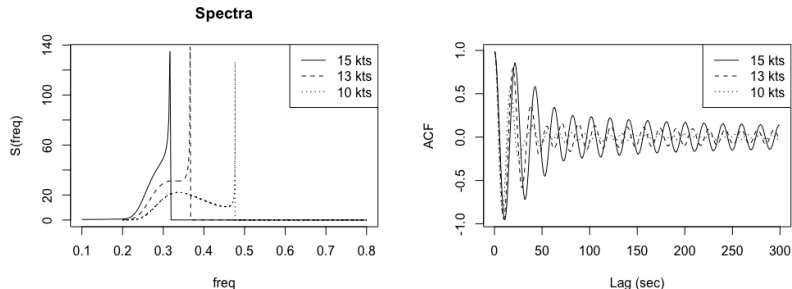


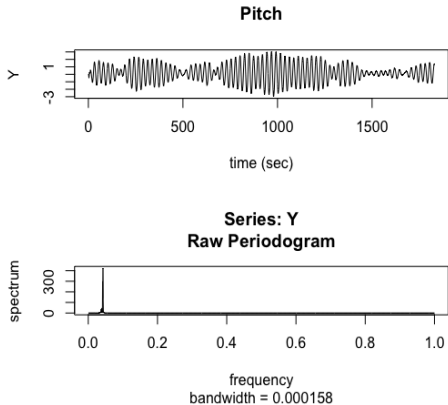
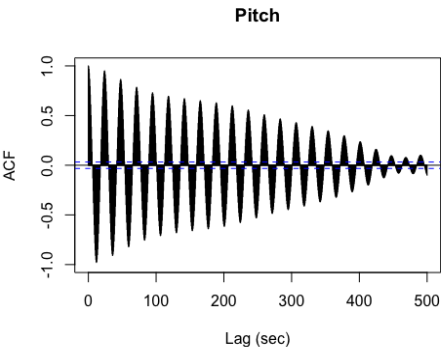
Fig. 68 Transformation of wave spectrum to encounter spectrum, following or quartering waves (long-crested)

Transformed spectrum and ACF



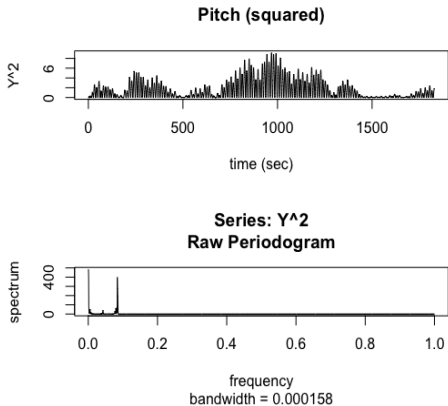
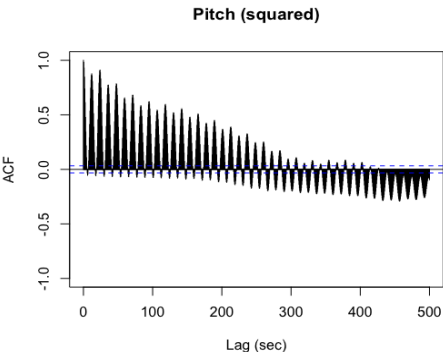
The decay will always be slow but magnitude of ACF coefficients at lags will depend on the underlying spectrum and speed.

Ship motion: The plot presents one such ACF for the pitch motion from a 30-minute-long record. This is for the flared variant of the ONR Topsides Geometry Series, in sea state 6, the heading of 45° , and traveling at 25 kts.



Bits of data

For the same pitch motion process:

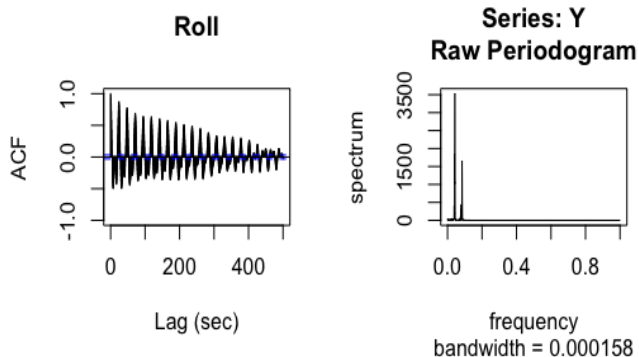


How to put confidence intervals, e.g., on the variance?

Conclusions

Key takeaway: Model for wave elevation and ship motions at non-zero speed characterized by (cyclical) LRD.

Question: What is going on with another motion, so-called roll?



Other physical models for cyclical LRD?