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A Periodogram of the OUSS model

Let  $z_1, \dots, z_M$  be a real time series generated by a stationary OUSS model and measured at time intervals  $\delta$ . Without loss of generality, we shall assume that the process mean is zero. Our starting point is the following definition of the periodogram

$$\widehat{s}(mf_o) = T \left| \frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=1}^M z_k e^{-2\pi i m(k-1)/M} \right|^2, \quad (\text{A.1})$$

where  $f_o = 1/(M\delta)$  and  $m = 0, \dots, M/2$ . We are interested in the expected value  $s = \mathbb{E}\{\widehat{s}\}$ , asymptotically for large  $M$ . Taking the expectation of Eq. (A.1) yields

$$s(mf_o) = \frac{T}{M^2} \sum_{k,l} \mathbb{E}\{z_k z_l\} e^{2\pi i m(k-l)/M}. \quad (\text{A.2})$$

Recall that  $z_k = x_k + y_k$ , where  $x_k$  are generated by an OU process and  $y_k$  are centralized and uncorrelated with variance  $\varepsilon^2$ . The covariance,  $\mathbb{E}\{z_k z_l\}$  between any two values  $z_k$  and  $z_l$  is given by  $\sigma^2 e^{-\lambda\delta|k-l|} + \delta_{kl}\varepsilon^2$ , where  $\delta_{kl}$  denotes the Kronecker delta (Gillespie 1992). Hence Eq. (A.2) can be written as

$$s(mf_o) = \frac{T}{M^2} \sum_{k,l} [\sigma^2 \rho^{|k-l|} + \varepsilon^2 \delta_{kl}] \times e^{2\pi i m(k-l)/M}, \quad (\text{A.3})$$

where  $\rho = e^{-\lambda\delta}$ . After a few algebraic manipulations one can write Eq. (A.3) as

$$s(f) = \frac{s_o T (1 - \rho)}{M^2 \delta (1 + \rho)} \left[ M \frac{1 - |r|^2}{|1 - r|^2} - 2\Re \left\{ \frac{r(1 - r^M)}{(1 - r)^2} \right\} \right] + \delta \varepsilon^2, \quad (\text{A.4})$$

where we abbreviated

$$s_o = \frac{\delta \sigma^2 (1 + \rho)}{(1 - \rho)}, \quad r = \rho e^{2\pi i f \delta}, \quad f = mf_o. \quad (\text{A.5})$$

Note that  $s_o$  is the expected periodogram power at zero frequency in the limit  $M \rightarrow \infty$ , introduced in the main article. In that limit, Eq. (A.4) can be simplified and one obtains the asymptotic expression (Box et al. 2013, Eq. (3.2.15))

$$s(f) \sim \frac{\delta\sigma^2(1-\rho^2)}{1+\rho^2-2\rho\cos(2\pi f\delta)} + \delta\varepsilon^2. \quad (\text{A.6})$$

If additionally  $\lambda\delta \ll 1$  and  $f\delta \ll 1$ , and assuming  $\varepsilon^2/\sigma^2 \in \mathcal{O}(1)$ , one retrieves the power spectrum of the classical OU process,

$$s(f) \sim \frac{2\lambda\sigma^2}{(2\pi f)^2 + \lambda^2} = S(f). \quad (\text{A.7})$$

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