

Estimating the covariance function of isotopic fields on the sphere

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Outline

- covariance function, examples
- estimation, distribution
- cosmic variance
- simulation
- nonlinear problems

- cosmic microwave background (CMB)
- $\mathbb{S}_2 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \|x\| = 1\}$
- a real-valued random field $T(\omega, x) = T(x)$, $\omega \in \Omega$, $x \in \mathbb{S}_2$, with $\mathbb{E} T(x) = 0$.
- isotropic, if $\mathbb{E} T(x)^2 < \infty$, and $\mathbb{E} T(x) T(y) = \mathbb{E} T(gx) T(gy)$ for any $g \in SO(3)$, $x, y \in \mathbb{S}_2$, where $SO(3)$ rotational group

Colatitude $\vartheta \in [0, \pi]$ and longitude $\varphi \in [0, 2\pi]$.

Orthogonal system complex-valued spherical harmonics

Y_ℓ^m , where $\ell = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, and

$m = -\ell, -\ell + 1, \dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots, \ell - 1, \ell$.

$T(x)$ is mean square continuous,

$$T(x) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} a_{\ell m} Y_\ell^m(x), \quad (1)$$

Coefficients given by

$$a_{\ell m} = \int_{\mathbb{S}_2} T(x) Y_{\ell}^{m*}(x) \Omega(dx), \quad (2)$$

$\Omega(dx) = \sin \vartheta d\vartheta d\varphi$ is the Lebesgue measure of surface area on \mathbb{S}_2

$$\mathbb{E} a_{\ell m} = 0, \quad \mathbb{E} a_{\ell m} a_{kn}^* = f_{\ell} \delta_{\ell,k} \delta_{m,n}. \quad (3)$$

In particular $a_{\ell m}$ is normal with mean 0 and variance $\mathbb{E} |a_{\ell m}|^2 = f_{\ell}$.

$T(x)$ is Gaussian.

$$C_2(x_1, x_2) = C(\cos \gamma) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} f_{\ell} \frac{2\ell + 1}{4\pi} P_{\ell}(\cos \gamma), \quad (4)$$

where P_{ℓ} denotes the Legendre polynomial
angular spectrum f_{ℓ}

$$f_{\ell} = 2\pi \int_0^{\pi} C(\cos \gamma) P_{\ell}(\cos \gamma) \sin \gamma d\gamma. \quad (5)$$

Laplace-Beltrami model on S_2 .

$$(\Delta_B - c^2) T_B = \partial W_B,$$

∂W_B denotes the white noise, The Laplace-Beltrami operator is

$$\Delta_B = \frac{1}{\sin \vartheta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vartheta} \left(\sin \vartheta \frac{\partial}{\partial \vartheta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \vartheta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^2}.$$

A direct calculation leads to the spectrum

$$f_\ell = \frac{1}{(\ell(\ell+1) + c^2)^2}, \quad (6)$$

for T_B , and the covariance function

$$\mathcal{C}(\cos \gamma) = \frac{\sigma^2}{4\pi} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{2\ell+1}{(\ell(\ell+1) + c^2)^2} P_\ell(\cos \gamma),$$

Laplacian

Homogeneous and isotropic random field T on \mathbb{R}^d

$$(\Delta - c^2)^\nu T = \partial W,$$

$\Delta = \sum_{k=1}^d \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_k^2}$, Laplace operator and ∂W white noise

$$\mathcal{C}(\cos \gamma) \equiv \left(\frac{2 \sin(\gamma/2)}{|c|} \right)^{2\nu - \frac{d}{2}} K_{2\nu - \frac{d}{2}}(2|c| \sin(\gamma/2)), \quad (7)$$

where K_ν is the modified Bessel

$$f_\ell = 2\pi \int_0^\pi \mathcal{C}(\cos \gamma) P_\ell(\cos \gamma) \sin \gamma d\gamma.$$

Laplacian

For $\nu = 1$, $d = 3$, we have

$$\mathcal{C}(\cos \gamma) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \sqrt{\frac{\sin(\gamma/2)}{2|c|}} K_{1/2}(2|c| \sin(\gamma/2)).$$

with spectrum

$$f_\ell = \int_0^\infty J_{\ell+1/2}^2(\lambda) \frac{\lambda}{(\lambda^2 + c^2)^2} d\lambda.$$

$$\mathcal{C}(\cos \gamma) = \frac{1}{8\pi|c|} e^{-2|c| \sin(\gamma/2)}.$$

$$f_\ell = \frac{1}{4|c|} \int_0^\pi e^{-2|c| \sin(\gamma/2)} P_\ell(\cos \gamma) \sin \gamma d\gamma.$$

$$\mathcal{C}(\cos \gamma) = \frac{1}{8\pi |c|} e^{-2|c| \sin(\gamma/2)}$$

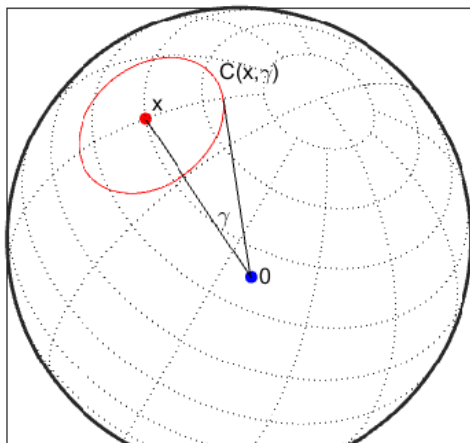
The von Mises Fisher density on the sphere

$$f(\gamma; \underline{\mu}, \kappa) = \frac{\sqrt{\kappa}}{(2\pi)^{3/2} I_{1/2}(\kappa)} e^{-\kappa \cos(\gamma/2 + \pi/2)} \quad (8)$$

The covariance function $\mathcal{C}_2(x_1 \cdot x_2)$ in (4) is strictly positive definite if all f_ℓ are ≥ 0 , and only finitely many of them are zero .

If the coefficients of the series expansion of $f(\gamma; \underline{\mu}, \kappa)$ are positive then the same function may also serve as a covariance function. .

$$\widehat{C}(\cos \gamma) = \int_{S_2} \int_{C(x, \gamma)} T(x) T(y_\gamma(x, \psi)) \frac{d\psi}{2\pi} \frac{\Omega(dx)}{4\pi}.$$



Theorem

$T(x)$ is Gaussian then

$$\hat{\mathcal{C}}(\cos \gamma) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \left(|\hat{a}_{\ell 0}|^2 + 2 \sum_{m=1}^{\ell} |\hat{a}_{\ell m}|^2 \right) P_{\ell}(\cos \gamma), \quad (9)$$

Characteristic function

$$\varphi(z) = \prod_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1 - izf_{\ell} P_{\ell}(\cos \gamma) / 2\pi)^{\ell+1/2}}. \quad (10)$$

Let $\gamma_m \in [0, \pi]$, $m = 1, 2, \dots, j$, be given angles, then the joint characteristic function of $\hat{\mathcal{C}}(\cos \gamma_1), \hat{\mathcal{C}}(\cos \gamma_2), \dots, \hat{\mathcal{C}}(\cos \gamma_j)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} & \varphi(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_j) \\ = & \prod_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\left(1 - i f_{\ell} \left(\sum_{m=1}^j z_m P_{\ell}(\cos \gamma_m)\right) / 2\pi\right)^{\ell+1/2}}. \end{aligned}$$

The error

$$R = \widehat{\mathcal{C}}(\cos \gamma) - \mathcal{C}(\cos \gamma). \quad (11)$$

$$R \stackrel{d}{=} \frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (2\ell + 1) f_{\ell} P_{\ell}(\cos \gamma) \left(\frac{U_{2\ell+1}}{2\ell + 1} - 1 \right). \quad (12)$$

$U_{2\ell+1} / (2\ell + 1)$ is Gamma distributed

Theorem

The characteristic function of R is

$$\varphi(z) = \exp \left(\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{iz}{2\pi} \right)^k \frac{1}{2k} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (2\ell + 1) (f_{\ell} P_{\ell}(\cos \gamma))^k \right) \quad (13)$$

which is a Rosenblatt type characteristic function.

It is *infinitely divisible* and *selfdecomposable*

$$\varphi(z) = \exp \left(\int_0^\infty [e^{izx} - 1 - izx] \nu(x) dx \right),$$

with Lévy density

$$\nu(x) = \frac{1}{2x} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (2\ell + 1) \exp \left(-\frac{x}{8\pi f_\ell P_\ell(\cos \gamma)} \right).$$

$\varphi(z)$ belongs to the Thorin class $T(\mathbb{R})$, with Thorin measure, $a_\ell = 8\pi f_\ell P_\ell(\cos \gamma)$

$$U(dx) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (2\ell + 1) \delta_{1/a_\ell}(x),$$

Cosmic Variance

Consider a sample path of the field

$$T(x) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l a_{lm} Y_l^m(x).$$

$f_l = \mathbb{E} \hat{f}_l = \mathbb{E} |\hat{a}_{lm}|^2$. By introducing

$$\hat{f}_l = \frac{1}{2l+1} \left(\sum_{m=-l}^l |\hat{a}_{lm}|^2 \right),$$

which has the property $\mathbb{E} \hat{f}_l = f_l$, and

$$\text{Var}(\hat{f}_l) = \frac{2f_l^2}{2l+1},$$

Definition

the *cosmic variance* as

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\frac{f_\ell - \widehat{f}_\ell}{f_\ell} \right)^2 = \frac{2}{2\ell + 1}, \quad (14)$$

Consider then the remainder

$$R_M = \frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_{\ell=M}^{\infty} (2\ell + 1) f_{\ell} P_{\ell}(\cos \gamma) \left(\frac{U_{2\ell+1}}{2\ell + 1} - 1 \right),$$

where the sum starts at $\ell = M$. Since R_M is associated to the sample path $T_M(x)$ defined as

$$T_M(x) = T(x) - \sum_{\ell=0}^{M-1} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} \hat{a}_{\ell m} Y_{\ell}^m(x), \quad (15)$$

and since $\hat{a}_{\ell m}$ are good approximations of the current values of the dynamics, see (2), (not like the estimation of f_{ℓ}), $T_M(x)$ is a good estimator of the remainder

$$C_M(\cos \gamma) = C(\cos \gamma) - \frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_{\ell=0}^{M-1} f_{\ell} (2\ell + 1) P_{\ell}(\cos \gamma).$$

Theorem

R_M/σ_M is asymptotically standard normal

$$\sigma_M^2 = \frac{2}{(4\pi)^2} \sum_{\ell=M}^{\infty} (2\ell + 1) f_{\ell}^2 P_{\ell}^2(\cos \gamma),$$

Berry–Esseen bound

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |P(R_M \leq x) - \Phi(x)| \leq 0.7056 \kappa_{3,M},$$

where Φ is the standard normal CDF, and $\kappa_{3,M}$ the third cumulant

$$\kappa_{3,M} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3 \sigma_M^3} \sum_{\ell=M}^{\infty} (2\ell + 1) f_{\ell}^3 P_{\ell}^3(\cos \gamma).$$

$$\hat{C}(\cos \gamma) = \int_{S_2} \int_{C(x, \gamma)} T(x) T(x_\gamma(\varphi, x)) \frac{d\varphi \Omega(dx)}{2\pi 4\pi},$$

is discretized, as follows

$$\int_{C(x, \gamma)} T(x) T(x_\gamma(\varphi, x)) \frac{d\varphi}{2\pi} \quad (16)$$

$$\sim \frac{1}{n_x} (T(x) - \bar{T}) \sum_{x \cdot x_j = \cos \gamma} (T(x_j) - \bar{T}), \quad (17)$$

where x_j denote locations of pixel centers,

$\bar{T} = (1/N_{pix}) \sum_x T(x)$, n_x is pairs of x and x_j , such that $x \cdot x_j = \cos \gamma$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \hat{C}(\cos \gamma) \\
 = & \frac{1}{N_{pix}} \sum_i \frac{1}{n_{x_i}} \sum_{j; x_i \cdot x_j = \cos \gamma} (T(x_i) - \bar{T}) (T(x_j) - \bar{T}),
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_\ell &= 2\pi \int_0^\pi \mathcal{C}_{(L)}(\cos \gamma) P_\ell(\cos \gamma) \sin \gamma d\gamma \\
 &= 2\pi \int_{-1}^1 \mathcal{C}_{(L)}(y) P_\ell(y) dy.
 \end{aligned}$$

Exact value, Gauss-Legendre quadrature,

$$f_\ell = 2\pi \sum_{i=1}^{L+1} w_i \mathcal{C}_{(L)}(y_i) P_\ell(y_i), \quad (18)$$

nodes y_1, \dots, y_{L+1} are the roots of the Legendre polynomial $P_{L+1}(x)$, while w_1, \dots, w_{L+1} are the corresponding weights, exact for polynomials up to order $2L + 1$,

Laplace- Beltrami model

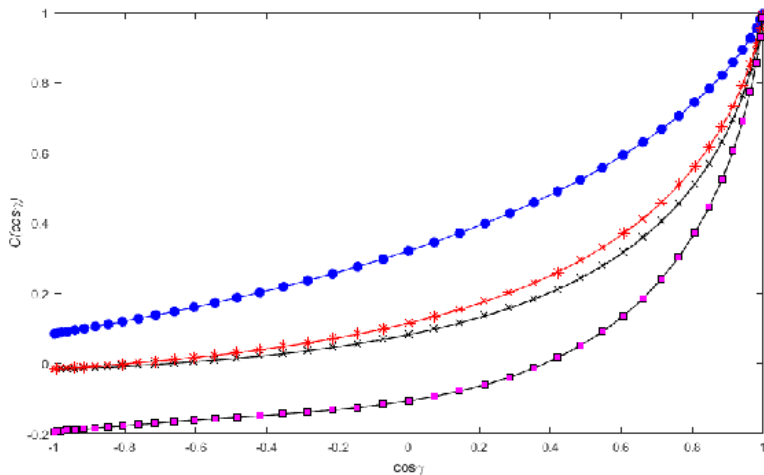


Figure: Correlation functions from top to bottom: (a) with \hat{c} ; (b) \hat{c}

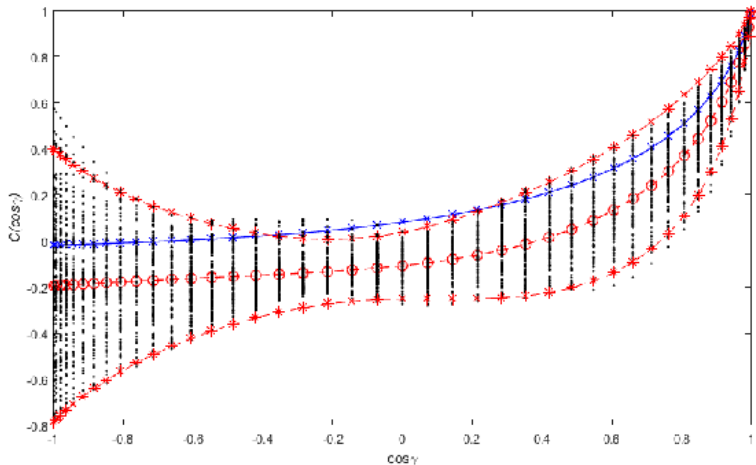


Figure: Theoretical $c = 2$; confidence curve, estimated, lower confidence curve. Dots are individual simulations from 1 to 100.

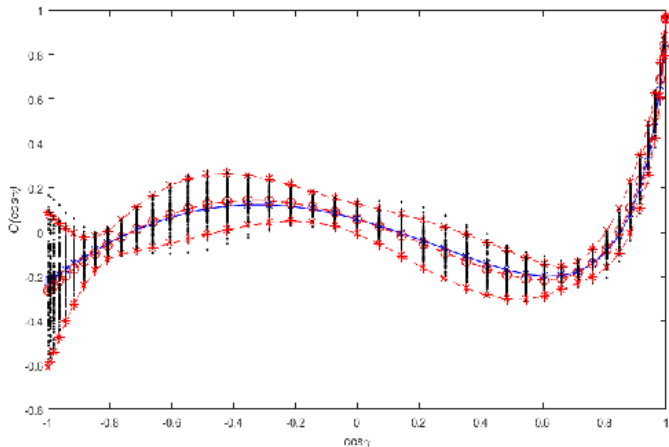


Figure: Estimation of the correlation function when $f_\ell = 0$, $\ell = 0 : 3$. The estimated is closed to the theoretical. Dots are the individual simulations from 1 to 100.

Non-Gaussian, Flat-sky

$$X(\underline{x}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} e^{i\underline{x} \cdot \underline{\omega}} Z(d\underline{\omega}), \quad \underline{\omega}, \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2,$$

with a finite spectral measure

$$E |Z(d\underline{\omega})|^2 = F_0(d\underline{\omega}).$$

In term of polar coordinates

$$X(r, \varphi) = \sum_{\ell=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\ell\varphi} \int_0^{\infty} J_{\ell}(\rho r) Z_{\ell}(\rho d\rho) \quad (19)$$

where J_{ℓ} the Bessel function, $\underline{x} = (r, \varphi)$, $\underline{\omega} = (\rho, \eta)$ are polar coordinates

$$Z_{\ell}(\rho d\rho) = \int_0^{2\pi} i^{\ell} e^{-i\ell\eta} Z(\rho d\rho d\eta).$$

$$X(r, \varphi) = \sum_{\ell=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\ell\varphi} \int_0^{\infty} J_{\ell}(\rho r) A(\rho) W_{\ell}(\rho d\rho),$$

Definition

A homogenous stochastic field $X(\underline{x})$ is strictly isotropic if all finite dimensional distributions of $X(\underline{x})$ are invariant under all rotations $g \in SO(2)$, i.e. all finite dimensional distributions of $X(\underline{x})$ and $\Lambda(g)X(\underline{x})$ are the same.

Example

Consider a Gaussian homogenous and isotropic random field $X(\underline{x})$, then $X(\underline{x}) + X^2(\underline{x})$ is clearly a homogenous and isotropic non-Gaussian random field.

Isotropy assumption

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Cum} \left(Z_{\ell_1} (\rho_1 d\rho_1), Z_{\ell_2} (\rho_2 d\rho_2) \right) \\ &= e^{i(\ell_1 + \ell_2)\gamma} \text{Cum} \left(Z_{\ell_1} (\rho_1 d\rho_1), Z_{\ell_2} (\rho_2 d\rho_2) \right), \end{aligned}$$

for each γ , hence either $\ell_1 + \ell_2 = 0$, or
 $\text{Cum} \left(Z_{\ell_1} (\rho_1 d\rho_1), Z_{\ell_2} (\rho_2 d\rho_2) \right) = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Cum} \left(Z_{\ell_1} (\rho_1 d\rho_1), \dots, Z_{\ell_p} (\rho_p d\rho_p) \right) \\ &= e^{i(\ell_1 + \ell_2 + \dots + \ell_p)\gamma} \text{Cum} \left(Z_{\ell_1} (\rho_1 d\rho_1), \dots, Z_{\ell_p} (\rho_p d\rho_p) \right), \end{aligned}$$

that is either $\ell_1 + \ell_2 + \dots + \ell_p = 0$, or

$$\text{Cum} \left(Z_{\ell_1} (\rho_1 d\rho_1), Z_{\ell_2} (\rho_2 d\rho_2), \dots, Z_{\ell_p} (\rho_p d\rho_p) \right) = 0,$$

Gaussian random fields that

$$\text{Cov} (X (\underline{x}), X (\underline{y})) = \int_0^\infty J_0 (\rho r) F (\rho d\rho),$$

where $r = |\underline{x} - \underline{y}|$, Absolutely continuous spectral measure we have $F (\rho d\rho) = \sigma^2 |A (\rho)|^2 \rho d\rho$ and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} C_2 (r) &= \int_0^\infty J_0 (\rho r) \sigma^2 |A (\rho)|^2 \rho d\rho, \\ \sigma^2 |A (\rho)|^2 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty J_0 (\rho r) C_2 (r) r dr, \end{aligned}$$

homogenous and isotropic stochastic field $X(\underline{x})$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Cum}(X(\underline{x}_1), X(\underline{x}_2), X(\underline{x}_3)) \\ &= \text{Cum}(X(0), X(g(\underline{x}_2 - \underline{x}_1)), X(|\underline{x}_3 - \underline{x}_1| \underline{n}),) \end{aligned}$$

The bicovariance $\text{Cum}(X(0), X(\underline{x}_2), X(r_3 \underline{n}),)$ depends on the lengths $r_2, r_3 = |\underline{x}_3|$, and the angle φ between them,

$$\mathcal{C}_3(r_1, r_2, r_3) = \text{Cum}(X(0), X(\underline{x}_2), X(r_3 \underline{n}))$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{C}_3(\varphi, r_2, r_3) \\ &= 2 \int_0^\infty \int_0^\pi \int_0^\pi \mathcal{T}_3(\alpha, \rho_2, \rho_3 | \varphi, r_2, r_3) S_3(\alpha, \rho_2, \rho_3) d\alpha \prod_{k=2}^3 \rho_k \end{aligned}$$

$S_3(\alpha, \rho_2, \rho_3)$ (complex values?) depends on wave numbers (ρ_1, ρ_2, ρ_3) such that ρ_1, ρ_2, ρ_3 should form a triangle.

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{T}_3(\alpha, \rho_2, \rho_3 | \varphi, r_2, r_3) \\ &= \sum_{\ell=-\infty}^{\infty} \cos(\ell\varphi) J_{\ell}(\rho_2 r_2) J_{\ell}(\rho_3 r_3) \cos(\ell\alpha), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & S_3(\rho_1, \rho_2, \rho_3) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\pi} \mathcal{T}_3(\alpha, \rho_2, \rho_3 | \varphi, r_2, r_3) \mathcal{C}_3(r_1, r_2, r_3) d\varphi \prod_{k=2}^3 r_k \end{aligned}$$

bispectrum of a homogenous and isotropic stochastic field is **real valued**.

Homogenous isotropic field with Hermite rank 2

Gaussian-field in \mathbb{R}^3

$$X(\underline{x}) = 4\pi \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} Y_{\ell}^m(\hat{\underline{x}}) \int_0^{\infty} j_{\ell}(\rho r) a(\rho) W_{\ell}^m(\rho^2 d\rho),$$

where $W(d\underline{\omega})$ is Gaussian, $E|W(d\underline{\omega})|^2 = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} d\underline{\omega}$. A non-Gaussian model

$$H(\underline{x}) = X(\underline{x}) + f_{NL} (X^2(\underline{x}) - EX^2(\underline{x}))$$

The coefficient f_{NL} is measuring the nonlinearity of the CMB observations for instance. $X^2(\underline{x}) - EX^2(\underline{x})$ is Hermite polynomial of degree 2 of the Gaussian random

$H(\underline{x})$ is an elementary, very simple case of a chaotic field

$$H(\underline{x}) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3 \times k}} \exp(it \Sigma \underline{\omega}_{1:k}) f_k(\underline{\omega}_{1:k}) W(d\underline{\omega}_{1:k}). \quad (20)$$

where $\underline{\omega}_{1:k} = [\underline{\omega}_1, \underline{\omega}_2, \dots, \underline{\omega}_k]$, $W(d\underline{\omega}_{1:k})$ is the multiple Wiener-Itô stochastic spectral measure,

The nonlinear model we shall consider is

$$H(\underline{x}) = X_1(\underline{x}) + X_2(\underline{x})$$

where the quadratic transfer function $a_2(\rho_{1:2})$ is symmetric function of its variables.

$$X_1(\underline{x}) = 4\pi \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} Y_{\ell}^m(\widehat{\underline{x}}) \int_0^{\infty} j_{\ell}(\rho r) a_1(\rho) W_{\ell}^m(\rho^2 d\rho) \quad (21)$$

and

$$X_2(\underline{x}) = (4\pi)^2 \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} Y_{\ell}^m(\widehat{\underline{x}}) \times \sum_{\ell_{1:2}=0}^{\infty} C_{\ell_1;\ell_2} \iint_0^{\infty} \prod_{q=1}^2 j_{\ell_q}(\rho_q r) a_2(\rho_{1:2}) W_{\ell_1,\ell_2}^{\ell,m}$$

Now the spectrum of $H(\underline{x})$ is simple, it is the sum of spectra, since – because of the orthogonality of multiple Wiener-Itô integrals – we have

$$C_2(r) = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty j_0(\rho r) \left(|a_1(\rho)|^2 + S_{X_2}(\rho) \right) \rho^2 d\rho,$$

therefore the spectrum is $\left(|a_1(\rho)|^2 + S_{X_2}(\rho) \right) / 2\pi^2$.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{Cum} (H (r_1 \hat{X}), H (r_2 N), H (\underline{0})) \\
&= 6 (4\pi) \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty a_1 (\rho_1) a_1 (\rho_2) a_2 (\rho_{1:2}) \prod_{q=1}^2 j_0 (\rho_q r) \prod_{q=1}^2 \rho_q^2 d\rho_q \\
&\quad + 8 (4\pi)^4 \sum_{\ell} (2\ell + 1) P_{\ell} (\cos \vartheta) \\
&\times \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty j_0 (\rho_1 r_1) j_{\ell} (\rho_2 r_1) j_0 (\rho_2 r_2) j_{\ell} (\rho_3 r_2) a_2 (\rho_{1:2}) a_2 (\rho_2, \rho_3
\end{aligned}$$