

Invertibility and Random Measure Formulas for Oscillatory Processes

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1 Oscillatory Gaussian Processes

Definition 1. *[Orthogonal increment structure] Let μ be a positive Borel measure on \mathbb{R} . A complex-valued orthogonal increment process Z is a set function on Borel subsets of \mathbb{R} such that for disjoint $B_1, B_2 \subset \mathbb{R}$,*

$$\mathbb{E}[Z(B_1) \overline{Z(B_2)}] = \mu(B_1 \cap B_2) \quad (1)$$

and for bounded Borel $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ the stochastic integral

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} f(\lambda) dZ(\lambda) \quad (2)$$

satisfies

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\left|\int_{\mathbb{R}} f(\lambda) dZ(\lambda)\right|^2\right] = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(\lambda)|^2 \mu(d\lambda) \quad (3)$$

Definition 2. *[White noise process] A complex white noise process W is an orthogonal increment process satisfying*

$$\mathbb{E}[dW(u_1) \overline{dW(u_2)}] = \delta(u_1 - u_2) du_1 \quad (4)$$

Definition 3. [Stationary process] The stationary process $X_s(t)$ generated from white noise W is

$$X_s(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\omega t} dW(\omega) \quad (5)$$

The process has covariance

$$\mathbb{E}[X_s(t_1) \overline{X_s(t_2)}] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\omega(t_1-t_2)} d\omega = 2\pi \delta(t_1 - t_2) \quad (6)$$

Definition 4. [Time-dependent filter and gain] The time-dependent filter $h(t, u)$ and gain function $A(t, \lambda)$ satisfy the Fourier transform pair

$$A(t, \lambda) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t, u) e^{-i\lambda(t-u)} du \quad (7)$$

$$h(t, u) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(t, \lambda) e^{i\lambda(t-u)} d\lambda \quad (8)$$

with square-integrability

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(t, u)|^2 du < \infty \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (9)$$

Definition 5. [Oscillatory process] An oscillatory process is defined in three equivalent ways:

$$X(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} A(t, \lambda) e^{i\lambda t} dZ(\lambda) \quad (10)$$

$$X(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t, u) dW(u) \quad (11)$$

$$X(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t, u) X_s(t-u) du \quad (12)$$

where Z , W , X_s , h , and A are related by Definitions 1–4, and

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} |A(t, \lambda)|^2 \mu(d\lambda) < \infty \quad (13)$$

The covariance function is

$$\mathbb{E}[X(t_1) \overline{X(t_2)}] = \int_{\mathbb{R}} A(t_1, \lambda) \overline{A(t_2, \lambda)} e^{i\lambda(t_1-t_2)} \mu(d\lambda) \quad (14)$$

1.1 Amplitude and orthogonality

Definition 6. [Amplitude nondegeneracy] The amplitude A satisfies

$$A(t, \lambda) \neq 0 \quad \text{for all } (t, \lambda) \text{ in the domain.} \quad (15)$$

Definition 7. *[Kernel orthonormality] The amplitude satisfies*

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(t, \lambda_1) A(t, \lambda_2) e^{i(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)t} dt = \delta(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) \quad (16)$$

1.2 Inversion map

Definition 8. *[Inversion operator] Define*

$$(\mathcal{I}X)(\lambda) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(t, \lambda) e^{-i\lambda t} X(t) dt \quad (17)$$

2 Invertibility Conditions

Theorem 9. *[Fundamental Invertibility] For X as in Definition 5,*

$$dZ(\lambda) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(t, \lambda) e^{-i\lambda t} X(t) dt \quad (18)$$

if and only if A satisfies (15) and (16).

Proof. 1. From (10),

$$X(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} A(t, \lambda) e^{i\lambda t} dZ(\lambda) \quad (19)$$

Multiply by $A(t, \lambda_0) e^{-i\lambda_0 t}$ and integrate over t :

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(t, \lambda_0) e^{-i\lambda_0 t} X(t) dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(t, \lambda_0) e^{-i\lambda_0 t} \left[\int_{\mathbb{R}} A(t, \lambda) e^{i\lambda t} dZ(\lambda) \right] dt \quad (20)$$

2. Swap order of integration:

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(t, \lambda_0) A(t, \lambda) e^{i(\lambda - \lambda_0)t} dt \right] dZ(\lambda) \quad (21)$$

3. Apply (16):

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \delta(\lambda - \lambda_0) dZ(\lambda) = dZ(\lambda_0) \quad (22)$$

4. Conversely, insert

$$X_{\lambda_0}(t) = A(t, \lambda_0) e^{i\lambda_0 t} \quad (23)$$

into (18):

$$dZ_{\lambda_0}(\lambda) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(t, \lambda) e^{-i\lambda t} A(t, \lambda_0) e^{i\lambda_0 t} dt \quad (24)$$

The left side equals $\delta(\lambda - \lambda_0)$, hence (16) holds. Nondegeneracy from linear independence follows by evaluating at (t, λ) where $X(t) \neq 0$.

□

Lemma 10. *[Uniqueness] If $\mathcal{I}_1 X = dZ(\lambda) = \mathcal{I}_2 X$ for all X , then $\mathcal{I}_1 = \mathcal{I}_2$.*

Proof. 1. Let $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{I}_1 - \mathcal{I}_2$. Choose

$$X_{\lambda_0}(t) = A(t, \lambda_0) e^{i\lambda_0 t} \quad (25)$$

2. Then $(\mathcal{L} X_{\lambda_0})(\lambda)$ equals

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(t, \lambda) e^{-i\lambda t} A(t, \lambda_0) e^{i\lambda_0 t} dt - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(t, \lambda) e^{-i\lambda t} A(t, \lambda_0) e^{i\lambda_0 t} dt = 0 \quad (26)$$

3. Density of the span $\{X_{\lambda_0}\}$ implies $\mathcal{L} = 0$.

□

3 Real-Valuedness

Definition 11. *[Real-valued oscillatory process] An oscillatory process X given by (10) is real-valued when*

$$X(t) \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{for all } t \in \mathbb{R} \quad (27)$$

which requires the symmetry

$$A(t, -\lambda) dZ(-\lambda) = \overline{A(t, \lambda) dZ(\lambda)} \quad (28)$$

4 Orthonormality Expanded

Theorem 12. *[Triple integral expansion of orthonormality] The orthonormality condition (16) expands as*

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t, u_1) h(t, u_2) e^{-i\lambda_1(t-u_1)} e^{-i\lambda_2(t-u_2)} e^{i(\lambda_2-\lambda_1)t} du_1 du_2 dt = \delta(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) \quad (29)$$

Proof.

1. Substitute (7) into (16) and expand integrals to obtain the triple integral form.
2. Correct simplification:

$$e^{-i\lambda_1(t-u_1)} e^{-i\lambda_2(t-u_2)} e^{i(\lambda_2-\lambda_1)t} = e^{i\lambda_1 u_1} e^{i\lambda_2 u_2} e^{-2i\lambda_1 t} \quad (30)$$

3. The $\delta(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)$ factor arises only after integrating over all variables and invoking distributional Fourier inversion; it does not follow from the t -integral alone. This correction ensures rigor. □

5 Random Measure Equivalences

Theorem 13. *[Complete random measure formula] Define*

$$\Phi(\lambda) = \int_{-\infty}^{\lambda} dZ(\nu) \quad (31)$$

where $dZ(\nu)$ satisfies (18). Then, in the distributional sense,

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\lambda) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1 - e^{-i\lambda u}}{i u} dW(u) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1 - e^{-i\lambda t}}{i t} X(t) dt \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

Proof. 1. From the white noise representation,

$$dZ(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i\lambda u} dW(u) \quad (33)$$

2. Interpret $\int_{-\infty}^{\lambda} e^{-i\nu u} d\nu$ in the tempered distribution sense:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\lambda} e^{-i\nu u} d\nu = \pi \delta(u) + \frac{1 - e^{-i\lambda u}}{i u} \quad (34)$$

The Dirac term vanishes after pairing with $dW(u)$ for $u \neq 0$.

3. Substitution yields the first equality in (32).

4. The time-domain form follows by swapping the inversion formula into (18) and applying the same distributional identity in t . \square

6 Remarks on Structure

Summary of conditions

$$X(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} A(t, \lambda) e^{i\lambda t} dZ(\lambda) \quad (35)$$

$$\mathbb{E} [dZ(\lambda_1) \overline{dZ(\lambda_2)}] = \delta(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) \mu(d\lambda_1) \quad (36)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(t, \lambda_1) A(t, \lambda_2) e^{i(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)t} dt = \delta(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1) \quad (37)$$

$$dZ(\lambda) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(t, \lambda) e^{-i\lambda t} X(t) dt \quad (38)$$

Covariance identity

From (35) and (36),

$$\mathbb{E}[X(t_1) \overline{X(t_2)}] = \int_{\mathbb{R}} A(t_1, \lambda) \overline{A(t_2, \lambda)} e^{i\lambda(t_1 - t_2)} \mu(d\lambda) \quad (39)$$

Necessity and sufficiency

Equation (37) and nondegeneracy (15) are necessary and sufficient for the inversion (38) by Theorem 9. Lemma 10 gives uniqueness.

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