

Theorem 1. *[Real Spectral Representation for Stationary Processes] Let $\{\xi(t), t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ be a real-valued, zero-mean, second-order stationary process with covariance function $r(t) = E[\xi(t)\xi(0)]$ and spectral distribution function $F(\omega)$. Then there exist real-valued processes $\{U(\omega), \omega \geq 0\}$ and $\{V(\omega), \omega \geq 0\}$ with orthogonal increments such that:*

1. Process Representation:

$$\xi(t) = \int_0^\infty [\cos(\omega t) dU(\omega) + \sin(\omega t) dV(\omega)] \quad (1)$$

2. Covariance Representation:

$$r(t) = \int_0^\infty \cos(\omega t) dF(\omega) \quad (2)$$

3. Orthogonality Properties:

$$E[U(\omega)] = E[V(\omega)] = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$E[dU(\omega_1) dU(\omega_2)] = E[dV(\omega_1) dV(\omega_2)] = \delta(\omega_1 - \omega_2) dF(\omega_1) \quad (4)$$

$$E[dU(\omega_1) dV(\omega_2)] = 0 \quad \text{for all } \omega_1, \omega_2 \geq 0 \quad (5)$$

Proof.

- 1. Construction from Complex Representation:** From the complex spectral representation theorem, we have:

$$\xi(t) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{i\omega t} d\zeta(\omega) \quad (6)$$

where $\zeta(\omega)$ is a complex-valued process with orthogonal increments.

- 2. Reality Condition:** Since $\xi(t)$ is real-valued, we have $\xi(t) = \overline{\xi(t)}$, which implies:

$$\int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{i\omega t} d\zeta(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{-i\omega t} d\overline{\zeta(\omega)} \quad (7)$$

- 3. Symmetry Property:** This reality condition forces the spectral process to satisfy:

$$d\zeta(-\omega) = d\overline{\zeta(\omega)} \quad (8)$$

for all ω .

4. **Decomposition into Real and Imaginary Parts:** For $\omega > 0$, write

$$d\zeta(\omega) = dA(\omega) + i dB(\omega) \quad (9)$$

where $dA(\omega)$ and $dB(\omega)$ are real-valued processes, and thus

$$d\zeta(-\omega) = dA(\omega) - i dB(\omega) \quad (10)$$

5. **Derivation of Real Spectral Representation:**

$$\begin{aligned} \xi(t) &= \int_0^\infty e^{i\omega t} d\zeta(\omega) + \int_0^\infty e^{-i\omega t} d\zeta(-\omega) \\ &= \int_0^\infty e^{i\omega t} [dA(\omega) + i dB(\omega)] + e^{-i\omega t} [dA(\omega) - i dB(\omega)] \\ &= \int_0^\infty [(e^{i\omega t} + e^{-i\omega t}) dA(\omega) + i(e^{i\omega t} - e^{-i\omega t}) dB(\omega)] \\ &= \int_0^\infty 2 \cos(\omega t) dA(\omega) + 2 \sin(\omega t) dB(\omega) \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

since

$$e^{i\omega t} + e^{-i\omega t} = 2 \cos(\omega t) \quad (12)$$

and

$$i(e^{i\omega t} - e^{-i\omega t}) = 2 \sin(\omega t) \quad (13)$$

6. **Definition of U and V:** If we define

$$dU(\omega) = 2 dA(\omega) \quad (14)$$

and

$$dV(\omega) = 2 dB(\omega) \quad (15)$$

then

$$\xi(t) = \int_0^\infty \cos(\omega t) dU(\omega) + \sin(\omega t) dV(\omega) \quad (16)$$

7. **Orthogonality Verification:** We have

$$E[|d\zeta(\omega)|^2] = dF(\omega) \quad (17)$$

therefore

$$E[dA(\omega)^2] = E[dB(\omega)^2] = \frac{1}{2} dF(\omega) \quad (18)$$

since

$$|d\zeta(\omega)|^2 = dA(\omega)^2 + dB(\omega)^2 \quad (19)$$

thus

$$E[dU(\omega)^2] = E[dV(\omega)^2] = 4 \cdot \frac{1}{2} dF(\omega) = dF(\omega) \quad (20)$$

since dA and dB have orthogonal increments.

8. Covariance Function: Compute the covariance:

$$\begin{aligned} r(t) &= E[\xi(t)\xi(0)] \\ &= E\left[\int_0^\infty \cos(\omega t) dU(\omega) + \sin(\omega t) dV(\omega) \int_0^\infty dU(\omega')\right] \\ &= \int_0^\infty \cos(\omega t) E[dU(\omega) dU(\omega)] + \sin(\omega t) E[dV(\omega) dU(\omega)] \\ &\quad + \int_0^\infty \cos(\omega t) E[dU(\omega) dV(\omega)] + \sin(\omega t) E[dV(\omega) dV(\omega)] \\ &= \int_0^\infty \cos(\omega t) E[dU(\omega)^2] + \sin(\omega t) E[dV(\omega)^2] \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

where all cross-terms vanish by orthogonality. Recalling

$$E[dU(\omega)^2] = E[dV(\omega)^2] = dF(\omega) \quad (22)$$

and noting that expectation of the sine term vanishes since the mean of $dV(\omega)$ is zero and sine is odd; thus,

$$r(t) = \int_0^\infty \cos(\omega t) dF(\omega) \quad (23)$$

as required.

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Corollary 2. *[Physical Interpretation] In the real spectral representation:*

1. $\cos(\omega t) dU(\omega)$ represents the cosine component at frequency ω with random amplitude $dU(\omega)$.
2. $\sin(\omega t) dV(\omega)$ represents the sine component at frequency ω with random amplitude $dV(\omega)$.
3. $dF(\omega)$ represents the average power contributed by frequency components in $(\omega, \omega + d\omega)$.
4. The processes $U(\omega)$ and $V(\omega)$ are uncorrelated and have equal variance increments.

Theorem 3. *[U and V Processes] For a real-valued stationary process $\xi(t)$ with spectral representation*

$$\xi(t) = \int_0^\infty [\cos(\omega t) dU(\omega) + \sin(\omega t) dV(\omega)] \quad (24)$$

the processes $U(\omega)$ and $V(\omega)$ are given explicitly by:

1. ***U-process formula:***

$$U(\omega) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-T}^T \frac{1 - \cos(\omega t)}{t} \xi(t) dt \quad (25)$$

2. ***V-process formula:***

$$V(\omega) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-T}^T \frac{\sin(\omega t)}{t} \xi(t) dt \quad (26)$$

3. ***Alternative forms using sine and cosine integrals:***

$$U(\omega) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^T \frac{1 - \cos(\omega t)}{t} \xi(t) dt \quad (27)$$

$$V(\omega) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^T \frac{\sin(\omega t)}{t} \xi(t) dt \quad (28)$$

4. ***Incremental form:***

$$U(\omega_2) - U(\omega_1) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-T}^T \frac{\cos(\omega_1 t) - \cos(\omega_2 t)}{t} \xi(t) dt \quad (29)$$

$$V(\omega_2) - V(\omega_1) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-T}^T \frac{\sin(\omega_2 t) - \sin(\omega_1 t)}{t} \xi(t) dt \quad (30)$$

Proof. 1. Starting from the complex inversion formula:

$$\zeta(\lambda) - \zeta(0) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-T}^T \frac{1 - e^{-it\lambda}}{-it} \xi(t) dt \quad (31)$$

2. For real processes, we have the relations:

$$d\zeta(\omega) = \frac{1}{2} [dU(\omega) - i dV(\omega)] \quad \text{for } \omega > 0 \quad (32)$$

$$d\zeta(-\omega) = \frac{1}{2} [dU(\omega) + i dV(\omega)] \quad \text{for } \omega > 0 \quad (33)$$

3. Therefore:

$$U(\omega) - U(0) = 2 [\zeta(\omega) - \zeta(0)] + 2 [\zeta(-\omega) - \zeta(0)] \quad (34)$$

$$V(\omega) - V(0) = 2i [\zeta(\omega) - \zeta(0)] - 2i [\zeta(-\omega) - \zeta(0)] \quad (35)$$

4. Substituting the inversion formula:

$$U(\omega) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-T}^T \frac{1 - \cos(\omega t)}{t} \xi(t) dt \quad (36)$$

$$V(\omega) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-T}^T \frac{\sin(\omega t)}{t} \xi(t) dt \quad (37)$$

where we used $U(0) = V(0) = 0$.

5. The alternative forms follow from the fact that $\xi(t)$ is real, making the integrands even for $U(\omega)$ and odd for $V(\omega)$. \square

Remark 4. The objects $U(\omega)$ and $V(\omega)$ appearing in the real spectral representation of a stationary process,

$$\xi(t) = \int_0^\infty \cos(\omega t) dU(\omega) + \int_0^\infty \sin(\omega t) dV(\omega) \quad (38)$$

are not stochastic processes in the conventional sense (indexed by time or evolving in time), but are more properly understood as *random measures* (or random set functions) on the frequency axis $[0, \infty)$. Their main property is that their increments over disjoint frequency intervals are orthogonal, i.e., uncorrelated (and independent if Gaussian). The notation $U(\omega)$ denotes the cumulative random measure up to frequency ω :

$$U(\omega) = U([0, \omega]) \quad V(\omega) = V([0, \omega]) \quad (39)$$

Thus, while legacy literature (e.g., Cramér, Leadbetter) sometimes refers to them as “processes”, in modern probability theory they are correctly regarded as random orthogonal-increment measures determined by the spectral measure of the stationary process.