

Invertibility of Oscillatory Gaussian Processes

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Framework

Let

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

where

- $A: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a deterministic amplitude function;
- $dZ(\lambda)$ is a complex orthogonal increment satisfying

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

in the distributional sense, with μ a finite positive measure.

Fundamental Invertibility Theorem

Theorem 1. *Define*

$$\mathcal{I}[X](\lambda) := \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \overline{A(t, \lambda)} e^{-i\lambda t} X(t) dt.$$

Then $\mathcal{I}[X](\lambda) = dZ(\lambda)$ for every realisation $X(t)$ if and only if

1. $A(t, \lambda) \neq 0$ for all $(t, \lambda) \in \mathbb{R}^2$;
2. **Kernel orthonormality:**

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \overline{A(t, \lambda_1)} A(t, \lambda_2) e^{i(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)t} dt = \delta(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) \quad (\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}).$$

Moreover, when (1)–(2) hold, \mathcal{I} is the unique linear operator that recovers $dZ(\lambda)$ from $X(t)$.

Assume $\mathcal{I}[X] = dZ(\lambda)$ for every admissible $X(t)$.

Orthogonality. Fix λ_0 and substitute the representation of $X(t)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}[X](\lambda_0) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \overline{A(t, \lambda_0)} e^{-i\lambda_0 t} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(t, \lambda) e^{i\lambda t} dZ(\lambda) dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \overline{A(t, \lambda_0)} A(t, \lambda) e^{i(\lambda - \lambda_0)t} dt \right] dZ(\lambda). \end{aligned}$$

Because the left-hand side equals $dZ(\lambda_0)$ for all increment measures, the bracketed factor must equal $\delta(\lambda - \lambda_0)$, yielding (2).

Non-vanishing amplitude. If $A(t_*, \lambda_*) = 0$ on a nontrivial time interval, then observations on that interval contain no information about $dZ(\lambda_*)$, contradicting perfect recovery; hence (1) is necessary.

Assume (1)–(2). For any λ_0 ,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{I}[X](\lambda_0) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \overline{A(t, \lambda_0)} e^{-i\lambda_0 t} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(t, \lambda) e^{i\lambda t} dZ(\lambda) dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\lambda - \lambda_0) dZ(\lambda) \quad (\text{by (2)}) \\ &= dZ(\lambda_0).\end{aligned}$$

Thus $\mathcal{I}[X](\lambda) = dZ(\lambda)$ for all λ .

Uniqueness

Lemma 2. *If two linear operators L_1, L_2 satisfy $L_i[X](\lambda) = dZ(\lambda)$ for every admissible X , then $L_1 = L_2$.*

Proof. Set $L = L_1 - L_2$ and note $L[X] = 0$ for all X . For each fixed λ_0 , define the single-component process $X_{\lambda_0}(t) := A(t, \lambda_0) e^{i\lambda_0 t} dZ(\lambda_0)$. By (2) these processes span the same class as $X(t)$, so $L[X_{\lambda_0}] = 0$ for all λ_0 . Linearity then implies $L \equiv 0$. \square