

Injectively Time-Changed Stationary Processes

Definition 1. An injectively time-changed stationary process is a stochastic process $\{X(t)\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ with spectral representation

$$X(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda\theta(t)} dZ(\lambda) \quad (1)$$

where $\theta: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is strictly increasing, $\theta \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$, and $\{Z(\lambda)\}_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}}$ is an orthogonal increment process with $E[|dZ(\lambda)|^2] = F(d\lambda)$.

Proposition 2.

$$X(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(t, \lambda) e^{i\lambda t} dZ(\lambda) \quad (2)$$

where

$$A(t, \lambda) = e^{i\lambda(\theta(t) - t)} \quad (3)$$

Proof.

$$X(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda\theta(t)} dZ(\lambda) \quad (4)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda(\theta(t) - t)} e^{i\lambda t} dZ(\lambda) \quad (5)$$

□

Theorem 3. 1. $E[|X(t)|^2] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(d\lambda) < \infty$

2. $\text{Cov}(X(s), X(t)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda(\theta(s) - \theta(t))} F(d\lambda)$

Proof.

$$E[|X(t)|^2] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |e^{i\lambda\theta(t)}|^2 F(d\lambda) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(d\lambda) \quad (6)$$

$$\text{Cov}(X(s), X(t)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda\theta(s)} \overline{e^{i\lambda\theta(t)}} F(d\lambda) \quad (7)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda(\theta(s) - \theta(t))} F(d\lambda) \quad (8)$$

□

Theorem 4. $X(t)$ is stationary if and only if $\theta(t) = t + c$ for some $c \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. (\Leftarrow) If $\theta(t) = t + c$:

$$\text{Cov}(X(s), X(t)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda c} e^{-i\lambda c} F(d\lambda) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(d\lambda) \quad (9)$$

(\Rightarrow) Stationarity requires $\theta(s) - \theta(t) = g(s - t)$. Differentiating: $\theta'(s) = g'(s - t)$. Both sides constant implies $\theta'(t) = k$, so $\theta(t) = kt + c$. Covariance depending only on $s - t$ requires $k = 1$. \square

Definition 5. $\Delta(t) := \theta(t) - t$

Proposition 6. 1. $\Delta'(t) = \theta'(t) - 1$

2. $A(t, \lambda) = e^{i\lambda\Delta(t)}$

3. Instantaneous frequency: $\frac{d}{dt}[\lambda\theta(t)] = \lambda\theta'(t)$

Theorem 7. If θ has inverse ψ and $F(d\lambda) = f(\lambda) d\lambda$:

$$f(\lambda) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T X(\psi(u)) e^{-i\lambda u} \frac{du}{\psi'(u)} \quad (10)$$

Proof. Substitution $u = \theta(t)$:

$$X(\psi(u)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\mu u} dZ(\mu) \quad (11)$$

Standard inversion formula applies with measure transformation factor $\frac{1}{\psi'(u)}$. \square

Theorem 8. If $|\theta(s) - \theta(t)| \rightarrow \infty$ as $|t - s| \rightarrow \infty$ and F is absolutely continuous:

$$\lim_{|t-s| \rightarrow \infty} \text{Cov}(X(s), X(t)) = 0 \quad (12)$$

Proof. Riemann-Lebesgue lemma applied to

$$\text{Cov}(X(s), X(t)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda(\theta(s) - \theta(t))} F(d\lambda) \quad (13) \quad \square$$

Corollary 9. [Band-Limited Case] When F has support in $[-B, B]$:

$$X(t) = \int_{-B}^B e^{i\lambda\theta(t)} dZ(\lambda) \quad (14)$$