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 complexvalued orthogonal increment process Z is a set function on Borel subsets of \mathbb{R} such that for disjoint $B_1, B_2 \subset \mathbb{R}$,

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

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

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

satisfies

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

2 Section 1

Definition 2

[White noise process] A complex white noise process W is an orthogonal increment process satisfying

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

Definition 3

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

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

The process has covariance

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

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

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

with square-integrability

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

Definition 5

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

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

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

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

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

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

The covariance function is

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

Invertibility Conditions 3

1.1 Amplitude and orthogonality

Definition 6

[Amplitude nondegeneracy] The amplitude A satisfies

$$A(t,\lambda) \neq 0$$
 for all (t,λ) in the domain. (15)

Definition 7

[Kernel orthonormality] The amplitude satisfies

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

1.2 Inversion map

Definition 8

 ${\it [Inversion\ operator]\ Define}$

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

2 Invertibility Conditions

Theorem 9

[Fundamental Invertibility] For X as in Definition 5,

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

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

Proof. 1. From (10),

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

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

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

4 Section 3

2. Swap order of integration:

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

3. Apply (16):

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

4. Conversely, insert

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

into (18):

$$dZ_{\lambda_0}(\lambda) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(t,\lambda) e^{-i\lambda t} A(t,\lambda_0) e^{i\lambda_0 t} dt$$
(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 $\mathcal{I}_1 X = d Z(\lambda) = \mathcal{I}_2 X$ for all X, then $\mathcal{I}_1 = \mathcal{I}_2$.

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

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

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

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

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

which requires the symmetry

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

4 Orthonormality Expanded

Theorem 12

[Triple integral expansion of orthonormality] The orthonormality condition (16) expands as

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

Proof. 1. Substitute (7) into (16) and expand integrals to obtain the triple integral form.

2. Correct simplification:

$$e^{-i\lambda_1(t-u_1)}e^{-i\lambda_2(t-u_2)}e^{i(\lambda_2-\lambda_1)t} = e^{i\lambda_1u_1}e^{i\lambda_2u_2}e^{-2i\lambda_1t}$$
(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

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

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

$$\Phi(\lambda) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1 - e^{-i\lambda u}}{i u} dW(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1 - e^{-i\lambda t}}{i t} X(t) dt.$$
 (32)

Proof. 1. From the white noise representation,

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

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

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

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

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

6 Section 7

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

6 Remarks on Structure

Summary of conditions

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

$$\mathbb{E}\left[d Z(\lambda_1) \overline{d Z(\lambda_2)}\right] = \delta\left(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2\right) \mu\left(d \lambda_1\right) \tag{36}$$

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

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

Covariance identity

From (35) and (36),

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

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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