Injective Measure-Preserving Time-Changes of Stationary Processes are Oscillatory

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Oscillatory Processes and Normalized Injective Time-Changes

Definition 1. [Oscillatory Process] A complex-valued second-order stochastic process $\{X_t\}_{t\in I}$ is said to be oscillatory if there exists a family of functions $\phi_t(\omega)$ and a complex orthogonal increment process $Z(\omega)$ with $E |d Z(\omega)|^2 = d \mu(\omega)$ such that

$$X_t = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_t(\omega) \ dZ(\omega)$$
,

where $\phi_t(\omega) = A_t(\omega) e^{i\omega t}$ and $A_t(\omega)$ is quadratically integrable with respect to $d\mu$.

Definition 2. [Stationary Process] A second-order process $\{S_t\}_{t\in J}$ is stationary if it admits the spectral representation

$$S_t = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\omega t} \ dZ(\omega)$$

for some orthogonal increment process $Z(\omega)$ with $E |d Z(\omega)|^2 = d \mu(\omega)$.

Theorem 3. [Time-Varying Filter for Injective Time-Change] Let S_t be a stationary process and $\theta: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be smooth and strictly increasing with $\theta'(t) > 0$. To achieve the transformation

$$X_t = \sqrt{\theta'(t)} S_{\theta(t)}$$

via convolution $X_t = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_{t-u} h_t(u) du$, the time-varying impulse response must be

$$h_t(u) = \sqrt{\theta'(t)} \delta(u - (t - \theta(t))).$$

Proof. For the convolution to yield $X_t = \sqrt{\theta'(t)} S_{\theta(t)}$, the argument of S in the integrand must equal $\theta(t)$ when the delta function is activated. This requires:

$$t - u = \theta(t)$$

Solving for u:

$$u = t - \theta(t)$$

Therefore:

$$h_t(u) = \sqrt{\theta'(t)} \delta (u - (t - \theta(t)))$$

Verification by direct computation:

$$X_t = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_{t-u} h_t(u) du \tag{1}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_{t-u} \sqrt{\theta'(t)} \,\delta\left(u - (t - \theta(t))\right) du \tag{2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\theta'(t)} \, S_{t-(t-\theta(t))} \tag{3}$$

$$= \sqrt{\theta'(t)} S_{\theta(t)} \tag{4}$$

Theorem 4. [Oscillatory Representation of Injective Time-Change] The process $X_t = \sqrt{\theta'(t)} S_{\theta(t)}$ admits the oscillatory representation

$$X_t = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_t(\omega) \, dZ(\omega)$$

where

$$\phi_t(\omega) = \sqrt{\theta'(t)} e^{i\omega\theta(t)}.$$

Proof. Starting from the spectral representation of S_t :

$$X_t = \sqrt{\theta'(t)} \, S_{\theta(t)} \tag{5}$$

$$= \sqrt{\theta'(t)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\omega\theta(t)} dZ(\omega)$$
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$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sqrt{\theta'(t)} \, e^{i\omega\theta(t)} \, dZ(\omega) \tag{7}$$

Thus
$$\phi_t(\omega) = \sqrt{\theta'(t)} e^{i\omega\theta(t)}$$
.

Corollary 5. [Envelope in Standard Form] The oscillatory functions can be written in the standard form $\phi_t(\omega) = A_t(\omega) e^{i\omega t}$ where

$$A_t(\omega) = \sqrt{\theta'(t)} e^{i\omega(\theta(t)-t)}.$$

Proof. Factor the exponential:

$$\phi_t(\omega) = \sqrt{\theta'(t)} e^{i\omega\theta(t)} \tag{8}$$

$$= \sqrt{\theta'(t)} e^{i\omega(\theta(t)-t)} e^{i\omega t} \tag{9}$$

$$=A_t(\omega)\,e^{i\omega t}\tag{10}$$

where
$$A_t(\omega) = \sqrt{\theta'(t)} e^{i\omega(\theta(t)-t)}$$
.

Theorem 6. [Evolutionary Power Spectrum] For the oscillatory process $X_t = \sqrt{\theta'(t)} S_{\theta(t)}$ with envelope $A_t(\omega) = \sqrt{\theta'(t)} e^{i\omega(\theta(t)-t)}$, the evolutionary power spectrum at time t is

$$d F_t(\omega) = |A_t(\omega)|^2 d \mu(\omega) = \theta'(t) d \mu(\omega).$$

Proof. The evolutionary power spectrum is defined as $dF_t(\omega) = |A_t(\omega)|^2 d\mu(\omega)$. Computing the magnitude squared:

$$|A_t(\omega)|^2 = \left| \sqrt{\theta'(t)} \, e^{i\omega(\theta(t) - t)} \right|^2 \tag{11}$$

$$=\theta'(t)|e^{i\omega(\theta(t)-t)}|^2\tag{12}$$

$$=\theta'(t)\cdot 1\tag{13}$$

$$=\theta'(t) \tag{14}$$

Therefore $d F_t(\omega) = \theta'(t) d \mu(\omega)$.

Theorem 7. [L²-Norm Preservation] The transformation $S_t \mapsto \sqrt{\theta'(t)} S_{\theta(t)}$ preserves the L²-norm in the sense that

$$\int_{I} E|X_{t}|^{2} dt = \int_{J} E|S_{s}|^{2} ds$$

where I is the domain of t and $J = \theta(I)$.

Proof. Using the change of variables $s = \theta(t)$, so $ds = \theta'(t) dt$:

$$\int_{I} E|X_{t}|^{2} dt = \int_{I} E\left|\sqrt{\theta'(t)} S_{\theta(t)}\right|^{2} dt \tag{15}$$

$$= \int_{I} \theta'(t) \, E |S_{\theta(t)}|^2 \, dt \tag{16}$$

$$= \int_{J} E|S_{s}|^{2} ds \tag{17}$$