

SPECTRAL ANALYSIS OF ABSTRACT FUNCTIONS

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Introduction

In this paper we consider functions $x(t)$ of a real variable t , $-\infty < t < +\infty$, with values in a Hilbert space H , which are in a certain sense a generalization of stationary functions, i.e., which are such that the scalar product

$$(1.0) \quad (x_{t+\tau}, x_t) = B(\tau)$$

does not depend on t . As is well known, a function which satisfies the condition (1.0) can be represented in the form

$$(2.0) \quad x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda t} \Phi(d\lambda),$$

where $\Phi(\Delta)$ is an additive function of the interval Δ with values in H such that

$$(3.0) \quad (\Phi(\Delta), \Phi(\Delta')) = F(\Delta \cap \Delta'),$$

where $F(\Delta)$ is the so-called spectral measure.

In some cases the spectral theory which has been developed for stationary functions (see e.g. [1]) can also be generalized to non-stationary functions. In this paper such a generalization is made for two classes of functions: One such class consists of functions $x(t)$ which can be represented in the form (2.0), where $\Phi(\Delta)$ need not necessarily satisfy the condition (3.0). The other such class consists of functions for which

$$(4.0) \quad \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (x_{t+\tau}, x_t) dt = B(\tau)$$

exists for all τ , $-\infty < \tau < +\infty$. Pursuing this we study, at the beginning of the paper, additive functions $\Phi(\Delta)$ with values in H . The results which are thereby obtained are valid for functions $\Phi(\Delta)$ defined on a system \mathfrak{S} of subsets of an arbitrary space R ; it is only required that the system \mathfrak{S} be a semi-ring (cf. [8]). We also remark that most of the results presented here can be automatically carried over to the case where the space H is an arbitrary Banach space.

1. Abstract Measures and Integration

1°. Let H be a Hilbert space and $\Phi(\Delta)$ an additive function (measure) of the sets of the line $R = \{-\infty < \lambda < \infty\}$ with values in H ; $\Phi(\Delta) \in H$ is defined

on the class of sets which consists of the empty set \emptyset of the whole line R and all possible finite sums of half intervals $\Delta = [\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$. The additivity property of $\Phi(\Delta)$ consists in the fact that if

$$\Delta = \bigcup_{k=1}^m \Delta_k, \quad \Delta, \Delta_k \in \mathfrak{S},$$

where the Δ_k do not overlap, then

$$(1.1) \quad \Phi(\Delta) = \sum_{k=1}^m \Phi(\Delta_k).$$

We set

$$(2.1) \quad F(\Delta, \Delta') = (\Phi(\Delta), \Phi(\Delta')).$$

By (1.1), $F(\Delta, \Delta')$ is an additive function of the sets $\Delta \times \Delta'$ of the plane, defined on the class \mathfrak{S}^2 . We note that the function $F(\Delta, \Delta')$ has the important property of being positive definite, i.e.

$$(3.1) \quad F(\Delta, \Delta') = \overline{F(\Delta', \Delta)}, \quad \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_k \bar{\alpha}_j F(\Delta_k, \Delta_j) \geq 0$$

for any choice of the complex numbers $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m$ and the sets $\Delta_1, \Delta_2, \dots, \Delta_m$ of \mathfrak{S} .

We call the measure $\Phi(\Delta)$ continuous if, given any monotone decreasing sequence of sets

$$\Delta_n, \Delta_n \supseteq \Delta_{n+1}, \quad \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \Delta_n = \emptyset,$$

we have

$$(4.1) \quad \|\Phi(\Delta_n)\| \rightarrow 0$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. (The symbol $\|h\|$ denotes the norm of the element h , as usual; $\|h\| = (h, h)^{1/2}$.) The condition (4.1) is obviously equivalent to the continuity of the function $F(\Delta, \Delta')$, i.e.

$$(5.1) \quad F(\Delta_m, \Delta_n) \rightarrow 0$$

as $m, n \rightarrow \infty$.

Theorem 1.1. *For any continuous additive function $F(\Delta, \Delta')$ of the sets $\Delta \times \Delta'$, $\Delta, \Delta' \in \mathfrak{S}$, which has the property (3.1), there exists a measure $\Phi(\Delta)$, $\Delta \in \mathfrak{S}$, in the space H such that*

$$(\Phi(\Delta), \Phi(\Delta')) = F(\Delta, \Delta').$$

PROOF. Let \mathfrak{S}_r be the class of half intervals $\Delta = [\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ with rational endpoints λ_1, λ_2 . It is well known (see e.g. [1]) that it follows from the positive definiteness property (3.1) that there exist elements $\Phi(\Delta) \in H$, $\Delta \in \mathfrak{S}_r$, such that

$$(\Phi(\Delta), \Phi(\Delta')) = F(\Delta, \Delta').$$

Moreover, let $\Delta_1, \Delta_2, \dots, \Delta_m$ be non-overlapping and let

$$\Delta = \bigcup_{k=1}^m \Delta_k, \quad \Delta, \Delta_k \in \mathfrak{S}_r, \quad \Phi'(\Delta) = \sum_{k=1}^m \Phi(\Delta_k).$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Phi(\Delta) - \Phi'(\Delta)\|^2 &= F(\Delta, \Delta) - \sum_{k=1}^m F(\Delta_k, \Delta) - \sum_{k=1}^m F(\Delta, \Delta_k) + \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m F(\Delta_k, \Delta_j) \\ &= F(\Delta, \Delta) - F\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^m \Delta_k, \Delta\right) - F\left(\Delta, \bigcup_{k=1}^m \Delta_k\right) + F\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^m \Delta_k, \bigcup_{j=1}^m \Delta_j\right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

and thus

$$\Phi(\Delta) = \sum_{k=1}^m \Phi(\Delta_k).$$

Because of the continuity of F , if

$$\Delta \in \mathfrak{S} \text{ and } \Delta = \bigcap_n \Delta_n, \quad \Delta_n \supseteq \Delta_{n+1}, \quad \Delta_n \in \mathfrak{S}_r,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Phi(\Delta_m) - \Phi(\Delta_n)\|^2 &= \|\Phi(\Delta_m - \Delta_n)\|^2 \\ &= F(\Delta_m - \Delta_n, \Delta_m - \Delta_n) \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

as $n > m \rightarrow \infty$. We set

$$\Phi(\Delta) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Phi(\Delta_n),$$

and define $\Phi(\Delta)$ on the whole class \mathfrak{S} by the property of finite additivity. The function $\Phi(\Delta)$ so obtained obviously satisfies the conditions of the theorem.

We shall say that the function $\Phi(\Delta)$ is of bounded variation if for any element $h \in H$, the additive numerical function $F_h(\Delta)$,

$$(6.1) \quad F_h(\Delta) = (\Phi(\Delta), h),$$

is of bounded variation, i.e.

$$(7.1) \quad \sup_{\Delta_k} \sum_{k=1}^m |F_h(\Delta_k)| = \text{Var } F_h < \infty,$$

where the sup is taken over all finite families $\Delta_1, \Delta_2, \dots, \Delta_m$ of non-overlapping sets of \mathfrak{S} (cf. [4], [5]). It is not hard to show (see e.g. [4]) that if $\Phi(\Delta)$ is of bounded variation, then there exists a constant M which does not depend on h such that

$$(8.1) \quad \text{Var } F_h \leq M \cdot \|h\|.$$

It follows from (8.1) that

$$(9.1) \quad \sup_{\Delta_k, \alpha_k} \left\| \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k \Phi(\Delta_k) \right\| \leq M,$$

where the sup is taken over all finite families $\Delta_1, \Delta_2, \dots, \Delta_m$ of non-overlapping sets of \mathfrak{S} and over arbitrary complex numbers $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m$, $|\alpha_k| \leq 1$, since

$$\left| \left(\sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k \Phi(\Delta_k), h \right) \right| = \left| \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k (\Phi(\Delta_k), h) \right| \leq \sum_{k=1}^m |F_h(\Delta_k)| \leq \text{Var } F_h \leq M \|h\|$$

for any h , and in particular for $h = \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k \Phi(\Delta_k)$.

We define the variation of the measure Φ on the set $\Delta \in \mathfrak{S}$ by the formula

$$(10.1) \quad \text{Var}_\Delta \Phi = \sup_{\Delta_k, \alpha_k} \left\| \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k \Phi(\Delta_k) \right\|,$$

where the sup is taken over all finite families $\Delta_1, \Delta_2, \dots, \Delta_m, \Delta_k \subseteq \Delta$, of non-overlapping sets of \mathfrak{S} and over arbitrary complex numbers $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m, |\alpha_k| \leq 1$. We note that $\text{Var}_\Delta \Phi$ as a set function is monotone and subadditive, i.e. if $\Delta_1 \cap \Delta_2 = \emptyset$, $\Delta = \Delta_1 \cup \Delta_2$, then

$$(11.1) \quad \text{Var}_{\Delta_1} \Phi \leq \text{Var}_\Delta \Phi \leq \text{Var}_{\Delta_1} \Phi + \text{Var}_{\Delta_2} \Phi.$$

Obviously

$$(12.1) \quad \text{Var}_\Delta F_h \leq \text{Var}_\Delta \Phi \|h\|$$

holds for any set $\Delta \in \mathfrak{S}$ and any element $h \in H$.

We call the abstract measure $\Phi(\Delta)$ weakly continuous if the numerical measure $F_h(\Delta) = (\Phi(\Delta), h)$ is continuous for every $h \in H$, i.e. if the sequence $\Delta_n \in \mathfrak{S}$ is such that if $\Delta_n \supseteq \Delta_{n+1}$ and $\bigcap_{n=1}^\infty \Delta_n = \emptyset$, then

$$(13.1) \quad F_h(\Delta_n) \rightarrow 0$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. We denote by $H(\Phi)$ the linear closure of the elements $\Phi(\Delta)$, $\Delta \in \mathfrak{S}$.

Theorem 2.1. *Every weakly continuous abstract measure $\Phi(\Delta)$ of bounded variation, $\Phi(\Delta) \in H$, defined on \mathfrak{S} , can be uniquely extended to a weakly continuous measure $\tilde{\Phi}(\Delta)$, $\Phi(\Delta) \in H(\Phi)$, which is now defined on the algebra $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}$ of all Lebesgue measurable sets of the line R , where $\text{Var}_R \tilde{\Phi} = \text{Var}_R \Phi$.*

PROOF. We take any element $h \in H(\Phi)$ and consider the numerical measure $F_h(\Delta)$. By (13.1) it is σ -additive on \mathfrak{S} and therefore can be uniquely extended to the algebra $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}$ of all Lebesgue measurable sets of the line R (see e.g. [8]). The value of this measure $F_h(\Delta)$ for any fixed $\Delta \in \mathfrak{S}$ defines a functional of $h \in H(\Phi)$ where because of the obvious relations

$$(14.1) \quad \begin{aligned} F_{h_1+h_2}(\Delta) &= F_{h_1}(\Delta) + F_{h_2}(\Delta), & F_{\alpha h}(\Delta) &= \alpha F_h(\Delta), \\ F_h(\Delta) &\leq \text{Var}_R F_h \leq \text{Var}_R \Phi \cdot \|h\| \end{aligned}$$

this functional is linear; therefore, by Riesz' theorem on the general form of a linear functional, there exists an element $\tilde{\Phi}(\Delta) \in H(\Phi)$ such that

$$(15.1) \quad F_h(\Delta) = (\tilde{\Phi}(\Delta), h)$$

for all $h \in H(\Phi)$. If $\Delta \in \mathfrak{S}$, then $\tilde{\Phi}(\Delta) = \Phi(\Delta)$. Obviously, the function $\tilde{\Phi}(\Delta)$, $\Delta \in \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}$, defined by the relation (15.1) is additive. Moreover

$$(16.1) \quad \text{Var}_\Delta F_h \leq \text{Var}_{\Delta'} F_h \leq \text{Var}_{\Delta'} \Phi \cdot \|h\|$$

for any $\Delta \in \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}$ and $\Delta' \in \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}$, $\Delta \subseteq \Delta'$, and $h \in H(\Phi)$, and therefore

$$(17.1) \quad \text{Var}_\Delta \tilde{\Phi} \leq \sup_{\|h\|=1} \text{Var}_\Delta F_h \leq \text{Var}_{\Delta'} \Phi.$$

Thus, the measure $\tilde{\Phi}(\Delta)$ defined by the relation (14.1) satisfies the conditions of the theorem.

2°. Because of the preceding theorem, we can assume without loss of generality that the weakly continuous abstract measure $\Phi(\Delta)$ of bounded variation is defined on all the Lebesgue measurable sets of the line R . Let the measurable function $\varphi(\lambda)$ take only a finite number of values:

$$(18.1) \quad \varphi(\lambda) = a_k \quad \text{for } \lambda \in \Delta_k, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

We define the integral $I(\varphi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi(\lambda) \Phi(d\lambda)$ by the formula

$$(19.1) \quad I(\varphi) = \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \Phi(\Delta_k).$$

The integral of a bounded measurable function $\varphi(\lambda)$ is defined as (cf. [4])

$$(20.1) \quad I(\varphi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi(\lambda) \Phi(d\lambda) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi_n(\lambda) \Phi(d\lambda),$$

where $\varphi_n(\lambda)$ is a sequence of functions of the form (19.1) which converges uniformly to $\varphi(\lambda)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, and the limit is understood in the sense of convergence in the norm. The definition (20.1) is correct, since, if $\psi_m(\lambda)$ is a sequence of functions of the form (18.1) which also converges to $\varphi(\lambda)$ uniformly as $m \rightarrow \infty$, then

$$(21.1) \quad \|I(\varphi_n) - I(\psi_m)\| \leq \sup_{\lambda} |\varphi_n(\lambda) - \psi_m(\lambda)| \operatorname{Var}_R \Phi \rightarrow 0$$

as $n, m \rightarrow \infty$. We define the integral $I_{\Delta}(\varphi)$ over the set Δ by the relation

$$(22.1) \quad I_{\Delta}(\varphi) = \int_{\Delta} \varphi(\lambda) \Phi(d\lambda) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi(\lambda) \chi_{\Delta}(\lambda) \Phi(d\lambda),$$

where $\chi_{\Delta}(\lambda)$ is the characteristic function of the set Δ .

Moreover, we say that the unbounded function $\varphi(\lambda)$ is integrable, if there exists a sequence $\varphi_n(\lambda)$ of functions of the form (18.1) which converges to $\varphi(\lambda)$ uniformly in λ on every set $A_N = \{\lambda: |\varphi(\lambda)| \leq N\}$ for any fixed N , and if in addition

$$(23.1) \quad \|I_{R/A_N}(\varphi_n)\| \rightarrow 0$$

uniformly in n as $N \rightarrow \infty$. We denote this convergence by $\varphi_n(\lambda) \Rightarrow \varphi(\lambda)$. In this case we set

$$(24.1) \quad I(\varphi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi(\lambda) \Phi(d\lambda) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I(\varphi_n).$$

(The limit in (24.1) exists and does not depend on the sequence $\varphi_n(\lambda)$, $\varphi_n(\lambda) \Rightarrow \varphi(\lambda)$.)

We note the following basic properties of the integral $I(\varphi)$:

$$(1) \quad I_{\Delta}(\alpha_1 \varphi_1 + \alpha_2 \varphi_2) = \alpha_1 I_{\Delta}(\varphi_1) + \alpha_2 I_{\Delta}(\varphi_2).$$

(2) The inequality

$$(25.1) \quad \|I_{\Delta}(\varphi)\| \leq \sup_{\lambda \in \Delta} |\varphi(\lambda)| \operatorname{Var}_{\Delta} \Phi$$

holds.

(3) If $\varphi_n(\lambda)$ are integrable and $\varphi_n(\lambda) \Rightarrow \varphi(\lambda)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, then $\varphi(\lambda)$ is also integrable and

$$I(\varphi) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I(\varphi_n).$$

(4) If $\Delta = \Delta_1 \cup \Delta_2$, $\Delta_1 \cap \Delta_2 = \emptyset$, then $I_{\Delta}(\varphi) = I_{\Delta_1}(\varphi) + I_{\Delta_2}(\varphi)$; if moreover $\varphi(\lambda)$ is bounded, then the integral $I_{\Delta}(\varphi)$ is a weakly continuous measure of bounded variation and

$$\operatorname{Var}_{\Delta} I(\varphi) = \sup_{|\alpha_k| \leq 1, \Delta_k \subseteq \Delta} \left\| \sum_k \alpha_k I_{\Delta_k}(\varphi) \right\| \leq \sup_{\lambda \in \Delta} |\varphi(\lambda)| \operatorname{Var}_{\Delta} \Phi.$$

3°. The continuous abstract measure $\Phi(\Delta)$ is related in a one-to-one way to the continuous additive function $F(\Delta, \Delta')$,

$$F(\Delta, \Delta') = (\Phi(\Delta), \Phi(\Delta'))$$

(cf. Theorem 1.1), and

$$(26.1) \quad \begin{aligned} F(\Delta, \Delta') &= \overline{F(\Delta', \Delta)}, \\ \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_k \bar{\alpha}_j F(\Delta_k, \Delta_j) &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

for any complex numbers $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m$ and measurable sets $\Delta_1, \Delta_2, \dots, \Delta_m$. We define the variation of the function $F(\Delta, \Delta')$ on the set $\Delta \times \Delta'$ by the relation

$$(27.1) \quad \text{Var}_{\Delta, \Delta'} F = \sup \left| \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_k \bar{\beta}_j F(\Delta_k, \Delta'_j) \right|,$$

where the sup is taken over all finite families of non-intersecting measurable sets $\Delta_1, \Delta_2, \dots, \Delta_m, \Delta_k \subseteq \Delta$ and $\Delta'_1, \Delta'_2, \dots, \Delta'_m, \Delta'_j \subseteq \Delta'$, and complex numbers $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m, |\alpha_n| \leq 1$, and $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m, |\beta_j| \leq 1$. It follows from (26.1) that

$$(28.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{Var}_{\Delta, \Delta'} F &\leq (\text{Var}_{\Delta, \Delta} F)^{1/2} \cdot (\text{Var}_{\Delta', \Delta'} F)^{1/2}, \\ \text{Var}_{\Delta_1 \cup \Delta_2, \Delta'} F &\leq \text{Var}_{\Delta_1, \Delta'} F + \text{Var}_{\Delta_2, \Delta'} F. \end{aligned}$$

If $F(\Delta, \Delta')$ is of bounded variation, i.e.

$$(29.1) \quad \text{Var}_{R, R} F < \infty,$$

then in analogy to Section 2° we can define the integral

$$I(\varphi, \psi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi(\lambda) \bar{\psi}(\mu) F(d\lambda, d\mu)$$

first for “step functions” $\varphi(\lambda), \psi(\lambda)$ of the form (18.1) as

$$(30.1) \quad I(\varphi, \psi) = \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n a_k \bar{b}_j F(\Delta_k, \Delta'_j),$$

and then for integrable functions $\varphi(\lambda)$ and $\psi(\lambda)$ by passing to the limit

$$(31.1) \quad I(\varphi, \psi) = \lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} I(\varphi_n, \psi_m),$$

where $\varphi_n(\lambda)$ and $\psi_m(\lambda)$ are sequences of step functions $\varphi_n(\lambda) \Rightarrow \varphi(\lambda)$, $\psi_m(\lambda) \Rightarrow \psi(\lambda)$. The convergence $\varphi_n(\lambda) \Rightarrow \varphi(\lambda)$ means that for any N the sequence $\varphi_n(\lambda) \rightarrow \varphi(\lambda)$ converges uniformly on the set $A_N = \{\lambda : |\varphi(\lambda)| \leq N\}$ and

$$\int_{R-A_N} \int_{R-A_N} \varphi_n(\lambda) \overline{\varphi_n(\mu)} F(d\lambda, d\mu) \rightarrow 0$$

uniformly in n as $N \rightarrow \infty$. The integral defined in this way has all the properties analogous to (25.1). We note that if $\Phi(\Delta)$ is the abstract measure corresponding to the function $F(\Delta, \Delta')$ (see Theorem 1.1) then

$$(32.1) \quad (I(\varphi), I(\psi)) = I(\varphi, \psi).$$

In the case where the ordinary variation $V(F)$ of the function $F(\Delta, \Delta')$

$$V(F) = \sup_{\Delta_k, \Delta'_j} \sum_k \sum_j |F(\Delta_k, \Delta'_j)| < \infty,$$

our integral $I(\varphi, \psi)$ agrees with the ordinary Lebesgue integral.

We call the additive function $F(\Delta, \Delta')$ strongly continuous if, given a decreasing sequence of sets Δ_n ,

$$\Delta_n \supseteq \Delta_{n+1}, \quad \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \Delta_n = \emptyset,$$

we have

$$\text{Var}_{\Delta_n, \Delta_n} F \rightarrow 0$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

4⁰. Consider a function $x(t)$ of the real variable t , $-\infty < t < +\infty$, with values in H , $x(t) \in H$, which is such that the linear closure $H(x)$ of the elements $x(t)$, $-\infty < t < +\infty$, is separable. The function $x(t)$ is called measurable if the numerical function $\|x(t)\|$ is measurable (see e.g. [5]). The measurable function $x(t)$ is called integrable on the set T , if (cf. [4], [5])

$$(33.1) \quad \int_T \|x(t)\| dt < \infty.$$

As shown in [5], if $x(t)$ is integrable, then there exists a sequence of "step functions" $x_n(t)$, $x_n(t) \in H(x)$, $x_n(t) = x_k$ for $t \in T_{kn} \subseteq T$, which converges to $x(t)$ almost uniformly (i.e. for any $\varepsilon > 0$ one can find a set T_0 of Lebesgue measure $l(T_0) \leq \varepsilon$ such that $\|x_n(t) - x(t)\| \rightarrow 0$ uniformly in t , $t \in T - T_0$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$) and such that

$$(34.1) \quad \int_T \|x_n(t) - x_m(t)\| dt \rightarrow 0$$

as $n, m \rightarrow \infty$. If we set

$$(35.1) \quad \sum_k x_{kn} l(T_{kn}) = \int_T x_n(t) dt$$

the series in (35.1) converges in norm; then the limit (in the norm)

$$(36.1) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_T x_n(t) dt = \int_T x(t) dt$$

is called the integral of the function $x(t)$ (cf. [4], [5]).

Moreover, let the function $\varphi(\lambda, t)$ be measurable in the pair of variables (λ, t) and let it be integrable with respect to the abstract measure $\Phi(\Delta)$, $\Phi(\Delta) \in H$, for almost all t . Consider the function $x(t)$, where

$$(37.1) \quad x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi(\lambda, t) \Phi(d\lambda).$$

The function $x(t)$ is measurable, since the numerical function $(x(t), h)$,

$$(38.1) \quad (x(t), h) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi(\lambda, t) F_h(d\lambda),$$

is measurable for any $h \in H$, and it is integrable on the set T if the numerical

function $\|x(t)\|$,

$$\|x(t)\|^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi(\lambda, t) \overline{\varphi(\mu, t)} F(d\lambda, d\mu),$$

is integrable on T and

$$(39.1) \quad h_1 = \int_T x(t) dt = \int_T \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi(\lambda, t) \Phi(d\lambda) dt.$$

Now let $\varphi(\lambda, t)$ be such that the function $\psi(\lambda)$, $\psi(\lambda) = \int_T \varphi(\lambda, t) dt$, is integrable with respect to the measure $\Phi(\Delta)$:

$$(40.1) \quad h_2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi(\lambda) \Phi(d\lambda) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_T \varphi(\lambda, t) dt \Phi(d\lambda).$$

For any $h \in H$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} (h_1, h) &= \int_T (x(t), h) dt = \int_T \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi(\lambda, t) F_h(d\lambda) dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_T \varphi(\lambda, t) dt F_h(d\lambda) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi(\lambda) F_h(d\lambda) = (h_2, h), \end{aligned}$$

and therefore $h_1 = h_2$, i.e.

$$(41.1) \quad \int_T \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi(\lambda, t) \Phi(d\lambda) dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_T \varphi(\lambda, t) dt \Phi(d\lambda).$$

2. Harmonisable Abstract Functions

1°. Consider an abstract function $x(t)$ of a real variable with values in the Hilbert space H . We shall call the function $x(t)$ harmonisable if it can be represented in the form

$$(1.2) \quad x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda t} \Phi(d\lambda),$$

where $\Phi(\Delta)$ is an abstract measure of bounded variation with values in H ; $\Phi(\Delta)$ is defined on all measurable sets and is strongly continuous (strong continuity of $\Phi(\Delta)$ means that for any sequence of measurable sets Δ_n , $\Delta_n \supseteq \Delta_{n+1}$, $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \Delta_n = \emptyset$, we have $\text{Var}_{\Delta_n} \Phi \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$). We now examine some examples of harmonisable functions.

EXAMPLE 1.2. The function $x(t)$ is stationary, i.e., the scalar product $(x(t+\tau), x(t)) = B(\tau)$ does not depend on t . In this case

$$(2.2) \quad x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda t} \Phi(d\lambda);$$

here the measure $\Phi(\Delta)$ is such that

$$(3.2) \quad (\Phi(\Delta), \Phi(\Delta')) = F(\Delta \cap \Delta'),$$

where $F(\Delta)$ is a positive bounded measure on the line.

EXAMPLE 2.2. Let $x(t)$ be a stationary function

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda t} \Phi(d\lambda),$$

and let

$$(4.2) \quad p(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda t} P(d\lambda),$$

where $P(\Delta)$ is a complex measure on the line. Then the abstract function $y(t) = x(t)p(t)$ can be represented in the form

$$(5.2) \quad y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda t} \psi(d\lambda),$$

where the abstract measure $\psi(\Delta)$ has the form

$$(6.2) \quad \psi(\Delta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(\Delta - \mu) \Phi(d\mu).$$

EXAMPLE 3.2. Let $x(t)$ be a stationary function as before, of the form (2.2), let H_x be the linear closure of the elements $x(t)$, $-\infty < t < +\infty$, and let A be a linear operator from H_x to some subspace $H_y \subseteq H$. Consider the function $y(t) = Ax(t)$. We have

$$(7.2) \quad y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda t} \psi(d\lambda),$$

where the measure $\psi(\Delta)$ is defined by the relation

$$(8.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \psi(\Delta) &= A\Phi(\Delta), \\ \text{Var}_{\Delta} \psi &\leq \|A\| \text{Var}_{\Delta} \Phi = \|A\| F(\Delta), \end{aligned}$$

and $F(\Delta)$ is a positive measure on the line, defined by the relation (3.2).

Theorem 1.2.¹ *In order that the abstract function $x(t)$, $x(t) \in H$, be harmonisable, i.e., in order that it can be represented in the form (1.2), it is necessary and sufficient that the numerical function $B(u, v) = (x(u), x(v))$ can be represented in the form*

$$(9.2) \quad B(u, v) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i(\lambda u - \mu v)} F(d\lambda, d\mu),$$

where $(\Phi(\Delta), \Phi(\Delta')) = F(\Delta, \Delta')$, $\Phi(\Delta) \in H(x)$ ($F(\Delta, \Delta')$ is the strongly continuous additive function described in Section 1, 3⁰).

PROOF. The necessity is obvious. To prove the sufficiency consider the space L of functions $\varphi(\lambda)$ for which

$$(10.2) \quad I(\varphi, \varphi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi(\lambda) \overline{\varphi(\mu)} F(d\lambda, d\mu)$$

exists. We define the scalar product $(\varphi, \psi) = I(\varphi, \psi)$ on L and we identify all functions φ, ψ for which $\|\varphi - \psi\| = 0$, $\|\varphi\|^2 = (\varphi, \varphi)$. We define the mapping T from the space L to $H(x)$ by the relation $Te^{i\lambda t} = x(t)$. It is isometric, i.e.

$$(Te^{i\lambda u}, Te^{i\lambda v}) = B(u, v) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i(\lambda u - \mu v)} F(d\lambda, d\mu) = (e^{i\lambda u}, e^{i\lambda v}).$$

Because of the strong continuity of $F(\Delta, \Delta')$ (see Section 1, 3⁰), the characteristic function $\chi_{\Delta}(\lambda)$ of the half intervals $\Delta = [\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ can be approximated by linear combinations $\sum_k a_k e^{i\lambda t_k}$. Therefore the mapping T can be extended, pre-

¹ See [10].

serving the isometry, to characteristic functions $\chi_\Delta(\lambda)$, $\Delta \in \mathfrak{S}$. Set $\Phi(\Delta) = T\chi_\Delta(\lambda)$. The measure $\Phi(\Delta)$ is a continuous measure of bounded variation, $(\Phi(\Delta), \Phi(\Delta')) = F(\Delta, \Delta')$, defined on \mathfrak{S} . By Theorem 1.1 it can be extended to all measurable sets with

$$(11.2) \quad (\Phi(\Delta), \Phi(\Delta')) = F(\Delta, \Delta')$$

for any measurable sets Δ and Δ' . It follows from the strong continuity of $F(\Delta, \Delta')$ and from relation (11.2) that the measure $\Phi(\Delta)$ itself is strongly continuous. This proves the theorem.

Theorem 2.2. *Let $x(t)$ be a harmonisable function*

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda t} \Phi(d\lambda).$$

Then

$$(12.2) \quad \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T x(t) e^{-i\lambda_0 t} dt = \Phi(\lambda_0),$$

$$\lim_{T_1, T_2 \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T_1 T_2} \int_0^{T_1} \int_0^{T_2} B(u, v) e^{-i(\lambda_0 u - \mu_0 v)} du dv = F(\lambda_0, \mu_0).$$

PROOF. It follows from Section 1, 4^o that the function $x(t)e^{-i\lambda_0 t}$ is integrable on every finite interval and that

$$\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T x(t) e^{-i\lambda_0 t} dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T e^{i(\lambda - \lambda_0)t} dt \Phi(d\lambda).$$

Let $\chi_{\lambda_0}(\lambda) = 1$ if $\lambda = \lambda_0$ and $\chi_{\lambda_0}(\lambda) = 0$ if $\lambda \neq \lambda_0$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T x(t) e^{-i\lambda_0 t} dt - \Phi(\lambda_0) \right\| \\ &= \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T e^{i(\lambda - \lambda_0)t} dt - \chi_{\lambda_0}(\lambda) \right] \Phi(d\lambda) \right\| \leq \left\| \int_{|\lambda - \lambda_0| \geq \varepsilon} \left[\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T e^{i(\lambda - \lambda_0)t} dt \right] \Phi(d\lambda) \right\| \\ &+ \left\| \int_{0 < |\lambda - \lambda_0| < \varepsilon} \left[\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T e^{i(\lambda - \lambda_0)t} dt \right] \Phi(d\lambda) \right\| \leq \frac{2}{T\varepsilon} \text{Var } \Phi + \text{Var}_{\Delta_\varepsilon} \Phi \end{aligned}$$

for any T and $\varepsilon > 0$, $\Delta_\varepsilon = \{\lambda: 0 < |\lambda - \lambda_0| < \varepsilon\}$. Since $\bigcap_\varepsilon \Delta_\varepsilon = \emptyset$, then $\text{Var}_{\Delta_\varepsilon} \Phi \rightarrow 0$ as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$, and choosing $\varepsilon = T^{-1/2}$, we obtain

$$\left\| \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T x(t) e^{-i\lambda_0 t} dt - \Phi(\lambda_0) \right\| \leq \frac{2}{\sqrt{T}} \text{Var } \Phi + \text{Var}_{\Delta_{T^{-1/2}}} \Phi \rightarrow 0$$

as $T \rightarrow \infty$, and moreover

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{T_1 T_2} \int_0^{T_1} \int_0^{T_2} B(u, v) e^{-i(\lambda_0 u - \mu_0 v)} du dv \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{T_1} \int_0^{T_1} x(u) e^{-i\lambda_0 u} du, \frac{1}{T_2} \int_0^{T_2} x(v) e^{-i\mu_0 v} dv \right) \rightarrow (\Phi(\lambda_0), \Phi(\mu_0)) = F(\lambda_0, \mu_0), \end{aligned}$$

as was to be proved.

In a completely analogous way we establish

Theorem 3.2. *Let $x(t)$ be a harmonisable function*

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda t} \Phi(d\lambda),$$

and let the interval $\Delta = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ be such that $\Phi(\lambda_1) = \Phi(\lambda_2) = 0$. Then

$$(13.2) \quad \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-T}^T \frac{e^{-i\lambda_2 t} - e^{-i\lambda_1 t}}{-it} x(t) dt = \Phi(\Delta).$$

If $\Delta' = (\lambda'_1, \lambda'_2)$, $\Phi(\lambda'_1) = \Phi(\lambda'_2) = 0$, then

$$\lim_{T_1, T_2 \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-T_1}^{T_1} \int_{-T_2}^{T_2} \frac{e^{-i\lambda_2 u} - e^{-i\lambda_1 u}}{-iu} \cdot \frac{e^{+i\lambda'_2 v} - e^{+i\lambda'_1 v}}{iv} B(u, v) du dv = F(\Delta, \Delta').$$

2°. Let $x(t)$ be a harmonisable function

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda t} \Phi(d\lambda).$$

We denote by A_φ the linear operator which establishes a correspondence between the function $x(t)$ and the function

$$(14.2) \quad y(t) = A_\varphi x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda t} \varphi(\lambda) \Phi(d\lambda).$$

EXAMPLE 4.2. The linear “sliding average” operation

$$y(t) = \sum_{k=1}^m c_k x(t + t_k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda t} \left(\sum_{k=1}^m c_k e^{i\lambda t_k} \right) \Phi(d\lambda)$$

is an operator of this type.

EXAMPLE 5.2. Let

$$\varphi(\lambda) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda t} \tilde{\varphi}(t) dt,$$

where

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\tilde{\varphi}(t)| dt < \infty.$$

Since

$$(15.2) \quad \|x(t)\|^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i(\lambda - \mu)t} F(d\lambda, d\mu) \leq \text{Var}_{R,R} F,$$

the function $x(t+t_0)\tilde{\varphi}(t)$ is integrable and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda t} \varphi(\lambda) \Phi(d\lambda) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda(t+\tau)} \tilde{\varphi}(\tau) d\tau \right] \Phi(d\lambda) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda(t+\tau)} \Phi(d\lambda) \right] \tilde{\varphi}(\tau) d\tau = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi(\tau) x(t+\tau) d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

The operator A_φ has the form

$$(16.2) \quad y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda t} \varphi(\lambda) \Phi(d\lambda) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{\varphi}(\tau - t) x(\tau) d\tau.$$

EXAMPLE 6.2. Let the function $x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda t} \Phi(d\lambda)$ have the derivative $x'(t)$, i.e.

$$(17.2) \quad \left\| x'(t) - \frac{x(t+\varepsilon) - x(t)}{\varepsilon} \right\| \rightarrow 0$$

as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$. Set

$$y_{\varepsilon}(t) = \frac{x(t+\varepsilon) - x(t)}{\varepsilon}, \quad \varphi_{\varepsilon}(\lambda) = \frac{e^{i\lambda\varepsilon} - 1}{\varepsilon}.$$

It follows from (17.2) that

$$\|y_{\varepsilon_1} - y_{\varepsilon_2}\| = \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda t} [\varphi_{\varepsilon_1}(\lambda) - \varphi_{\varepsilon_2}(\lambda)] \Phi(d\lambda) \right\| \rightarrow 0,$$

and since for any A

$$\left\| \int_{-A}^A e^{i\lambda t} [\varphi_{\varepsilon_1}(t) - \varphi_{\varepsilon_2}(\lambda)] \Phi(d\lambda) \right\| \leq \sup_{|\lambda| \leq A} |\varphi_{\varepsilon_1}(t) - \varphi_{\varepsilon_2}(\lambda)| \text{Var } \Phi \rightarrow 0$$

as $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 \rightarrow 0$, we have

$$\left\| \int_{|\lambda| > A} e^{i\lambda t} [\varphi_{\varepsilon_1}(\lambda) - \varphi_{\varepsilon_2}(\lambda)] \Phi(d\lambda) \right\| \rightarrow 0$$

uniformly in ε as $A \rightarrow \infty$, and thus

$$e^{i\lambda t} \varphi_{\varepsilon}(\lambda) = \frac{e^{i\lambda(t+\varepsilon)} - e^{i\lambda t}}{\varepsilon} \Rightarrow i\lambda e^{i\lambda t},$$

whence it follows that the function $i\lambda e^{i\lambda t}$ is integrable and

$$(18.2) \quad x'(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} i\lambda e^{i\lambda t} \Phi(d\lambda).$$

Finally, the converse is also true: if

$$\frac{e^{i\lambda(t+\varepsilon)} - e^{i\lambda t}}{\varepsilon} \rightarrow i\lambda e^{i\lambda t},$$

then the function

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda t} \Phi(d\lambda)$$

has the strong derivative

$$x'(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} i\lambda e^{i\lambda t} \Phi(d\lambda).$$

Thus the linear operation A_{φ} corresponding to the function $\varphi = i\lambda$ is the differentiation operator.

3. The Spectrum of an Abstract Function

1⁰. Let $x(t)$ be an abstract function of the real variable t , $-\infty < t < +\infty$, with values in a Hilbert space H . We shall say that the function $x(t)$ has a spectrum (cf. [7], [8]) if the numerical function $\|x(t)\|^2$ is integrable on every finite interval and if

$$(1.3) \quad \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (x(t+\tau), x(t)) dt = B(\tau)$$

exists for all τ , where the function $B(\tau)$ is continuous. Let the function $x(t)$ have a spectrum. The function $B(\tau)$ is positive definite, i.e.

$$(2.3) \quad \sum_{k,j=1}^m B(\tau_k - \tau_j) \alpha_k \bar{\alpha}_j \geq 0$$

for any $\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_m$ and complex $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m$, since

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k,j=1}^m B(\tau_k - \tau_j) \alpha_k \bar{\alpha}_j &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k,j=1}^m \alpha_k \bar{\alpha}_j \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (x(t+\tau_k - \tau_j), x(t)) dt \\ &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k,j=1}^m \alpha_k \bar{\alpha}_j \frac{1}{T} \int_{-\tau_j}^{T-\tau_j} (x(t+\tau_k), x(t+\tau_j)) dt \\ &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \left\| \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_k x(t+\tau_k) \right\|^2 dt \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Because of its positive definiteness, the function $B(\tau)$ can be represented in the form

$$(3.3) \quad B(\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda\tau} F(d\lambda),$$

where $F(\Delta)$ is a positive definite measure; we shall call $F(\Delta)$ the spectral measure (the spectrum) of the function $x(t)$.

EXAMPLE 1.3. Let $x(t)$ be a stationary function

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda t} \Phi(d\lambda).$$

In this case $B(\tau) = (x(t+\tau), x(t))$ and the spectral measure $F(\Delta)$ is

$$(4.3) \quad F(\Delta) = \|\Phi(\Delta)\|^2.$$

EXAMPLE 2.3. Let $x(t)$ be a harmonisable function

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda t} \Phi(d\lambda),$$

where ² the ordinary variation $V(F)$ of the function $F(\Delta, \Delta')$:

$$(5.3) \quad \begin{aligned} V(F) &= \sup_{\Delta_k, \Delta'_j} \sum_{k,j} |F(\Delta_k, \Delta'_j)| < \infty, \\ F(\Delta, \Delta') &= (\Phi(\Delta), \Phi(\Delta')). \end{aligned}$$

In this case $F(\Delta, \Delta')$ can be extended to a measure on the plane. We have (cf. [9])

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (x(t+\tau), x(t)) dt &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda\tau} e^{i(\lambda-\mu)t} F(d\lambda, d\mu) dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda\tau} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T e^{i(\lambda-\mu)t} dt F(d\lambda, d\mu) \rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda\tau} F(d\lambda, d\lambda), \end{aligned}$$

² If the condition (5.3) is not met, then the harmonisable function $x(t)$ may not have a spectrum in the sense of the definition (1.3).

i.e., the function $x(t)$ has a spectrum, where the spectral measure $F(\Delta)$ is

$$(6.3) \quad F(\Delta) = \int_{\Delta} F(d\lambda, d\lambda).$$

2^o. Let the function $x(t)$ have the spectrum $F(\Delta)$, i.e.,

$$(7.3) \quad \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (x(t+\tau), x(t)) dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda\tau} F(d\lambda).$$

Consider the function $y(t)$

$$(8.3) \quad y(t) = \sum_{k=1}^m c_k x(t+\tau_k).$$

It is easy to see that the function $y(t)$ also has a spectrum $G(\Delta)$,

$$(9.3) \quad \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (y(t+\tau), y(t)) dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda\tau} \left| \sum_{k=1}^m c_k e^{i\lambda\tau_k} \right|^2 F(d\lambda),$$

$$G(\Delta) = \int_{\Delta} \left| \sum_{k=1}^m c_k e^{i\lambda\tau_k} \right|^2 F(d\lambda).$$

Let $\|x(t)\|$ be uniformly bounded. Consider the function

$$(10.3) \quad y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{\varphi}(\tau-t) x(\tau) d\tau,$$

where the numerical function $\tilde{\varphi}(t)$ is such that $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\tilde{\varphi}(t)| dt < \infty$ and

$$\varphi(\lambda) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda t} \tilde{\varphi}(t) dt$$

is square integrable with respect to $F(\Delta)$, i.e.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\varphi(\lambda)|^2 F(d\lambda) < \infty.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (y(t+\tau), y(t)) dt &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{\varphi}(u) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \overline{\tilde{\varphi}(v)} (x(t+\tau+u), x(t+v)) du dv dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{\varphi}(u) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \overline{\tilde{\varphi}(v)} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (x(t+\tau+u), x(t+v)) dt du dv, \end{aligned}$$

and, since as $T \rightarrow \infty$ the functions

$$\psi_T(u, v) = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (x(t+\tau+u), x(t+v)) dt \rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda(\tau+u-v)} F(d\lambda)$$

for every (u, v) and moreover are uniformly bounded, then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{\varphi}(u) \overline{\tilde{\varphi}(v)} \psi_T(u, v) du dv &\rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{\varphi}(u) \overline{\tilde{\varphi}(v)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda(\tau+u-v)} F(d\lambda) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda\tau} \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda u} \tilde{\varphi}(u) du \right|^2 F(d\lambda), \end{aligned}$$

and thus

$$(11.3) \quad \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T (y(t+\tau), y(t)) dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda\tau} |\varphi(\lambda)|^2 F(d\lambda),$$

i.e., the function

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{\varphi}(\tau-t) x(\tau) d\tau$$

has a spectrum $G(\Delta)$, where

$$(12.3) \quad G(\Delta) = \int_{\Delta} |\varphi(\lambda)|^2 F(d\lambda).$$

3°. In the spectral theory of stationary functions the question of linear extrapolation is very important (see e.g. [1]), i.e. the question of whether it is possible to linearly approximate the value of the function $x(t)$ at the time $t > \tau$ in terms of the values of $x(t)$ for $t \leq \tau$. More precisely this means the following. Let H_{τ}^{-} be the linear closure of the elements $x(t)$, $-\infty < t \leq \tau$, and let $\hat{x}_{\tau}(t) = P_{\tau}x(t)$, where P_{τ} is the operator of projection on H_{τ}^{-} . The element $\hat{x}_{\tau}(t)$ gives the best linear approximation to the value of the function $x(t)$ at the time $t > \tau$ in terms of the values of $x(t)$ for $t \leq \tau$, and

$$(13.3) \quad \|x(t) - \hat{x}_{\tau}(t)\| = \min_{h \in H_{\tau}^{-}} \|x(t) - h\| = \sigma_{t-\tau}^2.$$

The extrapolation problem consists of finding the elements $\hat{x}_{\tau}(t)$ (see e.g. [1], [2]).

If $x(t)$ is a stationary function, then the function $\hat{x}_{t-\tau}(t)$ of t ($\tau = \text{const.}$) satisfies the condition

$$(14.3) \quad \inf_{y(t)} \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \|x(t) - y(t)\|^2 dt = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T \|x(t) - \hat{x}_{t-\tau}(t)\|^2 dt,$$

where the inf is taken over all functions $y(t)$ of the form

$$(15.3) \quad y(t) = \sum_{\tau_k \leq \tau} c_k x(t - \tau_k).$$

Now let $x(t)$ be an arbitrary function with a spectrum, i.e.

$$(16.3) \quad \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (x(t+\tau), x(t)) dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\lambda\tau} F(d\lambda).$$

We shall call the function $y(t)$ a stationary approximation for $x(t)$ with lag τ if $y(t)$ has the form

$$(17.3) \quad y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{t-\tau} \tilde{\varphi}(u-t) x(u) du + \sum_{\tau_k \leq \tau} c_k x(t - \tau_k),$$

where the numerical function $\tilde{\varphi}(t)$, $\tilde{\varphi}(t) = 0$ for $t > 0$, satisfies the conditions stated after equation (10.3). Consider the mean deviation $\sigma_{\tau}^2(y)$:

$$(18.3) \quad \sigma_{\tau}^2(y) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \|x(t) - y(t)\|^2 dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |e^{i\lambda\tau} - \varphi(\lambda)|^2 F(d\lambda),$$

where

$$\varphi(\lambda) = \int_{-\infty}^{-\tau} e^{i\lambda t} \tilde{\varphi}(t) dt + \sum_{\tau_k \leq \tau} c_k e^{-i\lambda\tau_k}.$$

By equation (18.3), the mean deviation $\sigma_\tau^2(y)$ lies in the range

$$(19.3) \quad 0 \leq \sigma_\tau^2(y) \leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(d\lambda).$$

We set

$$(20.3) \quad \sigma_\tau^2 = \inf_{y(t)} \sigma_\tau^2(y) = \inf_{\varphi(\lambda)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |e^{i\lambda\tau} - \varphi(\lambda)|^2 F(d\lambda).$$

We note that if $\sigma_\tau^2 = 0$ for some $\tau = \tau_0 > 0$, then $\sigma_\tau^2 \equiv 0$ for all τ . In fact, because of the monotonicity, $\sigma_\tau^2 = 0$ for $\tau \leq \tau_0$; if $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrarily small and

$$\varphi(\lambda) = \sum_{\tau_k \geq \tau_0} c_k e^{-i\lambda\tau_k}$$

is such that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |e^{i\lambda\tau_0} - \varphi(\lambda)|^2 F(d\lambda) \leq \varepsilon,$$

then for $\tau_1 \leq 2\tau_0$ we have

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |e^{i\lambda\tau_1} - e^{i\lambda(\tau_0 - \tau_1)} \sum_{\tau_k \geq \tau_0} c_k e^{-i\lambda\tau_k}|^2 F(d\lambda) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |e^{i\lambda\tau_0} - \varphi(\lambda)|^2 F(d\lambda) \leq \varepsilon$$

and consequently $\sigma_{\varepsilon_1}^2 \leq \varepsilon$, $\sigma_{\varepsilon_1}^2 = 0$, etc.

We shall call the function $x(t)$ singular if $\sigma_\tau^2 = 0$ for $\tau > 0$ (cf. [1]) and regular if $\sigma_\tau^2 \rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(d\lambda)$ as $\tau \rightarrow \infty$. It follows from [2] that the function $x(t)$ is singular if and only if

$$(21.3) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\log f(\lambda)}{1 + \lambda^2} d\lambda = -\infty.$$

(Here $f(\lambda) = F(d\lambda)/d\lambda$ and the integral in (21.3) is by definition equal to $-\infty$ in the case where $f(\lambda) = 0$ on a set of positive measure.) Similarly for the regularity of the function $x(t)$ it is necessary and sufficient that the spectral measure $F(\Delta)$ be absolutely continuous and that

$$(22.3) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\log f(\lambda)}{1 + \lambda^2} d\lambda > -\infty.$$

The least mean square deviation σ_τ^2 has the form

$$(23.3) \quad \sigma_\tau^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |e^{i\lambda\tau} - \varphi_0(\lambda)|^2 F(d\lambda),$$

where the function $\varphi_0(\lambda)$ is the boundary value of the analytic function $\Gamma(z)$, $z = \lambda + i\nu$, defined by

$$(24.3) \quad \Gamma(z) = \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\log f(\mu)}{1 + \mu^2} \frac{1 - \mu z}{z - \mu} d\mu \right\}$$

as $\nu \rightarrow 0$. In the case where (22.3) holds, but the spectral measure $F(\Delta)$ is not absolutely continuous, we have

$$(25.3) \quad \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \sigma_\tau^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\lambda) d\lambda.$$

We note that $\inf_y \sigma_\tau^2(y)$ may not be attained, but that it is easy to find a minimizing sequence for the function $y(t)$ of the form (17.3) by using (23.3) and (24.3).

EXAMPLE 3.3. Let the function $x(t)$ have the absolutely continuous spectrum $F(\lambda)$, $f(\lambda) = 1/(a^2 + \lambda^2)$. Then $\inf_y \sigma_\tau^2(y)$ is attained for functions of the form

$$(26.3) \quad y(t) = e^{-a\tau} x(t-\tau).$$

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SPECTRAL ANALYSIS OF ABSTRACT FUNCTIONS

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(Summary)

In this paper a spectral theory is developed for abstract functions similar to the well-known spectral theory for stationary random processes.