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The Multiplicity of Stochastic Processes

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This paper studies the multiplicity of non-Gaussian, non-infinitely divisible and non-stationary processes associated with the “chaos” space of N. Wiener [12], and for each positive integer N and for $N = \infty$, constructs a process of multiplicity N . The examination of multiplicity of a process has been of interest to many authors such as H. Cramér [2,3,4], T. Hida [5,6], K. Itô [7] and G. Kallianpur and V. Mandrekar [10].

Our approach here begins with a classical, well known theorem on a separable Hilbert space.

Let $U_t, (t \in R)$ be a one parameter group of unitary operators acting on a separable Hilbert space H , and let E_λ be its spectral measure, i.e.,

$$U_t = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{it\lambda} dE_\lambda.$$

Then there exists a sequence $\{f_n\}$ of elements in H , which will be referred to as cyclic vectors, such that the Hilbert space H can be Hellinger-Hahn [9] decomposed into a direct sum

$$H = \sum_{n \geq 1} \oplus H_n,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} H_n &= \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\lambda) dE_\lambda f_n; g \in L^2(R, \mu_n) \right\} \\ &= \text{linear span of } \{U_t f_n; -\infty < t < \infty\}, \end{aligned}$$

which will be referred to as a cyclic subspace of H with f_n , with the notation

$$d\mu_n(\lambda) = \|dE_\lambda f_n\|^2,$$

we further have

$$d\mu \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} d\mu_1 \gg d\mu_2 \gg \cdots,$$

where $d\mu \gg d\nu$ means that the measure $d\mu$ is absolutely continuous with respect to the measure $d\nu$. The type of the measure sequence $\{d\mu_n\}$ is invariant with respect to the choice of $\{f_n\}$'s. This is to say that if $H = \sum_{n \geq 1} \oplus H'_n$ is another decomposition with H'_n , a cyclic subspace with cyclic vector f'_n , then

$$d\mu_n \sim d\mu'_n(\text{ equivalence }), n = 1, 2, \cdots,$$

where $d\mu'_n(\lambda) = \|dE_\lambda f'_n\|^2$.

Denote the support for $d\mu_n$ by Λ_n . The integer $m(\lambda) = \max\{n; \lambda \in \Lambda_n\}$ is referred to as the multiplicity of λ , and the pair $\{d\mu, m\}$, the spectral type of U_t . The spectral type of U_t is said to be σ -Lebesgue if $d\mu$ is equivalent to Lebesgue measure and if $m(\lambda) \equiv \infty$; and that of U_t is said to be simple Lebesgue if $d\mu$ is equivalent to Lebesgue measure and if $m(\lambda) \equiv 1$.

As a further consequence of Hellinger-Hahn decomposition, we have that if U_t and U'_t are one parameter groups of unitary operators acting on \mathbf{H} and \mathbf{H}' respectively, and if they are unitary equivalent, i.e., if there exists an isometry V of \mathbf{H} onto \mathbf{H}' such that $U'_t = VU_tV^{-1}$, then the associated measure sequences $\{d\mu_n\}$ and $\{d\mu'_n\}$ are of the same type. Conversely, if these two sequences are of the same type, then we can construct an isometry between \mathbf{H} and \mathbf{H}' such that $\{U_t\}$ and $\{U'_t\}$ are unitary equivalent. In other words, the sequence $\{d\mu_n\}$ is unitary invariant.

Example Define θ_t to be the transform of $L^2(R)$

$$\theta_t : \begin{array}{l} L^2(R) \rightarrow L^2(R) \\ F(\cdot) \rightarrow F(\cdot - t). \end{array}$$

Then θ_t consists of a one parameter group of unitary operators on $L^2(R)$, and its spectral type is simple Lebesgue.

To see this, let us write

$$\tau(u) = \begin{cases} e^u, & u < 0 \\ 0, & u \geq 0 \end{cases}.$$

Then

$$\hat{\tau}(\lambda) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^0 e^u e^{i\lambda u} du = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{1 + i\lambda}.$$

Since the Fourier transform is topologically isomorphic on $L^2(R)$ by Plancherel's theorem [13], it follows that

$$\text{linear span } \{e^{i\lambda t} \hat{\tau}(\lambda), t \in R\} = \text{linear span } \{\theta_t \tau(\cdot), t \in R\} = L^2(R).$$

Thus $L^2(R)$ itself turns out to be a cyclic space with cyclic vector τ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{it\lambda} dE_{\lambda} \tau \right) (u) &= \tau(u - t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i\lambda(u-t)} \hat{\tau}(\lambda) d\lambda, \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{it\lambda} \|dE_{\lambda} \tau\|^2 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{it\lambda} |\hat{\tau}(\lambda)|^2 d\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$d\mu(\lambda) = \|dE_{\lambda} \tau\|^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{1 + \lambda^2} d\lambda.$$

This shows that the measure $d\mu$ is equivalent to Lebesgue measure and $m(\lambda) \equiv 1$, and consequently simple Lebesgue.

In the sequel, let U_t be the one parameter group of unitary operators induced by Brownian motion flow T_t on $L^2(\mathbf{B})$ [5], i.e., the collection of all variables measurable with respect to the σ -field generated by Brownian motion \mathbf{B} with finite variances. First, we look at the spectral type of U_t .

To begin with, let $L^2(\mathbf{B}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \oplus \mathcal{H}_n$ be the Wiener-Itô decomposition [8, 12] of $L^2(\mathbf{B})$. It is well known that each \mathcal{H}_n , which consists of an U_t -invariant subspace, is topologically isomorphic to $\sqrt{n!} \hat{L}^2(R^n)$ (via \mathcal{J} -transformation [5]), where $\hat{L}^2(R^n)$ denotes all the symmetric functions of $L^2(R^n)$, and that each element in \mathcal{H}_n can be expressed as an n -multiple Wiener integral. Without ambiguity, we still write U_t to be the restriction of U_t on \mathcal{H}_n . We then have

Theorem For each $n \geq 2$, the spectral type of U_t on \mathcal{H}_n is σ -Lebesgue.

To prove this, we introduce a unitary isometry V_t of U_t . Since spectral type is unitary invariant, the investigation of spectral type of U_t may be reduced to a search for that of V_t . Now let us put

$$L_{nc}^2 = L^2((u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \in R^n; u_1 \leq u_2 \leq \dots \leq u_n)$$

and define \mathcal{C} :

$$\mathcal{C}: \begin{array}{ll} \widehat{L}^2(R^n) & \rightarrow \sqrt{n!}L_{nc}^2 \\ F(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) & \rightarrow F(u_{\pi(1)}, u_{\pi(2)}, \dots, u_{\pi(n)}), \end{array}$$

where π is a permutation of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ such that $u_{\pi(1)} \leq u_{\pi(2)} \leq \dots \leq u_{\pi(n)}$. Obviously \mathcal{C} defines an isometric mapping from $\widehat{L}^2(R^n)$ to $\sqrt{n!}L_{nc}^2$. Further let

$$A_n = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{n} & \frac{1}{n} & \dots & \frac{1}{n} & \frac{1}{n} \\ -1 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and define \mathcal{E} :

$$\mathcal{E}: \begin{array}{ll} L_{nc}^2 & \rightarrow L^2(R \times R_+^{n-1}) \\ F(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) & \rightarrow G(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n), \end{array}$$

where $R_+ = [0, \infty)$ and

$$\begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix} = A_n \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then again we verify that \mathcal{E} defines an isometric mapping from L_{nc}^2 to $L^2(R \times R_+^{n-1})$. Hence if

$$V_t \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\mathcal{E} \cdot \mathcal{C} \cdot \mathcal{J})^{-1} U_t (\mathcal{E} \cdot \mathcal{C} \cdot \mathcal{J}),$$

then $\{V_t, t \in R\}$ consists of a one parameter group of unitary operators on $L^2(R \times R_+^{n-1})$. As a matter of fact, with the diagram

$$\mathcal{E} \cdot \mathcal{C} \cdot \mathcal{J}: \begin{array}{ccc} & \mathcal{H}_n & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{J}} \sqrt{n!} \widehat{L}^2(R^n) \\ & \uparrow & \downarrow \mathcal{C} \\ n! L^2(R \times R_+^{n-1}) & \xleftarrow{\mathcal{E}} & n! L_{nc}^2 \end{array}$$

in mind, we see that if

$$\mathcal{E} \cdot \mathcal{C} \cdot \mathcal{J}: \begin{array}{ll} \mathcal{H}_n & \rightarrow n! L^2(R \times R_+^{n-1}) \\ \varphi & \rightarrow n! G(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n), \end{array}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad U_t \varphi & \rightarrow n! G(v_1 - t, v_2, \dots, v_n) \\ (2) \quad & = n! (V_t G)(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n). \end{aligned}$$

To see the spectral type of V_t on $L^2(R \times R_+^{n-1})$, we decompose $L^2(R \times R_+^{n-1})$ into a direct sum by means of a complete orthonormal basis $\{\eta_n; n \geq 0\}$ of $L^2(R_+)$:

$$(3) \quad L^2(R \times R_+^{n-1}) = \sum_{k_2, \dots, k_n \geq 0} \oplus L_{k_2, \dots, k_n},$$

where

$$L_{k_2, \dots, k_n} = \{f(v_1) \otimes \eta_{k_2}(v_2) \otimes \dots \otimes \eta_{k_n}(v_n); f \in L^2(R)\},$$

and \otimes means tensor product. Such η_n 's may be taken, for example as the Laguerre functions. Apparently, the subspace L_{k_2, \dots, k_n} of $L^2(R \times R_+^{n-1})$ by (1) and (2) is V_t invariant, and the spectral type of V_t on each L_{k_2, \dots, k_n} , as seen in the example, is simple Lebesgue. Combining this with (3), we have proven that the spectral type of V_t on $L^2(R \times R_+^{n-1})$ is σ -Lebesgue.

Here, let us note that if we put

$$X_{k_2, \dots, k_n}(t) = (\mathcal{E} \cdot \mathcal{C} \cdot \mathcal{J})^{-1}(\tau(v_1 - t)\eta_{k_2}(v_2) \dots \eta_{k_n}(v_n))$$

then $X_{k_2, \dots, k_n}(t)$ may be expressed as a stochastic integral

$$X_{k_2, \dots, k_n}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t dB(u_n) \int_{-\infty}^{u_n} \eta_{k_n}(u_n - u_{n-1}) dB(u_{n-1}) \times \dots \times \int_{-\infty}^{u_3} \eta_{k_3}(u_3 - u_2) dB(u_2) \times \int_{-\infty}^{u_2} \tau\left(\frac{u_1 + \dots + u_n}{n} - t\right) \eta_{k_2}(u_2 - u_1) dB(u_1).$$

Hence if we put

$$\mathcal{H}_n(X_{k_2, \dots, k_n}) = (\mathcal{E} \cdot \mathcal{C} \cdot \mathcal{J})^{-1} L_{k_2, \dots, k_n},$$

then

$$\mathcal{H}_n = \sum_{k_2, \dots, k_n \geq 0} \oplus \mathcal{H}_n(X_{k_2, \dots, k_n}).$$

This is the decomposition of \mathcal{H}_n corresponding to that of $L^2(R \times R_+^{n-1})$.

Further, if we notice that the expectations in \mathcal{H}_n correspond to the multiple integrations in $L^2(R \times R_+^{n-1})$, then we can immediately compute, for example

$$E[(X_{k_2, \dots, k_n}(t) - X_{k_2, \dots, k_n}(s))^2] = \int_{-\infty}^{\max\{t, s\}} (\tau(u - t) - \tau(u - s))^2 du,$$

and

$$(4) \quad E[X_{k_2, \dots, k_n}(t) X_{k_2, \dots, k_n}(s)] = \frac{1}{2} e^{-|t-s|}.$$

In the case where $n = 2$, which is of particular interest, we will write

$$X_n(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t dB(u_2) \int_{-\infty}^{u_2} \tau\left(\frac{u_1 + u_2}{2} - t\right) \eta_n(u_2 - u_1) dB(u_1).$$

We now focus on the multiplicity of a process $X(t) \in \mathcal{H}_2$:

$$X(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} F(t)^n X_n(t),$$

where $F(t)$ on R is an absolutely continuous function with (i) $0 < F(t) \leq \delta < 1$.

Theorem If $F(t)$ further satisfies the conditions (ii) the derivative F' of F is in $L^1(R)$; (iii) for any open interval (a,b) ,

$$\int_a^b F'^2 dt = +\infty,$$

then the multiplicity of $X(t)$ is infinity.

The proof will be done by constructing another process $Y(t)$ which is both canonically represented by Brownian motion and has the same reproducing kernel Hilbert space as that of $X(t)$. Consequently, the determination of the multiplicity for process $X(t)$ may be reduced to that for $Y(t)$.

Before constructing $Y(t)$, let us first find a process $T(t)$ such that $T(t)$ can be canonically represented by Brownian motion, and that $T(t)$ shares the same covariance with $X_n(t)$. Since the covariance of $X_n(t)$ is given by (4), it follows from N. Wiener [11] that such a process must be Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process

$$T(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-(t-u)} dB(u).$$

Let us prepare a sequence of independent Brownian motions on R : B_0, B_1, B_2, \dots , and let

$$Y_n(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-(t-u)} dB_n(u).$$

Then a process $Y(t)$ defined as

$$Y(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} F(t)^n Y_n(t)$$

shares the same reproducing kernel Hilbert space as that of $X(t)$. Hence the multiplicity of $Y(t)$ equals that of $X(t)$.

To say that the multiplicity of $Y(t)$ is infinity, it suffices to show by T. Hida [5,6] that the representation of $Y(t)$ is canonical, i.e., fix $T \in R$, for $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, take $f_n \in L^2((-\infty, T])$ such that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^T |f_n(t)|^2 dt < \infty$$

and let

$$g_n(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\min(t,T)} e^{-(t-u)} f_n(u) du.$$

We then have to show that if

$$h_0(t) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} F(t)^n g_n(t) = 0,$$

then $f_n = 0$ in $L^2((-\infty, T])$, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. For this purpose, let

$$\begin{aligned} h_k(t) &= \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} n(n-1)\cdots(n-k+1)F(t)^{n-k}g_n(t), \quad k \geq 1 \\ l_k(t) &= \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} n(n-1)\cdots(n-k+1)F(t)^{n-k}g'_n(t), \quad k \geq 1 \\ l_0(t) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} F(t)^n g'_n(t). \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that for all k ,

$$l_k(t) \in L^2_{loc}(R), \quad h_k(t) \in C(R),$$

where $L^2_{loc}(R)$ and $C(R)$ denote all the locally L^2 integrable functions and all the continuous functions on R respectively. It then follows, by mathematical induction and hypotheses on F that

$$\begin{aligned} h'_0(t) = l_0(t) + F'(t)h_1(t) = 0 &\implies h_1(t) = 0 \\ h'_1(t) = l_1(t) + F'(t)h_2(t) = 0 &\implies h_2(t) = 0 \\ &\dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \\ h'_k(t) = l_k(t) + F'(t)h_{k+1}(t) = 0 &\implies h_{k+1}(t) = 0 \\ &\dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \end{aligned}$$

In matrix form,

$$A_t \cdot \begin{pmatrix} g_0(t) \\ g_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ g_n(t) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$A_t = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & F(t) & F(t)^2 & F(t)^3 & \dots & \binom{n}{0}F(t)^n & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 1 & 2F(t) & 3F(t)^2 & \dots & \binom{n}{1}F(t)^{n-1} & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3F(t) & \dots & \binom{n}{2}F(t)^{n-2} & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & \binom{n}{3}F(t)^{n-3} & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \binom{n}{n-1}F(t) & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix}.$$

On the other hand, if we let

$$B_t = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -F(t) & F(t)^2 & -F(t)^3 & \dots & (-1)^n \binom{n}{0} F(t)^n & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 1 & -2F(t) & 3F(t)^2 & \dots & (-1)^{n-1} \binom{n}{1} F(t)^{n-1} & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3F(t) & \dots & (-1)^{n-2} \binom{n}{2} F(t)^{n-2} & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & (-1)^{n-3} \binom{n}{3} F(t)^{n-3} & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & -\binom{n}{n-1} F(t) & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix},$$

then $B_t A_t = A_t B_t$ turns out to be an infinite unit matrix. This results in $g_n(t) = 0$ and hence $f_n = 0, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. The proof of the theorem is thus completed.

As a consequence of the approach, we may easily prove that for each positive integer N , the multiplicity of a process defined as

$$X(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} F(t)^n X_n(t)$$

is exactly N .

The argument for this follows if, in the proof, we define $Y(t)$ as

$$Y(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} F(t)^n B_n(t)$$

and A_t as

$$A_t = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & F(t) & F(t)^2 & F(t)^3 & \dots & \binom{N-1}{0} F(t)^{N-1} \\ 0 & 1 & 2F(t) & 3F(t)^2 & \dots & \binom{N-1}{1} F(t)^{N-2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3F(t) & \dots & \binom{N-1}{2} F(t)^{N-3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & \binom{N-1}{3} F(t)^{N-4} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \binom{N-1}{N-2} F(t) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and B_t as

$$B_t = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -F(t) & F(t)^2 & -F(t)^3 & \dots & (-1)^{N-1} \binom{N-1}{0} F(t)^{N-1} \\ 0 & 1 & -2F(t) & 3F(t)^2 & \dots & (-1)^{N-2} \binom{N-1}{1} F(t)^{N-2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3F(t) & \dots & (-1)^{N-3} \binom{N-1}{2} F(t)^{N-3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & (-1)^{N-4} \binom{N-1}{3} F(t)^{N-4} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & -\binom{N-1}{N-2} F(t) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Finally, we need to demonstrate the existence of the function F . The construction will be done by using the Monotone Convergence Theorem.

Notation: Let $f(t)$ be a function locally symmetric at $t = x$ and let $N(x)$ denote the local support of f at x and $|N(x)|$ denote the Lebesgue measure of the support $N(x)$.

We first proceed to construct a sequence of functions $s_n(t), n = 1, 2, \dots$ as follows.

$s_1(t)$: (i) symmetric about y-axis, (ii) locally symmetric at $t = \frac{n}{2}, n = 1, 2, \dots$ and $|N(\frac{n}{2})| \leq \frac{1}{2^n}$, and (iii) $0 < \int_{N(\frac{n}{2})} s_1(t) dt \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{\delta}{2^{2^n+n}}$ and $\int_{N(\frac{n}{2})} s_1^2(t) dt = +\infty, n = 1, 2, \dots$;
 $s_2(t)$: (i) symmetric about y-axis, (ii) locally symmetric at $t = \frac{n}{2^2}, n = 1, 3, 5, \dots$, and $|N(\frac{n}{2^2})| \leq \frac{1}{2^3}$, and (iii) $0 < \int_{N(\frac{n}{2^2})} s_2(t) dt \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{\delta}{2^{3^n+n}}$ and $\int_{N(\frac{n}{2^2})} s_2^2(t) dt = +\infty, n = 1, 2, \dots$. In general, for $k \geq 3$, we similarly construct $s_k(t)$ as $s_k(t)$: (i) symmetric about y-axis, (ii) locally symmetric at $t = \frac{n}{2^k}, n = 1, 3, 5, \dots$, and $|N(\frac{n}{2^k})| \leq \frac{1}{2^{k+1}}$, and (iii) $0 < \int_{N(\frac{n}{2^k})} s_k(t) dt \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{\delta}{2^{k+1+n}}$ and $\int_{N(\frac{n}{2^k})} s_k^2(t) dt = +\infty, n = 1, 2, \dots$.

Now, let us consider the sum

$$S_n(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{k=1}^n s_k(t).$$

Since we obviously have

$$0 \leq S_1(t) \leq S_2(t) \leq \dots,$$

and

$$0 < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_n(t) dt \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k} \delta = \delta,$$

it follows from the Monotone Convergence Theorem that

$$S(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(t)$$

exists for almost all t . Now define function F as

$$F(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t S(u) du.$$

We may easily verify that the function F satisfies the conditions as in the theorem.

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