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# The Azéma Martingales as Components of Quantum Independent Increment Processes

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Inspired by the work of J. Azéma [3], M. Emery and P.A. Meyer, K.R. Parthasarathy investigated the quantum stochastic differential equation

$$dX = (c - 1)X d\Lambda + dA^\dagger + dA$$

for a real number  $c$ ; see [7]. The solution of such an equation is called an Azéma martingale. We demonstrate how an Azéma martingale can be regarded as a component of a quantum independent stationary increment process in the sense of [2].

A classical stochastic process  $(X_{st})$  taking values in a semi-group  $G$  and indexed by pairs  $(s, t) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2$ ,  $s \leq t$ , is an increment process if

$$\begin{aligned} X_{rs} X_{st} &= X_{rt}, \quad r \leq s \leq t, \\ X_{tt} &= e, \quad e \text{ the unit element of } G. \end{aligned}$$

To give sense to increments in the non-commutative case, we replace the group by a  $*$ -bialgebra. This object is defined as follows. A coalgebra  $\mathcal{C}$  is a (complex) vector space on which two linear mappings

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta : \mathcal{C} &\rightarrow \mathcal{C} \otimes \mathcal{C} && \text{(comultiplication)} \\ \delta : \mathcal{C} &\rightarrow \mathbb{C} && \text{(counit)} \end{aligned}$$

are given such that

$$\begin{aligned} (\Delta \otimes \text{id}) \circ \Delta &= (\text{id} \otimes \Delta) \circ \Delta && \text{(coassociativity law)} \\ (\delta \otimes \text{id}) \circ \Delta &= \text{id} = (\text{id} \otimes \delta) \circ \Delta && \text{(counit property)}. \end{aligned}$$

A  $*$ -bialgebra is a  $*$ -algebra which is also a coalgebra in such a way that  $\Delta$  and  $\delta$  are  $*$ -algebra homomorphisms.

The vector space  $L(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{A})$  formed by the linear mappings from a coalgebra  $\mathcal{C}$  to a (complex, unital) algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is an algebra with the multiplication

$$R * S = M \circ (R \otimes S) \circ \Delta$$

where  $M : \mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  denotes multiplication in  $\mathcal{A}$ . The unit of  $L(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{A})$  is given by  $b \mapsto \delta(b)1$ . Especially, the algebraic dual space  $\mathcal{C}^* = L(\mathcal{C}, \mathbb{C})$  of a coalgebra  $\mathcal{C}$  is an algebra (with unit  $\delta$ ).

If the  $*$ -bialgebra  $\mathcal{B}$  has an antipode, that is a linear operator  $S$  on  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $S * \text{id} = \text{id} * S = \delta 1$  (i.e.  $S$  is the inverse of the identity with respect to  $*$ ), then we call  $\mathcal{B}$  a  $*$ -Hopf algebra.

## EXAMPLES:

- 1) Let  $G$  be a semi-group. The semi-group algebra  $\mathbb{C}G$  is a  $*$ -bialgebra if we define  $*$  by antilinear extension of  $x^* = x^{-1}$  and  $\Delta$  and  $\delta$  by linear extension of  $\Delta x = x \otimes x$ ,  $\delta x = 1$ ,  $x \in G$ . If  $G$  is a group  $\mathbb{C}G$  is a  $*$ -Hopf algebra with  $S(x) = x^{-1}$ .
- 2) Let  $G$  be a sub-semi-group of the semi-group  $M_{\mathbb{C},d}$  of complex  $d \times d$ -matrices. Then we denote by  $G[d]$  the  $*$ -algebra of complex-valued functions on  $G$  generated by the functions  $\xi_{kl}$ ,  $k, l = 1, \dots, d$ , which map an element  $(\alpha_{mn})_{m,n=1,\dots,d}$  of  $G$  to  $\alpha_{kl}$ . If we set

$$\Delta \xi_{kl} = \sum_{n=1}^d \xi_{kn} \otimes \xi_{nl}$$

$$\delta(\xi_{kl}) = \delta_{kl}$$

we can extend  $\Delta$  and  $\delta$  to  $*$ -algebra homomorphisms in a unique way.  $G[d]$  becomes a  $*$ -bialgebra. We call  $G[d]$  the coefficient algebra of  $G$ .

- 3) Denote by  $M_{\mathbb{C}}\langle d \rangle$  the free algebra generated by indeterminates  $x_{kl}$  and  $x_{kl}^*$ ,  $k, l = 1, \dots, d$ . The mappings  $*$ ,  $\Delta$  and  $\delta$  are given by extending

$$(x_{kl})^* = x_{kl}^*$$

$$\Delta x_{kl} = \sum_{n=1}^d x_{kn} \otimes x_{nl} \quad (1)$$

$$\delta x_{kl} = \delta_{kl} \quad (2)$$

in the unique way which makes  $*$  an involution and  $\Delta$  and  $\delta$   $*$ -algebra homomorphisms. Similarly,  $M_{\mathbb{R}}\langle d \rangle$  is defined as the free algebra generated by  $x_{kl}$ ,  $k, l = 1, \dots, d$ , with the involution given by  $(x_{kl})^* = x_{kl}$  and  $\Delta$  and  $\delta$  again defined by (1) and (2).  $M_{\mathbb{R}}\langle d \rangle$  is a quotient (i.e. a homomorphic image) of  $M_{\mathbb{C}}\langle d \rangle$  (it has the additional relations  $x_{kl}^* = x_{kl}$ ). If we make  $M_{\mathbb{K}}\langle d \rangle$  commutative we obtain the coefficient algebra  $M_{\mathbb{K}}[d]$  of  $M_{\mathbb{K},d}$ ,  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$  or  $\mathbb{R}$ . Any  $G[d]$  of Example 2 is a quotient of  $M_{\mathbb{R}}[d]$  or at least of  $M_{\mathbb{C}}[d]$ .

- 4) Denote by  $\mathbb{C}\langle x_1, \dots, x_d \rangle = \mathbb{C}\langle d \rangle$  the free algebra generated by indeterminates  $x_1, \dots, x_d$ . We extend the mappings  $*$ ,  $\Delta$  and  $\delta$  with

$$(x_l)^* = x_l$$

$$\Delta x_l = x_l \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes x_l$$

$$\delta x_l = 0$$

to obtain a  $*$ -bialgebra which is a quotient of  $M_{\mathbb{R}}\langle 2d \rangle$ . The  $*$ -bialgebra  $\mathbb{C}\langle d \rangle$  is a  $*$ -Hopf algebra with antipode  $S(x_{l_1} \dots x_{l_n}) = (-1)^n x_{l_n} \dots x_{l_1}$ .

- 5) Divide  $M_{\mathbb{C}}\langle d \rangle$  by the ideal  $J_U$  generated by the elements

$$\sum_{n=1}^d x_{kn} x_{ln}^* - \delta_{kl} 1,$$

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Then  $J_U$  is a  $*$ -biideal. We denote the  $*$ -bialgebra  $M_{\mathbb{C}}\langle d \rangle / J_U$  by  $U\langle d \rangle$ . It can be shown that  $U\langle d \rangle$  has no antipode.

6) By making  $U\langle d \rangle$  commutative one obtains the coefficient algebra  $U[d]$  of the group  $U_d$  of unitary  $d \times d$ -matrices; see [5] where  $U\langle d \rangle$  was called the non-commutative analogue of the coefficient algebra of  $U_d$  and where a structure theorem for  $U\langle d \rangle$  was proved.  $U[d]$  is a  $*$ -Hopf algebra with the  $*$ -algebra homomorphism  $S(x_{kl}) = x_{lk}^*$  as the antipode.

7) Consider in  $M_{\mathbb{R}}\langle 2 \rangle$  the ideal generated by the elements  $x_{11} - 1$  and  $x_{21}$ . This is a  $*$ -biideal. We denote the quotient  $*$ -bialgebra by  $H_0\langle 2 \rangle$ . It is equal to the free algebra  $\mathbb{C}\langle x, y \rangle$  generated by two indeterminates  $x$  and  $y$  with the involution  $x^* = x$ ,  $y^* = y$ , and  $\Delta$  and  $\delta$  given by

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta x &= x \otimes y + 1 \otimes x, \quad \delta x = 0 \\ \Delta y &= y \otimes y, \quad \delta y = 1.\end{aligned}$$

8) By making  $H_0\langle 2 \rangle$  commutative one obtains the coefficient algebra  $H_0[2]$  of the semi-group

$$H_0 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha \\ 0 & \beta \end{pmatrix} : \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

The set of complex-valued  $*$ -algebra homomorphisms on  $H_0[2]$  equipped with  $*$  as the multiplication is isomorphic to  $H_0$ .

9) A  $*$ -Hopf algebra  $H\langle 2 \rangle$  containing  $H_0\langle 2 \rangle$  as a sub- $*$ -bialgebra is obtained if we divide the  $*$ -bialgebra  $\mathbb{C}\langle x, y, y^{-1} \rangle$  with

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta x &= x \otimes y + 1 \otimes x, \quad \delta x = 0 \\ \Delta y &= y \otimes y, \quad \delta y = 1 \\ \Delta y^{-1} &= y^{-1} \otimes y^{-1}, \quad \delta y^{-1} = 1 \\ x^* &= x, \quad y^* = y, \quad (y^{-1})^* = y^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

by the  $*$ -biideal generated by the elements  $yy^{-1} - 1$  and  $y^{-1}y - 1$ . An antipode is given by extending  $S(x) = xy^{-1}$ ,  $S(y) = y^{-1}$ ,  $S(y^{-1}) = y$ , to a linear anti-homomorphism; see [12].

10) We can make  $H\langle 2 \rangle$  commutative to obtain the  $*$ -Hopf algebra  $H_2$ . The set of complex-valued  $*$ -algebra homomorphisms on  $H_2$  is isomorphic to the group

$$H = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha \\ 0 & \beta \end{pmatrix} : \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \beta \neq 0 \right\},$$

but  $H_2$  is not equal to  $H[2] = H_0[2]$ .

#### GENERAL THEORY:

Let  $(j_{st})$  be a quantum stochastic process in the sense of Accardi, Frigerio and Lewis [1], indexed by pairs  $(s, t) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2$ ,  $s \leq t$ . The  $j_{st}$  are  $*$ -algebra homomorphisms from a  $*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{B}$  to a  $*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  where there is also given a state  $\Phi$  on  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a  $*$ -bialgebra. We call  $(j_{st})$  a quantum independent stationary increment process if the following conditions are fulfilled (see [2])

$$(a) \quad j_{rs} * j_{st} = j_{rt}, \quad r \leq s \leq t; \quad j_{tt} = \delta 1$$

- (b1) The algebras  $j_{st}(\mathcal{B})$  and  $j_{s't'}(\mathcal{B})$  commute for disjoint intervals  $(s, t)$  and  $(s', t')$ .
- (b2) The state  $\Phi$  factorizes on the sub-algebras  $j_{t_1 t_2}(\mathcal{B}), \dots, j_{t_n t_{n+1}}(\mathcal{B})$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $t_1 < \dots < t_{n+1}$ .
- (c) The states  $\Phi \circ j_{st}$  only depend on the difference  $t - s$ , i.e.  $\Phi \circ j_{st} = \varphi_{t-s}$ .
- (d)  $\lim_{t \downarrow 0} \varphi_t(b) = \delta(b)$  for all  $b \in \mathcal{B}$ .

Two independent stationary increment processes are called equivalent if the numbers  $\Phi(j_{s_1 t_1}(b_1) \dots j_{s_n t_n}(b_n))$  are the same for both processes.

Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a  $*$ -Hopf algebra and let  $(j_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$  be a quantum stochastic process over  $\mathcal{B}$  in the sense of Accardi, Frigerio and Lewis. Then  $j_{st} = (j_s \circ S) \star j_t$  satisfies (a), and  $(j_t)$  is called a process with independent and stationary increments if  $(j_{st})$  is an independent stationary increment process.

An independent stationary increment process  $(j_{st})$  is, up to equivalence, determined by its (infinitesimal) generator  $\psi$  which is the linear functional on  $\mathcal{B}$  given by

$$\psi(b) = \frac{d}{dt} \varphi_t(b)|_{t=0}.$$

The set of generators coincides with the elements in  $\mathcal{B}$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(1) &= 0 \\ \psi|_{\text{Kern } \delta} &\text{ is positive} \\ \psi(b^*) &= \overline{\psi(b)}. \end{aligned}$$

Given  $\psi$  satisfying these properties, one can make the following construction (see [9], cf. [8, 6]). Divide  $\mathcal{B}$  by the null space of the positive semi-definite sesquilinear form

$$(b, c) = \psi((b - \delta(b)1)^*(c - \delta(c)1))$$

on  $\mathcal{B}$  to obtain the pre-Hilbert space  $D$ . Denote by  $\eta : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow D$  the canonical mapping and define the  $*$ -representation  $\rho$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  on  $D$  by

$$\rho(b)\eta(c) = \eta(bc) - \eta(b)\delta(c).$$

We can write down the quantum stochastic integral equations

$$j_{st}(b) = \delta(b) + \int_s^t (j_{s\tau} \star dI_\tau^\psi)(b) \quad (3)$$

on the Bose Fockspace  $\mathcal{F}$  over  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_+, H)$ ,  $H$  the completion of  $D$ , where  $b \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $s \leq t$ , and

$$I_t^\psi(b) = A_t^\dagger(\eta(b)) + \Lambda_t(\rho(b) - \delta(b)1) + A_t(\eta(b^*)) + \psi(b)t.$$

In short-hand differential notation

$$dj_{st} = j_{st} \star dI_t^\psi, \quad j_{tt} = \delta 1.$$

The operators  $j_{st}(b)$  are defined on a dense linear sub-space of  $\mathcal{F}$  which is the span of certain exponential vectors; see [4]. In a formal algebraic sense, the  $j_{st}$  constitute a

version of an independent stationary increment process with generator  $\psi$ . We believe that this statement can be made rigorous for an arbitrary  $*$ -bialgebra by showing that the linear span of

$$\{j_{s_1 t_1}(b_1) \dots j_{s_n t_n}(b_n)\Omega : n \in \mathbb{N}, (s_l, t_l) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2, s_l \leq t_l, b_1, \dots, b_n \in \mathcal{B}\}$$

is in the domain of the closure of the operator  $j_{st}(b)$ . Only the restriction of  $j_{st}$  to this linear subspace of the Fock space can be the independent stationary increment process in question, so that the representation (3) is an embedding theorem. For  $\mathbb{C}G$ ,  $\mathbb{C}\langle d \rangle$  and  $U\langle d \rangle$  a rigorous treatment of equation (3) can be found in [4, 10], [11] and [9]. For  $\mathbb{C}G$ ,  $G$  a group, the operators  $j_{st}(x)$ ,  $x \in G$ , are unitary and are representations of  $G$  of type S (cf. [6]). For  $\mathbb{C}\langle d \rangle$  the operators  $j_{st}(x_l)$  are sums of creation, preservation, annihilation and scalar processes [11]. For  $U\langle d \rangle$  the operators  $(j_{st}(x_{kl}))_{k,l=1,\dots,d}$  are increments  $(U_s)^\dagger U_t$  of a solution  $U_t$  of a linear quantum stochastic differential equation on  $\mathbb{C}^d \otimes \mathcal{F}$  with constant coefficients [9].

APPLICATION TO  $H\langle 2 \rangle$ :

We concentrate on Example 7. A generator  $\psi$  on  $H_0\langle 2 \rangle$  can always be constructed by the following procedure. Assume that we are given a pre-Hilbert space  $D$ , two hermitian operators  $\rho_x$  and  $\rho_y$  on  $D$ , two vectors  $\eta_x$  and  $\eta_y$  in  $D$  and two real numbers  $\psi_x$  and  $\psi_y$ . We then define the  $*$ -representation  $\rho$  of  $H_0\langle 2 \rangle$  by extending  $\rho(x) = \rho_x$ ,  $\rho(y) = \rho_y$ . Next we define the linear mapping  $\eta : H_0\langle 2 \rangle \rightarrow D$  by the equations

$$\begin{aligned}\eta(x) &= \eta_x \\ \eta(y) &= \eta_y \\ \eta(bc) &= \rho(b)\eta(c) + \eta(b)\delta(c).\end{aligned}$$

Finally, we define  $\psi \in H_0\langle 2 \rangle^*$  by

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(x) &= \psi_x \\ \psi(y) &= \psi_y \\ \psi(bc) &= \psi(b)\delta(c) + \delta(b)\psi(c) + (\eta(a^*), \eta(b)).\end{aligned}$$

Then  $\psi$  is a generator, and the associated equations (3) for  $b = x$  and  $b = y$  are

$$\begin{aligned}dX_{st} &= X_{st}(dA_t^\dagger(\eta_y) + d\Lambda_t(\rho_y - 1) + dA_t(\eta_y) + \psi_y dt) \\ &\quad + dA_t^\dagger(\eta_x) + d\Lambda_t(\rho_x) + dA_t(\eta_x) + \psi_x dt \\ X_{ss} &= 0,\end{aligned}\tag{4}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}dY_{st} &= Y_{st}(dA_t^\dagger(\eta_y) + d\Lambda_t(\rho_y - 1) + dA_t(\eta_y) + \psi_y dt) \\ Y_{ss} &= 1,\end{aligned}\tag{5}$$

where we set  $X_{st} = j_{st}(x)$  and  $Y_{st} = j_{st}(y)$ . By property (a) of an independent stationary increment process we obtain for  $r \leq s \leq t$

$$X_{rt} = (j_{rs} \star j_{st})(x) = X_{rs}Y_{st} + X_{st}$$

and

$$Y_{rt} = Y_{rs}Y_{st}.$$

Using this and property (b1) we have for  $s \leq t$

$$\begin{aligned} X_{0s}X_{0t} &= X_{0s}(X_{0s}Y_{st} + X_{st}) \\ &= X_{0s}Y_{st}X_{0s} + X_{st}X_{0s} \\ &= X_{0t}X_{0s} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{0s}Y_{0t} &= Y_{0s}Y_{0s}Y_{st} \\ &= Y_{0s}Y_{st}Y_{0s} \\ &= Y_{0t}Y_{0s} \end{aligned}$$

showing that both  $X_t = X_{0t}$  and  $Y_t = Y_{0t}$  are commutative processes.

The equations for the Azéma martingales arise as the following special cases. Choose  $D = \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\rho_x = 0$ ,  $\rho_y = c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\eta_x = 1$ ,  $\eta_y = 0$  and  $\psi_x = \psi_y = 0$ . This determines a generator  $\psi^{(c)}$  on  $H_0\langle 2 \rangle$ . Equation (4) and (5) become

$$dX_{st} = (c-1)X_{st}d\Lambda_t + dQ_t, \quad X_{ss} = 0 \quad (6)$$

(where we put  $Q_t = A_t^\dagger + A_t$ ) and

$$dY_{st} = (c-1)Y_{st}d\Lambda_t, \quad Y_{ss} = 1. \quad (7)$$

Equation (7) is the one for the second quantization operator

$$Y_{st} = \Gamma(\chi_{[0,s]} + c\chi_{[s,t]} + \chi_{[t,\infty)}),$$

equation (6) is solved by  $X_{st} = X_t - X_sY_{st}$  and  $X_t$  satisfies the Azéma martingale equation

$$dX_t = (c-1)X_td\Lambda_t + dQ_t, \quad X_0 = 0.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi^{(c)}(xyx) &= \overline{\eta(x)}\eta(yx) \\ &= \overline{\eta(x)}(\rho(y)\eta(x) + \eta(y)\delta(x)) \\ &= c. \end{aligned}$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} \psi^{(c)}(x^2y) &= \overline{\eta(x)}\eta(xy) \\ &= \overline{\eta(x)}(\rho(x)\eta(y) + \eta(x)\delta(y)) \\ &= 1, \end{aligned}$$

which shows that for  $c \neq 1$  the process  $(X_{st}, Y_{st})$  cannot be reduced to an independent stationary increment process over  $H_0[2]$ .

In the case  $c \neq 0$  we can extend the generator  $\psi^{(c)}$  to a generator on  $H\langle 2 \rangle$  in the only possible way by setting  $\rho(y^{-1}) = c^{-1}$ ,  $\eta(y^{-1}) = 0$ , and  $\psi^{(c)}(y^{-1}) = 0$ . Then  $(X_t, Y_t, (Y_t)^{-1})$  is a process with independent stationary increments over  $H\langle 2 \rangle$ .

REMARK: Nothing has been said about the domains of our processes. However, for  $-1 \leq c \leq 1$  the  $Y_{st}$  are bounded and for  $-1 \leq c < 1$  this is also true for  $X_{st}$  (see [7]). For  $c = 1$  we have  $X_{st} = Q_{st}$  and this is actually the case of Brownian motion and the  $*$ -bialgebra  $C(1)$ . Also from [7] we know that for  $-1 \leq c \leq 1$  the process  $X_t$  has the chaos completeness property which means that the embedding of  $j_{st}$  into  $(X_{st}, Y_{st})$  is an isomorphism.

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