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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  $E_{\lambda}$  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  $\mathbf{H}$ , which will be referred to as cyclic vectors, such that the Hilbert space  $\mathbf{H}$  can be Hellinger-Hahn [9] decomposed into a direct sum

$$\mathbf{H} = \sum_{n \geq 1} \bigoplus \mathbf{H}_n,$$

where

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

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  $\mathbf{H} = \sum_{n\geq 1} \oplus \mathbf{H}'_n$  is another decomposition with  $\mathbf{H}'_n$ , a cyclic subspace with cyclic vector  $f'_n$ , then

$$d\mu_n \sim d\mu_n'$$
 (equivalence),  $n = 1, 2, \cdots$ ,

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

Denote the support for  $d\mu_n$  by  $\Lambda_n$ . The integer  $m(\lambda) = max\{n; \lambda \in \Lambda_n\}$  is referred to as the multiplicity of  $\lambda$ , and the pair  $\{d\mu, m\}$ , the spectral type of  $U_t$ . The spectral type of  $U_t$  is said to be  $\sigma$ -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 H and H' respectively, and if they are unitary equivalent, i.e., if there exists an isometry V of H onto 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 H and H' such that  $\{U_t\}$  and  $\{U_t'\}$  are unitary equivalent. In other words, the sequence  $\{d\mu_n\}$  is unitary invariant.

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

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

Then  $\theta_t$  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

$$\tau(u) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} e^u, & u < 0 \\ 0, & u \ge 0 \end{array} \right..$$

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

linear span 
$$\{e^{i\lambda t}\hat{\tau}(\lambda),\,t\in R\}=$$
 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  $\tau$ . Now

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

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  $\sigma$ -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  $\sigma$ -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

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

and define C:

$$C: \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \widehat{L}^{2}(R^{n}) & \to & \sqrt{n!}L_{nc}^{2} \\ F(u_{1}, u_{2}, \dots, u_{n}) & \to & F(u_{\pi(1)}, u_{\pi(2)}, \dots, u_{\pi(n)}), \end{array}$$

where  $\pi$  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  $\widehat{L}^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $\sqrt{n!}L_{nc}^2$ . Further let

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

and define  $\mathcal{E}$ :

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

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  $L^2_{nc}$  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

$$\mathcal{E} \cdot \mathcal{C} \cdot \mathcal{J} : \qquad \begin{matrix} \mathcal{J} \\ \mathcal{H}_n & \to & \sqrt{n!} \ \widehat{L}^2(R^n) \\ & & & \downarrow \mathcal{C} \\ n! \ L^2(R \times R^{n-1}_+) & \leftarrow & n! \ L^2_{nc} \end{matrix}$$

in mind, we see that if

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

then

(1) 
$$U_t \varphi \rightarrow n! G(v_1 - t, v_2, \dots, v_n)$$

$$= n! (V_t G)(v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_n).$$

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) 
$$L^{2}(R \times R_{+}^{n-1}) = \sum_{k_{2},\dots,k_{n}>0} \oplus L_{k_{2},\dots,k_{n}},$$

where

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

and  $\otimes$  means tensor product. Such  $\eta'_n$ s may be taken, for example as the Laguerre functions. Apparently, the subspace  $L_{k_2,\cdots,k_n}$  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  $L_{k_2,\cdots,k_n}$ , 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  $\sigma$ -Lebesgue.

Here, let us note that if we put

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

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

$$X_{k_2,...,k_n}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t dB(u_n) \int_{-\infty}^{u_n} \eta_{k_n}(u_n - u_{n-1}) dB(u_{n-1}) \times ... \times dt$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{u_3} \eta_{k_3}(u_3-u_2)dB(u_2) \times \int_{-\infty}^{u_2} \tau(\frac{u_1+\ldots+u_n}{n}-t)\eta_{k_2}(u_2-u_1)dB(u_1).$$

Hence if we put

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

then

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

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

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

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

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

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)  $0 < F(t) \le \delta < 1$ .

**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  $R: B_0, B_1, B_2, \cdots$ , 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  $L^2((-\infty,T]), \quad n=0,1,2,\cdots$ . For this purpose, let

$$h_k(t) = \sum_{\substack{n=k \ \infty}}^{\infty} n(n-1) \cdots (n-k+1) F(t)^{n-k} g_n(t), \ k \ge 1$$

$$l_k(t) = \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} n(n-1) \cdots (n-k+1) F(t)^{n-k} g'_n(t), \ k \ge 1$$

$$l_0(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} F(t)^n g'_n(t).$$

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

$$h'_{0}(t) = l_{0}(t) + F'(t)h_{1}(t) = 0 \implies h_{1}(t) = 0 h'_{1}(t) = l_{1}(t) + F'(t)h_{2}(t) = 0 \implies h_{2}(t) = 0 \cdots \cdots \cdots \cdots h'_{k}(t) = l_{k}(t) + F'(t)h_{k+1}(t) = 0 \implies h_{k+1}(t) = 0$$

In matrix form,

$$A_t \cdot \left(egin{array}{c} g_0(t) \ g_1(t) \ dots \ g_n(t) \ dots \end{array}
ight) = \left(egin{array}{c} 0 \ 0 \ dots \ 0 \ dots \end{array}
ight),$$

where

On the other hand, if we let

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  $f_n = 0, n = 0, 1, 2, \cdots$ . 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

and  $B_t$  as

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

Now, let us consider the sum

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

Since we obviously have

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

and

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

it follows from the Monotone Convergence Theorem that

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

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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