

A CHARACTERIZATION OF CRAMÉR  
 REPRESENTATION OF STOCHASTIC PROCESSES

*Z. Ivković and Yu. A. Rozanov*

(Communicated May 13, 1972)

Let  $X(t)$ ,  $t \in [a, b]$  be a complex valued stochastic process with  $EX(t) = 0$  and  $E|X(t)|^2 < \infty$  for each  $t \in [a, b]$ . The interval  $[a, b]$  may be finite or infinite. We consider the process  $X(t)$ ,  $t \in [a, b]$  as a curve in the Hilbert space  $H$  of all random variables with finite dispersion. The scalar product in  $H$  is defined by  $(X, Y) = EX\bar{Y}$ ;  $X, Y \in H$ . Let  $H(X; t)$  be the linear closure in  $H$  generated by  $X(s)$ ,  $s \in [a, t]$ . We will suppose that  $X(t)$ ,  $t \in [a, b]$  is continuous from the left (which yields the separability of the spaces  $H(X; t)$ ,  $t \in [a, b]$ ) and regular (i. e.  $\bigcap_{t>a} H(X; t) = 0$ ).

Let  $Z(t) = \|Z(t)\|_{n=1, \bar{N}}$ ,  $t \in [a, b]$  be a stochastic process (considered as a vector column), where  $Z_n(t)$ ,  $t \in [a, b]$ ,  $n = \overline{1, \bar{N}}$  are mutually orthogonal processes with orthogonal increments.  $\bar{N}$  may be finite or infinite. Put  $F(t) = EZ(t)Z^*(t) = \|F_{jk}(t)\|_{k=1, \bar{N}}^{j=1, \bar{N}}$ , where  $Z^*(t)$  denotes the transposed matrix of  $Z(t)$ .

Matrix function  $F(t)$ ,  $t \in [a, b]$  has non-zero elements only on the principal diagonal and we denote them by  $F_n(t) = F_{nn}(t) = E|Z_n(t)|^2$ ,  $n = \overline{1, \bar{N}}$

Let  $L_2(F)$  be the Hilbert space of all complex valued vector row functions  $f(t) = \|f_n(t)\|_{n=1, \bar{N}}$ ,  $t \in [a, b]$  for which

$$\int_a^b f(u) dF(u) f^*(u) < \infty.$$

The scalar product in  $L_2(F)$  is defined by

$$\langle f_1, f_2 \rangle = \int_a^b f_1(u) dF(u) f_2^*(u); \quad f_1, f_2 \in L_2(F).$$

Consider the class of all distribution functions  $F$  (defined on  $[a, b]$  and being bounded, nondecreasing and continuous from the left). We write  $F_1 \succ F_2$  if and only if the measure induced by  $F_2$  is absolutely continuous with respect to the measure induced by  $F_1$ . Let  $R$  be a class of the distribution functions

equivalent with respect to the relation  $\succ$ . We will consider the arbitrary finite or infinite sequence of classes

$$(1) \quad R_1 \succ R_2 \succ \dots \succ R_N.$$

The fundamental result in [1] is the following:

For a given sequence (1) there exists the process  $X(t)$ ,  $t \in [a, b]$  such that

$$(2) \quad X(t) = \int_a^t g(t, u) dZ(u), \quad t \in [a, b],$$

where

1. The processes  $Z_n(t)$ ,  $n = \overline{1, N}$  in  $Z(t) = \|Z_n(t)\|_{n=\overline{1, N}}$  are mutually orthogonal with orthogonal increments and

$$E|Z_n(t)|^2 = F_n(t) \in R_n, \quad n = \overline{1, N}$$

$$2. \quad H(X; t) = \sum_{n=1}^N \oplus H(Z_n; t), \quad t \in [a, b]$$

3. For  $F(t) = EZ(t)Z^*(t)$ ,  $t \in [a, b]$  then  $g(t, u) \in L_2(F)$  as a function of  $u \in [a, t]$  ( $g(t, u) = 0$  for  $u > t$ ).

We call Cramér representation of the process  $X(t)$  the representation (2) with 1, 2. and 3. The sequence (1) or  $F(t)$ ,  $t \in [a, b]$  is the spectral type of  $X(t)$ .

It follows from the theorem of complete system of unitary invariants of a selfadjoint operator in Hilbert space [5] that the correlation function of  $X(t)$

$$B(s, t) = (X(s), X(t)) = EX(s)\overline{X(t)}, \quad s, t \in [a, b]$$

uniquely determines the spectral type of  $X(t)$ .

We will say that the family of functions  $g(t, u) \in L_2(F)$ ,  $u \in [a, t]$  (where the parameter  $t \in [a, b]$ ) is complete in  $L_2(F)$  if for any fixed  $t$  from

$$\int_a^s g(s, u) dF(u) f^*(u) = 0 \quad \text{for all } s \in [a, t]$$

follows  $f(u) = 0$ ,  $u \in [a, t]$  almost everywhere with respect to  $F$  (i. e.

$$\int_a^t f(u) dF(u) f^*(u) = 0).$$

**Theorem 1** ([3], see also [4]). *The process  $X(t)$   $t \in [a, b]$  has Cramér representation (2) if and only if*

$$(4) \quad B(s, t) = \int_a^{\min\{s, t\}} g(s, u) dF(u) g^*(t, u), \quad s, t \in [a, b]$$

where the family of functions  $g(t, u)$ ,  $u \in [a, t]$  is complete in  $L_2(F)$ .

**Proof.** It follows immediately from Cramér representation that  $B(s, t)$  has the form (4). To prove that the family  $g(t, u)$  is complete observe that any

element  $Y$  of  $\sum_{n=1}^N \oplus H(Z_n; t)$  is of the form  $Y = \int_a^t f(u) dZ(u)$ ,  $f \in L_2(F)$ . As  $Y \in H(X; t)$  it follows that  $(X(s), Y) = 0$ , for all  $s \in [a, t]$  implies  $Y = 0$ , what is equivalent to the condition of completeness of  $g(t, u)$ .

Now, let  $B(s, t)$  be of the form (4) with the complete family  $g(t, u)$ . Then we can always find the process  $Z(t) = \|Z_n(t)\|_{n=1, \overline{N}}$ , where  $Z_n(t)$ ,  $n = \overline{1, N}$  are mutually orthogonal and with orthogonal increments, for which

$$EZ(t)Z^*(t) = F(t)$$

with  $F(t)$  from (4). So the process

$$(5) \quad X(t) = \int_a^t g(t, u) dZ(u), \quad t \in [a, b]$$

has the correlation function (4). We only have to prove that the condition 2. of the Cramér representation holds. From (5) follows

$$H(X; t) \subset \sum_{n=1}^N \oplus H(Z_n; t), \quad t \in [a, b].$$

If  $H(X; t) \supset \sum_{n=1}^N \oplus H(Z_n; t)$  there exists  $Y: 0 \neq Y \in \sum_{n=1}^N \oplus H(Z_n; t)$  such that  $(X(s), Y) = 0$  for all  $s \in [a, t]$ . As

$$Y = \int_a^t f(u) dZ(u), \quad 0 \neq f \in L_2(F)$$

we have

$$(X(s), Y) = \int_a^s g(s, u) dF(u) f^*(u) = 0 \quad \text{for all } s \in [a, t],$$

which is the contradiction with the condition that  $g(t, u)$  is complete.

Example 1. Let  $A_n$ ,  $n = \overline{1, N}$  be disjoint sets such that  $\bigcup_{n=1}^N A_n = [0, 1]$  and

let every  $A_n$  be dense in  $[0, 1]$ . We consider the family  $g(t, u) = \|g_n(t, u)\|_{n=1, \overline{N}}$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$ , where

$$g_n(t, u) = \begin{cases} 1, & u \in [0, t], \quad u \in A_n. \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Let } F(t) = \|F_{jk}(t)\|_{\substack{j=1, \overline{N} \\ k=1, \overline{N}}} = \begin{vmatrix} t & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & t \end{vmatrix}, \quad t \in [0, 1].$$

It is easy to show that the family  $g(t, u)$ ,  $u \in [0, t]$  is complete in  $L_2(F)$ ; if for all  $s \in A_n \cap [0, t]$

$$\int_0^s g(t, u) dF(u) f^*(u) = \int_0^s f_n(u) du = 0,$$

then  $f_n(u) = 0$ ,  $u \in [0, t]$  a. e. or  $f(u) = \|f_n(u)\|_{n=\overline{1, N}} = 0$ ,  $u \in [0, t]$  a. e. with respect to  $F$ .

So

$$B(s, t) = \int_0^{\min\{s, t\}} g(s, u) dF(u) g^*(t, u) = \begin{cases} \min\{s, t\}, & \text{if both } s \text{ and } t \text{ are in the} \\ & \text{same set } A_n, n = \overline{1, N} \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

is the correlation function of the process  $X(t)$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$  with the spectral type  $F$ . For example,

$$X(t) = \int_0^t g(t, u) dZ(u), \quad t \in [0, 1],$$

where  $Z_n(t)$ ,  $n = \overline{1, N}$  in  $Z(t) = \|Z_n(t)\|_{n=\overline{1, N}}$  are independent Brownian motion processes.

**Remark.** The Theorem 1. holds under weaker conditions than those that the functions  $F_n(t)$ ,  $n = \overline{1, N}$  in  $F$  are ordered according to  $>$ . Namely, let  $G(t) = \|G_{jk}(t)\|_{j=\overline{1, L}}^{k=\overline{1, L}}$  be the matrix function which having the only non-zero elements distribution functions  $G_{nn}(t)$ ,  $n = \overline{1, L}$  ( $L$  may be infinite). For the process  $X(t)$ ,  $t \in [a, b]$  with the correlation function

$$B(s, t) = \int_a^{\min\{s, t\}} h(s, u) dG(u) h^*(t, u); \quad s, t \in [a, b]$$

where the family of functions  $h(t, u)$ ,  $u \in [a, t]$  (parameter  $t \in [a, b]$ ) is complete in  $L_2(G)$ , the spectral type can be found as follows. Starting with  $G(t)$ , the procedure for determining  $F$  in Cramér representation of  $X(t)$  is equivalent to the so called regularizing transposition from [2], Ch. VII (Note that  $N \leq L$ ).

It is shown in [1] that the process  $X(t)$  with given spectral type  $F^X$  can be found so to be continuous (in quadratic mean). Let  $X(t)$  be regular everywhere (i. e.  $F_1^X(t)$  in  $F^X$  is absolutely continuous). According to [3] this is not essential restriction. Now we define

$$(6) \quad Y(t) = \int_a^t \varphi(t, u) X(u) du, \quad t \in [a, b]$$

**Theorem 2.** *If the family of functions  $\varphi(t, u)$ ,  $u \in [a, t]$  in (6), is complete in  $L_2$ , then the processes  $Y(t)$  and  $X(t)$  have the same spectral type.*

**Proof.** We need only to show  $H(Y; t) = H(X; t)$  for all  $t \in [a, b]$ . Since, according to (6),  $H(Y; t) \subset H(X; t)$  suppose that  $H(Y; t) \neq H(X; t)$ , then there exists  $Z$ :  $0 \neq Z \in H(X; t)$  such that  $(Y(s), Z) = 0$  for all  $s \in [a, t]$ .

Being

$$Z = \int_a^t f(v) dZ^X(v), \quad f \in L_2(F^X),$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} (Y(s), Z) &= E \int_a^s \varphi(s, u) X(u) du \cdot \overline{\int_a^t f(v) dZ^X(v)} = \\ &= E \int_a^s \varphi(s, u) \left[ \int_a^u g^X(u, x) dZ^X(x) \right] du \cdot \overline{\int_a^t f(v) dZ^X(v)} = \\ &= \int_a^s \varphi(s, u) \left[ \int_a^u g^X(u, v) dF^X(v) f^*(v) \right] du = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $s \in [a, t]$ . Since  $\varphi(t, u)$  is complete in  $L_2$  it follows that

$$\int_a^u g^X(u, v) dF^X(v) f^*(v) = 0$$

almost everywhere on  $[a, t]$ . Being  $X(t)$  regular everywhere it follows that the last equality holds for all  $u \in [a, t]$ . From the completeness of  $g^X(u, v)$  in  $L_2(F^X)$  we conclude that  $f(v) = 0$  with respect to  $F^X$ . This contradiction concludes the proof.

Corollary. Let

$$B^Y(s, t) = \int_a^s \int_a^t \varphi(s, u) \overline{\varphi(t, v)} B^X(u, v) du dv, \quad s, t \in [a, b]$$

where the process  $X(t)$  is as in Theorem 2. If  $\varphi(t, u)$  is complete in  $L_2$  then  $F^Y = F^X$ .

Example 2. The process

$$Y(t) = \int_a^t X(u) du, \quad t \in [a, b]$$

has the spectral type  $F^X$  of the process  $X(t)$ .

#### REFERENCES

- [1] Н. Стамёр, *Stochastic Processes as Curves in Hilbert Space*, Теория вероятностей и ее применения, Том IX, No. 2, 1964, 169—179.
- [2] Т. Хидэ, *Canonical Representation of Gaussian Processes and their Applications*, Mem. Coll. Sci. Univ. Kyoto, Ser. A, 33, 1960, 109—155.
- [3] З. Ивкович, Ю. А. Розанов, *О каноническом разложении Хидэ-Крамера для случайных процессов*, Теория вероятностей и ее применения, Том XVI, № 2, 1971, 348—353.
- [4] V. Mandrekar, *On Multivariate Wide-Sense Markov Processes*, Nagoya Math. J. Vol. 33, 1968, 7—19.
- [5] M. H. Stone, *Linear Transformations in Hilbert Space*, American Math. Soc. N. Y. 1933.