

## ON THE DECOMPOSITION OF ARBITRARY SECOND ORDERED STOCHASTIC PROCESS

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We shall assume that the stochastic process  $X = \{X(t), t \in \mathbf{R}\}$  and related concepts are defined as in [2]; all notions concerning measure theory or theory of linear operators in Hilbert space are defined as in [5]. We shall not assume that any special condition for the stochastic process  $X$  is satisfied.

**Theorem 1.** *There is the unique decomposition of the stochastic process  $X$  to the orthogonal sum of the stochastic processes  $X_1 = \{X_1(t), t \in \mathbf{R}\}$  and  $X_2 = \{X_2(t), t \in \mathbf{R}\}$ , such that the following two conditions are satisfied:*

(a)  $\mathcal{H}(X_1; t-0) = \mathcal{H}(X_1; t)$  for each  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ ;

(b)  $X_2$  is the stochastic process with discrete innovations (i.e. all its orthogonal innovations are discrete).

**Proof.** Let

$$(1) \quad x_t = X(t) - P_{\mathcal{H}(X; t-0)} X(t), \quad t \in \mathbf{R},$$

(for any subspace  $\mathcal{H}_1 \subset \mathcal{H}(X)$ ,  $P_{\mathcal{H}_1}$  denotes the projection operator from  $\mathcal{H}(X)$  onto  $\mathcal{H}_1$ ) and let  $\mathcal{S}_2$  be the smallest subspace of  $\mathcal{H}(X)$  generated by  $x_t$ ,  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ :

$$\mathcal{S}_2 = \overline{\mathcal{L}}\{x_t, t \in \mathbf{R}\};$$

let  $\mathcal{S}_1$  be the subspace of  $\mathcal{H}(X)$  such that the equality

$$\mathcal{S}_1 \oplus \mathcal{S}_2 = \mathcal{H}(X)$$

holds. Let us define the stochastic processes  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  by

$$X_1(t) = P_{\mathcal{S}_1} X(t), \quad X_2(t) = P_{\mathcal{S}_2} X(t), \quad t \in \mathbf{R}.$$

It is easy to see that we have

$$(2) \quad X(t) = X_1(t) + X_2(t), \quad t \in \mathbf{R},$$

and

$$(X_1(u), X_2(v)) = 0 \text{ for all } u, v \in \mathbf{R}.$$

From the equality  $\mathcal{H}(X_1; t) = P_{\mathcal{S}_1} \mathcal{H}(X; t)$ ,  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ , it follows

$$\mathcal{H}(X_1; t) = P_{\mathcal{S}_1} \mathcal{H}(X; t-0) \oplus P_{\mathcal{S}_1} \overline{\mathcal{L}}\{x_t\}, \quad t \in \mathbf{R},$$

where  $x_t$  is defined by (1). However,  $x_t \in \mathcal{S}_2$  and this means that  $\overline{\mathcal{L}}\{x_t\}$  is orthogonal to  $\mathcal{S}_1$ , i.e.  $P_{\mathcal{S}_1} \overline{\mathcal{L}}\{x_t\} = 0$ ; hence

$$\mathcal{H}(X_1; t) = P_{\mathcal{S}_1} \mathcal{H}(X; t-0) = \mathcal{H}(X_1; t-0), \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

and (a) is satisfied.

The equality

$$(3) \quad X_2(t) = P_{\overline{\mathcal{L}}\{x_s, s \leq t\}} X(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

holds because  $X(t)$  is orthogonal to  $x_u$  for all  $u > t$ . From this fact it follows that all innovations of stochastic process  $X_2$  are of the form  $X_2(t) - P_{\mathcal{H}(X_2; t-0)} X_2(t)$ , and each innovation of this form is, because of (3), equal to  $P_{\overline{\mathcal{L}}\{x_t\}} X_2(t)$ . That means that (b) is satisfied.

It is easy to show the uniqueness of the decomposition (2). Let us suppose that there exists another decomposition,

$$X(t) = X_1^*(t) + X_2^*(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

of the process  $X$ , such that the conditions (a) and (b) are satisfied for the processes  $X_1^*$  and  $X_2^*$ , respectively. In this case, according to (2) and (4), we have

$$X_1(t) - X_1^*(t) = X_2(t) - X_2^*(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

But, the last equality is false, because  $X_2 - X_2^* = \{X_2(t) - X_2^*(t), t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is the process with discrete innovations and the condition (a) is satisfied for the process  $X_1 - X_1^* = \{X_1(t) - X_1^*(t), t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . QED

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $X$  be an arbitrary stochastic process satisfying the equality*

$$(4) \quad \mathcal{H}(X; t-0) = \mathcal{H}(X; t) \text{ for all } t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

*That process can be represented as orthogonal sum of the stochastic process with homogenous maximal spectral types<sup>1)</sup>; these spectral types are mutually orthogonal and they have mutually different multiplicities. This decomposition of  $X$  is unique.*

This theorem is the immediate consequence of the theorems 10.4.11 and 10.4.15 of [5].

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $X$  be an arbitrary stochastic process satisfying (4). It can be decomposed to the orthogonal sum*

$$X(t) = X_1(t) + X_2(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

where the following conditions 1°, 2°, and 3° are satisfied:

1° a) *Maximal spectral type of the process  $X_1$  is ordinary<sup>2)</sup>.*

b) *The inequality  $\text{mult } \rho \leq \aleph_0$  holds for each spectral type  $\rho$  belonging to the process  $X_1$ <sup>2)</sup>.*

<sup>1)</sup> Maximal spectral type of the stochastic process is, by definition, equal to the maximal spectral type of the resolution of the identity of this stochastic process; about "maximal spectral type of the resolution of the identity" (which can be ordinary or generalized) see, for example, [5] or [4].

<sup>2)</sup> We say that the spectral type  $\rho$  belongs to the stochastic process  $X$  if it belongs to the resolution of the identity of  $X$ ; see, for example, [5] or [4].

2° At least one of the following two conditions is satisfied:

a) Maximal spectral type of the process  $X_2$  is generalized and for any  $z \in \mathcal{H}(X_2)$ , if mult  $\rho_z \leq \aleph_0$ , then there exist continuously many elements  $z_\lambda \in \mathcal{H}(X_2)$ ,  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , such that  $\rho_{z_\lambda} \perp \rho_{z_\nu}$  ( $\lambda \neq \nu$ ) and  $\rho_{z_\lambda} \perp \rho_z$  for all  $\lambda, \nu \in \Lambda$ .

b) The equality mult  $\sigma = \aleph_1$  holds for each spectral type  $\sigma$  belonging to the process  $X_2$ .

3° If the arbitrary spectral types  $\rho$  and  $\sigma$  belong to the processes  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ , respectively, then  $\rho$  is orthogonal to  $\sigma$  and mult  $\rho \neq$  mult  $\sigma$ .

The described decomposition of the process  $X$  is unique.

Proof. The preceding theorem has the basic role in the proof. According to this theorem, the space  $\mathcal{H}(X)$  can be decomposed to the orthogonal sum of the subspaces  $\mathcal{H}_\lambda$ , whose maximal spectral types<sup>3)</sup> are mutually orthogonal and multiplicities  $m_\lambda$  of these spectral types are mutually different. Let  $\mathcal{H}_1$  be the orthogonal sum of those subspaces  $\mathcal{H}_\lambda$  whose maximal spectral types are ordinary and have multiplicities not greater than  $\aleph_0$ ; let  $\mathcal{H}_2 = \mathcal{H}(X) \ominus \mathcal{H}_1$ . The subspaces  $\mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\mathcal{H}_2$  reduce the resolution of the identity  $E_X = \{E_X(t), t \in R\}$  of the process  $X$ . The equality

$$X(t) = P_{\mathcal{H}_1} X(t) + P_{\mathcal{H}_2} X(t)$$

holds for all  $t \in R$ . Let us put:  $X_1(t) = P_{\mathcal{H}_1} X(t)$ ,  $X_2(t) = P_{\mathcal{H}_2} X(t)$ ,  $t \in R$ .

The stochastic processes  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are orthogonal. From the equality  $\mathcal{H}_1 = \mathcal{L}\{X_1(t), t \in R\}$  it follows that the condition 1° is satisfied. If the maximal spectral type of  $X$  is generalized, then, according to 1° a), the maximal spectral type of  $X_2$  will be generalized and the condition 2° a) will be satisfied. If the maximal spectral type of  $X$  is ordinary and  $\dim \mathcal{H}(X) = \aleph_1$ , then the maximal spectral type of  $X_2$  will be ordinary, but it will be homogeneous and its multiplicity will be equal to  $\aleph_1$ ; hence, in this case the condition 2° b) will be satisfied. The uniqueness of the decomposition follows from the described construction. QED

From the theorems 1 and 3 it follows immediately the following.

Theorem 4. Let  $X$  be an arbitrary second ordered stochastic process. There exists the unique decomposition of this process to the orthogonal sum of the stochastic processes  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$  and  $X_3$  such that:

1°  $\mathcal{H}(X_1; t-0) = \mathcal{H}(X_1; t)$  for each  $t \in R$  and  $\dim \mathcal{H}(X_1) \leq \aleph_0$ ;

2°  $\mathcal{H}(X_2; t-0) = \mathcal{H}(X_2; t)$  for each  $t \in R$ ;

3°  $X_3$  is the stochastic process with discrete inovations.

It is easy to see that the processes  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  can be studied by the methods of linear operators in Hilbert spaces, because they determine the resolution of the identity in the corresponding Hilbert spaces. The process  $X_3$  cannot be studied by the same methods; the "white noise" is one of processes of this kind.

Now, let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be the stochastic processes which satisfy the conditions 1° and 2° of the preceding theorem, respectively. The difference between

<sup>3)</sup> Maximal spectral type of the arbitrary subspaces  $\mathcal{H}_\lambda$  is, by definition, equal to the maximal spectral type of the stochastic process which is obtained as the projection of the stochastic process  $X$  onto  $\mathcal{H}_\lambda$ .

these two processes is in the following. The space  $\mathcal{H}(X_1)$  is obviously separable and, because of that, it can be studied as in [1—3] (it is not necessary to make the assumption about the existence of left and right limits of process for values of  $t$ ). In the following example we will see that the space  $\mathcal{H}(X_2)$  can be non-separable (i.e. it can be  $\dim \mathcal{H}(X_2) = \aleph_1$ ).

**Example.** By  $Z_\lambda = \{Z_\lambda(t), t \in R\}$ ,  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  ( $\text{card } \Lambda = \aleph_1$ ) we shall denote continuous (in the sense of [1]) stochastic process with orthogonal increments. We shall suppose that the processes  $Z_\lambda$ ,  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , are mutually orthogonal and that the (maximal) spectral type of each of them is equal to  $\rho$  (of course, it is well known that the multiplicity of a continuous stochastic process with orthogonal increments is equal to 1). It is known ([1]) that, for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , there exists a countable set  $\{t_1, t_2, \dots\}$  of values of  $t$ , such that the linear manifold spanned by  $Z_\lambda(t_1), Z_\lambda(t_2), \dots$  is everywhere dense in  $\mathcal{H}(Z_\lambda)$ , i.e.  $\mathcal{H}(Z_\lambda) = \overline{\mathcal{L}}\{Z_\lambda(t_i), i = 1, 2, \dots\}$ . The last equality holds for each countable everywhere dense set in  $R$ .

Let  $q$  be the fixed irrational number and  $A$  — the set of all numbers of the form  $m + nq$ , where  $m$  and  $n$  are arbitrary integers:  $A = \{m + nq \mid m, n \text{ — integers}\}$ . Let us define the relation  $\sim$  on  $R$  in the following way:  $t_1 \sim t_2$  if and only if  $t_1 - t_2 \in A$ . It is easy to see ([6]) that  $\sim$  is an equivalent relation on  $R$ , that there is continuously many equivalent classes  $R_\lambda$  in  $R$ , and that each equivalent class is countable and everywhere dense in  $R$ .

Let us denote by  $\varphi$  the following one-to-one mapping from  $\Lambda$  onto the set of all equivalent classes:  $\varphi(\lambda) = R_\lambda$ ,  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ . The linear manifold spanned by the set  $\{Z_\lambda(t_i), t_i \in R_\lambda\}$  is everywhere dense in  $\mathcal{H}(Z_\lambda)$ .

We shall define the stochastic process  $X_2$  by the equality

$$X_2(t) = Z_\lambda(t), \quad t \in R_\lambda, \quad \lambda \in \Lambda.$$

It is clear that the process  $X_2$  is well defined, because the classes  $R_\lambda$  are disjoint and  $\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} R_\lambda = R$ . Also, it is easy to show that the equality

$$(5) \quad \mathcal{H}(X; t) = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \oplus \mathcal{H}(Z_\lambda; t)$$

holds for all  $t \in R$  (the addition is formally, because  $\text{card } \Lambda = \aleph_1$ ). From (5) and from the continuity of the process  $Z_\lambda$  for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , it follows that  $X_2$  satisfies the condition 2° of the theorem 4, but  $\dim \mathcal{H}(X_2) = \aleph_1$ .

The study of the stochastic process  $X$ , which satisfies only the condition (4), will be the subject under discussion of one later paper.

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