

ON THE REPRESENTATION PROBLEM FOR STATIONARY STOCHASTIC PROCESSES WITH TRIVIAL TAIL FIELD¹

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Let $\{X_n\}$ be a real valued strictly stationary stochastic process on the probability space (Ω, Σ, P) and let $\{\xi_n\}$ be an independent sequence of random variables uniformly distributed on $[0, 1]$ where $n=0, \pm 1, \dots$. When does there exist a function f on the sequence $\{\xi_n\}$ such that the sequences $\{X_n\}$ and $\{f(T^n\xi)\}$ have the same probability structure where $\xi=(\dots, \xi_{-1}, \xi_0, \xi_1, \dots)$ and $T\xi=(\dots, \xi_0, \xi_1, \xi_2, \dots)$ (i.e. such that the joint distribution of X_{i_1}, \dots, X_{i_k} is the same as the joint distribution of $f(T^{i_1}\xi), \dots, f(T^{i_k}\xi)$ for all k and all sequences i_1, \dots, i_k)?

Let Σ_n be the smallest σ -field of subsets of Ω with respect to which X_k is measurable for all $k \leq n$ and let $\Sigma_{-\infty} = \bigcap \Sigma_n$. $\Sigma_{-\infty}$ is called the tail field of the process $\{X_n\}$ and is said to be trivial if $A \in \Sigma_{-\infty}$ implies $P(A) = 0$ or 1 . It has been shown (see [1] and [2]) that if $\{X_n\}$ is a stationary Markov chain with a denumerable state space and whose tail field is trivial then a representation of the above type holds and in fact $f(T^n\xi) = f(\dots, \xi_{n-1}, \xi_n)$.²

By use of a fairly simple transformation an arbitrary stationary process $\{X_n\}$ with trivial tail field can be converted to a stationary Markov process $\{Y_n\}$ with trivial tail field and from which the $\{X_n\}$ process can be recovered. Thus the seeming preoccupation with Markov processes.

The following theorem generalizes Rosenblatt's results to a class of Markov process with nondenumerable state space. \bar{P} is the stationary measure induced by the process on the state space and $P_X(A')$ is the stationary conditional probability that $X_n \in A'$ given $X_{n-1} = X$.

THEOREM. *Let $\{X_n\}$, $n=0, \pm 1, \dots$ be a real stationary Markov process such that*

- (i) $\Sigma_{-\infty}$ is trivial.
- (ii) *There exist Borel subsets A and B of the state space and a non-negative measure ϕ on the state space such that $\bar{P}(B) > 0$, $\phi(A) > 0$, and for all $X \in B$ and $A' \subset A$ we have $P_X(A') \geq \phi(A')$.*

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² A stationary Markov chain with denumerable state space has a trivial tail field if and only if it is ergodic and aperiodic.