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1. Consider a stationary, in the broad sense, sequence $x(n) = (x^1(n), \dots, x^m(n))$. With this sequence there is naturally associated a sequence of subspaces $X(n)$, generated by the random variables $x^1(n), \dots, x^m(n)$. Denote by H_a^b the closed, in mean square, linear span of the subspaces $X(s)$, $a \leq s \leq b$. The linear space $H_{-\infty}^{\infty}$ is a Hilbert space with scalar product $(x, y) = Ex\bar{y}$.

For two subspaces H_φ, H_ψ of the space $H_{-\infty}^{\infty}$, put

$$\tau(H_\varphi, H_\psi) = \sum_{k,s} |(\varphi_k, \psi_s)|^2,$$

where $\{\varphi_k\}, \{\psi_s\}$ are orthonormal bases in the subspaces H_φ, H_ψ , respectively.

Let $\bar{H}(n)$ be the orthogonal complement in the space $H_{-\infty}^{\infty}$ to the subspace H_n^{-1} . Put $\tau_n = \tau(X(0), \bar{H}(n))$. The quantity τ_n can serve as a measure of the accuracy of the linear prediction of vectors $\xi = (\xi^1, \dots, \xi^m)$ with coordinates $\xi^i \in X(0)$ from the past of length n , i.e., from the random variables $x^i(s)$, $i = 1, \dots, m$; $s = -1, \dots, -n$. In particular, if the random variables ξ^1, \dots, ξ^m form a basis in $X(0)$, then there are constants, independent of n , $0 < m \leq M < \infty$ such that $m\tau_n \leq \sigma_n^2(\xi) \leq M\tau_n$, where $\sigma_n^2(\xi) = \sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_n^2(\xi^i)$, and $\sigma_n^2(\xi^i)$ is the square of the error of the linear prediction of the random variable ξ^i from the past of length n .

If the sequence $x(n)$ is linearly regular (see (1)), then the quantity $\tau_\infty > 0$. It is clear that $\delta_n = \tau_n - \tau_\infty \geq 0$ and $\delta_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. We shall study the rate of decrease of the quantity δ_n to zero depending on the properties of the spectral density (s.d.) $f(\lambda)$ of a linearly regular sequence $x(n) = (x^1(n), \dots, x^m(n))$ of full rank. In the one-dimensional case an analogous problem was considered by I. A. Ibragimov ((2), see also (3,4)).

Theorem 1. In order that, as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\delta_n = O(n^{-2p}), \quad p > 1/2, \quad p \text{ nonintegral}, \quad (1)$$

it is necessary and sufficient that the s.d. $f(\lambda)$ almost everywhere coincide with a continuous matrix-function having a strictly positive determinant, all elements of this matrix having absolutely continuous derivatives $f_{ij}^{(r-1)}(\lambda)$, $r = [p]$, the r -th derivatives $f_{ij}^{(r)}(\lambda) \in L_2(-\pi, \pi)$ and satisfying there a Hölder condition of order $\alpha = p - [p]$; the latter means that

$$\sup_{t \leq h} \left(\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f_{ij}^{(r)}(\lambda) - f_{ij}^{(r)}(\lambda + t)|^2 d\lambda \right)^{1/2} = O(h^\alpha). \quad (2)$$

2. The proof of Theorem 1 is based on the following lemma.

Lemma 1. *If condition (1) is satisfied, the collection $x^i(s)$, $i = 1, \dots, m$; $s = 0, \pm 1, \dots$, forms a Riesz basis in the space $H_{-\infty}$.*

We first derive Theorem 1 from Lemma 1. Let condition (1) be satisfied. Denote by $\Psi^i(s)$, $i = 1, \dots, m$; $s = -1, \dots, -k, \dots$, the system conjugate to the system $x^i(s)$, $i = 1, \dots, m$; $s = -1, \dots, -k, \dots$, in the space $H_{-\infty}^{-1}$. Let $\tilde{H}(n)$ be the orthogonal complement to the space H_{-n}^{-1} in the space $H_{-\infty}^{-1}$. Obviously,

$$\delta_n = \tau(X(0), \tilde{H}(n)).$$

Since, by Lemma 1, the collection $x^i(s)$, $i = 1, \dots, m$; $s = -1, \dots, -k, \dots$, forms a Riesz basis in the space $H_{-\infty}^{-1}$, the collection $\Psi^i(s)$, $i = 1, \dots, m$; $s = -1, \dots, -k, \dots$, forms a Riesz basis in the space $H_{-\infty}^{-1}$. Consequently,

$$\delta_n \asymp \sum_{-s=n+1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^m |(x^i(0), \Psi^j(s))|^2, \quad (3)$$

where the symbol $a_n \asymp b_n$ means that

$$0 < \liminf_n \frac{a_n}{b_n} \leq \limsup_n \frac{a_n}{b_n} < \infty.$$

It also follows from Lemma 1 (see (5)) that there exists an everywhere defined, bounded, invertible, positive Hermitian operator B in $H_{-\infty}^{-1}$ such that

$$x^i(s) = B\Psi^i(s), \quad i = 1, \dots, m; \quad s = -1, -2, \dots \quad (4)$$

From (3) and (4) it follows that

$$\delta_n \asymp \sum_{-s=n+1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^m |(x^i(0), x^j(s))|^2.$$

Hence, using the results of approximation theory (see (6), Ch. V), one can show that the matrix $f(\lambda)$ coincides almost everywhere with a continuous matrix whose elements have derivatives of the order indicated in Theorem 1, and that condition (2) is satisfied. In particular, the trace of the mentioned continuous matrix is a bounded function and, consequently, its determinant is strictly positive (see Lemma 1).

The proof of sufficiency is carried out analogously.

3. In the proof of Lemma 1 some results from the theory of orthogonal matrix polynomials are used (see also (7)).

Consider the space $L_2^m(f)$ of matrices $S(\lambda)$ of size $m \times n$ such that

$$\|S\|_f^2 = \text{sp} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} S(\lambda) f(\lambda) S^*(\lambda) d\lambda < \infty.$$

Put

$$(S, P)_f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} S f P^* d\lambda.$$

The condition

$$(\varphi_n, \varphi_m)_f = \begin{cases} 0, & m \neq n, \\ E, & m = n, \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

uniquely determines a sequence of polynomials orthogonal in the sense of (5), $\varphi_n(z) = k_n z^n + \dots$, where k_n is a positive Hermitian matrix.

Lemma 2. *All zeros of the function $\text{Det } \varphi_n(z)$ lie inside the unit circle.*

Put

$$s_n(x, z) = \sum_0^n \varphi_n^*(x) \varphi_n(z).$$

Lemma 3. Let $g(z)$ be an arbitrary polynomial of degree n . Then

$$(g(z), s_n(x, z))_f = g(x), \quad z = e^{i\lambda}.$$

Lemma 4. The identity

$$s_n(0, z) = \sum_0^n \varphi_n^*(0) \varphi_n(z) = k_n z^n \varphi_n^*(z)$$

holds.

In particular,

$$s_n(0, 0) = \sum_0^n \varphi_n^*(0) \varphi_n(0) = k_n^2.$$

Lemma 5. The recurrence formula

$$k_n \varphi_{n+1}(z) = k_{n+1} z \varphi_n(z) + \varphi_{n+1}(0) z^n \varphi_n^*(z)$$

holds.

Lemma 6. Let $g(z)$ be a polynomial of degree n with coefficient E at the leading term. Then

$$\text{Det}(g, g)_f \geq \text{Det } k_n^{-2}.$$

The polynomial $k_n^{-1} \varphi_n(z)$ minimizes the quantity $\text{Det}(g, g)_f$ among polynomials of degree n with coefficient E at the leading term.

The following Lemmas 7 and 8 are proved almost in the same way as the corresponding assertions in the one-dimensional case ⁽²⁾.

Lemma 7. Under condition (1),

$$\sum |\varphi_k(0)|^2 < \infty.$$

Lemma 8. Under condition (1), there exist constants independent of n , $0 < m \leq M < \infty$, such that

$$mE \leq s_n(0, z) s_n^*(0, z) \leq ME, \quad z = e^{i\lambda}.$$

Denote by $G(z)$ the maximal analytic matrix inside the unit disk (see ⁽¹⁾) such that

$$f(\lambda) = G(e^{i\lambda}) G^*(e^{i\lambda}).$$

It is easy to show, using Lemmas 3 and 7, that under condition (1) the sequence $s_n(0, z)$ converges on the unit circle to the matrix $[G^{-1}(0)]^* G^{-1}(z)$ in the uniform metric. Hence, and from Lemma 8, follows the existence of constants $0 < m \leq$

$M < \infty$ such that the relation $mE \leq f(\lambda) \leq ME$ is satisfied for almost all $\lambda \in [-\pi, \pi]$. The obtained relation is equivalent to the assertion of Lemma 1.

4. Consider the case when $\delta_n = O(e^{-cn})$, $c > 0$. The following two theorems are proved by the same method as Theorem 1 was proved (cf. Theorems 4 and 5 of (2)).

Theorem 2. The relation

$$\delta_n = O(e^{-cn}), \quad c > 0,$$

holds if and only if the s.p. $f(\lambda)$ almost everywhere coincides with a matrix admitting analytic continuation into the strip of values of the complex argument $z = \lambda + i\mu$ of width c and having a strictly positive determinant.

Theorem 3. The relation

$$\delta_n = O(e^{-cn})$$

holds for all $c > 0$ if and only if the analytic continuation of the matrix mentioned in Theorem 2 is an entire function and its determinant is strictly positive.

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