

SOME REMARKS ON  $J_0$ -REGULARITY AND  $J_0$ -SINGULARITY  
OF  $q$ -VARIATE STATIONARY PROCESSES

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*Abstract.* We give a new proof of Makagon's and Weron's criterion for  $J_0$ -regularity (see [4], Theorem 5.3), and discuss some conditions of  $J_0$ -singularity of  $q$ -variate stationary processes.

1. The present short paper is devoted to the study of  $J_0$ -regularity and  $J_0$ -singularity of a  $q$ -variate stationary process on a discrete Abelian group  $G$ , where the family  $J_0$  consists of the complements of singletons of  $G$ . (For detailed definitions of the notions concerning  $q$ -variate stationary processes we refer to [3] or [4].) We give a certain description of the space which bears the  $J_0$ -singular part of the process and use it to derive a criterion of  $J_0$ -regularity proved by Makagon and Weron ([4], Theorem 5.3). We treat in this paper only finite-dimensional stationary processes. For results concerning infinite-dimensional stationary sequences the reader may consult [2]. Applying a method due to Matveev [5] we obtain some conditions necessary or sufficient for  $J_0$ -singularity.

2. Let  $N$ ,  $Z$  and  $C$  be the set of positive integers, the Abelian group of integers, and the field of complex numbers, respectively. For  $q \in N$ , denote by  $C^q$  the  $q$ -dimensional Hilbert space of complex column vectors of length  $q$ , and by  $M_q$  the linear space of all  $(q \times q)$ -matrices with complex entries. The inner product in  $C^q$  is denoted by  $(u, v)$ ,  $u, v \in C^q$ . The elements of  $M_q$  will often be interpreted as linear operators on  $C^q$ . For a subspace  $K$  of  $C^q$ , denote by  $K^\perp$  its orthogonal complement, and by  $P_K$  the orthoprojector onto  $K$ . For  $A \in M_q$ , the symbols  $\text{Ker}(A)$ ,  $R(A)$ ,  $\det(A)$ ,  $A^*$ , and  $A^\#$  stand for the kernel, the range, the determinant, the adjoint, and the Moore-Penrose inverse of  $A$ , respectively.

Let  $G$  be any discrete Abelian group,  $\Gamma$  its dual, and  $\sigma$  the Haar measure on  $\Gamma$ . Throughout the paper, relations between (Borel) measurable functions on  $\Gamma$  are to be understood as relations which hold  $\sigma$ -almost everywhere (abbreviated to  $\sigma$ -a.e.). In all integrals the domain of integration will be  $\Gamma$ . The value of  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  at  $g \in G$  will be denoted by  $\langle g, \gamma \rangle$ .

Let  $X := (X_g)_{g \in G}$  be a  $q$ -variate stationary process over  $G$ ,  $F$  its spectral measure, and  $L^2(F)$  its spectral space. For  $g \in G$ , set

$$\mathcal{W}_g := \bigvee \{ \langle h, \cdot \rangle : h \in G, h \neq g \},$$

where the symbol  $\bigvee$  denotes the closed matrix linear hull in  $L^2(F)$ . The process  $X$  is called  $J_0$ -regular if  $\mathcal{W}_\infty := \bigcap_{g \in G} \mathcal{W}_g = \{0\}$  and  $J_0$ -singular if  $\mathcal{W}_\infty = L^2(F)$ .

Let  $dF = Wd\sigma + dF_s$  be the Lebesgue decomposition of  $F$ , and  $X = Y + Z$  the corresponding decomposition of  $X$ . Then the process  $X$  is  $J_0$ -regular if and only if  $Y$  is  $J_0$ -regular and  $Z = 0$ . It is  $J_0$ -singular if and only if  $Y$  is  $J_0$ -singular. This shows that if we want to study  $J_0$ -regularity or  $J_0$ -singularity, we can confine ourselves to the case where the spectral measure is absolutely continuous (with respect to  $\sigma$ ). We will do so and assume throughout the paper that the process  $X$  has a spectral measure of the form  $dF = Wd\sigma$ . Then the function  $W$  will be called a *spectral density matrix* and the spectral domain will be denoted by  $L^2(W)$ . The space  $L^2(W)$  is the Hilbert space of (equivalence classes of) measurable  $M_q$ -valued functions  $\Phi$  such that the integral  $\int \Phi W \Phi^* d\sigma$  exists.

It is not hard to see that the map

$$U: \Phi \rightarrow \Phi W, \quad \Phi \in L^2(W),$$

is an isometric isomorphism from  $L^2(W)$  onto  $L^2(W^\#)$ .

For  $g \in G$ , let  $\mathcal{V}_g$  be the (matrix) orthogonal complement of  $\mathcal{W}_g$  in  $L^2(W)$ . The following lemma is the basis of our investigations.

LEMMA 1 (cf. [3], Theorem 3.4 and Lemma 3.7). *For  $g \in G$ , the set  $U\mathcal{V}_g$  consists of all  $M_q$ -valued functions  $\langle g, \cdot \rangle A$  such that*

- (i)  $A \in M_q$  and  $\text{Ker}(A) \supseteq \text{Ker}(W)$   $\sigma$ -a.e.;
- (ii)  $\langle g, \cdot \rangle A \in L^2(W^\#)$ .

3. Now we examine conditions (i) and (ii) of the preceding lemma separately. We start with condition (ii).

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the set of all constant  $M_q$ -valued functions belonging to  $L^2(W^\#)$ . Of course, we can and will identify  $\mathcal{C}$  with a subset of  $M_q$ .

LEMMA 2. *If  $A \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $B \in M_q$ , and  $\text{Ker}(B) \supseteq \text{Ker}(A)$ , then  $B \in \mathcal{C}$ .*

PROOF. If  $\text{Ker}(B) \supseteq \text{Ker}(A)$ , then  $BA^\#A = B$ , and the lemma follows from the fact that  $L^2(W^\#)$  is a left  $M_q$ -module.

LEMMA 3 (cf. [3], Lemma 4.3). *If  $A \in M_q$ , then  $A \in \mathcal{C}$  if and only if  $P_{R(A^*)} \in \mathcal{C}$ .*

PROOF. Since  $\text{Ker}(A) = \text{Ker}(P_{R(A^*)})$ , Lemma 3 is an immediate consequence of Lemma 2.

LEMMA 4. *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $A_j \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ . If*

$$B \in M_q \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Ker}(B) \supseteq \bigcap_{j=1}^n \text{Ker}(A_j),$$

*then  $B \in \mathcal{C}$ .*

Proof. Since  $A_j \in \mathcal{C}$ , from Lemma 3 we obtain  $P_{R(A_j^*)} \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ . Hence  $A := \sum_{j=1}^n P_{R(A_j^*)}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{C}$ . Let  $u \in \text{Ker}(A)$ . Then

$$\left( \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} P_{R(A_j^*)} u, u \right) = -(P_{R(A_n^*)} u, u),$$

which yields

$$u \in \text{Ker}(P_{R(A_n^*)}) \quad \text{and} \quad u \in \text{Ker}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} P_{R(A_j^*)}\right).$$

Repeating the argument, we eventually obtain  $u \in \text{Ker}(P_{R(A_j^*)}) = \text{Ker}(A_j)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ . Since the inclusion  $\bigcap_{j=1}^n \text{Ker}(A_j) \subseteq \text{Ker}(A)$  is obvious, we get

$$\text{Ker}(A) = \bigcap_{j=1}^n \text{Ker}(A_j).$$

But  $A$  belongs to  $\mathcal{C}$ . Thus an application of Lemma 2 completes the proof.

Let  $\mathcal{A}_1 := \{A \in M_q : A \in \mathcal{C} \text{ and } A^* \in \mathcal{C}\}$ .

LEMMA 5. Let  $A \in M_q$ . Then  $A \in \mathcal{C}$  if and only if  $P_{R(A^*)} \in \mathcal{A}_1$ .

Proof. Use Lemma 3 and the fact that  $P_{R(A^*)} \in \mathcal{C}$  if and only if  $P_{R(A^*)} \in \mathcal{A}_1$ .

LEMMA 6. The set  $\mathcal{A}_1$  is a von Neumann algebra.

Proof. Clearly,  $\mathcal{A}_1$  is a  $*$ -algebra. It remains to show that  $\mathcal{A}_1$  is closed. Let  $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{A}_1$  be a sequence converging to  $A \in M_q$  (with respect to the topology of  $M_q$ ). Since  $C^q$  has finite dimension, there exists an  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{n_0} \text{Ker}(A_n) = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{Ker}(A_n).$$

Since  $\text{Ker}(A) \supseteq \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{Ker}(A_n)$ , Lemma 4 yields  $A \in \mathcal{C}$ . In an analogous way one obtains  $A^* \in \mathcal{C}$ .

LEMMA 7. There exists a subspace  $H_1$  of  $C^q$  such that a  $(q \times q)$ -matrix  $A$  belongs to  $\mathcal{C}$  if and only if  $\text{Ker}(A) \supseteq H_1$ .

Proof. According to Proposition 5.1.8 in [1] the von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{A}_1$  contains a maximal orthoprojector, i.e. an orthoprojector  $P_1$  such that  $R(P_1) \supseteq R(A)$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}_1$ . Let  $H_1 := \text{Ker}(P_1)$ . Then  $H_1 \subseteq \text{Ker}(A^*)$ , and hence  $H_1 \subseteq \text{Ker}(A)$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}_1$ , and Lemma 5 yields  $H_1 \subseteq \text{Ker}(A)$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{C}$ . On the other hand, since  $P_1 \in \mathcal{C}$ , Lemma 2 implies that  $A \in \mathcal{C}$  for all  $A \in M_q$  such that  $\text{Ker}(A) \supseteq H_1$ .

The next lemma sheds some light on condition (i) of Lemma 1.

LEMMA 8. There exists a subspace  $H_2$  of  $C^q$  with the following properties:

- (1)  $\text{Ker}(W) \subseteq H_2$   $\sigma$ -a.e.
- (2) If for any subspace  $K$  of  $C^q$  the relation  $\text{Ker}(W) \subseteq K$   $\sigma$ -a.e. holds, then  $H_2 \subseteq K$ .

*Proof.* Set  $\mathcal{A}_2 := \{A \in M_q : AP_{R(W)} = P_{R(W)}A = A \text{ } \sigma\text{-a.e.}\}$ . Clearly,  $\mathcal{A}_2$  is a von Neumann algebra, and an orthoprojector  $Q \in M_q$  belongs to  $\mathcal{A}_2$  if and only if  $\text{Ker}(Q) \supseteq \text{Ker}(W)$   $\sigma$ -a.e. Using these facts it is not hard to see that if  $P_2$  denotes the maximal orthoprojector of  $\mathcal{A}_2$ , the space  $H_2 := \text{Ker}(P_2)$  has properties (1) and (2).

Now it is easy to obtain a certain description of the set  $U\mathcal{V}_g$ .

**LEMMA 9.** *There exists a subspace  $H$  of  $C^q$  such that*

$$U\mathcal{V}_g = \{\langle g, \cdot \rangle A : A \in M_q, \text{Ker}(A) \supseteq H\}, \quad g \in G.$$

*Proof.* Combining the results of Lemmas 1, 7 and 8, we see that the space  $H := H_1 + H_2$  has the desired property.

In the rest of the paper, we will denote by  $H_1, H_2$  and  $H$  the subspaces of Lemmas 7, 8 and 9, respectively.

**PROPOSITION 10.** *A function  $\Phi \in L^2(W)$  belongs to  $\mathcal{W}_\infty$  if and only if  $R(P_{R(W)}\Phi^*) \subseteq H$   $\sigma$ -a.e.*

*Proof.* A function  $\Phi \in L^2(W)$  belongs to  $\mathcal{W}_\infty$  if and only if it is (matrix) orthogonal to  $\mathcal{V}_g$  or, equivalently, if and only if  $U\Phi$  is (matrix) orthogonal to  $U\mathcal{V}_g$  for all  $g \in G$ . Hence, by Lemma 9,  $\Phi$  belongs to  $\mathcal{W}_\infty$  if and only if

$$\int \langle g, \gamma \rangle AW^*(\gamma)W(\gamma)\Phi^*(\gamma)\sigma(d\gamma) = \int \langle g, \gamma \rangle AP_{R(W(\gamma))}\Phi^*(\gamma)\sigma(d\gamma) = 0$$

for all  $g \in G$  and all  $A \in M_q$  such that  $\text{Ker}(A) \supseteq H$ . This in turn is equivalent to the fact that  $AP_{R(W)}\Phi^* = 0$   $\sigma$ -a.e. for all  $A \in M_q$  such that  $\text{Ker}(A) \supseteq H$ , and the result of the proposition follows.

4. Although we do not have an effective recipe for determining the space  $H$ , the result of the preceding proposition enables us to give a new proof of Theorem 5.3 in [4].

**LEMMA 11.** *If  $\int W^\# d\sigma$  exists and for some subspace  $K$  of  $C^q$ ,  $R(W) = K$   $\sigma$ -a.e., then  $X$  is  $J_0$ -regular.*

*Proof.* If  $\int W^\# d\sigma$  exists, then  $H_1 = \{0\}$ , and if  $R(W) = K$ , then  $H_2 = K^\perp$ . Thus  $H = K^\perp$ . If  $\Phi$  belongs to  $\mathcal{W}_\infty$ , then  $R(P_{R(W)}\Phi^*) \subseteq H$ , by Proposition 10. On the other hand,  $R(P_{R(W)}\Phi^*) \subseteq R(P_{R(W)}) = H^\perp$ . It follows that  $P_{R(W)}\Phi^* = 0$ . This implies  $\Phi = 0$  in  $L^2(W)$ .

**LEMMA 12.** *If the process  $X$  is  $J_0$ -regular, then  $\int W^\# d\sigma$  exists and  $R(W) = H^\perp$   $\sigma$ -a.e.*

*Proof.* The function  $\Phi := P_H$  belongs to  $\mathcal{W}_\infty$  (cf. Lemma 8 and Proposition 10). Since, by assumption,  $\mathcal{W}_\infty = \{0\}$ , we get  $\int P_H W P_H d\sigma = 0$  or  $P_H W^{1/2} = 0$   $\sigma$ -a.e., and hence  $R(W) \subseteq H^\perp$ . But since  $R(W) \supseteq H_2^\perp \supseteq H^\perp$ , we

obtain  $R(W) = H^\perp$ . Finally, we have  $P_{H^\perp} W^\# P_{H^\perp} = W^\#$  and from Lemma 7 the existence of  $\int P_{H^\perp} W^\# P_{H^\perp} d\sigma$  follows.

Combining Lemmas 11 and 12, we obtain Theorem 5.3 and, as an immediate consequence of Theorem 5.3, Theorem 5.2 in [4].

5. Since the process  $X$  is  $J_0$ -singular if and only if it is not minimal (cf. [3], Definition 4.1, for the definition of minimality) and since Theorem 4.6 in [3] contains several conditions equivalent to the minimality of  $X$ , it is trivial to formulate criteria for  $J_0$ -singularity. For example, from Theorem 4.6 (c) in [3] it follows that  $X$  is  $J_0$ -singular if and only if for all orthoprojectors  $P \in M_q$  such that  $\text{Ker}(P) \supseteq \text{Ker}(W)$   $\sigma$ -a.e. the integral  $\int PW^\# Pd\sigma$  is equal to zero or does not exist. It is not hard to see that the following proposition contains an equivalent statement.

PROPOSITION 13. *A process  $X$  is  $J_0$ -singular if and only if for all  $u \in H_2^\perp$ ,  $u \neq 0$ , the integral  $\int (W^\# u, u) d\sigma$  does not exist.*

Unfortunately, it seems to be rather difficult to use the preceding criterion in practice. Thus it makes sense to search for necessary or sufficient conditions of  $J_0$ -singularity, which are easier to handle. We obtain some results in this direction if we apply Matveev's method [5] to our situation. To formulate them let us introduce some notation.

If  $W = (w_{jk})_{j,k=1}^q$  is the spectral density matrix of  $X$ , we set

$$W_n := (w_{jk})_{j,k=1}^n, \quad n = 1, \dots, q, \quad W_0 = 0.$$

Moreover, we use the convention  $0^{-1} = \infty$ .

PROPOSITION 14. *If  $X$  is  $J_0$ -singular, then*

$$(3) \quad \int \left[ w_{qq} - (w_{q1} \dots w_{q,q-1}) W_{q-1}^\# \begin{pmatrix} w_{1q} \\ \vdots \\ w_{q-1,q} \end{pmatrix} \right]^{-1} d\sigma = \infty.$$

If

$$(4) \quad \int \left[ w_{jj} - (w_{j1} \dots w_{j,j-1}) W_{j-1}^\# \begin{pmatrix} w_{1j} \\ \vdots \\ w_{j-1,j} \end{pmatrix} \right]^{-1} d\sigma = \infty,$$

$j = 2, \dots, q$  and  $\int w_{11}^{-1} d\sigma = \infty$ , then  $X$  is  $J_0$ -singular.

Proof. Use the formula for the spectral measure of the orthogonal projection of a stationary process onto a stationary cross-correlated process (cf. Theorem 1.8 in [6]), and the arguments in the proofs of Theorems 1 and 2 in [5]. We omit the details.

COROLLARY. *Assume that  $\det(W) > 0$   $\sigma$ -a.e. If  $X$  is  $J_0$ -singular, then*

$$\int \frac{\det(W_{q-1})}{\det(W_q)} d\sigma = \infty.$$

If

$$\int \frac{\det(W_{j-1})}{\det(W_j)} d\sigma = \infty,$$

$j = 2, \dots, q$ , and  $\int w_{11}^{-1} d\sigma = \infty$ , then  $X$  is  $J_0$ -singular.

**Proof.** The results are immediate consequences of Proposition 14 and the well-known relation

$$\det(W_j) = \det(W_{j-1}) \left[ w_{jj} - (w_{j1} \dots w_{j,j-1}) W_{j-1}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} w_{1j} \\ \vdots \\ w_{j-1,j} \end{pmatrix} \right].$$

With the aid of Proposition 13 it is easy to construct an example that shows that (3) is not sufficient for  $J_0$ -singularity. On the other hand, since  $\int w_{11}^{-1} d\sigma = \infty$  implies that the first component (or, by the change of indices, at least one component) of the process  $X$  is  $J_0$ -singular, it follows that condition (4) is not necessary for  $J_0$ -singularity. In fact, the 2-variate process

$$X_n = \begin{pmatrix} X_n^{(1)} \\ X_n^{(2)} \end{pmatrix}, \quad X_n^{(1)} := e_n, \quad X_n^{(2)} := e_{n+1}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z},$$

where  $(e_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is an orthonormal system, is  $J_0$ -singular, but both its components are  $J_0$ -regular.

6. We conclude our paper with the remark on processes of rank 1. A  $q$ -variate stationary process is called a *process of rank 1* if its spectral measure is absolutely continuous and its spectral density matrix has rank 1  $\sigma$ -a.e.

**PROPOSITION 15** (cf. [2], Corollary 2.5.5). *A process of rank 1 is either  $J_0$ -regular or  $J_0$ -singular.*

**Proof.** Let the spectral density matrix  $W$  of the process  $X$  have rank 1. If the range of  $W$  is not constant, then  $H_2 = C^q$  and, by Proposition 13,  $X$  is  $J_0$ -singular. If the range of  $W$  is constant, then  $H_2$  is a  $(q-1)$ -dimensional subspace of  $C^q$ . Let  $Q$  be the orthoprojector onto  $H_2^\perp$ . If  $\int QW^\# Q d\sigma$  does not exist, then again Proposition 13 yields the  $J_0$ -singularity of  $X$ . Otherwise,  $X$  is  $J_0$ -regular according to  $QW^\# Q = W^\#$  and Lemma 11.

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