

## SAMPLE PROPERTIES OF WEAKLY STATIONARY PROCESSES

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**1. Introduction.** Let  $X(t) = X(t, \omega)$ ,  $-\infty < t < \infty$ , be a stationary stochastic process with

$$(1.1) \quad EX(t) = 0, \quad E|X(t)|^2 < \infty, \quad -\infty < t < \infty$$

and the continuous covariance function

$$(1.2) \quad \rho(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ixu} dF(x),$$

where  $F(x)$  is the spectral distribution function.  $X(t)$  then admits the harmonic representation

$$(1.3) \quad X(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{it\lambda} d\xi(\lambda),$$

where  $\xi(\lambda)$  is a stochastic process with orthogonal increments and the property that

$$(1.4) \quad E d\xi(\lambda) = 0, \quad E|d\xi(\lambda)|^2 = dF(\lambda).$$

Two stochastic processes  $X(t)$  and  $X_1(t)$  are said to be equivalent to each other, if

$$P(X(t) = X_1(t)) = 1, \quad \text{for each } t.$$

When  $X(t)$  is equivalent to a process continuous almost surely or differentiable almost surely,  $X(t)$  is called sample continuous or sample differentiable respectively.

One of the authors has shown the following theorem [3].

**THEOREM A.** *Suppose that for a given weakly stationary process  $X(t)$  there is a function  $g(x)$  which is even, non-negative and non-decreasing for  $x > 0$  and is such that*

$$(1.5) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{g(n)} < \infty,$$

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$$(1.6) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) dF(x) < \infty.$$

Then  $X(t)$  is sample continuous.

The condition (1.6) with  $g(x) = |x|(\log^+ |x|)^\beta$ ,  $\beta > 1$ , implies the condition

$$(1.7) \quad \varphi(h) = O(h/|\log|h||^r) \quad \text{for } r > 2,$$

as  $h \rightarrow 0$ , where  $\varphi(h) = 2\rho(0) - \rho(h) - \rho(-h)$  ([3] (3.8) and (3.9)). This generalizes the Cramér-Leadbetter's result on sample continuity of a weakly stationary process ([1], p. 125).

In 2, we shall give the conditions which assure the sample differentiability of a process. We can adopt the method for the proof similar to what we did proving Theorem A, namely we make use of the approximate Fourier series [3] [6] associated with a given weakly stationary process. In 3, we shall show that the same reasoning still applies to get the "sample Hölder property".

In the paper of one of the authors [2], Theorem A was motivated by a theorem on the absolute convergence of the Fourier series of a given process truncated at  $-T$  and  $T$ . But it involved some erroneous argument although the theorem itself is right, and the different method using the approximate Fourier series was employed to prove Theorem A in [3]. In 4, it is shown that the original way of proving is effective if some modifications are made with a slight additional condition on  $g(x)$ .

Finally we mention that the conditions on the existence of  $g(x)$  in Theorem A are also necessary for all the weakly stationary processes with a given spectral distribution  $F(x)$  to be sample continuous. This has been shown by I. Kubo [4] and will be given in a separate forthcoming paper.

## 2. Sample differentiability of a weakly stationary process.

M. Loève [5] studied the sample differentiability of a weakly stationary process and proved among others the following theorem.

**THEOREM B.** *If the covariance function  $\rho(u)$  of a weakly stationary process  $X(t)$  with (1.1) and (1.2), is  $(2n+2)$ -times differentiable, then  $X(t)$  is sample  $n$ -times differentiable.*

Cramér and Leadbetter [1] generalized this result to obtain Theorem C below.

Write

$$(2.1) \quad \Delta_u^{2k} \rho(-ku) = \sum_{j=0}^{2k} (-1)^j \binom{2k}{j} \rho((k-j)u),$$

where  $k$  is a non-negative integer.

**THEOREM C.** *If the covariance function  $\rho(u)$  of a weakly stationary process  $X(t)$  with (1.1) and (1.2) satisfies*

$$(2.2) \quad \Delta_u^{2n+1} \rho(-ku) = O(|u|^{2n+1} / |\log |u||^q), \quad \text{as } u \rightarrow 0 \text{ for } q > 3,$$

*then  $X(t)$  is sample  $n$ -times differentiable.*

This is a slight completion of the Cramér-Leadbetter's result. They actually have shown Theorem C for the case  $n = 0, 1$ .

The aim of this section is to generalize Theorem C further.

In association with a given weakly stationary process  $X(t)$  with (1.1), (1.2) and the representation (1.3), we define a sequence of uncorrelated random variables

$$(2.3) \quad \xi_n = \xi_n(T) = \int_{2n\pi/T}^{2(n+1)\pi/T} d\xi(\lambda), \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \dots,$$

where  $T$  is any positive number. We also define

$$(2.4) \quad \hat{X}(t, T) = \hat{X}(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{2\pi it/T} \xi_n.$$

Actually  $\xi_n$ 's are uncorrelated because of the orthogonality of the increments of  $\xi(\lambda)$  and (2.4) is well-defined, the series being interpreted to converge in  $L^2$ -norm.

However, we have shown in [3] and [4] that under the conditions either in Theorem A or in Lemma 3 below, the series in (2.4) is absolutely convergent almost surely and hence  $X(t)$  may be identified to be the sum of the series. Also it was shown that *in this case  $\hat{X}_k(t) = \hat{X}(t, 2^k)$  converges uniformly for every finite interval  $|t| \leq A$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  almost surely to a weakly stationary process  $X_0(t)$ , which is sample continuous, and is equivalent to  $X(t)$ .*

**LEMMA 1.** *If*

$$(2.5) \quad \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |n|^r |\xi_n| < \infty$$

almost surely, where  $r$  is a positive integer, then  $X(t)$  is equivalent to a weakly stationary process with the almost sure continuous  $r$ -th derivative.

*Proof.* Since the series on the right of (2.4) is absolutely and uniformly convergent almost surely, because of (2.5), we may suppose that  $X(t)$  itself is represented by the series in (2.4) for every  $t$  almost surely, and has the continuous  $r$ -th derivative almost surely. We shall, however, prove Lemma 1 when  $r = 1$ .  $r$  repetitions of the same argument give us the required.

$$(2.6) \quad \frac{\hat{X}(t+h) - \hat{X}(t)}{h} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{e^{2\pi n i h/T} - 1}{h} e^{2\pi n i t/T} \xi_n \right].$$

The series on the right is dominated in absolute value by  $(2\pi/T) \sum |n| |\xi_n|$  almost surely and since each term converges as  $h \rightarrow 0$ , the limit of (2.6) as  $h \rightarrow 0$  should exist and  $\hat{X}'(t)$  is given by  $\frac{2\pi i}{T} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{2\pi n i t/T} n \xi_n$ , which is continuous almost surely. Generally  $\hat{X}^{(r)}(t)$  is given by  $\left(\frac{2\pi i}{T}\right)^r \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{2\pi n i t/T} n^r \xi_n$ .

LEMMA 2. Let  $h(x)$  be non-negative and non-decreasing over  $[0, \infty)$  and let  $F(x)$  be a spectral distribution. Then the inequalities

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \neq 0} h\left(\frac{|n|-1}{a}\right) (F(n+1) - F(n))^{1/2} + \frac{1}{2} h(0)(F(1) - F(0))^{1/2} \leq \\ & \leq \sum_n h(|n|) (F(an+1) - F(an))^{1/2} \leq \\ & \leq \left(\frac{1}{a} + 1\right)^{1/2} \sum_n h\left(\frac{|n|+1}{a}\right) (F(n+1) - F(n))^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

hold for  $0 < a < 1$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\sqrt{x+y} \leq \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}$  for  $x, y \geq 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \sum_n h(|n|) (F(an+1) - F(an))^{1/2} \\ &= \sum_k \left[ h\left(\left[\frac{k}{a}\right]\right) (F(a\left[\frac{k}{a}\right]+a) - F(a\left[\frac{k}{a}\right]))^{1/2} + \sum_{n=\left[\frac{k}{a}\right]+1}^{\left[\frac{k+1}{a}\right]-1} h(|n|) (F(a(n+1)) - F(an))^{1/2} \right] \\ &\leq \sum_k \left[ h\left(\left[\frac{k}{a}\right]\right) (F(k) - F(a\left[\frac{k}{a}\right]))^{1/2} + h\left(\left[\frac{k}{a}\right]\right) (F(a\left[\frac{k}{a}\right]+a) - F(k))^{1/2} + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{n=\left[\frac{k}{a}\right]+1}^{\left[\frac{k+1}{a}\right]-1} h\left(\frac{|k|+1}{a}\right) (F(a(n+1)) - F(an))^{1/2} \right] \\ &\leq \sum_k h\left(\frac{|k|+1}{a}\right) \left(\frac{1}{a} + 1\right)^{1/2} (F(k+1) - F(k))^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

The last inequality is obtained by Schwarz inequality. Since  $2\sqrt{x+y} \geq \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}$  for  $x, y \geq 0$ , we have similarly

$$\begin{aligned} 2I &\geq \sum_k \left[ h\left(\left[\frac{k+1}{a}\right]\right) \left(F(k+1) - F\left(a\left[\frac{k+1}{a}\right]\right)\right)^{1/2} + h\left(\left[\frac{k}{a}\right]\right) \left(F\left(a\left[\frac{k}{a}\right] + a\right) - F(k)\right)^{1/2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{n=\lfloor k/a \rfloor + 1}^{\lfloor (k+1)/a \rfloor - 1} h\left(\frac{|k|-1}{a}\right) \left(F(a(n+1)) - F(an)\right)^{1/2} \right] \geq \\ &\geq \sum_k h\left(\frac{|k|-1}{a}\right) \left(F(k+1) - F(k)\right)^{1/2}, \end{aligned}$$

with the agreement that  $h(u) = h(0)$  for  $u \leq 0$ .

**LEMMA 3.** *If the spectral distribution function  $F$  of a given stationary process  $X(t)$  satisfies*

$$(2.8) \quad \sum_n |n|^r (F(n+1) - F(n))^{1/2} < \infty$$

for a non-negative integer  $r$ , then (2.5) holds almost surely.

*Proof.* In order to show (2.5) it is sufficient to prove

$$(2.9) \quad E \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |n|^r |\xi_n| < \infty.$$

By Lemma 2, we have that, for  $0 < T \leq 2\pi$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (2.10) \quad E \sum |n|^r |\xi_n| &\leq \sum |n|^r \left[ E \left| \int_{2n\pi/T}^{2(n+1)\pi/T} d\xi(\lambda) \right|^2 \right]^{1/2} = \\ &= \sum |n|^r \left( F\left(\frac{2(n+1)\pi}{T}\right) - F\left(\frac{2n\pi}{T}\right) \right)^{1/2} \leq \\ &\leq \left(\frac{T}{2\pi} + 1\right)^{1/2} \sum \left[ \frac{T(|n|+1)}{2\pi} \right]^r (F(n+1) - F(n))^{1/2} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

If  $T \geq 2\pi$ , then (2.9) follows from the first inequality of (2.7).

It is easy to show that  $\hat{X}^{(r)}(t)$  is a weakly stationary process, observing  $\sum |n|^{2r} (F(2(n+1)\pi/T) - F(2n\pi/T)) < \infty$ .

Now we shall prove

**THEOREM 1.** *If a weakly stationary process  $X(t)$  with (1.1) and (1.2) satisfies (2.8), then  $X(t)$  is equivalent to a weakly stationary process which has the continuous  $r$ -th derivative almost surely.*

*Proof.* First we prove the theorem for  $r = 1$ . Denote the differential quotients of  $X(t)$  and  $\hat{X}(t)$  by

$$(2.11) \quad D(t, h) = \frac{X(t+h) - X(t)}{h},$$

$$(2.12) \quad \hat{D}(t, h) = \frac{\hat{X}(t+h) - \hat{X}(t)}{h}$$

respectively. From Lemma 1, the series in (2.4) is absolutely convergent and  $\hat{X}(t)$  may be supposed to be defined by this series. By Lemma 1 and Lemma 3,  $\hat{X}(t)$  has the continuous derivative almost surely.

Write  $\xi_{n,k}$  for  $\xi_n$  with  $T = 2^k$ ,  $\hat{X}_k(t)$  for the corresponding  $\hat{X}(t)$ ,  $k$  being a positive integer. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{X}_{k+1}(t) - \hat{X}_k(t) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(\frac{2n\pi i t}{2^{k+1}}\right) \xi_{n,k+1} - \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(\frac{2m\pi i t}{2^k}\right) \xi_{m,k} = \\ &= \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \exp\left(\frac{2\pi i(2m)t}{2^{k+1}}\right) \xi_{2m,k+1} + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \exp\left(\frac{2\pi i(2m+1)t}{2^{k+1}}\right) \xi_{2m+1,k+1} - \exp\left(\frac{2m\pi i t}{2^k}\right) \xi_{m,k} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\xi_{m,k} = \xi_{2m,k+1} + \xi_{2m+1,k+1}$ , we may write

$$(2.13) \quad \begin{aligned} \hat{X}_{k+1}(t) - \hat{X}_k(t) &= \\ &= \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \exp\left(\frac{2\pi i(2m+1)t}{2^{k+1}}\right) - \exp\left(\frac{2\pi i(2m)t}{2^{k+1}}\right) \right] \xi_{2m+1,k+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Write  $\hat{D}_k(t, h)$  for the differential quotient of  $\hat{X}_k(t)$ .

Together with the relation for  $\hat{X}_k(t+h)$  similar to (2.13) and noting that, for  $|t| \leq A$ ,  $A$  being a positive number,

$$(2.14) \quad \begin{aligned} |e^{iy(t+h)} - e^{iyt} - e^{iz(t+h)} + e^{izt}| &\leq \\ &\leq |(e^{iyt} - e^{izt})(e^{iyh} - 1)| + |e^{izt}(e^{iyh} - e^{izh})| \leq \\ &\leq 4 \left| \sin \frac{y-z}{2} t \sin \frac{yh}{2} \right| + 2 \left| \sin \frac{y-z}{2} h \right| \leq |h| |y-z| \cdot (1 + A|y|), \end{aligned}$$

we obtain

$$(2.15) \quad \begin{aligned} |\hat{D}_{k+1}(t, h) - \hat{D}_k(t, h)| &\leq \\ &\leq \left| \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \exp\left(\frac{\pi i(2m+1)(t+h)}{2^k}\right) - \exp\left(\frac{\pi i(2m)(t+h)}{2^k}\right) - \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - \exp\left(\frac{\pi i(2m+1)t}{2^k}\right) + \exp\left(\frac{\pi i(2m)t}{2^k}\right) \right] \xi_{2m+1,k+1} \right| \leq \\ &\leq \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\pi}{2^k} + \frac{A\pi^2(2|m|)}{2^k} \right) |\xi_{2m+1,k+1}|. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we can see by Lemma 2 that for any  $\varepsilon_k > 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.16) \quad Q_k &\equiv P(\sup_{|t| \leq A, h \neq 0} |\hat{D}_{k+1}(t, h) - \hat{D}_k(t, h)| > \varepsilon_k) \leq \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon_k} \frac{\pi}{2^k} \sum_m \left(1 + \frac{2A|m|}{2^k}\right) E|\xi_{2m+1, k+1}| \leq \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon_k} \frac{\pi}{2^k} \sum_m \left(1 + \frac{2A|m|}{2^k}\right) \left(F\left(\frac{(2m+1)\pi}{2^k}\right) - F\left(\frac{2m\pi}{2^k}\right)\right)^{1/2} \leq \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon_k} \frac{\pi}{2^k} \sum_n \left(1 + \frac{A|n|}{2^k}\right) \left(F\left(\frac{(n+1)\pi}{2^k}\right) - F\left(\frac{n\pi}{2^k}\right)\right)^{1/2} \leq \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon_k} \frac{(2^k + \pi)^{1/2}}{2^k \pi^{1/2}} \sum_n (1 + A(|n| + 1)) (F(n+1) - F(n))^{1/2} \leq \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon_k} \frac{C_1}{2^{k/2}} \left[\sum_n |n| (F(n+1) - F(n))^{1/2} + C_2 (F(1) - F(0))^{1/2}\right],
\end{aligned}$$

where  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are constants independent of  $k$ . In what follows  $C_j$ ,  $j = 3, 4, \dots$ , mean some constants independent of  $k$ . From (2.8), it follows that

$$(2.17) \quad Q_k \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon_k} \frac{C_3}{2^{k/2}}.$$

If  $\varepsilon_k$  is chosen to be  $2^{-k/4}$ , then  $\sum \varepsilon_k < \infty$  and  $\sum \frac{1}{2^{k/2} \varepsilon_k} < \infty$ , so that  $\sum Q_k < \infty$ . Then Borel-Cantelli lemma gives us that, with probability one

$$(2.18) \quad \sup_{h \neq 0, |t| \leq A} |\hat{D}_{k+1}(t, h) - \hat{D}_k(t, h)| < \varepsilon_k$$

except for a finite number of  $k$ . Hence almost surely  $\hat{D}_k(t, h)$  converges as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  uniformly for  $|t| \leq A$  and  $h$ .

Now from (2.18) we have, for  $k$  larger than some  $k_0$ ,

$$\sup_{|t| \leq A} |\hat{D}_k(t, h) - \hat{D}_m(t, h)| \leq \eta_k \quad (\text{uniformly in } h)$$

almost surely, where  $\eta_k = \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} \varepsilon_j$ . From the italicized statement before Lemma 1, we have, letting  $m \rightarrow \infty$

$$(2.19) \quad \left| \hat{D}_k(t, h) - \frac{1}{h} [X_0(t+h) - X_0(t)] \right| \leq \eta_k \quad (\text{uniformly in } h)$$

almost surely. Let  $h \rightarrow 0$ . Then from Lemma 1 and 2 with  $r = 1$ ,  $\hat{D}_k(t, h)$  converges almost surely and hence  $X_0(t)$  is differentiable almost surely, and is equivalent to  $X(t)$ .

Finally (2.19) implies that the derivative  $\hat{X}'_k(t)$  of  $\hat{X}_k(t)$  converges uniformly to the derivative  $X'_0(t)$  of  $X_0(t)$ . Since Lemmas 1 and 2 give us that  $\hat{X}'_k(t)$  is continuous almost surely,  $X'_0(t)$  is also sample continuous for every  $|t| \leq A$ . This proves the theorem for the case  $r = 1$ .

Repeating similar arguments, the general case is shown.

**THEOREM 2.** *If, for a given weakly stationary process  $X(t)$  with (1.1) and (1.2), there is a function  $g(x)$ ,  $-\infty < x < \infty$ , which is non-negative, even and non-decreasing for  $x \geq 0$  and satisfies*

$$(2.20) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^{2r}}{g(n)} < \infty,$$

$$(2.21) \quad \int g(x) dF(x) < \infty,$$

then  $X(t)$  is equivalent to a weakly stationary process which has the continuous  $r$ -th derivative almost surely.

*Proof.* By Schwarz inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |n|^r (F(n+1) - F(n))^{1/2} \right]^2 &\leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^{2r}}{g(n)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g(n) (F(n+1) - F(n)) \\ &\leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^{2r}}{g(n)} \int_0^{\infty} g(x) dF(x) < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have  $\sum_{n=-1}^{-\infty} |n|^r (F(n+1) - F(n))^{1/2} < \infty$ . By Theorem 1, the proof is completed.

**EXAMPLE 1.** If, for some  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $B > 0$

$$(2.22) \quad \int_{B < |x|} |x|^{2r+1} \log|x| \cdot \log_{(2)}|x| \cdots \log_{(n)}|x| \cdot (\log_{(n+1)}|x|)^{1+\varepsilon} dF(x) < \infty$$

holds, then  $X(t)$  is sample  $r$ -times differentiable, where  $\log_{(1)}x = \log x$  and  $\log_{(n+1)}x = \log(\log_{(n)}x)$  for  $n \geq 1$ .

**EXAMPLE 2.** Suppose that  $F(x)$  is absolutely continuous with the density  $f(x)$ . If

$$(2.23) \quad |f(x)| \leq [ |x|^{r+1} \log|x| \cdot \log_{(2)}|x| \cdots \log_{(n)}|x| \cdot (\log_{(n+1)}|x|)^{1+\varepsilon} ]^{-2}$$

holds for sufficiently large  $|x|$  with some  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then  $X(t)$  is sample  $r$ -times differentiable.



EXAMPLE 3. Besides the same assumption in Example 2, further suppose that  $f(x)$  is non-decreasing as  $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$ . If

$$(2.24) \quad \int |x|^r f^{1/2}(x) dx < \infty$$

holds, then  $X(t)$  is sample  $r$ -times differentiable.

### 3. Sample Hölder continuity.

Let  $\Psi(h)$  be a non-decreasing function defined over an interval  $(0,1]$  such that  $\Psi(h)$  decreases to zero as  $h$  does. If a function  $f(x)$  on  $(a,b)$  satisfies

$$(3.1) \quad |f(t+h) - f(t)| \leq M\Psi(h)$$

for  $t, t+h \in (a,b)$ ,  $|h| < 1$  with some  $M$ , then it is said to be  $\Psi$ -Hölder continuous.

We are going to give sufficient conditions which assure the sample  $\Psi$ -Hölder continuity of a weakly stationary process. The method similar to the one applied to the proofs of Theorems 1 and 2 is also applicable.

LEMMA 4. Let  $\Psi(h)$  be a non-decreasing function over  $(0,1]$  such that  $\Psi(h)/h$  is non-increasing. Then for  $0 < h \leq 1$

$$(3.2) \quad |\sin xh| \leq \Psi(h)/\Psi(x^{-1}), \quad \text{for } x \geq 1,$$

$$(3.3) \quad |\sin xh| \leq \Psi(h)/\Psi\left(\frac{1}{x+1}\right), \quad \text{for } x \geq 0.$$

*Proof.* If  $0 < xh < 1$ , then

$$|\sin xh| \leq xh = \frac{\Psi(h)}{\Psi(x^{-1})} \cdot \frac{\Psi(x^{-1})}{x^{-1}} \cdot \frac{h}{\Psi(h)} \leq \frac{\Psi(h)}{\Psi(x^{-1})}.$$

If  $xh \geq 1$ , then since  $\Psi(h)$  is non-decreasing

$$|\sin xh| \leq 1 \leq \Psi(h)/\Psi(x^{-1}).$$

Similarly, we can prove (3.3) observing  $xh \leq h(x+1)$ .

LEMMA 5. If  $\Psi(h)$  is non-decreasing and  $\Psi(h)/h$  is non-increasing over  $(0,1]$ , and

$$(3.4) \quad \sum_{n \neq 0} \Psi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{|n|}\right) |\xi_n| < \infty$$

almost surely, then  $\hat{X}(t) = X(t, T)$ ,  $T > \pi$ , is sample  $\Psi$ -Hölder continuous where  $\xi_n$  is defined by (2.3) and  $\hat{X}(t)$  is defined by (2.4).\*

*Proof.* Using Lemma 4, we have

$$(3.5) \quad |X(t+h) - X(t)| \leq \sum_{n \neq 0} |\sin nh\pi/T| |\xi_n| \leq \\ \leq \Psi\left(\left|\frac{h\pi}{T}\right|\right) \sum_{n \neq 0} \Psi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{|n|}\right) |\xi_n| \leq \Psi(|h|) \sum_{n \neq 0} \Psi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{|n|}\right) |\xi_n|.$$

LEMMA 6. *If the spectral distribution function  $F(x)$  satisfies*

$$(3.6) \quad \sum_{n \neq 0} \Psi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{|n|}\right) (F(n+1) - F(n))^{1/2} < \infty.$$

Then (3.4) holds almost surely, where  $\Psi(h)$  is the function in Lemma 4. Hence  $X(t)$  is  $\Psi$ -Hölder continuous almost surely.

The proof is carried out as in that of Lemma 3.

THEOREM 3. *If a given weakly stationary process  $X(t)$  satisfies (3.6), then  $X(t)$  is equivalent to a weakly stationary process which is  $\Psi$ -Hölder continuous almost surely, where  $\Psi(h)$  is the function in Lemma 4.*

The proof is very similar to that for Theorem 1. Write

$$D_{\Psi}(t, h) = \frac{X(t+h) - X(t)}{\Psi(|h|)}, \quad \hat{D}_{\Psi, k}(t, h) = \frac{\hat{X}_k(t+h) - \hat{X}_k(t)}{\Psi(|h|)},$$

where  $\hat{X}_k(t)$  is, as before, defined by (2.4) with  $T = 2^k$ . Using the same notations as in the proof of Theorem 1, we have, analogously to (2.15), by Lemma 4 and (2.14),

$$|\hat{D}_{\Psi, k+1}(t, h) - \hat{D}_{\Psi, k}(t, h)| \leq \\ \leq \frac{1}{\Psi(|h|)} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \left( 4 \left| \sin \frac{\pi t}{2^{k+1}} \sin \frac{2m\pi h}{2^{k+1}} \right| + 2 \left| \sin \frac{\pi h}{2^{k+1}} \right| \right) |\xi_{2m+1, k+1}| \\ \leq \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\pi}{2^k} \Psi^{-1}(1) + \frac{2\pi A}{2^k} \Psi^{-1}\left(\frac{2^{k+1}}{2\pi|m| + 2^{k+1}}\right) \right) |\xi_{2m+1, k+1}|,$$

for  $|t| \leq A$ . Therefore we obtain by Lemma 2

$$Q'_k \equiv P\left(\sup_{0 < |h| \leq 1, |t| \leq A} |\hat{D}_{\Psi, k+1}(t, h) - \hat{D}_{\Psi, k}(t, h)| > \varepsilon_k\right) \leq \\ \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon_k} \frac{\pi}{2^k} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \Psi^{-1}(1) + 2A \Psi^{-1}\left(\frac{2^{k+1}}{2\pi|m| + 2^{k+1}}\right) \right) \left( F\left(\frac{(2m+1)\pi}{2^k}\right) - F\left(\frac{2m\pi}{2^k}\right) \right)^{1/2}$$

\*)  $\Psi^{-n}(x) = (\Psi(x))^{-n}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon_k} \frac{\pi}{2^k} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \Psi^{-1}(1) + 2A\Psi^{-1}\left(\frac{2^{k+1}}{\pi|n| + 2^{k+1}}\right) \right) \left( F\left(\frac{(n+1)\pi}{2^k}\right) - F\left(\frac{n\pi}{2^k}\right) \right)^{1/2} \leq \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon_k} \frac{\pi}{2^k} \sqrt{\frac{2^k}{\pi} + 1} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \Psi^{-1}(1) + 2A\Psi^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{|n| + 3}\right) \right) (F(n+1) - F(n))^{1/2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\Psi^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{|n| + 3}\right) \leq \frac{(|n| + 3)}{|n|} \Psi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{|n|}\right)$  and  $\Psi\left(\frac{1}{|n|}\right) \leq \Psi(1)$  for  $n \neq 0$ ,

we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.7) \quad Q'_k &\leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon_k} \frac{C_4}{2^{k/2}} [(F(1) - F(0))^{1/2} + \sum_{n \neq 0} \Psi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{|n|}\right) (F(n+1) - F(n))^{1/2}] \leq \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon_k} \frac{C_5}{2^{k/2}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Choosing  $\varepsilon_k$  as in the proof of Theorem 1, we see from (3.7) that  $\hat{X}_k(t)$  converges uniformly to a weakly stationary process  $X_0(t)$  and

$$\left| \hat{D}_{\Psi, k}(t, h) - \frac{\hat{X}_0(t+h) - \hat{X}_0(t)}{\Psi(|h|)} \right| \leq \varepsilon_k \quad \text{for } k \geq k_0.$$

By Lemma 5,  $\sup_{0 < |h| \leq 1, |t| \leq A} |\hat{D}_{\Psi, k}(t, h)| < \infty$  almost surely, we conclude that  $X_0(t)$  is  $\Psi$ -Hölder continuous for  $|t| \leq A$  for any  $A > 0$ , which completes the proof.

**THEOREM 4.** *If for a given weakly stationary process  $X(t)$ , there is an even, non-negative, non-decreasing function  $g(x)$  such that*

$$(3.8) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Psi^{-2}\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \cdot g^{-1}(n) < \infty,$$

$$(3.9) \quad \int g(x) dF(x) < \infty.$$

*Then  $X(t)$  is equivalent to a weakly stationary process which is  $\Psi$ -Hölder continuous almost surely, where  $\Psi(h)$  is the function in Lemma 4.*

*Proof.* By (3.8) and (3.9), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Psi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) (F(n+1) - F(n))^{1/2} \right]^2 &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Psi^{-2}\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) g^{-1}(n) \cdot \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g(n) (F(n+1) - F(n)) \\
&\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Psi^{-2}\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) g^{-1}(n) \cdot \int_1^{\infty} g(x) dF(x) < \infty.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can see that  $\sum_{n=-1}^{\infty} \Psi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{|n|}\right) (F(n+1) - F(n))^{1/2} < \infty$ . Hence the assertion follows from Theorem 3.

EXAMPLE 4. Suppose that  $F(x)$  is absolutely continuous with the density  $f(x)$  and that  $f(x)$  is non-increasing as  $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$ . If

$$(3.10) \quad \int_{|x|>1} \Psi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{|x|}\right) f^{1/2}(x) dx < \infty,$$

then  $X(t)$  is sample  $\Psi$ -Hölder continuous.

EXAMPLE 5. If a separable stationary process  $X(t)$  satisfies

$$(3.11) \quad \int_{|x|\geq B} \Psi^{-2}\left(\frac{1}{|x|}\right) |x| \cdot \log|x| \cdot \log_{(2)}|x| \cdots \log_{(n)}|x| \cdot (\log_{(n+1)}|x|)^{1+\varepsilon} dF(x) < \infty,$$

for sufficiently large  $B > 0$  with  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sup_{|t| \leq A} \frac{|X(t+h) - X(t)|}{\Psi(h)} = 0 \quad \text{a.s.}$$

Especially if,  $F(x)$  is absolutely continuous with the density  $f(x)$  which satisfies

$$|f(x)| \leq \Psi^2\left(\frac{1}{|x|}\right) [ |x| \cdot \log|x| \cdots \log_{(n)}|x| \cdot (\log_{(n+1)}|x|)^{1+\varepsilon} ]^{-2},$$

then (3.11) holds.

#### 4. Absolute convergence of the Fourier series of a weakly stationary process.

Let  $X(t)$  be a weakly stationary process described in 1. Let  $T$  be any positive number. Define

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{aligned} Y(t) &= X(t), & t \geq 0, \\ &X(-t), & t \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

We consider the Fourier series of  $Y(t)$  over  $(-T, T)$ ,

$$(4.2) \quad A_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T}^T Y(t) \cos \frac{n\pi t}{T} dt,$$

$$(4.3) \quad \frac{1}{2} A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos \frac{n\pi t}{T}.$$

As in [2],

$$(4.4) \quad EA_n \bar{A}_m = 8e^{i\pi(n-m)/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin \frac{\lambda T + \pi n}{2} \sin \frac{\lambda T + \pi m}{2} \cdot \lambda^2 T^2}{(\lambda^2 T^2 - n^2 \pi^2)(\lambda^2 T^2 - m^2 \pi^2)} dF(\lambda),$$

$$(4.5) \quad E|A_n|^2 = 8 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2 \left( \frac{\lambda T + n\pi}{2} \right) \cdot \lambda^2 T^2}{(\lambda^2 T^2 - n^2 \pi^2)^2} dF(\lambda).$$

**THEOREM 5.** *Let  $g(x)$  be even, non-negative and non-decreasing for  $x > 0$ , such that  $g(x)/x^2$  is non-increasing for large  $x$  and*

$$(4.6) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{g(n)} < \infty.$$

If

$$(4.7) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) dF(x) < \infty,$$

then  $\sum_0^{\infty} |A_n|$  converges almost surely.

*Proof.* We may suppose that  $g(x)/x^2$  is non-decreasing over  $(0, \infty)$ . In fact, if  $g(x)/x^2$  is non-increasing for  $x \geq B$ , then we may define  $g(x)$  as it is for  $(x \geq B)$ , and  $g(B)(x/B)^2$  for  $(x \leq B)$ . By (4.5),

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} g(n) E|A_n|^2 &= 8 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} g(n) \frac{\sin^2 \left[ \frac{1}{2} (|\lambda|T - n\pi) \right] \lambda^2 T^2}{(|\lambda|T + \pi n)^2 (|\lambda|T - \pi n)^2} dF(\lambda) = \\ &= 8 \int_{|\lambda| > \pi/T} \left( \sum_{n \geq [|\lambda|T/\pi] + 2} \right) dF(\lambda) + 8 \int_{|\lambda| > \pi/T} \left( \sum_{n=[|\lambda|T/\pi]}^{[|\lambda|T/\pi] + 1} \right) dF(\lambda) \\ &\quad + 8 \int_{|\lambda| > 2\pi/T} \left( \sum_{[|\lambda|T/\pi] - 1 \geq n} \right) dF(\lambda) + 8 \int_{|\lambda| \leq \pi/T} \left( \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \right) dF(\lambda) = \\ &= I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4, \end{aligned}$$

say.

Noting that

$$(4.8) \quad g(Ax) \leq A^2 g(x),$$

for  $A > 1$   $x \geq 1$  which follows from the assumption that  $g(x)/x^2$  is non-increasing for  $x \geq 1$ , we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
I_1 &\leq 8 \int_{|\lambda| > \pi/T} \sum_{n \geq \lceil |\lambda|T/\pi \rceil + 2} \frac{g(n)\lambda^2 T^2}{\pi^2 \left( n - \frac{|\lambda|T}{\pi} - 1 \right)^2 (|\lambda|T + \pi n)^2} dF(\lambda) \leq \\
&\leq 8C_1 \int_{|\lambda| \geq \pi/T} g\left(\frac{\lambda T}{\pi}\right) dF(\lambda) < C_2 T^2 \int_{|\lambda| \geq \pi/T} g(\lambda) dF(\lambda) < \infty,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are constants. Here we have used that

$$g(n)\lambda^2 T^2 / (|\lambda|T + \pi n)^2 \leq g(\lambda T/\pi).$$

$$I_2 \leq C_3 \int_{|\lambda| > \pi/T} \left[ g\left(\frac{\lambda T}{\pi} + 1\right) + g\left(\frac{\lambda T}{\pi}\right) \right] dF(\lambda) \leq C_4 T^2 \int_{|\lambda| > \pi/T} g(\lambda) dF(\lambda) < \infty,$$

$C_3, C_4$  being constants.

$$\begin{aligned}
I_3 &\leq \int_{|\lambda| > \pi/T} \sum_{n \leq \lceil \lambda T/\pi \rceil - 1} \frac{\lambda^2 T^2 g(\lceil \lambda T/\pi \rceil - 1)}{(|\lambda|T - \pi n)^2 (|\lambda|T + 2)^2} dF(\lambda) \leq \\
&\leq C_5 \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m^2} \int_{|\lambda| > \pi/T} g\left(\frac{\lambda T}{\pi}\right) dF(\lambda) \leq C_6 T^2 \int_{|\lambda| \geq \pi/T} g(\lambda) dF(\lambda) < \infty,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $C_5$  and  $C_6$  are constants.

Since  $\lambda^2 T^2 (|\lambda|T - \pi n)^2 \leq (n-1)^{-2}$  for  $|\lambda|T \leq \pi$ ,

$$I_4 \leq 8 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{g(n)}{\pi^2 n^2 (n-1)^2} \int_{|\lambda| \leq \pi/T} dF(\lambda).$$

Since  $g(n) \leq n^2 g(1)$  from (4. 8),

$$I_4 < \infty.$$

Hence we have obtained that

$$(4. 9) \quad \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} g(n) E|A_n|^2 < \infty.$$

From this, our conclusion follows immediately, for

$$\begin{aligned}
E \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |A_n| &= E \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{g^{1/2}(n)} g^{1/2}(n) |A_n| \leq \\
&\leq \left[ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{g(n)} \right]^{1/2} E \left[ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} g(n) |A_n|^2 \right]^{1/2} \leq \\
&\leq \left[ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{g(n)} \right] \left[ E \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} g(n) |A_n|^2 \right]^{1/2}
\end{aligned}$$

which is finite by (4. 6) and (4. 8), and  $E \sum |A_n| < \infty$  implies the almost sure convergence of  $\sum |A_n|$ .

As an implication of the conclusion of Theorem 5 is that  $X(t)$  is *sample continuous in  $(0, T)$  for every  $T > 0$*  which, of course, implies that  $X(t)$  is sample continuous in  $(0, \infty)$ . However, for this statement we need the unnecessary condition that  $g(x)x^2$  is non-decreasing.

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