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## **Abstract**

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We consider the Gaussian random field  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$ , where  $M(E)$  is a vector space of signed Radon measures with compact support on a separable locally compact Hausdorff space  $E$ . We assume that the covariance  $C(\mu, \nu) = E(X_\mu X_\nu)$  ( $\mu, \nu \in M(E)$ ) is bilinear. The Markov properties of  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  are defined. The necessary and sufficient conditions for  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  to have the Markov property in terms of the geometric and analytic structure of the reproducing kernel Hilbert space of  $C(\mu, \nu)$  are given under some assumptions on the index set  $M(E)$ . We also define the concept of dual process and in the case that a Gaussian random field  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  has a dual, we can simplify the necessary and sufficient conditions. Applications to generalized Gaussian random fields, to the Gaussian fields related to Dirichlet forms and to the ordinary Gaussian processes are derived.

**To my parents**

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

The study of the Markov property for multiparameter processes was initiated by P. Lévy[15] who conjectured that Lévy Brownian motion in odd dimension has this Markov property. McKean [19] proved Lévy's conjecture and gave a precise definition of Markov property. Subsequently Pitt[24], Künsch [13], Molchan[21] and Kallianpur and Mandrekar[12] gave necessary and sufficient conditions for a Gaussian and generalized Gaussian process to have some type of Markov property. A systematic study of different Markov properties is given in [17] for Gaussian processes and in [18] for the generalized Gaussian processes. In [7], Dynkin introduced the study of the Markov property for Gaussian processes related to the Dirichlet space and studied Markov property for specific Gaussian processes indexed by measures of finite energy. This was generalized in an abstract way for Gaussian processes related to Dirichlet form of Fukushima[10] by Röchner[25].

The main techniques used by [12], [13], [21], [24] were geometric and

depended on the geometric structure of reproducing kernel Hilbert spaces. In [12], [21] the conditions were simplified in the case the Gaussian process has a dual process (see also Rozanov[26]). The concept of a dual process originates in [12] and [21]. In [7] and [25], the Markov property was proved by relying heavily on probabilistic technique as the Gaussian processes considered by them are related to Green's functions of a symmetric Markov process.

Our purpose here is to establish general theorems, using pure geometric techniques, for Gaussian processes indexed by measures to have a Markov property. We begin by recalling certain facts about conditional independence and Gaussian processes from [17] and [18] in Chapter 2 and Chapter 3. As a consequence we derive some new facts in Lemmas 2.8 - 2.11. We introduce the concept of support (Lemma 2.2) for a linear functional on a vector space of measures satisfying (A.1) and (A.2). Such a concept plays a role in establishing and proving our main general theorems in Chapter 3 (Theorems 3.1, 3.2). In view of Examples 2.1 the main results of [12] and [21] follow from these general theorems.

We also need to modify the structure of the indexed sets used by Dynkin [7] and Röchner [25]. We demonstrate that this modification does not affect the Markov property of the processes considered by them. However with this modification, we can set their problems as a spacial case of Corollary 3.3. To obtain this, we need to introduce an appropriate generalization of the concept of the dual process introduced in [12] to our setup. Finally our results give considerable strengthening of the results of [13] and [24] as well as generalizing the index set for the multiparameter processes. This is done in Chapter 5.

In Chapter 4 we recall the needed concepts from the theory of Dirichlet forms and prove a crucial analytic result (Lemm 4.7) in this setup which allows us to relate the local property of the Dirichlet space to the condition of Corollary 3.3.

We start the next chapter with preliminaries, notation and interrelations of the concepts used throughout the thesis.

# Chapter 2

## Notations and Preliminaries

In this chapter, we present some concepts and results needed in the rest of this work. We start first by introducing the reproducing kernel Hilbert space associated with a covariance function following Aronszajn[1].

**Definition 2.1** *Let  $T$  be any set and  $C$  be a real valued function on  $T \times T$ . Then  $C$  is called a covariance on  $T$  if*

- (a)  $C(t, s) = C(s, t)$  for all  $s, t \in T$  and
- (b)  $\sum_{t,s \in i} a_s a_t C(t, s) \geq 0$  for all finite subsets  $i$  of  $T$  and  $\{a_s, s \in i\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Theorem 2.1 (Aronszajn [1])** *Let  $T$  be any set and  $C$  be a real valued covariance on  $T$ . Then there exists a unique Hilbert space  $K(C)$  of functions on  $T$  satisfying*

$$C(\cdot, t) \in K(C) \quad \text{for each } t \in T, \quad (2.1)$$

$$(f, C(\cdot, t))_{K(C)} = f(t) \quad \text{for each } t \in T \text{ and } f \in K(C). \quad (2.2)$$

Here for each  $t$ ,  $C(\cdot, t)$  denotes the function of the first variable and  $(\cdot, \cdot)_{K(C)}$  means the inner product in  $K(C)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\mathfrak{R}^T$  be the real linear space of all functions on  $T$  to  $\mathfrak{R}$  with coordinate-wise addition and scalar multiplication and let  $H$  be the linear manifold in  $\mathfrak{R}^T$  generated by  $\{C(\cdot, t), t \in T\}$ . On  $H$  define the inner product

$$(f, g) = \sum_{s \in i, s' \in i'} a_s b_{s'} C(s, s') = \sum_{s \in i} a_s g(s) = \sum_{s' \in i'} b_{s'} f(s'). \quad (2.3)$$

Where  $f = \sum_{s \in i} a_s C(\cdot, s)$ ,  $g = \sum_{s' \in i'} b_{s'} C(\cdot, s')$  with  $i, i'$  finite subsets of  $T$ . From the last two equalities in (2.3), we get  $(f, g)$  is independent of the representations of  $f$  and  $g$ . From properties of  $C$  we get  $(f, f) \geq 0$  and  $(f, g)$  is a bilinear function on  $H$ . Also  $f(t) = (f, C(\cdot, t))$  for each  $t \in T$  and  $f \in H$  gives  $|f(t)|^2 \leq (f, f)C(t, t)$ . This implies  $(f, f) = 0$  iff  $f(t) = 0$  for all  $t$ . Thus  $(H, (\cdot, \cdot))$  is a pre-Hilbert space. Let  $\overline{H}$  be the completion of  $H$  under norm  $(f, f)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , define  $K(C) = \{f \in \mathfrak{R}^T, f(t) = (C(\cdot, t), h_f) \text{ for } h_f \in \overline{H}\}$ . On  $K(C)$  define  $(f, g) = (h_f, h_g)$ . Then  $K(C)$  has all the properties and is determined uniquely by  $C$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.2** Let  $T$  be any set. A class  $K(C)$  of functions on  $T$  forming a Hilbert space is called the reproducing kernel Hilbert space (for short, RKHS) of a covariance  $C$  if it satisfies (2.1) and (2.2). The above theorem gives existence and uniqueness.

**Definition 2.3** Let  $T$  be a set and  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  be a probability space, Then a family  $\{X_t : t \in T\}$  of real random variables is called a centered Gaussian

*process if every real linear combination of finite elements of  $\{X_t : t \in T\}$  is a Gaussian random variable with mean zero.*

If  $\{X_t : t \in T\}$  is a centered Gaussian process on a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ , then  $C_X(t, t') = E_P(X_t X_{t'})$  is a covariance on  $T$  and  $K(C_X) = \{f, f(t) = E_P(X_t Y_f) \text{ for a unique } Y_f \in H(X)\}$ , where  $E_P$  is the expectation under  $P$  and  $H(X)$  is the linear subspace of  $L_2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  generated by  $\{X_t, t \in T\}$ . Conversely we can associate a Gaussian process with a covariance.

**Lemma 2.1** *Let  $C$  be a covariance on  $T$ , then there exists a Gaussian process  $\{X_t, t \in T\}$  defined on a suitable probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  such that  $E_P(X_t X_{t'}) = C(t, t')$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $K(C)$  be the RKHS of  $C$  and  $\{e_j, j \in J\}$  be an orthonormal basis in  $K(C)$ . Define  $\Omega = \prod_j \Omega_j, \mathcal{F} = \otimes_j \mathcal{F}_j, P = \otimes_j P_j$  where  $\Omega_j = \mathbb{R}, \mathcal{F}_j = \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $P_j = N(0, 1)$  for  $j \in J$ . Also let  $\xi_j(\omega) = \omega_j$  with  $j \in J$ . For  $h \in K(C), h = \sum_j (h, e_j) e_j$  define  $\Pi(h) = \sum_j (h, e_j) \xi_j$ . Then by Parseval's identity we get  $\Pi(h)$  as a Gaussian random variable for each  $h \in K(C)$  with  $X_t = \Pi(C(\cdot, t))$  we get  $\{X_t, t \in T\}$  as a Gaussian process with covariance  $C$ .  
□

**Remark:** The map  $\Pi$  in the proof of Lemma 2.1 is an isometry between  $K(C)$  and  $H(X)$ . We will be using this fact many times later on.

For a Gaussian process  $\{X_t, t \in T\}$ , when  $T \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ , we call it a (Gaussian) random field. Let  $C_0^\infty(E)$  be the space of infinitely differentiable functions with compact support in  $E$ , where  $E$  is a open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . When

$T = C_0^\infty(E)$ , we call  $\{X_t, t \in T\}$  generalized random field if the covariance function  $C(\varphi, \psi) = E_p(X_\varphi X_\psi)$  is bilinear and continuous on  $C_0^\infty(E)$  with Schwartz topology (see [9] or [11]). We shall also be using processes indexed by measures of bounded energy. They occurred in the works [12],[24] and [26]. For this we need some additional concepts.

Let  $E$  be a separable locally compact Hausdorff space.  $M(E)$  is a set containing Radon signed measures on  $E$  with compact support. The support of a signed Radon measure  $\mu$  on  $E$  is defined as the complement of the largest open set  $O$  such that  $|\mu|(O) = 0$ , where  $|\mu|$  is the total variation measure of  $\mu$ . We make the following assumptions on  $M(E)$ :

(A.1)  $M(E)$  is a real vector space.

(A.2)  $M(E)$  has the partition of unity property, namely for any  $\mu \in M(E)$ , if  $\{O_1, O_2, \dots, O_n\}$  is an open covering of the support of  $\mu$  (for short,  $\text{supp} \mu$ ) then there exist  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_n \in M(E)$  with  $\text{supp} \mu_i \subseteq O_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $\mu = \mu_1 + \mu_2 + \dots + \mu_n$ .

(A.3) If  $f$  is a linear functional on  $M(E)$ , and the support of  $f$  (for short,  $\text{supp} f$ ) is contained in  $A_1 \cup A_2$  where  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are two disjoint closed subsets of  $E$ , then  $f = f_1 + f_2$ , where  $f_1, f_2$  are linear functionals on  $M(E)$  with  $\text{supp} f_i \subseteq A_i, i = 1, 2$ . The support of a linear functional  $f$  on  $M(E)$  is defined as the complement of the largest open set  $N$  of  $E$  such that  $f(\mu) = 0$  for all  $\mu \in M(E)$  with  $\text{supp} \mu \subseteq N$ .

Under the assumptions (A.1) and (A.2) the support of a linear functional on  $M(E)$  is well defined, Actually we have the following:

**Lemma 2.2** *Under the assumptions (A.1) and (A.2) we have*

(a) *If  $f$  is a linear functional on  $M(E)$ , then  $\text{supp}f = \text{complement of } \bigcup_i O_i$ , where the union is taken over all open set  $O_i$  such that  $f(\mu) = 0$  for all  $\mu \in M(E)$  with  $\text{supp}\mu \subseteq O_i$ .*

(b) *If  $f$  is a linear functional on  $M(E)$  and  $\text{supp}f$  is an empty set, then  $f \equiv 0$ , i.e.  $f(\mu) = 0$  for all  $\mu \in M(E)$ .*

(c) *If  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are two linear functionals on  $M(E)$ , then*

$$\text{supp}(f_1 + f_2) \subseteq (\text{supp}f_1) \bigcup (\text{supp}f_2).$$

**Proof.** (a) We only need to show that  $\bigcup_{i \in I} O_i \subseteq (\text{supp}f)^c$ . Let  $\mu \in M(E)$  be such that  $\text{supp}\mu \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} O_i$ . By the compactness of  $\text{supp}\mu$ , we may choose finite sets  $O_{i_1}, \dots, O_{i_n}$  to cover  $\text{supp}\mu$ , using the partition of unity property (A.2) we have  $\mu = \mu_1 + \dots + \mu_n$  where  $\mu_j \in M(E)$  and  $\text{supp}\mu_j \subseteq O_{i_j}, j = 1, \dots, n$ . Then

$$f(\mu) = f(\mu_1 + \dots + \mu_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n f(\mu_i) = 0.$$

(b) Using the definition of support of a linear functional.

(c) Let  $A_i = \text{supp}f_i, i = 1, 2$ . Let  $\mu \in M(E)$  with  $\text{supp}\mu \subseteq (A_1 \cup A_2)^c = A_1^c \cap A_2^c$ . Then  $\text{supp}\mu \subset A_i^c$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Hence  $f_i(\mu) = 0$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Then  $f(\mu) = f_1(\mu) + f_2(\mu) = 0$ . So  $\text{supp}(f_1 + f_2) \subseteq A_1 \cup A_2$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3** *Under assumptions (A.1) and (A.2), (A.3) is equivalent to the following (A.3)':*

**(A.3)'** *If  $f$  is a linear functional on  $M(E)$  and  $\text{supp}f \subseteq A_1 \cup A_2$  where  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are two disjoint closed sets, then for any two disjoint open sets*



$O_1, O_2$  with  $A_i \subseteq O_i, i = 1, 2$ ,  $f$  can be decomposed into the sum of two linear functionals  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  on  $M(E)$  with  $\text{supp} f_i \subseteq O_i, i = 1, 2$ .

**Proof.** That (A.3) implies (A.3)' is obvious. To prove the converse, let  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  be two disjoint open sets of  $E$  such that  $O_i \supseteq A_i, i = 1, 2$ . Then  $f = f_1 + f_2$  with the  $f_i$ 's linear functionals on  $M(E)$  and  $\text{supp} f_i \subseteq O_i, i = 1, 2$ . Now take another open set  $O'_1 \subseteq O_1$  with  $O'_1 \supseteq A_1$ . Then  $f = f'_1 + f'_2$  with  $\text{supp} f'_1 \subseteq O'_1$  and  $\text{supp} f'_2 \subseteq O_2$  so  $f_1 - f'_1 = f'_2 - f_2$ . By Lemma 2.2(c)  $\text{supp}(f_1 - f'_1) \subseteq (\text{supp} f_1) \cup (\text{supp} f'_1) \subseteq O_1$  and  $\text{supp}(f'_2 - f_2) \subseteq (\text{supp} f'_2) \cup (\text{supp} f_2) \subseteq O_2$ . Since  $O_1 \cap O_2 = \phi$ ,  $\text{supp}(f_1 - f'_1) = \text{supp}(f'_2 - f_2) = \phi$ . Then by Lemma 1.2(b)  $f_1 - f'_1 = f'_2 - f_2 = 0$ . So  $\text{supp} f_1 \subseteq O'_1$ , hence

$$\text{supp} f_1 \subseteq \bigcap_{A_1 \subseteq O \subseteq O_1} O = A_1.$$

Similarly we can show  $\text{supp} f_2 \subseteq A_2$ . □

We will give some examples in which our assumptions (A.1), (A.2) and (A.3) are satisfied. Before we give the examples, we need the following Lemma.

**Lemma 2.4** *If  $E$  is a normal space([9],p.2) and  $\{O_1, \dots, O_n\}$  is an open covering of a closed set  $A$  of  $E$  then there exist open sets  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$  such that  $\overline{U_i} \subseteq O_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and*

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i \supseteq A$$

where  $\overline{U_i}$  means the closure of  $U_i$ .

We note that ([2],p.8) a separable locally compact Hausdorff space is a normal space. The proof of the lemma is based on induction on  $n$ .

**Proof.** If  $A \subseteq O$  where  $A$  is closed and  $O$  is open, then  $A$  and  $O^c$  are two disjoint closed sets and hence by the normality of space there exist two disjoint open sets  $U_1, U_2$  such that  $A \subseteq U_1$  and  $O^c \subseteq U_2$ . Hence  $\overline{U_1} \subseteq \overline{U_2^c} = U_2^c \subseteq O$ . Then  $U_1$  is the candidate, so the lemma is true for  $n = 1$ .

Assume  $A \subseteq O_1 \cup O_2$ ,  $A$  is closed and  $O_1, O_2$  are open. Then  $A \cap O_2^c \subseteq O_1$ . Since  $A \cap O_2^c$  is a closed set, there is an open set  $U_1$  such that  $\overline{U_1} \subseteq O_1$  and  $A \cap O_2^c \subseteq U_1$ . Then  $A = (A \cap U_1) \cup (A \cap U_1^c)$ . Since  $A \cap U_1^c$  is closed and  $A \cap U_1^c \subseteq O_2$ , then there is an open set  $U_2$  such that  $\overline{U_2} \subseteq O_2$  and  $A \cap U_1^c \subseteq U_2$ . Then  $A \subseteq U_1 \cup U_2$  so the lemma is true for  $n = 2$ .

Assume that the lemma is true for  $n \leq k (k \geq 2)$ . Then if

$$A \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{k+1} O_i = \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^k O_i \right) \cup O_{k+1}$$

there exist open sets  $U'$  and  $U_{k+1}$  such that

$$\overline{U'} \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^k O_i,$$

$$\overline{U_{k+1}} \subseteq O_{k+1},$$

and

$$A \subseteq U' \cup U_{k+1}.$$

Now since

$$\overline{U'} \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^k O_i$$

by induction there exist open sets  $U_1, \dots, U_k$  such that  $\overline{U_i} \subseteq O_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

and

$$\overline{U'} \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^k U_i.$$

Then

$$A \subseteq U' \cup U_{k+1} \subseteq \bigcup_{k=1}^{k+1} U_i.$$

□

**Example 2.1** (*Infinitely differentiable functions*)

Let  $E$  be an open domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $M(E) = \{\mu : d\mu = \varphi dx, \varphi \in C_0^\infty(E)\}$ , where  $C_0^\infty(E)$  consists of all infinitely differentiable functions with compact support on  $E$ .  $E$  is equipped with relative topology. Obviously  $M(E)$  is a vector space in the sense of (A.1). If  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(E)$  and  $\{O_1, O_2, \dots, O_n\}$  is an open covering of  $\text{supp}\varphi$ , then there exist  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n \in C_0^\infty(E)$  with  $\text{supp}\varphi_i \in O_i$  and  $\varphi = \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi_i$  where for a function  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(E)$ ,  $\text{supp}\varphi = \text{closure of } \{x : x \in E, \varphi(x) \neq 0\}$ . Notice that  $\text{supp}\varphi = \text{supp}(\varphi dx)$ , so (A.2) is satisfied.

To verify (A.3)', let  $f$  be a linear functional on  $M(E)$  and  $\text{supp}f \subseteq A_1 \cup A_2$ . Where  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are two disjoint closed subsets of  $E$ , take two disjoint open sets  $O_1, O_2$  such that  $A_i \subseteq O_i, i = 1, 2$ . Then we can take two open sets  $O'_1$  and  $O'_2$  such that  $A_i \subseteq O'_i \subseteq O_i, i = 1, 2$  and  $\overline{O'_1} \cap \overline{O'_2}$  is the empty set. Take  $O'_3 = (A_1 \cup A_2)^c$  then  $\{O'_1, O'_2, O'_3\}$  is an open covering of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then there exist  $\varphi_i \in C^\infty(E), i = 1, 2, 3$  such that  $\varphi_i \geq 0$ ,  $\text{supp}\varphi \subseteq O'_i, i = 1, 2, 3$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^3 \varphi_i = 1$  ([9], p.45) where  $C^\infty(E)$  consists of all infinitely differentiable functions. Now for any  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(E), \varphi = \sum_{i=1}^3 \varphi \varphi_i$

$$f(\varphi) = f(\varphi \varphi_1) + f(\varphi \varphi_2) + f(\varphi \varphi_3).$$

Since  $\text{supp}(\varphi \varphi_3) = \text{supp}(\varphi \varphi_3 dx) \subseteq O_3$  then  $f(\varphi \varphi_3) = 0$ . Let  $f_i(\varphi) = f(\varphi \varphi_i), i = 1, 2$ . If  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(E)$  with  $\text{supp}(\varphi dx) = \text{supp}\varphi \subseteq (\text{supp}\varphi_i)^c$

then  $\varphi\varphi_i \equiv 0, i = 1, 2$ . So  $f_i(\varphi) = 0, i = 1, 2$  if  $\text{supp}(\varphi dx) = \text{supp}\varphi \subseteq (\text{supp}\varphi_i)^c, i = 1, 2$ . Then  $\text{supp}f_i \subseteq ((\text{supp}\varphi_i)^c)^c = \text{supp}\varphi_i \subseteq O_i, i = 1, 2$ . This implies (A.3)' holds.

**Example 2.2** (*Measures of finite energy*)

Let  $M(E)$  be a vector space having the following property. If  $\mu \in M(E)$ , then  $1_A\mu \in M(E)$  for any  $A \in \mathcal{B}(E)$  where  $\mathcal{B}(E)$  is the  $\sigma$ -field generated by all open subsets of  $E$  and  $1_A\mu$  is the measure of  $\mu$  restricted to  $A$ , i.e.,  $1_A\mu(B) = \mu(A \cap B) \forall B \in \mathcal{B}(E)$ . Then  $M(E)$  satisfies (A.2) and (A.3): suppose  $\mu \in M(E)$  with  $\text{supp}\mu \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n O_i$  where  $O_i$ 's are open sets. By Lemma 2.4 we can find open sets  $U_i, (i = 1, \dots, n)$  such that  $\overline{U_i} \subseteq O_i$  and  $\text{supp}\mu \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i$ . Then

$$\mu = (1_{\bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i})\mu = 1_{U_1}\mu + 1_{U_2 \cap U_1^c}\mu + \dots + 1_{U_n \cup U_1^c \cap \dots \cap U_{n-1}^c}\mu \equiv \mu_1 + \mu_2 + \dots + \mu_n \text{ say,}$$

such an expression makes sense because  $\mu$  has compact support and hence is a finite measure. Obviously  $\text{supp}\mu_i \subseteq \overline{U_i} \subseteq O_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $\mu_i \in M(E)$  by assumption for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Hence (A.2) holds.

If  $f$  is a linear functional on  $M(E)$  with  $\text{supp}f \subseteq A_1 \cup A_2$  where  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are two disjoint closed sets. Choose open sets  $O_1, O_2$  be with  $A_i \subseteq O_i, i = 1, 2$  and  $\overline{O_1} \cap \overline{O_2} = \emptyset$ . Let  $O_3 = (O_1 \cup O_2)^c$ , then  $O_1 \cup O_2 \cup O_3 = E$  and these  $O_i$ 's are also disjoint. Then for any  $\mu \in M(E)$ ,

$$\mu = 1_{O_1}\mu + 1_{O_2}\mu + 1_{O_3}\mu \equiv \mu_1 + \mu_2 + \mu_3 \text{ say,}$$

then

$$f(\mu) = f(\mu_1) + f(\mu_2) + f(\mu_3) \equiv f_1(\mu) + f_2(\mu) + f_3(\mu) \text{ say,}$$

notice that  $f_1, f_2$  and  $f_3$  are also linear on  $M(E)$ . Since  $\text{supp}\mu_3 \subseteq \overline{O_3} = O_3 = (O_1 \cup O_2)^c \subseteq (A_1 \cup A_2)^c$  so  $f_3(\mu) = f(\mu_3) = 0$  for all  $\mu \in M(E)$ . Notice that for any  $\mu$  with  $\text{supp}\mu \subseteq \overline{O_i^c}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $\mu_i = 1_{O_i}\mu \equiv 0$  hence  $f_i(\mu) = 0$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  for all  $\mu \in M(E)$  with  $\text{supp}\mu \subseteq \overline{O_i^c}$ . So  $\text{supp}f_i \subseteq \overline{O_i}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . (A.3)' also holds.

From the above two examples we notice that it is easier to check (A.3)' instead of (A.3) when we know that (A.1) and (A.2) are already satisfied.

We are interested in the Markov Property of Gaussian processes indexed by  $M(E)$ , here we assume that  $M(E)$  satisfies assumptions (A.1)-(A.3). For this we need some elementary concepts of conditional independence([16]) and related results from [17].

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  be a probability space and assume unless stated otherwise that  $\mathcal{F}$  is complete and all sub  $\sigma$ -fields(algebras) contain all sets of measure zero from  $\mathcal{F}$ . We mean by conditional expectation or conditional probability the equivalence classes of random variables. Because of the above assumptions on all sub  $\sigma$  - fields, the equivalence classes for different  $\sigma$  - fields are the statement a.e. and consider equalities in terms of equivalence classes.

**Definition 2.4** *Let  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  be sub  $\sigma$ -fields of  $\mathcal{F}$ . We say that  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  are conditionally independent given  $\mathcal{G}$  if*

$$P(A \cap B | \mathcal{G}) = P(A | \mathcal{G})P(B | \mathcal{G}) \quad A \in \mathcal{A}, B \in \mathcal{B}$$

where  $P(\cdot | \mathcal{G})$  is the conditional probability given  $\mathcal{G}$ . We denote this by  $\mathcal{A} \perp\!\!\!\perp \mathcal{B} | \mathcal{G}$ . If  $\mathcal{G} = \{\Omega, \phi\}$ , then we say that  $\mathcal{A}$  is independent of  $\mathcal{B}$  and denote this by  $\mathcal{A} \perp\!\!\!\perp \mathcal{B}$ .

**Lemma 2.5** *Let  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  be sub  $\sigma$ -fields of  $\mathcal{F}$  such that  $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$  then  $\mathcal{A} \perp\!\!\!\perp \mathcal{B}|\mathcal{G}$  iff  $E[f|\mathcal{G}] = E[f|\mathcal{B}]$  for all bounded  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable  $f$ . In particular if  $\mathcal{G} = \{\phi, \Omega\}$  then  $\mathcal{A} \perp\!\!\!\perp \mathcal{B}$  iff  $E[f|\mathcal{B}] = E[f]$  for all bounded  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable  $f$ . Here  $E[\cdot|\mathcal{G}]$  denotes the conditional expectation.*

**Proof.** Assume  $E[f|\mathcal{G}] = E[f|\mathcal{B}]$  for all bounded  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable  $f$ , by the properties of conditional expectation  $E[fg|\mathcal{G}] = E[E[fg|\mathcal{B}]|\mathcal{G}]$  for  $g$  bounded  $\mathcal{B}$ -measurable and  $f$  bounded  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable,  $E[fg|\mathcal{G}] = E[gE[f|\mathcal{B}]|\mathcal{G}] = E[f|\mathcal{G}]E[g|\mathcal{G}]$ , where the last equality follows since  $E[f|\mathcal{G}] = E[f|\mathcal{B}]$ . To prove the converse, observe for  $A \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $f$  bounded  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable

$$\int_A f dP = \int_A E[1_A f|\mathcal{G}] dP = \int_A E[1_A|\mathcal{G}] E[f|\mathcal{G}] dP = \int_A E[f|\mathcal{G}] dP$$

Here the second equality uses conditional independence and the last equality follows from the fact that

$$E[1_A|\mathcal{G}] E[f|\mathcal{G}] = E[1_A E[f|\mathcal{G}]|\mathcal{G}].$$

□

Using the fact that  $\mathcal{B} \vee \mathcal{G} = \sigma\{B \cap A; B \in \mathcal{B}, A \in \mathcal{G}\}$  and the arguments in the proof of Lemma 2.5 where  $\vee$  denotes the  $\sigma$ -field generated by both  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$ ,  $\sigma\{\dots\}$  denotes the generated  $\sigma$ -field, we get.

**Lemma 2.6**  *$\mathcal{A} \perp\!\!\!\perp \mathcal{B}|\mathcal{G}$  implies  $E[f|\mathcal{B} \vee \mathcal{G}] = E[f|\mathcal{G}]$  for all  $f$  bounded  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable.*

**Lemma 2.7**  *$\mathcal{A} \perp\!\!\!\perp \mathcal{B}|\mathcal{G}$  implies the following*

- (a) For every  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}$  satisfying  $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \tilde{\mathcal{G}} \subseteq \mathcal{G} \vee \mathcal{B}$ ,  $\mathcal{A} \perp\!\!\!\perp \mathcal{B}|\tilde{\mathcal{G}}$ .  
 (b) if  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}} \subseteq \mathcal{G} \vee \mathcal{B}$ ,  $\mathcal{A} \perp\!\!\!\perp \tilde{\mathcal{G}}|\mathcal{G}$ .

**Proof.** Lemma 2.5 and Lemma 2.6 imply  $\mathcal{A} \perp\!\!\!\perp (\mathcal{G} \vee \mathcal{B})|\mathcal{G}$  giving (b). To obtain (a), by Lemma 2.5 and Lemma 2.6  $E[f|\mathcal{G}] = E[f|\mathcal{B} \vee \mathcal{G}]$  for all  $f$  bounded  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable. Hence by Lemma 2.5,  $\mathcal{A}$  is conditionally independent of  $\mathcal{B}$  given  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}} \subseteq \mathcal{G} \vee \mathcal{B}$   $\square$

**Corollary 2.1** *Let  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  be sub  $\sigma$ -fields of  $\mathcal{F}$ ,  $\mathcal{A} \perp\!\!\!\perp \mathcal{B}|\mathcal{G}$ . Then we have the following.*

- (i) If  $\mathcal{A}' \subseteq \mathcal{A} \vee \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B}' \subseteq \mathcal{B} \vee \mathcal{G}$ , then  $\mathcal{A}' \perp\!\!\!\perp \mathcal{B}'|\mathcal{G}$ .  
 (ii) If  $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{G}' \subseteq \mathcal{A} \vee \mathcal{B} \vee \mathcal{G}$  then  $\mathcal{A} \perp\!\!\!\perp \mathcal{B}|\mathcal{G}'$ .

**Proof.** (i) can be deduced by using Lemma 2.7 (b) twice.

(ii) can be deduced by using Lemma 2.7 (a) twice.  $\square$

Let  $M(E)$  be a set satisfying assumptions (A.1)- (A.3) and  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  be a Gaussian centered random field indexed by  $M(E)$ . We assume the covariance function of  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  is bilinear, i.e.,  $C(\mu, \nu) = E(X_\mu X_\nu)$  as a functional on  $M(E) \times M(E)$  is bilinear. An immediate consequence is that if  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  and  $\mu \in M(E)$  such that  $\mu = \alpha_1 \mu_1 + \alpha_2 \mu_2$  for  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{R}^1$  then  $X_\mu = \alpha_1 X_{\mu_1} + \alpha_2 X_{\mu_2}$ . For a subset  $S$  of  $E$ ,  $\bar{S}$  means the closure of  $S$ ,  $S^c$  means the complement of  $S$ , whereas  $\partial S$  means the boundary of  $S$ , that is  $\partial S = \bar{S} \cap \overline{S^c}$ . We define

$$F(S) = \sigma\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E) \text{ and } \text{supp} \mu \subseteq S\}$$

and denote

$$\Sigma(S) = \bigcap_{S \subseteq O} F(O)$$

where the intersection is taken over all open sets  $O$ .

We will define three different Markov Properties of  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$ .

**Definition 2.5 (McKean[19])** *We say that  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  has Markov Property I(MPI) on an open subset  $S$  of  $E$  if for every open subset  $O$  of  $E$  with  $\partial S \subseteq O$*

$$F(S) \perp\!\!\!\perp F(\overline{S^c})|F(O).$$

**Definition 2.6 (Germ Field Markov Property)** *We say that  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  has Markov Property II(MPII) on a subset  $S$  (not necessarily open) of  $E$  if*

$$\Sigma(\overline{S}) \perp\!\!\!\perp \Sigma(\overline{S^c})|\Sigma(\partial S).$$

**Definition 2.7** *We say that  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  has Markov Property III(MPIII) for a subset  $S$  of  $E$  if*

$$F(\overline{S}) \perp\!\!\!\perp F(\overline{S^c})|F(\partial S).$$

Notice that MPI is only defined for open sets, whereas MPII and MPIII are defined for arbitrary sets. We will explore some relationships between these Markov properties for  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$ .

**Lemma 2.8** *For  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$ ,  $F(O \cup O') = F(O) \vee F(O')$ , where  $O, O'$  are open subsets of  $E$ .*



**Proof.** We only need to prove  $F(O \cup O') \subseteq F(O) \vee F(O')$ . If  $\mu \in M(E)$  with support of  $\mu$  contained in  $O \cup O'$ , since  $M(E)$  has partition of unity property (assumption (A.2)),  $\mu = \mu_1 + \mu_2$ , here  $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in M(E)$ ,  $\text{supp} \mu_1 \subseteq O$  and  $\text{supp} \mu_2 \subseteq O'$ . Then  $X_\mu = X_{\mu_1} + X_{\mu_2}$  hence  $X_\mu$  is measurable with respect to  $F(O) \vee F(O')$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.9** *For  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$ , let  $S$  be an open subset of  $E$  and  $O$  an open set containing  $\partial S$ . Then*

$$F(S) \perp\!\!\!\perp F(\bar{S}^c) | F(O) \quad \text{iff} \quad \Sigma(\bar{S}) \perp\!\!\!\perp \Sigma(S^c) | F(O).$$

**Proof.** The "if" part is easy because  $F(S) \subseteq \Sigma(\bar{S})$  and  $F(\bar{S}^c) \subseteq \Sigma(S^c)$ . To prove the converse, notice by lemma 2.8

$$F(S) \vee F(O) = F(S \cup O) \supseteq \Sigma(\bar{S}) \tag{2.4}$$

and

$$F(\bar{S}^c) \vee F(O) = F(\bar{S}^c \cup O) \supseteq \Sigma(\bar{S}). \tag{2.5}$$

Then by Corollary 2.1  $\Sigma(\bar{S}) \perp\!\!\!\perp \Sigma(S^c) | F(O)$  for open set  $O \supseteq \partial S$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.10** *For Gaussian random field  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$ . Markov Property I on an open set  $S$  implies Markov property II (Germ field Markov Property) on  $S$ .*

**Proof.** By previous lemma, we know MPI for an open set  $S$  is equivalent to

$$\Sigma(\bar{S}) \perp\!\!\!\perp \Sigma(S^c)|F(O)$$

for all open subset  $O \subseteq \partial S$ .

We define a direct order on all open sets in terms of inclusion then for any set  $A \in \Sigma(\bar{S})$  and  $B \in \Sigma(S^c)$ , we have

$$P[A \cap B|F(O)] = P[A|F(O)]P[B|F(O)]$$

By maringale convergence theorem with net indexed  $\sigma$ -fields(see [23],Chpter V)

$$\lim_O P[A|F(O)]P[B|F(O)] = P[A|\Sigma(\partial S)]P[B|\Sigma(\partial S)] \quad (2.6)$$

and

$$\lim_O P[A \cap B|F(O)] = P[A \cap B|\Sigma(\partial S)] \quad (2.7)$$

Both limits are in  $L_2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ . Hence we have

$$P[A \cap B|\Sigma(\partial S)] = P[A|\Sigma(\partial S)]P[B|\Sigma(\partial S)]$$

for all  $A \in \Sigma(\bar{S})$  and  $B \in \Sigma(S^c)$ , this is Markov Property II on open set  $S$ .

□

**Lemma 2.11** *Suppose the Gaussian random field  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  has Germ Field Markov Property (MP II) on an open set  $S$  and also*

$$\Sigma(\bar{S}) \vee \Sigma(S^c) = F(E)$$

. *Then it also has MPI on  $S$ .*

**Proof.** MPII says  $\Sigma(\bar{S}) \perp\!\!\!\perp \Sigma(S^c) | \Sigma(\partial S)$ . For any open subset  $O$  of  $E$  with  $\partial S \subseteq O$

$$\Sigma(\partial S) \subseteq F(O) \subseteq F(E) = \Sigma(\bar{S}) \bigvee \Sigma(S^c)$$

By (ii) of Corollary 2.1  $\Sigma(\bar{S}) \perp\!\!\!\perp \Sigma(S^c) | F(O)$  which implies

$$F(S) \perp\!\!\!\perp F(\bar{S}^c) | F(O).$$

□

Relationships between MPI and MPIII will be discussed in Chapter 4 in case of Gaussian random fields related to Dirichlet Space.

# Chapter 3

## General Results

In the previous chapter, we already set up some basic notations and lemmas. Our goal in this chapter is to explore the relationships between the Markov property of  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  and its reproducing kernel Hilbert space. We are particularly interested in the Markov property of  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  for some classes of sets: the class of all open sets and the class of all pre-compact open sets (a set is called pre-compact open if its closure is compact). In the second part of this chapter, we will discuss the case in which a dual process exists. To begin with we introduce some properties of Gaussian spaces([18]Appendix).

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  be a probability space, by a (centered) Gaussian space we mean a subspace of  $L_2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  such that every finite collection of elements of this subspace is Gaussian distributed with mean zero. We assume all Gaussian spaces are closed unless otherwise mentioned.

**Lemma 3.1** *Let  $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$  be a subset of a (centered) Gaussian space.*

$\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$  are independent iff  $E(X_i X_j) = 0$ ,  $i \neq j$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\vec{u} = (u_1, \dots, u_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\vec{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_{\vec{X}}(\vec{u}) &= E(\exp(i\vec{u} \cdot \vec{X})) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}E\left(\sum_i u_i X_i\right)^2\right) \\ &= \prod_i \Phi_{X_i}(u_i) \quad \text{if } E(X_i X_j) = 0 \text{ for } i \neq j,\end{aligned}$$

where  $\Phi_{X_i}(\cdot)$  is the characteristic function of  $X_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ). Conversely,

$$\begin{aligned}E(X_i X_j) &= E[E(X_i X_j | \sigma(X_j))] = E[X_j E(X_i | \sigma(X_j))] \\ &= E X_j E X_i = 0 \quad \text{if } i \neq j.\end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma 3.2** Let  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  be subspaces of a (centered) Gaussian space  $H$ . Then  $\sigma(H_1)$  and  $\sigma(H_2)$  are independent iff  $H_1 \perp H_2$ .

**Proof.** That  $\sigma(H_1)$  independent of  $\sigma(H_2)$  implies  $H_1 \perp H_2$  follows from Lemma 3.1. To prove the converse, let  $\{\xi_{1j}, j \in J_1\}$  and  $\{\xi_{2j}, j \in J_2\}$  be orthogonal bases in  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  respectively. Then  $\{\xi_{ij}, j \in J_i, i = 1, 2\}$  has every finite subfamily orthogonal and hence independent by Lemma 3.1. In particular  $\sigma(H_1) = \sigma\{\xi_{1j}, j \in J_1\}$  is independent of  $\sigma(H_2) = \sigma\{\xi_{2j}, j \in J_2\}$ .

□

**Lemma 3.3** Let  $H_1$  be a subspace of a Gaussian space  $H$ . Then  $E[Y | \sigma(H_1)] = P_{\text{roj } H_1} Y$  for any  $Y \in H$ , where  $\text{Proj}_{H_1}$  is the projection operator on  $H_1$

**Proof.** Let  $Y = Y_1 + Y_2$ , where  $Y_1 = \text{Proj}_{H_1} Y$  and  $Y_2 = Y - Y_1$ . Then  $E(Y_1 Y_2) = 0$ . Hence by Lemma 2.1,  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are independent. Then

$$E[Y|\sigma(H_1)] = Y_1 + E[Y_2|\sigma(H_1)] = Y_1 + EY_2 = Y_1.$$

□

**Lemma 3.4** *Let  $H_0, H_1$  and  $H_2$  be subspaces of a Gaussian space  $H$ . Then the following are equivalent:*

(a)  $\sigma(H_1) \perp\!\!\!\perp \sigma(H_2)|\sigma(H_0)$ .

(b)  $H'_1 \ominus H_0 \perp H'_2 \ominus H_0$  where  $H'_i = H_i \vee H_0$ , ( $i = 1, 2$ ) and  $H'_i \ominus H_0$  means the subspace of  $L_2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  generated by  $\{\eta - \text{Proj}_{H_0} \eta, \eta \in H_i\}$ .

**Proof.** (a) implies  $\sigma(H'_1) \perp\!\!\!\perp \sigma(H'_2)|\sigma(H_0)$  by Corollary 2.1. Let  $X_1 \in H'_1$  and  $X_2 \in H'_2$ . Then

$$E(X_1 X_2 | \sigma(H_0)) = E(X_1 | \sigma(H_0)) E(X_2 | \sigma(H_0)) = \text{Proj}_{H_0} X_1 \text{Proj}_{H_0} X_2.$$

Hence

$$E(X_i X_j) = E(X_i \text{Proj}_{H_0} X_j) = E(\text{Proj}_{H_0} X_i \text{Proj}_{H_0} X_j) \quad \text{for } i \neq j$$

$$\text{giving } E(X_1 - \text{Proj}_{H_0} X_1)(X_2 - \text{Proj}_{H_0} X_2) = 0$$

Conversely, from Lemma 3.2  $\sigma(H'_1 \ominus H_0)$  is independent of  $\sigma(H'_2 \ominus H_0)$ . Now  $\sigma(H'_i) = \sigma(\sigma(H'_i \ominus H_0) \vee \sigma(H_0))$ , ( $i = 1, 2$ ). For  $A_i \in \sigma(H'_i \ominus H_0)$ ,  $B_i \in \sigma(H_0)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ ,

$$E(1_{A_1 \cap B_1} 1_{A_2 \cap B_2} | \sigma(H_0)) = 1_{B_1 \cap B_2} E(1_{A_1 \cap A_2} | \sigma(H_0))$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 1_{B_1 \cap B_2} P(A_1 \cap A_2) \\
&= 1_{B_1} P(A_1) 1_{B_2} P(A_2) \\
&= E(1_{A_1 \cap B_1} | \sigma(H_0)) E(1_{A_1 \cap B_1} | \sigma(H_0)).
\end{aligned}$$

This gives  $\sigma(H'_1) \perp\!\!\!\perp \sigma(H'_2) | \sigma(H_0)$  which gives  $\sigma(H_1) \perp\!\!\!\perp \sigma(H_2) | \sigma(H_0)$ .  $\square$

**Definition 3.1** *Let  $H_0, H_1, H_2$  be subspaces of a Gaussian space. We say that the space  $H_0$  splits  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  if  $\sigma(H_1) \perp\!\!\!\perp \sigma(H_2) | \sigma(H_0)$ .*

**Lemma 3.5** *Suppose  $H_0, H_1, H_2$  are subspaces of a Gaussian space such that  $H_0 \subseteq H_1 \cap H_2$ . Then  $H_0$  splits  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  iff  $H_1 \cap H_2 = H_0$  and  $H_1^\perp \perp H_2^\perp$  where  $H_i^\perp$  are the orthogonal space of  $H_i$  in  $H_1 \vee H_2$ , ( $i = 1, 2$ )*

**Proof.** Under the assumption  $H_0 \subseteq H_1 \cap H_2$  and from Lemma 3.4(b)  $H_0$  splits  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  iff

$$H_1 \vee H_2 = (H_1 \ominus H_0) \oplus H_0 \oplus (H_2 \ominus H_0)$$

where  $\oplus$  denotes the orthogonal sum of the spaces. Then obviously this is equivalent to  $H_1 \cap H_2 = H_0$  and  $H_1^\perp \perp H_2^\perp$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.1** *Let  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  be two subspaces of a Gaussian space, then  $\sigma(H_1) \perp\!\!\!\perp \sigma(H_2) | \sigma(H_1 \cap H_2)$  iff  $\text{Proj}_{H_1} \text{Proj}_{H_2} = \text{Proj}_{H_1 \cap H_2}$ .*

**Lemma 3.6** *Let  $H$  be a Gaussian subspace. Then  $L_2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_H, P)$  is generated by  $M = \{\exp X, X \in H\}$ , where  $\mathcal{F}_H = \sigma\{H\}$ .*

**Proof.** Clearly  $M \subseteq L_2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_H, P)$ . Let  $Y$  be an element in  $L_2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_H, P)$  such that  $EY e^X = 0$  for all  $X \in H$ . then  $EY e^{tX} = 0$  for all  $X \in H$ . Since  $f(t) = EY e^{tX}$  is analytic in  $t$ , if it is zero for all real  $t$ , it also vanishes for all complex  $t$ . In particular  $EY e^{iX} = 0$  for all  $X \in H$ . Put  $Z \in \mathcal{W}$  if  $Z$  is bounded and  $EYZ = 0$ . Then  $\mathcal{W}$  contains the family  $\{e^{iX}, X \in H\}$  which is closed under multiplication.  $\mathcal{W}$  is also a linear space. It contains with each function the complex conjugate of this function and with each uniformly bounded convergent sequence the limit of this sequence. This implies (see P.A. Meyer(1966),Chapter1,Theorem 2) that  $\mathcal{W}$  contains all bounded function measurable with respect to the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by  $\{e^{iX}, X \in H\}$  which is the same as  $\sigma\{H\}$ .  $Y$  is orthogonal to all bounded  $\mathcal{F}_H$  measurable functions, hence  $Y = 0$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.2** *Let  $\{X_t, t \in T\}$  be a Gaussian process. Then the algebra generated by polynomials in  $\{X_t, t \in T\}$  is dense in  $L_2(\Omega, \sigma(H), P)$ , where  $H$  is the subspace of  $L_2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_H, P)$  generated by  $\{X_t, t \in T\}$ .*

Recall that we assume  $M(E)$  is a vector space satisfying assumptions (A.1)-(A.3).  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  is a centered Gaussian process with bilinear covariance  $C(\mu, \nu) = E(X_\mu X_\nu)$ ,  $\mu, \nu \in M(E)$ . Let  $K(C)$  be the reproducing kernel Hilbert space corresponding to the covariance  $C(\mu, \nu)$  and  $H(X)$  be the closed linear subspace of  $L_2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  generated by  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$ . The map  $\Pi$  is the isometry between  $K(C)$  and  $H(X)$  with  $\Pi C(\cdot, \mu) = X_\mu$ . For any subset  $S$  of  $E$ , define  $H(S)$  the subspace of  $L_2$  generated by all  $X_\mu$  with  $\text{supp } \mu \subseteq S$  and  $K(S)$  is the corresponding subspace of  $K(C)$  under the map



$\Pi$ , namely  $K(S) = \Pi^{-1}H(S)$ . By Lemmas 3.1 and 3.5 we have the following lemma:

**Lemma 3.7** *The Gaussian process  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  has Markov Property I on an open set  $S$  of  $E$  iff one of the following holds:*

- (i)  $E(\eta_1 - \text{Proj}_{H(O)}\eta_1)(\eta_2 - \text{Proj}_{H(O)}\eta_2) = 0$  for any  $\eta_1 \in H(S)$ ,  $\eta_2 \in H(\overline{S}^c)$  and any open set  $O$  containing  $\partial S$ .
- (ii)  $H(S \cup O) \cap H(\overline{S}^c \cup O) = H(O)$  and

$$H(S \cup O)^\perp \perp H(\overline{S}^c \cup O)^\perp$$

for all open set  $O$  containing  $\partial S$ , where  $H(S \cup O)^\perp$  and  $H(\overline{S}^c \cup O)^\perp$  are orthogonal spaces of  $H(S \cup O)$  and  $H(\overline{S}^c \cup O)$  in  $H(X)$  respectively.

Next theorem will give the relationship between the Markov Property I of  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  for all open sets and the reproducing kernel Hilbert space  $K(C)$  of covariance function  $C(\mu, \nu)$ .

**Theorem 3.1** *Let  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  be a Gaussian process such that  $M(E)$  satisfies assumptions (A.1)-(A.3) in Chapter 2 and covariance function  $C(\mu, \nu) = E(X_\mu X_\nu)$  bilinear in  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ . Let  $K(C)$  be the RKHS of  $C(\mu, \nu)$ . Then  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  has the Markov Property I for all open subsets of  $E$  iff the following (a) and (b) hold.*

(a) *If  $f_1, f_2 \in K(C)$  with  $\text{supp}f_1 \cap \text{supp}f_2 = \phi$  then  $(f_1, f_2)_{K(C)} = 0$ , where  $(f_1, f_2)_{K(C)}$  means the inner product of  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  in  $K(C)$ .*

(b) *If  $f \in K(C)$  and  $f = f_1 + f_2$  where both  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are linear functionals of  $M(E)$  with  $(\text{supp}f_1) \cap (\text{supp}f_2) = \phi$ , then  $f_1, f_2 \in K(C)$ .*

**Remark:** Since each element in  $K(C)$  is also a linear functional on  $M(E)$ , for every  $f \in K(C)$ ,  $\text{supp} f$  is well defined by (i) of Lemma 2.2.

**Proof.** We know that  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  has Markov Property I for all open sets of  $E$  iff

$$H(S \cup O) \cap H(\overline{S^c} \cup O) = H(O) \quad (3.1)$$

$$(S \cup O)^\perp \perp H(\overline{S^c} \cup O)^\perp \quad (3.2)$$

holds for all open set  $S$  and open set  $O$  containing  $\partial S$ . We will prove that (a) and (b) of Theorem 3.1 is equivalent to (3.1) and (3.2). We separate our proof into two parts.

**Sufficiency:** Suppose (a) and (b) of Theorem 3.1 hold, we need to show (3.1) and (3.2). To verify (3.1) it is enough to prove  $H(O) \supseteq H(S \cup O) \cap H(\overline{S^c} \cup O)$  this is equivalent to

$$H(O)^\perp \subseteq H(S \cup O)^\perp \vee H(\overline{S^c} \cup O)^\perp \quad (3.3)$$

which is the same as

$$K(O)^\perp \subseteq K(S \cup O)^\perp \vee K(\overline{S^c} \cup O)^\perp. \quad (3.4)$$

Let  $f \in K(O)^\perp$ , then  $f = \Pi^{-1}Y$  for some  $Y \in H(O)^\perp$ . Then if  $X_\mu \in H(O)$

$$f(\mu) = (f, C(\cdot, \mu))_{K(C)} = E(YX_\mu) = 0.$$

In particular  $f(\mu) = 0$  if  $\text{supp} \mu \subseteq O$ . Hence  $\text{supp} f \subseteq O^c$  (see definition of  $\text{supp} f$  in chapter 2) observe the following facts:  $S \cap O^c = \overline{S} \cap O^c$  and  $\overline{S^c} \cap O^c = \overline{\overline{S^c}} \cap O^c$  because  $\partial(\overline{S^c}) \subseteq \partial S = \partial \overline{S} \subseteq O$ . So  $S \cap O^c$  and  $\overline{S^c} \cap O^c$  are two disjoint closed sets, furthermore their union is  $O^c$ . By our assumption

(A.3)  $f(\mu) = f_1(\mu) + f_2(\mu)$  with  $f_1, f_2$  being linear functionals of  $M(E)$  and  $\text{supp} f_1 \subseteq S \cap O^c$ ,  $\text{supp} f_2 \subseteq \overline{S}^c \cap O^c$ . By (b) of Theorem 3.1  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  belong to  $K(C)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 &\subseteq K((\overline{S} \cap O^c)^c)^\perp = K(\overline{S}^c \cup O)^\perp, \\ f_2 &\subseteq K((\overline{S}^c \cap O^c)^c)^\perp = K(\overline{S} \cup O)^\perp = K(S \cup O)^\perp. \end{aligned}$$

To prove (3.2), we will show the equivalence condition as follows

$$K(S \cup O)^\perp \perp K(\overline{S}^c \cup O)^\perp. \quad (3.5)$$

This is true if we can show that

$$K(S \cup O)^\perp \subseteq \overline{\text{span}}\{f : f \in K(C), \text{supp} f \subseteq \overline{S}^c\} \quad (3.6)$$

and

$$K(\overline{S}^c \cup O)^\perp \subseteq \overline{\text{span}}\{f : f \in K(C), \text{supp} f \subseteq S\}. \quad (3.7)$$

But if  $f \in K(S \cup O)^\perp$ , then for every  $\mu \in M(E)$  with  $\text{supp} \mu \subseteq S \cup O$ ,  $f(\mu) = (f, C(\mu, \cdot))_{K(C)} = 0$ , hence  $\text{supp} f \subseteq (S \cup O)^c = (\overline{S} \cup O)^c = \overline{S}^c \cap O^c \subseteq \overline{S}^c$ . Similarly if  $f \in K(\overline{S}^c \cup O)^\perp$  then

$$\text{supp} f \subseteq (\overline{S}^c \cup O)^c = \overline{S} \cap O^c = S \cap O^c \subseteq S.$$

**Necessity:** Suppose (3.1) and (3.2) hold. Let  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  be in  $K(C)$  with disjoint support, then there exists an open set  $S$  such that  $\text{supp} f_1 \subseteq S$  and  $\text{supp} f_2 \subseteq \overline{S}^c$ . Take  $O = [(\text{supp} f_1) \cup (\text{supp} f_2)]^c$  then  $O$  is an open set containing  $\partial S$ . Since  $S \cup O \subseteq (\text{supp} f_2)^c$  and  $\overline{S}^c \cup O \subseteq (\text{supp} f_1)^c$ , so  $f_1 \in K(\overline{S}^c \cup O)^\perp$  and  $f_2 \in K(S \cup O)^\perp$ . Hence  $(f_1, f_2)_{K(C)} = 0$  by (3.5).

Assume  $f \in K(C)$  and  $f = f_1 + f_2$  where  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are linear functionals of  $M(E)$  with  $\text{supp} f_1$  and  $\text{supp} f_2$  being disjoint, we choose an open set  $S$  such that  $\text{supp} f_1 \subseteq S$  and  $\text{supp} f_2 \subseteq \overline{S}^c$ . Let  $O = (\text{supp} f_1 \cup \text{supp} f_2)^c$ . By (3.1) and (3.2) we have

$$H(X) = H(S \cup O)^\perp \oplus H(\overline{S}^c \cup O)^\perp \oplus H(O)$$

which is the same as

$$K(C) = K(S \cup O)^\perp \oplus K(\overline{S}^c \cup O)^\perp \oplus K(O).$$

Note that  $\text{supp} f \subseteq \text{supp} f_1 \cup \text{supp} f_2 = O^c$  so  $f \in K(O)^\perp$ , hence  $f = f'_1 + f'_2$  with  $f'_1 \in K(\overline{S}^c \cup O)^\perp$  and  $f'_2 \in K(S \cup O)^\perp$ , then  $\text{supp} f'_1 \subseteq (\overline{S}^c \cup O)^c = \overline{S} \cap O^c = \overline{S} \cap (\text{supp} f_1 \cup \text{supp} f_2) = (\overline{S} \cap \text{supp} f_1) \cup (\overline{S} \cap \text{supp} f_2) = \overline{S} \cap \text{supp} f_1 \subseteq \text{supp} f_1$ . Similarly  $\text{supp} f'_2 \subseteq \text{supp} f_2$ . Now  $f = f_1 + f_2 = f'_1 + f'_2$ ,  $f_1 - f'_1 = f'_2 - f_2$  with  $\text{supp}(f_1 - f'_1) \cap \text{supp}(f'_2 - f_2) = \phi$ , so  $\text{supp}(f_1 - f'_1) = \phi$  which implies  $f_1 = f'_1$  and  $f_2 = f'_2$  by virtue of (b) of Lemma 2.2. Hence  $f_1, f_2 \in K(C)$ .  $\square$

We can also consider the Markov Property I of  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  for all pre-compact open sets, then we have the following theorem similar to Theorem 3.1.

**Theorem 3.2** *Let  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  be the same as in Theorem 3.1 then it has Markov Property I for all pre-compact open sets iff the following (a) and (b) hold:*

(a) *For any  $f_1$  and  $f_2 \in K(C)$  with  $\text{supp} f_1 \cap \text{supp} f_2 = \phi$  and at least one of the  $\text{supp} f_i (i = 1, 2)$  is compact, then  $(f_1, f_2)_{K(C)} = 0$*

(b) If  $f \in K(C)$  and  $f = f_1 + f_2$  with  $\text{supp}f_1 \cap \text{supp}f_2 = \phi$  and at least one of the  $\text{supp}f_i (i = 1, 2)$  is compact, where  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are linear functionals of  $M(E)$ , then  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  belong to  $K(C)$ .

**Proof.** All arguments in the proof of Theorem 3.1 go through, except when one of  $\text{supp}f_i (i = 1, 2)$  is compact. We can choose a pre-compact open set  $S$  to cover the compact one and  $\bar{S}^c$  to cover another.  $\square$

Now we extend the concept of dual process introduced in [12] for the processes  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$ .

For the separable locally compact Hausdorff space  $E$ , we denote by  $C_0(E)$  the space of all continuous functions on  $E$  with compact support. Let  $G(E)$  be a subset of  $C_0(E)$ . ( $G(E)$  need not be a subspace of  $C_0(E)$ ). Let  $\{\hat{X}_g, g \in G(E)\}$  be a Gaussian process defined on the same probability space as  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$ . Then we have,

**Definition 3.2** The Gaussian field  $\{\hat{X}_g, g \in G(E)\}$  is called a dual process of  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  if

(i)  $H(X) = H(\hat{X})$ .

(ii)  $E(\hat{X}_g X_\mu) = \int_E g d\mu$  for all  $g \in G(E)$  and  $\mu \in M(E)$ , where  $H(X)$  and  $H(\hat{X})$  are the subspaces of  $L_2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  generated by  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  and  $\{\hat{X}_g, g \in G(E)\}$  respectively.

**Remark:** (i) we denote by  $g$  with or without sub(supper)scripts as elements in  $G(E)$  and  $f$  with or without sub(supper)scripts as the elements in  $K(C)$ .

(ii) For any  $g \in G(E)$  we denote by  $f_g(\cdot)$  as  $f_g(\mu) = \int_E g d\mu$ ,  $\mu \in M(E)$ . Since  $\hat{X}_g \in H(X)$ ,  $f_g(\mu) = E(\hat{X}_g X_\mu)$  and  $f_g(\cdot) \in K(C)$ .

For any open subset  $D$  of  $E$ , we define subspaces  $M(D)$  and  $\hat{M}(D)$  of  $K(C)$  as following:

$$M(D) = \overline{\text{span}}\{f, f \in K(C) \text{ supp } f \subseteq D\} \quad (3.8)$$

$$\hat{M}(D) = \overline{\text{span}}\{f_g(\cdot), g \in G(E) \text{ supp } g \subseteq D\} \quad (3.9)$$

where for  $g \in G(E)$ ,  $\text{supp } g$  is defined in the usual sense, namely  $\text{supp } g = \text{closure of } \{e : e \in E, g(e) \neq 0\}$ .

**Remark:** We remark that  $K(D) = \Pi^{-1}(H(D))$  and is distinct from  $M(D)$ .

**Lemma 3.8** *For any open set  $D$ ,  $\hat{M}(D) \subseteq M(D)$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $g \in G(E)$  such that  $\text{supp } g \subseteq D$  then  $g(e) = 0$  if  $e \in (\text{supp } g)^c$ . Then  $f_g(\mu) = \int g d\mu = 0$  if  $\text{supp } \mu \subseteq (\text{supp } g)^c$ . That  $\text{supp } f_g(\cdot) \subseteq (\text{supp } g)^c \subseteq D$  implies  $f_g(\cdot) \in M(D)$   $\square$

**Definition 3.3** *we say that  $G(E)$  has the partition of unity property if for every  $g \in G(E)$ ,  $O_1, \dots, O_n$  are open sets covering  $\text{supp } g$ , then  $g = \sum_{i=1}^n g_i$  with  $g_i \in G(E)$  and  $\text{supp } g_i \subseteq O_i$ , ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ).*

**Lemma 3.9** *If  $G(E)$  has the partition of unity property, then*

$$\hat{M}(D_1 \cup D_2) = \hat{M}(D_1) \vee \hat{M}(D_2)$$

*for every two open sets  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $g \in G(E)$  with  $\text{supp } g \subseteq D_1 \cup D_2$ , then  $g = g_1 + g_2$  with  $g_i \in G(E)$  and  $\text{supp } g_i \subseteq D_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ), hence  $f_g(\mu) = f_{g_1}(\mu) + f_{g_2}(\mu)$  for  $\mu \in M(E)$ . But  $f_{g_i}(\cdot) \in \hat{M}(D_i)$ , ( $i = 1, 2$ ), hence  $f_g(\cdot) \in \hat{M}(D_1) \vee \hat{M}(D_2)$ . This gives  $\hat{M}(D_1 \cup D_2) = \hat{M}(D_1) \vee \hat{M}(D_2)$   $\square$

**Theorem 3.3** Let  $\{\hat{X}_g, g \in G(E)\}$  be a dual process of  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$ .  $G(E)$  has the partition of unity property and  $\hat{M}(D) = M(D)$  for all open sets  $D$ . Then (a) of Theorem 3.1 implies (b) of Theorem 3.1.

**Proof.** If (a) of Theorem 3.1 holds then  $M(D_1) \perp M(D_2)$  for every two disjoint open sets  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ . By Lemma 3.9

$$\hat{M}(D_1 \cup D_2) = \hat{M}(D_1) \vee \hat{M}(D_2) = M(D_1) \oplus M(D_2)$$

together with  $\hat{M}(D_1 \cup D_2) = M(D_1 \cup D_2)$  gives

$$M(D_1 \cup D_2) = M(D_1) \oplus M(D_2)$$

for every two disjoint open sets  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ . Let  $f \in K(C)$  with  $f = f_1 + f_2$  where  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are linear functionals of  $M(E)$  with  $\text{supp } f_1 \cap \text{supp } f_2 = \phi$ , then we can choose two disjoint open sets  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  such that  $\text{supp } f_i \subseteq D_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) and  $\overline{D_1} \cap \overline{D_2} = \phi$ . Let  $D = D_1 \cup D_2$ , then  $\text{supp } f \subseteq D_1 \cup D_2$ ,  $f \in M(D)$ . We can write

$$f = \text{Proj}_{M(D)} f = \text{Proj}_{M(D_1)} f + \text{Proj}_{M(D_2)} f = f'_1 + f'_2 \quad \text{say,}$$

$f'_1$  as an element in  $M(D_1)$  is a limit of sequence  $\tilde{f}_n$  in  $K(C)$  with  $\text{supp } \tilde{f}_n \subseteq D_1$ . Then  $f'_1(\mu) = \lim_n \tilde{f}_n(\mu) = 0$  for any  $\mu \in M(E)$  with  $\text{supp } \mu \subseteq \overline{D_1}^c$ . So

$\text{supp} f'_1 \subseteq \overline{D}_1$ . Similarly  $\text{supp} f'_2 \subseteq \overline{D}_2$ . Now  $f = f_1 + f_2 = f'_1 + f'_2$  gives  $f_1 - f'_1 = f'_2 - f_2$ . But  $\text{supp}(f_1 - f'_1) \subseteq \overline{D}_1$  and  $\text{supp}(f_2 - f'_2) \subseteq \overline{D}_2$ , so  $\overline{D}_1 \cap \overline{D}_2 = \phi$  implies  $\text{supp}(f_1 - f'_1) = (f'_2 - f_2) = \phi$ . Hence  $f_i = f'_i \in K(C) \ i = 1, 2$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4** *Let  $\{\hat{X}_g, g \in G(E)\}$  be a dual process of  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$ ,  $G(E)$  has the partition of unity property and  $\hat{M}(D) = M(D)$  for all open sets  $D$ . Then (a) of Theorem 3.2 implies (b) of Theorem 3.2.*

**Proof.** The arguments are similar to the proof of Theorem 3.3 and hence omitted.  $\square$

The following corollary is an immediate consequence of Theorems 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4.

**Corollary 3.3** *Let  $\{\hat{X}_g, g \in G(E)\}$  be a dual process of  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$ ,  $G(E)$  has the partition of unity property and  $\hat{M}(D) = M(D)$  for all open sets  $D$ . Then*

(a)  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  has Markov Property I for all open sets iff  $(f_1, f_2)_{K(C)} = 0$  for any  $f_1, f_2 \in K(C)$  with  $\text{supp} f_1 \cap \text{supp} f_2 = \phi$ .

(b)  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  has Markov Property I for all pre-compact open sets iff  $(f_1, f_2)_{K(C)} = 0$  for any  $f_1, f_2 \in K(C)$  with  $\text{supp} f_1 \cap \text{supp} f_2 = \phi$  and at least one of  $\text{supp} f_i (i = 1, 2)$  being compact.

If we impose on  $G(E)$  the following assumption which is stroger than the partition of unity property, then we can explore more properties about  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  and its dual process  $\{\hat{X}_g, g \in G(E)\}$ .



**Assumption 3.1** For any fixed  $g \in G(E)$  there exists a positive number  $L_g$  such that for any open covers  $O_1, \dots, O_n$  of  $\text{supp}g$  there exist  $g_i \in G(E)$  with  $\text{supp}g_i \subseteq O_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .  $g = \sum_{i=1}^n g_i$  and

$$E|\hat{X}_{g_i}|^2 \leq L_g, \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

**Theorem 3.5** Let  $\{\hat{X}_g, g \in G(E)\}$  be a dual process of  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  and  $G(E)$  satisfy assumption 3.1, then the following are equivalent,

- (a)  $(f_1, f_2)_{K(C)} = 0$  for any  $f_1, f_2 \in K(C)$  with  $\text{supp}f_1 \cap \text{supp}f_2 = \phi$ .
- (b)  $\Pi f_g(\cdot) \in H(D)$  for every  $g \in G(E)$  such that  $\text{supp}g \subseteq D$ , where  $D$  is open and  $\Pi$  is the isometry map between  $K(C)$  and  $H(X)$ .
- (c)  $\hat{M}(D_1) \perp \hat{M}(D_2)$  for any disjoint open sets  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  and  $M(D) = \hat{M}(D)$  for every open set  $D$ .

**Proof.** (a) $\implies$ (b). For open set  $D$  define  $P_{\text{roj}D}$  the projection of  $K(C) \rightarrow K(D)$ , where  $K(D) = \Pi^{-1}H(D)$ . Let  $g \in G(E)$  with support of  $g$  contained in  $D$ , then for  $\mu \in M(E)$  with  $\text{supp}\mu \subseteq D$ .

$$f_g(\mu) - \text{Proj}_D f_g(\mu) = (f_g(\cdot), C(\mu, \cdot))_{K(C)} - (\text{Proj}_D f_g(\cdot), C(\mu, \cdot))_{K(C)}.$$

Since  $C(\mu, \cdot) = \Pi^{-1}X_\mu \in K(D)$  hence

$$(\text{Proj}_D f_g(\cdot), C(\mu, \cdot))_{K(C)} = (f_g(\cdot), C(\mu, \cdot))_{K(C)} = f_g(\mu).$$

So  $f_g - \text{Proj}_D f_g(\mu) = 0$  for all  $\mu \in M(E)$  with  $\text{supp}\mu \subseteq D$ . This implies that  $\text{supp}(f_g(\cdot) - \text{Proj}_D f_g(\cdot)) \subseteq D^c$ . We know that  $\text{supp}f_g(\cdot) \subseteq \text{supp}g \subseteq D$ . From (a) of the theorem  $(f_g(\cdot) - \text{Proj}_D f_g(\cdot), f_g(\cdot))_{K(C)} = 0$  this implies  $f_g(\cdot) = \text{Proj}_D f_g(\cdot) \in \Pi^{-1}H(D)$ .

(b)  $\implies$  (c) Let  $g_1, g_2 \in G(E)$  such that  $\text{supp}g_1 \cap \text{supp}g_2 = \emptyset$  choose open set  $D$  such that  $\text{supp}g_1 \subseteq D$  and  $\text{supp}g_2 \subseteq \overline{D}^c$  then  $f_{g_1}(\cdot) \in \hat{M}(D) \subseteq M(D)$  and from (b)  $f_{g_2}(\cdot) \in K(\overline{D}^c)$ . It is easy to check that  $M(D) \perp K(\overline{D}^c)$ . Then

$$(f_{g_1}(\cdot), f_{g_2}(\cdot))_{K(C)} = 0, \text{ namely } E(\hat{X}_{g_1} \hat{X}_{g_2}) = 0.$$

To show  $M(D) = \hat{M}(D)$  for open set  $D$ . We need to use assumption 3.1. Let  $f \in M(D)$ , we denote  $\tilde{f} = f - \text{Proj}_{\hat{M}(D)} f \in M(D)$ . Then there exists  $f_n \in M(D)$  with  $\text{supp}f_n \subseteq D$  such that  $f_n \rightarrow \tilde{f}$  in  $K(C)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Denote  $D_n = (\text{supp}f_n)^c$ , then for any  $n$   $\{D, D_n\}$  is an open cover of space  $E$ . So for any  $g \in G(E)$  by Assumption 3.1  $g = g_1^n + g_2^n$  with  $g_i^n \in G(E)$  and  $\text{supp}g_1^n \subseteq D, \text{supp}g_2^n \subseteq D_n$ , furthermore  $(f_{g_1^n}, f_{g_2^n})_{K(C)} \leq L_g$ , where  $L_g$  is a constant only depending on  $g$ . Then

$$(\tilde{f}, f_g(\cdot))_{K(C)} = \lim_n (f_n, f_g(\cdot))_{K(C)} = \lim_n (f_n, f_{g_1^n}(\cdot))_{K(C)} + \lim_n (f_n, f_{g_2^n}(\cdot))_{K(C)}$$

But  $(f_n, f_{g_2^n}(\cdot))_{K(C)} = 0$  because  $f_n \perp K(D_n) = \Pi^{-1}H(D_n)$  and  $f_{g_2^n}(\cdot) \in K(D_n)$  by (b). So  $(\tilde{f}, f_g(\cdot))_{K(C)} = \lim_n (f_n, f_{g_1^n}(\cdot))_{K(C)} = \lim_n (f_n - \tilde{f}, f_{g_1^n}(\cdot))_{K(C)}$ . The last equality holds because  $\tilde{f} \perp \hat{M}(D)$  and  $f_{g_1^n}(\cdot) \in \hat{M}(D)$ . Then

$$|(f_n - \tilde{f}, f_{g_1^n}(\cdot))_{K(C)}| \leq \|f_n - \tilde{f}\|_{K(C)} \|f_{g_1^n}\|_{K(C)} \leq L_g \|f_n - \tilde{f}\|_{K(C)} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

So  $(\tilde{f}, f_g(\cdot))_{K(C)} = 0$  for all  $g \in G(E)$ . Since  $\{f_g(\cdot), g \in G(E)\}$  is dense in  $K(C) \Rightarrow \tilde{f} = 0$  then  $f = \text{Proj}_{\hat{M}(D)} f \in \hat{M}(D)$ .

(c)  $\implies$  (a) Let  $f_1, f_2 \in K(C)$  and  $\text{supp}f_1 \cap \text{supp}f_2 = \emptyset$ . Choose open set  $D$  such that  $\text{supp}f_1 \subseteq D$  and  $\text{supp}f_2 \subseteq \overline{D}^c$ . Then  $f_1 \in M(D) = \hat{M}(D)$ ,  $f_2 \in M(\overline{D}^c) = \hat{M}(\overline{D}^c)$ . Since  $\hat{M}(D) \perp \hat{M}(\overline{D}^c)$ ,  $(f_1, f_2)_{K(C)} = 0$ .  $\square$

## Chapter 4

# Gaussian Processes Related to Dirichlet Forms

In this chapter, we show that the problem considered by Röchner[25] is a special case of Corollary 3.3. In [25], Röchner considered the Gaussian random field induced from a Dirichlet form and prove that it has the Markov property III for all sets iff the underlying Dirichlet form has local property. He shows that free random field studied by Nelson [22], and in some cases the "generalized random fields" studied by Kallianpur and Mandrekar[12], Molchan[21] and Rozanov[26] can be handled within his framework. First we introduce the Dirichlet form and related potential theory. The notations and terminologies are from the basic book by Fukushima[10]. For details and further information, the reader is referred to [10].

Let  $E$  be a separable locally compact Hausdorff space and  $m$  be a positive Radon measure on  $E$  with  $\text{supp}(m) = E$ . According to [10](p.35),

a pair  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$  is called a regular extended (transient) Dirichlet space with reference measure  $m$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

( $\mathcal{F}_e$ .1)  $\mathcal{F}_e$  is a real Hilbert space with inner product  $\mathcal{E}$ .

( $\mathcal{F}_e$ .2) There exists an  $m$ -integrable bounded function  $g$ , strictly positive a.e.m. Such that  $\mathcal{F}_e \subseteq L_1(E, \nu_g)$  and

$$\int |u| d\nu_g = \int |u| g dm \leq \sqrt{\mathcal{E}(u, u)} \quad \text{for every } u \in \mathcal{F}_e$$

where  $\nu$  denotes the measure with density  $g$ , i.e.  $d\nu_g = g dm$ .

( $\mathcal{F}_e$ .3)  $\mathcal{F}_e \cap C_0(E)$  is dense both in  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$  and in  $(C_0(E), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ , where  $C_0(E)$  denotes the set of all real continuous functions on  $E$  with compact support and  $\|f\|_\infty = \sup_{x \in E} |f(x)|$  for  $f \in C_0(E)$ .

Let us say that function  $v$  is a normal contraction of a function  $u$  if  $|v(x) - v(y)| \leq |u(x) - u(y)|$  and  $|v(x)| \leq |u(x)|$  for all  $x, y \in E$ . We assume:

( $\mathcal{F}_e$ .4) Every normal contraction operates on  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$ . i.e. if  $u \in \mathcal{F}_e$  and  $v$  is a normal contraction of  $u$  then  $v \in \mathcal{F}_e$  and  $\mathcal{E}(v, v) \leq \mathcal{E}(u, u)$ .

The following lemma gives slight extension of ([10], p.25 ).

**Lemma 4.1** *A regular extended (transient) Dirichlet space  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$  has the following properties:*

(i) *If  $u, v \in \mathcal{F}_e$ , then  $u \vee v, u \wedge v, u \wedge 1, u^+, u^- \in \mathcal{F}_e$ . Also  $u, v \in \mathcal{F}_e \cap L_\infty(E, m)$  implies  $uv \in \mathcal{F}_e$ .*

(ii) *Let  $\{u_n, u\} \subseteq \mathcal{F}_e$  such that  $u_n \rightarrow u$  in  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . let  $\varphi(t)$  be a real function such that  $\varphi(0) = 0$ ,  $|\varphi(t) - \varphi(t')| \leq |t - t'|$  for  $t, t' \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\varphi(u_n), \varphi(u) \in \mathcal{F}_e$  and  $\varphi(u_n) \rightarrow \varphi(u)$  weakly with respect to  $\mathcal{E}$ . In addition, if  $\varphi(u) = u$  then the convergence is strong with respect to the norm given by  $\mathcal{E}$ .*

(iii) For any  $u \in C_0(E)$  there exist  $u_n \in \mathcal{F}_e \cap C_0(E)$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , such that  $\text{supp}(u_n) \subseteq \{x \in E : u(x) \neq 0\}$   $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , and  $u_n$  converges to  $u$  uniformly.

**Proof.** The arguments are similar to the proof of Theorem 1.4.2 and Lemma 1.4.2 of [10](pp.25-26).  $\square$

**Remark:** For the connection between Dirichlet space on  $L^2(E, m)$  and extended Dirichlet space see ([10], p.35)

**Definition 4.1** We say that  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$  has local property if  $\mathcal{E}(u, v) = 0$  for every  $u, v \in \mathcal{F}_e \cap L_2(E, m)$  such that  $\text{supp}(u \cdot dm)$  and  $\text{supp}(v \cdot dm)$  are compact and disjoint.

**Definition 4.2** A signed Radon measure  $\mu$  on  $E$  is a measure of bounded energy if there exists a constant  $c > 0$  such that

$$\int |u| d|\mu| \leq c \sqrt{\mathcal{E}(u, u)} \text{ for every } u \in \mathcal{F}_e \cap C_0(E).$$

We denote by  $M_e$  all measures of bounded energy, let

$$M(E) = \{\mu \in M_e; \text{supp} \mu \text{ is compact}\} \quad (4.1)$$

$$M_e^+ = \{\mu; \mu \in M_e, \mu \geq 0\}$$

$$M^+(E) = M_e^+ \cap M(E)$$

Notice that  $M(E)$  is a vector space and also if  $\mu \in M(E)$  then  $1_A \mu \in M(E)$  for any Borel set  $A \subseteq E$ . By Example 2.2  $M(E)$  satisfies assumptions (A.1)–(A.3).

For any  $A \subseteq E$  we define

$$\mathcal{L}_A = \{u : u \in \mathcal{F}_e, u \geq 1 \text{ a.e.m on } A\}.$$

**Definition 4.3** We define the 0-order capacity  $Cap_0(O)$  of an open set  $O \subseteq E$  as

$$Cap_0(O) = \begin{cases} \inf_{u \in \mathcal{L}_O} \mathcal{E}(u, u) & \mathcal{L}_O \neq \phi \\ \infty & \mathcal{L}_O = \phi \end{cases}$$

and for an arbitrary set  $A \subseteq E$

$$Cap_0(A) = \inf_{O \supseteq A} Cap_0(O) \quad \text{for all open set } O \quad (4.2)$$

**Lemma 4.2** The capacity defined by (4.2) is a Choquet capacity i.e.

- (i)  $A \subseteq B \Rightarrow Cap_0(A) \leq Cap_0(B)$ .
- (ii)  $A_n \uparrow \Rightarrow Cap_0(\bigcup_n A_n) = \sup_n Cap_0(A_n)$ .
- (iii)  $A_n$  compact,  $A_n \downarrow \Rightarrow Cap_0(\bigcap_n A_n) = \inf_n Cap_0(A_n)$ .

**Proof.** The proof is similar to that of Theorem 3.1.1 in [10]. □

**Definition 4.4** A statement depending on  $x \in S \subseteq E$  is said to hold 'quasi-everywhere' (for short q.e.) on  $S$  if there exists a set  $N \subseteq S$  of zero capacity such that the statement is true for every  $x \in S \setminus N$ .

**Definition 4.5** Let  $E_\Delta = E \cup \Delta$  be the one-point compactification of  $E$ . A function  $u$  defined on  $E$  is called quasi-continuous if there exists for any  $\epsilon > 0$  an open set  $G \subseteq E$  such that  $Cap_0(G) < \epsilon$  and  $u|_{E \setminus G}$  is continuous. Here  $u|_{E \setminus G}$  denotes the restriction of  $u$  to  $E \setminus G$ . If we replace  $u|_{E \setminus G}$  by  $u|_{(E \cup \Delta) \setminus G}$  in the above definition then  $u$  is called quasi-continuous in the restricted sense. Here  $u|_{(E \cup \Delta) \setminus G}$  denotes the restriction of  $u$  to  $(E \cup \Delta) \setminus G$  with  $u(\Delta) = 0$ .

**Definition 4.6** *Given two functions  $u$  and  $v$  on  $E$ ,  $v$  is said to be a q.e. modification of  $u$  in the restricted sense if  $v$  is quasi-continuous in the restricted sense and  $v = u$  a.e  $m$ .*

**Lemma 4.3** *Every element  $u \in \mathcal{F}_e$  admits a q.e. modification in the restricted sense denoted by  $\tilde{u}$ .*

**Proof.** The proof is similar to that of Theorem 3.1.3 in [10].  $\square$

Using ([10],p71) we get that for any  $\mu \in M_{\mathcal{E}}^+$  there exists a unique element  $U\mu \in \mathcal{F}_e$  such that

$$\mathcal{E}(U\mu, v) = \int \tilde{v} d\mu \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{F}_e \quad (4.3)$$

Here  $\tilde{v}$  denotes any quasi-continuous modification of  $v$  in the restricted sense. Define the map

$$\begin{aligned} U : M_{\mathcal{E}} &\rightarrow \mathcal{F}_e \\ U\mu &= U\mu^+ - U\mu^- \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mu^+$  and  $\mu^-$  are the positive and negative parts of  $\mu$  in the Jordan decomposition.  $U\mu$  is called potential of  $\mu$

**Lemma 4.4** *Let  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$  be a regular extended (transient) Dirichlet space, then the linear manifolds  $\{U\mu - U\nu : \mu, \nu \in M_{\mathcal{E}}^+\}$  and  $\{U\mu : \mu \in M(E)\}$  are dense in  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$ .*

**Proof.** By [10](Lemma 3.3.4 and Theorem 3.3.4) we know that

$$\mathcal{F}_e = \overline{\text{span}}^{\mathcal{E}} \{U(M_{\mathcal{E}}^+) - U(M_{\mathcal{E}}^+)\}$$

The second part of the lemma is a consequence of the following general result Lemma 4.5.  $\square$

For any set  $A \subseteq E$  we define

$$\begin{aligned} M_E(A) &= \{\mu; \mu \in M(E), \text{supp}\mu \subseteq A\} \\ M_{\mathcal{E}}(A) &= \{\mu; \mu \in M_{\mathcal{E}}, \text{supp}\mu \subseteq A\} \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 4.5** *Let  $A \subseteq E$ . Then*

$$\overline{\text{span}}^{\mathcal{E}}\{U\mu, \mu \in M_{\mathcal{E}}(A)\} = \overline{\text{span}}^{\mathcal{E}}\{U\mu, \mu \in M_E(A)\} \quad (4.4)$$

**Proof.** We will show that if  $\mu \in M_E^+(A)$  with  $\text{supp}\mu \subseteq A$ , we can find  $\mu \in M_E^+(A)$  such that  $U\mu_n \rightarrow U\mu$  in  $(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{E})$ . Let  $K_n$  be a sequence of compact sets such that  $K_n \uparrow E$ . Let  $\mu_n = 1_{K_n}\mu$  then  $\mu_n \in M_E^+(A)$ . We will show

$$U\mu_n \rightarrow U\mu \text{ in } (\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{E}) \quad (4.5)$$

$$\|U\mu - U\mu_n\|_{\mathcal{E}}^2 = \mathcal{E}(U\mu, U\mu) - 2\mathcal{E}(U\mu, U\mu_n) + \mathcal{E}(U\mu_n, U\mu_n)$$

by(4.3)

$$\mathcal{E}(U\mu_n, U\mu_n) = \int \widetilde{U\mu_n} d\mu_n$$

Where  $\widetilde{U\mu_n}$  is any q.e. modification of  $U\mu_n$ . From[27](p3.2), we know that  $\widetilde{U\mu_n} \geq 0$  q.e. which also implies that  $\widetilde{U\mu_n} \geq 0$  a.e.  $\mu$  (also see[10]p.71). Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}(U\mu_n, U\mu_n) &= \int_{K_n} \widetilde{U\mu_n} d\mu \leq \int \widetilde{U\mu_n} d\mu = \mathcal{E}(U\mu, U\mu_n) \\ &= \int \widetilde{U\mu} d\mu_n \leq \int \widetilde{U\mu} d\mu = \mathcal{E}(U\mu, U\mu) \end{aligned}$$



Thus

$$\|U\mu - U\mu_n\|_{\mathcal{E}}^2 \leq 2(\mathcal{E}(U\mu, U\mu) - \mathcal{E}(U\mu, U\mu_n))$$

By monotone convergence theorem

$$\mathcal{E}(U\mu, U\mu_n) = \int \widetilde{U\mu} d\mu_n = \int_{K_n} \widetilde{U\mu} d\mu \rightarrow \int \widetilde{U\mu} d\mu = \mathcal{E}(U\mu, U\mu) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

so (4.5) holds. This completes the proof.  $\square$

For any Borel set  $A \subseteq E$ , define a subspace of  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$  as

$$\mathcal{F}_{E \setminus A} = \{u; \ u \in \mathcal{F}_e, \ \tilde{u} = 0 \text{ q.e. on } A\} \quad (4.6)$$

Where *q.e* means quasi-everywhere, and  $\tilde{u}$  is any *q.e* modification of  $u$  in the restricted sense. We denote by  $\mathcal{H}_0^A$  as the orthogonal complement of  $\mathcal{F}_{E \setminus A}$  in  $\mathcal{F}_e$ , namely

$$\mathcal{H}_0^A = \mathcal{F}_{E \setminus A}^\perp \quad (4.7)$$

**Definition 4.7** ([10],p.79) *For any  $v \in \mathcal{F}_e$  we define the spectrum of  $v$  (denoted by  $S(v)$ ) as the complement of the largest open set  $O$  such that  $\mathcal{E}(v, u) = 0$  for any  $u \in \mathcal{F}_e \cap C_0(E)$  with  $\text{supp} u \subseteq O$ . In particular when  $\mu \in M_e^+$ ,  $S(U\mu) = \text{supp} \mu$ .*

**Lemma 4.6** ([10],p.80) *Let  $A$  be an open or closed subset of  $E$ . Then*

$$\mathcal{H}_0^A = \mathcal{W}_0^A = \overline{\text{span}}^{\mathcal{E}} \{U\mu; \mu \in M_e^+(A)\} = \overline{\text{span}}^{\mathcal{E}} \{U\mu; \mu \in M_E^+(A)\}$$

where

$$\mathcal{W}_0^A = \overline{\text{span}}^{\mathcal{E}} \{v \in \mathcal{F}_e, \ S(v) \subseteq A\} \quad (4.8)$$

We need now the concept of 'Balayage measure'. Let  $P_A$  be the projection on  $\mathcal{H}_0^A$  in  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$  for any Borel set  $A$ . For  $\mu \in M_E^+$ , we know from [10](section 3.3) that there corresponds a potential  $f = U\mu \in \mathcal{F}_e$ . Let  $f_A = P_A f$  then  $f_A \in U(M_E^+)$  and hence  $f_A = U\mu^A$  with  $\mu^A \in M_E^+$  also  $\text{supp}\mu^A \subseteq \bar{A}$ . Following [10], we call  $\mu^A$  the Balayage measure (or sweeping out) of  $\mu$  on  $A$ .

**Lemma 4.7** *Let  $A$  be a closed set and  $A \subseteq D$ ,  $D$  is open, if  $u \in \mathcal{F}_A$  then there exists a sequence  $\{g_n\} \subseteq \mathcal{F}_e \cap C_0(E)$  with  $\text{supp}(g_n) \subseteq D$  and*

$$g_n \rightarrow u \text{ in } (\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E}) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad (4.9)$$

**Proof.** If  $u \in \mathcal{F}_A$ , then by Lemma 4.1  $u^+, u^- \in \mathcal{F}_e$ . But  $\widetilde{u^+} \leq |\widetilde{u}| = |\widetilde{u^-}|$  and  $\widetilde{u^-} \leq |\widetilde{u}| \leq |\widetilde{u^+}|$  so both  $u^+$  and  $u^-$  are in  $\mathcal{F}_A$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume  $u$  is nonnegative and itself quasi-continuous.

Since  $\mathcal{F}_e \cap C_0(E)$  is dense in  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$ . There exists  $\{v_n\} \in \mathcal{F}_e \cap C_0(E)$  such that  $v_n \rightarrow u$  in  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$ . We may assume  $v_n \geq 0$ , because we always can replace  $v_n$  by  $v_n^+ = \frac{1}{2}v_n + \frac{1}{2}|v_n|$  and  $v_n^+ \rightarrow u$  in  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$  by virtue of Lemma 4.1(ii). Let  $h_n = v_n \wedge u = \frac{1}{2}(v_n + u) - \frac{1}{2}|v_n - u|$ , using Lemma 4.1(ii) again we can show  $h_n \rightarrow u$  in  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$ . Notice that  $h_n$  is bounded,  $h_n \in \mathcal{F}_A$  and closure of  $\{x; x \in E, h_n(x) \neq 0\}$  is compact, we can choose  $w'_n \in C_0(E)$  and  $w'_n \geq 0$  such that  $w'_n \geq h_n$  q.e. and  $\text{supp}w'_n \subseteq D$ . Choose another  $w''_n \in C_0(E)$  and  $w''_n \geq 0$  such that  $\text{supp}(w''_n) \subseteq D$  and  $w''_n \geq w'_n + 1$  for  $x \in \text{supp}w'_n$ . By Lemma 4.1(iii) for each  $n$  we can find  $\{w_m^n\} \subseteq \mathcal{F}_e \cap C_0(E)$  with  $w_m^n \geq 0$  such that  $\text{supp}(w_m^n) \subseteq \{x; w''_n(x) \neq 0\}$  and  $\|w_m^n - w''_n\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . So for each  $n$  we can find  $w_n \in \mathcal{F}_e \cap C_0(E)$  such that  $w_n \geq 0$  and  $w_n \geq w''_n(x) - \frac{1}{2}$  for all  $x$ , then  $w_n \geq h_n$  q.e.. Now for any  $n$ , select  $\{u_m^n\} \subseteq \mathcal{F}_e \cap C_0(E)$  such that

$u_m^n \rightarrow v'_n$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  in  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$ , let  $e_m^n = w_n \wedge u_m^n = \frac{1}{2}(w_n - u_m^n) - \frac{1}{2}|w_n - u_m^n|$  and using Lemma 4.1(ii) again we can show

$$e_m^n \rightarrow v'_n \text{ in } (\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E}) \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty$$

Notice  $\text{supp}(e_m^n) \subseteq D$  and  $v'_n \rightarrow u$  in  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . So we can find  $\{g_n\} \subseteq \mathcal{F}_e \cap C_0(E)$  such that  $\text{supp} g_n \subseteq D$  and

$$g_n \rightarrow u \text{ in } (\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E}) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

□

**Definition 4.8** Let  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$  be a regular extended transient Dirichlet space and  $M(E)$  is defined as in (4.1). The (centered) Gaussian random field  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  on a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  satisfying  $E(X_\mu X_\nu) = \mathcal{E}(U\mu, U\nu)$  is called  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$  - Gaussian field.

**Remark:** Röchner considered the Gaussian field indexed by  $M_\epsilon$  with covariance  $E(X_\mu X_\nu) = \mathcal{E}(U\mu, U\nu)$ . But the Markov properties of  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  and  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M_\epsilon\}$  are the same by virtue of Lemma 4.5. We point out here that  $M_\epsilon$  may not be a vector space because the sum of two Radon measures may not make sense.

For every  $g \in \mathcal{F}_e \cap C_0(E)$  there exist  $\mu_n \in M(E)$  and  $U\mu_n \rightarrow g$  (by Lemma 4.4) then  $\{X_{\mu_n}\}$  is Cauchy in  $L_2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ . We define

$$\hat{X}_g = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_{\mu_n} \tag{4.10}$$

for every  $g \in \mathcal{F}_e \cap C_0(E)$ . Then  $E(\hat{X}_g X_\mu) = \mathcal{E}(g, U\mu) = \int \tilde{g} d\mu = \int g d\mu$  for  $\mu \in M(E)$

Let  $G(E) = \mathcal{F}_e \cap C_0(E)$ . Since  $\mathcal{F}_e \cap C_0(E)$  is dense in  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$ ,  $\{\hat{X}_g, g \in G(E)\}$  is the dual process of  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$  - Gaussian field  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  in the sense of Definition 3.2.

**Lemma 4.8**  $G(E) = \mathcal{F}_e \cap C_0(E)$  has the partition of unity property.

**Proof.** Suppose  $v \in \mathcal{F}_e \cap C_0(E)$  with  $\text{supp} v \subseteq G_1 \cup G_2$  ( $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are open). Then take a pre-compact open set  $O$  such that  $\text{supp} v \setminus G_2 \subseteq O \subseteq \bar{O} \subseteq G_1$ . By Lemma 4.1(iii) we can choose  $w \in \mathcal{F}_e \cap C_0(E)$ , such that  $w = 1$  on  $O$  and  $\text{supp} w \subseteq G_1$  then

$$v = vw + (v - vw) \equiv v_1 + v_2 \quad \text{say,}$$

then by Lemma 4.1(i),  $v_i \in \mathcal{F}_e \cap C_0(E)$  and  $\text{supp} v_i \subseteq G_i$ , ( $i = 1, 2$ ).  $\square$

**Lemma 4.9** Let  $K(C)$  be the RKHS of  $C(\mu, \nu) = \mathcal{E}(U\mu, U\nu)$ ,  $\mu, \nu \in M(E)$ . Let  $\{\hat{X}_g, g \in \mathcal{F}_e \cap C_0(E)\}$  be defined as in (4.10). Then for every open set  $D$ ,  $\hat{M}(D) = M(D)$ .

**Remark:** Recall  $\hat{M}(D) = \overline{\text{span}}^{K(C)} \{f_g(\cdot); g \in G(E) \text{ with } \text{supp} g \subseteq D\}$  and  $M(D) = \overline{\text{span}}^{K(C)} \{f; f \in K(C) \text{ with } \text{supp} f \subseteq D\}$ . (cf. (3.8) and (3.9))

**Proof.** We only need to prove  $\hat{M}(D) \subseteq M(D)$ . Let  $f \in \hat{M}(D)$  such that  $\text{supp} f \subseteq D$ , let  $A = \text{supp} f$  then there exists an element  $u \in \mathcal{F}_e$  such that  $f(\mu) = \mathcal{E}(U\mu, u)$  then  $\mathcal{E}(U\mu, u) = 0$  for any  $\mu \in M(E)$  with  $\text{supp} \mu \subseteq A^c$ . By Lemma 4.6

$$u \in [\overline{\text{span}}^{\mathcal{E}} \{U_\mu, \mu \in M_E(A^c)\}]^\perp = (\mathcal{W}_0^{A^c})^\perp = (\mathcal{H}_0^{A^c})^\perp = \mathcal{F}_A.$$

By Lemma 4.7 there exists  $\{g_n\} \subseteq \mathcal{F}_e \cap C_0(E)$  with  $\text{supp} g_n \subseteq D$  such that  $g_n \rightarrow u$  in  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then  $\hat{X}_{g_n} \rightarrow \Pi f$  in  $L_2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ , where  $\Pi$  is the isometry between  $K(C)$  and  $H(X) = \overline{\text{span}}\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  such that  $\Pi C(\cdot, \mu) = X_\mu$ . So  $f_{g_n} \rightarrow f$  in  $K(C)$  where  $f_{g_n}(\mu) = \int g_n d\mu$ . Obviously  $f_{g_n} \in \hat{M}(D)$  hence  $\hat{M}(D) = M(D)$ .  $\square$

The next theorem characterizes the relationship of the local property of  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$  (see Definition 4.1) and the Markov property I of  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$  - Gaussian field  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  for all open sets.

**Theorem 4.1**  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$  - Gaussian field  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  has Markov property I for all open sets iff one of the following holds:

- (a)  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$  has local property, namely  $\mathcal{E}(u, v) = 0$  for every  $u, v \in \mathcal{F}_e \cap L_2(E, m)$  such that  $\text{supp}(u dm)$  and  $\text{supp}(v dm)$  are compact and disjoint.
- (b)  $(f_1, f_2)_{K(C)} = 0$  for  $f_1, f_2 \in K(C)$  with  $\text{supp} f_1 \cap \text{supp} f_2 = \phi$ .

**Proof.** The equivalence of (b) and Markov property I of  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  is the consequence of Lemma 4.8 and Lemma 4.9 and Corollary 3.3. We only need to prove (a) and (b) are equivalent.

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) Let  $f_1, f_2 \in K(C)$ ,  $\text{supp} f_1 \cap \text{supp} f_2 = \phi$ . Since  $\overline{\text{span}}^\mathcal{E}\{U\mu; \mu \in M(E)\} = \mathcal{F}_e$ , there exist  $u_1, u_2 \in \mathcal{F}_e$  such that  $(f_1, f_2)_{K(C)} = \mathcal{E}(u_1, u_2)$  and

$$f_i(\mu) = \mathcal{E}(u_i, U\mu) = \int \tilde{u}_i d\mu$$

for all  $\mu \in M(E)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

Let  $A_i = \text{supp} f_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , then  $\mathcal{E}(u_i, U\mu) = 0$  for any  $\mu \in M(E)$  with  $\text{supp} \mu \subseteq A_i^c$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . By Lemma 4.6

$$u_i \in [\overline{\text{span}}^\mathcal{E}\{U\mu; \mu \in M_E(A_i^c)\}]^\perp = (\mathcal{W}_0^{A_i^c})^\perp = \mathcal{F}_{A_i}.$$

Where  $\mathcal{F}_{A_i} = \{v \in \mathcal{F}_e, \tilde{v} = 0 \text{ q.e. on } A_i^c\}$ . Let  $D_i$  be some open neighborhood of  $A_i$  such that  $D_1 \cap D_2 = \emptyset$ . By Lemma 4.7 there exist  $\{g_n^i\} \subseteq \mathcal{F}_e \cap C_0(E)$  with  $\text{supp} g_n^i \subseteq D_i$  and  $g_n^i \rightarrow u_i$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Then

$$(f_1, f_2)_{K(C)} = \mathcal{E}(u_1, u_2) = \lim_n \mathcal{E}(e_n^1, e_n^2) = 0$$

because  $\mathcal{E}(e_n^1, e_n^2) = 0$  for each  $n$  by the local property of  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$ .

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a) Let  $v_1, v_2 \in \mathcal{F}_e \cap L_2(E, m)$  such that  $\text{supp}(v_1 dm)$  and  $\text{supp}(v_2 dm)$  are compact and disjoint. We need to show  $\mathcal{E}(v_1, v_2) = 0$ . But since  $K(C)$  and  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$  are isometry there exist  $f_1, f_2 \in K(C)$  such that  $\mathcal{E}(v_i, v_2) = (f_1, f_2)_{K(C)}$  and  $\mathcal{E}(v_i, U\mu) = f_i(\mu)$  for  $\mu \in M(E)$  and  $i = 1, 2$ . Let  $A_i = \text{supp}(v_i dm)$ .  $v_i = 0$  a.e.,  $m$  on  $A_i^c$  then  $v_i = 0$  q.e. on  $A_i^c$ , hence  $v_i \in \mathcal{F}_{A_i} = (\mathcal{H}_0^{A_i^c})^\perp = (\mathcal{W}_0^{A_i^c})^\perp$  (by Lemma 4.6). So  $\mathcal{E}(v_i, U\mu) = 0$  for every  $\mu \in M(E)$  with  $\text{supp} \mu \subseteq A_i^c$   $i = 1, 2$ . Then  $f_i(\mu) = 0$  for every  $\mu \in M(E)$  with  $\text{supp} \mu \subseteq A_i^c$ , hence  $\text{supp} f_i \subseteq A_i$   $i = 1, 2$ . So  $\mathcal{E}(v_1, v_2) = (f_1, f_2)_{K(C)} = 0$   $\square$

From the proof we see that (a) of Theorem 4.1 is also equivalent to the following (b'):

(b')  $(f_1, f_2)_{K(C)} = 0$  if  $f_1, f_2 \in K(C)$ ,  $\text{supp} f_1$  and  $\text{supp} f_2$  are compact and disjoint.

Using this, Theorem 4.1 and Corollary 3.3, we get:

**Theorem 4.2** For  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$  - Gaussian field  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$  the following are equivalent.

- (i)  $\{X_\mu \in M(E)\}$  has Markov property I for all open sets.
- (ii)  $\{X_\mu \in M(E)\}$  has Markov Property I for all pre-compact sets.
- (iii)  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$  has local property.

From Lemma 2.11 we know that for an open set  $D$  if

$$\Sigma(\overline{D}) \vee \Sigma(D^c) = F(E) \quad (4.11)$$

then MPI on  $D$  is equivalent to MPII on  $D$ . We shall prove (4.11) is the case. In fact, we have:

**Lemma 4.10** *For  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$  - Gaussian field  $\{X_\mu \in M(E)\}$ ,  $F(S) \vee F(S^c) = F(E)$  holds for every open set  $S$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\mu \in M(E)$ , then  $\mu = 1_S \mu + 1_{S^c} \mu$  which gives  $X_\mu = X_{1_S \mu} + X_{1_{S^c} \mu}$ . Since  $\text{supp}(1_{S^c} \mu) \subseteq S^c$ ,  $X_{1_{S^c} \mu}$  is measurable  $F(S^c)$ . Take  $K_n$  compact and  $K_n \uparrow S$  then  $|\mu|(S \setminus K_n) \rightarrow 0$ . We can show  $\mathcal{E}(U\mu_n, U\mu_n) \rightarrow 0$ , where  $\mu_n = 1_{S \setminus K_n} \mu$  (see the proof of Lemma 4.5). This means

$$U(1_{K_n} \mu) \rightarrow U(1_S \mu) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{in } (\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$$

or

$$X_{1_{K_n} \mu} \rightarrow X_{1_S \mu} \text{ in } L_2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P).$$

But  $X_{1_{K_n} \mu} \in \mathcal{F}(S)$ , so  $X_{1_S \mu} \in \mathcal{F}(S)$  and hence  $X_\mu \in F(S) \vee F(S^c)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 4.1**  *$(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$  - Gaussian field  $\{X_\mu \in M(E)\}$  has MPII for all open sets iff  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$  has local property.*

In the rest of this chapter, we will prove that  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$  - Gaussian field  $\{X_\mu \in M(E)\}$  has MPI for all open sets is equivalent to MPIII for all subsets of  $E$  (see definition 2.7 for MPIII). First we need a few lemmas.

**Lemma 4.11** For  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$  - Gaussian field  $\{X_\mu \in M(E)\}$ . We have

(i) If  $A, B$  are closed sets of  $E$  and  $O$  open sets of  $E$  then  $O \cup A \supseteq B$  implies  $\mathcal{F}(O) \vee \mathcal{F}(A) = \mathcal{F}(B)$ .

(ii) For any closed set  $A$ ,  $F(A) = \Sigma(A) = \cap_{O \supseteq A} F(O)$ , where the intersection is taken over all open sets  $O$ .

**Proof.** (i) is generalization of Lemma 4.10, the proof is similar to that of Lemma 4.10.

(ii) We can choose decreasing open sets  $U_n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , such that  $U_n \supseteq \overline{U_{n+1}}$  and  $\cap_{n=1}^\infty U_n = A$ . We will show that

$$\cap_n F(\overline{U_n}) = F(A) \quad (4.12)$$

this implies  $F(A) = \Sigma(A)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{G} = \cap_n F(\overline{U_n})$  and  $\mathcal{F}_n = F(\overline{U_n})$ . Let  $k \in N$ ,  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k \in M_E^+$  and  $Z = \prod_{i=1}^k X_{\mu_i}$ . We will show that  $E[Z|\mathcal{G}]$  is  $\mathcal{F}(A)$  measurable. By martingale convergence theorem we know that

$$E[Z|\mathcal{G}] = \lim_n E[Z|\mathcal{F}_n].$$

For any  $\mu \in M(E)$  let  $\mu^n$  be the Balayaged measure of  $\mu$  on  $\overline{U_n}$  (For Balayage measure see definition before Lemma 4.7). We denote by  $X_{\mu^n}$  the projection of  $X_\mu$  on  $\overline{\text{span}}\{X_\nu; \nu \in M(E), \text{supp } \nu \subseteq \overline{U_n}\}$  and write  $X_{\mu-\mu^n} = X_\mu - X_{\mu^n}$ . Now  $Z$  can be written as a sum of terms

$$\prod_{i=1}^k (X_{\mu_i^n})^{\alpha_i} \prod_{i=1}^k (X_{\mu_i-\mu_i^n})^{\beta_i}, \quad \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \{0, 1\} \text{ and } \sum_i (\alpha_i + \beta_i) = k.$$



Since  $U\mu_i^n \in \mathcal{H}_0^{\overline{U_n}} = \mathcal{W}_0^{\overline{U_n}}$  and  $U(\mu_i - \mu_i^n) \perp \mathcal{W}_0^{\overline{U_n}}$ ,  $\Pi_{i=1}^k(X_{\mu_i - \mu_i^n})^{\beta_i}$  is independent of  $\mathcal{F}_n$  and since  $\text{supp}\mu_i^n \subseteq \overline{U_n}$ , so  $X_{\mu_i^n} \in \mathcal{F}_n$ . Then

$$E[Z|\mathcal{F}_n] = \Pi_{i=1}^k(X_{\mu_i^n})^{\alpha_i} E[\Pi_{i=1}^k(X_{\mu_i - \mu_i^n})^{\beta_i}].$$

Using (3.1.18) of [10]

$$\mathcal{W}_0^A = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{W}_0^{U_n} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{W}_0^{\overline{U_n}}.$$

So  $P_{\mathcal{W}_0^{\overline{U_n}}}(U\mu_i) \rightarrow P_{\mathcal{W}_0^A}(U\mu_i)$ , where  $P_{\mathcal{W}_0^{\overline{U_n}}}$  is the projection on  $\mathcal{W}_0^{\overline{U_n}}$ . This means  $X_{\mu_i^n} \rightarrow X_{\mu_i^A}$  in  $L_2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ , where  $\mu_i^A$  is the Balayage measure of  $\mu$  on  $A$ . Thus  $\Pi_{i=1}^k(X_{\mu_i^n})^{\alpha_i} \rightarrow \Pi_{i=1}^k(X_{\mu_i^A})^{\alpha_i}$  in probability. Since  $X_{\mu_i - \mu_i^n} \rightarrow X_{\mu_i^n - \mu_i^A}$  in  $L_2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , since  $\{X_{\mu_i^n - \mu_i^n}, i = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$  are joint Gaussian, by a simple argument concerning the Fourier transform of their joint distributions, we obtain  $\lim_n E[\Pi_{i=1}^k(X_{\mu_i - \mu_i^n})^{\beta_i}]$  exists, thus  $\lim_n E[Z|\mathcal{F}_n]$  is  $\mathcal{F}(A)$  measurable because  $\Pi_{i=1}^k(X_{\mu_i^A})^{\alpha_i}$  is  $\mathcal{F}(A)$  measurable, so  $E[Z|\mathcal{F}_n]$  is  $\mathcal{F}(A)$  measurable. By Corollary 3.2, the polynomials in  $X_\mu$ ,  $\mu \in M(E)$  is dense in  $L_2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}(X), P)$ . So  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{F}(A)$   $\square$

**Lemma 4.12** *Let  $A \subseteq E$ . Then the following are equivalent for  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$ -Gaussian field  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$ ,*

- (i)  $F(\overline{A}) \perp\!\!\!\perp F(\overline{A^c})|\mathcal{F}(\partial A)$ .
- (ii)  $F(A) \perp\!\!\!\perp F(A^c)|F(\partial A)$ .
- (iii)  $F(\mathring{A}) \perp\!\!\!\perp F(\mathring{A}^c)|F(\partial A)$ .

Where  $\mathring{A}$  and  $\mathring{A}^c$  mean the interiors of  $A$  and  $A^c$  respectively.  $\partial A$  means the boundary of  $A$ .

**Proof.** (i)That  $\Rightarrow$ (iii) is trival because  $F(\mathring{A}) \subseteq F(\bar{A})$  and  $F(\mathring{A}^c) \subseteq F(\overline{A^c})$

(iii) $\Rightarrow$ (i) Since  $\mathring{A} \cup \partial A = \bar{A}$  and  $\mathring{A}^c \cup \partial A = \overline{A^c}$ . By Lemma 4.11(i)  $F(\mathring{A}) \vee F(\partial A) = F(\bar{A})$ ,  $F(\mathring{A}^c) \vee F(\partial A) = F(\overline{A^c})$ . Then apply Corollary 2.1(i) to get (i).

Since  $F(\mathring{A}) \subseteq F(A) \subseteq F(\bar{A})$  and  $F(\mathring{A}^c) \subseteq F(A^c) \subseteq F(\overline{A^c})$ . From (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii) we get (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii).  $\square$

**Lemma 4.13** For  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$  - Gaussian field  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$ , the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $F(\bar{O}) \perp\!\!\!\perp F(\overline{O^c})|F(\partial O)$  for all open subsets  $O$  of  $E$ .
- (ii)  $F(\bar{A}) \perp\!\!\!\perp F(\overline{A^c})|F(\partial A)$  for all subsets  $A$  of  $E$ .

**Proof.** that (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) is trival.

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): For any subset  $A$ , By previous lemma it is enough to show  $F(\mathring{A}) \perp\!\!\!\perp F(\mathring{A}^c)|F(\partial A)$ . But since  $\mathring{A}$  is open, we have  $F(\bar{\mathring{A}}) \perp\!\!\!\perp F(\overline{(\mathring{A})^c})|F(\partial \mathring{A})$ . Since  $\partial \mathring{A} \subseteq \partial A$  and  $\bar{\mathring{A}} \cup \overline{(\mathring{A})^c} = E$ ,  $F(\bar{\mathring{A}}) \vee F(\overline{(\mathring{A})^c}) = F(E) \supseteq F(\partial A)$ . To apply Corollary 2.1(b), we get

$$\mathcal{F}(\bar{\mathring{A}}) \perp\!\!\!\perp F(\overline{(\mathring{A})^c})|F(\partial A).$$

This implies  $F(\mathring{A}) \perp\!\!\!\perp F(\mathring{A}^c)|F(\partial A)$  and finishes the proof.  $\square$

Notice that Lemma 4.13(i) is nothing but Markov property II for all open sets (see Definition 2.6 and Lemma 4.11(ii)) and that Lemma 4.13(ii) is nothing but Markov property III for all sets. Combining Theorem 4.2, Corollary 4.1 and Lemma 4.13, we have the following:

**Theorem 4.3** *For  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{G})$  - Gaussian field  $\{X_\mu, \mu \in M(E)\}$ , the following are equivalent:*

- (i) It has the Markov Property I for all open sets.*
- (ii) It has the Markov Property I for all pre-compact open sets.*
- (iii) It has the Markov Property II(GFMP) for all open sets.*
- (iv) It has the Markov Property III for all subsets.*
- (v)  $(\mathcal{F}_e, \mathcal{E})$  has the local property.*

# Chapter 5

## Applications to Ordinary Gaussian Processes

The Markov Property of ordinary Gaussian stochastic processes forms an important special case in our work. Let  $E$  be a separable locally compact Hausdorff space and  $\{\xi_t, t \in E\}$  be a centered Gaussian random field. Then the Markov property of  $\{\xi_t, t \in E\}$  can be handled within our framework and we deduce and extend the main results of Künsch[13] from our work. We consider first the case that  $E$  is an open domain of  $\mathbb{R}^n (n \geq 1)$  and then consider the general case.

Let  $T$  be an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n (n \geq 1)$  and  $\{\xi_t, t \in E\}$  be a mean zero Gaussian process. Let  $A$  be a subset of  $T$ ,  $\bar{A}$  be the closure of  $A$  in  $T$  and  $\partial A$  be the boundary of  $A$  in  $T$ . Let  $F(\bar{A}) = \sigma\{\xi_t, t \in \bar{A}\}$ ,  $F(A^c) = \sigma\{\xi_t, t \in A^c\}$  and  $F(\partial A) = \sigma\{\xi_t, t \in \partial A\}$ . Then we say that  $\{\xi_t, t \in T\}$  has the simple Markov property on  $A$  if  $F(\bar{A}) \perp\!\!\!\perp F(A^c) | F(\partial A)$ . It is well known that for

$n \geq 2$  such a definition is not reasonable because it turns out to be too narrow and to leave out many interesting multiparameter processes. For instant, Lévy's mutidimensional parameter Brownian motion does not have this property. Hence Lévy proposed in (1956) (see also McKean (1963)) the following definition:

**Definition 5.1** *We say that  $\{\xi_t, t \in E\}$  has the Markov property on a subset  $A$  of  $T$  if*

$$F(\bar{A}) \perp\!\!\!\perp F(A^c) | F(\partial A)$$

*where for any set  $B \subseteq T$ ,  $F(B) = \sigma\{\xi_t, t \in B\}$  and  $\Sigma(B) = \cap_{O \supseteq B} F(O)$ . Here the intersection is taken over all open set  $O$ .*

The following lemma can be found in [18].

**Lemma 5.1** *The following are equivalent for a stochastic process  $\{\xi_t, t \in E\}$  and a subset  $A$  of  $T$ .*

- (i)  $F(\bar{A}) \perp\!\!\!\perp F(\bar{A}^c) | \Sigma(\partial A)$ .
- (ii) *For every open set  $O \supseteq \partial A$ ,  $F(A) \perp\!\!\!\perp F(\bar{A}^c) | F(O)$ .*
- (iii)  $\Sigma(\bar{A}) \perp\!\!\!\perp \Sigma(\bar{A}^c) | \Sigma(\partial A)$ .

Notice that if  $A$  is an open set then (ii) is similar to MPI defined in chapter 1 and (iii) is MPII(GFMP).

We assume that  $E(\xi_t, \xi_s) = R(t, s)$  is continuous. This is equivalent to  $T \rightarrow \{\xi_t, t \in T\}$  is continuous in  $L_2(\Omega, P)$ . Take  $M(T) = \{\varphi dt, \varphi \in C_0^\infty(T)\}$ . We know from Example that 2.1  $M(T)$  satisfies assumptions(A.1)-(A.3). We associate with it the random field

$$X_\varphi = \int_T \xi_t \varphi(t) dt \quad \varphi \in C_0^\infty(T) \tag{5.1}$$

and get a generalized Gaussian random field  $\{X_\varphi, \varphi \in C_0^\infty(T)\}$ .

**Lemma 5.2** *For any open set  $O \subseteq T$ ,*

$$H(O; X) = H(O; \xi),$$

where

$$H(O; X) = \overline{\text{span}}\{X_\varphi, \varphi \in C_0^\infty(T) \text{ with } \text{supp}\varphi \subseteq O\}$$

and

$$H(O; \xi) = \overline{\text{span}}\{\xi_t, t \in O\}.$$

**Proof.** If  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(T)$  with  $\text{supp}\varphi \subseteq O$  then  $\int_T \xi_t \varphi(t) dt$  as a limit of Riemann sums belongs to  $H(O; \xi)$ , so that

$$H(O, X) \subseteq H(O; \xi).$$

To prove the converse inclusion, let  $t_0 \in O$  and choose  $N$  so that  $\{t \in T, |t - t_0| < \frac{1}{n}\} \subseteq O$  for  $n \geq N$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\varphi_{\frac{1}{n}}$  be the function

$$\varphi_{\frac{1}{n}} = \begin{cases} \varepsilon^{-n} \exp(\frac{\varepsilon^2}{\varepsilon^2 - |t - t_0|^2}) & |t - t_0| < \varepsilon \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Observe  $\int_T \varphi_{\frac{1}{n}}(t) dt = 1$ ,  $\varphi_{\frac{1}{n}} \in C_0^\infty(T)$  and  $\text{supp}(\varphi_n) \subseteq O$ ,  $n \geq N$ , Then

$$\begin{aligned} E \left| \int \xi_t \varphi_n(t) dt - \xi_{t_0} \right| &\leq E \int_T |\xi_t - \xi_{t_0}| \varphi_n(t) dt \\ &\leq \sup_{|t - t_0| \leq \frac{1}{n}} E |\xi_t - \xi_{t_0}| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $X_{\varphi_n} \rightarrow \xi_{t_0}$  in probability as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\xi_{t_0} \in H(O; X)$  and  $H(O; \xi) = H(O; X)$ .  $\square$

From Lemma 5.1 and Lemma 5.2 we have:

**Corollary 5.1** *Let  $\{X_\varphi, \varphi \in C_0^\infty(T)\}$  be defined as in (5.1). Then for an any open set  $O$ , it has MPI on  $O$  iff it has MPPI on  $O$ .*

We know that the MPI of  $\{X_\varphi, \varphi \in C_0^\infty(T)\}$  can be characterized as some properties of the corresponding reproducing kernel Hilbert space (see Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 3.2). By lemma 5.2 we know that the Markov property of  $\{\xi_t, t \in T\}$  for open sets is equivalent to MPI of  $\{X_\varphi, \varphi \in C_0^\infty(T)\}$ . So we can use Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 3.2 to get similar results for  $\{\xi_t, t \in T\}$ . First we shall deduce some relationships between the RKHS of  $\{X_\varphi, \varphi \in C_0^\infty(T)\}$  and that of  $\{\xi_t, t \in T\}$ .

Let  $K(C_X)$  and  $K(C_\xi)$  be the reproducing kernel Hilbert spaces of  $\{X_\varphi, \varphi \in C_0^\infty(T)\}$  and  $\{\xi_t, t \in T\}$  respectively, and we denote by  $H(X)$  and  $H(\xi)$  the linear spaces in  $L_2(\Omega, F, P)$  generated by  $\{X_\varphi, \varphi \in C_0^\infty(T)\}$  and  $\{\xi_t, t \in T\}$  respectively. Notice that since  $R(s, t) = E(\xi_s \xi_t)$  is continuous, every element in  $K(C_\xi)$  is also a continuous function on  $T$ . Define  $\Pi^{-1}$  and  $\Pi'^{-1}$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi^{-1} : H(X) &\rightarrow K(C_X), \\ (\Pi^{-1}Y)(\varphi) &= E(YX_\varphi) \quad Y \in H(X). \\ \Pi'^{-1} : H(\xi) &\rightarrow K(C_\xi), \\ (\Pi'^{-1}Y)(t) &= E(Y\xi_t) \quad Y \in H(\xi).\end{aligned}$$

We know that both  $\Pi^{-1}$  and  $\Pi'^{-1}$  are isometric maps. Since  $H(X) = H(\xi)$ , hence  $J = \Pi^{-1}\Pi'$  is an isometric map between  $K(C_\xi)$  and  $K(C_X)$ . We can

explicitly express the map  $J$ , if  $f \in K(C_\xi)$  then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (Jf)(\varphi) &= (\Pi^{-1}(\Pi'f))(\varphi) = E[(\Pi'f)X_\varphi] \\
 &= E[\Pi'f \int_T \xi_t \varphi(t) dt] \\
 &= \int_T E(\Pi'f \xi_t) \varphi(t) dt \\
 &= \int_T f(t) \varphi(t) dt.
 \end{aligned}$$

It can be easily checked that for  $f_1, f_2$  and  $f \in K(C_\xi)$

$$\text{supp}(Jf) = \text{supp}f \quad (5.2)$$

and

$$(Jf_1, Jf_2)_{K(C_X)} = (f_1, f_2)_{K(C_\xi)}. \quad (5.3)$$

Where  $\text{supp}(Jf)$  is defined for a linear functional  $Jf$  of  $C_0^\infty(T)$  (see Lemma 2.2(a)) and  $\text{supp}f$  is defined as the complement in  $T$  of the largest open set  $O$  such that  $f(t) = 0$  on  $O$ . Now we can state and prove the following improvement of Künsch[13] and Pitt[24].

**Theorem 5.1** *Let  $T$  be an open set of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\{\xi_t, t \in T\}$  be a Gaussian process with continuous covariance. Then it has Markov property for all open subsets of  $T$  iff the following hold.*

(a)  $(f_1, f_2)_{K(C_\xi)} = 0$  if  $f_1$  and  $f_2 \in K(C_\xi)$  such that  $(\text{supp}f_1) \cap (\text{supp}f_2) = \emptyset$ .

(b) If  $f \in K(C_\xi)$  and  $f = f_1 + f_2$ , where  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are continuous and have disjoint supports. Then  $f_1, f_2 \in K(C_\xi)$ .

**Proof.** We know that  $\{\xi_t, t \in T\}$  has Markov property for all open sets of  $T$  is equivalent to the MPI of  $\{X_\varphi, \varphi \in C_0^\infty(T)\}$ , where  $X_\varphi$  is defined



in (5.1). Hence we only need to show that (a) and (b) of Theorem 3.1 are equivalent to (a) and (b) of Theorem 5.1. It is easy to see that (a) of Theorem 3.1 is equivalent to (a) of Theorem 5.1 because of (5.2) and (5.3). To show that (b) of Theorem 3.1 implies (b) of Theorem 5.1, let  $f \in K(C_\xi)$  and  $f = f_1 + f_2$  with  $f_i$ 's being continuous and having disjoint supports. Then for any  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(T)$

$$(Jf)(\varphi) = \int_T f_1 \varphi dt + \int_T f_2 \varphi dt \equiv F_1(\varphi) + F_2(\varphi) \quad \text{say,}$$

since  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are linear functionals on  $C_0^\infty(T)$  and  $\text{supp} F_i = \text{supp} f_i$ , hence  $F_i \in K(C_X)$  by (b) of Theorem 3.1. Then  $F_i(\varphi) = \int_T f'_i \varphi dt$  with  $f'_i \in K(C_\xi)$ , ( $i = 1, 2$ ). Now  $\int_T f_i \varphi dt = \int_T f'_i \varphi dt$  for all  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(T)$ , ( $i = 1, 2$ ) implies  $f_i = f'_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) because  $f_i$  and  $f'_i$  are continuous. So  $f_i \in K(C_\xi)$ . Conversely if  $F \in K(C_X)$   $F = F_1 + F_2$  with  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  being linear on  $C_0^\infty(T)$  and having disjoint supports, then  $F(\varphi) = \int_T f \varphi dt$  with  $f \in K(C_\xi)$ . Since  $\text{supp} f = \text{supp} F \subseteq (\text{supp} F_1) \cup (\text{supp} F_2)$ , define for  $i = 1, 2$

$$f_i(t) = \begin{cases} f(t) & t \in \text{supp} F_i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

then we can show that  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are continuous and  $\text{supp} f_i \subseteq \text{supp} F_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , furthermore  $f = f_1 + f_2$ . By (b) of Theorem 5.1  $f_i \in K(C_\xi)$ . Then

$$F_1(\varphi) - \int_T f_1 \varphi dt = \int_T f_2 \varphi dt - F_2(\varphi), \quad \varphi \in C_0^\infty(T).$$

Both sides are linear functionals on  $C_0^\infty(T)$  and have disjoint supports, so they are zero functionals by Lemma 2.2(b), hence  $F_i(\varphi) = \int f_i \varphi dt$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) and  $F_i \in K(C_X)$   $i = 1, 2$ . □

From the above proof, we notice that the choice of  $M(T)$  is not unique. Any  $M(T)$  which satisfies the following additional assumptions (5.a) and (5.b) besides (A.1) - (A.3) will do the job:

(5.a) If  $f$  is a continuous function on  $T$  and for every open set  $O$ ,  $\int_T f d\mu = 0$  for all  $\mu \in M(T)$  with  $\text{supp}\mu \subseteq O$ . Then  $f = 0$  on  $O$ .

(5.b) For every open subset  $O$  of  $T$ ,  $H(O; \xi) = H(O; X)$  where  $H(O; \xi) = \overline{\text{span}} \{ \xi_t, t \in O \}$ ,  $H(O; X) = \overline{\text{span}} \{ X_\mu, \mu \in M(T) \text{ with } \text{supp}\mu \subseteq O \}$  and  $X_\mu = \int_T \xi_t d\mu$ .

From this we can generalize  $T$  to any separable locally compact Hausdorff space.

Let  $E$  be a separable locally compact Hausdorff space and  $\{ \xi_t, t \in E \}$  be a Gaussian process with continuous covariance function. Let  $m$  be a positive Radon measure on  $E$  with  $\text{supp}(m) = E$ . Then we define

$$M(E) = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n 1_{A_i} \varphi_i dm : n \geq 1, A_i \in \mathcal{B}(E), \varphi_i \in C_0(E) \right\}$$

where  $C_0(E)$  consists of all continuous functions on  $E$  with compact support. By Example 2.2  $M(E)$  satisfies assumptions (A.1)-(A.3). Also if  $f$  is continuous and  $\int_E f d\mu = 0$  for all  $\mu \in M(E)$  with  $\text{supp}\mu \subseteq O$  then  $\int_E f \varphi dm = 0$  for all  $\varphi \in C_0(E)$  with  $\text{supp}\varphi \subseteq O$  this implies  $f = 0$  on  $O$  because  $f$  is continuous and  $\text{supp}(m) = E$ .

Define

$$X_\mu = \int_E \xi_t d\mu \quad \mu \in M(E). \quad (5.4)$$

Then we have

**Lemma 5.3** *for every open set  $O$ ,  $H(O; \xi) = H(O; X)$ .*

**Proof.** It is enough to show the lemma for precompact open set  $O$ . Let  $\mu \in M(E)$  with  $\text{supp}\mu \subseteq O$ , then since any continuous function  $f$  can be approximated by  $f_n$  on  $O$  with form  $f_n(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{m_n} f(t_i)1_{A_i}(t)$  with  $t_i \in O$  and  $A_i \in \mathcal{B}(E)$  i.e.  $f_n \rightarrow f$  pointwise on  $O$ . Let  $\xi_n(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{m_n} \xi(t_i)1_{A_i}(t)$  with  $t_i \in O$ ,  $\xi_n(t) \rightarrow \xi(t)$  on every  $t \in O$  in  $L_2(\Omega, F, P)$ . Then  $\int_E \xi_n(t)d\mu \rightarrow \int_E \xi(t)d\mu = X_\mu$  in  $L_2(\Omega, F, P)$  because  $\text{supp}\mu \subseteq O$ . But  $\int_E \xi_n d\mu \in H(O; \xi)$  hence  $X_\mu \in H(O; \xi)$ . On the other hand let  $t_0 \in O$  then we can choose precompact open set  $O_n, t_0 \in O_n$  such that  $\overline{O_n} \subseteq O$  and  $\overline{O_n} \downarrow \{t_0\}$ . Let  $d\mu_n = \alpha_n 1_{O_n} dm$  with  $\alpha_n = \frac{1}{m(O_n)}$  then we can see that  $\mu_n \in M(E)$  with  $\text{supp}\mu_n \subseteq O$  and

$$\begin{aligned} E \left| \int \xi_t d\mu_n - \xi_{t_0} \right| &\leq E \int_{O_n} \alpha_n |\xi(t) - \xi(t_0)| dm \\ &= \alpha_n \int 1_{O_n} E |\xi(t) - \xi(t_0)| dm \\ &\leq \sup_{t \in O_n} E |\xi(t) - \xi(t_0)| \alpha_n \int_{O_n} dm \\ &= \sup_{t \in O_n} E |\xi(t) - \xi(t_0)|. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $O_n$  are all pre-compact and contained in compact set  $\overline{O_1}$ , also  $O_n \downarrow \{t_0\}$  by uniform continuity of  $E|\xi_t - \xi_{t_0}|$  on  $\overline{O_1}$  we have

$$\sup_{t \in O_n} E |\xi(t) - \xi(t_0)| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Hence  $\xi_{t_0} \in H(O; X)$ . □

We shall have the following isometry between  $K(C_\xi)$  and  $K(C_X)$  by  $J$ .

$$\begin{aligned} J: K(C_\xi) &\rightarrow K(C_X) \\ (Jf)(\mu) &= \int f d\mu \quad f \in K(C_\xi) \end{aligned}$$

and similar to (5.2) and (5.3), for  $f \in K(C_\xi)$ , we have

$$\text{supp}(Jf) = \text{supp} f \quad (5.5)$$

$$\text{and } (Jf_1, Jf_2)_{K(C_X)} = (f_1, f_2)_{K(C_\xi)} \quad (5.6)$$

The following theorem is extension of Theorem 5.1 and the proof is almost the same and hence omitted.

**Theorem 5.2** *Let  $E$  be a separable locally compact Hausdorff space,  $\{\xi_t, t \in E\}$  be a Gaussian processes with continuous covariance and  $K(C_\xi)$  be the RKHS of its covariance. Then it has the Markov property for all open sets iff*

- (a)  $(f_1, f_2)_{K(C_\xi)} = 0$  if  $f_1$  and  $f_2 \in K(C_\xi)$  with disjoint supports.
- (b) If  $f \in K(C_\xi)$   $f = f_1 + f_2$ , where  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are continuous and have disjoint supports, then  $f_i \in K(C_\xi)$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ).

We also get the following theorem similar to Theorem 3.2.

**Theorem 5.3** *Let  $\{\xi_t, t \in E\}$  be the same as in Theorem 5.2, then it has the Markov property for all pre-compact open sets iff*

- (a)  $(f_1, f_2)_{K(C_\xi)} = 0$  if  $f_1$  and  $f_2 \in K(C_\xi)$  with disjoint supports and one of the supports is compact.
- (b) If  $f \in K(C_\xi)$ ,  $f = f_1 + f_2$  with  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  being continuous and having disjoint supports of which one is compact. Then  $f_i \in K(C_\xi)$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ).

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