

ENEE630 Part-3

## ***Part 3. Spectrum Estimation***

### ***3.1 Classic Methods for Spectrum Estimation***

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# Logistics

- Last Lecture: lattice predictor
  - correlation properties of error processes
  - joint process estimator in lattice
  - inverse lattice filter structure
- Today:
  - Spectrum estimation: background and classical methods
- Homework set

# **Summary of Related Readings on Part-II**

## **2.1 Stochastic Processes and modeling**

Haykin (4<sup>th</sup> Ed) 1.1-1.8, 1.12-1.14

Hayes 3.3 – 3.7 (3.5); 4.7

## **2.2 Wiener filtering**

Haykin (4<sup>th</sup> Ed) Chapter 2

Hayes 7.1, 7.2, 7.3.1

## **2.3-2.4 Linear prediction and Levinson-Durbin recursion**

Haykin (4<sup>th</sup> Ed) 3.1 – 3.3

Hayes 7.2.2; 5.1; 5.2.1 – 5.2.2, 5.2.4– 5.2.5

## **2.5 Lattice predictor**

Haykin (4<sup>th</sup> Ed) 3.8 – 3.10

Hayes 6.2; 7.2.4; 6.4.1

# **Summary of Related Readings on Part-III**

Overview Haykins 1.16, 1.10

## 3.1 Non-parametric method

Hayes 8.1; 8.2 (8.2.3, 8.2.5); 8.3

## 3.2 Parametric method

Hayes 8.5, 4.7; 8.4

## 3.3 Frequency estimation

Hayes 8.6

## Review

- On DSP and Linear algebra: Hayes 2.2, 2.3
- On probability and parameter estimation: Hayes 3.1 – 3.2

# **Spectrum Estimation: Background**

- Spectral estimation: determine the power distribution in frequency of a random process
  - E.g “Does most of the power of a signal reside at low or high frequencies?” “Are there resonances in the spectrum?”
- Applications:
  - Needs of spectral knowledge in spectrum domain non-causal Wiener filtering, signal detection and tracking, beamforming, etc.
  - Wide use in diverse fields: radar, sonar, speech, biomedicine, geophysics, economics, ...
- Estimating p.s.d. of a w.s.s. process is equivalent to estimate autocorrelation at all lags





# Spectral Estimation: Challenges

- When a limited amount of observation data are available
  - Can't get  $r(k)$  for all  $k$  and/or may have inaccurate estimate of  $r(k)$
  - Scenario-1: transient measurement (earthquake, volcano, ...)
  - Scenario-2: constrained to short period to ensure (approx.) stationarity in speech processing

$$\hat{r}(k) = \frac{1}{N-k} \sum_{n=k+1}^N u[n]u^*[n-k], \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, M$$

- Observed data may have been corrupted by noise

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- **High-order statistics**



# Example of Speech Spectrogram

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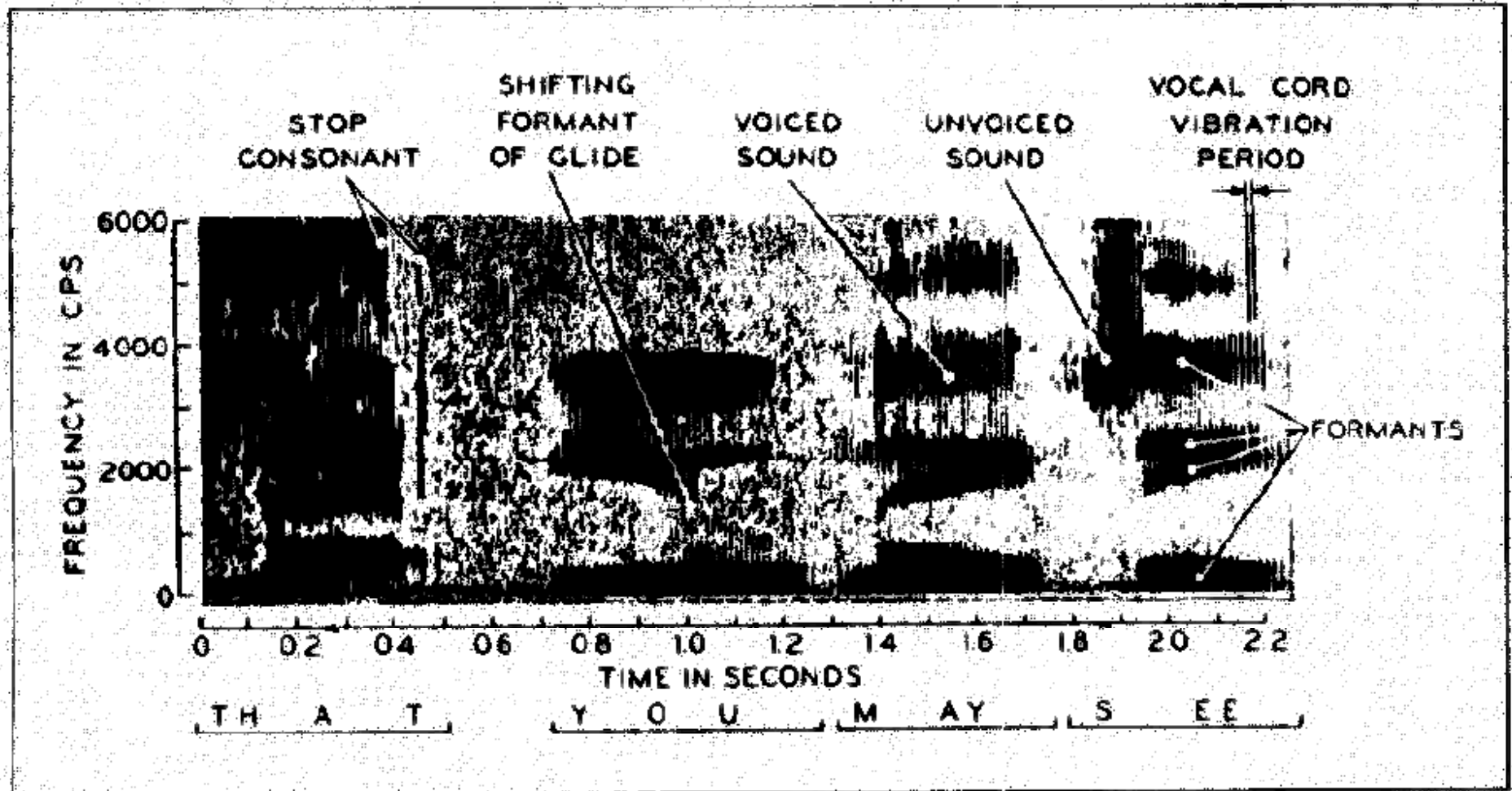
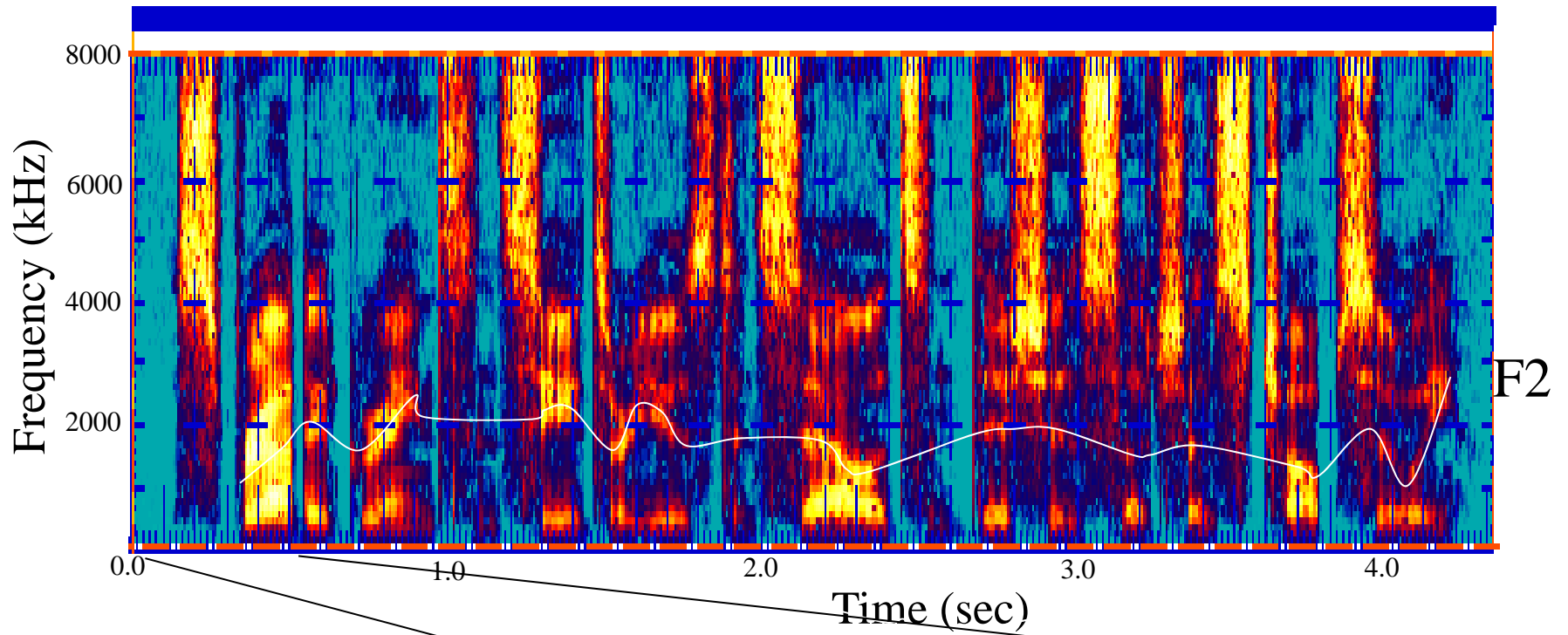


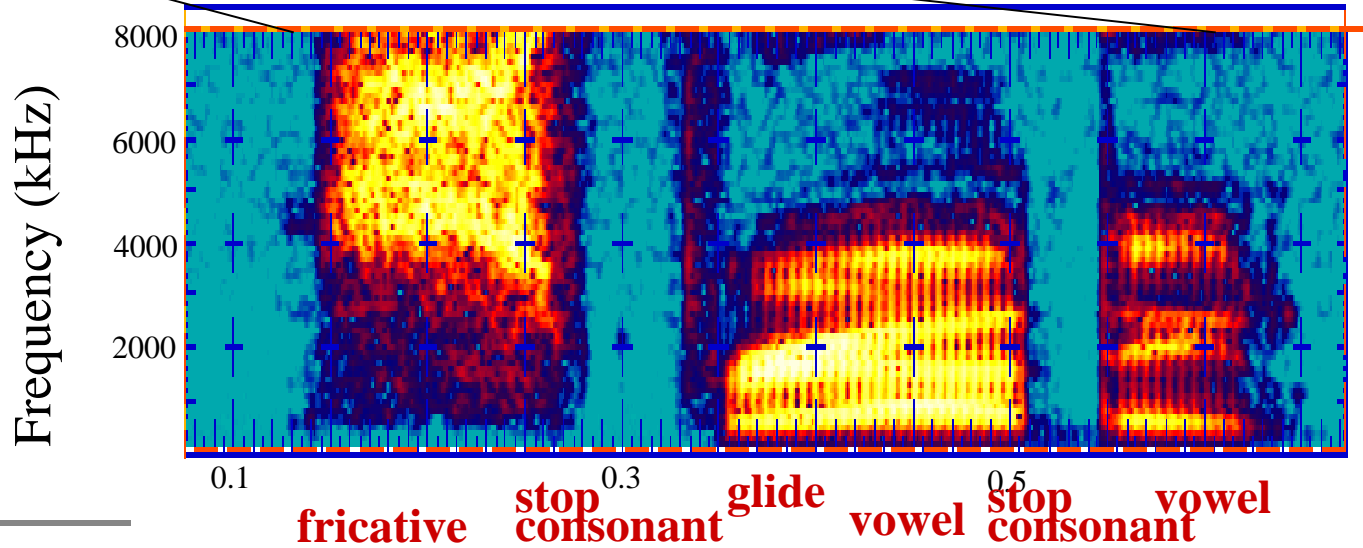
Figure 3 of SPM May'98 Speech Survey

“Sprouted grains and seeds are used in salads and dishes such as chop suey”

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“Sprouted”

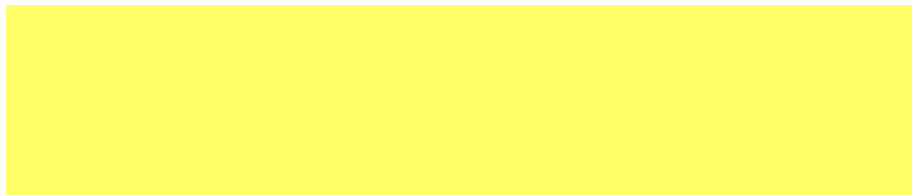


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i.e., take DTFT on  $(2M+1)$  samples and examine normalized squared magnitude

Note: for each frequency  $f$ ,  $P_M(f)$  is a random variable

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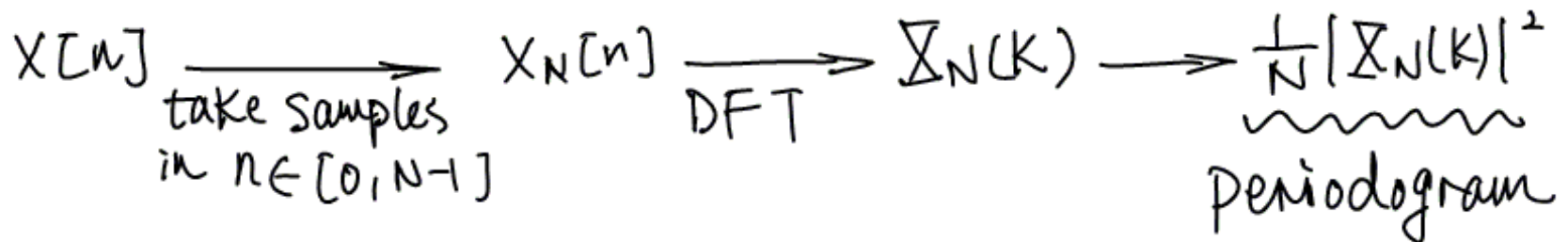
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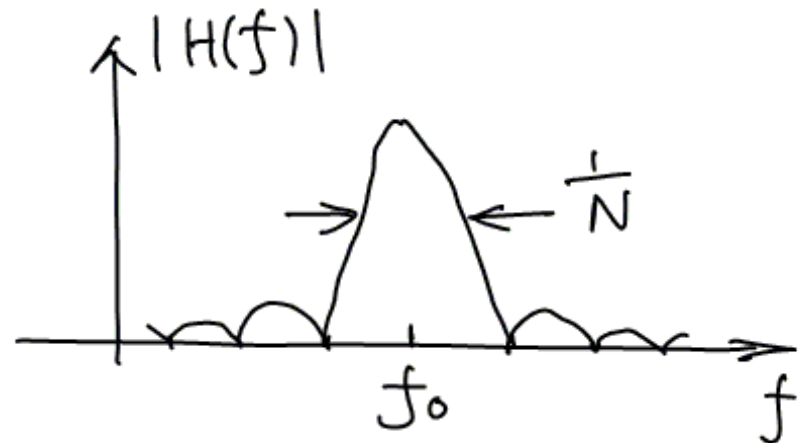
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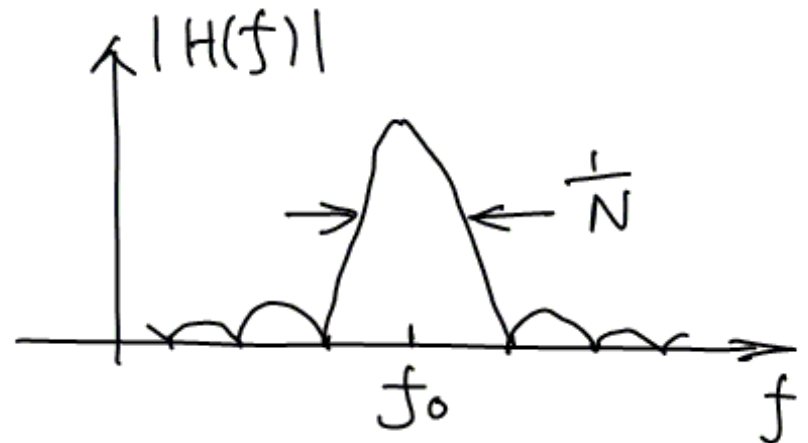


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- $H(f)$  is a bandpass filter
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  - 3dB bandwidth  $\approx 1/N$



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# E.g. White Gaussian Process

[Lim/Oppenheim Fig.2.4]

Periodogram of zero-mean white Gaussian noise using N-point data record: N=128, 256, 512, 1024

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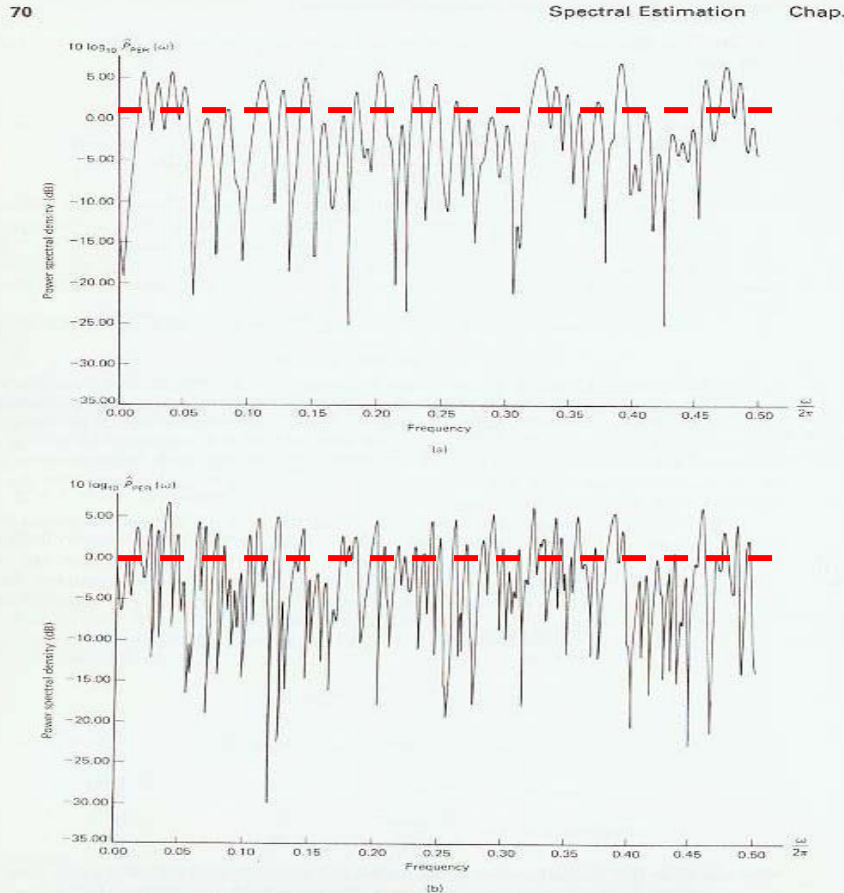


Figure 2.4 Illustration of the inconsistency of the periodogram for white Gaussian noise ( $\sigma^2 = 1$ ). (a)  $N = 128$ , (b)  $N = 256$ , (c)  $N = 512$ , (d)  $N = 1024$ .

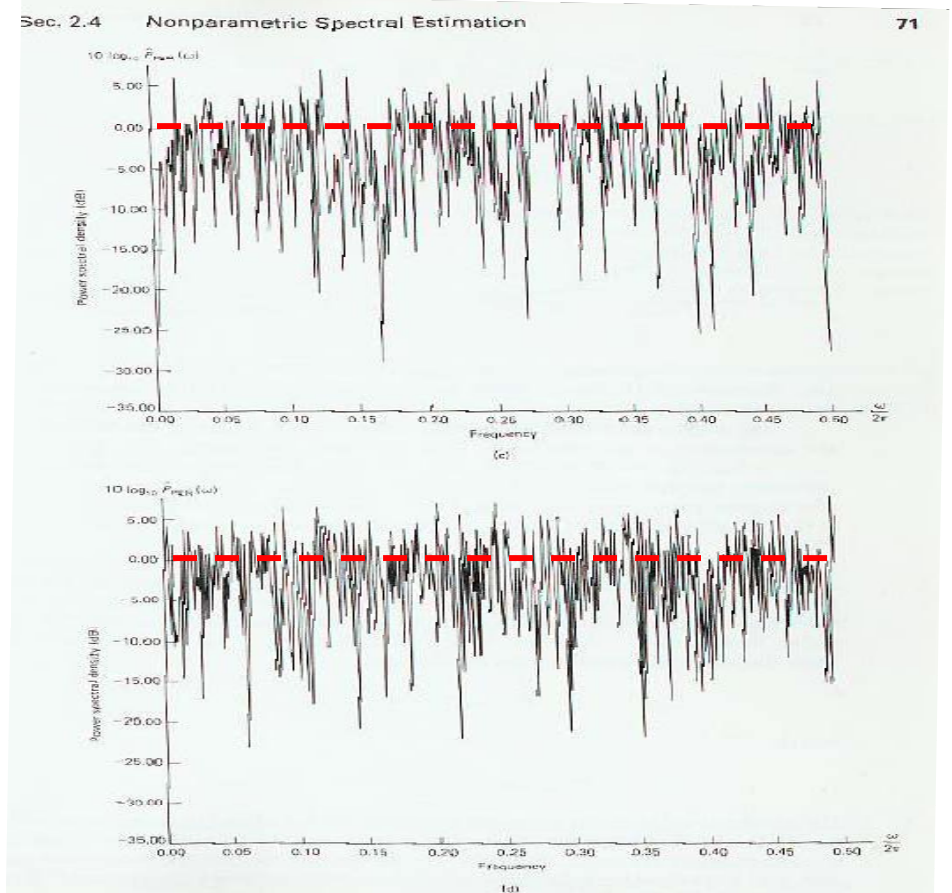


Figure 2.4 (cont.)

- The random fluctuation (measured by variance) of the periodogram does not decrease with increasing N  
 → periodogram is not a consistent estimator

### (3) How Good is Periodogram for Spectral Estimation?

If  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , will  $\hat{P}_{\text{PER}} \rightarrow \text{p.s.d. } P(f)$ ?

- Estimation: Tradeoff between bias and variance

$$E(\hat{\theta}) \neq \theta$$
$$E[|\hat{\theta} - E(\hat{\theta})|^2] = ?$$

- For white Gaussian process, we can show that at  $f_k = k/N$

$$\Rightarrow E[\hat{P}_{\text{PER}}(f_k)] = P(f_k), \quad k=0, 1, \dots, N/2$$
$$\text{Var}[\hat{P}_{\text{PER}}(f_k)] = \begin{cases} P^2(f_k), & k=1, \dots, \frac{N}{2}-1 \\ 2P^2(f_k), & k=0, \frac{N}{2} \end{cases} \propto P^2(f_k)$$

# Performance of Periodogram: Summary

- The periodogram for **white Gaussian** process is an **unbiased** estimator but **not consistent**
  - The variance does not decrease with increasing data length
  - Its standard deviation is as large as the mean (equal to the quantity to be estimated)
- **Reasons for the poor estimation performance**
  - Given  $N$  real data points, the # of unknown parameters  $\{P(f_0), \dots, P(f_{N/2})\}$  we try to estimate is  $N/2$ , i.e. proportional to  $N$
- **Similar conclusions can be drawn for processes with arbitrary p.s.d. and arbitrary frequencies**
  - Asymptotically unbiased (as  $N$  goes to infinity) but inconsistent

### 3.1.2 Averaged Periodogram

- As one solution to the variance problem of periodogram
  - Average  $K$  periodograms computed from  $K$  sets of data records

$$\hat{P}_{\text{AV PER}}(f) = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{m=0}^{K-1} \hat{P}_{\text{PER}}^{(m)}(f)$$

where

$$\hat{P}_{\text{PER}}^{(m)}(f) = \frac{1}{L} \left| \sum_{n=0}^{L-1} x_m[n] e^{-j2\pi fn} \right|^2$$

And the  $K$  sets of data records are

$$\{x_0[0], \dots, x_0[L-1]; x_1[n], 0 \leq n \leq L-1; \dots$$

$$\{x_{K-1}[n-1], 0 \leq n \leq L-1\}$$



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i.e.,  $K \uparrow \rightarrow \text{Var} \downarrow$ , and  $\text{Var} \rightarrow 0$  for  $K \rightarrow \infty$   
i.e., consistent estimate

# Practical Averaged Periodogram

- Usually we partition an available data sequence of length  $N$ 
  - into  $K$  non-overlapping blocks, each block has length  $L$  (i.e.  $N=KL$ )

i.e.

$$x_m[n] = x[n + mL], \quad \begin{array}{l} n = 0, 1, \dots, L-1 \\ m = 0, 1, \dots, K-1 \end{array}$$

- Since the blocks are contiguous, the  $K$  sets of data records may not be completely uncorrelated
  - Thus the variance reduction factor is in general less than  $K$
- Periodogram averaging is also known as the **Bartlett's method**

# Averaged Periodogram for Fixed Data Size

- Given a data record of fixed size  $N$ , will the result be better if we segment the data into more and more subrecords?

We examine for a real-valued stationary process:

$$E \left[ \hat{P}_{\text{AV PER}} (f) \right] = E \left[ \frac{1}{K} \sum_{m=0}^{K-1} \hat{P}_{\text{PER}}^{(m)} (f) \right] = E \left[ \hat{P}_{\text{PER}}^{(0)} (f) \right]$$

identical stat. mean for all  $m$

Note

$$\hat{P}_{\text{PER}}^{(0)} (f) = \sum_{l=-(L-1)}^{L-1} \hat{r}^{(0)} (l) e^{-j2\pi fl}$$

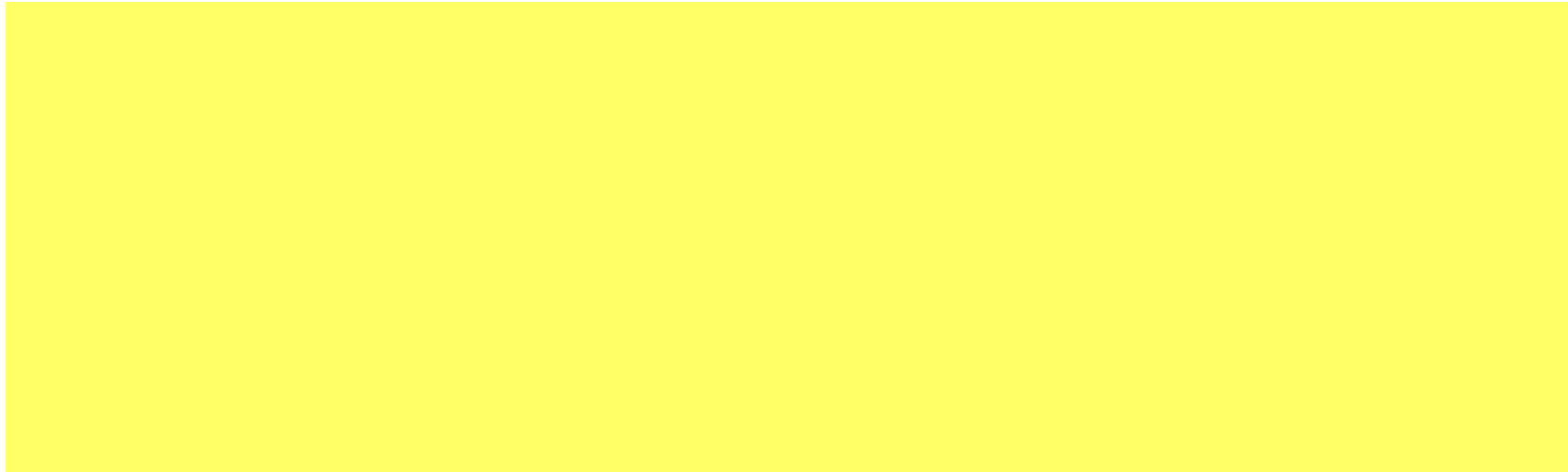
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an equivalent expression to definition in terms of  $x[n]$

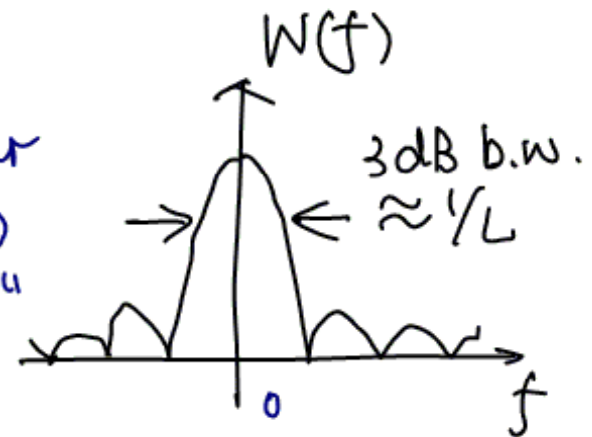
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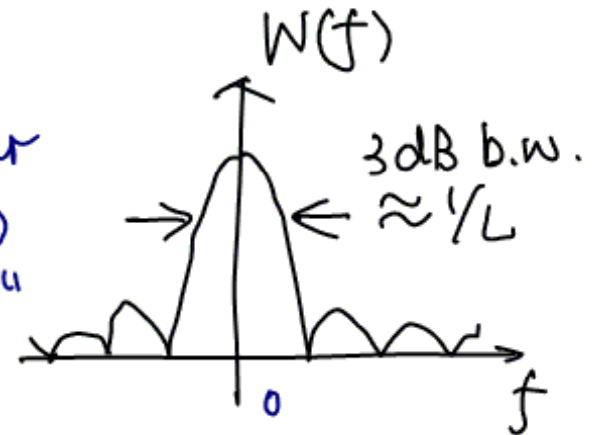
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- **Asymptotic unbiased as  $L \rightarrow \infty$** 
  - To avoid the smearing, the window length  $L$  must be large enough so that **the narrowest peak in  $P(f)$**  can be resolved
- **This gives a tradeoff between bias and variance**
  - Small  $K \Rightarrow$  better resolution (smaller smearing/bias) but larger variance



# Non-parametric Spectrum Estimation: Recap

- **Periodogram**

- Motivated by relation between p.s.d. and squared magnitude of DTFT of a finite-size data record
- Variance: won't vanish as data length  $N$  goes infinity ~ “inconsistent”
- Mean: asymptotically unbiased w.r.t. data length  $N$  in general
  - ◆ *equivalent to apply triangular window to autocorrelation function*  
(windowing in time gives smearing/smoothing in freq. domain)
  - ◆ *unbiased for white Gaussian (flat spectrum)*

- **Averaged periodogram**

- Reduce variance by averaging  $K$  sets of data record of length  $L$  each
- Small  $L$  increases smearing/smoothing in p.s.d. estimate thus higher bias → *equiv. to triangular windowing*

- **Windowed periodogram:** generalize to other symmetric windows

## Case Study on Non-parametric Methods

- Test case: a process consists of narrowband components (sinusoids) and a broadband component (AR)

- $x[n] = 2 \cos(\omega_1 n) + 2 \cos(\omega_2 n) + 2 \cos(\omega_3 n) + z[n]$

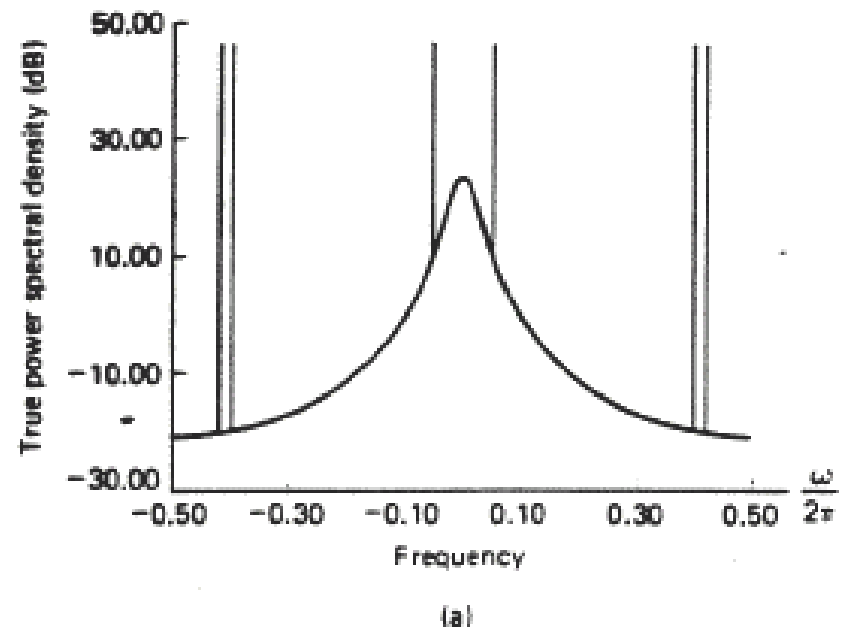
- where  $z[n] = -a_1 z[n-1] + v[n]$ ,  $a_1 = -0.85$ ,  $\sigma^2 = 0.1$

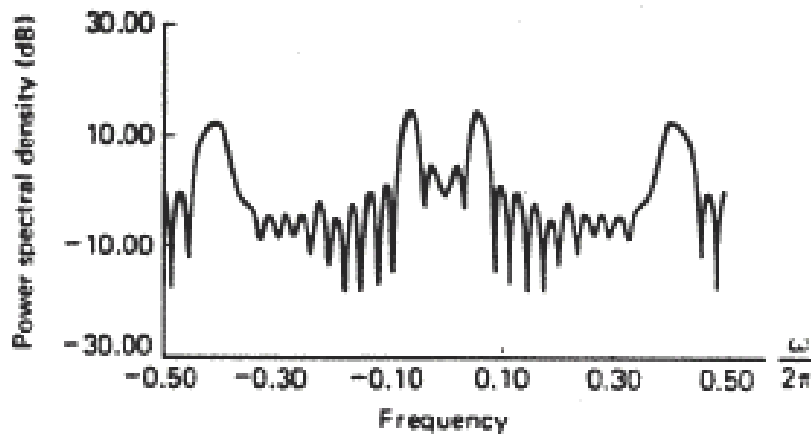
- $\omega_1/2\pi = 0.05$ ,  $\omega_2/2\pi = 0.40$ ,  $\omega_3/2\pi = 0.42$

- $N=32$  data points are available  
→ periodogram resolution  $f = 1/32$

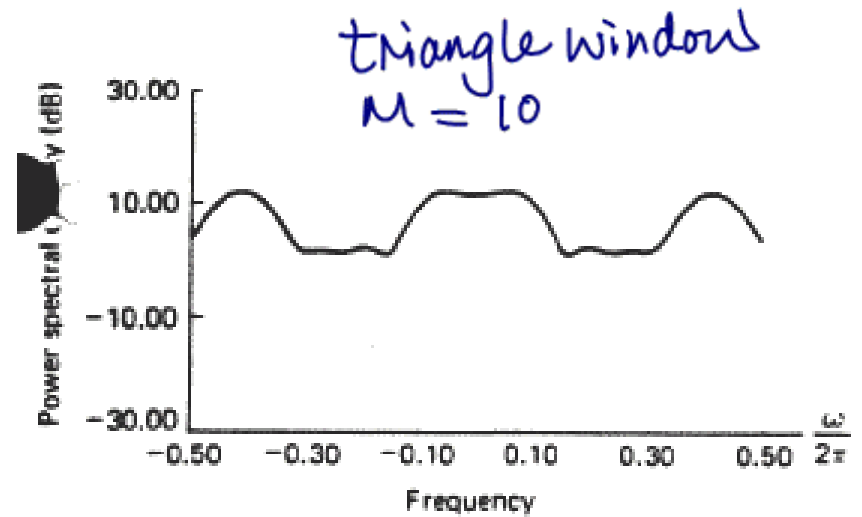
- Examine typical characteristics of various non-parametric spectral estimators

(Fig.2.17 from Lim/Oppenheim book)

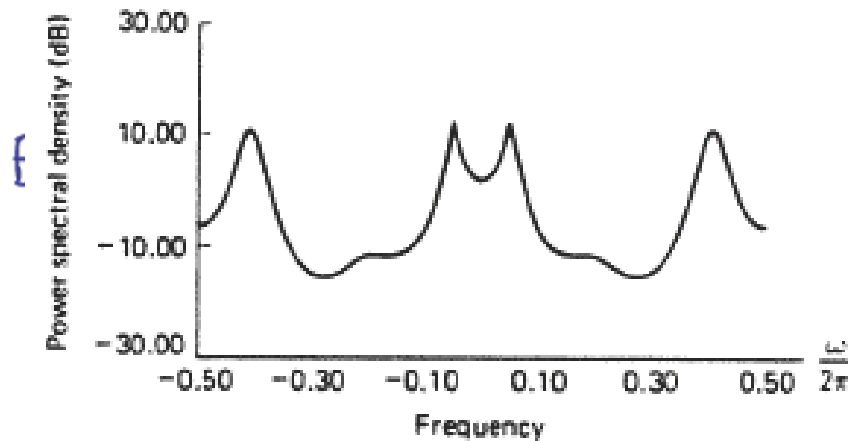




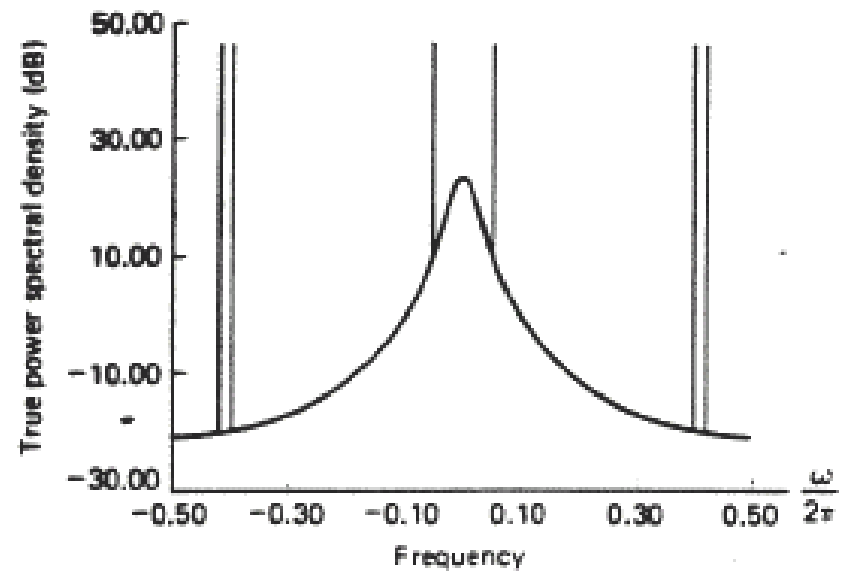
(b) Periodogram



(c) Blackman-Tukey



(d) Minimum variance spectral estimator



true p.s.d.

(a)

### 3.1.3 Periodogram with Windowing

- Review and Motivation

The periodogram estimator can be given in terms of  $\hat{r}(k)$

$$\hat{P}_{\text{PER}}(f) = \sum_{k=-(N-1)}^{N-1} \hat{r}(k) e^{-j2\pi fk}$$

where  $\hat{r}(k) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1-k} x^*[n]x[n+k]$ ;  $\hat{r}(-k) = \hat{r}^*(k)$   
for  $k \geq 0$

- The higher lags of  $r(k)$ , the poorer estimates since the estimates involve fewer terms of lag products in the averaging operation

- Solution: weigh the higher lags less

- Trade variance with bias

## Windowing

- Use a window function to weigh the higher lags less

i.e. 
$$\hat{P}_{\text{win}}(f) = \sum_{k=-(N-1)}^{N-1} W[k] \hat{r}(k) e^{-j2\pi f k}$$

where  $W[k]$  is a "lag window" with properties of:

①  $0 \leq W[k] \leq W[0] = 1$

$w(0)=1$  preserves variance  $r(0)$

②  $W[-k] = W[k]$  symmetric

③  $W[k] = 0$  for  $|k| > M$  where  $M \leq N-1$

④  $W(f)$  must be chosen to ensure  $\hat{P}_{\text{win}}(f) \geq 0$

- Effect: periodogram smoothing

- Windowing in time  $\Leftrightarrow$  Convolution/filtering the periodogram
- Also known as the Blackman-Tukey method

# Common Lag Windows

- Much of the art in non-parametric spectral estimation is in choosing an appropriate window (both in type and length)

TABLE 2.1 COMMON LAG WINDOWS

Name	Definition	Fourier Transform
Rectangular	$w(k) = \begin{cases} 1, &  k  \leq M \\ 0, &  k  > M \end{cases}$	$W(\omega) = W_R(\omega) = \frac{\sin \frac{\omega}{2}(2M+1)}{\sin \omega/2}$
Bartlett	$w(k) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{ k }{M}, &  k  \leq M \\ 0, &  k  > M \end{cases}$	$W(\omega) = W_R(\omega) = \frac{1}{M} \left( \frac{\sin M\omega/2}{\sin \omega/2} \right)^2$
Hanning	$w(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos \frac{\pi k}{M}, &  k  \leq M \\ 0, &  k  > M \end{cases}$	$W(\omega) = \frac{1}{4} W_R(\omega - \pi/M) + \frac{1}{2} W_R(\omega) + \frac{1}{4} W_R(\omega + \pi/M)$
Hamming	$w(k) = \begin{cases} 0.54 + 0.46 \cos \frac{\pi k}{M}, &  k  \leq M \\ 0, &  k  > M \end{cases}$	$W(\omega) = 0.23 W_R(\omega - \pi/M) + 0.54 W_R(\omega) + 0.23 W_R(\omega + \pi/M)$
Parzen	$w(k) = \begin{cases} 2 \left( 1 - \frac{ k }{M} \right)^3 - \left( 1 - 2 \frac{ k }{M} \right)^3, &  k  \leq M/2 \\ 2 \left( 1 - \frac{ k }{M} \right)^3, & \frac{M}{2} < k \leq M \\ 0, &  k  > M \end{cases}$	$W(\omega) = \frac{8}{M^3} \left( \frac{3}{2} \frac{\sin^4 M\omega/4}{\sin^4 \omega/2} - \frac{\sin^4 M\omega/4}{\sin^2 \omega/2} \right)$

Table 2.1 common lag window (from Lim-Oppenheim book)

## Discussion: Estimate $r(k)$ via Time Average

- Normalizing the sum of  $(N-k)$  pairs

by a factor of  $1/N$  ? v.s. by a factor of  $1/(N-k)$  ?

Biased (low variance)

Unbiased (may not non-neg. definite)

$$\hat{\Gamma}_1(k) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1-k} X[n+k] X^*[n]; \quad \hat{\Gamma}_2(k) = \frac{1}{N-k} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1-k} X[n+k] X^*[n]$$

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$$\hat{R}_N = \Sigma^H \Sigma, \text{ where}$$

$$\Sigma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \begin{bmatrix} X(0) & 0 & 0 & & \\ X(1) & X(0) & 0 & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \\ X(N-1) & \vdots & X(0) & \ddots & X(0) \\ 0 & X(N-1) & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$



### **3.1.4 Minimum Variance Spectral Estimation (MVSE)**

- Recall: filter bank perspective of periodogram
  - The periodogram can be viewed as estimating the p.s.d. by forming a bank of narrowband filters with sinc-like response
  - The high sidelobe can lead to “leakage” problem:
    - ◆ *large output power due to p.s.d outside the band of interest*
- MVSE designs filters to minimize the leakage from out-of-band spectral components
  - Thus the shape of filter is dependent on the frequency of interest and data adaptive  
(unlike the identical filter shape for periodogram)
  - MVSE is also referred to as the Capon spectral estimator

## Main Steps of MVSE Method

1. Design a bank of bandpass filters  $H_i(f)$  with center frequency  $f_i$  so that
  - Each filter rejects the maximum amount of out-of-band power
  - And passes the component at frequency  $f_i$  without distortion
2. Filter the input process  $\{x[n]\}$  with each filter in the filter bank and estimate the power of each output process
3. Set the power spectrum estimate at frequency  $f_i$  to be the power estimated above divided by the filter bandwidth

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subject to  $H(f_0) = 1$

(i.e., to pass the components at  $f_0$  w/o distortion)



# **Deriving MVSE Solutions**

## Output Power From $H(f)$ filter

From the filter bank perspective of periodogram:

$$H(f) = \sum_{n=-(N-1)}^0 h[n] e^{-j2\pi fn}$$

Thus

$$\rho = \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{k=-(N-1)}^0 h[k] e^{-j2\pi fk} \sum_{l=-(N-1)}^0 h^*[l] e^{j2\pi fl} P(f) df$$

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## Matrix-Vector Form of MVSE Formulation

Define

$$\underline{h}^* \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} h[0] \\ h[-1] \\ \vdots \\ h[-(N-1)] \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \rho = \underline{h}^H R^T \underline{h}$$

$$[h(0), h(-1), \dots, h(1-N)] \begin{bmatrix} r(0) & r(-1) & \dots \\ r(1) & r(0) & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h^*(0) \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{e} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{j2\pi f_0} \\ \vdots \\ e^{j2\pi(N-1)f_0} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{The constraint can be written in vector form as } \underbrace{\underline{h}^H \underline{e}}_{H(f_0)} = 1$$



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Thus the problem becomes

$$\min_{\underline{h}} \underline{h}^H R^T \underline{h} \quad \text{subject to} \quad \underline{h}^H \underline{e} = 1$$

## Solving MVSE

$$J \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \underline{h}^H R^T \underline{h} + \text{Re} \left[ 2\lambda(1 - \underline{h}^H \underline{e}) \right]$$

- Use Lagrange multiplier approach for solving the constrained optimization problem
  - Define **real-valued** objective function s.t. the stationary condition can be derived in a simple and elegant way based on the theorem for complex derivative/gradient operators

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\underline{h}, \lambda} J &= \underline{h}^H R^T \underline{h} + \lambda(1 - \underline{h}^H \underline{e}) + \left[ \lambda(1 - \underline{h}^H \underline{e}) \right]^* \\ &= \underline{h}^H R^T \underline{h} + \lambda(1 - \underline{h}^H \underline{e}) + \lambda^*(1 - \underline{e}^H \underline{h}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{either } \nabla_{\underline{h}^*} J = 0 \Rightarrow R^T \underline{h} - \lambda \underline{e} = 0$$

$$\text{or } \nabla_{\underline{h}} J = 0 \Rightarrow \left( \underline{h}^H R^T \right)^T - \lambda^* \underline{e}^* = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( R^T \right)^H \underline{h} - \lambda \underline{e} = 0 \Rightarrow R^T \underline{h} - \lambda \underline{e} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \underline{h} &= \lambda \left( R^T \right)^{-1} \underline{e} \\ \text{and } \underline{h}^H \underline{e} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

## Solution to MVSE

$$\min_{\underline{h}, \lambda} J = \underline{h}^H R^T \underline{h} + \lambda(1 - \underline{h}^H \underline{e}) + \left[ \lambda(1 - \underline{h}^H \underline{e}) \right]^*$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla_{\lambda^*} \text{ or } \nabla_{\lambda} J = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{h}^H \underline{e} = 1 \quad (*) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla_{\underline{h}^*} \text{ or } \nabla_{\underline{h}} J = 0 \Rightarrow R^T \underline{h} - \lambda \underline{e} = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{h} = \lambda (R^T)^{-1} \underline{e} \quad (**) \end{array} \right.$$

Bring (\*\*) into (\*):

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{\underline{e}^H (R^T)^{-1} \underline{e}}$$

Filter's output power:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= \underline{h}^H R^T \underline{h} = \underline{h}^H R^T (R^T)^{-1} \underline{e} \lambda \\ &= \lambda \end{aligned}$$

The optimal filter and its output power:

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{h}_{MV} &= \frac{(R^T)^{-1}}{\underline{e}^H (R^T)^{-1} \underline{e}} \underline{e} \\ \rho &= \frac{1}{\underline{e}^H (R^T)^{-1} \underline{e}} \end{aligned}$$

## MVSE: Summary

If choosing the bandpass filters to be FIR of length  $q$ , its 3dB-b.w. is approximately  $1/q$

Thus the MVSE is

$$\hat{P}_{MV}(f) = \frac{q}{\underline{e}^H (\hat{R}^T)^{-1} \underline{e}}$$

(i.e. normalize by filter b.w.)

$\hat{R}$  is  $q \times q$  correlation matrix

$$\underline{e} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \exp(j2\pi f) \\ \vdots \\ \exp(j2\pi f(q-1)) \end{bmatrix}$$

- MVSE is a data adaptive estimator and provides improved resolution and reduced variance over periodogram
  - Also referred to as “High-Resolution Spectral Estimator”
  - Doesn’t assume a particular underlying model for the data

## MVSE vs. Periodogram

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	Periodogram	MVSE
Equivalent Bandpass Filter $\underline{h}$	$\underline{e}$  Filter is “universal” data-independent	$\frac{(R^T)^{-1}}{\underline{e}^H (R^T)^{-1} \underline{e}} \underline{e}$  Filter adapts to observation data via $R$
Equivalent spectrum estimate $\hat{P}(f)$	$q \cdot \underline{e}^H \hat{R}^T \underline{e}$	$\frac{q}{\underline{e}^H (\hat{R}^T)^{-1} \underline{e}}$

## Recall: Case Study on Non-parametric Methods

- Test case: a process consists of narrowband components (sinusoids) and a broadband component (AR)

$$- x[n] = 2 \cos(\omega_1 n) + 2 \cos(\omega_2 n) + 2 \cos(\omega_3 n) + z[n]$$

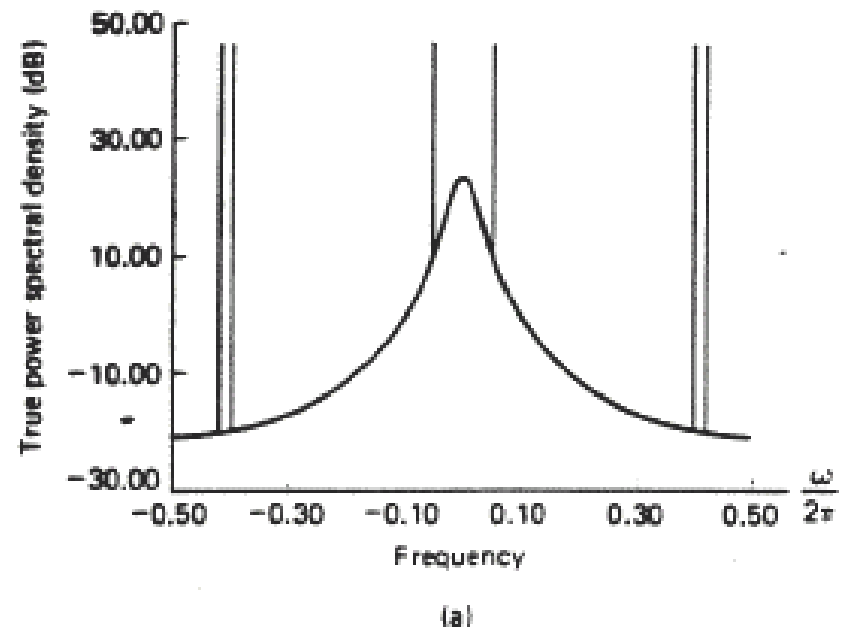
$$\text{where } z[n] = -a_1 z[n-1] + v[n], \quad a_1 = -0.85, \quad \sigma^2 = 0.1$$

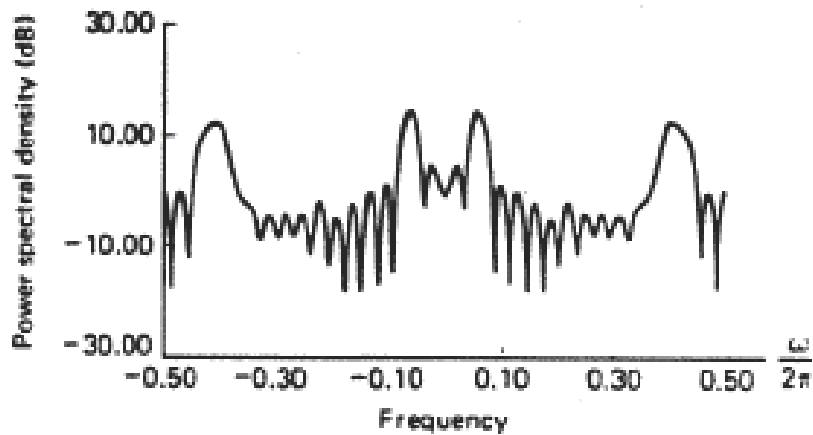
$$\omega_1/2\pi = 0.05, \quad \omega_2/2\pi = 0.40, \quad \omega_3/2\pi = 0.42$$

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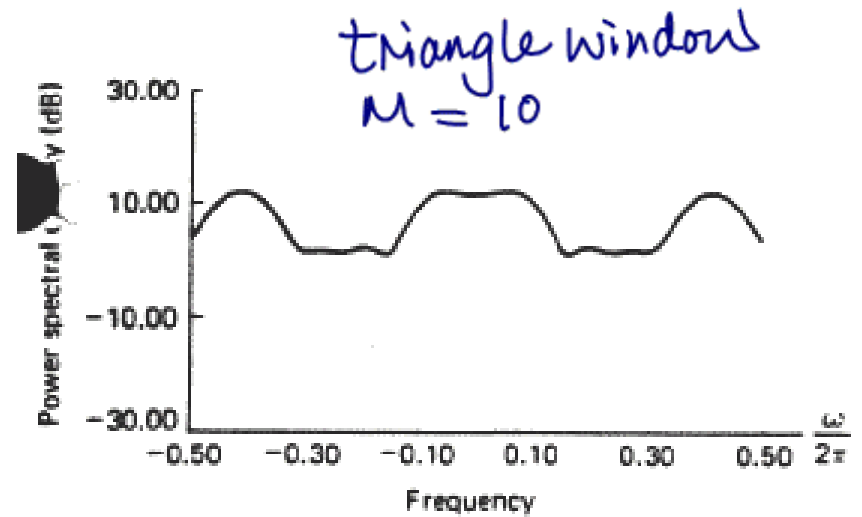
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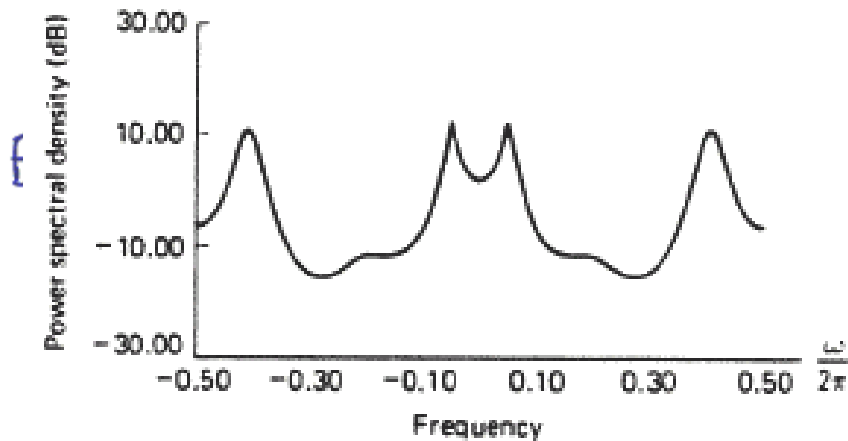




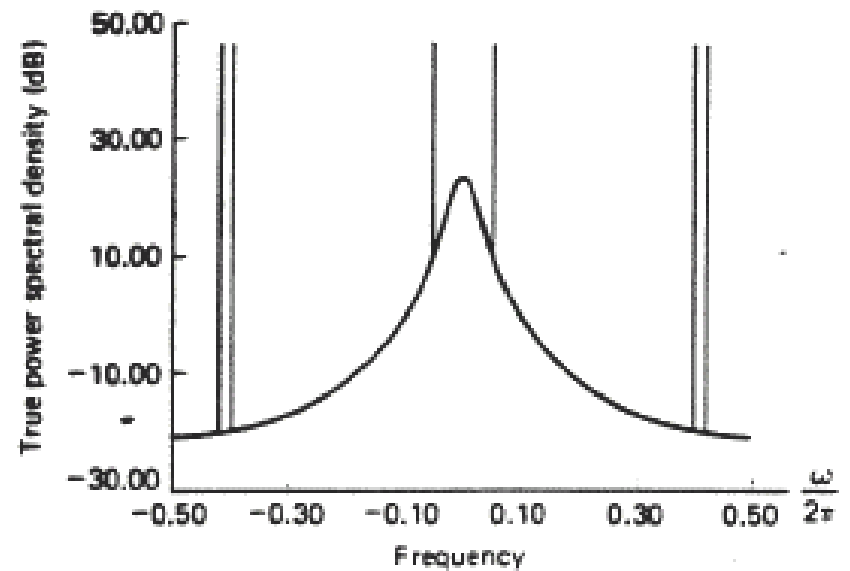
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## **Ref. on Derivative and Gradient Operators for Complex-Variable Functions**

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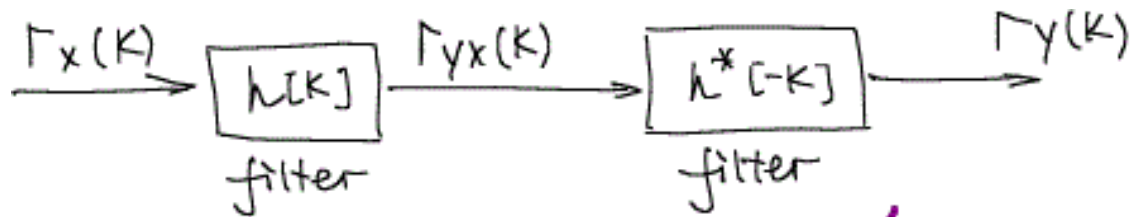
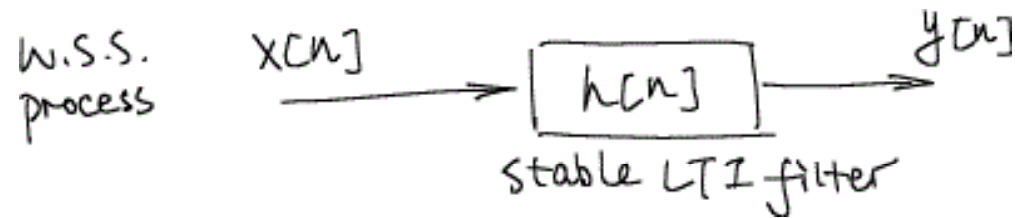
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- Solving constrained optimization with **real-valued objective** function of **complex variables**, subject to constraint function of complex variables
  - ◆ *As seen in minimum variance spectral estimation and other array/statistical signal processing context.*



# **Reference**

# Recall: Filtering a Random Process



$$\Gamma_h[k] = h[k] * h^*[-k] = \sum_{l=-\infty}^{+\infty} h[l] h^*[k+l]$$

In terms of  $zT$ :

$$P_y(z) = P_x(z) H(z) H^*(1/z^*)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{for } z = e^{j\omega} \quad P_y(\omega) &= P_x(\omega) H(\omega) H^*(\omega) = P_x(\omega) |H(\omega)|^2 \end{aligned}$$

## Chi-Squared Distribution

If  $x[n] \sim \text{iid } N(0,1)$  for  $n=0, 1, \dots, N-1$ , and

$$y = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x^2[n],$$

then  $y$  follows chi-squared distribution of degree  $N$ , i.e.  $y \sim \chi_N^2$

$$\text{and } E[y] = N, \text{ Var}(y) = 2N$$

## Chi-Squared Distribution (cont'd)

p.d.f. of  $y \sim \chi_N^2$ :

$$p(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2^{N/2} \Gamma(N/2)} y^{\frac{N}{2}-1} e^{-\frac{y}{2}} & \text{if } y \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } y < 0 \end{cases}$$

where  $\Gamma(\cdot)$  is the gamma integral

$$\Gamma(x+1) = \int_0^{\infty} y^x e^{-y} dy \text{ for } x > -1.$$

Note if  $x$  is an integer,  $\Gamma(n+1) = n\Gamma(n) = n!$

## Periodogram of White Gaussian Process

For  $f_k = k/N$ , it can be shown that

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{2 \hat{P}_{\text{PER}}(f_k)}{P(f_k)} \sim \chi_2^2 \text{ for } k=1, 2, \dots, \frac{N}{2}-1, \\ \frac{\hat{P}_{\text{PER}}(f_k)}{P(f_k)} \sim \chi_1^2 \text{ for } k=0, \frac{N}{2} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow E[\hat{P}_{\text{PER}}(f_k)] = P(f_k), \quad k=0, 1, \dots, N/2$$

$$\text{Var}[\hat{P}_{\text{PER}}(f_k)] = \begin{cases} P^2(f_k), & k=1, \dots, \frac{N}{2}-1 \\ 2P^2(f_k), & k=0, \frac{N}{2} \end{cases}$$

See proof in Appendix 2.1 in Lim-Oppenheim Book:  
- Basic idea is to examine the distribution of real and imaginary part of the DFT, and take the magnitude

# **Preview & Warm-up**

## Model or Not?

- **Implicit assumption by classical methods**
  - Classical methods use Fourier transform on either windowed data or windowed autocorrelation function (ACF)
  - **Implicitly assume** the unobserved data or ACF outside the window are **zero** => not true in reality
  - Consequence of windowing: **smearred spectral estimate**  
(leading to low resolution)
- **If prior knowledge about the process is available**
  - Can use **prior knowledge** and select a good model to approximate the process
  - Usually need to estimate **fewer model parameters** (than non-parametric approaches) using the limited data points we have
  - The model may allow to **better describe the process outside the window** (instead of assuming zeros)

# **General Procedure of Parametric Methods**

- **Select a model** (based on prior knowledge)
- **Estimate the parameters of the assumed model**
- **Obtain the spectral estimate implied by the model** (with the estimated parameters)



## Spectral Estimation using AR, MA, ARMA Models

- **Physical insight:** the process is generated/approximated by filtering white noise with an LTI filter of rational transfer func  $H(z)$
- **Use observed data to estimate a few lags of  $r(k)$** 
  - Larger lags of  $r(k)$  can be implicitly extrapolated by the model
- **Relation between  $r(k)$  and filter parameters  $\{a_k\}$  and  $\{b_k\}$** 
  - PARAMETER EQUATIONS from Section 2.1.2(6) ← review this
  - Solve the parameter equations to obtain filter parameters
  - Use the p.s.d. implied by the model as our spectral estimate
- **Deal with nonlinear parameter equations**
  - Try to “convert” or relate them to AR models that has linear equations

# Review: Parameter Equations

Yule-Walker equations (for AR process)

$$\Gamma_x[k] = \begin{cases} -\sum_{l=1}^p a[l] \Gamma_x[-l] + \sigma^2 & \text{for } k=0 \\ -\sum_{l=1}^p a[l] \Gamma_x[k-l] & \text{for } k \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Gamma_x(0) & \Gamma_x(1) & \dots & \Gamma_x(-p+1) \\ \Gamma_x(1) & \Gamma_x(0) & \dots & \Gamma_x(-p+2) \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ \Gamma_x(p-1) & \dots & & \Gamma_x(0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a[1] \\ a[2] \\ \vdots \\ a[p] \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} \Gamma_x(1) \\ \Gamma_x(2) \\ \vdots \\ \Gamma_x(p) \end{bmatrix}$$

ARMA model

$$\Gamma_x[k] = \begin{cases} -\sum_{l=1}^p a[l] \Gamma_x[k-l] + \sigma^2 \sum_{l=0}^{q-k} h^*[l] b[l+k] & k=0, 1, \dots, q \\ -\sum_{l=1}^p a[l] \Gamma_x[k-l] & k \geq q+1 \end{cases}$$

MA model

$$\Gamma_x[k] = \begin{cases} \sigma^2 \sum_{l=0}^{q-k} b^*[l] b[l+k] & \text{for } k=0, 1, \dots, q \\ 0 & \text{for } k \geq q+1 \end{cases}$$

# Spectrum Estimation with AR Modeling

- Use Levinson-Durbin recursion and solve for

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\Gamma}(0) & \hat{\Gamma}(1) & \dots & \hat{\Gamma}(L-1) \\ \hat{\Gamma}(1) & \hat{\Gamma}(0) & & \hat{\Gamma}(L-2) \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ \hat{\Gamma}(L-1) & & & \hat{\Gamma}(0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{a}_1 \\ \hat{a}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{a}_L \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\Gamma}(1) \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\Gamma}(L) \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\hat{\Gamma}(k) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1-k} x[n] x[n+k]$

- Approximate the observed data sequence  $\{x[0], \dots, x[N]\}$  with an **AR model** (consider real-valued process here for simplicity)
- Use **biased ACF estimate** here to ensure nonnegative definiteness and smaller variance than unbiased estimate (dividing by  $N-k$ )

# MA Spectral Estimation

An MA(q) model

$$x[n] = \sum_{k=0}^q b_k v[n-k] \quad \Rightarrow \quad B(z) = \sum_{k=0}^q b_k z^{-k}$$

can be used to define an MA spectral estimator

$$\hat{P}_{\text{MA}}(f) = \sigma^2 \left| 1 + \sum_{k=1}^q b_k e^{-j2\pi f k} \right|^2$$

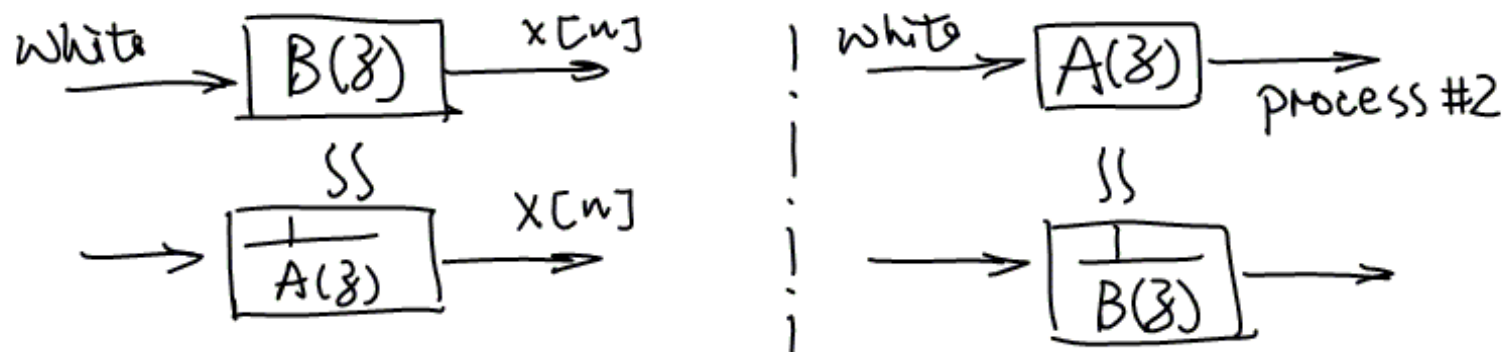
Recall:

- (1) The problem of solving for  $b_k$  given  $\{r(k)\}$  is to solve a set of nonlinear equations;
- (2) An MA process can be approximated by an AR process of sufficiently high order.

## Basic Idea to Avoid Solving Nonlinear Equations

Consider two processes:

- **Process#1:** we observed  $N$  samples, and need to perform spectral estimate
  - We first model it as a high-order AR process, generated by  $1/A(z)$  filter



- **Process#2:** an MA-process generated by  $A(z)$  filter
  - Since we know  $A(z)$ , we can know process#2's autocorrelation function;
  - We model process#2 as an AR( $q$ ) process  $\Rightarrow$  the filter would be  $1/B(z)$

## Complex Exponentials in Additive Noise

$$X[n] = \sum_{i=1}^P A_i e^{j\phi_i} e^{j2\pi f_i n} + W[n]$$

$n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$  (observe  $N$  samples)

$W[n]$  — white noise, zero mean, variance  $\sigma_w^2$

$A_i, f_i$  — real, constant, unknown  
 $\Rightarrow$  to be estimated

$\phi_i$  — uniform distribution over  $[0, 2\pi)$ ;  
uncorrelated with  $W[n]$  and  
between different  $i$ .



## **Correlation Matrix for the Process**

- Determine autocorrelation function
- $R_s = ?$   $R_w = ?$   $R_x = ?$
- Rank of correlation matrices?



## Correlation Matrix for the Process

$$\Gamma_x(k) = E[x[n]x^*[n-k]] = \sum_{i=1}^P A_i^2 e^{j2\pi f_i k} + \sigma_w^2 \delta(k)$$

$\triangleq P_i$

An  $M \times M$  correlation matrix for  $\{x[n]\}$  ( $M > P$ ):

$$R_x = R_s + R_w$$

$$R_w = \sigma_w^2 I \quad \longrightarrow \text{full rank}$$

$$R_s = \sum_{i=1}^P P_i \underline{e}_i \underline{e}_i^H$$

$$\text{where } \underline{e}_i = [1, e^{j2\pi f_i}, e^{j4\pi f_i}, \dots, e^{j2\pi f_i(M-1)}]^T$$





## Correlation Matrix for the Process

$$x[n] = A \exp [j(2\pi f_0 n + \phi)]$$

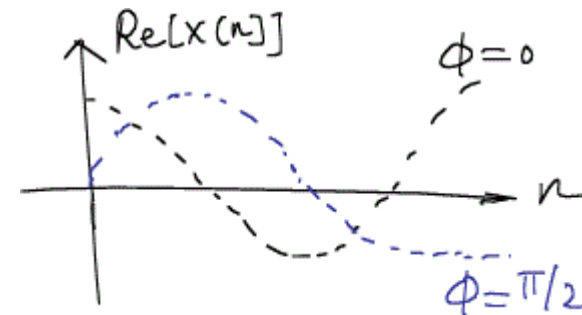
$$E[x[n]] = 0 \quad \forall n$$

$$E[x[n] x[n-k]]$$

$$= E[A \exp [j(2\pi f_0 n + \phi)] \cdot A \exp [j(2\pi f_0 n - 2\pi f_0 k + \phi)]]$$

$$= A^2 \cdot \exp [j(2\pi f_0 k)]$$

$\therefore x[n]$  is zero-mean w.s.s. with  $\Gamma_x(k) = A^2 \exp(j2\pi f_0 k)$ .



$$y[n] = x[n] + w[n] \quad \text{white noise: } E[w[n] w^*[n-k]] = \begin{cases} \sigma^2 & k=0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$\Gamma_y(k) = E[y[n] y^*[n-k]] = E[(x[n] + w[n])(x^*[n-k] + w^*[n-k])]$$

$$= \Gamma_x[k] + \Gamma_w[k] \quad (\because E[x[\cdot] w[\cdot]] = 0 \text{ uncorrelated})$$

$$= A^2 \exp [j2\pi f_0 k] + \sigma^2 \delta[k]$$

$E[x(\cdot) w(\cdot)] = E[x(\cdot)] E[w(\cdot)] = 0$   
 this crosscorr term vanish  
 because of uncorrelated \*and\*  
 zero mean for either  $x(\cdot)$  or  $w(\cdot)$ .