

Part 3. Spectrum Estimation

3.3 Subspace Approaches to Frequency Estimation

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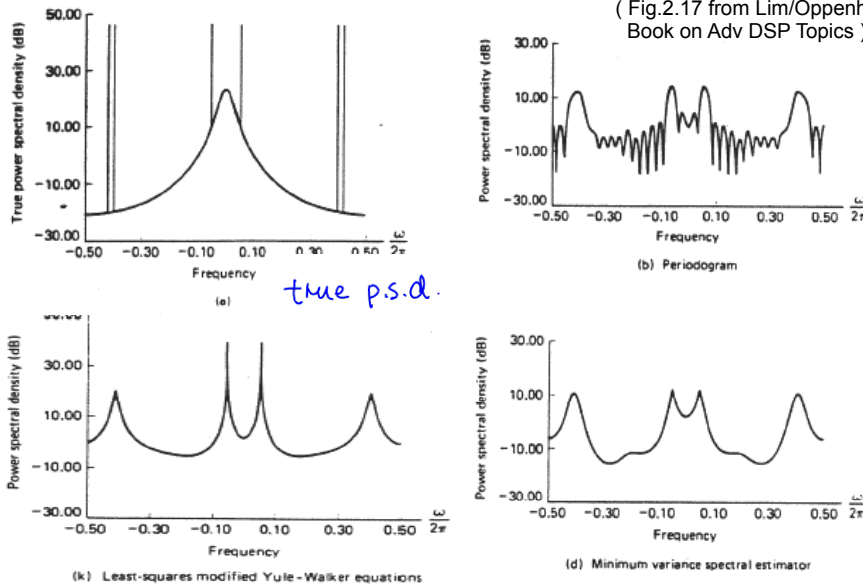


Logistics

- Final Exam: cover Part-II and III
 - Primary reference in your review: Lecture notes
 - Related readings (see a list of summary given)
 - Office hours will be posted
- Previous Sec.3.2: Parametric approaches for spectral estimation
 - AR modeling and MESE
 - MA and ARMA modeling
- Today: (readings: Hayes 8.6)
 - Frequency estimation for complex exponential/sinusoid models
 - * **Note:** Hayes book uses sig vector $\underline{x} = [x(n), x(n+1), \dots]^T$ to define a correlation matrix, which is Hermitian w.r.t. the one per our convention with $\underline{x} = [x(n), x(n-1), x(n-2) \dots]^T$

Recall: Limitations of Periodogram and ARMA

(Fig.2.17 from Lim/Oppenheim Book on Adv DSP Topics)



Motivation

- Random process studied in the previous section:
 - w.s.s. process modeled as the output of a LTI filter driven by a white noise process \sim smooth p.s.d. over broad freq. range
 - Parametric spectral estimation: AR, MA, ARMA
- Another important class of random processes: A sum of several complex exponentials in white noise

$$x[n] = \sum_{i=1}^p A_i \exp[j(2\pi f_i n + \phi_i)] + w[n]$$

- The amplitudes and p different frequencies of the complex exponentials are constant but **unknown**
 - ♦ *Frequencies contain desired info: velocity (sonar), formants (speech) ...*
- Estimate the frequencies taking into account of the properties of such process



The Signal Model

$$x[n] = \sum_{i=1}^p A_i e^{j\phi_i} e^{j2\pi f_i n} + w[n]$$

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

$w[n]$ white noise, zero mean, variance σ_w^2

A_i, f_i real, constant, unknown
→ to be estimated

ϕ_i uniform distribution over $[0, 2\pi)$;
uncorrelated with $w[n]$ and between different i

Recall: Single Complex Exponential Case

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

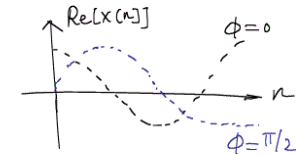
$$E[x[n]] = 0 \quad \forall n$$

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

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

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

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



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

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

$$= r_x[k] + r_w[k] \quad (\because E[x[n]w^*[n-k]] = 0 \text{ uncorrelated})$$

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

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

Deriving Autocorrelation Function

$$x[n] = \sum_{i=1}^p A_i e^{j\phi_i} e^{j2\pi f_i n} + w[n] = \sum_{i=1}^p s_i[n] + w[n]$$

$$r_x(k) = E[x[n]x^*[n-k]] = E\left[\left[\sum_{l=1}^p s_l[n] + w[n]\right] \cdot \left[\sum_{m=1}^p s_m^*[n-k] + w^*[n-k]\right]\right]$$

$$\bullet E[s_l[n]s_m^*[n-k]] = \begin{cases} E[s_l[n]]E[s_m^*[n-k]] = 0 & (\text{for } l \neq m) \\ r_{s_m}(k) = A_m^2 e^{j2\pi f_m k} & (\text{for } l = m) \end{cases}$$

$$\bullet E[s_l[n]w^*[n-k]] = E[s_l[n]]E[w^*[n-k]] = 0$$

$$\bullet E[w[n]w^*[n-k]] = \sigma_w^2 \cdot \delta[k]$$

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

Deriving Correlation Matrix

- May bring $r_x(k)$ into the correlation matrix
- Or from the expectation of vector's outer product and use the correlation analysis from last page

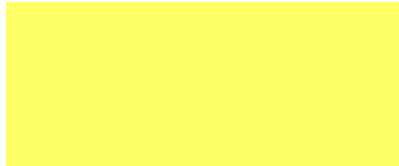
$$\underline{x}[n] = \sum_{i=1}^p s_i[n] + \underline{w}[n]$$

$$R_x = E[\underline{x}[n]\underline{x}^H[n]] = E\left[\left[\sum_{l=1}^p s_l[n] + \underline{w}[n]\right] \cdot \left[\sum_{m=1}^p s_m^H[n] + \underline{w}^H[n]\right]\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow R_x = \sum_{i=1}^p P_i \underline{e}_i \underline{e}_i^H + \sigma_w^2 I$$

Summary: Correlation Matrix for the Process ★

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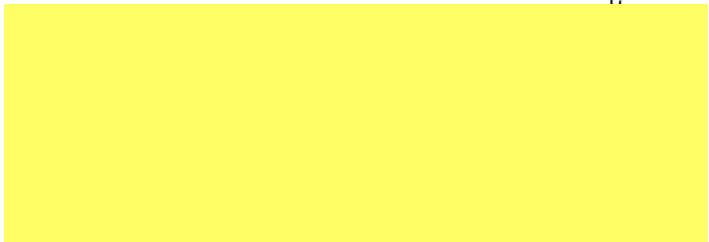
$$R_w = \sigma_w^2 I \rightarrow \text{full rank}$$

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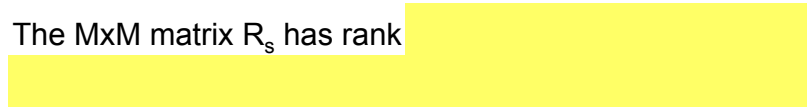
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$e_i e_i^H$ has rank

The MxM matrix R_s has rank



Correlation Matrix for the Process (cont'd)

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$$= \underbrace{[e_1, e_2, \dots, e_p]}_{\triangleq S_{M \times p}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} P_1 & & & \\ & P_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & P_p \end{bmatrix}}_{\triangleq D_{p \times p}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} e_1^H \\ e_2^H \\ \vdots \\ e_p^H \end{bmatrix}}_{\triangleq S^H}$$

$$= S D S^H$$

$e_i e_i^H$ has rank 1 (all columns are related by a factor)

The MxM matrix R_s has rank p, and has only p nonzero eigenvalues.

Review: Rank and Eigen Properties

- Multiplying a full rank matrix won't change the rank of a matrix
i.e. $r(A) = r(PA) = r(AQ)$
where A is $m \times n$, P is $m \times m$ full rank, and Q is $n \times n$ full rank.
 - The rank of A is equal to the rank of $A A^H$ and $A^H A$.
 - Elementary operations (which can be characterized as multiplying by a full rank matrix) doesn't change matrix rank:
 - ♦ including interchange 2 rows/cols; multiply a row/col by a nonzero factor; add a scaled version of one row/col to another.
- Correlation matrix R_x in our model has full rank.
- Non-zero eigenvectors corresponding to distinct eigenvalues are linearly independent
- $\det(A) =$ product of all eigenvalues; so a matrix is invertible iff all eigenvalues are nonzero.

(see Hayes Sec.2.3 review of linear algebra)

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- Multiplying A with a full rank matrix won't change $\text{rank}(A)$
- Eigenvalue decomposition
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- For any $n \times n$ Hermitian matrix
 - There exists a set of n orthonormal eigenvectors
 - Thus V is unitary for Hermitian matrix A , and

$$A \underline{v}_i = \lambda_i \underline{v}_i$$

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$$\therefore \lambda_i = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dots \\ \dots \end{array} \right. \left(R_s \text{ has } p \text{ nonzero eigenvalues} \right)$$



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$$\therefore R_s \underline{v}_i = (\lambda_i - \sigma_w^2) \underline{v}_i$$

i.e., \underline{v}_i is also an eigenvector for R_s , and the corresponding eigenvalue is

$$\lambda_i^{(s)} = \lambda_i - \sigma_w^2$$

$$\therefore \lambda_i = \begin{cases} \lambda_i^{(s)} + \sigma_w^2 > \sigma_w^2, & i=1, 2, \dots, P \\ \sigma_w^2, & i=P+1, \dots, M \end{cases} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} R_s \text{ has } p \\ \text{nonzero} \\ \text{eigenvalues} \end{array} \right)$$

Signal Subspace and Noise Subspace



$$\text{For } i=P+1, \dots, M: R_s \underline{v}_i = 0 \times \underline{v}_i$$

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$M \times p$, full rank= p

i.e., the p column vectors are linearly independent

$$\Rightarrow S^H \underline{v}_i = \underline{0}$$

$$\text{Since } S = [\underline{e}_1, \dots, \underline{e}_p] \Rightarrow \underline{e}_l^H \underline{v}_i = 0, \quad \begin{matrix} l=1, 2, \dots, p \\ i=p+1, \dots, M \end{matrix}$$

$$\therefore \underbrace{\text{span}\{\underline{e}_1, \dots, \underline{e}_p\}}_{\text{SIGNAL SUBSPACE}} \perp \underbrace{\text{span}\{\underline{v}_{p+1}, \dots, \underline{v}_M\}}_{\text{NOISE SUBSPACE}} \quad \text{correspond to eigenvalue = noise var}$$

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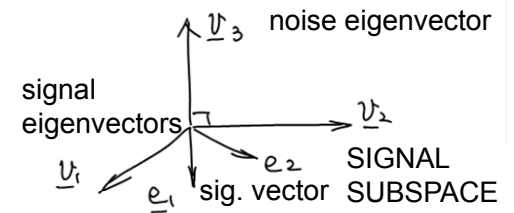
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Discussion: Complex Exponential Vectors

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

$$\underline{e}^H(f_1) \cdot \underline{e}(f_2) = \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} e^{j2\pi(f_1-f_2)k} = \frac{1 - e^{j2\pi(f_1-f_2)M}}{1 - e^{j2\pi(f_1-f_2)}} \text{ if } f_1 \neq f_2$$

If $f_1 - f_2 = a/M$ for some integer $a \Rightarrow \underline{e}^H(f_1) \cdot \underline{e}(f_2) = 0$

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$$\hat{P}(f) = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=p+1}^M \alpha_i |e(f)^H \underline{v}_i|^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{P}(f) \text{ is LARGE at } f_1, \dots, f_p$$

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DTFT of sig eigvector $\underline{v}_i(\cdot)$ at $-f_k \rightarrow$ Solve p equations for $\{P_k\}$



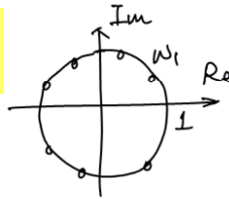
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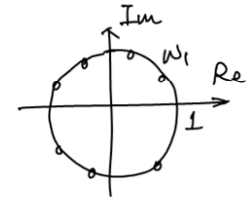
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$$Z[v_i(\cdot)] = \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} v_i(k) z^{-k} \quad \text{the angle of zeros reflects the freq.}$$

Improvement over Pisarenko Method

- Need to know or accurately estimate the # of sinusoids (p)
- Inaccurate estimation of autocorrelation values
 - => Inaccurate eigen results of the (estimated) correlation matrix
 - => p zeros on unit circle in frequency estimation function may not be on the right places
- What if we use larger MxM correlation matrix?
 - More than one eigen vectors to form the noise subspace: which of (M-p) eigen vectors shall we use to check orthogonality with $\underline{e}(f)$?
 - ZT[{ $v_i(0), \dots, v_i(M-1)$ }] ~ (M-1)th order polynomial => (M-1) zeros
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MULTiple Signal Classification (MUSIC) Algorithm

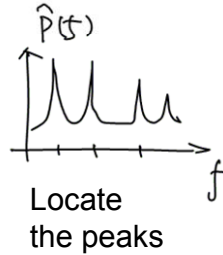
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- Basic idea of MUSIC algorithm
 - Reduce spurious peaks of freq. estimation function by averaging over the results from (M-p) smallest eigenvalues of the correlation matrix
 - => i.e. to find those freq. that give signal vectors **consistently orthogonal** to all noise eigen vectors

MUSIC Algorithm

The frequency estimation function

$$\hat{P}_{MUSIC}(f) = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=p+1}^M |e^H(f) \underline{v}_i|^2}$$

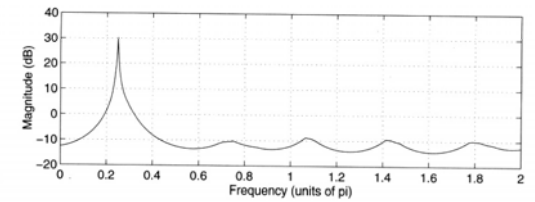
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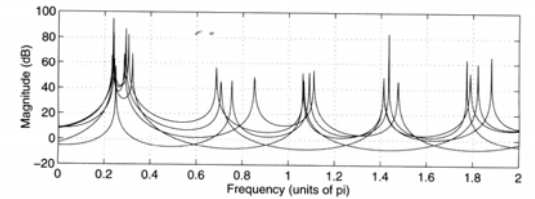
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Example-1



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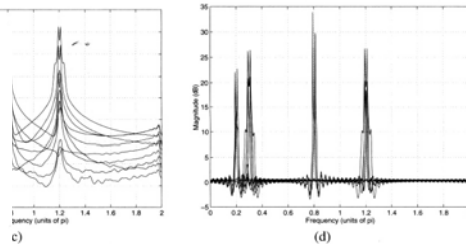
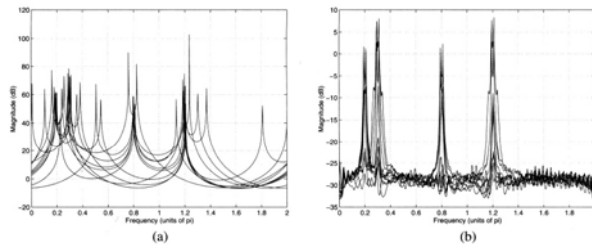


(b)

(Fig.8.31 from M. Hayes Book; examples are for 6x6 correlation matrix estimated from 64-value observations)

Figure 8.31 Frequency estimation functions of a single complex exponential in white noise. (a) The frequency estimation function that uses all of the noise eigenvectors with a weighting $\alpha_i = 1$. (b) An overlay plot of the frequency estimation functions $V_i(e^{j\omega}) = 1/|e^H \underline{v}_i|^2$ that are derived from each noise eigenvector.

Example-2



frequency estimation functions for a process consisting of four complex exponentials (a) the Pisarenko harmonic decomposition, (b) the MUSIC algorithm, (c) and (d) the minimum norm algorithm.

Table 8.10 Noise Subspace Methods for Frequency Estimation

Pisarenko	$\hat{P}_{PHD}(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{1}{ e^{j\omega} \underline{v}_{min} ^2}$
MUSIC	$\hat{P}_{MUSIC}(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=p+1}^M e^{j\omega} \underline{v}_i ^2}$
Eigenvector Method	$\hat{P}_{EVM}(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=p+1}^M \frac{1}{\lambda_i} e^{j\omega} \underline{v}_i ^2}$
Minimum Norm	$\hat{P}_{MN}(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{1}{ e^{j\omega} \underline{a} ^2}$; $\underline{a} = \lambda P_n \underline{u}_1$

(Fig.8.37 & Table 8.10 from M. Hayes Book; overlaying results of 10 realizations with 64 observed signal points each.)