
Adaptive SP & Machine Intelligence

Lecture 4: Subspace Methods for Spectral Estimation

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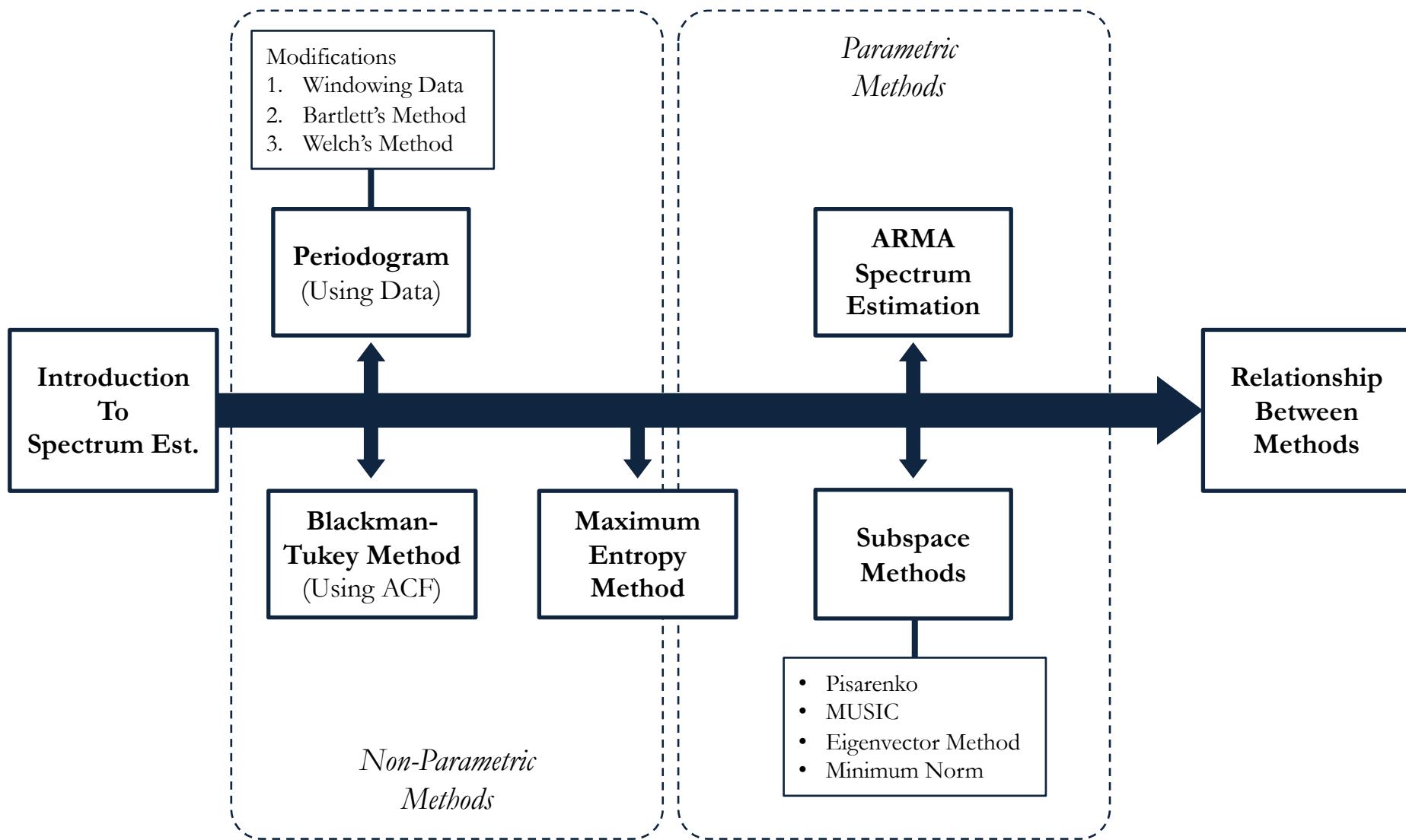


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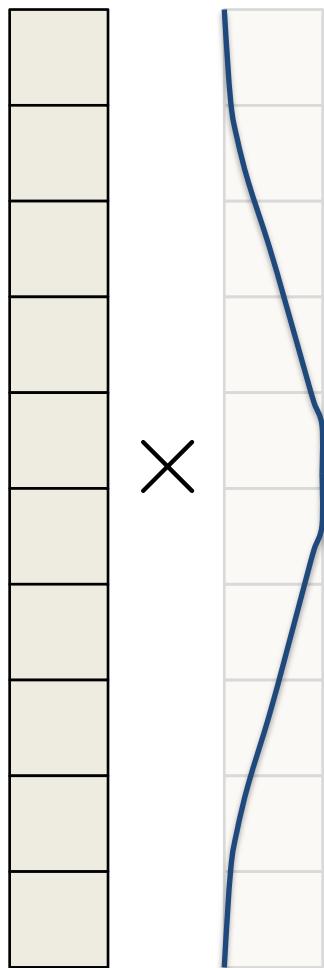
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Overview of Spectral Estimation Methods

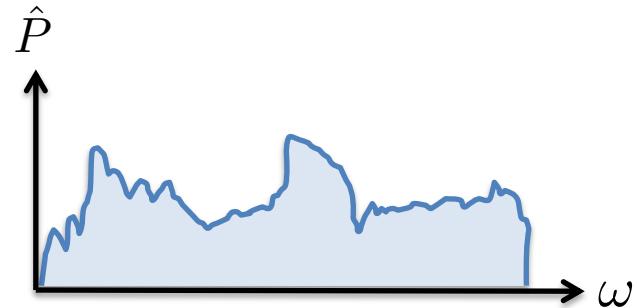


Modified Periodogram

Windowing

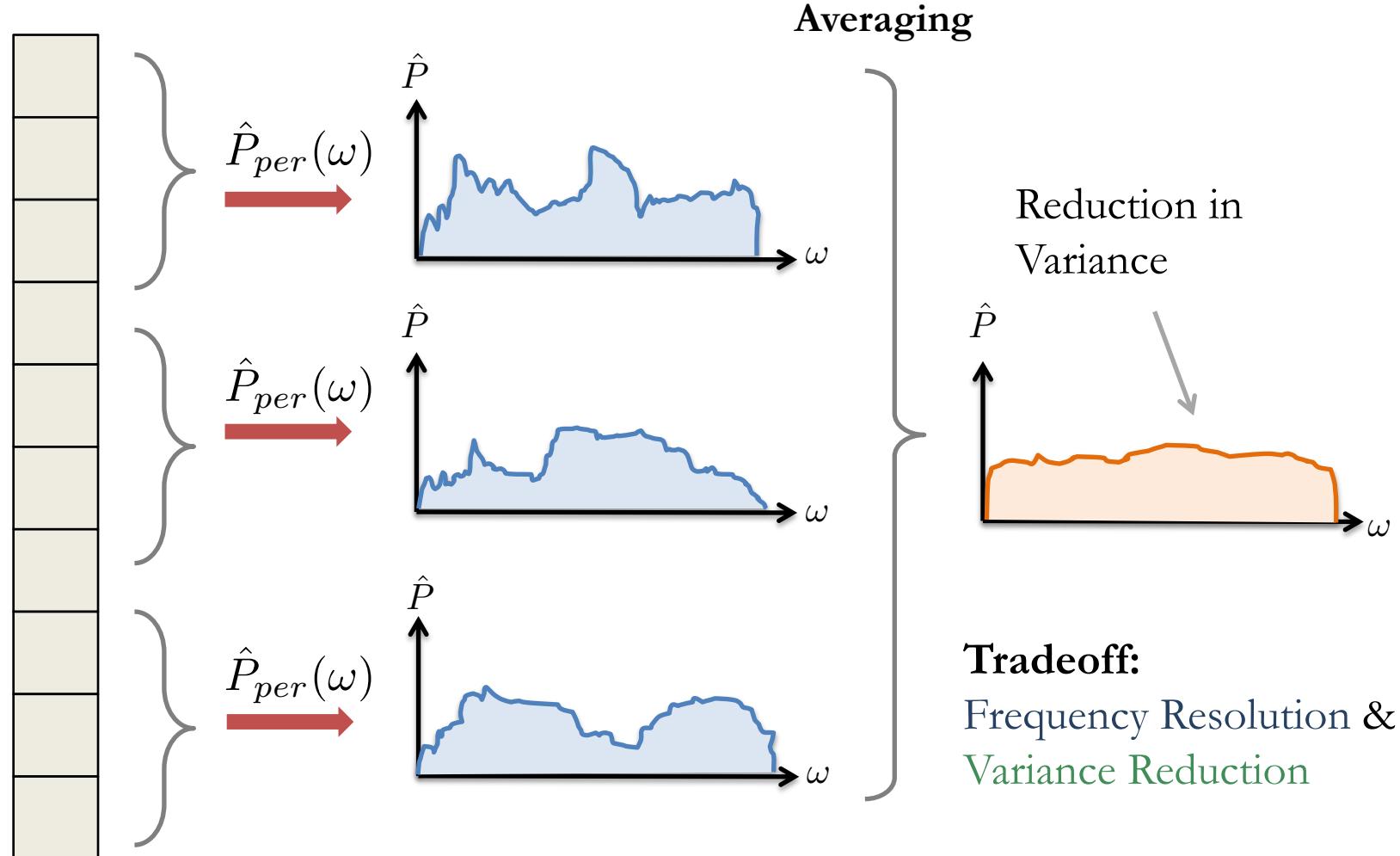


Reduction the
“Edge Effects”



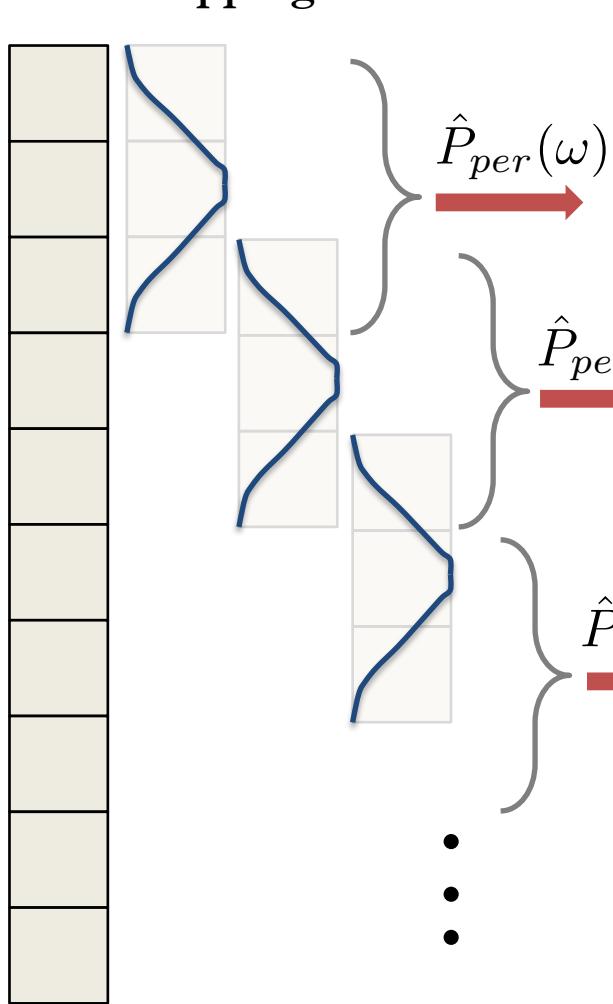
Widowing mitigates the problem of spurious high frequency components in the spectrum.

Bartlett's Method

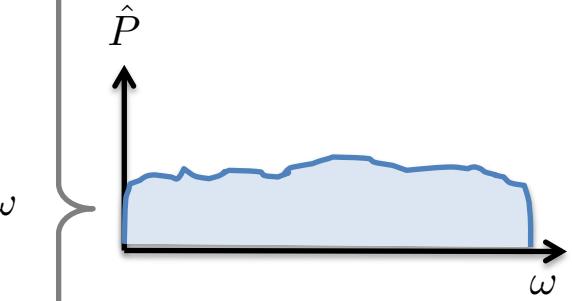


Welch's Method

Overlapping Windows



Averaging



Achieves a good
balance between
Resolution &
Variance

Periodogram Based Methods

Periodogram

$$\hat{P}_{per}(\omega_m) = \frac{1}{N} \left| \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x[k] e^{-j\omega_m k} \right|^2$$

Windowing
Modified Periodogram

$$\hat{P}_{mod}(\omega_m) = \frac{1}{NU} \left| \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} w[k] x[k] e^{-j\omega_m k} \right|^2$$

Averaging
Bartlett's Method

$$\hat{P}_B(\omega_m) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^{K-1} \left| \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x[k+iL] e^{-j\omega_m k} \right|^2$$

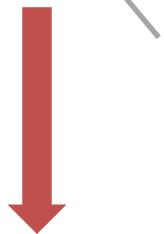
+ Overlapping windows
Welch's Method

$$\hat{P}_W(\omega_m) = \frac{1}{KLU} \sum_{i=0}^{K-1} \left| \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} w[k] x[k+iD] e^{-j\omega_m k} \right|^2$$

Blackman-Tukey Method

The Periodogram
can also be
expressed as:

$$\hat{P}_{per}(\omega_m) = \sum_{k=-N+1}^{N-1} \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{xx}[k] e^{-j\omega_m k}$$



Autocorrelation Estimates
at large lags are **unreliable**

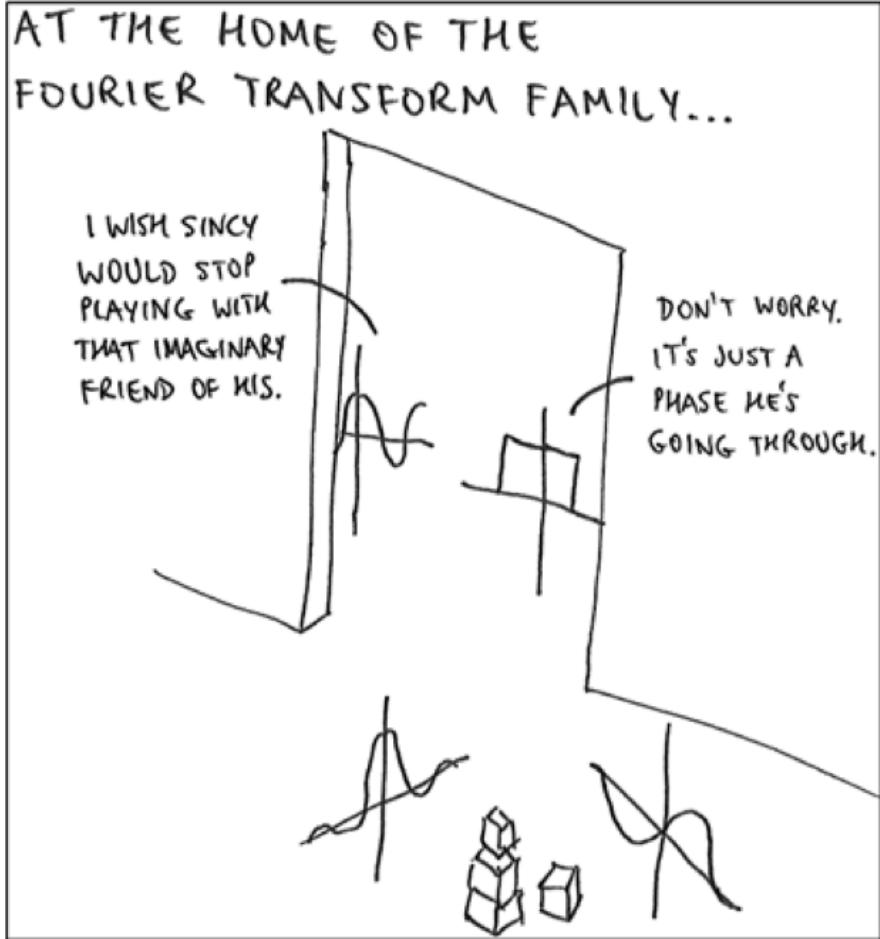
$$\hat{P}_{BT}(\omega_m) = \sum_{k=-M}^M w[k] \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{xx}[k] e^{-j\omega_m k}$$

Lags: $M < N - 1$

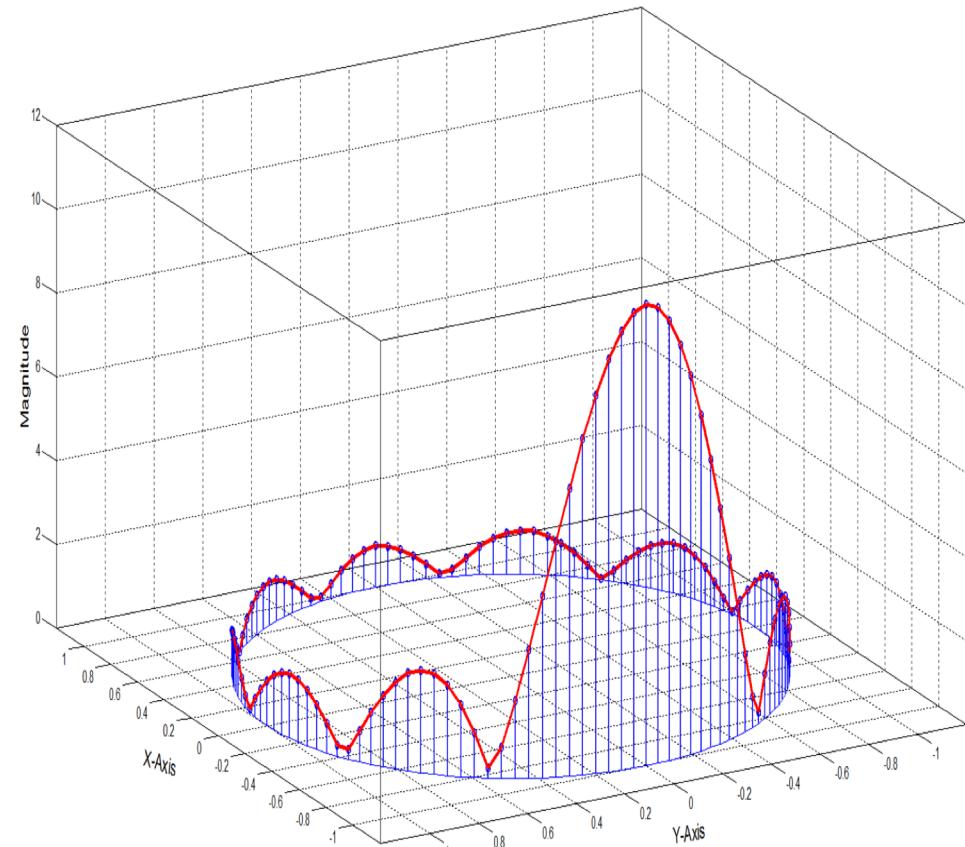
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Next: Can we **extrapolate the autocorrelation** estimates for lags $k > M$?

But, the main problem remains the same ...

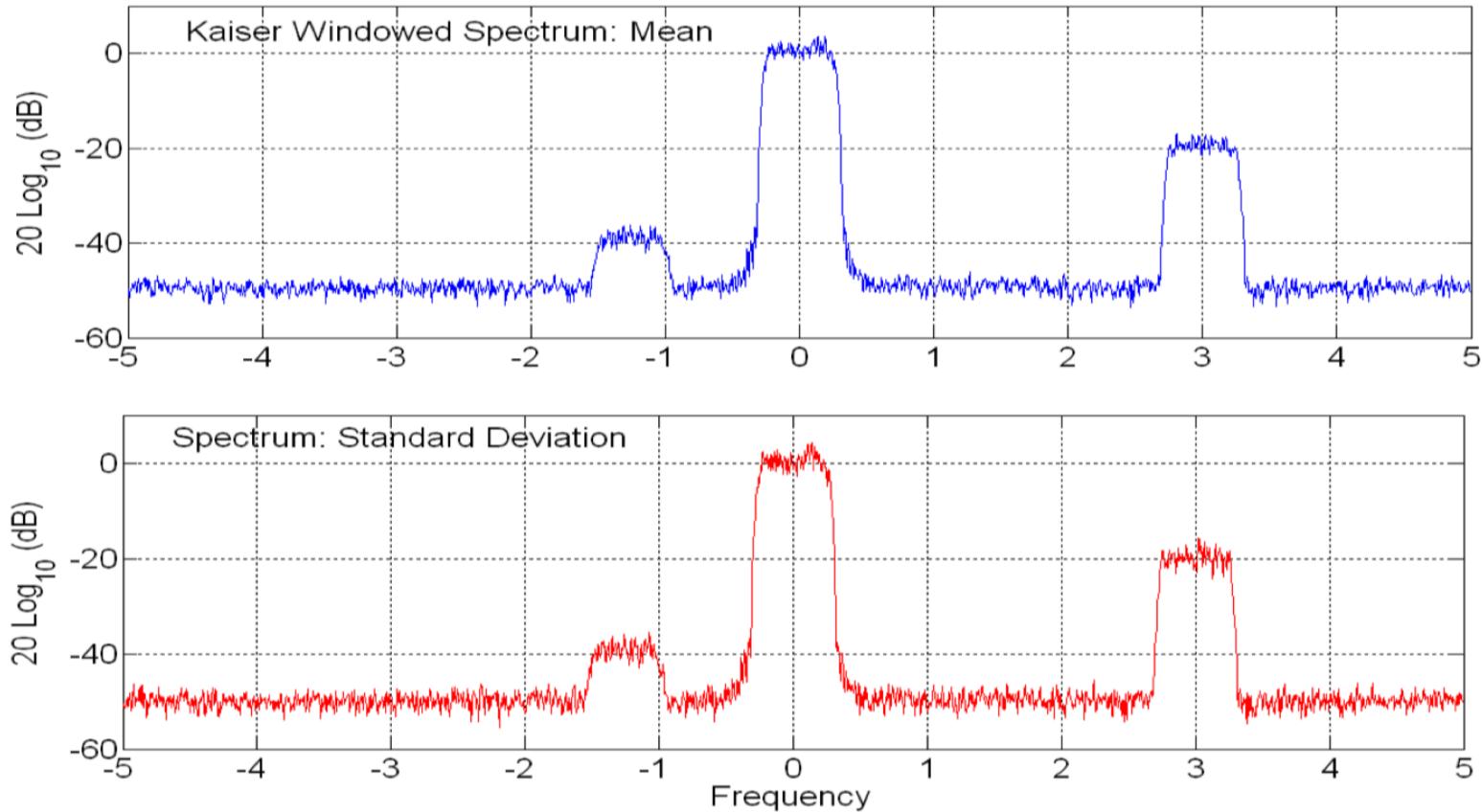


(credit, Fred Harris)



Sinc on a unit circle

Fourier methods yield inconsistent estimates



Spectral estimation as a linear estimation model

Problem: Fitting data $x[n]$ with a linear model with $[N - 1]$ complex sinusoids:

$$\hat{x}[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} w[k] e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N}nk} \quad (1)$$

Eq (1) can be formulated in vector notation as $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{F} \mathbf{w}$, where

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}[0] \\ \hat{x}[1] \\ \hat{x}[2] \\ \hat{x}[3] \\ \vdots \\ \hat{x}[N-1] \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{N} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 & \alpha^3 & \cdots & \alpha^{N-1} \\ 1 & \alpha^2 & \alpha^4 & \alpha^6 & \cdots & \alpha^{2(N-1)} \\ 1 & \alpha^3 & \alpha^6 & \alpha^9 & \cdots & \alpha^{3(N-1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \alpha^{N-1} & \alpha^{2(N-1)} & \alpha^{3(N-1)} & \cdots & \alpha^{(N-1)(N-1)} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{F}} \begin{bmatrix} w[0] \\ w[1] \\ w[2] \\ w[3] \\ \vdots \\ w[N-1] \end{bmatrix}$$

where $\alpha = e^{j\omega} = e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N}}$.

Each column of \mathbf{F} represents a sinusoid with a different frequency.

Spectral estimation as a Least Squares problem

The least squares solution to \mathbf{w} is found by (CW question):

$$\hat{\mathbf{w}} = \underset{\mathbf{w}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \| \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{F}\mathbf{w} \|^2 = \mathbf{F}^H \mathbf{x}$$

$$\implies \text{DFT coefficient at bin } k \text{ is } w[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}nk}$$

What are the properties of the Fourier matrix?

- Is it unitary? ($\mathbf{F}^H \mathbf{F} \stackrel{?}{=} \mathbf{I}$) → Can you prove these properties?
- Is it Hermitian? ($\mathbf{F}^H \stackrel{?}{=} \mathbf{F}$)

What happens if your signal \mathbf{x} cannot be represented as a sum of the uniformly spaced sinusoids?

Example: What if $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \alpha^{\frac{1}{2}} & \alpha^{2\frac{1}{2}} & \dots & \alpha^{(N-1)\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix}^T$?

Incoherent sampling \implies **A limitation of the DFT for a small N.**

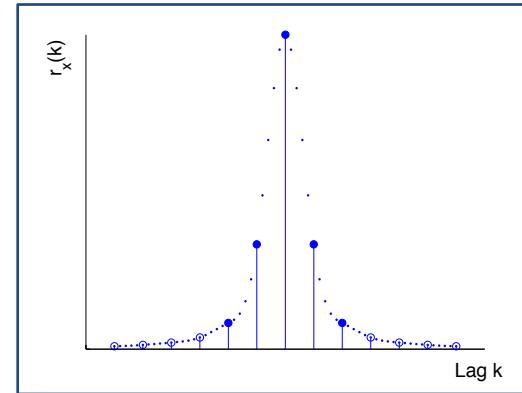
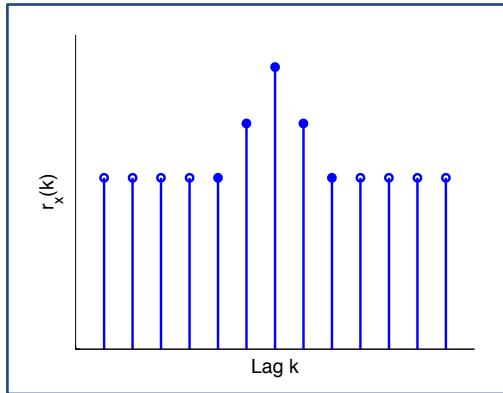
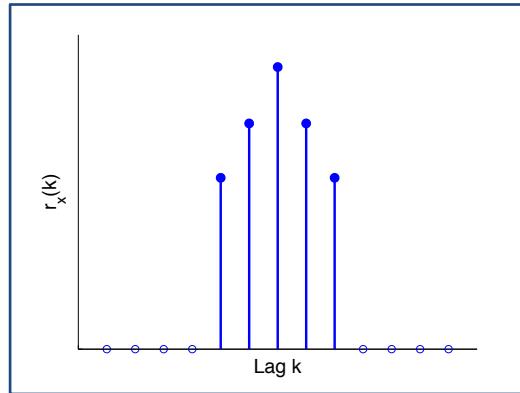
The Maximum Entropy Method: No DFT Legacy

How can we extrapolate the autocorrelation estimates with imposing the least amount of structure on the data?

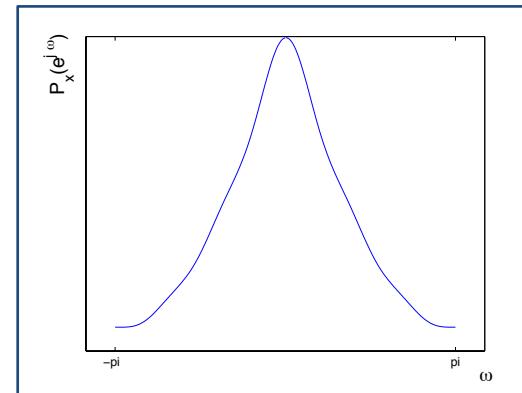
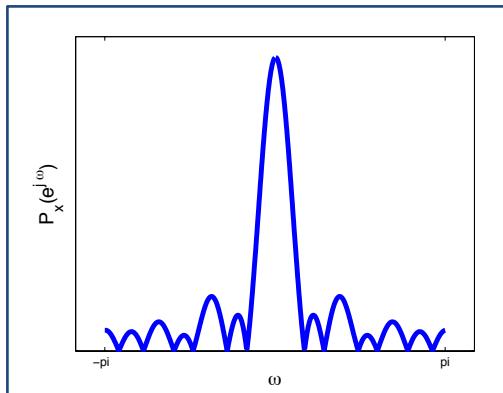
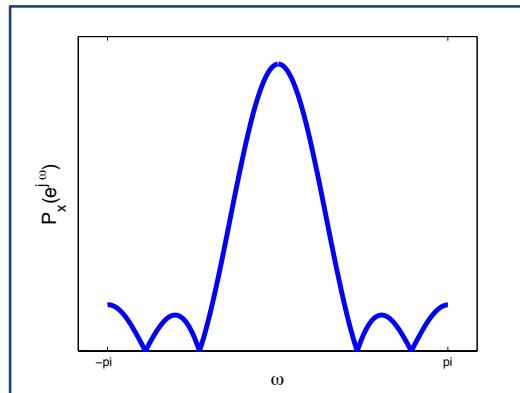
\implies Maximize the randomness \implies **Maximize Entropy**

Which one has the “flattest” PSD?

Autocorrelation Sequences



Power Spectral Density (PSD)



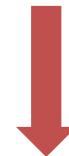
Maximum Entropy Method (MEM)

Entropy of Gaussian random process $x(n)$ with PSD $P_{xx}(\omega)$:

$$H(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \ln P_{xx}(\omega) d\omega$$

Goal: Find extrapolated autocorrelation values $r_e(k)$ to maximize the entropy:

$$\frac{\partial H(x)}{\partial r_e^*(k)} = 0, \text{ for: } |k| > p$$



*Refer to handout
for the full derivation

$$\hat{P}_{mem}(\omega) = \frac{\sigma_w^2}{|1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \hat{a}_k e^{-jk\omega}|^2}$$

Estimated using
the Yule-Walker
Method

The MEM method is **identical to the all-pole AR(p) spectrum** although **no assumptions were made** about the model of the data (except Gaussianity).

MEM, derivation

⇒ for a Gaussian process with a given autocorr. sequence $r_x(k)$ for $|k| \leq p$
the Maximum Entropy Power Spectrum minimises entropy $H(x)$

subject to the constraint that the inverse DFT of $P_{xx}(\omega)$ equals the
given set of autocorrelations for $|k| \leq p$, that is

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} P_{xx}(\omega) e^{jk\omega} d\omega = r_x(k) \quad |k| \leq p$$

The values of $r_e(k)$ that maximize the entropy may be found by setting
the derivative of $H(x)$ wrt $r_e^*(k)$ equal to zero:

$$\frac{\partial H(x)}{\partial r_e^*(k)} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{P_{xx}(\omega)} \frac{\partial P_{xx}(\omega)}{\partial r_e^*} d\omega = 0 \quad |k| > p$$

Notice that $\frac{\partial P_{xx}(\omega)}{\partial r_e^*} = e^{jk\omega} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{P_{xx}(\omega)} e^{jk\omega} d\omega = 0, \quad |k| > p.$

MEM, spectrum

Therefore:

$$Q_{xx}(\omega) = \frac{1}{P_{xx}(\omega)} = \sum_{k=-p}^p q_{xx}(k)e^{-jk\omega}$$

$\Rightarrow \hat{P}_{mem}$ is an all-pole spectrum, given by

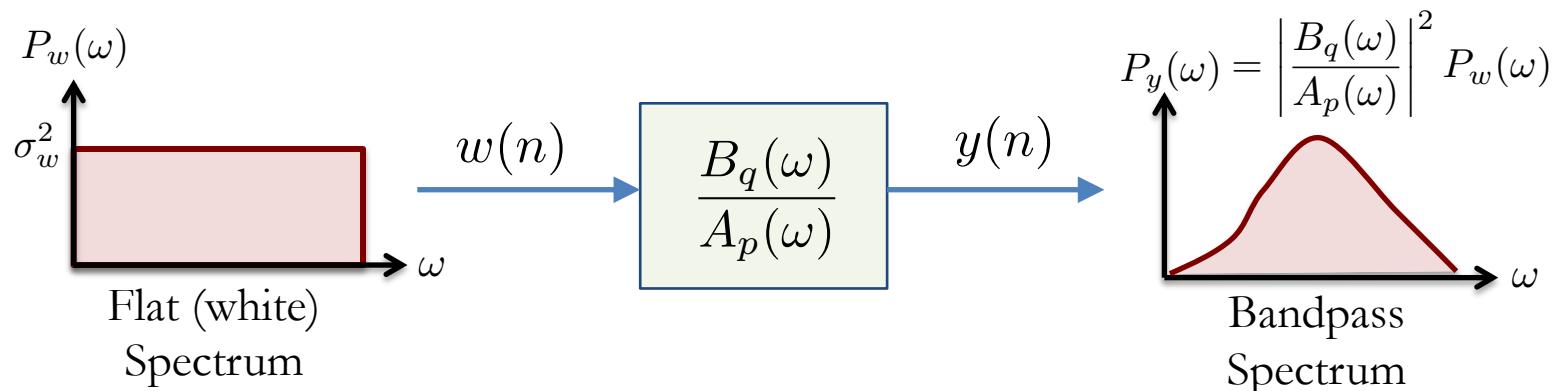
$$\hat{P}_{mem}(\omega) = \frac{|b(0)|^2}{A_p(\omega)A_p^*(\omega)} = \frac{|b(0)|^2}{|1 + \sum_{k=1}^p a_p(k)e^{-jk\omega}|^2}$$

Alternatively

$$\hat{P}_{mem}(\omega) = \frac{|b(0)|^2}{|\mathbf{e}^H \mathbf{a}_p|^2}$$

Coefficients $\mathbf{a}[1, a_p(1), \dots, a_p(p)]^T$ and $b(0)$ are found from the normal equations (Yule–Walker).

MEM power is the same as ARMA power!



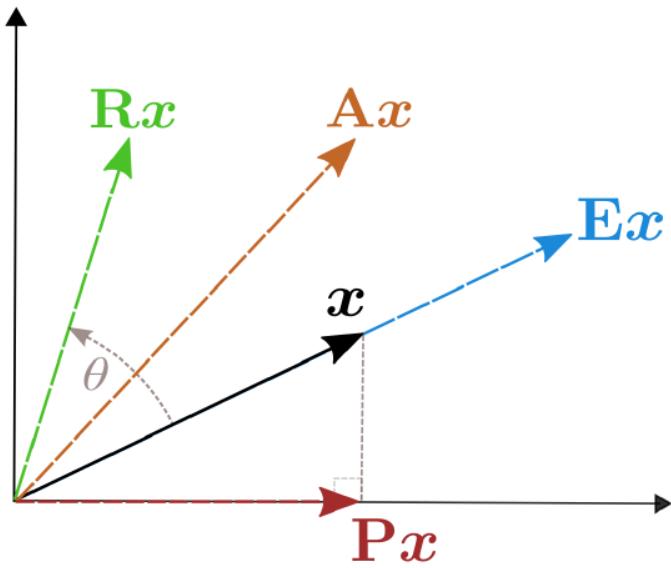
$$y(n) = - \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^p a_k y(n-k)}_{\text{Autoregressive}} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^q b_k w(n-k)}_{\text{Moving Average}}$$

Autoregressive Moving Average
AR(p) MA(q)

$$\hat{P}_{ARMA}(\omega) = \frac{\left| \sum_{k=0}^q \hat{b}_k e^{-jk\omega} \right|^2}{\left| 1 + \sum_{k=1}^p \hat{a}_k e^{-jk\omega} \right|^2}$$

Subspace Methods: Introduction

What is that a matrix does to a vector?



$\mathbf{A} \rightsquigarrow$ any general matrix

$\mathbf{R} \rightsquigarrow$ a rotation matrix ($\mathbf{R}^T = \mathbf{R}^{-1}$ and $\det \mathbf{R} = 1$)

$\mathbf{E}\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x} \rightsquigarrow$ eigenanalysis

$\mathbf{P} \rightsquigarrow$ projection matrix

An example of a rotation matrix

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

Ampli-twist

A matrix \mathbf{A} which multiplies a vector \mathbf{x}

- (i) stretches or shortents the vector
- (ii) rotates the vector

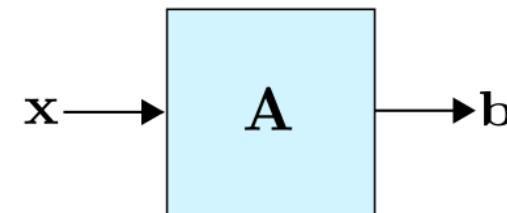
What can we say about the properties of the matrix \mathbf{A} , matrix \mathbf{E} and the projection matrix \mathbf{P} (rank, invertibility, ...)?

Is the projection matrix invertible?

The meaning of eigenanalysis

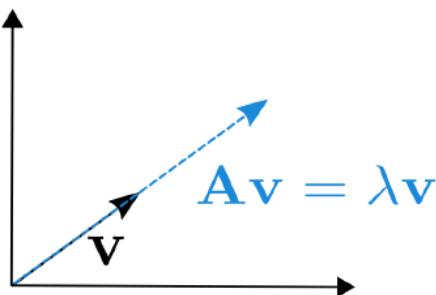
Let \mathbf{A} be an $n \times n$ matrix, where \mathbf{A} is a linear operator on vectors in \mathbb{R}^n , such that $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline \mathbf{A} & | & \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

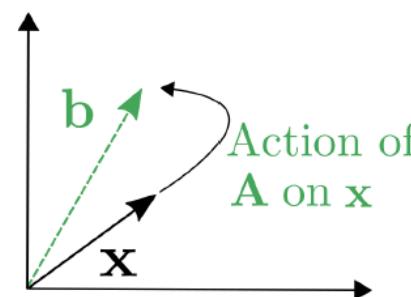


An **eigenvector** of \mathbf{A} is a vector $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{v} = \lambda \mathbf{v}$, where λ is called the corresponding eigenvalue.

Matrix \mathbf{A} only changes the length of \mathbf{v} , not its direction!



Equation $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{v} = \lambda \mathbf{v}$



Equation $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$.

Eigenvalues

For an $n \times n$ matrix \mathbf{A} , its **eigenvalues** are found from the n -th order polynomial in λ defined by

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \lambda \mathbf{x} \quad \Rightarrow \quad (\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{nontrivial solution } \det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0$$

where \mathbf{I} is the $n \times n$ identity matrix and $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ the eigenvalues.

The corresponding n **eigenvectors**, $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$, satisfy $\mathbf{Av} = \lambda \mathbf{v}$ and are generally normalised to have unit norm $\|\mathbf{v}\|_2 = 1$.

For distinct eigenvalues, these eigenvectors are **linearly independent**.

A symmetric matrix is positive definite iff all its eigenvalues are positive

The **Spectral Theorem** allows for a symmetric matrix to be written as

$$\mathbf{A} = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T$$

and the

$$\text{Trace}(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \quad \text{Any connection with signal power?}$$

More about eigenvalues

Let $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$. The characteristic polynomial $\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I})$ is

$$\begin{aligned} p(\lambda) &= \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 - \lambda & -4 \\ -1 & -1 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= (2 - \lambda)(-1 - \lambda) - (-4)(-1) = \lambda^2 - \lambda - 6 = (\lambda - 3)(\lambda + 2) \end{aligned}$$

Thus the **eigenvalues** of \mathbf{A} are $\lambda_1 = 3$ and $\lambda_2 = -2$.

To find **eigenvectors** $\mathbf{v} = [v_1, \dots, v_n]^T$ corresponding to an eigenvalue λ

$$\text{solve } (\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I}) \mathbf{v} = 0 \quad \text{for } \mathbf{v}$$

For $\lambda_1 = 3$ we thus have

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 - 3 & -4 \\ -1 & -1 - 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

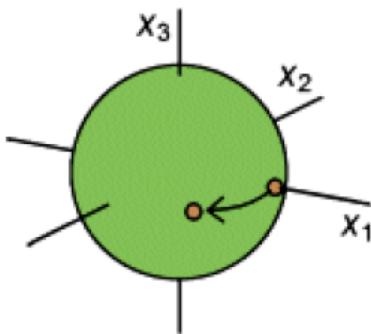
Similarly, for $\lambda_2 = -2$ we have $\mathbf{v}_2 = [1, 1]^T$, and thus $\mathbf{v}_1 \perp \mathbf{v}_2$.

\mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 are **bases of the eigenspace spanned by these vectors**

Eigenanalysis, an intuitive example

A sphere of unit radius is positioned at the centre of a three-dimensional coordinate system. It is rotating about the x_3 axis. This rotation¹ can be described by the matrix

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.707 & 0.707 & 0 \\ -0.707 & 0.707 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



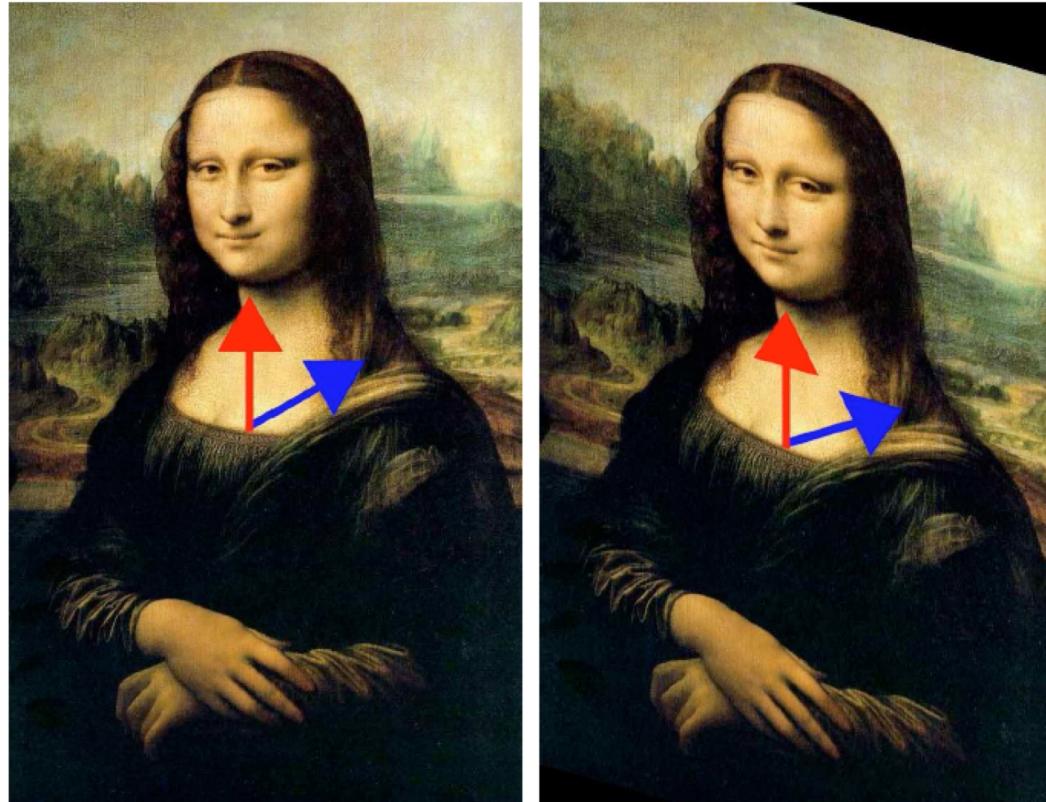
Intuitively, what is the eigenvector of \mathbf{C} ? **Is there a point on the unit sphere that a 45° rotation transforms into a multiple of itself?**

This is the north pole $[0, 0, 1]$ \Rightarrow an eigenvector of \mathbf{C} is the vector $[0, 0, 1]$.

¹By 45° in this case. For example, multiplying \mathbf{C} by the vector $[1, 0, 0]$ yields the vector $[0.707, 0.707, 0]$, which is rotated 45° .

Eigenanalysis, image representation

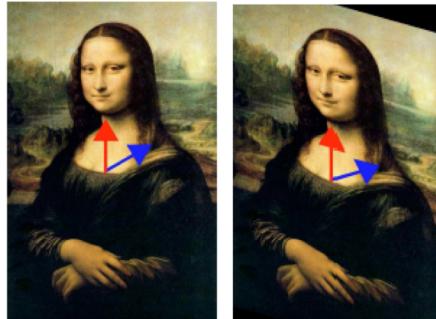
Eigenvector of a transformation \Rightarrow a vector which, in the transformation, is multiplied by a constant factor, called the **eigenvalue of that vector**



The **red** vector is an eigenvector of the transformation, and the **blue** is not

Mona Lisa, finding eigenvectors

The red vector was neither stretched nor compressed \Rightarrow its eigenvalue is 1



Transformation $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Eigenvectors:

$$A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x} \quad \Rightarrow \quad (A - \lambda I)\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$$

For non-trivial solutions $\rightarrow \det(A - \lambda I) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow$

$$\det \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1$$

Finally, eigenvectors for Mona Lisa

We have found $\lambda = 1$, the eigenvalue of matrix \mathbf{A} .

We can now solve for eigenvectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

Substituting $\lambda = 1$ we have

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

where c is an arbitrary constant.

All vectors of this form, pointing straight up or down, are eigenvectors of \mathbf{A}

In general \mathbf{A} will have two distinct eigenvalues, and thus two distinct eigenvectors.

Most vectors will have both their lengths and direction changed by \mathbf{A} whereas eigenvectors will have only their lengths changed.

Dynamical systems and eigenanalysis

South Ken has two pizza places and $N \rightarrow \infty$ of pizza-loving students.

- Suppose that 5000 people buy one pizza each every week.

Tony's Pizza place has the better pizza and 80% of people who buy pizza each week at Tony's return the following week. Mike's Pizza does not have a good sauce and only 40% of the customers return the following week.

We can represent this situation by a discrete dynamical system

$$\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}_n \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 & 0.6 \\ 0.2 & 0.4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let us start from $\mathbf{x}_0 = [2500, 2500]^T$, then we have

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3500 \\ 1500 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3700 \\ 1300 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3740 \\ 1260 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 3748 \\ 1252 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{x}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 3750 \\ 1250 \end{bmatrix}$$

Also $\mathbf{x}_6 = \dots = \mathbf{x}^* = \dots = \mathbf{x}_\infty = [3750, 1250]^T$

Clearly, $\mathbf{x}^* = [3750, 1250]^T$ is the **eigenvector of \mathbf{A} , and $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}^* = \mathbf{x}^*$**

Will Mike closed down – eigenanalysis answers

In Matlab

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[v,lambda] = eig(A) %also look at the demo 'eigshow(A)'
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0.9487 -0.7071
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v =
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0.3162 0.7071
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1.0000 0
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lambda =
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0 0.2000
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↪ $\mathbf{v}_1 = [0.9487, 0.3162]^T$, $\mathbf{v}_2 = [-0.7071, 0.7071]^T$, $\lambda_1 = 1$, $\lambda_2 = 0.2$.

Notice that the elements of \mathbf{v}_1 are related as $3 \div 1$, the same as the ratio of Tony's and Mike's customers

Since $\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{A}^n \mathbf{x}_0 \rightsquigarrow \mathbf{A}_{n \rightarrow \infty}^n = [\mathbf{v}_1 : \mathbf{v}_2]$ ↪ equilibrium!

This is closely related to fixed point theory since \mathbf{A} is a Markov matrix

Spectral estimation as an eigenanalysis problem

Def: A function which remains unchanged when passed through a system, apart from a scaling by a constant, is called an **eigenfunction**, and the scaling constant is called an **eigenvalue**.

For a digital filter with the imp. resp. h_k , the eigenfunction e_k must satisfy

$$\lambda e_k = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} h_i e_{k-i} \quad \text{no general method for deriving } e_k$$

Consider a candidate eigenfunction $e_k = \cos(\omega k)$, then

$$y_k = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} h_i \cos[\omega(k - i)] = \cos(\omega k) \left[\sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} h_i \cos \omega i \right] + \sin(\omega k) \left[\sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} h_i \sin \omega i \right]$$

- Clearly cos comes close, but is not suitable due to the sin terms.
- A sum $a \cos \omega k + b \sin \omega k = c \cos(\omega k + \Phi)$ is therefore not suitable either

On the other hand, for $e^{j\omega k} = \cos \omega k + j \sin \omega k$, we have

$$y_k = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} h_i e^{j\omega(k-i)} = e^{j\omega k} \left[\sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} h_i e^{-j\omega i} \right] = e^{j\omega k} H(\omega) \quad \text{clearly an eigenfunction}$$

Matrix decomposition into rank-1 terms

$$\begin{matrix} \mathbf{X} \\ (I \times J) \end{matrix} \approx \begin{matrix} \lambda_1 \\ \mathbf{a}_1 \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \mathbf{b}_1 \\ \vdots \end{matrix} + \cdots + \begin{matrix} \lambda_R \\ \mathbf{a}_R \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \mathbf{b}_R \\ \vdots \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \mathbf{A} \\ (I \times R) \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \mathbf{\Lambda} \\ (R \times R) \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \mathbf{B}^T \\ (R \times J) \end{matrix}$$

Using SVD, we can decompose any matrix into a sum of “simpler” and “easier to swallow” rank-1 terms. The vectors **a** and **b** can be arranged into the matrices **A** and **B**

The eigenvalues (scaling factors) can be arranged into a diagonal matrix

This gives us the freedom to find **latent variables** in data (more about this at a later stage), and to perform **dimensionality reduction**, as illustrated below

(a)

\mathbf{X} $I \quad J$ $(I \times J)$	\approx $\text{Eigenvector of } \mathbf{XX}^T$ $\downarrow \mathbf{u}_r \quad R$ 	$\text{Rank of } \mathbf{XX}^T$ $\downarrow R$ 	$\text{Eigenvector of } \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}$ $\downarrow \mathbf{v}_r \quad R$
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Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

- Many signal processing, control and machine learning tasks employ multivariate data which often exhibit dependencies and redundancies.
- For example, it is often useful to reduce the dimensionality of a signal while maintaining the useful information.
- This reduces the computational complexity of any algorithm while preserving the physical meaning of the data.
- Besides dimensionality reduction, we often would like to transform the multi-channel data such each channel is orthogonal to each other (the data covariance matrix is diagonal)
- We use the PCA to accomplish this goal → The PCA has been called one of the most valuable results from applied linear algebra.

PCA – derivation

- Consider a general data vector, $\mathbf{x}_k \in \mathbb{C}^{M \times 1}$, with the empirical (sample) covariance matrix defined as

$$\text{cov}(\mathbf{x}_k) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H.$$

- Also, if we define a matrix $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times M}$:

$$\mathbf{X}^T = [\mathbf{x}_1 \quad \mathbf{x}_2 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{x}_N] \implies \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{X}^H \mathbf{X}$$

- The symmetric covariance matrix $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}}$ admits the following eigenvalue decomposition: $\mathbf{Q}^H \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{Q} = \boldsymbol{\Lambda}$
- The diagonal eigenvalue matrix, $\boldsymbol{\Lambda} = \text{diag}\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_M\}$, indicates the power of each component of \mathbf{x}_k .
- The matrix of eigenvectors, $\mathbf{Q}_r = [\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \dots, \mathbf{q}_M]$, designates the principal directions of the data.

PCA as a prewhitening transform

- Suppose \mathbf{x}_k is to be transformed into a vector, $\mathbf{u}_k \in \mathbb{C}^{M \times 1}$, using a linear transformation matrix \mathbf{W} , so that

$$\mathbf{u}_k = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}_k, \quad \text{where} \quad \text{cov}(\mathbf{u}_k) = \mathbf{I}.$$

- The PCA states that $\mathbf{W} = \Lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{Q}^H$ can be obtained from the eigenvector and eigenvalue matrices.
- Proof:

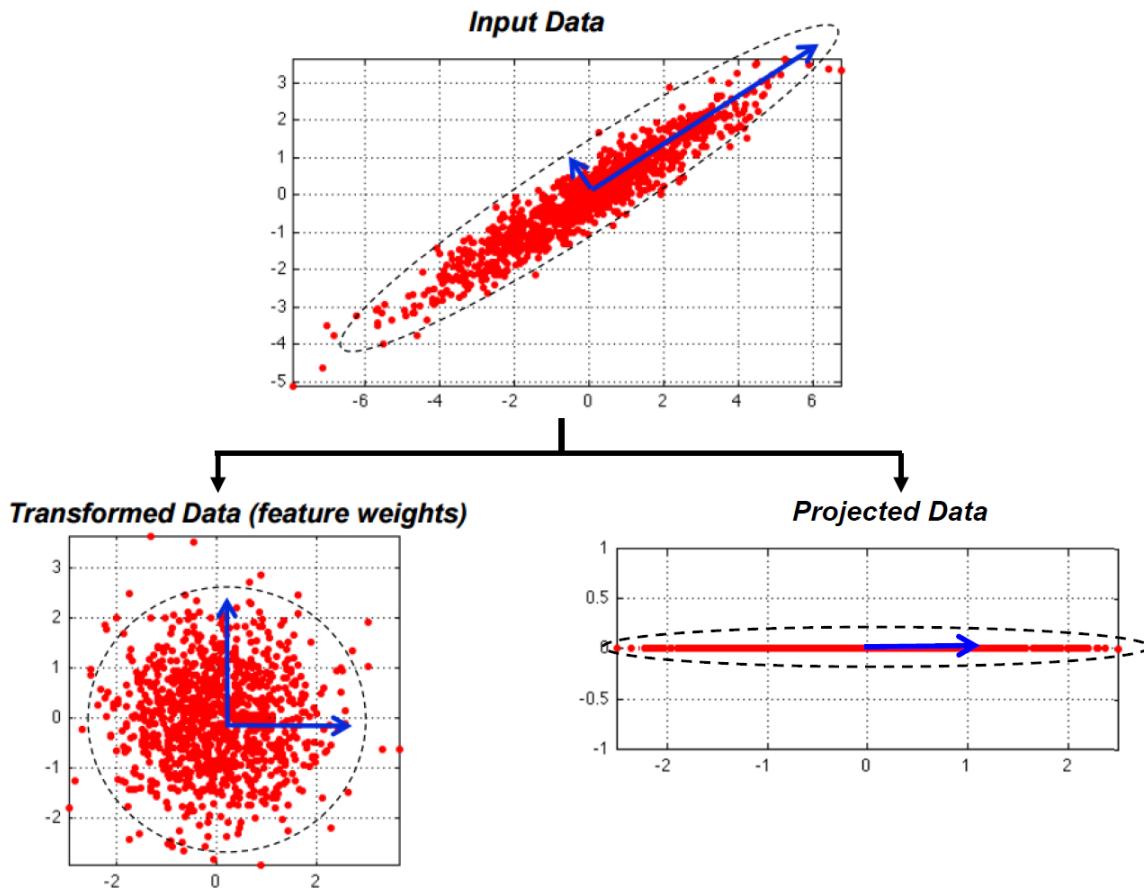
$$\begin{aligned}\text{cov}(\mathbf{u}_k) &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \mathbf{u}_k \mathbf{u}_k^H \\ &= \Lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{Q}^H \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H \right) \mathbf{Q} \Lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \Lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{Q}^H \mathbf{R}_x \mathbf{Q} \Lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \mathbf{I}.\end{aligned}$$

PCA – dimensionality reduction

- PCA selects the **directions in which the data expresses the maximal variance**, that is, the directions of the principal eigenvectors of the data matrix.
- If we choose the r -leading principal components, $r < M$, we can reduce the dimensionality of the data onto the axes which exhibit the r -largest variances.
- To perform dimensionality reduction, the PCA can be applied to obtain the transformed data vector $\mathbf{u}_{r,k} \in \mathbb{C}^r$ with dimensions $r < M$ as

$$\mathbf{u}_{r,k} = \mathbf{W}_r \mathbf{x}_k = \Lambda_{1:r}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{Q}_{1:r}^T \mathbf{x}_k$$

- The PCA matrix \mathbf{W}_r can be interpreted as a projection matrix as we are unable to recover \mathbf{x}_k from the “reduced” data vector $\mathbf{u}_{r,k}$.



Back to spectral estimation – general bases

Consider a signal $\mathbf{x} = [x_1 \ x_2 \ \dots \ x_M]^T \in \mathbb{C}^{M \times 1}$. It can be represented with a different basis using

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{w}$$

where $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{C}^{M \times 1}$. The matrix $\mathbf{F} \in \mathbb{C}^{M \times M}$ can represent many different representations

- **Fourier basis:** Columns of \mathbf{F} are sinusoids with different frequencies.
- **Wavelet basis:** Columns of \mathbf{F} are wavelets.
- **Principal Component Analysis (PCA):** Rows of \mathbf{F} are the eigenvectors of the covariance matrix of \mathbf{F} .

There are many other bases to represent signals which reside in a certain subspace of e.g. \mathbb{R}^N or \mathbb{C}^N .

Rank of covariance matrix for sinusoidal data

Consider a single complex sinusoid with no noise

$$z_k = Ae^{j\omega k} = A \cos(\omega k + \phi) + jA \sin(\omega k + \phi)$$

There are two possible representations of the signal: A univariate complex-valued vector or bivariate real-valued matrix:

$$1. \mathbf{z} = [z_0, z_1, \dots, z_{N-1}]^T = A[1, e^{j\omega}, \dots, e^{j(N-1)\omega}]^T \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A\mathbf{e}$$

$$2. \mathbf{Z} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Re}\{\mathbf{z}\} \\ \text{Im}\{\mathbf{z}\} \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \cos(\omega + \phi) & \dots & \cos(\omega(N-1) + \phi) \\ 0 & \sin(\omega + \phi) & \dots & \sin(\omega(N-1) + \phi) \end{bmatrix}^T$$

The corresponding covariance matrices exhibit a very interesting property:

- $\mathbf{C}_{zz} = E\{\mathbf{z}\mathbf{z}^H\} = |A|^2 \mathbf{e}\mathbf{e}^H \rightarrow \text{Rank} = 1.$
- $\mathbf{C}_{ZZ} = E\{\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{Z}^T\} \rightarrow \text{Rank} = 2.$

What would happen with p sinusoids?

Principal Components Spectral Estimation

- PCA can be applied to the **autocorrelation matrix** of a univariate time series to find orthogonal directions of maximal variance, also known as **Singular Spectrum Analysis**.
 - PCA **can also be used with Blackman–Tukey, maximum entropy method and AR spectrum estimation.**

The diagram illustrates the decomposition of the covariance matrix \mathbf{R}_{xx} into Signal and Noise components.

Signal:

$$\mathbf{R}_{xx} = (\lambda_1^s + \sigma_w^2) \mathbf{V}_1 \quad \cdots + \cdots \quad (\lambda_p^s + \sigma_w^2) \mathbf{V}_p$$

Noise:

$$\sigma_w^2 \mathbf{V}_{p+1} \quad \cdots + \cdots \quad \sigma_w^2 \mathbf{V}_M$$

A bracket labeled "Signal" covers the first p terms, and a bracket labeled "Noise" covers the remaining terms. A red box contains the question: "Can we de-noise the signal by discarding the noise eigenvectors?" An arrow points from the red box to the noise term $\sigma_w^2 \mathbf{V}_M$.

$$\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{xx} \approx \hat{\mathbf{R}}_s = \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{v}_i^H$$

Linear Algebra terms: We impose a rank p constraint on \mathbf{R}_{xx}

Can we de-noise the signal by
discarding the noise eigenvectors?
 $[\mathbf{v}_{p+1}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_M]$

Subspace Methods for Spectral Estimation

- Eigenanalysis can be applied to the **autocorrelation matrix** of a univariate time series to find orthogonal directions of maximal variance, also known as **Singular Spectrum Analysis (SSA)**.
- Consider $x(n) = A_1 e^{jn\omega_1} + w(n)$

$$A_1 = |A_1|e^{j\Phi} \quad w(n) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_w^2)$$

- On vector notation: $\mathbf{x} = A_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{w}$

$$\mathbf{x} = [x(0), x(1), \dots, x(M-1)]^T$$
$$\mathbf{e}_1 = [1, e^{j\omega_1}, \dots, e^{j\omega_1(M-1)}]^T$$



Autocorrelation: $E(\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^H) = \mathbf{R}_{xx} = \underbrace{|A_1|^2 \mathbf{e}_1 \mathbf{e}_1^H}_{\mathbf{R}_s} + \underbrace{\sigma_w^2 \mathbf{I}}_{\mathbf{R}_n}$

Signal Autocorrelation

Rank 1

Single non-zero Eigenvalue = $M|A_1|^2$

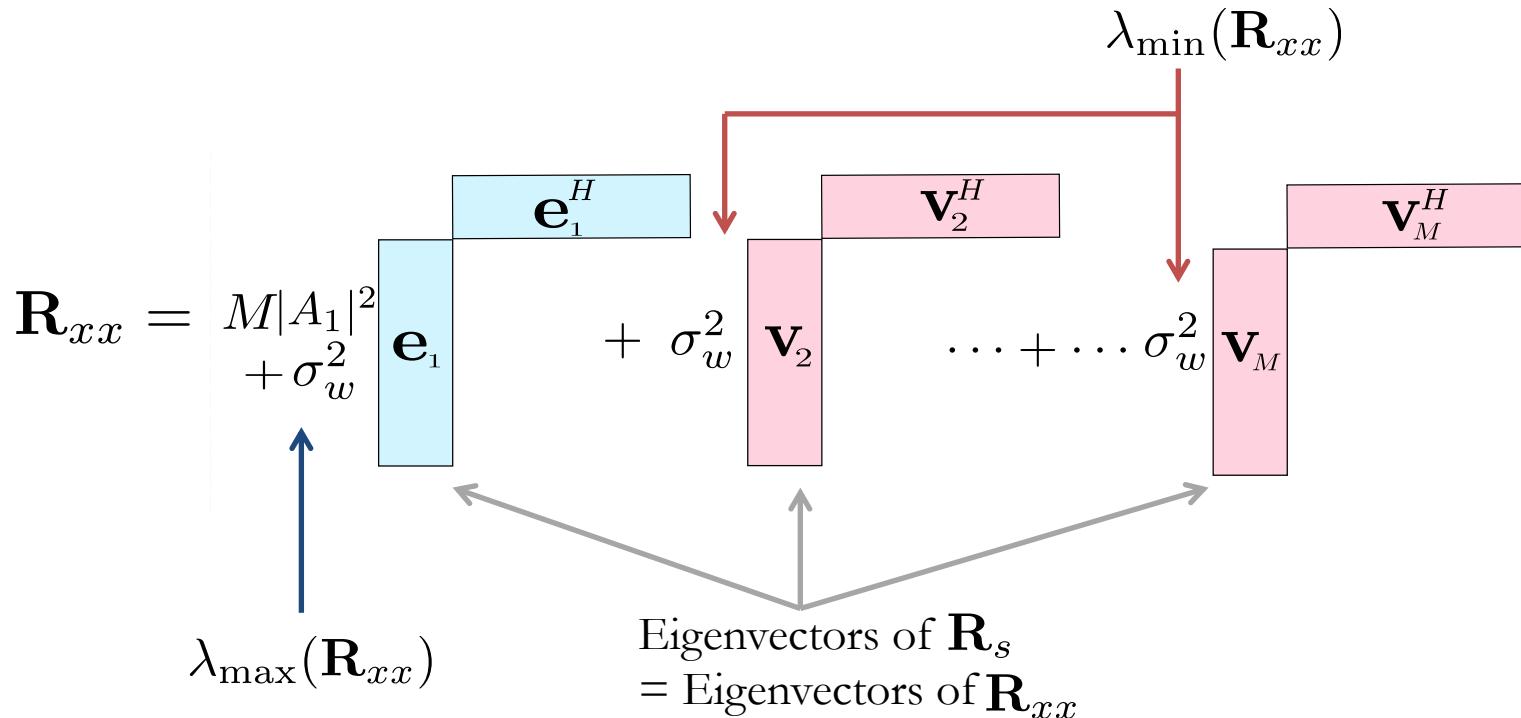
Noise Autocorrelation

Rank M

All Eigenvalues = σ_w^2

Decomposing the Autocorrelation Matrix

- $\mathbf{R}_s = |A_1|^2 \mathbf{e}_1 \mathbf{e}_1^H$ is Hermitian.
- Remaining M-1 eigenvectors are orthogonal $\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{e}_1^H \mathbf{v}_i = 0, i = 2, \dots, M$



Can we use the idea that $\mathbf{e}_1^H \mathbf{v}_i = 0$, to somehow estimate the power spectrum?

Multiple Sinusoids

Consider the signal $x(n) = A_1 e^{jn\omega_1} + A_2 e^{jn\omega_2} + w(n)$

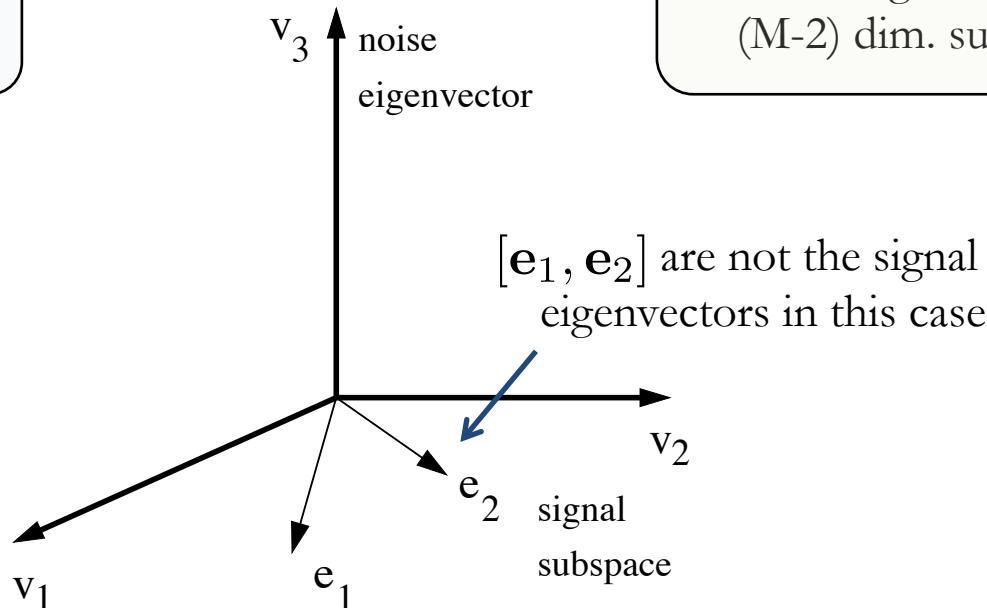
$$\mathbf{R}_{xx} = \mathbf{E}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{E}^H + \sigma_w^2 \mathbf{I}$$

$$\mathbf{E} = [\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2], \mathbf{P} = \text{diag}(|A_1|^2, |A_2|^2)$$

The first 2 eigenvalues of \mathbf{R}_{xx} are $\lambda_i^s + \sigma_w^2$
The remaining are σ_w^2

Rank 2

- Signal eigenvectors span a 2D subspace
- Noise eigenvectors span a (M-2) dim. subspace



Subspace Methods

Extending to p sinusoids: $\mathbf{R}_{xx} = \mathbf{E}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{E}^H + \sigma_w^2 \mathbf{I}$

$$\mathbf{E} = [\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_p], \mathbf{P} = \text{diag}(|A_1|^2, \dots, |A_p|^2)$$

Using $\mathbf{e}_i^H \mathbf{v}_k = 0 \quad \begin{cases} i = 1, \dots, p \\ k = p+1, \dots, M \end{cases}$

\implies PSD estimation can be performed as: $\hat{P}_{sub}(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=p+1}^M \alpha_i |\mathbf{e}^H \mathbf{v}_i|^2}$

Pisarenko Harmonic Decomposition

$$\hat{P}_{PHD}(\omega) = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{e}^H \mathbf{v}_{\min}|^2}$$

MULTiple Signal Classification (MUSIC)

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

EigenVector Method

$$\hat{P}_{EV}(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=p+1}^M \frac{1}{\lambda_i} |\mathbf{e}^H \mathbf{v}_i|^2}$$

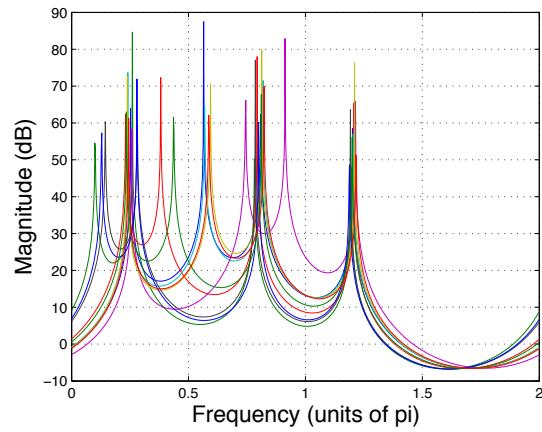
Minimum Norm Method

$$\hat{P}_{MN}(\omega) = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{e}^H \mathbf{a}|^2}$$

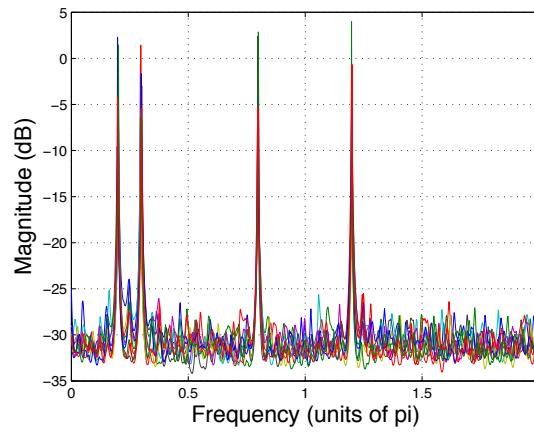
$\mathbf{a} \in$ Noise Subspace & has min. norm

Comparison of the 4 Subspace Methods

Pisarenko



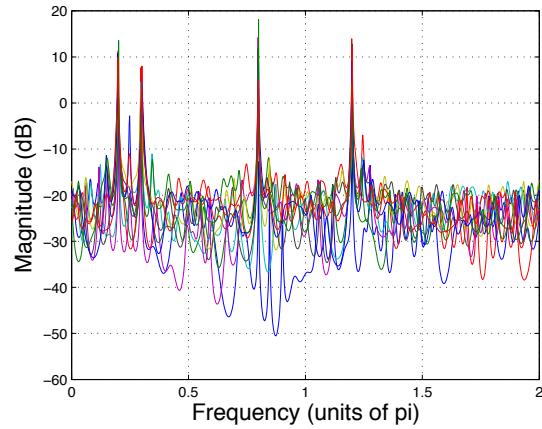
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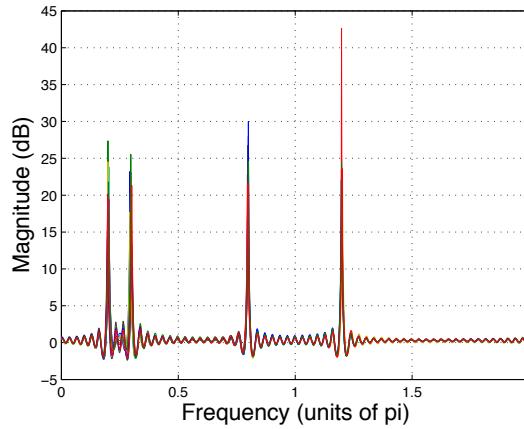
Overlay of 10 different realizations of 4 complex sinusoids in white noise.



EigenVector



Minimum Norm



Pisarenko only needs a 5×5 correlation matrix

A 64×64 correlation matrix was used for other methods

Except for Pisarenko's method, all other estimates are correct!

Summary of the Different Methods

