

BSP 2021-2022/1 - Assignment 04

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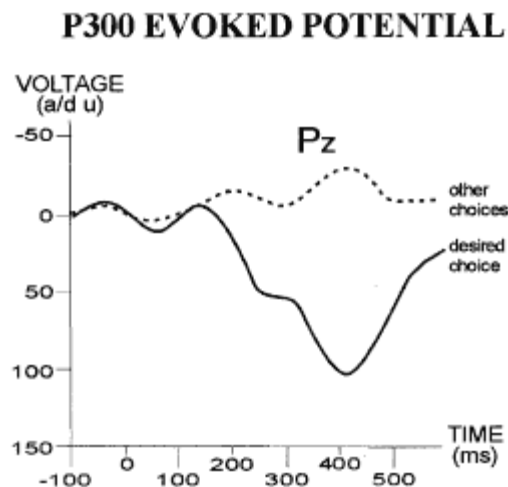
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The P300, "oddball" paradigm

Watch the video: [link to video](#)

Protocol: in a sequence standard and deviant tones are played for the participant. The deviant sound is different in frequency and amplitude. The listener has to push a button when a deviant sound is detected.

The P300 evoked potential is a positive response (mind the axes below) on the EEG signal at 300 ms, corresponding to the anticipation of the deviant tone.



However, we do know that EEG signals are extremely noisy, as we are working with very low-amplitude signals. For this reason, a single measurement cannot detect this change. In the protocol the EEG response is recorded multiple times, and a synchronized averaging is performed on the 'standard' and 'deviant' measurements.

The signal

The data contains 3 columns:

1. BNC - the sound tones

2. EEG
3. the button pushes

The measurement started at 178 s after the recording was turned on. Cut the first 178 s from all 3 columns, and plot the spectrum of the EEG signal, if the sampling frequency was 2 kHz.

```
clear all
load BSP_P300.mat
fs = 2000; % Hz
% cropping of the data
important_start = 178*1000;
data = data(important_start:end,:);
Ns = size(data,1); % number of samples

BNC = data(:,1);
EEG = data(:,2);
Button = data(:,3);

% time array
t = linspace(0,(Ns-1)/fs,Ns) ;
% frequency array
f = linspace(0,fs/2,Ns/2) ;
% Spectrum of the EEG signal
fEEG = fft(EEG);
fEEG = abs(fEEG(1:Ns/2));
figure
plot(f,fEEG )
xlabel('frequency (Hz)')
ylabel('spectrum')
```

(1 mark)

Question 1

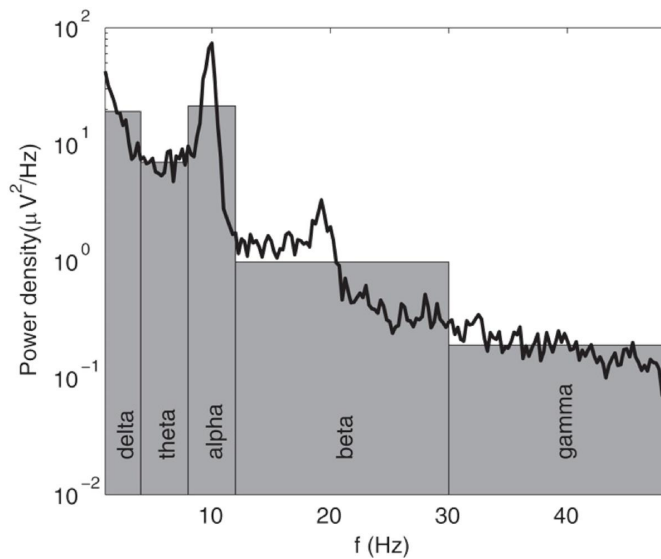
Inspect the plotted spectrum. Explain, what can be seen at 50 Hz, 100 Hz, 150 Hz, etc.

At 50 Hz it's clear that data nearly ends noise emerges after 50 Hz. As we can see at 100Hz, 150 Hz there are noises. We are going to filter that part on next one.

(1 mark)

Prefiltering of the signal

Here you can see the characteristic spectrum of an EEG signal.



It is visible that all important EEG information is stored in the <50Hz range. Design a butterworth LPF for eliminating any higher frequency noise.

```
fc = 50;
[b,a] = butter(9,fc/(fs/2),'low');
% Inspect the Bode diagram of the filter
figure
freqz(b,a,fs,fs);

% use filtfilt to avoid signal delay
EEG_prefilt = filtfilt(b,a,EEG);
fEEG_prefilt = fft(EEG_prefilt);
fEEG_prefilt = abs(fEEG_prefilt(1:Ns/2));

figure
alpha = mean(fEEG_prefilt(8:14));
beta = mean(fEEG_prefilt(14:30));
teta = mean(fEEG_prefilt(4:8));
delta = mean(fEEG_prefilt(1:4));
gama = mean(fEEG_prefilt(30:50));

plot(f(1:4),delta,f(4:8),teta,f(8:14),alpha,f(14:30),beta,f(30:50),gama)
hold on
plot(f,fEEG_prefilt(1:round(Ns/2)))
xlabel('frequency (Hz)')
ylabel('spectrum')
```

(1 mark)

Question 2

What is the phase response of the filter defined by 'b' and 'a'?

```
ba_response = "non-linear phase"
```

What is the phase response of the filtering, using the `filtfilt()` function?

```
filtfilt_response = "zero-phase"
```

If a 100 Hz component has a magnitude of 0.1 uV, what will be its amplitude after filtering?

```
dampened_magnitude = 0.1*filter(b,a,fEEG_prefilt(100));
```

(2 marks)

Separating the deviant and standard tones

The deviant tones have an amplitude above 0.5 V, while standard tones are peaking between 0.37 - 0.39 V.

```
figure
plot(t,BNC)
xlabel('time (s)')
ylabel('V')

%finding all the peaks
[pks, locs] = findpeaks(BNC, 'MinPeakHeight',0.2, "MinPeakDistance",0.5*fs);
hold on
plot(t(locs),pks, 'k*')

% picking only the higher amplitude, deviant peaks
dev_locs = locs(pks> 0.5);
dev_pks = pks(pks>0.5);
plot(t(dev_locs),dev_pks, 'r*')

% picking only the lower amplitude, standard peaks
std_locs = locs(pks< 0.39);
std_pks = pks(pks<0.39);
plot(t(std_locs),std_pks, 'g*')
```

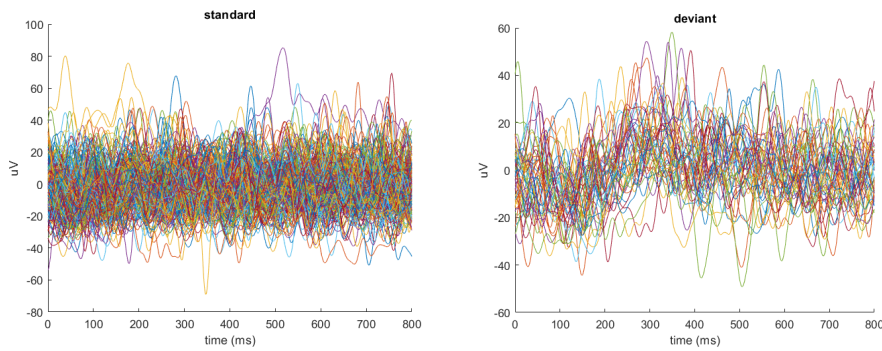
(1 mark)

Averaging the deviant and standard EEG snippets

The tones located above signal the onset, '0 s' for the P300 signal. These will help us to do the synchronized averaging, this is the 'synchronous event'.

Use the `std_locs` and `dev_locs` arrays for finding the corresponding `EEG_prefilt` snippets. Cut 800 ms sections of the `EEG_prefilt` signal.

Without averaging, the segments look like this:



For showing the P300 shift properly, these segments will have to be averaged.

```
% number of samples in 800 ms-long recording
Np300 = .;
```

Invalid use of operator.

```
% averaging the standard EEG responses
EEG_std = zeros(Np300,1);
% this might actually be multiple lines...
```

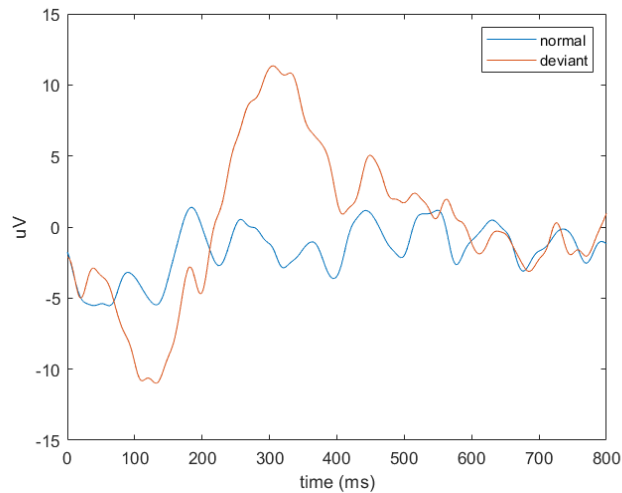
```
% averaging the deviant EEG responses
EEG_dev = zeros(Np300,1);
% this might actually be multiple lines...
```

```
t_short = linspace(0,Np300/fs,Np300);
```

```
figure
plot(t_short*1000,EEG_std)
hold on
plot(t_short*1000,EEG_dev)
legend('normal','deviant')
xlabel('time (ms)')
ylabel('uV')
title('filtered')
```

(2 marks)

Ideally you should see on the output something similar:



Repeat the previous section with the unfiltered EEG signal. Plot the result.

```
% averaging the standard EEG responses
EEG_std_unf = zeros(Np300,1);
% this might actually be multiple lines...

% averaging the deviant EEG responses
EEG_dev_unf = zeros(Np300,1);
% this might actually be multiple lines...

t_short = linspace(0,Np300/fs,Np300);

figure
plot(t_short*1000,EEG_std_unf)
hold on
plot(t_short*1000,EEG_dev_unf)
legend('normal','deviant')
xlabel('time (ms)')
ylabel('uV')
title('unfiltered')
```

Question 3

Remember the conditions of synchronized averaging. What noise component is causing the difference between the two previous plots? Give an explanation.

It is because of 50Hz city line electricity. When we measure while we are connected to power line it's expected to see noise.

Where is the noise dampening stronger? In the averaged deviant, or standard signal? Why?

(2 marks)

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