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# **Basic Definitions and The Spectral Estimation Problem**

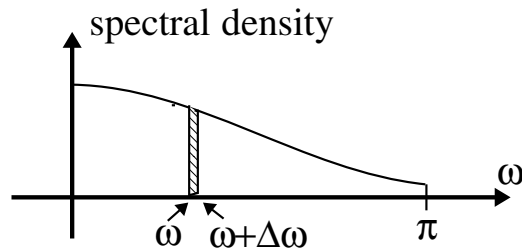
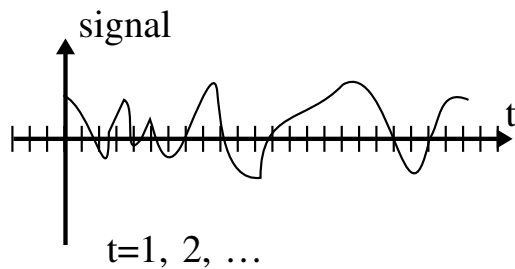
## Lecture 1

# Informal Definition of Spectral Estimation

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**Given:** A finite record of a signal.

**Determine:** The distribution of signal power over frequency.



$\omega$  = (angular) frequency in radians/(sampling interval)

$f$  =  $\omega/2\pi$  = frequency in cycles/(sampling interval)

# Applications

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## Temporal Spectral Analysis

- Vibration monitoring and fault detection
- Hidden periodicity finding
- Speech processing and audio devices
- Medical diagnosis
- Seismology and ground movement study
- Control systems design
- Radar, Sonar

## Spatial Spectral Analysis

- Source location using sensor arrays

# Deterministic Signals

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$\{y(t)\}_{t=-\infty}^{\infty}$  = discrete-time deterministic data sequence

If:  $\sum_{t=-\infty}^{\infty} |y(t)|^2 < \infty$

Then: 
$$Y(\omega) = \sum_{t=-\infty}^{\infty} y(t)e^{-i\omega t}$$

exists and is called the **Discrete-Time Fourier Transform (DTFT)**

# Energy Spectral Density

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## Parseval's Equality:

$$\sum_{t=-\infty}^{\infty} |y(t)|^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} S(\omega) d\omega$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} S(\omega) &\triangleq |Y(\omega)|^2 \\ &= \text{Energy Spectral Density} \end{aligned}$$

We can write

$$S(\omega) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \rho(k) e^{-i\omega k}$$

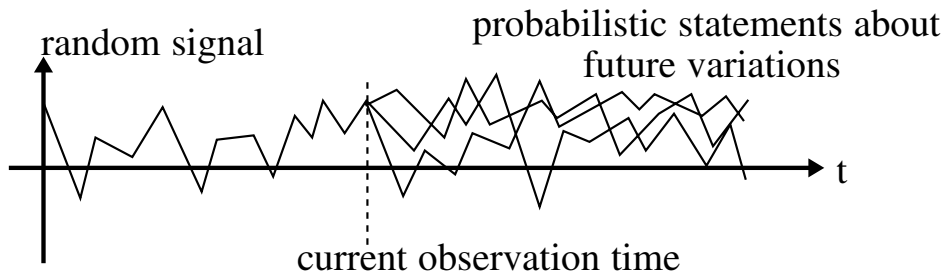
where

$$\rho(k) = \sum_{t=-\infty}^{\infty} y(t) y^*(t - k)$$

# Random Signals

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## Random Signal



Here: 
$$\sum_{t=-\infty}^{\infty} |y(t)|^2 = \infty$$

But:

$$E \{ |y(t)|^2 \} < \infty$$

$E \{ \cdot \}$  = Expectation over the ensemble of realizations

$E \{ |y(t)|^2 \}$  = Average power in  $y(t)$

PSD = (Average) power spectral density

## First Definition of PSD

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$$\phi(\omega) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} r(k) e^{-i\omega k}$$

where  $r(k)$  is the **autocovariance sequence (ACS)**

$$r(k) = E \{y(t)y^*(t - k)\}$$

$$r(k) = r^*(-k), \quad r(0) \geq |r(k)|$$

Note that

$$r(k) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \phi(\omega) e^{i\omega k} d\omega \quad (\text{Inverse DTFT})$$

**Interpretation:**

$$r(0) = E \{|y(t)|^2\} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \phi(\omega) d\omega$$

so

$\phi(\omega) d\omega =$  infinitesimal signal power in the band  
 $\omega \pm \frac{d\omega}{2}$

## Second Definition of PSD

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$$\phi(\omega) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} E \left\{ \frac{1}{N} \left| \sum_{t=1}^N y(t) e^{-i\omega t} \right|^2 \right\}$$

Note that

$$\phi(\omega) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} E \left\{ \frac{1}{N} |Y_N(\omega)|^2 \right\}$$

where

$$Y_N(\omega) = \sum_{t=1}^N y(t) e^{-i\omega t}$$

is the finite DTFT of  $\{y(t)\}$ .



## Properties of the PSD

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**P1:**  $\phi(\omega) = \phi(\omega + 2\pi)$  for all  $\omega$ .

Thus, we can restrict attention to

$$\omega \in [-\pi, \pi] \iff f \in [-1/2, 1/2]$$

**P2:**  $\phi(\omega) \geq 0$

**P3:** If  $y(t)$  is real,

$$\text{Then: } \phi(\omega) = \phi(-\omega)$$

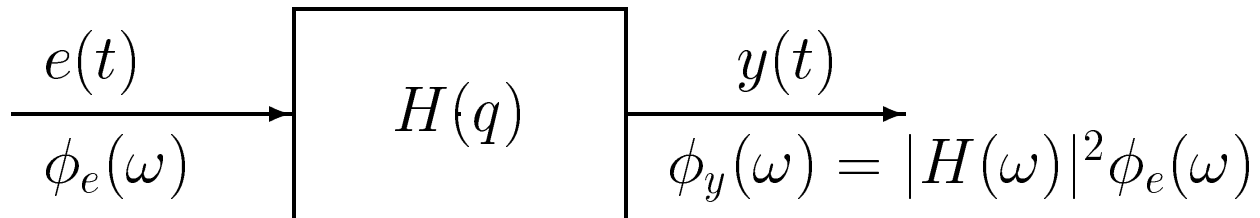
$$\text{Otherwise: } \phi(\omega) \neq \phi(-\omega)$$

## Transfer of PSD Through Linear Systems

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**System Function:**  $H(q) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} h_k q^{-k}$

where  $q^{-1}$  = unit delay operator:  $q^{-1}y(t) = y(t - 1)$



Then

$$y(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} h_k e(t - k)$$

$$H(\omega) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} h_k e^{-i\omega k}$$

$$\boxed{\phi_y(\omega) = |H(\omega)|^2 \phi_e(\omega)}$$

# The Spectral Estimation Problem

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## The Problem:

From a sample  $\{y(1), \dots, y(N)\}$

Find an estimate of  $\phi(\omega)$ :  $\{\hat{\phi}(\omega), \omega \in [-\pi, \pi]\}$

## Two Main Approaches :

- **Nonparametric:**

- Derived from the PSD definitions.

- **Parametric:**

- Assumes a parameterized functional form of the PSD

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# **Periodogram and Correlogram Methods**

## **Lecture 2**

# Periodogram

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**Recall 2nd definition of  $\phi(\omega)$ :**

$$\phi(\omega) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} E \left\{ \frac{1}{N} \left| \sum_{t=1}^N y(t) e^{-i\omega t} \right|^2 \right\}$$

**Given :**  $\{y(t)\}_{t=1}^N$

Drop “ $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty}$ ” and “ $E \{ \cdot \}$ ” to get

$$\hat{\phi}_p(\omega) = \frac{1}{N} \left| \sum_{t=1}^N y(t) e^{-i\omega t} \right|^2$$

- Natural estimator
- Used by Schuster ( $\sim 1900$ ) to determine “hidden periodicities” (hence the name).

# Correlogram

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**Recall 1st definition of  $\phi(\omega)$ :**

$$\phi(\omega) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} r(k)e^{-i\omega k}$$

Truncate the “ $\sum$ ” and replace “ $r(k)$ ” by “ $\hat{r}(k)$ ”:

$$\hat{\phi}_c(\omega) = \sum_{k=-(N-1)}^{N-1} \hat{r}(k)e^{-i\omega k}$$

## Covariance Estimators (or Sample Covariances)

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Standard unbiased estimate:

$$\hat{r}(k) = \frac{1}{N-k} \sum_{t=k+1}^N y(t)y^*(t-k), \quad k \geq 0$$

Standard biased estimate:

$$\hat{r}(k) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=k+1}^N y(t)y^*(t-k), \quad k \geq 0$$

For both estimators:

$$\hat{r}(k) = \hat{r}^*(-k), \quad k < 0$$

## Relationship Between $\hat{\phi}_p(\omega)$ and $\hat{\phi}_c(\omega)$

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If: the biased ACS estimator  $\hat{r}(k)$  is used in  $\hat{\phi}_c(\omega)$ ,

Then:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\phi}_p(\omega) &= \frac{1}{N} \left| \sum_{t=1}^N y(t) e^{-i\omega t} \right|^2 \\ &= \sum_{k=-(N-1)}^{N-1} \hat{r}(k) e^{-i\omega k} \\ &= \hat{\phi}_c(\omega)\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\hat{\phi}_p(\omega) = \hat{\phi}_c(\omega)}$$

### Consequence:

Both  $\hat{\phi}_p(\omega)$  and  $\hat{\phi}_c(\omega)$  can be analyzed simultaneously.



## Statistical Performance of $\hat{\phi}_p(\omega)$ and $\hat{\phi}_c(\omega)$

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### Summary:

- Both are asymptotically (for large  $N$ ) unbiased:

$$E \{ \hat{\phi}_p(\omega) \} \rightarrow \phi(\omega) \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty$$

- Both have “large” variance, even for large  $N$ .

Thus,  $\hat{\phi}_p(\omega)$  and  $\hat{\phi}_c(\omega)$  have **poor performance**.

### Intuitive explanation:

- $\hat{r}(k) - r(k)$  may be large for large  $|k|$
- Even if the errors  $\{\hat{r}(k) - r(k)\}_{|k|=0}^{N-1}$  are small, there are “so many” that when summed in  $[\hat{\phi}_p(\omega) - \phi(\omega)]$ , the PSD error is large.

## Bias Analysis of the Periodogram

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$$\begin{aligned} E \{ \hat{\phi}_p(\omega) \} &= E \{ \hat{\phi}_c(\omega) \} = \sum_{k=-(N-1)}^{N-1} E \{ \hat{r}(k) \} e^{-i\omega k} \\ &= \sum_{k=-(N-1)}^{N-1} \left( 1 - \frac{|k|}{N} \right) r(k) e^{-i\omega k} \\ &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} w_B(k) r(k) e^{-i\omega k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} w_B(k) &= \begin{cases} \left( 1 - \frac{|k|}{N} \right), & |k| \leq N-1 \\ 0, & |k| \geq N \end{cases} \\ &= \text{Bartlett, or triangular, window} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

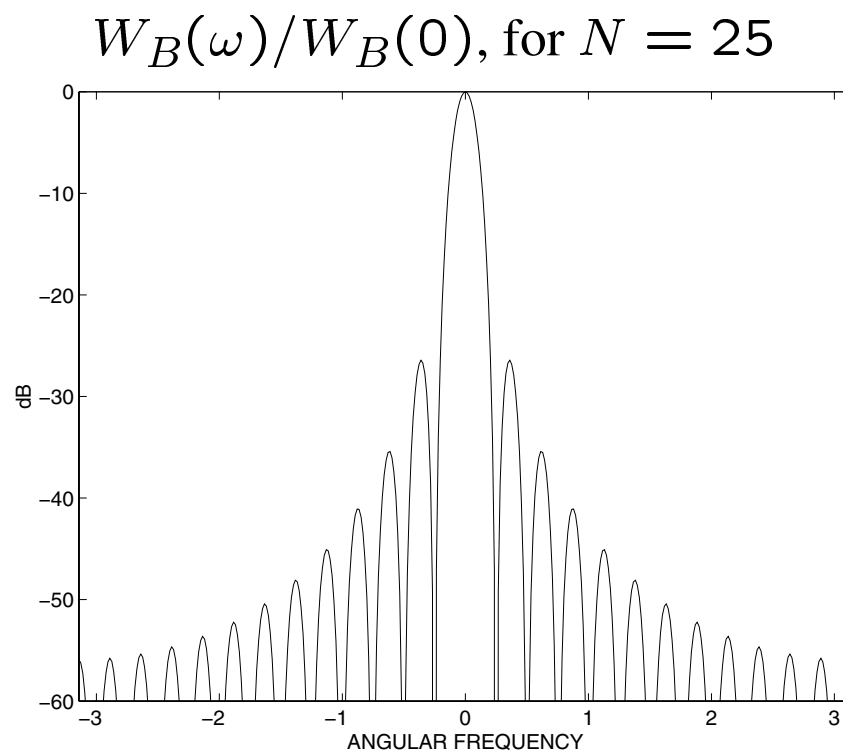
$$E \{ \hat{\phi}_p(\omega) \} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \phi(\zeta) W_B(\omega - \zeta) d\zeta$$

Ideally:  $W_B(\omega) = \text{Dirac impulse } \delta(\omega)$ .

## Bartlett Window $W_B(\omega)$

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$$W_B(\omega) = \frac{1}{N} \left[ \frac{\sin(\omega N/2)}{\sin(\omega/2)} \right]^2$$



Main lobe 3dB width  $\sim 1/N$ .

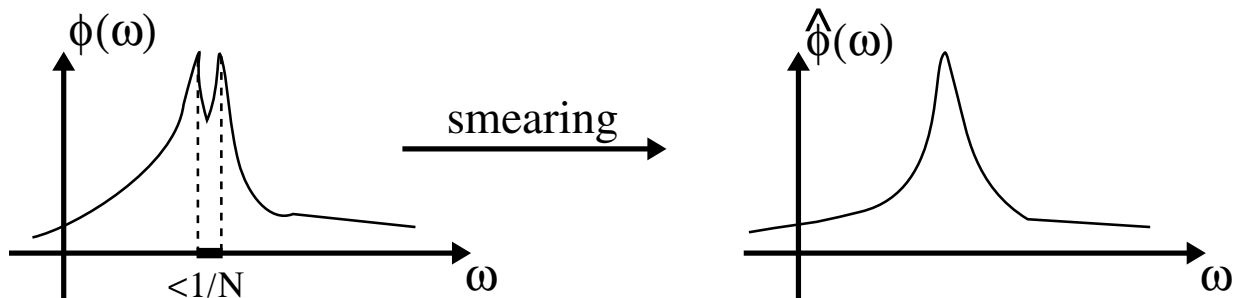
For “small”  $N$ ,  $W_B(\omega)$  may differ quite a bit from  $\delta(\omega)$ .

# Smearing and Leakage

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**Main Lobe Width:** *smearing* or *smoothing*

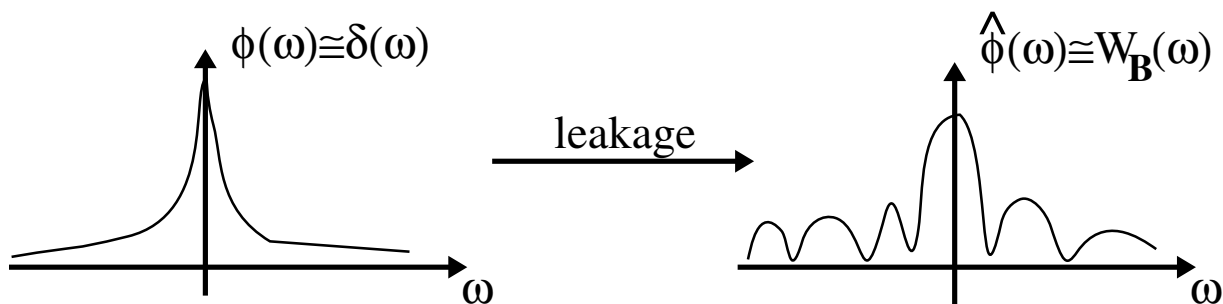
Details in  $\phi(\omega)$  separated in  $f$  by less than  $1/N$  are not resolvable.



Thus:

Periodogram resolution limit = $1/N$ .
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**Sidelobe Level:** *leakage*



# Periodogram Bias Properties

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## Summary of Periodogram Bias Properties:

- For “small”  $N$ , severe bias
- As  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $W_B(\omega) \rightarrow \delta(\omega)$ ,  
so  $\hat{\phi}(\omega)$  is asymptotically unbiased.

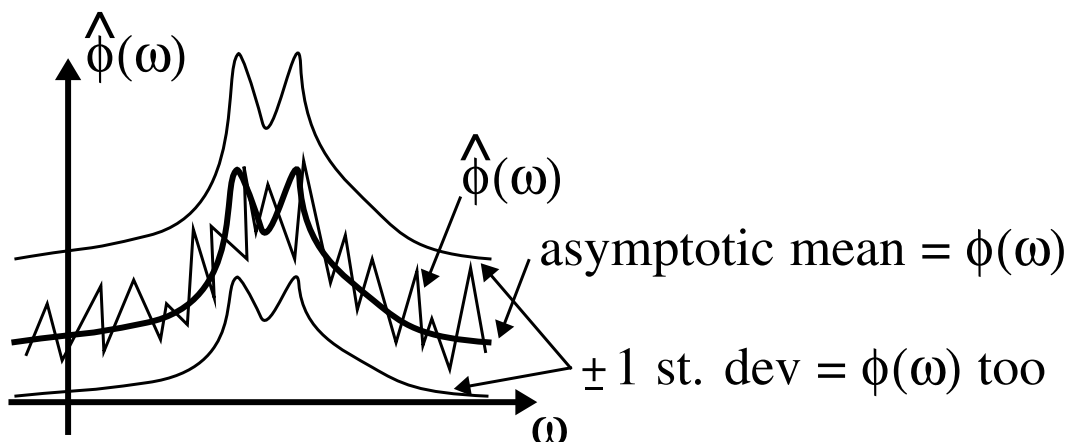
## Periodogram Variance

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As  $N \rightarrow \infty$

$$E \left\{ \left[ \hat{\phi}_p(\omega_1) - \phi(\omega_1) \right] \left[ \hat{\phi}_p(\omega_2) - \phi(\omega_2) \right] \right\} = \begin{cases} \phi^2(\omega_1), & \omega_1 = \omega_2 \\ 0, & \omega_1 \neq \omega_2 \end{cases}$$

- Inconsistent estimate
- Erratic behavior



Resolvability properties depend on *both* bias and variance.

## Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)

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Finite DTFT:  $Y_N(\omega) = \sum_{t=1}^N y(t)e^{-i\omega t}$

Let  $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{N}k$  and  $W = e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{N}}$ .

Then  $Y_N(\frac{2\pi}{N}k)$  is the Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT):

$$Y(k) = \sum_{t=1}^N y(t)W^{tk}, \quad k = 0, \dots, N-1$$

Direct computation of  $\{Y(k)\}_{k=0}^{N-1}$  from  $\{y(t)\}_{t=1}^N$ :  
 $O(N^2)$  flops

## Radix-2 Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)

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**Assume:**  $N = 2^m$

$$\begin{aligned} Y(k) &= \sum_{t=1}^{N/2} y(t)W^{tk} + \sum_{t=N/2+1}^N y(t)W^{tk} \\ &= \sum_{t=1}^{N/2} [y(t) + y(t + N/2)W^{\frac{Nk}{2}}]W^{tk} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{with } W^{\frac{Nk}{2}} = \begin{cases} +1, & \text{for even } k \\ -1, & \text{for odd } k \end{cases}$$

Let  $\tilde{N} = N/2$  and  $\tilde{W} = W^2 = e^{-i2\pi/\tilde{N}}$ .

For  $k = 0, 2, 4, \dots, N - 2 \triangleq 2p$ :

$$Y(2p) = \sum_{t=1}^{\tilde{N}} [y(t) + y(t + \tilde{N})]\tilde{W}^{tp}$$

For  $k = 1, 3, 5, \dots, N - 1 = 2p + 1$ :

$$Y(2p + 1) = \sum_{t=1}^{\tilde{N}} \{[y(t) - y(t + \tilde{N})]W^t\}\tilde{W}^{tp}$$

Each is a  $\tilde{N} = N/2$ -point DFT computation.



## FFT Computation Count

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Let  $c_k$  = number of flops for  $N = 2^k$  point FFT.

Then

$$\begin{aligned}c_k &= \frac{2^k}{2} + 2c_{k-1} \\ \Rightarrow c_k &= \frac{k2^k}{2}\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$c_k = \frac{1}{2}N \log_2 N$$

## Zero Padding

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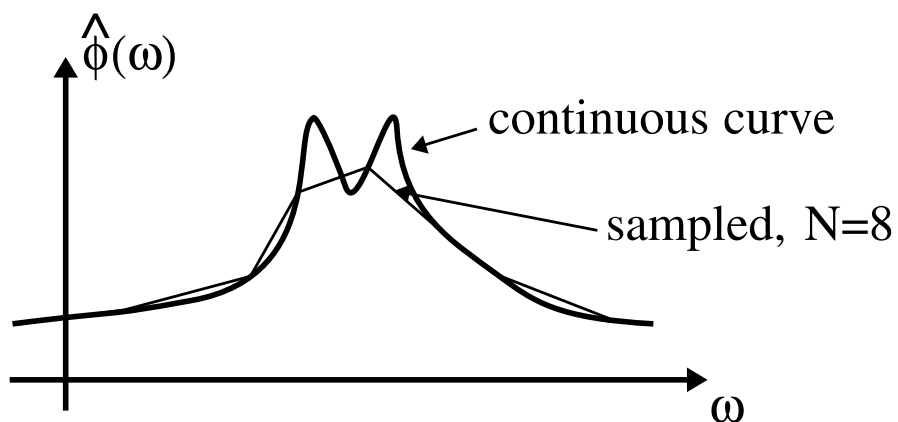
Append the given data by zeros prior to computing DFT (or FFT):

$$\underbrace{\{y(1), \dots, y(N), 0, \dots, 0\}}_{\overline{N}}$$

Goals:

- Apply a radix-2 FFT (so  $\overline{N} = \text{power of 2}$ )
- Finer sampling of  $\hat{\phi}(\omega)$ :

$$\left\{ \frac{2\pi}{N}k \right\}_{k=0}^{N-1} \rightarrow \left\{ \frac{2\pi}{\overline{N}}k \right\}_{k=0}^{\overline{N}-1}$$



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# Improved Periodogram-Based Methods

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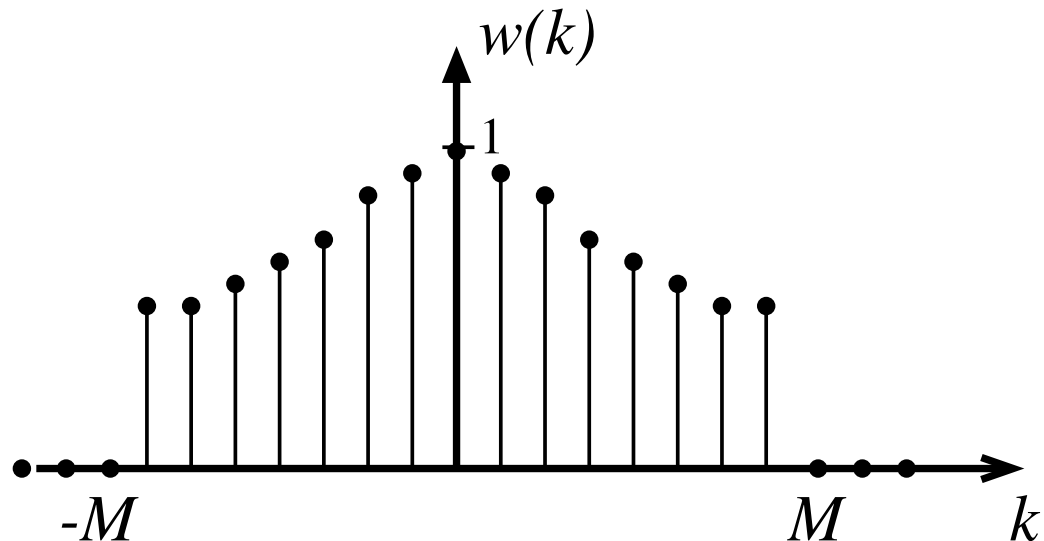
## Blackman-Tukey Method

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**Basic Idea:** Weighted correlogram, with small weight applied to covariances  $\hat{r}(k)$  with “large”  $|k|$ .

$$\hat{\phi}_{BT}(\omega) = \sum_{k=-(M-1)}^{M-1} w(k) \hat{r}(k) e^{-i\omega k}$$

$\{w(k)\} =$  Lag Window



## Blackman-Tukey Method, con't

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$$\hat{\phi}_{BT}(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \hat{\phi}_p(\zeta) W(\omega - \zeta) d\zeta$$

$$\begin{aligned} W(\omega) &= \text{DTFT}\{w(k)\} \\ &= \text{Spectral Window} \end{aligned}$$

**Conclusion:**  $\hat{\phi}_{BT}(\omega)$  = “locally” smoothed periodogram

**Effect:**

- Variance decreases substantially
- Bias increases slightly

By proper choice of  $M$ :

$$\text{MSE} = \text{var} + \text{bias}^2 \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty$$

## Window Design Considerations

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**Nonnegativeness:**

$$\hat{\phi}_{BT}(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \underbrace{\hat{\phi}_p(\zeta)}_{\geq 0} W(\omega - \zeta) d\zeta$$

If  $W(\omega) \geq 0$  ( $\Leftrightarrow w(k)$  is a psd sequence)

Then:  $\hat{\phi}_{BT}(\omega) \geq 0$  (which is desirable)

### Time-Bandwidth Product

$$N_e = \frac{\sum_{k=-(M-1)}^{M-1} w(k)}{w(0)} = \text{equiv time width}$$

$$\beta_e = \frac{\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} W(\omega) d\omega}{W(0)} = \text{equiv bandwidth}$$

$N_e \beta_e = 1$

## Window Design, con't

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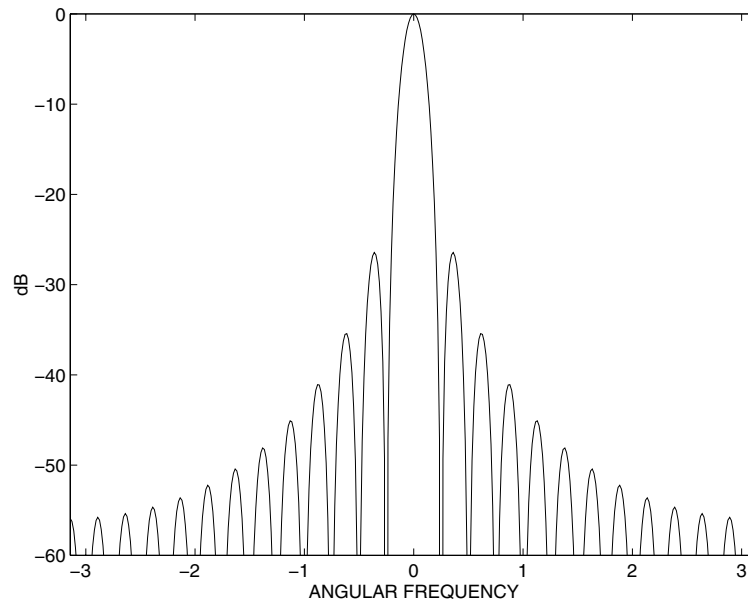
- $\beta_e = 1/N_e = O(1/M)$   
is the BT resolution threshold.
- As  $M$  increases, bias decreases and variance increases.  
 $\Rightarrow$  Choose  $M$  as a tradeoff between *variance* and *bias*.
- Once  $M$  is given,  $N_e$  (and hence  $\beta_e$ ) is essentially fixed.  
 $\Rightarrow$  Choose window shape to compromise between *smearing* (main lobe width) and *leakage* (sidelobe level).

The energy in the main lobe and in the sidelobes cannot be reduced *simultaneously*, once  $M$  is given.

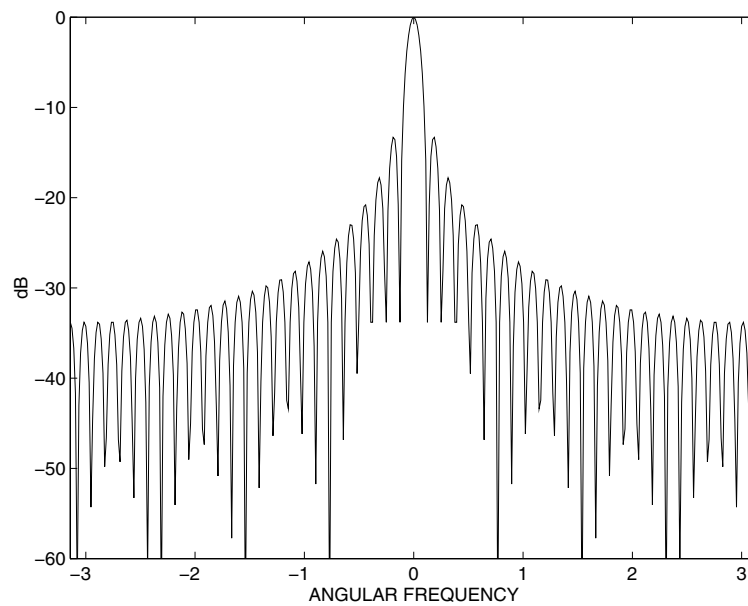
# Window Examples

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Triangular Window,  $M = 25$



Rectangular Window,  $M = 25$

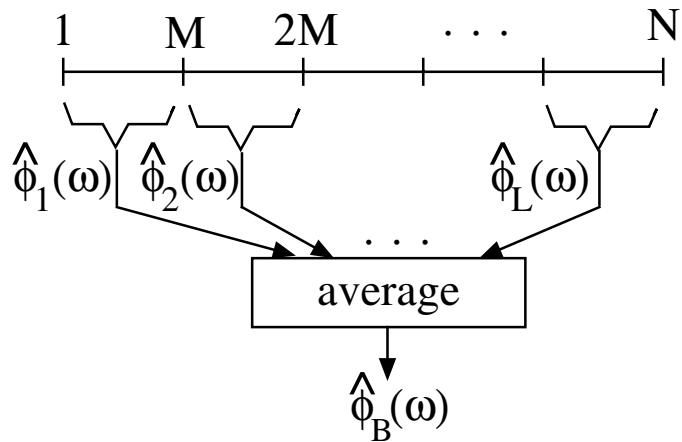




# Bartlett Method

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## Basic Idea:



## Mathematically:

$$\begin{aligned} y_j(t) &= y((j-1)M + t) \quad t = 1, \dots, M \\ &= \text{the } j\text{th subsequence} \\ (j &= 1, \dots, L \triangleq [N/M]) \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{\phi}_j(\omega) = \frac{1}{M} \left| \sum_{t=1}^M y_j(t) e^{-i\omega t} \right|^2$$

$$\hat{\phi}_B(\omega) = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{j=1}^L \hat{\phi}_j(\omega)$$

## Comparison of Bartlett and Blackman-Tukey Estimates

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$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\phi}_B(\omega) &= \frac{1}{L} \sum_{j=1}^L \left\{ \sum_{k=-(M-1)}^{M-1} \hat{r}_j(k) e^{-i\omega k} \right\} \\ &= \sum_{k=-(M-1)}^{M-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{L} \sum_{j=1}^L \hat{r}_j(k) \right\} e^{-i\omega k} \\ &\simeq \sum_{k=-(M-1)}^{M-1} \hat{r}(k) e^{-i\omega k}\end{aligned}$$

Thus:

$$\hat{\phi}_B(\omega) \simeq \hat{\phi}_{BT}(\omega) \text{ with a rectangular lag window } w_R(k)$$

Since  $\hat{\phi}_B(\omega)$  implicitly uses  $\{w_R(k)\}$ , the Bartlett method has

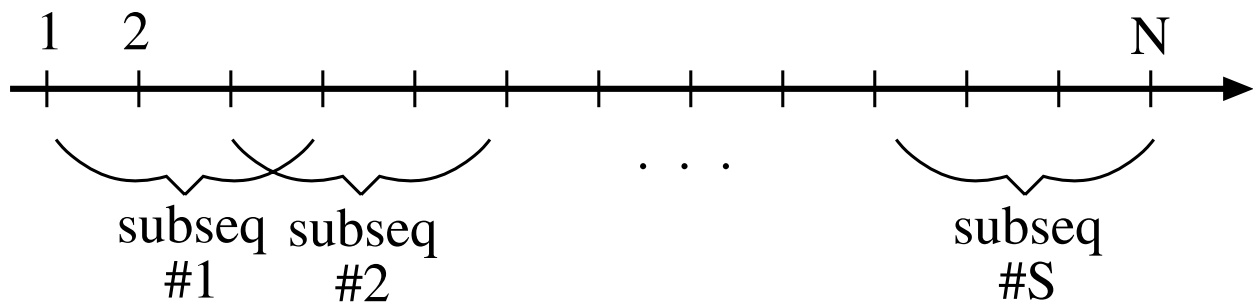
- High resolution (little smearing)
- Large leakage and relatively large variance

## Welch Method

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Similar to Bartlett method, but

- allow overlap of subsequences (gives more subsequences, and thus “better” averaging)
- use data window for each periodogram; gives mainlobe-sidelobe tradeoff capability



Let  $S = \#$  of subsequences of length  $M$ .  
(Overlapping means  $S > \lceil N/M \rceil \Rightarrow$  “better averaging”.)

### Additional flexibility:

The data in each subsequence are weighted by a *temporal* window

Welch is approximately equal to  $\hat{\phi}_{BT}(\omega)$  with a non-rectangular lag window.

## Daniell Method

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By a previous result, for  $N \gg 1$ ,

$\{\hat{\phi}_p(\omega_j)\}$  are (nearly) uncorrelated random variables for

$$\left\{ \omega_j = \frac{2\pi}{N} j \right\}_{j=0}^{N-1}$$

Idea: “Local averaging” of  $(2J + 1)$  samples in the frequency domain should reduce the variance by about  $(2J + 1)$ .

$$\hat{\phi}_D(\omega_k) = \frac{1}{2J + 1} \sum_{j=k-J}^{k+J} \hat{\phi}_p(\omega_j)$$

## Daniell Method, con't

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As  $J$  increases:

- Bias increases (more smoothing)
- Variance decreases (more averaging)

Let  $\beta = 2J/N$ . Then, for  $N \gg 1$ ,

$$\hat{\phi}_D(\omega) \simeq \frac{1}{2\pi\beta} \int_{-\beta\pi}^{\beta\pi} \hat{\phi}_p(\bar{\omega}) d\bar{\omega}$$

Hence:  $\hat{\phi}_D(\omega) \simeq \hat{\phi}_{BT}(\omega)$  with a *rectangular spectral window*.

# Summary of Periodogram Methods

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- **Unwindowed periodogram**

- reasonable bias
- unacceptable variance

- **Modified periodograms**

- Attempt to reduce the variance at the expense of (slightly) increasing the bias.

- **BT periodogram**

- Local smoothing/averaging of  $\hat{\phi}_p(\omega)$  by a suitably selected *spectral* window.
- Implemented by truncating and weighting  $\hat{r}(k)$  using a *lag* window in  $\hat{\phi}_c(\omega)$

- **Bartlett, Welch periodograms**

- Approximate interpretation:  $\hat{\phi}_{BT}(\omega)$  with a suitable *lag* window (rectangular for Bartlett; more general for Welch).
- Implemented by averaging subsample periodograms.

- **Daniell Periodogram**

- Approximate interpretation:  $\hat{\phi}_{BT}(\omega)$  with a rectangular *spectral* window.
- Implemented by local averaging of periodogram values.

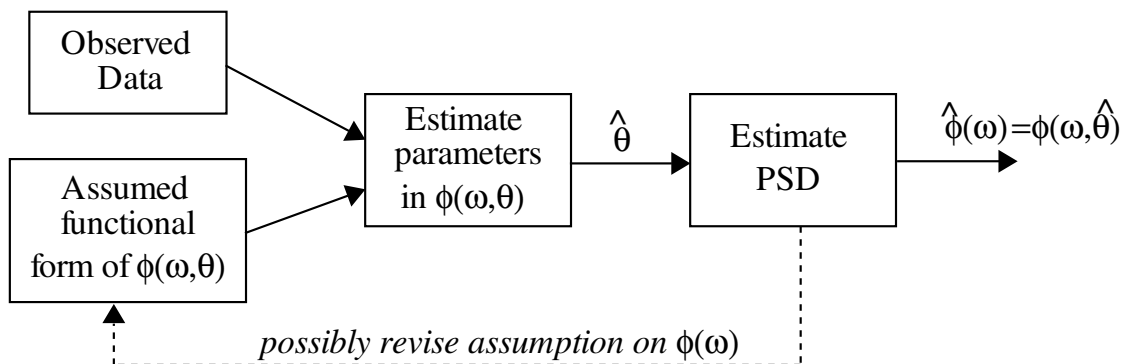
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# **Parametric Methods for Rational Spectra**

## **Lecture 4**

# Basic Idea of Parametric Spectral Estimation

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## Rational Spectra

$$\phi(\omega) = \frac{\sum_{|k| \leq m} \gamma_k e^{-i\omega k}}{\sum_{|k| \leq n} \rho_k e^{-i\omega k}}$$

$\phi(\omega)$  is a *rational function* in  $e^{-i\omega}$ .

By *Weierstrass theorem*,  $\phi(\omega)$  can approximate arbitrarily well *any continuous PSD*, provided  $m$  and  $n$  are chosen sufficiently large.

Note, however:

- choice of  $m$  and  $n$  is not simple
- some PSDs are *not* continuous



## AR, MA, and ARMA Models

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By *Spectral Factorization* theorem, a rational  $\phi(\omega)$  can be factored as

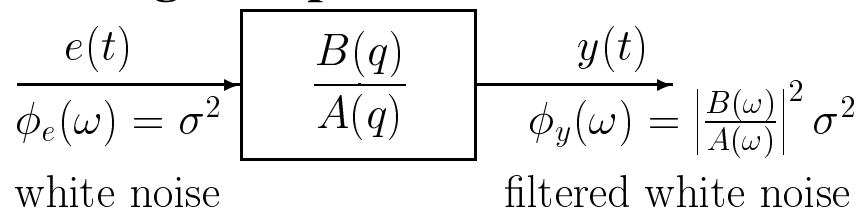
$$\phi(\omega) = \left| \frac{B(\omega)}{A(\omega)} \right|^2 \sigma^2$$

$$A(z) = 1 + a_1 z^{-1} + \dots + a_n z^{-n}$$

$$B(z) = 1 + b_1 z^{-1} + \dots + b_m z^{-m}$$

and, e.g.,  $A(\omega) = A(z)|_{z=e^{i\omega}}$

### Signal Modeling Interpretation:



$$\text{ARMA: } A(q)y(t) = B(q)e(t)$$

$$\text{AR: } A(q)y(t) = e(t)$$

$$\text{MA: } y(t) = B(q)e(t)$$

## ARMA Covariance Structure

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ARMA signal model:

$$y(t) + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i y(t-i) = \sum_{j=0}^m b_j e(t-j), \quad (b_0 = 1)$$

Multiply by  $y^*(t-k)$  and take  $E\{\cdot\}$  to give:

$$\begin{aligned} r(k) + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i r(k-i) &= \sum_{j=0}^m b_j E\{e(t-j)y^*(t-k)\} \\ &= \sigma^2 \sum_{j=0}^m b_j h_{j-k}^* \\ &= 0 \text{ for } k > m \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } H(q) = \frac{B(q)}{A(q)} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} h_k q^{-k}, \quad (h_0 = 1)$$

## AR Signals: Yule-Walker Equations

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AR:  $m = 0$ .

Writing covariance equation in matrix form for  
 $k = 1 \dots n$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} r(0) & r(-1) & \dots & r(-n) \\ r(1) & r(0) & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & r(-1) \\ r(n) & \dots & & r(0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

These are the **Yule–Walker (YW) Equations**.

## AR Spectral Estimation: YW Method

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### Yule-Walker Method:

Replace  $r(k)$  by  $\hat{r}(k)$  and solve for  $\{\hat{a}_i\}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}^2$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{r}(0) & \hat{r}(-1) & \dots & \hat{r}(-n) \\ \hat{r}(1) & \hat{r}(0) & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \hat{r}(-1) \\ \hat{r}(n) & \dots & & \hat{r}(0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \hat{a}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{a}_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\sigma}^2 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the PSD estimate is

$$\hat{\phi}(\omega) = \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{|\hat{A}(\omega)|^2}$$

# AR Spectral Estimation: LS Method

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## Least Squares Method:

$$\begin{aligned} e(t) &= y(t) + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i y(t-i) = y(t) + \varphi^T(t) \theta \\ &\triangleq y(t) + \hat{y}(t) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\varphi(t) = [y(t-1), \dots, y(t-n)]^T$ .

Find  $\theta = [a_1 \dots a_n]^T$  to minimize

$$f(\theta) = \sum_{t=n+1}^N |e(t)|^2$$

This gives  $\hat{\theta} = -(Y^*Y)^{-1}(Y^*y)$  where

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} y(n+1) \\ y(n+2) \\ \vdots \\ y(N) \end{bmatrix}, Y = \begin{bmatrix} y(n) & y(n-1) & \dots & y(1) \\ y(n+1) & y(n) & \dots & y(2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ y(N-1) & y(N-2) & \dots & y(N-n) \end{bmatrix}$$

# Levinson–Durbin Algorithm

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Fast, order-recursive solution to YW equations

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \rho_0 & \rho_{-1} & \cdots & \rho_{-n} \\ \rho_1 & \rho_0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \rho_{-1} \\ \rho_n & \cdots & \rho_1 & \rho_0 \end{bmatrix}}_{R_{n+1}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \theta_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_n^2 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\rho_k = \text{either } r(k) \text{ or } \hat{r}(k).$

## Direct Solution:

- For one given value of  $n$ :  $O(n^3)$  flops
- For  $k = 1, \dots, n$ :  $O(n^4)$  flops

## Levinson–Durbin Algorithm:

Exploits the Toeplitz form of  $R_{n+1}$  to obtain the solutions for  $k = 1, \dots, n$  in  $O(n^2)$  flops!

## Levinson-Durbin Alg, con't

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### Relevant Properties of $R$ :

- $Rx = y \leftrightarrow R\tilde{x} = \tilde{y}$ , where  $\tilde{x} = [x_n^* \dots x_1^*]^T$
- Nested structure

$$R_{n+2} = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} R_{n+1} & \begin{matrix} \rho_{n+1}^* \\ \tilde{r}_n \end{matrix} \\ \hline \begin{matrix} \rho_{n+1} & \tilde{r}_n^* \end{matrix} & \rho_0 \end{array} \right], \quad \tilde{r}_n = \begin{bmatrix} \rho_n^* \\ \vdots \\ \rho_1^* \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus,

$$R_{n+2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \theta_n \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} R_{n+1} & \begin{matrix} \rho_{n+1}^* \\ \tilde{r}_n \end{matrix} \\ \hline \begin{matrix} \rho_{n+1} & \tilde{r}_n^* \end{matrix} & \rho_0 \end{array} \right] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \theta_n \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_n^2 \\ 0 \\ \alpha_n \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\boxed{\alpha_n = \rho_{n+1} + \tilde{r}_n^* \theta_n}$

## Levinson-Durbin Alg, con't

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$$R_{n+2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \theta_n \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_n^2 \\ 0 \\ \alpha_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad R_{n+2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \tilde{\theta}_n \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_n^* \\ 0 \\ \sigma_n^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Combining these gives:

$$R_{n+2} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \theta_n \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + k_n \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \tilde{\theta}_n \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_n^2 + k_n \alpha_n^* \\ 0 \\ \alpha_n + k_n \sigma_n^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{n+1}^2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus,  $\boxed{k_n = -\alpha_n / \sigma_n^2} \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_{n+1} &= \begin{bmatrix} \theta_n \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + k_n \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\theta}_n \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \sigma_{n+1}^2 &= \sigma_n^2 + k_n \alpha_n^* = \sigma_n^2 (1 - |k_n|^2) \end{aligned}$$

### Computation count:

$\sim 2k$  flops for the step  $k \rightarrow k + 1$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{\sim n^2 \text{ flops}}$  to determine  $\{\sigma_k^2, \theta_k\}_{k=1}^n$

This is  $O(n^2)$  times faster than the direct solution.

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## MA Signals

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MA:  $n = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= B(q)e(t) \\ &= e(t) + b_1 e(t-1) + \cdots + b_m e(t-m) \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$r(k) = 0 \text{ for } |k| > m$$

and

$$\phi(\omega) = |B(\omega)|^2 \sigma^2 = \sum_{k=-m}^m r(k) e^{-i\omega k}$$

## MA Spectrum Estimation

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**Two main ways to Estimate  $\phi(\omega)$ :**

1. Estimate  $\{b_k\}$  and  $\sigma^2$  and insert them in

$$\phi(\omega) = |B(\omega)|^2 \sigma^2$$

- nonlinear estimation problem
- $\hat{\phi}(\omega)$  is guaranteed to be  $\geq 0$

2. Insert sample covariances  $\{\hat{r}(k)\}$  in:

$$\phi(\omega) = \sum_{k=-m}^m r(k) e^{-i\omega k}$$

- This is  $\hat{\phi}_{BT}(\omega)$  with a rectangular lag window of length  $2m + 1$ .
- $\hat{\phi}(\omega)$  is *not* guaranteed to be  $\geq 0$

Both methods are special cases of ARMA methods described below, with AR model order  $n = 0$ .

## ARMA Signals

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ARMA models can represent spectra with both peaks (AR part) and valleys (MA part).

$$A(q)y(t) = B(q)e(t)$$

$$\phi(\omega) = \sigma^2 \left| \frac{B(\omega)}{A(\omega)} \right|^2 = \frac{\sum_{k=-m}^m \gamma_k e^{-i\omega k}}{|A(\omega)|^2}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_k &= E \{ [B(q)e(t)][B(q)e(t-k)]^* \} \\ &= E \{ [A(q)y(t)][A(q)y(t-k)]^* \} \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^n \sum_{p=0}^n a_j a_p^* r(k+p-j) \end{aligned}$$

# ARMA Spectrum Estimation

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## Two Methods:

1. Estimate  $\{a_i, b_j, \sigma^2\}$  in  $\phi(\omega) = \sigma^2 \left| \frac{B(\omega)}{A(\omega)} \right|^2$

- nonlinear estimation problem; can use an approximate linear *two-stage least squares* method
- $\hat{\phi}(\omega)$  is guaranteed to be  $\geq 0$

2. Estimate  $\{a_i, r(k)\}$  in  $\phi(\omega) = \frac{\sum_{k=-m}^m \gamma_k e^{-i\omega k}}{|A(\omega)|^2}$

- linear estimation problem (the Modified Yule-Walker method).
- $\hat{\phi}(\omega)$  is *not* guaranteed to be  $\geq 0$

## Two-Stage Least-Squares Method

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**Assumption:** The ARMA model is invertible:

$$\begin{aligned} e(t) &= \frac{A(q)}{B(q)}y(t) \\ &= y(t) + \alpha_1 y(t-1) + \alpha_2 y(t-2) + \cdots \\ &= \text{AR}(\infty) \text{ with } |\alpha_k| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

**Step 1:** Approximate, for some large  $K$

$$e(t) \simeq y(t) + \alpha_1 y(t-1) + \cdots + \alpha_K y(t-K)$$

**1a)** Estimate the coefficients  $\{\alpha_k\}_{k=1}^K$  by using AR modelling techniques.

**1b)** Estimate the noise sequence

$$\hat{e}(t) = y(t) + \hat{\alpha}_1 y(t-1) + \cdots + \hat{\alpha}_K y(t-K)$$

and its variance

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{N-K} \sum_{t=K+1}^N |\hat{e}(t)|^2$$

## Two-Stage Least-Squares Method, con't

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**Step 2:** Replace  $\{e(t)\}$  by  $\hat{e}(t)$  in the ARMA equation,

$$A(q)y(t) \simeq B(q)\hat{e}(t)$$

and obtain estimates of  $\{a_i, b_j\}$  by applying least squares techniques.

Note that the  $a_i$  and  $b_j$  coefficients enter linearly in the above equation:

$$y(t) - \hat{e}(t) \simeq [-y(t-1) \dots - y(t-n), \\ \hat{e}(t-1) \dots \hat{e}(t-m)]\theta$$

$$\theta = [a_1 \dots a_n \ b_1 \dots b_m]^T$$

## Modified Yule-Walker Method

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ARMA Covariance Equation:

$$r(k) + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i r(k-i) = 0, \quad k > m$$

In matrix form for  $k = m+1, \dots, m+M$

$$\begin{bmatrix} r(m) & \dots & r(m-n+1) \\ r(m+1) & & r(m-n+2) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ r(m+M-1) & \dots & r(m-n+M) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} r(m+1) \\ r(m+2) \\ \vdots \\ r(m+M) \end{bmatrix}$$

Replace  $\{r(k)\}$  by  $\{\hat{r}(k)\}$  and solve for  $\{a_i\}$ .

If  $M = n$ , fast Levinson-type algorithms exist for obtaining  $\{\hat{a}_i\}$ .

If  $M > n$  *overdetermined*  $YW$  system of equations; least squares solution for  $\{\hat{a}_i\}$ .

**Note:** For narrowband ARMA signals, the accuracy of  $\{\hat{a}_i\}$  is often better for  $M > n$

# Summary of Parametric Methods for Rational Spectra

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Method	Computational Burden	Accuracy	Guarantee $\hat{\phi}(\omega) \geq 0$ ?	Use for
AR: YW or LS	low	medium	Yes	Spectra with (narrow) peaks but no valley
MA: BT	low	low-medium	No	Broadband spectra possibly with valleys but no peaks
ARMA: MYW	low-medium	medium	No	Spectra with both peaks and (not too deep) valleys
ARMA: 2-Stage LS	medium-high	medium-high	Yes	As above



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# **Parametric Methods for Line Spectra — Part 1**

## **Lecture 5**

# Line Spectra

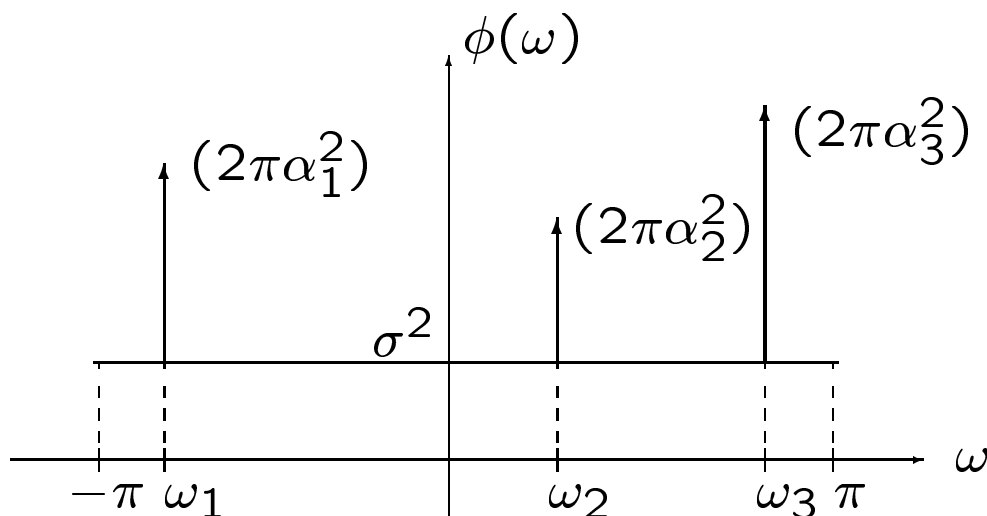
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Many applications have signals with (near) sinusoidal components. Examples:

- communications
- radar, sonar
- geophysical seismology

ARMA model is a *poor approximation*

Better approximation by *Discrete/Line Spectrum Models*



An “Ideal” line spectrum

## Line Spectral Signal Model

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**Signal Model:** Sinusoidal components of frequencies  $\{\omega_k\}$  and powers  $\{\alpha_k^2\}$ , superimposed in white noise of power  $\sigma^2$ .

$$y(t) = x(t) + e(t) \quad t = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=1}^n \underbrace{\alpha_k e^{i(\omega_k t + \phi_k)}}_{x_k(t)}$$

### Assumptions:

**A1:**  $\alpha_k > 0 \quad \omega_k \in [-\pi, \pi]$   
(prevents model ambiguities)

**A2:**  $\{\phi_k\} =$  independent rv's, uniformly  
distributed on  $[-\pi, \pi]$   
(realistic and mathematically convenient)

**A3:**  $e(t) =$  circular white noise with variance  $\sigma^2$

$$E \{e(t)e^*(s)\} = \sigma^2 \delta_{t,s} \quad E \{e(t)e(s)\} = 0$$

(can be achieved by “slow” sampling)

## Covariance Function and PSD

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Note that:

- $E \{ e^{i\varphi_p} e^{-i\varphi_j} \} = 1, \text{ for } p = j$
- $E \{ e^{i\varphi_p} e^{-i\varphi_j} \} = E \{ e^{i\varphi_p} \} E \{ e^{-i\varphi_j} \}$   
 $= \left| \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{i\varphi} d\varphi \right|^2 = 0, \text{ for } p \neq j$

Hence,

$$E \{ x_p(t) x_j^*(t - k) \} = \alpha_p^2 e^{i\omega_p k} \delta_{p,j}$$

$$\begin{aligned} r(k) &= E \{ y(t) y^*(t - k) \} \\ &= \sum_{p=1}^n \alpha_p^2 e^{i\omega_p k} + \sigma^2 \delta_{k,0} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\phi(\omega) = 2\pi \sum_{p=1}^n \alpha_p^2 \delta(\omega - \omega_p) + \sigma^2$$

## Parameter Estimation

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Estimate either:

- $\{\omega_k, \alpha_k, \varphi_k\}_{k=1}^n, \sigma^2$  (Signal Model)
- $\{\omega_k, \alpha_k^2\}_{k=1}^n, \sigma^2$  (PSD Model)

**Major Estimation Problem:  $\{\hat{\omega}_k\}$**

Once  $\{\hat{\omega}_k\}$  are determined:

- $\{\hat{\alpha}_k^2\}$  can be obtained by a least squares method from

$$\hat{r}(k) = \sum_{p=1}^n \alpha_p^2 e^{i\hat{\omega}_p k} + \text{residuals}$$

**OR:**

- Both  $\{\hat{\alpha}_k\}$  and  $\{\hat{\varphi}_k\}$  can be derived by a least squares method from

$$y(t) = \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_k e^{i\hat{\omega}_k t} + \text{residuals}$$

with  $\beta_k = \alpha_k e^{i\varphi_k}$ .

# Nonlinear Least Squares (NLS) Method

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$$\min_{\{\omega_k, \alpha_k, \varphi_k\}} \underbrace{\sum_{t=1}^N \left| y(t) - \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k e^{i(\omega_k t + \varphi_k)} \right|^2}_{F(\omega, \alpha, \varphi)}$$

Let:

$$\beta_k = \alpha_k e^{i\varphi_k}$$

$$\beta = [\beta_1 \dots \beta_n]^T$$

$$Y = [y(1) \dots y(N)]^T$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\omega_1} & \dots & e^{i\omega_n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ e^{iN\omega_1} & \dots & e^{iN\omega_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Nonlinear Least Squares (NLS) Method, con't

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**Then:**

$$\begin{aligned} F &= (Y - B\beta)^*(Y - B\beta) = \|Y - B\beta\|^2 \\ &= [\beta - (B^*B)^{-1}B^*Y]^*[B^*B] \\ &\quad [\beta - (B^*B)^{-1}B^*Y] \\ &\quad + Y^*Y - Y^*B(B^*B)^{-1}B^*Y \end{aligned}$$

This gives:

$$\boxed{\hat{\beta} = (B^*B)^{-1}B^*Y \Big|_{\omega=\hat{\omega}}}$$

and

$$\boxed{\hat{\omega} = \arg \max_{\omega} Y^*B(B^*B)^{-1}B^*Y}$$

# NLS Properties

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## Excellent Accuracy:

$$\text{var}(\hat{\omega}_k) = \frac{6\sigma^2}{N^3\alpha_k^2} \quad (\text{for } N \gg 1)$$

Example:  $N = 300$

$$\text{SNR}_k = \alpha_k^2 / \sigma^2 = 30 \text{ dB}$$

Then  $\sqrt{\text{var}(\hat{\omega}_k)} \sim 10^{-5}$ .

## Difficult Implementation:

The NLS cost function  $F$  is multimodal; it is difficult to avoid convergence to local minima.



## Unwindowed Periodogram as an Approximate NLS Method

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For a single (complex) sinusoid, the maximum of the unwindowed periodogram is the NLS frequency estimate:

Assume:  $n = 1$

Then:  $B^* B = N$

$$B^* Y = \sum_{t=1}^N y(t) e^{-i\omega t} = Y(\omega) \quad (\text{finite DTFT})$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y^* B (B^* B)^{-1} B^* Y &= \frac{1}{N} |Y(\omega)|^2 \\ &= \hat{\phi}_p(\omega) \\ &= (\text{Unwindowed Periodogram}) \end{aligned}$$

So, with *no approximation*,

$$\hat{\omega} = \arg \max_{\omega} \hat{\phi}_p(\omega)$$

## Unwindowed Periodogram as an Approximate NLS Method, con't

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Assume:  $n > 1$

Then:

$\{\hat{\omega}_k\}_{k=1}^n \simeq$  the locations of the  $n$  largest peaks of  $\hat{\phi}_p(\omega)$

provided that

$$\inf |\omega_k - \omega_p| > 2\pi/N$$

which is the periodogram resolution limit.

If better resolution desired then use a *High/Super Resolution* method.

## High-Order Yule-Walker Method

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Recall:

$$y(t) = x(t) + e(t) = \sum_{k=1}^n \underbrace{\alpha_k e^{i(\omega_k t + \varphi_k)}}_{x_k(t)} + e(t)$$

**“Degenerate” ARMA equation for  $y(t)$ :**

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - e^{i\omega_k} q^{-1})x_k(t) \\ = \alpha_k \left\{ e^{i(\omega_k t + \varphi_k)} - e^{i\omega_k} e^{i[\omega_k(t-1) + \varphi_k]} \right\} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} B(q) &= 1 + \sum_{k=1}^L b_k q^{-k} \triangleq A(q)\bar{A}(q) \\ A(q) &= (1 - e^{i\omega_1} q^{-1}) \cdots (1 - e^{i\omega_n} q^{-1}) \\ \bar{A}(q) &= \text{arbitrary} \end{aligned}$$

Then  $B(q)x(t) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow$

$$\boxed{B(q)y(t) = B(q)e(t)}$$

## High-Order Yule-Walker Method, con't

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Estimation Procedure:

- Estimate  $\{\hat{b}_i\}_{i=1}^L$  using an ARMA MYW technique
- Roots of  $\hat{B}(q)$  give  $\{\hat{\omega}_k\}_{k=1}^n$ , along with  $L - n$  “spurious” roots.

## High-Order and Overdetermined YW Equations

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ARMA covariance:

$$r(k) + \sum_{i=1}^L b_i r(k-i) = 0, \quad k > L$$

In matrix form for  $k = L+1, \dots, L+M$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} r(L) & \dots & r(1) \\ r(L+1) & \dots & r(2) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ r(L+M-1) & \dots & r(M) \end{bmatrix}}_{\triangleq \Omega} b = - \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} r(L+1) \\ r(L+2) \\ \vdots \\ r(L+M) \end{bmatrix}}_{\triangleq \rho}$$

This is a high-order (if  $L > n$ ) and overdetermined (if  $M > L$ ) system of YW equations.

## High-Order and Overdetermined YW Equations, con't

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Fact:  $\text{rank}(\Omega) = n$

SVD of  $\Omega$ :  $\Omega = U\Sigma V^*$

- $U = (M \times n)$  with  $U^*U = I_n$
- $V^* = (n \times L)$  with  $V^*V = I_n$
- $\Sigma = (n \times n)$ , diagonal and nonsingular

Thus,

$$(U\Sigma V^*)b = -\rho$$

The Minimum-Norm solution is

$$b = -\Omega^\dagger \rho = -V\Sigma^{-1}U^*\rho$$

**Important property:** The additional  $(L - n)$  spurious zeros of  $B(q)$  are located strictly *inside* the unit circle, if the Minimum-Norm solution  $b$  is used.

## HOYW Equations, Practical Solution

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Let  $\hat{\Omega} = \Omega$  but made from  $\{\hat{r}(k)\}$  instead of  $\{r(k)\}$ .

Let  $\hat{U}$ ,  $\hat{\Sigma}$ ,  $\hat{V}$  be defined similarly to  $U$ ,  $\Sigma$ ,  $V$  from the SVD of  $\hat{\Omega}$ .

Compute

$$\hat{b} = -\hat{V}\hat{\Sigma}^{-1}\hat{U}^*\hat{\rho}$$

Then  $\{\hat{\omega}_k\}_{k=1}^n$  are found from the  $n$  zeroes of  $\hat{B}(q)$  that are closest to the unit circle.

When the SNR is low, this approach may give spurious frequency estimates when  $L > n$ ; this is the price paid for increased accuracy when  $L > n$ .

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# **Parametric Methods for Line Spectra — Part 2**

## **Lecture 6**



## The Covariance Matrix Equation

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Let:

$$\begin{aligned} a(\omega) &= [1 \ e^{-i\omega} \ \dots \ e^{-i(m-1)\omega}]^T \\ A &= [a(\omega_1) \ \dots \ a(\omega_n)] \quad (m \times n) \end{aligned}$$

**Note:**  $\text{rank}(A) = n$  (for  $m \geq n$ )

Define

$$\tilde{y}(t) \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} y(t) \\ y(t-1) \\ \vdots \\ y(t-m+1) \end{bmatrix} = A\tilde{x}(t) + \tilde{e}(t)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}(t) &= [x_1(t) \ \dots \ x_n(t)]^T \\ \tilde{e}(t) &= [e(t) \ \dots \ e(t-m+1)]^T \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\boxed{R \triangleq E \{ \tilde{y}(t) \tilde{y}^*(t) \} = APA^* + \sigma^2 I}$$

with

$$P = E \{ \tilde{x}(t) \tilde{x}^*(t) \} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1^2 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \alpha_n^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Eigendecomposition of $R$ and Its Properties

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$$R = APA^* + \sigma^2 I \quad (m > n)$$

Let:

$\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_m$ : eigenvalues of  $R$

$\{s_1, \dots, s_n\}$ : orthonormal eigenvectors associated  
with  $\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\}$

$\{g_1, \dots, g_{m-n}\}$ : orthonormal eigenvectors associated  
with  $\{\lambda_{n+1}, \dots, \lambda_m\}$

$$S = [s_1 \dots s_n] \quad (m \times n)$$

$$G = [g_1 \dots g_{m-n}] \quad (m \times (m - n))$$

Thus,

$$R = [S \ G] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S^* \\ G^* \end{bmatrix}$$

## Eigendecomposition of $R$ and Its Properties, con't

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As  $\text{rank}(APA^*) = n$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_k &> \sigma^2 & k = 1, \dots, n \\ \lambda_k &= \sigma^2 & k = n+1, \dots, m\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathring{\Lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 - \sigma^2 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n - \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix} = \text{nonsingular}$$

**Note:**

$$RS = APA^*S + \sigma^2 S = S \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{S = A(PA^*S\mathring{\Lambda}^{-1}) \triangleq AC}$$

with  $\boxed{|C| \neq 0}$  (since  $\text{rank}(S) = \text{rank}(A) = n$ ).

Therefore, since  $S^*G = 0$ ,

$$\boxed{A^*G = 0}$$

## MUSIC Method

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$$A^*G = \begin{bmatrix} a^*(\omega_1) \\ \vdots \\ a^*(\omega_n) \end{bmatrix} G = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \{a(\omega_k)\}_{k=1}^n \perp \mathcal{R}(G)$$

Thus,

$$\{\omega_k\}_{k=1}^n \text{ are the } \textit{unique solutions} \text{ of}$$
$$a^*(\omega)GG^*a(\omega) = 0.$$

Let:

$$\hat{R} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=m}^N \tilde{y}(t)\tilde{y}^*(t)$$

$$\hat{S}, \hat{G} = S, G \text{ made from the} \\ \text{eigenvectors of } \hat{R}$$

## Spectral and Root MUSIC Methods

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### Spectral MUSIC Method:

$\{\hat{\omega}_k\}_{k=1}^n =$  the locations of the  $n$  highest peaks of the “pseudo-spectrum” function:

$$\frac{1}{a^*(\omega)\hat{G}\hat{G}^*a(\omega)}, \quad \omega \in [-\pi, \pi]$$

### Root MUSIC Method:

$\{\hat{\omega}_k\}_{k=1}^n =$  the angular positions of the  $n$  roots of:

$$a^T(z^{-1})\hat{G}\hat{G}^*a(z) = 0$$

that are closest to the unit circle. Here,

$$a(z) = [1, z^{-1}, \dots, z^{-(m-1)}]^T$$

**Note:** Both variants of MUSIC may produce spurious frequency estimates.

## Pisarenko Method

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Pisarenko is a special case of MUSIC with  $m = n + 1$  (the minimum possible value).

If:  $m = n + 1$

Then:  $\hat{G} = \hat{g}_1$ ,

$\Rightarrow \{\hat{\omega}_k\}_{k=1}^n$  can be found from the roots of

$$\boxed{a^T(z^{-1})\hat{g}_1 = 0}$$

- no problem with spurious frequency estimates
- computationally simple
- (much) less accurate than MUSIC with  $m \gg n + 1$

## Min-Norm Method

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**Goals:** Reduce computational burden, and reduce risk of false frequency estimates.

Uses  $m \gg n$  (as in MUSIC), but only *one* vector in  $\mathcal{R}(G)$  (as in Pisarenko).

Let

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \hat{g} \end{bmatrix} =$  the vector in  $\mathcal{R}(\hat{G})$ , with first element equal to one, that has minimum Euclidean norm.

## Min-Norm Method, con't

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### Spectral Min-Norm

$\{\hat{\omega}\}_{k=1}^n =$  the locations of the  $n$  highest peaks in the “pseudo-spectrum”

$$1 / \left| a^*(\omega) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \hat{g} \end{bmatrix} \right|^2$$

### Root Min-Norm

$\{\hat{\omega}\}_{k=1}^n =$  the angular positions of the  $n$  roots of the polynomial

$$a^T(z^{-1}) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \hat{g} \end{bmatrix}$$

that are closest to the unit circle.



## Min-Norm Method: Determining $\hat{g}$

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$$\text{Let } \hat{S} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha^* \\ \bar{S} \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \} 1 \\ \} m-1 \end{matrix}$$

Then:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \hat{g} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{R}(\hat{G}) \Rightarrow \hat{S}^* \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \hat{g} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \bar{S}^* \hat{g} = -\alpha$$

**Min-Norm solution:**  $\hat{g} = -\bar{S}(\bar{S}^* \bar{S})^{-1} \alpha$

As:  $I = \hat{S}^* \hat{S} = \alpha \alpha^* + \bar{S}^* \bar{S}$ ,  $(\bar{S}^* \bar{S})^{-1}$  exists iff

$$\boxed{\alpha^* \alpha = \|\alpha\|^2 \neq 1}$$

(This holds, at least, for  $N \gg 1$ .)

Multiplying the above equation by  $\alpha$  gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(1 - \|\alpha\|^2) &= (\bar{S}^* \bar{S}) \alpha \\ \Rightarrow (\bar{S}^* \bar{S})^{-1} \alpha &= \alpha / (1 - \|\alpha\|^2) \\ \Rightarrow \boxed{\hat{g} = -\bar{S} \alpha / (1 - \|\alpha\|^2)} \end{aligned}$$

## ESPRIT Method

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$$\begin{aligned}\text{Let } A_1 &= [I_{m-1} \ 0]A \\ A_2 &= [0 \ I_{m-1}]A\end{aligned}$$

Then  $A_2 = A_1 D$ , where

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-i\omega_1} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & e^{-i\omega_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Also, let } S_1 &= [I_{m-1} \ 0]S \\ S_2 &= [0 \ I_{m-1}]S\end{aligned}$$

Recall  $S = AC$  with  $|C| \neq 0$ . Then

$$S_2 = A_2 C = A_1 D C = S_1 \underbrace{C^{-1} D C}_{\phi}$$

So  $\phi$  has the same eigenvalues as  $D$ .  $\phi$  is uniquely determined as

$$\phi = (S_1^* S_1)^{-1} S_1^* S_2$$

## ESPRIT Implementation

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From the eigendecomposition of  $\hat{R}$ , find  $\hat{S}$ , then  $\hat{S}_1$  and  $\hat{S}_2$ .

The frequency estimates are found by:

$$\{\hat{\omega}_k\}_{k=1}^n = -\arg(\hat{\nu}_k)$$

where  $\{\hat{\nu}_k\}_{k=1}^n$  are the eigenvalues of

$$\hat{\phi} = (\hat{S}_1^* \hat{S}_1)^{-1} \hat{S}_1^* \hat{S}_2$$

ESPRIT Advantages:

- computationally simple
- no extraneous frequency estimates (unlike in MUSIC or Min–Norm)
- accurate frequency estimates

## Summary of Frequency Estimation Methods

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Method	Computational Burden	Accuracy / Resolution	Risk for False Freq Estimates
Periodogram	small	medium-high	medium
Nonlinear LS	very high	very high	very high
Yule-Walker	medium	high	medium
Pisarenko	small	low	none
MUSIC	high	high	medium
Min-Norm	medium	high	small
ESPRIT	medium	very high	none

Recommendation:

- Use **Periodogram** for medium-resolution applications
- Use **ESPRIT** for high-resolution applications

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# Filter Bank Methods

## Lecture 7

## Basic Ideas

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Two main PSD estimation approaches:

1. *Parametric Approach*: Parameterize  $\phi(\omega)$  by a finite-dimensional model.
2. *Nonparametric Approach*: Implicitly smooth  $\{\phi(\omega)\}_{\omega=-\pi}^{\pi}$  by assuming that  $\phi(\omega)$  is nearly constant over the bands

$$[\omega - \beta\pi, \omega + \beta\pi], \beta \ll 1$$

2 is more general than 1, but 2 requires

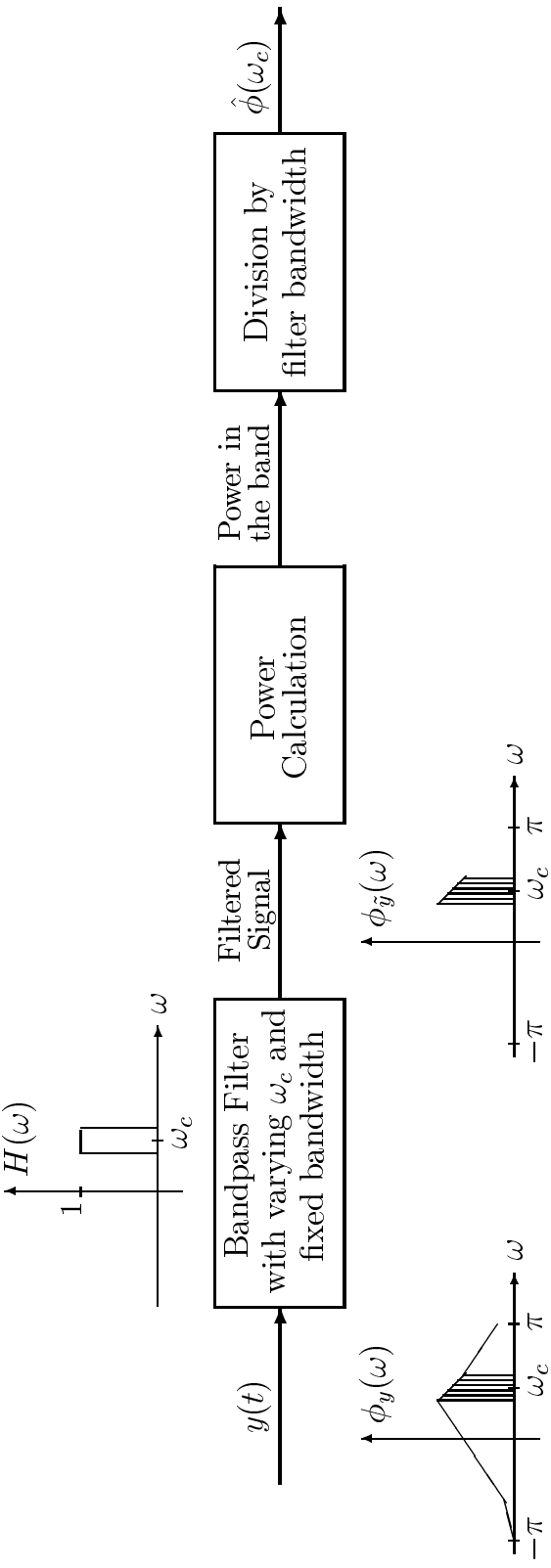
$$N\beta > 1$$

to ensure that the number of estimated values  
( $= 2\pi/2\pi\beta = 1/\beta$ ) is  $< N$ .

$N\beta > 1$  leads to the variability / resolution compromise associated with all nonparametric methods.

# Filter Bank Approach to Spectral Estimation

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$$\hat{\phi}_{FB}(\omega) \stackrel{(a)}{\simeq} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |H(\tau)|^2 \phi(\tau) d\tau / \beta \stackrel{(b)}{\simeq} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\omega-\pi\beta}^{\omega+\pi\beta} \phi(\tau) d\tau \stackrel{(c)}{\simeq} \phi(\omega)$$

- (a) consistent power calculation
- (b) Ideal passband filter with bandwidth  $\beta$
- (c)  $\phi(\tau)$  constant on  $\tau \in [\omega - 2\pi\beta, \omega + 2\pi\beta]$

Note that assumptions (a) and (b), as well as (b) and (c), are conflicting.

## Filter Bank Interpretation of the Periodogram

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$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\phi}_p(\tilde{\omega}) &\triangleq \frac{1}{N} \left| \sum_{t=1}^N y(t) e^{-i\tilde{\omega}t} \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \left| \sum_{t=1}^N y(t) e^{i\tilde{\omega}(N-t)} \right|^2 \\ &= N \left| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} h_k y(N-k) \right|^2\end{aligned}$$

where

$$h_k = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{N} e^{i\tilde{\omega}k}, & k = 0, \dots, N-1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$H(\omega) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} h_k e^{-i\omega k} = \frac{1}{N} \frac{e^{iN(\tilde{\omega}-\omega)} - 1}{e^{i(\tilde{\omega}-\omega)} - 1}$$

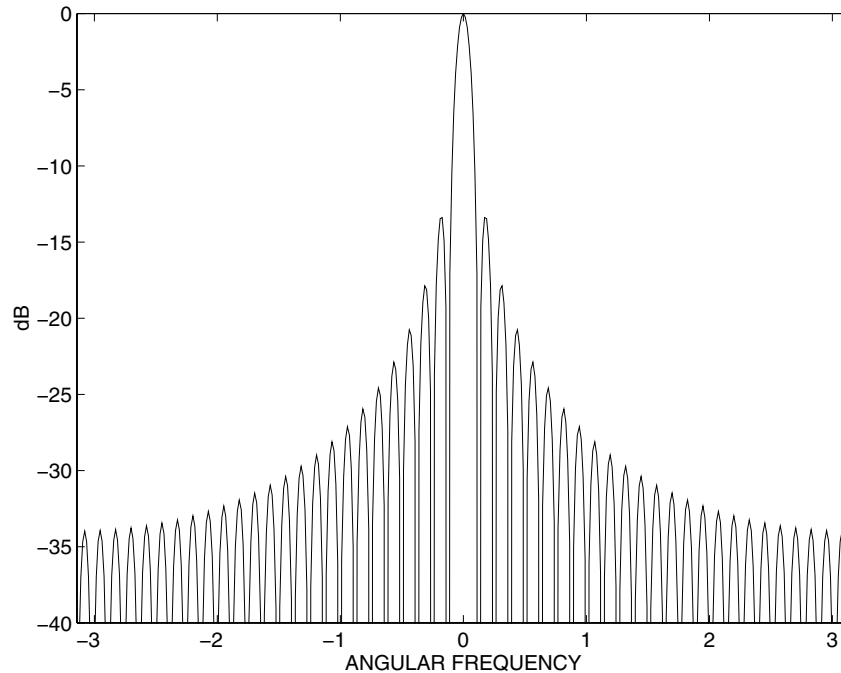
- center frequency of  $H(\omega) = \tilde{\omega}$
- 3dB bandwidth of  $H(\omega) \simeq 1/N$



## Filter Bank Interpretation of the Periodogram, con't

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$|H(\omega)|$  as a function of  $(\tilde{\omega} - \omega)$ , for  $N = 50$ .



**Conclusion:** The periodogram  $\hat{\phi}_p(\omega)$  is a filter bank PSD estimator with bandpass filter as given above, and:

- narrow filter passband,
- power calculation from only **1** sample of filter output.

## Possible Improvements to the Filter Bank Approach

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1. *Split the available sample*, and bandpass filter each subsample.
  - more data points for the power calculation stage.

This approach leads to Bartlett and Welch methods.

2. *Use several bandpass filters on the whole sample*. Each filter covers a small band centered on  $\tilde{\omega}$ .
  - provides several samples for power calculation.

This “multiwindow approach” is similar to the Daniell method.

Both approaches *compromise bias for variance*, and in fact are quite related to each other: splitting the data sample can be interpreted as a special form of windowing or filtering.

# Capon Method

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**Idea:** Data-dependent bandpass filter design.

$$\begin{aligned} y_F(t) &= \sum_{k=0}^m h_k y(t-k) \\ &= \underbrace{[h_0 \ h_1 \ \dots \ h_m]}_{h^*} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} y(t) \\ \vdots \\ y(t-m) \end{bmatrix}}_{\tilde{y}(t)} \end{aligned}$$

$$E \{ |y_F(t)|^2 \} = h^* R h, \quad R = E \{ \tilde{y}(t) \tilde{y}^*(t) \}$$

$$H(\omega) = \sum_{k=0}^m h_k e^{-i\omega k} = h^* a(\omega)$$

where  $a(\omega) = [1, e^{-i\omega} \ \dots \ e^{-im\omega}]^T$

## Capon Method, con't

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### Capon Filter Design Problem:

$$\min_h (h^* R h) \quad \text{subject to } h^* a(\omega) = 1$$

**Solution:**  $h_0 = R^{-1} a / a^* R^{-1} a$

The power at the filter output is:

$$E \{ |y_F(t)|^2 \} = h_0^* R h_0 = 1 / a^*(\omega) R^{-1} a(\omega)$$

which should be the power of  $y(t)$  in a passband centered on  $\omega$ .

$$\text{The Bandwidth} \simeq \frac{1}{m+1} = \frac{1}{(\text{filter length})}$$

**Conclusion** Estimate PSD as:

$$\hat{\phi}(\omega) = \frac{m+1}{a^*(\omega) \hat{R}^{-1} a(\omega)}$$

with

$$\hat{R} = \frac{1}{N-m} \sum_{t=m+1}^N \tilde{y}(t) \tilde{y}^*(t)$$

## Capon Properties

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- $m$  is the user parameter that controls the compromise between bias and variance:
  - as  $m$  increases, bias decreases and variance increases.
- Capon uses one bandpass filter only, but it splits the  $N$ -data point sample into  $(N - m)$  subsequences of length  $m$  with maximum overlap.

## Relation between Capon and Blackman-Tukey Methods

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Consider  $\hat{\phi}_{BT}(\omega)$  with *Bartlett window*:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\phi}_{BT}(\omega) &= \sum_{k=-m}^m \frac{m+1-|k|}{m+1} \hat{r}(k) e^{-i\omega k} \\ &= \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{t=0}^m \sum_{s=0}^m \hat{r}(t-s) e^{-i\omega(t-s)} \\ &= \frac{a^*(\omega) \hat{R} a(\omega)}{m+1}; \quad \hat{R} = [\hat{r}(i-j)]\end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\phi}_{BT}(\omega) &= \frac{a^*(\omega) \hat{R} a(\omega)}{m+1} \\ \hat{\phi}_C(\omega) &= \frac{m+1}{a^*(\omega) \hat{R}^{-1} a(\omega)}\end{aligned}$$

## Relation between Capon and AR Methods

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Let

$$\hat{\phi}_k^{\text{AR}}(\omega) = \frac{\hat{\sigma}_k^2}{|\hat{A}_k(\omega)|^2}$$

be the  $k$ th order AR PSD estimate of  $y(t)$ .

Then

$$\hat{\phi}_C(\omega) = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{k=0}^m 1/\hat{\phi}_k^{\text{AR}}(\omega)}$$

### Consequences:

- Due to the average over  $k$ ,  $\hat{\phi}_C(\omega)$  generally has *less statistical variability* than the AR PSD estimator.
- Due to the low-order AR terms in the average,  $\hat{\phi}_C(\omega)$  generally has *worse resolution and bias properties* than the AR method.

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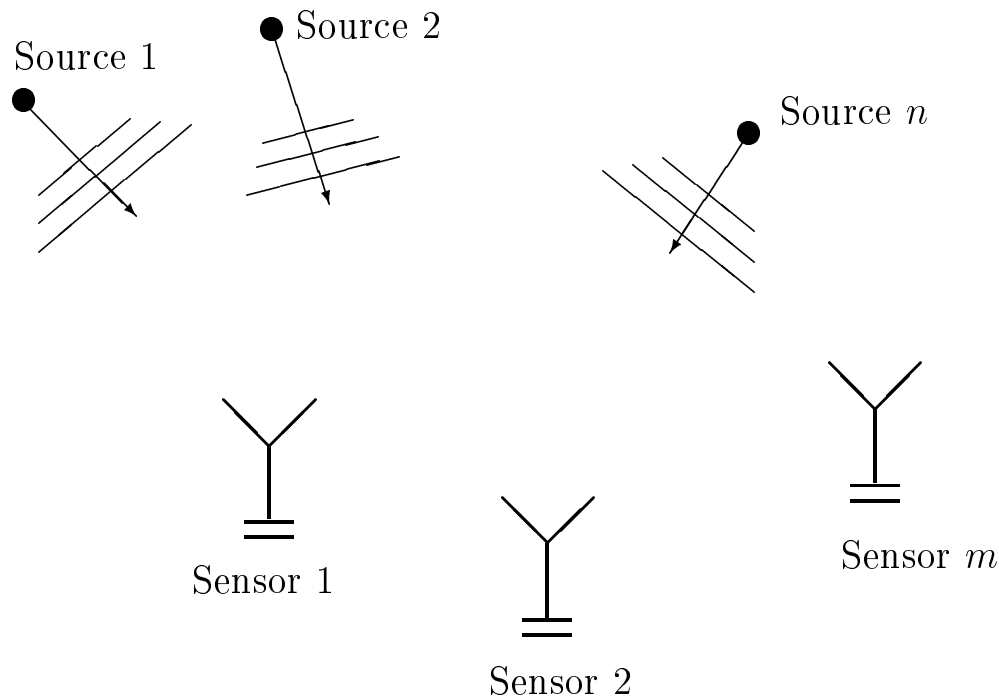
# Spatial Methods — Part 1

## Lecture 8



# The Spatial Spectral Estimation Problem

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**Problem:** *Detect and locate  $n$  radiating sources by using an array of  $m$  passive sensors.*

**Emitted energy:** Acoustic, electromagnetic, mechanical

**Receiving sensors:** Hydrophones, antennas, seismometers

**Applications:** Radar, sonar, communications, seismology, underwater surveillance

**Basic Approach:** Determine energy distribution over *space* (thus the name “spatial spectral analysis”)

## Simplifying Assumptions

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- Far-field sources in the same plane as the array of sensors
- Non-dispersive wave propagation

**Hence:** The waves are planar and the only location parameter is **direction of arrival (DOA)** (or angle of arrival, AOA).

- The number of sources  $n$  is known. (We do not treat the detection problem)
- The sensors are linear dynamic elements with *known transfer characteristics* and *known locations* (That is, the array is *calibrated*.)

## Array Model — Single Emitter Case

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$x(t) =$  the signal waveform as measured at a reference point (e.g., at the “first” sensor)

$\tau_k =$  the delay between the reference point and the  $k$ th sensor

$h_k(t) =$  the impulse response (weighting function) of sensor  $k$

$\bar{e}_k(t) =$  “noise” at the  $k$ th sensor (e.g., thermal noise in sensor electronics; background noise, etc.)

**Note:**  $t \in \mathcal{R}$  (continuous-time signals).

Then the output of sensor  $k$  is

$$\bar{y}_k(t) = h_k(t) * x(t - \tau_k) + \bar{e}_k(t)$$

(\* = convolution operator).

**Basic Problem:** Estimate the *time delays*  $\{\tau_k\}$  with  $h_k(t)$  known but  $x(t)$  unknown.

This is a *time-delay estimation problem* in the unknown input case.

## Narrowband Assumption

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**Assume:** The emitted signals are narrowband with known carrier frequency  $\omega_c$ .

Then:  $x(t) = \alpha(t) \cos[\omega_c t + \varphi(t)]$

where  $\alpha(t)$ ,  $\varphi(t)$  vary “slowly enough” so that

$$\alpha(t - \tau_k) \simeq \alpha(t), \quad \varphi(t - \tau_k) \simeq \varphi(t)$$

Time delay is now  $\simeq$  to a *phase shift*  $\omega_c \tau_k$ :

$$x(t - \tau_k) \simeq \alpha(t) \cos[\omega_c t + \varphi(t) - \omega_c \tau_k]$$

$$\begin{aligned} h_k(t) * x(t - \tau_k) \\ \simeq |H_k(\omega_c)| \alpha(t) \cos[\omega_c t + \varphi(t) - \omega_c \tau_k + \arg\{H_k(\omega_c)\}] \end{aligned}$$

where  $H_k(\omega) = \mathcal{F}\{h_k(t)\}$  is the  $k$ th sensor's transfer function

Hence, the  $k$ th sensor output is

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{y}_k(t) = & |H_k(\omega_c)| \alpha(t) \\ & \cdot \cos[\omega_c t + \varphi(t) - \omega_c \tau_k + \arg H_k(\omega_c)] + \bar{e}_k(t) \end{aligned}$$

## Complex Signal Representation

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The noise-free output has the form:

$$\begin{aligned} z(t) &= \beta(t) \cos [\omega_c t + \psi(t)] = \\ &= \frac{\beta(t)}{2} \left\{ e^{i[\omega_c t + \psi(t)]} + e^{-i[\omega_c t + \psi(t)]} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Demodulate  $z(t)$  (translate to baseband):

$$2z(t)e^{-i\omega_c t} = \beta(t) \left\{ \underbrace{e^{i\psi(t)}}_{\text{lowpass}} + \underbrace{e^{-i[2\omega_c t + \psi(t)]}}_{\text{highpass}} \right\}$$

Lowpass filter  $2z(t)e^{-i\omega_c t}$  to obtain  $\beta(t)e^{i\psi(t)}$

**Hence**, by low-pass filtering and sampling the signal

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{y}_k(t)/2 &= \bar{y}_k(t)e^{-i\omega_c t} \\ &= \bar{y}_k(t) \cos(\omega_c t) - i\bar{y}_k(t) \sin(\omega_c t) \end{aligned}$$

we get the **complex representation**: (for  $t \in \mathcal{Z}$ )

$$y_k(t) = \underbrace{\alpha(t) e^{i\varphi(t)}}_{s(t)} \underbrace{|H_k(\omega_c)| e^{i \arg[H_k(\omega_c)]}}_{H_k(\omega_c)} e^{-i\omega_c \tau_k} + e_k(t)$$

or

$$\boxed{y_k(t) = s(t) H_k(\omega_c) e^{-i\omega_c \tau_k} + e_k(t)}$$

where  $s(t)$  is the *complex envelope* of  $x(t)$ .

## Vector Representation for a Narrowband Source

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Let

$\theta$  = the emitter DOA

$m$  = the number of sensors

$$a(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} H_1(\omega_c) e^{-i\omega_c \tau_1} \\ \vdots \\ H_m(\omega_c) e^{-i\omega_c \tau_m} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y(t) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ y_m(t) \end{bmatrix} \quad e(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ e_m(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Then

$$\boxed{y(t) = a(\theta)s(t) + e(t)}$$

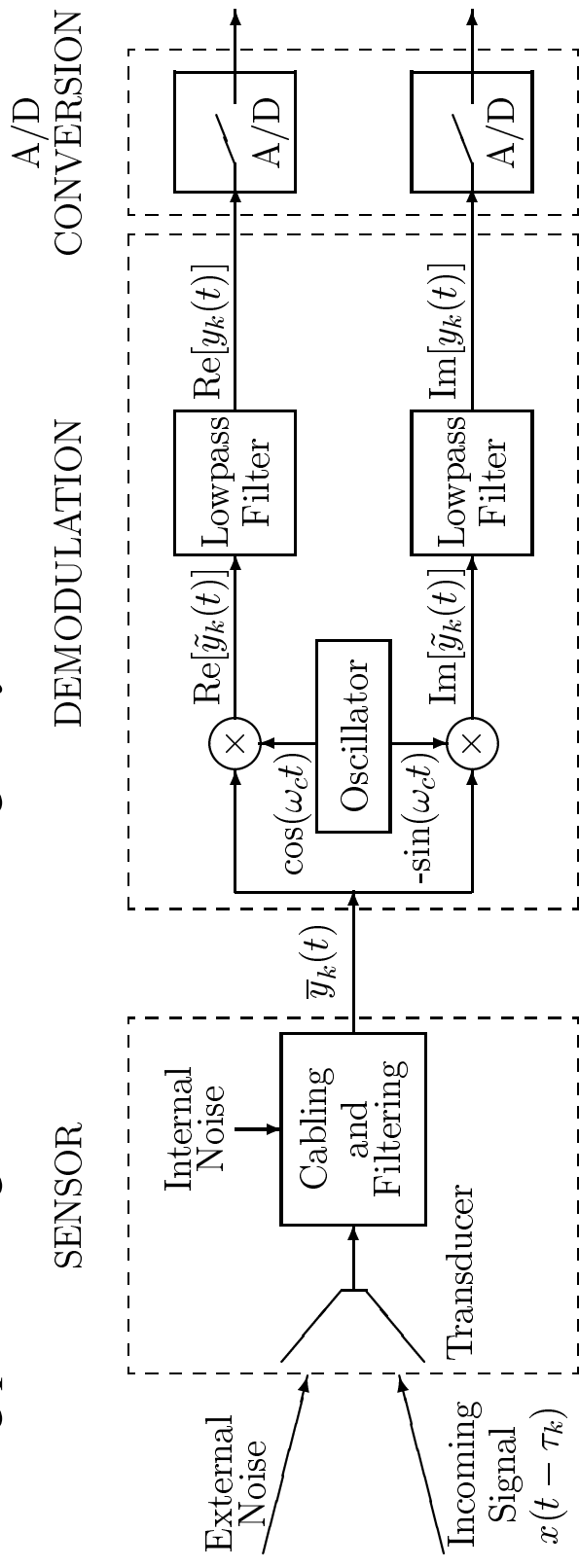
**NOTE:**  $\theta$  enters  $a(\theta)$  via both  $\{\tau_k\}$  and  $\{H_k(\omega_c)\}$ .

For *omnidirectional* sensors the  $\{H_k(\omega_c)\}$  do not depend on  $\theta$ .

# Analog Processing Block Diagram

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Analog processing for each receiving array element



## Multiple Emitter Case

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Given  $n$  emitters with

- received signals:  $\{s_k(t)\}_{k=1}^n$
- DOAs:  $\theta_k$

Linear sensors  $\Rightarrow$

$$y(t) = a(\theta_1)s_1(t) + \cdots + a(\theta_n)s_n(t) + e(t)$$

Let

$$A = [a(\theta_1) \cdots a(\theta_n)], \quad (m \times n)$$

$$s(t) = [s_1(t) \cdots s_n(t)]^T, \quad (n \times 1)$$

Then, the **array equation** is:

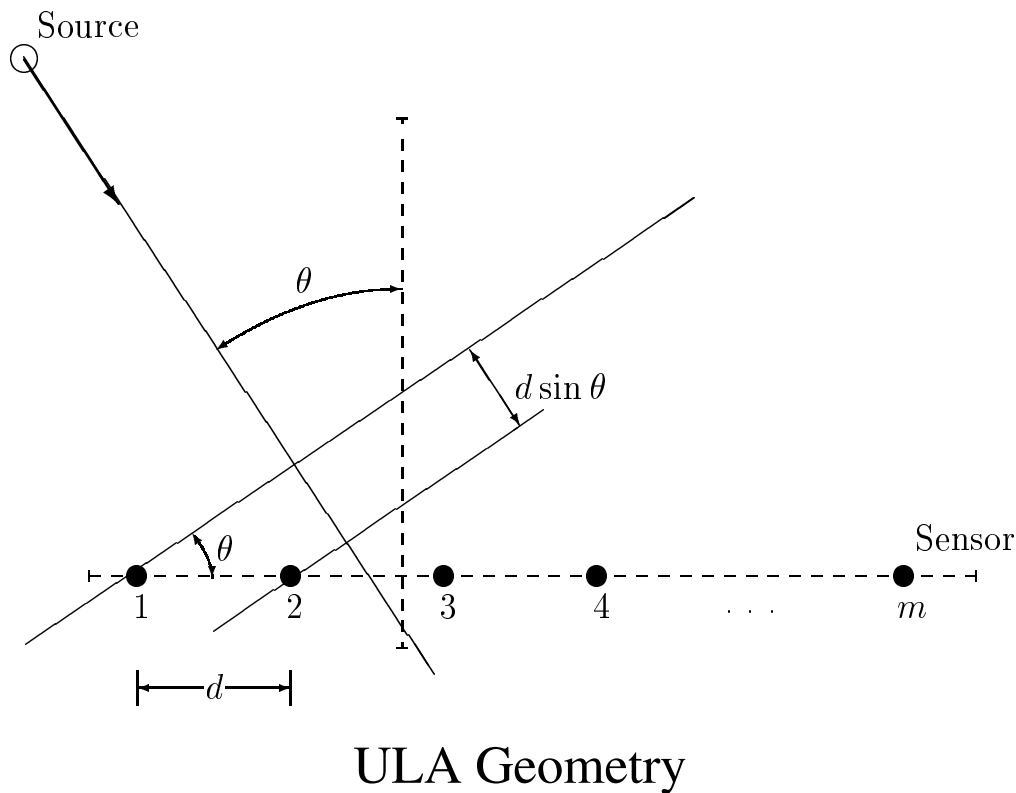
$$y(t) = As(t) + e(t)$$

Use the *planar wave* assumption to find the dependence of  $\tau_k$  on  $\theta$ .



# Uniform Linear Arrays

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Sensor #1 = time delay reference

Time Delay for sensor  $k$ :

$$\tau_k = (k - 1) \frac{d \sin \theta}{c}$$

where  $c$  = wave propagation speed

# Spatial Frequency

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Let:

$$\omega_s \triangleq \omega_c \frac{d \sin \theta}{c} = 2\pi \frac{d \sin \theta}{c/f_c} = 2\pi \frac{d \sin \theta}{\lambda}$$

$$\lambda = c/f_c = \text{signal wavelength}$$

$$a(\theta) = [1, e^{-i\omega_s} \dots e^{-i(m-1)\omega_s}]^T$$

By direct analogy with the vector  $a(\omega)$  made from uniform samples of a *sinusoidal time series*,

$$\omega_s = \text{spatial frequency}$$

The function  $\omega_s \mapsto a(\theta)$  is *one-to-one* for

$$|\omega_s| \leq \pi \leftrightarrow \frac{d|\sin \theta|}{\lambda/2} \leq 1 \leftarrow \boxed{d \leq \lambda/2}$$

As

$$d = \text{spatial sampling period}$$

$d \leq \lambda/2$  is a **spatial** Shannon sampling theorem.

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# Spatial Methods — Part 2

## Lecture 9

# Spatial Filtering

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Spatial filtering useful for

- DOA discrimination (similar to frequency discrimination of time-series filtering)
- Nonparametric DOA estimation

There is a strong analogy between temporal filtering and spatial filtering.

# Analogy between Temporal and Spatial Filtering

## Temporal FIR Filter:

$$\begin{aligned}y_F(t) &= \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} h_k u(t-k) = h^* y(t) \\h &= [h_0 \dots h_{m-1}]^* \\y(t) &= [u(t) \dots u(t-m+1)]^T\end{aligned}$$

If  $u(t) = e^{i\omega t}$  then

$$y_F(t) = \underbrace{[h^* a(\omega)]}_{\text{filter transfer function}} u(t)$$

$$a(\omega) = [1, e^{-i\omega} \dots e^{-i(m-1)\omega}]^T$$

We can select  $h$  to enhance or attenuate signals with different frequencies  $\omega$ .

# Analogy between Temporal and Spatial Filtering

## Spatial Filter:

$\{y_k(t)\}_{k=1}^m$  = the “spatial samples” obtained with a sensor array.

Spatial FIR Filter output:

$$y_F(t) = \sum_{k=1}^m h_k y_k(t) = h^* y(t)$$

**Narrowband Wavefront:** The array's (noise-free) response to a narrowband ( $\sim$  sinusoidal) wavefront with complex envelope  $s(t)$  is:

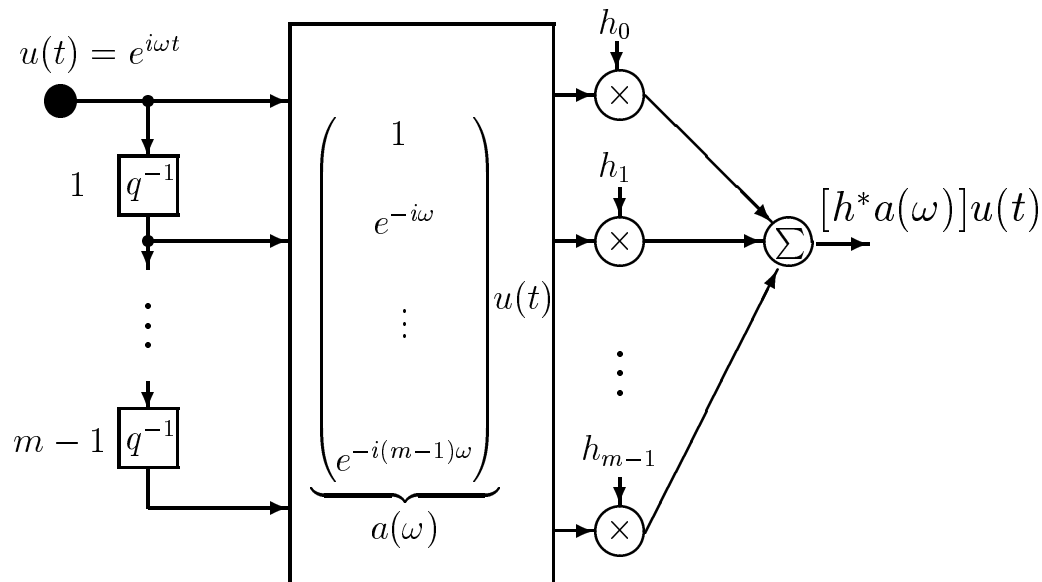
$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= a(\theta) s(t) \\ a(\theta) &= [1, e^{-i\omega_c \tau_2} \dots e^{-i\omega_c \tau_m}]^T \end{aligned}$$

The corresponding filter output is

$$\boxed{y_F(t) = \underbrace{[h^* a(\theta)]}_{\text{filter transfer function}} s(t)}$$

We can select  $h$  to enhance or attenuate signals coming from different DOAs.

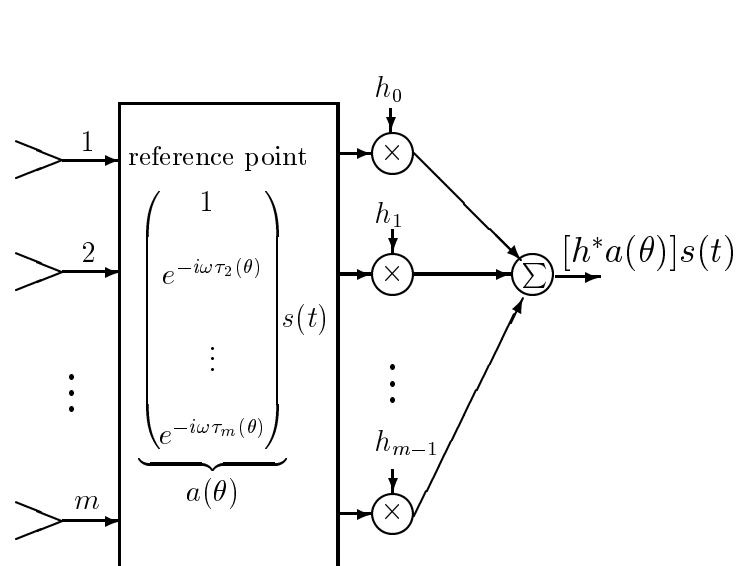
# Analogy between Temporal and Spatial Filtering



(Temporal sampling)

(a) Temporal filter

narrowband source with DOA= $\theta$



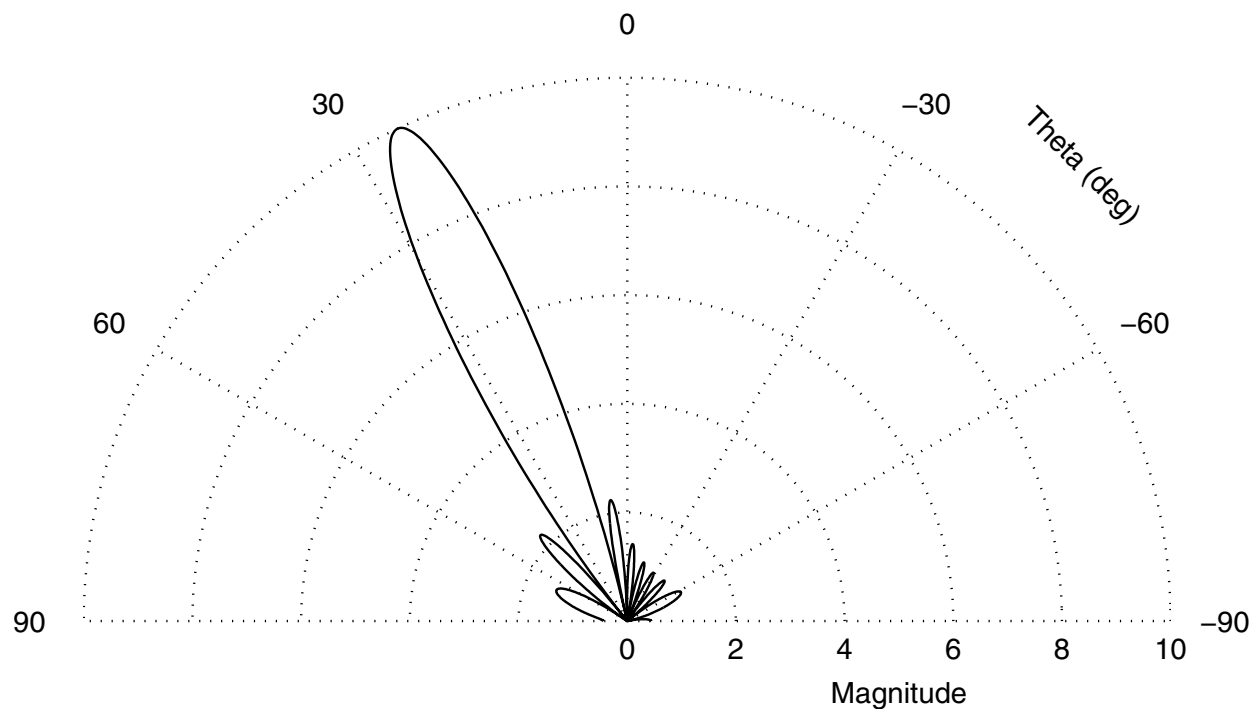
(Spatial sampling)

(b) Spatial filter

## Spatial Filtering, con't

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**Example:** The response magnitude  $|h^*a(\theta)|$  of a spatial filter (or beamformer) for a 10-element ULA. Here,  $h = a(\theta_0)$ , where  $\theta_0 = 25^\circ$





# Spatial Filtering Uses

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Spatial Filters can be used

- To pass the signal of interest only, hence filtering out interferences located outside the filter's beam (but possibly having the same temporal characteristics as the signal).
- To locate an emitter in the field of view, by sweeping the filter through the DOA range of interest (“goniometer”).

# Nonparametric Spatial Methods

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*A Filter Bank Approach to DOA estimation.*

## Basic Ideas

- Design a filter  $h(\theta)$  such that for each  $\theta$ 
  - It passes undistorted the signal with DOA =  $\theta$
  - It attenuates all DOAs  $\neq \theta$
- Sweep the filter through the DOA range of interest, and evaluate the powers of the filtered signals:

$$\begin{aligned} E \left\{ |y_F(t)|^2 \right\} &= E \left\{ |h^*(\theta)y(t)|^2 \right\} \\ &= h^*(\theta) R h(\theta) \end{aligned}$$

with  $R = E \{ y(t)y^*(t) \}$ .

- The (dominant) peaks of  $h^*(\theta) R h(\theta)$  give the DOAs of the sources.

## Beamforming Method

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Assume the array output is *spatially white*:

$$R = E \{y(t)y^*(t)\} = I$$

Then:  $E \{|y_F(t)|^2\} = h^*h$

**Hence:** In direct analogy with the temporally white assumption for filter bank methods,  $y(t)$  can be considered as impinging on the array from *all* DOAs.

### Filter Design:

$$\min_h (h^*h) \text{ subject to } h^*a(\theta) = 1$$

### Solution:

$$h = a(\theta)/a^*(\theta)a(\theta) = a(\theta)/m$$

$$E \{|y_F(t)|^2\} = a^*(\theta)Ra(\theta)/m^2$$

## Implementation of Beamforming

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$$\hat{R} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N y(t)y^*(t)$$

The beamforming DOA estimates are:

$$\{\hat{\theta}_k\} = \text{the locations of the } n \text{ largest peaks of } a^*(\theta)\hat{R}a(\theta).$$

This is the direct spatial analog of the Blackman-Tukey periodogram.

### Resolution Threshold:

$$\begin{aligned} \inf |\theta_k - \theta_p| &> \frac{\text{wavelength}}{\text{array length}} \\ &= \text{array beamwidth} \end{aligned}$$

### Inconsistency problem:

Beamforming DOA estimates are consistent if  $n = 1$ , but inconsistent if  $n > 1$ .

## Capon Method

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### Filter design:

$$\min_h (h^* R h) \text{ subject to } h^* a(\theta) = 1$$

### Solution:

$$h = R^{-1} a(\theta) / a^*(\theta) R^{-1} a(\theta)$$
$$E \{ |y_F(t)|^2 \} = 1 / a^*(\theta) R^{-1} a(\theta)$$

### Implementation:

$$\{\hat{\theta}_k\} = \text{the locations of the } n \text{ largest peaks of } 1 / a^*(\theta) \hat{R}^{-1} a(\theta).$$

**Performance:** Slightly superior to Beamforming.

Both Beamforming and Capon are *nonparametric* approaches. They do not make assumptions on the covariance properties of the data (and hence do not depend on them).

## Parametric Methods

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### Assumptions:

- The array is described by the equation:

$$y(t) = As(t) + e(t)$$

- The noise is spatially white and has the same power in all sensors:

$$E \{e(t)e^*(t)\} = \sigma^2 I$$

- The signal covariance matrix

$$P = E \{s(t)s^*(t)\}$$

is nonsingular.

### Then:

$$R = E \{y(t)y^*(t)\} = APA^* + \sigma^2 I$$

**Thus:** The NLS, YW, MUSIC, MIN-NORM and ESPRIT methods of frequency estimation can be used, almost without modification, for DOA estimation.

## Nonlinear Least Squares Method

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$$\min_{\{\theta_k\}, \{s(t)\}} \underbrace{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \|y(t) - As(t)\|^2}_{f(\theta, s)}$$

Minimizing  $f$  over  $s$  gives

$$\hat{s}(t) = (A^*A)^{-1}A^*y(t), \quad t = 1, \dots, N$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} f(\theta, \hat{s}) &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \| [I - A(A^*A)^{-1}A^*]y(t) \|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N y^*(t)[I - A(A^*A)^{-1}A^*]y(t) \\ &= \text{tr}\{[I - A(A^*A)^{-1}A^*]\hat{R}\} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\{\hat{\theta}_k\} = \arg \max_{\{\theta_k\}} \text{tr}\{[A(A^*A)^{-1}A^*]\hat{R}\}$

For  $N = 1$ , this is precisely the form of the NLS method of frequency estimation.

# Nonlinear Least Squares Method

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## Properties of NLS:

- Performance: high
- Computational complexity: high
- Main drawback: need for multidimensional search.



## Yule-Walker Method

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$$y(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{y}(t) \\ \tilde{y}(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{A} \\ \tilde{A} \end{bmatrix} s(t) + \begin{bmatrix} \bar{e}(t) \\ \tilde{e}(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

**Assume:**  $E \{ \bar{e}(t) \tilde{e}^*(t) \} = 0$

**Then:**

$$\Gamma \triangleq E \{ \bar{y}(t) \tilde{y}^*(t) \} = \bar{A} P \tilde{A}^* \quad (M \times L)$$

**Also assume:**

- $M > n, L > n \quad (\Rightarrow m = M + L > 2n)$
- $\text{rank}(\bar{A}) = \text{rank}(\tilde{A}) = n$

**Then:**  $\text{rank}(\Gamma) = n$ , and the SVD of  $\Gamma$  is

$$\Gamma = \left[ \underbrace{U_1}_n \underbrace{U_2}_{M-n} \right] \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{n \times n} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \left[ \begin{bmatrix} V_1^* \\ V_2^* \end{bmatrix} \right] \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ L-n \end{matrix} \right\}$$

**Properties:**  $\tilde{A}^* V_2 = 0$        $V_1 \in \mathcal{R}(\tilde{A})$

## YW-MUSIC DOA Estimator

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$$\{\hat{\theta}_k\} = \text{the } n \text{ largest peaks of} \\ 1/\tilde{a}^*(\theta)\hat{V}_2\hat{V}_2^*\tilde{a}(\theta)$$

where

- $\tilde{a}(\theta)$ ,  $(L \times 1)$ , is the “array transfer vector” for  $\tilde{y}(t)$  at DOA  $\theta$
- $\hat{V}_2$  is defined similarly to  $V_2$ , using

$$\hat{\Gamma} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \bar{y}(t)\tilde{y}^*(t)$$

### Properties:

- Computational complexity: medium
- Performance: satisfactory if  $m \gg 2n$
- Main advantages:
  - weak assumption on  $\{e(t)\}$
  - the subarray  $\bar{A}$  need not be calibrated

## MUSIC and Min-Norm Methods

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Both MUSIC and Min-Norm methods for frequency estimation apply with only minor modifications to the DOA estimation problem.

- Spectral forms of MUSIC and Min-Norm can be used for arbitrary arrays
- Root forms can be used only with ULAs
- MUSIC and Min-Norm break down if the source signals are coherent; that is, if

$$\text{rank}(P) = \text{rank}(E \{s(t)s^*(t)\}) < n$$

Modifications that apply in the coherent case exist.

## ESPRIT Method

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**Assumption:** The array is made from *two identical subarrays* separated by a *known displacement vector*.

Let

$\bar{m}$  = # sensors in each subarray

$A_1 = [I_{\bar{m}} \ 0]A$  (transfer matrix of subarray 1)

$A_2 = [0 \ I_{\bar{m}}]A$  (transfer matrix of subarray 2)

Then  $A_2 = A_1 D$ , where

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-i\omega_c \tau(\theta_1)} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & e^{-i\omega_c \tau(\theta_n)} \end{bmatrix}$$

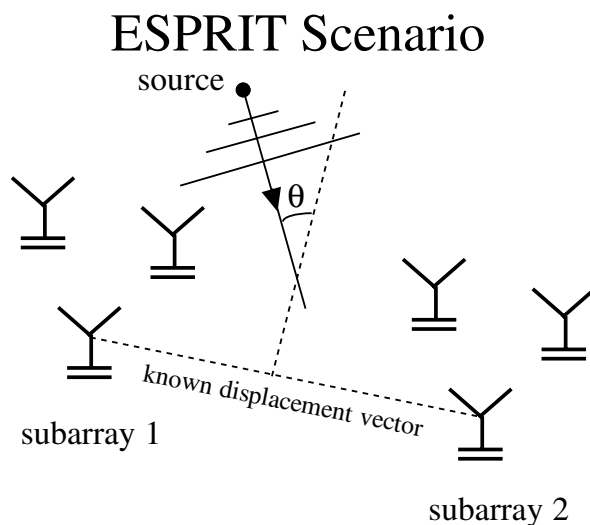
$\tau(\theta)$  = the time delay from subarray 1 to subarray 2 for a signal with DOA =  $\theta$ :

$$\tau(\theta) = d \sin(\theta)/c$$

where  $d$  is the subarray separation and  $\theta$  is measured from the perpendicular to the subarray displacement vector.

## ESPRIT Method, con't

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### Properties:

- Requires special array geometry
- Computationally efficient
- *No risk* of spurious DOA estimates
- Does not require array calibration

**Note:** For a ULA, the two subarrays are often the first  $m - 1$  and last  $m - 1$  array elements, so  $\bar{m} = m - 1$  and

$$A_1 = [I_{m-1} \ 0]A, \quad A_2 = [0 \ I_{m-1}]A$$