

Introduction

EMG signal is the electrical signal associated with muscular contraction. Level of activity of the EMG signal increases with the level of muscular contraction.

In order to investigate the relationship between an independent variable and a dependent variable, it is common to fit a linear model (goodness of fit). In the present lab assignment, you will use linear models to represent the variation of each of the parameters DR, MS, ZCR and TCR as a function of independent variables.

A brief explanation of the parameters:

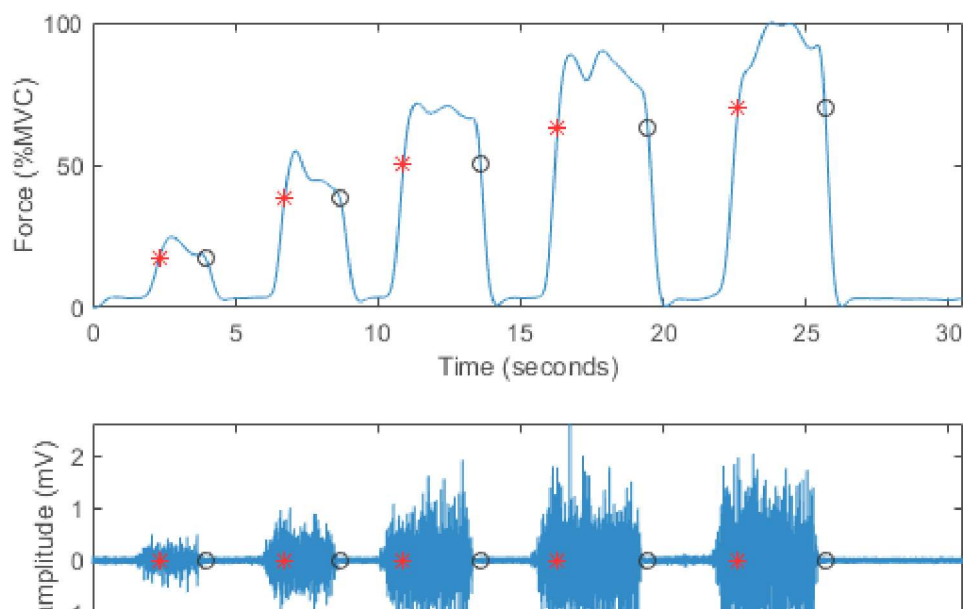
- The dynamic range (DR) of a signal is the difference between its maximum and minimum values over a swing or range.
- The average power of a signal is provided by the mean-squared (MS) value over a specified duration or the root-mean-squared (RMS) value. With the mean of the EMG signal being zero, the RMS value is equal to the square root of the MS value.
- An approximate indicator of the level of activity in a signal is given by the number of times the signal crosses the zero line (zero crossings). A zero crossing is said to occur when the sign of a sample of the signal changes from positive to negative or vice versa. The number of zero crossings over a certain time period is known as the zero-crossing rate (ZCR). It is expected that the larger the ZCR, the more active the signal is. See Section 5.6 on statistical analysis of EMG signals.
- Turns count (TC) is the number of times the signal amplitude changes direction. In Willison method (used in this lab), a threshold is selected to avoid counting insignificant fluctuations due to noise. TCR (Turns Count Rate) is the turns count per unit time.

Data

Muscle force and EMG data from the original experiment are shown in Figure 1. The sampling rate is 2000 Hz for the data. Five segments have been prepared for the assignment and are available in data.mat file. The segments were cropped into 5 segments, and has the following fields:

- t: the time points for the segment
- force: muscle force data readily prepared in percent of maximal voluntary contraction
- EMG: the EMG data for the segment with its mean (DC) subtracted
- length: the number of samples in the segment

You can reach the data with the following syntax: for example data(2).force is the force signal from the second segment.



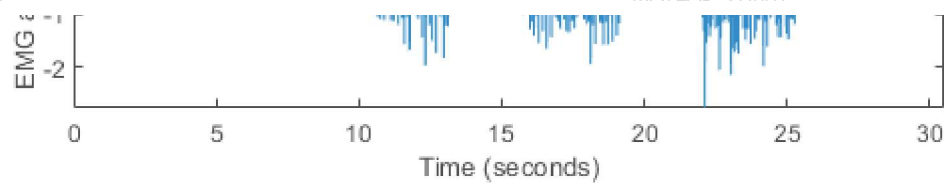


Figure 1. Muscle force and EMG signals of the experiment with segment starting and ending points marked for maximal voluntary contraction

Useful MATLAB commands:

hold, max, min, diff, sign, abs, polyfit, polyval, find

Task

Your task is to:

1. Study the data by plotting it with respect to time. I.e. plot all the segments of the already normalized force signal against their time corresponding time axes. Your plot will be like Figure 1 above, with Hint: you can plot the 5 segments with separate plot signals (using `hold on`), and keep the segments in the same plot.
2. Calculate the average force exerted within each segment of the force signal.
3. Compute the DR for each segment of the EMG signal.

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