rlpSpec: Adaptive sine multitaper power spectral density estimation

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Abstract

The purpose of this vignette is to provide an overview of some of the features included in rlpSpec, designed to compute estimates of power spectral density (PSD) for a univariate series in a sophisticated manner, with very little tuning effort. The sine multitapers are used in which the number of tapers varies with spectral shape, according to the optimal value proposed by Riedel and Sidorenko (1995). The adaptive procedure iteratively refines the optimal number of tapers at each frequency based on the spectra from the previous iteration. Assuming the adaptive procedure is convergent, this method produces power spectra with significantly lower spectral variance relative to results from naïve estimators. Sine tapers exhibit excellent leakage suppression characteristics, so bias effects are also reduced. Resolution and uncertainty vary with the number of tapers, which means we do not need to resort to either (1) windowing methods, which inherently degrade resolution at low-frequency (e.g. Welch's method); or (2) smoothing kernels, which can badly distort important features without careful tuning (e.g. the Daniell kernel in stats::spectrum). In this regards rlpSpec is best suited for data having a mix of large dynamic range and strong features, such as power spectra of ambient seismometer records.

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1 Quick start: A minimal example.

First, we load the package into the namespace:

```
library(rlpSpec)

## Loading required package: fftw

## Loaded rlpSpec (0.1.0) -- Adaptive multitaper spectrum estimation.
```

We need a series to analyze. Among the datasets included in rlpSpec is a subset of the Magnetic Satellite (MAGSAT) mission (Langel et al., 1982). Specifically, we have included along-track measurements of horizontal magnetic-field strength from a gimbaled, airborne magnetometer. The sampling interval is once every kilometer (km), so the will represent crustal magnetization with wavelengths longer than 2 km.

```
data(magsat)
```

The format of the data set is a data.frame with four sets of information:

```
names(magsat)
## [1] "km" "raw" "clean" "mdiff"
```

The raw and clean names represent raw and edited intensities respectively, expressed in units of nanoTesla; mdiff is the difference between them. The difference between them is a matter of just a few points attributable to instrumental malfunction.

```
subset(magsat, abs(mdiff) > 0)

## km raw clean mdiff
## 403 0 209.1 -3.635 -212.7
## 717 0 -248.7 -9.778 238.9
```

These deviations can, as we will see, adversely affect the accuracy of any PSD estimate, multitaper or otherwise.

Setting aside any discussion regarding sample stationarity, we can find power spectral density (PSD) estimates for the two series quite simply:

```
psdr <- pspectrum(magsat$raw, plot = FALSE, AR = TRUE)</pre>
## Stage 0 est. (pilot)
## environment ** .rlpSpecEnv ** refreshed
## detrending (and demeaning)
## autoregressive model fit (returning innovations)
## Removing AR(2) effects from spectrum
## Stage 1 est.
                  (Ave. S.V.R. 7.4 dB)
## Stage 2 est.
                  (Ave. S.V.R. -1.1 dB)
## Stage 3 est.
                  (Ave. S.V.R. -4.8 dB)
                  (Ave. S.V.R. -11.6 dB)
## Stage 4 est.
## Normalized single-sided PSD (rlpspec)
                                            to sampling-freq.
```

```
psdc <- pspectrum(magsat$clean, plot = FALSE)

## Stage 0 est. (pilot)
## environment ** .rlpSpecEnv ** refreshed
## detrending (and demeaning)
## Stage 1 est. (Ave. S.V.R. -7.5 dB)
## Stage 2 est. (Ave. S.V.R. -18.4 dB)
## Stage 3 est. (Ave. S.V.R. -28.8 dB)
## Stage 4 est. (Ave. S.V.R. -34.8 dB)
## Normalized single-sided PSD (rlpspec) to sampling-freq. 1</pre>
```

Each pspectrum command calculates a pilot PSD, followed by niter iterations of refinement. With each iteration the number of tapers is adjusted based the proposed optimal number from Riedel and Sidorenko (1995), which depends on spectral shape; we use quadratically weighted spectral derivatives to estimate this shape. By default, a multipanel summary plot of the final PSD compared to the raw periodogram estimate is shown after the final iterative stage. Note that if the user forgets to assign the results of pspectrum to the global environment, this can be done with the rlp_envGet function:

```
psdc_recovered <- rlp_envGet("final_psd")
all.equal(psdc, psdc_recovered)
## [1] TRUE</pre>
```

In general, spectral variance is reduced with sequential refinements¹, but is not necessarily guaranteed to converge. Note that in the example the sampling frequency of both series is 1 km⁻¹, the assumed value.

Figure 1 compares the power spectra for the raw and clean series². We expect the MAGSAT data to be linear in the space of linear-frequencies and logarithmic-power; we see a clear improvement in spectral shape between the two series, simply because the large outliers have been removed. The PSD of the clean series shows a very red spectrum typical of geophysical processes (Agnew, 1992), and a rolloff in signal for 10 kilometer wavelengths and longer; whereas, the PSD for the raw series looks somewhat unrealistic at higher wavelengths—features which would be difficult to judge with naïve estimators.

```
psdc_ar <- pspectrum(magsat$clean, AR = TRUE, plot = FALSE)</pre>
## Stage 0 est. (pilot)
## environment ** .rlpSpecEnv ** refreshed
## detrending (and demeaning)
## autoregressive model fit (returning innovations)
## Removing AR(6) effects from spectrum
## Stage 1 est.
                 (Ave. S.V.R. 4.7 dB)
## Stage 2 est.
                  (Ave.
                        S.V.R. -5.6 dB
                 (Ave. S.V.R. -6.9 dB)
## Stage 3 est.
## Stage 4 est.
                 (Ave. S.V.R. -16.3 dB)
## Normalized single-sided PSD (rlpspec) to sampling-freq. 1
```

¹ Messages given by pspectrum with "Ave. S.V.R." (not shown) are in reference to the average spectral-variance reduction, found from double-differenced spectra at each stage, relative to the pilot estimate.

² Note that pspectrum returns an object with class spec, so we have access to methods within stats, including plot.spec.

2 Comparisons with other methods

As we have shown in the MAGSAT example, improved understanding of the physics behind the signals in the data is of great concern. Assuming a sample is free of non-physical points, how do PSD estimates from rlpSpec compare with other methods? Unfortunately the suite of extensions with similar functionality is relatively limited, but hopefully we have summarized most, if not all, the available functions in Table 1.

Table 1: A comparison of power spectral density estimators in R, excluding extensions which only estimate raw-periodograms. Normalizations are shown as either "single" or "double" for either single- or double-sided spectra, and "various" if there are multiple, optional normalizations. A (*) denotes the default for a function having an option for either single or double.

FUNCTION	Namespace	SINE M.T.?	Adaptive?	Norm.	Reference
mtapspec	RSEIS	Yes	No	various	Lees and Park (1995)
pspectrum	rlpSpec	Yes	Yes	single	Parker and Barbour (2013)
spectrum	stats	No	No	double	R Core Team (2012)
spec.mtm	multitaper	Yes	Yes	double	Rahim and Burr (2012)
SDF	sapa	Yes	No	single^*	Percival and Walden (1993)

We compare results from rlpSpec with those from a few of the methods in Table 1, using the same data: the cleaned MAGSAT series.

2.1 stats::spectrum

Included in the core distribution of R is stats::spectrum, which accesses stats::spec.ar or stats::spec.pgram for either parametric and non-parametric estimation, respectively. The user can optionally apply a single cosine taper, and/or a smoothing kernel. Our method is non-parametric; hence, we will compare to the latter.

Included in rlpSpec is an option to compare the results with a naïve estimator—a 20% tapered periodogram—from within the spectrum calculator, psdcore. In R this estimator may be found with the following command:

```
spec.pgram(X, pad = 1, taper = 0.2, detrend = FALSE, demean = FALSE, plot = F)
```

Within psdcore the comparison is made with the logical arguments detrend and demean passed to spec.pgram; they are, by default, both TRUE.

As a matter of bookkeeping and good practice, we should consider the working environment accessed by rlpSpec functions. To ensure psdcore does not access any inappropriate information leftover from the previous calculations, we can set refresh=TRUE. We can then re-calculate the multitaper PSD and the raw periodogram with plotpsd=TRUE; these results are shown in Figure 2.

2.2 RSEIS::mtapspec

In RSEIS the spectrum estimation tool is mtapspec, which calls the program of Lees and Park (1995). There are numerous optional tuning parameters, including flags for normalization and taper averaging. For our purpose the correct normalization for mtapspec is found by using MTP=list(kind=2, inorm=3) and scaling the results by 2 (to convert double-sided spectra to single-sided spectra).

We assume mtapspec doesn't remove a mean and trend from the input series. We can do this easily with the prewhiten methods³.

```
require(RSEIS)

## Loading required package: RSEIS

## Loading required package: RPMG

## Loading required package: Rwave

##

## Attaching package: 'Rwave'

## The following object(s) are masked from 'package:stats':

##

## kernel

dt = 1  # km

ats <- prewhiten(ts(magsat$clean, deltat = dt), plot = FALSE)$prew.lin

## detrending (and demeaning)</pre>
```

Setting AR.max higher than zero causes the program to fit an auto-regressive (AR) model to the data using the Akaike infomation criterion (AIC). In Figure 3 we show the AR fitting method, and note that while we set AR.max relatively high, only and AR(6) model was fit significantly following the AIC.

We didn't necessarily need to deal with the sampling information since it is just 1 per km; but, supposing the sampling information was based on an interval, we could have used a negative value for X.frq, with which psdcore would interpret as an interval (instead of a frequency). A quick example highlights the equivalency:

```
a <- rnorm(32)
all.equal(psdcore(a, 1)$spec, psdcore(a, -1)$spec)
## [1] TRUE</pre>
```

Returning the the RSEIS comparison, we first estimate the PSD from mtapspec with 10 tapers:

where nwin is the number of tapers taken and npi is, from the documentation, the "number of Pi-prolate functions" (we leave it out for the sake of comparison). Note that the object returned is not of class spec:

```
str(Mspec)
## List of 12
## $ dat : ts [1:2048, 1] -16.23 -14.56 -12.02 -7.21 -3.13 ...
## ..- attr(*, "dimnames")=List of 2
```

³ This name of this function, prewhiten, suggests it produces only auto-regressive innovations: it can, but the default operation of prewhiten is to fit a linear model of the form $f(x) = \alpha x + \beta + \epsilon$ using ordinary linear least squares.

```
.. ..$ : NULL
##
    .. ..$ : NULL
##
    ..- attr(*, "tsp")= num [1:3] 1 2048 1
## $ dt
             : num 1
## $ spec
             : num [1:4096] 528 557 600 595 615 ...
            : num [1:4096] 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 ...
## $ Fv
             : num [1:4096] 4.45e-20 4.78e-02 5.36e-01 1.54 1.15 ...
## $ Rspec : num [1:2049, 1:10] 1.86e-07 -9.32e+01 6.05e+02 1.16e+03 -2.97e+02 ...
## $ Ispec : num [1:2049, 1:10] 0 -227 -569 665 1157 ...
           : num [1:2049] 0 0.000244 0.000488 0.000732 0.000977 ...
## $ freq
## $ df
            : num 0.000244
## $ numfreqs: num 2049
## $ klen : num 4096
            :List of 4
## $ mtm
##
    ..$ kind : num 2
##
    ..$ nwin : num 10
   ..$ npi : num 0
##
##
   ..$ inorm: num 3
```

We will calculate the comparative spectra from

- 1. spectrum (20% cosine taper),
- 2. psdcore (with fixed tapers), and
- 3. pspectrum (allowing adaptive taper refinement)

and we will need to correct for normalization factors, as necessary, with normalize. Note that by default the normalization is set within pspectrum (with normalize) once the adaptive procedure is finished.

```
Xspec <- spec.pgram(ats, pad = 1, taper = 0.2, detr = TRUE, dem = TRUE, plot = FALSE)
Pspec <- pspectrum(ats, dt, tapinit)
Aspec <- pspectrum(ats, dt, tapinit, niter = 3, plot = FALSE)

## Stage 0 est. (pilot)
## environment ** .rlpSpecEnv ** refreshed
## detrending (and demeaning)
## Stage 1 est. (Ave. S.V.R. -1.5 dB)
## Stage 2 est. (Ave. S.V.R. -8.8 dB)
## Stage 3 est. (Ave. S.V.R. -16.3 dB)
## Normalized single-sided PSD (rlpspec) to sampling-freq. 1

# Correct for double-sidedness of spectrum and mtapspec results
class(Mspec)

## [1] "list"

Mspec <- normalize(Mspec, dt, "spectrum")

## Normalized double-sided PSD (spectrum) to sampling-freq. 1</pre>
```

```
nt <- 1:Mspec$numfreqs
mspec <- Mspec$spec[nt]
class(Xspec)

## [1] "spec"

Xspec <- normalize(Xspec, dt, "spectrum")

## Normalized double-sided PSD (spectrum) to sampling-freq. 1</pre>
```

These estimates are shown on the same scale in Figure 4.

Because we did not specify the length of the FFT in mtapspec we end up with different length spectra. So, to form some statistical measure of the results, we can interpolate PSD levels onto the rlpSpec-based frequencies (or reciprocally):

```
require(signal)

## Loading required package: signal

## Loading required package: MASS

##

## Attaching package: 'signal'

## The following object(s) are masked from 'package:stats':

##

## filter, poly

pltpi <- interp1(pltf, pltp, Pspec$freq)</pre>
```

We regress the spectral values from mtapspec against the psdcore results because we have used them to produce uniformly tapered spectra with an equal number of sine tapers.

```
df <- data.frame(x = dB(Pspec$spec), y = pltpi, tap = unclass(Aspec$taper))</pre>
summary(dflm \leftarrow lm(y x + 0, df))
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = y ~ x + 0, data = df)
##
## Residuals:
          1Q Median 3Q
##
   Min
                                Max
## -2.586 -0.327 0.210 0.933 5.382
##
## Coefficients:
## Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## x 0.99217 0.00202 492 <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 1.18 on 1024 degrees of freedom
```

```
## Multiple R-squared: 0.996,Adjusted R-squared: 0.996
## F-statistic: 2.42e+05 on 1 and 1024 DF, p-value: <2e-16

df$res <- residuals(dflm)</pre>
```

Create ggplot2 objects for plotting purposes:

We show this regression and its associated residuals in Figure 5. The structure visible in the residuals at low power levels may be from curvature bias in the mtapspec results, which manifests at short wavelengths in Figure 4.

2.3 multitaper::spec.mtm

The function with the highest similarity to rlpSpec is spec.mtm in the multitaper package: it uses the sine multitapers, and can adaptively refine the spectrum. In fact, this function calls source code of a Fortran equivalent to rlpSpec authored by R.L. Parker (2013) to do these operations.

There are some notable differences, though. By default spec.mtm uses the Discrete Prolate Spheroidal Sequences (dpss) of Thomson (1982), which can have very good spectral leakage suppression (assuming the number of tapers used is appropriate for the desired resolution, which varies inversely with the time-bandwidth product). Spectral analyses using dpss can have superior results if the series is relatively short (e.g. N < 1000), or has inherent spectra with sharply changing features or deep wells. Improper usage of the dpss, however, can lead to severe bias. Thus, considerable care should be given to parameter choices, which translates practicably to having many more knobs to turn.

2.4 sapa::SDF

As of this writing, the package has no maintainer; lest we end up discussing deprecated and archived functions, we will not compare it to rlpSpec.

3 Assessing spectral properties

3.1 Spectral uncertainties

It is important to place bounds on the uncertainties associated with a spectral estimate. In a multitaper algorithm the uncertainty is distributed as a χ^2_{ν} variate where ν is the number of degrees of freedom, which is twice the number of tapers applied. A proxy for this is simply $1/\sqrt{\nu-1}$. Using $\nu=2*K$ we can approximate the distribution of uncertainties from the tapers alone; however, a more rigorous estimate comes from evaluating the appropriate distribution for a coverage probability (e.g. p=0.95). Among other calculations, spectral_properties returns the χ^2_{ν} based confidence intervals for p=0.95, as well as the approximate uncertainties.

To illustrate, we plot the uncertainties for an integer sequence⁴ of tapers [0,50], shown in Figure 6. The benefits of having more than just a few tapers becomes obvious, though the spectral uncertainty is asymptotically decreasing with taper numbers and yields only slight improvements with logarithmic number of tapers.

Returning to the MAGSAT spectra, let us compare the rlpSpec spectra with spectral uncertainty as bounded polygons. First calculate the uncertainty polygon data:

```
spp <- spectral_properties(Pspec$taper, db.ci = TRUE)</pre>
spa <- spectral_properties(Aspec$taper, db.ci = TRUE)</pre>
str(spa)
## 'data.frame': 1025 obs. of 8 variables:
   $ taper
                        : int 172 173 173 174 174 174 175 175 174 174 ...
## $ stderr.chi.lower : num -0.628 -0.626 -0.626 -0.625 -0.625 ...
   $ stderr.chi.upper : num  0.672  0.67  0.67  0.668  0.668  ...
                               0.229 0.228 0.228 0.227 0.227 ...
   $ stderr.chi.median: num
##
   $ stderr.chi.approx: num   0.228   0.228   0.228   0.227   0.227   ...
   $ resolution
                      : num 0.338 0.34 0.34 0.341 0.341 ...
## $ dof
                        : num 344 346 346 348 348 348 350 350 348 348 ...
## $ bw
                        : num 0.169 0.17 0.17 0.171 0.171 ...
create_poly <- function(x, y, dy) {</pre>
    xx \leftarrow c(x, rev(x))
    yy \leftarrow c(y + dy, rev(y - dy))
    return(data.frame(xx = xx, yy = yy))
pspp <- create_poly(Pspec$freq, dB(Pspec$spec), spp$stderr.chi.approx)</pre>
psppu <- create_poly(Pspec$freq, dB(Pspec$spec), spp$stderr.chi.upper)</pre>
pspa <- create_poly(Aspec$freq, dB(Aspec$spec), spa$stderr.chi.approx)</pre>
pspau <- create_poly(Aspec$freq, dB(Aspec$spec), spa$stderr.chi.upper)</pre>
```

and plot the comparison, shown in Figure 7.

⁴ Note the χ^2_{ν} distribution is defined for non-negative, non-integer degrees of freedom, but we cannot apply fractions of tapers.

3.2 Spectral resolution

There is an inherent tradeoff between the number of tapers applied and the spectral resolution (effectively, the spectral bandwidth). In general, the greater the number of tapers applied, the lower the spectral resolution. We can use the information returned from **spectral_properties** to visualize the actual differences in resolution for the MAGSAT PSD estimates; these are shown in Figure 8.

3.3 Visualizing the adaptive history

One might be curious to study how the uncertainties change with each iteration. pspectrum saves an array of "historical" data in its working environment. Specifically, it saves the frequencies, spectral values, and number of tapers at each stage of the adaptive procedure, accessible with get_adapt_history. To ensure a fresh calculation and to add a few more iterations to visualize, we repeat the adaptive spectral analysis, and then bring the stage history into the .GlobalEnv environment:

```
pspectrum(ats, niter = 6, plot = FALSE)
## Stage 0 est.
                 (pilot)
## environment ** .rlpSpecEnv ** refreshed
## detrending (and demeaning)
                 (Ave. S.V.R. -7.5 dB)
## Stage 1 est.
## Stage 2 est.
                 (Ave. S.V.R. -18.4 dB)
                        S.V.R. -28.8 dB)
## Stage 3 est.
                 (Ave.
                        S.V.R. -34.8 dB)
## Stage 4 est.
                 (Ave.
## Stage 5 est.
                 (Ave.
                       S.V.R. -39.1 dB
                 (Ave. S.V.R. -41.9 \, dB)
## Stage 6 est.
                                         to sampling-freq. 1
## Normalized single-sided PSD (rlpspec)
str(AH <- get_adapt_history())</pre>
## List of 3
             : num [1:1025] 0 0.000488 0.000977 0.001465 0.001953 ...
   $ freq
##
    $ stg_kopt:List of 7
##
     ..$ :Class 'tapers'
                         int [1:1025] 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 ...
##
     ..$ :Class 'tapers'
                         int [1:1025] 18 17 16 15 15 15 14 13 12 12 ...
##
     ..$ :Class 'tapers'
                         int [1:1025] 50 49 48 47 46 45 44 43 42 41 ...
##
     ..$ :Class 'tapers'
                         int [1:1025] 186 185 184 183 182 181 180 179 178 177 ...
##
     ..$ :Class 'tapers'
                         int [1:1025] 226 226 225 225 225 225 224 224 224 223 ...
##
     ..$ :Class 'tapers'
                         ##
     ..$ :Class 'tapers'
                         int [1:1025] 286 286 286 286 286 286 286 286 287 287 ...
##
    $ stg_psd :List of 7
##
     ..$: num [1:1025] 619 972 1527 1743 1599 ...
     ..$: num [1:1025] 1196 1138 1083 1100 994 ...
##
##
     ..$: num [1:1025] 1234 1255 1275 1261 1219 ...
##
     ..$ : num [1:1025] 1469 1468 1468 1467 1465 ...
     ..$: num [1:1025] 1081 1081 1081 1085 1088 ...
     ..$ : num [1:1025] 1010 1011 1011 1010 1011 ...
##
     ..$: num [1:1025] 952 953 953 951 949 ...
```

Followed by some trivial manipulation:

```
Freqs <- (AH$freq)
Dat <- AH$stg_psd
numd <- length(Freqs)
numit <- length(Dat)
StgPsd <- dB(matrix(unlist(Dat), ncol = numit))
Dat <- AH$stg_kopt
StgTap <- matrix(unlist(Dat), ncol = numit)
rm(Dat, AH)</pre>
```

We can plot these easily with matplot or other tools. We show the adaptive history in Figure 9. It may be informative to investigate cross correlation coefficients between the stages.

```
symnum(cP <- cor(StgPsd))

##

## [1,] 1

## [2,] B 1

## [3,] B B 1

## [4,] B B B 1

## [5,] B B B B B 1

## [6,] B B B B B B 1

## [7,] B B B B B B B 1

## attr(,"legend")

## [1] 0 ' ' 0.3 '.' 0.6 ',' 0.8 '+' 0.9 '*' 0.95 'B' 1</pre>
```

But in this case only the PSD estimates are significantly correlated. In Figure 10 we show the results of a hierarchic clustering algorithm applied to the cross correlation matrix. This shows the expected result that each stage is closely related to its parent, the pilot spectrum.

4 Call overview

Shown in Figure 11 is a flow chart highlighting the essential functions involved in the adaptive estimation process. The primary function is pspectrum.

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```
plot(psdc, log = "dB", main = "Raw and Clean MAGSAT power spectral density",
        lwd = 3, ci.col = NA, ylim = c(0, 32), yaxs = "i")
plot(psdc_ar, log = "dB", add = TRUE, lwd = 3, col = "red")
plot(psdr, log = "dB", add = TRUE, lwd = 3, lty = 5)
text(c(0.25, 0.34), c(11, 24), c("Clean", "Raw"), cex = 1)
```

Raw and Clean MAGSAT power spectral density

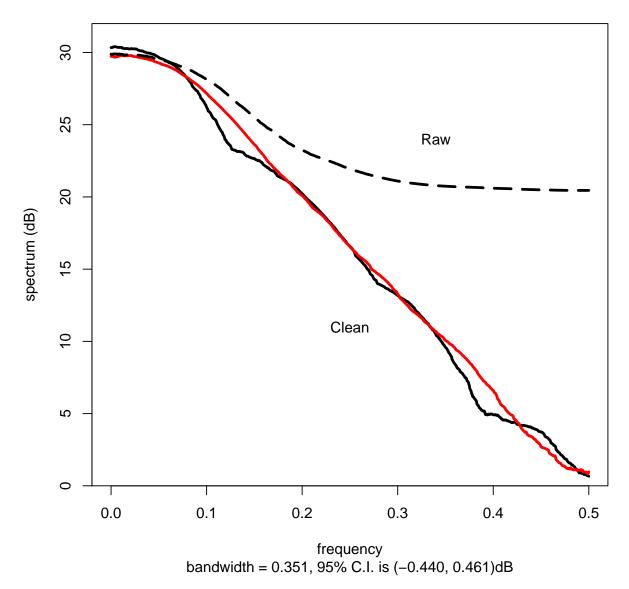


Figure 1: Power spectral density estimates for the raw and cleaned MAGSAT data bundled with rlpSpec. Note that because the class is 'spec' we have utilized existing methods in the stats namespace.

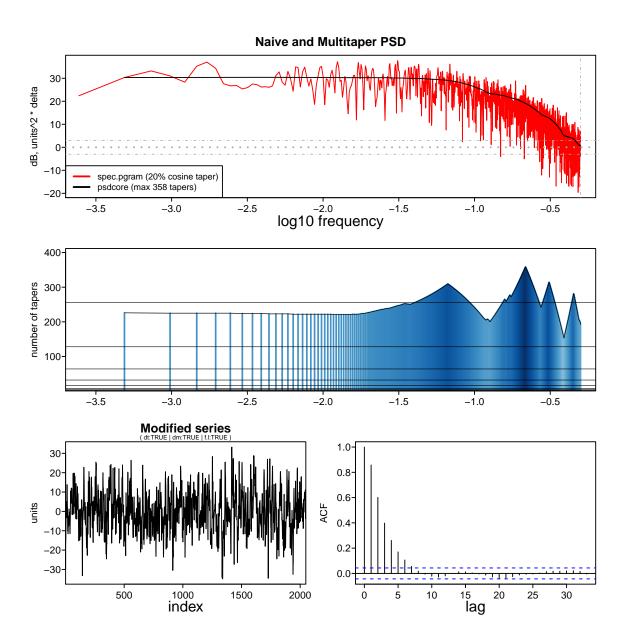
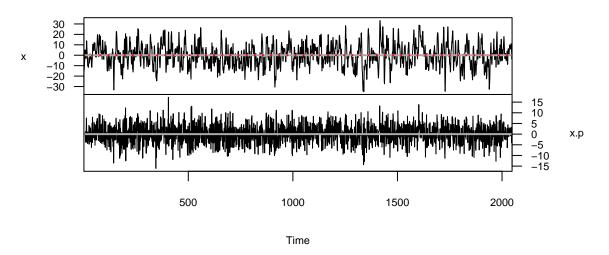


Figure 2: Top: Comparison between naïve and multitaper PSD estimators for the clean MAGSAT data. The frequency axis is in units of $\log_{10} \, \mathrm{km^{-1}}$, and power axis is in decibels. Middle: The number of tapers applied as a function of frequency from the plot.tapers method. Bottom: The spatial series used to estimate the PSDs and a subset of the full autocorrelation function.

Raw and prewhitened series

AR(6) model fit (demean TRUE | detrend TRUE)



plot(psdcore(atsar, ntaper = 10), log = "dB", main = "PSD of MAGSAT innovations")

PSD of MAGSAT innovations

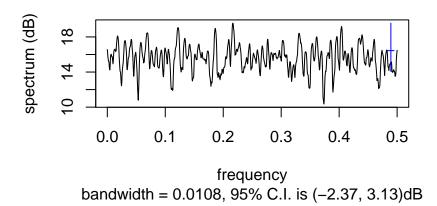


Figure 3: Top: Pre-whitening of a series assuming an AR model. Bottom: Power spectral density estimates of the innovations (model residuals): the spectrum is relatively flat, as expected.

PSD Comparisons

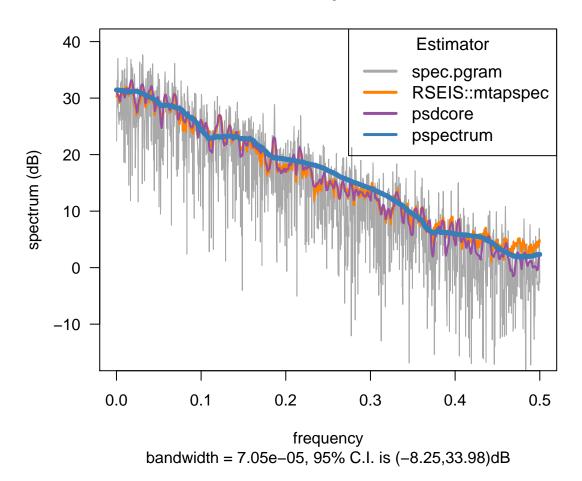
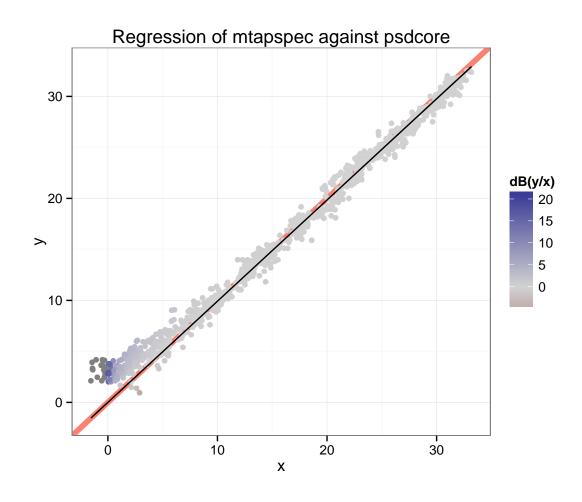


Figure 4: Comparisons of estimations of MAGSAT power spectral densities.



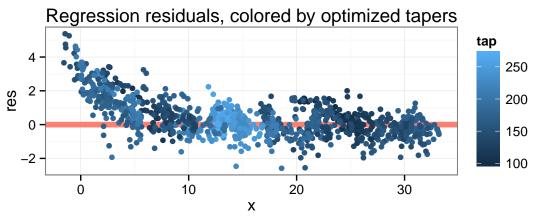


Figure 5: Regression of MAGSAT PSD estimates: mtapspec against psdcore.

Spectral uncertainties

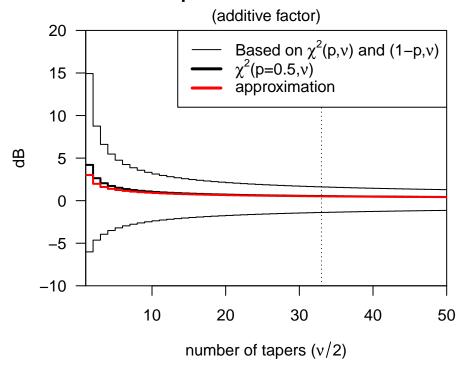


Figure 6: Additive spectral uncertainties by number of tapers. These quantized curves are found by evaluating the χ^2_{ν} distribution, where ν is the number of degrees of freedom (two per taper). The black lines show uncertainties for a coverage probability of 0.95. The thick, red line shows an approximation to these uncertainties based on $1/\sqrt{\nu-1}$, which is accurate to within a few percent in most cases.

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plot(c(0, 0.5), c(-8, 35), col = "white", main = "MAGSAT Spectral Uncertainty (p > 0.95)",
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MAGSAT Spectral Uncertainty (p > 0.95)

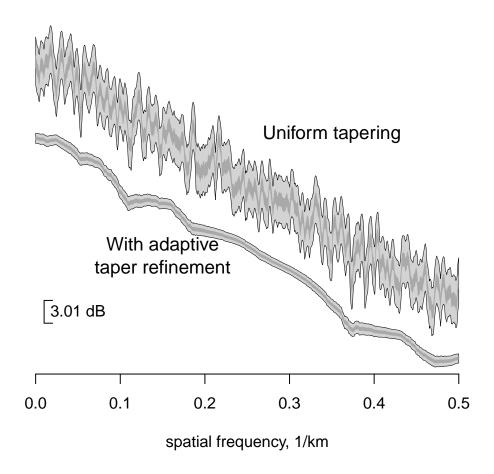


Figure 7: MAGSAT Spectral uncertainties with and without adaptive taper optimization. The filled regions encompass the upper limit and approximate values of spectral uncertainty .

MAGSAT Spectral Resolution and Uncertainty

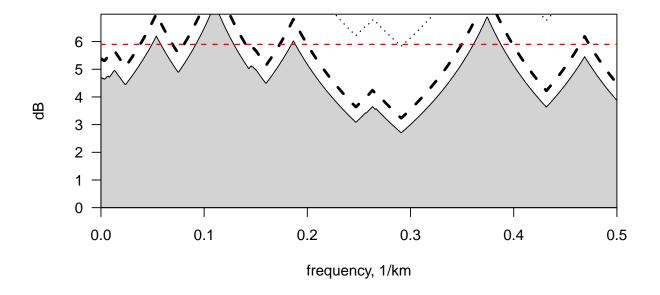
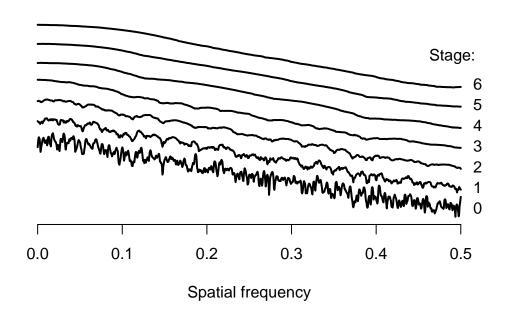


Figure 8: Resolution limits for MAGSAT PSD (niter=3 adapts) in decibels relative to the spectrum. The thick dashed line shows the resolved uncertainties (p=0.05) in the adaptively refined spectrum; whereas, the thin dashed line shows the approximate RMS spectral variation. The dotted line shows the resolved uncertainties for the uniformly tapered result.

PSD estimation history



Taper optimization history 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 0.0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 Spatial frequency

Figure 9: Adaptive spectral estimation history. Top: Sequential PSD series for each stage of the adaptive method, offset by a few decibels for visualization purposes. Bottom: Filled polygons showing the number of tapers at each stage.

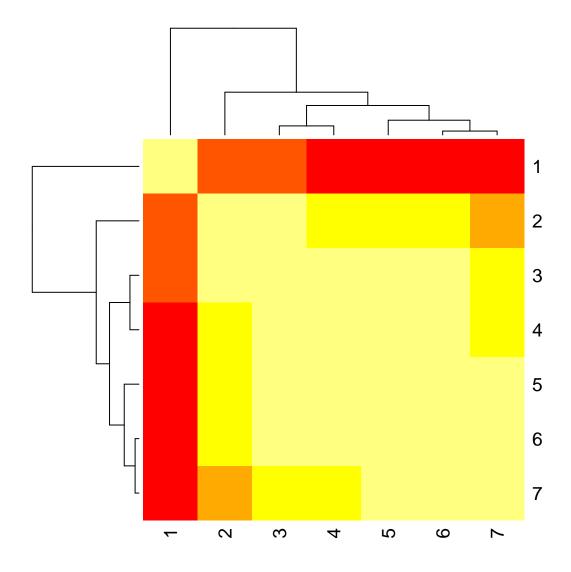


Figure 10: Clustered correlation coefficients with associated dendrograms; deeper red colors indicate stronger family association.

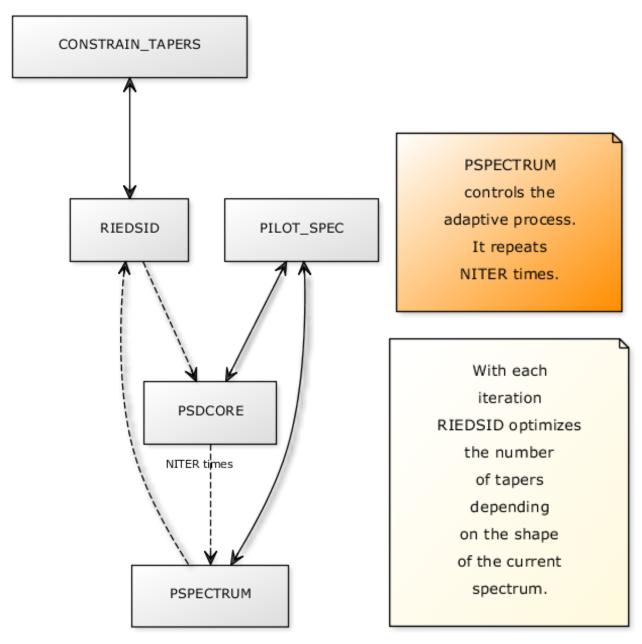


Figure 11: Simplified call graph for rlpSpec. The dashed lines show a simplified circuit in which the spectra and its tapers make during the iterative process.