DSP Lab Assignment 5
Noise Cancellation Using Wiener Filtering

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Introduction

The Wiener filter is a filter used to produce an estimate of a desired or target random process by linear time-invariant (LTI) filtering of an observed noisy process, assuming known stationary signal and noise spectra, and additive noise. The Wiener filter minimizes the mean square error between the estimated random process and the desired process.

The goal of the Wiener filter is to compute a statistical estimate of an unknown signal using a related signal as an input and filtering that known signal to produce the estimate as an output. For example, the known signal might consist of an unknown signal of interest that has been corrupted by additive noise. The Wiener filter can be used to filter out the noise from the corrupted signal to provide an estimate of the underlying signal of interest. The Wiener filter is based on a statistical approach, and a more statistical account of the theory is given in the minimum mean square error (MMSE) estimator article. Typical deterministic filters are designed for a desired frequency response. However, the design of the Wiener filter takes a different approach. One is assumed to have knowledge of the spectral properties of the original signal and the noise, and one seeks the linear time-invariant filter whose output would come as close to the original signal as possible. Wiener filters are characterized by the following. The assumptions include signal and (additive) noise are stationary linear stochastic processes with known spectral characteristics or known autocorrelation and cross-correlation. The requirement: the filter must be physically realizable/causal.

Now we go for mathematical intuition for FIR Filters.

The causal finite impulse response (FIR) Wiener filter, instead of using some given data matrix X and output vector Y, finds optimal tap weights by using the statistics of the input and output signals. It populates the input matrix X with estimates of the autocorrelation of the input signal (T) and populates the output vector Y with estimates of the cross-correlation between the output and input signals (V).

In order to derive the coefficients of the Wiener filter, consider the signal $w[n]$ being fed to a Wiener filter of order (number of past taps) N and with coefficients {a0,a1,a2,...an}. The output of the filter is denoted $x[n]$ which is given by the expression:

$$x[n] = \sum_{i=0}^{N} a_i w[n-i].$$

The residual error is denoted $e[n]$ and is defined as $e[n] = x[n] - s[n]$ (see the corresponding block diagram). The Wiener filter is designed so as to minimize the mean square error which can be stated concisely as follows:

$$a_i = \arg\min E\left[e^2[n]\right],$$

where $\{a_0, a_1, a_2, ... a_n\}$ denotes the expectation operator. For simplicity, the following considers only the case where all these quantities are real. The mean square error (MSE) may be rewritten as:

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\begin{aligned}
E\left[e^2[n]\right] &= E\left[(x[n] - s[n])^2\right] \\
&= E\left[x^2[n]\right] + E\left[s^2[n]\right] - 2E[x[n]s[n]] \\
&= E\left[\left(\sum_{i=0}^{N} a_i w[n-i]\right)^2\right] + E\left[s^2[n]\right] - 2E\left[\sum_{i=0}^{N} a_i w[n-i]s[n]\right]
\end{aligned}
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To find the vector $\{a_0, a_1, a_2, ... a_n\}$ which minimizes the expression above, calculate its derivative with respect to each term in the above vector

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\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial}{\partial a_i} E\left[e^2[n]\right] &= \frac{\partial}{\partial a_i}\left\{E\left[\left(\sum_{i=0}^{N} a_i w[n-i]\right)^2\right] + E\left[s^2[n]\right] - 2E\left[\sum_{i=0}^{N} a_i w[n-i]s[n]\right]\right\} \\
&= 2E\left[\left(\sum_{j=0}^{N} a_j w[n-j]\right) w[n-i]\right] - 2E[w[n-i]s[n]] \\
&= 2\left(\sum_{j=0}^{N} E[w[n-j]w[n-i]]a_j\right) - 2E[w[n-i]s[n]]
\end{aligned}
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Assuming that w[n] and s[n] are each stationary and jointly stationary, the sequences Rw[m] and Rws[m]known respectively as the autocorrelation of w[n] and the cross-correlation between w[n] and s[n] can be defined as follows:

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\begin{aligned}
R_w[m] &= E\{w[n]w[n+m]\} \\
R_{ws}[m] &= E\{w[n]s[n+m]\}
\end{aligned}
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The derivative of the MSE may therefore be rewritten as:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial a_i} E\left[e^2[n]\right] = 2\left(\sum_{j=0}^{N} R_w[j-i]a_j\right) - 2R_{ws}[i] \qquad i = 0, \cdots, N.$$

Note that for real w[n], the autocorrelation is symmetric:

$$R_w[j-i] = R_w[i-j]$$

Letting the derivative be equal to zero results in:

$$\sum_{j=0}^{N} R_w[j-i]a_j = R_{ws}[i] \qquad i = 0, \cdots, N.$$

which can be rewritten (using the above symmetric property) in matrix form

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} R_w[0] & R_w[1] & \cdots & R_w[N] \\ R_w[1] & R_w[0] & \cdots & R_w[N-1] \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ R_w[N] & R_w[N-1] & \cdots & R_w[0] \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{T}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_N \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{a}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} R_{ws}[0] \\ R_{ws}[1] \\ \vdots \\ R_{ws}[N] \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{v}}$$

These equations are known as the Wiener–Hopf equations. The matrix T appearing in the equation is a symmetric Toeplitz matrix. Under suitable conditions on {\displaystyle R} R, these matrices are known to be positive definite and therefore non-singular yielding a unique solution to the determination of the Wiener filter coefficient vector, a=inv(T)*v. Furthermore, there exists an efficient algorithm to solve such Wiener–Hopf equations known as the Levinson-Durbin algorithm so an explicit inversion of T is not required.
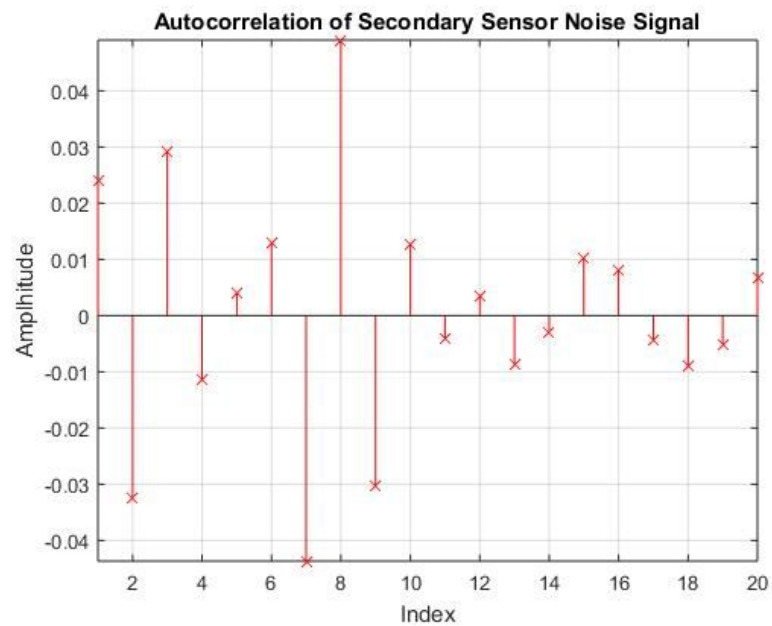
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In this problem, there are two sensors- primary and secondary. The primary sensor receives the signal s[n],corrupted with noise v1[n]. While the secondary sensor receives v2[n], a signal that is correlated with the noise v1[n]. The aim is to estimate s[n].

Results
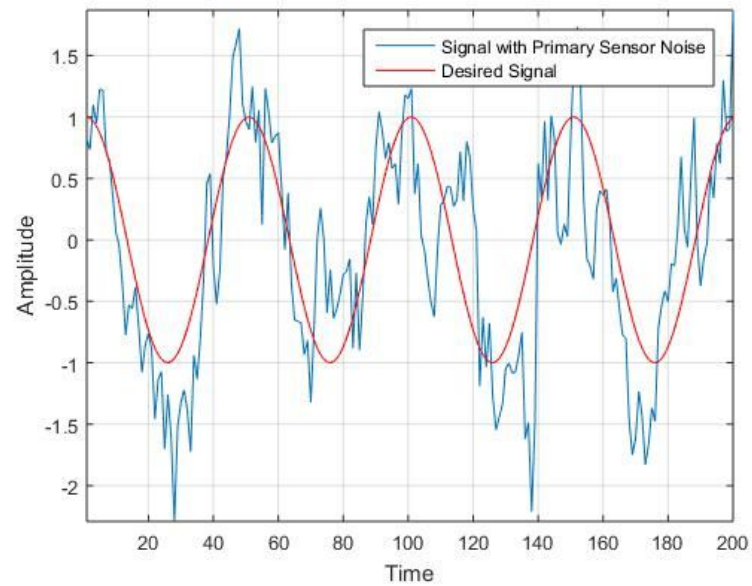
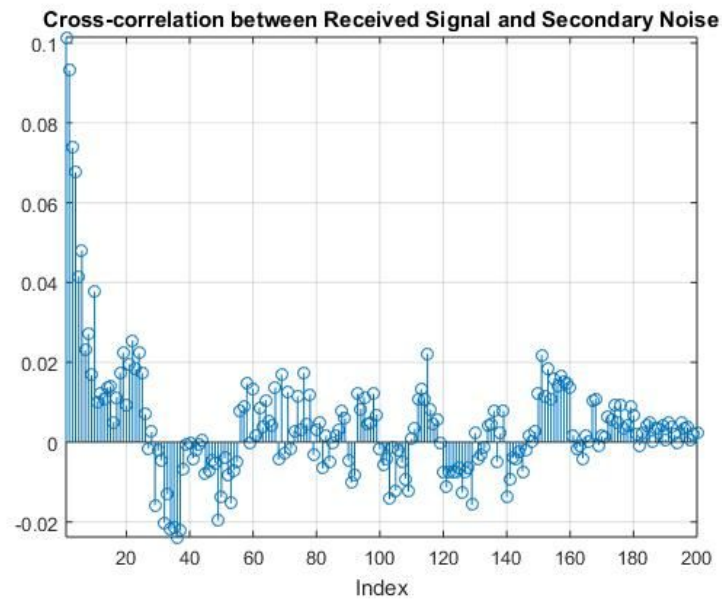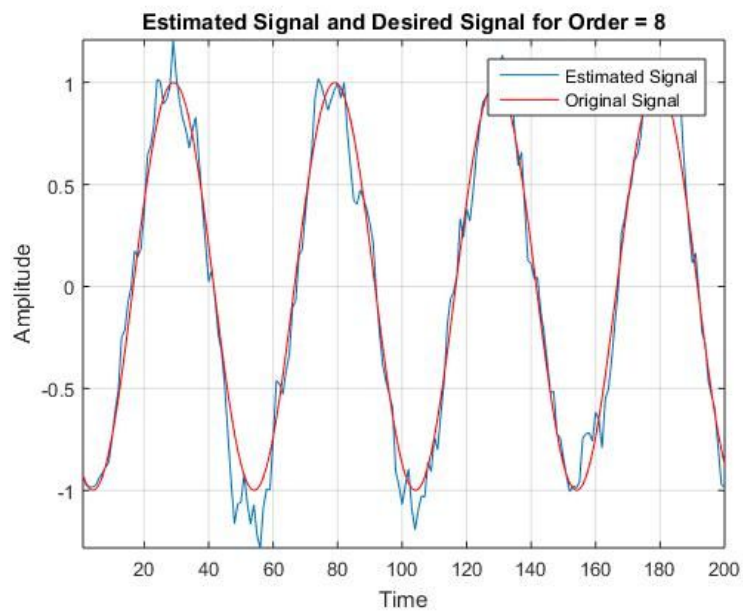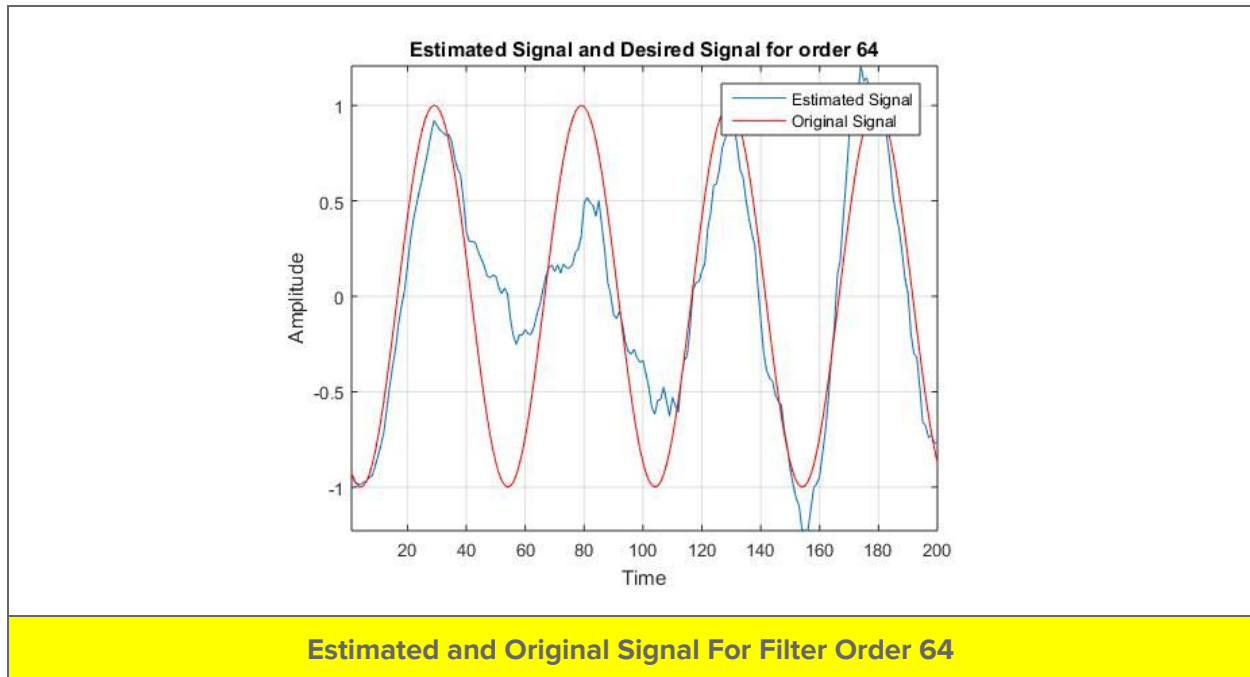**Signal With Noise and Original Signal**

Autocorrelation Values for Secondary Noise Signal

Cross Correlation Values for Received Signal and Secondary Noise Signal

Estimated and Original Signal For Filter Order 8

Estimated and Original Signal For Filter Order 64

For Order 8:

MSE of the estimated signal: 0.0649

MSE of the estimated noise: 0.2198

For Order 64:

MSE of the estimated signal: 0.3748

MSE of the estimated noise: 0.4705

Discussions

For the purpose of wiener filtering, we require the process to be stationary and ergodic, as we use the values of sample cross-correlation. For this purpose, we have used a harmonic process as the desired signal. For noise cancellation, the primary sensor senses the channel output and the secondary sensor senses the ambient surroundings. The naïve method still gives us a decent result. This is as the constant 'a' is such that there is a strong correlation between v1 and v2. In practical scenario, it might not be so. In practical scenario, it is not realistic for the secondary

sensor to get only the noise and there will also be some signal component coupled. The Wiener filter can be used in image processing to remove noise from a picture. It is commonly used to denoise audio signals, especially speech, as a preprocessor before speech recognition