

Solutions to Selected Problems

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Tutorial 5

Task 4.1

Task

Fill in the details for the amplitude estimates in Example 4.2.2 on pages 160-161 by deriving Equations 4.10 and 4.11.

Solution

Case 1: Training sequence

We have a known sequence $b[k]$, for $k = 1, 2, \dots, K$. The noise $N[k]$ is i.i.d. and Gaussian with mean zero and variance σ^2 . The PDF is therefore given by

$$f_{Y[k]|A}(y[k]|a) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \cdot \sigma} e^{-\frac{(y[k] - ab[k])^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

for sample number k . Since the noise is i.i.d. we get the total PDF

$$f_{\bar{Y}|A}(\bar{y}|a) = \prod_{k=1}^K \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \cdot \sigma} e^{-\frac{(y[k] - ab[k])^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

We take the natural logarithm of the above, to get a measure that we want to maximize:

$$J(a) = \ln(f_{\bar{Y}|A}(\bar{y}|a)) = \sum_{k=1}^K \left(-\frac{(y[k] - ab[k])^2}{2\sigma^2} - \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma^2) \right)$$

We note that this is a quadratic function in a , with a negative sign in front of a^2 . Thus, we find a maximum by differentiating and setting the derivative to zero.

$$\frac{d}{da} J(a) = \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{b[k](y[k] - ab[k])}{\sigma^2} = 0,$$

from which we get

$$\sum_{k=1}^K b[k](y[k] - ab[k]) = 0.$$

For our training sequence, we have $b[k] = \pm 1$, which gives us $b^2[k] = 1$. Then from the equation above, we get

$$\sum_{k=1}^K b[k]y[k] - a = 0.$$

Thus,

$$\sum_{k=1}^K b[k]y[k] = Ka.$$

Our estimate a_{ML} is supposed to be the a that maximizes $J(a)$, i.e.

$$a_{\text{ML}} = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K b[k]y[k],$$

which is what was supposed to be shown.

Case 2: Blind estimation

Now we have an unknown sequence $B[k] = \pm 1$, for $k = 1, 2, \dots, K$, i.i.d. The noise $N[k]$ is still i.i.d. and Gaussian with mean zero and variance σ^2 . According to Equation 4.8, we have the PDF

$$f_{Y[k]|A}(y[k]|a) = e^{-\frac{a^2}{2\sigma^2}} \cosh\left(\frac{ay[k]}{\sigma^2}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \cdot \sigma} e^{-\frac{y^2[k]}{2\sigma^2}}$$

for sample number k . We get the total PDF

$$f_{\bar{Y}|A}(\bar{y}|a) = \prod_{k=1}^K e^{-\frac{a^2}{2\sigma^2}} \cosh\left(\frac{ay[k]}{\sigma^2}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \cdot \sigma} e^{-\frac{y^2[k]}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Again, we take the natural logarithm of the above and get a measure to maximize:

$$J(a) = -K \frac{a^2}{2\sigma^2} + \sum_{k=1}^K \ln \left[\cosh\left(\frac{ay[k]}{\sigma^2}\right) \right],$$

where we have ignored the last terms that do not depend on a , since they will not affect the maximization. We differentiate and set to zero:

$$\frac{d}{da} J(a) = -K \frac{a}{\sigma^2} + \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{y[k]}{\sigma^2} \cdot \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{ay[k]}{\sigma^2}\right)}{\cosh\left(\frac{ay[k]}{\sigma^2}\right)} = -K \frac{a}{\sigma^2} + \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{y[k]}{\sigma^2} \tanh\left(\frac{ay[k]}{\sigma^2}\right) = 0.$$

Here we have used the relations

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cosh(x) = \sinh(x), \quad \frac{d}{dx} \ln(x) = \frac{1}{x}.$$

Our estimate a_{ML} is the solution to the equation above, which we rewrite it as

$$a = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K y[k] \tanh\left(\frac{ay[k]}{\sigma^2}\right)$$

which is what was supposed to be shown.

Task 4.2

Hints

- a. Start with the likelihood-function of $Z[k]$ given A , θ and $b[k]$. Average with respect to $b[k]$ and simplify the expression. ($\cosh(x) = (e^x + e^{-x})/2$)
- b. Use the result from **a** and use the independence of the samples $Z[1], \dots, Z[K]$ given A and θ .
- c. Use $\cos(\alpha + \pi/2) = -\sin(\alpha)$ and $\sin(\alpha + \pi/2) = \cos(\alpha)$ in the result from **b**, and use that $\cosh(x)$ is an even function, i.e., $\cosh(-x) = \cosh(x)$. The log likelihood function in **b** remains unchanged. This implies that we can only estimate θ modulo $\pi/2$, and can restrict attention to $\theta \in [0, \pi/2]$.
- d. $N[k]$ and $b[k]$ are independent stochastic variables, both with mean zero.
- e. It is not reasonable to solve this part analytically. Better to solve it numerically. Matlab or some other similar tool then comes in handy.

Two-step iteration: 1) For fixed A , determine an estimate of θ by maximizing $J(\hat{A}, \theta)$ in the interval $[0, \pi/2)$ via exhaustive search. 2) For fixed θ , get an estimate of A by maximizing $J(A, \hat{\theta})$ with respect to A .

Answer

- a. $L(Z[k]|A, \theta) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{A^2}{2\sigma^2}} \left[\cosh\left(\frac{A}{\sigma^2} |Z[k]| \cos(\phi_k - \theta)\right) + \cosh\left(\frac{A}{\sigma^2} |Z[k]| \sin(\phi_k - \theta)\right) \right]$.
- b. $J(A, \theta) = \ln(L(\bar{Z}|A, \theta)) =$
 $= -K \ln(2) - K \frac{A^2}{2\sigma^2} + \sum_{k=1}^K \ln \left[\cosh\left(\frac{A}{\sigma^2} |Z[k]| \cos(\phi_k - \theta)\right) + \cosh\left(\frac{A}{\sigma^2} |Z[k]| \sin(\phi_k - \theta)\right) \right]$.
- c. —
- d. $\hat{A}^2 = \max \left\{ \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K |Z[k]|^2 - 2\sigma^2, 0 \right\}$
- e. $\hat{A} = 1$ and $\hat{\theta} = 0.06$ rad.

Task 4.4

Hints

- a. Start with the usual expression (Eq.(4.20)) for the log-likelihood function for this case and simplify it. Constant terms can be removed, and a common multiplicative constant factor can also be removed. None of them affect the maximization.
- b. Rewrite the sum in the answer of **a** in polar form and identify the real part. Maximize the function with respect to θ .
- c. Compare the expression from **b** with the definition of the DFT.

Answer

- a. $J(\Gamma, \theta) = \text{Re} \left\{ e^{-j\theta} \sum_{k=1}^K y[k] b^*[k] e^{-j\Gamma k} \right\}$, where constant terms have been removed.
- b. $J(\Gamma) = \max_{\theta} J(\Gamma, \theta) = \left| \sum_{k=1}^K y[k] b^*[k] e^{-j\Gamma k} \right|$.
- c. Consider a DFT of the sequence $\{y[k] b^*[k]\}$ of length N fulfilling $N \geq K$. The n -th DFT component is then $Z[n] = \left| \sum_{k=1}^K y[k] b^*[k] e^{-j2\pi nk/N} \right|$. Let n_{\max} be the n that maximizes $|Z[n]|$. Then our estimate is $\hat{\Gamma} = \frac{2\pi n_{\max}}{N}$.

Task 4.11**Hints**

Express conditional PDFs for the output given the two possible sent signals. Use the independence of h and N . For 1 is sent, $Pr(y|1 \text{ sent}) = (1/(4\pi)) \exp(-|y|^2/4)$. For 0 is sent, $Pr(y|0 \text{ sent}) = (1/\pi) \exp(-|y|)$.

(Complex Gaussian density function: $Pr(z) = (1/(2\pi\sigma^2)) \exp(-|z - \mu|^2/(2\sigma^2))$, where μ is the mean of z and σ^2 is the variance per dimension.)

Use Baye's rule to determine the posterior probability.

Answer

$$\Pr\{1 \text{ sent} | Y = 1 - j2\} = \frac{1}{1+8e^{-15/4}} \approx 0.842$$