
Constrained Optimization

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Where We Are in J&D

- **Section 7.2 and Appendix C**



Maximizing SNR for Known Colored Noise

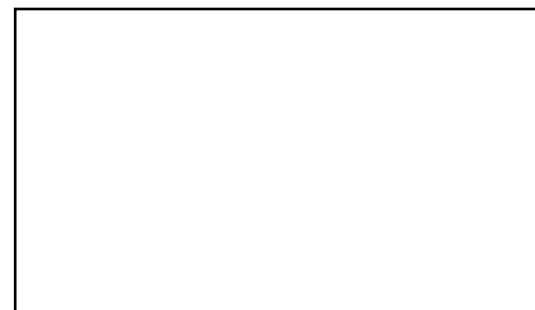
- In Lecture 13, we showed that for

$$\text{Data: } \underline{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{e}(\vec{k}^0) \underline{s} + \underline{\mathbf{n}}$$

$$E[|\underline{s}|^2] = P_s^2 \quad E[\underline{\mathbf{n}}\underline{\mathbf{n}}^H] = \mathbf{K}_n$$

we can maximize SNR by choosing

$$\underline{z} = \mathbf{a}^H \underline{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{e}^H(\vec{k}^0) \mathbf{K}_n^{-1} \underline{\mathbf{y}}$$
$$\uparrow$$
$$\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{K}_n^{-1} \mathbf{e}(\vec{k}^0)$$



Warning: Notation Change Ahead

- To match the book, we'll change a to w
- This w should not be confused with the “shading,” “tapering,” aka “windowing” weights we had along the diagonal of a matrix called W



Unknown Colored Noise

- What if you don't know \mathbf{K}_n ?
- Be pessimistic: assume data is mostly noise, which we want to minimize, so minimize beamformer power output

$$\begin{aligned} E\left[|\underline{z}|^2\right] &= E\left[\left|\mathbf{w}^H \underline{\mathbf{y}}\right|^2\right] \\ &= E\left[\underline{\mathbf{w}}^H \underline{\mathbf{y}} \underline{\mathbf{y}}^H \underline{\mathbf{w}}\right] = \underline{\mathbf{w}}^H \mathbf{R}_y \underline{\mathbf{w}} \end{aligned}$$



Problem Specification

$$\mathbf{w}_{\diamond} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{w}} \mathbf{w}^H \mathbf{R}_y \mathbf{w}$$

- Has trivial solution of $\mathbf{w}_{\diamond} = 0$
- To avoid nonsensical answer, add constraint $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{c}$
- For ex., $\mathbf{e}^H(\vec{k})\mathbf{w} = 1$
assures signal in look
direction passes unharmed



A Minor Technicality

- In addition to the constraint

$$\mathbf{C}\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{c}$$

we'll need to “add” the constraint

$$(\mathbf{C}\mathbf{w})^* = \mathbf{c}^*$$

$$\mathbf{C}^*\mathbf{w}^* = \mathbf{c}^*$$



Real Vector-Parameter Optimization

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_M} \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{set}{=} \mathbf{0} \text{ to find stationary points}$$



Gradients of Quadratic Forms (Real)

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \{ \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \} \right]_{\ell} &= \left[\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \left\{ \sum_{ij} A_{ij} x_i x_j \right\} \right]_{\ell} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_l} \left\{ \sum_{ij} A_{ij} x_i x_j \right\} = \sum_i A_{il} x_i + \sum_j A_{lj} x_j \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \{ \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \} &= \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{x} \\ &= 2\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \text{ (only if } \mathbf{A} \text{ is symmetric)} \end{aligned}$$



Complex Parameter Optimization (1)

- How can we minimize a real-valued function of a complex variable? $f(\operatorname{Re}\{z\}, \operatorname{Im}\{z\})$

- Could take $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \operatorname{Re}\{z\}}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial \operatorname{Im}\{z\}},$

but that gets messy



Complex Parameter Optimization (2)

$$\operatorname{Re}\{z\} = \frac{1}{2}[z + z^*], \quad \operatorname{Im}\{z\} = \frac{1}{2j}[z - z^*]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2\operatorname{Re}\{z\} \\ 2j\operatorname{Im}\{z\} \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{invertible}} \begin{bmatrix} z \\ z^* \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Can treat z and z^* as independent variables**



Complex Parameter Optimization (3)

- **For scalars, stationary points can be found via**

$$\frac{\partial f(z, z^*)}{\partial z} = 0 \quad \underline{\text{or}} \quad \underbrace{\frac{\partial f(z, z^*)}{\partial z^*}}_{\text{usually easier}} = 0$$

- **For vectors, must use**

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{z}^*} f(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}^*) = 0$$

to find stationary points



The Lagrangian

$$L(\mathbf{w}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \mathbf{w}^H \mathbf{R}_y \mathbf{w} + \underbrace{\boldsymbol{\lambda}^H (\mathbf{C} \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{c}) + \boldsymbol{\lambda}^T (\mathbf{C}^* \mathbf{w}^* - \mathbf{c}^*)}_{\text{real-valued}}$$

treat $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ and $\boldsymbol{\lambda}^*$ independently

- **Caveat: for Lagrange trick to work, columns of \mathbf{C} must be linearly independent**



Gradients of Quadratic Forms (Complex)

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\nabla_{\mathbf{w}^*} \{ \mathbf{w}^H \mathbf{R} \mathbf{w} \} \right]_{\ell} &= \left[\nabla_{\mathbf{w}^*} \left\{ \sum_{ij} R_{ij} w_i^* w_j \right\} \right]_{\ell} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial w_l^*} \left\{ \sum_{ij} R_{ij} w_i^* w_j \right\} = \sum_j R_{lj} w_j \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}^*} \{ \mathbf{w}^H \mathbf{R} \mathbf{w} \} = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{w}$$



Gradients of Inner Products (Complex)

$$\left[\nabla_{\mathbf{w}^*} \{ \mathbf{w}^H \mathbf{v} \} \right]_{\ell} = \left[\nabla_{\mathbf{w}^*} \left\{ \sum_i w_i^* v_i \right\} \right]_{\ell} = v_{\ell}$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}^*} \{ \mathbf{w}^H \mathbf{v} \} = \mathbf{v}$$



Dissecting the Lagrangian

$$L(\mathbf{w}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \underbrace{\mathbf{w}^H \mathbf{R}_y \mathbf{w}} + \boldsymbol{\lambda}^H (\mathbf{C} \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{c}) + \underbrace{\boldsymbol{\lambda}^T (\mathbf{C}^* \mathbf{w}^*)}_{\boldsymbol{\lambda}^T \mathbf{C}^* \mathbf{w}^*} - \mathbf{c}^*)$$
$$\boldsymbol{\lambda}^T \mathbf{C}^* \mathbf{w}^* = (\boldsymbol{\lambda}^T \mathbf{C}^* \mathbf{w}^*)^T = \mathbf{w}^H \mathbf{C}^H \boldsymbol{\lambda}$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}^*} L(\mathbf{w}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \nabla_{\mathbf{w}^*} \{ \mathbf{w}^H \mathbf{R}_y \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{w}^H \mathbf{C}^H \boldsymbol{\lambda} \}$$
$$= \mathbf{R}_y \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{C}^H \boldsymbol{\lambda}$$



Eliminating the Lagrange Multiplier

$$\mathbf{R}_y \mathbf{w}_{\diamond} + \mathbf{C}^H \lambda_{\diamond} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{w}_{\diamond} = -\mathbf{R}_y^{-1} \mathbf{C}^H \lambda_{\diamond}$$

want to get rid of
Lagrange multiplier

$$= -\mathbf{R}_y^{-1} \mathbf{C}^H [-(\mathbf{C} \mathbf{R}_y^{-1} \mathbf{C}^H)^{-1} \mathbf{c}]$$

$$= \mathbf{R}_y^{-1} \mathbf{C}^H (\mathbf{C} \mathbf{R}_y^{-1} \mathbf{C}^H)^{-1} \mathbf{c}$$

Use constraint:

$$\mathbf{C} \mathbf{w}_{\diamond} = \mathbf{c} \rightarrow -\mathbf{C} \mathbf{R}_y^{-1} \mathbf{C}^H \lambda_{\diamond} = \mathbf{c}$$

$$\lambda_{\diamond} = -(\mathbf{C} \mathbf{R}_y^{-1} \mathbf{C}^H)^{-1} \mathbf{c}$$



Power of Beamformer Output

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{R}_y^{-1} \mathbf{C}^H (\mathbf{C} \mathbf{R}_y^{-1} \mathbf{C}^H)^{-1} \mathbf{c}$$

Power of beamformer output: $\mathbf{w}^H \mathbf{R}_y \mathbf{w} =$
 $\mathbf{c}^H (\mathbf{C} \mathbf{R}_y^{-1} \mathbf{C}^H)^{-H} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{R}_y^{-H} \cancel{\mathbf{R}_y \mathbf{R}_y^{-1}} \mathbf{C}^H (\mathbf{C} \mathbf{R}_y^{-1} \mathbf{C}^H)^{-1} \mathbf{c}$

(Using $\mathbf{A}^H = \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}^{-H} \equiv (\mathbf{A}^{-1})^H = \mathbf{A}^{-1}$)

$$= \mathbf{c}^H (\mathbf{C} \mathbf{R}_y^{-1} \mathbf{C}^H)^{-1} \cancel{\mathbf{C} \mathbf{R}_y^{-1} \mathbf{C}^H} (\mathbf{C} \mathbf{R}_y^{-1} \mathbf{C}^H)^{-1} \mathbf{c}$$

$$= \mathbf{c}^H (\mathbf{C} \mathbf{R}_y^{-1} \mathbf{C}^H)^{-1} \mathbf{c}$$

