

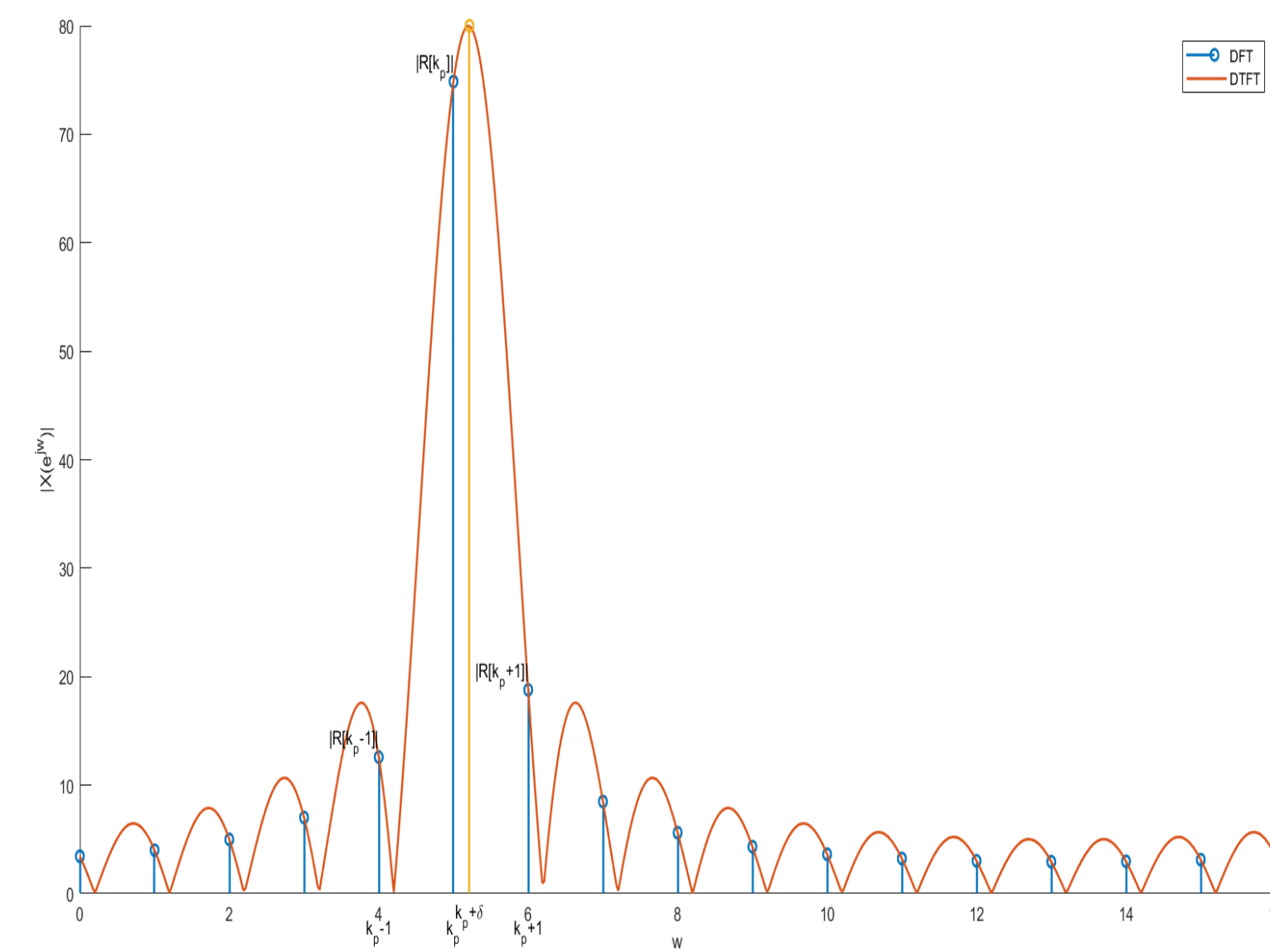
A Method of Fine Resolution Frequency Estimation from 3 DFT Samples

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ABSTRACT

- Proposing a non-linear relation between 3 DFT samples to estimate the frequency of a signal
- Proposing Bias Correction for Jacobsen Estimator



MOTIVATION

- Improve accuracy of Jacobsen Estimator by providing a Bias Correction Factor
- Achieving a more unbiased estimator for Frequency Estimation
- Reduce complexity of operations for Frequency Estimation
- Justifying the expression for δ obtained from Jacobsen Estimator

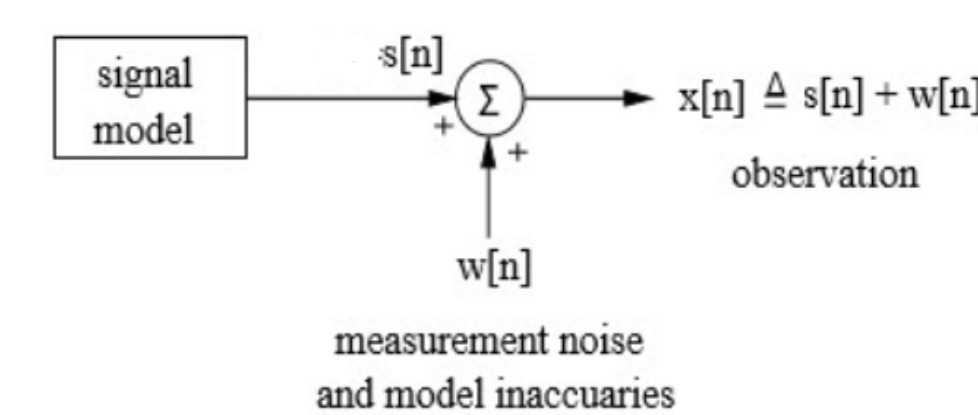
APPLICATIONS

- Radar Signal Processing
- Speech Processing
- Communication Systems

THEORY

1. What is Signal Estimation?

Process of extracting useful information from noisy signals is called Signal Estimation



2. Estimator

Set of rules/algorithm to calculate the value about a quantity based on observed data

3. Bias

Expected value of difference in estimate and actual value of the parameter

4. Characteristics of a good estimator

- Unbiased
- Minimum Variance
- Consistent

METHOD

1. Standard Method of Frequency Estimation

- Find a Coarse Frequency Estimate to get Peak Frequency
- Fine Search around the Peak Frequency

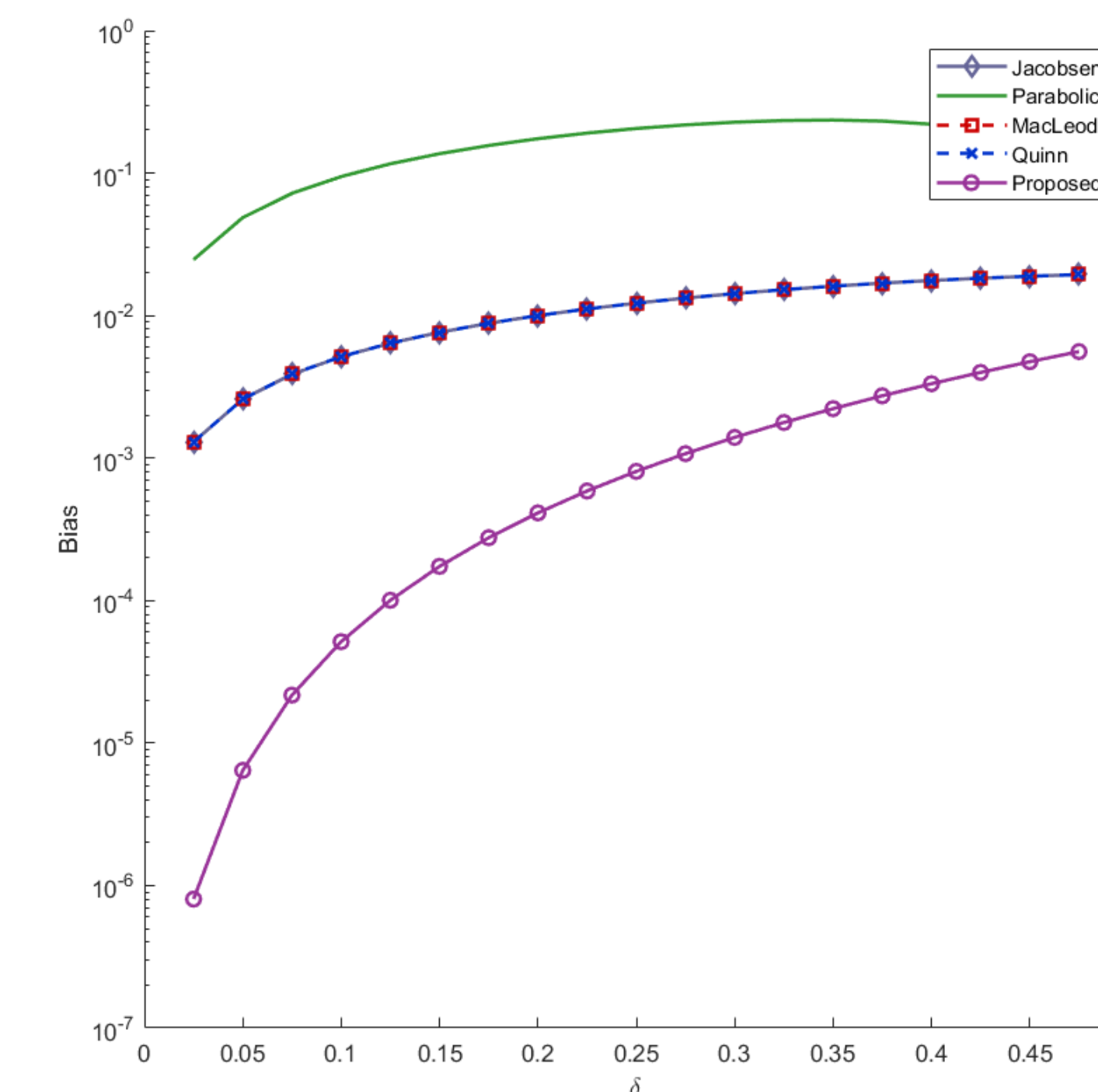
2. Candan's Estimator Steps

- Calculate FFT of signal
- Calculate index for maximum magnitude of $R[k]$, called k_{peak}
Frequency of the signal $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{N}(k_p + \delta)$
- Compute value of bias using value of FFT at index: k_{peak} , $k_{peak}-1$, $k_{peak}+1$

3. Method for Numerical Comparison for the signal in the Presence of noise

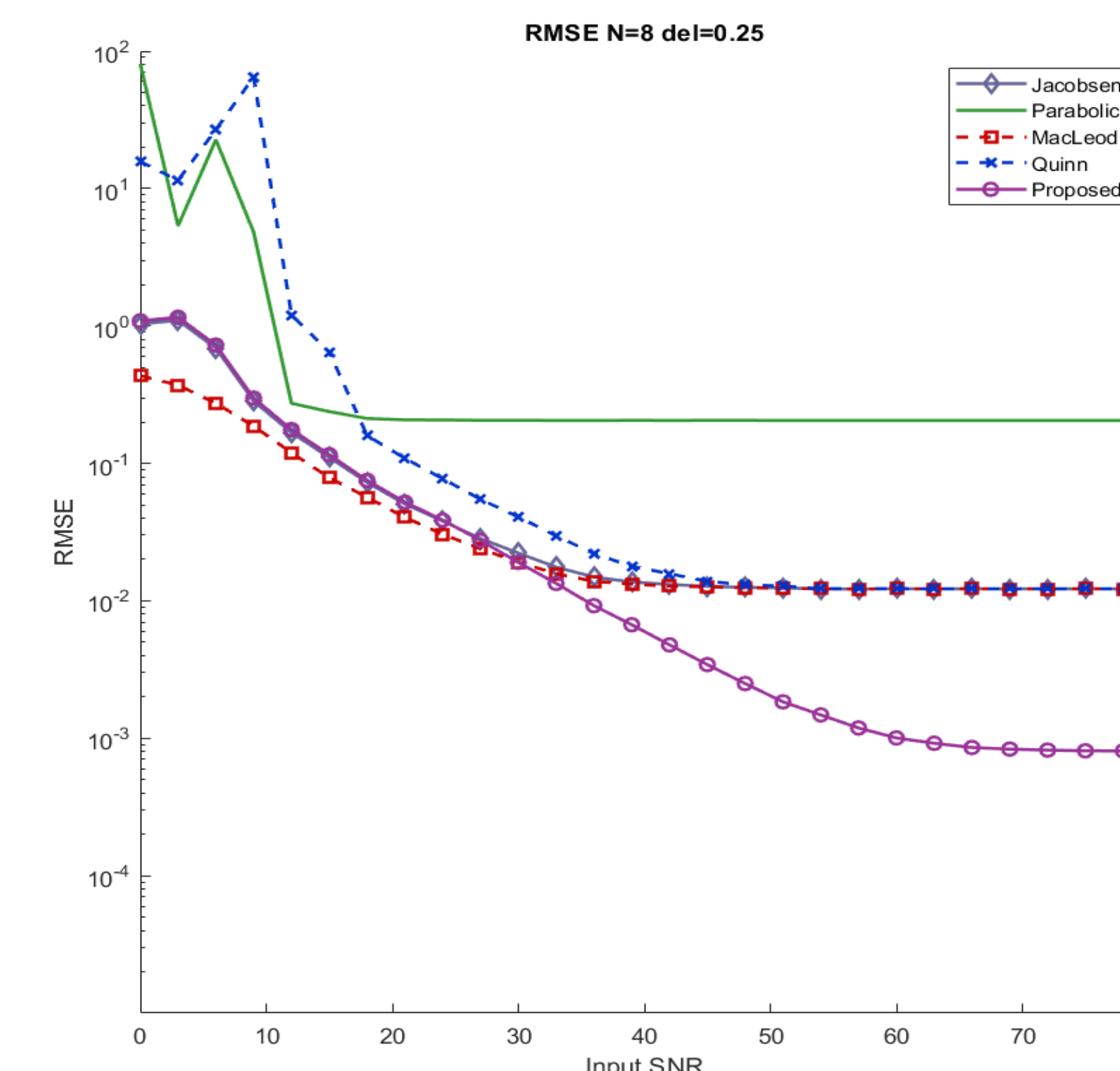
- Calculate the power of signal
- For every SNR ratio for chosen range
- Calculate power of noise from SNR and power of signal
- Generate Gaussian Noise for the calculated power using randn()
- Calculate the bias for each SNR over T trials

RESULT



Bias of δ estimate for a Noiseless Signal

The estimators have behaved similarly in the absence of noise.

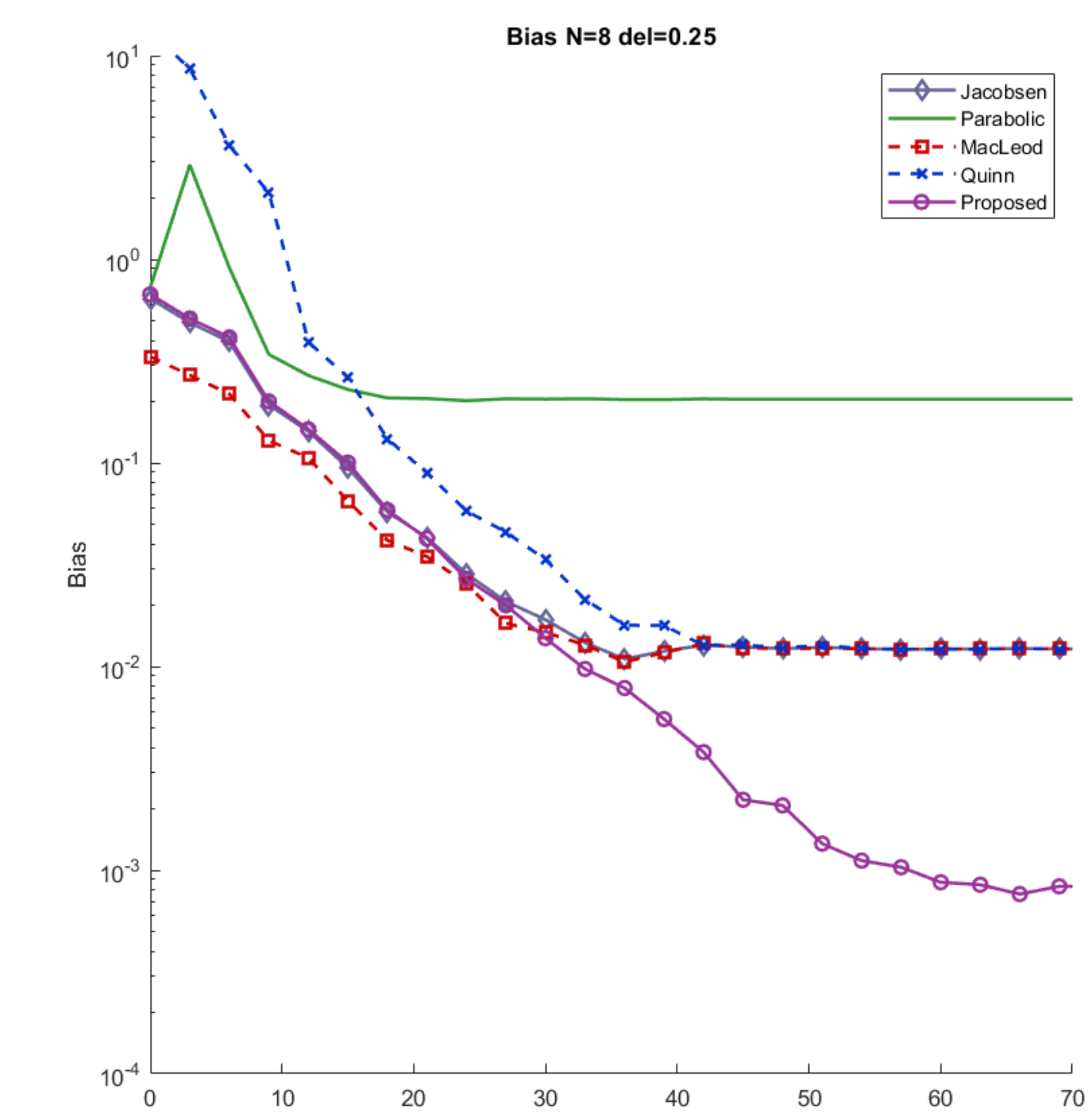


RMSE of δ estimate for $N = 8$ and $\delta = 0.25$ for varying levels of Input SNR

Proposed estimator follows Cramer Rao Bound Closely in high SNR Region

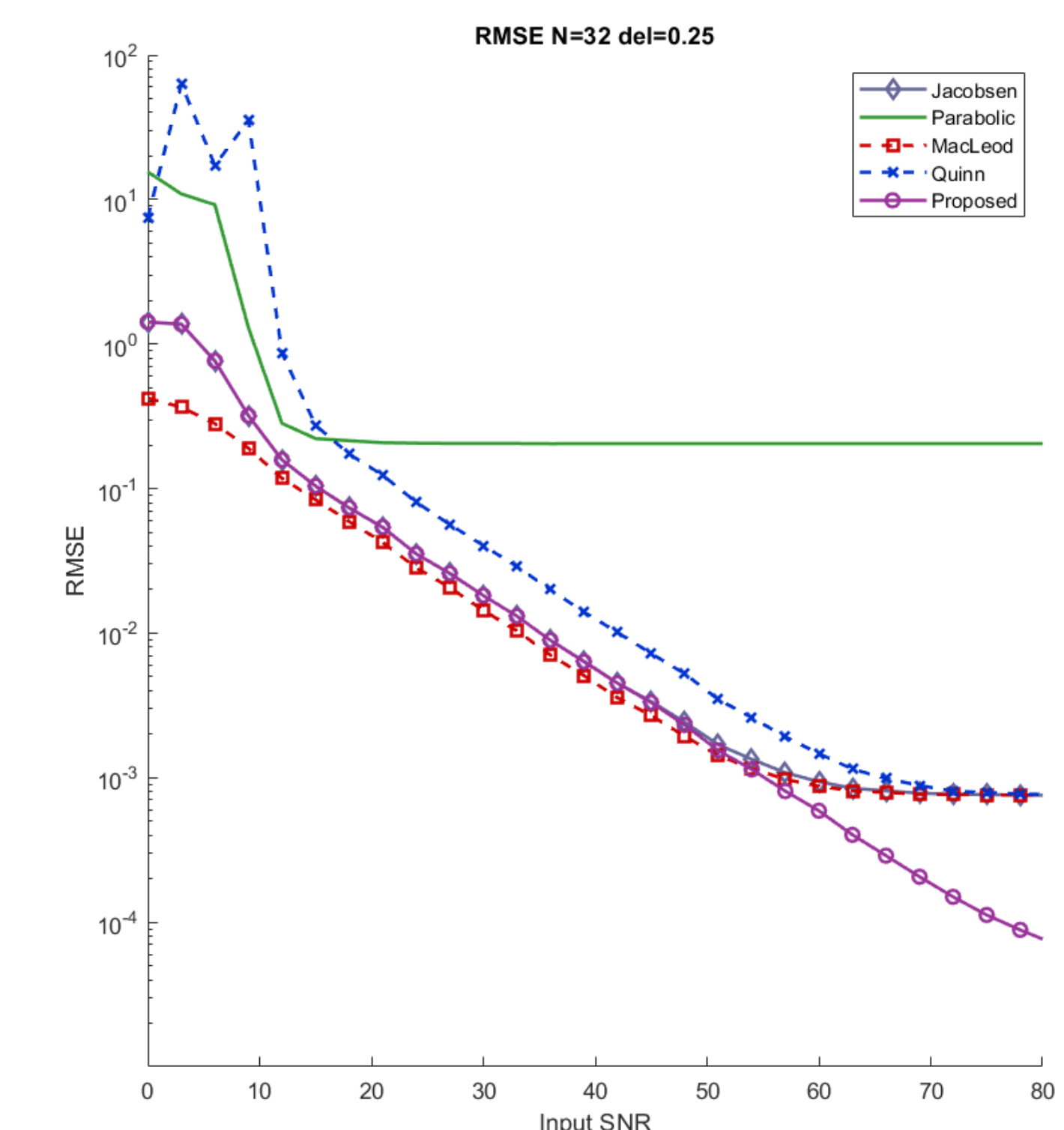
CONCLUSION

- From the observations, we can conclude that the proposed estimator and bias correction values have improved the estimator, by decreasing the bias and RMSE.
- The proposed estimator is more efficient in computing the frequency of signals.



Bias of δ estimate for a Noisy Signal

The bias of the estimators approach 10^{-3} , which coincides with the value for bias for noiseless case when $\delta = 0.25$



RMSE of δ estimate for $N = 32$ and $\delta = 0.25$ for varying levels of Input SNR

The floor of the RMSE value occurs at a lower SNR value for higher N ($N=32$)

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