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import numpy as np
from multitaper import MTSpec
from scipy.fft import fft, ifft
from scipy.linalg import solve_toeplitz
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def prewhiten(xt, order=2, nw = 4, kspec = 7, nfft_add=2,
return_components=False):
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NOTE: Claude Sonnet 4.0 was initially used to convert the prewhiten.R file to a set of Python functions, however it did such a terrible job that I wrote it myself.

Prewhitens a univariate time series using an autoregressive (AR) model.

The model coefficients are estimated by:

1. Estimating the spectrum of the time series using a low-variance, low-bias estimator (this amounts to using larger nw and kspec values in the aMTM spectrum).

2. Obtaining the autocovariance sequence (ACVS) estimate by taking the inverse FFT of the spectrum from 1.

3. Using the Yule-Walker equations and Levinson recursion (solve\_toeplitz()). to solve an equation of the form in Percival and Walden (2020) just under Equation (450b); i.e., solving for  $p$  in the equation  $g = Gp$  where  $g$  is the vector of ACVS values starting with lag-1,  $G$  is a toeplitz matrix with first row and column the ACVS values (lag-0 to lag-( $p-1$ )), and  $p$  is the vector containing the AR( $P$ ) coefficients.

4. Obtaining the first-step predictions of the input time series using the AR coefficients from 3.

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Parameters

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xt : array-like

Input time series xt (1D np.array)

order : int, default=2

Order of the AR model to fit

nw : float, default=4

Time bandwidth parameter for estimating the autocovariance sequence (ACVS). Typically an integer or of the form  $X.5$  where  $X$  is an integer.

kspec : int, default=7

Number of tapers to use for the spectrum that will be inverted to nfft\_add : int, default=2

Zero-padding factor for FFT.

return\_components : bool, default=False

If True, returns dict with prewhitened xt, AR coefficients, and autocovariances

If False, returns only the prewhitened x

Returns

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numpy.ndarray or dict
    If return_components=False: prewhitened time series
    If return_components=True: dict with keys 'xt_pw', 'ar_coef',
'acvs'
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N = len(xt)

# determine the zero-padded length of the series
nfft = int(np.power(2, np.ceil(np.log2(N)) + nfft_add))

# remove the mean
xt_mean = xt - np.mean(xt)

# calculate the aMTM spectrum
xt_mtspec = MTSpec(x = xt_mean, nw = nw, kspec = kspec, dt = 1, nfft
= nfft, iadapt = 0)

# Inverse FFT to obtain aMTM estimates of the ACVS
xt_acv = ifft(xt_mtspec.spec, axis=0).real

# Yule-Walker equations and Levinson recursion used to obtain the
# AR coefficients
phi = solve_toeplitz(xt_acv[0:order, 0].ravel(), xt_acv[1:(order+1),
0].ravel())

# Calculate the fitted values (one-step predictions)
xt_ar_fit = np.convolve(xt_mean, phi, mode='valid')[:-1]

# Below we have "fitted minus observed", which is not what you would
think
# should be the approach, however if you use "observed minus
fitted", you end up
# with a blue spectrum rather than a white spectrum.
# I have to look at this more closely as the rationale is escaping
me at the
# moment (other than, "it works using this approach," which is
# highly unsatisfying).
xt_prewhitened = xt_ar_fit - xt_mean[order:]

# Drop the first order number values as these would not be using all
of the
# AR coefficients.
# Also remove the mean again, _just_ in case.
xt_pw = xt_prewhitened[order:] - np.mean(xt_prewhitened[order:])

if return_components:
    return({"xt_pw": xt_pw, "ar_coef": phi, "acvs": xt_acv});
else:
    return(xt_pw);

def correct_spec_for_pw(spec_pw, ar_coef, dt=1):
    """
    Corrects a prewhitened spectrum by removing the effect of AR model

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prewhitening.

#### Parameters

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`spec_pw` : multitaper.MTSpec object

The prewhitened spectrum object corresponding to a series that was prewhitened using an AR model.

Assumes the full frequency array as returned by the multitaper package.

`ar_coef` : array\_like

The AR coefficients used in prewhitening ( $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_p$ ), assuming the model:

$$X_t = \phi_1 * X_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p * X_{t-p} + \hat{\mu}_t$$

`nfft` : int, optional

Number of points in the FFT used for frequency-domain correction. If not specified, it defaults to the next power of 2 above the length of `spec_pw`, plus 2.

`dt` : float64

The sampling rate of the series. This should be left as 1 in all cases that I can think of, but I provided the option just in case.

#### Returns

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`spec_corrected` : np.ndarray

The spectrum corrected for the prewhitening filter, ideally recovering the

original (unwhitened) spectral shape.

#### Notes

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The AR transfer function is computed as:

$$H_{AR}(f) = 1 - \hat{\mu}_1 e^{-i2\pi f} - \dots - \hat{\mu}_p e^{-i2\pi p f}$$

The correction divides `spec_pw` by  $|H_{AR}(f)|^2$ .

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`nfft` = len(`spec_pw`)

`N_phi` = len(`ar_coef`)

`ar_padded` = np.pad(np.append(-1, `ar_coef`), pad\_width=(0, `nfft` - (`N_phi`+1)))

`ar_H` = fft(`ar_padded`)

`ar_H2` = `dt` \* (np.abs(`ar_H`)\*\*2)

`spec_num` = `spec_pw.ravel()`

return(`spec_num` / `ar_H2`)