

Final Exam 2018
Estimation theory
Solutions

1a) We have

$$x[n] = A \cos(2\pi f n) + w[n]$$

where

$$w[n] \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$

Then

$$x[n] - A \cos(2\pi f n) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow p(x[n]) = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x[n] - A \cos(2\pi f n))^2}$$

1b) If we can do the factorization

$$\frac{d}{dA} \log p(\mathbf{x}; A) = I(A)(g(x) - A)$$

then $g(x)$ is an efficient estimator of A (and hence MVU), and

$$\text{var}(\hat{A}) \geq (I(A))^{-1}$$

is the CRLB

$$\frac{d}{dA} \log p(\mathbf{x}; A) =$$

$$= \frac{d}{dA} \log \prod_{n=0}^{N-1} p(x[n]; A)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dA} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \log p(x[n]; A)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dA} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} -\frac{1}{2} \log 2\pi \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (x[n] - A \cos(2\pi f n))^2$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \sigma^{-2} (x[n] - A \cos(2\pi f n)) \cos(2\pi f n)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sigma^{-2} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] \cos(2\pi f n) - A \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \cos^2(2\pi f n) \\
 &= \sigma^{-2} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \cos^2(2\pi f n) \left(\frac{\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] \cos(2\pi f n)}{\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \cos^2(2\pi f n)} - A \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= I(A) (g(x) - A)$$

with

$$\hat{A} = g(x) = \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] \cos(2\pi f n)}{\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \cos^2(2\pi f n)}$$

and

$$I(A) = \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \cos^2(2\pi f n)}{\sigma^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{CRLB} : \text{var}(\hat{A}) \geq \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \cos^2(2\pi f n)}$$

1c) Amplified signal:

$$y[n] = GA \cos(2\pi f_n) + w[n]$$

$$\approx GA \cos(2\pi f_n) + Gu[n] + v[n]$$

Here $w[n]$ is the "true noise" which is non-Gaussian due to the distortion of the non-linear amplifier. Setting

$$w[n] \approx Gu[n] + v[n]$$

is a good approximation if the distortion is very small. However, since $w[n]$ is non-Gaussian, we do not have a linear model, and so we use BLUE.

1d) The BLUE for a scalar is

$$\hat{A} = \frac{s^T C^{-1} x}{s^T C^{-1} s}$$

where s is a vector defined by

$$E\{x[n]\} = s_n A$$

and

$$C = E\{(x - E[x])(x - E[x])^T\}$$

In our case we have

$$\begin{aligned} E[x[n]] &= E[G A \cos(2\pi n f) + w[n]] \\ &= G \cos(2\pi n f) \cdot A \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow s_n = G \cos(2\pi n f)$$

$$C = E\{w \cdot w^T\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\approx E\{(Gu + v)(Gu + v)^T\} \\ &= (G^2 \sigma_u^2 + \sigma_v^2) \cdot I \end{aligned}$$

Thus yields

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{A} &= \frac{S^T C^{-1} X}{S^T C^{-1} S} \\&= \frac{S^T X}{S^T S} \\&= \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \cos(2\pi f n) \cdot X[n]}{G \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \cos^2(2\pi f n)}\end{aligned}$$

The variance of the BLUE is

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(\hat{A}) &\geq (S^T C^{-1} S)^{-1} \\&= \left((G^2 \sigma_u^2 + \sigma_v^2)^{-1} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} G^2 \cos^2(2\pi f n) \right)^{-1} \\&= \frac{G^2 \sigma_u^2 + \sigma_v^2}{G^2 \sum \cos^2(2\pi f n)}\end{aligned}$$

1e) The Bayes MSE estimate is

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{A}_{\text{Bmse}} &= \underset{A'}{\operatorname{argmin}} E_{x,A} \{ (A - A')^2 \} \\ &= \underset{A'}{\operatorname{argmin}} \int (A - A')^2 P(A, x) dA dx \\ &= \int A \cdot P(A | x) dA\end{aligned}$$

To find this estimate we must first find

$$P(A | x) = \frac{P(x | A) P(A)}{P(x)}$$

and then solve the integral, possibly using numerical methods