



# Linear Prediction

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**87203 – Multimedial Signal  
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# Agenda

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- Ex1: LPC Autocorrelation method
- Ex2: LPC Levinson Durbin algorithm
- Ex3: PSD estimation using LPC
- Ex4: Spectrum envelope and prediction error
- Ex5: Prediction error



## Exercise 1 (1/9)

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- Basic idea of Linear Prediction: a sample of a discrete-time signal can be approximated (predicted) as a linear combination of past samples.

$$\hat{s}(n) \approx a_1 s(n-1) + \dots + a_p s(n-p) = \sum_{k=1}^p a_k s(n-k)$$

- The prediction error is:

$$e(n) = s(n) - \hat{s}(n) = s(n) - \sum_{k=1}^p a_k s(n-k)$$

$$E(z) = \left( 1 - \sum_{k=1}^p a_k z^{-k} \right) S(z) = A(z) S(z)$$



## Exercise 1 (2/9)

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- Goal: Find the set of predictor coefficients  $\{a_k\}$  that minimizes the mean-squared prediction error over a short segment of the signal  $s_n(m)$ .

$$a_i = \arg \min_{a_i} E_n$$

$$E_n = \sum_m e_n^2(m) = \sum_m \left[ s_n(m) - \sum_{k=1}^p a_k s_n(m-k) \right]^2$$

$$E_n = \psi_n(0,0) - \sum_{k=1}^p \hat{a}_k \psi_n(0,k)$$

## Exercise 1 (3/9)

- Hint: To solve the minimization problem we differentiate  $E_n$  with respect to each  $a_i$  and set the result to zero:

$$\frac{\partial E_n}{\partial a_i} = 0 \quad \forall i$$

- obtaining:  $\psi_n(i,0) = \sum_{k=1}^p a_k \psi_n(i,k) \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, p$   
(Wiener-Hopf equations)

- defining the covariance matrix:

$$\psi_n(i,k) = \sum_m s_n(m-k) s_n(m-i)$$



## Exercise 1 (4/9)

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- Goal: Computation of the LPC parameters.
- **Autocorrelation Method**

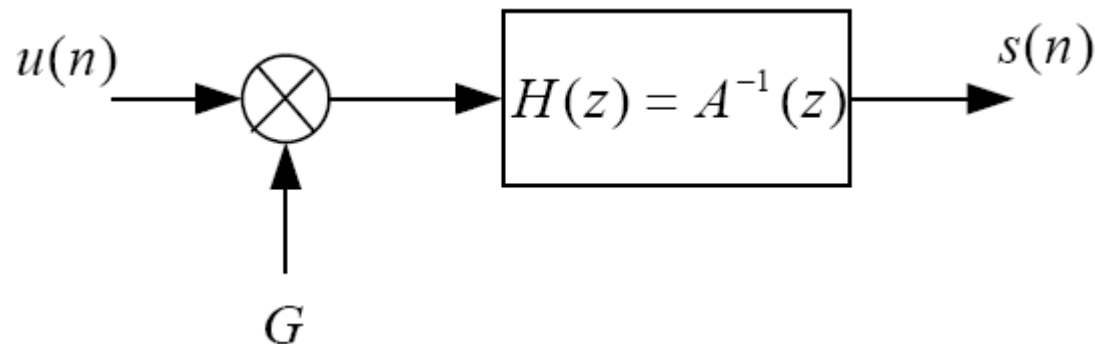
- Defining: 
$$\hat{r}_n(k) = \sum_{m=0}^{M-1-k} s_n(m)s_n(m+k)$$

- We find the LPC coefficients solving:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{r}_n(0) & \hat{r}_n(1) & \dots & \hat{r}_n(p-1) \\ \hat{r}_n(1) & \hat{r}_n(0) & \dots & \hat{r}_n(p-2) \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \hat{r}_n(p-1) & \hat{r}_n(p-2) & \dots & \hat{r}_n(0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \cdot \\ a_p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{r}_n(1) \\ \hat{r}_n(2) \\ \cdot \\ \hat{r}_n(p) \end{bmatrix}$$

## Exercise 1 (5/9)

- Goal: Assume that the signal can be modeled as an AR stochastic process defined by:



$$A(z) = 1 - 0.8z^{-1} - 0.1z^{-2} - 0.05z^{-3}$$

$$u(n) \approx N(0,1)$$

$$G = 1$$



## Exercise 1 (6/9)

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- Goal: Estimate the optimal prediction coefficients of order  $p=3$ :
- Pseudocode:
  - Generate the input signal  $s(n)$ .
  - Estimate the autocorrelation sequence.
  - Compute Toeplitz matrix
  - Estimate the LPC parameters.
  - Apply the whitening filter obtaining the prediction error.
  - Compute the mean square error.





## Exercise 1 (7/9)

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- Generate the input signal  $s(n)$ .
  - $s = \text{filter}(1, [1 \ ; \ -a], e);$
- Estimate the autocorrelation sequence.
  - $r = \text{zeros}(p+1, 1);$   $\{\hat{r}_n(i)\} \quad i = 0, \dots, p$
  - for  $t=0 : p$ 
    - for  $m = 0 : M-1-t$ 
      - $r(t+1) = r(t+1) + s(m+1)*s(m+t+1);$
    - end
  - end
- Compute Toeplitz matrix
  - $R = \text{toeplitz}(r(1:p));$



## Exercise 1 (8/9)

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- Estimate the LPC parameters.
  - $\text{aest} = R^{(-1)*r(2:p+1)};$
- Apply the whitening filter obtaining the prediction error.
  - $\text{eres} = \text{filter}([1 \ ; \ -\text{aest}], 1, s);$
- Compute the mean square error.
  - $\text{mean}(\text{eres}.^2)$



## Exercise 1 (9/9)

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- Hint: Matlab provides the functions:
  - "[r lag]=xcorr(x,'biased')" that produces a biased estimate of the autocorrelation ( $2N-1$  samples) of the stationary sequence "x". "lag" is the vector of lag indices  $[-N+1:1:N-1]$ .
  - "R=toeplitz(C,R)" that produces a non-symmetric Toeplitz matrix having C as its first column and R as its first row.  
"R=toeplitz(R)" is a symmetric (or Hermitian) Toeplitz matrix.



## Exercise 1b (1/4)

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- Load 'mtlb.mat' signal.
- Extract a 20msec long frame.
- Estimate the optimal prediction coefficients of order  $p = 16$ .
- Compute the prediction error.
- Estimate the spectra of the signal and the prediction error using the periodogram method.



## Exercise 1b (2/4)

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- Pseudocode:
  - Load 'mtlb.mat' signal.
  - Extract a 20msec long frame.
    - $x = x(700:700+\text{floor}(0.02*F_s));$
  - Estimate the optimal prediction coefficients of order  $p = 16$ .
    - $[r, k] = \text{xcorr}(x, p);$
    - $rv = r(k \geq 0);$
    - $a = \text{levinson}(rv);$
  - Compute the prediction error.
    - $e = \text{filter}(a, 1, x);$



## Exercise 1b (3/4)

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- Pseudocode (continued):
  - Estimate the spectra of the signal and the prediction error using the periodogram method.
    - $N = \text{length}(x);$
    - $X = (1/N) * \text{abs}(\text{fft}(x));$
    - $E = (1/N) * \text{abs}(\text{fft}(e));$
    - $f = F_s * [0 : N-1] / N;$



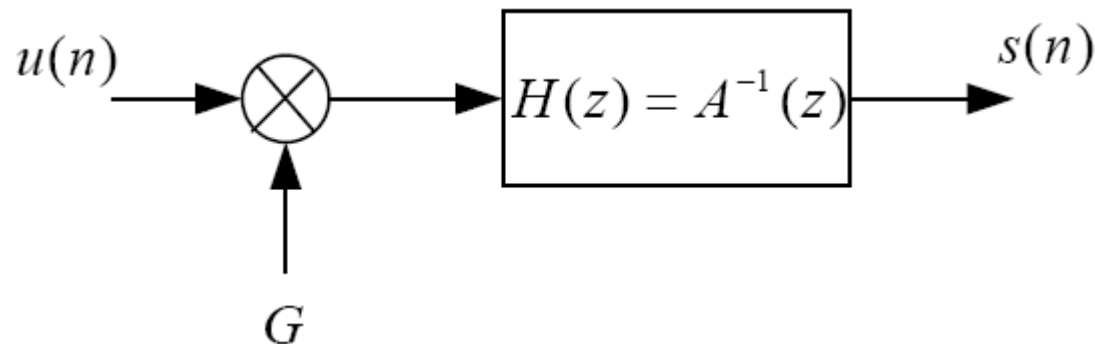
## Exercise 1b (4/4)

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- Hint: Matlab provides the function:
  - “ $a = \text{levinson}(r, N)$ ” that solves the Hermitian Toeplitz system of equations (also known as the Yule-Walker AR equations) using the Levinson-Durbin recursion. Input “ $r$ ” is typically a vector of autocorrelation coefficients with lag 0 as the first element.
- N is the order of the recursion; if omitted,  $N = \text{length}(r)-1$ .
- “ $a$ ” will be a row vector of length  $N+1$ , with  $a(1)=1.0$ .

## Exercise 2 (1/9)

- Assume that the signal can be modeled as an AR stochastic process defined by:



$$A(z) = 1 - 0.8z^{-1} - 0.1z^{-2} - 0.05z^{-3}$$

$$u(n) \approx N(0,1)$$

$$G = 1$$





## Exercise 2 (2/9)

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- Goal: Estimate the optimal prediction coefficients of order  $p=6$  by means of the Levinson-Durbin algorithm:
- Pseudocode:
  - Generate the input signal  $s(n)$ .
  - Estimate the LPC parameters.
  - Apply the whitening filter obtaining the prediction error.
  - See how evolves the prediction during the steps.



## Exercise 2 (3/9)

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- Levinson-Durbin algorithm:

For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ , we carry out the following recursion:

1. Initialization

$$E^{(0)} = \hat{r}(0) \quad (8.47)$$

2. Compute 'partial correlation' (PARCOR) coefficients

$$k_i = \left[ \hat{r}(i) - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_j^{i-1} \hat{r}(i-j) \right] / E^{(i-1)}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq p \quad (8.48)$$



## Exercise 2 (4/9)

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- Levinson-Durbin algorithm (continued):

3. Calculate the predictor coefficients for order  $i$

$$a_i^{(i)} = k_i \quad (8.49)$$

$$a_j^{(i)} = a_j^{(i-1)} - k_i a_{i-j}^{(i-1)}, \quad 1 \leq j \leq i-1 \quad (8.50)$$

4. Update the predictor error

$$E^{(i)} = (1 - k_i^2)E^{(i-1)} \quad (8.51)$$

5. Obtain the final solution

$$a_j = a_j^{(p)} \quad (8.52)$$



## Exercise 2 (5/9)

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- PSEUDOCODE: Estimate the LPC parameters:
  - Estimate autocorrelation:
    - `r = xcorr(s,p);`
    - `r = r(p+1: end);`
  - Initializing:
    - `Eest = zeros(p+1, 1);` % error estimation
    - `kest = zeros(p, 1);` % PARCOR coefficients
    - `aest = zeros(p, p);` % LPC parameters  
estimated in each step (in each column)
    - `Eest(1) = r(1);`



## Exercise 2 (6/9)

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- PSEUDOCODE: Estimate the LPC parameters (continued):
  - For  $i=1:p$       % for each step
    - $\text{temp} = 0$  ;
    - for  $j = 1 : i-1$ 
      - $\text{temp} = \text{temp} + \text{aest}(j, i-1) * r(i-j + 1);$
    - end
    - $\text{kest}(i) = (r(i+1) - \text{temp}) / \text{Eest}(i);$

$$k_i = \left[ \hat{r}(i) - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_j^{i-1} \hat{r}(i-j) \right] / E^{(i-1)}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq p$$



## Exercise 2 (7/9)

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- PSEUDOCODE: Estimate the LPC parameters (continued):
  - For  $i=1:p$       % for each step
    - $\text{aest}(i,i) = \text{kest}(i);$
    - for  $j = 1: i-1$ 
      - $\text{aest}(j,i) = \text{aest}(j,i-1) - \text{kest}(i) * \text{aest}(i-j,i-1);$
    - end

$$a_i^{(i)} = k_i$$

$$a_j^{(i)} = a_j^{(i-1)} - k_i a_{i-j}^{(i-1)}, \quad 1 \leq j \leq i-1$$



## Exercise 2 (8/9)

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- PSEUDOCODE: Estimate the LPC parameters (continued):
  - For  $i=1:p$       % for each step
    - $E_{est}(i+1) = (1 - k_{est}(i)^2) * E_{est}(i);$

- end

- $a_{est}(:,p)$

$$E^{(i)} = (1 - k_i^2) E^{(i-1)}$$

$$a_j = a_j^{(p)}$$



## Exercise 2 (9/9)

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- PSEUDOCODE: Generate the input signal  $s(n)$ .
  - `s = filter(1, [ 1 ; -a ], e);`
- Estimate the LPC parameters
  - `a=aest(:,p);`
- Apply the whitening filter obtaining the prediction error.
  - `eres = filter([1 ; -a], 1, s);`
- See how evolves the prediction during the steps (growing the number of known samples for the autocorrelation computation).
  - `plot(Eest(2:end))`

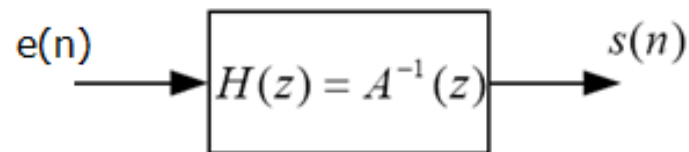




## Exercise 3 (1/4)

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- Frequency Domain interpretation of LPC parameters:



$$E(z) = A(z)\hat{S}(z)$$

- Goal: Estimate the PSD of the signal  $s(n)$  obtained by means LPC:

$$\left| \hat{S}(\omega) \right|^2 = \sigma_e^2 \left| H_p(\omega) \right|^2$$



## Exercise 3 (2/4)

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- Pseudocode:
  - Load 'mtlb.mat' signal.
  - Extract a Nfft sample long frame.
  - Estimate the optimal prediction coefficients of order  $p$ .
  - Compute the prediction error.
  - Estimate the PSD of 'mtlb' using LPC coefficients
  - Estimate the PSD of 'mtlb' using periodogram.



## Exercise 3 (3/4)

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- Pseudocode:
  - Load 'mtlb.mat' signal.
  - Extract a Nfft sample long frame.
    - `s = mtlb(701:701 + Nfft);`
  - Estimate the optimal prediction coefficients of order p.
    - `[rs,k] = xcorr(s,p);`
    - `r = rs(k >= 0);`
    - `a = levinson(r);`
  - Compute the prediction error.
    - `e = filter(a, 1, x);`



## Exercise 3 (4/4)

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- Pseudocode (continued):
  - Estimate the PSD of 'mtlb' using LPC coefficients
    - $w = 2\pi[0 : N_{\text{fft}}-1]/N_{\text{fft}};$
    - $H = \text{freqz}(1, a, w);$
    - $\text{sigmae} = \text{var}(e);$
    - $\text{phi\_LPC} = \text{sigmae} * \text{abs}(H).^2;$
  - Estimate the PSD of 'mtlb' using periodogram
    - $\text{phip} = (1/N_{\text{fft}}) * \text{abs}(\text{fft}(s, N_{\text{fft}})).^2;$
    - $\text{phip}(1 : N_{\text{fft}}/2);$



## Exercise 4 (1/7)

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- **Goal:** compute the spectrum envelope and the prediction error by means of linear prediction
- **Procedure:**
  - Load the signal voiced\_a.wav
  - Segment it in frames of duration 25 ms
  - For each segment
    - Compute the autocorrelation function
    - Set up the Wiener-Hopf equations with a prediction order of  $P = 12$
    - Continue...



## Exercise 4 (2/7)

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- Continued...
- Compute the spectral envelope and plot it in the frequency domain
- Compute the prediction error both in the time and frequency domain
- Compute the coding gain



## Exercise 4 (3/7)

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- Pseudocode:
  - Load 'voiced\_a.wav' signal.
  - Segment it in frames of duration 25 ms
    - $fl = 25/1000;$
    - $M = \text{floor}(fl * Fs);$
    - $N=10;$  % number of frames
- For each segment
  - for  $n=0:N-1$ 
    - $sn = s(n*M + 1 : n*M + M);$



## Exercise 4 (4/7)

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- Compute the autocorrelation function
  - `[rs, lags] = xcorr(sn, p);`
- Set up the Wiener-Hopf equations with a prediction order of  $P = 12$ 
  - `R = toeplitz(rs(lags >= 0 & lags < p));`
  - `rp = rs(lags >= 1);`
  - `theta = -inv(R)*rp;`





## Exercise 4 (5/7)

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- Compute the spectral envelope and plot it in the frequency domain
  - `var_s = rs(lags == 0) + theta'*rp;`
  - `[H, w] = freqz(1, [1; theta], w);`
  - `f = w.*Fs/(2*pi);`
  - `P = var_s.*H.^2;`
  - `plot(f(1:end/2), 10*log10(P(1:end/2)),'r')`
- Compare with the real spectrum:
  - `Sn = fft(sn, Nfft);`
  - `plot(f(1:end/2), 10*log10(abs(Sn(1:end/2)).^2))`



## Exercise 4 (6/7)

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- Compute the prediction error both in the time and frequency domain
  - `e = filter([1, theta'], 1, sn);`
  - `E = fft(e, length(f));`
  
- Compute the coding gain
  - `Dp = var(e)`
  - `var(sn)`
  - `Gp = var(sn) / Dp;`
  - `display(['Coding Gain (p = ' int2str(p) '): ' num2str(Gp)])`



## Exercise 4 (7/7)

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- **Question:**

- Try to change the prediction order and observe the effect on:
  - Prediction gain;
  - Shape of the spectral envelope.



## Exercise 5 (1/8)

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- **Goal:** compute the prediction error using linear prediction and its PSD using Bartlett method.
- An all-pole LTI filter is defined by the following:

$$A(z) = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^7 a_i z^{-i}$$

- Feed a white noise process  $e(n)$  into the system to produce one realization  $y(n)$  of  $N = 1000$  samples.
- Estimate the optimal prediction coefficients of order  $p = 0 : 2 : 20$ .



## Exercise 5 (2/8)

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- For each value of  $p$ , compute the prediction error and the prediction gain  $G_p$ .
- Estimate the PSD of the prediction error using a non-parametric method. Check that the PSD tends to become flat (white spectrum) when  $p \rightarrow \infty$ .
- Estimate the PSD using a parametric method with the appropriate number of parameters.
- Plot the prediction gain  $G_p$  vs.  $p$



## Exercise 5 (3/8)

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- Hint: Bartlett method: split up the available sample of  $N$  observations into  $L = N/M$  subsamples of  $M$  observations each, then average the periodograms obtained from the subsamples for each value of  $\omega$ .

$$y_i(n) = y((i-1)M + n) \quad n = 1, \dots, M$$

$$\hat{\phi}_i(\omega) = \frac{1}{M} \left| \sum_{n=1}^M y_i(n) e^{-j\omega n} \right|^2$$

$$\hat{\phi}_B(\omega) = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{i=1}^L \hat{\phi}_i(\omega)$$



## Exercise 5 (4/8)

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- Pseudocode:

- Feed a white noise process  $e(n)$  into the system to produce one realization  $y(n)$  of  $N = 1000$  samples.

- `poles = [ ... ];`

- `N = 1000;`

- `a = poly(poles)`

- `a = [ 1.0000 -3.5988 6.9925 -9.4813 9.0849`  
`-6.1870 2.9012 -0.7093 ]`

- `z = randn(N,1);`

- `x = filter(1,a,z);`



## Exercise 5 (5/8)

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- Pseudocode:
- For each value of  $p$ , compute the prediction error and the prediction gain  $G_p$ .
  - for  $p = 2:2:P$ 
    - $[r,k] = \text{xcorr}(x,p);$
    - $rv = r(k \geq 0);$
    - $a = \text{levinson}(rv);$
    - $e = \text{filter}(a, 1, x);$
    - $G(p) = \text{var}(x) ./ \text{var}(e);$





## Exercise 5 (6/8)

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- Pseudocode:
- For each value of  $p$ , estimate the PSD of the prediction error using Bartlett method. ( $S=10$ ;  $M=N/S$ ;)
  - $s = 1$  ;
  - for  $m = 0 : M : N-M$ 
    - $em = e(m+1 : m+M)$ ;
    - $E(s, :) = (1/M) * \text{abs}(\text{fft}(em, M)).^2$ ;
    - $s = s + 1$  ;
  - end
  - $\text{PHI} = \text{mean}(E, 1)$ ;



## Exercise 5 (7/8)

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- Pseudocode:
- For each value of  $p$ , estimate the PSD using a parametric method with the appropriate number of parameters.
  - $[re, k] = \text{xcorr}(e, p);$
  - $rve = re(k \geq 0);$
  - $ae = \text{levinson}(rve);$
  - $[He, we] = \text{freqz}(1, ae, Nfft);$
  - $\text{phi\_AR} = \text{abs}(He).^2$



## Exercise 5 (8/8)

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- Feed a different realization of white noise  $e(n)$  to produce a new realization  $y(n)$ .
- Check that the new realization has a different waveform in the time domain but has the same PSD.