

Spectral Estimation

**87203 – Multimedial Signal
Processing 1st Module**

Politecnico di Milano –
Polo regionale di Como



Agenda

NON PARAMETRIC SPECTRAL ESTIMATION

- Ex1: Periodogram
- Ex2: Correlogram
- Ex3: Blackman-Tukey
- Ex4: Bartlett
- Ex5: Welch

PARAMETRIC SPECTRAL ESTIMATION

- Ex6: AutoRegressive model



Exercise 1 (1/4)

- Goal of spectral estimation: from one finite record of a stationary data sequence, estimate how the total power is distributed over frequency.

- Power Spectral Density

- DTFT of the ACS: $\phi(\omega) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} r(k) e^{-j\omega k}$

- $\phi(\omega) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} E \left\{ \frac{1}{N} \left| \sum_{n=1}^N y(n) e^{-j\omega n} \right|^2 \right\}$



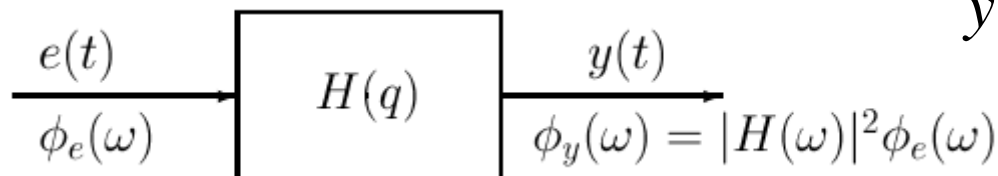
Exercise 1 (2/4)

- Hint: Remember that AutoCorrelation Sequence is: $r(k) = E[y(n) y^*(n-k)]$

- Properties: $r(k) = r^*(-k)$

$$r(0) \geq |r(k)|$$

- Hint: Remember that:



$$y(t) = e(t) * h(t)$$

$$r_y(k) = \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} h_p h_m^* r_e(m+k-p)$$



Exercise 1 (3/4)

- Goal: Estimate the power spectral density of the signal “flute2” by means of periodogram.
- **Hints on periodogram:** the spectrum estimation using periodogram is given by the following equation:

$$\hat{\phi}_P(\omega) = \frac{1}{N} \left| \sum_{n=1}^N y(n) e^{-j\omega n} \right|^2$$



Exercise 1 (4/4)

- Pseudocode:
 - load the file flute2.wav
 - consider 50ms of the input signal (y)
 - estimate PSD using parallelogram:
 - $N = \text{length}(y);$
 - $M = 2^{\text{ceil}(\log_2(N)+1)};$
 %number of frequency bins
 - $\text{phip} = (1/N) * \text{abs}(\text{fft}(y,M)).^2;$



Exercise 1b (1/3)

- **Goal:** quantify the bias and variance of the periodogram
- **N.B.:** Periodogram is asymptotically unbiased and has large variance, even for large N.

$$E[\hat{\phi}_P(\omega)] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} w_B(k) r(k) e^{-j\omega k} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \phi(\xi) W_B(\omega - \xi) d\xi$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \text{var}\{\hat{\phi}_P(\omega)\} &= E\left\{\left[\hat{\phi}_P(\omega_1) - \phi(\omega_1)\right]\left[\hat{\phi}_P(\omega_2) - \phi(\omega_2)\right]\right\} \\ &= \begin{cases} \phi^2(\omega_1) & \omega_1 = \omega_2 \\ 0 & \omega_1 \neq \omega_2 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$



Exercise 1b (2/3)

- **Goal:** quantify the bias and variance of the periodogram
- **Pseudocode:**
 - compute R realizations of N samples white noise
 - $e = \text{randn}(N, R);$
 - for each realization:
 - filter white noise by means of a LTI filter
$$Y(z) = H(z)E(z)$$
 - compute the periodogram spectral estimate
$$\text{phip}(i,:) = (1/N) * \text{abs}(\text{fft}(y, N)).^2;$$
 - end



Exercise 1b (3/3)

- compute the ensemble mean: `phip(RxN)`
 - `phipmean = mean(phip);`
- compute the ensemble variance
 - `phipvar = var(phip);`
- Plot the true spectrum $\Phi(\omega)$
- Plot the average of R spectral estimates and compare the averaged spectrum and the true PSD
- Plot $E[\hat{\phi}_P(\omega)] \pm \sqrt{\text{var}[\hat{\phi}_P(\omega)]}$ and compare with the true PSD



Exercise 1c (1/4)

- **Goal:** quantify the bias and variance of the periodogram
- **Procedure:** filter a white noise by means of the following LTI filter

$$Y(z) = [H_1(z) + H_2(z)]E(Z)$$

- With the following poles and zeros

$$p_1 = \rho_P e^{j\pi\omega_1} \quad p_2 = \rho_P e^{j\pi\omega_2}$$

$$z_1 = \rho_Z e^{j\pi\omega_1} \quad z_2 = \rho_Z e^{j\pi\omega_2}$$

$$\rho_Z = 0.95$$

$$\rho_P = 0.99$$

$$\omega_1 = 0.6\pi$$

$$\omega_2 = 2(0.3 + \alpha)\pi$$

$$\alpha = 0.05$$



Exercise 1c (2/4)

■ Hint

$$H_i(z) = \frac{B_i(z)}{A_i(z)} = \frac{(1 - \rho_z e^{+j\omega_i} z^{-1})(1 - \rho_z e^{-j\omega_i} z^{-1})}{(1 - \rho_p e^{+j\omega_i} z^{-1})(1 - \rho_p e^{-j\omega_i} z^{-1})} = \frac{1 - 2\rho_z \cos(\omega_1) z^{-1} + \rho_z^2 z^{-2}}{1 - 2\rho_p \cos(\omega_1) z^{-1} + \rho_p^2 z^{-2}}$$

$$H(z) = H_1(z) + H_2(z) = \frac{B_1(z)}{A_1(z)} + \frac{B_2(z)}{A_2(z)} = \frac{B_1(z)A_2(z) + B_2(z)A_1(z)}{A_1(z)A_2(z)}$$

$$C(z) = A(z)B(z) \Rightarrow \mathbf{c} = \text{conv}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$$

$$C(z) = A(z) + B(z) \Rightarrow \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$$



Exercise 1c (3/4)

- **Goal:** quantify the bias and variance of the periodogram
- **Pseudocode:**
 - compute R realizations of N samples white noise
 - $e = \text{randn}(N, R);$
 - for each realization:
 - filter white noise by means of a LTI filter
$$Y(z) = H(z)E(z)$$
 - compute the periodogram spectral estimate
$$\text{phip}(i,:) = (1/N) * \text{abs}(\text{fft}(y, N)).^2;$$
 - end



Exercise 1c (4/4)

- compute the ensemble mean: `phip(RxN)`
 - `phipmean = mean(phip);`
- compute the ensemble variance
 - `phipvar = var(phip);`
- Plot the true spectrum $\Phi(\omega)$
- Plot the average of R spectral estimates and compare the averaged spectrum and the true PSD
- Plot $E[\hat{\phi}_P(\omega)] \pm \sqrt{\text{var}[\hat{\phi}_P(\omega)]}$ and compare with the true PSD



Exercise 2 (1/3)

- Goal: Estimate the power spectral density of the signal “flute2” by means of correlogram.
- **Hints on correlogram:** the spectrum estimation using correlogram is given by the following equation:

$$\hat{\phi}_C(\omega) = \sum_{k=-(N-1)}^{N-1} \hat{r}(k) e^{-j\omega k}$$

$$\hat{r}(k) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=k+1}^N y(n) y^*(n-k) \quad k \geq 0$$



Exercise 2 (2/3)

- Pseudocode:
 - load the file flute2.wav
 - consider 50ms of the input signal (y)
 - estimate ACS
 - `[r lags] = xcorr(y, 'biased');`
 - `r = circshift(r,N);`
 - estimate PSD using correlogram:
 - `N = length(y);`
 - `M = 2^ceil(log2(2*N-1)+1);`
 %number of frequency bins
 - `phic = fft(r,M);`



Exercise 2 (3/3)

- 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 = circshift(r,N)” that circularly shifts the values in the array r by N elements. If N is positive, the values of r are shifted down (or to the right). If it is negative, the values of r are shifted up (or to the left).



Exercise 3 (1/2)

- Goal: Estimate the power spectral density of the signal “flute2” by means of Blackman-Tukey method.
- **Hints on B-T method:** the spectrum estimation using BT method is given by the following equation:

$$\hat{\phi}_{BT}(\omega) = \sum_{k=-(M-1)}^{M-1} w(k) \hat{r}(k) e^{-j\omega k}$$

$$W(\omega) \geq 0$$



Exercise 3 (2/2)

- Pseudocode:
 - load the file flute2.wav
 - consider 50ms of the input signal --> $N = \text{length}(y)$;
 - estimate ACS
 - `[r lags] = xcorr(y, 'biased');`
 - window with a bartlett window of the same length
 - `rw = r.*bartlett(2*N-1);`
 - `r = circshift(r,N);`
 - estimate PSD using BT:
 - `Nfft = 2^ceil(log2(2*N-1)+1);`
 - `phiBT = real(fft(r,Nfft));`



Exercise 3b (1/3)

- **Goal:** quantify the bias and variance of the BT method
- **Pseudocode:**
 - compute R realizations of N samples white noise
 - $e = \text{randn}(N, R);$
 - for each realization:
 - filter white noise by means of a LTI filter
$$Y(z) = H(z)E(z)$$
 - compute the BT spectral estimate
 - end



Exercise 3b (2/3)

- compute the ensemble mean: `phip(RxN)`
 - `phipmean = mean(phip);`
- compute the ensemble variance
 - `phipvar = var(phip);`
- Plot the true spectrum $\Phi(\omega)$
- Plot the average of R spectral estimates and compare the averaged spectrum and the true PSD
- Plot $E[\hat{\phi}_P(\omega)] \pm \sqrt{\text{var}[\hat{\phi}_P(\omega)]}$ and compare with the true PSD



Exercise 3b (3/3)

- QUESTION: Can you see any difference between periodogram and BT method?



Exercise 4 (1/3)

- Goal: Estimate the power spectral density of the signal “flute2” by means of Bartlett method.
- **Basic idea:** 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 ω .



Exercise 4 (2/3)

- **Mathematically:** the spectrum estimation using Bartlett method is given by the following equations:

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

$$i = 1, \dots, L \equiv \frac{N}{M}$$

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



Exercise 4 (3/3)

- Pseudocode:

- load the file flute2.wav
- consider 50ms of the input signal --> $N = \text{length}(y)$;
- define the number of subsequences L and the number of samples for each of them $M = \text{ceil}(N/L)$
- for each subsequence:
 - consider the right samples: $y_l = y(1 + l * M : M + l * M)$;
 - estimate periodogram: $(1/M) * \text{abs}(\text{fft}(y_l)).^2$
- mean periodograms of the subsequences:
 - $\text{phil} = \text{phil} + (1/M) * \text{abs}(\text{fft}(y_l)).^2$;
 - $\text{phiB} = \text{phil}/L$;



Exercise 5 (1/4)

- Goal: Estimate the power spectral density of the signal “flute2” by means of Welch method.
- **Basic idea:** similar to Bartlett method but:
 - allow overlap of subsequences
 - use data window for each periodogram



Exercise 5 (2/4)

- **Mathematically:** the spectrum estimation using Welch method is given by the following equations:

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

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

$$P = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{n=1}^M |v(n)|^2$$

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



Exercise 5 (3/4)

- Pseudocode:

- load the file flute2.wav
- consider 50ms of the input signal --> $N = \text{length}(y)$;
- define:
 - the number of samples for each subsequence: M
 - the number of new samples for each subsequence:
 $K = M/4$
 - the number of subsequences: $S = N/K - (M-K)/K$;
 - the window: $v = \text{hamming}(M)$;
 - $P = (1/M) * \text{sum}(v.^2)$;



Exercise 5 (4/4)

- Pseudocode (continued):

- for each subsequence:
 - consider the right samples:
 - $xs = x(1+s*K : M+s*K) ;$
 - window the subsequence:
 - $v.*xs$
 - estimate periodogram:
 - $(1/(M*P))*abs(fft(v.*xs)).^2$
- mean periodograms of the subsequences:
 - $phis = phis + (1/(M*P))*abs(fft(v.*xs)).^2 ;$
 - $phiW = phis/S;$



Agenda

NON PARAMETRIC SPECTRAL ESTIMATION

- Ex1: Periodogram
- Ex2: Correlogram
- Ex3: Blackman-Tukey
- Ex4: Bartlett
- Ex5: Welch

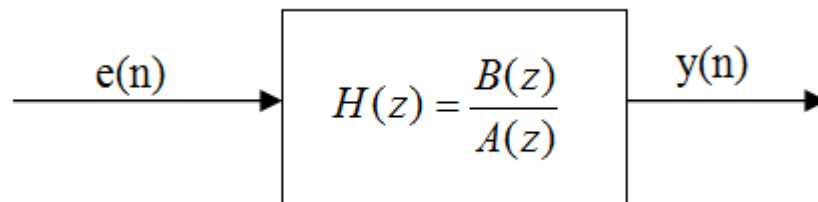
PARAMETRIC SPECTRAL ESTIMATION

- Ex6: AutoRegressive model



Exercise 6 (1/11)

- The parametric of model-based methods of spectral estimation assume that the signal satisfies a generating model with known functional form, and then proceed in estimating the parameters in the assumed model Power Spectral Density



$$\phi(\omega) = \left| \frac{B(\omega)}{A(\omega)} \right|^2 \sigma_e^2$$



Exercise 6 (2/11)

- Hint: We have $y(n)$.

From the estimated $\{a_n\}$ and $\{b_m\}$, we can compute the correspondent $\hat{\phi}(\omega)$:

- Depending on the values assumed by m and n we can have the following cases:
 - if $m = 0$ and $n \neq 0$, autoregressive model (AR),
 $A(z)Y(z) = E(z)$
 - if $m \neq 0$ and $n = 0$, moving average model (MA),
 $Y(z) = B(z)E(z)$
 - if $m \neq 0$ and $n \neq 0$, ARMA model (autoregressive, moving average), $A(z)Y(z) = B(z)E(z)$



Exercise 6 (3/11)

- For AR class we have:

$$\begin{cases} r(0) + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i r(-i) = \sigma_e^2 \sum_{j=1}^m b_j h_j^* = \sigma_e^2 \\ r(k) + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i r(k-i) = 0 \end{cases} \quad k > 0$$



Exercise 6 (4/11)

- For AR class we have:

$$\begin{bmatrix} r(0) & r(-1) & \dots & r(-n) \\ r(1) & r(0) & \dots & . \\ . & . & . & . \\ r(n) & . & \dots & r(0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ a_1 \\ . \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Exercise 6 (5/11)

- For AR class we have:

$$\begin{bmatrix} r(1) \\ \vdots \\ r(n) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} r(0) & \cdot & r(-n+1) \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ r(n-1) & \cdot & r(0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$r_n + R_n \theta = 0$$

$$\theta = [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n]$$



Exercise 6 (6/11)

- Solution:

$$\theta = -R_n^{-1} r_n \qquad \theta = [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n]$$

$$\sigma^2 = r(0) + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i r(-i)$$

- Hint: if the true ACS is unknown, we can replace $r(k)$ with $\hat{r}(k)$

- The PSD estimate is: $\hat{\phi}(\omega) = \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{|\hat{A}(\omega)|^2}$



Exercise 6 (7/11)

- Goal: Estimate the power spectral density of the signal "y" by means of AR model.
- Pseudocode:
 - Consider the signal y defined by the differential equation:
$$y(n) = a_1 y(n-1) + a_2 y(n-2) + a_3 y(n-3) + z(n)$$
 - Estimate $\{a_p\}$ and σ_z with an AR model (order p)
 - Plot estimated PSD and compare with the true PSD



Exercise 6 (8/11)

- 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 6 (9/11)

- **Pseudocode:**

- Consider the signal y defined by the differential equation:

$$y(n) = a_1 y(n-1) + a_2 y(n-2) + a_3 y(n-3) + z(n)$$

- $\text{sigmae} = 10;$
- $a = \text{poly}([0.99 \ 0.99 \cdot \exp(j \cdot \pi/4) \ 0.99 \cdot \exp(-j \cdot \pi/4)])$
- $b = 1 ;$
- $z = \text{sigmae} \cdot \text{randn}(N, 1);$
- $y = \text{filter}(b, a, z);$



Exercise 6 (10/11)

- **Pseudocode** (continued):

- Estimate $\{a_p\}$ and σ_z with an AR model (order n)
 - $n=3$;
 - $r = \text{xcorr}(y, \text{'biased'})$;
 - $R_x = \text{toeplitz}(r(N:N+n-1), r(N:-1:N-n+1))$;
 - $r_z = r(N+1:N+n)$;
 - $\text{theta} = -R_x^{-1} r_z$;
 - $\text{var}_z = r(N) + \text{sum}(\text{theta}.*r(N-1:-1:N-n))$;



Exercise 6 (11/11)

- **Pseudocode** (continued):
 - Plot estimated PSD and compare with the true PSD
 - `plot(w, 10*log10(sigmae^2*abs(H).^2))`
 - `hold on`
 - `[He, w] = freqz(1, [1; theta], Nfft);`
 - `plot(w, 10*log10(varz*abs(He).^2), 'r')`
 - `legend ('true', 'estimated');`
 - `hold off`



Exercise 6b (1/1)

- An all-pole LTI filter is defined by the following poles:

$[0.99, 0.9e^{+j0.2}, 0.9e^{-j0.2}, 0.95e^{+j0.5}, 0.95e^{-j0.5}]$

- Feed a white noise process $e(n)$ ($\text{re}(n) = \delta(n)$) into the system to produce one realization of $N = 1000$ samples.
- Plot the true PSD
- Estimate the PSD using the Bartlett method.
- Estimate the PSD using a parametric method. Verify the effect of the number of parameters.



Exercise 6c (1/3)

- **Goal:** Estimate the PSD, using AR model, of the signal obtained filtering a white noise by means of the following LTI filter

$$Y(z) = [H_1(z) + H_2(z)]E(z)$$

- With the following poles and zeros

$$p_1 = \rho_p e^{j\pm\pi\omega_1} \quad p_2 = \rho_p e^{j\pm\pi\omega_2}$$

$$z_1 = \rho_z e^{j\pm\pi\omega_1} \quad z_2 = \rho_z e^{j\pm\pi\omega_2}$$

$$\rho_z = 0.95$$

$$\rho_p = 0.99$$

$$\omega_1 = 0.6\pi$$

$$\omega_2 = 2(0.3 + \alpha)\pi$$

$$\alpha = 0.05$$

$$H(z) = H_1(z) + H_2(z) = \frac{B_1(z)}{A_1(z)} + \frac{B_2(z)}{A_2(z)} = \frac{B_1(z)A_2(z) + B_2(z)A_1(z)}{A_1(z)A_2(z)}$$



Exercise 6c (2/3)

- **Pseudocode:**

- compute R realizations of N samples white noise
 - $e = \text{randn}(N, R);$
- for each realization:
 - filter white noise by means of a LTI filter
$$Y(z) = H(z)E(z)$$
 - compute the AR spectral estimate
 - $[P, w] = \text{freqz}(1, [1 \text{ theta}'], w);$
 - $\text{Shat}(r, :) = \text{var}_s * \text{abs}(P).^2;$
- end



Exercise 6c (3/3)

- compute the ensemble mean: $\text{Shat}(\text{RxN})$
 - $\text{ExpShat} = \text{mean}(\text{Shat}, 1);$
- Plot the true spectrum $\Phi(\omega)$
- Plot the average of R spectral estimates and compare the averaged spectrum and the true PSD
- Observe what happens varying the order p