Background.

The objective of this project is to simulate target detection in a noisy environment. Everything starts with the signal, S_n , $n \ge 1$, which we assume to be known and deterministic. To model the environment, we assume an auto-regressive noise V_n , $n \ge 1$, of order p. More

specifically

$$V_n = \sum_{i=1}^p \varrho_i V_{n-i} + W_n, \qquad n \geqslant 1,$$

where $V_i = 0$ for $i \leq 0$; $\varrho_1, \dots, \varrho_p$ are known with $\varrho_1^2 + \dots + \varrho_p^2 < 1$; and $W_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ with σ^2 known.

The observed process X_n , $n \ge 1$, is defined by

$$X_n = \mu S_n + V_n,$$

where μ is unknown, and determines the signal "strength".

Let $p_n = \min\{p, n-1\}$, and for $n \ge 1$ define

$$Y_n = X_n - \sum_{i=1}^{p_n} \varrho_i X_{n-i}, \qquad R_n = S_n - \sum_{i=1}^{p_n} \varrho_i S_{n-i}.$$

It is not difficult to see that

$$Y_n = \mu R_n + W_n,\tag{1}$$

and $Y_n \stackrel{\text{indep.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(\mu R_n, \sigma^2)$. We will refer to it as the "adjusted" signal in this project. Note that all of the procedures we are interested in (defined below) will only depend on Y_n , not X_n , so technically one does not need to generate the underlying process (X_n) at all.

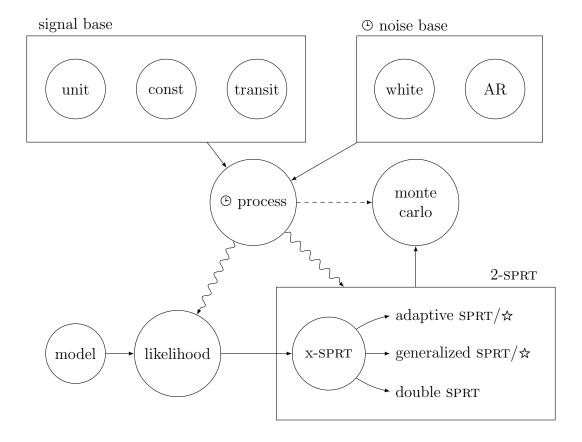
We are now in position to formulate the hypothesis testing problem. Let $\mu_0 = 0$, and $\mu_1 > \mu_0$ be given. We are interested in testing

$$\mathcal{H}_0: \mu = \mu_0 \qquad \text{vs.} \qquad \mathcal{H}_1: \mu \geqslant \mu_1.$$

In what follows we will also need to introduce auxiliary hypotheses $\{\mathcal{H}_{\theta}: \mu = \theta\}$.

Project hypotheses.

This project relies heavily on CRTP (curiously recurring template pattern) structure that serves as a compile-time interface/abstract class/virtual class. The singleton structure was taken from this post on stackoverflow.



Fundamental structures.

- Signals: unit_signal, constant_signal, transitionary_signal.
- Noises: white_noise, auto_regressive_noise.
- Processes: process.
- Hypotheses models: model.
- Decision rules: adaptive_sprt(_star), generalized_sprt(_star), double_sprt.

CRTP structures.

The following are the base abstract CRTP structures:

- timed: for timed random sequences, denoted with \odot on the diagram.
- signal_base: for signals.
- noise_base: for noises.
- observer: for observers of process, denoted with → on the diagram.
- two_sprt: for SPRT-based decision rules.

Project simulator.

Now to the actual program. The description of simulations to be run are stored in config. More specifically, it contains information necessary to create

- signal;
- noise;
- monte_carlo;
- list of two_sprt's;
- list of run's to be performed.

The description of simulation, run, contains information about

- model;
- list of simulation_pair's;
- list of thresholds for each two_sprt.

A simulation_pair is the pair of signal strengths: the one simulated in the process, denoted here with ν ; and the one analyzed by the two_sprt, which we will denote with λ . Regardless of the provided list of simulation_pair's, there are four mandatory pairs to assess basic operating characteristics, summarized in this table:

$$\lambda = \mu_0 \quad \lambda = \mu_1$$

$$\nu = \mu_0 \quad \text{ESS}_{\mu_0} \quad \text{PMS}$$

$$\nu = \mu_1 \quad \text{PFA} \quad \text{ESS}_{\mu_1}$$