

## **Statistical Signal Processing**

#### Lecture 5

chapter 1: parameter estimation: deterministic parameters

- some optimality properties
- Maximum Likelihood estimation, examples
- Fischer Information Matrix
- Cramer-Rao lower bound on the MSE, example
- linear model
- asymptotic (large sample) properties
- recap: estimator properties and estimators
- simplified estimators: BLUE, (W)LS, method of moments



# **Asymptotic (Large Sample) Properties**

- asymptotic:  $n \to \infty$
- asymptotically unbiased:  $\lim_{n\to\infty} b_n(\theta) = 0$ ,  $\forall \theta \in \Theta$
- Example (mean and variance of Gaussian i.i.d. variables):

$$E[\widehat{\sigma^2}_{ML}|\mu,\sigma^2] = \frac{n-1}{n}\sigma^2$$

$$b_n = \frac{n-1}{n}\sigma^2 - \sigma^2 = -\frac{\sigma^2}{n} \xrightarrow{n \to \infty} 0$$

 $\widehat{\sigma^2}_{ML}$  : biased but asymptotically unbiased

- consistency: convergence of (a series of random vectors:)  $\widehat{\theta}_n \to \theta$ 
  - convergence in probability
  - mean square convergence
  - convergence with probability one
  - convergence in distribution



# Consistency

the sequence of estimates  $\widehat{\theta}(Y_n)$  is said to be

• *simply* or *weakly consistent* if

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \Pr_{Y_n \mid \theta} \left\{ \|\widehat{\theta}(Y_n) - \theta\| < \epsilon \right\} = 1, \quad \forall \epsilon > 0, \ \forall \theta \in \Theta$$

• mean-square consistent if

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \mathbf{MSE}_n = \lim_{n\to\infty} E_{Y_n|\theta} \|\widehat{\theta}(Y_n) - \theta\|^2 = 0, \quad \forall \theta \in \Theta$$

• strongly consistent if

$$\Pr_{Y_{\infty}\mid\theta}\{\lim_{n\to\infty}\widehat{\theta}(Y_n)=\theta\}=1, \ \forall\theta\in\Theta$$

• Any of these 3 consistencies implies asymptotic unbiasedness. E.g. for mean-square:

$$\underbrace{E_{Y_n|\theta} \|\widehat{\theta}(Y_n) - \theta\|^2}_{\mathbf{MSE}} = \|\underbrace{E_{Y_n|\theta}\widehat{\theta}(Y_n) - \theta}_{\mathbf{bias}}\|^2 + \underbrace{E_{Y_n|\theta} \|\widehat{\theta}(Y_n) - E_{Y_n|\theta}\widehat{\theta}\|^2}_{\mathbf{variance}} \to 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \to \infty} E_{Y_n|\theta}\widehat{\theta}(Y_n) = \theta$$



# **Consistency (2)**

- Strong and mean-square consistency do not imply each other in general. Either implies weak consistency (e.g. use the Chebyshev inequality to show that mean-square consistency implies weak consistency), but not conversely. Except when Θ is bounded: then weak consistency implies mean-square consistency.
- example: i.i.d.  $y_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ ,  $\theta = \mu$ ,  $\sigma^2$  known.  $\widehat{\mu}_{ML} = \overline{y}$   $Var(\widehat{\mu}_{ML}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \xrightarrow{n \to \infty} 0 \text{ mean-square consistent}$
- example: i.i.d.  $y_i \sim U[\theta \frac{1}{2}, \theta + \frac{1}{2}], \ \ \widehat{\theta}_{ML} = \frac{y_{min} + y_{max}}{2}$   $\begin{cases} y_{min} \to \theta \frac{1}{2} & \text{in probability} \\ y_{max} \to \theta + \frac{1}{2} & \text{in probability} \end{cases}$  weak consistency  $\widehat{\theta}_{ML} \to \theta \quad \text{in probability}$

mean-square consistency can also be shown



# **Asymptotic Normality**

- if  $\widehat{\theta}_n$  consistent, then  $\widetilde{\theta} \to 0$  in some sense
- introduce a magnifying glass:  $d_n(\widehat{\theta}_n \theta)$  where  $0 < d_{n-1} \le d_n \to \infty$
- convergence in distribution: weaker than the 3 forms of convergence of sequences of random vectors mentioned before
- if  $d_n(\widehat{\theta}_n \theta) \stackrel{in \, dist}{\longrightarrow} \xi$ , some random vector, then the distribution of  $\xi$  useful as a measure for the limiting behavior of  $\widehat{\theta}_n$
- usually  $d_n = \sqrt{n}$
- $\widehat{\theta}_n$  consistent asymptotically normal (CAN): if  $\widehat{\theta}_n$  simply consistent and  $d_n(\widehat{\theta}_n \theta) \stackrel{in \, dist}{\longrightarrow} \mathcal{N}(0, \Xi(\theta))$  CAN implies asympt. unbiased (which requires that bias  $\longrightarrow 0$  faster than  $\frac{1}{d_n}$ ),  $\Xi$  = asymptotic normalized covariance of  $\widehat{\theta}_n$ . We say that  $\widehat{\theta}_n = \theta + \mathcal{O}_p(\frac{1}{d_n})$
- distinguish  $\Xi(\theta)$  from  $V(\theta) = \lim_{n \to \infty} d_n^2 C_{\widetilde{\theta}\widetilde{\theta}}(\theta)$  which may not even exist for a CAN estimate (if  $\widehat{\theta}_n$  is simply but not mean-square consistent).  $V(\theta)$  exists for a mean-square consistent  $\widehat{\theta}_n$ , but is not necessarily  $= \Xi(\theta)$ .
- Hence CAN can be used to formulate *interval estimators* on the basis of *point estimators*.



# **Asymptotic Optimality of ML**

- asymptotic normalized information matrix :  $J_0(\theta) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{d^2} J_n(\theta)$  if it exists  $(J_0(\theta))$  = asymptotic average information per data sample  $y_n$  if  $d_n = \sqrt{n}$
- best asymptotically normal (BAN): CAN and  $\Xi(\theta) = J_0^{-1}(\theta)$ also called asymptotically efficient
- under some regularity conditions (maximum of the likelihood function unique,  $y_i$  given  $\theta$  i.i.d.,...) the ML estimate is strongly consistent and BAN with  $d_n = \sqrt{n}$  ( $\Rightarrow$  another use of the CRB). In particular, the ML estimate is
  - asymptotically unbiased
  - asymptotically efficient (i.i.d.:  $J_n = nJ_1 \implies J_0 = J_1$ )
  - asymptotically normal
- example: i.i.d.  $y_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ ,  $\theta = \mu$ ,  $\sigma^2$  known.  $\widehat{\mu}_{ML} = \overline{y}$

$$\widehat{\mu}_{ML} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}) \longrightarrow \sqrt{n}(\widehat{\mu}_{ML} - \mu) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2), \ J_n = \frac{n}{\sigma^2} \Rightarrow J_0^{-1} = \sigma^2 = \Xi(\theta)$$



# Recap: Properties of Estimators $\widehat{\theta}(Y)$

small sample (finite n):

- bias:  $b_{\widehat{\theta}}(\theta) = E_{Y|\theta}\widehat{\theta}(Y) \theta \quad (=0, \forall \theta \in \Theta : \text{unbiased})$
- error correlation:  $R_{\tilde{\theta}\tilde{\theta}} = E_{Y|\theta} \left( \widehat{\theta}(Y) \theta \right) \left( \widehat{\theta}(Y) \theta \right)^T$

Cramer-Rao Bound :  $\widehat{\theta}$  unbiased:  $R_{\widetilde{\theta}\widetilde{\theta}} = C_{\widetilde{\theta}\widetilde{\theta}} = C_{\widehat{\theta}\widehat{\theta}}$ 

$$C_{\tilde{\theta}\tilde{\theta}} \geq J^{-1}(\theta)$$
 ,  $J(\theta) = -E_{Y|\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \frac{\partial \ln f(Y|\theta)}{\partial \theta} \right)^T$  information matrix

efficient:  $C_{\tilde{\theta}\tilde{\theta}}=J^{-1}(\theta)\;,\;\forall \theta\in\Theta\quad\Rightarrow\quad\widehat{\theta}(Y)\;\text{is UMVUE}$  large sample  $(n\to\infty)$ :

- asymptotically unbiased:  $\lim_{n\to\infty} b_{\widehat{\theta}}(\theta) = 0, \ \forall \theta \in \Theta$
- consistency (weak, in mean square, strong):  $\Rightarrow$  asymptotically unbiased
- asymptotic normality:



## **Recap: Estimation Techniques**

- *Uniformly Minimum Variance Unbiased Estimator* (UMVUE): complicated (via "sufficient statistics")
- Maximum likelihood (ML):  $\widehat{\theta}_{ML} = \arg \max_{\theta} f(Y|\theta)$ Qualities:

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 if  $\exists$  efficient  $\widehat{\theta} = \widehat{\theta}_{eff}$  and  $\widehat{\theta}_{ML}$  is obtained from  $\frac{\partial \ln f(Y|\theta)}{\partial \theta} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \widehat{\theta}_{eff} = \widehat{\theta}_{ML} = \widehat{\theta}_{UMVUE}$   
 $\Diamond$   $\widehat{\theta}_{ML} = BAN$ 

#### Problems:

- $\diamondsuit$  what if  $f(Y|\theta)$  is unknown?
- $\Diamond$  if  $f(Y|\theta)$  is not concave (local maxima)
- simplified estimators:
  - ♦ Best Linear Unbiased Estimator (BLUE) → linear model
  - ♦ *Method of Moments*
  - $\Diamond$  Least-Squares (LS)  $\rightarrow$  linear model



## **Best Linear Unbiased Estimator (BLUE)**

- deterministic analog of LMMSE in the Bayesian case
- linear:  $\widehat{\theta}(Y) = FY \quad (F: m \times n)$
- unbiased:  $E_{Y|\theta}\widehat{\theta} = F E(Y|\theta) = \theta$
- best = minimum variance: min  $C_{\tilde{\theta}\tilde{\theta}}$
- remarks:
  - BLUE inferior to UMVUE unless UMVUE is linear
  - generalizations: X = g(Y) :  $\widehat{\theta}(Y) = FX = Fg(Y)$  (linear in X) e.g.: linear in Y inappropriate if  $\theta \neq 0$  and  $E(Y|\theta) = 0$



# **Example of** X = g(Y)

- $y_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$  i.i.d.,  $\theta = \sigma^2, Y = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{vmatrix}$
- linear:  $\widehat{\sigma^2} = FY \implies E_{Y|\sigma^2}\widehat{\sigma^2} = FE(Y|\sigma^2) = 0 \neq \sigma^2$ no linear unbiased estimator  $\widehat{\sigma^2}$  exists
- however, let  $x_i = y_i^2$ ,  $X = \begin{vmatrix} y_1^2 \\ \vdots \\ y_1^2 \end{vmatrix}$
- $\bullet \widehat{\sigma^2} = FX \implies E_{Y|\sigma^2}\widehat{\sigma^2} = FE(X|\sigma^2) = \sigma^2 F \mathbf{1} = \sigma^2 \implies F \mathbf{1} = 1$
- for this problem:  $\widehat{\sigma}_{UMVUE}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{1}^T X = \widehat{\sigma}_{BLUE}^2$   $(F = \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{1}^T)$

## **BLUE Assumptions**

- unbiased:  $FE(Y|\theta) = \theta$ ,  $\forall \theta \in \Theta$  unbiasedness and the requirement that a large class of linear unbiased estimators (many F satisfying  $FE(Y|\theta) = \theta$ ) should exist naturally lead to:
- assumption 1:  $E(Y|\theta) = H\theta$ ,  $(H: n \times m)$ unbiasedness  $\rightarrow FH = I_m \ (\Rightarrow n \geq m)$
- variance:

$$\begin{split} C_{\widetilde{\theta}\widetilde{\theta}} &= C_{\widehat{\theta}\widehat{\theta}} = E_{Y|\theta} \left( \widehat{\theta} - E_{Y|\theta} \widehat{\theta} \right) \left( \widehat{\theta} - E_{Y|\theta} \widehat{\theta} \right)^T \\ &= E_{Y|\theta} \left( F \, Y - F \, E \left( Y | \theta \right) \right) \left( F \, Y - F \, E \left( Y | \theta \right) \right)^T \\ &= F \, E_{Y|\theta} \left( Y - E \left( Y | \theta \right) \right) \left( Y - E \left( Y | \theta \right) \right)^T F^T = F \, C_{YY}(\theta) \, F^T \end{split}$$

• assumption 2:  $C_{YY}(\theta) = c(\theta) C$  $c(\theta) \ (> 0, \forall \theta)$  is a scalar function of  $\theta, C > 0$  is constant w.r.t.  $\theta$ 

# **BLUE Optimization Problem**

- $\bullet \min_{\widehat{\theta}: E_{Y|\theta}\widehat{\theta}(Y) = \theta} C_{\widetilde{\theta}\widetilde{\theta}} \longrightarrow \min_{F: FH = I} F C F^{T}$
- introduce matrix square root  $B(n \times n)$  of  $C = C^T > 0$   $(n \times n)$ :  $C = BB^T$ notation:  $B = C^{1/2}$ ,  $C^{T/2} = (C^{1/2})^T$ ,  $C = C^{1/2}C^{T/2}$ ,  $C^{-1} = C^{-T/2}C^{-1/2}$
- Consider a vector space of matrices with n columns with matrix inner product  $\langle X_1, X_2 \rangle = X_1 X_2^T$ . Take  $X_1 = H^T C^{-T/2}$ ,  $X_2 = F C^{1/2}$ . With FH = I:

$$\left\langle \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} H^T C^{-T/2} \\ F C^{1/2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} H^T C^{-T/2} \\ F C^{1/2} \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} H^T C^{-1} H & I \\ I & F C F^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{11} & R_{12} \\ R_{21} & R_{22} \end{bmatrix} \ge 0$$

- From the Schur Complements Lemma,  $R_{22} \geq R_{21}R_{11}^{-1}R_{12}$  with equality iff  $X_2 = R_{21}R_{11}^{-1}X_1$ .
- Hence  $\min_{F: F: H=T} F C F^T = (H^T C^{-1} H)^{-1}$  for  $F = (H^T C^{-1} H)^{-1} H^T C^{-1}$ .
- Or  $\widehat{\theta}_{BLUE} = (H^T C^{-1} H)^{-1} H^T C^{-1} Y = (H^T C_{YY}^{-1} H)^{-1} H^T C_{YY}^{-1} Y$ with  $C_{\tilde{\theta}\tilde{\theta}} = F C_{YY} F^T = c(\theta) F C F^T = c(\theta) (H^T C^{-1} H)^{-1} = (H^T C_{YY}^{-1} H)^{-1}$



## **BLUE: Example Cont'd and Recap**

### Example Cont'd:

• 
$$y_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$
 i.i.d.,  $\theta = \sigma^2$ ,  $x_i = y_i^2$ ,  $\widehat{\sigma^2} = FX$ 

• BLUE assumptions OK:  $E(X|\sigma^2) = \mathbf{1} \sigma^2 = H \theta$ ,  $C_{XX} = 2\sigma^4 I = c(\theta) C$ 

$$R_{x_i x_j} = E y_i^2 y_j^2 = \begin{cases} \sigma^2 &, i \neq j \\ 3\sigma^2 &, i = j \end{cases} \Rightarrow R_{XX} = 2\sigma^4 I + \sigma^4 \mathbf{1} \mathbf{1}^T, C_{XX} = R_{XX} - m_X m_X^T = 2\sigma^4 I$$

$$\bullet \widehat{\sigma^2}_{BLUE} = \left(H^T C^{-1} H\right)^{-1} H^T C^{-1} X = \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{1}^T X$$

$$C_{\widehat{\sigma^2 \sigma^2}}(\sigma^2) = \left(H^T C_{XX}^{-1} H\right)^{-1} = \frac{2\sigma^4}{n}$$

• note: this example is not a linear model!

### Recap: BLUE assumptions:

$$\bullet \begin{cases} (1) \ E(Y|\theta) = H \theta \\ (2) \ C_{YY}(\theta) = c(\theta) C \end{cases}$$

Only need to know the first two moments of  $f(Y|\theta)$  which need to satisfy these assumptions. The higher-order moments of  $f(Y|\theta)$ : don't need to know, can be arbitrary functions of  $\theta$ . So the problem should more or less look like a linear model problem, up to the second-order moments.



### **BLUE: Linear Model**

- $Y = H \theta + V$ , EV = 0,  $EVV^T = C_{VV}$ (EV and  $C_{VV}$  independent of  $\theta$ , only first two moments of V specified)
- BLUE assumptions satisfied:

$$\begin{cases} E(Y|\theta) = H \theta \\ C_{YY}(\theta) = E_{Y|\theta} (Y - E(Y|\theta)) (Y - E(Y|\theta))^T = E_V V V^T = C_{VV} = C (c(\theta) = 1) \end{cases}$$

- $\widehat{\theta}_{BLUE} = \left(H^T C_{VV}^{-1} H\right)^{-1} H^T C_{VV}^{-1} Y$  with  $C_{\widetilde{\theta}\widetilde{\theta}} = \left(H^T C_{VV}^{-1} H\right)^{-1}$
- If  $V \sim \mathcal{N}(0, C_{VV})$  then  $\widehat{\theta}_{BLUE} = \widehat{\theta}_{ML} = \text{efficient} \implies = \widehat{\theta}_{UMVUE}$



### **Method of Moments**

### Principle:

- ullet m unknown parameters  $\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \theta_m \end{bmatrix}$
- $f(Y|\theta)$  depends on  $\theta \Rightarrow$  its moments also
- $\bullet \text{ take } m \text{ moments } \mu = g(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} g_1(\theta) \\ \vdots \\ g_m(\theta) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mu_m \end{bmatrix}$

such that g(.) is invertible, i.e.  $\theta = g^{-1}(\mu)$ : can determine  $\theta$  from  $\mu$ .

- estimate the moments:  $\hat{\mu}$  (e.g. sample moments)
- method of moments:  $\widehat{\theta}_{MM} = g^{-1}(\widehat{\mu})$



# **Method of Moments: Example 1**

•  $y_i, i = 1, ..., n$  i.i.d.,  $f(y|\theta)$  mixture distribution,  $\theta$  mixture parameter

$$f(y|\theta) = (1-\theta)\phi_1(y) + \theta\phi_2(y)$$
,  $\phi_k(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_k^2}}e^{-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma_k^2}}$ ,  $k = 1, 2$ 

• 
$$\mu = E(y^2|\theta) = (1-\theta)\sigma_1^2 + \theta\sigma_2^2 = g(\theta) \implies \theta = g^{-1}(\mu) = \frac{\mu - \sigma_1^2}{\sigma_2^2 - \sigma_1^2}$$

$$\bullet \ \widehat{\theta}_{MM} = g^{-1}(\widehat{\mu}) = \frac{\widehat{\mu} - \sigma_1^2}{\sigma_2^2 - \sigma_1^2} \ , \quad \widehat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 \quad \text{sample mean squared value}$$

• bias: 
$$E\widehat{\theta} = \frac{1}{\sigma_2^2 - \sigma_1^2} E\widehat{\mu} - \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_2^2 - \sigma_1^2} = \frac{1}{\sigma_2^2 - \sigma_1^2} \mu - \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_2^2 - \sigma_1^2} = \theta$$
: unbiased



## **Method of Moments: Example 1 (cont'd)**

$$\begin{split} Var\left(\widehat{\theta}\right) &= Var\left(\frac{1}{\sigma_{2}^{2} - \sigma_{1}^{2}}\widehat{\mu} - \frac{\sigma_{1}^{2}}{\sigma_{2}^{2} - \sigma_{1}^{2}}\right) = \frac{1}{\left(\sigma_{2}^{2} - \sigma_{1}^{2}\right)^{2}}Var\left(\widehat{\mu}\right) = \frac{1}{\left(\sigma_{2}^{2} - \sigma_{1}^{2}\right)^{2}}Var\left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}y_{i}^{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\left(\sigma_{2}^{2} - \sigma_{1}^{2}\right)^{2}}\sum_{i=1}^{n}Var\left(\frac{1}{n}y_{i}^{2}\right) = \frac{1}{\left(\sigma_{2}^{2} - \sigma_{1}^{2}\right)^{2}}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\frac{1}{n^{2}}Var\left(y_{i}^{2}\right) = \frac{1}{\left(\sigma_{2}^{2} - \sigma_{1}^{2}\right)^{2}}\frac{1}{n}Var\left(y^{2}\right) \end{split}$$

$$f(y|\theta) = (1-\theta)\phi_1(y) + \theta \phi_2(y)$$
•  $Var(y^2) = Ey^4 - (Ey^2)^2$ , 
$$Ey^2 = (1-\theta)\sigma_1^2 + \theta \sigma_2^2$$

$$Ey^4 = (1-\theta)3\sigma_1^4 + \theta 3\sigma_2^4$$

$$\bullet \Rightarrow Var(\widehat{\theta}_{MM}) = \frac{3(1-\theta)\sigma_1^4 + 3\theta\sigma_2^4 - \left[(1-\theta)\sigma_1^2 + \theta\sigma_2^2\right]^2}{n\left(\sigma_1^2 - \sigma_2^2\right)^2} \overset{n \to \infty}{\Longrightarrow} 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \widehat{\theta}_{MM} = \text{mean-square consistent}$$



## MM Example 2: Sinusoid in White Noise

•  $y_k = s_k + v_k = A \cos(\omega k + \phi) + v_k$ , k = 1, ..., n

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}, S = \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{bmatrix}, V = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}, \theta = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ \omega \\ \sigma_v^2 \end{bmatrix}, \Theta : A > 0, \omega \in [0, \pi], \sigma_v^2 > 0$$

- distributions:  $\phi \sim \mathcal{U}[0, 2\pi]$  independent of  $\theta, V$ ; EV = 0,  $EVV^T = \sigma_n^2 I_n$ randomness:  $f(Y, \phi | \theta) = f(\phi | \theta) f(Y | \theta, \phi) = f(\phi) f_{\mathbf{V} | \sigma_v^2}(Y - S(A, \omega, \phi) | \sigma_v^2)$ in what follows: only first and second moments of V needed
- mean:  $E_{Y,\phi|\theta} y_k = AE\cos(\omega k + \phi) + Ev_k = 0$ covariance sequence:

$$r_{yy}(i) = Ey_k y_{k+i} = A^2 E \cos(\omega k + \phi) \cos(\omega k + \phi + \omega i)$$

$$+ AE \cos(\omega k + \phi) Ev_{k+i} + AE \cos(\omega k + \phi + \omega i) Ev_k + Ev_k v_{k+i}$$

$$= \frac{A^2}{2} E \cos(2\omega k + 2\phi + \omega i) + \frac{A^2}{2} E \cos(\omega i) + \sigma_v^2 \delta_{i0}$$

$$= \frac{A^2}{2} \cos(\omega i) + \sigma_v^2 \delta_{i0}$$



## MM Example 2: Sinusoid in White Noise (2)

• moments: 
$$\mu = \begin{bmatrix} r_{yy}(0) \\ r_{yy}(1) \\ r_{yy}(2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{A^2}{2} + \sigma_v^2 \\ \frac{A^2}{2} \cos(\omega) \\ \frac{A^2}{2} \cos(2\omega) \end{bmatrix} = g(\theta)$$

$$\omega = \begin{cases}
\arccos\left(\frac{r_{yy}(2) + \sqrt{r_{yy}^2(2) + 8r_{yy}^2(1)}}{4r_{yy}(1)}\right), r_{yy}(1) \neq 0 \\
\frac{\pi}{2}, r_{yy}(1) = 0
\end{cases}$$

$$A = \begin{cases}
\sqrt{\frac{2r_{yy}(1)}{\cos(\omega)}}, r_{yy}(1) \neq 0 \\
\sqrt{-2r_{yy}(2)}, r_{yy}(1) = 0
\end{cases}$$

• sample moments  $\widehat{\mu}$ :  $\widehat{r}_{yy}(i) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-i} y_k y_{k+i}, i = 0, 1, 2$ 

# **Method of Moments: Properties**

- $\widehat{\mu}$  easy to compute,  $\widehat{\theta}_{MM}=g^{-1}(\widehat{\mu})$  straightforward if  $\mu$  chosen well, hence  $\widehat{\theta}_{MM}$  easy to determine and easy to implement
- no optimality properties but usually consistent (since  $\hat{\mu}$  consistent)
- if performance of  $\widehat{\theta}_{MM}$  not satisfactory, can use  $\widehat{\theta}_{MM}$  as initialization in an iterative optimization procedure that finds  $\widehat{\theta}_{ML}$