

Matched Filters

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Matched Filters

Matched filters can be useful to determine whether a recieved signal is either the reflected signal with additive noise or just noise. This is useful in a radar system:

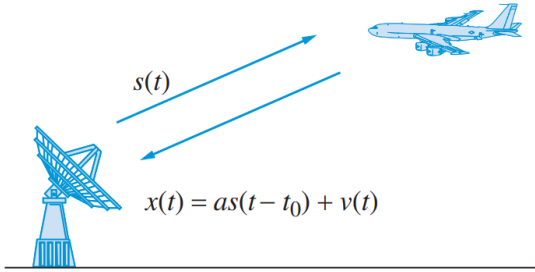


Figure 14.16 Principle of operation of a radar system.

where

- $s(t)$ is a deterministic signal of known form
- $x(t)$ is the signal measured by the radar if an object is present
- a is an attenuation factor
- t_0 is the round-trip delay
- $v(t)$ is random noise

The measured signal $x(n)$ by the radar can be two things:

- If an object happens to be in the way then part of the signal is reflected plus noise
- If there is no object in the way of the transmitted pulse, the received signal is just noise

To help us determine whether an object is present, we pass the received signal into a $p - 1$ -tap FIR filter:

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} h[k]x[n - k] \quad (14.89)$$

This figure shows what we are doing:

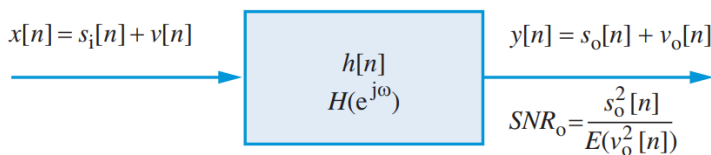


Figure 14.17 Input and output signals in a matched filter.

Our objective is to find the impulse $h[n]$ so that the output signal-to-noise ratio SNR_o is maximised:

$$\text{SNR}_o = \frac{(\text{Value of filtered signal at } n = n_0)^2}{\text{Power of filtered noise}} = \frac{s_o^2[n_0]}{E(v_o^2[n_0])}, \quad (14.90)$$

where $n_0 = p + D - 1$

at the decision time $n = n_0$. If we substitute the “signal present” case of (14.88) into (14.89) and set $n_0 = p + D - 1$, the output signal can be written as

$$y[n_0] = a\mathbf{h}^T \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{h}^T \mathbf{v}[n_0], \quad (14.91)$$

The solution is known as a *matched filter*. The impulse response of the optimum filter is

$$\mathbf{h} = \kappa \mathbf{R}_v^{-1} \mathbf{s}. \quad (14.97)$$

where

\mathbf{R}_v is the autocorrelation matrix of the zero-mean wide-sense stationary noise $v[n]$

$$\mathbf{h} \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} h[0] \\ h[1] \\ \vdots \\ h[p-1] \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{s} \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} s[p-1] \\ s[p-2] \\ \vdots \\ s[0] \end{bmatrix}$$

κ is a normalisation factor

Although the maximum SNR can be obtained by any choice of constant κ , we choose the constant by requiring that:

- (a) $\mathbf{h}^T \mathbf{s} = 1$, which yields $\kappa = 1/\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{R}_v^{-1} \mathbf{s}$
- (b) $E(v_o^2[n]) = \mathbf{h}^T \mathbf{R}_v \mathbf{h} = 1$, which yields $\kappa = 1/\sqrt{\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{R}_v^{-1} \mathbf{s}}$.

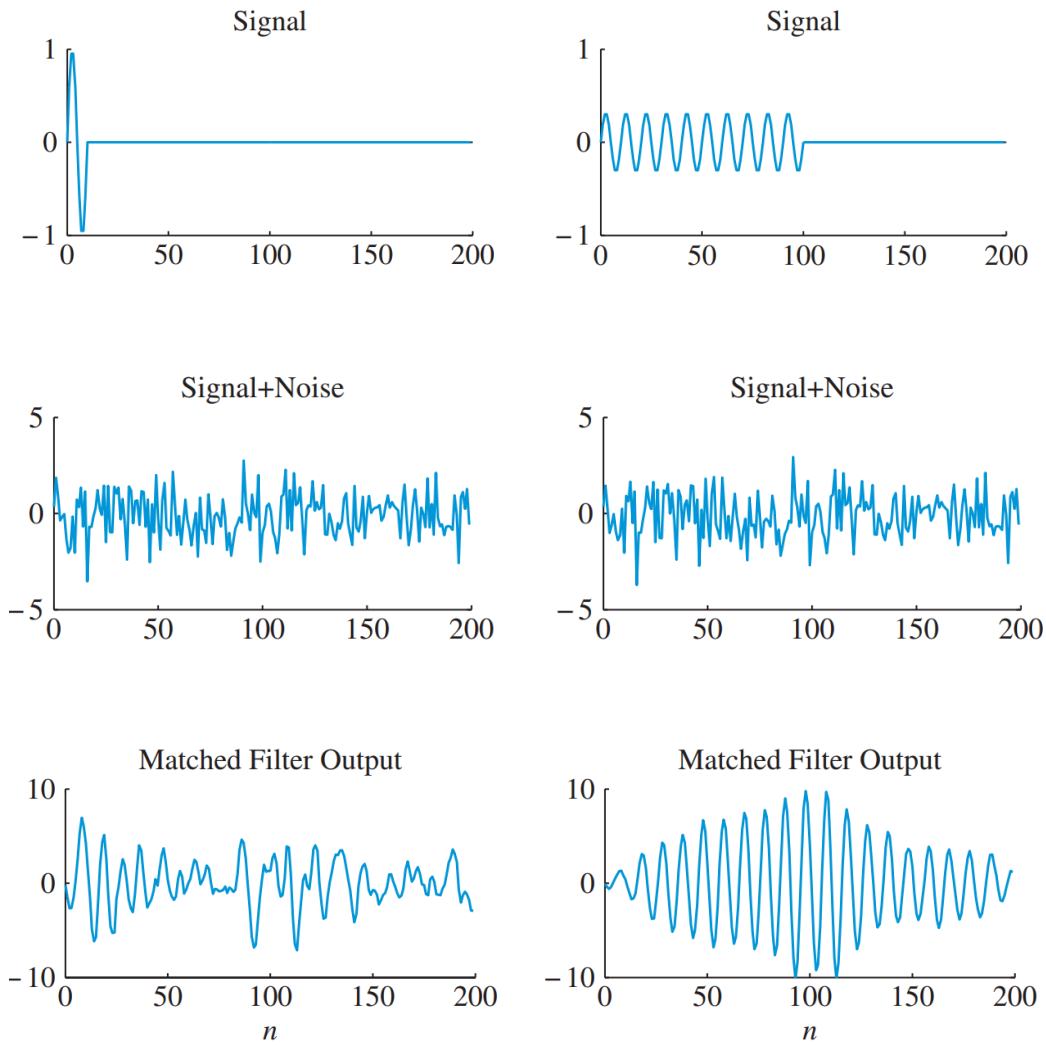
The maximum possible value of the output SNR is given by:

$$\text{SNR}_o = a^2 \tilde{\mathbf{s}}^T \tilde{\mathbf{s}} = a^2 \mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{R}_v^{-1} \mathbf{s}. \quad (14.98)$$

In summary, to design af matched filter we need two information:

- the autocorrelation sequence of the noise $r_{vv}[\ell]$
- the transmitted signal $s[n]$

Examples



White noise process

If the noise is white, then the autocorrelation matrix of white noise is $\mathbf{R}_v = \sigma_v^2 \mathbf{I}$. Then equations (14.97) and (14.98) are simplified to:

$$\mathbf{h}_w = \frac{\kappa}{\sigma_v^2} \mathbf{s}, \quad \text{SNR}_w = \frac{a^2}{\sigma_v^2} \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} s^2[k] \triangleq a^2 \frac{E_s}{\sigma_v^2}. \quad (14.99)$$

Problems

QUIZ: What is the assumption of the received signal?

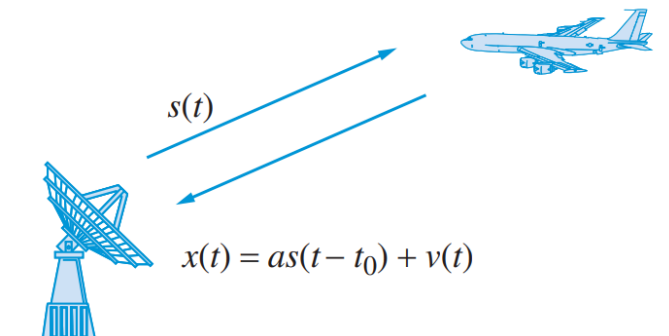


Figure 14.16 Principle of operation of a radar system.

The above model for $x(t)$ is sometimes a bit too simple. What assumptions have been made in the model?

1. Does not take the Doppler effect into account.
2. The signal could be reflected from different surfaces and not only by the plane
3. Water particles in the air would scatter the signal (radar clutter)

QUIZ: How long should the matched filter be?

In our quest for a optimum filter that will help us decide on whether the signal $s[n]$ is present or not the book decides on the filter

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} h[k]x[n-k] \quad (14.89)$$

Does the upper limit make sense?

or

What would change if we decrease or increase the number of taps in the filter?

We want to use a filter that is as long as the signal itself.

Quiz: Is it okay to choose a normalisation factor of 1

Is it okay to choose $\kappa = 1$? Yes, because κ is just a normalisation factor. We don't really care whether it is 1 or some other factor.

QUIZ: How can we interpret in the frequency domain?

We found the impulse response of the optimum filter

$$\mathbf{h}_{opt} = \kappa R^{-1} \mathbf{s}$$

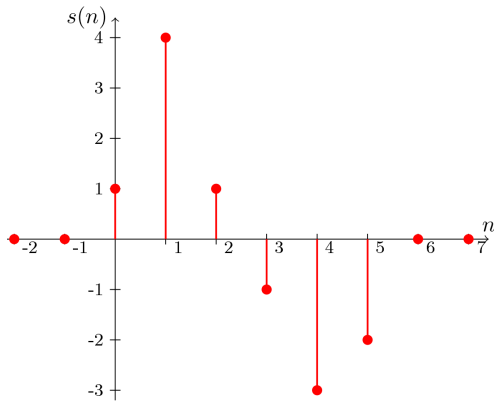
How do we interpret this in the frequency domain, i.e. what is $H_{opt}(e^{j\omega})$?

True/False: Matched filters are only applicable when the noise is white

The derivation of the matched filter makes no assumption of whether the noise is white or coloured. It should be noted though, that the interpretation of the filter is easier when the noise is white.

ADSI Problem 6.1: Matched filters

Consider a deterministic signal that is only non-zero in the vicinity of $n=0$ as shown below and zero for all other values of n .



The signal is disturbed by additive noise from an AR(3) process given by

$$v(n) = -0.5v(n-1) - 0.5v(n-2) - 0.25v(n-3) + w(n)$$

where $w(n) \sim WGN(0, 4)$.

The goal of this problem is to construct a matched filter that can help us distinguish between the presence or absence of the signal in the noise.

```
clear variables;
```

1) Plot a realisation of the signal with the added noise

Create a realization of the noise and add the signal somewhere in the noise. Plot the result and comment on whether the signal is detectable.

```
D = 50; % The place to embed signal into the noise

% Generate the deterministic signal s[n]
s = [1, 4, 1, -1, -3, -2]';

% Generate white noise w[n] with zero mean and variance 4
w_var = 4;
w = sqrt(w_var) * randn(10000, 1);

% Generate noise from an AR(3) process
b = 1;
a = [1, 0.5, 0.5, 0.25];
v = filter(b, a, w);

% Extract 100 samples to remove the transient effect
% at the beginning and at the end of the filtered signal
x = v(500:600);

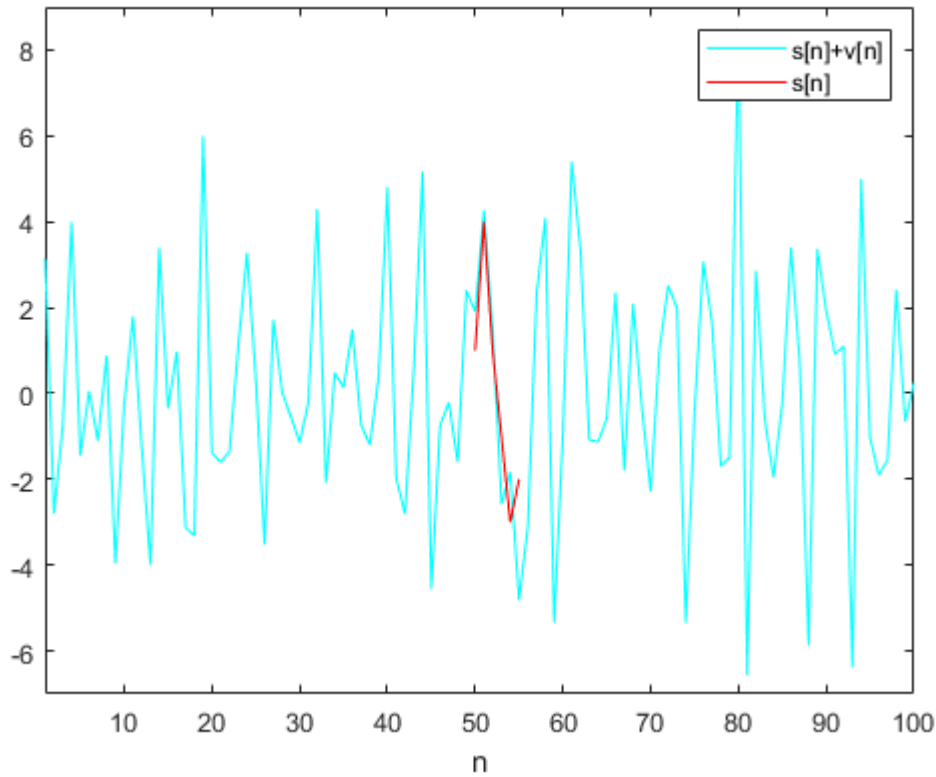
% Embed the signal s[n] in v[n] from D
s_in_x_start = D;
s_in_x_end = D + length(s) - 1;
x(s_in_x_start:s_in_x_end) = x(s_in_x_start:s_in_x_end) + s;

plot(1:length(x), x, 'c', ...
     s_in_x_start:s_in_x_end, s, 'r') % the signal is completely invisible
```

```

legend('s[n]+v[n]', 's[n]')
xlabel('n')
xlim([1,100])
ylim([-7, 9])

```



The signal is cannot be distinguished from the noise.

2) Plot the power density spectrum of the noise and spectrum of the signal

Plot the power density spectrum of the noise and spectrum of the signal, see Eq. (14.91).

The noise is generated by an AR(3) process plus some white Gaussian noise:

$$v(n) = -0.5v(n-1) - 0.5v(n-2) - 0.25v(n-3) + w(n)$$

where $w(n) \sim WGN(0, 4)$.

We can determine the Power Density Spectrum of an ARMA(p,q) process is given by

$$S_{yy}(\omega) = \sigma_x^2 |H(e^{j\omega})|^2 = \sigma_x^2 \left| \frac{\sum_{k=0}^q b_k e^{-j\omega k}}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^p a_k e^{-j\omega k}} \right|^2. \quad (13.133)$$

The power spectrum of an AR(p) process is given by:

$$S_{yy}(\omega) = \sigma_x^2 \left| \frac{1}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^p a_k e^{-j\omega k}} \right|^2$$

For this problem, we have:

$$S_{vv}(\omega) = 4 \left| \frac{1}{1 + 0.5e^{-j\omega} + 0.5e^{-j2\omega} + 0.25e^{-j3\omega}} \right|^2$$

The algorithm is as follows:

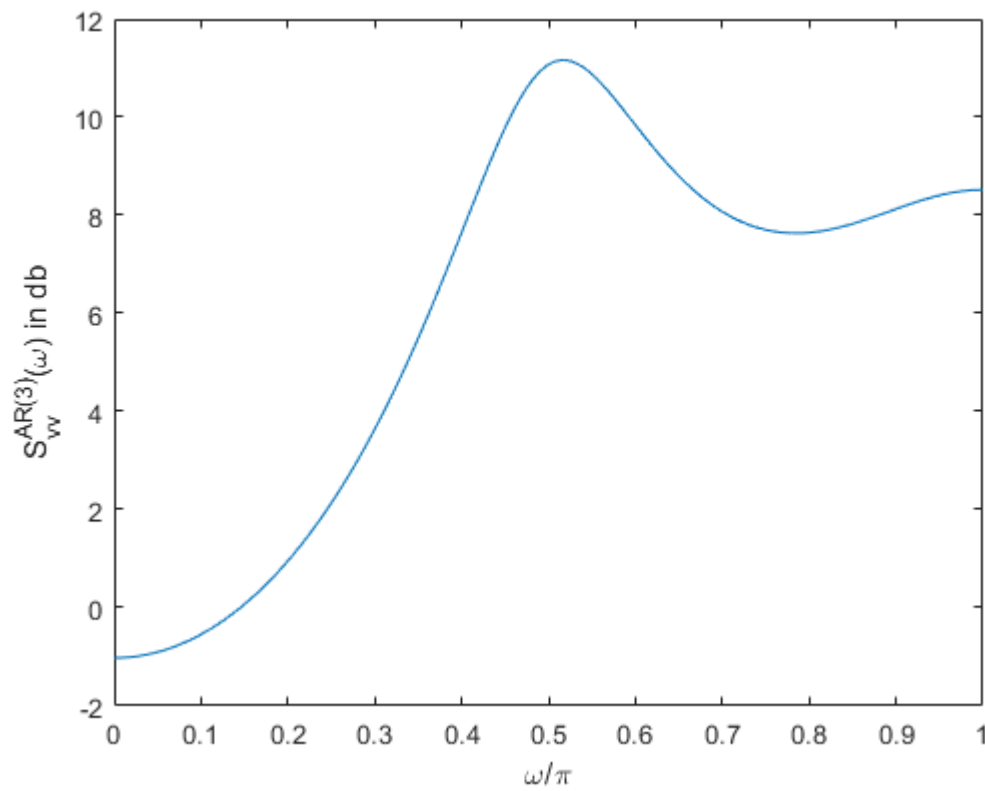
1. Use the coefficients $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_p\}$ for the $AR(p)$ model,
2. Compute the transfer function for the $AR(p)$ by computing the sum and finding its reciprocal
3. Compute the conjugate of the transfer function: $|H(e^{j\omega})|^2$
4. Multiply it with the variance σ_x^2

The algorithm is implemented in the functions `ar2psd()` function:

```
N = 256;

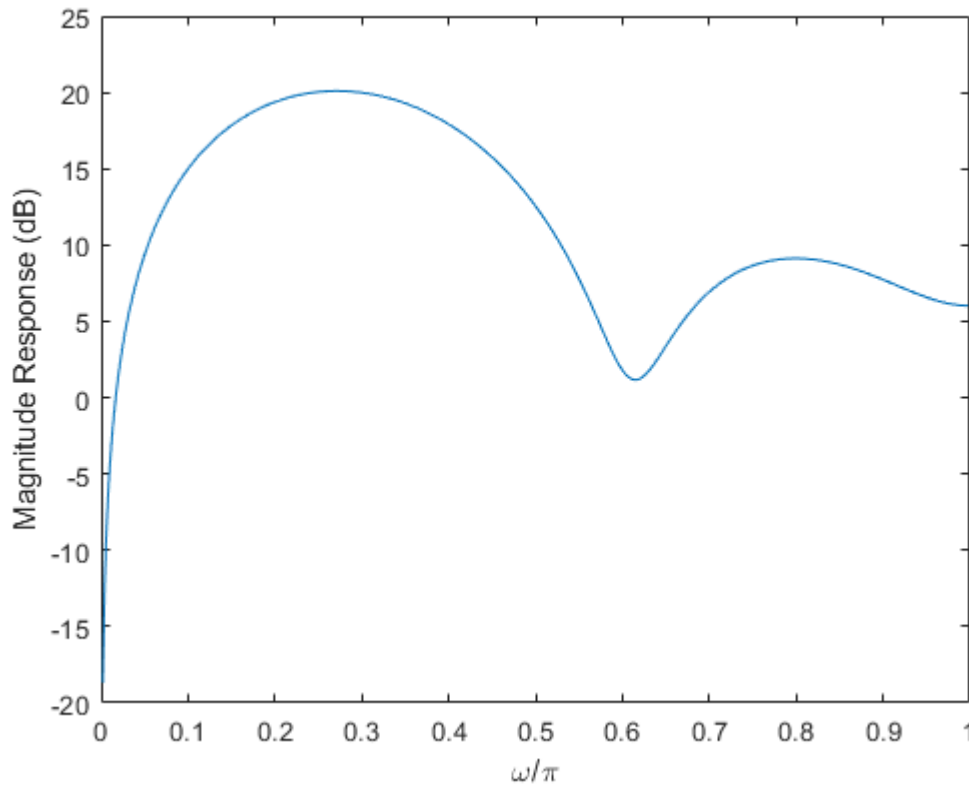
a = [0.5, 0.5, 0.25]; % The coefficients of the AR(3) model
w_var = 4; % The variance of white noise
[S_vv, w] = ar2psd(a, w_var, N); % Compute the PSD of AR(3) model

plot(w/pi, pow2db(S_vv))
xlabel('\omega/\pi')
ylabel('S_{vv}^{AR(3)}(\omega) in db')
```



We can plot the spectrum of the signal $s(n)$ using the `freqz()` function:

```
[H,w2] = freqz(s, 1);
plot(w2/pi, 20*log10(abs(H)))
xlabel('\omega/\pi')
ylabel('Magnitude Response (dB)')
```



3) Calculate the matched filter

Calculate the matched filter, the frequency response of the matched filter and the optimum signal to noise ratio. You can use `xcorr` on the noise realization to find \mathbf{R}_v .

The impulse response of the matched filter is given by:

$$\mathbf{h} = \kappa \mathbf{R}_v^{-1} \mathbf{s}. \quad (14.97)$$

where κ is the normalisation factor. Although the maximum SNR can be obtained by any choice of constant κ , we choose the constant by requiring that:

- (a) $\mathbf{h}^T \mathbf{s} = 1$, which yields $\kappa = 1/\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{R}_v^{-1} \mathbf{s}$
- (b) $E(v_0^2[n]) = \mathbf{h}^T \mathbf{R}_v \mathbf{h} = 1$, which yields $\kappa = 1/\sqrt{\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{R}_v^{-1} \mathbf{s}}$.

```
p = numel(s); % Signal length

% The autocorrelation matrix must be p x p since
% its inverse is multiplied by a p-tap signal s(n)
[r_vv, ~] = xcorr(v, p-1, 'biased');
R_vv = toeplitz(r_vv(p:end));

% Compute normalisation factor
```

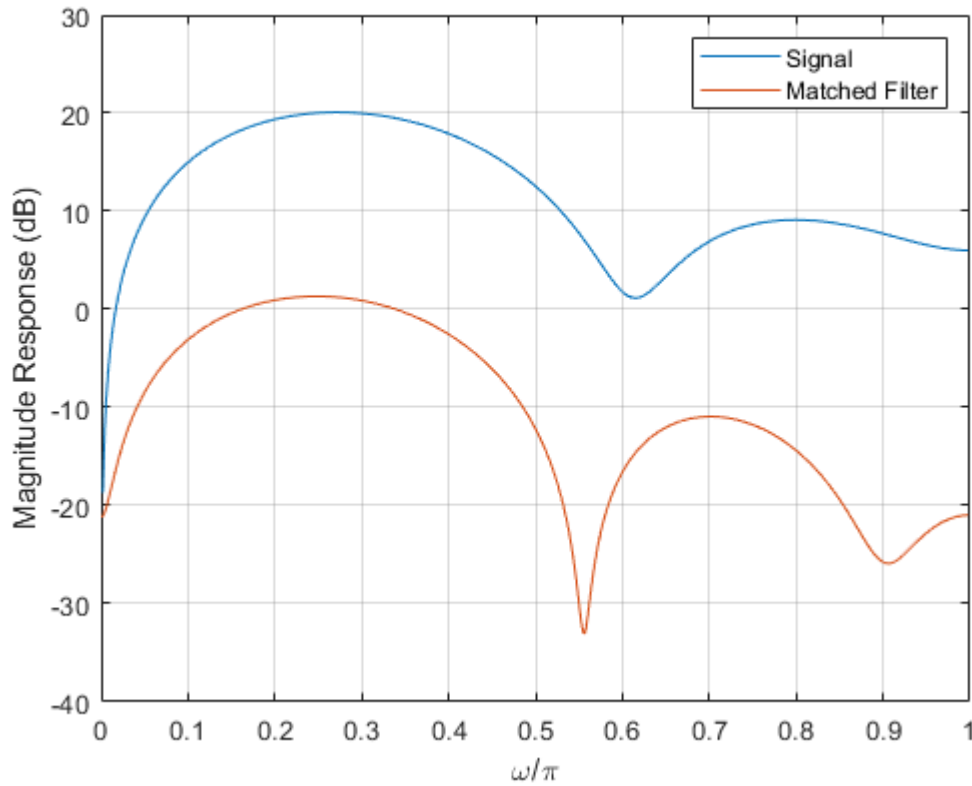
```

k = 1/sqrt(s'*(R_vv\s)); % Same as 1/sqrt(s'*inv(R_vv)*s)

% Compute the filter
h = k*(R_vv\s); % Same as k*inv(R_vv)*s

[H_s, w_s] = freqz(s, 1);
[H_h, w_h] = freqz(h, 1);
plot(w_s/pi, 20*log10(abs(H_s)), w_h/pi, 20*log10(abs(H_h)))
legend('Signal', 'Matched Filter')
xlabel('\omega/\pi')
ylabel('Magnitude Response (dB)')
grid on;

```



The maximum possible value of the output SNR is given by:

$$\text{SNR}_o = a^2 \tilde{s}^T \tilde{s} = a^2 s^T \mathbf{R}_v^{-1} s. \quad (14.98)$$

Since the attenuation factor a is not given in this problem, we assume that it is 1:

```

a = 1;
SNR = a^2 * s' * (R_vv\s)

```

```

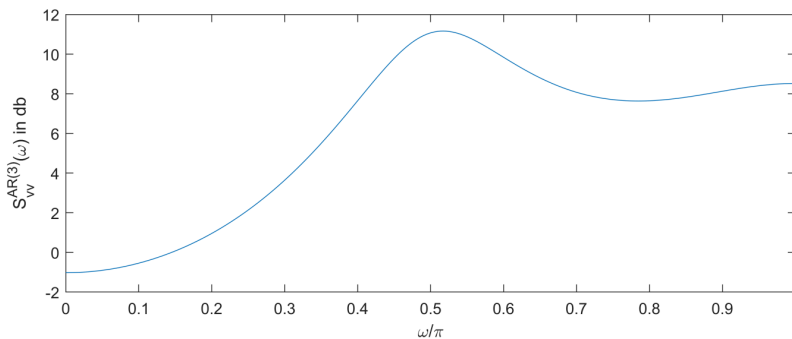
SNR = 11.0394

```

[?] 4) Does the frequency response of the matched filter make sense?

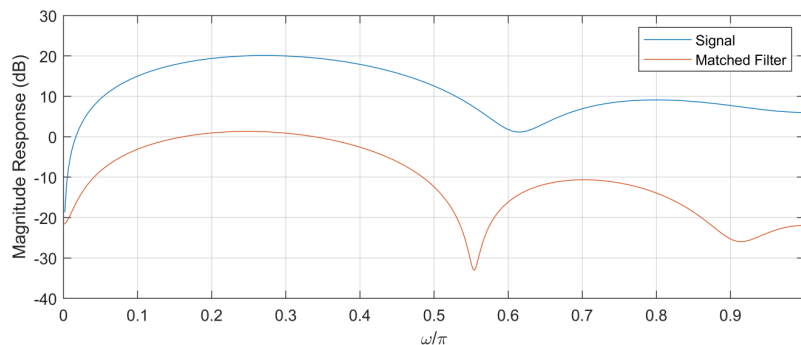
Does the frequency response of the matched filter make sense seen in relation with the spectra from question 2?

In question 2) we found that the AR(3) noise model has peak power at 0.5.



Looking at the frequency response of the signal, we observe that it peaks around 0.25 and dips around 20 dB at around 0.6.

The frequency response of the matched filter shows that it is minimising the noise in the region at around 0.55. The noise power peaks at around 0.5



[✓] 5) How efficient is the matched filter?

Plot the signal before and after the matched filter as well as the square of the output of the matched filter on the same graph and comment on the efficiency of the matched filter in our quest to detect the presence of the signal.

```
% x(n) is the 100 samples extracted from the noise signal v(n)
% y(n) is the result of feeding x(n) to the matched filter
y = filter(h, 1, x);
y_squared = y.^2;

n = 1:length(x);

n2 = s_in_x_start:s_in_x_end;
xs = s;

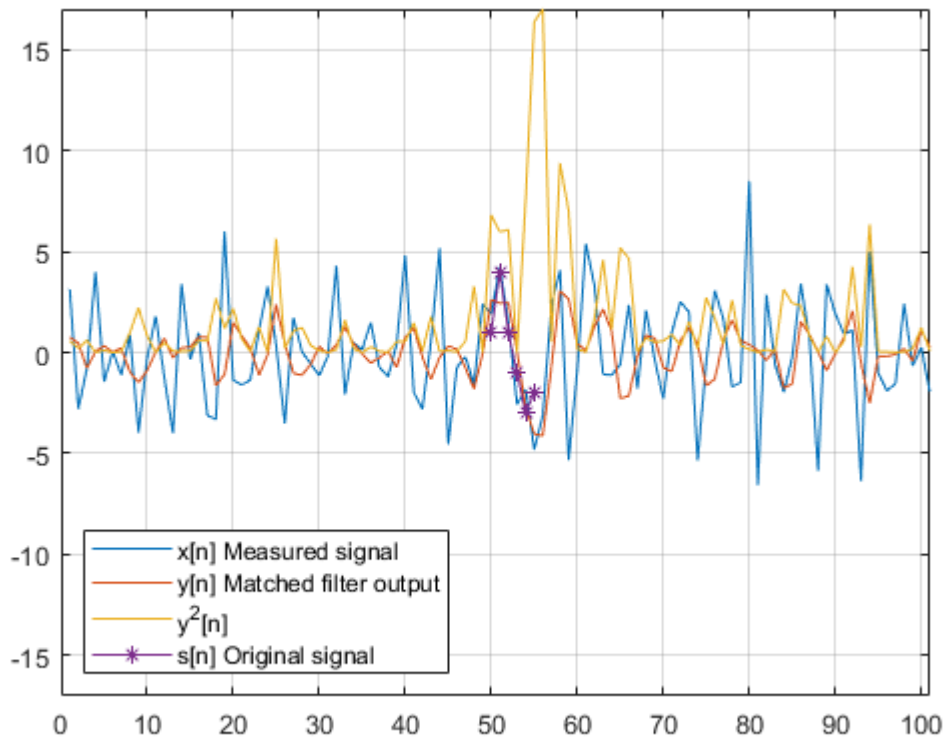
plot(n,x, n,y, n,y_squared, n2,xs,'*-')
xlim([0, numel(n)])
ylim([-max(y_squared), max(y_squared)])
```

```

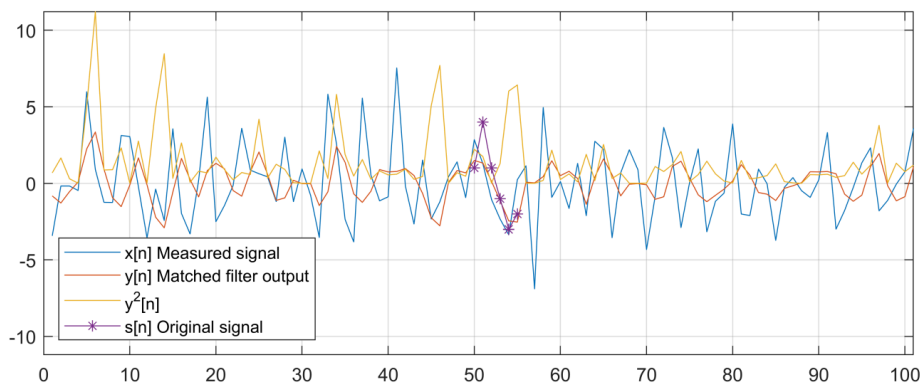
legend({'x[n] Measured signal', 'y[n] Matched filter output', 'y^2[n]', 's[n] Original signal'}, ...
      'Location','southwest')

grid on;

```



It's close to impossible to find the original signal $s[n]$ in the measured signal $x[n]$. It is also difficult to detect $s[n]$ after filtering $x[n]$ with the matched filter i.e., $y[n]$. It is easier to detect the original signal in the square of the output of the matched filter $y^2[n]$. Running the code multiple times i.e., creating different realisations of the noise, we may see many false positives. The figure below shows an example of this. The highest response is measured at $n = 6$ but we know that the signal is embedded in $n = 50$.



[✓] 6) What happens to the optimum SNR when the noise is twice as powerful?

Is the optimum signal to noise ratio halved if the AR(3) is instead driven by twice as powerful white noise, i.e. $w(n) \sim \text{WGN}(0,8)$? Why or why not?

We will compute the SNR again but this time with $\sigma_w^2 = 8$:

$$\text{SNR}_0 = a^2 \tilde{s}^T \tilde{s} = a^2 s^T R_v^{-1} s. \quad (14.98)$$

```
% Generate white noise w[n] with zero mean and variance 8
w2_var = 8;
w2 = sqrt(w2_var) * randn(10000, 1);

% Put the white noise through an AR(3) process
b = 1;
a = [1, 0.5, 0.5, 0.25];
v2 = filter(b, a, w2);

% Extract 100 samples to remove the transient effect
% at the beginning and at the end of the filtered signal
x2 = v2(500:600);

p = numel(s); % Signal length

% The autocorrelation matrix must be MxM since
% its inverse is multiplied by a M-tap signal s(n)
[r_vv2, lags] = xcorr(x2, p-1, 'biased');
R_vv2 = toeplitz(r_vv2(p:end));

a = 1;
SNR2 = a^2 * s' * (R_vv2 \ s)
```

```
SNR2 = 7.3950
```

```
SNR2/SNR
```

```
ans = 0.6699
```

The optimal signal-to-noise-ratio is almost halved when the white noise is doubled. The reduction of SNR is not always decreased by a factor of though. Although the noise power is doubled, the shape of the optimum filter will change because it depends on the measured signal:

$$h = \kappa R_v^{-1} s. \quad (14.97)$$

[✓] 7) Compute SNR using a 6-tap moving average filter

Assume that instead of the matched filter a simple 6-tap moving average filter is used instead. That is

$$h = \left[\frac{1}{6} \quad \frac{1}{6} \quad \frac{1}{6} \quad \frac{1}{6} \quad \frac{1}{6} \quad \frac{1}{6} \right]^T$$

Calculate the signal to noise ratio when the moving average filter is used.

We can compute the SNR using the following formula:

$$\text{SNR}_o = \frac{s_o^2[n_0]}{E(v_o^2[n_0])} = a^2 \frac{(\mathbf{h}^T \mathbf{s})^2}{\mathbf{h}^T \mathbf{R}_v \mathbf{h}}. \quad (14.94)$$

```
% h_avg = [1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1]'./5;
h_avg = [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1]'./6;
a = 1;
SNR_avg = a^2 * (h_avg'*s)^2 / (h_avg'*R_vv*h_avg)
```

```
SNR_avg = 0
```

The SNR of the moving average filter is zero (or a number very close to zero). The moving average filter gives us the average of a signal. Since the original signal has zero mean, the average is zero. This is not surprising. If we change the filter, then the SNR is no longer zero.

```
h4 = [1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1]'./5;
a = 1;
SNR4 = a^2 * (h4'*s)^2 / (h4'*R_vv*h4)
```

```
SNR4 = 1.4292
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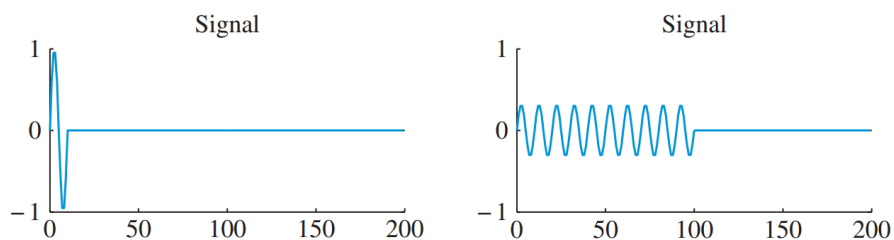
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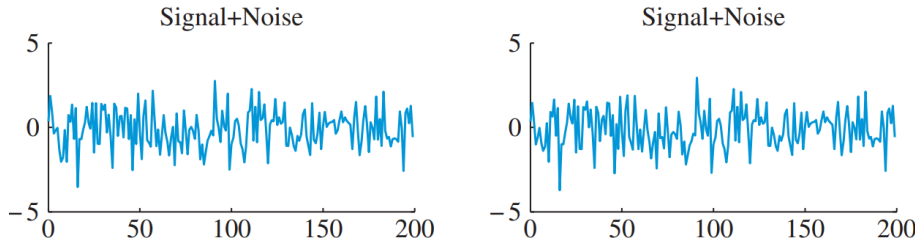
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clear variables;
```

In this problem we discuss in detail the matched filtering problem illustrated in Figure 14.18.

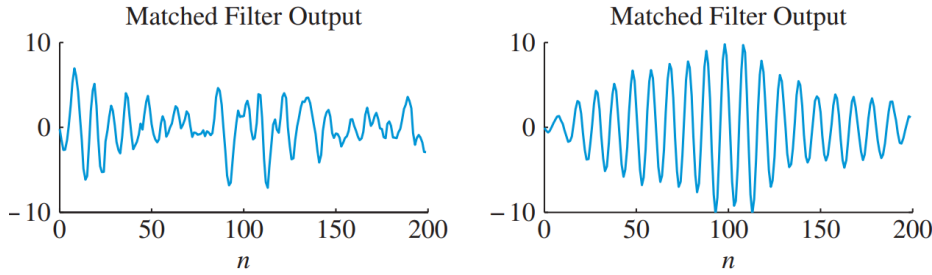
Figure 14.18 shows the operation of a matched filter in white noise.

The two signals have different lengths ($p = 10$ and $p = 100$, respectively) but the same energy.





Notice that the peak response of the matched filter occurs at $n_0 = p - 1$ because there is no time delay i.e. $D = 0$. Normally, the output SNR is maximised at time $n_0 = p + D - 1$. In practice, finding the time delay D depends on the particular application.



The input to the matched filter is given by

$$x[n] = s_I[n] + v[n] = a s[n - D] + v[n]$$

where

- a is the attenuation factor
- D is the round-trip delay
- $v[n]$ is the white Gaussian noise with zero mean and unit variance
- $s_I[n] = 0$ outside the interval $0 \leq n \leq p - 1$

1) Explain why, in the absence of noise, the output is the ACRS of the desired signal.

In case of white noise, the impulse response of the matched filter $h[n]$ is equal to the signal that we want to detect $s_I[n]$. As such the output of the matched filter is the same as autocorrelation:

2) Determine the matched filter of a short cosine signal

Suppose that $p = 10$ and $s_I[n] = \cos\left(2\pi \frac{n}{10}\right)$. Generate $N = 200$ samples of the noisy signal $s[n]$ and process it through the matched filter designed for $s_I[n]$. Plot the desired, input, and filtered signals and determine when the matched filter output is output.

The impulse response of the matched filter is given by:

$$h = \kappa R_v^{-1} s. \quad (14.97)$$

where k is the normalisation factor and R_v is the autocorrelation matrix of the noise.

The output SNR can be computed using the formula:

$$\text{SNR}_o = a^2 \tilde{s}^T \tilde{s} = a^2 s^T \mathbf{R}_v^{-1} s. \quad (14.98)$$

The computation is coded in a MATLAB function named `matched_filter` (see the end of the document)

```
N = 200;
n = (1:N)';

p = 10; % Signal length

% Generate the attenuated signal.
% Ensure that s[n] is zero when n is outside the interval [1, p]
s = zeros(N, 1);
inside_indices = (n >= 1 & n <= p);
s(inside_indices) = cos(2*pi*n(inside_indices)/10);

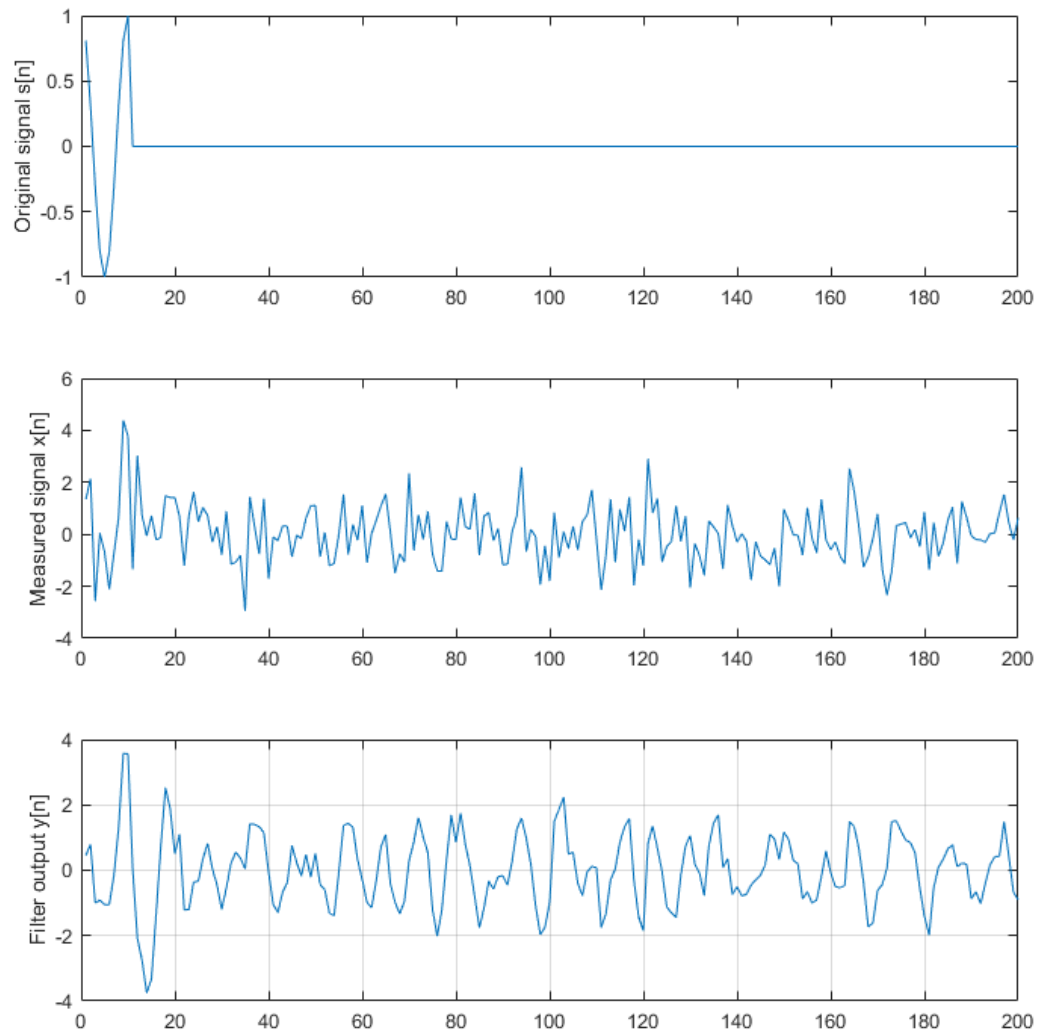
% Generate the zero-mean WGN with unit variance
v = randn(N, 1);

% Generate the measured signal x[n]
x = v + s;

% Compute the impulse response of the matched filter
[h, SNR] = matched_filter(s(1:p), v);

% Feed the measured signal to the matched filter
y = filter(h, 1, x);

figure('position', [0, 0, 800, 800])
subplot(3,1,1); plot(n,s); ylabel('Original signal s[n]')
subplot(3,1,2); plot(n,x); ylabel('Measured signal x[n]')
subplot(3,1,3); plot(n,y); ylabel('Filter output y[n]')
xlim([0 N])
grid on;
```



```
clear figure;
```

From the filtered output, it is difficult to determine where the original signal is placed.

3) Determine the matched filter of a long cosine signal

Repeat 2) for $p = 100$ and $s_i[n] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \cos\left(2\pi \frac{n}{10}\right)$.

```
p = 100; % Signal length
% Generate the attenuated signal.
```

```

% Ensure that s[n] is zero when n is outside the interval [1, p]
s = zeros(N, 1);
inside_indices = (n >= 1 & n <= p);
s(inside_indices) = (1/sqrt(10)) * cos(2*pi*n(inside_indices)/10);

% Generate the zero-mean WGN with unit variance
v = randn(N, 1);

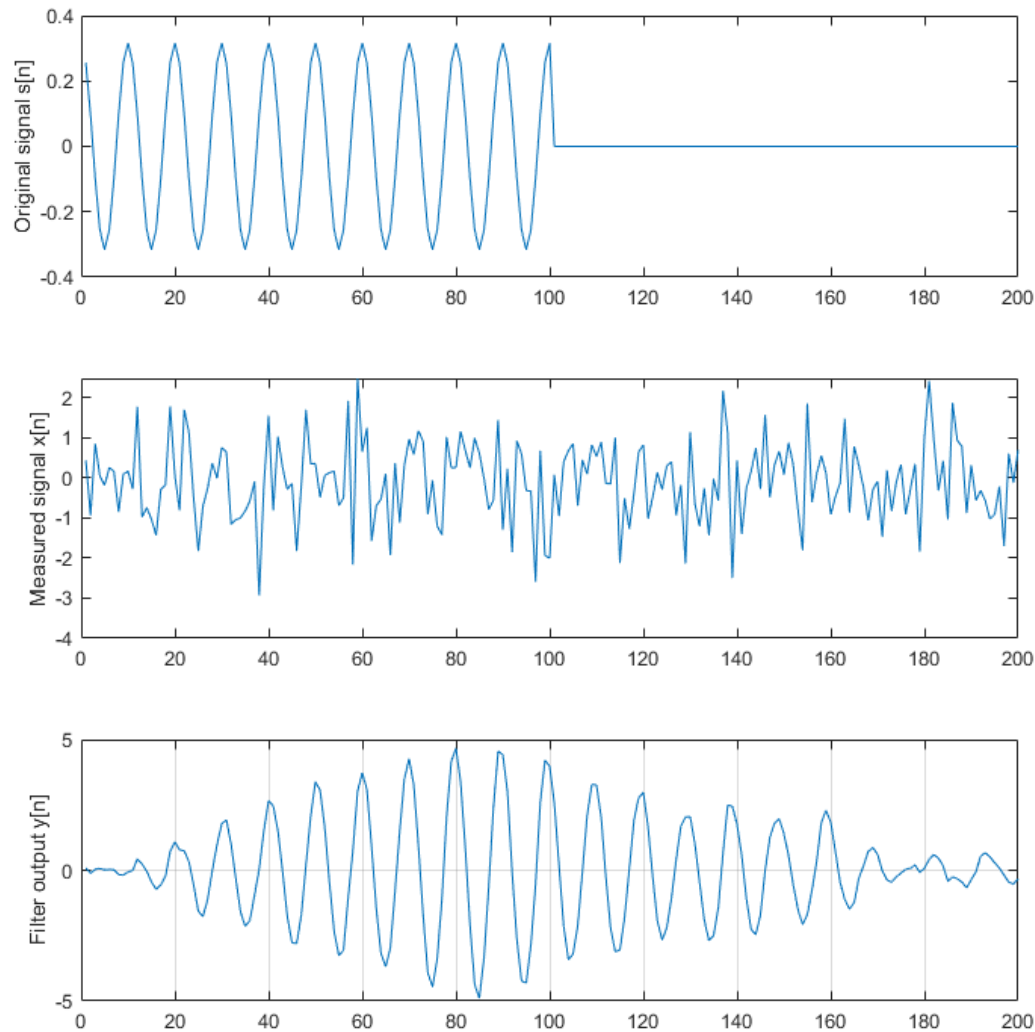
% Generate the measured signal x[n]
x = v + s;

% Compute the impulse response of the matched filter
[h_100, SNR_100] = matched_filter(s(1:p), v);

% Feed the measured signal to the matched filter
y = filter(h_100, 1, x);

figure('position', [0, 0, 800, 800])
subplot(3,1,1); plot(n,s); ylabel('Original signal s[n]')
subplot(3,1,2); plot(n,x); ylabel('Measured signal x[n]')
subplot(3,1,3); plot(n,y); ylabel('Filter output y[n]')
xlim([0 N])
grid on;

```

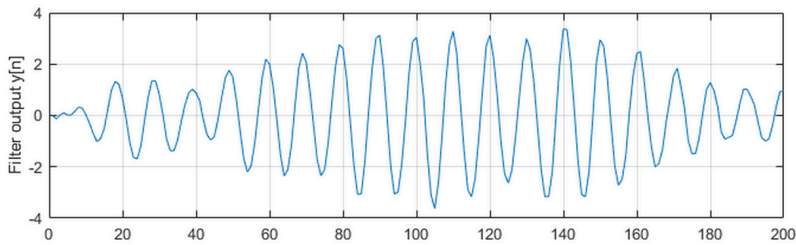


```
clear figure;
```

4) Which signal can be detected more easily by visual inspection?

Which signal can be detected more easily by visual inspection of the matched filter output? Is this justified by comparing the output SNR in each case?

For certain noise realisations, it is easier to detect the second (longer) signal by visual inspect than the first signal. However, running the code multiple times i.e., creating different realisations of the noise, we may see many false positives. The figure below shows an example of this. The highest response is measured at $n = 140$ but the maximum filter response should occur at $n = p + D - 1 = 100 + 0 - 1 = 99$.



Comparing the output SNR of the two filters, we observe that the SNR of the longer filter is usually better but this is not always the case. Different realisation of the noise process, yields different results:

SNR

SNR = 3.9127

SNR_100

SNR_100 = 10.1572

Problem 14.35: Matched Filter and white noise

In the book on page 861, the authors claim: "*The term matched filter was introduced because, in the case of white noise, the impulse response is "matched" to the shape of the signal being sought. In fact, the output of the matched filter is proportional to the correlation between the signal segment stored in the filter memory and the signal of interest.*"

This problem investigates this claim.

Consider the two 10-point signals $x_0[n]$ and $x_1[n]$ given below:

$$x_0[n] = \{1, 1, 1, -1, -1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0\},$$

$$x_1[n] = \{1, 1, 1, 1, -1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0\}.$$

These signals are sent over a communication channel which adds white noise to the signals. Using a correlation-detector approach, we want to detect signals in white noise. Let $h_0[n]$ denote the matched filter for $x_0[n]$ and let $h_1[n]$ denote the matched filter for $x_1[n]$.

```
clear variables;
```

[] a) Compare the impulse responses with input signals

Determine and plot the responses of $h_0[n]$ to $x_0[n]$ and $x_1[n]$. Repeat the same for $h_1[n]$. Compare these outputs at $n = 10$.

I don't understand what should be done here!

```
x0 = [1, 1, 1, -1, -1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]';
x1 = [1, 1, 1, 1, -1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]';

N = 20; n = 1:N;
v=zeros(N,1);%randn(N,1);
w0 = v + [x0;zeros(N-length(x0),1)];
w1 = v + [x1;zeros(N-length(x1),1)];
h0 = flip(x0); %wgn -> just use flipped
h1 = flip(x1);
figure
subplot(2,2,1); stem(filter(h0,1,w0)); ylabel('h0*w0')
subplot(2,2,2); stem(filter(h0,1,w1)); ylabel('h0*w1')
subplot(2,2,3); stem(filter(h1,1,w0)); ylabel('h1*w0')
subplot(2,2,4); stem(filter(h1,1,w1)); ylabel('h1*w1')
```

b) Compute the correlation of input and impulse response

You should notice that the output of the above matched filters at $n = 10$ can be computed as a correlation of the input and the impulse response. Implement such a structure and determine its output for each case in part (a) above.

c) Modify the signals so the relations are zero

How would you modify the signal $x_0[n]$ so that the outputs of $h_0[n]$ to $x_1[n]$ and $h_1[n]$ to $x_0[n]$ are zero?

```
% Don't understand what is going on here
x0 = flip(x1); % the inverse, maybe?
corr(x0,x1)
w0 = v + [x0;zeros(N-length(x0),1)];
h0 = flip(x0); %wgn -> just use flipped
figure
subplot(2,2,1); stem(filter(h0,1,w0)); ylabel('h0*w0')
subplot(2,2,2); stem(filter(h0,1,w1)); ylabel('h0*w1')
subplot(2,2,3); stem(filter(h1,1,w0)); ylabel('h1*w0')
subplot(2,2,4); stem(filter(h1,1,w1)); ylabel('h1*w1')
```

Problem 14.37: Matched Filter and Square Pulse Signals

Let $s_1[n]$ and $s_2[n]$ be short-length pulses of unit energy as given below:

$$s_1[n] = 1/3, 0 \leq n \leq 8 \quad \text{and} \quad s_2[n] = 0.1, 0 \leq n \leq 99$$

and zero everywhere. These pulses are observed in noise, i.e.

$$x_i[n] = s_i[n] + v[n], \quad i = 1, 2$$

where $v[n] \sim \text{WGN}(0, 1)$.

```
clear variables;
```

a) Process $x_1[n]$ through a matched filter

Generate 200 samples of the noisy $x_1[n]$ signal and process it through the matched filter designed for $s_1[n]$. Plot the original, noisy, and filtered signals and determine when the matched filter output is maximum.

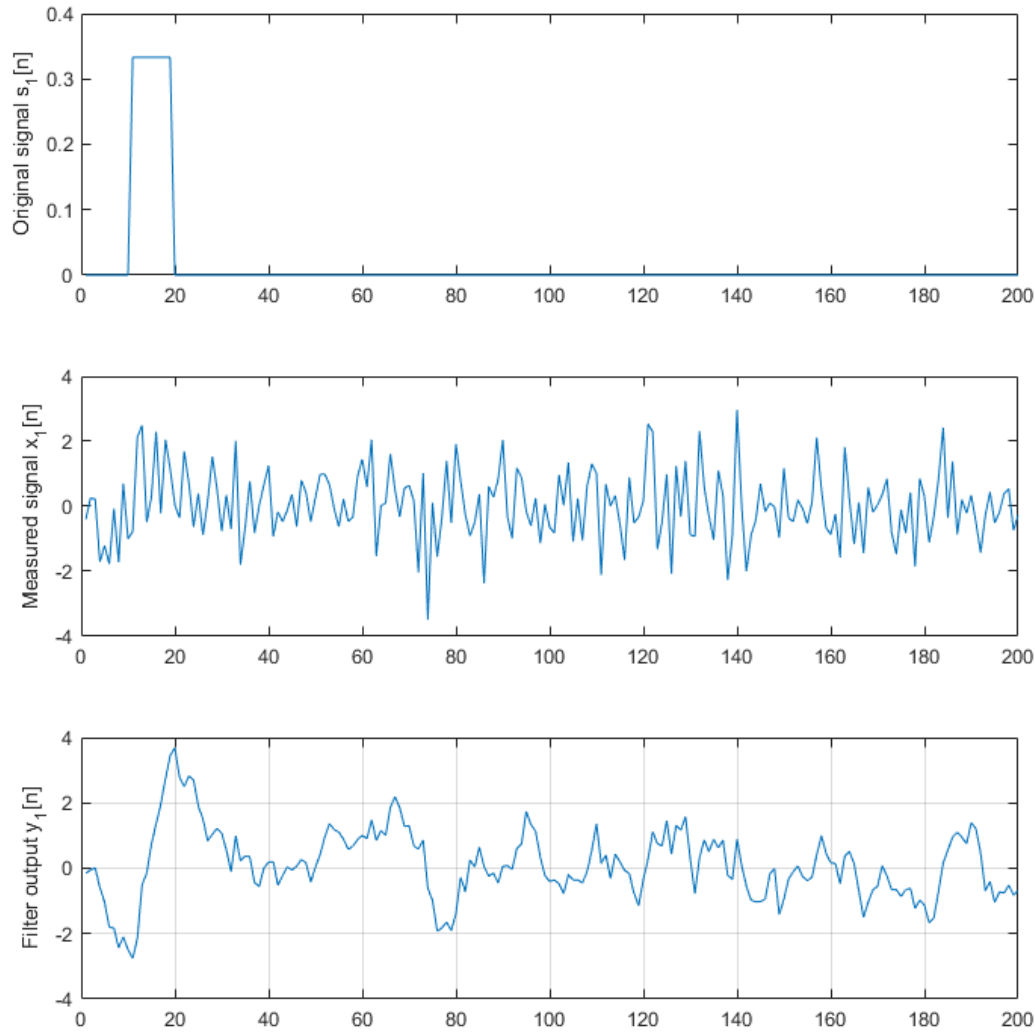
```
s1 = 1/3*ones(9, 1);

N = 200;
n = 1:N;
noise_var = 1;
D = 10;
[x1, v1, s1e] = gen_noisy_signal(s1, N, noise_var, D);

% Compute the impulse response of the matched filter
[h1, SNR1] = matched_filter(s1, v1);

% Feed the measured signal to the matched filter
y1 = filter(h1, 1, x1);

figure('position', [0, 0, 800, 800])
subplot(3,1,1); plot(n, s1e); ylabel('Original signal s_1[n]')
subplot(3,1,2); plot(n, x1); ylabel('Measured signal x_1[n]')
subplot(3,1,3); plot(n, y1); ylabel('Filter output y_1[n]')
xlim([0 N])
grid on;
```

b) Process $x_2[n]$ through a matched filter

Generate 200 samples of the noisy $x_2[n]$ signal and process it through the matched filter designed for $s_2[n]$. Plot the original, noisy, and filtered signals and determine when the matched filter output is maximum.

Let $s_1[n]$ and $s_2[n]$ be short-length pulses of unit energy as given below:

$$s_1[n] = 1/3, 0 \leq n \leq 8 \quad \text{and} \quad s_2[n] = 0.1, 0 \leq n \leq 99$$

and zero everywhere. These pulses are observed in noise, i.e.

$$x_i[n] = s_i[n] + v[n], \quad i = 1, 2$$

where $v[n] \sim \text{WGN}(0, 1)$.

```

s2 = 0.1*ones(100, 1);

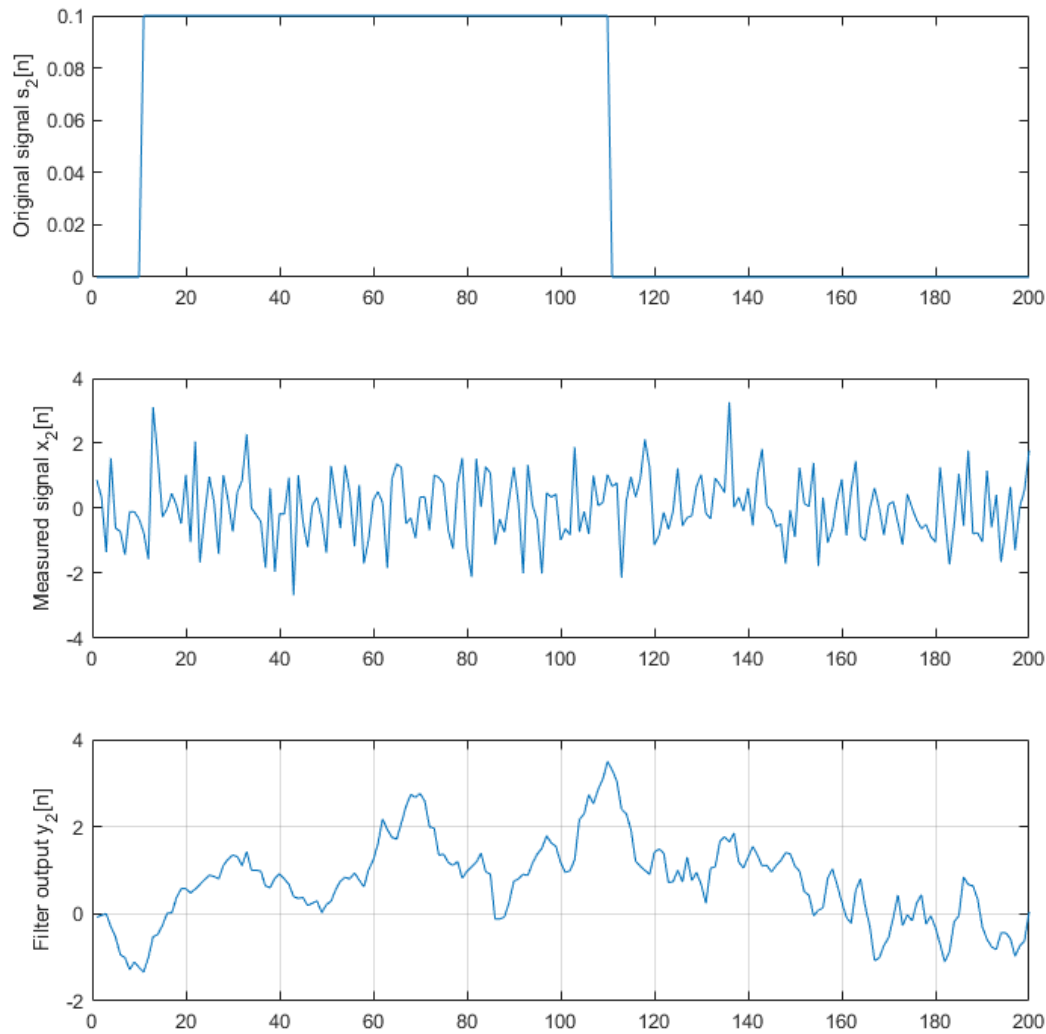
N = 200;
n = 1:N;
noise_var = 1;
D = 10;
[x2, v2, s2e] = gen_noisy_signal(s2, N, noise_var, D);

% Compute the impulse response of the matched filter
[h2, SNR2] = matched_filter(s2, v2);

% Feed the measured signal to the matched filter
y2 = filter(h2, 1, x1);

figure('position', [0, 0, 800, 800])
subplot(3,1,1); plot(n, s2e); ylabel('Original signal s_2[n]')
subplot(3,1,2); plot(n, x2); ylabel('Measured signal x_2[n]')
subplot(3,1,3); plot(n, y2); ylabel('Filter output y_2[n]')
xlim([0 N])
grid on;

```



c) Discuss the results in (a) and (b)

Discuss your results in (a) and (b) above in terms of filtered waveforms and maximization of the output SNR.

The peak response of the matched filter should occur at $n_0 = p + D - 1$

Since $s_1[n]$ is a 10-tap signal, this point should be $n_0 = 10 + 10 - 1 = 19$

Since $s_2[n]$ is a 100-tap signal, this point should be $n_0 = 100 + 10 - 1 = 119$

We rarely see these points for different realisations of the noise process.

```
[~, peak_n1] = max(y1)
```

```
peak_n1 = 20
```

```
[~, peak_n2] = max(y2)
```

```
peak_n2 = 110
```

What can we conclude?

SNR1

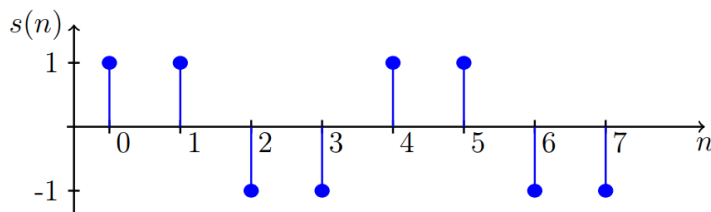
```
SNR1 = 1.3087
```

SNR2

```
SNR2 = 2.2533
```

Exam 2017 Problem 3: Detect presence of signal using matched filter

Consider the deterministic signal, $s(n)$ shown below in blue. The signal is zero for all other values of n .



The signal is distorted by additive low frequency noise with autocorrelation $r_v(\ell) = 0.4^{|\ell|}$.

```
clear variables;
```

1) Design a matched filter and determine the improvement in SNR

Design a matched filter for detecting the presence of the signal and determine the improvement in signal to noise ratio.

The impulse response of the matched filter is given by:

$$h = \kappa R_v^{-1} s. \quad (14.97)$$

where R_v is autocorrelation matrix of noise and κ is the normalisation factor.

Although the maximum SNR can be obtained by any choice of constant κ , we choose the constant by requiring that:

- (a) $\mathbf{h}^T \mathbf{s} = 1$, which yields $\kappa = 1/\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{R}_v^{-1} \mathbf{s}$
(b) $E(v_0^2[n]) = \mathbf{h}^T \mathbf{R}_v \mathbf{h} = 1$, which yields $\kappa = 1/\sqrt{\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{R}_v^{-1} \mathbf{s}}$.

```
s = [1, 1, -1, -1, 1, 1, -1, -1]';

p = numel(s); % Signal length

% The autocorrelation matrix must be p x p since
% its inverse is multiplied by a p-tap signal s(n)
ell = 0:p-1;
r_vv = 0.4.^ell;
R_vv = toeplitz(r_vv);

% Compute normalisation factor (b)
k = 1/(s'*(R_vv\s)); % Using (a)
% k = 1/sqrt(s'*(R_vv\s)); % Using (b)

% Compute the filter
h = k*(R_vv\s); % Same as k*inv(R_vv)*s

% Print the matched filter coefficients
h
```

```
h = 8x1
    0.0735
    0.1422
   -0.1422
   -0.1422
    0.1422
    0.1422
   -0.1422
   -0.0735
```

The SNR at the input is given by:

$$\text{SNR}_i = \frac{\text{power of signal}}{\text{power of noise}} = \frac{s^2(n = n_0)}{r_v(0)}$$

```
SNR_i = s(1)^2/r_vv(1)
```

```
SNR_i = 1
```

The optimum SNR at the output is given by:

$$\text{SNR}_o = a^2 \tilde{\mathbf{s}}^T \tilde{\mathbf{s}} = a^2 \mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{R}_v^{-1} \mathbf{s}. \quad (14.98)$$

Assuming the attenuation factor $a = 1$:

```
a = 1;
```

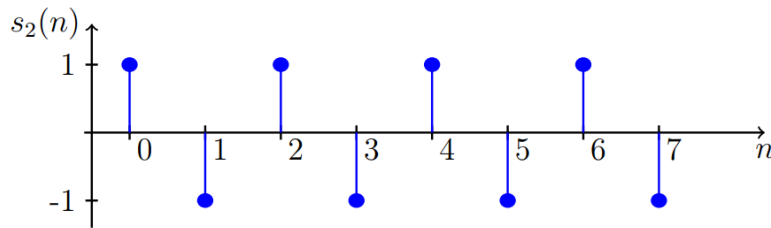
$$\text{SNR}_o = a^2 * s' * (R_{vv} \backslash s)$$

$$\text{SNR}_o = 9.7143$$

The improvement in SNR is 9.7 (almost 10 times)

2) Discuss the improvement of SNR if a high-frequency signal is used

A second signal $s_2(n)$ is given by



2. Discuss whether the signal to noise ratio will be improved if the signal $s_2(n)$ is used instead of $s(n)$.

If we use $s_2(n)$ instead of $s(n)$, the output SNR becomes 17.3:

```
s = [1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1]';
p = numel(s); % Signal length
ell = 0:p-1;
r_vv = 0.4.^ell;
R_vv = toeplitz(r_vv);
a = 1;
SNR_o = a^2 * s' * (R_vv \ s)
```

$$\text{SNR}_o = 17.3333$$

The $s_2(n)$ is similar to $s(n)$ but it oscillates faster i.e., has higher frequency than the $s(n)$ signal. Since the noise is at low frequency, it is easier to separate the $s_2(n)$ signal from the noise. This means that a higher SNR can be expected from a signal with a higher frequency.

That is why the output SNR for $s_2(n)$ is better than that for $s(n)$.

Exam 2018 Problem 3: Improve SNR with a matched filter

A deterministic signal is given by

n	$s(n)$
0	1
1	-1
2	1
3	-1

The signal is distorted by additive low frequency noise with autocorrelation $r_v(l) = 0.8^{|l|}$.

```
clear variables;
```

1) Design a matched filter to improve the SNR

Design a matched filter to improve the signal to noise ratio and comment on the improvement.

The impulse response of the matched filter is given by:

$$\mathbf{h} = \kappa \mathbf{R}_v^{-1} \mathbf{s}. \quad (14.97)$$

where \mathbf{R}_v is autocorrelation matrix of noise and κ is the normalisation factor.

Although the maximum SNR can be obtained by any choice of constant κ , we choose the constant by requiring that:

- (a) $\mathbf{h}^T \mathbf{s} = 1$, which yields $\kappa = 1/\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{R}_v^{-1} \mathbf{s}$
- (b) $E(v_0^2[n]) = \mathbf{h}^T \mathbf{R}_v \mathbf{h} = 1$, which yields $\kappa = 1/\sqrt{\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{R}_v^{-1} \mathbf{s}}$.

```
s = [1, -1, 1, -1]';
p = numel(s); % Signal length

% The autocorrelation matrix must be p x p since
% its inverse is multiplied by a p-tap signal s(n)
ell = 0:p-1;
r_vv = 0.8.^ell;
R_vv = toeplitz(r_vv);

% Compute normalisation factor (b)
k = 1/sqrt(s'*(R_vv\s));

% Compute the filter
h = k*(R_vv\s);

% Print the matched filter coefficients
h
```

```
h = 4x1
    0.9449
   -1.7008
```

1.7008
-0.9449

The SNR at the input is given by:

$$\text{SNR}_i = \frac{\text{power of signal}}{\text{power of noise}} = \frac{s^2(n = n_0)}{r_v(0)}$$

```
SNR_i = s(1)^2/r_vv(1)
```

```
SNR_i = 1
```

The optimum SNR is given by:

$$\text{SNR}_o = a^2 \tilde{s}^T \tilde{s} = a^2 s^T R_v^{-1} s. \quad (14.98)$$

Assuming the attenuation factor $a = 1$:

```
a = 1;  
SNR = a^2 * s' * (R_vv\s)
```

```
SNR = 28.0000
```

The improvement in SNR is 28 times.

2) Can SNR be improved by using a longer signal?

2. The $s(n)$ signal consists of two blocks each containing 1 and -1. Can the signal to noise ratio be improved by using more than two blocks?

Yes, the SNR can be improved. With three blocks, the SNR is increased to 46:

```
s = [1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1]';  
p = numel(s);  
ell = 0:p-1;  
r_vv = 0.8.^ell;  
R_vv = toeplitz(r_vv);  
k = 1/sqrt(s'*(R_vv\s));  
h = k*(R_vv\s);
```

```
a = 1;  
SNR = a^2 * s' * (R_vv\s)
```

```
SNR = 46.0000
```


Exam 2018 Problem 3: Matched Filters

A deterministic signal is given by

n	$s(n)$
0	1
1	-1
2	1
3	-1

The signal is distorted by additive low frequency noise with autocorrelation $r_v(l) = 0.8^{|l|}$.

```
clear variables;
```

[✓] 1) Design a matched filter to improve the signal to noise ratio and comment on the improvement.

The impulse response of the matched filter is given by:

$$\mathbf{h} = \kappa \mathbf{R}_v^{-1} \mathbf{s}. \quad (14.97)$$

where \mathbf{R}_v is autocorrelation matrix of noise and κ is the normalisation factor.

Although the maximum SNR can be obtained by any choice of constant κ , we choose the constant by requiring that:

(a) $\mathbf{h}^T \mathbf{s} = 1$, which yields $\kappa = 1/\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{R}_v^{-1} \mathbf{s}$

(b) $E(v_0^2[n]) = \mathbf{h}^T \mathbf{R}_v \mathbf{h} = 1$, which yields $\kappa = 1/\sqrt{\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{R}_v^{-1} \mathbf{s}}$.

```
s = [1, -1, 1, -1]';  
  
p = numel(s); % Signal length  
  
% The autocorrelation matrix must be p x p since  
% its inverse is multiplied by a p-tap signal s(n)  
ell = 0:p-1;  
r_vv = 0.8.^ell;  
R_vv = toeplitz(r_vv);  
  
% Compute normalisation factor (b)  
k = 1/sqrt(s'*(R_vv\s)); % Same as 1/sqrt(s'*inv(R_vv)*s)  
  
% Compute the filter  
h = k*(R_vv\s); % Same as k*inv(R_vv)*s  
  
% Print the matched filter coefficients  
h
```

```
h = 4x1  
    0.9449
```

-1.7008
1.7008
-0.9449

The optimum SNR is given by:

$$\text{SNR}_o = a^2 \tilde{s}^T \tilde{s} = a^2 s^T R_v^{-1} s. \quad (14.98)$$

Assuming the attenuation factor $a = 1$:

```
a = 1;
SNR = a^2 * s' * (R_vv\s)
```

SNR = 28.0000

[✓] 2) Can the signal to noise ratio be improved by using more than two blocks?

2. The $s(n)$ signal consists of two blocks each containing 1 and -1. Can the signal to noise ratio be improved by using more than two blocks?

Yes, the SNR can be improved. With three blocks, the SNR is increased to 46:

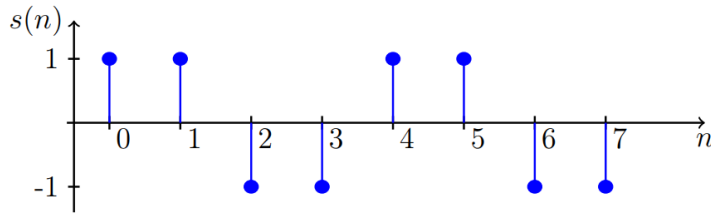
```
s = [1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1]';
p = numel(s);
ell = 0:p-1;
r_vv = 0.8.^ell;
R_vv = toeplitz(r_vv);
k = 1/sqrt(s'*(R_vv\s));
h = k*(R_vv\s);
```

```
a = 1;
SNR = a^2 * s' * (R_vv\s)
```

SNR = 46.0000

Exam 2017 Problem 3: Detect presence of signal using matched filter

Consider the deterministic signal, $s(n)$ shown below in blue. The signal is zero for all other values of n .



The signal is distorted by additive low frequency noise with autocorrelation $r_v(\ell) = 0.4^{|\ell|}$.

1) Design a matched filter for detecting the presence of the signal and determine the improvement in signal to noise ratio.

The impulse response of the matched filter is given by:

$$\mathbf{h} = \kappa \mathbf{R}_v^{-1} \mathbf{s}. \quad (14.97)$$

where \mathbf{R}_v is autocorrelation matrix of noise and κ is the normalisation factor.

Although the maximum SNR can be obtained by any choice of constant κ , we choose the constant by requiring that:

- (a) $\mathbf{h}^T \mathbf{s} = 1$, which yields $\kappa = 1/\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{R}_v^{-1} \mathbf{s}$
- (b) $E(v_0^2[n]) = \mathbf{h}^T \mathbf{R}_v \mathbf{h} = 1$, which yields $\kappa = 1/\sqrt{\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{R}_v^{-1} \mathbf{s}}$.

```
s = [1, 1, -1, -1, 1, 1, -1, -1]';
p = numel(s); % Signal length

% The autocorrelation matrix must be p x p since
% its inverse is multiplied by a p-tap signal s(n)
ell = 0:p-1;
r_vv = 0.4.^ell;
R_vv = toeplitz(r_vv);

% Compute normalisation factor (b)
k = 1/(s'*(R_vv\s)); % Using (a)
k = 1/sqrt(s'*(R_vv\s)); % Using (b)

% Compute the filter
h = k*(R_vv\s); % Same as k*inv(R_vv)*s

% Print the matched filter coefficients
h
```

The optimum SNR at the output is given by:

$$\text{SNR}_o = a^2 \tilde{\mathbf{s}}^T \tilde{\mathbf{s}} = a^2 \mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{R}_v^{-1} \mathbf{s}. \quad (14.98)$$

Assuming the attenuation factor $a = 1$:

```
a = 1;
SNR_o = a^2 * s' * (R_vv\s)
```

The SNR at the input is given by:

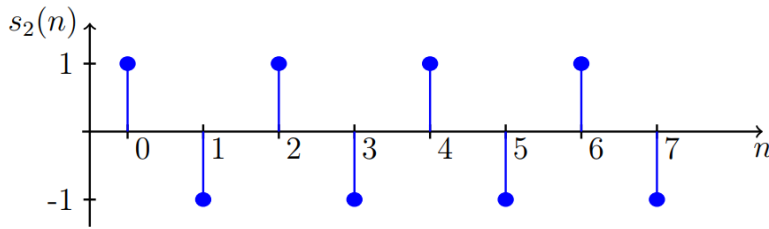
$$\text{SNR}_i = \frac{(\text{Value of signal at } n = n_0)^2}{\text{power of noise}} = \frac{s^2(n = n_0)}{r_v(0)}$$

```
SNR_i = s(1)^2/r_vv(1)
```

The improvement in SNR is 9.7 (almost 10 times)

2) Discuss the improvement of SNR if another signal is used

A second signal $s_2(n)$ is given by



2. Discuss whether the signal to noise ratio will be improved if the signal $s_2(n)$ is used instead of $s(n)$.

If we use $s_2(n)$ instead of $s(n)$, the output SNR becomes 17.3:

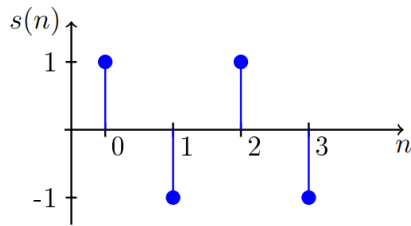
```
s = [1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1]';
p = numel(s); % Signal length
ell = 0:p-1;
r_vv = 0.4.^ell;
R_vv = toeplitz(r_vv);
a = 1;
SNR_o = a^2 * s' * (R_vv\s)
```

The $s_2(n)$ is similar to $s(n)$ but it oscillates faster i.e., has higher frequency than the $s(n)$ signal. Since the noise is at low frequency, it is easier to separate the $s_2(n)$ signal from the noise. This means that a higher SNR can be expected from a signal with a higher frequency.

That is why the output SNR for $s_2(n)$ is better than that for $s(n)$.

Exam 2016 Problem 2: Detect the presence of signal via Matched Filter

Consider the deterministic signal, $s(n)$ shown below in blue. The signal is zero for all other values of n .



Assume that the signal is distorted by additive low frequency noise with autocorrelation $r_v(l) = 0.3^{|l|}$.

```
clear variables;
```

1) Design a matched filter for detecting the presence of the signal and calculate the optimum signal to noise ratio.

The impulse response of the matched filter is given by:

$$\mathbf{h} = \kappa \mathbf{R}_v^{-1} \mathbf{s}. \quad (14.97)$$

where \mathbf{R}_v is autocorrelation matrix of noise and κ is the normalisation factor.

Although the maximum SNR can be obtained by any choice of constant κ , we choose the constant by requiring that:

(a) $\mathbf{h}^T \mathbf{s} = 1$, which yields $\kappa = 1/\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{R}_v^{-1} \mathbf{s}$

(b) $E(v_0^2[n]) = \mathbf{h}^T \mathbf{R}_v \mathbf{h} = 1$, which yields $\kappa = 1/\sqrt{\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{R}_v^{-1} \mathbf{s}}$.

```
s = [1, -1, 1, -1]';
p = numel(s); % Signal length

% The autocorrelation matrix must be p x p since
% its inverse is multiplied by a p-tap signal s(n)
ell = 0:p-1;
r_vv = 0.3.^ell;
R_vv = toeplitz(r_vv);

% Compute normalisation factor (b)
k = 1/(s'*(R_vv\s)); % Using (a)
% k = 1/sqrt(s'*(R_vv\s)); % Using (b)

% Compute the filter
h = k*(R_vv\s); % Same as k*inv(R_vv)*s

% Print the matched filter coefficients
```

h

```

h = 4x1
    0.2174
   -0.2826
    0.2826
   -0.2174

```

The optimum SNR at the output is given by:

$$\text{SNR}_o = a^2 \tilde{s}^T \tilde{s} = a^2 s^T R_v^{-1} s. \quad (14.98)$$

Assuming the attenuation factor $a = 1$:

```

a = 1;
SNR_o = a^2 * s' * (R_vv\s)

```

```

SNR_o = 6.5714

```

The SNR at the input is given by:

$$\text{SNR}_i = \frac{(\text{Value of signal at } n = n_0)^2}{\text{power of noise}} = \frac{s^2(n = n_0)}{r_v(0)}$$

```

SNR_i = s(1)^2/r_vv(1)

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```

SNR_i = 1

```

The improvement in SNR is slightly over 6.5.

2) Will SNR improve if the longer signal is used?

- Discuss whether the signal to noise ratio will be improved if the longer signal $s_2(n) = \{1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1\}$ is used instead of $s(n)$.

We can perform the calculations agains:

```

s = [1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1]';

p = numel(s); % Signal length
ell = 0:p-1;
r_vv = 0.3.^ell;

R_vv = toeplitz(r_vv);
a = 1;
SNR_o = a^2 * s' * (R_vv\s)

```

```

SNR_o = 10.2857

```

We see that the SNR is increased to 10.3.

So when the signal length is increased, a longer filter can be used. A longer filter implies more signal energy in the filter. Furthermore, the filter can be better tailored to the noise spectrum. Therefore, the signal energy is increased and the noise power is decreased which results in a better SNR.

3) Discuss whether the SNR will increase given a different ACRS?

First, we observe that the signal $s(n)$ is a high-frequency signal because of the alternating sign of the signal.

The noise process $r_v(\ell) = 0.3^{|\ell|}$ is low-frequency noise. Since the signal is high frequency and the noise is low-frequency, it is easier to separate the signal and the noise.

The other noise process $r_v(\ell) = (-0.3)^{|\ell|}$ is a high-frequency noise. Separating noise from the signal is more difficult due to the overlapping spectra.

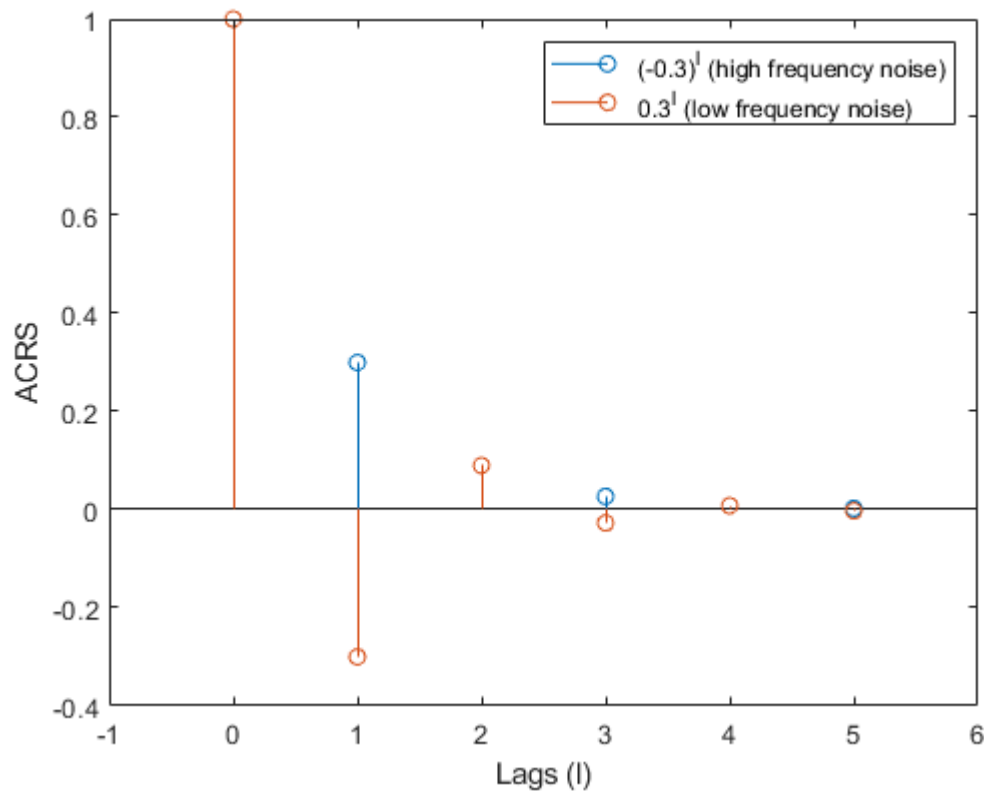
We confirm this by calculating the SNR:

```
s = [1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1]';
s = flip(s);
p = numel(s); % Signal length
ell = 0:p-1;
r_vv2 = (-0.3).^ell;
R_vv2 = toeplitz(r_vv2);
a = 1;
SNR_o = a^2 * s' * (R_vv2\s)
```

```
SNR_o = 3.6923
```

Characteristics of high-frequency noise ACRS vs low-frequency noise.

```
stem(ell, r_vv)
hold on;
stem(ell, r_vv2)
hold off;
legend('(-0.3)^1 (high frequency noise)', '0.3^1 (low frequency noise)')
xlim([min(ell)-1, max(ell)+1])
hold off;
xlabel('Lags (1)')
ylabel('ACRS')
```



Exam 2013, Problem 3, matched filter given ACRS for noise, SNR optimum vs non-optimum filter

Let a deterministic signal $s(n)$ be given by

$$s(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n = 0 \\ 2 & n = 1 \\ 3 & n = 2 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Assume that the signal is corrupted by additive noise and that the autocorrelation function of the noise is $r_v(l) = 0.6^{|l|}$.

```
clear variables;
```

1) Determine the matched filter for detecting the presence of absence of the signal

Determine the matched filter for detecting the presence or absence of the signal in the noise at time n_0 and comment on the shape of its magnitude response.

The impulse response of the matched filter can be computed using Eq. 14.97:

$$\mathbf{h} = \kappa \mathbf{R}_v^{-1} \mathbf{s}. \quad (14.97)$$

where κ is the normalisation factor. Although the maximum SNR can be obtained by any choice of constant κ , we choose the constant by requiring that:

- (a) $\mathbf{h}^T \mathbf{s} = 1$, which yields $\kappa = 1/\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{R}_v^{-1} \mathbf{s}$
 (b) $E(v_0^2[n]) = \mathbf{h}^T \mathbf{R}_v \mathbf{h} = 1$, which yields $\kappa = 1/\sqrt{\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{R}_v^{-1} \mathbf{s}}$.

```
s = flip([1, 2, 3])';
p = numel(s);
ell = 0:p-1;
r_vv = 0.6.^abs(ell);
R_vv = toeplitz(r_vv)
% Compute normalisation factor
k = 1/sqrt(s'*(R_vv\s)) % Same as 1/sqrt(s'*inv(R_vv)*s)
% Compute the filter
h = k*(R_vv\s)
```

1a) Comment on the shape of the magnitude response

```
% Plot the magnitude response
figure('position', [0, 0, 800, 350])
[H_h, w_h] = freqz(h, 1);
plot(w_h/pi, 20*log10(abs(H_h)))
legend('Matched Filter')
xlabel('\omega/\pi')
ylabel('Magnitude Response (dB)')
grid on;
```

The matched filter passes DC components almost undistorted, has a small gain at midrange frequencies and attenuates high frequency components.

The reason for this shape is a trade-off between

- (A) the noise is centered at low frequencies, and
- (B) the signal that is also somewhat low-pass in nature as evident from the identical signs of all samples of the signal.

Assume the noise process is an MA(q) process, the PSD can be computed using Eq. (13.119):

$$S_{xx}(\omega) = r_{xx}[0] + 2 \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} r_{xx}[\ell] \cos \omega \ell, \quad (13.119)$$

By plotting the PSD of the noise, we observe that the noise is centred at low frequencies.

```
w = 0:0.001:pi;
S = r_vv(1);
for l = 2:numel(r_vv)
    S = S + 2 * r_vv(l)*cos(w*(l-1));
end

figure('position', [0, 0, 800, 350])
plot(w/pi, pow2db(S))
xlabel('\omega/\pi')
ylabel('S_{vv}(\omega) in dB')
clear figure;
grid on;
```

2) Calculate the optimum signal to noise ratio

The optimum SNR can be compute using Eq. 14.98:

$$\text{SNR}_o = a^2 \tilde{s}^T \tilde{s} = a^2 s^T \mathbf{R}_v^{-1} s. \quad (14.98)$$

Since the attenuation factor a is not given in this problem, we assume $a = 1$:

```
SNR_opt = s'*(R_vv\s)
```

3) Compute the SNR of a non-optimal filter

Assume that a non-optimum filter $h^T = [1 \ 0 \ 1]$ is used rather than the optimum filter.

3. Determine the decrease in signal to noise ratio when this filter is used instead of the optimum filter.

We can compute the SNR using Eq. (19.94):

$$\text{SNR}_o = \frac{s_o^2[n_0]}{E(v_o^2[n_0])} = a^2 \frac{(h^T s)^2}{h^T \mathbf{R}_v h}. \quad (14.94)$$

```
h_nopt = [1, 0, 1]';
SNR_nopt = (h_nopt'*s)^2 / (h_nopt'*R_vv*h_nopt)
```

Functions

```
function [S, w] = ar2psd(a, v, N)
% AR2PSD Compute the Power Spectral Density from AR(p) coefficients
% [S, w] = ar2psd(a, v, N)
% a: AR(p) coefficients
% v: the variance
% N: number of points in the range [1, pi]
% S: the estimated power spectrum
% w: frequencies
    w = linspace(0, 1, N) * pi;

    % Compute the transfer function
    % Used Eq. (13.133) in the book
    H = ones(N, 1);
    for k=1:numel(a)
        H = H + a(k)*exp(-1j * w' * k);
    end
    H = 1./H;

    % Finally compute the PSD
    S = v * H.*conj(H);
end

function [h, SNR] = matched_filter(s, v, a)
% MATCHED_FILTER: Compute the impulse response of a matched filter and
%                  and the corresponding output SNR.
% [h, SNR] = matched_filter(s, v, a)
% s: the signal
% v: a realisation of the additive noise
% a: the attenuation factor (default=1)
% h: the impulse response of the matched filter
% SNR: the output SNR
    if nargin < 3
        a = 1;
    end

    p = numel(s); % Signal length

    % The autocorrelation matrix must be p x p since
    % its inverse is multiplied by a p-tap signal s(n)
    [r_vv, ~] = xcorr(v, p-1, 'biased');
    R_vv = toeplitz(r_vv(p:end));

    % The expression `R_vv^{-1} * s` is used multiple times,
    % so compute it once and reuse
```

```

R_vv_inv_s = R_vv\s;

% Compute normalisation factor
k = 1/sqrt(s'*R_vv_inv_s);

% Compute the filter
h = k*R_vv_inv_s;

% Compute the output SNR
SNR = a^2 * s' * R_vv_inv_s;
end

function [x, v, s] = gen_noisy_signal(s_original, N, noise_var, D)
% Embeds a signal into a realisation of a WGN process
% s_original: the original signal that needs to be embedded
% N:         the number of samples of the noisy signal
% noise_var: the variance of WGN (default=1)
% D:         the position of embedding
if nargin < 4
    D = 0;
end
if nargin < 3
    noise_var = 1;
end

n = (1:N)';
p = numel(s_original); % Signal length

% Generate the signal.
% Ensure that s[n] is zero when n is outside the interval [1, p]
s = zeros(N, 1);
s(n >= D+1 & n <= p+D) = s_original;

% Generate the zero-mean WGN
v = sqrt(noise_var) * randn(N, 1);

% Generate the measured signal x[n]
x = v + s;
end

```