



Processamento Estatístico de Sinais - TI 0124

Estimação e Detecção - TIP8417

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Lista de Exercícios No. 3: Teoria da Estimação

1. Assume that $x(0), x(1), \dots, x(K-1)$ are independent and Gaussian random variables, each one with zero mean and variance σ_x^2 . Hence, the sum of their squared terms given as

$$y = \sum_{i=0}^{K-1} [x(i)]^2$$

has a Chi-squared distribution with mean $K\sigma_x^2$ and variance $2K\sigma_x^4$. Design an estimator for the parameters K and σ_x^2 using the **method of moments**, assuming that we have access to N measurements $y(0), y(1), \dots, y(N-1)$ of the sum of squared terms.

2. Consider the problem of linear fitting using the **method of least squares**. Assume that are known N measurements $x(0), x(1), \dots, x(N-1)$ of the scalar quantity X observed, respectively, in time instantes (or values of the argument) $t(0), t(1), \dots, t(N-1)$. The task is the to adjust the line

$$x = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 t$$

to those measurements.

- (a) Design the **normal equations** to this problem using the **linear least squares method**.
- (b) Assume that the sampling interval Δt is constant and it was chosen such that the time instants of the measurements are integers $0, 1, \dots, N-1$. Solve the equations in this important special case.
3. Consider the sum $z = x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_K$, where the scalar x_i are statistically independent and Gaussian, each one with the same zero mean and variance σ_x^2 .
- (a) Design the **maximum likelihood estimator** for the number K of terms in the sum.
- (b) Is the estimator unbiased?
4. Consider N measurements of independent observations $x(0), x(1), \dots, x(N-1)$ of a scalar r.v. X that has a Gaussian distribution of mean μ_x and variance σ_x^2 . This time, the mean μ_x is also a r.v. with Gaussian distribution with zero mean and variance σ_μ^2 . We assume that both variances σ_x^2 and σ_μ^2 are known and we wish to estimate μ using the **maximum a posteriori** (MAP) method; Show that the estimator is given by:

$$\hat{\mu}_{\text{MAP}} = \frac{\sigma_\mu^2}{\sigma_x^2 + N\sigma_\mu^2} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} x(i)$$

5. Consider the data

$$x(n) = r^n + v(n), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1$$

where $v(n)$ is a r.v. with normal distribution with zero mean and variance σ^2 . We wish to estimate the parameter r , the exponential factor, which can assume values in the range $r > 0$. Find an estimator by means of the **maximum likelihood approach**.



6. The data $x(n) = Ar^n + w(n)$ for $n = 0, \dots, N - 1$ are observed. The random variables $w(0), w(1), \dots, w(N - 1)$ are i.i.d. Gaussian random variables with zero mean and variance σ^2 . Find the Cramér-Rao bound for A . Does an efficient estimator exist? If so, what is it and what is its variance? For what values of r is it consistent?

7. Suppose, for $i = 1, 2$

$$y_i = x + w_i$$

where x is an unknown constant, and where w_1 and w_2 are statistically independent, zero-mean Gaussian random variables with

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(w_1) &= 1 \\ \text{var}(w_2) &= \begin{cases} 1, & x \geq 0 \\ 2, & x < 0. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Calculate the Cramér-Rao bound for unbiased estimators of x based on observation of

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

8. Suppose x is an unknown parameter and we have N observations of the form

$$y_k = \begin{cases} x + w_k, & x \geq 0 \\ 2x + w_k, & x < 0 \end{cases} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

where the w_k are independent and identically distributed Gaussian random variables with zero mean and variance σ^2 .

- (a) Determine the Cramér-Rao bound on the error variance of unbiased estimates of x .
- (b) Does an efficient estimator for x exist? If so, determine $\hat{x}_{\text{eff}}(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N)$. If not, explain.
- (c) Determine $\hat{x}_{\text{ML}}(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N)$, the maximum likelihood estimate for x based on y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N .
- (d) Is the ML estimator consistent? Explain.