## Spectral Methods in Gaussian Modelling

## Topic 4: Spectrum Estimation

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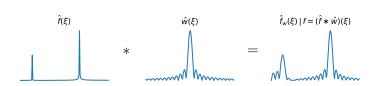
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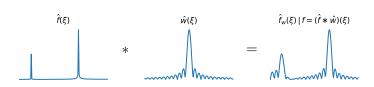


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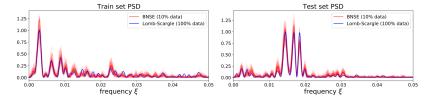
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(Figure taken from Tobar (2018).)

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Appendix

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