Professional Development Short Course On:

Practical Statistical Signal Processing — using MATLAB

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MATLAB Basics

Version: 5.2 for Windows

Useful toolboxes: signal processing, statistics, symbolic

m files: script files

Fortran vs. MATLAB example:

Signal generation

Math: \[ s[n] = \cos(2\pi f_0 n) \quad n = 0, 1, \ldots, N - 1 \]

Fortran: 
\[
\begin{align*}
\text{pi}=3.14159 \\
f0=0.25 \\
N=25 \\
do \ 10 \ I=1,N \\
10 \ s(I)=\cos(2*\text{pi}*f0*(I-1))
\end{align*}
\]

MATLAB: 
\[
\begin{align*}
f0=0.25;N=25; \\
s=\cos(2*\text{pi}*f0*[0:N-1]')
\end{align*}
\]
Notes: pi already defined, [0:N-1]' is a column vector, cosine of vector of samples produces a vector output, MATLAB treats vectors and matrices as elements
Noise Generation

Simplest model for observation noise is white Gaussian noise (WGN)

**Definition:** zero mean, all samples are uncorrelated, power spectral density (PSD) is flat, and first order probability density function (PDF) is Gaussian

**PDF:** \[ p(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}x^2\right) \]

where \( \sigma^2 = \text{variance} \)

**MATLAB Example:** \( \sigma^2 = 1 \)
Note: randn('state',0) sets random number generator to default seed and thus generates the same set of random numbers each time the program is run.

MATLAB code:
```
% wgn.m
%
% This program generates and plots the time series, histogram, and
```
% estimated PDF for real white Gaussian noise.
randn('state',0)
x=randn(100,1);
subplot(2,1,1)
plot(x)
xlabel('n')
ylabel('x[n]')
grid
subplot(2,1,2)
hist(x)
xlabel('x')
ylabel('number of outcomes out of 100')
title('wgn.m')
figure
pdf(x,100,10,-3,3,1)
xlabel('x')
ylabel('PDF, p(x)')
title('wgn.m')

% pdf.m
% function
pdf(x,N,nbins,xmin,xmax,ymax)
%
% This function subprogram computes and plots the PDF of a set of data.

% Input parameters:

% x   - Nx1 data array
% N   - number of data points
% nbins - number of bins (<N/10)
% xmin,xmax,ymax - axis scaling

[y,xx]=hist(x(1:N),nbins);
delx=xx(2)-xx(1);
bar(xx,y/(N*delx))
grid
axis([xmin xmax 0 ymax]);
Complex White Gaussian Noise

Definition: \( x[n] = w_1[n] + jw_2[n] \)

where \( w_1[n] \) and \( w_2[n] \) are independent of each other and each one is real WGN with variance of \( \sigma^2 / 2 \)

Mean: \( E(x[n]) = 0 \)

Variance: \( \text{var}(x[n]) = \text{var}(w_1[n]) + \text{var}(w_2[n]) = \sigma^2 \)

MATLAB code:

```matlab
% cwgn.m

% This program generates complex white Gaussian noise and then estimates its mean and variance.

N=100;
varw=1;
x=sqrt(varw/2)*randn(N,1)+j*sqrt(varw/2)*randn(N,1);
muest=mean(x);
varest=cov(x)
```
NonGaussian Noise

**Generation**: transform WGN using a nonlinear memoryless transformation

**Example**: Laplacian noise

\[ p(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\sigma^2}} \exp \left( -\frac{2}{\sigma^2} |x| \right) \]

Use the transformation

\[ x = F^{-1}(w) \]

where \( w \) is uniform random variable on the interval [0,1] and \( F \) is the cumulative distribution function of the Laplacian PDF.
Example: $\sigma^2 = 1$
MATLAB Code:

% laplaciannoise.m
%
% This program uses a memoryless transformation of a uniform random variable to generate a set of independent Laplacian noise samples.
%
rand('state',0)
varx=1;N=1000;
u=rand(N,1);
for i=1:N
    if u(i)>0.5
        x(i,1)=sqrt(varx)*(1/sqrt(2))*log(1/(2*(1-u(i))));
    else
        x(i,1)=sqrt(varx)*(1/sqrt(2))*log(2*u(i));
    end
end
subplot(2,1,1)
plot(x)
xlabel('n')
ylabel('x[n]')
axis([0 1000 -5 5]);
subplot(2,1,2)
pdf(x,N,50,-5,5,1)
title('laplaciannoise.m')
Solving Parameter Estimation Problems

Approach:

1. Translate problem into manageable estimation problem

2. Evaluate best possible performance (bounds)

3. Choose optimal or suboptimal procedure

4. Evaluate actual performance
   a. Analytically – exact or approximate
   b. By computer simulation
Radar Doppler Estimation
(Step 1)

Problem: Given radar returns from automobile, determine speed to within 0.5 mph

Physical basis: Doppler effect
Received frequency is

\[ F = F_0 + \frac{2v}{c} \frac{F_0}{F_D} \]

where \( v \) = velocity, \( c \) = speed of light, \( F_0 \) = sinusoidal transmit frequency

To measure the velocity use

\[ v = \frac{c}{2} \frac{F - F_0}{F_0} \]

and estimate the frequency to yield

\[ \hat{v} = \frac{c}{2} \frac{\hat{F} - F_0}{F_0} \]
Modeling and Best Possible Performance
(Step 2)

**Preprocessing:** first demodulate to baseband to produce the sampled complex envelope or

\[
\tilde{s}[n] = (A / 2) \exp(j2\pi F_D n \Delta + \varphi) \\
\left( F_D = \frac{2v}{c} F_0 \right)
\]

Must sample at \( F_s = 1/\Delta > 2F_D = 2\left(\frac{2v_{\text{max}}}{c} F_0\right) \)

**Example:** \( v_{\text{max}} = 300 \text{ mph}, F_0 = 10.5 \text{ Ghz} \) (X-band), \( c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} \)

\[
F_{D-\text{max}} = \frac{2v_{\text{max}}}{c} F_0 \approx 9388 \text{ Hz}
\]

\( \Rightarrow F_s > 18,776 \) complex samples/sec

How many samples do we need?

**Spec:** error must be less than 0.5 mph for
\[
\text{SNR} = 10 \log_{10} \left( \frac{(A / 2)^2}{\sigma^2} \right) > -10 \text{ dB}
\]

Cramer-Rao Lower Bound for Frequency

- tells us the minimum possible variance for estimator – very useful for feasibility studies

\[
\text{var}(\hat{f}_D) \geq \frac{6}{(2\pi)^2 \eta N (N^2 - 1)}
\]

(see [Kay 1988])

where \( f_D = F_D / F_s \), \( N = \) number of complex samples, \( \eta = \) linear SNR

Since \( F_D = (2v / c)F_0 \Rightarrow v = \frac{cF_s}{2F_0} f_D \)

and we can show that

\[
\text{var}(\hat{v}) = \left( \frac{cF_s}{2F_0} \right)^2 \text{var}(\hat{f}_D)
\]

For an error of 0.5 mph (0.22 m/s) set
\[ 3\sqrt{\text{var}(\hat{v})} = 0.22 \Rightarrow \text{var}(\hat{f}_D) = 7.47 \times 10^{-8} \]

and finally we have from (*) that

\[
N > \left[ \frac{6}{(2\pi)^2\eta \text{var}(\hat{f}_D)} \right]^{1/3} \approx 272 \text{ samples}
\]
Descriptions of MATLAB Programs

1. **analogsim** – simulates the action of an RC filter on a pulse

2. **arcov** - estimates the AR power spectral density using the covariance method for AR parameter estimation for real data.

3. **arexamples** - gives examples of the time series and corresponding power spectral density for various AR models. It requires the function subprograms: gendata.m and armapsd.m.

4. **armapsd** - computes a set of PSD values, given the parameters of a complex or real AR or MA or ARMA model.

5. **arpsd** - plots the AR power spectral density for some simple cases. The external subprogram armapsd.m is required.

6. **arpsdexample** - estimates the power spectral density of two real sinusoids in white Gaussian noise using the periodogram and AR spectral estimators. It requires the functions subprograms: per.m and arcov.m.
7. **arrivaltimeest** - simulates the performance of an arrival time estimator for a DC pulse. The estimator is a running correlator which is the MLE for white Gaussian noise.

8. **avper** - illustrates the effect of block averaging on the periodogram for white Gaussian noise.

9. **classicalbayesian** - demonstrates the difference between the classical approach and the Bayesian approaches to parameter modeling.

10. **cwgn** - generates complex white Gaussian noise and then estimates its mean and variance.


12. **DCleveltime** - generates a data set of white Gaussian noise only and also a DC level A in white Gaussian noise

13. **discretesinc** – plots the graph in linear and dB quantities of a discrete sinc pulse in frequency
14. **estperform** - compares the frequency estimation performance for a single complex sinusoid in complex white Gaussian using the peak location of the periodogram and an AR(1) estimator.

15. **Fig35new** - computes Figure 3.5 (same as Figure 4.5) in "Fundamentals of Statistical Signal Processing: Detection Theory", S. Kay. The function subprograms Q.m and Qinv.m are required.

16. **Fig39new** - computes Figure 3.9 in "Fundamentals of Statistical Signal Processing: Detection Theory", S. Kay. The function subprograms Q.m and Qinv.m are required.

17. **Fig77new** - computes Figure 7.7 in "Fundamentals of Statistical Signal Processing: Detection Theory", S. Kay.

18. **gendata** - generates a complex or real AR, MA, or ARMA time series given the filter parameters and excitation noise noise variance.


21. **laplaciannoise** - uses a memoryless transformation of a uniform random variable to generate a set of independent Laplacian noise samples.

22. **linearmodel** - computes the optimal estimator of the parameters of a real or complex linear model. Alternatively, it is just the least squares estimator.

23. **linearmodelexample** - implements a line fit to a noise corrupted line. The linear model or least squares estimator is used. The function subprogram linearmodel.m is required.

24. **MAexample** – plots out the PDF of an MA process

25. **mlevar** - computes the mean, variance, PDF of the MLE for the power of a WGN process and compares it to the CRLB.

26. **montecarloroc** - uses a Monte Carlo approach to determine the detection performance of a Neyman-Pearson detector for a DC level in WGN. The true
performance is shown in "Fundamentals of Statistical Signal Processing: Detection Theory", S. Kay, in Figure 3.9 for \(d^2=1\). The function subprogram roccurve.m is required.

27. **peca**: estimates the frequencies of real sinusoids by using the principal component AR approach. Further details can be found in "Modern Spectral Estimation: Theory and Application", by S. Kay.

28. **pdf**: computes and plots the PDF of a set of data.

29. **per**: computes the periodogram spectral estimator. Further details can be found in "Modern Spectral Estimation: Theory and Application", by S. Kay.

30. **perdetectexample**: illustrates the detection performance of a periodogram, which is an incoherent matched filter.

31. **perexamples**: illustrates the capability of the periodogram for resolving spectral lines.

32. **plot1**: plots a sinusoid

33. **psk**: implements a matched filter receiver for the detection of a PSK signal. The data are assumed real.
34. **pskexample** - illustrates the optimal detection/decoding of a PSK encoded digital sequence. The bits are decoded and the probability of error is computed and compared to the number of actual errors. The external function subprogram psk.m is required.

35. **Q** - computes the right-tail probability (complementary cumulative distribution function) for a N(0,1) random variable.

36. **Qinv** - computes the inverse Q function or the value which is exceeded by a N(0,1) random variable with a probability of x.

37. **repcorr** - implements a replica correlator for either real or complex data.

38. **repcorrexample** - illustrates the replica-correlator. It requires the subprogram repcorr.m.

39. **roccurve** - determines the ROCs for a given set of detector outputs under H0 and H1.

40. **sampling** – plots out an analog sinusoid and the samples taken

41. **seqls** - implements a sequential least squares estimator for a DC level
in WGN of constant variance.

42. **shift** - shifts the given sequence by a specified number of samples. Zeros are shifted in either from the left or right.

43. **signdetexample** - implements a sign detector for a DC level in Gaussian-mixture noise. A comparison is made to a replica correlator, which is just the sample mean.

44. **sinusoid** - generates a sinusoid

45. **stepdown** - implements the step-down procedure to find the coefficients and prediction error powers for all the lower order predictors given the filter parameters and white noise variance of a pth order AR model. See (6.51) and (6.52). This program has been translated from Fortran into Matlab. See "Modern Spectral Estimation" by S. Kay for further details.

46. **timedelaybfr** - implements a time delay beamformer for a line array of 3 sensors. The emitted signal is sinusoidal and is assumed to be at broadside or at 90 degrees (perpendicular to line array).
47. **wgn** - generates and plots the time series, histogram, and estimated PDF for real white Gaussian noise.

48. **wiener** - implements a Wiener smoother for extracting an AR(1) signal in white Gaussian noise and also for predicting an AR(1) signal for no observation noise present.
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