

## EECS 451 PRONY'S METHOD: COMPUTING LINE SPECTRA

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**Given:**  $x(n) = A_1 \cos(\omega_1 n + \theta_1) + \dots + A_p \cos(\omega_p n + \theta_p)$  for  $n = 1 \dots 3p$

**Want:** To compute parameters  $\omega_i, A_i, \theta_i, i = 1 \dots p$  from  $\{x(1) \dots x(3p)\}$ .

**Point:** Now are given that  $x(n)$  is sum of  $p$  sinusoids, unlike nonparametric.

So problem is only to compute unknown parameters  $\omega_i, A_i, \theta_i$ .

**DOF:**  $3p$  nonlinear equations in  $3p$  unknowns. Solvable, but looks ugly.

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**Idea:** Rewrite  $x(n) = \sum_{i=1}^p [B_i e^{j\omega_i n} + B_i^* e^{-j\omega_i n}]$  where  $B_i = (A_i/2)e^{j\theta_i}$ .

This satisfies difference equation of AR order  $2p$  with AR coefficients  $A(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + \dots + a_{2p} z^{2p} = \prod_{i=1}^p (z - e^{j\omega_i})(z - e^{-j\omega_i})$ .

**Props:**  $z_i^* = \frac{1}{z_i} \rightarrow A(z) = z^{2p} A(1/z) \rightarrow a_i = a_{2p-i}$ . Also note  $a_0 = a_{2p} = 1$ .

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**AR:**  $\sum_{i=0}^{2p} a_i x(n-i) = 0$  for  $2p+1 \leq n \leq 4p$  ( $2p$  initial conditions).

**Toeplitz system:** Write as the Toeplitz system of equations (constant along diagonals)

$$\begin{bmatrix} x(2p) & x(2p-1) & \dots & x(1) \\ x(2p+1) & x(2p) & \dots & x(2) \\ \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ x(4p-1) & x(4p-2) & \dots & x(2p) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_{2p} \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} x(2p+1) \\ x(2p+2) \\ \vdots \\ x(4p) \end{bmatrix}.$$


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**But:**  $a_i = a_{2p-i}, a_0 = a_{2p} = 1 \rightarrow$  only need  $p$  equations  $\rightarrow$  need  $\{x(1) \dots x(3p)\}$ .

**Matrix:** Toeplitz+Hankel (constant along diagonals+antidiagonals).

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**Ex:**  $x(n) = \cos(\frac{\pi}{2}n) + 2 \cos(\frac{\pi}{4}n), n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$  (can use these as well).

**Matrix:**  $\begin{bmatrix} x(3) & x(2) & x(1) & x(0) \\ x(4) & x(3) & x(2) & x(1) \\ x(5) & x(4) & x(3) & x(2) \\ x(6) & x(5) & x(4) & x(3) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} x(4) \\ x(5) \\ x(6) \\ x(7) \end{bmatrix}$  which becomes using  $a_i = a_{2p-i}$

**Here:**  $\begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2} & -1 \\ -1 - 1 & -\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 3 \\ \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2} \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Poly:**  $[a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4] = [1, -\sqrt{2}, 2, -\sqrt{2}, 1]$  using  $a_3 = a_1$  and  $a_4 = a_0 = 1$ .

**Modes:** Roots of polynomial:  $z = e^{\pm j\pi/2}, e^{\pm j\pi/4} \rightarrow \omega_1 = \pi/2, \omega_2 = \pi/4$ .

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**Get  $A_i$ :**  $x(n) = C_1 \cos(\frac{\pi}{2}n) + S_1 \sin(\frac{\pi}{2}n) + C_2 \cos(\frac{\pi}{4}n) + S_2 \sin(\frac{\pi}{4}n)$ .

**Solve:**  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ S_1 \\ C_2 \\ S_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x(0) \\ x(1) \\ x(2) \\ x(3) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ \sqrt{2} \\ -1 \\ -\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}; \begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ S_1 \\ C_2 \\ S_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Note:** Nonlinear problem  $\rightarrow$  nonlinear problem (roots) we know how to solve.

**Given:**  $y(n) = A \cos(\omega_o n) + w(n)$ ;  $A$  and  $\omega_o$  are both unknown.

**Noise:**  $w(n)$  is 0-mean *white noise* (if you've taken EECS 401);  
 $\frac{1}{N} \sum_i w(i)w(i-n) \approx \sigma^2 \delta(n)$  (if you haven't taken 401).

**Goal:** To determine the unknown  $A$  and  $\omega_o$  from the  $\{y(n)\}$ .

**Using:** ARMA difference eqns, ZIR, modes, 1-sided z-transform,  
poles and zeros, autocorrelation, cross-correlation.

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**Idea:**  $x(n) = \cos(\omega_o n)u(n)$  is ZIR of AR(2) difference eqn.:

**AR(2):**  $x(n+2) = 2 \cos(\omega_o)x(n+1) - x(n)$  with  $x(1) = \cos(\omega_o)$ ,  $x(0) = 1$ :

**1-sided:**  $[z^2 X(z) - x(0)z^2 - x(1)z] = 2 \cos(\omega_o)[zX(z) - x(0)] - X(z) \rightarrow$

**ZIR:**  $X(z) = \frac{1-\cos(\omega_o)z^{-1}}{1-2\cos(\omega_o)z^{-1}+z^{-2}} \rightarrow x(n) = \cos(\omega_o n)u(n)$  (text p.174, 200).

**Modes:** Modes (and poles) at  $z = e^{\pm j\omega_o}$  on the unit circle (see also p.353).

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**ARMA:** Substitute  $Ax(n) = y(n) - w(n)$  in AR(2) difference eqn.:

$$[y(n+2) - w(n+2)] = 2 \cos(\omega_o)[y(n+1) - w(n+1)] - [y(n) - w(n)] \rightarrow$$

$$y(n+2) - 2 \cos(\omega_o)y(n+1) + y(n) = w(n+2) - 2 \cos(\omega_o)w(n+1) + w(n).$$

ARMA(2,2) difference equation in observations  $y(n)$  and noise  $w(n)$ .

*Cross-correlate ARMA(2,2) with  $y(n)$  (convolve with  $y(-n)$ ):*

$$r_{yy}(n+2) - 2 \cos(\omega_o)r_{yy}(n+1) + r_{yy}(n) \approx r_{wy}(n+2) - 2 \cos(\omega_o)r_{wy}(n+1) + r_{wy}(n).$$

**Assume:**  $r_{wy}(n) = r_{wx}(n) + r_{ww}(n) \approx \sigma^2 \delta(n)$  ( $x$  and  $w$  uncorrelated).

Need EECS 401 to justify this, but does happen if  $N$  large enough.

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**Matrix:** Arrange above for  $n = 0, -1, -2$  as Toeplitz matrix equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} r_{yy}(0) & r_{yy}(1) & r_{yy}(2) \\ r_{yy}(1) & r_{yy}(0) & r_{yy}(1) \\ r_{yy}(2) & r_{yy}(1) & r_{yy}(0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \cos(\omega_o) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \sigma^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \cos(\omega_o) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\sigma^2$  is (unknown) *eigenvalue* of Toeplitz matrix with  
associated (unknown) *eigenvector*  $[1, -2 \cos(\omega_o), 1]^T$ .

Can show  $\sigma^2$  is *minimum eigenvalue* of Toeplitz matrix.

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**Example:** We compute  $r_{yy}(0) = 3, r_{yy}(1) = 1, r_{yy}(2) = 0$  from the data  $\{y(n)\}$ :

**p.949**  $r_{yy}(0) \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum y(i)^2; \quad r_{yy}(1) \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum y(i)y(i-1); \quad N = \#\text{data points}.$

**Matrix:**  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  has eigenvalues  $3 \pm \sqrt{2}$  and 3 (Matlab: **eig**).

Minimum eigenvalue  $3 - \sqrt{2}$  has eigenvector  $[1, -\sqrt{2}, 1]^T$ .

$$-2 \cos(\omega_o) = -\sqrt{2} \rightarrow \omega = \pm \pi/4 \rightarrow \text{poles at } e^{\pm j\pi/4}.$$

**Soln:** Frequency  $\omega_o = \pi/4$ ;  $\sigma^2 = 3 - \sqrt{2}$ .