
TOPICS FOR TODAY'S LECTURE

1. Auto-correlation of a signal
Use: Estimation of unknown period of periodic signal
 2. Cross-correlation of 2 signals
Use: Estimation of unknown time-delay of delayed signal
 3. Signal similarity of 2 signals
Use: Which one of several possible signals is present?
- Assume:** $x[n]$ is real-valued throughout.
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AUTO-CORRELATION [1/3]

DEF: Auto-correlation $r_x[n]$ of $x[n]$:

$$r_x[n] = x[n] * x[-n] = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} x[i]x[i+n] = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} x[i]x[i-n].$$

Note: n is called the *lag*; NOT *time* (but same units).

DTFT: $R_x(e^{j\omega}) = X(e^{-j\omega})X(e^{j\omega}) = X(e^{-j\omega})X(e^{j\omega})^* = |X(e^{j\omega})|^2$.

Given: $x[n]$ stored in row vector **X**. Compute using Matlab:

Then: $L = \text{length}(X)$; $N = \text{nextpow2}(2 * L - 1)$;

and: $R = \text{real}(\text{ifft}(\text{abs}(\text{fft}(X, N)) \wedge 2))$;

AUTO-CORRELATION [2/3]

PROPERTIES OF $r_x[n] = x[n] * x[-n]$:

1. $r_x[n] = r_x[-n]$ ($r_x[n]$ is an even function).
 2. $r_x[0] \geq r_x[n]$ for any *lag* n ; usually $r_x[0] \gg r_x[n]$.
 3. If $x[n]$ has length= N , then $r_x[n]$ has length= $2N-1$.
 4. $r_x[n] \neq 0$ for $-(N-1) \leq n \leq (N-1)$.
 5. Delay or advance $x[n] \rightarrow$ no change in $r_x[n]$.
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AUTO-CORRELATION [3/3]

EXAMPLE: COMPUTING $r_x[n]$:

Given: $x[n] = \{3, 1, 4\}$. Location of $n = 0$ irrelevant!

$$r_x[n] = \{3 \cdot 4, 3 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 4, 3^2 + 1^2 + 4^2, 3 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 4, 3 \cdot 4\}$$

$$r_x[n] = \{3, 1, 4\} * \{4, 1, 3\} = \{12, 7, 26, 7, 12\}.$$

Note: $r_x[0] = \sum x[n]^2 = \text{energy} = 3^2 + 1^2 + 4^2 = 26$.

Note: $r_x[n]$ is even function; $r_x[0] > r_x[n]$ for $n \neq 0$.

WHITE GAUSSIAN NOISE (WGN)

DEF: $w[n] = 0$ -mean white Gaussian noise with strength σ^2 :

Means: $w[i]$ and $w[j]$ are independent for $i \neq j$,

And: $\Pr[-\sigma \leq w[n] \leq \sigma] \approx \frac{2}{3}$ since Gaussian distribution.

Get: $r_w[n] \approx \sigma^2 \delta[n]$ and $r_{wx}[n] = w[n] * x[-n] \approx 0$.

Take: EECS 301 for more details on WGN.

ESTIMATION OF UNKNOWN PERIOD [1/6]

Let: $x[n]$ be periodic with *unknown* period N .

Given: $y[n] = x[n] + w[n]$ (noisy observations of $x[n]$)

where: $w[n] = 0$ -mean white Gaussian noise with strength σ^2 .

Goal: Estimate N from noisy observations $y[n]$.

Why? $x[n]$ is sound of a musical instrument.

Goal: What musical note is being played by it?

ESTIMATION OF UNKNOWN PERIOD [2/6]

$$y[n] * y[-n] = x[n] * x[-n] + w[n] * x[-n] + x[n] * w[-n] + w[n] * w[-n]$$

becomes: $r_y[n] = r_x[n] + r_w[n] = r_x[n] + \sigma^2 \delta[n]$
since: $w[n] * x[-n] = x[n] * w[-n] = 0$ by assumption (usually true).

Now: $r_x[N] = \sum_i x[i]x[i+N] = \sum x[i]^2 = r_x[0]$

since: $x[n]$ is periodic with period= N .

Also: $r_x[0] = r_x[N] = r_x[2N] = \dots > r_x[n]$ for other n .

ESTIMATION OF UNKNOWN PERIOD [3/6]

So: TO ESTIMATE N FROM $y[n]$:

1. Compute $r_y[n]$ from given $y[n]$ using FFT.
 - 2a. $r_y[0] = \sigma^2 + r_x[0]$ is larger than:
 - 2b. $r_y[N] = r_y[2N] = r_y[3N] = \dots = r_x[0]$
 - 2c. $r_y[n] \ll r_y[N] = r_y[2N] = r_y[3N] = \dots$ for other n .
 - 3a. Look for 1st peak in $r_y[n]$ with height $\approx r_y[0] - \sigma^2$.
 - 3b. Location of this 1st peak is period N of $x[n]$.
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ESTIMATION OF UNKNOWN PERIOD [4/6]

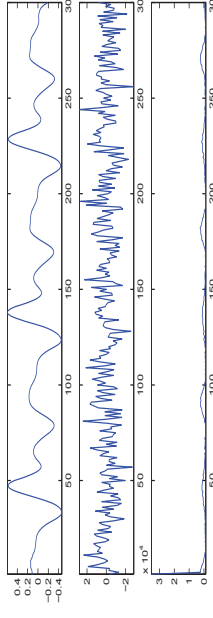
EX: Noise added to signal of trumpet playing unknown note.

Next: Plots: noiseless trumpet; noisy trumpet; autocorrelation.

Get: $r_y[n]$ has period=90 (not 45—look at it carefully).

So: Frequency= $44100 \frac{\text{SAMPLE}}{\text{SECOND}} / 90 = 490$ Hz=note “B.”

ESTIMATION OF UNKNOWN PERIOD [5/6]



ESTIMATION OF UNKNOWN PERIOD [6/6]

Given: Trumpet signal in X has length=32768

Add noise: load trumpet; Y=X+randn(1,32768);

$r_y[n]$: R=real(ifftr(abs(fft(Y,65536)).^2));

Noiseless: subplot(411), plot(X(1:300)), axis tight

Noisy: subplot(412), plot(Y(1:300)), axis tight

Autocorre: subplot(413), plot(R(1:300)), axis tight

CROSS-CORRELATION [1/2]

DEF: Cross-correlation $r_{xy}[n]$ of $x[n]$ and $y[n]$:

$$r_{xy}[n] = x[n] * y[-n] = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} x[i]y[i-n]. \text{ Also,}$$

$$r_{yx}[n] = y[n] * x[-n] = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} x[i]y[i+n] = r_{xy}[-n].$$

DTFT: $R_{xy}(e^{j\omega}) = X(e^{j\omega})Y(e^{-j\omega}) = X(e^{j\omega})Y(e^{j\omega})^*$.

Given: $x[n], y[n]$ stored in row vectors X, Y. Compute using Matlab:

Then: L=length([X Y]); N=nextpow2(L-1);

and: R=real(ifftr(fft(X,N).*conj(fft(Y,N))));

CROSS-CORRELATION [2/2]

EXAMPLE: COMPUTING $r_{xy}[n]$:

Given: $x[n]=\{3, 1, 4\}$ and $y[n]=\{2, 7, 1\}$.
 $r_{xy}[n]=\{3 \cdot 1, 3 \cdot 7+1 \cdot 1, 3 \cdot 2+1 \cdot 7+4 \cdot 1, 4 \cdot 7+1 \cdot 2, 4 \cdot 2\}$
 $r_{xy}[n]=\{3, 1, 4\} * \{1, 7, 2\}=\{3, 22, 17, 30, 8\}$.

Note: $r_{xy}[0]=\sum_i x[i]y[i]=X \cdot Y$ (dot product).

Note: Autocorrelation=cross-correlation with itself.

TIME DELAY ESTIMATION [1/3]

Given: Observe $y[n]=x[n-D]+w[n]$

where: $x[n]$ is delayed by an unknown delay= D .

and: $w[n]=0$ -mean white Gaussian noise with strength σ^2 .

Goal: Estimate D from noisy observations $y[n]$.

Why? $x[n]$ is a known radar or sonar pulse.

Goal: How far away is airplane or whale or sub?

Then: Distance= $Dc/2$ where c =wave speed.

TIME DELAY ESTIMATION [2/3]

$r_{yx}[n]=y[n] * x[-n]=x[n-D] * x[-n]+w[n] * x[-n]=r_x[n-D]$

since: $x[n] * x[-n]=r_x[n]$ and $w[n] * x[-n]=0$ by assumption

and: Delaying either of 2 signals delays their convolution.

Now: $r_x[n]$ is even, and usually $r_x[0] >> r_x[n]$ for $n \neq 0$.

So: $r_{yx}[n]$ has a peak at $n=D$ =unknown delay.

1. Compute $r_{yx}[n]=y[n] * x[-n]=\sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} x[i]y[i+n]$
 2. Look for peak. Location=unknown delay D .
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SIGNAL SELECTION

Given: $y[n]=\begin{cases} x_1[n - D_1] + \text{noise} & \text{OR} \\ x_2[n - D_2] + \text{noise} & \text{OR} \dots \end{cases}$

Goal: Determine which one of the $x_i[n]$ is present.

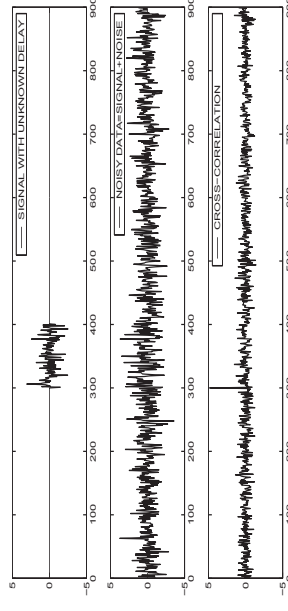
Idea: Cross-correlate $y[n]$ with each $x_i[n]$.

Then: One of the $r_{yx_i}[n]$ will be large at $n=D_i$.

So: That $x_i[n]$ is the signal that is present.

Note: Works best when $x_i[n]$ are orthogonal (next slide).

TIME DELAY ESTIMATION [3/3]



SIGNAL SIMILARITY

DEF: $\rho=(\sum_i x[i]y[i]) / \sqrt{\sum_i x[i]^2 \sum_i y[i]^2} = \text{CORRELATION COEFFICIENT}$.

Then: $\rho=1 \Leftrightarrow y[n]=ax[n]$, $a > 0$ and $\rho=-1 \Leftrightarrow y[n]=-ax[n]$.

EX: $x[n]=A \cos(\frac{2\pi}{T}n+\theta)$ and $y[n]=B \cos(\frac{2\pi}{T}n+\phi)$.

Then: $\rho=\cos(\theta-\phi)$ after much algebra.

EX: 180° phase difference $\Leftrightarrow \rho=-1 \Leftrightarrow$ multiply by $-\frac{B}{A}$.

And: 90° phase difference $\Leftrightarrow \rho=0 \Leftrightarrow$ orthogonal (sin and cos).
