Parametric Spectral Estimation

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The most common model used in parametric spectral estimation is the rational function model used to describe ARMA systems

$$H(z) = \frac{B(z)}{A(z)} = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{q} b_k z^{-k}}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^{p} a_k z^{-k}}$$

with the corresponding difference equation

$$\mathbf{x}\left[n\right] = -\sum_{k=1}^{p} a_{k} \mathbf{x}\left[n-k\right] + \sum_{k=0}^{q} b_{k} \mathbf{w}\left[n-k\right]$$

The power spectral density is

$$\mathbf{G}_{xx}(F) = \mathbf{G}_{ww}(F) |\mathbf{H}(F)|^{2}$$

If the excitation w is a zero-mean white noise process then

$$\mathbf{G}_{xx}(F) = \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{ww}^{2} \left| \mathbf{H}(F) \right|^{2} = \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{ww}^{2} \left| \frac{\mathbf{B}(e^{j2\pi F})}{\mathbf{A}(e^{j2\pi F})} \right|^{2}$$

The most common form of model is the AR model in which q = 0 and $b_0 = 1$ because it usually results in the fewest parameters needed to represent a process. In that case

$$\mathbf{G}_{xx}\left(F\right) = \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{ww}^{2}}{\left|\mathbf{A}\left(e^{j2\pi F}\right)\right|^{2}}$$

The normal equations

$$\mathbf{R}_{xx}\left[l\right] = -\sum_{k=1}^{p} \mathbf{a}_{p}\left[k\right] \mathbf{R}_{xx}\left[l-k\right] , \ l = 1, 2, \cdots, p$$

can be use to find the coefficients a.

Example

Let the autocorrelation of the response of a system to an applied white noise signal with variance $\sigma_w^2 = 6$ have the following values

$$R_{xx}[0] = 4$$
, $R_{xx}[1] = 2$, $R_{xx}[2] = 3$

Model the system producing this signal as an AR(2) system and graph the power spectral density of the signal.

The normal equations are

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{xx} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} & \mathbf{R}_{xx} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{R}_{xx} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} & \mathbf{R}_{xx} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_{4} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{a}_{4} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{xx} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{R}_{xx} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{2} \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

Example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ a_4 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ a_4 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.1667 \\ -0.667 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$H(z) = \frac{1}{A(z)} = \frac{1}{1 - 0.1667z^{-1} - 667z^{-2}}$$

The power spectral density is

$$G_{xx}(F) = \frac{6}{\left|1 - 0.1667e^{-j2\pi F} - 0.667e^{-j4\pi F}\right|^{2}}$$
$$G_{xx}(F) = \frac{6}{1.473 - 0.111\cos(2\pi F) - 1.333\cos(4\pi F)}$$

Example



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MA Models

For an MA(q) system the transfer function is

$$\mathbf{H}(z) = \mathbf{B}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{q} b_k z^{-k}$$

and the impulse response is $h[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{q} b_k \delta[n-k]$. So the

squared magnitude of the transfer function is

$$H(z)H(z^{-1}) = B(z)B(z^{-1}) = D(z) = \sum_{k=-q}^{q} d_{k}z^{-k}$$

where $\sum_{k=-q}^{q} d_{k}\delta[n-k] = h[n]*h[-n].$

MA Models

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{h} \begin{bmatrix} n \end{bmatrix} * \mathbf{h} \begin{bmatrix} -n \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix}_{n=0} = b_0^2 + b_1^2 + \dots + b_q^2 \\ \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{h} \begin{bmatrix} n \end{bmatrix} * \mathbf{h} \begin{bmatrix} -n \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix}_{n=1} = b_0 b_1 + b_1 b_2 + \dots + b_{q-1} b_q = \left(\mathbf{h} \begin{bmatrix} n \end{bmatrix} * \mathbf{h} \begin{bmatrix} -n \end{bmatrix} \right)_{n=-1} \\ \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{h} \begin{bmatrix} n \end{bmatrix} * \mathbf{h} \begin{bmatrix} -n \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix}_{n=2} = b_0 b_2 + b_1 b_3 + \dots + b_{q-2} b_q = \left(\mathbf{h} \begin{bmatrix} n \end{bmatrix} * \mathbf{h} \begin{bmatrix} -n \end{bmatrix} \right)_{n=-2} \\ \vdots \\ \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{h} \begin{bmatrix} n \end{bmatrix} * \mathbf{h} \begin{bmatrix} -n \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix}_{n=m} = \sum_{k=0}^{q-|m|} b_k b_{k+m} , \quad |m| \le q$$

MA Models

The autocorrelation of x is

$$R_{xx}[m] = R_{ww}[m] * h[m] * h[-m] = \sigma_{w}^{2} h[m] * h[-m]$$
$$R_{xx}[m] = \sigma_{w}^{2} \sum_{k=0}^{q-|m|} b_{k} b_{k+m} , |m| \le q$$
$$R_{xx}[m] = \sigma_{w}^{2} d_{m}$$

Therefore

$$\mathbf{G}_{xx}(F) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbf{R}_{xx}[m]e^{-j2\pi Fm} = \sum_{m=-q}^{q} \mathbf{R}_{xx}[m]e^{-j2\pi Fm}$$

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