



Chap14

Random Signal Processing

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- 14.1 Estimation of mean, variance, and covariance
- 14.2 Spectral analysis of stationary processes



Properties of estimators

Bias

The bias of an estimator $\hat{\theta}$ of a parameter θ is defined by

$$B(\hat{\theta}) \triangleq E(\hat{\theta}) - \theta$$

$\hat{\theta} = \hat{\theta}(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N)$
A random variable

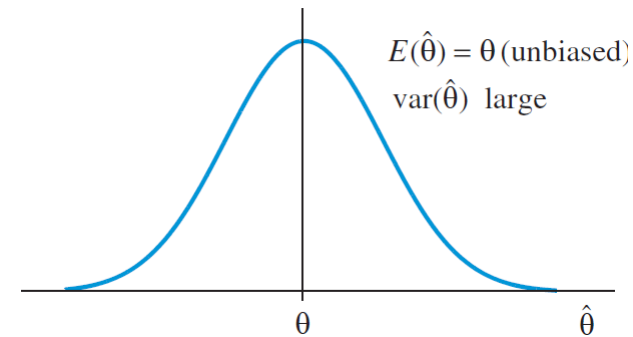
Variance

$$\text{var}(\hat{\theta}) = E\{[\hat{\theta} - E(\hat{\theta})]^2\}$$

Mean square error

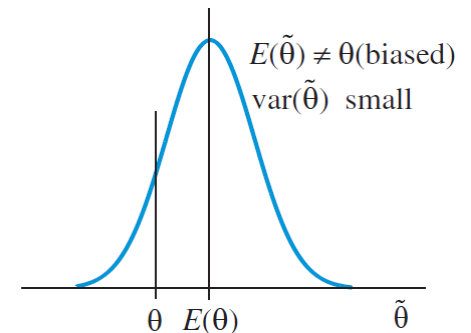
$$\text{mse}(\hat{\theta}) = E[(\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2]$$

$$\text{mse}(\hat{\theta}) = \text{var}(\hat{\theta}) + B^2(\hat{\theta})$$



Consistency

$$\hat{\theta} \rightarrow \theta \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty$$





Sample mean

Sample mean
(consistent)

$$\hat{m} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N x_k$$

$$\hat{m} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N x_k \triangleq \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{x}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Bias

$$\mathbb{E}(\hat{m}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \mathbb{E}(x_k) = m \quad (\text{unbiased})$$

Variance

$$\text{var}(\hat{m}) = \frac{1}{N^2} \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{u}$$

(if mutually
uncorrelated)

$$\text{var}(\hat{m}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{N}$$

(If positively/
negatively correlated)

$$\text{var}(\hat{m}) \nearrow/\searrow$$



Sample variance

Sample variance
(consistent)

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 \triangleq \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N (x_k - \hat{m})^2$$

Bias

$$E(\hat{\sigma}^2) = \frac{N-1}{N} \sigma^2$$

(biased/
asymptotically unbiased)

Variance

$$\text{var}(\hat{\sigma}^2) = \frac{N-1}{N^3} \left[(N-1)m_4 - (N-3)\sigma^4 \right]$$

(for Gaussian RV) $\text{var}(\hat{\sigma}^2) = \frac{2(N-1)}{N^2} \sigma^4$



Sample covariance

Sample covariance
(consistent)

$$\hat{\sigma}_{xy} \triangleq \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N (x_k - \hat{m}_x)(y_k - \hat{m}_y)$$

Sample correlation coefficient

$$\hat{\rho}_{xy} \triangleq \frac{\hat{\sigma}_{xy}}{\hat{\sigma}_x \hat{\sigma}_y} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^N (x_k - \hat{m}_x)(y_k - \hat{m}_y)}{\sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^N (x_k - \hat{m}_x)^2 \sum_{k=1}^N (y_k - \hat{m}_y)^2}}$$

(the properties are more difficult to find)



PSD estimation

(only meaningful for stationary processes)

- Use of PSD estimation includes
 - Measure PSD of designed optimum filters
 - Detect narrowband signals in wideband noise
 - Estimate impulse response using white noise excitation

$$S_{yx}(\omega) = H(e^{j\omega})S_{xx}(\omega)$$

- Extract physical information



Ergodicity

Ergodic

We can estimate ensemble average by time average of a single sequence. But the sequence has to be a representative one, e.g. not all zeros.

Mean-ergodic

$$\langle x[n] \rangle_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} m_x$$

$$\hat{m}[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N x[n, \zeta_k]$$

(may be not practical)

correlation-ergodic

$$\langle x[n + \ell]x[n] \rangle_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n + \ell]x[n] \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} r_x[\ell]$$

Estimation by time averages



Estimation of mean
(consistent)

$$\hat{m} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] \quad E(\hat{m}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} E(x[n]) = m$$

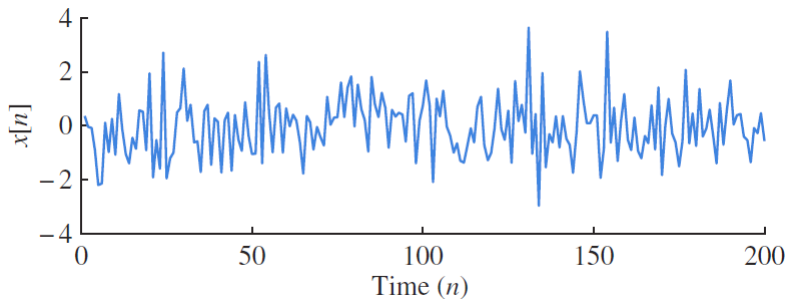
$$\text{var}(\hat{m}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{N} \left[1 + 2 \sum_{\ell=1}^{N-1} \left(1 - \frac{\ell}{N} \right) \rho[\ell] \right]$$

(smaller for negatively correlated, i.e. $\rho[l] < 0$ for $l \neq 0$)

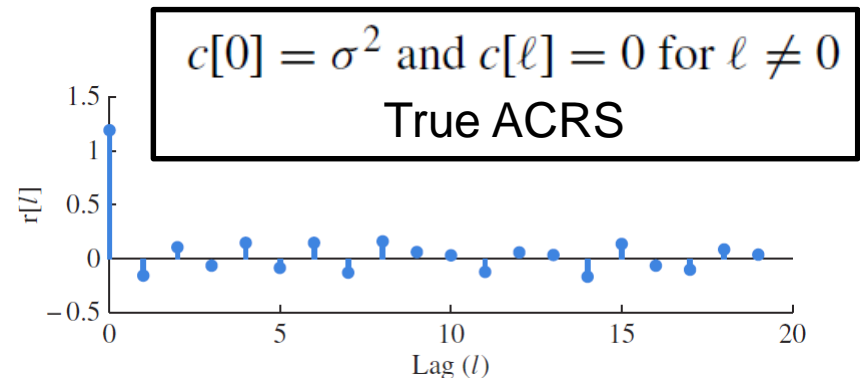
Estimation of ACRS
(consistent if $l \ll N$)

$$\hat{r}[\ell] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-\ell-1} x[n]x[n+\ell], \quad 0 \leq \ell \leq N-1$$

$(x[0], x[\ell]), (x[1], x[\ell+1]), \dots, (x[N-\ell-1], x[N-1])$



A realization sequence for WGN



Estimated ACRS



Periodogram

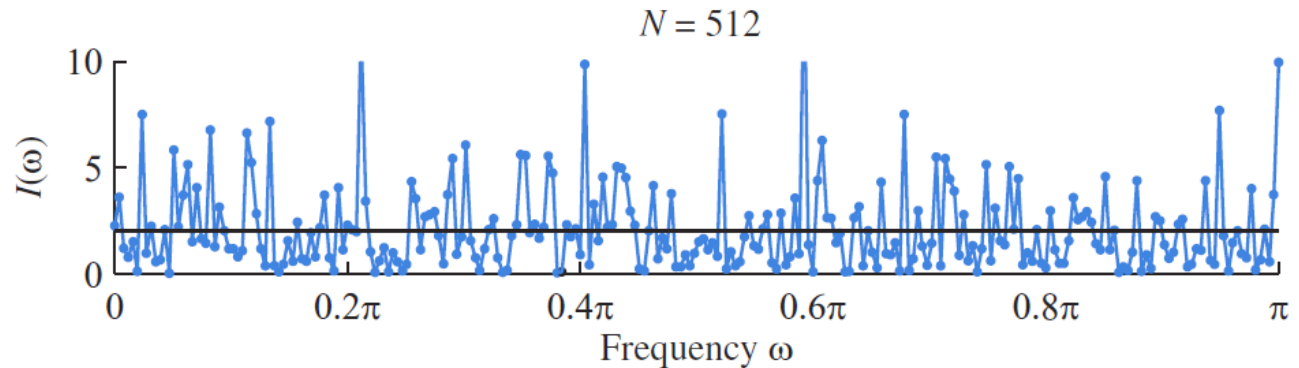
Periodogram
(PSD estimation)

$$I(\omega) \triangleq \sum_{\ell=-(N-1)}^{N-1} \hat{r}[\ell] e^{-j\omega\ell} = \mathcal{F}\{x[n] * x[-n]\}$$

$$I(\omega) = \frac{1}{N} \left| \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] e^{-j\omega n} \right|^2$$

Example of WGN

N	128	256	384	512
Mean of $I(\omega)$	2.3581	2.0370	2.1205	2.0170
Variance of $I(\omega)$	5.6406	4.1541	3.6799	4.5522



Variance doesn't decrease
as N increases!



Properties of periodogram

Mean

(asymptotically unbiased)

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} E[I(\omega)] = S(\omega)$$

Variance

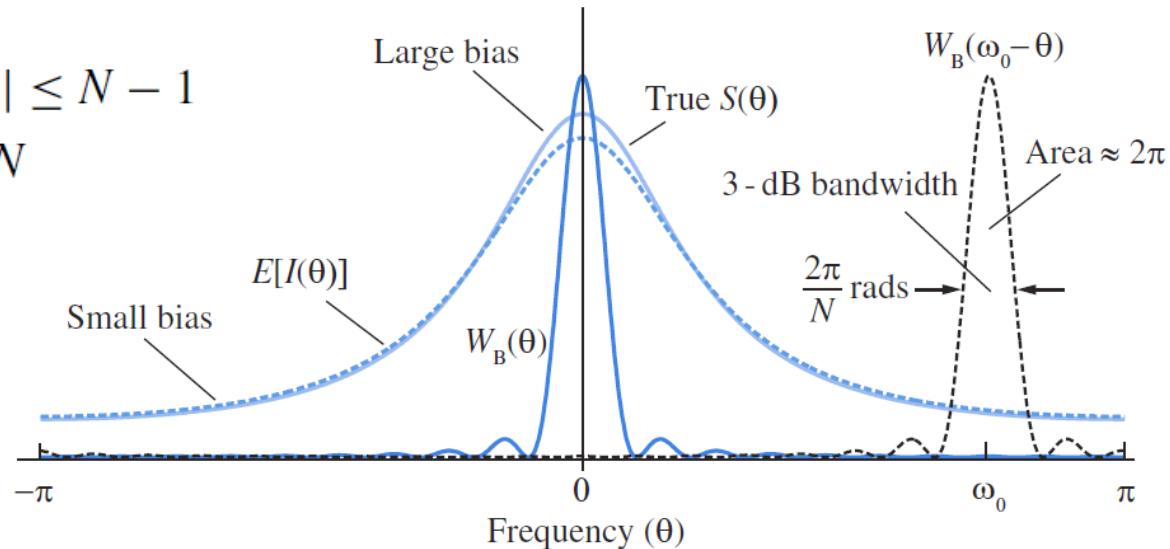
(holds for most processes)

$$\text{var}[I(\omega)] \approx S^2(\omega), \quad 0 < \omega < \pi$$

Windowing effect

$$E[I(\omega)] = \sum_{\ell=-(N-1)}^{N-1} w_B[\ell] r[\ell] e^{-j\omega\ell}$$

$$w_B[\ell] \triangleq \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{|\ell|}{N}, & 0 \leq |\ell| \leq N-1 \\ 0, & |\ell| \geq N \end{cases}$$





Modified periodogram

Data window

$$\tilde{I}(\omega) \triangleq \frac{1}{N} \left| \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} w[n]x[n]e^{-j\omega n} \right|^2$$

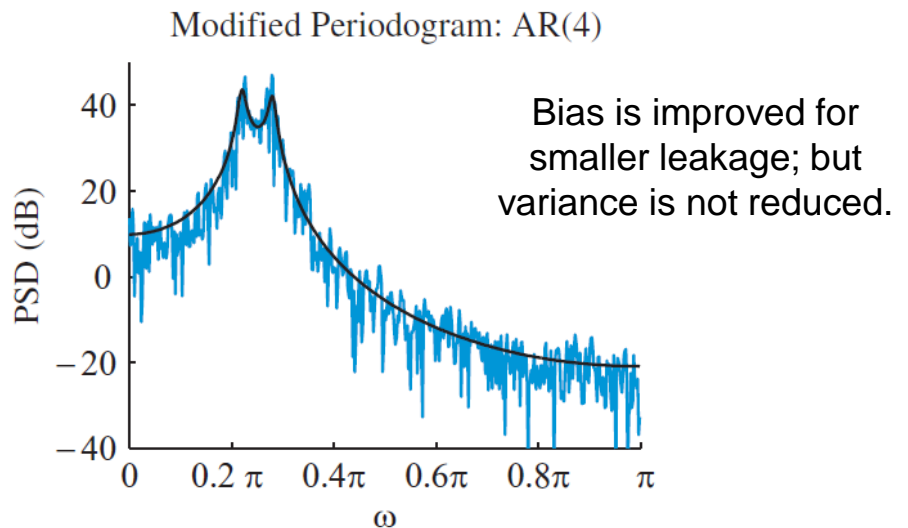
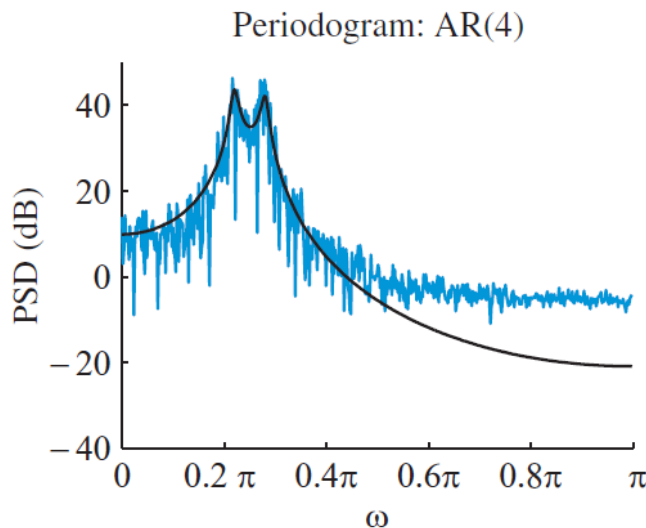
Correlation window

$$E[\tilde{I}(\omega)] = \sum_{\ell=-(N-1)}^{N-1} \underline{w_c[\ell]}r[\ell]e^{-j\omega\ell} = W_c(\omega) \otimes S(\omega)$$

$\ell=-(N-1)$ makes larger lags (which are less accurate) weighted less

Condition for asymptotically unbiased

$$\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} w^2(n) = N$$



Methods for reducing variance (1/2)



Blackman-Tukey estimator
(shorter window)

$$\hat{S}_{\text{BT}}(\omega) \triangleq \sum_{\ell=-(L-1)}^{L-1} w_c[\ell] \hat{r}_x[\ell] e^{-j\omega\ell}$$

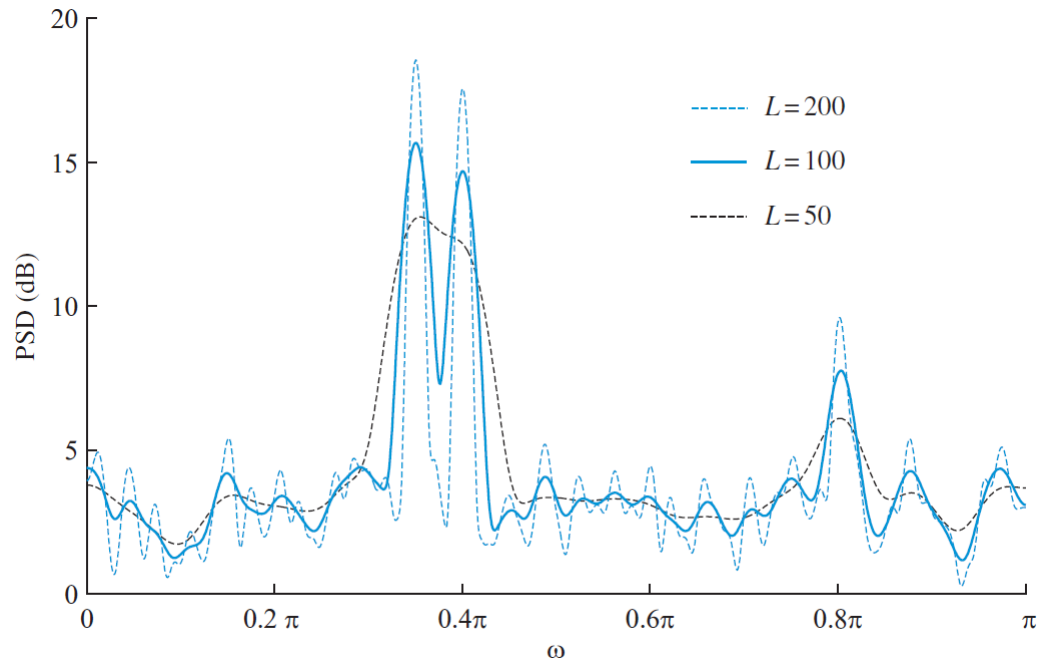
Reduced variance

$$\text{var}[\hat{S}_{\text{BT}}(\omega)] \simeq \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{\ell=-(L-1)}^{L-1} w_c^2[\ell] \right) S^2(\omega)$$

Bias-variance constraint

Bias \times Variance = Constant

Example
(3 sinusoids in WN)



Methods for reducing variance (2/2)



Welch estimator
(averaging multiple periodograms)

$$\tilde{I}_m(\omega) \triangleq \frac{1}{L} \left| \sum_{n=0}^{L-1} w[n] x_m[n] e^{-j\omega n} \right|^2$$

$$\hat{S}_W(\omega) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \tilde{I}_m(\omega)$$

Example
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