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# EE482: Digital Signal Processing Applications

Adaptive Filtering

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# Outline

- Random Processes
- Adaptive Filters
- LMS Algorithm

# Adaptive Filtering

- FIR and IIR filters are designed for linear timeinvariant signals
- How can we handle signals when the characteristics are unknown or changing?
- Need ways to update filter coefficients automatically and continually
   Track time-varying signals and systems

#### Random Processes

- Real-world signals are time varying and have randomness in nature
  - E.g. speech, music, noise
- Need to characterize a signal even if full deterministic mathematical definition does not exist
- Random process sequence of random variables

#### Autocorrelation

- Specifies statistical relationship of signal at different time lags (n − k)
  - $P_{xx}(n,k) = E[x(n)x(k)]$
  - Similarity of observations as a function of the time lag between them
- Mathematical tool for detecting signals
  - Repeating patterns (noise in sinusoid)
  - Measuring time-delay between signals
    - Radar, sonar, lidar
  - Estimation of impulse response
  - Etc.

#### Wide Sense Stationary (WSS) Process

- Random process statistics do not change with time
- Mean independent of time
  - $E[x(n)] = m_x$
- Autocorrelation only depends only on time lag
  - $r_{xx}(k) = E[x(n+k)x(n)]$
- WSS autocorrelation properties
  - Even function
    - $r_{xx}(-k) = r_{xx}(k)$
  - Bounded by 0 time lag
    - $|r_{xx}(k)| \le r_{xx}(0) = E[x^2(n)]$ 
      - Zero mean process:  $E[x^2(n)] = \sigma_x^2$
- Cross-correlation

$$r_{xy}(k) = E[x(n+k)y(n)]$$

## **Expected Value**

- Value of random variable "expected" if random variable process repeated infinite number of times
  - Weighted average of all possible values
- Expectation operator
  - $E[.] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx$
  - f(x) probability density function of random variable X

## White Noise

- v(n) with zero mean and variance  $\sigma_v^2$
- Very popular random signal
  Typical noise model
- Autocorrelation
  - $r_{vv}(k) = \sigma_v^2 \delta(k)$
  - Statistically uncorrelated except at zero time lag
- Power spectrum
  - $P_{vv}(\omega) = \sigma_v^2$ ,  $|\omega| \le \pi$
  - Uniformly distributed over entire frequency range

# Example 6.2

- Second-order FIR filter with white noise input  $(N(0, \sigma^2))$ 
  - y(n) = x(n) + ax(n-1) + bx(n-2)
- Mean

• 
$$E[y(n)] = E[x(n) + ax(n-1) + bx(n-2)]$$

• E[y(n)] = E[x(n)] + aE[x(n-1)] + bE[x(n-2)]

• 
$$E[y(n)] = 0 + a \cdot 0 + b \cdot 0 = 0$$

Autocorrelation

$$r_{yy}(k) = E[y(n+k)y(n)]$$

$$r_{yy}(k) = E\begin{bmatrix} (x(n+k) + ax(n+k-1) + bx(n+k-2)) \\ (x(n) + ax(n-1) + bx(n-2)) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$r_{yy}(k) = E[x(n+k)x(n)] + E[ax(n+k)x(n-1)] + \dots$$

$$r_{yy}(k) = r_{xx}(k) + ar_{xx}(k-1) + \dots$$

$$r_{yy}(k) = \begin{cases} (1+a^2+b^2)\sigma_x^2 & k = 0 \\ (a+ab)\sigma_x^2 & k = \pm 1 \\ b\sigma_x^2 & k = \pm 2 \\ 0 & else \end{cases}$$

## **Practical Estimation**

- Practical applications have finite length sequences
- Sample mean

$$\overline{m_x} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n)$$

Sample autocorrelation

$$\overline{r_{xx}}(k) = \frac{1}{N-k} \sum_{n=0}^{N-k-1} x(n+k) x(n)$$

- Only produces a good estimate of lags < 10% of *N*
- Use Matlab (mean.m, xcorr.m, etc.) to calculate

## **Adaptive Filters**

- Signal characteristics in practical applications are time varying and/or unknown
- Must modify filter coefficients adaptively in an automated fashion to meet objectives
- Example: Channel equalization
  - High-speed data communication via media channel (e.g. wireless network)
  - Channel equalization compensates for channel distortion (e.g. path from wifi router and phone)
  - Channel must be continually tracked and characterized to compensate for distortion (e.g. moving around a room)

# **General Adaptive Filter**

- Two components
  - Digital filter defined by coefficients
  - Adaptive algorithm automatically update filter coefficients (weights)



- Adaption occurs by comparing filtered signal y(n) with a desired (reference) signal d(n)
  - Minimize error *e*(*n*) using a cost function (e.g. mean-square error)
  - Continually lower error and get y(n) closer to d(n)

#### **FIR Adaptive Filter**



Figure 6.2 Block diagram of time-varying FIR filter for adaptive filtering

- $y(n) = \sum_{l=0}^{L-1} w_l(n) x(n-l)$ 
  - Notice time-varying weights
- In vector form

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$$y(n) = \mathbf{w}^{T}(n)\mathbf{x}(n) = \mathbf{x}^{T}(n)\mathbf{w}(n)$$
  
•  $\mathbf{x}(n) = [x(n), x(n-1), ..., x(n-L+1)]^{T}$   
•  $\mathbf{w}(n) = [w_{0}(n), w_{1}(n), ..., w_{L-1}(n)]^{T}$ 

Error signal

• 
$$e(n) = d(n) - y(n) = d(n) - \boldsymbol{w}^T(n)\boldsymbol{x}(n)$$

#### **Performance Function**

• Use mean-square error (MSE) cost function

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$$\xi(n) = E[e^{2}(n)]$$
  
•  $\xi(n) = E[d^{2}(n)] - 2p^{T}w(n) + w^{T}(n)Rw(n)$   
•  $p = E[d(n)x(n)] = [r_{dx}(0), r_{dx}(1), ..., r_{dx}(L-1)]^{T}$   
•  $R$  - autocorrelation matrix  
•  $R = E[x(n)x^{T}(n)]$ 

	$\int r_{xx}(0)$	$r_{xx}(1)$		$r_{xx}(L-1)$	
=	$r_{xx}(1)$	$r_{xx}(0)$		$r_{xx}(L-2)$	(6.22)
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	$r_{xx}(L-1)$	$r_{xx}(L-2)$		$r_{xx}(0)$	

• Toeplitz matrix – symmetric across main diagonal

# **Steepest Descent Optimization**

- Error function is a quadratic surface
  - $\xi(n) = E[d^2(n)] 2\mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{w}(n) + \mathbf{w}^T(n)\mathbf{R}\mathbf{w}(n)$
- Therefore gradient descent search techniques can be used
  - Gradient points in direction of greatest change
- Iterative optimization to "step" toward the bottom of error surface

• 
$$w(n+1) = w(n) - \frac{\mu}{2}\nabla\xi(n)$$



Figure 6.4 Examples of error surface (top) and error contours (bottom), L=2

# LMS Algorithm

- Practical applications do not have knowledge of *d*(*n*), *x*(*n*)
  - Cannot directly compute MSE and gradient
  - Stochastic gradient algorithm
- Use instantaneous squared error to estimate MSE

$$\hat{\xi}(n) = e^2(n)$$

- Gradient estimate
  - $\nabla \hat{\xi}(n) = 2[\nabla e(n)]e(n)$ 
    - $e(n) = d(n) w^T(n)x(n)$
  - $\nabla \hat{\xi}(n) = -2x(n)e(n)$
- Steepest descent algorithm
  - $w(n+1) = w(n) + \mu x(n)e(n)$

- LMS Steps
- 1. Set  $L, \mu$ , and w(0)
  - L filter length
  - $\mu$  step size (small e.g. 0.01)
  - w(0) initial filter weights
- 2. Compute filter output

• 
$$y(n) = \boldsymbol{w}^T(n)\boldsymbol{x}(n)$$

3. Compute error signal

• 
$$e(n) = d(n) - y(n)$$

- 4. Update weight vector
  - $w_l(n+1) = w_l(n) + \mu x(n-l)e(n),$  $l = 0, 1, \dots L - 1$
- Notice this requires a reference signal

# LMS Stability

- Convergence of LMS algorithm
  - $0 < \mu < 2/\lambda_{max}$ 
    - $\lambda_{max}$  largest eigenvalue of autocorrelation matrix **R**
    - Not easy to compute eigenvalues
- Eigenvalue approximation
  - $0 < \mu < 2/LP_x$ 
    - *L* length of data window, filter length

•  $P_x = r_{xx}(0) = E[x^2(n)]$ 

- Step size is inversely proportional to filter length
   Smaller μ for higher order filters
- Step size inversely proportional to input signal power
  - Larger μ for lower power signal

# **Convergence Speed**

- Convergence of filter weights is defined by the time  $\tau_{MSE}$  to go from initial MSE to min
  - Plot of MSE vs. time is known as the learning curve
- Convergence time related to the minimum eigenvalue of *R* 
  - $\tau_{MSE} \cong \frac{1}{\mu \lambda_{min}}$ 
    - Smaller step size results in longer convergence time
- In practice, weights will not converge to a fixed optimum value but will vary around it



# Example 6.7

- sd = 12357; rng(sd); % Set seed value
- x = randn(1,128); % Reference signal x(n)
- b = [0.1,0.2,0.4,0.2,0.1]; % An FIR filter to be identified

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- d = filter(b,1,x); Desired signal d(n)
- mu = 0.05; % Step size mu
- h = adaptfilt.lms(5,mu); % LMS
  algorithm
- [y,e] = filter(h,x,d); Adaptive filtering
- n = 1:128;
- h1=figure;
- hold all;
- plot(n,d,'-','linewidth', 3);
- plot(n,y,'-.', 'linewidth', 3);
- plot(n,e,'--', 'linewidth', 2);
- axis([1 128 -inf inf]);
- xlabel('Time index, n');
- ylabel('Amplitude');
- legend('d[n]', 'y[n]', 'e[n]');
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- [b; h.coefficients]



- Coefficients
- $b = [0.1000 \quad 0.2000 \quad 0.4000 \quad 0.2000 \quad 0.1000]$ 
  - w = [0.1005 0.1999 0.3996 0.1995 0.0996]

# **Practical Applications**

- Four classes of adaptive filtering applications
  - System identification
  - Prediction
  - Noise cancellation
  - Inverse modeling
- Differences based on configuration of control signals x(n), d(n), y(n), e(n)

# System Identification

• Given an unknown system, try to determine (identify) coefficients



Figure 6.7 Adaptive system identification using the LMS algorithm

- Excite unknown system and adaptive system with same input
  - Input signal: white noise
  - Reference signal: output of unknown system
  - Error is difference between adaptive filter and the output of unknown system

## Prediction

• Linear predictor estimates signal values at future times



Figure 6.9 Adaptive predictor with the LMS algorithm

- Reference signal: signal of interest
- Input signal: delayed reference signal
- Error is difference between current sample and predicted sample (using past samples)
  - Leverage correlation between samples
- Broadband output: noise component
- Narrowband output: signal of interest (high correlation)

#### Example 6.9

- Fs = 1000;
- f0 = 150;
- L =64;
- N=256;
- A=sqrt(2);
- w0=2\*pi\*f0/Fs;
- n = [0:N-1];
- sn = A\*sin(w0\*n);
- vn = 0.1\*(rand(1,N)-0.5)\*sqrt(12)
- x = sn+vn
- d = [0, x(2:256)];
- mu = 0.001;
- h = adaptfilt.lms(L,mu);
- [y,e] = filter(h,x,d)
- h1=figure;
- hold all;
- plot(n,x,'-','linewidth', 2);
- plot(n,y,'-.', 'linewidth', 2);
- plot(n,e,'--', 'linewidth', 2);
- axis([1 N -inf inf]);
- xlabel('Time index, n');
- ylabel('Amplitude');
- legend('x[n]', 'y[n]', 'e[n]');



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# Noise Cancellation

- Remove (cancel) noise components embedded in a primary signal
  - E.g. background noise in speech signal



Figure 6.11 Basic concept of adaptive noise canceling

- Flip idea of reference and input signals
  - Reference signal: primary signal + noise
    - Close to primary source
  - Input signal: noise signal
    - Far from primary source to measure noise
  - Adaptive filter tracks correlated noise
    - Error signal is the desired cleaned primary signal

## Example 6.10

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• Fs = 1000;
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- f0 = 110;
- L = 3;

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• N = 128;
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• w0 = 2\*pi\*f0/Fs;

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pz = [0.1, 0.3, 0.2];
                             % Define noise path
•
•
   n = [0:N-1];
                             % Time index
   sd = 12357; rng(sd);
                             % Set seed value
•
•
                             % Sine sequence
•
   sn = 0.5*sin(w0*n);
   xn = 2.5*(rand(1,N)-0.5);  Zero-mean white
•
   noise
   xpn = filter(pz, 1, xn); % Generate x'(n)
•
                             % Sinewave embedded
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% Step size mu

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 dn = sn+xpn;
 in white noise
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• mu = 0.025;
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h = adaptfilt.lms(L,mu); % LMS algorithm
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• [y,e] = filter(h,xn,dn); % Adaptive
filtering
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```
    h1=figure;
```

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    hold all;
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```
• plot(n,dn,'-','linewidth', 2);
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```
• plot(n,sn,'-.', 'linewidth', 2);
```

```
• plot(n,e,'--', 'linewidth', 2);
```

```
    axis([1 N -inf inf]);
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```
    xlabel('Time index, n');
```

```
    ylabel('Amplitude');
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• legend('d[n] - noisy signal', 's[n] primary',
 'e[n] - output');
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# **Inverse Modeling**

- Method to estimate the inverse of an unknown system
  - E.g. a communication channel is unknown but its distortion needs to be corrected

- Reference signal: a known training signal
- Input signal: training signal after going through unknown system



