
ESPRIT, Part I: Setup

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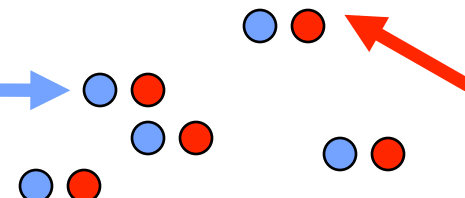
Sources

- **ESPRIT: “Estimation of Signal Parameters via Rotational Invariance Techniques”**
- **J&D, p. 419, Problem 7.22**
- **Journal papers (linked on class website)**
- **Lecture notes from Dan Fuhrmann**



Setup

- Need two identical subarrays displaced (not rotated) by a known displacement vector $\vec{\Delta}$ with magnitude Δ
- For simplicity, let's do displacement along the x dimension in these slides


$$e(\phi) \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet \end{matrix} \leftarrow e(\phi) \exp\left(j \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \Delta \sin(\phi)\right)$$

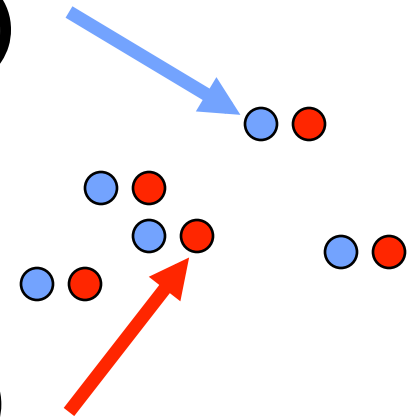


Notation (1)

$$\mathbf{y}^{(0)}(l) = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{s}(l) + \mathbf{n}^{(0)}(l)$$

$$\left[\mathbf{e}(\phi_1) \cdots \mathbf{e}(\phi_{N_s}) \right]$$

$$\mathbf{y}^{(1)}(l) = \mathbf{D}\Phi\mathbf{s}(l) + \mathbf{n}^{(1)}(l)$$



$$\exp(j\gamma_1)$$

⋮

$$\exp(j\gamma_{N_s})$$

$$\gamma_i = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \Delta \sin(\phi_i)$$



Notation (2)

$$\mathbf{y}(l) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}^{(0)}(l) \\ \mathbf{y}^{(1)}(l) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{D} \\ \mathbf{D}\Phi \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{s}(l) + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{n}^{(0)}(l) \\ \mathbf{n}^{(1)}(l) \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \bar{\mathbf{D}} \mathbf{s}(l) + \mathbf{n}(l)$$

- **Goal: Exploit structure of $\bar{\mathbf{D}}$ to estimate diagonal elements of Φ without needing to know \mathbf{D}**



Ideal Covariance of the Data

- Ideally:

$$\mathbf{R}_y = \underbrace{\bar{\mathbf{D}} \mathbf{R}_s \bar{\mathbf{D}}^H}_{\begin{bmatrix} A_1^2 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & A_{N_s}^2 \end{bmatrix}} + \sigma_n^2 \mathbf{I}$$



Splitting the Signal+Noise Subspace

- Do eigendecomposition of \mathbf{R}_y

$$\mathbf{V}_{s+n} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{v}_{N_s} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Since \mathbf{V}_{s+n} and $\bar{\mathbf{D}}$ span the same subspace, there exists a $\exists \mathbf{T}$ s.t.

$$\mathbf{V}_{s+n} = \bar{\mathbf{D}}\mathbf{T}$$

$$\mathbf{V}_{s+n} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{E}_0 \\ \mathbf{E}_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{D} \\ \mathbf{D}\Phi \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{T}$$



Some Trickery

$$\mathbf{E}_0 = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{T}$$

$$\mathbf{E}_0\mathbf{T}^{-1} = \mathbf{D}$$

$$\mathbf{E}_1 = \mathbf{D}\Phi\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{E}_0 \underbrace{\mathbf{T}^{-1}\Phi\mathbf{T}}_{\Psi}$$

- **Fact from linear algebra: Ψ and Φ have the same eigenvalues**



Ideal ESPRIT Procedure (1)

- **Solve $\mathbf{E}_1 = \mathbf{E}_0 \Psi$ for Ψ**
- **Find eigenvalues of Ψ ; these are the diagonal elements of**

$$\Phi = \begin{bmatrix} \exp(j\gamma_1) & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \exp(j\gamma_{N_s}) \end{bmatrix}$$

(possibly reordered)



Ideal ESPRIT Procedure (2)

$$\gamma_i = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \Delta \sin(\phi_i)$$

$$\phi_i = \sin^{-1} \left(\gamma_i \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\Delta} \right)$$

$$= \sin^{-1} \left(\arg(\lambda_i^{(\Psi)}) \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\Delta} \right)$$



ESPRIT Procedure in Reality

- In practice, compute eigendecomposition from empirical covariance matrix

- “Solve” $\hat{\mathbf{E}}_1 = \hat{\mathbf{E}}_0 \Psi$

$$\hat{\phi}_i = \sin^{-1} \left(\arg(\hat{\lambda}_i^{(\Psi)}) \frac{\lambda}{2\pi\Delta} \right)$$

- Trouble: $\hat{\mathbf{E}}_0$ and $\hat{\mathbf{E}}_1$ may not span the same subspace

