

Estimation of Signal  
Parameters via Rotational  
Invariance Techniques  
(ESPRIT)

## ESPRIT

- prerequisite:  
two identical subarrays
- invariance property:

$$\underline{A}^{(1)} = \underline{A}_{RP} \cdot \underline{\Phi}^{(1)}$$

$$\underline{A}^{(2)} = \underline{A}_{RP} \cdot \underline{\Phi}^{(2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{A}^{(2)} = \underline{A}^{(1)} \cdot \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} e^{j\langle \vec{r}^{(2)} - \vec{r}^{(1)}, \vec{\beta}_1 \rangle} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & e^{j\langle \vec{r}^{(2)} - \vec{r}^{(1)}, \vec{\beta}_K \rangle} \end{pmatrix}}$$
$$\underline{\Phi} = \underline{\Phi}^{(1)*T} \cdot \underline{\Phi}^{(2)}$$

- idea:

Once the diagonal elements of  $\underline{\Phi}$ , i.e., the eigenvalues

$$\lambda_k = e^{j\langle \vec{r}^{(2)} - \vec{r}^{(1)}, \vec{\beta}_k \rangle}$$

of  $\underline{\Phi}$  are known, it is easy to compute the directions of arrival.



## Signal Subspace

- Both the  $K$  columns
  - of  $\underline{U}_s$  and
  - of  $\underline{A}$

span the same signal subspace.

$\Rightarrow \underline{U}_s = \underline{A} \cdot \underline{C}'$  with a properly chosen invertible  $K \times K$  matrix  $\underline{C}'$

- two subarrays:

$$\underline{S}^{(1)} \cdot \underline{U}_s = \underline{S}^{(1)} \cdot \underline{A} \cdot \underline{C}' = \underline{A}^{(1)} \cdot \underline{C}'$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{A}^{(1)} = \underline{S}^{(1)} \cdot \underline{U}_s \cdot \underline{C}'^{-1}$$

$$\underline{S}^{(2)} \cdot \underline{U}_s = \underline{S}^{(2)} \cdot \underline{A} \cdot \underline{C}' = \underline{A}^{(2)} \cdot \underline{C}'$$

$$= \underline{A}^{(1)} \cdot \underline{\Phi} \cdot \underline{C}' = \underline{S}^{(1)} \cdot \underline{U}_s \cdot \underline{C}'^{-1} \cdot \underline{\Phi} \cdot \underline{C}'$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{S}^{(2)} \cdot \underline{U}_s = \underline{S}^{(1)} \cdot \underline{U}_s \cdot \underbrace{\underline{C}'^{-1} \cdot \underline{\Phi} \cdot \underline{C}'}_{\underline{\Psi}}$$

Compute  $\underline{\Psi}$  from this linear system of equations.

- $\underline{\Phi}$  and  $\underline{\Psi}$  are similar matrices

$\Rightarrow$  The eigenvalues  $\lambda_k$  of  $\underline{\Phi}$  are identical to the eigenvalues of  $\underline{\Psi}$ .



## ESPRIT Algorithm

- 1.) eigendecomposition of  $\underline{R}_{xx}$
- 2.) the  $K$  principal eigenvectors of  $\underline{R}_{xx}$  become the columns of  $\underline{U}_s$
- 3.) compute  $\underline{\Psi}$  based on  $\underline{S}^{(1)} \cdot \underline{U}_s$  and  $\underline{S}^{(2)} \cdot \underline{U}_s$
- 4.) the directions of arrival are computed from the eigenvalues  $\lambda_k$  of  $\underline{\Psi}$ , e.g., in the case of a uniform linear array with two maximally overlapping subarrays:

$$\lambda_k = e^{j d \beta \cos(\varphi_k)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi_k = \arccos\left(\frac{\arg(\lambda_k)}{d \beta}\right)$$



## LS-ESPRIT

$$S^{(2)} \cdot \underline{U}_0 = S^{(1)} \cdot \underline{U}_0 \cdot \underline{\Psi}$$

is an overdetermined linear system of equations for  $\underline{\Psi}$  (if there are at least  $K$  antenna elements in each subarray).

$\Rightarrow$  least squares pseudosolution

$$\hat{\underline{\Psi}} = (S^{(1)} \cdot \underline{U}_0)^T \cdot S^{(2)} \cdot \underline{U}_0$$

minimizing the error

$$\| S^{(1)} \cdot \underline{U}_0 \cdot \underline{\Psi} - S^{(2)} \cdot \underline{U}_0 \|_F^2$$

"only  $S^{(2)} \cdot \underline{U}_0$  contains errors"

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function phi = lsesprit(Ree, K, d, varargin)
%LSESPRIT least squares estimation of signal parameters
%   via rotational invariance techniques
%   requires a uniform linear array
%   phi: directions of arrival
%   Ree: correlation matrix
%   K: number of sources
%   d: distance of antenna elements normalized to the wavelength

% eigendecomposition
[U, L] = eig((Ree+Ree')/2, 'vector'); % make sure that the matrix is Hermitian
[L, index] = sort(L, 'descend');
U = U(:,index);
Us = U(:,1:K); % signal subspace

% least squares
psi = pinv(Us(1:end-1,:))*Us(2:end,:);

% directions of arrival
phi = acos(angle(eig(psi))/(2*pi*d));

end
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