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INTRODUCTION

Several methods for signal estimation for array stations
have been published during the last few years, e.g.,
Capon et al (1966), Kelly and Levin (1964). Common to
these methods is that they operate on the assumption that
the signal, or event, in each sensor is identical to that
in every other sensor (see (ii) below). In seismological
applications it has been found that the signal appears with
different amplitude at each sensor for rather close spacing
of the sensors. (See Capon et al (1964), page 27.) Hence
there will be a degradation in the performance of the
methods.

A general model for array data can be written as

$$y_1 = S_1 + N_1$$

$$y_2 = S_2 + N_2$$

(i)
$$\cdot$$
$$\cdot$$

$$y_M = S_M + N_M$$

where y_i is the recording at the i-th sensor, S_i is the signal at the i-th sensor and N_i is the noise at the i-th sensor. The noise is assumed to be uncorrelated with signals and to have expectation zero.

In this model, $y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_M$ are observed and we want to estimate the unknown signals $S_1, S_2, \ldots, S_M$. To estimate the signals we may simply use the observed y_i:s. This will work satisfactorily if the signal-to-noise ratios are high. However, if this is not true, we must try to find some reasonable restrictions to put on the model.

Assuming that the readings are properly shifted, these restrictions may be of the following types:

I. We assume that the signal is the same at every seismometer. The model then becomes

$$y_1 = S + N_1$$

$$y_2 = S + N_2$$

(ii)
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$$y_M = S + N_M$$

To estimate the signal in this model we may simply sum up the traces. However, this model is rather unrealistic. In order to get $S_1 = S_2 = \ldots = S_M$, the sensors have to be spaced rather closely, and this may cause high cross-correlation between the different noise records. This in turn implies that the information about the signal that is contained in one or a few of the sensors is almost the same as the information contained in the whole array. (Note that this is true even if knowledge of the noise coherence is utilized.)

II. To make the model less restrictive and thus more
realistic, we may assume that the signal is the same
except for an unknown amplitude factor. Then we get

$$Y_1 = \gamma_1 S + N_1$$

$$Y_2 = \gamma_2 S + N_2$$

(iii)

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$$Y_M = \gamma_M S + N_M$$

where γ_i:s are the unknown amplitude factors.

The estimation of the unknown signal and the unknown amplitude
factors leads to an eigenvalue problem and will be
treated in section two of this paper. The stochastic
properties of the parameters in the model (iii) are treated
in section three. In this model we may also make use of
available knowledge about the signal, e.g., that it can
be expanded in a finite set of linearly independent func-
tions. (See Broome and Dean (1964).) We then add to the
model the following condition

(iiia) $$S = \sum_r^p \phi_r a_r$$

where $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_p$ is the set of given linearly independent
functions and $\phi_1, \phi_2, \ldots, \phi_p$ is a set of unknown parameters.

The square of the signal-to-noise ratio in the estimated
signal will, for models (ii) and (iii), increase with the
number of seismometers (if the noise coherence is small).
For model (iii) with condition (iiia) the square of the signal-
to-noise ratio will increase with the number of sensors
multiplied with the length of the signal.

The properties of the model with the additional condition
(iiia) are treated in sections two and three.

III. The next step to get a more general model is to assume that the space spanned by the signals $S_1, S_2, \ldots, S_M$ in the model (i) have dimension N, where $1 \leq N \leq M$. The model is then

$$Y_1 = \gamma_{11}\xi_1 + \gamma_{12}\xi_2 + \cdots + \gamma_{1N}\xi_N + N_1$$

$$Y_2 = \gamma_{21}\xi_1 + \gamma_{22}\xi_2 + \cdots + \gamma_{2N}\xi_N + N_2$$

(iv) .

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$$Y_M = \gamma_{M1}\xi_1 + \gamma_{M2}\xi_2 + \cdots + \gamma_{MN}\xi_N + N_M$$

In this model $\xi_1, \xi_2, \ldots, \xi_N$ form an unknown basis in the space spanned by the signals $S_1, S_2, \ldots, S_M$ and $\gamma_{11}, \gamma_{21}, \ldots, \gamma_{MN}$ are unknown coefficients for the expansion of the signals in terms of this basis, i.e., the signals are

(iva) $$S_i = \sum_{j}^{N} \gamma_{ij}\xi_j \qquad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \ldots, M$$

The estimate of the space spanned by the signals and the estimates of the signals will be unique. The estimate of the basis on the other hand is unique only up to a non-singular transformation. The assumption that the dimension of the space spanned by the signals equals N can be derived from an assumption that the geological structure under the array consists of N different unknown homogenous regions. It is then possible to transform (rotate) the solution in such a way that each of the basis vectors corresponds to one of the regions. It may also be possible to relate a given sensor to a specific structure. One way to do this will be treated in sections five and six.

As for the model (iii) it is possible to utilize prior knowledge of the signal. Corresponding to (iiia) we

then get the condition

(ivb) $$\xi_j = \sum_{r}^{p} b_{jr} a_r$$

where $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_p$ is a set of given linearly independent functions and $b_{11}, b_{12}, \ldots, b_p$ is a set of unknown parameters.

The first two sections of this paper, based on an earlier seminar paper (Christoffersson and Jansson (1966)) which was used in Jansson and Husebye (1968) and Whitcomb (1969), treats the model (iii) and gives the maximum likelihood solution. Section three gives the large sample properties of the estimates. Section four illustrates how the method can be applied to real data. Sections five and six, finally, treat the estimatation of the unknowns in model (iv) and the rotation of the solution so that the basis vectors correspond to signals present in different regions.

The assumption that the noise is normally distributed, which we adopt here, makes the maximum likelihood solution identical to the least-square solution, where no assumption is made about the distribution of the noise.

1. Theoretical Model

The theoretical model is written

$$\eta = \Gamma'(\Phi'\alpha) + \upsilon \qquad\qquad (1)$$

where η is a vector variable with M elements (M x 1),
Γ is a (N x M) matrix of constants, Φ is a (L x N) matrix
of constants in Hilbert space, α is a known non-stochastic
variable vector with linearly independent elements, and
υ is a stochastic variable vector with $E(\upsilon) = 0$, where
the M elements form a joint non-singular normal distribution.

In our application η refers to the measured variables, i.e.,
the recordings, Γ contains the amplitude factors. In many ap-
plications it is known that the signals can be written as linear
combinations of some specified variables. Each element
in α corresponds to one of the specified variables and
the elements of Φ are the unknown coefficients for these
linear combinations. If no such knowledge exists about
the signal, we can always let the variables in α form a
basis in the Hilbert space or more simply we may put
$\Xi = \Phi'\alpha$ and rewrite the model as

$$\eta = \Gamma'\Xi + \upsilon \qquad\qquad (2)$$

2. The Model when N=1

Assuming that the readings from the M sensors are properly
shifted and sampled at K successive timepoints, not neces-
sarily equidistant, we write the model in terms of our
observations:

$$Y = A \phi \gamma' + N \qquad\qquad (3)$$

where $Y = (y_{ij}) = (\underline{Y}_1, \underline{Y}_2, \ldots, \underline{Y}_M) = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{Y}_1^{*\prime} \\ \underline{Y}_2^{*\prime} \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \underline{Y}_K^{*\prime} \end{bmatrix}$ is a KxM data matrix

$A = (a_{ij})$ is a K x L, $L \leq K$, matrix where each column contains one of the specified variables, ϕ is a column vector of L constants, γ is a column vector of M constants such that $\gamma' \gamma = 1$, $A\phi$ is the signal, where the columns of A form the basis for the signal. If this basis is unknown, we put $A = I$.

$N = (n_{ij}) = (\underline{n}_1, \underline{n}_2, \ldots, \underline{n}_M) = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{n}_1^{*\prime} \\ \underline{n}_2^{*\prime} \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \underline{n}_K^{*\prime} \end{bmatrix}$ is a KxM residual matrix, where the elements have joint non-singular normal distribution and are un-correlated with the signal.

The frequency function of N may be written in two ways.

$$f(N_v) = \text{konst} \cdot e^{-1/2 \, N_v' \, S^{-1} N_v} \, ;$$

$$f(N_v^*) = \text{konst} \cdot e^{-1/2 \, N_v^{*\prime} \, S^{*-1} N_v^*}$$

(4)

where S and S* denote the moment matrices of N

$$N_v = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{n}_1 \\ \underline{n}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \underline{n}_M \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad N_v^* = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{n}_1^* \\ \underline{n}_2^* \\ \vdots \\ \underline{n}_K^* \end{bmatrix}$$

Now let $S^{-1} = Q = [Q_{ij}]$ and $S*^{-1} = Q* = [Q^*_{ij}]$, where Q_{ij} is a K x K matrix and Q^*_{ij} an M x M matrix.

Then

$$f(N_v) = \text{konst} \cdot e^{-1/2 \sum_i^M \sum_j^M \underline{n}'_i Q_{ij} \underline{n}_j} \qquad (5a)$$

and

$$f(N^*_v) = \text{konst} \cdot e^{-1/2 \sum_i^K \sum_j^K \underline{n}^{*\prime}_i Q^*_{ij} \underline{n}^*_j} \qquad (5b)$$

Let $X = A\phi$ then

$$\underline{n}_i = \underline{Y}_i - \gamma_i A\phi$$

and

$$\underline{n}^*_i = \underline{Y}^*_i - x_i \gamma$$

The logarithm of the likelihood function for our observations can be written, except for a constant, as

$$\Omega_O = \sum_i^M \sum_j^M (\underline{Y}_i - \gamma_i A\phi)' Q_{ij} (\underline{Y}_j - \gamma_j A\phi) =$$

$$= \sum_i^K \sum_j^K (\underline{Y}^*_i - x_i \gamma)' Q^*_{ij} (\underline{Y}^*_j - x_j \gamma) \qquad (6)$$

In order to obtain estimates of ϕ and γ, Ω_O is minimized under the condition that $\gamma'\gamma = 1$, i.e., $\Omega = \Omega_O + \lambda (\gamma'\gamma - 1)$ is minimized. Setting the partial derivatives equal to zero we obtain

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$$\frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \phi} = 0 \rightarrow \sum_i^M \sum_j^M \gamma_i \gamma_j \, A' \, (Q_{ij} + Q'_{ij}) \, A\phi =$$

$$= \sum_i^M \sum_j^M \gamma_i \, A' \, (Q_{ij} + Q'_{ij}) \, \underline{Y}_j$$

$$\frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \gamma} = 0 \rightarrow \left[\sum_i^K \sum_j^K x_i x_j \, (Q^*_{ij} + Q^{*'}_{ij}) - 2 \lambda \, I \right] \gamma$$

$$= \sum_i^K \sum_j^K x_i \, (Q^*_{ij} + Q^{*'}_{ij}) \underline{Y}^*_j$$

But since $Q'_{ij} = Q_{ji}$ and $Q^{*'}_{ij} = Q^*_{ji}$, we get

$$\sum_i^M \sum_j^M \gamma_i \gamma_j \, A'Q_{ij} \, A\phi = \sum_i^M \sum_j^M \gamma_i \, A'Q_{ij} \, \underline{Y}_j \tag{7a}$$

$$\left[\sum_i^K \sum_j^K x_i x_j \, Q^*_{ij} - \lambda I \right] \gamma = \sum_i^K \sum_j^K x_i \, Q^*_{ij} \, \underline{Y}^*_j \tag{7b}$$

If we replace A in (7a) with I and put all γ_i equal to one, we get a formula for maximum likelihood estimation equivalent to those given in Capon et al 1966 and Kelly and Levin 1964.

To solve the system (7a,b) we first show that the Lagrange multipler λ in eq. 7b is equal to zero. To see this, multiply eq. 7a with ϕ'. This gives

$$\phi'A' \left[\sum_i^M \sum_j^M \gamma_i \gamma_j Q_{ij} \right] A\phi = \phi'A' \left[\sum_i^M \sum_j^M \gamma_i \, Q_{ij} \, \underline{Y}_j \right] \tag{8a}$$

but since $\underline{y}_j = \gamma_j \, A\phi + \underline{n}_j$ we may write

$$(A\phi)' \left[\sum_{i}^{M} \sum_{j}^{M} \gamma_i \gamma_j \, Q_{ij} \right] A\phi = (A\phi)' \left[\sum_{i}^{M} \sum_{j}^{M} \gamma_i \gamma_j \, Q_{ij} A\phi + \right.$$

$$\left. \sum_{i}^{M} \sum_{j}^{M} \gamma_i \, Q_{ij} \, \underline{n}_j \right] \tag{8b}$$

This implies that $(A\phi)' \left[\sum_{i}^{M} \sum_{j}^{M} \gamma_i \, Q_{ij} \, \underline{n}_j \right] = 0$ \hfill (8c)

Multiplying 7b with γ' and using that $\underline{y}_j^* = x_j \, \gamma + \underline{n}_j^*$ we have

$$\gamma' \left[\sum_{i}^{K} \sum_{j}^{K} x_i x_j \, Q_{ij}^* - \lambda \, I \right] \gamma = \gamma' \left[\sum_{i}^{K} \sum_{j}^{K} x_i x_j \, Q_{ij}^* \gamma + \right.$$

$$\left. \sum_{i}^{K} \sum_{j}^{K} x_i Q_{ij}^* \, \underline{n}_j^* \right] \tag{8d}$$

But from the definitions of Q_{ij}^*, Q_{ij}, $\underline{n}_j^*$, $\underline{n}_j$ and x_i it follows that

$$\gamma' \left[\sum_{i}^{K} \sum_{j}^{K} x_i \, Q_{ij}^* \, \underline{n}_j^* \right] = (A\phi)' \left[\sum_{i}^{M} \sum_{j}^{M} \gamma_i \, Q_{ij} \, \underline{n}_j \right] = 0 \tag{8e}$$

Thus $\lambda = 0$.

Since there exists no explicit solution to the system
(7a,b), we need to apply an iteration technique. The
following iteration scheme is proposed: Start with
an arbitrary vector γ, normalized so that $\gamma'\gamma = 1$.
Solve for ϕ in eq. 7a. Then compute $x = A\phi$ and solve
eq. 7b for γ. Normalize γ such that $\gamma'\gamma = 1$ and continue
until the desired convergence criteria are satisfied.

To prove that the above iteration scheme always converges,
we need an additional result which is proved in the
following lemma.

Lemma

Let A be a real symmetric positive definite matrix.
Further, let A be partitioned into M^2 matrices of order K,

$$
A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11}A_{12}\cdots A_{1M} \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ A_{M1} \quad \cdots A_{MM} \end{bmatrix}
\tag{9}
$$

where

$$
A_{ij} = (\alpha^{ij}_{rs}) \text{ is a K x K matrix.} \tag{9a}
$$

Let $\underline{x}$ be a non-zero vector with M elements. Then
the quadratic form

$$
B = \sum_{i}^{M} \sum_{j}^{M} x_i x_j \, A_{ij} \tag{9b}
$$

is a symmetric positive definite K x K matrix.

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Proof

There exist n = M x K linearly independent vectors $\underline{y}_j$ with n elements such that Y'Y = A where the n x n matrix $Y = (\underline{y}_1, \underline{y}_2, \ldots \underline{y}_n)$ has rank n. Then form new vectors $\underline{y}_i^*$ such that

$$\underline{y}_1^* = x_1\underline{y}_1 + x_2\underline{y}_{K+1} + \cdots x_M\underline{y}_{(M-1)K+1}$$

$$\underline{y}_2^* = x_1\underline{y}_2 + x_2\underline{y}_{K+2} + \cdots x_M\underline{y}_{(M-1)K+2}$$

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. (10a)

.

$$\underline{y}_K^* = x_1\underline{y}_K + x_2\underline{y}_{K+K} + \cdots x_M\underline{y}_{(M-1)K+K}$$

or in general

$$\underline{y}_j^* = \sum_i^M x_i\underline{y}_{(i-1)\cdot K+j}$$ (10b)

Note that these K vectors are linearly independent.

Now let $Y^* = (\underline{y}_1^*, \underline{y}_2^*, \ldots \underline{y}_K^*)$. Since Y^* has rank K, $Y^*{}'Y^*$ has also rank K and is a symmetric positive definite matrix. An arbitrary element b_{rs} in B can be written

$$\sum_i^M \sum_j^M x_i x_j a_{rs}^{ij}$$

where a_{rs}^{ij} is element rs in A_{ij}. But a_{rs}^{ij} is also an element in A.

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Since $A = Y'Y$ it follows that

$$a_{rs}^{ij} = Y'_{(i-1)K+r} \, Y_{(j-1)K+s} \tag{11}$$

Hence b_{rs} can be written

$$b_{rs} = \sum_i^M \sum_j^M x_i x_j \, Y'_{(i-1)K+r} Y_{(j-1)K+s} \tag{12}$$

Now let $Y^{*'}Y^* = B^* = (b^*_{rs})$. It then follows that

$$b^*_{rs} = Y_r' \, Y_s = \left[\sum_i^M x_i \, Y'_{(i-1)K+r} \right] \left[\sum_i^M x_j \, Y_{(j-1)K+s} \right] =$$

$$= \sum_i^M \sum_j^M x_i x_j \, Y'_{(i-1)K+r} \, Y_{(j-1)K+s} = b_{rs} \tag{13}$$

Hence $B = B^*$ and the lemma is proved.

The lefthand side of eq. 7a can be written

$$A' \left[\sum_i^M \sum_j^M \gamma_i \gamma_j \, Q_{ij} \right] A\phi \tag{14}$$

According to the lemma $\sum_i^M \sum_j^M \gamma_i \gamma_j \, Q_{ij}$ is a positive defi-
nite matrix of order K and thus ϕ in (14) and (7a) is
multiplied by a positive definite matrix of order L. This
implies that, for given γ, equation 7a uniquely defines ϕ.
In the same way for given ϕ, eq. 7b uniquely defines γ.
Now the function to be minimized (eq. 6) is a positive
definite quadratic form, and since this function is mini-
mized in each step of the iterations convergence is ensured.

If there is no cross-correlation, i.e., $Q_{ij} = 0$ for $i \neq j$, the system reduces to

$$\sum_i^M \gamma_i^2 \, A'Q_{ii} \, A\phi = \sum_i^M \gamma_i \, A'Q_{ii} \, \underline{Y}_i \qquad (15a)$$

$$\left[\sum_i^K x_i^2 \, Q_{ii}^* - \lambda I \right] \gamma = \sum_i^K x_i \, Q_{ii}^* \, \underline{Y}_i^* \qquad (15b)$$

and if the residuals have equal variances and are independent we get

$$\sum_i^M \gamma_i^2 \, A'A\phi = \sum_i^M \gamma_i \, A'\underline{Y}_i \qquad (16a)$$

$$\left[\sum_i^K x_i^2 - \lambda I \right] \gamma = \sum_i^K x_i \, \underline{Y}_i^* \qquad (16b)$$

Now let the specified variables be orthonormal then

$$\sum_i^M \gamma_i^2 \, \phi = \sum_i^M \gamma_i \, A'\underline{Y}_i \qquad (17a)$$

$$\left[\sum_i^K x_i^2 - \lambda I \right] \gamma = \sum_i^K x_i \, \underline{Y}_i^* \qquad (17b)$$

Rao (1964) obtained eq:s (16a,b) when he derived "principal components of instrumental variables" by least squares.

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If A is the identity matrix, then this reduces to

$$\sum_i^M \gamma_i^2 \, \phi = \sum_i^M \gamma_i \, \underline{Y}_i \qquad (18a)$$

$$\left[\sum_i^K x_i^2 - \lambda I \right] \gamma = \sum_i^K x_i \, \underline{Y}_i^* \qquad (18b)$$

which is the solution to the ordinary component model.

3. Large Sample Properties of the Estimates

We shall here consider the cases where there are no cross-correlation, i.e., we assume that $Q_{ij} = 0$ for every $i \neq j$.

3.1 Unknown basis for the signal and no auto correlation

If there is no auto correlation in the noise and the basis for the signal is unknown, maximum likelihood leads, after suitable normalization of the observations, to eq:s (18a,b). These equations define the estimated amplitudes as the eigenvector corresponding to the largest eigenvalue of covariance matrix for the observations. These estimates are consistent and the large sample variances have been given by Andersson (1963), Lyttkens (1966, see Wold 1966) and others. The variances are

$$D^2(\hat{\gamma}_j) = \frac{(\sigma_s^2 + \sigma^2)(1 - \gamma_j^2)\sigma^2}{\sigma_s^4 K} \qquad (19)$$

where σ_s^2 is the variance for the signal, σ^2 is the variance for the noise, and $\wedge$ denotes the estimate of the corresponding parameters.

The estimated signal is

$$\hat{x} = Y' \hat{\gamma} \qquad (20)$$

Although the amplitudes are estimated consistently, this will not be the case for the signal. This is easily seen in the following way:

Consider the i:th time point. Then

$$\hat{x}_i = \sum_j^M y_{ij} \hat{\gamma}_j = x_i \sum_j^M \hat{\gamma}_j \gamma_j + \sum_j^M \hat{\gamma}_j n_{ij} \qquad (21)$$

As the amplitudes are consistent, we find that the limiting distribution of $\hat{x}_i$ is that of

$$x_i + \sum_j^M \gamma_j n_{ij} = x_i + \bar{n}_i \qquad (22)$$

where the variance of $\bar{n}_i$ is equal to σ^2.

Thus, the estimate of the signal is inconsistent with a variance that tends to $\sigma_s^2 + \sigma^2$. This gives the square of the signal-to-noise ratio:

$$(S/N)^2 = \frac{\sigma_s^2}{\sigma^2} \qquad (23)$$

It may be of interest to compare this ratio with the corresponding ratio for the "simple summing method", i.e., when the signal is estimated with:

$$\bar{x}_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \sum_j^M y_{ij} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} (\sum_j^M \gamma_j) x_i + \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \sum_j^M n_{ij} \qquad (24)$$

The variance for this estimate is

$$D^2(\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{M} (\sum_j^M \gamma_j)^2 \sigma_s^2 + \frac{1}{M} \sum_j^M \sigma^2 = M \bar{\gamma}^2 \sigma_s^2 + \sigma^2 \qquad (25)$$

where $\bar{\gamma}$ is the arithmetic mean of the amplitudes.

This gives

$$(S/N)^2 = \frac{M \bar{\gamma}^2 \sigma_s^2}{\sigma^2} \qquad (26)$$

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But as

$$\sum_{j}^{M} \gamma_j^2 - M \bar{\gamma}^2 \geq 0 \qquad (27)$$

with equality if and only if the amplitudes are equal we find that (23) is always larger than or equal to (26).

3.2 Unknown Basis for the Signal and Autocorrelated Noise

For this situation, the maximum likelihood method leads to eq:s (15a, 7b) with $A = I$ and $\phi = x$. The properties of the estimates are to be treated in detail elsewhere, but we mention without proof that the estimates of the amplitudes are consistent and that the covariance matrix for the estimated signal is

$$D^2(x) = cov_x + (\sum_{j}^{M} \gamma_j^2 Q_{jj})^{-1} \qquad (28a)$$

where cov_x is the auto-covariance matrix of the signal. That is, as in 3.1 we do not obtain consistent estimates of the signal. And the square of the signal-to-noise ratio may be defined as

$$(S/N)^2 = \frac{\sigma_s^2}{\frac{1}{K}tr(\sum_{j}^{M} \gamma_j^2 Q_{jj})^{-1}} \qquad (28b)$$

with $\sigma_s^2 = \frac{1}{K}tr(cov_x)$.

Comment

As an alternative, we might use eq:s (18a,b) to estimate the amplitudes and the signal, although the noise is auto-correlated. The estimated amplitudes will be consistent because the estimated covariance matrix for the observations, under regularity conditions, i.e., stationary noise, tends to the theoretical. For the estimated signal we find

$$D^2(\hat{x}) = cov_x + \sum_{j}^{M} \gamma_j^2 \, Q_{jj}^{-1} \tag{29a}$$

implying that the estimated signal is inconsistent. Analogous to (28b) we get

$$(S/N)^2 = \frac{\sigma_s^2}{\frac{1}{K}tr(\sum_{j}^{M} \gamma_j^2 \, Q_{jj}^{-1})} \tag{29b}$$

If the noise levels are equal, which can be obtained after normalization of the records, (29b) is identical to (23). Further, if the autocovariance matrices for the noise are equal (28b) will be equal to (23) or (29a).

3.3 Known Basis for the Signal and No Auto-correlation

After suitable normalization, maximum likelihood leads to eq:s (16a,b). By choosing an orthogonal basis for the signal, with L<<K and A'A = K·I, (16a,b) changes to (17a,b), which can be written

$$\hat{\gamma}'\hat{\gamma} \; \hat{\phi} = A'Y \, \hat{\gamma} \tag{30a}$$

$$(A'\hat{\phi})'(A\hat{\phi}) \; \hat{\gamma} = Y'A \, \hat{\phi} \tag{30b}$$

Using the normalizing condition on the amplitudes and combining these equations we find

$$(A\hat{\phi})'(A\hat{\phi}) \; \hat{\gamma} = (A'Y)'(A'Y) \, \hat{\gamma} \tag{31}$$

i.e., $\hat{\gamma}$ is an eigenvector of the symmetric operator (A'Y)'(A'Y) with the corresponding eigenvalue $(A\hat{\phi})' \, A\hat{\phi} = K \, \hat{\phi}'\hat{\phi}$. It is

easily seen that the likelihood is maximized when $\hat{\gamma}$ is the eigenvector corresponding to the largest eigenvalue. The coefficient vector is obtained from (30a) and the signal from

$$\hat{x} = A\hat{\phi} \tag{32}$$

The estimates of γ and ϕ are consistent because $\frac{1}{K} A'Y$ tends to $\phi \gamma'$ when K increases.

Turning to the variances for the estimated amplitudes and coefficients, we may proceed as follows:

Let $\theta_0 = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_0 \\ \gamma_0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\hat{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\phi} \\ \hat{\gamma} \end{bmatrix}$ denote the true and estimated parameters. Using Taylor's theorem we get:

$$\left(\frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \theta} \right)_{\hat{\theta}} = \left(\frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \theta} \right)_{\theta_0} + \left(\frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial \theta^2} \right)_{\theta*} (\theta_0 - \hat{\theta}) \tag{33}$$

where $\theta*$ is between θ_0 and $\hat{\theta}$.

Now $\left(\frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \theta} \right)_{\hat{\theta}}$ is always zero in the solution, thus

$$\left(\frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \theta} \right)_{\theta_0} = - \left(\frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial \theta^2} \right)_{\theta*} (\theta_0 - \hat{\theta}) \tag{34}$$

From the general properties of maximum likelihood estimation $\left(\frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \theta} \right)_{\theta_0}$ will tend to a normal distribution with zero mean and covariance matrix equal to

$$E \left(\frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial \theta^2} \right)_{\theta_0} \tag{35}$$

i.e., equal to the expectation of the second order derivative evaluated at $\theta = \theta_0$.

Because of the normalizing conditions on the amplitudes ($\gamma'\gamma = 1$), the rank of (35) will be $(L + M - 1)$. Thus, (35) is singular.

Define

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} I_L & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta* \end{pmatrix} \qquad \text{with} \qquad (36a)$$

$$\Delta* = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & . & . & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & . \\ \dfrac{-\gamma_1}{\gamma_M} & \dfrac{-\gamma_2}{\gamma_M} & . & . & \dfrac{-\gamma_{M-1}}{\gamma_M} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{array}{l}\text{and } I_L \text{ an} \\ \text{L-order identity} \\ \text{matrix.}\end{array} \qquad (36b)$$

Then,

$$B' \left(\frac{\partial\, \Omega}{\partial\, \theta} \right)_{\hat{\theta}} = -B' \left(\frac{\partial^2\, \Omega}{\partial\, \theta^2} \right)_{\theta*} B\; B^{-1} (\theta_0 - \hat{\theta}) \qquad (37)$$

or

$$Z_0 = -C\Delta_0 \qquad \text{with } \Delta_0 = B^{-1}(\theta_0 - \hat{\theta}) \qquad (38)$$

Neglecting terms of second order and higher, we find that the last element of Δ_0 is zero and we may eliminate the last row and column of C. Let C_1 denote the upper left

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part of C, Z_{01} and Δ_{01} the $(M-1)$ first elements of Z_0 and Δ_0 respectively.

Then

$$Z_{01} = -C_1 \Delta_{01} \tag{39}$$

The limiting distribution of Z_{01} is normal with covariance matrix C_1 (where the derivatives are taken at $\theta^* = \theta_0$).

Further,

$$\Delta_{01} = -C_1^{-1} Z_{01} \tag{40}$$

and we find that the limiting distribution of Δ_{01} is normal with covariance matrix C_1^{-1}.

Define

$$B^* = \begin{pmatrix} I_L & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta^{**} \end{pmatrix} \qquad \text{where} \tag{41a}$$

$$\Delta^{**} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & . & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & . & 0 \\ . & . & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . \\ \dfrac{-\gamma_1}{\gamma_M} & . & \dfrac{-\gamma_2}{\gamma_M} & . & \dfrac{-\gamma_{M-1}}{\gamma_M} \end{pmatrix} = (M \times M-1) \tag{41b}$$

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Again neglecting terms of higher order, we obtain

$$B^* \Delta_{01} = (\theta_0 - \hat{\theta}) \tag{42}$$

which implies that the limiting distribution of $\theta_0 - \hat{\theta}$ is normal with covariance matrix

$$\Psi = B^* C_1^{-1} B^{*\prime} \tag{43}$$

To obtain the covariance matrix for the estimated parameters, we thus need the second order derivatives of Ω. These derivatives are:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial \phi^2} = K \, I_L \, \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \tag{44a}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial \phi \partial \gamma} = 2K \, \phi \, \gamma' \, \frac{1}{\sigma^2} - A'Y \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \tag{44b}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial \gamma^2} = (A\phi') \, A\phi \, I_M = K \, \sigma_s^2 \, I_M \, \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \tag{44c}$$

We then easily find

$$E\left(\frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial \theta^2}\right)_{\theta_0} = \frac{K}{\sigma^2} \begin{bmatrix} I_L & \phi\gamma' \\ \gamma\phi' & \sigma_s^2 I_M \end{bmatrix} \tag{45}$$

and

$$C = \frac{K}{\sigma^2} \ B' \begin{bmatrix} I_L & \phi\gamma' \\ \gamma\phi' & \sigma_s^2 I_M \end{bmatrix} B = \frac{K}{\sigma^2} \begin{bmatrix} I_L & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & \sigma_s^2 \Delta^{*'}\Delta^* \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{(46a)}$$

with

$$C_{12} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & \gamma_M & \cdot & \phi_1 \\ 0 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \gamma_M & \cdot & \phi_2 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \gamma_M & \cdot & \phi_L \end{bmatrix} = C_{21}' \quad \text{(46b)}$$

After somewhat tedious calculations we obtain

$$C_1^{-1} = \frac{K}{\sigma^2} \begin{bmatrix} I_L & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sigma_s^2} C_1^{22} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{(47a)}$$

where

$$C_1^{22} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-\gamma_1^2 & -\gamma_1\gamma_2 & \cdot & -\gamma_1\gamma_{M-1} \\ -\gamma_1\gamma_2 & 1-\gamma_2^2 & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ -\gamma_1\gamma_{M-1} & \cdot & \cdot & 1-\gamma_{M-1}^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{(47b)}$$

And finally we obtain the covariance matrix for the estimates

$$\Psi = B^* C_1^{-1} B^{*'} = \frac{\sigma^2}{K} \begin{bmatrix} I_L & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sigma_s^2} \Delta^{**} C_1^{22} \Delta^{**'} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{(48a)}$$

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$$\Delta^{**}C_1^{22}\Delta^{**\prime} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-\gamma_1^2 & -\gamma_1\gamma_2 & \cdot & -\gamma_1\gamma_M \\ -\gamma_1\gamma_2 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ -\gamma_1\gamma_M & \cdot & \cdot & 1-\gamma_M^2 \end{bmatrix} \tag{48b}$$

Comments

The variances for the amplitudes are smaller in this situation compared to situation 3.1. If the basis is known, the variance for the amplitudes is

$$D^2(\gamma_j) = \frac{\sigma^2(1 - \gamma_j^2)}{K \cdot \sigma_s^2} \tag{49}$$

which is smaller than the variance under 3.1. This is also reflected by the fact that one cannot rely on the general properties of maximum likelihood estimation when deriving the variance under 3.1.

Turning to the signal-to-noise ratio, we find that the estimated signal can be written

$$\hat{x} = x + (\hat{x} - x) \tag{50}$$

where $(\hat{x} - x)$ is the noise in the estimated signal. The variance for the true signal is

$$\frac{1}{K} x'x = \frac{1}{K} (A\phi)'(A\phi) = \phi'\phi = \sigma_s^2 \tag{51a}$$

and the variance for $(\hat{x} - x)$ is

$$\frac{1}{K} E \ (\hat{x} - x)'(\hat{x} - x) = \frac{1}{K} E \ \left[(A(\hat{\phi} - \phi))'A(\hat{\phi} - \phi)\right] =$$

$$\frac{1}{K} E \ (\hat{\phi} - \phi)'A'A(\hat{\phi} - \phi) = E(\hat{\phi} - \phi)'(\hat{\phi} - \phi) = \qquad (51b)$$

$$\frac{L\sigma^2}{K}$$

Thus,

$$(S/N)^2 = \frac{K \cdot \sigma_s^2}{L \cdot \sigma^2} \qquad (52)$$

and we see that the signal-to-noise ratio tends to infinity with $\sqrt{K}$.

3.4   Known Basis for the Signal and Autocorrelated Noise

As under 3.3, the estimates of γ and ϕ from (15a,b) will, under regularity condition, be consistent. The covariance matrix is rather complicated but can be obtained in a way analogous to that used in 3.3.

After some calculations we find the elements of

$$E \left(\frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial \theta}\right)_{\theta_0}$$

to be

$$E\left(\frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial \theta \partial \theta}\right)_{\theta_0} = A'(\sum_i^M \gamma_i^2 Q_{ii}) A \tag{53a}$$

$$E\left(\frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial \gamma^2}\right)_{\theta_0} = \sum_i^K \sum_j^K x_i x_j Q_{ij}^* \qquad \text{with } x = A\phi \tag{53b}$$

$$E\left(\frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial \phi \partial \gamma_i}\right)_{\theta_0} = \gamma_i A' Q_{ii} A\phi \qquad \text{for } i = 1,2\ldots M \tag{53c}$$

The covariance matrix for $\hat{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\phi} \\ \hat{\gamma} \end{bmatrix}$ is then

$$\Psi = B^* C_1^{-1} B^{*'} \tag{54}$$

with C_1 and B^* defined as in 3.3.

Comments

a) Contrary to 3.3, there is no simple form of the
    covariance matrix (54). However, it can easily be
    calculated by computer.

b) Analogous to 3.3, we find for the signal-to-noise
    ratio (with $A'A = K \cdot I$)
    1) The variance for the true signal is $\phi'\phi = \sigma_s^2$,
    2) The variance for the noise in the estimated
        signal

$$\frac{1}{K} E (\hat{x} - x)'(\hat{x} - x) = E (\hat{\phi} - \phi)'(\hat{\phi} - \phi) = \sum_{i=1}^{L} \Psi_{ii}$$

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Thus

$$(S/N)^2 = \frac{\sigma_s^2}{\sum\limits_{i=1}^{L} \Psi_{ii}} \tag{55}$$

As under 3.3 the signal-to-noise ratio will tend to inifinity with $\sqrt{K}$.

3) If we use eq:s (30a,b) to estimate ϕ and γ in the autocorrelated case, the estimates will still be consistent because

$$\frac{1}{K} A'Y \quad \text{tends to} \quad \phi \gamma'$$

This implies that the signal will be estimated consistently and that the signal-to-noise ratio will tend to infinity with $\sqrt{K}$.

4. Illustration

We shall illustrate the potential usefulness of the methods given above with two examples. The first was an artificial "signal" added to real seismic noise while the other represents two real seismic events recorded at NORSAR.

4.1 Artificial Data

We have used seismic noise from nine Scandinavian stations. The noise was normalized to have equal variances. Since the stations were widely separted the noise showed very little cross-correlation. The signal

$$S_t = \sum_{i=10}^{14} (\cos it + \sin it) \tag{56}$$

was added to each noise trace. The amplitude for this signal was set to 1 for four stations and to 1.5 for the other five. Two tests were made; in the first the signal variance was 0.25 resp. 0.563 of the noise variance. For each test data was analyzed in two ways. First ordinary component analysis was applied (eq:s 18a,b). In the

second try we utilized the knowledge that the signal could be expanded in linear combination of sin 10t,..., sin 14t and cos 10t,..., i.e., that the signal was band-limited. We did not use the knowledge of the noise auto-correlation but used formula (17a,b). The results are shown in Figs. 2 and 3. Fig. 1 shows the signal.
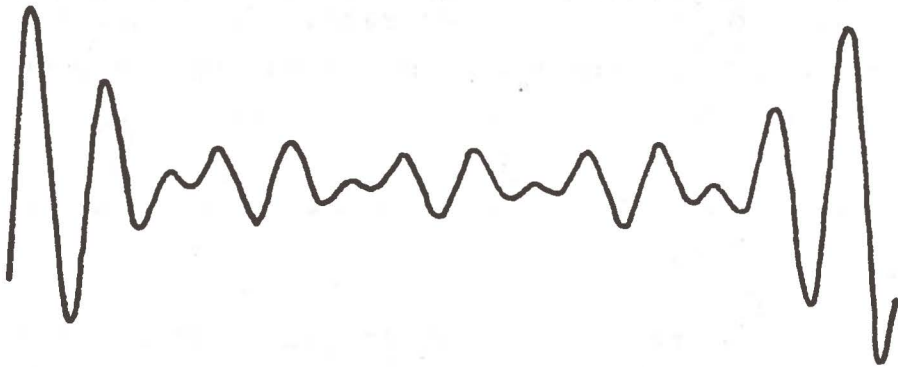
UNRESTRICTED ESTIMATE $(S/N)^2 = 3.8$
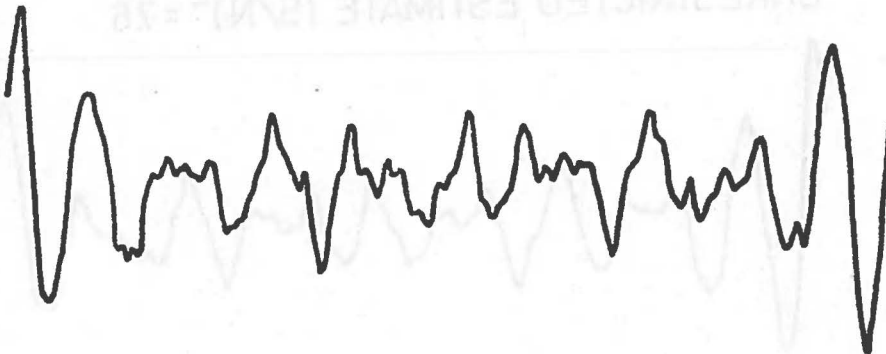
RESTRICTED ESTIMATE $(S/N)^2 \sim 38$

$(S/N)^2$ FOR THE DIFFERENT RECORDS $\begin{cases} 0.250 \\ 0.563 \end{cases}$

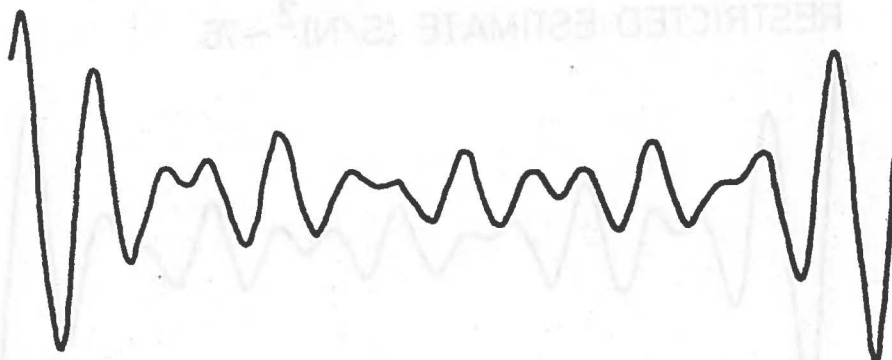Figure 2.   Estimated signals.

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UNRESTRICTED ESTIMATE $(S/N)^2 = 7.6$
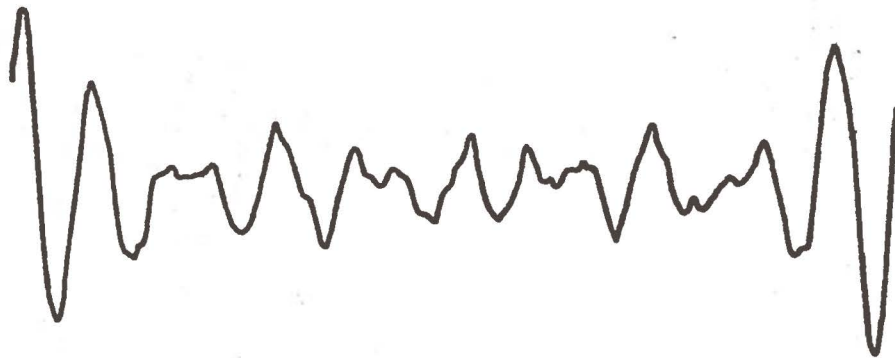
RESTRICTED ESTIMATE $(S/N)^2 \sim 76$
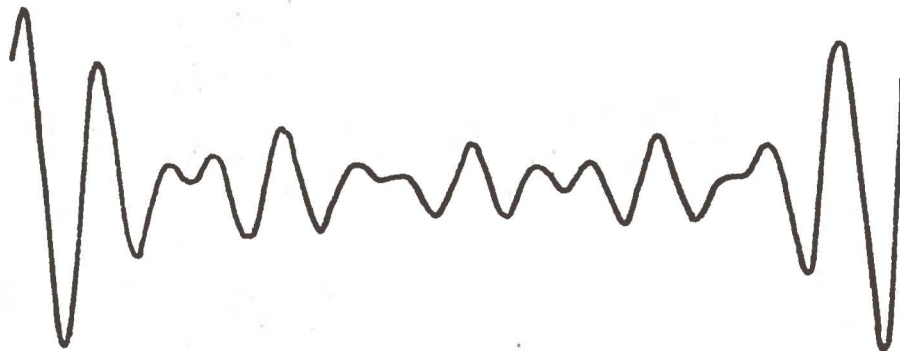
$(S/N)^2$ FOR THE DIFFERENT RECORDS $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0.500 \\ 1.125 \end{array} \right.$

Figure 3.   Estimated signals.

The ordinary component analysis increases the square
of the signal-to-noise ratio to 3.8 in the first test
and to 7.6 in the second test. For the simple summing
method we find, after normalization of the amplitudes
($\sum\limits_{j} \gamma_j^2 = 1$), $M\,\overline{\gamma}^2 = 0.96$, which implies that the component
method gives four per cent better results. In practical
applications we would expect even better results, especially
if there are one or more noisy seismometers.

A substantial improvement is obtained with the use of
eq:s (17a,b) as can be seen from the illustrations. The
squared signal-to-noise ratio increases to about 38 and
76 for the two tests.

4.2   Signal Estimation for Two NORSAR Recorded Events

To illustrate the behavior of the above methods for real
data, we have used the simple estimator given by eqs. (18a,b)
on two NORSAR recorded events. This estimator, which esti-
mates the signal with first principal component, does not
utilize any knowledge of cross and auto-correlation or any
prior knowledge of the basis for the space spanned by the signals.

In order to obtain correspondence with the standard
processing routines at NORSAR, signal-to-noise ratio is
defined as

$$ SNR = \max \left(\frac{1}{M} \sum_{j=1}^{M} |a_j| \right) \Bigg/ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} |a_j| \qquad (57) $$

where a_j = trace amplitude, M = 15 signal samples and
N = 200 noise samples.

In the analysis we have compared four different models:

1) Sum and delay   (Model 2A in figures 4 and 5)
2) Sum and delay corrected (Model 2B in figures 4 and 5)
   for variation in noise
   levels
3) Component model   (Model 3A in figures 4 and 5)
4) Component model cor-   (Model 3B in figures 4 and 5)
   rected for variation
   in noise levels.

The correction for variation in noise levels is done by
first estimating root mean square (RMS) for the noise
at each subarray by using 20 sec of data prior to the
signal. For Model 2B the correction is done by dividing
each subarray beam with the square of the corresponding
RMS while for Model 3B the correction is done by dividing
the subarray beams with the corresponding RMS.

The first event is a North Atlantic earthquake with
relatively strong and coherent array signals (see Fig. 4).
The gain for models 3A-B is as expected (due to coherent
signals) rather small, 1.34 and 1.52 dB respectively.
In the figure the left column gives subarray and model
codes, plot scaling factors and relative time shifts in
dsec. The right column gives model 3B amplitude factors
for the subarrays, SNR for the standard beams (i.e., model
2A), and gain in dB for model 2B, 3A and 3B relative to
the standard beam.

Figure 5 shows a very weak Western Russian event (alterna-
tively, the signals may represent a side lobe detection
of a local explosion in the Baltic Sea area). For this
event, model 3A and 3B result in large relative gains,
7.88 and 8.59 dB respectively.

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O1A	261	0	0.15846
O1B	320	-4	0.46094
O2B	368	-21	0.32718
O3B	351	-19	0.26574
O4B	290	-10	0.10698
O5B	236	6	0.15739
O6B	222	16	-0.00363
O7B	303	10	0.33392
O1C	220	-4	-0.00567
O2C	208	-13	0.19889
O3C	442	-34	0.16337
O4C	161	-40	-0.11132
O5C	272	-40	0.05179
O6C	420	-23	0.35678
O7C	274	-14	0.28826
O8C	495	0	0.34705
O9C	241	18	0.06530
10C	253	28	-0.01389
11C	205	28	-0.05106
12C	212	34	-0.01276
13C	288	31	0.13166
14C	246	13	0.01557
3B	814	0	1.52 DB
3A	797	0	1.34 DB
2B	5793	0	-0.47 DB
2A	3174	0	5.78

Figure 4. North Atlantic Earthquake.

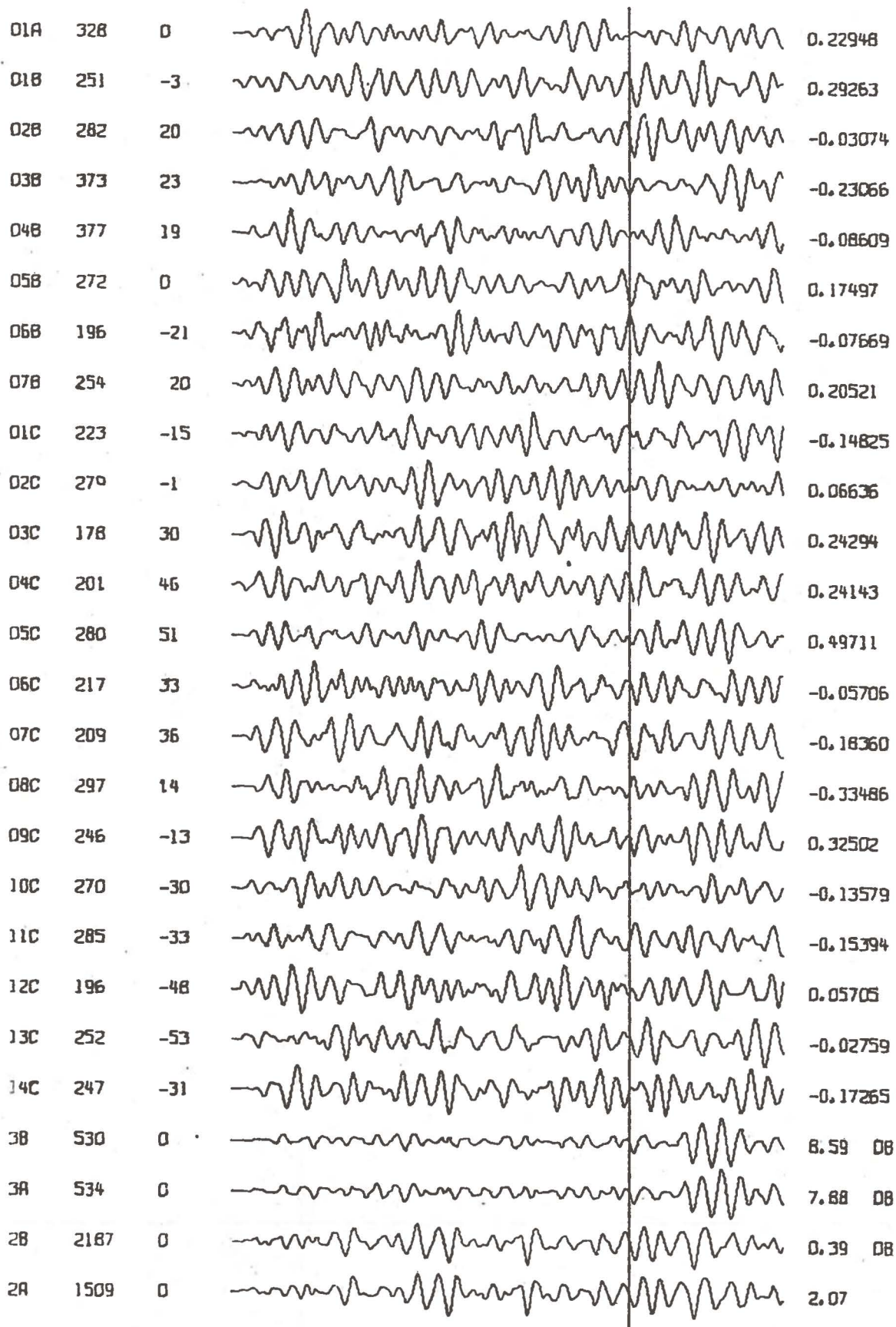|					
O1A	328	0		0.22948	
O1B	251	-3		0.29263	
O2B	282	20		-0.03074	
O3B	373	23		-0.23066	
O4B	377	19		-0.08609	
O5B	272	0		0.17497	
O6B	196	-21		-0.07669	
O7B	254	20		0.20521	
O1C	223	-15		-0.14825	
O2C	270	-1		0.06636	
O3C	178	30		0.24294	
O4C	201	46		0.24143	
O5C	280	51		0.49711	
O6C	217	33		-0.05706	
O7C	209	36		-0.18360	
O8C	297	14		-0.33486	
O9C	246	-13		0.32502	
10C	270	-30		-0.13579	
11C	285	-33		-0.15394	
12C	196	-48		0.05705	
13C	252	-53		-0.02759	
14C	247	-31		-0.17265	
3B	530	0		8.59	DB
3A	534	0		7.88	DB
2B	2187	0		0.39	DB
2A	1509	0		2.07	

Figure 5.   Western Russia Event.

5. The Model when 1<N<M

For this case the model, in terms of our observations, takes the form

$$Y = A \Phi \Gamma + N \qquad (58)$$

where Y, A, N are defined in section 2, and

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{11}, \ldots, \phi_{1N} \\ . \\ \phi_{L1}, \ldots, \phi_{LN} \end{pmatrix}$$ The columns of Φ contain these coefficients for the expansion of the basic vectors in terms of the given functions.

$$\Gamma = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11}, \ldots, \alpha_{1M} \\ . \\ \alpha_{N1}, \ldots, \alpha_{NM} \end{pmatrix}$$ The columns of Γ contain the amplitude factors for the basic vectors.

If the basis A is unknown, the model becomes

$$Y = X\Gamma + N \qquad (59)$$

where

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} X_{11}, \ldots, X_{1N} \\ . \\ X_{K1}, \ldots, X_{KN} \end{pmatrix}$$

The columns of X are the basic vectors in the space spanned by the signals. The signals are then $A\Phi\Gamma$ (or $X \Gamma$).

The estimation of the unknown in the model is carried
out in a way similar to that used for the model with N=1.
A way of extracting the solution that works also in the
general case is to estimate the first basic vectors and
the corresponding amplitude factors described in Section2.
We then subtract the basic vector multiplied by the appro-
priate amplitude factors from each of the traces. The
second basic vector and corresponding amplitude factor
can now be obtained from the residual by repeating the
whole process until we have extracted the described number
of basic vectors. If the auto and cross correlation are
disregarded, the rows of Γ are obtained as the eigenvectors
corresponding to the N largest eigenvalues of (31). The
elements of Φ are given by (30a).

6.   Rotation of the Basis

We have so far just obtained a set of vectors that span
our solution space. In most applications we would like
to find a set of new vectors each of which is closely
related to a signal form observed at one or more sensors.
Depending on which estimation formula that has been used,
our components are orthogonal or nearly orthogonal. It
is not reasonable to assume, however, that the different
signal forms should be orthogonal. What one wants to
assume is that the output of one sensor should be identical
to one vector only, except for a constant. Fortunately,
psychologists have been concerned with very similar prob-
lems for half a century. For a detailed description, the
reader is referred to (Harman 1967); here we will propose
a method given by (Jennrich and Sampson 1966).

Define

$$F(B) = \sum_p^N \sum_q^M (\sum_j b_{jp}^2 b_{jq}^2 - \frac{\delta}{n} \sum_j b_{jp}^2 \sum_j b_{jq}^2) \qquad (60)$$

where BT = Γ and $\delta < 0.8$ is a given constant. Our problem
is now to find a transformation T that will minimize F(B)
under the constraint that diag (T'T) = I. The rational
for setting up this formula is that we want the cross-
correlation of the squared elements of a pair of amplitude
factors to be small. Our constraint is introduced to make
the contribution to the variance from each instrument
the same as it was before the rotation.

An example: Assume that we have got the regression co-
efficients presented in the two leftmost columns of Table 1.
The two basic vectors seem to be present of every instrument.

Table 1. Hypotetical data   (Partly from Harman 1967)

Amplitude factors for eight instruments on two components			
Original Solution		Rotated Solution	
.830	-.396	.883	.065
.818	-.469	.956	-.029
.777	-.470	.926	-.045
.798	-.401	.882	.035
.786	.500	.005	.940
.672	.458	-.006	.803
.594	.444	-.065	.793
.647	.333	.104	.646

If we apply the Jennrich-Sampson method with $\delta=0$, we obtain the two rightmost columns. It is now evident that the signal form represented by the first basic vector is present only at instruments 1-4, while the second basic vector is present at instruments 5-8. This would normally be caused by two different structures. We should also observe that the correlation for the basic vectors has raised to 0.471 from almost zero in the unrotated case.

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