

Tidal seavel and velocity oscillations are prime examples of deterministic signals that generally can be predicted well into the future as the forcing takes place at discrete and known frequencies. astronomical

Other geophysical phenomena (sun-spot cycles, glacial cycles, geological cycles) are semi-deterministic, the frequencies of oscillations are not exactly known, but cycles are present nevertheless

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- use spectral methods to find the frequency of a signal, then
- assume that the frequency is known and discrete, and
- apply least square function fitting using the now "known" frequencies

Method of least squares

Model : $y(t) = a + bt$ 2 free parameters (a, b)

Measurements: $y_i = y(t_i) = a + bt_i$

misfit between model and measurement $y_i(t_i)$, $i=1, 2, 3, \dots, N$

$$\varepsilon^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - y)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N [y_i - (a + bt_i)]^2 = \varepsilon^2(a, b)$$

minimize the mean square error (the misfit), i.e.,

$$\frac{\partial \varepsilon^2}{\partial (a, b)} = 0, \text{ i.e.,}$$

$$\frac{\partial \varepsilon^2}{\partial a} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \sum_{i=1}^N [y_i - (a + bt_i)]^2 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^N [y_i - a + bt_i] \cdot (-1) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^N y_i - \sum_{i=1}^N (a + bt_i) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \varepsilon^2}{\partial b} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad 2 \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - (a + bt_i)) \cdot (-t_i) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^N y_i \cdot t_i - \sum_{i=1}^N (a + bt_i) t_i = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N y_i - \sum_{i=1}^N a - \sum_{i=1}^N b t_i = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N y_i - N \cdot a - b \sum_{i=1}^N t_i = 0$$

or with $[\cdot] \equiv \sum_{i=1}^N \cdot$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} [y] - Na - b[t] &= 0 \\ [yt] - a[t] - b[t^2] &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{pmatrix} N & [t] \\ [t] & [t^2] \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} [y] \\ [yt] \end{pmatrix}$$

A least-square problem can always be written in the form $\underline{A} \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{d}$

where \underline{A} is an $(m \times m)$ matrix where m is the number of free parameters

\vec{x} is a vector of length m containing the "unknown" free parameters

\vec{d} is a data vector

$$\vec{x} = \underline{A}^{-1} \cdot \vec{d}$$

gives the solution of the least-square problem

Harmonic (tidal) analysis

~~y(t)~~ model
$$y(t) = A_0 + \sum_{r=1}^M b_r \cos(\omega_r t) + c_r \sin(\omega_r t)$$

here ω_r are known tidal frequencies,
 y is either a sea level height or a velocity component,
 t is time, and
 (A_0, b_r, c_r) are harmonic coefficients to be found

Let's assume that the data are equally spaced (such as those from an NOS tide gauge or a current meter mooring), i.e., we have measurements

$$y_v = y_{-n}, y_{-n+1}, y_{-n+2}, \dots, y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{n-1}, y_n$$

to be fitted to

$$y(t = v \cdot \Delta t) = A_0 + \sum_{r=1}^M A_r \cos(\omega_r v \Delta t) + B_r \sin(\omega_r v \Delta t)$$

The mean square error ϵ^2 is

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon^2 &= \sum_{v=-n}^n (y_v - y(v \cdot \Delta t))^2 = \text{minimum} \\ &= \sum_{v=-n}^n \left\{ y_v - \left[A_0 + \sum_{r=1}^M A_r \cos(\omega_r v \Delta t) + B_r \sin(\omega_r v \Delta t) \right] \right\}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\frac{\partial \epsilon^2}{\partial A_0} = \frac{\partial \epsilon^2}{\partial A_r} = \frac{\partial \epsilon^2}{\partial B_r} = 0 \quad r=1, 2, \dots, M$$

give $(2M+1)$ equations for the $(2M+1)$ unknowns

that are $\vec{x} = (A_0, A_r, B_r, r=1, 2, \dots, M)$. These equations can

be written as

$$\underline{F} \cdot \vec{x} = \underline{D}$$

and result in

$$\vec{x} = \underline{F}^{-1} \cdot \underline{D}$$

where

$$\underline{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{v=-N}^N g_v \\ \sum_{v=-N}^N g_v \cos(\omega_1 v \cdot \Delta t) \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{v=-N}^N g_v \cos(\omega_M v \cdot \Delta t) \\ \sum_{v=-N}^N g_v \sin(\omega_1 v \cdot \Delta t) \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{v=-N}^N g_v \sin(\omega_M v \cdot \Delta t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{F} = \begin{pmatrix} N & h_1 & h_2 & \dots & h_M & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ h_1 & f_{11} & f_{12} & \dots & f_{1M} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ h_2 & f_{21} & f_{22} & \dots & f_{2M} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ h_M & f_{M1} & f_{M2} & \dots & f_{MM} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & g_{11} & \dots & g_{M1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & g_{1M} & \dots & g_{MM} \end{pmatrix}$$

This is a symmetric $(2M+1 \times 2M+1)$ matrix ~~where~~ which is independent of the measurements g_v

$$\begin{cases}
 h_i = S(\omega_i) \\
 F_{ij} = S(\omega_i - \omega_j) + S(\omega_i + \omega_j) = F_{ji} \\
 G_{ij} = S(\omega_i - \omega_j) - S(\omega_i + \omega_j) = G_{ji}
 \end{cases}$$

and

$$S(\omega) = \frac{\sin \left\{ \frac{(2n+1)\omega}{2} \right\}}{\sin(\omega/2)} = S(-\omega)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{ij} &= F_{ij} * 0.5 \\
 g_{ij} &= G_{ij} * 0.5
 \end{aligned}$$

$$S(\omega=0) = N$$

$N = 2n + 1$ is the # of data

There is extensive algebra in this matrix which has both pleasing symmetries and appealing simplicity; use has been made of the following relations that depend crucially on the use of "central" functions:

$$[\cdot] \equiv \sum_{r=-n}^n \cdot$$

$$[\cos(\omega_r \nu \Delta t)] = S(\omega_r) \quad 2[\cos(\omega_r \nu \Delta t) \sin(\omega_s \nu \Delta t)]$$

$$[\sin(\omega_r \nu \Delta t) \cos(\omega_s \nu \Delta t)] = 0$$

$$[\sin(\omega_r \nu \Delta t)]_{\nu} = 0$$

$$2[\cos^2(\omega_r \nu \Delta t)] = N + S(2\omega_r)$$

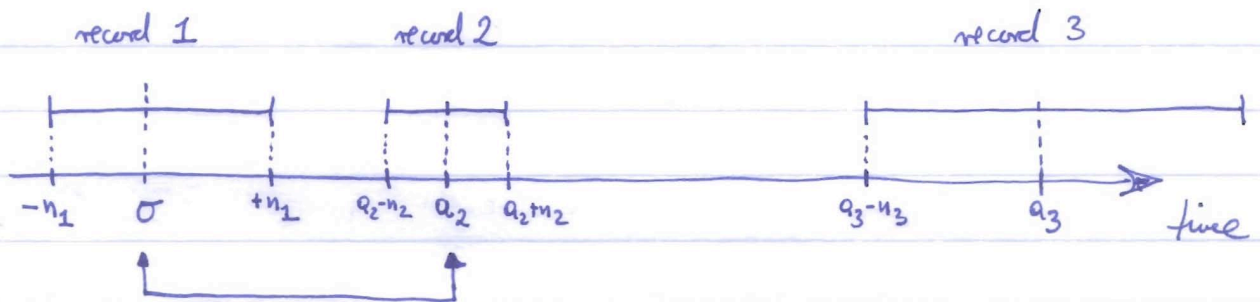
$$2[\sin^2(\omega_r \nu \Delta t)] = N - S(2\omega_r)$$

and

$$2 [\cos(\omega_r \gamma a t) \cos(\omega_s \gamma a t)] = S(\omega_r - \omega_s) + S(\omega_r + \omega_s) = F_{rs} \checkmark$$

$$2 [\sin(\omega_r \gamma a t) \sin(\omega_s \gamma a t)] = S(\omega_r - \omega_s) - S(\omega_r + \omega_s) = G_{rs} \checkmark$$

Let's now consider data that is not equally spaced, i.e., data from the same mooring location, but different deployments from time around, gaps due to instrument failure, gaps due to biological fouling, etc.



distance between the
CENTRAL points
of the 2 series

data in each segment is equally spaced, i.e.,

$$y_1 = y_{-n_1}, y_{-n_1+1}, \dots, y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{n_1-1}, y_{n_1}$$

$$a \equiv a_2$$

$$y_2 = y_{a-n_2}, y_{a-n_2+1}, \dots, y_a, y_{a+1}, \dots, y_{a+n_2-1}, y_{a+n_2}$$

⋮

shall be fitted to

$$y(t = \nu \cdot \Delta t) = A_0 + \sum_{r=1}^M A_r \cos(\omega_r \nu \Delta t) + B_r \sin(\omega_r \nu \Delta t)$$

The least square error now becomes

$$\epsilon^2 = \sum_{\nu=-n_1}^{n_1} (y_\nu - y(\nu \cdot \Delta t))^2 + \sum_{\nu=-n_2}^{n_2} (y_{q+\nu} - y((q+\nu)\Delta t))^2$$

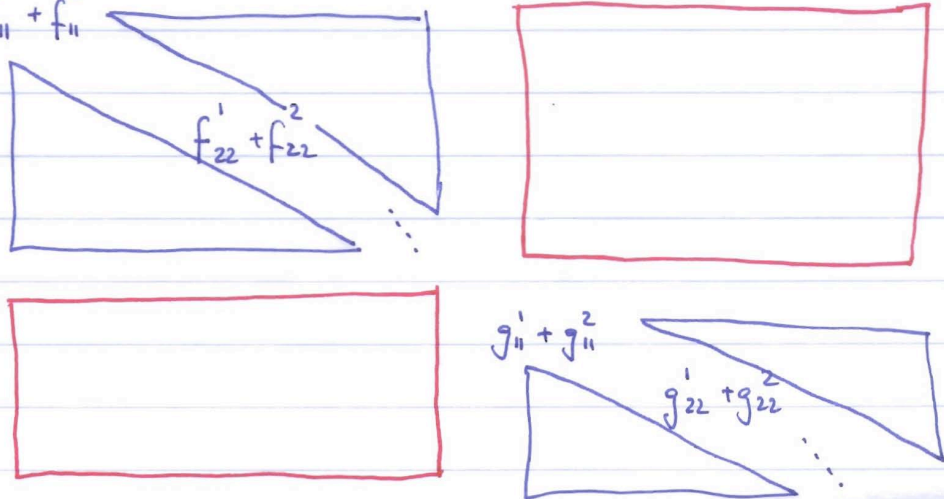
Same procedure as before, i.e.

$$\frac{\partial \epsilon^2}{\partial A_0} = \frac{\partial \epsilon^2}{\partial A_r} = \frac{\partial \epsilon^2}{\partial B_r} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \underline{F} \cdot \underline{x} = \underline{D}$$

$$\underline{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{\nu=-n_1}^{n_1} \dots + \sum_{\nu=-n_2}^{n_2} \dots \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

and 10 days of algebra as a second year ^{PhD} graduate student

gives

$$\underline{F} = \begin{pmatrix} N_1^2 + N_2^2 & h_1^2 + h_2^2 & h_1^2 + h_2^2 & \dots \\ h_1^2 + h_2^2 & f_{11}^1 + f_{11}^2 & & \\ h_1^2 + h_2^2 & & f_{22}^1 + f_{22}^2 & \\ \vdots & & & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$


For a single, centered time series the matrix elements in \square were identical zero. However, now they become filled with sums of functions which ALL have a \wedge factor of $\sin(\alpha \omega_r)$ $r=1, 2, \dots, M$
multiplicative

hence

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \square = 0$$

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