#### Digital Speech Processing— Lecture 13

### Linear Predictive Coding (LPC)-Introduction

### **LPC Methods**

- LPC methods are the most widely used in speech coding, speech synthesis, speech recognition, speaker recognition and verification and for speech storage
  - LPC methods provide extremely accurate estimates of speech parameters, and does it extremely efficiently
  - basic idea of Linear Prediction: current speech sample can be closely approximated as a <u>linear</u> combination of past samples, i.e.,

 $s(n) = \sum \alpha_k s(n-k)$  for some value of  $p, \alpha_k$ 's

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## **Solution for** $\{\alpha_k\}$

• short-time average prediction squared-error is defined as

$$E_{\hat{n}} = \sum_{m} e_{\hat{n}}^{2}(m) = \sum_{m} (s_{\hat{n}}(m) - \tilde{s}_{\hat{n}}(m))^{2}$$
$$= \sum_{m} \left( s_{\hat{n}}(m) - \sum_{k=1}^{p} \alpha_{k} s_{\hat{n}}(m-k) \right)^{2}$$

• select segment of speech  $s_{\hat{n}}(m) = s(m + \hat{n})$  in the vicinity of sample  $\hat{n}$ 

• the key issue to resolve is the range of *m* for summation (to be discussed later)

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# Solution for $\{\alpha_k\}$

• defining

$$\phi_{\hat{n}}(i,k) = \sum_m s_{\hat{n}}(m-i)s_{\hat{n}}(m-k)$$

• we get

$$\sum_{k=1}^{p} \alpha_{k} \phi_{\hat{n}}(i,k) = \phi_{\hat{n}}(i,0), \quad i = 1, 2, ..., p$$

• leading to a set of <u>p</u> equations in p unknowns that can be solved in an efficient manner for the  $\{\alpha_k\}$ 

Solution for { $\alpha_k$ } • minimum mean-squared prediction error has the form  $E_{\hat{n}} = \sum_{m} s_{\hat{n}}^2(m) - \sum_{k=1}^{p} \alpha_k \sum_m s_{\hat{n}}(m) s_{\hat{n}}(m-k)$ • which can be written in the form  $E_{\hat{n}} = \phi_{\hat{n}}(0,0) - \sum_{k=1}^{p} \alpha_k \phi_{\hat{n}}(0,k)$ Process: 1. compute  $\phi_{\hat{n}}(i,k)$  for  $1 \le i \le p, 0 \le k \le p$ 2. solve matrix equation for  $\alpha_k$ • need to specify range of *m* to compute  $\phi_{\hat{n}}(i,k)$ • need to specify  $\overline{s_{\hat{n}}(m)}$ 





**Autocorrelation Method** 























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Summary of LP

- use p<sup>th</sup> order linear predictor to predict s(n̂) from p previous samples
- solution for optimum predictor coefficients,  $\{\alpha_k\}$ , is based on solving a matrix equation
- autocorrelation method => signal is windowed by a tapering window in order to minimize discontinuities at beginning (predicting speech from zero-valued samples) and end (predicting zero-valued samples from speech samples) of the interval; the matrix  $\phi_{z}(i,k)$  is shown to be an autocorrelation function; the resulting autocorrelation matrix is Toeplitz and can be readily solved using standard matrix solutions
- covariance method => the signal is extended by p samples outside the normal range of  $0 \le m \le L - 1$  to include *p* samples occurring prior to m = 0; this eliminates large errors in computing the signal from values prior to m = 0 (they are available) and eliminates the need for a tapering window; resulting matrix of correlations is symmetric but not Toeplitz => different method of solution with somewhat different set of optimal prediction coefficients,  $\{\alpha_k\}$









LPC Summary	
5. Covariance Method:	
fix interval for error signal	
$\boldsymbol{E}_{\hat{n}} = \sum_{m=0}^{L-1} \boldsymbol{e}_{\hat{n}}^{2}(m) = \sum_{m=0}^{L-1} \left[ \boldsymbol{s}_{\hat{n}}(m) - \sum_{k=1}^{p} \alpha_{k} \boldsymbol{s}_{\hat{n}}(m-k) \right]^{2}$	
$\square \text{ freed signal for non s}(n-p) \text{ to s}(n+L-1) \rightarrow L+p \text{ samples}$	
$\sum_{k=1}^{r} \alpha_{k} \phi_{n}(i,k) = \phi_{n}(i,0), i = 1,2,,p$	
$\boldsymbol{E}_{\hat{n}} = \phi_{\hat{n}}(0,0) - \sum_{k=1}^{p} \alpha_{k} \phi_{\hat{n}}(0,k)$	
expressed as a matrix equation:	
$\phi \alpha = \psi$ or $\alpha = \phi^{-1} \psi$ , $\phi$ symmetric matrix	
$\begin{bmatrix} \phi_{\beta_1}(1,1) & \phi_{\beta_1}(1,2) & . & \phi_{\beta_1}(1,p) \\ \phi_{\beta_2}(2,1) & \phi_{\beta_2}(2,2) & . & \phi_{\beta_2}(2,p) \\ . & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . \\ . & . &$	
$\left[\phi_{\hat{n}}(\boldsymbol{p},1)  \phi_{\hat{n}}(\boldsymbol{p},2)  .  \phi_{\hat{n}}(\boldsymbol{p},\boldsymbol{p})\right] \left[\alpha_{\hat{p}}\right]  \left[\phi_{\hat{n}}(\boldsymbol{p},0)\right]$	31



#### Solution for Gain (Voiced) **Gain Assumptions** • for voiced speech the excitation is $G\delta(n)$ with output $\tilde{h}(n)$ (since it is the IR of the system), • assumptions about excitation to solve for G $\bar{h}(n) = \sum_{k=1}^{p} \alpha_k \bar{h}(n-k) + G\delta(n); \qquad \bar{H}(z) = \frac{G}{A(z)} = \frac{G}{1 - \sum_{k=1}^{p} \alpha_k z^{-k}}$ - **voiced speech**-- $u(n) = \delta(n) \Rightarrow L$ order of a single pitch period; predictor order, p, large enough • with autocorrelation $\tilde{R}(m)$ (of the impulse response) satisfying the relation to model glottal pulse shape, vocal tract IR, and shown below radiation $\tilde{R}(m) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{h}(n)\tilde{h}(m+n) = \tilde{R}[-m], \quad 0 \le m < \infty$ - *unvoiced speech*--*u*(*n*)-zero mean, unity variance, $\tilde{R}(m) = \sum_{k=1}^{p} \alpha_k \tilde{R}(|m-k|), \quad 1 \le m < \infty$ stationary white noise process $\tilde{R}(0) = \sum_{k=1}^{p} \alpha_k \tilde{R}(k) + G^2, \qquad m = 0$ 33





## Solution for Gain (Unvoiced)

• for m = 0 we get

$$\tilde{R}(0) = \sum_{k=1}^{p} \alpha_k \tilde{R}(k) + GE[u(n)\tilde{g}(n)]$$
$$= \sum_{k=1}^{p} \alpha_k \tilde{R}(k) + G^2$$

- since  $E[u(n)\tilde{g}(n)] = E[u(n)(Gu(n) + \text{terms prior to } n] = G^2$
- since the energy in the signal must equal the energy in the response to Gu(n) we get

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$$R(m) = R_{\hat{n}}(m)$$

$$G^{2} = R_{\hat{n}}(0) - \sum_{k=1}^{\mu} \alpha_{k} R_{\hat{n}}(k) = E_{\hat{n}}$$







#### LP Short-Time Spectrum Analysis





(b) Corresponding shorttime autocorrelation function used in LP analysis (heavy line shows values used in LP analysis)

(c) Corresponding shorttime log magnitude Fourier transform and short-time log magnitude LPC spectrum (*F<sub>S</sub>*=16 kHz)



## LP Short-Time Spectrum Analysis

The LP spectrum provides a basis for examining the properties of the prediction error (or equivalently the excitation of the VT)  $\Box$  The mean-squared prediction error at sample  $\hat{n}$  is:  $E_{\hat{n}} = \sum_{k=1}^{L+p-1} e_{\hat{n}}^2[m]$ 

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which, by Parseval's Theorem, can be expressed as:

 $E_{\hat{n}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int |\mathbf{E}_{\hat{n}}(e^{j\omega})|^2 d\omega = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int |\mathbf{S}_{\hat{n}}(e^{j\omega})|^2 |A(e^{j\omega})|^2 d\omega = G^2$ where  $S_a(e^{j\omega})$  is the FT of  $s_a[m]$  and  $A(e^{j\omega})$  is the corresponding

**Frequency Domain Interpretation of** 

**Mean-Squared Prediction Error** 

prediction error frequency response

 $A(e^{j\omega}) = 1 - \sum_{k=1}^{p} \alpha_{k} e^{-j\omega k}$ 

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#### **Frequency Domain Interpretation of Mean-Squared Prediction Error**

The LP spectrum is of the form: G

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{1}{A(e^{j\omega})}$$

Thus we can express the mean-squared error as:

$$E_{\hat{n}} = \frac{G^2}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{|S_{\hat{n}}(e^{j\omega})|^2}{|\tilde{H}(e^{j\omega})|^2} d\omega = G^2$$

UWe see that minimizing total squared prediction error is equivalent to finding gain and predictor coefficients such that the integral of the ratio of the energy spectrum of the speech segment to the magnitude squared of the frequency response of the model linear system is unity. || Thus  $||S_{i}(e^{j\omega})|^2$  can be interpreted as a frequency-domain

weighting function  $\Rightarrow$  LP weights frequencies where  $|S_{z}(e^{j\omega})|^{2}$ is large more heavily than when  $|S_{i}(e^{j\omega})|^{2}$  is small.

## LP Interpretation Example1



# LP Interpretation Example2





#### Effects of Model Order

□ The AC function,  $R_{\hat{n}}[m]$  of the speech segment,  $s_{\hat{n}}[m]$ , and the AC function,  $\tilde{R}[m]$ , of the impulse response,  $\tilde{h}[m]$ , corresponding to the system function,  $\tilde{H}(z)$ , are equal for the first (p+1) values. Thus, as  $p \to \infty$ , the AC functions are equal for all values and thus:

 $\lim |\tilde{H}(e^{j\omega})|^2 = |S_{\hat{n}}(e^{j\omega})|^2$ 

 $\Box$  Thus if p is large enough, the FR of the all-pole model,  $\tilde{H}(e^{j\omega})$ , can approximate the signal spectrum with arbitrarily small error.



#### **Effects of Model Order**



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#### **Selective Linear Prediction**

it is possible to apply LP methods to selected parts of spectrum
0-4 kHz for voiced sounds ⇒ use a predictor of order p<sub>1</sub>
4-8 kHz for unvoiced sounds ⇒ use a predictor of order p<sub>2</sub>

• the key idea is to map the frequency region  $\{f_A, f_B\}$  linearly to  $\{0, .5\}$  or, equivalently, the region  $\{2\pi f_A, 2\pi f_B\}$  maps linearly to  $\{0, \pi\}$  via the transformation

$$\phi' = \frac{\omega - 2\pi f_A}{2\pi f_B - 2\pi f_A} \cdot 2\pi f_B$$

• we must modify the calculation for the autocorrelation to give:

$$R'(m) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |S_{\hat{n}}(\mathbf{e}^{j\omega'})|^2 \mathbf{e}^{j\omega'm} d\omega'$$

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%% Find first column of V	
$d_1 = \phi_{11}$	(9.66)
for $i = 2, 3,, p$	
$V_{i1} = \phi_{i1}/d_1$	(9.67)
end	
%% Find D and remaining columns of V	
for $j = 2, 3,, p - 1$	
j=1	(0.00)
$a_j = \phi_{jj} - \sum_{k=1}^{n} v_{jk}a_k$	(9.68)
for $i = i + 1,, p$	
j-1	
$V_{ij} = (\phi_{ij} - \sum V_{ik}d_kV_{jk})/d_j$	(9.69)
k=1	
end	
end p-1	
$d_r = \phi_{rr} - \sum V_r^2 d_r$	(9.68)
$p = pp \sum_{k=1}^{n} p_k - k$	(0.00)
%% Find $Y = DV^T \alpha$	
$Y_1 = \psi_1$	(9.72)
for $i = 2, 3,, p$	
$V = \phi$ $\sum_{i=1}^{i-1} V V$	(0.72)
$r_i = \psi_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i} \psi_{ij} r_j$	(9.13)
end	
5% Find $\alpha$ from Y	
$\alpha_p = Y_p/d_p$	(9.76)
for $i = p - 1, p - 2,, 1$	
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$\alpha_i = Y_i/d_i - \sum_{ij} V_{ij}\alpha_j$	(9.77)
j=r+1	

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#### Levinson-Durbin Algorithm 5 □Key step is that since Toeplitz matrix has special symmetry we can reverse the order of the equations (first equation last, last equation first), giving: $R[0] \qquad R[1] \qquad R[2] \qquad \dots \qquad R[i] \qquad \Big| \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ R[0] R[1] ... $R[i-1] = -\alpha_{i-1}^{(i-1)}$ **R**[1] 0 R[2] R[1] R[0] ... R[i-2] $-\alpha_{i-2}^{(i-1)}$ 0 . . . ... . . $R[i-1] \quad R[i-2] \quad R[i-3] \quad \dots \quad R[1] \quad \| -\alpha_1^{(i-1)}$ 0 R[i] R[i-1] R[i-2] ... R[0] 1 $E^{(i-1)}$

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