Digital Speech Processing—Lecture 16

Speech Coding Methods
Based on Speech Waveform Representations and Speech Models—Adaptive and Differential Coding

Speech Waveform Coding-Summary of Part 1

1. Probability density function for speech samples
   - Gamma: \( p(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_x} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{x^2}{\sigma_x^2}\right) \)
   - Laplacian: \( p(x) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{|x|}{\sigma_x}\right) \)

2. Coding paradigms
   - uniform -- divide interval from \( -X_{\text{max}} \) to \( X_{\text{max}} \) into \( 2^B \) intervals of length \( \Delta = \frac{2X_{\text{max}}}{2^B} \) for a \( B \)-bit quantizer

Speech Waveform Coding-Summary of Part 1

- pseudo-logarithmic (constant percentage error)
  - compress \( x[n] \) by pseudo-logarithmic compander
  - quantize the companded \( x[n] \) uniformly
  - expand the quantized signal

Adaptive Quantization

- linear quantization \( \Rightarrow \) SNR depends on \( \sigma_e \), being constant (this is clearly not the case)
- instantaneous companding \( \Rightarrow \) SNR only weakly dependent on \( X_{\text{max}}/\sigma_e \) for large \( \mu \)-law compression (100-500)
- optimum SNR \( \Rightarrow \) minimize \( \sigma_e^2 \) when \( \sigma_x^2 \) is known, non-uniform distribution of quantization levels

Quantization dilemma: want to choose quantization step size large enough to accommodate maximum peak-to-peak range of \( x[n] \), at the same time need to make the quantization step size small so as to minimize the quantization error

- the non-stationary nature of speech (variability across sounds, speakers, backgrounds) compounds this problem greatly
Solutions to Quantization Dilemma

Adaptive Quantization:

- Solution 1 - let $\Delta$ vary to match the variance of the input signal $\Rightarrow \Delta[n]$
- Solution 2 - use a variable gain, $G[n]$, followed by a fixed quantizer step size, $\Delta \Rightarrow$ keep signal variance of $y[n] = G[n]x[n]$ constant

Case 1: $\Delta[n]$ proportional to $\sigma_x$ $\Rightarrow$ quantization levels and ranges would be linearly scaled to match $\sigma_x^2$ $\Rightarrow$ need to reliably estimate $\sigma_x^2$

Case 2: $G[n]$ proportional to $1/\sigma_x$ to give $\sigma_y^2 \approx$ constant $\Rightarrow$ need reliable estimate of $\sigma_x^2$ for both types of adaptive quantization

Types of Adaptive Quantization

- instantaneous-amplitude changes reflect sample-to-sample variations in $x[n] \Rightarrow$ rapid adaptation
- syllabic-amplitude changes reflect syllable-to-syllable variations in $x[n] \Rightarrow$ slow adaptation
- feed-forward-adaptive quantizers that estimate $\sigma_x^2$ from $x[n]$ itself
- feedback-adaptive quantizers that adapt the step size, $\Delta$, on the basis of the quantized signal, $\hat{x}[n]$, (or equivalently the codewords, $c[n]$)

Feed Forward Quantizers

- feed forward systems make estimates of $\sigma_x^2$, then make $\Delta$ or the quantization levels proportional to $\sigma_x^2$, or the gain is inversely proportional to $\sigma_x^2$
  - assume $\sigma_x^2 = \text{short-time energy}$
  - $\sigma_x^2[n] = \sum x[n-m]h[n-m]/\sum h[n]$ where $h[n]$ is a lowpass filter
  - $\sigma_x^2[n] = \sigma_x^2$ (this can be shown)
  - consider $h[n] = a^{n-1}$ $\Rightarrow$ $\sigma_x^2[n] = \sigma_x^2$ $\Rightarrow$ $\sigma_x^2[n] = \sigma_x^2$ $\Rightarrow$ $\sigma_x^2[n] = \sigma_x^2$ $\Rightarrow$ (recursion)
  - this gives $\Delta[n] = \Delta_0/\sigma_x^2$ and $G[n] = G_0/\sigma_x^2$

Slowly Adapting Gain Control

- $\alpha = 0.99$
- $\sigma_x^2[n] = \sum x[n-m]h[n-m]/\sum h[n]$ $\Rightarrow$ $\sigma_x^2[n] = \sigma_x^2$ $\Rightarrow$ $\sigma_x^2[n] = \sigma_x^2$ $\Rightarrow$ $\sigma_x^2[n] = \sigma_x^2$ $\Rightarrow$ (recursion)
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Rapidly Adapting Gain Control

\[ \sigma'[n] = \alpha \sigma'[n-1] + x'[n-1] [1-\alpha] \]

\[ G(n) = \frac{G}{G'}(n) \]  

\[ y(n) = G(n)x(n) \]

\[ \hat{y}(n) = Q\left\{ G(n)x(n) \right\} \]

\[ \Delta[n] = \Delta_0 \sqrt{\sigma'[n]} \]

\[ \hat{x}(n) = Q\left\{ x[n] \right\} \]

\[ G_{\min} \leq G(n) \leq G_{\max} \]

\[ \Delta_{\min} \leq \Delta[n] \leq \Delta_{\max} \]

Feed Forward Quantizers

- \( \Delta[n] \) and \( G(n) \) vary slowly compared to \( x[n] \)
  - they must be sampled and transmitted as part of the waveform coder parameters
  - rate of sampling depends on the bandwidth of the lowpass filter, \( f[n] \) for \( \alpha = 0.99 \), the rate is about 13 Hz; for \( \alpha = 0.9 \), the rate is about 135 Hz
- It is reasonable to place limits on the variation of \( \Delta[n] \) or \( G[n] \) of the form \( G_{\min} \leq G[n] \leq G_{\max} \)
- for obtaining \( \sigma'y \)
  - constant \( \Rightarrow \) time constant of 9 samples \( \text{or} \) 1 msec at 8 kHz for change \( \Rightarrow \) instantaneous rate

Feed Forward Adaptation Gain

\[ \sigma'[n] = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} x'[n] \]

- \( \Delta[n] \) or \( G[n] \) evaluated every \( M \) samples
- used \( M = 128, 1024 \) samples for estimates
- adaptive quantizer achieves up to 5.6 dB better SNR than non-adaptive quantizers
- can achieve this SNR with low "idle channel noise" and wide speech dynamic range by suitable choice of \( \Delta_{\min} \) and \( \Delta_{\max} \)

Feedback Adaptation

- \( \sigma'[n] \) estimated from quantizer output (or the code words)
- advantage of feedback adaptation is that neither \( \Delta[n] \) nor \( G[n] \) needs to be transmitted to the decoder since they can be derived from the code words
- disadvantage of feedback adaptation is increased sensitivity to errors in codewords, since such errors affect \( \Delta[n] \) and \( G[n] \)

Feedback Adaptation

- \( \sigma'[n] \) based only on past values of \( \hat{x}[n] \)
- two typical windows/filters are
  1. \( \hat{h}[n] = \alpha^{n+1} \quad n \geq 1 \)
     \( = 0 \quad \text{otherwise} \)
  2. \( \hat{h}[n] = 1/M \quad 1 \leq n \leq M \)
     \( = 0 \quad \text{otherwise} \)
  \( \sigma'[n] = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} \hat{x}'[n] \)
- can use very short window lengths (e.g., \( M = 2 \)) to achieve 12 dB SNR for a \( B = 3 \) bit quantizer

Alternative Approach to Adaptation

- \( \Delta[n] \) only depends on \( \Delta[n-1] \) and \( \hat{c}[n-1] \)
- only need to transmit codewords
- also necessary to impose the limits \( \Delta_{\min} \leq \Delta[n] \leq \Delta_{\max} \)
- the ratio \( \Delta_{\min} / \Delta_{\max} \) controls the dynamic range of the quantizer

Table 6.4 Adaptive Gain Quantizers with Feed Forward Adaptation (in bits/8 kHz)

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feed-forward adaptation gain with B=3—less gain for Mn=1024 than Mn=128 by 3 dB => Mn=1024 is too long an interval
Adaptation Gain

• key issue is how should $P$ vary with $|c[n-1]|$
  - If $c[n-1]$ is either largest positive or largest negative codeword, then quantizer is overloaded and the quantizer step size is too small => $P_2 > 1$
  - If $c[n-1]$ is either smallest positive or negative codeword, then quantization error is too large => $P_1 < 1$
  - need choices for $P_2$ and $P_3$

$$Q = \frac{1 + 2|c[n-1]|}{2^8 - 1}$$

• shaded area is variation in range of $P$ values due to different speech sounds or different $B$ values

Can see that step size increases ($P_2 \approx 1$) are more vigorous than step size decreases ($P_1 < 1$) since signal growth needs to be kept within quantizer range to avoid 'overloads'.

Optimal Step Size Multipliers

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• optimal values of $P$ for $B=2,3,4,5$

• improvements in SNR

• 4-7 dB improvement over $\mu$-law

• 2-4 dB improvement over non-adaptive optimum quantizers

Quantization of Speech Model Parameters

• Quality and data rate of synthesis depends on:
  – the ability of the model to represent speech
  – the ability to reliably and accurately estimate the parameters of the model
  – the ability to quantize the parameters in order to obtain a low data rate digital representation that will yield a high quality reproduction of the speech signal

Quantization of Speech Model Parameters

• Excitation and vocal tract (linear system) are characterized by sets of parameters which can be estimated from a speech signal by LP or cepstral processing.
  • We can use the set of estimated parameters to synthesize an approximation to the speech signal whose quality depends on a range of factors.

Closed-Loop and Open-Loop Speech Coders

Closed-loop – used in a feedback loop where the synthetic speech output is compared to the input signal, and the resulting difference used to determine the excitation for the vocal tract model.

Open-loop – the parameters of the model are estimated directly from the speech signal with no feedback as to the quality of the resulting synthetic speech.
Scalar Quantization

- Scalar quantization – treat each model parameter separately and quantize using a fixed number of bits
  - need to measure (estimate) statistics of each parameter, i.e., mean, variance, minimum/maximum value, pdf, etc.
  - each parameter has a different quantizer with a different number of bits allocated
- Example of scalar quantization
  - pitch period typically ranges from 20-150 samples (at 8 kHz sampling rate) => need about 128 values (7-bits) uniformly over the range of pitch periods, including value of zero for unvoiced/background
  - amplitude parameter might be quantized with a μ-law quantizer using 4-5 bits per sample
  - using a frame rate of 100 frames/sec, you would need about 700 bps for pitch period and 400-500 bps for amplitude

Techniques of Vector Quantization

- code block of scalars as a vector, rather than individually
- design an optimal quantization method based on mean-squared distortion metric
- essential for model-based and hybrid coders

Vector Quantization

- 20-th order LPC analysis frame
- Each PARCOR coefficient transformed to range: \(-\pi/2 < \sin^{-1}(k_i) < \pi/2\) and then quantized with both a 4-bit and a 3-bit uniform quantizer.
- Total rate of quantized representation of speech about 5000 bps.

Waveform Coding Vector Quantizer

VQ code pairs of waveform samples, \(X[n](2n, 2(n+1))\):
- (b) Single element codebook with cluster centroid (0-bit codebook)
- (c) Two element codebook with two cluster centers (1-bit codebook)
- (d) Four element codebook with four cluster centers (2-bit codebook)
- (e) Eight element codebook with eight cluster centers (3-bit codebook)
Toy Example of VQ Coding

- 2-pole model of the vocal tract => 4 reflection coefficients
- 4-possible vocal tract shapes => 4 sets of reflection coefficients

1. Scalar Quantization - assume 4 values for each reflection coefficient => 2-bits x 4 coefficients = 8 bits/frame
2. Vector Quantization - only 4 possible vectors => 2-bits to choose which of the 4 vectors to use for each frame (pointer into a codebook)
   - this works because the scalar components of each vector are highly correlated
   - if scalar components are independent => VQ offers no advantage over scalar quantization

Elements of a VQ Implementation

1. A large training set of analysis vectors; \( X = \{X_1, X_2, ..., X_L\} \), \( L \) should be much larger than the size of the codebook, \( M \), i.e., 10-100 times the size of \( M \).
2. A measure of distance, \( d_i = d(X_i) \), between a pair of analysis vectors, both for clustering the training set as well as for classifying test set vectors into unique codebook entries.
3. A centroid computation procedure and a centroid splitting procedure.
4. A classification procedure for arbitrary analysis vectors that chooses the codebook vector closest in distance to the input vector, providing the codebook index of the resulting nearest codebook vector.

VQ Implementation

- Training Set of Vectors \( \{X_1, X_2, ..., X_L\} \)
- Clustering Algorithm (K-Means)
- Codebook \( M=2^k \) Vectors

The VQ Distance Measure

- The VQ distance measure depends critically on the nature of the analysis vector, \( X \).
  - If \( X \) is a log spectral vector, then a possible distance measure would be an \( L_p \) log spectral distance, of the form:
    \[
    d(X_i, X_j) = \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{n} |x_{i,k}^p - x_{j,k}^p| \right]^{1/p}
    \]
  - If \( X \) is a cepstral vector, then the distance measure might well be a cepstral distance of the form:
    \[
    d(X_i, X_j) = \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{n} (c_{i,k} - c_{j,k})^2 \right]^{1/2}
    \]

The VQ Training Set

- The VQ training set of \( L \geq 10M \) vectors should span the anticipated range of:
  - talkers, ranging in age, accent, gender, speaking rate, speaking levels, etc.
  - speaking conditions, range from quiet rooms, to automobiles, to noisy work places
  - transducers and transmission systems, including a range of microphones, telephone handsets, cellphones, speakerphones, etc.
  - speech, including carefully recorded material, conversational speech, telephone queries, etc.

Clustering Training Vectors

- Goal is to cluster the set of \( L \) training vectors into a set of \( M \) codebook vectors using generalized Lloyd algorithm (also known as the K-means clustering algorithm) with the following steps:
  1. Initialization – arbitrarily choose \( M \) vectors (initially out of the training set of \( L \) vectors) as the initial set of codewords in the codebook
  2. Nearest Neighbor Search – for each training vector, find the codeword in the current codebook that is closest (in distance) and assign that vector to the corresponding cell
  3. Centroid Update – update the codeword in each cell to the centroid of all the training vectors assigned to that cell in the current iteration
  4. Iteration – repeat steps 2 and 3 until the average distance between centroids at successive iterations falls below a preset threshold
**Clustering Training Vectors**

Voronoi regions and centroids

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**Centroid Computation**

- Assume we have a set of \( V \) vectors, 
  \[ X^C = \{X_1^C, X_2^C, \ldots, X_N^C\} \]
  where all \( V \) vectors are assigned to cluster \( C \).
- The centroid of the set \( X^C \) is defined as the vector \( \bar{X} \) that minimizes the average distortion, i.e.,
  \[ \bar{X} = \min_{\bar{X}} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} d(X_i^C, \bar{X}) \]
- The solution for the centroid is highly dependent on the choice of distance measure. When both \( X_i^C \) and \( \bar{X} \) are measured in a \( K \)-dimensional space with the \( L_p \) norm, the centroid is the mean of the vector set
  \[ \bar{X} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} X_i^C \]
- When using an \( L_p \) distance measure, the centroid is the median vector of the set of vectors assigned to the given class.

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**Vector Classification Procedure**

- The classification procedure for arbitrary test set vectors is a full search through the codebook to find the "best" (minimum distance) match.
- If we denote the codebook vectors of an \( M \)-vector codebook as \( CB \), for \( 1 \leq i \leq M \), and we denote the vector to be classified (and vector quantized) as \( X \), then the index, \( i^* \), of the best codebook entry is:
  \[ i^* = \arg \min_{i \leq M} d(X, CB_i) \]

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**Binary Split Codebook Design**

1. Design a 1-vector codebook; the single vector in the codebook is the centroid of the entire set of training vectors
2. Double the size of the codebook by splitting each current codebook vector, \( Y_m \), according to the rule:
   \[ Y_m^+ = Y_m(1 + \epsilon) \]
   \[ Y_m^- = Y_m(1 - \epsilon) \]
   where \( m \) varies from 1 to the size of the current codebook, and \( \epsilon \) is a splitting parameter (0.01 typically)
3. Use the K-means clustering algorithm to get the best set of centroids for the split codebook
4. Iterate steps 2 and 3 until a codebook of size \( M \) is designed.

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**Binary Split Algorithm**

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**VQ Codebook of LPC Vectors**

A VQ Codebook

- 64 vectors in a codebook of spectral shapes
VQ Coding for Speech

Differential Quantization

Theory and Practice

Example of Difference Signal

Differential Quantization

• we have carried instantaneous quantization of \( x[n] \) as far as possible
• time to consider correlations between speech samples separated in time => differential quantization
• high correlation values \( \Rightarrow \) signal does not change rapidly in time \( \Rightarrow \) difference between adjacent samples should have lower variance than the signal itself

differential quantization can increase SNR at a given bit rate, or lower bit rate for a given SNR

'distortion' in coding computed using a spectral distortion measure related to the difference in log spectra between the original and the codebook vectors

10-bit VQ comparable to 24-bit scalar quantization for these examples

Prediction error from LPC analysis using \( p=12 \)

Prediction error is about 2.5 times smaller than signal
**Differential Quantization**

\[ d[n] = x[n] - \hat{x}[n] \]
\[ \hat{d}[n] = d[n] + \hat{e}[n] \]

- Where \( x[n] \) = unquantized input sample
- \( \hat{x}[n] \) = estimate or prediction of \( x[n] \)
- \( \hat{d}[n] \) = prediction error signal
- \( \hat{e}[n] \) = quantized difference (prediction error) signal

\[ \hat{d}[n] = d[n] + \hat{e}[n] \]
\[ \hat{x}[n] = \hat{x}[n] + \hat{d}[n] \]
\[ \Rightarrow \hat{x}[n] = x[n] + \hat{e}[n] \]

**SNR for Differential Quantization**

\[ SNR_{DQ} = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma^2_{Q}} \]
\[ SNR = G \cdot SNR_{DQ} \]

\[ G = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma^2_{Q}} \] is the gain due to differential quantization
SNR for Differential Quantization

- \( SNR^0 \) depends on chosen quantizer and can be maximized using all of the previous quantization methods (uniform, non-uniform, optimal)
- \( G_p \), hopefully, > 1, is the gain in \( SNR \) due to differential coding
- want to choose the predictor, \( P \), to maximize \( G_p \), since \( \sigma^2_p \) is fixed, then we need to minimize \( \sigma^2_p \), i.e., design the best predictor \( P \)

Predictor for Differential Quantization

- consider class of linear predictors, \( P \)
  \[
  \hat{x}[n] = \sum_{k=1}^{p} a_k \hat{x}[n-k]
  \]
- \( \hat{x}[n] \) is a linear combination of previous quantized values of \( x[n] \)
- the predictor z-transform is
  \[
  P(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{p} a_k z^{-k} = 1 - A(z) \quad \text{-- predictor system function}
  \]
- with predictor impulse response coefficients (FIR filter)
  \[
  a_k = a_k \quad 1 \leq k \leq p
  \]
  \[
  = 0 \quad \text{otherwise}
  \]

Solution for Optimum Predictor

- want to choose \( \{a_k\}, 1 \leq j \leq p \), to minimize \( \sigma_j^2 \)
  differentiate \( \sigma_j^2 \) wrt \( a_j \), set derivatives to zero, giving
  \[
  \frac{\partial \sigma_j^2}{\partial a_j} = -2E\left[\{x[n] - \hat{x}[n-j]\} \{x[n-j] + e[n-j]\}\right] = 0, \quad 1 \leq j \leq p
  \]
  which can be written in the more compact form
  \[
  E\left[(x[n] - \hat{x}[n-j])(x[n-j] + e[n-j])\right] = 0, \quad 1 \leq j \leq p
  \]
- the predictor coefficients that minimize \( \sigma_j^2 \) are the ones that make the difference signal, \( d[n] \), be uncorrelated with past values of the predictor input, \( \hat{x}[n-j], 1 \leq j \leq p \)

Solution for Alphas

- to solve for optimum predictor, need expression for \( \sigma_d^2 \)
  \[
  \sigma_d^2 = E\left[d^2[n]\right] = E\left[\{x[n] - \hat{x}[n]\}^2\right]
  \]
  \[
  = E\left[\{x[n] - \sum_{k=1}^{p} a_k \hat{x}[n-k]\}^2\right]
  \]
  \[
  = E\left[\{x[n] - \sum_{k=1}^{p} a_k \hat{x}[n-k] - \sum_{k=1}^{p} a_k e[n-k]\}^2\right]
  \]
  \[
  \hat{x}[n] = x[n] + e[n]
  \]

- basic equations of differential coding
  \[
  d[n] = d[n] + e[n] \quad \text{quantization of difference signal}
  \]
  \[
  \hat{x}[n] = \hat{x}[n] + e[n] \quad \text{error same for original signal}
  \]
  \[
  \hat{x}[n] = \hat{x}[n] + d[n] \quad \text{feedback loop for signal}
  \]
  \[
  \hat{x}[n] = \sum_{k=1}^{p} a_k \hat{x}[n-k] \quad \text{prediction loop based on quantized input}
  \]
  \[
  \hat{x}[n] = \sum_{k=1}^{p} a_k \hat{x}[n-k] \quad \text{direct substitution}
  \]
  \[
  \hat{x}[n] = \sum_{k=1}^{p} a_k \hat{x}[n-k] + \sum_{k=1}^{p} a_k [x[n-k] + e[n-k]]
  \]
Solution for Optimum Predictor

• solution for $\alpha$: first expand terms to give
  
  $E[x(n-j)\cdot x(n)] + E[x(n-j)\cdot x(n)] = \sum_{i=1}^{p} \alpha_i \cdot E[x(n-j)\cdot x(n-j-i)]$  
  + $\sum_{i=1}^{p} \alpha_i \cdot E[x(n-j)\cdot e(n-k)]$  

  + $\sum_{i=1}^{p} \alpha_i \cdot E[x(n-j)\cdot e(n-k)]$,  
  
  $1 \leq j \leq p$  

  • assume fine quantization so that $e[n]$ is uncorrelated with $x[n]$; and  

  $e[n]$ is stationary white noise (zero mean), giving  

  $E[x(n)\cdot e(n)] = 0$,  

  $\forall n,j,k$.  

  $E[x(n-j)\cdot e(n-k)] = \alpha_p \cdot \delta[j-k]$  

  • in spite of problems in solving for optimum predictor coefficients, we can solve for the prediction gain $G_p$, in terms of the $\alpha_i$ coefficients, as  

  $\alpha_i' = E[(x(n-i)\cdot \bar{x}(n))\cdot (\bar{x}(n)\cdot \bar{x}(n-i))]$  

  $- E[(x(n-i)\cdot \bar{x}(n))\cdot (\bar{x}(n)\cdot x(n-i))] \cdot \bar{x}(n-i)$  

  • where the term $(x[n-i]\cdot \bar{x}[n])$ is the prediction error; we can show that the second term in the expression above is zero, i.e., the prediction error is uncorrelated with the prediction value; thus  

  $\alpha_i' = E[(x(n-i)\cdot \bar{x}(n))\cdot \bar{x}(n)]$  

  + $E[x(n-i)\cdot \sum_{j=1}^{p} \alpha_j \cdot x(n-j-k)\cdot x(n-k)]$  

  • we can find the optimum predictor gain by computing the terms shown above.
First Order Predictor Solution

- For the case \( p = 1 \) we can examine effects of sub-optimum value of \( \alpha_i \) on the quantity \( G_{opt} = \sigma_i^2 / \sigma_i^2 \).
- The optimum solution is:
  \[
  (G_{opt})_i = \frac{1}{1 - \rho(1)}
  \]
- Consider choosing an arbitrary value for \( \alpha_i \); then we get
  \[
  \sigma_i' = \sigma_i^2 \left[ 1 - 2 \rho(1) \right] + \alpha_i \sigma_i^2.
  \]
- Giving the sub-optimum result
  \[
  (G_{opt})_i = \frac{1}{1 - 2 \rho(1) + \alpha_i (1 + 1/\text{SNR})}
  \]
- Where the term \( \alpha_i / \text{SNR} \) represents the increase in variance of \( d[n] \) due to the feedback of the error signal \( e[n] \).

First Order Predictor Solution

- We showed before that the optimum value of \( \alpha_i \) was \( \rho(1)/[1 + 1/\text{SNR}] \).
- If we neglect the term in 1/\text{SNR} (usually very small), then
  \( \alpha_i = \rho(1) \)
- and the gain due to prediction is
  \[
  (G_{opt})_i = \frac{1}{1 - \rho^2(1)}
  \]
- Thus there is a prediction gain so long as \( \rho(1) > 0 \)
- It is reasonable to assume that for speech, \( \rho(1) > 0.8 \), giving
  \( (G_{opt})_i > 2.77 \) (or 4.43 dB)

Differential Quantization

\[
\begin{align*}
\hat{x}[n] &= \sum_{k=1}^{P} \alpha_k \hat{x}[n-k] \\
\delta[n] &= x[n] - \hat{x}[n] \\
\hat{d}[n] &= d[n] + e[n] \\
\hat{x}[n] &= \hat{x}[n] + \hat{d}[n] \\
x[n] &= x[n] + e[n]
\end{align*}
\]

The error, \( e[n] \), in quantizing \( d[n] \) is the same as the error in representing \( x[n] \).

Prediction gain dependent on \( \rho(1) \), the first correlation coefficient.

Long-Term Spectrum and Correlation

Measured with 32-point Hamming window

Computed Prediction Gain
Actual Prediction Gains for Speech

- variation in gain across 4 speakers
- can get about 6 dB improvement in SNR => 1 extra bit equivalent in quantization—but at a price of increased complexity in quantization
- differential quantization works!!
- gain in SNR depends on signal correlations
- fixed predictor cannot be optimum for all speakers and for all speech material

Delta Modulation

• simplest form of differential quantization is in delta modulation (DM)
• sampling rate chosen to be many times the Nyquist rate for the input signal => adjacent samples are highly correlated
• in the limit as \( T \to 0 \), we expect
  \[
  \phi[1] = \sigma^2_x \quad \text{as} \quad T \to 0
  \]
• this leads to a high ability to predict \( x[n] \) from past samples, with the variance of the prediction error being very low, leading to a high prediction gain => can use simple 1-bit (2-level) quantizer => the bit rate for DM systems is just the (high) sampling rate of the signal

Illustration of DM

• basic equations of DM are
  \[
  \phi(n) = x(n) - x(n-1) - x(n-2)
  \]
• when \( n = 1 \) (essentially digital integration or accumulation of increments of \( x \))
• \( \phi(n) \) is the forward difference of \( x(n) \) or an approximation to the derivative of the input
• how big do we make \( \Delta \)?
• \( \phi(n) \) is the reconstructed signal [signal 12]
• we make \( \Delta \) to minimize mean-squared quantization error (a compromise between slope overload and granular noise)

Delta Modulation

Linear and Adaptive

DM Granular Noise

• when \( x_T(t) \) has small slope, \( \Delta \) determines the peak error => when \( x_T(t) = 0 \), quantizer will be alternating sequence of 0's and 1's, and \( \hat{x}(n) \) will alternate around zero with peak variation of \( \Delta \) => this condition is called "granular noise"
  • need large step size to handle wide dynamic range
  • need small step size to accurately represent low level signals
• with LDM we need to worry about dynamic range and amplitude of the difference signal => choose \( \Delta \) to minimize mean-squared quantization error (a compromise between slope overload and granular noise)
Performance of DM Systems

- normalized step size defined as
- oversampling index defined as
- where \( F_s \) is the sampling rate of the DM and \( F_n \) is the Nyquist frequency of the signal
- the total bit rate of the DM is \( 2F_sF_n \)
- can see that for given value of \( F_s \) there is an optimum value of \( \Delta \)
- optimum \( SNR \) increases by 9 dB for each doubling of \( F_s \)
- curves are very sharp around optimum value of \( \Delta \)
- for \( SNR = 35 \text{ dB} \), for \( F_s = 3 \text{ kHz} \) => 200 Kbps rate
- for toll quality need much higher rates

Adaptive Delta Mod

- \( \hat{X}(z) = \frac{1}{1-az^2} - \frac{1}{1-bz^2} \)
- digital equivalent of a leaky integrator
- consider a second order predictor with
- assuming two real poles, we can write \( H_2(z) \) as
- better prediction is achieved using this "double integration" system with up to 4 dB better \( SNR \)
- there are issues of interaction between the adaptive quantizer and the predictor

Higher Order Prediction in DM

- first order predictor gave
- with reconstructed signal satisfying
- with system function
- \( H_1(z) = \frac{\hat{X}(z)}{D(z)} = 1 - az^2 \)
- second order predictor with
- with reconstructed signal
- with system function

ADM Parameter Behavior

- ADM parameters are \( P, Q, \Delta_{min} \) and \( \Delta_{max} \)
- choose \( \Delta_{min} \) and \( \Delta_{max} \) to provide desired dynamic range
- choose \( \Delta_{min}/\Delta_{max} \) to maintain high \( SNR \) over range of input signal levels
- \( \Delta_{min} \) should be chosen to minimize idle channel noise
- \( PQ \) should satisfy \( PQ \leq 1 \) for stability
- \( PQ \) chosen to be 1
- peak of \( SNR \) at \( P = 1.5, Q = 1.25 < P < 2 \), the \( SNR \) varies only slightly

Comparison of LDM, ADM and log PCM

- ADM is 8 dB better \( SNR \) at 20 Kbps than LDM, and 14 dB better \( SNR \) at 60 Kbps than LDM
- ADM gives a 10 dB increase in \( SNR \) for each doubling of the bit rate; LDM gives about 6 dB
- for bit rate below 40 Kbps, ADM has higher \( SNR \) than \( \mu \)-law PCM; for higher bit rates log PCM has higher \( SNR \)
Differential PCM (DPCM)

- fixed predictors can give from 4-11 dB SNR improvement over direct quantization (PCM)
- most of the gain occurs with first order predictor
- prediction up to 4th or 5th order helps

DPCM with Adaptive Quantization

- quantizer step size proportional to variance at quantizer input
- can use $d[n]$ or $x[n]$ to control step size
- get 5 dB improvement in SNR over $\mu$-law non-adaptive PCM
- get 6 dB improvement in SNR using differential configuration with fixed prediction => ADPCM is about 10-11 dB SNR better than from a fixed quantizer

Feedback ADPCM

- can achieve same improvement in SNR as feed forward system

DPCM with Adaptive Prediction

- need adaptive prediction to handle non-stationarity of speech

DPCM with Adaptive Prediction

- prediction coefficients assumed to be time-dependent of the form
  \[ \hat{x}(\mathbf{n}) = \sum_{k} w_{k}[n]x(n - k) \]
- assume speech properties remain fixed over short time intervals
- choose $w_{k}[n]$ to minimize the average squared prediction error over short intervals
- the optimum predictor coefficients satisfy the relationships
  \[ R_{kk}(j) = \sum w_{k}[n]R_{k}(n - j), \quad j = 1, 2, \ldots, p \]
- where $R_{kk}(j)$ is the short-time autocorrelation function of the form
  \[ R_{kk}(j) = \sum x(m)x(n - m)x(n - m - j), \quad 0 \leq j \leq p \]
- $x[n-m]$ is window positioned at sample $n$ of input
- update $w$'s every 10-20 msec

Prediction Gain for DPCM with Adaptive Prediction

- fixed prediction $\rightarrow$ 10.5 dB prediction gain for large $p$
- adaptive prediction $\rightarrow$ 14 dB gain for large $p$
- adaptive prediction more robust to speaker, speech material
Comparison of Coders

- 6 dB between curves
- Sharp increase in SNR with both fixed prediction and adaptive quantization
- Almost no gain for adapting first order predictor