

ONE BIT TECHNIQUES

Consider a Gaussian distributed random variable of zero mean, X ; i.e.

$$\text{Prob} \{ x < X < x+dx \} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx = f(x) dx.$$

Two random variables, X and Y , are said to possess multimormal statistics if their joint probability function is an elliptical Gaussian distribution,

$$\text{Prob} \{ [x < X < x+dx] \text{ and } [y < Y < y+dy] \} = f(x,y) dx dy$$

$$f(x,y) = A \exp - [(x^2 - 2\rho xy + cy^2)(2a^2)^{-1}]$$

If we also require symmetry, i.e. X and Y are similarly distributed random variables, $c=1$.

We may integrate the joint probability function to find the distribution of one variable

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x,y) dy \\ &= A \exp - [x^2(1-\rho^2)(2a^2)^{-1}] \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp - [(y-\rho x)^2(2a^2)^{-1}] dy \\ &= A \sqrt{2\pi a^2} \exp - [x^2(1-\rho^2)(2a^2)^{-1}] \end{aligned}$$

Equating this with the normal distribution function of one variable, we have

$$a^2 = \sigma^2(1-\rho^2)$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} (1-\rho^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$f(x,y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} (1-\rho^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp - [(x^2 - 2\rho xy + y^2)(2\sigma^2(1-\rho^2))^{-1}]$$

It is of interest to find

$$\begin{aligned} \langle XY \rangle &= \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} xy f(x,y) dx dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} (1-\rho^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \exp - [x^2/2\sigma^2] \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y \exp - [(y-\rho x)^2(2\sigma^2(1-\rho^2))^{-1}] dy dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} (1-\rho^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \exp - [x^2/2\sigma^2] \rho x \sigma \sqrt{1-\rho^2} \sqrt{2\pi} dx \\ &= \rho \sigma^2 \end{aligned}$$

ρ is called the correlation of X and Y .

The one-bit techniques are means of estimating this correlation ρ .
We define

$$P_{++} = \text{prob} \{X > 0 \text{ and } Y > 0\}$$

and similarly p_{+-} , p_{-+} , and p_{--} .

Let us evaluate p_{++} :

$$\begin{aligned} P_{++} &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty f(x, y) dx dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2(1-\rho^2)^{-1/2}} \int_0^\infty \exp[-x^2/2\sigma^2] \int_0^\infty \exp[-(y-\rho x)^2 / (2\sigma^2(1-\rho^2))] dy dx \end{aligned}$$

substituting

$$v = \frac{y - \rho x}{\sqrt{1-\rho^2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_{++} &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2(1-\rho^2)^{-1/2}} \int_0^\infty \exp[-x^2/2\sigma^2] \sqrt{1-\rho^2} \int_{-\frac{\rho}{\sqrt{1-\rho^2}}x}^\infty \exp[-v^2/2\sigma^2] dv dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \int_0^\infty \int_{-\frac{\rho}{\sqrt{1-\rho^2}}x}^\infty \exp[-(x^2+v^2)/2\sigma^2] dv dx \end{aligned}$$

Now, changing to the polar coordinates defined by

$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad v = r \sin \theta$$

and changing the element of area from $dx dy$ to $r dr d\theta$

$$\begin{aligned} P_{++} &= (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-1} \int_0^\infty \int_{-\arcsin \rho}^{\pi/2} \exp[-r^2/2\sigma^2] r d\theta dr \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \arcsin \rho \right) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \arcsin \rho \end{aligned}$$

Since by symmetry,

$$P_{++} + P_{+-} = \frac{1}{2}, \quad P_{+-} = P_{-+}, \text{ and } P_{--} = P_{++},$$

We know p_{+-} , p_{-+} , and p_{--} . We may evaluate

$$P_{++} + P_{--} - P_{+-} - P_{-+} = \frac{2}{\pi} \arcsin \rho$$

Example of application of ρ .

Consider a collection of $2M$ samples of a Gaussian noise voltage $N(t)$,

$$N_k = N(k \Delta t) \quad k = -M+1, -M+2, \dots, M-1, M$$

We then have the spectrum of the noise, F_ℓ , given by the Fourier series relationship:

$$F_\ell = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi M}} \sum_{k=-M+1}^M N_k e^{2\pi i k \ell / 2N}$$

$$N_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi M}} \sum_{\ell=-M+1}^M F_\ell e^{-2\pi i k \ell / 2N}$$

The radio astronomer is interested in the power spectrum of the noise voltage,

$$P\left(\frac{2\pi \ell}{\Delta t}\right) = |F_\ell|^2,$$

Suppose we have available the autocorrelation function

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_m &= \langle N_k N_{k+m} \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2M} \sum_{k=-M+1}^M N_k N_{k+m} \end{aligned}$$

Let us Fourier invert ρ_m :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{m=-M+1}^M \rho_m e^{2\pi i m \ell / 2N} &= \frac{1}{4\pi M} \sum_{k=-M+1}^M N_k \sum_{m=-M+1}^M N_{k+m} e^{2\pi i m \ell / 2N} \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi M} \sum_{k=-M+1}^M N_k e^{-2\pi i k \ell / 2N} \sum_{n=-M+1}^M N_n e^{2\pi i n \ell / 2N} \\ &= |F_\ell|^2 \end{aligned}$$