# **11.5 MAP Estimator**

Recall that the "hit-or-miss" cost function gave the MAP estimator... it maximizes the a posteriori PDF

**Q**: Given that the MMSE estimator is "the most natural" one... why would we consider the MAP estimator?

<u>A</u>: If x and  $\theta$  are not jointly Gaussian, the form for MMSE estimate requires integration to find the conditional mean.

MAP avoids this Computational Problem!

*Note:* MAP doesn't require this integration

Trade "natural criterion" vs. "computational ease"

What else do you gain? More flexibility to choose the prior PDF

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# **Notation and Form for MAP**

Notation:  $\hat{\theta}_{MAP}$  maximizes the posterior PDF

$$\hat{\theta}_{MAP} = \arg \max_{\theta} p(\theta \,|\, \mathbf{x})$$

"arg max" extracts the value of  $\theta$  that causes the maximum



#### **Vector MAP**

< Not as straight-forward as vector extension for MMSE >

The obvious extension leads to problems:

Choose  $\hat{\theta}_i$  to minimize  $\mathcal{R}(\hat{\theta}_i) = E\{C(\theta_i - \hat{\theta}_i)\}\}$ Exp. over  $p(\mathbf{x}, \theta_i)$   $\Rightarrow \quad \hat{\theta}_i = \arg \max_{\theta_i} p(\theta_i | \mathbf{x})$ Need to integrate to get it!!  $p(\theta_1 | \mathbf{x}) = \int \cdots \int p(\theta | \mathbf{x}) d\theta_2 \cdots d\theta_p$ 

**<u>Problem</u>**: The whole point of MAP was to avoid doing the integration needed in MMSE!!!

Is there a way around this? Can we find an Integration-Free Vector MAP?

# **Circular Hit-or-Miss Cost Function**

First look at the *p*-dimensional cost function for this "troubling" version of a vector map:

It consists of *p* individual applications of 1-D "Hit-or-Miss"

$$\begin{array}{c} & \epsilon_{2} \\ & \delta_{-} \\ \hline & -\delta_{-} \\ \hline & \epsilon_{1} \\ \hline & C(\varepsilon_{1}, \varepsilon_{2}) = \begin{cases} 0, \ (\varepsilon_{1}, \varepsilon_{2}) \text{ in square} \\ 1, \ (\varepsilon_{1}, \varepsilon_{2}) \text{ not in square} \\ 1, \ (\varepsilon_{1}, \varepsilon_{2}) \text{ not in square} \\ \hline & -\delta_{-} \\ \hline & -\delta_{$$

The corners of the square "let too much in"  $\Rightarrow$  use a circle!



This actually seems more natural than the "square" cost function!!!

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**MAP Estimate using Circular Hit-or-Miss** 

So... what vector Bayesian estimator comes from using this circular hit-or-miss cost function?

Can show that it is the following "Vector MAP"

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{MAP} = \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} p(\boldsymbol{\theta} \mid \mathbf{x}) - \underbrace{\text{Does Not Require}}_{\text{Integration}!!!}$$

That is... find the maximum of the joint conditional PDF

in all 
$$\theta_i$$
 conditioned on **x**

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#### **How Do These Vector MAP Versions Compare**



The vector MAP using Circular Hit-or-Miss is:  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \begin{bmatrix} 2.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}^T$ To find the vector MAP using the element-wise maximization:



#### "Bayesian MLE"

Recall... As we keep getting good data,  $p(\theta|\mathbf{x})$  becomes more concentrated as a function of  $\theta$ . But... since:

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{MAP} = \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} p(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{x}) = \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} [p(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\theta}) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})]$$

...  $p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$  should also become more concentrated as a function of  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ .



- Note that the prior PDF is nearly constant where  $p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$  is non-zero
- This becomes truer as  $N \to \infty$ , and  $p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$  gets more concentrated

 $\approx \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} p(\mathbf{x} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta})$ 

"Bayesian MLE"

Uses conditional PDF rather than the parameterized PDF

# **11.6 Performance Characterization**

The performance of Bayesian estimators is characterized by looking at the estimation error:  $\varepsilon = \theta - \hat{\theta}$ 



Performance characterized by error's PDF  $p(\varepsilon)$ We'll focus on Mean and Variance If  $\varepsilon$  is Gaussian then these tell the whole story This will be the case for the Bayesian Linear Model (see Thm. 10.3)

We'll also concentrate on the MMSE Estimator

#### **Performance of Scalar MMSE Estimator**

The estimator is: 
$$\hat{\theta} = E\{\theta \mid \mathbf{x}\}$$
  
 $= \int \theta p(\theta \mid \mathbf{x}) d\theta$  Function of  $\mathbf{x}$   
So the estimation error is:  $\varepsilon = \theta - E\{\theta \mid \mathbf{x}\} = f(\mathbf{x}, \theta)$   
General Result for a function of two RVs:  $Z = f(X, Y)$ 

$$E\{Z\} = \iint f(x, y) p_{XY}(x, y) \, dx \, dy$$

$$\operatorname{var}\{Z\} = E\left\{ (Z - E\{Z\})^2 \right\} = \iint (f(x, y) - E\{Z\})^2 p_{XY}(x, y) \, dx \, dy$$





So... the MMSE estimation error has:



If 
$$\varepsilon$$
 is Gaussian then  $\varepsilon \sim N(0, Bmse(\hat{\theta}))$ 

### Ex. 11.6: DC Level in WGN w/ Gaussian Prior



#### So... $\hat{A}$ is Gaussian

$$\varepsilon \sim N\left(0, \frac{1}{N/\sigma^2 + 1/\sigma_A^2}\right)$$

<u>Note</u>: As *N* gets large this PDF collapses around 0. This estimate is "consistent in the Bayesian sense" Bayesian Consistency: For large  $N \ \hat{A} \approx A$ (regardless of the realization of A!)

## **Performance of Vector MMSE Estimator**

Vector estimation error:  $\mathbf{\varepsilon} = \mathbf{\theta} - \hat{\mathbf{\theta}}$  The mean result is obvious.

Must extend the variance result:

$$\operatorname{cov}\left\{\mathbf{\varepsilon}\right\} = \mathbf{C}_{\varepsilon} = E_{\mathbf{x},\boldsymbol{\theta}}\left\{\mathbf{\varepsilon}\mathbf{\varepsilon}^{T}\right\} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \mathbf{M}_{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}$$

Some New Notation... **"Bayesian Mean Square Error Matrix"** 

Look some more at this:

$$\mathbf{M}_{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}} = E_{\mathbf{x},\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\theta} - E\{\boldsymbol{\theta} \mid \mathbf{x}\} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\theta} - E\{\boldsymbol{\theta} \mid \mathbf{x}\} \end{bmatrix}^T \right\}$$

$$= E_{\mathbf{x}} \left\{ E_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \mid \mathbf{x}} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\theta} - E\{\boldsymbol{\theta} \mid \mathbf{x}\} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\theta} - E\{\boldsymbol{\theta} \mid \mathbf{x}\} \end{bmatrix}^T \right\} \right\}$$

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Why do we call the error covariance the "Bayesian MSE Matrix"?

The <u>Diagonal</u> Elements of  $\mathbf{M}_{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}$  are Bmse's of the Estimates

To see this:

$$\begin{bmatrix} E_{\mathbf{x},\boldsymbol{\theta}} \{ \mathbf{\epsilon} \mathbf{\epsilon}^T \} \end{bmatrix}_{ii}^{i} = \int_{\mathbf{x}} \int_{\theta_1} \cdots \int_{\theta_p} [\theta_i - E\{\theta_i \mid \mathbf{x}\}]^2 \ p(\mathbf{x},\boldsymbol{\theta}) \ d\mathbf{x} \ d\mathbf{\theta}$$
  
Integrate over all the other parameters...  
$$= \int_{\mathbf{x}} \int_{\theta_i} [\theta_i - E\{\theta_i \mid \mathbf{x}\}]^2 \ p(\mathbf{x},\theta_i) \ d\mathbf{x} \ d\theta_i$$
  
$$= Bmse(\theta_i)$$

#### Perf. of MMSE Est. for Jointly Gaussian Case

Let the data vector  $\mathbf{x}$  and the parameter vector  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  be jointly Gaussian.

Nothing new to say about the mean result:  $E \{ \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \} = \boldsymbol{0}$ 

Now... look at the Error Covariance (i.e., Bayesian MSq Matrix):

Recall General Result: 
$$\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{\epsilon}} = \mathbf{M}_{\hat{\mathbf{\theta}}} = E_{\mathbf{x}} \{ C_{\mathbf{\theta} | \mathbf{x}} \}$$

Thm 10.2 says that for Jointly Gaussian Vectors we get that...  $C_{\theta|x}$  does NOT depend on x

Thm 10.2 also gives the form as:

$$\mathbf{C}_{\varepsilon} = \mathbf{M}_{\hat{\theta}} = C_{\theta|\mathbf{x}}$$
$$= \mathbf{C}_{\theta} - \mathbf{C}_{\theta\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{x}}^{-1} \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{x}\theta}$$



#### **Summary of MMSE Est. Error Results**

1. For all cases: Est. Error is zero mean

$$E\{\mathbf{\varepsilon}\}=\mathbf{0}$$

2. Error Covariance for three "Nested" Cases:

$$Bmse(\theta_i) = \left[\mathbf{M}_{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}\right]_{ii}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \hline \textbf{General Case:} & \textbf{C}_{\varepsilon} = \textbf{M}_{\hat{\theta}} = E_{x} \left\{ C_{\theta \mid x} \right\} \\ \hline \textbf{Jointly Gaussian:} & \textbf{C}_{\varepsilon} = \textbf{M}_{\hat{\theta}} = C_{\theta \mid x} = \textbf{C}_{\theta} - \textbf{C}_{\theta x} \textbf{C}_{x}^{-1} \textbf{C}_{x\theta} \\ \hline \textbf{Bayesian Linear:} \\ \textbf{Jointly Gaussian} \\ \& \text{Linear Observation} & \textbf{C}_{\varepsilon} = \textbf{M}_{\hat{\theta}} = C_{\theta \mid x} = \textbf{C}_{\theta} - \textbf{C}_{\theta} \textbf{H}^{T} \left( \textbf{H} \textbf{C}_{\theta} \textbf{H}^{T} + \textbf{C}_{w} \right)^{-1} \textbf{H} \textbf{C}_{\theta} \\ & = \left( \textbf{C}_{\theta}^{-1} + \textbf{H}^{T} \textbf{C}_{w}^{-1} \textbf{H} \right)^{-1} \end{array}$$



# **11.7 Example: Bayesian Deconvolution**

This example shows the power of Bayesian approaches over classical methods in signal estimation problems (i.e. estimating the signal rather than some parameters)



### **Sampled-Data Formulation**



We have modeled s(t) as zero-mean WSS process with known ACF...

So... s[n] is a D-T WSS process with known ACF  $R_s[m]$ ...

So... vector **s** has a known covariance matrix (Toeplitz & Symmetric) given by:

	$R_s[0]$	$R_s[1]$	$R_s[2]$		$R_s[n_s-1]$
	$R_s[1]$	$R_s[0]$	$R_s[1]$	•.	:
<b>C</b> <sub>s</sub> =	$R_s[2]$	$R_s[1]$	$R_s[0]$	·.	$R_s[2]$
	•	·.	·.	·.	$R_s[1]$
	$R_s[n_s-1]$		$R_s[2]$	$R_s[1]$	$R_s[0]$

Model for Prior PDF is  
then 
$$\mathbf{s} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{s}})$$

#### **MMSE Solution for Deconvolution**

We have the case of the Bayesian Linear Model... so:

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}} = \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{s}} \mathbf{H}^T \left( \mathbf{H} \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{s}} \mathbf{H}^T + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{x}$$

Note that this is a <u>linear</u> estimate This matrix is called "The Weiner Filter"

The performance of the filter is characterized by:

$$\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{\epsilon}} = \mathbf{M}_{\hat{\mathbf{s}}} = \left(\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{s}}^{-1} + \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{H} / \sigma^2\right)^{-1}$$

### Sub-Example: No Inverse Filtering, Noise Only

#### Direct observation of **s** with $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{I}$ ... $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{w}$



<u>Note</u>: Dimensionality Problem... # of "parms" = # of observations Classical Methods Fail...  $\hat{s} = x$  Bayesian methods <u>can</u> solve it!!

For insight... consider "single sample" case:

$$\hat{s}[0] = \frac{R_s[0]}{R_s[0] + \sigma^2} x[0] = \frac{\eta}{\eta + 1} x[0] \qquad \eta = \frac{R_s[0]}{\sigma^2} \quad (SNR)$$

$$\frac{High SNR}{\hat{s}[0] \approx x[0]} \qquad \frac{Low SNR}{\hat{s}[0] \approx 0}$$
Data Driven Prior PDF Driven

### **Sub-Sub-Example: Specific Signal Model**

Direct observation of **s** with  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{I}$ ...  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{w}$ 

But here... the signal follows a specific random signal model

$$s[n] = -a_1 s[n-1] + u[n]$$

*u*[*n*] is White Gaussian "Driving Process"

This is a 1<sup>st</sup>-order "auto-regressive" model: AR(1) Such a random signal has an ACF & PSD of



$$P_s(f) = \frac{\sigma_u^2}{\left|1 + a_1 e^{-j2\pi f}\right|^2}$$



See Figures 11.9 & 11.10 in the Textbook