Data Analysis II

- Signal Templates, Un-modeled Signals, Stochastic Signals
 - Parameter Estimation

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A unified approach to GW data analysis

- To detect a signal you need a model for the signal and a model for the noise The noise model defines the likelihood function
- The signal model defines priors on the wave amplitude in time/frequency

Prior, Likelihood, Posterior Redux $\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{n}$ $\mathbf{h} \rightarrow \text{signal in the detector}$ $\mathbf{d} \rightarrow \mathrm{data}$

Posterior distribution for the data

 $p(\mathbf{h}),$ $p(\mathbf{n})$ Prior distributions for the signal and noise models

Example: Correlated Gaussian Noise $p(n_1)$

Noise Correlation Matrix $C_{ij} = E[n_i n_j]$

 $\mathbf{n} \rightarrow \text{noise in the detector}$

$p(\mathbf{d}|\mathbf{h},\mathbf{n}) = \delta(\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{n} - \mathbf{d})$

$$(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_N) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(2\pi C)}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}n_i C_{ij}^{-1}n_j}$$

(Uncorrelated Noise has $C_{ij} = \delta_{ij} \sigma_i^2$)



Prior, Likelihood, Posterior Redux

Using the Identity $p(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{n} | \mathbf{d}) p(\mathbf{d}) = p(\mathbf{d} | \mathbf{h}, \mathbf{n}) p(\mathbf{n}) p(\mathbf{h})$

Posterior for signal $p(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{d}) =$

Likelihood

 $p(\mathbf{d}|\mathbf{h}) = p(\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{d} - \mathbf{h})$ Likelihood = Noise Model

Example: Correlated Gaussian Noise

 $p(\mathbf{d}|\mathbf{h}) =$

 $p(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{d}) = \int \frac{p(\mathbf{d}|\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{n})p(\mathbf{n})p(\mathbf{h})}{p(\mathbf{d})} d\mathbf{n} = \frac{p(\mathbf{d}|\mathbf{h})p(\mathbf{h})}{p(\mathbf{d})}$

$$=\frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(2\pi\mathbf{C})}}e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{d}-\mathbf{h})^{\dagger}\mathbf{C}^{-1}(\mathbf{d}-\mathbf{h})}$$



Gravitational wave signal types

Well modeled - e.g. binary inspiral and merger



Poorly modeled - e.g. core collapse supernovae

Stochastic-e.g. phase transition in early universe



Gravitational wave signal models



Burst signals



Stochastic signals

 $p(\mathbf{h}) = \delta(\mathbf{h} - \mathbf{h}(\vec{\lambda}))p(\vec{\lambda})$

 $p(\mathbf{h}) = \delta(\mathbf{h} - \sum m) p(m)$

 $p(\mathbf{h}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(2\pi \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{h}})}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{h}^{\dagger} \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{h}}^{-1} \mathbf{h})} p(\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{h}})$

$$p(\mathbf{d}|\mathbf{h}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathrm{d}\epsilon}}$$

If the noise is stationary, then the noise correlation matrix **C** only depends on the time difference. Implies that **C** is diagonal in the Fourier domain.

$$\log p(\mathbf{d}|\mathbf{h}) = -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{h}|\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{h}) - \frac{1}{2}\int_0^\infty T_{\text{obs}} \log[T_{\text{obs}}\pi S_n(f)] df$$

$$(\mathbf{a}|\mathbf{b}) = 2 \int_0^\infty \frac{\tilde{a}(f)\tilde{b}^*(f) + \tilde{a}^*(f)\tilde{b}(f)}{S_n(f)} df$$

 $SNR^2 = 4$

Basic Noise Model: Colored, Stationary & Gaussian $\frac{1}{\operatorname{et}(2\pi\mathbf{C})}e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{d}-\mathbf{h})^{\dagger}\mathbf{C}^{-1}(\mathbf{d}-\mathbf{h})}$

$$\mathbb{E}[\tilde{n}(f)\tilde{n}^*(f')] = \frac{1}{2}\delta(f - f')S_n(A$$

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{|\tilde{h}(f)|^2}{S_n(f)} \, df$$



Multiple Detectors: Uncorrelated, Colored, Stationary & Gaussian Noise

$p(\mathbf{d}|\mathbf{h}) \propto e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{d}-\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{d}-\mathbf{h})}$

 $(\mathbf{a}|\mathbf{b}) = 2\sum_{I=1}^{N} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{\tilde{a}_{I}(f)\tilde{b}_{I}^{*}(f) + \tilde{a}_{I}^{*}(f)\tilde{b}_{I}(f)}{S_{n,I}(f)} df$

$p(\mathbf{h}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(2\pi \mathbf{h})^2}}$

We are not interested in the value of each GW signal sample $\tilde{h}(f)$. Want to infer the power spectrum $S_h(f)$

Marginalize over h:

 $p(S_h|\mathbf{d}) = \int \frac{p}{d}$

$$\overline{\overline{\mathbf{TS}_{\mathbf{h}}}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{h}^{\dagger}\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{h}}^{-1}\mathbf{h})} p(\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{h}})$$

$$\frac{p(\mathbf{d}|\mathbf{h})p(\mathbf{h})}{p(\mathbf{d})} d\mathbf{h} = \frac{p(\mathbf{d}|S_h)p(S_h)}{p(\mathbf{d})}$$

The integration over h is easy as it just involves Gaussians [Cornish & Romano, PRD 2013]

Where

and

 $p(\mathbf{d}|S_h) \propto e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{d}|\mathbf{d})_S}$

$(\mathbf{a}|\mathbf{b})_S = 2\sum_{I=I} \int_0^\infty \left(\tilde{a}_I(f) \tilde{b}_J^*(f) + \tilde{a}_I^*(f) \tilde{b}_J(f) \right) S_{IJ}^{-1}(f) df$

 $S_{IJ}(f) = S_{n,I}(f) \,\delta_{IJ} + S_h(f) \,\gamma_{IJ}(f)$

$$S_{IJ}(f) = S_{n,I}(f)\,\delta_{IJ} + S_h(f)\,\gamma_{IJ}(f)$$

the long wavelength limit it is called the overlap reduction function

$$\gamma_{IJ}(f) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int (F_I^+(\hat{n})F_J^+(\hat{n}) + F_I^+(\hat{n})F_J^+(\hat{n}))e^{2\pi i f(\vec{x}_I - \vec{x}_J) \cdot \hat{n}} d\Omega_{\hat{n}}$$



The quantity $\gamma_{IJ}(f)$ is a geometrical factor that encodes the response of the detectors. In

Normalized overlap for LIGO Hanford/Livngston (normalization factor is x 5)

Stochastic signal detection is usually described in terms of cross correlation

$$\mathbf{d}_{I} = \mathbf{n}_{I} + \mathbf{h}_{I} \qquad \mathbf{d}_{J} = \mathbf{n}_{J} + \mathbf{h}_{J}$$

$$\langle \mathbf{d}_{I}\mathbf{d}_{J} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{n}_{I}\mathbf{n}_{J} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{n}_{I}\mathbf{h}_{J} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{h}_{I}\mathbf{n}_{J} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{h}_{I}\mathbf{h}_{J} \rangle$$

$$\int_{0}^{1} S_{h}(f) \ll S_{h}(f)$$

In the weak signal limit $S_h(f) \ll S_n(f)$



$$\sim \frac{\left(\tilde{d}_I(f)\tilde{d}_J^*(f) + \tilde{d}_I^*(f)\tilde{d}_J(f)\right)\gamma_{IJ}(f)S_h(f)}{S_{n,I}(f)S_{n,J}(f)} df$$

Optimal cross correlation statistic

Poorly Modelled Burst Signals $p(\mathbf{h}) = \delta(\mathbf{h} - \sum p(\mathbf{h})p(\mathbf{h}))$ 6.75 6.85 6.95 7.05 7.1 6.8 6.9 7 injected recovered 6.75 6.8 7.1 6.85 6.9 6.95 7 7.05 t (s)



Things that go bump in the night



Core-collapse supernovae

Examples of poorly understood signals Can't be used as templates

Things that go bump in the night



Template based analysis iors and hence $p(\mathbf{h}) = \delta(\mathbf{h} - \mathbf{h}(\vec{\lambda}))p(\vec{\lambda})$

These have the strongest priors and hence yield the most sensitive searches

Marginalizing over the individual signal samples yields the posterior on the model parameters



Techniques such as MCMC and Nested Sampling can be used to map out the full posterior distribution, allowing us to compute mean, median and mode and credible intervals. More on that in a bit.

But first we will look at using Maximum Likelihood (ML) and Maximum a Posteriori (MAP) estimators

Expansions about Maximum Likelihood and Maximum a Posteriori Points

Both the likelihood and the posterior can be expanded about (local) maxima. Usually done in terms of the logs

 $\partial_i \log p(\mathbf{d}|\vec{\lambda}) = 0$ ML MAP

Fisher information matrix

"Augmented" Fisher information matrix

$\partial_i \log p(\vec{\lambda} | \mathbf{d}) = \partial_i \log p(\mathbf{d} | \vec{\lambda}) + \partial_i \log p(\vec{\lambda}) = 0$

$\Gamma_{ij} = -\mathbb{E}[\partial_i \partial_j \log p(\mathbf{d}|\vec{\lambda})|_{\mathrm{ML}}]$

 $K_{ij} = -\partial_i \partial_j \log p(\vec{\lambda} | \mathbf{d}) |_{\mathrm{MAP}}$

Expansions about Maximum Likelihood and Maximum a Posteriori Points

The two distributions are very similar when the likelihood is more informative than the prior



Maximum Likelihood for Gaussian Noise

Typically the noise spectrum is assumed to be know and the normalization constant is ignored

$$\log p(\mathbf{d}|\vec{\lambda}) = -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{h}(\vec{\lambda})|\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{h}(\vec{\lambda})) + \text{const.}$$

Note, the first term is just

Expanding about the true signal: $\mathbf{h}(\vec{\lambda}) = \mathbf{h}_T$

 $\log p(\mathbf{d}|\vec{\lambda}) = \text{const.} + (\mathbf{n}|$

$$\partial_i \log p(\mathbf{d}|\vec{\lambda}) = 0 \qquad \Longrightarrow$$

 $\Gamma_{ij} = -\mathbb{E}[\partial_i \partial_j \log p(\mathbf{d}|\vec{\lambda})|_{\mathrm{ML}}]$

st
$$-\frac{1}{2}$$
 times $\chi^2 = (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{h}|\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{h})$

$$h + \partial_i \mathbf{h} \Delta \lambda^i + \dots$$

$$(\partial_i \mathbf{h}) \Delta \lambda^i - \frac{1}{2} (\partial_i \mathbf{h} | \partial_j \mathbf{h}) \Delta \lambda^i \Delta \lambda^j + \dots$$

$$(\partial_i \mathbf{h} | \partial_j \mathbf{h}) \Delta \lambda^j = (\mathbf{n} | \partial_i \mathbf{h})$$

$$\Gamma_{ij} = (\partial_i \mathbf{h} | \partial_j \mathbf{h})$$

Maximum Likelihood for Gaussian Noise

$(\partial_i \mathbf{h} | \partial_j \mathbf{h}) \Delta \lambda^j = (\mathbf{n} | \partial_i \mathbf{h})$



To leading order in the SNR, the noise covariance matrix is given by the inverse of the Fisher matrix



$$\Gamma_{ij} = (\partial_i \mathbf{h} | \partial_j \mathbf{h})$$

$$(\mathbf{n}|\partial_j\mathbf{h})\,\Gamma^{ij}$$

$C^{ij} = \mathbb{E}[\Delta\lambda^i \Delta\lambda^j] = \mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{n}|\partial_k \mathbf{h})(\mathbf{n}|\partial_j \mathbf{h})]\Gamma^{ik}\Gamma^{jl}$ $= \Gamma_{kj}\Gamma^{ik}\Gamma^{jl} = \Gamma^{ij}$

$$\dot{\nu}^j = \Gamma^{ij}$$

 $h(t) = A\cos(2\pi f t + \phi)$

 $SNR^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{-\infty}$



(1) Parameter errors scale as 1/SNR

Simple Example

n = stationary, white Gaussian noise with unit variance (can work in time domain)

Use parameters $\{\ln A, \ln f, \phi\}$ $(\omega = 2\pi f)$

$$\int_{-T}^{T} h(t)^2 dt = \frac{1}{2} A^2 T$$

$$C^{ij} \simeq \frac{1}{\mathrm{SNR}^2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{6}{(\omega T)^2} & \frac{3}{(\omega T)} \\ \frac{6}{(\omega T)^2} & \frac{12}{(\omega T)^2} & -\frac{6}{(\omega T)} \\ \frac{3}{(\omega T)} & -\frac{6}{(\omega T)} & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Errors in $\ln f$ and ϕ are inflated due to correlation
- (3) Error in $\ln f$ is tiny compared to the other parameters



Eigenvectors, Eigenvalues of Correlation Matrix

In the limit of many cycles $\ \omega T \gg 1$



 $\frac{4}{\mathrm{SNR}^2}$





Parameters $\{\ln A, \ln f, \phi\}$

Eigenvectors

$$\left\{0, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{37}}, \frac{6}{\sqrt{37}}\right\}$$

 $\{1, 0, 0\}$

$\{0, 1, 0\}$







Simple Example

 $\frac{\Delta f}{f} = \frac{\sqrt{12}}{\text{SNR}} \frac{1}{(\omega T)} \implies \Delta f \approx \left(\frac{0.55}{\text{SNR}}\right) \left(\frac{1}{T}\right)$



Bayesian Parameter Estimation



Reverend Thomas Bayes

"there is a valid defense for using non-Bayesian methods, namely incompetence." - Skilling



Sir Ronald Fisher

Bayesian Inference

- Bayesian Probability Theory
- Bayesian Learning
- Model Selection (theory)
- Bayesian versus Frequentist
- Markov Chain Monte Carlo
- Return to our simple example
- Model Selection (implementation)

Bayesian Probability Theory

Degree of belief interpretation of probability - the natural expression of the scientific method (as opposed to the more binary view of Karl Popper that heavily influenced Fisher and other frequentists)



Bayes' Theorem

Normalization factor is the marginal likelihood

$$p(\vec{x}|d) = \frac{p(\vec{x})p(d|\vec{x})}{p(d)}$$

d or **evidence**
$$p(d) = \int p(\vec{x})p(d|\vec{x}) d\vec{x}$$

Bayesian Probability Theory

The posterior distribution fully characterizes the model.

E.g. expectation values

E.g. single parameter probability distributions

 $p(x^i|d) =$

E.g. quantile regions, such as 90%

0.05

0.9

$$E[x^i] = \int x^i \, p(\vec{x}|d) \, d\vec{x}$$

$$= \int p(\vec{x}|d) \, dx^1 dx^2 \dots dx^{i-1} dx^{i+1} \dots dx^D$$

$$5 = \int_{x_1}^{x_1} p(x|d) dx$$
$$9 = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} p(x|d) dx$$

Bayesian Learning

common sense reduced to calculus" - Laplace

divergence

$$D_{KL} = \int p(\vec{x}|d) \log_2\left(\frac{p(\vec{x}|d)}{p(\vec{x})}\right) d\vec{x} \quad \text{[bits]}$$

- "'The (Bayesian) theory of probabilities is basically just
- "'Today's posterior is tomorrow's prior" Lindley
- The amount we learn from the data can be measured in bits, and can be computed in terms of the Kullback–Leibler

Bayesian Model Selection

Probability of Model M: p(M)

Odds Ratio: O_{ij} =

More on how we compute the Bayes Factor later...

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 $p(M|d) \propto p(M)p(d|M)$ $\uparrow \qquad \uparrow$ Prior Probability of M Evidence for M

 $O_{ij} = \frac{p(M_i|d)}{p(M_j|d)}$ $= \frac{p(M_i)}{p(M_j)} \frac{p(d|M_i)}{p(d|M_j)}$

Prior Odds Ratio \times Bayes Factor

Bayesian Machinery: Markov Chain Monte Carlo

Bayes' Theorem

Marginal likelihood or evidence

We know how to compute the prior and the likelihood. The difficulty lies in computing the evidence.

The MCMC technique, introduced by Metropolis and developed by Hastings, allows us to simulated samples from the posterior distribution directly, without having to compute the evidence.

It is possible to compute the evidence using augmented MCMC techniques - more on the later. Another powerful technique for computing the evidence and the posterior distributions is *Nested Sampling*

$$p(\vec{x}|d) = \frac{p(\vec{x})p(d|\vec{x})}{p(d)}$$

$$p(d) = \int p(\vec{x}) p(d|\vec{x}) \, d\vec{x}$$



Markov Chain Monte Carlo



$$H = \min\left(1, \frac{p(\vec{y})p(d|\vec{y})q(\vec{x}|)}{p(\vec{x})p(d|\vec{x})q(\vec{y}|)}\right)$$

Prior Prop
Likelihood

Yields PDF $p(\vec{x}|d)$ for parameters \vec{x} given data d



Transition Probability (Metropolis-Hastings)

Markov Chain Monte Carlo

- The choice of jump proposal $q(\vec{y}|\vec{x})$ is key to convergence
 - Convergence to the target distribution has two facets:
 - Burn-in (finding the dominant modes of the posterior)
 - Mixing (exploring the dominant modes of the posterior)
- The perfect proposal distribution is the posterior distribution itself, $q(\vec{y}|\vec{x}) = p(\vec{y}|d)$, since then
 - Hmin

 - MCMC procedure! Instead we seek ways to approximate the posterior.

$$\left(1, \frac{p(\vec{y})p(d|\vec{y})p(\vec{x}|d)}{p(\vec{x})p(d|\vec{x})p(\vec{y}|d)}\right)$$

But if we knew the posterior distribution in advance there would be no need for the

Ingredients:

- Fisher matrix proposals
- Scouting proposals
- Differential evolution proposals
- Parallel tempering

Directions:

ready when distributions are stationary.

My favorite MCMC Recipe

Mix all the proposals together. Check consistency by recovering the prior and diagonal PP plots. Results are

Fisher matrix proposals

Quadratic approximation to the posterior using the augmented Fisher Information Matrix



Propose jumps along eigendirections of \mathbf{K} , scaled by eigenvalues

Scouting proposals

Use a Non-Markovian Pilot search (hill climbers, simulated annealing, genetic algorithms etc) to crudely map the posterior/ likelihood and use this as a proposal distribution for a Markovian follow-up [Littenberg & Cornish, PRD 80, 063007, (2009)]

Proposal Distributions

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi\mathbf{K}^{-1})}e^{-\frac{1}{2}K_{ij}(x^{i}-y^{i})(x^{j}-y^{j})}$$



Differential evolution [Braak (2005)]



Proposal Distributions



Parallel Tempering [Swendsen & Wang, 1986]



Ordinary MCMC techniques side-step the need to compute the evidence. PT uses multiple, coupled chains to improve mixing, and also allows the evidence to be computed.

Explore tempered posterior

$$\pi(\vec{\lambda}|\mathbf{d})_T = p(\mathbf{d}|\vec{\lambda})^{1/T} p(\vec{\lambda})$$

Compute model evidence

 $\log p(\mathbf{d})$ = $\mathbb{E}[\log p(\mathbf{d}|\vec{\lambda})]_{\beta} \, d\beta$ \int_{0}

(Here $\beta = \frac{1}{T}$)





Parallel Tempering

Wide exploration, poor "memory"



Limited exploration, good "memory"

Inter-chain transition probability

$$H = \min\left(1, \frac{\pi(\vec{\lambda}_{j+1}|\mathbf{d})_{T_j}\pi(\vec{\lambda}_j|\mathbf{d})_{T_{j+1}}}{\pi(\vec{\lambda}_j|\mathbf{d})_{T_j}\pi(\vec{\lambda}_{j+1}|\mathbf{d})_{T_{j+1}}}\right)$$

Good solutions sink down ladder and get stored

Simple Example: Redux

n = stationary, white Gaussian noise with unit variance

 $h(t) = A\cos(2\pi ft + \phi)$



Parameters $\{\ln A, \ln f, \phi\}$

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Parameters $\{\ln A, \ln f, \phi\}$

Markov Chains









Fisher vs MCMC



MCMC

$$(SNR = 7.07)$$



Fisher vs MCMC



MCMC



Fisher vs MCMC



(SNR = 7.07)

MCMC

Markov Chains









Fisher vs MCMC



(SNR = 4.95)

MCMC



Fisher vs MCMC



(SNR = 4.0)

MCMC

Simple Example: Extended

n = stationary, white Gaussian noise with unit variance

$$h(t) = A\cos(2\pi f(t - t_0) + \phi)$$

 $2\pi f t_0 \rightarrow 2\pi f t_0 + \alpha$ $\phi \rightarrow \phi + \alpha$ h(t) $\rightarrow h(t)$

Parameters $\{A, f, \phi, t_0\}$

Now we have a problem.....

$\Rightarrow \Gamma_{ij}$ singular

Markov Chains



2d-PDF





n = stationary, white Gaussian noise with unit variance

$$h(t) = A\cos(2\pi f(t - t_0) + \phi)$$



Now with two detectors...

Parameters $\{A, f, \phi, t_0\}$



Markov Chains







(SNR = 10.0)

Time delay Measurement \Rightarrow Triangulation





LIGO+VIRGO+GEO Transient Event Localization LIGO+VIRGO+GEO+TAMA Transient Event Local



LIGO Transient Event Localization

LIGO+VIRGO Transient Event Localization







Note 2: Bayesian analysis can be done simultaneously or sequentially

Starting with a uniform prior and the data from detector (1)

$$K_{ij}^{(1)} = \Gamma_{ij}^{(1)}$$

Now update the posterior using the the data from detector (2)

$$K_{ij}^{(2)} = \Gamma_{ij}^{(2)}$$

$$-\partial_i \partial_j \ln p(\vec{x}) = \Gamma_{ij}^{(1)}$$

$$-\partial_i \partial_j \ln p(\vec{x}) = \Gamma_{ij}^{(2)} + \Gamma_{ij}^{(1)}$$

One GW detector + EM Prior

Suppose we have the sky location from an EM counterpart

Simulate this as a simple Gaussian prior on t_0

Now the augmented FIM is no-singular

Non-Singular





One GW detector + EM Prior

Without EM Prior



With EM Prior

