

# Statistical Texture Image Classification Using Two-Dimensional Nonminimum-Phase Fourier Series Based Model

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## Abstract

Using the 2-D extension of Chi's real 1-D parametric nonminimum-phase Fourier series based model (FSBM) for or as an approximation to any arbitrary nonminimum-phase linear time-invariant (LTI) systems, we propose a system identification algorithm for 2-D nonminimum-phase linear shift-invariant (LSI) systems supported by some simulation results. The estimated 2-D FSBM parameters and second- and higher-order statistics obtained using the proposed algorithm constitute effective features for texture image classification supported by some experimental results.

## 1. Introduction

Chi [1,2] proposed a real 1-D parametric nonminimum-phase Fourier series based model (FSBM) for or as an approximation to any arbitrary nonminimum-phase linear time-invariant (LTI) systems. This model is applicable in a variety of statistical signal processing areas such as system identification, deconvolution and equalization, and spectral estimation. Recently, a real 2-D maximum phase - minimum phase (MX-MN) FSBM for linear shift-invariant (LSI) systems was proposed by Chi and Hsi [3] with application to 2-D texture image synthesis. This paper proposes a 2-D minimum phase - allpass (MP-AP) FSBM and then a 2-D system identification algorithm is proposed for the estimation of the FSBM parameters. The estimated FSBM parameters and the associated second- and higher-order statistics are then used for texture image classification.

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## 2. 2-D MP-AP FSBM

The 2-D MP-AP nonminimum-phase FSBM for LSI systems is defined through the following frequency response:

$$\begin{aligned} H(\omega_1, \omega_2) &= H^*(-\omega_1, -\omega_2) \\ &= H_{\text{MP}}(\omega_1, \omega_2) \cdot H_{\text{AP}}(\omega_1, \omega_2) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where  $H_{\text{MP}}(\omega_1, \omega_2)$  is a 2-D minimum-phase FSBM given by

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\text{MP}}(\omega_1, \omega_2) \\ = \exp \left\{ \sum_{(i_1, i_2) \in \Omega(p_1, p_2)} \alpha_{i_1, i_2} e^{-j(i_1 \omega_1 + i_2 \omega_2)} \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

and  $H_{\text{AP}}(\omega_1, \omega_2)$  is a 2-D allpass FSBM given by

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\text{AP}}(\omega_1, \omega_2) \\ = \exp \left\{ j \sum_{(i_1, i_2) \in \Omega(p_1, p_2)} \beta_{i_1, i_2} \sin(i_1 \omega_1 + i_2 \omega_2) \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

in which  $\alpha_{i_1, i_2}$  and  $\beta_{i_1, i_2}$  are real-valued and  $\Omega(p_1, p_2)$  is a truncated asymmetric half plane given by

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega(p_1, p_2) &= \{(i_1, i_2) : i_1 = 1 \sim p_1, i_2 = -p_2 \sim p_2\} \\ &\cup \{(i_1, i_2) : i_1 = 0, i_2 = 1 \sim p_2\} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

It can be easily shown that the region of support of the minimum-phase system  $h_{\text{MP}}[m, n]$  is the right-half plane (i.e.,  $\Omega(\infty, \infty)$ ) and the leading coefficient  $h_{\text{MP}}[0, 0] = 1$ . The 2-D MP-AP nonminimum-phase FSBM  $H(\omega_1, \omega_2)$  given by (1) shares the following characteristics of Chi's 1-D FSBM when used in statistical signal processing areas mentioned above:

- (C1) System magnitude and phase responses of the FSBM  $H(\omega_1, \omega_2)$  are characterized by  $\alpha_{i_1, i_2}$ 's and  $(\beta_{i_1, i_2} -$

$\alpha_{i_1, i_2}$ 's, respectively. When  $\alpha_{i_1, i_2} = 0$ ,  $h[m, n]$  is a 2-D allpass system; when  $\beta_{i_1, i_2} = 0$ ,  $h[m, n]$  is a 2-D minimum-phase system.

(C2) The FSBM  $H(\omega_1, \omega_2)$ , that can be causal or noncausal, is guaranteed (bounded-input bounded-output) stable since it is a continuous function of  $(\omega_1, \omega_2)$ , so is the inverse system  $1/H(\omega_1, \omega_2)$ .

### 3. Identification of 2-D FSBM

Assume that we are given a set of non-Gaussian measurements  $x[m, n]$  as follows:

$$x[m, n] = u[m, n] * h[m, n] \quad (5)$$

where  $u[m, n]$  is a real, zero-mean, independent identically distributed (i.i.d.) non-Gaussian random field and  $h[m, n]$  is a real 2-D system impulse response. Moreover, assume that the order parameters  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are given in advance. The MP parameters  $\alpha_{i_1, i_2}$  can be estimated using the following algorithm:

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**Algorithm 1.** Estimation of  $H_{\text{MP}}(\omega_1, \omega_2)$ .

Let  $v_{\text{MP}}[m, n]$  is a 2-D minimum-phase FSBM given by

$$V_{\text{MP}}(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \exp \left\{ \sum \sum_{(i_1, i_2) \in \Omega(p_1, p_2)} \tilde{\alpha}_{i_1, i_2} e^{-j(i_1 \omega_1 + i_2 \omega_2)} \right\} \quad (6)$$

Then find the optimum  $\tilde{\alpha}_{i_1, i_2}$  by minimizing

$$J_{\text{MSE}} = E\{e^2[m, n]\} \quad (7)$$

where

$$e[m, n] = x[m, n] * v[m, n] \quad (8)$$

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It can be shown that the optimum  $\hat{V}_{\text{MP}}(\omega_1, \omega_2)$  is an optimum linear prediction error (LPE) filter with

$$\hat{V}_{\text{MP}}(\omega_1, \omega_2) = 1/H_{\text{MP}}(\omega_1, \omega_2) \quad (9)$$

i.e.,  $\hat{\alpha}_{i_1, i_2} = -\alpha_{i_1, i_2}$ .

The AP parameters  $\beta_{i_1, i_2}$  can be estimated using the following algorithm:

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**Algorithm 2.** Estimation of  $H_{\text{AP}}(\omega_1, \omega_2)$ .

(S1) Estimate  $\alpha_{i_1, i_2}$  and obtain  $e[m, n] \approx u[m, n] * h_{\text{AP}}[m, n]$  using Algorithm 1.

(S2) Process  $e[m, n]$  using an allpass filter (a 2-D allpass FSBM)

$$V_{\text{AP}}(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \exp \left\{ j \sum \sum_{(i_1, i_2) \in \Omega(p_1, p_2)} \tilde{\beta}_{i_1, i_2} \sin(i_1 \omega_1 + i_2 \omega_2) \right\} \quad (10)$$

such that the absolute  $M$ th-order ( $M \geq 3$ ) cumulant

$$J_{\text{CUM}} = |C_M\{y[m, n]\}| \quad (11)$$

of the allpass filter output signal

$$y[m, n] = e[m, n] * v_{\text{AP}}[m, n] \quad (12)$$

is maximum.

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It can be shown [4] that the optimum

$$\hat{V}_{\text{AP}}(\omega_1, \omega_2) = 1/H_{\text{AP}}(\omega_1, \omega_2) \quad (13)$$

i.e.,  $\hat{\beta}_{i_1, i_2} = -\beta_{i_1, i_2}$ .

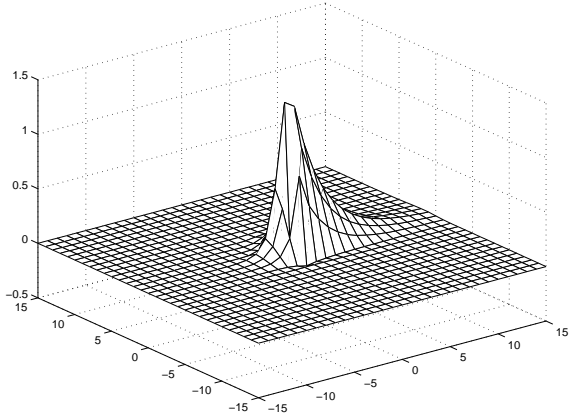
For finite data  $x[m, n]$ , the second-order and higher-order cumulants used in  $J_{\text{MSE}}$  (see (7)) and  $J_{\text{CUM}}$  (see (11)), respectively, must be replaced with the associated sample cumulants that are highly nonlinear functions of FSBM parameters. Therefore, gradient type optimization algorithms are needed for finding the minimum and maximum of  $J_{\text{MSE}}$  and  $J_{\text{CUM}}$ , respectively. Nevertheless, the proposed two algorithms also have a computationally efficient parallel structure as Chi's 1-D FSBM identification algorithms [1,2].

### 4. Simulation results

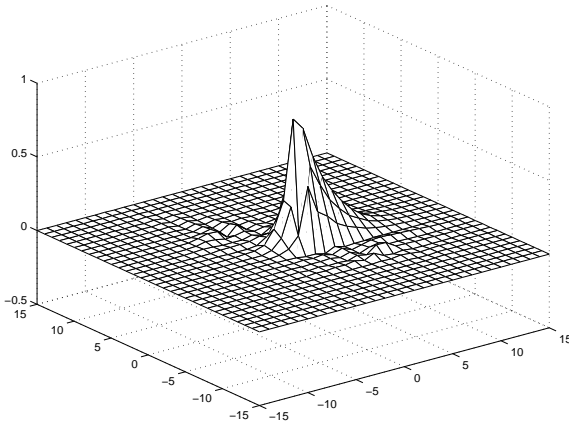
This section presents some simulation results for 2-D system identification using the proposed algorithms. Figure 1 shows some simulation results using Algorithm 2 with  $p_1 = p_2 = 5$  and  $M = 3$  for the case that  $u[m, n]$  is a zero-mean, exponentially distributed i.i.d. random field, and  $h[m, n]$  is a 2-D ARMA system taken from [5]. Figure 1(a) shows the true impulse response  $h[m, n]$  and Figure 1(b) shows the average of ten independent estimates  $\hat{h}[m, n]$  for SNR = 20 dB (white Gaussian noise). One can see that the result shown in Figure 1(b) is a good approximation to that shown in Figure 1(a). These simulation results support that the proposed Algorithms 1 and 2 are effective.

### 5. Texture image classification

As reported in [6], Gaussianity and linearity tests indicate that a texture image can be modeled as a 2-D LSI



(a)



(b)

**Figure 1.** Simulation results using Algorithm 2. (a) The true impulse response  $h[m, n]$  and (b) the average of ten independent impulse response estimates  $\hat{h}[m, n]$ .

system (2-D texture image model) driven by an i.i.d. non-Gaussian random field. Accordingly, the proposed Algorithms 1 and 2 can be applied to obtain the following feature vectors for texture image classification:

$\theta_1$ : FSBM parameters  $\alpha_{i_1, i_2}$  for all  $(i_1, i_2) \in \Omega(p_1, p_2)$  obtained using Algorithm 1 and  $\sigma_e^2/\sigma_x^2$ , where  $\sigma_x^2$  and  $\sigma_e^2$  are the variances of  $x[m, n]$  and  $e[m, n]$ , respectively.

$\theta_2$ : FSBM parameters  $\alpha_{i_1, i_2}$  for all  $(i_1, i_2) \in \Omega(p_1, p_2)$  and  $\Lambda(y[m, n])$  obtained using Algorithm 2 where

$$\Lambda(y[m, n]) = \frac{E\{y^3[m, n]\}}{E\{y^2[m, n]\}^{3/2}} \quad (14)$$

is the normalized third-order cumulant of  $y[m, n]$ .

Next, let us present some experimental results of texture image classification with features obtained using the

proposed Algorithms 1 and 2. For a comparison, Kashyap and Chellappa's approximate maximum-likelihood (AML) algorithm [7] was also used to obtain the following feature vector for texture image classification:

$\theta_3$ : AR parameters  $a_{i_1, i_2}$  for all  $(i_1, i_2) \in \bar{\Omega}(p_1, p_2)$  and  $\rho/\sigma_x^2$  where

$$\bar{\Omega}(p_1, p_2) = \{(i_1, i_2) : |i_1| \leq p_1, |i_2| \leq p_2, (i_1, i_2) \neq (0, 0)\} \quad (15)$$

and  $\rho$  is the residual power associated with a symmetric toroidal lattice SAR model.

The leave-one-out strategy and distance classifier [8] were used to perform classification using twelve different  $512 \times 512$  texture images taken from the USC-SIPI Image Data Base. Each  $512 \times 512$  texture image is segmented into sixteen  $128 \times 128$  nonoverlapping subimages constituting a texture image class. Therefore,  $192 = 16 \times 12$  subimages classifications were performed by the classifier. Tables 1, 2 and 3 show the classification results using the feature vectors  $\theta_1$  ( $p_1 = p_2 = 3$ ),  $\theta_2$  ( $p_1 = p_2 = 3, M = 3$ ), and  $\theta_3$  ( $p_1 = p_2 = 2$ ), respectively. Each row of these tables includes numbers of classifications (over a 16-member subimage class) belonging to each of the 12 classes. From Tables 1, 2 and 3, one can see that the classifier using  $\theta_1$  (6 misclassifications) performs nearly as well as using  $\theta_2$  (4 misclassifications) and much better than using  $\theta_3$  (31 misclassifications). These results (as shown in Tables 1 and 2) justify that the FSBM parameters together with the associated second- and higher-order statistics are effective for texture image classification.

## 6. Conclusions

We have presented a 2-D system identification algorithm (Algorithm 2) using the 2-D FSBM given by (1) and its efficacy is supported by some simulation results. The FSBM parameters together with the associated statistics ( $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$ ) obtained by Algorithms 1 and 2 are effective features for texture image classification, as exhibited by the experimental results.

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