

Parametric  
Modeling

# Parametric Modeling

- Nonparametric (Classical) S.E.:
  - No assumptions about random process
- Parametric S.E.
  - Assumes specific parametric model
  - Better resolution if model is accurate
  - Worse performance if model is off.

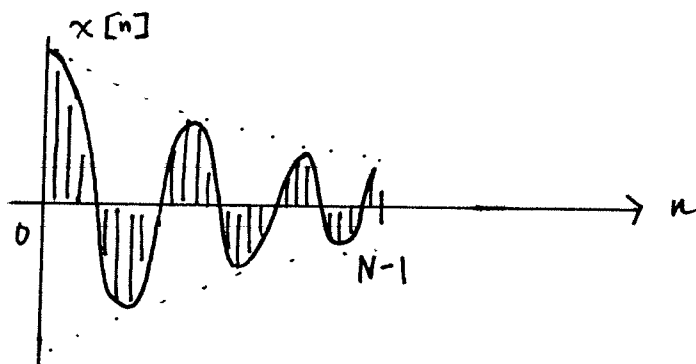
Intuition: Extending the data

Classical S.E. involves windowing the data or sample ACF (even basic periodogram corresponds to rectangular window)

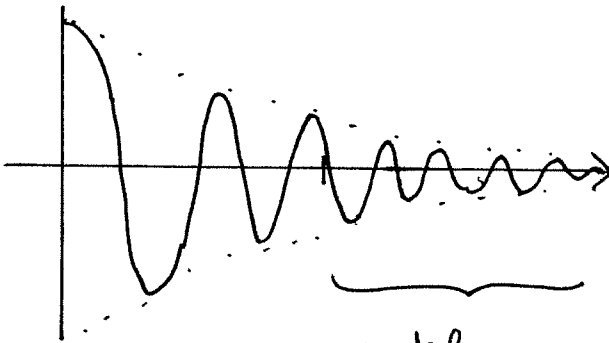
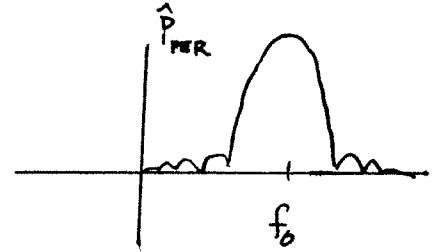
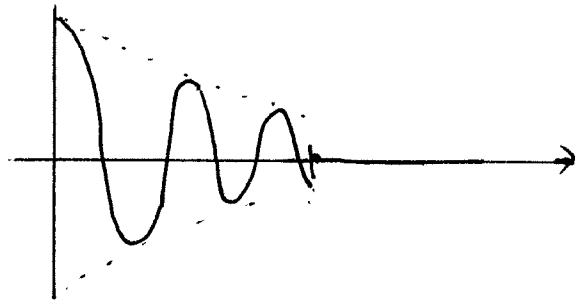
⇒ signal is assumed = 0 off of  $0, 1, \dots, N-1$

In many cases, however, zero padding is unreasonable.

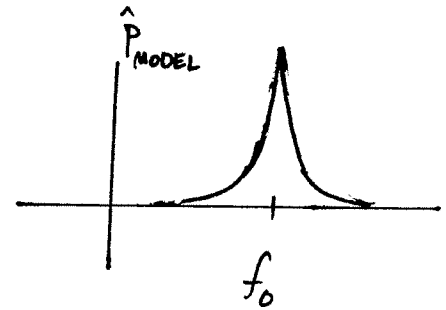
Suppose we observe



Now suppose we had the knowledge that  $x[n]$  is the amplitude of a damped, resonant system:



model -  
predicted  
data



Windowing / zero-padding  $\Rightarrow$  smearing of PSD

$$E \{ \hat{P}_{PER}(f) \} = P_x(f) \star W(f)$$

Accurate modeling  $\Rightarrow$  greater resolution

Inaccurate modeling  $\Rightarrow$  systematic bias

In practice, parametric S.E. entails three steps:

STEP 1 Select a model described by a finite number of parameters  $\theta = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_p)$ .

Factors to consider:

(a) Size of model: large  $\implies$  good accuracy  
but harder to estimate

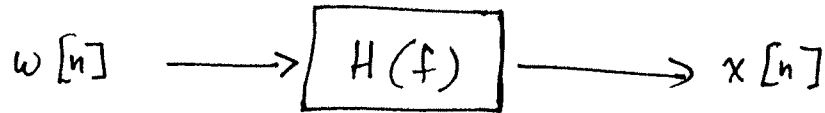
(b) type of model: some are easier to fit than others

STEP 2 Use available data to estimate parameters in the model. This is often challenging and the subject of Kay 6-10.

STEP 3 Given the parameters, compute the PSD of the model. This step is straightforward.

## Recall

If  $w[n]$  is white noise and



then  $P_x(f) = |H(f)|^2 \sigma_w^2$ .

If  $H$  is taken from a sufficiently flexible class, it can approximate arbitrary PSDs.

We will study models corresponding to rational transfer functions, which are parametrized by  $a[1], \dots, a[p], b[0], b[1], \dots, b[q]$

$$\boxed{H(z) = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^q b[k] z^{-k}}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^p a[k] z^{-k}} = \frac{B(z)}{A(z)}}$$

↑ quotient of two polynomials in  $z^{-1}$

## ARMA(p,q) Models

Let  $w[n]$  be white noise. An autoregressive moving average process of order  $p, q$ , is generated by

$$x[n] = - \sum_{k=1}^p a[k] x[n-k] + \sum_{k=0}^q b[k] w[n-k].$$

Take  $z$ -transform of both sides:

$$X(z) = - \sum_{k=1}^p a[k] X(z) z^{-k} + \sum_{k=0}^q b[k] W(z) z^{-k}$$

$$\Rightarrow X(z) = H(z) \cdot W(z)$$

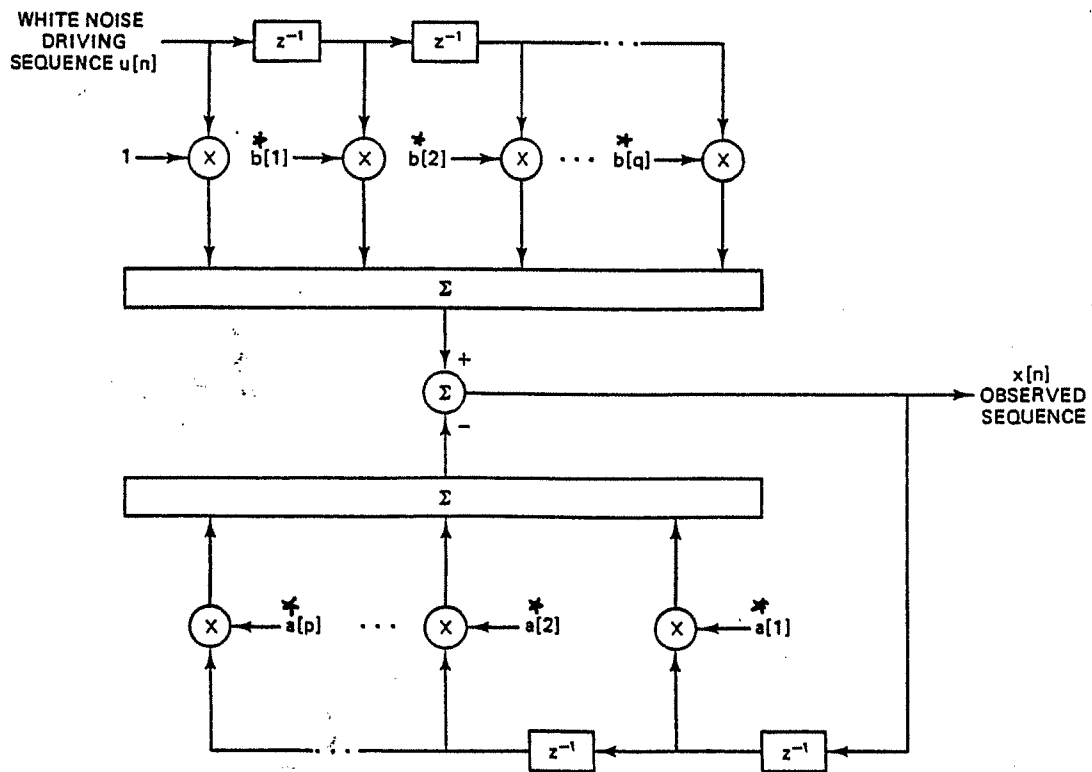
where  $H(z) = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^q b[k] z^{-k}}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^p a[k] z^{-k}}$  ← rational transfer function

Hence, an ARMA(p,q) model is the result of passing white noise through an LTI system with a rational transfer function.

Is  $x[n]$  WSS?

## Special Cases :

- $p=0 \Rightarrow$  Moving average process of order  $q$   
(MA( $q$ ) process)  $\Rightarrow$  FIR filter
- $q=0 \Rightarrow$  Autoregressive process of order  $p$   
(AR( $p$ ) process)  $\Rightarrow$  IIR filter



From: S. M. Kay, Modern Spectral Estimation, Prentice-Hall, 1988.

Remark: Do not confuse  $w[n]$ , the "driving noise," with "observation noise," which is unwanted.

## PSD of ARMA(p,q)

If  $x[n]$  is ARMA(p,q), then

$$P_x(f) = \sigma_w^2 \cdot |H(f)|^2 = \sigma_w^2 \left| \frac{B(f)}{A(f)} \right|^2$$

where  $B(z) = \sum_{k=0}^q b[k] z^{-k}$

$$A(z) = 1 + \sum_{k=0}^p a[k] z^{-k}$$

and  $B(f) \rightarrow B(z)$  with  $z = e^{2\pi i f}$

$$A(f) \rightarrow A(z) \text{ with } z = e^{2\pi i f}$$

Remark: By convention we will take  $b[0] = 1$   
since any gain can be incorporated into  $\sigma_w^2$ .



## Poles and Zeros

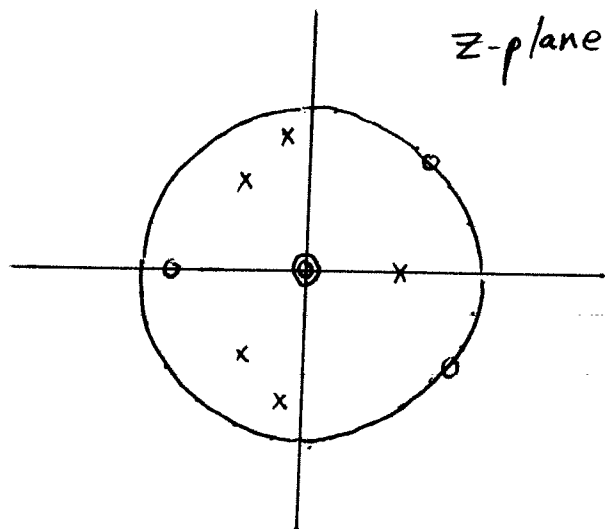
A general ARMA(p,q) model is sometimes called a pole-zero model because  $H(z)$  has both poles and zeros.

$$\begin{aligned} H(z) &= \frac{B(z)}{A(z)} \\ &= \frac{(1 - \beta_1 z^{-1}) \cdots (1 - \beta_q z^{-1})}{(1 - \alpha_1 z^{-1}) \cdots (1 - \alpha_p z^{-1})} \\ &= z^{-q+p} \frac{(z - \beta_1) \cdots (z - \beta_q)}{(z - \alpha_1) \cdots (z - \alpha_p)} \end{aligned}$$

$\beta_1, \dots, \beta_q \implies$  zeros of  $H$

$\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p \implies$  poles of  $H$

Exercise: Sketch PSD



Review the following facts:

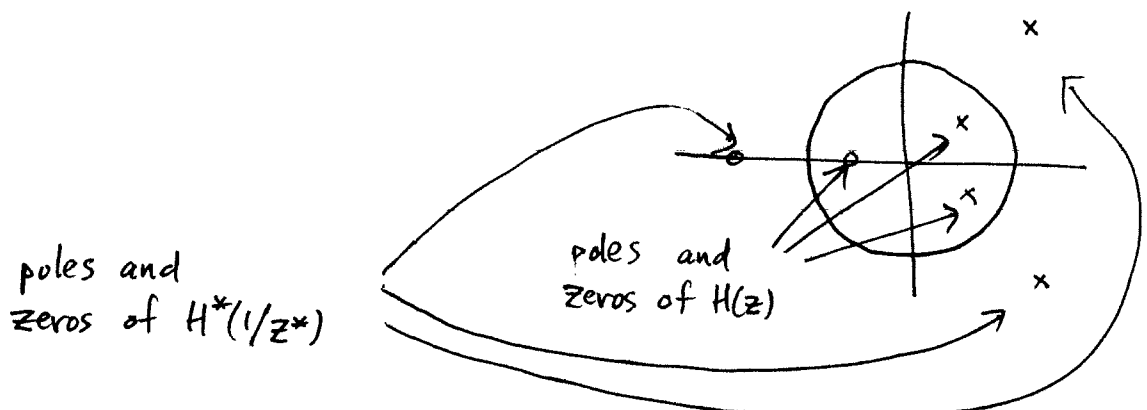
1. If  $b[1], \dots, b[q]$  are real, then  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_q$  occur in conjugate pairs. Similarly for the poles.

2.  $H(z)$  is stable and causal iff  $|\alpha_i| < 1 \quad \forall i$

3.  $H(z)$  is minimum phase iff  $|\beta_i| \leq 1 \quad \forall i$ . The inverse filter  $\frac{A(z)}{B(z)}$  is also stable and causal if strict inequality holds  $\forall i$ .

4.  $P_x(z) = H(z) \cdot H^*(1/z^*)$

5. Given any rational spectrum  $P_x(z)$ , there is a unique representation of  $P_x$  in terms of a stable, causal, and minimum phase filter  $H$ . This is given by the spectral factorization of  $P_x(z)$



## All-Pole Models

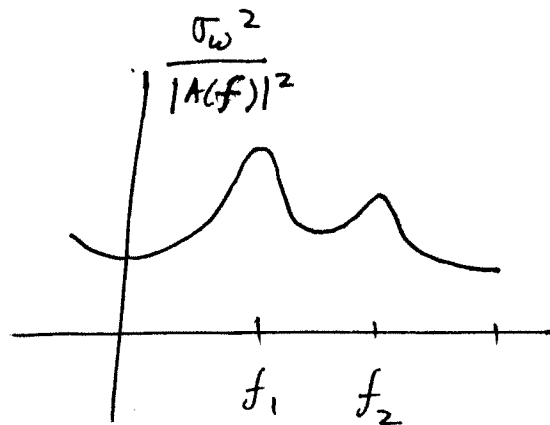
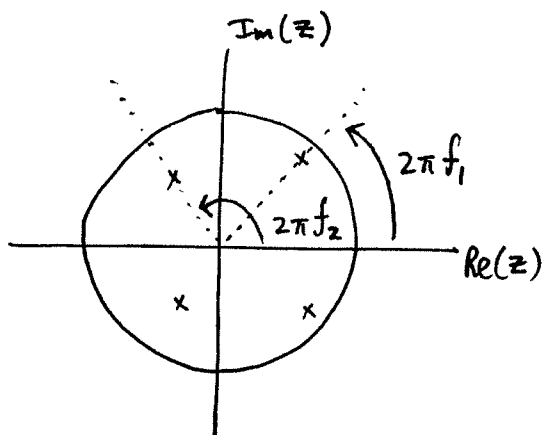
An AR(p) model is sometimes called an all-pole model because

$$H(z) = \frac{1}{A(z)}$$
$$= \frac{1}{z^{-p} (z - \alpha_1) \dots (z - \alpha_p)}$$

trivial zeros  
at origin

$\Rightarrow P_x(f)$  is a series of peaks

Example



Peak location  $\rightarrow$  angle of pole

Peak height  $\rightarrow$  inversely proportional to distance of pole to unit circle

## All-Zero Models

An MA( $q$ ) model is also called an all-zero model:

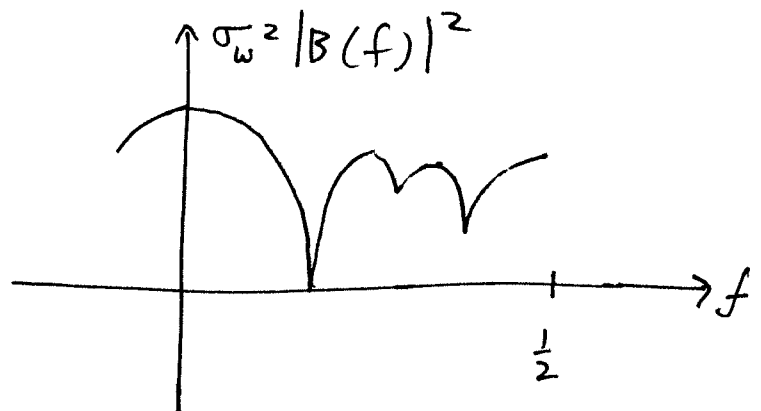
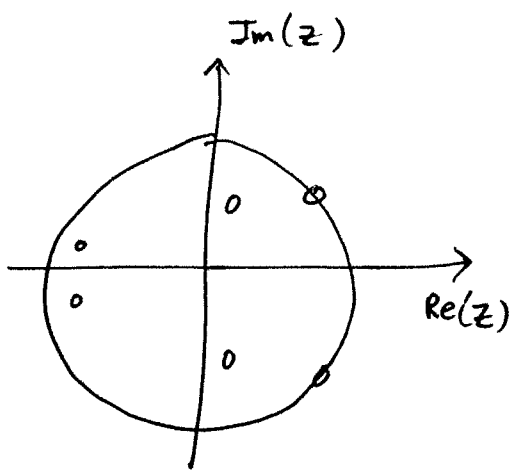
$$H(z) = B(z)$$

trivial poles  
at origin

$$= z^{-q} (z - \beta_1) \dots (z - \beta_q)$$

$\Rightarrow P_x(f)$  is a series of nulls

### Example



null location  $\rightarrow$  angle of zero

null depth  $\rightarrow$  inversely proportional to distance  
of zero to unit circle.

Pole-Zero Models  $\implies$  both peaks and nulls  
(ARMA(p,q))

## Theory

Any ARMA(p,q) process can be represented by a unique

- (a) MA process of infinite order
- (b) AR process of infinite order

(Equivalently, given an infinite filter you can match any desired frequency response).

Implication: Even if we specify the wrong model, we may still have a decent approximation if the order is large enough

This is important because

AR Models: easy to fit

MA Models: hard to fit

Exercise / Write  $\frac{1 + b[1]z^{-1}}{1 + a[1]z^{-1}}$  as an MA( $\infty$ ) process.

↑ ARMA(1,1)

Solution / We want to solve for  $d[k]$  where

$$\frac{1 + b[1]z^{-1}}{1 + a[1]z^{-1}} = 1 + d[1]z^{-1} + d[2]z^{-2} + \dots$$

Recall the identity

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots$$

Let  $x = -a[1]z^{-1}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1 + b[1]z^{-1}}{1 + a[1]z^{-1}} = (1 + b[1]z^{-1})(1 - a[1]z^{-1} + a[1]^2z^{-2} - \dots)$$

$$= 1 + (b[1] - a[1])z^{-1}$$

$$+ (b[1] - a[1])(-a[1])z^{-2}$$

⋮

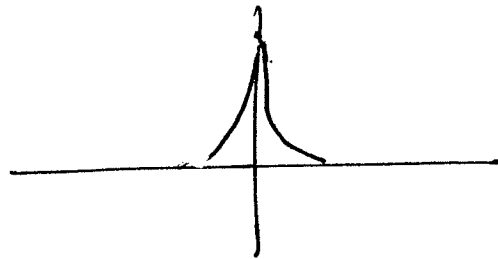
$$\Rightarrow d[k] = \begin{cases} 1 & k=0 \\ (b[1] - a[1])(-a[1])^{k-1} & k \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

What happens (in the example) as  $a[1] \rightarrow 1$ ?

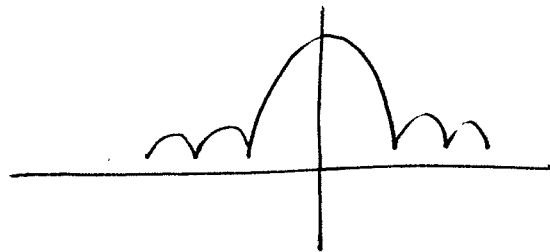
Then  $d[k]$  decays more slowly, meaning we need a larger  $q$  to have a good approximation.

This makes sense, because as  $a[1] \rightarrow 1$ , the peak at 0 gets sharper and sharper,  
↑ (assuming  $a[1]$  is real and positive)

So it gets more difficult to approximate



with a superposition of things that look like



## Auto covariance of ARMA(p,q)

Let  $x[n]$  be an ARMA(p,q) process:

$$x[n] = - \sum_{l=1}^p a[l] x[n-l] + \sum_{l=0}^q b[l] w[n-l]$$

Now multiply both sides by  $x^*[n-k]$  and take  $E\{\cdot\}$

$$r_x[k] = - \sum_{l=1}^p a[l] r_x[k-l] + \sum_{l=0}^q b[l] r_{xw}[k-l]$$

For  $k > 0$  we have

$$r_{xw}[k] = 0 \quad (\text{Why?})$$

For  $k \leq 0$  we have

$$r_{xw}[k] = E \left\{ w[n] x^*[n-k] \right\}$$

$$= E \left\{ w[n] \cdot \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} h^*[l] w^*[n-k-l] \right\}$$

$$= \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} h^*[l] r_{ww}[k+l]$$

$$= h^*[-k] \cdot \sigma_w^2$$

causal  
filter  
corresponding  
to  $H(z)$



Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{l=0}^g b[l] \gamma_{xw}[k-l] &= \sum_{l=k}^g b[l] \gamma_{xw}[k-l] \\
 &= \sigma_w^2 \sum_{l=k}^g b[l] h^*[l-k] \\
 &= \sigma_w^2 \sum_{l=0}^{g-k} b[l+k] h^*[l]
 \end{aligned}$$

In summary, we get

$$\gamma_{xx}[k] = \begin{cases} -\sum_{l=1}^P a[l] \gamma_{xx}[k-l] + \sigma_w^2 \sum_{l=0}^{g-k} b[l+k] h^*[l], & 0 \leq k \leq g \\ -\sum_{l=1}^P a[l] \gamma_{xx}[k-l] & k \geq g+1 \\ \gamma^*[-k] & k < 0 \end{cases}$$

where  $h[n] = \mathcal{Z}^{-1}\{H(z)\}$ .

Note that  $h[k]$  is a function of  $\{a[k]\}$ ,  $\{b[k]\}$ :

$$\frac{\sum_{k=0}^q b[k]z^{-k}}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^p a[k]z^{-k}} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} h[k]z^{-k}$$

Thus, for ARMA and MA processes ( $q > 0$ ), these equations are nonlinear in the model parameters.

However, for AR models ( $q = 0$ ), the equations are linear. This makes it much easier to fit AR models.

$$\gamma_x[k] = \begin{cases} -\sum_{l=1}^p a[l]\gamma_x[k-l] & k \geq 1 \\ -\sum_{l=1}^p a[l]\gamma_x[-l] + \sigma_w^2 & k = 0 \\ \gamma_x^*[-k] & k < 0 \end{cases}$$

These are the Yule-Walker equations.

Exercise Consider an AR(1) process.

Express the ACV and PSD as functions of  $a[1]$ .

Sketch the ACV for real  $a[1]$ , and the PSD for complex  $a[1]$ .

Solution / For  $k \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_x[k] &= -a[1] \gamma_x[k-1] \\ &= (-a[1])^2 \gamma_x[k-2] \\ &\vdots\end{aligned}$$

In general,

$$\gamma_x[k] = \gamma_x[0] \cdot (-a[1])^{|k|}$$

We also know

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_x[0] &= -a[1] \gamma_x[-1] + \sigma_w^2 \\ &= -a[1] \gamma_x^*[1] + \sigma_w^2 \\ &= -a[1](-a^*[1] \gamma_x[0]) + \sigma_w^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma_x[0] = \frac{\sigma_w^2}{1 - |a[1]|^2}$$

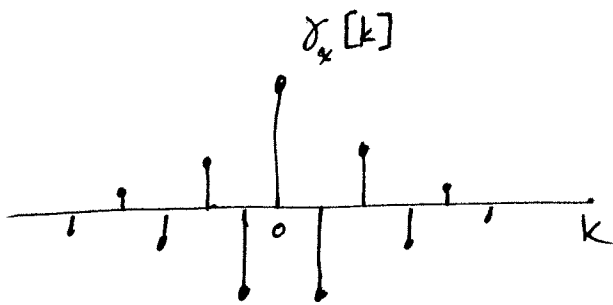
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PSD:

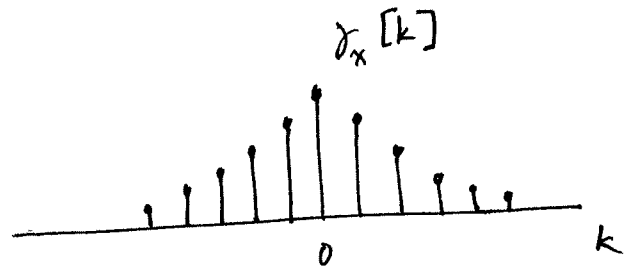
$$P_x(f) = \frac{\sigma_w^2}{|A(f)|^2} = \frac{\sigma_w^2}{|1 + a[1]e^{-2\pi if}|^2}$$

For real  $a[1]$ :

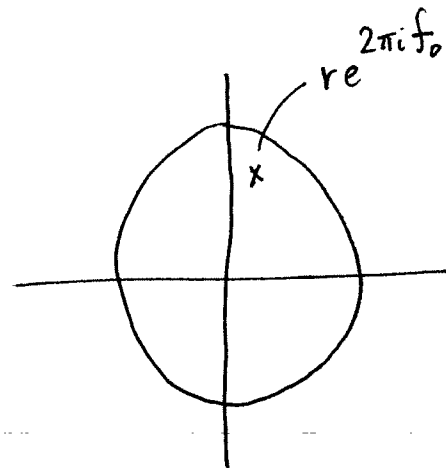
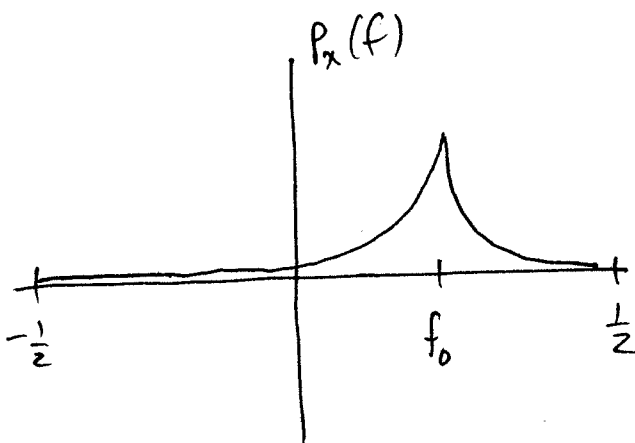
$$a[1] > 0$$



$$a[1] < 0$$



PSD:



pole-zero diagram  
since  $a[1]$  is complex,  
no symmetry of PSD