

T2: Applications of Polynomial Eigenvalue Decomposition to Multichannel Broadband Signal Processing

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Motivations of PEVD

Multichannel broadband signals arise at the core of many technologies

- Commercial: seismic, speech, telecommunications
- Military: radar, sonar, communications

Processing approaches include

- Splitting broadband into multiple narrowband signals
⇒ Ignores spectral coherence and correlations between frequency bands
- Classical subspace methods use the (instantaneous) spatial covariance matrix
⇒ Inadequate for convolutively mixed and/or broadband signals

Promising Approach: Polynomial Matrix Eigenvalue Decomposition (PEVD)

Brief History of PEVD

- Polynomial matrices are used in multivariable transfer functions in the control domain, e.g. Smith and Smith-McMillan forms, where the critical design issue is time delays [Kailath 1980] .
- Within signal processing, polynomial matrices are used in polyphase analysis and synthesis in filter bank theory [Vaidyanathan 1993] .
- For signal processing, energy preservation (unitarity) of a transform which can diagonalize an analytic matrix is more important.
- This motivated the development of the PEVD algorithm, second-order sequential best rotation (SBR2) [McWhirter2007] .

PEVD Tutorial Outline

1. Part I: Background
2. Part II: Eigenvalue Decomposition
3. Break
4. Part III: Subband Coding via Polynomial EVD
5. Part IV: Speech Processing Applications
6. Part V: Concluding Remarks and Closing

Applications of PEVD

The following list contains some examples of PEVD applications:

1. Beamforming [Weiss2015; Neo2022a]
2. Communications [Brandt2011; Hassan2019; Hassan2021]
3. Direction of Arrival Estimation [Alrmah2011; Weiss2013; Hogg2021]
4. Speech Enhancement [Neo2021a]
5. Source Separation [Redif2017; Redif 2017; Neo2021b]
6. Source and System Identification [Weiss2017; Khattak2022]
7. Subband Coding [Redif2011]
8. Weak Transient/Voice Activity Detection [Weiss2021; Neo2022c; Neo2022b]

PEVD Enthusiasts



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Research Interest:
Multichannel signal
processing and PEVD
with applications to
speech, audio and
acoustics



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Array and adaptive
signal processing
applied to source
separation, comms,
power, biomedical,
and wearables



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Adaptive, multirate
and array signal
processing with
applications in audio,
acoustics, comms,
and biomedical



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Microphone array
signal processing,
speaker diarization,
and multichannel
speech enhancement



John G. McWhirter
Independent component
analysis for blind signal
separation and polynomial
matrix algorithms for
broadband array sensor
signal processing



Ian K. Proudler
Adaptive filtering,
adaptive beamforming,
multichannel signal
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