

5.0 Spectral Shaping Problem

Consider

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{W} + \mathbf{a}$$

where \mathbf{W} is mean 0 and $\mathbf{K}_\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{I}$. We know

$$\mu_\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{a}, \quad \mathbf{K}_\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{K}_\mathbf{W}\mathbf{H}^\dagger = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{H}^\dagger.$$

Finding \mathbf{H} to give us some desired $\mathbf{K}_\mathbf{X}$ is called *spectral shaping*.

The diagonal form of $\mathbf{K}_\mathbf{X}$ is

$$\mathbf{K}_\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{E}_\mathbf{X}\Lambda_\mathbf{X}\mathbf{E}_\mathbf{X}^\dagger.$$

Let

$$\Lambda_\mathbf{X}^{1/2} = \text{diag}\left(\sqrt{\lambda_1}, \dots, \sqrt{\lambda_n}\right), \quad \lambda_i \geq 0 \text{ real}.$$

Then,

$$\mathbf{K}_\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{E}_\mathbf{X}\Lambda_\mathbf{X}^{1/2}\Lambda_\mathbf{X}^{1/2}\mathbf{E}_\mathbf{X}^\dagger = \left(\mathbf{E}_\mathbf{X}\Lambda_\mathbf{X}^{1/2}\right)\left(\mathbf{E}_\mathbf{X}\Lambda_\mathbf{X}^{1/2}\right)^\dagger.$$

Let

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{E}_\mathbf{X}\Lambda_\mathbf{X}^{1/2}$$

then

$$\mathbf{K}_\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{H}^\dagger$$

as desired. So this \mathbf{H} is a solution to the spectral shaping problem. This solution is not unique. Consider

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{E}_\mathbf{X}\Lambda_\mathbf{X}^{1/2}\mathbf{U}$$

where \mathbf{U} is any unitary matrix. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}\mathbf{H}^\dagger &= \left(\mathbf{E}_\mathbf{X}\Lambda_\mathbf{X}^{1/2}\mathbf{U}\right)\left(\mathbf{E}_\mathbf{X}\Lambda_\mathbf{X}^{1/2}\mathbf{U}\right)^\dagger \\ &= \mathbf{E}_\mathbf{X}\Lambda_\mathbf{X}^{1/2}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^\dagger\Lambda_\mathbf{X}^{1/2}\mathbf{E}_\mathbf{X}^\dagger \\ &= \mathbf{E}_\mathbf{X}\Lambda_\mathbf{X}^{1/2}\mathbf{I}\Lambda_\mathbf{X}^{1/2}\mathbf{E}_\mathbf{X}^\dagger \\ &= \mathbf{E}_\mathbf{X}\Lambda_\mathbf{X}\mathbf{E}_\mathbf{X}^\dagger \\ &= \mathbf{K}_\mathbf{X} \end{aligned}$$

so, $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{E}_X \Lambda_X^{1/2} \mathbf{U}$ is also a solution.

Claim: $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{E}_X \Lambda_X^{1/2} \mathbf{U}$ gives us all solutions to our spectral shaping problem, where \mathbf{U} is a unitary matrix.

Proof: Let $\tilde{\mathbf{H}}$ be a solution to the spectral shaping problem. Then

$$\mathbf{K}_X = \tilde{\mathbf{H}} \tilde{\mathbf{H}}^\dagger.$$

Let

$$\tilde{\mathbf{U}} = \Lambda_X^{-1/2} \mathbf{E}_X^\dagger \tilde{\mathbf{H}}$$

so

$$\tilde{\mathbf{H}} = \mathbf{E}_X \Lambda_X^{1/2} \tilde{\mathbf{U}}.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{U}} \tilde{\mathbf{U}}^\dagger &= \left(\Lambda_X^{-1/2} \mathbf{E}_X^\dagger \tilde{\mathbf{H}} \right) \left(\Lambda_X^{-1/2} \mathbf{E}_X^\dagger \tilde{\mathbf{H}} \right)^\dagger \\ &= \Lambda_X^{-1/2} \mathbf{E}_X^\dagger \tilde{\mathbf{H}} \tilde{\mathbf{H}}^\dagger \mathbf{E}_X \Lambda_X^{-1/2} \\ &= \Lambda_X^{-1/2} \mathbf{E}_X^\dagger \mathbf{E}_X \Lambda_X \mathbf{E}_X^\dagger \mathbf{E}_X \Lambda_X^{-1/2} \\ &= \Lambda_X^{-1/2} \mathbf{I} \Lambda_X \mathbf{I} \Lambda_X^{-1/2} \\ &= \Lambda_X^{-1/2} \Lambda_X \Lambda_X^{-1/2} \\ &= \mathbf{I}. \end{aligned}$$

So, $\tilde{\mathbf{U}}$ is a unitary matrix, call it \mathbf{U} . Hence,

$$\tilde{\mathbf{H}} = \mathbf{E}_X \Lambda_X^{1/2} \mathbf{U}.$$