

# The Analysis of Periodic Point Processes

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# Motivation: Signal and Image Signatures

- Radar or Sonar.
- Bit synchronization in communications.
- Unreliable measurements in a fading communications channel.
- Biomedical signatures.
- Compute the “jump times” of a pseudorandomly occurring change in the carrier frequency of a “frequency hopping” radio, where the change rate is governed by a shift register output. In this case it is desired to find the underlying fundamental period  $\tau$ .

# Data Models

Assumption – noisy signal data is set of **event times**  
**“Time of Arrival” (TOA’s)**

$$s(t) + \eta(t)$$

with (large) gaps in the data.

Questions –  $s(t)$  periodic? period  $\tau = ?$  Are there multiple periods  
 $\tau_k = ?$  If so, what are they? How do we deinterleave the signals?

# Single Periodic Generator

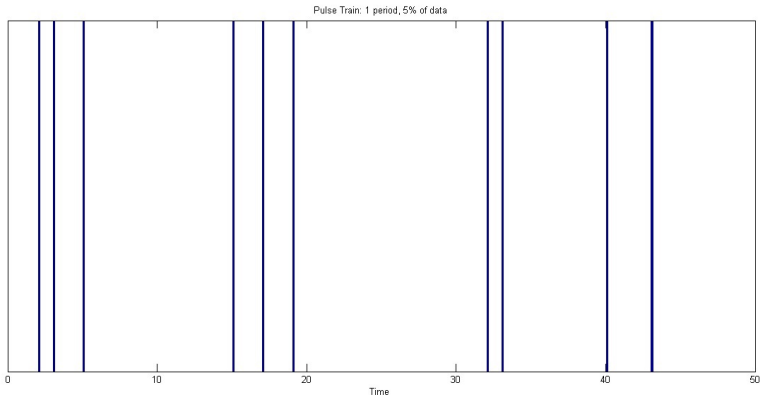


Figure: One Period – Original Data

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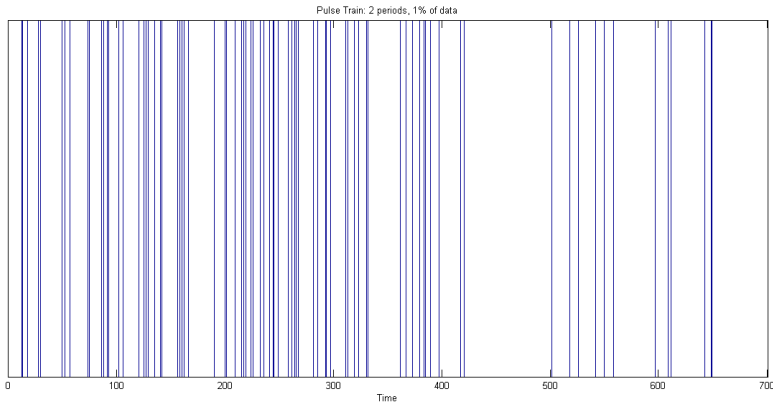


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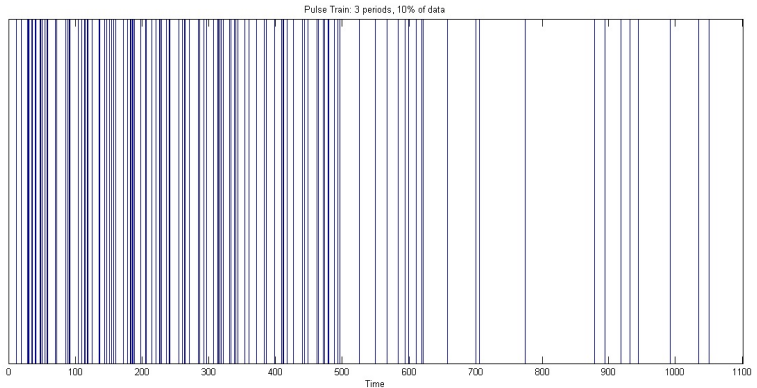
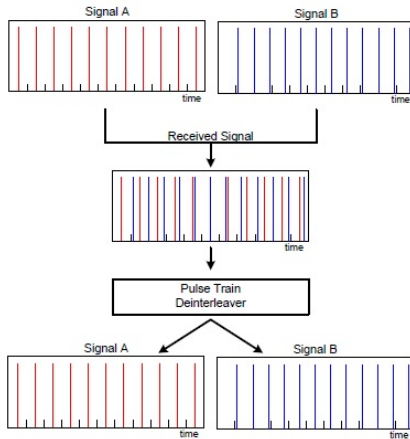


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# Deinterleaving Multiple Signals



# Mathematical Models – Single Period

Finite set of real numbers

$$S = \{s_j\}_{j=1}^n, \text{ with } s_j = k_j\tau + \varphi + \eta_j,$$

where

- $\tau$  (the period) is a fixed positive real number to be determined
- $k_j$ 's are non-repeating positive integers (natural numbers)
- $\varphi$  (the phase) is a real random variable uniformly distributed over the interval  $[0, \tau)$
- $\eta_j$ 's (the noise) are zero-mean independent identically distributed (iid) error terms. We assume that the  $\eta_j$ 's have a symmetric probability density function (pdf), and that

$$|\eta_j| \leq \eta_0 \leq \frac{\tau}{2} \text{ for all } j,$$

where  $\eta_0$  is an *a priori* noise bound.



## Approaches to the Analysis

- The data can be thought of as a set of event times of a periodic process, which generates a zero-one time series or delta train with additive jitter noise  $\eta(t)$  –

$$s(t) = \sum_{j=1}^n \delta(t - ((k_j\tau + \varphi) + \eta(t))).$$

- Another model – Let  $f(t) = \sin(\frac{\pi}{\tau}(t - \varphi))$  and  $S = \{\text{occurrence time of noisy zero-crossings of } f \text{ with missing observations}\}$ .
- The  $k_j$ 's determine the best procedure for analyzing this data.
- Given a sequence of consecutive  $k_j$ 's, use least squares.
- Fourier analytic methods, e.g., Wiener's periodogram, work with some missing observations, but when the percentage of missing observations is too large ( $> 50\%$ ), they break down.
- Number theoretic methods can work with very sparse data sets ( $> 90\%$  missing observations). Trade-off – low noise – number theory vs. higher noise – combine Fourier with number theory.

# The Structure of Randomness over $\mathbb{Z}$

## Theorem

Given  $n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) “randomly chosen” positive integers  $\{k_1, \dots, k_n\}$ ,

$$P\{\gcd(k_1, \dots, k_n) = 1\} \longrightarrow 1^- \text{ quickly! as } n \longrightarrow \infty.$$

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# An Algorithm for Finding $\tau$

$$S = \{s_j\}_{j=1}^n, \text{ with } s_j = k_j\tau + \varphi + \eta_j$$

Let  $\hat{\tau}$  denote the value the algorithm gives for  $\tau$ , and let “ $\leftarrow$ ” denote *replacement*, e.g., “ $a \leftarrow b$ ” means that the value of the variable  $a$  is to be replaced by the current value of the variable  $b$ .

**Initialize:** Sort the elements of  $S$  in descending order. Set `iter` = 0.

- 1.) [Adjoin 0 after first iteration.] If `iter` > 0, then  $S \leftarrow S \cup \{0\}$ .
- 2.) [Form the new set with elements  $(s_j - s_{j+1})$ .] Set  $s_j \leftarrow (s_j - s_{j+1})$ .
- 3.) [Sort.] Sort the elements in descending order.
- 4.) [Eliminate zero(s).] If  $s_j = 0$ , then  $S \leftarrow S \setminus \{s_j\}$ .
- 5.) The algorithm terminates if  $S$  has only one element  $s_1$ . Declare  $\hat{\tau} = s_1$ . If not, `iter`  $\leftarrow$  (`iter` + 1). Go to 1.)



# Paper and Pencil Computation

Initial	Iter 1	Iter 2	Iter 3	Iter 4
$\phi + 11\tau$	$3\tau$	$2\tau$	$\tau$	$\tau = \hat{\tau}$
$\phi + 9\tau$	$3\tau$	$\tau$	$\tau$	
$\phi + 6\tau$	$2\tau$			
$\phi + 3\tau$				

# Simulation Results

*"To err is human. To really screw up, you need a computer."*  
The Murphy Institute

**Assume**  $\tau = 1$ .

- Estimates and their standard deviations are based on averaging over 100 Monte-Carlo runs
- $n$  = number of data points,  $iter$  = average number of iterations required for convergence, and  $\%miss$  = average number of missing observations
- Estimates of  $\tau$  are labeled  $\hat{\tau}$ , and  $std(\hat{\tau})$  is the experimental standard deviation
- Threshold value of  $\eta_0 = 0.35\tau = 0.35$  was used



# Simulation Results, Cont'd

## 1.) *Noise-free estimation.*

**Results from simulating noise-free estimation of  $\tau$ .**

$n$	$M$	%miss	iter	$\tau$	$2\tau$	$3\tau$	$> 3\tau$
10	$10^1$	81.69	3.3	100%	0	0	0
10	$10^2$	97.92	10.5	100	0	0	0
10	$10^3$	99.80	46.5	100	0	0	0
10	$10^4$	99.98	316.2	100	0	0	0
10	$10^5$	99.998	2638.7	100	0	0	0
4	$10^2$	97.84	15.2	82%	12	4	2
6	$10^2$	97.82	14.2	97	3	0	0
8	$10^2$	97.80	10.2	98	1	1	0
10	$10^2$	97.78	10.2	99	1	0	0
12	$10^2$	97.76	8.6	100	0	0	0
14	$10^2$	97.75	7.4	100	0	0	0



## Simulation Results, Cont'd

### 2.) *Uniformly distributed noise.*

**Results from estimation of  $\tau$  from noisy measurements.**

$n$	$M$	$\Delta$	%miss	iter	$\hat{\tau}$	$std(\hat{\tau})$
10	$10^1$	$10^{-3}$	81.37	4.35	0.9987	0.0005
10	$10^2$	$10^{-3}$	97.88	9.67	0.9980	0.0010
50	$10^3$	$10^{-3}$	99.80	16.0	0.9969	0.0028
10	$10^1$	$10^{-2}$	80.85	4.38	0.9888	0.0046
10	$10^1$	$10^{-2}$	81.94	4.45	0.9883	0.0051
10	$10^1$	$10^{-1}$	81.05	4.33	0.8857	0.0432

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- *"... the Euler formulae (1736)*

$$\zeta(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-z} = \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 - (p_j)^{-z}}, \quad \Re(z) > 1$$

*was introduced to us at school, as a joke."* LITTLEWOOD

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- The Euclidean algorithm yields the greatest common divisor of two (or more) elements of  $\mathbb{Z}$ . The *greatest common divisor* of two integers  $a$  and  $b$ , denoted by  $\gcd(a, b)$ , is the the largest integer that evenly divides both integers.



# $\pi$ , the Primes, and Probability, Cont'd

## Theorem (Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic)

*Every positive integer can be written uniquely as the product of primes, with the prime factors in the product written in the order of nondecreasing size.*

- If  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ , we say that the numbers are relatively prime. This means that  $a$  and  $b$  share no common prime factors in their prime factorization.
- $\gcd(k_1, \dots, k_n)$  is the greatest common divisor of the set  $\{k_j\}$ , i.e., the product of the powers of all prime factors  $p$  that divide each  $k_j$ .
- Examples
  - $\gcd(3, 7) = 1$
  - $\gcd(3, 6) = 3$
  - $\gcd(35, 21) = 7$
  - $\gcd(35, 21, 15) = 1$





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- Heuristic argument for this “theorem.” Given randomly distributed positive integers, by the Law of Large Numbers, about  $1/2$  of them are even,  $1/3$  of them are multiples of three, and  $1/p$  are a multiple of some prime  $p$ . Thus, given  $n$  independently chosen positive integers,

$$\begin{aligned} P\{p|k_1, p|k_2, \dots, \text{and } p|k_n\} &= \\ & \text{(Independence)} \\ P\{p|k_1\} \cdot P\{p|k_2\} \cdot \dots \cdot P\{p|k_n\} &= \\ 1/(p) \cdot 1/(p) \cdot \dots \cdot 1/(p) &= \\ 1/(p)^n. & \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$P\{p \nmid k_1, p \nmid k_2, \dots, \text{and } p \nmid k_n\} = 1 - 1/(p)^n.$$



## $\pi$ , the Primes, and Probability, Cont'd

- By the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic, every integer has a unique representation as a product of primes. Combining that theorem with the definition of gcd, we get

$$P\{\gcd(k_1, \dots, k_n) = 1\} = \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} 1 - 1/(p_j)^n,$$

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- But, by Euler's formula,

$$\zeta(z) = \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 - (p_j)^{-z}}, \quad \Re(z) > 1.$$

Therefore,

$$P\{\text{gcd}(k_1, \dots, k_n) = 1\} = 1/(\zeta(n)).$$



## $\pi$ , the Primes, and Probability, Cont'd

This argument breaks down on the first line. Any uniform distribution on the positive integers would have to be identically zero. The merit in the argument lies in the fact that it gives an indication of how the zeta function plays a role in the problem.

Let  $\text{card}\{\cdot\}$  denote cardinality of the set  $\{\cdot\}$ , and let  $\{1, \dots, \ell\}^n$  denote the sublattice of positive integers in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with coordinates  $c$  such that  $1 \leq c \leq \ell$ . Therefore,

$N_n(\ell) = \text{card}\{(k_1, \dots, k_n) \in \{1, \dots, \ell\}^n : \gcd(k_1, \dots, k_n) = 1\}$  is the number of relatively prime elements in  $\{1, \dots, \ell\}^n$ .

**Theorem (MEA Theorem, C (1998), ...)**

*Let  $N_n(\ell) = \text{card}\{(k_1, \dots, k_n) \in \{1, \dots, \ell\}^n : \gcd(k_1, \dots, k_n) = 1\}$ . For  $n \geq 2$ , we have that*

$$\lim_{\ell \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N_n(\ell)}{\ell^n} = [\zeta(n)]^{-1}.$$

# $\pi$ , the Primes, and Probability, Cont'd

**Brief Discussion of Proof :** Let  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  denote the floor function of  $x$ , namely

$$\lfloor x \rfloor = \max_{k \leq x} \{k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

$$N_n(\ell) = \ell^n - \sum_{p_i} \left( \left\lfloor \frac{\ell}{p_i} \right\rfloor \right)^n + \sum_{p_i < p_j} \left( \left\lfloor \frac{\ell}{p_i \cdot p_j} \right\rfloor \right)^n - \sum_{p_i < p_j < p_k} \left( \left\lfloor \frac{\ell}{p_i \cdot p_j \cdot p_k} \right\rfloor \right)^n + \dots$$

Convergence is demonstrated by a sequence of careful estimates, use of Möbius Inversion, and more careful estimates.



## $\pi$ , the Primes, and Probability, Cont'd

The counting formula is seen as follows. Choose a prime number  $p_i$ . The number of integers in  $\{1, \dots, \ell\}$  such that  $p_i$  divides an element of that set is  $\left\lfloor \frac{\ell}{p_i} \right\rfloor$ . (Note that it is possible to have  $p_i > \ell$ , because  $\left\lfloor \frac{\ell}{p_i} \right\rfloor = 0$ .) Therefore, the number of  $n$ -tuples  $(k_1, \dots, k_n)$  contained in the lattice  $\{1, \dots, \ell\}^n$  such that  $p_i$  divides every integer in the  $n$ -tuple is

$$\left( \left\lfloor \frac{\ell}{p_i} \right\rfloor \right)^n.$$

Next, if  $p_i \cdot p_j$  divides an integer  $k$ , then  $p_i | k$  and  $p_j | k$ . Therefore, the number of  $n$ -tuples  $(k_1, \dots, k_n)$  contained in the lattice  $\{1, \dots, \ell\}^n$  such that  $p_i$  or  $p_j$  or their product divide every integer in the  $n$ -tuple is

$$\left( \left\lfloor \frac{\ell}{p_i} \right\rfloor \right)^n + \left( \left\lfloor \frac{\ell}{p_j} \right\rfloor \right)^n - \left( \left\lfloor \frac{\ell}{p_i \cdot p_j} \right\rfloor \right)^n,$$

where the last term is subtracted so that we do not count the same numbers twice (in a simple application of the inclusion-exclusion principle).



# $\pi$ , the Primes, and Probability, Cont'd

Each term is convergent –

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{\ell^n} \sum_{p_i < \dots < p_k} \left( \left\lfloor \frac{\ell}{p_i \cdots p_k} \right\rfloor \right)^n \leq \frac{1}{\ell^n} \sum_{p_i < \dots < p_k \leq \ell} \left( \frac{\ell}{p_i \cdot p_j \cdot \dots \cdot p_k} \right)^n \\
 & = \sum_{p_i < \dots < p_k \leq \ell} \left( \frac{1}{p_i \cdots p_k} \right)^n = \left( \sum_{p \leq \ell} \frac{1}{p^n} \right)^k \\
 & \leq \left( \sum_{p \text{ prime}} \frac{1}{p^n} \right)^k \leq \left( \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j^n} \right)^k.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $n \geq 2$ , this series is convergent.





## $\pi$ , the Primes, and Probability, Cont'd

Now, let

$$M_k = \left( \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j^n} \right)^k, \text{ for } k = 2, 3, \dots$$

By noting that since  $n \geq 2$  and the sum is over  $j \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$ , we get

$$0 < \sum_j \frac{1}{j^n} \leq \left( \frac{\pi^2}{6} - 1 \right) < 1.$$

Since the  $k^{\text{th}}$  term in the expansion of  $N_n(\ell)/\ell^n$  is dominated by  $M_k$  and since

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} M_k \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\pi^2}{6} - 1 \right)^k = \frac{6}{12 - \pi^2}$$

is convergent, the series converges absolutely.



## $\pi$ , the Primes, and Probability, Cont'd

Euler showed that

$$\begin{aligned} & 1 - \sum_{p_i} \frac{1}{p_i^n} + \sum_{p_i < p_j} \frac{1}{(p_i \cdot p_j)^n} - \sum_{p_i < p_j < p_k} \frac{1}{(p_i \cdot p_j \cdot p_k)^n} + \dots \\ &= \sum_m \frac{\mu(m)}{m^n} = [\zeta(n)]^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

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# $\pi$ , the Primes, and Probability, Cont'd

## Theorem

Let  $\omega \in (1, \infty)$ . Then  $\lim_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} [\zeta(\omega)]^{-1} = 1$ , converging to 1 from below faster than  $1/(1 - 2^{1-\omega})$ .

**Proof :** Since  $\zeta(\omega) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-\omega}$  and  $\omega > 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\leq \zeta(\omega) = 1 + \frac{1}{2^\omega} + \frac{1}{3^\omega} + \frac{1}{4^\omega} + \frac{1}{5^\omega} + \dots \\ &\leq 1 + \frac{1}{2^\omega} + \frac{1}{2^\omega} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{4^\omega} + \dots + \frac{1}{4^\omega}}_{4\text{-times}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{8^\omega} + \dots + \frac{1}{8^\omega}}_{8\text{-times}} + \dots \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{2^\omega}\right)^k = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2}{2^\omega}} = \frac{1}{1 - 2^{1-\omega}}. \end{aligned}$$

As  $\omega \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $(1 - 2^{1-\omega}) \rightarrow 1^+$ . Thus,  $[\zeta(\omega)]^{-1} \rightarrow 1^-$  as  $\omega \rightarrow \infty$ .



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- **Solution** : Replace division with subtraction, and threshold/average/filter/transform to eliminate noise.





# The Modified Euclidean Algorithm (MEA), Cont'd

## Lemma (The Key Lemma)

*The MEA preserves the gcd, i.e.,*

$$\gcd(k_1, \dots, k_n) = \gcd((k_1 - k_2), (k_2 - k_3), \dots, (k_{n-1} - k_n), k_n).$$

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- Moreover, the estimate

$$(1 - 2^{1-\omega})^{-1} \leq [\zeta(\omega)]^{-1} \leq 1$$

shows that the algorithm very likely produces this value in the noise-free case or with minimal noise with as few as 10 data elements.



## Mathematical Models – Multiple Periods

Our data model is the union of  $M$  copies of  $S = \{s_{i,j}\}_{j=1}^{n_i}$  with  $s_j = k_j\tau + \varphi + \eta_j$ , each with different periods or “generators”  $\Gamma = \{\tau_i\}$ ,  $k_{ij}$ ’s and phases. Let  $\tau_M = \max_i\{\tau_i\}$  and  $\tau_m = \min_i\{\tau_i\}$ . Then our data is

$$S = \bigcup_{i=1}^M \left\{ \varphi_i + k_{ij}\tau_i + \eta_{ij} \right\}_{j=1}^{n_i},$$

- where  $n_i$  is the number of elements from the  $i^{\text{th}}$  generator
- the different periods or “generators” are  $\Gamma = \{\tau_i\}$
- $\{k_{ij}\}$  is a linearly increasing sequence of natural numbers with missing observations
- $\varphi_i$  (the phases) are random variables uniformly distributed in  $[0, \tau_i)$
- $\eta_{ij}$ ’s are zero-mean iid Gaussian with standard deviation  $3\sigma_{ij} < \tau/2$
- We think of the data as events from  $M$  periodic processes, and represent it, after reindexing, as  $S = \{\alpha_l\}_{l=1}^N$ , where  $N = \sum_i n_i$ .



# The Structure of Randomness over $[0, T]$

## Theorem (Weyl's Equidistribution Theorem)

Let  $\phi$  be an irrational number,  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let

$$\langle j\phi \rangle = j\phi - \lfloor j\phi \rfloor .$$

Then given  $a, b$ ,  $0 \leq a < b < 1$ ,

$$\frac{1}{n} \text{card} \left\{ 1 \leq j \leq n : \langle j\phi \rangle \in [a, b] \right\} \longrightarrow (b - a)$$

as  $n \longrightarrow \infty$ .

## The Structure of Randomness over $[0, T)$

Assuming only minimal knowledge of the range of  $\{\tau_i\}$ , namely bounds  $T_L, T_U$  such that  $0 < T_L \leq \tau_i \leq T_U$ , we phase wrap the data by the mapping

$$\Phi_\rho(\alpha_I) = \left\langle \frac{\alpha_I}{\rho} \right\rangle = \frac{\alpha_I}{\rho} - \left\lfloor \frac{\alpha_I}{\rho} \right\rfloor,$$

where  $\rho \in [T_L, T_U]$ , and  $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor$  is the floor function. Thus  $\langle \cdot \rangle$  is the fractional part, and so  $\Phi_\rho(\alpha_I) \in [0, 1)$ .

### Definition

A sequence of real random variables  $\{x_j\} \subset [0, 1)$  is essentially uniformly distributed in the sense of Weyl if given  $a, b, 0 \leq a < b < 1$ ,

$$\frac{1}{n} \text{card} \left\{ 1 \leq j \leq n : x_j \in [a, b] \right\} \longrightarrow (b - a)$$

as  $n \longrightarrow \infty$  almost surely.

# Applying Weyl's Theorem

We assume that for each  $i$ ,  $\{k_{ij}\}$  is a linearly increasing infinite sequence of natural numbers with missing observations such that

$$k_{ij} \longrightarrow \infty \text{ as } j \longrightarrow \infty .$$

Weyl's Theorem applies asymptotically.

## Theorem (C (2019))

*For almost every choice of  $\rho$  (in the sense of Lebesgue measure)  $\Phi_\rho(\alpha_I)$  is essentially uniformly distributed in the sense of Weyl.*

## Applying Weyl's Theorem, Cont'd

- Moreover, the set of  $\rho$ 's for which this is not true are rational multiples of  $\{\tau_i\}$ . Additionally, since  $\mathbb{Q}$  is countable (and thus measure zero), these occur (in the sense of  $\{\tau_i\}$ ) with probability zero. Therefore, except for those values,  $\Phi_\rho(\alpha_{ij})$  is essentially uniformly distributed in  $[T_L, T_U)$ . The values at which  $\Phi_\rho(\alpha_{ij}) = 0$  almost surely are  $\rho \in \{\tau_i/n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . These values of  $\rho$  cluster at zero, but spread out for lower values of  $n$ .
- We phase wrap the data by computing modulus of the spectrum, i.e., compute

$$|S_{iter}(\tau)| = \left| \sum_{j=1}^N e^{(2\pi i s(j)/\tau)} \right|.$$

- The values of

$$|S_{iter}(\tau)|$$

will have peaks at the periods  $\tau_j$  and their harmonics  $(\tau_j)/k$ .





# The EQUIMEA Algorithm – One Period

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$$S = \{s_j\}_{j=1}^n, \text{ with } s_j = k_j\tau + \varphi + \eta_j$$

**Initialize:** Sort the elements of  $S$  in descending order. Form the new set with elements  $(s_j - s_{j+1})$ . Set  $s_j \leftarrow (s_j - s_{j+1})$ . (Note, this eliminates the phase  $\varphi$ .) Let  $\hat{\tau}$  denote the value the algorithm gives for  $\tau$ , and let “ $\leftarrow$ ” denote *replacement*.

# The EQUIMEA Algorithm – One Period

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- 1.) [Adjoin 0 after first iteration.]  $S_{iter} \leftarrow S \cup \{0\}$ .
- 2.) [Sort.] Sort the elements of  $S_{iter}$  in descending order.
- 3.) [Compute all differences.] Set  $S_{iter} = \bigcup (s_j - s_k)$  for all  $j, k$  with  $s_j > s_k$ .
- 4.) [Eliminate zero(s).] If  $s_j = 0$ , then  $S_{iter} \leftarrow S_{iter} \setminus \{s_j\}$ .
- 5.) [Adjoin previous iteration.] Form  $S_{iter} \leftarrow S_{iter} \cup S_{iter-1}$ .
- 6.) [Compute spectrum.] Compute

$$|S_{iter}(\tau)| = \left| \sum_{j=1}^N e^{(2\pi i s(j)/\tau)} \right|.$$

- 7.) [Threshold.] Choose the largest peak. Label it as  $\tau_{iter}$
- 8.) The algorithm terminates if  $|\tau_{iter} - \tau_{iter-1}| < \text{Error}$ . Declare  $\hat{\tau} = \tau_{iter}$ . If not,  $iter \leftarrow (iter + 1)$ . Go to 1.)



# The EQUIMEA Algorithm – One Period, Cont'd

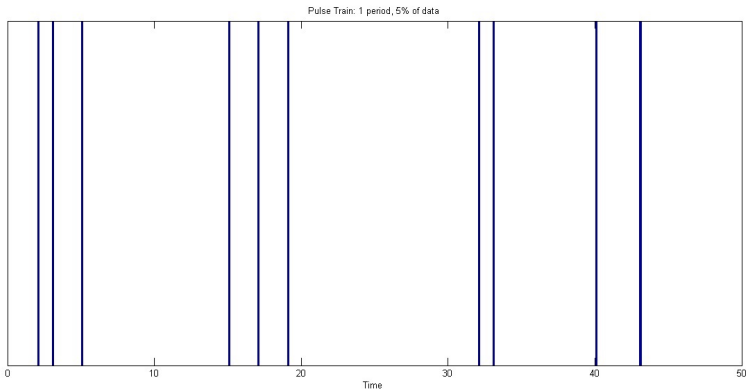


Figure: EQUIMEA One Period Tau – Original Data

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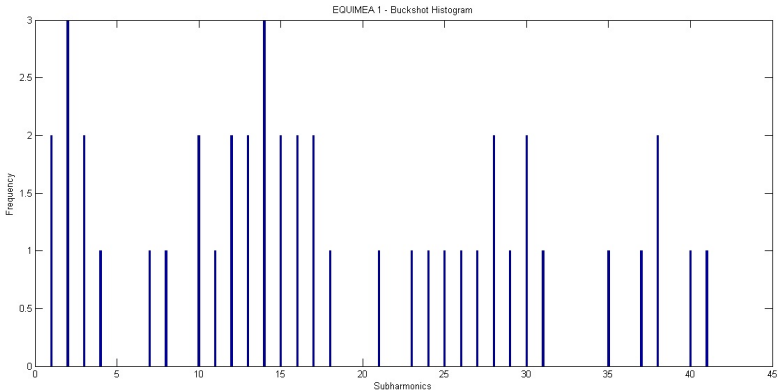


Figure: EQUIMEA One Period Tau – One Iteration

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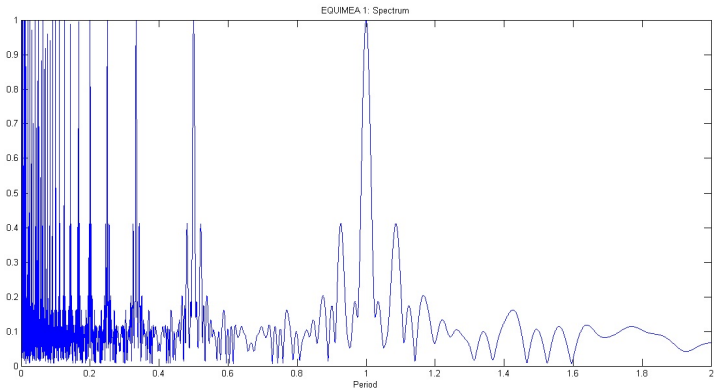


Figure: EQUIMEA One Period Tau – One Iteration – Spectrum

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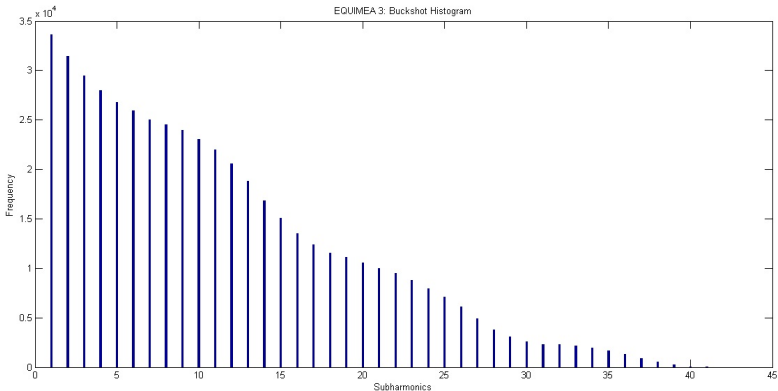


Figure: EQUIMEA One Period Tau – Third Iteration

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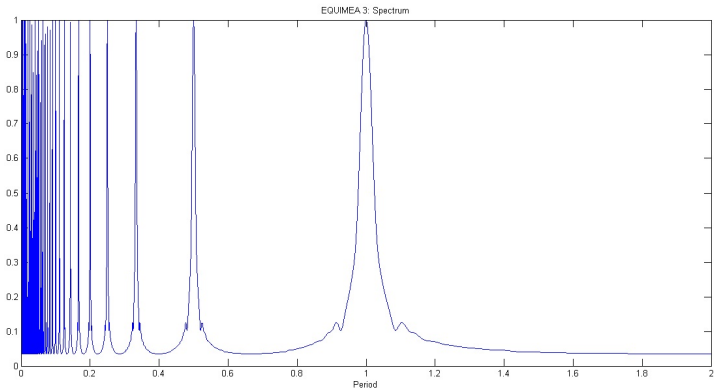
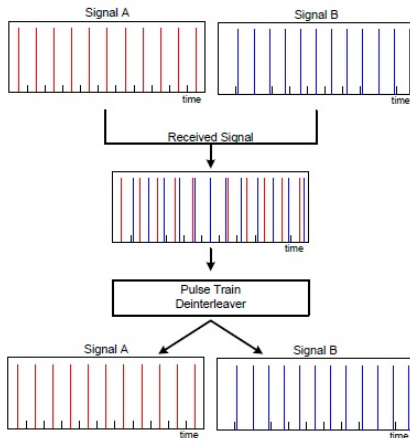


Figure: EQUIMEA One Period Tau – Third Iteration – Spectrum

# Deinterleaving Multiple Signals





# The EQUIMEA Algorithm – Multiple Periods

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$$S = \bigcup_{i=1}^M \left\{ \varphi_i + k_{ij}\tau_i + \eta_{ij} \right\}_{j=1}^{n_i},$$

Let  $\hat{\tau}$  denote the value the algorithm gives for  $\tau$ , and let “ $\leftarrow$ ” denote *replacement*.

After reindexing,  $S = \{\alpha_l\}_{l=1}^N$ , where  $N = \sum_i n_i$ .

**Initialize:** Sort the elements of  $S$  in descending order. Form the new set with elements  $(s_l - s_{l+1})$ . Set  $s_l \leftarrow (s_l - s_{l+1})$ . (Note, this eliminates the phase  $\varphi$ .) Set  $\text{iter} = 1$ ,  $i = 1$ , and **Error**. Go to **1**.)

## The EQUIMEA Algorithm – Multiple Periods

- 1.) [Adjoin 0 after first iteration.]  $S_{iter} \leftarrow S \cup \{0\}$ .
- 2.) [Sort.] Sort the elements of  $S_{iter}$  in descending order.
- 3.) [Compute all differences.] Set  $S_{iter} = \bigcup (s_j - s_k)$  with  $s_j > s_k$ .
- 4.) [Eliminate zero(s).] If  $s_j = 0$ , then  $S_{iter} \leftarrow S_{iter} \setminus \{s_j\}$ .
- 5.) [Adjoin previous iteration.] Form  $S_{iter} \leftarrow S_{iter} \cup S_{iter-1}$ .
- 6.) [Compute spectrum.] Compute  $|S_{iter}(\tau)| = \left| \sum_{j=1}^N e^{(2\pi i s(j)/\tau)} \right|$ .
- 7.) [Threshold.] Choose the largest peak. Label it as  $\tau_{iter}$
- 8.) If  $|\tau_{iter} - \tau_{iter-1}| < \text{Error}$ . Declare  $\hat{\tau}_i = \tau_{iter}$ . If not,  $iter \leftarrow (iter + 1)$ . Go to **1.**)
- 9.) Given  $\tau_i$ , frequency notch  $|S_{iter}(\tau)|$  for  $\hat{\tau}_i/m$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $i \leftarrow i + 1$ .
- 10.) [Compute spectrum.] Compute  $|S_{iter}(\tau)| = \left| \sum_{j=1}^N e^{(2\pi i s(j)/\tau)} \right|$ .
- 11.) [Threshold.] Choose the largest peak. Label it as  $\tau_{i+1}$ . Algorithm terminates when there are no peaks. Else, go to **9.**)

# The EQUIMEA Algorithm – Two Periods

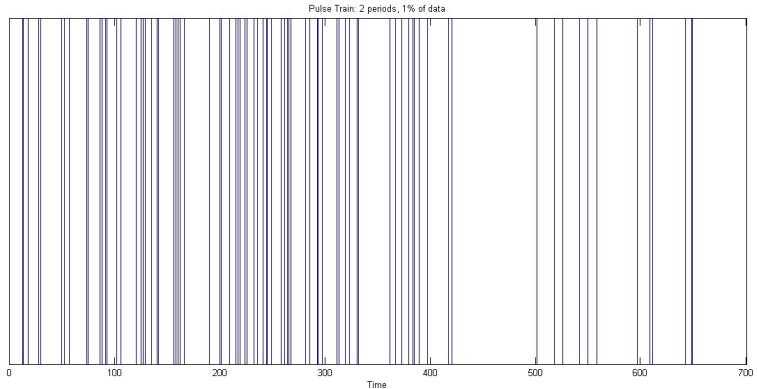


Figure: Two Periods – OriginalData

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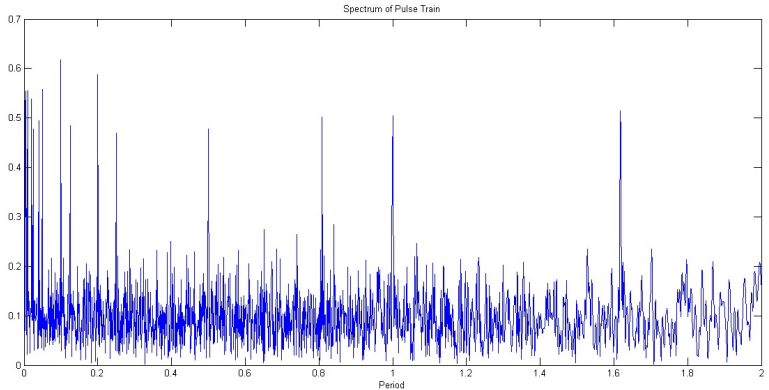


Figure: Spectrum of Two Period Data

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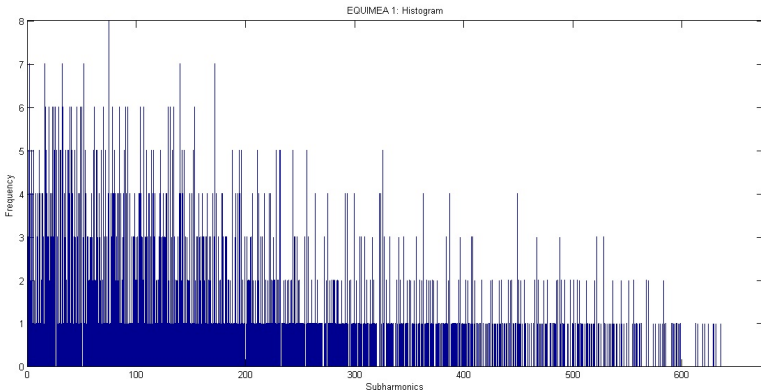


Figure: EQUIMEA – Two Periods – Iter1

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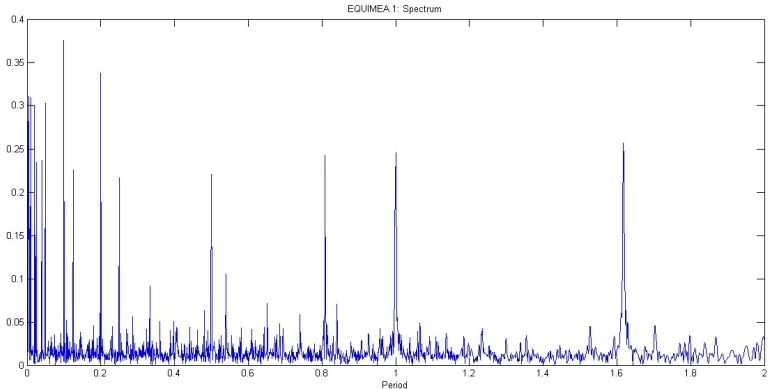


Figure: EQUIMEA – Two Periods – Iter1 – Spectrum

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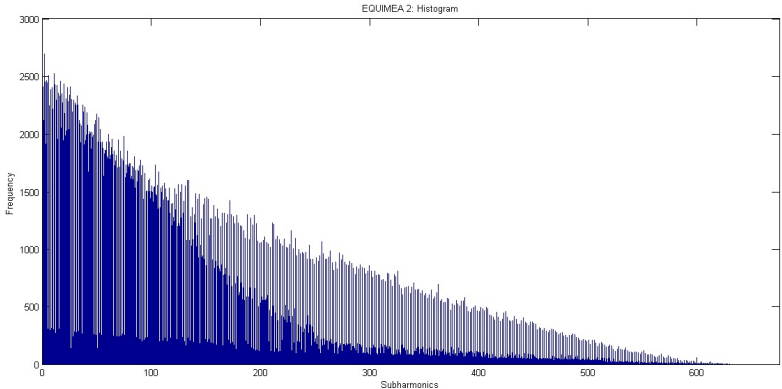


Figure: EQUIMEA – Two Periods – Iter2

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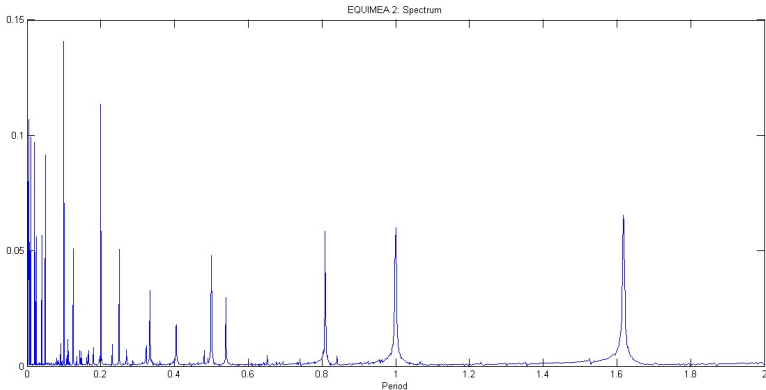


Figure: EQUIMEA – Two Periods – Iter2 – Spectrum



# The EQUIMEA Algorithm – Three Periods

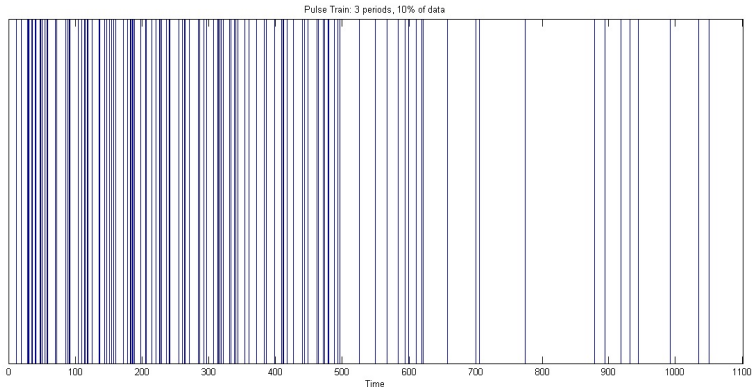


Figure: Three Periods – OriginalData

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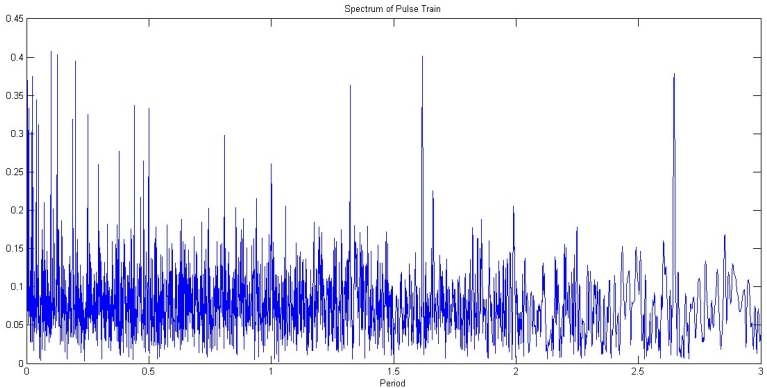


Figure: Spectrum of Three Period Data

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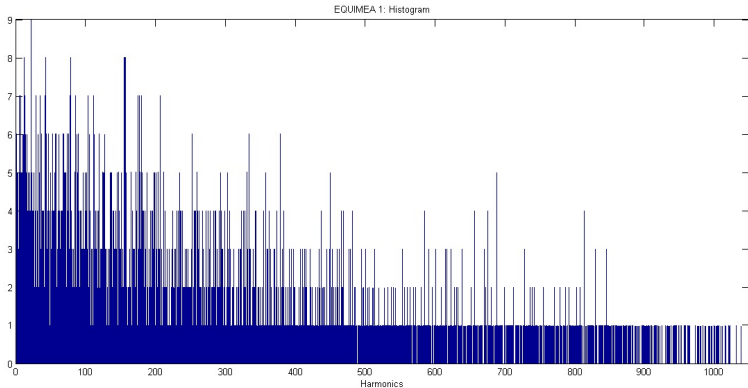


Figure: EQUIMEA – Three Periods – Iter1

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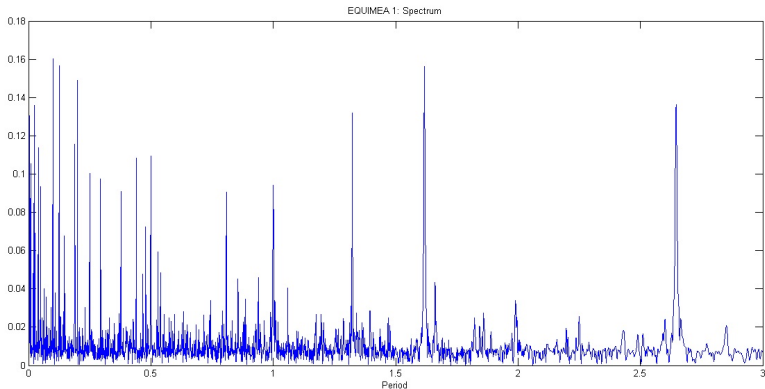


Figure: EQUIMEA – Three Periods – Iter1 – Spectrum

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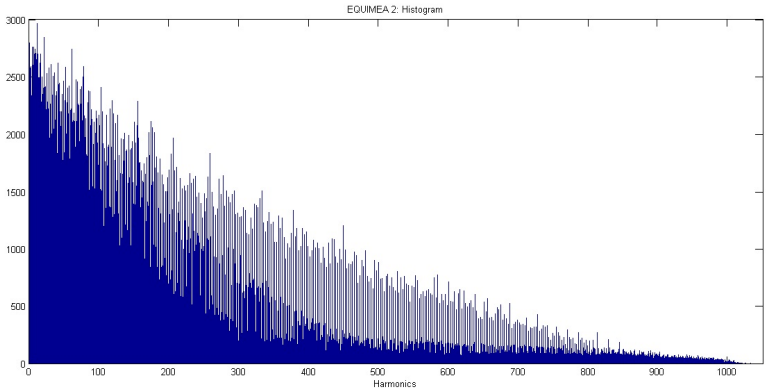


Figure: EQUIMEA – Three Periods – Iter2

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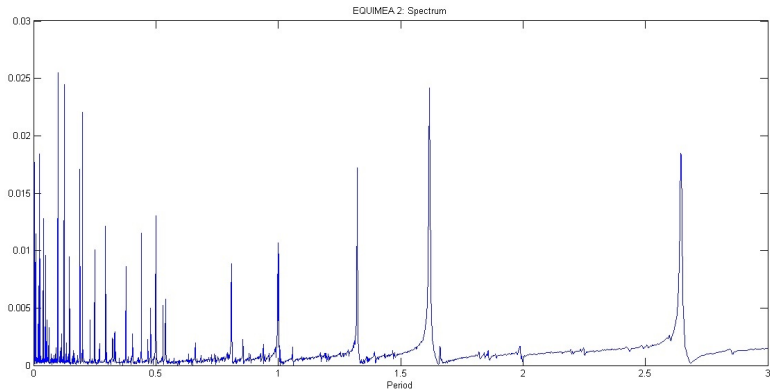


Figure: EQUIMEA – Three Periods – Iter2 – Spectrum

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