CS578- Speech Signal Processing

Lecture 4: Linear Prediction of Speech; Analysis and Synthesis

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Producing speech [1]

Assuming as input to $H(z)$ a train of unit samples, $u_g[n]$, with z-transform $U_g(z)$, then speech, $S(z)$ is given by:

$$H(z) = \frac{S(z)}{U_g(z)} = \frac{A}{1 - \sum_{k=1}^{p} a_k z^{-k}}$$

or

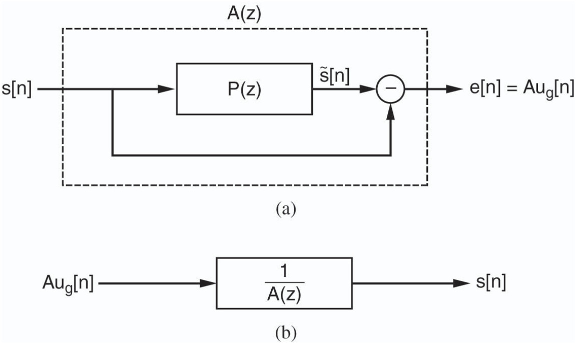
$$S(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{p} a_k z^{-k} S(z) + A U_g(z)$$

and in time domain:

$$s[n] = \sum_{k=1}^{p} a_k s[n-k] + A u_g[n]$$

Useful terms: *Linear prediction coefficients, Autoregressive (AR) model/process, Linear prediction analysis*

Filtering view of linear prediction



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P(z) &= \sum_{k=1}^{p} a_k z^{-k} \quad \textit{prediction filter} \\
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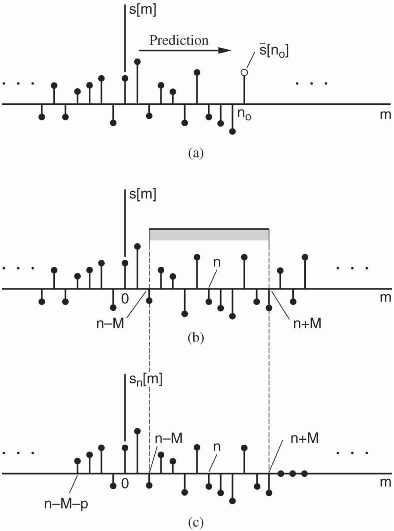

Covariance Method: Formulation

- In matrix notation

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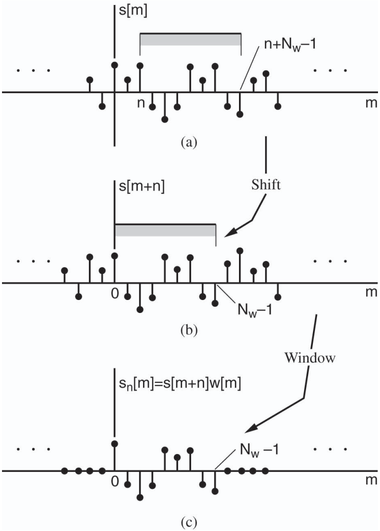

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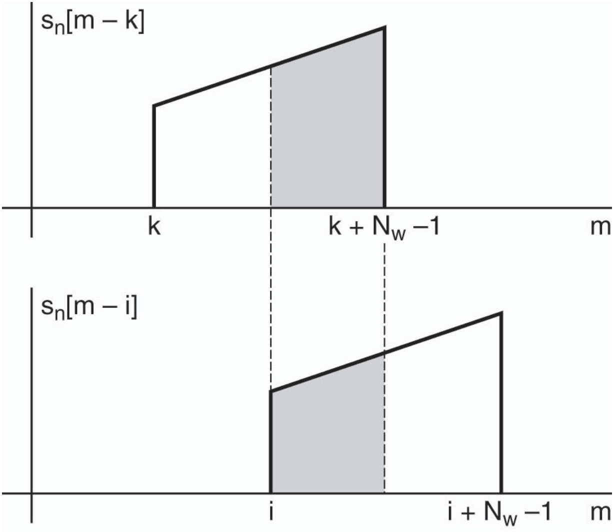

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Levinson Recursion

▷ Build an order $i+1$ solution from an order i solution until the desired order p is reached:

- **Initial step:**

$$l_0^0 = 0, \quad E^0 = r[0]$$

- **Step 1:** Compute the *partial correlation coefficients*

$$k_i = \frac{r[i] - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} l_j^{i-1} r[i-j]}{E^{i-1}}$$

- **Step 2:** Update prediction coefficients, l

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- **Step 3:** Update the minimum squared prediction error

$$E^i = (1 - k_i^2) E^{i-1}$$

- **Step 4:** Repeat steps 1 to 3 for $i = 1, 2, \cdots, p$
- **Final Step:** at pth step, compute the optimal predictor coefficients, l_j^*,

$$l_j^* = l_j^p, \quad 1 \le j \le p$$

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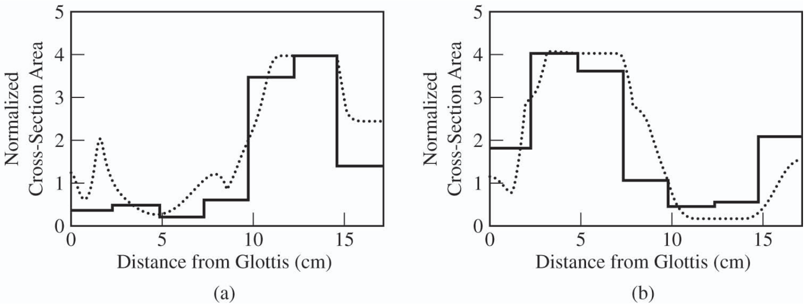
Estimating the vocal tract area functions via the autocorrelation method



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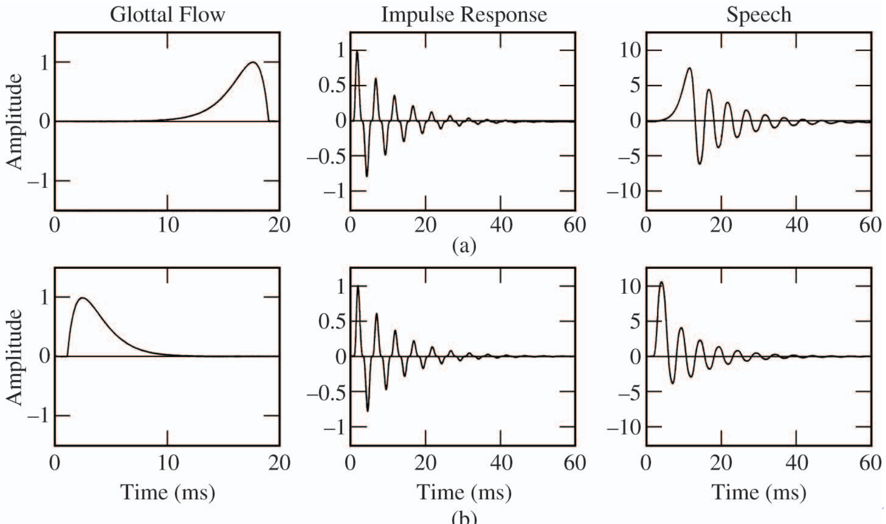

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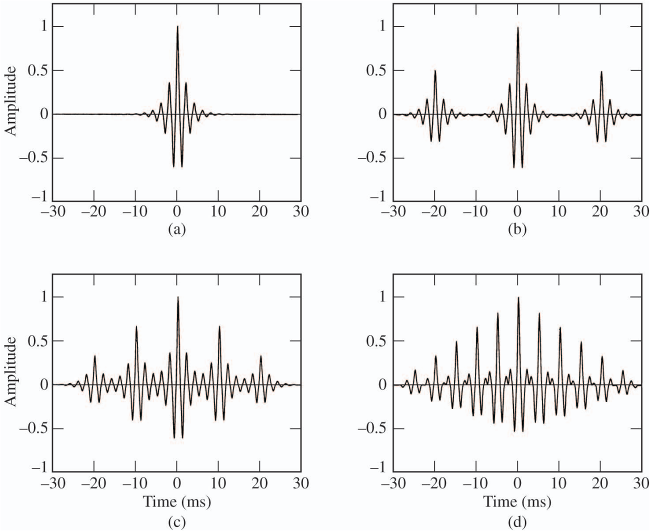

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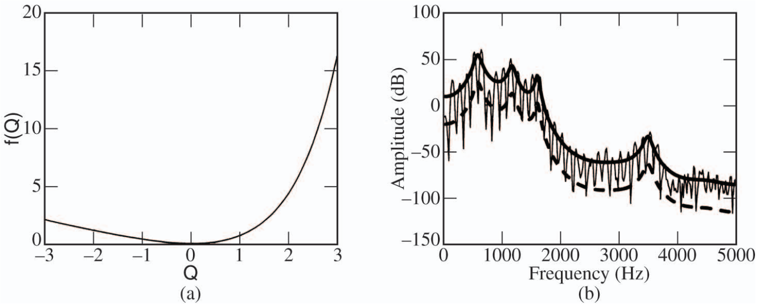

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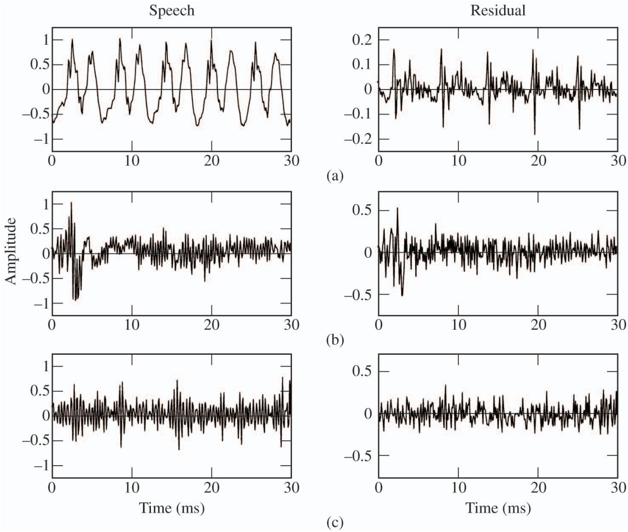

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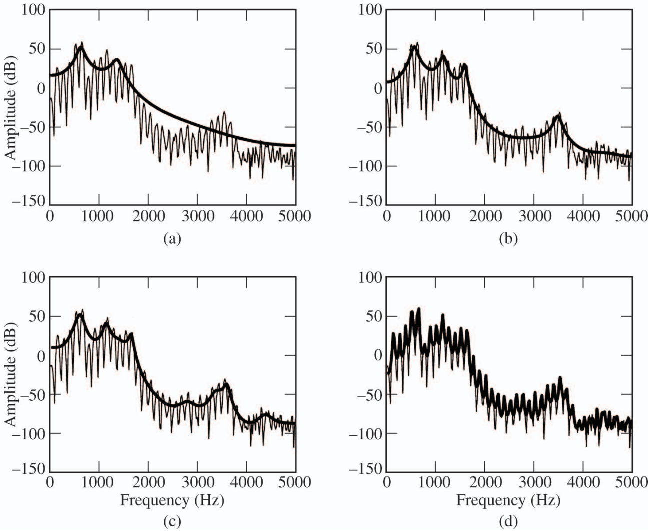

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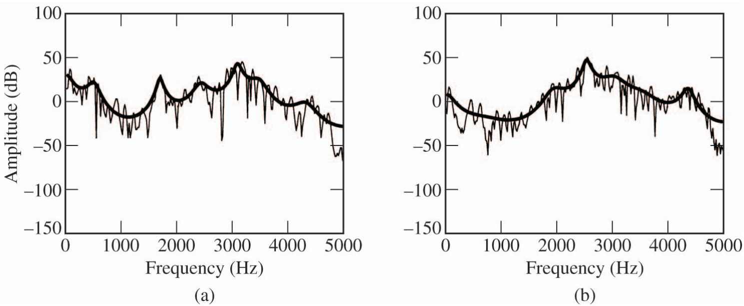

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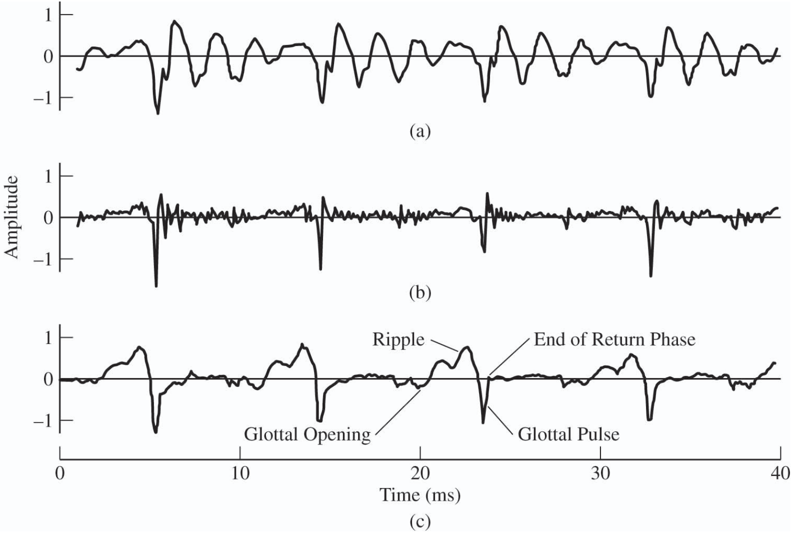

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Synthesis

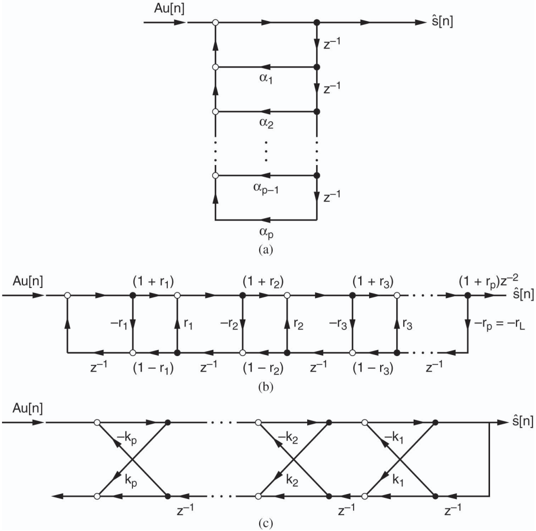
The synthesized speech is:

$$s[n] = \sum_{k=1}^{p} l_k s[n-k] + Au[n]$$

where $u[n]$ could be:

- A periodic impulse train
- An impulse
- White noise

Synthesis Structure



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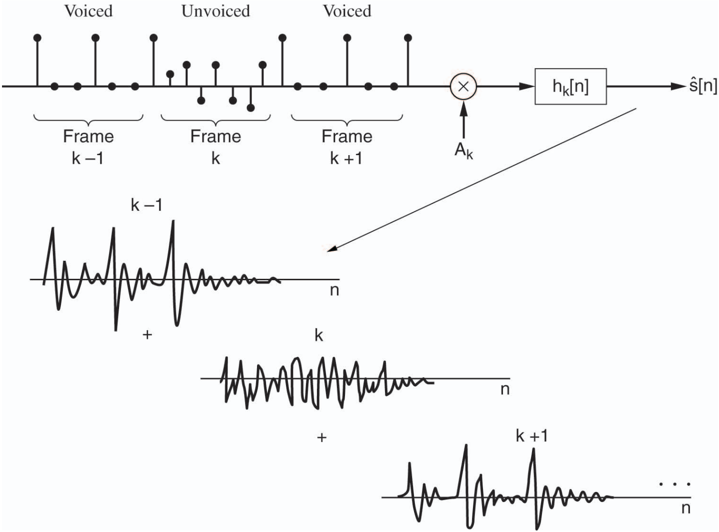
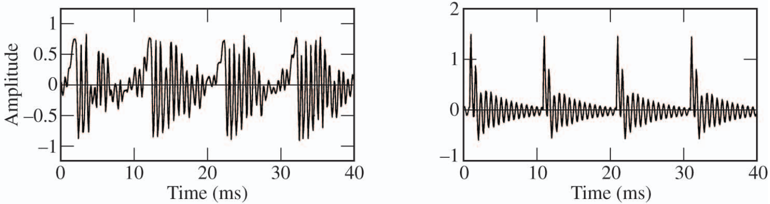


Speech Reconstruction example



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How does it sound ...

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- /e/

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