

A Decisive Filtering Selection Approach For Improved Performance Active Noise Cancellation System

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Abstract : In this work we present a filtering selection approach for efficient ANC system. Active noise cancellation (ANC) has wide application in next generation human machine interaction to automobile Heating Ventilating and Air Conditioning (HVAC) devices. We compare conventional adaptive filters algorithms LMS, NLMS, VSLMS, VSNLMS, VLSLMS for a predefined input sound file, where various algorithms run and result in standard output and better performance. The wiener filter based on least means squared (LMS) algorithm family is most sought after solution of ANC. This family includes LMS, NLMS, VSLMS, VSNLMS, VFXLMS, FX-LMS and many more. Some of these are nonlinear algorithm, which provides better solution for nonlinear noisy environment. The components of the ANC systems like microphones and loudspeaker exhibit nonlinearities themselves. The nonlinear transfer function create worse situation. This is a task which is some sort of a prediction of suitable solution to the problems. The Radial Basis Function of Neural Networks (RBF NN) has been known to be suitable for nonlinear function approximation [1]. The classical approach to RBF implementation is to fix the number of hidden neurons based on some property of the input data, and estimate the weights connecting the hidden and output neurons using linear least square method. So an efficient novel decisive approach for better performing ANC algorithms has been proposed.

Keywords - Adaptive filters, Wiener filter ANC, Least mean square, N LMS, VSNLMS, RBF.

I. OVERVIEW

Acoustic Noise Cancellation is a method for reducing undesired noise. It is achieved by introducing a canceling “anti-noise” wave through secondary sources. These secondary sources are interconnected through an electronic system using a specific signal processing algorithm for the particular cancellation scheme. Noise cancellation makes use of the notion of destructive interference. When two sinusoidal waves are superimposed, the resultant waveform depends on the frequency amplitude and relative phase of the two waves. If the original wave and the inverse of the original wave encounter at a junction at the same time, total cancellation occurs. The challenges are to identify the original signal and generate the inverse noise cancellation on inverse wave without delay in all directions where noises interact and superimpose. We meet in our everyday life. Echo phenomena are interesting and entertaining, but their presences in communication networks are undesirable and represent a serious problem. Echo is delayed and degraded version of original signal which travels back to its source after several reflections or because of some other reason. Nature of echo signal can be either acoustic or electrical, and in order to reduce its undesired effect we employ echo cancellers. Design of echo cancellers requires an application of adaptive filter theory. Echo cancellers must work within specific time limits so adaptive algorithms must provide fast convergence of filter parameters. We’ve been applying echo cancellers successfully for many years, but we always tend to improve them and increase their efficiency.

The wiener filter based least means squared (LMS) algorithm family is most sought after solution of ANC. This family includes LMS, Fx-LMS, VFX-LMS, FsLMS and many more. Then there are Kalman filter algorithms which are basically based on recursive least square algorithm. Some of these are nonlinear algorithm, which provides better solution for non linear noisy environment. The components of the ANC systems like microphones and loudspeaker exhibit nonlinearities themselves. The non linear transfer function of primary and secondary path may itself create worse situation.

II. BACKGROUND LITERATURE REVIEW

Active Noise Control (ANC) includes an electromechanical system or electro acoustic system that cancels the unwanted noise based on the principle of superposition of an anti-noise wave of equal amplitude. The customary ways for active noise cancellers uses passive techniques such as enclosures, barriers, and silencers to attenuate the undesired noise. These passive silencers are valued for their high attenuation over a broad frequency range. However, they are relatively large, costly, and ineffective at low frequencies. Mechanical vibration is another related type of noise that commonly creates problems in all areas of transportation and manufacturing, as well as with many household appliances. S.M. Kuo and D. R. Morgan

(1996) in their paper have emphasized the practical aspects of ANC systems in terms of adaptive algorithms and DSP implementations for real-world applications [4]. Widrow and Hoff (1960) developed the least mean square algorithm (LMS). This algorithm is a member of stochastic gradient algorithm algorithms, and because of robustness and low computational complexity, it has been used in wide spectrum of applications [6]. Least square solution is not very practical in the actual implementation of adaptive filters, this is because we know all the past samples of the input signal, and as well the desired output signal must be available at every iteration. Performance with less computational complexity compared to the Second-order VFXLMS algorithm [9]. Debi Prasad das and G. panda in 2004 has shown a new approach for nonlinear processes using Filtered-s LMS (FsLMS). They proved that using a nonlinear controller for a linear device can achieve superior performance when the secondary path is linear non minimum phase and the reference noise is non-gaussian and predictable.

III. PROCEDURE AND APPROACH

The experimental work has been done on MATLAB, audio processor, capable to perform real time processing on signals. Various program based on individual algorithm were written first e.g. LMS, NLMS, FSLMS, VSLMS. Each of them is considered as a separate hidden neuron of network. In case two primary noise signal is chosen to be a logistic chaotic type $x(n+1)=\lambda x(n)[1-x(n)]$ $\lambda=4$, $x(0)=0.9$ [2] All the neurons were allowed to run for 600, 1200 and 1800 iterations, and respective obtained results were compared with standard threshold value. LMS algorithm weight update equation is as

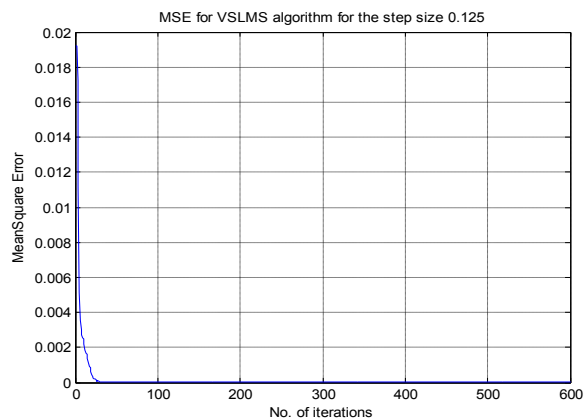
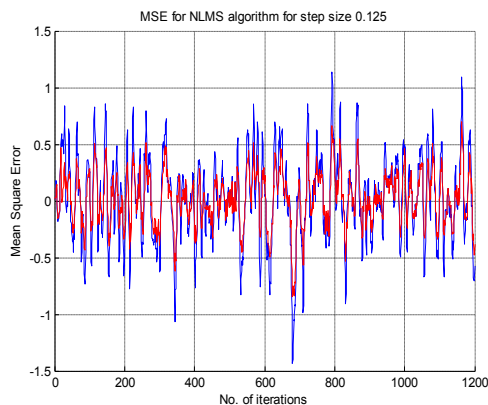
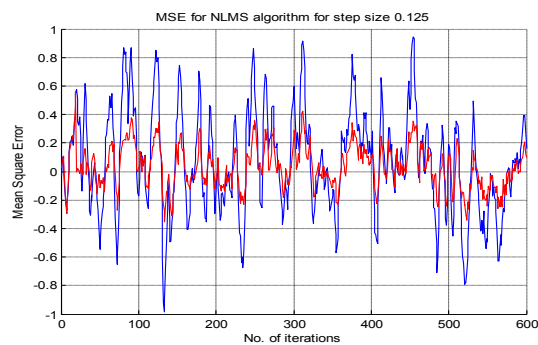
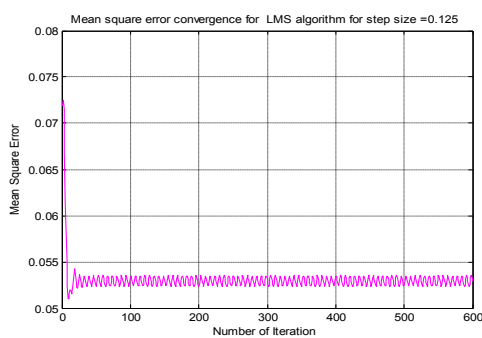
$$w(n+1)=w(n)-\mu e(n)v(n) \tag{1}$$

$v(n)=x(n)*a(n)$ where $a(n)$ is approximation of secondary path transfer function. $w(n)$ if filter weight, μ is step size factor[2]. The calculation of threshold depends upon number of parameter and it may vary according to surrounding situation and instantaneous noise characteristics. We had adopted threshold parameter δ_k Which was based on following equations. For each input X_n

$$\delta_k(X_n) = \exp(-1/\sigma^2(\|X_n - \mu_k\|^2)) \tag{2}$$

Where σ is variance, μ is weight factor of particular neuron [5]. This approach is based on technique of RBF neural network. We are using this technique to prune less effective neurons from network and finally running systems with successful neuron only. In different conditions different neuron may give better results. The survival chances of neurons depend upon its algorithm efficiency in given circumstances. The step μ was size varied factor between .05, 0.125 and 0.5 depending upon the optimization required between complexity and amount of noise cancellation. We have done experimental studies on various inputs for different algorithms e.g. LMS, NLMS, VSLMS, VSNLMS etc. Finally for simulations trial we opted one particular acoustic signal of linear nature, which was producing a sound in the frequency range of low decibels.

IV. RESULT AND ANALYSIS



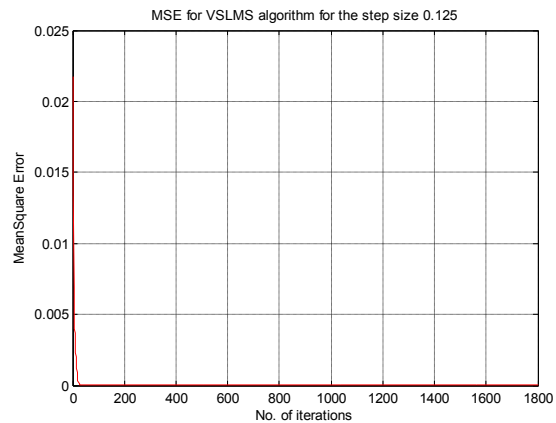
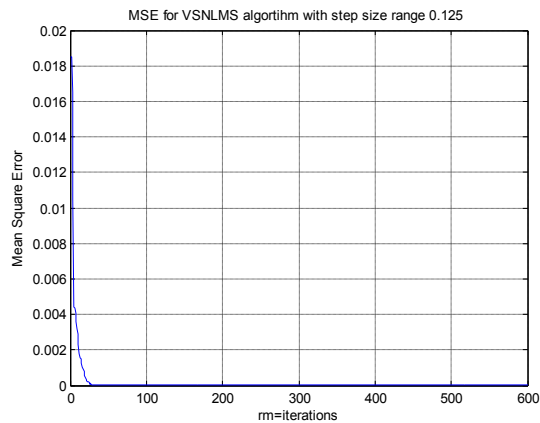


Table1. MSE of Various algorithms for number of iterations=600, 1200 and 1800.

Iteration	Applied Algorithm	Step Size	Mean error	Avg ERLE (dB)
600	LMS	0.050	0.05163	-12.8710
600	LMS	0.125	0.03505	-14.5531
600	LMS	0.500	0.09041	-10.4378
1200	LMS	0.050	0.04132	-13.8384
1200	LMS	0.125	0.05299	-12.7581
1200	LMS	0.500	0.08390	-10.7624
1800	LMS	0.050	0.03000	-15.2288
1800	LMS	0.125	0.04297	-13.6683
1800	LMS	0.500	0.07039	-11.5249
600	Normalized-LMS	0.050	0.01177	-19.2922
600	Normalized-LMS	0.125	0.04031	-13.9459
600	Normalized-LMS	0.500	0.05047	-12.9697
1200	Normalized-LMS	0.050	0.01780	-17.4958
1200	Normalized-LMS	0.125	0.02354	-16.2819
1200	Normalized-LMS	0.500	0.02983	-15.2535
1800	Normalized-LMS	0.050	0.06708	-11.7341
1800	Normalized-LMS	0.125	0.02847	-15.4561
1800	Normalized-LMS	0.500	0.02574	-15.8939
600	Variable step size-LMS	0.050	0.02059	-16.8634
600	Variable step size-LMS	0.125	0.01673	-17.7650
600	Variable step size-LMS	0.500	0.02059	-16.8634
1200	Variable step size-LMS	0.050	0.01630	-17.8781
1200	Variable step size-LMS	0.125	0.02016	-16.9551
1200	Variable step size-LMS	0.500	0.02039	-16.9058
1800	Variable step size-LMS	0.050	0.03980	-14.0012
1800	Variable step size-LMS	0.125	0.03672	-14.3510
1800	Variable step size-LMS	0.500	0.02120	-16.7366
600	VS Normalized-LMS	0.050	0.00168	-27.7547
600	VS Normalized-LMS	0.125	0.00212	-26.7469
600	VS Normalized-LMS	0.500	0.02246	-16.4859
1200	VS Normalized-LMS	0.050	0.01277	-18.9381
1200	VS Normalized-LMS	0.125	0.01537	-18.1333
1200	VS Normalized-LMS	0.500	0.01893	-17.2285
1800	VS Normalized-LMS	0.050	0.00281	-25.5098
1800	VS Normalized-LMS	0.125	0.02989	-15.2447
1800	VS Normalized-LMS	0.500	0.03098	-15.0892

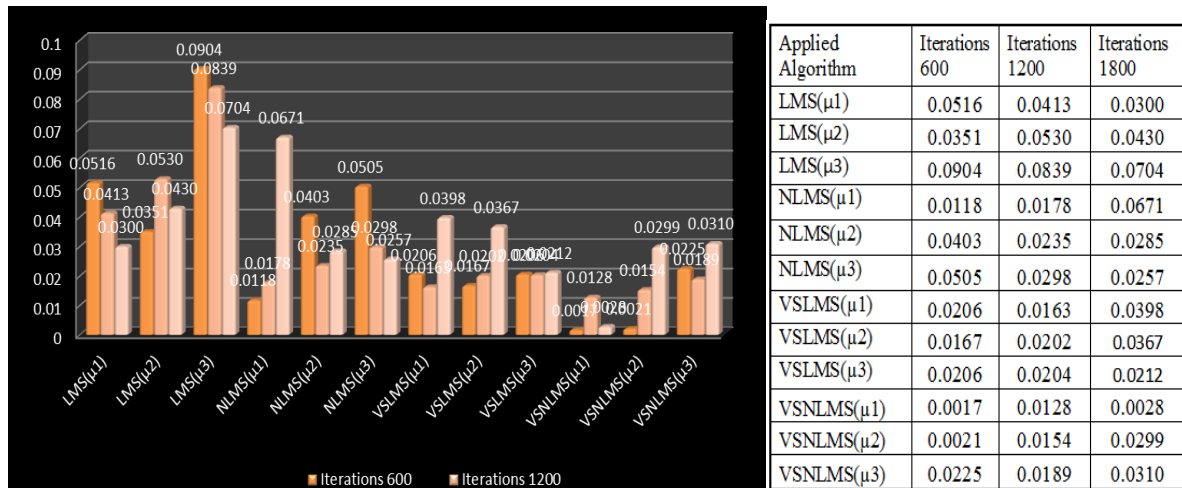


Figure 3. Graphical analysis of variations in mean error for algorithms for number of iterations=600, 1200 and 1800.

V. COMPUTATION AND COMPLEXITY

Application of RBF neural network criteria to eliminate non efficient neuron where neuron is the different algorithm, for the selection of proficient algorithm can be selected for ANC. The performance of the algorithm depends upon the type of input. We found VSNLMS is doing better corresponding to the input ‘sound’. Here we used and apply the criteria for deciding threshold value [1]. And the simplified formula is given as

$$\varphi_k(x) = \exp\left(-\left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2}\right) \|x - \mu_k\|^2\right) \tag{3}$$

where $\mu_k(x)$ is response of k^{th} hidden unit. In our case, implementation of the concept of RBF neural network approach can be used after simplification $\sigma = 1$, and mean square error μ variance is normalized by factor 1/20 Threshold criteria results in selection of the efficiently working neuron as efficient algorithm can be given in simplified manner, where Th is the threshold value and MSE is Mean square error 1/20 is the normalizing factor as :

$$Th = MSE - \left(\frac{1}{20}\right) \text{average mean} \tag{4}$$

VI. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

It was found out those in particular noisy conditions most suitable algorithm can be sort out using decisive method using Radial basis function in ANC method. This method can also be applied to noise cancellation, vibration cancellation and signal estimation problems. Average of the MSE obtained 0.3175 deviations from mean when calculated; it is observed that Variable step size Normalized LMS is performing better than the other utilized application for ANC of “Sound” input for no. of iterations 1800 with step size 0.5 as the threshold criteria results =Mean error-(1/20)Average. 0.0068 is the least value amongst the all applied algorithm, hence pruning of all other algorithm inculcate the selection of that algorithm as survival neuron. Next good performing algorithm is NLMS itself for 600 iterations of step size 0.05. The surprisingly good performance of the LMS is due to linear nature of the ‘sound’ input noise. Here in this project have tried to reduce such weed signals by using basic adaptive approach. But in real time applications which involve thousands of such weed signals and knowing the fact that noise, at any cost, cannot be cancelled to cent percent, this basic approach cannot do us a good favour and keeps this research topic active in upcoming years. The future task is to apply this novel concept for Kalman and Wiener filter’s family algorithm simultaneously. It is also being tried to implement it for outer noise removal in automobiles and noise cancellation in head phones. Noise performance can be upgraded by finding proper step factor and threshold value. The algorithm level up gradation of threshold and decisive criteria may improve performance

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