A Fast Adaptive Speech Extraction Method using Blind Source Separation for Audio Signal Processing

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Abstract: The adaptive signal processing methods are used in several applications like channel estimation, Noise removal and extraction of signals also. The methods vary on time, frequency and statistical approach. In this paper, the source speech signals are separated using different methods like FastICA,PCA and KICA. Comparison of original signal and estimated signals are evaluated for different methods. The implementation was done in MATLAB. The spectrogram, Negentropy and Kurtosis waveforms are plotted for different methods.

KeyWords: BSS, ICA, noise, speech, spectrogram, Negentropy, Kurtosis, statistical.

I. INTRODUCTION

The issue in Blind Source Separation (BSS) is increasing faster by day to day usage. This issue is found similar in other application such as, multi-path channel identification, equalization and direction of arrival (DOA), speech enhancement estimation and crosstalk removal in multichannel in sensor arrays. By using this application the higher-order statistics is improved by generating new technique for identifying statistically independent signals in signal modeling. The separation of source issue that is harmful at the heart which is developed by the signal processing and also by machine learning which is driven mainly as a density estimation task. The BSS is one of the main uses of separating the signals. The process of separation of voice signals of people at same time called BSS. The main problem in voice signal is the cocktail party problem. This problem is rectified by algorithm called the independent component analysis (ICA) technique. The main process technique used in this method is to detect the sound with single object in various sound environments. Figure. 1 shows the cocktail party problem which is the best example of two vocal signals. The voices have two types of source that are recorded from two independent source signals. Hence the problems are carried out and solved by extracting the original signals using independent component analysis (ICA) technique.

The ICA is an important techniques used for extraction. This technique works on an extension of the principal component analysis (PCA). The PCA is a technique which optimizes the covariance matrix of the data in statistics of second-order. Hence higher order statistics can optimize ICA as kurtosis. This can be processed to find uncorrelated components with independent components. Thus PCA performs at the higher-order correlations in which it is extracted independently when the sources of mixture data are insignificant.

![Cocktail party problem](image)

**Fig. 1 The cocktail party problem.**

From the figure 1 found that two source signals are generated from separate individuals. The two sensors are then recorded by microphones and later on the two source signals is mixed. Thus by using this process the original signals is recovered from the mixed signals.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Parra et al, (2000) performs optimization technique using algorithm utility for automatic speech recognition. This methodology simulates the acoustic signal that is recorded in a reverberant environment. The recorded signals are the sums of differently convolved sources. Thus the process identifies the unknown channel and optimizes the channel. Y. Yang et al, (2011) introduce a temporal predictability based Blind Source Separation (BSS). This method used to separate the signal from the mixed one. Thus the simulation shows that the signals are separated to get individual noise source signals. Zhinong Li et al, (2008) compares the machine faults in linear BSS method. The source separation method is presented which is based on linear BSS. If the machine is in nonlinear mixing source then it is effective in BSS method.

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Thus the result is based on the separation of source signals. S. Van Vaerenbergh and I. Santamaria (2006) describe the different nonlinearities system. This system inverts the linear BSS which is based on clustering approach to solve problems in underdetermined post nonlinear blind source separation (PNL BSS). Thus the method transforms the nonlinear mixture component to solve underdetermined BSS problem.

H. Sawada et al, (2007) introduced a blind source separation (BSS) for optimizing the group frequency components. This method analysis ICA results for all estimation sensors for each source. Thus the process shows the effective separation in several sources that are configured in low moderate. Bin Zhao et al, (2005) discussed a novel blind separation method to determine the separated signals. At the receiver end the signals separation numbered to separate when direction-of-arrival (DOA) is obtained. Thus the signal is separated by the individual communication signals on source separation. O. Shifeng et al, (2009) presented a novel variable step size algorithm to restructure. The performance index has been restructured nonlinear based algorithm for updating rule of step-size. This algorithm is used by adopting an auxiliary separation system. Thus the algorithm performs the steady state in both stationary and non-stationary system. Qi Lv and Xian-Da Zhang (2006) simulate the speech signal using Blind source separation (BSS) to validate the higher applications. In this simulation BSS is implemented without prior assumption on the number of sources. Hence C prototypes algorithm is used as the new type of BSS method to estimate the mixing matrix.

K. J. Faller et al, (2017) investigate source separation algorithms to improve intelligibility of speech. This method can enhance the spatial hearing of hearing aids. Thus the BSS algorithm will modify the speech source that is simulated as spatial audio. Y. Zhang and S. A. Kassam (2010) discuss complex blind source separation. This algorithm performs via EASI system. The process is carried out with the QAM signal which is separated. This technique is based on magnitude-phase which represents the complex signals and circularly symmetric source. Z. Li et al, (2010) presented the whitening and non-linear de-correlation based Blind source separation algorithm. The ICA is also be used in this to take results in neural network and signal processing. Thus the method simulated and analyzed using BBS algorithm and the corresponding result gives better convergence speed and steady-state error, Yoshihiro Sakai et al, (2007) discuss the BSS algorithm to improve the convergence rate. This methodology uses the blind signal separation circuit to reduce failure during double-talk in the echo canceller. Thus the circuit describes the constitution method to get improve characteristic of blind signal separation.

J. Ma and X. Zhang (2008) presented blind separation algorithm to get instantaneous linear mixture signals for low computational complexity. This method will characterize based on Signal Noise Ratio (SNR) at maximal condition. The source signals and noises have same eigenvalue (GE) problem. Thus the method is compared with the algorithm to have effective low complexity in computation. B. Xia and H. Xie (2007) discuss two main problems that affect blind source separation in temporal correlated signals. Instantaneous BSS and Convolutive BSS are the two problems that can simplify residual signals by cost function. Thus the technique compares the simulation and undergoes the separation process to extract temporal structure in residual part of source signals. Tao Xu and Wenwu Wang (2009) presented K-means clustering algorithm to estimate unknown mixing matrix from audio mixture. The separation of audio signals occur some problem while address the sparse signal representation. The algorithm is processed under two stages K-means clustering algorithm and conventional approaches. Thus the method gives better performance by comparing recent sparse representation approach.

III. BACKGROUND METHODOLOGY

3.1. PRINCIPAL COMPONENT ANALYSIS

The principal component analysis (PCA) is used to estimate the average value in sample. This technique consist of observed vector x to remove its mean. After the process of removal the vector will transform into a new vector. Some of the possibilities of vector are lower dimension whose elements are uncorrelated with each other. Hence the process is carried out by evaluating the covariance matrix by Eigen value decomposition which is found by the linear transformation. Thus the covariance matrix $C_X$ with a zero-mean vector $x$ is shown in equation (1).

$$C_x = E\{XX^T\} = \text{EDE}^T$$  \hspace{1cm} (1)

Where, $E=(e_1, e_2,..., e_n) = C_X$

$C_x$ represents the eigenvectors in orthogonal matrix. $D=\text{Diag} (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_k) = C_X$ in Diagonal matrix of Eigen value.

Whitening can be shown as

$$Z = P^* X$$  \hspace{1cm} (2)

Where, $P$ denotes the whitening matrix and $Z$ denotes white new matrix.

$P$ is represents as:

$$P = D^{-0.5} \times E^T$$  \hspace{1cm} (3)

3.2. ICA

The signals are varies from time and it is represented as, $s_i = \{s_{i1}; s_{i2}; ...; s_{iN}\}$, the number of time steps is denoted by $N$ and $s_i$ is the amplitude of the signal, $s$ at the $i$th time. Given two independent source signals $s_1 = \{s_{11}; s_{12}; ...; s_{1N}\}$ and $s_2 = \{s_{21}; s_{22}; ...; s_{2N}\}$ (see Fig. 1). Both signals are given by:

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} S_1 \\ S_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (S_{11}, S_{12}, ..., S_{1N}) \\ (S_{21}, S_{22}, ..., S_{2N}) \end{pmatrix}$$  \hspace{1cm} (4)

Where, $S \in R^{p \times N}$ denotes the space and also defines the source signal. The source signal indicates $p$.  

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Both $S_1$ and $S_2$ are the mixed source signals as $X_1 = a^{*} + b^{*} + S_2$. Here $a$ and $b$ are the mixing coefficients in $X_1$. Hence the mixture $X_1$ is the weighted as sum of the two source signals. $X_2$ mixture is repeated as the same process and the distance between the source signals and the sensing device is changed for measuring. The mathematical representation is shown as $X_2 = c^{*} + d^{*} + S_2$. Where, $c$ and $d$ are mixed coefficients. The mixed coefficients are different from coefficients $c$ and $d$ due to sensing devices that has both signals in different locations. Thus the source signals are measured with each sensor in a different mixture. Hence the corresponding output in source signal has different impact which is represented as follows:

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} aS_1 + bS_2 \\ cS_1 + dS_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_1 \\ S_2 \end{bmatrix} = A S$$

(5)

Here $X \in R^{m \times n}$ denotes the mixture signals. Where $n$ is the number of mixtures. Thus (figure 1) the mixing coefficients such as $a$; $b$; $c$, and $d$ are utilized for transforming linearly source signals. This source signals are mixed to space signals $S$ in $X$ space, $S \rightarrow X : X = AS$, where $A \in R^{m \times r}$ is the mixing coefficients matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

(6)

Properties of Mixed Signals:

1. **Independence**: If signals are shared between the mixtures then it is independent when the source signals are independent to mixture signals.
2. **Gaussianity**: The gaussianity is a process of mixing signals in histogram that are bell shaped. This can be used for searching for non-Gaussian signals within mixture signals. The signals are extracted independently when they must be non-Gaussian. Hence the signals are estimated independently when they have fundamental restriction in ICA.
3. **Complexity**: This is more complex than source signals which is shown from the previous example of mixed signals. The extracted signals are independent and they are non-Gaussian histograms with these signals which represent source signals.

### 3.2.1. MEASURING NON GAUSSIANITY

**Kurtosis**:

The Kurtosis is used to measure non-Gaussianity by the absolute value of kurtosis. This theorem has central limit which is strong measure signal with traditional higher order statistics that uses kurtosis independent. The kurtosis is defined by zero-mean random variable $v$ given as;

$$Kurt(v) = E[v^4] - 3(E[v^2])^2$$

(7)

Where $E[v^4]$=Fourth moment of $v$, and $E[v^2]$ =Second moment of $v$.

Here, the $E[v^4]$ equals $3(E[v^2])^2$ where $v$ is the Gaussian random variable. From the equation (7) if $v$ is a non-Gaussian random variable then the kurtosis is zero. Here a particular kurtosis value can be either positive or negative. The positive value is called Super-gaussian and negative value is called Sub-gaussian. Super-gaussian random variables and sub-gaussian random variables both have a spiky probability density function and flat probability density function.

### 3.2.2 Negentropy

Negentropy is another main technique used to measure the non-gaussianity. The Negentropy works in different entropy based on the information theoretic quantity. The entropy means that it can be interpreted on random variable which is the basic concept of information theory as the degree of information. Entropy can observe the random variable that is unpredictable and unstructured in the larger entropy. This technique is closely related to the coding length of the random variable.

### 3.3. FastICA:

This method is highly efficient for computing the signal by using FastICA algorithm. The FastICA is used to estimate ICA performance which uses a fixed-point iteration scheme that are found. For ICA the method could be 10-100 times faster than conventional gradient descent method. The advantage of FastICA algorithm is that it can be used to perform projection pursuit as well as providing a general-purpose data analysis method.

The Steps involves Fast ICA algorithm:

1. It makes the mixed data available at zero mean.
2. Whiten the data.
3. The initial weight vector $w$ of unit norm is taken.

$$w_{norm} = \frac{w}{\|w\|}$$

(8)

Let

$$w_{new} = E[m_{g}(w^T m)] - E[m_{g}(w^T m)]w$$

(9)

The equation shows the basic weight update, where $g$ is the contrast function.

$$w_{new} = \frac{w_{new}}{\|w_{new}\|}$$

(10)

Thus the normalization step makes the new $w$ as unit norm and it will update in each iteration. Compare $w_{new}$ with the old vector, if converged than move ahead, if not go to step 4.

### IV. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

#### 4.1. KERNEL INDEPENDENT COMPONENT ANALYSIS

The Kernel ICA (KICA) is an algorithm that process non-linear transformation by combining KPCA with ICA. The ICA deal with the sample data using basic idea of the KICA which is mapped to high dimension feature space by using nonlinear characteristics. This method confirms to Mercer condition. In this technique the KPCA uses the linear principle component analysis to deal with the sample data for mapping high dimension feature using a nonlinear mapping transformation.
Common use of kernel functions:
1. The Radial Basics Gaussian Function is given in equation (11) which defines infinite dimension in feature space.
\[ k(x, x') = \exp\left( -\frac{\|x - x'\|^2}{2\sigma^2} \right) \] (11)
2. Equation (12) represents the Polynomial Kernel Function defines finite dimensions
\[ k(x, y) = ((x \cdot y) + c)^2 \] (12)

V. RESULT AND DISCUSSION
Thus the experiment shows the uses of source speech signals. Different methodology of separations are mixed and then used for evaluation. The experiment is performed in MATLAB platform and the corresponding results taken using BSS algorithms that are FastICA, PCA and KICA. The waveform and spectrogram of source signals is shown in figure (2).

The corresponding output waveform of principle component analysis is shown in figure (3). Hence, fig 3(a) represents principle components of signal and comparison of original signal and estimated PCA signal is shown in fig 3(b).
Fig 4: waveform and its Spectrogram of mixed signals
Here the waveform and spectrogram of mixed signals is shown above in figure (4). Figure 5 represents the signals that are processed using FastICA based on Negentropy and Kurtosis components.

Fig 5(a): Negentropy waveforms using FastICA

Fig 5(b): Kurtosis waveforms using FastICA
The KICA output waveform and its spectrogram is shown in figure (6).

Fig 5(a): Negentropy waveforms using FastICA
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![Image 1](https://example.com/image1.png)
![Image 2](https://example.com/image2.png)

**Fig 6: Estimated waveform and Spectrogram using kICA**

**Table 1: Mean Square Error (MSE) for PCA, FastICA and kICA**

| Method     | MSE  |
|------------|------|
| PCA        | 0.0718 |
| FastICA (negentropy) | 0.0296 |
| FastICA (kurtosis)   | 0.0292 |
| kICA       | 0.0254 |

Table 1 shows the Mean square error (MSE) for different techniques.

VI. CONCLUSION

The paper presented the efficiency of the blind source separation (BSS) method on signal separation process. The basic idea is the separation of sources which are statistically independent. The methods are complex in nature and execution but found efficient. Several methods like FastICA, PCA and kICA are implemented in MATLAB. The methods are tested using sources of speech signals. The spectrogram, Negentropy and Kurtosis waveforms are plotted for different methods.

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