

Pre-Whitening BRANL

[Purpose of Pre-Whitening]

- 1. To make the noise frequency independent and uncorrelated.
- 2. To prefilter the data to remove physiological components and motion artifact.

[Merits of Pre-Whitening]

- 1. Even if you don't know the frequency of physiological noise, autoregressive model extract the frequency and whiten.
- 2. Low Pass Digital Filter
 - When the frequency of design matrix is set about 0.5[Hz], and cut-off frequency of low-pass is set 0.2[Hz] to avoid respiration, the brain activation will not detected. In pre-whitening, this case does not occur.
 - In digital filter(IIR/FIR), since the phase of point A will become different from the phase of different point B, topography of digital filtered signal is incorrect. filtfilt(IIR) satisfies zero-phase digital filtering. In pre-whitening, this trouble does not occur.

[Analysis Procedure]

- 1. Calculate the error term (signal) by GLM analysis.
- 2. Get the whitening filter by "aryule" function (MATLAB).
- 3. Apply the whitening filter to the measured data and the design matrix.
- 4. Get the beta value. "regress" or "robustfit" will be used, The outlier influences the robust fit less than the least-squares fit (regress).



The synthesized wave is consisted with cardiac(1.1[Hz]),respiration(0.27[Hz]),Mayer(0.1[Hz]), random and hrf(20[sec] duration). The upper is original (synthesized wave), the lower is pre-whitened wave.

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