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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As the title suggests this document provides analytical algorithms for computation of water level elevation time series at a fixed location from water level measurements made on a moving ocean platform. The algorithms are based on geostatistical techniques, including kriging methods and conditional simulation.

Wave or water elevation time histories are usually measured from a fixed reference location. Wave elevation measurements made using a wave measurement attached to a floating ocean platform need to be corrected for the motions of the platform. Most computer simulation programs, including the conditional wave model, require wave input for a fixed reference location. The report presents the two basic methods (kriging and conditional simulation), develops a rapid procedure for computing the wave elevation covariance matrix for both methods, and concludes that the kriging method is the best choice.

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## ALGORITHMS FOR COMPUTATION OF WATER LEVEL ELEVATION AT A FIXED LOCATION FROM THE WATER LEVEL ELEVATIONS AT A MOVING PLATFORM

#### by Leon Borgman

#### INTRODUCTION

The basic input data for this problem consists of water level elevations measured at a succession of times from a moving platform. Let  $t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots, t_M$  be the times at which measurements are made. Positioning devices are used to establish the platform positions  $\{x(t_n), y(t_n); n = 1, 2, \dots, M\}$ . The corresponding sequence of water level elevations at the platform are  $\{\eta_n, n = 1, 2, \dots, M\}$ . For the reference position  $(x_0, y_0)$ , let  $\eta_0(t_n)$  be the water level elevation at the reference location at time  $t_n$ . The basic problem is to predict  $\{\eta_0(t_n), n = M_1, M_1+1, \dots, M_2\}$  for  $1 \leq M_1 < M_2 \leq M$  from  $\{\eta_n, n = 1, 2, \dots, M\}$ .

This problem can be investigated with geostatistical techniques if the directional wave spectrum  $S(f, \theta)$  is available from nearby measurements. Here, and in the above,

- f = frequency in cycles per second, Hertz.
- $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{a}$  horizontal direction.
- y = a second horizontal direction perpendicular to the x-axis.
- $\theta$  = an angle measured from the positive x-direction toward the positive y-direction so that the positive y-axis is at  $\theta$  = 90°. (Note: this definition of  $\theta$  is (x, y) axes dependent, may differ markedly from compass directions, and may end up clockwise or counter-clockwise.)

 $S(f, \theta) = a \text{ spectral density function defined so that}$  $2\int_{0}^{\infty}\int_{0}^{2\pi} S(f, \theta)d\theta df = \sigma^{2}$ 

where

 $\sigma^2$  = variance of sea surface elevation.

Algorithms for estimating  $\eta_0(t)$  by the two geostatistical techniques of simple linear kriging and conditional simulation will be developed in the following report. Both of these techniques depend on the covariance matrix of the vector

Hence, some time will be spent initially defining the covariance matrix and developing procedures by which it can be computed from  $S(f, \theta)$ . This will be followed by two sections: the first on kriging methods, and the second on conditional simualtion. Finally a summary and conclusions section will be given.

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The algorithms for the kriging and conditional simulation are quite straightforward once the covariance matrix is developed. The main task to be completed is the development of a rapid procedure for computing the covariances. The major part of the report will be concerned with this problem.

### THE SPATIAL-TEMPORAL COVARIANCE FUNCTION

Let  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  be any two locations and  $(t_1, t_2)$  be any two times. The water level elevation above mean water level at (x, y, t) will be denoted by  $\eta(x, y, t)$ .

The covariance between two random variables U and V is defined as the statistical average of  $(U - \mu_u)(V - \mu_v)$  where  $\mu_u$  is the statistical average of U and  $\mu_v$  is the statistical average of V. It is convenient to denote the statistical averaging process with E []. Then the covariance definition may be expressed in symbols as

$$Cov(U, V) = E[(U - \mu_u)(V - \mu_v)]$$

where

$$E[U] = \mu_u$$
$$E[V] = \mu_v$$

Now replacing U with  $\eta(x_1, y_1, t_1)$  and V with  $\eta(x_2, y_2, t_2)$ , and noting that, by definition of  $\eta$ , the average of  $\eta(x_1, y_1, t_1)$  and  $\eta(x_2, y_2, t_2)$  is zero, the covariance between the two can be written as

$$Cov[\eta(x_1, y_1, t_1), \eta(x_2, y_2, t_2)] = E[\eta(x_1, y_1, t_1) \eta(x_2, y_2, t_2)]$$

That is, the covariance is the expected product.

It will be asusmed that the sea surface is a stationary, Gaussian process. Then the covariance defined above will only be a function of the differences in position and time. Let

$$\tau = t_2 - t_1$$
$$X = x_2 - x_1$$
$$Y = y_2 - y_1$$

be these differences, and define the covariance function as  $C(X, Y, \tau)$  where

$$C(X, Y, \tau) = Cov[\eta(x_1, y_1, t_1), \eta(x_2, y_2, t_2)]$$

It can be shown that (Borgman, 1969, p. 723) the spatial, temporal covariance function can be expressed in terms of the directional spectrum as

$$C(X, Y, \tau) = 2 \int_0^\infty \int_0^{2\pi} S(f, \theta) \cos[wk(X\cos\theta + Y\sin\theta) - 2\pi f\tau] d\theta df$$

where

$$w = \begin{cases} +1, & \text{if } \theta \text{ is the direction toward which waves travel} \\ -1, & \text{if } \theta \text{ is the direction from which waves travel} \end{cases}$$

The functions involved can be defined for negative frequency by

 $S(-f, \theta) = S(f, \theta)$ 

$$\mathbf{k}(-\mathbf{f}) = -\mathbf{k}(\mathbf{f})$$

Then, through the complex-valued definition of the cosine as

$$\cos \phi = [\exp(i \phi) - \exp(-i \phi)]/2$$

the formula for  $C(X, Y, \tau)$  can be rewritten as

.

$$C(X, Y, \tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{2\pi} S(f, \theta) \exp[-iwk(X\cos\theta + Y\sin\theta) + i2\pi f\tau] d\theta df$$

## A POLAR FORM FOR THE COVARIANCE FUNCTION

Suppose (X, Y) is re-expressed in polar coordinates  $(\rho, \alpha)$ , with

$$X = \rho \cos \alpha$$

 $Y = \rho \sin \alpha$ 

then

 $X \cos \theta + Y \sin \theta = \rho \cos \alpha \cos \theta + \rho \sin \alpha \sin \theta = \rho \cos (\theta - \alpha)$ 

With these definitions

$$C(X, Y, \tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{2\tau} S(f, \theta) \exp[-iwk \rho \cos(\theta - \alpha)] \exp[i2\pi f\tau] d\theta df$$

Without loss of generality,  $S(f, \theta)$  can be expressed in the product form

$$S(f, \theta) = S(f) D_f(\theta)$$

where  $D_f(\theta)$  is the spreading function defined so that

$$\int_{0}^{2\pi} D_{f}(\theta) d\theta = 1.0$$

 $D_f(\theta) \ge 0$ 

The spreading function gives the distribution of wave energy or variance with direction at frequency f. The covariance function can be written in terms of the product form as

$$C(X, Y, \tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(f) \left\{ \int_{0}^{2\pi} D_{f}(\theta) e^{-iwk\rho \cos{(\theta - \alpha)}} d\theta \right\}$$
$$* e^{i2\pi f\tau} df = C^{*}(\rho, \alpha)$$

(where \* denotes multiplication).

In summary, the covariance can be expressed in rectangular and polar form as

$$C(X, Y, \tau) = 2 \int_{0}^{\infty} S(f) \left\{ \int_{0}^{2\pi} D_{f}(\theta) \cos[wk(X\cos\theta + Y\sin\theta) - 2\pi f\tau] d\theta \right\} df$$
$$C^{*}(\rho, \alpha, \tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(f) \left\{ \int_{0}^{2\pi} D_{f}(\theta) e^{-iwk\rho\cos(\theta - \alpha)} d\theta \right\} e^{i2\pi f\tau} df$$

Either form can be used as a basis for computations. In practice, it is usually best to pre compute a table of the Covariance function values for a given  $S(f, \theta)$  and a grid of values,

$$-h_0 \leq X \leq h_0$$
$$-h_0 \leq Y \leq h_0$$
$$0 \leq \tau \leq \tau_0$$
$$0 \leq \rho \leq \rho_0$$
$$0 \leq \alpha \leq 2\pi$$
$$0 \leq \tau < \tau_0$$

or

It is only necessary to compute these for positive time lag because, from the definitions

$$C(-X, -Y, -\tau) = C(X, Y, \tau)$$
$$C^*(\rho, \alpha + \tau, -\tau) = C^*(\rho, \alpha, \tau)$$

For the Navy application, where the  $S(f, \theta)$  function is estimated from a buoy, further simplications are often appropriate. It is often satisfactory to take  $D_f(\theta)$  as only depending on  $\theta$ . When this happens, the spreading function will be denoted by  $D(\theta)$ . Three common formulas for the spreading function that are used as approximations are The generalized cosine-squared model,

$$D(\theta) = c \cos^{2s}[(\theta - \mu)/2]$$

The von Mises model,

$$D(\theta) = \{\exp[a\cos(\theta - \mu)]\}/\{2\pi I_0(a)\}$$

where  $I_0(a) = modified$  Bessel function of order zero.

and the wrapped-normal model

$$D(\theta) = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left[-\left(\frac{\theta - \mu + 2\pi j}{\sigma}\right)^{2}/2\right] / (\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma)$$

All models have about the same shape and are unimodal and symmetric about  $\mu$ . Approximate equivalent values between s, a, and  $\sigma^2$  are given in the appendix to the report.

Since all three models have very nearly the same shape for most typical wave spreading conditions, it is just a matter of mathematical convenience which is used. If one is a reasonable approximation, then any other of the three will also be a reasonable approximation.

In the polar covariance function with the spreading function independent of frequency, it is particularly convenient to use the von Mises model.

$$C^{*}(\rho,\alpha,\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(f) \left\{ \int_{0}^{2\pi} \frac{e^{a\cos(\theta-\mu)} - iwk\rho\cos(\theta-\alpha)}{2\pi I_{0}(a)} \right\} e^{i2\pi f\tau} df$$

## A BESSEL FUNCTION SERIES REPRESENTATION

There is a nice series approximation of

$$e^{\operatorname{acos}(\theta - \mu)}$$

in terms of the modified Bessel functions given by Oliver (1964, p. 376, eq. 9.6.34) as

$$e^{\operatorname{acos}(\theta-\mu)} = I_0(a) + 2\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n(a) \cos[n(\theta-\mu)]$$

After a little algebra, the formula for C\* can be expressed in series form as

$$C^{*}(\rho, \alpha, \tau) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(f) \int_{0}^{2\pi} e^{-iwk\rho\cos(\theta-\alpha)} d\theta e^{i2\pi f\tau} df$$
$$+ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{I_{n}(a)}{\pi I_{0}(a)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(f) \int_{0}^{2\pi} \cos[n(\theta-\mu)] e^{-iwk\rho\cos(\theta-\alpha)} d\theta e^{i2\pi f\tau} df$$

The integration over  $(0, 2\pi)$  is really just an integration over the full circle of 360°. The full circle integration could just as well range over  $(\alpha - \pi, \alpha + \pi)$ . If the limits of integration are changed to this new choice and the variable of integration is changed to

$$\psi = \theta - \alpha$$

the formula simplifies to

$$C^*(\rho, \alpha, \tau) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(f) \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-iwk\rho\cos\psi} d\psi e^{i2\pi f\tau} df$$

$$+\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\frac{I_n(a)}{\pi I_0(a)}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}S(f)\int_{-\pi}^{\pi}\cos[n(\psi-\mu+\alpha)]e^{-iwk\rho\cos\psi}d\psi e^{i2\pi f\tau}df$$

The cosine in the second expression can be expanded to

$$\cos[n(\psi-\mu+\alpha)] = \cos(n\psi)\cos[n(\alpha-\mu)] - \sin(n\psi)\sin[n(\alpha-\mu)]$$

With this,

$$C^{*}(\rho, \alpha, \tau) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(f) \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-iwk\rho\cos\psi} d\psi e^{i2\pi f\tau} df$$

$$+ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{I_{n}(a)}{\pi I_{0}(a)} \cos[n(\alpha - \mu)] \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(f) \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(n\psi)$$

$$e^{-iwk\rho\cos\psi} d\psi e^{i2\pi f\tau} df - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{I_{n}(a)}{\pi I_{0}(a)} \sin[n(\alpha - \mu)] \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(f) \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(n\psi)$$

$$* e^{-iwk\rho\cos\psi} d\psi e^{i2\pi f\tau} df$$

The last expression is zero since the integrand

$$\sin(n\psi) e^{-i\mathbf{w}\mathbf{k}\rho\cos\psi}$$

is an odd function of  $\psi$  integrated over  $(-\pi, \pi)$ . The other two integrands

e<sup>\_iwk</sup>pcos*w* 

$$\cos(n\psi) e^{-iwk\rho\cos\psi}$$

are even functions of  $\psi$ , so the range of integration can be changed to  $(0, \pi)$  with a multiplication by 2. Thus

$$C^{*}(\rho, \alpha, \tau) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(f) \int_{0}^{\pi} e^{-iwk\rho\cos\psi} d\psi e^{i2\pi f\tau} df$$
$$+ 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{I_{n}(a)}{\pi I_{0}(a)} \cos[n(\alpha - \mu)] \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(f) \int_{0}^{\pi} \cos(n\psi)$$
$$* e^{-iwk\rho\cos\psi} d\psi e^{i2\pi f\tau} df$$

The reason for all these manipulations will now become apparent. the integrals over  $\psi$  can be expressed as Bessel functions. Oliver (op.cit., p. 360, eq. 9.1.21) gives

$$\int_{0}^{\pi} e^{-iwk\rho\cos\psi}\cos(n\psi)d\psi = i^{\alpha}\pi J_{n}(-wk\rho)$$
$$\int_{0}^{\pi} e^{-iwk\rho\cos\psi}d\psi = \pi J_{0}(-wk\rho)$$

By Oliver (op.cit., P. 360, eq. 9.1.20) if the argument, z, is real-valued

$$J_n(-z) = (-1)^n J_n(z)$$

and

Combining all these results

$$C^{*}(\rho, \alpha, \tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(f) J_{0}(k\rho) e^{i2\pi f\tau} df + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-wi)^{n} \frac{I_{n}(a)}{I_{0}(a)} \cos[n(\alpha - \mu)]$$

$$* \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(f) J_{n}(k\rho) e^{i2\pi f\tau} df$$

The last equation is in a form appropriate for approximation with the fast Fourier Transform. Let N and  $\Delta f$  be chosen so that  $S(f) J_n(k\rho)$  is essentially zero for  $f > N\Delta f/2$  and  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \cdots$ . This is equivalent to choosing a frequency beyond which S(f) will be treated as though it is exactly zero. Then define

$$\Delta \tau = (N\Delta f)^{-1}$$

$$A_{\underline{\mathbf{u}}}^{(\underline{\mathbf{n}})} = S(\mathbf{m}\Delta \mathbf{f}) J_{\underline{\mathbf{n}}}(\mathbf{k}_{\underline{\mathbf{m}}} \rho)$$

where  $k_m$  is the wave number corresponding to  $f = m\Delta f$ , and set

$$A_{N-m}^{(n)} = \overline{A_{m}^{(n)}}$$

Then, introducing a new function,  $R_n(\rho, \tau)$ 

$$R_{n}(\rho, j\Delta\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(f) J\nu(k\rho) e^{i2\pi f(j\Delta\tau)} df \approx \Delta f \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} A_{m}^{(n)} e^{i2\pi jm/N}$$

the function  $R_n(\rho, \tau)$  can be computed quite rapidly for a selected list of  $\rho$ -values to develop a matrix whose rows are the  $\rho$ -values and whose columns are the  $\tau = j\Delta \tau$  time-lag values.

An algorithm for the rapid computation of  $J_n(z)$  for real-valued z is given by Oliver (op.cit., bottom of page 385). An exactly parallel procedure can be applied to compute  $I_n(a)$  with eq. 9.6.36 (Oliver, op.cit.) In terms of the function  $R_n(\rho, \tau)$  defined above

$$C^*(\rho, \alpha, \tau) = R_0(\rho, \tau) + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-wi)^n \frac{I_n(a)R_n(\rho, \tau)}{I_0(a)} \cos[n(\alpha - \mu)]$$

The nature of values of  $R_n(\rho, \tau)$  can be combined with any  $\alpha$  to compute rapidly the value of  $C^*(\rho, \alpha, \tau)$ .

#### THE COVARIANCE MATRIX

Let C<sub>11</sub> be the M by M matrix whose  $(n_1, n_2)$  element is the covariance between  $\eta_{n_1}$ and  $\eta_{n_2}$  for the water level elevations in the series

$$\{\eta_n, n = 1, 2, \dots, M\}$$

defined in the introduction. Similarly let  $C_{22}$  be the  $(M_2 - M_1 + 1)$  by  $(M_2 - M_1 + 1)$  matrix whose  $(j_1, j_2)$  element is the covariance between  $\eta_0(t_{M_1+j_1-1})$  and  $\eta_0(t_{M_1+j_2-1})$ , in the series { $\eta_0(t_n)$ ,  $n = M_1$ ,  $M_1+1$ ,  $\cdots$ ,  $M_2$ } defined in the introduction. Finally let  $C_{12}$  be the M by  $(M_2 - M_1+1)$  matrix whose (n, j) element is the covariance between  $\eta_n$  and  $\eta_0(t_{M_1+j-1})$ . With these definitions, the covariance matrix of  $(\underline{\eta}, \underline{\eta}_0)^T$  is

$$\operatorname{Cov} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{\eta} \\ \underline{\eta}_{o} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \operatorname{C}_{1 \ 1} & \operatorname{C}_{12} \\ \operatorname{C}_{1 \ 2} & \operatorname{C}_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

All of the covariances in  $C_{11}$ ,  $C_{12}$ , and  $C_{22}$  can be computed by first determining X, Y, and  $\tau$  for the pair of locations and times involved, then getting  $\rho$  and  $\alpha$  from

$$\rho = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2}$$

$$\alpha = \arctan(Y/X)$$

and finally interpolating for  $R_n(\rho, \tau)$  and computing  $C^*(\rho, \alpha, \tau)$ .

# CONDITIONAL SIMULATION OF $\underline{\eta}_o$

The matrix formula for conditional simulation of  $\underline{\eta}_0$ , given the values of  $\underline{\eta}$ , was derived previously by Borgman (1984, p. 533, eq. 85.). The following steps are involved.

(1) Compute the eigenvectors and eigenvalues of

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}_{11} \ \mathbf{C}_{12} \\ \mathbf{C}_{12} \ \mathbf{C}_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $\lambda_j$  be the eigenvalues and  $\underline{v}_j$  be the corresponding eigenvectors. Define V as a matrix whose columns are the eigenvectors and L as the diagonal matrix whose main diagonal elements are  $\lambda_j$  and whose off-diagonal elements are zero. Then

$$C = VLV^T$$

in the well known eigenvector, eigenvalue decomposition (Jennings, 1977, p. 32, eq. 1.130). Consequently,

$$C = (VL^{1/2})(VL^{1/2})^{T}$$

(2) Let  $\underline{Z}^*$  be a vector of independent, standard normal random numbers. Then

$$\begin{bmatrix} \underline{\eta^*} \\ \underline{\eta_o} \end{bmatrix} = \mathrm{VL}^{1/2} \, \underline{Z}^*$$

is an unconditional simulation of  $\underline{\eta}$  and  $\underline{\eta}_o$ .

(3) A conditional simulation of  $\underline{\eta}_0$ , given the values of  $\underline{\eta}$  is

$$\{\underline{n}_{o}, \text{ given } \underline{n}\} = C_{12}^{T} C_{11}^{-1} (\underline{n} - \underline{n}^{*}) + \underline{n}_{o}$$

## KRIGING FORMULAS FOR 1

The kriging procedure estimates each  $\eta_0(t_j)$  by a linear combination of the interval of values of  $\eta_n$  surrounding the time  $t_j$ . The idea here is to use all values of  $\eta_n$  that are correlated with  $\eta_0(t_j)$ . A reasonable choice would be to include all  $\eta_n$  measured from the platform within two wave periods of the time  $t_j$ . Here a good value for the wave period would be the inverse of the frequency at the peak of the spectra. The value  $\eta_0(t_j)$  is estimated by

$$\eta_{0}(t_{j}) = \Sigma a_{n} \eta_{n}$$

where the summation extends over the times surrounding  $t_j$ . The coefficients,  $a_n$ , are computed to minimize

$$Q = E[{\eta_o(t_j) - \eta_o(t_j)}^2]$$

subject to the constraint that

$$\mathbf{E}[\eta_{o}(\mathbf{t}_{j}) - \eta_{o}(\mathbf{t}_{j})] = 0$$

A full discussion of this procedure is given by Borgman (1985, p. 14), a copy of which is forwarded with this report.

The computations may be summarized as follows. Let  $n_1 \leq n \leq n_2$  be the interval of values of  $\eta_n$  used.

 $C_{11}^* = (n_2 - n_1 + 1)$  by  $(n_2 - n_1 + 1)$  covariance matrix of the  $\eta_n$  for  $n_1 \leq n \leq n_2$ 

<u>C<sub>10</sub></u> = vector whose  $\ell$ -th element is the covariance between  $\eta_{n_1+\ell-1}$  and  $\eta_o(t_j)$ 

1 =vector of  $n_2 - n_1 + 1$  components, all of which equal 1.0

<u>a</u> = vector of coefficients to be multiplied by the  $\eta_n$  in the interval

The kriging equations which solve the constrained minimization are computed from

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}_{11}^{*} & \underline{1} \\ \underline{1}^{\mathrm{T}} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{\mathbf{a}} \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{\mathbf{C}_{10}} \\ 1.0 \end{bmatrix}$$

where,  $\lambda$  is the Lagrangean multiplier imposing the constraint. Thus

$$\begin{bmatrix} \underline{a} \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11}^{*} & \underline{1} \\ \underline{1}^{T} & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{C}_{10} \\ 1.0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The mean-square-error of the estimate of  $\eta_o(t_j)$  is

mean square error = E[{
$$\eta_o(t_j) - \eta_o(t_j)$$
}<sup>2</sup>] =  $\sigma^2 - \lambda - \underline{a}^T \underline{C}_{10}$ 

where

$$\sigma^2 = 2 \int_0^\infty S(f) df$$

from the sea surface spectral density.

## SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

1. Kriging and conditional simulation algorithms have been developed for estimating the water level elevation at a fixed reference location from the measured water level locations on the moving platform.

2. Both kriging and conditional simulation have straightforward mathematical formulas, once the appropriate covariance matrices have been computed.

3. An algorithm based on a Bessel function series and the use of the fast Fourier Transform to compute a subsidiary function,  $R_n(\rho, \tau)$ , is derived. This is the main work in the report. Both kriging, and conditional simulation procedures are completely derived in cited references.

4. Recommendations are given for procedures to compute the Bessel functions in the formula and the other aspects of the algorithm.

5. The kriging procedure will probably be the best choice of the geostatistical techniques for use in estimating the water level elevations at the reference location. A convenient error measure arises naturally from the computations and the procedure is relatively rapid to compute.

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## APPENDIX

The equivalences between the spreading function models are most easily derived from the half-peak width of the functions. The half-peak with of D1 $\theta$ ) is two times the  $(\theta-\mu)$ value at which

$$D(\theta_{\ddagger}) = 0.5 D(\mu)$$

Let  $\Delta_{HP}$  be this value

 $\Delta_{\rm HP} = 2(\theta_{\star} - \mu)$ 

For the generalized cosine-squared model

 $D(\mu) = c$ 

so the equation becomes

$$c \cos^{2s}[(\theta_{*}-\mu)/2] = 0.5c$$

$$\cos[(\theta_{*}-\mu)/2] = (0.5)^{1/(2s)}$$

$$\Delta_{\rm HP}^{\rm CS} = 2(\theta_{*} - \mu) = 4 \arccos[0.5^{1/(2s)}]$$

For the von Mises model

$$D(\mu) = 1/\{2\pi I_0(a)\}$$

Hence the equation is

$$e^{a\cos(\theta_{*}-\mu)} = 0.5$$

$$a\cos(\theta_{*}-\mu) = Log(0.5)$$

$$\Delta_{HP}^{VM} = 2(\theta_{*}-\mu) = 2 \arccos\left\{\frac{Log(0.5)}{a}\right\}$$

Finally, for the wrapped-normal model, in the case most common in ocean wave work where

$$D(\theta) \approx \frac{e^{-(\theta-\mu)^2/(2\sigma^2)}}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma}$$
$$D(\mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma}$$

and the equation to be solved is

$$e^{-(\theta_{*}-\mu)^{2}/(2\sigma^{2})} = 0.5$$
$$\frac{-(\theta_{*}-\mu)^{2}}{2\sigma^{2}} = \text{Log}(0.5)$$
$$(\theta_{*}-\mu)^{2} = -2\sigma^{2}\text{Log}(0.5)$$
$$\Delta_{\text{HP}}^{\text{WN}} = 2(\theta_{*}-\mu) = 2\sqrt{-2\sigma^{2}\text{Log}(0.5)}$$

Thus, a reasonable equivalence between parameters is given by

$$2 \operatorname{arc} \cos\left[0.5^{1/(25)}\right] = \operatorname{arc} \cos\left[\frac{\operatorname{Log}(0.5)}{a}\right] = \sigma \sqrt{-2\operatorname{Log}(0,5)}$$

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