

# System Identification

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- Parametrized model structures
- One-step predictor
- Identifiability

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# Models of LTI Systems

- A complete model

$$y = Gu + He$$

$u$  = input

$y$  = output

$e$  = noise (with  $f_e(\cdot)$  PDF).

$$G = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g(k)q^{-k}$$

$$H = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} h(k)q^{-k}$$

- A parametrized model

$$y = G(\theta, q)u + H(\theta, q)e$$

$u$  = input

$y$  = output

$e$  = noise (with  $f_e(\cdot, \theta)$  PDF of  $e$ ).

$e$  white noise

$$\theta \in D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$$

# One Step Linear Predictor

- $e$  is  $WN$ ,  $\text{Var}(e) = \lambda^2(\theta)I$
- Want to find  $\hat{y}(\cdot|\theta)$  that minimizes  $E(y - \hat{y})^T (y - \hat{y})$
- $\hat{y}(t, \theta) := H^{-1}(q, \theta)G(q, \theta)u(t) + (1 - H^{-1}(q, \theta))y(t)$
- Minimum Prediction Error Paradigm

Data:  $[u(t), y(t)|t \leq N]$

$\hat{\theta}_N$  = Estimate of  $\theta$  at time  $N$

$$= \operatorname{argmin} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \|\varepsilon(t|\theta)\|_2^2$$

$$\varepsilon(t|\theta) = y - \hat{y}(t|\theta) = H^{-1}(q, \theta) [y - G(q, \theta)u]$$

# One Step Linear Predictor (Derivation)

The predicted output has the form

$$\hat{y}(\cdot, \theta) = L_1(q, \theta)y + L_2(q, \theta)u$$

Both  $L_1$  &  $L_2$  have a delay. Past inputs and outputs are mapped to give the new predicted output.

$$y - \hat{y} = Gu + He - L_2u - L_1y$$

Notice that:

$$y = Gu + He$$

$$\Leftrightarrow H^{-1}y = H^{-1}Gu + e$$

$$\Leftrightarrow y = (I - H^{-1})y + H^{-1}Gu + e$$

Now:

$$y - \hat{y} = \underbrace{\left( I - H^{-1} - L_1 \right)}_{\text{has at least one delay}} y + \underbrace{\left( H^{-1}G - L_2 \right)}_{\text{has at least one delay}} u + e$$
$$= z + e$$

$$E (y - \hat{y})^T (y - \hat{y}) = E (Z^T Z) + E (e^T e)$$
$$\geq \lambda^2(\theta) I$$

The lower bound is achieved if  $z = 0$

Equivalently

$$L_1 = I - H^{-1}$$

$$L_2 = H^{-1}G$$

## Result

$$\hat{y}(\cdot|\theta) = (I - H^{-1})y + H^{-1}Gu$$

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon(\cdot|\theta) &= y - \hat{y} = H^{-1}(q, \theta)[y - G(q, \theta)u] \\ &= e\end{aligned}$$

# Examples of Transfer Function Models

–ARX (Autoregressive with exogenous input)

- Description

$$\begin{aligned}y(t) + a_1y(t-1) + \dots + a_{n_a}y(t-n_a) \\ = b_1u(t-1) + \dots + b_{n_b}u(t-n_b) + e(t)\end{aligned}$$

$$\theta = [a_1 \dots a_{n_a} \quad b_1 \dots b_{n_b}] \quad , \quad e \text{ is } WN$$

$$A(q) = 1 + a_1q^{-1} + \dots + a_{n_a}q^{-n_a}$$

$$B(q) = b_1q^{-1} + \dots + b_{n_b}q^{-n_b}$$

- Matched with the model  $y = Gu + He$        $G = \frac{B}{A}$        $H = \frac{1}{A}$

# Examples ... ARX

- One step predictor

$$\hat{y}(t|\theta) = Bu + (1 - A)y$$

- Linear Regression

$$\phi(t) = [-y(t-1) \dots -y(t-n_a) \quad u(t-1) \dots u(t-n_b)]^T$$

(a function of past data)

- Prediction error

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon(t|\theta) &= y(t) - \hat{y}(t|\theta) \\ &= y(t) - \phi^T(t)\theta\end{aligned}$$

# Examples .... ARMAX

–ARMAX (Autoregressive moving average with exogenous input)

- Description

$$Ay(t) = Bu(t) + Ce(t)$$

$$A(q) = 1 + a_1q^{-1} + \dots + a_{n_a}q^{-n_a}$$

$$B(q) = b_1q^{-1} + \dots + b_{n_b}q^{-n_b}$$

$$C(q) = 1 + c_1q^{-1} + \dots + c_{n_c}q^{-n_c}$$

$$e : WN \quad \theta = (a_1 \dots a_{n_a} \quad b_1 \dots b_{n_b} \quad c_1 \dots c_{n_c})$$

- Standard model  $G(q) = \frac{B}{A} \quad H(q) = \frac{C}{A}$
- More general, includes ARX model structure.

# Examples .... ARMAX

- One step predictor

$$\hat{y}(t|\theta) = \frac{B}{C}u + \left(1 - \frac{A}{C}\right)y$$

or

$$\hat{y}(t|\theta) = Bu + (C - A)y + \underbrace{(1 - C)\hat{y}}_{\text{past predictions}}$$

- Pseudo-linear Regression

$$\Phi(t, \theta) = [-y(t-1) \dots -y(t-n_a) \quad u(t-1) \dots u(t-n_b) \quad \varepsilon(t-1|\theta) \dots \dots \varepsilon(t - n_c|\theta)]^T$$

where

$$\varepsilon(t|\theta) = y - \hat{y}(t|\theta) = (1 - c)\varepsilon(t|\theta) + Bu + (1 - A)y$$

or simply

$$\hat{y}(t|\theta) = \Phi^T(t, \theta)\theta \quad \text{Not linear in } \theta$$

# Examples .... OE

- OE (Output Error)

- Description

$$y(t) = \frac{B}{F}u + e$$

$$F(q) = 1 + f_1q^{-1} + \dots + f_{n_f}q^{-n_f}$$

$$B(q) = b_1q^{-1} + \dots + b_{n_b}q^{-n_b}$$

$$\theta = (b_1 \dots b_{n_b} \quad f_1 \dots f_{n_f})$$

- One step predictor  $\hat{y}(t|\theta) = \frac{B}{F}u$

- Standard  $G = \frac{B}{F} \quad H = 1$

# Examples .... OE

- Nonlinear Regression Vector

$$\hat{y} = \frac{B}{F}u \quad \Rightarrow \quad F\hat{y} = BU$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{y}(t|\theta) = Bu + (1 - F)\hat{y}$$

Define

$$\Phi(t, \theta) = (u(t-1) \dots u(t-n_b) \quad -w(t-1|\theta) \dots -w(t-n_f|\theta))$$

$$\omega(t|\theta) = \frac{B}{F}u \quad (= \hat{y}(t|\theta))$$

$$\hat{y} = \Phi^T(t, \theta)\theta.$$

# Examples .... Box-Jenkins

$$y = \frac{B}{F}u + \frac{C}{D}e$$

$$\hat{y} = \frac{BD}{FC}u + \frac{C-D}{C}y$$

An even more general model

$$Ay = \frac{B}{F}u + \frac{C}{D}e \quad \dots\dots$$

# Examples .... State-Space

– State-Space Models

- Description

$$x(t + 1) = A(\theta)x(t) + B(\theta)u(t) + \omega(t)$$

$$y(t) = C(\theta)x(t) + \nu(t)$$

$$A(\theta) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \quad B(\theta) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m} \quad C(\theta) \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$$

- Noise: two components  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{disturbance} \quad \omega(t) \\ \text{Output noise} \quad \nu(t) \end{array} \right.$

Usual assumptions

$$E\omega\omega^T = R_1(\theta) \quad E\nu\nu^T(t) = R_2(\theta) \quad E\omega\nu^T(t) = R_{12}(\theta)$$

$w, v$  are white.

- One Step Predictor = Kalman Filter

$$\hat{x}(t+1|\theta) = A(\theta)\hat{x}(t|\theta) + B(\theta)u + K(\theta) [y - C(\theta)\hat{x}(t|\theta)]$$

$$\hat{y}(t|\theta) = C(\theta)\hat{x}(t|\theta)$$

$$K(\theta) = [A(\theta)\bar{P}(\theta)C^T(\theta) + R_{12}(\theta)] \cdot [C(\theta)\bar{P}(\theta)C^T(\theta) + R_2(\theta)]^{-1}$$

$\bar{P}(\theta)$  is a positive semi-definite solution of the steady-state Riccati equation:

$$\bar{P}(\theta) = A(\theta)\bar{P}(\theta)A^T(\theta) + R_1(\theta) -$$

$$(A(\theta)\bar{P}(\theta)C^T(\theta) + R_{12}(\theta)) [C(\theta)\bar{P}(\theta)C^T(\theta) + R_2(\theta)]^{-1} \cdot$$

$$(A(\theta)\bar{P}(\theta)C^T(\theta) + R_{12}(\theta))^T$$

$$\bar{P}(\theta) = E(x - \hat{x})(x - \hat{x})^T \quad (\text{error covariance})$$

## Innovation Representation

$$\hat{x}(t + 1|\theta) = A(\theta)\hat{x}(t|\theta) + B(\theta)u + K(\theta)e$$

$$y(t) = C(\theta)\hat{x}(t|\theta) + e$$

$$E(ee^T) = C(\theta)\bar{P}(\theta)C^T(\theta) + R_2(\theta)$$

In general

$$\hat{y}(t, \theta) = C(\theta) (qI - A(\theta) + K(\theta)C(\theta))^{-1} B(\theta)u + \\ C(\theta) (qI - A(\theta) + K(\theta)C(\theta))^{-1} K(\theta)y$$

# General Notation

Define

$$T(q) = \begin{bmatrix} G(q) & H(q) \end{bmatrix}, \quad X(t) = \begin{bmatrix} u(t) \\ e(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

It follows

$$y(t) = T(q)X(t) \quad ; \quad \text{Describes the model structure}$$

Predictor:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{y}(t) &= W(q)Z(t) & Z(t) &= \begin{bmatrix} u(t) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} W_u(q) & W_y(q) \end{bmatrix} Z(t) \end{aligned}$$

For a given  $T(q)$ ,

$$W(q, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} H^{-1}(q, \theta)G(q, \theta) & I - H^{-1}(q, \theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

- Notice:  $W(q, \theta)$  can be stable even though  $T(q, \theta)$  is not!
- $T(q, \theta) \simeq W(q, \theta)$

# Predictor Models

Def: A predictor model is a linear time-invariant stable filter  $W(q)$  that defines a predictor

$$\hat{y}(t) = W(q) \begin{bmatrix} u \\ y \end{bmatrix}.$$

Def: A complete probabilistic model of a linear time-invariant system is a pair  $(W(q), f_e(x))$  of a predictor model  $W(q)$  and the PDF  $f_e$  associated with the prediction error (noise).

In most situations,  $f_e(x)$  is not complete known. We may work with means & variances.

# Stability Requirements

Example    ARX

$$A(q)y = B(q)u + e$$

$$\Leftrightarrow y = \frac{B}{A}u + \frac{1}{A}e$$

If  $A(q)$  has zeros outside the disc, then the map from  $u \rightarrow y$  is unstable.

$$\hat{y}(t) = (I - A)y + Bu = W(q)Z$$

is always stable.

# Model Sets

Def: A model set is a collection of models

$$m^* = \{W_\alpha(q) | \alpha \in \varphi\} \quad \varphi : \text{Index set}$$

Examples

$$m^* = \text{all linear models}$$

$$m^* = \text{all models where } W(q) \text{ is FIR of fixed order}$$

$$m^* = \text{a finite set of models}$$

$$m^* = \text{nonlinear fading memory models}$$

Comment: These are “big” sets that are not necessarily parametrized in a nice way.

# Model Structures

Model structures are parametrizations of model sets. We require this parametrization to be smooth.

Let a model be indexed by a parameter  $\theta$ ,  $W(q, \theta)$ . We require  $W(q, \theta)$  to be differentiable with respect to  $\theta$ , for  $|q| \geq 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi(q, \theta) &= \frac{d}{d\theta} W(q, \theta) \\ &= \left[ \frac{d}{d\theta} W_u(q, \theta) \quad \frac{d}{d\theta} W_y(q, \theta) \right] \\ &\triangleq \left[ \Psi_u(q, \theta) \quad \Psi_y(q, \theta) \right]\end{aligned}$$

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{d\theta}\hat{y}(t, \theta) &= \frac{d}{d\theta} \left[ W(q, \theta)Z \right] \\ &= \Psi(q, \theta)Z\end{aligned}$$

Def: A model structure  $m$  is a differentiable map from a connected open subset  $D_m \subseteq \mathbb{R}^c$  to a model set  $m^*$  such that  $\Psi(q, \theta)$  the gradient, is defined and stable.

$$\begin{aligned}m : D_m &\longrightarrow m^* \\ \theta &\longrightarrow m(\theta) = W(q, \theta) \in m^*\end{aligned}$$

$m$  : is the map

$m(\theta)$  : is one particular model

Example: ARX model structure

$$y(t) + ay(t - 1) = b_1u(t - 1) + b_2u(t - 2) + e(t)$$

$$W(q, \theta) = (b_1q^{-1} + b_2q^{-2}, -aq^{-1})$$

$$\theta = (a \quad b_1 \quad b_2)^T$$

$$\Psi(q, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -q^{-1} \\ -q^{-1} & 0 \\ -q^{-2} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{stable}$$

# General Structure

$$y(t) = G(q, \theta)u + H(q, \theta)e$$

$$\Psi(q, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} H^{-1}G & 1 - H^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\theta} W_u(q, \theta) &= \frac{d}{d\theta} H^{-1}G = -\frac{1}{H^2}H' + \frac{G'}{H} \\ &= \frac{1}{H^2} (G'H - H'G) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} W_y(q, \theta) = \frac{d}{d\theta} (1 - H^{-1}) = -\frac{1}{H^2} H'$$

$$\Psi(q, \theta) = \frac{1}{H^2} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{d}{d\theta} G & \frac{d}{d\theta} H \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} H & 0 \\ -G & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

You need

$G, H$  to be differentiable

$H^{-1}$  is stable

(not sufficient).

# Model Structures

Proposition: The parametrization

$$\hat{y}(t, \theta) = \frac{DB}{CF}u + \left(1 - \frac{DA}{C}\right)y$$

for  $\theta$  (= set of parameters of  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$ ,  $F$ )

restricted to the set

$D_m = \{\theta | F(q)C(q) \text{ has no zeros outside the unit disc}$

is a model structure

Proof: Follows from the previous general derivative. Notice that

***H*** may be unstable!

Proposition: The Kalman Filter parametrization is a model structure if

$$\theta \in \{\theta | A(\theta) - K(\theta)C(\theta) \text{ is stable}\} \stackrel{\hat{=}}{=} D_{\mu}$$

(The stability property is equivalent to  $(A(\theta), C(\theta))$  being detectable).

# Independent Parametrization

A model structure  $m$  is independently parametrized if

$$\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ \eta \end{bmatrix}, D_m = D_\rho \times D_\eta, \text{ and}$$

$$T(q, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} W_u(q, \rho) & W_y(q, \eta) \end{bmatrix} \quad \rho \in D_\rho, \quad \eta \in D_\eta$$

Useful for giving a frequency domain interpretation of the estimate.

- We can define a model set as the range of a model structure:

$$R(m) = \{m(\theta), \theta \in D_m\}$$

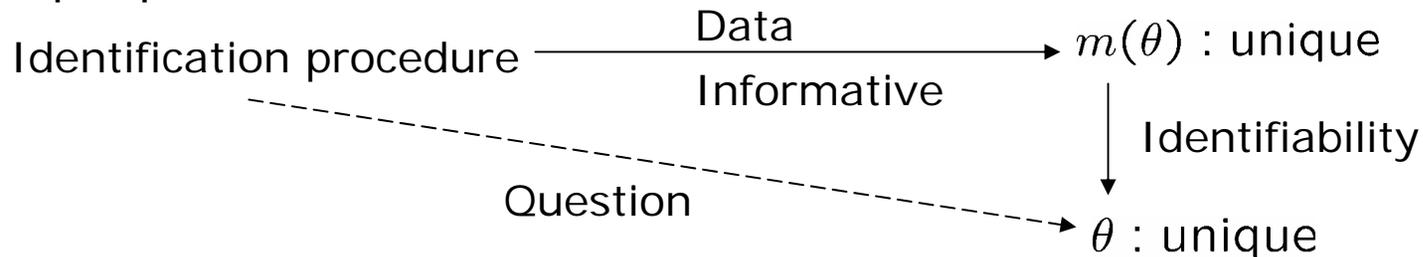
- We can define unions of different model structures:

$$m^* = \cup R(m_k)$$

Useful for model structure determination!

# Identifiability

Central question I: Does the identification procedure yield a unique parameter  $\theta$ ?



Def: Model structure is identifiable (globally!) at  $\theta^*$  if  $m(\theta) = m(\theta^*), \theta \in D_m \Rightarrow \theta = \theta^*$ . It is locally identifiable at  $\theta^*$  if there exists an  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $m(\theta) = m(\theta^*), \theta \in B(\theta^*, \varepsilon)$  implies  $\theta = \theta^*$ .

Def: Model structure is strictly identifiable (local or global) if it is identifiable (local or global) for all  $\theta^* \in D_m$ .

Central question II: Is the identified parameter equal to the “true parameters” ?

Parametrized structure:  $y(t) = G(q, \theta)u + H(q, \theta)e = m$

true system  $\zeta$ :  $y(t) = G_o u + H_o e$

Case I:  $\zeta \notin m$

Case II:  $\zeta = m(\theta)$  for some  $\theta$ .

Define:

$$D_T(\zeta, m) = \{\theta \in D_m \mid G_o = G(q, \theta), H_o = H(q, \theta) \\ \text{almost everywhere } (q)\}$$

Let  $\zeta = m(\theta_o)$  for some  $\theta_o$ . If  $m(\theta)$  is identifiable at  $\theta_o$ , then  $D_T(\zeta, m) = \{\theta_o\}$ .

# Identifiability of Model Structures

General:  $T(q, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} G(q, \theta) & H(q, \theta) \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Identifiable} \\ \text{at } \theta_o \end{array} \Leftrightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{a.e.} \\ G(q, \theta) = G(q, \theta_o) \\ H(q, \theta) = H(q, \theta_o) \end{array} \Rightarrow \theta = \theta_o$$

ARX:  $G = \frac{B}{A} \quad H = \frac{1}{A}$

$$\text{If } G(q, \theta) = G(q, \theta_o) \quad \& \quad H(q, \theta) = H(q, \theta_o)$$

$$\Rightarrow A(q, \theta) = A(q, \theta_o) \quad \& \quad B(q, \theta) = B(q, \theta_o)$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \theta_o$$

ARX is strictly identifiable

OE:  $y = \frac{B}{F}u + v$

Suppose  $\frac{B}{F} = \frac{\tilde{B}}{\tilde{F}}$ . Then

$B = \tilde{B}$  &  $F = \tilde{F}$  iff  $(B, F)$  are coprime.

(To do this cleanly, need to consider  $q^{n_B}B, q^{n_F}F$  where  $n_B$  &  $n_F$  are the delay powers in both  $B$  &  $F$ )

# Identifiability

Theorem:

$$Ay = \frac{B}{F}u + \frac{C}{D}e \text{ is identifiable at } \theta = \theta^* \text{ iff}$$

$$(C^*(q) = C(q, \theta^*) \dots\dots)$$

- 1) There are no common factors of  $q^{n_a}A^*, q^{n_b}B^*, q^{n_c}C^*$
- 2) "  $q^{n_b}B^*, q^{n_f}F^*$
- 3) "  $q^{n_c}C^*, q^{n_d}D^*$