

System Identification

Lecture 2

Prediction error method

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One-step-ahead prediction

For a dynamical model $y(t) = G(q)u(t) + H(q)e(t)$ the one-step-ahead prediction $\hat{y}(t|t-1) := \mathbb{E}\{y(t)|y^{t-1}, u^t\}$ is given by

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

At the same time:

$$y(t) = \hat{y}(t|t-1) + e(t)$$

The one-step ahead predictor of a dynamic model predicts the output of the model up to the white noise term $e(t)$, called the **innovation process**.

One-step-ahead prediction is going to be used as a way to measure the deviation/distance between a data set $\{(y(t), u(t))\}_{t=1, \dots, N}$ and a predictor model $(G(q), H(q))$.

If the data has been generated by (G, H) then

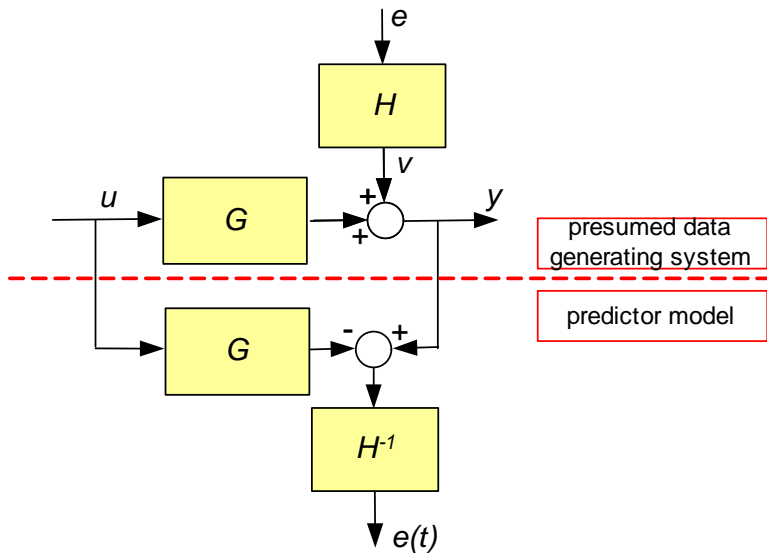
$$y(t) - \hat{y}(t|t-1) = e(t)$$

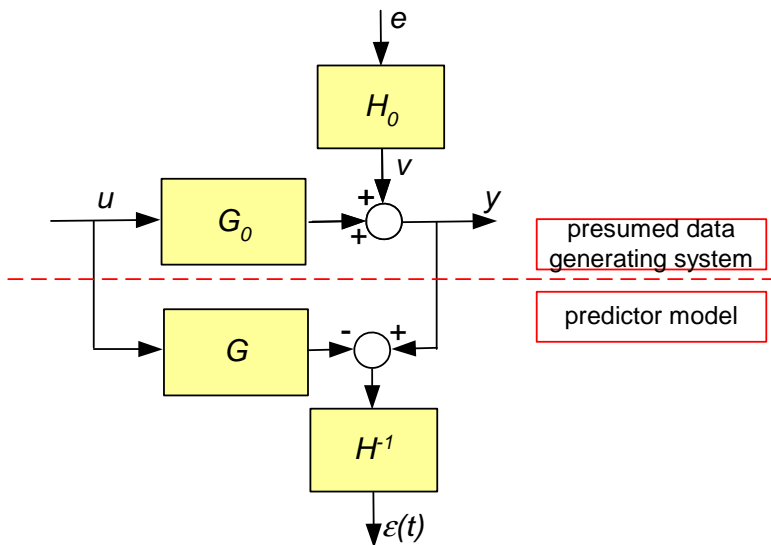
If the data comes from another system, but we calculate the prediction on the basis of (G, H) , then

$$y(t) - \hat{y}(t|t-1) = \varepsilon(t)$$

the one-step-ahead prediction error.

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





$\varepsilon(t)$ is going to serve as a basis for the identification criterion.

Black box model structures and model sets

Predictor model: $(G(q), H(q))$

Model set:

$$\mathcal{M} = \{(G(q, \theta), H(q, \theta)), \theta \in \Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^d\}$$

A **parametrization** is used to represent models by real-valued coefficients

Example of parametrization:

- Coefficients in polynomial fractions $\Leftarrow \theta = (b_1 \ a_1 \ c_1 \ d_1)^T$

$$G(q, \theta) = \frac{b_1 q^{-1}}{1 + a_1 q^{-1}}; \quad H(q, \theta) = \frac{1 + c_1 q^{-1}}{1 + d_1 q^{-1}}$$

- Coefficients in series expansions
- Matrix coefficients in state space models

ARX Model structure

$$G(q, \theta) = \frac{B(q^{-1}, \theta)}{A(q^{-1}, \theta)}; \quad H(q, \theta) = \frac{1}{A(q^{-1}, \theta)}$$

with

$$B(q^{-1}, \theta) = q^{-n_k} \{b_0 + b_1 q^{-1} + \dots + b_{n_b-1} q^{-n_b+1}\}$$

$$A(q^{-1}, \theta) = 1 + a_1 q^{-1} + \dots + a_{n_a} q^{-n_a}$$

$$\theta = [a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_{n_a} \ b_0 \ b_1 \ \dots \ b_{n_b-1}]^T.$$

n_a , n_b are the number of parameters in the A and B polynomial.

n_k number of time delays

Predictor:

$$\hat{y}(t|t-1; \theta) = B(q^{-1}, \theta)u(t) + [1 - A(q^{-1}, \theta)]y(t)$$

Model structures

Model structure	$G(q, \theta)$	$H(q, \theta)$
ARX	$\frac{B(q^{-1}, \theta)}{A(q^{-1}, \theta)}$	$\frac{1}{A(q^{-1}, \theta)}$
ARMAX	$\frac{B(q^{-1}, \theta)}{A(q^{-1}, \theta)}$	$\frac{C(q^{-1}, \theta)}{A(q^{-1}, \theta)}$
OE - Output Error	$\frac{B(q^{-1}, \theta)}{F(q^{-1}, \theta)}$	1
FIR	$B(q^{-1}, \theta)$	1
BJ - Box-Jenkins	$\frac{B(q^{-1}, \theta)}{F(q^{-1}, \theta)}$	$\frac{C(q^{-1}, \theta)}{D(q^{-1}, \theta)}$

Properties of model structures

- **Linearity-in-the-parameters (ARX)**

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{y}(t|t-1; \theta) &= B(q^{-1})u(t) + (1 - A(q^{-1}))y(t) \\ &= \phi^T(t)\theta\end{aligned}$$

is a linear function in θ .

⇒ Important computational advantages.

- **Independent parametrization of $G(q, \theta)$ en $H(q, \theta)$**

There are no common parameters in G and H .

⇒ Advantages for independent identification of G and H .

Both properties to be utilized later on.

System in the model set

Data-generating system $\mathcal{S} : [G_0, H_0]$

Model set: $\mathcal{M} : \{[G(q, \theta), H(q, \theta)], \theta \in \Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^d\}$.

$$\mathcal{S} \in \mathcal{M}$$

denotes that the data generating system can exactly be represented within \mathcal{M} , i.e. $\exists \theta_0 \in \Theta$ such that

$$G(q, \theta_0) = G_0(q)$$

$$H(q, \theta_0) = H_0(q)$$

The notion $G_0 \in \mathcal{G}$ with $\mathcal{G} = \{G(q, \theta), \theta \in \Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^d\}$ denotes that only G_0 can exactly be represented, i.e.

$$G(q, \theta_0) = G_0(q)$$

Identification criterion

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Consider the data-generating system:

$$y(t) = G_0(q)u(t) + H_0(q)e(t)$$

and the parametrized model $G(q, \theta), H(q, \theta)$.

Denote: $\bar{V}(\theta) = \bar{\mathbb{E}}\varepsilon^2(t, \theta)$.

Then: $\bar{V}(\theta) \geq \sigma_e^2$, with equality for $\hat{\theta}$ if

$$G(q, \hat{\theta}) = G_0(q)$$

$$H(q, \hat{\theta}) = H_0(q)$$

Uniqueness of this solution requires some more conditions, to be specified later.

Reasoning:

$$\varepsilon(t, \theta) = \frac{G_0(q) - G(q, \theta)}{H(q, \theta)} u(t) + \frac{H_0(q)}{H(q, \theta)} e(t)$$

u and e uncorrelated;

First term becomes 0 for $G(q, \hat{\theta}) = G_0(q)$.

$$\frac{H_0(q)}{H(q, \theta)} e(t) = [1 + \gamma_1(\theta)q^{-1} + \gamma_2(\theta)q^{-2} + \dots] e(t)$$

$$\bar{\mathbb{E}}\varepsilon^2(t, \theta) = [1 + \gamma_1(\theta)^2 + \gamma_2(\theta)^2 \dots] \sigma_e^2$$

is minimal for $\gamma_1(\hat{\theta}) = \gamma_2(\hat{\theta}) = \dots = 0$.

\Rightarrow Cost function minimum σ_e^2 is achieved for

$$G(q, \hat{\theta}) = G_0 \quad \text{and} \quad H(q, \hat{\theta}) = H_0.$$

Identification criterion

Power of prediction error is estimated from a data sequence through the quadratic criterion:

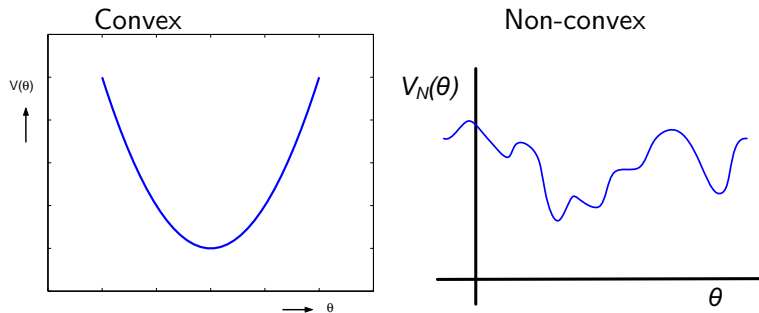
$$V_N(\theta, Z^N) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \varepsilon^2(t, \theta)$$

Parameter estimation through minimizing V_N :

$$\hat{\theta}_N = \arg \min_{\theta} V_N(\theta, Z^N)$$

Optimization problem that is convex or not....

Optimization:



Optimization is convex if the criterion is **quadratic** in θ .
In that situation, the solution can be found analytically.

Linear regression

If the predictor is linear-in-the-parameters (ARX,FIR):

$$\hat{y}(t|t-1; \theta) = \varphi^T(t)\theta$$

then

$$V_N(\theta, Z^N) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N [y(t) - \varphi^T(t)\theta]^2$$

and an analytical solution is obtained:

$$\hat{\theta}_N = \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \varphi(t)\varphi^T(t) \right]^{-1} \cdot \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \varphi(t)y(t)$$

Assumptions for analysis:

- Data has been generated by a linear dynamical system, possibly operating in a (stabilized) feedback situation, with bounded excitation signals, and v having bounded moments of order 4;
- \mathcal{M} is uniformly stable (\rightarrow the predictor filters and their derivatives w.r.t. θ are uniformly stable).

Convergence result

Under the above assumptions, $\hat{\theta}_N = \arg \min_{\theta} V_N(\theta, Z^N)$, for $N \rightarrow \infty$ converges with probability 1 to the minimizing argument θ^* of

$$\bar{V}(\theta) := \bar{\mathbb{E}} \varepsilon^2(t, \theta)$$

Differently stated:

$$\hat{\theta}_N \rightarrow \theta^* := \arg \min_{\theta} \bar{\mathbb{E}} \varepsilon^2(t, \theta) \quad \text{w.p. 1 for } N \rightarrow \infty.$$

The estimate converges to the best possible predictor (in the sense of $\bar{\mathbb{E}} \varepsilon^2$) within the model set \mathcal{M} , and becomes independent of the particular noise sequence (variance goes to 0)

Persistence of excitation

Definition - persistently exciting input

A quasi-stationary signal u is persistently exciting of order n if the spectral density $\Phi_u(\omega)$ is unequal to 0 in n points in the interval $(-\pi, \pi]$.

Example

The signal

$$u(t) = \sin(\omega_0 t)$$

is persistently exciting of order 2.

(Φ_u has a contribution in $\pm\omega_0$)

2 degrees of freedom (amplitude and phase).

Equivalent formulation

Proposition

A quasi-stationary signal u is persistently exciting of order n if and only if the (Toeplitz) matrix

$$\bar{R}_n := \begin{bmatrix} R_u(0) & R_u(1) & \cdots & R_u(n-1) \\ R_u(1) & R_u(0) & \cdots & R_u(n-2) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ R_u(n-1) & \cdots & R_u(1) & R_u(0) \end{bmatrix}$$

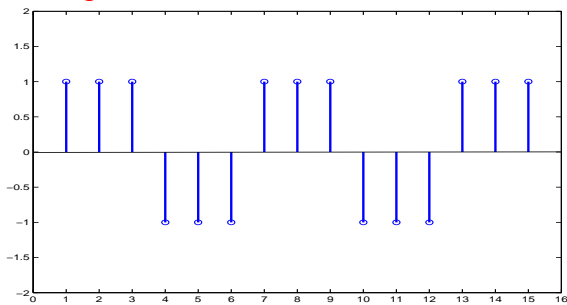
with $R_u(\tau) := \bar{\mathbb{E}}\{u(t)u(t-\tau)\}$, is non-singular.

Example:

A white noise process ($R_u(\tau) = \delta(\tau)$) is persistently exciting of **any** order.

Note: $\bar{R}_n = I_n$

Example block signal



$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 R_u(0) = 1 & R_u(1) = \frac{1}{3} & R_u(2) = -\frac{1}{3} & R_u(3) = -1 \\
 R_u(4) = -\frac{1}{3} & R_u(5) = \frac{1}{3} & R_u(6) = 1 & \text{etcetera}
 \end{array}$$

$$\bar{R}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & -1 \\ \frac{1}{3} & 1 & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 1 & \frac{1}{3} \\ -1 & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

\bar{R}_3 is regular, \bar{R}_4 is singular
so u is p.e. of order 3

A step signal:

$$\begin{aligned}u(t) &= 0 & t < 0 \\ &= c & t \geq 0\end{aligned}$$

is actually a transient signal, and therefore does not fit well into the “persistent signals” framework.

Although a step response reveals all dynamics of an LTI system, a step signal is p.e. of order 1, only having a spectral contribution at $\omega = 0$.

So it only **persistently** excites frequency 0.

Consistency result for $\mathcal{S} \in \mathcal{M}$

Consistency for $\mathcal{S} \in \mathcal{M}$

Let data be generated by a system (G_0, H_0) , and consider a model set \mathcal{M} with $G(q, \theta)$ parametrized according to

$$G(q, \theta) = q^{-n_k} \cdot \frac{b_0 + b_1 q^{-1} + \dots + b_{n_b-1} q^{-n_b+1}}{1 + f_1 q^{-1} + \dots + f_{n_f} q^{-n_f}}.$$

If $\mathcal{S} \in \mathcal{M}$ and u is persistently exciting of order $\geq n_f + n_b$ then

$$\begin{aligned} G(e^{i\omega}, \theta^*) &= G_0(e^{i\omega}) \\ H(e^{i\omega}, \theta^*) &= H_0(e^{i\omega}) \quad -\pi \leq \omega \leq \pi \end{aligned}$$

Note that n_b and n_f are number of parameters in numerator/denominator of $G(q, \theta)$.

Consistency result for $G_0 \in \mathcal{G}$

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Consider the same situation as on the previous slide.

If

- $G_0 \in \mathcal{G}$, and
- G and H are independently parametrized in \mathcal{M} , and
- u is persistently exciting of order $\geq n_f + n_b$

then

$$G(e^{i\omega}, \theta^*) = G_0(e^{i\omega}) \quad -\pi \leq \omega \leq \pi$$

G_0 can be estimated consistently, irrespective of the question whether H_0 can be modeled exactly.

Independent parametrization

Model structure	$G(q, \theta)$	$H(q, \theta)$
OE	B/F	1
FIR	B	1
BJ	B/F	C/D

Not: ARX, ARMAX because of common denominator in G en H .

Asymptotic distribution

The asymptotic pdf of the estimate $\hat{\theta}_N$ is specified as follows:

Asymptotic distribution

Consider the data assumptions as present in the convergence result. Then for $N \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\sqrt{N}(\hat{\theta}_N - \theta^*) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, P_\theta)$$

where

$$P_\theta = [\bar{V}''(\theta^*)]^{-1} Q [\bar{V}''(\theta^*)]^{-1}$$

$$Q = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} N \cdot \mathbb{E}\{[V'_N(\theta^*, Z^N)][V'_N(\theta^*, Z^N)]^T\}$$

while $(\cdot)'$, $(\cdot)''$ respectively denote first and second derivative with respect to θ .

Justification of normal distribution

As example: linear regression structure, $\mathcal{S} \in \mathcal{M}$, leading to

$$\hat{\theta}_N - \theta_0 = \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_t \varphi(t) \varphi^T(t) \right]^{-1} \cdot \frac{1}{N} \sum_t \varphi(t) e(t)$$

with $e(t)$ a random variable and e a white noise process.

Then, for $N \rightarrow \infty$, the above expression becomes a weighted sum of an infinite number of random variables with a fixed distribution. According to the law of large numbers, this weighted sum will get a Gaussian pdf.

P_{θ}/N has the interpretation of covariance matrix of the parameter estimate:

$$P_{\theta}/N = \mathbb{E}[(\hat{\theta}_N - \theta_0)(\hat{\theta}_N - \theta_0)^T].$$

quantifying the variability of the estimate

Covariance matrix in case of $\mathcal{S} \in \mathcal{M}$

For the situation $\theta^* = \theta_0$ ($\mathcal{S} \in \mathcal{M}$) it holds that

$$P_{\theta} = \sigma_e^2 \cdot \left[\bar{\mathbb{E}}\psi(t, \theta_0)\psi^T(t, \theta_0) \right]^{-1}$$

$$\psi(t, \theta_0) = \left. \frac{\partial \hat{y}(t|t-1; \theta)}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta=\theta_0} = - \left. \frac{\partial \varepsilon(t, \theta)}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta=\theta_0}$$

Justification of the covariance matrix expression

In the linear regression situation, $\mathcal{S} \in \mathcal{M}$, we have

$$\hat{\theta}_N - \theta_0 = \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_t \varphi(t) \varphi^T(t) \right]^{-1} \cdot \frac{1}{N} \sum_t \varphi(t) e(t)$$

so that $\bar{\mathbb{E}} \tilde{\theta} \tilde{\theta}^T$ can be written as

$$\bar{\mathbb{E}} \left\{ \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_t \varphi(t) \varphi^T(t) \right]^{-1} \frac{1}{N} \sum_t \varphi(t) e(t) \cdot \frac{1}{N} \sum_t \varphi^T(t) e(t) \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_t \varphi(t) \varphi^T(t) \right]^{-1} \right\}$$

With $\varphi(t)$ deterministic and $\mathbb{E}e^2(t) = \sigma_e^2$, then

$$P_\theta := \bar{\mathbb{E}}\tilde{\theta}\tilde{\theta}^T = \sigma_e^2 \cdot \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_t \varphi(t)\varphi^T(t) \right]^{-1}$$

In linear regression: $\hat{y}(t|t-1; \theta) = \varphi^T(t)\theta$ so that

$$\varphi(t) = \frac{\partial \hat{y}(t|t-1; \theta)}{\partial \theta}.$$

In general structures, the role of $\varphi(t)$ is replaced by

$$\psi(t, \theta_0) = \left. \frac{\partial \hat{y}(t|t-1; \theta)}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta=\theta_0}.$$

end justification

$P_\theta/N = E(\hat{\theta}_N - \theta_0)(\hat{\theta}_N - \theta_0)^T$ can be estimated from the data and $\hat{\theta}_N$ as:

$$\hat{P}_\theta = \hat{\sigma}_e^2 \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \psi(t, \hat{\theta}_N) \psi^T(t, \hat{\theta}_N) \right]^{-1}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_e^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \varepsilon^2(t, \hat{\theta}_N)$$

with $\hat{\sigma}_e^2$ an estimate of σ_e^2 .

Covariance matrix in case of $G_0 \in \mathcal{G}$

Let $\mathcal{M} = \{(G(q, \rho), H(q, \eta)), \theta = \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \eta \end{pmatrix} \in \Theta\}$ and

$\theta^* = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_0 \\ \eta^* \end{pmatrix}$. Then

$$\sqrt{N}(\hat{\rho}_N - \rho_0) \in \text{As } \mathcal{N}(0, P_\rho)$$

with

$$P_\rho = \sigma_e^2 [\bar{\mathbb{E}} \psi_\rho(t) \psi_\rho^T(t)]^{-1} [\bar{\mathbb{E}} \tilde{\psi}(t) \tilde{\psi}^T(t)] [\bar{\mathbb{E}} \psi_\rho(t) \psi_\rho^T(t)]^{-1}$$

$$\psi_\rho(t) = H^{-1}(q, \eta^*) \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} G(q, \rho) \right|_{\rho=\rho_0} u(t)$$

$$\tilde{\psi}(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_i \psi_\rho(t+i); \quad F(z) := \frac{H_0(z)}{H(z, \eta^*)} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_i z^{-i}.$$

Parameter uncertainty regions

The asymptotical normal distribution can be used to quantify parameter uncertainty regions.

Start with:

$$\sqrt{N}(\hat{\theta}_N - \theta_0) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, P_\theta)$$

Let P_θ^{-1} be decomposed as $P_\theta^{-1} = R_\theta^T R_\theta$, then

$$\sqrt{N}R_\theta(\hat{\theta}_N - \theta_0) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, I_n)$$

i.e. a vector of n standard (independent) normally distributed random variables.

If $x \in \mathcal{N}(0, I_n)$ then for the sum of the quadratic variables:

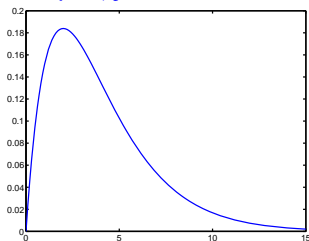
$$x^T x \in \chi^2(n)$$

i.e. follows a χ^2 distribution, scalar valued.

This implies that the **sum of quadratic variables**

$$N(\hat{\theta}_N - \theta_0)^T P_\theta^{-1} (\hat{\theta}_N - \theta_0) \rightarrow \chi^2(n).$$

Example χ^2 -distribution



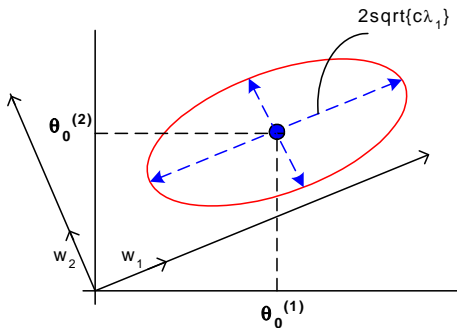
For $x \in \chi^2(n)$:

$$\int_0^\infty c_\chi(\alpha, n) x \, dx = \alpha$$

Note that contour lines:

$$N(\hat{\theta}_N - \theta_0)^T P_\theta^{-1} (\hat{\theta}_N - \theta_0) = c$$

are ellipsoidal contour lines of the multivariable Gaussian distribution:



(P_θ has eigenvalues λ_i and eigenvectors w_i)

while the level of probability related to the event

$$N(\theta - \theta_0)^T P_\theta^{-1} (\theta - \theta_0) < c$$

is determined by the $\chi^2(n)$ -distribution.

Denote with $c_\chi(\alpha, n)$ the value that satisfies

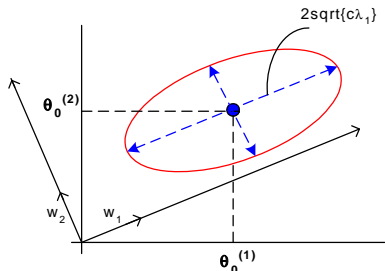
$$\Pr(x \leq c_\chi(\alpha, n)) = \alpha$$

for $x \in \chi^2(n)$.

Then $\hat{\theta}_N \in \mathcal{D}_{\theta_0}$ with probability α , with

$$\mathcal{D}_{\theta_0} = \left\{ \theta \mid (\theta - \theta_0)^T P_\theta^{-1} (\theta - \theta_0) < \frac{c_\chi(\alpha, n)}{N} \right\}$$

ellipsoid centered at θ_0 .



Alternatively, denote:

$$\mathcal{D}_{\hat{\theta}_N} = \left\{ \theta \mid (\theta - \hat{\theta}_N)^T P_{\theta}^{-1} (\theta - \hat{\theta}_N) < \frac{c_{\chi}(\alpha, n)}{N} \right\}$$

ellipsoid centered at $\hat{\theta}_N$

then it can simply be verified that

$$\hat{\theta}_N \in \mathcal{D}_{\theta_0} \Leftrightarrow \theta_0 \in \mathcal{D}_{\hat{\theta}_N}$$

so that $\theta_0 \in \mathcal{D}_{\hat{\theta}_N}$ with probability α .

Uncertainty regions for frequency responses of estimated models

The identified parameter vector $\hat{\theta}_N$ is a random variable distributed as $\hat{\theta}_N \sim \text{As}\mathcal{N}(\theta_0, P_\theta/N) \implies$ the identified models (frequency responses) $G(e^{i\omega}, \hat{\theta}_N)$ (and $H(e^{i\omega}, \hat{\theta}_N)$) are also random variables:

- $G(e^{i\omega}, \hat{\theta}_N)$ is an (asymptotically) unbiased estimate of $G(e^{i\omega}, \theta_0)$
- the variance of $G(e^{i\omega}, \hat{\theta}_N)$ is defined in the frequency domain as:

$$\text{cov}(G(e^{i\omega}, \hat{\theta}_N)) := E \left(|G(e^{i\omega}, \hat{\theta}_N) - G(e^{i\omega}, \theta_0)|^2 \right)$$

Covariance of the frequency response

$$\text{cov}\{G(e^{i\omega}, \hat{\theta}_N)\} = \mathbb{E} \left(|G(e^{i\omega}, \hat{\theta}_N) - G(e^{i\omega}, \theta_0)|^2 \right)$$

is obtained by

$$\text{cov}\{G(e^{i\omega}, \hat{\theta}_N)\} \sim \left. \frac{\partial G(e^{i\omega}, \theta)^*}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta_0} \cdot \frac{P_\theta}{N} \cdot \left. \frac{\partial G(e^{i\omega}, \theta)}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta_0}$$

which is a first order Taylor approximation that is **exact** for models that are **linear in the parameters**.

((\cdot)^{*} is complex conjugate transpose)

$\text{cov}\{G(e^{i\omega}, \hat{\theta}_N)\}$ can be estimated by replacing P_θ by \hat{P}_θ , and θ_0 by $\hat{\theta}_N$.

Proof of the expression of $\text{cov}(G(e^{i\omega}, \hat{\theta}_N))$

First order (Taylor) approximation:

$$G(e^{i\omega}, \hat{\theta}_N) \approx G(e^{i\omega}, \theta_0) + (\hat{\theta}_N - \theta_0)^T \Lambda_G(e^{i\omega}, \theta_0)$$

with $\Lambda(e^{i\omega}, \theta_0) = \left. \frac{\partial G(e^{i\omega}, \theta)}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta_0}$.

Consequently: $|G(e^{i\omega}, \hat{\theta}_N) - G(e^{i\omega}, \theta_0)|^2 = ..$

$$\begin{aligned} \dots &= (G(e^{i\omega}, \hat{\theta}_N) - G(e^{i\omega}, \theta_0))^* (G(e^{i\omega}, \hat{\theta}_N) - G(e^{i\omega}, \theta_0)) \\ &\approx \Lambda_G(e^{i\omega}, \theta_0)^* (\hat{\theta}_N - \theta_0) (\hat{\theta}_N - \theta_0)^T \Lambda_G(e^{i\omega}, \theta_0) \end{aligned}$$

$$E(.) = \Lambda_G(e^{i\omega}, \theta_0)^* \cdot \frac{P_\theta}{N} \cdot \Lambda_G(e^{i\omega}, \theta_0)$$

Observation

The larger N and/or the larger the power of $u(t)$, the smaller $\text{cov}(G(e^{i\omega}, \hat{\theta}_N))$

direct consequence of the fact that P_θ/N has this property

Separate bounds for amplitude and phase of $G(e^{i\omega}, \hat{\theta}_N)$

$$f_{a,\omega}(\theta) = |G(e^{i\omega}, \theta)|,$$

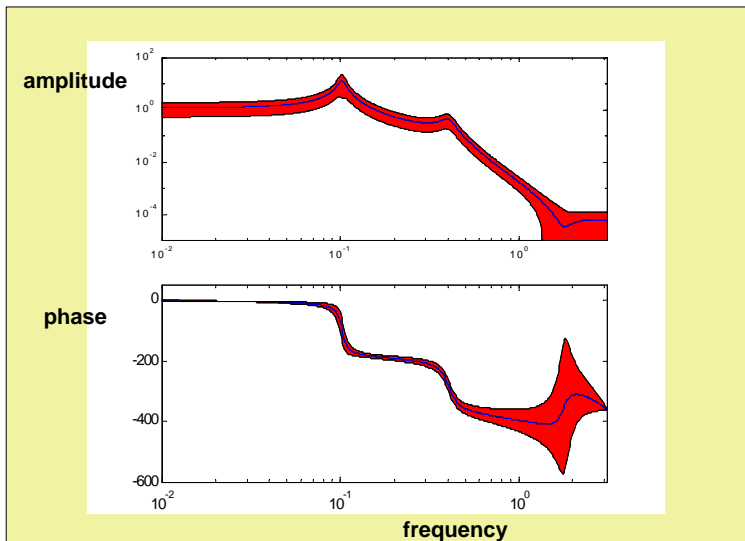
$$f_{p,\omega}(\theta) = \arg\{G(e^{i\omega}, \theta)\}$$

then covariance information on $f_{a,\omega}$ and $f_{p,\omega}$ is obtained from the **first order approximations**

$$\text{Cov}\{f_{a,\omega}(\hat{\theta}_N)\} \approx \left. \frac{\partial f_{a,\omega}(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta=\hat{\theta}_N}^T \frac{P_\theta}{N} \left. \frac{\partial f_{a,\omega}(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta=\hat{\theta}_N}$$

$$\text{Cov}\{f_{p,\omega}(\hat{\theta}_N)\} \approx \left. \frac{\partial f_{p,\omega}(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta=\hat{\theta}_N}^T \frac{P_\theta}{N} \left. \frac{\partial f_{p,\omega}(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta=\hat{\theta}_N}$$

This is implemented in Matlab's System Identification Toolbox (3 σ bounds).



Remarks

- Estimated uncertainty bounds are reliable only if the models are correct (validated), i.e. $S \in \mathcal{M}$, or $G_0 \in \mathcal{G}$.
- If the uncertainty bound for $G(e^{i\omega}, \hat{\theta}_N)$ is too large in a particular frequency range \rightarrow
 - (a) redo experiment with increased $\Phi_u(\omega)$ at those frequencies, or
 - (b) increase number of data (length of experiment)
- Related analysis can be developed for $H(e^{i\omega}, \hat{\theta}_N)$

Asymptotic-in-order covariance of frequency response

Consider the situation as in the convergence result.

Let $S \in \mathcal{M}$, and let $G(q, \theta)$ and $H(q, \theta)$ have McMillan degree n .

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

If $n, N \rightarrow \infty$, and $n/N \rightarrow 0$, then

$$\text{Cov}(\hat{T}_N(e^{i\omega})) \sim \frac{n}{N} \Phi_v(\omega) [\Phi_\chi(\omega)]^{-1}$$

with $\chi(t) = [u(t) \ e(t)]^T$

If the system operates in open loop, u and e are uncorrelated, and the result simplifies to

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov} (\hat{G}_N(e^{i\omega})) &\sim \frac{n}{N} \frac{\Phi_v(\omega)}{\Phi_u(\omega)} \\ \text{Cov} (\hat{H}_N(e^{i\omega})) &\sim \frac{n}{N} \frac{\Phi_v(\omega)}{\sigma_e^2} = \frac{n}{N} |H_0(e^{i\omega})|^2 \end{aligned}$$

But note the double limit, $n, N \rightarrow \infty$.

Summary - discussion

- ▶ Comprehensive PE theory
- ▶ Asymptotic results in N , convergence, consistency, covariance matrix
- ▶ Variance expressions leading to uncertainty sets
- ▶ Principle reasoning: find the “best” model in a given structured model set (of particular order).
- ▶ Relation with Maximum Likelihood estimation to be shown (next)
- ▶ as well as model order selection.