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Subspace Identification beyond Linear Dynamics

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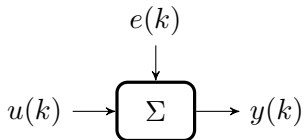
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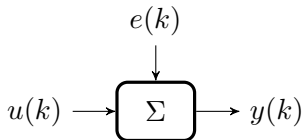
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Identification Problem

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and **the system order n** such that they are a consistent estimate of the original system matrices up to a similarity transformation.



The closed-loop SI Strategy (Chiuso, 2007)

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2. Estimate state sequence

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1. Estimate system parameters **via linear least-squares**.

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The innovation model

$$\begin{aligned}x(k+1) &= Ax(k) + Bu(k) + Ke(k) \\y(k) &= Cx(k) + Du(k) + e(k)\end{aligned}$$

This model can be written into

The “observer form”

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{x}(k+1) &= (A - KC)\hat{x}(k) + \begin{bmatrix} (B - KD) & K \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u(k) \\ y(k) \end{bmatrix} \\y(k) &= C\hat{x}(k) + \begin{bmatrix} D & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u(k) \\ y(k) \end{bmatrix} + e(k)\end{aligned}$$

which is written more compactly as,

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$$\begin{aligned}\hat{x}(k+1) &= \Phi \hat{x}(k) + B_z z(k) \\y(k) &= C \hat{x}(k) + D_z z(k) + e(k)\end{aligned}$$

with $\Phi = (A - KC)$, $B_z = \begin{bmatrix} (B - KD) & K \end{bmatrix}$, $z(k) = \begin{bmatrix} u(k) \\ y(k) \end{bmatrix}$

and $D_z = \begin{bmatrix} D & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Lemma 1

Let the observer form of the innovation model be given as

$$\begin{cases} \hat{x}(k+1) &= \Phi \hat{x}(k) + B_z z(k) \\ y(k) &= C \hat{x}(k) + D_z z(k) + e(k) \end{cases}$$

then

$$\hat{x}(t) = \Phi^p \hat{x}(t-p) + \underbrace{\left[\Phi^{p-1} B_z \quad \Phi^{p-2} B_z \quad \dots \quad B_z \right]}_{\mathcal{Z}_{t-p,p,1}} \begin{bmatrix} z(t-p) \\ z(t-p+1) \\ \vdots \\ z(t-1) \end{bmatrix}$$

Corollary 1

The (A) matrix with the required state sequence as its **row space** is given by:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} C \\ C\Phi \\ \vdots \\ C\Phi^{f-1} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathcal{O}_f} \hat{X}_{t,N} = \mathcal{O}_f \Phi^p \hat{X}_{t-p,N} +$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \boxed{C\Phi^{p-1}B_z} & C\Phi^{p-2}B_z & \cdots & CB_z \\ C\Phi^p B_z & \boxed{C\Phi^{p-1}B_z} & \cdots & C\Phi B_z \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ C\Phi^{p+f-1}B_z & \cdots & & C\Phi^{f-1}B_z \end{bmatrix} Z_{t-p,p,N}$$

Subspace “trick” 1

The matrix Φ is A.S. and therefore: $\Phi^\ell \approx 0$ for $\ell \geq p \Rightarrow$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} C \\ C\Phi \\ \vdots \\ C\Phi^{f-1} \end{bmatrix}}_{O_f} \hat{X}_{t,N} \approx O_f \Phi^p \hat{X}_{t-p,N} +$$

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Subspace "trick" 2: From Lemma 1

Let the observer form of the innovation model be given as

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then

$$y(t) = C\Phi^p \hat{x}(t-p) + \begin{bmatrix} C\Phi^{p-1} B_z & C\Phi^{p-2} B_z & \cdots & C B_z \end{bmatrix} \mathcal{Z}_{t-p,p,1} + Du(t)$$

With "trick" 1:

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The system parameters $C\Phi^j B_z$ for $j = 0, \dots, p-1$ can be (accurately) approximated via solving a linear least squares problem (step 1!)

Subspace "trick" 1 and 2 combined

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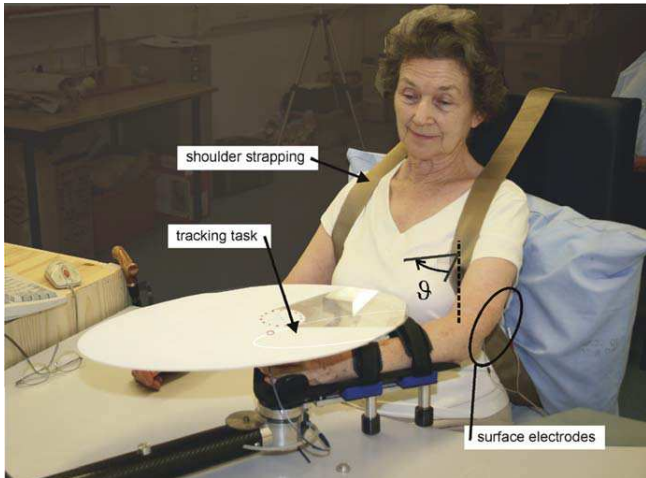
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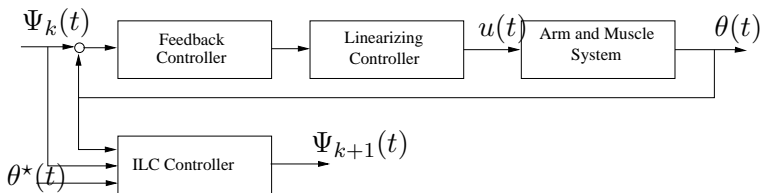
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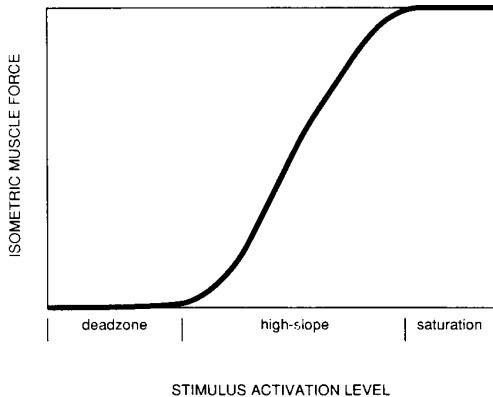
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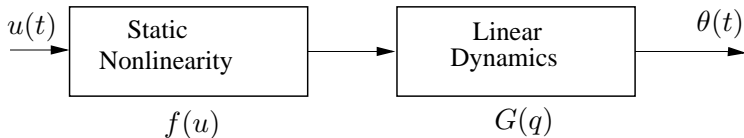
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A closed-loop Hammerstein SI identification problem

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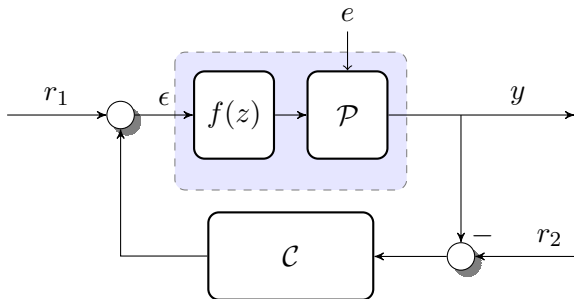
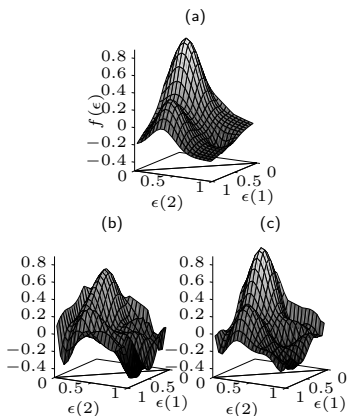


Figure: The closed-loop Hammerstein configuration

Step 1: Triangulation



The nonlinear mapping $f(\epsilon)$ is approximated as:

$$f(\epsilon) \approx \mathcal{C}^T \mathcal{B}(\epsilon_k) \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

(See G. van der Veen, J.W. van Wingerden and M. Verhaegen, 2012; for more details).

Figure: Franke's test function $f(\epsilon)$ (a)

Exploiting model structure?

With the spline approximation the Hammerstein model (to be identified) can be written as:

$$\begin{cases} x_{k+1} &= Ax_k + B_l u_k + B_{nl} f(\epsilon_k) + K e_k, \\ y_k &= Cx_k + e_k, \end{cases} \Rightarrow$$

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The **key observation** is that the matrix

$$B_{nl} C^\top = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \\ \hline \end{array} \cdot \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \\ \hline \end{array}$$

has low rank!



Step 2: Structured Hammerstein Model Identification

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determine the system matrices:

$$\left(A_T, B_{1,T}, C_T, D, K_T, \check{B}_{nl,T} \right)$$

and **the system order n** such that they are a consistent estimate of the original system matrices up to a similarity transformation. **Problem:** The matrix $\check{B}_{nl,T}$ contains “lots of redundant elements”!

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Additional constraint that $\check{B}_{nl,T}$ “has rank m ”!



Step 2: rank constraint

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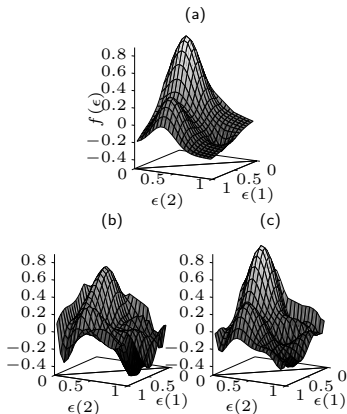
Nuclear Norm

Definition: The nuclear norm of a matrix A is given as:

$$\|A\|_* = \sum_{i=1}^{\min(m,n)} \sigma_i(A).$$

When added this constraint to a linear least squares problem, a convex optimization problem results.

Results $N = 2000$.



$$y_k = G(\check{z})u_k + H(\check{z})e_k,$$

$$u_k = f(\epsilon_k),$$

$$G(\check{z}) = \frac{0.2571\check{z}^3 - 0.2034\check{z}^2 - 0.19}{\check{z}^4 - 3.421\check{z}^3 + 4.838\check{z}^2 - 3}$$

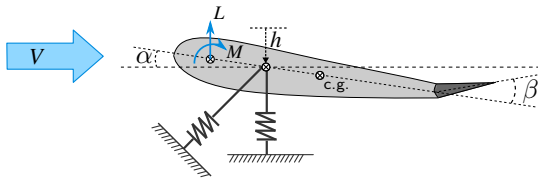
$$H(\check{z}) = \frac{0.3454\check{z} + 0.2846}{\check{z}^2 - 0.9381\check{z} + 0.5681}.$$

with,

$$e_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 0.5),$$

$$\epsilon_k \sim \mathcal{U}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

Figure: Franke's test function $f(\epsilon)$



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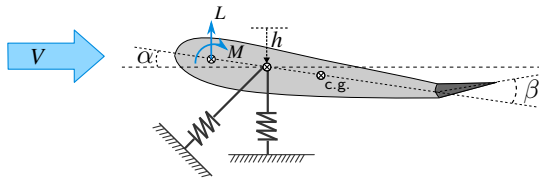
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- ▶ Equations of motion:

$$M \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{h} \\ \ddot{\alpha} \end{bmatrix} + C \begin{bmatrix} \dot{h} \\ \dot{\alpha} \end{bmatrix} + K \begin{bmatrix} h \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -L \\ M \end{bmatrix}$$

- ▶ Nonlinear aerodynamics:

$$L = q_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0, & V^2, & V, & q_6 V, \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h \\ \alpha \\ \dot{h} \\ \dot{\alpha} \end{bmatrix} + q_5 V^2 \beta, \text{ and similarly} \\ \text{for } M.$$



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$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = (A_1 + A_2V + A_3V^2)x + (B_3V^2)\beta \\ y = C_1x \end{cases}$$

$$\text{with } x = [h, \alpha, \dot{h}, \dot{\alpha}]^T, y = [h, \alpha]^T.$$

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- ▶ With discretization, we lose the affine structure:

$$A_d\left(V, V^2, \frac{1}{V}, \dots\right) = \left(I + \frac{T_s}{2}A(V, V^2)\right) \left(I - \frac{T_s}{2}A(V, V^2)\right)^{-1},$$

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- ▶ In identification, we 'force' affine dependence, with:

$$\mu_k = [1, V_k, V_k^2]^T$$

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LPV system (innovation form):

Affine parameter dependence:

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with $x_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $u_k \in \mathbb{R}^r$, $y_k \in \mathbb{R}^\ell$, $\mu_k \in \mathbb{R}^m$ and $\mu_k^{(1)} = 1$.

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LPV system (predictor form):

$$\begin{aligned}x_{k+1} &= \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_k^{(i)} \left(\tilde{A}^{(i)} x_k + \tilde{B}^{(i)} u_k + K^{(i)} y_k \right) \\ y_k &= C x_k + D u_k + e_k,\end{aligned}$$

with $\tilde{A}^{(i)} = A^{(i)} - K^{(i)} C$, $\tilde{B}^{(i)} = B^{(i)} - K^{(i)} D$.



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Problem statement:

Given u_k, y_k, μ_k for $k = \{1, \dots, N\}$, find system matrices $\left\{ \tilde{A}^{(i)}, \tilde{B}^{(i)}, \tilde{K}^{(i)} \right\}_{i=1}^m, C, D$ up to a similarity transformation.

Intermediate step: find the state sequence.

Lemma 1

For the given LPV system and the definition of the joint input-output data vector $z(t) = [u(t)^T \quad y(t)^T]^T$, and the selection of a past window $p >$ system order:

$$x_{k+p} = \underbrace{\tilde{A}(\mu_{k+p-1}) \tilde{A}(\mu_{k+p-2}) \cdots \tilde{A}(\mu_k)}_{=\phi_{p,k} \approx 0 \text{ for large } p} x_k + \mathcal{K}^p N_k^p \bar{z}_k^p$$

with Regressor $N_k^p \bar{z}_k^p$:

$$N_k^p \bar{z}_k^p = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_{k+p-1} \otimes \dots \otimes \mu_{k+1} \otimes \mu_k \otimes \begin{bmatrix} u_k \\ y_k \end{bmatrix} \\ \mu_{k+p-1} \otimes \dots \otimes \mu_{k+1} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} u_{k+1} \\ y_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} \\ \vdots \\ \mu_{k+p-1} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} u_{k+p-1} \\ y_{k+p-1} \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$



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3 SVD decompose to find state sequence:

$$\widehat{\mathcal{O}^p \mathcal{K}^p} Z = \mathcal{O}^p X$$

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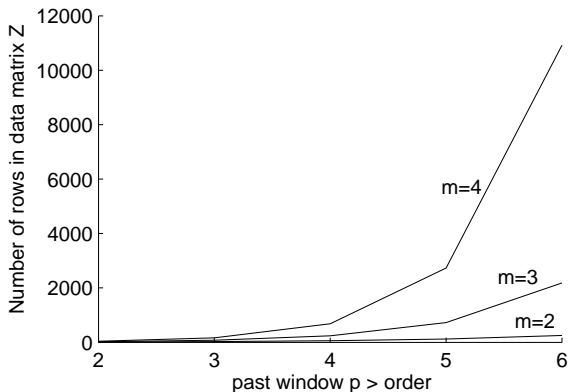
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⊕ Numerically more efficient.

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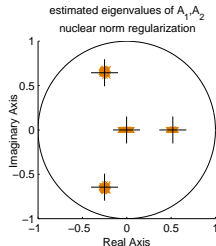
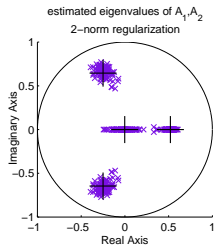
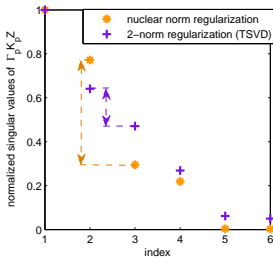
2 Parameter estimation problem **with NN^2 regularization**:

$$\min_{\alpha} \left(\|Y - \alpha Z^T Z\|_F^2 + \lambda \|\Gamma_p \mathcal{K}_p Z\|_* \right)$$

$\|\cdot\|_* =$ sum of singular values

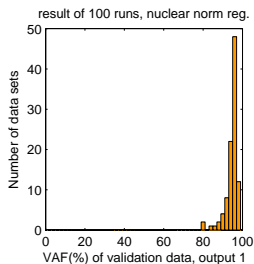
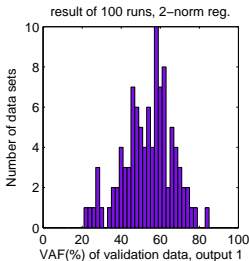
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$$VAF = \left(1 - \frac{\text{var}(\hat{y}_k - y_k)}{\text{var}(y_k)} \right) \cdot 100\%$$





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