

System Identification

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SET 8

- Convergence and Consistency
- Informative Data (relation to p.e.)
- Convergence to the true parameters
(role of identifiability)

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Convergence and Consistency

Estimator

$$Z^N \longrightarrow \hat{\theta}_N \in D_m$$

Question: Given certain properties of Z^N , and a particular method for arriving to $\hat{\theta}_N$, what properties does $\hat{\theta}_N$ have?

- Does $\hat{\theta}_N \longrightarrow \theta^*$?
- Does $\hat{\theta}_N \longrightarrow$ "set" ?

Ergodicity Result

Theorem (Ljung)

Let $\{G_\theta(q), \theta \in D_\theta\}$ be a uniformly stable family of filters, ω_θ is a family of deterministic signals such that

$$|\omega_\theta(t)| \leq C_W \quad \forall \quad \theta \in D_\theta$$

Let the signal $s_\theta(t)$ be defined (for each θ) as

$$s_\theta(t) = G_\theta(q)v(t) + \omega_\theta(t)$$

where $v(t)$ is a quasi-stationary signal generated by

$$v(t) = H_t(q)e(t)$$

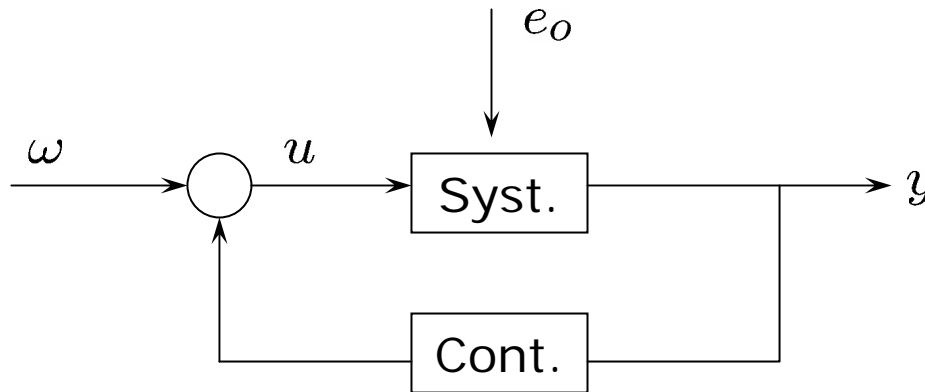
where H_t is a uniformly stable family of filters, and e is white with $E(ee^T(t)) = \Lambda$. Then,

$$\sup_{\theta \in D_\theta} \left\| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N s_\theta(t) s_\theta^T(t) - E s_\theta(t) s_\theta^T(t) \right\| \rightarrow 0$$

as $N \rightarrow \infty$ w.p.1

Assumptions

1. Data is generated in either open loop or close loop:



$$y = H_1\omega + H_2e_o$$

ω - exogenous input

$$u = H_3\omega + H_4e_o$$

e_o - noise

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \omega(t) \text{ - deterministic, bounded} \\ e_o(t) \text{ - white signal, and bounded} \\ \text{moments of order higher than 4.} \end{array} \right.$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} H_i \text{ are stable transfer functions.} \\ \mathbf{y} \text{ \& } \mathbf{u} \text{ are jointly quasi-stationary} \end{array} \right.$

Remark: We view e_o as a stochastic signal & everything else as deterministic. Hence, $E(\cdot)$ is with respect to e_o .

True system:

$$\delta : \quad y(t) = G_o(q)u + H_o(q)u$$

e_o white, bdd 4 moments.

Model structure:

$$m : \quad \{G(q, \theta), H(q, \theta) | \theta \in D_m\}$$

Feasible set:

$$D_T(\xi, m) : \left\{ \theta \in D_m \mid \begin{aligned} G(e^{i\omega}, \theta) &= G_o(e^{i\omega}), \\ H(e^{i\omega}, \theta) &= H_o(e^{i\omega}); -\pi \leq \omega \leq \pi \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Input Choice:

$$u = -F(q)y + \omega$$

Such that F stabilizes G_o . Then previous assumption on Data holds.

Informative Data

- Informativity is a notion that will allow us to distinguish between different models in a structure.

- $Z^N = \left(u(t) , y(t) ; t \leq N - 1 \right)$

$$Z^\infty = \left(u(t) , y(t) ; \forall t \right)$$

- Def: A quasi-stationary data set Z^∞ is informative enough with respect to a model set m^* if for any $W_1, W_2 \in m^*$,

$$\bar{E}((W_1(q) - W_2(q))Z(t))^2 = 0 \Rightarrow W_1(e^{i\omega}) = W_2(e^{i\omega}) \quad \text{a.e.}$$

- Detail $(W_1(q) - W_2(q))Z(t) = \Delta W_u(q)u + \Delta W_y(q)y$
- Def: Z^∞ is informative if it is informative enough with respect to all LTI models.

- Thm: Z^∞ is informative if the spectrum of $z = \begin{bmatrix} u & y \end{bmatrix}^T$ is strictly positive definite $\forall \omega$

- Proof: Let $\tilde{W} = W_1 - W_2$

- $\bar{E}(\tilde{W}(q)z)^2 = 0 \iff \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \tilde{W}(e^{i\omega}) \Phi_z(\omega) \tilde{W}^T(e^{-i\omega}) d\omega = 0$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\ \tilde{W}(q) = 0 & \iff & \tilde{W}(e^{i\omega}) \Phi_z(\omega) \tilde{W}^T(e^{-i\omega}) = 0 \quad \text{a.e.} \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi_z(\omega) > 0 \quad \text{a.e.}$$

- What is the relation between informativity of data & persistence of excitation of an input? Recall, it is the input that you can choose!

Informativity vs. Persistence of Excitation

- Thm: Let $m = \{G(q, \theta), H(q, \theta) | \theta \in D_m\}$ and assume that

$$G(q, \theta) = \frac{B(q)}{F(q)}$$

where B, F are polynomials of order n_b, n_f respectively.

If u is p.e. of order $n_b + n_f$, then the data record $[u, y]$ is informative with respect to m .

- Proof: We claim that data is informative if for any

$$\Delta G = G_1 - G_2, G_i \in m,$$

$$\left| \Delta G(e^{i\omega}) \right| \Phi_u(e^{i\omega}) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \Delta G = 0$$

If this holds, then u is p.e. of order $n_b + n_f$, $\Phi_u(\omega) > 0$ for at least $n_b + n_f$ frequencies.

- Proof of Claim:

$$W_1 z - W_2 z = \hat{y}_1 - \hat{y}_2 = (y - \hat{y}_2) - (y - \hat{y}_1) = \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1$$

$$\varepsilon_1 = H_1^{-1}(y - G_1 u)$$

$$\varepsilon_2 = H_2^{-1}(y - G_2 u) \quad \text{where} \quad G_i, H_i \in m$$

also note that

$$\varepsilon_2 = H_2^{-1}(G_o u - G_2 u + H_o e); \quad G_o, H_o \text{ are the true models.}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta\varepsilon &= \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1 \\
&= H_2^{-1}(y - G_2u) - H_1^{-1}(y - G_1u) \\
&= H_1^{-1} \left[G_1u - y + \frac{H_1}{H_2}y - \frac{H_1}{H_2}G_2 \right] \\
&= H_1^{-1} \left[(G_1 - G_2)u + \frac{(H_1 - H_2)}{H_2}y - \frac{(H_1 - H_2)}{H_2}G_2u \right] \\
&= H_1^{-1}[\Delta Gu + \Delta H\varepsilon_2]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{E}(\Delta\varepsilon)^2 &= \bar{E} \left(\frac{1}{H_1} \left[\Delta Gu + \frac{\Delta H}{H_2}(G_o - G_2)u + \frac{\Delta H}{H_2}H_o e \right] \right)^2 \\
&= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{|H_1|^2} \left| \Delta G + \frac{\Delta H}{H_2}(G_o - G_2) \right|^2 \Phi_u(\omega) d\omega \\
&\quad + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{|\Delta H|^2}{|H_1|^2 |H_2|^2} |H_o|^2 \lambda^2 d\omega = 0
\end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow Both integrals = 0

$$\Rightarrow \frac{|\Delta H|^2}{|H_1|^2 |H_2|^2} |H_o|^2 \lambda^2 = 0 \quad \text{But } H_o \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |\Delta H|^2 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad H_1 = H_2 \quad \text{a.e.}$$

(Comment: Richness of noise guarantees $H_1 = H_2$).

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{H_1^2} |\Delta G|^2 \Phi_u(\omega) = 0 \quad \text{a.e.}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \bar{E}(\Delta \varepsilon)^2 = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \begin{cases} H_1 = H_2 (e^{i\omega}) \\ |\Delta G|^2 \Phi_u(\omega) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Informativity \Leftrightarrow Persistence of excitation w.r. to \mathbf{G} .

Assumptions

Def: m is uniformly stable if the family of filters

$$\left\{ W(q, \theta), \Psi(q, \theta), \frac{d}{d\theta} \Psi(q, \theta) \right\} \text{ is uniformly stable.}$$

More assumptions:

- 1) Model structure is uniformly stable.
- 2) $V_N''(\theta) \triangleq$ The Hessian is non-singular, at least locally around $\min_{\theta} V(\theta)$.
- 3) Data is informative.

Analysis of Prediction Error Methods

$$\hat{\theta}_N = \underset{\theta \in D_m}{\operatorname{argmin}} V_N(\theta, Z^N)$$

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

$$\varepsilon(t, \theta) = y(t) - W_z = (1 - W_y)y + (-W_u)u$$

It follows that:

$$\varepsilon(t, \theta) = H_5(q, \theta)w + H_6(q, \theta)e_o, \quad H_5, H_6 \text{ are uniformly stable.}$$

This is a result of uniform stability of \mathbf{W} , and the fact that y , u are generated by \mathbf{W} & e_o through stable filters.

Lemma: Let the assumptions on

- Data generation
- Uniform stability of model structure

hold. Then,

$$\sup \left\| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \varepsilon^2(t, \theta) - E\varepsilon^2(t, \theta) \right\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } N \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{w.p.1}$$

Proof: follows immediately from the basic ergodicity theorem.

Let

$$\bar{V}(\theta) = \bar{E} \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^2(t, \theta)$$

$$D_C = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta \in D_m} \bar{V}(\theta) = \left\{ \theta' \mid \theta' \in D_m, \bar{V}(\theta') = \min_{\theta} \bar{V}(\theta) \right\}$$

(all possible solutions).

Thm: Under the assumptions of the lemma,

$$\hat{\theta}_N \rightarrow D_C \quad \text{w.p.1} \quad \text{as } N \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\left(\inf_{\theta \in D_C} |\hat{\theta}_N - \theta| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{w.p.1} \quad \text{as } N \rightarrow \infty \right)$$

Proof: From previous lemma, $V_N(\theta, Z^N)$ converges to $\bar{V}(\theta)$ uniformly on D_m . The result follows immediately from this.

Example

δ : $y + a_0 y(t-1) = b_0 u(t-1) + e_0(t) c_0 e_0(t-1)$ u, e_0 are white.

Model structure m : $\hat{y} = -ay(t-1) + bu(t-1)$

$$\theta = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

Previously, we have computed all the expectations for

$$\hat{\theta}_N = \operatorname{argmin} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N |y - \hat{y}(t)|^2 \quad (\text{Least Squares})$$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{V}(\theta) &= \bar{E}\varepsilon^2(t, \theta) = \bar{E}(y(t) + ay(t-1) - bu(t-1))^2 \\ &= r_o(1 + a^2 - 2aa_o) + b^2 - 2bb_o + 2ac_o\end{aligned}$$

$$\& \quad r_o = Ey^2 = \frac{b_o^2 + c_o(c_o - a_o) - a_o c_o + 1}{1 - a_o^2}$$

The values $\begin{cases} \hat{a} = a_o - \frac{c_o}{r_o} \\ \hat{b} = b_o \end{cases}$ minimize $\bar{V}(\theta)$

$$\bar{V}(\hat{\theta}) = 1 + c_o^2 - \frac{c_o^2}{r_o}$$

which is smaller than the variance for θ_o

$$\bar{V}(\hat{\theta}_o) = 1 + c_o^2.$$

Of course, the estimate depends on the input.

Example

$$\delta : \quad y(t) = b_o u(t-1) + e_o(t)$$

$$u(t) = d_o u(t-1) + \omega(t) \quad e_o, \omega \text{ are indep.}$$

$$\text{Model structure:} \quad \hat{y}(t, \theta) = bu(t-2) \quad , \quad \theta = b.$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(y(t) - bu(t-2))^2 &= E(b_o u(t-1) - bu(t-2))^2 + E e_o^2 \\ &= E((b_o d_o - b)u(t-2) + b_o \omega(t-1))^2 + 1 \\ &= \frac{(b_o d_o - b)^2}{1 - d_o^2} + b_o^2 + 1. \end{aligned}$$

$$\operatorname{argmin}_b \bar{V}(\theta) = b_o d_o$$

equiv. $\hat{b}_N \rightarrow b_o d_o$ as $N \rightarrow \infty$

$$\bar{V}(\hat{\theta}_N = \hat{b}_N) = 1 + b_o^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{y}(t) = b_o d_o u(t - 2)$$

If u is white, i.e., $d_o = 0$, then

$$\hat{y}(t) = 0$$

Consistency & Convergence

Theorem: Assume that

- a) Z^∞ is informative enough w.r.to m
- b) $\delta \in m$ (equiv. $D_T \neq \phi$)

Then,

- 1) $D_C \stackrel{\hat{}}{=} \{\theta = \underset{\theta \in D_m}{\operatorname{argmin}} \bar{V}(\theta)\} = D_T$
- 2) If the model structure is globally identifiable at θ_o , then
$$D_C = D_T = \{\theta_o\}$$
- 3) $G(e^{i\omega}, \hat{\theta}_N) \rightarrow G_o(e^{i\omega})$, $H(e^{i\omega}, \hat{\theta}_N) \rightarrow H_o(e^{i\omega})$
w.p.1 as $N \rightarrow \infty$

Proof: To gain intuition we will prove the open loop case 1st and then the closed loop.

Case I Open Loop experiment. This implies that $u(t)$ & $e(t)$ are indep.

Recall: $\varepsilon(t, \theta) = y - \hat{y}(t, \theta)$

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

$$= H^{-1}(q, \theta)[G - G(q, \theta)]u + H^{-1}(q, \theta)H(q)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{E}(\varepsilon^2(t, \theta)) &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left| \frac{1}{H(e^{i\omega}, \theta)} \right|^2 |G(e^{i\omega}) - G(e^{i\omega}, \theta)|^2 \Phi_u(\omega) d\omega \\ &\quad + \int |1 - H^{-1}(e^{i\omega}, \theta)H(e^{i\omega})|^2 \lambda^2 d\omega + \lambda^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left(H^{-1}(q, \theta) H(q) = e(t) + \left(1 - H^{-1}(q, \theta) H(q) \right) e \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{E} \left(\varepsilon^2(t, \theta) \right) \geq \lambda^2$$

Equality holds if $1 - H^{-1}(e^{i\omega}, \theta) H(e^{i\omega}) = 0$

$$\& \quad \left| G(e^{i\omega}) - G(e^{i\omega}, \theta) \right|^2 \Phi_u(\omega) = 0$$

If u is p.e. of order $n_b + n_f - 1 \Rightarrow G(e^{i\omega, \theta}) = G(e^{i\omega})$

$$\Rightarrow \min_{\theta} \bar{E} \varepsilon^2(t, \theta) = \lambda^2$$

and all solutions satisfy $\hat{\theta} \in D_T$.

Case II: Closed loop experiment. Then u & e are not independent.

You can write

$$\bar{V}(\theta) - \bar{V}(\theta_o) = E((\varepsilon(t, \theta) - \varepsilon(t, \theta_o))\varepsilon(t, \theta_o)) + \frac{1}{2}E((\varepsilon(t, \theta) - \varepsilon(t, \theta_o))^2)$$

Notice that

$\varepsilon(t, \theta) - \varepsilon(t, \theta_o)$ is indep of $\varepsilon(t, \theta_o) = e_o$

$$\bar{E}(\varepsilon(t, \theta) - \varepsilon(t, \theta_o))^2 = E(\Delta E)^2 > 0$$

if $\theta \neq \theta_o$ & Z^∞ is informative.

$\Rightarrow \theta = \theta_o$ is the minimizer(s) ($\hat{\theta} \in D_T$).

Independently Parametrized Set

$$m : \quad y(t) = G(q, p)u + H(q, \eta)e \quad , \quad \theta = \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ \eta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D_G = \{\rho | G(q, \rho) = G_o\} \neq \phi$$

No assumptions are made on the noise model

Z^∞ is informative (eq. u is p.e.)

$$\hat{\theta}_N = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\rho}_N \\ \hat{q}_N \end{bmatrix} \text{ is the estimate.}$$

$$\theta \in D_m$$

Thm: $\hat{\rho}_N \rightarrow D_G$.

Proof:
$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon(t, \theta) &= H^{-1}(q, \eta)[y(t) - G(q, \rho)u] \\ &= H^{-1}(q, \eta)[(G_o - G(q, \rho))u + H_o e] \\ &= u_F(t, \eta, \rho) + e_F(t, \eta)\end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{V}(\theta) = \bar{E} \left(\varepsilon^2(t, \theta) \right) = \bar{E} u_F^2 + \bar{E} e_F^2 \geq \bar{E} e_F^2$$

$$\min_{\theta} \bar{V}(\theta) = \min_{e, \eta} \left(\bar{E} u_F^2 + E e_F^2 \right).$$

$$|G_o - G(q, \rho)|^2 \Phi_u = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad G(q, \rho) = G_o \quad \Rightarrow \quad \rho \in D_G$$

Frequency Domain Interpretation of the Limit

$$\bar{V}(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \bar{E} \varepsilon^2 = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \Phi_{\varepsilon}(\omega, \theta) d\omega$$

$$\varepsilon(t, \theta) = H^{-1}(q, \theta)[(G_o - G)u + v_o] \quad v_o = H_o e$$

$$\Phi_{\varepsilon}(\omega, \theta) = \frac{|G_o - G(e^{i\omega}, \theta)|^2 \Phi_u(\omega) + \Phi_{v_o}}{|H(e^{i\omega}, \theta)|^2}$$

$$\bar{V}(\theta) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{|G_o - G(e^{i\omega}, \theta)|^2 \Phi_u(\omega) + \Phi_{v_o}}{|H(e^{i\omega}, \theta)|^2} d\omega$$

Case I: Suppose $H(e^{i\omega}, \theta) = H^*(e^{i\omega}) = \text{fixed}$

$$\text{argmin } \bar{V}(\theta) = \text{argmin } \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{|G_o - G(e^{i\omega}, \theta)|^2 \Phi_u(\omega)}{|H^*(e^{i\omega}, \theta)|^2} d\omega$$

Best approx. of G_o , with a weight given by the signal to noise ratio.

Case II: Independently parametrized set

If $\theta^* = \begin{bmatrix} \rho^* \\ \eta^* \end{bmatrix}$ is a minimizer, then

$$\rho^* = \text{argmin } \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{|G_o - G(e^{i\omega}, \rho)|^2 \Phi_u(\omega)}{|H^*(e^{i\omega}, \eta^*)|^2} d\omega$$

$$\eta^* = \operatorname{argmin} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\Phi_{ER}(\omega, \rho^*)}{|H^*(e^{i\omega}, \eta)|^2} d\omega$$

where $\Phi_{ER}(\omega, \rho^*) = \text{spectrum } y - G(q, \rho^*)u$

$$= |G_o(e^{i\omega}) - G(e^{i\omega}, \rho^*)| \Phi_u + \Phi_v(\omega)$$

(re-write) $= \lambda^* |N(\omega, \rho^*)|^2$ (spectral fact.)

$$\frac{\Phi_{ER}(\omega, \rho^*)}{|H^*(e^{i\omega}, \eta)|^2} = \lambda^* \left| 1 + \frac{N(\omega, \rho^*) - H(e^{i\omega}, \eta)}{H(e^{i\omega}, \eta)} \right|^2$$

$$= \lambda^* \left[1 + |R(e^{i\omega}, \eta)|^2 + R(e^{i\omega}, \eta) + \bar{R}(e^{i\omega}, \eta) \right]$$

with $R = \frac{N(\omega, \rho^*) - H(e^{i\omega}, \eta)}{H(e^{i\omega}, \eta)}$

Since both \mathbf{N} & \mathbf{H} are monic, H^{-1} is stable. Then,

$$R = \sum_{k>1} r(k)e^{-i\omega k} \quad \& \quad r(0) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} R(\omega, \eta) d\omega \equiv 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{\Phi_{ER}(\omega, \rho^*)}{|H(e^{i\omega}, \eta)|^2} = \int \lambda^* \left[1 + |R(e^{i\omega}, \eta)|^2 \right] d\omega$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \eta^* &= \operatorname{argmin} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \lambda^* |R(e^{i\omega}, \eta)|^2 d\omega \\ &= \operatorname{argmin} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \lambda^* \left| \frac{1}{N(e^{i\omega}, \rho^*)} - \frac{1}{H(e^{i\omega}, \eta)} \right|^2 \Phi_{ER}(\omega, \rho^*) d\omega \end{aligned}$$

η^* is chosen such that $\frac{1}{H(e^{i\omega}, \eta)}$ resembles $\frac{1}{N(e^{i\omega}, \rho^*)}$; the inverse of the spectral factor of Φ_{ER} .

Equivalently, $H(e^{i\omega}, \eta)$ approximates the spectral factor of the error spectrum in the class of admissible \mathbf{H} 's.