

**Final Exam SCE2202  
System identification and optimal  
estimation**

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The final exam consists of: 4 tasks.  
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## Task 1 (20%): Prediction error methods

A Kalman filter on innovations form for a linear discrete time system is given by

$$\bar{x}_{k+1} = A\bar{x}_k + Bu_k + Ke_k, \quad (1)$$

$$y_k = D\bar{x}_k + Eu_k + e_k \quad (2)$$

where  $\bar{x}_k$  is the predicted state,  $\bar{x}_1$  is the initial state,  $y_k \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is the measurement vector and  $e_k$  is the innovations process.

We will assume that the following input and output data are known

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u_k \\ y_k \end{array} \right\} \forall k = 1, \dots, N \quad (3)$$

- a) Write down a Kalman filter on prediction form, i.e. the filter used to compute the predicted measurement,  $\bar{y}_k$ , of the measurement  $y_k$ .

The point with the prediction form is to use it in a prediction error method for system identification.

Tips: the prediction form is a reformulation of the above innovations form which can be used to compute (simulate) the predicted outputs  $\bar{y}_k$  based on the model matrices as well as the known input and output data  $u_k$  and  $y_k$ .

b)

- What is the meaning of a parameter vector,  $\theta$ ?
- Give an example of the relationship between the parameter vector  $\theta$  and the prediction formulation of a Kalman filter for a single output dynamic system with  $n = 3$  states.
- How many parameters,  $p$ , is it in this parameter vector,  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^p$  ?

c) Define the prediction error,  $\varepsilon_k$ , as a function of  $y_k$  and  $\bar{y}_k$ .

d) Define and answer the following questions:

- What is a prediction error criterion,  $V_N(\theta)$ .
- Give an example of a prediction error criterion for both a single output system ( $m = 1$ ) and a multiple output system ( $m > 1$ ).
- Describe how the optimal parameter estimate,  $\hat{\theta}_N$ , can be computed.

## Task 2 (20%): Ordinary Least Squares method and recursive system identification

a) Given a system

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{k+1}^1 \\ x_{k+1}^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ a_1 & a_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_k^1 \\ x_k^2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} u_k \quad (4)$$

$$y_k = [1 \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} x_k^1 \\ x_k^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

Show that the above model can be written as a linear regression model of the form

$$y_k = \varphi_k^T \theta_0 \quad (6)$$

In particular, define the regression vector,  $\varphi_k$ , and the parameter vector,  $\theta_0$ .

b)

- Based on the regression model in step a) above, find a predictor,  $\bar{y}_k(\theta)$ , for the measurement  $y_k$ .
- Define the prediction error,  $\varepsilon_k$ .

c) Consider the following prediction error criterion

$$V_N(\theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \varepsilon_k^T \Lambda \varepsilon_k \quad (7)$$

where  $\Lambda$  is a specified and symmetric weighting matrix.

Find the Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) estimate,  $\hat{\theta}_N$ , of the true parameter vector  $\theta_0$ .

d) Based on the OLS solution in step c) above, show how we can develop a recursive Ordinary Least Squares (ROLS) method of the following form

$$\hat{\theta}_t = \hat{\theta}_{t-1} + K_t(y_t - \varphi_t^T \hat{\theta}_{t-1}) \quad (8)$$

You shall in particular find equations for computing the gain,  $K_t$ , in Equation (8).

## Task 3 (15%): Model structures

a) Given a polynomial model

$$A(q)y_k = B(q)u_k + C(q)e_k \quad (9)$$

where  $A(q)$ ,  $B(q)$  and  $C(q)$  are polynomials in  $q^{-1}$ .

What is the common name for this model structure?

b) Write down the structure of an ARX model, in the same form as in Equation (9).

c) Write down the structure of an OE model, in the same form as in Equation (9).

d) Write the following state space model, i.e.,

$$x_{k+1} = ax_k + bu_k + ke_k, \quad (10)$$

$$y_k = x_k + 2u_k + e_k. \quad (11)$$

on polynomial form as in Equation (9) and specify the necessary polynomials  $A(q)$ ,  $B(q)$ , ... etc.

- What is the common name of the resulting polynomial model?
- For which value of the parameter  $k$  will this model become an ARX model?
- For which value of the parameter  $k$  will this model become an OE model?

Note that  $q^{-1}$  is the backward shift operator such that  $q^{-1}y_k = y_{k-1}$ .

## Task 4 (15%): Various questions

- a) Given a system modelled by the following Finite Impulse Response (FIR) model

$$y_k = h_1 u_{k-1} + h_2 u_{k-2} + h_3 u_{k-3} + h_4 u_{k-4} + w_k \quad (12)$$

where  $w_k$  is measurements noise assumed to be white. The impulse responses are assumed to be given by

$$h_i = DA^{i-1}B \quad \forall i = 1, 2, 3, 4 \quad (13)$$

Assume also that a series of input and output data are collected, i.e. the following data are known

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u_k \\ y_k \end{array} \right\} \quad \forall k = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (14)$$

- Show how the FIR model can be formulated as a matrix model

$$Y = XB + E \quad (15)$$

- Show how the impulse responses in (13) can be computed/estimated by the Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) method.

- b) You should in this sub task find a state space model realization, i.e., obtain the state space model matrices  $(A, B, D)$ , from the known impulse responses in (13), by using Hankel matrix realization theory. I.e. answer the following:

- Write up the Hankel matrices  $\mathbf{H}_{1|L}$  and  $\mathbf{H}_{2|L}$  where you should use  $L = 2$ .
- Show how you can find the system order,  $n$ , the extended observability matrix  $O_L$  and the extended controllability matrix  $C_L$  from a Singular Value decomposition (SVD) of  $\mathbf{H}_{1|L}$ .
- Show how the  $D$  and  $B$  matrices can be found.
- Show how the  $A$  matrix can be found.

- c) Given a system modelled by a discrete time, state space model as follows

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k + v_k, \quad (16)$$

$$y_k = Dx_k + Eu_k + w_k, \quad (17)$$

where  $v_k$  is white process noise and  $w_k$  is white measurements noise.

- Write down a Kalman filter on apriori-aposteriori form for optimal estimation of the state vector  $x_k$ .
- Show how the apriori-aposteriori formulation of the Kalman filter can be written as a Kalman filter on innovations form.