

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

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## Task 1 (20%): Diverse questions

- a) Given a 1st order system (ie. a system with one state)

$$x_{k+1} = \theta_1 x_k + \theta_2 u_k + \theta_1 e_k, \quad (1)$$

$$y_k = x_k + e_k, \quad (2)$$

where  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are unknown parameters and  $e_k$  is white noise.

Find a linear regression model of the form

$$y_k = \varphi_k^T \theta + e_k. \quad (3)$$

Define the parameter vector  $\theta$  and the vector  $\varphi_k$  of regressors.

- b) Consider there is a relationship between a variable  $y_k$  and the time  $t_k$  where  $k = 1, \dots, N$  is discrete time.

Assume the following polynomial relationship between  $y_k$  and  $t_k$

$$y_k = a_0 + a_1 t_k + a_2 t_k^2 + e_k \quad (4)$$

where  $a_0$ ,  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  are constant parameters and  $e_k$  is some equation error.

- Find a linear regression model of the form

$$y_k = \varphi_k^T \theta + e_k. \quad (5)$$

Define the parameter vector  $\theta$  and the vector  $\varphi_k$  of regressors.

- From the known data  $(y_k, t_k)$  formulate a linear matrix model

$$Y = XB + E. \quad (6)$$

Define the matrices  $Y$ ,  $X$ ,  $E$  and  $B$ .

- Find an expression of the OLS estimate  $B_{OLS}$  of  $B$  ?

- c) Assume known impulse responses

$$H_k = DA^{k-1}B \quad \forall k = 1, \dots, 8. \quad (7)$$

Answer the following:

- Write up the Hankel matrices  $\mathbf{H}_{1|L}$  and  $\mathbf{H}_{2|L}$  where you should use  $L = 3$ .
- Show how you can find the system order,  $n$ , the extended observability matrix  $O_L$  and the extended controllability matrix  $C_J$  from a Singular Value decomposition (SVD) of  $\mathbf{H}_{1|L}$ .

- How are  $\mathbf{H}_{1|L}$  and  $\mathbf{H}_{2|L}$  related to  $O_L$  and  $C_J$  ?
- Describe how the corresponding model matrices  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $D$  may be identified/calculated !

d) Assume that we have identified a linear state space model of the form

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k \quad (8)$$

$$y_k = Dx_k \quad (9)$$

from some known data matrices  $Y$  and  $U$  by some method, say the DSR method.

- Define the extended observability matrix  $O_L$  of the system in (8) and (9)?

Assume now that based on a non-linear model description of the true physical process we have obtained a known linearized state space model of the form

$$x_{k+1}^p = A_p x_k^p + B_p u_k \quad (10)$$

$$y_k = D_p x_k^p \quad (11)$$

where  $x_k^p$  represents the physical states and  $A_p$ ,  $B_p$  and  $D_p$  are the model matrices in the physical model (10) and (11).

- Define the extended observability matrix  $O_L^p$  for the physical system/model (10) and (11)? How may we check that the state vector  $x_k^p$  are observable ?
- Assume the relationship  $x_k = T x_k^p$  between the state vector  $x_k$  in the identified model (8) and (9) and  $x_k^p$  in the physical model (10) and (11).

How can we find the transformation matrix  $T$  ? Tips: Use that the observability matrix of the identified model and the physical model are equal.

- How can we transform the identified model (8) and (9) to an equivalent model with physical state representation, i.e. as a model represented with the physical state vector  $x_k^p$  ?

## Task 2 (10%): Ordinary Least Squares method

a) Consider a general ARX process

$$y_k = \frac{B(q)}{A(q)}u_k + \frac{e_k}{A(q)} \quad (12)$$

where  $e_k$  is white noise uncorrelated with  $u_k$ .  $A(q)$  and  $B(q)$  are polynomials in the shift operator  $q^{-1}$  such that e.g.  $q^{-1}y_k = y_{k-1}$  and given by

$$A(q) = 1 + a_1q^{-1} + a_2q^{-2} + \dots + a_{n_a}q^{-n_a}, \quad (13)$$

$$B(q) = b_1q^{-1} + b_2q^{-2} + \dots + b_{n_b}q^{-n_b}, \quad (14)$$

and where  $n_a$  and  $n_b$  are the order of the polynomials.

- Write the ARX model as a linear regression model of the form

$$y_k = \varphi_k^T \theta_0 + e_k \quad (15)$$

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

- Based on the regression model in Eq. (15) above, find a predictor,  $\bar{y}_k(\theta)$ , for the measurement  $y_k$ .
- Define the prediction error,  $\varepsilon_k$ .

b) Consider the following prediction error criterion

$$V_N(\theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \varepsilon_k^T \Lambda \varepsilon_k \quad (16)$$

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

- Find the Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) estimate,  $\hat{\theta}_N$ , of the true parameter vector  $\theta_0$ .
- Does there exist an optimal weighting matrix  $\Lambda$  ? If so, what is the name of the corresponding estimate ?

### Task 3 (15%): Recursive system identification

- a) Assume given  $t$  observations of a variable, say  $y_k \forall k = 1, \dots, t$ . The mean after  $t$  observations is given by

$$\bar{y}_t = \frac{1}{t} \sum_{k=1}^t y_k. \quad (17)$$

Find a recursive formula for calculating the mean ?

- b) Assume that the observations  $y_k$  as given in Task 3 a) above can be expressed as

$$y_k = \theta + e_k, \quad (18)$$

where  $\theta$  is a constant and  $e_k$  is a disturbance.

Find a recursive algorithm/formula for calculating an estimate  $\hat{\theta}$  of  $\theta$  ?

- c) Based on the OLS solution in Task 2 above, show how we can develop a recursive Ordinary Least Squares (ROLS) method of the following form

$$\hat{\theta}_t = \hat{\theta}_{t-1} + K_t(y_t - \varphi_t^T \hat{\theta}_{t-1}). \quad (19)$$

You shall in particular find equations for computing the gain,  $K_t$ , in Equation (19).

### Task 4 (5%): The Kalman filter

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

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k + v_k, \quad (20)$$

$$y_k = Dx_k + Eu_k + w_k, \quad (21)$$

where  $v_k$  is white process noise and  $w_k$  is white measurements noise. Assume that the noise are uncorrelated, i.e.  $E(v_k w_k^T) = 0$ .

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

- Write down the Kalman-filter on prediction form for the system in Eqs. (20) and (21) ? Remark: The Kalman filter on prediction form is often used to calculate a prediction  $\bar{y}_k$  of the output  $y_k$  and used in prediction error methods for system identification.

b) Given a non-linear system

$$x_{k+1} = f(x_k, u_k) + v_k, \quad (22)$$

$$y_k = g(x_k) + w_k, \quad (23)$$

where  $v_k$  and  $w_k$  are discrete white process noise and discrete white measurements noise, respectively.

Formulate the Kalman filter on a priori-a posteriori form for the non-linear system model in Eqs. (22) and (23).

## Task 5 (15%): Subspace System Identification of Deterministic Systems: Using shift invariance principle

Consider the discrete time deterministic model, ie.

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k, \quad (24)$$

$$y_k = Dx_k + Eu_k, \quad (25)$$

where the following output and input data matrices are known

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} y_0^T \\ y_1^T \\ \vdots \\ y_{N-1}^T \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times m}, \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} u_0^T \\ u_1^T \\ \vdots \\ u_{N-1}^T \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times r}. \quad (26)$$

- a) Based on the model in Eqs. (24) and (25) and with known data as given in (26) we can develop the following matrix equation

$$Y_{0|L+1} = O_{L+1}X_0 + H_{L+1}^d U_{0|L+g}, \quad (27)$$

where  $L \geq 1$  is a user specified positive integer parameter.

Write down the structure of the matrices in the matrix Eq. (27), with parameters  $N = 12$ ,  $L = 2$  and  $g = 0$ .

- b) By using the known input-output data (26) and Eq. (27) we may formulate the projected equation

$$Z_{0|L+1} = O_{L+1}X_0^a \quad (28)$$

Find expressions for the data matrix  $Z_{0|L+1}$ .

Remark: define the projections which is involved in the expressions for  $Z_{0|L+1}$ .

- c) Show how
- the system order,  $n$
  - the extended observability matrix  $O_{L+1}$
  - the system matrices  $A$  and  $D$

can be estimated.

## Task 6 (5%): Subspace System Identification: Combined Systems with feedback in the data

Consider the discrete time model on innovations form, ie.

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k + Ce_k, \quad (29)$$

$$y_k = Dx_k + Fe_k \quad (30)$$

where  $e_k$  is white noise with unit covariance matrix, i.e.,  $E(e_k e_k^T) = I$  and where the following output and input data matrices are known

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} y_0^T \\ y_1^T \\ \vdots \\ y_{N-1}^T \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times m}, \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} u_0^T \\ u_1^T \\ \vdots \\ u_{N-1}^T \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times r}. \quad (31)$$

Consider that the known input and output data as given in (31) are collected in closed loop, i.e., we assume that there is feedback in the known data.

- a)

From Eq. (30) we may define the matrix Equation

$$Y_{J|1} = DX_{J|1} + FE_{J|1} \quad (32)$$

- Define the data matrices  $Y_{J|1}$ ,  $X_{J|1}$  and  $E_{J|1}$ .
- When  $J \rightarrow \infty$  we can prove that the following identity holds

$$X_{J|1} = X_{J|1} / \begin{bmatrix} U_{0|J} \\ Y_{0|J} \end{bmatrix} \quad (33)$$

Use (33) and (32) to find a projection

$$Z_{J|1}^s = FE_{J|1} \quad (34)$$

such that the innovations sequence

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{J|1}^s &= [ Fe_J \quad Fe_{J+1} \quad \dots \quad Fe_{N-1} ] \\ &= [ \varepsilon_J \quad \varepsilon_{J+1} \quad \dots \quad \varepsilon_{N-1} ] \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

could be identified.

- Explain how this projection can be used in order to develop a subspace identification algorithm for closed loop systems.