

**Mandatory Exercise 1**  
IIA2217 System Identification and Optimal  
Estimation

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## Task: Diverse Questions

Answer the following:

- a) Define the term **System Identification** ?
- b) What is: a **Kalman filter**
- c) Consider a discrete time system with input  $u_k$  and output  $y_k$  where  $k = 0, 1, \dots$  is discrete time. Answer the following:
  - Propose a linear state space model for the system.
  - Define the system gain.
  - Define the impulse response matrices ?
- d) Given three equations  $3 = a + b$ ,  $4 = 2a + b$  and  $5 = 3a + b$  and two unknown parameters  $a$  and  $b$ .
  - Is it possible to calculate  $a$  and  $b$  ?
  - If so, find estimates of  $a$  and  $b$  !
  - Comment upon the solution.

Tips: Formulate the equations into the linear regression model  $Y = XB$  where the coefficients  $a$  and  $b$  are stacked in

$$\overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}}^Y = \overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}^X \overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}}^B \quad (1)$$

- e) Some useful theory about orthogonal projections is defined in the following Lemma !

### Lemma 0.1

Consider given a linear matrix equation

$$Y = \Theta Z \quad (2)$$

where  $Y$  and  $Z$  are two known matrices of appropriate dimensions.

Then, the following projection holds

$$Y/Z = Y, \quad (3)$$

where the / (slash) projection operator is defined as

$$Y/Z = Y Z^T (Z Z^T)^* Z, \quad (4)$$

where  $(Z Z^T)^*$  is the pseudo inverse of matrix  $Z Z^T$ . Furthermore  $(Z Z^T)^* = (Z Z^T)^{-1}$  if the indicated inverse exists.

**Proof 0.1 (Proof of Lemma 0.1)** We have

$$Y/Z = \Theta \overbrace{Z/Z}^Z = \Theta Z = Y. \quad (5)$$

### Questions:

- Find the ordinary Least squares (OLS) estimate of  $\Theta$  ?
  - What is the OLS prediction  $\bar{Y}$  of  $Y$  ?
- f) Given an autonomous system described by the innovations form state space model

$$x_{k+1} = A x_k, \quad (6)$$

$$y_k = D x_k, \quad (7)$$

where  $x_k$  is the  $n$  dimensional state vector.

Assume a known sequence of  $N$  output observations

$$y_k \quad \forall k = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1 \quad (8)$$

are known.

- How may we identify the model matrices  $A$ ,  $D$  and the initial state vector  $x_0$ , including the system order  $n$  ?
- Tips: Task 1 in the note with exercises/tasks !