

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) Give an example of an : **Optimal state estimator**. Why is the estimator optimal?
- 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 dynamic state space model for the system.
 - Define the impulse response matrices ?
- d) Given three equations $1 = a + b$, $4 = 2a + b$ 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 a vector B . We have

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

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 Θ ?
 - What is the OLS prediction \bar{Y} of Y ?
 - Sketch an (x,y) diagram of the projections ? Tips: Similar as in Ch4.5 lecture notes.
- f) Given a general system described by the combined deterministic and stochastic system state space model on innovations form model

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

$$y_k = D x_k + E u_k + F e_k, \quad (7)$$

where x_k is the n dimensional predicted state vector.

Assume a known sequence of N input and output observations

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

are known.

- How may we identify the system order n and the extended observability matrix O_L , as well as the model matrices A, D . Tips: Find the projection matrix $Z_{J|L} = O_L X_J^a$ where X_J^a is a projected predicted state vector, and use the Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) of the matrix $Z_{J|L}$ in order to identify n and the extended observability matrix O_L .