DYSCO course on low-rank approximation and its applications

System identification

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First is the data ...



Line fitting (linear static model)

 w^1, \ldots, w^N — data points

(the order is not important)



Time series data (dynamic model)



Summary: data



• the data is a set $w = \{w^1, \dots, w^N\}$

• of vector valued
$$w^k = \begin{bmatrix} w_1^k \\ \vdots \\ w_q^k \end{bmatrix}$$

- ▶ time series w_i^k = (w_i^k(1),...,w_i^k(T_k))
 N # of repeated experiments
 q # of variables
 T_k # of time samples in the kth exp.
- in static problems, $T_1 = \cdots = T_N = 1$

Next is the model class



Line fitting (linear static model)

- *𝔅* − model: line through the origin
- model class: all lines through the origin



Conic section fitting (quadratic static model)

- model: conic section
- model class: all conic sections



Classical definition of dynamical model

- data model — approx.
- dynamical model is signal processor

$$\widehat{u} \longrightarrow \mathsf{model} \longrightarrow \widehat{y}$$



- specified by a map $\hat{y} = f(\hat{u})$
- "state space model", "transfer function model", ...
- however, lines and conic sections may not be graphs

• *e.g.*,
$$\xrightarrow{\uparrow}$$
, $\xrightarrow{\uparrow}$ can't be represented by $f: \widehat{u} \mapsto \widehat{y}$

Behavioral definition of model

a model is a subset

$$\mathscr{B} = \left\{ \, \widehat{w} \mid g(\widehat{w}) = 0 \, \text{holds} \, \right\}$$

represented by an implicit function g



- in the static case, $g(\widehat{w}) = 0$ is algebraic equation
- ▶ in the dynamic case, $g(\hat{w}) = 0$ is difference equation

•
$$\widehat{w} = \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{u} \\ \widehat{y} \end{bmatrix}$$
, $\widehat{y} = f(\widehat{u})$ is a special case of $g(\widehat{w}) = 0$
 $(g(\widehat{u}, \widehat{y}) = \widehat{y} - f(\widehat{u}))$

Summary: model



three data modeling examples:

problemmodelline fittingstatic linearconic section fittingstatic nonlinearsystem identificationdynamic

two definitions of a model:

classical	behavioral
map $\widehat{y} = f(\widehat{u})$	set { $\widehat{w} \mid g(\widehat{w}) = 0$ }
f — function	g — relation

the classical one can not deal with all examples

Finally, the approximation criterion ...



Exact model

$$w \subset \mathscr{B} \iff w^1, \dots, w^N \in \mathscr{B}$$

 $\iff : "w \text{ is exact data of } \mathscr{B}"$

two well known exact modeling problems

- realization: LTI model class, impulse resp. data
- interpolation: static nonlinear model class



$$\mathscr{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{u} \\ \widehat{y} \end{bmatrix} \mid \widehat{y} = f(\widehat{u}) \right\}$$

f is 8th order polynomial

Exact 3rd order nonlinear static models

$$\mathscr{B} = \left\{ \left[\begin{array}{c} \widehat{w}_1 \\ \widehat{w}_2 \end{array} \right] \mid g(\widehat{w}_1, \widehat{w}_2) = 0 \right\}$$

g is 3rd order polynomial in \widehat{w}_1 , \widehat{w}_2



Ordinary least squares





Total least squares





Linear static case







$$\widehat{w} = (\widehat{u}, \widehat{y})$$
 approximates $w = (u, y)$

ordinary least squares

$$\min_{\widehat{e},\theta} \|\widehat{e}\|_2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \underbrace{u\theta = y + \widehat{e}}_{(\widehat{e},u,y) \subset \mathscr{B}_{\mathsf{ext}}(\theta)}$$

 \hat{e} is unobserved (latent) input



Approximation criteria

Misfit approach:

modify w as little as possible, so that \widehat{w} is exact

 $\| \boldsymbol{w} - \widehat{\boldsymbol{w}} \|$ is the misfit criterion

Latency approach:

augment \mathscr{B} by as small as possible e, so that (e, w) is exact

 $\|e\|$ is the latency criterion

Deterministic vs stochastic setting



Misfit and latency in the stochastic setting







 $\widetilde{u}, \widetilde{y}$ — measurement errors

$$\min_{\widehat{\boldsymbol{w}} \subset \mathscr{B}} \| \boldsymbol{w} - \widehat{\boldsymbol{w}} \|$$

$$\mathscr{B} := \left\{ \left\lfloor \widehat{\hat{y}} \\ \widehat{\hat{y}} \right\rfloor \mid \widehat{y} = \widehat{G}\widehat{u} \right\}$$

ARMAX ↔ latency



e — disturbance

$$\begin{array}{c} \min_{(\widehat{e},w)\subset\mathscr{B}_{\mathsf{ext}}} \|\widehat{e}\| \\ \mathscr{B}_{\mathsf{ext}} := \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{e} \\ u \\ y \end{bmatrix} \mid y = [\widehat{H} \ \widehat{G}] \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{e} \\ u \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Summary: approximation criterion





• TLS \leftrightarrow misfit \leftrightarrow errors-in-variables

$$\min_{\widehat{\boldsymbol{w}} \subset \mathscr{B}} \|\boldsymbol{w} - \widehat{\boldsymbol{w}}\| \quad \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{projection} \\ \text{of } \boldsymbol{w} \text{ on } \mathscr{B} \end{array}\right)$$

• OLS \leftrightarrow latency \leftrightarrow ARMAX

 $\min_{(\widehat{e},w)\in\mathscr{B}_{\mathsf{ext}}} \|\widehat{e}\|$



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A general problem



the aim is to obtain "simple" and "accurate" model:

"accurate" \rightarrow min. error($w, \widehat{\mathscr{B}}$) = misfit/latency "simple" \rightarrow Occam's razor principle: among equally accurate models, choose the simplest

Model complexity

simple models are small models

 $\mathscr{B}_1 \subset \mathscr{B}_2 \implies \mathscr{B}_1 \text{ is simpler than } \mathscr{B}_2$

- nonlinear model complexity is an open problem
- in the linear time-invariant case, \mathscr{B} is a subspace

size of the model = dimension of \mathscr{B}

however, models with inputs are infinite dimensional

Linear time-invariant model's complexity

• restriction of \mathscr{B} on an interval [1, T]

$$\begin{aligned} \mathscr{B}|_{\mathcal{T}} &= \{ \, \textit{w} = \big(\textit{w}(1), \dots, \textit{w}(\mathcal{T})\big) \mid \exists \ \textit{w}_{p}, \textit{w}_{f}, \\ \text{such that} \ (\textit{w}_{p}, \textit{w}, \textit{w}_{f}) \in \mathscr{B} \, \} \end{aligned}$$

► for sufficiently large T

$$dim(\mathscr{B}|_{\mathcal{T}}) = (\texttt{\# of inputs}) \cdot \mathcal{T} + (order)$$
$$complexity(\mathscr{B}) = \begin{bmatrix} m \\ \ell \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \texttt{\# of inputs}$$
$$\rightarrow order or lag$$

• $\mathscr{L}_{m,\ell}$ — set of LTI systems of bounded complexity

Complexity selection

 if m is given and fixed, choosing the complexity is an order selection problem

 in general, choosing the complexity involves order selection and input selection

illustrated next on the example from the introduction





 $\texttt{m}=\textbf{0},\,\ell=\textbf{0}\implies \mathscr{B}=\{\,\textbf{0}\,\}$ is the only model



 $m = 1, \ell = 0 \implies \mathscr{B}$ is a line through 0



 $m = 1, \ell = 1 \implies \mathscr{B}$ is 1st order SISO



 $\texttt{m}=\texttt{1},\,\ell=\texttt{2}\implies\mathscr{B}\text{ is 2nd order SISO}$

Approximation error-complexity trade-off

minimize over
$$\widehat{\mathscr{B}} \in \mathscr{L}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \operatorname{error}(\boldsymbol{w}, \widehat{\mathscr{B}}) \\ \operatorname{complexity}(\widehat{\mathscr{B}}) \end{bmatrix}$$

three ways to "scalarize" the problem:

- 1. minimize over $\widehat{\mathscr{B}} \in \mathscr{L}$ error $(w, \widehat{\mathscr{B}}) + \lambda$ complexity $(\widehat{\mathscr{B}})$
- 2. minimize over $\widehat{\mathscr{B}} \in \mathscr{L}$ complexity $(\widehat{\mathscr{B}})$ subject to error $(w, \widehat{\mathscr{B}}) \leq \mu$

3. minimize over $\widehat{\mathscr{B}}$ error $(w, \widehat{\mathscr{B}})$ subject to $\widehat{\mathscr{B}} \in \mathscr{L}_{m,\ell}$

Complexity minimization with error bound

minimize over $\widehat{\mathscr{B}} \in \mathscr{L}$ complexity $(\widehat{\mathscr{B}})$ subject to error $(w, \widehat{\mathscr{B}}) \leq \mu$



Error minimization with complexity bound

minimize over $\widehat{\mathscr{B}}$ error $(w, \widehat{\mathscr{B}})$ subject to $\widehat{\mathscr{B}} \in \mathscr{L}_{m,\ell}$



Summary: error-complexity trade-off

LTI model complexity

complexity(
$$\mathscr{B}$$
) = $\begin{bmatrix} m \\ \ell \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \# \text{ of inputs}$
 $\rightarrow \text{ order or lag}$

error-complexity trade-off

minimize over
$$\widehat{\mathscr{B}} \in \mathscr{L}$$
 $\begin{bmatrix} \operatorname{error}(w, \widehat{\mathscr{B}}) \\ \operatorname{complexity}(\widehat{\mathscr{B}}) \end{bmatrix}$

- tracing all optimal solutions requires hyper parameter
 - 1. λ no physical meaning
 - 2. μ bound on the error
 - 3. (m, ℓ) bound on the complexity

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Approximate identification problem

minimize over $\widehat{\mathscr{B}}$ error($w, \widehat{\mathscr{B}}$) subject to $\widehat{\mathscr{B}} \in \mathscr{L}_{m,\ell}$

in the case error = misfit

$$\operatorname{error}(w,\widehat{\mathscr{B}}) = \min_{\widehat{w}\in\widehat{\mathscr{B}}} \|w - \widehat{w}\|$$

the problem is

minimize over
$$\widehat{\mathscr{B}}$$
, $\widehat{w} ||w - \widehat{w}|$
subject to $\widehat{w} \in \widehat{\mathscr{B}} \in \mathscr{L}_{m,\ell}$

Exact, noisy, and missing data

▶ $v_i^k(t)$ — variance of the measurement noise on $w_i^k(t)$

$$\|\boldsymbol{w} - \widehat{\boldsymbol{w}}\|_{\alpha}^{2} = \sum_{k=1}^{N} \sum_{i=1}^{q} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \alpha_{i}^{k}(t) (w_{i}^{k}(t) - \widehat{w}_{i}^{k}(t))^{2}$$



► $v_i^k(t) = \infty$ imposes equality constraint $\widehat{w}_i^k(t) = w_i^k(t)$

• $v_i^k(t) = 0$ makes $||w - \widehat{w}||_{\alpha}^2$ independent of $w_i^k(t)$

Summary: identification problem

approximate identification in the misfit setting

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & \text{over } \widehat{\mathscr{B}}, \ \widehat{w} & \|w - \widehat{w}\|_{\alpha} \\ \text{subject to} & \ \widehat{w} \in \widehat{\mathscr{B}} \in \mathscr{L}_{\mathrm{m},\ell} \end{array} \tag{SYSID}$

► element-wise weighted error criterion $\|\cdot\|_{\alpha}$ exact $w_i^k(t) \leftrightarrow \alpha_i^k(t) = \infty$ missing $w_i^k(t) \leftrightarrow \alpha_i^k(t) = 0$

Next: SYSID \leftrightarrow Hankel structured LRA

exact trajectory
$$w \in \mathscr{B} \in \mathscr{L}_{m,\ell}$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$R_0w(t) + R_1w(t+1) + \dots + R_\ell w(t+\ell) = 0$$

$$\uparrow$$
rank deficient
$$(w_1) \quad w_2) \quad \dots \quad w(T-\ell)$$

$$w(2) \quad w(3) \quad \dots \quad w(T-\ell+1)$$

$$w(3) \quad w(4) \quad \dots \quad w(T-\ell+2)$$

$$\vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots$$

$$w(\ell+1) \quad w(\ell+2) \quad \dots \quad w(T)$$

$$w \in \mathscr{B} \iff \mathscr{H}_{\ell+1}(w)$$
 rank deficient

• relation at time t = 1

$$R_0 w(1) + R_1 w(2) + \dots + R_\ell w(\ell + 1) = 0$$

▶ in matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_0 & R_1 & \cdots & R_\ell \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w(1) \\ w(2) \\ \vdots \\ w(\ell+1) \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$w \in \mathscr{B} \iff \mathscr{H}_{\ell+1}(w)$$
 rank deficient

• relation at time t = 2

$$R_0 w(2) + R_1 w(3) + \cdots + R_\ell w(\ell + 2) = 0$$

▶ in matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_0 & R_1 & \cdots & R_\ell \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w(2) \\ w(3) \\ \vdots \\ w(\ell+2) \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$w \in \mathscr{B} \iff \mathscr{H}_{\ell+1}(w)$ rank deficient

• relation at time $t = T - \ell$

 $R_0 w(T - \ell) + R_1 w(T - \ell + 1) + \dots + R_\ell w(T) = 0$

in matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_0 & R_1 & \cdots & R_\ell \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w(T-\ell) \\ w(T-\ell+1) \\ w(T-\ell+2) \\ \vdots \\ w(T) \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Putting it all together

• relation for $t = 1, \ldots, T - \ell$

$$R_0 w(t) + R_1 w(t+1) + \dots + R_\ell w(t+\ell) = 0$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} R_0 & R_1 & \cdots & R_\ell \end{bmatrix}}_{R} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} w(1) & w(2) & \cdots & w(T-\ell) \\ w(2) & w(3) & \cdots & w(T-\ell+1) \\ w(3) & w(4) & \cdots & w(T-\ell+2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ w(\ell+1) & w(\ell+2) & \cdots & w(T) \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathscr{H}_{\ell+1}(w)} = 0$$

 $w \in \mathscr{B} \iff \mathscr{H}_{\ell+1}(w)$ rank deficient

• with $R \in \mathbb{R}^{(q-m) \times q(\ell+1)}$ full row rank,

 $\operatorname{rank}\left(\mathscr{H}_{\ell+1}(w)=0
ight)\leq q\ell+{\tt m}$ (q — # of variables)

 $w \in \mathscr{B} \in \mathscr{L}_{m,\ell} \iff \operatorname{rank}(\mathscr{H}_{\ell+1}(w)) \le q\ell + m$

► multiple time-series ↔ mosaic-Hankel matrix

$$\{w^{1}, \dots, w^{N}\} \subset \mathscr{B} \in \mathscr{L}_{m,\ell}$$

$$\iff \operatorname{rank}\left(\underbrace{\left[\mathscr{H}_{\ell+1}(w^{1}) \cdots \mathscr{H}_{\ell+1}(w^{N})\right]}_{\mathscr{H}_{\ell+1}(w)}\right) \leq q\ell + m$$

Structured weighted low-rank approximation

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{minimize} & \text{over } \widehat{\mathscr{B}} \text{ and } \widehat{w} & \|w - \widehat{w}\|_{\alpha} \\ \text{subject to} & \widehat{w} \subset \widehat{\mathscr{B}} \in \mathscr{L}_{\mathrm{m},\ell} \\ & & & \\ &$$

Summary: structured low-rank approximation

- $\blacktriangleright (\mathsf{SYSID}) \iff (\mathsf{SLRA})$
- ► LTI model class ⇔ Hankel structure
- ▶ repeated experiments ⇐⇒ mosaic-Hankel structure

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathscr{H}_{\ell+1}(w^1) & \cdots & \mathscr{H}_{\ell+1}(w^N) \end{bmatrix}$$

▶ bounded complexity ⇐⇒ rank constraint

$$(\mathsf{m},\ell)$$
 \leftrightarrow $r = q\ell + \mathsf{m}$

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Solution methods

- ▶ given: data *w* and complexity bound (m, ℓ)
- find: $\widehat{\mathscr{B}}$ that solves (SYSID) or, equivalently, (SLRA)
- 1. choice of model representation
 - transfer function
 - input/state/output
 - ▶ ...
- 2. choice of optimization method
 - local optimization
 - global optimization
 - convex relaxations

Model vs model representation

▶ 1st order SISO model $\mathscr{B} \in \mathscr{L}_{1,1}$

$$\mathscr{B}_{\mathsf{de}}(\theta) = \left\{ \left. \widehat{w} \right| \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 & \theta_2 & \theta_3 & \theta_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{w}_1(t) \\ \widehat{w}_2(t) \\ \widehat{w}_1(t+1) \\ \widehat{w}_2(t+1) \end{bmatrix} = 0, \ \forall t \right\}$$

transfer functions

$$G_{w_1\mapsto w_2}(z) = -rac{ heta_1+ heta_3 z}{ heta_2+ heta_4 z} \quad , \quad G_{w_2\mapsto w_1}(z) = -rac{ heta_2+ heta_4 z}{ heta_1+ heta_3 z}$$

state space, convolution, ..., representations

Problem formulation vs solution method

- ▶ in the classical setting, model = representation
- \blacktriangleright \Rightarrow problems are mixed with solution methods
- ▶ e.g., "total least-squares" is both problem and method
- the behavioral setting distinguishes

used forabstractproblem formulationconcretesolution methods

involves

 $\mathscr{B}, \mathscr{L}_{\mathrm{m},\ell} \ \mathscr{B}(oldsymbol{ heta}), \, oldsymbol{ heta} \in \Theta$

Iow-rank approx. is abstract problem formulation

Parameter optimization problem

model representation

$$\mathscr{B}(\theta) = \{ \widehat{w} \mid g_{\theta}(\widehat{w}) = 0 \}$$

parameterized model class

$$\mathscr{M} = \{ \mathscr{B}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \mid \boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta \}$$

optimization problem

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & \text{over } \theta \in \Theta, \ \widehat{w} & \|w - \widehat{w}\|_{\alpha} \\ \text{subject to} & g_{\theta}(\widehat{w}) = 0 \end{array} \tag{SYSID}_{\theta} \end{array}$

Bilinear structure of the problem

- $(SYSID_{\theta})$ constrained nonlinear least-squares
- B linear
 - $\implies g_{\theta}(\widehat{w})$ bilinear (in θ and \widehat{w})

 \implies (SYSID_{θ}) can be solved globally for given θ

- variable projection (VARPRO) for separable nonlinear least-squares problems
- if $T \gg \ell$, elimination of \widehat{w} leads to big reduction

System theoretic view of VARPRO



Non-convexity of error $(w, \mathscr{B}(\theta))$



Computational details

- O(T) evaluation of error $(w, \mathscr{B}(\theta))$ and its derivatives
 - using the Kalman smoother
 - Cholesky factorization of banded Toeplitz matrix
 - ▶ ...

•
$$\mathscr{B}(\theta) = \mathscr{B}(\alpha \theta)$$
, for all $\alpha \neq 0$

- $\Theta = \{ \theta \mid \|\theta\|_2 = 1 \} \implies$ optimization on a manifold
 - generic methods (optimization theory)
 - custom methods (system identification)
 - data driven local coordinates (McKelvey)

▶ ...

Summary: solution methods

- solution methods involve two choices:
 - 1. model representation
 - 2. optimization method
- ► in the linear case, bilinear structure ~> VARPRO
- constraint nonlinear least-squares problem

$$\min_{\theta \in \Theta} \, \operatorname{error} \bigl(w, \mathscr{B}(\theta) \bigr)$$

• Θ is a manifold \rightsquigarrow optimization on a manifold

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