

# OPTIMISATION BASED OBSERVER AND SYSTEM IDENTIFIER

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Adaptive observer design to estimate state and parameters of a nonlinear dynamical system. The main characteristics are the following:

- optimisation based approach
- offline analysis

Inspired by [1], this approach could be used to set initial estimates on local observers (KF) or to identify models.

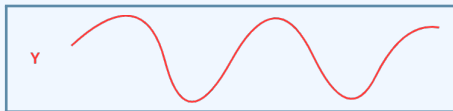
General model:

- State vector:  $x$
- Measures:  $y$
- Input:  $u$
- parameters:  $\theta$

$$\delta x = f(x, \theta, u)$$

$$y = h(x, \theta)$$

Starting from measurements  $y$ , the observer aims to both estimate the state  $x$  and a set of parameters  $\theta$  either of the model  $f(\cdot)$  or the output mapping  $h(\cdot)$ .



**Figure:** measured signal  $Y$

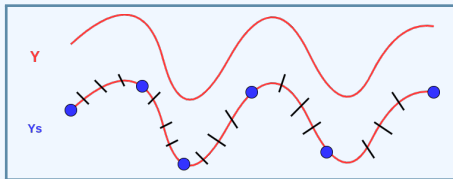
# INTRO - ALGORITHM RATIONALE

Algorithm rationale:

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2. Window size:  $N_{T_s}$

e.g. ( $N_w = 6$ ,  $N_{T_s} = 4$ )

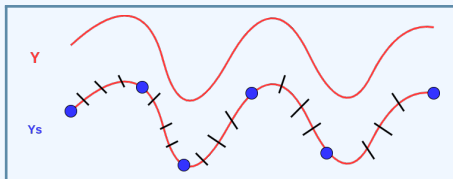
The measurements  $Y$  are assumed to be collected every  $N_{T_s}$  sampling times and stored in a buffer of dimension  $N_w$ .



**Figure:** down-sampled signal  $Y_s$

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**Figure:** examples of estimated real signals

$$e_i = Y_i - H_i(\hat{\xi}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} y_i^1 \\ \vdots \\ y_i^p \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} h_1(\hat{\xi}_i) \\ \vdots \\ h_p(\hat{\xi}_i) \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^p$$

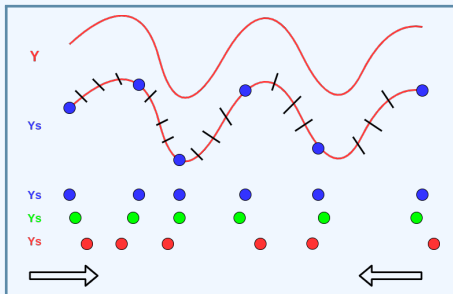
$$Y_1 = Y(t_k - N_w \cdot N_{T_s})$$

$$\mathbf{E} = [e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{N_w}] \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times N_w}$$

$$J = J(\mathbf{E})$$

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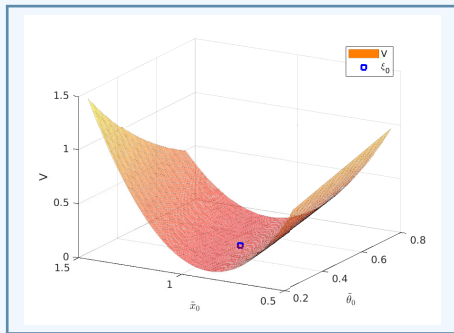
**Figure:** this approach works both forward and backward in time

# CONVERGENCE ANALYSIS - OVERVIEW

Augmented state:

$$\xi = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \\ \theta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \theta_m \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \min_{\xi} J(E)$$

Optimisation run on  $\xi \Rightarrow$  state and parameters estimation. The minimisation algorithm considers the augmented state as the argument.



**Figure:** This figure shows the cost function  $V(\tilde{\xi})$

# CONVERGENCE ANALYSIS - MOCKUP SYSTEM

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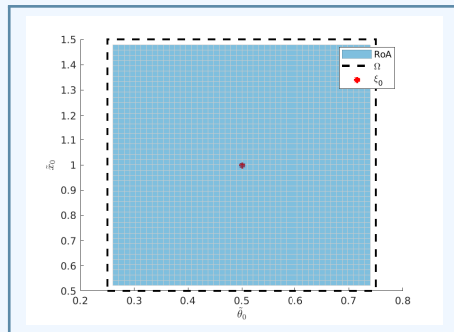
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Evaluation set:

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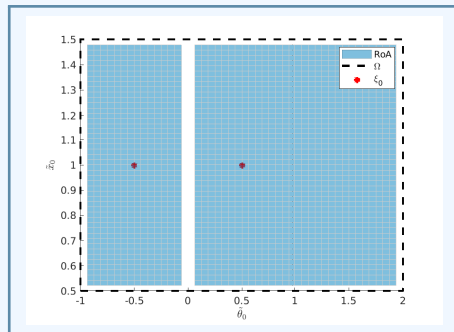
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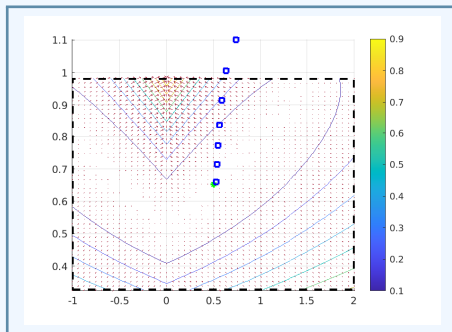
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**Figure:** Contour plot estimation starting from  $\tilde{\xi}_0 = (1.1, 0.7)$ . Optimisations are the blue squares while the green one is  $\xi_0$ .

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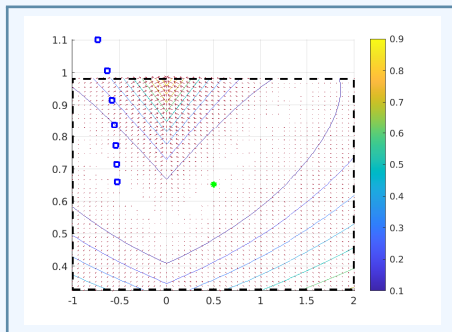
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**Figure:** Same as before but with  $\tilde{\xi}_0 = (1.1, -0.7)$ .

This section goes through some preliminary results on the state and parameters estimation capabilities of the proposed algorithm. The paragraph unfolds as follows:

- Cost function discussion
- Down sampling

Each optimisation step is assumed to have a maximum number of iteration allowed of  $Max_{iter} = 100$  and a down-sampling of  $(N_W = 5, N_{T_s} = 3)$ .

Cost function:

$$J(\mathbf{E}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_w} \left[ e_i^T W_1(i) e_i \right] + (\theta_o - \theta)^T W_2 (\theta_o - \theta), \quad (4)$$

where  $W_1, W_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n+m}$  are weight matrices and  $\theta_o$  is the initial estimate before the optimisation process.

Down sampling selection:

1. Model: double pendulum
2. Estimation: state + friction coefficients
3.  $N_w = 5$  and  $T_s = 0.05s$

Examples:

`simulations/lecture/pendulum_friction_correct_sampling_0503`  
`simulations/lecture/pendulum_friction_wrong_sampling_0503`

W3 term in J:

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This section describes some improvements of the algorithm, with the main goal to speed up the estimation process.

Next covered topics:

- Filters on cost function: how act on  $J$  in order to both speed up the estimation and increase the system observability.
- Adaptive sampling: how to speed up the process by implementing self tuning capabilities



How to speed up the computational time?

- error definition:  $e_i = Y_i - H_i(\hat{\xi}_1)$
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- proposed improvement: add filtered errors in the cost function  $J$ . By adding information,  $N_w$  decreases, i.e.

$$J = J(\mathbf{E}, \dot{\mathbf{E}}, \int \mathbf{E}). \quad (5)$$

By reducing  $N_w$  state propagation will take lesser time, speeding up the process.

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# REFINE - FILTERS ACTION ON J

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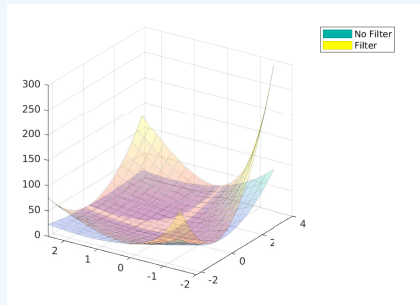
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Cost function :

$$\mathcal{V}(\tilde{\xi}) : \mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad (7)$$



**Figure:** Comparison between cost function with different down-sampling, namely with  $N = 3$  and  $N = 3$  with filter.

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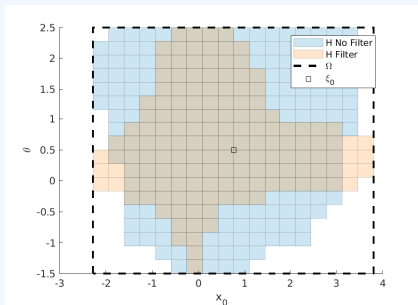
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Convex region:

$$\mathcal{H} \subset \text{RoA}(\xi_0) \quad (7)$$

in which  $\Delta f(\xi)|_{\xi^*} > 0$



**Figure:** Comparison between  $\mathcal{H}$  with different down-sampling, namely with  $N = 3$  with the derivative filter and  $N = 3$ . The point  $\xi_0$  is highlighted as a black square.

- $N_w = 5$ , no filtering: 29s
- $N_w = 3$ , yes filtering: 65s

Examples:

```
simulations/lecture/pendulum_friction_correct_sampling_0503  
simulations/lecture/pendulum_friction_derivative_term_0303
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The sampling rate should be chosen depending on the signal richness. Consider the time evolution of the estimation error:

$$e_i = Y_i - H_i(\hat{\xi}_1) \in \mathbb{R}^p, i \in \{1, \dots, N_w\} \quad (6)$$

The goodness of the estimation is gauged through the index  $\nu$ , namely:

$$\nu = \sum_{i=1}^{N_w} \|e_i\| \quad (7)$$

## REFINING - ADAPTIVE SAMPLING

The richer the signal, the higher  $\nu$  gets, as smaller model differences are enhanced during the dynamics integration. Therefore the estimation process can be triggered at runtime thresholding  $\nu$ :

### Policy (Adaptive sampling)

```
if (nu < nu_bar)
    measure();
else
    measure();
    estimate();
end
```

- $N_w = 5$ , yes filtering, no adaptive: 29s
- $N_w = 3$ , yes filtering, yes adaptive: 24.6s

Examples:

`simulations/lecture/pendulum_friction_derivative_term_0303`  
`simulations/lecture/pendulum_friction_derivative_term_0303_ad`



## Convergence:

- RoA
- $\mathcal{H}$

## Optimisation parameters:

- $J$  filters
- $\text{Max}_{\text{iter}}$
- Adaptive ON/OFF

## Sampling parameters:

- $N_w$
- $N_{T_s}$

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