

# Parameter identification with ODE models

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## 1 Parameter estimation problem

We consider a smooth  $n$ -dimensional ODE depending on parameters  $p \in \mathbb{R}^{n_p}$

$$u_t(t) = f(p, u(t)) + l(p, t), \quad t \in I = ]0, T[, \quad u(0) = u_0(p) \quad (1)$$

with weak formulation

$$u \in H^1(I, \mathbb{R}^n) : \quad a(p, u)(v, v_0) = b(p)(v, v_0) \quad \forall (v, v_0) \in L^2(I, \mathbb{R}^n) \times \mathbb{R}^n \quad (2)$$

with

$$a(p, u)(v, v_0) := \int_0^T \langle u_t - f(p, u), v \rangle + \langle u(0), v_0 \rangle, \quad b(p)(v, v_0) = \int_0^T \langle l(p), v \rangle + \langle u_0(p), v_0 \rangle. \quad (3)$$

We consider the least-squares problem

$$J(p, u) = \frac{1}{2} \|R(u)\|^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|p - p_0\|^2, \quad R(u) := C(u) - C_0 \quad (4)$$

where  $C : H^1(I, \mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n_c}$  is a bounded linear observation operator. We suppose that (1) admits a unique solution  $u(p)$  and introduce the reduced functional

$$\hat{J}(p) := J(p, u(p)), \quad \hat{C}(p) := C(u(p)). \quad (5)$$

We have

$$\langle \nabla \hat{J}(p), q \rangle = \langle \hat{R}(p), \hat{C}'(p)(q) \rangle + \alpha \langle p - p_0, q \rangle \quad (6)$$

where  $\delta u \in H^1(I, \mathbb{R}^n)$  solves for all  $(v, v_0) \in L^2(I, \mathbb{R}^n) \times \mathbb{R}^n$

$$a'_u(p, u)(\delta u, v, v_0) = b'_p(p)(q, v, v_0) - a'_p(p, u)(q, v, v_0). \quad (7)$$

## 2 FEM discretization

We let  $\delta = (0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_N = T)$  be a partition,  $I_k := ]t_{k-1}, t_k[$ ,  $\delta_k := t_k - t_{k-1}$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq N$ . Let  $U_\delta \subset H^1(I, \mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $V_\delta \subset L^2(I, \mathbb{R}^n)$  be conforming finite element spaces. We denote by  $\tilde{u} \in U_\delta$  a linearization point in order to obtain semi-implicit schemes:

$$a_\delta(p, u)(v) := \int_0^T \langle u' - (f(p, \tilde{u}) + f'_u(p, \tilde{u})(u - \tilde{u})), v \rangle \quad (8)$$

$$\tilde{u}|_{I_k} := u(t_{k-1}) \quad (9)$$

We have

$$a_{\delta u}'(p, u)(w, v) := \int_0^T \langle w' - (f'_u(p, \tilde{u})(w) + f''_{uu}(p, \tilde{u})(\tilde{w}, u - \tilde{u})), v \rangle \quad (10)$$

## 3 General parameter estimation problem

We consider the state equation

$$u \in U : a(p, u)(v) = l(p)(v) \quad \forall v \in V. \quad (11)$$

We suppose that (11) has a unique solution  $u = u(p)$ .

We consider the least-squares problem of minimizing with linear continuous  $C : U \rightarrow Z$

$$J(p) = \frac{1}{2} \|R(p)\|^2 + \frac{\alpha_{LM}}{2} \|p - \bar{p}\|^2, \quad R(p) := C(u(p)) - \bar{C}. \quad (12)$$

Based on conforming discretizations, we let

$$\mathcal{U}_\delta \subset \mathcal{U}, \quad \mathcal{V}_\delta \subset \mathcal{V}, \quad \dim \mathcal{U}_\delta = \dim \mathcal{V}_\delta = N_\delta.$$

we define the discrete problems

$$\mathbf{u}_\delta \in \mathcal{U}_\delta : \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{u}_\delta)(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{l}(\mathbf{p})(\mathbf{v}) \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{V}_\delta. \quad (13)$$

Then assuming unique solvability, we let  $\mathbf{u}_\delta = \mathbf{u}_\delta(\mathbf{p})$ . Then we have the discrete least-squares problem of minimizing

$$J_\delta(\mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{R}_\delta(\mathbf{p})\|^2 + \frac{\alpha_{\text{LM}}}{2} \|\mathbf{p} - \bar{\mathbf{p}}\|^2, \quad \mathbf{R}_\delta(\mathbf{p}) := \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u}_\delta(\mathbf{p})) - \bar{\mathbf{C}}. \quad (14)$$

Let  $\mathbf{u}' = \mathbf{u}'(\mathbf{p})(\mathbf{q}) \in \mathcal{U}$  solve for all  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{V}$

$$\mathbf{a}'_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{u})(\mathbf{u}', \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{l}'_{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{p})(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{v}) - \mathbf{a}'_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{u})(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{v}) \quad (15)$$

and

$$\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{V} : \mathbf{a}'_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{u})(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{w}) \quad \forall \mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{U}. \quad (16)$$

as well as  $\mathbf{u}'_\delta \in \mathcal{U}_\delta$  and  $\mathbf{z}_\delta \in \mathcal{V}_\delta$  the corresponding Petrov-Galerkin solutions.

**Lemma 1.**

$$J(\mathbf{p}) - J_\delta(\mathbf{p}) \leq \|\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{u}_\delta(\mathbf{p}))\| \left( \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{u}_\delta(\mathbf{p}))\| + \|\mathbf{R}_\delta(\mathbf{p})\| \right) \quad (17)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla J(\mathbf{p}) - \nabla J_\delta(\mathbf{p})\| &\leq \|\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{u}_\delta(\mathbf{p}))\| (\|\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u}'(\mathbf{p}))\| + \|\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u}'(\mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{u}'_\delta(\mathbf{p}))\|) \\ &\quad + \|\mathbf{R}_\delta(\mathbf{p})\| \|\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u}'(\mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{u}'_\delta(\mathbf{p}))\|. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} J(\mathbf{p}) - J_\delta(\mathbf{p}) &= \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{p})\|^2 - \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{R}_\delta(\mathbf{p})\|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{R}_\delta(\mathbf{p})\|^2 + \langle \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{R}_\delta(\mathbf{p}), \mathbf{R}_\delta(\mathbf{p}) \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{u}_\delta(\mathbf{p}))\|^2 + \langle \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{u}_\delta(\mathbf{p})), \mathbf{R}_\delta(\mathbf{p}) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \nabla J(\mathbf{p}) - \nabla J_\delta(\mathbf{p}), \mathbf{q} \rangle &= \langle \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{p}), \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u}'(\mathbf{p})(\mathbf{q})) \rangle - \langle \mathbf{R}_\delta(\mathbf{p}), \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u}'_\delta(\mathbf{p})(\mathbf{q})) \rangle \\ &= \langle \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{u}_\delta(\mathbf{p})), \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u}'(\mathbf{p})(\mathbf{q})) \rangle + \langle \mathbf{R}_\delta(\mathbf{p}), \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{u}'(\mathbf{p})(\mathbf{q}) - \mathbf{u}'_\delta(\mathbf{p})(\mathbf{q})) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

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## 4 Numerical experiments

### 4.1 Bock's example

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$$\begin{bmatrix} u' \\ v' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v \\ -pu \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} u(0) \\ v(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} u(T) \\ \int_0^T u(t) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2/\pi \end{bmatrix} \quad (19)$$

with  $T = 1$ . We use an initial guess  $p_0 = 1$ . The solution is  $p^* = \pi$ .

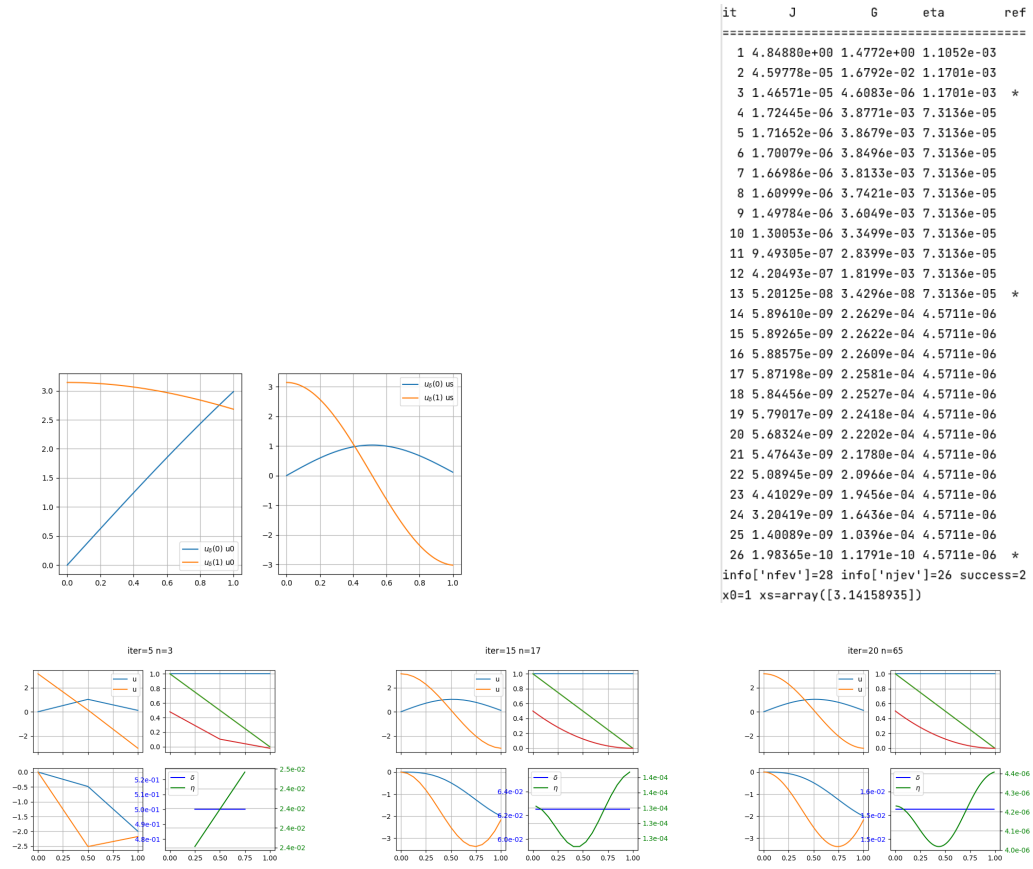


Figure 1: Bock's example

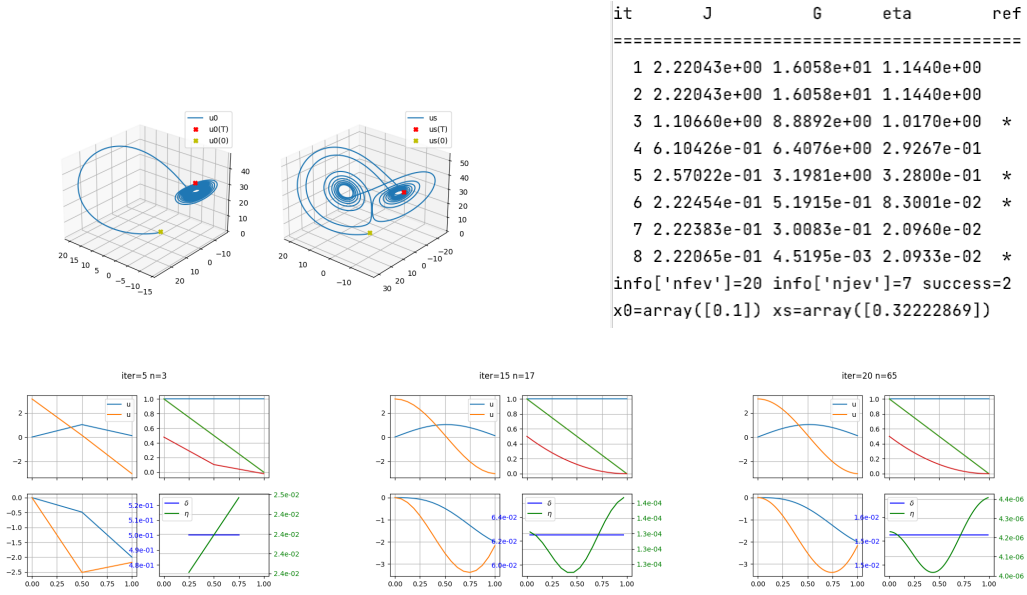


Figure 2: Bock's example

## 4.2 Lorenz

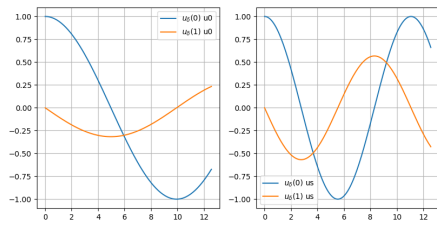
## 4.3 Oscillator

$$\begin{bmatrix} u' \\ v' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v \\ -pu \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} u(0) \\ v(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} u(T) \\ v(T) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (20)$$

with  $T = 12$ . We use an initial guess  $p_0 = 0.1$ . The closest solution is  $p^* \approx 0.322$ .

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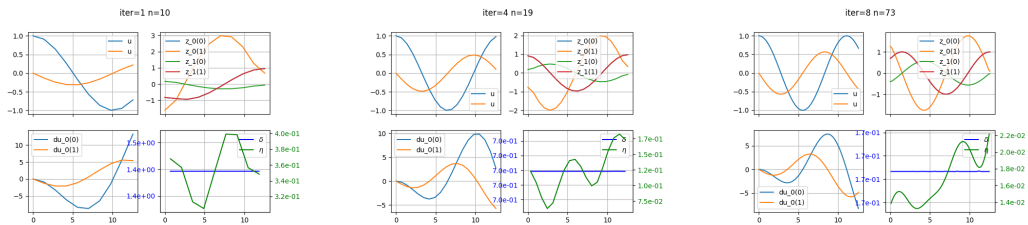


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