

Linear dynamical system identification

... basic elements and Labs guidelines

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Introduction

Course plan, overview and questions addressed

L1: Overview, signals construction, pre-treatment and non-parametric analysis

- ▶ Realization, transfer functions, ...
- ▶ Construct an experimental plan and signals.
- ▶ How to analyze signals, and derive some properties?

L2: Data-driven model construction in the time- and frequency-domain

- ▶ Construct a linear model from time- or frequency-domain data.
- ▶ How much is it valid? How to validate, discuss, amend it?

L3: L2 cont'd & Labs guidelines

- ▶ Illustration in practice
- ▶ Experimental setup & numerical tools presentation.
- ▶ Methodology for the lab.

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Notions treated

- ▶ Some linear algebra reminder
- ▶ Time-domain → [n4sid](#) (by Matlab)
N4SID - Numerical algorithms for Subspace State-Space System IDentification
N4SID and Hankel
- ▶ Frequency-domain → [insapack.loewner_tgn](#) (by pedagogical team)
LF - Loewner Framework
LF for data interpolation
LF for minimal realization
LF for identification

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Some history & references (linear only!)

Time-domain

- ▶ Deterministic SIMs [Ho and Kalman, 1966]
- ▶ Multivariable Output-Error State Space [Verhaegen and Dewilde, 1992]
- ▶ N4SID [Van Overschee and De Moor, 1994] [Viberg, 1994]
- ▶ Pencil method [Antoulas and Ionita, 2016]

Frequency-domain & Complex-domain

- ▶ N4SID applicable for frequency-domain [McKelvey, Akcay and Ljung, 1996]
- ▶ (p)AAA [Nakatsukasa, Sète and Trefethen, 2018] [Balicki and Gugercin, 2025]
- ▶ Vector Fitting (...)
- ▶ LF [Mayo and Antoulas, 2007] [Antoulas, Ionita, Lefteriu, 2016]
- ▶ mLF or (p)LF [Antoulas, Gosea, P-V., 2025] [P-V., Gosea, Vuillemin, Antoulas, 2025]

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Linear algebra reminders

Eigenvalues

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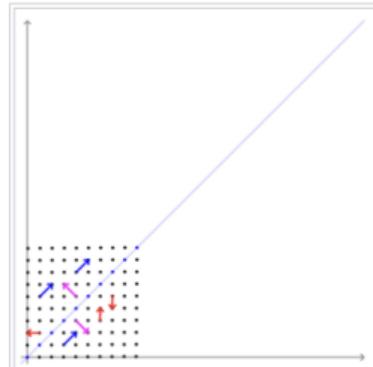
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Example (wikipedia)

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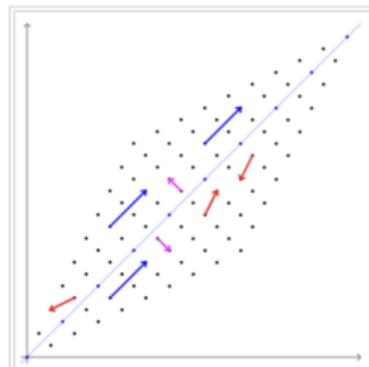
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$$\mathbf{M}_{m \times n} = \mathbf{U}_{m \times m} \Sigma_{m \times n} \mathbf{V}_{n \times n}^*$$
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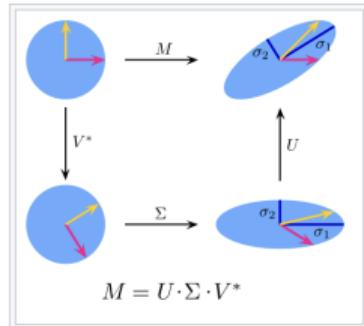


Illustration of the singular value decomposition $\mathbf{U}\Sigma\mathbf{V}^*$ of a real 2×2 matrix \mathbf{M} .

Top: The action of \mathbf{M} , indicated by its effect on the unit disc D and the two canonical unit vectors e_1 and e_2 .

Left: The action of \mathbf{V}^* , a rotation, on D , e_1 , and e_2 .

Bottom: The action of Σ , a scaling by the singular values σ_1 horizontally and σ_2 vertically.

Right: The action of \mathbf{U} , another rotation.

Introduction

Linear algebra reminders (SVD applications)

- ▶ Pseudoinverse (solving linear least square $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{v}$)

$$\mathbf{A}^\dagger = \mathbf{V} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^\dagger \mathbf{U}^H$$

- ▶ Null space ($\mathbf{Ax} = 0$) is spanned by the last row of \mathbf{V} i.e. \mathbf{V}_n
- ▶ Rank is the number of non-zero singular values $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$.
- ▶ Low rank app.: Eckart-Young theorem

$$\mathbf{A}_k = \sum_{j=1}^k \sigma_j \mathbf{u}_j \mathbf{v}_j^H$$

- ▶ Image compression
- ▶ Separable model, tensor decomposition
- ▶ and way more...

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{U} \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^*$$
$$m \times n \quad m \times m \quad m \times n \quad n \times n$$
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Time-domain identification (subspace method)

Basic state-space concepts reminder

Reachability & Observability

$$\mathcal{R}_n(A, B) = \begin{bmatrix} B & AB & A^2B & \cdots & A^nB \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_n(A, C) = \begin{bmatrix} C^\top & A^\top C^\top & (A^\top)^2 C^\top & \cdots & (A^\top)^n C^\top \end{bmatrix}^\top$$

Hankel matrix and Markov parameters

$$\mathcal{H}_n = \mathcal{O}_n \mathcal{R}_n = \begin{bmatrix} H_1 & H_2 & \cdots & H_n \\ H_2 & H_3 & \cdots & H_{n+1} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ H_n & H_{n+1} & \cdots & H_{2n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$H_0 = D, H_k = CA^{k-1}B \ (k \geq 1)$$

Time-domain identification (subspace method)

Identifying A , C (SISO)

Singular Value Decomposition & Rank

Compute the SVD

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{H}_n &= USV^\top \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} U_1 & U_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_1 & \\ & S_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_1^\top \\ V_2^\top \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

then, estimate the rank as

$$\dim(S_1) = \text{rank } (\mathcal{H}_n) = r$$

where $\mathbf{y} = [y_1, \dots, y_{2N-1}]$ is the impulse response

$$\mathcal{H}_n = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & \cdots & y_N \\ y_2 & y_3 & \cdots & y_{N+1} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ y_N & y_{N+1} & \cdots & y_{2N-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Now define ($U_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times r}$)

$$\hat{\mathcal{O}}_n = U_1 S_1^{1/2}$$

and set

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} I_{N-1} & \mathbf{0}_{N-1,1} \end{bmatrix} \\ J_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{N-1,1} & I_{N-1} \end{bmatrix} \\ J_3 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{0}_{1,N-1} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\hat{A} = (J_1 U_1)^{-1} (J_2 U_1) \text{ and } \hat{C} = J_3 U_1$$

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Indeed

Recall, with

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} I_{N-1} & \mathbf{0}_{N-1,1} \\ \mathbf{0}_{N-1,1} & I_{N-1} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{(N-1) \times N} \\ J_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{0}_{1,N-1} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times N} \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$J_1 \begin{bmatrix} C \\ CA \\ \vdots \\ C^{N-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ CA \\ \vdots \\ C^{N-2} \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } J_2 \begin{bmatrix} C \\ CA \\ \vdots \\ C^{N-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} CA \\ CA^2 \\ \vdots \\ C^{N-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

and thus

$$J_1 \hat{\mathcal{O}}_n \hat{A} = J_2 \hat{\mathcal{O}}_n \text{ or equivalently } J_1 U_1 \hat{A} = J_2 U_1$$

Time-domain identification (subspace method)

Identifying B, D (SISO)

Estimate input matrices

$$\hat{B}, \hat{D} := \arg \min_{B,D} \sum_{k=1}^N \|\mathbf{y}(k) - \hat{\mathbf{y}}(k)\|_F^2$$

In practice

$$\begin{aligned} y_0 &= CB + D &= [C \quad 1] \begin{bmatrix} B \\ D \end{bmatrix} \\ y_1 &= CAB + D &= [CA \quad 1] \begin{bmatrix} B \\ D \end{bmatrix} \\ &\vdots \\ y_N &= CA^N B + D &= [CA^N \quad 1] \begin{bmatrix} B \\ D \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\mathbf{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathcal{O}}_n & \mathbf{1}_N \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B \\ D \end{bmatrix}$$

Time-domain identification (subspace method)

Main properties

- ▶ Simple in parameterization
 - No need for canonical forms for MIMO process models
 - Subspace first, parameterization later
 - Compact models in minimal realization
- ▶ Numerical property
 - No nonlinear optimization techniques required
- ▶ Statistical property
 - Simple Kalman filter framework

Time-domain identification (subspace method)

Algorithm & implementation

Input $\{t_i, \mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{y}_i\}_{i=1}^N \in \mathbb{R}$, $\text{tol} \in \mathbb{R}$

1. Compute Markov parameters $H_i \in \mathbb{R}$
2. Construct Hankel matrix \mathcal{H}_n
3. Estimate $r = \text{rank}(\mathcal{H}_n)$
4. Apply svd and obtain projector U_1 and singular scalings S_1
5. Construct the estimated observability matrix $\hat{\mathcal{O}}_n$
6. Estimate \hat{A} and \hat{C}
7. Estimate \hat{B} and \hat{D}

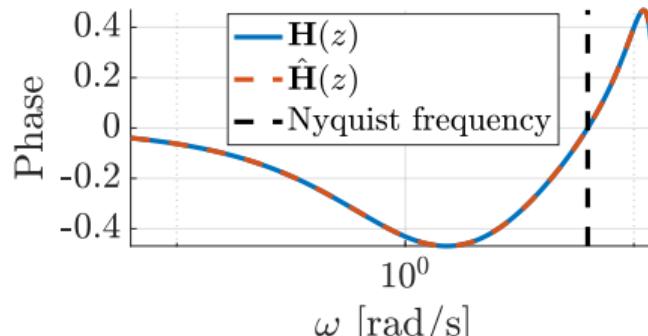
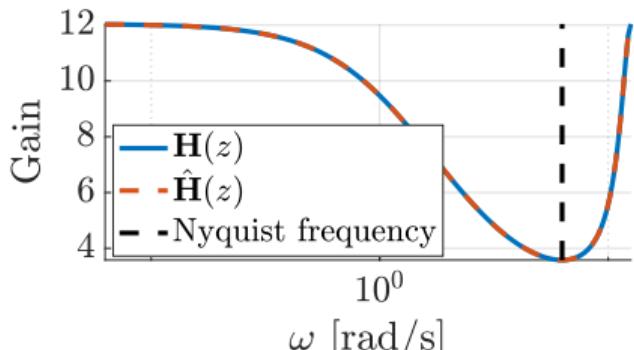
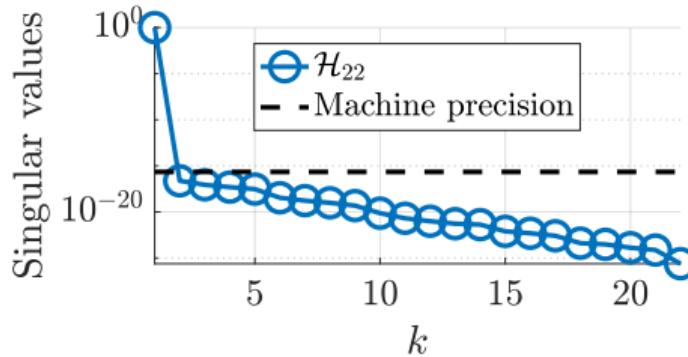
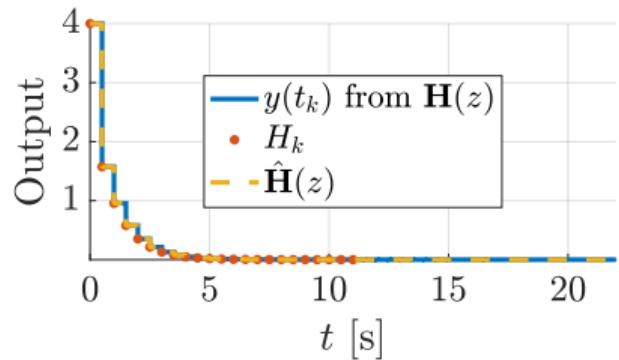
Output State-space model \mathbf{H} and \mathcal{S}

Implementation

Subspace Framework, by MATLAB (with System Identification Toolbox)
n4sid

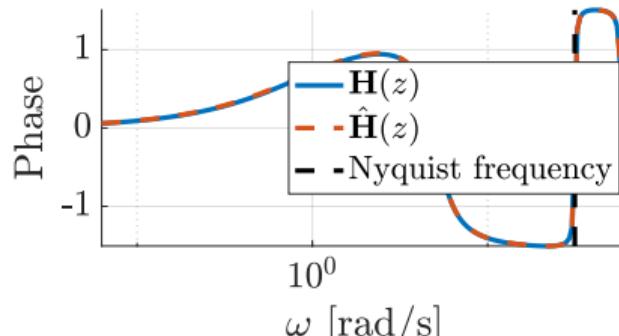
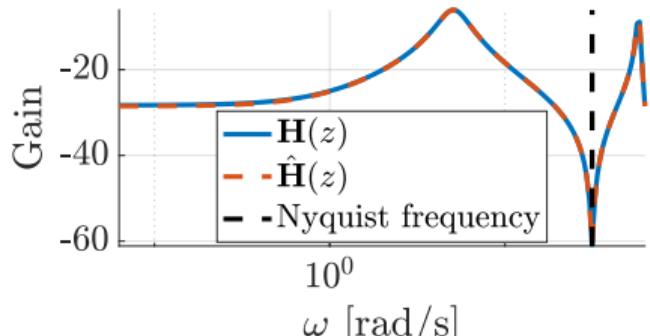
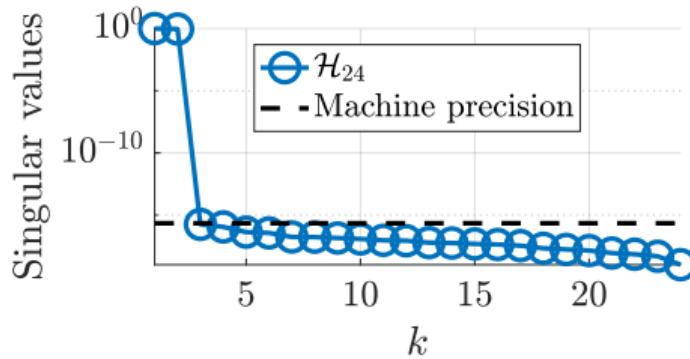
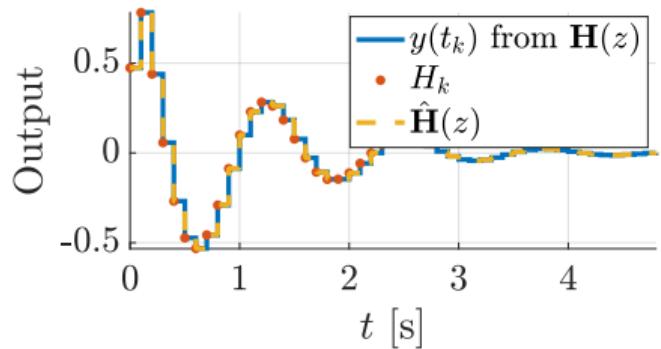
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Rational interpolation problem (SISO)

SISO interpolation problem

Given the **right** and **left** data (λ_j and μ_i are distinct):

$$\begin{aligned}\{\lambda_j, \mathbf{w}_j\} \quad j = 1, \dots, k \\ \{\mu_i, \mathbf{v}_i^\top\} \quad i = 1, \dots, q\end{aligned}$$

we seek $\mathcal{S} : (E, A, B, C)$, whose transfer function is $\mathbf{H}(s) = C(sE - A)^{-1}B$ s.t.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{H}(\lambda_j) &= \mathbf{w}_j \quad j = 1, \dots, k \\ \mathbf{H}(\mu_i) &= \mathbf{v}_i^\top \quad i = 1, \dots, q\end{aligned}$$

 A.J. Mayo and A.C. Antoulas, "[A framework for the solution of the generalized realization problem](#)", Linear Algebra and its Applications, vol. 425(2-3), 2007.

 I.V. Gosea, C. P-V. and A.C. Antoulas, "[Data-driven modeling and control of large-scale dynamical systems in the Loewner framework](#)", Handbook in Numerical Analysis, vol. 23, January 2022.

Frequency-domain identification (Loewner Framework)

Loewner pencil (SISO)

The right data can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{\Lambda} &= \text{diag} [\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k] \in \mathbb{C}^{k \times k}, \\ \mathbf{R} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{1 \times k} \\ \mathbf{W} &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{w}_1 & \mathbf{w}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{w}_k \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{1 \times k}\end{aligned}$$

and the left data can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{M} &= \text{diag} [\mu_1, \dots, \mu_q] \in \mathbb{C}^{q \times q} \\ \mathbf{L}^\top &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{1 \times q} \\ \mathbf{V}^\top &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{v}_q \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{1 \times q}\end{aligned}$$

The Loewner matrix in this case is

$$\mathbb{L} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\mathbf{v}_1^\top - \mathbf{w}_1}{\mu_1 - \lambda_1} & \dots & \frac{\mathbf{v}_1^\top - \mathbf{w}_k}{\mu_1 - \lambda_k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\mathbf{v}_q^\top - \mathbf{w}_1}{\mu_q - \lambda_1} & \dots & \frac{\mathbf{v}_q^\top - \mathbf{w}_k}{\mu_q - \lambda_k} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{q \times k}$$

With this notation \mathbb{L} satisfy the Sylvester equation: $\mathbf{M}\mathbb{L} - \mathbb{L}\mathbf{\Lambda} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{L}\mathbf{W}$.

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The shifted Loewner matrix is:

$$\mathbb{S} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\mu_1 \mathbf{v}_1^\top - \mathbf{w}_1 \lambda_1}{\mu_1 - \lambda_1} & \cdots & \frac{\mu_1 \mathbf{v}_1^\top - \mathbf{w}_k \lambda_k}{\mu_1 - \lambda_k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\mu_q \mathbf{v}_q^\top - \mathbf{w}_1 \lambda_1}{\mu_q - \lambda_1} & \cdots & \frac{\mu_q \mathbf{v}_q^\top - \mathbf{w}_k \lambda_k}{\mu_q - \lambda_k} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{q \times k}$$

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Frequency-domain identification (Loewner Framework)

Realization and minimality

Assume that $k = q$, then $\mathbf{H}(s) = C(sE - A)^{-1}B$ with

$$E = -\mathbb{L}, \quad A = -\mathbb{S}, \quad , \quad B = \mathbf{V}, \quad C = \mathbf{W},$$

is a **descriptor realization** interpolating the data.

Suppose that we have more data than necessary. The problem has a solution if

$$\text{rank } [\xi \mathbb{L} - \mathbb{S}] = \text{rank } [\mathbb{L}, \mathbb{S}] = \text{rank } \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{L} \\ \mathbb{S} \end{bmatrix} = r, \quad \xi \in \{\lambda_i\} \cup \{\mu_j\}$$

$$[\mathbb{L}, \mathbb{S}] = \mathbf{Y} \Sigma_l \tilde{\mathbf{X}}^\top, \quad \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{L} \\ \mathbb{S} \end{bmatrix} = \tilde{\mathbf{Y}} \Sigma_r \mathbf{X}^H, \quad \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times n}.$$

A realization (E, A, B, C) of an (approximate) interpolant is given by:

$$E = -\mathbf{Y}^H \mathbb{L} \mathbf{X}, \quad A = -\mathbf{Y}^H \mathbb{S} \mathbf{X}, \quad B = -\mathbf{Y}^H \mathbf{V}, \quad C = \mathbf{W} \mathbf{X}$$

Frequency-domain identification (Loewner Framework)

Realization and minimality

Assume that $k = q$, then $\mathbf{H}(s) = C(sE - A)^{-1}B$ with

$$E = -\mathbb{L}, \quad A = -\mathbb{S}, \quad B = \mathbf{V}, \quad C = \mathbf{W},$$

is a **descriptor realization** interpolating the data.

Suppose that we have more data than necessary. The problem has a solution if

$$\text{rank } [\xi\mathbb{L} - \mathbb{S}] = \text{rank } [\mathbb{L}, \mathbb{S}] = \text{rank } \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{L} \\ \mathbb{S} \end{bmatrix} = r, \quad \xi \in \{\lambda_i\} \cup \{\mu_j\}$$

$$[\mathbb{L}, \mathbb{S}] = \mathbf{Y}\Sigma_l \tilde{X}^\top, \quad \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{L} \\ \mathbb{S} \end{bmatrix} = \tilde{Y}\Sigma_r \mathbf{X}^H, \quad \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times n}.$$

A realization (E, A, B, C) of an (approximate) interpolant is given by:

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- ▶ underlying rational (r) order

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \text{rank} (\xi\mathbb{L} - \mathbb{S}) \\ &= \text{rank} ([\mathbb{L}, \mathbb{S}]) \\ &= \text{rank} ([\mathbb{L}^H, \mathbb{S}^H]^H) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ and McMillan (ν) order

$$\nu = \text{rank} (\mathbb{L})$$

- ▶ \mathbb{L} and \mathbb{S} are input-output independents.
- ▶ Minimal realization

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Algorithm & implementation

Input $\{t_i, \mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{y}_i\}_{i=1}^N \in \mathbb{R}$, $\text{tol} \in \mathbb{R}$

1. Compute FRF $\{\omega_i, \mathbf{G}(\omega_i)\}_{i=1}^N \in \mathbb{C}$
2. Select the **column** and **row** variables: $\{\Lambda, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{R}\}$ and $\{\mathbf{M}, \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{L}\}$
3. Construct \mathbb{L} , \mathbb{S} , \mathbf{V} and \mathbf{W} (full realization)
4. Estimate $\nu = \text{rank } (\mathbb{L})$, $r = \text{rank } ([\mathbb{L} \mathbb{S}])$
5. Apply svd and obtain projectors X and Y
6. Project to get minimal or reduced-order realization

Output State-space model \mathbf{H} and \mathcal{S}

Implementation

Loewner Framework (tangential version), by pedagogical team

`insapack.non_param_freq → insapack.data2loewner → insapack.loewner_tng`

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Identification examples (simple case)

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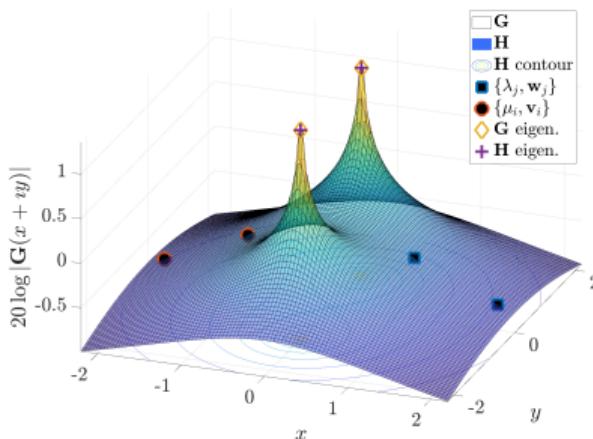
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$$\text{rank } (\mathbb{L}) = \nu$$

$r = 2$ and $\nu = 2$, (\mathbb{S}, \mathbb{L}) pencil regular

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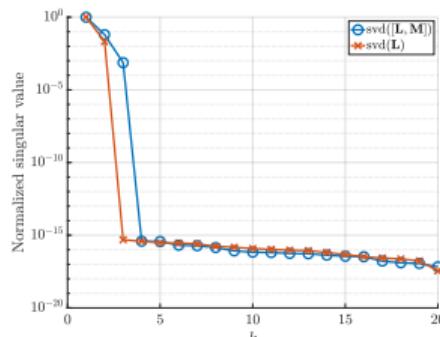
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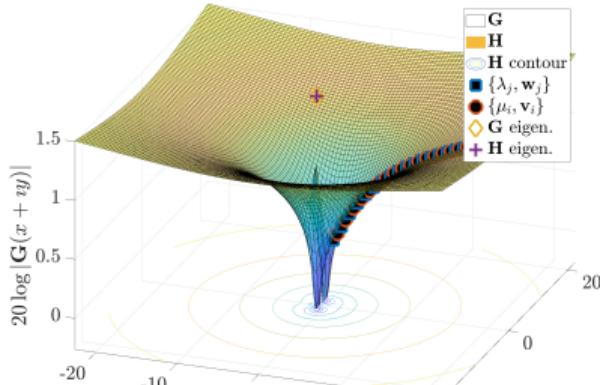
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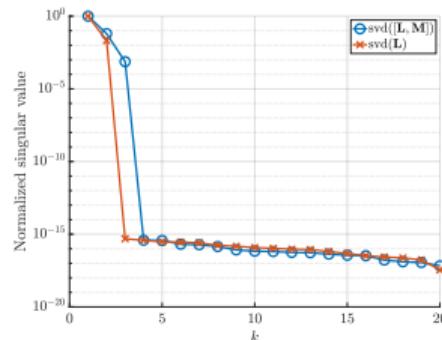
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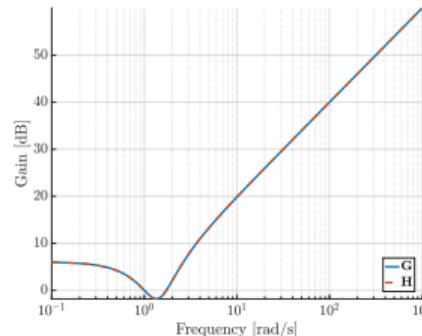
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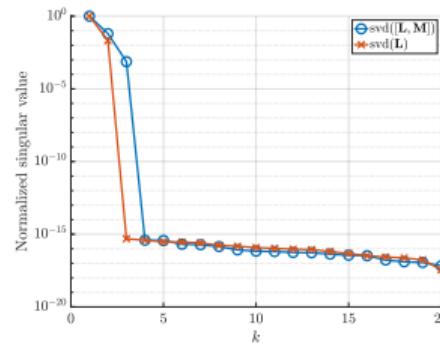
$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{H}(s) &= \mathbf{W} \mathbf{X} (-s \mathbf{Y}^\top \mathbb{L} \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{Y}^\top \mathbb{S} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{Y}^\top \mathbf{V} \\ &= \frac{s^2 + s + 2}{s + 1}\end{aligned}$$

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