

# Recursive Least Squares

## Model

$$y_i = C_i x + e_i, \quad i=1, 2, \dots$$

$$y_i \in \mathbb{R}^m, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad e_i \in \mathbb{R}^m, \quad C_i = m \times n \text{ real.}$$

$i$  - represents time index

$x$  - an unknown constant vector

$y_i$  = measurements

$e_i$  = model "mismatch"

Objective 1: Compute a least squared error estimate of  $x$  at time  $k$ , using all available data,

$$y_1, \dots, y_k \triangleright$$

Objective 2 Discover a computationally attractive form for the answer.

Solution

$$\hat{x}_k := \arg \min_x \left( \sum_{i=1}^k (y_i - c_i x)^T S_i (y_i - c_i x) \right)$$

$$= \arg \min_x \left( \sum_{i=1}^k e_i^T S_i e_i \right)$$

where  $S_i = m \times m$  positive def. matrix

$$(S_i > 0)$$

$$Y_k = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_k \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_k = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_k \end{bmatrix}, \quad E_k = \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \\ \vdots \\ e_k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_k = \text{diag}(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k) > 0$$

$$Y_k = A_k x + E_k$$

$$\|Y_k - A_k x\|^2 = \|E_k\|^2 := E_k^T R_k E_k$$

$\hat{x}_k := \arg \min_x \|Y_k - A_k x\|$  satisfies

the Normal Equations

$$(A_k^T R_k A_k) \hat{x}_k = A_k^T R_k Y_k$$

$$\therefore \hat{x}_k = (A_k^T R_k A_k)^{-1} A_k^T R_k Y_k$$

This is called a Batch Solution.

Drawback  ~~$A_k$~~   $A_k = k m^{n \times n}$  matrix, and grows at each step!

Solution Find a recursive means to compute  $\hat{x}_{k+1}$  in terms of  $\hat{x}_k$  and the new measurement  $y_{k+1}$   $\triangleright$

Normal equation at time  $k$

$$A_k^T R_k A_k \hat{x}_k = A_k^T \underline{R}_k y_k$$

is equivalent to

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^k C_i^T S_i C_i \right) \hat{x}_k = \sum_{i=1}^k C_i^T S_i y_i$$

We define

$$P_k = \sum_{i=1}^k C_i^T S_i C_i$$

so that

$$P_{k+1} = P_k + C_{k+1}^T S_{k+1} C_{k+1}$$

At time  $k+1$ ,

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} c_i^T S_i c_i \right) \hat{x}_{k+1} = \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} c_i^T S_i y_i$$

OR

$$Q_{k+1} \hat{x}_{k+1} = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^k c_i^T S_i y_i}_{Q_k \hat{x}_k} + C_{k+1}^T S_{k+1} y_{k+1}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{Q_{k+1} \hat{x}_{k+1} = Q_k \hat{x}_k + C_{k+1}^T S_{k+1} y_{k+1}}$$

**Good start!** Estimate at time  $k+1$  expressed as a linear combination of the estimate at time  $k$  and the latest measurement at time  $k+1$ .

Continuing,

$$\hat{x}_{k+1} = P_{k+1}^{-1} [P_k \hat{x}_k + C_{k+1} S_{k+1} y_{k+1}]$$

Because  $P_k = P_{k+1} - C_{k+1}^T S_{k+1} C_{k+1}$ ,

we have

$$\hat{x}_{k+1} = \hat{x}_k + \underbrace{P_{k+1}^{-1} C_{k+1}^T S_{k+1}}_{\text{Kalman Gain}} \underbrace{(y_{k+1} - C_{k+1} \hat{x}_k)}_{\text{Innovations}}$$

Innovations  $y_{k+1} - C_{k+1} \hat{x}_k$  = Measurement  
at time  $k+1$  minus the "predicted" value  
of the measurement = "new information".



In a real-time implementation, computing the inverse of  $Q_{k+1}$  can be time consuming. An attractive alternative can be ~~avoided~~<sup>obtained</sup> by applying the Matrix Inversion Lemma:

$$Q_{k+1}^{-1} = (Q_k + C_{k+1}^T S_{k+1} C_{k+1})^{-1}$$

$$(A + BCD)^{-1} = A^{-1} - A^{-1}B(DA^{-1}B + C^{-1})^{-1}DA^{-1}$$

$$A \leftrightarrow Q_k \quad B \leftrightarrow C_{k+1}^T \quad C \leftrightarrow S_{k+1} \quad D \leftrightarrow C_{k+1}$$

$$Q_{k+1}^{-1} = Q_k^{-1} - Q_k^{-1} C_{k+1}^T [C_{k+1} Q_k^{-1} C_{k+1}^T + S_{k+1}^{-1}]^{-1} C_{k+1} Q_k^{-1}$$

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Which is a recursion for  $Q_k^{-1}$  !

Upon defining

$$P_k = Q_k^{-1}$$

we have

$$P_{k+1} = P_k - P_k C_{k+1}^T [C_{k+1} P_k C_{k+1}^T + S_{k+1}^{-1}]^{-1} C_{k+1} P_k$$

We note that we are now inverting a matrix that is  $m \times m$ , instead of one that is  $n \times n$ . Typically,  $n > m$ , sometimes by a lot !