

## Lecture 24

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### The Art of System Identification - Part II: Input Design and Map of Estimation/Modeling Techniques

#### Admin

- ① HWs 4,5 due ←
- ② Survey posted. ←
- ③ please submit consultation slide decks.

#### Last time

Using many parameters  $\Theta \in \mathbb{R}^d$  (large  $d$ ) may provide an accurate model with small bias ( $\Theta_0 \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ) but a large  $d$  tends to worsen the variance and convergence speed.

→ particularly if some parameters have small sensitivity values  $\gamma_j$ ,  
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data collected

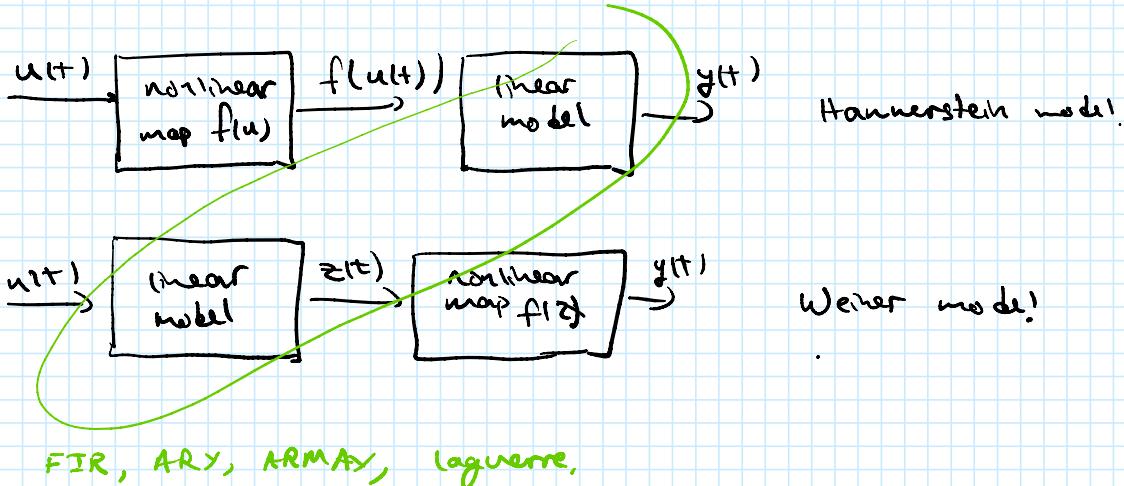
### Design Space for Parameter Estimation Experiments

#### 1) Data Acquisition

- Sensors
  - What to measure
  - Input & output variables
  - Disturbances. (If feasible, measure).
- Actuation: what to manipulate.
  - Inputs → physical limitations.
  - Complexity of input.
- Sampling: High sampling rate means:
  - more data
  - capture noise, rather than signal.
  - pre-filter design.

#### 2) Model structure selection

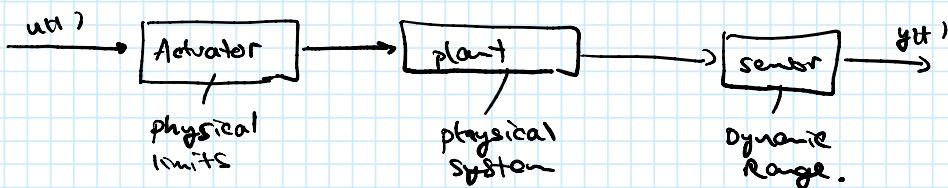
- Linear / non-linear
  - a) linear parameterization of non-linear system.
  - b) Hammerstein & Wiener models.



### 3) Input signal design.

=> How do we design the best input signal to improve parameter estimation covariance.

#### Practical Requirements for Input Design



- When conducting experiments, various constraints due to physical limitations
- Among others, the input amplitude is a common constraint.

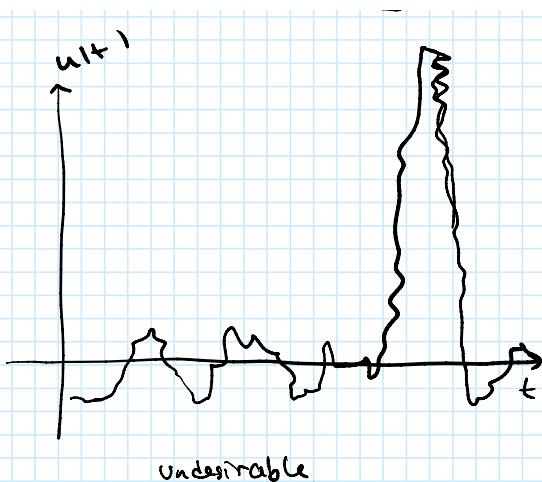
$$\underline{u} \leq u(t) \leq \bar{u}$$

$\uparrow$  lower limit       $\uparrow$  upper limit

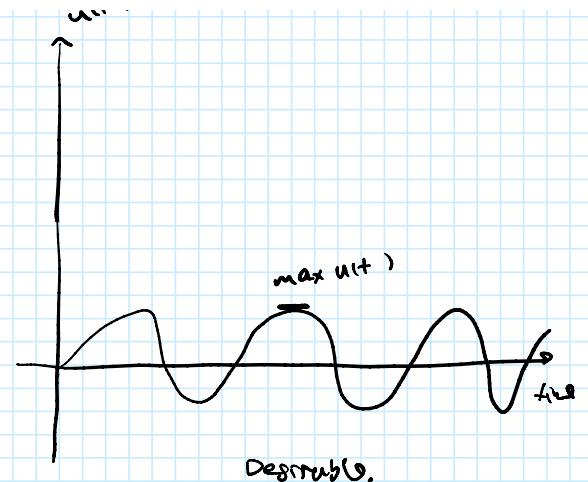
- In general, the larger the input magnitude,  $|u(t)|$ , becomes, smaller the parameter covariance becomes.

=> The input sequence should have large amplitude most at the time.





undesirable.



desirable.

- To evaluate this aspect of the input signal, the following crest factor is often used for signals w/ zero mean:

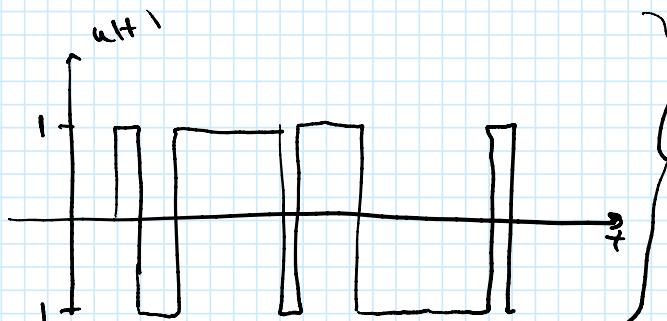
$$Cr^2 \equiv \frac{\max_{1 \leq t \leq N} u^2(t)}{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N u^2(t)}$$

Note:  $Cr \geq 1$  & smaller is better.

- Parameter Estimation Using Random Signals

- The best crest factor (1) is achieved w/ zero mean binary signals.

$$u(t) = \pm \bar{u}$$



An example of a  
"pseudo random binary input"

$$R_u(\tau) = E[u(t)u(t-\tau)] = \begin{cases} 1, & \tau=0 \\ 0, & \tau \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

- In system identification, random inputs are often used because of their noise reduction properties.

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$$y(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g(k) u(t-k) + v(t)$$

↑  
impulse response  
model

↑ noise

- where  $v(t)$  is uncorrelated w/ random input  $u(t)$ .

$$E[u(t)v(t-\tau)] \equiv 0 \text{ for all } \tau.$$

- evaluate the correlation between input & output

$$\begin{aligned} R_{yu}(\tau) &= E[y(t)u(t-\tau)] = E\left[\left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g(k)u(t-k) + v(t)\right)u(t-\tau)\right] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g(k) E[u(t-k)u(t-\tau)] \\ &\quad \underbrace{\qquad\qquad\qquad}_{R_{uu}(k-\tau)} = \begin{cases} = 0 & k \neq \tau \\ = 1 & k = \tau \end{cases} \\ R_{uu}(\tau) &= g(\tau) \end{aligned}$$

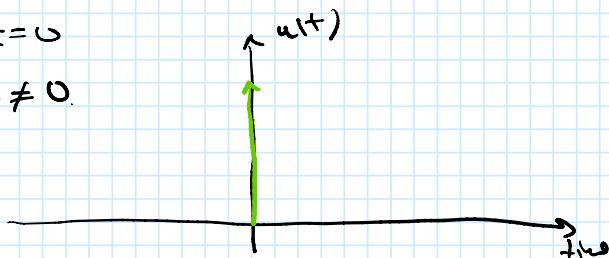
- The noise term is averaged out when the input-output correlation is computed.

→ particularly useful for noisy systems.

→ If the input is a random sequence w/ unit variance,  $R_{yu}(\tau)$  gives impulse response  $g(\tau)$ .

→ The advantage is clear when compared w/ a standard impulse response.

$$u(t) = \begin{cases} \alpha, t=0 \\ 0, t \neq 0 \end{cases}$$



$$\Rightarrow y(1) = (\cancel{\alpha g(1)}) + \cancel{v(1)}$$

- Estimate the impulse response,

$$\hat{g}(1) = \frac{y(1)}{\alpha} = g(1) + \frac{v(1)}{\alpha}$$

↑

$$g(t) = \frac{g'(t)}{\alpha} = g(t) + \frac{v(t)}{\alpha}$$

↑  
noise

- The noise  $v(t)$  shows up in the output.  
 $\Rightarrow$  To eliminate, the magnitude of impulse must be large.

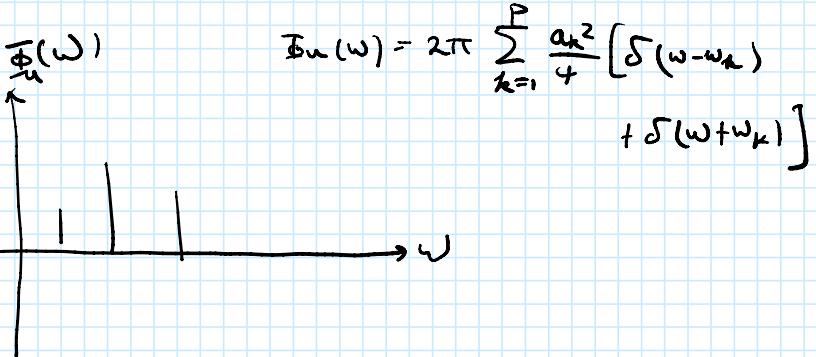
- Pseudo-Random Binary Signals (PRBSs)
  - PRBSs are periodic, deterministic signals w/ approx. white-noise properties

- Sinusoidal inputs

- A natural choice of input is a sum of sinusoids.

$$u(t) = \sum_{k=1}^P a_k \cos(\omega_k t + \phi_k)$$

- At steady state, multi-sine func has following power spectrum:



- If  $G(g, \theta)$  has at most  $n$  unknown parameters,  $P \geq n$  frequencies will satisfy persistence of excitation.