

# Lecture 7

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① HW#1 due next weds.

② OH 3-4pm today.

## Recursive Least Squares - Part II

### Other Important Properties of RLS

- Convergence.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|\hat{\theta}(t) - \hat{\theta}_{t-1}\| = 0$

→ see Goodwin and Sin book, ch. 3.

} Ljung, 1997  
is my favorite.

→ The change to the  $P$  matrix:  $\Delta P = P_t - P_{t-1}$  is negative semi-definite, i.e.,

$$\Delta P = \frac{P_{t-1} \varphi(t) \varphi^T(t) P_{t-1}}{1 + \varphi^T(t) P_{t-1} \varphi(t)} \leq 0 \quad \text{Stopp.}$$

for and  $\varphi(t) \in \mathbb{R}^m$  & pos. definite  $P_{t-1}$

### Estimation of Time-varying Parameters

- In some systems, the model parameters can change w/ the system
  - Ex 1: Shocks in a car traveling over rough terrain.
  - Ex 2: Output of a muscle can decrease w/ fatigue.
  - Ex 3: Mechanical components wearing w/ time.
- We want the RLS algorithm to preferentially consider the most recent data and "forget", or reduce importance of older data.
- Exponentially weighting the data facilitates this:
  - Relies on a "forgetting factor",  $\alpha$ , where  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$

-  $\alpha$  is large for slowly changing processes

-  $\alpha$  is small for rapidly changing processes

- Goal: minimize weighted squared error:

$$J(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^t w^{t-i} \alpha^2(i) \leftarrow \text{minimize given } \alpha$$

- goal: minimize weighted squared error:

$$J_t(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^t \alpha^{t-i} e^2(i) \leftarrow \text{minimize given } \alpha$$

$\left[ \hat{y}(+|\theta) - y(+|) \right]$

$$\hat{\theta}(+) = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} J_t(\theta)$$

- $\hat{\theta}(+)$  is given by the following recursive eqn:

$$\hat{\theta}(+) = \hat{\theta}(+-1) + \frac{P_{+-1} \varphi(+)}{\alpha + \varphi^T(+) P_{+-1} \varphi(+)} [y(+) - \varphi^T(+) \hat{\theta}(+-1)]$$

$$P_+ = \frac{1}{\alpha} \left[ P_- - \frac{P_{+-1} \varphi(+) \varphi^T(+) P_{+-1}}{\alpha + \varphi^T(+) P_{+-1} \varphi(+)} \right]$$

- Drawbacks to using forgetting factors
  - when system being considered reaches "steady state", the matrix  $[P_{+-1} \varphi(+) \varphi^T(+) P_{+-1}]$  tends toward the null matrix

$$\Rightarrow P_+ \approx \frac{1}{\alpha} P_-$$

- since  $\alpha < 1$ , the  $\frac{1}{\alpha}$  term makes  $P_+$  larger than  $P_-$ , so that  $P_+$  begins to increase exponentially.  
 $\Rightarrow$  called the "blow-up" problem.

- Remedy for the "blow up" problem

- we use the "covariance re-setting method" to refresh the  $P$  matrix

$$P_+^* = \begin{matrix} K \\ \wedge \\ \text{gain} \end{matrix} I \quad ; \quad 0 < K \leq \infty : \text{typically reset every,} \\ 10, 100, 1000 \text{ time steps.}$$

identity matrix

$\rightarrow$  "Revitalizes" the algorithm.

## Orthogonal Projection Algorithm

- The RLS algorithm iteratively converges on its final parameter value, but this can take more than  $m$  time steps
 

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# of parameters

The orthogonal projection algorithm provides a least squares soln. in exactly  $m$  time steps.

- Assum:  $\Phi_m = [\varphi_1 \ \varphi_2 \ \dots \ \varphi_m]$  span the  $n$ -dim space  
 $(\Phi \Phi^T)$  is full rank.
- Set  $P_0 = I$  ( $m \times m$ ) and  $\hat{\theta}(0)$  is arbitrary.

$$\hat{\theta}(t) = \hat{\theta}(t-1) + \frac{P_{t-1} \varphi(t)}{\varphi^T(t) P_{t-1} \varphi(t)} [y(t) - \varphi^T(t) \hat{\theta}(t-1)]$$

missing "1"

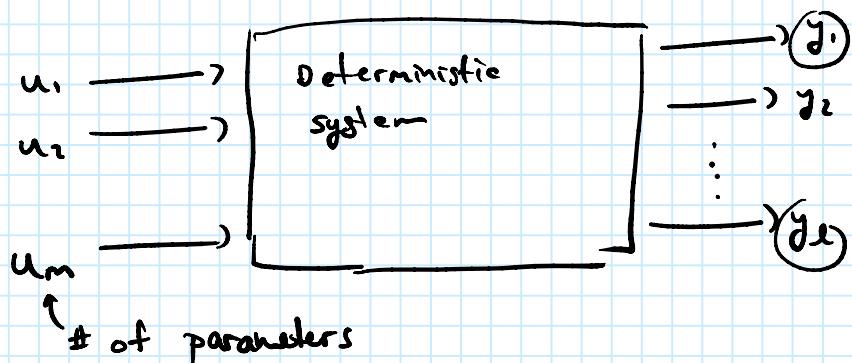
- This enables the correction term to be larger  
 $\Rightarrow$  converges faster.

- But,  $\varphi^T(t) P_{t-1} \varphi(t)$  is ill conditioned. ( $\approx 0$ ), the gain becomes very large. & can amplify noise.

\* orthogonal projection is more efficient, but less robust than RLS.

## Multi-output Weighted Least Squares Estimation

- In reality, there will be systems w/ multiple outputs.



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- The output becomes  $\bar{y}(t) = [y_1 \ y_2 \ \dots \ y_e] \in \mathbb{R}^e$
- For each output  $\hat{y}_i(t) = \psi_i^T(t) \theta$  so that:

$$\bar{y}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ \psi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \psi_m \end{bmatrix} \theta \Rightarrow \psi^T(t) \theta; \quad \psi \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times e}, \theta \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 1}$$

- The estimation error  $\bar{e}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ e_e \end{bmatrix} = \bar{y}(t) - \psi^T(t) \theta$

- In some instances, we may want to prioritize errors differently.  
⇒ use weighted multi-output squared error approach

$$J_t(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^t \bar{e}^T(i) W \bar{e}(i)$$

$\uparrow$  output weighting matrix.

- RLS problem has similar form:

$$\hat{\theta}(t) = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} J_t(\theta) \Rightarrow \hat{\theta}(t) = P_t B_t$$

$$P_t = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^t \psi(i) W \psi^T(i) \right]^{-1}, \quad B_t = \sum_{i=1}^t \psi(i) W \bar{y}(i)$$

RLS:

$$\hat{\theta}(t) = \hat{\theta}(t-1) + P_t \psi(t) W [\bar{y}(t) - \psi^T(t) \hat{\theta}(t-1)]$$

$$P_t = P_{t-1} - P_{t-1} \psi(t) [W^{-1} + \psi^T(t) P_{t-1} \psi(t)]^T \psi^T(t) P_{t-1}$$