

Statistical Signal Processing

Lecture 5a

chapter 1: parameter estimation: deterministic parameters simplified estimators: BLUE, method of moments, (W)LS:

- problem formulation and solution
- linear model
- applications of the linear model
- interpretations of the LS solution
- performance analysis: bias, MSE, consistency
- acoustic echo cancellation demo, part 1
- model order reduction
- acoustic echo cancellation demo, part 2



Least-Squares (LS) Problem Formulation

• Consider n' data (signal) samples S that depend on m parameters θ

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_{n'} \end{bmatrix} \quad , \quad \theta = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \theta_m \end{bmatrix} \quad , \quad Y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_{n'} \end{bmatrix} \quad , \quad V = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_{n'} \end{bmatrix} \quad , \quad E = \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ e_n \end{bmatrix}$$

- nonlinear model: model functions $g_k(\theta, S) = 0$, k = 1, ..., n
- example: sinusoid: $s_k = A \cos(\omega k + \phi)$, $\theta = \omega$ can show: $s_k 2 \cos \omega s_{k-1} + s_{k-2} = g_k(\theta, S) = 0$ $\Rightarrow n' = n+2$

indeed, characteristic equation associated with the difference equation:

$$z^2 - 2\cos\omega z + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow z = e^{\pm j\omega} \Rightarrow s_k = \frac{Ae^{j\phi}}{2}e^{j\omega k} + \frac{Ae^{-j\phi}}{2}e^{-j\omega k} = A\cos(\omega k + \phi)$$

- observed data: $y_k = s_k + v_k$, v_k = measurement/observation noise
- if $v_k \not\equiv 0$ (noisy observations) and/or g_k (model description) approximate, then $g_k(\theta, Y) = e_k(\theta) \not\equiv 0$, e_k = equation error
- LS method: introduced by Gauss in 18th century for the estimation of the parameters of elliptical orbits of planets from noisy observations.

LS Estimation

• LS strategy: adjust $\widehat{\theta}$ to minimize the sum of squared errors $E^T E = \sum_{k=1}^n e_k^2$

least-squares

• Let $G(\theta, Y) = [g_1(\theta, Y) \cdots g_n(\theta, Y)]^T$, then $\widehat{\theta}_{LS} = \arg\min_{\widehat{\theta}} \ G^T(\widehat{\theta}, Y) G(\widehat{\theta}, Y) = \arg\min_{\widehat{\theta}} \ \sum_{k=1}^n g_k^2(\widehat{\theta}, Y) = \widehat{\theta}_{LS}(Y)$

estimator $\widehat{\theta}(Y)$ = function of the observations Y

- remark: LS can be formulated without any statistical context!
- model linear in the parameters:

$$g_k(\theta, Y) = f_k(Y) - C_k(Y) \theta$$
, $f_k(Y) : 1 \times 1$, $C_k(Y) : 1 \times m$, $\theta : m \times 1$

- ullet example cont'd: let $\theta=2\cos\omega$ \Rightarrow $\left\{ egin{array}{l} f_k(Y)=y_k+y_{k-2} \\ C_k(Y)=y_{k-1} \end{array} \right.$
- Let $F(Y) = \begin{vmatrix} f_1(Y) \\ \vdots \\ f_n(Y) \end{vmatrix}$: $n \times 1$, $H(Y) = \begin{vmatrix} C_1(Y) \\ \vdots \\ C_n(Y) \end{vmatrix}$: $n \times m$
- LS: $\widehat{\theta}_{LS} = \arg\min_{\alpha} \left[F(Y) H(Y) \theta \right]^T \left[F(Y) H(Y) \theta \right] = \widehat{\theta}_{LS}(Y)$



LS: Discussion

- $F(Y) H(Y) \theta = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ \vdots \\ C_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \theta_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_n \end{bmatrix} [H_1 \cdots H_m] \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \theta_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ e_n \end{bmatrix} = E$
 - n equations, m unknowns θ (if try to make E=0)
- n > m: overdetermined case
 exact fit impossible ⇒ least-squares fit
 (assume: H = full rank = full column rank ⇒ unique solution)
- n=m: exactly determined case if H= full rank $\Rightarrow H^{-1}$ exists $\Rightarrow \widehat{\theta}=H^{-1}F=$ unique solution (no averaging of errors though)
- n < m: underdetermined case ∞^{m-n} solutions exist, there is a unique solution of minimum norm $\|\widehat{\theta}\|$
- assume henceforth: n>m, $\mathrm{rank}(H)=m$ then parameters identifiable: θ can be found exactly if optimal $E(\theta)=0$



LS: Solution

• LS: $\widehat{\theta}(Y) = \arg\min_{\theta} \xi_{LS}(\theta, Y)$

$$\xi_{LS}(\theta, Y) = ||F(Y) - H(Y) \theta||_{2}^{2}$$

$$= [F(Y) - H(Y) \theta]^{T} [F(Y) - H(Y) \theta]$$

$$= [F^{T}(Y) - \theta^{T} H^{T}(Y)] [F(Y) - H(Y) \theta]$$

- $\bullet \frac{\partial \xi_{LS}}{\partial \theta} = -2H^T(Y) \left[F(Y) H(Y) \theta \right] = 0 \implies H^T(Y)H(Y) \theta = H^T(Y) F(Y)$ $\Rightarrow \widehat{\theta}_{LS} = \left(H^T(Y) H(Y) \right)^{-1} H^T(Y) F(Y) = \widehat{\theta}_{LS}(Y)$
- Hessian = $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{\partial \xi_{LS}}{\partial \theta} \right)^T = 2H^T(Y) H(Y) > 0$ since H(Y) full column rank (constant w.r.t. θ)
 - \Rightarrow extremum = minimum, only one \Rightarrow global one



LS: Linear Model

$$\bullet \begin{array}{l} F(Y) = Y \\ H(Y) = H \end{array} \} \quad \to \quad \begin{cases} y_k = C_k \, \theta + v_k \,, \ k = 1, \ldots, n \quad v_k = \text{ error} \\ Y = H \, \theta + V \\ = \sum\limits_{i=1}^m H_i \, \theta_i + V \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} H \, \theta = S = \text{ signal component} \\ V = \text{ noise} \end{cases}$$

- $\bullet \ \widehat{\theta}_{LS} = (H^T H)^{-1} H^T Y$
- example 1: amplitude and phase estimation of a noisy sinusoid (ω known)

$$y_k = A\cos(\omega k + \phi) + v_k$$

$$= A\cos\phi\cos(\omega k) - A\sin\phi\sin(\omega k) + v_k$$

$$= \underbrace{[\cos(\omega k) \sin(\omega k)]}_{C_k} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} A\cos\phi \\ -A\sin\phi \end{bmatrix}}_{\theta} + v_k$$

• example 2: line fitting

$$y_k = a x_k + b + v_k = \underbrace{[x_k \ 1]}_{C_k} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}}_{\theta} + v_k$$

Weighted Least-Squares (WLS)

non-linear model

- WLS: $\min_{\theta} E^T W E$, $E = [e_1 \cdots e_n]^T$ $\widehat{\theta}_{WLS} = \arg\min_{\theta} G^T(\theta, Y) W G(\theta, Y)$, $W = W^T > 0$ weighting matrix
- LS: W = I, $\Rightarrow E^T E = \sum_{k=1}^n e_k^2$

model linear in parameters

- WLS: $\min_{\theta} \xi_{WLS}(\theta, Y) = \min_{\theta} [F(Y) H(Y) \theta]^T W [F(Y) H(Y) \theta]$
- $\bullet \frac{\partial \xi_{WLS}}{\partial \theta} = -2H^T(Y) W [F(Y) H(Y) \theta] = 0$ $\Rightarrow \widehat{\theta}_{WLS} = (H^T(Y) W H(Y))^{-1} H^T(Y) W F(Y) = \widehat{\theta}_{WLS}(Y)$
- $\bullet \ \text{Hessian} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{\partial \xi_{WLS}}{\partial \theta} \right)^T = 2 H^T(Y) \ W \ H(Y) > 0$ since W > 0 and H(Y) full column rank
 - \Rightarrow extremum = minimum, only one \Rightarrow global one



3 Quantities of Potential Interest

model linear in parameters: $F(Y) = H(Y) \theta + E$

linear model: $Y = H \theta + V \qquad (F(Y), H(Y), E) = (Y, H, V)$

3 quantities: \bullet parameters: θ

• signal: $S = H \theta$

• error/noise: $E = F(Y) - H(Y) \theta$ or $V = Y - H \theta$

LS estimates:

• parameters: $\widehat{\theta} = (H^T H)^{-1} H^T F$

• signal: $\widehat{S} = H \widehat{\theta} = P_H F$, $P_H = H(H^T H)^{-1} H^T$ projection of F/Y on the signal subspace = column space of H

• error/noise: $\widehat{E} = F - \widehat{S} = F - H \, \widehat{\theta} = P_H^{\perp} \, F$, $P_H^{\perp} = I - P_H$ projection of F/Y on the *noise subspace* = orthogonal complement of column space of H

P = projection matrix if $P = P^T$ (symmetric) and PP = P (idempotent) eigenvectors/values of $P_H (P_H^{\perp})$: $P_H H = H$, $P_H^{\perp} H = 0$

basis vectors of signal subspace, corresponding to eigenvalue 1 (0), basis vectors of noise subspace, corresponding to eigenvalue 0 (1).

Applications

- linear model
 - 1. polynomial curve fitting / modal analysis
 - 2. filter design
- model linear in parameters
 - 3. optimal/adaptive filtering



Application 1: Polynomial Curve fitting/Modal Analysis

• measurements y_k = signal + noise signal is a linear combination of known basis functions $h_i(k)$ (modes)

$$y_k = s_k + v_k = \sum_{i=1}^m \theta_i h_i(k) + v_k = c_k^T \theta + v_k$$

where $c_k^T = [h_1(k) \cdots h_m(k)]$. The linear combination coefficients θ_i are the parameters.

• typical signal model: solution of a homogenous difference equation with constant coefficients;

$$s_{k} = \sum_{i=1}^{m_{0}} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{m_{i}} \alpha_{ij} k^{j-1} \right) \lambda_{i}^{k} = c_{k}^{T} \theta$$

$$c_{k}^{T} = \left[k^{0} \lambda_{1}^{k} \cdots k^{m_{1}-1} \lambda_{1}^{k} \quad k^{0} \lambda_{2}^{k} \cdots k^{m_{m_{0}}-1} \lambda_{m_{0}}^{k} \right]$$

$$\theta^{T} = \left[\alpha_{11} \cdots \alpha_{1m_{1}} \quad \alpha_{21} \cdots \alpha_{m_{0} m_{m_{0}}} \right]$$

for m_0 distinct roots λ_i with multiplicity m_i .



Applic. 1: Polynomial Curve fitting/Modal Analysis (2)

 \bullet The signal s_k is the solution of the following difference equation

$$\prod_{i=1}^{m_0} (1 - \lambda_i q^{-1})^{m_i} s_k = 0$$

where q^{-1} is the delay operator: $q^{-1}s_k = s_{k-1}$ (q^{-1} transforms to a multiplication by z^{-1} when taking the z-transform). The total order of the difference equation is $m = \sum_{i=1}^{m_0} m_i$.

• particular case 1: $m_0 = 1$ root and $\lambda_1 = 1$: s_k is a polynomial function of k. In particular, if $m_1 = 1$, then $(1 - q^{-1}) s_k = s_k - s_{k-1} = 0$ and $s_k \equiv b$ is a constant.

If $m_1 = 2$, then $s_k - 2s_{k-1} + s_{k-2} = 0$ and $s_k = ak + b$ (example 1 above).

• particular case 2: m_0 even, λ_i on the unit circle $(\lambda_i = e^{j\omega_i})$ and occurring in complex conjugate pairs, and $m_i = 1$, $\forall i$. Useful reparameterization:

$$s_k = \sum_{i=1}^{m_0/2} \left(\alpha_i e^{j\omega_i k} + \alpha_i^* e^{-j\omega_i k} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^{m_0/2} \left(a_i \cos(\omega_i k) + b_i \sin(\omega_i k) \right).$$

(see example 2 above: $m_0 = 2$)



Application 2: Filter Design

IIR filter design in the time domain

- IIR model transfer function: $\frac{\mathbf{B}(z)}{\mathbf{A}(z)} = \frac{b_0 + b_1 z^{-1} + \dots + b_p z^{-p}}{1 + a_1 z^{-1} + \dots + a_r z^{-r}}$ parameters $\theta = [a_1 \cdots a_r \ b_0 \ b_1 \cdots b_p]^T$, m = p + q + 1
- IIR model impulse response: $s_k = \frac{\mathbf{B}(q)}{\mathbf{A}(q)} \delta_{k0}$

Kronecker delta: $\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & i = j \\ 0, & i \neq j \end{cases}$

- target impulse response (causal, truncated): $y_k = s_k + v_k$, $k = 0, 1, \ldots n$ error $v_k = y_k \frac{\mathbf{B}(q)}{\mathbf{A}(q)} \, \delta_{k0}$ nonlinear in parameters θ
- consider $A(q) y_k = B(q) \delta_{k0} + \underbrace{A(q) v_k}_{e_k}$ or $e_k = y_k + \sum_{i=1}^r a_i y_{k-i} b_k$ error e_k linear in the parameters $(b_k = 0, k > p)$



Application 2: Filter Design (2)

• with $Y = [y_0 \ y_1 \cdots y_n]^T$, $E = [e_0 \ e_1 \cdots e_n]^T$, $B = [b_0 \ b_1 \cdots b_n]^T$, we can write $E = \mathcal{A} Y - B = Y - H \theta$, $H = [-\mathcal{Y} \mathcal{I}]$

where

$$\mathcal{A}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ a_1 & \cdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_r & & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & a_r & \cdots & a_1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ y_0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ y_1 & y_0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ y_{n-1} & y_{n-2} & \cdots & y_{n-r} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{I} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{p+1} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

 \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{Y} are Toeplitz (elements along a diagonal are the same), hence they are specified by their first row and column; they are also lower triangular, and \mathcal{A} is banded (limited number of non-zero diagonals).

For filtering with A: Toeplitzness corresponds to time-invariance, triangularity to causality and bandedness to FIR.

- Strictly speaking: model linear in parameters: F = Y but H(Y) depends on Y.
- LS solution: $\widehat{\theta}_{LS} = (H^T H)^{-1} H^T Y = \arg \min_{\theta} E^T E$

Application 2: Filter Design (3)

• Assume now that we insist on obtaining the LS solution in the *output error* V rather than the equation error E = AV (corresponding to $e_k = A(q)v_k$).

least-squares

Observe that we have

$$V = \mathcal{A}^{-1}E = \mathcal{A}^{-1}(Y - H\theta)$$

• We can obtain the LS solution $\arg\min_{a} V^T V$ iteratively as follows. Note

$$V^{T}V = \|\mathcal{A}^{-1} (Y - H \theta)\|_{2}^{2} = (Y - H \theta)^{T} (\mathcal{A}\mathcal{A}^{T})^{-1} (Y - H \theta)$$

Hence the solution $\widehat{\theta}^{(i)}$ at iteration i can be obtained as

$$\widehat{\theta}_{WLS}^{(i)} = \left(H^T W^{(i)} H\right)^{-1} H^T W^{(i)} Y \text{ where } W^{(i)} = \left(\mathcal{A}(\widehat{\theta}^{(i-1)}) \mathcal{A}^T(\widehat{\theta}^{(i-1)})\right)^{-1}$$

- Initialization: e.g. $\widehat{\theta}_{WLS}^{(0)} = 0$ so that $\widehat{\theta}_{WLS}^{(1)} = \widehat{\theta}_{LS}$ $(\mathcal{A}(0) = I \Rightarrow W^{(1)} = I)$.
- Note: $V^TV = E^TWE$: the LS problem in the output error V corresponds to a WLS problem in the equation error E.
- known as Steiglitz-McBride iterations

Application 2: Filter Design (4)

FIR filter design in the frequency domain

- FIR filter B(z) = C(z) B, $C(z) = [1 \ z^{-1} \cdots z^{-p}], \theta = B = [b_0 \ b_1 \cdots b_p]^T$
- We wish to fit the frequency response $B(e^{j2\pi f})$ to a desired response y_i at frequency f_i , $i=1,\ldots,n'$:

$$y_i = C(e^{j2\pi f_i}) \theta + v_i , \quad i = 1, \dots, n'$$

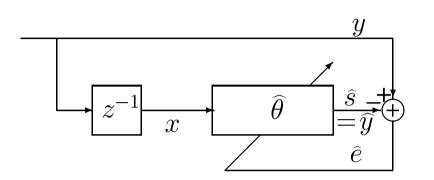
where v_i here is clearly not noise but approximation error.

• Then $\widehat{\theta}_{LS} = (H^T H)^{-1} H^T Y$ where

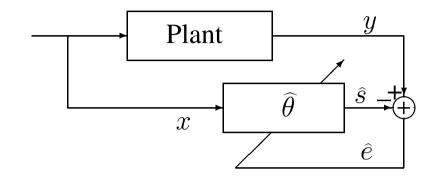
$$Y' = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_{n'} \end{bmatrix}, \ H' = \begin{bmatrix} C(e^{j2\pi f_1}) \\ \vdots \\ C(e^{j2\pi f_{n'}}) \end{bmatrix}, \ Y = \begin{bmatrix} \Re Y' \\ \Im Y' \end{bmatrix}, \ H = \begin{bmatrix} \Re H' \\ \Im H' \end{bmatrix}$$

- For the design of a filter with real coefficients $\theta = B$, the distribution of the frequency points f_i can be limited to the normalized frequency interval $[0, \frac{1}{2}]$.
- A weighting matrix $W = \operatorname{blockdiag}\{W', W'\}, W' = \operatorname{diag}\{w_1, \dots, w_{n'}\}$ can be introduced to put a higher weight $w_i > 0$ at frequencies f_i where a tighter fit is desired ($V^TWV = V'^HW'V' = \sum_{i=1}^{n'} w_i |v_i|^2$ where $V^H = (V^*)^T$).

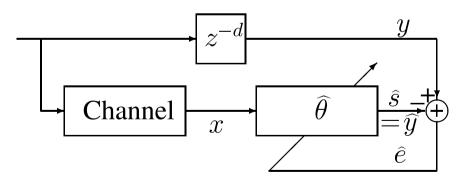
Application 3: Adaptive Filtering



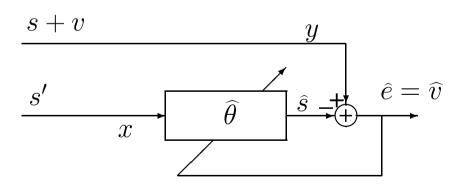
prediction, spectral estimation, whitening



system identification



equalization, deconvolution



interference canceling



Application 3: Adaptive Filtering (2)

- adaptive filtering terminology: y_k = desired-response signal, x_k = filter input
- strictly speaking: adaptive filtering = application of model linear in parameters because H contains signal
- adaptive filtering cases:
 - I. single-channel FIR filtering (4 cases): previous figure with $\theta = B$ (m =p+1) = FIR filter impulse response: $y_{1:n} = [y_1 \cdots y_n]^T = H\theta + V$ with

$$H = H(x_{2-m:n}) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_0 & \cdots & x_{2-m} \\ x_2 & x_1 & \cdots & x_{3-m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_n & x_{n-1} & \cdots & x_{n-m+1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \theta = B = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_{m-1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad Y = \begin{bmatrix} y_{1:n} \\ x_{2-m:n} \end{bmatrix}$$

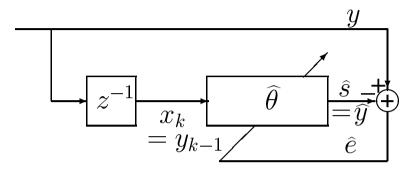
H is Toeplitz. E = V in this case.

- II. multichannel applications: (combinations of:)
 - * IIR filters formulated as multichannel FIR filters
 - * multirate FIR filters
 - * vector input signals: spatial filtering (beamforming)/spatiotemporal filtering of multiple sensor (antennas/sensors) signals
 - * other multidimensional signals (images)



Application 3: Adaptive Filtering (3)

least-squares



prediction, spectral estimation, whitening

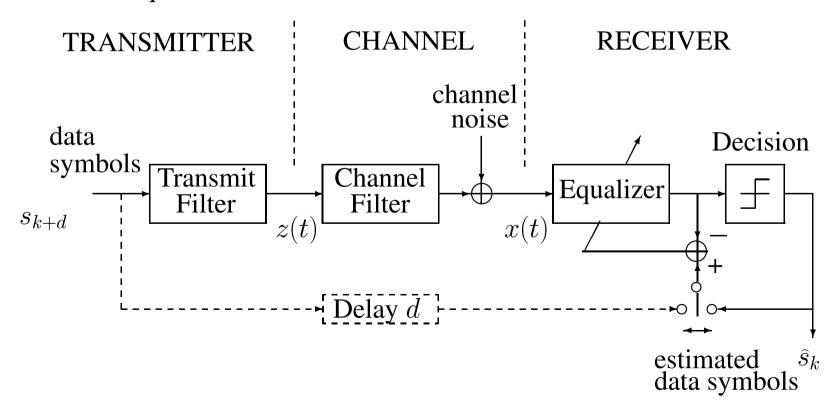
- here $x_k = y_{k-1} \Rightarrow x_k$ noisy also
- **prediction** = s_k , e.g. stock market (multidimensional signals though)
- whitening: make prediction error e_k as white as possible (unpredictible part): used in signal coding (e_k easier to quantize then y_k)
- spectral estimation/modeling: when prediction error e_k becomes white (uncorrelated), θ contains all the spectral (correlation) information of y_k



Application 3: Adaptive Filtering (4)

• equalization, deconvolution:

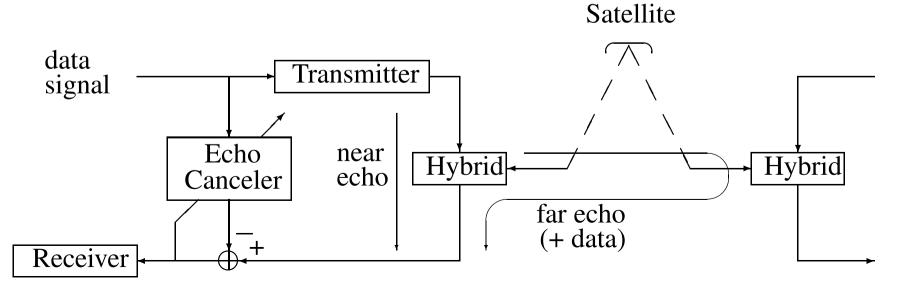
- $-s_k$ of interest here (transmitted symbols, original image/object)
- the noise is here situated at the filter input x_k instead of at the filter output y_k
- recovery of original image from a blurred version
- reconstruction of 3D object from 2D images
- channel equalization in communications:





Application 3: Adaptive Filtering (5)

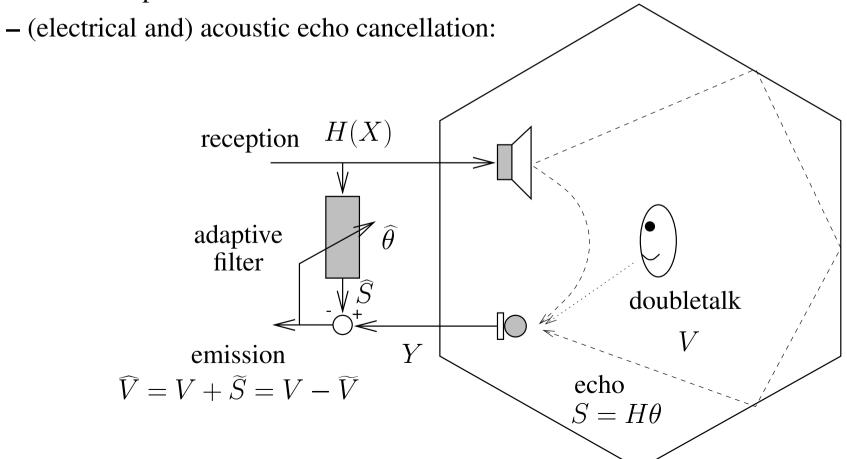
- interference cancellation: $e_k = v_k$ signal of interest, corrupted by unmeasurable noise s_k , which is correlated with the measurable noise $s'_k = x_k$ applications:
 - acoustic (motor) noise reduction for handsfree telephony systems in cars
 - fan/air conditioning system noise reduction in teleconferencing systems
 - 50 Hz interference in electrocardiography
 - interference from other users in mobile communications
 - electrical echo cancellation in telephone lines (voiceband modems/xDSL):





Application 3: Adaptive Filtering (6)

- system identification: θ (filter) of interest, examples:
 - channel identification
 - automatic control
 - seismic exploration





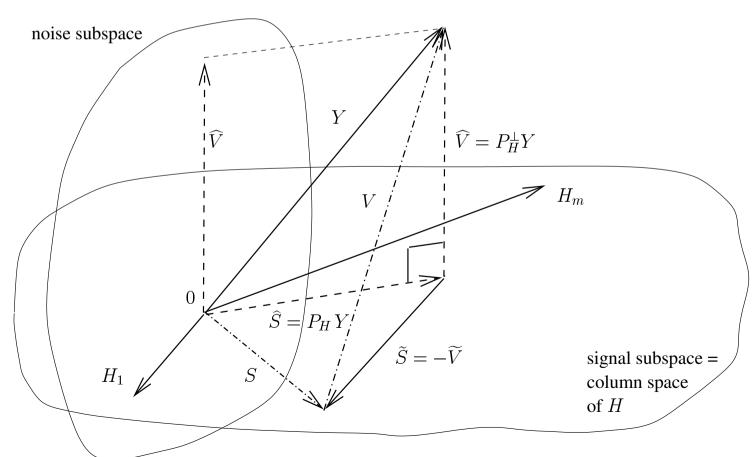
Orthogonality Principle of LS

• we found that $\widehat{\theta}_{LS}$ satisfies

orthogonality conditions of LS

$$H^T(Y - H\widehat{\theta}_{LS}) = H^T\widehat{V}_{LS} = 0 \Leftrightarrow H_i^T\widehat{V}_{LS} = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m$$

the smallest fitting error is orthogonal to the signal subspace (column space of H) linear model notation assumed here





Correlation and Covariance Matrices

- random vectors X and Y
- (E = Expectation)• mean: $m_X = EX$, $m_Y = EY$
- correlation matrix: $R_{XY} = EXY^T$, $R_{XX} = EXX^T$
- covariance matrix:

$$C_{XY} = R_{X-m_X,Y-m_Y} = E(X - m_X)(Y - m_Y)^T = R_{XY} - m_X m_Y^T$$

• vector power (mean square value):

$$E ||X||^{2} = \operatorname{tr} \{ E ||X||^{2} \} = E \operatorname{tr} \{ ||X||^{2} \} = E \operatorname{tr} \{ X^{T} X \}$$
$$= E \operatorname{tr} \{ X X^{T} \} = \operatorname{tr} \{ E X X^{T} \} = \operatorname{tr} \{ R_{XX} \}$$

• notation:
$$\begin{cases} \theta = \widehat{\theta} + \widetilde{\theta} \\ S = \widehat{S} + \widetilde{S} \\ V = \widehat{V} + \widetilde{V} \end{cases}$$



Performance Analysis of LS in the Linear Model

• *a priori* and *a posteriori* decompositions of *Y*:

$$Y = \underbrace{S + V}_{\text{a priori decomposition}} = \underbrace{\widehat{S} + \widehat{V}}_{\text{a posteriori decomposition}}$$

where
$$\widehat{S} \perp \widehat{V} : \widehat{S}^T \widehat{V} = \widehat{\theta}^T H^T \widehat{V} = 0$$

• estimator **bias**: average deviation from the true parameter (E = Expectation)

$$b_{\widehat{\theta}}(\theta) = -E\widetilde{\theta} = E(\widehat{\theta}(Y) - \theta) = E\widehat{\theta}(Y) - \theta$$

unbiased estimator: $b_{\hat{\theta}}(\theta) = 0$, $\forall \theta \in \Theta$ (set of possible values for θ) Unbiasedness is a weak property: estimator can be correct on the average, but with large deviations (large MSE). Also, good estimators exist that are biased.

• MSE = tr $\{R_{\tilde{\theta}\tilde{\theta}}\} = E \|\tilde{\theta}\|_2^2$, $R_{\tilde{\theta}\tilde{\theta}} = E \tilde{\theta} \tilde{\theta}^T$ = estimation error correlation matrix

$$R_{\widetilde{\theta}\widetilde{\theta}} = E(\widehat{\theta} - \theta)(\widehat{\theta} - \theta)^T = E[\underline{\widehat{\theta}}(-E\widehat{\theta} + E\widehat{\theta}) - \underline{\theta}][\underline{\widehat{\theta}}(-E\widehat{\theta} + E\widehat{\theta}) - \underline{\theta}]^T$$

$$= E(\widehat{\theta} - E\widehat{\theta})(\widehat{\theta} - E\widehat{\theta})^T + (E\widehat{\theta} - \theta)(E\widehat{\theta} - \theta)^T = C_{\widehat{\theta}\widehat{\theta}} + b_{\widehat{\theta}}(\theta)b_{\widehat{\theta}}^T(\theta) = C_{\widecheck{\theta}\widecheck{\theta}} + b_{\widehat{\theta}}(\theta)b_{\widehat{\theta}}^T(\theta)$$

 $\operatorname{tr} \{R_{\tilde{\theta}\tilde{\theta}}\} = \operatorname{tr} \{C_{\tilde{\theta}\tilde{\theta}}\} + ||b_{\hat{\theta}}||^2$: Mean Squared Error = variance + bias squared

• (mean square) **consistency**: if $MSE(n) \xrightarrow{n \to \infty} 0$, then $\widehat{\theta} \xrightarrow{n \to \infty} \theta$ (in mean square)



Performance Analysis of LS in the Linear Model (2)

- No statistical information (about V) needed to derive $\widehat{\theta}_{WLS}$. However, in order to evaluate its performance (for the linear model), we need to introduce a stochastic context: V random with $\begin{cases} E\,V=0\\ E\,VV^T=C_{VV} \end{cases}$
- note: $\widehat{\theta}_{WLS} \theta = (H^T W H)^{-1} H^T W (H \theta + V) \theta = (H^T W H)^{-1} H^T W V$
- $b_{WLS} = E \, \widehat{\theta}_{WLS} \theta = (H^T W \, H)^{-1} \, H^T W \, E \, V = 0$: unbiased if $E \, V = 0$
- $\bullet \ C_{\widetilde{\theta}\widetilde{\theta}}(W) = C_{\widehat{\theta}\widehat{\theta}}(W) = \left(H^TWH\right)^{-1}H^TWC_{VV}WH\left(H^TWH\right)^{-1}$
- optimal weighting: $W = C_{VV}^{-1}$: $C_{\tilde{\theta}\tilde{\theta}}(W) \ge C_{\tilde{\theta}\tilde{\theta}}(C_{VV}^{-1}) = \left(H^T C_{VV}^{-1} H\right)^{-1}$
- LS: $C_{\tilde{\theta}\tilde{\theta}} = C_{\tilde{\theta}\tilde{\theta}}(I) = (H^T H)^{-1} H^T C_{VV} H (H^T H)^{-1}$
- white noise: $C_{VV} = \sigma_v^2 I_n \implies \text{WLS}^{opt} = \text{LS} \text{ and } C_{\tilde{\theta}\tilde{\theta}} = \sigma_v^2 \left(H^T H\right)^{-1}$
- (W)LS in general consistent: $\widehat{\theta} \to \theta$ as $\frac{n}{m} \to \infty$



Performance Analysis of LS in the Linear Model (3)

- consider LS and white noise ($C_{VV} = \sigma_v^2 I$)
- signal component:

$$\widehat{S} = H\widehat{\theta}_{LS} = P_H Y = S + P_H V \quad \Rightarrow \quad \widetilde{S} = S - \widehat{S} = -P_H V$$

- * Hence, $E\widehat{S} = S$: unbiased if EV = 0.
- * $C_{\widetilde{S}\widetilde{S}} = P_H C_{VV} P_H = \sigma_v^2 P_H \implies E \|\widetilde{S}\|^2 = \operatorname{tr} \{C_{\widetilde{S}\widetilde{S}}\} = \sigma_v^2 \operatorname{tr} \{P_H\} = m \sigma_v^2$ remains finite!
- * Even $C_{\tilde{s}_k \tilde{s}_k} = \sigma_{\tilde{s}_k}^2 = \sigma_v^2 [P_H]_{kk} \ (= \sigma_v^2 \frac{m}{n} \text{ on the avg.}) \xrightarrow{\frac{n}{m} \to \infty} 0 : \hat{s}_k \text{ consistent.}$ $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n [P_H]_{kk} = \frac{1}{n} \text{tr} \{P_H\} = \frac{1}{n} \text{tr} \{H(H^T H)^{-1} H^T\} = \frac{1}{n} \text{tr} \{(H^T H)^{-1} H^T H\} = \frac{1}{n} \text{tr} \{I_m\} = \frac{m}{n}$

• noise component:

$$\widehat{V} = Y - H\widehat{\theta}_{LS} = P_H^{\perp} Y = P_H^{\perp} V \quad \Rightarrow \quad \widehat{V} = V - \widehat{V} = P_H V$$

- * Hence, $E\widehat{V} = 0$: unbiased if EV = 0 (case of a "random parameter").
- * $C_{\widetilde{V}\widetilde{V}} = C_{\widetilde{S}\widetilde{S}} \implies E \|\widetilde{V}\|^2 = m \,\sigma_v^2$ remains finite also!
- * Furthermore $C_{\tilde{v}_k\tilde{v}_k} = \sigma_{\tilde{v}_k}^2 = \sigma_{\tilde{s}_k}^2 \xrightarrow{\frac{n}{m} \to \infty} 0$: \hat{v}_k consistent also. (SNR = $\frac{\sigma_{v_k}^2}{\sigma_{\tilde{v}_k}^2} = \frac{n}{m}$)
- observe: $R_{\widehat{S}\widehat{V}} = E \, \widehat{S}\widehat{V}^T = P_H C_{VV} P_H^{\perp} = \sigma_v^2 P_H P_H^{\perp} = 0$: a posteriori signal $\widehat{S} = S + P_H V$ and noise components $\widehat{V} = P_H^{\perp} V$ are uncorrelated



Perf Analysis of LS in FIR System Identification

- recall: $H = [X_1 \ X_2 \cdots X_n]^T, X_i = [x_i \ x_{i-1} \cdots x_{i-m+1}]^T$
- linear model: H deterministic \rightarrow model linear in parameters: H can be stochast.
- law of large numbers: $\frac{1}{n}H^TH = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n X_iX_i^T \xrightarrow{n\to\infty} EX_iX_i^T = R_{XX} \ (m\times m)$ \Rightarrow approximation: $H^TH \approx n\,R_{XX}$
- observe: if x_k and v_k are independent and at least one of them is white noise $(R_{XX} = \sigma_x^2 I \text{ and/or } R_{VV} = \sigma_v^2 I)$, then $E H^T R_{VV} H = n\sigma_v^2 R_{XX}$
- hence $C_{\tilde{\theta}\tilde{\theta}} = (H^T H)^{-1} H^T C_{VV} H (H^T H)^{-1} \approx \frac{\sigma_v^2}{n} R_{XX}^{-1} \quad (\Rightarrow \text{ consistency})$
- Is LS criterion = $\|\widehat{V}\| = Y^T P_H^{\perp} Y$ a good indicator of estimation quality? $(\widehat{V} = Y H\widehat{\theta} = \text{LS error})$

$$\begin{split} E \, \| \widehat{V} \|^2 \, &= \, E \, Y^T P_H^\perp Y \, = \, E \, V^T P_H^\perp V \, = \, E \, V^T V - E \, \{ V^T \, P_H \, V \} \\ &= \, E \, \sum_{i=1}^n v_i^2 - \operatorname{tr} \{ E \, P_H \, V V^T \} \, = \, n \sigma_v^2 - \operatorname{tr} \{ E \, P_H \, C_{VV} \} \\ &= \, n \sigma_v^2 - \operatorname{tr} \{ E \, (H^T H)^{-1} \, H^T C_{VV} H \} \, \stackrel{\text{LLN}}{\approx} \, n \sigma_v^2 - \operatorname{tr} \, \{ (E \, H^T H)^{-1} \, E \, H^T C_{VV} H \} \\ &= \, n \sigma_v^2 - \operatorname{tr} \, \{ (n \, R_{XX})^{-1} \, n \sigma_v^2 R_{XX} \} \, = \, n \sigma_v^2 - \sigma_v^2 \operatorname{tr} \, \{ I_m \} \, = \, (n - m) \, \sigma_v^2 \end{split}$$

hence $E \|\widehat{V}\|^2 \to 0$ as $m \nearrow n$ (or $n \searrow m$). Extreme case: $n = m \implies \widehat{V} = 0$. But estimation not good at all.



Perf Analysis of LS in FIR System Identification (2)

• white noise case:

$$\begin{split} E \, \| \widehat{V} \|^2 \, &= \, E \, V^T P_H^\perp V = \operatorname{tr} \big\{ P_H^\perp \, E \, V V^T \big\} \\ &= \, \sigma_v^2 \operatorname{tr} \big\{ P_H^\perp \big\} = \sigma_v^2 \operatorname{tr} \big\{ I_n - P_H \big\} = \sigma_v^2 \left(n - m \right) \end{split}$$

$$\bullet$$
 "signal" and "noise" parts:
$$\begin{cases} Y = S + V \\ \widehat{S} = S - \widetilde{S} \\ \widehat{V} = V - \widetilde{V} \end{cases}$$

• A priori SNR: SNR_Y = $\frac{E ||S||^2}{E ||V||^2} = \frac{n E s_i^2}{n E v_i^2} = \frac{E (\theta^T X_i)^2}{\sigma^2} = \frac{\theta^T R_{XX} \theta}{\sigma^2}$

A posteriori SNRs:

$$\begin{split} \text{SNR}_{\widehat{S}} &= \frac{E \, ||S||^2}{E \, ||\widetilde{S}||^2} = \frac{n \, E \, s_i^2}{m \sigma_v^2} = \frac{n}{m} \, \text{SNR}_Y \\ \text{SNR}_{\widehat{V}} &= \frac{E \, ||V||^2}{E \, ||\widetilde{V}||^2} = \frac{n \, \sigma_v^2}{m \, \sigma_v^2} = \frac{n}{m} \quad \text{indep. of SNR}_Y \; ! \end{split}$$

• For $n = m : SNR_{\widehat{S}} = SNR_Y$ (estimation did not improve SNR!), $SNR_{\widehat{V}} = 1 = 0dB$ (LS error $\widehat{V} = 0 \implies \widehat{V} = V$)



Perf Analysis of LS in FIR System Identification (3)

- cross validation: to get an idea of estimation quality, try estimate $\widehat{\theta}(Y)$ on n' other data Y' = S' + V', $S' = H'\theta$ (independent from Y but identically distributed). In practice: often n' = 1 (1 new sample)
- signal component:

$$\widehat{S}' = H'\widehat{\theta}_{LS} = H'(H^T H)^{-1} H^T Y = S' + H'(H^T H)^{-1} H^T V$$

$$\Rightarrow \widetilde{S}' = S' - \widehat{S}' = -H'(H^T H)^{-1} H^T V$$

* can show $E \|\widetilde{S}'\|^2 \approx \frac{n'}{n} m \sigma_v^2$

* hence
$$SNR_{\widehat{S}'} = \frac{E ||S'||^2}{E ||\widetilde{S}'||^2} = \frac{n}{m} SNR_Y$$
 as before

• noise component:

$$\widehat{V}' = Y' - H'\widehat{\theta}_{LS} = V' + \widetilde{S}' \quad \Rightarrow \quad \widetilde{S}' = -\widetilde{V}'$$

$$* \ \mathrm{SNR}_{\widehat{V}'} = \frac{E \, \|V'\|^2}{E \, \|\widehat{V}'\|^2} = \frac{n}{m} \quad \mathrm{but} \quad E \, \|\widehat{V}'\|^2 = n' \, \sigma_v^2 \, (1 + \frac{m}{n}) \, > \, E \, \|V'\|^2 \, \mathrm{now}$$

- * this time also $R_{\widetilde{V}'V'} = 0$ whereas $R_{\widetilde{V}V} = P_H R_{VV} \neq 0$ before
- * to predict performance from \widehat{V} : $\frac{1}{n'} ||\widehat{V}'||^2 \approx \frac{n+m}{n-m} \frac{1}{n} ||\widehat{V}||^2$ (Akaike's FPEC)
- conclusion: need $\frac{n}{m} = \frac{\# \text{ equations}}{\# \text{ unknowns}} \gg 1$ for good quality estimation

WLS: Performance Analysis

- No statistical information (about V) needed to derive $\widehat{\theta}_{WLS}$. However, in order to evaluate its performance (for the linear model), we need to introduce a stochastic context: V random with $\begin{cases} E\,V = 0 \\ E\,VV^T = C_{VV} \end{cases}$
- note: $\widehat{\theta}_{WLS} \theta = (H^TWH)^{-1}H^TW(H\theta + V) \theta = (H^TWH)^{-1}H^TWV$
- $E \hat{\theta}_{WLS} \theta = (H^T W H)^{-1} H^T W E V = 0$: unbiased
- $\bullet \ C_{\widetilde{\theta}\widetilde{\theta}}(W) = C_{\widehat{\theta}\widehat{\theta}}(W) = (H^TWH)^{-1}H^TWC_{VV}WH(H^TWH)^{-1}$
- $\bullet \text{ optimal weighting: } W = C_{VV}^{-1}: C_{\widetilde{\theta}\widetilde{\theta}}(W) \geq C_{\widetilde{\theta}\widetilde{\theta}}(C_{VV}^{-1}) = \left(H^TC_{VV}^{-1}H\right)^{-1}$
- Further statistical knowledge and optimality properties:
 - WLS = ML if $V \sim \mathcal{N}(0, W^{-1})$ and independent of θ



Rank Reduction in the Linear Model

- reparameterize in terms of a reduced set of parameters $\underbrace{\theta}_{m \times 1} = \underbrace{T}_{m \times r} \underbrace{\phi}_{r \times 1}$
- ullet issue of optimal transformation T
- ullet we shall limit analysis to $T=\begin{bmatrix}I_r\\0\end{bmatrix}$: $\phi=\theta_{1:r}=\overline{\theta}_r$

$$S = H \theta = [\overline{H}_r \ \underline{H}_r] \begin{bmatrix} \overline{\theta}_r \\ \underline{\theta}_r \end{bmatrix} = \overline{H}_r \overline{\theta}_r + \underline{H}_r \underline{\theta}_r$$

• reduced-rank LS: $\widehat{\overline{\theta}}_r = \arg\min_{\overline{\theta}_r} \|Y - \overline{H}_r \overline{\theta}_r\|^2 = (\overline{H}_r^T \overline{H}_r)^{-1} \overline{H}_r^T Y$

$$\widehat{S} = \widehat{S}_r = \overline{H}_r \widehat{\overline{\theta}}_r = P_{\overline{H}_r} Y$$
 , $\widehat{V} = \widehat{V}_r = Y - \widehat{S}_r = P_{\overline{H}_r}^{\perp} Y$

$$\widehat{\theta}_{r} = (\overline{H}_{r}^{T}\overline{H}_{r})^{-1}\overline{H}_{r}^{T}(\overline{H}_{r}\overline{\theta}_{r} + \underline{H}_{r}\underline{\theta}_{r} + V)$$

$$= \overline{\theta}_{r} + (\overline{H}_{r}^{T}\overline{H}_{r})^{-1}\overline{H}_{r}^{T}(\underline{H}_{r}\underline{\theta}_{r} + V) = \overline{\theta}_{r} - \widetilde{\overline{\theta}}_{r}$$

$$\widehat{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{\overline{\theta}}_{r} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \ \widetilde{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \widetilde{\overline{\theta}}_{r} \\ \underline{\theta}_{r} \end{bmatrix}$$



Rank Reduction in the Linear Model (2)

• estimator bias and variance

$$b_{\hat{\theta}}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} (\overline{H}_r^T \overline{H}_r)^{-1} \overline{H}_r^T \underline{H}_r \underline{\theta}_r \\ -\underline{\theta}_r \end{bmatrix}, \quad C_{\tilde{\theta}\tilde{\theta}} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{\tilde{\theta}_r\tilde{\theta}_r} \tilde{\theta}_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$C_{\tilde{\theta}_r\tilde{\theta}_r} = (\overline{H}_r^T \overline{H}_r)^{-1} \overline{H}_r^T C_{VV} \overline{H}_r (\overline{H}_r^T \overline{H}_r)^{-1} , \quad R_{\tilde{\theta}\tilde{\theta}} = C_{\tilde{\theta}\tilde{\theta}} + b_{\hat{\theta}} b_{\hat{\theta}}^T$$

• signal component

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{S} &= S - \widehat{S}_r = \overline{H}_r \overline{\theta}_r + \underline{H}_r \underline{\theta}_r - (\overline{H}_r \overline{\theta}_r + P_{\overline{H}_r} \underline{H}_r \underline{\theta}_r + P_{\overline{H}_r} V) = P_{\overline{H}_r}^\perp \underline{H}_r \underline{\theta}_r - P_{\overline{H}_r} V \\ \text{bias} : b_{\widehat{S}_r}(\theta) &= -E \ \widetilde{S} = -P_{\overline{H}_r}^\perp \underline{H}_r \underline{\theta}_r \neq 0 \text{ : biased !} \\ R_{\widetilde{S}\widetilde{S}} &= C_{\widetilde{S}\widetilde{S}} + b_{\widehat{S}_r \widehat{S}_r} b_{\widehat{S}_r \widehat{S}_r}^T = P_{\overline{H}_r} C_{VV} P_{\overline{H}_r} (P_{\overline{H}_r}^\perp \underline{H}_r \underline{\theta}_r) (P_{\overline{H}_r}^\perp \underline{H}_r \underline{\theta}_r)^T \end{split}$$

noise component

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{V} &= V - \widehat{V}_r = V - (P_{\overline{H}_r}^{\perp} \underline{H}_r \underline{\theta}_r + P_{\overline{H}_r}^{\perp} V) = -P_{\overline{H}_r}^{\perp} \underline{H}_r \underline{\theta}_r + P_{\overline{H}_r} V = -\widetilde{S} \\ \mathbf{SNR}_{\widehat{V}_r} &= \frac{E \, ||V||^2}{E \, ||\widetilde{V}||^2} = \frac{n \sigma_v^2}{||P_{\overline{H}_r}^{\perp} \underline{H}_r \underline{\theta}_r||^2 \, + \, r \sigma_v^2} \end{split}$$



Rank Reduction in FIR System Identification

• Assume now H filled with samples of x_k , being white noise.

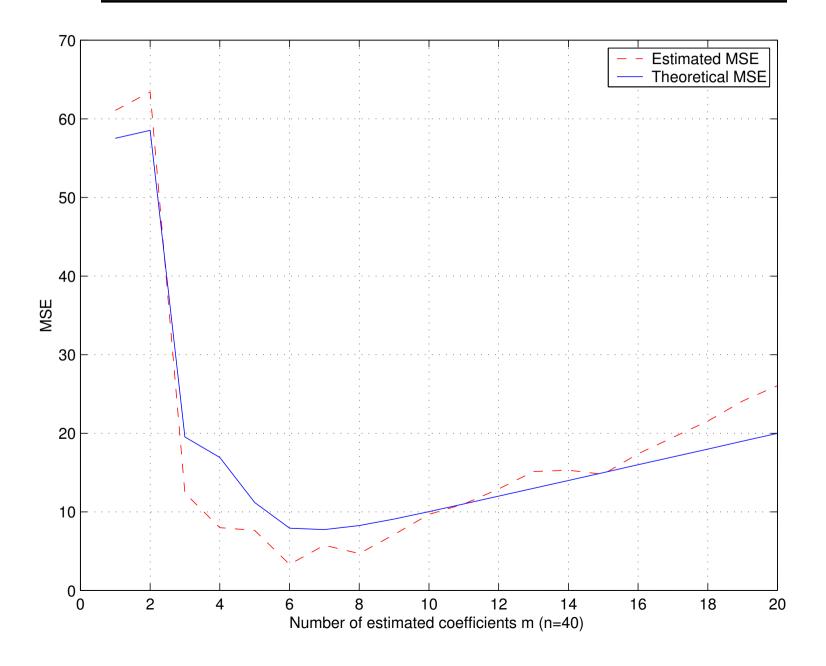
$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{SNR}_{\widehat{V}_r} &= \frac{n\sigma_v^2}{E_X \, ||P_{\overline{H}_r}^{\perp} \underline{H}_r \underline{\theta}_r||^2 + \, r\sigma_v^2} = \frac{n\sigma_v^2}{|\mathsf{bias}|^2 + \, r\sigma_v^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{\frac{\sigma_x^2}{\sigma_v^2} ||\underline{\theta}_r||^2 + \frac{r}{n}} = \frac{1}{\mathsf{SNR}_Y \, \frac{||\underline{\theta}_r||^2|}{||\theta||^2} + \frac{r}{n}} \end{aligned}$$

- ullet to maximize $\mathrm{SNR}_{\widehat{V}_r}$, need to minimize $|\mathrm{bias}|^2 + r\sigma_v^2$
- we have $E \|\widehat{V}_m\|^2 = (n-m) \, \sigma_v^2$, $E \|\widehat{V}_r\|^2 = |\text{bias}|^2 + (n-r) \, \sigma_v^2$
- Hence can estimate

$$|\mathbf{bias}|^2 + r\sigma_v^2 \approx ||\widehat{V}_r||^2 - ||\widehat{V}_m||^2 + (2r - m)\sigma_v^2 \approx ||\widehat{V}_r||^2 - ||\widehat{V}_m||^2 + \frac{2r - m}{n - m}||\widehat{V}_m||^2$$



Rank Reduction in FIR System Identification (2)





Choice of Estimator

• stochastic (Bayesian) information matrix:

$$J_{stoch} = J_{prior} + E_{\theta} J_{det}(\theta)$$

as $J_{det} \sim n$, J_{det} dominant as $n \gg 1$.

Hence if lots of data \Rightarrow prior of little relevance \Rightarrow deterministic estimation

If little data \Rightarrow need prior (even if invented) to regularize the problem, to avoid singularity of J_{det}

- Bayesian estimation:
 - $-\widehat{\theta}_{MMSE}$ preferable
 - $-\widehat{\theta}_{MAP}$ easier to calculate
 - $-\widehat{\theta}_{LMMSE}$ simple, acceptable if everything \approx Gaussian (model \approx linear)
- deterministic (classical) estimation:
 - Maximum Likelihood (ML) if possible
 - if ML too complex or if a good initialization is required for an iterative optimization of ML: Least-Squares or Method of Moments
 - Linear Gaussian model: all reasonable estimators identical