

**TTK4210 Advanced Control of Industrial Processes**  
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**Spring 2018 - Assignment 5**

Due date: Friday 2 March at 16:00.

Before doing this assignment, we advice you to read Example 10.7 in S&P.

**Selecting controlled outputs**

Given the cost function

$$J(u, d) = (u - 2d)^2$$

and the possible measurements of the process

$$y_1 = 0.2(u - d)$$

$$y_2 = u$$

$$y_3 = 8u - 5d$$

The magnitude of the expected disturbances  $W_d$  and expected implementation errors associated with individual controlled variables  $W_e$  are

$$W_d = 1$$

$$W_e = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that  $W_e$  above gives the expected implementation errors for the three candidate measurements. When calculating the loss corresponding to using a single measurement, we select the corresponding diagonal element of  $W_e$ . When using a linear combination of measurements  $z = Hy$ , we use  $\tilde{W}_e = HW_e$  when calculating the loss.

1. From (10.12) in S&P the worst-case loss for the selected measurement is given by

$$\max_{\left\| \begin{bmatrix} d' \\ e' \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2 \leq 1} L = \frac{1}{2} \bar{\sigma} \left( \begin{bmatrix} M_d & M_e \end{bmatrix} \right)^2 \quad (1)$$

where

$$M_d = J_{uu}^{1/2} (J_{uu}^{-1} J_{ud} - G^{-1} G_d) W_d$$

$$M_e = J_{uu}^{1/2} G^{-1} W_e$$

We can write

$$\begin{bmatrix} M_d & M_e \end{bmatrix} = J_{uu}^{1/2} (HG^y)^{-1} H \begin{bmatrix} FW_d & W_e \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$F = -G^y J_{uu}^{-1} J_{ud} + G_d^y, \quad G = HG^y$$

and  $z = Hy$  denotes the selected measurements used for control.

With the *exact local method* the measurement with the lowest loss  $L$  is selected. Calculate  $L$  for the three possible measurements  $y_1, y_2$  and  $y_3$  and suggest which of the measurements that should be used ( $z = y_i$ ). Do not use MATLAB or any other computer software.

2. Find a linear combination  $H$  of measurements,  $z = Hy$ , which minimizes the loss  $L$ . Instead of the numerical search proposed in S&P to find the optimal measurement combination  $H$ , you may use the analytical method proposed in section 3 of [1], obtainable from

[http://www.nt.ntnu.no/users/skoge/publications/2009/alstad\\_extended\\_nullspace\\_jpc/JJPC852.pdf](http://www.nt.ntnu.no/users/skoge/publications/2009/alstad_extended_nullspace_jpc/JJPC852.pdf).

In short, the method in [1] - when cancelling a factor that does not affect the loss - simplifies to

$$H^T = (YY^T)^{-1}G^y$$

where  $Y = [FW_d \ W_e]$ . What is the loss now? Compare to a).

3. (a) Use the *nullspace method* (S&P, p. 397 or Lecture notes, pp. 117–118) to find the optimal combination of measurements,  $H$ , and the corresponding loss. Compare your result with the other methods.
- (b) Use the *extended nullspace method* (Lecture notes, p. 118) to find the optimal combination of measurements,  $H$ , and the corresponding loss, when accounting for implementation error. Compare your result with the other methods.

## References

- [1] V. Alstad, S. Skogestad, and E. S. Hori. Optimal measurement combinations as controlled variables. *Journal of Process Control*, 19:138–148, 2009.

## Appendix

$G^H$  (The *Hermitian transpose*, or *conjugate transpose*), represents the transpose of  $\bar{G}$  (the matrix with complex conjugated entries), i.e.

$$G^H = (\bar{G})^T$$

In Matlab,  $G^H$  is calculated as  $G'$  and  $G^T$  is calculated as  $G.''$ . Naturally, for a real matrix the relationship is  $G^H = G^T$ .