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Discussion 7B

1. System Identification by Means of Least Squares

(a) Consider the scalar discrete-time system

$$x[i+1] = ax[i] + bu[i] + w[i] \quad (1)$$

Where the scalar state at timestep i is $x[i]$, the input applied at timestep i is $u[i]$ and $w[i]$ represents some (small) external disturbance that also participated at timestep i (which we cannot predict or control, it's a purely random disturbance).

Assume that you have measurements for the states $x[i]$ from $i = 0$ to ℓ and also measurements for the controls $u[i]$ from $i = 0$ to $\ell - 1$. Further assume $\ell \geq 2$.

Show that we can set up a linear system as in eq. (2) to find constants a and b . How do we solve this system?

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x[1] \\ x[2] \\ \vdots \\ x[\ell] \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{s}} \approx \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x[0] & u[0] \\ x[1] & u[1] \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x[\ell-1] & u[\ell-1] \end{bmatrix}}_D \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{p}} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \cancel{(x[\ell-1], u[\ell-1])} \rightarrow x[0] \\ (x[0], u[0]) \rightarrow x[1] \quad \rightarrow a x[0] + b u[0] = x[1] \\ (x[1], u[1]) \rightarrow x[2] \quad \rightarrow a x[1] + b u[1] = x[2] \\ \vdots \\ (x[\ell-1], u[\ell-1]) \rightarrow x[\ell] \quad \rightarrow a x[\ell-1] + b u[\ell-1] = x[\ell] \end{array}$$

a^*, b^*

"close near?"

"residual"

$$\left[x[1] - (ax[0] + bu[0]) \right]^2$$

$$x[1] = ax[0] + bu[0]$$

$$x[1] - (ax[0] + bu[0]) \approx 0$$

$$\left[x[l] - (ax[l-1] + bu[l-1]) \right]^2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x[1] \\ x[2] \\ \vdots \\ x[l] \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} x[0] & u[0] \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x[l-1] & u[l-1] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x[1] - (ax[0] + bu[0]) \\ \vdots \\ x[l] - (ax[l-1] + bu[l-1]) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left\| \begin{bmatrix} x[1] \\ x[2] \\ \vdots \\ x[l] \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} x[0] & u[0] \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x[l-1] & u[l-1] \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}}_P \right\|^2$$

S
 D

arg min \vec{p}

$$\|s - D\vec{p}\|^2$$

Least Squares

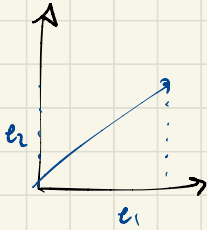
warm up

find $\min_x (x^2 + 1)$

sum of squared errors

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{e_1^2 + e_2^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2 &= \sqrt{e_1^2 + e_2^2}^2 \\ &= e_1^2 + e_2^2 \end{aligned}$$



sum of squared errors

$$\arg \min_{\vec{p}} \|s - D\vec{p}\|^2$$

$$p^* = (D^T D)^{-1} D^T s$$

$D^T D$ might not be invertible!

(b) What if there were now two distinct scalar inputs to a scalar system

$$x[i + 1] = ax[i] + b_1u_1[i] + b_2u_2[i] + w[i] \tag{3}$$

and that we have measurements as before, but now also for both of the control inputs.

Set up a least-squares problem that you can solve to get an estimate of the unknown system parameters a, b_1, b_2 .

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x[1] &= ax[0] + b_1 u_1[0] + b_2 u_2[0] \\ &\vdots \\ x[l] &= ax[l-1] + b_1 u_1[l-1] + b_2 u_2[l-1] \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x[1] \\ \vdots \\ x[l] \end{bmatrix}}_S = \begin{bmatrix} x[0] & u_1[0] & u_2[0] \\ \vdots \\ x[l-1] & u_1[l-1] & u_2[l-1] \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}}_P$$

$\hat{p}^* = (D^T D)^{-1} D^T S$

(c) What could go wrong in the previous case? For what kind of inputs would make least-squares fail to give you the parameters you want?

(d) Now consider the two dimensional state case with a single input.

$$\vec{x}[i + 1] = \begin{bmatrix} x_1[i + 1] \\ x_2[i + 1] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}[i] + \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} u[i] + \vec{w}[i] \tag{4}$$

How can we treat this like two parallel problems to set this up using least-squares to get estimates for the unknown parameters $a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{21}, a_{22}, b_1, b_2$? Write the least squares solution in terms of your known matrices and vectors (including based on the labels you gave to various matrices/vectors in previous parts). *Hint: What work/computation can we reuse across the two problems?*

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} x_1[1] &= a_{11}x_1[0] + a_{12}x_2[0] + b_1u[0] \\ x_2[1] &= a_{21}x_1[0] + a_{22}x_2[0] + b_2u[0] \\ x_1[2] &= a_{11}x_1[1] + a_{12}x_2[1] + b_1u[1] \\ x_2[2] &= a_{21}x_1[1] + a_{22}x_2[1] + b_2u[1] \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1[1] \\ x_2[1] \\ \vdots \\ x_1[l] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1[0] & x_2[0] & u[0] & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots \\ x_1[l-1] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{12} \\ b_1 \\ a_{21} \\ a_{22} \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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