

Direct identification of the linear block in Wiener system

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The problem

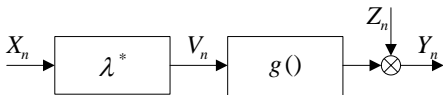


Figure: The Wiener system

$$V_n = \sum_{i=0}^p \lambda_i^* X_{n-i}, \quad (1)$$

$$Y_n = g(V_n) + Z_n, \quad (2)$$

Assumptions

A1 The input signal $\{X_n\}$ is an *i.i.d* sequence with zero mean and continuous density function $f(x)$, symmetric around the known point e.g. $x = 0$.

A2 The nonlinearity $g(\cdot)$ has bounded derivative. Furthermore $g(0) = 0$.

A3 The additive noise signal $\{Z_n\}$ is zero-mean *i.i.d.* sequence with finite variance. Both $\{X_n\}$ and $\{Z_n\}$ are independent random sequences.

The idea

$$Y_n = G(\mathbf{X}_n; \boldsymbol{\lambda}^*) + Z_n, \quad (3)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{X}_n &= (X_n, X_{n-1}, \dots, X_{n-p})^T \\ \boldsymbol{\lambda}^* &= (\lambda_0^*, \lambda_1^*, \dots, \lambda_p^*)^T \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} G(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\lambda}^*) &= g(\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{*T} \mathbf{x}) \\ \mathbf{x} &\in R^{p+1} \end{aligned}$$

Least squares criterion

$$Q(\lambda) = E \{ Y_i - G(\mathbf{X}_i; \lambda) \}^2 \rightarrow \min_{\lambda}$$

but $G(\cdot)$ is unknown

The gradient of $G(\mathbf{x}; \lambda)$ (with respect to \mathbf{x} and for arbitrary $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{p+1}$) is proportional to λ

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} G(\mathbf{x}; \lambda) = c_{\lambda}(\mathbf{x}; \lambda) \lambda^T, \text{ where } c_{\lambda} = g'(\lambda^T \mathbf{x})$$

Taylor's expansion

$$G(\mathbf{X}_i; \lambda) = G(\mathbf{x}; \lambda) + c_{\lambda} \lambda^T (\mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{x}) + r_i, \quad (4)$$

Kernel least squares criterion (local linear approximation)

$$Q_{\mathbf{x}}(\lambda) = E \left\{ \left[Y_i - \left(G(\mathbf{x}; \lambda) + \lambda^T (\mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{x}) \right) \right]^2 K_h(\|\mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{x}\|) \right\}, \quad (5)$$

Empirical criterion

For $\mathbf{x} = 0$

$$Q_0(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = E \left\{ \left[Y_i - \boldsymbol{\lambda}^T \mathbf{X}_i \right]^2 K_h(\|\mathbf{X}_i\|) \right\} \quad (6)$$

$$\arg \min_{\boldsymbol{\lambda}} Q_0(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = c_{\boldsymbol{\lambda}^*} \boldsymbol{\lambda}^*.$$

$$\hat{Q}_0(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left[Y_i - \boldsymbol{\lambda}^T \mathbf{X}_i \right]^2 K_h(\|\mathbf{X}_i\|),$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\boldsymbol{\lambda}} \hat{Q}(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$$

The algorithm

$$\hat{\lambda} = \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{A}_i \right]^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{B}_i \right], \quad (7)$$

where

$$\mathbf{A}_i = \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i^T K(\|\mathbf{x}_i\|/h), \quad (8)$$

$$\mathbf{B}_i = Y_i \mathbf{x}_i K(\|\mathbf{x}_i\|/h). \quad (9)$$

The consistency

Theorem

Let assumptions **A1** – **A3** be in force. Then, for $h = N^{-\alpha}$, where $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{d})$ and $d = p + 1$, the estimate $\hat{\lambda}$ is consistent estimate of the scaled impulse response of the dynamic subsystem, i.e.

$$\hat{\lambda} \rightarrow c\lambda^* \text{ in probability} \quad (10)$$

as $N \rightarrow \infty$, where $c = c_{\lambda^*}$ is a multiplicative constant.

Generalization

Remark

Although the algorithm was derived and analyzed for the input symmetrically distributed around the point $\mathbf{x} = 0$, it can be generalized for much wider class of densities. Furthermore, for each pair (\mathbf{X}_i, Y_i) and (\mathbf{X}_j, Y_j) , $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, N$, we can expand $G(\mathbf{x}; \lambda)$ around the point $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{X}_j$ (provided that $G(\mathbf{x}; \lambda)$ is differentiable), which leads to

$$Y_i = Y_j + c_{ij} \lambda^* (\mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{X}_j) + r_{ij} + Z_i - Z_j,$$

Introducing $Y_{ij} = Y_i - Y_j$, $\mathbf{X}_{ij} = \mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{X}_j$, and $Z_{ij} = Z_i - Z_j$, we obtain that

$$Y_{ij} = c_{ij} \lambda^* \mathbf{X}_{ij} + r_{ij} + Z_{ij},$$

where $c_{ij} \rightarrow \text{const}$, as $\|\mathbf{X}_{ij}\| \rightarrow 0$, and the components of \mathbf{X}_{ij} are obviously symmetrically distributed.

Practical aspects (1)

Since the probability of the selection event $P(\|\mathbf{X}_{ij}\| < h) \sim h^d$ decreases very fast as $h \rightarrow 0$ (particularly for large dimension d of the vector \mathbf{X}_{ij}) we propose to repeat estimation around all points $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{X}_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, N$, i.e., to compute

$$\hat{\lambda}_j = \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{A}_{ij} \right]^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{B}_{ij} \right], \quad (11)$$

where

$$\mathbf{A}_{ij} = \mathbf{X}_{ij} \mathbf{X}_{ij}^T K(\|\mathbf{X}_{ij}\|/h), \quad (12)$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{ij} = Y_{ij} \mathbf{X}_{ij} K(\|\mathbf{X}_{ij}\|/h). \quad (13)$$

Practical aspects (2)

This provides the series of estimates $\{\hat{\lambda}_j\}_{j=1}^N$, that can be next averaged as follows

$$\tilde{\lambda} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^N w_j \hat{\lambda}_j}{\sum_{j=1}^N w_j}, \quad (14)$$

where w_j 's are properly selected weighting factors.
We propose

$$w_j = \text{sgn} \hat{\lambda}_j[1] \cdot I(j), \quad (15)$$

where

$$I(j) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{as } \left\| \hat{\lambda}_j \right\| \geq r \\ 0, & \text{as } \left\| \hat{\lambda}_j \right\| < r \end{cases}$$

Simulation example

$$g(V) = \sin(V), \quad \lambda^* = [2, 1]^T, \quad X_n \sim U[-10, 10], \\ Z_n \sim U[-0.1, 0.1]$$

The identification experiment was repeated for $N = 1000$, $h = 1$ and various values of the threshold parameter r

$$r(\alpha) = \left\| \lambda_{[\alpha]} \right\|,$$

where $\left\| \lambda_{[\alpha]} \right\|$ denotes a sample α -th order quantile of the random variable $\left\| \hat{\lambda}_j \right\|$. The following estimation error was computed in $R = 10$ repeats

$$e = \frac{1}{R} \sum_{k=1}^R \left\| c_k \tilde{\lambda}^{(k)} - \lambda^* \right\|,$$

with normalization factor $c_k = \lambda^*[1] / \tilde{\lambda}^{(k)}[1]$

Simulation example (cont.)

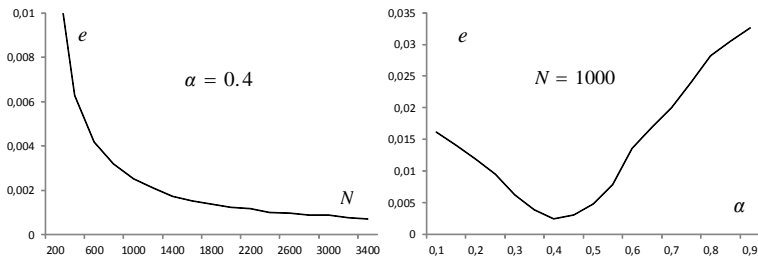


Figure: Estimation error e vs. number of data N and selection parameter α

Pros and Cons

- + weak assumptions, nonparametric nonlinearity, differentiable in the selected points
- + simple algorithm, no nonlinear optimization (only linear least squares + kernel selection)
- + direct recovery of the impulse response (and interaction signal), decomposition of the Wiener system

- slow convergence, ($p + 1$ dimensional space)
- problems with generalization for L-N-L system
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