



DATA DRIVEN CONTROL SYSTEM DESIGN

Nominal design: does not guarantee any robustness as for reference tracking



satisfying requirements for a range of possible situations

Integrators: achieves robustness as for reference tracking, but it is conservative as for transient (long assessment time)

$$\frac{k \cdot z}{z - 1}$$

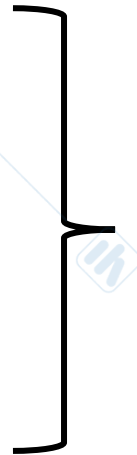
$k = \text{gain}$

Control specifications

- zero tracking error
- small enough transient

+

high level uncertainty



ADAPTIVE CONTROL
(*NON-LINEAR*)



we implement the structure of the nominal controller but the parameters are not fixed (they are continuously updated by the information carried over by data)



ADAPTATION RULE



multitude of possible systems simultaneously

Least Squares estimation

$$\hat{a}_{t+1} = \frac{\alpha \bar{a} + \sum_{i=0}^t \varphi(i) y(i+1)}{\alpha + \sum_{i=0}^t \varphi(i) \varphi(i)^T}$$

$$u(t) = -\hat{a}x(t) + r(t)$$

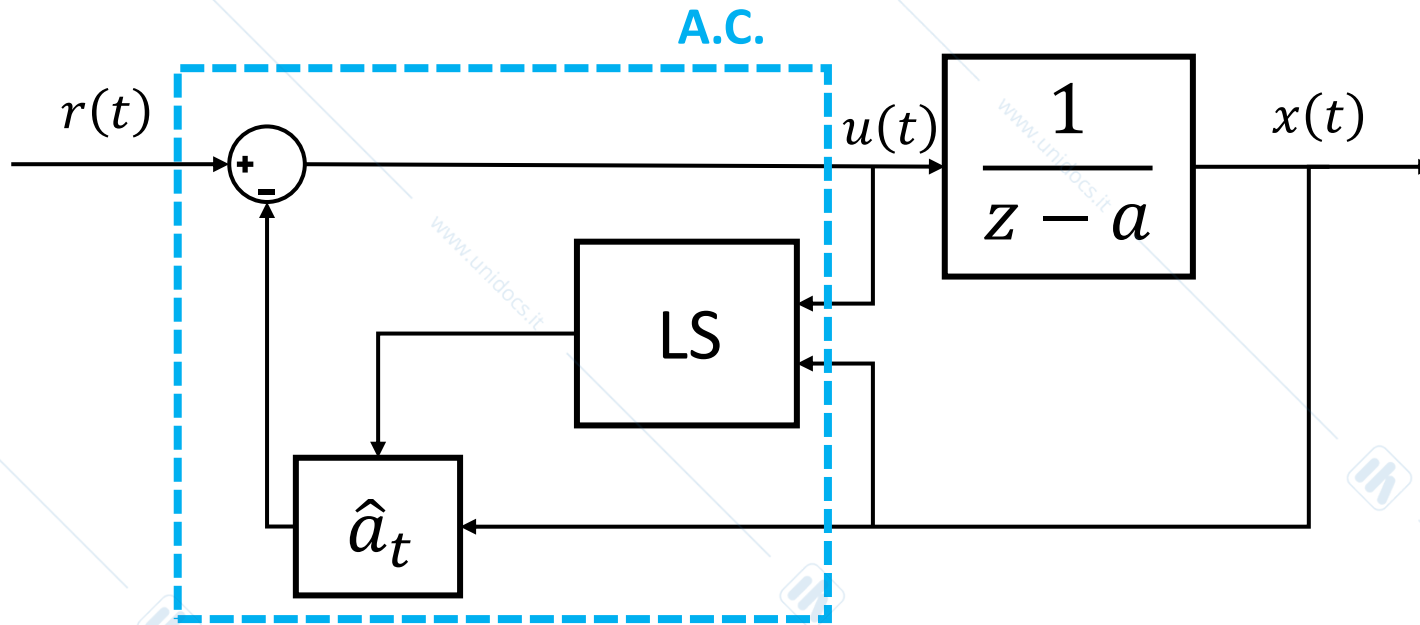
$$x(t+1) = ax(t) + u(t)$$



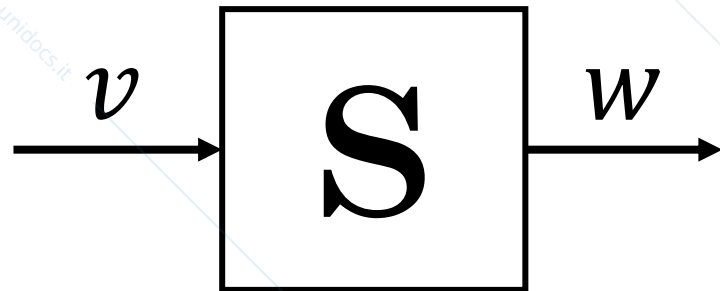
$$x(t+1) - u(t) = ax(t)$$



$$y(t+1) = a\varphi(t)$$



GENERAL PRINCIPLES



System: relation between quantities of interests

- variables
- parameters
- functional relationships

dependent quantities are those that are determined once the independent quantities are given

dependent

not observable

observable

independent

tunable

non-tunable
(exogenous)

known

uncertain

card set c

CONTROL PROBLEM

choose the value of tunable independent quantities based on the observable dependent quantities so that the behavior of the dependent quantities satisfies some given goal irrespective of the values taken by the uncertain quantities

robustness requirements

CONTROLLER

C



link between tunable and observable quantities



CLASS

\mathfrak{C}

\mathcal{C}

S



realization of a system for a given value of the uncertain quantities

\in

\mathcal{S}



class of «systems» obtained for the various possible values of uncertain quantities

$J(C, S)$ → performance index

control goal →

$$J(C, S) \leq K$$

- poles
- tracking error at $t \rightarrow \infty$

control requirements:

- stability
- settling time
- zero tracking error

goal → find $C \in \mathcal{C} : J(C, S) \leq K, \forall S \in \mathcal{S}$

(1) \mathcal{C} is big enough (no need of adaptive control)

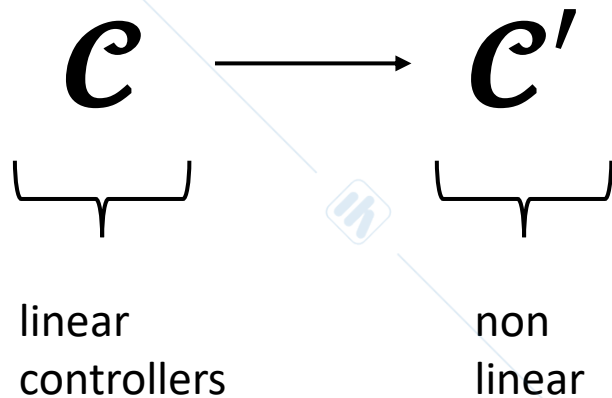
$$\exists C \in \mathcal{C} : J(C, S) \leq K, \forall S \in \mathcal{S}$$

remarks:

- class of uncertain systems
- control requirements are strict (classical control, robust control, ecc)
- unique controller

$$(2) \quad \forall C \in \mathcal{C} \exists S \in \mathcal{S} : J(C, S) > K$$

control problem cannot be solved within the chosen controller class \rightarrow change the controller class



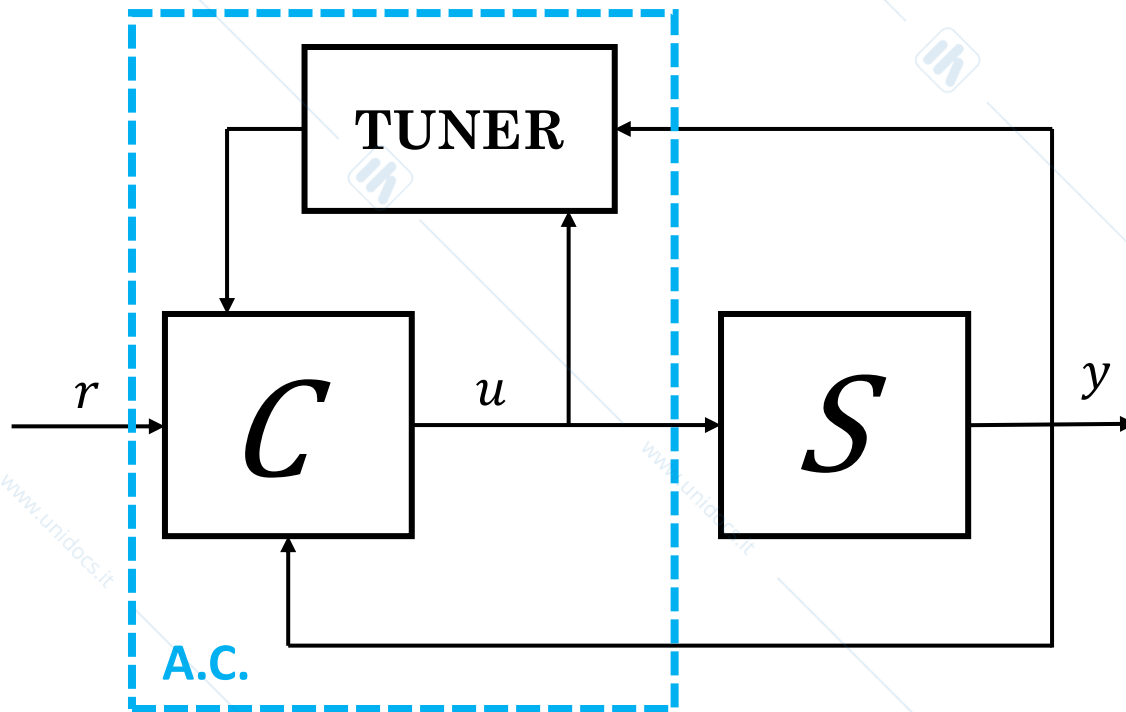
enlarged class of controllers that allows to solve the control problem (must be not too big otherwise we are no more able to operate with it)

adaptive control is nothing but a means to construct a suitable \mathcal{C}' from \mathcal{C}

$$(2.1) \quad \forall S \in \mathcal{S} \exists C \in \mathcal{C} : J(C, S) \leq K$$

if we fix uncertainty, then we are capable to solve one control problem (different S lead to different C in this condition)

Adaptation rule: we implement the structure of a controller in C , but it is not kept fixed, it is tuned through time based on the a-posteriori information obtained from input and output S (the response of S , value taken by the dependent observable quantities given the value of independent tunable quantities)

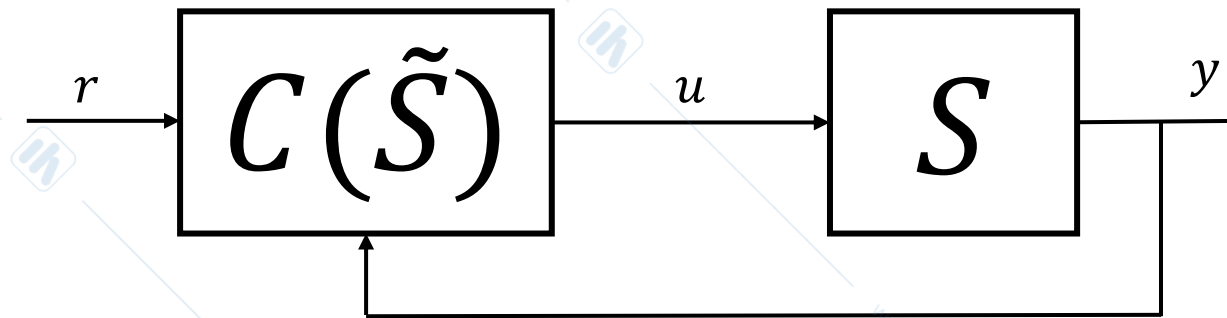


UNCERTAINTY calls for **ADAPTATION** no matter if the system is t-invariant or t-variant (but often A.C. is the only possibility to solve the robust control problem of t-variant systems)

enlarged class of controllers because of the tuner

mechanism through which S is updated in the adaptation rule (to counteract the uncertainty)

- C generates from \longrightarrow
- a-posteriori info (observations of observable quantities)
 - a-priori info on S (\tilde{S} any knowledge about quantities and the relation among quantities in S)



- a-posteriori info only \Rightarrow controller is t-invariant
- a-priori info is what may justify the use of t-varying controllers

***TAXONOMY OF
ADAPTIVE
CONTROLLERS***

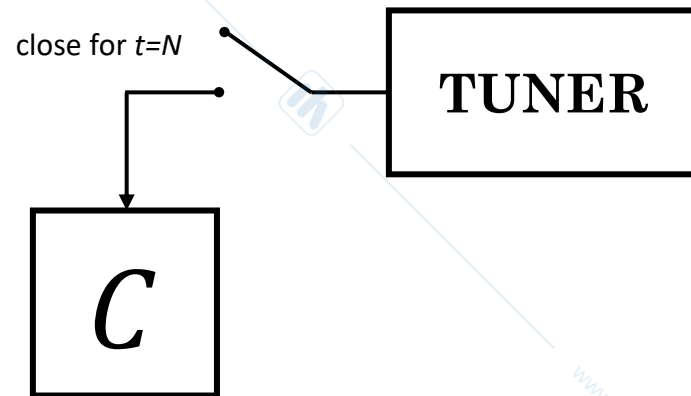
	INDIRECT	DIRECT
ON-LINE	SELF-TUNING	Q-LEARNING
OFF-LINE	IDENTIFICATION + DESIGN	VRFT

OFF-LINE

VS

ONLINE

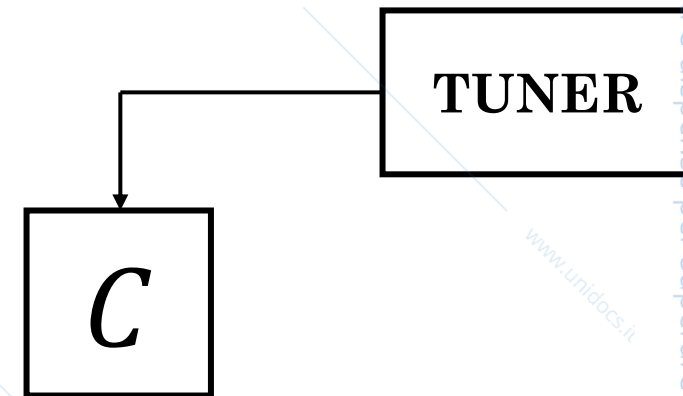
C is tuned once (after observing S over a proper time window $t=N$)



limitations:

- S must be t -invariant
- avoid poor performing controller up to $t=N$

C is tuned at every time (based on the available a-posteriori info)



- overcomes limitations of off-line schemes (but it is more complicated)
- can be used for both t -varying and t -invariant S

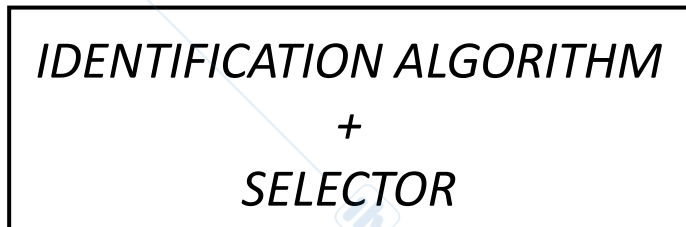
approach: refer to the way the TUNER chooses \mathcal{C} among \mathcal{C}

INDIRECT

VS

DIRECT

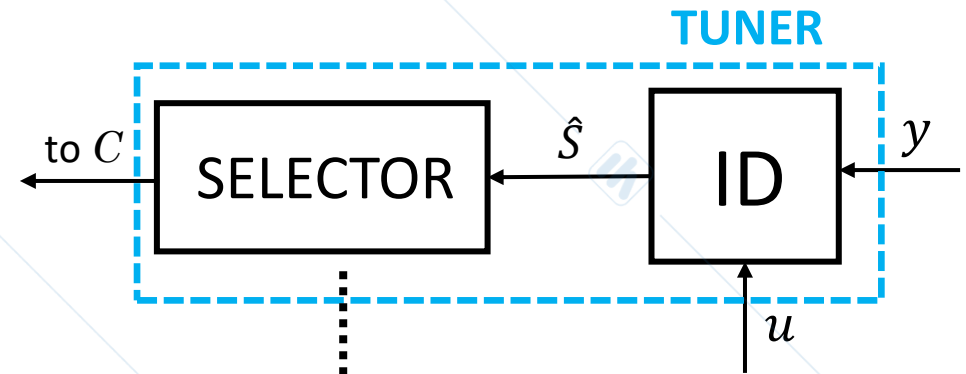
(1) INDIRECT APPROACHES «curse of dimensionality»



TUNER first performs an identification of $S \Rightarrow$ estimate of \hat{S} and then it decides \mathcal{C} based on \hat{S}

most used for its simplicity (very valuable): other more in principle high performing schemes are too complicate to any practical use

SELF-TUNING SCHEME

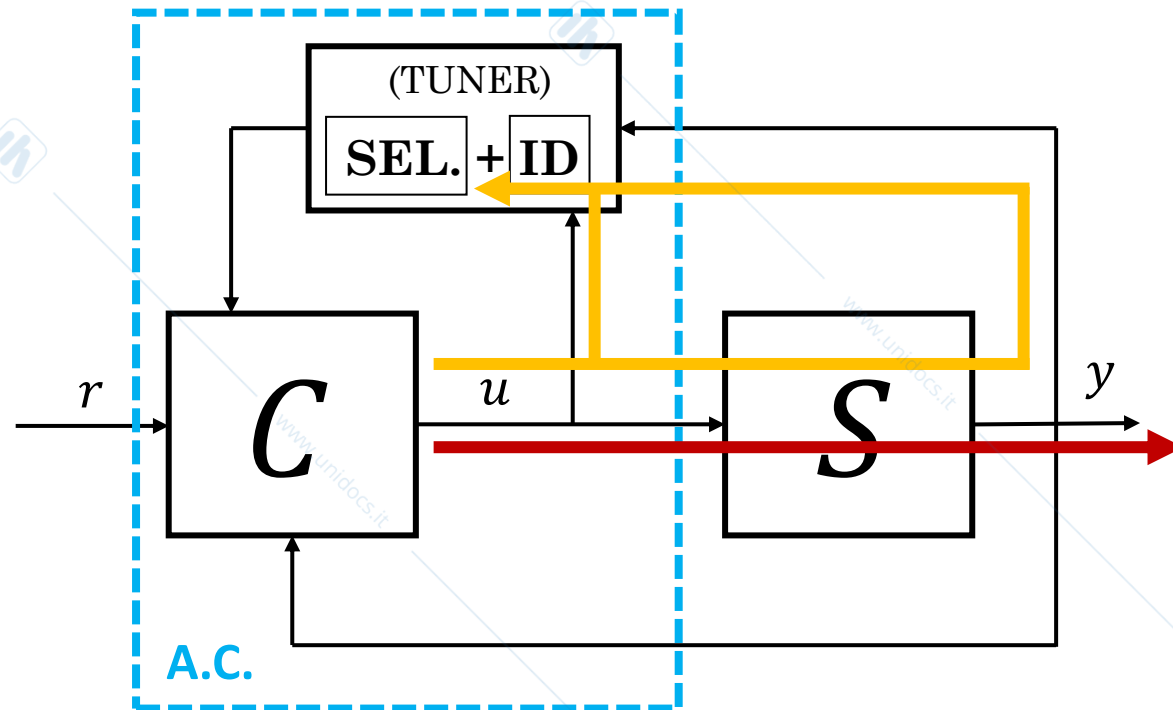


choose \mathcal{C} as if \hat{S} was the true system we want to control
 \rightarrow CERTAINTY EQUIVALENCE PRINCIPLE (CEP)

prescribes the «design» of \mathcal{C} forgetting about the mismatch between the real and the identified model (very large at the beginning)

$$S \neq \hat{S} \text{ always}$$

- **PRIMAL EFFECT:** the response by S as obtained given the input selected by the controller C (impact of the control action on the response of S)
- **DUAL EFFECT:** impact of control action u on the estimate \hat{S} of $S \rightarrow$ indirectly related to the achievement of our control goals, because of the adaptation rule



EXPLOITATION

VS

EXPLORATION

u is used to make y as close as possible to the desired behavior (the more complex the task \rightarrow the more the knowledge of S is required)

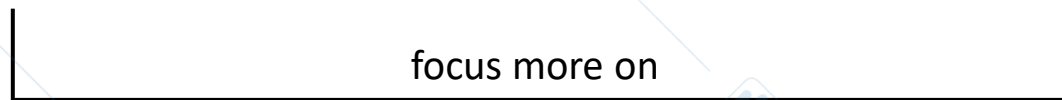
control goal requires to keep S as steady-state as possible

u is used to achieve the best possible identification of S (u is used to excite and reduce the mismatch between S and \hat{S})

we want to excite S as much as possible

CONFLICTUAL

In A.C. (S is uncertain) we have to acquire knowledge via exploration progressively, while enforcing the desired behavior via exploitation → optimal performance requires a proper trade-off (not achieved by self-tuning and CEP) between exploration and exploitation



DUAL ADAPTIVE CONTROLLER: CEP is discarded and a better balance (the optimal balance) between exploration and exploitation is required (extremely complicated: very difficult to use in any practical problem)

ROBUST ADAPTIVE CONTROL: identification returns an estimate \hat{S} of S along with an assessment of $S - \hat{S}$ (mismatch) that is used to select C so as to achieve a partial balance between exploration and exploitation

(2) DIRECT APPROACHES: *no identification* of S to decide C

CEP \rightarrow use $J(C, \hat{S})$ to determine a \bar{C} : $J(\bar{C}, \hat{S}) \leq K$

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real performance
not satisfactory

$\rightarrow S \neq \hat{S} \Rightarrow J(\bar{C}, S) > K$ even if $J(\bar{C}, \hat{S}) \leq K$
(performance index that counts)

for a good performance: $J(C, S) \approx J(C, \hat{S})$

- unexplicit
- difficult to workout
- not pursued by existing



to achieve this we should be able to understand what are the features of S that are relevant for the determination of J and let \hat{S} to estimate those feature only, otherwise we are identifying too much and the wealth of data is wasted in unessential parts to solve the control

use data to «identify» $J(C, S)$



$\hat{J}(C)$ performance index obtained from the data with the goal of making

$$\hat{J}(C) \approx J(C, S)$$

Uncertain system S

$$S: y(t) = \underbrace{\varphi(t-1)^T}_{\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{regression} \\ \text{vector} \end{array} \right)} \underbrace{\theta^0(t)}_{\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{parameter} \\ \text{vector} \end{array} \right)} + e(t)$$

$WN(0, \lambda^2)$ additive disturbance
t-varying ARX system

operational representation $\left(z^{-k} \text{ n-step delay operators} \right)$ delay between u and y

$$S: A(z^{-1}, \theta^0(t))y(t) = B(z^{-1}, \theta^0(t))u(t-d) + e(t)$$

Hp:

- $d \geq 1$
- $b_0^0(t) \neq 0, \forall t$
- $\theta^0(t)$: A and B are COPRIME $\forall t$ (no cancellations between them)
- observability and reachability (well-posed control problem)

- dependent variable \rightarrow signals $\forall t > 0$



$y(t)$ (system output) \rightarrow observable

- independent (tunable) variable : $u(t)$ control action
- independent uncertain quantities :

- $y(-n+1)$ initialization
- $e(t)$ additive disturbance
- $a_{1-n}^0(t), b_{0-n}^0(t)$ t-varying parameters uncertain

} no need for adaptation (classical robust controllers)

motivates
adaptation

Identification block

objective of estimating the uncertain parameter on

specific algorithm dictated by the a-priori info on \mathcal{S}

map from data to an estimate of the parameter vector

$$D^N = \{u(1), y(1), \dots, u(n), y(n)\} \text{ data set}$$

Model Class (ARX)

$$\mathbf{M}(\theta): y(t) = \varphi(t-1)^T \underbrace{\theta(t)}_{\substack{\text{model} \\ \text{parameter} \\ \text{vector}}} + \xi(t) \sim$$

$$\text{WN}(0, \sigma^2)$$

estimated

stochastic model

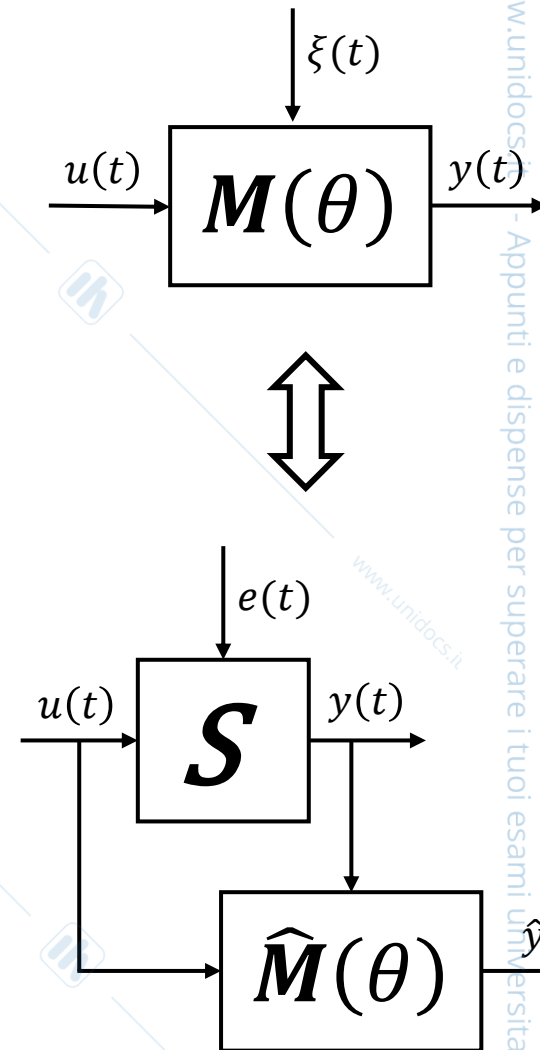
PEM identification (Prediction Error Minimization)

$$\mathbf{M}(\theta): y(t) = \underbrace{\varphi(t-1)^T \theta}_{\text{predictable}} + \underbrace{\xi(t)}_{\text{unpredictable}}$$

↓
model in
prediction
form

$$\hat{\mathbf{M}}(\theta): \hat{y}(t|t-1) = \varphi(t-1)^T \theta$$

\hat{y} is a signal which can be compared with the measured y and the principle is to choose the model that has \hat{y} as close as possible to y



BEST (unique) model parameter vector (Least Squares estimate)

$$\hat{\theta}_N = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} J_N(\theta)$$

$$= \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y(i) - \theta^T \varphi(i-1))^2$$

quadratic positive cost function

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} J_N(\theta) = 0 \quad \text{condition} \quad \leftarrow \text{stationary points are } \underline{\text{minimizers}}$$

$$\hat{\theta}_N = \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \varphi(i-1) \varphi(i-1)^T \right)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \varphi(i-1) y(i)$$

the inverse must be non-singular

problem for A.C. $\rightarrow \hat{\theta}_N$ need to be well-defined in all condition (A.C. has to be implemented as standalone device \rightarrow must always return a well-defined value)

A.C. identification in close-loop

data are collected when S operates with the controller → goal of the controller is to hide the dynamics

A.C. singularity is often the case

Modified LS

$$J_N(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^N \underbrace{(y(i) - \varphi(i-1)^T \theta)^2}_{\text{prediction error (can be singular)}} + \underbrace{(\theta - \bar{\theta})^T S_0 (\theta - \bar{\theta})}_{\text{quadratic term (non-singular paraboloid)}}$$

positive definite by assumption ⇒ non-singular

same calculations of standard L.S.

$$\hat{\theta}_N = [S_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \varphi(i-1)\varphi(i-1)^T]^{-1} [S_0 \bar{\theta} + \sum_{i=1}^N \varphi(i-1)y(i)]$$

(parameter vector θ)

Bayesian setting: $(\theta - \bar{\theta})^T S_0 (\theta - \bar{\theta})$ can be interpreted as a-priori info on $\theta^0(t_0)$

- $\bar{\theta}$ = mean value of $\theta^0(t_0)$
- S_0 = dispersion of $\theta^0(t_0)$ around $\bar{\theta}$

} a-priori distribution characterizing
the perception of uncertainty in S_0

- the bigger S_0 , the more importance is given to $\bar{\theta}$, the slower is the L.S. to move away from $\bar{\theta}$ (in case $\bar{\theta}$ is wrong)
- the smaller S_0 , the closer to singularity (numerical problems)

Implementation

self-tuning: N , fixed number of data $\rightarrow t$, estimate is continuously updated as time progresses (a new observation is selected at every time instant)

t is continuously increasing \rightarrow data record is increasing with $t \rightarrow$ memory allocation problem (saturation of memory capacity)



Recursive LS (RLS) finite memory allocation (no memory saturation)

$$\hat{\theta}_t = f(\hat{\theta}_{t-1}, y(t), \varphi(t-1))$$

identification algorithm is a dynamical system (is updated from the previously computation) \rightarrow recursion must not introduce any approximation)

$$\hat{\theta}_{t+1} = \left[S_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{t+1} \varphi(i-1)\varphi(i-1)^T \right]^{-1} \left[S_0 \bar{\theta} + \sum_{i=1}^{t+1} \varphi(i-1)y(i) \right]$$

information matrix $S(t+1)$

$$\hat{\theta}_{t+1} = \underbrace{\hat{\theta}_t}_{\text{previous estimate}} + \underbrace{S(t+1)^{-1} \varphi(t)}_{\text{weight}} \underbrace{[y(t+1) - \varphi(t)^T \hat{\theta}_t]}_{\text{innovation carried by } y(t+1) \text{ wrt the prediction we can make at time } t}$$

recursive equation
for LS estimate

$$\varphi(t)^T \hat{\theta}_t = \hat{y}(t+1|t, \hat{\theta}_t)$$

RLS – I form

- finite memory allocation
- numerically instable
($S(t)$ may diverge)
- computationally demanding
(inverse computation)

not suitable for practical implementation

RLS – III form (computationally inexpensive and also numerically stable)

RLS – I : update $S(t)$, but then $S(t)^{-1}$ is only used to compute $\hat{\theta}_t$
→ update $S(t)^{-1}$ **directly**

Matrix Inversion Lemma

F, H, G, K matrices of proper dimension so that F, H, F + GHK are all invertible

$$(F + GHK)^{-1} = F^{-1} - F^{-1}G(H^{-1} + KFG)^{-1}KF^{-1}$$

update of $S(t)^{-1}$ via $\varphi(t)$ to obtain $S(t + 1)^{-1}$



computationally cheap (requires sum, products and inversion of a scalar)

$$S(t + 1)^{-1} = S(t)^{-1} - \frac{S(t)^{-1}\varphi(t)\varphi(t)^T S(t)^{-1}}{1 + \varphi^T S(t)^{-1}\varphi(t)}$$

$$\varphi(t-1) = A\varphi(t-2) + B \begin{bmatrix} y(t-1) \\ u(t-d) \end{bmatrix}$$

RLS is not able to track time-varying parameters

asymptotically $\hat{\theta}_{t+1} = \hat{\theta}_t$ \longrightarrow RLS is no more reactive to parameter changes as t increases

$$J_t(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^t (y(i) - \varphi(i-1)^T \theta)^2 + (\theta - \bar{\theta})^T S_0 (\theta - \bar{\theta})$$

all the information (a-priori and a-posteriori for every time instant) are weighted uniformly even those data points that refers to a value of the S that is no more (t-varying setup)

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past data should be weighted less than more recent data (no more informative about the current value of $\theta^0(t)$)

Least Squares with forgetting factor (μ -LS)

tuning parameter $\mu \in (0,1]$

$$J_t^\mu(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^t \mu^{t-i} (y(i) - \varphi(i-1)^T \theta)^2 + \mu^t (\theta - \bar{\theta})^T S_0 (\theta - \bar{\theta})$$

exponentially decaying weight

- $\mu \approx 1 \rightarrow$ more weight to past data
- $\mu \approx 0 \rightarrow$ less weight to past data

the less erratic the estimate (the slower the convergence to $\theta^0(t)$)

the more erratic the estimate (the faster the convergence)

disturbance case: the effect is not averaged and the a-posteriori info does not accumulate anymore

μ -LS estimate: $\hat{\theta}_t^\mu = \operatorname{argmin}_\theta J_t^\mu(\theta)$

observations:

- $\mu = 1 \Rightarrow 1\text{-LS} \equiv \text{LS}$
- $J_t^\mu(\theta)$ is still quadratic
- strictly needed for t-varying systems

μ - RLS - I form

- $S(t)$ is as. stable ($\mu < 1$) (or constant)
- $S(t+1)^{-1} \neq 0 \Rightarrow \mu$ - RLS is always reactive to new info

Drawbacks of forgetting factor

as. stability cannot prevent $S(t)$ to get close to singularity

Blow-up phenomenon

$\hat{\theta}_t$ has a sudden variation (burst):

- instability (self-tuning) $\rightarrow S(t)^{-1}$ is diverging along some elements
- numerical issues
- $\varphi(t)\varphi(t)^T$ singular (non informative identification experiments)

↓ to avoid blow-up

t-varying μ

$$\mu(t) = \begin{cases} \mu & | \text{rcond}(S(t)) \geq \alpha \\ 1 & | \text{rcond}(S(t)) < \alpha \end{cases}$$

- $S(t)$ state of controller
- $\text{rcond}(S(t))$ indicator of singularity of $S(t)$
- α least acceptable level of singularity

μ is tuned continuously based on $\text{rcond}(S(t)) \rightarrow S(t)$ is kept non-singular all the time \rightarrow no blow-up

t-varying μ

- to avoid singularity conditions
- reduce the effect of wrong initialization in LS (prior info)

in μ – LS is
vanishing fast

$S(0) = S_0$ and $\hat{\theta}_0 = \bar{\theta}$
chosen at will by designer

may lead to slow convergence
(poor performance of self-)

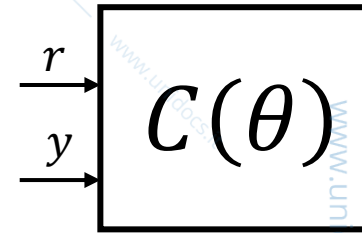
- erratic estimate $\hat{\theta}_t^\mu$ (noise effect is not canceled out)

$\mu = \mu(t) = \bar{\mu}$ for small t

- reduce the effect of initialization when it is needed more
- few data points (A not able to counteract B)

= 1 for big t → many data capable to counteract B

«Basic» controller $C \in \mathcal{C}$ in self-tuning



$C(\theta) \rightarrow$ controller that has to be tuned depending on $\theta = \hat{\theta}_t$

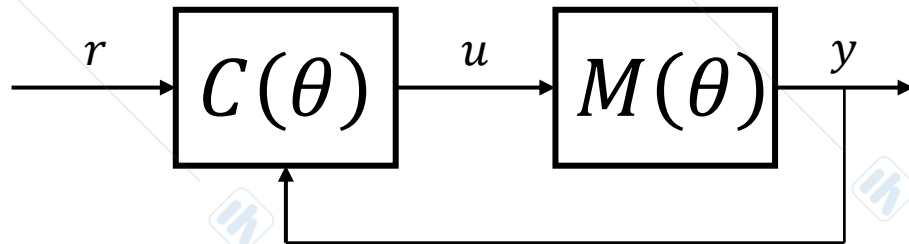
\rightarrow can be any linear proper controller whose parameters are functions of the model parameter vector θ

$$C(\theta): A_C(z, \theta)u(t) = B_C(z, \theta)y(t) + C_C(z, \theta)r(t)$$

perform
achieved
nominal

«self-tuning is as good as the control scheme obtained by connecting $C(\theta)$ to M

$\Sigma(\theta, \theta)$ control scheme ($C(\theta)$ is feedback connected with $M(\theta)$)



we don't know which θ is such that self-tuning $\approx \Sigma(\theta, \theta)$

linear t-invariant

we would like that $\sum(\theta, \theta)$ is satisfactory for the largest set of θ values

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it achieves the control goals (dictates the choice of \mathcal{C})
specified at the beginning

$\Xi = \{\theta: \sum(\theta, \theta) \text{ is well-defined and satisfactory}\}$

- in most control techniques Ξ is very large
- still it can't be $\Xi = \Theta$ (whole domain for θ)
→ intrinsic limitations (it is important to spot out what Ξ is)

Minimum Variance Control (MVC)

$$\mathbf{M}(\theta): A(z, \theta)y(t) = B(z, \theta)u(t - d) + \xi(t)$$

MV designs $u(t)$ so as to minimize the tracking error variance

$$\min_u t [y(t + d) - r(t)]^2$$

← MV controller is obtained by solving this wrt to u

min is achieved when $\underbrace{\hat{y}(t + d|t)}_{\text{predictor of } y(t + d)} = r(t)$

$y(t + d) = r(t)$ is the best tracking possible (without being anticipative w.r.t. d -steps delay)

$$\mathbf{C}(\theta): B(z, \theta)E(z, \theta)u(t) = r(t) - F(z, \theta)y(t) \quad \underline{\text{equation for MV control}}$$

$$\mathbb{E} = \{\theta: \Sigma(\theta, \theta) \text{ is } \underline{\text{satisfactory}}\}$$

Hp: as.stability is always with the goals of control design

$$\mathbb{E}^* = \{\theta: \Sigma(\theta, \theta) \text{ is } \underline{\text{as.stable}}\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E} \subseteq \mathbb{E}^*$$

$M(\theta)$ must be minimum phase in order to $\Sigma(\theta, \theta)$ be as.stable

$$\mathbb{E} \subseteq \{\theta: \Sigma(\theta, \theta) \text{ is } \underline{\text{minimum phase}}\}$$

main limitation of MVC

if the system and its inverse are causal and stable

Variants: **Generalized MV Control (GMVC)** → does not require the minimum phase condition

intrinsic limitations:

- observability
 - reachability
- otherwise we are missing the degrees of freedom to operate with $M(\theta)$ → the control problem is ill-posed

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in general $\Xi \subseteq \{\theta: \Sigma(\theta, \theta) \text{ is reachable and observable}\}$ largest possible
→ pole placement is a technique that make $\Xi = \{\theta: \Sigma(\theta, \theta) \text{ is reachable and ob}$

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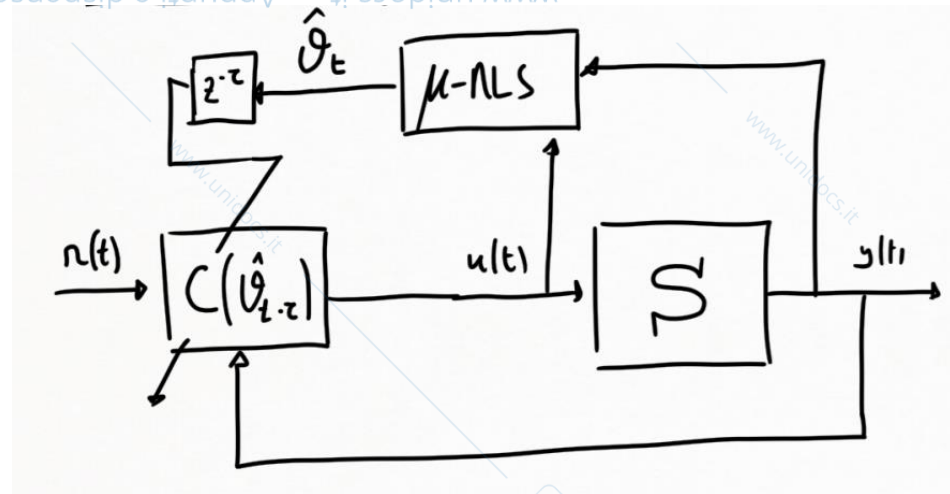
by choosing K, L, N properly, based on $F(\theta), G(\theta), H(\theta)$ for all θ , we can set eigenvalues (desired poles in closed-loop) and static gain of the control scheme at will such that $M(\theta)$ is observable and reachable

Self-tuning

$$\Sigma(\theta_t^0, \hat{\theta}_{t-\tau})$$

$$\begin{matrix} \downarrow & \searrow \\ \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{M}(\theta_t^0) & \mathbf{C}(\hat{\theta}_{t-\tau}) \end{matrix}$$

with $\hat{\theta}_{t-\tau}$ LS estimate constructed based on data collected from



- $\theta_t^0 = \theta^0 (\mu = 1) \leftrightarrow \mathbf{S} \text{ t-invariant}$
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complete theoretical results showing the robustness of $\Sigma(\theta_t^0, \hat{\theta}_{t-\tau})$
- $\theta_t^0 (\mu < 1) \leftrightarrow \mathbf{S} \text{ t-varying}$
}
results are only partial and research is quite open but we have empirical evidence

Convergence of RLS

- $\hat{\theta}_t$ always converge (asymptotically) to a finite value, which will be denoted by θ^0
- $\hat{\theta}_t$ cannot diverge or oscillate on a limit cycle
- no assumption on the operation of S is made (convergence arises even when are not informative)

estimation error $\tilde{\theta}_t = \hat{\theta}_t - \theta^0$

convergence $\tilde{\theta}_t \leftrightarrow$ convergence $\hat{\theta}_t \leftrightarrow$ convergence $S(t)^{-1}$

$S(t+1) \geq S(t) \geq S_0 > 0 \forall t$ S_0 is positive definite (to avoid singularities)

Linear Algebra th: $A \geq B > 0 \leftrightarrow B^{-1} \geq A^{-1} > 0$ $S(t)^{-1}$ is "bounded" above

$S(t)^{-1} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} \bar{S}^{-1}$ fixed matrix

$\bar{S}^{-1} = 0 \rightarrow S$ is perfectly identified asymptotically ($S(t)$ diverges along all possible directions)
in general $S \neq 0$

Self-optimality

«output» of $\Sigma(\theta^0, \hat{\theta}_t)$: $z(t) = \begin{pmatrix} y(t) \\ u(t) \end{pmatrix}$

«output» of $\Sigma(\hat{\theta}_\infty, \hat{\theta}_\infty)$: $z(t) = \begin{pmatrix} y_{i,\infty}(t) \\ u_{i,\infty}(t) \end{pmatrix}$

A self-tuning $\Sigma(\theta^0, \hat{\theta}_t)$ is said to be self-optimal if $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} z(t) - z_{i,\infty}(t) = 0$

self-tuning $\Sigma(\theta^0, \hat{\theta}_t)$ is asymptotically behaving as an imaginary scheme $\Sigma(\hat{\theta}_\infty, \hat{\theta}_\infty)$

behavior of $\Sigma(\hat{\theta}_\infty, \hat{\theta}_\infty)$ depends on Ξ (depends on \mathcal{C})

satisfactory if and only if $\hat{\theta}_\infty \in \Xi$

+

self-optimality of $\Sigma(\theta^0, \hat{\theta}_t)$

$\Sigma(\theta^0, \hat{\theta}_t)$ is satisfactory
(even though θ^0 is unknown) [1]

Th: fundamental in self-tuning

if $\hat{\theta}_\infty \in \Xi$, then $\Sigma(\theta^0, \hat{\theta}_t)$ is self-optimal [2]

[1] + [2]

$\hat{\theta}_\infty \in \Xi \rightarrow \Sigma(\theta^0, \hat{\theta}_t)$ (self-tuning) behaves satisfactorily as for the given control specification

(even though θ^0 is not known, Ξ is typically a “large” set and $\hat{\theta}_\infty \in \Xi$ happens robustly)

$\Sigma(\theta, \theta)$ is a standard linear control scheme, where controller is connected to model based on which controller is designed

$\theta \notin \Xi$ are exceptions due to intrinsic limitations

Literature of self-tuning → characterization of the robustness of the condition $\hat{\theta}_\infty$

[1]. $\hat{\theta}_\infty$ asymptotic LS estimate, it depends on θ^0 , experiment $(r(t), e(t))$ and initialization $\bar{\theta}, S_0$

result: irrespective of θ^0 and experiment, if $\bar{\theta}$ is chosen at random, then $\hat{\theta}_\infty \in \Xi$ with **probability 1**

we can inspect whether $\hat{\theta}_t$ is approaching Ξ^C (complement)

the set is large a
chance of missi
asymptotically
perturbation is
null)

[2]. Ξ is known to user (it is a byproduct of our choice \mathcal{C})

LS can be modified (while maintaining all the features of LS) so that when $\hat{\theta}_t$ is too close to Ξ^C , a perturbation is introduced so as to eventually guarantee $\hat{\theta}_\infty \in \Xi$ always

$\Sigma(\theta^0, \hat{\theta}_t)$ is obtained as a feedback perturbation $p(t)$ (non-linear) over $\Sigma(\hat{\theta}_t, \hat{\theta}_t)$ (imaginary system)

output of $\Sigma(\hat{\theta}_t, \hat{\theta}_t)$ when $p(t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} 0$ (asymptotically vanishing)

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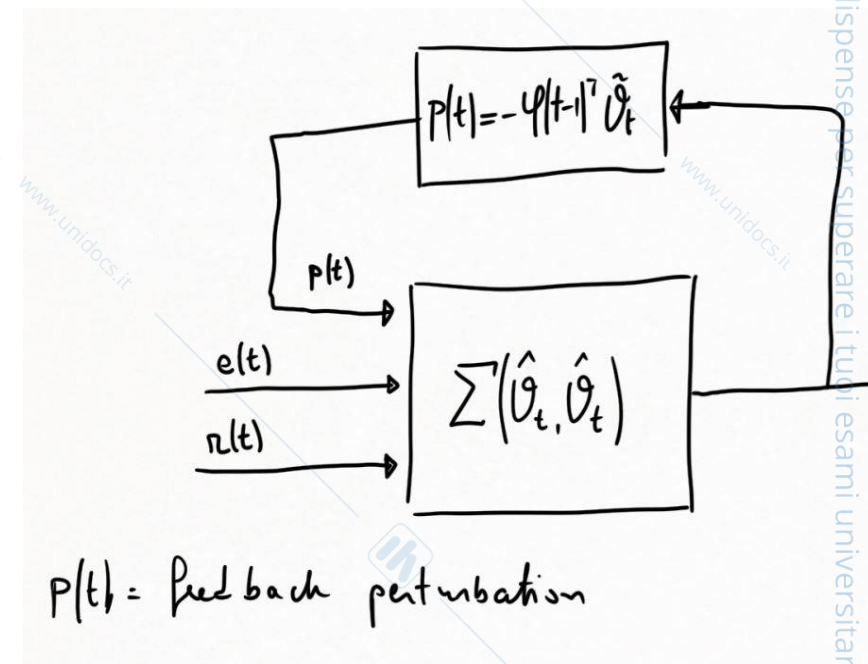
output of $\Sigma(\theta^0, \hat{\theta}_t) \rightarrow z(t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} z_{i,\infty}(t)$ output of $\Sigma(\hat{\theta}_\infty, \hat{\theta}_\infty)$

$$p(t) = -\varphi(t-1)^T \tilde{\theta}_t \rightarrow \text{LS estimation error}$$

regression
vector

for components of $\tilde{\theta}_t$ such that:

- $\tilde{\theta}_\infty \neq 0$ (there isn't info to identify θ^0), then $\varphi(t-1) \rightarrow 0$ along the same components (info is vanishing)
- $\tilde{\theta}_\infty = 0$, then $\varphi(t-1)$ is bounded (feedback)



In order to $\Sigma(\theta^0, \hat{\theta}_t)$ be satisfactory, it is not required that $\hat{\theta}_\infty = \theta^0$

$\hat{\theta}_\infty \neq \theta^0$ means that data are poorly informative and $p(t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} 0$ means that knowledge of θ^0 is not needed to accomplish the control task

Whenever the control task requires to know θ^0 , then the operation of S becomes informative and LS must be consistent $\hat{\theta}_\infty = \theta^0$ ($\tilde{\theta}_\infty = 0$)

$$WN(\bar{e}, \lambda^2)$$

Non-linear systems

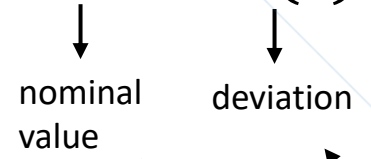
known to the user

$$y(t) = f(y(t-1), \dots, y(t-n), u(t-d), \dots, u(t-d-m), e(t))$$

non linear

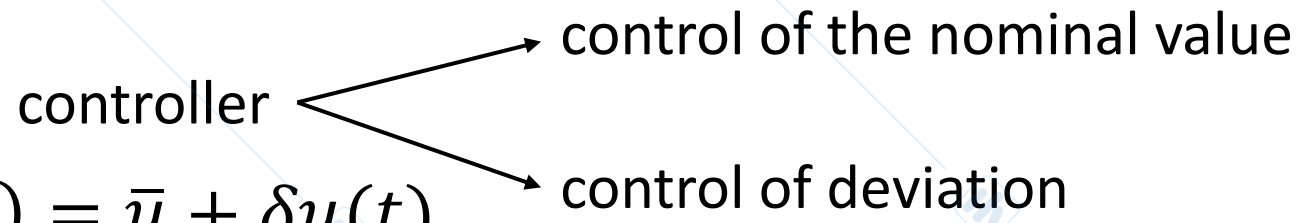
pb: tracking of the set-point $r(t)$

$$e(t) = \bar{e} + \delta e(t)$$



the controller can be designed by means of linearization in a neighborhood of an operating condition (deviations must be small enough)

Hp: $r(t) = \bar{r} + \delta r(t)$

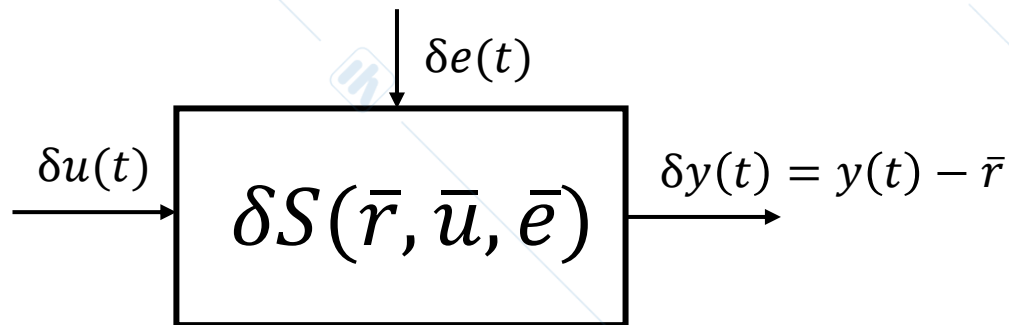


$$u(t) = \bar{u} + \delta u(t)$$

let \bar{u} such that in nominal conditions (disturbance is set to \bar{e} only)
 $u(t) = \bar{u} \quad \forall t$ leads to $y(t) = \bar{r} \quad \forall t$

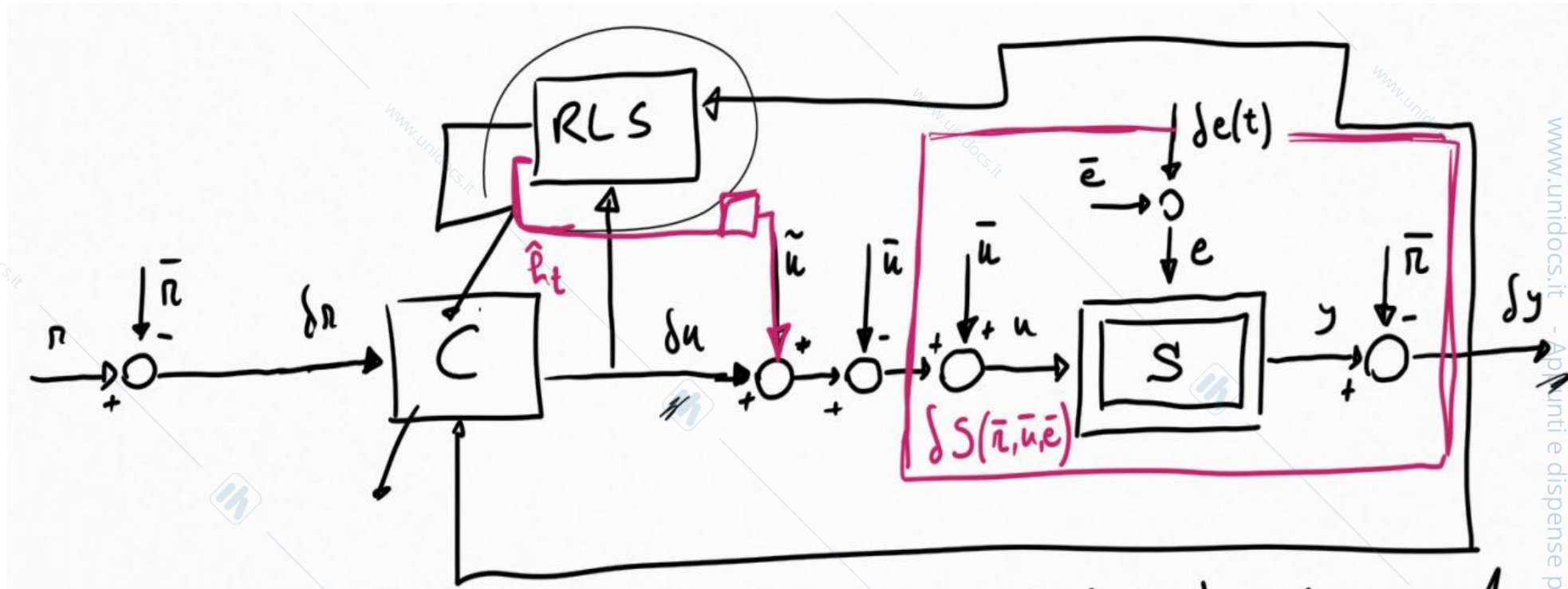
$$\bar{r} = f(\bar{r}, \bar{u}, \bar{e}) \quad \leftarrow \quad \bar{u} = \text{solution to this equation}$$

Linearized uncertain ARX system (parametric uncertainty)



\bar{e} is unknown $\rightarrow \bar{u}$ is unknown
actual nominal control action
is $\tilde{u} \neq \bar{u}$

self-tuning can be used to design the controller for $\delta u(t)$



constant disturbance on input $h^0 \rightarrow$ unknown parameter that need to be accounted by RLS to ensure consistency \hat{h}_t

the effect of $\tilde{u} - \bar{u}$ can be tamed by the basic controller but can also use \hat{h}_t to reduce the error $\tilde{u} - \bar{u}$ (t-varying μ -RLS)

Virtual Reference Feedback Tuning (VRFT)

- off-line
- direct (essential feature)

setup: uncertain linear system (discrete t.f. form) we want to control by means of linear system

$$y(t) = P(z)u(t) \quad P(z) \text{ is unknown}$$

the controller must be selected among a parametric class of linear controllers $\mathcal{C} = \{C(z, \theta), \theta \in \Theta\}$

θ = controller parameter

control specifications: Model Reference \longrightarrow

poles, zeros, gain of the desired closed-loop

$M(z)$ = a desired transfer function for the behavior of the closed-loop control scheme

$$r\text{-to-}y \text{ t.f.} = \frac{P(z)C(z,\theta)}{1+P(z)C(z,\theta)}$$

H_2 norm



control goal: to make the t.f. «as close as possible» to $M(z)$

Model Reference performance index

$$J_{MR}(\theta) = \left\| \left(\frac{P(z)C(z,\theta)}{1+P(z)C(z,\theta)} - M(z) \right) W(z) \right\|_2^2 =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left| \frac{P(e^{j\omega})C(e^{j\omega},\theta)}{1+P(e^{j\omega})C(e^{j\omega},\theta)} - M(e^{j\omega}) \right|^2 |W(e^{j\omega})|^2 d\omega$$

frequency weight

frequency response: $z = e^{j\omega}$, $\omega = [-\pi, \pi]$

$P(z)$ is unknown \rightarrow missing the knowledge to compute $J_{MR}(\theta)$

calls for adaptation $\rightarrow C(z, \theta)$ design based on data

experiment on the plant: \bar{u}, \bar{y} signals measured in the experiment
 \rightarrow data set D^N

Virtual Reference: $\bar{r}_v(i) \quad i = 1, \dots, N$ signal constructed from D^N

$$\text{off-line} \leftarrow \bar{r}_v(i) = M(z)^{-1} \bar{y}(i) \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

computed

$\bar{r}_v(i)$ is a particular set-point (reference) such that the measured output $\bar{y}(i) \quad i = 1, \dots, N$ corresponds to the desired close-loop response according to the model reference $M(z)$

$M(z)r(t)$ desired response for the close-loop for $r(t)$

desired response for $\bar{r}(t) \rightarrow M(z)\bar{r}_v(t) = \bar{y}(i)$

virtual error: $\bar{e}_v(i) = \bar{r}_v(i) - \bar{y}(i) \quad i = 1, \dots, N$

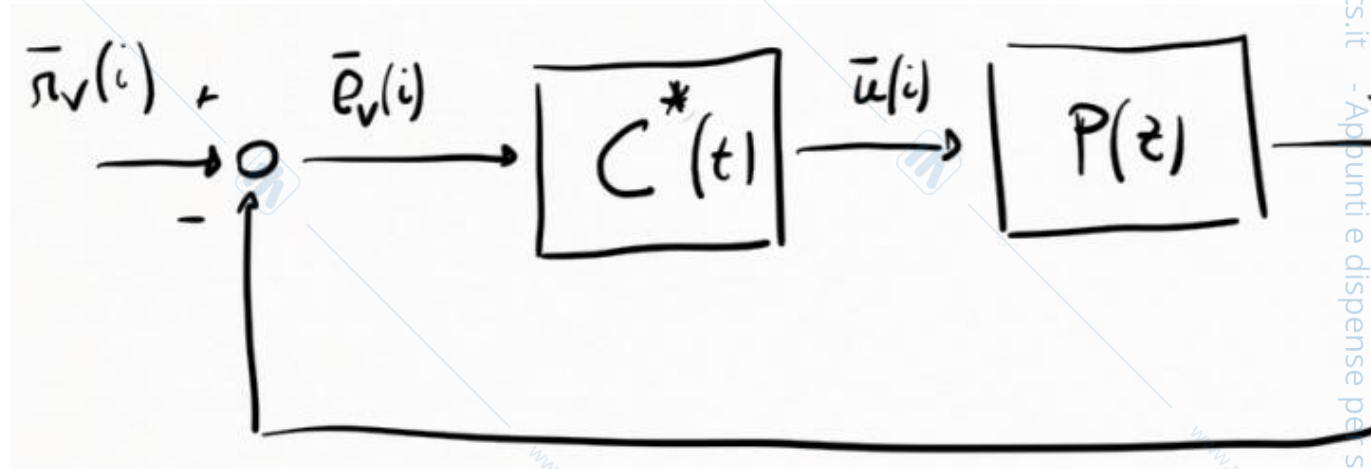
a good Model Reference controller is such that when fed by $\bar{e}_v(i)$ (virtual error) it returns $\bar{u}(i)$ (input in the experiment) as output

good controller:

$$\frac{PC^*}{1+PC^*} \bar{r}_v(i) = \bar{y}(i)$$

↕

$$M$$



$$C^* \bar{e}_v(i) = \bar{u}(i) \quad [*]$$

necessary condition for a controller to be good
(sufficient if $\bar{e}_v(i)$ is variegated – experiment exciting)

VRFT control design

we impose $[*]$ to design our controller within $\mathcal{C} = \{C(z, \theta) : \theta \in \Theta\}$

→ response of $C(z, \theta)$ to $\bar{e}_v(i)$ is as close as possible to $\bar{u}(i)$ $i = 1, \dots, N$

$$J_{VR}(\theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\bar{u}(i) - C(z, \theta)\bar{e}_v(i))^2$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{VR} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} J_{VR}(\theta)$$

[1] direct approach: no attempt to reconstruct $P(t)$, data are only used to enforce the controller a property that is required to achieve control goals

[2] $J_{VR}(\theta)$ has the same structure of cost in PEM identification (VRFT \approx "identification of controller")

[3] generalizations:

- $J_{VR}(\theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N d(\bar{u}_i, C(z, \theta) \bar{e}_v(i))$
- prefiltering $L(z) \rightarrow \overline{(u, e, y)}_L = L(z) \overline{(u, e, y)}$

$L(z) = 1$ original setup

$$J_{VR}(\theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\bar{u}_L(i) - C(z, \theta) \bar{e}_L(i))^2$$

$L(z)$ degree of freedom to tune VRFT method so as to attain MR control design as much as possible

remark: with linearly parametrized controllers, we have the same structure of LS identification \rightarrow the minimizer (VRFT controller) can be computed explicitly and with extremely low computational effort

Frequency interpretation of PEM identification

(frequency characterization of PEM identification cost function)

$$\mathbf{S}: y(t) = G^0(z)u(t) + H^0(z)e(t) \sim \boxed{\text{WN}(0, \lambda^2)}$$

↓
linear stochastic system

↘ rational t.f. (unknown)

↙

$u(t) \perp e(\tau) \forall t, \tau$
stochastic uncorrelated (experiment)

Hp:

- G^0 and H^0 are as.stable
- $u(t)$ stationary stochastic process $\rightarrow y(t)$ s.s.p.
- $H^0(z) \rightarrow$ canonical ARMA (not restrictive)

Model class: $\mathcal{M} = \{M(\theta), \theta \in \Theta\}$ (linear stochastic system)

$$M(\theta): y(t) = G(z, \theta)u(t) + H(z, \theta)\xi(t) \sim \boxed{\text{WN}(0, \sigma^2)}$$

linear t.f. whose parameters are parametrized in θ
(black-box: $\theta =$ coeffs of NUM and DEN of G and H)

in general $G(z, \theta) \neq 0$
and $H(z, \theta) \neq 0$

Hp: $M(\theta)$ is such that $H(z, \theta)\xi(t)$ is canonical with $|zeros| < 1$
(condition under which prediction of SSP can be developed)

PEM: a good model of S is a model capable of predicting well future
 $M(\theta) \rightarrow \hat{M}(\theta)$ (from stochastic model to 1-step predictor models)

$$\hat{J}_N(\theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y(i) - \hat{y}(i|i-1, \theta))^2$$

index of model $M(\theta)$ prediction capabilities
(depends on the experiment)

$$\hat{\theta}_N = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \hat{J}_N(\theta)$$

PEM identification best mo

extremely difficult to characterize (finite sample identification results)



$$\hat{J}_N(\theta, D_N)$$

D_N : family of functions, one for each possible realization of the data set (experiments)

asymptotic theory of PEM identification: asymptotically as N increases, the family of functions shrink onto a unique curve

$$\hat{J}_N(\theta) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \bar{J}(\theta)$$

almost surely (for all possible data sets, all users are asymptotically experiencing the same results – irrespective of the experiment)

$$\hat{\theta}_N \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \theta^*$$

we assume N large enough so that differences because of the specific experiments become negligible ($\hat{J}_N(\theta) \approx \bar{J}(\theta)$ and $\hat{\theta}_N \approx \theta^*$)

frequency interpretation is a characterization for $\bar{J}(\theta)$ ($\approx \hat{J}_N(\theta)$ for large N)

$$\bar{J}(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{|G^0(e^{j\omega}) - G(e^{j\omega}, \theta)|^2}{|H(e^{j\omega}, \theta)|^2} \cdot \Phi_u(\omega) d\omega + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{|H^0(e^{j\omega})|^2}{|H(e^{j\omega}, \theta)|^2} \cdot \Phi_e(\omega) d\omega$$

\downarrow
 spectrum of $u(t)$

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 $= \lambda^2$ spect

fundamental result: that reveals the contribution of the mismatch $G^0(z) - G(z, \theta)$ and between H^0 and $H(\theta)$
 (understand how the u -to- y model error is dislocated frequency by frequency)

prefiltering:

$$\bar{J}(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{|G^0 - G(\theta)|^2}{|H(\theta)|^2} \cdot |L|^2 \Phi_u d\omega + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{|H^0|^2}{|H(\theta)|^2} \cdot |L|^2 \Phi_e(\omega) d\omega$$

L = degree of freedom to tune PEM identification

[1] Full parametrization (never happens, but error can be considered negligible in many applications)

$$\exists \theta^0 \in \Theta : G(\theta^0) = G^0 \text{ and } H(\theta^0) = H^0$$

$$\bar{J}(\theta) = \underbrace{A(\theta)}_{(\geq 0 \forall \theta)} + \underbrace{B(\theta)}_{(\geq \lambda^2 \forall \theta)} \rightarrow \bar{J}(\theta^0 = \theta^*) = 0 + \lambda^2$$

θ^0 simultaneously achieve the minimum of both $A(\theta)$ and $B(\theta)$

$$M(\hat{\theta}_N) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} M(\theta^*) = M(\theta^0) = S$$

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condition for informativeness of data points $\Phi_u \neq 0 \rightarrow$ minimizer is unique

[2] Partial full-parametrization

$$\exists \theta^0 \in \Theta : G(\theta^0) = G^0 \text{ but } H(\theta) \neq H^0 \forall \theta$$

wrong noise model

[2.1] Indipendent parametrization (distinct parameters)

$$\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_G \\ \theta_H \end{bmatrix} \quad G(\theta) = G(\theta_G) \quad H(\theta) = H(\theta_H)$$

$$\exists \theta_G^0 : G(\theta_G^0) = G^0 \text{ but } H(\theta_H) \neq H^0$$

$$\theta^* = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_G^0 \\ \theta_H^* \end{bmatrix} \quad H(\theta_H^*) \neq H^0 \quad \boxed{\text{PARTIAL CONSISTENCY}}$$

[2.2] Indipendent parametrization (common parameters)

θ^0 minimizer of $A \neq \hat{\theta}$ minimizer of B

$$\bar{J}(\theta^*) \leq \bar{J}(\theta) \quad \forall \theta \quad \theta^* \neq \theta^0 \text{ and } \theta^* \neq \hat{\theta}$$

$$G(\hat{\theta}_N) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} G(\theta^*) \neq G(\theta_G^0) = G^0 \text{ and } H(\theta^*) \neq H^0$$

minimum achieved as a compromise of the two

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[3] Under parametrization

$$\forall \theta : G(\theta) \neq G^0 \text{ and } H(\theta) \neq H^0$$

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whatever θ^* is $G(\theta^*) \neq G^0$ and $H(\theta) \neq H^0$

Still in case [2.2] and [3]

mismatch between the system and model u -to- y t.f.
 $|G^0 - G(\theta)|^2$ concerns in the construction of $\bar{J}(\theta)$

with weight $\frac{\Phi_u}{|H(\theta)|^2}$ (small \rightarrow big mismatch)

$$\text{weight at the optimum} \rightarrow \frac{\Phi_u}{|H(\theta^*)|^2} \approx \frac{\Phi_u}{|H(\hat{\theta}_N)|^2}$$

(evolution of mismatch f by f)

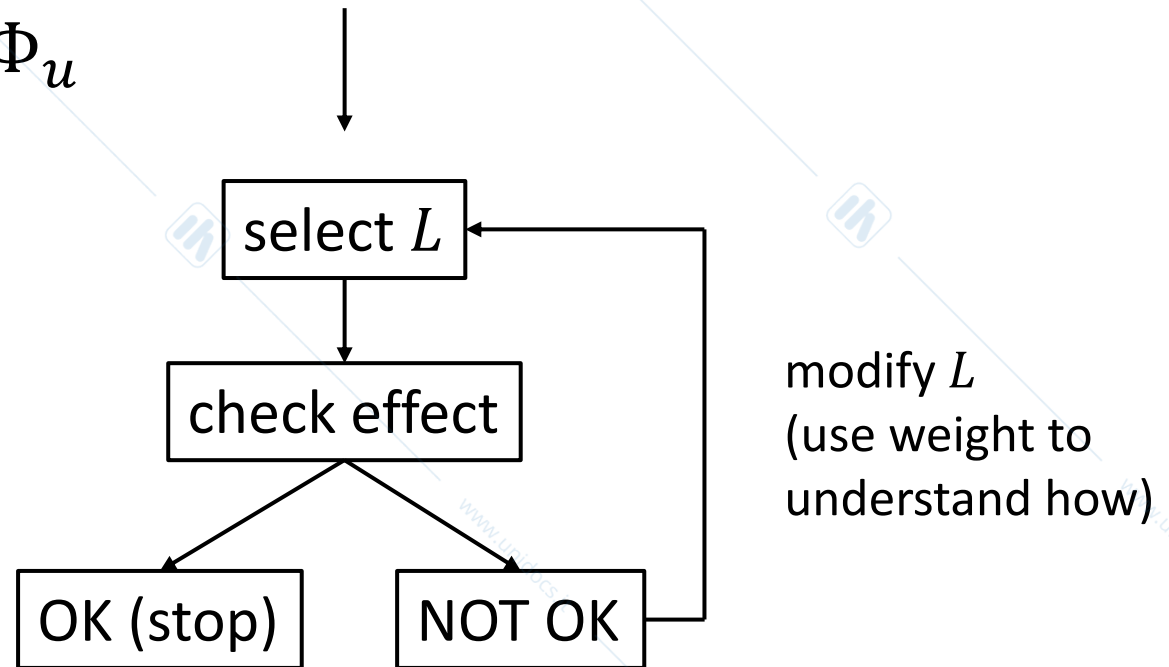
Hp: high enough signal to noise ratio (neglect B term)

with prefiltering:

freq. weight $\frac{|L|^2}{|H(\theta^*)|^2} \Phi_u$

a-posteriori revealed
(inspect weight to understand mismatch)

degree of freedom to tune
(iteratively) the mismatch



identification for control: a tool to drive the information in the data to the identification of part of S that is of interest (low-high freq.)

PEM

$$\hat{\theta}_N^{OE} \quad |G^0(z) - G(z, \hat{\theta}^{OE})|_{z=e^{j\omega}}^2$$

freq. weight = 1

uniformly distributed all over the freq. range

$$\hat{\theta}_N^{ARX} \quad |G^0(z) - G(z, \hat{\theta}^{ARX})|_{z=e^{j\omega}}^2 \quad \text{weighted by} \quad |A(e^{j\omega}, \hat{\theta}^{ARX})|^2$$

prefiltering

$$|G^0(z) - G(z, \hat{\theta}_L^{ARX})|_{z=e^{j\omega}}^2$$

weighted by

$$|L|^2 |A(\hat{\theta}_L^{ARX})|^2$$



close-loop identification

full-parametrization \rightarrow consistency
 (in all other cases we have inconsistency – no partial consistency)

mismatch $|G^0 - G(\theta^*)|^2$

weighted by

$$|C|^2$$

$$\frac{|C|^2}{|1 + CG^0|^2 |H(\theta^*)|^2}$$

unknown
 (even a-
 posteriori)

$$G(\theta^*)$$

approximation
 (not the best)

IDENT 1: $y(t) = G(\theta^*)u(t) + H(\theta^*)e(t)$

IDENT 2: $u(t) = W(\beta^*)r(t) + Z(\beta^*)e(t)$

\approx

C

$$\frac{C}{1 + CG^0}$$

$$\approx \approx \approx \frac{1}{|H(\theta^*)|^2} \rightarrow$$

approximation for the frequency response
 for the mismatch in IDENT 1

VRFT performance (in comparison with MR)

ideal controller: $C^0(z)$ digital system (t.f.)

$$\frac{P(z)C^0(z)}{1 + P(z)C^0(z)} = M(z) \leftrightarrow C^0 = \frac{M(z)}{P(z)(1 - M(z))}$$

C^0 is always well-
as long as $M(z)$ =
(mild requirement)

$C^0(z)$ is introduced for theoretical purposes only:

- $C^0(z)$ cannot be computed in practice (missing the knowledge of $P(z)$)
- $C^0(z)$ does not belong to \mathcal{C} in general ($C^0(z)$ may even be anticipative
→ not implementable)

$C^0(z)$ is used to rewrite J_{MR} and J_{VR} so as to enhance comparison

Hp (mild $\rightarrow \bar{u}$ is user chosen): $\bar{u}(i)$ is a ssp realization

as. theory of PEM identification

$$J_{VR}(\theta) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \bar{J}_{VR}(\theta) \quad \text{uniformly in } \theta \text{ (irrespective of the realization of } \bar{u}(i))$$

Hp: N is large enough \rightarrow mismatch is negligible $J_{VR}(\theta) \approx \bar{J}_{VR}(\theta)$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{J}_{VR}(\theta) &= E \left[(L(z)\bar{u}(t) - C(z, \theta)L(z)\bar{e}_v(t))^2 \right] = \\ &= E \left[\left(\frac{L(z)}{M(z)} \cdot \frac{P(z)(C^0(z) - C(z, \theta))}{1 + P(z)C^0(z)} \cdot \bar{u}(t) \right)^2 \right] = E[\bar{x}(t)^2] \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{J}_{VR}(\theta) = E[\bar{x}(t)^2] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{|P|^2 |C^0 - C(\theta)|^2}{|1 + PC^0|^2} \cdot \frac{|L|^2}{|M|^2} \Phi_u d\omega$$

$$J_{MR}(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{|P|^2 |C^0 - C(\theta)|^2}{|1 + PC^0|^2} \cdot \frac{|W|^2}{|1 + PC(\theta)|^2} d\omega$$

$\exists \theta^0 : C(z, \theta^0) = C^0(z) \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}$ large enough to contain the ideal controller (never in practice)

$J_{MR}(\theta^0) = 0 = \bar{J}_{VR}(\theta^0) \longrightarrow$ MR and VRFT have the same minimizer θ^0

$\forall \theta : C(z, \theta) \neq C^0(z)$ approximation is not negligible

$$\Rightarrow J_{MR}(\theta) \neq \bar{J}_{VR}(\theta) \Rightarrow \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} J_{MR}(\theta) \neq \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \bar{J}_{VR}(\theta)$$

idea: use prefilter $L(z)$ to make $\bar{J}_{VR}(\theta)$ as close as possible to $J_{MR}(\theta)$

naive approach

$$\frac{|L|^2}{|M|^2} \Phi_u = \frac{|W|^2}{|1 + PC(\theta)|^2} \Rightarrow J_{MR}(\theta) = \bar{J}_{VR}(\theta)$$

$$|L|^2 = \frac{|W|^2 |M|^2}{|1 + PC(\theta)|^2 \Phi_u} \Rightarrow L(z) = \frac{W(z)M(z)}{(1 + P(z)C(z, \theta))G(z)}$$

1. $P(z)$ is unknown

2. $C(z, \theta)$ depends on θ

→ prefiltering cannot be parametric in θ

spectral factorization
 $G(z) : |G|^2 = \dots$

[2] use C^0 (unknown) in place of $C(\theta)$



however approximation is good at least in a neighborhood of θ^{MR}
(optimal controller for MR)

$$\theta^{MR} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} J_{MR}(\theta)$$

θ^{MR} is the point where $\frac{1}{1+PC^0}$ and $\frac{1}{1+PC(\theta)}$ are as close as possible

→ θ^{MR} is the point where the difference between $J_{MR}(\theta)$ and $\bar{J}_{VR}(\theta)$ is minimal

$\theta_{VR}^* \approx \theta^{MR} \rightarrow \theta_{VR}^*$ (VRFT controller) has MR performance close to θ^{MR} (MR controller)

$$[1] L(z) = \frac{W(z)M(z)}{(1+P(z)C^0(z))G(z)} = \frac{W(z)M(z)(1-M(z))}{G(z)}$$

everything known
and implementable

«optimal» prefilter given the present state knowledge

Output is affected by an additive disturbance ($\bar{u}(t) \perp d(t)$)

$$\bar{J}_{VR}(\theta) = \underbrace{A(\theta)}_0 + \underbrace{B(\theta)}_0 \rightarrow \text{bias because of disturbance}$$

even if \mathcal{C} is large enough so that $\exists \theta^0 : C(\theta^0) = C^0$
 $\rightarrow A(\theta^0) = 0, B(\theta^0) \neq 0$

θ^0 not minimizer for
(min achieved for C^0)

$\bar{J}_{VR}(\theta)$ compromises between A and B
 $\rightarrow \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta} \bar{J}_{VR}(\theta) = \theta^* \neq \theta^0$

$C(\theta^*) \neq C^0 \rightarrow$ even if $C^0 \in \mathcal{C}$
(C^0 and θ^0 makes $J_{MR}(\theta) = 0$) \longrightarrow VRFT not consistent with MR

VRFT scheme as proposed cannot get rid of bias:

- $L(z)$ can be used to make $A(\theta) \approx J_{MR}(\theta)$
- $L(z)$ is not able to make $A(\theta) + B(\theta) \approx J_{MR}(\theta)$

change VRFT scheme

PEM identification is not enough to make VRFT working with disturbance

→ use other identification of controller approaches (IV identification)

Instrumental variable

$$1. C^0(z) \in \mathcal{C} \quad (\exists \theta^0 : C(z, \theta^0) = C^0(z))$$

$$2. C(z, \theta) = \theta^T \beta(z) \quad \theta = [\theta_1 \dots \theta_n]^T \quad \beta(z) = [\beta_1(z) \dots \beta_n(z)]$$

$$\text{PEM VRFT: } J_{VR}(\theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\bar{u}_L(i) - \theta^T \varphi_L(i))^2$$

$$1.+2. \quad \exists \theta^0 : C^0(z) = \theta^{0T} \beta(z)$$

$$\boxed{d=0} \quad \bar{u}_L(i) = C^0(z) \bar{e}_L = \varphi_L(i)^T \theta^0$$

no disturbance

$$\hat{\theta}_{VR} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} J_{VR}(\theta) = \theta^0 \longrightarrow$$

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$$d \neq 0$$

$$\bar{u}_L(i) = \varphi_L(i)^T \theta^0 + z(t)$$

$z(t)$ colored noise (even when $z(t)$ is white)

$$\hat{\theta}_{VR} \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \theta^0 + \text{bias} \longrightarrow \text{VRFT not consistent with MR}$$

↓
 φ_L and z are correlated
(both depends on d at
past time indexes)

IV VRFT (new definition of $\hat{\theta}_{VR}$)

$$\hat{\theta}_{VR}^{IV} = \left[\sum_1^N \zeta(i) \varphi_L(i)^T \right]^{-1} \times \sum_1^N \zeta(i) \bar{u}_L(i)$$

$\zeta(t)$ is the instrumental variable and must be a vectorial signal such that:

- $E[\zeta(t)\varphi_L(t)^T] \neq 0$ non-singular with prob. 1 ($\hat{\theta}_{VR}^{IV}$ is well-posed)
- $E[\zeta(t)d(\tau)] = 0 \quad \forall t, \tau \quad \zeta \perp d$ (IV is uncorrelated with disturbance)

$$\hat{\theta}_{VR} \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \theta^0 \longrightarrow \boxed{\text{CONSISTENCY WITH MR}} \quad (\text{asymptotically})$$

to obtain $\zeta(t) \rightarrow$ REPEATED EXPERIMENT

correlation in disturbance at different time instants tend to vanish with lag

Reinforcement Learning (RL)

Markov Chain Decision Process (MDP)

$$x_{t+1} = f(x_t, u_t, w_t)$$

state-space discrete-time stochastic system

↓
exogenous disturbance
stochastic independent

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superscript=index
of possible values

$$\forall t \begin{cases} x_t \in S_x = \{x^1, \dots, x^{n_x}\} \\ u_t \in S_u = \{u^1, \dots, u^{n_u}\} \end{cases}$$

finite number of possible states
and control actions

stochastic system + quantized state and control input → transition probabilities

$$p(x^k | x^i, u^j) = \text{prob}\{x_{t+1} = x^k | x_t = x^i \wedge u_t = u^j\}$$

$p(x^k | x^i, u^j) \forall x^k, x^i, u^j$ completely specifies the evolution of a MCDP because $x_{t+1} = f(x_t, u_t, w_t)$ has the so called **MARKOV PROPERTY**:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{prob}\{x_{t+1} = x^k | x_t = x^i, x_{t-1} = x^r, x_{t-2} = x^e, \dots \wedge u_t = u^j\} \\ &= \text{prob}\{x_{t+1} = x^k | x_t = x^i \wedge u_t = u^j\} \end{aligned}$$

state in the past is irrelevant for the evolution of x_{t+1} once x_t in the present is known (intrinsic because the notion of state)

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n_k} p(x^k | x^i, u^j) = 1 \quad p(x^k | x^i, u^j) \neq 0 \text{ (in general)}$$

$p(* | *, u^j)$ one matrix $\forall u^j \in S_u$

- diagrams = chains
- nodes = state values
- edges = transition probs

x, u are continuous variables \rightarrow quantization generates (approximately) a MCDP

DECISION PROBLEM

$$\min_{\{u_t\}} J(x, \{u_t\})$$

sequence of u_t

x_t (evolution of state of MCDP) is stochastic

→ sequence of input is deterministic (poor performing)

→ feedback is needed (input adapted or some information on the state)

Hp: state x_t is observable and available at time t

$$u_t = \pi_t(x_t)$$

↑
in general t -dependent

$x_t = x^i, u_t = u^i \rightarrow x_{t+1} = x^k$ generates:

- loss $L(x^i, u^j)$ (control) \longrightarrow random variable ($L(x^i, u^j)$ is defined as $f(x_{t+1})$ which is random)
- reward $R(x^i, u^j)$ (machine learning)

MCDP is starting from $x_0 = x \in S_x$ (initial state) \rightarrow stochastic evolution of MCDP

sequence of inputs \rightarrow stochastic sequence of losses

performance is associated with average of losses: $E[L(x_0, u_0)] \dots E[L(x_t, u_t)]$

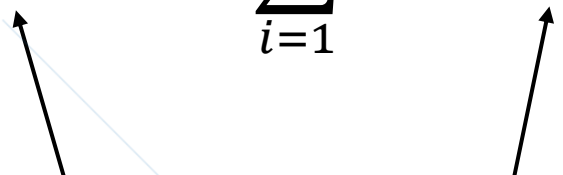
Discounted average loss

$$J(x, \{u_t\}) = \sum_{t=0}^{+\infty} \gamma^t E[L(x_t, u_t)]$$

$\gamma \in (0,1)$ discount factor (exponential decay of importance to loss as t increases)

Richard Bellman

value function (optimal discounted total average loss)

$$V^*(x) = \min_{u_0, \{u_t\}_{t=1}^{+\infty}} J(x, \{u_t\}) =$$
$$= \min_{\{u_t\}} \left[E[L(x, u_0)] + \gamma \sum_{i=1}^{n_x} p(x^i | x, u_0) \cdot E \left[\sum_{t=1}^{+\infty} \gamma^{t-1} L(x_t^i, u_t) \right] \right]$$


the role of $x_0 = x$ and u_0 in the construction of $V^*(x)$ is now explicitly indicated

$x_t^i, t \geq 1 =$ evolution of the MCDP when $x_1 = x^i, i = 1, \dots, n_x$

Bellman optimality principle (dynamic programming)

determine first the optimal strategy from $t = 1$ forward

(for all possible values taken by x_1 according to what is seen: u_t adapted to the s
 $\{u_t\}_{t=1}^{+\infty}$ is chosen so as to behave optimally for each value of x

use u_0 to optimize the first step and the subsequent evolution, taking into account
transition probabilities and the fact that from $t = 1$ forward we will be optimal

$$V^*(x) = \min_{u_0} \left[E[L(x, u_0)] + \gamma \sum_{i=1}^{n_x} p(x^i | x, u_0) \cdot \min_{\{u_t\}_{t=1}^{+\infty}} \sum_{t=1}^{+\infty} \gamma^{t-1} E[L(x_t^i, u_t)] \right]$$

decide u_0 so as to trade-off between expected loss for $t = 0$ and the optimal average
behavior from $t = 1$ forward

MCDP is t-invariant

optimal choice of u_t is given a t-invariant feedback (unique policy applied at every time step)

$$u_t = \pi(x_t)$$

to achieve optimality it is enough to solve the problem of the selection of the optimal control policy

$$V^*(x) = \min_{u_0} \left[E[L(x, u_0)] + \gamma \sum_{i=1}^{n_x} p(x^i | x, u_0) \cdot V^*(x^i) \right]$$

Bellman functional equation (always admits a unique solution)

$$\begin{cases} V^*(x^1) \\ V^*(x^2) \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ V^*(x^{n_x}) \end{cases}$$

system of n_x equations in n_x unknowns \rightarrow non-linear because of min (piecewise linear)

one can solve for all possible combinations of u_0 for each equation and then a-posteriori check which one satisfies

$$u_0^* = \pi^*(x) = \underset{u_0}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left[E[L(x, u_0)] + \gamma \sum_{i=1}^{n_x} p(x^i | x, u_0) \cdot V^*(x^i) \right]$$

optimal selection of u_0 as a function of x

to compute π^* we need to know:

1. $E[L(x, u_0)] \rightarrow$ mechanism through which losses are generated in the system under study
2. $p(x^i | x, u_0) \rightarrow$ mechanism through which the system under study evolves

uncertainty
mechanisms
are not known
to the user

Q-learning (on-line and direct)

observations of MCDP are used to retrieve from data the optimal control policy
reconstructing $p(x^i | x, u_0)$ and $E[L(x, u_0)]$ (leveraging the Bellman optimal pri

Q^* function $Q^*: S_x \times S_u \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

unknown ($Q^*(x, u)$ not directly available)

$$Q^*(x, u) = E[L(x, u_0)] + \gamma \sum_{i=1}^{n_x} p(x^i | x, u_0) \cdot V^*(x^i)$$

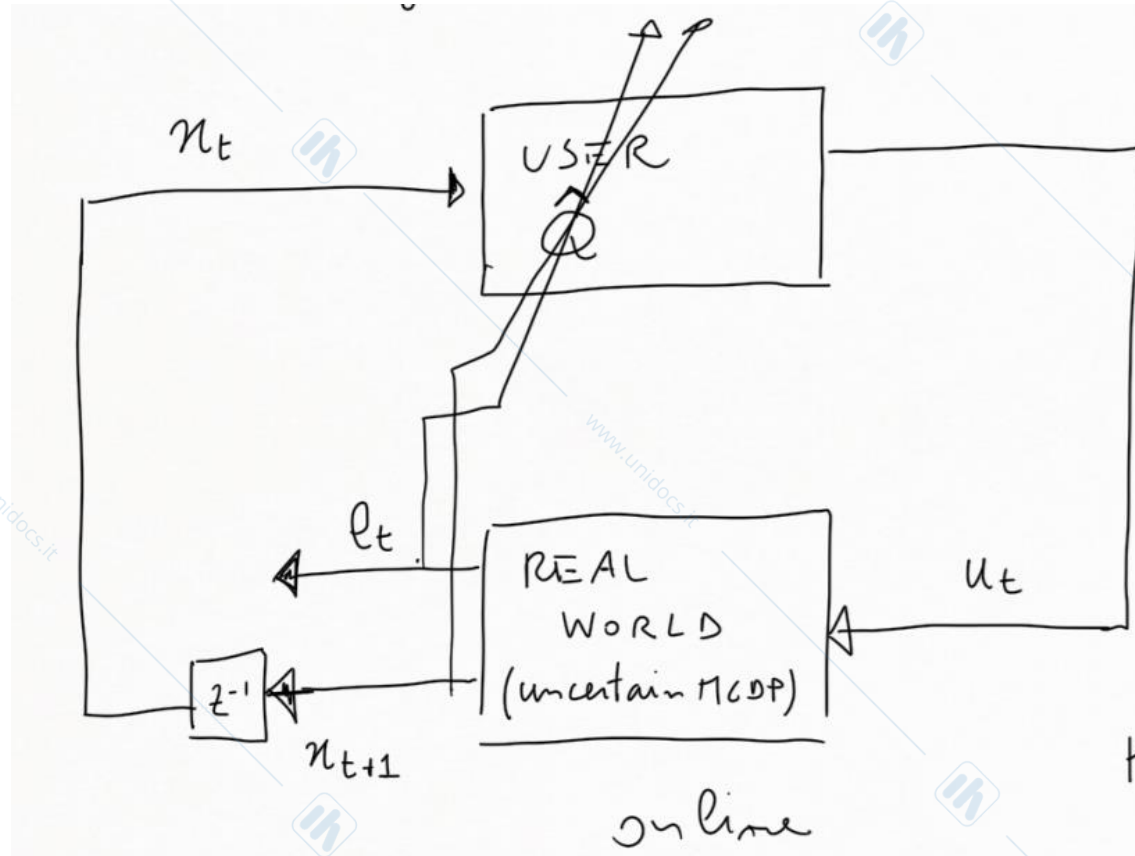
$Q^*(x, u)$ is the total discounted average loss when $x_0 = x$, u_0 is taken as u (without optimizing) and then $\{u_t\}_{t=1}^{+\infty}$ are optimally chosen ($u_t = \pi^*(x_t)$ for t

$$V^*(x) = \min_u Q^*(x, u) \rightarrow \pi^*(x) = \operatorname{argmin}_{u_0} Q^*(x, u)$$

optimizing u in Q^* function gives the optimal solution

Q -learning \rightarrow learn Q^* from data to find the optimal policy:

- user at time t is given x_t and based on the current knowledge decides u_t
- u_t is given as input to the system we are dealing with which generates x_{t+1} (evolution of state) and an instance of loss l_t ($L(x_t, u_t)$)
- x_{t+1} and l_t are used to update the user's current knowledge (\hat{Q})



realizations of state and loss are observable

Q-learning algorithm

$$Q_t(x, u) : S_x \times S_u \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

approximation of Q^* at time t
(representable through a matrix)

Q_t is updated from Q_{t-1} based on the fact that the state was x_t and input was selected as u_t and also that x_{t+1} and l_t were observed

$$Q_t(x, u) = \begin{cases} (1 - \alpha_t)Q_{t-1}(x, u) + \alpha_t(l_t + \gamma V_{t-1}(x_{t+1})) & x = x_t, u = u_t \\ Q_{t+1}(x, u) & x \neq x_t, u \neq u_t \end{cases}$$

$$x = x_t, u = u_t$$
$$x \neq x_t, u \neq u_t$$

α_t t-varying parameter
→ MIXING COEFFICIENT
(consistent cases only)

$$V_{t-1}(x) = \min_u Q_{t-1}(x, u)$$

approximated value function based on Q_{t-1}

Th: $T(x, u) = \{t : x_t = x, u_t = u\}$ set of t indexes

If $\alpha_t : \sum_{t \in T(x, u)} \alpha_t^2 < +\infty$, $\sum_{t \in T(x, u)} \alpha_t = +\infty \quad \forall x \in S_x, \forall u \in S_u$

then with probability 1 $Q_t(x, u) \xrightarrow[t \rightarrow \infty]{} Q^*(x, u) \quad \forall x, u$



characterizes the condition (informativeness of the experiment) so as to asymptotically retrieve the optimal solution to the decision problem from experiments (requires enough exploration)

Th. holds irrespective of $Q_0(x, u)$