

Robust Data-Driven Control with Noisy Data

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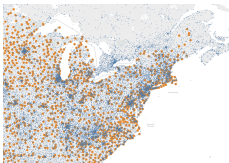
Availability of Data

- Many new data sources
- Noisy (disturbance/asynchrony)
- Sparse sensors
- Different time constants

Control of Power Systems

- **Robustness** - stay stable under uncertainty/unexpected events
- **Resiliency** - quick restoration from abrupt changes/failures

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A system ID framework that provides insights for

- ① What amount of data is sufficient
- ② In what scenarios would supervised learning help
- ③ Bounds for the modeling errors originated from noisy data
- ④ Methods of pre-processing data matrices to reduce the errors

Given the error bounds, we can build robust controllers

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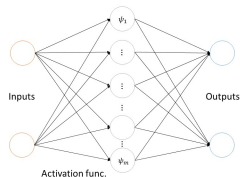
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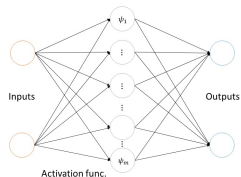


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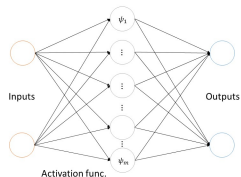
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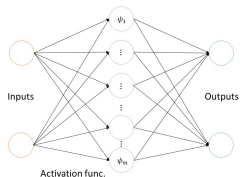


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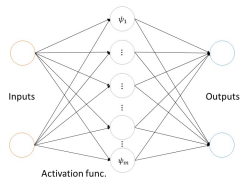


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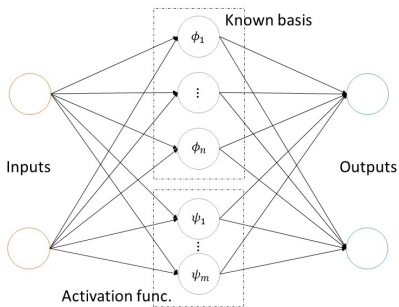
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- If the basis functions are known, then there is no benefit of applying supervised learning because SL requires a lot more data and computational complexity compared to straight solving linear equations*

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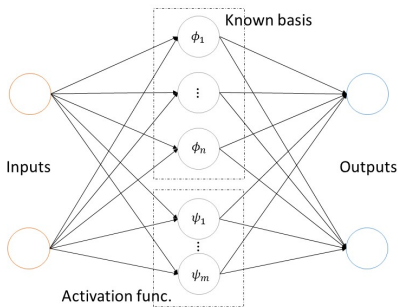
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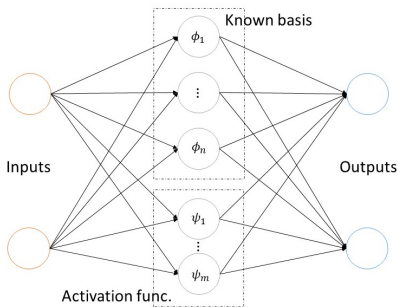


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Several directions of tightening the bound:

- 1 The concept of effective condition number may help, but the concept is only used for positive definite matrices [F. Chan and D. E. Foulser 1988], [Z.-C. Li *et al.* 2007]
- 2 Choose partial data points while retaining the full row rank of Ψ
- 3 Diagonal scaling of the data matrices

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- Algorithmization of the theorem is available [[J. A. Tropp 2009](#)]

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- The bound of the error term $\hat{\delta A}$ relative to \hat{A} is tighter than the original one in the sense that the condition number for $\hat{\Psi}$ is smaller than Ψ

$$\text{Original: } \frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|} \leq c_\Psi \frac{r_Y + r_\Psi}{1 - r_\Psi} \quad \text{Diag. scaling: } \frac{\|\hat{\delta A}\|}{\|\hat{A}\|} \leq \hat{c}_\Psi \frac{\hat{r}_Y + \hat{r}_\Psi}{1 - \hat{r}_\Psi}$$

Diagonal Scaling

- No analytical conclusion on actual reduction of the modeling error
- Diagonal scaling is non-convex in general. Some heuristics are available [A. M. Bradley 2010], [R. Takapoui and H. Javad 2016]
- The condition numbers are reduced by a factor of 10 in an example of a switched linear system with 5 modes

	without pre-processing	with pre-processing
Mode 1	199.1373	21.0689
Mode 2	136.7279	16.3103
Mode 3	160.5263	18.2697
Mode 4	173.2082	18.6434
Mode 5	170.2047	20.3172

Table: The condition number of a data matrix w/wo the diagonal scaling.

Diagonal Scaling

- The reduced condition number results in tighter upper bounds
- The actual modeling errors are also reduced with diagonal scaling

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Mode 1	4.0230	0.4256
Mode 2	2.7622	0.3295
Mode 3	3.2430	0.3691
Mode 4	3.4992	0.3766
Mode 5	3.4385	0.4104

Table: The **upper bounds** of $\frac{\|\delta A\|}{\|A\|}$ w/wo the diagonal scaling.

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Mode 1	0.0136	0.0115
Mode 2	0.0115	0.0095
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$$x(k+1) = A_0x(k) + B_0u(k) + f_0(x(k), u(k)),$$
$$\|f_0(x(k), u(k))\| \leq [x(k)^\top, u(k)^\top]^\top P_0[x(k), u(k)],$$

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- The model is written as $A = Y\Psi(U)^\dagger$ with δA characterized
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- We will showcase the results with a robust state feedback controller for the following switched linear system:

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$$u(k) = K_{\sigma(k)}x(k),$$
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- The estimated models are straight from the data; we can bound the second term by $\frac{\|\delta[B_i \ A_i]\|}{\|[B_i \ A_i]\|} \leq c_\Psi \frac{r_\Upsilon + r_\Psi}{1 - r_\Psi}$
- Some standard procedures (Schur complement, S-procedure, etc) are applied so that linear matrix inequalities (LMIs) conditions for stabilizing K_i , $i \in \Gamma$, are established

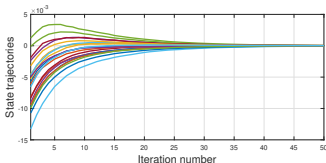


Figure: Trajectories of the system under the data-driven robust controller.

Summary

Conclusions

- Direct data representations of system modeling
- Insights on how noisy data propagate to inaccurate system modeling
- Some pre-processing methods are covered
- Robust controller design

Future Work

- Enhance the robustness and resiliency of the *real-time controllers* built around the data representations of system modeling
- Addressing the issue of the complexity involved in the controller design. *Reinforcement learning* may be justified in some applications such that controller design involves computationally intractable problems.