

# Data Driven Modeling

## Lecture 2

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# Hilbert spaces

Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be an inner product space, i.e. vector space equipped with an inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$

1.  $\langle u + v, w \rangle = \langle u, w \rangle + \langle v, w \rangle$
2.  $\langle \lambda u, v \rangle = \lambda \langle u, v \rangle$
3.  $\langle u, v \rangle = \langle v, u \rangle^*$
4.  $\langle v, v \rangle \geq 0$  with equality iff  $v = 0$

Norm:  $\|v\| = \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle}$

Complete space: Cauchy sequences converge

$$x_n \in \mathcal{H}, \quad \lim_{m,n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x_m\| \rightarrow 0 \Leftrightarrow x \in \mathcal{H} : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x\| = 0$$

A Hilbert space is a complete inner product space

Extend definition to column vectors  $u$  and  $v$  of elements of  $\mathcal{H}$ :

$$[u, v] = M, \quad M_{i,j} = \langle u_i, v_j \rangle$$

Example: Consider the rows of  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x \times N}$  and  $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{n_y \times N}$  as elements of  $\mathbb{R}^N$ , then

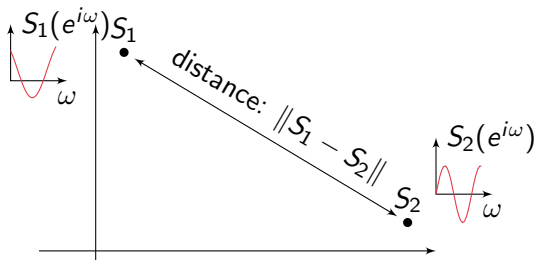
$$[X, Y] = XY^T$$

## $L_2(\mathbb{T})$ - an example of a non-trivial Hilbert space

Inner product:  $\langle S, V \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \text{Trace} \{ V^*(e^{i\omega}) S(e^{i\omega}) \} d\omega$

$$L_2(\mathbb{T}) = \{ S : \|S\|_2^2 := \langle S, S \rangle = \|S\|^2 < \infty \}$$

Recall  $L_2(\mathbb{T})$  consists of equivalence classes:



Functions grouped together that satisfies

$$0 = \|S_1 - S_2\|_2^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |S_1(e^{i\omega}) - S_2(e^{i\omega})|^2 d\omega$$

# Orthogonal projections

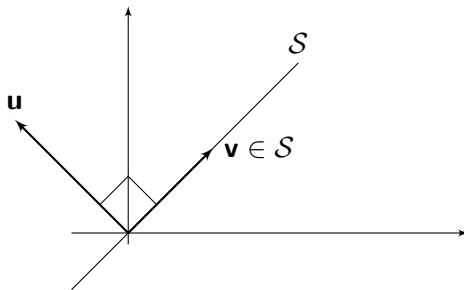
Inner product provides a geometry:

## Orthogonality

An element  $u \in \mathcal{H}$  is orthogonal to the subspace  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{H}$  if

$$\langle u, v \rangle = 0 \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{S}.$$

We write  $u \perp \mathcal{S}$



# Orthogonal projections

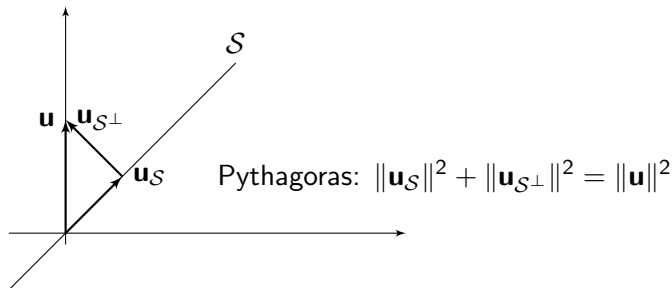
## Projection theorem

Let  $u \in \mathcal{H}$  be given and let  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{H}$  be a closed subspace to  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then there exists a unique  $v \in \mathcal{S}$  such that  $u - v \perp \mathcal{S}$ . The element  $v$  is the unique solution to

$$\min_{v \in \mathcal{S}} \|u - v\|$$

$v$  is called the orthogonal projection of  $u$  onto  $\mathcal{S}$  and is denoted  $u_{\mathcal{S}}$

It follows that  $u \in \mathcal{H}$  has a unique decomposition:



## Orthogonal projections: Pythagoras relation

In our context often written as

$$\|u\|^2 - \|u_S\|^2 = \|u_{S^\perp}\|^2 = \|u - u_S\|^2$$

The projection theorem:

$$\|u - v\|^2 \geq \|u - u_S\|^2 = \|u_{S^\perp}\|^2 = \|u\|^2 - \|u_S\|^2 \geq 0 \quad \forall v \in S$$

Vector version:

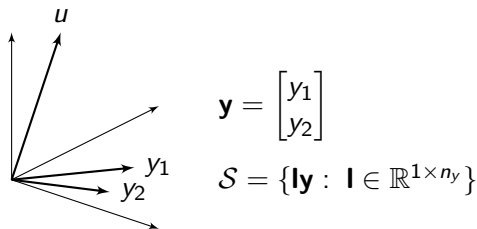
$$[u - v, u - v] \geq [u - u_S, u - u_S] = [u, u] - [u_S, u_S] \geq 0 \quad \forall v \in S$$

Matrix inequality

Note: Projection  $u_S$  has smaller "norm" than  $u$ :  $\langle u, u \rangle - \langle u_S, u_S \rangle \geq 0$

# Orthogonal projections: Finite dimensional subspaces

*Problem:* Project  $u \in \mathcal{H}$  on the linear span of elements in  $\mathbf{y}$



Let  $\mathbf{l}\mathbf{y}$  be candidate for the projection.

Try to find  $\mathbf{l}$  s.t.:  $0 = \langle u - \mathbf{l}\mathbf{y}, y_k \rangle$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, n_y$ .

Compact form:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= [u - \mathbf{l}\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}] = [u, \mathbf{y}] - \mathbf{l}[\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}] \Rightarrow \mathbf{l}^* = [u, \mathbf{y}][\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}]^{-1} \\ \Rightarrow u_{\mathcal{S}} &= \mathbf{l}^*\mathbf{y} = [u, \mathbf{y}][\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}]^{-1}\mathbf{y} \end{aligned}$$

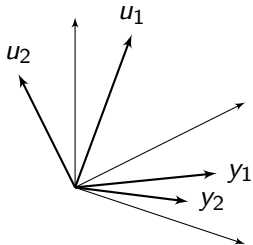
Projection theorem and Pythagoras:  $v \in \mathcal{S}$  i.e.  $v = \mathbf{l}\mathbf{y} \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} [u - v, u - v] &\geq [u - \mathbf{l}^*\mathbf{y}, u - \mathbf{l}^*\mathbf{y}] = [u, u] - [\mathbf{l}^*\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{l}^*\mathbf{y}] \\ &= [u, u] - [u, \mathbf{y}][\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}]^{-1}[\mathbf{y}, u] \end{aligned}$$



## Orthogonal projections: Finite dimensional subspaces

*Generalization:* Project all elements of the  $n_u$ -dimensional vector  $\mathbf{u}$  on span of  $\mathbf{y}$  (solve  $n_u$  projections simultaneously)



$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{S} = \{\mathbf{l}\mathbf{y} : \mathbf{l} \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n_y}\}$$

Let projections be  $\mathbf{L}\mathbf{y} : \mathbf{L} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_u \times n_y}$

$$\text{Same formulas: } \mathbf{u}_\mathcal{S} = \mathbf{L}^* \mathbf{y} = [\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{y}] [\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}]^{-1} \mathbf{y}$$

Projection theorem and Pythagoras:  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{y} \Rightarrow$

$$[\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}] \geq [\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{L}^* \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{L}^* \mathbf{y}] = [\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u}] - [\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{y}] [\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}]^{-1} [\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u}]$$

Example: Project rows of  $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_u \times N}$  on rows of  $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_y \times N}$

$$\mathbf{U}_\mathcal{S} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{Y}^T(\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{Y}^T)^{-1}\mathbf{Y}, (\mathbf{U} - \mathbf{U}_\mathcal{S})^T(\mathbf{U} - \mathbf{U}_\mathcal{S}) = \mathbf{U}^T\mathbf{U} - \mathbf{U}^T\mathbf{Y}(\mathbf{Y}^T\mathbf{Y})^{-1}\mathbf{Y}^T\mathbf{U}$$

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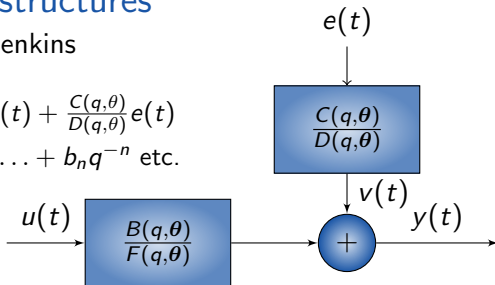
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# Models and model structures

## LTI example - Box-Jenkins

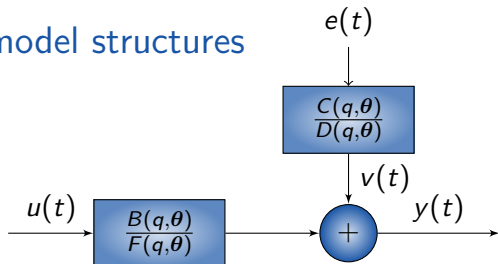
$$y(t) = \frac{B(q,\theta)}{F(q,\theta)} u(t) + \frac{C(q,\theta)}{D(q,\theta)} e(t)$$

$$B(q) = b_1^{-1} + \dots + b_n q^{-n} \text{ etc.}$$



- Observations:  $\mathbf{z}$
- Model parameters:  $\xi \in \Xi$ , everything that is unknown
- Model structure: Map  $M$  from model par. to observations
- Model of observations:  $M(\xi)$
- Model set: All models of observations  $\{M(\xi) : \xi \in \Xi\}$
- Model parameter distribution: Pdf for model parameters  $p(\xi)$
- Need to account for that a model is dynamic and arbitrary number of observation
- Notation:  $\mathbf{x}^t = [\mathbf{x}(0)^T \dots \mathbf{x}(t)^T]^T$

# Models and model structures



$$\mathbf{z}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} u(t) & y(t) \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$$\boldsymbol{\xi}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\theta} \\ \mathbf{x}(0) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}(0) \text{ initial conditions}, \quad \boldsymbol{\xi}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{u}(t) \\ e(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

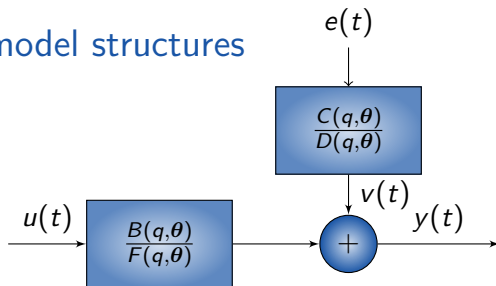
$$\bar{y}(t) = \frac{B(q, \boldsymbol{\theta})}{F(q, \boldsymbol{\theta})} \bar{u}(t) + \frac{C(q, \boldsymbol{\theta})}{D(q, \boldsymbol{\theta})} e(t)$$

$$M_t(\boldsymbol{\xi}^t) = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{u}(t) & \bar{y}(t) \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$$p_t(\boldsymbol{\xi}^t; \boldsymbol{\eta}^t) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{e}^t; 0, \lambda_e I) \delta(\boldsymbol{\theta} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \delta(\bar{\mathbf{u}}^t - \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^t) \delta(\mathbf{x}(0) - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}(0))$$

$$\text{Hyperparameters: } \boldsymbol{\eta}^t = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_e & \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^T & \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^T(0) & (\tilde{\mathbf{u}}^t)^T \end{bmatrix}^T$$

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- All model parameters included in the probabilistic description
- Use Dirac-functions for deterministic parameters
- Hyperparameters:
  - ▶ Parameters not needed to generate the model response
  - ▶ Used as dummy variables for deterministic model parameters
  - ▶ Split between model- and hyperparameters not unique

Consider now  $\mathbf{x}(0)$  to be random  $\Rightarrow$

$$p_t(\xi^t; \eta^t) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{e}^t; 0, \lambda_e I) \delta(\boldsymbol{\theta} - \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \delta(\bar{\mathbf{u}}^t - \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^t) \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}(0), 0, 10I)$$

# Models and model structures

## Definition

*Model parameter:*  $\xi = \{\xi(t)\}_{t=0}^{\infty}$ , where  $\xi(t) \in \Xi(t) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n_{\xi t}}$ .

*Model structure*  $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{M}, \Xi) = \{\mathbf{M}_t : \Xi^t \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n_z}\}_{t=1}^{\infty}$ .

*Model of observations:*  $\mathbf{z}(t) = M_t(\xi^t)$ ,  $t = 1, 2, \dots$

*Model set:*  $\{\{M_t(\xi^t)\}_{t=1}^{\infty} : \xi(t) \in \Xi(t)\}$

*Model parameter distribution:*  $p = \{p_t : \Xi^t \rightarrow [0, \infty)\}$  for  $\{\xi^t\}$

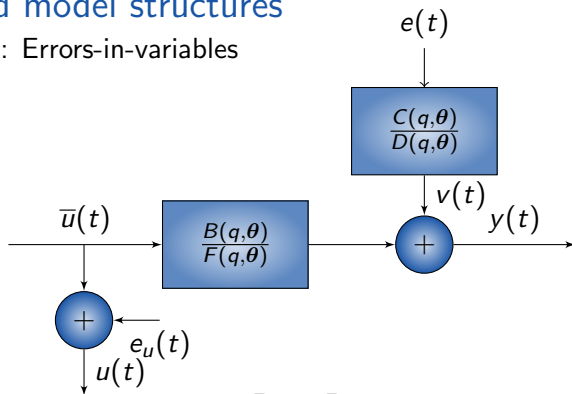
$\xi$  realization of  $\{p_t\}_{t=1}^{\infty} \Rightarrow M_t(\xi^t)$ ,  $t = 1, 2, \dots$  realization of model.

*Hyperparameters:* Parametrization  $\eta$  of  $p$

*Probabilistic model structure:*  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{M}, \Xi, p)$

# Models and model structures

Extension: Errors-in-variables



$$\xi(0) = \begin{bmatrix} \theta \\ x(0) \end{bmatrix} \quad \xi(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{y}(t) \\ e(t) \\ e_u(t) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}(0) \text{ initial conditions}$$

$$M_t(\xi^t) = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{u}}^t + \mathbf{e}_u^t \\ \bar{\mathbf{y}}^t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$p_t(\xi^t; \eta^t) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{e}^t; 0, \lambda_e I) \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{e}_u^t; 0, \lambda_u I) \delta(\theta - \tilde{\theta}) \delta(\bar{\mathbf{u}}^t - \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^t) \delta(\mathbf{x}(0) - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}(0))$$

# The set of unfalsified models

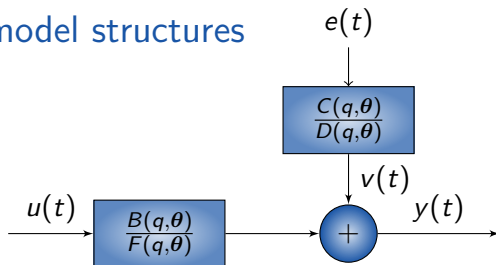
## Definition

*Given data  $\mathbf{z}^N$ , the set of unfalsified models for the model structure  $\mathcal{M}(M., p.)$  is defined as*

$$\mathcal{U}(\mathbf{z}^N) = \left\{ \xi : M^N(\xi^N) = \mathbf{z}^N \right\}$$



# Models and model structures



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$$z(t) = M_t(\boldsymbol{\xi}^t) \Rightarrow \bar{u}(t) = u(t) \Rightarrow \tilde{u}(t) = u(t)$$

# Ranking functions and the probability distribution

Use pdf as ranking function:

$$p_N(\xi^N, \mathbf{z}^N) := p_N(\xi^N) \prod_{t=1}^N \delta(\mathbf{z}(t) - M_t(\xi(t)))$$

Recall that computing the average of rankings model used

$$p_N(\xi^N | \mathbf{z}^N) := \frac{p_N(\xi^N, \mathbf{z}^N)}{p_N(\mathbf{z}^N)}, \quad p_N(\mathbf{z}^N) := \int p(\xi^N, \mathbf{z}^N) d\xi^N$$

This is nothing but the conditional pdf for  $\xi^N$  given observations  $\mathbf{z}^N$

Marginalization:  $\gamma = \gamma(\xi^N)$

$$p_N(\gamma, \mathbf{z}^N) := \int_{\Xi^N} p_N(\xi^N, \mathbf{z}) \delta(\gamma - \gamma(\xi^N)) d\xi^N$$

Joint probability for  $\gamma(\xi)$  and  $\mathbf{z}^N$

# Ranking functions and pdfs

Marginalising hyperparameter dependence

$$p_N(\mathbf{z}^N) = \int p_N(\mathbf{z}^N; \boldsymbol{\eta}) d\boldsymbol{\eta}$$

and when this quantity is finite:

$$p_N(\boldsymbol{\xi}^N, \boldsymbol{\eta} | \mathbf{z}^N) := \frac{p_N(\boldsymbol{\xi}^N, \mathbf{z}^N; \boldsymbol{\eta})}{p_N(\mathbf{z}^N)}$$
$$p_N(\boldsymbol{\eta} | \mathbf{z}^N) := \frac{p_N(\mathbf{z}^N; \boldsymbol{\eta})}{p_N(\mathbf{z}^N)}$$

Does not mean that  $p_N(\boldsymbol{\xi}^N, \boldsymbol{\eta} | \mathbf{z}^N)$  and  $p_N(\boldsymbol{\eta} | \mathbf{z}^N)$  should be interpreted as random

# Estimators

## Definition

*Given a model structure  $\mathcal{M}(M., p., \Xi.)$ , an estimator is a sequence of functions  $\{\hat{\xi}^t\}_{t=1}^{\infty}$*

$$\hat{\xi}^t : \mathbb{R}^{n_{z_t}} \rightarrow \Xi^t \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n_{\xi_t}}$$

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# Ranking based estimators

Recall maximum ranking estimator:

$$\hat{\xi}^N(\mathbf{z}^N) = \arg \max_{\xi^N \in \Xi^N} p_N(\xi^N, \mathbf{z}^N)$$

$$p_N(\xi^N, \mathbf{z}^N) = p_N(\xi^N | \mathbf{z}^N) p_N(\mathbf{z}^N) \Rightarrow \hat{\xi}^N(\mathbf{z}^N) = \arg \max_{\xi^N \in \Xi^N} p_N(\xi^N | \mathbf{z}^N)$$

*Maximum A Posteriori* (MAP) estimator  $\hat{\xi}_{MAP}^N(\mathbf{z}^N)$

# Ranking based estimators

The average ranking model

$$\hat{\xi}_A^N(\mathbf{z}^N) = \int_{\mathcal{U}(\mathbf{z}^N)} \xi^N p_N(\xi^N | \mathbf{z}^N) d\xi^N = \mathbb{E} [\xi^N | \mathbf{z}^N]$$

*Posterior mean (PM) estimator*  $\hat{\xi}_{PM}^N(\mathbf{z}^N)$

# Ranking based hyperparameter estimators

Recall maximum of total ranking estimator:

$$\hat{\eta}(\mathbf{z}^N) := \arg \max_{\eta} p_N(\mathbf{z}^N; \eta)$$

*Maximum Likelihood (ML) estimator*  $\hat{\eta}_{ML}(\mathbf{z}^N)$

Actual observations have largest probability to be observed among all possible observations

PM estimator may also be used for deterministic quantities:

$$\hat{\eta}_{PM}(\mathbf{z}^N) = \mathbb{E} [\eta | \mathbf{z}^N] = \int \eta p(\eta | \mathbf{z}^N) d\eta$$

Combinations  $\Rightarrow$  Many variations possible



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# Predictive estimators

- Background: Probability theory  $\Rightarrow$  Theory for optimal prediction of one random variable given others
- Idea: Choose model which gives best predictions
- Builds confidence in the model - not only rankings!
- Prediction essential in many applications , e.g. control, predictive maintenance and finance

## Predictive estimators

What is the optimal estimator of a random variable  $\mathbf{z}$  if no data is available?

With  $\hat{\mathbf{z}}$  a constant

$$\begin{aligned}\text{MSE}[\hat{\mathbf{z}}] &= \mathbb{E} \left[ (\mathbf{z} - \hat{\mathbf{z}})(\mathbf{z} - \hat{\mathbf{z}})^T \right] \\&= \mathbb{E} \left[ (\mathbf{z} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}] + \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}] - \hat{\mathbf{z}})(\mathbf{z} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}] + \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}] - \hat{\mathbf{z}})^T \right] \\&= \mathbb{E} \left[ (\mathbf{z} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}])(\mathbf{z} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}])^T \right] + \mathbb{E} \left[ (\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}] - \hat{\mathbf{z}})(\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}] - \hat{\mathbf{z}})^T \right] \\&\quad + \underbrace{\mathbb{E} \left[ (\mathbf{z} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}])(\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}] - \hat{\mathbf{z}})^T \right]}_0 + \underbrace{\mathbb{E} \left[ (\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}] - \hat{\mathbf{z}})(\mathbf{z} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}])^T \right]}_0 \\&= \mathbb{E} \left[ (\mathbf{z} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}])(\mathbf{z} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}])^T \right] + \mathbb{E} \left[ (\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}] - \hat{\mathbf{z}})(\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}] - \hat{\mathbf{z}})^T \right] \\&\geq \mathbb{E} \left[ (\mathbf{z} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}])(\mathbf{z} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}])^T \right] = \text{MSE}[\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}]]\end{aligned}$$

The mean  $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}]$  is the optimal estimator

## Moment estimators

Sample moments:  $m_k(\mathbf{z}^N) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \mathbf{z}^k(t)$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$

Optimal estimator:  $m_k(\boldsymbol{\eta}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \mathbb{E} \left[ M_t^k(\boldsymbol{\xi}^t(\boldsymbol{\eta})) \right]$

Take as many moments as dimension of  $\boldsymbol{\eta}$  and solve

$$m_k(\boldsymbol{\eta}) = m_k(\mathbf{z}^N)$$

*Method of moments*

$$V(\boldsymbol{\eta}) = \begin{bmatrix} m_1(\mathbf{z}^N) - m_1(\boldsymbol{\eta}) \\ \vdots \\ m_K(\mathbf{z}^N) - m_K(\boldsymbol{\eta}) \end{bmatrix}^T \mathbf{W} \begin{bmatrix} m_1(\mathbf{z}^N) - m_1(\boldsymbol{\eta}) \\ \vdots \\ m_K(\mathbf{z}^N) - m_K(\boldsymbol{\eta}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$\hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}} = \arg \min_{\boldsymbol{\eta}} V(\boldsymbol{\eta})$ ,  $W$  corrects for different sizes of moments, e.g.

# Predictive estimators

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- Idea: Choose model which gives best predictions
- Builds confidence in the model - not only rankings!
- Prediction essential in many applications , e.g. control, predictive maintenance and finance
- Basics:
  - ▶ Statistic:  $\mathbf{s} = f(\mathbf{z}^N)$  - random under model assumption  $\mathbf{s} = f(M^N(\xi^N))$ .
  - ▶ Predict:  $\hat{\mathbf{s}}(\boldsymbol{\eta}) = g(\mathbf{z}^N, \boldsymbol{\eta})$
  - ▶ Minimize:  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}}(\mathbf{z}^N, d, f) = \arg \min_{\boldsymbol{\eta}} d(\mathbf{s}, \hat{\mathbf{s}}(\boldsymbol{\eta}))$
- Questions: What to predict ( $f(\mathbf{z}^N)$ ) and which "distance measure" to use?
- What to predict?
  - ▶ The whole data set? Set of unfalsified models
  - ▶ ???

# Predictive estimators

- What to predict and which distance measure to use?
  - ▶  $\hat{\eta}(\mathbf{z}^N, d, f)$  random variable
  - ▶ Analyze its distribution
  - ▶ Pick  $d$  and  $f$  such that  $\hat{\eta}(\mathbf{z}^N, d, f)$  most concentrated around an  $\eta$  giving a "good" model
  - ▶ What "good" is depends on the intended model use!
  - ▶ General purpose criterion: The Mean-Square Error (MSE):

$$\text{MSE} \left[ \hat{\xi}(\mathbf{z}) \right] := \mathbb{E} \left[ (\hat{\xi}(\mathbf{z}) - \xi)^T (\hat{\xi}(\mathbf{z}) - \xi) \right]$$

and its matrix version

$$\text{MSE} \left[ \hat{\xi}(\mathbf{z}) \right] := \mathbb{E} \left[ (\hat{\xi}(\mathbf{z}) - \xi)(\hat{\xi}(\mathbf{z}) - \xi)^T \right]$$

and the equivalent for hyperparameter estimators

## Prediction error methods

Idea: Predict parts of data using other parts of data

Suppose  $\mathbf{z}(t) = [\mathbf{y}^T(t) \quad \mathbf{u}^T(t)]^T$

Model:  $\mathbf{y}(t) = f_t(\mathbf{u}^t, \mathbf{v}^t; \boldsymbol{\theta})$ ,  $t = 1, 2, \dots$

$k$ -step ahead predictor:  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}(t+k|t; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \hat{f}_{t+k|t}(\mathbf{u}^{t+k}, \mathbf{y}^t; \boldsymbol{\theta})$

Prediction errors

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(t+k|t; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbf{y}(t+k) - \hat{\mathbf{y}}(t+k|t; \boldsymbol{\theta}), \quad t = 1, \dots, N-k$$

Criterion (e.g.):

$$V_{pe,k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{z}^N) := \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(1+k|1; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(N|N-k; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \end{bmatrix}^T W \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(1+k|1; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(N|N-k; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \end{bmatrix}$$

- Which  $\hat{f}$  to use?
- Which criterion to use?
- $\Rightarrow$  Estimation theory (next lecture)

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# Indirect inference

Super-simple model:

$$\mathbf{z}(t) = \mathbf{v}(t) \text{ (independent identically distributed (i.i.d.))}$$

First  $K$  moments hyperparameters:  $\tilde{\eta}_k, k = 1, \dots, K$ .

Estimates:

$$\hat{\tilde{\eta}}_k(\mathbf{z}^N) = m_k(\mathbf{z})$$

Idea: If model  $M(\xi(\eta))$  correct, data from this model should result in similar estimates for the simple model as when real data is used: For a realization of  $\xi(\eta)$

$$\hat{\tilde{\eta}}_k(\mathbf{z}) \approx \hat{\tilde{\eta}}_k(M(\xi(\eta)))$$

i.e.

$$m_k(\mathbf{z}) \approx m_k(M(\xi(\eta))), k = 1, \dots, K$$

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$$m_k(\mathbf{z}) \approx m_k(M(\boldsymbol{\xi}(\boldsymbol{\eta}))), \quad k = 1, \dots, K$$

But  $\boldsymbol{\xi}(\boldsymbol{\eta})$  independent of data (generated in our computer).  
Remove these by averaging:

$$m_k(\mathbf{z}) \approx \mathbb{E} [m_k(M(\boldsymbol{\xi}(\boldsymbol{\eta}))) ] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \mathbb{E} \left[ M_t^k(\boldsymbol{\xi}^t(\boldsymbol{\eta})) \right] = m_k(\boldsymbol{\eta})$$

Method of moments!

What did we do?

- Intermediate model
- Estimated quantities in this model  $\Rightarrow$  Functions of data ( $m_k(\mathbf{z})$ ) (statistics)
- Expected value of corresponding statistics from model matched to statistics
- Intermediate model serves to guide the choice of which statistics to use

*Indirect inference*

# Indirect inference

Generalization:

- $\tilde{\eta}$  hyperparameters of intermediate model
- $\hat{\tilde{\eta}}(\mathbf{z})$  estimate
- $\eta$  hyperparameters of model  $M$
- $\hat{\eta}(\mathbf{z}^N) := \arg \min_{\eta} V_{wse}(\eta, \mathbf{z}^N)$  where

$$V_{wse}(\eta, \mathbf{z}) :=$$

$$\left( \hat{\tilde{\eta}}(\mathbf{z}) - \mathbb{E} \left[ \hat{\tilde{\eta}}(M(\xi(\eta))) \right] \right)^T W \left( \hat{\tilde{\eta}}(\mathbf{z}) - \mathbb{E} \left[ \hat{\tilde{\eta}}(M(\xi(\eta))) \right] \right)$$

- Different cost functions can be used, see LN.

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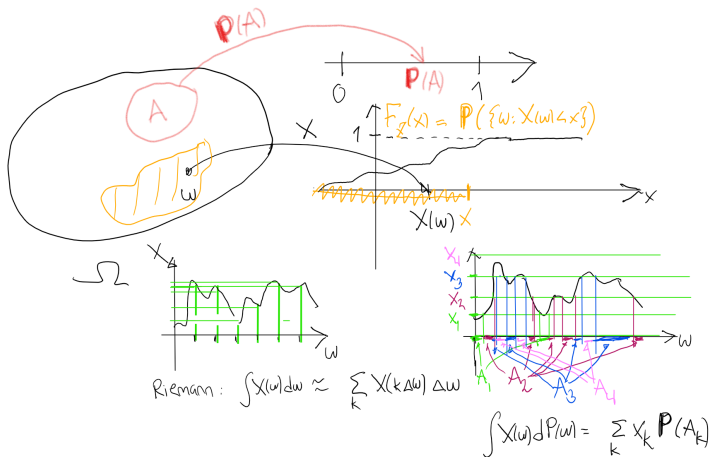
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# Basic concepts



# Basic concepts

- Sample space:  $\Omega$
- Probability measure:  $\mathbf{P}(A)$  assigns probabilities to events  $A$ .
  - i)  $\mathbf{P}(\Omega) = 1$
  - ii)  $\mathbf{P}(\cup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbf{P}(A_k)$  for disjoint events

Not possible to assign probabilities to all sets (see ex. in LN)

- $\mathcal{F}$  set of sets for which  $\mathbf{P}$  defined. Called  $\sigma$ -algebra
  - i)  $\Omega \in \mathcal{F}$
  - ii)  $A \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow A^c \in \mathcal{F}$  (complement)
  - iii)  $A, B \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow A \cup B \in \mathcal{F}$
  - iv)  $F_k \in \mathcal{F}, k = 1, 2, \dots \Rightarrow \cup_{k=1}^{\infty} F_k \in \mathcal{F}$

iv) required to be able to compute probabilities of limits (see ex. in LN)

- Probability space:  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbf{P})$

# Basic concepts

- Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra: minimal  $\sigma$ -algebra containing the open sets in  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- Random variable: Measurable function, i.e.  $\mathbf{P}(\{\omega : X(\omega) \in B\})$  exists for all Borel sets  $B$
- Probability distribution function:  
 $\mathbf{P}_X(B) = \mathbf{P}(\{\omega : X(\omega) \in B\})$
- Distribution function:  $F_X(\bar{x}) = \mathbf{P}_X(\{x : x \leq \bar{x}\})$

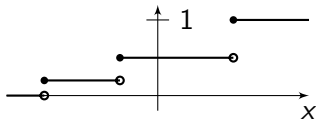
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## Theorem

*Every distribution function  $F$  can be uniquely decomposed into*

$$F(x) = \alpha F_a(x) + \beta F_d(x) + \gamma F_s(x), \quad \alpha, \beta, \gamma \geq 0, \quad \alpha + \beta + \gamma = 1$$

- $F_a$  absolutely continuous:  $F_a(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x p_X(\gamma) d\gamma$ ,  $p_X$  probability density function (pdf)
- $F_d$  discrete: Piecewise constant. Right-continuous. At most countable number of discontinuities.



- $F_s$  singular: Derivative exists almost everywhere and is zero. Continuous and can only increase on a set of measure zero.
- The distribution function can be used to compute probabilities for any Borel set.  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}, "F")$  probability space



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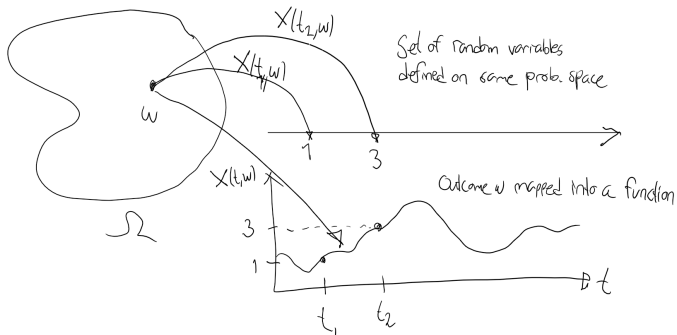
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# Stochastic processes

## Theorem (Kolmogorov)

*For every set of consistent finite dimensional distributions*

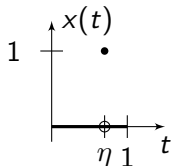
$$F_{t_1, \dots, t_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) := \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{X}}(X(t_1) \leq x_1, \dots, X(t_n) \leq x_n), \quad t_1 < \dots < t_n$$

*there exists a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbf{P})$ , where  $\mathbf{P}$  is unique, and a stochastic process  $\{X(t)\}$  such that  $F$  is consistent with  $X$  and  $\mathbf{P}$ .*

Different stochastic processes can have the same distributions but different realizations

# Stochastic processes

Example:  $\eta$  uniformly distributed on  $[0, 1]$ .



$$\mathbf{P}_x(x(t) = 1) = \mathbf{P}(\eta = t) = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\mathbf{P}_x(x(t) \in B) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \in B \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{also } \mathbf{P}_x(x(t_1) \in B_1, \dots, x(t_n) \in B_n) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \in \cap_{k=1}^n B_k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Let  $y(t) = 0 \cdot \eta$  for  $t \in [0, 1]$ .  $\Rightarrow x$  &  $y$  have same finite dim. dist.

However,  $\mathbf{P}(\sup_{t \in [0, 1]} y(t) = 0) = \mathbf{P}(\sup_{t \in [0, 1]} x(t) = 1) = 1$

$\Rightarrow$  Sample paths of  $x$  and  $y$  do not coincide w.p. 1

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## Partial specifications

First and second order moments

Mean function:

$$m_{\mathbf{X}}(t) := \mathbb{E} [\mathbf{X}(t)]$$

Cross-correlation function:

$$R_{\mathbf{X},\mathbf{Y}}(t, s) := \mathbb{E} [\mathbf{X}(t)\mathbf{Y}^T(s)]$$

Cross-covariance function:

$$C_{\mathbf{X},\mathbf{Y}}(t, s) := \mathbb{E} [(\mathbf{X}(t) - m_{\mathbf{X}}(t))(\mathbf{Y}(s) - m_{\mathbf{Y}}(s))^T]$$

- *Auto-correlation function* (akf):  $R_{\mathbf{X},\mathbf{X}}(t, s)$
- *Covariance function*:  $C_{\mathbf{X},\mathbf{X}}(t, s)$

## Partial specifications

$\mathbf{X}(t)$  stochastic process with  $R_{\mathbf{X},\mathbf{X}}$  as akf  $\Rightarrow$

$$0 \leq \mathbb{E} \left[ \left| \sum_i a_i^* \mathbf{X}(t_i) \right|^2 \right] = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m a^*(i) R_{\mathbf{X},\mathbf{X}}(t_i, t_j) a(j)$$

The opposite is true as well!

### Theorem

$K$  is a positive definite function, i.e.

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m a^*(i) K(t_i, t_j) a(j) \geq 0, \quad \forall a(i) \in \mathbb{C}^n, t_i \in T, m \in \mathbb{N}$$

*if and only if  $K$  is the akf of a stochastic process.*

# Modeling considerations

How do we model a family of akf's?

Obvious parametrization

$$R(t, s) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_k \varphi_k(t) \varphi_k^T(s), \quad \infty > \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq 0,$$

$\varphi_k$  pre-specified basis functions,  $\{\lambda_k\}$  hyperparameters

Generalization:

Let  $\Phi : T \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^n$ , i.e.  $\Phi_i(t) \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $\mathcal{H}$  Hilbert space

$$R(t, s) = [\Phi(t), \Phi(s)]$$



# Modeling considerations

The parametrization

$$R(t, s) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_k \varphi_k(t) \varphi_k^T(s), \quad \infty > \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq 0,$$

seems like a great idea, but maybe it does not fit the requirements for a particular application?

To study this we need to take a deviation over positive definite kernels

## Positive definite kernels

$T$  a compact domain (e.g. closed interval in  $\mathbb{R}$ )

Integral operators with kernel  $R$ :

$$I_R(f)(t) = \int_T R(t, s)f(s)ds$$

Maps a function  $f$  into another function. If  $R \in L_\infty(T^2)^1$ , then

$$I_R(f) : L_2(T) \rightarrow L_2(T)$$

Positive definite kernel:

$$\int_T \int_T f^*(t)R(t, s)f(s)dtds \geq 0, \quad \forall f \in L_2(T)$$

Very similar to definition of positive definite function, but not quite.

$L_2(T)$  Hilbert space  $\Rightarrow$  Exists orthonormal basis  $\{\varphi_k\}$ .

Can be chosen s.t.  $\{\varphi_k\}$  is bounded:  $\sup_k \sup_t |\varphi_k(t)| < \infty$

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<sup>1</sup>  $T^2$  is shorthand for  $T \times T$

# Positive definite kernels

## Theorem (Mercer's theorem)

*$T$  compact domain.  $R$  is a bounded positive definite kernel if and only if*

$$R(t, s) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_k \varphi_k(t) \varphi_k^*(s),$$

*where the series converges absolutely and uniformly almost everywhere, where  $\lambda_k > 0$  are absolutely summable and where  $\{\varphi_k\}$  is a bounded orthonormal basis for  $L_2(T)$ .*

## Positive definite functions vs kernels

There are other positive definite functions than those in Mercer's theorem. But

### Theorem

*Let  $T = [a, b]$  be a compact interval and let  $R : T \times T \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be continuous. Then  $R$  is a positive definite function if and only if*

$$\int_T \int_T f(t)R(t,s)f(s)dt ds \geq 0$$

*for all complex-valued continuous functions  $f$  with domain of definition including  $T$ .*

Now

- All continuous functions on  $T \in L_2(T)$
- In fact they are dense in  $L_2(T)$  (any function in  $L_2(T)$  can be approximated arbitrarily well using a continuous function)
- $\Rightarrow$  Above can be taken as criterion for  $R$  being a positive definite kernel

# Positive definite functions vs kernels

⇒ If we restrict  $\{\varphi_k\}$  so that  $R$  is continuous, i.e. take  $\varphi_k$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$  to be continuous, then Mercer's theorem gives:

## Theorem

*$T$  finite interval. All continuous positive definite functions can be expressed as*

$$R(t, s) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_k \varphi_k(t) \varphi_k^*(s),$$

*where  $\{\varphi_k\}$  is a bounded continuous orthonormal basis for  $L_2(T)$*

- Complete parametrization of all continuous auto-correlation functions of a stochastic process

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# Gaussian processes (GP)

Pdf of a Gaussian vector:

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{\Sigma}) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det 2\pi\mathbf{\Sigma}}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{m})^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{m})}$$

All finite dimensional distributions Gaussian

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}(t_1) \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{X}(t_n) \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}(t_1) \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{m}(t_n) \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} C(t_1, t_1) & \dots & C(t_1, t_n) \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ C(t_n, t_1) & \dots & C(t_n, t_n) \end{bmatrix} \right), \quad \forall t_i$$