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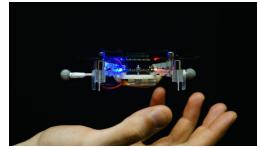
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Experimental validation of  
control methods

## System Identification

Lecture 9: Prediction error methods & ARX models

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## Identification framework

### Measurement data

Define the measurement data set:

$$Z_K = \{u(0), y(0), \dots, u(K-1), y(K-1)\}.$$

### Objective

Define the cost function (includes the model structure)

$$J(\theta, Z_K)$$

### General optimisation formulation

$$\underset{\theta}{\text{minimise}} J(\theta, Z_K) \quad \text{or} \quad \hat{\theta} = \underset{\theta}{\text{argmin}} J(\theta, Z_K).$$

## Optimisation objectives

### Residual error objectives

$$\text{error: } e(k, \theta) = y(k) - G(\theta)u(k).$$

$$J(\theta) = \|e(\theta)\|_2^2 \quad \text{or} \quad \|e(\theta)\|_\infty, \quad \text{or} \quad \|e(\theta)\|_1?$$

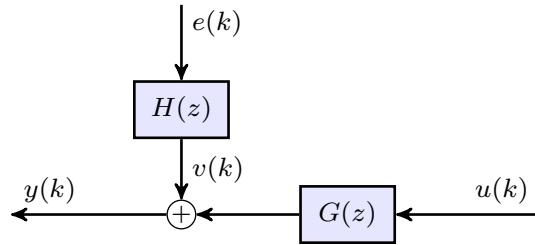
### Parametric error objectives

$$J(\theta) = \|\theta - \theta_0\|_2 \quad \text{or} \quad E\{\theta - \theta_0\}$$

### Prediction error objective

$$J(\theta) = E\{y(k+1) - \hat{y}(k+1, \theta|k)\}$$

## Prediction



### Typical assumptions

$G(z)$  and  $H(z)$  are stable,

$H(z)$  is stably invertible (no zeros outside the unit disk)

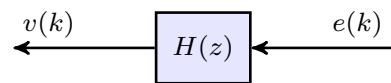
$e(k)$  has known statistics: known pdf or known moments.

### One-step ahead prediction

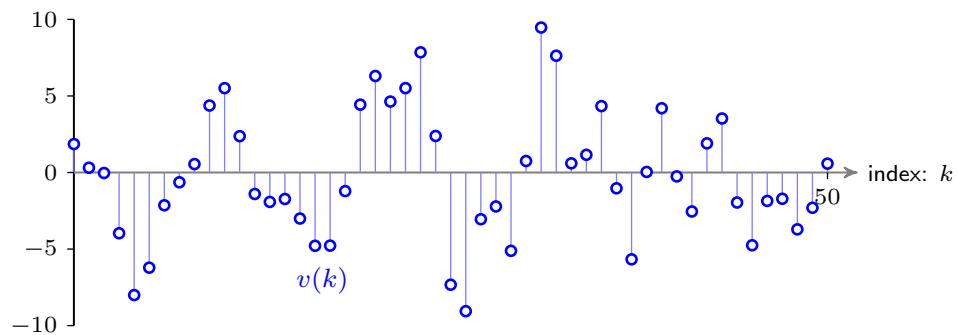
Given  $Z_K = \{u(0), y(0), \dots, u(K-1), y(K-1)\}$ ,

what is the best estimate of  $y(K)$ ?

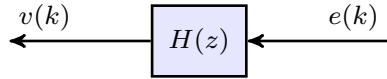
## Prediction



What is the next output,  $v(k)$ ?



## Prediction



### Noise model invertibility

Given,  $v(k)$ ,  $k = 0, \dots, K - 1$ , can we determine  $e(k)$ ,  $k = 0, \dots, K - 1$ ?

$$\text{Inverse filter: } H_{\text{inv}}(z) : \quad e(k) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} h_{\text{inv}}(i)v(k-i)$$

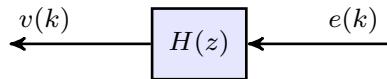
We also want the inverse filter to be causal and stable:

$$h_{\text{inv}}(k) = 0, k < 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |h_{\text{inv}}(k)| < \infty.$$

If  $H(z)$  has no zeros for  $|z| \geq 1$ , then,

$$H_{\text{inv}}(z) = \frac{1}{H(z)}.$$

## Prediction



### One step ahead prediction

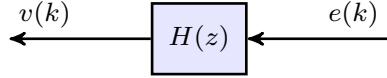
Given measurements of  $v(k)$ ,  $k = 0, \dots, K - 1$ , can we predict  $v(K)$ ?

Assume that we know  $H(z)$ , how much can we say about  $v(K)$ ?

Assume also that  $H(z)$  is monic ( $h(0) = 1$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} v(k) &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} h(i)e(k-i) \\ &= e(k) + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} h(i)e(k-i)}_{= m(k-1)} \\ &\quad \text{"observed"} \end{aligned}$$

## Prediction



### One-step ahead prediction

The prediction of  $v(k)$ , based on measurements up to time  $k - 1$  is,

$$\hat{v}(k|k-1).$$

We will argue that a good choice in this case is,

$$\hat{v}(k|k-1) = m(k-1) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} h(i)e(k-i).$$

The error in our prediction is  $e(k)$  — which we clearly can't reduce.

## One-step ahead prediction statistics

### General case

Say  $e(k)$  is i.i.d. with probability density function:  $f_e(x)$ ,

### A posteriori distribution

What are the statistics of  $v(k)$  given  $v_{-\infty}^{k-1} = \{v(-\infty), \dots, v(k-1)\}$ ?

$$v(k|k-1) = e(k) + m(k-1),$$

so  $f_{v(k|k-1)}(x) = f_e(v(k) - m(k-1))$ .  $\longleftarrow$   $e(k)$  density shifted by  $m(k-1)$ .

### Choosing an estimate: the expected value

$$\hat{v}(k|k-1) = E\{v(k|k-1)\} = m(k-1) + E\{e(k)\} = m(k-1).$$

## One-step ahead prediction

### Calculation

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{v}(k|k-1) &= m(k-1) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} h(i)e(k-i) \\
&= (H(z) - 1)e(k) \quad (\text{assuming } H(z) \text{ is monic}) \\
&= \frac{H(z) - 1}{H(z)} v(k) \\
&= (1 - H_{\text{inv}}(z)) v(k) \\
&= - \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} h_{\text{inv}}(i)v(k-i)
\end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\hat{v}(k|k-1)$  depends only on values up to time  $k-1$ .

The best we can do is:

$$\hat{v}(k|k-1) = - \sum_{i=1}^k h_{\text{inv}}(i)v(k-i) \approx - \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} h_{\text{inv}}(i)v(k-i).$$

## Example

### Moving average model

$$v(k) = e(k) + ce(k-1), \quad \Rightarrow \quad H(z) = 1 + cz^{-1}.$$

For  $H(z)$  to be stably invertible we require  $|c| < 1$ .

$$H_{\text{inv}}(z) = \frac{1}{1 + cz^{-1}} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (-c)^i z^{-i}.$$

### One-step ahead predictor

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{v}(k|k-1) &= (1 - H_{\text{inv}}(z))v(k) = - \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (-c)^i v(k-i) \approx - \sum_{i=1}^k (-c)^i v(k-i) \\
&= cv(k-1) - c^2 v(k-2) + c^3 v(k-3) + \cdots - (-c)^k v(0).
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Exercise: show } \hat{v}(k|k-1) &= c \underbrace{(v(k-1) - \hat{v}(k-1|k-2))}_{\epsilon(k-1)} \quad (\text{prediction error at } k-1) \\
&= c\epsilon(k-1)
\end{aligned}$$

## Another example

### Autoregressive noise model

Our noise model is:

$$v(k) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a^i e(k-i) \quad |a| < 1 \text{ for stability.}$$

$$\text{So, } H(z) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a^i z^{-i} = \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}},$$

$$\text{and } H_{\text{inv}}(z) = 1 - az^{-1} \quad (\text{a moving average process})$$

Our one-step ahead predictor is,

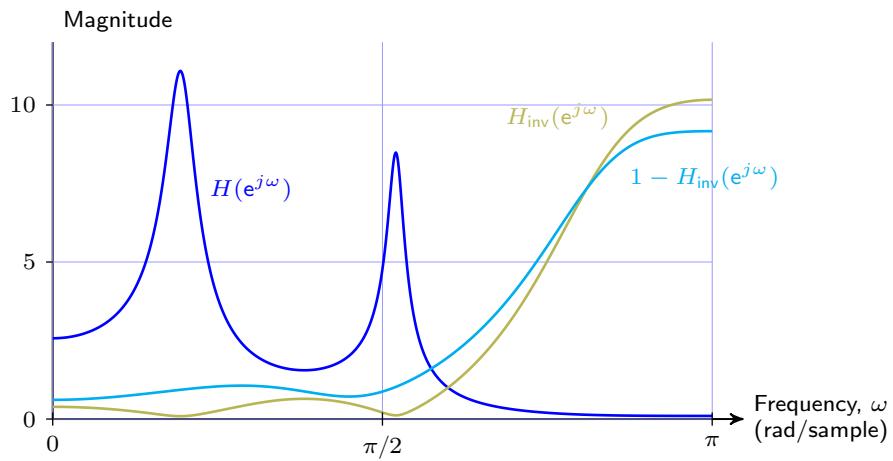
$$\hat{v}(k|k-1) = (1 - H_{\text{inv}}(z))v(k) = av(k-1).$$

## A more complicated example

### Noise model

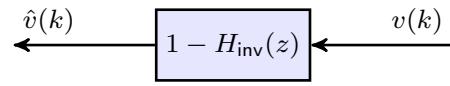
$$v(k) \xrightarrow{H(z)} e(k)$$

$$H(z) = \frac{z^4 + 0.5z^3 + 0.1z^2 + 0.1z + 0.1}{z^4 - 1.4z^3 + 1.6z^2 - 1.3z + 0.8}$$

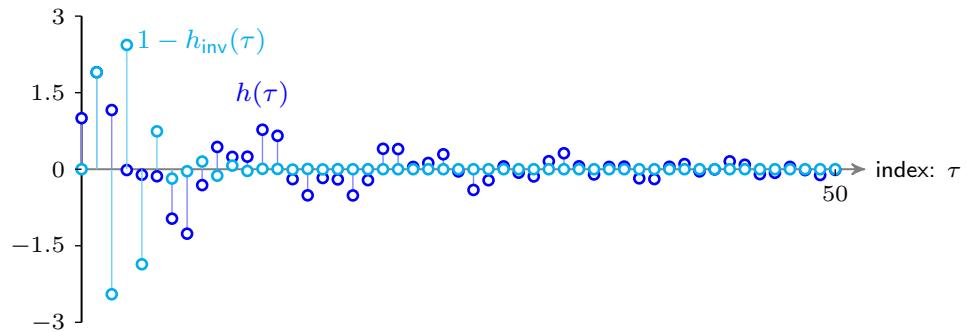


## A more complicated example

Predictor



Impulse responses:  $H(z)$  and  $1 - H_{\text{inv}}(z)$

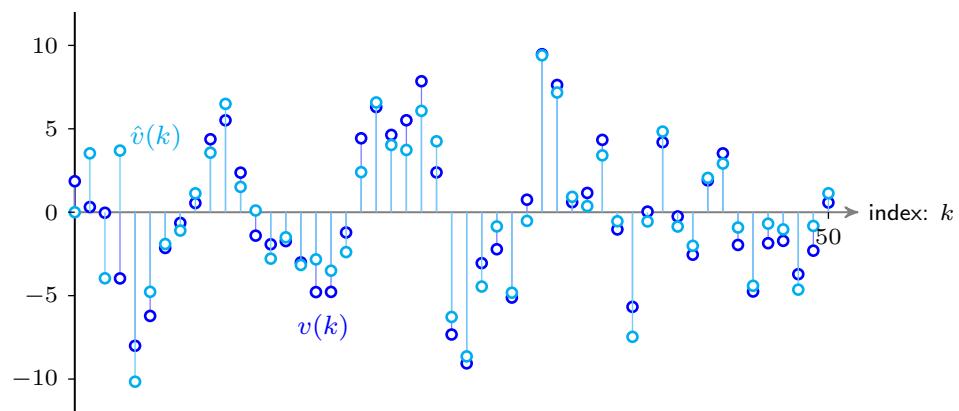


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## A more complicated example

One-step ahead predictions

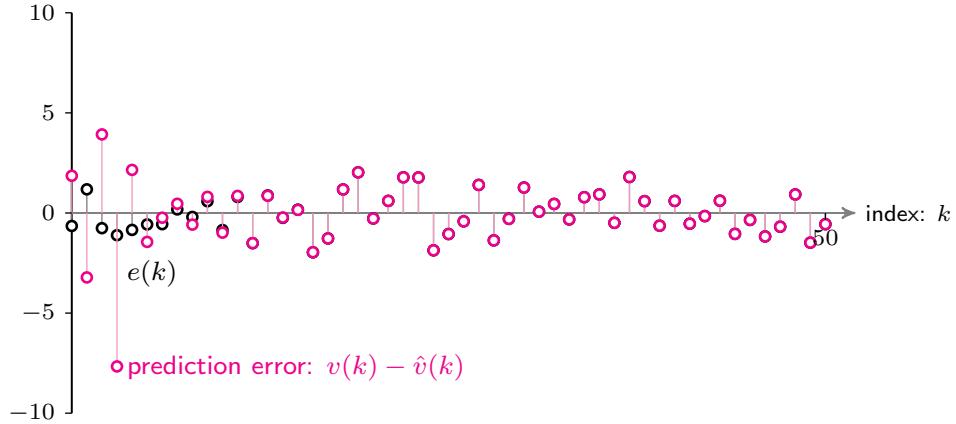


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## A more complicated example

One-step ahead prediction errors

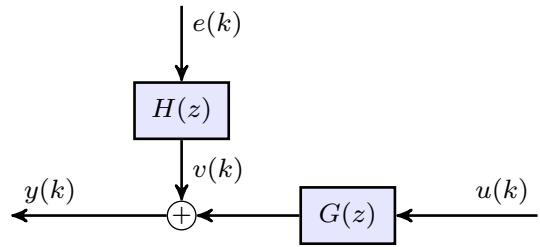


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## Output prediction

$$y(k) = G(z)u(k) + v(k)$$



One-step ahead prediction

Choose the expected value of the conditional distribution,

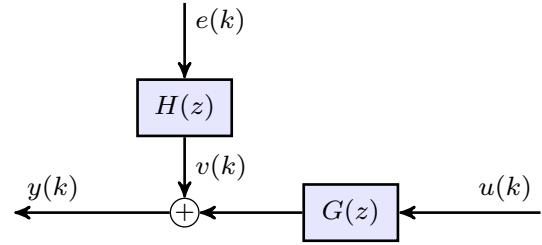
$$\begin{aligned} \hat{y}(k|k-1) &= E\{y(k|k-1)\} = G(z)u(k) + \hat{v}(k|k-1) \\ &= G(z)u(k) + (1 - H_{\text{inv}}(z))v(k) \\ &= H_{\text{inv}}(z)G(z)u(k) + (1 - H_{\text{inv}}(z))y(k) \end{aligned}$$

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## Output prediction

$$y(k) = G(z)u(k) + v(k)$$



## Prediction error

$$\begin{aligned} y(k) - \hat{y}(k|k-1) &= -H_{\text{inv}}(z)G(z)u(k) + H_{\text{inv}}(z)y(k) \\ &= H_{\text{inv}}(z)(y(k) - G(z)u(k)) = H_{\text{inv}}(z)v(k) \\ &= e(k) \end{aligned}$$

The **innovation** is the part of the output prediction that cannot be estimated from past measurements.

## Prediction error based identification

### Prediction error

The one-step ahead predictor is parametrised by  $\theta$ ,

$$\hat{y}(k|\theta, Z_K) = H_{\text{inv}}(\theta, z)G(\theta, z)u(k) + (1 - H_{\text{inv}}(\theta, z))y(k)$$

Define a parametrised prediction error,

$$\epsilon(k, \theta) = y(k) - \hat{y}(k, \theta) = -H_{\text{inv}}(\theta, z)G(\theta, z)u(k) + H_{\text{inv}}(\theta, z)y(k).$$

### Prediction error-based identification

Typical cost function:  $J(\theta, Z_K) = \|\epsilon(k, \theta)\|_2$ .

Pick  $\theta$  to minimise the error.

$$\text{Optimisation formulation: } \hat{\theta} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} J(\theta, Z_K).$$

## ARX and ARMAX models

### Autoregressive moving average models

Model form (without noise):

$$G(z) = \frac{b_1 z^{-1} + \cdots + b_m z^{-m}}{1 + a_1 z^{-1} + \cdots + a_n z^{-n}}.$$

Input output relationship:

$$\begin{aligned} y(k) &= G(z)u(k) \\ &= -a_1 y(k-1) - \cdots - a_n y(k-n) + b_1 u(k-1) + \cdots + b_m u(k-m) \\ &= \varphi^T(k)\theta \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(k) &= [-y(k-1) \quad \cdots \quad -y(k-n) \quad u(k-1) \quad \cdots \quad u(k-m)]^T \\ \theta &= [a_1 \quad \cdots \quad a_n \quad b_1 \quad \cdots \quad b_m]^T. \end{aligned}$$

## ARX and ARMAX models

### Autoregressive moving average models

$$y(k) = G(\theta, z)u(k) = \varphi^T(k)\theta.$$

where  $\varphi(k)$  is called the regressor vector  
 $\theta$  is the parameter vector.

Because we can calculate  $y(k)$  from the model, with knowledge of past  $y(k)$ ,  $u(k)$  and model parameters,  $\theta$ , the output  $y(k)$  is sometimes written as,

$$y(k) = \varphi^T(k)\theta = y(k|\theta),$$

to emphasize the parameter dependence.

## ARX and ARMAX models

### Regressor formulation

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## Least squares estimation

### Model framework (ARX or ARMAX)

Consider  $y(k) = \varphi^T(k)\theta$  for  $k = 0, \dots, N - 1$ .

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} y(0) \\ \vdots \\ y(N-1) \end{bmatrix}}_Y = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \varphi^T(0) \\ \vdots \\ \varphi^T(N-1) \end{bmatrix}}_{\Phi} \theta.$$

or, in matrix form,  $Y = \Phi\theta$

If  $N > (n + m)$  this system is overdetermined.

### Least squares solution

$$\hat{\theta} = (\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T Y \quad (\text{MATLAB: } \text{Theta} = \text{Phi}\backslash Y;)$$

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## Least squares estimation

### Optimisation framework

The least squares solution,  $\hat{\theta} = (\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T Y$ , solves the problem,

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\theta}{\text{minimise}} && \|\epsilon\|_2 \\ & \text{subject to} && Y = \Phi\theta + \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Define the cost function:  $J(\theta, Z_N) = \|Y - \Phi\theta\|_2 = \|\epsilon\|_2$

General formulation:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\theta} &= \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} J(\theta, Z_N) \\ &= \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|\epsilon\|_2 \\ &\text{subject to : } \epsilon = Y - \Phi\theta. \end{aligned}$$

## Example

### Single state system: 2 parameters

$$\text{System: } G(z, \theta) = \frac{bz^{-1}}{(1 + az^{-1})} = \frac{b}{(z + a)} \quad \text{where} \quad \theta = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}.$$

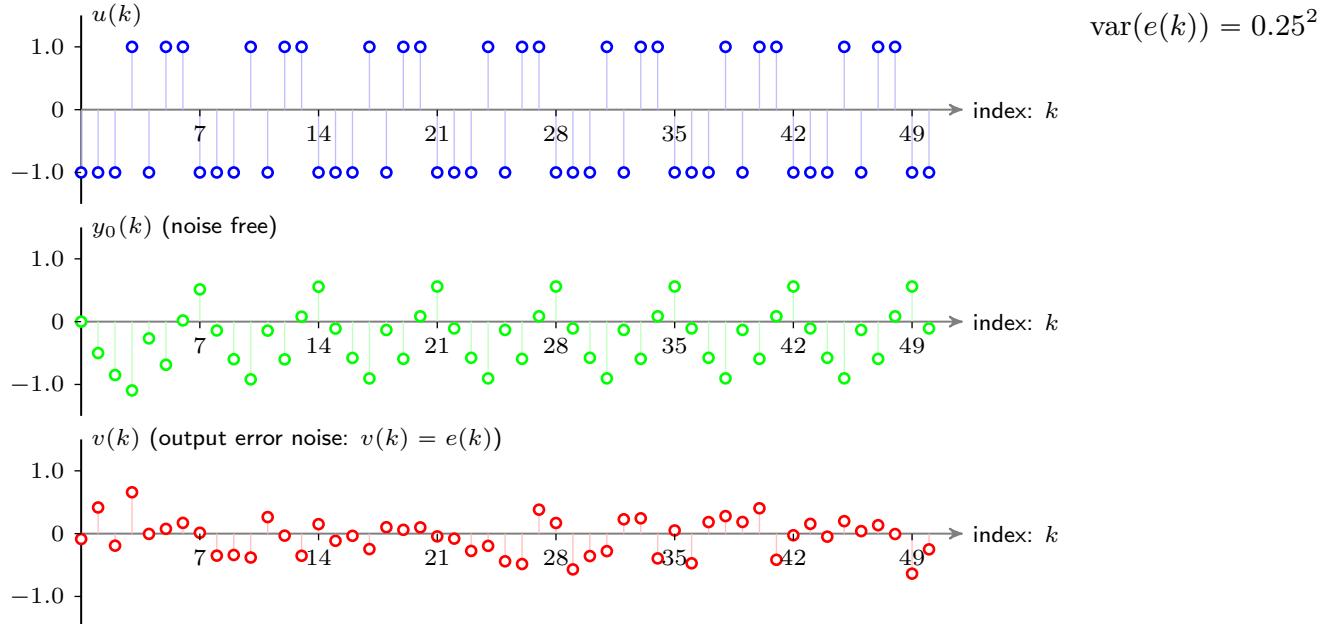
$$\text{Difference equation: } y(k) = -ay(k-1) + bu(k-1).$$

Least squares solution:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{a} \\ \hat{b} \end{bmatrix} = (\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T Y$$

## Example

### Output error experiment

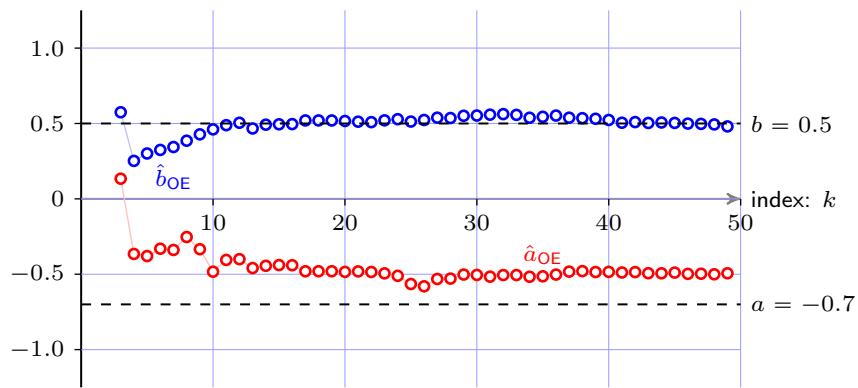


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## Example

### Least-squares estimates: output error structure



True system

Estimation:

$$G(z) = \frac{bz^{-1}}{1 + az^{-1}}, \quad H(z) = 1.$$

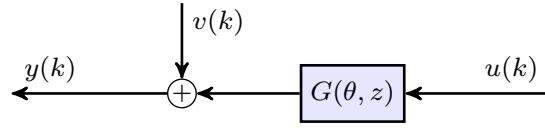
$$y(k) = -\hat{a}_{OE}y(k-1) + \hat{b}_{OE}u(k-1)$$

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## Error statistics and noise statistics

Experimental configuration: output noise



Estimation framework

$$\begin{bmatrix} y(0) \\ \vdots \\ y(N-1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \varphi^T(0) \\ \vdots \\ \varphi^T(N-1) \end{bmatrix} \theta + \begin{bmatrix} v(0) \\ \vdots \\ v(N-1) \end{bmatrix},$$

But this was worked out for the noise-free case. So we really have,

$$\varphi_0^T(k) = [-y_0(k-1) \quad \cdots \quad -y_0(k-n) \quad u(k-1) \quad \cdots \quad u(k-m)]$$

And by stacking,

$$Y = \Phi_0 \theta + V. \quad \text{What happens if we use } Y = \Phi \theta + V?$$

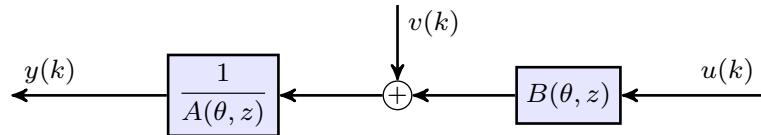
## Equation error models

Model form

$$y(k) + a_1 y(k-1) + \cdots + a_n y(k-n) = b_1 u(k-1) + \cdots + b_m u(k-m) + v(k)$$

$$A(z)Y(z) = B(z)U(z) + V(z)$$

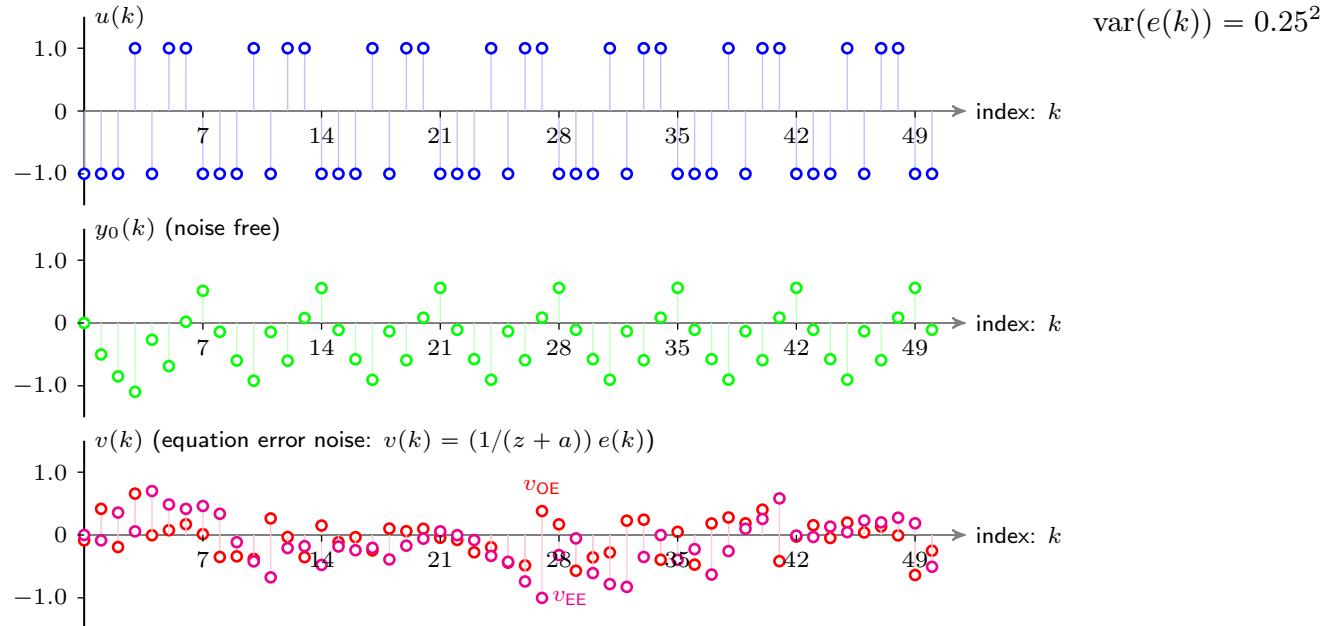
Now we have:  $Y = \Phi\theta + V.$



The noise also has the autoregressive dynamics (in  $A(z)$ ).

## Example

### Equation error experiment

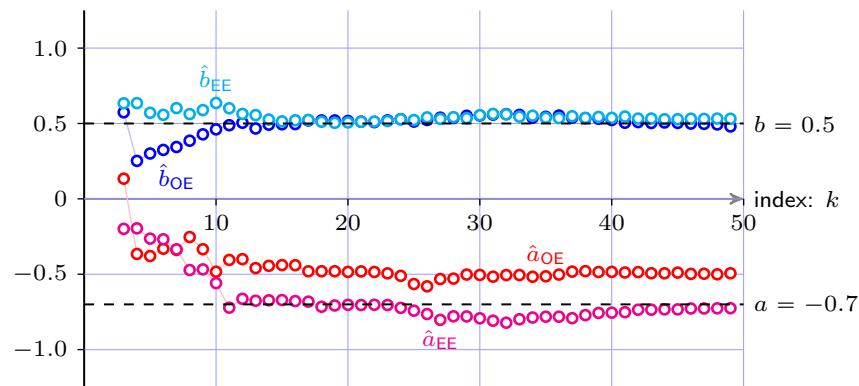


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## Example

### Least-squares estimates: equation error structure



True system

Estimation:

$$G(z) = \frac{bz^{-1}}{1 + az^{-1}}, \quad H(z) = \frac{1}{1 + az^{-1}}.$$

$$y(k) = -\hat{a}_{EE}y(k-1) + \hat{b}_{EE}u(k-1)$$

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## Output error and Equation error models

Output error framework

Equation error framework

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