

ECE 521: Control Systems II
Homework #1

Due: Tuesday March 16

For problems 1-5, let

$$\underline{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}, \underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}, A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}.$$

and show the following:

1) for $f(\underline{x}) = \underline{a}^T \underline{x}$, $\frac{df}{d\underline{x}} = \underline{a}$

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5) for $f(\underline{x}) = \underline{x}^T A \underline{x}$, $\frac{df}{d\underline{x}} = (A + A^T)\underline{x}$

6) The error vector \underline{e} between observation vector \underline{d} and estimate of the input $\hat{\underline{x}}$ is $\underline{e} = \underline{d} - A\hat{\underline{x}}$. We want to weight the errors by a matrix R , where R is symmetric ($R = R^T$). Find $\hat{\underline{x}}$ to minimize $\underline{e}^T R \underline{e}$. (This is a weighted least squares.)

7) Show that any matrix A can be written as the sum of a symmetric matrix and a skew symmetric matrix. That is,

$$\begin{aligned} A &= R + Q \\ R &= R^T \\ Q &= -Q^T \end{aligned}$$

Determine R and Q .

8) Assume we expect a process to follow the following equation

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{ct + d\sqrt{t}}$$

Assume we measure the $y(t)$ at various times t :

t	$y(t)$
1.0	0.30
2.0	0.21
3.0	0.14
4.0	0.12
5.0	0.11
6.0	0.09

- Determine a least squares estimate of the parameters c and d .
- Estimate the value of $y(t)$ at $t = 2.5$.
- Suppose we believe all measurements made before time $t = 3.5$ are twice as reliable as those made later. Determine a reasonable weighted least squares estimate of c and d .

9) Assume we expect a process to follow the following equation

$$\gamma(x) = \epsilon e^{\beta x}$$

Assume we measure the $\gamma(x)$ at various locations x :

x	$\gamma(x)$
0.0	2.45
0.1	2.38
0.4	2.30
2.0	1.40
4.0	0.70

- Determine a least squares estimate of the parameters ϵ and β . (*Hint: Try logarithms...*)
- Estimate the value of $\gamma(x)$ at $x = 3.0$.

10) Assume we have an experimental process we are modeling and, based on sound physical principles, we assume a relationship between x and y to be

$$y(x) = \left(\frac{\alpha}{x}\right)^\beta$$

and we have the following measurements

y	x
8	1
1	2
0.3	3
0.1	4

write out and describe how to use a least squares technique to estimate the parameters α and β . Assume we have the general form

$$\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{c}$$

What are in the \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{c} vectors? What is in the B matrix? What are your estimates for α and β ?

Hint: you cannot solve for α directly. Let $w = \beta \log \alpha$ and solve for w and β , then infer α .

11) Linearize the following two systems about the origin, and write the results in state variable form

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= x_1x_2 + 3x_2 + u_1^2 + u_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= 4x_1 + x_2 + x_1u_2^2 + 2u_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= x_1^2 - \sin(3x_2) + u_1^3 - u_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= x_2 - u_1 + x_1e^{-x_2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{6} \quad \hat{\underline{x}} = (A^T R A)^{-1} A^T R \underline{d}$$

$$\boxed{8} \quad \hat{y}(t) = (0.8104t + 2.4707\sqrt{t})^{-1}$$

$$\boxed{9} \quad \hat{\gamma}(x) = 2.519e^{-0.3142x}$$

$$\boxed{10} \quad \hat{y}(x) = \left(\frac{1.974}{x}\right)^{3.1183}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \delta \underline{\dot{x}} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \delta \underline{x} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \delta \underline{u} \\ \delta \underline{\dot{x}} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \delta \underline{x} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \delta \underline{u} \end{aligned}$$