Systems Dynamics

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Course Overview

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Course home page

- slides, exercises and computer code examples
- old exams

Systems Dynamics homepage

Course credits

• 9 CFU





Partial tests (highly recommended)

- Three **partial tests** are carried out to evaluate the competences acquired by the students enrolled in the course.
- The partial tests have an **open-book format** and are carried out by the students during the course timetable.
- The duration of each partial test is of one hour.
- The partial tests are strictly personal and group work is not allowed.

- Each partial evaluation will consist in the solution of a specific problem via the creation of a Matlab *livescript*.
- The *livescript* will consist of the code solving the problem and an explanation of the solution method.

Partial tests mark & cumulative mark

- Each partial test gets an individual mark P_{test_i} ranging from 1 to 10.
- Given

$$P_{\mathsf{cum}} = \sum_{i=1}^{3} P_{\mathsf{test}_i}$$

the cumulative mark P_{tot} is computed according to the formula:

$$P_{\text{tot}} = \begin{cases} P_{\text{cum}} & \iff P_{\text{cum}} \le 24 \\ 24 + 0.5 \cdot \left(P_{\text{cum}} - 24 \right) & \iff P_{\text{cum}} > 24 \end{cases}$$

In case P_{tot} is not an integer, P_{tot} is rounded up.

Partial tests & final grade

• A positive mark on each test ($P_{test_1} \ge 6$, $P_{test_2} \ge 6$ and $P_{test_3} \ge 6$) allows to register the final mark P_{tot} at the student discretion.

In case the final mark $P_{tot} \ge 18$, the following options are available at the student discretion:

- **Register** the final mark P_{tot} ;
- Carry out an **additional (open book) partial written examination** with a **maximum mark** equal to 5 points and the registration of the cumulative mark at the student discretion;
- Carry out the **full examination**.

Partial Tests Grade Expiration

- Expiration: using the partial tests cumulative mark P_{tot} is allowed during the current academic year (for the academic year 2023/2024 until the end of the examination session in February 2025).
- When the exam sessions of the current academic year are over, the cumulative mark P_{tot} expires.

Full final examination

- Full final exam: a preliminary written examination followed by oral questions.
- The **final grade** depends on both the written part and the outcome of the oral discussion.
- Written examination and oral discussion usually usually take during the same exam session.

Written examination

The test consists of 2 – 3 essay questions:

- usually, the student is asked to solve numerical application problems.
- The written examination has an open-book format.

Oral questions

Oral questions deal with any possible topic, discussed and analyzed in the lectures.

• A short discussion about the written examination results generally also takes place.

Examination timetable

- 3 sessions in January–February
- 2 sessions in June-July
- 2 session in September

How to sign up for examinations

- In order to participate to the exam session you must sign up/register for the exam (compulsory)
- To sign up, use the students university career management system Esse3 to access to the on-line University Services.
- Please, **pay attention** to the dates of the registration periods and the examination periods!

Prerequisites

- Linear algebra, calculus and complex analysis
- Course 034IN "Fundamentals of automatic control" (or equivalent for students enrolled from other universities/programs)
- Basic knowledge of probability and statistics is not mandatory, but highly helpful

Course organization

- Lectures
- Hands-on exercises using Matlab *live scripts*
 - partly discussed in an interactive way during the lectures
 - partly made available as stand-alone exercises
- Exercise sessions

Students who pass the course should be able to:

- carry out a complete and comprehensive analysis of the main properties of deterministic and stochastic discrete-time dynamic systems;
- design and implement parametric estimation and identification, and state estimation algorithms that use available data or data collected in real-time with reference to engineering application scenarios;

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Students who pass the course should be able to

- evaluate, among several options, what's the best choice of parametric estimation and identification, and state estimation algorithms starting from requirements and considering technological constraints;
- describe in a clear and plain way the functionalities of a parametric estimation and identification, and state estimation algorithm in the context of discrete-time dynamic systems and with the correct use of technical terminology

Lect. Content

- 1 Course overview. Generalities: systems and models (defs, props, problems).
- 2 Sampling and discrete-time representation of linear continuous-time dynamic systems.
- 3 Time-evolution of state and output of linear dynamic systems.
- 4 Stability of discrete-time dynamic systems.
- 5 Model identification from data.
- 6 A glimpse on prob. theory, random vars and discrete-time stochastic processes.
- 7 Definitions and properties of the estimation and prediction problems.

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Lect.	Content
8	Dynamic models of stationary discrete-time stochastic processes.
9	Least-squares estimation.
10	Bayes estimation.
11	Solution of the prediction problem.
12	Identification Based on Prediction Error Minimization (PEM).

- 13 Batch PEM Identification Algorithms.
- 14 State estimation from observed data.

References on dynamic systems analysis:

P. J. Antsaklis and A. N. Michel. *Linear Systems.* Birkhäuser, 2006.

G. Calafiore. *Elementi di Automatica.* CLUT, Torino, 2007. (in Italian). G. Marro. **Teoria dei Sistemi e del Controllo.** Zanichelli, 1989. (in Italian).

S. Rinaldi. **Teoria dei Sistemi.** CLUP, Milano, 1977. (in Italian). References on data-based estimation and identification:

T. Söderström. P. Stoica. **System Identification.**

Prentice Hall, 1989.

L. Ljung. **System Identification – Theory for the User.** Prentice Hall, 1999. S. Bittanti. *Model identification and data analysis.* John Wiley & Sons, 2019.

J. Schoukens, R. Pintelon, and Y. Rolain. *Mastering System Identification in* 100 *Exercises.*

IEEE Press, 2012.

References on data-based estimation and identification (cont.):

S. Bittanti.

Teoria della predizione e del filtraggio.

Pitagora Editrice, Bologna, 2000. (in Italian).

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Identificazione dei Modelli e Controllo

Adattativo.

Pitagora Editrice, Bologna, 1997. (in Italian). S. Bittanti, M. Campi. *Raccolta di Problemi di Identificazione, Filtraggio, Controllo Predittivo.* Pitagora Editrice, Bologna, 1996. (in Italian). Motivating Application Examples

Prediction of Temperature of Melted Glass at the Spout of a Glass Furnace Feeder

Prediction of Melted Glass Temperature

- A feeder is the final part of a plant used for melting glass.
- Main purpose: to realize a homogeneous temperature distribution of the glass at some absolute level that allows shaping of the glass.
- Structure: it is divided into several sections in which energy can be supplied to or extracted from the glass, using burners and cooling air.



Figure 1: Typical industrial glass production plant, with in evidence the feeder [Source: https://www.glassallianceeurope.eu/]

 The model shall capture and describe the dynamic relations between the inputs of the feeder (burners and cooling air in the various sections) and the outputs (some glass temperatures close to the outlet).



Figure 2: Detail of a glass furnace. [Source: Lehigh University, USA]

Important remarks

- The **process** is a **distributed parameters** dynamical **system**, but the model we are looking for is a **lumped parameters model**.
- The **model set** we choose for process identification (ARX model family) **does not contain** the mathematical description of the process (the so-called **true parametrization**). The present situation is one of the possible scenarios when facing system identification.

Data description

- Available data: 1247 samples for each input and output variable;
- 3 inputs:
 - input 1: gas input of the first burner section of the feeder;
 - input 2: cooling air input into the feeder;
 - input 3: gas input of the second burner section of the feeder;
- 6 outputs: temperatures of the glass in a cross section of the feeder, close to the outlet (actually, temperature variations around the steady state temperature at each considered location).
- Data source: DalSy Database for the Identification of Systems, KU Leuven, BE.
- Please, note: the authors have preprocessed the data: they removed the trend and the average value both from input and output data and finally, they scaled all the signals by dividing each signal by its standard deviation (i.e., the squared root of the computed variance of each signal).

Prediction of Temperature at the Spout of a Glass Furnace Feeder (cont.)

Matlab live script

The **code** for loading and visualizing the data, applying the chosen system identification algorithm, and showing the performance of the identified model is available as a **Matlab live script**.

Steps to retrieve the live script:

- Download as a ZIP archive the whole contents of the folder named
 "L0_Glass_Temperature_Predictor," available in the "Class Materials" file area of the MS Teams course team.
- Uncompress the archive into a preferred folder.
- Add the chosen folder and subfolders to the Matlab path.
- Open the live script using the Matlab command:

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open('glass_temperature_predictor.mlx');
```

• Explore the live script and run it.



Prediction of Temperature at the Spout of a Glass Furnace Feeder (cont.)



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Figure 4: Prediction of the temperature T₁ using the best ARX model according the Cross-validation criterion.

The Model for the temperature T_1

Discrete-time ARX model: A(z)y(t) = B(z)u(t) + e(t)Polynomial orders: $n_a = 7$, $n_b = [7, 5, 4]$, $n_k = [1, 2, 5]$

$$A(z) = 1 - 0.6969z^{-1} - 0.05691z^{-2} - 0.06532z^{-3} - 0.02166z^{-4} - 0.1276z^{-5} - 0.0871z^{-6} + 0.1011z^{-7}$$

 $B_1(z) = 0.02755z^{-1} + 0.07005z^{-2} + 0.05956z^{-3} + 0.03304z^{-4} + 0.02933z^{-5} + 0.03725z^{-6} + 0.02344z^{-7} + 0.0293z^{-6} + 0.0293z^{-6} + 0.02344z^{-7} + 0.0293z^{-6} + 0.0293z^{-6} + 0.0293z^{-6} + 0.0293z^{-6} + 0.0293z^{-6} + 0.0293z^{-6} + 0.0293z^{-7} + 0.0293z^{-6} + 0.0293z^{-7} + 0.0292z^{-7} + 0.029z^{-7} + 0.020z^{-7} + 0.029z^{-7} + 0.020z^{-7} + 0.020z^{-7} + 0.020z^{-7} + 0.020z^{-7} + 0.020z^{-7}$

$$B_2(z) = -0.1006z^{-2} - 0.09078z^{-3} - 0.06914z^{-4} - 0.03442z^{-5} - 0.01503z^{-6}$$

 $B_3(z) = -0.04104z^{-5} - 0.04249z^{-6} - 0.01118z^{-7} - 0.008236z^{-8}$

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Extended Kalman Filter Based Estimation of the State of Charge of a Li-ion Battery

SOC Estimation

- A battery management system is responsible for monitoring the **state-of-charge (SOC)** of the battery, among other features.
- The SOC can be estimated using a Kalman Filter.



Figure 5: 2nd order RC ECM battery model.

- common battery model: 2-RC Equivalent Circuit Model (ECM);
- parameters: the battery Open Circuit Voltage (OCV) as voltage source V_{OC} , the internal resistance R_0 and two parallel RC pairs;
- the ECM parameters depend on the actual SOC value and the battery temperature

A Kalman Filter Based Battery SOC Estimation (cont.)

Appropriate battery tests should be done to obtain data for OCV as a function of SOC for a desired range of battery temperatures.

The used battery data (namely, data of a Turnigy Graphene 5000mAh Li-ion Battery) is publicly available at https://data.mendeley.com.



Figure 6: OCV vs. SOC of a Turnigy Graphene 5000mAh Li-ion Battery.

A Kalman Filter Based Battery SOC Estimation (cont.)

The tests data are used also to estimate the EMC parameters R_0 , R_1 , R_2 , C_1 and C_2 at different temperatures as functions of SOC.

A model-based parameter optimization approach has to be applied.



Figure 7: Resistance R_0 vs. SOC of a Turnigy Graphene 5000mAh Li-ion Battery. The battery data is publicly available at https://data.mendeley.com.

Battery as dynamic system: the ECM dynamics is described by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{SOC}(k+1) &= \ \mathsf{SOC}(k) - \frac{\eta \,\Delta \,i(k)}{C_n} \\ V_1(k+1) &= \ e^{\frac{-\Delta}{R_1 C_1}} V_1(k) + R_1 \left(1 - e^{\frac{-\Delta}{R_1 C_1}}\right) i(k) \\ V_2(k+1) &= \ e^{\frac{-\Delta}{R_2 C_2}} V_2(k) + R_2 \left(1 - e^{\frac{-\Delta}{R_2 C_2}}\right) i(k) \\ V_{\mathsf{OC}}(k) &= \ g \Big(\mathsf{SOC}(k) \,, \, T(k) \Big) \\ V_t(k) &= \ V_{\mathsf{OC}}(k) - V_1(k) - V_2(k) - R_0 \, i(k) \end{aligned}$$

where Δ is the sampling time interval, k indicates the k-th time instant, η is the Coulombic efficiency, C_n is the battery nominal capacity, i is the battery current (negative when charging, positive when discharging), T is the battery temperature.

The equations are in **state space form** and describe a **non-linear system**: not only V_{OC} depends on the actual SOC and T values, but also the ECM parameters R_0 , R_1 etc.

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An Extended Kalman Filter as SOC Estimator

Assuming that both the state transition and the observation equation sets are affected by additive zero mean multivariate Gaussian noise

$$\begin{cases} x(k+1) &= f(x(k), u(k)) + w(k) \\ z(k) &= h(x(k), u(k)) + \nu(k) \end{cases}$$

where $x(k) = \left[\text{SOC}(k) \,, \, V_1(k) \,, \, V_2(k) \right]^T , \, u(k) = i(k) \,, \, z(k) = V_t(k)$

an **Extended Kalman Filter** may be successfully applied to estimate the SOC value at the *k*-th time instant, using the measurements of input and output at the same time instant.

An Extended Kalman Filter as SOC Estimator

The EKF structure

$$e(k) = \left[z(k) - h\left(f\left(\hat{x} \left(k-1|k-1\right), u(k)\right), u(k)\right) \right]$$
$$\hat{x}\left(k|k\right) = f\left(\hat{x} \left(k-1|k-1\right), u(k)\right) + \mathbf{K}_{0}(k)e(k)$$
$$\mathbf{K}_{0}(k) = \mathbf{P}(k) \mathbf{H}^{T}(k) \left[\mathbf{H}(k) \mathbf{P}(k) \mathbf{H}^{T}(k) + \mathbf{R} \right]^{-1}$$
$$\mathbf{P}(k+1) = \mathbf{F} \left\{ \mathbf{P}(k) - \mathbf{K}_{0}(k) \mathbf{H}(k) \mathbf{P}(k) \right\} \mathbf{F}^{T}(k) + \mathbf{Q}$$

where

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{F}(k) &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} |_{\hat{x}(k-1|k-1), u(k)} \quad \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{cov}(w) \\ \mathbf{H}(k) &= \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} |_{\hat{x}(k-1|k-1), u(k)} \quad \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{cov}(\nu) \end{split}$$

Data description

• Reference paper:

F. Khanum, E. Louback, F. Duperly, C. Jenkins, P. J. Kollmeyer and A. Emadi, **"A Kalman Filter Based Battery State of Charge Estimation MATLAB Function,"** 2021 IEEE Transportation Electrification Conference & Expo (ITEC), Chicago, IL, USA, 2021, pp. 484-489, doi: 10.1109/ITEC51675.2021.9490163

- The code is publicly available at https://it.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/fileexchange/.
- The battery data (a Turnigy Graphene 5000mAh Li-ion Battery) is publicly available at https://data.mendeley.com.
- Sampling frequency: 1.00 Hz

Matlab live script

The **code** for loading and visualizing the data, applying the EKF-based estimation algorithm, and showing the results is available as a set of **live scripts** and **live functions**.

Steps to retrieve the live script:



- Download as a ZIP archive the whole contents of the folder named
 "LO_EKB_based_Battery_SOC_Estimator," available in the "Class Materials" file area of the MS Teams course team.
- Uncompress the archive into a preferred folder.
- To start using the MATLAB live script, please open the previously chosen folder and select the subfolder named "EKF_SOC_Estimation_v3.1" as the working folder directly in MATLAB. Finally, open the live script, using for example the MATLAB command:

```
open('main.mlx');
```

• Explore the live script and run it.

A Kalman Filter Based Battery SOC Estimation (cont.)



Figure 8: Measured vs. estimated terminal voltage V_t at 0 °C (upper plot); voltage error (lower plot). Battery SOC estimation using EKF filter, applied to a Turnigy Graphene 5000mAh Li-ion battery.

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A Kalman Filter Based Battery SOC Estimation (cont.)



Figure 9: Coulomb Counting vs. SOC Estimated at 0 °C (upper plot); SOC estimation error using EKF filter (lower plot). Battery SOC estimation using EKF filter, applied to a Turnigy Graphene 5000mAh Li-ion battery.

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