An iterative least squares estimation algorithm for controlled moving average systems based on matrix decomposition

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An iterative least squares parameter estimation algorithm is developed for controlled moving average systems based on matrix decomposition. The proposed algorithm avoids repeatedly computing the inverse of the data product moment matrix with large sizes at each iteration and has a high computational efficiency. A numerical example indicates that the proposed algorithm is effective.

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1. Introduction

The least squares methods are important for linear function fitting, nonlinear function fitting [1], system identification [2–4], state estimation and filtering [5–7], and adaptive control [8–12]. Recently, many order identification and parameter estimation methods have been reported for linear or nonlinear systems [13,14], e.g., the least squares methods [15,16], the stochastic gradient methods [17–19], the multi-innovation identification methods [20–23] and the iterative methods [24–26]. The iterative methods are very important for finding the solutions of matrix equations or the roots of nonlinear equations [27,28], e.g., the Jacobi iteration and Gauss–Seidel iteration methods [29,30]. Ding et al. presented a least squares based iterative identification method and a gradient based iterative identification method for OEMA models [31]; Liu et al. developed a least squares based iterative identification method for Box–Jenkins models [32]; Bao et al. proposed a least squares based iterative parameter estimation algorithm for multivariable controlled ARMA systems [33]; Xie et al. gave a gradient based iterative algorithm and a least squares based iterative algorithm for matrix equations $AXB + CX^TD = F$ [34,35]; Zhang et al. derived a hierarchical gradient based iterative estimation algorithm for multivariable output error moving average systems [36]; Wang presented a least squares based recursive and iterative estimation algorithm for OEMA systems [16]. Ding et al. studied the hierarchical least squares identification for linear single-input single-output systems with dual-rate sampled data [37] and the bias compensation based parameter estimation for output error moving average systems [38].

On the basis of the decomposition based iterative estimation algorithm for autoregressive moving average (ARMA) models given in [39], this work derives an iterative least squares identification algorithm for controlled moving average (CMA) systems or finite impulse response moving average (FIR-MA) systems based on matrix decomposition with finite data length.

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The rest of this work is organized as follows. Section 2 simply gives the iterative least squares algorithm for CMA models. Section 3 derives a matrix decomposition based iterative least squares algorithm. Section 4 provides a numerical example to show the effectiveness of the proposed algorithm. Finally, Section 5 offers some concluding remarks.

2. The iterative least squares algorithm

Consider the following controlled moving average (CMA) system or finite impulse response moving average (FIR-MA) system [18]:

\[ y(t) = B(z)u(t) + D(z)v(t), \]

where \( \{u(t)\} \) and \( \{y(t)\} \) are the input and output sequences of the system, \( \{v(t)\} \) is an uncorrelated stochastic noise sequence with zero mean, and \( B(z) \) and \( D(z) \) are the polynomials, of known orders \( n_b \) and \( n_d \), in the unit backward shift operator \( z^{-1}[z^{-1}y(t) = y(t - 1)] \), defined by

\[ B(z) := b_1 z^{-1} + b_2 z^{-2} + \cdots + b_{n_b} z^{-n_b}, \]
\[ D(z) := 1 + d_1 z^{-1} + d_2 z^{-2} + \cdots + d_{n_d} z^{-n_d}. \]

Assume that \( n_b, n_d \) are known and \( n := n_b + n_d \), and \( y(t) = 0, u(t) = 0 \) and \( v(t) = 0 \) for \( t \leq 0 \). \( b_i \) and \( d_i \) are the parameters to be estimated from measured input–output data \( \{u(t), y(t)\} \).

Define the parameter vector \( \theta \) and the information vector \( \varphi(t) \) as

\[ \theta := [b_1, b_2, \ldots, b_{n_b}, d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_{n_d}]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n_b+n_d}, \]
\[ \varphi(t) := [u(t-1), u(t-2), \ldots, u(t-n_b), v(t-1), v(t-2), \ldots, v(t-n_d)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n_b+n_d}. \]

Then Eq. (1) can be written as

\[ y(t) = \varphi^T(t) \theta + v(t). \]  

Consider a batch of data with length \( p \) from \( i = t - p + 1 \) to \( i = t \) and define the stacked output vector \( Y(t) \), the stacked formation matrix \( H(t) \) and the stacked white noise vector \( V(t) \) as

\[ Y(t) := [y(t), y(t-1), \ldots, y(t-p+1)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{p}, \]
\[ H(t) := [\varphi(t), \varphi(t-1), \ldots, \varphi(t-p+1)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}, \]
\[ V(t) := [v(t), v(t-1), \ldots, v(t-p+1)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{p}. \]

From (2), we have

\[ Y(t) = H(t) \theta + V(t). \]  

Let the norm of the matrix \( X \) be \( \|X\|^2 := \text{tr}[XX^T] \) and define a quadratic criterion function,

\[ J(\theta) := \|Y(t) - H(t) \theta\|^2. \]

Provided that the information vector \( \varphi(t) \) is persistently exciting (i.e., \( H^T(t)H(t) \) is non-singular), minimizing \( J(\theta) \) gives the least squares estimate of \( \theta \):

\[ \hat{\theta}(t) = [H^T(t)H(t)]^{-1}H^T(t)Y(t). \]  

Because \( H(t) \) (i.e., \( \varphi(t) \)) contains the unknown noise terms \( v(t-i) \) in \( \varphi(t) \), it is impossible to compute the estimate \( \hat{\theta}(t) \) of \( \theta \) by (4). The solution here is based on the hierarchical identification principle [40,41]. Let \( k = 1, 2, 3, \ldots \) be an iterative variable, and \( \hat{\theta}_k(t) \) the iterative estimate of \( \theta \) at iteration \( k \); the unknown \( v(t-i) \) in the information vector may be replaced with the estimate \( \hat{v}_k(t-i) \) of \( v(t-i) \) at \( k = 1, \) and we define

\[ \hat{\varphi}_k(t) := [u(t-1), u(t-2), \ldots, u(t-n_b), \hat{v}_k(t-1), \hat{v}_k(t-2), \ldots, \hat{v}_k(t-n_d)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^n. \]

From (2), we have \( v(t-i) = y(t-i) - \varphi^T(t-i) \theta \). If we use \( \hat{\varphi}_k(t) \) and \( \hat{\theta}_k(t) \) to replace \( \varphi(t-i) \) and \( \theta \) in the above equation, then the estimate \( \hat{v}_k(t-i) \) of \( v(t-i) \) can be computed using

\[ \hat{v}_k(t-i) = y(t-i) - \hat{\varphi}_k^T(t-i) \hat{\theta}_k(t). \]

Define

\[ H_k(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\varphi}_k^T(t) \\ \hat{\varphi}_k^T(t-1) \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\varphi}_k^T(t-p+1) \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}. \]
Replacing $H(t)$ in (4) with $\hat{H}_k(t)$, we can obtain the following least squares based iterative identification algorithm for CMA (FIR-MA) systems (the CMA-LSI or FIR-MA-LSI algorithm for short):

$$\hat{\theta}_k(t) = [\hat{H}_k^T(t) \hat{H}_k(t)]^{-1} \hat{H}_k^T(t) Y(t),$$

(5)

$$\hat{H}_k(t) = [\hat{\phi}_k(t), \hat{\phi}_k(t-1), \ldots, \hat{\phi}_k(t-p+1)],$$

(6)

$$Y(t) = [y(t), y(t-1), \ldots, y(t-p+1)]^T,$$

(7)

$$\hat{\phi}_k(t) = [u(t-1), u(t-2), \ldots, u(t-n_b), \hat{v}_{k-1}(t-1), \hat{v}_{k-1}(t-2), \ldots, \hat{v}_{k-1}(t-n_d)]^T,$$

(8)

$$\hat{v}_k(t-i) = y(t-i) - \hat{v}_k^T(t-i) \hat{\theta}_k(t).$$

(9)

If we let $p = L$ and $t = L$ ($L$ is the length of the data), then we can obtain the CMA-LSI algorithm with data length $L$:

$$\hat{\theta}_k = [\hat{H}_k^T \hat{H}_k]^{-1} \hat{H}_k^T Y,$$

(10)

$$\hat{H}_k = [\hat{\phi}_k(L), \hat{\phi}_k(L-1), \ldots, \hat{\phi}_k(1)]^T,$$

(11)

$$Y = [y(L), y(L-1), \ldots, y(1)]^T,$$

(12)

$$\hat{\phi}_k(t) = [u(t-1), u(t-2), \ldots, u(t-n_b), \hat{v}_{k-1}(t-1), \hat{v}_{k-1}(t-2), \ldots, \hat{v}_{k-1}(t-n_d)]^T,$$

(13)

$$\hat{v}_k(t) = y(t) - \hat{v}_k^T(t) \hat{\theta}_k, \quad t = 1, 2, \ldots, L.$$

(14)

The algorithm in (10)–(14) requires computing the inverse of large matrices $[\hat{H}_k^T \hat{H}_k]$ with sizes $(n_b + n_d) \times (n_b + n_d)$ at each iteration $k = 1, 2, \ldots$. We note that the $(1, 1)$th partitioned matrix in $\hat{H}_k^T \hat{H}_k$ does not depend on iteration $k$—see the matrix $S := \Phi^T \Phi$ in Eq. (15). The following derives the matrix decomposition based iterative least squares algorithm which only requires computing the inverse of an $n_d \times n_d$ matrix.

### 3. The matrix decomposition based iterative least squares algorithm

Define the input information vector $\phi(t)$ and the noise vector $\psi_k(t)$ at iteration $k$ as

$$\phi(t) := [u(t-1), u(t-2), \ldots, u(t-n_b)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n_b},$$

$$\psi_k(t) := [\hat{v}_{k-1}(t-1), \hat{v}_{k-1}(t-2), \ldots, \hat{v}_{k-1}(t-n_d)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n_d},$$

and the stacked information matrices as

$$\Phi := [\phi(L), \phi(L-1), \ldots, \phi(1)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times n_b},$$

$$\hat{\psi}_k := [\hat{\psi}_k(L), \hat{\psi}_k(L-1), \ldots, \hat{\psi}_k(1)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times n_d}.$$ 

Then $\hat{\phi}_k(t)$ in (13) and $\hat{H}_k(t)$ in (11) can be expressed as

$$\hat{\phi}_k(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \phi(t) \\ \psi_k(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \phi^T(t) \\ \psi_k^T(t) \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_b + n_d},$$

$$\hat{H}_k = \begin{bmatrix} \phi(L) & \phi(L-1) & \ldots & \phi(1) \\ \psi_k(L) & \psi_k(L-1) & \ldots & \psi_k(1) \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} \phi^T(L) & \psi_k^T(L) \\ \phi^T(L-1) & \psi_k^T(L-1) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \phi^T(1) & \psi_k^T(1) \end{bmatrix} = [\Phi, \hat{\psi}_k] \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times n}. $$

Define the data product moment matrix

$$S_k := \hat{H}_k^T \hat{H}_k = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi^T \\ \hat{\psi}_k^T \end{bmatrix} [\Phi, \hat{\psi}_k]$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \Phi^T \Phi & \Phi^T \hat{\psi}_k \\ \hat{\psi}_k^T \Phi & \hat{\psi}_k^T \hat{\psi}_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi^T \Phi \\ \hat{\psi}_k^T \Phi \\ \hat{\psi}_k^T \hat{\psi}_k \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{(n_b + n_d) \times (n_b + n_d)},$$

(15)
When we use the algorithm in (15)–(16) to compute the parameter estimation vector \( \hat{\theta}_k \) with iteration \( k \) increasing, it is necessary to compute the inverse of the data product moment matrix \( S_k \) at each iteration. This will lead to a heavy computational burden because the \((1,1)\)th partitioned matrix \( S := \Phi^T \Phi \) of \( S_k \) is constant for each \( k \) (i.e., independent of \( k \)). This motivates us to study the matrix decomposition based estimation algorithm so as to reduce the computational burden of the algorithm in (15)–(16).

**Lemma 1.** Suppose that \( A_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m} \) and \( Q := A_2 - A_2A_1^{-1}A_{12} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \) are nonsingular matrices. Then the following block matrix inversion relation holds:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
A_1 & A_{12} \\
A_{21} & A_2
\end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix}
A_1^{-1} + A_1^{-1}A_{12}Q^{-1}A_{21}^{-1} & -A_1^{-1}A_{12}Q^{-1} \\
-Q^{-1}A_{21}^{-1} & Q^{-1}
\end{bmatrix}.
\]

Applying Lemma 1 to (15) gives

\[
S_k^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix}
S + \Phi^T \hat{\psi}_k \Phi & \Phi^T \hat{\psi}_k S - S \hat{\psi}_k \Phi^T \\
S \hat{\psi}_k \Phi^T & S - \hat{\psi}_k \Phi S \hat{\psi}_k \Phi^T
\end{bmatrix}
\]

\[
Q_k := \hat{\psi}_k^T \hat{\psi}_k - \hat{\psi}_k^T \Phi S^{-1} \Phi^T \hat{\psi}_k = \hat{\psi}_k^T [I - \Phi S^{-1} \Phi^T] \hat{\psi}_k,
\]

where \( I \) is an identity matrix of appropriate size.

Define the constant vectors and matrices: \( \alpha := S^{-1} \Phi^T Y \in \mathbb{R}^n, \beta := \Phi \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, R := S^{-1} \Phi^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times t}, M := I - \Phi S^{-1} \Phi^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \), which are independent of \( k \) and are computed once at the first iteration. From (16), we have

\[
\hat{\theta}_k = \begin{bmatrix}
\alpha + S^{-1} \Phi^T \hat{\psi}_k Q^{-1} \hat{\psi}_k (\beta - Y) \\
Q_k
\end{bmatrix}^T
\]

Thus, we can summarize the matrix decomposition based iterative least squares (MD-LSI) algorithm:

\[
\hat{\theta}_k = \begin{bmatrix}
\alpha + R \hat{\psi}_k Q^{-1} \hat{\psi}_k (\beta - Y) \\
- Q_k \hat{\psi}_k (\beta - Y)
\end{bmatrix}, \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \ldots,
\]

\[
\hat{\psi}_k := [\hat{\psi}_k(L), \hat{\psi}_k(L - 1), \ldots, \hat{\psi}_k(1)]^T,
\]

\[
Q_k := \hat{\psi}_k^T M \hat{\psi}_k,
\]

\[
\phi(t) = [u(t - 1), u(t - 2), \ldots, u(t - n_b)]^T, \quad t = 1, 2, \ldots, L,
\]

\[
\hat{\psi}_k(t) = [\hat{v}_{k-1}(t - 1), \hat{v}_{k-1}(t - 2), \ldots, \hat{v}_{k-1}(t - n_d)]^T,
\]

\[
\hat{\phi}_k(t) = [\phi(t), \hat{\psi}_k(t)]^T \
\]

\[
\hat{v}_k(t) = y(t) - \Phi \hat{\phi}_k(t)^T \hat{\theta}_k,
\]

\[
Y = [y(L), y(L - 1), \ldots, y(1)]^T,
\]

\[
\Phi := [\phi(L), \phi(L - 1), \phi(1)]^T,
\]

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\]
Table 1
The MD-LSI parameter estimates and errors with \( L = 1000 \).

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Fig. 1. The MD-LSI estimation error \( \delta \) versus \( k \) with \( L = 1000 \).

\[
S = \Phi^T \Phi, \quad \alpha = S^{-1} \Phi^T Y, \quad \beta = \Phi \alpha, \quad (26)
\]

\[
R = S^{-1} \Phi^T, \quad M = I - \Phi S^{-1} \Phi^T. \quad (27)
\]

The steps of computing the parameter estimate \( \hat{\theta}_k \) in the MD-LSI algorithm are listed in the following.

1. Collect the input–output data \( \{u(t), y(t)\} : t = 1, 2, 3, \ldots, L \).
2. To initialize: let \( k = 1, \delta_0(t) \) be a random number, and give a small positive number \( \varepsilon \).
3. Form \( Y \) by using (24), \( \phi(t) \) by using (20) and \( \Phi \) by using (25).
4. Compute \( S, \alpha, \beta, R \) and \( M \) by using (26)–(27).
5. Form \( \hat{\psi}_k(t) \) by using (21) and \( \hat{\theta}_k \) by using (18), and compute \( Q_k \) by using (19).
6. Update the parameter estimate \( \hat{\theta}_k \) by using (17) and compute \( \delta_k(t) \) by using (23).
7. If \( \| \hat{\theta}_k - \hat{\theta}_{k-1} \| \leq \varepsilon \), terminate this procedure and obtain the iterative variable \( k \) and the parameter estimate \( \hat{\theta}_k \); otherwise increase \( k \) by 1 and return to step 5.

4. A numerical example

Consider the following CMA system:

\[
y(t) = B(z)u(t) + D(z)v(t),
\]

\[
B(z) = b_1 z^{-1} + b_2 z^{-2} = 1.680 z^{-1} + 2.32 z^{-2},
\]

\[
D(z) = 1 + d_1 z^{-1} + d_2 z^{-2} = 1 - 0.64 z^{-1} + 0.78 z^{-2},
\]

\[
\theta = [b_1, b_2, d_1, d_2]^T = [1.68, 2.32, -0.64, 0.78]^T.
\]

The input \( \{u(t)\} \) is taken as a persistent excitation signal sequence with zero mean and unit variance, and \( \{v(t)\} \) as a white noise sequence with zero mean and variance \( \sigma^2 = 0.50 \) and the noise-to-signal ratio of the system is \( \delta_{ns} = 24.80 \% \). Applying the proposed MD-LSI algorithm to estimate the parameters of this CMA system, the parameter estimates and their estimation errors are shown in Table 1 with the data length \( L = 1000 \), and the estimation error \( \delta := \| \hat{\theta}_k - \theta \| / \| \theta \| \) versus \( k \) is shown in Fig. 1.

From Table 1 and Fig. 1, we can draw the following conclusion: as the iteration \( k \) increases, the estimation error becomes smaller. This shows that the proposed iterative least squares algorithm works well for estimating the parameters of controlled moving average systems.
5. Conclusions

This work uses the partitioned matrix inversion formula to derive an iterative least squares parameter estimation algorithm for controlled moving average systems based on matrix decomposition. The proposed algorithm has a high computational efficiency and can be used to study identification problems for other systems [42–49].

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