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Introduction

Environment Modeling Uncertainty

- Wireless sensing systems are very useful for applications where we need to learn about environmental phenomena over spatial and temporal fields.
- Parametric models are widely used to represent these environmental fields and to answer questions and inferences regarding the phenomena.
- Choosing a model structure to represent the field involves a great deal of uncertainty.
- Often data are collected at random locations. We present methods for data collection to optimize the desired inferences.
- Often a single model M is used. If M does not characterize a phenomenon correctly, the inferences and predictions will not be accurate.
- It is better to start with **multiple** plausible models and select the model by collecting measurements at **informative** locations.

Regression

- The polynomial regression Model:

$$t_i = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x_i + \dots + \theta_n x_i^n + e_i, \quad i=1, \dots, n$$
- Vector form:

$$\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{X}^T \hat{\mathbf{e}} + \mathbf{e}$$
- We assume Gaussian noise, the ML estimate of θ is given by

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}} = (\mathbf{X} \mathbf{C}_e^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{C}_e^{-1} \mathbf{t}$$
- The estimation error covariance matrix is given by

$$\mathbf{C}_e = (\mathbf{X} \mathbf{C}_e^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T)^{-1}$$
- The error covariance matrix depends on the design matrix \mathbf{X} and does not depend on the measurements.

Reducing Uncertainty in Model Estimation

Problem Description: Optimal Sensor placement

Where should we collect measurements to optimally estimate the parameters of the regression model?

Assumptions: The model used is the correct model.
Gaussian noise ($\mathbf{C}_e = \mathbf{I}$).

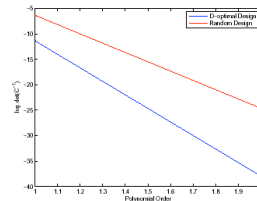
Idea: Find the locations that result in “the smallest” error covariance matrix.

Technically:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{I}} \quad & \det(\mathbf{X} \text{diag}(\mathbf{I}) \mathbf{X}^T)^{-1} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{I} = 1 \\ & \mathbf{I} \geq \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

Algorithm: D-Designs

The minimization problem is convex and be solved with any convex optimization software.



Multiple model estimation:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{t} &= \mathbf{X}_1^T \hat{\mathbf{e}} + \mathbf{e} \\ \mathbf{1} &= \mathbf{X}_1^T \hat{\mathbf{I}} + \mathbf{e} \end{aligned}$$

We can setup three problems for this case:

- $$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{I}} \quad & \left(\det(\mathbf{X}_1 \text{diag}(\mathbf{I}) \mathbf{X}_1^T)^{-1} + \det(\mathbf{X}_2 \text{diag}(\mathbf{I}) \mathbf{X}_2^T)^{-1} \right) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{1}^T \hat{\mathbf{I}} = 1 \\ & \hat{\mathbf{I}} \geq \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$
- $$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{I}} \quad & \left(\det(\mathbf{X}_1 \text{diag}(\mathbf{I}) \mathbf{X}_1^T)^{-1} * \det(\mathbf{X}_2 \text{diag}(\mathbf{I}) \mathbf{X}_2^T)^{-1} \right) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{1}^T \hat{\mathbf{I}} = 1 \\ & \hat{\mathbf{I}} \geq \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$
- $$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{I}} \quad & \left(\det(\mathbf{X}_1 \text{diag}(\mathbf{I}) \mathbf{X}_1^T)^{-1} \right) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \left(\det(\mathbf{X}_2 \text{diag}(\mathbf{I}) \mathbf{X}_2^T)^{-1} \right) \leq c \\ & \mathbf{1}^T \hat{\mathbf{I}} = 1 \\ & \hat{\mathbf{I}} \geq \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

Reducing Uncertainty in Model Selection

Problem Description: Optimal Sensor placement

Where should we collect measurements to optimally choose a model that represents the field?

Assumptions: A set of plausible models.
The set contains the correct model.
Gaussian noise.

Idea: Find the locations where the “difference” between the two models is the largest.

Derivation:

Two model case

$$\begin{aligned} M_1 : t_i &= \eta_1(x_i, \theta_1) + e_i, & i=1, \dots, n \\ M_2 : t_i &= \eta_2(x_i, \theta_2) + e_i, & i=1, \dots, n \end{aligned}$$

This is a binary hypothesis test and the probability of error is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\xi} \quad & \left\| \text{diag}(\xi) \left(\zeta_1(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_1) - \zeta_2(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2) \right) \right\|^2 \\ \text{where} \quad & \hat{\mathbf{e}}_1 = \arg \min \left\| \text{diag}(\hat{\mathbf{I}}) (\mathbf{t} - \zeta_1(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_1)) \right\|^2 \\ & \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2 = \arg \min \left\| \text{diag}(\hat{\mathbf{I}}) (\mathbf{t} - \zeta_2(\mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2)) \right\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Algorithm: T-Designs [1]

1. Two model case:

- Given a design ξ_N , where N is the number of observations, find:

$$\hat{\theta}_{1N} = \arg \min_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^N (t_i - \eta_1(x_i, \theta))^2$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{2N} = \arg \min_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^N (t_i - \eta_2(x_i, \theta))^2$$
- Add to the design a point x_{N+1} such that:

$$x_{N+1} = \arg \max_{x} \left(\eta_1(x, \hat{\theta}_{1N}) - \eta_2(x, \hat{\theta}_{2N}) \right)$$
- The $(N+1)$ th observation is taken at x_{N+1}
Update $\xi : \xi_{N+1} = (1 - \alpha) * \xi_N + \alpha * \delta(x_{N+1})$
- Go back to 1

2. Multiple model case:

- Given a design ξ_N , where N is the number of observations, for each model $\eta_i(x, \theta)$ find:

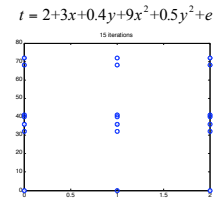
$$\hat{\theta}_{iN} = \arg \min_{\theta} \left(L_i = \sum_{j=1}^N (t_j - \eta_i(x_j, \theta))^2 \right)$$

Rank the models by goodness of fit, for example $L_1 \leq L_2 \leq \dots \leq L_m$
- Add to the design a point x_{N+1} such that:

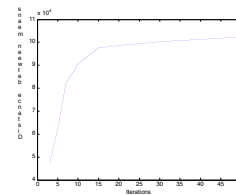
$$x_{N+1} = \arg \max_{x} \left(\eta_1(x, \hat{\theta}_{1N}) - \eta_2(x, \hat{\theta}_{2N}) \right)$$
- The $(N+1)$ th observation is taken at x_{N+1}
Update $\xi : \xi_{N+1} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{N+1} \right) * \xi_N + \frac{1}{N+1} * \delta(x_{N+1})$
- Go back to 1

Evaluation:

$$\begin{aligned} M_1 : t_i &= \theta_{10} + \theta_{11} x + \theta_{12} y + e_i, & i=1, \dots, n \\ M_2 : t_i &= \theta_{20} + \theta_{21} x + \theta_{22} y + \theta_{23} x^2 + \theta_{24} y^2 + e_i, & i=1, \dots, n \end{aligned}$$



Likelihood: $M_2 / M_1 = 2.18 * 10^5$



[1] A.C. Atkinson and V.V. Fedorov. Optimal design: Experiments for discriminating between several models. *Biometrika* 62, 289-303, 1975.

Future Work

Model Estimation:

- Optimal designs for **robust** model estimation.
- Optimal designs for multiple modality fields while incorporating the correlation between the modalities.
- Spatio-temporal fields.

Model Selection:

- Investigate the effect of the prior probabilities on the design.
- Extend the work presented to situations when the set of models considered does not include the correct model.