# Optimal State and Parameter Estimation Algorithms

Applications to Biomedical Problems

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- Optimal Benchmarks for State Estimation
- A near-optimal, implementable piecewise affine algorithm
- Illustration on an academic example
- Application to biomedical problems

### Part I

### Optimal Reconstruction Benchmarks for State Estimation

Ref: [Mul21] Inverse Problems: A Deterministic Approach using Physics-Based Reduced Models. O. Mula (Lecture Notes, submitted, 2021)

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# What is an Inverse Problem?

#### In Inverse Problems, we aim to find the cause of an observed effect.



Priors:

- Regularity/Sparsity
- PDE
  - Bayesian
  - Deterministic

### Mathematical setting

#### Ambient space V:

- Hilbert space over a domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ .
- Potentially very high or infinite dimension.

#### Parametrized PDE to model physical system:

 $\mathcal{B}(y)u = f(y)$ 

where

$$y = (y_1, \ldots, y_p) \in \mathbf{Y} \subset \mathbb{R}^p$$

is a vector of parameters ranging in some domain  $Y \subset \mathbb{R}^{p}$ . Solution manifold:

$$\mathcal{M} \coloneqq \{u(y) : y \in Y\} \subset V$$

is the set of all admissible solutions.

#### Forward problem/Model Order Reduction:

Given (many)  $y \in Y$ , compute u(y).

**Inverse problem:** For an unknown u = u(y) with unknown  $y \in Y$ , we observe a vector of linear measurements

 $z = (z_1, \ldots, z_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ 

where

$$z_i = \ell_i(u) = \langle \omega_i, u \rangle$$
,  $i = 1, \ldots, m$ .

The  $\ell_i$  model the sensor response:

•  $\ell_i \in V'$  are indep. linear functionals. Riesz representers:  $\omega_i \in V$ .

• Examples:

• 
$$\ell_i(u) = \delta_{x_i}(u) = u(x_i)$$

• 
$$\ell_i(u) = \int_{\Omega} e^{-\frac{||x-x_i||^2}{\sigma^2}} u(x) \mathrm{d}x$$

In inverse problems, we want to invert the cascade of forward mappings:

 $y \in \mathbf{Y} \subset \mathbb{R}^p \quad \mapsto \quad u(y) \in \mathcal{M} \quad \mapsto \quad z = \ell(u) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ 

Types of inverse problems:

• State Estimation:

 $z\mapsto u^*(z)\approx u$ 

• Parameter Estimation:

 $z \mapsto y^*(z) \approx y$ 

when  $z = \ell(u(y))$ .

• In time-dependent problems: find initial condition, forecast of u...

Severely ill-posed problems when p > m.

# State Estimation

Running Assumptions: No noise, no model error.

**Goal:** From the unknown  $u \in \mathcal{M}$ , we are given

 $\ell_i(u) = \langle \omega_i, u \rangle, \quad i = 1, \ldots, m,$ 

Defining the observation space

$$\mathcal{N} \coloneqq \operatorname{span}\{\omega_1, \ldots, \omega_m\} \subset \mathcal{V}$$

we have the equivalence

$$\ell_i(u), i = 1, \ldots, m \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \omega = P_W u.$$

Our task is to find a reconstruction algorithm

 $A: W \rightarrow V$ 

such that  $A(P_W u)$  approximates the state u.

Quality of  $A: W \to V$ :

$$E(A, \mathcal{M}) = \max_{u \in \mathcal{M}} ||u - A(P_W u)||$$

Optimal performance among all algorithms:

$$E^*(\mathcal{M}) = \min_{A:W\to V} E(A, \mathcal{M}).$$

There is a simple mathematical description of an optimal map  $A^*$ .

# An optimal algorithm $A^*$ . Not feasible in practice.



**Practical issue:**  $A_{wc}^*$  is not easily computable since  $\mathcal{M}$  may have a complicated geometry which is in general not given explicitly.

### Part II

# An implementable piecewise affine algorithm that meets the benchmark

- Linear/Affine algorithms
- Nonlinear piecewise affine algorithms

 $\label{eq:Ref: [CDD+20] Optimal Affine reduced model algorithms for data-based state estimation (SINUM, 2020)$ 

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# Affine reconstruction algorithms

#### Definition:

Let  $\overline{V}_n = \overline{u} + V_n$  be an affine subspace with  $1 \le n \le m$ . The mapping  $A: W \to V$  $\omega \mapsto A(\omega) := \operatorname*{arg\,min}_{v \in \omega + W^{\perp}} \operatorname{dist}(v, \overline{V}_n)$ 

is an affine algorithm in the sense that

$$A(\cdot - P_W \bar{u}) \in \mathcal{L}(W, V).$$

Performance:  $E(A, \mathcal{M}) \leq \beta_{n,m}^{-1} \varepsilon_n$  $\varepsilon_n \coloneqq \max_{u \in \mathcal{M}} \operatorname{dist}(u, \overline{V}_n), \quad \beta_{n,m} \coloneqq \inf_{v \in V_n} \frac{\|P_{W_m}v\|}{\|v\|} = \cos(\theta_{V_n, W_m}) \in (0, 1]$ 

# Choice of $\overline{V}_n$ and W

#### **Choice of** $\overline{V}_n$ :

- **Optimal**  $\overline{V}_n$  (see [CDD<sup>+</sup>20])  $\rightsquigarrow$  "Optimize over  $\beta_{n,m}\varepsilon_n$ ".
- Reduced Order Models (PBDW, GEIM, see [MPPY15, MM13])
  - $\rightsquigarrow$  Conceived for forward problem
  - $\rightsquigarrow$  Build  $\overline{V}_n$  with good  $\varepsilon_n$
  - $\rightsquigarrow \varepsilon_n$  decays fast with *n* in elliptic/parabolic problems.
- "Multi-purpose" spaces such as Fourier expansions (Compressed Sensing literature, see [AHP13])

#### Sensor placement:

Fix  $\overline{V}_n$ , build W from a dictionary  $\mathcal{D}$ , see [BCMN18].

# Limitations of Affine Algorithms

We have that

$$E^*(\mathcal{M}) = \min_{\substack{A:W \to V \\ A \text{ any mapping}}} E(A, \mathcal{M}) \le d_{m+1}(\mathcal{M}) \le \min_{\substack{A:W \to V \\ A \text{ affine}}} E(A, \mathcal{M}),$$

where

$$d_{m+1}(\mathcal{M}) := \min_{\substack{Z \subseteq V \\ \dim(Z) \le m+1}} \max_{u \in \mathcal{M}} \|u - P_Z u\|$$

is the Kolmogorov m + 1-width.

Depending on  $\mathcal{M}$  and W, we may have

 $E^*(\mathcal{M}) \ll d_{m+1}(\mathcal{M}).$ 

This problem typically arises in elliptic PDEs with loss of coercivity and in hyperbolic PDEs.

# An implementable piecewise affine algorithm that meets the benchmark

• Linear/Affine algorithms

Piecewise affine algorithms

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### **Piecewise-affine algorithms**

Consider a partition of the parameter domain

$$Y = Y_1 \cup \cdots \cup Y_K \quad \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_1 \cup \cdots \cup \mathcal{M}_K.$$

For each  $\mathcal{M}_k$ , we may find an appropriate  $\overline{V}_k$ , and define  $A_k$ .

From the given data  $\omega = P_W u$ , we need to select between the reconstructions

$$u_k = A_k(\omega), \quad k = 1, \ldots, K.$$



### Model selection

We would like to select the reconstruction that is closest to  ${\mathcal M}$ 

$$k^* = k(\omega) = \operatorname{argmin}_{k=1,\dots,K} \operatorname{dist}(A_k(\omega), \mathcal{M}),$$

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In uniformly coercive problems, we have that the residual

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{y}) \coloneqq \|\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{y})\mathbf{v} - f(\mathbf{y})\|_{V'}^2, \quad \forall (\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{y}) \in V \times Y$$

is uniformly equivalent to the ambient norm

 $r \|v - u(y)\|_{V} \leq \mathcal{R}(v, y) \leq R \|v - u(y)\|_{V}, \quad \forall v \in V.$ 

We can thus equivalently compute for all  $k = 1, \ldots, K$ 

$$\min_{y \in Y} \mathcal{R}(A_k(\omega), y) \xrightarrow{} \hat{k}(\omega), \ \hat{y}(\omega)$$

This is a convex problem in affinely parametrized PDEs.

#### Theorem 1 (Cohen, Dahmen, Mula, Nichols, 2021)

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#### Merits and Limitations:

- ✓ General algorithm.
- ✓ Good efficiency if few partitions (elliptic, parabolic pbs with possibly weak coercivity)
- × In transport-dominated problems, for a given target  $\sigma > 0$  too many partitions may be required.

### Part III

### Numerical illustration on an academic example

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### Numerical example

Elliptic PDE with piecewise constant diffusion field

$$\begin{aligned} &-\operatorname{div}(a(x,y)\nabla u(x,y)) = 1 \text{ on } \Omega = [0,1]^2, \text{ (well-posed in } V = H_0^1(\Omega))\\ &a = a(x,y) = 1 + \sum_j c_j y_j \chi_{D_j}(x), \ y = (y_j) \in [-1,1]^{16}, \ \ell_i(u) = \int_{\Omega} e^{-\frac{||x-x_j||^2}{\sigma^2}} u(x) \mathrm{d}x \end{aligned}$$



$$c_{j} = \begin{cases} 0.9j^{-2} & \text{elliptic } ++ \\ 0.99j^{-2} & \text{elliptic } + \\ 0.9j^{-1} & \text{elliptic } - \\ 0.99j^{-1} & \text{elliptic } -- \end{cases}$$

### Numerical example



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#### Part IV

#### Application to biomedical problems

Ref: [GLM21b] State Estimation with Shape Variability. Application to biomedical problems. (SISC, 2022)

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# Motivation: State Estimation on Carotid Arteries

**Problem 1:** Given a carotid artery  $\Omega$ , reconstruct quickly the 3D velocity and pressure fields from Doppler US velocity measurements.



Strategy: (see [GGLM21, GLM21a])

- Parametric Navier Stokes equations  $\rightarrow \mathcal{M} \approx V_n$ .
- Affine Algorithm for State estimation  $\rightarrow V_p, W_m$ .

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Problem 2: The morphology of the carotid varies for each patient.

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**Goal:** Given a new target carotid  $\Omega$ , provide a fast reconstruction.

#### Roadmap:

- Direct computation of  $V_n^{\Omega}$  would take too long.
- Use pre-computations on a database of carotids.

- Theoretical foundations for state estimation with reduced models.
- Some results on parameter estimation.
- Alternative to bayesian inversion using more deterministic notions of accuracy quantification.
- Extension to problems with shape variability.

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