

# Estimation of a generic model for a fleet of machines

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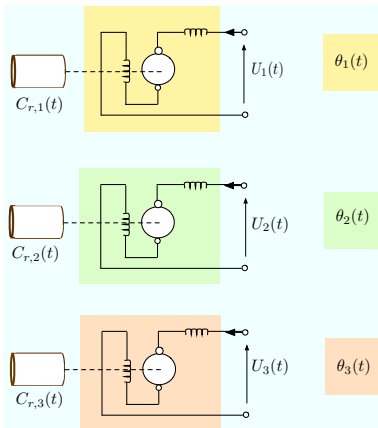
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## Definition and goal

- ▶ Fleet of machines : a collection of machines a priori identical
- ▶ Estimating a generic model for a fleet of identical machines
- ▶ Deduce a generic strategy for the diagnosis of a fleet of machines



## Motivations

- ▶ Reducing the cost of estimating the model of each machine
- ▶ Facility to construct the model of a new machine
- ▶ Facility to replace a machine by another one
- ▶ Reducing the cost of system maintenance

## 1 Introduction

## 2 Method

- Identifying the model or each machine
- Identifying the identical coefficients of several machines
- Estimating the new parameters considering the common part
- Validating the choice of the identical coefficients

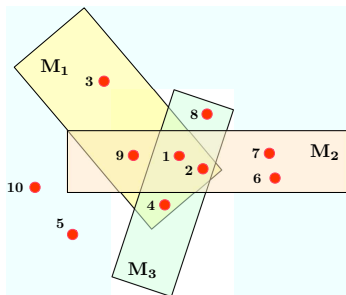
## 3 Simulation

## 4 Conclusions and perspectives

# Introduction

# Introduction : generic model

- ▶ The problem consists in determining if a generic model representing the normal behavior of each machine of the fleet can be established.
- ▶ A generic model is composed of two parts :
  - ▶ a common part made up of the variables of the machine itself
  - ▶ a distinct part related to the environmental variables.
- ▶ The work deals with :
  - classification of the variables : common variables extraction
  - identification of models sharing an estimated common part.
- ▶ Exemple : 3 machines  $M_1$ ,  $M_2$  and  $M_3$  with 10 variables



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$M_1$	×	×	×	×	.	.	.	.	×	.
$M_2$	×	×	.	.	.	×	×	.	×	.
$M_3$	×	×	.	×	.	.	.	×	.	.

Variables 1 and 2

Variables 4 and 9

Variables 3, 5, 6, 7, 8

# Historical point of view

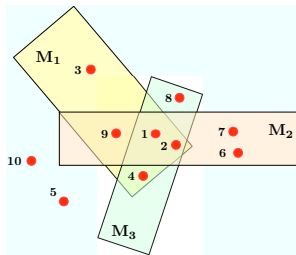
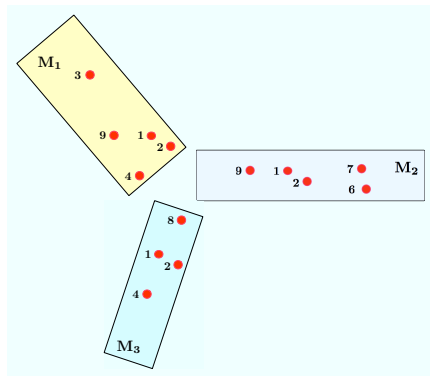
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<http://www.mex.com.au/Products/FleetMEX.aspx>
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**Identifying the models with their  
common part**

# Identifying the models with their common part

After finding the (linear) models describing the behavior of each machine independently from the other machines, the method consists in :

- 1 Identifying the common variables in the models of the different machines
- 2 identifying the potentially identical coefficients  $\rightarrow$  common part
- 3 estimating new parameters of the models considering the common part
- 4 validating the choice of the common part





# Identifying the model of one machine

- ▶ Consider the  $k$ th machine, with :
  - $y^{*k}$  variable to explain
  - $W^k$  variable possibly explaining  $y^{*k}$
  - $X^k$  variable selected for explaining  $y^{*k}$
  - $\hat{\theta}^k$  model parameters

- ▶ Model

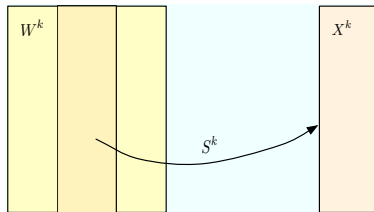
$$\hat{y}^k = X^k \hat{\theta}^k$$

$$X^k = W^k S^k$$

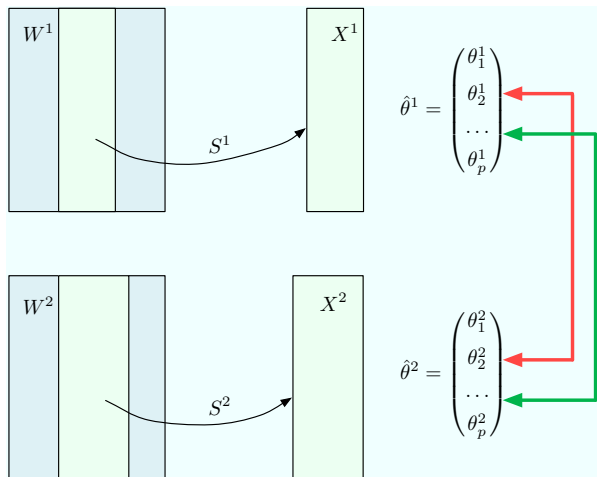
$$\hat{\theta}^k = (X^{kT} X^k)^{-1} X^{kT} y^k$$

- ▶  $S^k$  is a selection matrix.  
For example, the following matrix permits to select variables 2 and 4 from a set of 5 variables :

$$S^k = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T$$



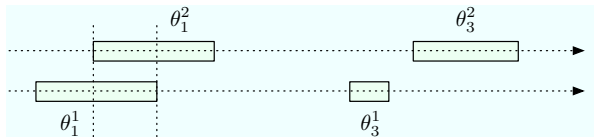
# Identifying the models of several machines



- Analyse the proximity of the coefficients of the variables  $\hat{\theta}^1$  and  $\hat{\theta}^2$
- Decide which coefficients must be forced to be identical

# Identifying the identical coefficients of several machines

## ► Principle :



## ► Confidence intervals of the parameters

The standard deviation  $\hat{\sigma}_i^k$  is the estimated standard deviation calculated from :

$$\tilde{y}^k = y^k - \hat{y}^k, \quad \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n_k - p_k} \|\tilde{y}^k\|^2$$

$$\hat{\Sigma}_\theta^k = \hat{\sigma}^2 (X^k{}^T X^k)^{-1}$$

$\hat{\sigma}_i^k$  appears on the  $i^{th}$  term of the diagonal of  $\hat{\Sigma}_\theta^k$ .

$$I_i^k = [\hat{\theta}_i^k - 2.32\hat{\sigma}_i^k ; \hat{\theta}_i^k + 2.32\hat{\sigma}_i^k]$$

► Coefficients  $\hat{\theta}_i^k$  ( $\forall k$ ) are considered identical if a non null intersection exists between their confidence intervals  $I_i^k$  :

$$I_i^{k_1} \cap I_i^{k_2} \neq \emptyset \rightarrow \hat{\theta}_i^{k_1} \text{ and } \hat{\theta}_i^{k_2} \text{ are identical}$$

# Estimating the parameters considering the common part

- Model of machine  $k$

$$y^k = X^k \theta^k$$

The common part of the coefficients is composed of  $p$  coefficients  $\alpha$  :

$$\theta^k = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta^k \end{pmatrix}, \quad X^k = \begin{pmatrix} U^k \\ V^k \end{pmatrix}$$

The two matrices  $U^k$  and  $V^k$  are selected, with  $S_p^k$  and  $S_{\bar{p}}^k$ , from  $X^k$  :

$$U^k = X^k S_p^k \quad \text{and} \quad V^k = X^k S_{\bar{p}}^k$$

- Modèle of the fleet of machines

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} y^1 \\ y^2 \\ \vdots \\ y^K \end{bmatrix}}_Y = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} U^1 & V^1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ U^2 & 0 & V^2 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ U^K & 0 & \dots & 0 & V^K \end{bmatrix}}_Z \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta^1 \\ \beta^2 \\ \vdots \\ \beta^K \end{bmatrix}}_{\theta}$$

- Estimate of the new coefficients

$$\hat{\theta} = (Z^T Z)^{-1} Z^T Y \implies \hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}^1, \dots, \hat{\beta}^K$$

# Validating the choice of the identical coefficients

▷ First estimated  $\hat{y}^k$  of  $y^k$  without coupling effect

$$\tilde{y}^k = y^k - \hat{y}^k, \quad \hat{y}^k = X^k \hat{\theta}^k,$$

$$\Phi_1 = \sum_{k=1}^K \| \tilde{y}^k \|^2$$

▷ Second estimates  $\hat{\hat{y}}^k$  of  $y^k$  with coupling effect :

$$\tilde{\tilde{y}}^k = y^k - \hat{\hat{y}}^k, \quad \hat{\hat{y}}^k = [U^k \ V^k] \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\alpha} \\ \hat{\beta}^k \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\Phi_2 = \sum_{k=1}^K \| \tilde{\tilde{y}}^k \|^2$$

▷ Comparison of the two sums of squares

$$\tau = \frac{N-P}{(K-1)p} \cdot \frac{\Phi_2 - \Phi_1}{\Phi_1} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} N = \sum_{k=1}^K n_k & \text{Number of data} \\ P = \sum_{k=1}^K p_k & \text{Number of parameters} \end{array} \right.$$

If  $\tau \leq \mathcal{F}_a((K-1)p, N-P) \rightarrow$  no significant loss of information

## Remark : a direct formulation ?

### Previous formulation

- ▶ Construct the machine models one by one without any interaction

$$\Phi_i = \| y_i - X_i \theta_i \|^2, \quad i = 1, \dots, K$$

- ▶ Determine the common parts between the different models
- ▶ Analyse the structure of the models
- ▶ Construct a global model taking identity coefficient constraints into account

### A one step formulation

- ▶ Global objective

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi = & \sum_{i=1}^K \frac{1}{2} \| y_i - X_i \theta_i \|^2 \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^{K-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^K \frac{1}{2} \gamma_{i,j} (\theta_i - \theta_j)^T W_{i,j}^2 (\theta_i - \theta_j) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Estimate simultaneously

$$\theta_i, W_{i,j}$$

- ▶ The values of the weights directly point out the link between the parameters

## **Numerical exemple**

# Numerical example

Three models and three databases of 250 observations each are generated according to :

$$y^1 = x_1^1 + 5x_3^1 + 5.5x_5^1 - 10 + \varepsilon^1$$

$$y^2 = x_2^2 + 5x_3^2 + 0.6x_4^2 + 5.68x_5^2 - 12 + \varepsilon^2$$

$$y^3 = 0.5x_1^3 + 1.2x_2^3 + 5.1x_3^3 + 0.7x_4^3 + 5.3x_5^3 - 14 + \varepsilon^3$$

where  $\varepsilon^k$  is a zero-mean signal with a variance proportional to the range of  $y^k$ .

## Step 1 : Identifying the model in each database

The estimate of  $y^k$  in each database independently from the others is given by :

$$\hat{y}^1 = 0.89x_1^1 + 5.09x_3^1 + 5.66x_5^1 - 10.29$$

$$\hat{y}^2 = 1.15x_2^2 + 4.89x_3^2 + 0.54x_4^2 + 5.40x_5^2 - 11.52$$

$$\hat{y}^3 = 0.58x_1^3 + 1.18x_2^3 + 4.98x_3^3 + 0.66x_4^3 + 5.31x_5^3 - 13.84$$



# Numerical example

## Step 2 : Finding the identical coefficients

Coef.	Interval
$\hat{\theta}_0^1$	[-11.13 ; -9.46]
$\hat{\theta}_1^1$	[0.62 ; 1.15]
$\hat{\theta}_3^1$	[4.86 ; 5.34]
$\hat{\theta}_5^1$	[5.41 ; 5.91]

Coef.	Interval
$\hat{\theta}_0^2$	[-12.38 ; -10.66]
$\hat{\theta}_2^2$	[0.89 ; 1.39]
$\hat{\theta}_3^2$	[4.66 ; 5.12]
$\hat{\theta}_4^2$	[0.31 ; 0.78]
$\hat{\theta}_5^2$	[5.19 ; 5.61]

Coef.	Interval
$\hat{\theta}_0^3$	[-14.87 ; -12.81]
$\hat{\theta}_1^3$	[0.34 ; 0.81]
$\hat{\theta}_2^3$	[0.87 ; 1.49]
$\hat{\theta}_3^3$	[4.73 ; 5.22]
$\hat{\theta}_4^3$	[0.39 ; 0.93]
$\hat{\theta}_5^3$	[5.09 ; 5.53]

The coefficients of variables  $x_3$  and  $x_5$  are unique over all the databases : a non null intersection of [4.86 ; 5.12] and [5.41 ; 5.53], respectively, exists between their confidence intervals.

# Numerical exemple

## Step 3 : Validating the choice of identical coefficients

The expressions of the new estimates of  $y^k$  are :

$$\tilde{y}^1 = 0.94x_1^1 + 4.98x_3^1 + 5.44x_5^1 - 9.72$$

$$\tilde{y}^2 = 1.13x_2^2 + 4.98x_3^2 + 0.54x_4^2 + 5.44x_5^2 - 11.75$$

$$\tilde{y}^3 = 0.58x_1^3 + 1.16x_2^3 + 4.98x_3^3 + 0.66x_4^3 + 5.44x_5^3 - 14.09$$

Before coupling effect :  $\Phi_1 = 127.95$ , after coupling effect :  $\Phi_2 = 129.31$

$$\tau = \frac{N - P}{(K - 1)p} \cdot \frac{\Phi_2 - \Phi_1}{\Phi_1} = 1.95$$

with :  $N = 750$ ,  $P = 15$ ,  $K = 3$ ,  $p = 2$  and for a confidence level of 99%

$$F_a = 3.34$$

Then  $\tau \leq F_a$  and thus the coupling effect may be considered without a significative loss of information.

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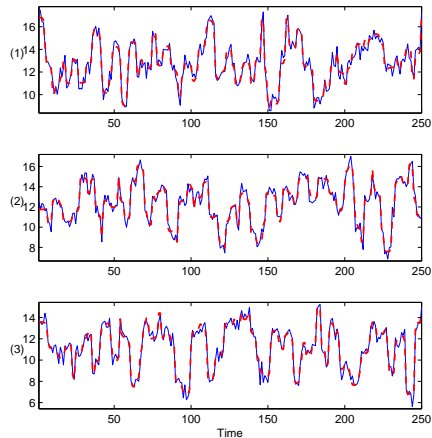


FIGURE:  $y^k$  (blue solid line) and  $\hat{y}^k$  (red dashed line) in each database

Interpretation :

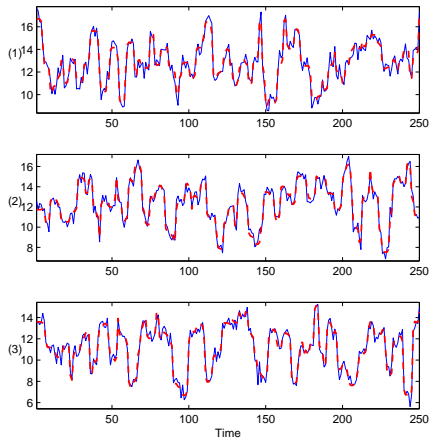


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- ▶ A method for identifying the common part of a fleet of machines based on data collected from this fleet.
- ▶ A generic model describing the normal behavior of the machines is estimated taking into account the common part.

## Perspectives

- ▶ The method will be completed in order to identify the part of the model associated to the environment.
- ▶ When a new machine is added, how to establish its model while taking into account the generic model ?
- ▶ The method will be tested on real data collected from different pumps working in several nuclear power plants of EDF.

**Thank you for your attention**

