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Lecture 10: Elements of System Identification

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- Simulation: Makes it possible to explore situations that would be either hazardous, difficult or prohibitively expensive. (i.e. evaluating the performance of different controllers on a model rather than on a nuclear reactor.)



There are a number of different types of models:

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- A continuous time model describes the system at any given instance of time. Discrete time models describe input and output relationships at distinct instances of time.



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A particular sort of model can be defined by a combination of these different types. e.g. One of the most common forms is the continuous time, linear, time invariant parametric model.

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- The signals we consider in this course are step functions and sinusoids.



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- From the response of a process to a step input a number of practical parameters can be obtained, i.e. dead time, time constant, etc.



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 - Duration (T)



Sinusoidal Signals

 $u(t) = a\sin\left(2\pi ft + \phi\right)$



Information in the frequency domain is most easily obtained by using sinusoidal or other periodic signals. Makes it suitable for finding continuous time models.



Sinusoidal Signals

- Sinusoidal signals have many advantages:
 - limit the signal to frequencies of interest
 - duration of the test can be chosen quite arbitrarily
 - generation of the signal is quite straightforward
- The amplitude of the sinewave can be traded off for the duration of test, i.e. For a smaller amplitude you would perform the test for a longer time.
- A disadvantage is that one sinusoid only gives you one test frequency.
- To obtain an adequate model of a system you would need to perform a number of experiments.



Multi-Sinusoidal Signals

$$u(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{m} a_k \sin\left(2\pi f_k t + \phi_k\right)$$

As an example consider m = 5, $a_k = 2, \phi_k = 0 \quad \forall k \text{ and}$

$$f = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5].$$



Note the amplitude is large.

To reduce this we can change the phase of each sine wave, i.e.

$$\phi_k = \phi_1 - \frac{k(k-1)\pi}{m}; \ 2 \le k \le m$$

where ϕ_1 is chosen arbitrary.



Design of Identification Experiments

There are a number of factors to consider before performing an identification experiment.

- What form of test signal should be used, i.e. step, sinusoidal? This depends on the quality of the model you require. In most cases, for PID control, step tests are adequate.
- What size should the amplitude be? There a quite a number of factors to consider here.
 - There may be constraints on how much variation can be tolerated in the input and/or output. (economic, safety, actuator limits, etc).
 - One reason for a large amplitude is that the effects of noise become less (signal to noise ratio is larger).
 - For systems with known nonlinearities it is best to keep the amplitude small as generally you are interested in a model around a particular operating point.



Design of Identification Experiments

- What sampling frequency should be used?
 - Typically, the sampling frequency should be chosen as 10 20x that of the test signal frequency. (5x should be considered as the absolute minimum).
 - For a step test, you want to capture at least 5 samples per the time constant of the process.
- What should the frequencies of my multi-sinusoidal test signal be? The frequencies of these test signals should be in the frequency region of interest and should be chosen as a multiple of the sampling frequency and of each other. This will minimise errors.
- When collecting data from a sinusoidal test one should wait until the transients have decayed significantly.



First Order Lag



Measure

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- U_0 : Initial input level.
- U_f: Final input level.
- > Y_0 : Initial output level.
- ▶ Y_f: Final output level.
- T_0 : Time of input step

- T_{63} : Time for output to reach 63% of $(Y_f Y_0)$.
- Calculate

$$\hat{K} = \frac{Y_f - Y_0}{U_f - U_0} \text{ and } \hat{\tau} = T_{63} - T_0$$
$$\hat{G}(s) = \frac{\hat{K}}{\hat{\tau}s + 1}_{\text{Lecture 10: Elements of System Identification - p. 18/55}}$$

Time Delayed First Order Lag



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change.

- T_d : Time at which system starts reacting to step.
- T_{63} : Time for output to reach 63% of $(Y_f Y_0)$.

Time Delayed First Order Lag (cont.)

Calculate

$$\hat{K} = \frac{Y_f - Y_0}{U_f - U_0}$$
$$\hat{T_d} = T_d - T_0$$
$$\hat{\tau} = T_{63} - T_d$$

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Second Order Resonant System



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- \blacktriangleright U_0 : Initial input level.
- ▶ U_f: Final input level.
- > Y_0 : Initial output level.
- ▶ Y_f: Final output level.
- Peak 1: An arbitrary peak.
- Peak n: Peak n counting

from Peak 1: (n = 3 in)

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Figure).

- A₁: Amplitude from Y_f to Peak 1.
- A_n: Amplitude from Y_f to
 Peak n
- *T_w*: Time between two successive peaks. (cont...)

Second Order Resonant System (cont.)

Calculate

$$\begin{split} \hat{\kappa} &= \frac{Y_{f} - Y_{0}}{U_{f} - U_{0}} , \qquad \qquad d_{r} = \left(\frac{A_{n}}{A_{1}}\right)^{\frac{1}{n-1}} , \\ \hat{\zeta} &= \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1}{d_{r}}\right)}{\sqrt{4\pi^{2} + \left(\ln\left(\frac{1}{d_{r}}\right)\right)^{2}}} , \qquad \hat{T}_{n} = \frac{T_{w}\sqrt{1 - \hat{\zeta}^{2}}}{2\pi} . \\ \hat{G}(s) &= \frac{\hat{K}}{\hat{T}_{n}^{2}s^{2} + 2\hat{\zeta}\hat{T}_{n}s + 1} \end{split}$$



Second Order Overdamped System



- Measure
 - \bullet U_0 : Initial input level.
 - Uf: Final input level.
 - > Y_0 : Initial output level.
 - Y_f: Final output level.
 - T_0 : Time of input step



- T_{73} : Time of output to reach 73% of $(Y_f Y_0)$.
- Ý: Value of output at time:

$$\left(T_0+\frac{T_{73}-T_0}{2.6}\right)$$
.

Second Order Overdamped System (cont.)

Calculate

$$\hat{K} = \frac{Y_f - Y_0}{U_f - U_0}, \quad \hat{\tau}_{TOT} = \frac{T_{73} - T_0}{1.3}$$

and $Y_{fr} = \frac{\hat{Y} - Y_0}{Y_f - Y_0}$

Find $\hat{\tau}_{rat}$ from Y_{fr} using the supplied graph and compute

$$\hat{\tau}_1 = \hat{\tau}_{rat} \hat{\tau}_{TOT}$$
$$\hat{\tau}_2 = \hat{\tau}_{TOT} - \hat{\tau}_1$$



The estimated model is:

$$\hat{G}(s) = \frac{\hat{K}}{(\hat{\tau}_1 s + 1)(\hat{\tau}_1 s + 1)}$$

NOTE: If Y_{fr} is greater than 0.39 or less than 0.26, the response is either underdamped second order or higher order.
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Integrating System

Measure

- \triangleright U_0 : Initial input level.
- U_f: Final input level.
- Y₀₁: Output level at time T₀₁
 (before step).
- Y₀₂: Output level at time T₀₂
 (before step).



- Y₀₃: Output level at time T₀₃
 (after step).
- Y₀₄: Output level at time T₀₄
 (after step).
- Calculate

$$m_{1} = \frac{Y_{02} - Y_{01}}{T_{02} - T_{01}}$$
$$m_{2} = \frac{Y_{04} - Y_{03}}{T_{04} - T_{03}}$$
$$\hat{K} = \frac{m_{2} - m_{1}}{U_{f} - U_{0}}$$
$$\hat{G}(s) = \frac{\hat{K}}{s}$$

Recall, for the system



that

Y(s) = G(s)U(s)

If we apply a sinewave to the input,

 $u(t) = a \sin(\omega t)$ (remember) $\omega = 2\pi f$

and G is stable and in steady

state, then

- $y(t) = b \sin(\omega t + \phi)$ where $b = a |G(j\omega)|$ $\phi = \arg(G(j\omega))$
- Hence, by measuring b and φ,
 we can obtain an estimate of G at frequency ω.





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- By repeating this for a number of frequencies, one can obtain a reasonable graphical representation of the process, i.e. the Bode Diagram, a non-parametric model.
- In practice, this type of measurement is sensitive to noise,

Y(s) = G(s)U(s) + V(s)

where V(s) is a representation of the noise appearing at the output of the system.

Then

$$y(t) = b\sin(\omega t + \phi) + e(t)$$

which introduces errors into the measurement of y(t) and hence the parameters *b* and ϕ .



An Improved Frequency Analysis Method

To improve estimation of the frequency response, correlate the output y(t) with sin and cos at the desired frequency.





$$y_{s}(t) = \int_{0}^{T} y(t) \sin(\omega t) dt$$

=
$$\int_{0}^{T} b \sin(\omega t + \phi) \sin(\omega t) dt + \int_{0}^{T} e(t) \sin(\omega t) dt$$

ty:
$$2 \sin(A) \sin(B) = \cos(A - B) - \cos(A + B))$$

(using the identity:

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$$= \int_{0}^{T} \frac{b}{2} \cos(\phi) dt - \int_{0}^{T} \frac{b}{2} \cos(2\omega t + \phi) dt + \int_{0}^{T} e(t) \sin(\omega t) dt$$
$$= \frac{b}{2} \frac{b}{2} \cos(\phi) + \int_{0}^{T} e(t) \sin(\omega t) dt$$

Note: If integration time (T) is a multiple of the sinusoidal period, say $\frac{k2\pi}{\omega}$ pen the second term in the fourth line above = 0. The University of Newcastle

Similarly,

$$y_c(t) = \frac{bT}{2}\sin(\phi) + \int_0^T e(t)\cos(\omega t)dt$$

Let us first consider e(t) = 0. Then

$$y_s(t) = \frac{bT}{2}\cos(\phi)$$
$$y_c(t) = \frac{bT}{2}\sin(\phi)$$

Recall,

 $b = a |G(j\omega)|$ $\phi = \arg (G(j\omega))$



Then

$$y_{s}(t) = \frac{aT}{2} |G(j\omega)| \cos \left(\arg \left(G(j\omega)\right)\right)$$

and $y_{c}(t) = \frac{aT}{2} |G(j\omega)| \sin \left(\arg \left(G(j\omega)\right)\right)$.
Now $G(j\omega) = |G(j\omega)| e^{j(\arg(G(j\omega)))}$
 $= |G(j\omega)| [\cos \left(\arg \left(G(j\omega)\right)\right) + j \sin \left(\arg \left(G(j\omega)\right))]$

We then have

$$y_{s}(t) = \frac{aT}{2} \Re \{G(j\omega)\}$$
$$y_{c}(t) = \frac{aT}{2} \Im \{G(j\omega)\}$$



- Therefore we can calculate real and imaginary parts $G(j\omega)$, hence construct a Bode Diagram.
- Now if $e(t) \neq 0$, then we still get errors in the estimate!
- However, as T↑ the error decreases. (In the case of i.i.d. noise). Due to the fact that it is not correlated with the sin and cos terms.



Can also use discrete Fourier Transforms.

$$U_{N}(\omega) = \sum_{t=1}^{N} u(t)e^{-j\omega t}$$
$$Y_{N}(\omega) = \sum_{t=1}^{N} y(t)e^{-j\omega t}$$
Then $G(j\omega) = \frac{Y_{N}(\omega)}{U_{N}(\omega)}$

Notes:

- Works best for periodic signals.
- For best results, *N* should be an integer multiple of the periodic signal.
- Scaling not really necessary as we are mainly concerned with the ratio.



The Least Squares method estimates the coefficients for a given model by minimising the sum of squared errors between the observations and the model output.

- Iarge errors are heavily punished, an error twice as large is four times worse.
- uses quite simple matrix algebra
- estimates are computed as a solution to a set of linear equations.

The model is required to

- ▶ relate observed variable y(t) (regressand), to p explanatory variables $u_{1t} \dots u_{pt}$ (regressors), all of which are observed.
- have one unknown coefficient θ per explanatory variable.



At one time instance, t

$$\underline{u}_t = \begin{bmatrix} u_{1t} & u_{2t} & \dots & u_{pt} \end{bmatrix}^T, \qquad \underline{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 & \theta_2 & \dots & \theta_p \end{bmatrix}^T$$

the model is then

$$y_t = \underline{u}_t^T \underline{\theta} + e_t$$
, $t = 1, 2, 3, \dots N$

where e_t is the observation error.

The aim is to find the value $\hat{\theta}$ of θ which minimises the cost function,

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg\min_{\theta} V(\theta)$$
where
$$V(\theta) \triangleq \sum_{t=1}^{N} e_t^2$$

$$= \sum_{t=1}^{N} \left(y_t - \underline{u}_t^T \underline{\theta} \right)^2$$



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For *N* samples, <u>y</u> is a N length vector, the \underline{u}_t vectors form into an $N \times P$ matrix *U* and a *N* length vector *e* is formed by the errors. Then,

$$\underline{y} = U\underline{\theta} + \underline{e}$$

and $V(\theta) = \underline{e}^T \underline{e}$
 $= \left(\underline{y}^T - \underline{\theta}^T U^T\right) \left(\underline{y} - U\underline{\theta}\right).$

The value $\hat{\theta}$ that minimises V makes the gradient of V with respect to θ zero, i.e

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial \underline{\theta}} = \left[\frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta_1} \ \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta_2} \ \cdots \ \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta_p} \right]^{\mathsf{T}} = \mathbf{0}$$

Now

$$V(\theta) = \underline{y}^{\mathsf{T}} \underline{y} - \underline{\theta}^{\mathsf{T}} U^{\mathsf{T}} \underline{y} - \underline{y}^{\mathsf{T}} U \underline{\theta} + \underline{\theta}^{\mathsf{T}} U^{\mathsf{T}} U \underline{\theta}$$



Using standard results for vector and matrix differentiation,

$$\frac{\partial(\underline{a}^{T}\underline{\psi})}{\partial \underline{\psi}} = \underline{a}$$
$$\frac{\partial(\underline{\psi}^{T}A\underline{\psi})}{\partial \underline{\psi}} = (A + A^{T})\underline{\psi}.$$

Then

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial \underline{\theta}} = 2U^{T}\underline{y} + 2U^{T}U\underline{\theta} = 0.$$

Thus the θ that makes the gradient of $V(\theta) = 0$ is given by,

$$\underline{\hat{\theta}} = \left[U^T U \right]^{-1} U^T \underline{y}$$



Notes:

- The model must be linear in the unknown coefficients
- It need not be linear in the regressors
- Be careful of an ill-conditioned normal matrix!



Example: Consider a temperature measuring device with a voltage output, *u*. It is known that the temperature, *y*, is a function of the output voltage. The model is given by,

$$y(u) = x_1 + x_2 u + x_3 \frac{u^2}{2}.$$

The observations are:

$$\underline{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.2 & 0.4 & 0.6 & 0.8 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (volts)}$$
$$\underline{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 59 & 98 & 151 & 218 & 264 \end{bmatrix}^T \quad ^{\circ}(\text{C})$$

and the parameter vector is

$$\underline{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix}^T$$



Example: cont.

1. Now we form,

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0.2 & 0.02 \\ 1 & 0.4 & 0.08 \\ 1 & 0.6 & 0.18 \\ 1 & 0.8 & 0.32 \\ 1 & 1 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$U^{T} \underline{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 793 \\ 580 \\ 237.96 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U^{\mathsf{T}}U = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 3 & 1.1 \\ 3 & 2.2 & 0.9 \\ 1.1 & 0.9 & 0.3916 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can then solve for an estimate of the parameters using

$$\hat{\underline{\theta}} = \begin{bmatrix} U^T U \end{bmatrix}^{-1} U^T \underline{y}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4.79 & 234 & 55.4 \end{bmatrix}^T$$



Consider the model,

$$G(s) = \frac{B(s)}{A(s)}$$

where $B(s) = b_0 + b_1 s + \dots + b_{n-1} s^{n-1}$
and $A(s) = 1 + a_1 s + \dots + a_n s^n$.

We perform an experiment which consists of applying sinewaves of frequency $\omega_1, \omega_2, \ldots, \omega_N$ to the system. The DFT can be used to obtain a nonparametric model of the system

 $\hat{G}(j\omega).$

Note that *is* used here as there will be unavoidable errors in the measurement.



Now

$$A(j\omega)G(j\omega) = B(j\omega)$$

then $V(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} e_i^* e_i$
where $e_i = A(j\omega_i)\hat{G}(j\omega_i) - B(j\omega_i)$

here the *i* subscript represents the *ith* frequency of the test signal. We temporarily drop the *i* subscript for clarity,

$$e = [1 + a_1 j \omega + \ldots + a_n (j \omega)^n] \hat{G}(j \omega) - [b_0 + b_1 j \omega + \ldots + b_{n-1} (j \omega)^{n-1}]$$

$$= \hat{G}(j \omega) - [-j \omega \hat{G}(j \omega), \ldots, -(j \omega)^n \hat{G}(j \omega), 1, j \omega, \ldots, (j \omega)^{n-1}] \underline{\theta}$$

$$e \quad \underline{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & \ldots & a_n & b_0 & \ldots & b_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

where



The cost function $V(\theta)$ can now be expressed as

$$V(\theta) = (\underline{Y} - U\underline{\theta})^* (\underline{Y} - U\underline{\theta})$$

where $\underline{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n & b_o & \dots & b_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}^T$
 $\underline{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{G}(j\omega_1) & \hat{G}(j\omega_1) & \dots & \hat{G}(j\omega_N) \end{bmatrix}^T$
$$U = \begin{bmatrix} -j\omega_1 \hat{G}(j\omega_1) & \dots & -(j\omega_1)^n \hat{G}(j\omega_1) & 1 & j\omega_1 & \dots & (j\omega_1)^{n-1} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ -j\omega_N \hat{G}(j\omega_N) & \dots & -(j\omega_N)^n \hat{G}(j\omega_N) & 1 & j\omega_N & \dots & (j\omega_N)^{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$



Using the same procedure as before to find the minimum gradient of the cost function,

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial \underline{\theta}} = -U^* \left(\underline{Y} - U\underline{\theta} \right) - U^T \left(\overline{\underline{Y} - U\underline{\theta}} \right)$$
$$= -\left(U^* \underline{Y} + U^T \overline{\underline{Y}} \right) + \left(U^* U + U^T \overline{U} \right) \underline{\theta}$$
set
$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial \underline{\theta}} = \mathbf{0}$$
then
$$\frac{\hat{\theta}}{\theta} = \left(U^* U + U^T \overline{U} \right)^{-1} \left(U^* \underline{Y} + U^T \overline{\underline{Y}} \right)$$
$$= \left(U^* U + \overline{U^* U} \right)^{-1} \left(U^* \underline{Y} + \overline{U^* \underline{Y}} \right)$$
$$= \left(\Re \left\{ U^* U \right\} \right)^{-1} \left(\Re \left\{ U^* \underline{Y} \right\} \right)$$



Model Order Determination

A number of possibilities, two of these are:

- Use the Bode diagram to identify poles / zeros
- Calculate the L.S. model for an increasing number of parameters, and evaluate the cost function V(Â) for each model. Look for small △V.
 (△V = |V₁ V₂|).





- Is a given model appropriate? i.e. does it meet the expectation you have of it representing the system?
- Most systematic methods of validation are based on statistics.
- An ad-hoc (simple method) is to visually approve the model by observing the output of the model and the true system for the same input signal.



Systematic Methods

If the model is a true representation of the system and the "disturbance" is assumed to be independent white noise, then the residuals,

$$\underline{e} = \underline{y} - u\hat{\underline{\theta}}$$

should also be independent white noise.

Notes:

- Never use the same data for validation that was used for estimation.
- Least Squares estimation makes e uncorrelated with the regressors on which the data the estimation is performed.



Changes of sign method

Let $\delta_k = \begin{cases} 1 & : e(k)e(k+1) < 0 \text{ (change of sign)} \\ 0 & : e(k)e(k+1) > 0 \text{ (no change of sign)} \end{cases}$

and

$$X_n = \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \delta_k$$

For white independent residuals,

$$mean(X_n) = \frac{N}{2}$$
$$variance(X_n) = \frac{N}{4}$$



Correlation Between Residuals and Past Inputs

$$\hat{\mathsf{R}}_{eu}^{N}(\tau) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^{N} e(t) u(t-\tau)$$

- If the correlation is "high", there may be some of the input contained in the residuals e and hence not taken into account in the model.
- Ideally we want no correlation between input and residuals.

$$\hat{R}_{eu}^N(\tau) \leq \alpha \sqrt{\frac{P_1}{N}}$$

where $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ represents a confidence value and

$$P_1 = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} R_e(k) R_u(k)$$

 $R_e(k)$ and $R_u(k)$ are the autocorrelation of e(t) and u(t) respectively.



Correlation Between Residuals and Past Inputs (cont.)

- Typically plot $\hat{R}_{eu}^{N}(\tau)$ and the lines $\pm 3\sqrt{\frac{P_1}{N}}$.
- If $\hat{R}_{eu}^N(\tau)$ goes outside of this then most probably due to e(t) and $u(t \tau)$ being dependent.



Correlation between residuals

$$\hat{\mathsf{R}}(\tau) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^{N} e(t) e(t+\tau)$$

- Should be white.
- Plot $\hat{R}(\tau)$ against τ .

Other measures used in validation:

- Maximum Error: Largest Residual {max(e)}.
- Mean Square Error: $MSE = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^{N} e(t)^2$.
- Root Mean Square Error: $RMSE = \sqrt{MSE}$.



- Until now what has been considered is open loop identification. If we use the same principles in closed loop, we must be careful.
- Two commonly used types of identification are:
 - Direct: measure *U* and *Y* then identify *G*.
 - ▶ Indirect: measure *R* and *Y* then identify *G* using knowledge of *C*.





For example lets consider direct identification:

Now we want to estimate *G*.

$$\hat{G} = \frac{Y}{U} = \frac{D+GU}{U} = \frac{D}{U} + G.$$

Now let U_R denote the controller output signal due to the reference R, then

$$U_R = C(R - GU_R)$$
$$U_R = \frac{CR}{1 + GC}$$

• Let U_D denote the controller output due to the disturbance D,

$$U_D = -C(D + GU_D)$$
$$U_D = \frac{-CD}{1 + GC}.$$



We are assuming a linear system, then by superposition

$$U = U_R + U_D = \frac{CR - CD}{1 + GC}$$

Then

$$\hat{G} = \frac{D(1 + GC)}{CR - CD} + G$$
$$= \frac{D + GCR}{CR - CD}$$
$$= \frac{1}{R - D} \left(\frac{D}{C} + GR\right)$$



• Defining the noise to signal ratio as $\alpha = \frac{D}{R}$,

$$\hat{G} = \frac{\frac{1}{R}}{1 - \frac{D}{R}} \left(\frac{D}{C} + GR \right)$$
$$= \left(\frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha} \right) \left(\frac{1}{C} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{1 - \alpha} \right) G$$

When
$$D = 0$$
, $\alpha = 0$ therefore $\hat{G} = G$.

- When D >> R, α is large and $\hat{G} \Rightarrow \frac{-1}{C}$.
- Therefore in closed loop identification one needs to ensure the reference signal is larger than the disturbance, (R > D).

