

INVERSE PROBLEMS TUTORIAL

***INVERSE PROBLEM METHODOLOGY
IN COMPLEX STOCHASTIC SYSTEMS***

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Concepts for inverse problems/parameter estimation problems illustrated by *examples*—Involves both *deterministic* and *probabilistic/stochastic/statistical* analysis

Includes:

- *Identifiability*
- *Ill-posedness*
- *Stability*
- *Regularization*
- *Approximation*
- *Reduced order modeling {Proper Orthogonal Decomposition(POD)/Principal Component Analysis(PCA)}*

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FORWARD PROBLEM

vs.

INVERSE PROBLEM

Parameter dependent dynamical system:

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = g(t, z, \theta), \quad z(t_0) = z_0, \quad g \text{ known}, \quad \theta \in \Theta$$

$z(t) \in R^K$, i.e., $z(t)$ is a vector

Forward : Given θ, z_0 , find $z(t)$ for $t \geq t_0$

Inverse : Given $z(t)$ for $t \geq t_0$, find $\theta \in \Theta$

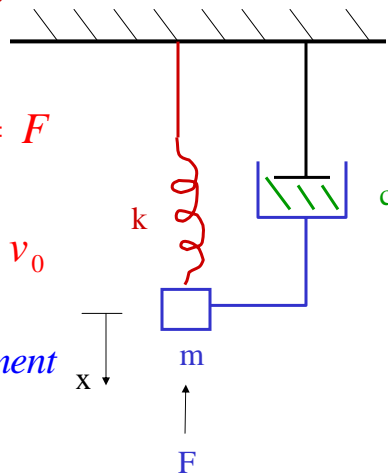
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Mass-spring-dashpot system

$$m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + c \frac{dx}{dt} + kx = F$$

$$x(0) = x_0 \quad \frac{dx}{dt}(0) = v_0$$

$x =$ equilibrium displacement
of mass m



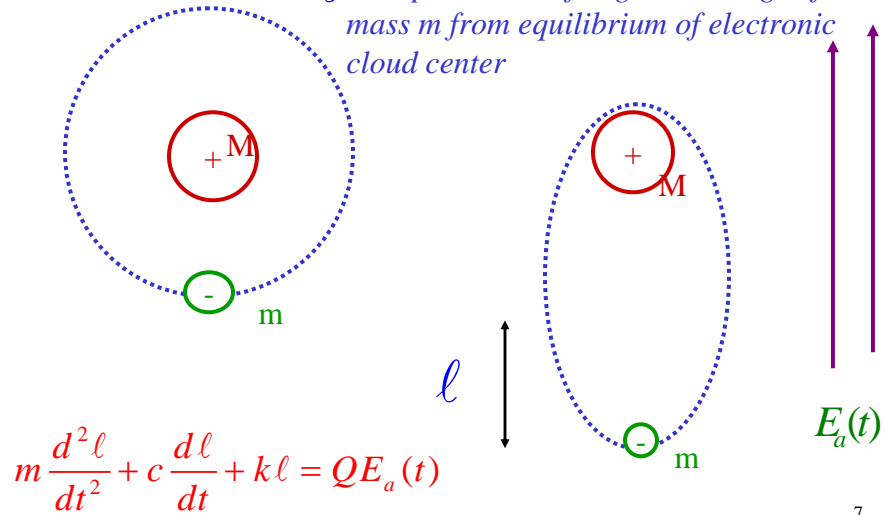
Forward : Given m, c, k, F, x_0, v_0 , find $x(t)$ for $t > t_0$

Inverse : Given $x(t)$ for $t \geq t_0, v_0$, and F , find m, c , and k

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Electronic Polarization—electronic cloud displacement

ℓ = displacement of negative charge of mass m from equilibrium of electronic cloud center



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Usually are not given observations of all of system state $z(t)$:
 Example(mass-spring-dashpot system):
 First, rewrite as first order vector system:

$$z(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ \frac{dx(t)}{dt} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \frac{dz(t)}{dt} = \mathcal{A}(\theta)z(t) + \mathcal{F}(t), \quad z_0 = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ v_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{A}(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{c}{m} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{F}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{F(t)}{m} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \theta = \left(\frac{k}{m}, \frac{c}{m} \right)$$

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Observations : $f(t, \theta) = \mathcal{C} z(t, \theta)$

Laser vibrometer : $f(t, \theta) = v(t) = \frac{dx(t)}{dt}$

Observation operator : $\mathcal{C} = (0 \ 1)$

Proximity probe : $f(t, \theta) = x(t)$

Observation operator : $\mathcal{C} = (1 \ 0)$

More likely, discrete (finite number) observations :

$$\{\tilde{y}_j\}_{j=1}^n \text{ where } \tilde{y}_j \approx f(t_j, \theta)$$

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Can formulate as least – squares fit of model to observations:

$$J(\theta) = \sum_{j=1}^n |\tilde{y}_j - f(t_j, \theta)|^2$$

where f is the model solution(response) or that part of the solution that we can "observe" or that we care about in design!

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“Model driven” vs. “data driven” inverse problems

Model driven: $\tilde{y}_j = f(t_j, \theta)$

Data driven: $\tilde{y}_j = f(t_j, \theta) + \varepsilon_j$, ε_j is error

(Depending on the error, may need to introduce variability into the modeling and analysis)

Mathematical model: $f(t_j, \theta)$

Statistical model: $Y_j = f(t_j, \theta) + \varepsilon_j$,

$\varepsilon_j \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2) \Rightarrow Y_j \sim \mathcal{N}(f(t_j, \theta), \sigma^2)$ 11

Model driven: $\tilde{y}_j = f(t_j, \theta)$

i) System Design problems

a) design of spring / shock system (automotive, "smart" truck seats)

b) design of thermally conductive epoxies for use in computer motherboards

ii) Nondestructive Evaluation (NDE) problems

a) thermal interrogation of conductive structures

b) eddy current – based electromagnetic damage detection

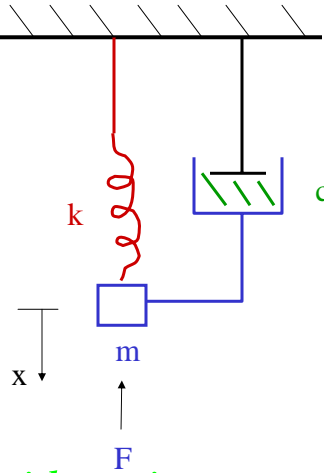
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*Design of spring/shock system
(automotive, "smart" truck seats)*

$$m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + c \frac{dx}{dt} + kx = F$$

$$x(0) = x_0 \quad \frac{dx}{dt}(0) = v_0$$

Mass-spring-dashpot system



*Choose $\theta = (k, c)$ to provide a given response
 $x(t)$ for a "load" m and perturbation $F(t)$*

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Data driven: $\tilde{y}_j = f(t_j, \theta) + \varepsilon_j$, ε_j is error

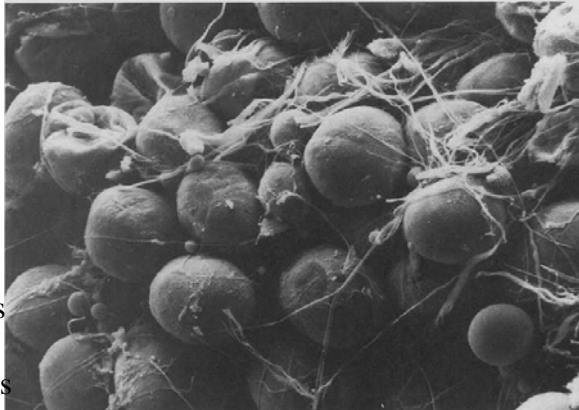
Many (most!) of examples lead to the introduction of variability into both the modeling and the analysis!!

- i) Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetic (PBPK) modeling in toxicokinetics
- ii) Modeling of HIV pathogenesis

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PBPK Models for TCE in Fat Cells

Millions of cells with varying size, residence time, vasculature, geometry:
 “Axial-dispersion” type adipose tissue compartments to embody uncertain physiological heterogeneities in single organism (rat) = **intra-individual variability**



Inter-individual variability treated with parameters (including dispersion parameters) as **random variables** – estimate **distributions** from **aggregate data** (multiple rat data) which also contains uncertainty (noise)

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Whole-body system of equations

$$V_v \frac{dC_v(t)}{dt} = Q_f C_B(t, \pi - \varepsilon_2) + \frac{Q_{br}}{P_{br}} C_{br}(t) + \frac{Q_k}{P_k} C_k(t) + \frac{Q_l}{P_l} C_l(t) + \frac{Q_m}{P_m} C_m(t) + \frac{Q_p}{P_p} C_p(t) - Q_c C_v(t)$$

$$C_a(t) = (Q_c C_v(t) + Q_p C_c(t)) / (Q_c + Q_p / P_b)$$

$$V_{br} \frac{dC_{br}(t)}{dt} = Q_{br} (C_a(t) - C_{br}(t) / P_{br})$$

$$V_B \frac{\partial C_B}{\partial \phi} = \frac{V_B}{r_2 \sin \phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left[\sin \phi \left(\frac{D_B}{r_2} \frac{\partial C_B}{\partial \phi} - v C_B \right) \right] + \lambda_r \mu_{Br} (f_l C_l(\theta_0) - f_B C_B) + \lambda_A \mu_{BA} (f_A C_A(\theta_0) - f_B C_B)$$

$$V_l \frac{\partial C_l}{\partial t} = \frac{V_l D_l}{r_l^2} \left[\frac{1}{\sin^2 \phi} \frac{\partial^2 C_l}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{1}{\sin \phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left(\sin \phi \frac{\partial C_l}{\partial \phi} \right) \right] + \delta_{\theta_0}(\theta) \chi_B(\phi) \lambda_r \mu_{Br} (f_B C_B - f_l C_l) + \mu_{lA} (f_A C_A - f_l C_l)$$

$$V_A \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial t} = \frac{V_A D_A}{r_0^2} \left[\frac{1}{\sin^2 \phi} \frac{\partial^2 C_A}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{1}{\sin \phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left(\sin \phi \frac{\partial C_A}{\partial \phi} \right) \right] + \delta_{\theta_0}(\theta) \chi_B(\phi) \lambda_A \mu_{BA} (f_B C_B - f_A C_A) + \mu_{lA} (f_l C_l - f_A C_A)$$

$$V_k \frac{dC_k(t)}{dt} = Q_k (C_a(t) - C_k(t) / P_k)$$

$$V_l \frac{dC_l(t)}{dt} = Q_l \left(C_a(t) - \frac{C_l(t)}{P_l} \right) - \left(v_{\max} \frac{C_l(t)}{P_l} \right) / \left(k_M + \frac{C_l(t)}{P_l} \right)$$

$$V_m \frac{dC_m(t)}{dt} = Q_m (C_a(t) - C_m(t) / P_m)$$

$$V_i \frac{dC_i(t)}{dt} = Q_i (C_a(t) - C_i(t) / P_i)$$

Plus boundary conditions and initial conditions

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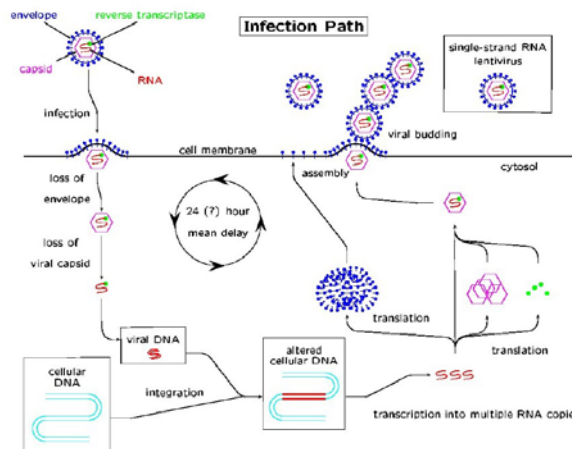
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MODELING OF HIV PATHOGENESIS

GOALS

DEVELOPMENT OF DYNAMIC MODELS INVOLVING INTRA- AND INTER-INDIVIDUAL VARIABILITY TO AID IN UNDERSTANDING OF FUNDAMENTAL MECHANISMS OF INFECTION AND SPREAD OF DISEASE-AGGREGATE DATA ACROSS POPULATIONS

POTENTIAL AND SIGNIFICANCE
POPULATION LEVEL ESTIMATION OF SPREAD RATES AND EFFICACY IN TREATMENT PROGRAMS FOR EXPOSURE



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Involves systems of equations of the form (generally nonlinear)

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = -cV(t) + n_a A(t - \tau) + n_c C(t) - n_{vt} V(t) T(t)$$

where τ is a production delay (distributed across the population of cells). That is, one should write

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = -cV(t) + n_a \int_0^{\infty} A(t - \tau) k(\tau) d\tau + n_c C(t) - n_{vt} V(t) T(t)$$

where **k** is a probability density to be estimated from aggregate data.

Even if **k** is given, these systems are nontrivial to simulate—require development of fundamental techniques.

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HIV Model:

$$\dot{V}(t) = -cV(t) + n_a \int_0^r A(t - \tau) d\pi_1(\tau) + n_c C(t) - p(V, T)$$

$$\dot{A}(t) = (r_v - \delta_A - \delta X(t))A(t) - \gamma \int_0^r A(t - \tau) d\pi_2(\tau) + p(V, T)$$

$$\dot{C}(t) = (r_c - \delta_C - \delta X(t))C(t) + \gamma \int_0^r A(t - \tau) d\pi_2(\tau)$$

$$\dot{T}(t) = (r_u - \delta_u - \delta X(t))T(t) - p(V, T) + S$$

where $C(t) = E_2 \{C(t; \tau)\} = \int_0^r C(t; \tau) d\pi_2(\tau)$, $A =$ acute cells

$$V(t) = V_A(t) + V_C(t), \quad V_A(t) = E_1 \{V_A(t; \tau)\} = \int_0^r V_A(t; \tau) d\pi_1(\tau)$$

$\pi_1 \leftrightarrow$ delay from acute infection to viral production

$\pi_2 \leftrightarrow$ delay from acute infection to chronic infection

$T =$ target cells, $X =$ total (infected+uninfected) cells 20

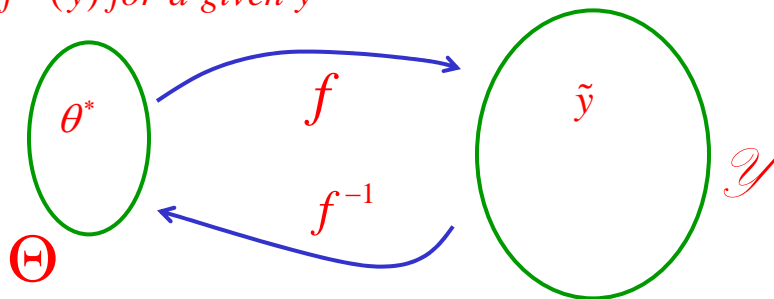
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The problems above are (as are most others) notoriously *ill-posed!!* This concept is difficult to explain in the context of the problems outlined above—so we turn to some exceedingly simple examples to illustrate the ideas behind *well-posedness!* *Simplest case:*

one observation – \tilde{y} for $f(\theta)$ – and need to find preimage $\theta^ = f^{-1}(\tilde{y})$ for a given \tilde{y}*



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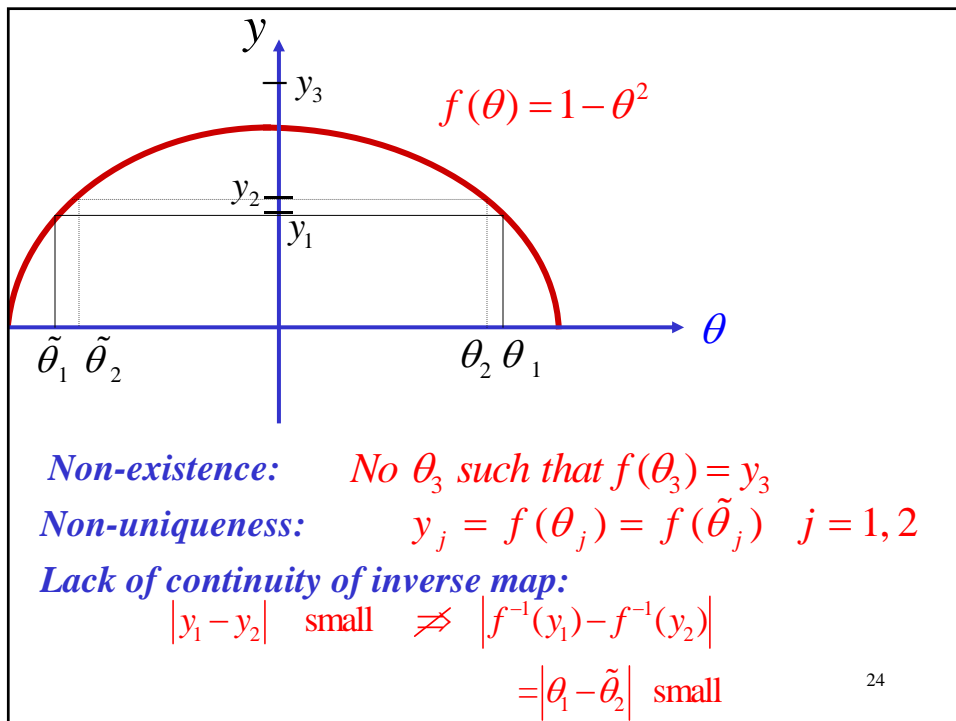
Well-posedness:

i. Existence }
i. Uniqueness } *Identifiability*

ii. Continuous dependence of solutions on observations

“stability” of inverse problem

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Why is this so important???

Why not just apply a good numerical algorithm for a least squares (for example) fit to try to find the “best” possible solution???? (Seldom expect zero residual!!)

Define $J(\theta) = |y_1 - f(\theta)|^2$ for a given y_1

and then apply a standard iterative method to obtain a solution!!

Iterative methods:

1) Direct search (simplex, Nelder-Mead,.....)

2) Gradient based (Newton, steepest descent, conjugate gradient,.....)

e.g., Newton: $\theta^{k+1} = \theta^k - [J'(\theta^k)]^{-1} J(\theta^k)$ (for $J(\theta^*) = 0$)

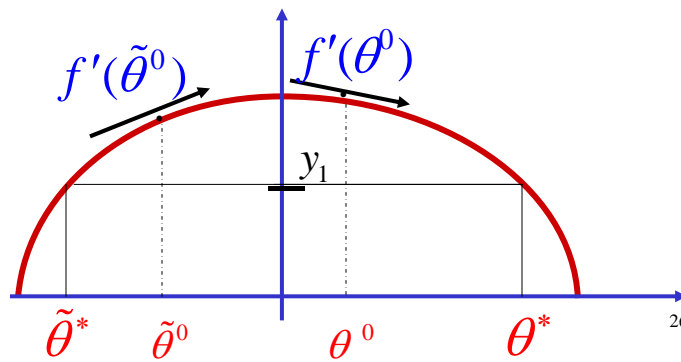
or $\theta^{k+1} = \theta^k - [J''(\theta^k)]^{-1} J'(\theta^k)$ (for $J'(\theta^*) = 0$)²⁵

$$\theta^{k+1} = \theta^k - \lambda J'(\theta^k) \quad (\lambda > 0: \text{steepest descent})$$

For $J(\theta) = |y_1 - f(\theta)|^2$, $J'(\theta) = 2(y_1 - f(\theta))(-f'(\theta))$

$J'(\theta^0) = 2(-)(- -) < 0$, $\Rightarrow \theta^1 > \theta^0$, etc.

$J'(\tilde{\theta}^0) = 2(-)(- +) > 0$, $\Rightarrow \tilde{\theta}^1 < \tilde{\theta}^0$, etc.



This behavior is not the fault of steepest descent algorithms, but is a manifestation of the inherent “ill-posedness” of the problem!!

How to fix this is the subject of much research over the past 40 years!! Among topics are:

- i) *constrained optimization* { explicit(compact constraint sets)
implicit(Lagrange multipliers)
- ii) *regularization* { a) Tikhonov regularization(1963)
(compactification, convexification)
b) regularization by discretization

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Tikhonov regularization

Idea: Problem for $J(\theta) = |y_1 - f(\theta)|^2$ is ill-posed, so replace it by a "near-by" problem for

$$J_\beta(\theta) = |y_1 - f(\theta)|^2 + \beta|\theta - \theta_0|^2$$

where β is a regularization parameter to be "appropriately chosen" !!

PRO: When done correctly, provides convexity and compactness in the problem!

CON: Even when done correctly, it **changes the problem** and solutions to the new problems may not be close to those of original! Moreover, it is not easy to do correctly or even to know if you have done so!!

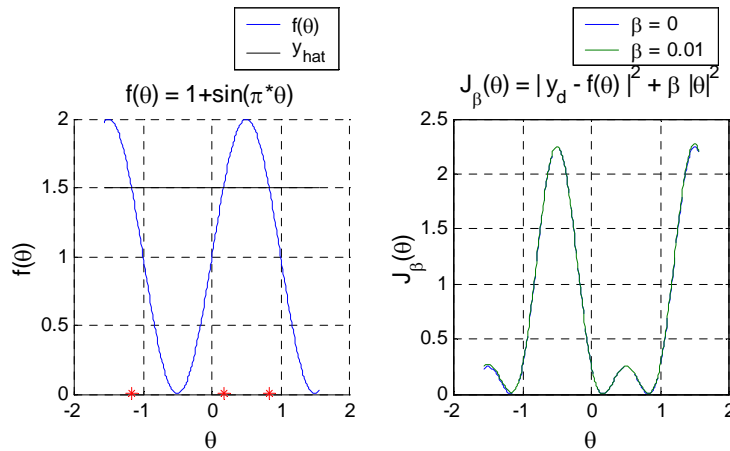
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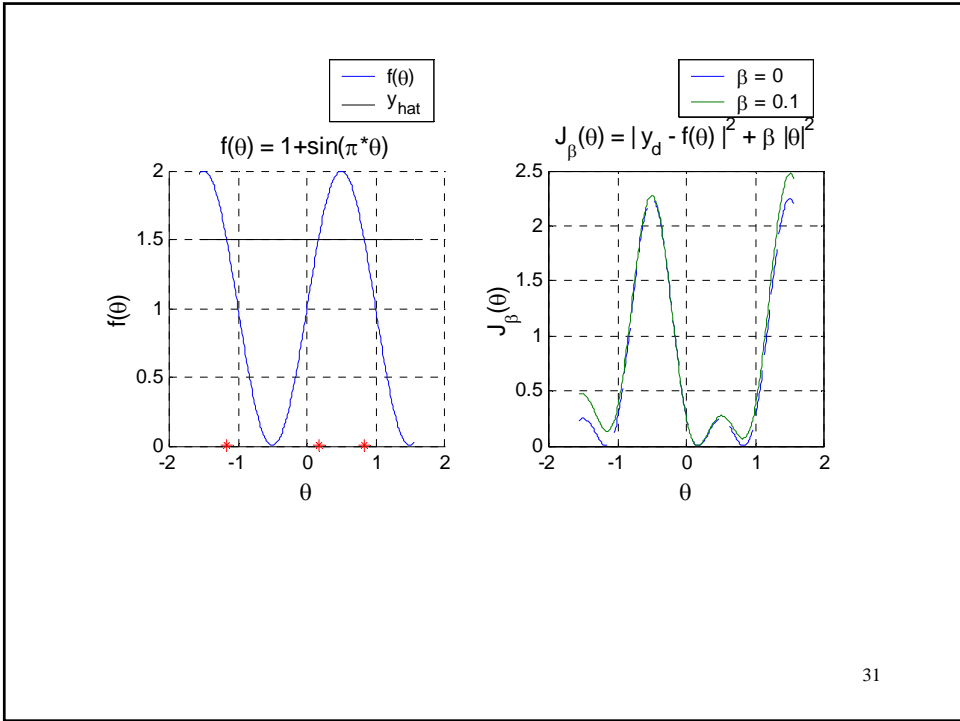
EXAMPLE:

$f(\theta) = 1 + \alpha \sin(\pi\theta)$, β ranging from $\beta = 0$ to 100 thru values 0, .01, ..., 1.0, ..., 10, ..., 40, ..., 80, 100, several values of α , θ_0 , and y_1

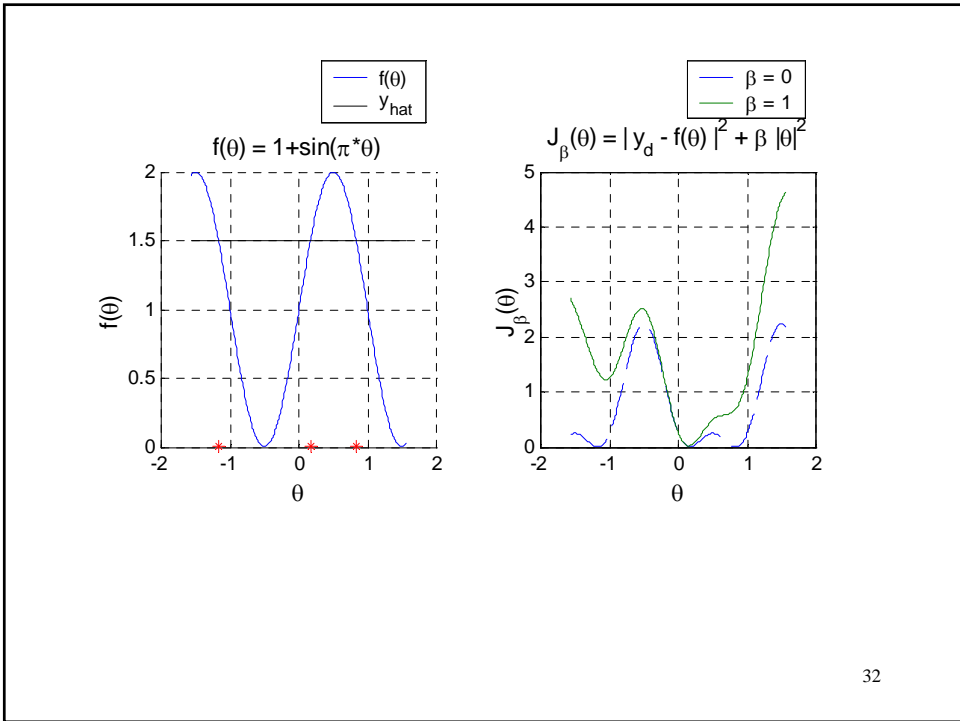
- 1) $\alpha=1, y_1 = 1.5, \theta_0 = 0$ (tik)*
- 2) $\alpha=.5, y_1 = .8, \theta_0 = 0$ (tik1)
- 3) $\alpha=.5, y_1 = 1.6$ (not in range of f), $\theta_0 = 0$ (tik2)*
- 4) $\alpha=1, y_1 = 1.5, \theta_0 = 1.0$ (tik4)
- 5) $\alpha = 1, y_1 = 1.5, \theta_0 = 1.8$ (tik6)*
- 6) $\alpha = 1, y_1 = 1.5, \theta_0 = .5$ (tik7)*
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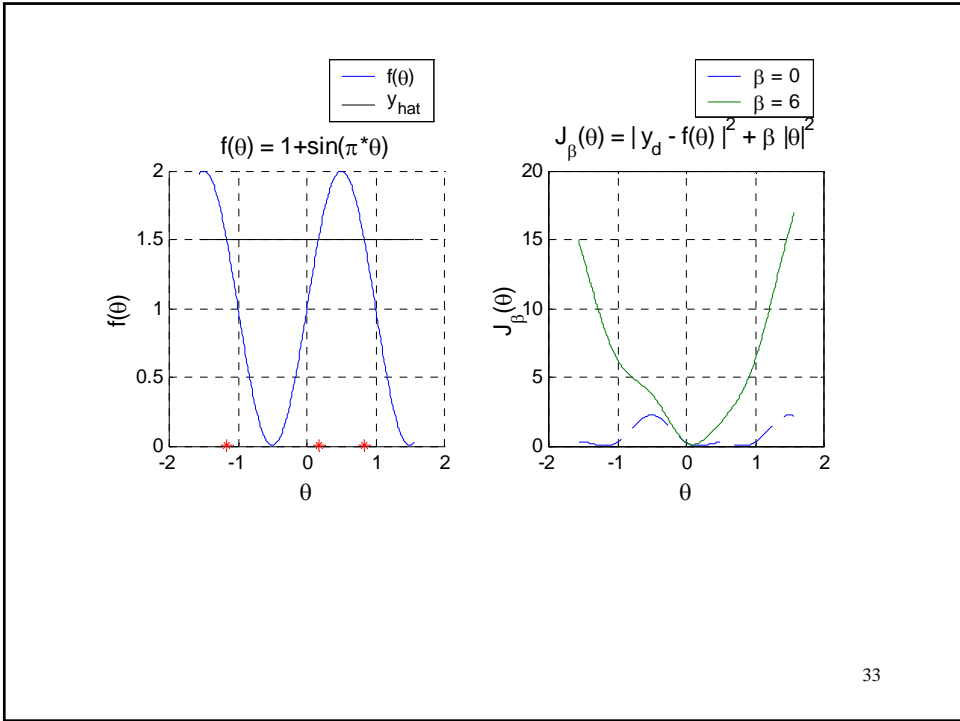




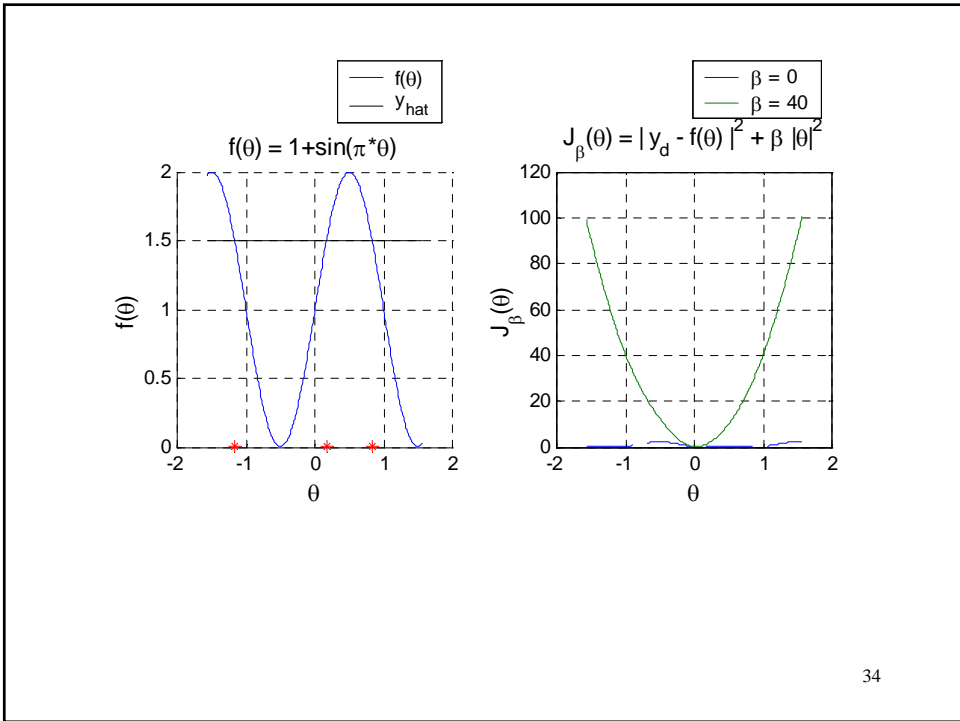
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SENSITIVITY

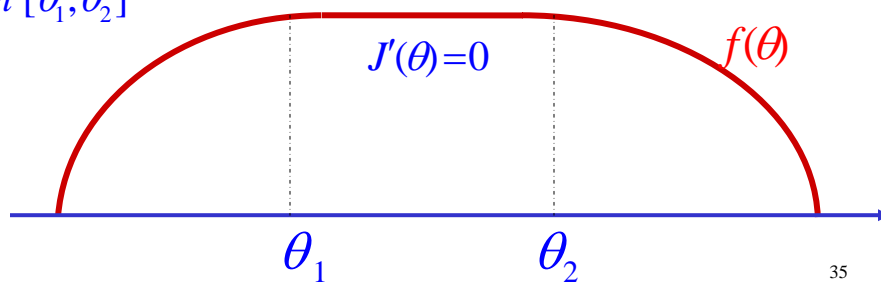
How does $f(t, \theta) = \mathcal{E} z(t, \theta)$ change with respect to θ and how does this affect the effort to minimize

$$J(\theta) = |y_1 - f(\theta)|^2 \quad ??$$

Recall that $J'(\theta) = 2(y_1 - f(\theta))(-f'(\theta))$ and steepest descent

$\theta^{k+1} = \theta^k - \lambda J'(\theta^k)$ stalls for initial values

in $[\theta_1, \theta_2]$



So we are interested in $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} = \mathcal{E} \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta}$

which is obtained from general sensitivity theory:

Example: For $\frac{dz}{dt} = g(t, z, \theta)$, we find $s(t) \equiv$

$$\frac{\partial z(t, \theta^*)}{\partial \theta} \text{ satisfies } \frac{ds(t)}{dt} = \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \right)^* s(t) + \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial \theta} \right)^*$$

where $\left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \right)^* = \frac{\partial g}{\partial z}(t, z(t, \theta^*), \theta^*)$,

$$\left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial \theta} \right)^* = \frac{\partial g}{\partial \theta}(t, z(t, \theta^*), \theta^*)$$

APPROXIMATION/COMPUTATIONAL ISSUES

As we have noted, most observations have the form

$$f(t, \theta) = \mathcal{C} z(t, \theta),$$

where z is the solution of an ordinary or partial differential equation. In general, one cannot obtain these solutions in closed form even if θ is given.

*Thus one must turn to **approximations and computational solutions.***

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For example, in the case of z satisfying an ODE

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = g(t, z, \theta),$$

*one can apply **finite difference techniques** to discretize the system, obtaining an algebraic system for $z_k^N \approx z(t_k)$ given by*

$$z_{k+1}^N = g^N(z_0^N, z_1^N, \dots, z_k^N, \theta).$$

*e.g., **Runge–Kutta, predictor–corrector, stiff methods of Gear***

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Thus, one must use

$$f_k^N(\theta) = e^{z_k^N(\theta)}$$

in

$$J^N(\theta) = \sum_{j=1}^n |\tilde{y}_j - f_j^N(\theta)|^2$$

which yields solutions $\hat{\theta}^N$.

Question: What is relationship of $\hat{\theta}^N$ to $\hat{\theta}$???

Convergence, preservation of stability, sensitivity, well posedness, etc., of problems, solutions ???

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In the case of partial differential equation systems, one can introduce finite difference or finite element approximations.

Example: Finite elements ("linear elements") in dispersion equations – heat, population dispersal, molecular diffusion, etc.

$$\frac{\partial u(t, x)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\theta(x) \frac{\partial u(t, x)}{\partial x} \right) + F(t, x)$$

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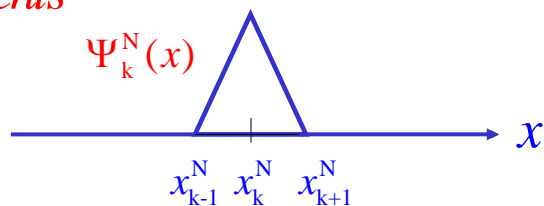
Idea: Look for approximate solutions of the form

$$u^N(t, x) = \sum_{k=1}^N z_k^N(t) \Psi_k^N(x)$$

for a given set of basis elements $\{\Psi_k^N\}_{k=1}^N$, leading to a system for $z^N(t) = (z_1^N(t), z_2^N(t), \dots, z_N^N(t))$ to be used in $f^N(t, \theta) = \mathcal{C}^N z^N(t, \theta)$.

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Linear Elements



leads to finite dimensional system

$$\frac{dz^N(t)}{dt} = \mathcal{A}^N(\theta) z^N(t) + \mathcal{F}^N(t)$$

where

$$\mathcal{A}^N(\theta) = \left(\int \theta(x) \Psi_i^N(x)' \Psi_j^N(x)' dx \right)$$

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Finite elements generally result in large (dimension ~ 10,000-20,000) approximating systems!! These can be extremely time consuming in inverse problem calculations. So there is great interest in *model reduction techniques* that will result in substantial reduction in time! One such technique (*Proper Orthogonal Decomposition*), has been successfully used in eddy current based NDE examples

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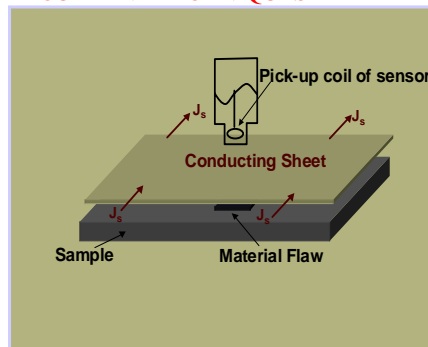
DAMAGE DETECTION USING EDDY CURRENT TECHNIQUES

GOALS

Develop fast on-line computational methods for use with highly sensitive magnetic flux sensors in detection of subsurface damages

SIGNIFICANCE

Development of portable, real time scanning devices for damage detection in conductive materials. Potential for fast scanners for nondestructive evaluation in aging aircraft, spacecraft and other structures



Using measurements of the magnetic flux vector \mathbf{A} ,

determine any voids in the material (characterized by $\sigma = 0$) where

$$\nabla \times \left(\frac{1}{\mu(x, y)} \nabla \times \mathbf{A}(x, y) \right) = (\sigma(x, y) + i\omega\epsilon(x, y))(-i\omega\mathbf{A}(x, y) - \nabla\phi) \quad \forall (x, y) \in \Omega,$$

$$I_{cs} = \int_{cs} (\sigma(x, y) + i\omega\epsilon(x, y))(-i\omega\mathbf{A}(x, y) - \nabla\phi) \cdot \mathbf{n} da \quad \forall (x, y) \in cs$$

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SUMMARY REMARKS

1. Two classes of problems (model/design driven-no data, and data driven)
2. In both classes, may need to introduce ***variability/uncertainty*** (recall PBPK, HIV examples) even when considering simple case of a single individual
3. If design/model driven efforts are successful (recall eddy current NDE example), most likely will lead to ***validation experiments, data***, and necessitate development of ***statistical models***
4. There are significant issues, challenges, and methodology (well-posedness, regularization, approximation/computation, model reduction, etc.) that are important to consider in both classes of problems!

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