

MULTI-INNOVATION STOCHASTIC GRADIENT ALGORITHM FOR MULTI-INPUT OUTPUT-ERROR SYSTEMS USING THE FILTERING TECHNIQUE

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ABSTRACT. *This paper discusses the identification problem of multi-input output-error moving average systems. A filtering based multi-innovation stochastic gradient algorithm is derived by using the filtering technique and the multi-innovation identification theory. The simulation results confirm that the proposed algorithm can generate highly accurate parameter estimates compared with the multi-innovation stochastic gradient algorithm.*

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1. **Introduction.** System identification is the methodology of modeling and identification of systems [1, 2, 3]. Many physical systems have multiple inputs and multiple outputs in industrial processes [4, 5, 6], so much work has been performed on the study of modeling and identification of multivariable systems [7, 8, 9]. Recently, Nasirin et al. studied an adaptive scheme of designing sliding mode control for a class of multi-input multi-output nonlinear systems [10]. Tao provided some fundamental theoretical aspects and technical issues of multivariable adaptive control [11].

Many parameter estimation methods have been developed for multivariable systems [12, 13, 14], e.g., the recursive parameter estimation algorithms [15, 16, 17], the auxiliary model identification methods [18, 19, 20], and the iterative identification methods [21, 22, 23].

The multi-innovation identification theory has been proved to be effective in the field of system identification [24, 25, 26]. Many research results have been performed for linear regression systems [27], and nonlinear systems [28, 29, 30]. The main role is to improve the parameter estimation accuracy by expanding a scalar innovation to an innovation vector. The filtering technique is another effective method to improve the convergence rates and the parameter estimation accuracy [31]. By adopting the filtering technique and the multi-innovation identification theory, this paper discusses the identification problem for multi-input output-error moving average (OEMA) systems and presents a data filtering based multi-innovation extended stochastic gradient (F-MI-ESG) identification algorithm. Compared with the multi-innovation extended stochastic gradient (MI-ESG) identification algorithm, the F-MI-ESG algorithm can obtain more accurate parameter estimates.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. Section 2 discusses the identification model of multi-input OEMA systems. Section 3 presents a data filtering based multi-innovation extended stochastic gradient algorithm. Section 4 provides an illustrative example. Finally, Section 5 gives some concluding remarks.

2. The System Description and Identification Model. Consider the multi-input OEMA system:

$$y(t) = \sum_{j=1}^r \frac{B_j(q)}{A_j(q)} u_j(t) + D(q)v(t), \tag{1}$$

where $u_j(t) \in \mathbb{R}$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, r$, are the inputs, $y(t) \in \mathbb{R}$ is the system output, $v(t) \in \mathbb{R}$ is the random white noise with zero mean and variance σ^2 , and $A_j(q)$, $B_j(q)$ and $D(q)$ are polynomials in the unit backward shift operator q^{-1} with

$$\begin{aligned} A_j(q) &:= 1 + a_{j1}q^{-1} + a_{j2}q^{-2} + \dots + a_{jn_j}q^{-n_j}, \\ B_j(q) &:= b_{j1}q^{-1} + b_{j2}q^{-2} + \dots + b_{jn_j}q^{-n_j}, \\ D(q) &:= 1 + d_1q^{-1} + d_2q^{-2} + \dots + d_{n_d}q^{-n_d}. \end{aligned}$$

Assume that the orders n_j and n_d are known, $y(t) = 0$, $u_j(t) = 0$ and $v(t) = 0$ as $t < 0$, and a_{ji} , b_{ji} and d_j are the unknown parameters to be identified from available input-output data $\{u_1(t), u_2(t), \dots, u_r(t), y(t)\}$.

We use a linear filter $D^{-1}(q)$ to filter the input-output data. Define the filtered input $u_{jf}(t)$, the filtered noise-free output $x_{jf}(t)$ and the filtered output $y_f(t)$ as

$$u_{jf}(t) := D^{-1}(q)u_j(t) = - \sum_{i=1}^{n_d} d_i u_{jf}(t-i) + u_j(t), \tag{2}$$

$$x_{jf}(t) := \frac{B_j(q)}{A_j(q)} u_{jf}(t) = - \sum_{i=1}^{n_j} a_{ji} x_{jf}(t-i) + \sum_{i=1}^{n_j} b_{ji} u_{jf}(t-i), \tag{3}$$

$$y_f(t) := D^{-1}(q)y(t) = - \sum_{i=1}^{n_d} d_i y_f(t-i) + y(t). \tag{4}$$

Multiplying both sides of (1) by $D^{-1}(q)$, Equation (1) can be expressed as

$$y_f(t) = \sum_{j=1}^r x_{jf}(t) + v(t) = - \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{i=1}^{n_j} a_{ji} x_{jf}(t-i) + \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{i=1}^{n_j} b_{ji} u_{jf}(t-i) + v(t). \tag{5}$$

Substituting (5) into (4), we can obtain

$$y(t) = - \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{i=1}^{n_j} a_{ji} x_{jf}(t-i) + \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{i=1}^{n_j} b_{ji} u_{jf}(t-i) + \sum_{i=1}^{n_d} d_i y_f(t-i) + v(t). \tag{6}$$

Let the superscript T denote the vector/matrix transpose. Define the filtered information vectors

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\varphi}_f(t) &:= [\boldsymbol{\phi}_{1f}^T(t), \boldsymbol{\phi}_{2f}^T(t), \dots, \boldsymbol{\phi}_{rf}^T(t), y_f(t-1), y_f(t-2), \dots, y_f(t-n_d)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^n, \\ \boldsymbol{\phi}_{jf}(t) &:= [-x_{jf}(t-1), \dots, -x_{jf}(t-n_j), u_{jf}(t-1), \dots, u_{jf}(t-n_j)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{2n_j}, \end{aligned}$$

and the parameter vectors

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\theta} &:= [\boldsymbol{\vartheta}_1^T, \boldsymbol{\vartheta}_2^T, \dots, \boldsymbol{\vartheta}_r^T, \mathbf{d}^T]^T \in \mathbb{R}^n, \\ \boldsymbol{\vartheta}_j &:= [a_{j1}, a_{j2}, \dots, a_{jn_j}, b_{j1}, b_{j2}, \dots, b_{jn_j}]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{2n_j}, \\ \mathbf{d} &:= [d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{n_d}]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n_d}. \end{aligned}$$

Equations (3) and (6) can be rewritten as

$$x_{jf}(t) = \boldsymbol{\phi}_{jf}^T(t) \boldsymbol{\vartheta}_j(t), \tag{7}$$

$$y(t) = \boldsymbol{\varphi}_f^T(t) \boldsymbol{\theta} + v(t). \tag{8}$$

Equation (8) is the identification model of the multi-input OEMA system in (1), and contains all the parameters in $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ to be identified.

3. The Data Filtering Based Multi-Innovation Stochastic Gradient Identification Algorithm. The focus of this paper is to combine the multi-innovation identification theory and the filtering technique to improve the parameter estimation accuracy of the stochastic gradient identification algorithm. Note that the filtered variables $u_{jf}(t)$, $x_{jf}(t)$ and $y_f(t)$ in the information vector $\varphi_f(t)$ are all unknown, so the stochastic gradient algorithm cannot be applied to obtain the estimate of θ directly. We use the estimates $\hat{u}_{jf}(t)$, $\hat{x}_{jf}(t)$ and $\hat{y}_f(t)$ to construct the estimate of $\hat{\varphi}_f(t)$ [32]. The details are as follows.

Let $\hat{\theta}(t)$, $\hat{\vartheta}_j(t)$ and $\hat{d}(t)$ be the estimates of θ , ϑ_j and d at time t . Replacing $\phi_{jf}(t)$ and ϑ_j in (7) with their estimates $\hat{\phi}_{jf}(t)$ and $\hat{\vartheta}_j(t)$, the estimate of $x_{jf}(t)$ can be computed by

$$\hat{x}_{jf}(t) = \hat{\phi}_{jf}^T(t)\hat{\vartheta}_j(t).$$

Use $\hat{d}(t) := [\hat{d}_1(t), \hat{d}_2(t), \dots, \hat{d}_{n_d}(t)]^T$ to construct the estimate $\hat{D}(t, q)$ of the polynomial $D(q)$:

$$\hat{D}(t, q) := 1 + \hat{d}_1(t)q^{-1} + \hat{d}_2(t)q^{-2} + \dots + \hat{d}_{n_d}(t)q^{-n_d},$$

and the estimates $\hat{y}_f(t)$ and $\hat{u}_{jf}(t)$ can be obtained by filtering the input-output data with $\hat{D}^{-1}(t, q)$:

$$\hat{y}_f(t) := \hat{D}^{-1}(t, q)y(t) = [-\hat{y}_f(t-1), -\hat{y}_f(t-2), \dots, -\hat{y}_f(t-n_d)]\hat{d}(t) + y(t),$$

$$\hat{u}_{jf}(t) := \hat{D}^{-1}(t, q)u_{jf}(t) = [-\hat{u}_{jf}(t-1), -\hat{u}_{jf}(t-2), \dots, -\hat{u}_{jf}(t-n_d)]\hat{d}(t) + u_j(t).$$

Then the estimate $\hat{\varphi}_f(t)$ can be constructed by the estimates $\hat{x}_{jf}(t-i)$, $\hat{u}_{jf}(t-i)$ and $\hat{y}_f(t)$:

$$\hat{\varphi}_f(t) := [\hat{\phi}_{1f}^T(t), \hat{\phi}_{2f}^T(t), \dots, \hat{\phi}_{rf}^T(t), \hat{y}_f(t-1), \hat{y}_f(t-2), \dots, \hat{y}_f(t-n_d)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

$$\hat{\phi}_{jf}(t) := [-\hat{x}_{jf}(t-1), \dots, -\hat{x}_{jf}(t-n_j), \hat{u}_{jf}(t-1), \dots, \hat{u}_{jf}(t-n_j)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{2n_j}.$$

By defining and minimizing the quadratic criterion function

$$J(\theta) := E \left[\|y(t) - \hat{\varphi}_f^T(t)\theta\|^2 \right],$$

We can obtain the following extended stochastic gradient algorithm for estimating θ based on the data filtering (the F-ESG algorithm for short):

$$\hat{\theta}(t) = \hat{\theta}(t-1) + \frac{\hat{\varphi}_f(t)}{r(t)}e(t), \tag{9}$$

$$e(t) = y(t) - \hat{\varphi}_f^T(t)\hat{\theta}(t-1), \tag{10}$$

$$r(t) = r(t-1) + \|\hat{\varphi}_f(t)\|^2, \quad r(0) = 1. \tag{11}$$

In order to improve the parameter estimation accuracy of the F-ESG algorithm, we expand the scalar innovation $e(t) \in \mathbb{R}$ to an innovation vector $\mathbf{E}(p, t) \in \mathbb{R}^p$ by adopting the multi-innovation identification theory. Define the innovation vector

$$\mathbf{E}(p, t) := \begin{bmatrix} y(t) - \hat{\varphi}_f^T(t)\hat{\theta}(t-1) \\ y(t-1) - \hat{\varphi}_f^T(t-1)\hat{\theta}(t-1) \\ \vdots \\ y(t-p+1) - \hat{\varphi}_f^T(t-p+1)\hat{\theta}(t-1) \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^p,$$

where p represents the innovation length. Referring to the method in [33], we can summarize the data filtering based multi-innovation extended stochastic gradient (F-MI-ESG) algorithm as

$$\hat{\theta}(t) = \hat{\theta}(t-1) + \frac{\hat{\Phi}_f(p, t)}{r(t)}\mathbf{E}(p, t), \tag{12}$$

$$\mathbf{E}(p, t) = \hat{\mathbf{Y}}(p, t) - \hat{\Phi}_f(p, t)\hat{\theta}(t-1), \tag{13}$$

$$r(t) = r(t - 1) + \left\| \hat{\Phi}_f(p, t) \right\|^2, \quad r(0) = 1, \tag{14}$$

$$\mathbf{Y}(p, t) = [y(t), y(t - 1), \dots, y(t - p + 1)]^T, \tag{15}$$

$$\hat{\Phi}_f(p, t) = [\hat{\varphi}_f(t), \hat{\varphi}_f(t - 1), \dots, \hat{\varphi}_f(t - p + 1)]^T, \tag{16}$$

$$\hat{\varphi}_f(t) = \left[\hat{\phi}_{1f}^T(t), \hat{\phi}_{2f}^T(t), \dots, \hat{\phi}_{rf}^T(t), \hat{y}_f(t - 1), \hat{y}_f(t - 2), \dots, \hat{y}_f(t - n_d) \right]^T, \tag{17}$$

$$\hat{\phi}_{jf}(t) = [-\hat{x}_{jf}(t - 1), \dots, -\hat{x}_{jf}(t - n_j), \hat{u}_{jf}(t - 1), \dots, \hat{u}_{jf}(t - n_j)]^T, \tag{18}$$

$$\hat{y}_f(t) = [-\hat{y}_f(t - 1), -\hat{y}_f(t - 2), \dots, -\hat{y}_f(t - n_d)] \hat{\mathbf{d}}(t) + y(t), \tag{19}$$

$$\hat{u}_{jf}(t) = [-\hat{u}_{jf}(t - 1), -\hat{u}_{jf}(t - 2), \dots, -\hat{u}_{jf}(t - n_d)] \hat{\mathbf{d}}(t) + u_j(t), \tag{20}$$

$$\hat{x}_{jf}(t) = \hat{\phi}_{jf}^T(t) \hat{\boldsymbol{\vartheta}}_j(t), \tag{21}$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(t) = \left[\hat{\boldsymbol{\vartheta}}_1^T(t), \hat{\boldsymbol{\vartheta}}_2^T(t), \dots, \hat{\boldsymbol{\vartheta}}_r^T(t), \hat{\mathbf{d}}^T(t) \right]^T. \tag{22}$$

When $p = 1$, we can obtain the F-ESG algorithm in (9)-(11). That is, the F-ESG algorithm is a special case of the F-MI-ESG algorithm. The steps of computing the parameter estimation vector $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(t)$ as t increases are as follows.

1. Initialize and choose p : let $t = 1$, $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(0) = \mathbf{1}_n/p_0$, $\hat{x}_{jf}(i) = 1/p_0$, $\hat{u}_{jf}(i) = 1/p_0$ and $\hat{y}_f(i) = 1/p_0$ for $i \leq 0$, $p_0 = 10^6$.
2. Collect the input-output data $\{u_j(t), y(t): j = 1, 2, \dots, r\}$.
3. Form $\hat{\phi}_{jf}(t)$ by (18), $\hat{\varphi}_f(t)$ by (17), and form $\mathbf{Y}(p, t)$ by (15), $\hat{\Phi}_f(p, t)$ by (16).
4. Compute $\mathbf{E}(p, t)$ and $r(t)$ using (13) and (14).
5. Update the parameter estimation vector $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(t)$ by (12).
6. Read $\hat{\mathbf{d}}(t)$ and $\hat{\boldsymbol{\vartheta}}_j(t)$ from $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(t)$ in (22).
7. Compute $\hat{u}_{jf}(t)$, $\hat{y}_f(t)$ and $\hat{x}_{jf}(t)$ by (20), (19) and (21), respectively.
8. Increase t by 1 and go to Step 2.

4. **Example.** Consider the following multi-input OEMA system:

$$y(t) = \frac{B_1(q)}{A_1(q)}u_1(t) + \frac{B_2(q)}{A_2(q)}u_2(t) + D(q)v(t),$$

$$A_1(q) = 1 + a_{11}q^{-1} + a_{12}q^{-2} = 1 - 0.23q^{-1} - 0.12q^{-2},$$

$$B_1(q) = b_{11}q^{-1} + b_{12}q^{-2} = 0.78q^{-1} + 0.45q^{-2},$$

$$A_2(q) = 1 + a_{21}q^{-1} + a_{22}q^{-2} = 1 + 0.26q^{-1} + 0.26q^{-2},$$

$$B_2(q) = b_{21}q^{-1} + b_{22}q^{-2} = 0.46q^{-1} + 1.00q^{-2},$$

$$D(q) = 1 + d_1q^{-1} + d_2q^{-2} = 1 + 0.06q^{-1} + 0.08q^{-2}.$$

The parameter vector to be estimated is

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} = [a_{11}, a_{12}, b_{11}, b_{12}, a_{21}, a_{22}, b_{21}, b_{22}, d_1, d_2]^T \tag{23}$$

$$= [-0.23, -0.12, 0.78, 0.45, 0.26, 0.26, 0.46, 1.00, 0.06, 0.08]^T. \tag{24}$$

In simulation, the inputs $\{u_1(t), u_2(t)\}$ are taken as two uncorrelated stochastic signal sequences with zero mean and unit variance, and $\{v(t)\}$ as a white noise sequence with zero mean and variance $\sigma^2 = 0.10^2$. We apply the MI-ESG algorithm and the F-MI-ESG algorithm to estimating the parameters of this system. The parameter estimates and errors are shown in Table 1 with $p = 10$, and the parameter estimation errors δ versus t are shown in Figure 1 with $p = 1, 2, 5, 10$.

From the simulation results in Table 1 and Figure 1, we can draw the conclusions that the parameter estimates given by the F-MI-ESG algorithm have higher accuracy than those given by the MI-ESG algorithm in the same situation. Increasing the innovation

TABLE 1. The MI-ESG and F-MI-ESG parameter estimates and errors

| Algorithms | t | a_{11} | a_{12} | b_{11} | b_{12} | a_{21} | a_{22} | b_{21} | b_{22} | d_1 | d_2 | δ (%) |
|-------------|------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------|---------|--------------|
| MI-ESG | 500 | -0.2268 | -0.1206 | 0.7822 | 0.4562 | 0.2646 | 0.2601 | 0.4565 | 0.9903 | 0.1259 | -0.1828 | 18.1441 |
| | 1000 | -0.2251 | -0.1212 | 0.7776 | 0.4537 | 0.2598 | 0.2593 | 0.4590 | 0.9898 | 0.1253 | -0.1793 | 17.9049 |
| | 2000 | -0.2225 | -0.1202 | 0.7784 | 0.4520 | 0.2594 | 0.2580 | 0.4599 | 0.9941 | 0.1248 | -0.1773 | 17.7628 |
| | 3000 | -0.2232 | -0.1214 | 0.7789 | 0.4517 | 0.2585 | 0.2583 | 0.4612 | 0.9987 | 0.1245 | -0.1761 | 17.6701 |
| F-MI-ESG | 500 | -0.2038 | -0.0974 | 0.7685 | 0.4495 | 0.2682 | 0.3076 | 0.4383 | 0.9383 | 0.0280 | 0.0269 | 7.2665 |
| | 1000 | -0.2042 | -0.1000 | 0.7707 | 0.4496 | 0.2717 | 0.3051 | 0.4483 | 0.9568 | 0.0252 | 0.0327 | 6.2654 |
| | 2000 | -0.2019 | -0.0987 | 0.7755 | 0.4494 | 0.2725 | 0.3045 | 0.4540 | 0.9709 | 0.0222 | 0.0320 | 5.9898 |
| | 3000 | -0.2020 | -0.0994 | 0.7772 | 0.4495 | 0.2716 | 0.3042 | 0.4562 | 0.9796 | 0.0233 | 0.0332 | 5.7072 |
| True values | | -0.2300 | -0.1200 | 0.7800 | 0.4500 | 0.2600 | 0.2600 | 0.4600 | 1.0000 | 0.0600 | 0.0800 | |

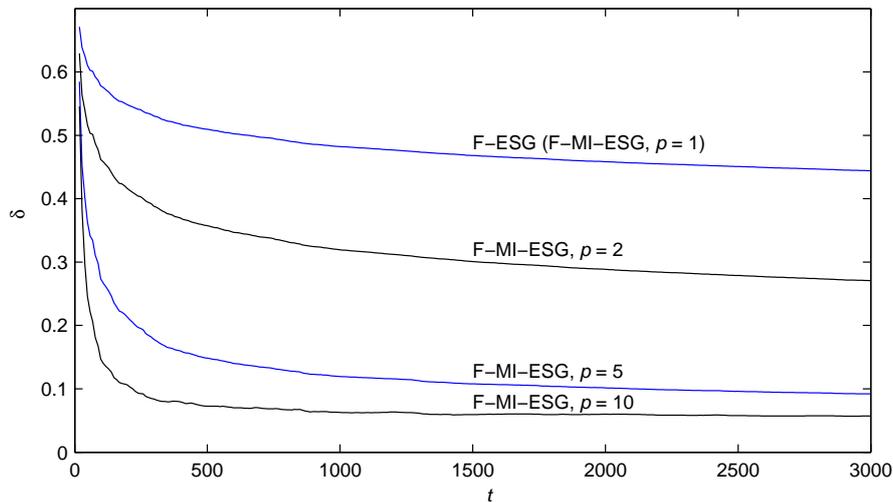


FIGURE 1. The estimation errors δ versus t

length p can improve the parameter estimation accuracy of the F-MI-ESG algorithm, that is we can obtain highly accurate estimates as the innovation length p increases.

5. Conclusions. By means of the filtering technique and the multi-innovation identification theory, a filtering based multi-innovation extended stochastic gradient algorithm is proposed. The simulation results show that the proposed F-MI-ESG algorithm provides more accurate parameter estimates than the MI-ESG algorithm for the same innovation length. In the future, the proposed algorithm in this paper can be extended to nonlinear models with colored noise, state space systems, sensor networks and feed back nonlinear systems.

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