

A principle of structure selection for models of dynamic systems

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1. Historical Background



\rightarrow on mathematical terms:

- Stability of the solution
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- Correct / Incorrect Setting up of Tasks
 - → Hadamard J.: Le problème de Cauchy et les equation aux dérivées partielles linéaires hyperboliques, Hermann P., 1932
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 - → Lange, T: New Structure Criteria in Group Method of Data Handling. Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1994



2. Historical Terms

- \rightarrow "Direct and Indirect" tasks
- → "Stability" and "Correctness" according to Hadamard
- → "Regularization" according to Tichonoff

Direct and Inverse Tasks:



Example: A v = yv and y are vectors whereby A is an operator (e.g. a matrix) Direct task: A and vgiven: searched for: V Indirect task: A and vector y measured (maybe inexactly) given: vector $v = \check{A}^{-1}v$ searched for: Operator A⁻¹ may be unstable and 2 discontinuous, respectively ! How to find a quantitative solution for ? v = R(y)

The stability of a quantitative solution and the correctness of the solution according to Hadamard.



*) Finding the solution to a quantitative task usually involves determining a solution 'v' from the given sets of data: y.

In other words: v=R(y)

**) Let us assume that y and v are elements of the metric spaces Y and F. The distances between two elements y_1 and y_2 in the metric space Y, and two elements v_1 and v_2 in the metric space F, are:

 $\rho_{Y}(y_1, y_2)$ and $\rho_{F}(v_1, v_2)$

Normally, metric is determined by practical conditions.

***) Let us assume that the term "solution" is defined and that every element ($y \in Y$) corresponds to the one and only solution v=R(y) from the space F.



The task of searching for the solution v=R(y) from the space F using the primary data $y \in Y$ is denoted **<u>stable</u>** in the spaces F and Y if for any number, $\varepsilon > 0$, it is possible to find such a number $\delta(\varepsilon) > 0$ so that the inequation

$$\rho_{Y}(y_{1}, y_{2}) \leq \delta(\varepsilon)$$

follows, so that

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$$\rho_F(v_1,v_2) \leq \varepsilon$$

whereby $v_1, v_2 \in Y$ and $v_1 = R(y_1), v_2 = R(y_2)$.



The task of determining a solution $v, v \in F$, from the space F, using the primary data, $y \in Y$, is regarded as <u>correct</u> for the pair of metric spaces F and Y if the following conditions are met:

- 1) For any element, $y \in Y$, there is a solution v from the space F.
- 2) The solution is clearly determined.
- 3) The solution is stable in spaces F and Y.

Points 1 and 2 characterize mathematical certainty and point 3 is connected to physical determinism and the possibility of the application of numerical methods for solving the task from inexact data.



Regularization Method according to Tichonoff:

 $R[y, A, \nu] = \rho_{y}^{2}(A\nu, y) + \alpha \cdot \Omega(\nu)$

 $\rho_{\rm Y}$ - distance in Y (metric)

will be minimized.

Whereby

 $\Omega(v)$ - stabilisation operator

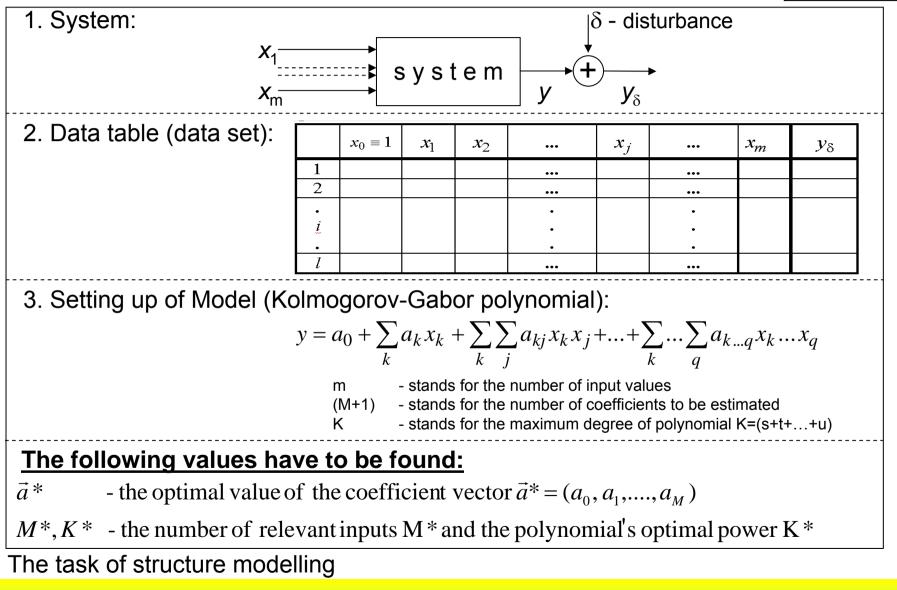
metric ρ and operator $\Omega(v)$ are determined by practical conditions.

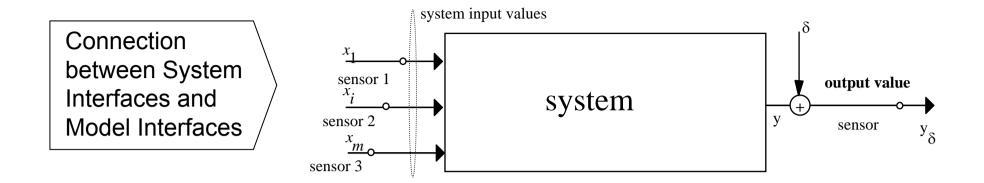


3. Setting up a task for the automatic selection of models

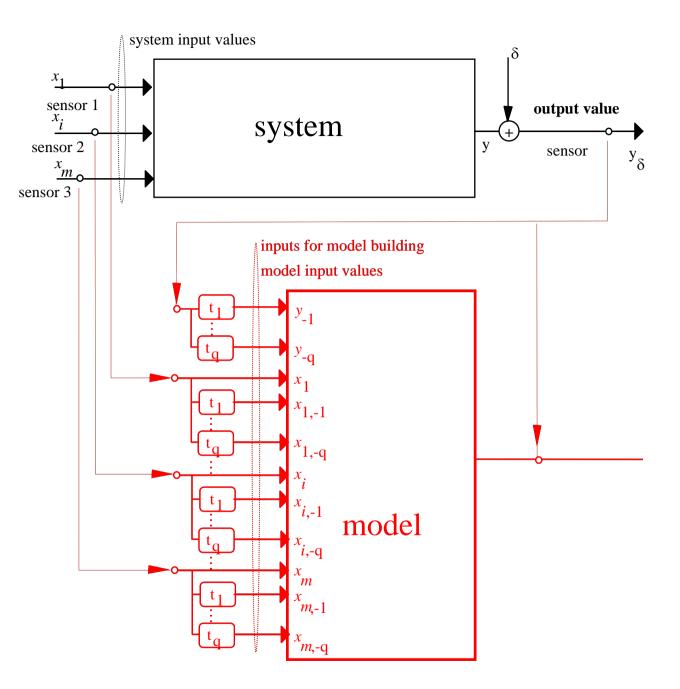
Selection of Model from Measured Data







Connection between System Interfaces and Model Interfaces





First Group:

Static characteristic:

$$y = f(x_1, x_2, ..., x_m)$$

Second Group:

Dynamic characteristic:

$$y_{k} = f(y_{k-1}, y_{k-2}, ..., y_{k-q}, x_{1,k}, x_{1,k-1}, ..., x_{1,k-q}, x_{2,k-1}, ..., x_{2,k-q}, ..., x_{m,k-1}, ..., x_{m,k-q})$$

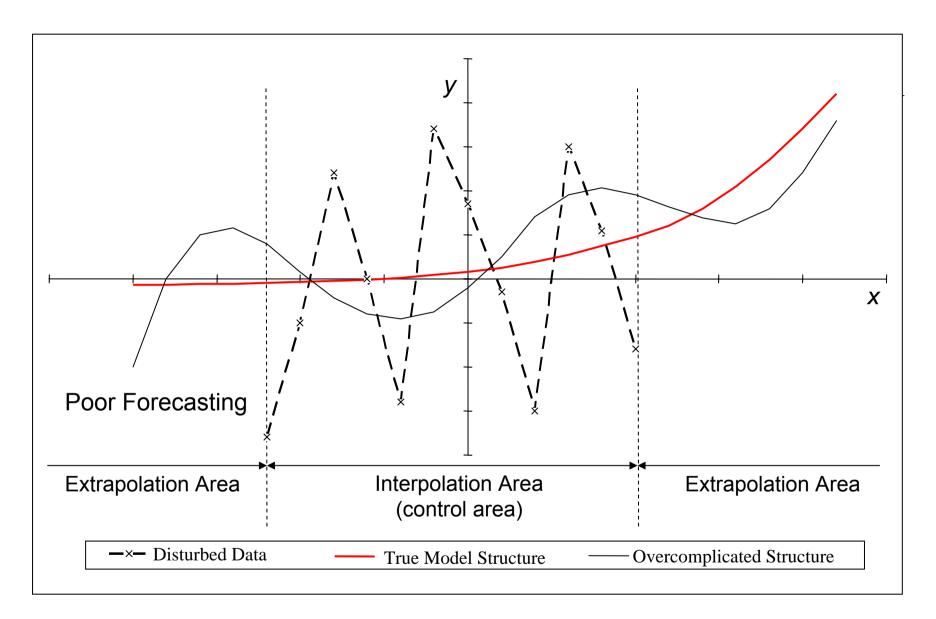
Third Group:

Autoregression:

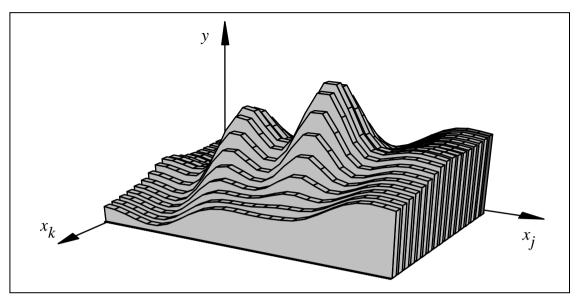
$$y_k = f(y_{k-1}, y_{k-2}, \dots, y_{k-q})$$



4. Problems arising when selecting models

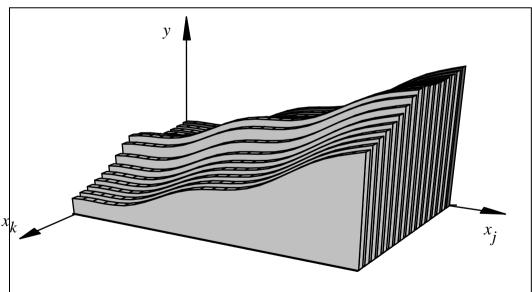


Comparison of a True and an Overcomplicated Model Structure





Regression Surface



Example of a Regression Surface in the case of a simplified structure

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Table of Possible Solutions

	$v_1 = \hat{\vec{a}}_1$	 $\mathbf{v}_j = \hat{\vec{a}}_i$	 $v_k = \hat{\vec{a}}_k$	 $v_L = \hat{\vec{a}}_L$	Ż
\hat{a}_0	2.43				1
\hat{a}_1	0				x_1
\hat{a}_j	1,7				x_r^i
\hat{a}_{j+1}	0				
					$x_m^2 x_k^3$
\hat{a}_M	0,5				x_m^K
Q_I corresponds to data set \vec{y}_I	Q_{I_1}	 $Q_{I_i}^*$	 Q_{I_k}	 Q_{I_L}	
Q_{II} corresponds to data set \vec{y}_{II}	\mathcal{Q}_{II_1}	 \mathcal{Q}_{II_i}	 $Q_{\Pi_k}^*$	 Q_{II_L}	

Discreet Solution to Structure Selection and Stability according to Hadamard.

Here are

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 $v_1, v_2, ..., v_L$ - different possible solutions in polynomial which are determined by vectors of the coefficients

a design vector

 $Q_1, Q_2, ..., Q_L$ - the values of the criterion for structure selection

In the case of a Euclid Metric the distance between the solutions (models) is determined as follows:

$$\rho(\mathbf{v}_{i},\mathbf{v}_{k}) = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^{M} (\hat{a}_{ij} - \hat{a}_{kj})^{2}}$$

or for two different data sets:

$$\rho(\mathbf{v}_{I},\mathbf{v}_{II}) = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^{M} (\hat{a}_{Ij} - \hat{a}_{IIj})^{2}}$$



Penalty is necessary for overcomplicated model structures !

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Main criterion:	Penalty criterion:			
$Q_{1} = \rho_{y}(v_{Measured}, \hat{v}) \to \min$ e.g.: $Q_{1} = \sum_{i=1}^{l} (y_{i} - \hat{a}_{0} - \hat{a}_{1}x_{1i} - \hat{a}_{2}x_{2i})^{2} \to \min$	$Q_2 = \rho_F(\nu_{Measured}, \hat{\nu}) \rightarrow \min$ e.g.: $Q_1 = \sum_{i=1}^M \hat{a}_i^2 \rightarrow \min$			
• Improves the Interpolation Capabilities of the Model	• Improves the Forecast Capabilities of the Model			
May lead to Overcomplicated Model Structure	• May lead to Simplified Model Structure			
• Reduces the Dispersion of the Model	• Reduces the Bias of the estimated result			
• Improves the Convergence of the Model according to the Output	• Improves the Convergence of the Model according to the Coefficients			
Improves the Efficiency of Estimation	• Improves the Robustness of Estimation			
• Corresponds to the Minimization of the Error of First Kind	•Corresponds to the Minimization of the Error of Second Kind			
 If the task is assigned correctly according to Hadamard: → Q₁ can be used on its own. 	 If the task is assigned <u>in</u>correctly according to Hadamard: → The stabilizing penalty functional Q₂ should be introduced. → Q₂ cannot be used without Q₁ 			

Comparison of Main and Penalty Criteria



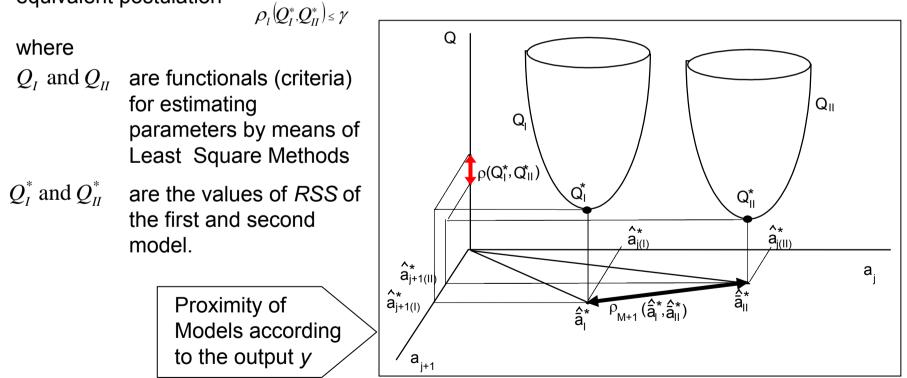
5. Introduction of a Regularization operator for automatic structure selection and the estimation of parameters

(1) With regard to the output *y*, two models $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{I}}$ and $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{II}}$ are near to each other (that means $\mathcal{P}_{R^{I}}(M_{I},M_{II}) \leq \mathcal{E}$, where ε is small). This corresponds to the convergence according to the output, when

 $\rho_l(y_l, y_l) \le \gamma$ and γ is small,

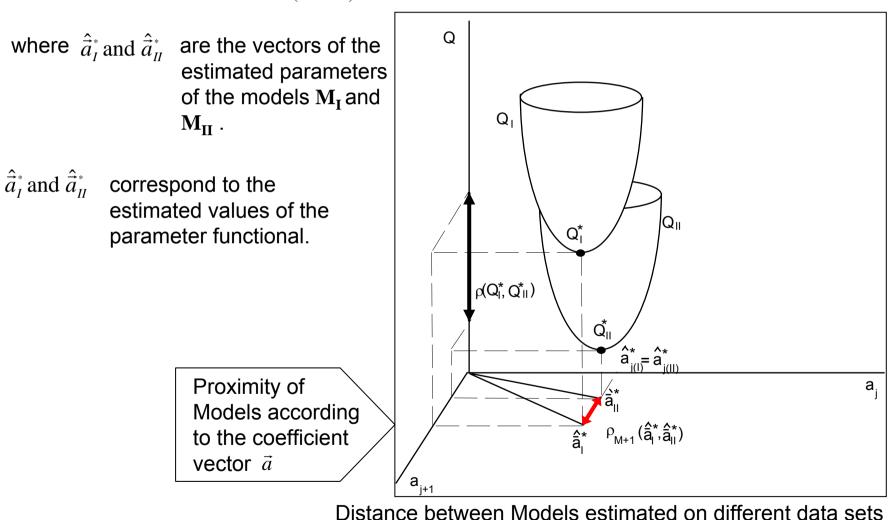
where $y_{\rm I}$ and $y_{\rm II}$ are output vectors of the models $\mathbf{M}_{\rm I}$ and $\mathbf{M}_{\rm II}$.

If ρ_l represents an *l*-dimensional Euclid Metric, then $\rho_l(y_l, y_u) \leq \gamma$ can be replaced by the equivalent postulation



Distance between models estimated on different data sets

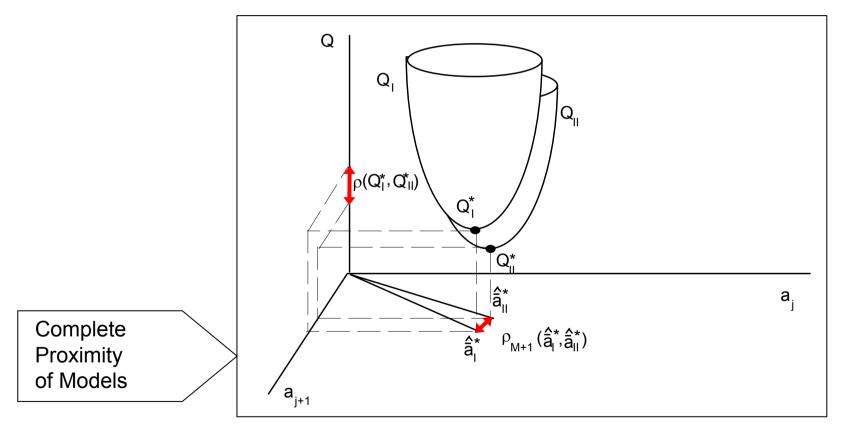
(2) Two models $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{I}}$ and $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{II}}$ are near to each other with regard to the <u>coefficient vector</u> \vec{a} (that means $\mathcal{P}_{R'}(\mathbf{M}_{I},\mathbf{M}_{II}) \leq \mathcal{E}$, where ε is small). This corresponds to the convergence according to the parameters, when



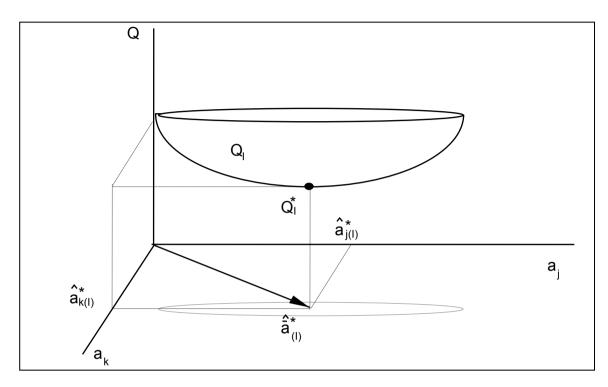
 $\rho_{M+1}\left(\hat{\vec{a}}_{(I)}^{*},\hat{\vec{a}}_{(II)}^{*}\right) \leq \xi \text{ and } \xi \text{ is small,}$

(3) The two models are really near to each other if the proximity of outputs y and parameters \vec{a} is guaranteed. The distance between two models is defined by the sum of distances between outputs and parameters:

$$\rho_l(y_I, y_{II}) < \gamma \text{ and } \rho_{M+1}(\hat{\vec{a}}_I^*, \hat{\vec{a}}_{II}^*) < \xi \iff \rho_{R^l}(M_{I,M_{II}}) < \varepsilon$$

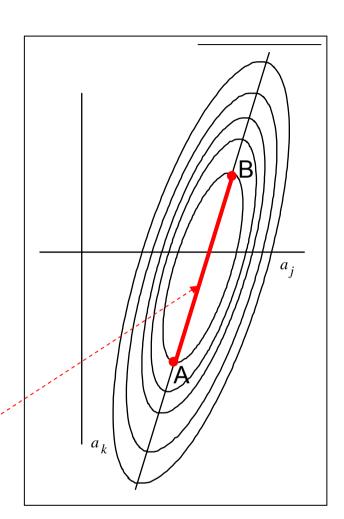


Distance between models estimated on different data sets



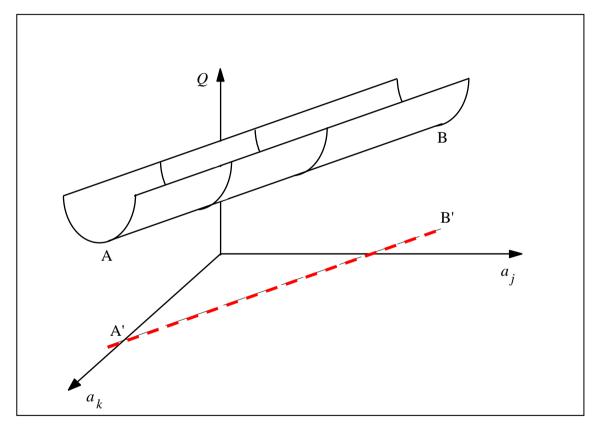
Virtual Instability of the Solution in the case of very flat functionals

The segment AB represents the area of possible solutions.



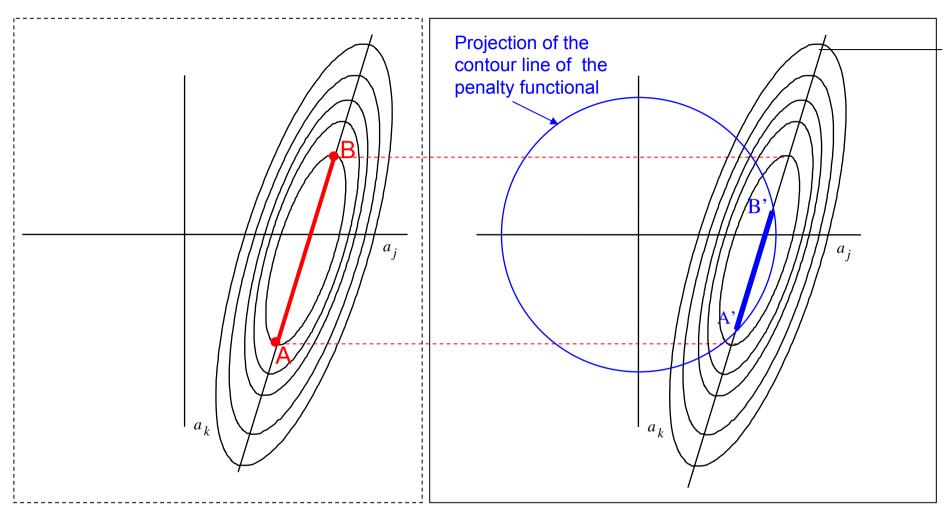
Projection of the contour lines of the functional in the case of an almost unstable solution.





A really unstable functional

The entire segment A'B' represents the area of possible solutions.



Limitation of the solution area using a penalty functional.

The segment A'B' represents the new (reduced) solution area.



6. LDUC – the Local Uncertainty Criterion



LDUC =
$$Q = Q_1 + Q_2 = tr \left[\rho_Y \left(\hat{\vec{y}}, \vec{y} \right) (x^T x)^{-1} \right] + \rho_F \left(\vec{a}_I, \vec{a}_{II} \right)$$

- $Q_1 = Q_m$ is the main criterion
- $\begin{pmatrix} x^T x \end{pmatrix}^{-1} & \text{- is a correlation matrix} \\ \rho_Y \left(\hat{\vec{y}}, \vec{y} \right) & \text{- is a metric in space Y but it transforms RRS into the space of coefficient F} \\ \rho_F \left(\vec{a}_I, \vec{a}_{II} \right) & \text{- is a measure of the stability of modelling in the}$
 - space F

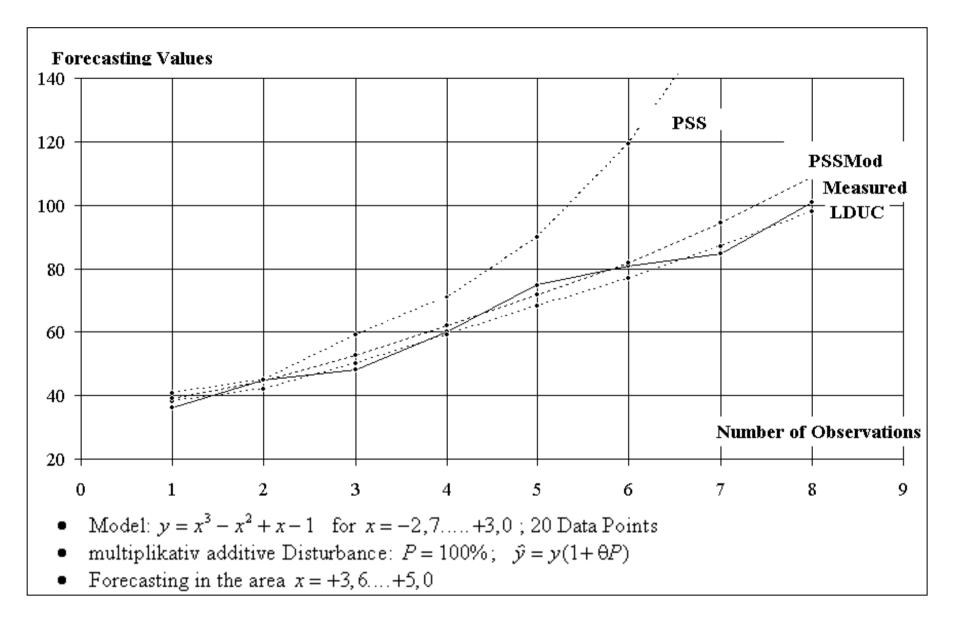


Example 1:

LDUC used for a Euclid Metric and a simple Data Validation

$$LDUC = tr\left[\frac{\sum_{i}^{B} (\hat{y}_{Bi} - y_{Bi})^{2}}{B - h} (\mathbf{X}_{B}^{T} \mathbf{X}_{B})^{-1}\right] + \sum_{j=1}^{h} (\hat{a}_{Aj} - \hat{a}_{Bj})^{2}$$

A + B = l	 is the sum of two data sets of different size (the original data set <i>l</i> has been subdivided into two parts A and B)
\hat{y}_B	 is the <u>calculated</u> response of model A (determined with the help of data set A) to the input data described by matrix X_B
${\mathcal Y}_B$	- is the <u>measured</u> response to the input data described by matrix \mathbf{X}_{B}
h	 is the number of coefficients within the model
$\hat{a}_{\scriptscriptstyle A},\hat{a}_{\scriptscriptstyle B}$	 are the coefficients estimated with the help of the two different data sets A and B for a given model structure



Example of the Forecast Properties of Different Structure Selection Criteria



Example 2:

LDUC used for a Gnostic Metric, Bootstrap and a Ridge Correction

$$LDUC_{Boot} = tr \left[\sqrt[4]{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{l} (\hat{E}_{Boot}(\hat{y}) - y_{i})^{2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{l} \frac{1}{(\hat{E}_{Boot}(\hat{y}) - y_{i})^{2}}} (\mathbf{X}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{X} + \alpha \mathbf{I})^{-1} \right] + \sqrt[4]{\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{M} (\hat{E}_{Boot}(\hat{a}_{j}) - \hat{a}_{j})^{2}}{\sum_{j=0}^{M} \frac{1}{(\hat{E}_{Boot}(\hat{a}_{j}) - \hat{a}_{j})^{2}}}}$$

whereby

- is the number of measured data points
- M is the number of coefficients within the model

 \hat{E}_{Boot} - is the estimation of the mathematical expectation of the evaluation value y



7. Summary and Outlook



Summary:

What is special about LDUC ?

1) $Q_2 = Q_p$ does not have a weighting coefficient.

Instead of using a weighting coefficient, additional information is obtained, for example, by **"Bootstrap"**.

- 2) In contrast to RSS criterion, $Q_2 = Q_m$ is transferred to the coefficient space F.
- Information for a kind of metric is obtained from the pracrical circumstances of the modelling. (a Gnostic metric may also be applied.)

Outlook:



Comparison of the three ways of creating criteria of a "**Penalty** nature" for modelling, clustering and recognition purposes:

1) Additive criteria (refer to Akaike, Broerson, Schwarz, et al.)

$$Q = Q_m + Q_p(l,h)$$

whereby

- *l* is the number of measured data points
- h is the number of terms (coefficients) of the model
- 2) Multiplicative criteria
 - → for modelling (refer to Fisher, Kondo, Mallow, Tamura, et al.)
 - \rightarrow for clustering
 - → for the restoration of functions (refer to Vapnik)

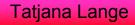
$$Q = Q_m \cdot Q_p \left(\frac{l}{h}\right)$$

3) Additive criteria (refer to Lange)

whereby

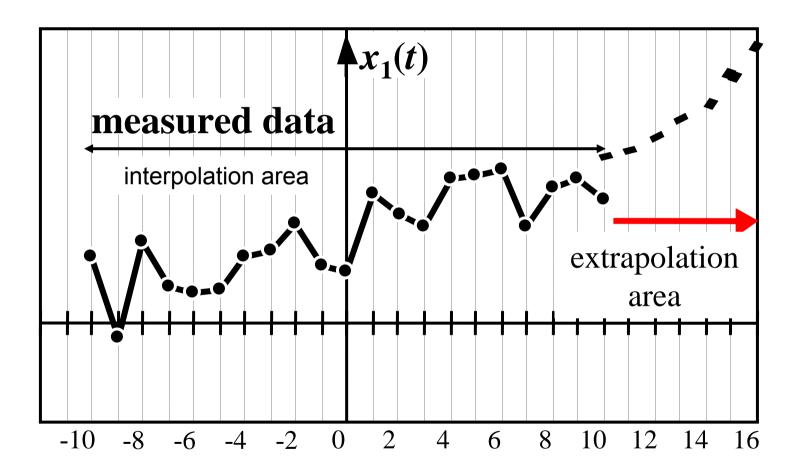
$$Q = Q_m + Q_p$$

 Q_p - is a measure of the stability of modelling

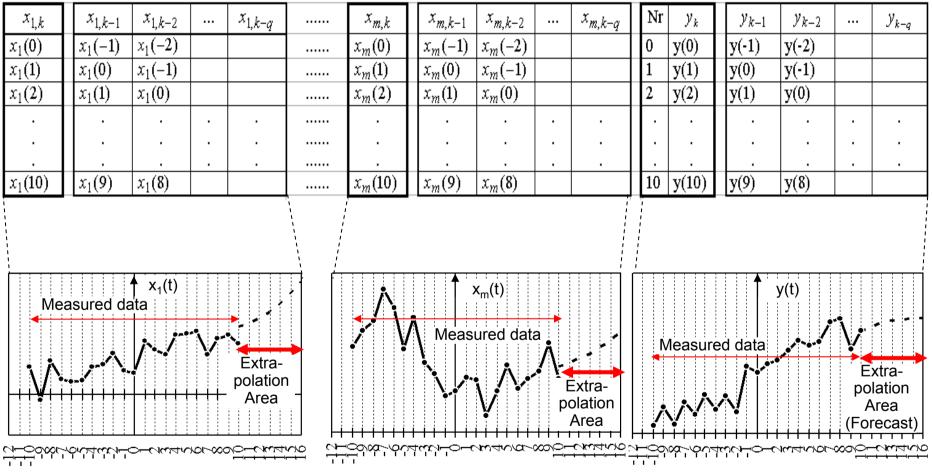


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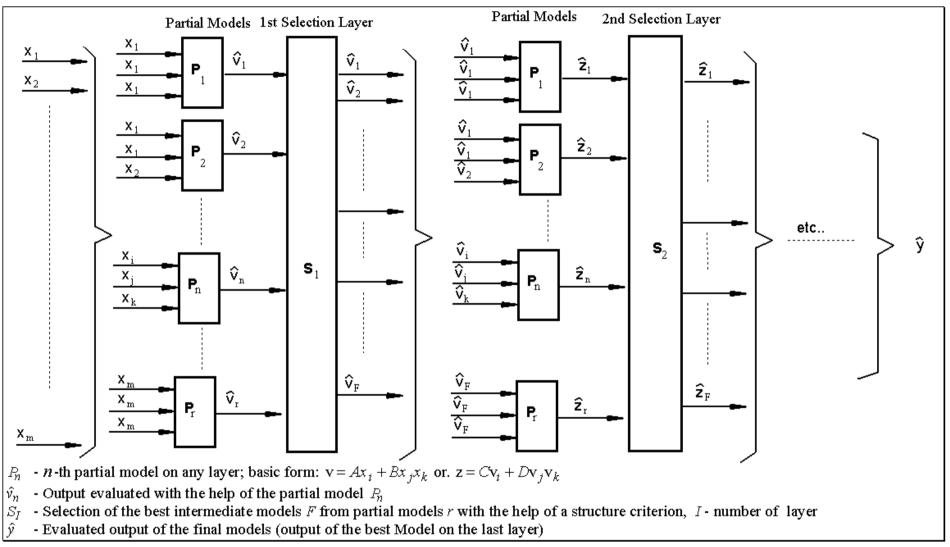




Measured data (Example)

		Field of Application	
	Static characteristic curves as a function $y = f(x_1, x_2,, x_m)$	Determination of models $\Rightarrow \text{Dynamic characteristic curves of non-linear systems}$ $\Rightarrow \text{Multi-dimensional time series}$ $as a function$ $y_k = f(y_{k-1}, y_{k-2},, y_{k-q}, x_{1,k}, x_{1,k-1},, x_{1,k-q}, x_{2,k-1},, x_{2,k-q},, x_{m,k-1},, x_{m,k-q})$	Autoregression as a function $y_k = f(y_{k-1}, y_{k-2},, y_{k-q})$
Number of terms of complete polynomial	$v = \frac{(1 + m + K)!}{K!(1 + m)!} - 1$	$v = \frac{(1+m+q+K)!}{K!(1+m+q)!} - 1$	$v = \frac{(1+q+K)!}{K!(1+q)!} - 1$
Construction of input matrix X	$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1(0) & \dots & x_m(0) \\ 1 & x_1(1) & \dots & x_m(1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots \\ 1 & x_1(l) & \dots & x_m(l) \end{bmatrix}$	$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} y(-1) & y(-2) & \dots & x_1(0) & x_1(-1) & \dots & x_m(-q) \\ y(0) & y(-1) & \dots & x_1(1) & x_1(0) & \dots & x_m(1-q) \\ y(1) & y(0) & \dots & x_1(2) & x_1(1) & \dots & \ddots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ y(l) & y(l-1) & \dots & x_1(l) & x_1(l-1) & \dots & x_m(l-q) \end{bmatrix}$	$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} y(-1) & y(-2) & \dots & y(-q) \\ y(0) & y(-1) & \dots & y(1-q) \\ y(1) & y(0) & \dots & \ddots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots \\ y(l) & y(l-1) & \dots & y(l+1-q) \end{bmatrix}$
Output vector	$\vec{y} = \vec{y}_k = \begin{bmatrix} y(0) \\ y(1) \\ \vdots \\ y(l) \end{bmatrix}$	$\vec{y}_{k} = \begin{bmatrix} y(0) \\ y(1) \\ \vdots \\ y(l) \end{bmatrix}$	$\vec{y}_{k} = \begin{bmatrix} y(0) \\ y(1) \\ \vdots \\ y(l) \end{bmatrix}$
m -	– Number of variables	q – Number of delay steps	K – Power of polynomial

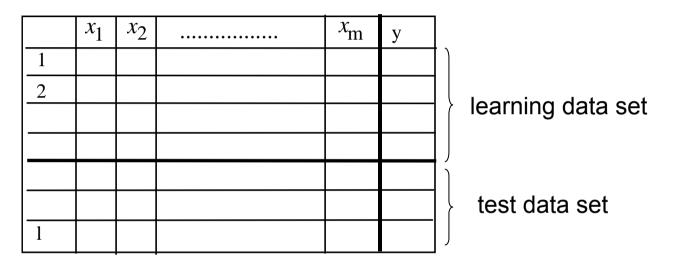
Fields of Application of Structure Modelling



Simplified block diagram of the multi-layered GMDH algorithm



Subdivision of data into a "learning data set" and a "test data set":

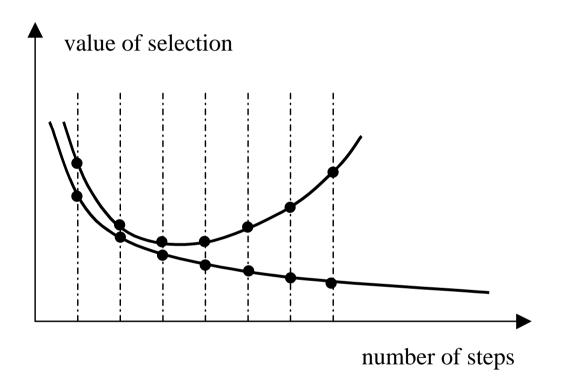


Models become increasingly complicated until they reach the minimum of the selection criterion.

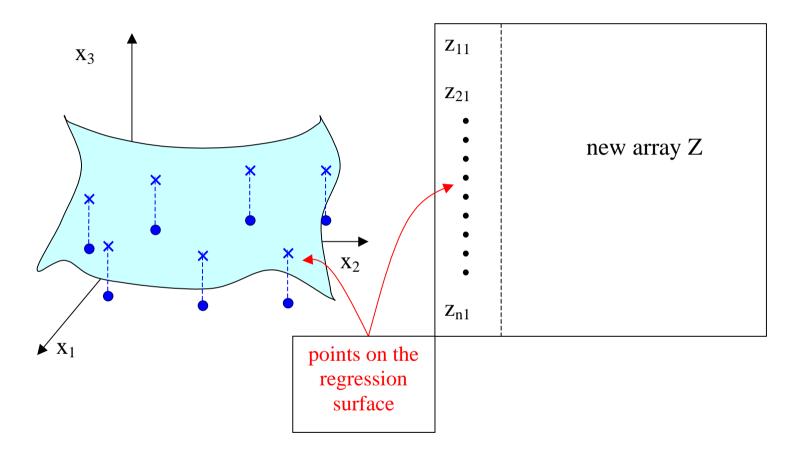
Example:

$$y = A_0 + A_1 x_{17} \cdot A_2 x_6 x_9 + \dots + A_i x_1^3 x_2^5 x_3 + \dots$$

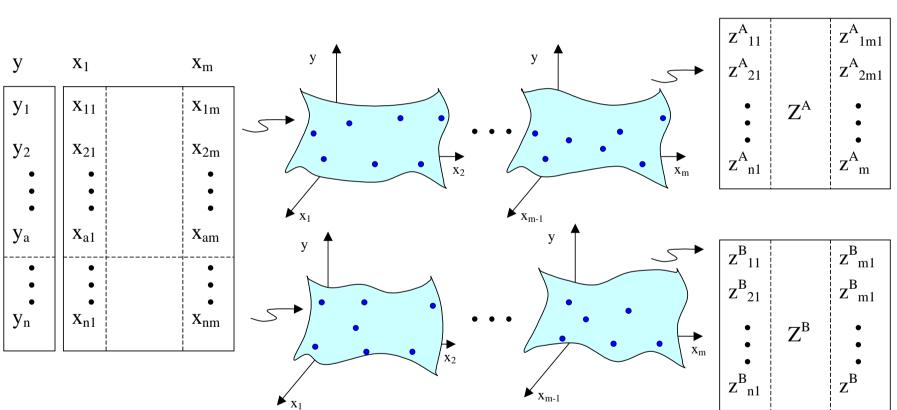




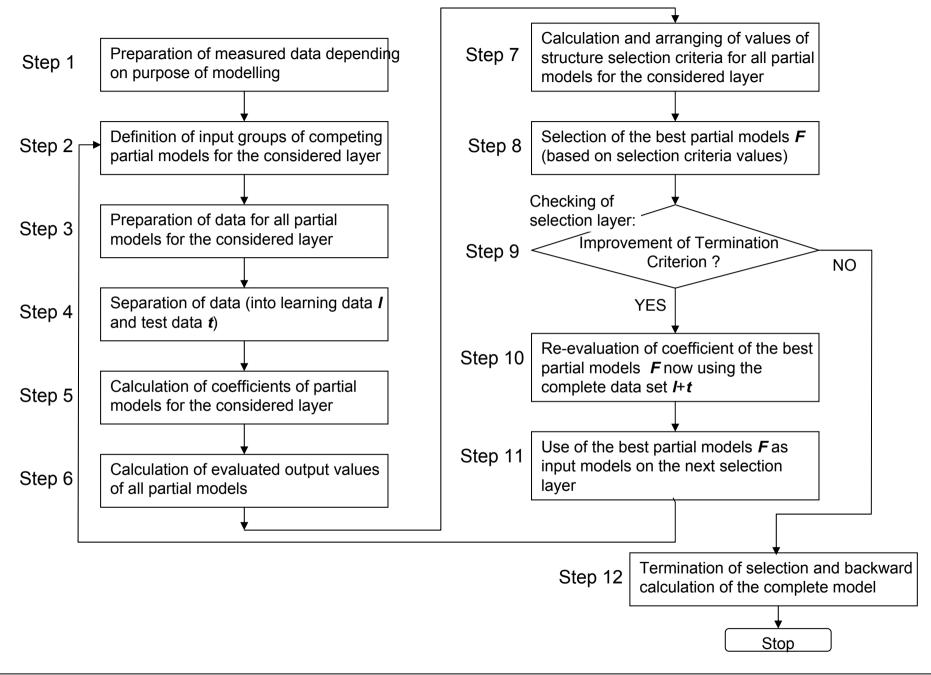








Data Division



 Für den Fall, daß keine qualitative Information über die Daten vorhanden ist (z. B. über die Verteilung der Störung), wird die s.g. quadratische Variante des LDUC (LDUC_q) vorgeschlagen.

$$LDUC_{q} = Q = tr \left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{B} (\hat{y}_{B(A)_{i}} - y_{B_{i}})^{2}}{B - M} \cdot (\mathbf{X}_{B}^{T} \mathbf{X}_{B} + \alpha \mathbf{I})^{-1} \right] + \sum_{j=0}^{M} (\hat{a}_{A_{j}} - \hat{a}_{B_{j}})^{2}$$
(6.2.b)

Hier sind

A, B	Anzahl der Datenpunkte in zwei Stichproben A und B, bzw. Indizes der Stichprobe A und B, in die eine Datentabelle geteilt wird.	
$\hat{ec{a}}_{A},\hat{ec{a}}_{B}$	Koeffizientenvektoren,, die aus den verschiedenen Datenstichproben berechnet wurden,	
\vec{y}_B	gemessener Ausgang aus der Stichprobe B,	
$\frac{\vec{y}_B}{\hat{\vec{y}}_{B(A)}}$	geschätzter Ausgangsvektor mit den Eingangsdaten der Stichprobe <i>B</i> , wobei die Koeffizienten des Teilmodells aus der Stichprobe <i>A</i> berechnet wurden, so, daß z.B. für ein Punkt i der Stichprobe B wird $\hat{y}_{B(A)_i} = \vec{x}_{B_i}^T * \hat{a}_A$.	
ρ_l, ρ_M	metrische (z.B. euklidische) Abstände im <i>l</i> - und <i>M</i> -Raum,	
1	Anzahl der Datenpunkte in der jeweiligen Stichprobe,	
М	Anzahl der Koeffizienten (ohne \hat{a}_0),	

 Für den Fall, daß aus der Information über die Messungen zu erwarten ist, daß Ausreißer (outlier) in den Meßreihen vorhanden sein können, wird die robuste Variante des LDUC (LDUC_r) vorgeschlagen.

$$LDUC_{r} = Q = tr \left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{B} \left| y_{B_{i}} - \vec{x}_{B_{i}}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \hat{\vec{a}}_{A} \right|^{r}}{B - M} \cdot \left(\mathbf{X}_{B}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{X}_{B} + \alpha \cdot \mathbf{I} \right)^{-1} \right] + \frac{M}{\sum_{j=0}^{D} \left| \hat{a}_{A_{j}} - \hat{a}_{B_{j}} \right|^{r}}$$
(6.2.c.)

mit

$1 \le r \le 2$		
$\hat{ec{a}}_A, \hat{ec{a}}_B$	-	(aus den Stichproben A und B) robust geschätzte Koeffizienten.
		(weitere Formelzeichen - s. 6.2.b.)

 Für den Fall, daß aus der Information über die Messungen zu erwarten ist, daß Ausreißer (outlier) in den Meßreihen vorhanden sein können, wird auch die gnostische Variante des LDUC (LDUC_g) vorgeschlagen. Diese Variante hat im Vergleich zu robusten Variante

den Vorteil, daß es nicht notwendig ist, die Größe r zu wählen.

$$LDUC_{g} = Q = tr \left[\sqrt[4]{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{B} (\hat{y}_{B(A)_{i}} - y_{B_{i}})^{2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{B} (\hat{y}_{B(A)_{i}} - y_{B_{i}})^{2}}} \right] (\mathbf{X}_{B}^{T} \mathbf{X}_{B} + \alpha \mathbf{I})^{-1} + \sqrt[4]{\frac{\sum_{j=0}^{M} (\hat{a}_{B_{j}} - \hat{a}_{A_{j}})^{2}}{\sum_{j=0}^{M} (\hat{a}_{B_{j}} - \hat{a}_{A_{j}})^{2}}}$$
(6.2.d.)

	(Formelzeichen - s. 6.2.b.)
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4. Wenn die Unsicherheit der Daten besonders groß ist und es die rechnerischen Möglichkeiten erlauben, wird die Bootstrap-Variante des LDUC ($LDUC_b$) vorgeschlagen:

$$LDUC_{b} = Q = tr \left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{B} (\hat{E}_{boot}(\hat{y}_{i}) - y_{B_{i}})^{2}}{l - M} (\mathbf{X}_{B}^{T} \mathbf{X}_{B} + \alpha \mathbf{I})^{-1} \right] + \sum_{j=0}^{M} (\hat{E}_{boot}(\hat{a}_{j}) - \hat{a}_{j})^{2}$$
(6.2e.)
Hier ist
$$\hat{E}_{boot}(\hat{y}_{i}) = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{NB} \hat{y}_{i_{nb}}}{NB - 1}$$

die Schätzung der mathematischen Erwartung des geschätzten Ausgangs im Punkt *i*, $\hat{y}_i = \vec{x}_i^T * \hat{\vec{a}}$, nach Bootstrap. Die Schätzung der Koeffitienten wird *NB*-mal durchgeführt (*NB* ist Anzahl der Bootstrap-Datentabellen; der Index *nb* entspricht der laufenden Bootstrap-Datentabelle).

Analog dazu ist
$$\hat{E}_{boot}(\hat{a}_{j}) = \frac{\sum_{nb=1}^{NB} \hat{a}_{j_{nb}}}{NB-1}$$

die Schätzung der mathematischen Erwartung des *j*-ten Koeffizienten nach Bootstrap. \hat{a}_j ist der aus der ursprünglichen Datentabelle errechnete Koeffizient.