

Extending relevance vector machine to resolve overfitting during Bayesian calibration in nonlinear stochastic dynamics

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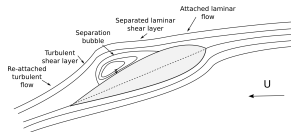
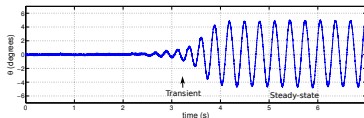
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Nonlinear aeroelastic oscillator - overfitting issue

- Aeroelastic limit-cycle oscillation (LCO) (Sandhu et. al, CMAME, 2014; Sandhu et. al, JCP, 2016)



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- Identify the best model for C_M :

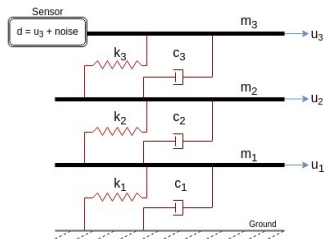
$$\mathcal{M}_1 : \quad C_M = e_1 \theta + e_2 \dot{\theta} + e_3 \theta^3 + e_4 \theta^2 \dot{\theta} + \sigma \xi(\tau)$$

$$\mathcal{M}_2 : \quad \frac{\dot{C}_M}{B} + C_M = e_1 \theta + e_2 \dot{\theta} + e_3 \theta^3 + e_4 \theta^2 \dot{\theta} + \frac{c_6}{B} \ddot{\theta} + \sigma \xi(\tau)$$

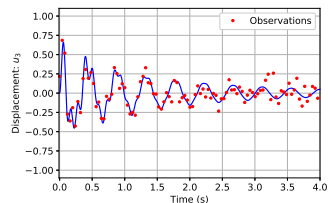
$$\mathcal{M}_3 : \quad \frac{\ddot{C}_M}{B_1 B_2} + \frac{(B_1 + B_2) \dot{C}_M}{B_1 B_2} + C_M = e_1 \theta + e_2 \dot{\theta} + e_3 \theta^3 + e_4 \theta^2 \dot{\theta} + \frac{(2c_6 c_7 + 0.5) \ddot{\theta}}{B_1 B_2} + \frac{c_6 \ddot{\theta}}{B_1 B_2} + \sigma \xi(\tau)$$

Problem definition: Mass-spring-damper system

- Inverse problem: Estimate a probability density function (pdf) of damping and stiffness parameters while identifying the sparsity in damping parameters. (Sandhu *et al.*, JCP, 2021)



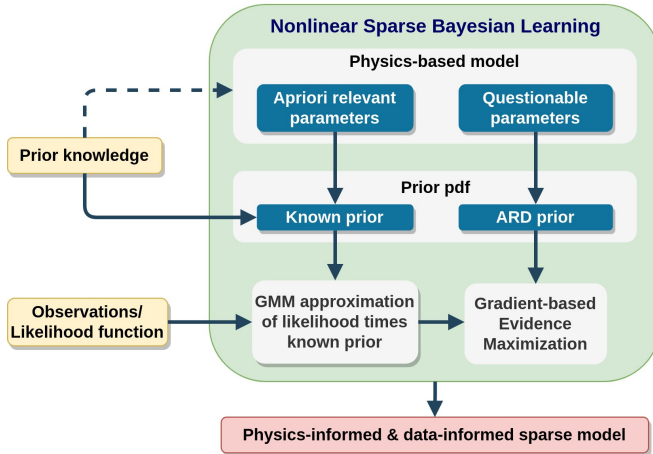
(a) Three-dof mass-spring-damper model.



(b) Measured versus true response.

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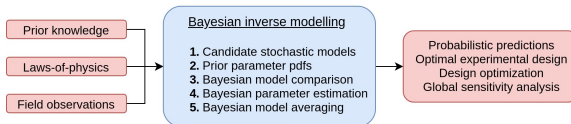
Nonlinear sparse Bayesian learning



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Bayesian inverse modelling

- Overview of the Bayesian framework



- Bayesian model comparison:** Ranking of plausible models is based on model evidence,

$$p(\mathcal{D}) = \int p(\mathcal{D}|\phi)p(\phi)d\phi \quad , \quad \underbrace{\ln p(\mathcal{D})}_{\text{Log-evidence}} = \underbrace{E[\ln p(\mathcal{D}|\phi)]}_{\text{Data-fit}} - \underbrace{E\left[\ln \frac{p(\phi|\mathcal{D})}{p(\phi)}\right]}_{\text{Model complexity}}$$

Nonlinear sparse Bayesian learning (NSBL): Methodology

- Stochastic state-space model structure:

$$\text{Model equation : } \mathbf{u}_{k+1} = \mathbf{g}_k(\mathbf{u}_k, \mathbf{f}_k, \mathbf{q}_k; \boldsymbol{\phi})$$

$$\text{Measurement equation : } \mathbf{d}_k = \mathbf{h}_k(\mathbf{u}_k, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_k; \boldsymbol{\phi})$$

- Parameter prior pdf: hybrid assignment ($\boldsymbol{\alpha}$: Hyper-parameters)

$$\boldsymbol{\phi} = \{\boldsymbol{\phi}_\alpha, \boldsymbol{\phi}_{-\alpha}\} ; \quad p(\boldsymbol{\phi}|\boldsymbol{\alpha}) = p(\boldsymbol{\phi}_{-\alpha})p(\boldsymbol{\phi}_\alpha|\boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \underbrace{p(\boldsymbol{\phi}_{-\alpha})}_{\text{Known prior}} \underbrace{\prod \mathcal{N}(\phi_i|0, \alpha_i^{-1})}_{\text{ARD prior}}$$

- Entity $p(\mathcal{D}|\boldsymbol{\phi}) p(\boldsymbol{\phi}_{-\alpha})$ remains unchanged during sparse learning!

$$p(\boldsymbol{\phi}|\mathcal{D}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \frac{p(\mathcal{D}|\boldsymbol{\phi})p(\boldsymbol{\phi}|\boldsymbol{\alpha})}{p(\mathcal{D}|\boldsymbol{\alpha})} \propto \underbrace{p(\mathcal{D}|\boldsymbol{\phi}) p(\boldsymbol{\phi}_{-\alpha})}_{\text{Independent of } \boldsymbol{\alpha}} \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\phi}_\alpha|\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{A}^{-1})$$

- Gaussian mixture model (GMM) approximation:

$$p(\mathcal{D}|\boldsymbol{\phi})p(\boldsymbol{\phi}_{-\alpha}) \approx \sum_{k=1}^K a^{(k)} \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\phi}|\boldsymbol{\mu}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{(k)}),$$

NSBL: Semi-analytical Bayesian framework

Entity	Solution
Parameter decomposition	$\Phi = \{\Phi_{\alpha}, \Phi_{-\alpha}\}$
Likelihood + known prior	$p(\mathcal{D} \Phi)p(\Phi_{-\alpha}) \approx \sum_{k=1}^K a^{(k)} \mathcal{N}(\Phi \mu^{(k)}, \Sigma^{(k)})$
ARD prior	$p(\Phi_{\alpha} \alpha) = \mathcal{N}(\Phi_{\alpha} \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{A}^{-1})$
Hyper-parameter prior	$p(\alpha) = \prod_{i=1}^{N_{\alpha}} \mathcal{G}(\alpha_i r_i, s_i)$
Model evidence	$\hat{p}(\mathcal{D} \alpha) = \sum_{k=1}^K a^{(k)} \mathcal{N}(\mu_{\alpha}^{(k)} \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{B}_{\alpha}^{(k)}) ; \quad \mathbf{B}_{\alpha}^{(k)} = \Sigma^{(k)} + \mathbf{A}^{-1}$
Parameter posterior PDF	$\hat{p}(\Phi \mathcal{D}, \alpha) = \sum_{k=1}^K w^{(k)} \mathcal{N}(\Phi \mathbf{m}^{(k)}, \mathbf{P}^{(k)}) ; \quad w^{(k)} = \frac{a^{(k)} \mathcal{N}(\mu_{\alpha}^{(k)} \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{B}_{\alpha}^{(k)})}{\hat{p}(\mathcal{D} \log \alpha)}$
Objective function	$\mathcal{L}(\log \alpha) = \log \hat{p}(\mathcal{D} \log \alpha) + \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\alpha}} (r_i \log \alpha_i - s_i \alpha_i)$
Gradient of $\mathcal{L}(\log \alpha)$	$g_i(\log \alpha) = \sum_{k=1}^K w^{(k)} v_i^{(k)} + r_i - s_i \alpha_i = \tilde{v}_i + r_i - s_i \alpha_i$ $v_i^{(k)} = (\gamma_i^{(k)} - \alpha_i (m_i^{(k)})^2)/2 ; \quad \gamma_i^{(k)} = 1 - \alpha_i P_{ii}^{(k)}$
Hessian of $\mathcal{L}(\log \alpha)$	$H_{ij}(\log \alpha) = \sum_{k=1}^K w^{(k)} \left[\alpha_i \alpha_j \left(\frac{(P_{ij}^{(k)})^2}{2} + m_i^{(k)} m_j^{(k)} P_{ij}^{(k)} \right) + v_i^{(k)} v_j^{(k)} - \tilde{v}_i \tilde{v}_j \right]$ $+ \delta_{ij} \left[\tilde{v}_i - \frac{1}{2} - s_i \alpha_i \right]$

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NSBL: Numerical Implementation

- Stage 1: GMM construction by sampling $p(\mathcal{D}|\phi)p(\phi_{-\alpha})$ and then utilizing
 - Kernel density estimation (KDE): Computationally expedient, # of kernels = # of samples ([Our choice](#))
 - Expectation maximization (EM): More involved, smaller # of kernels ([Not pursued here](#))
- Stage 2: Newton's method to maximize model evidence (**non-convex optimization**):

$$\log \alpha_{j+1} = \log \alpha_j + \beta_j \mathbf{p}_j, \text{ where } \mathbf{H}_j \mathbf{p}_j = -\mathbf{g}_j$$

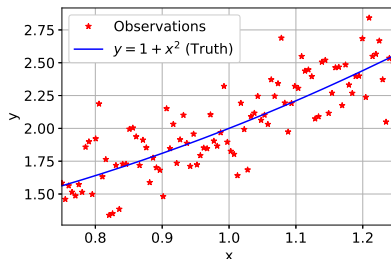
- Modified Newton method
 - Trust-region Newton method ([Our choice](#))
- Stage 3: Sparsity identification by exploiting [relevance indicator](#), defined as

$$\gamma_i^{(k)} = 1 - \frac{\alpha_i}{(P_{ii}^{(k)})^{-1}} = 1 - \frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_i + \{(\Sigma_{\alpha}^{(k)})^{-1}\}_{(i,i)}} \in [0, 1], \quad (1)$$

- Benefits of NSBL over standard Bayesian model updating
 - Evidence-based pruning of redundant parameters while incorporating prior parametric knowledge
 - Parameter posterior pdf and model evidence available semi-analytically
 - Gradient and Hessian of evidence with respect to hyper-parameters available analytically
 - Can handle non-Gaussian and multimodal pdfs

Example: Polynomial Regression with Multimodal Prior

- Generated observations using $y_i = 1 + x_i^2 + \epsilon_i$, where ϵ_i is a Gaussian white noise process with distribution $\mathcal{N}(\epsilon_i|0, 0.04)$. (Sandhu *et al.*, JCP, 2021)



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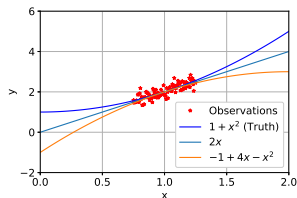
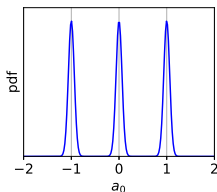
- The observational data consists of 100 noisy samples with equally spaced coordinate x within the domain $x \in [0.75, 1.25]$

Example: Polynomial Regression with Multimodal Prior

- Inverse problem setup: (Sandhu *et al.*, JCP, 2021, with copyright permission)

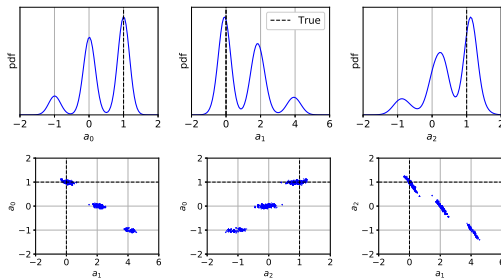
Proposed model	$y = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \epsilon$; $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 0.04)$
ϕ decomposition	$\phi_\alpha = \{a_1, a_2\}$, $\phi_{-\alpha} = \{a_0\}$
ARD prior, $p(\phi_\alpha \alpha)$	$\mathcal{N}(a_1 0, \alpha_1^{-1}) \mathcal{N}(a_2 0, \alpha_2^{-1})$
Known prior, $p(\phi_{-\alpha})$	$[\mathcal{N}(a_0 -1, 0.2^2) + \mathcal{N}(a_0 0, 0.2^2) + \mathcal{N}(a_0 1, 0.2^2)] / 3$

- Non-Gaussian prior knowledge: (Sandhu *et al.*, JCP, 2021, with copyright permission)



Example: Polynomial Regression with Multimodal Prior

- **Stage 1 (GMM construction):** 2500 samples distributed according to $p(\mathcal{D}|\phi)p(\phi_{-\alpha})$ or $p(\mathcal{D}|a_0, a_1, a_2)p(a_0)$ using TMCMC, followed by a GMM construction using KDE (Sandhu *et al.*, JCP, 2021, with copyright permission)

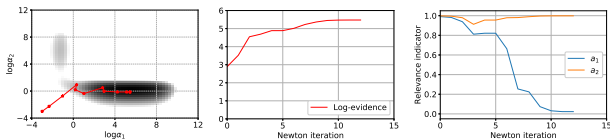


SBL and BCS are not applicable for multimodal/Non-Gaussian posterior pdfs!

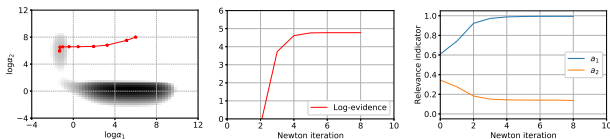
Example: Polynomial Regression with Multimodal Prior

Stage 2: Sparsification (Sandhu *et al.*, JCP, 2021, with copyright permission)

- Initialized at $\log \alpha = \{-3, -3\}$, NSBL suggests a_1 is irrelevant and a_2 is relevant.



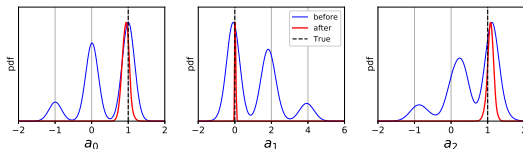
- Iteration initialized at $\log \alpha = \{6, 8\}$, NSBL suggests a_1 is relevant and a_2 is irrelevant.



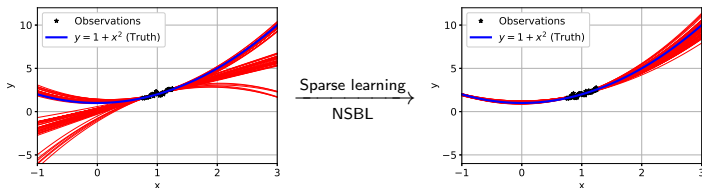
Multistart is necessary!

Example: Polynomial Regression with Multimodal Prior

- Posterior parameter pdf post sparse learning: (Sandhu *et al.*, JCP, 2021, with copyright permission)

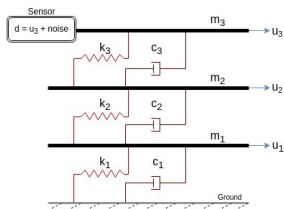


- Predictions before and after sparse learning: (Sandhu *et al.*, JCP, 2021, with copyright permission)

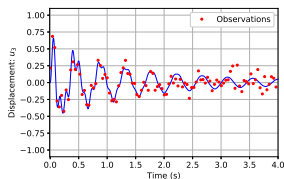


Example: Mass-spring-damper system

- Displacement vector $\mathbf{u} = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$; equation-of-motion $\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{u}} + \mathbf{C}\dot{\mathbf{u}} + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ (Sandhu *et al.*, JCP, 2021, with copyright permission)



(c) Three-dof mass-spring-damper model.



(d) Measured versus true response.

- Parameter true values:
 - Mass: $m_1 = m_2 = m_3 = 1.0$,
 - Stiffness: $k_1 = k_2 = k_3 = 1000.0$,
 - Damping: $c_1 = 10$, $c_2 = 0$, $c_3 = 0$.

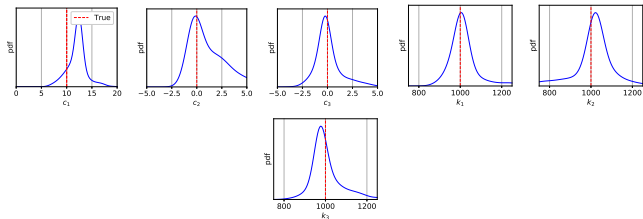
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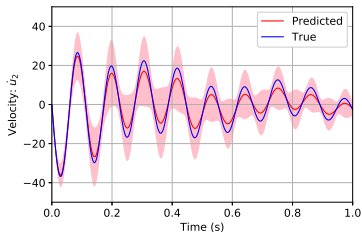
Proposed model	$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{u}} + \mathbf{C}\dot{\mathbf{u}} + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$
ϕ decomposition	$\phi_{\alpha} = \{c_1, c_2, c_3\}$, $\phi_{-\alpha} = \{k_1, k_2, k_3\}$
Known prior, $p(\phi_{-\alpha})$	$\mathcal{U}(k_1 0, 5000) \mathcal{U}(k_2 0, 5000) \mathcal{U}(k_3 0, 5000)$
ARD prior, $p(\phi_{\alpha} \alpha)$	$\mathcal{N}(c_1 0, \alpha_1^{-1}) \mathcal{N}(c_2 0, \alpha_2^{-1}) \mathcal{N}(c_3 0, \alpha_3^{-1})$
Hyperprior, $p(\alpha)$	$\prod_{i=1}^3 \mathcal{G}(\alpha_i r, s) ; \log r = \log s = -10$

Example: Mass-spring-damper system

- Bayesian inference with flat priors for questionable parameters: (Sandhu *et al.*, JCP, 2021, with copyright permission)

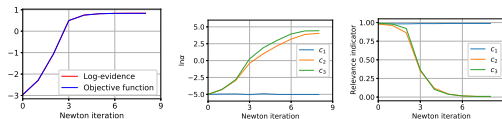


- Predicted versus true time-history of velocity $\dot{u}_2$: (Sandhu *et al.*, JCP, 2021, with copyright permission)

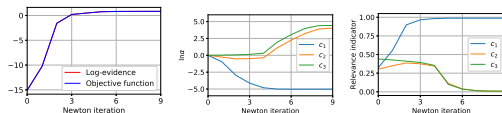


Example: Mass-spring-damper system

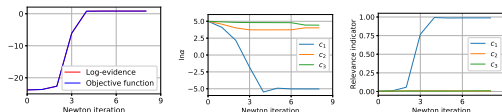
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(e) α initiated at $\{-5, -5, -5\}$



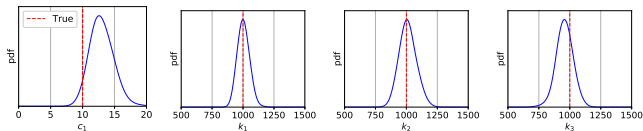
(f) α initiated at $\{0, 0, 0\}$



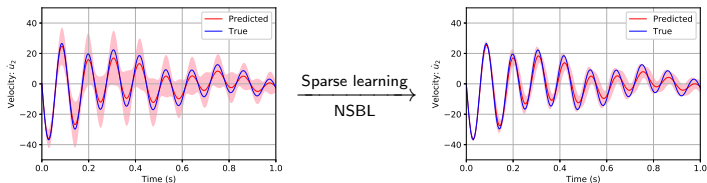
(g) α initiated at $\{5, 5, 5\}$

Example: Mass-spring-damper system

- Bayesian inference post sparse learning, using optimal ARD priors from NSBL: (Sandhu *et al.*, JCP, 2021, with copyright permission)



- Prediction before and after sparse learning of model parameters: (Sandhu *et al.*, JCP, 2021, with copyright permission)



$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{g}_k(\mathbf{x}_k, \phi, \mathbf{f}_k, \mathbf{q}_k) \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{d}_j = \mathbf{h}_j(\mathbf{x}_{d(j)}, \varepsilon_j) \quad (3)$$

$$p(\phi|\mathcal{D}) \propto p(\phi) \underbrace{\prod_{j=1}^J \int p(\mathbf{d}_j|\mathbf{x}_{d(j)}, \phi) \underbrace{p(\mathbf{x}_{d(j)}|\mathbf{x}_{d(j)-1}, \phi)}_{\text{Non-Gaussian filtering}} d\mathbf{x}_{d(j)}}_{p(\mathcal{D}|\phi)}$$

$$p(\phi|\mathcal{D}) \propto p(\phi)p(\mathcal{D}|\phi)$$

Bisaillon et al., Nonlinear Dynamics, 2015

$$p(\mathbf{x}_{d(j)}|\mathbf{x}_{d(j)-1}, \phi) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{d(j)}|\mathbf{x}_{d(j)}^f, \mathbf{P}_{d(j)}^f)$$

$$p(\mathcal{D}|\phi) = \prod_{j=1}^J \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{d}_j|\mathbf{h}_j(\mathbf{x}_{d(j)}^f, \mathbf{0}), \mathbf{\Sigma}')$$

$$\mathbf{\Sigma}' = \mathbf{C}_j \mathbf{P}_{d(j)}^f \mathbf{C}_j^T + \mathbf{D}_j \mathbf{\Gamma}_j \mathbf{D}_j^T$$

$$\mathbf{C}_j = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}_j(\mathbf{x}_{d(j)}, \varepsilon_j)}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{d(j)}} \right|_{\mathbf{x}_{d(j)}=\mathbf{x}_{d(j)}^f, \varepsilon_j=0} \quad (4)$$

$$\mathbf{D}_j = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}_j(\mathbf{x}_{d(j)}, \varepsilon_j)}{\partial \varepsilon_j} \right|_{\mathbf{x}_{d(j)}=\mathbf{x}_{d(j)}^f, \varepsilon_j=0} \quad (5)$$

Bisaillon et al., Nonlinear Dynamics, 2015

$$p(\mathbf{x}_{d(j)}|\mathbf{x}_{d(j)-1}, \phi) \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{s=1}^N \delta(\mathbf{x}_{d(j)} - \mathbf{x}_{d(j),s}^f).$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathcal{D}|\phi) &= \prod_{j=1}^J \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(\mathbf{x}_{d(j)}|\mathbf{x}_{d(j)-1}, \phi) p(\mathbf{d}_j|\mathbf{x}_{d(j)}, \phi) d\mathbf{x}_{d(j)} \\ &\approx \prod_{j=1}^J \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{s=1}^N \delta(\mathbf{x}_{d(j)} - \mathbf{x}_{d(j),s}^f) p(\mathbf{d}_j|\mathbf{x}_{d(j)}, \phi) d\mathbf{x}_{d(j)} \\ &\approx \prod_{j=1}^J \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{s=1}^N p(\mathbf{d}_j|\mathbf{x}_{d(j),s}^f, \phi) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Bisaillon et al., Nonlinear Dynamics, 2015

Likelihood Computation using PF

$$p(\mathbf{x}_{d(j)}|\mathbf{x}_{d(j)-1}, \phi) \approx \sum_{s=1}^N w_{d(j),s} \delta(\mathbf{x}_{d(j)} - \mathbf{x}_{d(j),s}^f)$$

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$$w_{d(j),i} \propto w_{d(j)-1,i} \frac{p(\mathbf{d}_j|\mathbf{x}_{d(j),i}) p(\mathbf{x}_{d(j),i}|\mathbf{x}_{d(j)-1,i})}{q(\mathbf{x}_{d(j),i}|\mathbf{x}_{d(j)-1,i}, \mathbf{d}_j)}$$

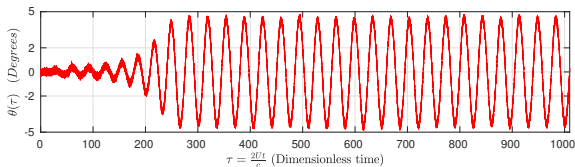
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Single degree-of-freedom aeroelastic system

Data generating model:

$$I\ddot{\theta} + D\dot{\theta} + K\theta + K_{nl}\theta^3 = D_{nl}\text{sgn}(\dot{\theta}) + \frac{1}{2}\rho U^2 c^2 s \mathbf{C}_M(\theta, \dot{\theta}, \ddot{\theta})$$

$$\frac{\dot{C}_M}{B} + C_M = e_1\theta + e_2\dot{\theta} + e_3\theta^3 + e_4\theta^2\dot{\theta} + \frac{C_6}{B}\ddot{\theta} + \sigma\xi(\tau)$$



Sandhu et. al, CMAME 2017 (with copyright permission)

Case 1: One-dimensional sparse learning problem

- i Aerodynamic parameter e_3 is treated as questionable

$$\frac{\dot{C}_M}{B} + C_M = e_1\theta + e_2\dot{\theta} + e_3\theta^3 + e_4\theta^2\dot{\theta} + \frac{c_6}{B}\ddot{\theta} + \sigma\xi(\tau)$$

- ii ARD prior, $p(\phi_\alpha|\alpha)$

$$p(\phi_\alpha|\alpha) = \mathcal{N}(e_3|0, \alpha^{-1})$$

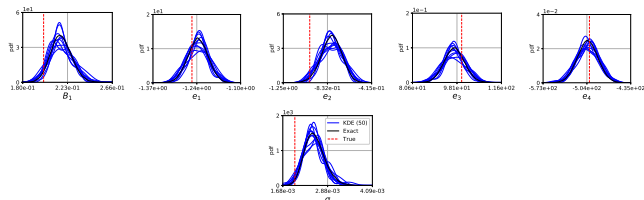
- iii Known prior, $p(\phi_{-\alpha})$

$$p(\phi_{-\alpha}) = \mathcal{L}(B|0.2, 50)\mathcal{U}(e_1|-2, 0)\mathcal{U}(e_2|-2, 0)\mathcal{U}(e_4|-600, 0)\mathcal{L}(\sigma|0.002, 50)$$

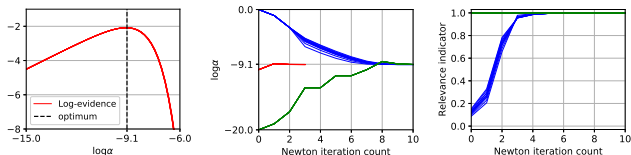
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Single degree-of-freedom aeroelastic system

I Constructing GMM of partial posterior $p(\mathcal{D}|\phi)p(\phi_{-\alpha})$ using KDE



II Maximizing log evidence with respect to hyperparameter α



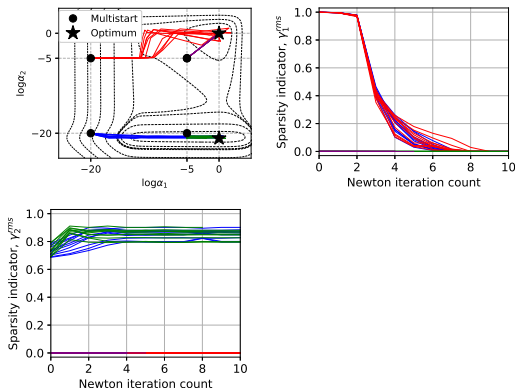
III Parameter θ_3 is correctly identified as relevant

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Case 2: Two-dimensional sparse learning problem

❶ Aerodynamic parameters e_5 and e_6 are treated as questionable

$$\frac{\dot{C}_M}{B} + C_M = e_1\theta + e_2\dot{\theta} + e_3\theta^3 + e_4\theta^2\dot{\theta} + e_5\theta^5 + e_6\theta^4\dot{\theta} + \frac{c_6}{B}\ddot{\theta} + \sigma\xi(\tau)$$



- ❶ One optimum correctly identifies parameters e_5 and e_6 as irrelevant
- ❷ The other finds e_5 to be irrelevant, but e_6 to be relevant

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- NSBL is effective for ODE models.
- NSBL for coupled nonlinear ODE and PDE models (bending-bending-torsion-pitch motions) using wind-tunnel data.
- Concurrent selection of physics-based model and model errors.
- Address overfitting using NSBL for Bayesian neural networks.
- Apply to fields outside of aeroelasticity (e.g. epidemiology).

Conclusion

Method	Capabilities			Methodology			Scalability
	Nonlinear models?	Prior knowledge?	Sparse learning?	Prior pdf type	Evidence estimation	Evidence optimization	# of likelihood evaluations
SBL/BCS	×	×	✓	Gaussian ARD (Conjugate prior)	Analytical	Gradient set to zero	N/A
Bayesian model comparison	✓	✓	×	Known pdf	Numerical (MCMC-based)	N/A	$N_{\text{Models}} \times N_{\text{MCMC}}$
ARD (Sampling-based)	✓	✓	✓	Known + Gaussian or Laplace ARD	Numerical (MCMC-based)	Gradient-free	$N_{\text{Iter}} \times N_{\text{MCMC}}$
ARD (NSBL)	✓	✓	✓	Known + Gaussian ARD	Semianalytical (GMM-based)	Gradient and Hessian based	N_{MCMC}

N_{MCMC} : # of MCMC samples needed for computing evidence (for an average model).

N_{Models} : # of candidate models.

N_{Iter} : # of iterations required for optimizing evidence.

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Derivation: Parameter Posterior (closely follows the book by Evensen)

$$p(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k, \phi | \mathbf{d}_1, \dots, \mathbf{d}_J) = \underbrace{p(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{d}_1, \dots, \mathbf{d}_J, \phi)}_{\text{Conditional state pdf}} \underbrace{p(\phi | \mathbf{d}_1, \dots, \mathbf{d}_J)}_{\text{Parameter posterior pdf}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{d}_1, \dots, \mathbf{d}_J, \phi) p(\phi | \mathbf{d}_1, \dots, \mathbf{d}_J) &\propto \\ p(\phi) &\left[\prod_{j'=1}^{d(1)-1} p(\mathbf{x}_{j'} | \mathbf{x}_{j'-1}, \phi) \right] p(\mathbf{x}_{d(1)} | \mathbf{x}_{d(1)-1}, \phi) p(\mathbf{d}_1 | \mathbf{x}_{d(1)}, \phi) \\ &\vdots \\ &\left[\prod_{j'=d(J-1)+1}^{d(J)-1} p(\mathbf{x}_{j'} | \mathbf{x}_{j'-1}, \phi) \right] p(\mathbf{x}_{d(J)} | \mathbf{x}_{d(J)-1}, \phi) p(\mathbf{d}_J | \mathbf{x}_{d(J)}, \phi) \\ &\vdots \\ &\left[\prod_{j'=d(J)+1}^k p(\mathbf{x}_{j'} | \mathbf{x}_{j'-1}, \phi) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Bisaillon et al., Nonlinear Dynamics, 2015

$$\mathbf{u}_{k+1} = \mathbf{g}_k(\mathbf{u}_k, \phi, \mathbf{f}_k, \mathbf{q}_k^u), \quad (7)$$

$$\mathbf{d}_j = \mathbf{h}_j(\mathbf{u}_{d(j)}, \phi, \epsilon_j). \quad (8)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{k+1} = \mathbf{g}_k(\mathbf{u}_k, \phi_k, \mathbf{f}_k, \mathbf{q}_k^u), \quad (9)$$

$$\phi_{k+1} = \phi_k + \mathbf{q}_k^\phi, \quad (10)$$

$$\mathbf{d}_j = \mathbf{h}_j(\mathbf{u}_{k(j)}, \phi_{k(j)}, \epsilon_j) \quad (11)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_k \\ \phi_k \end{Bmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{q}_k = \begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{q}_k^u \\ \mathbf{q}_k^\phi \end{Bmatrix} \quad (12)$$

Khalil et. al, JSV 2015