

The optimal projection equations for reduced-order, discrete-time state estimation for linear systems with multiplicative white noise

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Abstract: The optimal projection equations obtained in [2,3] for reduced-order, discrete-time state estimation are generalized to include the effects of state- and measurement-dependent noise to provide a model of parameter uncertainty. In contrast to the single matrix Riccati equation arising in the full-order (Kalman filter) case, the optimal steady-state reduced-order discrete-time estimator is characterized by three matrix equations (one modified Riccati equation and two modified Lyapunov equations) coupled by both an oblique projection and stochastic effects.

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1. Introduction

In a recent series of papers [1–3] it has been shown that the first-order necessary conditions for optimal continuous and discrete-time reduced-order state-estimation can be transformed into coupled systems of three matrix equations (one modified Riccati equation and two modified Lyapunov equations). The coupling is due to the presence of an oblique projection (idempotent matrix) which arises as a rigorous consequence of the stationarity conditions. This formulation provides a direct generalization of the classical steady-state Kalman filter theory. Specifically, in the full-order case, the projection becomes the identity matrix, the additional two modified Lyapunov equations drop out, and the remaining modified Riccati equation reduces to the standard observer Riccati equation for the Kalman filter expression. Related results in reduced-order estimator design can be found in [4–17].

An additional extension of classical state estimation involves the inclusion of state- and measurement-dependent disturbances [18–24]. One motivation for such a model is to design estimators which are desensitized, i.e., robustified, to *actual* parameter variations [25–31]. For the continuous-time control problem this has been justified in [32–38].

As shown in [36] for the continuous-time case, applying the optimal projection approach to the multiplicative white noise model yields an extended formulation of the optimality conditions for reduced-order state estimation. Specifically, the system of three matrix equations characterizing the optimal estimator are now coupled by both the oblique projection and stochastic effects.

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The purpose of the present paper is to provide a self-contained derivation of the optimality conditions for reduced-order state estimation in the presence of both state- and measurement-dependent white noise in the discrete-time case. The goal of the development is to present the optimality conditions in a clear, concise manner to facilitate the development of numerical algorithms for practical application.

2. Notation and definitions

$\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^{r \times s}, \mathbb{R}^r, \mathbb{E}$	real numbers, $r \times s$ real matrices, $\mathbb{R}^{r \times 1}$, expectation.
$I_n, (\)^T, \otimes$	$n \times n$ identity, transpose, Kronecker product [39].
τ_{\perp}	$I_n - \tau, \tau \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$.
n, m, l, n_e, q	positive integers, $1 \leq n_e \leq n$.
x, x_e	n, n_e -dimensional vectors.
y, y_e	l, q -dimensional vectors.
$A, A_i; C, C_i$	$n \times n$ matrices, $l \times n$ matrices, $i = 1, \dots, p$.
A_e, B_e, C_e, D_e	$n_e \times n_e, n_e \times l, q \times n_e, q \times l$ matrices.
k	discrete-time index $1, 2, 3, \dots$
$v_i(k)$	unit variance white noise, $i = 1, \dots, p$.
$w_1(k), w_2(k)$	n -dimensional, l -dimensional white noise processes.
V_1	$n \times n$ nonnegative-definite covariance of $w_1(k)$.
V_2	$l \times l$ positive-definite covariance of $w_2(k)$.
V_{12}	$n \times l$ cross-covariance of $w_1(k), w_2(k)$.
R	$q \times q$ positive-definite matrix.
L	$q \times n$ matrix.

$$\tilde{A} = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ B_e C & A_e \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{A}_i = \begin{bmatrix} A_i & 0 \\ B_e C_i & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad i = 1, \dots, p,$$

$$\tilde{w}(k) = \begin{bmatrix} w_1(k) \\ B_e w_2(k) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{V} = \begin{bmatrix} V_1 & V_{12} B_e^T \\ B_e V_{12}^T & B_e V_2 B_e^T \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\tilde{R} = \begin{bmatrix} L^T R L - L^T R D_e C - C^T D_e^T R L + C^T D_e^T R D_e C + \sum_{i=1}^p C_i^T D_e^T R D_e C_i & -L^T R C_e + C^T D_e^T R C_e \\ -C_e^T R L + C_e^T R D_e C & C_e^T R C_e \end{bmatrix}.$$

$Z_{(i,j)}$	(i, j) element of matrix Z .
$\rho(Z)$	rank of matrix Z .
$\text{tr } Z$	trace of a square matrix Z .
E_i	square matrix with unity in the (i, i) position and zeros elsewhere.
$\pi_i(\psi)$	$\psi E_i \psi^{-1}$ (unit-rank eigenprojection).
$\mathcal{N}(Z), \mathcal{R}(Z)$	null space, range of matrix Z .

An asymptotically stable matrix is a matrix with eigenvalues in the open unit disk; a nonnegative-definite matrix is a symmetric matrix with nonnegative eigenvalues; and a positive-definite matrix is a symmetric matrix with positive eigenvalues.

For arbitrary $n \times n$, Q, \hat{Q}, τ , define

$$V_{2s} \triangleq V_2 + C Q C^T + \sum_{i=1}^p C_i (Q + \tau \hat{Q} \tau^T) C_i^T, \quad Q_s \triangleq A Q C^T + V_{12} + \sum_{i=1}^p A_i (Q + \tau \hat{Q} \tau^T) C_i^T,$$

$$\hat{V}_{2s} \triangleq V_2 + C Q C^T + \sum_{i=1}^p C_i (Q + \hat{Q}) C_i^T, \quad \hat{Q}_s \triangleq A Q C^T + V_{12} + \sum_{i=1}^p A_i (Q + \hat{Q}) C_i^T.$$

3. Problem statement and main theorem

Reduced-Order State-Estimation Problem. Given the n -th-order observed system

$$x(k+1) = \left(A + \sum_{i=1}^p v_i(k) A_i \right) x(k) + w_1(k), \quad (3.1)$$

$$y(k) = \left(C + \sum_{i=1}^p v_i(k) C_i \right) x(k) + w_2(k), \quad (3.2)$$

design an n_e -th reduced-order state estimator

$$x_e(k+1) = A_e x_e(k) + B_e y(k), \quad (3.3)$$

$$y_e(k) = C_e x_e(k) + D_e y(k), \quad (3.4)$$

which minimizes the state-estimation error criterion

$$J(A_e, B_e, C_e, D_e) \triangleq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} E [Lx(k) - y_e(k)]^T R [Lx(k) - y_e(k)]. \quad (3.5)$$

In this formulation the matrix L identifies the states, or linear combinations of states, whose estimates are desired. The order n_e of the estimator state x_e is determined by implementation constraints, i.e., by the computing capability available for realizing (3.3), (3.4) in real time. Note that the feedthrough term D_e permits the utilization of a *static* least squares estimator in conjunction with the dynamic estimator (A_e, B_e, C_e) . Thus, the goal of the Reduced-Order State-Estimation Problem is to design an estimator of given order that yields quadratically optimal (least squares) estimates of specified linear combinations of states.

To guarantee that J is finite assume that A is asymptotically stable and consider the set of asymptotically stable reduced-order (i.e., fixed-order) estimators

$$\mathcal{S} \triangleq \{(A_e, B_e, C_e, D_e) : A_e \text{ is asymptotically stable}\}.$$

Since the value of J is independent of the internal realization of the transfer function corresponding to (3.3) and (3.4), without loss of generality we further restrict our attention to the set of admissible estimators

$$\mathcal{S}^+ \triangleq \{(A_e, B_e, C_e, D_e) \in \mathcal{S} : (A_e, B_e) \text{ is controllable and } (A_e, C_e) \text{ is observable}\}.$$

The following factorization lemma is needed for the statement of the main result.

Lemma 3.1. *Let $\tau \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$. Then*

$$\tau^2 = \tau, \quad (3.6)$$

$$\rho(\tau) = n_e, \quad (3.7)$$

if and only if there exist $G, \Gamma \in \mathbb{R}^{n_e \times n}$ such that

$$G^T \Gamma = \tau, \quad (3.8)$$

$$\Gamma G^T = I_{n_e}. \quad (3.9)$$

Furthermore, G and Γ are unique to a change of basis in \mathbb{R}^{n_e} .

Proof. See [3]. \square

For convenience, call G and Γ satisfying (3.8) and (3.9) a *projective factorization* of τ . Furthermore, for $n \times n$ nonnegative-definite matrices \hat{Q} and \hat{P} , define the set of *contragrediently diagonalizing* transformations

$$\mathcal{D}(\hat{Q}, \hat{P}) \triangleq \{ \psi \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}: \psi^{-1} \hat{Q} \psi^{-T} \text{ and } \psi^T \hat{P} \psi \text{ are diagonal} \}.$$

It follows from Theorem 6.2.5, p. 123 of [40], that $\mathcal{D}(\hat{Q}, \hat{P})$ is always nonempty. This set does not, however, have a unique element since basis rearrangements and sign transpositions may be incorporated into ψ . Further nonuniqueness arises if $\hat{Q}\hat{P}$ has repeated eigenvalues.

Theorem 3.1. *Suppose A is asymptotically stable and $(A_e, B_e, C_e, D_e) \in \mathcal{S}^+$ solves the Optimal Reduced-Order State-Estimation Problem. Then there exist $n \times n$ nonnegative-definite matrices Q , \hat{Q} and \hat{P} such that A_e , B_e , C_e and D_e are given by*

$$A_e = \Gamma(A - Q_s V_{2s}^{-1} C) G^T, \quad (3.10)$$

$$B_e = \Gamma Q_s V_{2s}^{-1}, \quad (3.11)$$

$$C_e = (L - D_e C) G^T, \quad (3.12)$$

$$D_e = L Q C^T V_{2s}^{-1}, \quad (3.13)$$

and such that Q , \hat{Q} and \hat{P} satisfy

$$Q = A Q A^T + \sum_{i=1}^p A_i (Q + \tau \hat{Q} \tau^T) A_i^T + V_1 - Q_s V_{2s}^{-1} Q_s^T + \tau_1 \hat{Q} \tau_1^T, \quad (3.14)$$

$$\hat{Q} = A \tau \hat{Q} \tau^T A^T + Q_s V_{2s}^{-1} Q_s^T, \quad (3.15)$$

$$\hat{P} = (A - Q_s V_{2s}^{-1} C)^T \tau^T \hat{P} \tau (A - Q_s V_{2s}^{-1} C) + (L - D_e C)^T R (L - D_e C), \quad (3.16)$$

where

$$\tau \triangleq \sum_{i=1}^{n_e} \pi_i(\psi) \quad (3.17)$$

for some $\psi \in \mathcal{D}(\hat{Q}, \hat{P})$ such that $(\psi^{-1} \hat{Q} \hat{P} \psi)_{(i,i)} \neq 0$, $i = 1, \dots, n_e$, and some projective factorization G , Γ of τ . Furthermore, the minimal cost is given by

$$J(A_e, B_e, C_e, D_e) = \text{tr}[(L Q L^T - D_e V_{2s} D_e^T) R]. \quad (3.18)$$

Remark 3.1. It is useful to note that (3.10) can be replaced by

$$A_e = \Gamma A G^T - B_e C G^T. \quad (3.10)$$

Remark 3.2. Because of (3.9) the $n \times n$ matrix τ which couples the three equations (3.14)–(3.16) is idempotent, i.e., $\tau^2 = \tau$. In general, this ‘optimal projection’ is an oblique projection (as opposed to an orthogonal projection) since it is not necessarily symmetric. It should be stressed that the form of the optimal reduced-order estimator (3.10)–(3.13) is a direct consequence of optimality and not the result of an a priori assumption on the structure of the reduced-order estimator.

Remark 3.3. To specialize the result to the strictly proper (no feedthrough) case, merely ignore (3.13) and set $D_e = 0$ wherever it appears.

Remark 3.4. Replacing x_e by Sx_e , where S is invertible, yields the ‘equivalent’ estimator $(SA_eS^{-1}, SB_e, C_eS^{-1}, D_e)$ with $J(SA_eS^{-1}, SB_e, C_eS^{-1}, D_e) = J(A_e, B_e, C_e, D_e)$. Note that transformation of the estimator state basis corresponds to the alternative factorization $\tau = (S^{-T}G)^T(S\Gamma)$.

Remark 3.5. Note that for the optimal values of A_e and B_e the estimator dynamics (3.3) assume the usual observer form

$$x_e(k+1) = \Gamma A G^T x_e + \Gamma Q_s V_{2s}^{-1} (y - C G^T x_e). \tag{3.19}$$

By introducing the quasi-full-state estimate $\hat{x} \triangleq G^T x_e \in \mathbb{R}^n$ so that $\tau \hat{x} = \hat{x}$ and $x_e = \Gamma \hat{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_e}$, (3.19) can be written as

$$\hat{x}(k+1) = \tau A \tau \hat{x} + \tau Q_s V_{2s}^{-1} (y - C \hat{x}). \tag{3.20}$$

Although the implemented estimator (3.19) has the state $x_e \in \mathbb{R}^{n_e}$, (3.19) can be viewed as a quasi-full-order estimator whose geometric structure is entirely dictated by the projection τ and the stochastic effects. Specifically, error inputs $Q_s V_{2s}^{-1} (y - C \hat{x})$ are annihilated unless they are contained in $[\mathcal{N}(\tau)]^\perp = \mathcal{R}(\tau^T)$. Hence, the observation subspace of the estimator is precisely $\mathcal{R}(\tau^T)$.

Specializing Theorem 3.1 to the noise-free case $A_i = 0, C_i = 0, i = 1, \dots, p$, yields Theorem 2.2 of [2,3]. Alternatively, specializing Theorem 3.1 to the full-order case $n_e = n$ reveals that the Lyapunov equation for \hat{P} is superfluous. In this case it follows from Remark 3.4 that $G = \Gamma = I_n$ without loss of generality.

Corollary 3.1. Assume $n_e = n$, A is asymptotically stable and $(A_e, B_e, C_e, D_e) \in \mathcal{S}^+$ solves the Optimal Full-Order State-Estimation Problem. Then there exist $n \times n$ nonnegative-definite matrices Q and \hat{Q} such that A_e, B_e, C_e and D_e are given by

$$A_e = A - \hat{Q}_s \hat{V}_{2s}^{-1} C, \tag{3.21}$$

$$B_e = \hat{Q}_s \hat{V}_{2s}^{-1}, \tag{3.22}$$

$$C_e = L - D_e C, \tag{3.23}$$

$$D_e = L Q C^T \hat{V}_{2s}^{-1}, \tag{3.24}$$

and such that Q and \hat{Q} satisfy

$$Q = A Q A^T + \sum_{i=1}^p A_i (Q + \hat{Q}) A_i^T + V_1 - \hat{Q}_s \hat{V}_{2s}^{-1} \hat{Q}_s^T, \tag{3.25}$$

$$\hat{Q} = A \hat{Q} A^T + \hat{Q}_s \hat{V}_{2s}^{-1} \hat{Q}_s^T. \tag{3.26}$$

Furthermore, the minimal cost is given by

$$J(A_e, B_e, C_e, D_e) = \text{tr}[(L Q L^T - D_e \hat{V}_{2s} D_e^T) R]. \tag{3.27}$$

Remark 3.6. To recover the standard Kalman filter result from Corollary 3.1 set $A_i = 0, C_i = 0, i = 1, \dots, p$, so that (3.25) and (3.26) are decoupled and (3.26) is superfluous. Since the standard Kalman filter is strictly proper, set $D_e = 0$ as in Remark 3.3.

4. Proof of the main theorem

Using the notation of Section 2 the augmented system (3.1) and (3.3) can be written as

$$\bar{x}(k+1) = \left(\tilde{A} + \sum_{i=1}^p v_i(k) \tilde{A}_i \right) \bar{x}(k) + \tilde{w}(k), \tag{4.1}$$

where $\bar{x}(k) \triangleq [x^T(k), x_e^T(k)]^T$. To analyze (4.1) it is useful to define the second-moment matrix

$$\tilde{Q}(k) = E[\bar{x}(k)\bar{x}^T(k)]. \quad (4.2)$$

It follows from (4.1) and (4.2) that $\tilde{Q}(k)$ must satisfy

$$\tilde{Q}(k+1) = \tilde{A}\tilde{Q}(k)\tilde{A}^T + \sum_{i=1}^p \tilde{A}_i\tilde{Q}(k)\tilde{A}_i^T + \tilde{V}. \quad (4.3)$$

Lemma 4.1. A_e is asymptotically stable if and only if

$$\mathcal{A} \triangleq \tilde{A} \otimes \tilde{A} + \sum_{i=1}^p \tilde{A}_i \otimes \tilde{A}_i$$

is asymptotically stable.

Proof. The result follows from properties of the Kronecker product applied to partitioned matrices. See [36] for details. \square

Hence \mathcal{A} stable assures

$$\tilde{Q} \triangleq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} E[\bar{x}(k)\bar{x}^T(k)]$$

exists. Furthermore, \tilde{Q} and its nonnegative-definite dual \tilde{P} are the unique solutions of the modified Lyapunov equations

$$\tilde{Q} = \tilde{A}\tilde{Q}\tilde{A}^T + \sum_{i=1}^p \tilde{A}_i\tilde{Q}\tilde{A}_i^T + \tilde{V}, \quad (4.4)$$

$$\tilde{P} = \tilde{A}^T\tilde{P}\tilde{A} + \sum_{i=1}^p \tilde{A}_i^T\tilde{P}\tilde{A}_i + \tilde{R}. \quad (4.5)$$

Partition $(n+n_e) \times (n+n_e)$ \tilde{Q} , \tilde{P} into $n \times n$, $n \times n_e$, and $n_e \times n_e$ subblocks as

$$\tilde{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} Q_1 & Q_{12} \\ Q_{12}^T & Q_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{P} = \begin{bmatrix} P_1 & P_{12} \\ P_{12}^T & P_2 \end{bmatrix},$$

and define the $n \times n$ nonnegative-definite matrices

$$Q \triangleq Q_1 - Q_{12}Q_2^{-1}Q_{12}^T, \quad \hat{Q} \triangleq Q_{12}Q_2^{-1}Q_{12}^T, \quad P \triangleq P_1 - P_{12}P_2^{-1}P_{12}^T, \quad \hat{P} \triangleq P_{12}P_2^{-1}P_{12}^T,$$

$$\hat{Q} \triangleq A\hat{Q}A^T + Q_sV_{2s}^{-1}Q_s^T, \quad \hat{P} \triangleq (A - Q_sV_{2s}^{-1}C)^T\hat{P}(A - Q_sV_{2s}^{-1}C) + (L - D_eC)^TR(L - D_eC),$$

where $\tau\hat{Q}\tau^T$ is replaced by \hat{Q} in Q_s and V_{2s} and the $n_e \times n$, $n_e \times n_e$, $n_e \times n$ matrices

$$G \triangleq Q_2^{-1}Q_{12}^T, \quad M \triangleq Q_2P_2, \quad \Gamma \triangleq -P_2^{-1}P_{12}^T.$$

To minimize (3.5) subject to the constraint (4.4), form the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}(A_e, B_e, C_e, D_e, \tilde{Q}, \tilde{P}, \lambda) \triangleq \text{tr} \left[\lambda J(A_e, B_e, C_e, D_e) + \left(\tilde{A}\tilde{Q}\tilde{A}^T + \sum_{i=1}^p \tilde{A}_i\tilde{Q}\tilde{A}_i^T + \tilde{V} - \tilde{Q} \right) \tilde{P} \right],$$

where the Lagrange multipliers $\lambda \geq 0$ and $\tilde{P} \in \mathbb{R}^{(n+n_e) \times (n+n_e)}$ are not both zero. Setting $\partial\mathcal{L}/\partial\tilde{Q} = 0$, $\lambda = 0$

implies $\tilde{P} = 0$ since $(A_e, B_e, C_e, D_e) \in \mathcal{S}^+$. Hence, without loss of generality set $\lambda = 1$. Thus the stationarity conditions are given by

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \tilde{P}} = \tilde{A} \tilde{Q} \tilde{A}^T + \sum_{i=1}^p \tilde{A}_i \tilde{Q} \tilde{A}_i^T + \tilde{V} - \tilde{Q} = 0, \quad (4.6)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \tilde{Q}} = \tilde{A}^T \tilde{P} \tilde{A} + \sum_{i=1}^p \tilde{A}_i^T \tilde{P} \tilde{A}_i + \tilde{R} - \tilde{P} = 0, \quad (4.7)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A_e} = P_{12}^T A Q_{12} + P_2 B_e C Q_{12} + P_2 A_e Q_2 = 0, \quad (4.8)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial B_e} = P_{12}^T Q_s + P_2 B_e V_{2s} = 0, \quad (4.9)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial C_e} = -R L Q_{12} + R D_e C Q_{12} + R C_e Q_2 = 0, \quad (4.10)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial D_e} = D_e V_{2s} - L Q C^T = 0. \quad (4.11)$$

Expanding (4.6) and (4.7) yields

$$A(Q + \hat{Q})A^T + \sum_{i=1}^p A_i(Q + \hat{Q})A_i^T + V_1 - Q - \hat{Q} = 0, \quad (4.12)$$

$$\left[A \hat{Q} A^T + Q_s V_{2s}^{-1} Q_s^T - \hat{Q} \right] \Gamma^T = 0, \quad (4.13)$$

$$\Gamma \left[A \hat{Q} A^T + Q_s V_{2s}^{-1} Q_s^T - \hat{Q} \right] \Gamma^T = 0, \quad (4.14)$$

$$\left[(A - Q_s V_{2s}^{-1} C)^T \hat{P} (A - Q_s V_{2s}^{-1} C) + (L - D_e C)^T R (L - D_e C) - \hat{P} \right] G^T = 0, \quad (4.15)$$

$$G \left[(A - Q_s V_{2s}^{-1} C)^T \hat{P} (A - Q_s V_{2s}^{-1} C) + (L - D_e C)^T R (L - D_e C) - \hat{P} \right] G^T = 0. \quad (4.16)$$

Note that the (1, 1) subblock of equation (4.7) which characterizes P_1 has been omitted from the above equations since the estimator gains are independent of P_1 .

Using (4.8)–(4.11) we obtain (3.10)–(3.13). Using (4.12) + $G^T \Gamma(4.13)G - (4.13)G - ((4.13)G)^T$ and $G^T \Gamma(4.13)G - (4.13)G - ((4.13)G)^T + (4.13) - (4.13)$ yields (3.14) and (3.15). Using $\Gamma^T G(4.15)\Gamma - (4.15)\Gamma - ((4.15)\Gamma)^T + (4.15) - (4.15)$ yields (3.16). Finally, $\Gamma(4.13)$ –(4.14) or $G(4.15) - (4.16)$ yields $\Gamma G^T = I_{n_e}$. \square

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