# Lecture L2 : Basics for linear inversion, the 'white box' case 

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## General context, white box case

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First : Beyong the magic of 'trendline tool' ('courbe de tendance' in français...)

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Let's play with the trendline tool, and let's observe what happens...

A researcher (names Y. J.) works with three students, on an experiment that begins at 0.00 o'clock and that is during about 20h. Each student performs $\mathrm{m}=20$ measurements $y_{i}$. Each measurement is done with the same accuracy.

Y. J. suspects that every measurement can be explained by the simple model :
$y_{m o}=x_{1} t+x_{2}$
He also expects the values
$x_{1}=x_{1}^{\text {nom }}=5 K / h$
$x_{2}=x_{2}^{\text {nom }}=2 K$
...but keep them secret... He asks each student to use the trendline tool on his own 20 measurements and give him the value of $x_{1}$ and $x_{2}$

Result of estimations in the 'estimation plane’


## Result of estimations in the 'estimation plane'

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- each student gives a different result
- each student is at a different distance from the expected value


One way to be sure :
« Do experiment and parameter estimation again! And again, and again....! "

The experiment is the same... excepted the random part of it : the noise measurement



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Relative scattering of each cloud around its center


Results

## Each student can annonce now :

- the central value of its cloud of 100 estimations
- a size of the region (absolute and relative) in which are located the majority of its estimations

| Student | D.M. | P.L.M. | Y.F. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Time range $(\mathrm{h})$ | $0.5 \mathrm{~h}-2.5 \mathrm{~h}$ | $5 \mathrm{~h}-7.5 \mathrm{~h}$ | $15 \mathrm{~h}-17.5 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Central value $\bar{X}_{1}(\mathrm{~K} / \mathrm{h})$ | $4.994 \mathrm{~K} / \mathrm{h}$ | $4.738 \mathrm{~K} / \mathrm{h}$ | $4.985 \mathrm{~K} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| Absolute interval $(\mathrm{K} / \mathrm{h})$ | $\pm 0.3 \mathrm{~K} / \mathrm{h}$ | $\pm 0.35 \mathrm{~K} / \mathrm{h}$ | $\pm 0.35 \mathrm{~K} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| Relative interval $(\%)$ | $\pm 6 \%$ | $\pm 7 \%$ | $\pm 7 \%$ |
| Central value $\bar{X}_{2}(\mathrm{~K})$ | 2.019 | 3.52 | 2.223 |
| Absolute interval $(\mathrm{K})$ | $\pm 0.5 \mathrm{~K}$ | $\pm 1 \mathrm{~K} / \mathrm{h}$ | $\pm 5.3 \mathrm{~K} / \mathrm{h}$ |
| Relative interval $(\%)$ | $\pm 10 \%$ | $\pm 28 \%$ | $\pm 106 \%$ |

- Finally we can say that to the question:
'Find the $x_{1}$ and $x_{2}$ values of model $y_{m o}=x_{1} t+x_{2}$,
given $m$ measurements $y_{i}$ at $t_{i}^{\prime}$
the answer is not :
'a unique point $\left(\hat{x}_{1}, \hat{x}_{2}\right)$ '
but rather :
'a SPOT (or a cloud) of points $\left(\hat{x}_{1}, \hat{x}_{2}\right)$ ' because of random noise measurement. In other words :

'Blur on measurements gives blur on estimations'
- Here clouds of estimations have elliptical shapes with high density in the central region
- The center of each spot is very close to the nominal value
- The ideal spot would be : - with the 'smallest' extension

Next comments : influence of experimental conditions

- It seems that certain experimental conditions are better than others :
- here, measurements have to be 'close' to $t=0$
- Suppose we know the equation of the elliptical solution spot (detailed later) :
- What happens if noise measurement magnitude changes ?

- What happens if number of measurements ( $m=20$ ) changes ?


Back to the magic...

- So it would be very interesting to predict the performances of a parameter estimation method in term of 'spot (or cloud) of estimations' without achieving 100 experiment/identifications!
- We must try to predict the shape of the 'spot of estimations' (that will be called 'the confidence region'), associated to only one experiment/identification realisation
- But before, we have to reveal the secret of the 'magic/top model/OLS line'...



( $m \times 1$ ) experimental measurements vector

$$
\boldsymbol{y}=\left[y_{1} \ldots y_{i} \ldots y_{m}\right]^{\mathrm{t}} \quad \text { with } \quad y_{i}=y\left(t_{i}\right), t_{i}=t_{\min }+(i-1) . d t, \quad i=1, \ldots, m
$$

( $m \times 1$ ) time vector (explicative variable)

$$
\boldsymbol{t}=\left[t_{1} \ldots t_{i} \ldots t_{m}\right]^{t}
$$

( $m \times 1$ ) measurement errors vector

$$
\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}=\left[\varepsilon_{1} \ldots \varepsilon_{i} \ldots \varepsilon_{n}\right]^{\mathbf{t}} \quad \varepsilon_{i} \text { be the (unknown) error associated to the measurement }
$$

Some assumptions have to be done on these measurement errors.

| Number | Assumption on measurement errors | Explanation |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | Additive errors | $\boldsymbol{y}=\boldsymbol{y}_{\text {perfect }}+\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ |
| 2 | Unbiased model | $\boldsymbol{y}_{\text {perfect }}=y_{\text {mo }}\left(x^{\text {exact }}\right)$ |
| 3 | Zero mean errors | $E[\varepsilon]=0$ |
| 4 | Constant variance | $\operatorname{Var}[\varepsilon]=\sigma_{\varepsilon}^{2}$ |
| 5 | Uncorrelated errors | $\operatorname{Cov}\left[\varepsilon_{i} \varepsilon_{j}\right]=0$ for $i \neq j$ |
| 6 | Normal probability distribution |  |
| 7 | Known statistical parameters |  |
| 8 | No error in the $X_{i j}$ | $\mathbf{X}$ is not a random matrix |
| 9 | No prior information regarding the parameters |  |

$E[$.$] Is the expected value operator (representing the mean of a large number of$ realizations of the random variable)

Covariance Matrix of measurement errors

$$
\boldsymbol{\Psi}=E\left[(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}-E[\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}])(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}-E[\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}])^{t}\right]=E\left[\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{t}\right]=\operatorname{diag}\left(\sigma_{\varepsilon}^{2}, \cdots, \sigma_{\varepsilon}^{2}, \cdots, \sigma_{\varepsilon}^{2}\right)=\boldsymbol{I} . \sigma_{\varepsilon}^{2}
$$



Roadmap for estimation
( $m \times 1$ ) experimental measurements vector

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \boldsymbol{y}_{m o}(\boldsymbol{t}, \boldsymbol{x})=\left[\begin{array}{llll}
y_{m o, i}\left(t_{1}, \boldsymbol{x}\right) \ldots & y_{m o, i}\left(t_{i}, \boldsymbol{x}\right) \ldots & y_{m o, m}\left(t_{m}, \boldsymbol{x}\right)
\end{array}\right]^{\mathbf{t}} \\
& \text { with } y_{m o}(t, \boldsymbol{x})=\eta(t, \boldsymbol{x}) \\
& \text { parameters vector }(n \times 1): \quad \boldsymbol{x}=\left[\begin{array}{lll}
x_{1} & \ldots & x_{n}
\end{array}\right]^{\mathbf{t}}
\end{aligned}
$$

Modelization of the experiment (Direct calculation)


With here: $y_{m o}(t, \boldsymbol{x})=x_{1} t+x_{2}$

Roadmap for estimation

$$
y_{m o}(t, \boldsymbol{x})=x_{1} t+x_{2}
$$

NB : that model is said 'linear' on the parameter estimation point of view because it is linear with respect to its parameter $x_{i}$. The following model

$$
y_{\text {mo }}(t, \boldsymbol{x})=x_{1} \sqrt{t}+x_{2} \cdot \operatorname{erf}(t)
$$

is still linear with respect to its parameter $x_{i}$ even it is not with respect to time. The following model

$$
y_{m o}(t, \boldsymbol{x})=x_{1} \sqrt{t}+\exp \left(-x_{2} t\right)
$$

is not linear with respect to $x_{2}$

Writing the $m$ model values for the $m$ time values, the $m$ resulting equations can be written in a matrix way as following :

$$
\left[\begin{array}{c}
y_{m o, 1} \\
\vdots \\
y_{m o, i} \\
\vdots \\
y_{m o, m}
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
t_{1} & 1 \\
\vdots & \vdots \\
t_{i} & 1 \\
\vdots & \vdots \\
t_{m} & 1
\end{array}\right] \cdot\left[\begin{array}{l}
x_{1} \\
x_{2}
\end{array}\right] \text { or } \boldsymbol{y}_{m o}=\boldsymbol{S x} \quad \text { with } \boldsymbol{S}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
S_{1}\left(t_{1}\right) & S_{2}\left(t_{1}\right) \\
\vdots & \vdots \\
S_{1}\left(t_{i}\right) & S_{2}\left(t_{1}\right) \\
\vdots & \vdots \\
S_{1}\left(t_{m}\right) & S_{2}\left(t_{1}\right)
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
t_{1} & 1 \\
\vdots & \vdots \\
t_{i} & 1 \\
\vdots & \vdots \\
t_{m} & 1
\end{array}\right]
$$

with $\quad S_{k}(t, \boldsymbol{x})=\left.\frac{\partial y_{m 0}(t, \boldsymbol{x})}{\partial x_{k}}\right|_{t, x_{j} \text { for } \mathrm{j} \neq \mathbf{k}} \begin{aligned} & \text { : sensitivity coefficient relative } \\ & \text { to parameter } x_{k}, k=1, \ldots, n\end{aligned}$

Roadmap for estimation

Problem : use the $m(=20)$ measurements to estimate the $n(2)$ unknown parameters : Overdetermined problem transformed in a minimization problem :


Residual vector ( $\mathrm{m} \times 1$ )

$$
\boldsymbol{r}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}})=\boldsymbol{y}-\boldsymbol{y}_{m o}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}})=\left[\begin{array}{lllll}
y_{1}-y_{m o, 1}\left(t_{1}, \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}\right) & \ldots & y_{i}-y_{m o i i}\left(t_{i}, \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}\right) & \ldots & y_{m}-y_{m o, m}\left(t_{m}, \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}\right)
\end{array}\right]^{t}
$$

Without any a priori information on the parameters and given the above assumptions for measurements errors, the square of the Euclidian norm of the residual vector is minimised:

$$
J_{O L S}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}})=\|\boldsymbol{r}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}})\|^{2}=\|\boldsymbol{y}-\boldsymbol{S} \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}\|^{2}
$$

This scalar number is called the Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) cost function

$$
\left.J_{O L S}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}})=\sum_{i=1}^{m} r_{i}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}})^{2}=\sum_{i=1}^{m}\left(y_{i}-\sum_{j=1}^{n} S_{j}\left(t_{i}\right) \hat{x}_{j}\right)\right)^{2}=\sum_{i=1}^{m}\left(y_{i}-y_{m o, i}\left(t_{i}, \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}\right)\right)^{2}
$$

With a matrix formulation it gives :

$$
\begin{aligned}
& J_{O L S}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}})=\left[\boldsymbol{y}-\boldsymbol{y}_{m o}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}})\right]^{t}\left[\boldsymbol{y}-\boldsymbol{y}_{\text {mo }}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}})\right] \\
& J_{O L S}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}})=[\boldsymbol{y}-\boldsymbol{S} \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}]^{t}[\boldsymbol{y}-\boldsymbol{S} \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}]
\end{aligned}
$$

The solution of the problem is then : $\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{\text {OLS }}=\arg \left[\min \left(J_{O L S}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}})\right]\right.$

Roadmap for estimation

The OLS estimator is the one that minimizes the scalar function $J_{\text {OLS }}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}})$

$$
\nabla_{x} J_{O L S}\left(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{O L S}\right)=0 \quad \text { with } \quad \nabla_{x}=\left(\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{1}} \\
\vdots \\
\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{n}}
\end{array}\right)
$$

$$
\nabla_{x} J_{O L S}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}})=2\left[\nabla_{x}\left[\boldsymbol{y}-\boldsymbol{y}_{m o}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}})\right]\right]^{t}\left[\boldsymbol{y}-\boldsymbol{y}_{m o}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}})\right]
$$

Knowing that $\boldsymbol{S}^{t}=\left[\nabla_{x} \boldsymbol{y}_{m o}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}})\right]^{t}$ and $\quad \boldsymbol{y}_{m o}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}})=\boldsymbol{S} \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}$

$$
\nabla_{x} J_{O L S}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}})=-2 \boldsymbol{S}^{t}[\boldsymbol{y}-\boldsymbol{S} \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}]
$$

Then $\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{O L S}$ is solution of : $\left[\boldsymbol{S}^{t} \boldsymbol{S}\right] \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{O L S}=\boldsymbol{S}^{t} \boldsymbol{y} \quad$ (the Normal Equation)

NB : $\left[\boldsymbol{S}^{t} \boldsymbol{S}\right]^{-1} \boldsymbol{S}^{t}(\mathrm{n} \times \mathrm{m})$ is the Moore Penrose matrix
If we distinguish parameters to be estimated $\boldsymbol{x}_{\boldsymbol{r}}$ from parameters that will be fixed $\boldsymbol{x}_{\boldsymbol{c}}$

$$
\boldsymbol{y}_{\boldsymbol{m o}}(\boldsymbol{x})=\boldsymbol{S} \boldsymbol{X}=\boldsymbol{S}_{\boldsymbol{r}} \boldsymbol{x}_{\boldsymbol{r}}+\boldsymbol{S}_{\boldsymbol{c}} \boldsymbol{x}_{c}
$$

$\left.\boldsymbol{S}=\left[\boldsymbol{S}_{r}: \boldsymbol{S}_{c}\right]=\left[\left[\begin{array}{ccc}\mathcal{S}_{1}\left(t_{1}\right) & \ldots & S_{r}\left(t_{1}\right) \\ \vdots & \ldots & \vdots \\ S_{1}\left(t_{m}\right) & \ldots & S_{r}\left(t_{m}\right)\end{array}\right]: \begin{array}{cccc}S_{r+1}\left(t_{1}\right) & \ldots & S_{q}\left(t_{1}\right) \\ \vdots & \ldots & \vdots \\ S_{r+1}\left(t_{m}\right) & \ldots & S_{q}\left(t_{m}\right)\end{array}\right]\right]$

$$
\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{\text {OLS }}=\left[\mathbf{S}_{r}^{t} \mathbf{S}_{r}\right]^{-1} \boldsymbol{S}_{r}^{t}\left(\boldsymbol{y}-\boldsymbol{S}_{c} \boldsymbol{x}_{c}\right)
$$

Matrix $\boldsymbol{S}^{t} \boldsymbol{S}$ needs to be inverted

Roadmap for estimation
\#5 : the confidence through the covariance
$\boldsymbol{e}_{r}=\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{r, \text { OLS }}\left(\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_{c}\right)-\boldsymbol{x}_{r}^{\text {exact }}:$ error on estimations
$\boldsymbol{e}_{c}=\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_{c}-\boldsymbol{x}_{c}^{\text {exact }} \quad:$ deterministic error (bias) on parameter
$\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{r, \text { oLS }}\left(\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_{c}\right)=\boldsymbol{A}_{r}\left(\boldsymbol{y}-\boldsymbol{S}_{c} \tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_{c}\right) \quad$ and $\quad \boldsymbol{y}=\boldsymbol{y}_{m 0}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{\text {exacat }}\right)+\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}=\boldsymbol{S}_{r} \boldsymbol{x}_{r}^{\text {eratat }}+\boldsymbol{S}_{c} \boldsymbol{x}_{c}^{\text {exact }}+\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$
$\rightarrow \boldsymbol{e}_{r}=\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{r, \text { OLS }}\left(\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_{c}\right)-\boldsymbol{x}_{r}^{\text {exact }}=\boldsymbol{A}_{\boldsymbol{r}} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}-\boldsymbol{A}_{r} \boldsymbol{S}_{c} \boldsymbol{e}_{c}=\boldsymbol{e}_{r 1}+\boldsymbol{e}_{r 2} \quad, \quad \boldsymbol{A}_{r}=\left[\boldsymbol{S}_{r}^{t} \boldsymbol{S}_{r}\right]^{-1} \boldsymbol{S}_{r}^{t}$

Random contribution due to random measurement errors
the non-random (deterministic) contribution to the total error vector due to the deterministic error on the fixed parameters

Covariance of estimations

$$
\boldsymbol{C}_{1}=\operatorname{cov}\left(\boldsymbol{e}_{r 1}\right)=E\left[\boldsymbol{e}_{r 1} \boldsymbol{e}_{r 1}^{t}\right]=\boldsymbol{A}_{r} E\left[\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{t}\right] \boldsymbol{A}_{r}^{t}=\boldsymbol{A}_{r} \boldsymbol{\psi} \boldsymbol{A}_{r}^{t}=\left[\boldsymbol{S}_{r}^{t} \boldsymbol{S}_{r}\right]^{-1} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\varepsilon}^{2}=\boldsymbol{C}_{1}
$$

$\longrightarrow\left[\boldsymbol{S}_{r}^{t} \boldsymbol{S}_{r}\right]^{-1}$ is a matrix (r×r) that amplifies the noise measurements (we have found the danger!)

Bias of estimations

$$
E\left[\boldsymbol{e}_{r 2}\right]=-\boldsymbol{A}_{r} \boldsymbol{S}_{c} \boldsymbol{e}_{c}=\left[\boldsymbol{S}_{r}^{t} \mathbf{S}_{r}\right]^{-1} \mathbf{S}_{r}^{t} \boldsymbol{S}_{c} \boldsymbol{e}_{c} \neq 0
$$

$\longrightarrow\left[\boldsymbol{S}_{r}^{t} \boldsymbol{S}_{r}\right]^{-1} \boldsymbol{S}_{r}^{t} \boldsymbol{S}_{c} \quad \begin{aligned} & \text { is a matrix }(r \times(n-r) \text { ) that amplifies the bias on fixed } \\ & \text { parameters (we have found another danger!) }\end{aligned}$

Roadmap for estimation

For a fixed value of $\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_{c}$, the covariance matrix of estimations errors is

$$
\boldsymbol{C}_{r}=\operatorname{cov}\left(\boldsymbol{e}_{r}\right)=E\left[\left(\boldsymbol{e}_{r}-E\left[\boldsymbol{e}_{r}\right]\right)\left(\boldsymbol{e}_{r}-E\left[\boldsymbol{e}_{r}\right]\right)^{t}\right]=E\left[\boldsymbol{e}_{r 1} \boldsymbol{e}_{r 1}^{t}\right]=\operatorname{cov}\left(\boldsymbol{e}_{r 1}\right)=\boldsymbol{C}_{1}
$$

The covariance matrix components are


Individual variances on the $r$ estimations are on the diagonal

Roadmap for estimation

$$
\boldsymbol{C}_{1}=\left[\mathbf{S}_{r}^{t} \mathbf{S}_{r}\right]^{-1} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\varepsilon}^{2}
$$

if $\sigma_{\varepsilon}^{2}$ is not measured before the experiment, an estimation of it may be obtained at the end of estimation thanks to the final value of the objective function :

$$
J_{O L S}\left(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{r, O L S}\left(\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_{c}\right)\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{m} r_{i}\left(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{O L S}\left(\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_{c}\right)\right)^{2}
$$

a non biased estimation of $\sigma_{\varepsilon}^{2}$ for the estimation of $r$ parameter from the use of $m$ measurements is thus given by

$$
\hat{\sigma}_{\varepsilon}^{2}=\frac{J_{O L S}\left(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{r, O L S}\left(\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_{c}\right)\right)}{n-r}
$$



Equation in centered $\left(\delta x_{1}, \delta x_{2}\right)$ axes

$$
\boldsymbol{\delta} \boldsymbol{x}^{t} \cdot \boldsymbol{S}^{t} \boldsymbol{S} \cdot \boldsymbol{\delta} \boldsymbol{x}=\Delta^{2}
$$

$$
\Delta^{2}=\chi_{1-\alpha}^{2}(2) \sigma_{\varepsilon}^{2}
$$

$\sigma_{\varepsilon}^{2}$ : variance of noise
$\chi_{1-\alpha}^{2}(2)$ is computed by chi2inv(alpha,2) in MATLAB ${ }^{\circledR}$ for a confidence region at a level 95\% ( $\alpha=0.95$ )

Equation in principal axes $\left(\delta x_{1}^{\prime}, \delta x_{2}^{\prime}\right): \quad \boldsymbol{\delta} \boldsymbol{x}^{\mathbf{\prime} t} . \boldsymbol{\Lambda} . \boldsymbol{\delta} \boldsymbol{x}^{\prime}=\Delta^{2}$
Where $\boldsymbol{\Lambda}=\operatorname{diag}\left(\lambda_{1}, \lambda_{2}\right)$ contains the eigenvalues of $\boldsymbol{S}^{t} \boldsymbol{S}$


Length of the two half axis are 'long' if eigenvalues are 'small' :

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \rho_{1}=\Delta / \sqrt{\lambda_{1}} \\
& \rho_{2}=\Delta / \sqrt{\lambda_{2}}
\end{aligned}
$$

Notice : determinant of $\boldsymbol{S}^{t} \boldsymbol{S}$ Is given by

$$
\operatorname{det}\left(\boldsymbol{S}^{t} \boldsymbol{S}\right)=\lambda_{1} \lambda_{2}
$$

the area of the region inside the ellipse is given by

$$
A=\pi . \rho_{1} \cdot \rho_{2}=\frac{\pi \chi_{1-\alpha}^{2}(2) \sigma_{\varepsilon}^{2}}{\sqrt{\operatorname{det}\left(\boldsymbol{S}^{t} \boldsymbol{S}\right)}}=\frac{\pi \chi_{1-\alpha}^{2}(2) \sigma_{\varepsilon}^{2}}{\sqrt{\lambda_{1} \lambda_{2}}}
$$

$\boldsymbol{C}_{1}=\left[\mathbf{S}_{r}^{t} \mathbf{S}_{r}\right]^{-1} \sigma_{\varepsilon}^{2} \quad$ : 'absolute' covariance matrix of estimations
We can use $\boldsymbol{S}^{*}=\boldsymbol{S} . \operatorname{diag}(\boldsymbol{x})$ instead of $\boldsymbol{S}$, whose the columns contain the reduced sensitivity coefficients (of same unit than model $y_{m o}$ )

$$
S_{k}^{*}(t, \boldsymbol{x})=x_{k} S_{k}(t, \boldsymbol{x})=\left.x_{k} \frac{\partial y_{m o}(t, \boldsymbol{x})}{\partial x_{k}}\right|_{t, x_{j} \text { for } \mathrm{j} \neq \mathbf{k}}=\left.\frac{\partial y_{m o}(t, \boldsymbol{x})}{\frac{\partial x_{k}}{x_{k}}}\right|_{t, x_{j} \text { for } \mathrm{j} \neq \mathrm{k}}
$$

$\frac{\partial y_{m o}(t, \boldsymbol{x})}{\left(\frac{\partial x_{k}}{x_{k}}\right)}=$| Those reduced coefficients give the |
| :--- |
| absolute variation of model due to |
| relative variation on parameters |

They can be compared between them and compared to the magnitude of noise
$\boldsymbol{S}^{*}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}S_{1}^{*}\left(t_{1}\right) & S_{1}^{*}\left(t_{1}\right) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ S_{i}^{*}\left(t_{i}\right) & S_{i}^{*}\left(t_{1}\right) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ S_{m}^{*}\left(t_{m}\right) & S_{m}^{*}\left(t_{1}\right)\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{cc}x_{1} t_{1} & x_{2} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_{1} t_{i} & x_{2} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_{1} t_{m} & x_{2}\end{array}\right]$

With that reduced sensitivity matrix, we can build the relative covariance matrix


Roadmap for estimation

The same can be done with the ellipse equation

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \boldsymbol{\delta} \boldsymbol{x}^{t} \cdot \boldsymbol{S}^{t} \boldsymbol{S} . \boldsymbol{\delta} \boldsymbol{x}=\Delta^{2} \\
& \text { with } \boldsymbol{S}^{*}=\boldsymbol{S} \cdot \operatorname{diag}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{\text {nom }}\right) \boldsymbol{S}=\boldsymbol{S}^{*} \operatorname{diag}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{\text {nom }}\right)^{-1} \\
& \text { gives }(\underbrace{\operatorname{diag}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{\text {nom }}\right)^{-1} \boldsymbol{\delta} \boldsymbol{x}}_{\frac{\delta \boldsymbol{x}}{\boldsymbol{x}^{n o m}} \longrightarrow})^{t} . \boldsymbol{S}^{t} \boldsymbol{S} . \operatorname{diag}\left(\boldsymbol{x}^{\text {nom }}\right)^{-1} \boldsymbol{\delta} \boldsymbol{x}=\Delta^{2} \\
& \text { Relative confidence ellipse (in \%) }
\end{aligned}
$$



## Residuals analysis

Last, for qualifying the quality of estimation : the residuals analysis

$$
\boldsymbol{r}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}})=\boldsymbol{y}-\boldsymbol{y}_{m o}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}})=\left[\begin{array}{lllll}
y_{1}-y_{m o, 1}\left(t_{1}, \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}\right) & \ldots & y_{i}-y_{m o, i}\left(t_{i}, \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}\right) & \ldots & y_{m}-y_{m o, m}\left(t_{m}, \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}\right)
\end{array}\right]^{t}
$$

Difference between measurements and model response with optimal parameters must 'look like' noise measurement : 'the right model with the right parameters must explain the measurements except its random part'

(a) Uncorrelated residuals

(b) Signed residuals

The danger has been identified : the inversion of $\boldsymbol{S}^{t} \boldsymbol{S}$ or $\boldsymbol{S}^{* t} \boldsymbol{S}^{*}$
It has been shown that the matrix $\boldsymbol{S}^{t} \boldsymbol{S}$ is fundamental in the processus of parameter estimation :

- it has to be inverted to achieve the OLS estimation
- it also has to be inverted to compute the covariance matrix. The inverse of $\boldsymbol{S}^{t} \boldsymbol{S}$ respectively $\boldsymbol{S}^{* t} \boldsymbol{S}^{*}$ plays the role of "noise amplification", in absolute or, respectively, in relative values
- the eigenvalues of $\boldsymbol{S}^{t} \boldsymbol{S}$ enable the calculation of the lengths of the half principal axis of the elliptical confidence region
- the determinant of $\boldsymbol{S}^{t} \boldsymbol{S}$ enables the calculation of the area of the elliptical confidence region
$\longrightarrow$ Illustration in our examples, using too the conditioning number of $\boldsymbol{S}^{t} \boldsymbol{S}$ SENSITIVITY COEFFICIENTS composing S MUST BE LINEARLY INDEPENDENT

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'Graphical' analysis of reduced sensitivity coefficients : independent case

(a)

(d)

(9)

(b)

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(c)

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(i)
'Graphical' analysis of reduced sensitivity coefficients : dependent case

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Analysis of sensitivity coefficients in our triple situation


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