"True Commands," and the corresponding jitter metrics are clearly smaller than the nominal values.

Conclusions

The clutter leakage metrics for the measurement of telescope image stability illustrated in this paper are quite valuable, particularly when the telescope undergoes the significant vibrations caused by an adjacent, deformable, articulated body such as a solar array or by control actuators such as reaction wheels or control-moment gyros. In these circumstances, since the Fourier spectrum of the telescope's pointing error is wide, the conventional method of measuring pointing accuracy in terms of stability and stability rates is inadequate. In the numerical example considered, the leakage metric is high for low damping of the solar array, which implies that greater damping yields a better image. Furthermore, the metric depends heavily upon the integration interval; below a certain limit, the smaller the interval, the better the image. The numerical illustration, therefore, also exemplifies controlstructure and payload-to-payload interaction.

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Principal Coordinate Realization of State Estimation and Its Application to Order Reduction

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I. Introduction

ODELING of plant dynamics is an important problem, especially when designing a time-invariant optimal estimator. Since the optimal estimator is generally of the same order as the plant dynamics, the estimator becomes of high order if the plant is modeled accurately with a high-order system. In practice, however, such full-state estimation is often useless, and some sort of order reduction is possible and necessary. For the fixed-order optimal estimator problem, optimality conditions and a computational algorithm have been discussed in Refs. 3 and 4. In order to make the iterative algorithm converge to the global minimum, an appropriate initial solution, or a suboptimal reduced-order estimator, is necessary. Furthermore, a quantitative index for measuring the accuracy of the order reduction is desirable.

This note proposes that a set of singular values be used as an quantitative index that shows estimation accuracy in terms of the state components. Such an approach introduces a unique realization of the plant model and the estimator. Since the singular values show not only estimation quality but also coupling intensities of each state, a principal coordinate realization can be used for the derivation of a reduced-order (or simplified) estimator. The proposed reduced-order estimator does not claim any optimality, nor guarantee better performance than other methods. However, with only a small computational demand, it gives reasonable results, especially when the system has several small singular values.

II. System Description and Principal Coordinate Realization

The plant dynamics is given by the following state equation:

$$dx/dt = Ax(t) + Bw(t)$$

$$y(t) = Cx(t) + v(t), \quad \eta(t) = Dx(t)$$
(1)

 $x \in R^n$ is the state $y \in R^m$ is the measurement. $\eta \in R^q$ is a variable to be estimated from the measurement y. $w \in R^p$ and $v \in R^m$ are plant disturbance and measurement noise, respectively. It is assumed that they are Gaussian white noise and their stochastic characteristics are given by

$$E\begin{bmatrix} w(t) \\ v(t) \end{bmatrix} = 0, E\begin{bmatrix} w(t) \\ v(t) \end{bmatrix} [w(t+\tau)^T, v(t+\tau)^T] = \begin{bmatrix} w, w_v \\ w_n^T, v \end{bmatrix} \delta(\tau)$$
(2)

where W and V are positive-definite.

It is assumed that (A,B) is controllable, (C,A) is observable, and the system is asymptotically stable. The full-order optimal estimator is given by

$$d\hat{x}/dt = A\hat{x}(t) + K[y(t) - C\hat{x}(t)], \qquad \hat{\eta}(t) = D\hat{x}(t)$$

$$K = (XC^T + BW_v)V^{-1}$$
(3)

 $\hat{\eta}$ is the estimated value for η . The covariance matrix of the error is X, i.e.,

$$E[ee^T] = X, \qquad e(t) = \hat{x}(t) - x(t) \tag{4}$$

It satisfies the following Riccati equation:

$$AX + XA^{T} + BWB^{T} - (XC^{T} + BW_{v})$$

$$\times V^{-1}(XC^{T} + BW_{v})^{T} = 0$$
(5)

The covariance matrices of the state and its estimate are defined as

$$E[xx^T] = X_1, \qquad E[x\hat{x}^T] = X_2 \tag{6}$$

They satisfy the following:

$$AX_1 + X_1A^T + BWB^T = 0, X_2 = X_1 - X$$
 (7)

Under the assumptions of controllability and observability, the three covariance matrices are positive-definite, i.e., X_1 , X_2 , X > 0.

When the state transformation $\xi = Tx$ is carried out, the dynamics of the estimator are not changed, and it can be rewritten in terms of the transformed system matrices $(TAT^{-1}, TB, CT^{-1}, DT^{-1})$. If we consider the transformed covariance matrices of three variables x, \hat{x} , and e, there exists

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a transformation to the coordinate ξ where each covariance matrix is decoupled as follows:

$$E[\xi\xi^{T}] = TX_{1}T^{T} = I_{n}$$

$$E[\xi\xi^{T}] = TX_{2}T^{T} = \operatorname{diag}(\sigma_{1}^{2}, \dots, \sigma_{n}^{2})$$

$$E[\epsilon\epsilon^{T}] = TXT^{T} = \operatorname{diag}(1 - \sigma_{1}^{2}, \dots, 1 - \sigma_{n}^{2})$$

$$1 > \sigma_{1}^{2} \ge \cdots \ge \sigma_{n}^{2} > 0$$
(8)

where $\hat{\xi} = T\hat{x}$, and $\epsilon = Te = \hat{\xi} - \xi$.

 σ_i^2 are singular values of the given dynamics and measurement. They show how accurately each state is estimated in terms of its variance ratio. The set of singular values is a quantitative index of system observability, which depends on the disturbance and noise characteristics.

The realization that is obtained by the state transformation could be called a principal coordinate realization of the optimal estimation. The transformation matrix T can be obtained from the simultaneous diagonalization of any two of the three covariance matrices. If the singular values are distinct, the transformation matrix T is uniquely determined. If not, there remains freedom in the choice of coordinate among equal singular values, but the realization that satisfies condition (8) is still possible by arbitrarily defining coordinates.

III. Application to the Reduced-Order Estimator

When the singular values σ_i^2 are nearly equal to zero, the corresponding state is difficult to reconstruct from the measurement. Further, it indicates that truncation of such a state, or simply estimating it to be zero, does not have a significant effect on the overall estimation. Since small values of σ_i^2 also mean that they have small coupling with states with large values of σ_i^2 in the plant dynamics, this realization can be used for the order reduction of the plant and the estimator.

Truncation of less important states introduces a reducedorder estimator, which is given by the following equation:

$$d\hat{\xi}_r/dt = A_r\hat{\xi}_r(t) + K_r[y(t) - C_r\hat{\xi}_r(t)]; \qquad \hat{\xi}_r \in R^r \ (r < n)$$

$$\hat{\eta}_r(t) = D_r\hat{\xi}_r(t)$$

$$TAT^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} A_r, \times \\ \times, \times \end{bmatrix}, \qquad TB = \begin{bmatrix} B_r \\ \times \end{bmatrix}, \qquad TK = \begin{bmatrix} K_r \\ \times \end{bmatrix},$$

$$CT^{-1} = [C_r, \times], \qquad DT^{-1} = [D_n, \times]$$

where $\hat{\eta_r}$ is the estimated value for η .

Since the covariance matrices TXT^T and TX_1T^T are diagonalized, the following equations are satisfied:

$$K_r = (X_r C_r^T + B_r W_v) V^{-1}, \quad X_r = \text{diag } (1 - \sigma_1^2, \dots, 1 - \sigma_r^2)$$
 (10a)
$$A_r X_r + X_r A_r^T + B_r W B_r^T$$

$$-(X_{r}C_{r}^{T}+B_{r}W_{v})V^{-1}(X_{r}C_{r}^{T}+B_{r}W_{v})^{T}=0$$
 (10b)

 $A_r X_{1r} + X_{1r} A_r^T + B_r W B_r^T = 0, X_{1r} = I_r$ (11)

The Riccati equation (10b) shows that the reduced-order estimator is the full-order optimal estimator for the following reduced-order plant model:

$$d\xi_r/dt = A_r\xi_r(t) + B_rw(t); \qquad \xi_r \in R^r$$

$$y_r(t) = C_r\xi_r(t) + v(t)$$
(12)

where the covariance matrix of the state in the reduced-order plant model is given by X_{1r} . The covariance matrices of the reduced-order plant model and the reduced-order estimator

are explicitly determined from the diagonalized covariance matrices of the original systems. Since the covariance matrices of the reduced-order systems, X_r and X_{1r} in (10) and (11), are positive-definite matrices, all eigenvalues of the system matrices $A_r - K_r C_r$ and A_r are in the left half-plane, and the stability of the reduced-order estimator and the reduced-order plant model is guaranteed.

When the variable to be estimated is specified as defined by η in (1) and the performance index J is given by the following equation, the importance of each state can be evaluated with weighted singular values by using the concept of component cost.⁵

$$J = E[(\hat{\eta} - \eta)^T Q(\hat{\eta} - \eta)] \tag{13}$$

where Q is an appropriately defined weight. Since the performance index of the optimal estimation satisfies $J = E[\eta^T Q \eta] - E[\hat{\eta}^T Q \hat{\eta}]$, the cost function of the full-order optimal estimator ν can be defined as follows:

$$\nu = E[\hat{\eta}^T Q \hat{\eta}] \tag{14}$$

It can be written as

$$\nu = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \nu_i, \qquad \nu_i = (T^{-T}D^TQDT^{-1})_{ii}\sigma_i^2$$
 (15)

where ()_{ii} denotes the *i*th diagonal element of the matrix. By truncating states that correspond to smaller-component cost values ν_i , the reduced-order estimator can be obtained in the same way as given in (9).

IV. Example

As an application of the proposed method, a simple example previously studied in Ref. 2 is considered. The original plant is a fifth-order, single-disturbance, single-measurement system. The plant dynamics is given by the following transfer function:

$$y/w = (s^3 + 12s^2 + 39s + 28)/\Delta(s)$$

$$\Delta(s) = s^5 + 11s^4 + 39s^3 + 61s^2 + 72s + 23$$
 (16)

The poles and zeros are $(-5.577, -3.911, -0.5332 \pm 1.443j,$ -0.4454) and (-7, -4, -1), respectively. The noise intensities are given as W = 10 and V = 1. The singular values obtained are $\sigma_i^2 = 0.9113$, 0.8297, 0.4921, 0.0435, 0.00046. From these figures, it is seen that the last two states are difficult to reconstruct from the measurement. As in the first example of Ref. 2, the performance index is defined as $J = E[(\hat{x}_1 - x_1)^2]$ $+(\hat{x}_2-x_2)^2+(\hat{x}_3-x_3)^2]$, where the transfer functions are $x_1/w=1/\Delta$, $x_2/w=s/\Delta$, $x_3/w=s^2/\Delta$. The component costs obtained are $v_1=0.4659\times 10^{-2}$, 0.2835×10^{-2} , 0.1511×10^{-2} , 0.4134×10^{-4} , 0.4394×10^{-8} . In this case, the ranking of each state is the same as that obtained from the singular values. The degradation factor for each reduced-order i, J_{di} , is defined to be the increment of the performance index due to order reduction divided by that of the full-order estimator. The values of J_{di} obtained with the present model are $J_{d4} = 0.1(\%)$, $J_{d3} = 8.0(\%)$, $J_{d2} = 77.0(\%)$, $J_{d1} = 209.0(\%)$. Reference 2 gives J_d for the third-order case as $J_{d3} = 10.5(\%)$, where the method of that reference is based on the optimal reduced-order model of the plant dynamics. The present method gives a little better performance index for this case and is obtained with much lower computational cost.

V. Concluding Remarks

A set of singular values for optimal estimation is proposed. These values provide quantitative indices for system observability and introduce a unique system realization of the plant and the estimator. The realization is utilized for order reduction of the plant and the estimator by simply truncating less important states. The proposed reduced-order estimator

gives reasonable performance, especially when the system has some small singular values and the corresponding states are truncated. The proposed method does not require any iterative calculation for optimization, and its computational demand is small.

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