

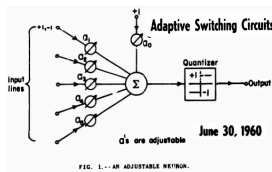
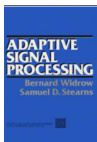
# LMS: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE: Puzzles, Problems and Potentials

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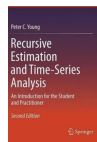
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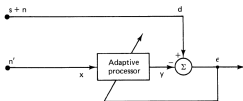
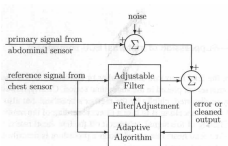


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*Statistical Signal Processing*  
*not Machine Learning!*
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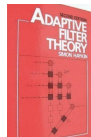
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The Discovery of the LMS Algorithm

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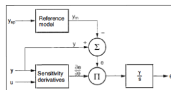


Fig. 5. Block diagram of the parameter adjustment mechanism in a model-reference adaptive system (MRAS).

Whitaker  
MITRule, 1959

# LMS does not Converge!?

## Heuristics + Steepest Descent

Problem: Minimize instantaneous squared error  $\frac{1}{2}e_t^2(w)$

where the error signal is

$$e_t(w) = y_t - x_t^T w.$$

Steepest Descent gives classic form

$$w_{new} = w_{old} + \frac{gain}{\mu} * \frac{gradient}{x_t} * \frac{error}{e_t}$$
$$e_t = y_t - x_t^T \hat{w}_{t-1}$$

But  $\mu$ -scaling is ignored.

To choose  $\mu$  it has to be scaled:

$$\mu = \frac{\mu_o}{\sigma_x^2} \text{ where } \mu_o \text{ is scale free.}$$

## Error Analysis

Weight error  $= \tilde{w}_t = \hat{w}_t - w_t$ . Then

$$\delta \tilde{w}_t = -\mu x_t x_t^T \tilde{w}_{t-1} + \mu x_t n_t + \delta w_t$$

where  $\delta w_t = w_t - w_{t-1}$ .

- This is a time-variant stochastic difference equation and so its state does not converge.
- But under certain regularity conditions it does settle into a steady state.

# LMS Hovers

## Averaging Analysis

Need realization-wise analysis.

- Sum the error system

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{w}_{T+N} - \tilde{w}_T = \\ -\mu \sum_T^{T+N} x_t x_t^T \tilde{w}_{t-1} + \mu \sum_T^{T+N} x_t n_t \end{aligned}$$

- Change is slow so:

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \tilde{w}_{T+N} - \tilde{w}_T \approx \\ -\mu \sum_T^{T+N} x_t x_t^T \tilde{w}_{T-1} + \mu \sum_T^{T+N} x_t n_t \end{aligned}$$

- Now approximate with averages

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{w}_{T+N} - \tilde{w}_N \approx -\mu N R_x \tilde{w}_{T-1} + 0$$

- Now difference

$$\Rightarrow \delta m_t = -\mu R_x m_{t-1} + (\delta w_t)$$

This is the **averaged system** and is stable if  $0 < \mu \lambda_{\max}(R_x) < 2$ <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>ODE, Weak convergence can't give this

## Averages

Assume, as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ :

- Stationary Regressors  
 $\frac{1}{N} \sum_T^{T+N} x_t x_t^T \rightarrow R_x$
- Stationary Noise  $\perp$  Regressors  
 $\frac{1}{N} \sum_T^{T+N} x_t n_t \rightarrow 0$ .

## Hovering Theorem

What does the original system do?

- It hovers/jitters/fluctuates in the vicinity of the equilibrium points of the averaged system.
- To complete the stability analysis one needs a **Hovering Theorem** which links the two trajectories.

# LMS Performs

## Widrow et.al. 1976

Introduced fundamental measures of performance.

$$P(\mu) = E(\tilde{w}_t \tilde{w}_t^T).$$

$$\mathcal{E}(\mu) = E(e_t^2) = E(y_t - x_t^T \hat{w}_{t-1})^2$$

They look simple but are very challenging to calculate.

## Weight Error Variance

Under S $\perp$ F :

stationarity +  $\begin{matrix} \text{noise} \perp \\ \text{regressors} \end{matrix}$  + fixed  $w$   
it can be shown that

$$P(\mu) = P_o + o(\mu) \text{ where}$$

$$R_x P_o + P_o R_x = F_{xn}(0) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} \gamma_k^x \gamma_k^n$$

## MSE

Under S $\perp$ F it can be shown

$$\mathcal{E}(\mu) = \mu \text{tr}(F_{xn}(0)) + o(\mu).$$

## White Noise Fallacy

With either white regressors or white noise (or both) the formulae reduce to the all white noise formulae with

$$F_{xn}(0) = \gamma_0^x \gamma_0^n.$$

This explains mistaken claims that the all white noise formulae are always correct.

# Network LMS Stability

## Node-wise Measurements

Each node records measurements related to a common weight vector.

$$y_{k,t} = x_{k,t}^T w_e + n_{k,t}$$

for  $k = 1, \dots, N$ .

LMS has various NW extensions; but all use local information.

## Network LMS does not Converge

$$\hat{w}_t = A_2^T (A_o^T - \mu \mathcal{R}_t) A_1^T \hat{w}_{t-1} + \mu A_1^T \sigma_t^{xy}$$

$A_i$  are adjacency matrices.  
 $\mathcal{R}_t = \text{bdiag}(x_{k,t} x_{k,t}^T)$   
 $\sigma_t^{xy} = [x_{k,t} y_{k,t}]$

## Error System

Unexpectedly, the error system is a two-time scale system

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \theta_t &= \mu f(t, \theta_{t-1}, \xi_{t-1}) && \leftarrow \text{slow} \\ \xi_t &= S \xi_{t-1} + \mu g(t, \theta_{t-1}, \xi_{t-1}) && \leftarrow \text{fast} \end{aligned}$$

Under S $\perp$ F +

$M = A_1 A_o A_2$  is primitive e.g. strongly connected &  $\geq 1$  self loop.  
 $\Rightarrow M$  is left stochastic ( $1^T M = 1^T$ ) and so has a Perron right eigenvector with unit eigenvalue.

- Set  $A = \sum_1^N \alpha_k R_{x,k}$  where  $\alpha_k$  depend on the Perron eigenvector.
- Then the averaged system is stable if  $\mu \times \text{spec.rad.}(A) < 2$ .

# Network LMS Performance

## Network Weight Error Variance

Under S $\perp$ F and  $M$  primitive.

$$P(\mu) = P_o\mu + o(\mu) \text{ where}$$
$$AP_o + P_oA = F_{xn}(0) = \sum_1^N \alpha_k^2 F_{xnk}(0)$$
$$F_{xnk}(0) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} \gamma_r^{x_k} \gamma_r^{n_k}$$

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# Education Notes\*

## Averaging

First order averaging is easy to teach but extremely powerful.  
Two-time scale phenomena are crucial but poorly treated (Kokotovic).

## Simulation

Badly done (Ripley).  
Design is poorly motivated.  
Tracking is ignored.  
Scaling is ignored.  
Visualization is uneven (Tufte).

## Hardware

Emerging opportunities for simple physical demos.

## Emerging Applications

Networks  
Internet of Things  
NextG Communications (Quantum?)  
Cyber Security (from DSP/Control angle)

## New Approaches

IEEE Magazines provide a superb source of projects/implicit teaching approaches + offline via *forwards* *backwards* ASP.

\* Beware the two 'adaptive' imposters in: Statistics; Spatial Signal Processing



# The Future of ASP

## Strengths

- Cheap tracking in real time.  
⇒ Cheap Tracking offline.  
(noncausal methods are costly).
- TV-parameters are ubiquitous but widely ignored *online&offline*

## Weaknesses

FIR.  
⇒ Causal basis systems  
(e.g. Laguerre) - big potential  
Kernel versions?

What Engineers  
Know and How  
They Know It

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*DESIGN*

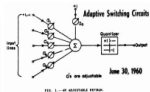
## Opportunities

Streaming Data  
Event Triggered Data (Point Processes)  
Biomedical → Neuroimaging  
and Neuroscience  
Internet of Things

## Challenges

- Machine Learning (McL) and AI communities shows little awareness of Adaptive Signal Processing/Control.
- Their algorithms reflect no training in: Physics/Dynamics/ Stability/Autocorrelation.
- Push back: go to McL conferences!

# Conclusions



## Design

LMS is the 'gift that keeps giving'.  
Why? Because it is:  
Linear, Adaptive, Design flexible

## Analysis

Averaging is simple but can handle any kind of Adaptive algorithm in any scenario. It can be developed heuristically as well as rigorously.

## Education

Hands on + Simulation taken seriously + analysis via Averaging + emerging applications

## The Future

Big data provides huge opportunities for adaptive algorithms both online and offline.

Physics/Dynamics/Stability/Autocorrelation are central to real time data analysis. Uninformed by these knowledge realms, McL/AI solutions will fall (even catastrophically) short<sup>†</sup>

**Vivat ASP/DSP!\***

<sup>†</sup>'Universal' algorithms too conservative  
\* and Control