Minimax state estimation for linear discrete-time differential-algebraic equations

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Abstract

This paper presents a state estimation approach for an uncertain linear equation with a non-invertible operator in Hilbert space. The approach addresses linear equations with uncertain deterministic input and noise in the measurements, which belong to a given convex closed bounded set. A new notion of a minimax observable subspace is introduced. By means of the presented approach, new equations describing the dynamics of a minimax recursive estimator for discrete-time non-causal differential-algebraic equations (DAEs) are presented. For the case of regular DAEs it is proved that the estimator’s equation coincides with the equation describing the seminal Kalman filter. The properties of the estimator are illustrated by a numerical example.

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1 Introduction

The importance of models described by DAEs (or descriptor systems) in economics, demography, mechanics and engineering is well known [13]. Here, motivated by further applications to linear DAEs, we present a state estimation approach for linear deterministic models described by an abstract linear equation in a Hilbert space. Our approach is based on ideas underlying $H_2/H_{\infty}$ filtering [4,3] and set-membership state estimation [7,14,16,12,15].

$H_2$-estimators like Kalman or Wiener filters [4,1] give estimations of the system state with minimum error variance. The $H_2$-estimation problem for linear time-invariant DAEs was studied in [17] without restricting the DAE’s matrices. The resulting algorithm requires the calculation of the so-called “3-block matrix pseudoinverse”. In [10] the authors introduced explicit formulas for the 3-block matrix pseudoinverse and derived a recurrence filter, assuming a special structure for the DAE’s matrices. A brief overview of steady-state $H_2$-estimators is presented in [8].

$H_{\infty}$ estimators minimize a norm of the operator mapping unknown disturbances with finite energy to filtered errors [3]. We stress that the $H_{\infty}$ estimator coincides with a certain Krein space $H_2$ filter [19]. The $H_{\infty}$ filtering technique was applied to linear time-invariant DAEs with regular matrix pencils in [22].

A basic notion in the theory of set-membership state estimation is that of an a posteriori set or informational set. This notion has roots in control theory [4]. By definition, it is the set of all possible state vectors $\varphi$, that are consistent with a measured output $y$, provided that an uncertain input $f$ and measurement error $\eta$ belong to some bounded set $\mathcal{G}$. We will be interested in the case when the state $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}$ obeys an abstract linear equation $L\varphi = f$, provided $y = H\varphi + \eta$, $(f, \eta) \in \mathcal{G}$, where $\mathcal{G}$ is a bounded closed convex subset of an abstract Hilbert space. The problem is to find an estimation $\hat{\varphi}$ of $\varphi$ with minimal worst-case error. This problem was previously considered in [16,14]. Due to [16] a vector $\hat{\varphi}$ is called a linear minimax a-posteriori estimation (or a central algorithm due to [14]) iff $\forall \ell \in \mathcal{H}$

$$\langle \ell, \hat{\varphi} \rangle = (\sup_{\mathcal{G}(y)} \langle \ell, \varphi \rangle + \inf_{\mathcal{G}(y)} \langle \ell, \varphi \rangle)/2,$$

provided that an a posteriori set $\mathcal{G}(y) := \{\varphi : (L\varphi, y - H\varphi) \in \mathcal{G}\}$ is a bounded convex subset of the Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$. Note that if there exists $\hat{\varphi}_0$ so that $L\hat{\varphi}_0 = 0$, $H\hat{\varphi}_0 = 0$, then $\sup_{\mathcal{G}(y)} \langle \ell, \varphi \rangle = +\infty$ for some $\ell$. Thus, the above approach does not work if $L$ is non-injective. In this paper we generalize the approach of [14,16] to linear equations with non-injective $L$. Further generalization is presented in [25].

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The main contribution of this paper is a new notion of a minimax observable subspace \( L \) for the pair \((L,H)\) (Definition 1). It is useful when one needs to evaluate \textit{a priori} how far the estimation \( \hat{\varphi} \) is from a “real” state \( \varphi \) in the worst case, provided \( \hat{\varphi} \) is constructed from the measurements \( y \). Due to Proposition 1, the worst-case estimation error is finite iff \( L = H \); otherwise \( \hat{\varphi} \) may be too far from a “real” state \( \varphi \) for some directions \( \ell \in H \), even for bounded \( f \) and \( \eta \). In fact, given \( y \), we can provide an estimation with finite worst-case error for the projection of \( \varphi \) onto \( L \) only. Thus \( L \) is an analog of the observable subspace [4, p.240] for the pair \((L,H)\) in the context of set-membership state estimation.

The introduced notion allows the generalization of ideas from [14,16,21] to non-injective linear mappings, in particular for the case \( L\varphi(t) = ((F\varphi) - C(t)\varphi(t), F\varphi(t_0)) \) with \( F \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \) which arise in the state estimation for linear continuous non-causal \(^{1}\) DAEs [24]. As a consequence, one can apply the minimax framework, originally developed \([7,5]\) for DAEs (\( F = E \) in the linear case) with bounded uncertainties, to DAEs [25] with unbounded inputs (see example in Section 3).

In order to stress connections with the minimax framework [7,5] incorporates the set-membership state estimation and \( H_{\infty} \) filtering for ODEs by application of dynamic programming [2] to the informational state \( X(\tau) \): for linear ODE the worst-case estimation is set to be the Tchebysheff center of \( X \) (Theorem 1). Also we discuss connections to \( H_2/H_{\infty} \) framework (Corollary 1) and present an example.

**Notation.** Linear mappings \( (\cdot,\cdot) \) denotes the inner product; \( \mathcal{L}(H_1, H_2) \) denotes the space of all bounded linear mappings from \( H_1 \) to \( H_2 \); \( \mathcal{L}(H) := \mathcal{L}(H,H) \); \( \mathbb{1}_H \) is the identity mapping in \( H \); \( \mathcal{D}(L), R(L), N(L) \) denote, respectively, the domain, range, and null-space of a linear mapping \( L : \mathcal{D}(L) \rightarrow R(L) \); \( L^* : H \rightarrow H \) is the adjoint of \( L \); \( F^+ \) denotes the transpose of \( F \); \( F \) is the pseudo-inverse of \( F \); \( E \) is the identity matrix; \( \text{diag}(A_1,\ldots,A_n) \) denotes a diagonal matrix with \( A_i \), \( i = 1,n \) on its diagonal; \( \{x_n\}_n^T := (x_1,\ldots,x_n) \) is an element of \( H_1 \times \cdots \times H_n \), \( 0_{mn} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \) denotes the \( m \times n \)-zero matrix.

**Functional:** Let vector \( y \) be observed in the form of \( \mathcal{L}(L) \mapsto \mathcal{F} \) and we construct the estimation for a convex bounded \( \mathcal{G} \), in particular for an ellipsoidal \( \mathcal{G} \) (Proposition 1). In Section 3 we introduce the minimax observable subspace and index of non-causality for DAEs in discrete time (Definition 2) and we derive the minimax estimator (Theorem 1). Also we discuss connections to \( H_2/H_{\infty} \) framework and present an example.

**Definition 1** Let \( L := \{ \ell \in H : \hat{\rho}(\ell) < \infty \} \) with

\[
\hat{\rho}(\ell) := \inf_{\varphi \in \mathcal{G}(y)} \rho(\ell, \varphi), \quad \rho(\ell, \varphi) := \sup_{\psi \in \mathcal{G}(y)} \langle |(\ell, \varphi - \psi)| \rangle
\]

The set \( L \) is called a minimax observable subspace for the pair \((L,H)\). A vector \( \varphi \in \mathcal{G}(y) \) is called a minimax posteriori estimation in the direction \( \ell \) (\( \ell \)-estimation) if \( \rho(\ell, \varphi) = \hat{\rho}(\ell) \). The number \( \hat{\rho}(\ell) \) is called a minimax posteriori error in the direction \( \ell \) (\( \ell \)-error).

**Theorem 1** The subspace \( L := \{ \alpha f : \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \} \), assigned with \( \ell \in H \), defines some direction in \( H \). To estimate \( \varphi \) in the direction \( \ell \) means to estimate the projection \( \langle \ell, \varphi \rangle \ell \) of \( \varphi \) onto \( \ell \).
Our aim here is, given $y$, to construct the $\ell$-estimation $\hat{\phi}$ of the state $\varphi$, $\ell$-error $\hat{\rho}(\ell)$ and minimax observable subspace $\mathcal{L}$, provided $\ell \in \mathcal{L}$. Note that $\hat{\rho}(\ell) = +\infty$ if $\ell \notin \mathcal{L}$ so that any $\psi \in \mathcal{H}$ is a $\ell$-estimation by Definition 1.

**Proposition 1** Let $\mathcal{G}$ be a convex closed bounded subset of $F \times Y$. Then $\ell \in \mathcal{L}$ iff $-\ell \in \text{dom} c(\mathcal{G}(y), \cdot)$. If $\ell \in \mathcal{L}$ then the $\ell$-estimation $\hat{\phi}$ along with $\ell$-error $\hat{\rho}(\ell)$ obey

$$\langle \ell, \hat{\phi} \rangle = \gamma_-, \hat{\rho}(\ell) = \gamma_+ \quad (4)$$

Define $T : \mathcal{D}(T) \to \mathcal{H}$ by the rule $T(z, u) := L^* z + H^* u$ with $\mathcal{D}(T) := \mathcal{D}(L^*) \times \mathcal{Y}$ and let

$$\mathcal{G} = \{ (f, \eta) : \langle Q_1 f, f \rangle + \langle Q_2 \eta, \eta \rangle \leq 1 \}$$

If $R(T) = \overline{R(T)}$ then $\hat{x} \in \text{Argmin}_x I$ is the $\ell$-estimation, $\mathcal{L} = \text{dom} c(\mathcal{G}(0), \cdot) = R(T)$ and

$$\hat{\rho}(\ell) = (1 - I(\hat{x}))^{1/2} c(\mathcal{G}(0), \ell). \quad (5)$$

The worst-case estimation error for any direction is

$$\sup_{x \in \mathcal{G}(y)} \| \hat{x} - x \| = \inf_{\varphi \in \mathcal{G}(y)} \sup_{x \in \mathcal{G}(y)} \| \varphi - x \| = (1 - I(\hat{x}))^{1/2} \sup_{\| \ell \| = 1} c(\mathcal{G}(0), \ell) = \sup_{\| \ell \| = 1} \hat{\rho}(\ell) < +\infty \quad (6)$$

If $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{H}$ then (6) is finite.

**PROOF.** Let $\ell(\mathcal{G}(y)) = \{ (\ell, \psi), \psi \in \mathcal{G}(y) \}$. Since $\mathcal{G}(y)$ is convex (duo to convexity of $\mathcal{D}(L)$ and $\mathcal{G}$) and $x \mapsto \langle \ell, x \rangle$ is continuous, it follows that $\ell(\mathcal{G}(y))$ is connected. Noting that $\inf_{\mathcal{G}(y)} (\ell, \psi) = -c(\mathcal{G}(y), -\ell)$, we see

$$\ell(\mathcal{G}(y)) = [-c(\mathcal{G}(y), -\ell), c(\mathcal{G}(y), \ell)] \subset \mathbb{R}^1$$

Thus $\hat{\rho}(\ell, \varphi) = +\infty$ if $\ell, -\ell \notin \text{dom} c(\mathcal{G}(y), \cdot)$. Otherwise $\ell(\mathcal{G}(y))$ is bounded, implying $\ell \in \mathcal{L}$. Hence, $\ell \in \mathcal{L}$ iff $-\ell \in \text{dom} c(\mathcal{G}(y), \cdot)$.

Let $\ell \in \mathcal{L}, \varphi \in \mathcal{G}(y)$. Since $\ell(\mathcal{G}(y))$ is connected, there exists $\varphi_0 \in \mathcal{G}(y)$ such that $\langle \ell, \varphi_0 \rangle = \gamma_+$ is the central point of $\ell(\mathcal{G}(y))$. The worst-case distance $\hat{\rho}(\ell, \varphi)$ is equal to the sum of the distance $|\langle \ell, \varphi - \varphi_0 \rangle|$ between $\ell$ and $\varphi$ and the central point $\gamma_+$ and the distance $\gamma_+$ between one of the boundary points of $\ell(\mathcal{G}(y))$ and $\gamma_+$. Therefore, $\gamma_-$ has the minimal worst-case distance $\gamma_+$. Hence, $\varphi_0 = \hat{\phi}$ due to Definition 1, which implies (4).

We proceed with the ellipsoidal $\mathcal{G}$. Let $Q_1 = 1_y, Q_2 = 1_Y$ for a simplicity. Due to [11, Sec. 5.3] $R(T) = \overline{R(T)}$ implies $R(T^*) = \overline{R(T)}$. Thus [4, p.14, Cor.1.4.3], there exists $\hat{x} \in \mathcal{D}(L)$ so that $T^* \hat{x}$ is the projection of $(0, y)$ onto $R(T^*) = \{ (Lx, Hx), x \in \mathcal{D}(L) \}$, implying $\hat{x} \in \text{Argmin}_x I$, and

$$(y - H\hat{x}, Hx) = (L\hat{x}, Lx), \forall x \in \mathcal{D}(L)$$

Noting this, one easily derives $^4 I(\hat{x} - x) = I_1(x) + I(\hat{x})$ for all $x \in \mathcal{D}(L)$. Having it in mind and noting that $\mathcal{G}(y) = \{ \varphi : I(\varphi) \leq 1 \}$ and $\hat{x} \in \mathcal{G}(y)$, one derives

$$\hat{x} + \mathcal{G}^3(0) = \mathcal{G}(y) \quad (7)$$

where $\beta := 1 - I(\hat{x})$. (7) implies [18, p.113]

$$c(\mathcal{G}(y), \ell) = \langle \ell, \hat{x} \rangle + c(\mathcal{G}^3(0), \ell), \forall \ell \in \mathcal{H} \quad (8)$$

The definition of $\gamma_-$, (8) and $c(\mathcal{G}^3(0), \ell) = c(\mathcal{G}^3(0), -\ell)$ imply $\gamma_- = \langle \ell, \hat{x} \rangle$. Due to (4), $\hat{x}$ is the $\ell$-estimation.

Let us prove (5). If $x \in \mathcal{G}^3(0)$ then $I_1(\beta^3x) \leq 1$. Thus $\beta^3 \mathcal{G}^3(0) \subset \mathcal{G}(y)$ implying $\mathcal{G}^3(0) \subset \beta^3 \mathcal{G}(y)$. If $x \in \mathcal{G}(0)$ then $I_1(\beta^3x) = \beta I_1(x) - \beta \beta \mathcal{G}(0) \subset \mathcal{G}(y)$.

Therefore

$$\mathcal{G}^3(0) = \beta^3 \mathcal{G}(0) \Rightarrow c(\mathcal{G}^3(0), \ell) = \beta^3 c(\mathcal{G}(0), \ell) \quad (9)$$

Now (4) and (8) imply (5). Hence, $\mathcal{L} = \text{dom} c(\mathcal{G}(0), \cdot)$ due to Definition 1.

Let us prove $R(T) = \mathcal{L}$. If $\ell \in R(T)$ then $\ell = L^* z + H^* u$ for some $z \in \mathcal{D}(L^*)$, $u \in \mathcal{Y}$ and we get $\forall \varphi \in \mathcal{G}(0)$ by Cauchy inequality [4, p.4]

$$\langle \ell, \varphi \rangle = \langle z, L\varphi \rangle + \langle u, H\varphi \rangle \leq \| z \|^2 + \| u \|^2 < +\infty$$

so that $R(T) \subset \text{dom} c(\mathcal{G}(0), \cdot) = \mathcal{L}$. If $\ell \notin R(T)$ then $\langle \ell, x \rangle > 0$ for some $x \in N(T^*)$ as $\mathcal{H} = R(T) \oplus N(T^*)$. Noting that $\mathcal{G}(0) = \{ x : \| T^* x \|^2 \leq 1 \}$ we derive $c(\mathcal{G}(0), \ell) \geq \{ \langle \ell, x \rangle : T^* x = 0 \} = +\infty$. Hence, $\mathcal{L} \subset R(T)$.

Let us prove (6). Set $\hat{\alpha} := \inf_{\varphi \in \mathcal{G}(y)} \sup_{x \in \mathcal{G}(y)} \| \varphi - x \|$. Using Definition 1, one derives

$$\hat{\alpha} = \inf_{\varphi \in \mathcal{G}(y)} \sup_{x \in \mathcal{G}(y)} \| \varphi - x \| = \sup_{x \in \mathcal{G}(y)} \sup_{\varphi \in \mathcal{G}(y)} \| \varphi - x \| = \sup_{\| \ell \| = 1} \hat{\rho}(\ell) \quad (10)$$

Now assume $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{H}$. Since dom $c(\mathcal{G}(0), \cdot) = \mathcal{L}$, it follows $c(\mathcal{G}(0), \cdot)$ is finite in $\mathcal{H}$ and therefore [9, §2.3] continuous. As a consequence, (6) is finite.

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$^4$ $I(\hat{x} - x) = I_1(x) + I(\hat{x}) - 2(L, Lx) + 2(y - H\hat{x}, Hx)$

$^5$ Note [4, p.42] that $\| \varphi \| = \sup_{\| \ell \| = 1} \langle \ell, \varphi \rangle$ and [4, p.55] $\inf_x \sup_y F(x, y) \geq \sup_y \inf_x F(x, y)$ for convex-concave $F$. 

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3 \ \ell\text{-estimation for non-causal DAEs}

Consider the model

\begin{align}
F_k x_{k+1} + C_k x_k &= f_{k+1}, \quad F_0 x_0 = f_0, \quad (10) \\
y_k &= H_k x_k + g_k, \quad k = 0, 1, \ldots \quad (11)
\end{align}

where $F_k, C_k \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $H_k \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$, $x_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a state, $f_k \in \mathbb{R}^m$ is an input and $y_k, g_k \in \mathbb{R}^p$ represent an output and the output's noise respectively. In what follows we assume that an initial state $x_0$ belongs to the affine set \( \{ x : F_0 x = f_0 \} \). We define $\xi_\tau = \{ (\{ f\}_0, \{ g\}_0) \}$ and assume

\[ \xi_\tau \in \mathcal{Q} = \{ \xi_\tau : \sum_0^\tau (S_k f_k, f_k) + (R_k g_k, g_k) \leq 1 \} \quad (12) \]

where $S_k \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ and $R_k \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$ are positive definite self-adjoint matrices.

Suppose we observe $y_1^*, \ldots, y_m^*$, provided that $y_k^*$ is derived from (11) with $g_k = g_k^*$ and $x_k = x_k^*$, which obeys (10) with $f_k = f_k^*$, and \( \{ f_k^*, g_k^* \} \in \mathcal{Q} \). Denote by $X(\tau)$ the set of all possible states $x_\tau$ of (10) consistent with measurements $y_1^*, \ldots, y_m^*$ and uncertainty description (12).

**Definition 2** We say that $\bar{x}_\tau$ is an $\ell$-estimation of the state $x_\tau^*$ in the initial state $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ iff

\[ \rho(\ell, \tau) = \inf_{x \in X(\tau)} \sup_{z \in X(\tau)} | \langle \ell, x - z \rangle | \]

$\rho(\ell, \tau)$ is said to be an $\ell$-error. A minimax observable subspace at the instant $\tau$ for the model (10)-(11) is defined by $L(\tau) = \{ \ell : \rho(\ell, \tau) < \infty \}$, $I_\tau := n - \dim L(\tau)$ is called an index of non-causality of the model (10)-(11).

**Theorem 1** Define $\hat{\beta}_\tau := 1 - \alpha_k + \{ P_\tau \hat{x}_\tau, \hat{x}_\tau \}$ and $\hat{x}_\tau = P_\tau^r x_\tau^*$ with $r_\tau = H_0^r R_0 y_0$, $\alpha_0 = (R_0 y_0, y_0)$,

\[
\begin{align*}
P_k &= H_k^r R_k H_k + F_k^r [S_{k-1} - S_{k-1} C_{k-1} B_{k-1}^r C_{k-1} S_{k-1}] F_k, \\
F_0 &= F_0^r S_0 F_0 + H_0^r R_0 H_0, \\
B_k &= P_k + C_k^r S_k C_k, \\
\alpha_k &= \alpha_{k-1} + (R_k y_k, y_k) - (B_k^r r_{k-1} - r_{k-1}, r_{k-1}), \\
r_k &= F_k^r S_{k-1} C_{k-1} B_{k-1}^r r_{k-1} + H_k^r R_k y_k.
\end{align*}
\]

Then $\hat{x}_\tau$ is the $\ell$-estimation of $x_\tau^*$, $L(\tau) = \{ \ell : P_\tau^r P_\tau \ell = \ell \}$, $\hat{\rho}(\ell, \tau) = \frac{1}{\beta_+} (P_\tau^r \ell, \ell)$ and

\[ (X(\tau) = \hat{x}_\tau + \frac{1}{\beta_+} \hat{X}(\tau), \hat{X}(\tau) := \{ x : \langle P_\tau x, x \rangle \leq 1 \} \quad (13) \]

\footnote{Note that $\tau \mapsto X(\tau)$ represents the a posteriori set-valued observer [20].}

**Proof.** In order to apply Proposition 1, we rewrite (10)-(11) in the operator form: set $H = (\mathbb{R}^n)^{r+1}$, $Y = (\mathbb{R}^p)^{r+1}$, $F = (\mathbb{R}^m)^{r+1}$ and $\phi^* = \{ x_0^*, y^* \}$.

\[
\begin{align*}
\ell &= (F_0^\tau 0_m 0_m \ldots 0_m, 0_m), \\
\phi^* &= \{ \ell^*, \phi^* \}.
\end{align*}
\]

Define $P_\tau = (0_{m,n}, \ldots, 0_{m,n})$ and rewrite (12) with $Q_1 = \text{diag} (S_0, \ldots, S_r)$, $Q_2 = \text{diag} (R_0, \ldots, R_r)$ as

\[
\xi_\tau = (f, \eta) \in \mathcal{Q} = \{ (f, \eta) : \{ Q_1 f, f \} + \{ Q_2 \eta, \eta \} \leq 1 \}.
\]

It is clear that $y^*, H, \eta^*$, $L$, $f^*$, $\phi^*$, defined as above, satisfy (2)-(3) and $(f^*, \eta^*) \in \mathcal{Q}$. Let $\mathcal{G}(y^*)$ denote the a posteriori set generated by $y^*$. Then $X(\tau) = \mathcal{P}_\tau (\mathcal{G}(y^*))$ by definition. Thus

\[ \hat{\rho}(\ell, \tau) = \inf_{\phi \in \mathcal{G}(y^*)} \sup_{\phi \in \mathcal{G}(y^*)} | \langle \ell, P_\tau (\phi - \psi) \rangle | = \hat{\rho}(l) \]

with $l = P_\tau^r \ell$. Hence, $\mathcal{P}_\tau = \mathcal{P}_\tau \hat{\phi}$, where $\hat{\phi}$ is the $\ell$-minimax estimator of the state $\phi^*$ of (3) in the sense of Definition 1, Proposition 1 implies $\hat{\phi} = \hat{x}$ and $\hat{\rho}(l) = \beta_+ \hat{\rho}(\mathcal{G}(0), l)$. Let us prove (13), (7) and (9) imply $\mathcal{P}_\tau (\mathcal{G}(y^*)) = \mathcal{P}_\tau \hat{x} + \beta_+ \mathcal{P}_\tau (\mathcal{G}(0))$. Therefore, $X(\tau) = \mathcal{P}_\tau \hat{x} + \beta_+ \mathcal{P}_\tau (\mathcal{G}(0))$. Now, let us prove $\hat{x}_\tau = \mathcal{P}_\tau \hat{x}$ by the direct calculation. Define

\[
\begin{align*}
V_\tau (x_0, \ldots, x_{\tau-1}) &:= \Phi(x_0) + \sum_{s=0}^{\tau-1} \Phi_s (x_s, x_{s+1}) \\
\Phi_k (x_0) &:= \| F_{k+1} x \|_{S_{k+1}}^2 + \| y_{k+1} - H_{k+1} x \|_{P_k}^2, \quad \Phi(x) := \| F_0 x \|_{S_0}^2 + \| y_0 - H_0 x \|_{P_{0}}^2, \\
B_\tau (p) &:= \min_{x_0, \ldots, x_{\tau-1}} V_\tau (x_0, \ldots, x_{\tau-1}, p), \quad B_\tau (p) := \Phi(p).
\end{align*}
\]

**Lemma 1.** Let $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$. There exists $(\tilde{x}_1, \ldots, \tilde{x}_{\tau-1})$ in $(\mathbb{R}^n)^{r+1}$ so that $V_\tau (\tilde{x}_1, \ldots, \tilde{x}_{\tau-1} + p) = B_\tau (p)$ and

\[ B_\tau (p) = \langle P_{k+1} p, p \rangle - 2 \langle r_k, p \rangle + \alpha_k, P_k \geq 0 \]

**Lemma 1** implies $\mathcal{P}_\tau$ is a quadratic and non-negative function. Therefore $\text{Argmin} B_\tau = \{ x : P_\tau x = r_\tau \} \neq \varnothing$.

This and $I(\phi) = V_\tau (x_0, \ldots, x_{\tau-1})$ imply

\[
\begin{align*}
\mathcal{B}_\tau (\hat{x}_\tau) = \min \mathcal{B}_\tau = \min V_\tau = \min I
\end{align*}
\]

Defining $\hat{x}_\tau := (\tilde{x}_1, \ldots, \tilde{x}_{\tau-1}, \tilde{x}_\tau)$ with $\tilde{x}_\tau$ taken as in Lemma 1 for $p = \tilde{x}_\tau$, we obtain $I(\hat{x}) = \min I$ and $\hat{x}_\tau = P_\tau \hat{x}_\tau$. Therefore, $\hat{x}_\tau$ is a $\ell$-estimation.

We note $\min I = \mathcal{B}_\tau (\hat{x}_\tau) = 1 - \beta_+$. Thus $\beta = \beta_+$ by definition.

Let us prove $\mathcal{P}_\tau (\mathcal{G}(0)) = \hat{X}(\tau)$. Since $\mathcal{G}(0)$ does not depend on $y^*$ and $\mathcal{G}(0) = \mathcal{Q}(y^*)$ provided $y^* = 0$,
we can calculate \( \mathcal{P}_r(\mathcal{G}(0)) \) assuming \( y^* = 0 \). In this case \( I = I_1 = V_r, \tilde{x}_r = 0 \) and \( B_r(x) = \langle P_r x, x \rangle \) so that \( x \in \tilde{X}(\tau) \Leftrightarrow B_r(x) \leq 1 \). If \( x \in \mathcal{P}_r(\mathcal{G}(0)) \) then, by definition, there exist \( x_1 \ldots x_{\tau-1} \) so that \( V_r(x_1 \ldots x_{\tau-1}, x) \leq 1 \), implying \( B_r(x) \leq 1 \). Now, let \( B_r(x) \leq 1 \). Then \( V_r(x_1 \ldots x_{\tau-1} \ldots x) = B_r(x) \) due to Lemma 1 and thus \( x \in \mathcal{P}_r(\mathcal{G}(0)) \) by definition.

Formulae (5), (14) and \( \mathcal{P}_r(\mathcal{G}(0)) = \tilde{X}(\tau) \) imply \( \rho(\ell, \tau) = \beta^2 \mathcal{E}(\tilde{X}(\tau), \ell) = \beta^2 \mathcal{P}_x \mathcal{P}_x, \ell = \ell \) for \( \ell \in \mathcal{L}(\tau) \) and \( \mathcal{L}(\tau) = \text{dom} \mathcal{E}(\tilde{X}(\tau), \cdot) = \{ \ell : \mathcal{P}_x \mathcal{P}_x, \ell = \ell \} \). Details of calculation of \( \mathcal{C}(\tilde{X}(\tau), \cdot) \) are given in [18, p. 108]. This completes the proof.

**Proof of Lemma 1.** We shall apply the dynamic programming [2]. Since \( V_r \) is additive, it follows that

\[
B_r(p) = \min_{x_{\tau-1}} \{ \Phi_{\tau-1}(x_{\tau-1}, p) + B_{\tau-1}(x_{\tau-1}) \} \quad (16)
\]

\( V_r \) is convex and non-negative by definition. Thus \( B_r \) is non-negative and convex for any \( \tau \in \mathbb{N} \). Convexity is implied by the definition of \( B_r \) as for any convex function \( (x, y) \mapsto f(x, y) \) the function \( y \mapsto \min_x f(x, y) \) is convex [18, p. 38].

Let us prove (15) by induction. (15) holds for \( B_0 \) and \( R_0 \). We shall derive (15) for \( B_{k+1}, R_{k+1} \), assuming it holds for \( B_k, R_k \). Define

\[
\Xi_k(x, p) := \Phi_k(x, p) + (P_k x, x) - 2(r_k, x) + \alpha_k \quad (17)
\]

Then \( B_{k+1}(p) = \min_x \Xi_k(x, p) \) due to (16). Combining \( P_k \geq 0 \) with definition of \( \Phi_k \), we derive\(^7\) \( x \mapsto \Xi_k(x, p) \) is a convex quadratic function for any \( p \). This and \( \Xi_k(x, p) \geq B_{k+1}(p) \geq 0 \) imply [18, p. 268]

**Argmin** \( \Xi_k(x, p) \neq \emptyset \). On the other hand [18, T. 27.4] if \( x \in \text{Argmin} \_ x \Xi_k(x, p) \) and \( \nabla_x \Xi_k(x, p) = 0 \). Finally, we obtain \( \text{Argmin}_x \Xi_k(x, p) \neq \emptyset \) and

\[
\text{Argmin}_x \Xi_k(x, p) = \{ x : B_{k+1}(x, C_k S_k F_{k+1} x + r_k) \} \quad (18)
\]

If we set \( q_k = B_k (C_k^T S_k F_{k+1} x + r_k) \) then \( q_k \in \text{Argmin} \_ x \Xi_k(x, p) \) due to (1). Now, it is sufficient to calculate \( \Xi_k(x, p) \) in order to see that (15) holds for \( B_{k+1} \) and \( R_{k+1} \). Assertion \( P_{k+1} \geq 0 \) holds since \( B_{k+1} \) is convex. To conclude the proof, let us define \( \tilde{x}_r = p \) and \( \tilde{x}_k = \text{Argmin}_x \Xi_k(x, \tilde{x}_{k+1}) \). Then \( V_r(\tilde{x}_1 \ldots \tilde{x}_{\tau-1} \ldots \tilde{x}) = B_r(p) \) due to (16)-(18).

### 3.1. Example. Consider a system \( p_{k+1} = A_k p_k + v_k, p_0 = v \) and assume \( y_k = H_k p_k + g_k \) provided \( p_k \in \mathbb{R}^n \) and \((v, g_0, \ldots, g_r) \) belong to some ellipsoid. Now, given \( y_1^*, \ldots, y_r^* \), one needs to build the worst-case estimation of \( p_r \). We cannot apply directly standard minimax framework [16, 7, 5] in this case as we do not have any information about the bounding set for \((v_1, \ldots, v_r)\). Instead, we apply the approach\(^8\) proposed above. Define \( F_k := (E, 0), C_k := (A_k, E), H_k := (H_k, 0) \) and \( x_1^* := (p_0^*, g_0^*) \). Then \( x_k^* \) verifies (10)-(11) with \( f_0 = v, f_k = 0 \) and \( g_k = g_0, k = 1, 2 \). Therefore, the original problem may be reformulated as: given \( y_1^*, \ldots, y_r^* \), one needs to build the \( l \Leftrightarrow \text{minimax estimation of } x_r^* \). Of course, the estimation of \( x_r \) in the direction \( l = (0, \ell) \) has an infinite minimax error for any \( l \). But this is natural as \( (l, x_r) = \langle v, \ell \rangle \) and \( (v_1, \ldots, v_r) \) is unknown.

In what follows we present a numerical example. Let \( p_k \in \mathbb{R}^2, H_k = (0, 1), A_k = \left[ \frac{7}{10}, -\frac{1}{10} \right] \) and \( v_k = \left( -\frac{k \sin(k)}{10}, \frac{k \sin(k)}{10} \right) \). We have generated \( p_k^* \) with \( v = \left( \frac{1}{10}, \frac{1}{10} \right) \) and \( y_k^* \) with \( g_k = 2\frac{\sin(k)}{k+1}, k = \frac{1}{4}, \ldots, \frac{1}{10} \). The results are displayed on Fig. 1.

**Fig. 1.** The dashed line corresponds to the real values of \( \langle l, p_k^* \rangle \) with \( l = (0, 1) \), \( k = 1, 25 \); the solid line corresponds to the \( l \)-estimation \( \langle l, \tilde{x}_k \rangle \); the bold dashed lines represent dynamics of the boundary points of the segment \( \ell(\tilde{X}(\tau)) \). Note that the trajectory of the estimation is centered with respect to “the bounds” – bold dashed lines.

### 3.2. Minimax estimator and \( H_2 / H_{\infty} \) filters. In [5] a connection between set-membership state estimation and \( H_{\infty} \) approach is described for linear causal DAEs. The authors note that the notion of informational state \((X(\tau) \text{ in our notation}) \) is shown to be intrinsic for both approaches: mathematical relations between informational states of \( H_{\infty} \) and set-membership state estimation are described in [5, Lemma 6.2]. Comparisons of set-membership estimators with \( H_2 / H_{\infty} \) filters for linear DAEs are presented in [19], provided \( F_k \equiv E \). Let us consider connections to \( H_2 \)-filters in details. In [10] the authors derive the Kalman’s recursion to DAE from a deterministic least square fitting problem. Assuming \( \text{rank}[F_k] \equiv n \), they prove that the optimal estimation

\( ^7 \) x \mapsto 2(x, q) + c is convex iff A is a symmetric non-negative matrix.

\( ^8 \) Since \( \text{rank}[F_k] < 2n \), it follows that results of [10] are not applicable.
\[ \dot{x}_{k|k} = P_{k|k}F_kA_{k-1}C_{k-1}\dot{x}_{k-1|k-1} + P_{k|k}H_kR_ky_k, \]
\[ \dot{x}_{0|0} = P_{0|0}H_0R_0y_0, A_{k-1} = S_{k-1} + C_{k}P_{k|k}C_{k}^\top, \]
\[ P_{k|k}^{-1} = F_kA_{k-1}F_k + H_k^\top R_kH_k, P_{0|0}^{-1} = F_0^\top SF_0 + H_0^\top R_0H_0 \]

Corollary 1 Let \( r_0 = H_0^\top R_0y_0 \). If rank \( [P_{k|k} \quad H_k] \) \( \equiv n \) then \( I_k = 0 \) and \( P_{k|k}^{-1}r_k = \dot{x}_{k|k} \).

**Proof.** Let us set \( R_k = E, S = E, S_k = E \) for simplicity. The proof is by induction on \( k \). For \( k = 0 \), \( P_{0|0} = P_0^{-1} \). The induction hypothesis is \( P_{k-1|k-1} = P_{k-1}^{-1} \). Suppose \( A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, B = B^\top > 0 \); then
\[ A(A^\top + B)^{-1} = (E + ABA^\top)^{-1}AB \quad (19) \]

Using (19) we get \( ABA^\top = [E + ABA^\top]A[A^\top A + B^{-1}]^{-1} \). Combining this with the induction assumption we get \( E + C_{k-1}P_{k-1|k-1}C_{k-1} = E + [E + C_{k-1}P_{k-1|k-1}C_{k-1}] \]
\[ + C_{k-1}P_{k-1|k-1}C_{k-1}^{-1}C_{k-1}^{-1}C_{k-1}^{-1}C_{k-1}^{-1} \]. By simple calculation it follows from the previous equality that \( E - C_{k-1}(P_{k-1} + C_{k-1}^{-1}C_{k-1}^{-1})^{-1}C_{k-1}^{-1} = (E + C_{k-1}P_{k-1|k-1}C_{k-1}^{-1})^{-1} \) using this and definitions of \( P_k, P_{k|k} \), we get \( P_{k|k}^{-1} = P_{k|k} \).
\[ P_0^{-1}r_0 = \dot{x}_{0|0} \] due to corollary assumption. Suppose that \( P_{k-1|k-1}^{-1} = \dot{x}_{k-1|k-1} \). The induction hypothesis, equality \( P_{k|k}^{-1} = P_{k|k} \) and (19) imply \( E + C_{k-1}P_{k-1|k-1}C_{k-1}^{-1}C_{k-1}^{-1}\dot{x}_{k-1|k-1} = C_{k-1}(C_{k-1}^{-1}C_{k-1}^{-1} + P_{k-1|k-1})^{-1}r_{k-1} \). Combining this with definitions of \( \dot{x}_{k|k}, r_k \) we obtain \( \dot{x}_{k|k} = P_{k|k}^{-1}r_k \). This concludes the proof.

4 Conclusion

We describe a set-membership state estimation approach for a linear operator equation with uncertain disturbance restricted to belong to a convex bounded closed subset of abstract Hilbert space. It is based on the notion of an a posteriori set \([16]\) \( \mathcal{G}(y) \), informational set \([5]\) and the notion of the minimax observable subspace for the pair \((L, H)\). The latter is new for the set-membership state estimation framework. It leads to nontrivial new results in set-membership state estimation for linear non-causal DAEs: we present new equations describing the dynamics of the minimax recursive estimator for discrete-time non-causal DAEs. We prove that these equations are consistent with the main results already established for regular DAEs. We illustrate benefits of considering non-causality in the state equation, applying our approach to a linear filtration problem with unbounded noise.

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