Identifiable Paths and Cycles in Linear Compartmental Models

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• $\mathcal{M} = (G, In, Out, Leak)$ where $In, Out, Leak \subseteq V$



Linear Compartmental Model ODE's

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 $y_2(t)=x_2(t).$

LCM Input/Output Equation

 Eliminate the state variables x_i(t) from the system of ODE's to get an input/output equation

Example



Input/Output Equation:

 $\begin{array}{l} y_2^{(3)} + (a_{01} + a_{02} + a_{03} + a_{21} + a_{23} + a_{32})\ddot{y_2} + (a_{01}a_{02} + a_{01}a_{03} + a_{02}a_{03} \\ + a_{02}a_{21} + a_{03}a_{21} + a_{01}a_{23} + a_{02}a_{23} + a_{21}a_{23} + a_{01}a_{32} + a_{03}a_{32} + a_{21}a_{32})\dot{y_2} \\ + (a_{01}a_{02}a_{03} + a_{02}a_{03}a_{21} + a_{01}a_{02}a_{23} + a_{02}a_{21}a_{23} + a_{01}a_{03}a_{32} + a_{03}a_{32}a_{21}a_{32})\dot{y_2} \\ \end{array}$

LCM Reparameterized Input/Output Equation

• When every compartment has a leak, reparameterize the "diagonal elements" as *a_{ii}*

Example



$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ 0 & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

Input/Output Equation:

$$y_2^{(3)} + (-a_{11} - a_{22} - a_{33})\ddot{y}_2 + (a_{11}a_{22} - a_{23}a_{32} + a_{11}a_{33} + a_{22}a_{33})\dot{y}_2 + (a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} - a_{11}a_{22}a_{33})y_2 \\ = (a_{21})\dot{u}_1 + (-a_{21}a_{33})u_1$$

- Let ϕ be the *coefficient map* from the parameter space of a model to the coefficient space of its input/output equation
- A model is said to be *generically locally identifiable* if, outside a set of measure zero, every point in the parameter space has an open neighborhood U for which \u03c6|U is one-to-one

Note: Look at the Jacobian of ϕ for local identifiability!

Proposition (Sufficient condition for unidentifiability)

A model $\mathcal{M} = (G, In, Out, Leak)$ is unidentifiable if

parameters > # coefficients.

Proposition (Meshkat, Sullivant, Eisenberg)

Let $\mathcal{M} = (G, In, \{j\}, V)$ such that G is output connectable. The coefficient map factors through the cycles, self-cycles, and paths from input to output.

Example



Identifiable Path/Cycle Model Motivating Example

Example



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• The model $\mathcal{M} = (G, \{1\}, \{2\}, V)$ is not identifiable:

- # parameters = 6
- # coefficients = 5

• Maybe we can recover combinations of parameters

Definition

For a function $\phi \colon \mathbb{R}^{|E|+|Leak|} \to \mathbb{R}^k$, a function $f \colon \mathbb{R}^{|E|+|Leak|} \to \mathbb{R}$ is locally identifiable from ϕ if there is a finitely multivalued function $\psi \colon \mathbb{R}^k \to \mathbb{R}$ such that $\psi \circ \phi = f$.

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Identifiable Path/Cycle Model

Definition

 $\mathcal{M} = (G, \textit{In}, \textit{Out}, V)$ is an *identifiable path/cycle model* if

- all of the independent monomial cycles and monomial paths from input to output are locally identifiable, and
- each parameter is contained in such a cycle or path

Example



 $\mathcal{M}=(\mathit{G},\{1\},\{2\},\mathit{V})$

This model is an identifiable path/cycle model with identifiable functions

 $a_{11}, a_{22}, a_{33}, a_{21}, a_{23}a_{32}.$

 $y_{2}^{(3)} + (-a_{11} - a_{22} - a_{33})\ddot{y_{2}} + (a_{11}a_{22} - a_{23}a_{32} + a_{11}a_{33} + a_{22}a_{33})\dot{y_{2}} + (a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} - a_{11}a_{22}a_{33})y_{2} \\ = (a_{21})\dot{u_{1}} + (-a_{21}a_{33})u_{1}$

G is *inductively strongly connected* w.r.t vertex 1 if each of the induced subgraphs $G_{\{1,...,i\}}$ is strongly connected for i = 1, ..., n for some ordering of the vertices

Example

$$(4) \xrightarrow{a_{14}} (1) \xrightarrow{a_{21}} (2) \xrightarrow{a_{32}} (3)$$
$$G = G_{\{1,2,3,4\}}$$

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Graph Definitions ctd.

Definition

G is strongly input-output connected (w.r.t In, $Out \subseteq V$) if

- it is connected
- and every edge is contained in a cycle or path from input to output

Example



 $\mathcal{M}=(\textit{G},\{1\},\{2\},\textit{V})$

G is strongly input-output connected since every edge is part of a cycle or a path from 1 to 2.

Path/Cycle Identifiability

Theorem (B., Meshkat)

Let $\mathcal{M} = (\textit{G},\textit{In},\textit{Out},\textit{V})$ such that

(i) G is strongly input-output connected and |Out| = 1 or

(ii) G is strongly connected and |In| = 1.

If the image of the coefficient map ϕ has dimension $|E| + |In \cup Out|$, then the model is an identifiable path/cycle model.

Proof idea:

 $\begin{array}{c|c} \text{Param. Space} & \phi & \text{Coeff. Space} \\ \mathbb{R}^{|V|+|E|} & \phi & \mathbb{R}^{|E|+|In\cup Out|} \\ \hline f & & \psi \\ \hline \text{Path/Cycle Space} \\ \mathbb{R}^{|E|+|In\cup Out|} \end{array}$

- Factor the coefficient map through the "path/cycle space" which as a result of (i) and/or (ii) has dimension |E| + |In ∪ Out|
- ψ must be invertible if dim(im(ϕ)) = |E| + |In \cup Out|, so $f = \psi^{-1} \circ \phi$, so f is ident. from ϕ

Theorem (B., Meshkat)

Let $\mathcal{M} = (G, \{i\}, \{j\}, V)$ such that

• G strongly input-output connected

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$$|E| = |V| = 3$$
 and dist $(1, 2) = 1$ so
 $|E| = 2|V| - dist(1, 2) - 2$
 $3 = 2(3) - 1 - 2.$

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There is no path from 2 to 1.

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With the added edge $2 \rightarrow 1$, G becomes inductively strongly connected via the ordering 1, 2, 3.

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then ${\mathcal M}$ is an identifiable path/cycle model.

Example



Thus, \mathcal{M} is an identifiable path/cycle model!

Identifiable from Identifiable Path/Cycle

Theorem (B., Meshkat)

For $\mathcal{M} = (G, In, Out, V)$ and $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}} = (G, In, Out, L)$ with $L = In \cup Out$ and one of

- G strongly input-output connected and |Out| = 1 or
- G strongly connected and |In| = 1

then $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$ is locally identifiable if and only if \mathcal{M} is an identifiable path/cycle model.

Example



As \mathcal{M} is an identifiable path/cycle model, then \mathcal{M} is identifiable.

Why Identifiable Path/Cycle Models?

• Previous work has focused on models $\mathcal{M} = (G, \{i\}, \{i\}, Leak)$

Theorem (Meshkat, Sullivant)

For $\mathcal{M} = (G, \{i\}, \{i\}, V)$ an identifiable cycle model, there exists an identifiable scaling reparameterization in terms of monomial functions of the original parameters.

This work focuses on models *M* = (*G*, {*i*}, {*j*}, *Leak*) where *i* ≠ *j*, and generalizations with more than one input or output

Conjecture

For identifiable path/cycle model $\mathcal{M} = (G, \{i\}, \{j\}, V)$, there exists an identifiable scaling reparameterization in terms of monomial functions of the original parameters.

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Theorem (B., Gross, Meshkat, Shiu, Sullivant)

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Proof idea:

- (Necessary) Show that if |Leak|>1 or dist(i,j)>1, then $\mathcal M$ cannot be identifiable as # parameters > # coefficients
- (Sufficient) Start with a known identifiable model with i = j and perform "moves" which retain identifiability to inductively generate every tree model with $dist(i, j) \le 1$ and $|Leak| \le 1$.

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