# Model generation and selection using coherent Bayesian inference

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#### Problem of model generation and selection

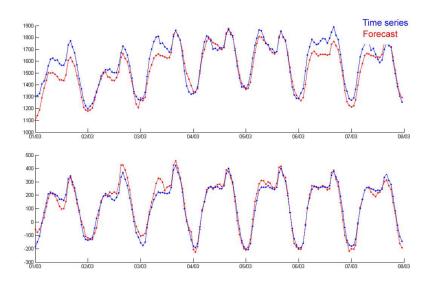
#### Problem significance

To get an accurate and stable forecast we develop the methods of model selection from the set of admissible basic models.

#### Our approach

Optimization of parameters for an arbitrary model is a non-trivial optimization problem. Our approach is to simplify the problem by considering sets of the successively generated stable models of given complexity.

#### Energy consumption one-week forecast, an example



#### The periodic components of the multivariate time series

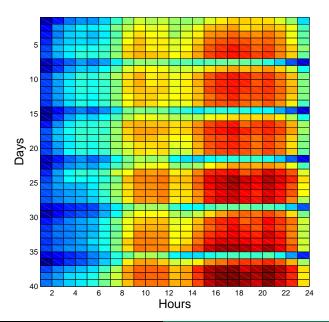
#### The time series:

- energy price,
- consumption,
- daytime,
- temperature,
- · humidity,
- wind force,
- holiday schedule.

#### Periods:

- one year seasons (temperature, daytime),
- one week,
- one day (working day, week-end),
- a holiday,
- aperiodic events.

## The autoregressive matrix, five week-ends



#### The autoregressive matrix and the linear model

In a nutshell,

$$\mathbf{X}^* = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{s}_T & \mathbf{x}_{m+1} \\ \mathbf{1} \times \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} \times \mathbf{n} \\ \mathbf{y} & \mathbf{X} \\ m \times \mathbf{1} & m \times \mathbf{n} \end{bmatrix}.$$

In terms of linear regression:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w},$$

$$y_{m+1} = s_T = \mathbf{w}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{x}_{m+1}^\mathsf{T}.$$

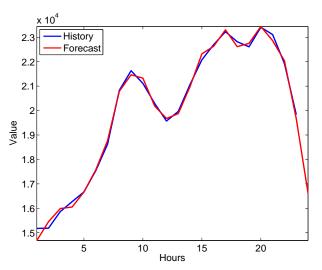
#### Model generation

Introduce a set of the primitive functions  $G = \{g_1, \dots, g_r\}$ , for example  $g_1 = 1$ ,  $g_2 = \sqrt{x}$ ,  $g_3 = x$ ,  $g_4 = x\sqrt{x}$ , etc.

The generated set of features  $\mathbf{X} =$ 

$$\begin{pmatrix} g_1 \circ s_{T-1} & \dots & g_r \circ s_{T-1} & \dots & g_1 \circ s_{T-\kappa+1} & \dots & g_r \circ s_{T-\kappa+1} \\ \hline g_1 \circ s_{(m-1)\kappa-1} & \dots & g_r \circ s_{(m-1)\kappa-1} & \dots & g_1 \circ s_{(m-2)\kappa+1} & \dots & g_r \circ s_{(m-2)\kappa+1} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ g_1 \circ s_{n\kappa-1} & \dots & g_r \circ s_{n\kappa-1} & \dots & g_1 \circ s_{n(\kappa-1)+1} & \dots & g_r \circ s_{n(\kappa-1)+1} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ g_1 \circ s_{\kappa-1} & \dots & g_r \circ s_{\kappa-1} & \dots & g_1 \circ s_1 & \dots & g_r \circ s_1 \end{pmatrix} .$$

#### The one-day forecast (an example)



The function  $y = f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w})$  could be a linear model, neural network, deep NN, SVN, ...

#### Ill-conditioned matrix, or curse of dimensionality

Assume we have hourly data on price/consumption for three years.

Then the matrix 
$$\mathbf{X}^*$$
 is  $(m+1)\times(n+1)$ 

 $156 \times 168$ , in details:  $52w \cdot 3y \times 24h \cdot 7d$ ;

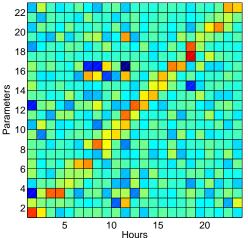
- for 6 time series the matrix **X** is  $156 \times 1008$ .
- for 4 primitive functions it is  $156 \times 4032$ ,

$$m << n$$
.

The autoregressive matrix could be considered as *ill-conditioned* and *multi-correlated*. The model selection procedure is required.

#### How many parameters must be used to forecast?

The color shows the value of a parameter for each hour.



Estimate parameters  $\mathbf{w}(\tau) = (\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{y}$ , then calculate the sample  $s(\tau) = \mathbf{w}^{\mathsf{T}}(\tau)\mathbf{x}_{m+1}$  for each  $\tau$  of the next (m+1-th) period.

#### Regression analysis: problem statement

#### We solve a regression problem:

estimate the conditional expectation  $E(Y|\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{w}_0, \mathbf{x})$ .

The sample:  $\mathfrak{D} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)\}, i \in \mathcal{I} = \{1, \dots, m\}$ . The set  $\mathfrak{G}$  is a set of parametric basic functions  $g(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{x}')$ .

#### Regression model

$$f = f(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}) = g_1(\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{x}'_1) \circ \cdots \circ g_r(\mathbf{b}_r, \mathbf{x}'_r)(\mathbf{x}),$$

$$f: \mathbb{W} \times \mathbb{X} \to \mathbb{Y}$$
, or elementwise:  $f: (\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}) \mapsto y$ ,

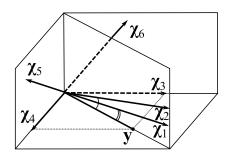
is chosen from the successively generated set  $\mathfrak{F}.$ 

We find the regression function, the restriction of the model over the set of parameters

$$\hat{f}|_{\mathbb{W}\ni\mathbf{w}=\mathbf{w}_0}:\mathbb{X}\to\mathbb{Y}.$$

#### Selection of a stable set of features of restricted size

The sample contains multicollinear  $\chi_1, \chi_2$  and noisy  $\chi_5, \chi_6$  features, columns of the design matrix **X**. We want to select two features from six.



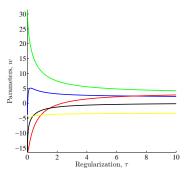
## Stability and accuracy for a fixed complexity

The solution:  $\chi_3, \chi_4$  is an orthogonal set of features minimizing the error function.

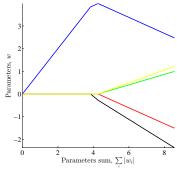
Algorithms: GMDH, Stepwise, Ridge, Lasso, Stagewise, FOS, LARS, Genetics, ...

#### Model parameter values with regularization

Vector-function 
$$\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{X}) = [f(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}_1), \dots, f(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}_m)]^{\mathsf{T}} \in \mathbb{Y}^m$$
.



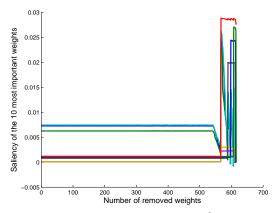
$$S(\mathbf{w}) = \|\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{X}) - \mathbf{y}\|^2 + \gamma^2 \|\mathbf{w}\|^2$$



$$S(\mathbf{w}) = \|\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{X}) - \mathbf{y}\|^2,$$

$$T(\mathbf{w}) \leqslant \tau$$

## Optimal brain damage



Dependency of a salency  $L_j = \frac{w_j^2}{2\mathbf{H}_{ij}^{-1}}$  from a number of removed parameters.

#### Problem of model generation and selection

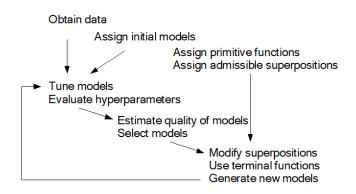
#### The basic goal of research

To develop a methodology for selection of successively generated models for regression and classification problems.

#### The approach

- a) we successively generate a set of regression models,
- b) we investigate space of model parameters,
- **c)** we compare model elements by estimating a covariance matrix and its parameters,
- d) we choose the model according to the MDL principle.

#### Consequent model generation



#### History of the problem

- 1 Stepwise method of model selection
- Regularization for the inverse problem
- 3 Group method of data handling
- Optimal brain damage
- Model hyperparameters estimation
- 6 Symbol regression
- Least angle regression
- 8 Entropy methods for MDL
- MDL principle in regression
- ① Learning of Bayesian network structure

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#### Data and parameters generation assumption

Distribution of the dependent random variable  $\mathbf{y} = \boldsymbol{\mu}^{-1}(\mathbf{X},\mathbf{w})$  belongs to the *exponential family* 

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\boldsymbol{\eta}) = h(\mathbf{y})g(\boldsymbol{\eta}) \exp\left(\boldsymbol{\eta}^{T}\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{y})\right) \tag{ED}$$

with a vector  $\eta$  of parameters. The secial cases: normal (ND) and binomial (BD) distributions:

$$p(\mathfrak{D}|\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{f}) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{m}{2}} |\mathbf{B}^{-1}|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{f})^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{f})\right), \quad (\mathsf{ND})$$

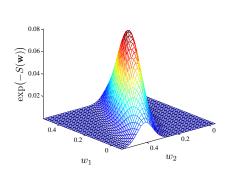
$$p'(\mathfrak{D}|\mathbf{w},\mathbf{f}) = \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} f_i^{y_i} (1 - f_i)^{1 - y_i}.$$
 (BD)

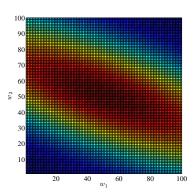
## Distributions $p(\mathfrak{D}|B,w,f)$ and p(w|A,f): different cases

Dependent variable <b>y</b>	Model parameters <b>w</b>
$\mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}, \sigma^2_{\mathbf{y}} \mathbf{I}) \overset{ ext{def}}{=} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}, eta^{-1} \mathbf{I})$	$\mathbf{w} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}_0, \sigma_{\mathbf{w}}^2 \mathbf{I}) \overset{\mathrm{def}}{=} \mathcal{N}(0, lpha^{-1} \mathbf{I})$
$\mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}, diag^{-1}(eta_1, \dots, eta_m)\mathbf{I})$	$\mathbf{w} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}_0, diag^{-1}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \mathbf{I})$
$\mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{B}^{-1})$	$\mathbf{w} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{w}_0, \mathbf{A}^{-1})$

#### **Empirical distribution of model parameters**

There given a sample  $\{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_K\}$  of realizations of the m.r.v.  $\mathbf{w}$  and an error function  $S(\mathbf{w}|\mathfrak{D}, \mathbf{f})$ . Consider the set of points  $\{s_k = \exp(-S(\mathbf{w}_k|\mathfrak{D}, \mathbf{f}))| k = 1, \dots, K\}$ .



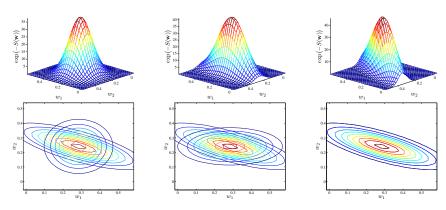


x- and y-axis: parameters  $\mathbf{w}$ , z-axis:  $\exp(-S(\mathbf{w}))$ .

#### **Empirical distribution approximation**

Approximate the set of points  $\{s_k\}$  by a function  $p(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{A})$  (ND), considering assumptions about the covariance matrix  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  type:

$$\mathbf{A} = \alpha \mathbf{I}, \quad \alpha \geqslant 0;$$
  $\mathbf{A} = \operatorname{diag}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n);$   $\mathbf{A}, \quad \mathbf{w}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{w} \geqslant 0.$ 



x- and y-axis: parameters  $\mathbf{w}$ , z-axis:  $\exp(-S(\mathbf{w}))$ .

## Empirical parameter distribution, example

Distribution of parameters  $\mathbf{w}$  beyond the most probable neighborhood  $\mathbf{w}_{MP}$ .

#### Most probable and most plausible parameters

#### Posterior parameter distribution

for the given sample  $\mathfrak{D}$ , model  $\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{X})$  and matrices  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}$ :

$$p(\mathbf{w}|\mathfrak{D}, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{f}) = \frac{p(\mathfrak{D}|\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{f})p(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{f})}{p(\mathfrak{D}|\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{f})}.$$

The elements of this expression and the corresponding parameters:

 $p(\mathbf{w}|\mathfrak{D}, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{f})$  — posterior parameter distribution,

 $\mathbf{w}_{\mathsf{MP}} = \arg\max p(\mathbf{w}|\mathfrak{D}, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{f})$  — most probable parameters,

 $p(\mathfrak{D}|\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{f})$  — data likelihood,

 $\mathbf{w}_{\mathsf{ML}} = \arg\max p(\mathfrak{D}|\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{f})$  — most plausible parameters,

 $p(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{A},\mathbf{f})$  — prior distribution,

 $p(\mathfrak{D}|\mathbf{A},\mathbf{B},\mathbf{f})$  — model likelihood.

#### Coherent Bayesian inference: model selection

## For a set of models $\mathfrak{F} = \{f_1, \dots, f_K\}$ to approximate $\mathfrak{D}$

$$p(f_k|D) = \frac{p(D|f_k)p(f_k)}{\sum_{q=1}^K p(D|f_k)p(f_k)}.$$

 $p(f_k)$  — prior probability,  $p(D|f_k)$  — model evidence,  $p(f_k|D)$  — posterior probability.

#### Select the most evident model by comparison

$$\frac{p(f_k|D)}{p(f_q|D)} = \frac{p(D|f_k)p(f_k)}{p(D|f_q)p(f_q)}$$

since the denominator does not depend on the model.

Assuming equal prior probability of the models from the set  $\mathfrak{F}$ ,

$$p(f_k)=p(f_q)$$

maximize the model evidence.

#### Error function of the general form

Writing the error function  $S(\mathbf{w})$  in the following form,

$$S(\mathbf{w}) = -\ln p(\mathfrak{D}|\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{f})p(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{f}) = E_{\mathbf{w}} + E_{\mathfrak{D}},$$

we obtain the following posterior distribution:

$$p(\mathbf{w}|\mathfrak{D}, A, B, f) \propto \frac{\exp(-S(\mathbf{w}))}{Z_{S}}.$$

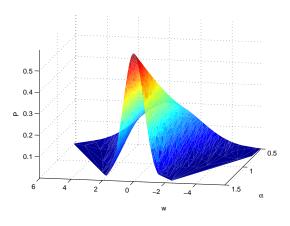
The case of normal distribution for the dependent variable  $({\sf ND})$ 

$$S(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}_0)^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{A} (\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}_0) + \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{f})^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{B} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{f}).$$

The case of binomial distribution for the dependent variable (BD)

$$S(\mathbf{w}) = E_{\mathbf{w}} + \sum_{i \in T} (y_i \ln f_i + (1 - y_i) \ln(1 - f_i)).$$

#### Posterior parameter distribution with $A = \alpha I$



x-axis: w is a model parameter.

y-axis:  $\alpha$  is an inverted covariance,

z-axis:  $p(\mathbf{w}|\mathfrak{D}, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{f})$  is a distribution of parameters.

#### Selection of the most evident model

There is given a sample  $\mathfrak{D}$ , a set of models  $\mathfrak{F} = \{f_k\}$ ,  $k \in \mathcal{K}$  and prior probabilities  $p(f_k)$ .

#### The problem is to find the most plausible model $f_k$ :

$$\begin{split} \hat{k} &= \argmax_{k \in \mathcal{K}} p(f_k | \mathfrak{D}) = \\ & \underset{k \in \mathcal{K}}{\arg\max} \int_{\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{W}_k} p(\mathfrak{D} | \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{B}_k, \mathbf{f}_k) p(\mathbf{w} | \mathbf{A}_k, \mathbf{f}_k) d\mathbf{w}. \end{split}$$

Posterior model probability

$$p(f_k|\mathfrak{D}) = \frac{1}{p(\mathfrak{D})}p(\mathfrak{D}|f_k)p(f_k),$$

where the function  $p(\mathfrak{D}|f_k)$  of the sample  $\mathfrak{D}$ , with a fixed model  $f_k$  is a model likelihood. The normalized coefficient doesn't depend on the model.

#### Finding the most probable parameters

There is given a sample  $\mathfrak{D}$ , a model  $\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x})$ , a data generation assumption, and an error function

$$S(\mathbf{w}|\mathfrak{D}, \hat{\mathbf{A}}, \hat{\mathbf{B}}, \mathbf{f}) = -\ln(p(\mathfrak{D}|\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{f})p(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{f})).$$

#### The goal is to find parameters $\mathbf{w}_{MP}$ of the model f

$$\mathbf{w}_{\mathsf{MP}} = \arg\min_{\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{W}} S(\mathbf{w}|\mathfrak{D}, \hat{\mathbf{A}}, \hat{\mathbf{B}}, \mathbf{f}).$$

#### The covariance matrix estimation

$$(\hat{\mathbf{A}}, \hat{\mathbf{B}}) = \underset{\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n^2}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{m^2}}{\operatorname{arg max}} \int_{\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{W}} p(\mathfrak{D}|\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{f}) p(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{f}) d\mathbf{w}.$$

#### Theorem (2014)

The linear model likelihood for the data generation assumption (ND) has the form

$$p(\mathfrak{D}|\mathbf{A},\mathbf{B}) = \frac{|\mathbf{B}|^{\frac{1}{2}}|\mathbf{A}|^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(2\pi)^{\frac{m}{2}}|\mathbf{K}|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{y}^{\mathsf{T}}(\mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{K}\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{B})\mathbf{y}\right),$$

and its logarithm has the form  $\ln p(\mathfrak{D}|\mathbf{A},\mathbf{B}) =$ 

$$=-\frac{1}{2}\big(\ln|\mathbf{K}|+m\ln 2\pi-\ln|\mathbf{B}|-\ln|\mathbf{A}|-\mathbf{y}^{\mathsf{T}}(\mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{K}\mathbf{C}-\mathbf{B})\mathbf{y}\big).$$

Here

$$\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{A}, \quad \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{B}.$$

#### Estimation of parameters w

## Theorem (2013)

For the data generation assumption(ND) with the fixed covariance matrices  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}^{-1}$  the iterative algorithm of parameters estimation,

$$\Delta \mathbf{w}_{k+1} = (\mathbf{J}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{J})^{-1} \left( \mathbf{J}^\mathsf{T} \big( \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{X}) \big) - \frac{1}{\beta} \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{w}_k \right),$$

finds a minimum of the error function of general form  $S(\mathbf{w}|\mathfrak{D}, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{f})$  with the convergence of vectors sequence  $\mathbf{w}_k$ .

#### Remark

The iterative algorithm  $\mathbf{w}_{k+1} = \Delta \mathbf{w}_{k+1} + \mathbf{w}_k$  requires the initial value  $\mathbf{w}_0$ . The sequence  $\|\mathbf{w}_{k+1} - \mathbf{w}_k\|^2$  monotonically decreases due to increase of the step k.

#### Estimation of parameters w

#### Theorem (2013)

For the data generation assumption (BD) with the fixed covariance matrices  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}^{-1}$  the iterative algorithm of parameters estimation for the generalized linear model,

$$\Delta \mathbf{w}_{k+1} = (\mathbf{X}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{B}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{w}_k$$
, variant:

$$\Delta \mathbf{w}_{k+1} = (\mathbf{X}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{B} (\mathbf{X} \mathbf{w}_k - \mathbf{B}^{-1} (\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{y})) + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}_k^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{w}_k,$$

finds a local minimum of the error function of general form with the convergence of vectors sequence  $\mathbf{w}_k$ .

#### Estimation of covariance matrices $A^{-1}$ , $B^{-1}$

Let the vector of parameters  $\mathbf{w}_0 = [w_{1(0)}, \dots, w_{n(0)}]^T$  be fixed.

## Theorem (2013)

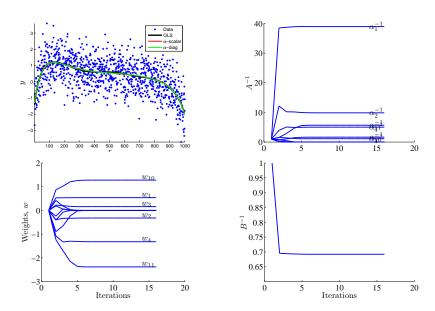
In a neighborhood of the parameters  $\mathbf{w}_0$  the covariance matrix estimations  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}, \mathbf{B}^{-1}$  for the data generation assumption (ND) has the form

$$\alpha_i = \frac{1}{2}\lambda_i \left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{4}{(w_i - w_{i(0)})^2 \lambda_i}} - 1 \right), \text{ where } \lambda_i = \beta \operatorname{diag}(h_i),$$

$$\beta = \frac{m - \gamma}{2(\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{y})^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{B}'(\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{y})}, \quad \gamma = \sum_{j=1}^{W} \frac{\lambda_j}{\lambda_j + \alpha_j}.$$

The sequences  $\|\mathbf{A}_{k+1} - \mathbf{A}_k\|^2$  and  $\|\beta_{k+1} - \beta_i\|^2$  monotonically decrease due to increase of the step k.

## Estimation of parameters and covariance matrices



#### The set of basic functions &

There is given a set  $\mathfrak{G} = \{id, g_1, \dots, g_l | g = g(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{x}')\}$ , that is, there are given

- 1) the function  $g:(\mathbf{b},\mathbf{x}')\mapsto\mathbf{x}''$ ,
- 2) its parameters b,
- 3) arity v(g) of the function g and an order of arguments,
- 4) a domain dom(g) and a codomain cod(g).

Consider a model  $f(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x})$  given by a superposition

$$f(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}) = (g_{i(1)} \circ \cdots \circ g_{i(K)})(\mathbf{x}), \quad \mathbf{w} = [\mathbf{b}_{i(1)}^\mathsf{T}, \dots, \mathbf{b}_{i(K)}^\mathsf{T}]^\mathsf{T}.$$

## An admissible superposition f

is a superposition such that

$$cod(g_{i(k+1)}) \subseteq dom(g_{i(k)}), \quad k = 1, \dots, K-1.$$

#### Generation of the model set $\mathfrak{F}$

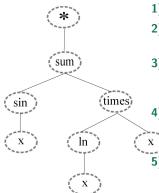
#### To generate the models we use

- 1) the set dom(x),
- 2) the set of basic functions  $\mathfrak{G} = \{id, g\}, g : \mathbf{x} \mapsto \mathbf{x}',$
- 3) the set Gen of rules for superposition generation,
- 4) the set Rem of rules for isomorphic superpositions simplification and estimation.

We propose the following basic methods for the superpositions generation:

- inductive generation,
- structure learning,
- direct search.

#### $\Gamma_f$ f:

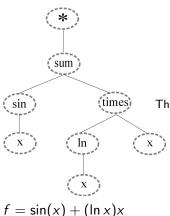


 $f = \sin(x) + (\ln x)x$ 

- 1) the root \* of the tree  $\Gamma_f$  has the single vertex,
- 2) other vertices  $V_i$  correspond to the functions  $g_r \in \mathfrak{G}$ :  $V_i \mapsto g_r$ ,
- 3) the number of children  $V_j$  of the vertex  $V_i$  equals to an arity of the corresponding function  $g_r$ : val $(V_i) = v(g_{r(i)})$ ,
- 4) the domain of the function  $g_{r(i)}$  of a child  $V_j$  contains the codomain of the function  $g_{r(j)}$  of the x parent  $V_i$ :  $dom(g_{r(i)}) \supseteq cod(g_{r(j)})$ ,
  - 5) an order of vertices traversal with a parent vertex  $V_i$  corresponds to the order of arguments of the corresponding function  $g_{r(i)}$ ,
- 6) the leaves  $\Gamma_f$  correspond to the independent variables, elements of the vector  $\mathbf{x}$ .

#### Link matrix $Z_f$ estimation limitations

The link matrix  $\mathbf{Z}_f$  for the tree  $\Gamma_f$ 



	sum	times	ln	sin	X
*	1	0	0	0	0
sum	0	1	1	0	0
times	0	0	0	1	1
ln	0	0	0	0	1
sin	0	0	0	0	1

The link probability matrix  $\mathbf{P}_f$  for the tree  $\Gamma_f$ 

	sum	times	ln	sin	X
*	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
sum	0.2	0.7	8.0	0.1	0.2
times	0.1	0.3	0	8.0	8.0
ln	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.9
sin	0.1	0.1 0.7 0.3 0.1 0.2	0.1	0	0.8

 $\mathfrak{Z}$  is a set of matrices corresponding to the superpositions from  $\mathfrak{F}$ .

#### Structure learning problem

There is given a sample  $\mathfrak{D} = \{(\mathbf{D}_k, f_k)\}$  where the element  $\mathbf{D}_k = (\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y})$ , there given  $\mathfrak{G}$  and  $\mathfrak{F} = \{f_s \mid \mathbf{f}_s : (\hat{\mathbf{w}}_k, \mathbf{X}) \mapsto \mathbf{y}, s \in \mathbb{N}\}.$ 

#### The goal

to find an algorithm  $a: \mathbf{D}_k \mapsto f_s$  following the condition

$$\mathbf{Z}_{f_s} = \arg\max_{\mathbf{Z} \in \mathfrak{J}} \sum_{i,j} P_{ij} \times Z_{i,j}.$$

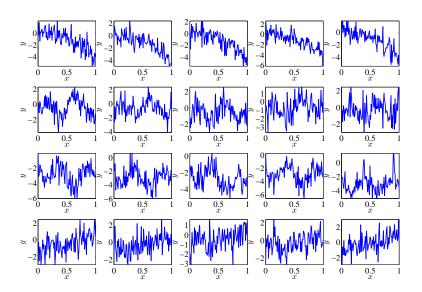
The index  $\hat{s}$ ,  $f_{\hat{s}}$  provides a minimum for the error function S:

$$\hat{s} = \arg\min_{s \in \{1, \dots, |\mathfrak{F}|\}} S(f_s \mid \hat{\mathbf{w}}_k, \mathbf{D}_k),$$

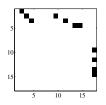
where  $\hat{\mathbf{w}}_k$  is an optimal vector of parameters  $f_s$  for each  $f_s \in \mathfrak{F}$  with the fixed  $\mathbf{D}_k$ :

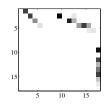
$$\hat{\mathbf{w}}_k = \arg\min_{\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{W}_s} S(\mathbf{w} \mid f_s, \mathbf{D}_k).$$

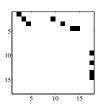
# An example of the time series sample for physical activity monitoring



#### Initial and forecasted superposition







$$f = w_1 \cos(w_2 x + w_3) + w_4 x + w_5 \ln(w_6 x + w_7) + w_8$$

$$f = \cos(x) + x + \ln(x),$$
  $\mathbf{w} = [1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0]^{\mathsf{T}}.$ 

#### Successive model generation and selection

The set A uniquely defines a model  $f_A \in \mathfrak{F}$ .

#### The successive modification procedure

**Add:** to add an index j to the set  $A_k = A_{k-1} \cup \{j\}$ , that corresponds to the maximum value of the model likelihood

$$\hat{j} = rg \max_{j \in \mathcal{J} \setminus \mathcal{A}_k} p(f_{\mathcal{A}_k} | \mathbf{w}_{\mathsf{MP}}, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathfrak{D}).$$

**Del:** to remove an index j from the set  $\mathcal{A}_k = \mathcal{A}_{k-1} \setminus \{j\}$  to maximally increase the stability,  $\hat{j} = \underset{j \in \mathcal{A}_k}{\arg\max} \, Q(f_{\mathcal{A}_k} | \mathbf{w}_{\mathrm{MP}}, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathfrak{D})$ :

$$\hat{j} = \arg\max_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{k-1}} \sum_{g=t-\hat{i}+1}^t q_g^j, \qquad \quad \hat{i} = \sum_{g=1}^t \left[\eta_g^2 > \eta_t \right].$$

The stages Add and Del repeated independently such that the inequality holds on each stage:  $\max_{\Delta : d \vdash L \cap \text{Del} \, L \subset \mathbb{N}} \left( \mathcal{E}(f_{\mathcal{A}'_k}) \right) - \mathcal{E}(f_{\mathcal{A}_k}) \leqslant \Delta \mathcal{E}.$ 

The algorithm is repeated while the expectation of the likelihood function  $\mathsf{E}\mathcal{E}(f_{\mathcal{A}_k})$  remains constant.

## Decomposition of the covariance matrix $A^{-1}$

Consider the condition numbers  $\eta_j = \frac{\lambda_{\max}}{\lambda_j}$  in the singular decomposition of the covariance matrix  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}^2$ . Find covariance of the parameters  $\mathbf{w}$ 

$$\mathbf{Var}(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{\beta} (\mathbf{V}^{\scriptscriptstyle\mathsf{T}})^{-1} \mathbf{\Lambda}^{-2} \mathbf{V}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\beta} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Lambda}^{-2} \mathbf{V}^{\scriptscriptstyle\mathsf{T}},$$

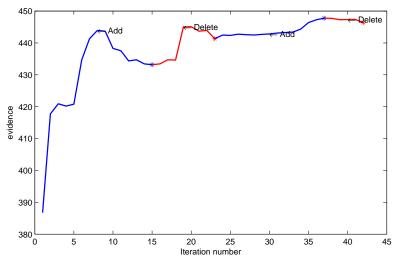
where  $\beta$  is an inverse covariance of the residuals, and the covariance of the parameter  $w_j$  is a j-th diagonal element Var(w).

# Removal of the index $\hat{j}$ from the set $A_k = A_{k-1} \setminus \{\hat{j}\}$

$$\hat{j} = \arg\max_{j \in \mathcal{A}_{k-1}} \sum_{g=t-\hat{i}+1}^t q_g^j$$
, where  $\hat{i} = \sum_{g=1}^t \left[\eta_g^2 > \eta_t\right]$ , where  $\beta extsf{var}(w_i) = \sum_{j=1}^n rac{v_{ij}^2}{\lambda_j^2} = (q_{i1} + q_{i2} + \ldots + q_{in}).$ 

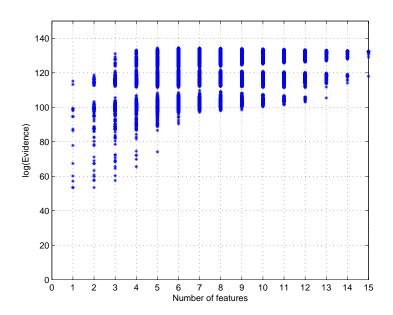
maximally increase the model stability  $f_{A_k}$  on the pair of steps k, k-1.

#### Likelihood maximization during the successive model modification

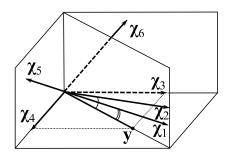


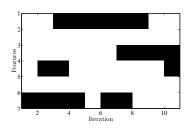
*x*-axis: iterations *k*, *y*-axis: likelihood  $p(f_{A_k}|\mathbf{w}_{MP}, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathfrak{D})$ .

## Change of likelihood at the arbitrary modification



#### Choice of the most plausible and stable model





x-axis: the iterations k, y-axis: the indices of the elements j, the black rectangle: the index j added to the set  $A_k$ .