

A New Least-Squares Approach to Differintegration

Modeling

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Abstract

In this paper a new least-squares (LS) approach is used to model the discrete-time fractional differintegrator. This approach is based on a mismatch error between the required response and the one obtained by the difference equation defining the auto-regressive, moving-average (ARMA) model. In minimizing the error power we obtain a set of suitable normal equations that allow us to obtain the ARMA parameters. This new LS is then applied to the same examples as in [1] and [11] so performance comparisons can be drawn. Simulation results show that both magnitude frequency responses are essentially identical. Concerning the modeling stability, both algorithms present similar limitations, although for different ARMA model orders.

I. INTRODUCTION

Fractional linear systems are described by fractional differential equations in the continuous-time case or ARMA models in the discrete-time case. The first case uses the definition of fractional derivative [7]; the second uses the fractional differencing [10]. The long memory exhibited by these systems can not be explained by the usual integer order pole/zero models. The basic building block of this kind of systems is the non-integer order derivative that has been approximated by fractional powers of the backward difference or the bilinear transformations (the former is exactly the building block of the fractional differencing). These approximations are IIR systems with non-rational transfer functions. However, these more correct models are difficult to implement and model in practice. For them, ARMA models are only approximations that we call pseudo-fractional ARMA models [8]. In the last few years, a lot of attempts to obtain such models have been done {see [1 - 3, 11, 13, 14]}. However, it remains to clarify two important questions: a) how to perform such modeling and b) how to choose

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the most suitable orders. In Impulse Response modeling the well-known Padé algorithm is frequently used [10]. In [9], we presented a suitable recursive algorithm for this modeling. Here, we will propose a different algorithm based on a least-squares criterion different from [1]. This algorithm defines a mismatch error between the required response and the one obtained by the difference equation defining the ARMA model. In minimizing the error power we obtain suitable normal equations that allow us to obtain the ARMA parameters. The algorithm is described in section II where we compare it with the algorithm described in [9] through some current modeling examples.

II. LEAST-SQUARES ARMA APPROXIMATION

II.1 The discrete time fractional differintegrator

The differintegrator is a continuous-time linear system with Transfer Function given, in the causal case, by

$$F(s) = s^\alpha \tag{1}$$

for $\text{Re}(s) > 0$ [9]. To obtain discrete-time differintegrators, we replace the variable s in (1) by a suitable rational function of z^{-1} . The most commonly used are:

- a) the backward difference, leading to a solution that is essentially the discretisation of the Grünwald-Letnikov derivative;
- b) the Tustin bilinear transformation.

Let the transfer function of these two fractional discrete-time systems be given, respectively, by:

$$\text{a) } H_{\text{bd}}(z) = \left(\frac{1 - z^{-1}}{T} \right)^\alpha, \quad |z| > 1 \tag{2}$$

and

$$\text{b) } H_{\text{bil}}(z) = \left(\frac{2}{T} \frac{1 - z^{-1}}{1 + z^{-1}} \right)^\alpha, \quad |z| > 1 \tag{3}$$

Fractional differentiators and integrators are obtained, respectively, with $\alpha > 0$ and $\alpha < 0$.

The computation of the inverse Z Transform of (2) is simple using the binomial series expansion:

$$h_{\text{bd}}(n) = \frac{1}{T^\alpha} \binom{\alpha}{n} (-1)^n u_n = \frac{1}{T^\alpha} \frac{(-\alpha)_n}{n!} u_n \tag{4}$$

where u_n is the discrete-time Heaviside function and $(a)_n = a(a+1)\dots(a+n-1)$ is the Pochhammer symbol.

Considering (3), it can be seen that the corresponding impulse response is actually a convolution of two binomial sequences corresponding to the numerator and the denominator. It is not difficult to obtain:

$$h_{\text{bil}}(n) = \left(\frac{2}{T}\right)^{\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-\alpha)_k (-1)^{n-k} (\alpha)_{n-k}}{k! (n-k)!}$$

As

$$n! = (-1)^k (-n)_k (n-k)! \quad k \leq n \quad (5)$$

and

$$(a)_n = (-1)^k (-a-n+1)_k (a)_{n-k} \quad (6)$$

we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} h_{\text{bil}}(n) &= \left(\frac{2}{T}\right)^{\alpha} \frac{(-1)^n (\alpha)_n}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-\alpha)_k (-n)_k (-1)^k}{(-\alpha-n+1)_k k!} = \\ &= \left(\frac{2}{T}\right)^{\alpha} \frac{(-1)^n (\alpha)_n}{n!} {}_2F_1(-\alpha, -n; -\alpha-n+1; -1) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where ${}_2F_1(a, b; c; -1)$ is the Gauss hypergeometric function that, for these arguments, does not have a closed form. (Prof. Volker Strehl, in a personal communication, stated that, almost surely, ${}_2F_1(-\alpha, -n; -\alpha-n+1; -1)$ satisfies a second order recursion formula.)

II.2 The algorithm

Both discrete-time representations are IIR systems, but are not described by finite orders ARMA models. However, we intend to find approximations using finite orders ARMA models. There have been a lot of attempts to do it [1 - 3, 13]. Here we propose a new least squares identification algorithm different from that one proposed in [1].

According to our previous considerations, we assume without any loss of generality that the correct model is an ARMA(∞, ∞). This is valid not only for the above referred differintegrator, but also for any other Transfer Function. In the following, we will consider only these cases. The approximation we are looking for may be stated as:

$$H(z) = \frac{\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} f_m z^{-m}}{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g_n z^{-n}} \approx \frac{\sum_{m=0}^M b_m z^{-m}}{\sum_{n=0}^N a_n z^{-n}} \quad (8)$$

It is not difficult to see that we are dealing with an indeterminate problem, and we are going to propose an easy way to overcome it. Let (8) be written as:

$$\sum_{n=0}^N a_n z^{-n} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} f_m z^{-m} \approx \sum_{m=0}^M b_m z^{-m} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g_n z^{-n} \quad (9)$$

and make an inverse Z-Transform to obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^N a_i f_{n-i} \approx \sum_{i=0}^M b_i g_{n-i} \quad n \in Z^+ \quad (10)$$

This relation suggests us to define an error sequence by:

$$e_n = \sum_{n=0}^N a_i f_{n-i} - \sum_{i=0}^M b_i g_{n-i} \quad n \in Z^+ \quad (11)$$

Let us assume that we have L values of the impulse response we want to model. The error energy is given by:

$$E = \sum_{n=0}^{L-1} e_n^2 = \sum_{n=0}^{L-1} \left[\sum_{i=0}^N a_i f_{n-i} - \sum_{i=0}^M b_i g_{n-i} \right]^2 \quad (12)$$

Let $a_0 = 1$. We are now going to compute the unknown parameters through the derivatives of E in order to the ARMA parameters. This procedure is similar to that used in [12]. Therefore, we obtain the following sets of Normal Equations:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{L-1} \left[\sum_{i=0}^N a_i f_{n-i} \cdot f_{n-k} - \sum_{i=0}^M b_i g_{n-i} \cdot f_{n-k} \right] = 0 \quad k=1, 2, \dots, N \quad (13)$$

and

$$\sum_{n=0}^{L-1} \left[- \sum_{i=0}^N a_i f_{n-i} \cdot g_{n-k} + \sum_{i=0}^M b_i g_{n-i} \cdot g_{n-k} \right] = 0 \quad k=0, 1, 2, \dots, M \quad (14)$$

Introducing the covariance matrices:

$$R_{ff}(k,i) = \sum_{n=0}^{L-1} f_{n-i} \cdot f_{n-k} \quad (15)$$

$$R_{gf}(k,i) = \sum_{n=0}^{L-1} g_{n-i} \cdot f_{n-k} \quad (16)$$

$$R_{gg}(k,i) = \sum_{n=0}^{L-1} g_{n-i} \cdot g_{n-k} \quad (17)$$

we can rewrite (13) and (14) as:

$$\sum_{i=0}^N a_i R_{ff}(k,i) - \sum_{i=0}^M b_i R_{gf}(k,i) = 0 \quad k=1, 2, \dots, N \quad (18)$$

and

$$\sum_{i=0}^N a_i R_{fg}(k,i) - \sum_{i=0}^M b_i R_{gg}(k,i) = 0 \quad k=0, 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (19)$$

If we know all the impulse response values or the theoretical expressions, we can compute the correlations

$$R_{ff}(k-i) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n \cdot f_{n+i-k} \quad (20)$$

$$R_{gf}(k-i) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g_n \cdot f_{n+i-k} \quad (21)$$

$$R_{gg}(k-i) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g_n \cdot g_{n+i-k} \quad (22)$$

that allow us to rewrite (18) and (19) as:

$$\sum_{i=0}^N a_i R_{ff}(k-i) - \sum_{i=0}^M b_i R_{gf}(k-i) = 0 \quad k=1, 2, \dots, N \quad (23)$$

and

$$\sum_{i=0}^N a_i R_{fg}(k-i) - \sum_{i=0}^M b_i R_{gg}(k-i) = 0 \quad k=0, 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (24)$$

With this formulation all the involved matrices are Toeplitz matrices. However, we will maintain the notation introduced in (18) and (19). We can join all the matrices in only one. Introduce the matrices $\Phi[(N+1) \times (N+1)]$, $\Psi[(M+1) \times (N+1)]$ and $\Theta[(M+1) \times (M+1)]$ that are easily identified and a $(N+M+2)$ length vector $\mathbf{w} = [1 \ a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_N \ b_0 \ b_1 \ b_2 \ \dots \ b_M]^T$. We join (18) and (19) into the following system of equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Phi & -\Psi \\ \Psi^T & -\Theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ a_1 \\ \dots \\ a_N \\ b_0 \\ \dots \\ b_M \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E_{\min} \\ 0 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (25)$$

The solution is readily obtained by inverting the matrix. We only have to obtain the first column of the inverse and normalize the first coefficient. The normalizing constant is equal to E_{\min} . The partitioned inverses formula can be used here [6]. To our needs it is enough to say that the first column of the following matrix is the solution (non normalized) for our problem:

$$E_{\min} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ a_1 \\ \dots \\ a_N \\ b_0 \\ \dots \\ b_M \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (\Phi - \Psi \Theta^{-1} \Psi^T)^{-1} & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ -\Psi \Theta^{-1} \Psi^T (\Phi - \Psi \Theta^{-1} \Psi^T)^{-1} & \\ & \\ & \\ & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (26)$$

provided that either $(\Phi - \Psi \Theta^{-1} \Psi^T)$ or Θ are regular. If this is not the case, we can use:

$$E_{\min} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ a_1 \\ \dots \\ a_N \\ b_0 \\ \dots \\ b_M \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi^{-1} + \Phi^{-1} \Psi (\Theta - \Psi^T \Phi^{-1} \Psi)^{-1} \Psi^T \Phi^{-1} & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ - (\Theta - \Psi^T \Phi^{-1} \Psi)^{-1} \Psi^T \Phi^{-1} & \\ & \\ & \\ & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (27)$$

We remark here that $a_0=1$ and thus:

$$\left[\sum_{i=1}^N a_i R_{ff}(k-i) - \sum_{i=0}^M b_i R_{gf}(k-i) \right] = -R_{ff}(k) \quad k=1, 2, \dots, N \quad (28)$$

and

$$\left[\sum_{i=1}^N a_i R_{fg}(k-i) - \sum_{i=0}^M b_i R_{gg}(k-i) \right] = - R_{fg}(k) \quad k=0, 1, 2, \dots, M \quad (29)$$

This may be interesting because it allows a reduction in the dimensions of matrices Φ and Ψ . It is not difficult to obtain similar matrices to those in (25) to (27).

II.3 Applications

II.3.1 Difference

We are going to use the previous algorithm to compute the approximation to the differintegrator using the backward difference. Assume that $\alpha > 0$. In this case and referring to the notation used in the previous section, we have

$$f_n = \frac{1}{T^\alpha} \frac{(-\alpha)_n}{n!} u_n \quad (30)$$

and

$$g_n = \delta_n \quad (31)$$

Let the corresponding correlations be computed:

$$R_{ff}(n) = \frac{1}{T^{2\alpha}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha}{k} (-1)^k \binom{\alpha}{k+n} (-1)^{k+n} = \frac{1}{T^{2\alpha}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-\alpha)_k}{k!} \frac{(-\alpha)_{k+n}}{(k+n)!}$$

As

$$(n+k)! = (n+1)_k n! \quad (32)$$

and

$$(\alpha)_{n+k} = (\alpha)_n (\alpha+n)_k \quad (33)$$

$$\frac{1}{T^{2\alpha}} \frac{(-\alpha)_n}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-\alpha)_k}{k!} \frac{(-\alpha+n)_k}{(n+1)!} = \frac{1}{T^{2\alpha}} \frac{(-\alpha)_n}{n!} {}_2F_1(-\alpha, -\alpha+n; n+1; 1) \quad (34)$$

Using the Gauss formula

$${}_2F_1(a, b; c; 1) = \frac{\Gamma(c)\Gamma(c-a-b)}{\Gamma(c-a)\Gamma(c-b)} \quad c-a-b > 0 \quad (35)$$

we obtain

$$R_{ff}(k) = \frac{1}{T^{2\alpha}} (-1)^k \frac{\Gamma(1+2\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha+k+1)\Gamma(\alpha-k+1)} \quad (36)$$

meaning that the Φ matrix is a symmetric Toeplitz matrix. Obviously

$$R_{gf}(n) = \frac{1}{T^\alpha} \binom{\alpha}{n} (-1)^n u_n \quad (37)$$

Then, Ψ is a non symmetric Toeplitz matrix. If $\alpha < 0$, it is enough to interchange f_n with g_n .

II.3.2 Bilinear

Assume again that $\alpha > 0$. For the f_n sequence, we use the above expression (30). For g_n we have:

$$g_n = \binom{\alpha}{n} u_n \quad (38)$$

The corresponding autocorrelation is

$$R_{gg}(k) = \frac{\Gamma(1+2\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha+k+1)\Gamma(\alpha-k+1)} \quad (39)$$

leading again to a symmetric Toeplitz matrix. The cross-correlation is given for $n > 0$ and $\alpha < 1$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{fg}(n) &= \frac{1}{T^\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha}{k} (-1)^k \binom{\alpha}{k+n} = \frac{1}{T^\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-\alpha)_k}{k!} \frac{(-\alpha)_{k+n}}{(k+n)!} = \\ &= \frac{1}{T^\alpha} \frac{(-\alpha)_n}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-\alpha)_k (-\alpha+n)_k}{(1+n)_k} = \frac{1}{T^\alpha} \frac{(-\alpha)_n}{n!} {}_2F_1(-\alpha+n, -\alpha; n+1; -1) \end{aligned}$$

From Kummer's formula [6]

$${}_2F_1(a, b; a-b+1; -1) = \frac{\Gamma(1+a-b)\Gamma(1+a/2)}{\Gamma(1+a/2-b)\Gamma(a+1)} \quad b < 1 \text{ and } a-b \text{ non negative integer} \quad (40)$$

we obtain

$$R_{fg}(n) = \frac{1}{T^\alpha} \frac{(-\alpha)_n}{n!} \frac{\Gamma(1-\alpha+n)\Gamma(1-\alpha/2+n/2)}{\Gamma(1+\alpha/2+n/2)\Gamma(-\alpha+n+1)} = \frac{1}{T^\alpha} \frac{(-1)^n}{\Gamma(-\alpha)(-\alpha+n)} \frac{\Gamma(1-\alpha/2+n/2)}{\Gamma(1+\alpha/2+n/2)} \quad (41)$$

If $n < 0$

$$R_{fg}(n) = (-1)^n R_{fg}(-n) \quad (42)$$

leading to a non-symmetric Toeplitz matrix. In this case and if $N=M$, we have:

$$b_i = (-1)^i \cdot a_i$$

suggesting the usage of an ARMA(N,N).

III. COMPARISONS

In this section we are going to use the above algorithm to compute approximations for the differintegrator. However, only the results for the differentiator ($\alpha > 0$) are presented since, for practical purposes, the integrator does not constitute a different case study. This leads us to consider fractional orders $\alpha \in [-0.5, 0.5]$. For comparisons, we will use the results presented in [1, 9] whenever feasible⁴.

In order to get some insight into the order of the ARMA models, experiments with ARMA(n,m), $n = 1, \dots, N$ and $m = 0, \dots, n$ were performed. Figures 1 and 2 depict the behavior of E_{\min} , for the backwards difference and bilinear, respectively, as by (26) as a function of (n,m). It is interesting to note that in both cases, the local minima of E_{\min} occur when $n = m$, that is, the number of poles equals the number of zeros. Also note that maxima correspond to AR(N) models.

INSERT Figure 1

INSERT Figure 2

Further simulations were carried out for both the backward differences and bilinear MA(M) models. Figures 3 (backward differences) and 4 (bilinear) depict E_{\min} as a function of model order (left graph) and the final zero map (right graph).

INSERT Figure 3

INSERT Figure 4

Based on the E_{\min} behavior as a function of the order of the models, all the remaining experiments comprise only ARMA(N,N) models.

As figures 5 and 6 depict, there is no substantial or significant difference between the algorithm proposed in this work, L-S, and that presented in [9].

⁴ Although in [11] we were able to find an ARMA(9,9), using the least-square approach, an ARMA(N,N) was unstable for $N > 6$, both for $\alpha = 0.5$ and using the backward differences.

INSERT Figure 5

INSERT Figure 6

In the L-S case, higher ARMA orders can be thought but, for comparison purposes with the previous algorithm, we limited them to (9,9). In fact, using the L-S approach, and for $\alpha = 0.5$, we were able to estimate an ARMA(12,12), depicted in figure 7. It should be pointed out that, for this same value of $\alpha = 0.5$, in [9] instability problems occurred for $(N, N) > 9$.

INSERT Figure 7

Changing the value of α to 0.1 leads us to figure 8 (backward differences) and figure 9 (bilinear). These approximations are summarized in Table 1.

INSERT Table 1

Values of $|\alpha| > 0.5$ are not interesting to present since they can be trivially reduced to a “new” fractional order $\alpha^* = (1 - \alpha)$ such that $\alpha^* \in [0, 0.5]$ by including either an integrator or a differentiator that results in an extra $(1 - z^{-1})^{-1}$ or $(1 - z^{-1})$ factor, respectively. This extra factor can have adverse effects in control applications, specially if it results as an integrator. In this case, α should be restricted to $[0, 1]$, instead.

INSERT Figure 8

INSERT Figure 9

Unfortunately, no definitive assertions can be made on the order of the ARMA models since no further evidence was drawn from the simulations we performed. However, the bilinear seems to be more stable than the backward differences, and this behavior appears to be valid for values of $\alpha \in \{0.1, 0.5, 0.8\}$. As a final note, and for the presented examples (regardless the value of α and the chosen approximation), all the poles and zeros were real-valued as long as models remain ARMA(N,N).

IV. CONCLUSIONS

We proposed here a new LS algorithm for pole-zero modeling of fractional linear systems. This is based on an error power minimization relatively to the ARMA models that leads to a set of Normal Equations. We applied to two well-known situations consisting of the difference and bilinear transformations that are suitable for exact autocorrelation computation. Some illustrating examples were presented showing that ARMA(N,N) are suitable models.

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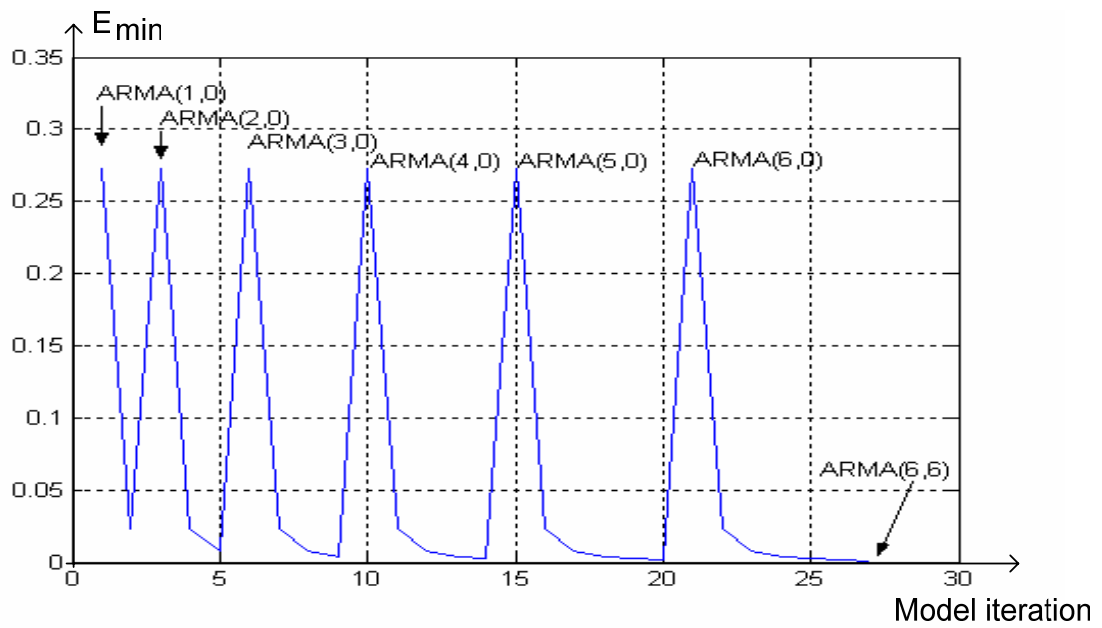


Figure 1 – E_{\min} as a function of model order for $\alpha = 0.5$ and backward differences. Local minima correspond to ARMA(n,n) and the last sample being for ARMA(6,6).

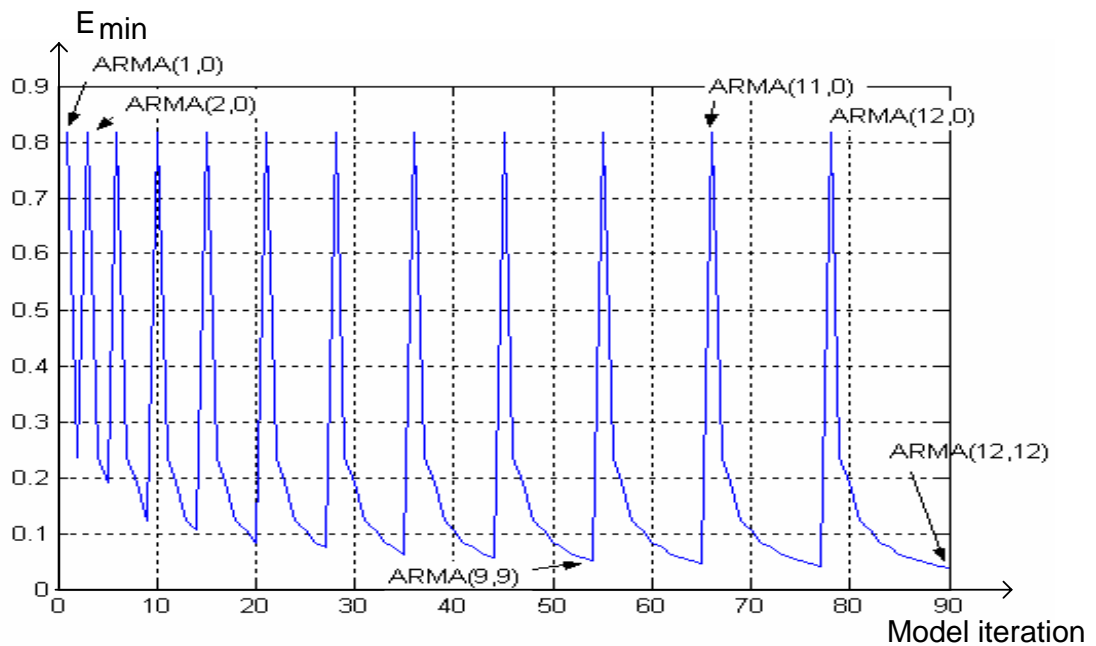


Figure 2 – E_{\min} as a function of model order for $\alpha = 0.5$ and bilinear. Local minima corresponds to ARMA(n,n) and the last sample being for ARMA(12,12).

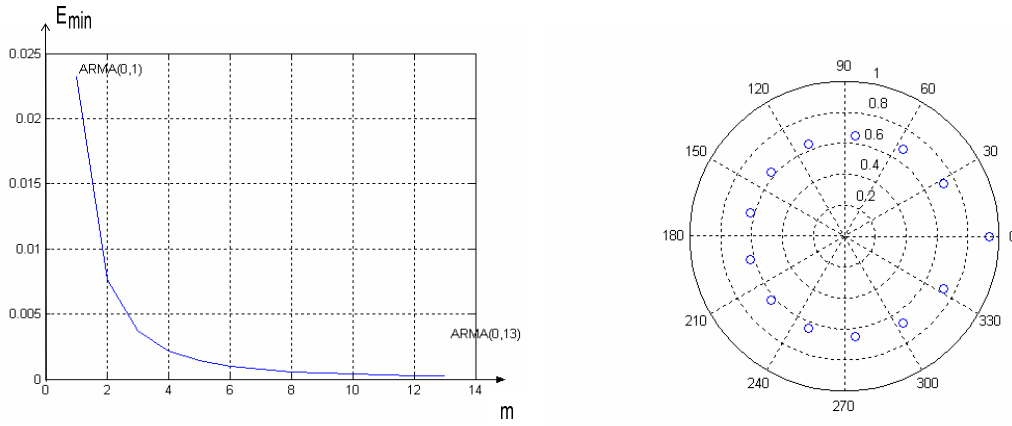


Figure 3 – E_{\min} (left plot) for ARMA(0,m), $m = 1, \dots, 13$ and zeros on the z-plane for ARMA(0,13) (right plot) both for $\alpha = 0.5$ and backward differences.

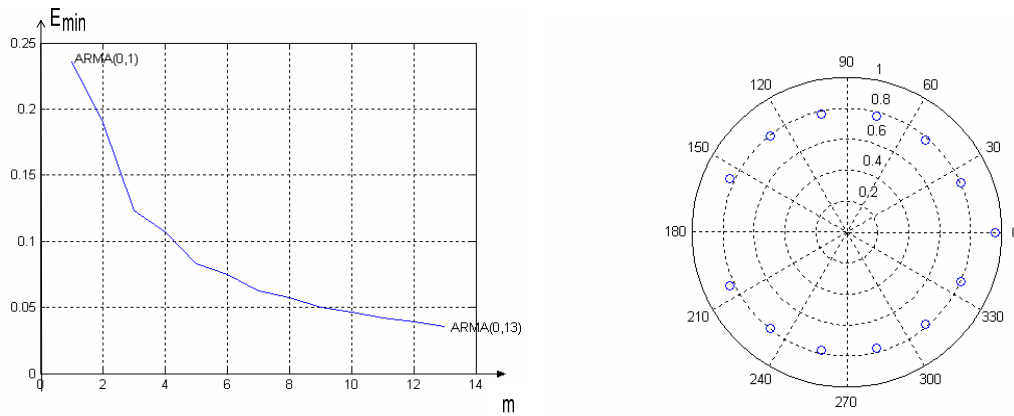


Figure 4 – E_{\min} (left plot) for ARMA(0,m), $m = 1, \dots, 13$ and zeros on the z-plane for ARMA(0,13) (right plot) both for $\alpha = 0.5$ and bilinear.

Table 1 - Selected Transfer Functions for the L-S approach.

α	ARMA	Model	AR coefficients	MA coefficients
0.1	(6,6)	Backward	1.0000; -3.4875; 4.7052; -3.0595; 0.9645; -0.1269; 0.0041	1.0000; -3.5875; 5.0090; -3.4016; 1.1375; -0.1638; 0.0064
0.1	(12,12)	Bilinear	1.0000; 0.0997; -3.3770; -0.3037; 4.3668; 0.3438; -2.6756 -0.1753; 0.7699; 0.0381; -0.0857; -0.0025; 0.0017	1.0000; 0.1003; -3.3770; 0.3057 4.3666; -0.3460; -2.6755; 0.1765; 0.7699; -0.0383; -0.0857; 0.0025; 0.0017
0.5	(6,6)	Backward	1.0000; -3.2112; 3.9246; -2.2548; 0.6019; -0.0612; 0.0011	1.0000; -3.7112; 5.4052; -3.8782; 1.4004; -0.2274; 0.0113
0.5	(9,9)	Bilinear	1.0000; 0.5000; -2.3019 -1.0260; 1.7917; 0.6706; -0.5282; -0.1450; 0.0437; 0.0052	1.0000; -0.5000; -2.3019; 1.0260; 1.7917; -0.6706; -0.5282; 0.1450; 0.0437 -0.0052
0.5	(12,12)	Bilinear	1.0000; 0.5001; -3.1883; -1.4696; 3.8645; 1.5967; -2.1989; -0.7768; 0.5801; 0.1596; -0.0581; -0.0097; 0.0010	1.0000; -0.4999; -3.1884; 1.4688; 3.8648; -1.5959; -2.1992; 0.7764; 0.5802; -0.1595; -0.0581; 0.0097; 0.0010

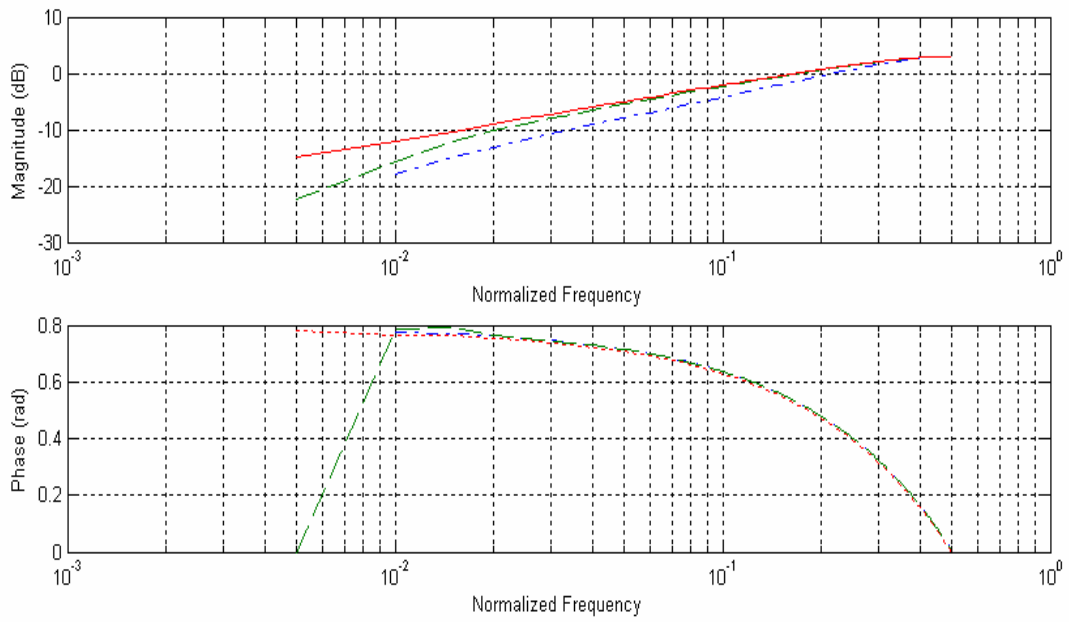


Figure 5 – ARMA(6,6) amplitude (top, in dB) and phase (bottom, in radians) frequency response plots for the backward difference, with $\alpha = 0.5$. LS approach is the solid line, the exact model spectrum is the dash-dotted line, while as in [10] is the dashed line.

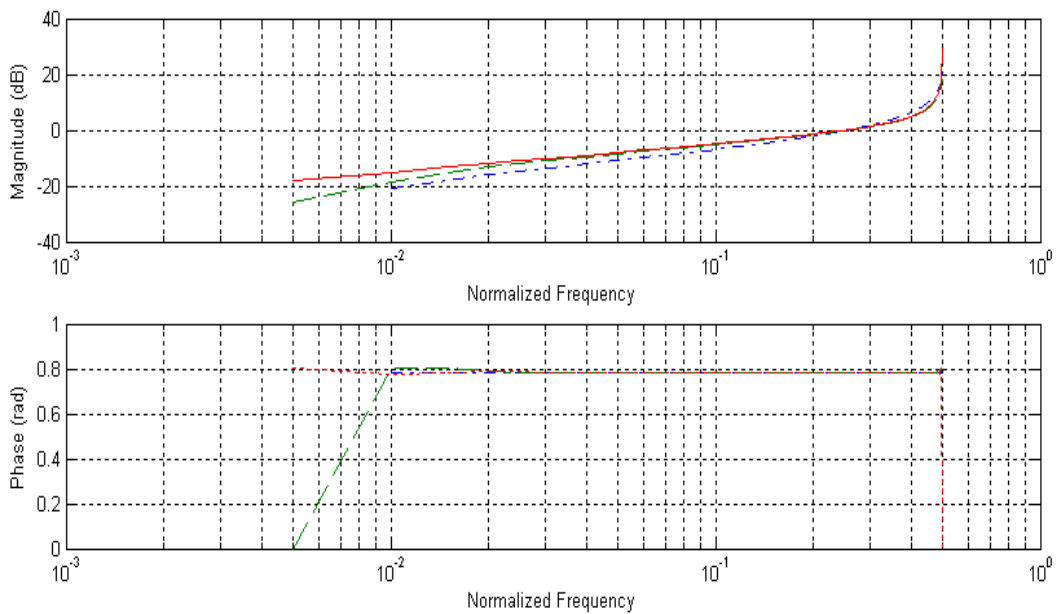


Figure 6 – ARMA(9,9) amplitude (top, in dB) and phase (bottom, in radians) frequency response plots for the bilinear, with $\alpha = 0.5$. LS approach is the solid line, the exact model spectrum is the dash-dotted line, while as in [11] is the dashed line.

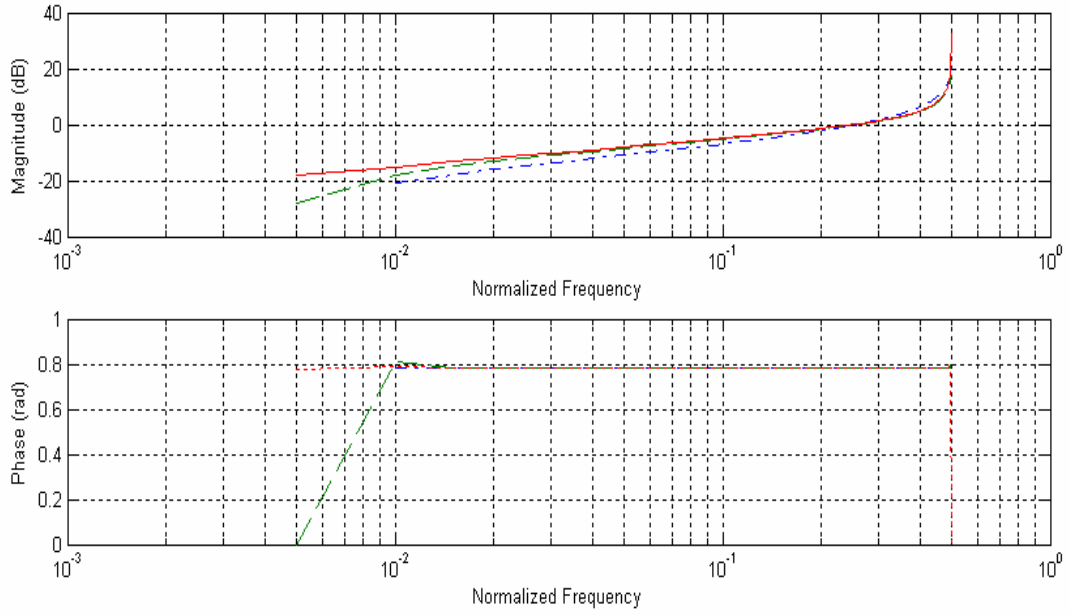


Figure 7 – ARMA(12,12) amplitude (top, in dB) and phase (bottom, in radians) frequency response plots for the bilinear, with $\alpha = 0.5$. L-S approach is the solid line and the exact model spectrum is the dash-dotted line.

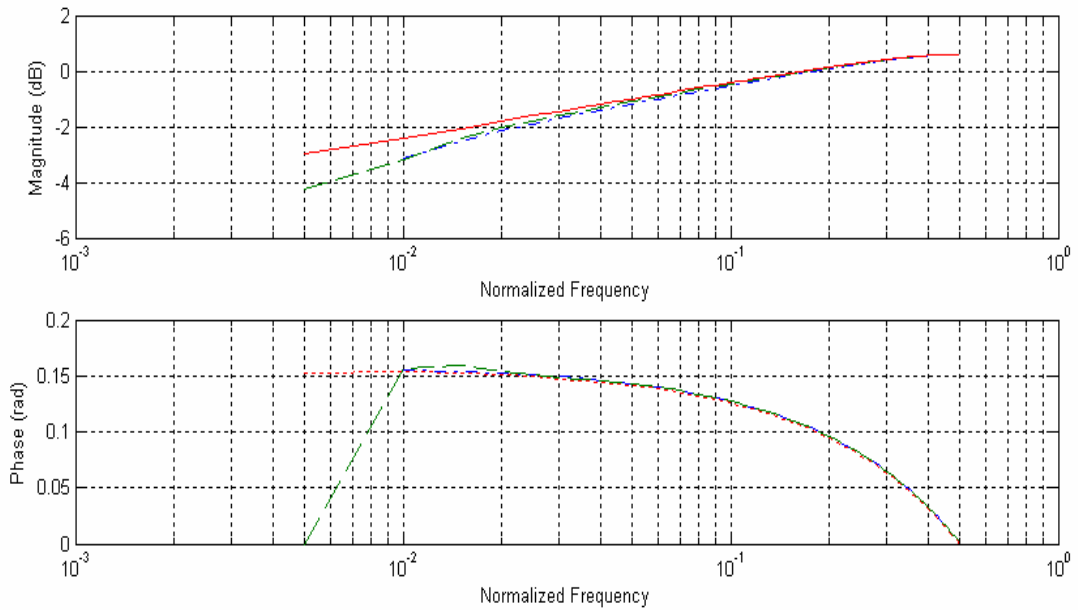


Figure 8 – ARMA(6,6) amplitude (top, in dB) and phase (bottom, in radians) frequency response plots for the backward difference, with $\alpha = 0.1$. L-S approach is the solid line, the exact model spectrum is the dash-dotted line, while as in [10] is the dashed line.

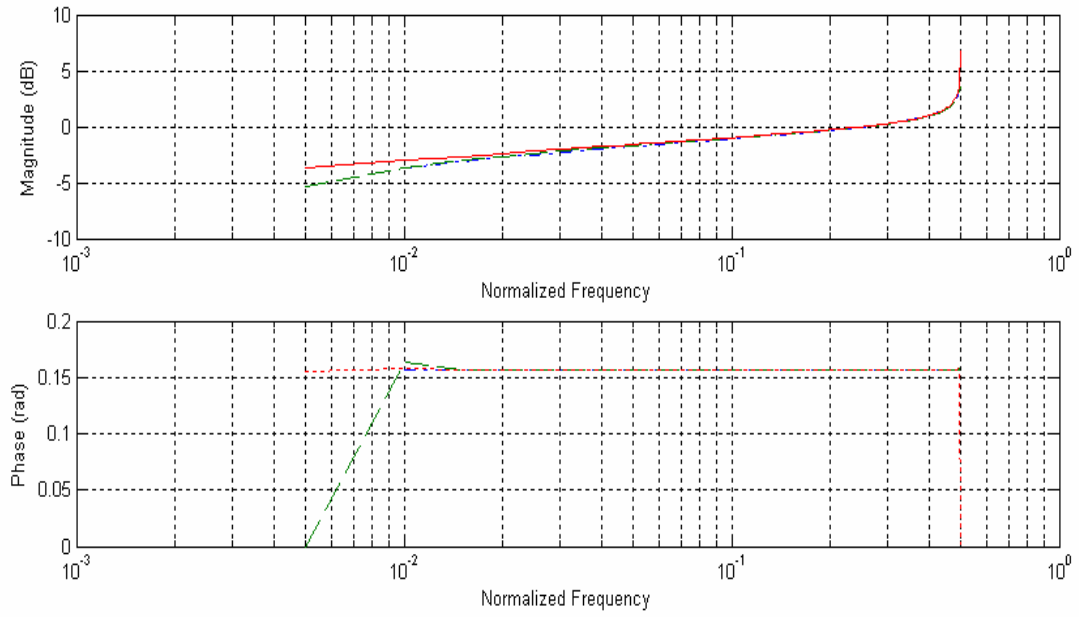


Figure 9 – ARMA(12,12) amplitude (top, in dB) and phase (bottom, in radians) frequency response plots for the bilinear, with $\alpha = 0.1$. L-S approach is the dotted line and the exact model spectrum is the dash-dotted line.