

# Maximum Likelihood Iterative Algorithm for Hammerstein Systems with Hard Nonlinearities

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we consider several iterative algorithms for Hammerstein systems with hard nonlinearities. The Hammerstein system is first simplified as a polynomial identification model through the key term separation technique, and then the parameters are estimated by using the maximum likelihood (ML) based gradient-based iterative algorithm. Furthermore, an ML least squares auxiliary variable algorithm and an ML bias compensation gradient-based iterative algorithm are developed to identify the saturation system with colored noise. Simulation results are included to illustrate the effectiveness of the proposed algorithms.

**Keywords:** Gradient search, Hammerstein system, key term separation, maximum likelihood, saturation nonlinearity.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Nonlinear system modeling widely exists in system identification and has attracted a lot of attention in recent years [1, 2], including bilinear systems [3, 4]. The well-known nonlinear systems include the Hammerstein model which is composed of a static nonlinear part followed by a linear time invariant (LTI) part, and the Wiener model is composed of a LTI part followed by a static nonlinear part [5, 6]. They are already widely used in the field of applications ranging from system modeling to chemical processes. Nonlinearities can be roughly divided into two types: the hard nonlinearity and the polynomial nonlinearity. Compared with the polynomial nonlinearity, the hard nonlinearity has various kinds of structures, which leads to the difficulties to choose a general model structure to represent data from the hard nonlinear system [7, 8]. The saturation nonlinearity, one kind of hard nonlinearity, is often encountered in engineer practice, and there exist lots of controller design methods for systems with saturation nonlinearity [9, 10]. Notice that a robust controller always has the assumption that the parameters of the nonlinear systems should be known in advance. However, there are a few literatures on parameter identification of hard nonlinear systems [11]. The focus of this paper is to develop some identification algorithms for such nonlinear systems with different kinds of noises.

The existing estimation algorithms for nonlinear systems include the recursive algorithms [12], the iterative

algorithms [13] and the multi-innovation identification methods [14]. Among these algorithms, the ML algorithm has many optimal properties such as sufficiency, efficiency and consistency [15], which makes the ML algorithm be used widely in nonlinear system identification [16]. The idea of the ML algorithm is that a likelihood function can be constructed based on the input-output data and parameters, and then the estimators can be obtained by maximizing the likelihood functions. For instance, Schön and Wills provided a maximum likelihood method for nonlinear state-space systems [17], Vanbeylen proposed blind maximum likelihood methods for Hammerstein systems and Wiener systems [18, 19].

In this paper, some maximum likelihood based iterative algorithms are proposed to identify the Hammerstein saturation systems with white and colored noises. First, the complex Hammerstein saturation system is simplified by utilizing the key term separation technique. Then a maximum likelihood gradient-based iterative (ML-GI) algorithm is presented to identify the Hammerstein system with white noise. Furthermore, a maximum likelihood based least squares auxiliary variable algorithm (ML-LSAV) algorithm and a maximum likelihood bias compensation gradient-based iterative (ML-BCGI) algorithm are developed for this nonlinear system with colored noises. Compared with the ML-LSAV algorithm, the ML-BCGI algorithm can get the unbiased parameters of the Hammerstein saturation system with colored noise.

Briefly, the rest of this paper is organized as follows:

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Section 2 introduces a Hammerstein system with saturation nonlinearity. The ML gradient-based iterative algorithm is developed in Section 3. Section 4 discusses two different algorithms for the saturation system with colored noise, and the numerical examples are illustrated in Section 5. Finally, conclusions are drawn to summarize this paper in Section 6.

## 2. PROBLEM FORMULATION

The Hammerstein system which has saturation nonlinearity is shown in Fig. 1, and is written by

$$\begin{aligned} C(\zeta)y(\tau) &= D(\zeta)\bar{x}(\tau) + v(\tau), \\ \bar{x}(\tau) &= \eta(u(\tau)), \end{aligned}$$

in which  $\{u(\tau)\}$  and  $\{\bar{x}(\tau)\}$  are the input and output sequence of the nonlinear part, and  $\{u(\tau)\}$  is taken as a persistent excitation signal sequence with zero mean and unit variance, the output sequence of the system is  $\{y(\tau)\}$ , and  $\{v(\tau)\}$  is a white noise sequence with zero mean,  $C(\zeta)$  and  $D(\zeta)$  are polynomials in the shift operator  $\zeta^{-1}$  [ $\zeta^{-1}y(\tau) = y(\tau - 1)$ ] and

$$C(\zeta) = 1 + c_1\zeta^{-1} + c_2\zeta^{-2} + \cdots + c_{n_c}\zeta^{-n_c}, \quad (1)$$

$$D(\zeta) = 1 + d_1\zeta^{-1} + d_2\zeta^{-2} + \cdots + d_{n_d}\zeta^{-n_d}. \quad (2)$$

The nonlinear part  $\eta(u(\tau))$  is shown in Fig. 2, and  $\bar{x}(\tau)$  can be expressed as

$$\bar{x}(\tau) = \eta(u(\tau)) = \begin{cases} h_1, & u(\tau) \geq r, \\ s(u(\tau)), & -r < u(\tau) < r, \\ h_2, & u(\tau) \leq -r, \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

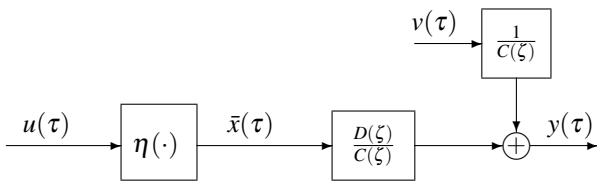


Fig. 1. The Hammerstein system.

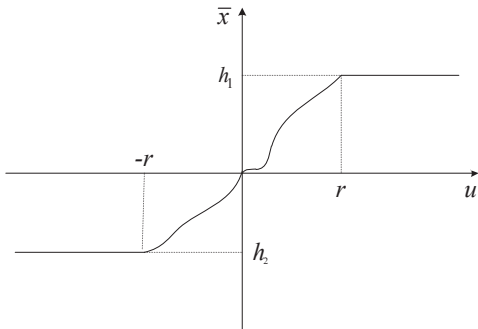


Fig. 2. The saturation Hammerstein system.

where  $s(u(\tau)) = \gamma_1 u(\tau) + \gamma_2 u^2(\tau) + \cdots + \gamma_n u^n(\tau)$ ,  $h_1 = \gamma_1 r + \gamma_2 r^2 + \cdots + \gamma_n r^n$ ,  $h_2 = \gamma_1(-r) + \gamma_2(-r)^2 + \cdots + \gamma_n(-r)^n$ ,  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_n$  are the coefficients of the polynomial,  $-r, r$  ( $r > 0$ ) are the saturation points.

A switching function  $\xi(\cdot)$  is employed as follows:

$$\xi[u(\tau)] = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } u(\tau) \leq 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } u(\tau) > 0, \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

and then  $\bar{x}(\tau)$  can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x}(\tau) &= h_1 \xi[r + u(\tau)] + h_2 \xi[r - u(\tau)] \\ &\quad + s[u(\tau)] \xi[-r - u(\tau)] \xi[-r + u(\tau)] \\ &= [\gamma_1 r + \gamma_2 r^2 + \cdots + \gamma_n r^n] \xi[r - u(\tau)] \\ &\quad + [\gamma_1(-r) + \gamma_2(-r)^2 + \cdots + \gamma_n(-r)^n] \\ &\quad \times \xi[u(\tau) + r] + [\gamma_1 u(\tau) + \gamma_2 u^2(\tau) + \cdots \\ &\quad + \gamma_n u^n(\tau)] \xi[-u(\tau) - r] \xi[-r + u(\tau)] \\ &= \gamma_1 r (\xi[-u(\tau) + r] + (-1) \xi[r + u(\tau)]) + \gamma_2 r^2 \\ &\quad \times (\xi[-u(\tau) + r] + (-1)^2 \xi[u(\tau) + r]) + \cdots \\ &\quad + \gamma_n r^n (\xi[r - u(\tau)] + (-1)^n \xi[r + u(\tau)]) \\ &\quad + [\gamma_1 u(\tau) + \gamma_2 u^2(\tau) + \cdots + \gamma_n u^n(\tau)] \\ &\quad \times \xi[-u(\tau) - r] \xi[u(\tau) - r] \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j r^j \xi[r - u(\tau)] + \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j (-r)^j \xi[u(\tau) + r] \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j u^j(\tau) \xi[-u(\tau) - r] \xi[u(\tau) - r] \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j r^j f_j(\tau) + \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j u^j(\tau) g(\tau), \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where  $f_j(\tau) = \xi[r - u(\tau)] + (-1)^j \xi[r + u(\tau)]$ , ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) and  $g(\tau) = \xi[-u(\tau) - r] \xi[u(\tau) - r]$ . The equivalent form of the Hammerstein system can be written by

$$\begin{aligned} y(\tau) &= [1 - C(\zeta)]y(\tau) + \bar{x}(\tau) \\ &\quad + [D(\zeta) - 1]\bar{x}(\tau) + v(\tau). \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Substituting  $\bar{x}(\tau)$  in (5) into (6) gives an analytic model

$$\begin{aligned} y(\tau) &= -\sum_{i=1}^{n_c} c_i y(\tau - i) + \bar{x}(\tau) + \sum_{i=1}^{n_d} d_i \bar{x}(\tau - i) + v(\tau) \\ &= -\sum_{i=1}^{n_c} c_i y(\tau - i) + \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j r^j f_j(\tau) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j u^j(\tau) g(\tau) + \sum_{i=1}^{n_d} d_i \bar{x}(\tau - i) + v(\tau). \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Let  $\theta$  be the parameter vector and  $\varphi(\tau)$  be the information vector

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= [c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{n_c}, \gamma_1 r, \gamma_2 r^2, \dots, \gamma_n r^n, \\ &\quad \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_n, d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{n_d}]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n_0}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
n_0 &:= n_c + n_d + 2n, \\
\boldsymbol{\varphi}(\boldsymbol{\tau}) &= [-y(\boldsymbol{\tau}-1), -y(\boldsymbol{\tau}-2), \dots, -y(\boldsymbol{\tau}-n_c), \\
&\quad f_1(\boldsymbol{\tau}), f_2(\boldsymbol{\tau}), \dots, f_n(\boldsymbol{\tau}), u(\boldsymbol{\tau})g(\boldsymbol{\tau}), \\
&\quad u^2(\boldsymbol{\tau})g(\boldsymbol{\tau}), \dots, u^n(\boldsymbol{\tau})g(\boldsymbol{\tau}), \bar{x}(\boldsymbol{\tau}-1), \dots, \\
&\quad \bar{x}(\boldsymbol{\tau}-n_d)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n_0}.
\end{aligned}$$

Then the Hammerstein system with saturation nonlinearity can be expressed as a simple form

$$y(\boldsymbol{\tau}) = \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\boldsymbol{\tau})^T \boldsymbol{\theta} + v(\boldsymbol{\tau}). \quad (8)$$

### 3. THE ML ITERATIVE ESTIMATION ALGORITHM

Given the data sets  $y_N := \{y(1), y(2), \dots, y(N)\}$  and  $u_N := \{u(1), u(2), \dots, u(N)\}$ , and  $v(\boldsymbol{\tau})$  is uncorrelated with  $u(i)$ ,  $y(i)$  for  $i < \boldsymbol{\tau}$ , the likelihood function  $L(y_N|u_{N-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$  is equal to the joint conditional probability density function  $P(y_N|u_{N-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$ , which can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned}
L(y_N|u_{N-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) &= P(y_N|u_{N-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \\
&= \prod_{\boldsymbol{\tau}=1}^N p\left(-\sum_{i=1}^{n_c} c_i y(\boldsymbol{\tau}-i) + \bar{x}(\boldsymbol{\tau}) + \sum_{i=1}^{n_d} d_i \bar{x}(\boldsymbol{\tau}-i) + v(\boldsymbol{\tau}) \right. \\
&\quad \left. | y(1), y(2), \dots, y(\boldsymbol{\tau}-1), u(1), \dots, u(\boldsymbol{\tau}-1), \boldsymbol{\theta}\right), \\
&= \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2})^N} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{\boldsymbol{\tau}=1}^N v^2(\boldsymbol{\tau})\right) + l, \quad (9)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $l$  is a constant. The ML estimate is obtained by maximizing the likelihood function, i.e.,

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{ML} = \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L(y_N|u_{N-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta}).$$

Define the logarithm of  $L(y_N|u_{N-1})$  as

$$\begin{aligned}
l(y_N|u_{N-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) &:= \ln L(y_N|u_{N-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \\
&= \ln l - \frac{N}{2} \ln 2\pi - \frac{N}{2} \ln \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{\boldsymbol{\tau}=1}^N v^2(\boldsymbol{\tau}). \quad (10)
\end{aligned}$$

Letting the derivative of the log-likelihood function equal to zero gives

$$\frac{\partial l(y_N|u_{N-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial \sigma^2} \Big|_{\sigma^2} = 0,$$

whose solution is given by

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\boldsymbol{\tau}=1}^N v^2(\boldsymbol{\tau}). \quad (11)$$

Substituting (11) into (10) gives

$$l(y_N|u_{N-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = k_1 - \frac{N}{2} \ln \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\boldsymbol{\tau}=1}^N v^2(\boldsymbol{\tau}), \quad (12)$$

where  $k_1 = \ln l - \frac{N}{2} \ln 2\pi - \frac{N}{2}$ . The maximum value of (12) can be achieved by minimizing the following cost function

$$J(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\boldsymbol{\tau}=1}^N v^2(\boldsymbol{\tau}) \Big|_{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}, \quad (13)$$

where  $v(\boldsymbol{\tau})$  is given by

$$v(\boldsymbol{\tau}) = C(\zeta)y(\boldsymbol{\tau}) - D(\zeta)\bar{x}(\boldsymbol{\tau}) = y(\boldsymbol{\tau}) - \boldsymbol{\varphi}^T(\boldsymbol{\tau})\boldsymbol{\theta}.$$

The vector form of (13) can be written as

$$J(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \frac{1}{2} (Y_N - H_N^T \boldsymbol{\theta})^T (Y_N - H_N^T \boldsymbol{\theta}) \Big|_{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{ML}},$$

in which  $H_N := [\boldsymbol{\varphi}(1), \boldsymbol{\varphi}(2), \dots, \boldsymbol{\varphi}(N)] \in \mathbb{R}^{n_0 \times N}$  and  $Y_N := [y(1), y(2), \dots, y(N)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^N$ .

The parameter estimate  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$  by using the ML gradient-based iterative (ML-GI) algorithm is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_k &= \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{k-1} - \frac{\mu_k}{2} \text{grad}[J(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{k-1})] \\
&= \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{k-1} + \mu_k \hat{H}_N^{k-1} [Y_N - (\hat{H}_N^{k-1})^T \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{k-1}] \\
&= [I - \mu_k \hat{H}_N^{k-1} (\hat{H}_N^{k-1})^T] \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{k-1} + \mu_k \hat{H}_N^{k-1} Y_N, \quad (14)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mu_k$  is the convergence factor. In fact, in order to ensure the convergence of the parameter  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_k$ , all the eigenvalues of the matrix  $[I - \mu_k \hat{H}_N^{k-1} (\hat{H}_N^{k-1})^T]$  should be in the unit circle, which means the value of  $\mu_k$  satisfies  $0 < \mu_k < 2\{\lambda_{\max}[\hat{H}_N^{k-1} (\hat{H}_N^{k-1})^T]\}^{-1}$ .

Since the unknown parameters  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_n, r$  and inner variables  $\bar{x}(\boldsymbol{\tau}-i)$  are contained in the information vector  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}(\boldsymbol{\tau})$ , the parameter estimate  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  cannot be directly obtained by the gradient-based iterative algorithm in (14). The solution for this problem is to replace the unknown variables with their estimates by using the iterative estimation technique. The unknown variables are replaced with their estimates. Define

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}^{k-1}(\boldsymbol{\tau}) &:= [-y(\boldsymbol{\tau}-1), -y(\boldsymbol{\tau}-2), \dots, -y(\boldsymbol{\tau}-n_c), \\
&\quad \hat{f}_1^{k-1}(\boldsymbol{\tau}), \hat{f}_2^{k-1}(\boldsymbol{\tau}), \dots, \hat{f}_n^{k-1}(\boldsymbol{\tau}), \\
&\quad u(\boldsymbol{\tau})\hat{g}^{k-1}(\boldsymbol{\tau}), u^2(\boldsymbol{\tau})\hat{g}^{k-1}(\boldsymbol{\tau}), \dots, \\
&\quad u^n(\boldsymbol{\tau})\hat{g}^{k-1}(\boldsymbol{\tau}), \hat{x}_{k-1}(\boldsymbol{\tau}-1), \hat{x}_{k-1}(\boldsymbol{\tau}-2), \\
&\quad \dots, \hat{x}_{k-1}(\boldsymbol{\tau}-n_d)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n_0}, \\
n_0 &:= n_c + n_d + 2n, \\
\hat{H}_N^{k-1} &:= [\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}^{k-1}(1), \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}^{k-1}(2), \dots, \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}^{k-1}(N)].
\end{aligned}$$

Replacing the unknown parameters  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_n$  and  $r$  in (5) with their estimates  $\hat{\gamma}_1^{k-1}, \hat{\gamma}_2^{k-1}, \dots, \hat{\gamma}_n^{k-1}$  and  $\hat{r}_{k-1}$ , then the estimator  $\hat{x}_{k-1}(\boldsymbol{\tau})$  can be computed by

$$\hat{x}_{k-1}(\boldsymbol{\tau}) = \sum_{j=1}^n \hat{\gamma}_j^{k-1} \hat{r}_{k-1}^j \hat{f}_j^{k-1}(\boldsymbol{\tau}) + \sum_{j=1}^n \hat{\gamma}_j^{k-1} u^j(\boldsymbol{\tau}) \hat{g}^{k-1}(\boldsymbol{\tau}).$$

Thus the ML-GI identification algorithm can be summarized as follows:

$$\hat{\theta}_k = \hat{\theta}_{k-1} + \mu_k \hat{H}_N^{k-1} [Y_N - (\hat{H}_N^{k-1})^\top \hat{\theta}_{k-1}], \quad (15)$$

$$Y_N = [y(1), y(2), \dots, y(N)]^\top, \quad (16)$$

$$\hat{H}_N^{k-1} = [\hat{\phi}^{k-1}(1), \hat{\phi}^{k-1}(2), \dots, \hat{\phi}^{k-1}(N)], \quad (17)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\phi}^{k-1}(\tau) = & [-y(\tau-1), -y(\tau-2), \dots, -y(\tau-n_c), \\ & \hat{f}_1^{k-1}(\tau), \hat{f}_2^{k-1}(\tau), \dots, \hat{f}_n^{k-1}(\tau), \\ & u(\tau) \hat{g}^{k-1}(\tau), u^2(\tau) \hat{g}^{k-1}(\tau), \dots, \\ & u^n(\tau) \hat{g}^{k-1}(\tau), \hat{x}_{k-1}(\tau-1), \\ & \hat{x}_{k-1}(\tau-2), \dots, \hat{x}_{k-1}(\tau-n_d)]^\top, \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{x}_{k-1}(\tau) = & \sum_{j=1}^n \hat{\gamma}_j^{k-1} \hat{r}_{k-1}^j \hat{f}_j^{k-1}(\tau) \\ & + \sum_{j=1}^n \hat{\gamma}_j^{k-1} u^j(\tau) \hat{g}^{k-1}(\tau), \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

$$\mu_k < 2\{\lambda_{\max}[\hat{H}_N^{k-1}(\hat{H}_N^{k-1})^\top]\}^{-1}. \quad (20)$$

**Remark 1:** The Hammerstein saturation system in this section contains Gaussian white noise. However, we may encounter colored noise models in some practical problems. Then the identification of Hammerstein saturation systems with colored noise will be discussed in the next section.

The flowchart of calculating the estimate  $\hat{\theta}_k$  in the ML-GI algorithm for the Hammerstein saturation nonlinear system is presented in Fig. 3.

#### 4. HAMMERSTEIN SATURATION SYSTEM WITH COLORED NOISE

In this section, some identification methods for the Hammerstein saturation system with colored noise are proposed. Consider the system

$$y(\tau) = \frac{D(\zeta)}{C(\zeta)} \bar{x}(\tau) + \frac{G(\zeta)}{C(\zeta)} v(\tau), \quad (21)$$

where  $G(\zeta) := 1 + g_1 \zeta^{-1} + g_2 \zeta^{-2} + \dots + g_{n_g} \zeta^{-n_g}$ , the definition of  $C(\zeta), D(\zeta)$  and the saturation nonlinearity part are mentioned in Section 2.

By utilizing the key term separation technique, the nonlinear system can be transformed as

$$\begin{aligned} y(\tau) = & -\sum_{i=1}^{n_c} c_i y(\tau-i) + \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j r^j f_j(\tau) + \sum_{i=1}^{n_d} d_i \bar{x}(\tau-i) \\ & + \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j u^j(\tau) g(\tau) + \sum_{i=1}^{n_g} g_i v(\tau-i) + v(\tau). \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Let  $\vartheta$  and  $\psi(\tau)$  be the parameter vector and information vector, respectively,

$$\vartheta := [c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{n_c}, \gamma_1 r, \gamma_2 r^2, \dots, \gamma_n r^n, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots,$$

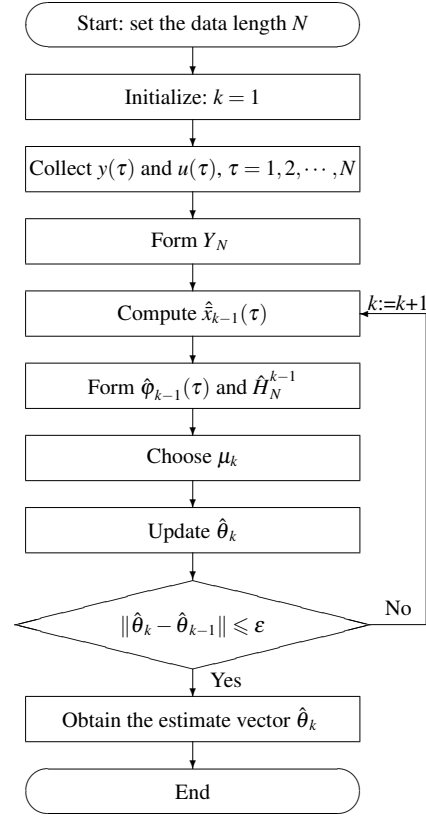


Fig. 3. The flowchart of the ML-GI algorithm for  $\hat{\theta}_k$ .

$$\gamma_n, d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{n_d}, g_1, g_2, \dots, g_{n_g}]^\top, \quad (23)$$

$$n_1 := n_c + n_d + n_g + 2n,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\tau) := & [-y(\tau-1), -y(\tau-2), \dots, -y(\tau-n_c), \\ & f_1(\tau), f_2(\tau), \dots, f_n(\tau), u(\tau)g(\tau), \\ & u^2(\tau)g(\tau), \dots, u^n(\tau)g(\tau), \bar{x}(\tau-1), \\ & \bar{x}(\tau-2), \dots, \bar{x}(\tau-n_d), v(\tau-1), \\ & v(\tau-2), \dots, v(\tau-n_g)]^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1}. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Then, the system can be written as

$$y(\tau) = \psi^\top(\tau) \vartheta + v(\tau). \quad (25)$$

##### 4.1. The maximum likelihood least squares auxiliary variable algorithm

**Case 1:** Define the stacked information matrix  $\Psi(N)$  ( $N$  is the data length), the stacked noise vector  $V(N)$  and the stacked output vector  $Y(N)$  as

$$\begin{aligned} Y(N) &:= [y(1), y(2), \dots, y(N)]^\top \in \mathbb{R}^N, \\ \Psi(N) &:= [\psi(1), \psi(2), \dots, \psi(N)] \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times N}, \\ V(N) &:= [v(1), v(2), \dots, v(N)]^\top \in \mathbb{R}^N. \end{aligned}$$

The vector form of the model (25) can be written by

$$Y(N) = \Psi^\top(N) \vartheta + V(N). \quad (26)$$

The cost function is

$$J(\hat{\vartheta}) = \frac{1}{2} [Y(N) - \Psi^T(N)\vartheta]^T [Y(N) - \Psi^T(N)\vartheta].$$

Letting the derivative of the cost function equal to zero gives

$$\left. \frac{\partial J(\vartheta)}{\partial \vartheta} \right|_{\hat{\vartheta}} = 0.$$

Then, the parameter estimate is

$$\hat{\vartheta} = [\Psi(N)\Psi^T(N)]^{-1}\Psi(N)Y(N). \quad (27)$$

However, the information vector  $\psi(\tau)$  contains the noise  $v(\tau - i)$ , which means that  $\psi(\tau)$  is relevant to  $v(\tau)$ . So that  $E\{[\Psi(N)\Psi^T(N)]^{-1}\Psi(N)V(N)\} \neq 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} E(\hat{\vartheta}) &= E\{[\Psi(N)\Psi^T(N)]^{-1}\Psi(N)Y(N)\} \\ &= E\{[\Psi(N)\Psi^T(N)]^{-1}\Psi(N)[\Psi(N)^T\vartheta + V(N)]\} \\ &= \vartheta + E\{[\Psi(N)\Psi^T(N)]^{-1}\Psi(N)V(N)\} \\ &\neq \vartheta. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

Thus the parameter estimate of  $\vartheta$  is biased. To overcome this problem, let  $w(\tau) = D(z)v(\tau)$ , and define the information vector  $\Psi_w(\tau)$  and the vector  $\vartheta_w$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta_w &:= [c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{n_c}, \gamma_1 r, \gamma_2 r^2, \dots, \gamma_n r^n, \\ &\quad \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_n, d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{n_d}]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n_0}, \\ \Psi_w(\tau) &:= [-y(\tau - 1), -y(\tau - 2), \dots, -y(\tau - n_c), \\ &\quad f_1(\tau), f_2(\tau), \dots, f_n(\tau), u(\tau)g(\tau), \\ &\quad u^2(\tau)g(\tau), \dots, u^n(\tau)g(\tau), \bar{x}(\tau - 1), \\ &\quad \bar{x}(\tau - 2), \dots, \bar{x}(\tau - n_d)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n_0}, \\ Y(N) &:= [y(1), y(2), \dots, y(N)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^N, \\ \Psi_w(N) &:= [\Psi_w(1), \Psi_w(2), \dots, \Psi_w(N)] \in \mathbb{R}^{n_0 \times N}, \\ W(N) &:= [w(1), w(2), \dots, w(N)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^N, \end{aligned}$$

where  $w(\tau) = v(\tau) + \sum_{i=1}^{n_g} g_i v(\tau - i)$ .

Then, the system (22) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} y(\tau) &= -\sum_{i=1}^{n_c} c_i y(\tau - i) + \bar{x}(\tau) + \sum_{i=1}^{n_d} d_i \bar{x}(\tau - i) + w(\tau) \\ &= \Psi_w^T(\tau)\vartheta_w + w(\tau), \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} E[w(\tau)] &= E[v(\tau) + \sum_{i=1}^{n_g} g_i v(\tau - i)] \\ &= E[v(\tau)] + \sum_{i=1}^{n_g} g_i E[v(\tau - i)] = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

$$\begin{aligned} w(\tau) &= v(\tau) + g_1 v(\tau - 1) + g_2 v(\tau - 2) + \dots \\ &\quad + g_{n_g} v(\tau - n_g), \\ w(\tau - 1) &= v(\tau - 1) + g_1 v(\tau - 2) + g_2 v(\tau - 3) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &+ g_{n_g} v(\tau - 1 - n_g), \\ \text{cov}[w(\tau), w(\tau - 1)] &\neq 0, \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

which means  $w(\tau)$  is a colored noise.

The vector form of the model (29) can be expressed as

$$Y(N) = \Psi_w^T(N)\vartheta_w + W(N),$$

where  $E\{[\Psi_w(N)\Psi_w^T(N)]^{-1}\Psi_w(N)W(N)\} \neq 0$ . Then we can get  $E(\hat{\vartheta}_w) \neq \vartheta_w$ , that is to say, the estimate  $\vartheta_w$  of  $\vartheta$  is still biased.

**Case 2:** The key to solve the problem in Case 1 is to construct the auxiliary variable information vector which is irrelevant with the noise vector. The maximum likelihood based least squares auxiliary variable (ML-LSAV) algorithm is proposed in this section.

Define the auxiliary variable information vector  $\psi_w^*(\tau)$  to replace  $\psi_w(\tau)$  in (29) as

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_w^*(\tau) &:= [u(\tau - 1), u(\tau - 2), \dots, u(\tau - n_c), \\ &\quad f_1(\tau), f_2(\tau), \dots, f_n(\tau), u(\tau)g(\tau), \\ &\quad u^2(\tau)g(\tau), \dots, u^n(\tau)g(\tau), \\ &\quad \bar{x}(\tau - 1), \bar{x}(\tau - 2), \dots, \bar{x}(\tau - n_d)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n_0}. \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 2:** The auxiliary variable information vector  $\psi_w^*(\tau)$  is constructed by using the irrelevant variables  $u(\tau - i)$  to replace the output  $y(\tau - i)$  in the w-information vector  $\psi_w(\tau)$ .

Define the new stacked information matrix  $\Psi_w^*(N)$  as

$$\Psi_w^*(N) := [\psi_w^*(1), \psi_w^*(2), \dots, \psi_w^*(N)] \in \mathbb{R}^{n_0 \times N},$$

where  $\vartheta_w^* := [c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{n_c}, \gamma_1 r, \gamma_2 r^2, \dots, \gamma_n r^n, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_n, d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{n_d}]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n_0}$ . The vector form of the model can be written as  $Y(N) = \Psi_w^{*T}(N)\vartheta_w^* + W(N)$ . Then we get the estimate  $\hat{\vartheta}_w^* = [\Psi_w^*(N)\Psi_w^{*T}(N)]^{-1}\Psi_w^*(N)Y(N)$ . Since the auxiliary variable information vector is irrelevant with the noise vector, the expectation

$$E\{[\Psi_w^*(N)\Psi_w^{*T}(N)]^{-1}\Psi_w^*(N)W(N)\} = 0. \quad (32)$$

We get the expectation of the estimate  $\hat{\vartheta}_w^*$  as

$$\begin{aligned} E(\hat{\vartheta}_w^*) &= E\{[\Psi_w^*(N)\Psi_w^{*T}(N)]^{-1}\Psi_w^*(N)Y(N)\} \\ &= E\{[\Psi_w^*(N)\Psi_w^{*T}(N)]^{-1}\Psi_w^*(N) \\ &\quad \times [\Psi_w^{*T}(N)\vartheta_w^* + W(N)]\} \\ &= \vartheta_w^* + E\{[\Psi_w^*(N)\Psi_w^{*T}(N)]^{-1}\Psi_w^*(N)W(N)\} \\ &= \vartheta_w^*, \end{aligned}$$

which means that  $\hat{\vartheta}_w^*$  is unbiased.

**Remark 3:** Although the ML-LSAV algorithm can get the unbiased estimates of  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{n_c}$  and  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{n_d}$ , it cannot estimate the parameters of the colored noise  $g_1, g_2, \dots, g_{n_g}$ .

#### 4.2. Maximum likelihood bias compensation gradient-based iterative algorithm

To overcome the limitation of the ML-LSAV algorithm, a maximum likelihood bias compensation gradient-based iterative (ML-BCGI) algorithm is developed to identify all the parameter estimates of the nonlinear system with colored noise. Since the unmeasurable noise variables  $v(\tau - i)$  are contained in the information vector  $\psi(\tau)$ , the unknown noise variables can be replaced by their estimates in the information vector. Let  $\hat{v}(\tau)$  and  $\hat{\psi}(\tau)$  denote the estimates of  $v(\tau)$  and  $\psi(\tau)$  at time  $\tau$ , respectively. Let  $\hat{\vartheta}_k$  be the iterative estimate of  $\vartheta$  at iteration  $k$ , and computing the estimates of  $v_k(\tau)$  by using the parameter estimate at iteration  $k - 1$  gets

$$\hat{v}_k(\tau) = y(\tau) - \hat{\Psi}_{k-1}^T(\tau) \hat{\vartheta}_{k-1}, \quad \tau = 1, 2, \dots, N.$$

The estimate of  $\hat{\vartheta}$  using the maximum likelihood gradient-based iterative algorithm is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\vartheta}_k &= \hat{\vartheta}_{k-1} - \frac{\mu_k}{2} \text{grad}[J(\hat{\vartheta}_{k-1})] \\ &= \hat{\vartheta}_{k-1} + \mu_k \hat{\Psi}_{k-1}(N) [Y(N) - \hat{\Psi}_{k-1}^T(N) \hat{\vartheta}_{k-1}] \\ &= \hat{\vartheta}_{k-1} + \mu_k \hat{\Psi}_{k-1}(N) [\Psi^T(N) - \hat{\Psi}_{k-1}^T(N)] \vartheta \\ &\quad + \mu_k \hat{\Psi}_{k-1}(N) \hat{V}(N), \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

where  $\mu_k > 0$  is the convergence factor. Let  $\hat{e}_k = \hat{\vartheta}_k - \vartheta$  and  $\hat{e}_{k-1} = \hat{\vartheta}_{k-1} - \vartheta$ . From Equation (33), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{e}_k &= \hat{e}_{k-1} + \mu_k \hat{\Psi}_{k-1}(N) \hat{\Psi}_{k-1}^T(N) \hat{e}_{k-1} \\ &\quad + \mu_k \hat{\Psi}_{k-1}(N) \hat{V}(N), \\ &= [I - \mu_k \hat{\Psi}_{k-1}(N) \hat{\Psi}_{k-1}^T(N)] \hat{e}_{k-1} \\ &\quad + \mu_k \hat{\Psi}_{k-1}(N) \hat{V}(N), \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

where  $I \in \mathbb{R}^{n_0 \times n_0}$  is the identity matrix.

From (34), the estimate  $\hat{\vartheta}_k$  in (33) is biased. The idea of the ML-BCGI algorithm is to compensate the bias  $\mu_k \hat{\Psi}_{k-1}(N) \hat{V}(N)$  of the estimate  $\hat{\vartheta}_k$  into the gradient-based iterative algorithm, and  $\hat{\vartheta}_k$  can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\vartheta}_k &= \hat{\vartheta}_{k-1} + \mu_k \hat{\Psi}_{k-1}(N) [Y(N) - \hat{\Psi}_{k-1}^T(N) \hat{\vartheta}_{k-1}] \\ &\quad - \mu_k \hat{\Psi}_{k-1}(N) \hat{V}_{k-1}(N). \end{aligned}$$

Then, the estimate of the ML-BCGI algorithm is unbiased. Furthermore, the parameters of the colored noise can also be estimated.

In summary, the ML-BCGI algorithm for the Hammerstein system with colored noise can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\vartheta}_k &= \hat{\vartheta}_{k-1} - \mu_k \hat{\Psi}_{k-1}(N) \hat{V}_{k-1}(N) + \mu_k \\ &\quad \times \hat{\Psi}_{k-1}(N) [Y(N) - \hat{\Psi}_{k-1}^T(N) \hat{\vartheta}_{k-1}], \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

$$Y(N) = [y(1), y(2), \dots, y(N)]^T, \quad (36)$$

$$\hat{V}_{k-1}(N) = [\hat{v}_{k-1}(1), \hat{v}_{k-1}(2), \dots, \hat{v}_{k-1}(N)]^T, \quad (37)$$

$$\hat{\Psi}_{k-1}(N) = [\hat{\Psi}_{k-1}(1), \hat{\Psi}_{k-1}(2), \dots, \hat{\Psi}_{k-1}(N)], \quad (38)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\Psi}_{k-1}(\tau) &= [-y(\tau-1), -y(\tau-2), \dots, -y(\tau-n_c), \\ &\quad \hat{f}_1^{k-1}(\tau), \hat{f}_2^{k-1}(\tau), \dots, \hat{f}_n^{k-1}(\tau), \\ &\quad u(\tau) \hat{g}^{k-1}(\tau), u^2(\tau) \hat{g}^{k-1}(\tau), \dots, \\ &\quad u^n(\tau) \hat{g}^{k-1}(\tau), \hat{x}_{k-1}(\tau-1), \\ &\quad \hat{x}_{k-1}(\tau-2), \dots, \hat{x}_{k-1}(\tau-n_d), \\ &\quad \hat{v}_{k-1}(\tau-1), \hat{v}_{k-1}(\tau-2), \dots, \\ &\quad \hat{v}_{k-1}(\tau-n_g)]^T, \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{x}_{k-1}(\tau) &= \sum_{j=1}^n \hat{\gamma}_j^{k-1} \hat{r}_{k-1}^j \hat{f}_j^{k-1}(\tau) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^n \hat{\gamma}_j^{k-1} u^j(\tau) \hat{g}^{k-1}(\tau), \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

$$\hat{v}_{k-1}(\tau) = y(\tau) - \hat{\Psi}_{k-1}^T(\tau) \hat{\vartheta}_{k-1}, \quad (41)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\vartheta}_{k-1} &= [c_1^{k-1}, c_2^{k-1}, \dots, c_{n_c}^{k-1}, \gamma_1^{k-1} r_{k-1}, \\ &\quad \gamma_2^{k-1} r_{k-1}^2, \dots, \gamma_n^{k-1} r_{k-1}^n, \gamma_1^{k-1}, \\ &\quad \gamma_2^{k-1}, \dots, \gamma_n^{k-1}, d_1^{k-1}, d_2^{k-1}, \dots, d_{n_d}^{k-1}, \\ &\quad g_1^{k-1}, g_2^{k-1}, \dots, g_{n_g}^{k-1}]^T, \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

$$\mu_k < 2 \{ \lambda_{\max} [\hat{\Psi}_{k-1}(N) \hat{\Psi}_{k-1}^T(N)] \}^{-1}. \quad (43)$$

**Remark 4:** The ML-BCGI algorithm can not only estimate the parameters  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{n_c}, d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{n_d}$ , but also obtain the parameters  $g_1, g_2, \dots, g_{n_g}$ , which means that it is more effective than the ML-LSAV algorithm.

**Remark 5:** The ML-BCGI algorithm has heavy computation efforts. We can use the stochastic average gradient algorithm to reduce the computation burden and keep the convergence rate unchanged in our future research.

**Remark 6:** Compared with the traditional LS and GI algorithms, both the ML-LSAV and the ML-BCGI algorithms proposed in this paper can obtain the unbiased parameter estimates. The proposed algorithm in this paper can combine other recursive schemes [20–22], the particle filtering algorithms [23, 24], and the iterative schemes [25] to study the identification problems other linear and nonlinear systems [26–30].

The implementation of the ML-BCGI algorithm involves the following steps.

- 1) Let  $k = 1$ ,  $\hat{x}_0(\tau) = 1/p_0$ ,  $\hat{\vartheta}_0 = \mathbf{1}/p_0$  with  $\mathbf{1}$  being a column vector whose entries are all unity and  $p_0 = 10^6$ .
- 2) Let  $\tau = 1$ ,  $y(\tau) = 0$ ,  $u(\tau) = 0$ ,  $\tau \leq 0$ , and give a small positive number  $\varepsilon$ .
- 3) Collect the input-output data  $u(\tau)$  and  $y(\tau)$ , and form  $Y(N)$  by (36).
- 4) Compute  $\hat{x}_{k-1}(\tau)$  by (40) and  $\hat{v}_{k-1}(\tau)$  by (41),  $\tau = 1, 2, \dots, N$ . Form  $\hat{V}_{k-1}(N)$  by (37).
- 5) Form  $\hat{\Psi}_{k-1}(\tau)$  by (39),  $\tau = 1, 2, \dots, N$ . Form  $\hat{\Psi}_N^{k-1}$  by (38). Choose  $\mu_k$  according to (43).
- 6) Update the parameter estimate  $\hat{\vartheta}_k$  by (35).
- 7) Compare  $\hat{\vartheta}_k$  with  $\hat{\vartheta}_{k-1}$ , if the value is less than or

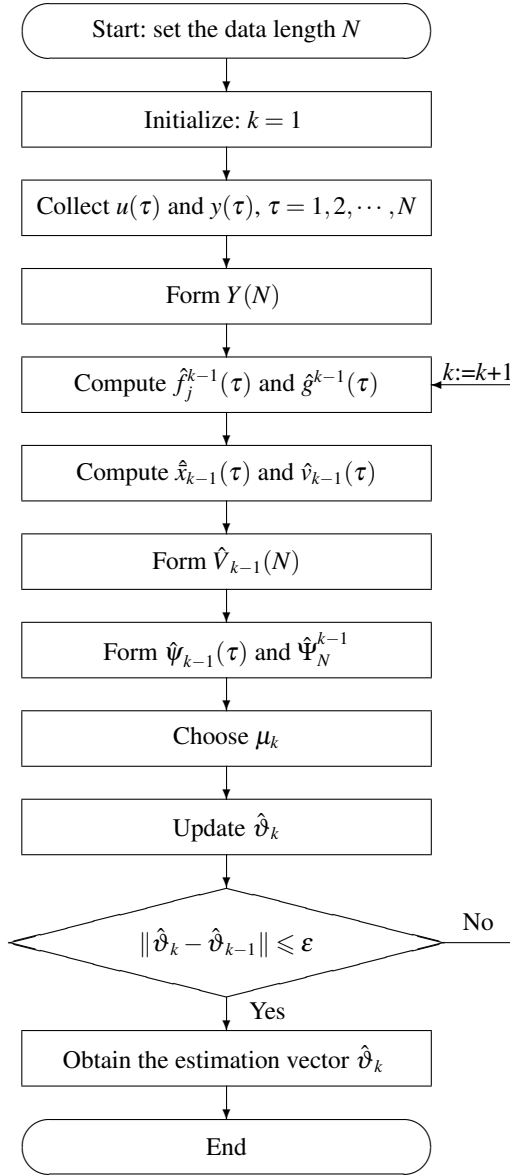


Fig. 4. The flowchart of the ML-BCGI algorithm for  $\hat{\vartheta}_k$ .

equal to  $\varepsilon$ , then obtain the  $\hat{\vartheta}_k$  and terminate the procedure; otherwise, let  $k = k + 1$  and go to Step 4.

The flowchart of calculating the parameter estimate  $\hat{\vartheta}_k$  in the ML-BCGI algorithm for the Hammerstein saturation nonlinear system is presented in Fig. 4.

## 5. NUMERICAL EXAMPLES

**Example 1:** Consider the following Hammerstein system with saturation nonlinearities:

$$y(\tau) = \frac{D(\zeta)}{C(\zeta)} \bar{x}(\tau) + \frac{1}{C(\zeta)} v(\tau),$$

the saturation nonlinearities are shown in Fig. 2 with  $r = 0.4$ ,  $\gamma_1 = 0.8$ ,  $\gamma_2 = -0.5$ , and  $\gamma_3 = 0.95$ , and

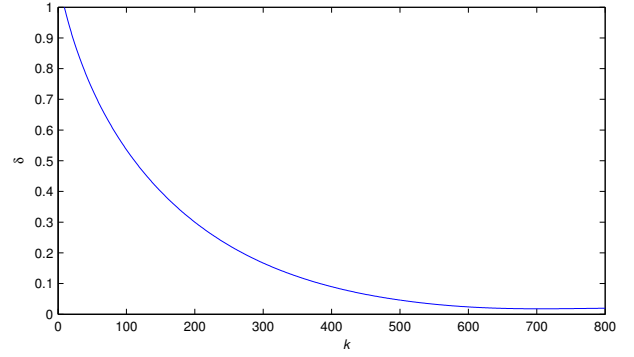


Fig. 5. The estimation errors  $\delta$  versus  $k$  of Example 1.

$$\begin{aligned}
 C(\zeta) &= 1 + c_1 z^{-1} = 1 + 0.65z^{-1}, \\
 D(\zeta) &= d_0 + d_1 z^{-1} = 1 + 0.023z^{-1}, \\
 \bar{x}(\tau) &= \gamma_1 u(\tau) + \gamma_2 u^2(\tau) + \gamma_3 u^3(\tau) \\
 &= 0.80u(\tau) - 0.50u^2(\tau) + 0.95u^3(\tau), \\
 \theta &= [c_1, d_1, \beta_1, \beta_2, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3]^T, \\
 \beta_1 &= -\gamma_1 r + \gamma_2 r^2 - \gamma_3 r^3, \\
 \beta_2 &= \gamma_1 r + \gamma_2 r^2 + \gamma_3 r^3, \\
 \varphi(\tau) &= [y(\tau-1), x(\tau-1), \xi(r+u(\tau)), \xi(r-u(\tau)), \\
 &\quad u(\tau)\xi(-r-u(\tau))\xi(-r+u(\tau)), \\
 &\quad u(\tau)^2\xi(-r-u(\tau))\xi(u(\tau)-r), \\
 &\quad u(\tau)^3\xi(-r-u(\tau))\xi(-r+u(\tau))]^T.
 \end{aligned}$$

The input  $\{u(\tau)\}$  is taken as a persistent excitation signal sequence and satisfies  $N(0, 1)$ , and  $\{v(\tau)\}$  is taken as a white noise sequence and satisfies  $N(0, 0.1^2)$ . Table 1 lists the numerical results of the Hammerstein system with saturation nonlinearities. The parameter estimation errors  $\delta := \|\hat{\theta} - \theta\|/\|\theta\|$  are shown in Fig. 5.

**Example 2:** Consider the Hammerstein system proposed in Example 1 with colored noise:

$$\begin{aligned}
 y(\tau) &= \frac{D(\zeta)}{C(\zeta)} \bar{x}(\tau) + \frac{G(\zeta)}{C(\zeta)} v(\tau), \\
 G(\zeta) &= 1 + g_1 z^{-1} = 1 + 0.70z^{-1}, \\
 w(\tau) &= 0.70v(\tau-1) + v(\tau), \\
 \vartheta_w^* &= [c_1, d_1, \beta_1, \beta_2, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3, g_1]^T, \\
 \psi_w^*(\tau) &= [y(\tau-1), x(\tau-1), \xi(u(\tau)+r), \xi(r-u(\tau)), \\
 &\quad u(\tau)\xi(-r-u(\tau))\xi(-r+u(\tau)), \\
 &\quad u(\tau)^2\xi(-u(\tau)-r)\xi(u(\tau)-r), \\
 &\quad u(\tau)^3\xi(-r-u(\tau))\xi(-r+u(\tau)), v(\tau-1)]^T.
 \end{aligned}$$

The input  $\{u(\tau)\}$  and  $\{v(\tau)\}$  are the same as those in Example 1. Applying the traditional LS algorithm and the ML-LSAV algorithm to identify the parameters of the Hammerstein saturation system with colored noise, the parameter estimates and their errors are shown in Table 2.

**Table 1.** The Hammerstein system with saturation nonlinearities based ML-GI algorithm estimates and errors.

$k$	$c_1$	$d_1$	$\beta_1$	$\beta_2$	$\gamma_1$	$\gamma_2$	$\gamma_3$	$\delta(\%)$
10	0.53710	-0.64422	-0.40545	0.25225	0.89985	0.91658	0.99029	99.26874
90	0.63087	-0.10716	-0.46148	0.29853	0.77206	0.39264	0.97708	56.91015
180	0.64987	0.01579	-0.46019	0.29995	0.77628	0.03292	0.97632	33.65879
270	0.65303	0.03384	-0.45998	0.30018	0.77888	-0.18557	0.97551	19.93603
360	0.65316	0.03266	-0.46000	0.30016	0.78036	-0.31959	0.97471	11.55901
450	0.65283	0.02914	-0.46005	0.30012	0.78127	-0.40213	0.97394	6.47230
540	0.65253	0.02630	-0.46009	0.30008	0.78185	-0.45304	0.97320	3.50328
630	0.65231	0.02437	-0.46012	0.30005	0.78223	-0.48448	0.97248	2.06142
720	0.65217	0.02313	-0.46014	0.30003	0.78250	-0.50389	0.97177	1.78378
True values	0.65000	0.02300	-0.46080	0.30080	0.80000	-0.50000	0.95000	

**Table 2.** The Hammerstein saturation system with colored noise based LS and ML-LSAV algorithm estimates and errors.

	$k$	$c_1$	$d_1$	$\beta_1$	$\beta_2$	$\gamma_1$	$\gamma_2$	$\gamma_3$	$\delta(\%)$
LS	2	0.70588	-0.08667	-0.46238	0.29878	0.78882	-0.51251	0.97608	8.00021
	4	0.70670	-0.08602	-0.46243	0.29873	0.78885	-0.51301	0.97587	7.98827
	20	0.70672	-0.08600	-0.46243	0.29873	0.78885	-0.51303	0.97587	7.98797
ML-LSAV	2	0.64957	0.02300	-0.46237	0.29878	0.78881	-0.51248	0.97601	1.95645
	4	0.65033	0.02282	-0.46243	0.29873	0.78884	-0.51299	0.97580	1.95850
	20	0.65033	0.02282	-0.46243	0.29873	0.78884	-0.51300	0.97580	1.95853
True values		0.65000	0.02300	-0.46080	0.30080	0.80000	-0.50000	0.95000	

**Table 3.** The Hammerstein saturation system with colored noise based GI algorithm estimates and errors.

$k$	$c_1$	$d_1$	$\beta_1$	$\beta_2$	$\gamma_1$	$\gamma_2$	$\gamma_3$	$g_1$	$\delta(\%)$
10	0.64022	-0.63714	-0.05252	0.28206	0.92393	0.94303	0.99270	0.99897	96.33431
90	0.61356	-0.52717	-0.46057	0.29830	0.78405	0.54962	0.97965	0.98906	70.38676
180	0.62094	-0.40320	-0.46010	0.29876	0.78252	0.23208	0.98030	0.97854	51.47935
270	0.62654	-0.30827	-0.45969	0.29916	0.78530	0.00833	0.98156	0.96840	38.32828
360	0.63084	-0.23523	-0.45935	0.29950	0.78737	-0.14921	0.98288	0.95854	29.29608
450	0.63413	-0.17885	-0.45907	0.29978	0.78883	-0.26003	0.98423	0.94892	23.19423
540	0.63668	-0.13520	-0.45885	0.30000	0.78984	-0.33791	0.98560	0.93947	19.13919
630	0.63865	-0.10132	-0.45867	0.30018	0.79054	-0.39259	0.98698	0.93018	16.46585
720	0.64018	-0.07495	-0.45853	0.30031	0.79100	-0.43094	0.98837	0.92101	14.68384
True values	0.65000	0.02300	-0.46080	0.30080	0.80000	-0.50000	0.95000	0.70000	

Applying the GI algorithm and the ML-BCGI algorithm to identify the parameters of this system, the parameter estimates and their errors are shown in Tables 3 and 4, and the parameter estimation errors  $\delta := \|\hat{\vartheta}_w^* - \vartheta_w^*\|/\|\vartheta_w^*\|$  are shown in Figs. 6 and 7.

From Tables 2-4 and Figs. 6-7, we can get the following conclusions:

- 1) The ML-LSAV algorithm can get the unbiased system parameters  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{n_c}$  and  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{n_d}$ , but it cannot estimate the parameters of the colored noise  $g_1, g_2, \dots, g_{n_g}$ .
- 2) The ML-BCGI algorithm can get the unbiased estimate

of the Hammerstein system with colored noise.

- 3) Although the ML-LSAV algorithm has heavy computational burden, it can get the estimate quickly.
- 4) Comparing with the traditional LS and GI algorithms, the proposed algorithms are more effective.

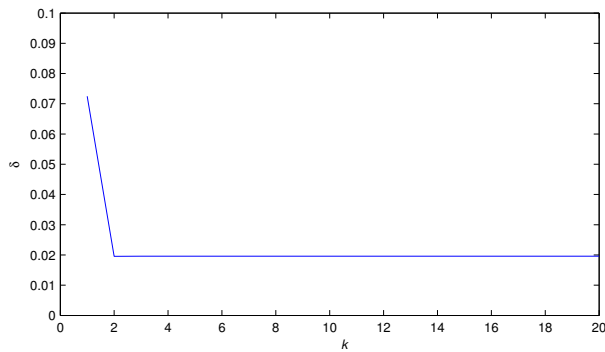
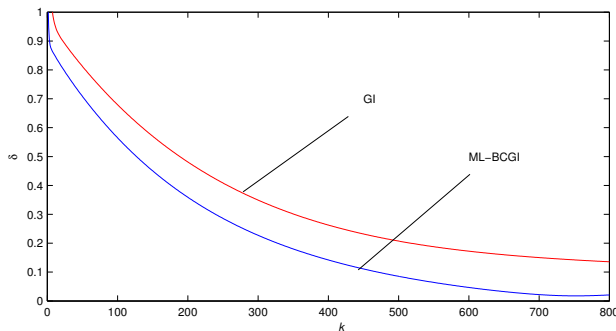
## 6. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, some identification algorithms are proposed for Hammerstein saturation systems with white noise and colored noise. The ML-GI algorithm is introduced for the Hammerstein systems with white noise. For



Table 4. The Hammerstein saturation system with colored noise based ML-BCGI algorithm estimates and errors.

$k$	$c_1$	$d_1$	$\beta_1$	$\beta_2$	$\gamma_1$	$\gamma_2$	$\gamma_3$	$g_1$	$\delta(\%)$
10	0.62766	-0.14471	-0.45009	0.30053	0.91672	0.93370	0.99196	0.99590	85.26650
90	0.63630	-0.06327	-0.45719	0.30089	0.78474	0.48721	0.97865	0.96013	59.10552
180	0.64156	-0.01329	-0.45692	0.30118	0.78551	0.14309	0.97833	0.92158	39.31867
270	0.64430	0.01172	-0.45677	0.30134	0.78813	-0.08797	0.97832	0.88436	26.09624
360	0.64561	0.02279	-0.45669	0.30141	0.78990	-0.24327	0.97830	0.84837	17.18695
450	0.64614	0.02645	-0.45667	0.30143	0.79110	-0.34776	0.97829	0.81356	11.08946
540	0.64627	0.02641	-0.45667	0.30143	0.79192	-0.41816	0.97826	0.77987	6.81799
630	0.64621	0.02477	-0.45668	0.30141	0.79248	-0.46565	0.97822	0.74728	3.78162
720	0.64606	0.02259	-0.45670	0.30138	0.79288	-0.49774	0.97816	0.71573	1.93714
True values	0.65000	0.02300	-0.46080	0.30080	0.80000	-0.50000	0.95000	0.70000	

Fig. 6. The ML-LSAV estimation errors  $\delta$  versus  $k$ .Fig. 7. The GI and ML-BCGI estimation errors  $\delta$  versus  $k$ .

the systems with colored noise, the ML-LSAV algorithm is proposed, by which the parameters (not including the parameters of the colored noise) of the nonlinear systems can be obtained. To overcome this weakness, the ML-BCGI algorithm is developed. It can identify not only the parameters of the nonlinear parts but also the parameters of the noise model. For further research, The convergence analysis of these algorithms is also an open and challenging topic, which deserves further study. Some coupled parameter identification methods [31, 32] can be extended to Hammerstein nonlinear systems and can be applied to other literatures [33–37] such as engineering systems.

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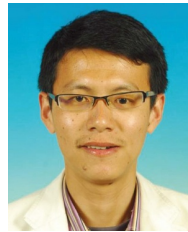
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