

# Multivariable CAR-like System Identification with Multi-innovation Gradient and Least Squares Algorithms

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**Abstract:** This paper focuses on the identification of a multivariable controlled autoregressive-like (CAR-like) system. A joint identification algorithm of stochastic gradient and least squares is deduced for estimating the system parameters by decomposing the multivariable CAR-like system into two subsystems, which avoids the calculation of the matrix inversion. To further improve the parameter estimation accuracy, a joint identification algorithm of hierarchical multi-innovation stochastic gradient and least squares is proposed by using the multi-innovation identification theory. The simulation results confirm that these proposed algorithms are effective.

**Keywords:** Hierarchical identification, least squares, multi-innovation, multivariable system, parameter estimation, stochastic gradient.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

System identification is a modeling method to minimize the error criterion function by using the input and output data of the system [1-5] and by means of some optimization tools [6-10]. Mathematical models are important for studying natural sciences [11-15]. According to the number of input and output variables, the system can be divided into univariate systems and multivariable systems [16-20]. Compared with the univariate systems, the multivariable systems have complex structures, multiple variables, and large dimensionality. Additionally, there is a coupling relationship between parameters, and these factors result in a heavy computational burden on identification algorithms. With the development of the modern industrial control field, multivariable systems are widely used in various applications, such as UAV flight control and weather forecast. As far as lithium battery is concerned, its actual system is complex and has high coupling characteristics. Therefore, the calculation efficiency of parameter estimation is low. Without rapid parameter identification technology, it is difficult to accurately evaluate the actual safe operation range of lithium batteries, and it is difficult to prevent the occurrence of lithium battery safety accidents. Therefore, improving the calculation efficiency and the parameter estimation accuracy is a hot issue in the above multivariable system identification.

At present, a great deal of research has been done on the identification of the multivariable systems. Katayama *et al.* showed that the best linear approximation of the

MIMO Wiener-Hammerstein systems in the mean square sense can be obtained by the orthogonal projection subspace identification method [21]. Multivariable-like systems are a special class of multivariable systems. The identification model of the multivariable-like systems contain parameter vector and parameter matrix, so the traditional least squares algorithm can not directly estimate the parameters of the system. The Kronecker product can convert the parameter vector and the parameter matrix into a large parameter vector, to convert a multivariable-like identification model into a multivariable linear regression identification model [22-25]. However, the dimension of the parameter vector and information matrix of this method is large, and the information matrix contains multiple zero terms, which will cause the problem of the parameter redundancy [26,27].

In the field of multivariable system identification, the hierarchical identification principle has also attracted extensive attention recently. The basic idea of hierarchical identification principle is to decompose the original system into multiple subsystems with simple structures and independent of each other, which can reduce the amount of calculation [22-25]. The amount of calculation of the hierarchical stochastic gradient (H-SG) algorithm is small, but the convergence speed and the estimation accuracy are not as good as the H-RLS algorithm. However, the H-RLS algorithm needs to calculate the inverse of the matrix, which produces a large amount of calculation and reduces the calculation efficiency.

Based on the above research, a hierarchical stochas-

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tic gradient and least squares identification algorithm (H-SG-RLS) is proposed to alternately estimate the system parameter matrix and the parameter vector of the multivariable controlled autoregressive-like (CAR-like) system. The main contributions of this paper are listed as follows:

- 1) This paper decomposes the multivariable CAR-like system into two subsystems using the hierarchical identification principle.
- 2) The proposed H-SG-RLS algorithm avoids matrix inversion. Compared with the H-RLS algorithm, the parameter estimation accuracy is close, but the amount of calculation is lower.
- 3) To further improve the accuracy of the identification algorithm, a hierarchical multi-innovation stochastic gradient least squares algorithm (H-MI-SG-RLS) is used for the parameter estimation.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows: In Section 2, the multivariable CAR-like system is decomposed into two sub-identification models. Section 3 and Section 4 propose a H-SG-RLS algorithm and a H-MI-SG-RLS algorithm. An example is given in Section 5 to illustrate the effectiveness of the proposed algorithms. Finally, a conclusion is given in Section 6.

## 2. SYSTEM DESCRIPTION AND IDENTIFICATION MODEL

Let us introduce some notations first. The symbol  $\mathbf{I}_n$  stands for an identity matrix of order  $n$  and  $\mathbf{I}$  is an identity matrix of appropriate sizes;  $\mathbf{1}_n$  (or  $\mathbf{1}_{m \times n}$ ) represents an  $n$ -dimensional column vector (or an  $m \times n$  dimensional matrix) whose entries are  $\mathbf{1}$ ; the superscript  $T$  denotes the matrix transpose; the norm of a matrix  $\mathbf{X}$  is defined by  $\|\mathbf{X}\|^2 := \text{tr}[\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T]$ .

Consider a multivariable CAR-like system,

$$\alpha(z)\mathbf{y}(k) = \mathbf{Q}(z)\mathbf{u}(k) + \mathbf{v}(k), \quad (1)$$

where  $\{\mathbf{u}(k)\} \in \mathbb{R}^r$  and  $\{\mathbf{y}(k)\} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  are the input and output vectors of the system, respectively,  $\{\mathbf{v}(k)\} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is the stochastic noise vector with zero mean,  $\alpha(z)$  is the system characteristic polynomial in the unit backward shift operator  $z^{-1}$  [ $z^{-1}y(k) = y(k-1)$ ],  $\mathbf{Q}(z)$  is a matrix polynomial in  $z^{-1}$ , which are defined as

$$\alpha(z) := 1 + \alpha_1 z^{-1} + \cdots + \alpha_{n_\alpha} z^{-n_\alpha}, \quad \alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{Q}(z) := \mathbf{Q}_1 z^{-1} + \cdots + \mathbf{Q}_{n_q} z^{-n_q}, \quad \mathbf{Q}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}. \quad (3)$$

Bring (2) and (3) into (1) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & (1 + \alpha_1 z^{-1} + \alpha_2 z^{-2} + \cdots + \alpha_{n_\alpha} z^{-n_\alpha})\mathbf{y}(k) \\ & = (\mathbf{Q}_1 z^{-1} + \mathbf{Q}_2 z^{-2} + \cdots + \mathbf{Q}_{n_q} z^{-n_q})\mathbf{u}(k) + \mathbf{v}(k). \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Then, (4) can be transformed into

$$\mathbf{y}(k) = -\sum_{i=1}^{n_\alpha} \alpha_i \mathbf{y}(k-i) + \sum_{i=1}^{n_q} \mathbf{Q}_i \mathbf{u}(k-i) + \mathbf{v}(k). \quad (5)$$

Define the parameter vector  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ , the parameter matrix  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ , and the input information vector  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}(k)$  and the information matrix  $\boldsymbol{\Phi}(k)$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\alpha} & := [\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{n_\alpha}]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\alpha}, \\ \boldsymbol{\theta}^T & := [\mathbf{Q}_1, \mathbf{Q}_2, \dots, \mathbf{Q}_{n_q}] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n_q r}, \\ \boldsymbol{\varphi}(k) & := [\mathbf{u}^T(k-1), \mathbf{u}^T(k-2), \dots, \mathbf{u}^T(k-n_q)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n_q r}, \\ \boldsymbol{\Phi}(k) & := [\mathbf{y}(k-1), \mathbf{y}(k-2), \dots, \mathbf{y}(k-n_\alpha)] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n_\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, (1) may be rewritten as

$$\mathbf{y}(k) = -\boldsymbol{\Phi}(k)\boldsymbol{\alpha} + \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \boldsymbol{\varphi}(k) + \mathbf{v}(k). \quad (6)$$

Equation (6) is the identification model of the multivariable CAR-like system of (1), and contains a parameter vector  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  which consists of the coefficients of polynomials, and a parameter matrix  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  which consists of the coefficients of the matrix polynomial. Introduce two intermediate variables, which are defined as

$$\mathbf{y}_1(k) := \mathbf{y}(k) - \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \boldsymbol{\varphi}(k), \quad \mathbf{y}_2(k) := \mathbf{y}(k) + \boldsymbol{\Phi}(k)\boldsymbol{\alpha}. \quad (7)$$

According to the hierarchical identification principle, (6) can be decomposed into two fictitious subsystems

$$\mathbf{y}_1(k) = -\boldsymbol{\Phi}(k)\boldsymbol{\alpha} + \mathbf{v}(k), \quad (8)$$

$$\mathbf{y}_2(k) = \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \boldsymbol{\varphi}(k) + \mathbf{v}(k). \quad (9)$$

The proposed parameter estimation algorithms in this paper are based on the two sub-identification models in (8) and (9). Many identification methods are derived based on the identification models of the systems [28-34] and these methods can be used to estimate the parameters of other linear systems and nonlinear systems [35-38] and can be applied to other fields [39-44].

## 3. THE H-SG-RLS ALGORITHM

The recursive algorithms update the estimates by using new observations at each recursion [45-48] and the iterative algorithms update the estimates by using a fixed batch of observations [49-53]. Here uses the hierarchical stochastic gradient and least squares identification algorithm for the parameter estimation.

Refer to the works in [22-25] and based on the identification models in (8) and (9), define two quadratic criterion functions,

$$J_1(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) := \sum_{j=1}^k [\mathbf{y}_1(j) + \boldsymbol{\Phi}(j)\boldsymbol{\alpha}]^2,$$

$$J_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) := \sum_{j=1}^k [\mathbf{y}_2(j) - \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \boldsymbol{\varphi}(j)]^2.$$

Let  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k)$  and  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(k)$  be the estimations of parameter vector  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  and parameter matrix  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  at time  $k$ , respectively. Referring to the hierarchical identification principle, minimizing the quadratic standard functions  $J_1(\boldsymbol{\alpha})$  and  $J_2(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ , we have the following least squares algorithm [22-25]:

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k) = \hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k-1) + \mathbf{L}_1(k) \times [\mathbf{y}(k) + \boldsymbol{\phi}(k)\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k-1) - \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \boldsymbol{\varphi}(k)], \quad (10)$$

$$\mathbf{L}_1(k) = -\mathbf{P}_1(k-1)\boldsymbol{\phi}^T(k) \times [\mathbf{I} + \boldsymbol{\phi}(k)\mathbf{P}_1(k-1)\boldsymbol{\phi}^T(k)]^{-1}, \quad (11)$$

$$\mathbf{P}_1(k) = [\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{L}_1(k)\boldsymbol{\phi}(k)]\mathbf{P}_1(k-1), \quad (12)$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(k) = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(k-1) + \mathbf{L}_2(k) \times [\mathbf{y}(k) + \boldsymbol{\phi}(k)\boldsymbol{\alpha} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^T(k-1)\boldsymbol{\varphi}(k)]^T, \quad (13)$$

$$\mathbf{L}_2(k) = \frac{\mathbf{P}_2(k-1)\boldsymbol{\varphi}(k)}{[\mathbf{I} + \boldsymbol{\varphi}^T(k)\mathbf{P}_2(k-1)\boldsymbol{\varphi}(k)]}, \quad (14)$$

$$\mathbf{P}_2(k) = [\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{L}_2(k)\boldsymbol{\varphi}^T(k)]\mathbf{P}_2(k-1). \quad (15)$$

However, the right-hand sides of (10) and (13) contain the unknown parameter matrices  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  and unknown parameter vector  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  so the algorithm in (10)-(15) cannot be implemented. Replacing  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  with their estimates  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(k-1)$  and  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k)$ , we can obtain the hierarchical least squares (H-RLS) algorithm for estimating  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k) = \hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k-1) + \mathbf{L}_1(k)[\mathbf{y}(k) + \boldsymbol{\phi}(k)\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k-1) - \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^T(k-1)\boldsymbol{\varphi}(k)], \quad (16)$$

$$\mathbf{L}_1(k) = -\mathbf{P}_1(k-1)\boldsymbol{\phi}^T(k)[\mathbf{I} + \boldsymbol{\phi}(k)\mathbf{P}_1(k-1)\boldsymbol{\phi}^T(k)]^{-1}, \quad (17)$$

$$\mathbf{P}_1(k) = [\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{L}_1(k)\boldsymbol{\phi}(k)]\mathbf{P}_1(k-1), \quad (18)$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(k) = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(k-1) + \mathbf{L}_2(k)[\mathbf{y}(k) + \boldsymbol{\phi}(k)\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k) - \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^T(k-1)\boldsymbol{\varphi}(k)]^T, \quad (19)$$

$$\mathbf{L}_2(k) = \frac{\mathbf{P}_2(k-1)\boldsymbol{\varphi}(k)}{[\mathbf{I} + \boldsymbol{\varphi}^T(k)\mathbf{P}_2(k-1)\boldsymbol{\varphi}(k)]}, \quad (20)$$

$$\mathbf{P}_2(k) = [\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{L}_2(k)\boldsymbol{\varphi}^T(k)]\mathbf{P}_2(k-1), \quad (21)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\phi}(k) = [\mathbf{y}(k-1), \mathbf{y}(k-2), \dots, \mathbf{y}(k-n_\alpha)], \quad (22)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\varphi}(k) = [\mathbf{u}^T(k-1), \mathbf{u}^T(k-2), \dots, \mathbf{u}^T(k-n_q)]^T. \quad (23)$$

It can be seen from the above equations that the inverse matrix needs to be calculated when using the least squares algorithm to identify parameter vector  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ . When the number of inputs is large, massive calculation calculations will be generated. So we use the stochastic gradient algorithm instead of the least squares algorithm to identify the parameter vector  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ . In this way, the calculation of gain matrix  $\mathbf{L}_1(k)$  can be avoided, to avoid the inverse operation of calculation matrix. Thus, we can get the hierarchical stochastic gradient and least squares identification (H-SG-

RLS) algorithm for estimating  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  [22-25]

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k) = \hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k-1) - \frac{\boldsymbol{\phi}^T(k)}{r_1(k)}[\mathbf{y}(k) + \boldsymbol{\phi}(k)\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k-1) - \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^T(k-1)\boldsymbol{\varphi}(k)], \quad (24)$$

$$r(k) = r(k-1) + \|\boldsymbol{\phi}(k)\|^2, \quad (25)$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(k) = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(k-1) + \mathbf{L}(k)[\mathbf{y}(k) + \boldsymbol{\phi}(k)\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k) - \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^T(k-1)\boldsymbol{\varphi}(k)]^T, \quad (26)$$

$$\mathbf{L}(k) = \frac{\mathbf{P}(k-1)\boldsymbol{\varphi}(k)}{[\mathbf{I} + \boldsymbol{\varphi}^T(k)\mathbf{P}(k-1)\boldsymbol{\varphi}(k)]}, \quad (27)$$

$$\mathbf{P}(k) = [\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{L}(k)\boldsymbol{\varphi}^T(k)]\mathbf{P}(k-1), \quad (28)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\phi}(k) = [\mathbf{y}(k-1), \mathbf{y}(k-2), \dots, \mathbf{y}(k-n_\alpha)], \quad (29)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\varphi}(k) = [\mathbf{u}^T(k-1), \mathbf{u}^T(k-2), \dots, \mathbf{u}^T(k-n_q)]^T. \quad (30)$$

The proposed algorithms in this paper can combine other methods to study parameter identification of different systems [54-59] and can be applied to other control and schedule areas [60-65] such as information processing and industrial process systems and so on. The procedures of computing  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k)$  and  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(k)$  in the H-SG-RLS algorithm are listed as follows:

- 1) Let  $k = 1$ , set the initial values  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(0) = \mathbf{I}_{n_\alpha}/p_0$ ,  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(0) = \mathbf{I}_{(n_q r) \times m}/p_0$ ,  $r(0) = 1$ ,  $p_0 = 10^6$ ,  $\mathbf{u}(i) = 0$ ,  $\mathbf{y}(i) = 0$  as  $i \leq 0$ .
- 2) Collect the input-output data  $\mathbf{u}(k)$  and  $\mathbf{y}(k)$ , form  $\boldsymbol{\phi}(k)$  by (29) and  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}(k)$  by (30).
- 3) Compute  $r(k)$ ,  $\mathbf{L}(k)$ , and  $\mathbf{P}(k)$  by (25), (27) and (28), respectively.
- 4) Update the parameter estimates  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k)$  and  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(k)$  by (24) and (26), respectively.
- 5) Increase  $k$  by 1 and go to Step 2.

Tables 1 and 2 show the computational efficiency of the H-RLS algorithm and the H-SG-RLS algorithm, respectively. When the number of inputs  $m$  is large, the calculation amount of the H-SG-RLS algorithm is much lower than that of the H-RLS algorithm.

#### 4. THE H-MI-SG-RLS ALGORITHM

The multi-innovation identification theory can extract more useful information from the observation data to improve the parameter estimation accuracy. Based on the H-SG-RLS algorithm in (24) to (30), the innovation vector in (24) and (26) are

$$\mathbf{e}_1(k) := [\mathbf{y}(k) + \boldsymbol{\phi}(k)\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k-1) - \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^T(k-1)\boldsymbol{\varphi}(k)] \in \mathbb{R}^m, \quad (31)$$

$$\mathbf{e}_2(k) := [\mathbf{y}(k) + \boldsymbol{\phi}(k)\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k) - \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^T(k-1)\boldsymbol{\varphi}(k)] \in \mathbb{R}^m. \quad (32)$$

According to the multi-innovation identification theory, we introduce the innovation length  $p$  to expand the vector

Table 1. The computational efficiency of the H-RLS algorithm.

Expressions	Multiplications	Additions
$\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k) = \hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k-1) + \mathbf{L}_1(k)[\hat{\mathbf{e}}_1(k)] \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\alpha}$	$mn_\alpha$	$mn_\alpha$
$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_1(k) := [\mathbf{y}(k) + \boldsymbol{\phi}(k)\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k-1) - \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^\top(k-1)\boldsymbol{\varphi}(k)] \in \mathbb{R}^m$	$m(n_\alpha + n_q r)$	$m(n_\alpha + n_q r)$
$\mathbf{L}_1(k) = -\mathbf{H}_1(k)\mathbf{R}'_1(k) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\alpha \times m}$	$m^2 n_\alpha$	$m^2 n_\alpha - mn_\alpha$
$\mathbf{H}_1(k) = \mathbf{P}_1(k-1)\boldsymbol{\phi}^\top(k) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\alpha \times m}$	$mn_\alpha^2$	$mn_\alpha^2 - mn_\alpha$
$\mathbf{R}_1(k) = \mathbf{I} + \boldsymbol{\phi}(k)\mathbf{H}_1(k) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$	$m^2 n_\alpha$	$m^2 n_\alpha - mn_\alpha$
$\mathbf{R}'_1(k) = \mathbf{R}_1^{-1}(k) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$	$m^3$	$m^3 - m^2$
$\mathbf{P}_1(k) = \mathbf{P}_1(k-1) + \mathbf{L}_1(k)\mathbf{H}_1^\top(k) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\alpha \times n_\alpha}$	$mn_\alpha^2$	$mn_\alpha^2$
$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(k) = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(k-1) + \mathbf{L}_2(k)[\hat{\mathbf{e}}_2(k)]^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{n_q r \times m}$	$mn_q r$	$mn_q r$
$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_2(k) := [\mathbf{y}(k) + \boldsymbol{\phi}(k)\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k) - \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^\top(k-1)\boldsymbol{\varphi}(k)] \in \mathbb{R}^m$	$m(n_\alpha + n_q r)$	$m(n_\alpha + n_q r)$
$\mathbf{L}_2(k) = \frac{\mathbf{H}_2(k)}{\mathbf{R}_2(k)} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_q r}$	$n_q r$	0
$\mathbf{H}_2(k) = \mathbf{P}_2(k-1)\boldsymbol{\varphi}(k) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_q r}$	$(n_q r)^2$	$n_q r(n_q r - 1)$
$\mathbf{R}_2(k) = \mathbf{I} + \boldsymbol{\varphi}^\top(k)\mathbf{H}_2(k) \in \mathbb{R}$	$n_q r$	$n_q r$
$\mathbf{P}_2(k) = \mathbf{P}_2(k-1) + \mathbf{L}_2(k)\mathbf{H}_2^\top(k) \in \mathbb{R}^{(n_q r) \times (n_q r)}$	$(n_q r)^2$	$(n_q r)^2$
Sum	$m^3 + 2m^2 n_\alpha + 2mn_\alpha^2 + 2(n_q r)^2 + 3mn_\alpha + 3mn_q r + 2n_q r$	$m^3 - m^2 + 2m^2 n_\alpha + 2mn_\alpha^2 + 2(n_q r)^2 + 2mn_q r$
Total flops	$2m^3 - m^2 + 4m^2 n_\alpha + 4mn_\alpha^2 + 4(n_q r)^2 + 3mn_\alpha + 5mn_q r + 2n_q r$	

Table 2. The computational efficiency of the H-SG-RLS algorithm.

Expressions	Multiplications	Additions
$\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k) = \hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k-1) - \frac{\boldsymbol{\phi}^\top(k)}{r_1(k)}[\hat{\mathbf{e}}_1(k)] \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\alpha}$	$mn_\alpha + n_\alpha$	$mn_\alpha$
$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_1(k) := [\mathbf{y}(k) + \boldsymbol{\phi}(k)\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k-1) - \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^\top(k-1)\boldsymbol{\varphi}(k)] \in \mathbb{R}^m$	$m(n_\alpha + n_q r)$	$m(n_\alpha + n_q r)$
$r(k) = r(k-1) + \ \boldsymbol{\phi}(k)\ ^2 \in \mathbb{R}$	$mn_\alpha$	$mn_\alpha$
$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(k) = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(k-1) + \mathbf{L}(k)[\hat{\mathbf{e}}_2(k)]^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{n_q r \times m}$	$mn_q r$	$mn_q r$
$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_2(k) := [\mathbf{y}(k) + \boldsymbol{\phi}(k)\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k) - \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^\top(k-1)\boldsymbol{\varphi}(k)] \in \mathbb{R}^m$	$m(n_\alpha + n_q r)$	$m(n_\alpha + n_q r)$
$\mathbf{L}(k) = \frac{\mathbf{H}(k)}{\mathbf{R}(k)} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_q r}$	$n_q r$	0
$\mathbf{H}(k) = \mathbf{P}(k-1)\boldsymbol{\varphi}(k) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_q r}$	$(n_q r)^2$	$n_q r(n_q r - 1)$
$\mathbf{R}(k) = \mathbf{I} + \boldsymbol{\varphi}^\top(k)\mathbf{H}(k) \in \mathbb{R}$	$n_q r$	$n_q r$
$\mathbf{P}(k) = \mathbf{P}(k-1) + \mathbf{L}(k)\mathbf{H}^\top(k) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_q r \times n_q r}$	$(n_q r)^2$	$(n_q r)^2$
Sum	$2(n_q r)^2 + 4mn_\alpha + 3mn_q r + 2n_q r + n_\alpha$	$2(n_q r)^2 + 4mn_\alpha + 3mn_q r$
Total flops	$4(n_q r)^2 + 8mn_\alpha + 6mn_q r + 2n_q r + n_\alpha$	

innovations  $\mathbf{e}_1(k)$  and  $\mathbf{e}_2(k)$  to a larger innovation vector  $\mathbf{E}_1(p, k)$  and a large innovation matrix  $\mathbf{E}_2(p, k)$  as

$$\mathbf{E}_1(p, k) := \mathbf{Y}_1(p, k) + \boldsymbol{\Phi}_1(p, k)\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k-1) - (\mathbf{I}_p \otimes \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^\top(k-1))\boldsymbol{\Psi}_1(p, k), \quad (33)$$

$$\mathbf{E}_2(p, k) := \mathbf{Y}_2(p, k) + \boldsymbol{\Phi}_2^\top(p, k)(\mathbf{I}_p \otimes \hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k)) - \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^\top(k-1)\boldsymbol{\Psi}_2(p, k), \quad (34)$$

where the stacked output vector  $\mathbf{Y}_1(p, k)$ , the stacked output matrix  $\mathbf{Y}_2(p, k)$ , the stacked information vector

$\boldsymbol{\Phi}_1(p, k)$  and the stacked information matrices  $\boldsymbol{\Phi}_2(p, k)$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\Psi}_1(p, k)$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Psi}_2(p, k)$  are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Y}_1(p, k) &:= [\mathbf{y}^\top(k), \mathbf{y}^\top(k-1), \dots, \mathbf{y}^\top(k-p+1)]^\top, \\ \mathbf{Y}_2(p, k) &:= [\mathbf{y}(k), \mathbf{y}(k-1), \dots, \mathbf{y}(k-p+1)], \\ \boldsymbol{\Phi}_1(p, k) &:= [\boldsymbol{\phi}^\top(k), \boldsymbol{\phi}^\top(k-1), \dots, \boldsymbol{\phi}^\top(k-p+1)]^\top, \\ \boldsymbol{\Psi}_1(p, k) &:= [\boldsymbol{\varphi}^\top(k), \boldsymbol{\varphi}^\top(k-1), \dots, \boldsymbol{\varphi}^\top(k-p+1)]^\top, \\ \boldsymbol{\Phi}_2(p, k) &:= [\boldsymbol{\phi}(k), \boldsymbol{\phi}(k-1), \dots, \boldsymbol{\phi}(k-p+1)], \\ \boldsymbol{\Psi}_2(p, k) &:= [\boldsymbol{\varphi}(k), \boldsymbol{\varphi}(k-1), \dots, \boldsymbol{\varphi}(k-p+1)]. \end{aligned}$$

Table 3. The computational efficiency of the H-MI-SG-RLS algorithm.

Expressions	Multiplications	Additions
$\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k) = \hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k-1) - \frac{\Phi_1^T(p,k)}{r(k)} [\mathbf{E}_1(p,k)] \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\alpha}$	$mn_\alpha p + n_\alpha$	$mn_\alpha p$
$\mathbf{E}_1(p,k) := [\mathbf{Y}_1(p,k) + \Phi_1(p,k)\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k-1) - (\mathbf{I}_p \otimes \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^T(k-1))\Psi_1(p,k)] \in \mathbb{R}^{mp}$	$mp(n_\alpha + n_q r p)$	$mp(n_\alpha + n_q r p)$
$r(k) = r(k-1) + \ \Phi_1(p,k)\ ^2 \in \mathbb{R}$	$mn_\alpha p$	$mn_\alpha p$
$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(k) = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(k-1) + \mathbf{L}(k)[\mathbf{E}_2(p,k)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{(n_q r) \times m}$	$mn_q r p$	$mn_q r p$
$\mathbf{E}_2(p,k) := [\mathbf{Y}_2(p,k) + \Phi_2(p,k)(\mathbf{I}_p \otimes \hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k)) - \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^T(k-1)\Psi_2(p,k)] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times p}$	$mp(n_\alpha p + n_q r)$	$mp(n_\alpha p + n_q r)$
$\mathbf{L}(k) = \mathbf{H}(k)\mathbf{R}'(k) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_q r \times p}$	$n_q r p^2$	$n_q r p(p-1)$
$\mathbf{H}(k) = \mathbf{P}(k-1)\Psi_2(p,k) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_q r \times p}$	$(n_q r)^2 p$	$n_q r p(n_q r - 1)$
$\mathbf{R}(k) = \mathbf{I}_p + \Psi_2^T(k)\mathbf{H}(k) \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$	$n_q r p^2$	$n_q r p^2$
$\mathbf{R}'(k) = \mathbf{R}^{-1}(k) \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$	$p^3$	$p^3 - p^2$
$\mathbf{P}(k) = \mathbf{P}(k-1) + \mathbf{L}(k)\mathbf{H}^T(k) \in \mathbb{R}^{(n_q r) \times (n_q r)}$	$(n_q r)^2 p$	$(n_q r)^2 p$
Multiplications sum	$p^3 + p^2(2n_q r + mn_\alpha + mn_q r) + p[2(n_q r)^2 + 2mn_q r + 3mn_\alpha] + n_\alpha$	
Additions sum	$p^3 + p^2(2n_q r + mn_\alpha + mn_q r - 1) + p[2(n_q r)^2 + 2mn_q r + 3mn_\alpha - 2n_q r]$	
Total flops	$2p^3 + p^2(4n_q r + 2mn_\alpha + 2mn_q r - 1) + p[4(n_q r)^2 + 4mn_q r + 6mn_\alpha - 2n_q r] + n_\alpha$	

Thus, we can obtain the following multi-innovation based stochastic gradient and least squares (H-MI-SG-RLS) algorithm [22,23]

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k) = \hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k-1) - \frac{\Phi_1^T(p,k)}{r_1(k)} [\mathbf{Y}_1(p,k) + \Phi_1(p,k) \times \hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k-1) - (\mathbf{I}_p \otimes \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^T(k-1))\Psi_1(p,k)], \quad (35)$$

$$r(k) = r(k-1) + \|\Phi_1(p,k)\|^2, r(0) = 1, \quad (36)$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(k) = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(k-1) + \mathbf{L}(k)[\mathbf{Y}_2(p,k) + \Phi_2^T(p,k) \times (\mathbf{I}_p \otimes \hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k)) - \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^T(k-1)\Psi_2(p,k)]^T, \quad (37)$$

$$\mathbf{L}(k) = \mathbf{P}(k-1)\Psi_2(p,k)[\mathbf{I}_p + \Psi_2^T(p,k)\mathbf{P}(k-1)\Psi_2(p,k)]^{-1}, \quad (38)$$

$$\mathbf{P}(k) = [\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{L}(k)\Psi_2^T(p,k)]\mathbf{P}(k-1), \quad (39)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\phi}(k) = [\mathbf{y}(k-1), \mathbf{y}(k-2), \dots, \mathbf{y}(k-n_\alpha)], \quad (40)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\varphi}(k) = [\mathbf{u}^T(k-1), \mathbf{u}^T(k-2), \dots, \mathbf{u}^T(k-n_q)]^T, \quad (41)$$

$$\mathbf{Y}_1(p,k) = [\mathbf{y}^T(k), \mathbf{y}^T(k-1), \dots, \mathbf{y}^T(k-p+1)], \quad (42)$$

$$\Phi_1(p,k) = [\boldsymbol{\phi}^T(k), \boldsymbol{\phi}^T(k-1), \dots, \boldsymbol{\phi}^T(k-p+1)], \quad (43)$$

$$\Psi_1(p,k) = [\boldsymbol{\varphi}^T(k), \boldsymbol{\varphi}^T(k-1), \dots, \boldsymbol{\varphi}^T(k-p+1)], \quad (44)$$

$$\mathbf{Y}_2(p,k) = [\mathbf{y}(k), \mathbf{y}(k-1), \dots, \mathbf{y}(k-p+1)], \quad (45)$$

$$\Phi_2(p,k) = [\boldsymbol{\phi}(k), \boldsymbol{\phi}(k-1), \dots, \boldsymbol{\phi}(k-p+1)], \quad (46)$$

$$\Psi_2(p,k) = [\boldsymbol{\varphi}(k), \boldsymbol{\varphi}(k-1), \dots, \boldsymbol{\varphi}(k-p+1)]. \quad (47)$$

By extending the innovation vectors  $\mathbf{e}_1(k)$  and  $\mathbf{e}_2(k)$  in the H-SG-RLS algorithm to a large innovation vector  $\mathbf{E}_1(p,k)$  and an innovation matrix  $\mathbf{E}_2(p,k)$  in the H-MI-

SG-RLS algorithm, respectively. The procedures of computing  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(t)$  and  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(t)$  in the H-MI-SG-RLS algorithm are listed as follows:

- 1) Let  $k = 1$ , set the initial values  $\mathbf{P}(0) = p_0 \mathbf{I}_{n_q r}$ ,  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(0) = \mathbf{I}_{n_\alpha} / p_0$ ,  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(0) = \mathbf{I}_{n_q r \times m} / p_0$ ,  $r(0) = 1$ ,  $p_0 = 10^6$ ,  $\mathbf{u}(i) = 0$ ,  $\mathbf{y}(i) = 0$  as  $i \leq 0$ .
- 2) Collect the input-output data  $\mathbf{u}(k)$  and  $\mathbf{y}(k)$ , construct the information vector  $\boldsymbol{\phi}(k)$  and the information matrix  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}(k)$  using (40) and (41).
- 3) Construct stacked output vector  $\mathbf{Y}_1(p,k)$  and stacked output matrix  $\mathbf{Y}_2(p,k)$  by (42) and (45), construct stacked information vector  $\Psi_1(p,k)$  and stacked information matrix  $\Phi_1(p,k)$ ,  $\Phi_2(p,k)$  and  $\Psi_2(p,k)$  by (43) to (47).
- 4) Compute  $r(k)$ ,  $\mathbf{L}(k)$ , and  $\mathbf{P}(k)$  by (36), (38) and (39), respectively.
- 5) Update the parameter estimates  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}(k)$  and  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(k)$  by (35) and (37), respectively.
- 6) Increase  $k$  by 1 and go to Step 2.

Table 3 shows the computational efficiency of the H-MI-SG-RLS algorithm. The amount of computation of the H-MI-SG-RLS algorithm will increase with the increase of the innovation length  $p$ . When  $p = 1$ , the H-MI-SG-RLS algorithm will degenerate into the H-SG-RLS algorithm.

## 5. EXAMPLE

Consider a two-input two-output CAR-like model,

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha}(z)\mathbf{y}(k) = \mathbf{Q}(z)\mathbf{u}(k) + \mathbf{v}(k),$$

Table 4. The H-SG, H-RLS and H-SG-RLS estimates and errors ( $\sigma^2 = 0.1^2$ ).

Algorithms	$k$	$\hat{\alpha}_1(k)$	$\hat{\alpha}_2(k)$	$\hat{Q}_1(1,1)$	$\hat{Q}_1(1,2)$	$\hat{Q}_2(2,1)$	$\hat{Q}_2(2,2)$	$\delta$ (%)
H-SG	100	0.12073	1.00630	1.28170	0.27718	-1.05330	0.24319	46.515
	200	0.15542	0.99994	1.46020	0.34842	-1.13250	0.25237	37.894
	500	0.19097	0.99881	1.63130	0.40068	-1.16540	0.27073	27.783
	1000	0.19574	0.99909	1.70020	0.42844	-1.17340	0.28223	22.985
	2000	0.19675	0.99918	1.74460	0.44918	-1.18200	0.28645	19.308
	3000	0.19746	0.99927	1.76450	0.45801	-1.18630	0.28715	17.401
H-RLS	100	0.18217	0.99591	1.59560	0.40657	-1.19710	0.29721	29.877
	200	0.19438	0.99782	1.71560	0.45212	-1.20920	0.29861	21.443
	500	0.20000	1.00010	1.79900	0.47926	-1.20610	0.29906	13.084
	1000	0.19995	0.99999	1.82590	0.48698	-1.20330	0.30343	9.2098
	2000	0.19998	1.00000	1.83810	0.49161	-1.20460	0.30043	6.8055
	3000	0.20005	1.00000	1.84220	0.49391	-1.20210	0.29781	5.6569
H-SG-RLS	100	0.12428	1.01470	1.55690	0.38635	-1.28930	0.27393	35.347
	200	0.15598	1.00540	1.72180	0.45472	-1.28140	0.28286	25.059
	500	0.19035	0.99970	1.85280	0.47755	-1.24880	0.29210	13.499
	1000	0.19540	0.99949	1.85970	0.48596	-1.22420	0.29931	9.8219
	2000	0.19649	0.99954	1.85440	0.49174	-1.21600	0.29804	7.8781
	3000	0.19724	0.99956	1.85390	0.49397	-1.21050	0.29605	6.6068
True values		0.20000	1.00000	1.85000	0.50000	-1.20000	0.30000	

Table 5. The H-MI-SG-RLS estimates and errors ( $\sigma^2 = 0.1^2$ ).

$p$	$k$	$\hat{\alpha}_1(k)$	$\hat{\alpha}_2(k)$	$\hat{Q}_1(1,1)$	$\hat{Q}_1(1,2)$	$\hat{Q}_2(2,1)$	$\hat{Q}_2(2,2)$	$\delta$ (%)
1	100	0.12428	1.01470	1.55690	0.38635	-1.28930	0.27393	35.347
	500	0.19035	0.99970	1.85280	0.47755	-1.24880	0.2921	13.499
	1000	0.19540	0.99949	1.85970	0.48596	-1.22420	0.29931	9.8219
	2000	0.19649	0.99954	1.85440	0.49174	-1.21600	0.29804	7.8781
	3000	0.19724	0.99956	1.85390	0.49397	-1.21050	0.29605	6.6068
2	100	0.17752	0.97351	1.79800	0.46944	-1.15820	0.28896	17.911
	500	0.19623	0.99571	1.85750	0.49122	-1.22510	0.29462	9.9535
	1000	0.19801	0.99783	1.85710	0.49299	-1.21300	0.30060	7.5234
	2000	0.19844	0.99833	1.85160	0.49448	-1.20920	0.29865	5.9897
	3000	0.19877	0.99864	1.85120	0.49576	-1.20520	0.29656	5.0628
8	100	0.19043	0.97410	1.84310	0.49302	-1.14280	0.29516	16.230
	500	0.19799	0.99617	1.85460	0.49584	-1.21550	0.29711	7.9670
	1000	0.19886	0.99813	1.85490	0.49533	-1.20840	0.30160	6.2476
	2000	0.19910	0.99858	1.85060	0.49553	-1.20690	0.29912	5.1626
	3000	0.19929	0.99885	1.85040	0.49661	-1.20360	0.29698	4.4864
True values		0.20000	1.00000	1.85000	0.50000	-1.20000	0.30000	

$$\alpha(z) = 1 + 0.2z^{-1} + 1z^{-2},$$

$$\mathbf{Q}(z) = \begin{bmatrix} 1.85 & 0.5 \\ -1.2 & 0.3 \end{bmatrix} z^{-1}.$$

The inputs  $\{u_1(k)\}$  and  $\{u_2(k)\}$  are taken as two random sequences with zero mean and unit variances,  $\{v_1(k)\}$  and  $\{v_2(k)\}$  are taken as white noise sequences with zero mean and variances  $\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2 = 0.1^2$  and  $\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2 = 0.5^2$ , respectively. All the simulations are conducted in MATLAB 2018 running on Hp Pavilion Gaming (15-dk1000), with 2.40 GHz, Core-i5 processor and 8 GB RAM. Applying

the H-SG-RLS algorithm and the H-MI-SG-RLS algorithm to estimate the parameters of this example system, the parameter estimates and their errors  $\delta$  are shown in Tables 4 and 5, and the parameter estimation errors versus  $k$  are shown in Figs. 1 to 3, where

$$\delta := \left\{ \frac{\|\hat{\alpha}(k) - \alpha\|^2 + \|\hat{\theta}(k) - \theta\|^2}{\|\alpha\|^2 + \|\theta\|^2} \right\}^{1/2} \times 100\%.$$

Fig. 4 shows the time consumption of the H-SG algorithm, the H-MI-SG-RLS algorithm, and other algorithms. From



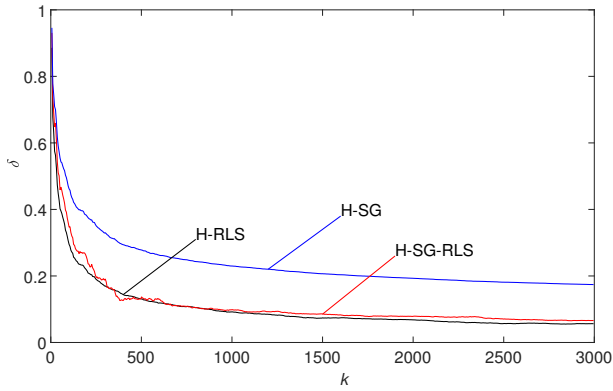


Fig. 1. The estimation errors  $\delta$  versus  $k$  ( $\sigma^2 = 0.1^2$ ).

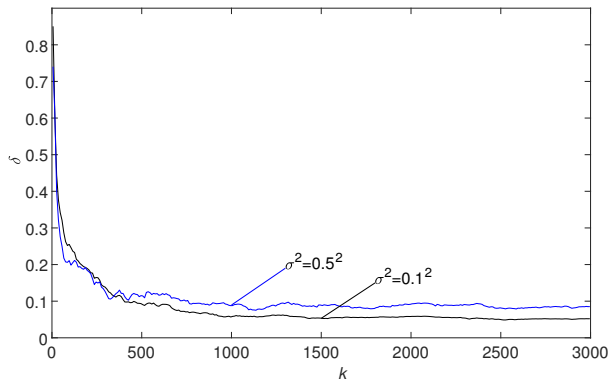


Fig. 2. The H-SG-RLS errors  $\delta$  versus  $k$  with  $\sigma^2$ .

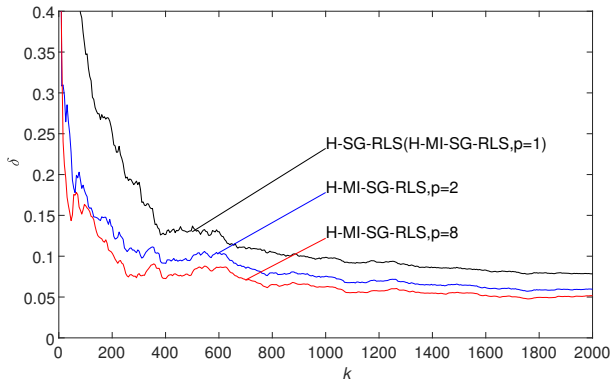


Fig. 3. The H-MI-SG-RLS errors  $\delta$  versus  $k$  with  $p$ .

Tables 1-5 and Figs. 1-3, we can draw the following conclusions.

- 1) The H-SG-RLS algorithm requires less computational load than the H-RLS algorithm because the H-SG-RLS algorithm does not need to calculate the gain matrix  $L_1(k) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_a \times m}$  to avoid the calculation of the matrix inversion for larger  $m$  - see Tables 1 and 2.
- 2) The parameter estimation errors of the H-SG, H-RLS, H-SG-RLS and H-MI-SG-RLS algorithms become

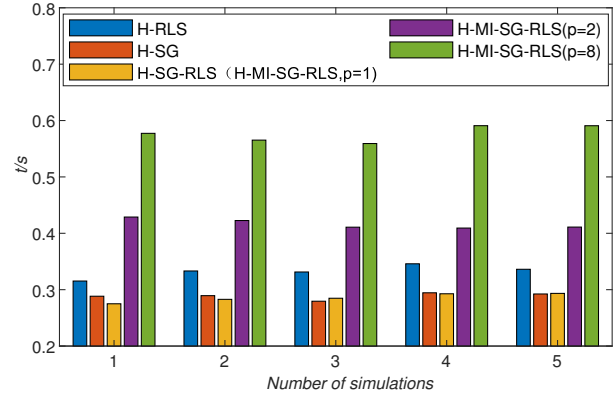


Fig. 4. The actual time consumption of the H-SG, H-RLS, H-SG-RLS, and H-MI-SG-RLS algorithms.

(generally) smaller with the data length  $k$  increasing - see Tables 4 and 5.

- 3) The parameter estimation accuracy is related to the noise variance. The larger the noise variance is, the lower the estimation accuracy is - see Fig. 2.
- 4) The innovation length  $p$  can effectively improve the parameter estimation accuracy of the H-SG-RLS algorithm. With the increase of the innovation length  $p$ , the parameter estimation becomes more stable and the calculation time becomes longer - see Fig. 3.

## 6. CONCLUSIONS

This paper derives the H-SG-RLS algorithm and the H-MI-SG-RLS algorithm for identifying the multivariable CAR-like system based on the hierarchical identification theory and the multi-innovation identification theory. Simulation results show that the proposed algorithms are effective. The proposed H-SG-RLS algorithm combines the advantages of the H-SG algorithm and the H-RLS algorithm, with a small amount of calculation, short calculation time, and high precision. The H-MI-SG-RLS algorithm provides more accurate parameter estimation than the H-SG-RLS algorithm. The algorithms in this paper can be extended to study parameter identification issues of linear and nonlinear stochastic processes [66-72] and can be applied to engineering systems such as process control and machine learning.

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