

# 2 Reference

This chapter contains a detailed description of all the functions in the Neural Network Based System Identification Toolbox. The information given here is more or less identical to that obtained from the online help facility.

General Network Training Algorithms	
batbp	Batch version of the back-propagation algorithm.
igls	Iterated generalized least squares training of multi-output networks
incbp	Recursive (/incremental) version of back-propagation.
marq	Levenberg-Marquardt method.
marqlm	Memory-saving implementation of the Levenberg-Marquardt method.
rpe	Recursive prediction error (~Gauss-Newton) method.

Data Manipulation	
dscale	Scale data to zero mean and variance 1.

<b>Nonlinear System Identification</b>	
lipschit	Determine the lag space.
nnarmax1	Identify a neural network ARMAX (or ARMA) model (linear MA-filter).
nnarmax2	Identify a neural network ARMAX (or ARMA) model.
nnarx	Identify a neural network ARX (or AR) model.
nnarxm	Identify a multi-output neural network ARX (or AR) model.
nnigls	Iterated generalized LS training of multi-output NNARX models
nniol	Identify a neural network model suited for I-O linearization type control.
nnoe	Identify a neural network Output Error model.
nnssif	Identify a neural network state space innovations form model.
nnrarmx1	Recursive counterpart to NNARMAX1.
nnrarmx2	Recursive counterpart to NNARMAX2.
nnrarx	Recursive counterpart to NNARX.

<b>Determination of Optimal Network Architecture</b>	
netstruc	Extract weight matrices from matrix of parameter vectors.
nnprune	Prune models of dynamic systems with Optimal Brain Surgeon (OBS).
obdprune	Prune feed-forward networks with Optimal Brain Damage (OBD).
obsprune	Prune feed-forward networks with Optimal Brain Surgeon (OBS).

<b>Evaluation of Trained Networks</b>	
fpe	Final Prediction Error estimate of generalization error for feed-forward nets.
ifvalid	Validation of models generated by NNSSIF.
ioleval	Validation of models generated by NNIOL.
kpredict	$k$ -step ahead prediction of network output.
loo	Leave-One-Out estimate of generalization error for feed-forward networks.
nneval	Validation of feed-forward networks (trained by marq, batbp, incbp, or rpe).
nnfpe	FPE-estimate for I-O models of dynamic systems.
nnloo	Leave-One-Out estimate of generalization error for NNARX models
nnsimul	Simulate model of dynamic system.
nnvalid	Validation of I-O models of dynamic systems.
wrescale	Rescale weights of a trained network.
xcorrel	High order cross-correlation functions.

<b>Miscellaneous Utilities</b>	
drawnet	Draws a two-layer feed-forward network.
getgrad	Derivative of network outputs w.r.t. the weights.
pmntanh	Fast tanh-function

<b>Demonstration Programs</b>	
test1	Demonstrates different training methods on a curve fitting example.
test2	Demonstrates the NNARX function.
test3	Demonstrates the NNARMAX2 function.
test4	Demonstrates the NNSSIF function.
test5	Demonstrates the NNOE function.
test6	Demonstrates the effect of regularization by simple weight decay.
test7	Demonstrates pruning by OBS on the sunspot benchmark problem.

# batbp

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## Purpose

Batch version of the back-propagation algorithm.

## Synopsis

$[W1, W2, critvec, iter] = batbp(NetDef, W1, W2, PHI, Y, trparms)$

### Input

NetDef: Network definition.

W1: Input-to-hidden layer weights. The matrix dimension is  $[(\# \text{ of hidden units}) * (\text{inputs} + 1)]$  (the 1 is due to the bias)

W2: Hidden-to-output layer weights. The matrix dimension is  $[(\text{outputs}) * (\# \text{ of hidden units} + 1)]$

PHI: Input data  $[(\# \text{ of inputs}) * (\# \text{ of data})]$

Y: Output data  $[(\text{outputs}) * (\# \text{ of data})]$

trparms: Vector containing parameters associated with the training

trparms = [max\_iter eta alpha]

max\_iter: Max. number of iterations.

stop\_crit: Stop learning if the criterion is below this value.

eta: Step size.

alpha: Momentum. Default is 0 (=off).

### Output

W1, W2: Weight matrices when the training is completed.

critvec: Vector containing the criterion of fit after each iteration.

iter: # of iterations.

## Description

Given a set of corresponding input-output pairs and an initial network  $[W1, W2, critvec, iter] = batbp(NetDef, W1, W2, PHI, Y, trparms)$  trains the network with back-propagation.

The activation functions must be either *linear* or *tanh*. The network architecture is defined by the matrix 'NetDef' consisting of two rows. The first row specifies the hidden layer while the second specifies the output layer.

E.g.: NetDef =  $\begin{bmatrix} \text{'LHHHH'} \\ \text{'LL---'} \end{bmatrix}$

(L = Linear, H = tanh)

Notice that the bias is included as the last column in the weight matrices!

## Example

Generate data as sinusoidal+noise

```
>> PHI = 2*pi*rand(1,300);
>> Y = sin(PHI) + 0.2*randn(1,300);
>> plot(PHI,Y,'+');
```

Initialize Network. 5 *tanh* hidden units, 1 *linear* output.

```
>> W1 = rand(5,2);
>> W2 = rand(1,6);
>> NetDef = ['HHHHH';'L----'];
>> drawnet(W1,W2,eps)
>> trparms = [1000 0.02 0.1 0];
>> [W1,W2,critvec,iter]=batbp(NetDef,W1,W2,PHI,Y,trparms);
```

Plot the value of the criterion as a function of the iteration number

```
>> semilogy(critvec); grid;
>> xlabel('Iteration');
>> ylabel('Criterion')
```

## Algorithm

Back-propagation is a gradient descent algorithm where the computations are ordered in a simple fashion by taking advantage of the special architecture of a neural network. In this implementation the step size is fixed.

## See Also

INCBP for the recursive/incremental version.

NNEVAL for validation of the trained network.

MARQ, RPE, FPE, LOO, OBDPRUNE, OBSPRUNE.

## References

J. Hertz, A. Krogh & R.G. Palmer: “*Introduction to the theory of Neural Computation*,” Addison-Wesley, 1991.

# drawnet

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## Purpose

Draws a two layer neural network.

## Synopsis

*drawnet(W1,W2,CancelVal,instring,outstring)*

### Input

W1: Input-to-hidden layer weights. The matrix dimension is  $[(\text{\# of hidden units}) * (\text{inputs} + 1)]$  (the 1 is due to the bias)

W2: Hidden-to-output layer weights. The matrix dimension is  $[(\text{outputs}) * (\text{\# of hidden units} + 1)]$

CancelVal: Draw only weights/biases exceeding this value.

instring: (OPTIONAL). A “string matrix” with as many rows as there are inputs. If it is present it labels the network inputs. Otherwise the inputs are numbered.

outstring: (OPTIONAL and only used if instr exists). “String matrix” with as many rows as there are outputs. If it is present it labels the network outputs.

## Description

Draws the network specified by the weights in W1 and W2. Positive weights are represented by a solid line while a dashed line represents a negative weight. Only weights and biases larger than 'CancelVal' are drawn. A bias is represented by a vertical line through the neuron.

## Example

```
Initialize Network. 5 tanh hidden units and 1 linear output
>> W1 = rand(5,3);
>> W2 = rand(1,6);
>> str1 = [' x1',' x2','x253']; %The spaces make each row of equally long
>> str2 = 'y'
>> drawnet(W1,W2,eps,str1,str2)
```

## See Also

OBDPRUNE, OBSPRUNE, NNPRUNE.

## Reference

This function is a modified version of a function originally provided by Claus Svarer, Copenhagen University Hospital.

## **dscale**

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### **Purpose**

Scale data to zero mean and variance 1 before training

### **Synopsis**

$[X, Xscale] = dscale(X)$

### **Input**

X: Data matrix (dimension is # of data vectors in matrix \* # of data points).

### **Output**

X: Scaled data matrix

Xscale: Matrix containing sample mean (column 1) and standard deviation (column 2) for each data vector in X.

### **See Also**

WRESCALE on how to rescale the weights of the trained network.

### **References**

Y. Le Cun, I. Kanter, S.A. Solla: "*Eigenvalues of Covariance Matrices: Application to Neural-Network Learning*," Physical Review Letters, Vol 66, No. 18, pp. 2396-2399, 1991.



# fpe

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## Purpose

Final prediction error (FPE) estimate of the average generalization error.

## Synopsis

$[FPE, deff, varest, H] = fpe(NetDef, W1, W2, PHI, Y, trparms)$

### Input

See for example the function MARQ.

### Output

FPE: The Final prediction error estimate.

deff: The effective number of weights.

varest: Estimate of the noise variance.

H: The Gauss-Newton Hessian.

## Description

$[FPE, deff, varest, H] = fpe(NetDef, W1, W2, PHI, Y, trparms)$  calculates Akaike's final prediction error estimate of the average generalization error. The function returns the final prediction error estimate (FPE), the effective number of weights in the network if the network has been trained with weight decay, an estimate of the noise variance, and the Gauss-Newton Hessian. It is important that the network has been trained to the minimum of the criterion before this function is called.

## See Also

LOO for the Leave-One-Out estimate.

NNFPE gives the FPE estimate for models of dynamic systems.

## References

J. Larsen & L.K. Hansen: "Generalization Performance of Regularized Neural Network Models," Proc. of the IEEE Workshop on Neural networks for Signal Proc. IV, Piscataway, New Jersey, pp.42-51, 1994.

L. Ljung: "System Identification - Theory for the User," Prentice-Hall, 1987.

# getgrad

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## Purpose

Derivative of network output w.r.t. the weights.

## Synopsis

$[PSI, E] = \text{getgrad}(\text{method}, \text{NetDef}, \text{NN}, \text{W1}, \text{W2}, \text{Chat}, \text{Y}, \text{U})$

### Inputs

See NNVALID.

For time series, U is either left out or passed as a [].

### Output

PSI: Matrix containing the derivative of the output w.r.t. each weight for each input-output pair in the data set. The dimension is  
[# of weights \* # of data]

E: Prediction errors.

## Description

Produces a matrix of derivatives of the network output w.r.t. each network weight for use in the functions NNPRUNE and NNFPE.

## Examples

Network generated by nnarx (or nnrarx):

```
>> [PSI,E] = getgrad('nnarx',NetDef,NN,W1,W2,[],Y,U)
```

Network generated by nnarmax1 (or nnrarmx1):

```
>> [PSI,E] = getgrad('nnarmax1',NetDef,NN,W1,W2,Chat,Y,U)
```

Network generated by nnarmax2 (or nnrarmx2):

```
>> [PSI,E] = getgrad('nnarmax2',NetDef,NN,W1,W2,[],Y,U)
```

Network generated by nnoc:

```
>> [PSI,E] = getgrad('nnoc',NetDef,NN,W1,W2,[],Y,U)
```

## See Also

NNPRUNE and NNFPE

# ifvalid

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## Purpose

Validate state space models.

## Synopsis

$[Yhat, NSSE] = ifvalid(NetDef, nx, W1, W2, obsidx, Y, U)$

## Input

See the function NNSSIF.

## Output

Yhat: Prediction of output(s).

NSSE: Normalized sum of squared errors.

## Description

Validate a neural network based state space model of a dynamic system. I.e., a network model trained with the function NNSSIF.

The following plots are produced:

- Output(s) together with predicted output(s).
- Prediction error.
- Auto correlation function of prediction error and cross-correlation between prediction error(s) and input(s).
- Histogram(s) showing the distribution of the prediction errors.
- Coefficients of extracted linear models.

## Example

```
>> load spmdata
>> NetDef = ['HHHH'; 'LL--'];
>> trparms = [100 0 1 1e-4];
>> [W1, W2, obsidx, critvec, iter, lambda] = ...
    nnssif(NetDef, 2, [], [], [], trparms, 10, y1, u1);
>> [yhat, NSSE] = ifvalid(NetDef, 2, W1, W2, obsidx, y2, u2);
```

## See Also

NNSSIF, NNVALID, NNEVAL, IOLEVAL

## igls

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### Purpose

Iterated Generalized Least Squares training of a neural network with multiple output.

### Synopsis

`[W1,W2,lambda,Gamma]=igls(NetDef,W1,W2,trparms,repeat,Gamma,PHI,Y)`

#### Input

NetDef, W1, W2, trparms, PHI, Y: See the function MARQ.

repeat: Repeat the IGLS procedure *repeat* times. If passed as [] it is set to 5.

Gamma: Initial estimate of the covariance matrix for the noise. If passed as [] it is set to the identity matrix.

trparms: Vector containing parameters associated with the training (see MARQ). Default values (obtained if *trparms*=[]): *trparms*=[50 0 1 0]

#### Output

W1, W2, lambda: See the function MARQ.

Gamma: The estimated covariance matrix.

### Description

A multi-output feedforward network and the noise covariance matrix are estimated with an iterative relaxation procedure.

It is important to notice that the network returned from this function will produce predictions of scaled outputs (see the *Algorithm* paragraph). It is necessary to multiply the output by *sqrtm(Gamma)* to obtain the unscaled predictions. If the network has linear output units one can instead scale the hidden-to-output layer weights:  $W2 = \text{sqrtm}(Gamma) * W2$ .

### Example

Generate data as two sinusoidals+noise

```
>> PHI = 2*pi*rand(1,300);
>> Y = [sin(PHI);cos(PHI)] + [0.1*randn(1,300);0.8*randn(1,300)]
>> plot(PHI,Y(1,:),'+',PHI,Y(2,:),'o');
```

Train an initial network with 5 *tanh* hidden units, 2 *linear* output

```
>> W1 = rand(5,2);
>> W2 = rand(1,6);
```

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>> NetDef = ['HHHHH'; 'LL---'];
>> drawnet(W1,W2,eps,'phi', ['y1'; 'y2'])
>> trparams = [100 0 0.1];
>> [W1,W2]=marq(NetDef,W1,W2,PHI,Y,trparams);

```

Apply the IGLS procedure 10 times and train 30 iterations in each step.

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>> trparams(1)=30;
>> [W1,W2,lambda,Gamma]=igls(NetDef,W1,W2,trparams,10, [],PHI,Y);
>> W2u=sqrtm(Gamma)*W2;
>> [Yhat,E,NSSE]=nneval(NetDef,W1,W2u,PHI,Y);

```

## Algorithm

The implemented IGLS procedure is very simple

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for j=1:repeat,
    Train the network
    Estimate the covariance matrix
end

```

The network is trained with the function MARQ according to the criterion

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\theta}_j = V_N(\theta, Z^N) &= \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{t=1}^N (y(t) - \hat{y}(t|\theta))^T \hat{\Lambda}_{j-1}^{-1} (y(t) - \hat{y}(t|\theta)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{t=1}^N \varepsilon^T(t, \theta) \hat{\Lambda}_{j-1}^{-1} \varepsilon(t, \theta)\end{aligned}$$

and the covariance matrix is estimated as

$$\hat{\Lambda}_j = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \varepsilon(t, \hat{\theta}^{(j)}) \varepsilon^T(t, \hat{\theta}^{(j)})$$

To reduce the amount of computations the network is trained by first scaling the outputs as

$$\bar{y}(t) = \Sigma y(t)$$

where

$$\Lambda = \Sigma^T \Sigma$$

and subsequently train the network according to

$$\hat{\theta}_j = V_N(\theta, Z^N) = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{t=1}^N (\bar{y}(t) - \hat{y}(t|\theta))^T (\bar{y}(t) - \hat{y}(t|\theta))$$

If the network has linear output units, W2 should be scaled by  $W2u = \Sigma^{-1}W2$ .

## See Also

MARQ for Levenberg-Marquardt training.

NNARXM for identification of multi-output NNARX models

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NNIGLS for igls estimation of multi-output NNARX models.

## **References**

T.J Fog, J. Larsen, L.K. Hansen: *Training and Evaluation of Neural Networks for Multi-Variate Time-Series Processing*. Proc. IEEE International Conference on Neural Networks, Perth, Australia.

# incbp

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## Purpose

Recursive (/incremental) version of the back-propagation algorithm.

## Synopsis

$[W1, W2, critvec, iter] = incbp(NetDef, W1, W2, PHI, Y, trparams)$

### Input

NetDef: Network definition

W1: Input-to-hidden layer weights. The matrix dimension is  $[(\# \text{ of hidden units}) * (\text{inputs} + 1)]$  (the 1 is due to the bias)

W2: Hidden-to-output layer weights. The matrix dimension is  $[(\text{outputs}) * (\# \text{ of hidden units} + 1)]$

PHI: Input data  $[(\# \text{ of inputs}) * (\# \text{ of data})]$

Y: Output data  $[(\text{outputs}) * (\# \text{ of data})]$

trparams: Vector containing parameters associated with the training

trparams = [max\_iter stop\_crit eta]

max\_iter : Max. number of iterations

stop\_crit : Stop training if the criterion is below this value

eta : Step size

### Output

W1, W2: Weight matrices after training.

critvec: Vector containing the criterion evaluated after each iteration.

iter : # of iterations.

## Description

Given a set of corresponding input-output pairs and an initial network INCBP trains a network with recursive back-propagation.

The activation functions must be either *linear* or *tanh*. The network architecture is defined by the matrix 'NetDef' consisting of two rows. The first row specifies the hidden layer while the second specifies the output layer.

E.g.: NetDef = [ 'LHHHH'  
                  'LL---' ]

(L = Linear, H = tanh)

Notice that the bias is included as the last column in the weight matrices!

## Example

Generate data as sinusoidal+noise

```
>> PHI = 2*pi*rand(1,300);
>> Y = sin(PHI) + 0.2*randn(1,300);
>> plot(PHI,Y,'+');
```

Initialize Network. 5 *tanh* hidden units, 1 *linear* output

```
>> W1 = rand(5,2);
>> W2 = rand(1,6);
>> NetDef = ['HHHHH';'L----'];
>> drawnet(W1,W2,eps)
>> trparms = [1000 0.02 0.1];
>> [W1,W2,critvec,iter]=incbp(NetDef,W1,W2,PHI,Y,trparms);
```

Plot criterion evaluated after each iteration

```
>> semilogy(critvec); grid;
>> xlabel('Iteration');
>> ylabel('Criterion')
```

## Algorithm

Back-propagation is a gradient descent algorithm where the computations are ordered in a simple fashion, by taking advantage of the special architecture of a neural network. In this implementation the step size is fixed.

## See Also

BATBP for the batch version.  
 RPE for a recursive Gauss-Newton algorithm.  
 MARQ, NNEVAL.

## References

J. Hertz, A. Krogh & R.G. Palmer: “*Introduction to the theory of Neural Computation*,” Addison-Wesley, 1991.



# ioleval

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## Purpose

Validate models generated by NNIOL.

## Synopsis

$[Yhat, NSSE] = ioleval(NetDeff, NetDefg, NN, W1f, W2f, W1g, W2g, Y, U)$

## Inputs

See the function NNIOL for an explanation of the inputs.

## Outputs

Yhat: One-step ahead prediction of output.

NSSE: Normalized sum of squared error (SSE/2N).

## Description

Evaluate a neural network based model on a form well-suited for control by discrete input-output linearization. I.e., a network model trained with the function NNIOL.

The following plots are produced:

- Observed output together with predicted output.
- Prediction error.
- Histogram showing the distribution of the prediction errors.

## Example

```
>> load spmdata
>> NetDeff = ['HHHHH'; 'L----'];
>> NetDefg = ['HHH'; 'L--'];
>> NN=[2 2 1];
>> trparms = [300 0 1 1e-3];
>> [W1f, W2f, W1g, W2g, critvec, iter, lambda] =...
    nniol(NetDeff, NetDefg, NN, [], [], [], [], trparms, y1, u1);
>> [yhat, NSSE] = ioleval(NetDeff, NetDefg, NN, W1f, W2f, W1g, W2g, y2, u2);
```

## See Also

NNIOL, NNVALID, NNEVAL, IFVALID

# kpredict

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## Purpose

$k$ -step ahead prediction of system output.

## Synopsis

Network generated by NNARX (or NNRARX):

$Y_{pred} = kpredict('nnarx', NetDef, NN, k, W1, W2, Y, U);$

(likewise for networks generated with NNARMAX1+2 and NNOE)

## Input

See NNVALID

## Output

Ypred: Vector containing the  $k$ -step ahead predictions of the outputs.

NB! The function does not work for models generated by NNIOL, NNARXM, or NNSSIF.

## Description

Determine the  $k$ -step ahead prediction of the output of a dynamic system and compare it to the observed output. The predictions are determined by feeding past predictions into the network where observations are not available and by setting unavailable residuals to zero. Except for NNOE models a predictor defined in this manner cannot be expected to be the optimal predictor.

## Example

```
>> load spmdata
>> NetDef = ['HHHH'; 'L---'];
>> NN=[2 2 1];
>> trparms = [100 0 1 1e-3];
>> [W1,W2,critvec,iter,lambda]=nnarx(NetDef,NN,[],[],trparms,y1,u1);
>> ypred=kpredict('nnarx',NetDef,NN,10,W1,W2,y1,u1);
```

# lipschit

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## Purpose

Determine the lag space.

## Synopsis

$[OrderIndexMat]=lipschit(U,Y,m,n)$

### Inputs

U: Sequence of inputs (row vector)

Y: Sequence of outputs (row vector)

m: Vector specifying the input lag spaces to investigate

n: Vector specifying the output lag spaces to investigate

### Outputs

OrderIndexMat: A matrix containing the order indices for each combination of elements in the vectors  $m$  and  $n$ . The number of rows corresponds to the number of elements in  $m$ , while the number of columns corresponds to the number of elements in  $n$ .

## Description

Given corresponding input and output sequences the function calculates a matrix of indices that can be helpful for determining a proper lag space structure ( $m$  and  $n$ ) before identifying a model of a dynamic system:

$$y(t) = f(y(t-1), \dots, y(t-n), u(t-1), \dots, u(t-m))$$

An insufficient lag space structure leads to a large index. While increasing the lag space the index will decrease until a sufficiently large lag space structure is reached. Increasing the lag space further will not change the index significantly. In other words: look for the knee-point of the plot, i.e., where the order index flattens out.

$m$  is a vector specifying which input lag spaces to investigate and  $n$  is ditto for the output. If one is only interested in the order index for one particular choice of lag structure,  $n$  and  $m$  are specified as scalars, and only the order index is returned. In the more general case, where one or both are vectors, the function will also produce one or two plots.

## Examples

- o NNFIR model structure expected:

```
m=[1:20]; n=0;
```

- o Time series:

```
U=[]; m=0;
```

- o Check only  $n=m$ :

```
m=[1:5]; n=m;
```

## Algorithm

The function should be used with some care. Do not rely on the results if the data is too corrupted by noise. Physical insight is by far the best tool for determination of the lag space.

At this point the function works for SISO systems only. Extension to the multivariable case should be straightforward, however.

## See Also

Use function DSCALE to scale the data.

## Reference

X. He & H. Asada: "A New Method for Identifying Orders of Input-Output Models for Nonlinear Dynamic Systems," Proc. of the American Control Conf., S.F., California, 1993.

# loo

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## Purpose

Estimate the average generalization error by leave-one-out cross-validation.

## Synopsis

$$[E_{loo}, H] = loo(NetDef, W1, W2, PHI, Y, trparms)$$

### Input

NetDef, W1, W2,

PHI, Y, trparms : See the function MARQ

If the variable  $max\_iter=0$  in trparms, linear unlearning is used for obtaining a cheap approximation to the LOO estimate. If  $max\_iter>0$  the network will be retrained a maximum of  $max\_iter$  iterations for each input-output pair that is left out.

### Output

Eloo: The leave-one-out cross-validation estimate of the average generalization error

H: The Gauss-Newton Hessian

## Description

LOO calculates an approximation to the leave-one-out estimate of the average generalization error. The function returns the loo-estimate along with the Gauss-Newton Hessian.

## Algorithm

When  $max\_iter=0$  “linear unlearning” is used to get a quick approximation to the LOO-estimate. This approximation is much easier to compute than the true LOO-estimate, but is in general less reliable. Typically it is comparable to the FPE-estimate. See the reference below for a derivation.

## See Also

FPE for Akaike’s final prediction error estimate.

## Reference

L.K. Hansen and J. Larsen (1995): “*Linear Unlearning for Cross-Validation*,” submitted for Advances in Computational Mathematics, 1995

## marq

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### Purpose

Train a (possibly pruned) network with the Levenberg-Marquardt method.

### Synopsis

$[W1, W2, critvec, iteration, lambda] = marq(NetDef, W1, W2, PHI, Y, trparms)$

#### Input

NetDef: Network definition

W1: Input-to-hidden layer weights. The matrix dimension is  $[(\# \text{ of hidden units}) * (\text{inputs} + 1)]$  (the 1 is due to the bias)

W2: Hidden-to-output layer weights. The matrix dimension is  $[(\text{outputs}) * (\# \text{ of hidden units} + 1)]$

PHI: Input data  $[(\# \text{ of inputs}) * (\# \text{ of data})]$

Y: Output data  $[(\text{outputs}) * (\# \text{ of data})]$

trparms: Vector containing parameters associated with the training.

trparms = [max\_iter stop\_crit lambda D]

max\_iter: max # of iterations.

stop\_crit: Stop training if criterion is below this value.

lambda: Initial Levenberg-Marquardt parameter.

D: Row vector containing the weight decay parameters. If D has one element a scalar weight decay will be used. If D has two elements the first element will be used as weight decay for the hidden-to-output layer and while second will be used for the input-to-hidden layer weights. For individual weight decays, D must contain as many elements as there are weights in the network.

Default values (obtained if trparms is left out or =[]): trparms=[500 0 1 0]

#### Output

W1, W2: Weight matrices after training.

critvec: Vector containing the criterion evaluated after each iteration.

iteration: # of iterations.

lambda: The final value of lambda. Relevant if retraining is desired.

### Description

Given a set of corresponding input-output pairs and an initial network, a two layer neural network is trained with the Levenberg-Marquardt method. If desired it is possible to use regularization by weight decay. Also pruned (i.e.,

not fully connected) networks can be trained. The activation functions can be either *linear* or *tanh*. The network architecture is defined by matrix 'NetDef' which has two rows. The first row specifies the hidden layer while the second specifies the output layer.

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E.g.: NetDef = [ 'LHHHH'
                  'LL---' ]
```

(L = linear, H = tanh)

Notice that the bias in is included as the last column in the weight matrices and that a weight is pruned (i.e., 0 and not updated) by initializing it to 0.

## Example

Generate data as sinusiodal +noise

```
>> PHI = 2*pi*rand(1,300);
>> Y = sin(PHI) + 0.2*randn(1,300);
>> plot(PHI,Y,'+');
```

Initialize network. 5 *tanh* hidden units, 1 *linear* output

```
>> W1 = rand(5,2);
>> W2 = rand(1,6);
>> NetDef = ['HHHHH';'L----'];
>> drawnet(W1,W2,eps)
>> trparms = [300 0.02 1 0];
>> [W1,W2,critvec,iter,lambda]=marq(NetDef,W1,W2,PHI,Y,trparms);
```

Plot criterion evaluated after each iteration

```
>> semilogy(critvec); grid;
>> xlabel('Iteration');
>> ylabel('Criterion')
```

## Algorithm

The algorithm is a standard Gauss-Newton based Levenberg-Marquardt method as described in the references below. The trust region is adjusted in an indirect fashion by directly increasing/decreasing the diagonal added to the Hessian according to the ratio between actual and predicted change in criterion.

## See Also

MARQ2, MARQLM, RPE, BATBP, INCBP, NNEVAL.

## References

- R. Fletcher: "*Practical Methods of Optimization*," Wiley, 1987.
- K. Madsen: "*Optimering*," (in danish). Haefte 38, IMM, DTU, 1991.

## **marqlm**

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### **Purpose**

Implementation of the Levenberg-Marquardt method that uses less memory than MARQ.

### **Description**

A less memory consuming (but slower) version of the Levenberg-Marquardt training algorithm implemented in MARQ. The difference in speed occurs because the function is less “vetorized” (which is a MATLAB problem), but also because some of the calculations are carried out more than once.



# netstruc

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## Purpose

Extract weight matrices from parameter vector.

## Synopsis

$[W1, W2] = \text{netstruc}(\text{NetDef}, \text{thd}, \text{index})$

### Inputs

NetDef: Architecture definition.

thd: Matrix containing parameter vectors returned by OBDPRUNE, OBSPRUNE or NNPRUNE.

index: Specifies the location in 'thd' where the optimal parameter vector is located.

### Outputs

W1, W2: Weight matrices.

## Description

NETSTRUC extracts the weight matrices from the matrix of parameter vectors produced by the pruning functions OBDPRUNE, OBSPRUNE and NNPRUNE.

## Example

Prune network by OBS

```
>> [thd, tre, fpevec, tee, deff, pvec] = ...
    obsprune(NetDef, W1, W2, PHI1, Y1, trparams, [], PHI2, Y2)
```

Find index to minimum FPE

```
>> [minfpe, index] = min(fpevec(pvec));
>> index = pvec(index);
```

Extract weights from matrix of parameter vectors

```
>> [W1, W2] = netstruc(NetDef, thd, index);
>> drawnet(W1, W2, eps)
```

## See Also

OBDPRUNE, OBSPRUNE, NNPRUNE.

# nnarmax1

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## Purpose

Identify a Neural Network ARMAX (or ARMA) model (linear MA-filter).

## Synopsis

*[W1,W2,Chat,critvec,iteration,lambda]=...*

*nnarmax1(NetDef,NN,W1,W2,Chat,trparms,skip,Y,U)*

### Input

- U: Input (= control signal) (left out in the nnarma case)  
matrix. Dimension: [(inputs) \* (# of data)]
- Y: Output data. Dimension: [1 \* (# of data)]
- NN: NN=[na nb nc nk].  
na = # of past outputs used for determining the prediction.  
nb = # of past inputs.  
nc = # of past residuals (= order of C).  
nk = time delay (usually 1).  
For multi-input systems, nb and nk contain as many columns as there are inputs.
- W1,W2: Input-to-hidden layer and hidden-to-output layer weights.  
dim(W1)= [(# of hidden units) \* (na+nb+1)]  
dim(W2)=[1 \* (# of hidden units)]  
If they are passed as [], they are initialized automatically.
- Chat: Initial MA-filter estimate (initialized automatically if Chat=[]).
- trparms: Contains parameters associated with the training (see marq).  
if trparms=[] is passed the default trparms=[500 0 1 0] is used.
- skip: Don't use the first 'skip' samples for training to reduce the influence from the transient occurring because of the unknown initial prediction errors and gradient. If skip=[] is passed the default value skip=0 will be used.

See the function MARQ for a more detailed explanation of 'trparms'.

NB! For time series (NNARMA models) NN=[na nc] only.

### Ouput

See the function MARQ for an explanation of the returned variables.

## Description

Determines a nonlinear ARMAX model of a dynamic system by training a two layer neural network with the Levenberg-Marquardt method. The function can handle multi-input single-output systems (MISO). It is assumed that the noise can be modeled by filtering the residuals with a linear MA-filter:

$$\hat{y}(t|\theta) = g(y(t-1), \dots, y(t-n_a), u(t-n_k), \dots, u(t-n_b-n_k+1)) + C(q^{-1})\varepsilon(t)$$

in which case problems with instability of the predictor are avoided.

## Example

```
>>load spmdata
>>NetDef = ['HHHHH';'L----'];
>> NN=[2 2 2 1];
>> trparms = [100 0 1 1e-3];
>> [W1,W2,Chat,critvec,iter,lambda] = ...
    nnarmax1(NetDef,NN,[],[],[],trparms,10,y1,u1);
>> [yhat,NSSE]=nnvalid('nnarmax1',NetDef,NN,W1,W2,Chat,y2,u2);
```

## Algorithm

The name NNARMAX has been chosen because the regressors equal those of an ARMAX model.

## See Also

NNRARMX1, NNARMAX2

## Reference

L. Ljung: “*System Identification - Theory for the User*,” Prentice-Hall, 1987.

J. Sjöberg, H. Hjalmeron, L. Ljung: “*Neural Networks in System Identification*,” Preprints 10th IFAC symposium on SYSID, Copenhagen. Vol.2, pp. 49-71.

O. Sørensen: “*Neural Networks in Control Applications*,” Ph.D. Thesis. Aalborg University, Department of Control Engineering, 1994.

## nnarmax2

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### Purpose

Identify a Neural Network ARMAX (or ARMA) model.

### Synopsis

*[W1,W2,critvec,iteration,lambda]=...*  
*nnarmax2(NetDef,NN,W1,W2,trparms,skip,Y,U)*

### Input

U: Input (= control signal) (left out in the nnarma case)  
 matrix. Dimension: [(inputs) \* (# of data)]

Y: Output data. Dimension: [1 \* (# of data)]

NN: NN=[na nb nc nk].  
 na = # of past outputs used for determining the prediction.  
 nb = # of past inputs.  
 nc = # of past residuals (= order of C).  
 nk = time delay (usually 1).  
 For multi-input systems, nb and nk contain as many columns as there are inputs.

W1,W2: Input-to-hidden layer and hidden-to-output layer weights.  
 dim(W1)= [(# of hidden units) \* (na+nb+1)]  
 dim(W2)=[1 \* (# of hidden units)]  
 If they are passed as [], they are initialized automatically.

trparms: Contains parameters associated with the training (see marq).  
 if trparms=[] is passed the default trparms=[500 0 1 0] is used.

skip: Don't use the first 'skip' samples for training to reduce the influence from the transient occurring because of the unknown initial prediction errors and gradient. If skip=[] is passed the default value skip=0 will be used.

See the function MARQ for a more detailed explanation of 'trparms'.

NB! For time series (NNARMA models) NN=[na nc] only.

### Ouput

See the function MARQ for an explanation of the returned variables.

### Description

Determines a nonlinear ARMAX model:

$\hat{y}(t|\theta) = g(y(t-1), \dots, y(t-n_a), u(t-n_k), \dots, u(t-n_b-n_k+1), \varepsilon(t-1), \dots, \varepsilon(t-n_c))$   
of a dynamic system by training a two layer neural network with the Levenberg-Marquardt method. The function can handle multi-input single-output systems (MISO).

## Example

```
>> load spmdata
>> NetDef = ['HHHHH'; 'L----'];
>> NN=[2 2 2 1];
>> trparams = [100 0 1 1e-3];
>> [W1,W2,critvec,iter,lambda] = ...
        nnarmax2(NetDef,NN,[],[],trparams,10,y1,u1);
>> [yhat,NSSE] = nnvalid('nnarmax2',NetDef,NN,W1,W2,y2,u2);
```

## Algorithm

The name NNARMAX has been chosen because the regressors equal those of an ARMAX model.

## See Also

NNRARMX2, NNARMAX1

## Reference

L. Ljung: “*System Identification - Theory for the User*,” Prentice-Hall, 1987.

J. Sjöberg, H. Hjalmeron, L. Ljung: “*Neural Networks in System Identification*,” Preprints 10th IFAC symposium on SYSID, Copenhagen. Vol.2, pp. 49-71.

O. Sørensen: “*Neural Networks in Control Applications*,” Ph.D. Thesis. Aalborg University, Department of Control Engineering, 1994.

## nnarx

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### Purpose

Identify a Neural Network ARX (or AR) model.

### Synopsis

$[W1, W2, critvec, iteration, lambda] = nnarx(NetDef, NN, W1, W2, trparams, Y, U)$

#### Input

U: Input (= control signal) (left out in the nnar case)  
matrix. Dimension: [(inputs) \* (# of data)]

Y: Output data. Dimension: [1 \* (# of data)]

NN: NN=[na nb nk].  
na = # of past outputs used for determining the prediction.  
nb = # of past inputs.  
nk = time delay (usually 1).  
For multi-input systems, nb and nk contain as many columns as there are inputs.

W1,W2: Input-to-hidden layer and hidden-to-output layer weights.  
dim(W1)= [(# of hidden units) \* (na+nb+1)]  
dim(W2)=[1 \* (# of hidden units)]  
If they are passed as [], they are initialized automatically.

trparams: Contains parameters associated with the training (see marq).  
if trparams=[] is passed the default trparams=[500 0 1 0] is used.

See the function MARQ for a more detailed explanation of 'trparams'.

NB! For time series (NNAR models) NN=na.

#### Output

See the function MARQ for an explanation of the returned variables.

### Description

Determines a nonlinear ARX model:

$$\hat{y}(t|\theta) = g(y(t-1), \dots, y(t-n_a), u(t-n_k), \dots, u(t-n_b-n_k+1))$$

of a dynamic system by training a two layer neural network with the Levenberg-Marquardt method. The function can handle multi-input single-output systems (MISO).

## Examples

```
>> load spmdata
>> NetDef = ['HHHH';'L---'];
>> NN=[2 2 1];
>> trparms = [300 0 1 1e-3];
>> [W1,W2,critvec,iter,lambda]=nnarx(NetDef,NN,[],[],trparms,y1,u1);
>> [yhat,NSSE]=nnvalid('nnarx',NetDef,NN,W1,W2,y2,u2);
```

## Algorithm

The name NNARX has been chosen because the regressors equal those of an ARX model.

## See Also

NNRARX, NNPRUNE.

## Reference

L. Ljung: “*System Identification - Theory for the User*,” Prentice-Hall, 1987.

J. Sjöberg, H. Hjalmeron, L. Ljung: “*Neural Networks in System Identification*,” Preprints 10th IFAC symposium on SYSID, Copenhagen. Vol.2, pp. 49-71.

O. Sørensen: “*Neural Networks in Control Applications*,” Ph.D. Thesis, Aalborg University, Department of Control Engineering, 1994.

## nnarxm

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### Purpose

Identify a multi-output Neural Network ARX (or AR) model.

### Synopsis

$[W1, W2, critvec, iteration, lambda] = \dots$   
 $nnarxm(NetDef, NN, W1, W2, trparams, Gamma, Y, U)$

#### Input

U: Input (= control signal) (left out in the nnar case)  
 matrix. Dimension: [(inputs) \* (# of data)]

Y: Output data. Dimension: [(outputs) \* (# of data)]

NN: NN=[na1 nb1 nk1; na2 nb2 nk2; ...].  
 naX = # of past outputs used for determining the prediction.  
 nbX = # of past inputs.  
 nkX = time delay (usually 1).  
 For multi-input systems, nbX and nkX contain as many columns as there are inputs.

W1, W2: Input-to-hidden layer and hidden-to-output layer weights.  
 dim(W1) = [(# of hidden units) \* (na1+nb1+na2+nb2+...+1)]  
 dim(W2) = [(outputs) \* (# of hidden units)]  
 If they are passed as [], they are initialized automatically.

Gamma: Inverse weighting matrix (usually the covariance of the noise).

trparams: Contains parameters associated with the training (see MARQ).  
 if trparams=[] is passed the default trparams=[500 0 1 0] is used.

See the function MARQ for a more detailed explanation of 'trparams'.

NB! For time series (NNAR models) NN=na.

#### Output

See the function MARQ for an explanation of the returned variables.

### Description

Determines a nonlinear ARX model:

$$\hat{y}(t|\theta) = g(y(t-1), \dots, y(t-n_a), u(t-n_k), \dots, u(t-n_b-n_k+1))$$

of a dynamic system with multiple outputs by training a two layer neural network with the Levenberg-Marquardt method. The function can handle multi-input multi-output systems (MIMO).



## Examples

```
>> load spmdata
>> Y1=[y1;y1*3];
>> Y2=[y2;y2*3];
>> NetDef = ['HHHH';'L---'];
>> NN=[2 2 1;2 0 0];
>> trparms = [100 0 1 1e-3];
>> [W1,W2]=nnarxm(NetDef,NN,[],[],trparms,eye(2),Y1,u1);
>> [yhat,NSSE]=nnvalid('nnarxm',NetDef,NN,W1,W2,eye(2),Y2,u2);
```

In this example  $NN=[2 \ 2 \ 1;2 \ 0 \ 0]$ . This does not mean that output 2 does not depend on past inputs at all. If  $NN$  had been chosen to  $[2 \ 2 \ 1;2 \ 2 \ 1]$  the input signal would then have entered the network twice. This is of course not relevant except when physical knowledge motivates that an output depends on certain inputs and delayed inputs and it should only be used when appropriate entries in  $W1$  and  $W2$  are set to 0.

## Algorithm

The network is trained to minimize the criterion

$$\hat{y}(t|\theta) = g(y(t-1), \dots, y(t-n_a), u(t-n_k), \dots, u(t-n_b-n_k+1))$$

using a Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm. The weighting matrix Gamma is usually chosen as the noise covariance. This can be estimated with the function NNIGLS.

## See Also

NNVALID, NNIGLS, NNARX.

## Reference

L. Ljung: “*System Identification - Theory for the User*,” Prentice-Hall, 1987.

# nneval

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## Purpose

Validation of feedforward neural networks.

## Synopsis

$[Yhat, E, NSSE] = nneval(NetDef, W1, W2, PHI, Y)$

## Inputs

See for example one of the functions: MARQ, RPE, BATBP, INCBP.

## Outputs

Yhat: Network predictions.

E: Prediction errors.

NSSE: Normalized sum of squared errors (SSE/2N).

## Description

The function validates models trained with MARQ, RPE, BATBP, INCBP, MARQLM. The following plots are produced:

- Output together with predicted output.
- Prediction error.
- Auto-correlation function of prediction error.
- A histogram showing the distribution of the prediction errors

## Example

```
>> PHI = 2*pi*rand(1,300);
>> Y = sin(PHI) + 0.2*randn(1,300);
>> W1 = rand(5,2);
>> W2 = rand(1,6);
>> NetDef = ['HHHHH'; 'L----'];
>> trparms = [300 0.02 1 0];
>> [W1, W2, critvec, iter, lambda] = marq(NetDef, W1, W2, PHI, Y, trparms);
>> PHI2 = 2*pi*rand(1,300);
>> Y2 = sin(PHI2) + 0.2*randn(1, length(PHI2));
>> nneval(NetDef, W1, W2, PHI2, Y2, trparms);
```

## See Also

NNVALID, IFVALID, IOLEVAL.

# nnfpe

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## Purpose

Final Prediction Error estimate (FPE) for I/O models of dynamic systems.

## Synopsis

```
[FPE,deff,varest,H] =...
    nnfpe(method,NetDef,W1,W2,U,Y,NN,trparms,skip,Chat)
```

## Input

See the function that was used for creating the model. The argument *Chat* should only be included if *method*='nnarmax1'.

## Output

FPE: The Final prediction error estimate.  
 deff: The effective number of parameters.  
 varest: Estimate of noise variance.  
 H: The Gauss-Newton Hessian.

## Description

The function calculates Akaike's final prediction error estimate of the average generalization error for models generated by NNARX, NNOE, NNARMAX1+2. The function produces the final prediction error estimate (FPE), the effective number of weights in the network if the network has been trained with weight decay, an estimate of the noise variance, and the Gauss-Newton Hessian.

## See Also

LOO, FPE.

## References

J. Larsen & L.K. Hansen: "Generalization Performance of Regularized Neural Network Models." Proc. of the IEEE Workshop on Neural networks for Signal Proc. IV, Piscataway, New Jersey, pp.42-51, 1994.

# nnigls

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## Purpose

Iterated Generalized Least Squares training of a NNARX model with multiple outputs.

## Synopsis

```
[W1,W2,lambda,Gamma]=...
    nnigls(NetDef,NN,W1,W2,trparms,repeat,Gamma,Y,U)
```

### Input

U,Y,NN,W1,W2: See NNARXM  
 repeat: Repeat the IGLS procedure *repeat* times. If passed as [] it is set to 5.  
 Gamma: Initial estimate of the covariance matrix for the noise. If passed as [] it is set to the identity matrix.  
 trparms: Vector containing parameters associated with the training (see MARQ). Default values (obtained if *trparms*=[]): trparms=[50 0 1 0]

### Output

W1, W2, lambda: See the function NNARXM.  
 Gamma: The estimated covariance matrix.

## Description

A multi-output NNARX model and the noise covariance matrix are estimated with an iterative relaxation procedure.

It is important to notice that the model returned from this function will produce predictions of scaled outputs (see the *Algorithm* paragraph). It is necessary to multiply the output by  $\text{sqrtm}(\text{Gamma})$  to obtain the unscaled predictions. If the network has linear output units one can instead scale the hidden-to-output layer weights:  $W2 = \text{sqrtm}(\text{Gamma}) * W2$ .

## Algorithm

```
The implemented IGLS procedure is very simple
for j=1:repeat,
    Train the network
    Estimate the covariance matrix
end
```

The network is trained with the function MARQ according to the criterion

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\theta}_j = V_N(\theta, Z^N) &= \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{t=1}^N (y(t) - \hat{y}(t|\theta))^T \hat{\Lambda}_{j-1}^{-1} (y(t) - \hat{y}(t|\theta)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{t=1}^N \varepsilon^T(t, \theta) \hat{\Lambda}_{j-1}^{-1} \varepsilon(t, \theta)\end{aligned}$$

and the covariance matrix is estimated as

$$\hat{\Lambda}_j = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \varepsilon(t, \hat{\theta}^{(j)}) \varepsilon^T(t, \hat{\theta}^{(j)})$$

To reduce the amount of computations the network is trained by first scaling the outputs as

$$\bar{y}(t) = \Sigma y(t)$$

where

$$\Lambda = \Sigma^T \Sigma$$

and subsequently train the network according to

$$\hat{\theta}_j = V_N(\theta, Z^N) = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{t=1}^N (\bar{y}(t) - \hat{y}(t|\theta))^T (\bar{y}(t) - \hat{y}(t|\theta))$$

If the network has linear output units,  $W2$  should be scaled by  $W2u = \Sigma^{-1}W2$ .

## See Also

NNARXM, NNVALID, MARQ, IGLS.

## Reference

T.J Fog, J. Larsen, L.K. Hansen: *Training and Evaluation of Neural Networks for Multi-Variate Time-Series Processing*. Proc. IEEE International Conference on Neural Networks, Perth, Australia.

# nniol

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## Purpose

Identify a neural network model well-suited for control by discrete input-output linearization.

## Synopsis

$[W1f, W2f, W1g, W2g, critvec, iteration, lambda] = \dots$   
 $nniol(NetDeff, NetDefg, NN, W1f, W2f, W1g, W2g, trparams, Y, U)$

### Input

U: Input data (= control signal) (left out in the narma case)  
 matrix. Dimension: [(inputs) \* (# of data)]

Y: Output data. Dimension: [1 \* (# of data)]

NN: NN=[na nb nk].  
 na = # of past outputs used for determining the prediction.  
 nb = # of past inputs.  
 nk = time delay (usually 1).  
 For multi-input systems, nb and nk contain as many columns as there are inputs.

NetDeff: Architecture of network used for modelling the function  $f$  (see below).

NetDefg: Architecture of network used for modelling the function  $g$ .

W1f, W2f: Input-to-hidden layer and hidden-to-output layer weights for the "f" and "g" nets, respectively.

W1g, W2g: Input-to-hidden layer and hidden-to-output layer weights for the "f" and "g" nets, respectively.  
 $\dim(W1f / W1g) = [(\# \text{ of hidden units}) * (na+nb)]$   
 $\dim(W2f / W2g) = [1 * (\# \text{ of hidden units})]$   
 If the weight matrices are passed as [] they will be initialized automatically.

trparams: Contains parameters associated with the training (see MARQ)  
 if trparams=[] is passed the default  $trparams = [500 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0]$  is used.

See function MARQ for a more detailed explanation of 'trparams'.

### Ouput

See the function MARQ for an explanation of the returned variables.

## Description

Train a neural network to model a dynamic system on the following form:

$$\hat{y}(t|\theta) = f(y(t-1), \dots, y(t-n_a), u(t-n_k-1), \dots, u(t-n_k-n_b+1)) \\ + g(y(t-1), \dots, y(t-n_a), u(t-n_k-1), \dots, u(t-n_k-n_b+1))u(t-n_k)$$

with the Levenberg-Marquardt method. This type of model is particularly relevant in the context of control by discrete input-output linearization.

## Examples

```
>> load spmdata
>> NetDeff = ['HHHHH';'L----'];
>> NetDefg = ['HHH';'L--'];
>> NN=[2 2 1];
>> trparms = [300 0 1 1e-3];
>> [W1f,W2f,W1g,W2g,critvec,iter,lambda] =...
    nniol(NetDeff,NetDefg,NN,[],[],[],[],trparms,y1,u1);
>> [yhat,NSSE]=ioleval(NetDeff,NetDefg,NN,W1f,W2f,W1g,W2g,y2,u2);
```

## See Also

IOLEVAL.

## nnloo

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### Purpose

Estimate the average generalization error for a NNARX model of a dynamic system by leave-one-out cross-validation.

### Synopsis

*Eloo* = *nnloo*(*NetDef*, *NN*, *W1*, *W2*, *trparms*, *U*, *Y*)

#### Input

*NetDef*, *W1*, *W2*, *NN*

*U*, *Y*, *trparms* : See the function NNARX

If the variable *max\_iter*=0 in *trparms*, linear unlearning is used for obtaining a cheap approximation to the LOO estimate. If *max\_iter*>0 the network will be retrained a maximum of *max\_iter* iterations for each input-output pair that is left out.

#### Output

*Eloo*: The leave-one-out cross-validation estimate of the average generalization error

### Description

LOO calculates an approximation to the leave-one-out estimate of the average generalization error.

### Algorithm

When *max\_iter*=0 so-called "linear unlearning" is used to achieve a quick approximation to the LOO-estimate. This approximation is much easier to compute than the true LOO-estimate, but is in general less reliable. Typically it is comparable to the FPE-estimate. See the reference below for a derivation.

### See Also

NNFPE for Akaike's final prediction error estimate.

### Reference

L.K. Hansen and J. Larsen (1995): "*Linear Unlearning for Cross-Validation*," submitted for Advances in Computational Mathematics, 1995



# **nnoe**

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## **Purpose**

Identify a neural network output error model.

## **Synopsis**

$[W1, W2, critvec, iter, lambda] = nnoe(NetDef, NN, W1, W2, trparms, skip, Y, U)$

### **Input**

- U: Input data (= control signal) (left out in the narma case)  
matrix. Dimension: [(inputs) \* (# of data)]
- Y: Output data. Dimension: [1 \* (# of data)]
- NN: NN=[na nb nk].  
na = # of past predictions used for determining the prediction.  
nb = # of past inputs.  
nk = time delay (usually 1).  
For multi-input systems, nb and nk contain as many columns as there are inputs.
- W1,W2: Input-to-hidden layer and hidden-to-output layer weights.  
dim(W1)= [(# of hidden units) \* (na+nb+1)]  
dim(W2)= [1 \* (# of hidden units)]  
If they are passed as [], they are initialized automatically.
- trparms: Contains parameters associated with the training (see marq).  
if trparms=[] is passed the default  $trparms = [500 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0]$  is used.
- skip: Don't use the first 'skip' samples in the training to reduce the influence from the transient occuring because of unknown initial predictions and gradient. If skip=[] is passed the default  $skip = 0$  is used.

See function MARQ for a more detailed explanation of 'trparms'.

### **Ouput**

See the function MARQ for an explanation of the returned variables.

## **Description**

Determines a nonlinear output error (OE) model:

$$\hat{y}(t|\theta) = g(\hat{y}(t-1|\theta), \dots, \hat{y}(t-n_a|\theta), u(t-n_k), \dots, u(t-n_b-n_k+1))$$

of a dynamic system by training a two layer neural network with the Levenberg-Marquardt method. The function can handle multi-input single-output systems (MISO).

## Examples

```

>> load spmdata
>> NetDef = ['HHHH';'L---'];
>> NN=[2 2 1];
>> trparms = [300 0 1 1e-3];
>> [W1,W2,critvec,iter,lambda]=nnoe(NetDef,NN,[],[],trparms,10,y1,u1);
>> [yhat,NSSE]=nnvalid('nnoe',NetDef,NN,W1,W2,y2,u2);

```

## Algorithm

The name NNOE is chosen because the regressors are similar to those of an output error (OE) model.

## See Also

NNPRUNE, NNVALID.

## Reference

L. Ljung:

*“System Identification - Theory for the User,”* Prentice-Hall, 1987.

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# nnprune

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## Purpose

Prune neural network models of dynamic systems with the Optimal Brain Surgeon (OBS).

## Synopsis

```
[thd,NSSEvec,FPEvec,NSSEtestvec,deff_vec,pvec] = ...
nnprune(method,NetDef,W1,W2,U,Y,NN,trparms,prparms,U2,Y2,skip,Chat)
```

### Input

method: The function used for creating the model. For example method='nnarx' or method='nnoe'.

NetDef, W1, W2, U, Y, trparms: See the function used for creating the model.

U2, Y2 (optional): Test data. This can be used for pointing out the the optimal network architecture. Pass two []'s if a test set is not available.

skip (optional): See for example NNOE or NNARMAX1/2. If passed as [] it is set to 0.

Chat (optional): See NNARMAX1

prparms: Parameters associated with the pruning session.  
prparms = [iter RePercent]  
iter: Max. number of retraining iterations.  
RePercent : Prune 'RePercent' percent of the remaining weights (0 = prune one weight at a time).  
If passed as [] is will be reset to prparms = [50 0].

### Output

thd: Matrix containing all the parameter vectors

NSSEvec: Vector containing the normalized sum of squared errors (SSE/2N), the *training error*, after each weight elimination

FPEvec: Contains the FPE estimate of the average generalization error

NSSEtestvec: Contains the test error (SSE/2N for test set).

deff\_vec: Contains the "effective" number of weights.

pvec: Index into the above vectors.

## Description

This function applies the Optimal Brain Surgeon (OBS) strategy for pruning neural network input-output models of dynamic systems. That is, models

produced by one of the functions: NNARX, NNARMAX1, NNARMAX2, NNOE. Two different procedures are possible:

- Eliminate one weight, retrain, eliminate one weight, retrain, .....
- Eliminate 5% (or some other percentage) of the remaining weights, retrain, eliminate 5% of the remaining weights, retrain, .....

The function will return a matrix containing the parameter vectors (a vector containing all weights), obtained after each retraining. The optimal parameter vector is then chosen afterwards. For example as the one representing the network leading to the smallest FPE or the one leading to the smallest test error (if a test set is available). After having determined the optimal number of weights, the weight matrices are extracted from the thd-matrix with the function NETSTRUC. If a NNARMAX1 model has been pruned, remember to remove the bottom *nc* rows from thd first since these contain the coefficients of the C-polynomial.

It is important that the network is trained to the minimum of the criterion before the function is applied.

## Example

Prune nnarx model with OBS

```
>> [thd,NSSEvec,FPEvec,NSSEtestvec,deff_vec,pvec] = ...
      nnprune('nnarx',NetDef,W1,W2,U,Y,NN,trparms,[],U2,Y2);
```

Find index to minimum FPE

```
>> [minfpe,index] = min(fpevec(pvec));
>> index = pvec(index);
```

Extract weights from matrix of parameter vectors

```
>> [W1,W2] = netstruc(NetDef,thd,index);
>> drawnet(W1,W2,eps)
```

## Algorithm

If the network has been trained without regularization (weight decay), the basic OBS scheme of Hassibi and Stork is used. To avoid numerical problems, the inverse (Gauss-Newton) Hessian is approximated by the recursive method described in the paper (see also RPE). If regularization was used when training the network the saliences are calculated as the predicted increase in the unregularized portion of the criterion as described by Hansen & Pedersen. If more than one weight is eliminated between each retraining the inverse Hessian after each weight elimination is calculated as the Schur complement of the previous inverse Hessian (see Pedersen et al.).

The OBS-scheme has been implemented so that it is impossible to have hidden units without having weights leading to as well as from them. If a hidden unit has only one weight connecting it to the input layer and one weight connecting it to the output layer the, the entire unit will be removed if it has the smallest total saliency.

## See Also

NETSTRUC, OBDPRUNE, OBSPRUNE.

## References

L.K. Hansen & M. W. Pedersen: “*Controlled Growth of Cascade Correlation Nets*,” Proc. ICANN ‘94, Sorrento, Italy, 1994, Eds. M. Marinaro & P.G. Morasso, pp. 797-800.

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## **nnrarmx1, nnrarmx2, nnrarx**

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### **Purpose**

Identify a neural network model of a dynamic system by using a recursive algorithm.

### **Synopsis**

*[W1,W2,Chat,critvec,iteration]=...*  
*nnrarmx1(NetDef,NN,W1,W2,Chat,trparms,method,Y,U)*

*[W1,W2,critvec,iteration]=...*  
*nnrarmx2(NetDef,NN,W1,W2,trparms,method,Y,U)*

*[W1,W2,critvec,iteration,lambda]=...*  
*nnrarx(NetDef,NN,W1,W2,trparms,method,Y,U)*

### **Input**

See the “batch” counterparts (NNARMAX1, NNARMAX2, NNARX), except for the arguments “method” and “trparms”:

method : Training method (ff, ct, efra)  
method = 'ff' (forgetting factor)  
trparms = [max\_iter stop\_crit p0 lambda]  
method = 'ct' (constant trace)  
trparms = [max\_iter stop\_crit alpha\_max alpha\_min]  
method = 'efra' (exponential forgetting and resetting algorithm)  
trparms = [max\_iter stop\_crit alpha beta delta lambda]

Where

max_iter:	Maximum # of iterations.
stop_crit:	Stop training if criterion is below this value.
p0:	The covariance matrix is initialized to p0*I.
lambda:	Forgetting factor.
alpha_max:	Max. eigenvalue of P matrix.
alpha_min:	Min. eigenvalue of P matrix.
alpha, beta, delta:	EFRA parameters.

### **Output**

See their batch counterparts.

## Description

The three functions are the recursive counterparts to NNARMAX1, NNARMAX2, and NNARX, respectively. The networks are trained with a recursive Gauss-Newton based method (see RPE) instead of a batch method. Most often the disadvantages of a recursive method are too overwhelming compared to a batch method. The recursive methods can be useful for very large networks+data sets since lack of memory in this case can be a problem. They can also be advantageous compared to batch training when there is high degree of redundancy in the data set.

## Example

```
>> load spmdata
>> NetDef = ['HHHHH'; 'L----'];
>> NN=[2 2 1];
>> trparms = [100 0 1e3 0.995];
>> [W1,W2,critvec,iter]=nnrarx(NetDef,NN,[],[],trparms,'ff',y1,u1);
>> [yhat,NSSE]=nnvalid('nnrarx',NetDef,NN,W1,W2,y2,u2);
```

## Algorithm

Be careful not to choose the forgetting factor too small when using the forgetting factor method. Because of the many weights usually present in the network, some eigenvalues in the covariance matrix (“the inverse Hessian”) will grow uncontrollable.

## See Also

NNARMAX1, NNARMAX2, NNARX.

## References

L. Ljung: “*System Identification - Theory for the User*,” Prentice-Hall, 1987.

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# nnsimul

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## Purpose

Simulate model of dynamic system from sequence of controls.

## Synopsis

Network generated by NNARX (or NNRARX):

```
Ysim = nnsimul('nnarx',NetDef,NN,W1,W2,Y,U);
```

(likewise for networks generated by NNARMAX1+2 and NNOE)

Network generated by NNSSIF:

```
Ysim = nnsimul('nssif',NetDef,nx,W1,W2,Y,U,obsidx);
```

## Input

See *nnvalid/ifvalid*

## Output

*Ysim*: Vector containing simulated outputs.

NB! The function does not work for models generated by NNIOL.

## Description

Simulate a neural network model of a dynamic system from a sequence of controls alone (without using the observed outputs). The simulated output is compared to the observed output. For NNARMAX1+2 models the past residuals are assumed to be 0.

## Examples

```
>> load spmdata
>> NetDef = ['HHHH';'L---'];
>> NN=[2 2 1];
>> trparms = [300 0 1 1e-3];
>> [W1,W2,critvec,iter,lambd]=nnarx(NetDef,NN,[],[],trparms,y1,u1);
>> ysim=nnsimul('nnarx',NetDef,NN,W1,W2,y1,u1);
```



# nnssif

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## Purpose

Identify a neural network model on state space innovations form.

## Synopsis

`[W1,W2,obsidx,critvec,iteration,lambda]=...`  
`nnssif(NetDef,nx,W1,W2,obsidx,trparms,skip,Y,U)`

### Inputs:

U: Input data (= control signal). `dim(U)=[(# of inputs) * (# of data)]`  
Y: Output data. `dim(Y)=[1 * (# of data)]`  
nx: # of states (= the order of the system)  
W1,W2: Input-to-hidden layer and hidden-to-output layer weights.  
`dim(W1)=[(# of hidden units) * (nx+inputs+outputs+1)]`  
`dim(W2)=[nx * (# of hidden units+1)]`  
If they are passed as [] they are initialized automatically.  
obsidx: Pseudo-observability indices. Their sum must equal nx!  
If passed as [] a particular set of indices is selected.  
trparms: Contains parameters associated with the training (see marq)  
if `trparms=[]` is passed the default setting `trparms = [500 0 1 0]` is used.  
skip: Don't use the first 'skip' samples for training to reduce the influence from the transient occurring because of unknown initial states, prediction error and gradient. If `skip=[]` it is reset to `skip=0`.

## Description

Determines a nonlinear state space model of a dynamic system:

$$\hat{x}(t+1, \theta) = g(\hat{x}(t, \theta), u(t-1), \varepsilon(t|\theta))$$

$$\hat{y}(t) = C\hat{x}(t, \theta)$$

The neural network is trained with the Levenberg-Marquardt method. The function can handle multi-input multi-output systems (MIMO).

NB! The function does not work for time series!

## Examples

```
>> load spmdata
>> NetDef = ['HHHH';'LL--'];
>> trparms = [100 0 1 1e-4];
```

```
>> [W1,W2,obsidx,critvec,iter,lambda] =...  
      nnssif(NetDef,2,[],[],[],trparms,10,y1,u1);  
>> [yhat,NSSE]=ifvalid(NetDef,2,W1,W2,obsidx,y2,u2);
```

## Algorithm

The name NNSSIF has been chosen because the regressors equal those of a linear state space innovations form (the Kalman filter).

Study Ljung for an explanation of overlapping parametrizations and a definition of pseudo-observability indices.

## See Also

IFVALID.

## Reference

L. Ljung: “*System Identification - Theory for the User*,” Prentice-Hall, 1987.

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# nnvalid

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## Purpose

Validate neural network input-output models of dynamic systems.

## Synopsis

Network generated by NNARX (or NNRARX):

$$[Yhat, NSSE] = nnvalid('nnarx', NetDef, NN, W1, W2, Y, U)$$

Network generated by NNARMAX1 (or NNRARMX1):

$$[Yhat, NSSE] = nnvalid('nnarmax1', NetDef, NN, W1, W2, C, Y, U)$$

Network generated by NNARMAX2 (or NNRARMX2):

$$[Yhat, NSSE] = nnvalid('nnarmax2', NetDef, NN, W1, W2, Y, U)$$

Network generated by NNOE:

$$[Yhat, NSSE] = nnvalid('nnoe', NetDef, NN, W1, W2, Y, U)$$

Network generated by NNARXM:

$$[Yhat, NSSE] = nnvalid('nnarxm', NetDef, NN, W1, W2, Gamma, Y, U)$$

## Input

See the function used for generating the model.

NB! For time series U is left out!

## Output

Yhat: Network predictions.

NSSE: Normalized sum of squared errors.

## Description

The function validate models that have been generated by one of the functions NNARX(M), NNRARX, NNARMAX1+2, NNRARMX1+2, or NNOE.

The following plots are produced:

- Observed output together with predicted output.
- Prediction error.
- Auto correlation function of prediction error and cross-correlation between prediction error and input.
- A histogram showing the distribution of the prediction errors.
- Coefficients of extracted linear models.

**Example**

```
>> load spmdata
>> NetDef = ['HHHH';'L---'];
>> NN=[2 2 1];
>> trparms = [300 0 1 1e-3];
>> [W1,W2,critvec,iter,lambda]=nnarx(NetDef,NN,[],[],trparms,y1,u1);
>> [yhat,NSSE]=nnvalid('nnarx',NetDef,NN,W1,W2,y2,u2);
```

# obdprune

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## Purpose

Prune ordinary feedforward networks with Optimal Brain Damage (OBD).

## Synopsis

*[thd,NSSEvec,FPEvec,NSSEtestvec,deff\_vec,pvec]=...*  
*obdprune(NetDef,W1,W2,PHI,Y,trparms,prparms,PHI2,Y2)*

### Input

NetDef, W1, W2,

PHI, Y, trparms: See for example the function MARQ.

PHI2, Y2 (optional): Test data. This can be used as an indicator for pointing out the optimal network architecture.

prparms: Parameters associated with the pruning session.

prparms = [iter RePercent]

iter: Max. number of retraining iterations.

RePercent : Prune 'RePercent' percent of the remaining weights (0 = prune one weight at a time).

If passed as [] it will be reset to prparms = [50 0].

### Output

thd: Matrix containing all the parameter vectors

NSSEvec: Vector containing normalized sum of squared errors (SSE/2N), the *training error*, after each weight elimination.

FPEvec: Contains the FPE estimate of the average generalization error

NSSEtestvec: Contains the test error (SSE/2N for the test set).

deff\_vec: Contains the “effective” number of weights.

pvec: Index into the above vectors.

## Description

This function applies the Optimal Brain Damage (OBD) strategy for pruning feed-forward neural networks. Two different prucedures are possible:

- Eliminate one weight, retrain, eliminate one weight, retrain, .....
- Eliminate 5% (or some other percentage) of the remaining weights, retrain, eliminate 5% of the remaning weights,retrain, .....

The retraining is done with the Levenberg-Marquardt method in MARQ.

The function will return a matrix containing the parameter vectors (a vector containing all weights), obtained after each retraining. The optimal parameter

vector is then chosen afterwards. For example as the one representing the network leading to the smallest FPE or the one leading to the smallest test error (if a test set is available). After having determined the optimal number of weights, the weight matrices are extracted from the thd-matrix with the function NETSTRUC.

## Example

Prune network with OBD

```
>> [thd,tre,fpevec,tee,deff,pvec]=...  
      obdprune(NetDef,W1,W2,PHI1,Y1,trparms,[50 5],PHI2,Y2)
```

Find index to minimum FPE

```
>> [minfpe,index] = min(fpevec(pvec));  
>> index = pvec(index);
```

Extract weights from matrix of parameter vectors

```
>> [W1,W2] = netstruc(NetDef,thd,index);  
>> drawnet(W1,W2,eps)
```

## See Also

NETSTRUC, OBSPRUNE, NNPRUNE.

## References

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# obsprune

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## Purpose

Prune ordinary feedforward networks with Optimal Brain Surgeon (OBS).

## Synopsis

```
[thd,NSSEvec,FPEvec,NSSEtestvec,deff_vec,pvec]=...
    obsprune(NetDef,W1,W2,PHI,Y,trparms,prparms,PHI2,Y2)
```

### Input

NetDef, W1, W2,

PHI, Y, trparms: See for example the function MARQ.

PHI2, Y2 (optional): Test data. This can be used as an indicator for pointing out the optimal network architecture.

prparms: Parameters associated with the pruning session.

prparms = [iter RePercent]

iter: Max. number of retraining iterations.

RePercent : Prune 'RePercent' percent of the remaining weights (0 = prune one weight at a time).

If passed as [] it will be reset to prparms = [50 0].

### Output

thd: Matrix containing all the parameter vectors

NSSEvec: Vector containing normalized sum of squared errors (SSE/2N), the *training error*, after each weight elimination.

FPEvec: Contains the FPE estimate of the average generalization error

NSSEtestvec: Contains the test error (SSE/2N for the test set).

deff\_vec: Contains the “effective” number of weights.

pvec: Index into the above vectors.

## Description

This function applies the Optimal Brain Surgeon (OBS) strategy for pruning feed forward neural networks. Two different procedures are possible:

- Eliminate one weight, retrain, eliminate one weight, retrain, .....
- Eliminate 5% (or some other percentage) of the remaining weights, retrain, eliminate 5% of the remaining weights, retrain, .....

The retraining is done with the Levenberg-Marquardt method in MARQ.

The function will return a matrix containing the parameter vectors (a vector containing all weights) obtained after each retraining. The optimal parameter

vector is then chosen afterwards. For example as the one representing the network leading to the smallest FPE or the one leading to the smallest test error (if a test set is available). After having determined the optimal number of weights, the weight matrices are extracted from the thd-matrix with the function NETSTRUC.

## Examples

Prune network with OBS

```
>> [thd,tre,fpevec,tee,deff,pvec]=...
      obsprune(NetDef,W1,W2,PHI1,Y1,trparms,[50 5],PHI2,Y2)
```

Find index to minimum FPE

```
>> [minfpe,index] = min(fpevec(pvec));
>> index = pvec(index);
```

Extract weights from matrix of parameter vectors

```
>> [W1,W2] = netstruc(NetDef,thd,index);
>> drawnet(W1,W2,eps)
```

## Algorithm

If the network has been trained without regularization (weight decay), the basic OBS scheme of Hassibi and Stork is used. To avoid numerical problems, the inverse (Gauss-Newton) Hessian is approximated by the recursive method described in the paper (see also RPE). If regularization was used when training the network, the saliencies are calculated as the predicted increase in the training error as described by Hansen & Pedersen. If more than one weight is eliminated between each retraining the inverse Hessian is calculated after each weight elimination as the Schur complement of the previous inverse Hessian (see Pedersen et al.).

The OBS-scheme has been implemented so that it is impossible to have hidden units without weights leading to as well as from them. If a hidden unit has only one weight connecting it to the input or one weight connecting it to the output layer, the saliency for removing the entire unit is calculated. If the entire unit-saliency is smaller than any of the other saliencies, the entire unit will be removed.

## See Also

NETSTRUC, OBDPRUNE, NNPRUNE.



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L.K. Hansen & M. W. Pedersen: “*Controlled Growth of Cascade Correlation Nets,*” Proc. ICANN ‘94, Sorrento, Italy, 1994, Eds. M. Marinaro & P.G. Morasso, pp. 797-800.

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## **pmntanh**

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### **Purpose**

Fast hyperbolic tangent function.

### **Synopsis**

$y = \text{pmntanh}(x)$

### **Description**

The function replaces the `TANH` function provided by MATLAB to increase speed. This is particularly relevant for older versions of MATLAB where the implementation of *tanh* is relatively slow.

# rpe

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## Purpose

Recursive prediction error method.

## Synopsis

*[W1,W2,critvec,iter]=rpe(NetDef,W1,W2,PHI,Y,trparms,method)*

### Input

NetDef: Network definition.

W1: Input-to-hidden layer weights  
 $\text{dim}(W1)=[(\# \text{ of hidden units}) * (\text{inputs} + 1)]$  (1 is due to the bias)

W2: Hidden-to-output layer weights  
 $\text{dim}(W2)=[(\text{outputs}) * (\# \text{ of hidden units} + 1)]$

PHI: Input data.  $\text{dim}(PHI)=[(\text{inputs}) * (\# \text{ of data})]$

Y: Output data.  $\text{dim}(Y)=[(\text{outputs}) * (\# \text{ of data})]$

trparms: Vector containing parameters associated with the training.

method: Training method (ff, ct, efra)

method = 'ff' (forgetting factor)

trparms = [max\_iter stop\_crit p0 lambda]

method = 'ct' (constant trace)

trparms = [max\_iter stop\_crit alpha\_max alpha\_min]

method = 'efra' (exponential forgetting and resetting algorithm)

trparms = [max\_iter stop\_crit alpha beta delta lambda]

Where

max\_iter: Max # of iterations.

stop\_crit: Stop training if criterion is below this value.

p0: The covariance matrix is initialized to  $p0 * I$ .

lambda: Forgetting factor.

alpha\_max: Max. eigenvalue of P matrix.

alpha\_min: Min. eigenvalue of P matrix.

alpha, beta, delta: EFRA parameters.

### Output

W1, W2: Weight matrices obtained by training.

critvec: Vector containing the criterion after each iteration.

iter: # of iterations.

## Description

Given a set of corresponding input-output pairs and an initial network, a two layer neural network is trained with the recursive prediction error method (“recursive Gauss-Newton”). Also pruned, i.e., not fully connected, networks can be trained. Most often the disadvantages of a recursive method are too overwhelming compared to a batch method. The recursive methods may however be relevant for very large networks+data sets where lack of memory is a problem or when there is a high degree of redundancy in the data set. Different methods have been implemented with inspiration from adaptive control: exponential forgetting, constant trace and the so-called exponential forgetting and resetting algorithm (EFRA).

The activation functions can be either *linear* or *tanh*. The network architecture is defined by the matrix 'NetDef' which has two rows. The first row specifies the hidden layer while the second specifies the output layer.

```
E.g.: NetDef = [ 'LHHHH'
                  'LL---' ]
```

(L = linear, H = tanh)

Notice that the bias is included as an extra column in the weight matrices and that a weight is eliminated (i.e. 0 and not updated) by setting it to zero.

## Example

Generate data as sinusiodal+noise

```
>> PHI = 2*pi*rand(1,300);
>> Y = sin(PHI) + 0.2*randn(1,300);
>> plot(PHI,Y,'+');
```

Initialize Network. 5 tanh hidden units, 1 linear output

```
>> W1 = rand(5,2);
>> W2 = rand(1,6);
>> NetDef = [ 'HHHHH'; 'L----' ];
>> drawnet(W1,W2,eps)
>> trparms = [500 0.02 10 0.995];
>> [W1,W2,critvec,iter]=rpe(NetDef,W1,W2,PHI,Y,trparms,'ff');
```

Plot criterion evaluated after each iteration

```
>> semilogy(critvec); grid;
>> xlabel('Iteration');
>> ylabel('Training error')
```

## Algorithm

Be careful not to select the forgetting factor too small in the forgetting factor method. Because of the many weights usually present in a network some eigenvalues of the covariance matrix (“the inverse Hessian”) will grow uncontrollably.

## See Also

MARQ, BATBP, INCBP.

## References

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## wrescale

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### Purpose

Rescale weights of the trained network if the training data has been scaled by function DSCALE.

### Synopsis

$[W1, W2] = wrescale(W1, W2, Uscale, Yscale, NN)$

#### Input

W1: Input-to-hidden weights of network trained on scaled data.  
W2: Hidden-to-output weights.  
Uscale: Matrix containing the sample mean and standard deviation for each input. For time series an empty matrix, [], is passed.  
Yscale: Matrix containing mean and std's for each output.  
NN: Vector containing lag spaces, i.e., the number of past signals used as input to the network (see nnarx, nnarmax, nnoe ..). For ordinary feedforward networks (“function fitting” type networks) NN is left out.

#### Output

W1, W2: Scaled weight matrices.

### Description

WRESCALE rescales the weights for networks with LINEAR OUTPUT UNITS. Don't use it for networks with *tanh* output units! The function works for feedforward networks as well as for input-output models of dynamic systems (i.e. NNAR(X), NNARMA(X) and NNOE type models). If the function DSCALE was used for scaling the data to zero mean and unity variance before training, the weights should be rescaled after training so that the network can work on unscaled data. Notice that when the function is used on a pruned network, it will reintroduce the biases removed in the pruning session.

### See Also

DSCALE.

# xcorrel

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## Purpose

Calculate high order cross-correlation functions for input-output models of dynamic systems.

## Synopsis

Network generated by NNARX (or NNRARX):

*xcorrel('nnarx',NetDef,NN,W1,W2,Y,U)*

Network generated by NNARMAX1 (or NNRARMX1):

*xcorrel('nnarmax1',NetDef,NN,W1,W2,C,Y,U)*

Network generated by NNARMAX2 (or NNRARMX2):

*xcorrel('nnarmax2',NetDef,NN,W1,W2,Y,U)*

Network generated by nnoe:

*xcorrel('nnoe',NetDef,NN,W1,W2,Y,U)*

## Input

See the function used for generating the model.

NB! For time series U is left out!

## Description

The function calculates a number of high order cross-correlation functions for models that have been generated by one of the functions NNARX, NNRARX, NNARMAX1+2, NNRARMX1+2, or NNOE.

Ideally the prediction errors from the trained neural network model should be unpredictable from all combinations of past inputs and outputs. A complete check for independence is of course unfeasible so instead it is common to investigate a few “wisely” chosen correlation functions.

Plots of the following 6 correlation functions are produced:

$$\hat{r}_{\varepsilon\varepsilon}(\tau) = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{N-\tau} (\varepsilon(t, \hat{\theta}) - \bar{\varepsilon})(\varepsilon(t - \tau, \hat{\theta}) - \bar{\varepsilon})}{\sum_{t=1}^N (\varepsilon(t, \hat{\theta}) - \bar{\varepsilon})^2} = \begin{cases} 1, & \tau = 0 \\ 0, & \tau \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{r}_{u\varepsilon}(\tau) = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{N-\tau} (u(t) - \bar{u})(\varepsilon(t - \tau, \hat{\theta}) - \bar{\varepsilon})}{\left( \sum_{t=1}^N (u(t) - \bar{u})^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{t=1}^N (\varepsilon(t, \hat{\theta}) - \bar{\varepsilon})^2 \right)^{1/2}} = 0, \forall \tau$$

$$\hat{r}_{u^2\varepsilon^2}(\tau) = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{N-\tau} (u^2(t) - \bar{u}^2)(\varepsilon^2(t - \tau, \hat{\theta}) - \bar{\varepsilon}^2)}{\left( \sum_{t=1}^N (u^2(t) - \bar{u}^2)^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{t=1}^N (\varepsilon^2(t, \hat{\theta}) - \bar{\varepsilon}^2)^2 \right)^{1/2}} = 0, \forall \tau$$

$$\hat{r}_{u^2\varepsilon}(\tau) = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{N-\tau} (u^2(t) - \bar{u}^2)(\varepsilon(t - \tau, \hat{\theta}) - \bar{\varepsilon})}{\left( \sum_{t=1}^N (u^2(t) - \bar{u}^2)^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{t=1}^N (\varepsilon(t, \hat{\theta}) - \bar{\varepsilon})^2 \right)^{1/2}} = 0, \forall \tau$$

$$\hat{r}_{\varepsilon\beta}(\tau) = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{N-\tau} (\varepsilon(t, \hat{\theta}) - \bar{\varepsilon})(\beta(t - \tau - 1) - \bar{\beta})}{\left( \sum_{t=1}^N (\varepsilon(t, \hat{\theta}) - \bar{\varepsilon})^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{t=1}^N (\beta(t) - \bar{\beta})^2 \right)^{1/2}} = 0, \tau \geq 0$$

$$\hat{r}_{\alpha\varepsilon^2}(\tau) = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{N-\tau} (\alpha(t) - \bar{\alpha})(\varepsilon^2(t - \tau, \hat{\theta}) - \bar{\varepsilon}^2)}{\left( \sum_{t=1}^N (\alpha(t) - \bar{\alpha})^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{t=1}^N (\varepsilon^2(t, \hat{\theta}) - \bar{\varepsilon}^2)^2 \right)^{1/2}} = \begin{cases} k, & \tau = 0 \\ 0, & \tau \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{r}_{\alpha u^2}(\tau) = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{N-\tau} (\alpha(t) - \bar{\alpha})(u^2(t - \tau) - \bar{u}^2)}{\left( \sum_{t=1}^N (\alpha(t) - \bar{\alpha})^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{t=1}^N (u^2(t, \hat{\theta}) - \bar{u}^2)^2 \right)^{1/2}} = 0, \forall \tau$$

where

$$\beta(t) = u(t)\varepsilon(t, \hat{\theta})$$

$$\alpha(t) = y(t)\varepsilon(t, \hat{\theta})$$

$$k_2 = \frac{\left( \sum_{t=1}^N (\varepsilon^2(t, \hat{\theta}) - \bar{\varepsilon}^2) \right)^{1/2}}{\left( \sum_{t=1}^N (\alpha(t) - \bar{\alpha})^2 \right)^{1/2}}$$



The overbar specifies the average of a signal

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N x(t)$$

The correlation functions are displayed along with their 95% confidence interval.

Notice that NNVALID calculates the auto-correlation function of the prediction error.

## Example

```
>> load spmdata
>> NetDef = ['HHHH';'L---'];
>> NN=[2 2 1];
>> trparms = [300 0 1 1e-3];
>> [W1,W2,critvec,iter,lambd]=nnarx(NetDef,NN,[],[],trparms,y1,u1);
>> xcorrel('nnarx',NetDef,NN,W1,W2,y2,u2);
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## See Also

NNVALID.

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