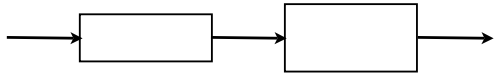


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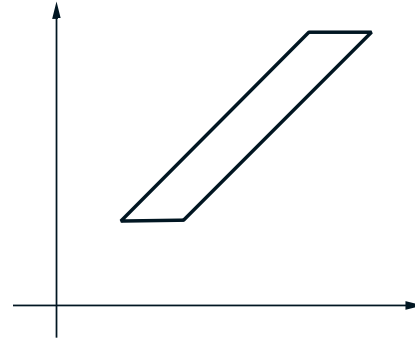
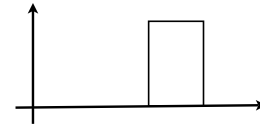
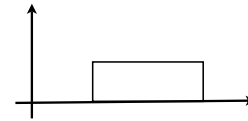
- **Readings:** pp. 225-226; Sections 8.3-8.4

### Topics

- (Bayesian) Least means squares (LMS) estimation
- (Bayesian) Linear LMS estimation

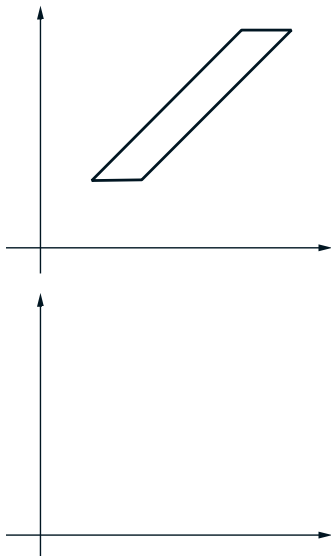


- MAP estimate:  $\hat{\theta}_{\text{MAP}}$  maximizes  $f_{\Theta|X}(\theta | x)$
- LMS estimation:
  - $\hat{\Theta} = \mathbf{E}[\Theta | X]$  minimizes  $\mathbf{E}[(\Theta - g(X))^2]$  over all estimators  $g(\cdot)$
  - for any  $x$ ,  $\hat{\theta} = \mathbf{E}[\Theta | X = x]$  minimizes  $\mathbf{E}[(\Theta - \hat{\theta})^2 | X = x]$  over all estimates  $\hat{\theta}$



### Conditional mean squared error

- $\mathbf{E}[(\Theta - \mathbf{E}[\Theta | X])^2 | X = x]$ 
  - same as  $\text{Var}(\Theta | X = x)$ : variance of the conditional distribution of  $\Theta$



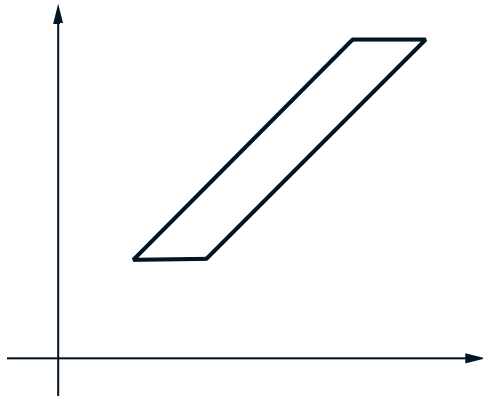
### Some properties of LMS estimation

- Estimator:  $\hat{\Theta} = \mathbf{E}[\Theta | X]$
- Estimation error:  $\tilde{\Theta} = \hat{\Theta} - \Theta$
- $\mathbf{E}[\tilde{\Theta}] = 0$        $\mathbf{E}[\tilde{\Theta} | X = x] = 0$
- $\mathbf{E}[\tilde{\Theta}h(X)] = 0$ , for any function  $h$
- $\text{cov}(\tilde{\Theta}, \hat{\Theta}) = 0$
- Since  $\Theta = \hat{\Theta} - \tilde{\Theta}$ :  
 $\text{var}(\Theta) = \text{var}(\hat{\Theta}) + \text{var}(\tilde{\Theta})$

### Linear LMS

- Consider estimators of  $\Theta$ , of the form  $\hat{\Theta} = aX + b$
- Minimize  $\mathbf{E}[(\Theta - aX - b)^2]$
- Best choice of  $a, b$ ; best linear estimator:

$$\hat{\Theta}_L = \mathbf{E}[\Theta] + \frac{\text{Cov}(X, \Theta)}{\text{var}(X)}(X - \mathbf{E}[X])$$



### Linear LMS properties

$$\hat{\Theta}_L = \mathbf{E}[\Theta] + \frac{\text{Cov}(X, \Theta)}{\text{var}(X)}(X - \mathbf{E}[X])$$

$$\mathbf{E}[(\hat{\Theta}_L - \Theta)^2] = (1 - \rho^2)\sigma_\Theta^2$$

### Linear LMS with multiple data

- Consider estimators of the form:

$$\hat{\Theta} = a_1X_1 + \dots + a_nX_n + b$$

- Find best choices of  $a_1, \dots, a_n, b$
- Minimize:

$$\mathbf{E}[(a_1X_1 + \dots + a_nX_n + b - \Theta)^2]$$

- Set derivatives to zero  
linear system in  $b$  and the  $a_i$
- Only means, variances, covariances matter

### The cleanest linear LMS example

$$X_i = \Theta + W_i, \quad \Theta, W_1, \dots, W_n \text{ independent}$$

$$\Theta \sim \mu, \sigma_0^2 \quad W_i \sim 0, \sigma_i^2$$

$$\hat{\Theta}_L = \frac{\mu/\sigma_0^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n X_i/\sigma_i^2}{\sum_{i=0}^n 1/\sigma_i^2}$$

(weighted average of  $\mu, X_1, \dots, X_n$ )

- If all normal,  $\hat{\Theta}_L = \mathbf{E}[\Theta | X_1, \dots, X_n]$

### Choosing $X_i$ in linear LMS

- $\mathbf{E}[\Theta | X]$  is the same as  $\mathbf{E}[\Theta | X^3]$
- Linear LMS is different:
  - $\hat{\Theta} = aX + b$  versus  $\hat{\Theta} = aX^3 + b$
  - Also consider  $\hat{\Theta} = a_1X + a_2X^2 + a_3X^3 + b$

### Big picture

- **Standard examples:**

- $X_i$  uniform on  $[0, \theta]$ ;  
uniform prior on  $\theta$
- $X_i$  Bernoulli( $p$ );  
uniform (or Beta) prior on  $p$
- $X_i$  normal with mean  $\theta$ , known variance  $\sigma^2$ ;  
normal prior on  $\theta$ ;  
 $X_i = \Theta + W_i$

- **Estimation methods:**

- MAP
- MSE
- Linear MSE

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