

Anderson Acceleration and the Reduced Rank Extrapolation

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We will prove that **Anderson Acceleration** and the **Reduced Rank Extrapolation** are **mathematically equivalent**.

- Introduction to sequence transformations
- Acceleration techniques as projection processes
- Alternative expressions
- The case of the Reduced Rank Extrapolation
- Anderson acceleration
- The Broyden connection
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with $a_0 a_1 \neq 0$ and $a_0 + a_1 \neq 0$. It does not restrict the generality to impose that $a_0 + a_1 = 1$.

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We will now discuss some of these extensions to vector sequences.

Acceleration techniques as projection processes

Given a sequence of iterates $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n, \dots$, which are vectors in \mathbb{R}^d we define the **extrapolated sequences** of the form:

$$t_n^{(k)} = \sum_{j=0}^k \alpha_j x_{n+j},$$

where the coefficients α_j depend on k and n , and are constrained by the **normalization condition**

$$\sum_{j=0}^k \alpha_j = 1.$$

This condition is necessary to ensure that $t_n^{(k)} = x$ when $x_{n+j} = x$ for $j = 0, \dots, k$, where x is the limit of (x_n) when it converges, or its antilimit otherwise.

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These conditions imply that $\forall n, t_n^{(k)} = x$ if the sequence (x_n) satisfies the difference equation

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In MMPE each vector y_i is independent of n and is selected, e.g., as a random vector and remains the same throughout the iterations. It is the only method that can be recursively implemented (Jbilou).

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This solution $\alpha = \{\alpha_j\}_{j=0,\dots,k}$ can be easily obtained in terms of determinants using Cramer's rule, and it holds

$$t_n^{(k)} = \left| \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} x_n & \dots & x_{n+k} & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \eta_{1,0} & \dots & \eta_{1,k} & \eta_{1,0} & \dots & \eta_{1,k} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \eta_{k,0} & \dots & \eta_{k,k} & \eta_{k,0} & \dots & \eta_{k,k} \end{array} \right|.$$

The determinant in the numerator contains vectors in its first row and it is to be interpreted as an expansion of the determinant with respect to this row.

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In other words, the accelerated sequence satisfies

$$t_n^{(k)} = \beta_0 x_n + \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_i \Delta x_{n+i-1},$$

in which the coefficients β_i are equal to $\beta_i = \alpha_i + \dots + \alpha_k$ for $i = 0, \dots, k$ and in particular $\beta_0 = 1$.

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The determinantal formula for $t_n^{(k)}$ can be also modified to introduce differences.

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$$\Delta\eta_{i,j} = \eta_{i,j+1} - \eta_{i,j} = (y_i, \Delta^2 x_{n+j}), \quad i = 1, \dots, k; \quad j = 0, \dots, k-1.$$

The resulting determinant in the denominator can be simplified to a $k \times k$ determinant because its first row is a one followed by zeros. With this we get:

$$t_n^{(k)} = \left| \begin{array}{cccc} x_n & \Delta x_n & \cdots & \Delta x_{n+k-1} \\ \eta_{1,0} & \Delta \eta_{1,0} & \cdots & \Delta \eta_{1,k-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \eta_{k,0} & \Delta \eta_{k,0} & \cdots & \Delta \eta_{k,k-1} \end{array} \right| \Bigg/ \left| \begin{array}{ccc} \Delta \eta_{1,0} & \cdots & \Delta \eta_{1,k-1} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \Delta \eta_{k,0} & \cdots & \Delta \eta_{k,k-1} \end{array} \right| .$$

The determinant in the numerator is a vector and we can examine its components separately.

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In this form, we see that the accelerated sequence is expressed by adding to x_n a linear combination of the differences Δx_{n+j} , for $j = 0, \dots, k-1$. Specifically,

$$t_n^{(k)} = x_n - [\Delta x_n, \Delta x_{n+1}, \dots, \Delta x_{n+k-1}] \gamma$$

where γ is a solution of the linear system $B_k \gamma = g_0$ where B_k is the matrix whose inverse appears above and g_0 the vector on its right.

Note in passing that the solution obtained for the coefficient vector γ is of the preceding form where γ is such that this solution satisfies the **Galerkin conditions**

$$(y_i, \Delta x_n) - \left(y_i, \sum_{j=1}^k \gamma_j \Delta^2 x_{n+j-1} \right) = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, k.$$

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The exact same operations are also performed on the columns of the denominator, so that the sign of the ratio is unchanged.

These transformations yield the following fraction:

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If we define the matrix:

$$F_k = [\Delta^2 x_n, \dots, \Delta^2 x_{n+k-1}],$$

then, from the definitions above, we get

$$B_k = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \eta_{1,0} & \cdots & \Delta \eta_{1,k-1} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \Delta \eta_{k,0} & \cdots & \Delta \eta_{k,k-1} \end{pmatrix} = F_k^T F_k, g_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \eta_{1,0} \\ \vdots \\ \eta_{k,0} \end{pmatrix} = F_k^T \Delta x_n.$$

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In the end

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Though the result is written for all possible j 's in the range $0 : k$ we are actually interested only in the cases $j = 0$ and $j = k$. As it turns out $j = 0$ corresponds to the common way in which RRE is written, whereas $j = k$ corresponds to Anderson acceleration.

Anderson acceleration

Anderson acceleration is aimed at the solution of systems of nonlinear equations $f(x) = g(x) - x = 0$.

Specifically let x_j , $j = 0, 1, \dots$, be a given sequence and define $f_j = f(x_j)$. We consider $k + 1$ consecutive iterates $x_{n-k}, x_{n-k+1}, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n$. As before we define

$$\Delta x_j = x_{j+1} - x_j, \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta f_j = f_{j+1} - f_j.$$

Anderson mixing takes the sequence $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n, \dots$ and seeks an **'accelerated' sequence** of the form

$$\bar{x}_n = x_n - \sum_{i=n-k}^{n-1} \theta_i^{(n)} \Delta x_i, \quad n \geq k.$$

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The difference between Anderson acceleration and the RRE is mainly notational.

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In contrast, **Anderson's acceleration** takes the most recent iterate x_n and finds a linear combination of the *previous* differences Δx_{n-j} for $j = 1, \dots, k$ to add to x_n , i.e., it uses **backward iterates**.

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Thus, Anderson's method determines the coefficient vector $\theta^{(n)}$ as a minimizer of the norm of \bar{f}_n , i.e.,

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In matrix form this can be written:

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Setting $G_{n-k} = -\beta I$ yields exactly Anderson's original method (which includes a parameter β). This result was shown by Eyert (see Fang-Y.S.).

When $\beta = 0$ the update simplifies to

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$$\Delta x_j = g(x_j) - x_j = f(x_j),$$

where we have denoted by $f(x_j)$ this difference, i.e., we have set $f(x) \equiv g(x) - x$, as above.

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Specifically, to compute a fixed point x of $g : \mathbb{R}^k \mapsto \mathbb{R}^k$ this restarted procedure proceeds as follows. Select \hat{x}_0 and set $x_0 = \hat{x}_0$ and then compute $x_{j+1} = g(x_j)$ for $j = 0, \dots, k-1$. RRE is then applied to x_0, \dots, x_k to yield $t_0^{(k)}$. Set $\hat{x}_1 \equiv t_0^{(k)}$. Another sequence of iterates $x_{j+1} = g(x_j)$, for $j = 0, \dots, k-1$ is generated from $x_0 = \hat{x}_1$. Applying RRE to this sequence will yield $\hat{x}_2 \equiv t_0^{(k)}$. This is repeated to generate $\hat{x}_3, \hat{x}_4, \dots$,

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We restate this result in a theorem.

Theorem

Assuming k is constant, the sequence $t_n^{(k)}$ produced by the k -term reduced rank extrapolation is the same as the sequence \bar{x}_{n+k} produced by the k -term Anderson acceleration.

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