

Interval-based validation of a nonlinear estimator

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Introduction

What is an estimator ?

Definition

Estimator In statistics, an estimator is a rule for calculating an estimate of a given quantity based on observed data [Wikipedia]

Example

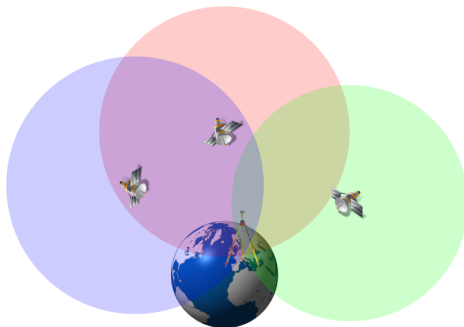


Figure: [1] An estimation : GNSS positioning

Problematic

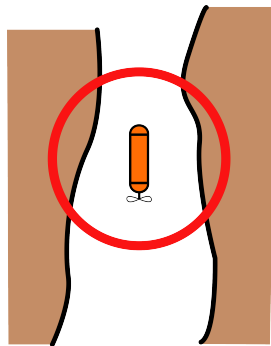
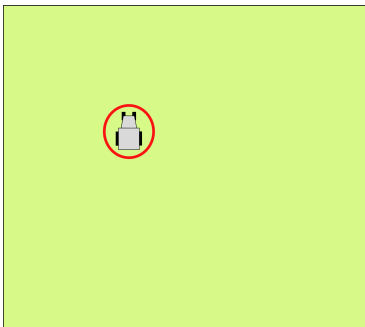


Figure: Error of the estimation

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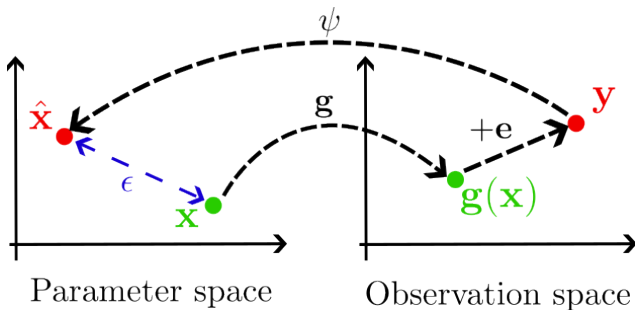


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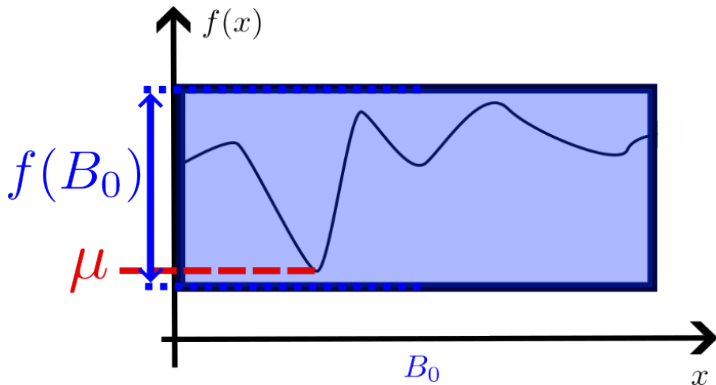


Figure: Moore-Skelboe algorithm - Step 1

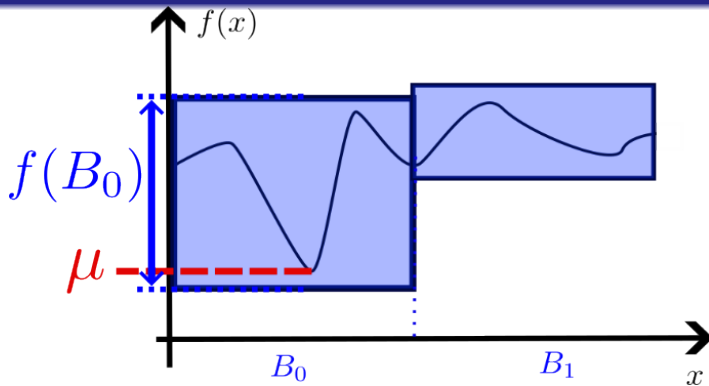


Figure: Moore-Skelboe algorithm - Step 2

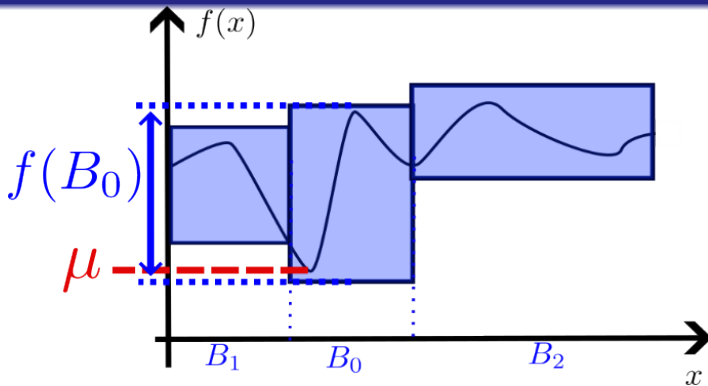


Figure: Moore-Skelboe algorithm - Step 3

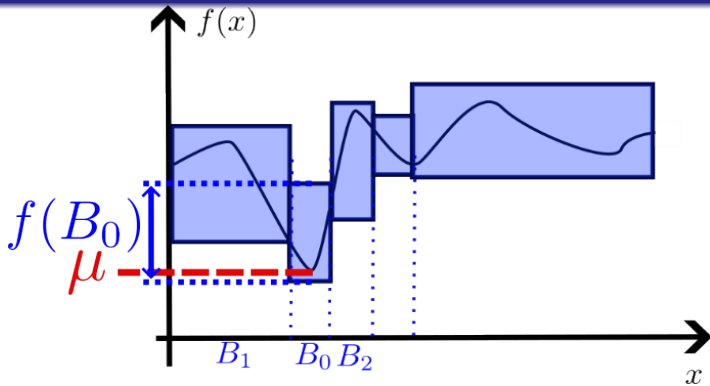
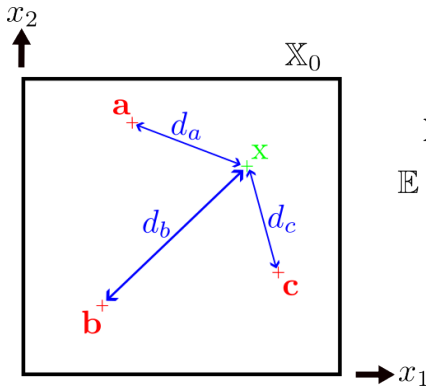


Figure: Moore-Skelboe algorithm - Step 4

Application



$$\mathbb{X}_0 = [5, 25]^2$$
$$\mathbb{E} = [-0.2, 0.2]^3$$
$$a = (10, -9)$$
$$b = (5, 12)$$
$$c = (-15, 0)$$

Figure: Problem description

Problem

Observation Function

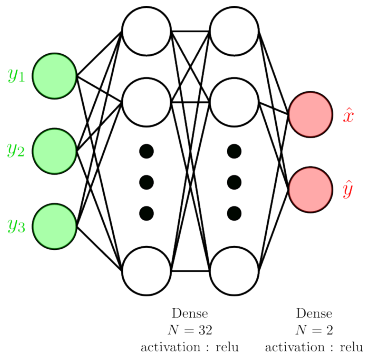
$$\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} d_a \\ d_b \\ d_c \end{pmatrix}$$

Error Function

$$\epsilon(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x} - \psi(\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{e})\|$$

Moore-Skelboe on $-\epsilon$

CNN Estimator



Maximal error in \mathbb{X}_0 : 1.67m

Figure: Neural Network Estimator

Simulation

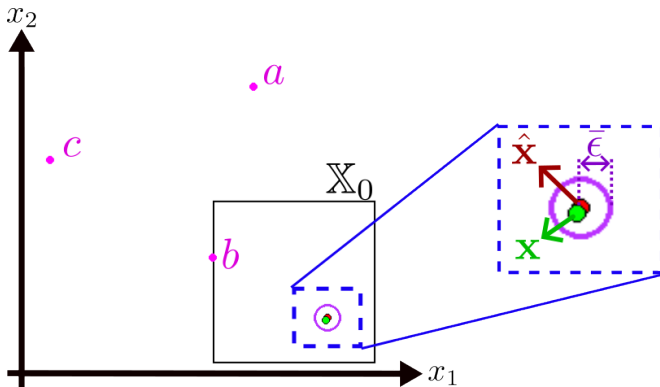


Figure: Visualization of $\bar{\epsilon}$

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