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# Interval-based validation of a nonlinear estimator

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# What is an estimator ?



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



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## Figure: [1] An estimation : GNSS positioning



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#### Figure: Error of the estimation



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- $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{e}$  Noisy observation
- $\mathbf{e} \in \mathbb{E}$  Noise set
- $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \psi(\mathbf{y})$  Estimator to validate
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Figure: Error in the estimation



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An Optimization problem is defined by:

- An objective function to minimize  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R}$
- A domain  $X_0 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$
- A set of conditions g<sub>i</sub> {x<sub>1</sub>,..., x<sub>n</sub>} ≤ 0 for i ∈ {1,..., m}. g<sub>i</sub> are functions of type ℝ<sup>n</sup> → ℝ.



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Let  $\{B_0\}$  be a cover of  $X_0$ while  $w(f(B_0)) > \delta$  do  $\triangleright$  stopping criterion to choose Remove  $B_0$  from the cover Split  $B_0$ Insert the result into the cover in increasing order of  $lb(f(B_i))$ , for  $i = \{0, ..., N-1\}$ end while return  $f(B_0) \triangleright \mu \in f(B_0)$ 



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Figure: Moore-Skelboe algorithm - Step 3



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Figure: Moore-Skelboe algorithm - Step 4



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Observation Function

$$\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}) = \left(\begin{array}{c} d_{\mathbf{a}} \\ d_{b} \\ d_{c} \end{array}\right)$$

Error Function

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

Moore-Skelboe on  $-\epsilon$ 



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

#### Figure: Neural Network Estimator



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



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