

# **Data Assimilation**

## **- 002. Degrees of Freedom for the Signal -**

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# Degrees of Freedom for the Signal (DFS)

# Preparation: SVD of Observability Matrix

$$\mathbf{G} = \underset{SVD}{\mathbf{R}^{-1/2} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{B}^{1/2}} = \mathbf{E} \Gamma^{1/2} \mathbf{C}^T \quad \mathbf{E} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}, \quad \Gamma^{1/2} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}, \quad \mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

here  $\Gamma^{1/2} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\Gamma_r^{1/2}} & \mathbf{O}_{r \times (n-r)} \\ \mathbf{O}_{(p-r) \times r} & \mathbf{O}_{(p-r) \times (n-r)} \end{bmatrix}$  when  $r = \text{rank}(\mathbf{G})$

$$\mathbf{E} \Gamma^{1/2} = [\mathbf{E}_r \Gamma_r^{1/2} \quad \mathbf{O}_{p \times (n-r)}]$$

$$DFS \equiv \text{trace}(\mathbf{S}) \quad \mathbf{S} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}^a}{\partial \mathbf{y}^o} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{y}^o} (\mathbf{Hx}^a) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{y}^o} \left( \mathbf{Hx}^b + \mathbf{HK}(\mathbf{y}^o - \mathbf{Hx}^b) \right) = \mathbf{HK}$$

$$DFS = \text{trace}(\mathbf{HBH}^T [\mathbf{HBH}^T + \mathbf{R}]^{-1})$$

$$= \text{trace}(\mathbf{HBH}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1/2} [\mathbf{R}^{-1/2} \mathbf{HBH}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1/2} + \mathbf{I}]^{-1}) \mathbf{R}^{-1/2}$$

$$= \text{trace}(\mathbf{R}^{-1/2} \mathbf{HBH}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1/2} [\mathbf{R}^{-1/2} \mathbf{HBH}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1/2} + \mathbf{I}]^{-1}) \quad \text{trace } \mathbf{AB} = \text{trace } \mathbf{BA}$$

$$= \text{trace}(\mathbf{GG}^T [\mathbf{GG}^T + \mathbf{I}]^{-1})$$

where  $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{R}^{-1/2} \mathbf{HB}^{1/2}$  observability matrix

$$= \mathbf{E}\Gamma^{1/2}(\mathbf{E}\Gamma^{1/2})^T = \mathbf{E}_r\Gamma_r\mathbf{E}_r^T$$

$$= \text{trace}(\mathbf{E}_r\Gamma_r\mathbf{E}_r^T [\mathbf{E}_r\Gamma_r\mathbf{E}_r^T + \mathbf{I}]^{-1})$$

# DFS (cont'd)

Using Sherman-Morrison-Woodbury formula

$$(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{BDC})^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} - \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B}[\mathbf{D}^{-1} + \mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B}]^{-1}\mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}^{-1}$$

$$DFS = \text{trace}(\mathbf{E}_r \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_r \mathbf{E}_r^T [\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{E}_r \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_r \mathbf{E}_r^T]^{-1})$$

$$= \text{trace}(\mathbf{E}_r \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_r \mathbf{E}_r^T \{ \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{E}_r [\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_r^{-1} + \mathbf{E}_r^T \mathbf{E}_r]^{-1} \mathbf{E}_r^T \})$$

$$= \text{trace}(\mathbf{E}_r \{ \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_r \mathbf{E}_r^T - \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_r \cancel{\mathbf{E}_r^T} \mathbf{E}_r [\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_r^{-1} + \mathbf{I}]^{-1} \mathbf{E}_r^T \})$$

$$= \text{trace}(\mathbf{E}_r \{ \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_r - \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_r [\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_r^{-1} + \mathbf{I}]^{-1} \} \mathbf{E}_r^T)$$

$$= \text{trace}(\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_r - \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_r [\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_r^{-1} + \mathbf{I}]^{-1})$$

$$= \text{trace}(\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_r [\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_r^{-1} + \mathbf{I}]^{-1}) \quad = \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{\gamma_i}{1 + \gamma_i}$$

**Thank you for your attention!**

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