
Exercise Session 2: Plasma current and position determination

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Load the data and get plasma grid

```
clear;
fromfile = true; % set true to load from file
fname = 'ex2_data.mat';
if fromfile && ~isempty(which(fname))
    load('ex2_data.mat'); % if file exists, load it
    disp('loaded TCV data from file');
else
    % Loading an equilibrium from TCV
    [L,~,LY] = fbt('tcv',61400,1,'selu','v','izgrid',1);
    % uncomment this to save file
    % save(fname,'L','LY');
    disp('file not found, loaded from fbt');
end
```

loaded TCV data from file

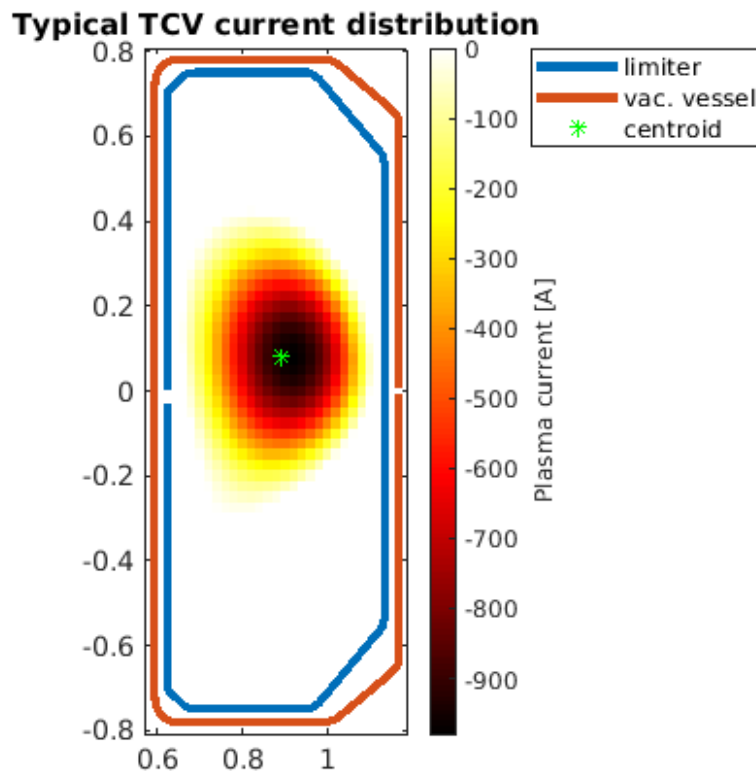
Define plasma distribution on the x grid

```
Ix = zeros(L.nzx,L.nrx);
Ix(2:end-1,2:end-1) = LY.Iy;

% determine current distribution centroid position
```

```
r0 = sum(L.rrx(:).*Ix(:))/sum(Ix(:));
z0 = sum(L.zzx(:).*Ix(:))/sum(Ix(:));
Ip0 = sum(Ix(:)); % calculating the total current

% plot plasma current distribution inside TCV vac. vessel
figure(1); clf;
imagesc(L.rx,L.zx,Ix); %plots current distribution
axis tight; axis xy equal;
hold on;
plot(L.G.rl,L.G.zl,'LineWidth',3); % plot limiter: plasma facing
tiles
plot(L.G.rv,L.G.zv,'LineWidth',3); % plot vacuum vessel behind the
limiter
plot(r0,z0,'g*'); % plot current centroid determined above
cb = colorbar; colormap('hot');
cb.Label.String = 'Plasma current [A]';
legend('limiter','vac.
vessel','centroid','Location','northeastoutside');
title('Typical TCV current distribution');
```



Compute expected measurements for the Ix plasma distribution

```
Ia = LY.Ia; % pull active coil current values. No noise
% measurements = plasma current + active coil current contributions
```

```
Bm = L.G.Bmx*Ix(:) + L.G.Bma*Ia; % magnetic probes measurements
Ff = L.G.Mfx*Ix(:) + L.G.Mfa*Ia; % flux loops measurements
```

Add noise to measurements and turn into time-dependant signal

```
eBm = 10e-3; % 10mT noise
eFf = 10e-3; % 10mWb noise
eIa = 0; % no error on Ia

% time grid
time = 0:1e-3:0.1;
nt = numel(time);
% time evolution
Bm_meas = Bm + eBm*randn(numel(Bm),nt);
Ff_meas = Ff + eFf*randn(numel(Ff),nt);
Ia_meas = Ia + eIa*randn(numel(Ia),nt);
```

Plot measurement data and measurement locations

```
figure(2); clf;
% magnetic probes time evolution
subplot(321)
plot(time,Bm_meas);
title('B probe data over time'); xlabel('time [s]'); ylabel('Tesla [T]');
% flux loops time evolution
subplot(323)
plot(time,Ff_meas);
title('\psi_{fluxloop} data over time'); xlabel('time [s]'); ylabel('Weber [Wb]');
subplot(325)
plot(time,Ia_meas);
title('Active coil currents over time'); xlabel('time [s]'); ylabel('Amperes [A]');

% measurements per magnetic probe
subplot(322)
plot(1:numel(Bm),Bm_meas, '.', 1:numel(Bm),Bm, 'or')
title('B probe spatial dependance')
xlabel('B probe number'); ylabel('Teslas [T]');

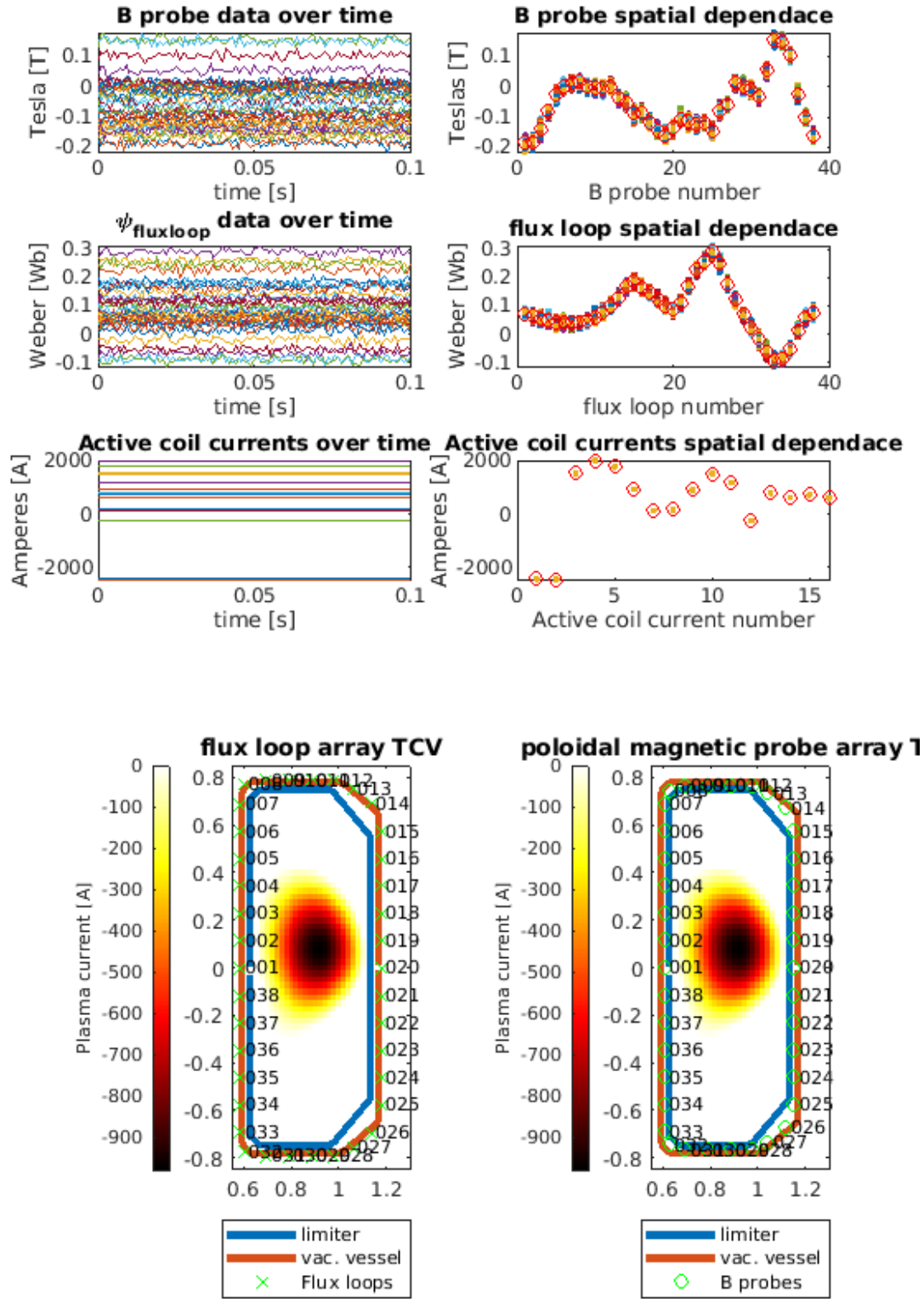
% measurements per flux loop
subplot(324)
plot(1:numel(Ff),Ff_meas, '.', 1:numel(Ff),Ff, 'or');
title('flux loop spatial dependance')
xlabel('flux loop number'); ylabel('Weber [Wb]');

% measurements of active coil currents
```

```
subplot(326)
plot(1:numel(Ia), Ia_meas, '.', 1:numel(Ia), Ia, 'or');
title('Active coil currents spatial dependance')
xlabel('Active coil current number'); ylabel('Amperes [A]');

% Plot the positons of the magentic probes and flux loops
figure(3); clf;
subplot(121)
imagesc(L.rx,L.zx,Ix); axis tight; axis xy equal;
cb = colorbar('westoutside'); colormap('hot');
cb.Label.String = 'Plasma current [A]';
hold on;
plot(L.G.rl,L.G.zl, 'LineWidth', 3);
plot(L.G.rv,L.G.zv, 'LineWidth', 3);
plot(L.G.rf,L.G.zf, 'gx');
text(L.G.rf+0.02,L.G.zf,L.G.dimf, 'FontSize', 8);
legend('limiter', 'vac. vessel', 'Flux loops', ...
       'Location', 'southoutside');
title('flux loop array TCV');
xlim([0.55, 1.3]); ylim([-0.85, +0.85]);

subplot(122)
imagesc(L.rx,L.zx,Ix); axis tight; axis xy equal;
cb = colorbar('westoutside'); colormap('hot');
cb.Label.String = 'Plasma current [A]'; hold on;
plot(L.G.rl,L.G.zl, 'LineWidth', 3);
plot(L.G.rv,L.G.zv, 'LineWidth', 3);
plot(L.G.rm,L.G.zm, 'go')
text(L.G.rm+0.02,L.G.zm,L.G.dimm, 'FontSize', 8);
legend('limiter', 'vac. vessel', 'B probes', ...
       'Location', 'southoutside');
title('poloidal magnetic probe array TCV');
xlim([0.55, 1.3]); ylim([-0.85, +0.85]);
```



Define new grid boundaries of representation with fewer elements (2x3)

Split the x grid into fewer rectangular regions and let the current distribution be constant in that region.

```
nr = 2; % number of radial regions
nz = 3; % number of vertical regions
nh = nr*nz; % total number of degrees of freedom
rhgrid = linspace(min(L.G.rx),max(L.G.rx),nr+1);
zhgrid = linspace(min(L.G.zx),max(L.G.zx),nz+1);
```

Build transformation matrix $T_{\{xh\}}$

let 'x' be the full (original) grid and 'h' be the reduced representation Let $I_x = T_{\{xh\}} * I_h$. Build this matrix $T_{\{xh\}}$ here:

```
Txh = zeros(L.nx, nh);
[rrx,zzx] = meshgrid(L.G.rx,L.G.zx);
for ir = 1:nr
    for iz = 1:nz
        ii = (ir-1)*(nz) + iz; % element index
        % choose region bounded by points defining borders of the
        rectangles
        txy = (rhgrid(ir) <= rrx) & (rrx < rhgrid(ir+1))...
            & (zhgrid(iz) <= zzx) & (zzx < zhgrid(iz+1)) ;
        Txh(:,ii) = txy(:);
    end
end
% calculate mean r,z of each new grid point for illustration purposes
later
rhmean = sum(Txh.*rrx(:,1))./sum(Txh,1);
zhmean = sum(Txh.*zzx(:,1))./sum(Txh,1);

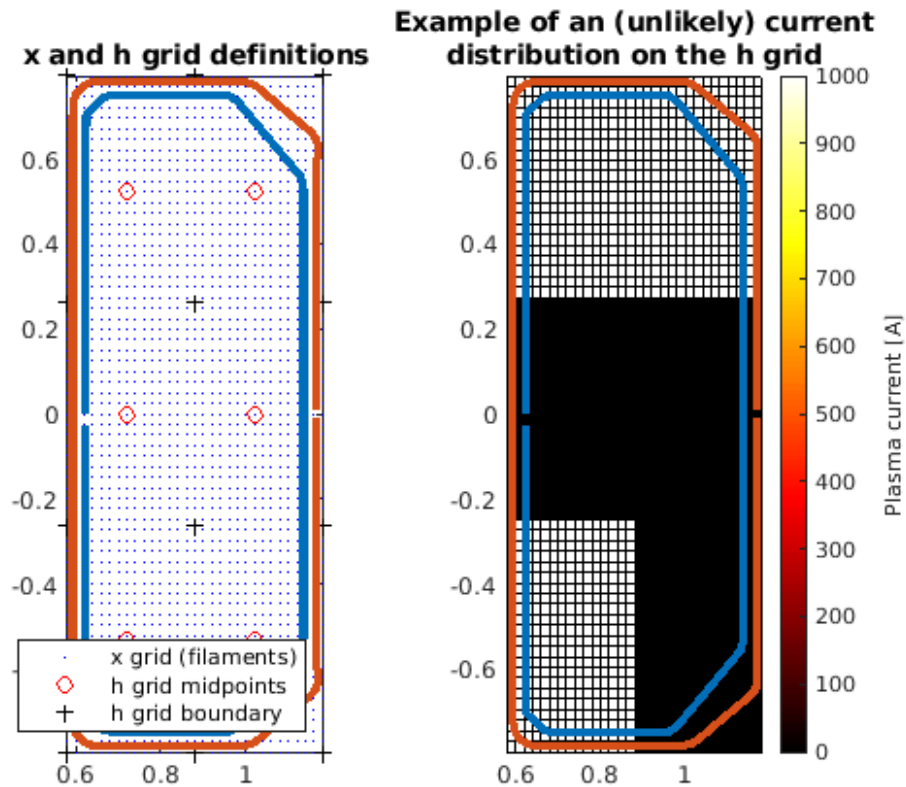
% plot grids
figure(4); clf;
subplot(121);
p = plot(rrx,zzx,'.b','markersize',2); hold on;
p1 = plot(rhmean,zhmean,'or');
axis equal tight;
[rhh,zhh] = meshgrid(rhgrid,zhgrid); hold on;
p2 = plot(rhh,zhh,'+k');
title('x and h grid definitions');
hold on; % plot limiter and vac vessel
plot(L.G.rl,L.G.zl,'LineWidth',3);
plot(L.G.rv,L.G.zv,'LineWidth',3);
legend([p(1) p1(1) p2(1)],...
    'x grid (filaments)', 'h grid midpoints', 'h grid boundary',...
    'location', 'south');

% example of a (unlikely) current distribution in the smaller h-grid
mapped to x-grid
```

```

Ih = zeros(nh,0);
Ih([1,3,6],1) = 1e3; % imaginary current distribution 1e3 in boxes 1,
                      3, and 6
Ix_ex = Txh*Ih;
subplot(122)
pcolor(L.G.rx,L.G.zx,reshape(Ix_ex,L.nzx,L.nrx)); axis equal tight;
cb = colorbar; colormap('hot');
cb.Label.String = 'Plasma current [A]'; hold on;
title({'Example of an (unlikely) current', 'distribution on the h
      grid'});
hold on; % plot limiter and vac vessel
plot(L.G.rl,L.G.zl,'LineWidth',3);
plot(L.G.rv,L.G.zv,'LineWidth',3);

```



a) Least-squares problem for current distribution on the full grid

Write a least-squares problem to determine the current distribution I_x on the full x grid from the measurements of magnetic probes and flux loops, in the form $\min \|AI_x - b\|_2$. Does this WLS problem have a unique solution?

```

% $\min \|AI_x - b\|_2$.- find A and b.
% b = [ Bm - L.G.Bma*Ia ; Ff - L.G.Mfa*Ia];
% A = [ L.G.Bmx ; L.G.Mfx];

```

```
% can't do because the number of measurements is not enough
% you have 38 Bms and 38 Ffs, but you are trying to solve for values
% of
% currents in a space of 65x31 = 2015. This does not have a unique
% solution.
% There are many ways to fit 2015 Ix spots from 76 experimental
% points.
```

b) Least-squares problem for current distribution at reduced h-grid

Write a least-squares problem to determine the current distribution I_h on the reduced h grid from the measurements. What are A and b ? Does this WLS problem have a unique solution? Write also the weighted least-squares problem definition.

```
% normal least squares: Ah*Ih - b
b = [ Bm - L.G.Bma*Ia ; Ff - L.G.Mfa*Ia];
A = [ L.G.Bmx ; L.G.Mfx];
Ah = [ L.G.Bmx*Txh; L.G.Mfx*Txh];

% now, you would be getting solutions for size(Ih) = 6 from 38+38 = 76
% data points. The solution now can be found analytically and it is
% unique.
```

c) Solution of the least-squares problem

Write the solution of least-squares problem in (b) in the form $I_h = H \cdot b$. How can H be determined from A ? Plot I_h from the first time slice of measurements

```
b = [ Bm_meas(:,1) - L.G.Bma*Ia ; Ff_meas(:,1) - L.G.Mfa*Ia];
% vector of measurements from first time slice of noisy measurements

% least squares
H = inv(Ah'*Ah)*Ah'; % H = A+ (see lecture slides)
Ih = H*b;
% could have also used Ih = lsqrt(Ah,b)
% could have also used H = pinv(Ah);

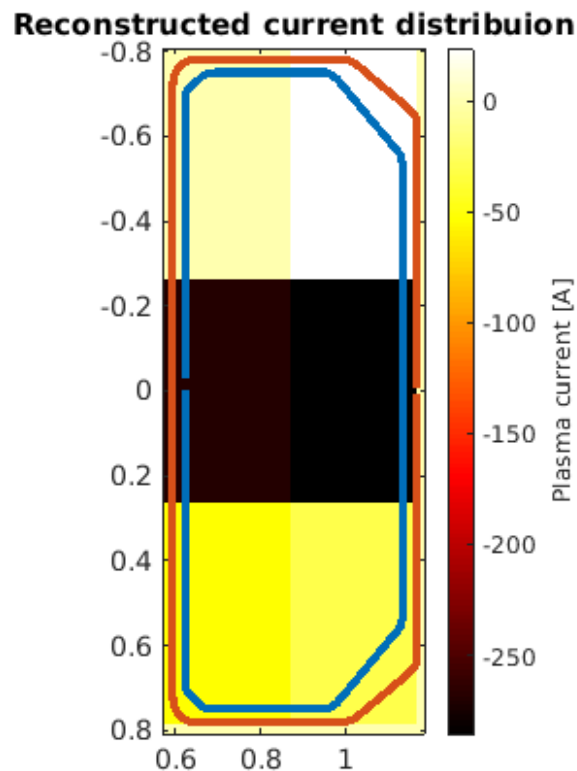
% weighted least squares
% first define diagonal weight matrix
W = diag([ones(length(Bm),1)./(eBm^2) ; ones(length(Ff),1)./(eFf^2)]);
% WLS then:
HW = inv(Ah'*W*Ah)*Ah'; % or HW = pinv(W*Ah);
IhW = HW*(W*b);

% plot the current distribution obtained. Use Ix version of Ih for
% plotting
Ixhat = Txh*IhW;
figure(5); clf;
imagesc(L.rx, L.zx, reshape(Ixhat, L.nzx, L.nrx));
```



```
cb = colorbar; colormap('hot');
cb.Label.String = 'Plasma current [A]'; hold on;

axis equal; axis tight; hold on;
title('Reconstructed current distribuion');
hold on; % plot limiter and vac vessel
plot(L.G.rl,L.G.zl,'LineWidth',3);
plot(L.G.rv,L.G.zv,'LineWidth',3);
```



d) Write the weighted least squares solution in (c) in the form $I_h = A_h y$

where $y = [B_m; F_f; I_a]$ see slide 28 for graphical matrix manipulation

```
y      = [Bm_meas(:,1) ; Ff_meas(:,1); Ia_meas(:,1)];
Q      = HW*W;
Ahy    = [Q , -Q*[L.G.Bma; L.G.Mfa]];
IhW_y = Ahy*y;
```

```
% check that the new IhW_y is the same as IhW above
% figure; imagesc(IhW_y-IhW); colorbar;
```

e) Write a linear estimator for the plasma current

Recall that the plasma current can be determined from the current distribution as $I_p = \sum_{j=1}^{n_x} I_{x,j}$. Write a linear estimator for the plasma current from the measurements such that $I_p = H_{I_p} \cdot y$.

```
H_Ip = ones(1, size(Txh, 1)) * Txh * Ahy;
Ip    = H_Ip * y;
```

```
fprintf('Estimate Ip: %0.3f kA vs actual Ip input: %0.3f kA \n', ...
        Ip/1e3, sum(Ix(:))/1e3);
```

Estimate Ip: -193.524 kA vs actual Ip input: -190.000 kA

f) Estimate of r and z based on the measurements

We can define an estimator for the plasma radial and vertical position, by assuming the position corresponds to the centroid of the current distribution:

$$\hat{r} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n_x} r_{x,j} I_{x,j}}{\sum_{j=1}^{n_x} I_{x,j}} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{z} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n_x} z_{x,j} I_{x,j}}{\sum_{j=1}^{n_x} I_{x,j}}$$

Use these expressions to compute an estimate of r and z from the measurement vector y . Is this a linear estimator?

```
rIn = repmat(L.rx, size(L.zx))'; % matrix of radial positions in x
space
```

```
H_rIp = (rIn * (Txh * Ahy));
```

```
rIp = H_rIp * y;
```

```
rEst = (H_rIp * y) / (H_Ip * y);
```

```
fprintf('Estimate r: %0.3f [m] vs actual r0: %0.3f [m] \n', ...
        rEst, r0);
```

```
zIn = repmat(L.zx, size(L.rx))'; % matrix of vertical positions in x
space
```

```
H_zIp = (zIn * (Txh * Ahy));
```

```
zIp = H_zIp * y;
```

```
zEst = (H_zIp * y) / (H_Ip * y);
```

```
fprintf('Estimate z: %0.3f [m] vs actual z0: %0.3f [m] \n', ...
        zEst, z0);
```

% operators are clearly nonlinear on y

Estimate r: 0.880 [m] vs actual r0: 0.890 [m]

Estimate z: 0.092 [m] vs actual z0: 0.081 [m]

g) Estimator for the plasma rI_p and zI_p

Write an estimator for the plasma rI_p and zI_p i.e. the product of radial/vertical position and plasma current. Is this linear?

```
rIp    = H_rIp*y;
zIp    = H_zIp*y;

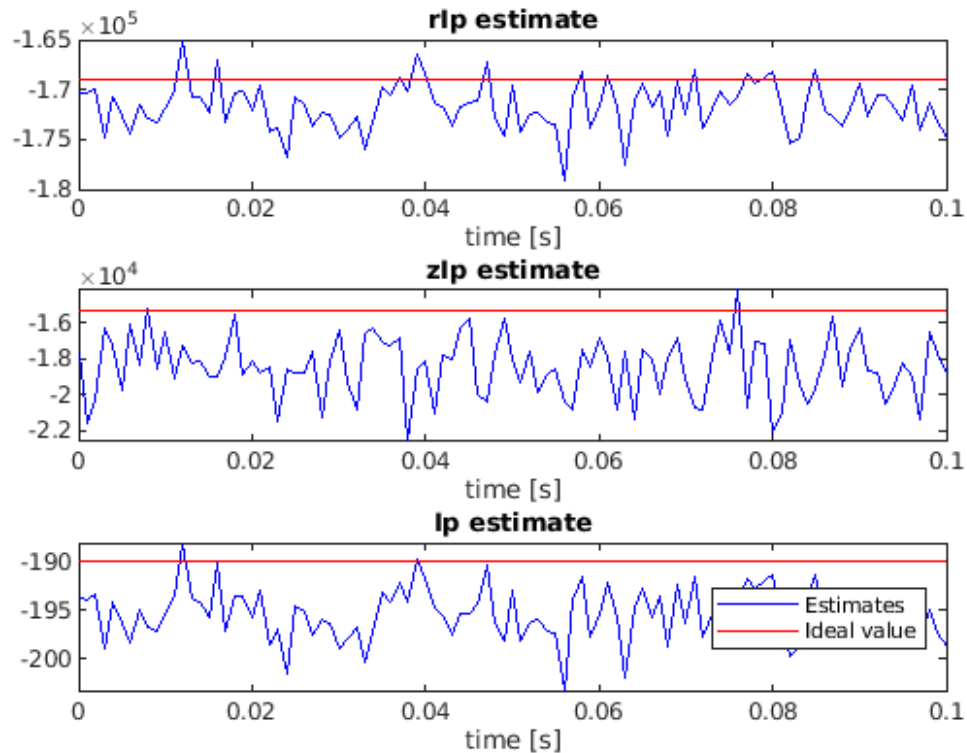
% these are linear :-)
```

h) Outputs of the linear estimators

Plot the outputs of the linear estimators on each of the measurement data points and compare to the known values of $r_0 I_{p0}$, $z_0 I_{p0}$, I_{p0} . Improve the estimate of $z_0 I_{p0}$ and % I_{p0} and explain your solution.

```
y_time = [Bm_meas; Ff_meas; Ia_meas];
Ip_est  = H_Ip*y_time;
rIp_est = H_rIp*y_time;
zIp_est = H_zIp*y_time;

figure(6); clf;
subplot(311);
plot(time, rIp_est, 'b', time, r0*Ip0*ones(numel(time),1), 'r')
title('rIp estimate'); xlabel('time [s]');
subplot(312);
plot(time, zIp_est, 'b', time, z0*Ip0*ones(numel(time),1), 'r')
title('zIp estimate'); xlabel('time [s]');
subplot(313);
plot(time, Ip_est./1e3, 'b', time, Ip0*ones(numel(time),1)./1e3, 'r')
title('Ip estimate'); xlabel('time [s]');
legend('Estimates', 'Ideal value', 'Location', 'east');
```



explore effects of nr/nz

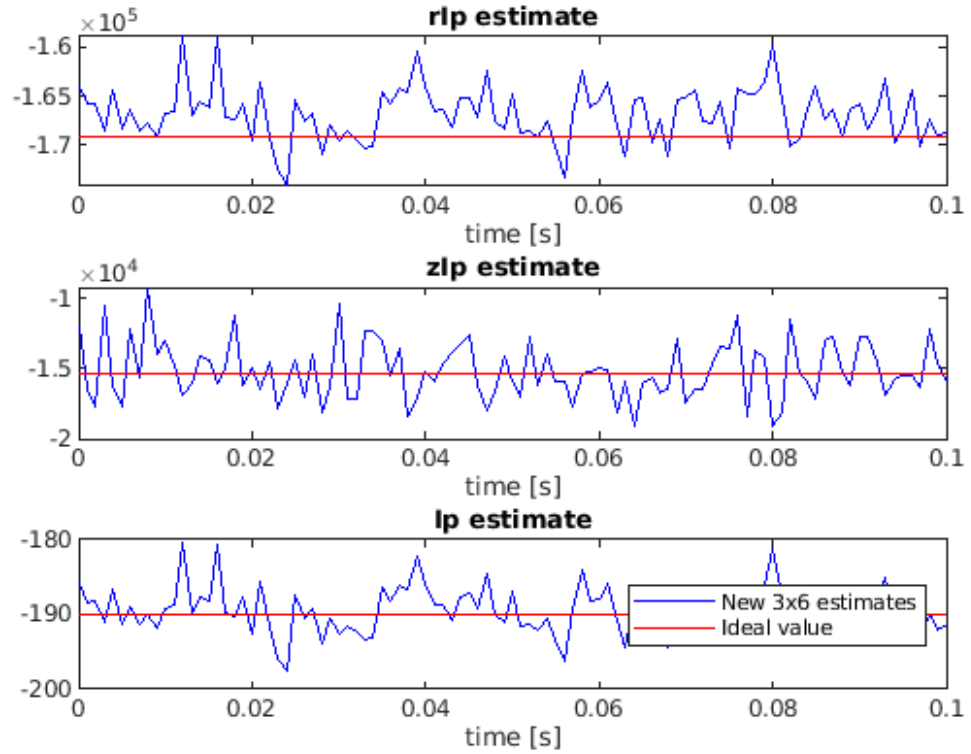
```
% try a different discretization
nr = 3; % number of radial regions
nz = 6; % number of vertical regions
nh = nr*nz; % total number of degrees of freedom
rhgrid = linspace(min(L.G.rx),max(L.G.rx),nr+1);
zhgrid = linspace(min(L.G.zx),max(L.G.zx),nz+1);
% re-Build transformation matrix T_{xh}
T_xh2 = zeros(L.nx, nh);
[rrx,zzx] = meshgrid(L.G.rx,L.G.zx);
for ir = 1:nr
    for iz = 1:nz
        ii = (ir-1)*(nz) + iz; % element index
        % choose region bounded by points defining borders of the
        rectangles
        txy = (rhgrid(ir) <= rrx) & (rrx < rhgrid(ir+1))...
            & (zhgrid(iz) <= zzx) & (zzx < zhgrid(iz+1)) ;
        T_xh2(:,ii) = txy(:);
    end
end

% recalculate estimators due to change in T_xh
Ah2 = [ L.G.Bmx*T_xh2; L.G.Mfx*T_xh2];
HW2 = pinv(W*Ah2);
Q2 = HW2*W;
Ahy2 = [Q2 , -Q2*[L.G.Bma; L.G.Mfa]];
H_Ip2 = ones(1,size(T_xh2,1))*T_xh2*Ahy2;
H_rIp2 = (rIn*(T_xh2*Ahy2));
H_zIp2 = (zIn*(T_xh2*Ahy2));

% replot results to see effect
Ip_est = H_Ip2*y_time;
rIp_est = H_rIp2*y_time;
zIp_est = H_zIp2*y_time;

figure(7); clf;
subplot(311);
plot(time,rIp_est,'b',time,r0*Ip0*ones(numel(time),1),'r')
title('rIp estimate'); xlabel('time [s]');
subplot(312);
plot(time,zIp_est,'b',time,z0*Ip0*ones(numel(time),1),'r')
title('zIp estimate'); xlabel('time [s]');
subplot(313);
plot(time,Ip_est./1e3,'b',time,Ip0*ones(numel(time),1)./1e3,'r')
title('Ip estimate'); xlabel('time [s]');
legend('New 3x6 estimates', 'Ideal value', 'Location', 'east');

% Clearly the new estimates are better: more discretization points
% lead to a better Ip, rIp, and zIp estimates.
```



i) (optional) Effect of nh

Plot the mean and standard deviation of I_p , zI_p , rI_p estimates for various values of nr , nz (and $nh = nz * nr$). Does the estimator quality increase, decrease or stay the same when increasing nh ? Explain why.

j) (optional) Effect on Circuit current measurements

Now assume that the circuit current measurements I_{a_meas} is also affected by measurement noise of standard deviation $eI_a=100[A]$. Check the quality of your estimator and compare it to the non-noisy case. Reformulate the least squares problem to jointly estimate the plasma current distribution and circuit currents from the measurements and compare the estimation results.

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