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#### PREFACE

The National Center for Earthquake Engineering Research (NCEER) is devoted to the expansion and dissemination of knowledge about earthquakes, the improvement of earthquake-resistant design, and the implementation of seismic hazard mitigation procedures to minimize loss of lives and property. The emphasis is on structures and lifelines that are found in zones of moderate to high seismicity throughout the United States.

NCEER's research is being carried out in an integrated and coordinated manner following a structured program. The current research program comprises four main areas:

- Existing and New Structures
- Secondary and Protective Systems
- Lifeline Systems
- Disaster Research and Planning

This technical report pertains to Program 1, Existing and New Structures, and more specifically to reliability analysis and risk assessment.

The long term goal of research in Existing and New Structures is to develop seismic hazard mitigation procedures through rational probabilistic risk assessment for damage or collapse of structures, mainly existing buildings, in regions of moderate to high seismicity. This work relies on improved definitions of seismicity and site response, experimental and analytical evaluations of systems response, and more accurate assessment of risk factors. This technology will be incorporated in expert systems tools and improved code formats for existing and new structures. Methods of retrofit will also be developed. When this work is completed, it should be possible to characterize and quantify societal impact of seismic risk in various geographical regions and large municipalities. Toward this goal, the program has been divided into five components, as shown in the figure below:



Tasks: Earthquake Hazards Estimates, Ground Motion Estimates, New Ground Motion Instrumentation, Earthquake & Ground Motion Data Base.

Site Response Estimates, Large Ground Deformation Estimates, Soil-Structure Interaction.

Typical Structures and Critical Structural Components: Testing and Analysis; Modern Analytical Tools.

Vulnerability Analysis, Reliability Analysis, Risk Assessment, Code Upgrading.

Architectural and Structural Design, Evaluation of Existing Buildings.

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Reliability analysis and risk assessment research constitutes one of the important areas of Existing and New Structures. Current research addresses, among others, the following issues:

- 1. Code issues Development of a probabilistic procedure to determine load and resistance factors. Load Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) includes the investigation of wind vs. seismic issues, and of estimating design seismic loads for areas of moderate to high seismicity.
- 2. Response modification factors Evaluation of RMFs for buildings and bridges which combine the effect of shear and bending.
- 3. Seismic damage Development of damage estimation procedures which include a global and local damage index, and damage control by design; and development of computer codes for identification of the degree of building damage and automated damage-based design procedures.
- 4. Seismic reliability analysis of building structures Development of procedures to evaluate the seismic safety of buildings which includes limit states corresponding to serviceability and collapse.
- 5. Retrofit procedures and restoration strategies.
- 6. Risk assessment and societal impact.

Research projects concerned with reliability analysis and risk assessment are carried out to provide practical tools for engineers to assess seismic risk to structures for the ultimate purpose of mitigating societal impact.

This study presents the results from implementing a number of system identification algorithms to experimental data. The experiments were carried out under controlled laboratory conditions. The data set consisted of acceleration records measured at various floor levels of multistory buildings. Each of these records was analyzed using four different system identification techniques. This procedure helped emphasize the importance of accelerogram placement on obtaining useful measurements. The sensitivity of each of the system identification algorithms to accelerogram placement was also investigated.

The four system identification techniques used were the extended Kalman filter, the maximum likelihood estimation, the recursive least squares and the recursive instrumental variable. The program EXKAL2 implemented the extended Kalman filter, and program LINEARID was used for the maximum likelihood estimation. Two variants of the recursive least squares, recommended in the literature by various investigators, were also implemented. The first one provides for an exponential phasing out of old data, while the second one discards old data in batches using a moving window of varying size. Furthermore, a variant of the recursive instrumental variable technique which resulted in an improved instrumental variable series was implemented. A comparative study of the performance and the accuracy of these techniques was also carried out. In addition, the program MUMOID was used to identify model parameters from the measured data. This program implements a maximum likelihood algorithm with a moving window to track time variation of system parameters. Finally, a method based on curve-fitting a rational polynomial to the frequency response function allowed a comparison of the above techniques to one of the most widely used methods.

#### Abstract

The investigation reported herein looks into the application of a number of system identification techniques to problems of earthquake engineering.

A number of techniques for structural system identification have been developed over the past few years. Many of these techniques have been successful at identifying properties of linearized and time-invariant equivalent structural systems. Most of these techniques were verified using mathematical models simulated on the computer.

In this paper, a number of structural identification algorithms are reviewed and applied to the identification of structural systems subjected to earthquake excitations. The algorithms are applied to experimental data obtained in controlled laboratory conditions. The data pertains to the acceleration records from two building models subjected to various loading conditions. The performance of the various identification algorithms is critically assessed and guidelines are obtained regarding their suitability to various engineering applications.

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# Section 1

### Introduction

Recent years have witnessed a resurgence in research activity in connection with structural system identification. The bibliography at the end of the report is a representative crosssection of the various research thrusts in this context, as well as in adjacent fields having a close connection to structural dynamics. This flurry of activity can be intimately related to the trend for increased availability and capability of computational facilities. Indeed, the enhancement in computing resources has made it possible both to acquire and analyse large data bases as well as to develop sophisticated computational models of physical systems. The effect of these developments on structural engineering research continues to be substantial. Specifically, in relation to earthquake engineering, where a large number of data sets consisting of measured acceleration records are available, the effect has been the developments of a number of algorithms to enhance the quality and quantity of information extracted from these records. The trend in structural system identification has been to couple these algorithms with computer simulation models for structural systems. This practice has helped both in verifying the system identification algorithms by applying them to simulated structures with preset parameters and also in calibrating computer models for real structures by identifying their parameters from field measurements. As useful as this procedure has been, it should be viewed with caution to the extent that computer models are at best an approximation of real structures. Even the most sophisticated such models are likely to be put to a hard test when subjected to such harsh and unpredictable environmental conditions as exist during an earthquake. This is mainly due to the fact that the continual damage sustained by a structure during an earthquake causes a degradation in the performance of the structure which is usually not tractable even with the most sophisticated structural analysis computer programs. In addition to emphasizing the need for structural identification techniques that provide for time varying parameters, this fact underlines the need to verify, experimentally, both the identification algorithms and the structural analysis computer programs.

In two previous reports, a number of system identification algorithms were developed in the context of structural dynamics (Yun and Shinozuka, 1990; Maruyama et.al 1989). These algorithms included a number of off-line techniques such as the ordinary least squares method, the instrumental variable method, the maximum likelihood method, and the extended Kalman filter method. These methods were incorporated into two system identification computer programs, LINEARID and EXKAL2. Two on-line techniques are developed for the present study, namely the recursive least squares and the recursive instrumental variable methods. Two variations on the recursive least squares are also implemented, as is a variation on the instrumental variable method. The choice of the above methods was based on an extensive review and analysis of the literature pertaining to system identification with the main criteria being accuracy and adaptability to the context of structural dynamics.

It is the purpose of this study to present the results from implementing a number of these system identification algorithms to experimental data. The experiments reported herein were carried out under controlled laboratory conditions.

The data set from each of the experiments consisted of acceleration records measured at various floor levels of multistory buildings. Each of these records was analysed using four different system identification techniques. This procedure helped emphasize the importance of accelerogram placement on obtaining useful measurements. The sensitivity of each of the system identification algorithms to accelerogram placement was also investigated.

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It should be noted that the methods indicated above, and which were implemented in this study, are not the only available methods for estimating the parameters of a structural system. Other methods include the weighted least squares (Isserman, 1974; Goodwin and Payne, 1977), the recursive maximum likelihood technique (Kashyap, 1970; Saridis, 1974). Recently, variations on the recursive maximum likelihood algorithm were implemented in the context of earthquake engineering (Lee, 1990; Lee and Yun, 1991; Yun et.al, 1991), and were used to identify a multi-input multi-output (MIMO) system.

### Section 2

# Mathematical Model for the Structural System

A generic mathematical model suitable for most physical systems can be represented by the following equation

$$\mathcal{L}[\mathbf{u}(t)] = \mathbf{f}(t) , \qquad (2.1)$$

where f(t) is an input to the system which generates a corresponding output  $\mathbf{u}(t)$ , and  $\mathcal{L}[.]$ denotes the functional relationship between the input and the output. The ultimate purpose of any system identification technique is to determine an algorithm which can be used to forecast the response of the system under consideration to any given input. In other words, it should provide a mean of evaluating the functional  $\mathcal{L}[.]$ . Such a task can be accomplished in a number of wavs, all of which provide, by necessity, only approximations to  $\mathcal{L}[.]$ . The suitability of one or the other of these alternatives must be judged in relation to the purpose to which the mathematical model will be utilized. For example, if equation (2.1) is to be used in conjunction with an open loop control algorithm, then a finite difference model for this equation is called for. Indeed, in most such control strategies, it is a certain norm of the response which is to be monitored and the underlying mechanics can usually be treated as a black box operator. On the other hand, if a system identification process is needed to calibrate a structural design program, then a differential equation model is more appropriate for equation (2.1) since most such design aids are themselves based on the differential equation governing the mechanics of the structural system. Yet another purpose for system identification may be the assessment of the damage inflicted on a structure by some outside agent. Depending on the form of the particular damage index utilized in the process, one or the other of the possible formulations will be more suitable. In the remainder of this section, a discussion is presented of these two modeling strategies, namely differential equation models and difference equation models. Relationships establishing transformations between them are also developed.

The class of structures that fall within the scope of the present investigation can be adequately modeled by the following N-dimensional system of equations which describes the motion of the structure,

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{u}} + \mathbf{C}\dot{\mathbf{u}} + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{g}[\mathbf{u},\dot{\mathbf{u}}] = \mathbf{f}(t).$$
(2.2)

Here,  $\mathbf{M}$  denotes the inertia matrix associated with the structure,  $\mathbf{C}$  denotes the corresponding viscous damping matrix and  $\mathbf{K}$  the stiffness matrix. Furthermore, the vector

 $\mathbf{f}(t)$  denotes the externally applied forces, and  $\mathbf{g}[\mathbf{u}, \dot{\mathbf{u}}]$  is a vector whose components are nonlinear functions of the structural displacement  $\mathbf{u}$  and its first derivative  $\dot{\mathbf{u}}$ . The matrix form in which equation (2.2) is cast is usually derived from a partial differential equation of the continuum through a discretization procedure such as the Finite Element Method or the Boundary Element Method. Implicit in this discrete form is the assumption that only N degrees of freedom of the structure are significant in the pursuant analysis. For certain applications, it is more expedient to rewrite equation (2.2) using a state space representation, resulting in the following equation

$$\mathbf{A}\dot{\mathbf{z}} = \mathbf{h}\left[\mathbf{z}\right] \,, \tag{2.3}$$

where,

$$\mathbf{z} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{u} \\ \dot{\mathbf{u}} \end{array} \right\} \,. \tag{2.4}$$

The functional  $\mathbf{g}[.]$  can provide for anticipated nonlinear behavior of the physical system.

In most instances, equation (2.2) provides merely an approximation to the behavior of the real structure. The level of this approximation being a function of, among others, the adequacy of the discretization process, the appropriateness of the functional  $\mathbf{g}[.]$  at modeling the nonlinear behavior of the system, as well as other uncertainties related to the mechanics of the system. In some cases, it may be appropriate to account for the uncertainty of the model expressed in equation (1) by adding a term to the equation which represents an effective mathematical modeling noise, leading to the equation,

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{u}} + \mathbf{C}\dot{\mathbf{u}} + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{g}[\mathbf{u},\dot{\mathbf{u}}] = \mathbf{f}(t) + \boldsymbol{\omega}(t) . \qquad (2.5)$$

Obviously, the term  $\omega(t)$  in the above equation can also be used to model an additive noise to the excitation process  $\mathbf{f}(t)$ . In this case, the noise may be attributed to unmeasured environmental factors. The most useful form for this noise process has proven to be a zero-mean stationary Gaussian white noise.

For the purpose of structural identification, measurement devices are placed at certain locations throughout the structure. Their number, denoted herein by M, is usually less than the number N of degrees of freedom of the structure. This is due to both the expense associated with additional measurements, as well as to the fact that theoretically, each measured record contains enough information to permit the identification of all the unknown parameters. Measurement noise is usually associated with the measurement process, leading to the following observation equation which relates the observation vector at the  $i^{th}$  observation time interval to the response vector at that instant,

$$\mathbf{y}_i = \mathbf{H}\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_i + \mathbf{e}_i . \tag{2.6}$$

In the above equation,  $\mathbf{H}$  is a matrix which reflects the location of the measurement devices in relation to the structural nodes, and the associated amplification or attenuation factors, and  $\mathbf{e}_i$  is a vector denoting the measurement noise and is usually assumed to be a zeromean Gaussian white noise. The term  $\ddot{\mathbf{u}}$  in equation (2.6) reflects the fact that in typical earthquake engineering applications, it is the accelerations that are usually monitored. Also, the discrete form of the equation is commensurate with the form of data retrieval and storage used in practical applications. A continuous form of the observation equation can be used in the theoretical development. It would not, however, correspond to a realistic situation.

The structural system identification problem can then be stated as follows: to infer about the parameters of the model used to represent the system using noise corrupted observations of the response and its associated input.

Alternatively, the identification problem can be cast completely in terms of the observed input and output, without any reference to the underlying mechanics or the associated differential equation. This approach provides an algorithm which permits forecasts of the response of the structure that are compatible, in some sense, with measured past input and output. A general form of this model is obtained by making the  $i^{th}$  observation of the response a function of k previous observations of the output, l previous observations of the input, the current input observation and also a function of m previous observations of the prediction error **e**. This can be expressed by the equation

$$\mathbf{y}_{i} = \mathcal{Y}_{i} \left( \mathbf{y}_{i-1}, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{i-k}, \mathbf{f}_{i}, \dots, \mathbf{f}_{i-l}, \mathbf{e}_{i-1}, \dots, \mathbf{e}_{i-m} \right) .$$

$$(2.7)$$

In the above equation, the subscript *i* on the functional  $\mathcal{Y}_i$  provides for time variation in the structure of the model. The inclusion of the prediction error in the argument list of the functional  $\mathcal{Y}_i$  allows the prediction algorithm to learn from its previous errors. Equation (2.7) describes what has recently come to be known as state-dependent models (Priestley, 1980). This class of models is fairly general in that a minimum number of restrictions is imposed on the form of the functional  $\mathcal{Y}_i$ . The finite memory assumption implicit in this equation is not a severe restriction and can be made to fit most physically realizable situations. As a special case of this model, the bilinear and the threshold autoregressive models can be obtained. Also, for the special case where  $\mathcal{Y}_i$  is a linear functional of its arguments, the autoregressive (AR) or autoregressive moving average (ARMA) models are obtained, depending on which coefficients in the model are zero. A class of models referred to as the prediction error models is obtained for the special case where equation (7) can be rewritten as (Goodwin and Payne, 1977)

$$\mathbf{y}_{i} = \mathcal{Y}_{i} \left( \mathbf{y}_{i-1}, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{i-k}, \mathbf{f}_{i}, \dots, \mathbf{f}_{i-l} \right) + \mathbf{e}_{i} .$$

$$(2.8)$$

Obviously, the more complicated the form of the functional  $\mathcal{Y}_i$ , the more sophisticated the model is, but also the more specialized and less robust it is. In the important case of a linear functional relationship, equation (2.7) can be conveniently rewritten as

$$\mathbf{y}_i = \boldsymbol{\theta}_i^T \, \mathbf{x}_i \, + \, \mathbf{e}_i \tag{2.9}$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_i$  is a matrix of the coefficients in the linear expansion, and

$$\mathbf{x}_i = [\mathbf{y}_{i-1}, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{i-k}, \mathbf{f}_i, \dots, \mathbf{f}_{i-l}] .$$

$$(2.10)$$

Equation (2.6) involves the output of the system which has to be replaced by its estimated, or predicted, values, hence the error term appearing in that equation is also referred to as a prediction error. Since equations (2.2) and (2.7) are mathematical expressions of the same physical problem, an equivalence, in some sense, should be anticipated between them. Depending on the dimension of the observation space, this equivalence can take one of many forms. Also, the extent of the desired equivalence is problem dependent and is usually limited to the equivalence of the predicted output of a linearized version of these equations. One of the most prevalent approaches for establishing this equivalence consists of integrating a linearized version of equation (2.2), and expressing the response at the end of a time interval i as a linear combination of the response at the end of the two previous time intervals. Accordingly, the following difference equation is obtained

$$\mathbf{u}_{i} = \mathbf{A}_{1}\mathbf{u}_{i-1} + \mathbf{A}_{2}\mathbf{u}_{i-2} + \mathbf{B}_{1}\mathbf{f}_{i-1} + \mathbf{B}_{2}\mathbf{f}_{i-2} + \boldsymbol{\omega}_{i} , \qquad (2.11)$$

where  $\omega_i$  denotes a discrete white noise process. Note that since the above equation is obtained by integrating the equation of motion, it involves prediction for all the degrees of freedom of the system, which must therefore be observable. Once the coefficients in equation (2.11) have been evaluated, the difference equation is identified with a special form of equation (2.7), and a correspondence is established between these coefficients and the physical coefficients appearing in equation (2.2). In most practical situations, however, a limited number of degrees of freedom is monitored, as described by equation (2.6), and the above procedure for establishing an equivalence between the two equations breaks down since each of the equations contains a different amount of information. Another approach for achieving this purpose is obtained by noting that each measured record contains, to a greater or lesser extent, information about all the structural parameters of interest. Therefore, by matching the spectral density of the response of a linearized version of equation (2.2), with that of an appropriate linear difference equation model, a system of equations is obtained from which a correspondence is then established between this difference equation and the differential equation model. Thus the difference equation associated with a scalar observable can be written as

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2N} a_k y_{i-k} + \sum_{k=0}^{2N} b_k f_{i-k} = 0.$$
 (2.12)

The transfer function associated with equation (11) is given by the equation

$$\mathcal{H}(z) = \frac{\left|\sum_{k=0}^{2N} b_k z^k\right|^2}{\left|\sum_{k=0}^{2N} a_k z^k\right|^2}.$$
(2.13)

Since the denominator in the above equation is a polynomial of order 2N, it possesses 2N roots, which appear in complex conjugate pairs. These can be matched with the N roots associated with the spectral density function of the response to the linearized version of equation (2.2). The validity of this procedure depends on the peaks in the spectral density of the excitation not coinciding with the poles of the transfer function. This will insure that the rational polynomial in equation (2.13) is irreducible, and therefore that no system pole is hidden by a dominant frequency of the excitation. Denoting the  $j^{th}$  pole of  $\mathcal{H}(z)$  with positive imaginary part by  $z_j$ , this procedure leads to the equation

$$z_j = e^{\left(-\xi_j \omega_j + i\omega_j \sqrt{1 - \xi_j^2}\right)\Delta t}$$
(2.14)

where  $\xi_j$  and  $\omega_j$  denote the percent of critical damping and the natural frequency, respectively, associated with the  $j^{th}$  mode of vibration of the structure, and  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ . After some algebraic manipulations, the following relationships are obtained

$$\omega_{j} = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda_{j}^{2} + \delta_{j}^{2}}}{\Delta t}$$

$$\xi_{j} = \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{\lambda_{j}^{2} + \delta_{j}^{2}}}$$
(2.15)

where  $\Delta t$  denotes the sampling rate, and

$$\lambda_{j} = -\frac{i}{2} \ln \frac{z_{j}}{z_{j}^{*}} = \operatorname{Arg}[z_{j}]$$

$$\delta_{j} = -\frac{1}{2} \ln z_{j} z_{j}^{*} = -\frac{1}{2} \ln |z_{j}|^{2}$$
(2.16)

Thus, from a knowledge of the coefficients in the difference equation (2.12), the modal parameters of an equivalent linear system can be recovered. Note that by allowing the coefficients to be a function of the observation step, evolution in time of the modal parameters can be monitored. Also note that if the vector form of equation (2.12) is used, then the order of the expansion has to be reduced until the total number of unidentified parameters is adequate for a one-to-one correspondence with the modal parameters to be established. This is in essence what is expressed in equation (2.11), where the dimension of the observation space is equal to N, thus restricting the order of the regression to two.

Note that equation (2.14) involves the implicit assumption that the motion of the structural system is governed by a linear differential equation. Therefore, although equation (2.12) may be an accurate representation of the input-output functional relationship of the structure, the correspondence established in equation (2.15) is only valid to the extent that the assumption of a linear differential equation with proportional damping, is adequate. Specifically, it is noted that for  $z_j$  real, a value of 100% is obtained for the corresponding critical damping ratio  $\xi_i$ . This eventuality should be viewed as a mathematical instability with respect to deviations from the postulated linear model. This phenomena can be physically explained by the nonlinear behavior of the structure which results in coupling between the various modes, thus putting into question the validity of the modal damping assumption (Nayfeh, 1985; Balachandran et.al, 1990, 1991; Anderson, 1991). It is reminded, however, that this instability does not carry over to the difference equation model, as it is solely based on the observed data, and is a good predictor model to within the specified optimality criterion. Furthermore it is noted that, according to equations (2.15) and (2.16), whenever  $z_j$  lies outside of the unit circle, the resulting damping has a negative value. Again, this instability is not associated with a physical phenomena. In these cases, the root in question was reflected back inside the unit circle according to the equation

$$z_j = \frac{z_j}{|z_j|^2} \,. \tag{2.17}$$

This procedure has the merit of preserving the value of  $\lambda_j$  in equation (2.16), and therefore reducing the corresponding variation in the estimated natural frequencies.

Of all the system identification techniques implemented in this study, only the extended Kalman filter deals directly with the differential equation model of the structural system. It also provides for the nonlinear behavior of the structure. All the other techniques start by identifying a linear prediction model as in equation (2.12), from which the modal parameters are subsequently obtained.

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### Section 3

## The Identification Algorithms

### 3.1 Extended Kalman Filter

The extended Kalman filter algorithm is derived from the state space form of the differential equation of motion, as provided by equation (2.3). The algorithm has been extensively used in the literature in relation to a large number of applications, both its theoretical development and its convergence properties are well established (Kalman. 1960; Kalman and Bucy, 1961; Jazwinski, 1970; Yun and Shinozuka, 1980; Shinozuka, Yun, and Imai, 1982; Meinhold and Singpurwalla, 1983; Brown, 1983; Hoshiya and Saito, 1983; Sorenson, 1982, 1985; Ruymgaart and Soong, 1985; Soong, 1986; Hoshiya, 1987; Imai et.al, 1988; Maruyama et.al, 1989; Bao, 1989). It is based on considering an extended state vector which includes, in addition to the response vector and its derivative, all the parameters to be identified. Starting from an initial guess, this extended state space is recursively updated as new observations are made available. The update is based on the Kalman filter formalism. The extended Kalman filter algorithm is summarized in this section. It has been coded in program EXKAL2 to estimate parameters for linear multi-degree-of-freedom systems and hysteretic single-degree-of-freedom systems (Maruyama, Yun, Hoshiya, and Shinozuka, 1989).

$$\hat{\mathbf{z}}_{k+1|k} = \hat{\mathbf{z}}_{k|k} + \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} \mathbf{h} \left[ \hat{\mathbf{z}}_{t|k} \right] dt$$
(3.1)

$$\mathbf{P}_{k+1|k} = \boldsymbol{\varPhi}_{k+1|k} \mathbf{P}_{k|k} \boldsymbol{\varPhi}_{k+1|k}^T + \mathbf{Q}_{k+1}$$
(3.2)

The term  $\Phi_{k+1|k}$  is the state transition matrix which relates the state at time instant k to the state at time instant k+1. The state transition matrix implements the finite difference mathematical model for the system dynamics. Hence, it is a function of the motion parameters as well as the physical parameters, and is linearized at each time step. In the analyses performed herein, the state transition matrix is obtained by integrating the equations of motion using the linear acceleration method. Since the accuracy of the the linear acceleration method is dependent upon the size of the time step of integration, the execution of the extended Kalman filter requires a smaller sampling interval than many other parameter estimation methods. The state transition matrix can be obtained approximately as

$$\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{k+1|k} = \mathbf{I} + \Delta t \left[ \frac{d\mathbf{h} \left[ \hat{\mathbf{z}}_{t|k} \right]}{d \left[ \hat{\mathbf{z}}_{t|k} \right]} \right]$$
(3.3)

The filtered state  $\hat{\mathbf{z}}_{k+1|k+1}$  and its error covariance matrix  $\mathbf{P}_{k+1|k+1}$  can be estimated as

$$\hat{\mathbf{z}}_{k+1|k+1} = \hat{\mathbf{z}}_{k+1|k} + \mathbf{K}_{k+1} \left[ \mathbf{y}_{k+1} - \mathbf{H} \mathbf{z}_{k+1|k} \right]$$
 (3.4)

 $\mathbf{P}_{k+1|k+1} = \left[\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_{k+1} \mathbf{M}_{k+1}\right] \mathbf{P}_{k+1|k} \left[\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_{k+1} \mathbf{M}_{k+1}\right]^T + \mathbf{K}_{k+1} \mathbf{R}_{k+1} \mathbf{K}_{k+1}^T. (3.5)$ 

In the above equations,  $\mathbf{K}_{k+1}$  is the Kalman gain matrix which is defined as

$$\mathbf{K}_{k+1} = \mathbf{P}_{k+1|k} \mathbf{M}_{k+1}^{T} \left[ \mathbf{M}_{k+1} \mathbf{P}_{k+1|k} \mathbf{M}_{k+1}^{T} + \mathbf{R}_{k+1} \right]^{-1}$$
(3.6)

and  $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{k}}$  is a matrix whose  $j^{th}$  row is given by the following equation

$$\mathbf{M}_{k} = \left[\frac{\partial \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z})}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{j}}\right]_{\mathbf{z}_{k} = \hat{z}_{k|k}}$$
(3.7)

In all of the above equations, the subscript k+1|k denotes a quantity evaluated at instant k+1 based on observation at instant k. The algorithm is started with an initial guess for the parameters and the error covariance matrix. The convergence of the algorithm as well as the final values are known to depend, to a great extent, on this initial guess.

#### **3.2 Recursive Least Squares**

The recursive least squares method consists of updating a least squares fit to the available data, as more data is made available. The corresponding algorithm can be summarized by the following equations (Jazwinski, 1970),

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{k+1} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{k} + \mathbf{K}_{k+1} \left[ y_{k+1} - \mathbf{x}_{k+1}^{T} \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{k} \right]$$
(3.8)

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1}^{T} = [-y_{k} \cdots - y_{k-l} f_{k+1} f_{k} \cdots f_{k-l}]$$
(3.9)

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{k}^{T} = [a_{k} \cdots a_{k-l} b_{k+1} b_{k} \cdots b_{k-l}]$$
(3.10)

$$\mathbf{K}_{k+1} = \frac{\mathbf{P}_k \mathbf{x}_{k+1}}{1 + \mathbf{x}_{k+1}^T \mathbf{P}_k \mathbf{x}_{k+1}}$$
(3.11)

$$\mathbf{P}_{k+1} = \left[ \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_k \frac{\mathbf{x}_{k+1} \mathbf{x}_{k+1}^T}{1 + \mathbf{x}_{k+1}^T \mathbf{P}_k \mathbf{x}_{k+1}} \right] \mathbf{P}_k .$$
(3.12)

In these equations,  $\mathbf{x}_{k+1}$  represents a vector of the data available at the observation instant k+1,  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_k$  denotes a vector of the estimated linear regression coefficients with respect to  $\mathbf{x}_{k+1}$ , and  $y_{k+1}$  denotes the newest output observation obtained at instant k+1. Furthermore,  $f_k$  denotes an observation of the input at instant k. The recursive least squares algorithm is equivalent to the off-line least squares. It has the merit, however, of requiring the storage of only a small portion of the data at any one time. In all the subsequent implementation of this algorithm, a zero initial guess for the regression coefficients, and a diagonal matrix with large elements (1000) for the matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  were used.

#### 3.2.1 Recursive Least Squares with Exponential Memory

It can be shown that the estimates obtained using a least squares algorithm tend to be biased unless the prediction errors are uncorrelated, which is seldom the case. The bias is generally associated with the propagation of the initial error in the estimates. The effect of this error can be substantially reduced by implementing a process whereby less weight is given to older data. An exponential weighting function has been successfully implemented to this end in a number of investigations. This technique is mathematically based on minimizing the following loss function (Goodwin and Payne, 1977),

$$S_k(\boldsymbol{\theta}_k) = \alpha S_{k-1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_k) + \left(y_k - \mathbf{x}_k^T \boldsymbol{\theta}_k\right)^2 , \qquad (3.13)$$

where the second term represents the error associated with the current observation, and  $0 < \alpha < 1$ . It can be shown that the cost function given by the above equation is equivalent to the cost function given by the equation

$$S_k(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^k \left( y_i - \mathbf{x}_{i+1}^T \boldsymbol{\theta} \right) \alpha^{k-i} . \qquad (3.14)$$

The prediction equation remains the same as above and is given by

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{k+1} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{k} + \mathbf{K}_{k+1} \left[ \mathbf{y}_{k+1} - \mathbf{x}_{k+1}^{T} \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{k} \right] .$$
(3.15)

The gain matrix, however, is now given by the equation

$$\mathbf{K}_{k+1} = \frac{\mathbf{P}_k \mathbf{x}_{k+1}}{\alpha + \mathbf{x}_{k+1}^T \mathbf{P}_k \mathbf{x}_{k+1}}, \qquad (3.16)$$

and the recursion for matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  is given by

$$\mathbf{P}_{k+1} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \left[ \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_k \frac{\mathbf{x}_{k+1} \mathbf{x}_{k+1}^T}{\alpha + \mathbf{x}_{k+1}^T \mathbf{P}_k \mathbf{x}_{k+1}} \right] \mathbf{P}_k .$$
(3.17)

Values of  $\alpha$  of 0.99 have been recommended in the literature. In the course of the present research, values of  $\alpha$  ranging from 0.7 to 0.99 were implemented.

#### 3.2.2 Recursive Least Squares with Rectangular Window

Another modification of the least squares technique features a moving rectangular window which effectively discards prior data in batches. In its original form, the rectangular window algorithm requires the storage of all the data inside the current bandwidth of the window. In situations where the sampling rate is very high, this procedure may be limited by memory requirements. An alternative procedure, requiring the storage only of the information at the beginning of the window can be derived. Thus, assuming a window bandwidth of N observations, the prediction algorithm is given by the equations (Goodwin and Payne, 1977),

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{k+N+1|k} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{k+N|k} + \mathbf{K}_{k+N+1|k} \left[ \mathbf{y}_{k} - \mathbf{x}_{k}^{T} \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{k+N|k} \right] .$$
(3.18)

$$\mathbf{K}_{k+N+1|k} = \frac{\mathbf{P}_{k+N|k}\mathbf{x}_{k}}{1 + \mathbf{x}_{k}^{T}\mathbf{P}_{k+N|k}\mathbf{x}_{k}}, \qquad (3.19)$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{k+N+1|k} = \left[ \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_{k+N|k} \frac{\mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^T}{1 + \mathbf{x}_k^T \mathbf{P}_{k+N|k} \mathbf{x}_k} \right] \mathbf{P}_{k+N|k} .$$
(3.20)

In the above equations, the subscript k+N|k denotes the estimate of a quantity based on observation between k and k + N. When the size of the window has reached 2N, the first N observations are discarded according to the equation

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{k+2N|k+N+1} = \mathbf{P}_{k+2N|k+N+1} \left[ \mathbf{P}_{k+2N|k+1}^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{k+2N+1|k} - \mathbf{P}_{k+N+1|k}^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{k+N+1|k} \right]$$
(3.21)

$$\mathbf{P}_{k+2N+1|k+N}^{-1} = \mathbf{P}_{k+2N+1|k}^{-1} - \mathbf{P}_{k+N+1|k}^{-1} .$$
(3.22)

By limiting the information from past observations, both the exponential window and the rectangular window algorithms tend to eliminate the effect of the initial guess on subsequent estimates.

#### **3.3 Recursive Instrumental Variable**

The least squares criterion for system identification can be viewed as a minimization of the following norm of the prediction error

$$||e|| = \int e^2 dt . aga{3.23}$$

A useful generalization of this concept is to view the above integral as a weighted residual. It is then apparent that a more flexible criterion for computing the coefficients of the hypothesized model is obtained by using the following norm of the error

$$||e|| = \int e f dt , \qquad (3.24)$$

where now f is a function which can be customized to suit a particular application. In the above, continuous time was utilized only to emphasize the connection with the method of weighted residuals widely known in engineering mechanics. A formulation for discrete time problems is readily established by interpreting the above integrals as inner products and rewriting equation (23) as

$$||e|| = \langle e, f \rangle,$$
 (3.25)

where  $\langle , \rangle$  denotes a suitable inner products and e and f denote either functions or discrete series. In the system identification literature, the procedure described above has been referred to as the template function method (Eykhoff, 1982). The Instrumental variable method is obtained as a special case of the template function method. Specifically, the weighting series is so chosen as to be minimally correlated with the error, while having a large correlation with the output of the system, uncorrupted by the measurement errors. It can be shown that this choice of template function has a number of desirable effects on the statistical properties of the estimates. This is not to imply that it is a trivial matter to identify a weighting function or series having the properties of an instrumental variable. Other weighting techniques have also been used in the literature (Beck and Jennings, 1980; Werner et.al, 1987).

#### 3.3.1 Non-Filtered Instrumental Variables

The series given by the vector

$$\mathbf{v}_k^T = \left[ f_{k-L-l} \cdots f_{k-L} f_{k-l} \cdots f_k \right]$$
(3.26)

has been suggested as an instrumental variable series (Young, 1984). This series consists of two observation blocks of the input separated by a lag of L observations. Assuming the input to be uncorrelated with the observation noise, the above series obviously satisfies one of the requirements for an instrumental variable. Furthermore, the lag parameter L can be so adjusted as to achieve maximum correlation with the output series corresponding to the system response. In this investigation, the parameter L was chosen in such a way that the two observation blocks were adjacent and non-overlapping. The resulting recursion algorithm is quite similar to the one derived for the recursive least squares, and is given by the following equations

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{k+1} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{k} + \mathbf{K}_{k+1} \left[ \mathbf{y}_{k+1} - \mathbf{x}_{k+1}^{T} \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{k} \right] , \qquad (3.27)$$

where

$$\mathbf{K}_{k+1} = \frac{\mathbf{P}_k \mathbf{x}_{k+1}}{1 + \mathbf{x}_{k+1}^T \mathbf{P}_k \mathbf{v}_{k+1}}, \qquad (3.28)$$

and

$$\mathbf{P}_{k+1} = \left[ \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_k \frac{\mathbf{x}_{k+1} \mathbf{x}_{k+1}^T}{1 + \mathbf{x}_{k+1}^T \mathbf{P}_k \mathbf{v}_{k+1}} \right] \mathbf{P}_k .$$
(3.29)

It is important to note that although the recursive least squares can be shown to yield identical results to the non-recursive least-squares, the same is not true for the recursive instrumental variable algorithm.

#### 3.3.2 Filtered Instrumental Variables

A more general implementation of the Instrumental variable technique can be achieved by an instrumental variable series having the following form

$$\mathbf{v}_{k}^{T} = [h_{k} \cdots h_{k-l} f_{k} \cdots f_{k-l}], \qquad (3.30)$$

where  $h_k$  is a series so chosen as to maximize the correlation with the output of the system while minimizing the correlation with the measurement noise. One way to achieve this goal is to chose  $\{h_k\}$  as the output of an auxiliary system which is a good approximation to the real system. In this case,  $h_k$  is given by the following recursive equation

$$h_k = \boldsymbol{\beta}_k^T \mathbf{v}_k , \qquad (3.31)$$

where  $\beta_k$  denotes the parameters of the auxiliary system. In this investigation, they are obtained from the estimated system parameters through the following algorithm (Isserman et.al, 1974),

$$\boldsymbol{\beta}_{k+1} = (1-\gamma)\boldsymbol{\beta}_k + \gamma \boldsymbol{\theta}_{k+1} . \tag{3.32}$$

Note that for  $\gamma$  equal to 1, the auxiliary system coincides with the real, noise-corrupted, system. Values of  $\gamma$  between 0.03 and 0.1 have been suggested in the literature. In addition to this range of values, values between 0.1 and 1 are also implemented in order to provide a comprehensive assessment of the sensitivity of the algorithm, in the context of earthquake engineering, to variations in  $\gamma$ .

# Section 4 The Experiments

Two sets of experiments provided acceleration time histories for the verification of the above parameter estimation algorithms. The experiments involved a three story steel building model and a five story reinforced concrete model. In all the experiments, accelerometers measured the structural response at floor levels. Digital band-pass filters conditioned the acceleration time histories after digital data acquisition. Filtering the low frequency components is especially important in time-domain analyses since experimental acceleration bias errors are physically meaningless in structural vibrations.

### 4.1 Three Story Building Model

The miniature three story building model has flexible steel walls and rigid aluminum floors. The walls are welded to a rigid steel base and are connected to the aluminum floors via a moment resisting clamp connection. The walls are 5in. tall, 2in. wide, and 0.036in. deep. The floors are 0.5in. deep, 6in. long, and 4in. wide. A schematic of the model is depicted in Figure (4.1). Each floor weighs 1.157 lb. and the stiffness of the inter-story wall system is 3.32 lb/in. for each inter-story stiffness. The relative flexibility of the floors with respect to the walls can be adequately approximated using a shear beam model.

### 4.1.1 Set-up Description

The test on the three story building model was carried out at the Department of Civil Engineering and Operations Research at Princeton University. The model was rigidly fixed to a horizontal shaking table. An elcetro-dynamic long stroke shaker actuated the table. Its acceleration was controlled via a proportional gain analog feedback loop such that the base shear of the structure would not influence the table's motion. A 12-bit digital to analog converter output pre-recorded time histories of wide-band random data and the El Centro 1940 N-S accelerogram to the feed-back control network. A function generator output swept sinusoidal data. The feed-back control network mixed the command input and the response measured by a force-balance accelerometer on the shaker's armature, low-pass filtered the mixed signal, and sent it to the shaker's power amplifier. A two channel oscilloscope monitored the command input and the feed-back acceleration signals to confirm that the shaker motion was tracking the command input and that feed-back instabilities would not develop. Piezo-electric accelerometers on the shaker's armature and on each of the floor levels measured horizontal accelerations. A 12-bit multiplexing analog to digital converter recorded the acceleration records at 1000 samples per second and stored



Figure 4.1: Three Story Steel Building Model Subjected to Base Excitation.

Figure 4.1

Approx	ximate Analytical Results
Mode	Frequency (Hz)
1	7.476
2	21.212
3	31.000

Table 4-I: Modal Parameters of the Three Story Building Model UsingEigenvalue Analysis.

them directly on the hard disk of a networked workstation. Three data sets were obtained corresponding to El Centro, swept sine, and a white noise input excitations. A 1024 point Kaiser FIR band-pass filter was utilized to eliminate spurious frequencies below 0.5Hz. and above 50Hz. The filtered time histories were then used in the parameter estimation algorithms. Figures (4.2)-(4.4) show the time histories of the input records and of the measured accelerations at the various floors. The associated spectral densities are shown in Figure (4.5)-(4.7). These were obtained by fitting an autoregressive model to the observed data. Figure (4.8) shows the transfer function corresponding to the Kaiser filter used in processing the measured data.

### 4.1.2 Dynamic Properties

An eigenvalue analysis of the three degree of freedom shear building model resulted in approximate analytical modal data. Each aluminum floor weighed 1.173 lb. The four steel columns were 1 inch wide, 0.035 inches deep, and 5 inches long. The first story height, however, was 5.25 inches. In the discrete formulation of the problem, one-third of the adjacent column mass was lumped to the floor mass and the mass matrix was diagonal. The stiffness matrix was assembled assuming rigid floors. Estimates of the natural frequencies obtained from solving the associated eigenvalue problem are shown in Table (4.1).

### 4.2 Five Story Building Model

Acceleration records from a recent large scale test of a five story reinforced concrete frame structure were obtained from the Ketter Laboratory of the State University of New York at Buffalo. A schematic of the building model is shown in Figure (4.9).

### 4.2.1 Set-up Description

The shaking table at SUNY-Buffalo incorporates multi axis control via hydraulic actuators. Hence, rocking motion of the table caused by the over-turning moment of the structure could be controlled. The Ketter Laboratory uses piezo-resistive accelerometers in large scale structural vibration measurements since piezo-resistive accelerometers have steady state and low frequency response. The two sets of horizontal floor level accelerations obtained from the Ketter Laboratory correspond to excitation in the form of the El-Centro 1940 NS earthquake, and white noise excitation. The records were filtered so as to eliminate very low and very high spurious frequencies. Figures (4.10) and (4.11) show the time series



### Measurements with El-Centro Input

Figure 4.2



Measurements with Sine-Sweep Input

Figure 4.3



Measurements with White-Noise Input

Figure 4.4


Figure 4.5



Figure 4.6



Figure 4.7



Figure 4.8



Figure 4.9: Five Story Reinforced Concrete Building Model Subjected to Base Excitation.

Figure 4.9



#### Measurements with El-Centro Input

Figure 4.10



#### Measurements with White Noise Input

Figure 4.11

	1st Floor	2nd Floor	3rd Floor	4th Floor	5th Floor
Stiffness <i>lb/in</i>	32284	12362	11382	11314	12824
Mass $lb - s^2/in$	3.29	3.29	3.29	3.29	3.39

Table 4-II: Physical Properties of the Five-Story Building Model Tested at SUNY at Buffalo.

corresponding to the input motions and the measured output motions while Figures (4.12)-(4.13) show the corresponding spectral densities.

#### 4.2.2 Dynamic Properties

Table (4.2) presents the values of the individual floor stiffnesses and masses estimated from measuring the physical dimensions of the various structural components. Based on this data, and assuming a shear-type building model, the stiffness and mass matrices were evaluated and found to be as follows,

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} 6.58 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6.58 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6.58 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 6.58 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3.29 \end{bmatrix},$$
(4.1)  
$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} 44646 & -12362 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -12362 & 23744 & -11382 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -11382 & 22696 & -11314 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -11314 & 24138 & -12824 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -12824 & 12824 \end{bmatrix}.$$
(4.2)

A rough approximation to the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of the structure can be obtained by solving the following generalized eigenvalue problem associated with an undamped model of the structure,

$$\mathbf{K}\boldsymbol{\phi} = \omega^2 \mathbf{M}\boldsymbol{\phi} . \tag{4.3}$$

In the above equation,  $\omega$  denotes the natural frequency of the structure, and  $\phi$  denotes the associated natural mode. The modal parameters estimated based on this approach are shown in Table (4.3). Note that the procedure outlined above does not take into account any dissipative mechanism in the structure, and therefore, the resulting estimates have to be viewed with caution.

Approx	Approximate Analytical Results			
Mode	Frequency (Hz)			
1	2.42			
2	6.92			
3	10.64			
4	13.27			
5	14.11			

Table 4-III: Modal Parameters of the Five Story Building Model UsingEigenvalue Analysis.



**El-Centro Input** 

frequency

Figure 4.12



Figure 4.13

# Section 5

### The Results

Except for the extended Kalman filter, all the parameter estimation techniques described in section 3 involve two stages. In a first stage, the parameters of a linear prediction model are computed. These represent the regression coefficients of each new observation on previous observations. In the second stage, these coefficients are used to obtain approximations to the modal parameters of a linear differential equation model of the structure. Again it is emphasized that this second stage involves assumptions that cannot necessarily be inferred from the measured data. Since the results associated with either section can be useful in their own right, they are presented in two separate sections. The first section features an analysis of the coefficients associated with the various prediction models that are implemented. Their behavior is numerically analysed. The second section concerns the modal parameters, specifically the natural frequencies and damping ratios of the structures analysed. However, since the programs LINEARID and MUMOID do not provide, as part of their standard output, results pertaining to the coefficients of the linear prediction model, only results featuring the modal estimates are shown in relation to these two programs.

#### 5.1 Parameters of the Prediction Model

Each of the recursive estimation algorithms described in section 3 was implemented using each of the data sets obtained from the experiments. Each of the algorithms were run in turn on combinations of two measured records. The first one was the acceleration measured at the base of the structure, while the second one consisted of the acceleration at one of the floor levels. This way, the system parameters of the three-story model was identified using three different sets of data, while those of the five-story structure were identified using five sets. For the purpose of identifying a linearized model of the structure, only the autoregressive part of the prediction model is needed. In this section, therefore, only these coefficients are presented.

#### 5.1.1 Recursive Least Squares Algorithms

The recursive least squares algorithm was implemented on the data as described above. Furthermore, the modified least squares algorithms as described in section 3 were also implemented. These consist of the exponential window and the rectangular oscillating window. In order to provide a comprehensive analysis of the effects of these windows on earthquake engineering data, a parametric study was carried out by varying the parameter controlling the exponential decay in the exponential window and that controlling the width of the rectangular window.

The results for the five-story building model associated with the unmodified recursive least squares are shown in Figures (5.1)-(5.10). Figures (5.1)-(5.5) show the evolution of the estimated parameters corresponding to the El-Centro input motion as more observations were being processed. Figures (5.6)-(5.10) show the corresponding results for the whitenoise input motion. It is noted that some of the coefficients have not reached a steady state value by the end of the measurement period. The extent of the ensuing error can only be assessed by investigating the capability of the resulting model at predicting the behavior of the system. This capability can in turn be related to the behavior of the poles of the transfer function of the model. Figure (5.11)-(5.20) show the wandering of these zeros in the complex plane as more data is processed. It is noted that in all the cases studied, a steady state condition was reached before the end of the measurement period. This fact indicates that the observed variation in the coefficients of the linear prediction model are not detrimental to the identification process. Figures (5.21)-(5.29) show the coefficients corresponding to the three-story building model. Note the good convergence achieved by the coefficients associated with the white noise input. This observation cannot, however, be extended to the case of the five-story building model.

The exponential window algorithm was implemented on the above data. Values of the parameter  $\alpha$  equal to 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, and 0.99 were tried. Only the case corresponding to a value of  $\alpha$  of 0.99 resulted in meaningful estimates. Other values of  $\alpha$  resulted in estimated parameters that exhibited very large and frequent variations, and will therefore be omitted from the present discussion. Figures (5.39)-(5.48) show the new values of the coefficients of the prediction model. Note that although the coefficients have reached what seems to be a steady state, they exhibit fluctuations that seem to be more critical to the behavior of the poles of the transfer function than was the steady change in the values of the parameters observed for  $\alpha$  equal to 1. The location of the poles corresponding to this case is shown in Figures (5.49)-(5.58). The results corresponding to the three-story model are shown in Figures (5.59)-(5.67) for the coefficients and in Figures (5.68)-(5.76) for the pole location. Note the wandering of the poles in the complex plane, even towards the end of the observation period. An important observation can be made concerning the results associated with the exponential window. Specifically, it is noted that the effect on the first few observations is a desirable smoothing of the estimates, which deteriorates for later observations. With that in mind, a variant of the algorithm was implemented whereby the exponential window was used only for a fraction of the observations. In this case, one fourth of the data at the beginning of each record was processed through an exponential window with a value for the parameter  $\alpha$  equal to 0.99. The effect of this procedure on the stability of the estimates was quite significant. As can be seen in Figures (5.77)-(5.86) associated with the five story building model, the coefficients have reached a stable value well before the end of the measurement period. Unlike the standard exponential window, however, the location of the poles of the system is fixed in the complex plane, at a quite early stage in the estimation process. These are shown in Figures (5.87)-(5.96). Similar results were obtained for the three story building model and are shown in Figures (5.97)-(5.105) for the coefficients, and Figures (5.106)-(5.114) for the pole location.

As mentioned earlier, the rectangular window algorithm was also implemented on the available data. Values for the width of the window ranging from 100 to 1000 observations were tried. At the sampling rate of 100Hz., these correspond to a range of window widths

between 1sec and 10sec. It was observed that everytime a block of old data was discarded, the behavior of the subsequent estimates was disrupted over a number of observations. This fact sets a limit on the usable window width. The results obtained using this technique, for all the values of the window width used, were generally poor. Although encouraging results were obtained in applications to other fields, this technique cannot be recommended for earthquake engineering applications. It is noted at this point that the program MUMOID (DiPasquale and Cakmak, 1987), developed at Princeton University, implements a moving window technique for tracking time dependent system parameters. That program, however, relies on a maximum likelihood algorithm for estimating the parameters of the system. It is known that maximum likelihood estimates are better behaved than least squares estimates, and that program can be expected to yield better results than the algorithm presented herein. However, estimation using maximum likelihood algorithms is very computer intensive and cannot be geared towards on-line implementation. Furthermore, numerical experimentation with the MUMOID program, reported below, have shown that the results of the estimation algorithm are very sensitive to the window width utilized, and also that convergence problems were frequent for all the cases tested.

#### 5.1.2 Recursive Instrumental Variable Algorithms

The recursive instrumental variable algorithms described in section 3 where implemented in a fashion similar to that described above for the recursive least squares algorithms. The first algorithm involved an unfiltered instrumental variable series. The coefficients of the linear prediction model identified in this fashion exhibited a pronounced transient behavior which was indicative of either a nonlinear relationship between the input and output series, or a deficient instrumental variable series which was incapable of identifying the parameters of the model. Results pertaining to these coefficients, and associated with the five-story building model, are displayed in Figures (5.115)-(5.124). A look at the pole location associated with these coefficients Figures(5.125)-(5.134), however, indicates that the model is not consistently stable. Similar behavior was observed in connection with the three-story building model. The corresponding results are shown in Figures (5.135)-(5.132).

The use of a filtered instrumental variable series in the identification algorithm resulted in a substantial improvement in the behavior of the coefficients. The algorithm was described in section 3 and consists of using as the instrumental variable series the series corresponding to the input motion after passing it through an auxiliary filter so that it approximates the real output of the system, uncorrupted by measurement noise. A parametric study was performed by varying the value of the parameter  $\gamma$  in the auxiliary filter. Results from this analysis pertaining to the five story model are shown in Figures (5.153)-(5.164) for the coefficients, and in Figures (5.165)-(5.176) for the pole location. Similar results pertaining to the three-story building model are shown in Figures (5.177)-(5.182) and (5.183)-(5.188), respectively. A clear observation from this analysis related to the sensitivity of the estimation process to values of  $\gamma$ . Indeed, for certain combinations involving a specific value of  $\gamma$  and a set of measured records, the estimation process diverged. For other such combinations, the estimated parameters of the prediction model reached their stationary values at an early stage in the estimation process. Also, it was observed that the suitable value of  $\gamma$  was not the same for a given input motion. It depended both on the particular input motion used as well as on the particular floor level from which the measurements were obtained. Based on these observations, this parameter estimation technique does not seem fit for on-line identification, since it requires pre-tuning the auxiliary filter to the given data. However, in an off-line context, the results obtained using this technique feature a number of desirable properties, including stability of the coefficients and of the poles location in the complex plane.

#### 5.2 Modal Parameters

As discussed in section 3, the coefficients in a linear prediction model can be associated with the parameters of an equivalent linear differential equation. These parameters can be related to such modal quantities as the natural frequencies and the damping ratios of the structure. In this section, these equivalent modal quantities are obtained which are associated with the coefficients presented in the previous section. Furthermore, a frequency domain analysis of the measured data was performed to provide a close approximation to the average modal quantities throughout the measuring period.

#### 5.2.1 Rational Orthogonal Polynomial Curve-fit Estimation

Implementation of an established modal analysis parameter estimation routine resulted in the initial values for the extended Kalman filter estimation. Frequency response functions were calculated using averaged auto-power spectra,  $G_{yy}, G_{xx}$ , and cross power spectra,  $G_{yx}$ , of the response accelerations with respect to the ground accelerations. The  $H_v$ estimator of the frequency response function minimizes noise effects on the excitation and the response simultaneously, and results in a frequency response function that is not as biased as traditional H1 or H2 estimators.

$$\mathcal{H}_{v} = \left(\frac{G_{yx}}{|G_{yx}|}\right) \sqrt{\frac{G_{yy}}{G_{xx}}}$$
(5.1)

where  $G_{yy}$  is the auto power spectrum of the response acceleration,  $G_{xx}$  is the auto power spectrum of the excitation, and  $G_{yx}$  is the cross power spectrum of the response with respect to the excitation (Vold, Crowley, and Rocklin, 1984; Rocklin, Crowley, and Vold, 1985). Frequency response functions for seismically excited structures can be computed using absolute accelerations directly by subtracting 1 from the real part of the frequency response function as computed in the above equation (Vigneron and Soucy, 1986). By fitting rational orthogonal polynomials to measured frequency response functions the poles can be extracted from the denominator polynomial and the residues can be calculated from the analytic curve fit transfer function and the previously computed poles. The use of orthogonal polynomials improves the numerical conditioning of the polynomial coefficient computation. Once coefficients for the orthogonal polynomials have been found, the corresponding power polynomial coefficients can be calculated. (Forsythe, 1957; Richardson and Formenti, 1982, 1985; Shih, Tsuei, Allemang, and Brown, 1988; Vold, 1990). The denominator polynomial coefficients are fit globally to an ensemble of transfer functions from an entire structure, using a singular value decomposition. Complex residues are calculated for each transfer function individually (Richardson and Formenti, 1985; Adcock and Potter, 1985; Allemang, 1983; Ewins, 1984). Modal amplitudes are computed as the norm of the complex residue and phases are computed as the phase of the complex residue. The frequency domain method allows for a step-by-step validation of intermediate results and provides a

		El Centro			
Mode	Frequency (Hz)	Damping Ratio (%)	1st Floor	2nd Floor	3rd Floor
1	6.88	0.692	8.35	14.7	17.7
			-5.15	-5.20	-5.36
2	20.78	0.451	2.14	0.693	-1.67
			-0.904	2.82	176.
3	31.5	0.176	0.376	-0.505	0.290
			5.96	-178.	10.9

Table 5-I: Identification of the Three Story Building Model From El-Centro Input; Rational Orthogonal Polynomial Curve-fit.

goodness-of-fit parameter. The relative speed with which it computes modal parameters makes it well suited for establishing initial guesses to the extended Kalman filter and other computationally intensive parameter estimation methods. The rational orthogonal polynomial method is implemented in many modal analysis packages used for the analysis of both mechanical, aerospace, and civil structures, (Flesch and Kernbichler, 1988: Ho and Aktan. 1989; Lang. 1990). and thus, was chosen to provide a set of base-line parameters. Since time dependent behavior cannot be captured in a frequency domain analysis, the results obtained from this approach should be viewed with caution. Specifically, they cannot track changes in the modal parameters associated with structural deterioration. In addition, the rational orthogonal polynomial method encounters difficulties if the frequency resolution of the estimated frequency response function is too coarse. A coarse frequency interval results in degeneration of the orthogonality condition of the polynomial basis functions. Since the frequency resolution is inversely proportional to the length of the FFT, short data records, such as earthquake response records, are subject to this difficulty. Figures (5.189-5.197) illustrate frequency response functions and the rational orthogonal polynomial curvefit for the 3 story building model. These figures illustrate the exceptional accuracy of this frequency domain method when applied to lengthy data obtained from structures with little or no nonlinear behavior. Tables (5.3) and (5.4) summarize the parameters identified using the rational orthogonal polynomial method. The third, fourth and fifth columns show the estimated modal amplitudes and phase angles for each floor. The phase angles are shown below the corresponding amplitude.

In the experiments for the three story model, data was recorded over a large number of vibrational periods and with a high resolution in the time domain. The ensuing curve-fit matched the transfer functions and the phases of the residues were consistently within 10 degrees of 0 or 180.

The measurements obtained from the five story model in the Ketter laboratory featured relatively a coarse resolution in the time domain, which resulted in the observed poor performance of the curve-fitting procedure in the frequency domain. The phase angles digressed considerably from 0 or 180 degrees. Phase angles that do not equal 0 or 180 degrees imply the presence of complex modes resulting from non-proportional damping distributions (Lang, 1989). However, the poor curve-fits illustrated in Figures (5.198)-(5.207) call into question any conclusions regarding the parameters associated with these curve-fits. Since the short-lived, nonlinear, transient response of earthquake records com-

		White Noise			
Mode	Frequency (Hz)	Damping Ratio (%)	1st Floor	2nd Floor	3rd Floor
1	6.87	0.839	10.4	18.4	22.1
			-0.898	-0.797	-0.957
2	20.7	0.476	2.35	0.764	-1.82
			1.34	4.47	179.
3	31.4	0.322	0.412	-0.579	0.317
			3.74	178.	7.89

Table 5-II: Identification of the Three Story Building Model From White Noise Input; Rational Orthogonal Polynomial Curve-fit.

		Sine Sweep			
Mode	Frequency (Hz)	Damping Ratio (%)	1st Floor	2nd Floor	3rd Floor
1	6.90	0.699	10.5	18.6	22.3
			-7.28	-7.23	-7.41
2	20.8	0.471	2.28	0.758	-1.76
			0.948	3.95	178.
3	31.6	0.391	0.414	-0.538	0.334
			1.85	174.	7.07

Table 5-III: Identification of the Three Story Building Model From Sine Sweep Input; Rational Orthogonal Polynomial Curve-fit.

plicates frequency response function estimation, curve-fitting these functions with a model that assumes linear elastic behavior results in parameters that should be regarded with caution. Although modern modal analysis methods exhibit excellent results for structures tested for arbitrarily long periods, they have difficulty in estimating parameters from earthquake records. Indeed, modal analysis tests usually last several minutes, resulting in very large vibration data-bases and very fine frequency resolution. Also, response levels are continuously monitored to prevent non-linear behavior. The results shown in Figures (5.198)-(5.207) indicate that other methods are required in order to estimate the timedependent parameters of structures responding to strong ground motions.

#### 5.2.2 Recursive Least Squares Estimation

As mentioned earlier, the equivalent modal parameters of the system are directly related to the poles of the linear prediction model. Results pertaining to these poles were discussed in the previous section. Specifically, it was pointed out that the wandering in the complex plane of the poles is associated with unstable estimates which have not converged to their true values. It was also pointed out in section 3 that for values of the poles outside the unit circle, there corresponds negative damping, and therefore those poles were reflected back into the unit circle. Furthermore, for those poles lying on the real line, a value for the critical damping ratio equal to 1 is obtained. In general it seems that the damping values

			El Centro				
Mode	Frequency (Hz)	Damping Ratio (%)	1st Floor	2nd Floor	3rd Floor	4th Floor	5th Floor
1	3.18	1.35	8.75	29.2	49.0	64.2	73.4
			21.5	20.2	19.6	19.2	19.0
2	10.1	0.146	0.761	1.65	1.21	-0.617	-2.07
			110.	109.	99.7	-26.8	-54.5
3	18.0	0.245	1.02	1.17	-0.667	-0.896	1.01
			-98.3	-102.	106.	98.8	-106.
4	25.1	0.036	0.840	0.415	-0.986	0.724	-0.700
			6.02	-178.	-178.	13.5	-179.
5	30.3	0.020	0.633	-0.483	0.535	-0.191	0.185
			6.97	-169.	8.23	-160.	-2.27

Table 5-IV: Identification of the Five Story Building Model From El CentroInput; Rational Orthogonal Polynomial Curve-fit.

are more sensitive to the poles location in the complex plane than the natural frequency values. Given also that the notion of modal damping is itself an artificial device, it should be anticipated that the identification of this quantity is intimately related to the extent to which this device is a good approximation of the real physical behavior of the structure. In light of the above, it is noted that although the modal quantities may be in error, in most cases this error reflects the poor correspondence between the modal description of the physical system and its real behavior.

Figures (5.208)-(5.217) show the estimated natural frequencies and damping ratios obtained from the five-story building model corresponding to measured data from the various floors, and using the unmodified recursive least squares algorithm. It is noted that, in most cases, after large initial fluctuations, the estimates stabilize. In some of the cases, however, a monotonic trend is observed even at the end of the estimation period, suggesting that the estimates have not yet reached their final values. This behavior may be attributed to a strong bias associated with the estimates. Yet in other cases, large fluctuations can be observed throughout the estimation period. These fluctuations seem to be, in most cases, between the values corresponding to two or three different frequencies. In this context, it is observed that whenever a given frequency estimator jumps to another frequency, one of the other estimators starts tracking the frequency lost by the first estimator. Therefore, the estimators seem to fluctuate at the same time, in the same direction. It is also observed that in none of the cases was the highest frequency correctly identified, and that at any given instant, two estimators seem to track the same frequency. A remedy to this problem was attempted by increasing the dimension of the system, by trying to identify more natural frequencies than the number of floors present. The same problem seemed to occur in this case, with the new estimator tracking one of the frequencies already being tracked by another estimator, and the highest frequency going unoticed. This fact may be attributed to the much smaller contribution to the total motion coming from the fifth mode. This can be observed by the much smaller fifth spectral peak in the power spectral densities associated with the measurements. It is also observed that poor frequency estimates are associated with poor damping ratio estimates. As to the effect of the input motion on the estimates, it is noted that the effect is minimal in this case, and similar behavior of

	White Noise						
Mode	Frequency (Hz)	Damping Ratio (%)	1st Floor	2nd Floor	3rd Floor	4th Floor	5th Floor
1	3.17	1.318	12.7	39.7	65.5	85.2	97.18
			-11.5	-13.3	-13.8	-14.0	-14.2
2	10.0	0.010	1.09	2.84	2.73	0.540	-1.64
i l			-24.9	-28.7	-31.3	-58.7	162.
3	17.7	0.198	1.12	1.27	-0.941	-1.15	1.09
			32.0	24.4	-125.8	-134.	26.8
4	25.2	0.192	0.957	-0.254	-0.589	1.16	-0.324
			-31.6	-126.	-179.6	-39.4	-164.
5	30.4	0.168	0.518	-0.354	0.601	-0.208	0.294
			-38.6	-172.	-50.9	-122.7	-62.6

Table 5-V: Identification of the Five Story Building Model From White Noise Input; Rational Orthogonal Polynomial Curve-fit.

the estimates is observed for both the El-Centro input motion and the white noise input motion. Results corresponding to the three-story building model are shown in Figures (5.218)-(5.226). Similar observations can be made with regards to these records, except for the effect of the input motion. Indeed, it seems that the results associated with the white-noise input reach their steady values at a much earlier stage than the estimates associated with the other inputs. Also, the estimates associates with the sine-sweep input do not seem to do as well as either of the other two inputs.

Figures (5.227)-(5.245) show the results corresponding to the least squares estimation using an exponential window. Except for few cases, these estimates are not well-behaved, and are in general poorer than the results without a the exponential window. The same algorithm was implemented with values of the parameters  $\alpha$  equal to 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 0.99, 0.995 and 0.997. The results shown here correspond to a value of  $\alpha$  equal to 0.99, since this value was recommended in the literature and since the results, although not erratic, help to emphasize the better behavior of the non-windowed algorithm.

The processing of only an initial block of the data through the exponential window had a substantial positive effect on the results. As can be seen in Figures (5.246)-(5.264). The fluctuations have disappeared from all the estimates, except for the sine-sweep excitation in the three-story building model. Also, the monotic trend in the estimates has been reduced substantially, thus indicating that the bias associated with the least squares estimation technique has been substantially reduced. The problem of identifying the highest frequency in the five story building model still persists, though. As mentioned above, this is attributed to its small contribution to the overall motion. Variation of the starting point in the estimation algorithm is one way to tackle this problem, but it was deemed at odds with the purpose of the algorithm, namely to provide a robust identification scheme which would still provide good estimates under incomplete information about the system.

#### 5.2.3 Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation

The same general comments made in relation to the recursive least squares estimation technique are still valid in this case. Figures (5.284)-(5.302) show the corresponding figures

for the five-story model and the three-story model. The results are not consistent. The estimated modal quantities vary widely between well behaved and widely fluctuating. The method, in this form, cannot form the basis for a reliable system identification technique.

By filtering the instrumental variable series as indicated in section 3, substantial improvement can be achieved. Figures (5.264)-(5.288) show the results corresponding to this case. The well behaved results obtained with this technique bely the difficulty of its implementation. Specifically, only certain values of the parameter  $\gamma$  were found to yield converging estimates for a given record. However, as can be observed, when such a value was found, the estimates exhibited a pronounced improvement over the previous implementation of the instrumental variable algorithm.

#### 5.2.4 Maximum Likelihood Estimation

#### LINEARID

Two programs were used in obtaining the results in this section. These are respectively, LINEARID and MUMOID. LINEARID is a program that implements parameter identification algorithms for multi-output systems. The program provides, in addition to the maximum likelihood technique, for least squares estimation and instrumental variable estimation. However, only results pertaining to the maximum likelihood estimation capability of the program are reported herein. LINEARID requires as many input records as the number of degrees of freedom to be identified. Therefore, only a single run was required on each of the two building models investigated. The output from the program consists of estimates of the matrices  $M^{-1}K$ ,  $M^{-1}C$ , and  $M^{-1}F$ , where M, K, C, and F denote respectively, the mass matrix, the stiffness matrix, the damping matrix, and the load vector associated with the system being analysed. The mass matrices associated with both the three-story model and the five-story model were given in section 4. These mass matrices, however, represent the masses lumped at the nodes of the structure, and do not necessarily coincide with the real mass matrix of the structure. This fact can be expected to cause unsymmetric and full matrices to be associated with LINEARID. Indeed, the resulting matrices associated with the three-story model excited by a white noise input were found to be equal to

$$\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} 21930 & -11650 & 1056\\ -12300 & 23920 & -12990\\ 953.5 & -13060 & 12390 \end{bmatrix},$$
(5.2)

$$\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 2.802 & 2.193 & 2.229 \\ -0.4784 & 0.3337 & -1.307 \\ 0.5817 & 0.3494 & 1.389 \end{bmatrix}.$$
 (5.3)

The results for the three-story model corresponding to the El-Centro input motion were found to be

$$\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} 8222 & -11460 & 3297 \\ -12140 & 25740 & -13890 \\ 995.8 & -11290 & 10780 \end{bmatrix},$$
 (5.4)

$$\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.07 & 4..317 & -7.291 \\ 3.452 & 3.476 & -1.149 \\ 0.6698 & 1.234 & 0.423 \end{bmatrix}.$$
 (5.5)

El Centro Input Motion				
Input Record   Natural Frequency Hz.   Damping Ratio (%)				
First Floor	12.87	0.18		
Second Floor	14.91	0.17		
Third Floor	5.02	0.44		

Table 5-VI: Estimated Modal Parameters for the Three-Story Building Model using LINEARID in Single Input Mode

Sine Sweep Input Motion				
Input Record   Natural Frequency Hz.   Damping Ratio (%)				
First Floor	14.72	0.02		
Second Floor	6.37	0.17		
Third Floor	5.79	0.21		

## Table 5-VII: Estimated Modal Parameters for the Three-Story Building Modelusing LINEARID in Single Input Mode

Note the wide discrepancy in the results, indicating a poor performance of the program for the given data. Moreover, the program failed to converge in the case of the five-story building model. Furthermore, the results obtained from this estimation procedure are not compatible with the results obtained from the other techniques used in the investigation. Specifically, the stiffness matrix cannot be directly related to the natural frequencies of the system, nor can the damping matrix be related to the modal damping ratios. However, the structure of the resulting matrices indicate the extent of cross-modal correlation and can therefore be used as an indication of the significance of an uncoupled modal analysis of the system. In addition to the above results, LINEARID was utilized to identify the dominant mode of the system present in each of the floor accelerations. Thus, the program was implemented in a single-input single-output mode, using the ground motion as input, and one of the floor accelerations as output. This was done for each of the floor accelerations, and for both the three-story model and the five-story model. In this case, the results from LINEARID were interpreted as representing the square of the natural frequencies,  $\omega_i^2$ and the damping quantity  $2\xi_i\omega_i$ , respectively. Accordingly, the modal parameters could be calculated from the output of the program. The results associated with the threestory building model are shown in Tables (5.6)-(5.8) for various input motions, while those corresponding to the five-story model are shown in Tables (5.9) and (5.10). The results in this case are much more consistent than those obtained in the multi-output mode. It is observed that the results from the estimation algorithm are in the range of the two lowest natural frequencies of the structure. It is also obvious that the dominant frequency in a given measured record depends to a great extent on both the particular input motion and the particular floor level on which the measurements were obtained.

	White Noise Input Motion				
Input Record	Input Record   Natural Frequency Hz.   Damping Ratio (%)				
First Floor	1.94	1.36			
Second Floor	17.27	0.10			
Third Floor	17.23	0.10			

Table 5-VIII: Estimated Modal Parameters for the Three-Story Building Model using LINEARID in Single Input Mode

	El Centro Input Motion				
Input Record   Natural Frequency Hz.   Damping Ratio (					
First Floor	5.31	0.45			
Second Floor	5.46	0.39			
Third Floor	6.43	0.27			
Fourth Floor	7.57	0.05			
Fifth Floor	7.56	0.12			

Table 5-IX: Estimated Modal Parameters for the Five-Story Building Model using LINEARID in Single Input Mode

White Noise Input Motion				
Input Record	Natural Frequency Hz.	Damping Ratio (%)		
First Floor	16.61	0.14		
Second Floor	15.56	0.30		
Third Floor	16.59	0.148		
Fourth Floor	16.74	0.09		
Fifth Floor	16.59	0.15		

Table 5-X: Estimated Modal Parameters for the Five-Story Building Model usingLINEARID in Single Input Mode

	White Noise Input Motion; Output at Fifth Floor				
Mode No.	Damping Factor (%)	Natural Frequency Hz.	Participation Factor		
1	-0.0122	3.025	0.17		
2	0.000742	10.19	0.20		
3	-0.0964	18.62	0.20		
4	0.0440	28.01	-2.90		
5	0.0515	30.08	3.33		

## Table 5-XI: Estimated Modal Parameters for the Five-Story Building Model using MUMOID and a 1sec segment of the data.

#### MUMOID

The program MUMOID was originally developed to incorporate system identification of structural systems into a damage assessment context. For the purpose of this study, only the system identification part was analysed. The algorithm consists of tracking variations in the parameters of the system using a moving rectangular window and performing the identification task using the data in the window and a maximum likelihood algorithm. The main issue in the implementation of the formalism underlying MUMOID, is the choice of a window size. A very small window size would be desirable for the purpose of tracking fine or sudden changes in the parameters of the system. However if the window is too small, then problems are encountered with the estimation algorithm which may fail to converge to stable estimates using the little information available in a narrow window. Various window values for the window width were tried, varying from two times the fundamental period of the structure to much larger values. In none of the cases was the program able to sweep through the whole data. That, is the program would fail at a certain window location. However, for those locations where the program was successful at identifying the natural frequencies corresponding to the structure, excellent results were obtained. In that case, even the highest natural frequency was successfully identified. Tables (5.11) and (5.12)shows the results obtained from applying MUMOID to the data associated with the fivestory building model. It is immediately observed that the effect of the input motion on the estimated parameters is negligible, so is the effect of the floor level from which the measurements are taken. This is partially due to the fact that MUMOID provides for the processing of the prediction errors associated with the identified system. This processing insures that these errors are uncorrelated. However, such a processing does add to the complexity of the algorithm and prohibits its on-line implementation. As was observed with the recursive techniques presented above, even with no processing of the errors, or minimal processing, good estimation of the behavior of the system can be obtained.

#### 5.2.5 Extended Kalman Filter Estimation

Results from the rational orthogonal polynomial curvefit were used as initial parameter values for estimation via EXKAL2. The parameters estimated from the three story building model are very consistent and correspond closely to the values obtained from the rational orthogonal polynomial curve-fit. The following tables show how the parameter estimation process depends on the excitation type. Within each test, frequency and damping estimates

	El-Centro Input Motion; Output at First Floor				
Mode No.	Damping Factor (%)	Natural Frequency Hz.	Participation Factor		
1	-0.119	3.02	-1.1		
2	0.0395	10.1	0.38		
3	0.565	18.6	3.1		
4	0.306	. 28.0	-1.8		
5	0.0102	30.0	0.38		

## Table 5-XII: Estimated Modal Parameters for the Five-Story Building Model using MUMOID and a 1sec segment of the data.

are very consistent, however, the frequency and damping parameter estimates vary between tests. Large initial covariances allowed the parameters to deviate from their initial values before converging on the values reported in the tables below. Values in the columns labeled 'Participation Factor' are actually the product of the modal participation factor and the mass-normalized mode shape. This reflects both the mode's participation in the over-all response to the particular excitation and the actual mode-shape. In the preceding tables fields with a - indicate that EXKAL2 could not identify the corresponding quantity. In some cases values for a were repeated and in other cases the values were clearly in error. EXKAL2 consistently experienced difficulty in estimating the 2nd mode using data from the third floor. This illustrates the importance of sensor location for parameter estimation.

Unlike the frequency domain curve-fit, EXKAL2 does not estimate the frequencies and damping ratios in a global manner even though they are global parameters. Nevertheless, the estimated frequencies are within 0.1% of each other. The damping ratio estimations vary slightly more, however, damping ratios are, in general, more difficult to estimate. And very small damping does not play a significant role in a structure's overall performance.

Considering EXKAL2's reliance upon the linear acceleration method for estimation of dynamic properties, it fared remarkably well when applied to the data from the five story building model. In these tests the sample rate was only three times the highest natural frequency. The accuracy of the linear acceleration method deteriorates rapidly as the number of points per sinusoidal oscillation decreases. In fact, sample rates of at least five times the highest response frequency are recommended for numerical integration. Errors associated with the numerical integration of the fourth and fifth modes may have prevented accurate estimation of those modes using data from floors in which those modes do not contribute strongly to the overall response. In some cases, (the 1st and 4th floors of the white noise excitation case) the slow sample rate resulted in meaningless parameters for all floors or failure of the program to converge at all. These results are not reported. Nevertheless, the fourth and fifth modes were identified from the 1st and 2nd floors of the El Centro excitation case. Also, lower modes could be identified in a consistent fashion using data from any of the floors. The following tables summarize the modal parameters as estimated by EXKAL2 for the five story building model.

EXKAL2 obtained consistent results for the first 4 modes of the five story building undergoing El Centro excitation. However, the data files from the white noise case proved to be more challenging. This may have been due to a time step which was too large with respect to the highest natural frequency in the response. Ideally, the time step should

	El Centro; 1st Floor				
Mode	Frequency (Hz)	Damping Ratio	Participation Factor		
1	6.8	0.805	0.580		
2	20.8	0.537	0.295		
3	31.7	0.112	0.056		

El Centro; 2nd Floor				
Mode	Frequency (Hz)	Damping Ratio	Participation Factor	
1	6.89	0.810	1.02	
2	20.8	0.520	0.0942	
3	31.7	0.115	-0.0798	

El Centro; 3rd Floor				
Mode	Frequency (Hz)	Damping Ratio	Participation Factor	
1	6.90	0.763	1.23	
2	20.8	0.551	-0.220	
3	31.7	0.334	0.0412	

Table 5-XIII: Identification of the Three Story Building Model From El-Centro Input; Extended Kalman Filter Algorithm.

be one-twentieth of the lowest period for EXKAL2 to accurately implement the linear acceleration method.

	White Noise; 1st Floor				
Γ	Mode   Frequency (Hz)   Damping Ratio   Participation Factor				
	1	6.91	0.865	0.594	
	2	20.8	0.510	0.380	
	3	31.6	0.303	0.0953	

	White Noise; 2nd Floor				
Mode	Frequency (Hz)	Damping Ratio	Participation Factor		
1	6.91	0.839	1.04		
2	20.8	0.475	0.124		
3	31.6	0.265	-0.130		

White Noise; 3rd Floor				
Mode	Frequency (Hz)	Damping Ratio	Participation Factor	
1	6.91	0.870	1.34	
2		0.269	-0.484	
3	31.6	0.360	0.0784	

Table 5-XIV: Identification of the Three Story Building Model From a White Noise Input; Extended Kalman Filter Algorithm.

Sine Sweep; 1st Floor				
Mode	Frequency (Hz)	Damping Ratio	Participation Factor	
1	6.92	0.766	0.598	
2	20.8	0.395	0.363	
3	31.7	0.320	0.0999	

	Sine Sweep; 2nd Floor				
Mode	Frequency (Hz)	Damping Ratio	Participation Factor		
1	6.92	0.756	1.04		
2	20.6	0.386	0.117		
3	31.7	0.318	-0.140		

	Sine Sweep; 3rd Floor			
Mode	Frequency (Hz)	Damping Ratio	Participation Factor	
1	6.92	0.757	1.32	
2	-	9.84	-0.486	
3	31.7	0.330	0.0761	

Table 5-XV: Identification of the Three Story Building Model From a Sine Sweep Input; Extended Kalman Filter Algorithm.

	El Centro; 1st Floor				
Mode	Frequency (Hz)	Damping Ratio	Participation Factor		
1	3.17	0.375	0.176		
2	10.2	0.059	0.202		
3	18.7	0.129	0.233		
4	28.1	4.88	-2.93		
5	30.1	5.81	1.54		

El Centro; 2nd Floor					
Mode	Frequency (Hz)	Damping Ratio	Participation Factor		
1	3.17	0.377	0.546		
2	10.2	0.0480	0.471		
3	18.6	0.600	0.0906		
4	25.6	2.08	0.0104		
5	30.3	2.70	0.0259		

El Centro; 3rd Floor						
Mode Frequency (Hz) Damping Ratio Participation Fac						
1	3.17	0.382	0.902			
2	10.2	0.058	0.375			
3	18.7	0.160	-0.236			
4	-	-	-			
5	-	-	-			

El Centro; 4th Floor					
Mode	Frequency (Hz)	Damping Ratio	Participation Factor		
1	3.17	0.382	1.16		
2	10.2	0.036	-0.0347		
3	18.7	0.125	-0.255		
4	28.1	0.946	0.279		
5	-	-	-		

El Centro; 5th Floor						
Mode   Frequency (Hz)   Damping Ratio   Participation Fa						
1	3.17	0.380	1.32			
2	10.2	0.055	-0.425			
3	18.7	0.680	0.586			
4	25.9	10.2	-0.0406			
5	-	-	-			

Table 5-XVI: Identification of the Five Story Building Model From El-Centro Input; Extended Kalman Filter Algorithm.

White Noise; 2nd Floor								
Mode	Mode Frequency (Hz) Damping Ratio Participation Fa							
1	3.17	0.719	0.637					
2	10.2	0.086	0.575					
3	18.7	0.229	0.275					
4	27.8	0.116	-0.0334					
5	-	-	-					

White Noise; 3rd Floor					
Mode	Frequency (Hz)	Damping Ratio	Participation Factor		
1	3.17	0.719	1.04		
2	10.3	0.084	0.446		
3	18.8	0.224	-0.225		
4	27.8	0.087	-0.193		
5	-	-	-		

White Noise; 5th Floor					
Mode	Frequency (Hz)	Damping Ratio	Participation Factor		
1	3.18	0.776	1.708		
2	10.3	0.093	-0.515		
3	18.7	0.204	0.229		
4	27.8	0.107	-0.107		
b5	-	-	-		

Table 5-XVII: Identification of the Five Story Building Model From White Noise Input; Extended Kalman Filter Algorithm.

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# Section 6

### Conclusions

This report presented the results from the final phase of a research effort whose aim was a comprehensive treatment of system identification techniques in earthquake engineering applications. It was the intention of this phase of the research to assess, experimentally, the accuracy and validity of the techniques developed in the earlier phases of the investigation.

The emphasis placed throughout the investigation on time domain techniques for system identification is justified by the desire to monitor the evolution in time of the identified parameters. This capability has the potential of permitting the synthesis of more meaningful damage assessment indices, as well as enhancing the reliability of adaptive schemes that may be used for on-line control of structural systems.

The experiments reported in this research involved models of buildings subjected to a number of different loading conditions, and whose motion was monitored at all floor levels. A number of system identification algorithms were used to obtain estimates of the parameters in a mathematical model describing the motion of the structure. At issue in this process were both the suitability of this mathematical model, as well as the validity of the identification algorithm itself. In addition to analyzing these two factors, results were presented that demonstrated the importance of monitoring the motion at different floor levels. Indeed, for different input motions, different measurements corresponding to different floor levels were best suited for the identification task. This observation emphasizes the importance of the location of the measuring device for monitoring the response of a structure. One of the main conclusions of this study was to stress the importance of robustness and simplicity in the identification algorithms. As observed from the results, the more sophisticated algorithms yielded better results, on some of the measurements, failing to converge, however, for the remaining ones. These algorithms were also quite sensitive to the initial guess regarding the unknown parameters. Such a behavior, although not quite serious in an off-line setting, and when experts are implementing the algorithms, can be detrimental in an on-line environment or with users of lesser expertise. The algorithms based on the least squares estimation, on the other hand, proved to be more versatile in that they always yielded results, the significance of which is intimately related to the concept of least squares interpolation. Variations on the basic least squares algorithm proved helpful in improving the statistical properties of these estimates. Specifically, giving less weight to the data in the early stages of the estimation process helped in eliminating the bias in the estimates. This can be explained by the fact that the early stages are corrupted by the error in the initial guess which tends to propagate unless properly damped out.

The issue of a suitable identification algorithm is compounded with the issue of deciding on an adequate mathematical model for the structure. This issue comes into play when

Identification Techniques	Required Expertise	Numerical Convergence	On-Line Potential	Initial Guess	Reliability of Results
Maximum Likelihood	substantial	sometimes	low	close	good
Extended Kalman Filter	substantial	sometimes	low	close	good
Recursive Least Squares	minimal	always	high	anywhere	medium
Recursive Least Squares with Exponential Window	minimal	always	high	anywhere	good
Recursive Instrumental Variable	medium	always	high	anywhere	medium
Recursive Instrumental Variable with Filter	substantial	sometimes	high	anywhere	medium

Table 6-I: Comparison of System Identification Algorithms

deriving an equivalence between the parameters of the linear prediction model and a set of physical parameters such as modal quantities. Whereas a linear prediction model has a definite interpretation as a linear relationship between the input and output measurements, a differential equation model based on modal superposition involves further assumptions that are likely not to hold under earthquake-type excitations. As a consequence of this, although the linear prediction model can be used to forecast the behavior of the structure with a well understood optimization criterion, the same does not hold for the differential equation model. Therefore, depending on the context in which the identification algorithm is being used, it may be more consistent to use the linear prediction model.

Table (6.1) summarizes the recommendations from this study while highlighting the issues that were deemed important in assessing the worthiness of each of the identification algorithms.

As mentioned in the introduction to this study, a system identification program is seldom an end product by itself. It is generally implemented as part of a broader strategy for the control or damage assessment of structural systems. From this perspective, it is believed that future research in the field of system identification should emphasize the implementation of simple and reliable identification algorithms, which are already widely available, into the final context in which they will be used. It is also believed that concepts from expert systems and neural networks have the potential of efficiently managing the large amount of information associated with on-line diagnostics and monitoring. In this way, complex strategies for decision making and control can be implemented that make the most out of the information extraction capabilities of whatever identification algorithm is used.

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# **Recursive Least Squares Estimation** Five Story Building Model; Elcentro Input alpha=1.

2nd Floor





Time Step = 360

Time Step = 880



Time Step = 490



Time Step = 620

Time Step = 230



Time Step = 750



Time Step = 1270



Time Step = 1790





Time Step = 1400



Time Step = 1920









Time Step = 2310

Time Step = 2440

Time Step = 2570

Time Step = 2700

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Time Step = 1140







Figure 5.12

Time Step = 1660

Time Step = 2180





Time Step = 1530

Time Step = 1010



#### Recursive Least Squares Estimation Five Story Building Model; Elcentro Input 4th Floor alpha=1.









Time Step = 230



Time Step = 750



Time Step = 1270











Time Step = 490

Time Step = 620



Time Step = 880

Time Step = 1400

Time Step = 1920





Time Step = 1530

Time Step = 1140



Time Step = 1660



Time Step = 2050

Time Step = 2180







Time Step = 2440

Time Step = 2570

Time Step = 2700



### Recursive Least Squares Estimation Five Story Building Model; White Noise Input 1st Floor alpha=1.







Time Step = 367



Time Step = 456

Time Step = 189



Time Step = 545



Time Step = 901









Time Step = 278

Time Step = 634



Time Step = 990

Time Step = 1346



Time Step = 1079

Time Step = 1435







Time Step = 1702

Time Step = 1791

Time Step = 1880

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Figure 5.16

Time Step = 723

Time Step = 812



Time Step = 1168



Time Step = 1524



### **Recursive Least Squares Estimation** Five Story Building Model; White Noise Input 3rd Floor alpha=1.









Time Step = 189

Time Step = 278

Time Step = 367

Time Step = 456









Time Step = 545



Time Step = 723

Time Step = 812









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Time Step = 1257

Time Step = 1702

Time Step = 1346

Time Step = 1791

Time Step = 1435

Time Step = 1880



### **Recursive Least Squares Estimation** Five Story Building Model; White Noise Input 5th Floor alpha=1.









Time Step = 189

Time Step = 278

Time Step = 367

Time Step = 456





Time Step = 634



Time Step = 723

Time Step = 1079



Time Step = 812

Time Step = 1168

Time Step = 545



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Time Step = 1257







Time Step = 1346











Time Step = 1524

Time Step = 1613

Time Step = 1702

Time Step = 1791

Time Step = 1880

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# **Recursive Least Squares Estimation** Three Story Building Model; El-Centro Input

1st Floor alpha=1.





Time Step = 344



Time Step = 466

Time Step = 954

Time Step = 1442



Time Step = 588

Time Step = 222







Time Step = 1198









Time Step = 832



Time Step = 1320



Time Step = 1808











Time Step = 2174

Time Step = 2296

Time Step = 2418

Time Step = 2540



Time Step = 1564



Time Step = 2052







Figure 5.30

Time Step = 1076





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Figure 5.31

### **Recursive Least Squares Estimation** Three Story Building Model; El-Centro Input 3rd Floor alpha=1.





Time Step = 466

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Time Step = 588

Time Step = 222

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Time Step = 832



Time Step = 1320

Time Step = 1808





Time Step = 1442

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Time Step = 2296

Time Step = 2418

Time Step = 2540

Figure 5.32



Time Step = 954

Time Step = 1076



Time Step = 1564

Time Step = 2052







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## Recursive Least Squares Estimation Three Story Building Model; Sine Sweep Input 2nd Floor alpha=1.









Time Step = 242

Time Step = 384

Time Step = 526

Time Step = 668





Time Step = 952



Time Step = 1094

Time Step = 1662



Time Step = 810



Time Step = 1378











Time Step = 2088

Time Step = 2230





Time Step = 2514

Time Step = 2656

Time Step = 2798

Time Step = 2940

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Figure 5.34

Time Step = 1236



Time Step = 1804

Time Step = 2372





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## Recursive Least Squares Estimation Three Story Building Model; White Noise Input 1st Floor alpha=1.











Time Step = 374

Time Step = 511

Time Step = 1059

Time Step = 648

Time Step = 1196

Time Step = 1744



Time Step = 785



Time Step = 1333









Time Step = 922



Time Step = 1470

Time Step = 2018



Time Step = 2155





Time Step = 2292

Time Step = 2429

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Time Step = 2566

Time Step = 2703

Time Step = 2840



## Recursive Least Squares Estimation Three Story Building Model; White Noise Input 3rd Floor alpha=1.



Time Step = 2429

Time Step = 2566

Time Step = 2703

Time Step = 2840



Figure 5.39



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# Recursive Least Squares Estimation Five Story Building Model; El-Centro Input 2nd Floor alpha=0.99







Time Step = 490

Time Step = 1010

Time Step = 1530



Time Step = 620

Time Step = 230



Time Step = 750



Time Step = 1270









Time Step = 360

Time Step = 880



Time Step = 1400



Time Step = 1920





Time Step = 2180





Time Step = 2440

Time Step = 2570

Time Step = 2700

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Figure 5.50

Time Step = 1140



Time Step = 1660

tep = 2050



Figure 5.51

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### Recursive Least Squares Estimation Five Story Building Model; El-Centro Input 4th Floor alpha=0.99









Time Step = 230

Time Step = 360

Time Step = 490





Time Step = 750

Time Step = 1270

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Time Step = 880

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Time Step = 2050

Time Step = 1140





Time Step = 1660



Time Step = 2180



Time Step = 2310

Time Step = 1790

Time Step = 2440

Time Step = 1920

Time Step = 2570

Time Step = 2700

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#### **Recursive Least Squares Estimation** Five Story Building Model; White Noise Input alpha=0.99 1st Floor





Time Step = 278



Time Step = 367

Time Step = 723

Time Step = 1079

Time Step = 1435



Time Step = 456

Time Step = 189







Time Step = 901



Time Step = 1257



Time Step = 1613

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Time Step = 990



Time Step = 1346





Time Step = 1702

Time Step = 1791



Time Step = 812





Time Step = 1524



Time Step = 1880



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# Recursive Least Squares Estimation Five Story Building Model; White Noise Input 3rd Floor alpha=0.99









Time Step = 189

Time Step = 278

Time Step = 367







Time Step = 634



Time Step = 723



Time Step = 545



Time Step = 901

Time Step = 1257



Time Step = 1346

Time Step = 1079



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Time Step = 1524



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Time Step = 1791

Time Step = 1880

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Time Step = 812





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### Recursive Least Squares Estimation Five Story Building Model; White Noise Input 5th Floor alpha=0.99









Time Step = 189



Time Step = 367







Time Step = 723



Time Step = 812

Time Step = 1168

Time Step = 545



Time Step = 901

Time Step = 1257





Time Step = 990

Time Step = 1346





Time Step = 1079

Time Step = 1435





Time Step = 1524



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Time Step = 1702

Time Step = 1791

Time Step = 1880

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Figure 5.59





Figure 5.61



Figure 5.62



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Figure 5.66



Figure 5.67

# Recursive Least Squares Estimation Three Story Building Model; El-Centro Input 1st Floor alpha=0.99









Time Step = 222

Time Step = 344

Time Step = 466

Time Step = 588



Time Step = 710



Time Step = 1198







Time Step = 954

Time Step = 1442





Time Step = 1564



Time Step = 1686





Time Step = 1320

Time Step = 1808









Time Step = 2174

Time Step = 2296

Time Step = 2418

Time Step = 2540

Time Step = 2052



Figure 5.69

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### Recursive Least Squares Estimation Three Story Building Model; El-Centro Input alpha=0.99 3rd Floor









Time Step = 222

Time Step = 344

Time Step = 466

Time Step = 588



Time Step = 710



Time Step = 1198









Time Step = 832



Time Step = 1320

Time Step = 1808











Time Step = 2174

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Time Step = 2296

Time Step = 2418

Time Step = 2540

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Figure 5.70

Time Step = 954



Time Step = 1442









# Recursive Least Squares Estimation Three Story Building Model; Sine Sweep Input 2nd Floor alpha=0.99









Time Step = 242

Time Step = 384

Time Step = 526





Time Step = 810



Time Step = 952





Time Step = 1236

Time Step = 1804



Time Step = 1378



Time Step = 1520

Time Step = 2088



Time Step = 1662

Time Step = 2230





Time Step = 2514

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Time Step = 1946

Time Step = 2656

Time Step = 2798

Time Step = 2940

Time Step = 2372



Figure 5.73

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### **Recursive Least Squares Estimation** Three Story Building Model; White Noise Input alpha=0.99 1st Floor









Time Step = 237



Time Step = 922

Time Step = 511

Time Step = 1059

Time Step = 648



Time Step = 785



Time Step = 1333



Time Step = 1881





Time Step = 2018







Time Step = 1607

Time Step = 2155







Time Step = 2566

Time Step = 2703







Time Step = 2840

Figure 5.74



Time Step = 1196







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### **Recursive Least Squares Estimation** Three Story Building Model; White Noise Input 3rd Floor alpha=0.99









Time Step = 237



Time Step = 511





Time Step = 785



Time Step = 1333









Time Step = 1470

Time Step = 2018





Time Step = 1607

Time Step = 2155







Time Step = 1196



Time Step = 1744





Time Step = 2292





\_\_\_\_ - Time Step = 2566

Time Step = 2703









Figure 5.77



Figure 5.78



Figure 5.79



Figure 5.80



Figure 5.81



Figure 5.82



Figure 5.83



Figure 5.84



Figure 5.85



Figure 5.86

# Recursive Least Squares Estimation Five Story Building Model; El-Centro Input 1st Floor variable alpha=0.99



Time Step = 2310

Time Step = 2440

Time Step = 2570



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# **Recursive Least Squares Estimation** Five Story Building Model; El-Centro Input 2nd Floor variable alpha=0.99









Time Step = 230

Time Step = 360

Time Step = 490





Time Step = 880



Time Step = 1010



Time Step = 750



Time Step = 1270



Time Step = 1790







Time Step = 1920



Time Step = 1530

Time Step = 2050







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Time Step = 2440

Time Step = 2570

Time Step = 2700

Figure 5.88

Time Step = 1140





Time Step = 1660



Recursive Least Squares Estimation Five Story Building Model; El-Centro Input 3rd Floor variable alpha=0.99



Time Step = 2310

Time Step = 2440

Time Step = 2570

Time Step = 2700

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### Recursive Least Squares Estimation Five Story Building Model; El-Centro Input 4th Floor variable alpha=0.99







Time Step = 490



Time Step = 620

Time Step = 230



Time Step = 750



Time Step = 1270



Time Step = 1790









Time Step = 1400



Time Step = 1920





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Time Step = 1530

Time Step = 2050







Time Step = 2310

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Time Step = 2570

Time Step = 2700

Time Step = 1010

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Time Step = 1140



Time Step = 1660

**Recursive Least Squares Estimation** Five Story Building Model; El-Centro Input 5th Floor variable alpha=0.99



Time Step = 2310

Figure 5.91

Time Step = 2570

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### Recursive Least Squares Estimation Five Story Building Model; White Noise Input 1st Floor variable alpha=0.99





Time Step = 278



Time Step = 367



Time Step = 189





Time Step = 901









Time Step = 456

Time Step = 723

Time Step = 1079

Time Step = 812





Time Step = 1168



Time Step = 1524





Time Step = 1257



Time Step = 990

Time Step = 1346





Time Step = 1613

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Time Step = 1702

Time Step = 1791

Time Step = 1880

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### **Recursive Least Squares Estimation** Five Story Building Model; White Noise Input 2nd Floor variable alpha=0.99









Time Step = 189

Time Step = 278

Time Step = 367

Time Step = 456





Time Step = 634

Time Step = 723



Time Step = 812



Time Step = 901

Time Step = 1257

Time Step = 1613

Time Step = 545



Time Step = 990

Time Step = 1346

Time Step = 1702



Time Step = 1079



Time Step = 1435



Time Step = 1791



Time Step = 1880

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Time Step = 1168





# Recursive Least Squares Estimation Five Story Building Model; White Noise Input 3rd Floor variable alpha=0.99



Time Step = 1613

Time Step = 1702

Time Step = 1791



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**Recursive Least Squares Estimation** Five Story Building Model; White Noise Input 4th Floor variable alpha=0.99









Time Step = 189

Time Step = 278

Time Step = 367





Time Step = 545



Time Step = 634





Time Step = 901

Time Step = 1257

Time Step = 1613



Time Step = 990

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Time Step = 1702

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Time Step = 1079



Time Step = 1435

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Time Step = 1791

Time Step = 1524



Time Step = 1880

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Figure 5.95

Time Step = 723





### **Recursive Least Squares Estimation** Five Story Building Model; White Noise Input 5th Floor variable alpha=0.99





Time Step = 278



Time Step = 367



Time Step = 456

Time Step = 189



Time Step = 545



Time Step = 901









Time Step = 634



Time Step = 990



Time Step = 1346











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Time Step = 1702

Time Step = 1791

Time Step = 1880

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Figure 5.96

Time Step = 812



Time Step = 1168

Time Step = 1524



Time Step = 723



Figure 5.97



Figure 5.98



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Figure 5.103





#### **Recursive Least Squares Estimation** Three Story Building Model; El-Centro Input 1st Floor variable alpha=0.99









Time Step = 222

Time Step = 344

Time Step = 832

Time Step = 466

Time Step = 588



Time Step = 710



Time Step = 1198



Time Step = 1686







Time Step = 1808





Time Step = 1442

Time Step = 1930



Time Step = 2052



Time Step = 2174

Time Step = 2296

Time Step = 2418

Time Step = 2540

Figure 5.106

Time Step = 954



Time Step = 1564



**Recursive Least Squares Estimation** Three Story Building Model; El-Centro Input 2nd Floor variable alpha=0.99



Time Step = 2174

Figure 5.107

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# Recursive Least Squares Estimation Three Story Building Model; El-Centro Input 3rd Floor variable alpha=0.99









Time Step = 222

Time Step = 344

Time Step = 466

Time Step = 954

Time Step = 1442

Time Step = 588

Time Step = 1076

Time Step = 1564









Time Step = 710



Time Step = 1198









Time Step = 1320

Time Step = 832



Time Step = 1808





Time Step = 1930





Time Step = 2052

Time Step = 2174

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Time Step = 2296

Time Step = 2418

Time Step = 2540

## Recursive Least Squares Estimation Three Story Building Model; Sine Sweep Input 1st Floor variable alpha=0.99



Figure 5.109

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#### **Recursive Least Squares Estimation** Three Story Building Model; Sine Sweep Input 2nd Floor variable alpha=0.99





Time Step = 384



Time Step = 526



Time Step = 242



Time Step = 810

Time Step = 1378

Time Step = 1946





Time Step = 1520

Time Step = 2088





Time Step = 1236







Time Step = 2372





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Time Step = 2656

Time Step = 2798

Time Step = 2940

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Figure 5,.110

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Time Step = 1094

Time Step = 1662

Time Step = 2230





#### Recursive Least Squares Estimation Three Story Building Model; Sine Sweep Input 3rd Floor variable alpha=0.99





Time Step = 384



Time Step = 526



Time Step = 668

Time Step = 242



Time Step = 810

Time Step = 1378

Time Step = 1946



Time Step = 1520

Time Step = 2088

Time Step = 952



Time Step = 1094

Time Step = 1662

Time Step = 1236



Time Step = 1804



Time Step = 2372



Time Step = 2514

Time Step = 2656

Time Step = 2798

Time Step = 2940

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#### **Recursive Least Squares Estimation** Three Story Building Model; White Noise Input variable alpha=0.99 1st Floor









Time Step = 237



Time Step = 785



Time Step = 1333









Time Step = 511

Time Step = 648



Time Step = 922

Time Step = 1470

Time Step = 2018



Time Step = 1059

Time Step = 1607

Time Step = 2155







Time Step = 2292





Time Step = 2429

Time Step = 2566

Time Step = 2703

Time Step = 2840

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## Recursive Least Squares Estimation Three Story Building Model; White Noise Input 2nd Floor variable alpha=0.99



#### **Recursive Least Squares Estimation** Three Story Building Model; White Noise Input 3rd Floor variable alpha=0.99









Time Step = 237

Time Step = 374

Time Step = 511

Time Step = 1059

Time Step = 1607

Time Step = 648





Time Step = 922





Time Step = 785















Time Step = 1470

Time Step = 2018

Time Step = 2155





Time Step = 2429

Time Step = 2566

Time Step = 2703

Time Step = 2840

Figure 5.114

Time Step = 1196



Time Step = 1744







**Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation** 

Figure 5.115



Figure 5.116



Figure 5.117



Figure 5.118



Figure 5.119



**Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation** 





Figure 5.121



Figure 5.122



Figure 5.123



Figure 5.124

### **Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation** Five Story Building Model; El-Centro Input 1st Floor



Time Step = 1920





Time Step = 2570



Time Step = 620



Time Step = 1140





Time Step = 2180



Time Step = 2700

Time Step = 2310

Time Step = 1790

Time Step = 2440

### Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation Five Story Building Model; El-Centro Input 2nd Floor









Time Step = 230

Time Step = 360

Time Step = 490

Time Step = 1010

Time Step = 1530

Time Step = 2050

Time Step = 620



Time Step = 750



Time Step = 1270









Time Step = 880



Time Step = 1400



Time Step = 1920





Time Step = 2440

Time Step = 2570



Time Step = 1140



Time Step = 1660

Time Step = 2180



Time Step = 2700

## Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation Five Story Building Model; El-Centro Input 3rd Floor



Figure 5.127

# **Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation** Five Story Building Model; El-Centro Input

4th Floor









Time Step = 230

Time Step = 360

Time Step = 490

Time Step = 620



Time Step = 750



Time Step = 1270











Time Step = 1400

Time Step = 1920



Time Step = 1530



Time Step = 2310

Time Step = 2440

Time Step = 2570

Time Step = 2700

Figure 5.128

Time Step = 1010



Time Step = 1140



Time Step = 1660



# Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation Five Story Building Model; El-Centro Input 5th Floor



### Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation Five Story Building Model; White Noise Input 1st Floor









Time Step = 189

Time Step = 278

Time Step = 367

Time Step = 456



Time Step = 545



Time Step = 901



Time Step = 990

Time Step = 634





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Time Step = 1524





Time Step = 1257







Time Step = 1613

Time Step = 1702

Time Step = 1791

Time Step = 1880

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Figure 5.130







### **Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation** Five Story Building Model; White Noise Input 2nd Floor





Time Step = 278

Time Step = 634

Time Step = 990

Time Step = 189



Time Step = 545



Time Step = 901



Time Step = 1257





Time Step = 1346

Time Step = 1613









Time Step = 723



Time Step = 367

Time Step = 1079



Time Step = 1435





Time Step = 1880

Figure 5.131

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Time Step = 812



Time Step = 1168



Time Step = 1524

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### **Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation** Five Story Building Model; White Noise Input 3rd Floor





Time Step = 278



Time Step = 367



Time Step = 189



Time Step = 545



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Time Step = 634



Time Step = 990



Time Step = 1346









Time Step = 456





Time Step = 723

Time Step = 1079

Time Step = 812



Time Step = 1168

Time Step = 1524



Time Step = 1613

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Time Step = 1702

Time Step = 1791

Time Step = 1880

### Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation Five Story Building Model; White Noise Input 4th Floor



Time Step = 1613

Time Step = 1702

Time Step = 1791

Time Step = 1880

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# Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation Five Story Building Model; White Noise Input

5th Floor





Time Step = 278



Time Step = 367

Time Step = 723

Time Step = 1079



Time Step = 456

Time Step = 189



Time Step = 545



Time Step = 901

Time Step = 634



Time Step = 990



Time Step = 1257





Time Step = 1346









Time Step = 1702

Time Step = 1791





Figure 5.134

Time Step = 812





Time Step = 1524



Figure 5.135



Figure 5.136






Figure 5.139



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Figure 5.141





Figure 5.143

#### **Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation** Three Story Building Model; El-Centro Input 1st Floor









Time Step = 222

Time Step = 344

Time Step = 466

Time Step = 588



Time Step = 710



Time Step = 1198









Time Step = 832



Time Step = 1320



Time Step = 1808





Time Step = 1442







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Time Step = 2296

Time Step = 2418

Time Step = 2540

**Figure 5.144** 

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Time Step = 954

Time Step = 1076



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Time Step = 2052

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## Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation Three Story Building Model; El-Centro Input 2nd Floor



Time Step = 2174

Time Step = 2296

Time Step = 2418

Time Step = 2540

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#### **Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation** Three Story Building Model; El-Centro Input 3rd Floor









Time Step = 222



Time Step = 466

Time Step = 588



Time Step = 710



Time Step = 1198









Time Step = 1320

Time Step = 1808







Time Step = 954

Time Step = 1442

Time Step = 1930





Time Step = 1076



Time Step = 1564



Time Step = 2052





Time Step = 2174

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Time Step = 2296

Time Step = 2418

Time Step = 2540

## Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation Three Story Building Model; Sine Sweep Input 1st Floor



Figure 5.147

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#### Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation Three Story Building Model; Sine Sweep Input 2nd Floor







Time Step = 526

Time Step = 1094

Time Step = 1662



Time Step = 668

Time Step = 242



Time Step = 810



Time Step = 1378











Time Step = 952



Time Step = 1520



Time Step = 2088







Time Step = 2514

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Time Step = 2656

Time Step = 2798



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Figure 5.148

Time Step = 1236



Time Step = 1804

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Time Step = 2372

## Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation Three Story Building Model; Sine Sweep Input 3rd Floor



Figure 5.149

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## **Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation** Three Story Building Model; White Noise Input 1st Floor



Time Step = 374



Time Step = 511



Time Step = 648

Time Step = 237



Time Step = 785



Time Step = 1333















Time Step = 1059

Time Step = 1607



Time Step = 1196



Time Step = 1744



Time Step = 2292





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Time Step = 2018

Time Step = 1470





Time Step = 2155

Time Step = 2566

Time Step = 2703

Time Step = 2840

## Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation Three Story Building Model; White Noise Input 2nd Floor



Time Step = 2429

Time Step = 2566

Time Step = 2703

Time Step = 2840

## **Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation** Three Story Building Model; White Noise Input 3rd Floor



Time Step = 2292





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Time Step = 2566

Time Step = 2703

Time Step = 2840

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**Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation** 



Figure 5.158



Figure 5.159



Figure 5.160



**Figure 5.161** 



**Figure 5.162** 



Figure 5.163



Figure 5.164



Figure 5,165

#### **Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation** Five Story Building Model; White Noise Input 4th Floor

gamma=0.03





Time Step = 278





Time Step = 456

Time Step = 189



Time Step = 545



Time Step = 634



Time Step = 367



Time Step = 723

Time Step = 812



Time Step = 901



Time Step = 990



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Time Step = 1791

Time Step = 1880



# **Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation** Five Story Building Model; El-Centro Input

gamma=0.1 3rd Floor









Time Step = 230

Time Step = 360

Time Step = 490

Time Step = 1010

Time Step = 620



Time Step = 880





Time Step = 1140

Time Step = 1660

Time Step = 750



Time Step = 1270









Time Step = 1400





Time Step = 1530

Time Step = 2050





Time Step = 2440

Time Step = 2570

Time Step = 2180



Time Step = 2700

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## **Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation** Five Story Building Model; El-Centro Input

1st Floor gamma=0.11









Time Step = 230



Time Step = 490





Time Step = 880

Time Step = 1010

Time Step = 1530





Time Step = 750



Time Step = 1270



Time Step = 1790





Time Step = 1400

Time Step = 1920







Time Step = 2310

Time Step = 2440

Time Step = 2570

Time Step = 2700

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Figure 5.169

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Time Step = 1140



Time Step = 1660



## **Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation** Five Story Building Model; White Noise Input 5th Floor

gamma=0.11





Time Step = 278



Time Step = 367



Time Step = 456

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Time Step = 723



Time Step = 812



Time Step = 1168

Time Step = 1524

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Time Step = 1257

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Time Step = 1435







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Time Step = 1079

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#### Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation Five Story Building Model; El-Centro Input

1st Floor gamma=1









Time Step = 230

Time Step = 360

Time Step = 490

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Time Step = 1660



Time Step = 2180



Time Step = 2440

Time Step = 2570



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Time Step = 2050

Time Step = 2700


## **Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation** Five Story Building Model; White Noise Input

3rd Floor gamma=1











Time Step = 278

Time Step = 367

Time Step = 456







Time Step = 545



Time Step = 901

Time Step = 634



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Time Step = 1791

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## Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation Five Story Building Model; El-Centro Input

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Time Step = 230

Time Step = 360

Time Step = 880

Time Step = 1400

Time Step = 490





Time Step = 750



Time Step = 1270



Time Step = 1790





Time Step = 2310







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Figure 5.175

Time Step = 1140



Time Step = 1660

Time Step = 2180



Time Step = 2700

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Time Step = 1010

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Time Step = 1530

Time Step = 2050



## Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation Five Story Building Model; White Noise Input

4th Floor





Time Step = 278



Time Step = 367

gamma=1



Time Step = 456

Time Step = 189



Time Step = 545



Time Step = 634







Time Step = 1079

Time Step = 812

Time Step = 1168



Time Step = 901

Time Step = 1257



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Time Step = 1613

Time Step = 1702

Time Step = 1791

Time Step = 1880



Figure 5.177



# **Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation**

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Figure 5.180



Figure 5.181



**Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation** 



#### **Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation** Three Story Building Model; El-Centro Input 3rd Floor gamma=0.1





Time Step = 1808











Time Step = 1686

Time Step = 2296

Time Step = 2418

Time Step = 1564







Figure 5.184

Time Step = 1076

Time Step = 588





## Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation Three Story Building Model; El-Centro Input

3rd Floor





Time Step = 344



Time Step = 466

Time Step = 954

Time Step = 1442

gamma=1



Time Step = 588

Time Step = 222



Time Step = 710



Time Step = 1198







Time Step = 832



Time Step = 1320



Time Step = 1808

Time Step = 1930





Time Step = 2296

Time Step = 2418





Time Step = 1564

Time Step = 2052



Time Step = 2540



Figure 5.187

## Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation Three Story Building Model; Sine Sweep Input

3rd Floor gamma=1







Time Step = 526



Time Step = 668

Time Step = 242



Time Step = 810



Time Step = 1378









Time Step = 384

Time Step = 952

Time Step = 1520

Time Step = 2088





Time Step = 1094







Time Step = 1804



Time Step = 1662







Time Step = 2372



Time Step = 2656

Time Step = 2798

Time Step = 2940

Figure 5.188

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Rational Orthogonal Polynomial Curvefit Five Story Building Model; White Noise Input 4th Floor









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Figure 5.208


Figure 5.209



Figure 5.210



Figure 5.211



Figure 5.212



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Figure 5.216



Figure 5.217



Figure 5.218



Figure 5.219



Figure 5.220



Figure 5.221





Figure 5.223



Figure 5.224



Figure 5.225

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Figure 5.227



Figure 5.228



Figure 5.229



Figure 5.230



Figure 5.231



Figure 5.232



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Figure 5.235



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Figure 5.238

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Figure 5.239



Figure 5.240



Figure 5.241



Figure 5.242



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## Figure 5.245



Figure 5.246



Figure 5.247







Figure 5.249



Figure 5.250







Figure 5.252



Figure 5.253



Figure 5.254



Figure 5.255



Figure 5.256



Figure 5.257



Figure 5.258



Figure 5.259



Figure 5.260



Figure 5.261



Figure 5.262



Figure 5.263



## Figure 5.264



Figure 5.265



Figure 5.266



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Figure 5.268



Figure 5.269



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Figure 5.274



Figure 5.275



Figure 5.276



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Figure 5.279



Figure 5.280


Figure 5.281



Figure 5.282

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Figure 5.283



Figure 5.284



Figure 5.285



Figure 5.286



**Figure 5.287** 



**Figure 5.288** 



Figure 5.289



Figure 5.290



Figure 5.291



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Figure 5.293



Figure 5.294



Figure 5.295





Figure 5.297



Figure 5.298



Figure 5.299



Figure 5.300



**Recursive Instrumental Variable Estimation** 

Figure 5.301



# Figure 5.302

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