

# Application of a model-free based control algorithm to neural networks updating

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# Outline

- Para-model control
- Application to neural networks
  - Basic network supervised training
  - Short-term memory network updating

# Derivative-free & model-free control : Para-model control

Based on the original model-free control...

(Michel - 2011)

## Para-model control definition

For any discrete moment  $t_k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , one defines the discrete controller  $\mathcal{C}_\pi : (y, y^*) \mapsto u_k$  such as :

$$u_k = \psi_k \cdot \int_0^t K_i(y_{k-1}^* - y_{k-1}) d\tau$$

with

$$\psi_k = \psi_{k-1} + K_p(k_\alpha e^{-k_\beta k} - y_{k-1})$$

where :  $y^*$  is the output reference trajectory ;  $K_p$ ,  $K_i$ ,  $k_\alpha$  and  $k_\beta$  are real positive tuning gains

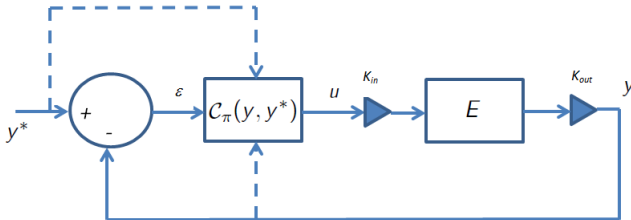
- Equivalent to a product of an integrator and a series  $(\psi_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$

# Para-model control

## Structural properties

Given an output reference  $y^*$  and a nonlinear dynamical system  $E$ , it is *a priori* possible :

- to *control*  $E$  (track  $y^*$ ) in a *robust* manner
- to *optimize*  $E$  (look for extremum)



# Para-model control

## Example of code

- Only few lines of basic operations :

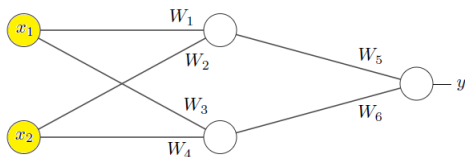
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y_int(i) = M_alpha*exp(-M_beta*tt(i));  
para_exp_err = y_int(i-1) - y(i-1);  
para_stand_err(i) = y_ref(i) - y(i-1);  
para_u(i) = para_u(i-1) + Kp*para_exp_err;  
para_G(i) = Kint*para_stand_err(i);  
para_tr(i) = para_tr(i-1) + h*(para_G(i) + para_G(i-1))/2;  
para_u_final = para_u(i)*para_tr(i);
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## Application to a basic neural network training

Considering a neural network defined as an "unknown" system  $E : (x_1, x_2) \mapsto y$  and given a data training set  $\{x_1^{train}, x_2^{train}, y^{train}\}$ ,

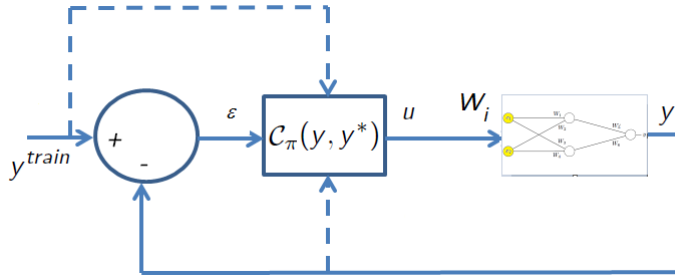


the goal is to adjust the set of the weights  $W_i$  to fit with the data training using the proposed algorithm such as :

$$\text{for all } i, \quad W_i = \mathcal{C}_\pi(y, y^{train})$$

# Application to a basic neural network training

Proposed control scheme of the trained neural network



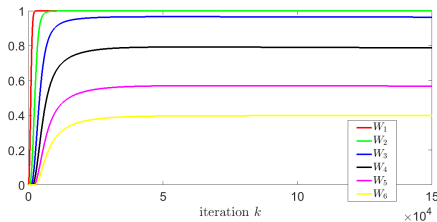
- Allows *a priori* online updates of the network according to topological network modifications / training data changes



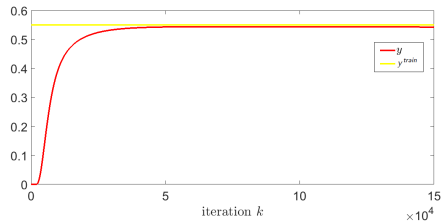
# Application to a basic neural network training

## Case 1

- Online tuning w.r.t. an initial set of training data



Evolution of the weights  $W_i$



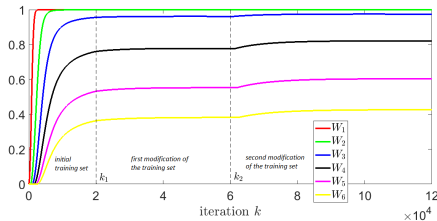
Evolution of the output  $y$

$\Rightarrow$  Allows *a priori* stabilization of the weights  $W_i$  according to the training data

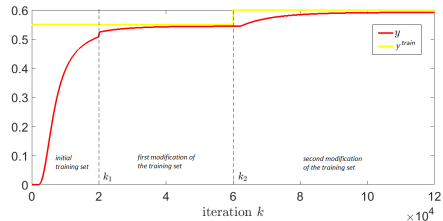
# Application to a basic neural network training

## Case 2

- Online tuning w.r.t. changes of the training data



Evolution of the weights  $W_i$



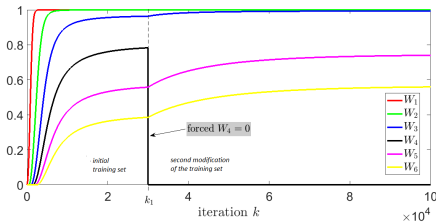
Evolution of the output  $y$

⇒ *Allows a priori re-stabilization of the weights  $W_i$  according to the training data changes*

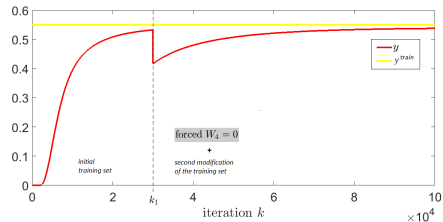
# Application to a basic neural network training

## Case 3

- Online tuning w.r.t. changes of the training data and the network topology



Evolution of the weights  $W_i$



Evolution of the output  $y$

⇒ Allows *a priori* re-stabilization of the weights  $W_i$  according to the different changes

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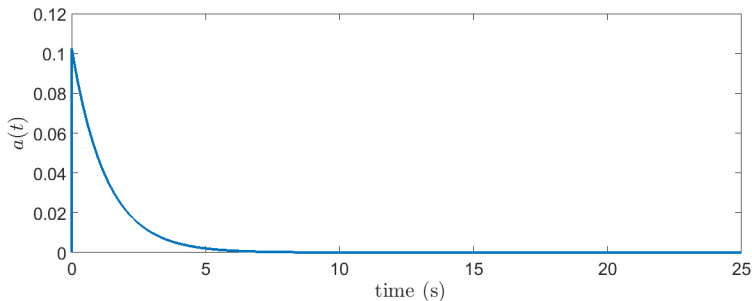
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# Application to the self-org. short-term memory network

(Federer, Zylberberg - 2018)

Considering firstly a single neuron model :

$$\begin{cases} \tau \frac{d a(t)}{d t} = -a(t) + L r(t) \\ r(t) = \text{relu}(a(t)) \end{cases}$$



Evolution of the free response  $a(t)$  with  $a(0) = 0.1105$

# Application to the self-org. short-term memory network

Controlling the single neuron to retain stimulus

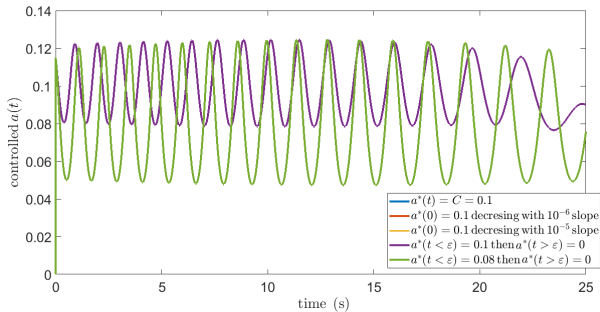
First, try controlling a single neuron using Para-model to 'simulate' a stimulus  $s = a^*(0)$  retention :

$$\begin{cases} \tau \frac{d a(t)}{d t} = -a(t) + r(t) u(t) \\ r(t) = \text{relu}(a(t)) \\ u(t) = C_{\pi}(a(t), a^*(t)) \quad \text{under different "shapes" of } a^*(t) \end{cases}$$

- $a^*(t)$  is the output reference for which it is expected that ideally : for all  $t$ ,  $a(t) \rightarrow a^*(0)$

# Application to the self-org. short-term memory network

Controlling the single neuron to retain stimulus - Simulation results



- Oscillations around  $a^*(0)$  but *a priori* invariance of the transient response whatever the "shape" of  $a^*(t > 0)$

⇒ *Allows a priori to retain stimulus without any external signal*

# Application to the self-org. short-term memory network

Inclusion of the Para-model algorithm in a 100-neuron network

Considering a 100-neuron network updated thanks to the gradient descent plasticity rule

Goal : Preliminary (exploratory) results to observe the behavior of the proposed Para-model control considered as an update law

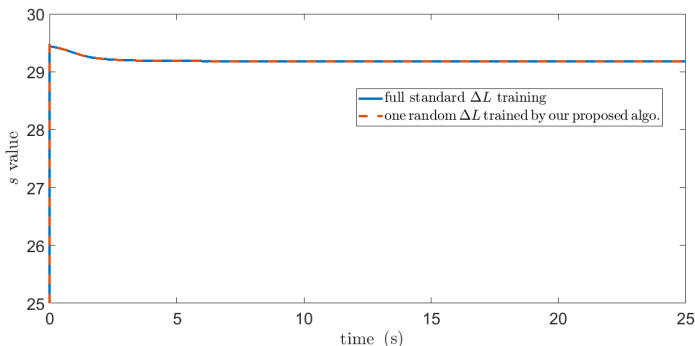
Working Assumption : A simple initial pulse  $s$  defined at  $t = 0$  can *a priori* determine the behavior of the controlled neuron transient



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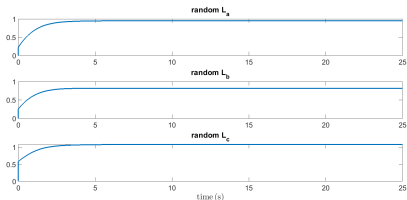
- A single neuron - randomly chosen - is updated with our proposed Para-model algorithm



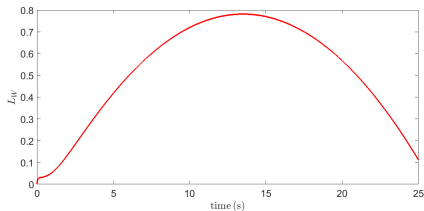
Evolution of the retained stimulus value  $s$  according to plasticity rules in comparison with our proposed algorithm (with  $s(0) = 29.4$ )

# Application to the self-org. short-term memory network

Algorithms in interaction in a 100-neuron network



Plasticity rules  $\Delta L$  for three  
(randomly chosen) neurons







Evolution of the controlled  $\Delta L$   
with Para-model algorithm

*⇒ First observation of an a priori non divergence of our Para-model algorithm (and stability of the  $s$  value) over a long period of time*

# Perspectives

Future works include investigation of the interactions between our proposed algorithm and the plasticity update rules in multiple operating conditions as well as study of the general stability properties

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