

Learning to Track Trajectories

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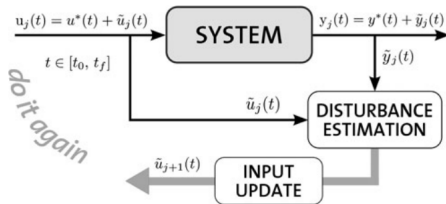


Figure : ILC Framework [SMD12]

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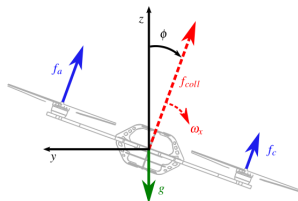


Figure : 2D Quadcopter model

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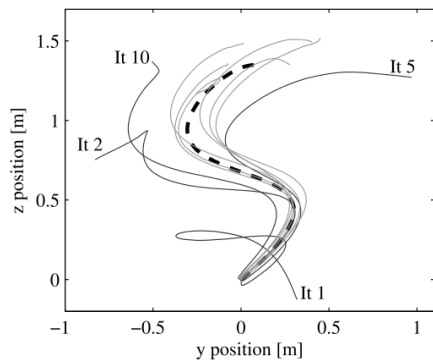


Figure : Learning an S-shaped trajectory

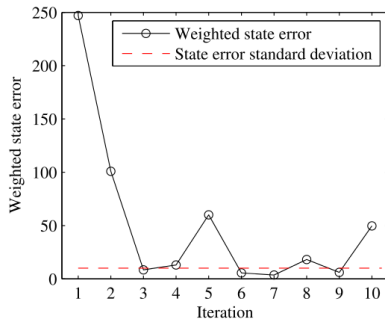


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Conclusion

- Thank you for listening!

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