

Data-driven simulation and control

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LTI system representations

- Difference equation

$$R_0 w(t) + R_1 w(t+1) + \dots + R_1 w(t+1) = 0$$

- Convolution

$$w = \Pi \operatorname{col}(u, y), \quad y(t) = \sum_{\tau=-\infty}^t h(\tau) u(t-\tau)$$

- Input/state/output equations

$$w = \Pi \operatorname{col}(u, y), \quad \begin{aligned} x(t+1) &= Ax(t) + Bu(t) \\ y(t) &= Cx(t) + Du(t) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{I/S/O})$$

$\mathcal{B}(A, B, C, D)$ — the system defined by (I/S/O)
we will assume that $\Pi = I$

Outline

Introduction

Data-driven simulation

Output matching control

Data-driven LQ tracking

Behavior of a system = solution set of an equation

We identify the system with its behavior \mathcal{B} ,

$$\mathcal{B} := \{ w \in (\mathbb{R}^w)^{\mathbb{N}} \mid \text{representation eqns holds} \}, \text{ e.g.}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(A, B, C, D) = \{ w \in (\mathbb{R}^w)^{\mathbb{N}} \mid \exists x, \text{ such that (I/S/O) holds} \}$$

w is the number of variables, $\mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, \dots\}$ is the time axis

Restriction of the behavior to the interval $\{1, 2, \dots, t\}$

$$\mathcal{B}_t := \{ w_p \in (\mathbb{R}^w)^t \mid \exists w_f \text{ such that } (w_p, w_f) \in \mathcal{B} \}$$

$\operatorname{lag}(\mathcal{B})$ — lag of \mathcal{B} (observability index of I/S/O repr.)
 $\operatorname{order}(\mathcal{B})$ — order of \mathcal{B}

Notation for Hankel matrices

Given a signal $w = (w(1), \dots, w(T))$ and $t \leq T$, define

$$\mathcal{H}_t(w) := \begin{bmatrix} w(1) & w(2) & w(3) & \cdots & w(T-t+1) \\ w(2) & w(3) & w(4) & \cdots & w(T-t+2) \\ w(3) & w(4) & w(5) & \cdots & w(T-t+3) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ w(t) & w(t+1) & w(t+2) & \cdots & w(T) \end{bmatrix}$$

block-Hankel matrix with t block-rows, composed of w

Notes:

- \mathcal{B} is specified implicitly by w_d ,
- the ini. cond. x_{ini} is specified implicitly by w_{ini} .

Algorithm 1: data-driven simulation, using I/S/O repr.

1. identification $w_d \mapsto (A, B, C, D)$
2. observer $(w_{\text{ini}}, (A, B, C, D)) \mapsto x_{\text{ini}}$
3. classical simulation $(u, x_{\text{ini}}, (A, B, C, D)) \mapsto y$

Can we find y without deriving an explicit representation of \mathcal{B} ?

The simulation problem

Classical simulation problem: Given

- system $\mathcal{B} := \mathcal{B}(A, B, C, D)$,
- input $u \in (\mathbb{R}^m)^t$, and
- initial conditions $x_{\text{ini}} \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

find the response y of \mathcal{B} to u and ini. cond. x_{ini} .

Data-driven simulation problem: Given

- trajectory $w_d \in (\mathbb{R}^w)^T$ of \mathcal{B} ,
- input $u \in (\mathbb{R}^m)^t$, and
- initial trajectory $w_{\text{ini}} \in (\mathbb{R}^w)^{T_{\text{ini}}}$, $w_{\text{ini}} \in \mathcal{B}_{T_{\text{ini}}}$,

find the response y of \mathcal{B} to u , such that $(w_{\text{ini}}, (u, y)) \in \mathcal{B}_{T_{\text{ini}}+t}$.

Basic idea

Assuming that w_d is a trajectory of \mathcal{B} (exact data),

lin. comb. of the columns of $\mathcal{H}_t(w_d)$ are trajectories of \mathcal{B} , i.e.,

$$\text{for all } g, \quad \mathcal{H}_t(w_d)g \in \mathcal{B}_t$$

\Rightarrow computing the response of \mathcal{B} to given input and initial conditions from data w_d , requires choosing a suitable g

Under what conditions is every trajectory generated that way?

The fundamental lemma

u_d is **persistently exciting of order L** if $\mathcal{H}_L(u_d)$ is of full row rank.

Fundamental Lemma: Assume that

- the LTI system \mathcal{B} is controllable,
- u_d is persistently exciting of order $L + \text{order}(\mathcal{B})$, and
- $w_d := (u_d, y_d)$ is a trajectory of \mathcal{B} , i.e., $w_d \in \mathcal{B}_T$.

Then

$$\text{image}(\mathcal{H}_L(w_d)) = \mathcal{B}_L.$$

Define

$$U := \mathcal{H}_{T_{\text{ini}}+t}(u_{\text{d}}), \quad Y := \mathcal{H}_{T_{\text{ini}}+t}(y_{\text{d}})$$

and the partitionings

$$U =: \begin{bmatrix} U_p \\ U_f \end{bmatrix}, \quad Y =: \begin{bmatrix} Y_p \\ Y_f \end{bmatrix}.$$

Algorithm 2: data-driven simulation

1. compute the least norm solution of

$$\begin{bmatrix} U_p \\ Y_p \\ U_f \end{bmatrix} g = \begin{bmatrix} u_{\text{ini}} \\ y_{\text{ini}} \\ u \end{bmatrix}.$$

2. compute $y := Y_{\mathbf{f}}g$.

Construction of responses from data

Problem: Find y , such that $(w_{\text{ini}}, (u, y)) \in \mathcal{B}$, where w_{ini}, u are given, and \mathcal{B} is implicitly defined by w_{d} .

Under the conditions of the FL, there is g , such that

$$\mathcal{H}_{T_{\text{ini}}+t}(w_d)g = (w_{\text{ini}}, (u, y)).$$

The eqns with RHS y , **define y , for given g** . The others restrict g .

Generic data-driven simulation algorithm:

1. compute any solution g of the equations with RHS w_{ini}, u
2. substitute g in the equations for y

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Special case $u = 0$: free response

Allows to compute an **observability matrix** \mathcal{O} of \mathcal{B} from data, by finding $n \geq \text{order}(\mathcal{B})$ linearly indep. free responses.

Let \mathfrak{l}_{\max} be an upper bound for the lag of \mathcal{B} and take $T_{\text{ini}} = \mathfrak{l}_{\max}$.

Algorithm 3: compute an observability matrix \mathcal{O}

1. compute the least norm solution of

$$\begin{bmatrix} U_p \\ Y_p \\ U_f \end{bmatrix} G = \begin{bmatrix} U_p \\ Y_p \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. compute $Y := Y_f G$
3. compute a rank revealing factorization $Y = \mathcal{O} X_{\text{ini}}$

Special case $w_{\text{ini}} = 0$: zero initial cond. response

Let h be the impulse response of \mathcal{B} , and define

$$\mathcal{T}_t(h) := \begin{bmatrix} h(0) & & & & \\ h(1) & h(0) & & & \\ h(2) & h(1) & h(0) & & \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ h(t-1) & \dots & \dots & h(1) & h(0) \end{bmatrix}$$

For any $w = \text{col}(u, y) \in \mathcal{B}_t$,

$$y = \mathcal{O}x_{\text{ini}} + \mathcal{T}_t(h)u$$

We can compute a basis for $\mathcal{B}_{0,t} := \text{image}(\mathcal{T}_t(h))$ from data, by finding t_m lin. indep. zero initial cond. responses.

Special case $w_{\text{ini}} = 0$, $u = I\delta$: impulse response

With the same construction we can find the first t Markov parameters of \mathcal{B} , which is a system identification method.

Algorithm 5: compute the impulse response

1. compute the least norm solution of

$$\begin{bmatrix} U_p \\ Y_p \\ U_f \end{bmatrix} G = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \text{col}(I_m, 0) \end{bmatrix}$$

2. compute $h := Y_f G$

Algorithm 4: compute a basis of $\mathcal{B}_{0,t}$

1. compute the least norm solution of

$$\begin{bmatrix} U_p \\ Y_p \\ U_f \end{bmatrix} G = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \mathcal{H}_{t,t_m}(u_d) \end{bmatrix}$$

2. compute $Y_0 := Y_f G$

Then $\text{image}(Y_0) = \text{image}(\mathcal{T}_t(h)) = \mathcal{B}_{0,t}$.

Simulation example $w_d \mapsto h$

Compared algorithms

- Algorithm 5 (block computation)
- iterative version of Algorithm 5
- impulse from the Identification Toolbox of MATLAB

Approximation error $e = \|h - \hat{h}\|_F$ and execution time

method	error, e	time, sec.
Algorithm 5	10^{-14}	0.293
iterative algorithm	10^{-14}	0.066
impulse	0.059	0.584

The output matching problem

“Classical” output matching problem: Given

- **system** $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}(A, B, C, D)$,
- **initial condition** $\mathbf{x}_{\text{ini}} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and
- **reference response** $\mathbf{y}_r \in (\mathbb{R}^p)^T_r$

find an input $u_f \in (\mathbb{R}^m)^{T_r}$, such that the response of \mathcal{B} to u_f and ini. cond. x_{ini} is y_r .

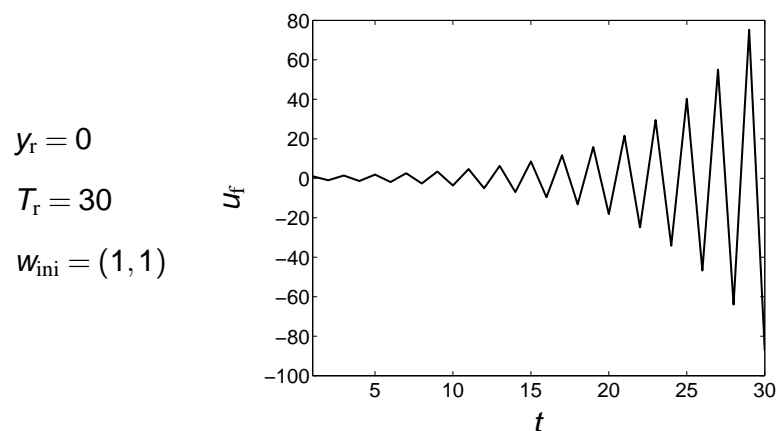
Data-driven output matching problem: Given

- trajectory $w_d \in (\mathbb{R}^w)^T$ of \mathcal{B} ,
- initial trajectory $w_{\text{ini}} \in (\mathbb{R}^w)^{T_{\text{ini}}}$, $w_{\text{ini}} \in \mathcal{B}_{T_{\text{ini}}}$, and
- reference response $y_r \in (\mathbb{R}^p)^{T_r}$

find an input $u_f \in (\mathbb{R}^m)^{T_r}$, such that $(w_{\text{ini}}, (u_f, y_r)) \in \mathcal{B}_{T_{\text{ini}}+T_r}$.

Simulation example

\mathcal{B} — 2nd order, $m = 1$ input, $p = 1$ output
 w_d — random trajectory of \mathcal{B} with $T = 200$ samples



Output matching = “inverse simulation”

Note: simulation can be viewed as an “input matching” problem.

Algorithm 6: data-driven output matching

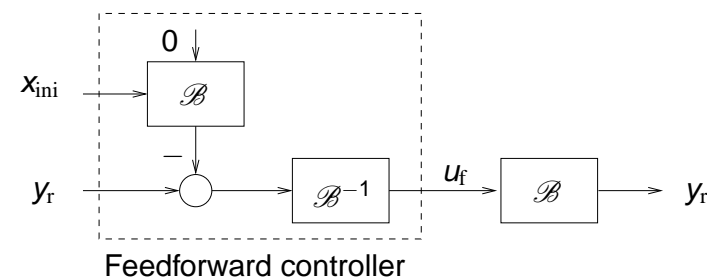
1. compute the least norm solution of

$$\begin{bmatrix} U_p \\ Y_p \\ Y_f \end{bmatrix} g = \begin{bmatrix} u_{ini} \\ y_{ini} \\ y_r \end{bmatrix}$$

2. compute $u_f := U_f g$

An arbitrary input is allowed.

Structure of the output matching controller



In the example, \mathcal{B} is non-minimum phase $\Rightarrow \mathcal{B}^{-1}$ unstable.

More general tracking problem:

follow a reference traj. w.r. by trading-off errors in both u and y

Linear quadratic tracking problem

Given

- a trajectory $w_d \in (\mathbb{R}^w)^T$ of \mathcal{B} ,
- an initial trajectory $w_{\text{ini}} \in (\mathbb{R}^w)^{T_{\text{ini}}}$, $w_{\text{ini}} \in \mathcal{B}_{T_{\text{ini}}}$,
- a reference trajectory $w_r \in (\mathbb{R}^w)^{T_r}$, and
- a positive definite matrix $\Phi \in \mathbb{R}^{w \times w}$,

find a trajectory of \mathcal{B} that is optimal with respect to the criterion

$$J(w_r, w) := (w_r - w)^\top \Phi(w_r - w)$$

and has as a prefix the initial trajectory w_{ini} , *i.e.*, find

$$w_f^* := \arg \min_{w_f} J(w_r, w_f) \quad \text{subject to} \quad (w_{\text{ini}}, w_f) \in \mathcal{B}_{T_{\text{ini}} + T_f}.$$

Observer design

Let h be the impulse response of \mathcal{B} . We have,

$$\mathbf{y}_{\text{ini}} = \mathcal{O}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{C})\mathbf{x}(1) + \mathcal{I}_{T_{\text{ini}}}(h)\mathbf{u}_{\text{ini}}, \quad (1)$$

where

$$\mathcal{O}(A, C) := \text{col}(C, CA, \dots, CA^{T_{\text{ini}}-1})$$

defines a system of equations for the initial state $x(1)$.

$$\begin{array}{ll} w_{\text{ini}} \in \mathcal{B}_{T_{\text{ini}}} & \implies \text{existence of solution} \\ (A, B, C, D) \text{ minimal} & \implies \text{uniqueness} \end{array}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{ini}} = \mathbf{x}(T_{\text{ini}} + 1) = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}^{T_{\text{ini}}}\mathbf{x}(1) + \begin{bmatrix} h(T_{\text{ini}} - 1) & h(T_{\text{ini}} - 2) & \cdots & h(0) \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_{\text{ini}}. \quad (2)$$

Solution using an I/S/O representation

The classical but indirect solution is:

Algorithm 7: data-driven LQ tracking, using I/S/O repr.

1. $w_d \xrightarrow{\text{Identification}} (A, B, C, D)$
2. $(w_{\text{ini}}, (A, B, C, D)) \xrightarrow{\text{Observer (1,2)}} x_{\text{ini}}$
3. $(\Phi, w_f, x_{\text{ini}}, (A, B, C, D)) \xrightarrow{\text{Synthesis (3,4,5)}} w_f^*$

We aim to find algorithms that do not derive a repr. of \mathcal{B} .

Regulator synthesis

LQ tracking problem:

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{x,u,y} (w_r - \text{col}(u, y))^{\top} \Phi (w_r - \text{col}(u, y)) \\ \text{subject to} \quad & x(t+1) = Ax(t) + Bu(t), \quad x(1) = x_{\text{ini}} \\ & y(t) = Cx(t) + Du(t), \quad \text{for } t = 1, \dots, T_r. \end{aligned}$$

The solution for the $w_r = 0$ case (regulation problem) is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}^*(t+1) &= (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{L}_t)\mathbf{x}^*(t), \quad \mathbf{x}(1) = \mathbf{x}_{\text{ini}} \\ \mathbf{w}_f^*(t) &= \begin{bmatrix} -\mathbf{L}_t \\ \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{D}\mathbf{L}_t \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}^*(t) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

a state feedback.

Define

$$\Phi =: \begin{bmatrix} \Phi_u & \Phi_{uy} \\ \Phi_{yu} & \Phi_y \end{bmatrix}.$$

The optimal input is a **state feedback with time-varying gain**

$$L_t := (B^\top S_{t+1} B + \Phi_u + \Phi_{uy} D + D^\top \Phi_{uy} + D^\top \Phi_y D)^{-1} \\ \times (B^\top S_{t+1} A + \Phi_{uy} C + D^\top \Phi_y C) \quad (4)$$

where S is given by the **Riccati difference equation**

$$\begin{aligned} S_t = & A^\top S_{t+1} A + C^\top \Phi_y C - (B^\top S_{t+1} A + \Phi_{uy} C + D^\top \Phi_y C)^\top \\ & \times (B^\top S_{t+1} B + \Phi_u + \Phi_{uy} D + D^\top \Phi_{uy}^\top + D^\top \Phi_y D)^{-1} \\ & \times (B^\top S_{t+1} A + \Phi_{uy} C + D^\top \Phi_y C), \quad S_T = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

With $\tilde{h} := \text{col}(I\delta, h)$,

$$w_f := \left(\text{col}(u_f(1), y_f(1)), \dots, \text{col}(u_f(T_r), y_f(T_r)) \right) = \mathcal{T}_{T_r}(\tilde{h})u_f$$

Then

$$w_f = \mathcal{T}_{T_r}(\tilde{h})u_f + w_{f,0}, \quad \text{where} \quad w_{f,0} := \text{col}(0, y_{f,0})$$

The tracking problem becomes

$$\min_{\mu_f} (w_r - w_{f,0} - \mathcal{I}_{T_r}(\tilde{h}))^\top \Phi(w_r - w_{f,0} - \mathcal{I}_{T_r}(\tilde{h}))$$

and the solution is

$$\begin{aligned} u_{\text{f}}^* &= (\mathcal{T}_{T_{\text{r}}}^{\top}(\tilde{h})\Phi\mathcal{T}_{T_{\text{r}}}(\tilde{h}))^{-1}\mathcal{T}_{T_{\text{r}}}^{\top}(\tilde{h})\Phi(w_{\text{r}}-w_{\text{f},1}) \\ y_{\text{f}}^* &= \mathcal{T}_{T_{\text{r}}}(h)u_{\text{f}}^* + y_{\text{f},1} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Solution using the impulse response representation

LQ tracking problem:

$$\min_{w_f} (w_r - w_f)^\top \Phi(w_r - w_f) \quad \text{subject to} \quad (w_{\text{ini}}, w_f) \in \mathcal{B}_{T_{\text{ini}} + T_f}$$

Let $y_{f,0}$ be the free response of \mathcal{B} initiated by w_{ini} .

$$y_f = y_{f,0} + \mathcal{I}_{T_r}(h)u_f$$

so that the tracking problem becomes

$$\min_{u_f} (w_r - w_f)^\top \Phi(w_r - w_f) \quad \text{subject to} \quad y_f = \mathcal{I}_{T_r}(h)u_f + y_{f,0}$$

a weighted least squares problem.

Ingredients of the solution:

- the free response $y_{f,0}$ and
- the impulse response h .

We can compute them directly from w_d .

Algorithm 8: data-driven LQ tracking, using impulse resp. repr.

1. $(w_{\text{ini}}, w_d, T_r) \xrightarrow{\text{Algorithm 2}} y_{f,0}$
2. $(w_d, T_r) \xrightarrow{\text{Algorithm 6}} h$
3. $(\phi, w_r, w_{f,0}, h) \xrightarrow{(6)} w_f^*$

Data-driven solution

Define the **zero initial conditions subbehavior** of \mathcal{B}

$$\mathcal{B}_{0,T_r} := \left\{ w \in (\mathbb{R}^w)^{T_r} \mid \underbrace{(0, \dots, 0)}_{\text{lag}(\mathcal{B})}, w \right\}$$

Theorem: Let $W_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{T_r \times \bullet}$ be a matrix, such that

$$\text{image}(W_0) = \mathcal{B}_{0,T_r}$$

Then the LQ optimal trajectory is

$$w_f^* = W_0(W_0^\top \Phi W_0)^+ W_0^\top \Phi (w_r - w_{f,0}) + w_{f,0} \quad (7)$$

where $w_{f,0}$ is the free response of \mathcal{B} , caused by w_{ini} .

Algorithm 9: data-driven LQ tracking

1. $(w_{\text{ini}}, w_d, T_r) \xrightarrow{\text{Algorithm 2}} y_{f,0}$
2. $(w_d, T_r) \xrightarrow{\text{Algorithm 4}} W_0$
3. $(\Phi, w_r, y_{f,0}, W_0) \xrightarrow{(7)} w_f^*$

Proof

Any zero initial conditions trajectory $w = \text{col}(u, y) \in (\mathbb{R}^w)^{T_r}$ is of the form $w = \mathcal{T}_{T_r}(\tilde{h})u$. Therefore,

$$\mathcal{B}_{0,T_r} = \text{image}(\mathcal{T}_{T_r}(\tilde{h})) = \text{image}(W_0)$$

Consider the space $\mathcal{W} = (\mathbb{R}^w)^{T_r}$ with inner product defined by $\langle w_1, w_2 \rangle = w_1^\top \Phi w_2$. The **projector on \mathcal{B}_{0,T_r} in \mathcal{W}** is

$$\mathcal{T}_{T_r}(\tilde{h})(\mathcal{T}_{T_r}^\top(\tilde{h})\Phi\mathcal{T}_{T_r}(\tilde{h}))^{-1}\mathcal{T}_{T_r}^\top(\tilde{h})\Phi = W_0(W_0^\top\Phi W_0)^+W_0^\top\Phi$$

Then the data-driven solution (7) follows from the solution (6), using the impulse response representation.

Simulation example

Aim: illustrate numerically the equivalence of the three methods.

- \mathcal{B} — 2nd order, $m = 1$ input, $p = 1$ output
(the same system as in the output matching example)
- w_d — random trajectory of \mathcal{B} with $T = 200$ samples
- Φ — identity (assign equal weights to the variables)

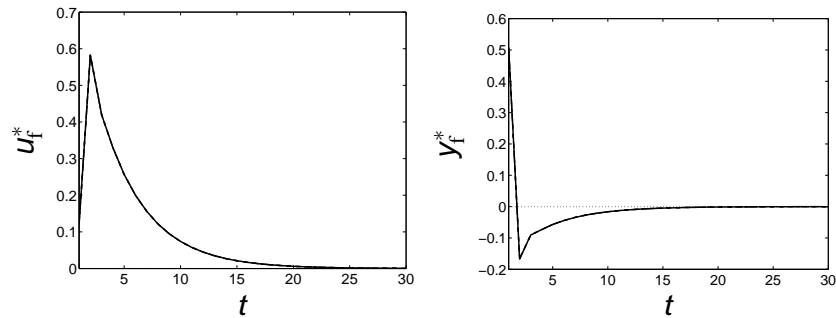
- **Experiment 1: data-driven regulation**

$$w_r = 0, \quad T_r = 30, \quad \text{and} \quad w_{\text{ini}} = (1, 1)$$

- **Experiment 2: data-driven step tracking**

$$u_r = 0, \quad y_r(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } t = 1, 2, \dots, 30 \\ 1, & \text{for } t = 31, 32, \dots, 60 \end{cases}, \quad w_{\text{ini}} = (1, 1)$$

Result for Experiment 1

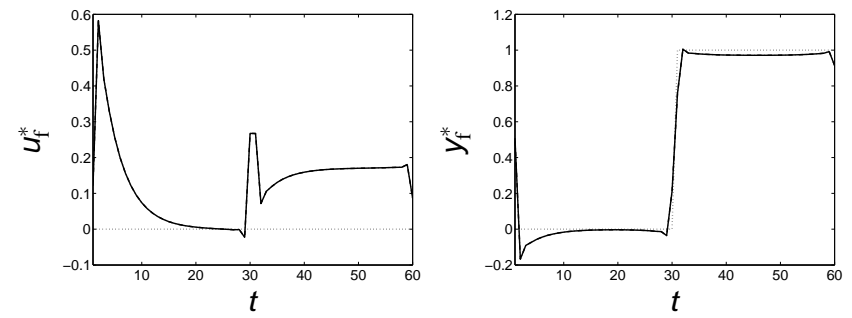


w_f — dotted line, w_f^* — solid line, $J(0, w_f^*) = 1.1139$

Conclusions

- Given $w_d \in \mathcal{B}_T$, we can compute feedforward LQ tracking control without deriving a repr. of \mathcal{B} . (data-driven control)
- For doing this we need
 - \mathcal{B} to be controllable,
 - u_d to be persistently exciting of sufficient order.
- The construction of the optimal control is based on
 - free response $y_{f,0}$ of \mathcal{B} under w_{ini} , and
 - zero ini. cond. trajectories W_0 (a basis for \mathcal{B}_{0,T_r}).

Result for Experiment 2



w_f — dotted line, w_f^* — solid line, $J(w_r, w_f^*) = 2.1034$

Perspectives for future work

- Find data-driven solutions to **other control problems**
- Derivation of a **feedback controller** directly from data
- Recursive algorithms
- Dealing with perturbed data

Final goal:

approximate recursive algorithms for data-driven control.