

# Scalable Underapproximation for the Stochastic Reach-Avoid Problem for High-Dimensional LTI Systems Using Fourier Transform

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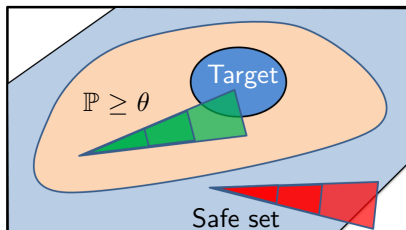
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Objective: Scalable underapproximation of  $\max \mathbb{P}$  from an initial state.

## Related work

### **Backward stochastic reachability**

Abate, Amin, Prandini, Lygeros, & Sastry (2007); Abate, Prandini, Lygeros, & Sastry (2008); Summers, & Lygeros (2010)

### **Approximation techniques**

Lesser, Oishi, & Erwin (2013); Manganini, Pirotta, Restelli, Piroddi, & Prandini (2015); Kariotoglou, Kamgarpour, Summers, & Lygeros (2017); Gleason, Vinod, & Oishi (2017)

### **Forward stochastic reachability**

Lasota & Mackey (1985); Althoff, Stursberg, & Buss (2009); Vinod, HomChaudhuri, & Oishi (2017); HomChaudhuri, Vinod, & Oishi (2017)

### **Uncertain system reachability (discrete time)**

Bertsekas and Rhodes (1971); Girard (2005); Kurzhanskiy & Varaiya (2006); Kvasnica, Takács, Holaza, & Ingole (2015); Althoff (2015); Bak & Duggirala (2017)

### **Uncertain system reachability (continuous time)**

Tomlin, Mitchell, Bayen, & Oishi (2003); Bokanowski, Forcadell, & Zidani (2010); Huang, Ding, Zhang, & Tomlin (2015); Chen, Herbert, & Tomlin (2017)

# Main contributions

Focus: Terminal stochastic reach-avoid problem

- ▶ Fourier transform-based underapproximation
  - ▶ Grid-free and recursion-free
  - ▶ Solution for a known initial condition
  - ▶ Open-loop policies
- ▶ Transformation to a convex optimization



# Outline

1. Introduction
2. Problem statements
3. Fourier transform-based underapproximation
4. Examples
5. Conclusion

# System formulation

- ▶ Discrete-time LTI system (time horizon  $N$  and initial state  $\bar{x}_0 \in \mathcal{X}$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_{k+1} &= A\mathbf{x}_k + B\bar{u}_k + \mathbf{w}_k & \mathbf{x}_k &\in \mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n, \bar{u}_k \in \mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m \\ & & \mathbf{w}_k &\in \mathcal{W} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^p, \mathbf{w}_k \sim \psi_{\mathbf{w}} \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ ( $\equiv$ ) Continuous state Markov decision process (when IID noise)

$$Q(d\bar{y}|\bar{x}, \bar{u}) = \psi_{\mathbf{w}}(\bar{y} - A\bar{x} - B\bar{u})d\bar{y}$$

- ▶ Markov policy  $\pi : \mathbb{N}_{[0, N-1]} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ ,  $\pi \in \mathcal{M}$
- ▶  $\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{x}_1^\top \ \mathbf{x}_2^\top \ \dots \ \mathbf{x}_{N-1}^\top]^\top$  random vector (rv) in  $(\mathcal{X}^N, \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{X}^N), \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{X}}^{\pi, \bar{x}_0})$

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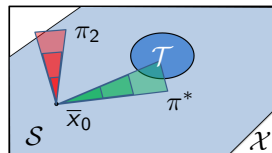


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- ▶ Terminal stochastic reach-avoid problem

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s. t.  $\pi \in \mathcal{M}$



- ▶ Solution via dynamic programming

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  - ▶ For compact  $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{T}$  and Lipschitz  $Q$
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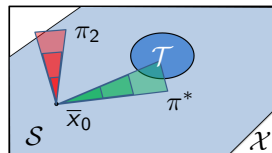
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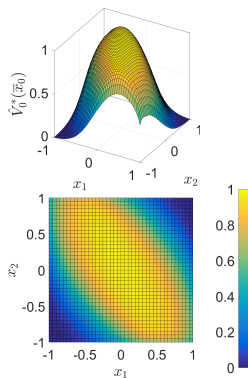
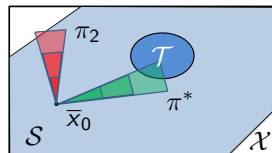
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## Approximation via open-loop policies

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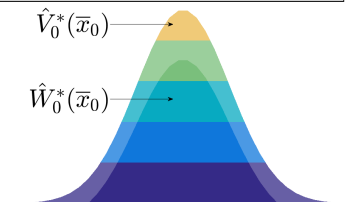
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- Does  $\hat{W}_0^*(\bar{x}_0)$  underapproximate  $\hat{V}_0^*(\bar{x}_0)$ ?

- Conservative in the correct direction
- Useful information for verification
- Not trivial since  $\rho(\bar{x}_0) \notin \mathcal{M}$



# Problem statements

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Q1 Compute  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{X}}^{\rho, \bar{x}_0}$  using Fourier transform

Q2 Establish  $\hat{W}_0^*(\bar{x}_0) \leq \hat{V}_0^*(\bar{x}_0)$  a.s.

Q2a Sufficient conditions for Borel-measurability of  $\hat{V}_k^*(\cdot)$

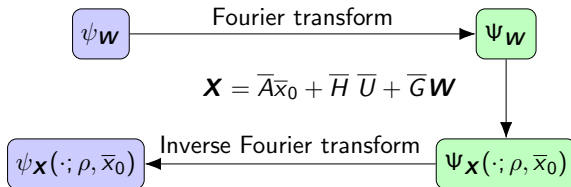
Q3 Convex formulation of the underapproximation for LTI system with Gaussian  $\mathbf{w}_k$

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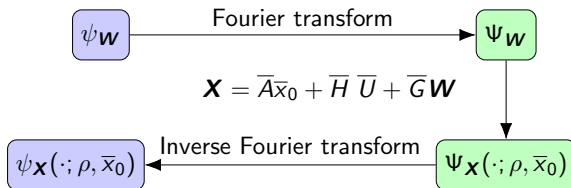
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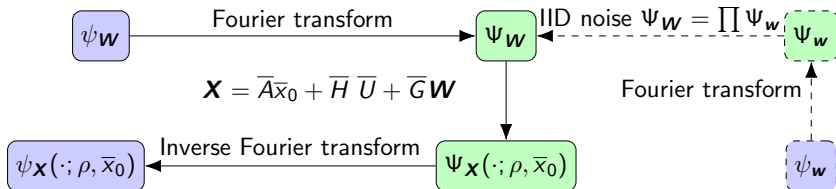


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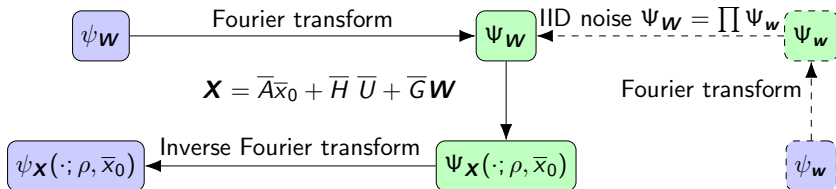
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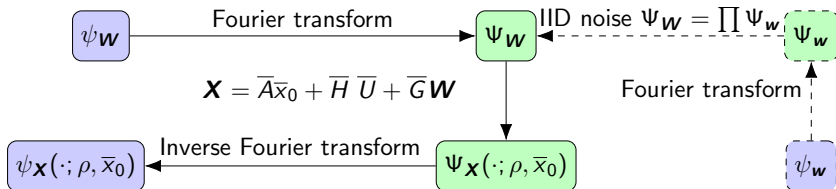
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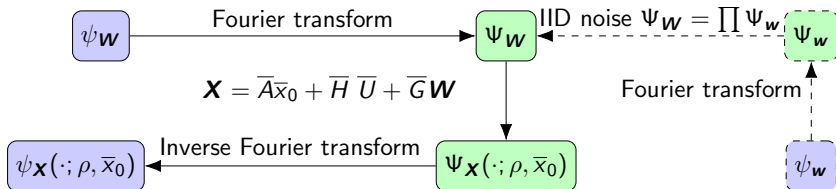
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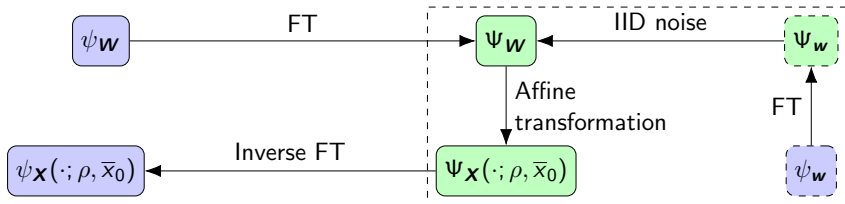
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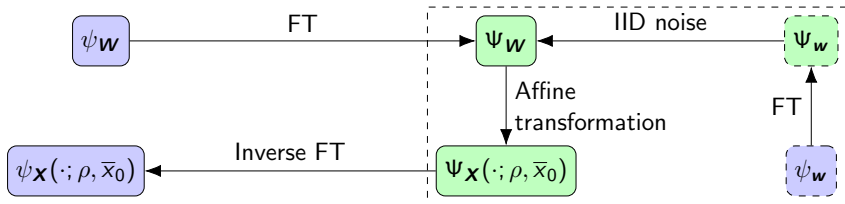
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## ► Dynamic programming recursion via conditional expectations

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# LTI systems with Gaussian disturbance

## ► Log-concave optimization

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- Borel convex  $\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{T}$

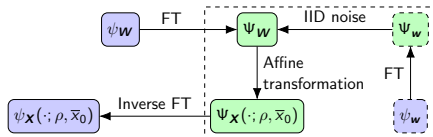
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$$\psi_{\mathbf{w}}(\bar{\alpha}) = \exp \left( j\bar{\alpha}^\top \bar{\mathbf{m}} - \frac{\bar{\alpha}^\top \Sigma \bar{\alpha}}{2} \right)$$

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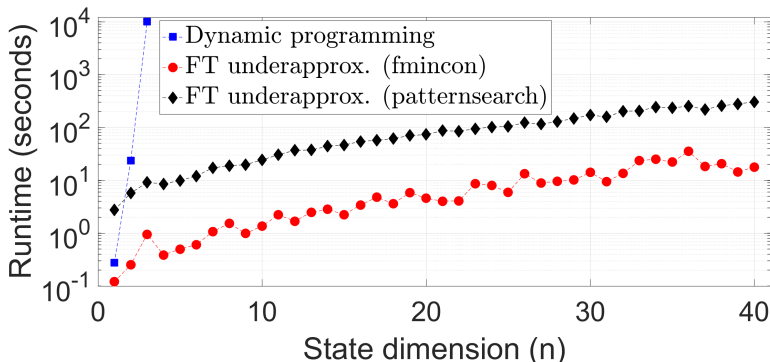
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## ► Integrate Gaussian $\psi_{\mathbf{X}}$ over polytopic $\mathcal{S}$ and $\mathcal{T}$

- Genz's algorithm: Choose particles for desired accuracy  $\epsilon > 0$
- Noisy objective evaluation  $\rightarrow$  Choice of solver crucial

# Scalability



- ▶ Dynamics — chain of integrators
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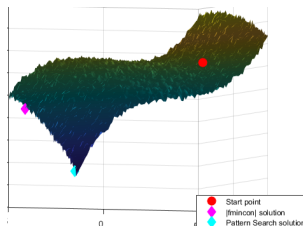
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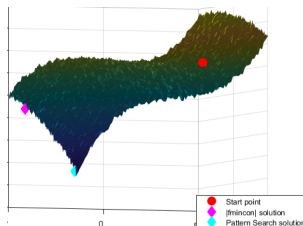
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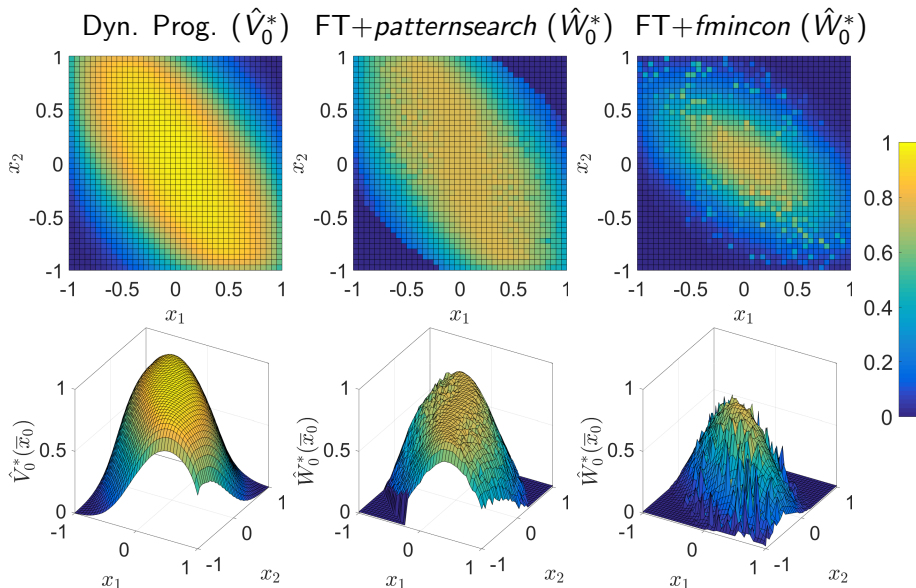
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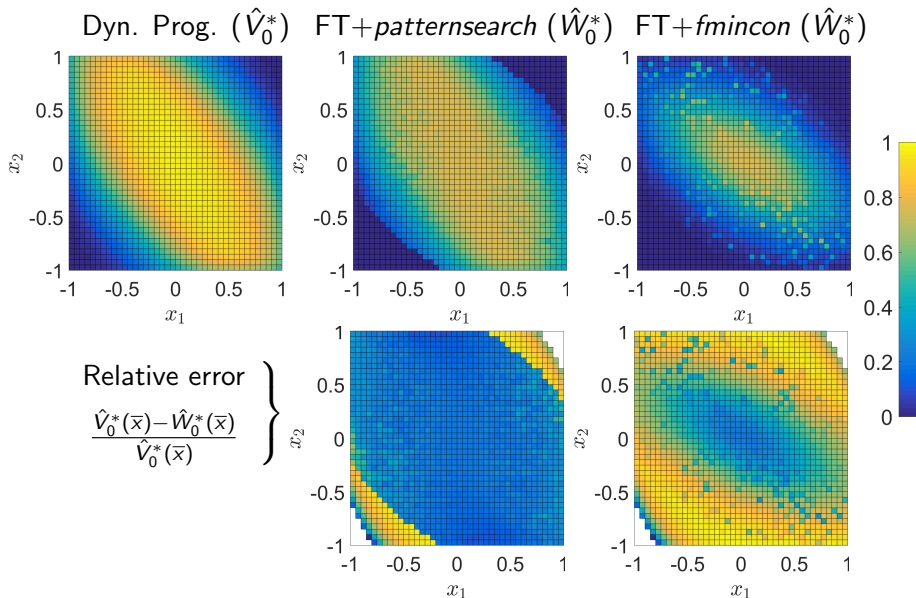
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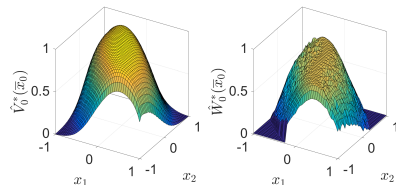
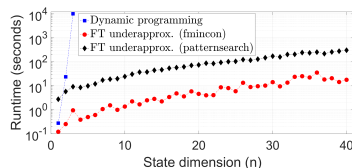
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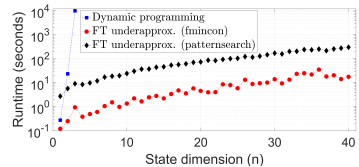
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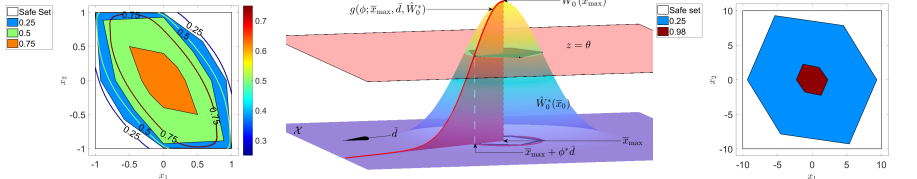
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