

# Interim Report: 20 June 2025

## I. CORE SYSTEM AND PROBLEM DEFINITIONS

### A. `core.models.base.DynamicalSystem`

Abstract base class for dynamical systems:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= f(x, u, \theta, t) \quad (\text{Dynamics}) \\ y &= g(x, \theta, t) \quad (\text{Observation})\end{aligned}$$

#### Interface & Capabilities:

- `__init__(n, m, p, params, ...)`: Constructor taking state (n), input (m), output (p) dimensions, and a JAX array of parameters (params).
- `f(...)`: Abstract method for the dynamics function.
- `g(...)`: Abstract method for the observation function.
- `simulate(...)`: High-level method that uses `diffjax` to solve the initial value problem and return the system's trajectory.

### B. `core.idp.IdentificationProblem`

A high-level class designed to encapsulate all components of a system identification experiment into a single object. **Interface & Capabilities:**

- Bundles a `DynamicalSystem` instance with:
  - `y_meas`: `MeasuredOutputData`

## II. MODEL IMPLEMENTATIONS

`core.models.`

### A. `linearCT.LinearSystem`

Implements a classical Linear Time-Invariant (LTI) system:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}(t) &= Ax(t) + Bu(t) \\ y(t) &= Cx(t)\end{aligned}$$

#### Interface & Capabilities:

- Inherits from `DynamicalSystem`
- Implements `is_controllable()` and `is_observable()`, which can use either the Kalman or PBH tests

### B. `.controlAffine.ControlAffineSystem`

Implements a nonlinear system with dynamics affine in the control input:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}(t) &= f_a(x, \theta) + \sum_{i=1}^m g_i(x, \theta) u_i(t) \\ y(t) &= h(x)\end{aligned}$$

#### Interface & Capabilities:

- Inherits from `DynamicalSystem`
- Implements observability and controllability criteria based on Lie Algebra
- Basic operations of the Lie Algebra are implemented in `core.utils.algebra`

## III. ALGORITHMIC TOOLKIT

### A. *Differential Geometry* (`core.utils.algebra`)

Provides fundamental operations for nonlinear system analysis. These functions are implemented using `jax.jacfwd` and `jax.jacrev` for efficient and accurate computation of Jacobians.

**lie\_derivative(f, h):** Computes the Lie derivative of a scalar field  $h$  along a vector field  $f$ :  $L_f h = (\nabla h) \cdot f$ .

**lie\_bracket(f, g):** Computes the Lie bracket of two vector fields  $f$  and  $g$ :  $[f, g] = (\nabla g)f - (\nabla f)g$ .

### B. *Structural Identifiability Analysis*

These methods assess whether parameters can be uniquely determined from noise-free data.

#### Taylor Series Method (`analyze_diffalg`) :

- **Principle:** Parameters are identifiable if they uniquely affect the Taylor series expansion of the output  $y(t)$  at  $t = 0$ . The coefficients of this series are functions of repeated Lie derivatives of  $h(x)$  with respect to  $f(x, \theta)$ , evaluated at  $x_0$ .
- **Computation:** An identifiability matrix is formed by taking the Jacobian of the vector of output derivatives with respect to the parameters  $\theta$ :  $J = \frac{\partial [y(0), \dot{y}(0), \ddot{y}(0), \dots]}{\partial \theta}$ .
- **Criterion:** Parameters are structurally locally identifiable if  $\text{rank}(J)$  equals the number of parameters.

Initial Condition-based Score (ICIS)  
(`QiuICIS.analyze`):

- **Principle:** For an unforced, diagonalizable LTI system, parameters in  $A$  are identifiable if and only if the initial condition  $x_0$  excites all dynamic modes (i.e., has a non-zero projection onto every eigenvector).
- **Computation:** The score is the product of the squared magnitudes of the coordinates of  $x_0$  in the eigenvector basis:  $\text{ICIS} = \prod_{i=1}^n |(V^{-1}x_0)_i|^2$ , where  $V$  is the eigenvector matrix.

- 2) **Encapsulation:** For each condition, create an `IdentificationProblem` instance.
- 3) **Optimization:** A cost function (Sum of Squared Errors) is defined, which wraps the model's `simulate` method. `scipy.optimize.minimize` is then used to find the maximum likelihood parameter estimates.
- 4) **Conclusion:** The estimated parameters are plotted against the true values for each input condition, allowing for a visual assessment of identifiability.

### C. Practical Identifiability and Sensitivity Analysis

All methods are part of the `QiuICIS` class.

Sensitivity      Trajectory      Computation  
(`compute_sensitivity_trajectory`):

- **Principle:** Computes the sensitivity of the state trajectory to changes in parameters,  $S(t) = \frac{\partial x(t)}{\partial \theta}$ . This is achieved by solving an augmented state-space system.
- **Computation:** The state vector is augmented as  $z = [x^\top, \text{vec}(S)^\top]^\top$ . The dynamics of the augmented system are:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= f(x, \theta) \\ \dot{S} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} S + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta}\end{aligned}$$

This augmented ODE system is solved once using `difffrax`, yielding both  $x(t)$  and  $S(t)$ .

### Likelihood Ratio Test (`analyze_LR`) :

- **Principle:** A statistical test to determine if a parameter is necessary for a model to fit the data. It compares the goodness-of-fit (Residual Sum of Squares, RSS) of the full model against a nested model where one parameter is fixed.
- **Computation:**
  - 1) Minimize RSS for the full model to find  $\hat{\theta}$  and  $RSS_{full}$ .
  - 2) For each parameter  $\theta_i$ , fix it to  $\hat{\theta}_i$  and re-minimize the RSS over the remaining parameters to find  $RSS_{reduced,i}$ .
  - 3) Calculate the test statistic:  $LR_i = N \log(RSS_{reduced,i} / RSS_{full})$ .
- **Criterion:** The statistic  $LR_i$  is compared to a  $\chi^2(1)$  distribution. A small p-value indicates the parameter is practically identifiable.

This script serves as a template for conducting in-silico experiments.

**Objective:** To evaluate the effect of control input magnitude on the practical identifiability of parameters in the `SimpleGlucoseInsulinModel`.

**Workflow:** 1) **Setup:** Define a ground truth model and generate synthetic data with varying input signal strengths.