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# A Quantitative Notion of Persistency of Excitation and the Robust Fundamental Lemma

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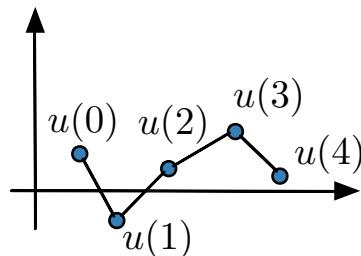
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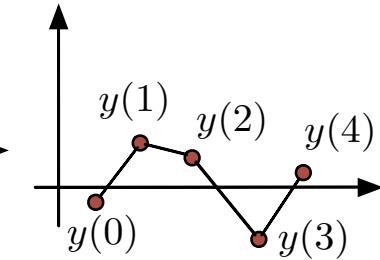
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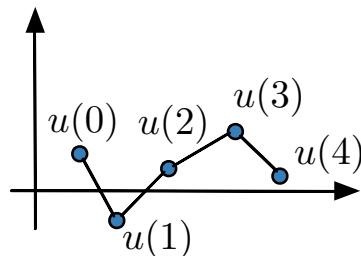


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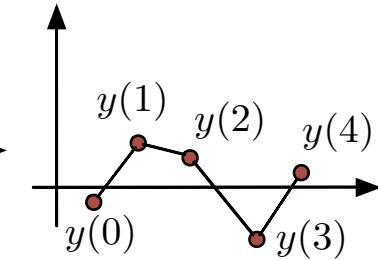
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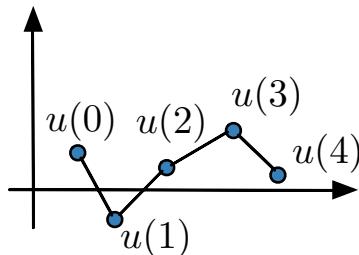
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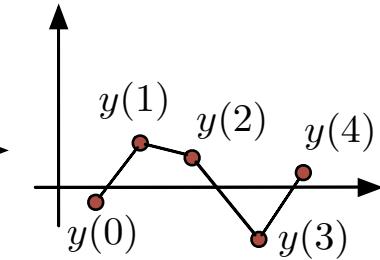
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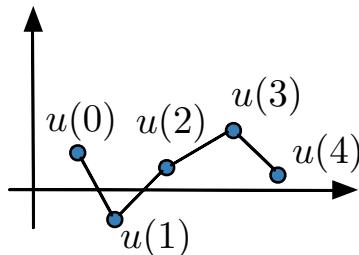
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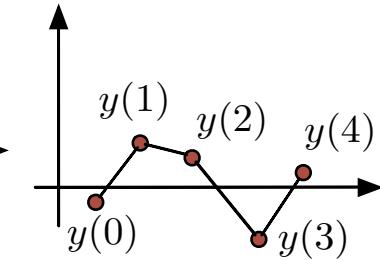
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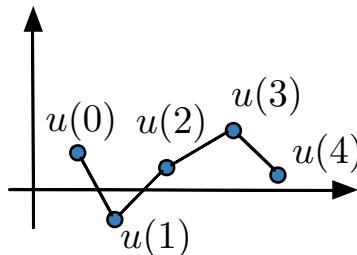
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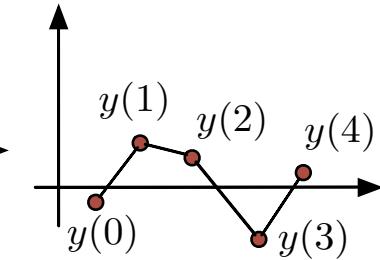
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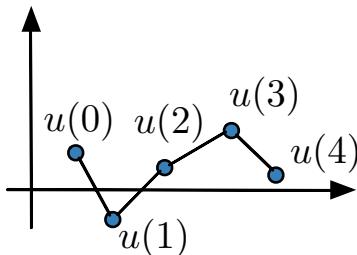
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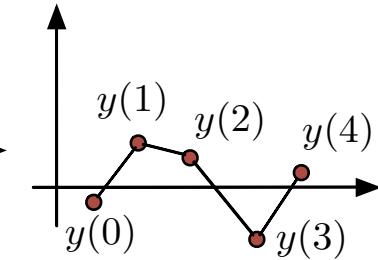
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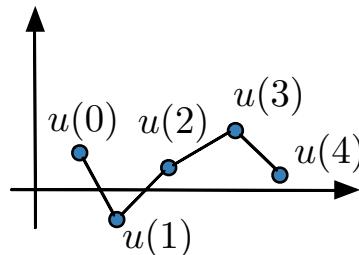
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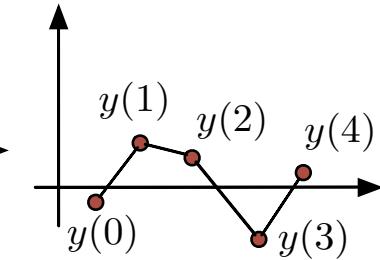
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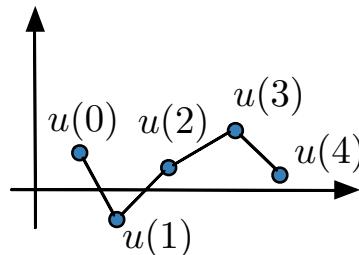
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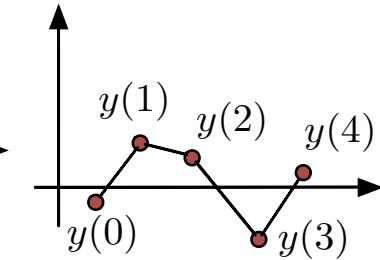
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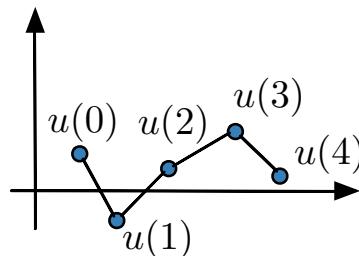
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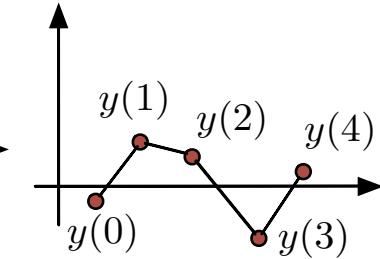
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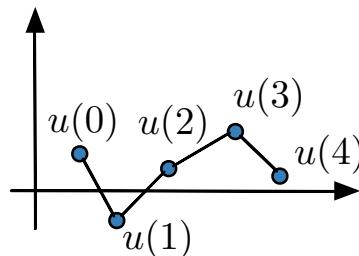
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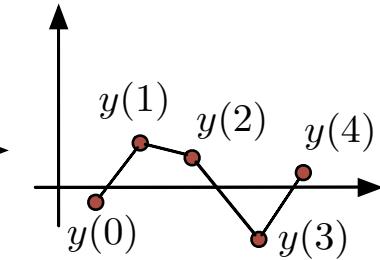
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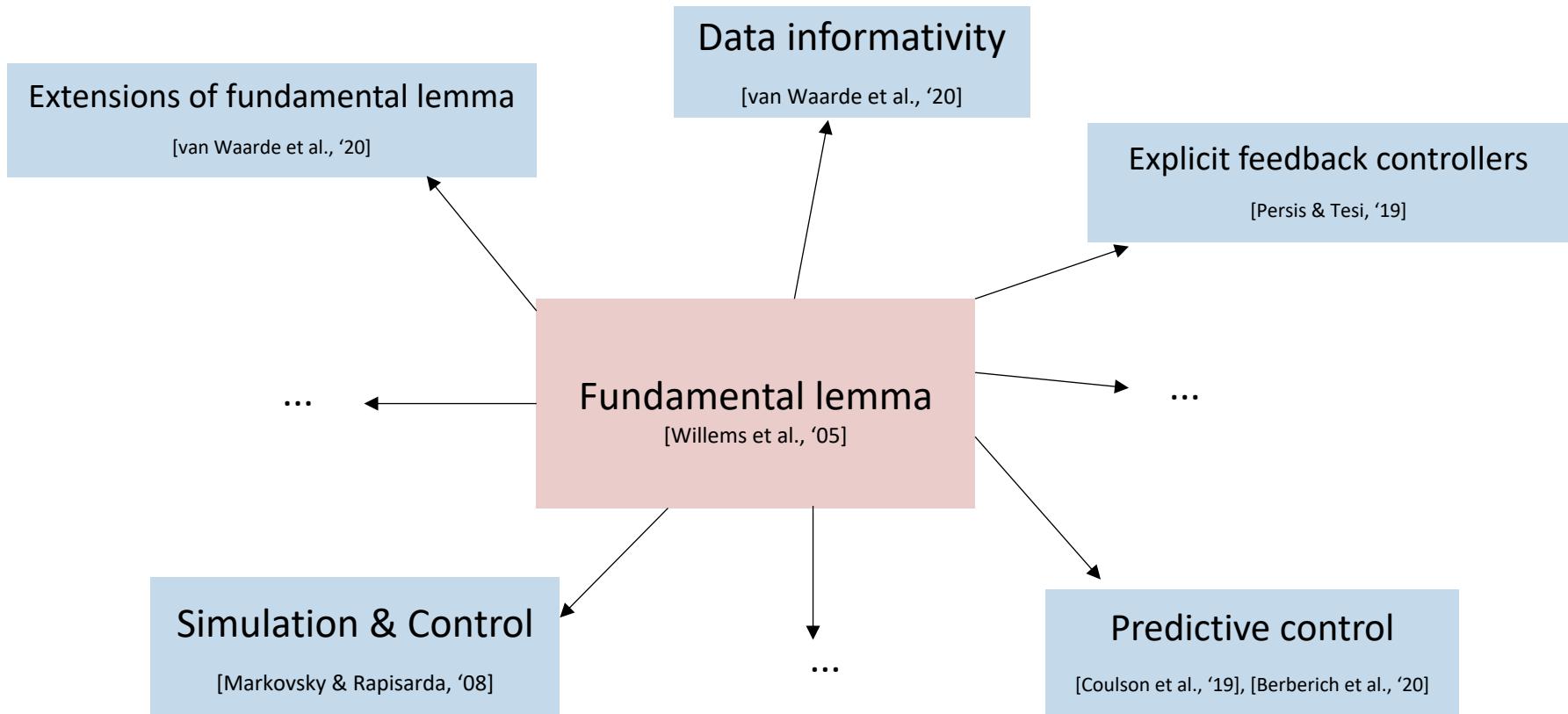
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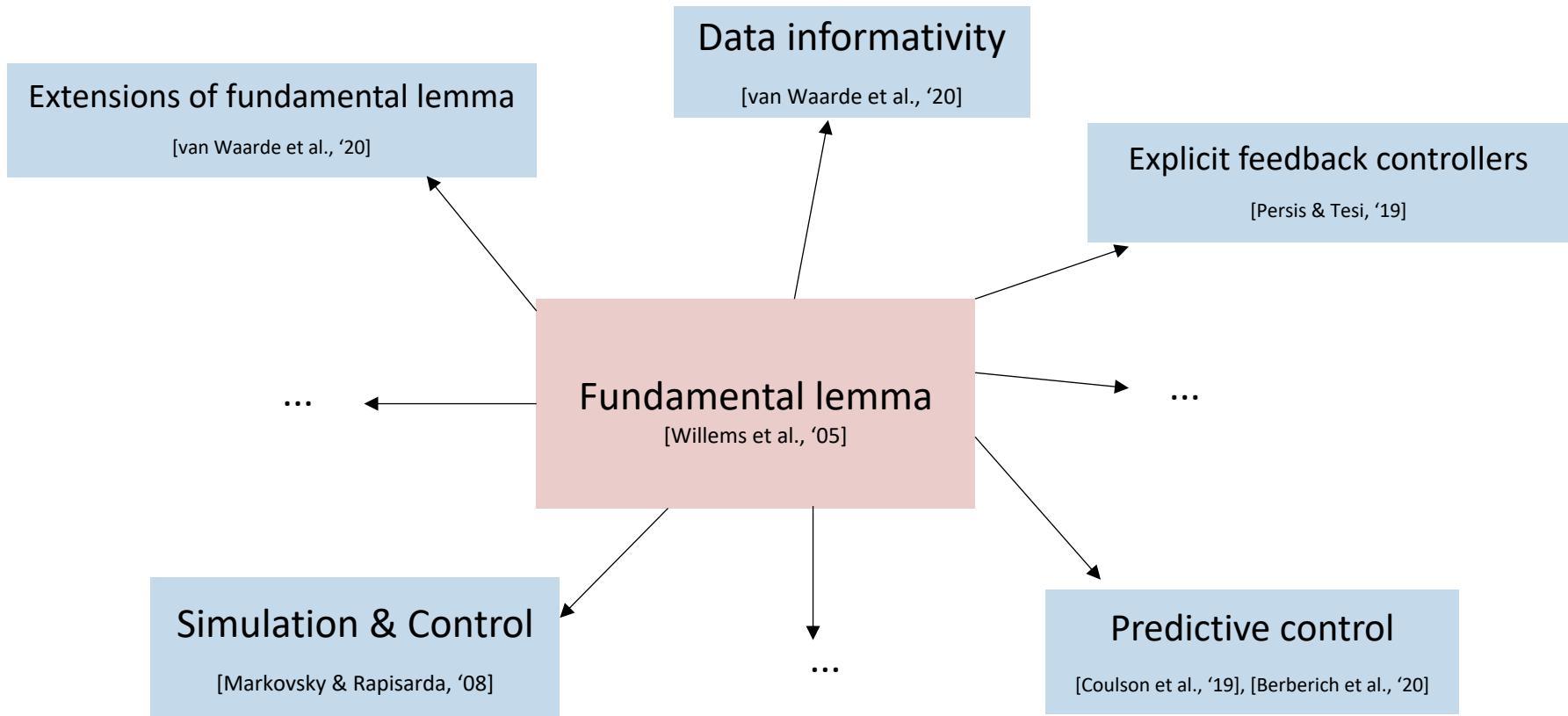
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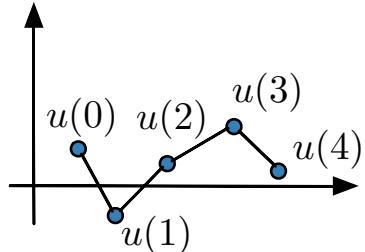


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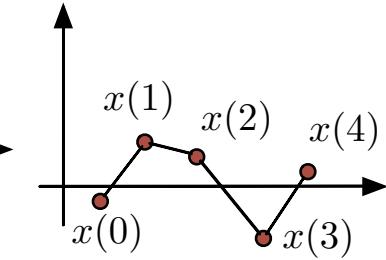
Drawback: Fundamental lemma only holds for noise-free data.

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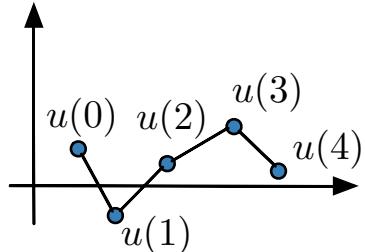
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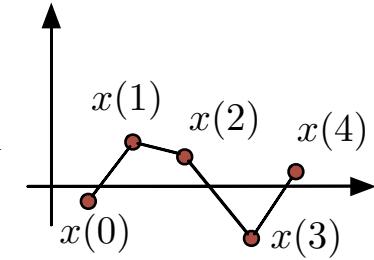
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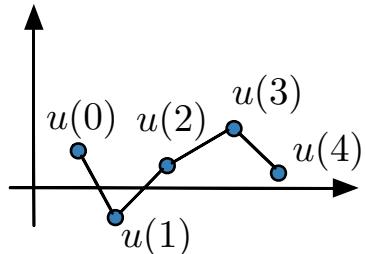
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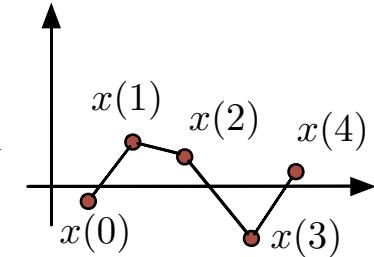
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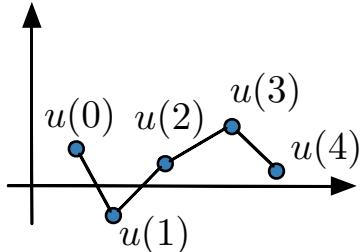


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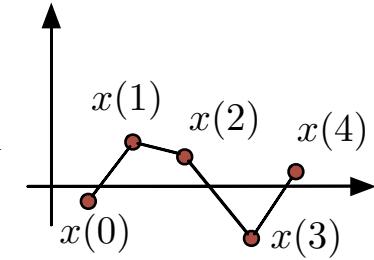
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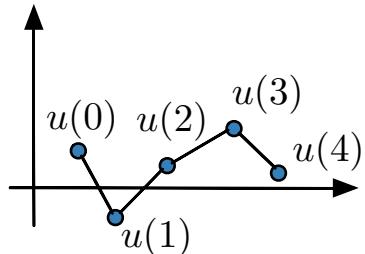
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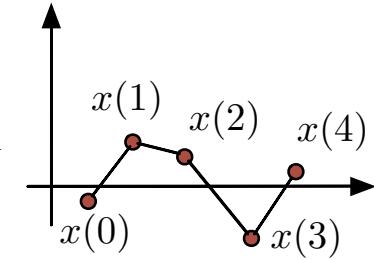
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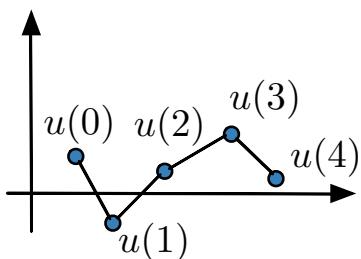
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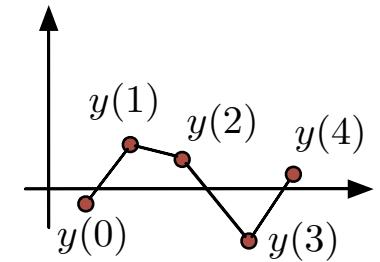
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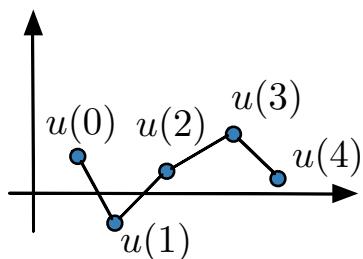
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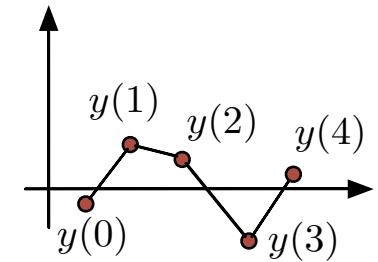
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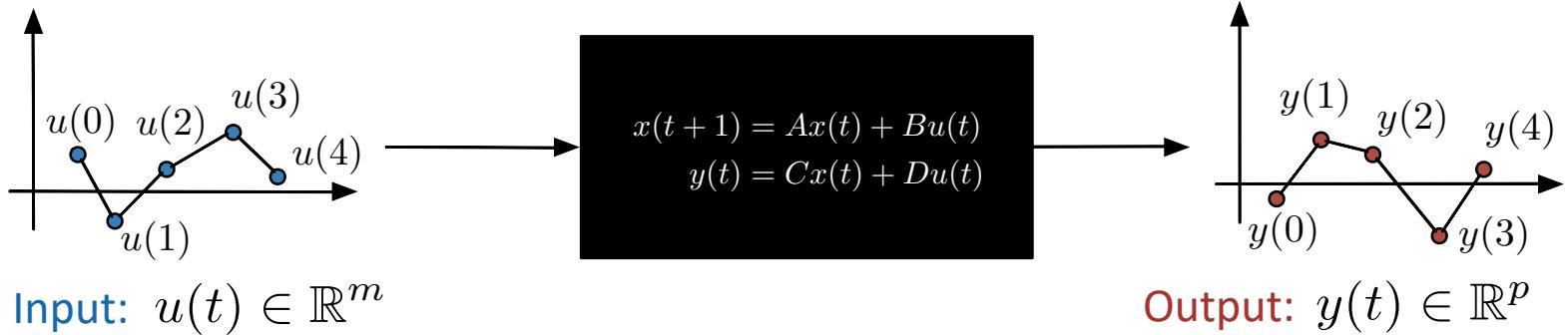
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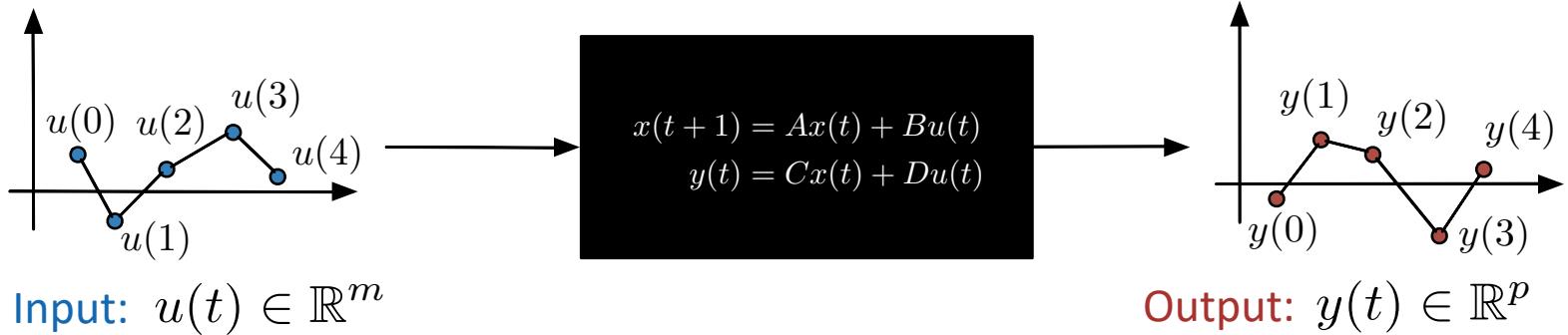
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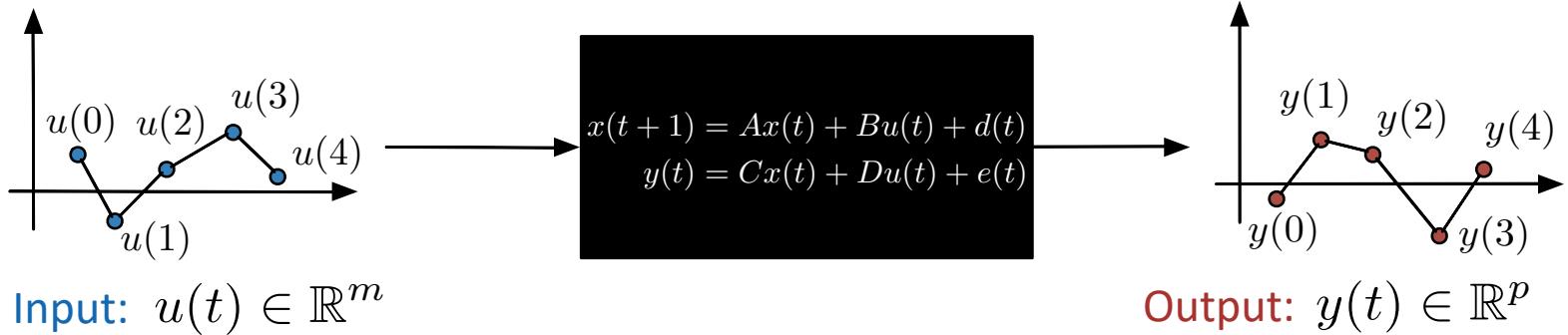
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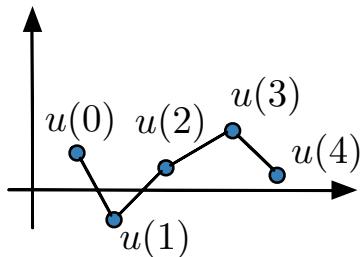
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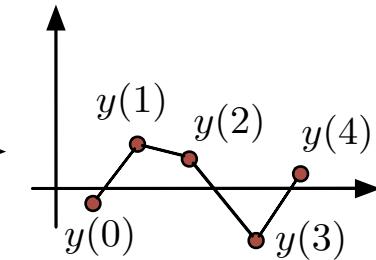
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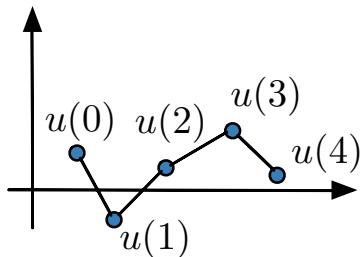
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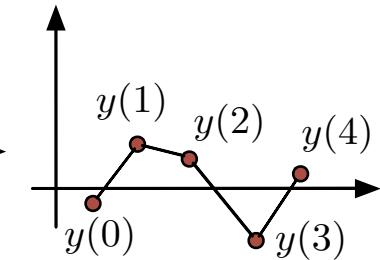
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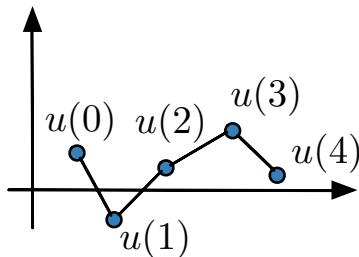
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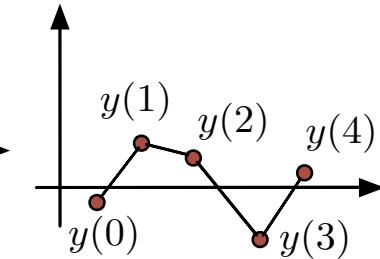
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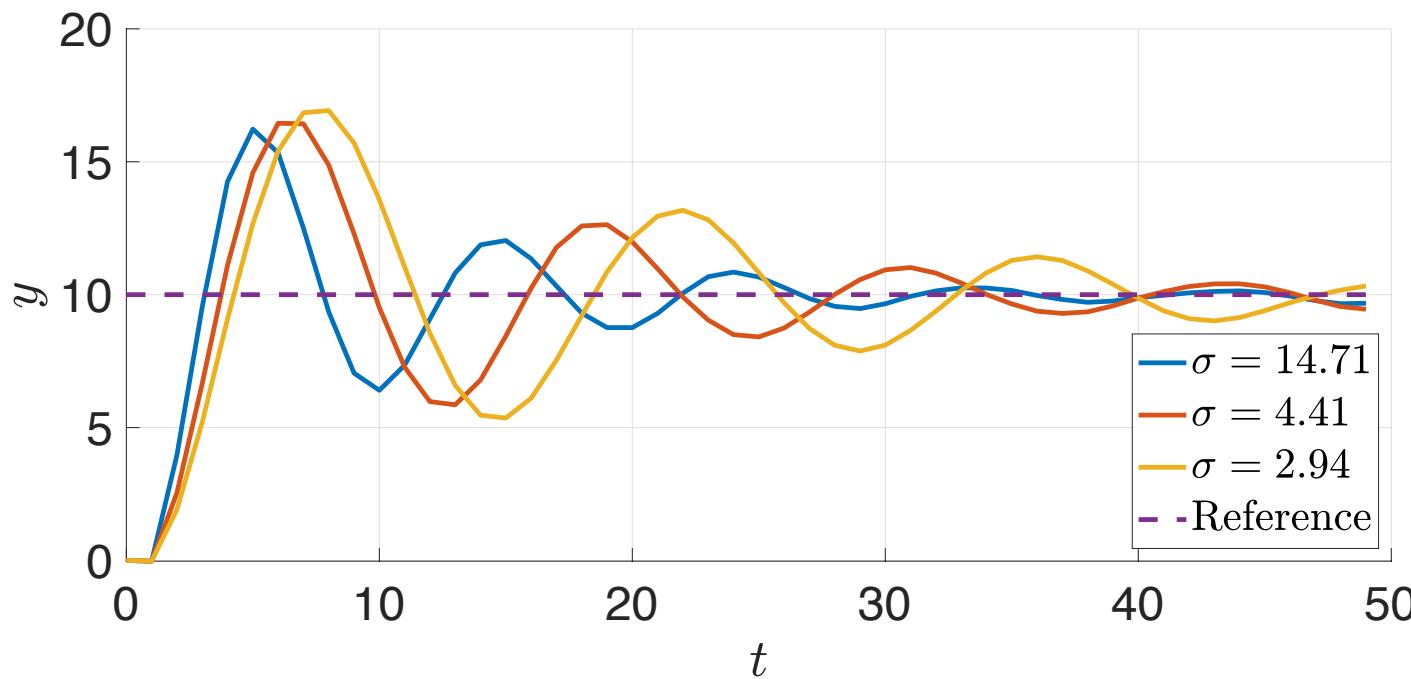
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Receding horizon control:

$$\min_{g,u,y} \|y - r\|^2 + \|u\|^2 + \lambda_g \|g\|^2$$

s.t.

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# Summary

- Studied quantitative persistency of excitation in the context of the fundamental lemma
- Informs input selection so that data matrix has lower bounded singular values
- Characterized the effect of noise
- Illustrated performance with a simulation case study

## Future work:

- Online input selection

# Thanks!



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# Proof sketch

Study singular vectors of the data matrix:

$$[\xi^\top \ \eta^\top] \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{H}_1(x_{[0,T-1]}) \\ \mathcal{H}_1(u_{[0,T-1]}) \end{bmatrix} = \sigma v^\top.$$

Leverage dynamics through “data equation”:

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Use singular value interlacing and min-max formulations

Leverage quantitative persistency of excitation and controllability