

Derivative-Agnostic Inference of Nonlinear Hybrid Systems

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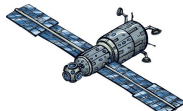
Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS)

An open, interconnected form of embedded systems that integrates capabilities of *computing, communication, and control* :



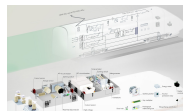
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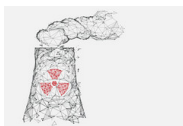
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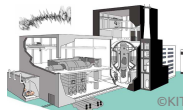
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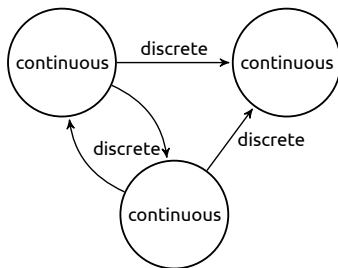


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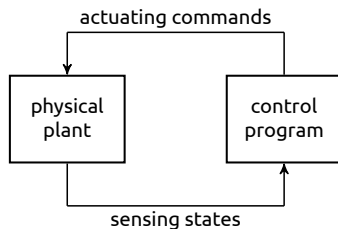
robust control



Hybrid Systems (HS) – A Formal Model of CPS

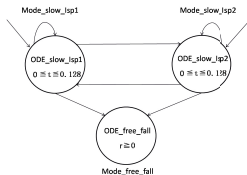


Macro : switching modes

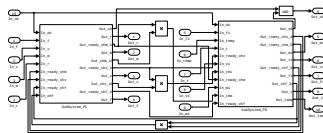


Micro : closed-loop feedback

Model-Based Design of CPS



formal HS model

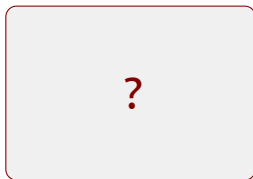


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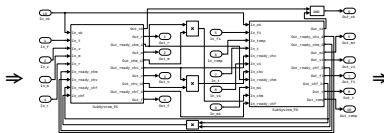


real system

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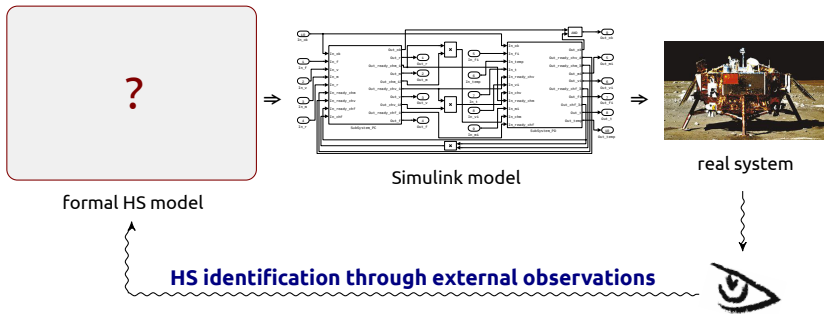


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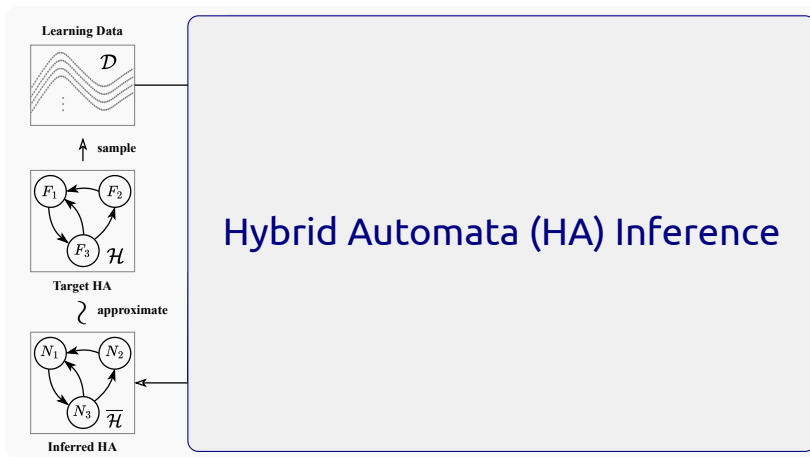


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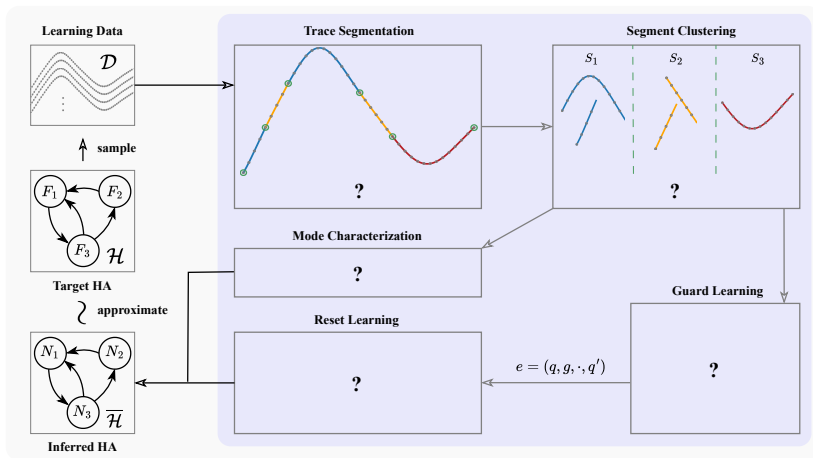
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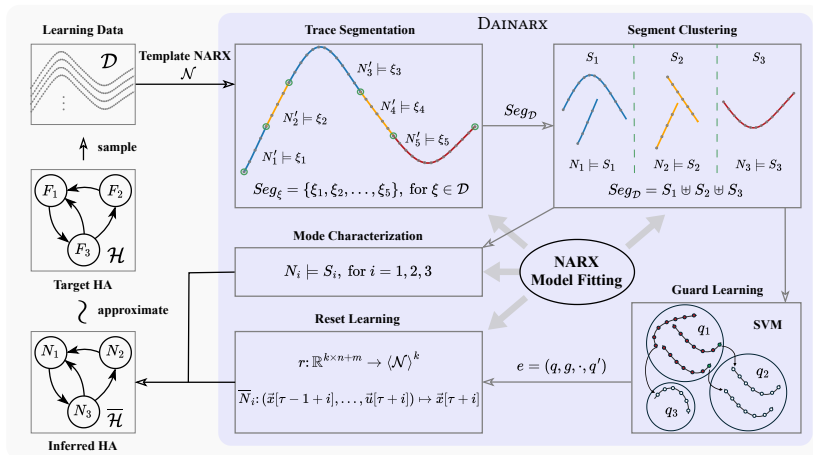
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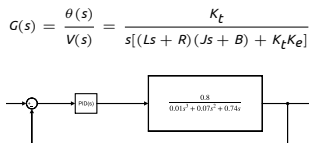
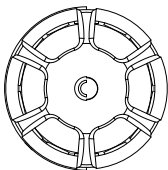


The Dainarx Framework



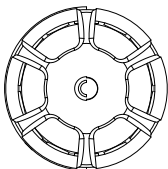
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A PID-controlled permanent-magnet synchronous motor

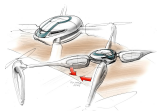
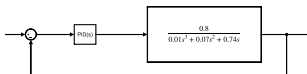


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$$G(s) = \frac{\theta(s)}{V(s)} = \frac{K_t}{s[(Ls + R)(Js + B) + K_t K_e]}$$



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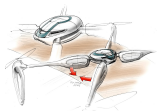
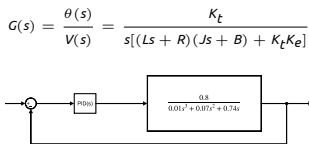
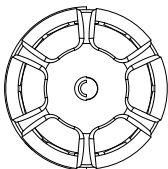


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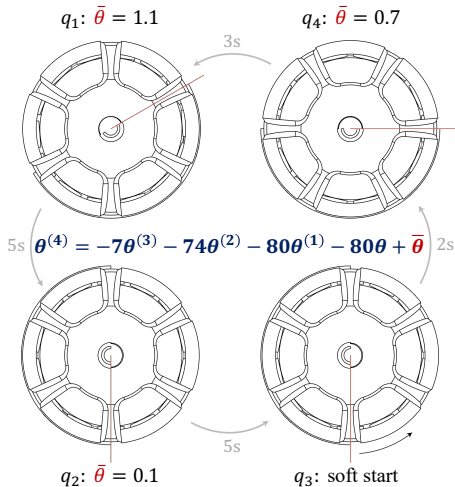
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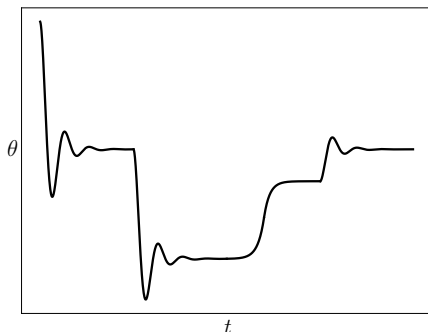


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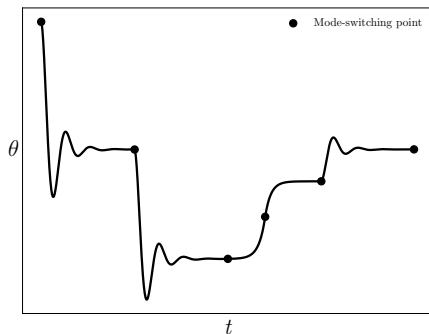
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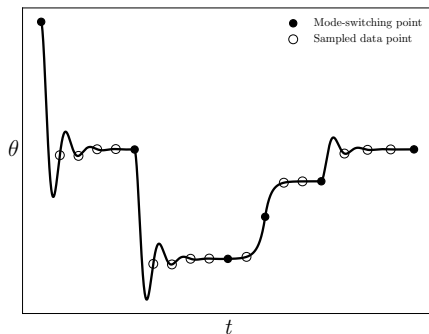
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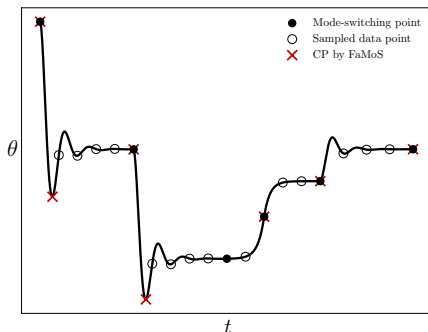
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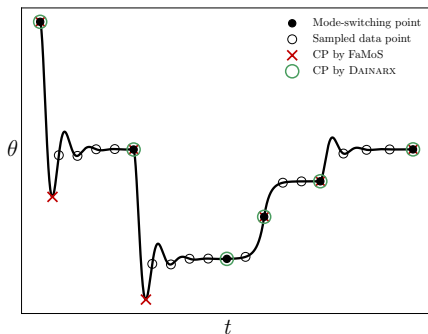
Derivative-based segmentation :

"derivative change" $> \gamma$

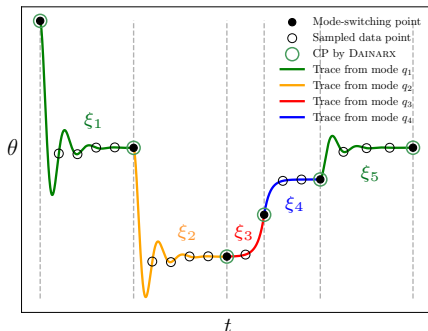
genuine CPs may be missed if γ is too large;
spurious CPs may be found if γ is too small



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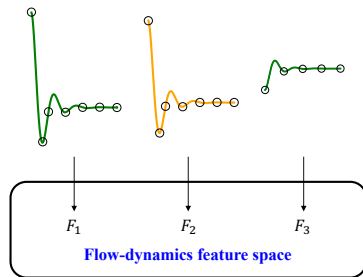
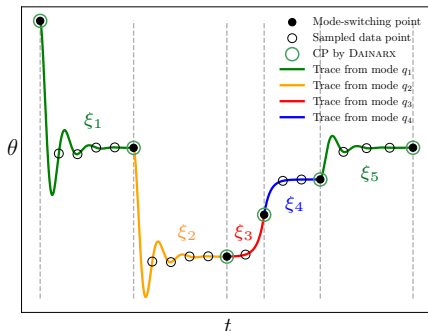
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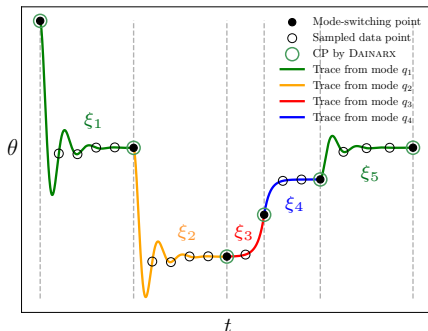
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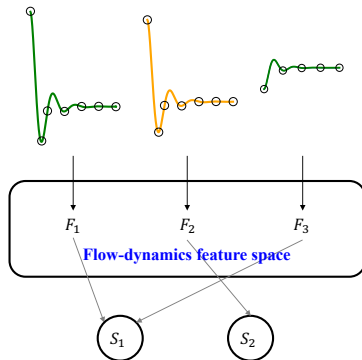
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$\mathcal{N} = (\mathcal{A}, \{f_i\})$: a *template NARX model* with unknown parameters $\mathcal{A}$;

$\mathcal{N}[\Lambda]$: the *instance* of $\mathcal{N}$ under $\Lambda \in \mathcal{A}$; $\langle \mathcal{N} \rangle$: the set of all instances of $\mathcal{N}$.



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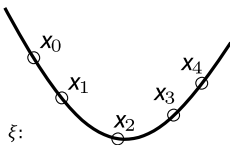


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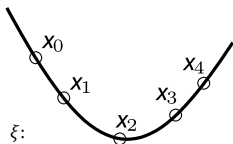


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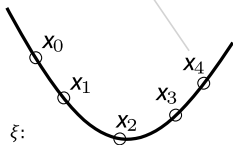


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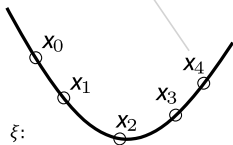


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Diagram illustrating the NARX model fitting process. A trace ξ is shown with points x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 . The model equation is:

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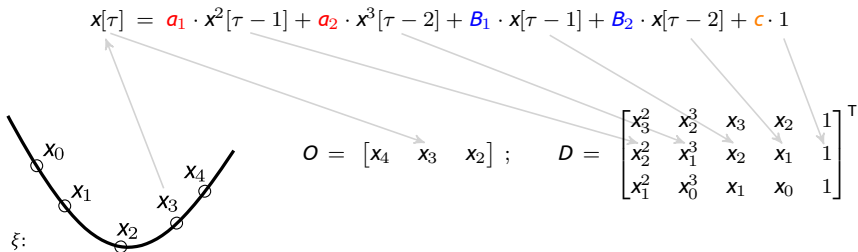
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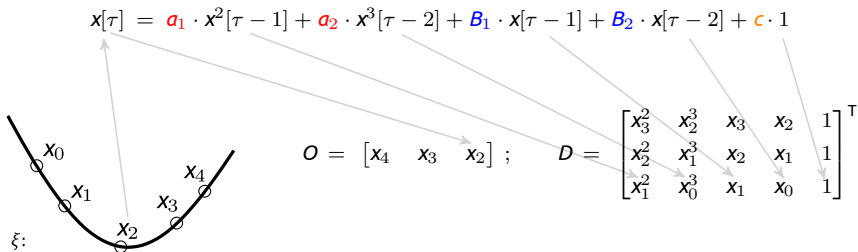
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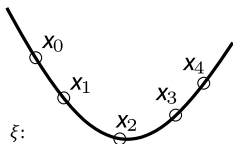


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$$\min_{\Lambda} \|O - \Lambda \cdot D\|_2$$

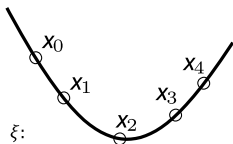


NARX Model Fitting – via Linear Least Squares Method

Given : A NARX template $\mathcal{N} = (\mathcal{A}, \{f_j\})$ and a set $S = \{\xi_j\}$ of discrete-time traces.

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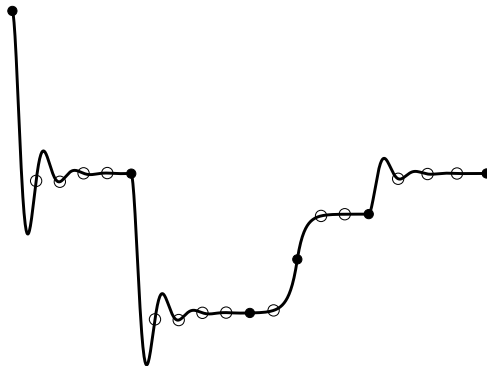


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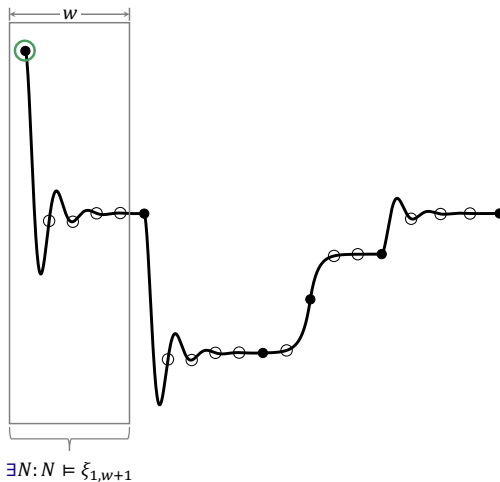
$$\min_{\Lambda} \|O - \Lambda \cdot D\|_2 = 0 \iff \mathcal{N}[\Lambda] \models \xi$$



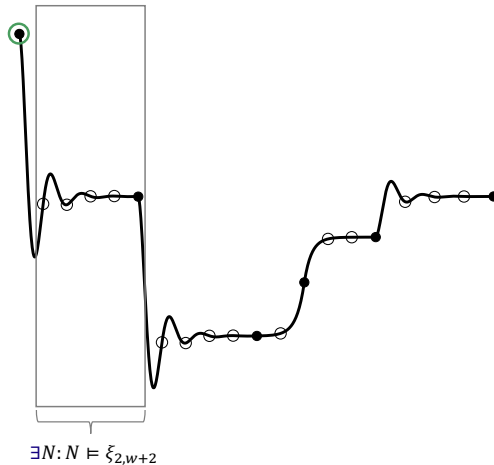
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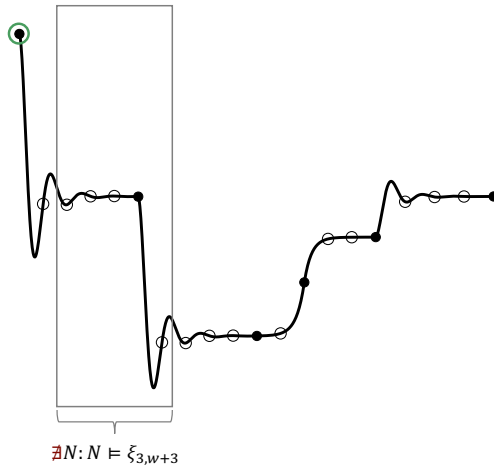
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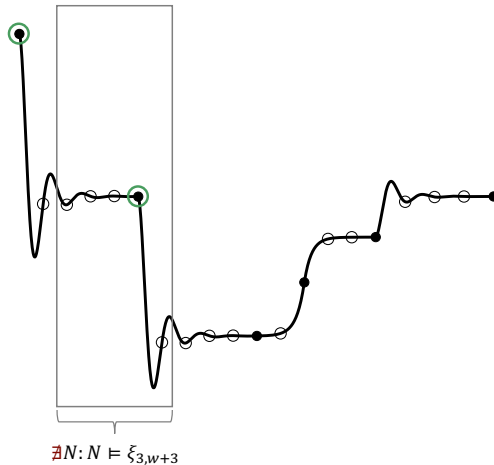
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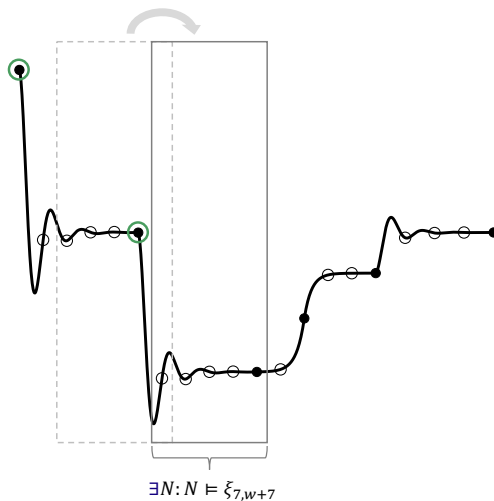
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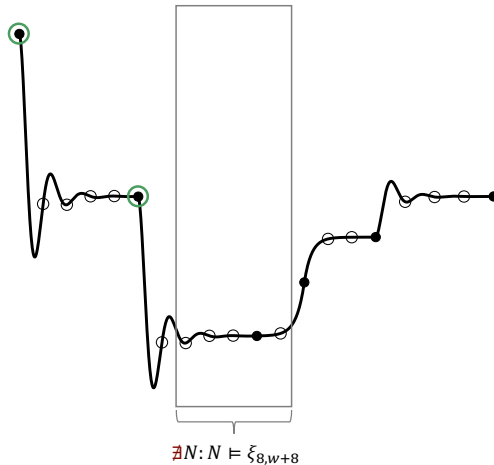
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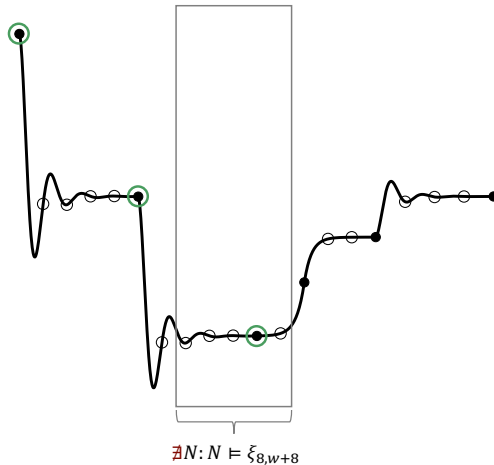
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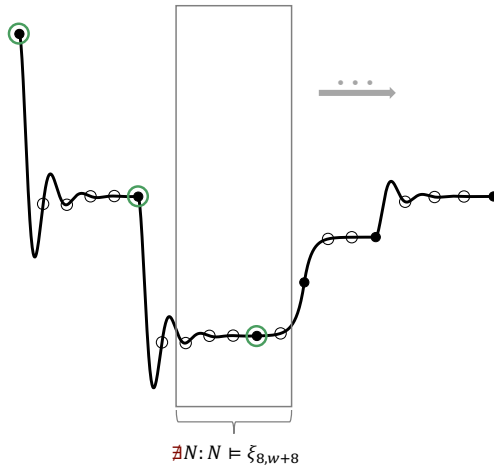
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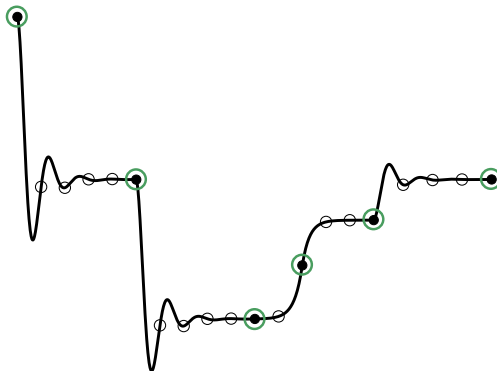
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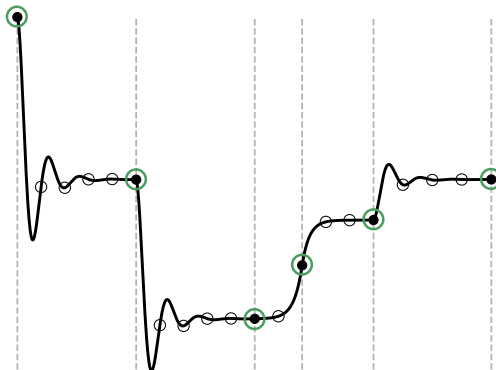
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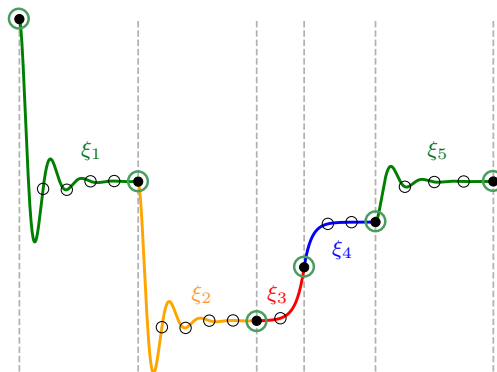
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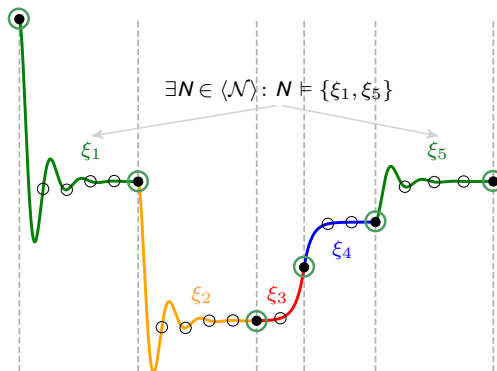
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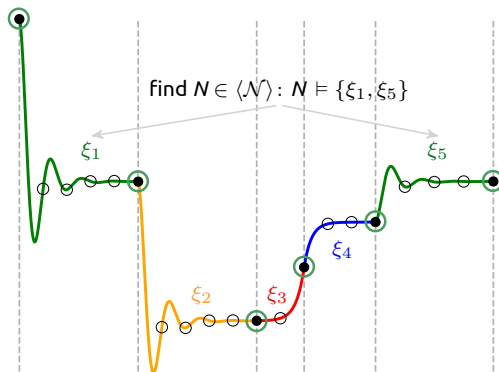
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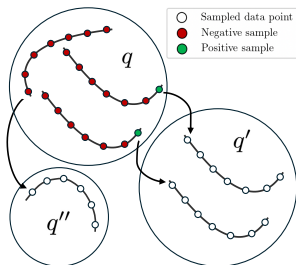
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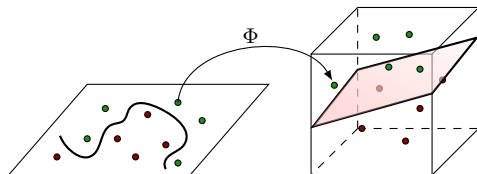
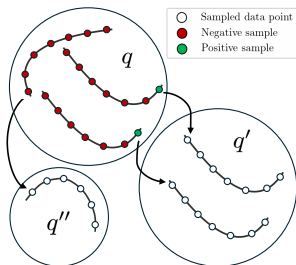
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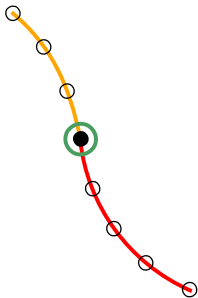


SVM space transformation and kernel tricks

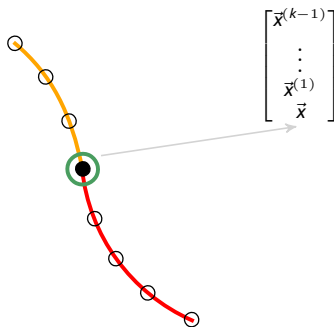
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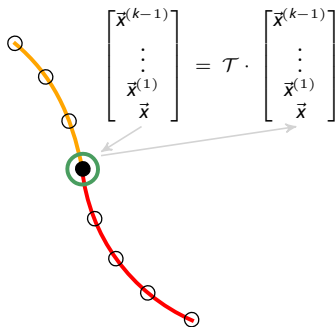
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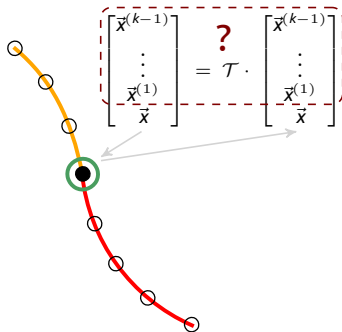
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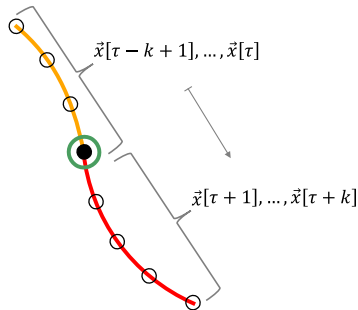
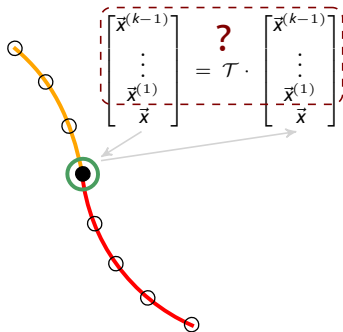
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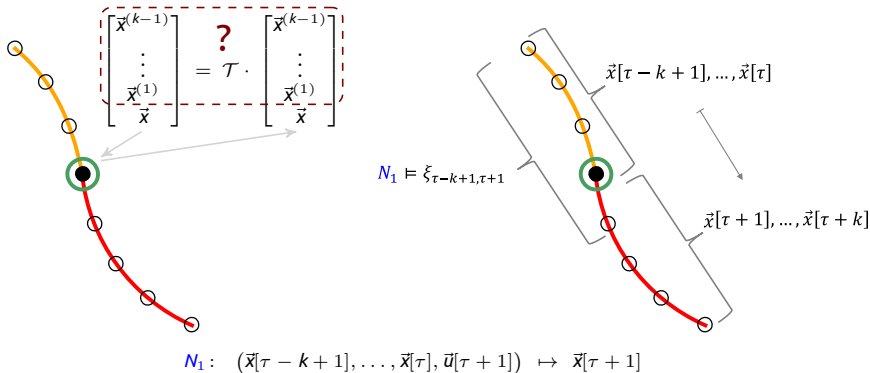
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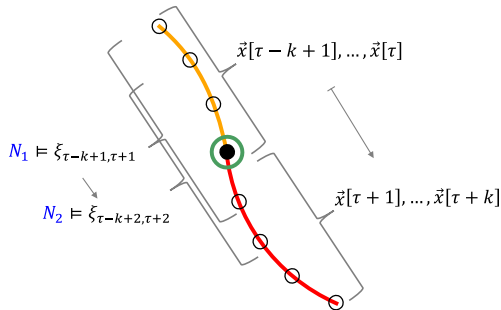
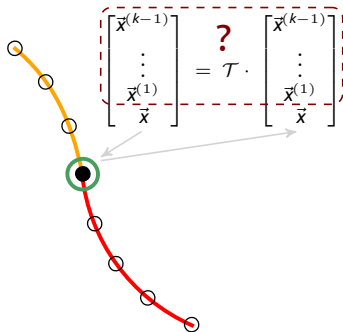
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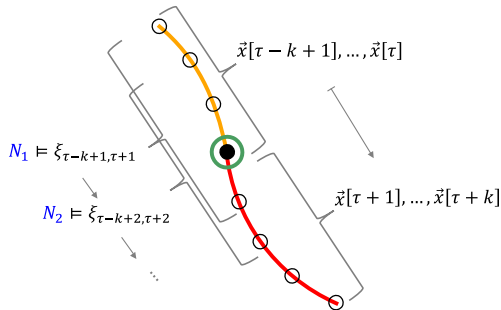
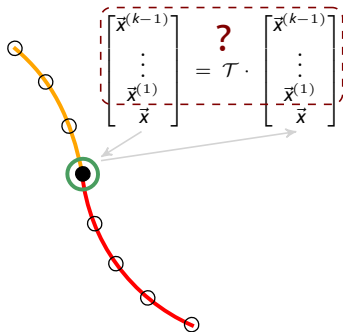
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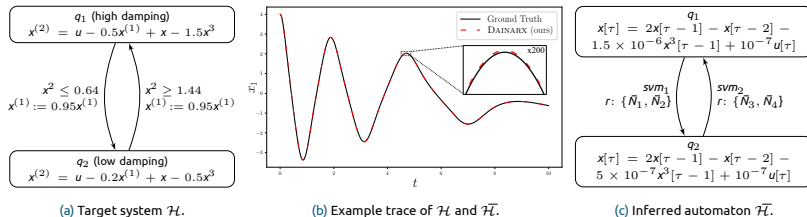


Figure – Inference of the Duffing oscillator via Dainarx (w. high-order nonlinear $\mathcal{F}$, non-polynomial U , and R).



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complex_tank	8	3	1	3.6350	1.6350	0.0950	0.3483	0.2411	0.0451	0.0655	0.0151	0.0028
multi_room_heating	4	3	1	2.9750	0.0600	0.0350	0.2531	0.0094	0.0078	0.0590	0.0013	0.0008
simple_heating_syst	2	1	1	0.0400	0.4400	0.0200	0.0202	0.2126	0.0102	0.0037	0.0423	0.0007
three_state_HA	3	1	2	–	0.5700	0.0000	–	0.5388	0.0000	–	0.0178	0.0000
two_state_HA	2	1	2	–	0.3400	0.0000	–	0.1284	0.0000	–	0.0132	0.0000
variable_heating_syst	3	2	1	0.1100	0.0700	0.0300	0.0581	0.0272	0.0200	0.0082	0.0012	0.0005
cell	4	1	1	0.0100	29.2800	0.0100	0.0176	1.6144	0.0176	0.0001	0.1494	0.0002
oci	2	2	1	0.0500	–	0.0000	0.2002	–	0.0000	0.0259	–	0.0000
tanks (w. U)	4	2	1	13.9100	–	0.0100	1.1077	–	0.0177	0.2589	–	0.0007
ball (w. R)	1	2	1	0.0000	–	0.0000	0.0000	–	0.0000	0.0000	–	0.0000
dc_motor	2	2	4	–	–	0.0000	–	–	0.0000	–	–	0.0000
simple_linear	2	2	1	7.9600	0.0600	0.0000	0.9999	0.1107	0.0000	0.1448	0.0071	0.0000
jumper	2	4	1	0.4500	–	0.0000	1.8182	–	0.0000	0.0899	–	0.0000
loop_syst	4	2	2	–	4.9100	0.0000	–	1.8929	0.0000	–	0.2470	0.0000
two_tank	2	2	1	0.0000	8.6400	0.0000	0.0000	1.5273	0.0000	0.0000	0.2324	0.0000
underdamped	2	2	2	–	–	0.0000	–	–	0.0000	–	–	0.0000
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simple_linear	2	2	1	7.9600	0.0600	0.0000	0.9999	0.1107	0.0000	0.1448	0.0071	0.0000
jumper	2	4	1	0.4500	–	0.0000	1.8182	–	0.0000	0.0899	–	0.0000
loop_syst	4	2	2	–	4.9100	0.0000	–	1.8929	0.0000	–	0.2470	0.0000
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underdamped-c (w. U, R)	4	2	2	–	–	0.0100	–	–	0.0080	–	–	0.0004

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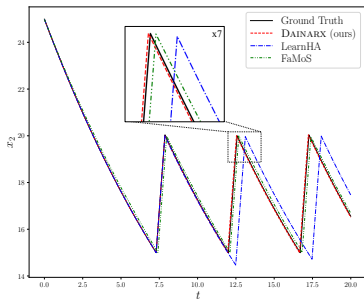


Figure – Trace fidelity for complex_tank.

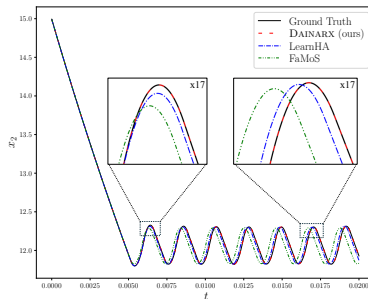


Figure – Trace fidelity for buck_converter.

Experiments – Inferring Nonlinear HS

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Name	$ Q $	$ X $	k	HDT_c	$Diff_{max}$	$Diff_{avg}$
lander	2	4	1	0.010	0.0024	0.0000
lotkaVolterra (w. nonlinear G)	2	2	1	0.020	0.0047	0.0006
simple_non_linear	2	1	1	0.006	0.0367	0.0020
simple_non_poly (w. R)	2	1	1	0.000	0.0000	0.0000
oscillator (w. trigonometric $\mathcal{F}, G$)	2	2	1	0.000	0.0000	0.0000
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Experiments – Inferring Nonlinear HS

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lander	2	4	1	0.010	0.0024	0.0000
lotkaVolterra (w. nonlinear G)	2	2	1	0.020	0.0047	0.0006
simple_non_linear	2	1	1	0.006	0.0367	0.0020
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multi_room_heating	4	3	1	2.90	0.35	1.12	19.12	7.71	1.57	1.22	0.03	0.12	23.30	8.12	2.96
simple_heating_syst	2	1	1	2.09	0.26	0.52	10.70	8.10	0.19	0.58	0.01	0.01	13.40	8.39	0.78
three_state_HA	3	1	2	–	0.14	0.55	–	1.30	0.31	–	0.01	0.00	–	1.45	0.92
two_state_HA	2	1	2	–	0.20	0.54	–	1.50	0.22	–	0.01	0.01	–	1.72	0.80
variable_heating_syst	3	2	1	2.10	0.29	0.95	8.55	3.93	0.65	0.65	0.01	0.11	11.30	4.23	1.79
cell	4	1	1	9.28	0.44	3.38	55.10	39.94	3.80	0.80	0.02	0.02	65.20	40.42	7.47
oci	2	2	1	2.14	–	0.93	5.83	–	0.36	0.48	–	0.03	8.46	–	1.41
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dc_motor	2	2	4	–	–	1.50	–	–	2.09	–	–	0.05	–	–	4.08
simple_linear	2	2	1	2.23	0.19	0.60	9.99	3.58	0.86	0.56	0.02	0.42	12.79	3.80	1.97
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lotkaVolterra	2	2	1	–	–	0.44	–	–	0.24	–	–	0.02	–	–	0.76
simple_non_linear	2	1	1	–	–	3.04	–	–	2.28	–	–	0.02	–	–	5.70
simple_non_poly	2	1	1	–	–	2.46	–	–	1.20	–	–	0.03	–	–	3.96
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