

Global Identifiability of parameterized nonlinear dynamical models

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Identifiability

Given an *arbitrary* model

$$\Sigma = \begin{cases} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = f(\mathbf{x}(t), u(t), \boldsymbol{\theta}_m) \\ y(t) = g(\mathbf{x}(t), u(t), \boldsymbol{\theta}_m) \\ \mathbf{x}(0) = \boldsymbol{\theta}_{ic} \end{cases}$$

does

$$\{y(u(t), \bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}})\}_{t_0}^{t_1} = \{y(u(t), \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}})\}_{t_0}^{t_1}$$

always imply,

$$\bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$$

No!

Consider the following model

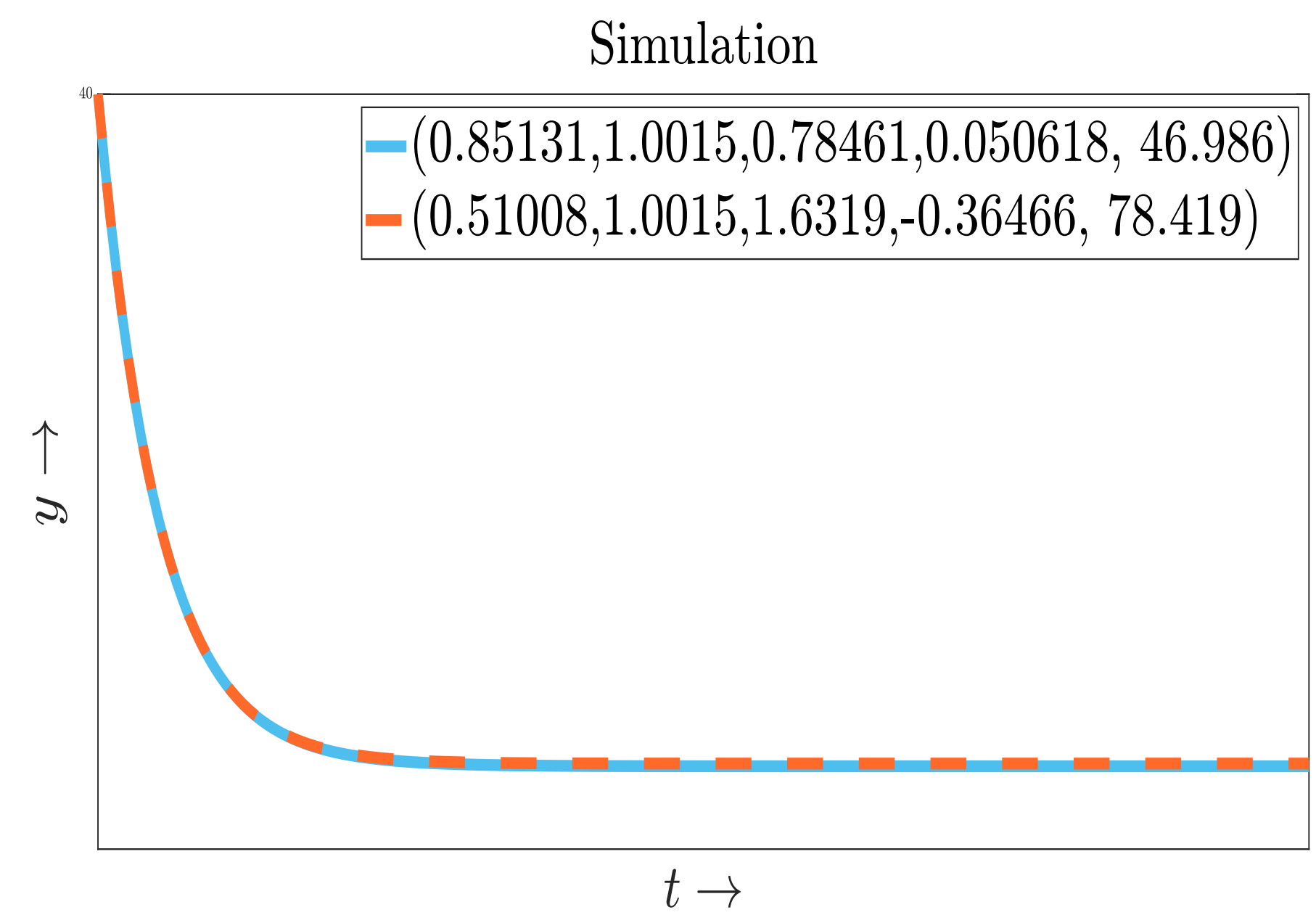
$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = -\frac{V_m x(t)}{k_m + x(t)} - k_{01} x(t) \\ x(0) = D \\ y(t) = cx(t) \end{cases}$$

where

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_m = \{c, k_{01}, k_m, V_m, D\},$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_{ic} = x_0$$

only k_{01} is identifiable



Can we assess identifiability by mimicking identification ?

Two approaches via Polynomial Optimization !

Consider the Goodwin Napkin example

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = -2\theta x_2 - \theta^2 x_1 \\ y = x_1 \end{cases}$$

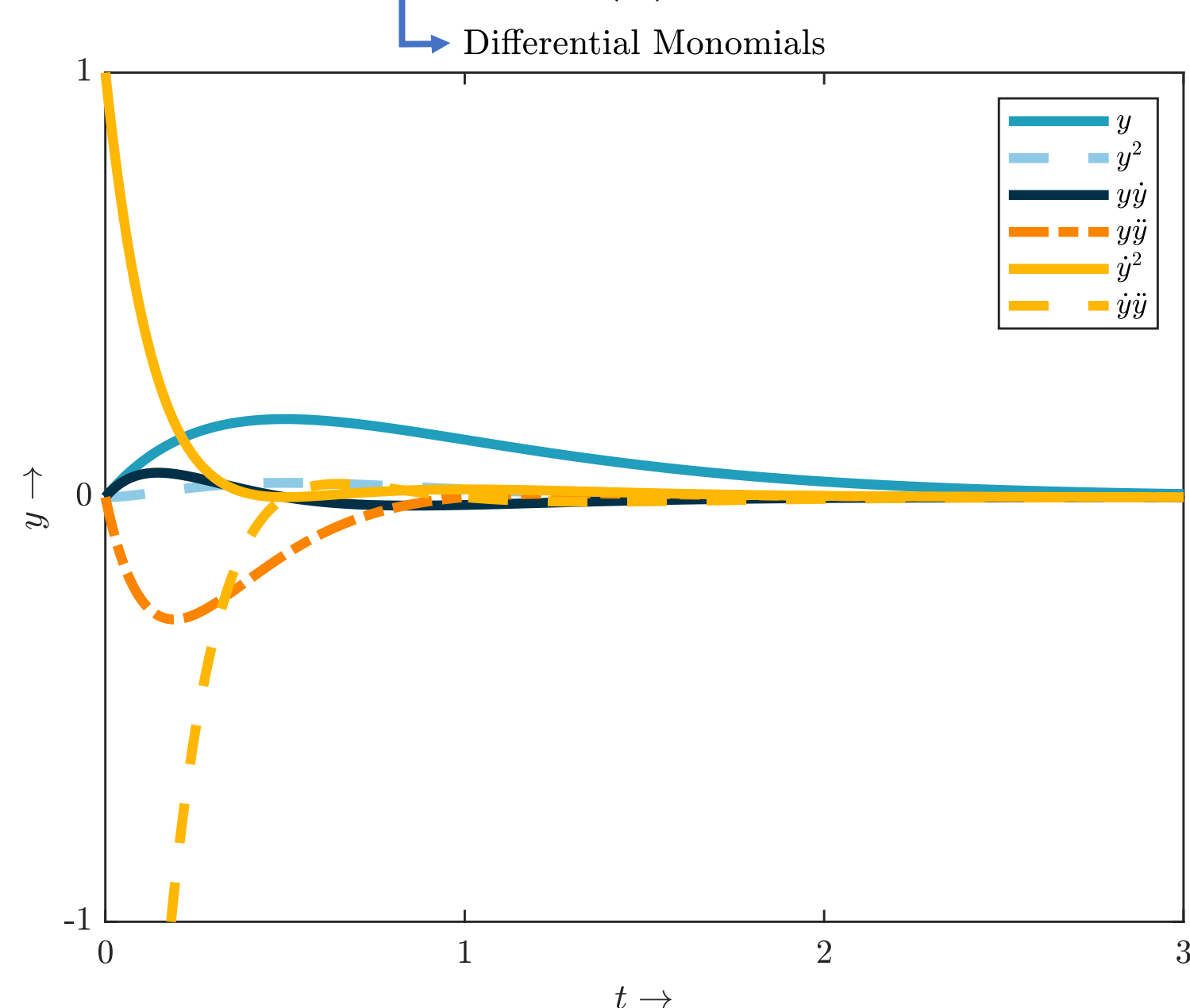
then obtain the IO equations via differential elimination [1]

$$\ddot{y} + 2\theta \dot{y} + \theta^2 y = 0.$$

Equation error method

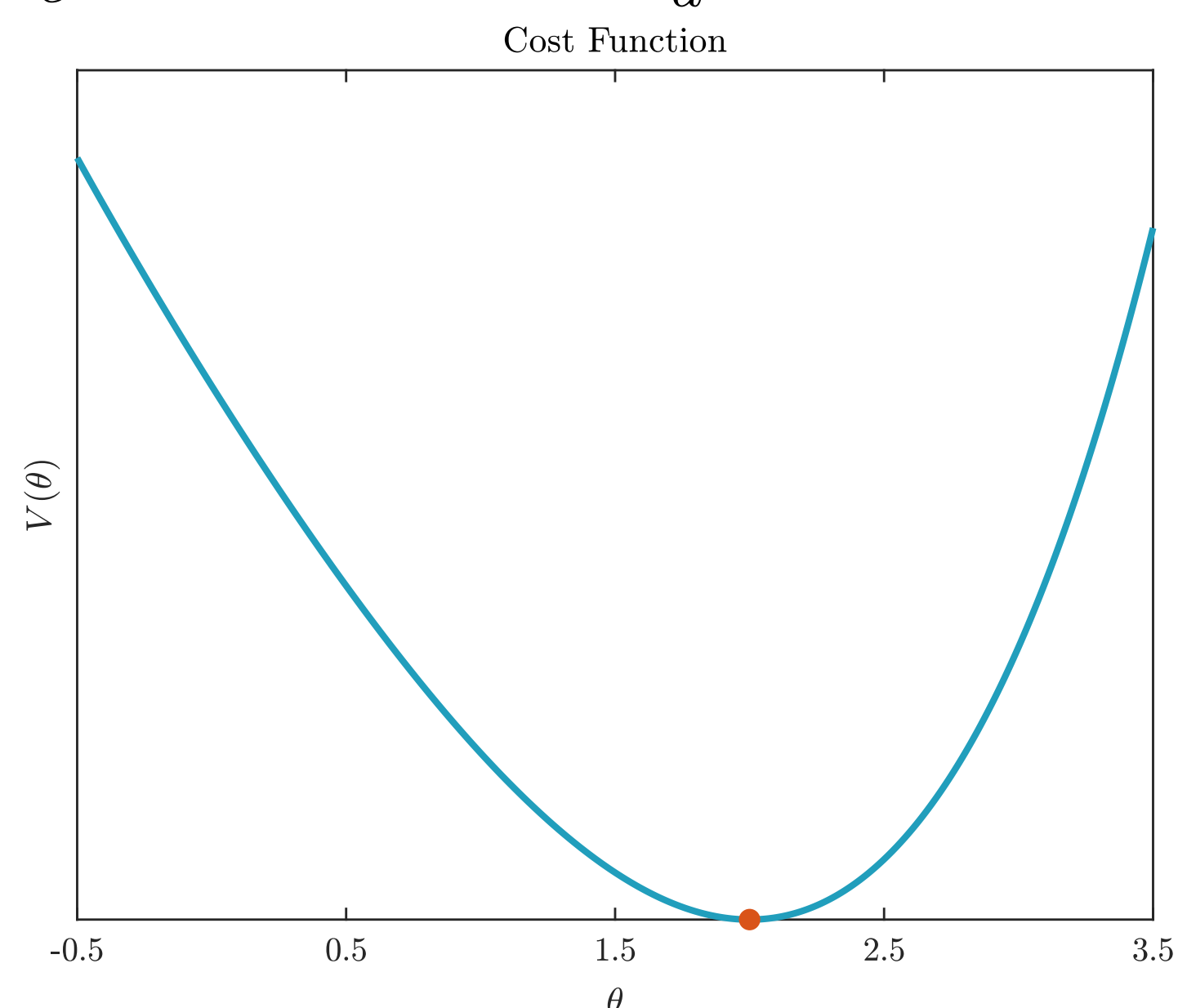
Minimize the IO equation error to identify parameters

$$\min_{\theta} \int_0^T (\ddot{y} + 2\theta \dot{y} + \theta^2 y)^2 dt$$



Find the global optima by solving a **system of polynomial equation(s) in the model parameter(s)** associated with the FONCs !

$$\frac{dV(\theta)}{d\theta} = 4 \left(\int_0^T y^2 dt \right) \theta^3 + 12 \left(\int_0^T (y\dot{y}) dt \right) \theta^2 + 4 \left(\int_0^T (y\ddot{y}) dt \right) \theta + 8 \left(\int_0^T \dot{y}^2 dt \right) \theta + 4 \left(\int_0^T (\dot{y}\dot{y}) dt \right) = 0$$



A unique global minima confirms global identifiability of the model parameter !

Misfit identification method

Package IO equation recursively in a Toeplitz matrix

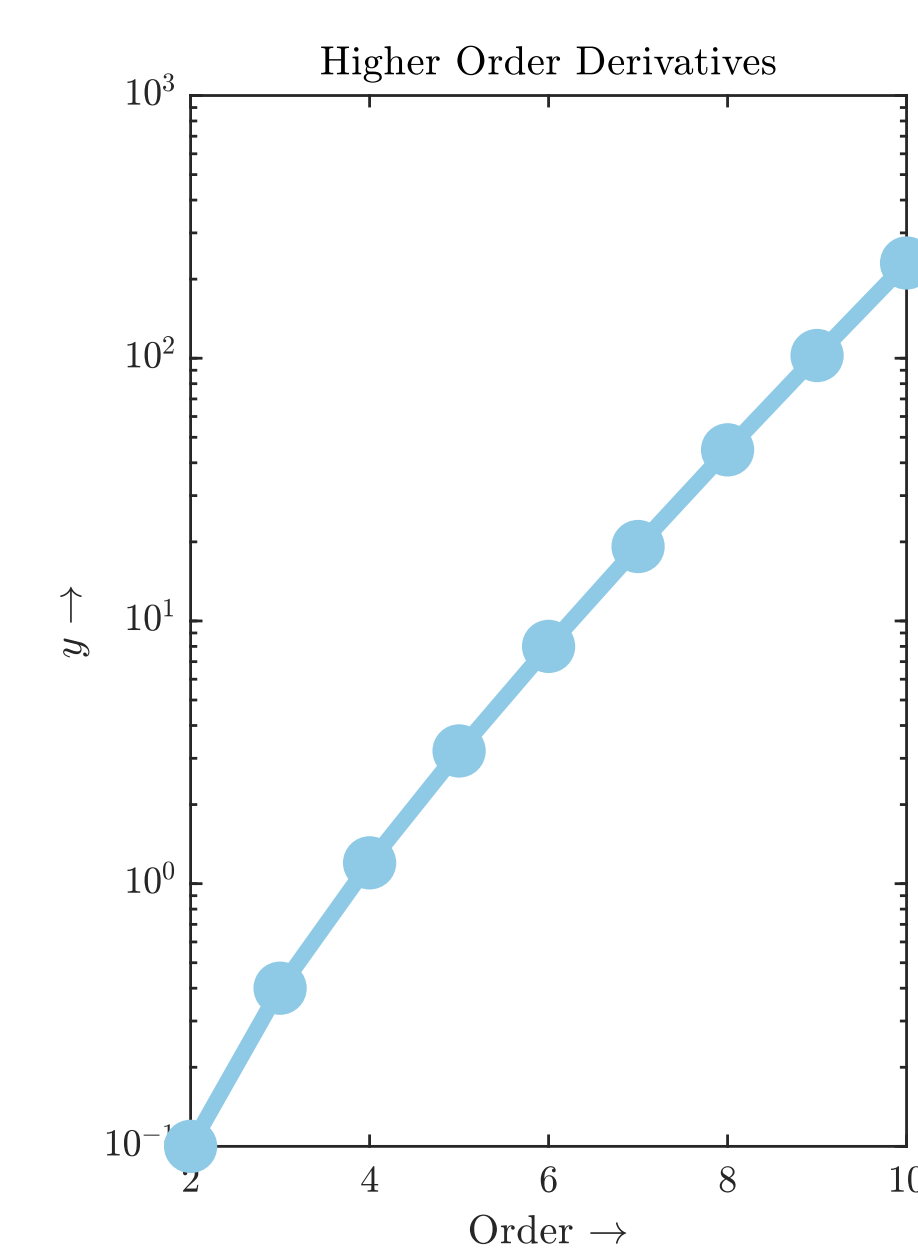
$$\begin{bmatrix} \theta^2 & 2\theta & 1 & & & \\ & \theta^2 & 2\theta & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & \theta^2 & 2\theta & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ \dot{y} \\ \vdots \\ y^{(N+2)} \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$

The observed data can be broken down as

$$\mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}} = \mathbf{y} + \tilde{\mathbf{y}} \rightarrow \text{misfit}$$

The misfit in terms of the h.o.d.s of the observed data written as

$$\tilde{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{T}_{\theta}^{\dagger} \mathbf{T}_{\theta} \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}}$$



Minimize the misfit in a least squares sense to identify the parameters

$$\min_{\theta} \|\tilde{\mathbf{y}}\|^2$$

Find the global optima by solving a **multiparameter eigenvalue problem !** [2]

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{T}_{\theta} \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}} & \mathbf{D}_{\theta} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{T}_{\theta}^{\dagger} \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}} & \mathbf{D}_{\theta}^{\dagger} & \mathbf{D}_{\theta} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}}^T (\mathbf{T}_{\theta}^{\dagger})^T & \mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}}^T \mathbf{T}_{\theta} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{z} = 0$$

