# EXACT and APPROXIMATE SYSTEM IDENTIFICATION



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**Observed data** → **System model** 



#### Model:

a dynamical system that 'explains' this time-series

#### **Difficulties:**

- blackbox' data
- unmeasured inputs 'latency'
- any element of the model class will fit the data only approximately 'misfit'
- measurement 'errors'
- danger of 'overfitting'

#### Usual approach: Data = input/output record

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In a sense this copes with these difficulties, but puts stochasticity very central

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- What does 'perform well' mean?
- What 'simulated data' should one test the algorithm for?

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Approximation (data produced by high order, nonlinear, time-varying system) seems much more the core problem than protection against unmeasured stochastic inputs or measurement 'errors'.

#### **Deterministic system identification**

Data = a vector time series

 $egin{array}{ll} ilde w(1), ilde w(2), \dots, ilde w(T) & w(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{ ilde w} \end{array}$ 

System model = a linear time-invariant system

 $R(\sigma)w=0$ 

Quality of algorithm

- = how does the algorithm behave with exact data?
- = does it extract a good (optimal) approximation?





#### The MPUM

A model for the phenomenon = a subset  $\mathfrak{B} \subseteq \mathfrak{U}$ 

 $\mathfrak{B}_1$  is more powerful than  $\mathfrak{B}_2:\Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{B}_1 \subseteq \mathfrak{B}_2$ 

*'the more a model forbids, the better it is'* 



Str Karl Popper (1902-1994)

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A model class := a family  $\mathfrak{M}$  of subsets of  $\mathfrak{U}$ 





Data = a subset  $\mathfrak{D} \subseteq \mathfrak{U}$ ,

'measured outcomes'.

 $\mathfrak{B}$  is unfalsified by  $\mathfrak{D}:\Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{D}\subseteq \mathfrak{B}$ .





 $\mathfrak{B}^*$  is the Most Powerful Unfalsified Model MPUM in  $\mathfrak{M}$  for  $\mathfrak{D}:\Leftrightarrow$ 

1. 
$$\mathfrak{D} \subseteq \mathfrak{B}^* \in \mathfrak{M}$$

2. 
$$\mathfrak{D} \subseteq \mathfrak{B} \in \mathfrak{M} \implies \mathfrak{B}^* \subseteq \mathfrak{B}$$



In this case,  $\mathfrak{B}^* = \cap$  of the unfalsified models







 $\mathfrak{M}$  = the linear time-invariant systems



Time axis =  $\mathbb{N}$  (discrete-time systems)  $\sigma = \text{`backward shift'} \quad \leadsto \quad (\sigma f)(t) := f(t+1)$ 

$$\begin{aligned}
\boldsymbol{\sigma}\boldsymbol{x} &= A\boldsymbol{x} + B\boldsymbol{u} \\
\boldsymbol{y} &= C\boldsymbol{x} + D\boldsymbol{u} \\
\boldsymbol{w} &= \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{u} \\ \boldsymbol{y} \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$



$$\sigma x = Ax + Bu$$
$$y = Cx + Du$$
$$w = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$



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these equations can be written as

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 $\mathfrak{L}^{\bullet}$  has very nice properties w.r.t. +,  $\cap$ , projection, action of linear difference operators, ...





The behavior generated by  $\begin{vmatrix} A & B \\ \hline C & D \end{vmatrix}$ Given  $\begin{vmatrix} A & B \\ \hline C & D \end{vmatrix}$ , define its behavior as  $\mathfrak{B} = \{ oldsymbol{w} = egin{bmatrix} oldsymbol{u} \\ oldsymbol{y} \end{bmatrix} \mid \exists oldsymbol{x} ext{ such that } \sigma oldsymbol{x} = Aoldsymbol{x} + Boldsymbol{u}, oldsymbol{y} = Coldsymbol{x} + Doldsymbol{u}. \}$ Any  $\mathfrak{B} = \ker(R(\sigma))$  allows an observable repr.

 $\begin{vmatrix} A & B \\ \hline C & D \end{vmatrix}$ . Assumed henceforth.

In behavioral theory

**observability**  $\Leftrightarrow$  **minimality** of the state repr.

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Given an observed vector time-series

 $ilde{w}(-t),\ldots, ilde{w}(0), ilde{w}(1),\ldots, ilde{w}(t),\ldots \qquad w(t)\in\mathbb{R}^{ ilde{w}}$ 

find a representation of the MPUM in  $\mathfrak{L}^{W}$ .

'Exact, deterministic' system identification.
# $\exists$ algorithms (intersection of 'past' and 'future') that pass directly from

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This leads to the problem:

Construct  $ilde{x}(t_1), \dots, ilde{x}(t_2)$  in a balanced basis.

'Subspace methods' do this.





x(1)	$\stackrel{u(1)}{\longrightarrow} x(2)$	$\xrightarrow{u(2)}$	$\stackrel{u(t-1)}{\longrightarrow} x(t)$	$\stackrel{\boldsymbol{u(t)}}{\longrightarrow}  x(t+1)$	$\stackrel{u(t+1)}{\longrightarrow} \cdots$
↓ <b>0</b>	↓ <b>0</b>	• • •	↓ <mark>0</mark>	↓ <mark>0</mark>	•••
$y_1(1)$	$y_{2}(1)$	•••	$y_t(1)$	$y_{t+1}(1)$	•••
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$x(1) \xrightarrow{u(1)}$	$x(2) \stackrel{u(2)}{\longrightarrow}$	$\cdots \frac{u(t-t)}{t}$	$\stackrel{-1)}{ ightarrow} x(t)  \stackrel{u(t)}{ ightarrow}$	x(t+1)	$\stackrel{u(t+1)}{\longrightarrow} \cdots$
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Note

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{x}(t+1) &= A\boldsymbol{x}(t) + B\boldsymbol{u}(t); & \text{for some } \boldsymbol{u}(\cdot) \\ \\ \boldsymbol{Y}_0 &= \begin{bmatrix} C \\ CA \\ \vdots \\ CA^{t'-1} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{x}(1) & \boldsymbol{x}(2) & \cdots & \boldsymbol{x}(t) & \cdots \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

# How does deterministic subspace identification work?

There are basically five steps. Use the data

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to compute (an estimate of)

1. a sequential zero input response series matrix of the system that produced the data  $\rightsquigarrow Y_0$ 

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5. (LS) solve, with u, y, x a (data ind.) system traj.

$$\begin{bmatrix} x(2) & x(3) \cdots x(t+1) \cdots \\ y(1) & y(2) \cdots & y(t) & \cdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x(1) & x(2) \cdots x(t) \cdots \\ u(1) & u(2) \cdots u(t) \cdots \end{bmatrix}$$

This yields a desired balanced state representation.

#### The question is

# How do we compute all these responses, starting from the data ?

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the 'behavior'. Consider also its 'annihilators'

$$\mathfrak{N}_{\mathfrak{B}} = \{ \boldsymbol{n} \in \mathbb{R}^{\scriptscriptstyle \mathbb{W}}(\xi) \mid \boldsymbol{n}^{\top}(\sigma)\mathfrak{B} = 0 \}$$

Note: (the transpose of) each row of R belongs to  $\mathfrak{N}_{\mathfrak{B}}$ .

 $\mathfrak{N}_{\mathfrak{B}} =$  the module generated by the transposes of the rows of R.

Each notion has a version for each representation,  $\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathfrak{B}$ , and  $\mathfrak{N}_{\mathfrak{B}}$ . We give the most convenient one.

## Controllability

 $m(\mathfrak{B}), p(\mathfrak{B}), n(\mathfrak{B}) := input, output, state dimension$ 

 $\ell(\mathfrak{B})$  := the *lag* in  $\mathfrak{B}$ 

- = the degree of R in a 'shortest lag' repr.  $R(\sigma)w=0$
- = the observability index
- = the narrowest window through which 'legality' of  $w \in \mathfrak{B}$  can be determined.

There holds:

$$\ell(\mathfrak{B}) \leq n(\mathfrak{B})$$

with = in the single output case.

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 $\mathfrak{N}_{\mathfrak{B}}^{d}$  := the annihilators of degree  $\leq d$ .

 $n_0^\top w(t) + n_1^\top w(t+1) + \dots + n_d^\top w(t+d) = 0$ for all  $w \in \mathfrak{B}$  and  $t \in \mathbb{N}$ .



$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathsf{Hence, if} & \Delta > \ell(\mathfrak{B}), \\ w \in \mathfrak{B} \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} n_0^\top & \cdots & n_{\Delta-1}^\top \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w(t) \\ \vdots \\ w(t + \Delta - 1) \end{bmatrix} = 0 \\ & \text{for all} & n \in \mathfrak{N}_{\mathfrak{B}}^{\Delta - 1}, t \in \mathbb{N} \\ & \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} w(t) \\ \vdots \\ w(t + \Delta - 1) \end{bmatrix} \in \mathfrak{B}|_{[1,\Delta]} \quad \text{for all} & t \in \mathbb{N}. \end{array}$$

Hence, if  $\Delta > \ell(\mathfrak{B})$ ,  $\mathfrak{B}$  is uniquely determined by its 'short' sequences and 'short' annihilators

 $\mathfrak{B}|_{[1,\Delta]}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}_{\mathfrak{B}}^{\Delta-1}$ .

Another consequence. Consider

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{u}'(1) \\ \tilde{y}'(1) \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{u}'(t-\Delta) \\ \tilde{y}'(t-\Delta) \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{u}'(t-\Delta+1) \\ \tilde{y}'(t-\Delta+1) \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{u}'(t) \\ \tilde{y}'(t) \end{bmatrix}) \in \mathfrak{B}|_{[1,t]}$$

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belongs to  $\mathfrak{B}|_{[1,2t-\Delta]}$ , if  $\Delta \geq \ell(\mathfrak{B})$ , hence if  $\Delta \geq n(\mathfrak{B})$ .



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Then, of course, the vectors



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**Under what conditions on** 

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determine the generating behavior  $\mathfrak{B}$ ?

#### **Persistency of excitation**

The vector time-series

 $ilde{u}(1), ilde{u}(2), \dots ilde{u}(T)$ 

is said to be *persistently exciting of order* L if the Hankel matrix

$ig[ ilde{u}(1)$	$ ilde{m{u}}(2)$	$ ilde{m{u}}(3)$	•••	$\tilde{u}(T-L+1)$
$ ilde{u}(2)$	$ ilde{m{u}}(m{3})$	$ ilde{oldsymbol{u}}(4)$	•••	$ ilde{u}(T-L+2)$
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:			$\gamma_{\rm el}$	
$ ilde{u}(L)$	$ ilde{u}(L+1)$	$ ilde{u}(L+2)$	•••	$ ilde{u}(T)$

is of <u>full row rank</u>. Pers. of exc.  $\Leftrightarrow$  no linear relations.

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Hence, under the assumptions of

1. controllability and 2. persistency of excitation, the span (& hence left annihilators) of the data vectors



#### **Under reasonable conditions**

(contr.,  $\Delta$  suff. large, persistency of excitation), the data matrix

$$egin{bmatrix} ilde{m{U}} \ ilde{m{V}} \end{bmatrix} = egin{bmatrix} ilde{u}(1) & ilde{u}(2) & \cdots & ilde{u}(T-\Delta+1) \ dots & dot$$

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Under reasonable conditions the data matrix has the 'correct' span and the 'correct' left kernel.

 $\Rightarrow$  any response, in particular, seq. zero input resp., impulse resp., etc., can be obtained by solving

$$\begin{bmatrix} u(1) \\ \vdots \\ u(\Delta) \\ y(1) \\ \vdots \\ y(\Delta) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{U} \\ \tilde{Y} \end{bmatrix} g$$

and linking and solving, with  $n_{\max} \geq \ell(\mathfrak{B})$  or  $n(\mathfrak{B})$ , u(1) $u(\Delta - n_{\max} + 1)$  $u(\Delta - n_{\max})$  $u(\Delta)$  $u(\Delta - n_{\max} + 1)$  $u(\Delta + 1)$  $u(\Delta)$  $u(2\Delta - n_{\max})$  $\boldsymbol{g}$ y(1) $y(\Delta - n_{\max} + 1)$  $y(\Delta - n_{\max})$  $y(\Delta)$  $y(\Delta - n_{\max} + 1)$  $y(\Delta + 1)$  $y(\Delta)$  $y(2\Delta - n_{\max})$ 

#### and proceeding recursively



This way, an arbitrary long sequence

$$(egin{bmatrix} u(1) \\ y(1) \end{bmatrix}, egin{bmatrix} u(2) \\ y(2) \end{bmatrix}, \dots, egin{bmatrix} u(t) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix}) \in \mathfrak{B}|_{[1,t]}$$

can be obtained.

Note: These algorithms allow nicely for (LS) approximate computations.

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eq 0, \ q(\xi) &= q_0 + q_1 \xi + \cdots + q_n \xi^n. \end{aligned}$$
 $\mathfrak{N}_{\mathfrak{B}} = ext{span} \left\{ egin{bmatrix} -q(\xi) \ p(\xi) \end{bmatrix}, egin{bmatrix} -\xi q(\xi) \ \xi p(\xi) \end{bmatrix}, \ldots, egin{bmatrix} -\xi k q(\xi) \ \xi^k p(\xi) \end{bmatrix}, \ldots 
ight\}$ 

#### Data matrix:

$ ilde{u}(1)$	$ ilde{m{u}}(2)$	•••	$\tilde{u}(T-\Delta+1)$
$ ilde{u}(2)$	$ ilde{m{u}}(m{3})$	•••	$ ilde{u}(T-\Delta+2)$
÷	÷	÷	÷
$ ilde{u}(\Delta)$	$ ilde{u}(\Delta+1)$	•••	$ ilde{u}(T)$
$ ilde{y}(1)$	$ ilde{y}(2)$	•••	$ ilde{y}(T-\Delta+1)$
$ ilde{y}(2)$	$ ilde{m{y}}(m{3})$	•••	$ ilde{y}(T-\Delta+2)$
÷	1	÷	÷
$ ilde{y}(\Delta)$	$ ilde{y}(\Delta+1)$	•••	$ ilde{m{y}}(T)$ _

For  $\Delta = n + 1$ , the left kernel contains

 $\begin{bmatrix} -q_0 & -q_1 & \cdots & -q_n & p_0 & p_1 & \cdots & p_n \end{bmatrix}$ 

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Assume that the kernel contains another vector, not in their span

$$[r_0 \ \cdots \ \cdot \ \cdots \ r_{\Delta-1} \ s_0 \ \cdots \ \cdot \ \cdots \ s_{\Delta-1}]$$

#### Extend the data matrix to a larger window:

$ ilde{u}(1)$	$ ilde{m{u}}(2)$	•••	$ ilde{u}(T-\Delta'+1)$
$ ilde{m{u}}(2)$	$ ilde{m{u}}(m{3})$	•••	$ ilde{u}(T-\Delta'+2)$
÷	÷	÷	÷
$ ilde{u}(\Delta')$	$ ilde{u}(\Delta'+1)$	•••	$ ilde{u}(T)$
$ ilde{y}(1)$	$ ilde{m{y}}(2)$	•••	$ ilde{y}(T-\Delta'+1)$
$ ilde{m{y}}(2)$	$ ilde{m{y}}(m{3})$	•••	$ ilde{y}(T-\Delta'+2)$
÷	-	÷	
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If all rows were linearly independent, then at each extension step, the rank of the data matrix remains constant. But, persistency of excitation  $\Rightarrow$  the rank increases by 1.  $\rightsquigarrow$  conflict, when  $\Delta' = \Delta + n$ .

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Therefore one of the rows of the second matrix must be linearly dependent on the rows preceding it and the rows of the first matrix. Written in polynomial notation, this yields

$$f(\xi) \left[ r(\xi) \mid s(\xi) 
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#### and hence

$$ig| r_0 \ \cdots \ \cdot \ \cdots \ r_{\Delta-1} \ s_0 \ \cdots \ \cdot \ \cdots \ s_{\Delta-1}$$

#### is in the span of the rows of

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# and hence $\begin{bmatrix} r_0 & \cdots & \cdots & r_{\Delta-1} & s_0 & \cdots & \cdots & s_{\Delta-1} \end{bmatrix}$ is in the span of the rows of $\begin{bmatrix} -q_0 & \cdots & -q_n & 0 & \cdots & 0 & p_0 & \cdots & p_n & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & -q_0 & \cdots & -q_n & \cdots & 0 & 0 & p_0 & \cdots & p_n & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & -q_0 & \cdots & -q_n & 0 & \cdots & 0 & p_0 & \cdots & p_n \end{bmatrix} \xleftarrow{\leftarrow} \operatorname{row} \Delta - n$

Therefore, the data matrix had the 'correct' kernel to begin with. **QED** 

#### **From time-series to balanced reduction**

1. How can we compute a sequential zero input response series?

#### Define the 'past' and 'future' input and output data matrices by

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{U}_{\mathsf{p}} \\ \tilde{Y}_{\mathsf{p}} \\ \tilde{U}_{\mathsf{f}} \\ \tilde{Y}_{\mathsf{f}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{u}(1) & \tilde{u}(2) & \cdots & \tilde{u}(T-2\Delta+1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \tilde{u}(\Delta) & \tilde{u}(\Delta+1) & \cdots & \tilde{u}(T-\Delta) \\ \tilde{y}(1) & \tilde{y}(2) & \cdots & \tilde{y}(T-2\Delta+1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \tilde{y}(\Delta) & \tilde{y}(\Delta+1) & \cdots & \tilde{y}(T-\Delta) \\ \end{bmatrix} \\ \tilde{u}(\Delta+1) & \tilde{u}(\Delta+2) & \cdots & \tilde{u}(T-\Delta+1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \tilde{u}(2\Delta) & \tilde{u}(2\Delta+1) & \cdots & \tilde{u}(T) \\ \tilde{y}(\Delta+1) & \tilde{y}(\Delta+2) & \cdots & \tilde{y}(T-\Delta+1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \tilde{y}(2\Delta) & \tilde{y}(2\Delta+1) & \cdots & \tilde{y}(T) \end{bmatrix}$$

Assume  $n(\mathfrak{B}) \ll \Delta \ll T$  & pers. of excitation, as needed.

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$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{U}_{p} \\ \tilde{Y}_{p} \\ O \\ \mathbf{??} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{U}_{p} \\ \tilde{Y}_{p} \\ \tilde{U}_{f} \\ \tilde{U}_{f} \\ \tilde{Y}_{f} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{G}$$




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Note: no new eq'ns to be solved, once we have  $Y_0$ .



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# 4. Obtain the balanced state trajectory

$$igg[ \hat{x}(\Delta+1) \ \ \hat{x}(\Delta+2) \ \ \cdots \ \ \hat{x}(T-\Delta+1) igg] = \sqrt{\Sigma^{-1}} \ U^ op Y_0$$

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 $\hat{x}(\Delta + 1), \hat{x}(\Delta + 2), \dots, \hat{x}(T - \Delta + 1)$  are estimates of a balanced state traj. separating the 'past' and 'future'.

	$\tilde{\boldsymbol{u}}(1)$	$ ilde{u}(2)$		$\tilde{u}(T-2\Delta+1)$
	•	•	• • •	•
	$ ilde{u}(\Delta)$	$ ilde{u}(\Delta+1)$	•••	$ ilde{u}(T-\Delta)$
	$ ilde{m{y}}(1)$	$ ilde{m{y}}(2)$	•••	$ ilde{y}(T-2\Delta+1)$
	•		•••	
	$ ilde{y}(\Delta)$	$ ilde{y}(\Delta+1)$	•••	$ ilde{y}(T-\Delta)$
—	$\hat{x}(\Delta+1)$	$\hat{x}(\Delta+2)$	•••	$\hat{x}(T-\Delta+1)$
	$ ilde{u}(\Delta+1)$	$ ilde{u}(\Delta+2)$	••••	$ ilde{u}(T-\Delta+1)$
	•	•	•••	•
	$ ilde{m{u}}({m{2}}{\Delta})$	$ ilde{u}(2\Delta+1)$		$ ilde{oldsymbol{u}}(T)$
	$ ilde{y}(\Delta+1)$	$ ilde{y}(\Delta+2)$	•••	$ ilde{y}(T-\Delta+1)$
	•		•••	
	$ ilde{y}(2\Delta)$	$ ilde{y}(2\Delta+1)$	•••	$ ilde{oldsymbol{y}}(oldsymbol{T})$

 $egin{aligned} ilde{m{U}}_{\mathsf{p}} \ ilde{m{Y}}_{\mathsf{p}} \ \hat{m{X}} \ ilde{m{U}}_{\mathsf{f}} \ ilde{m{U}}_{\mathsf{f}} \ ilde{m{V}}_{\mathsf{f}} \end{aligned}$ 

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$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{x}(\Delta+1) & \hat{x}(\Delta+2) & \cdots & \hat{x}(T-\Delta+1) \end{vmatrix} = \sqrt{\Sigma^{-1}} \, U^{ op} Y_0$$

#### 5. Compute the (LS) sol'n of the linear equations

 $\begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}(\Delta+2) & \cdots & \hat{x}(T-\Delta+1) \\ \tilde{y}(\Delta+1) & \cdots & \tilde{y}(T-\Delta) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}(\Delta+1) & \cdots & \hat{x}(T-\Delta) \\ \tilde{u}(\Delta+1) & \cdots & \tilde{u}(T-\Delta) \end{bmatrix}$ 

This solution yields the desired **balanced** system.

# More on this and other algorithms, soon on my website



#### In all simulations the system has a transfer function

 $C(Iz - A)^{-1}B + D = \frac{0.89172(z - 0.5193)(z + 0.5595)}{(z - 0.4314)(z + 0.4987)(z + 0.6154)}.$ 

The input is a unit variance white noise and the data available for identification is the corresponding trajectory w = (u, y), corrupted by white noise with standard deviation  $\sigma$ .









# Improvement over balancing from $\hat{H}$ directly





# reduction to order 2



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From data to balanced state representation: sequential zero input response series  $\rightarrow$  Hankel matrix  $\rightarrow$  SVD  $\rightarrow$  balanced state trajectory  $\rightarrow$  est. of syst. parameters. Algorithms that pass from  $\tilde{u}, \tilde{y}$  directly to a state  $\begin{array}{c|c} A & B \\ \hline C & D \end{array}$ : resp.  $oldsymbol{ ilde{x}}$  and, from there, to (an est. of) known for some time. Difficulty:

arrive *directly* at a *balanced* model.

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The algorithms may be viewed as part of the research question:

Develop algorithms that pass from a given system representation directly to a balanced state representation, or reduction.

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These insights will be used for setting up effective algorithms for subspace-like identification.

