

# STATE CONSTRUCTION

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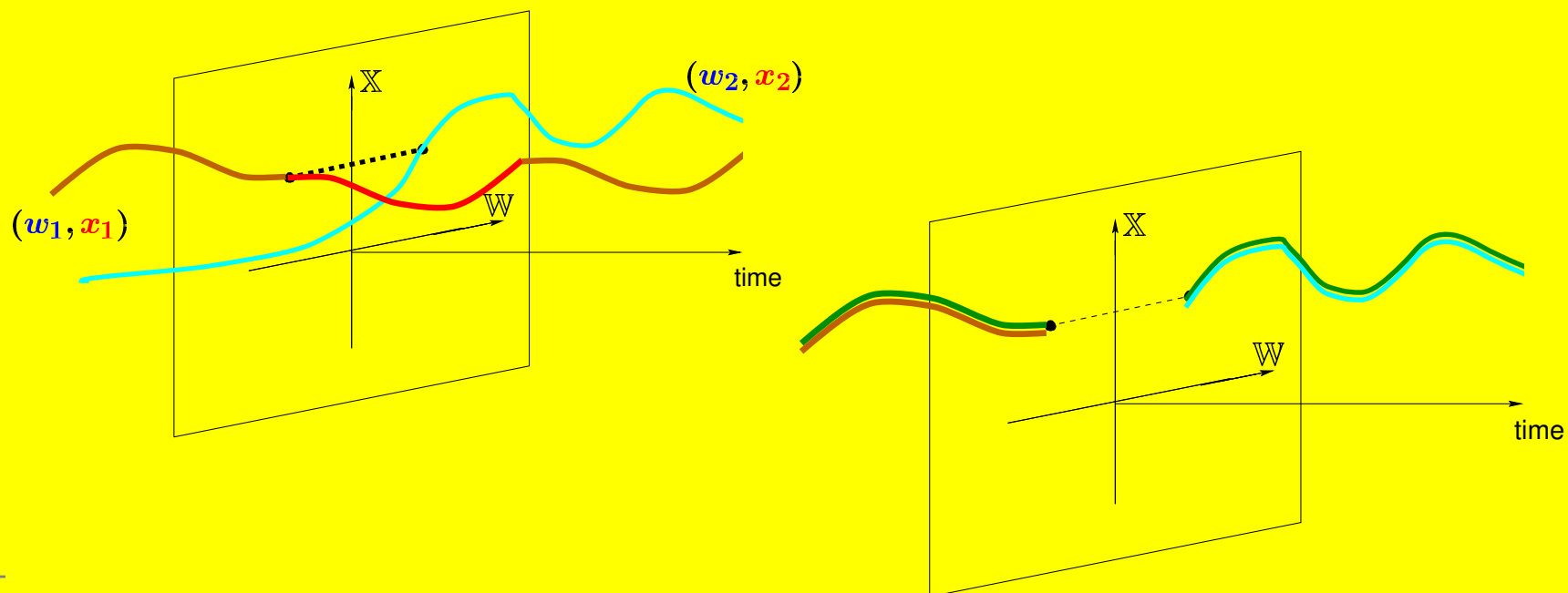
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5. QM:  $\frac{d}{dt}\psi = i\hbar H(\psi), \quad p = |\psi|^2;$

$\psi$  = the 'wave function';

$p(x, t)$  = the 'probability' density of the particle's position.

The **wave function = latent, state**, the **observables = manifest??**

For discrete time state systems  $\rightsquigarrow$

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Equivalent: if  $(w_1, x_1) \underset{t_0}{\wedge} (w_2, x_2)$  is a **weak sol'n** of the ODE.

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In other words, iff there exist matrices  $E, F, G \in \mathbb{R}^{\bullet \times \bullet}$  such that this kernel representation takes the form of a *descriptor system*:

$$E \frac{d}{dt} x + F x + G w = 0.$$



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$$n \leq n'.$$

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**Observability** :  $\Leftrightarrow x$  can be deduced from  $w$ .

I.e.,  $\exists X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times w}[\xi]$  such that

$$(w, x) \in \mathfrak{B}_{\text{full}} \Leftrightarrow x = X \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) w.$$

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State-minimal  $\Leftrightarrow$  **state-trim** and **state-observable**.

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## 1. State isomorphism theorem.

Assume  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^w, \mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{B}_{\text{full}})$  and  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^w, \mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{B}'_{\text{full}})$ ,

$\mathcal{B}_{\text{full}}, \mathcal{B}'_{\text{full}} \in \mathcal{L}^{w+n}$  both state-minimal, same manifest behavior

$\Rightarrow$  there exists a nonsingular  $S \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  such that

$$[(w, x) \in \mathcal{B}_{\text{full}} \text{ and } (w, x') \in \mathcal{B}'_{\text{full}}] \Leftrightarrow [x' = Sx].$$

**The minimal state representation is unique up to a choice of the basis in the state space.**

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are two minimal (**state- and equation-minimal**) representations of the same manifest behavior iff there exist nonsingular matrices  $T, S \in \mathbb{R}^{\bullet \times \bullet}$  such that

$$E' = TES, F' = TES, G' = TG.$$

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4. Notation:

$n(\mathcal{B}) :=$  the dimension of the **minimal** state associated with  $\mathcal{B}$ .

All 'classical' results remain valid, except, (fortunately!)  
the celebrated (non-)equivalence:  
**state-minimality  $\Leftrightarrow$  state-observability + state-controllability.**

Non-controllable systems are **very 'real'** and they allow  
state-minimal (non-controllable) state representation.

# Input/State/Output Systems

Finally...

It is possible to combine the **input/output partition and the state representation**, leading to the ubiquitous:

$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}, \quad \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}, \quad \mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{y}).$$

$\mathbf{u}$  is input := free,

$\mathbf{y}$  is output := bound by  $\mathbf{u}$ ,

$\mathbf{x}$  is state := 'splitting'.

**Theorem:** Let  $\mathfrak{B} \in \mathcal{L}^w$ .

**There exists a componentwise partition  $w = (u, y)$ , with  $\dim(u) = m(\mathfrak{B})$ ,  $\dim(y) = p(\mathfrak{B})$ , and matrices**

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n(\mathfrak{B}) \times n(\mathfrak{B})}, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n(\mathfrak{B}) \times m(\mathfrak{B})}, C \in \mathbb{R}^{p(\mathfrak{B}) \times n(\mathfrak{B})}, D \in \mathbb{R}^{p(\mathfrak{B}) \times m(\mathfrak{B})}$$

**such that**

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{x} = A\mathbf{x} + B\mathbf{u}, \quad \mathbf{y} = C\mathbf{x} + D\mathbf{u},$$

**is a minimal (equation- and state-minimal) state repr'ion of  $\mathfrak{B}$ .**

$\left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A & B \\ \hline C & D \end{array} \right]$  is minimal (state + eq'n minimal)

$\Leftrightarrow$  it is state-minimal

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**We assume henceforth  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\Sigma = (\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{W}, \mathfrak{B})$  is time-invariant.**

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Clearly equivalent state systems represent the same manifest behavior.

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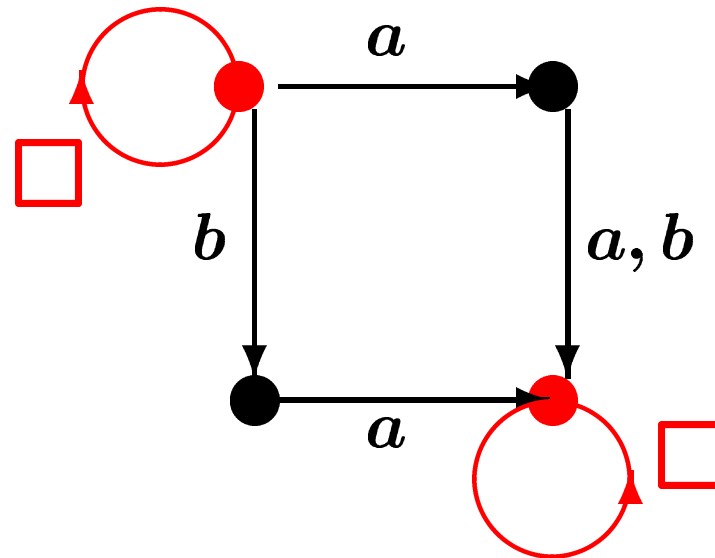
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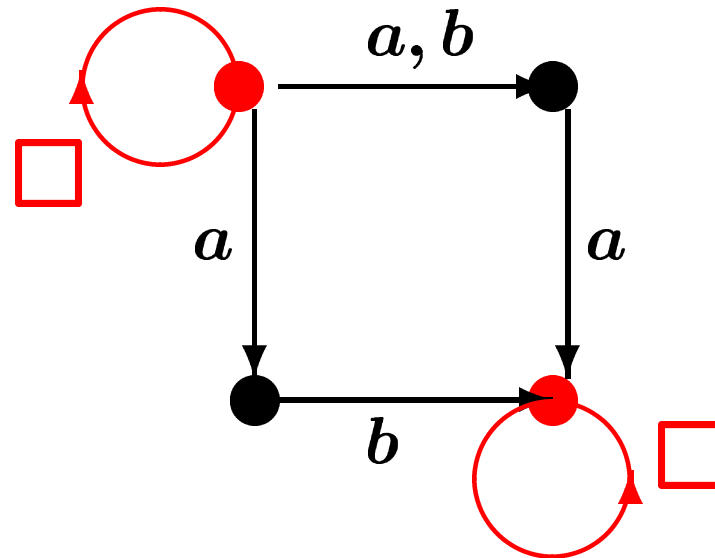
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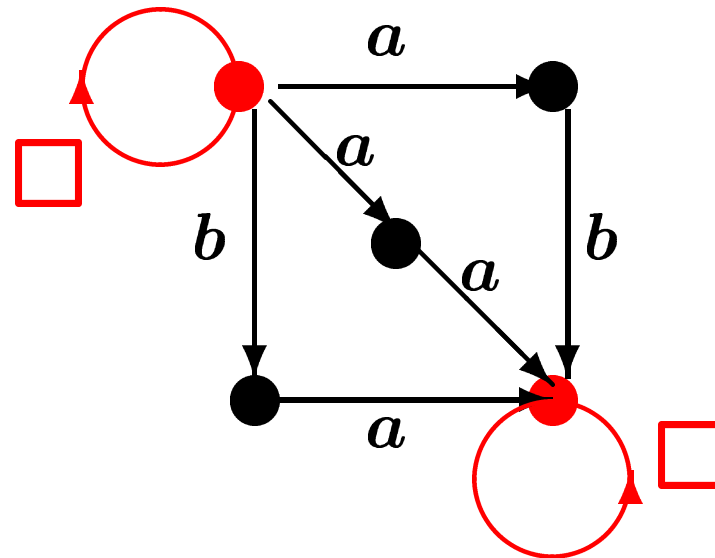
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Another immediate choice is to pick the state map

$$X(\xi) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \star \\ \xi & \star \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \xi^{n-2} & \star \\ \xi^{n-1} & \star \end{bmatrix}$$

We need to compute the  $\star$ 's so that the combinations of the rows of  $\Sigma_R$  that yield the first column of  $X$  also give the second column.

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The real two-variable polynomial

$$\Phi(\zeta, \eta) = \sum_{k,k'} \Phi_{k,k'} \zeta^k \eta^{k'}$$

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Usual approach:

Assume an input/output partition:  $w = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ y \end{bmatrix}$ , and assume the data produced by a stochastic system

$$P(\sigma)y = Q(\sigma)u + N(\sigma)\varepsilon$$

with  $P, Q, N$  pol. matr., and  $\varepsilon$  something like gaussian, i.i.d.

**! Estimate**

$$\hat{P}_{\hat{w},t}, \hat{Q}_{\hat{w},t}, \hat{M}_{\hat{w},t}$$

from the data, and prove *consistency*

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from the data, and prove *consistency*

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and other good features of the estimates.

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There exist beautiful algorithms due to De Moor, Van Overschee, Picci, Katayama, Chiuso, that do this (in the stochastic framework).

I will explain the idea in a deterministic setting.



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for  $A, B, C, D$ .

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**Thank you for your attention !**