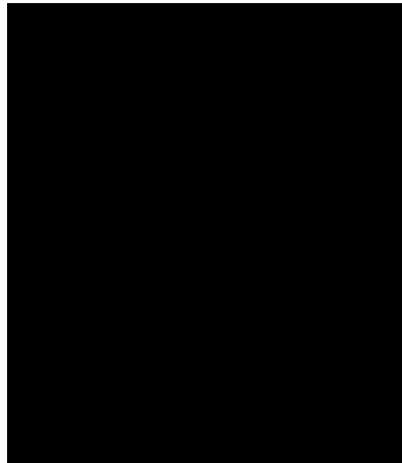


# ALGORITHMS FOR EXACT AND APPROXIMATE IDENTIFICATION FROM FINITE TIME SERIES



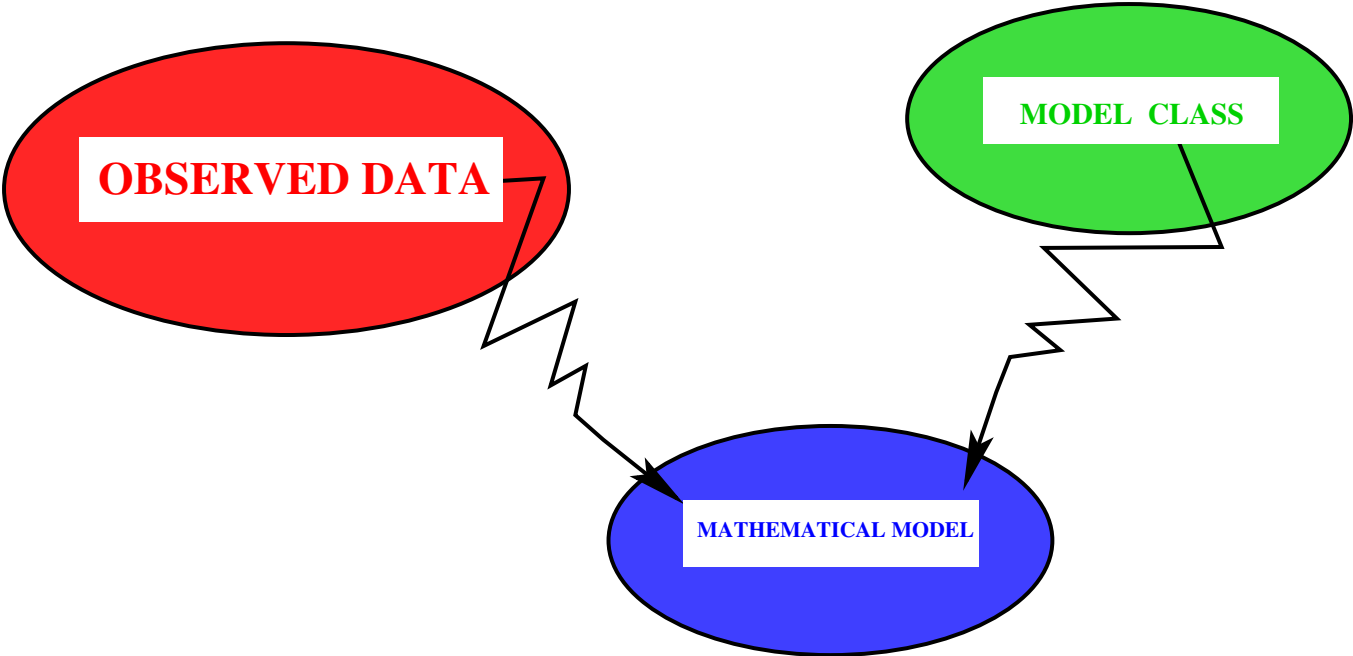
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**System ID**



This is a very rich area. It involves

- Algorithms:

Numerical data  $\mapsto$  model parameters

- ‘Philosophical’ issues:

How to deal with uncertainty

Role of stochasticity

How to deal with ‘open’ systems, etc.

- Important area for applications, because of its

**relevance in modeling**

## Case of interest today

**Data:** an 'observed' vector time-series

$$\tilde{w}(1), \tilde{w}(2), \dots, \tilde{w}(T) \quad \tilde{w}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^w, T \text{ finite}$$



A **dynamical model** from a model class,

e.g. a difference equation

$$R_0 w(t) + R_1 w(t+1) + \dots + R_L w(t+L)$$

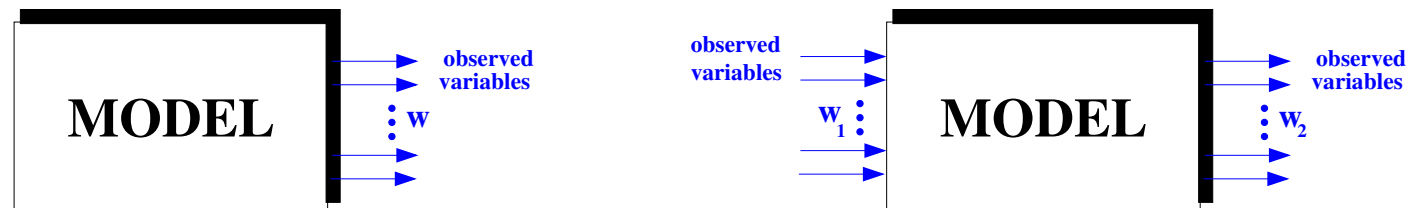
$$= 0$$

or 
$$= M_0 \epsilon(t) + M_1 \epsilon(t+1) + \dots + M_L \epsilon(t+L)$$

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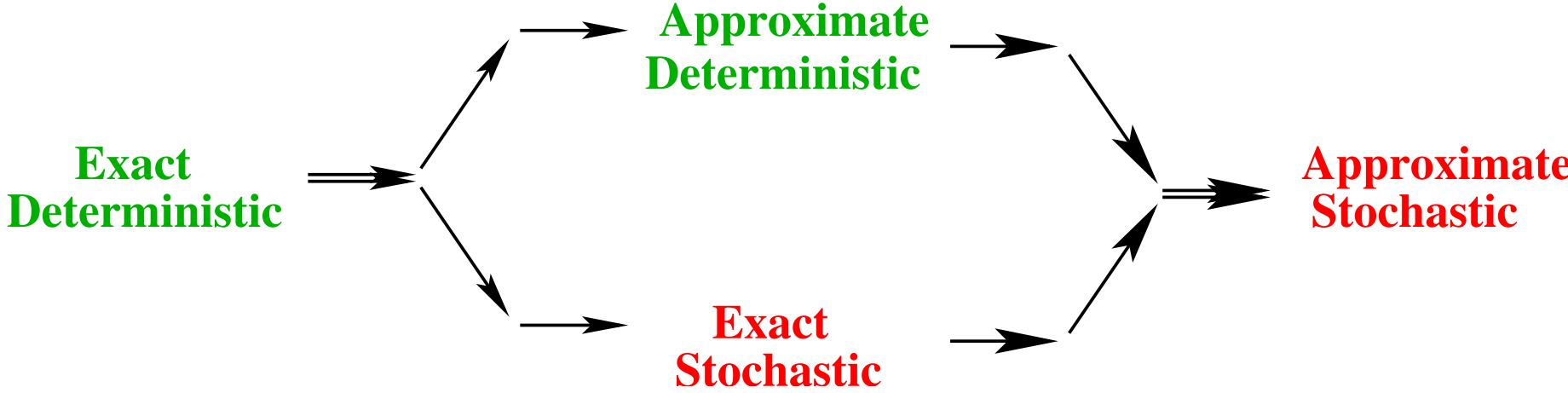
‘deterministic’ ID



$$R_0 w(t) + R_1 w(t + 1) + \dots + R_L w(t + L) = 0$$

$$\tilde{w}(1), \tilde{w}(2), \dots, \tilde{w}(T) \mapsto \hat{R}(\xi) = \hat{R}_0 + \hat{R}_1 \xi + \dots + \hat{R}_{\hat{L}} \xi^{\hat{L}}$$

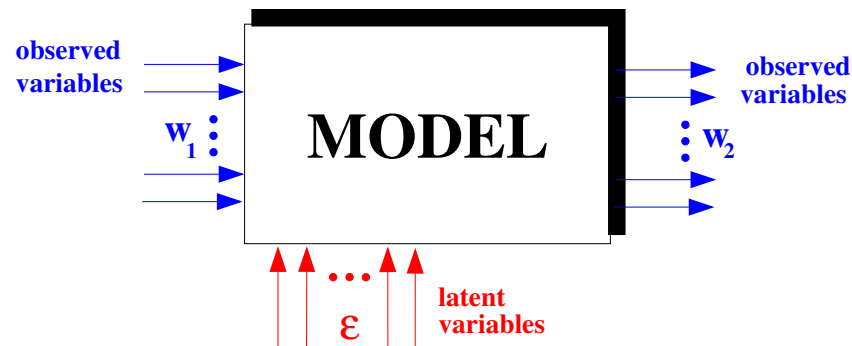
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Towards the end, some remarks on **ID with latent inputs**



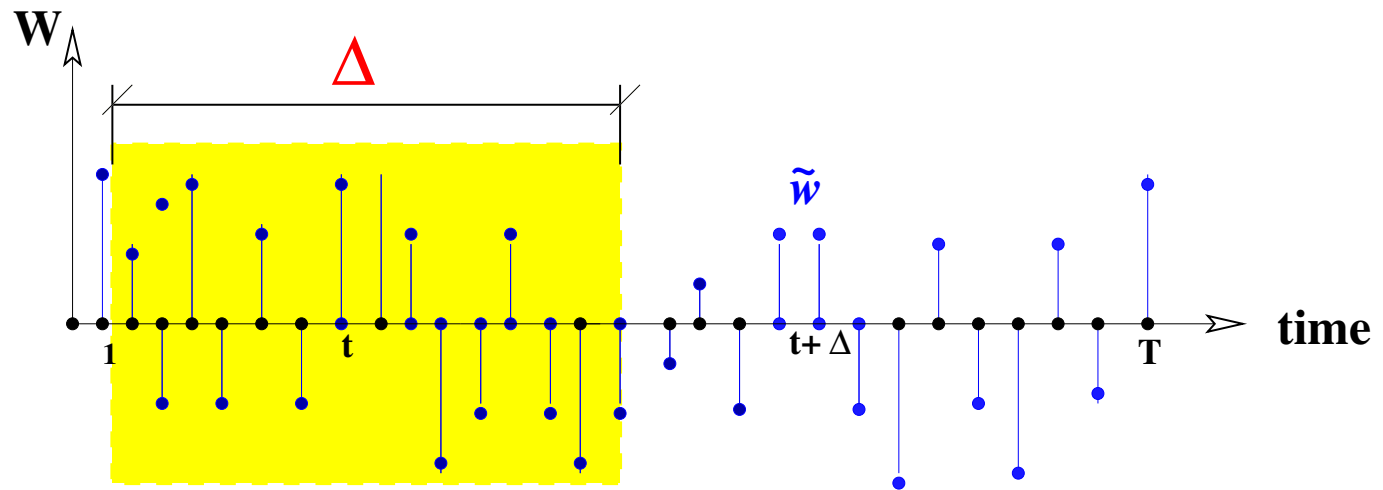
$$\begin{aligned} R_0 w(t) + R_1 w(t+1) + \dots + R_L w(t+L) \\ = M_0 \epsilon(t) + M_1 \epsilon(t+1) + \dots + M_L \epsilon(t+L) \end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{w}(1), \tilde{w}(2), \dots, \tilde{w}(T) \mapsto (\hat{R}(\xi), \hat{M}(\xi))$$

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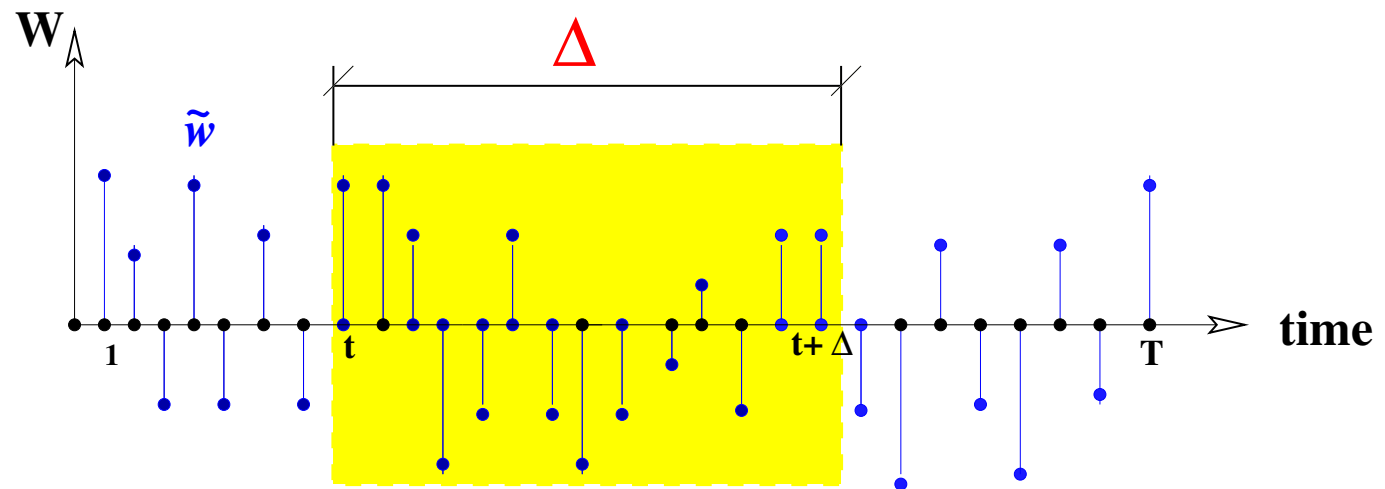
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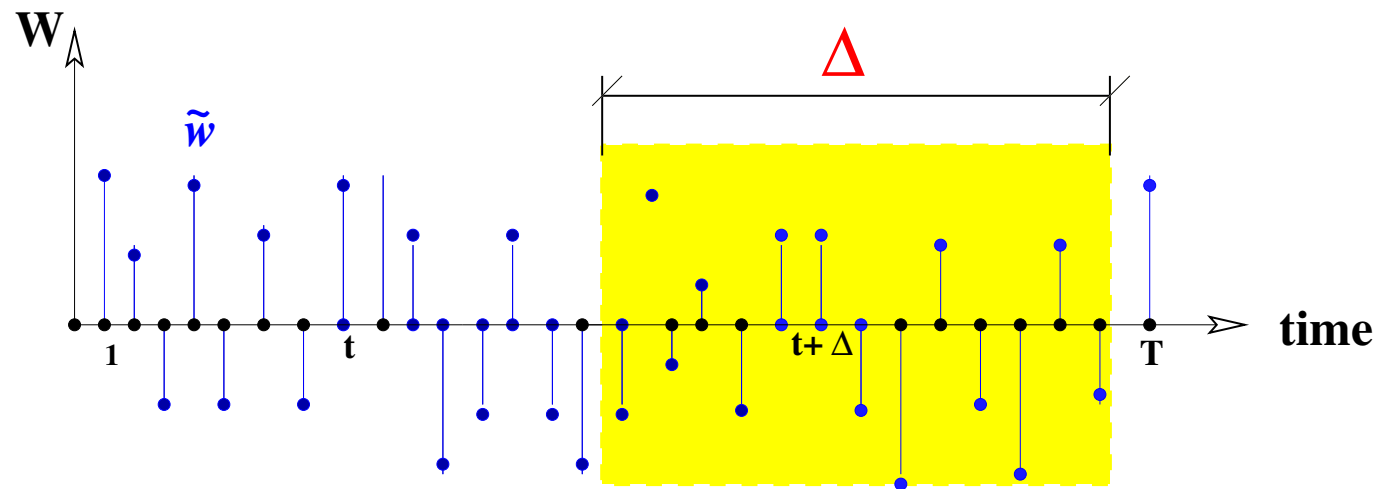
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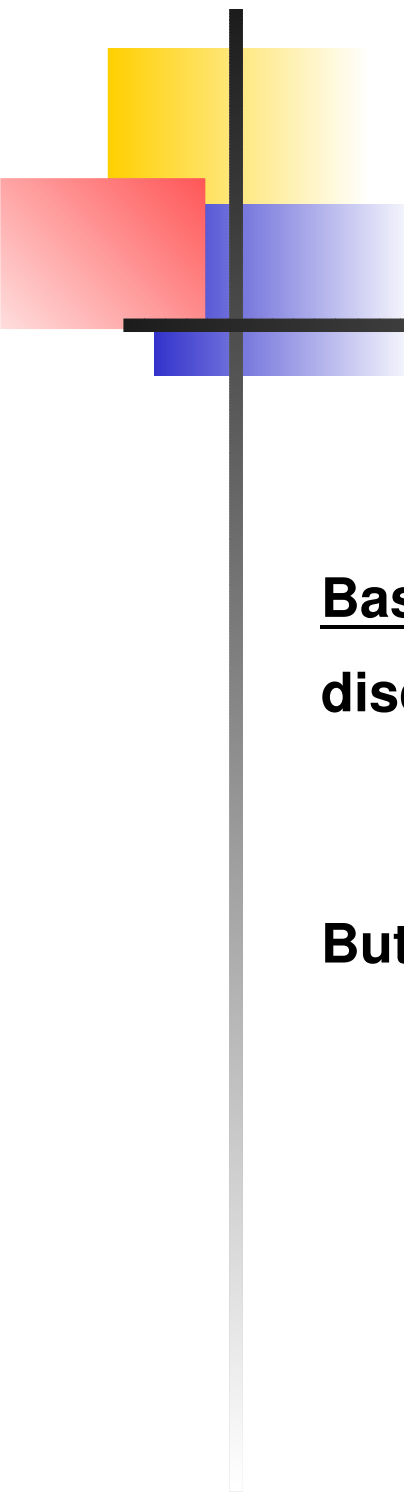
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Are there **left annihilators**, or approximate, or up to a stochastic interpretation, same for all these columns?




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**But first, some language**: What do we mean by  
a **model**, a **model class**, an **unfalsified** model, etc.?



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A family of (vector) time series

Recall notation  $\mathfrak{B}_{|[1,T]}$

:= all ‘prefixes’  $w(1), w(2), \dots, w(T)$  of  $w \in \mathfrak{B}$

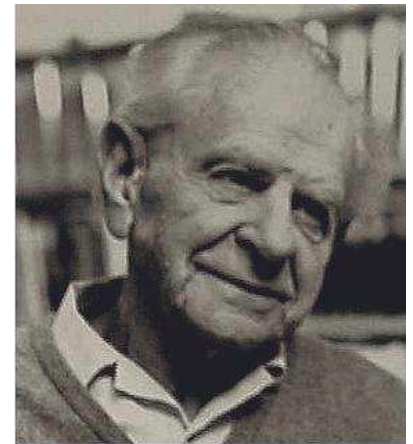
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Every model is prohibition.

**The more a model forbids, the better it is.**



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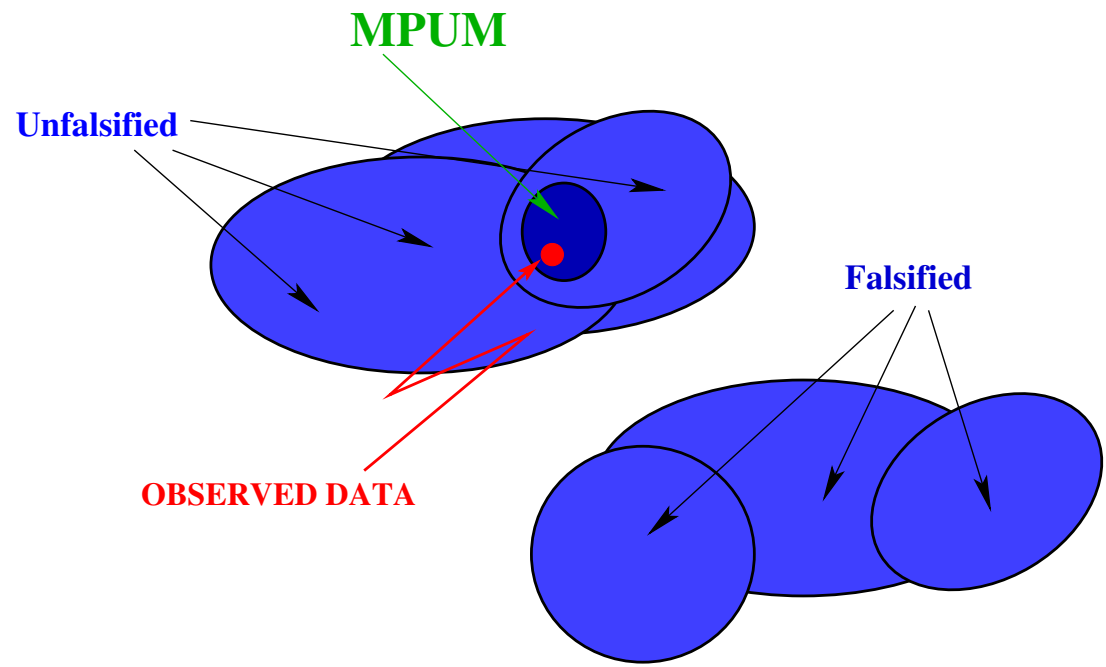
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  2.  $\tilde{w} \in \mathfrak{B}_{\tilde{w}}^*|_{[1,T]}$
  3.  $\mathfrak{B} \in \mathbb{B}$  and  $\tilde{w} \in \mathfrak{B}|_{[1,T]} \Rightarrow \mathfrak{B}_{\tilde{w}}^* \subseteq \mathfrak{B}$

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# The MPUM





## The model class



## The model class $\mathcal{L}^w$

Our model class (a family of subsets of  $(\mathbb{R}^w)^{\mathbb{N}}$ ).

It is an exceedingly familiar one. First,  $\mathcal{L}^w$ .

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**shift-invariant** :  $\Leftrightarrow \sigma\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$

$\sigma =$  the 'shift':  $(\sigma f)(t) := f(t + 1)$ .

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In obvious polynomial matrix notation

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- Including input/output partition

$$P(\sigma)y = Q(\sigma)u, \quad w \cong \begin{bmatrix} u \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$\det(P) \neq 0$ ,  $m$  inputs,  $p$  outputs (= # of equations)

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- $\exists$  matrices  $A, B, C, D$  such that  $\mathcal{B}$  consists of all  $w$ 's generated by

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



## The module structure

Let  $\mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{L}^w$ . Define its **annihilators** by

$$\mathfrak{N}_{\mathcal{B}} := \left\{ n \in \mathbb{R}^w[\xi] \mid n^\top \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) \mathcal{B} = 0 \right\}$$

**Note:**  $\mathfrak{N}_{\mathcal{B}}$  is a  $\mathbb{R}[\xi]$  sub-module of  $\mathbb{R}^w[\xi]$ . Means:

$$n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{R}^w[\xi], p \in \mathbb{R}[\xi]$$

$$\Rightarrow n_1 + n_2 \in \mathfrak{N}_{\mathcal{B}}, p n_1 \in \mathfrak{N}_{\mathcal{B}}$$



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$$\mathcal{L}^w \overset{\text{one-to-one}}{\longleftrightarrow} \text{sub-modules of } \mathbb{R}^w[\xi]$$

**Consequence:** since sub-module is finitely generated,  $\mathcal{B}$  is determined by finite number of generators.

For example, **the rows of  $R$** , but this is non-unique.

## The model class $\mathcal{L}_L^w$

We now define our model class  $\mathcal{L}_L^w$ .

It consists of all  $\mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{L}^w$  such that

$\exists$  matrices  $R_0, R_1, \dots, R_L$

with restricted lag:  $L \leq \underline{L}$

such that  $\mathcal{B}$  consists of all  $w$  that satisfy

$$R_0 w(t) + R_1 w(t+1) + \dots + R_L w(t+L) = 0.$$

Polynomial matrix in

$$R(\sigma)w = 0$$

has degree( $R$ )  $\leq L$ .

## The MPUM in $\mathcal{L}_L^w$

For infinite observation interval,  $T = \infty$ , the MPUM for  $\tilde{w}$  in  $\mathcal{L}^w$  always exists.

In fact, it equals

$$\mathcal{B}_{\tilde{w}}^* = \text{span}(\{\tilde{w}, \sigma\tilde{w}, \sigma^2\tilde{w}, \dots\})^{\text{closure}}$$

$\exists$  effective computational algorithms to go from  $\tilde{w}$  to the corresponding  $R$ .

## The MPUM in $\mathfrak{L}_L^w$

For finite observation interval,  $T < \infty$ , the MPUM in  $\mathfrak{L}^w$  is not very useful.

We hence restrict attention to the MPUM in  $\mathfrak{L}_L^w$ .

Also here the MPUM may not exist. Example:

$$\tilde{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

has no MPUM in  $\mathfrak{L}_2^w$ . **What is the issue?**

## The MPUM in $\mathfrak{L}_L^w$

The MPUM in  $\mathfrak{L}_L^w \rightsquigarrow$  left kernel of the Hankel matrix ('windows')

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{w}(1) & \tilde{w}(2) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T-L) \\ \tilde{w}(2) & \tilde{w}(3) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T-L+1) \\ \tilde{w}(3) & \tilde{w}(4) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T-L+2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \tilde{w}(L+1) & \tilde{w}(L+2) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T) \end{bmatrix}$$

This must have a 'module-like' structure, i.e.

$$\begin{bmatrix} N_0 & N_1 & \cdots & N_{L-1} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ in left kernel}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & N_0 & \cdots & N_{L-2} & N_{L-1} \end{bmatrix} \text{ in left kernel}$$

Proposition: the MPUM in  $\mathfrak{L}_L^w$  exists if

$$\text{rank} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{w}(1) & \tilde{w}(2) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T-L) \\ \tilde{w}(2) & \tilde{w}(3) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T-L+1) \\ \tilde{w}(3) & \tilde{w}(4) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T-L+2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \tilde{w}(L) & \tilde{w}(L+1) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T-1) \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$= \text{rank} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{w}(1) & \tilde{w}(2) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T-L) & \tilde{w}(T-L+1) \\ \tilde{w}(2) & \tilde{w}(3) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T-L+1) & \tilde{w}(T-L+2) \\ \tilde{w}(3) & \tilde{w}(4) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T-L+2) & \tilde{w}(T-L+3) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \tilde{w}(L) & \tilde{w}(L+1) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T-1) & \tilde{w}(T) \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

We henceforth assume this to be the case.



**Computation of this MPUM**

## Recursive computation

We need to compute the left kernel of

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{w}(1) & \tilde{w}(2) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T-L-1) & \tilde{w}(T-L) \\ \tilde{w}(2) & \tilde{w}(3) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T-L) & \tilde{w}(T-L+1) \\ \tilde{w}(3) & \tilde{w}(4) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T-L+1) & \tilde{w}(T-L+2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \tilde{w}(L+1) & \tilde{w}(L+2) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T-1) & \tilde{w}(T) \end{bmatrix}$$

Suffices to compute a set of generators of the sub-module of annihilators of the MPUM. Also, we would like to do this computation

**recursively and approximately .**



## Recursive in $T$

Idea derived from the case  $T = \infty$ .

Assume time-series data  $\mathbb{D} = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_N\}$ ,  $d_k \in (\mathbb{R}^w)^N$ .

**! Compute the MPUM in  $\mathcal{L}^w \rightsquigarrow$  polynomial matrix  $R_{\mathbb{D}}$ .**

1.  $R_0 = I$

2. from  $R_k \mapsto R_{k+1}$ :

■ Compute  $e_{k+1} := R_k(\sigma)d_{k+1}$ .

■ Compute  $E_{k+1}$  corresponding to the MPUM of  $e_{k+1}$

■  $R_{k+1} = E_{k+1}R_k$

3.  $R_{\mathbb{D}} = R_N$

Reduces pbm to the computation of the MPUM for **one time series**.

MPUM with one time-series,  $d$ , time-axis  $-\mathbb{N}$

$$d = (\dots, d(t), \dots, d(-1), d(0))$$

Use the previous algorithm with the time-series data

$$d_{-k} = (\dots, d(-k-1), d(-k)), \quad -k \in \mathbb{N}$$

1.  $R_{k_0}$  given, say  $= I$
2. from  $R_{-k} \mapsto R_{-k+1}$ :
  - $e_{-k+1} := R_{-k}(\sigma^{-1})d_{-k+1}$ . Looks as  $(\dots, 0, \dots, 0, *)$
  - Compute  $E_{-k+1}$  the MPUM of  $e_{-k+1}$ . Very simple!
  - $R_{-k+1} = E_{-k+1}R_{-k}$
3.  $R_{\{d\}} = R_0$

## Recursive in $T$

In order to apply this to

$$\tilde{w} = (\tilde{w}(1), \tilde{w}(2), \dots, \tilde{w}(T))$$

we miss an initial condition. This may be circumvented by considering instead the extended time-series

$$\dots, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{w}(1) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{w}(2) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{w}(T) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and discarding certain of the relations obtained.

Can be implemented using approximate linear algebra computations.

## Recursive in annihilators

We need to compute a **'module basis'** of the left kernel of

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and let  $\Delta$  vary from 1 to  $L + 1$ .

## Recursive in annihilators

Basic idea.

**Step 1:** Compute (SVD)! basis  $R_0$  for left kernel of

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{w}(1) & \tilde{w}(2) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T-1) & \tilde{w}(T) \end{bmatrix}$$

and its orthogonal complement  $S_0$ .

Keep  $R_0$  as valid zero-th order laws, and replace  $\tilde{w}$  by

$$\tilde{w}' = S_0 \tilde{w} = (\tilde{w}'(1), \tilde{w}'(2), \dots, \tilde{w}'(T)), \tilde{w}'(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{w'}$$

This has no more zero-th order laws.

## Recursive in annihilators

**Step 2:** (SVD)!  $R_1 = [n_0 \ n_1]$ ,  $n_0, n_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times w'}$  in left kernel

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{w}'(1) & \tilde{w}'(2) & \cdots & \tilde{w}'(T-2) & \tilde{w}'(T-1) \\ \tilde{w}'(2) & \tilde{w}'(3) & \cdots & \tilde{w}'(T-1) & \tilde{w}'(T) \end{bmatrix}$$

Organize  $R_1$  as the polynomial row vector

$$n(\xi) = n_0 + n_1\xi = [r_1(\xi) \ r_2(\xi) \ \cdots \ r_w(\xi)]$$

Compute (Bézout)  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{(w'-1) \times w'}[\xi]$  such that  $\begin{bmatrix} n[\xi] \\ C[\xi] \end{bmatrix}$  is unimodular.

Keep  $n$  as a valid first order law, and replace  $\tilde{w}'$  by

$$\tilde{w}'' = C(\sigma)\tilde{w}' = (\tilde{w}''(1), \tilde{w}''(2), \dots, \tilde{w}''(T-1)), \tilde{w}''(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{w'-1}$$

etc.



## Recursive in annihilators

**Both recursions can be combined, leading to very efficient ways of finding an MPUM.**

**This is effective for exact data (or in finite field case).**





**Behavior of the algorithm for  $T$  large**

Typical way of evaluate SYSID algorithms:

Assume that

$$\tilde{w}(1), \tilde{w}(2), \dots, \tilde{w}(T)$$

is generated by an element of the model class.

Does the algorithm return the model that generated the data

for large  $T$ , or in the limit as  $T \rightarrow \infty$  (consistency)?

The MPUM in  $\mathcal{L}_L^w$  for

$$\tilde{w}(1), \tilde{w}(2), \dots, \tilde{w}(T)$$

returns  $\mathcal{B}$  if

1.  $\tilde{w} \in \mathcal{B}_{|[1,T]}$
2.  $L$  is sufficiently large
3.  $\mathcal{B}$  is controllable
4. the input component in  $\tilde{w}$  is persistently exciting of sufficiently high order

The left kernel of the Hankel matrix is then module-like.

Assume  $\tilde{w} = (\tilde{u}, \tilde{y})$  generated by behavior  $\mathfrak{B}$ . Then

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{u}(1) & \tilde{u}(2) & \tilde{u}(3) & \cdots & \tilde{u}(T - \Delta + 1) \\ \tilde{y}(1) & \tilde{y}(2) & \tilde{y}(3) & \cdots & \tilde{y}(T - \Delta + 1) \\ \tilde{u}(2) & \tilde{u}(3) & \tilde{u}(4) & \cdots & \tilde{u}(T - \Delta + 2) \\ \tilde{y}(2) & \tilde{y}(3) & \tilde{y}(4) & \cdots & \tilde{y}(T - \Delta + 2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \tilde{u}(\Delta) & \tilde{u}(\Delta + 1) & \tilde{u}(\Delta + 2) & \cdots & \tilde{u}(T) \\ \tilde{y}(\Delta) & \tilde{y}(\Delta + 1) & \tilde{y}(\Delta + 2) & \cdots & \tilde{y}(T) \end{bmatrix}$$

has 'correct' kernel & image if

1.  $\Delta > \text{lag}(\mathfrak{B})$
2.  $\mathfrak{B}$  controllable
3.  $\tilde{u}$  is persistently exciting of order  $> \Delta + n(\mathfrak{B})$

## Identifiability

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{u}(1) & \tilde{u}(2) & \tilde{u}(3) & \cdots & \tilde{u}(T - L(\mathfrak{B})) \\ \tilde{y}(1) & \tilde{y}(2) & \tilde{y}(3) & \cdots & \tilde{y}(T - L(\mathfrak{B})) \\ \tilde{u}(2) & \tilde{u}(3) & \tilde{u}(4) & \cdots & \tilde{u}(T - L(\mathfrak{B}) + 1) \\ \tilde{y}(2) & \tilde{y}(3) & \tilde{y}(4) & \cdots & \tilde{y}(T - L(\mathfrak{B}) + 1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \tilde{u}(L(\mathfrak{B}) + 1) & \tilde{u}(L(\mathfrak{B}) + 2) & \tilde{u}(L(\mathfrak{B}) + 3) & \cdots & \tilde{u}(T) \\ \tilde{y}(L(\mathfrak{B}) + 1) & \tilde{y}(L(\mathfrak{B}) + 2) & \tilde{y}(L(\mathfrak{B}) + 3) & \cdots & \tilde{y}(T) \end{bmatrix}$$

kernel det. laws of the system (has rank  $m(\mathfrak{B})(L(\mathfrak{B}) + 1) + n(\mathfrak{B})$ ) if

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{u}(1) & \tilde{u}(2) & \cdots & \tilde{u}(T - L(\mathfrak{B}) - n(\mathfrak{B}) - 1) \\ \tilde{u}(2) & \tilde{u}(3) & \cdots & \tilde{u}(T - L(\mathfrak{B}) - n(\mathfrak{B})) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \tilde{u}(L(\mathfrak{B}) + n(\mathfrak{B}) + 1) & \tilde{u}(L(\mathfrak{B}) + n(\mathfrak{B}) + 2) & \cdots & \tilde{u}(T) \end{bmatrix}$$

has rank  $m(\mathfrak{B})(L(\mathfrak{B}) + n(\mathfrak{B}) + 1)$ .



# From the data to the state trajectory

$$\tilde{w} \mapsto \tilde{x} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}$$

If it is possible to pass from the data

$$\tilde{w}(1), \tilde{w}(2), \dots, \tilde{w}(T)$$

**directly** to the state trajectory

$$\tilde{x}(1), \tilde{x}(2), \dots, \tilde{x}(T)$$

Then we can identify the model by solving

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}(2) & \tilde{x}(3) & \dots & \tilde{x}(T) \\ \tilde{y}(1) & \tilde{y}(2) & \dots & \tilde{y}(T-1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}(1) & \tilde{x}(2) & \dots & \tilde{x}(T-1) \\ \tilde{u}(1) & \tilde{u}(2) & \dots & \tilde{u}(T-1) \end{bmatrix}$$

These algorithms go to  $(A, B, C, D)$  instead of to  $R$  or to  $(P, Q)$ . They have **realization algorithms** as a special case.

$$\tilde{w} \mapsto \tilde{x} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}$$

How does this work?

$$\tilde{w}(1), \tilde{w}(2), \dots, \tilde{w}(T)$$



$$\tilde{x}(1), \tilde{x}(2), \dots, \tilde{x}(T)$$

Several algorithms. We give 3 of them.

Assume contr.,  $\Delta > L(\mathfrak{B})$ , and pers. of exc. as needed.



$$\tilde{w} \mapsto \tilde{x} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}$$

1. Compute 'the' left annihilators of  $\mathcal{H}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} N_1 & N_2 & N_3 & \cdots & N_\Delta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{w}(1) & \tilde{w}(2) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T - \Delta + 1) \\ \tilde{w}(2) & \tilde{w}(3) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T - \Delta + 2) \\ \tilde{w}(3) & \tilde{w}(4) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T - \Delta + 3) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \tilde{w}(\Delta) & \tilde{w}(\Delta + 1) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T) \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

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Then

$$= \begin{bmatrix} N_2 & N_3 & \cdots & N_\Delta & 0 \\ N_3 & N_4 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ N_{\Delta-1} & N_\Delta & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ N_\Delta & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}(1) & \tilde{x}(2) & \cdots & \tilde{x}(T - \Delta + 1) \\ \tilde{w}(1) & \tilde{w}(2) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T - \Delta + 1) \\ \tilde{w}(2) & \tilde{w}(3) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T - \Delta + 2) \\ \tilde{w}(3) & \tilde{w}(4) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T - \Delta + 3) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \tilde{w}(\Delta) & \tilde{w}(\Delta + 1) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{w} \mapsto \tilde{x} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{H}_- \\ \mathcal{H}_+ \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{w}(1) & \tilde{w}(2) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T - 2\Delta + 1) \\ \tilde{w}(2) & \tilde{w}(3) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T - 2\Delta + 2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \tilde{w}(\Delta) & \tilde{w}(\Delta + 1) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T - \Delta) \\ \hline \tilde{w}(\Delta + 1) & \tilde{w}(\Delta + 2) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T - \Delta + 1) \\ \tilde{w}(\Delta + 2) & \tilde{w}(\Delta + 3) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T - \Delta + 2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \tilde{w}(2\Delta) & \tilde{w}(2\Delta + 1) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T) \end{bmatrix}$$

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**FUTURE**

$$\tilde{w} \mapsto \tilde{x} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}$$

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2. The **intersection** of the span of the rows of  $\mathcal{H}_-$

with the span of the rows of  $\mathcal{H}_+$  equals

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}(\Delta) & \tilde{x}(\Delta + 1) & \cdots & \tilde{x}(T - \Delta) \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{PRESENT STATE}$$

Nice num. impl. (e.g. via left kernel)  $\rightsquigarrow$  **subspace ID**

$$\tilde{w} \mapsto \tilde{x} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}$$

### 3. Solve for $G$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{w}(1) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T - 2\Delta + 1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \tilde{w}(\Delta) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T - \Delta) \\ \hline \tilde{u}(\Delta + 1) & \cdots & \tilde{u}(T - \Delta + 1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \tilde{u}(2\Delta) & \cdots & \tilde{u}(T) \end{bmatrix} G = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{w}(1) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T - 2\Delta + 1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \tilde{w}(\Delta) & \cdots & \tilde{w}(T - \Delta) \\ \hline 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{y}(\Delta + 1) & \cdots & \tilde{y}(T - \Delta + 1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \tilde{y}(2\Delta) & \cdots & \tilde{y}(T) \end{bmatrix} G = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}(\Delta) & \cdots & \tilde{x}(T - \Delta) \end{bmatrix}$$

Computes  $\tilde{x}$ !

$\cong$  'oblique projection

$$\tilde{w} \mapsto R \text{ or } \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}$$

These algorithms, compute the left kernel of  $\mathcal{H}$ , etc. allow approximate implementations. For the state algorithms, this is worked out very well (**subspace ID**).

$$\text{SVD} \quad \tilde{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}(1) & \tilde{x}(2) & \cdots & \tilde{x}(T) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \tilde{X}^{\text{red}} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}^{\text{red}}(1) & \tilde{x}^{\text{red}}(2) & \cdots & \tilde{x}^{\text{red}}(T) \end{bmatrix}$$

followed by LS solution of

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}^{\text{red}}(2) & \tilde{x}^{\text{red}}(3) & \cdots & \tilde{x}^{\text{red}}(T) \\ \tilde{y}(1) & \tilde{y}(2) & \cdots & \tilde{y}(T-1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}^{\text{red}}(1) & \tilde{x}^{\text{red}}(2) & \cdots & \tilde{x}^{\text{red}}(T-1) \\ \tilde{u}(1) & \tilde{u}(2) & \cdots & \tilde{u}(T-1) \end{bmatrix}$$

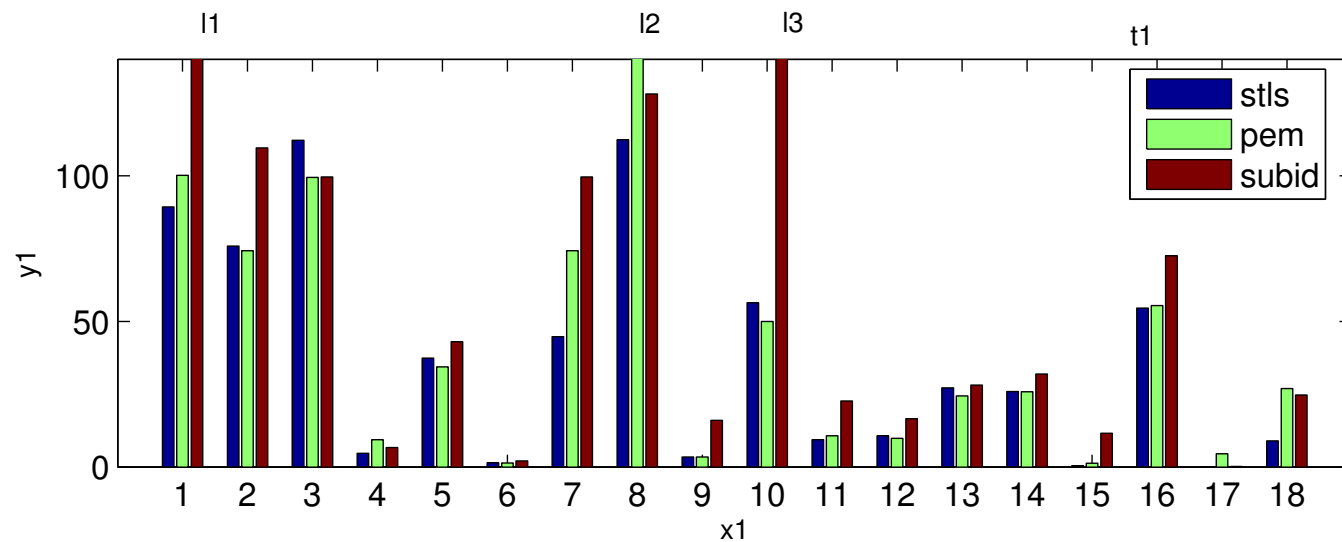
# Performance

#	Data set name	$T$	$m$	$p$	$l$
1	Data of the western basin of Lake Erie	57	5	2	1
2	Data of Ethane-ethylene column	90	5	3	1
3	Data of a 120 MW power plant	200	5	3	2
4	Heating system	801	1	1	2
5	Data from an industrial dryer	867	3	3	1
6	Data of a hair dryer	1000	1	1	5
7	Data of the ball-and-beam setup in SISTA	1000	1	1	2
8	Wing flutter data	1024	1	1	5
9	Data from a flexible robot arm	1024	1	1	4
10	Data of a glass furnace (Philips)	1247	3	6	1
11	Heat flow density through a two layer wall	1680	2	1	2
12	Simulation of a pH neutralization process	2001	2	1	6
13	Data of a CD-player arm	2048	2	2	1
14	Data from an industrial winding process	2500	5	2	2
15	Liquid-saturated heat exchanger	4000	1	1	2
16	Data from an evaporator	6305	3	3	1
17	Continuous stirred tank reactor	7500	1	2	1
18	Model of a steam generator	9600	4	4	1

# Performance

Compare the **misfit** on the last 30% of the outputs and the **execution time** for computing the ID model from the first 70% of the data.

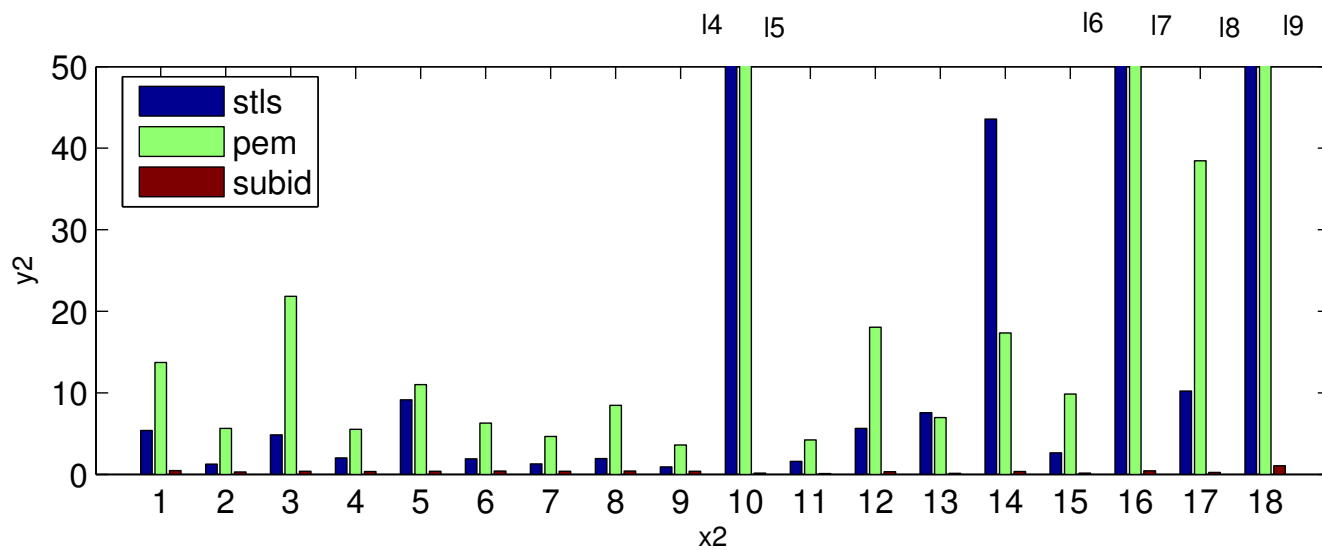
## Misfit



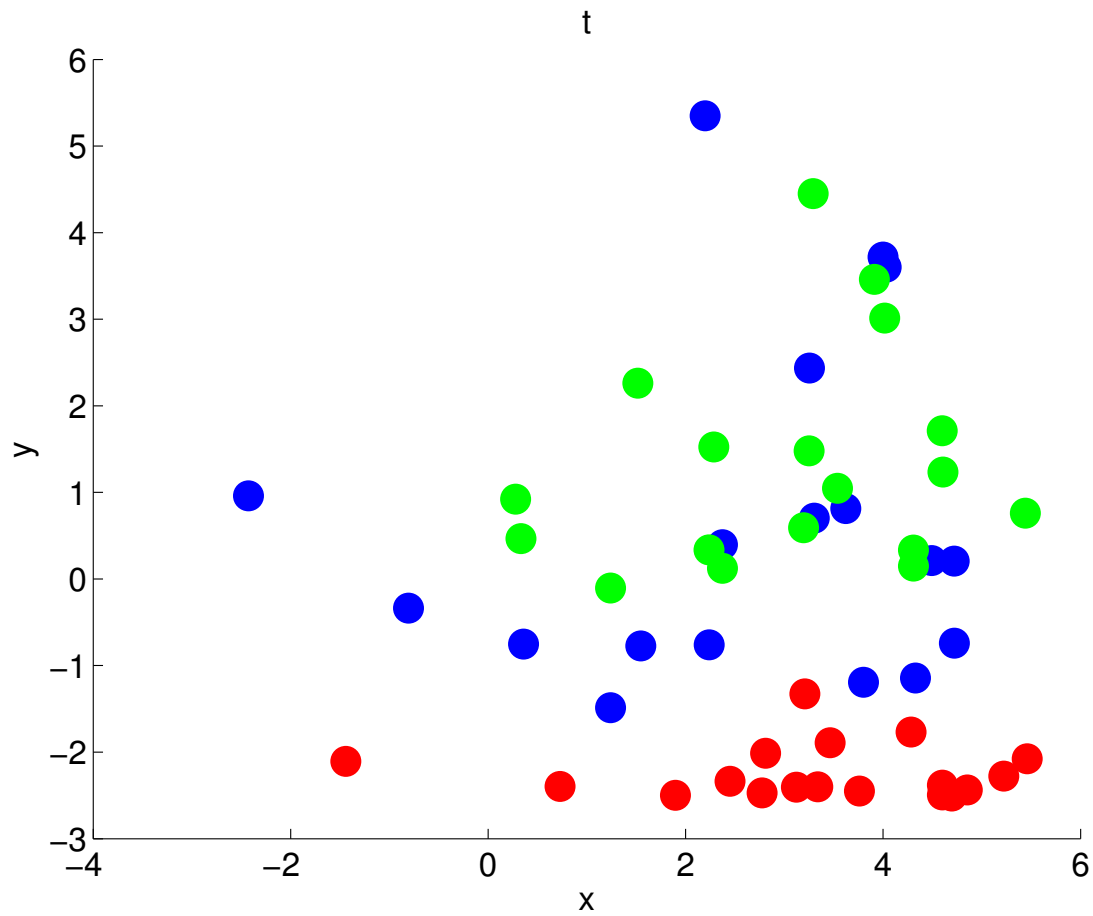


# Performance

## Execution time



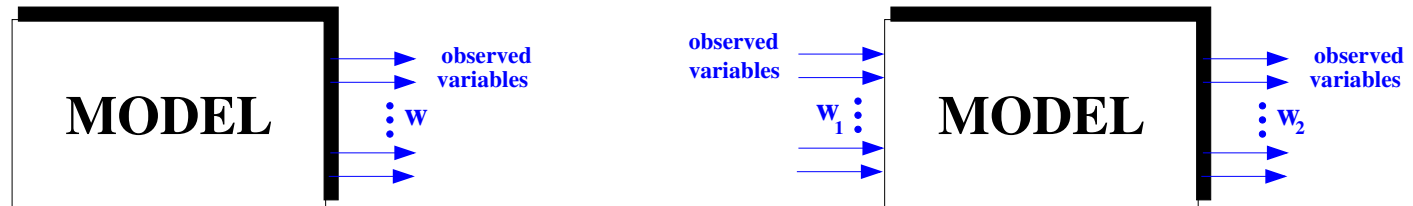
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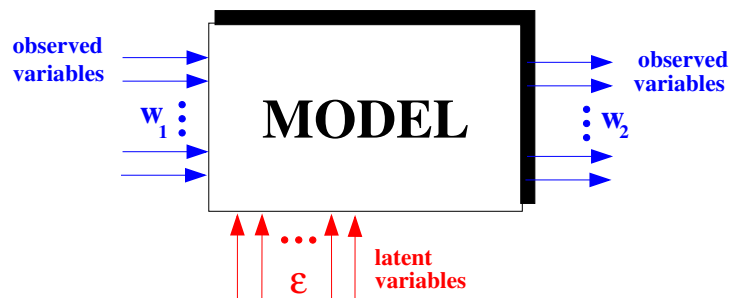
# Latency minimization

# Why latent variables?



$$R_0 w(t) + R_1 w(t + 1) + \dots + R_L w(t + L) = 0$$

versus



$$R_0 w(t) + R_1 w(t + 1) + \dots + R_L w(t + L) \\ = M_0 \epsilon(t) + M_1 \epsilon(t + 1) + \dots + M_L \epsilon(t + L)$$

## Why latent variables?

For the  $w$ -behavior, this gives nothing new  
( $\Leftarrow$  **elimination theorem**).

So, what is the rationale for using latent variables  $\epsilon$ ?

## Why latent variables?

**Data**  $\tilde{w}(t_1), \tilde{w}(t_1 + 1), \dots, \tilde{w}(t_2)$  with  $\tilde{w}(t) \in \mathbb{R}$

The model

$$R_0 w(t) + R_1 w(t + 1) + \dots + R_L w(t + L) = 0$$

$\rightsquigarrow$  either  $w = \text{input}$ , free,  $\mathfrak{B} = \mathbb{R}^T$

or  $w = \text{output}$ ,  $\rightsquigarrow \mathfrak{B} \cong$  sums of ‘exponentials’

$\rightsquigarrow$  very restrictive.

Assuming unobserved inputs:

$$R_0 w(t) + \dots + R_L w(t + L) = M_0 \epsilon(t) + \dots + M_L \epsilon(t + L)$$

gives better possibilities, e.g. for prediction.

## Latency minimization

Define the 'latency':

$$\text{latency}(\tilde{w}, \mathcal{B}) := \text{minimum } \|\tilde{\varepsilon}\|_{\ell^2}$$

with the minimum taken over all  $\tilde{\varepsilon}$  such that

$$R_0 \tilde{w}(t) + \dots + R_L \tilde{w}(t + L) = M_0 \tilde{\varepsilon}(t) + \dots + M_L \tilde{\varepsilon}(t + L)$$

i.e. min. over all  $\tilde{\varepsilon}$  that 'explain'  $\tilde{w}(1), \tilde{w}(2), \dots, \tilde{w}(T)$ .

↪ **system ID:** search for the optimal model,

*in the sense of minimal latency*

in a given model class.

## Latency minimization

- How do we compute the latency, the optimal  $\tilde{\epsilon}$ 's?
- Algorithms for minimization over  $(R, M)$ 's in model class.

Latency minimization is a **deterministic** Kalman filtering pbm

**The latency is actually equal to the prediction error!**

~> deterministic interpretation, system ID toolbox, etc.





## Remarks on stochastic SYSID

## Why stochastic interpretation?

$$R_0 w(t) + \dots + R_L w(t + L) = M_0 \varepsilon(t) + \dots + M_L \varepsilon(t + L)$$

We can consider  $\varepsilon$  as a stochastic disturbance.

If we take also  $u$  as a stochastic process, then  $w$  stochastic.

SYSID pbm is then a statistical one, leading to **maximum likelihood estimation** (very related to PEM).

It allows evaluation of algorithms in terms of  $T \rightarrow \infty$ . Nice statistical questions emerge, as **consistency, asymptotic efficiency**, etc.

$\rightsquigarrow$  deep theory of ARMAX systems.



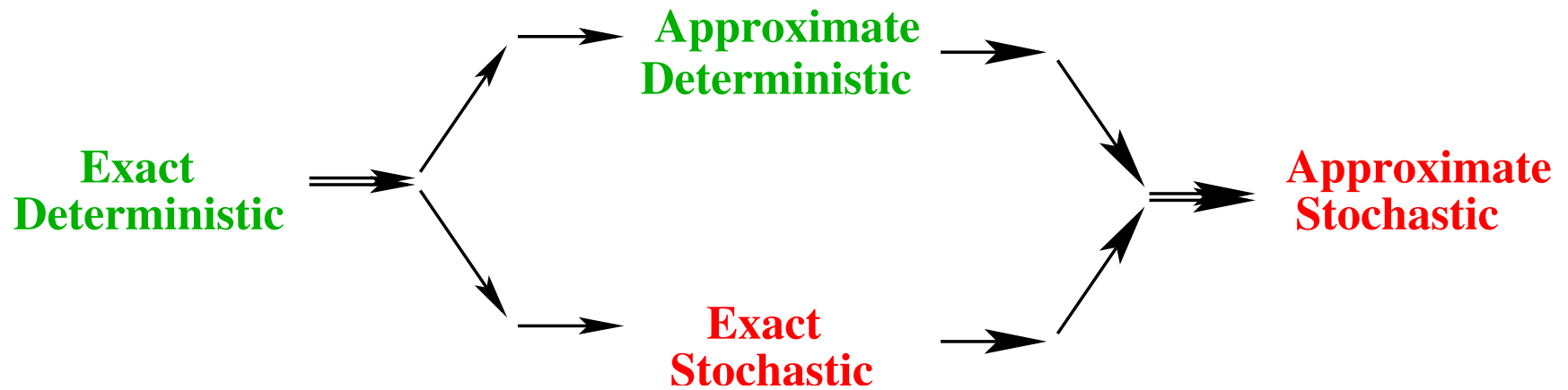
## Why stochastic interpretation?

It is difficult to argue that **stochastic** unobserved disturbances offer a **realistic** explanation of the lack of fit between observations and the deterministic part.

This lack of fit is more likely a result of low order, linear models for nonlinear systems, neglected dynamics, approximation, in addition to unmeasured inputs, which may or may not be stochastic.

Stochastic methods offer the user a **'certificate'** under which the algorithms work well.

## Conclusions



- We concentrated on **exact deterministic** SYSID.
- Nice concepts, as MPUM.
- Realization theory as special case
- Subspace algorithms very effective



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