

# Recent results in data-driven control

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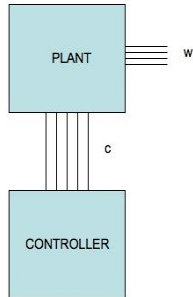
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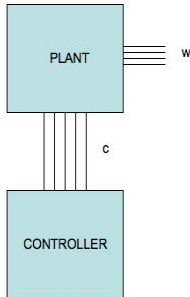
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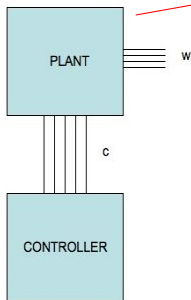
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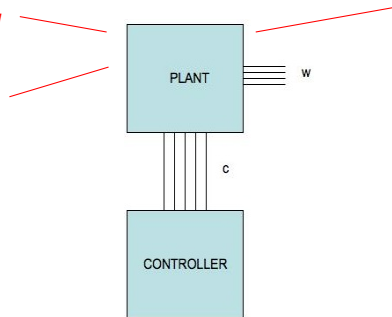


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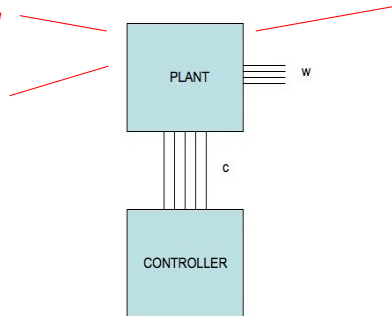


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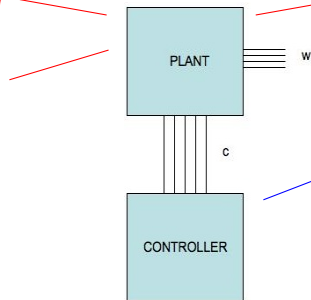
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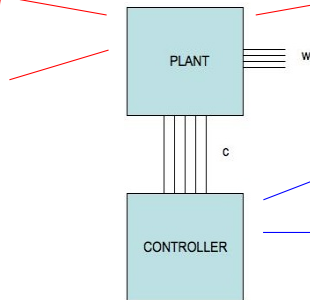
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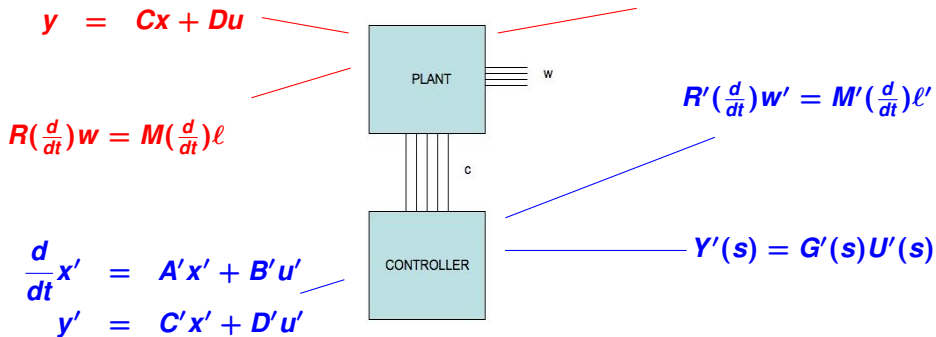
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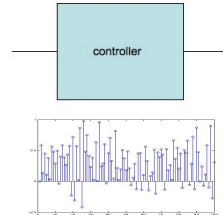
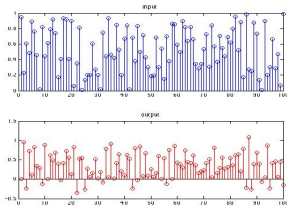
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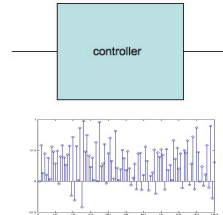
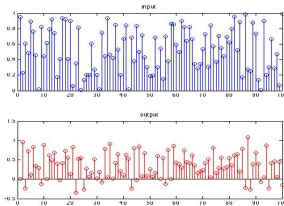


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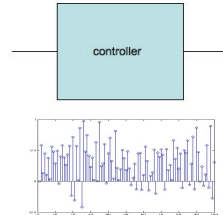
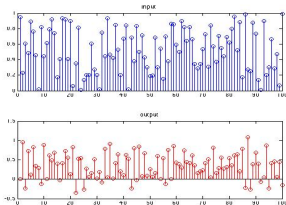
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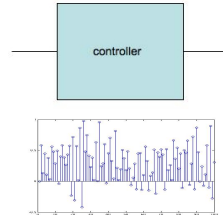
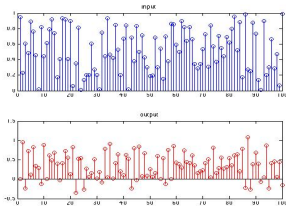
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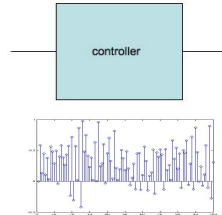
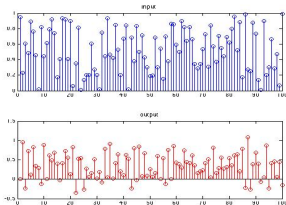
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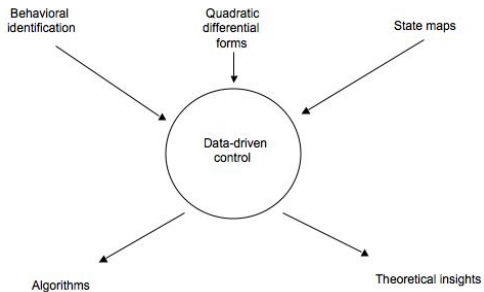
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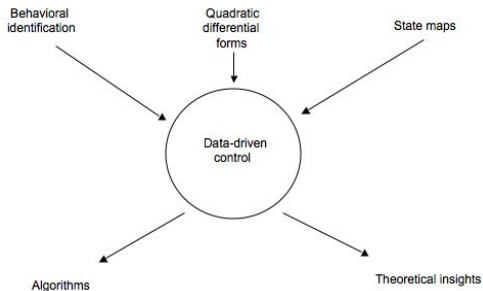
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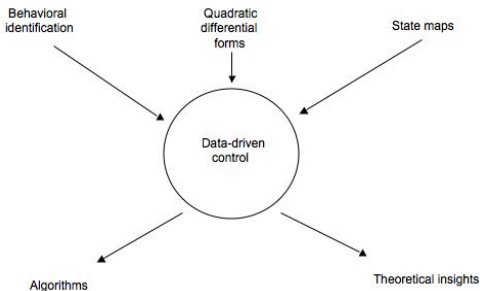


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## In this talk:

- Quadratic finite-horizon control;
- Exact data from a LTI system;
- Solution;
- Why “state” feedback?
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- Integer structural invariants of  $\mathcal{B}_\Sigma$ :
  - **order**  $n(\mathcal{B}_\Sigma)$  = minimal dimension of state space
  - **lag**  $L(\mathcal{B}_\Sigma)$  = observability index in any minimal state-space representation of  $\mathcal{B}_\Sigma$

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Input component  $\hat{u}$  of  $\hat{w} = (\hat{u}, \hat{y})$   
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**(Fundamental Lemma)**



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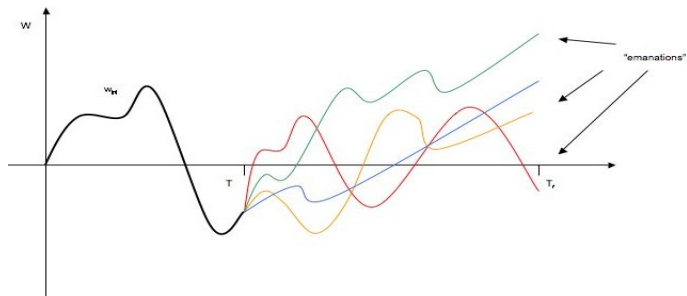
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*“In an LQ-problem the value of the optimal trajectory at time  $k$  is a linear function of the state at time  $k$ .”*

This **truth** can be **deduced from first principles**.

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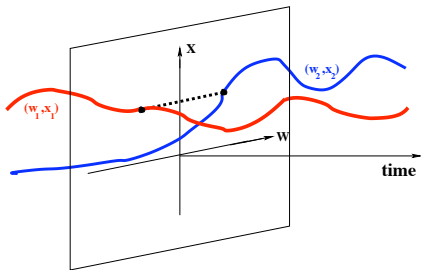
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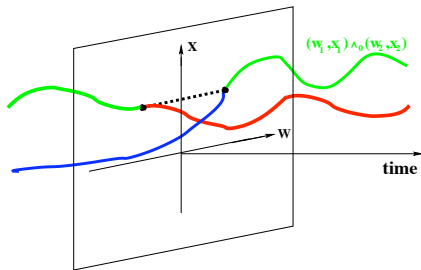
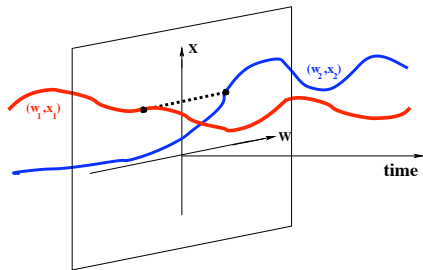


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and Bellman's optimality principle follows for all  $i$

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