

# Recurrent Structures in System Identification

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# Introduction

# Problem Statement

What is System Identification?

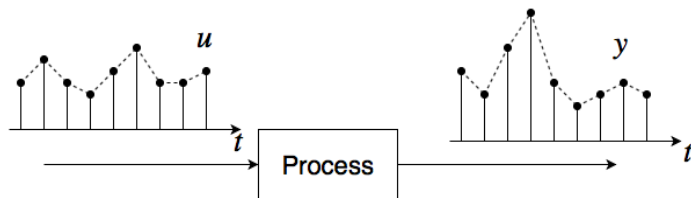


Figure: The system identification problem.

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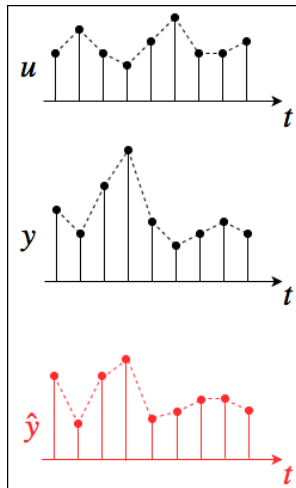


Figure: Comparison between measured data and predicted values

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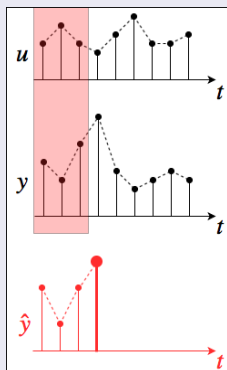
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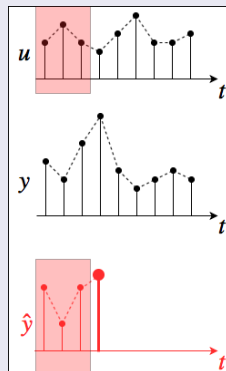
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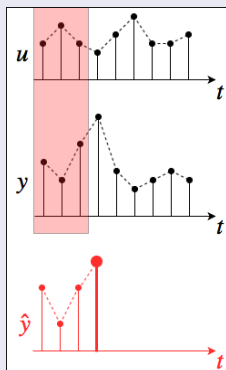
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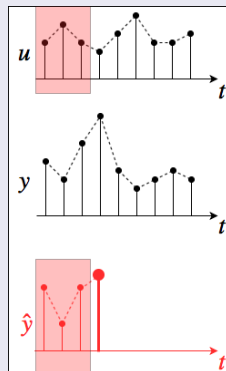
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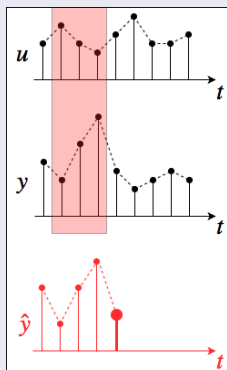
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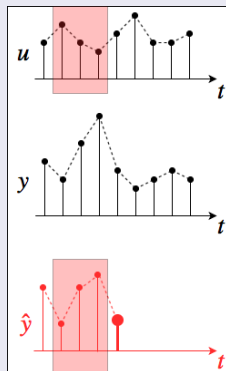
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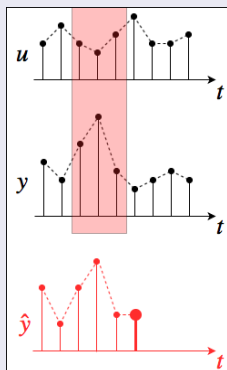
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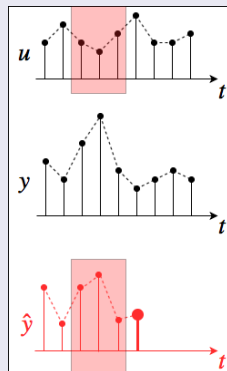
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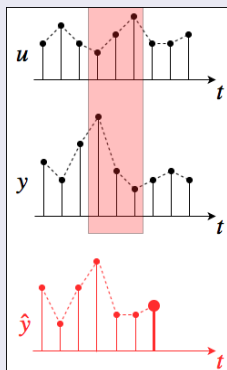
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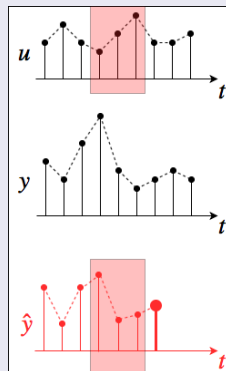
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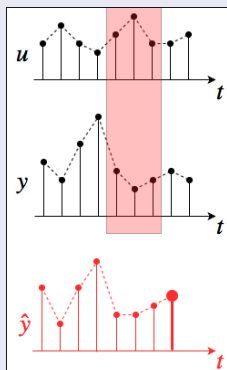
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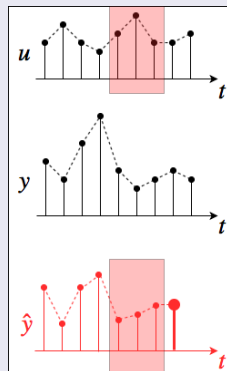
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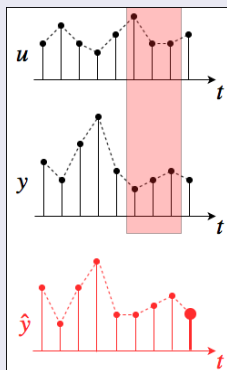
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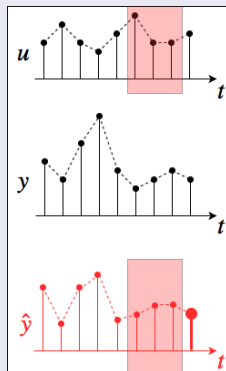
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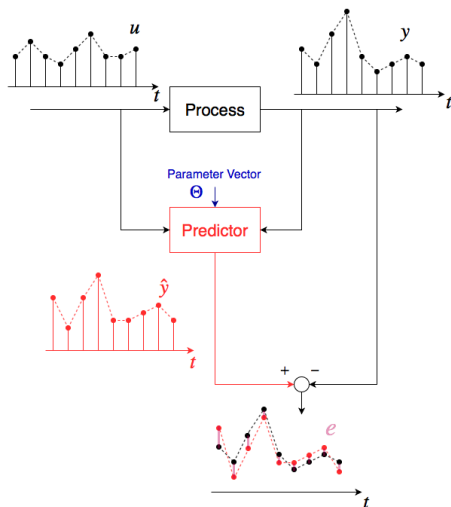


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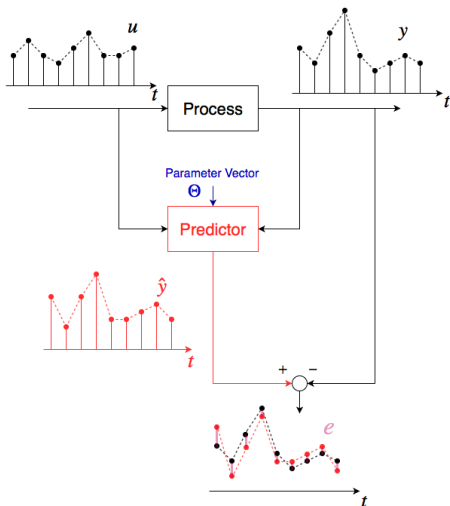
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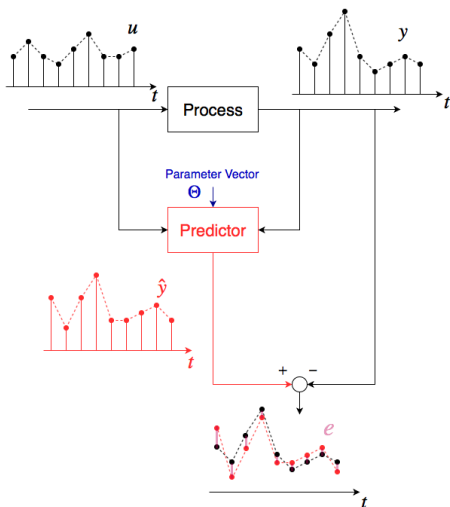
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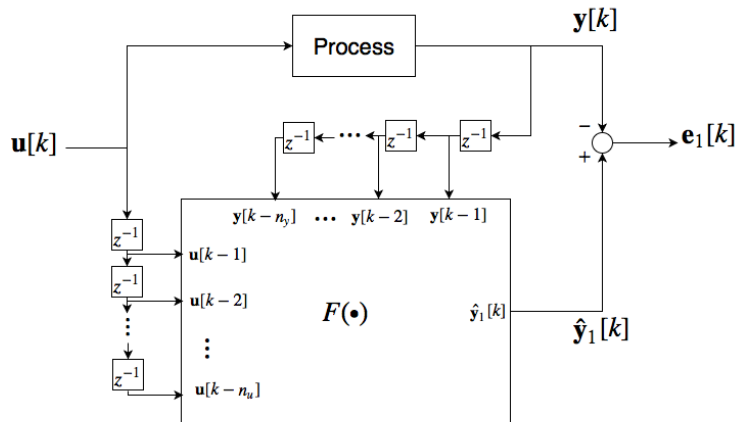


Figure: NARX model prediction error.

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Free-run simulation:

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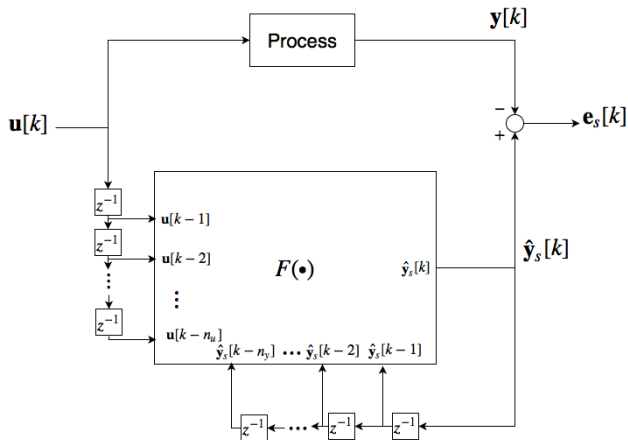


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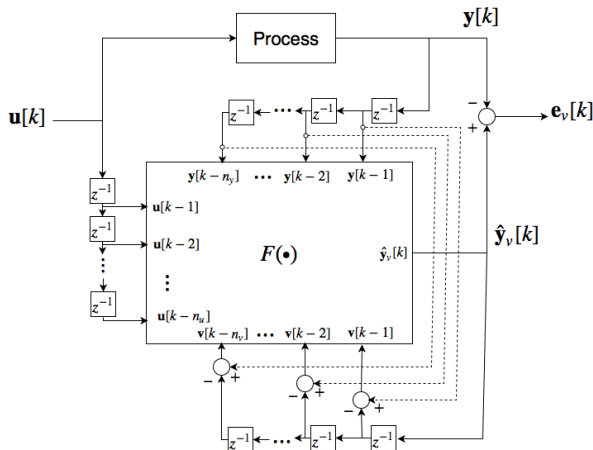


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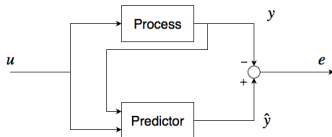


Figure: Prediction depends only on measured values.

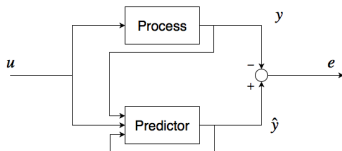


Figure: Predictor has a recurrent structure.

## Challenges

- Unboundedness;
- Multiple Minima.

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Minimizing the sum of squared errors:

$$\min_{\Theta} V(\Theta) = \|\mathbf{e}(\Theta)\|^2$$

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# Parallel vs Series-parallel Training

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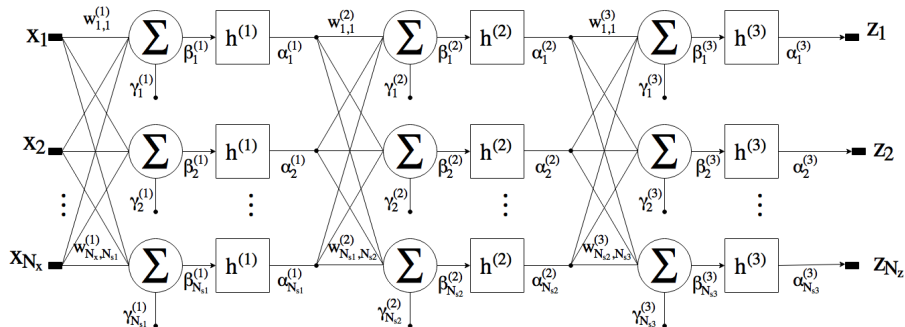


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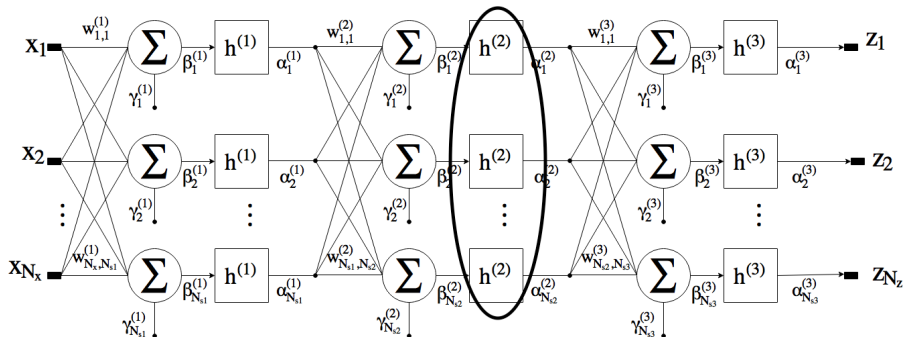


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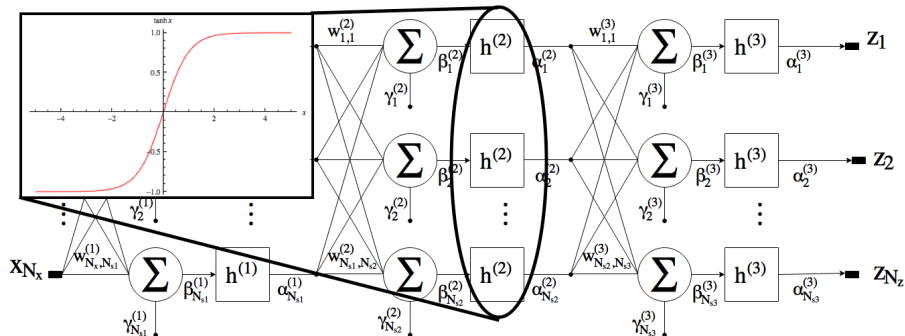


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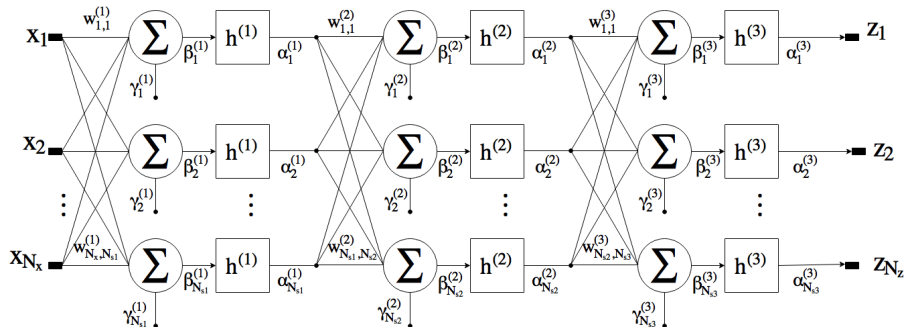


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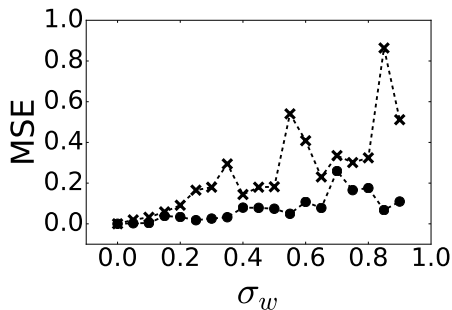
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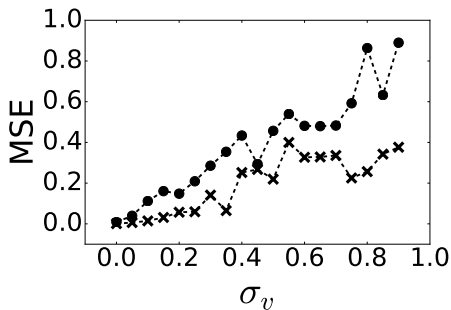
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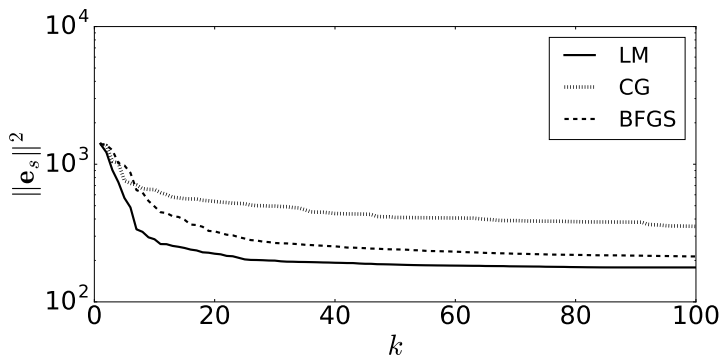


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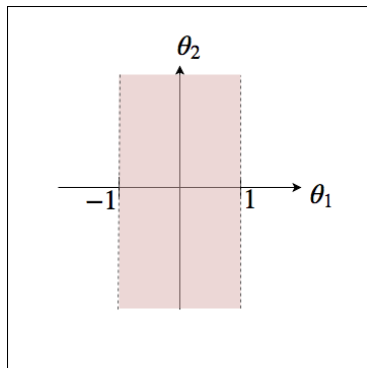


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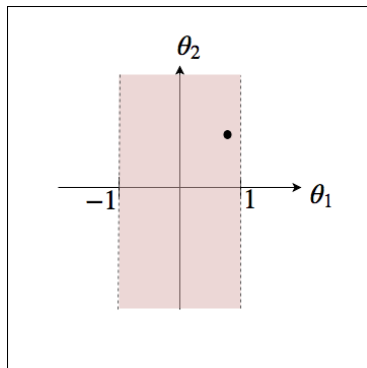


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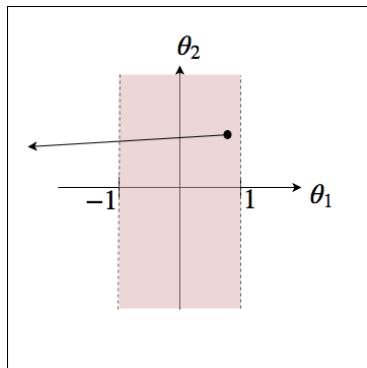


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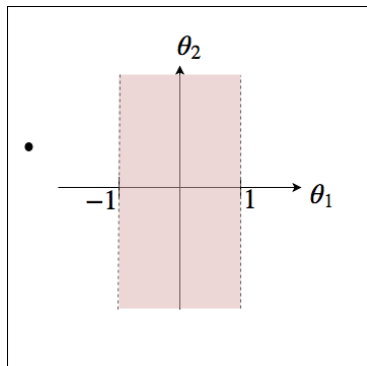


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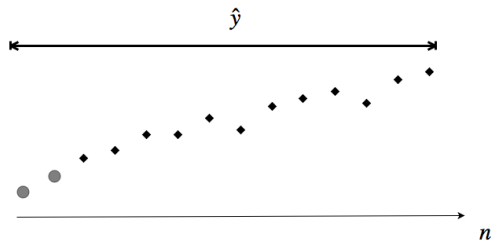
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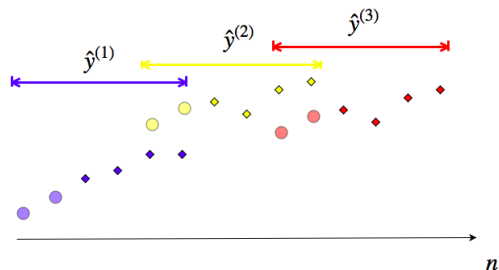
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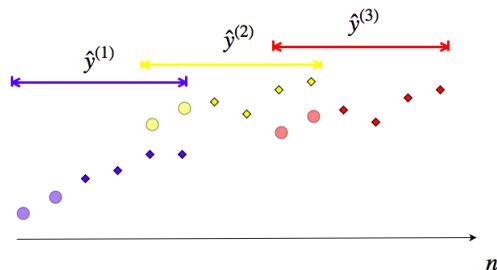
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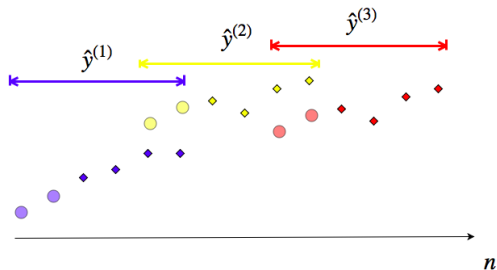
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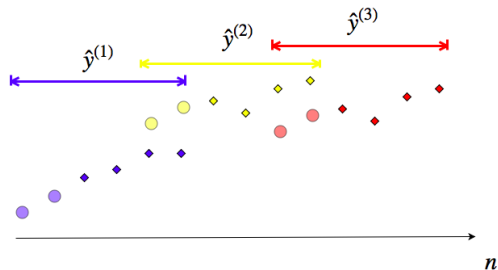
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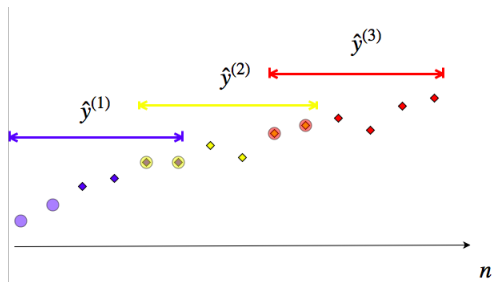


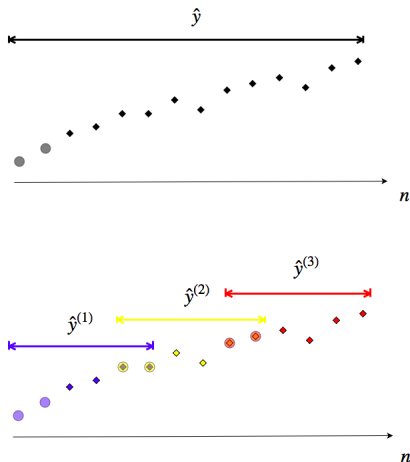
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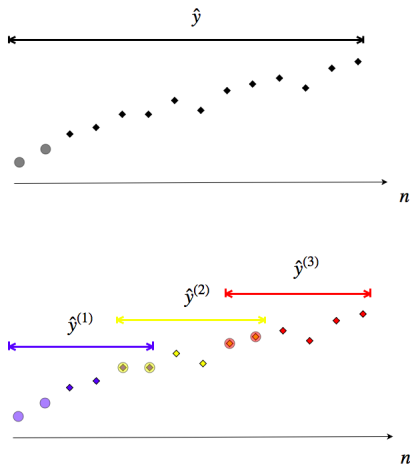
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Parameter  $\Theta$ .

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Extended parameter  $\Phi$ :

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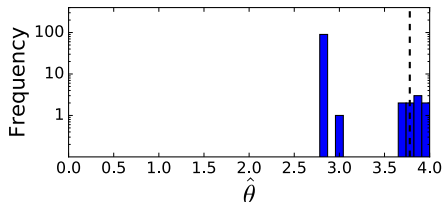
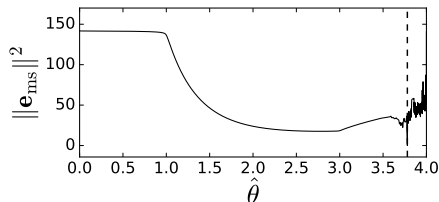
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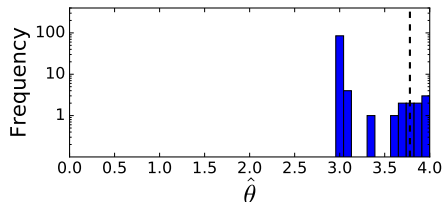
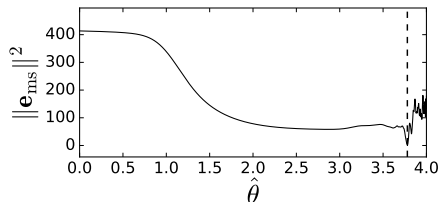
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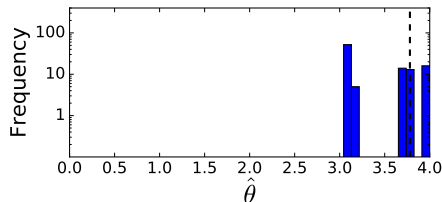
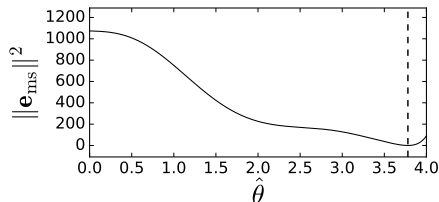
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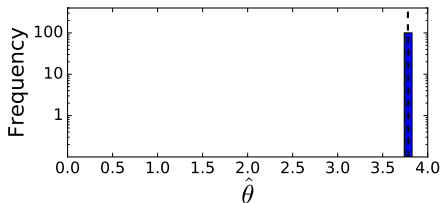
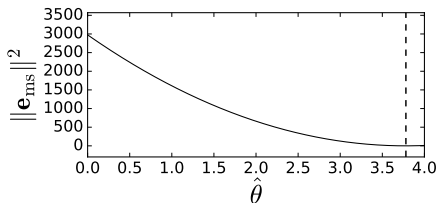
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