



Learning block-oriented nonlinear models of dynamical systems from data

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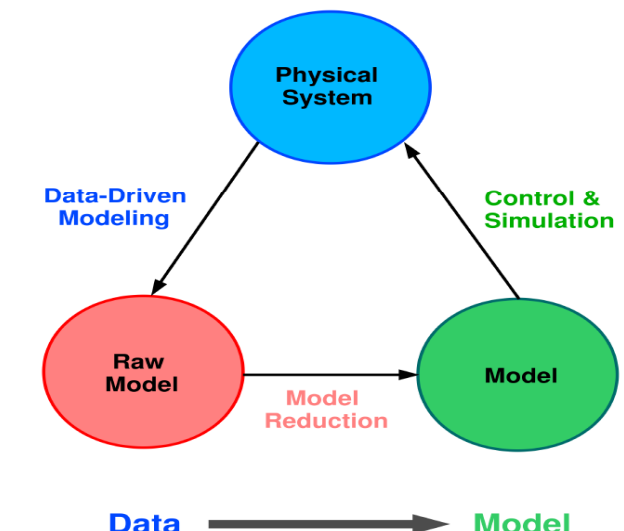
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Introduction, motivation and practical insight

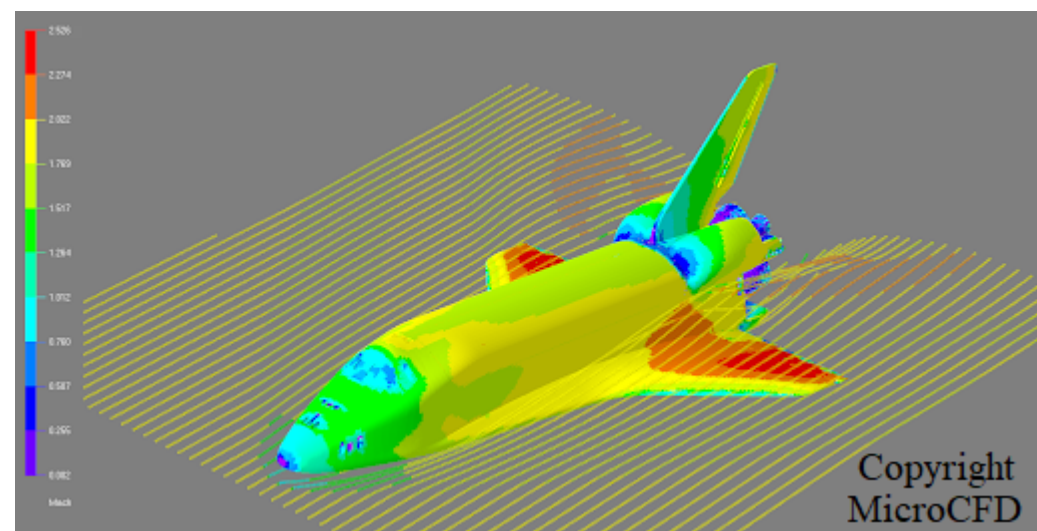
Approaches

- Finite element/difference** schemes usually lead to **large-scale high fidelity models** and **expensive computations** in memory/time.
- Using **data-driven** methods, **learn/reveal reduced-order** models to be used as surrogates with **cheap computation** time/memory.



Type of data measurements

- Time domain:** Easy to collect, commonly used in many fields, e.g., nonlinear PDEs, turbulent flow control, gas/energy networks.
- Frequency domain:** Typically measured by DNS (direct numerical simulations) or with VNAs, e.g., the S(scattering) parameters.



Linear and nonlinear systems; block-oriented models

- Modeling nonlinear systems is challenging due to many different possible nonlinear structures, i.e., based on Volterra series, Wiener theory, NARMAX models, neural networks, etc.
- Different types of responses to an excitation, i.e., with subharmonics, bifurcation, chaos, etc.

Linear Systems

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\mathbf{E}}\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B}u(t), \\ y(t) = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}(t). \end{cases}$$

where $\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$, $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$.

Time Domain



Frequency Domain



Nonlinear Systems

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\mathbf{E}}\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{x}(t), u(t)) + \mathbf{B}u(t), \\ y(t) = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathcal{G}(\mathbf{x}(t), u(t)), \end{cases}$$

where $u(t) \rightsquigarrow$ **input** and $y(t) \rightsquigarrow$ **output**.

Time Domain



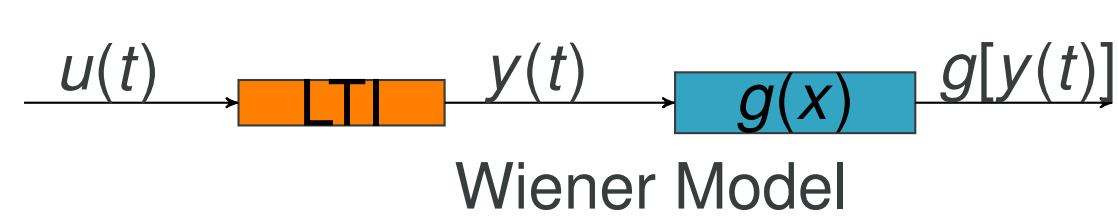
Frequency Domain



- Block-oriented models form a powerful and intuitive tool to handle nonlinear systems.
- Constructed from 2 blocks: a linear time-invariant (LTI) block and a static nonlinear block.



Hammerstein Model



Wiener Model

- Wiener models can approximate any nonlinear system with arbitrarily high accuracy [Boyd/Chua '85]
- Many different block combinations are possible: series, parallel or feedback connections.



Hammerstein-Wiener Model

- Expand the static nonlinearities, i.e. the smooth nonlinear functions f, g , into Maclaurin series

$$f[u(t)] = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{d^k f(u)}{du^k} \Big|_{u=0} \frac{u^k(t)}{k!}, \quad g[y(t)] = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{d^k g(y)}{dy^k} \Big|_{y=0} \frac{y^k(t)}{k!}.$$

- Keep only the the first two terms, i.e. $f[u(t)] \approx \alpha_1 u(t) + \alpha_2 u^2(t)$ and $g[y(t)] \approx \beta_1 y(t) + \beta_2 y^2(t)$.

Wiener (Generalized) Model

$$\Sigma_W : \begin{cases} \dot{\mathbf{E}}\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B}u(t), \\ y(t) = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{x}(t) \otimes \mathbf{x}(t)]. \end{cases}$$

Hammerstein-Wiener (Generalized) Model

$$\Sigma_{HW} : \begin{cases} \dot{\mathbf{E}}\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B}u(t) + \mathbf{L}u^2(t), \\ y(t) = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{x}(t) \otimes \mathbf{x}(t)]. \end{cases}$$

In order that the Wiener/Hammerstein structure is conserved, $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $\mathbf{K} = a(\mathbf{C} \otimes \mathbf{C})$ and $\mathbf{L} = b\mathbf{B}$.

Main contribution Given input-output data in the time domain (for purely oscillating control inputs), extract information from the spectrum and construct reduced-order models that explain the data.

The Loewner framework - linear systems

Aim: Construct reduced-order linear models directly from measurements - the Loewner framework.

- Frequency domain:** linear [Mayo/Antoulas '07] & nonlinear [Antoulas/G./Jonita '16], [G. et al '18, '19].
- Time domain:** linear [Peherstorfer/Gugercin/Willcox '17] & nonlinear [Peherstorfer/Gugercin '20].

1. Given measurements $\{(\omega_k, f_k) : k = 1, \dots, 2n\} \rightarrow$, divide the data into two disjoint sets:

$$\mathbf{S} = [\underbrace{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n}_{\mu}, \underbrace{\omega_{n+1}, \dots, \omega_{2n}}_{\lambda}], \quad \mathbf{F} = [\underbrace{f_1(\omega_1), \dots, f_n(\omega_n)}_{\mathbf{v}}, \underbrace{f_{n+1}(\omega_{n+1}), \dots, f_{2n}(\omega_{2n})}_{\mathbf{w}}].$$

2. The associated **Loewner** & **shifted-Loewner** matrices $\mathbb{L}$ & $\mathbb{L}_s$ are introduced:

$$\mathbb{L}_{(i,j)} = \frac{\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{w}_j}{\mu_i - \lambda_j}, \quad \mathbb{L}_s(i,j) = \frac{\mu_i \mathbf{v}_i - \lambda_j \mathbf{w}_j}{\mu_i - \lambda_j}, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, n.$$

- Exact amount of data - regular Loewner pencil:**

$$H(s) = \mathbb{W}(\mathbb{L} - s\mathbb{L}_s)^{-1}\mathbb{V} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{w}_{n+1} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{w}_{2n} \end{pmatrix}^* \left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{w}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{w}_n \\ \mu_1 - \lambda_1 & \dots & \mu_1 - \lambda_n \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_p - \mathbf{w}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{v}_p - \mathbf{w}_n \\ \mu_p - \lambda_1 & \dots & \mu_p - \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} - s \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{w}_1 \lambda_1 & \dots & \mu_1 \mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{w}_n \lambda_n \\ \mu_1 - \lambda_1 & \dots & \mu_1 - \lambda_n \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mu_p \mathbf{v}_p - \mathbf{w}_1 \lambda_1 & \dots & \mu_p \mathbf{v}_p - \mathbf{w}_n \lambda_n \\ \mu_p - \lambda_1 & \dots & \mu_p - \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_n \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{f}(s).$$

- Redundant data - singular Loewner pencil:**

Project using the singular vectors of the Loewner matrix, i.e., $[\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{S}, \mathbf{X}] = \text{svd}(\mathbb{L})$:

$$\underbrace{\{\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}\}}_{\text{model}} = \underbrace{\{\mathbb{W}, -\mathbb{L}_s, -\mathbb{L}_s, \mathbb{V}\}}_{\text{original}} \xrightarrow{\text{SVD}} \underbrace{\{\mathbb{W}\mathbf{X}, -\mathbf{Y}^* \mathbb{L}_s \mathbf{X}, -\mathbf{Y}^* \mathbb{L}_s \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}^* \mathbb{V}\}}_{\text{reduced}} = \underbrace{\{\mathbf{C}_r, \mathbf{E}_r, \mathbf{A}_r, \mathbf{B}_r\}}_{\text{ROM}}.$$

Wiener models: transfer functions and lifting techniques

$$u(t) \xrightarrow{\text{LTI}} g(x) \rightarrow y(t) = g[x(t)].$$

$$u(t) = \sum_{\ell=1}^L e^{i\omega_{\ell} t} \quad \mathbf{x}(t) = \sum_{\ell=1}^L \underbrace{(i\omega_{\ell} \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{B}}_{\mathbf{G}_1(i\omega_{\ell})} e^{i\omega_{\ell} t} \quad g(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x} \otimes \mathbf{x}).$$

- The observed output of the generalized Wiener model can be split as follows

$$y(t) = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{x}(t) \otimes \mathbf{x}(t)] = \mathbf{C} \sum_{\ell=1}^L \mathbf{G}_1(i\omega_{\ell}) e^{i\omega_{\ell} t} + \mathbf{K} \left[\sum_{j=1}^L \mathbf{G}_1(i\omega_j) e^{i\omega_j t} \right] \otimes \left[\sum_{h=1}^L \mathbf{G}_1(i\omega_h) e^{i\omega_h t} \right]$$

$$= \sum_{\ell=1}^L H_1(i\omega_{\ell}) e^{i\omega_{\ell} t} + \sum_{j=1}^L \sum_{h=1}^L H_2(i\omega_j, i\omega_h) e^{i(\omega_j + \omega_h)t}.$$

- The input-output behavior is characterized by two **transfer functions**

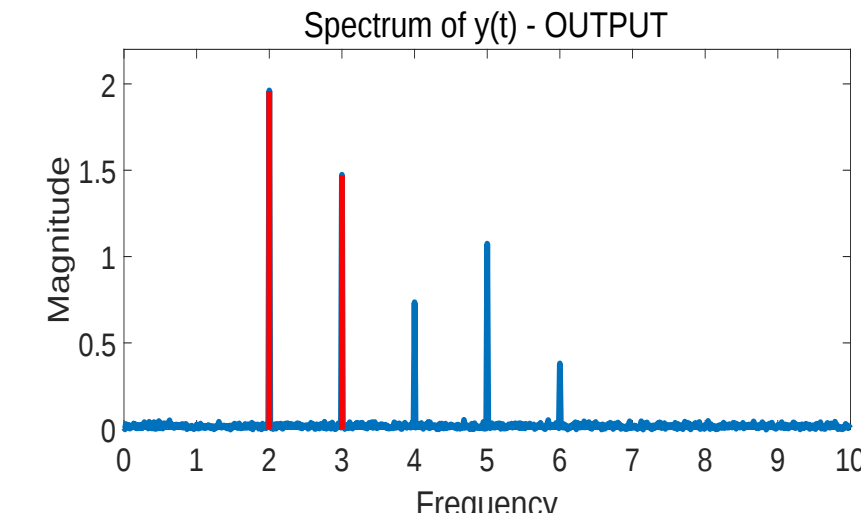
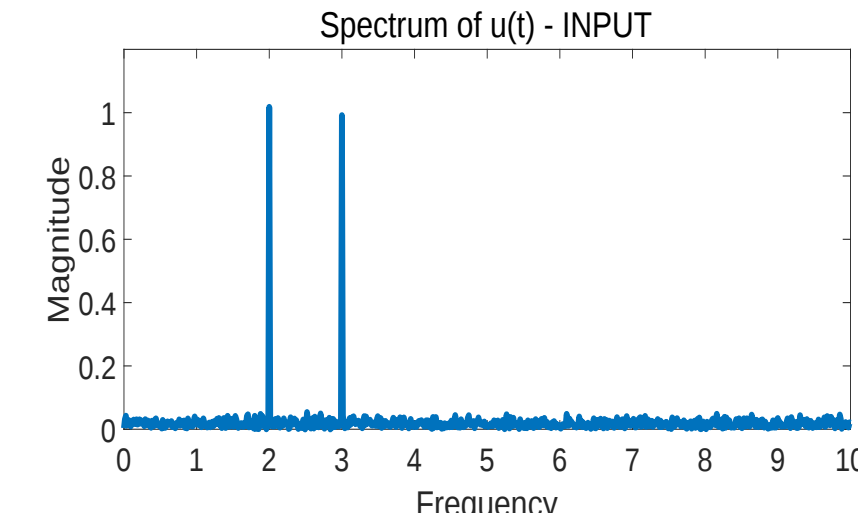
$$H_1(s_1) = \mathbf{C}(s_1 \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{B}, \quad H_2(s_1, s_2) = \mathbf{K}[(s_1 \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{B} \otimes (s_2 \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{B}].$$

Goal: Extend the classical Loewner framework by incorporating data as samples of both functions $H_1(s_1)$ and $H_2(s_1, s_2)$; measurements are acquired by simulating the system with oscillatory signals.

The **input** is $u(t) = e^{2it} + e^{3it}$.

The **output** is given by

$$y(t) = H_1(2i)e^{2it} + H_1(3i)e^{3it} + H_2(2i, 2i)e^{4it} + H_2(3i, 3i)e^{6it} + 2H_2(2i, 3i)e^{5it}.$$



Remark: By introducing new state variables (lifting), rewrite the Wiener model as bilinear or QB systems.

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t) \\ \mathbf{x}(t) \otimes \mathbf{x}(t) \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{r^2+n} \rightsquigarrow \Sigma_W : \begin{cases} \dot{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}}(t) = \mathbf{A}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{B}u(t), \\ y(t) = \mathbf{C}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{K}[\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(t) \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{x}}(t)]. \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow \text{Bilinear} \quad \tilde{\Sigma}_B : \begin{cases} \dot{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}}(t) = \tilde{\mathbf{A}}\tilde{\mathbf{x}} + \tilde{\mathbf{N}}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}u(t) + \tilde{\mathbf{B}}u(t), \\ y(t) = \tilde{\mathbf{C}}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}. \end{cases}$$

The system matrices of the **lifted bilinear** system $\tilde{\Sigma}_B$ can be written as follows [Boyd/Chua '85]:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{I}_n + \mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{A} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{N}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}_n & \mathbf{0}_{n,n^2} \\ \mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{I}_n + \mathbf{I}_n \otimes \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{0}_{n^2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{0}_{n^2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{C}} = [\mathbf{C} \quad \mathbf{K}].$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t) \\ y(t) \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{r^2+1} \rightsquigarrow \Sigma_W : \begin{cases} \dot{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}}(t) = \mathbf{A}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{B}u(t), \\ y(t) = \mathbf{C}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(t) + \mathbf{K}[\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(t) \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{x}}(t)]. \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow \text{QB} \quad \tilde{\Sigma}_{\text{QB}} : \begin{cases} \dot{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}}(t) = \tilde{\mathbf{A}}\tilde{\mathbf{x}} + \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}u(t) + \tilde{\mathbf{B}}u(t), \\ \tilde{y}(t) = \tilde{\mathbf{C}}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}. \end{cases}$$

The system matrices of the **lifted quadratic-bilinear** system $\tilde{\Sigma}_{\text{QB}}$ can be written as [Pulch/Narayan '19]

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{C}\mathbf{A} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{N}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}_n & \mathbf{0}_{n \times 1} \\ 2\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{I}_n) & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{Q}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{r^2+n,n^2} & \mathbf{0}_{n^2+n \times 1} \\ 2\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{I}_n) & \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 2n+1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C}\mathbf{B} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{C}} = \mathbf{e}_{n+1}.$$

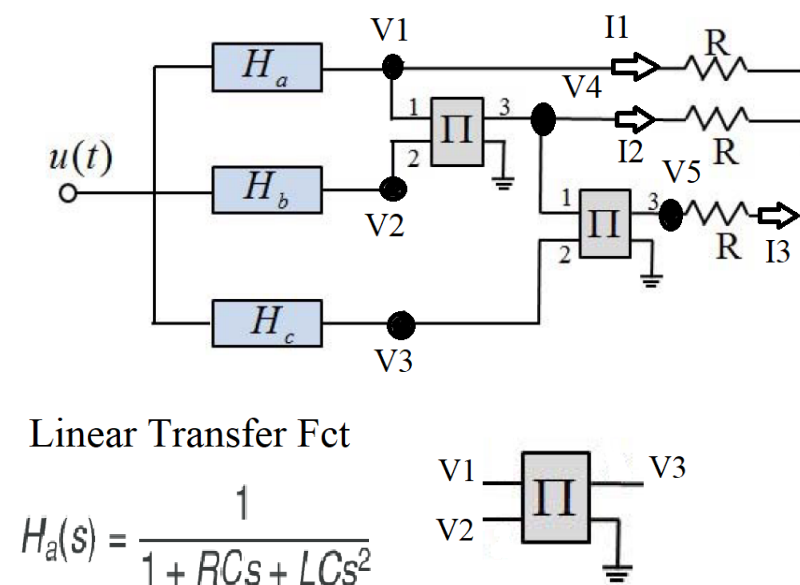
The second (symmetric) transfer function of a quadratic-bilinear system is given by:

$$H_2^{\text{QB}}(s_1, s_2) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{C}[(s_1 + s_2)\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}]^{-1} \mathbf{N}[(s_1 \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{B} + (s_2 \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{B}]}_{\text{bilinear part}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{C}[(s_1 + s_2)\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}]^{-1} \mathbf{Q}[(s_1 \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{B} \otimes (s_2 \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{B}]}_{\text{quadratic part}}$$

Goal: Approximate nonlinear dynamical systems (bilinear, QB etc.) with block-oriented models (H, W, HW).

Numerical Experiments

A small system with nonlinear rational output [Xiong/Jiang/Schutt-Ainé/Chew '17]



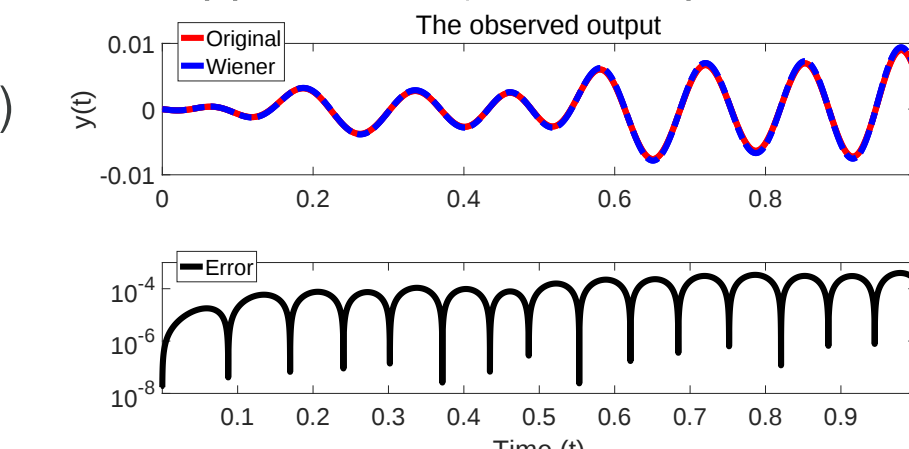
Time-domain multiplexer

$$I_3(t) = [V_1(t) V_2(t) - V_3(t)] / Z_F$$

The observed nonlinear output ($V_i = V$)

$$y(t) = \frac{4V(t) + 2V^2(t) + V^3(t)}{8 - V(t)} = \frac{1}{2}V(t) + \frac{5}{16}V^2(t) + \frac{21}{128}V^3(t) + \dots$$

Fit a cubic Wiener model (with $\mathcal{O}(10^{-4})$ coeff. approx. error) and compare results



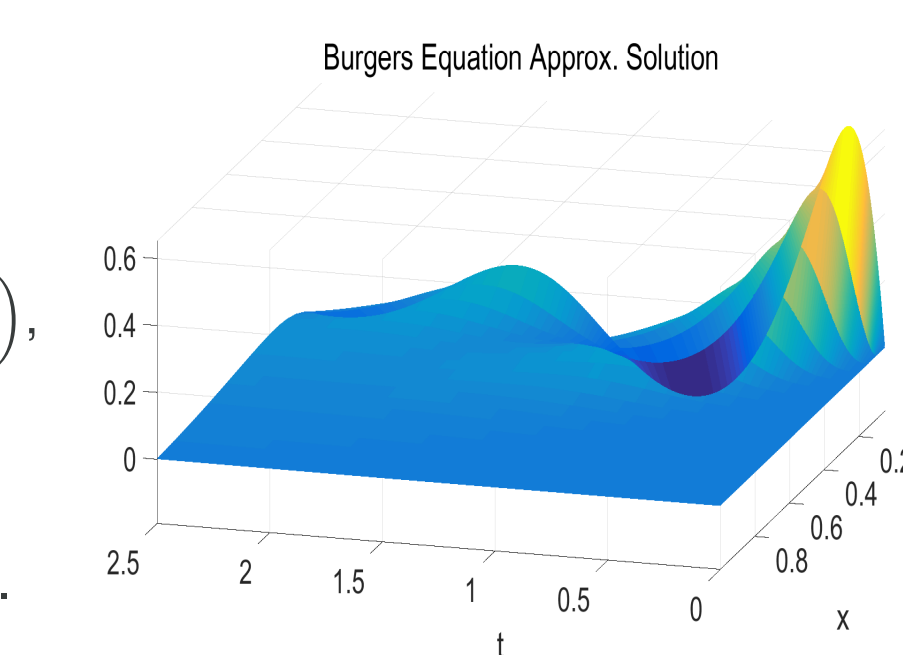
PDE from [Benner/Breiten '15]

Consider the **viscous Burgers' equation**

$$\frac{\partial v(x, t)}{\partial t} + v(x, t) \frac{\partial v(x, t)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\nu \frac{\partial v(x, t)}{\partial x} \right),$$

with boundary conditions $\forall t \geq 0$.

$$v(x, 0) = 0, \quad v(0, t) = u(t), \quad v(1, t) = 0.$$



Spatial discretization with a step size $h = 1/(n+1)$ produces a QB system

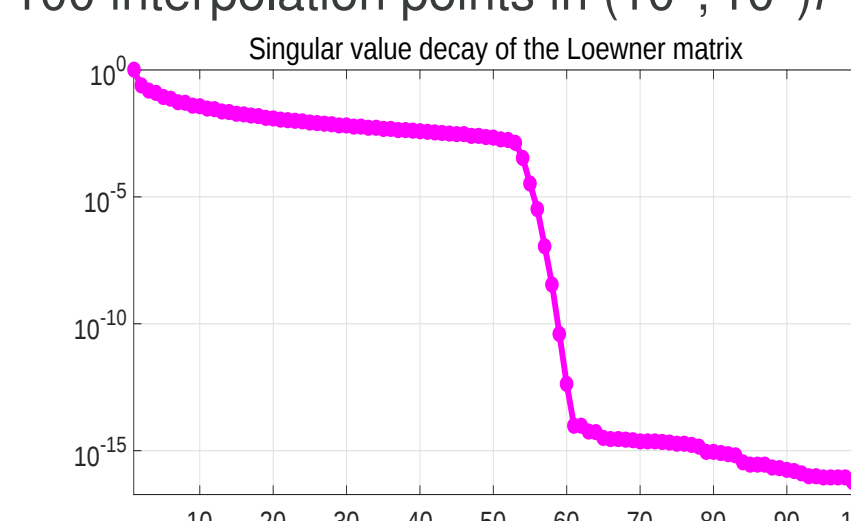
$$\dot{\mathbf{v}}_k = \begin{cases} -\frac{\nu_1 \nu_2}{2h} + \frac{\nu_1}{h^2}(\nu_2 - 2\nu_1) + \left(\frac{\nu_1}{h} + \frac{\nu_2}{h^2}\right)\mathbf{u}, & k=1, \\ -\frac{\nu_k}{2h}(\nu_{k+1} - \nu_{k-1}) + \frac{\nu_k}{h^2}(\nu_{k+1} - 2\nu_k + \nu_{k-1}), & 2 \leq k \leq n-1, \\ -\frac{\nu_n \nu_{n-1}}{2h} + \frac{\nu_n}{h^2}(-2\nu_n + 2\nu_{n-1}), & k=n. \end{cases}$$

Rewrite as:

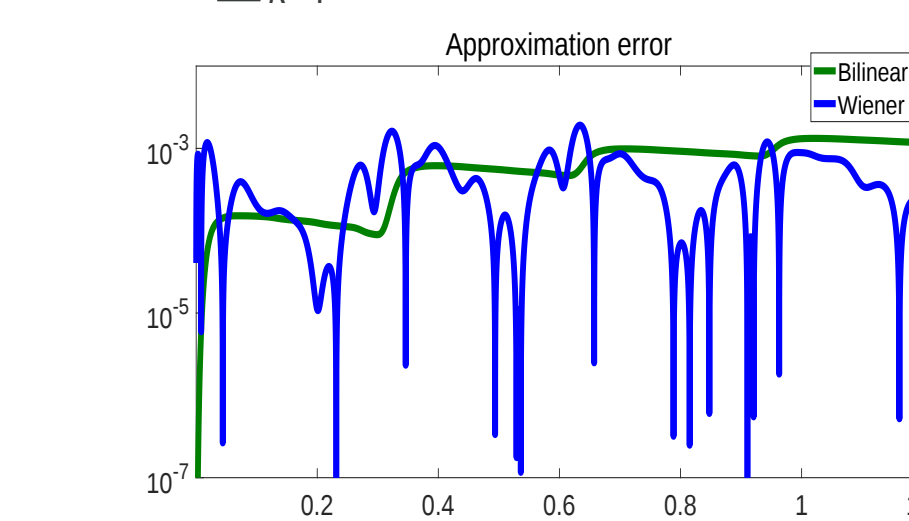
$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{x}(t) \otimes \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{N}\mathbf{x}(t)u(t) + \mathbf{B}u(t)$$

The control input is a multi-tone signal $u(t) = \sum_{k=1}^4 \cos(5\pi k t)$

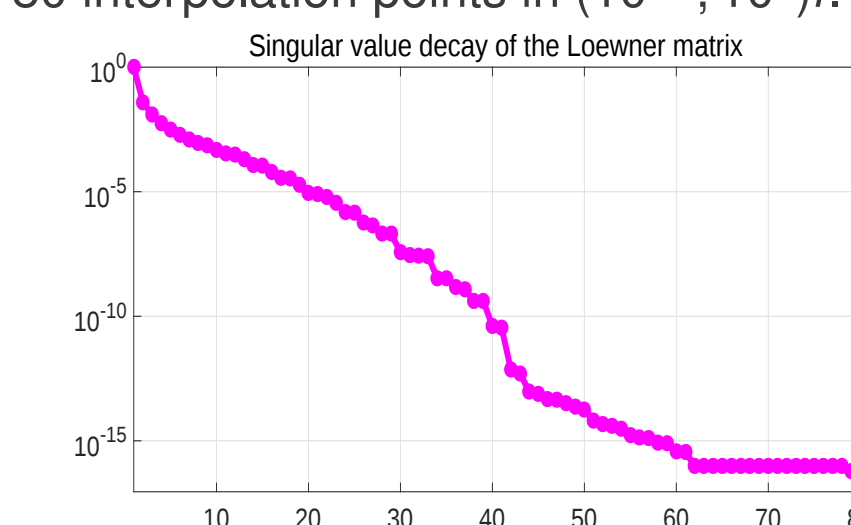
First experiment $n = 100, \nu = 0.1$
100 interpolation points in $(10^{-1}, 10^2)$



QB system $n = 100$, **Wiener** $r = 50$
Bilinear system of order $n_b = 10100$



Second experiment $n = 50, \nu = 0.02$
80 interpolation points in $(10^{-3}, 10^3)$



QB system $n = 50$, **Wiener** $r = 24$
Bilinear system of order $n_b = 2550$

The control input is $u(t) = e^{-t} \cos(4t)$.

