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Data-driven prediction: from LTI to NARX systems

The behavioral setting [1] is suited for data-driven algorithms since systems are viewed as sets of trajectories. A classical result in this framework, known as /Willems' fundamental lemma/ [2], states the conditions that allow to represent all the system trajectories from an observed one. This result makes possible to perform data-driven simulations [3], that is simulation of the future system trajectories directly from the observed data (without estimating a system model).

The classical theory about the topic was developed for the class of linear time-invariant systems only.

We discuss recent results [4,5] on how to switch from linear to nonlinear systems.

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