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# Optimal Robust Experiment Design for Nonlinear Systems

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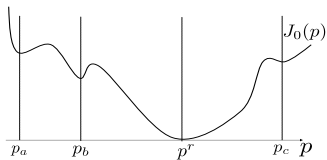
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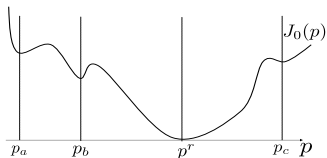


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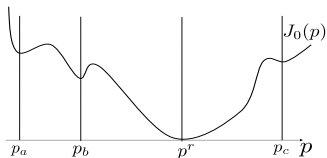


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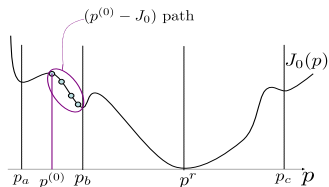
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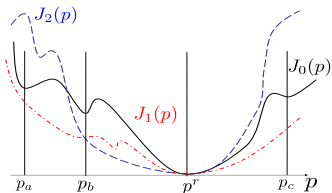
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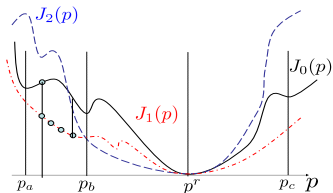
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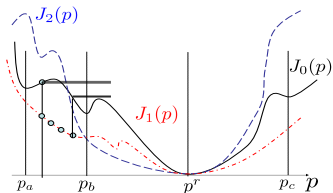
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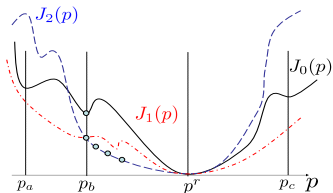
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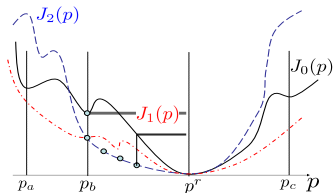
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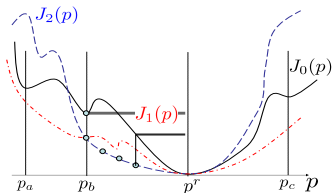
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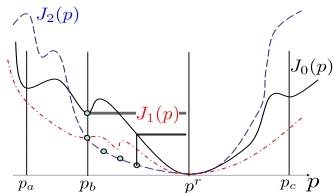
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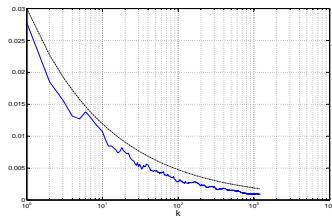
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where  $\gamma$  is the minimum value in  $[0, 1[$  such that

$$\bar{\Delta}_N^\gamma(q_{opt}(\gamma)) = 0$$

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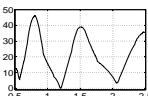
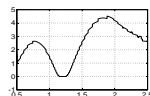
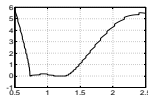
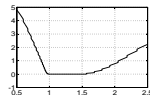
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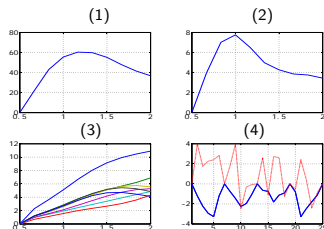
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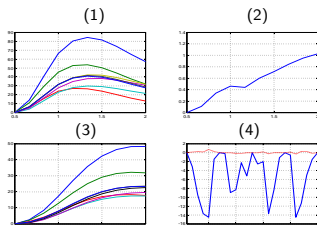
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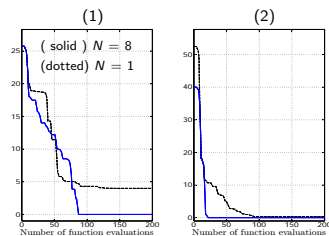
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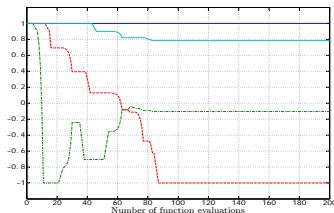
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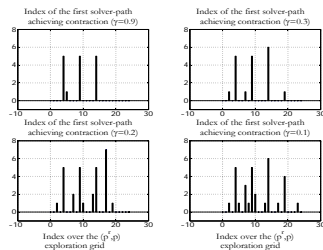
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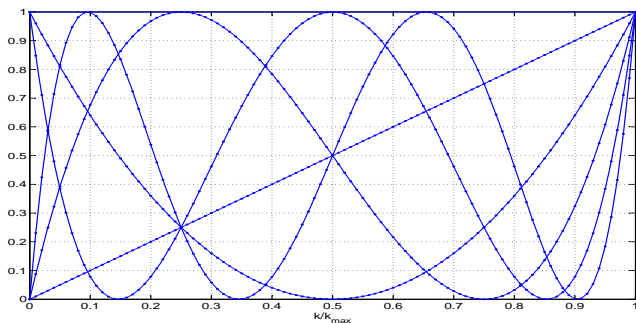
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## Future work

- Derive a simultaneous game-like iterative algorithm
- Application to linear context
- Nonlinear Non parametric identification via graphical signatures



$$\Phi_i : \{1, \dots, k_{max}\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$$

$$\Phi_i(k) := \frac{1}{2} \left[ T_i \left( \frac{2k}{k_{max}} - 1 \right) + 1 \right]$$

where the  $T_i$ 's are recurrently defined by:

$$T_0(k) = 1 ; T_1(k) = k ; T_{i+1}(k) = 2kT_i(k) - T_{i-1}(k)$$



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(Nobel price- Physics 1970)



1788, Cradle of the French revolution



Nanotechnology



Joseph Fourier  
(Grenoble administrator, 1801-1815)



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## A grid-free scheme

To solve

$$\min_q \max_z C(q, z) = C_q(z) = C_z(q)$$

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$$z^* = \arg \max_{\sigma \in \{1, \dots, h\}} C_q(z_\sigma)$$

$$z_\sigma^+ = \mathcal{S}_2^{r_2}(z_\sigma, C_q)$$

Replace minimum value  $z_\sigma$  by a random trial

