

Process control by Learning entropy

Stability conditions

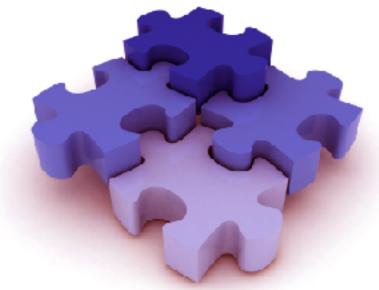
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I. The basic starting point

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- The behavior of the system is characterized by a random process of its states $\{Y_t\}_{t\geq 0}$
- System behaviour is usually monitored at discrete moments $Y_{t_0}, Y_{t_1}, \dots, Y_{t_i}, \dots \subset \mathbb{R}^n$
- A system "behaves well" when the corresponding process of its states "behaves well".
 - A process behaves well if it is predictable.
 - If the process is predictable, we can find its model.

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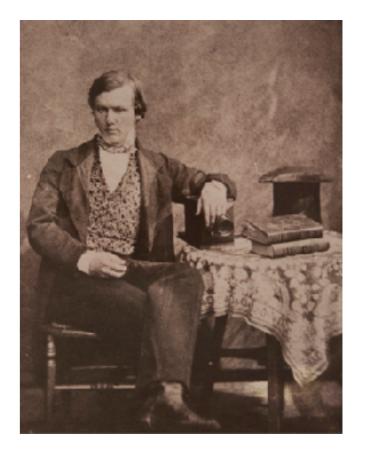
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British mathematician Augustus De Morgan (pictured circa 1860) wrote in 1866 that "whatever can happen will happen".

Changes to the system will usually result in a change to the model

its behavior will change and its predictability will be broken.



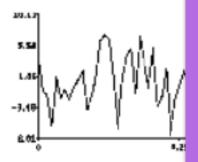
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II. What about it?

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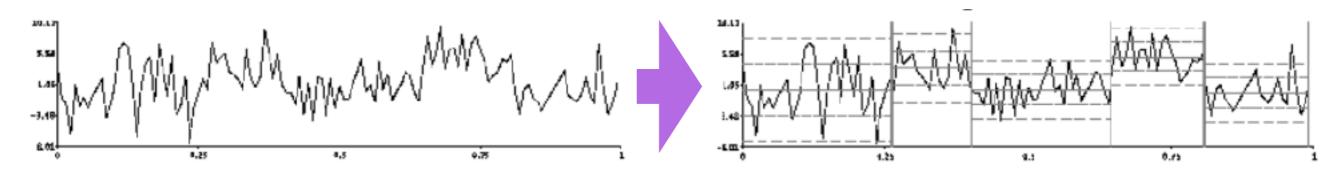


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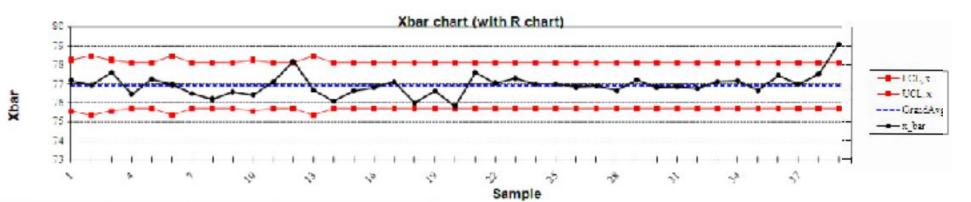
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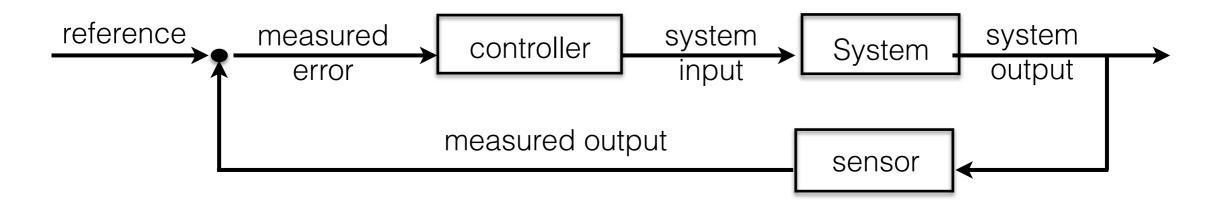


variables are currently arriving in time based on the monitoring ring, and our task is to detect a change from the previous behavior as soon as possible, if it occurs.

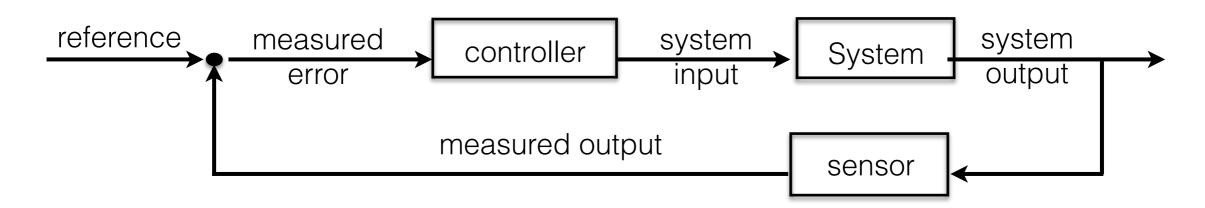
The most commonly used tool is statistical process control (SPC) and control charts

III. On-line problem

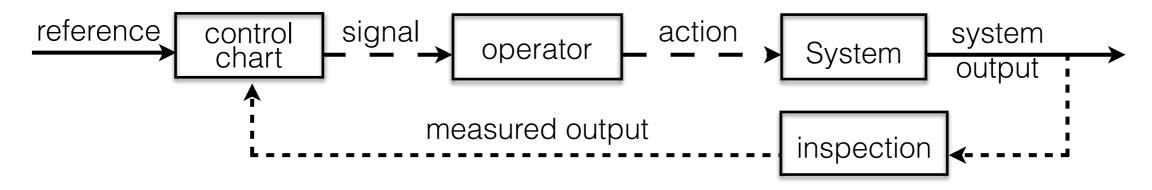
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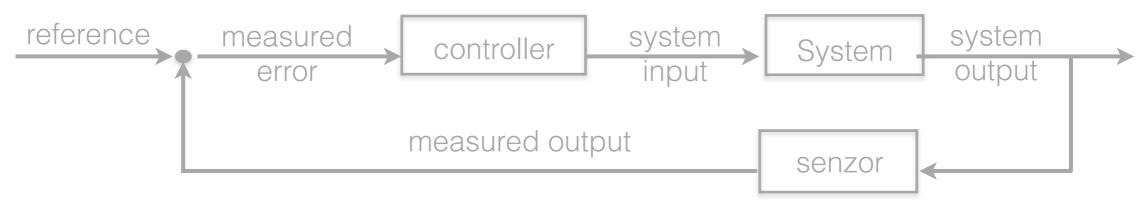
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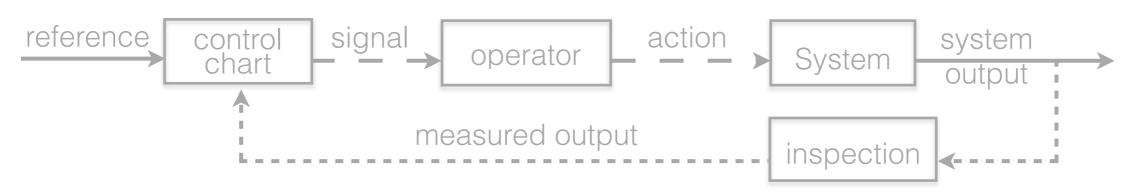
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For detection of a change, we need some method for h(t) identification.

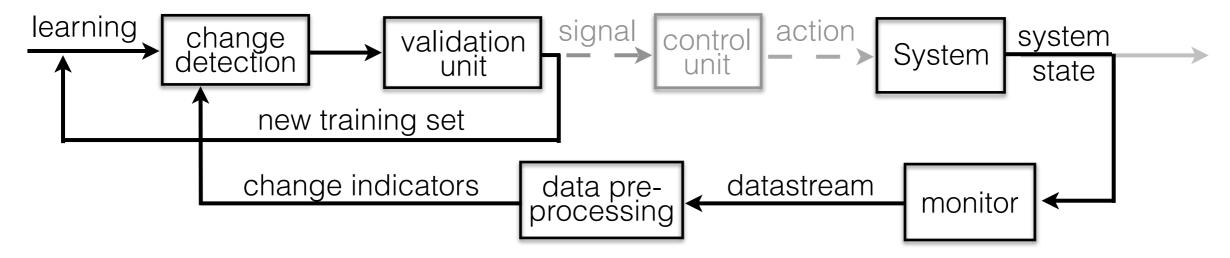
1. Control the system automatically (automatically respond to changes in behavior and maintain the system in a steady state) Automatic control reacts to a specific time series and usually uses a deterministic approach.



2. Detect a change in behavior and take action - return the system to a in-control state. This always requires a statistical approach - SPC, SDS,



3. Monitoring Process and Anomaly (Change) Detection based on machine learning



IV. Entropy-based detection

Entropy based detection

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Learning Entropy is a non-Shannon based novelty detection algorithm based on observation of unusual learning effort of incrementally learning systems. LE is a relative measure of novelty (information) recognized as unusual learning effort of pre-trained learning system on individual data samples.

[I. Bukovsky (2013):Learning Entropy: Multiscale Measure for Incremental Learning. Entropy, 15 G. Dohnal, I. Bukovsky (2020): Novelty detection based on learning entropy. ASMBI, 36]

Learning entropy based detection

Apply some adaptive learning system in a form of neural network:

The function $\tilde{y}(t + \delta) = f(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{w}(t))$ such that for any time $t \ge 0$ and a given horizon $\delta > 0$ minimize the error $|X(t + \delta) - f(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{w}(t))|$ we call a predictor.

For a change detection, we can use as a predictor a neural network based on so called high order neural unit (HONU):

LNU: $\tilde{y}(t) = \mathbf{x}(t)\mathbf{w}(t)$ (linear)

QNU: $\tilde{y}(t) = \mathbf{x}^{T}(t)\mathbf{W}(t)\mathbf{x}(t)$ (quadratic)

 $\mathbf{w}(t)$ is *n*-dimensional vector of weights (adaptive parameters):

 $\mathbf{w}(t+1) = \mathbf{w}(t) + \Delta \mathbf{w}(t), \quad \text{where} \quad \Delta \mathbf{w}(t) = -\frac{\mu}{2} \frac{\partial e(t)^2}{\partial \mathbf{w}}$ static gradient descent (GD) algorithm

LNU: $\triangle \mathbf{w}(t) = \mu e(t)\mathbf{x}(t)$

QNU: $\triangle \mathbf{W}(t) = \mu e(t) \mathbf{x}(t) \mathbf{x}(t)^T$

Learning entropy based detection

$$\{\mathbf{x}(l-M), \dots, \mathbf{x}(l-1), \mathbf{x}(l)\} \implies \{\mathbf{w}(l-M), \dots, \mathbf{w}(l-1), \mathbf{w}(l)\}$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{w}(k) = \mathbf{w}(k+1) - \mathbf{w}(k) \implies \{\Delta \mathbf{w}(l-M), \dots, \Delta \mathbf{w}(l-1)\}$$

$$|\triangle \bar{\mathbf{w}}(l)| = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^{M} |\triangle \mathbf{w}(l-i)|$$

Learning Entropy:
$$E_A(k)=rac{1}{n_An_w}\sum_{j=1}^{n_A}\sum_{i=1}^{n_w}I_{(|\triangle w_i(k)|>lpha_j|\triangle ar{w}_i(k)|)}$$

where $A = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{n_A})$ is n_A -dimensional vector of detection sensitivities.

Note: We use $\Delta \mathbf{w}(t)$ for detection rather than prediction error due to its higher sensitivity.

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After some change, when $X(t) = g(t) + \psi(t)$, the process $\{\Delta \mathbf{w}(t)\}$ starts to oscillate (the predictor tries to adapt to a new model)

- => the change can be detected using classical methods applied to the process $\{\Delta \mathbf{w}(t)\}$.
- => Stability is crucial

For illustration, we use data generated by the process

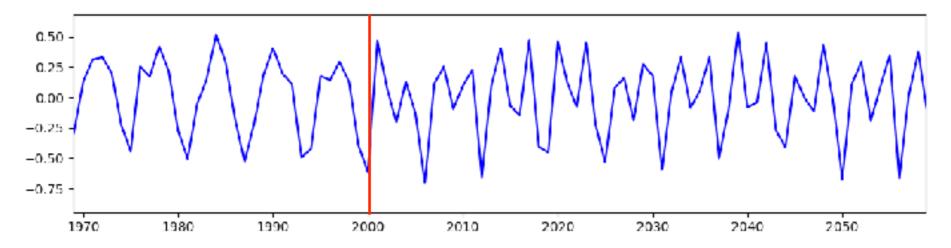
$$X(t) = a\sin^4 t + b\cos^3 t + c\cos^2 t + d\sin t + e + \xi$$

with parameters $a=2,\ b=-1,\ c=3,\ d=-1,\ e=0$ for $t\ge 0$ and random fluctuations $\xi \sim N(0,\ 1/3)$.

$$X(t) = 2\sin^4 t - \cos^3 t + 3\cos^2 t - \sin t + \xi, \quad 0 \le t < 2000, \quad \xi \sim N(0, 1/3)$$

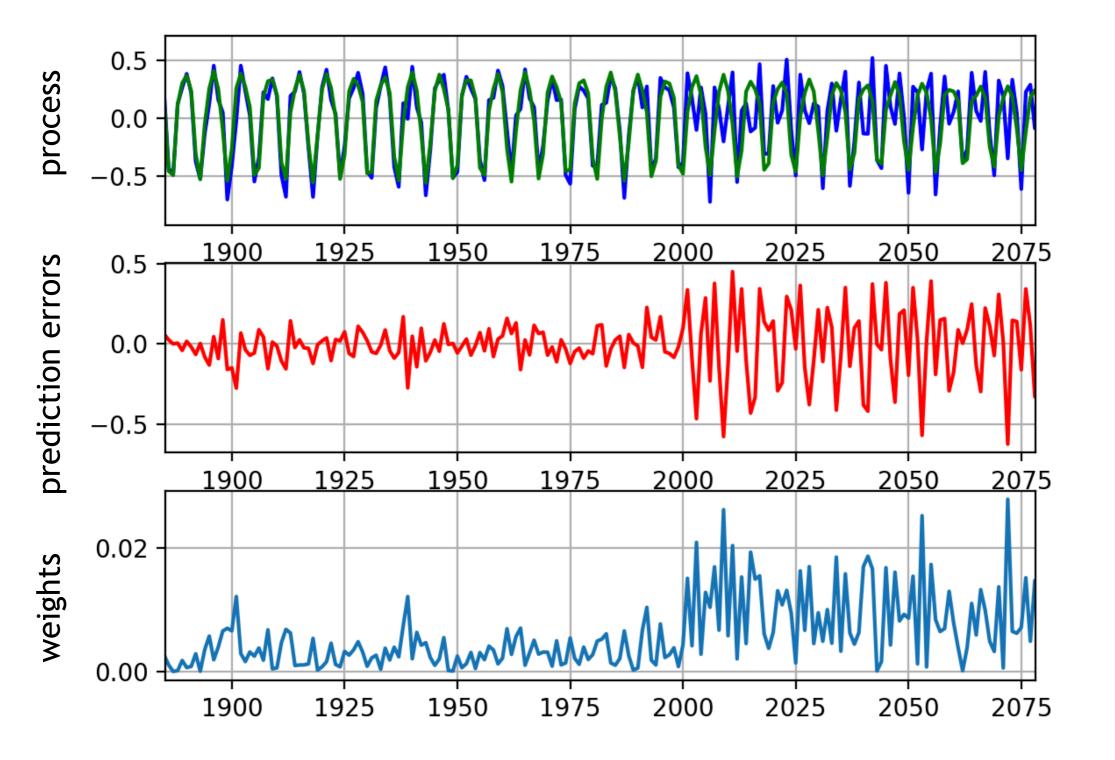
The change is simulated in the time t = 2000, from which onwards is a = 0, d = 0 and e = -0.7.

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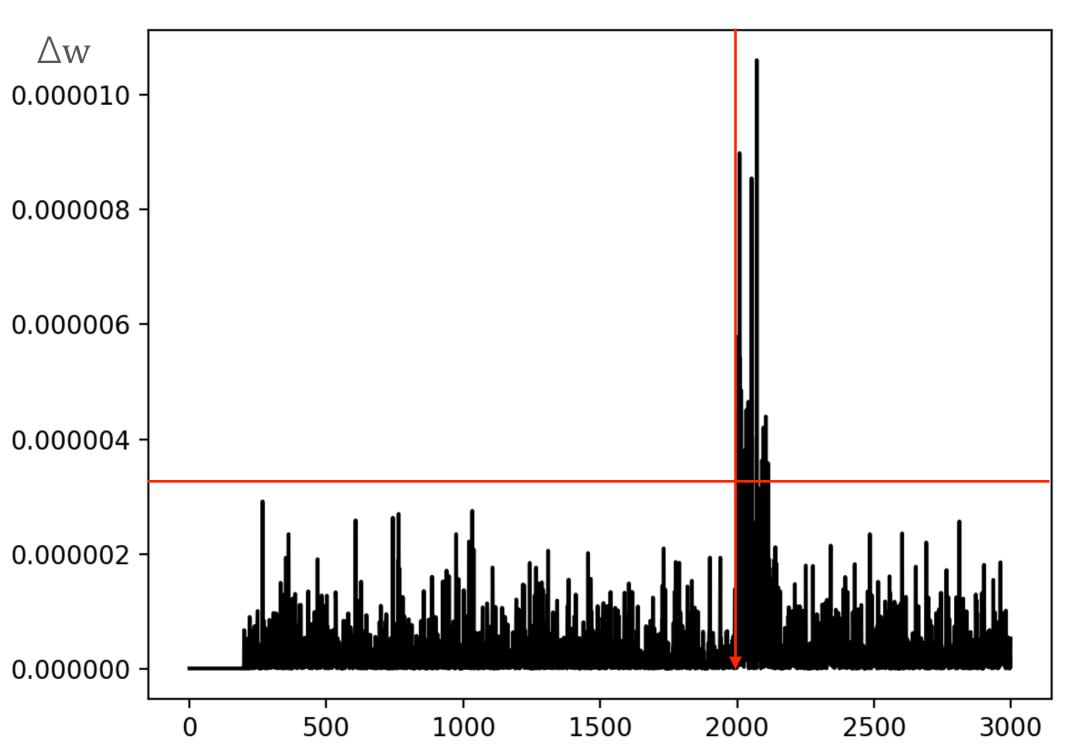


 $\{X(t), t \ge T\}$ is no more h-stationary => $\{\Delta w(t)\}$ loses its stationarity

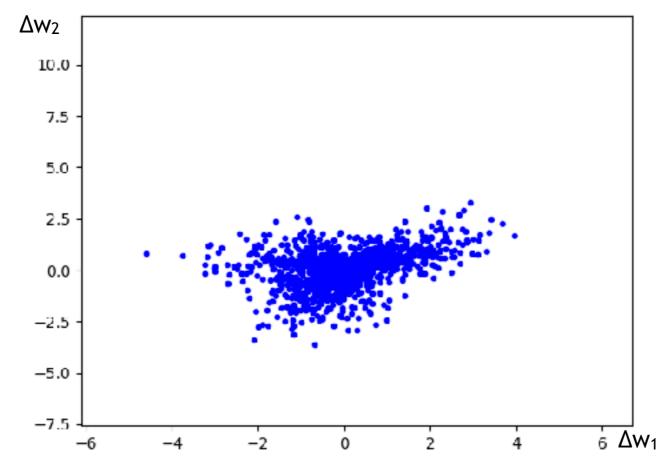
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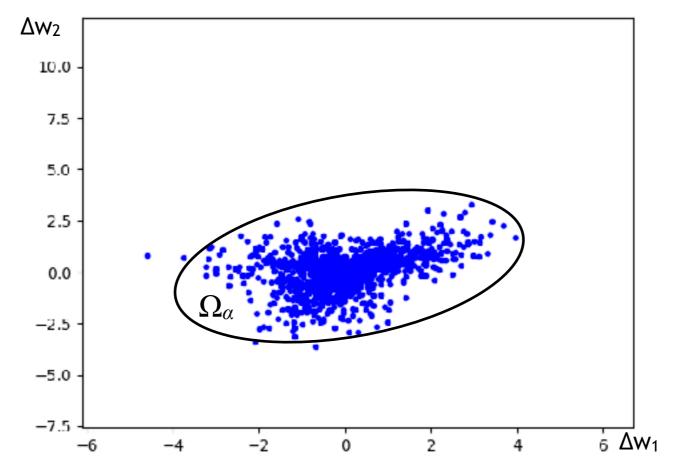


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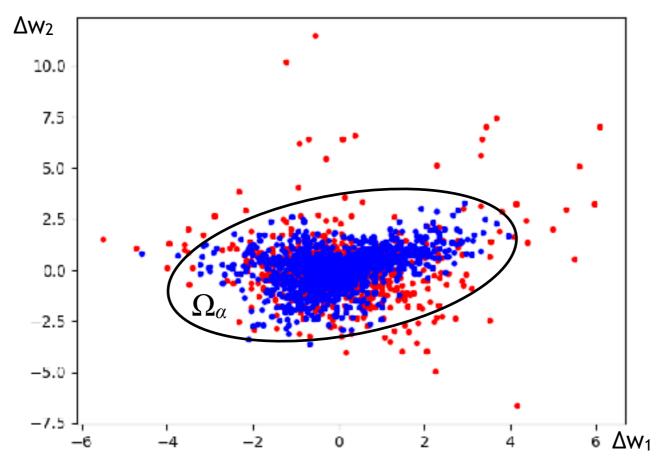
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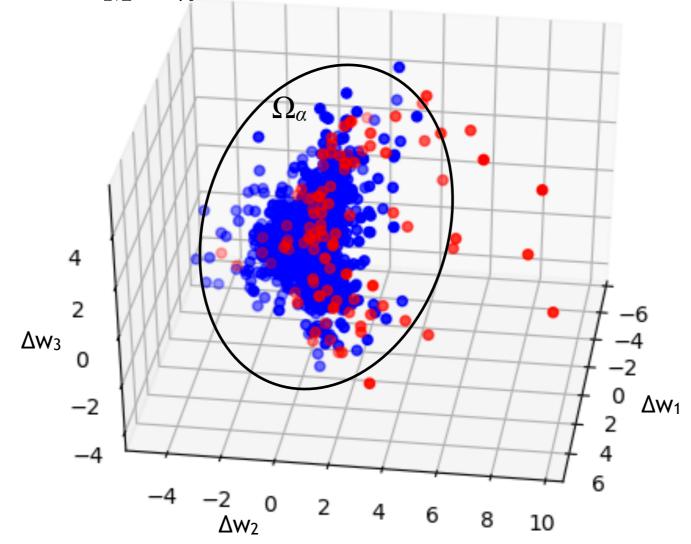
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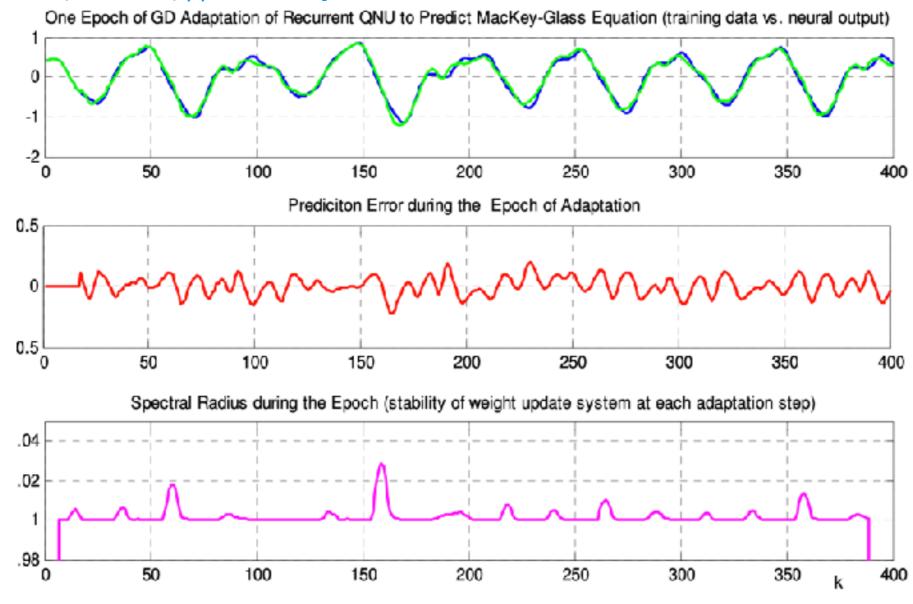
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In online adaptive learning it is crucial that the weights of a neural network do not grow uncontrollably. The stability of the weights ensures that the system is usable in real time and does not diverge. => Stability of the predictor is crucial

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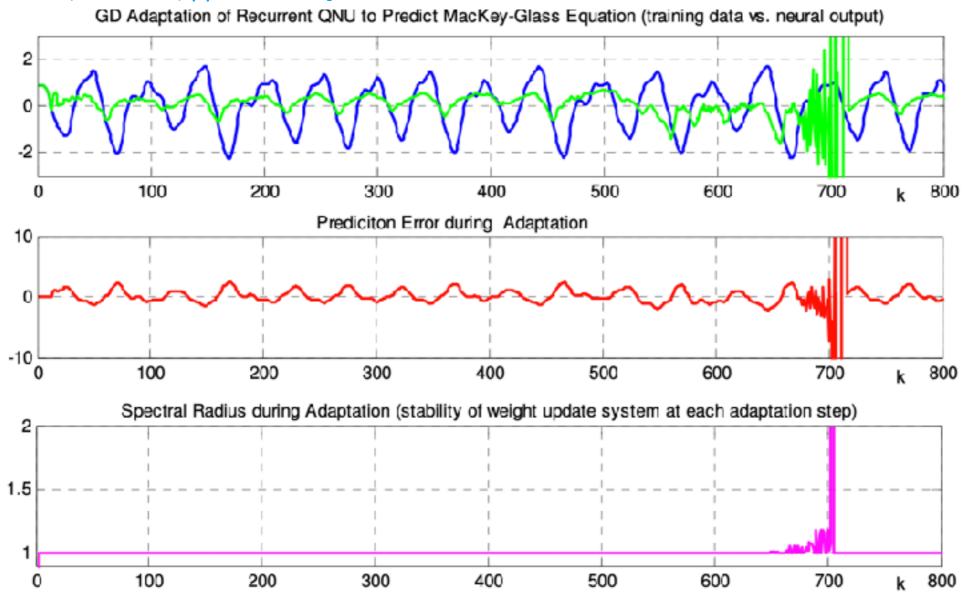


Stable adaptation of recurrent HONU (r=2); the bottom plot monitors the stability (i.e. the spectral radius) of the weight-update system using GD.

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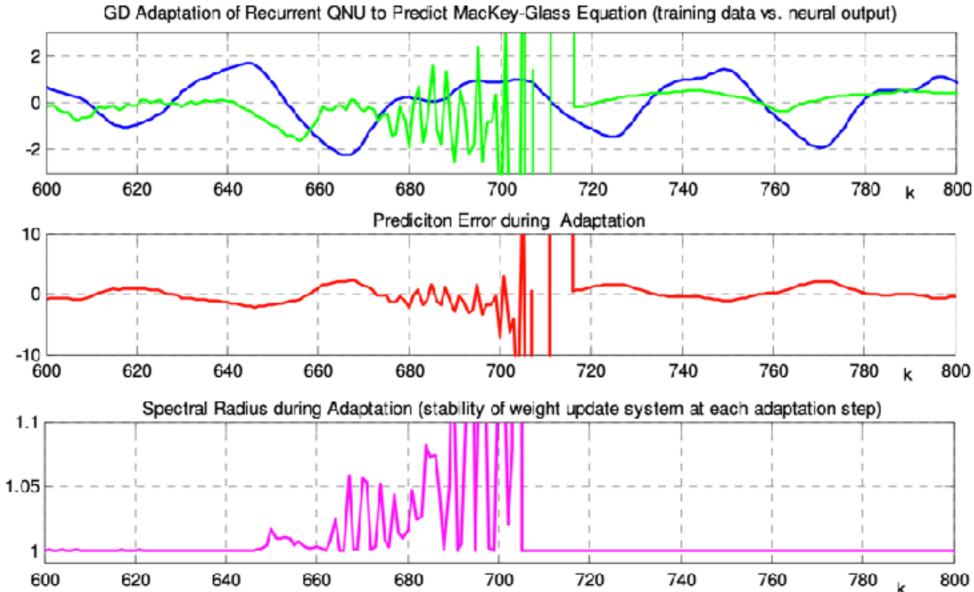


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Unstable adaptation (detail of previous figure): the stability became significantly violated well before unusually large oscillations and divergence of neural output.

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For the IPLNA, the bounded-input-bounded-state stability (BIBS) is defined as follows:

If there exist two positive constants $0 < L_u, L_w < \infty$ such that for all $k \ge k_0$

$$||\mathbf{u}(k)|| \le L_u \implies ||\mathbf{w}(k)|| \le L_w$$

then the system is BIBS.

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Convergence of Neural Architectures

The bounded-input bounded-state (BIBS) stability concept is recently popular in neural networks. We introduce the Bounded-input bounded-state stability (BIBS) concept for weight convergence of a broad family of incremental gradient learning IPLNAs.

We can show that the input-to-state stability (ISS) concept and BIBS stability generally apply to the gradient learning algorithms and their many modifications for IPLNAs.

Let us consider a IPLNAs system with time-variant state-space representation in the form

$$\mathbf{w}(k+1) = \mathbf{A}(k) \cdot \mathbf{w}(k) + \mathbf{B}(k) \cdot \mathbf{u}(k)$$

Definition 2: The system is *BIBS stable* if there exist positive constants $0 < L_u, L_{w} < \infty$, such that the conditions $\mathbf{w}(k_0) = \mathbf{0}, \ ||\mathbf{u}(k)|| \le L_u \ \forall k > k_0$ imply that $||\mathbf{w}(k)|| \le L_w \ \forall k > k_0$.

The system is *BIBO stable* if there exist constants $0 < L_u, L_{y} < \infty$, such that the above condition implies that $||y(k)|| \le L_y \quad \forall k > k_0$.

[Z. Wang and D. Liu, "Stability analysis for a class of systems: From model-based methods to data-driven methods," IEEE Trans. Ind. Electron., vol. 61, no. 11, pp. 6463-6471, Nov. 2014, doi: 10.1109/ TIE.2014.2308146.]

Convergence of Neural Architectures

Theorem 1: Time-variant discrete-time weight-update IPLNAs system

$$\mathbf{w}(k+1) = \mathbf{A}(k) \cdot \mathbf{w}(k) + \mathbf{B}(k) \cdot \mathbf{u}(k)$$

is BIBS stable if there exist constants $L_{
m u}$, $M_{
m A}$ and $M_{
m B}$ for which

$$\sup_{k>k_0} \{||\mathbf{u}(k)||\} = L_u < \infty, \quad \sup_{k>k_0} \{||\mathbf{A}(k)||\} = M_A < 1, \quad \sup_{k>k_0} \{||\mathbf{B}(k)||\} = M_B < \infty.$$

Recall the weight updates for IPLNAs using gradient descent learning rule result

in
$$\mathbf{w}(k+1) = \left(\mathbf{I} - \eta(k) \cdot \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x})^T\right) \cdot \mathbf{w}(k) + \eta(k) \cdot y(k) \cdot \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x})$$

Using notation $\mathbf{A}(k) = (\mathbf{I} - \eta(k) \cdot \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x})^T)$, $\mathbf{u}(k) = y(k) \cdot \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x})$ we have

$$\mathbf{w}(k+1) = \left[\prod_{j=0}^{k-k_0} \mathbf{A}(k-j) \right] \mathbf{w}(k_0) + \sum_{i=k_0}^{k-1} \left[\prod_{j=1}^{k-i} \mathbf{A}(k-j+1) \right] \mathbf{B}(i) \mathbf{u}(i) + \mathbf{B}(k) \mathbf{u}(k).$$

Applying a norm and using the triangle inequality we obtain

$$\|\mathbf{w}(k+1)\| \le \|\mathbb{A}_k\| \cdot \|\mathbf{w}(k_0)\| + \sum_{i=k_0}^{\kappa} \|\mathbb{C}_{k,i}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{B}(i)\| \cdot \|\mathbf{u}(i)\|$$

[I. Bukovsky, G. Dohnal, P. M. Benes, K. Ichiji and N. Homma (2020): Letter on Convergence of In-Parameter-Linear Nonlinear Neural Architectures With Gradient Learnings. IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems]



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Corollary: An IPLNA, for which there exists a constant 0 < q < 1 such that

$$\rho \Big(\mathbf{I} - \eta(k) \cdot \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}, k) \cdot \mathbf{g}^T(\mathbf{x}, k) \Big) \leq q$$

for all $k > k_0$, is BIBS stable.

Recall that $\mathbf{A}(k)$ is a Hermitian matrix and therefore $||\mathbf{A}(k)|| \le \rho(\mathbf{A}(k) \le q$.

Theorem 2: Time-variant discrete-time weight-update IPLNAs systems with $||\mathbf{A}(i)|| \le q < 1, \ i > k_0$ are ISS.

We had
$$\|\mathbf{w}(k+1)\| \le \|\underline{\mathbb{A}}_k\| \cdot \|\mathbf{w}(k_0)\| + \sum_{i=k_0}^k \|\mathbb{C}_{k,i}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{B}(i)\| \cdot \|\mathbf{u}(i)\|$$

$$\beta \Big(\|\mathbf{w}(k_0)\|.k \Big) \qquad \gamma \Big(\|\mathbf{u}\| \Big)$$

$$\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{L}} \qquad \mathcal{K}_{\infty}$$

(I.e., $\beta(x,k)$ is strictly increasing in x, $\lim_{x\to\infty}\beta(x,k)=\infty$, $\beta(0,k)=0$ and decreasing to 0 in k, $k\to\infty$, function $\gamma(x)$ is strictly increasing in x, $\lim_{x\to\infty}\gamma(x)=\infty$, $\gamma(0)=0$)



Stability of learning entropy based detection

In the case of classical stability (e.g., Ljapunov), we ask $\rho(A(k)) < 1$.

• In this case: all eigenvalues of $\rho(\mathbf{A}(k))$ equal to 1, but one which equals to

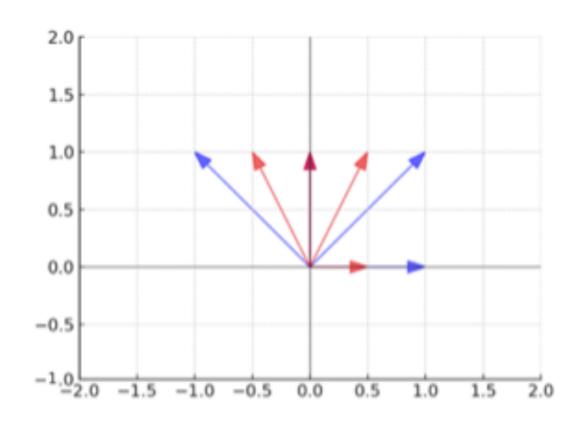
$$1 - \eta(k) \frac{||\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}(k))||^2}{||\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}(k))||^2 + \epsilon}$$

• therefore $\rho(\mathbf{A}(k)) = 1$

<= there exists a direction in which the weights do not change (and don't diverge)

=> the weight dynamics is not strictly contractive - it is marginally stable.

Geometrical illustration for $\mathbf{A}=\mathbf{I}-\mu gg^{\top}$ ($\mu=0,5;$ $g=[1;0]^{\top}$) blue = original, red = transformed



VI. Conclusions

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- The condition $\rho(\mathbf{A}(k)) = 1$ is too strong, in real learning we observe $\rho(\mathbf{A}(k)) \approx 1$ or $\rho(\mathbf{A}(k)) = 1 + \varepsilon$ for some small $\varepsilon > 0$.
- This corresponds to: even if immediately $\rho(\mathbf{A}(k)) = 1$, in the long run the average mass energy is damped because in the direction of the error the eigenvalue decreases to $1-\eta(k)$.

Theorem: If the learning rate function $\eta(k)$ satisfies the following inequality

$$0 < \eta(k) \le \frac{2}{\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}(k))\mathbf{g}^T(\mathbf{x}(k))},$$

then the IPLNA system is BIBS.

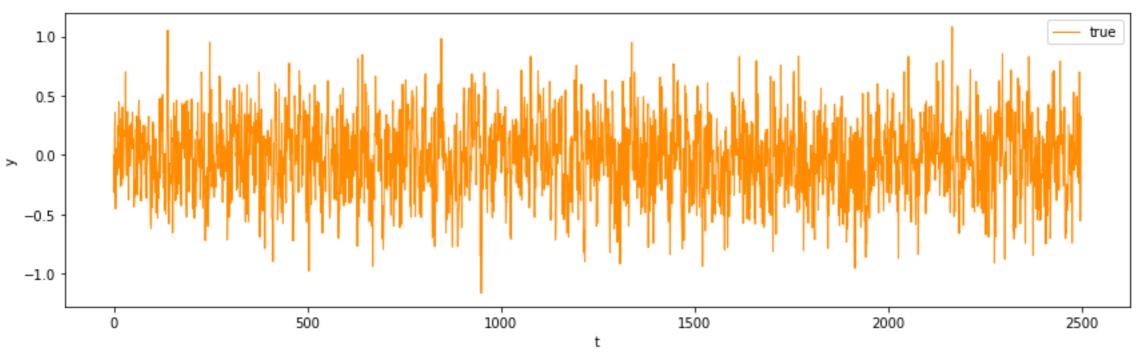
• In other words: the system is BIBS stable because the weights remain bounded and do not explode even if the strict condition ρ < 1 is not met.

VII. Simulation study

Simulation study

Process: $y(t) = 0.6*y(t-1)+0.3*u(t)-0.12*u(t-1)+\epsilon$

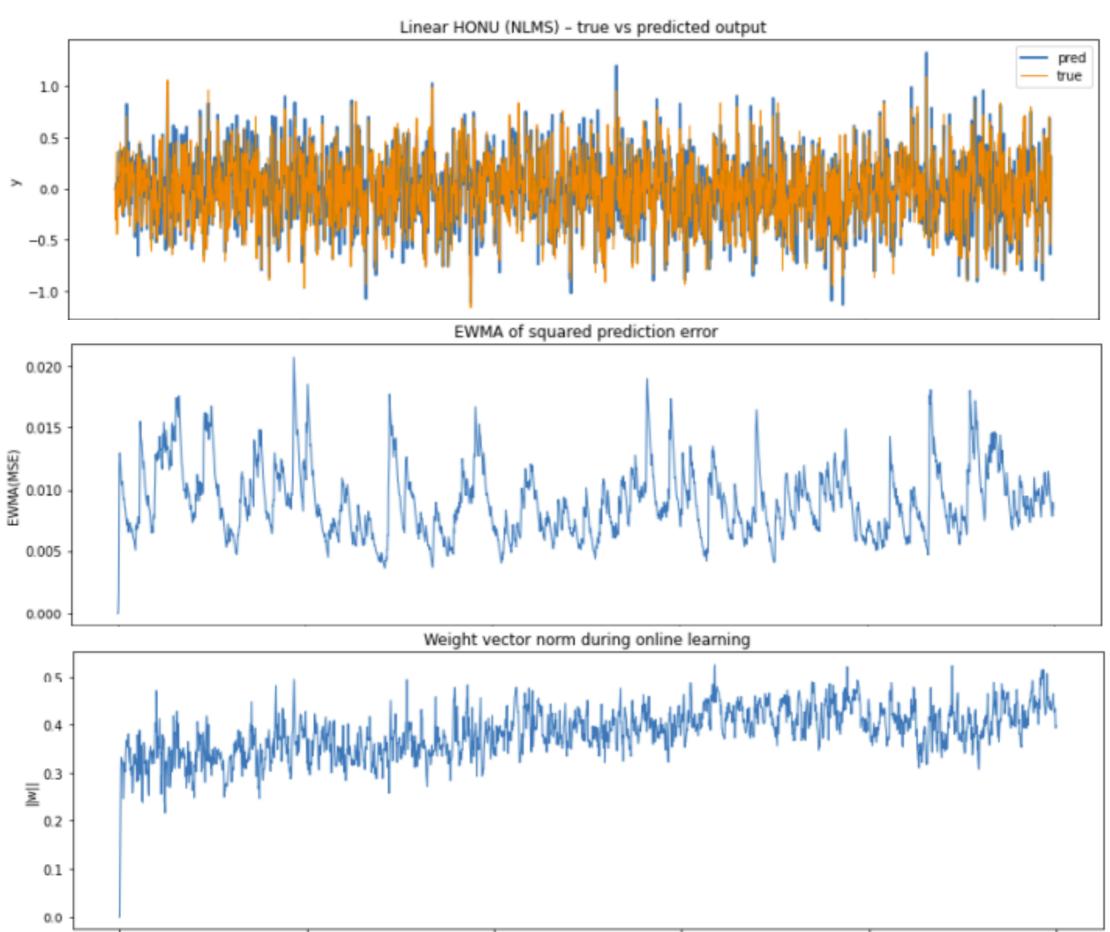
where u(t) is white noise, $\epsilon \sim N(0, 0.06)$



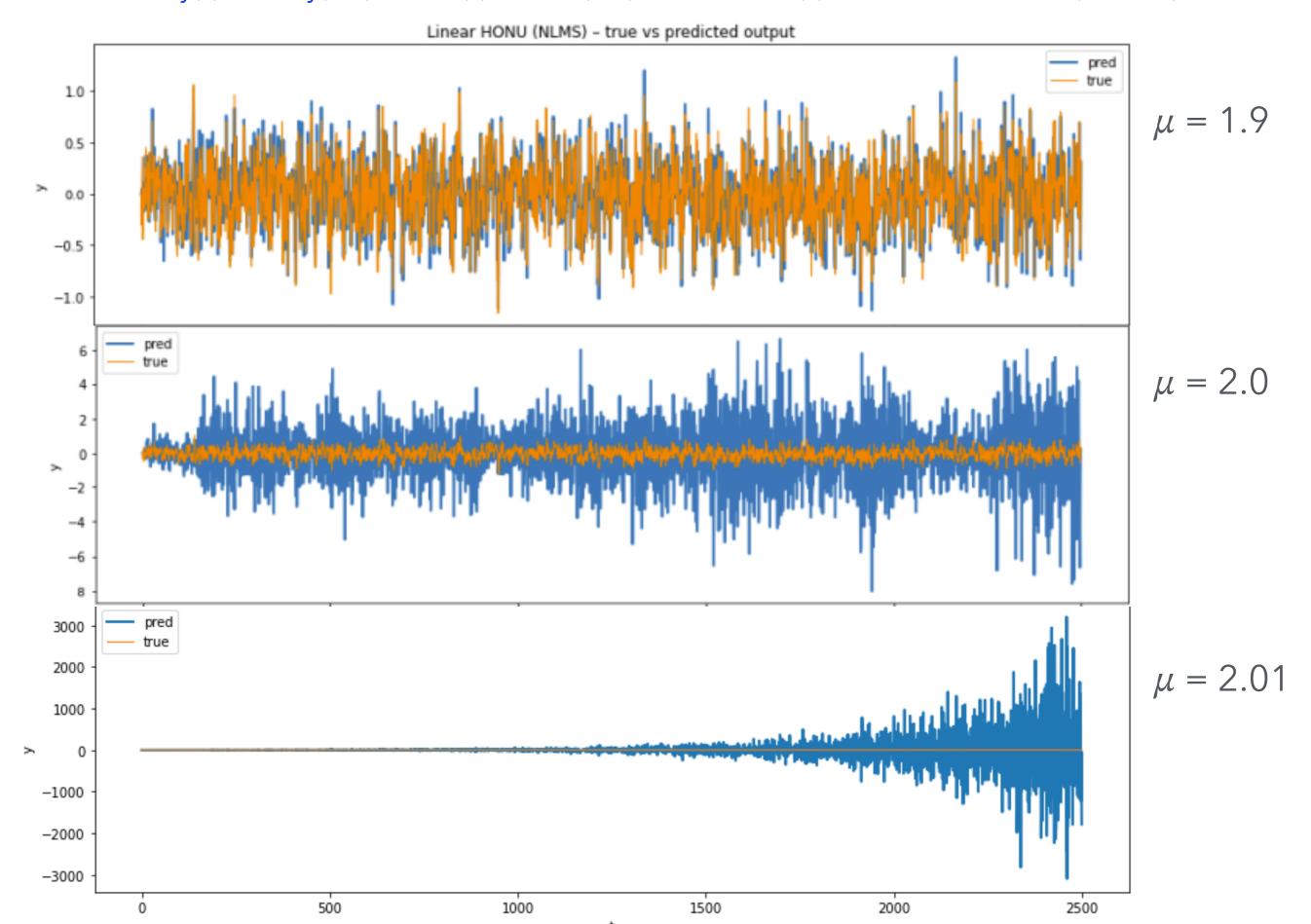
predictor: LNU (Linear HONU)

learning rate: $\eta(k) = \frac{\mu}{\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}(k))\mathbf{g}^T(\mathbf{x}(k))}$ with different μ

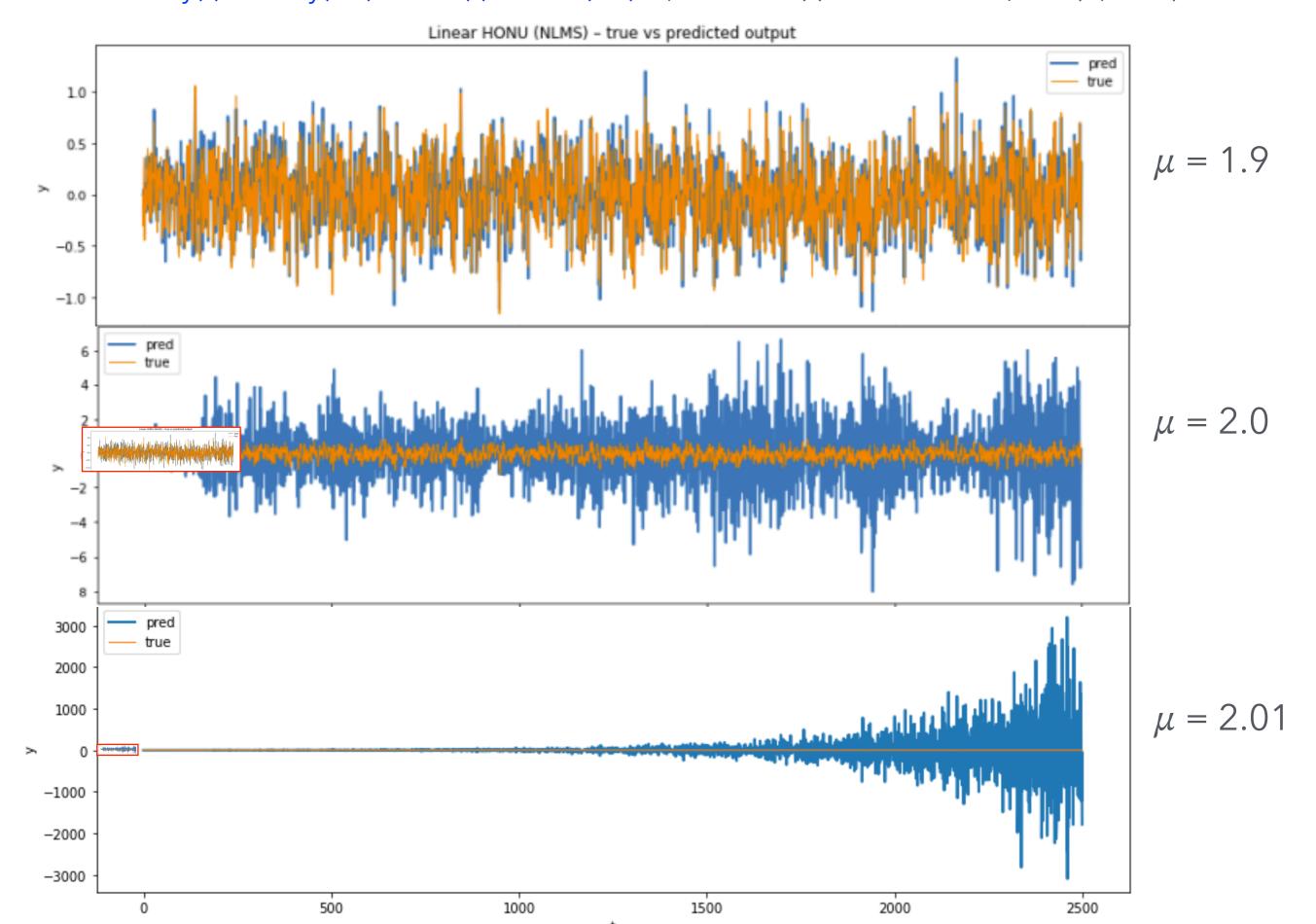
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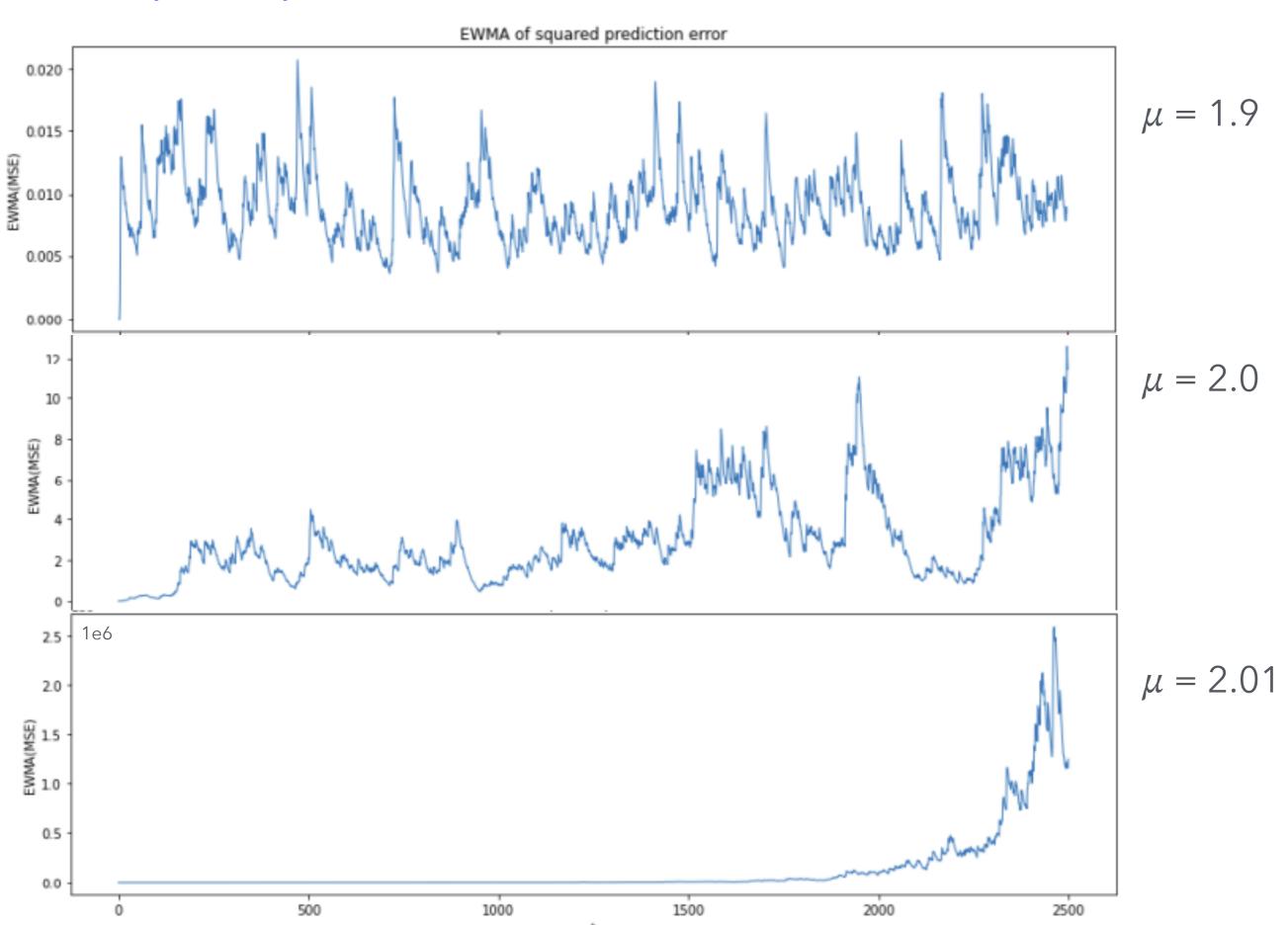
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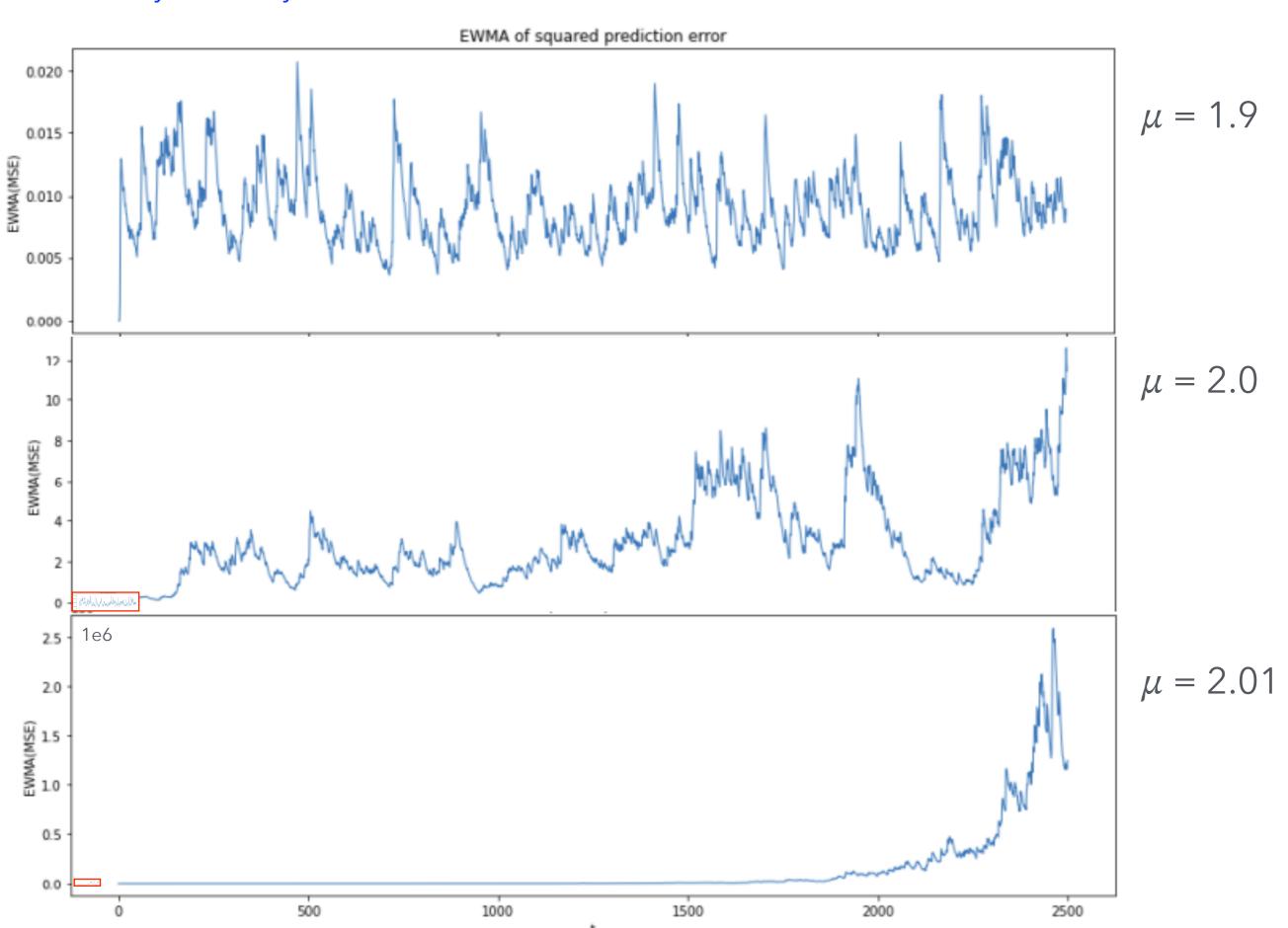
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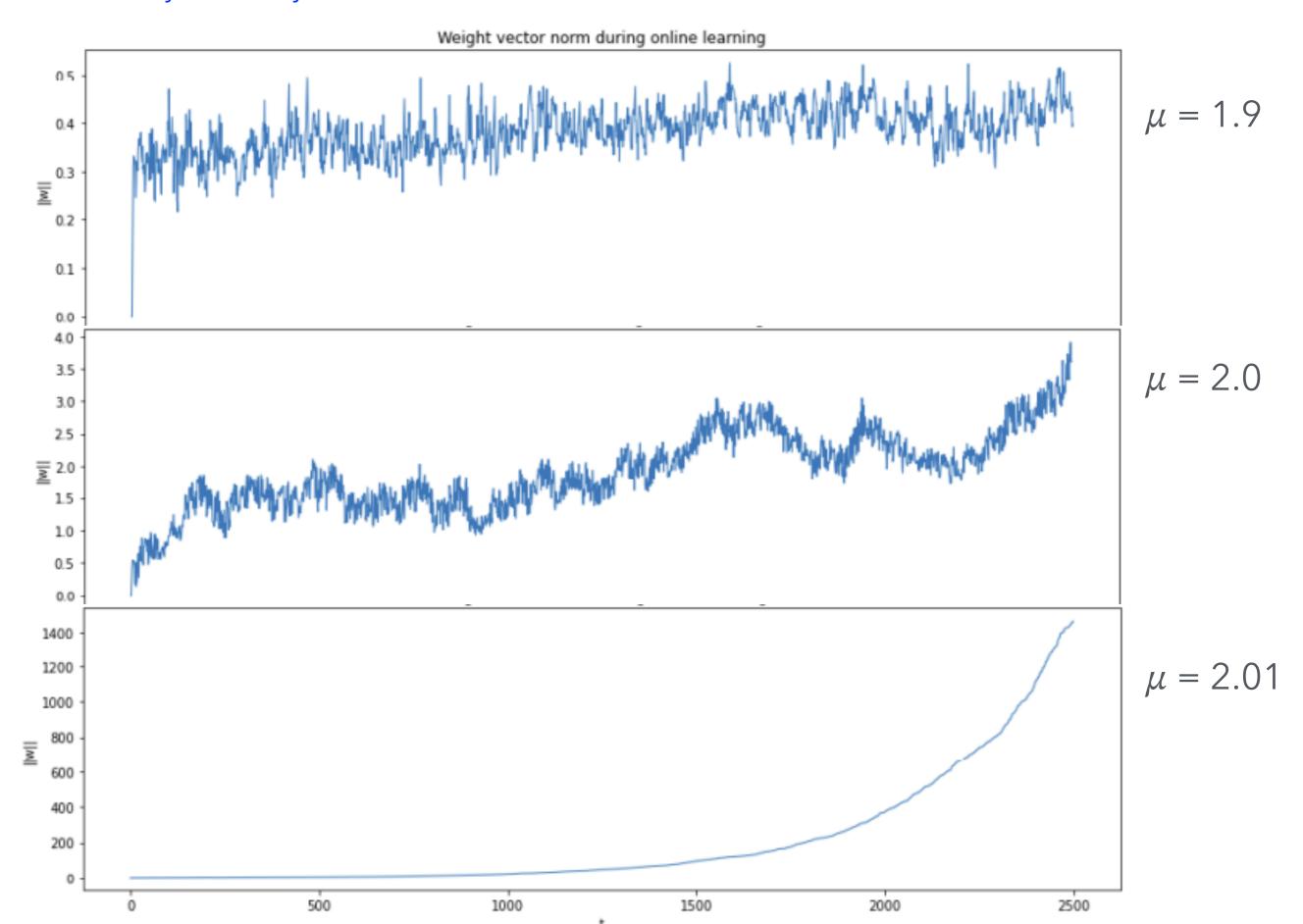
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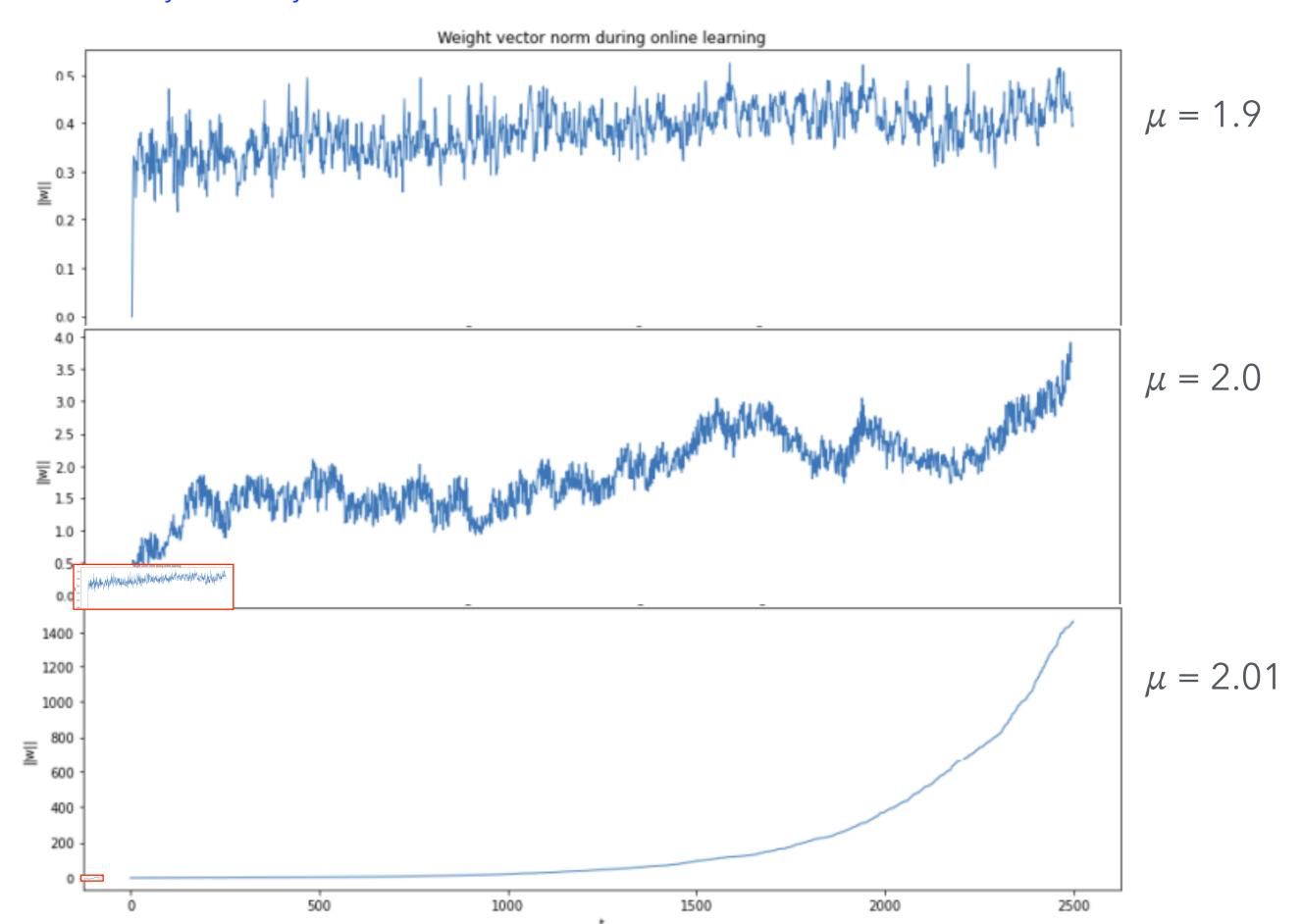
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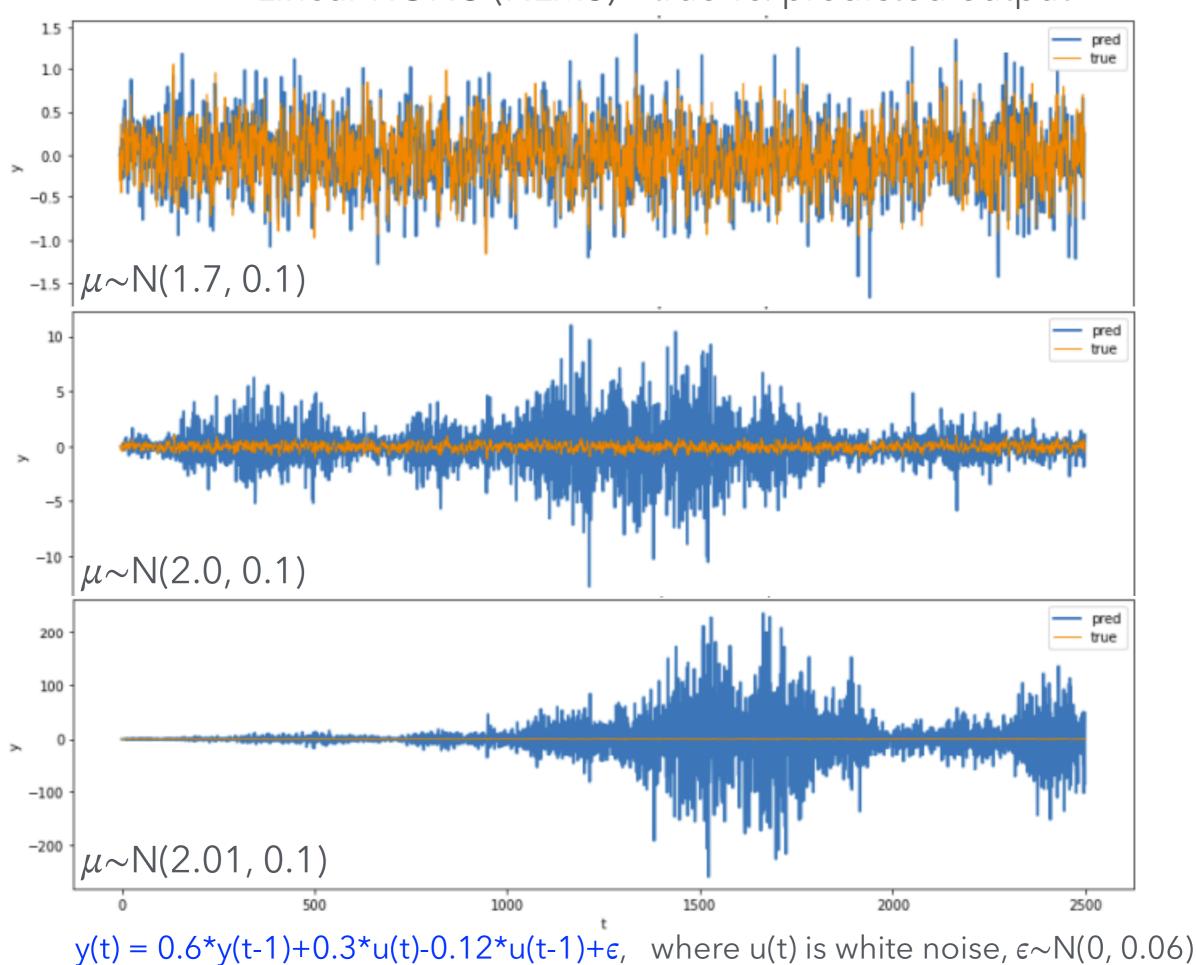
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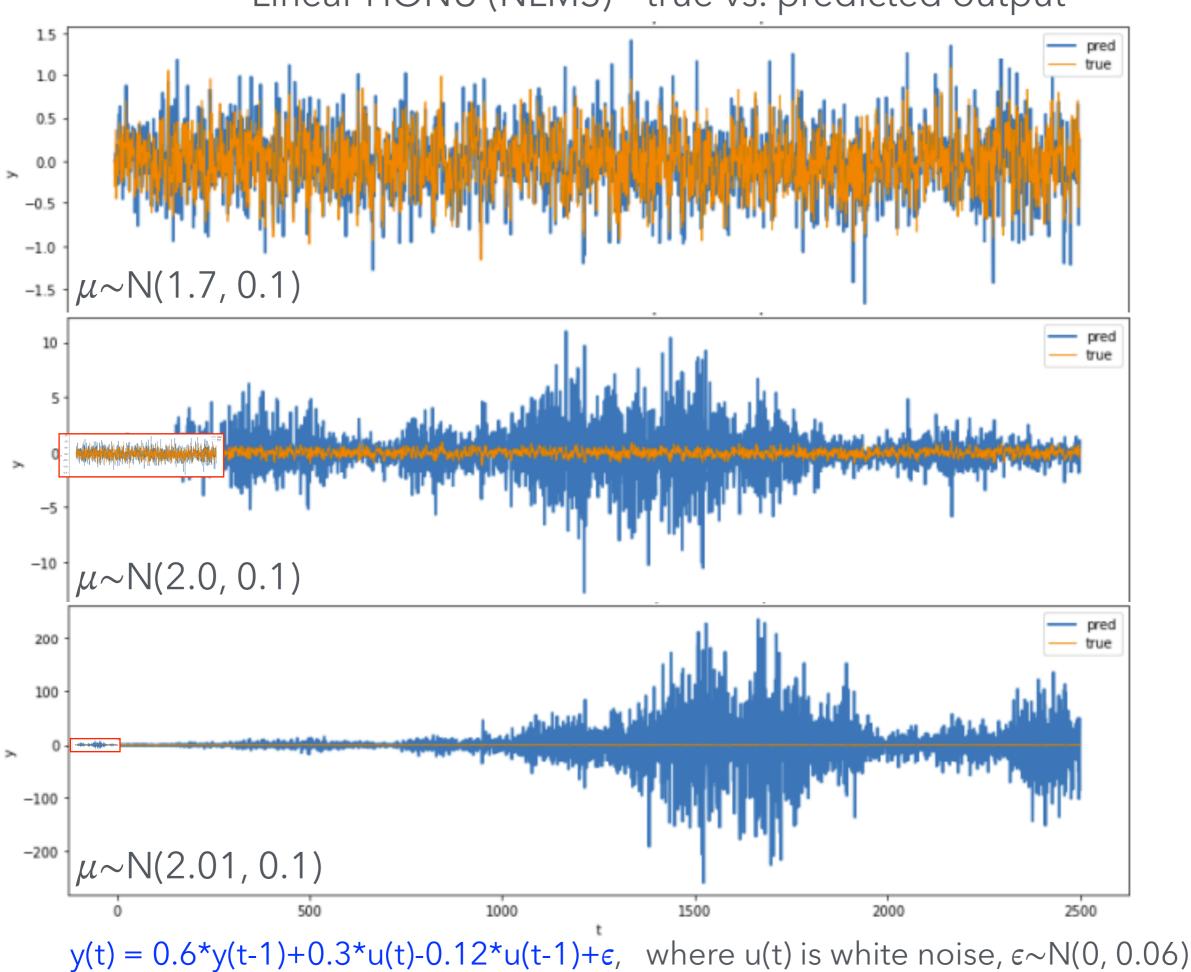
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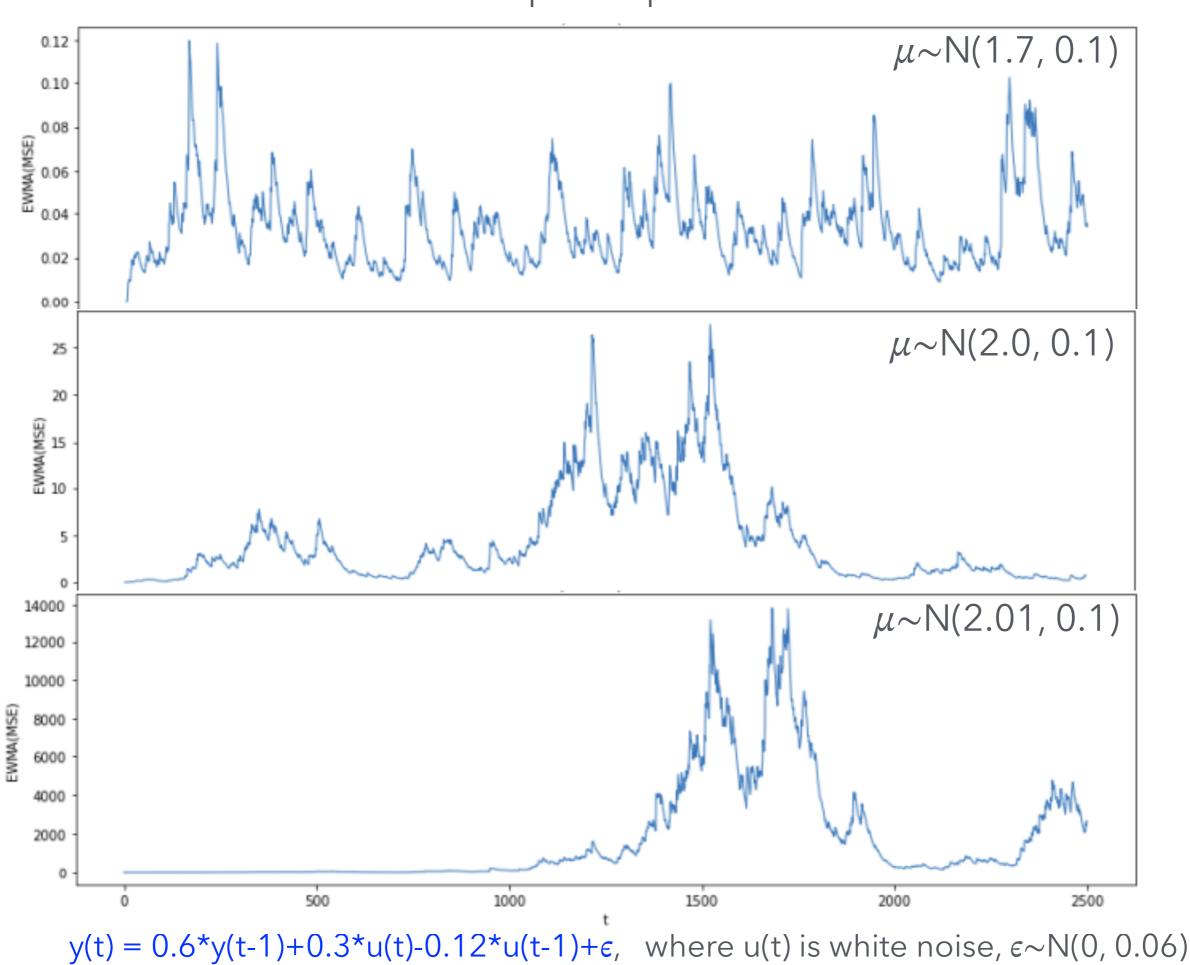
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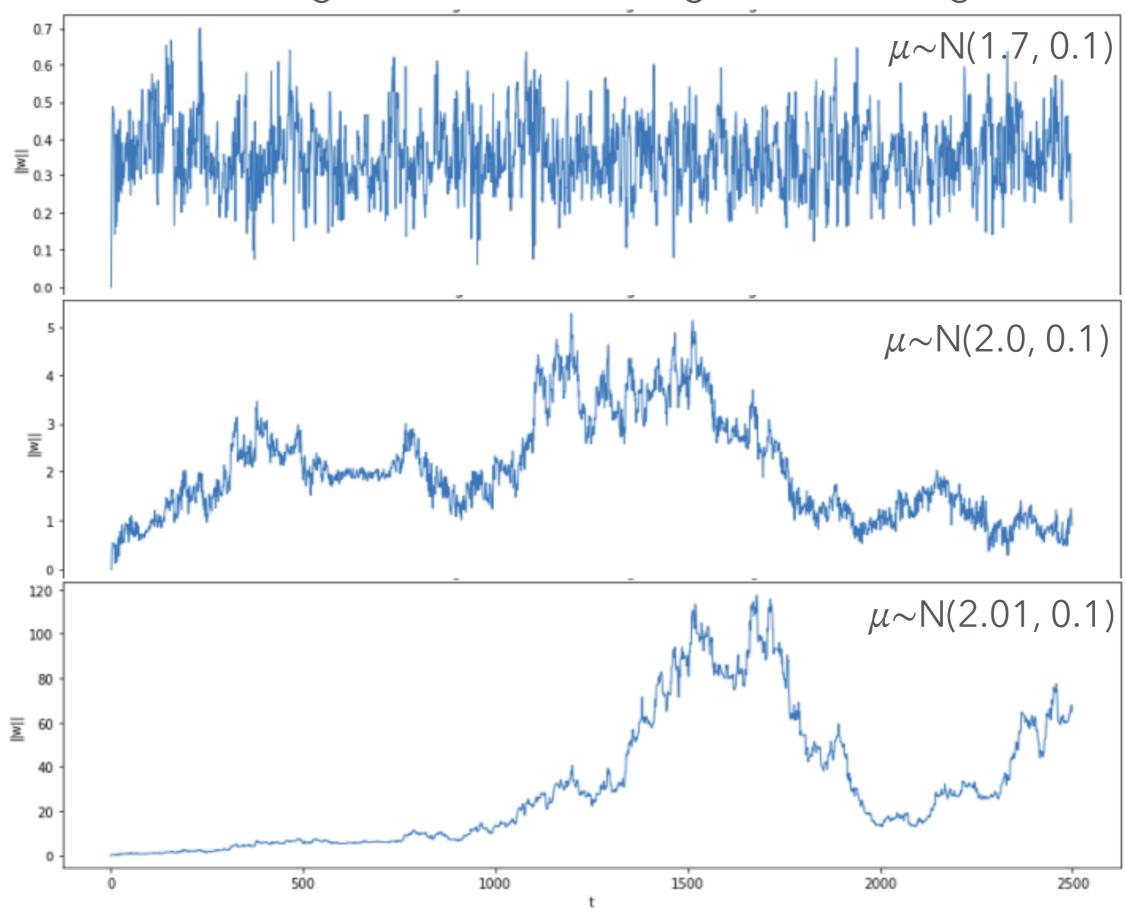
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Thank you for your attention