
GLOBAL EXPONENTIAL SAMPLED-DATA OBSERVERS FOR NONLINEAR SYSTEMS WITH DELAYED MEASUREMENTS

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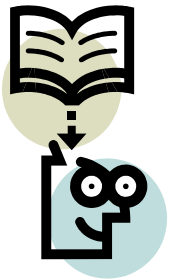
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In fact, we rarely meet a system without one of the above “annoying features” !!

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For certain classes of nonlinear systems

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A general result is needed!

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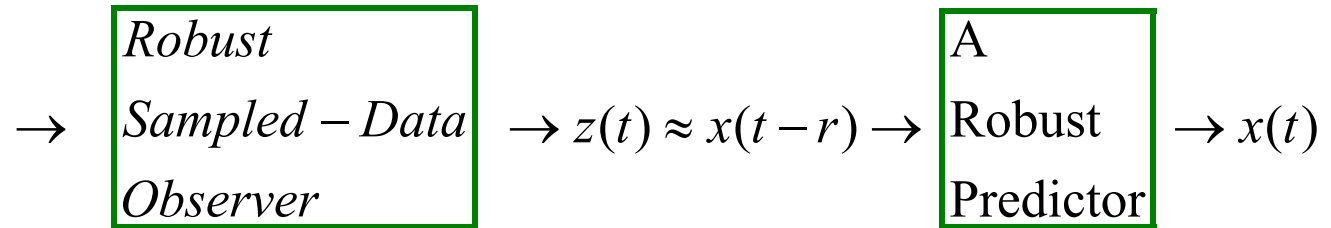
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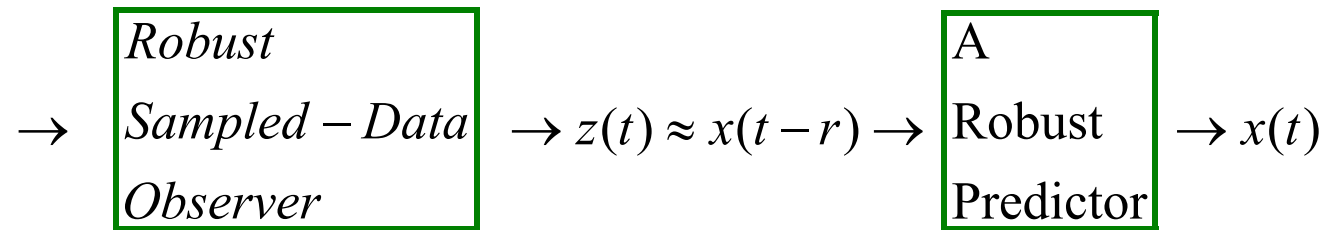
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Moreover, for every $(z_0, u, w) \in \mathbb{R}^l \times L^\infty([-r, +\infty); U) \times L_{loc}^\infty([-r, +\infty); \mathbb{R}^k)$, the output signal $\hat{x}(t) = \Psi(z(t))$ produced by the unique solution of (6) with initial condition $z(0) = z_0$ and corresponding to inputs $(u, w) \in L^\infty([-r, +\infty); U) \times L_{loc}^\infty([-r, +\infty); \mathbb{R}^k)$ is a function of class $A(\mathbb{R}_+; \mathbb{R}^n)$.

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(a systematic procedure for designing such observers can be found in Karafyllis, I. and C. Kravaris, “Global Exponential Observers for Two Classes of Nonlinear Systems”, *Systems and Control Letters*, 61(7), 2012, 797-806.)

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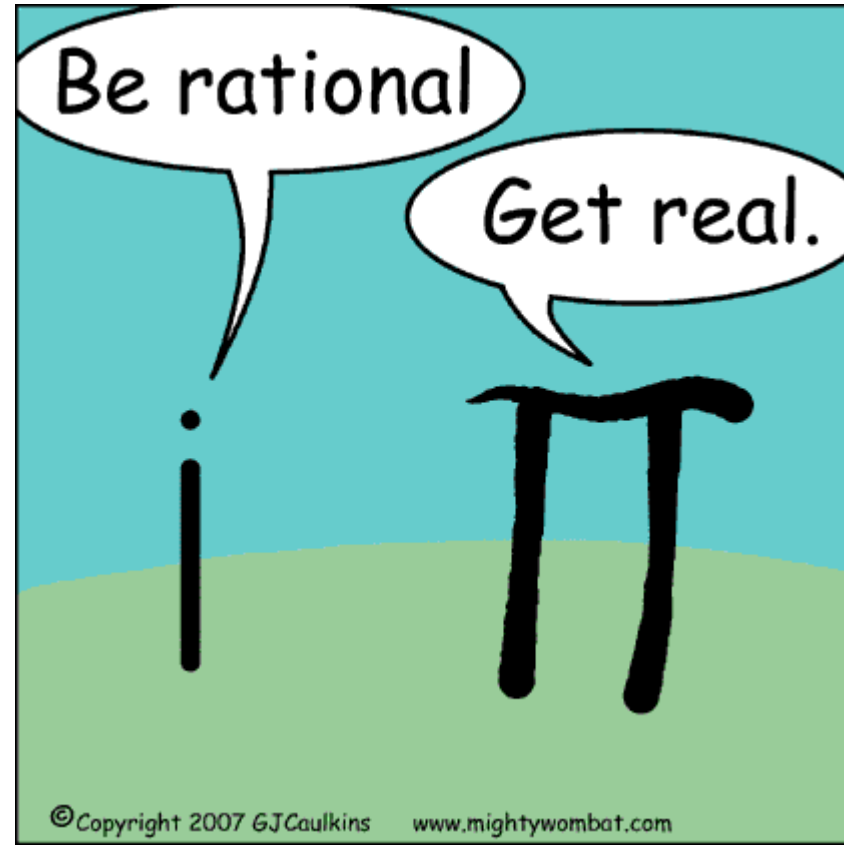
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