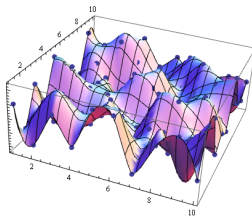


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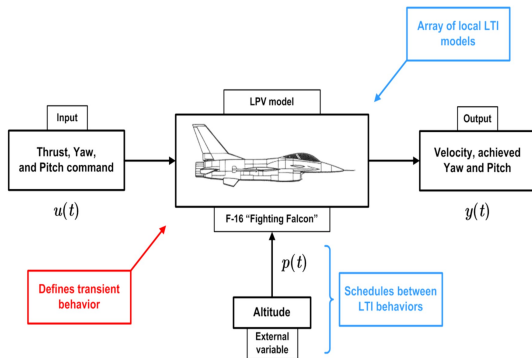
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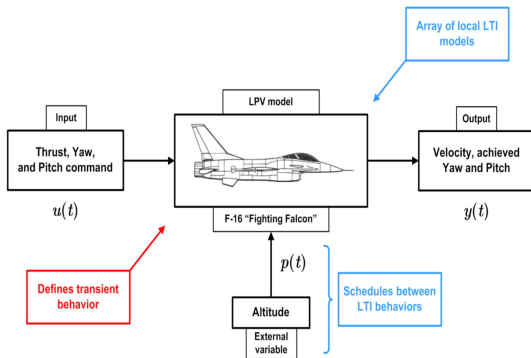
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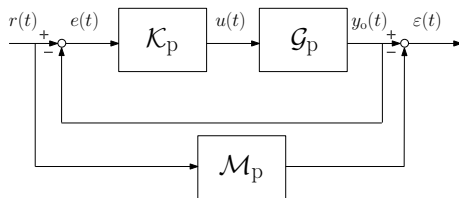
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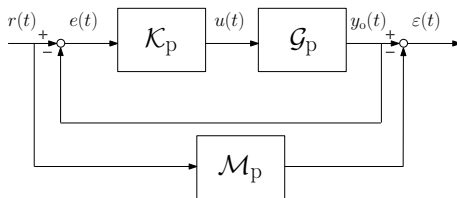
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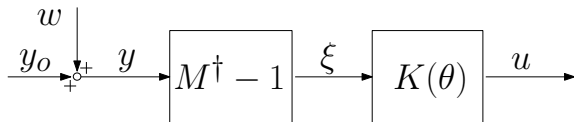
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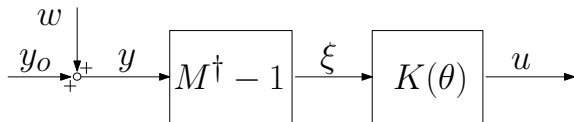
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Computation of $M^\dagger(p)$

- Analytical solution:

Proposition

Assume that $D_M(p, t) \neq 0, \forall p$ such that $\exists D_M^{-1}(p, t)$ with $D_M^{-1}(p, t)D_M(p, t) = 1, \forall p$. Define the state-space representation of M^\dagger as

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- In real applications, we encounter two different scenarios
 - ✓ CASE A: **Fixed-structure controller tuning** (namely, parameter optimization, e.g. gain-scheduled PID tuning with affine parameterization)
 - ✓ CASE B: **LPV controller design** (both structure selection and parameter optimization are needed, e.g. gain-scheduled PID tuning with unknown parameterization)

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$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \hat{\theta}_{IV} = \theta_o, \text{ w.p. } 1.$$

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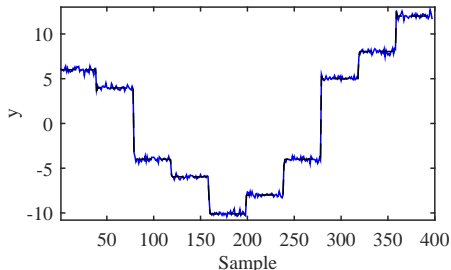
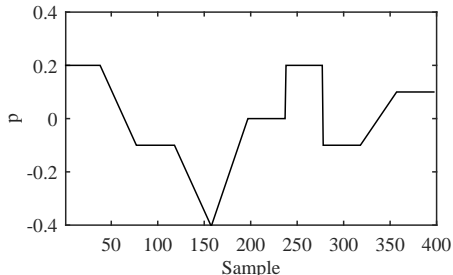
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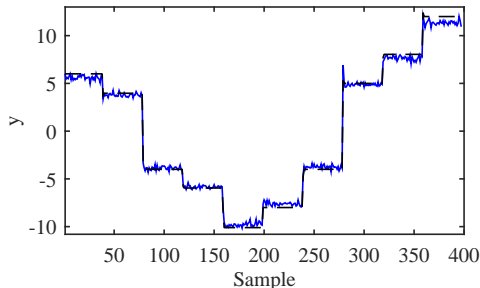
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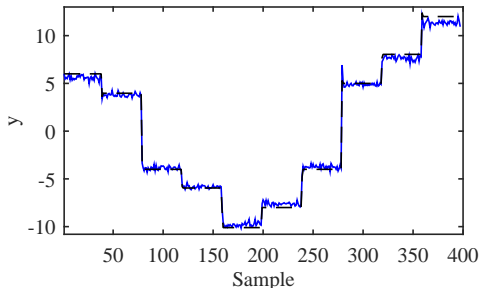
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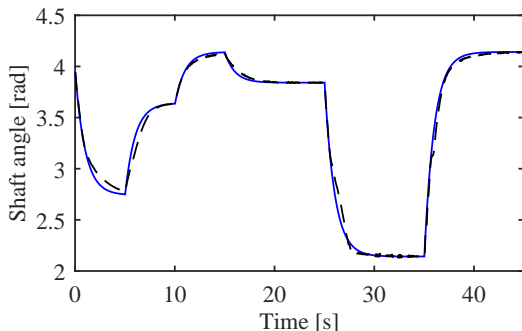
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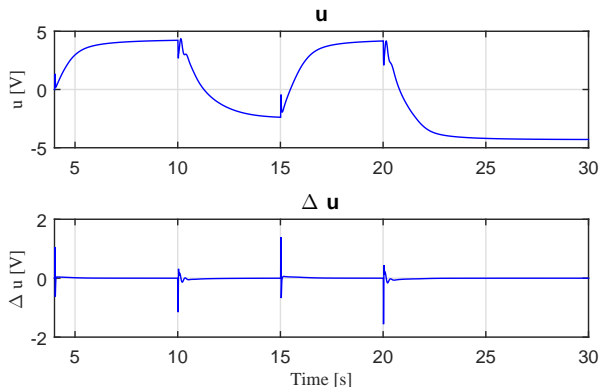
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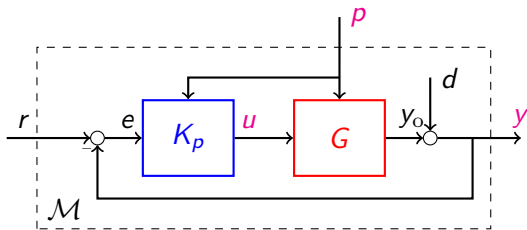
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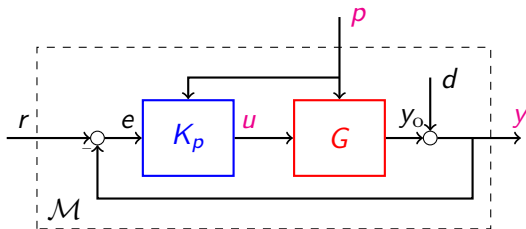
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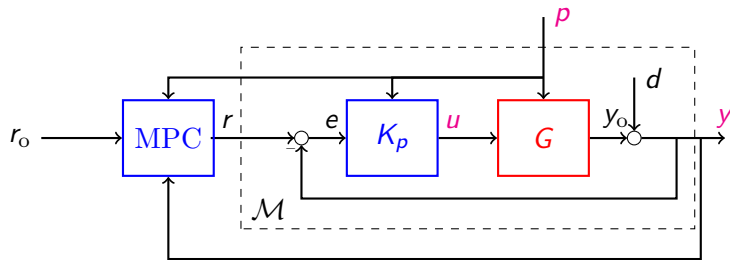


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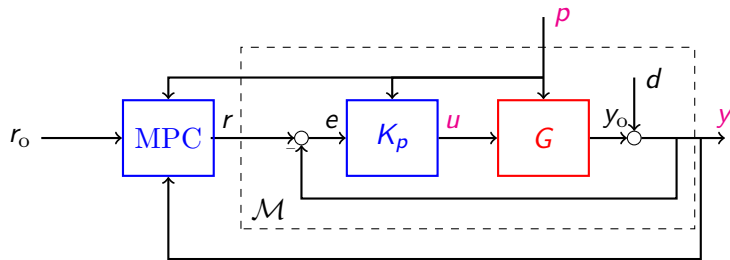


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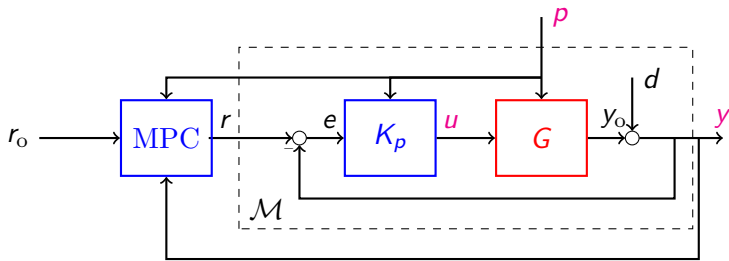
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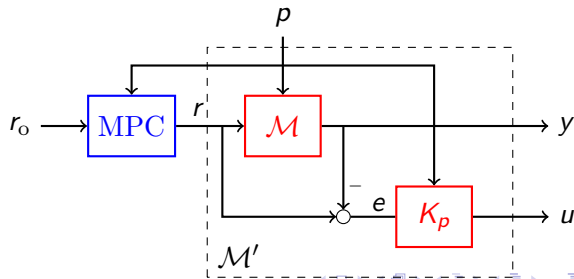
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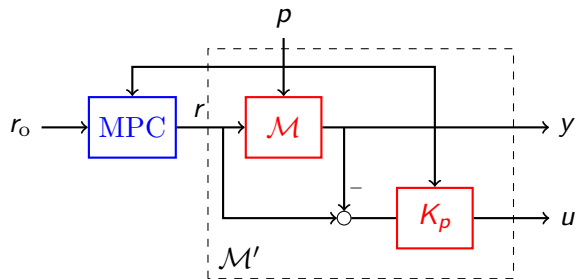
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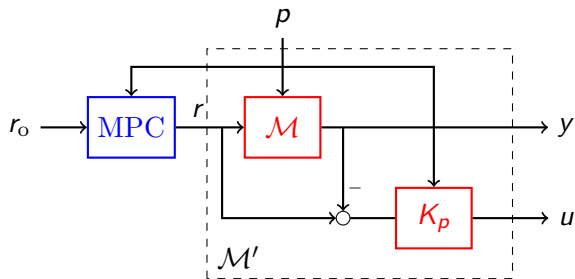


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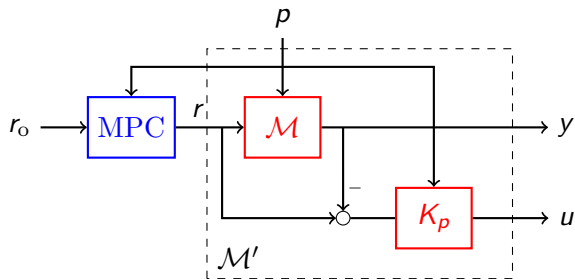
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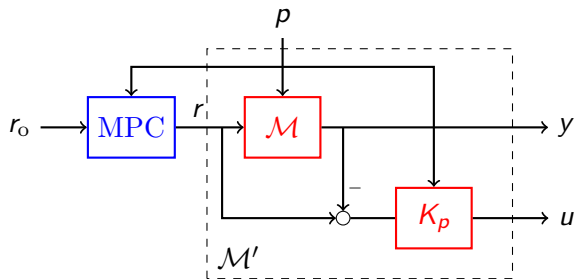


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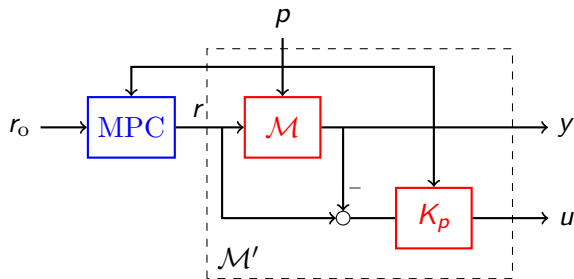
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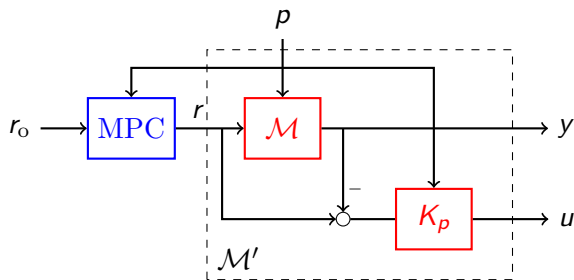
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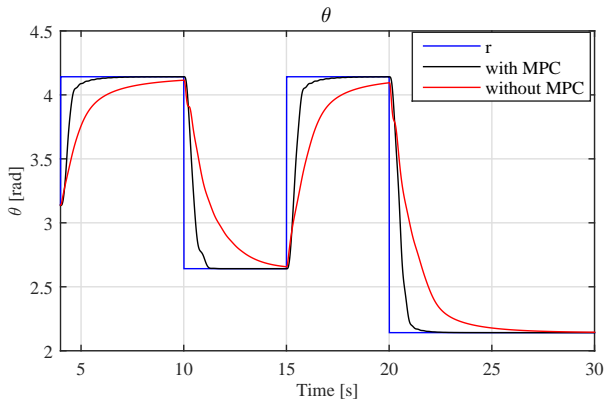
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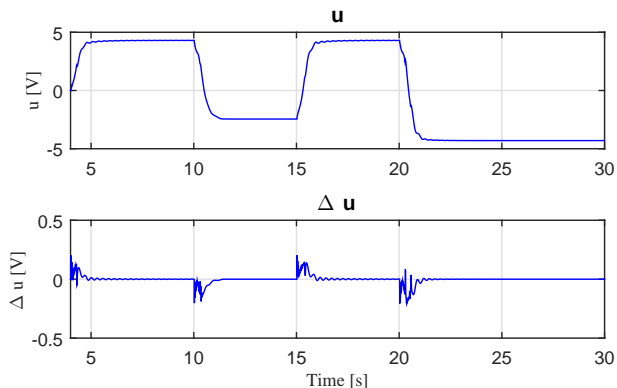
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Average time required to compute the control law: 11 ms (MPC toolbox, Matlab)

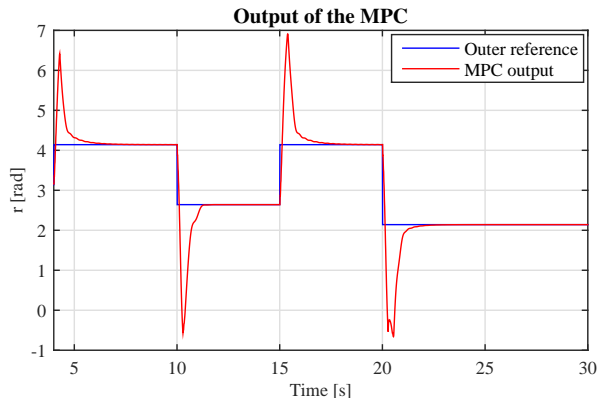
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