

Controle ótimo um passo à frente via otimização e aplicações

Optimization-based one step ahead optimal control

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Outline

- What is control & optimal control?
- What is one step ahead optimal control (OSAOC)?
- Optimal control via optimization
- Some examples
- Concluding remarks

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- Also suppose that there are physical constraints: energy (=fuel) has weight, thus limited
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- Boyd, Barratt (1991): Linear Controller Design: Limits of Performance (convex formulations).
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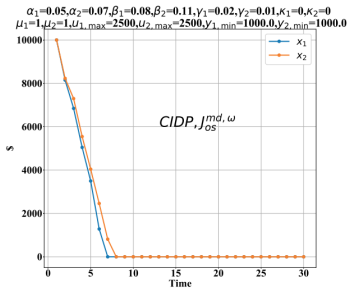
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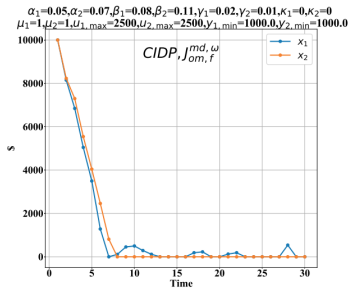
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	Mean	Standard deviation	Property
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Example: evolution of debt sequences



(a) Evolution of debts 1 and 2 under one step ahead policy, maximizing $J_{OS}^{md, \omega}$.

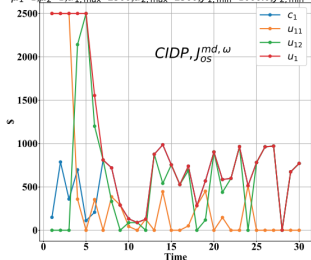


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Debt sequences 1 and 2 for OSA and omniscient optimal controls are similar, but not identical.

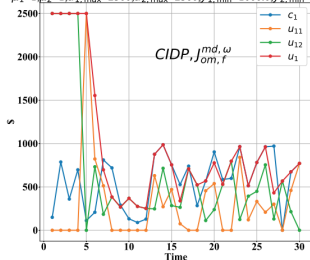
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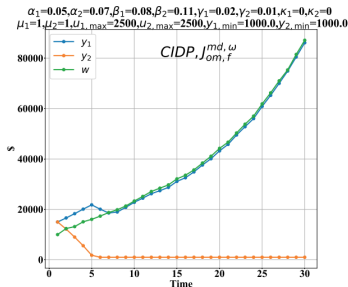
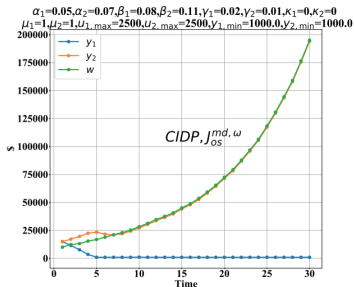
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- Similar outcomes: Row 2 OS (implementable)/Row 7 Omni (unimplementable) = 67%.
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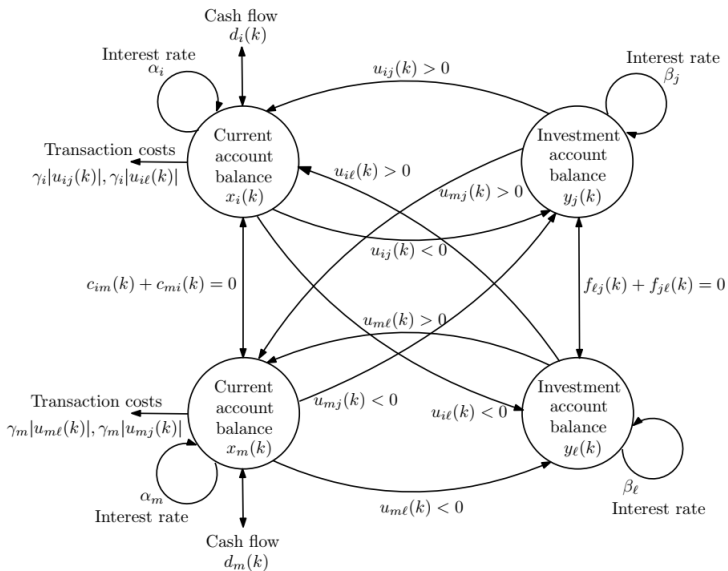
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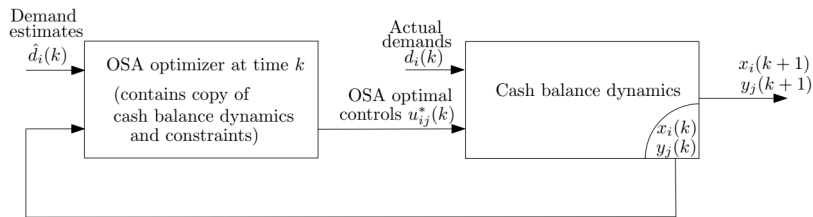
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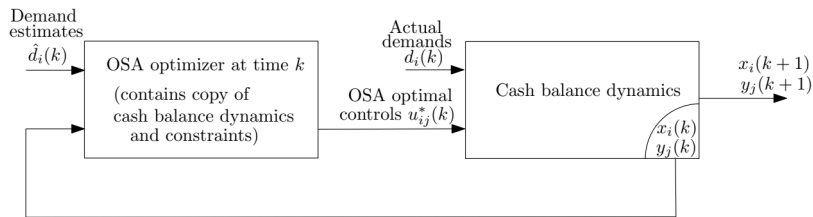
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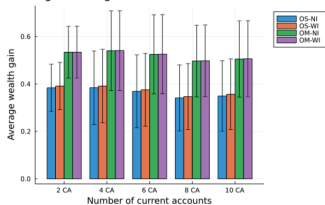
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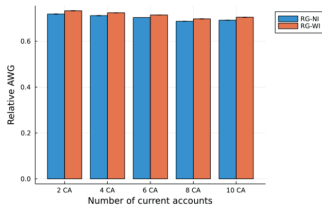
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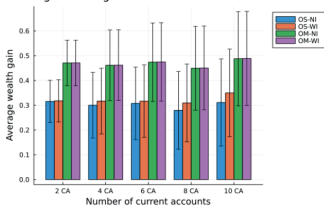
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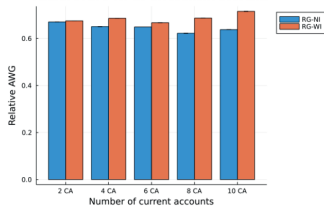
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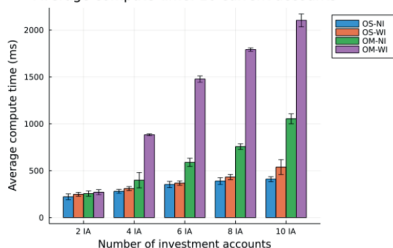
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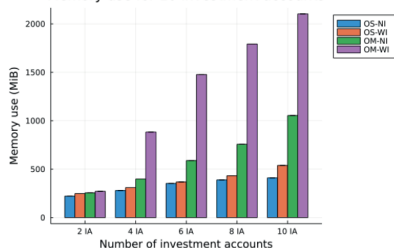
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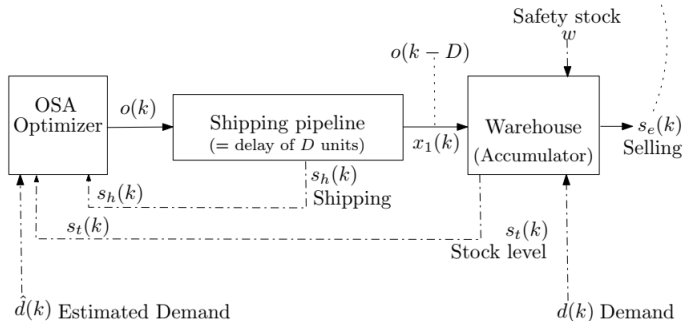


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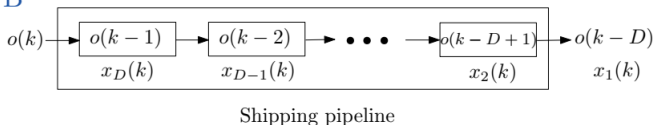
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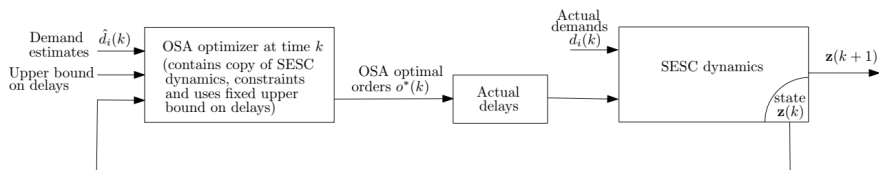
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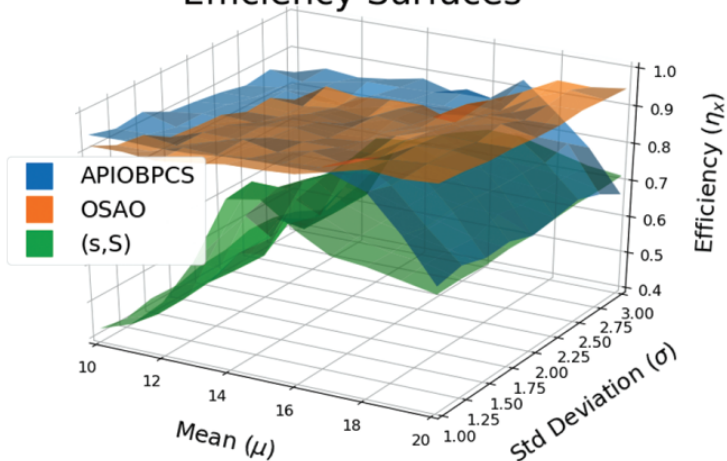


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Efficiency Surfaces



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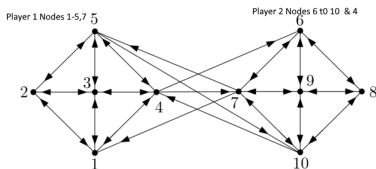
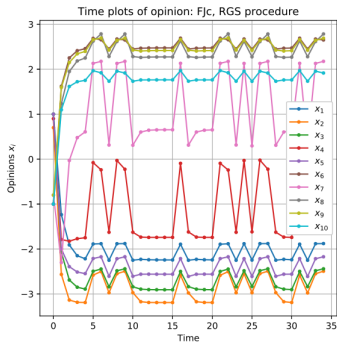


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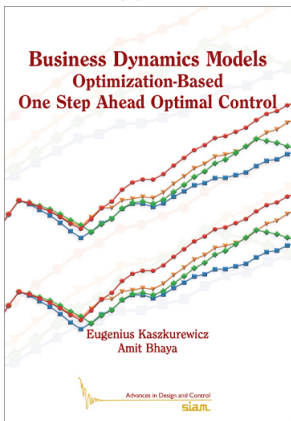
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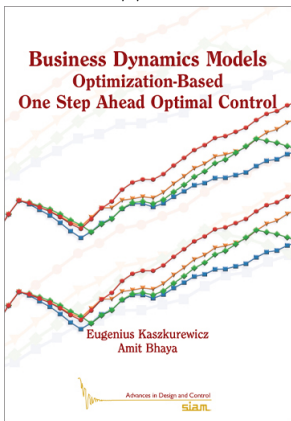
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