

A Coupled Oscillators-based Control Architecture for Locomotory Gaits

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Outline

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- 2 Literature survey
- 3 Proposed approach
- 4 Example with simulation result
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Locomotion

Animal locomotion



Tadpole, San Diego zoo

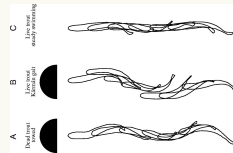


Snake, BBC News

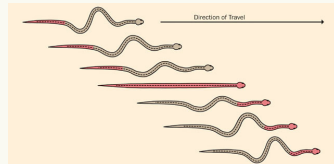


Usain Bolt, theconsultant.eu

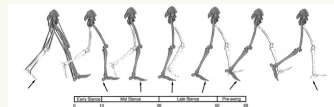
Locomotion gait



Swimming gait, Journal of Experimental Biology



Snake locomotion, Biokids, Univ of Michigan



Walking Gait, Science Direct

- P. Holmes, R. J. Full, D. Koditschek, and J. Guckenheimer. The dynamics of legged locomotion, 2006

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Periodic actuation of **internal degree** of freedom \rightarrow **global** displacement



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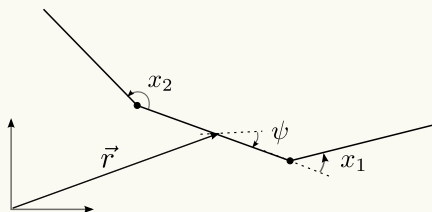


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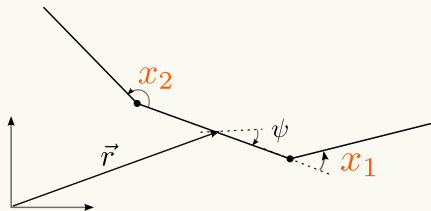


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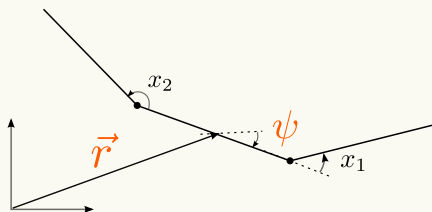


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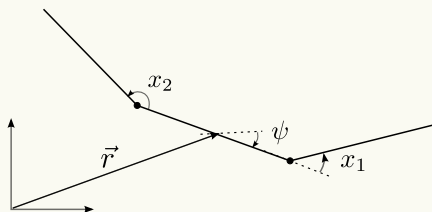


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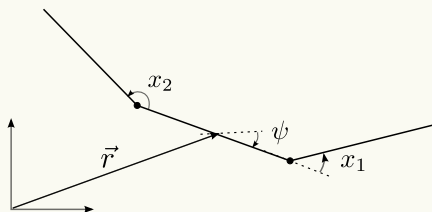


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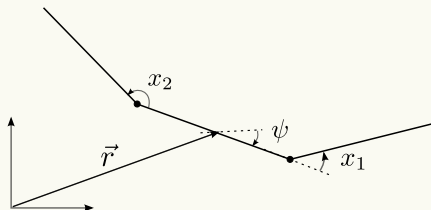
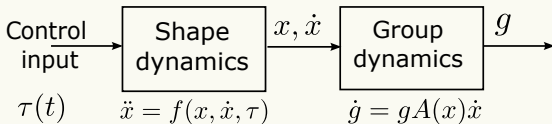


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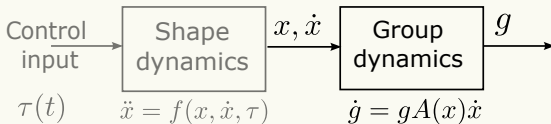
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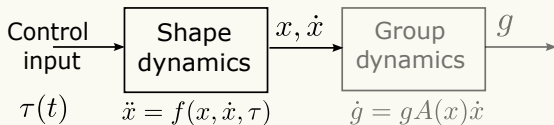


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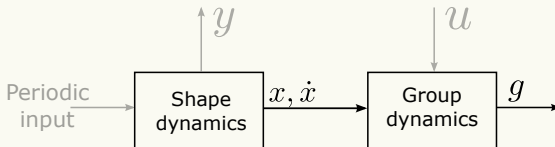
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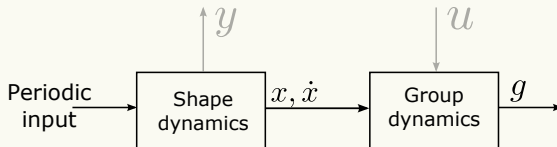
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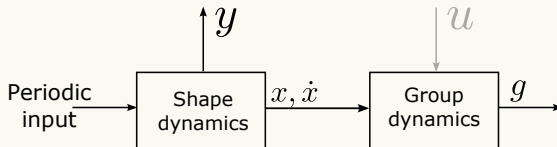
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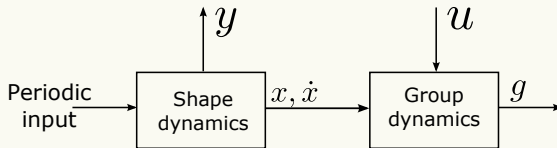
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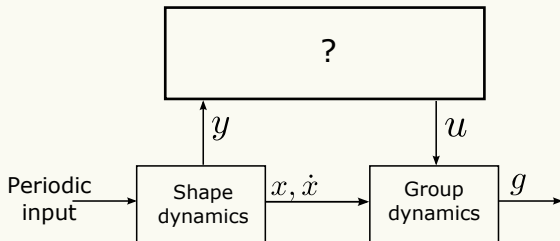
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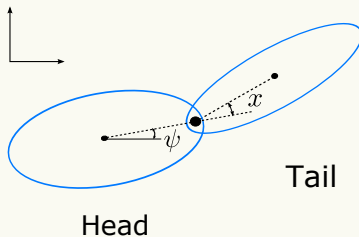


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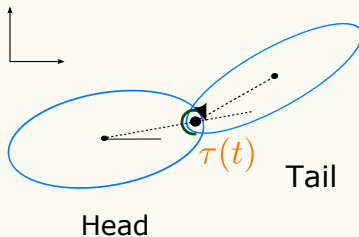
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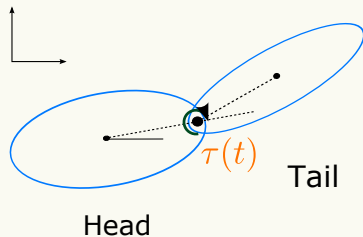
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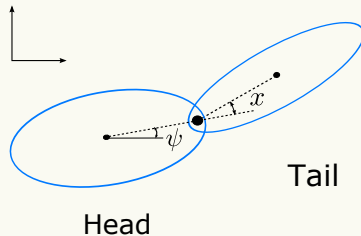
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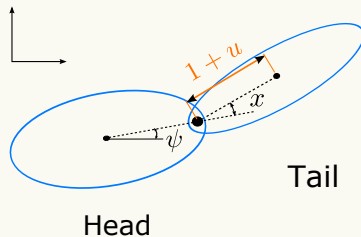
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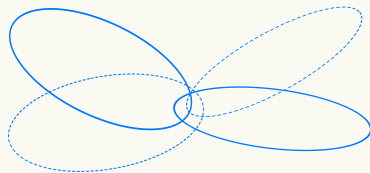
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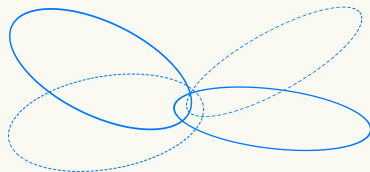
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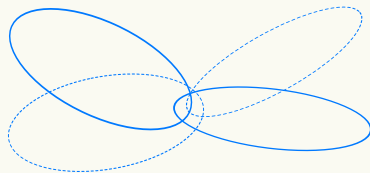
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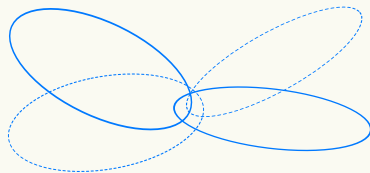
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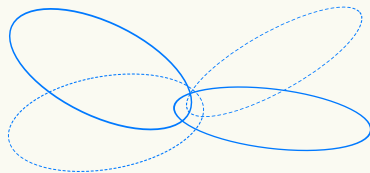
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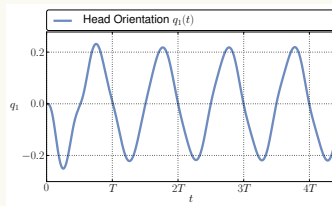
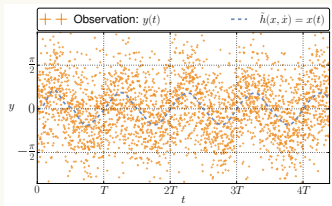
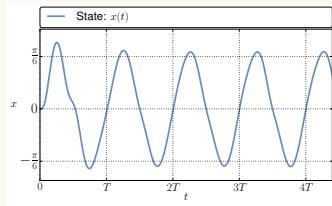
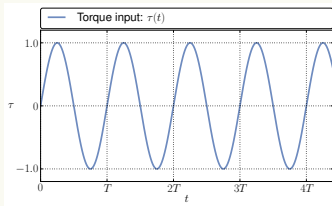
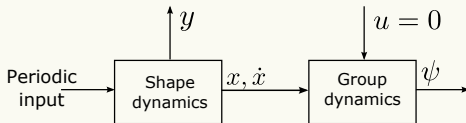
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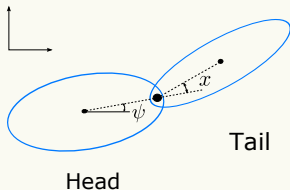
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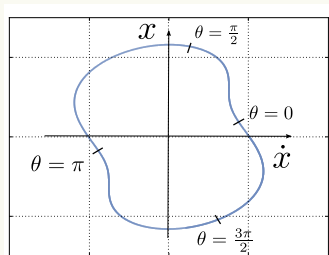
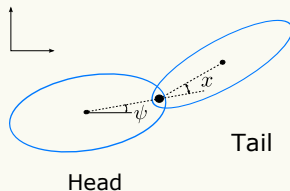
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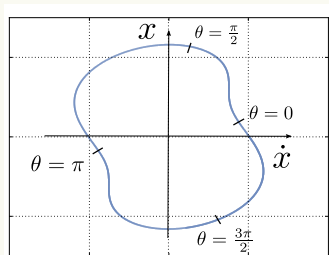
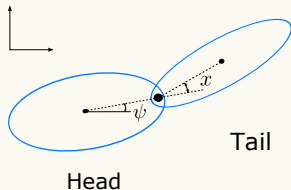
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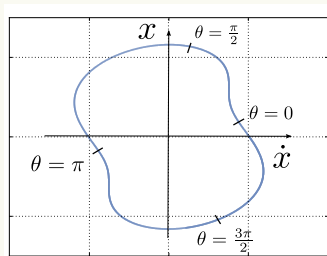
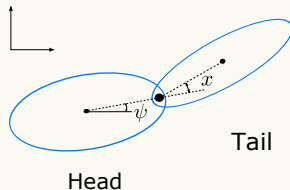
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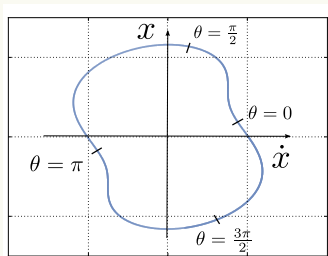
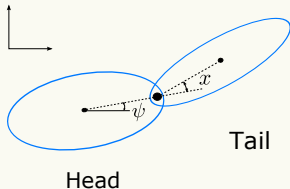
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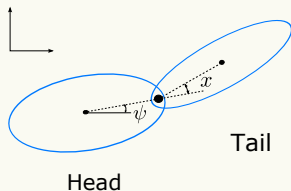
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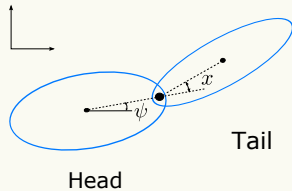
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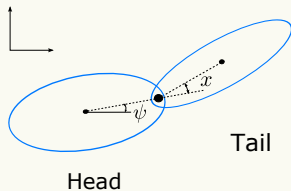
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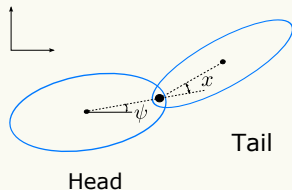
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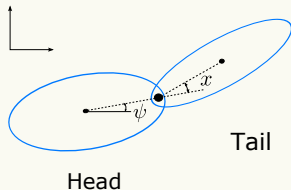
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Construct filter to evaluate the average



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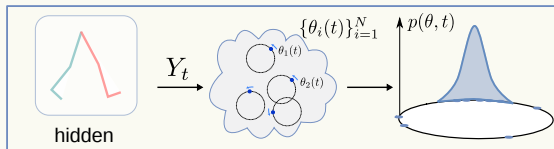
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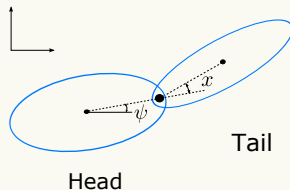
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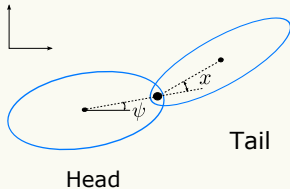
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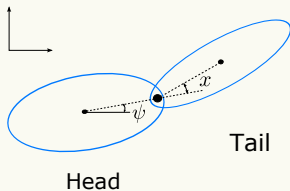
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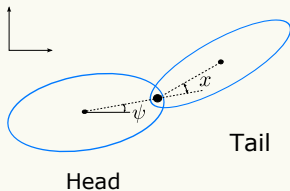
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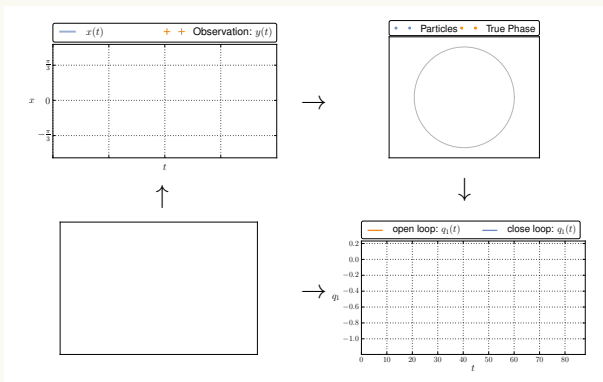
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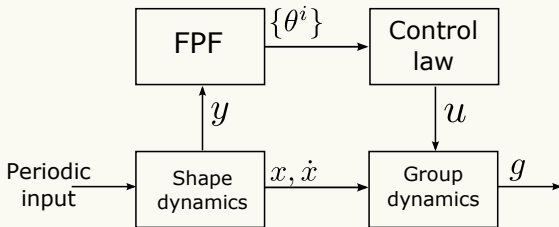


2-body system, Simulation Result



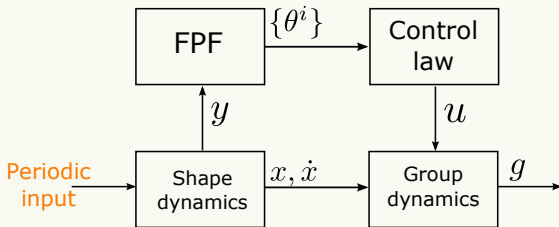
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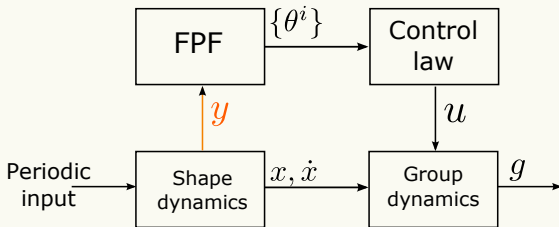
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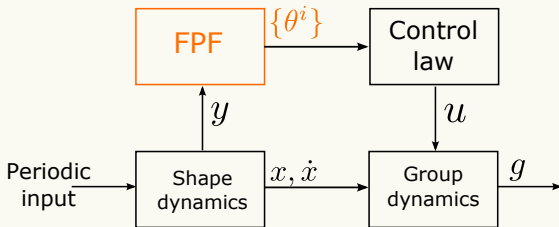
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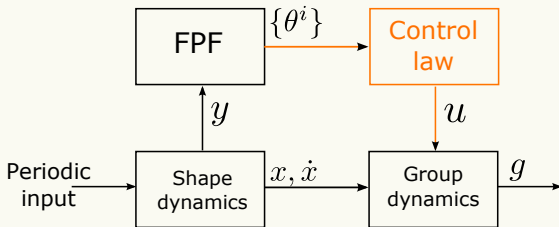
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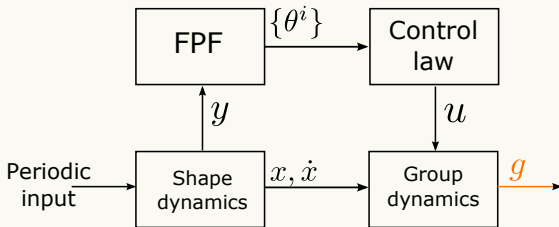
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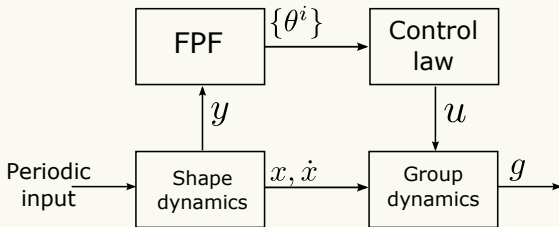
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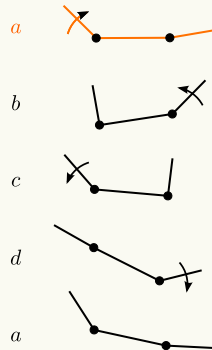
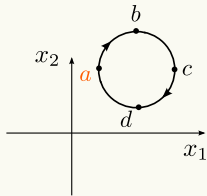


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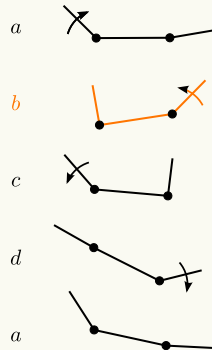
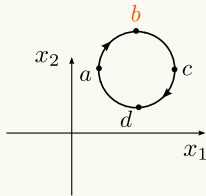
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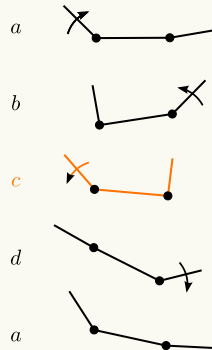
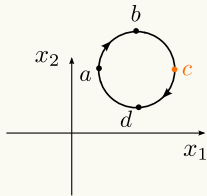
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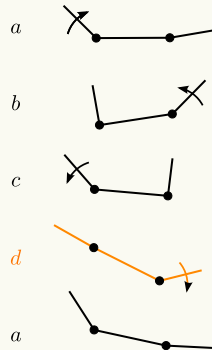
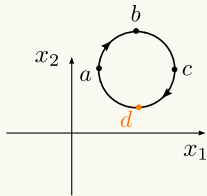
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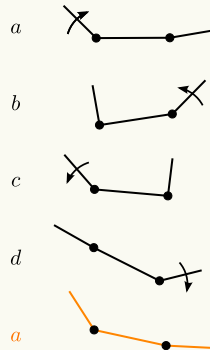
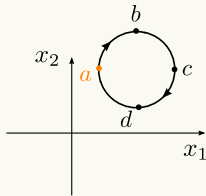
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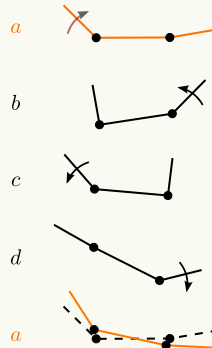
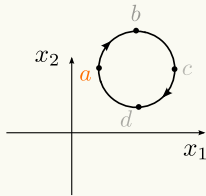
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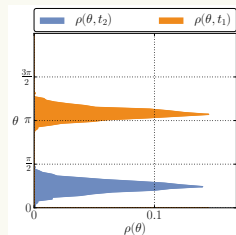
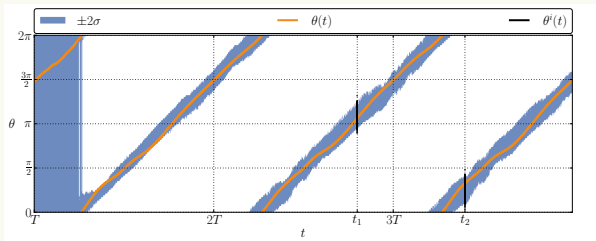
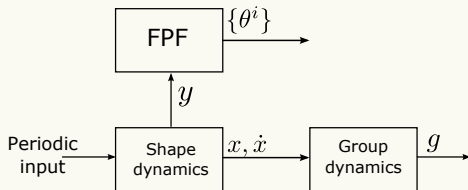
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Numerical Result, Estimation



Numerical Result, Close loop

