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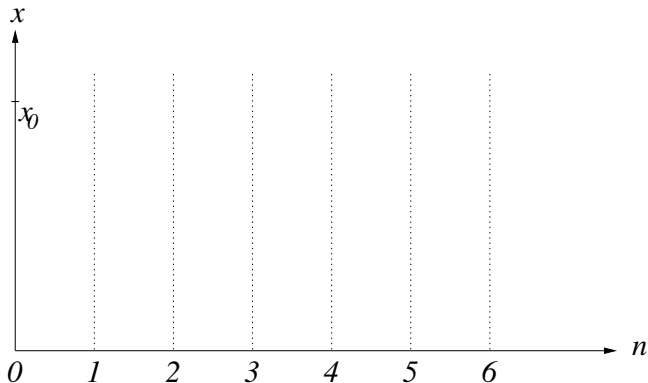
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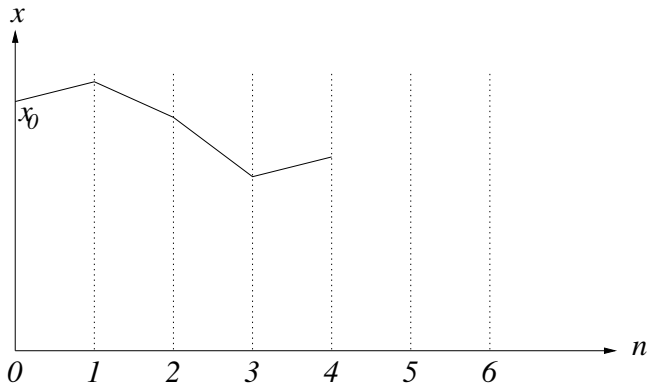
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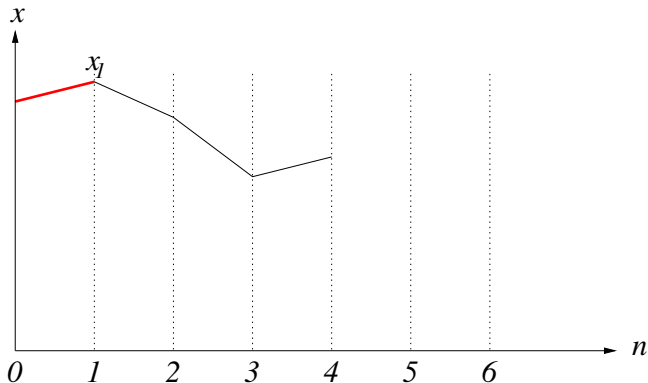


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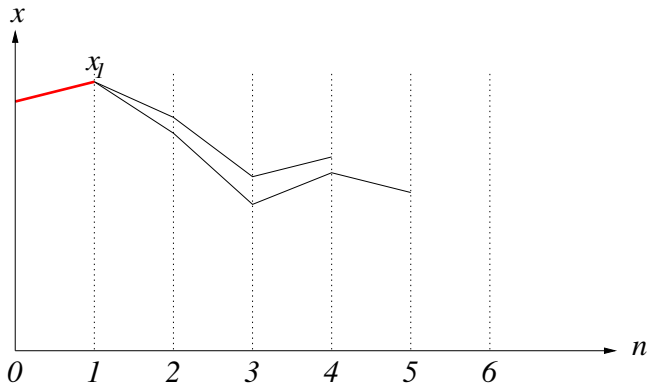
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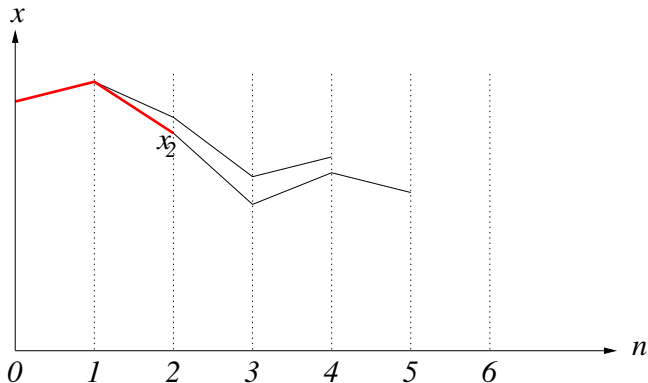
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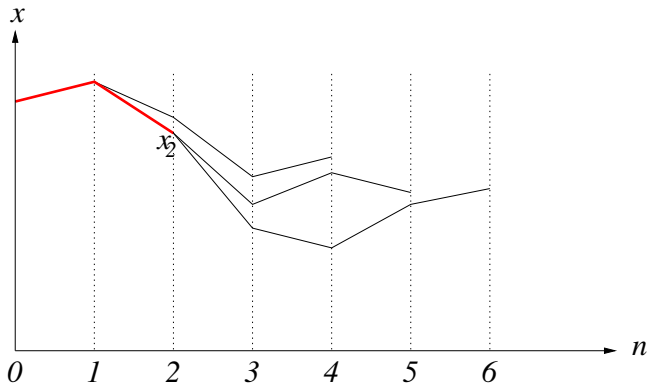
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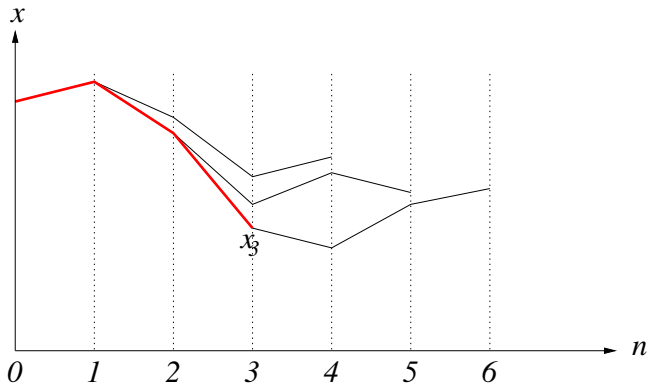
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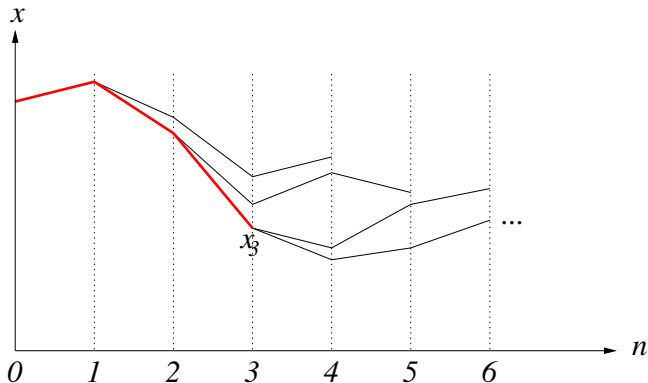
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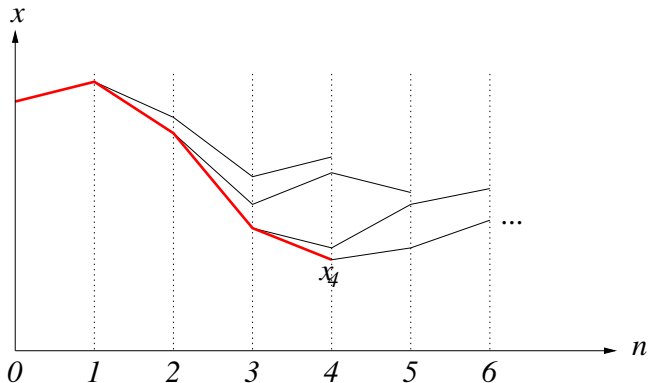
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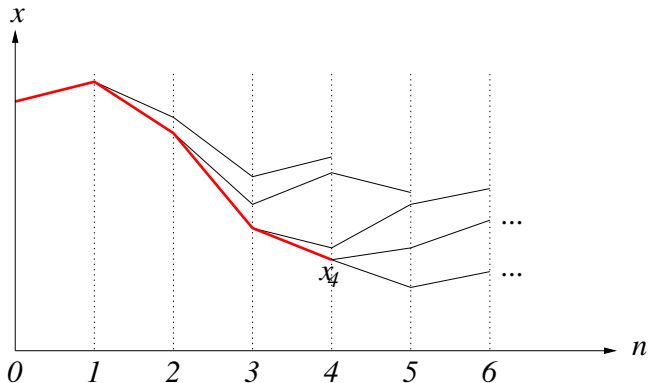
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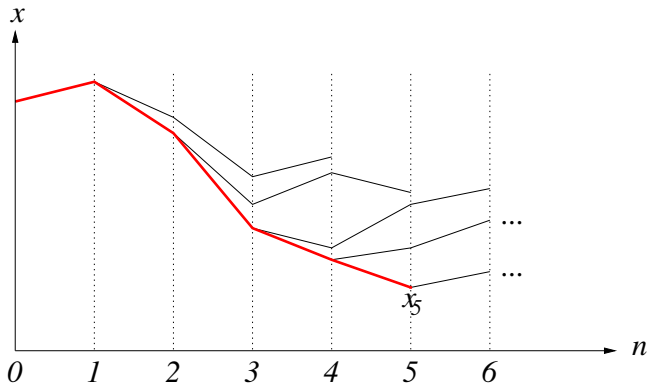
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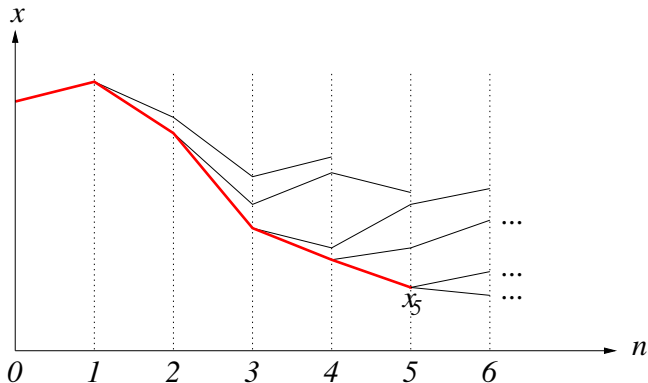
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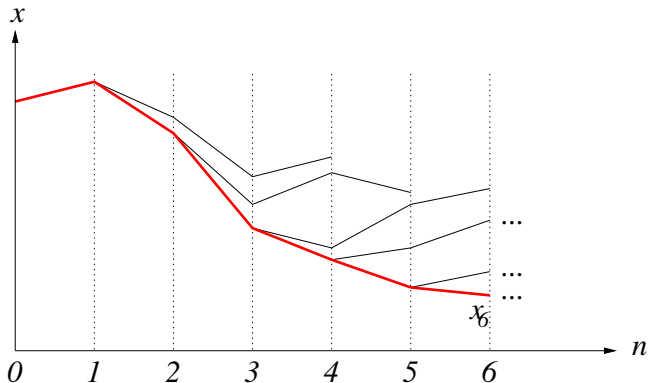
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Main motivation: even for small optimization horizons N we can — in principle — obtain large feasible sets, i.e., sets of initial values for which the finite horizon problem is well defined

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there exist constants $C > 0$, $\sigma \in (0, 1)$ such that for each $x_u(0) \in \mathbb{X}$ there is $u(\cdot)$ with $x_u(k) \in \mathbb{X}$, $u(k) \in \mathbb{U}$ and

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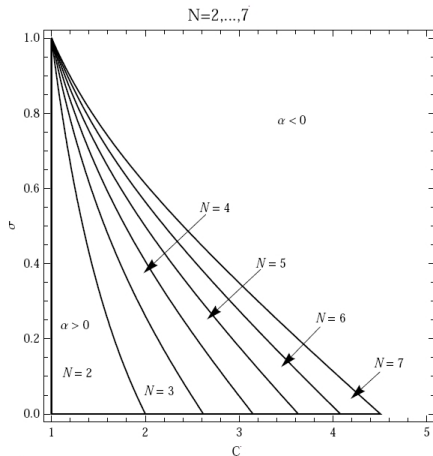
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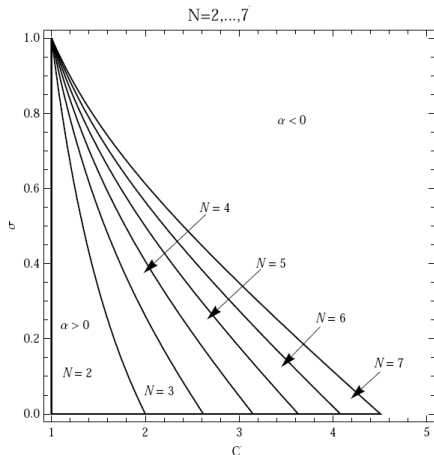
Moreover, $\alpha \rightarrow 1$ as $N \rightarrow \infty$

Stability chart for C and σ



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Conclusion: try to reduce C , e.g., by choosing ℓ appropriately

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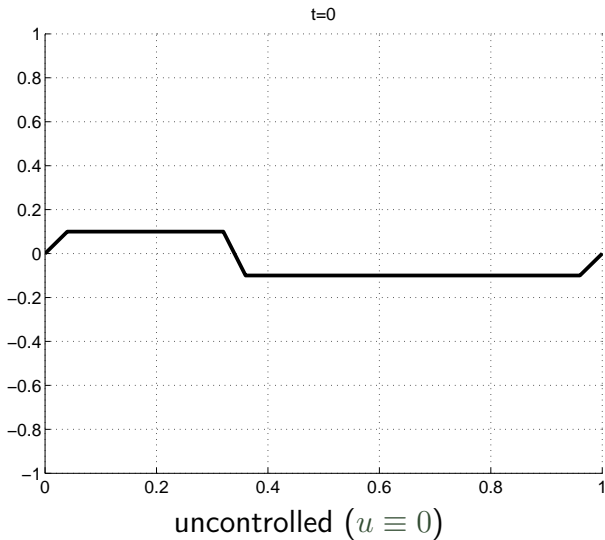
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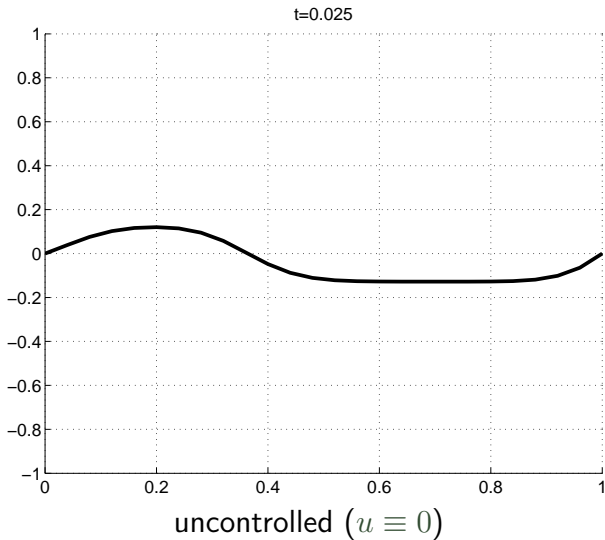
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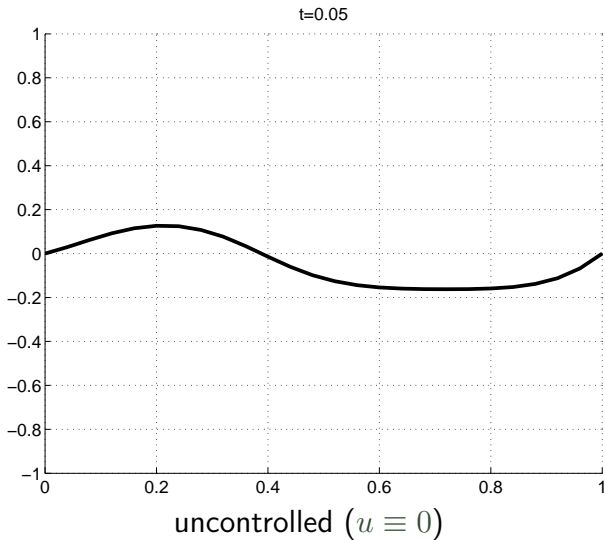
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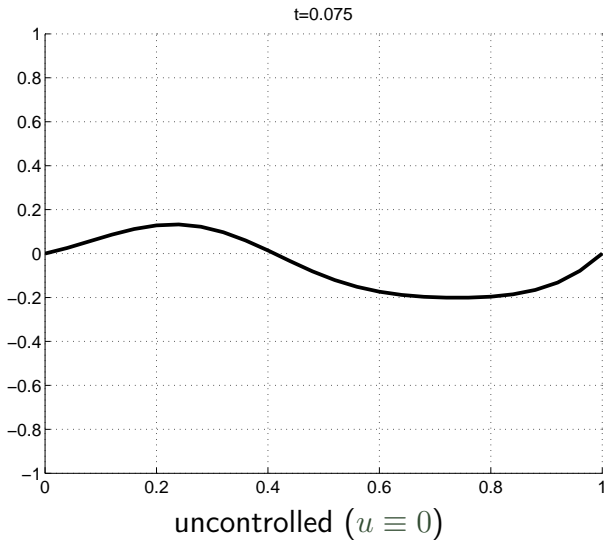
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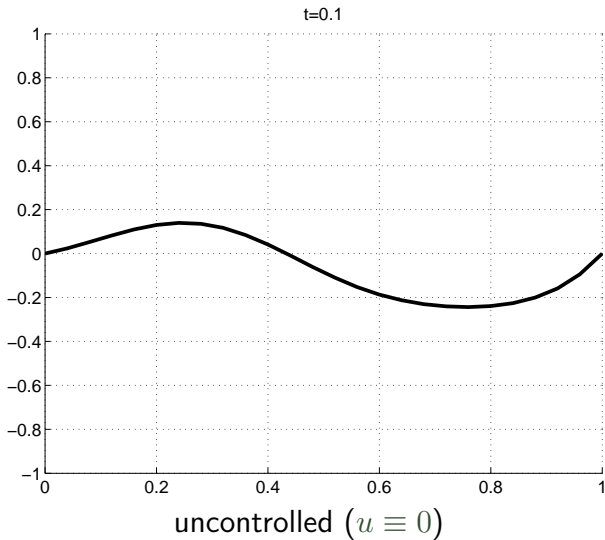
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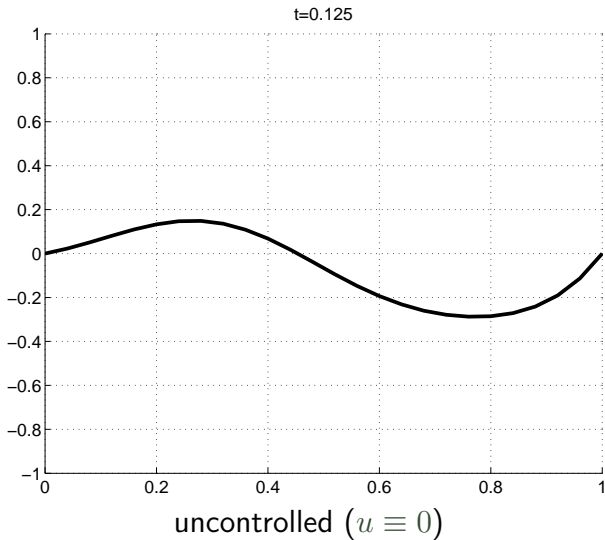
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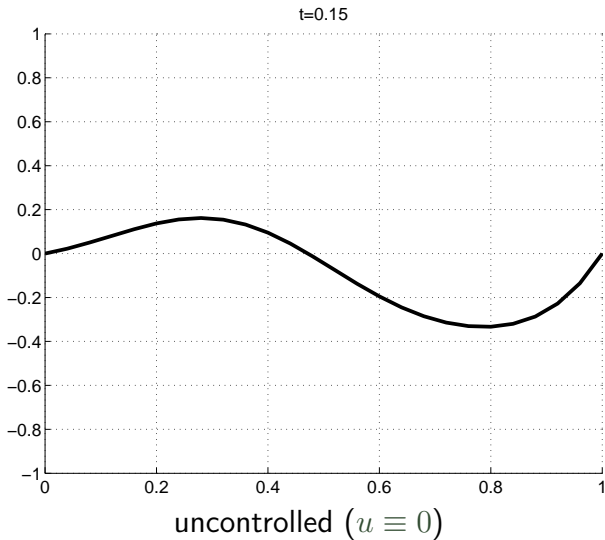
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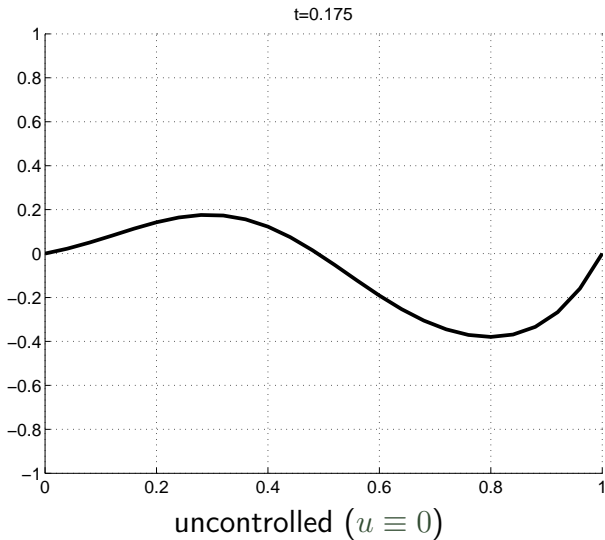
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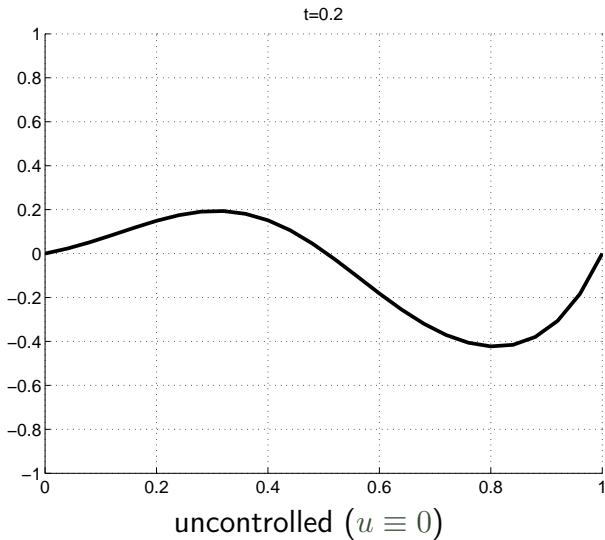
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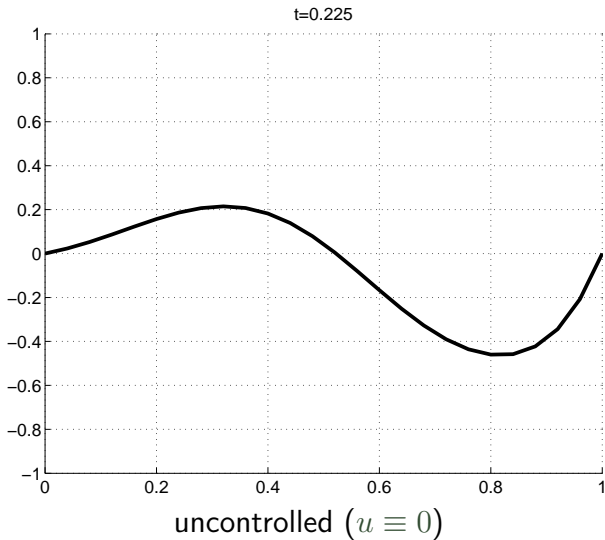
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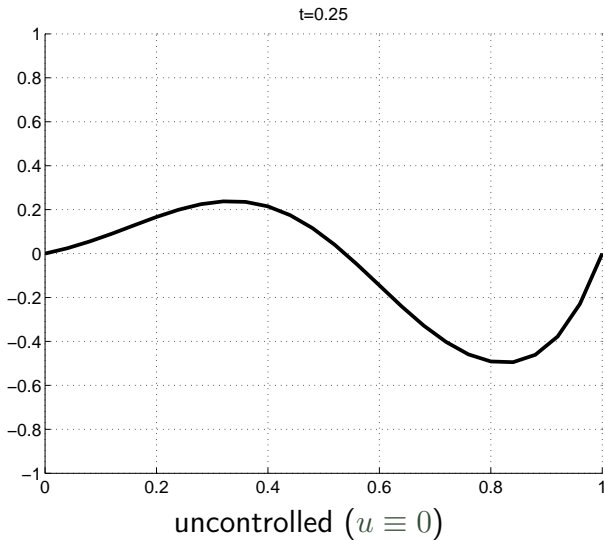
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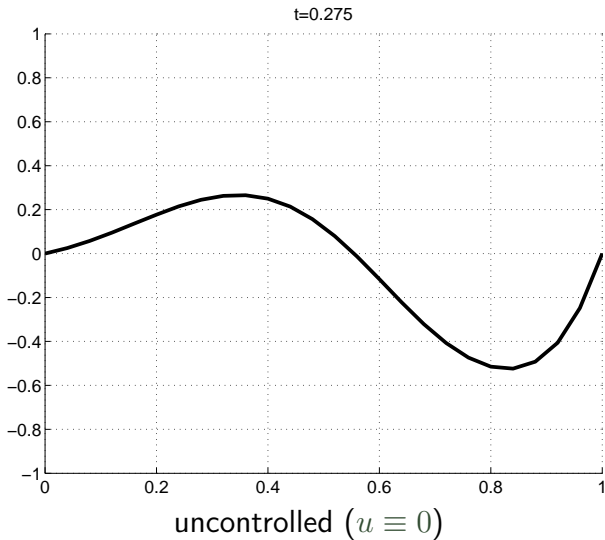
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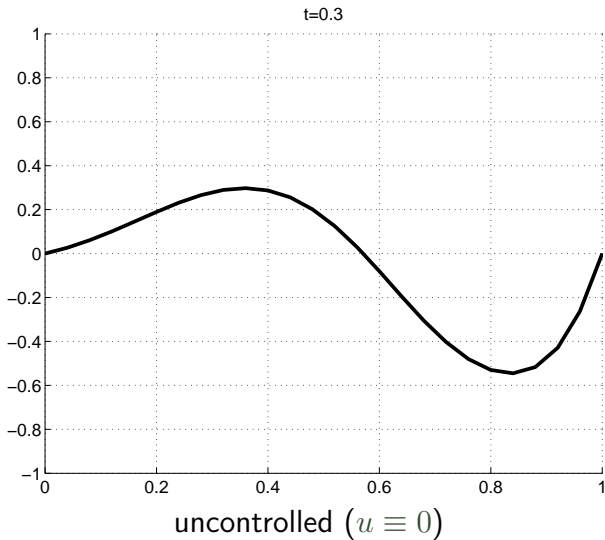
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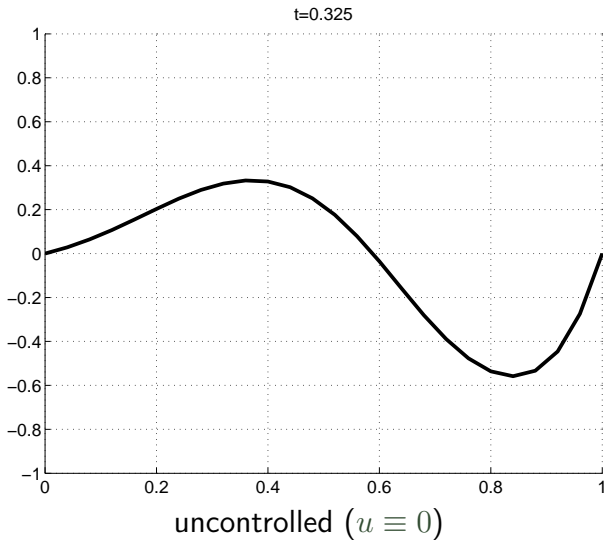
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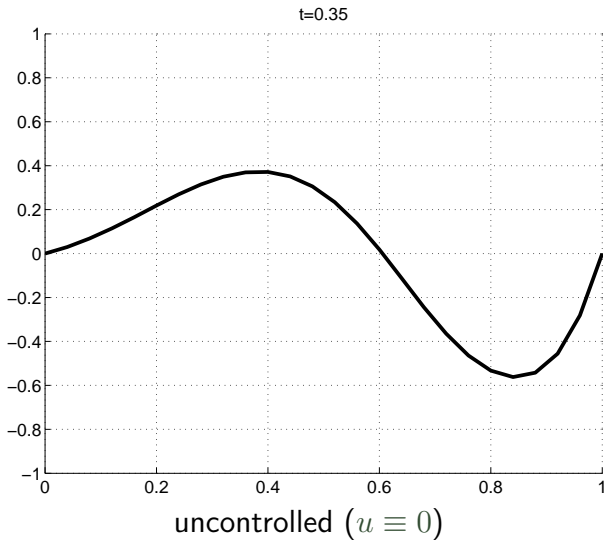
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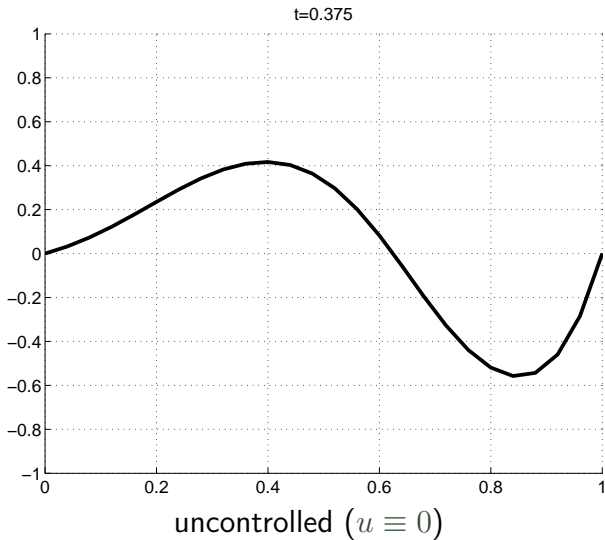
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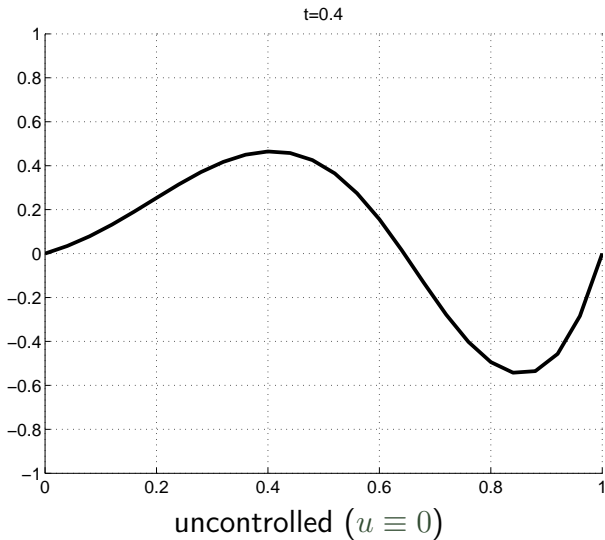
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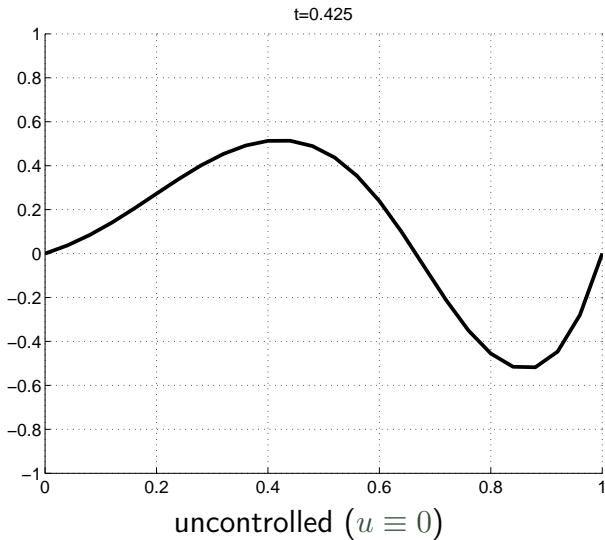
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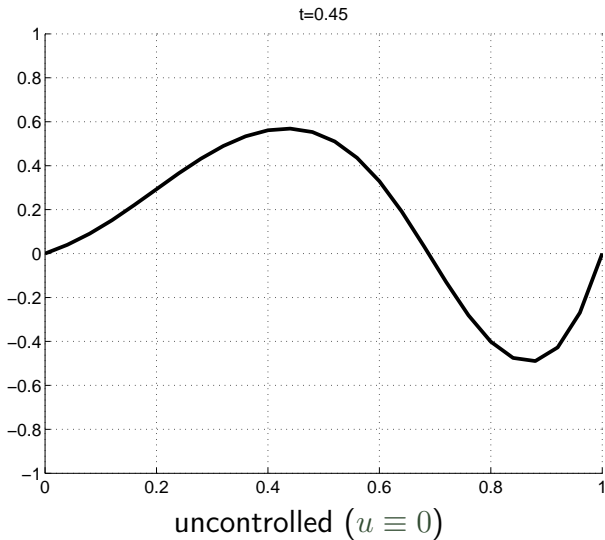
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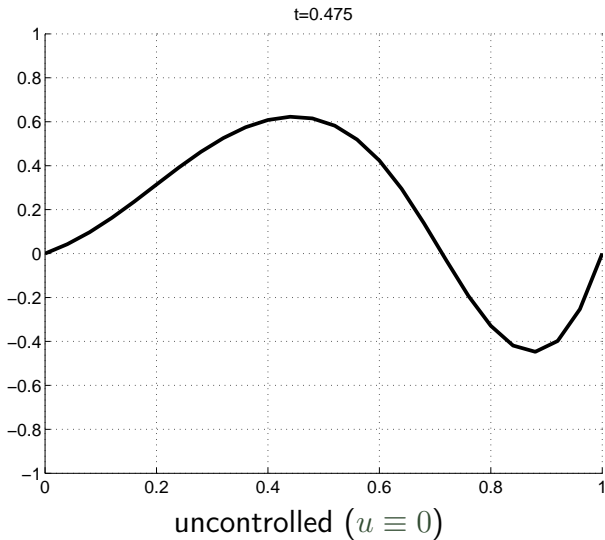
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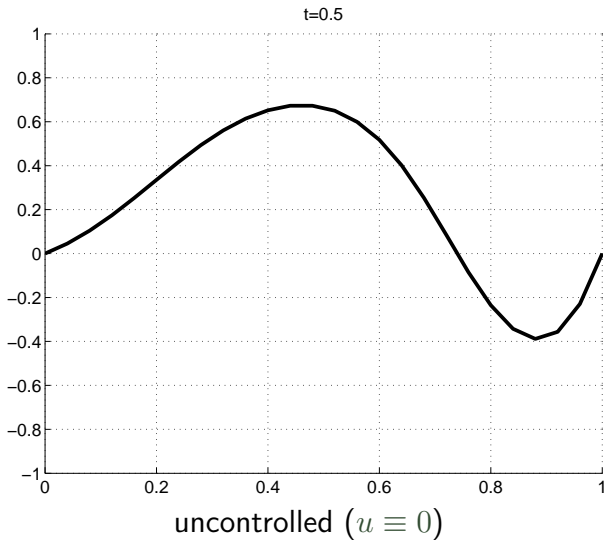
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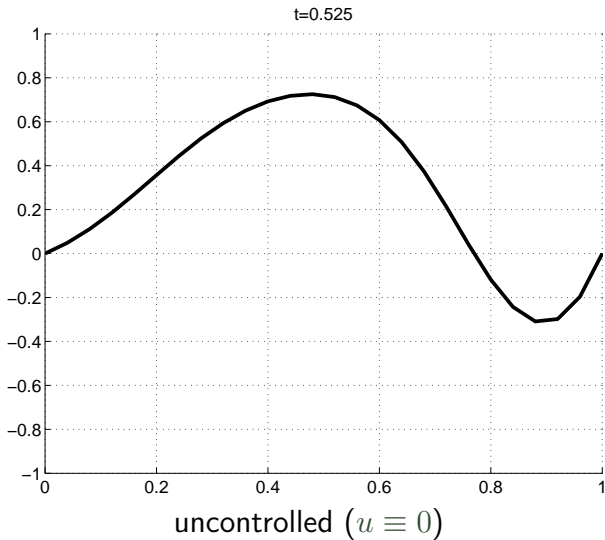
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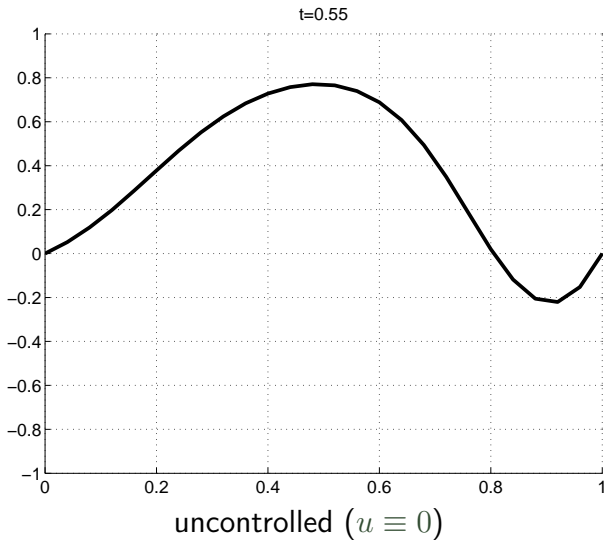
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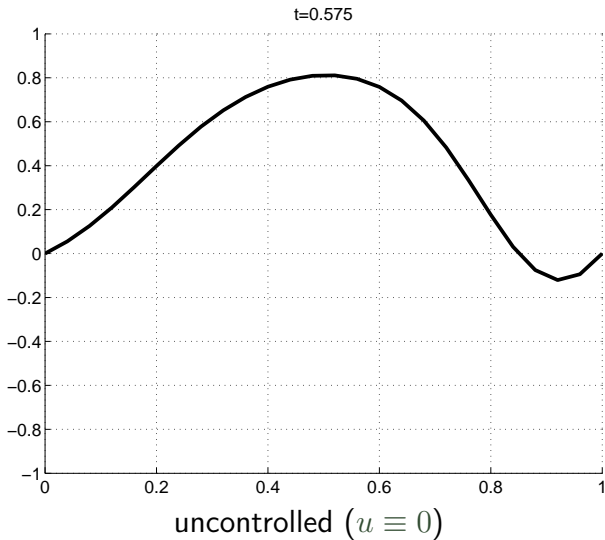
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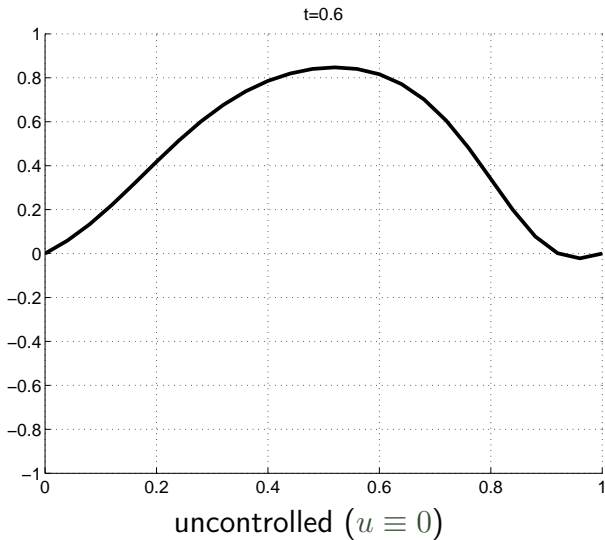
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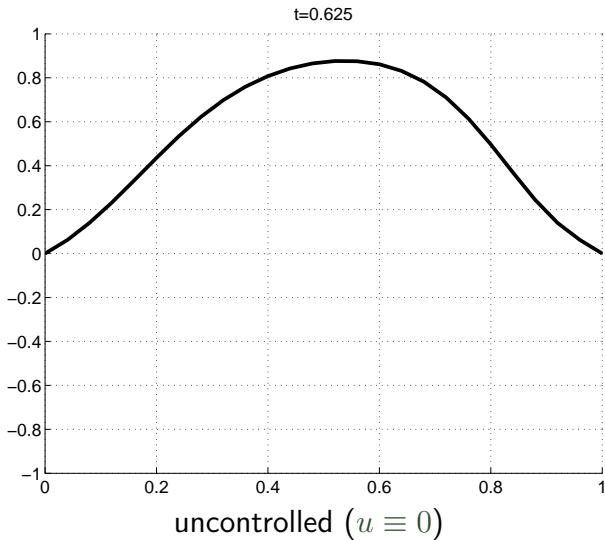
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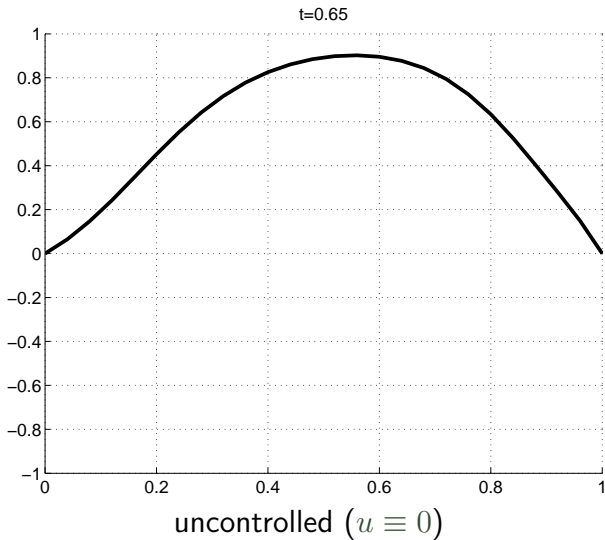
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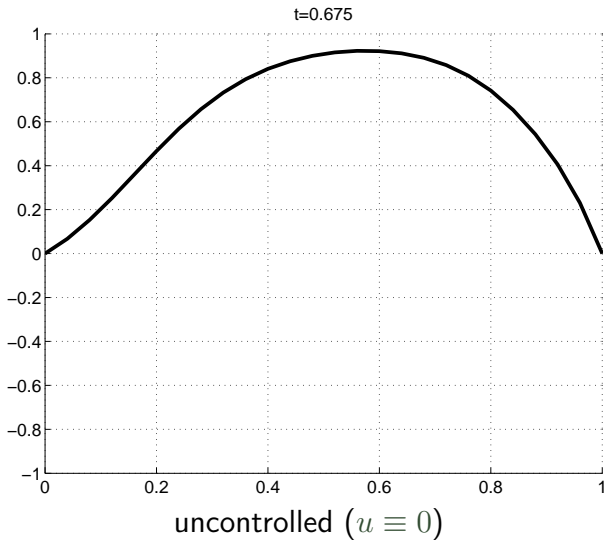
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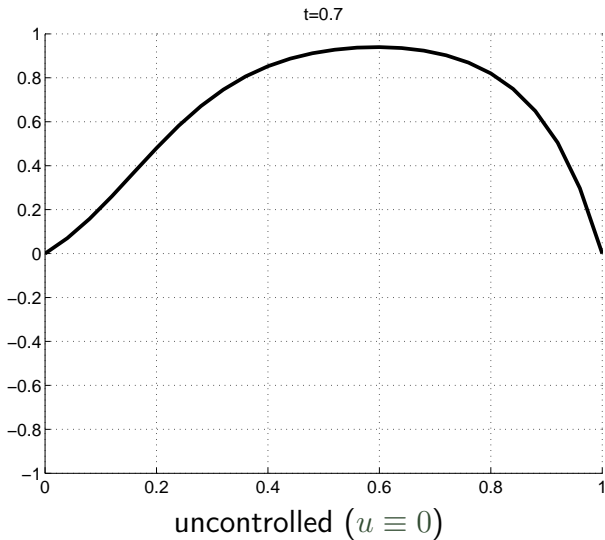
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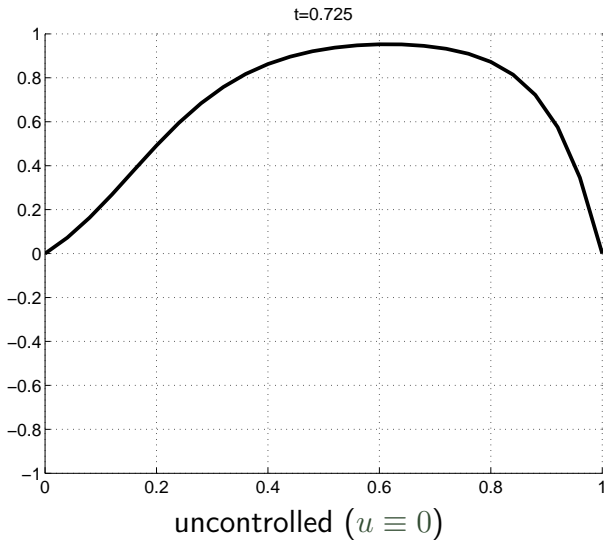
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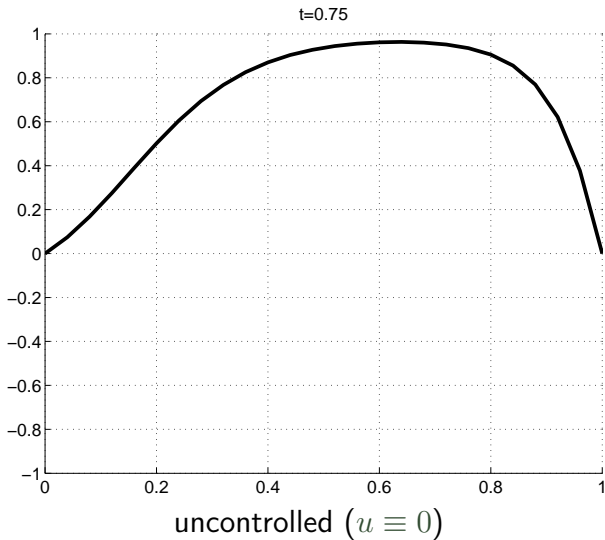
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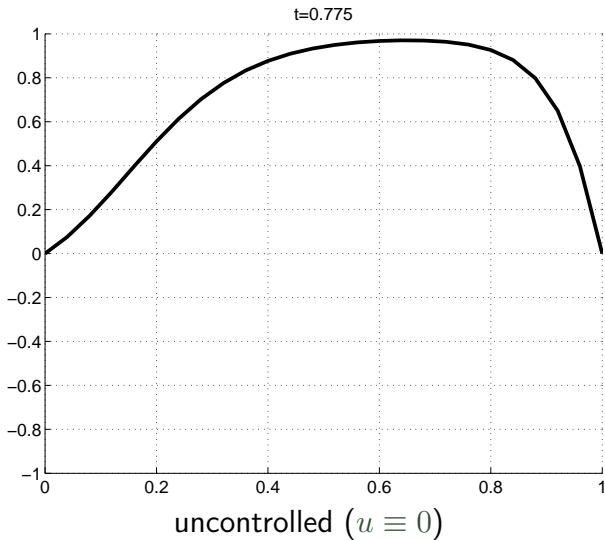
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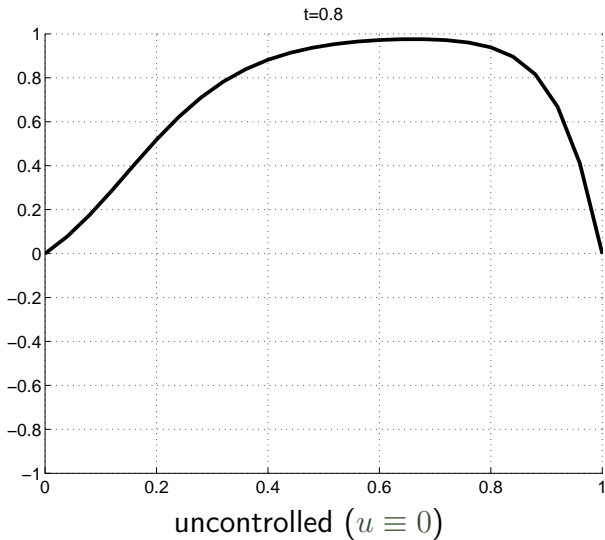
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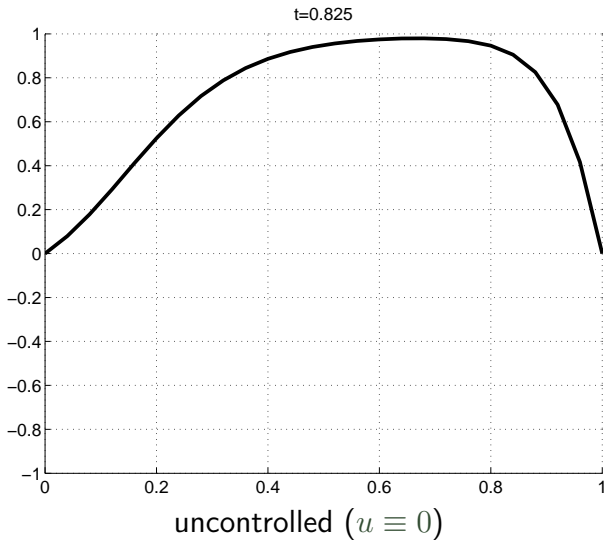
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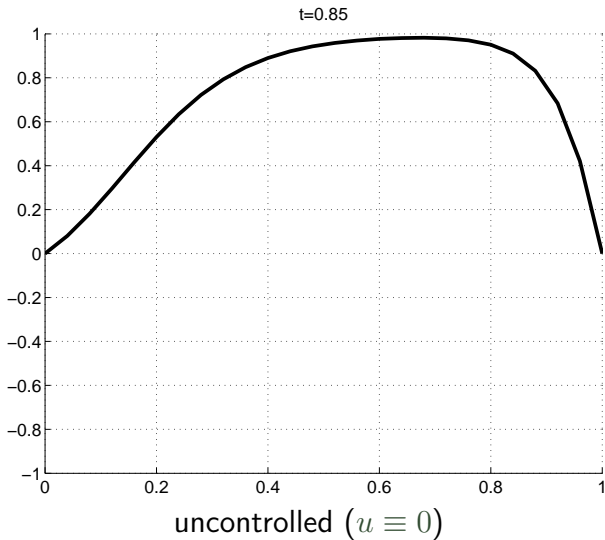
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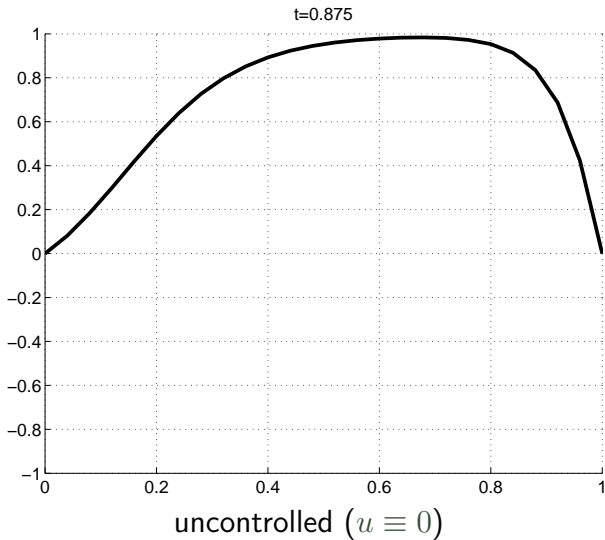
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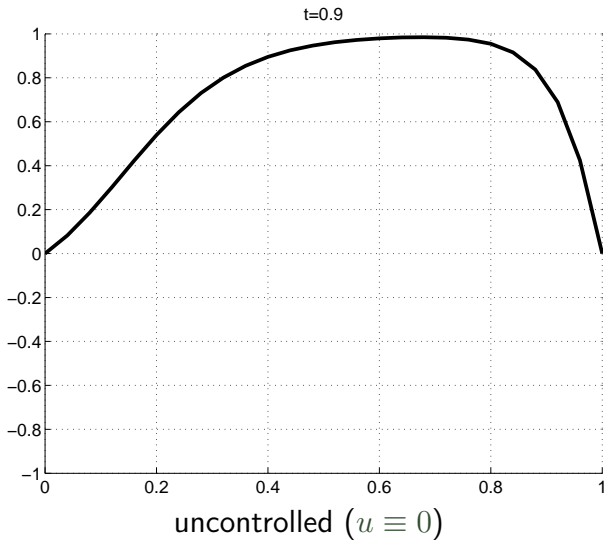
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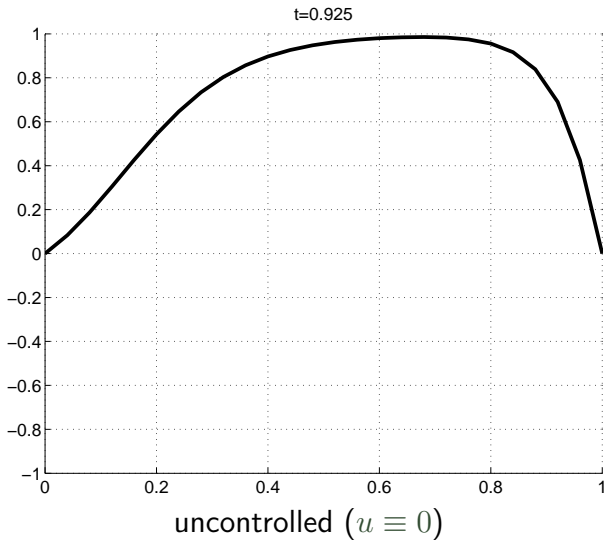
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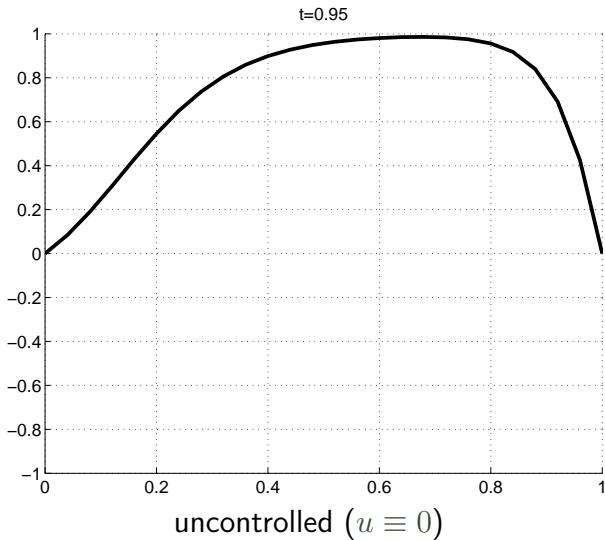
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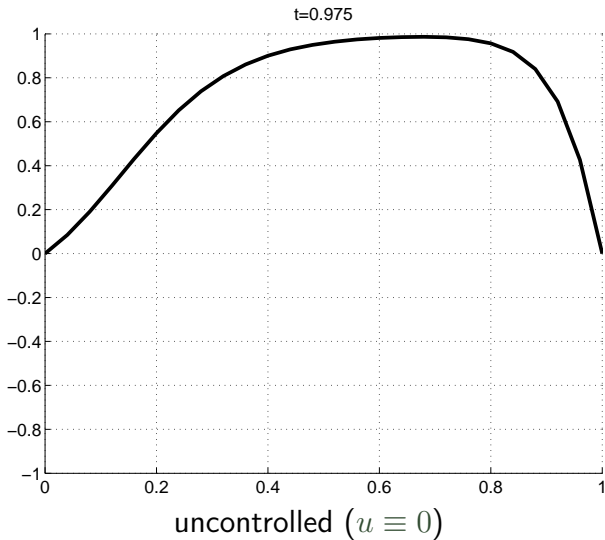
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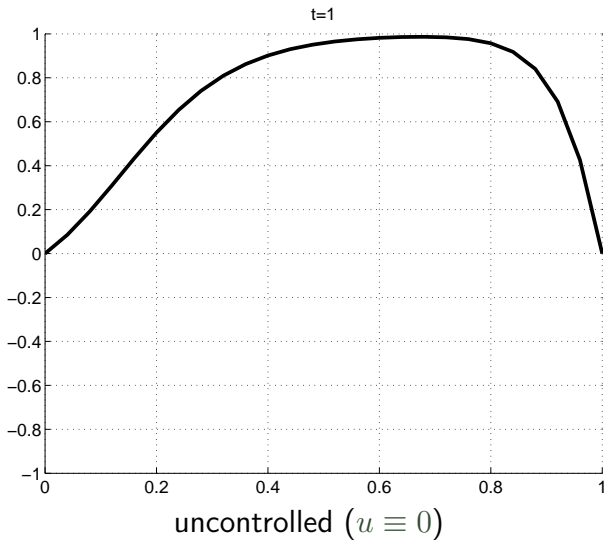
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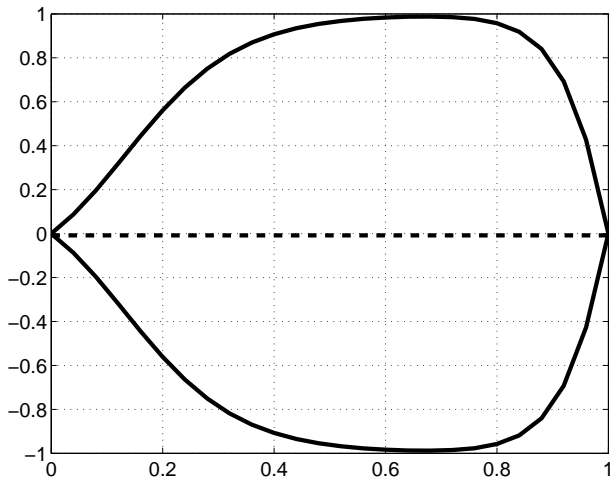
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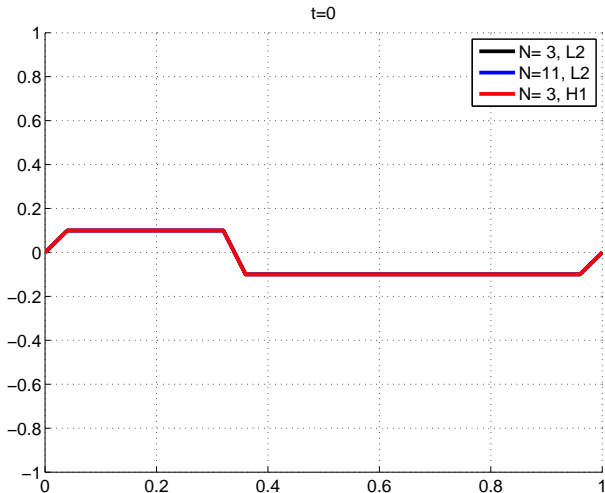
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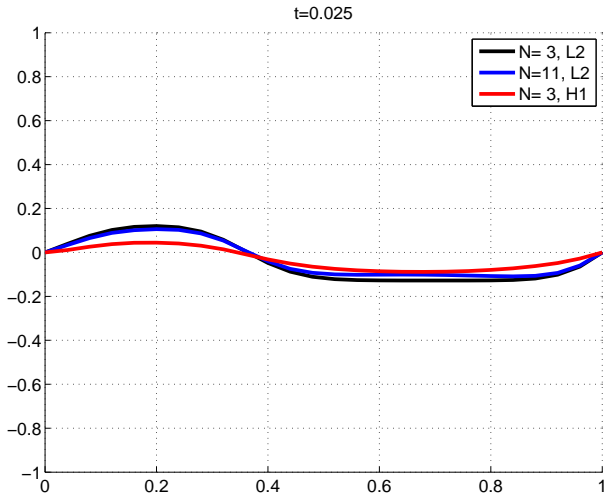
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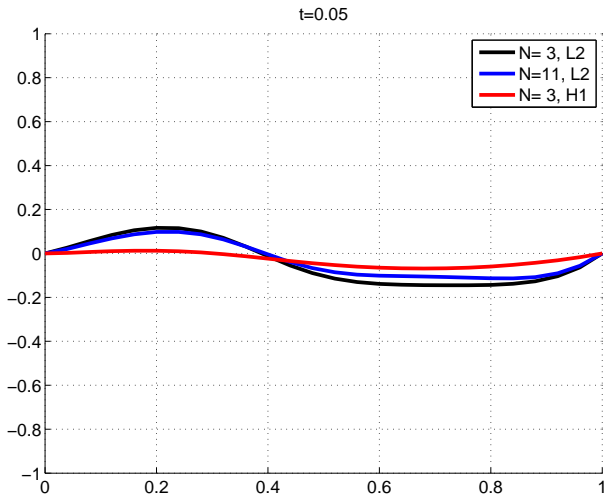
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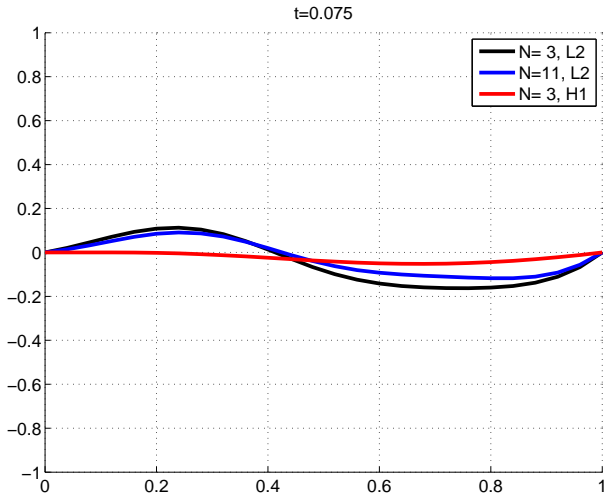
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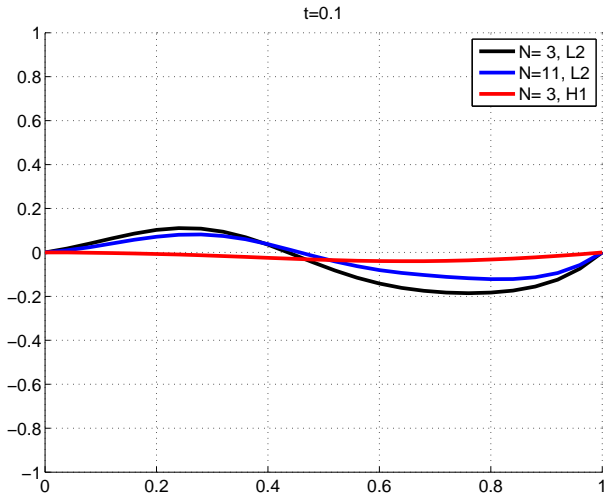
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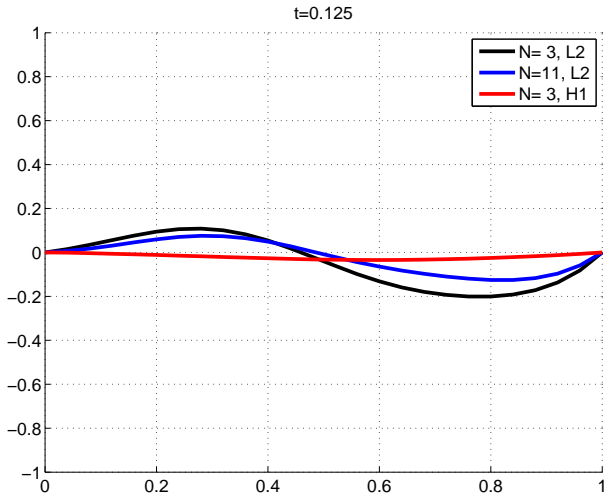
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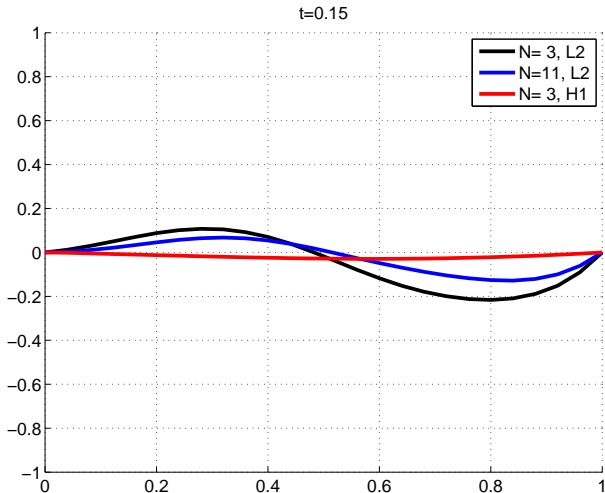
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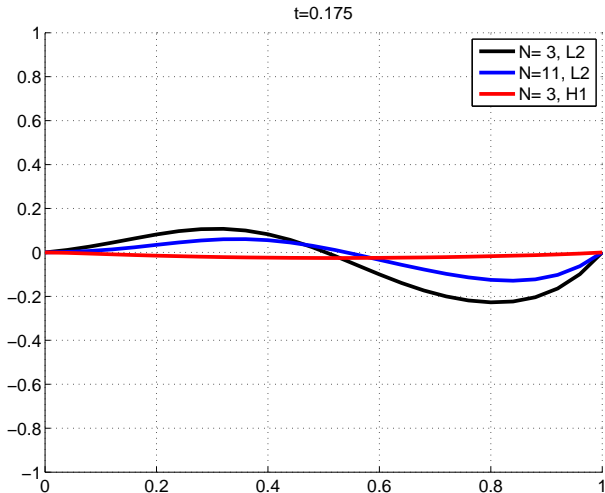
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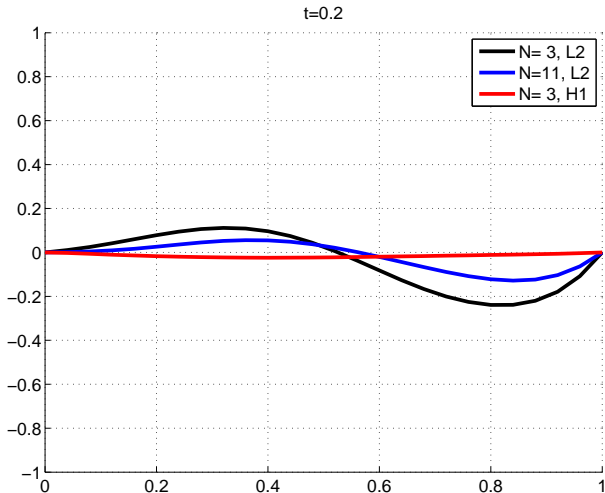
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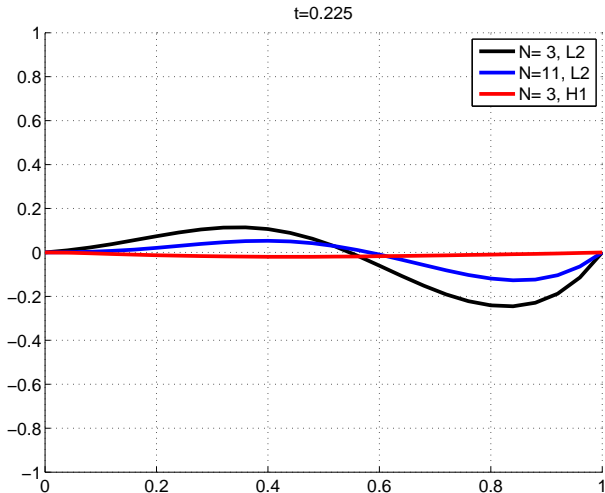
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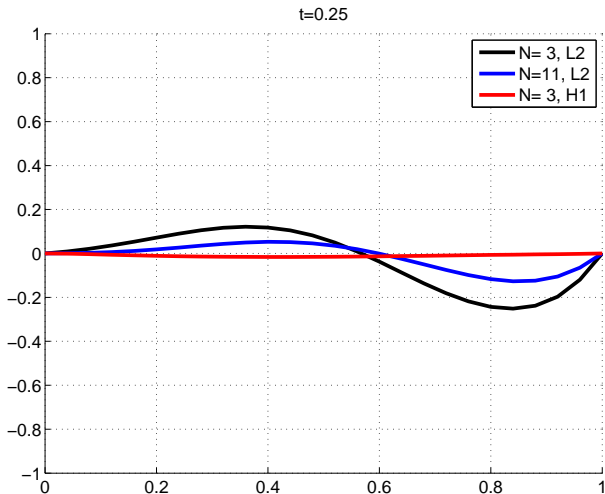
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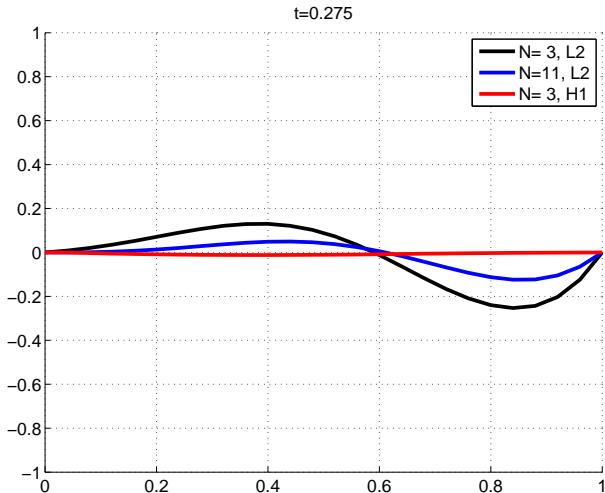
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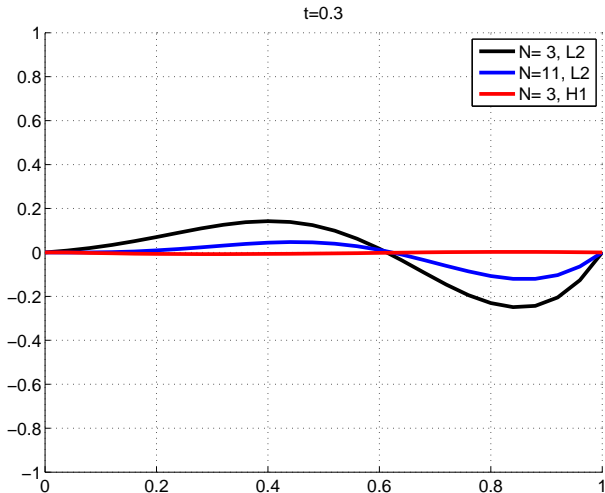
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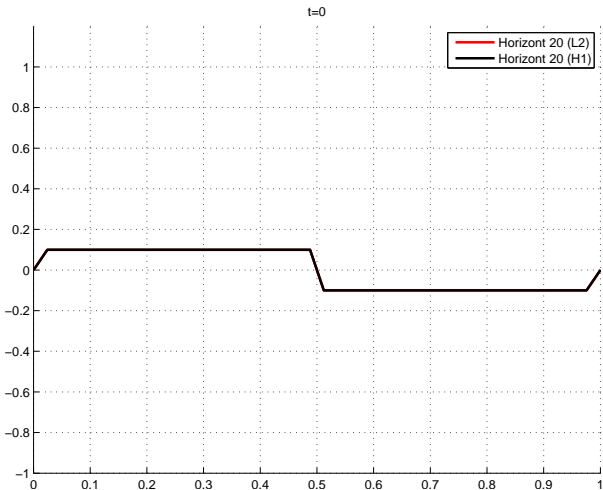
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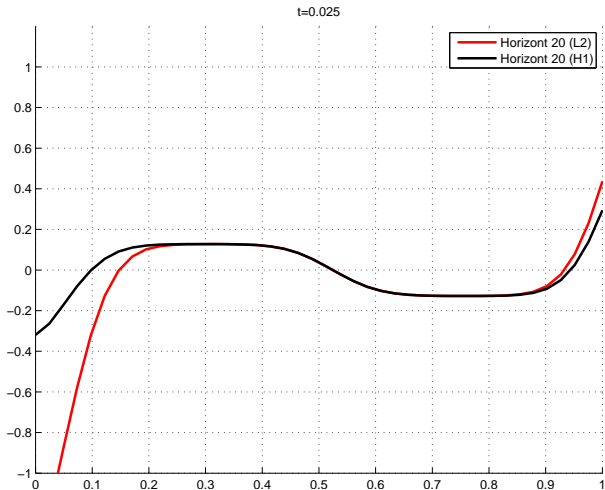
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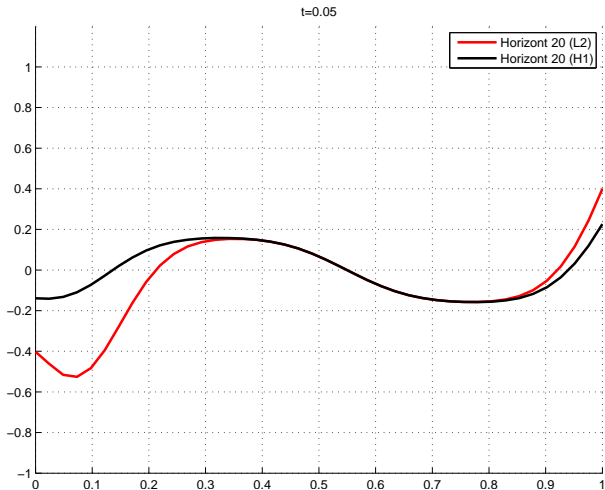
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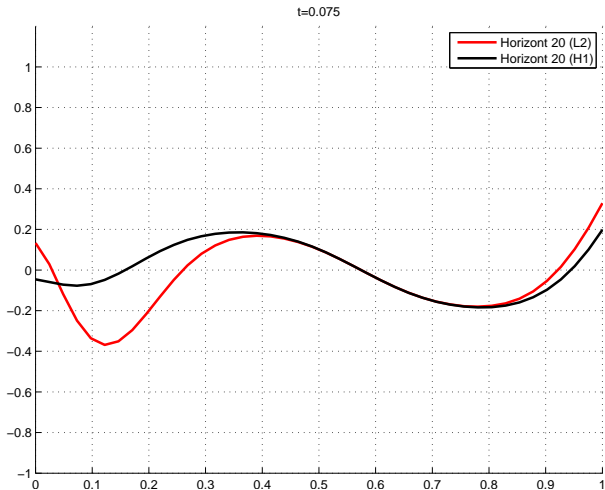
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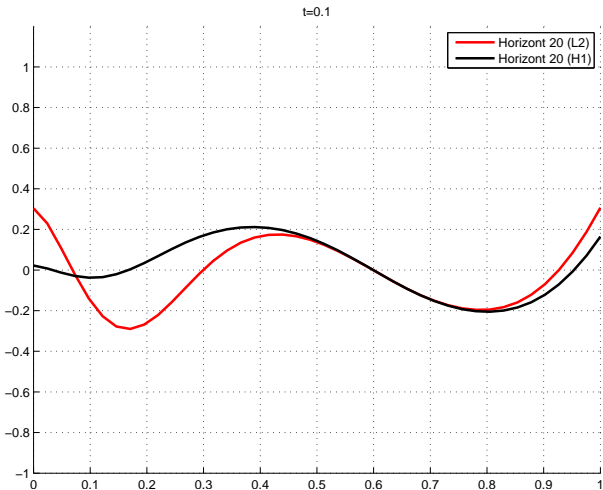
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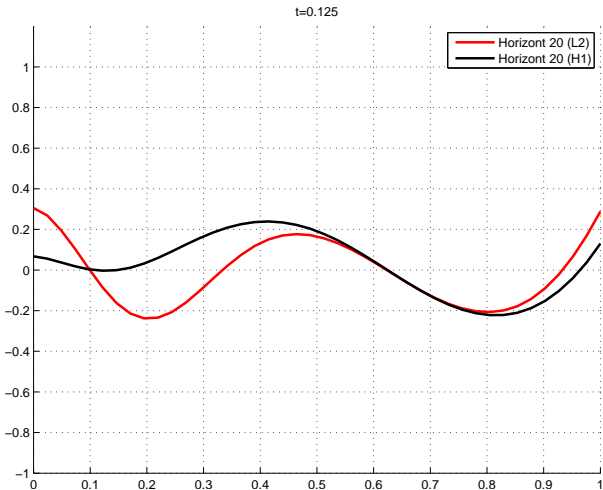
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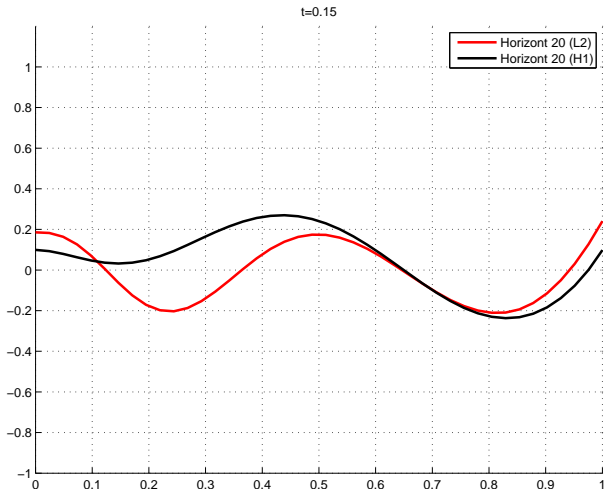
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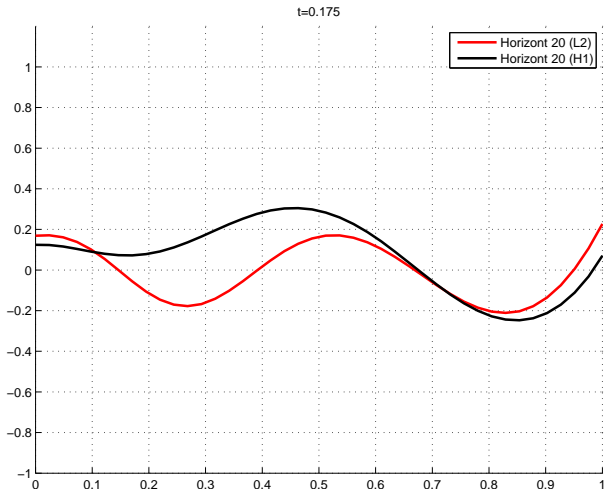
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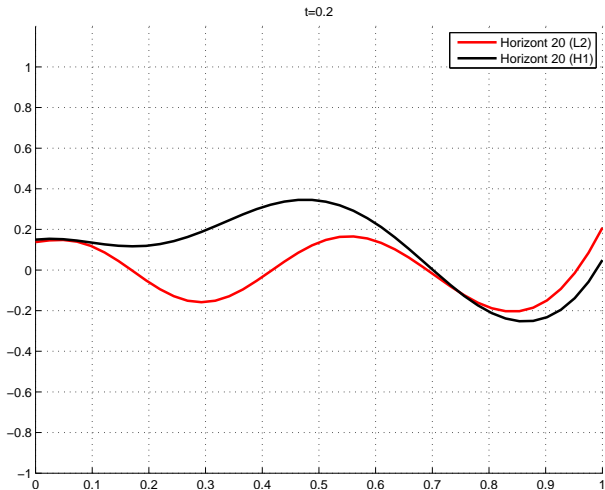
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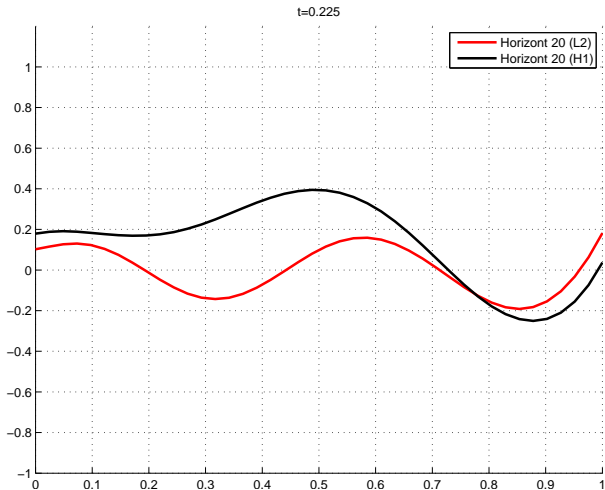
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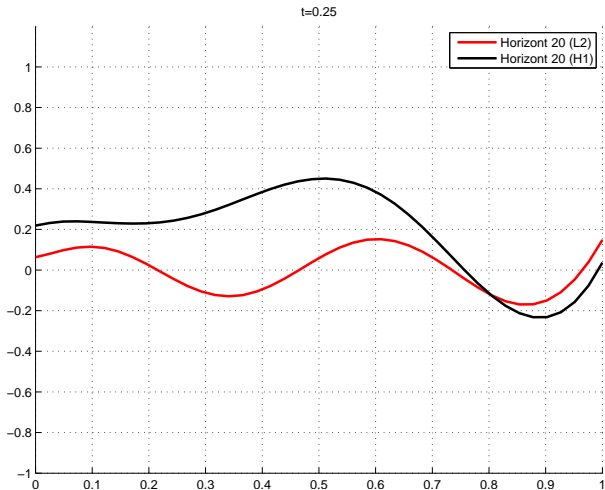
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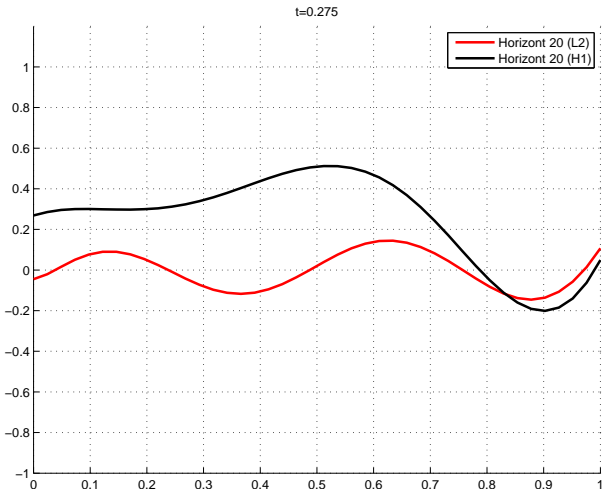
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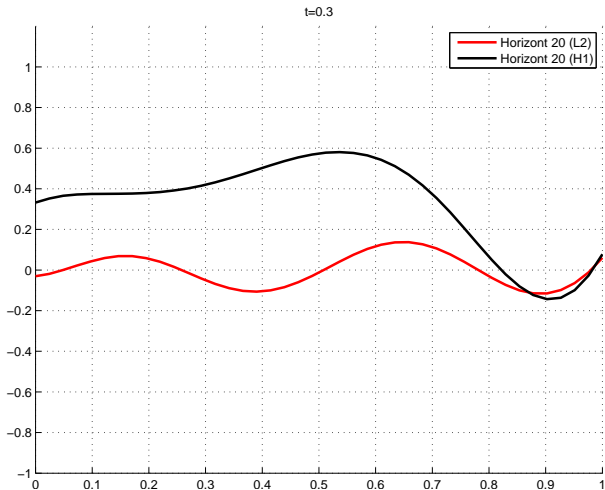
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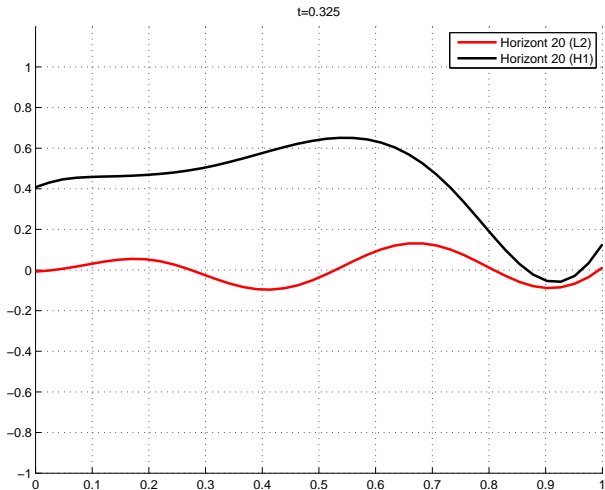
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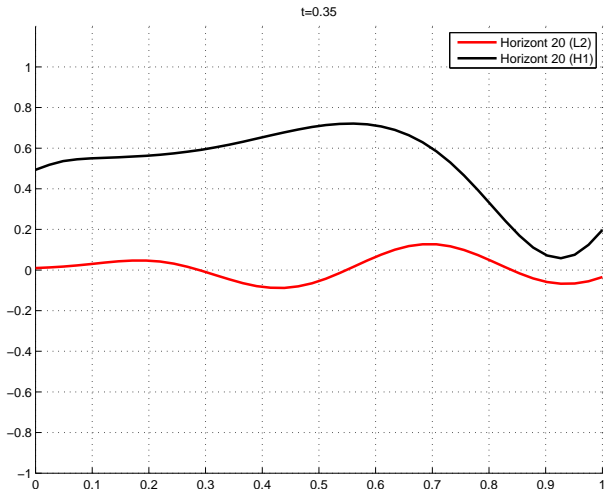
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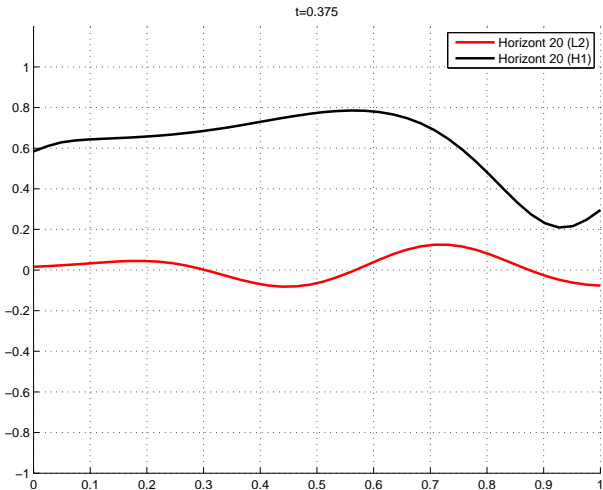
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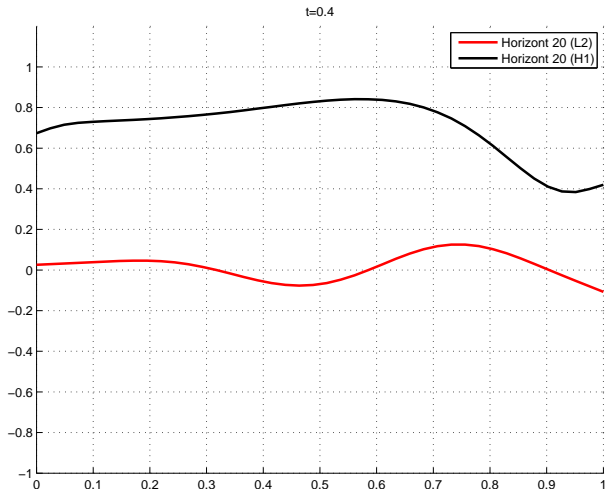
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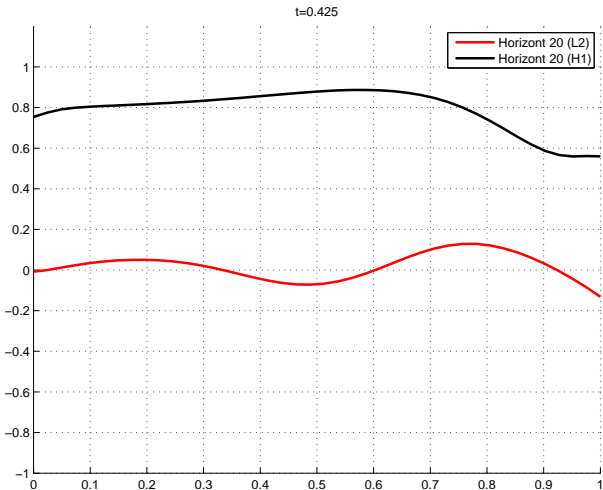
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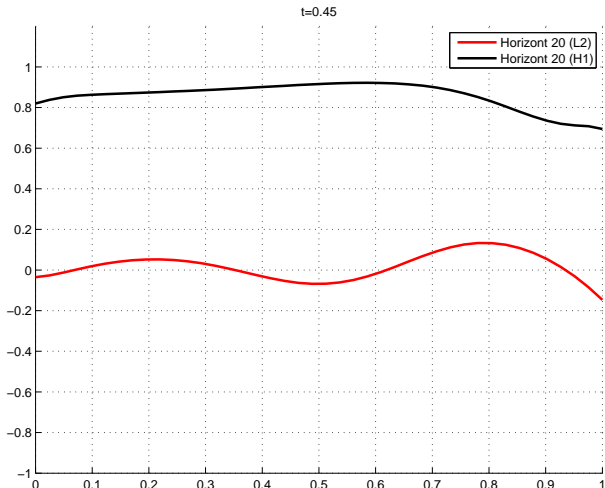
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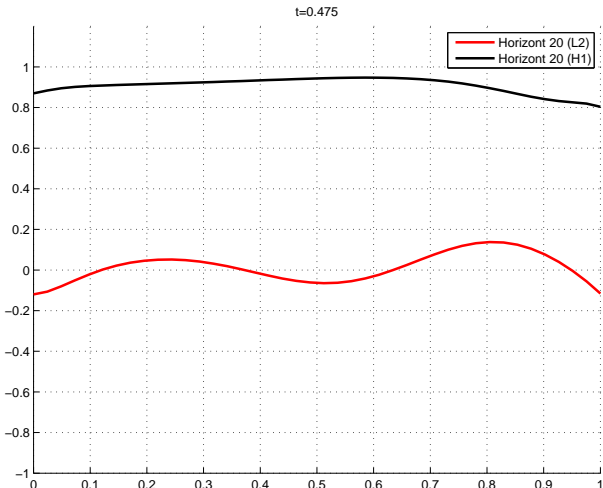
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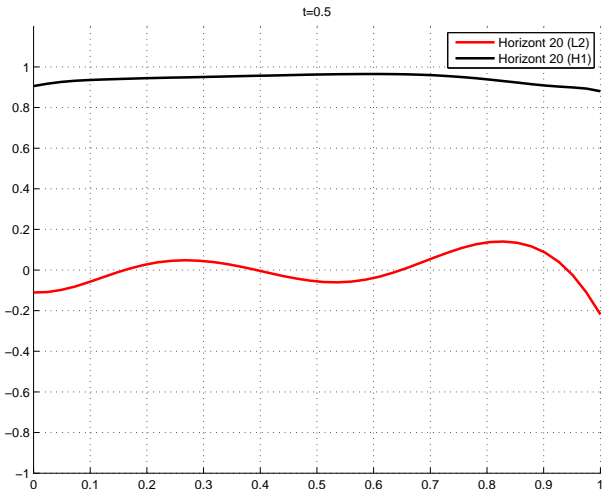
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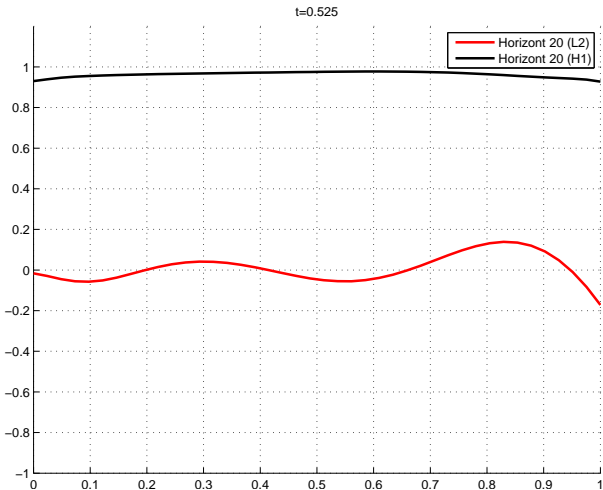
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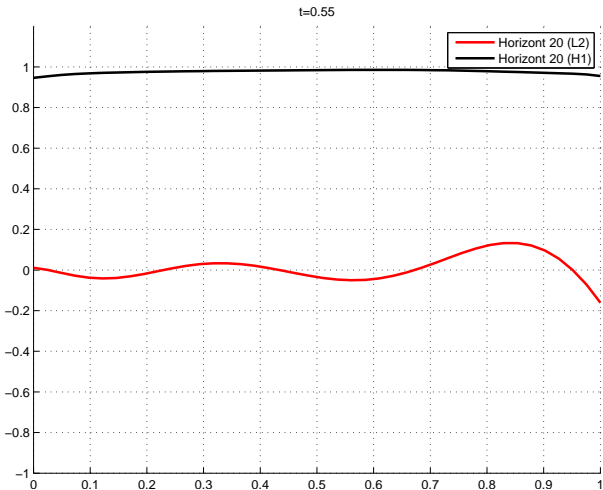
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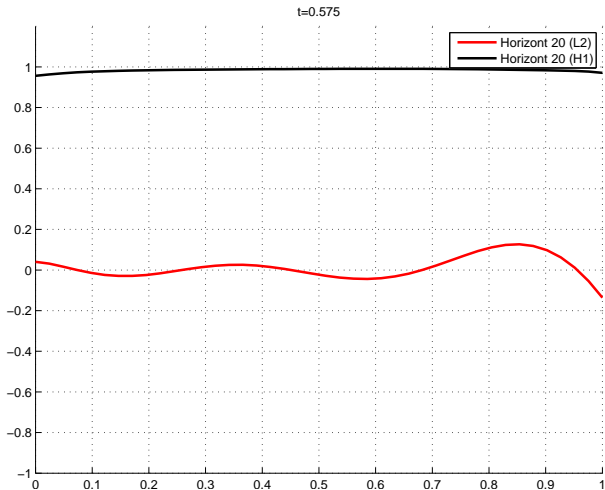
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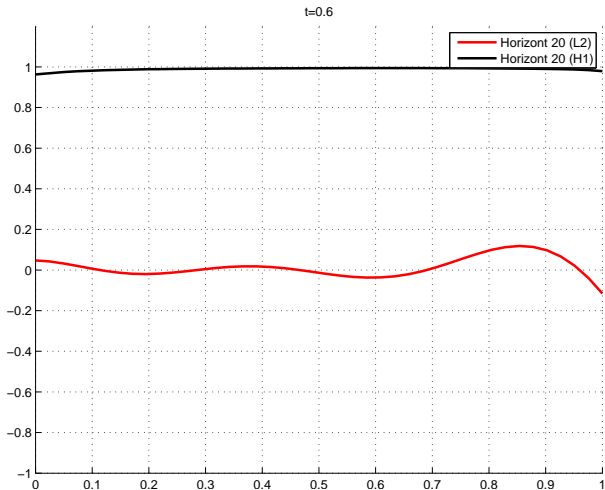
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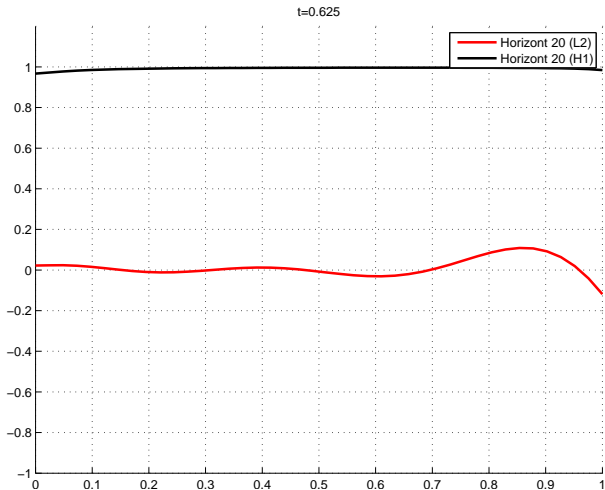
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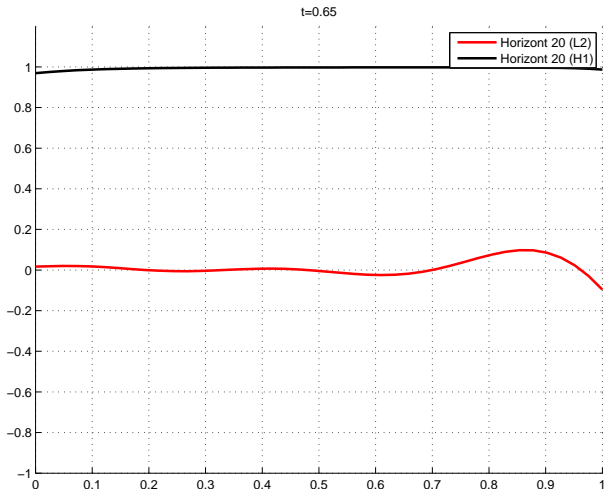
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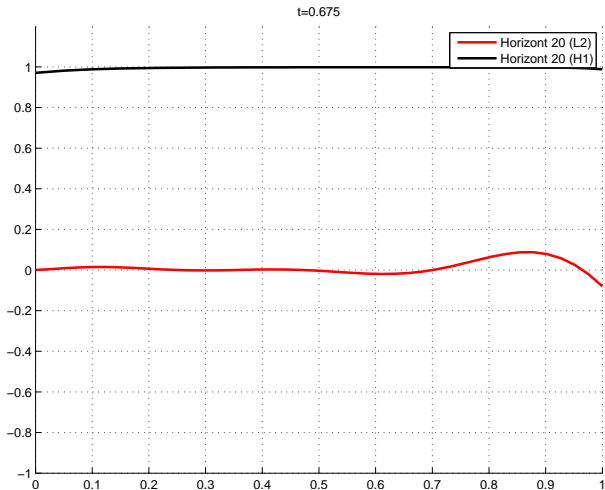
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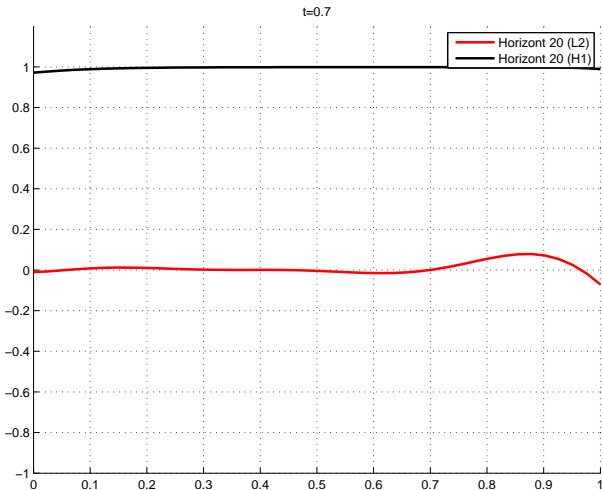
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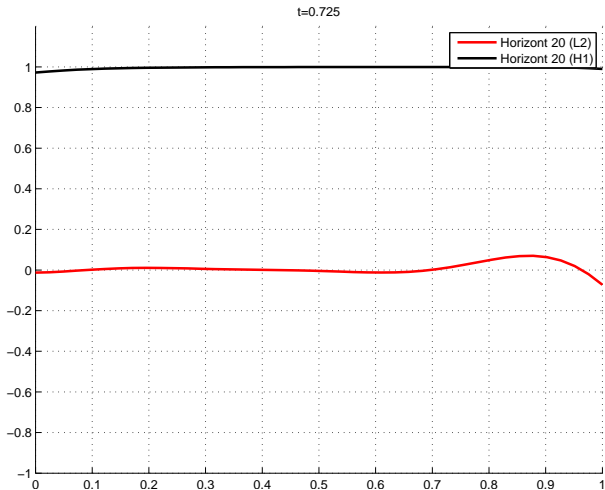
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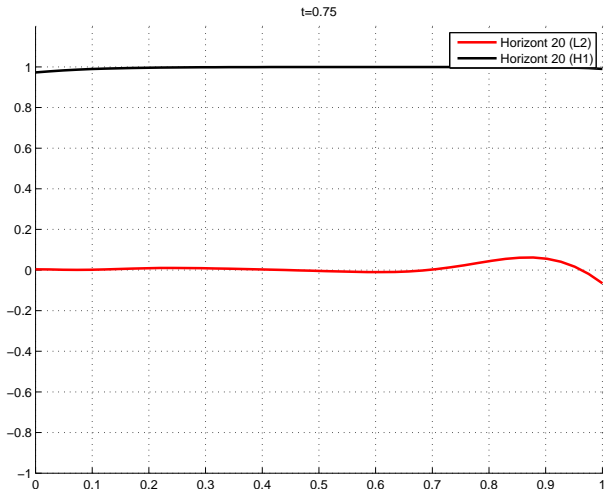
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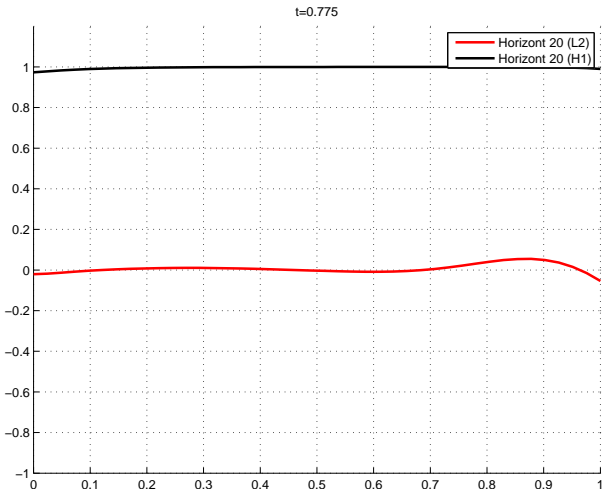
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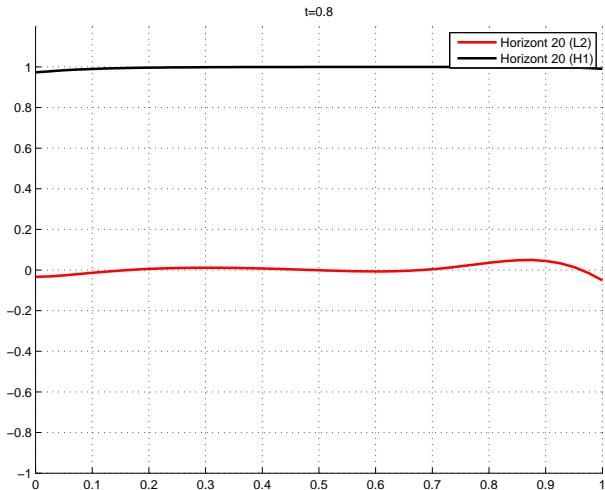
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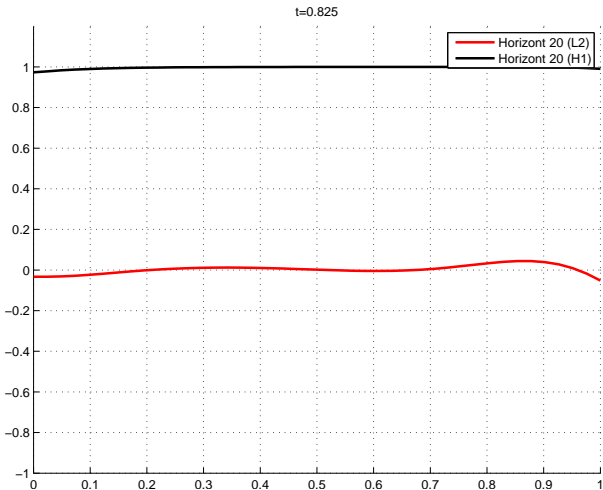
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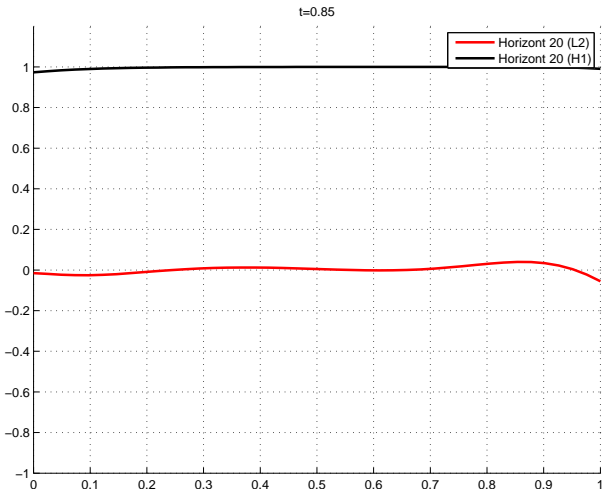
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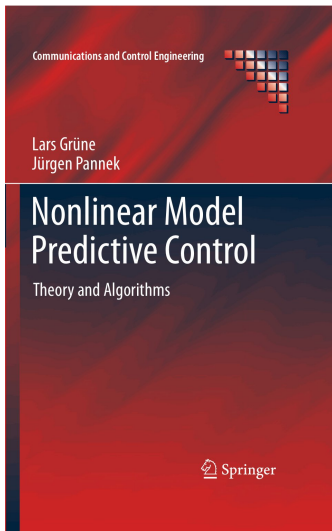


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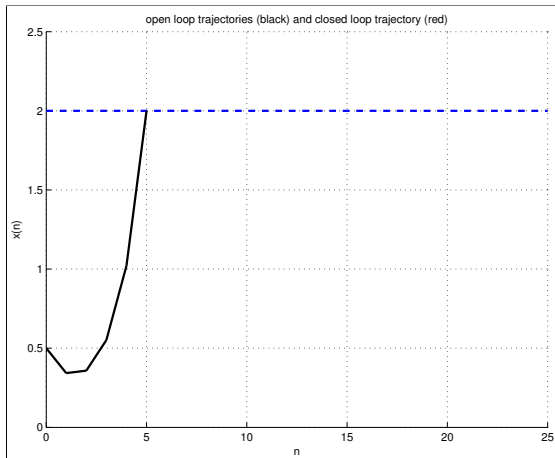
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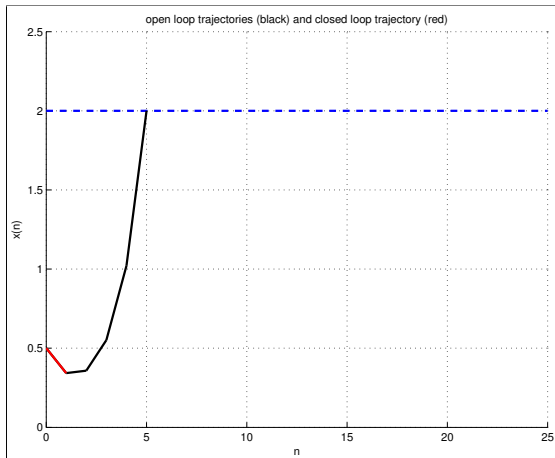
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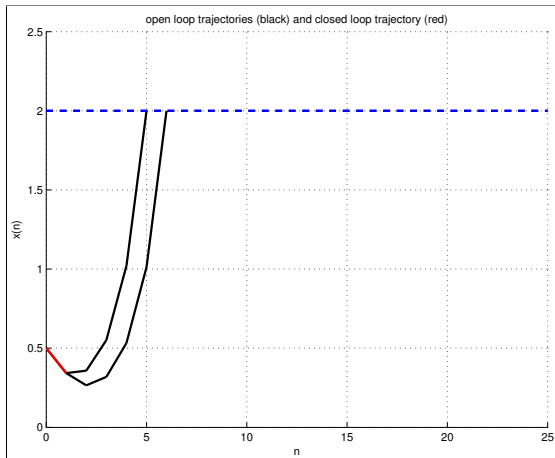
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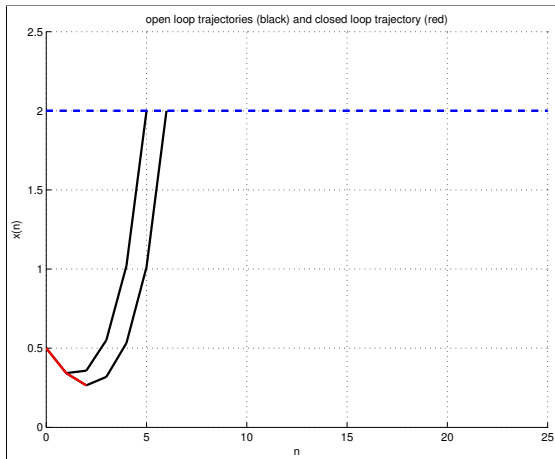
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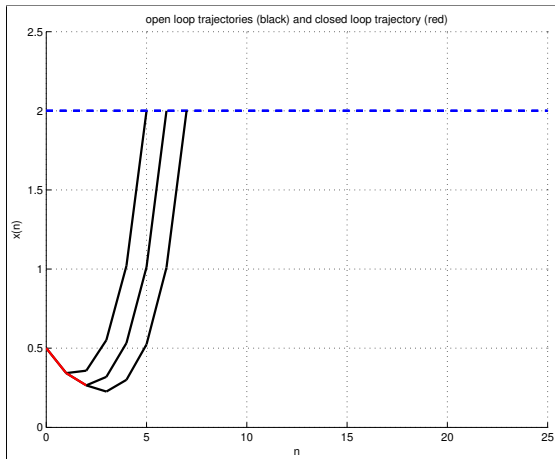
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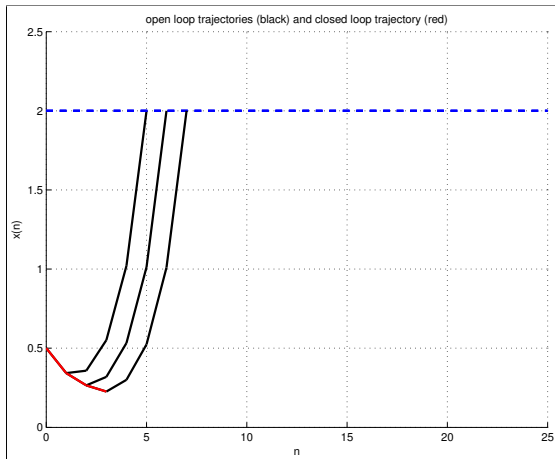
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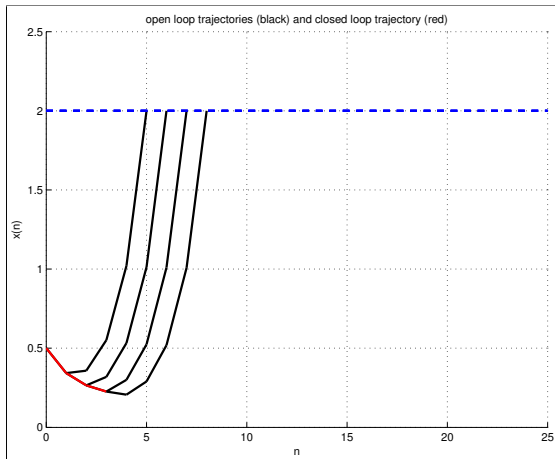
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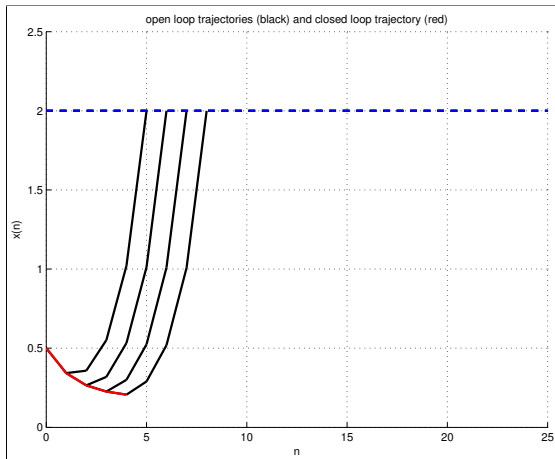
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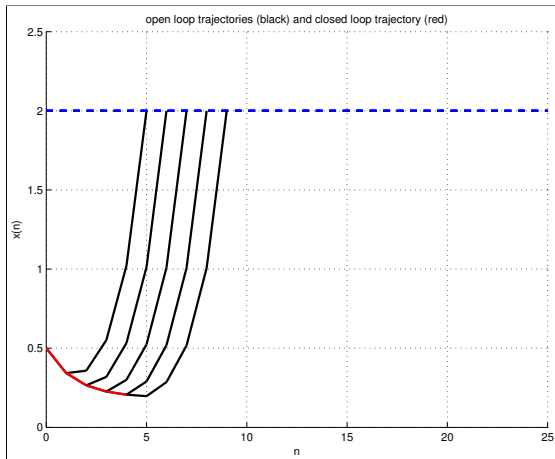
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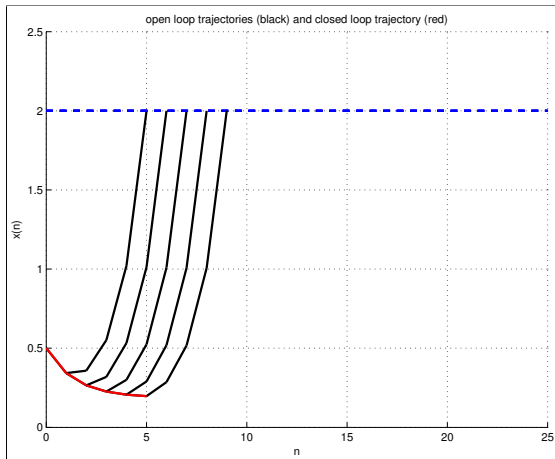
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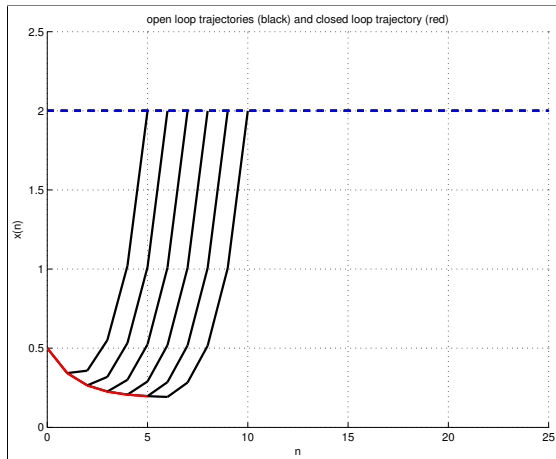
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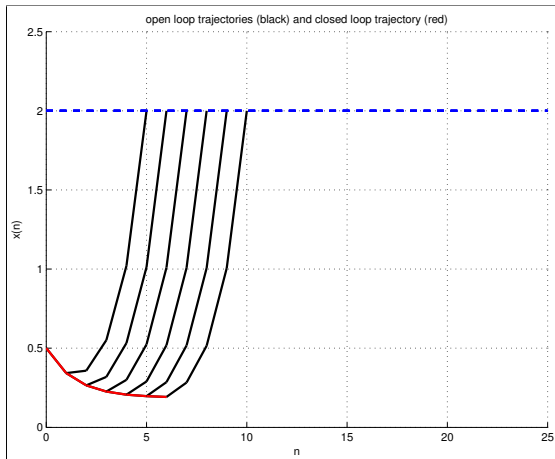
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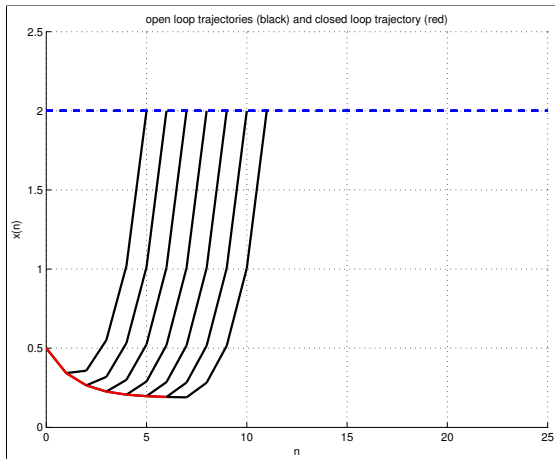
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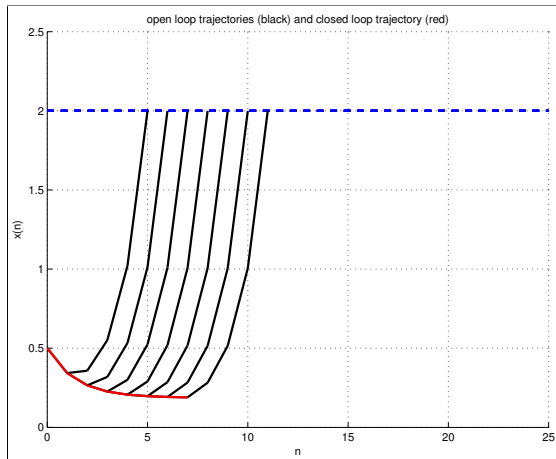
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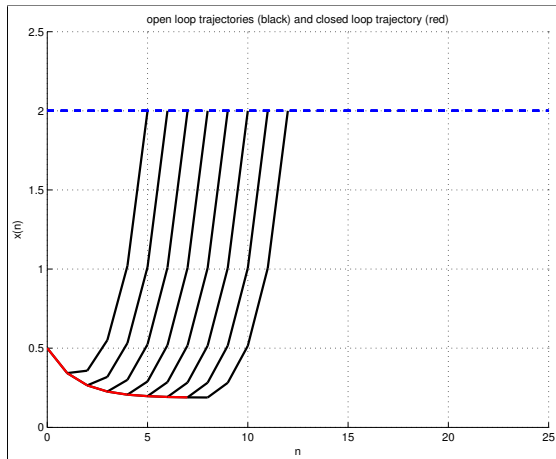
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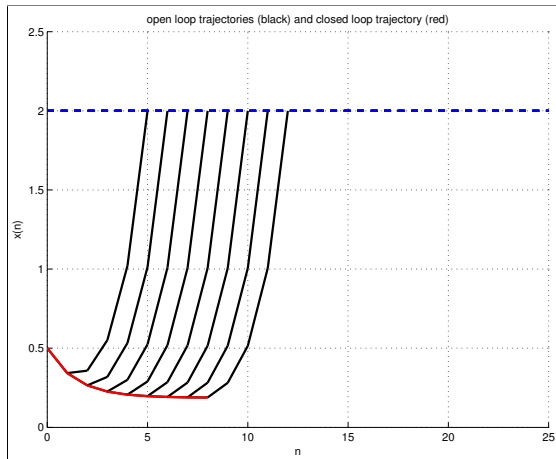
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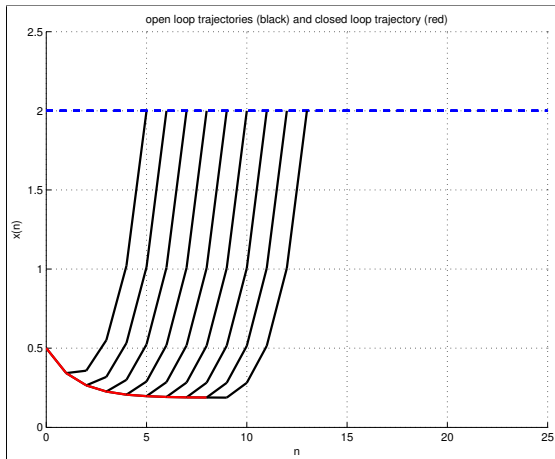
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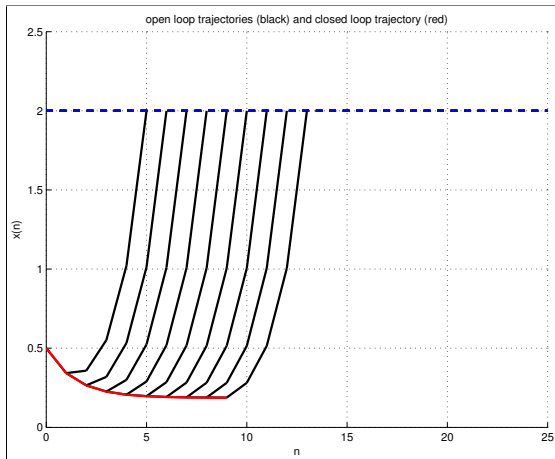
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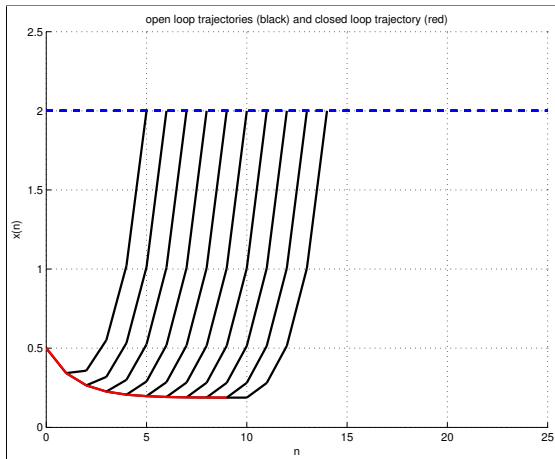
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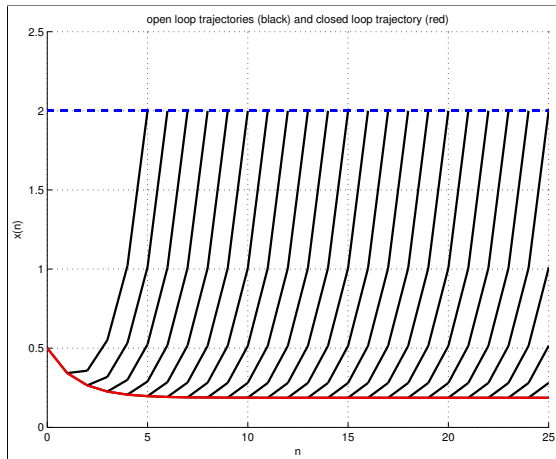
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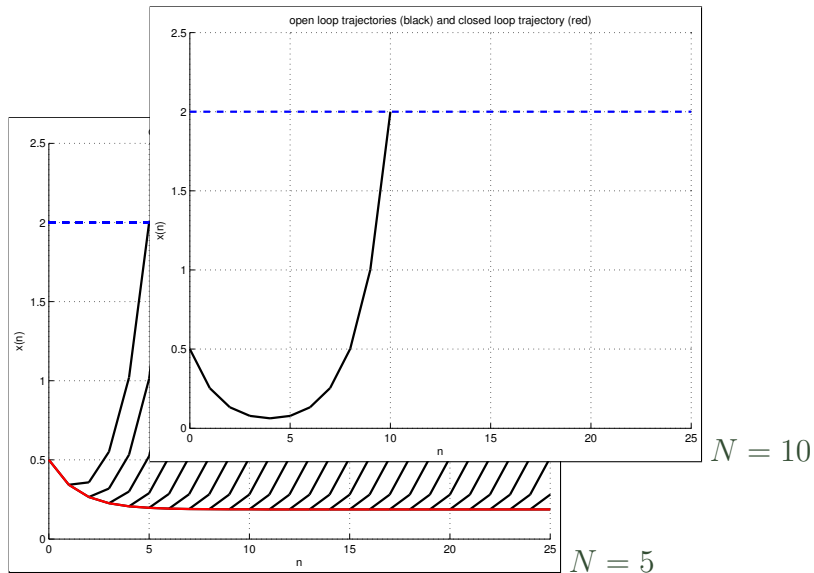
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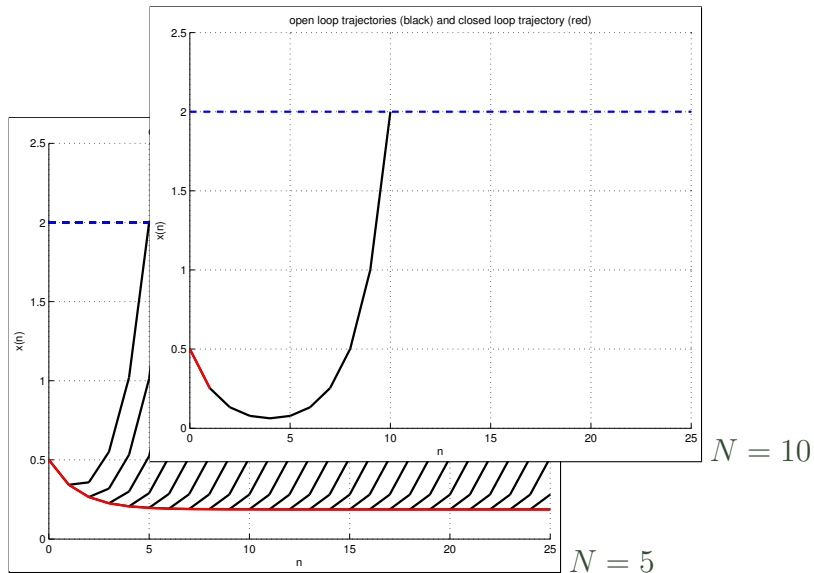


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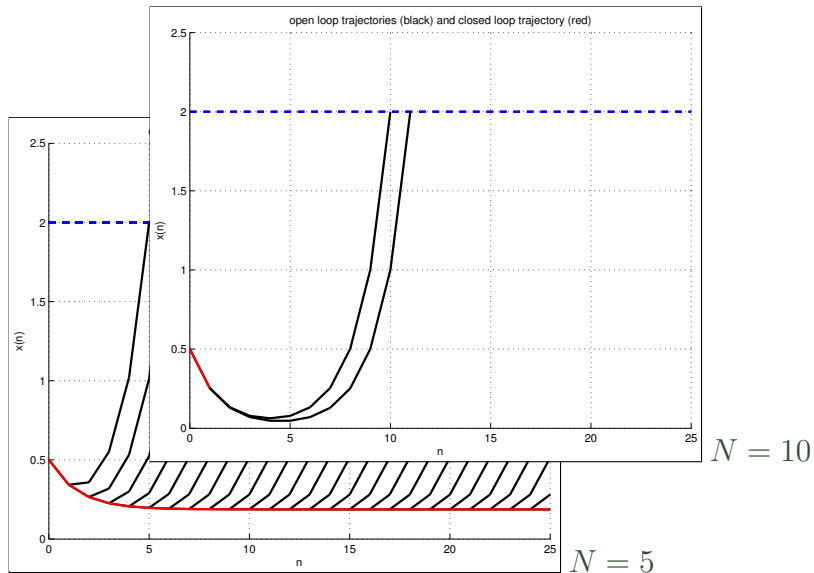
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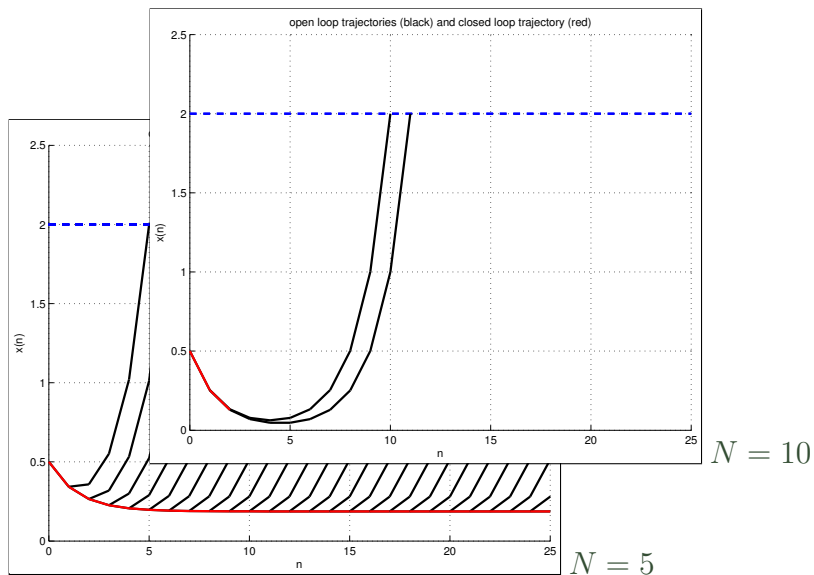
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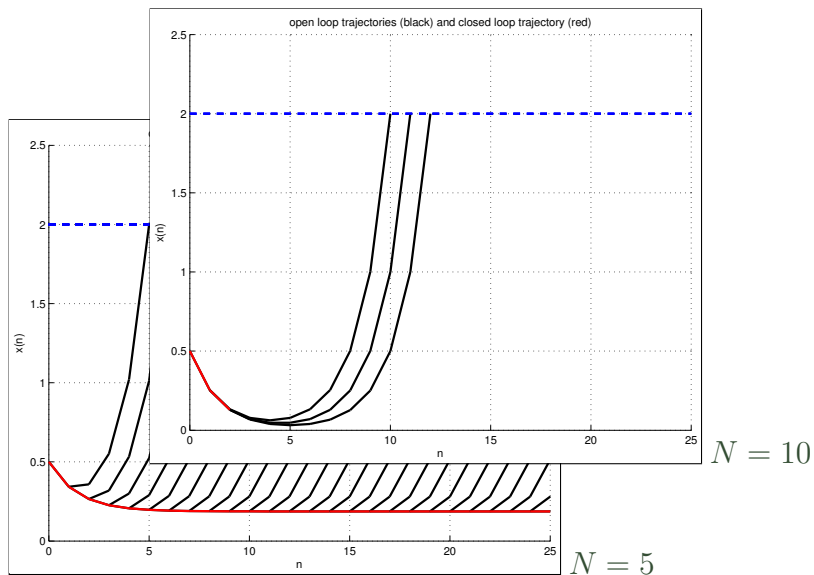
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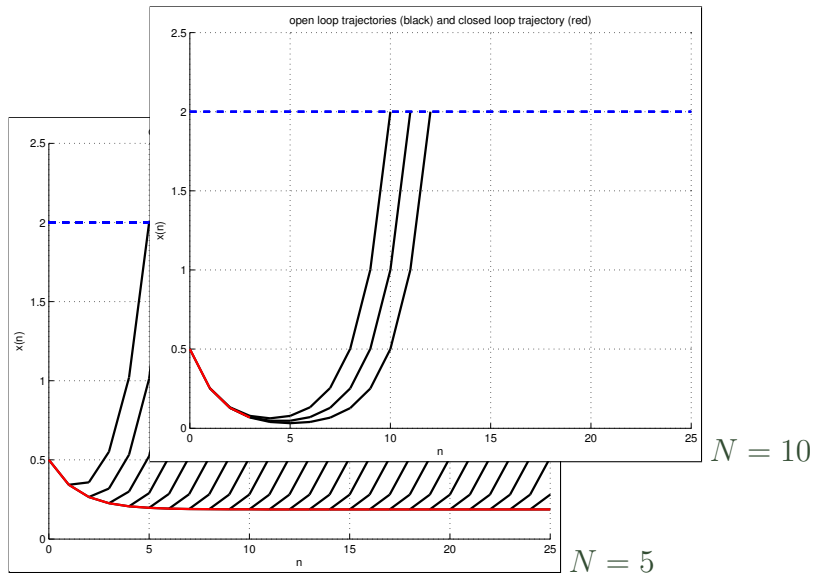
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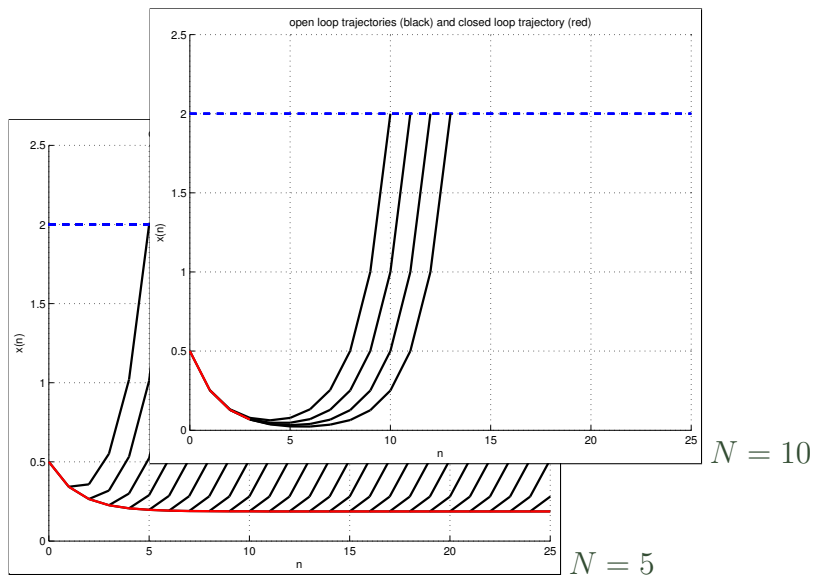
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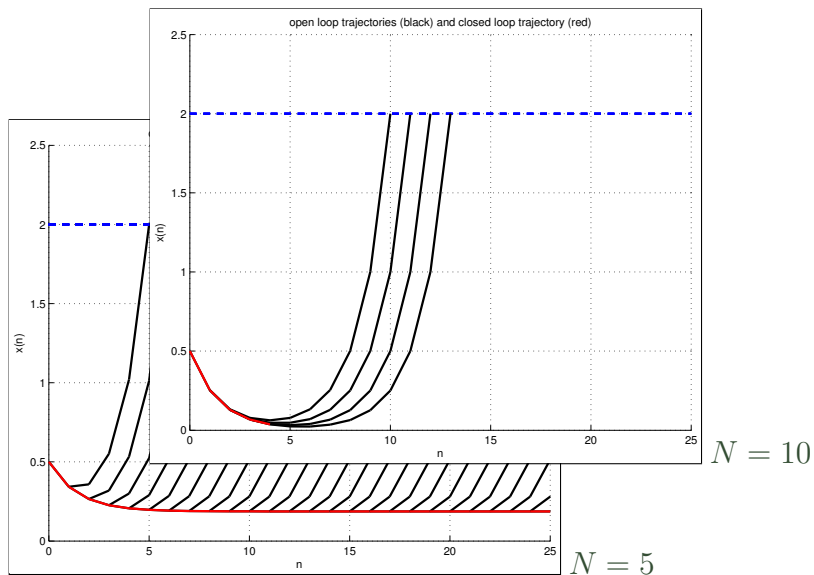
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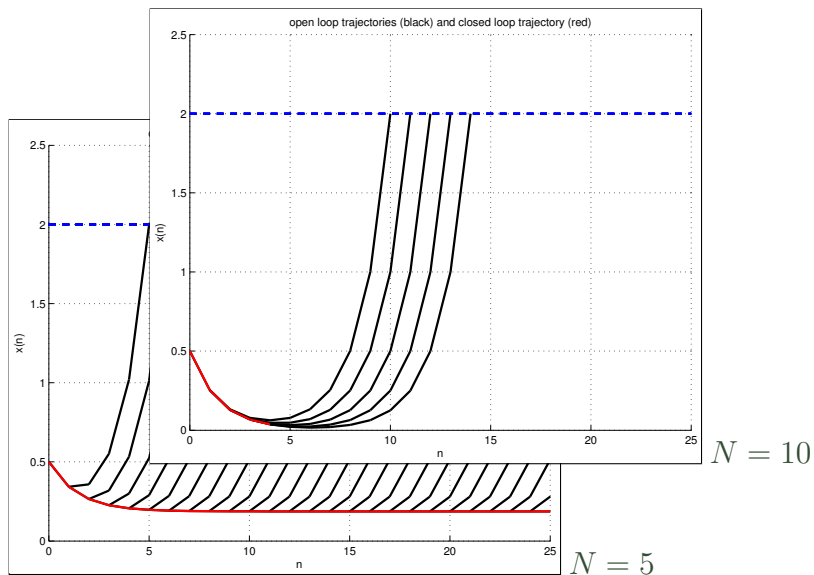
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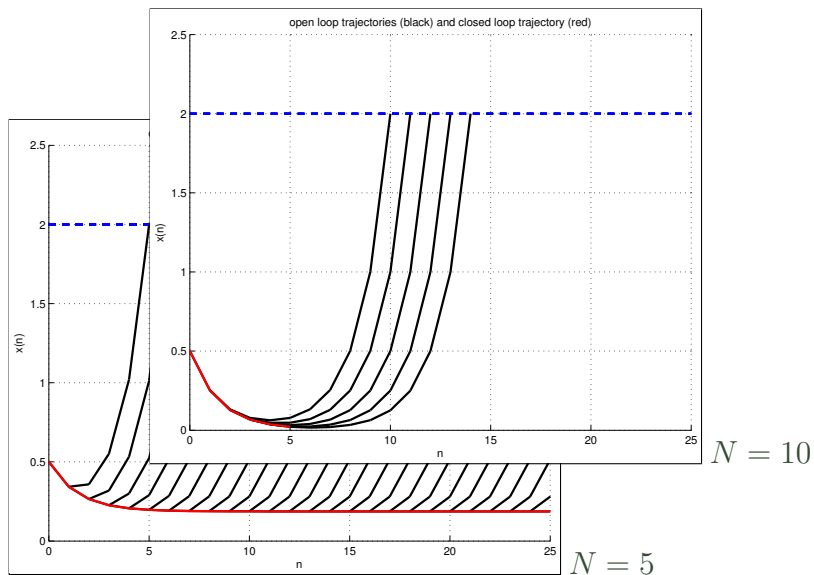
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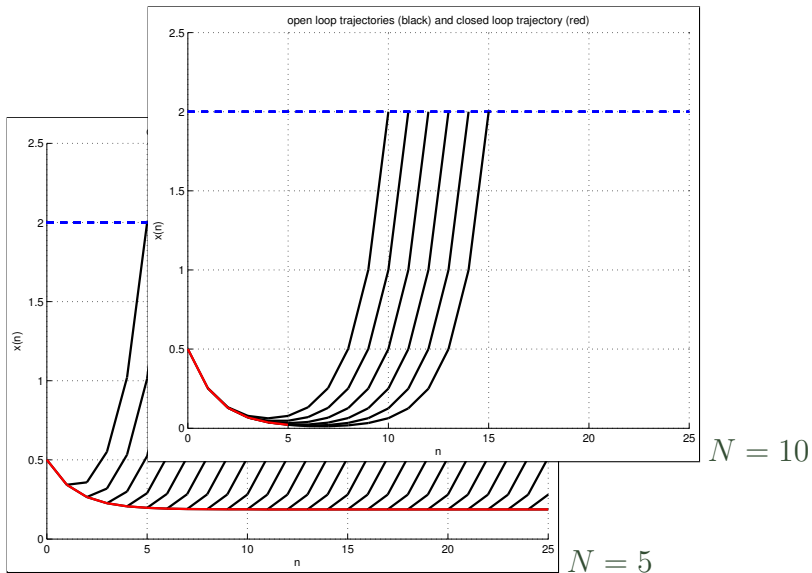
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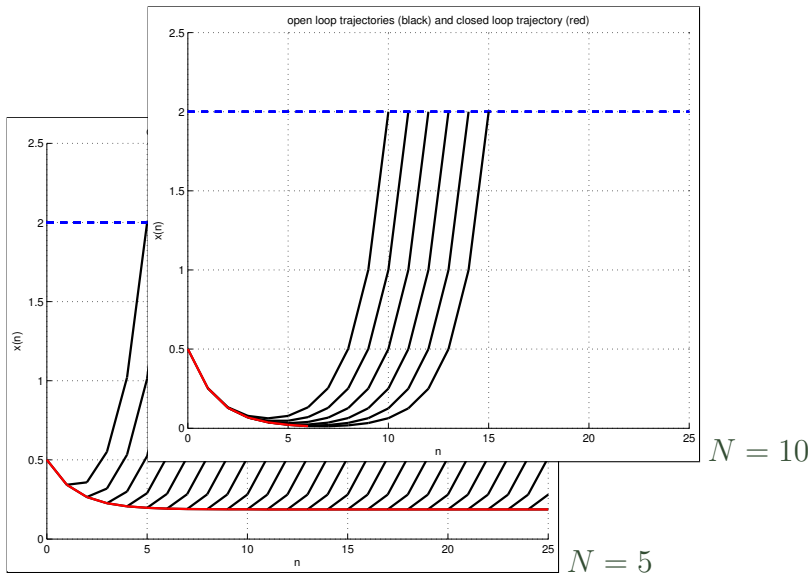
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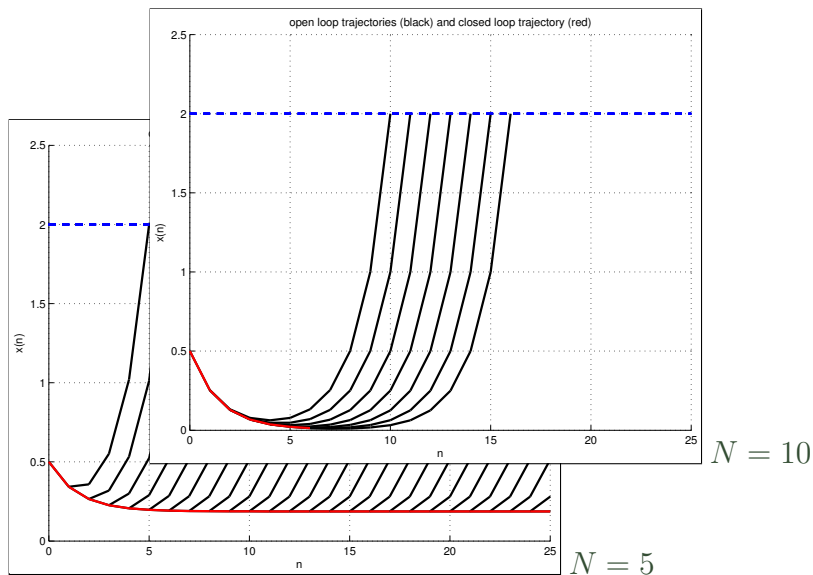
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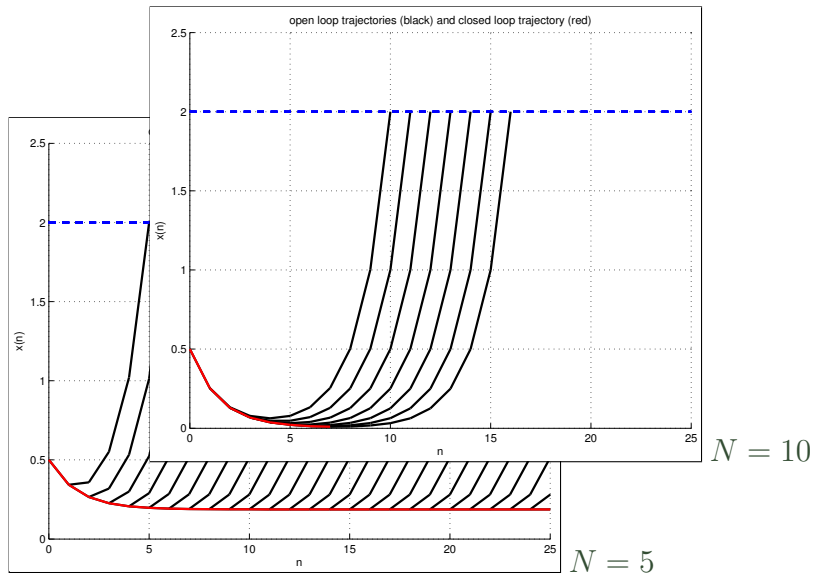
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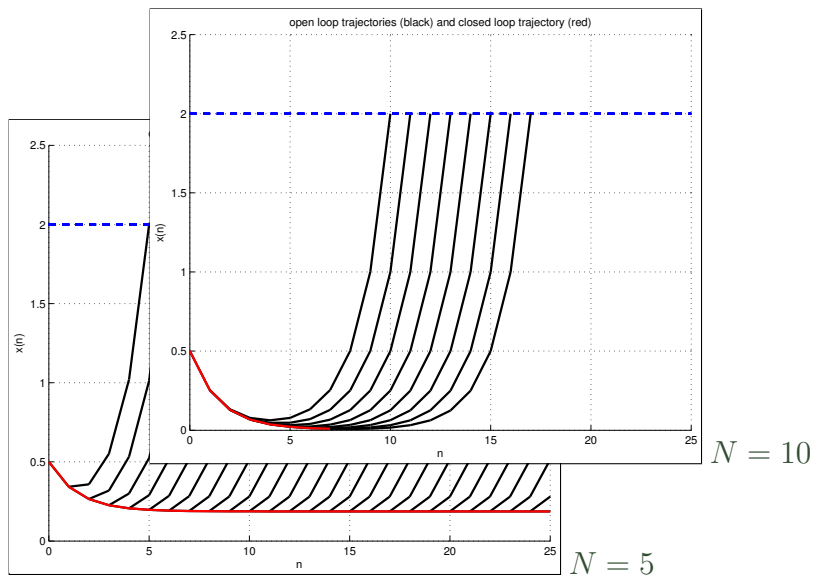
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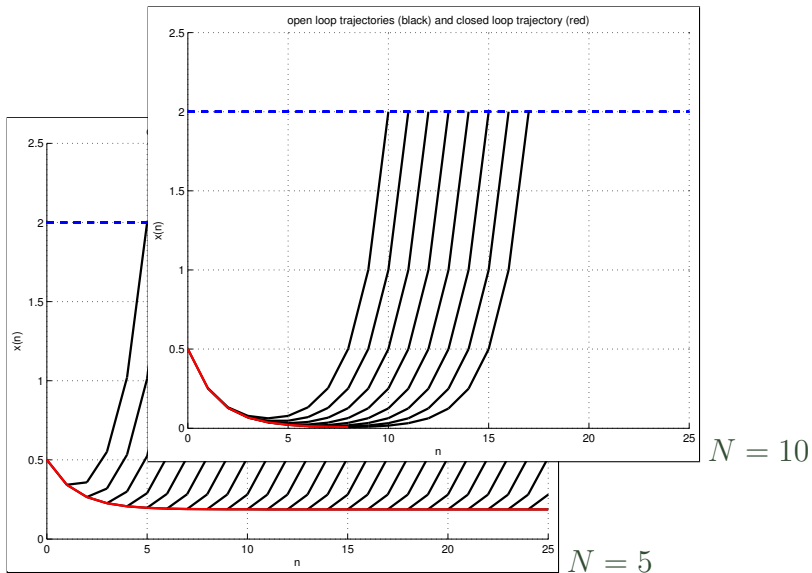
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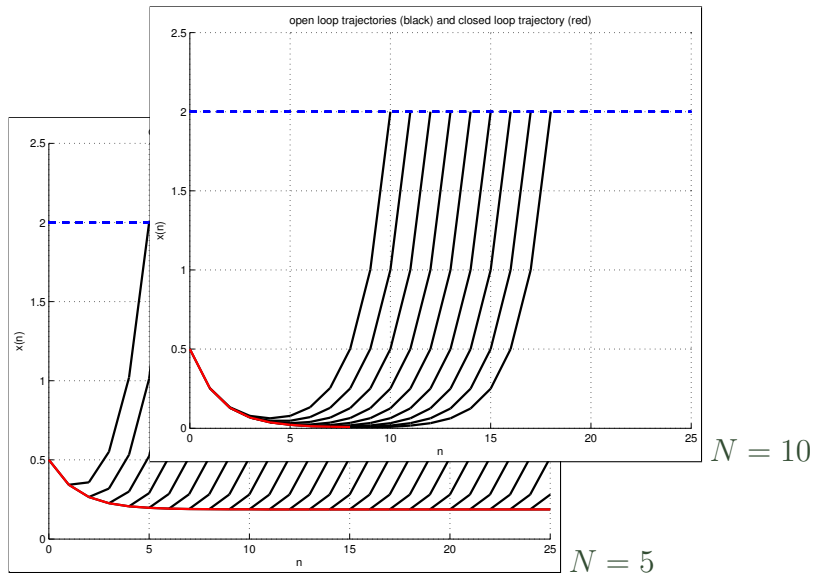
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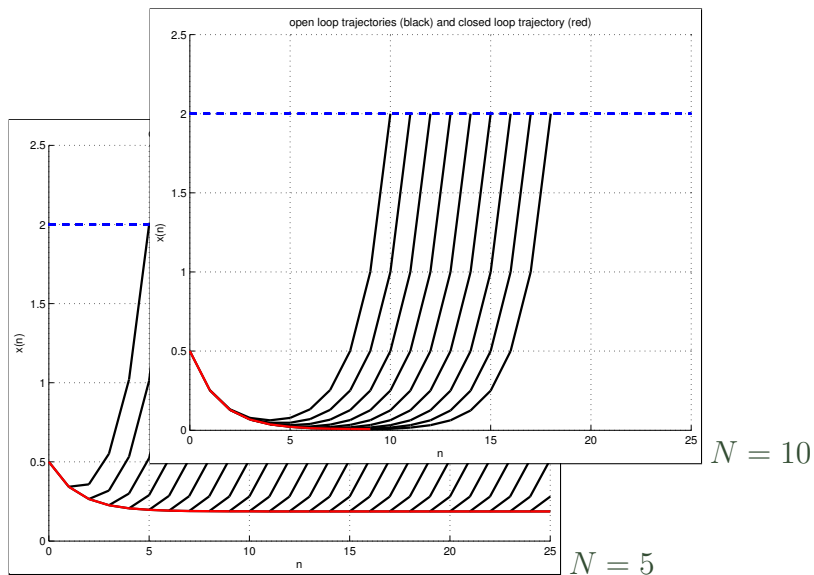
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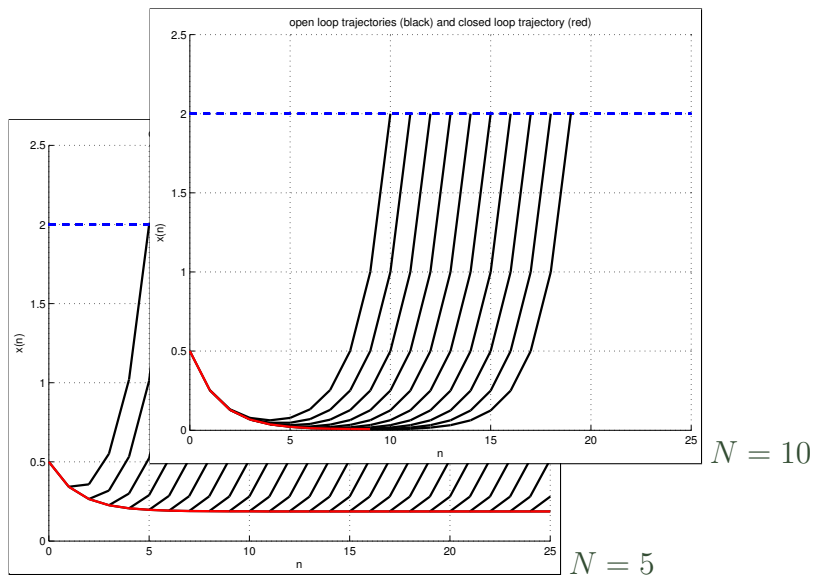
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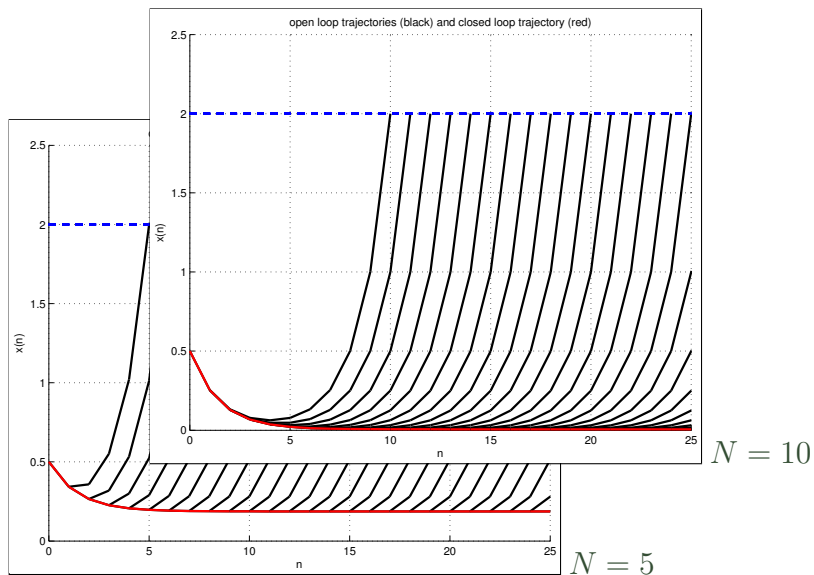
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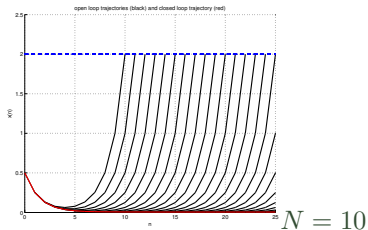
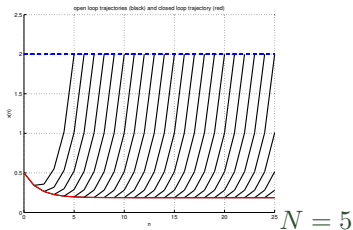
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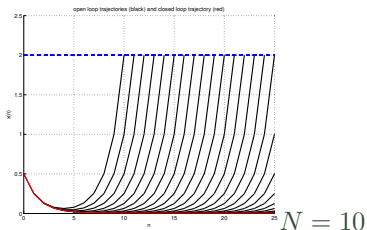
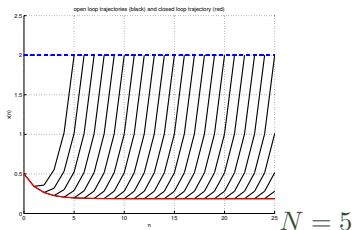
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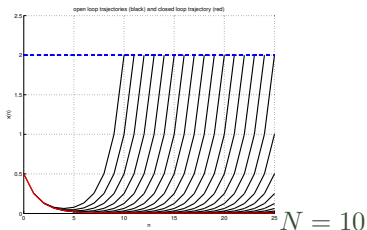
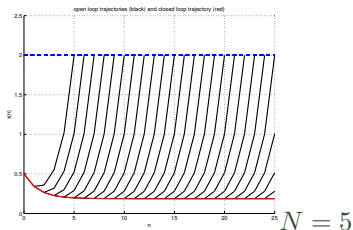


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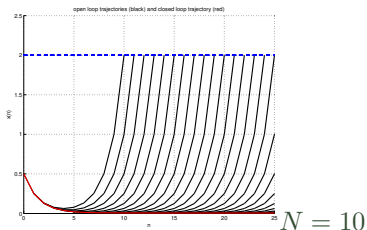
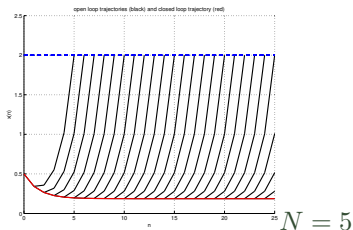
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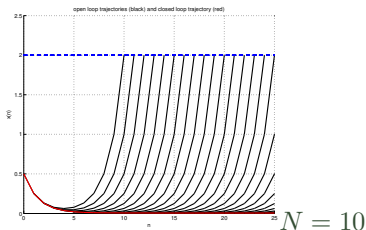
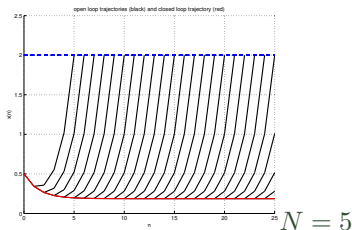
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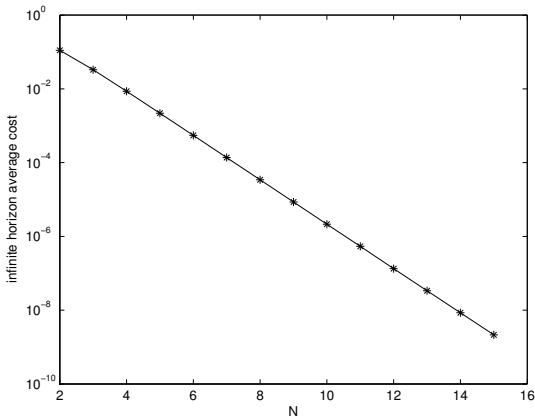
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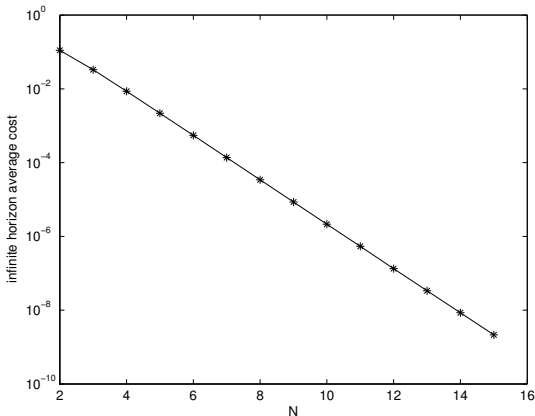
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