

Nonlinear Interference Mitigation via Deep Neural Networks

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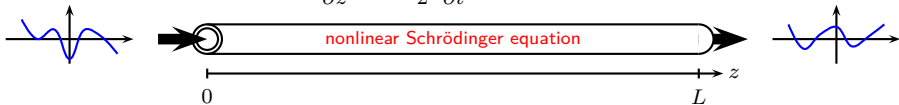


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2. Supervised Learning: Deep Neural Networks and Deep Learning
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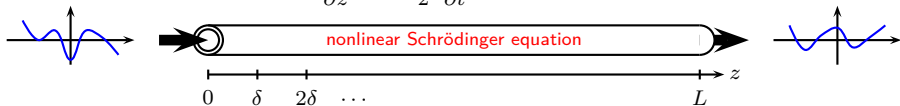
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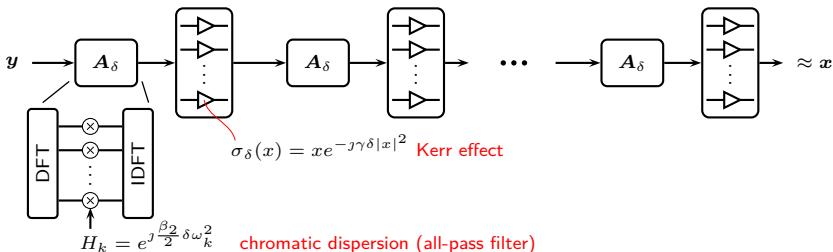
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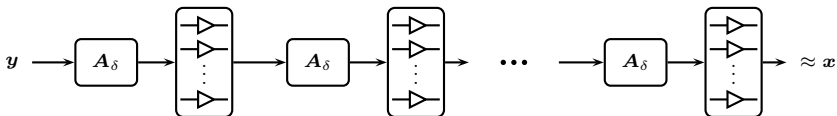
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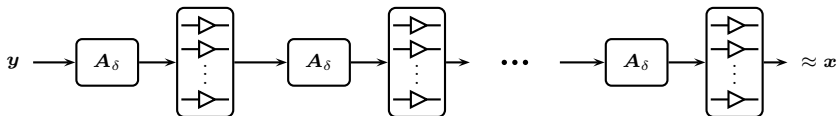
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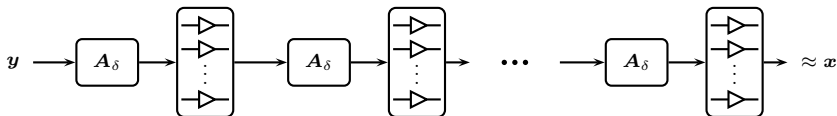


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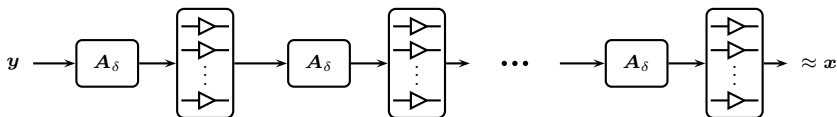
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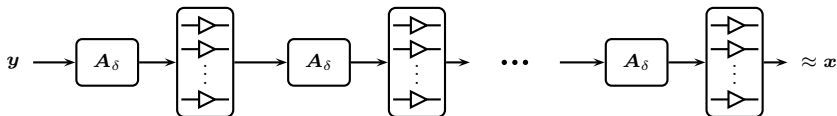
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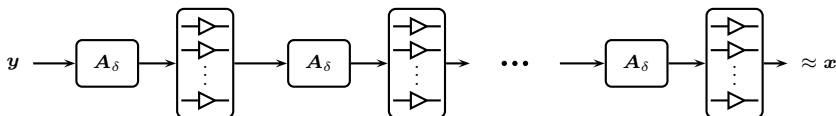
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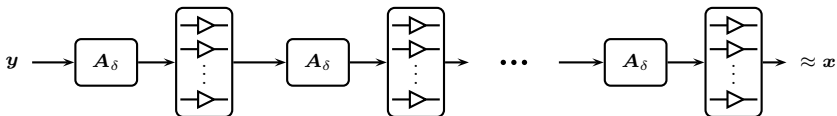
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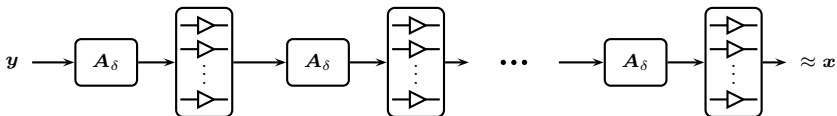
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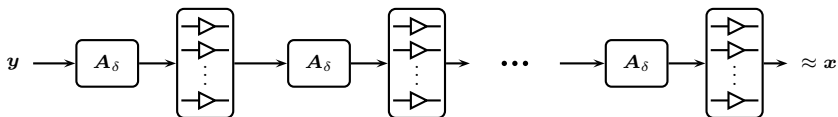


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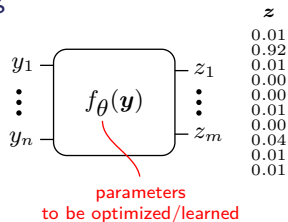
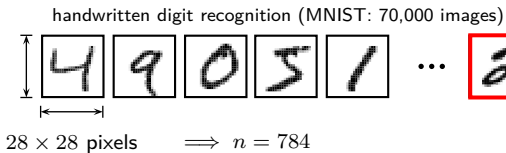
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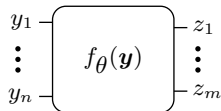
This work: use **machine learning** to jointly optimize **all** dispersion steps

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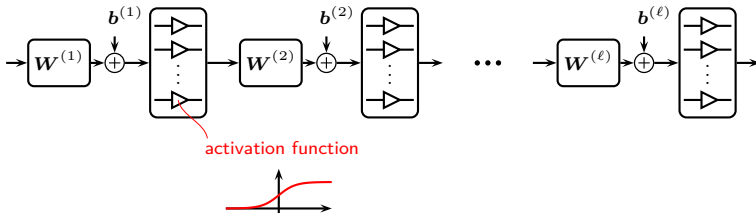


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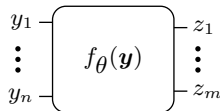

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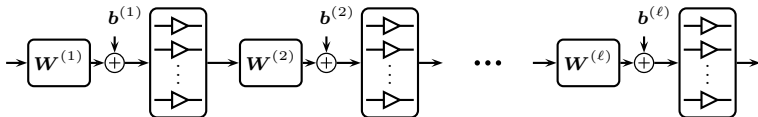
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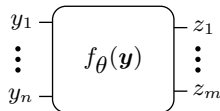


How to optimize $\theta = \{\mathbf{W}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{W}^{(\ell)}, \mathbf{b}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{b}^{(\ell)}\}$? **Deep learning**

$$\min_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^N \text{Loss}(f_{\theta}(\mathbf{y}^{(i)}), \mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \triangleq g(\theta) \quad \text{using} \quad \theta_{k+1} = \theta_k - \lambda \nabla_{\theta} g(\theta_k) \quad (1)$$

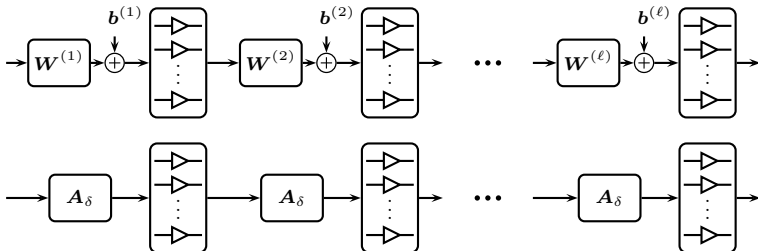
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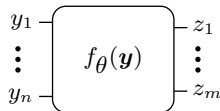
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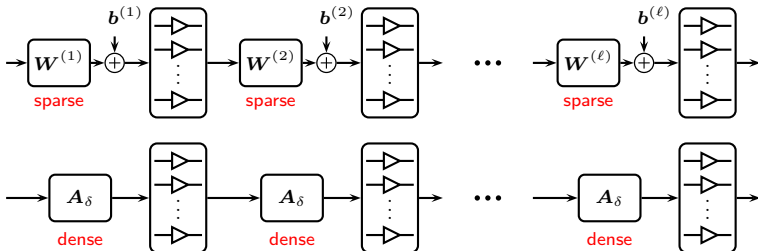
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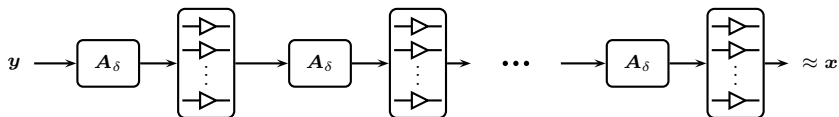


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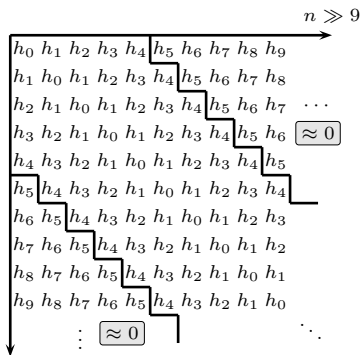
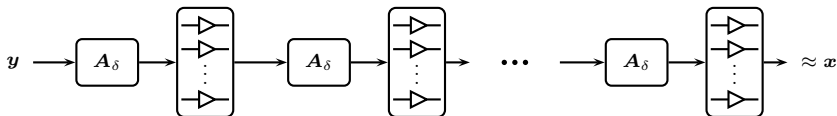
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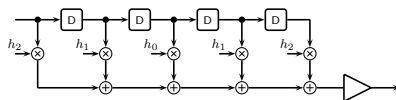
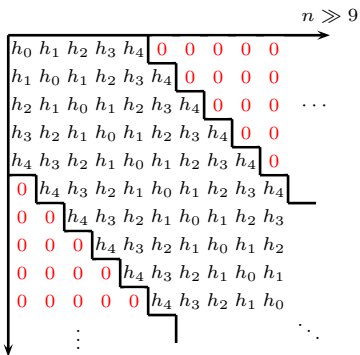
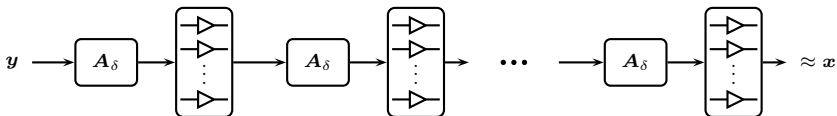
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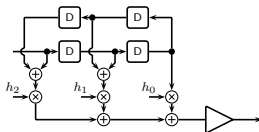
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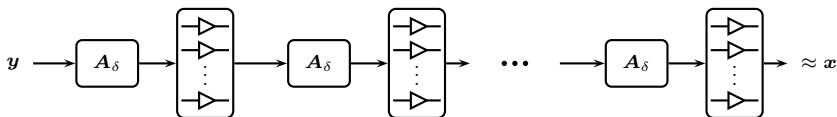
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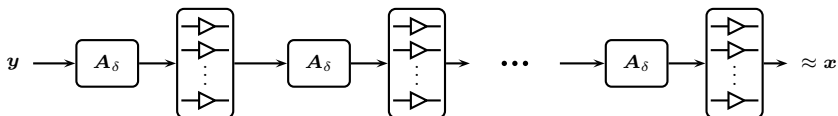
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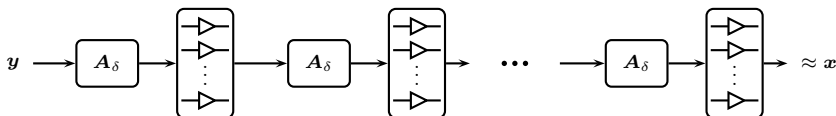


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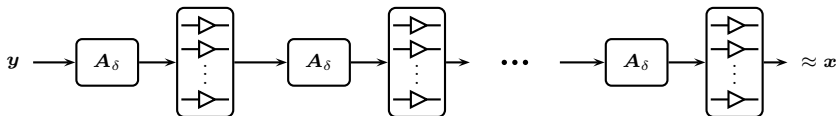
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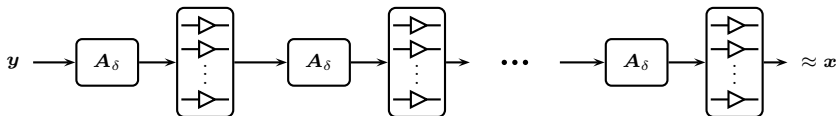


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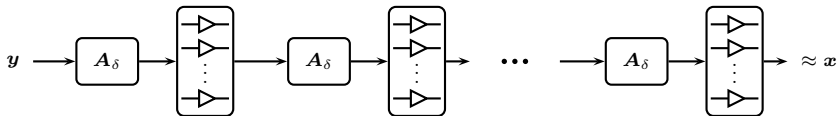
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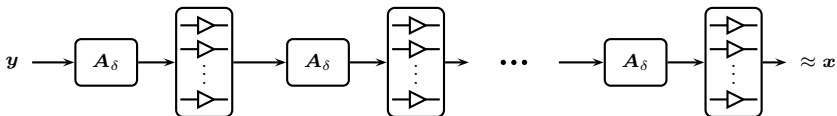
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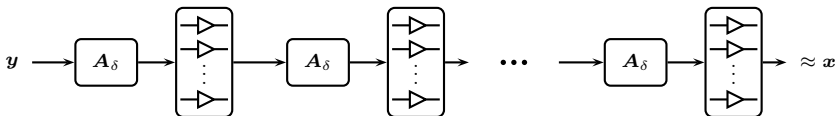
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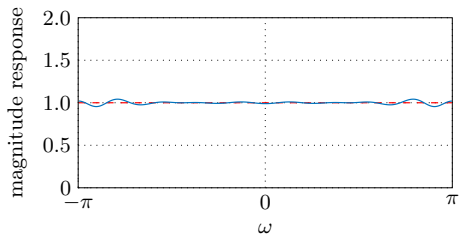
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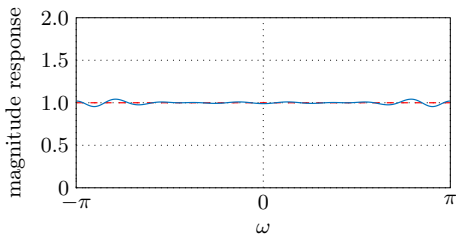
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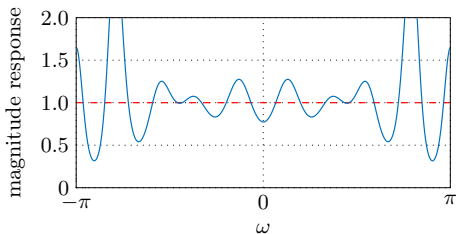


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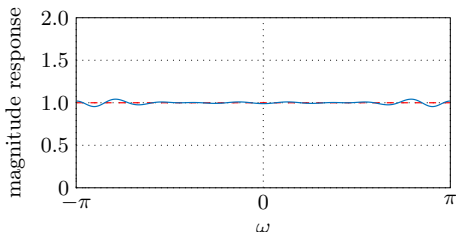


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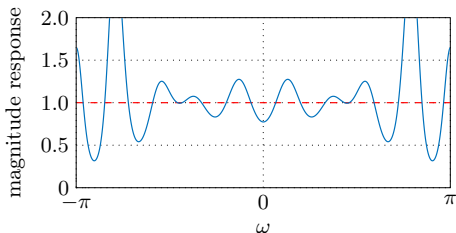
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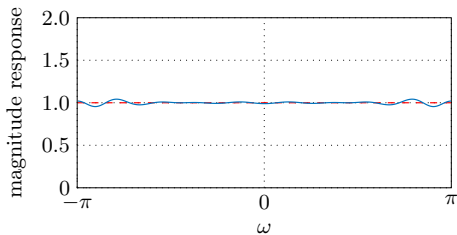
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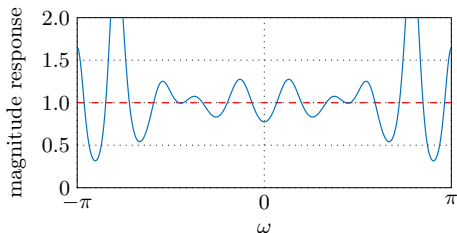
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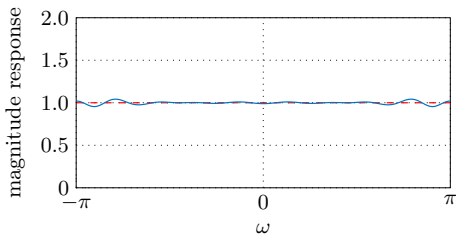
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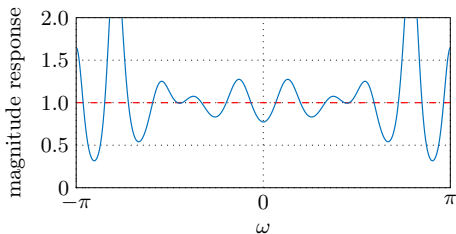
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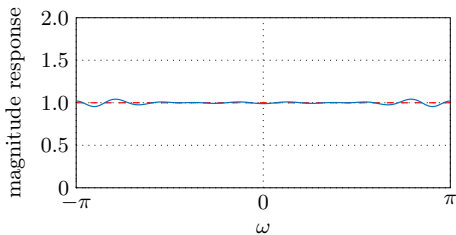
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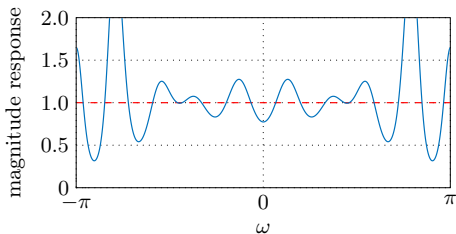
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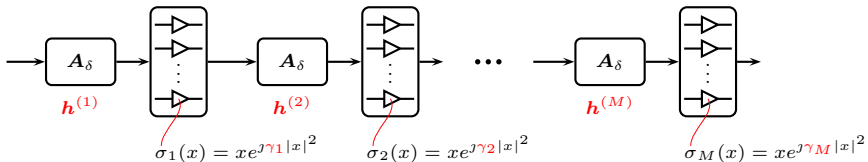
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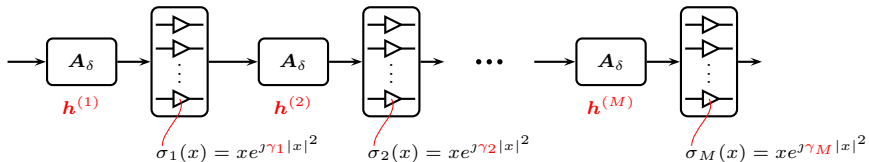
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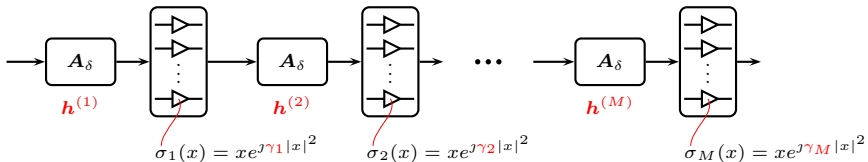
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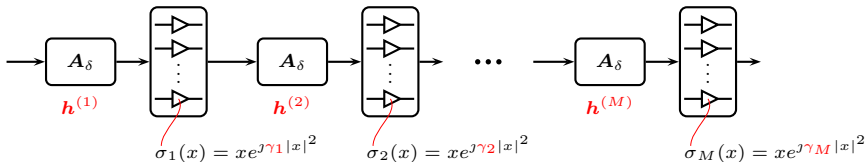
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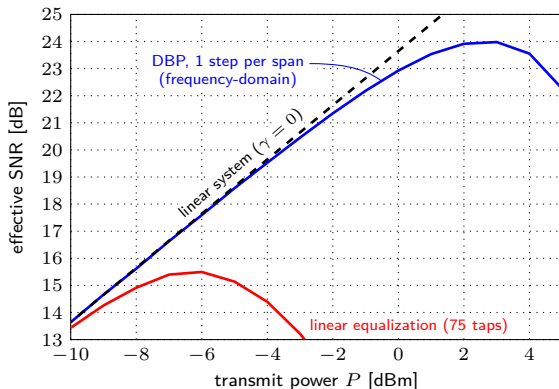
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 Adam optimizer, fixed learning rate

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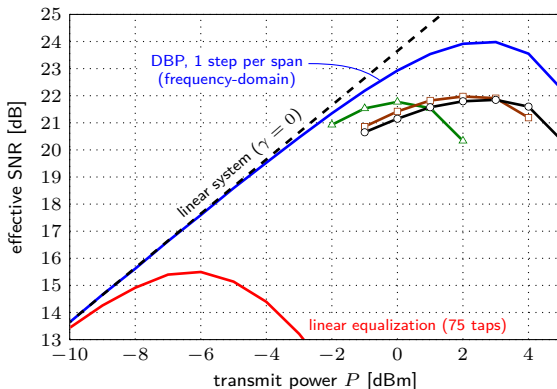


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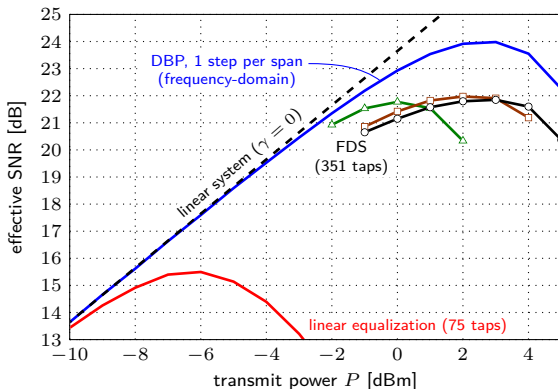


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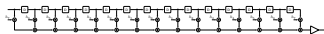


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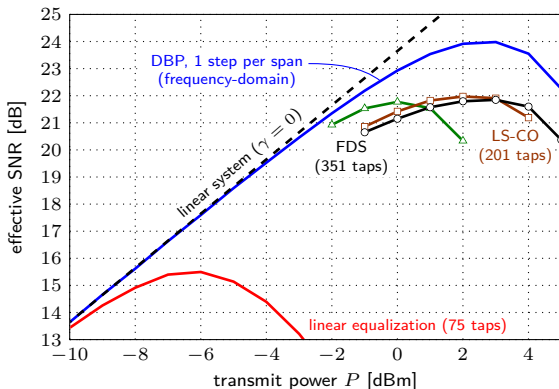
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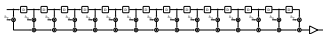


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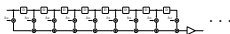
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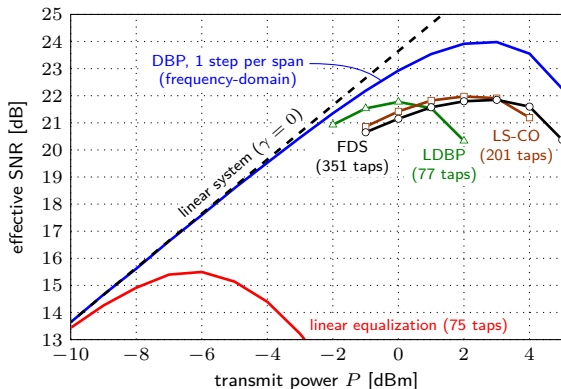
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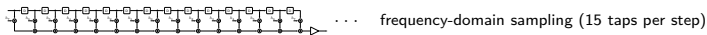


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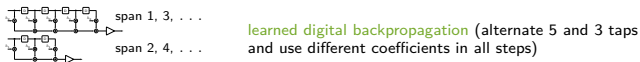
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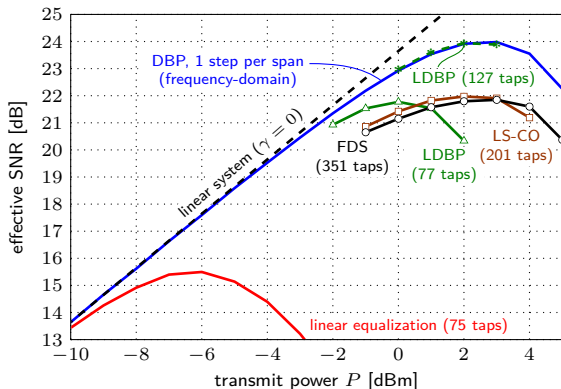
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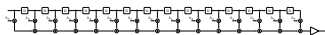


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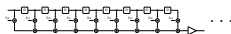
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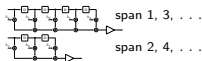
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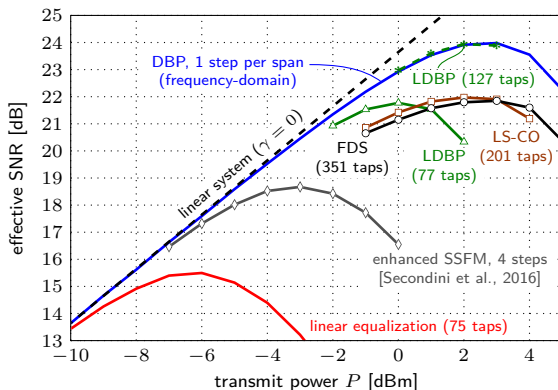
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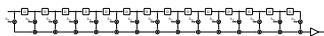


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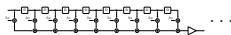
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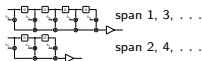
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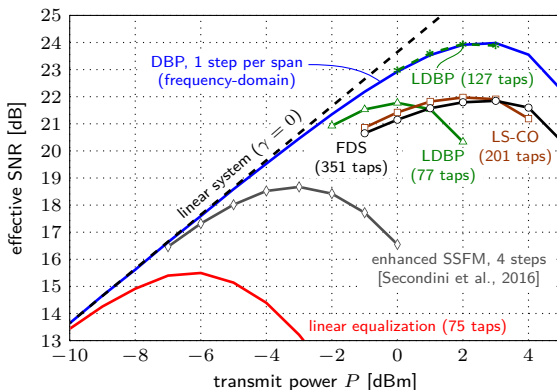
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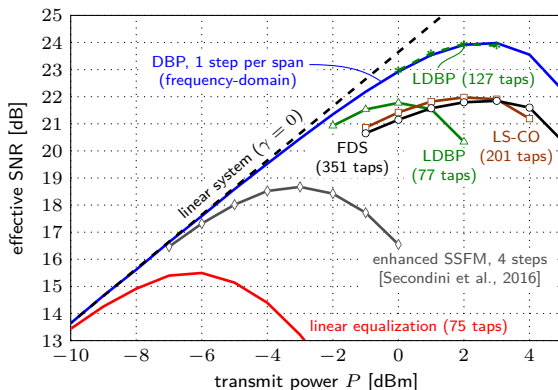


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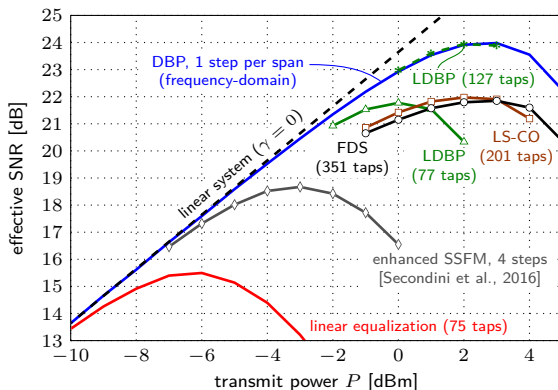
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