

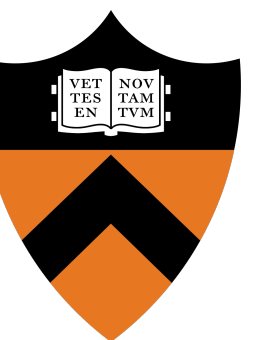
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# Efficient Optimization of Loops and Limits with Randomized Telescoping Sums

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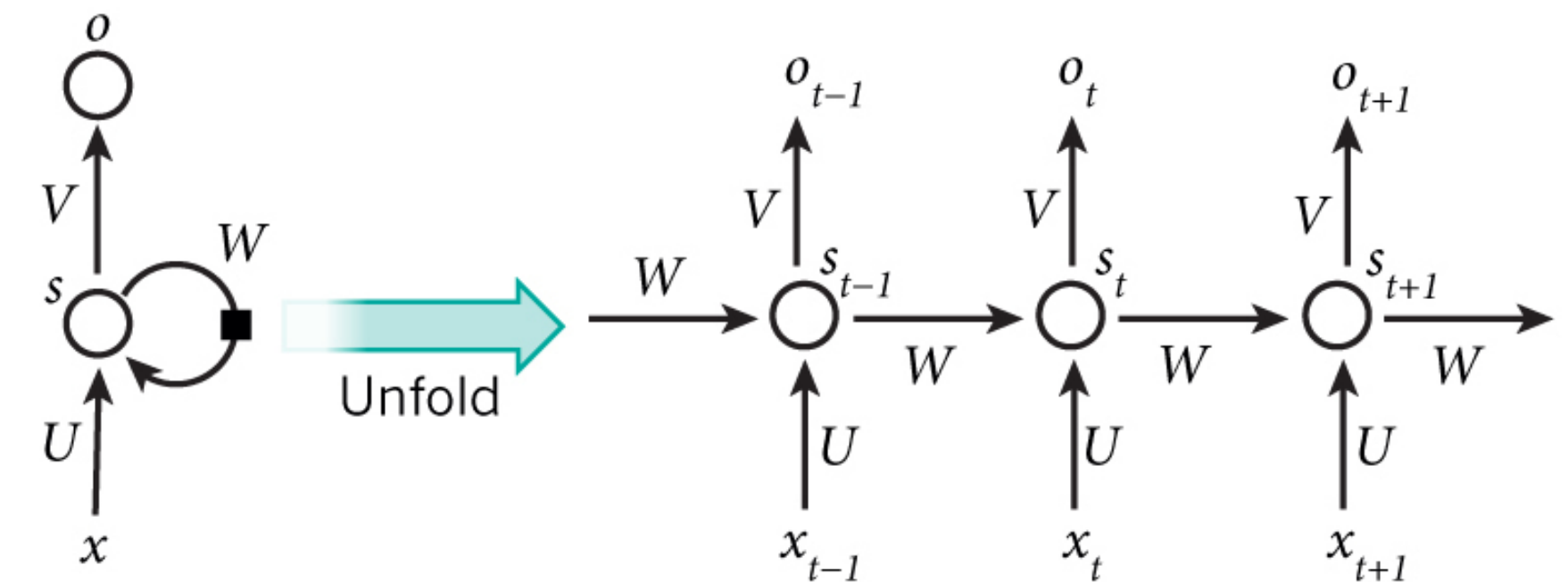
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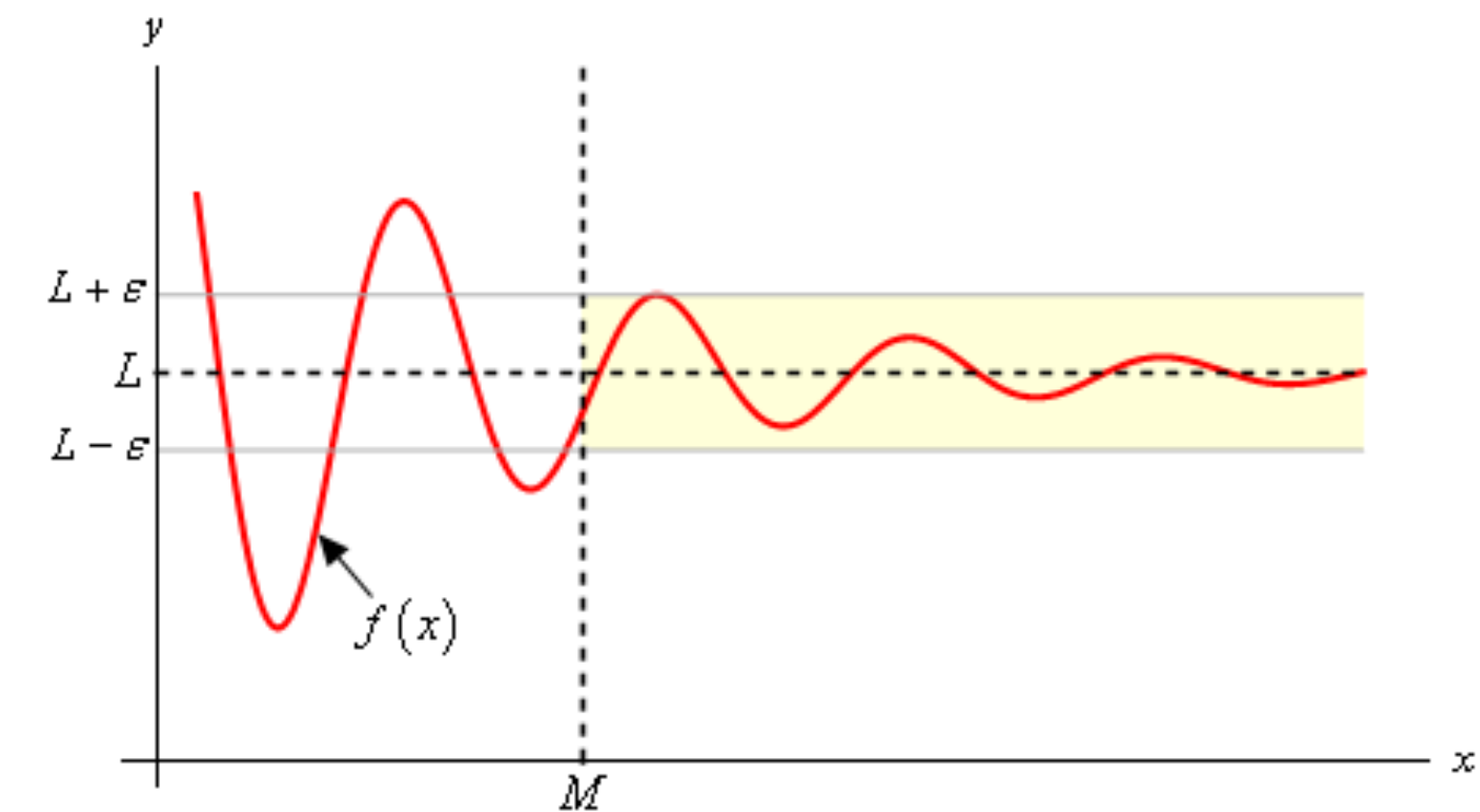
# MOTIVATION

- Optimization with inner loops
  - ▶ Meta learning, hyperparameter optimization
  - ▶ Recurrent models
- Optimization with limits
  - ▶ Discretized numerical methods: PDEs, ODEs, ...
  - ▶ Iterative methods: linear systems, inverses, eigenvalues,
  - ▶ Integration with Monte Carlo or quadrature
- In both cases..
  - ▶ cheap truncations/approximations cause **harmful bias**
  - ▶ accurate approximations are **computationally expensive**

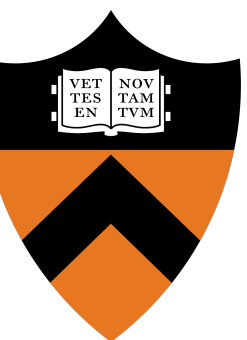
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<http://www.wildml.com/2015/09/recurrent-neural-networks-tutorial-part-1-introduction-to-rnns/>



<http://tutorial.math.lamar.edu/Classes/Calcl/DefnOfLimit.aspx>



# RANDOMIZED TELESCOPES: UNBIASED ESTIMATION OF LIMITS

Consider:  $Y_H := \lim_{n \rightarrow H} Y_n$

Then:  $Y_H = \sum_{n=1}^H \Delta_n$  where  $\Delta_n = \begin{cases} Y_n - Y_{n-1} & n > 1 \\ Y_1 & n = 1 \end{cases}$

Consider an estimator:  $\hat{Y}_H = \sum_{n=1}^N \Delta_n W(n, N)$   $N \in \{1, \dots, H\} \sim q$

This is unbiased iff:  $\sum_{N=n}^H W(n, N)q(N) = 1 \quad \forall n$



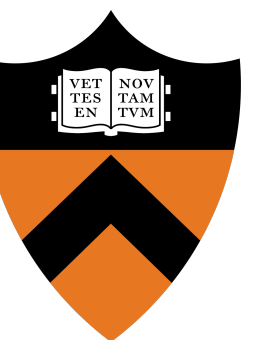
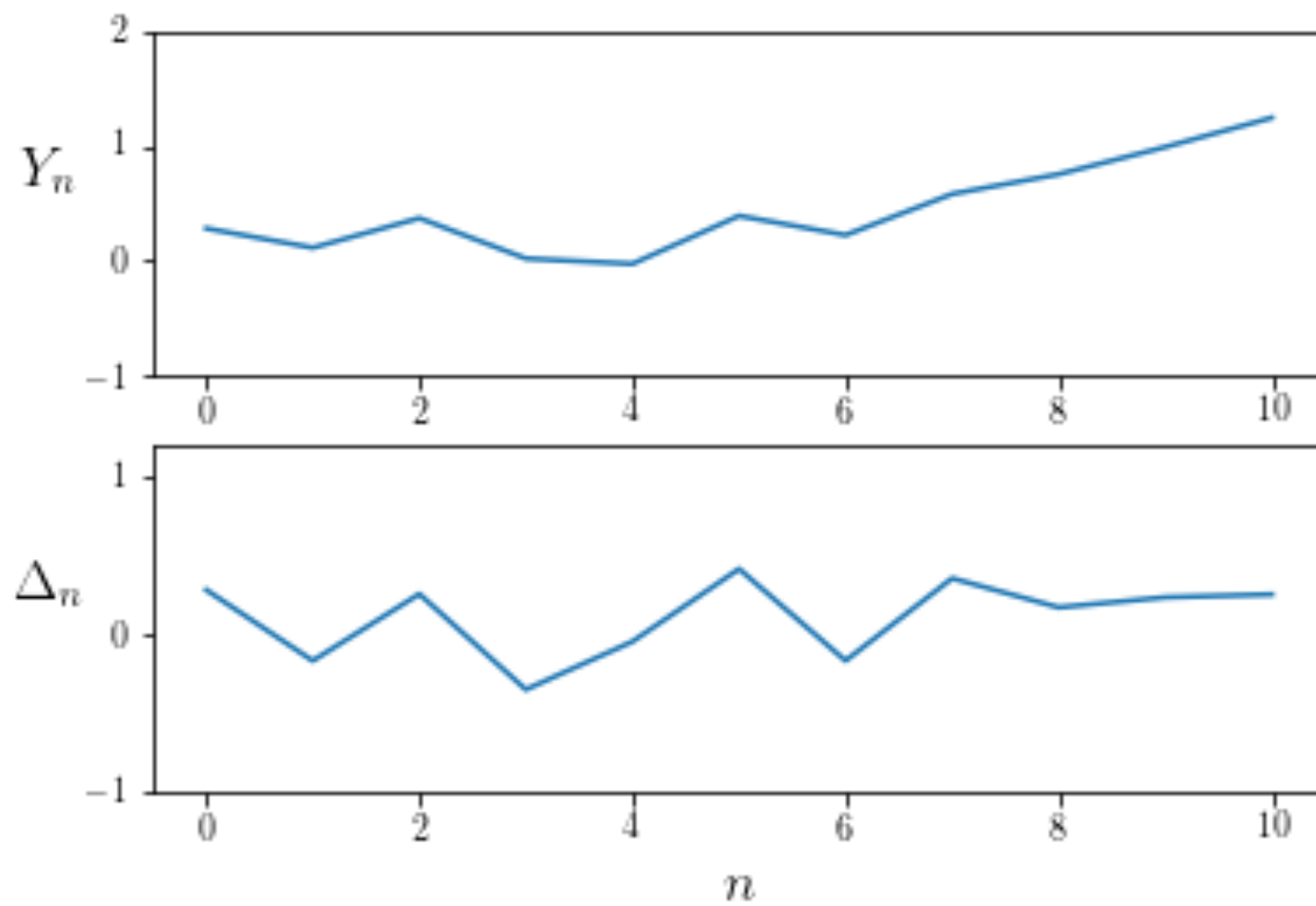
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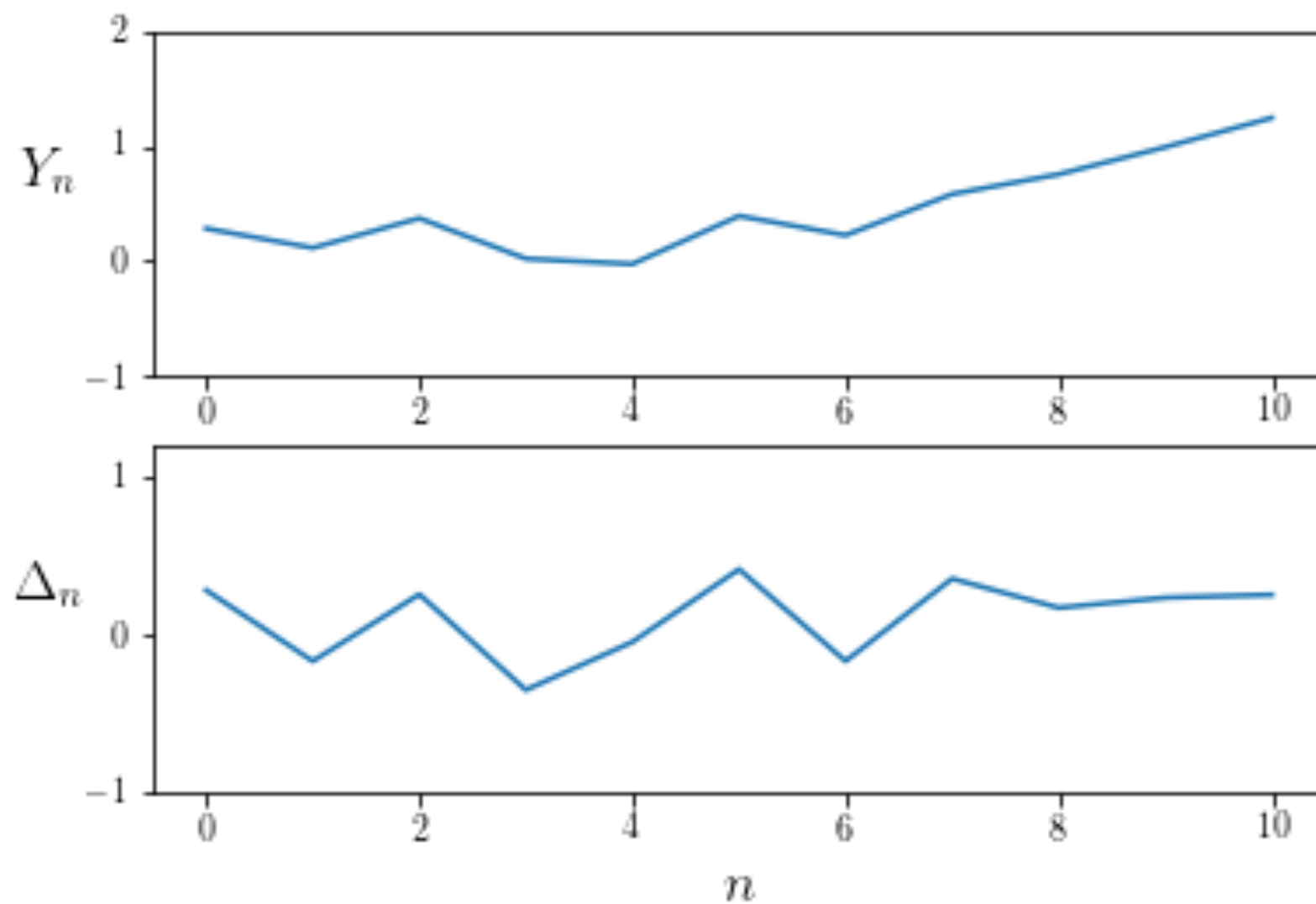
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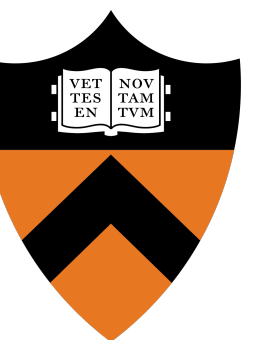


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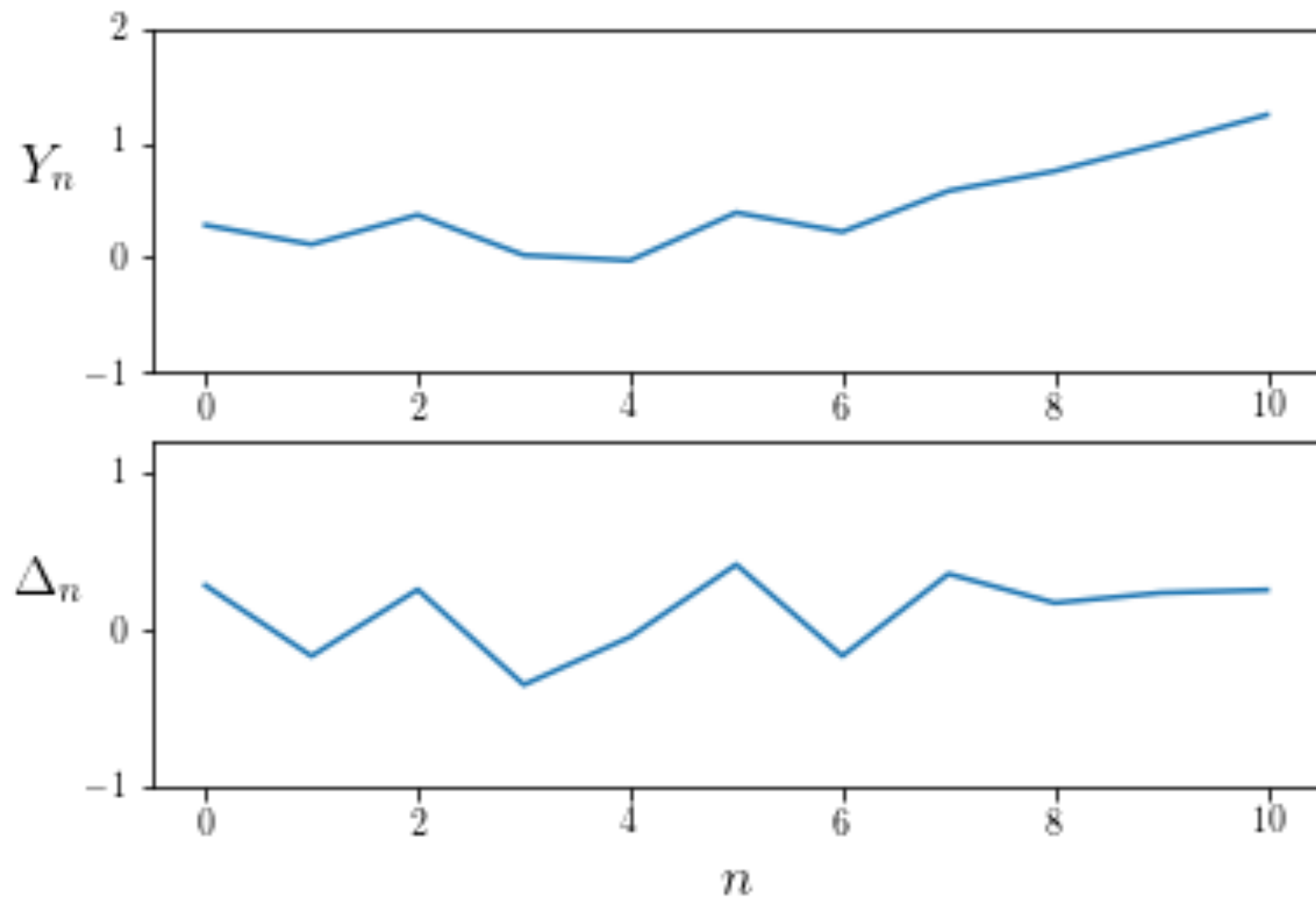
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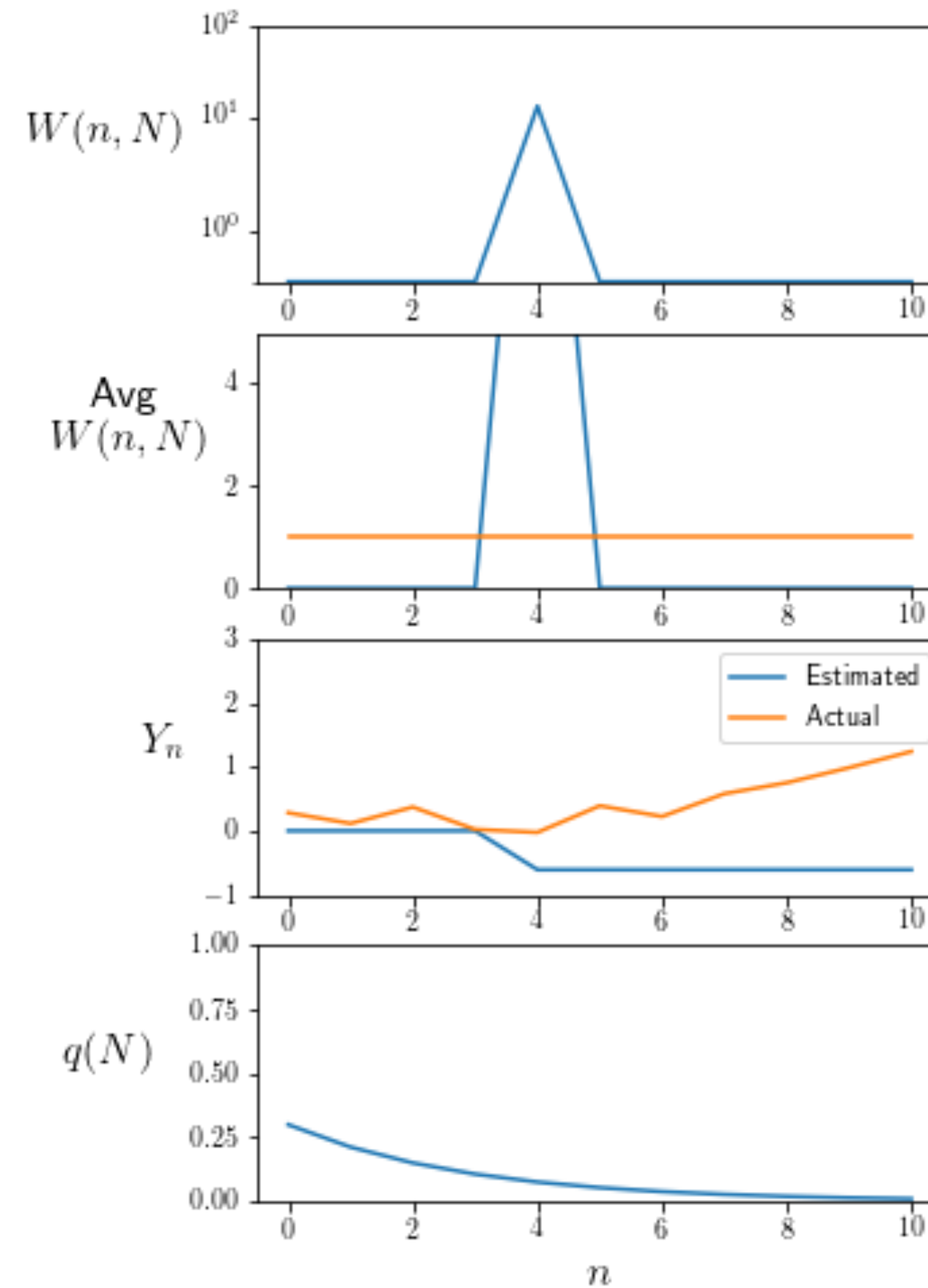
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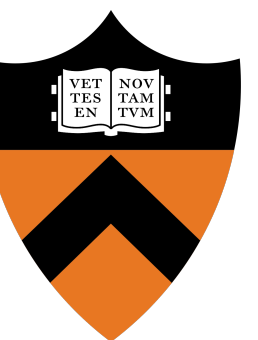
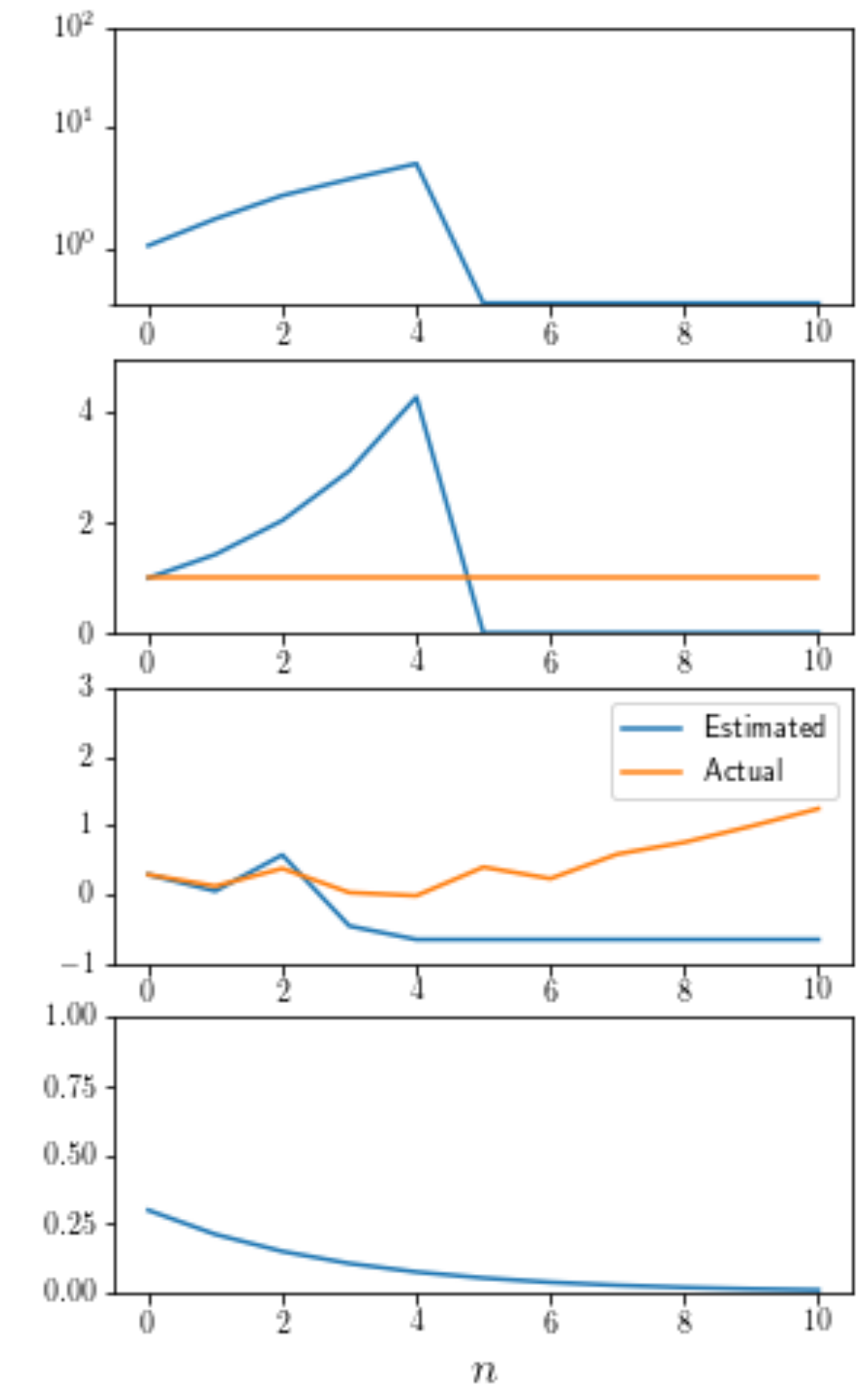
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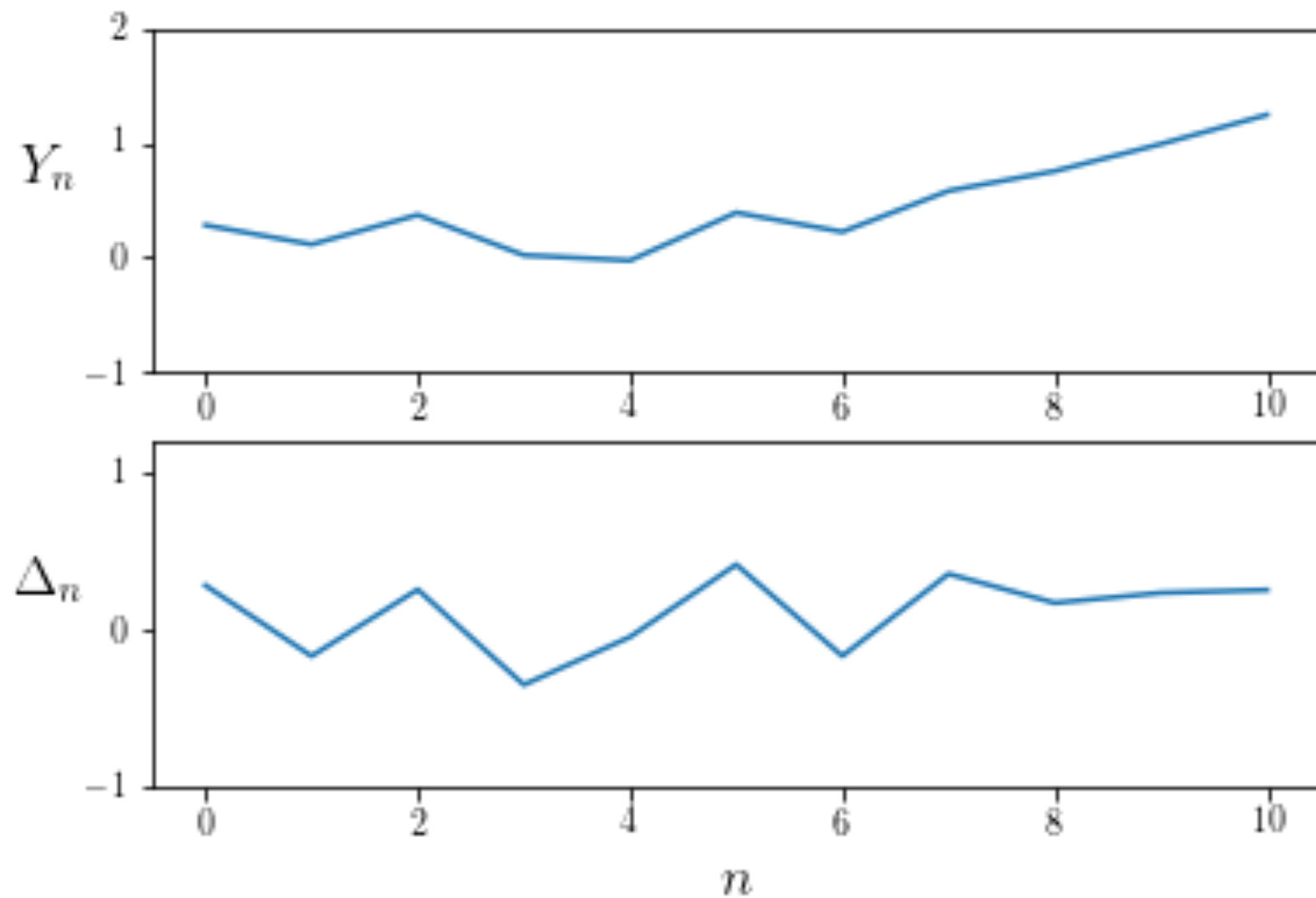
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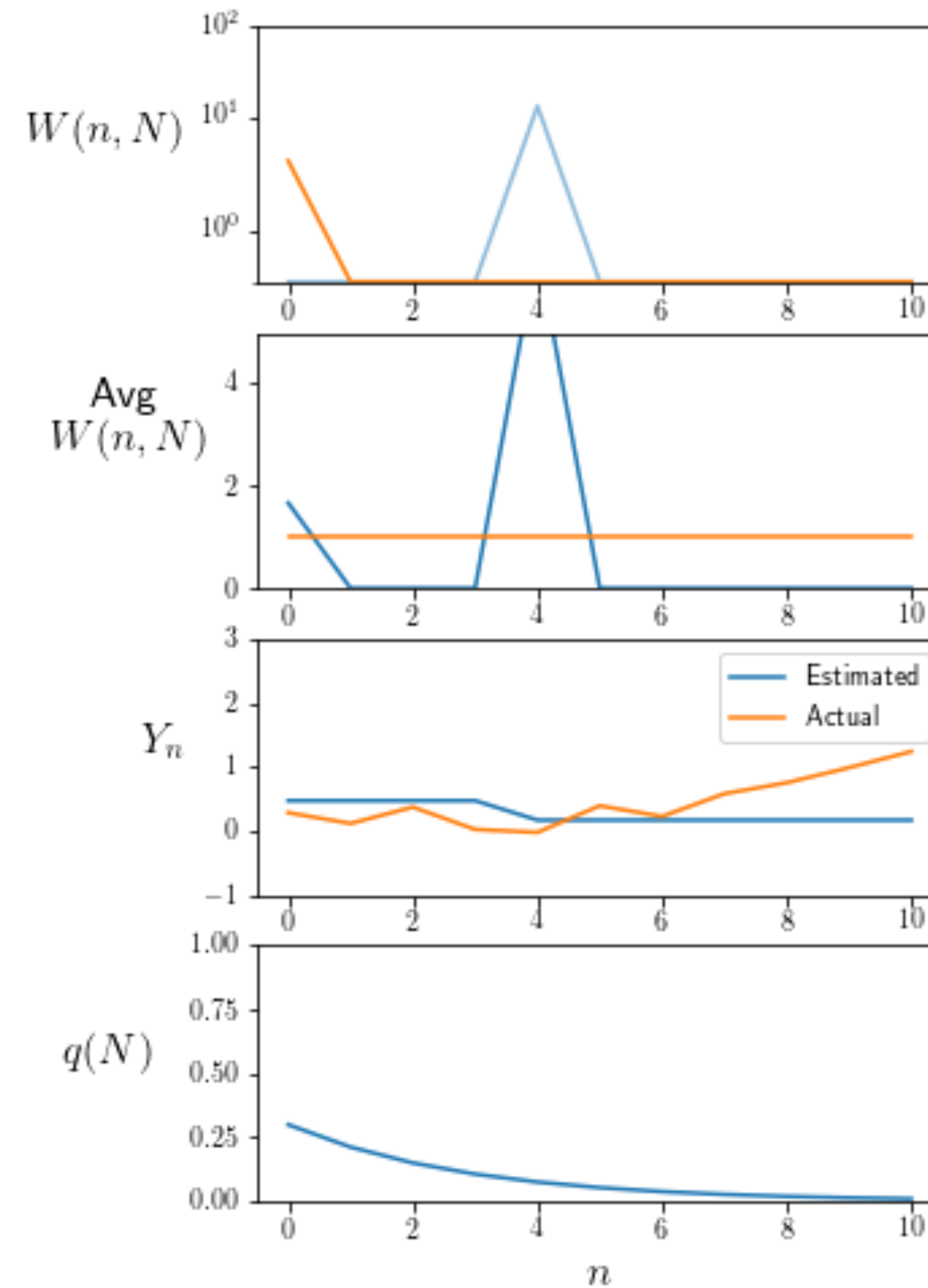
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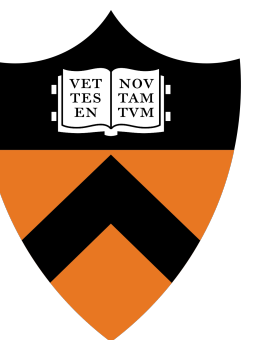
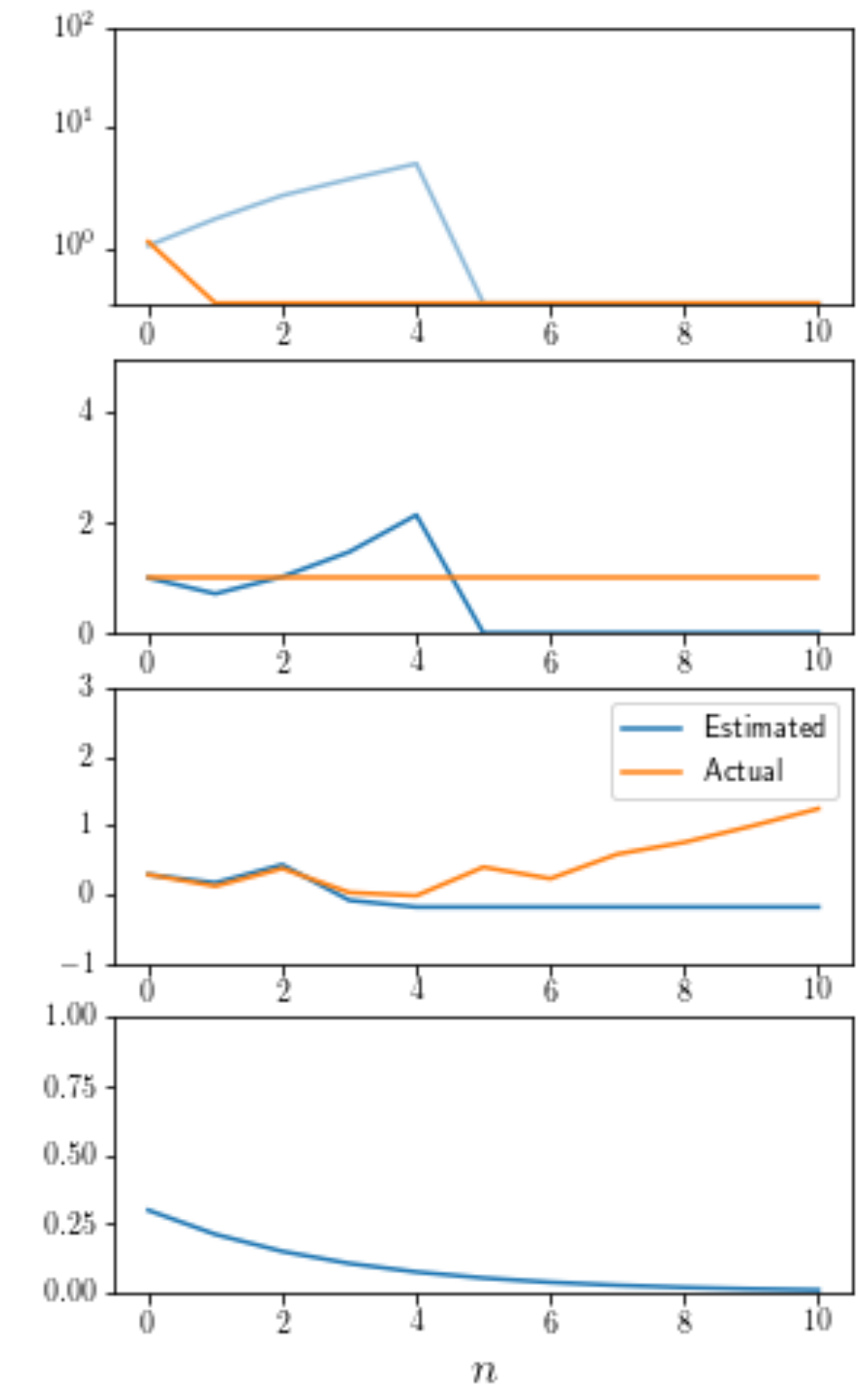
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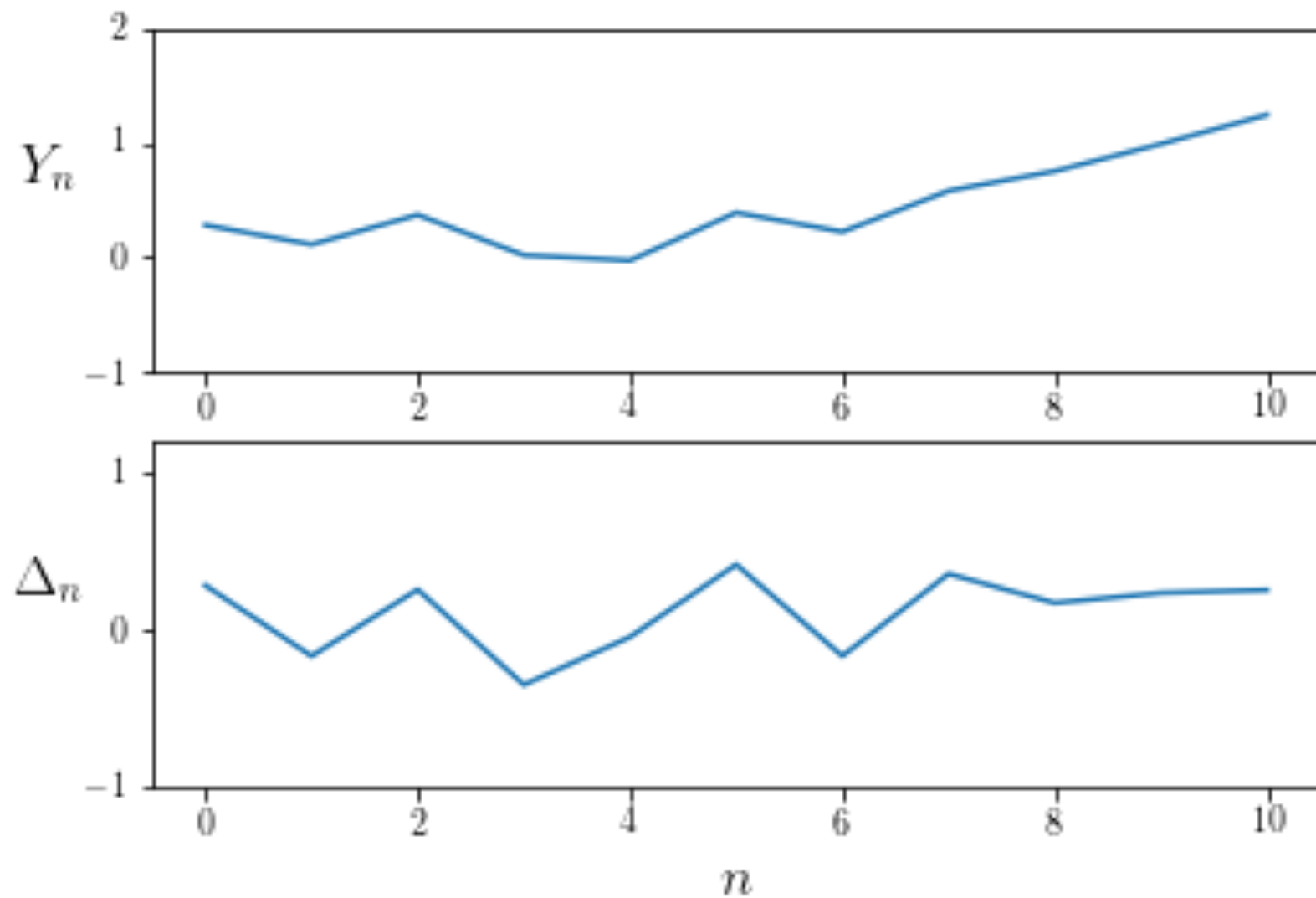
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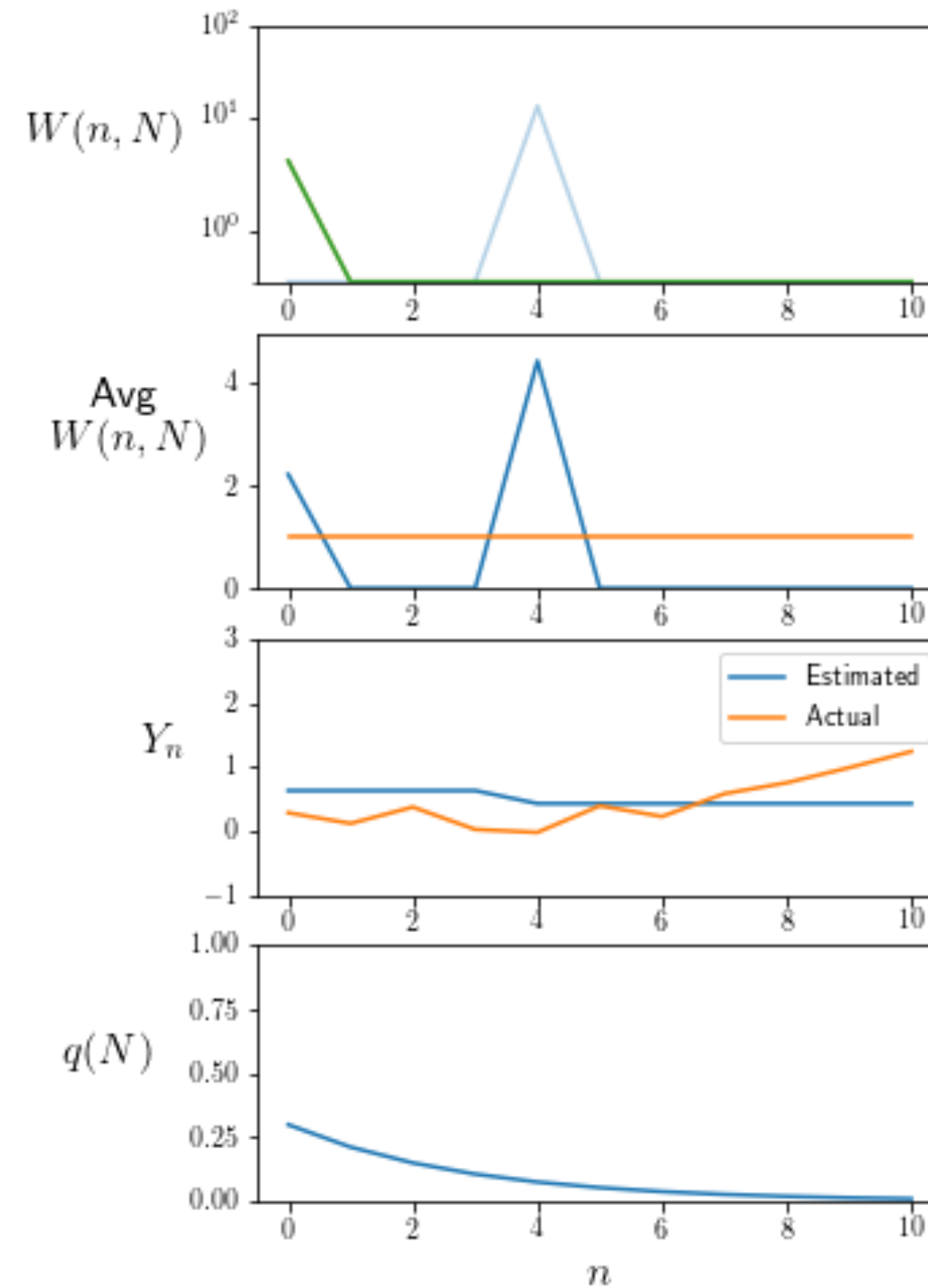
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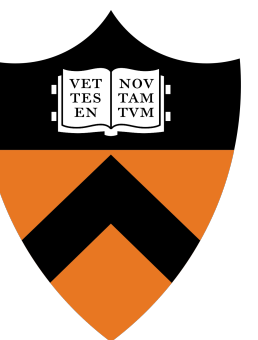
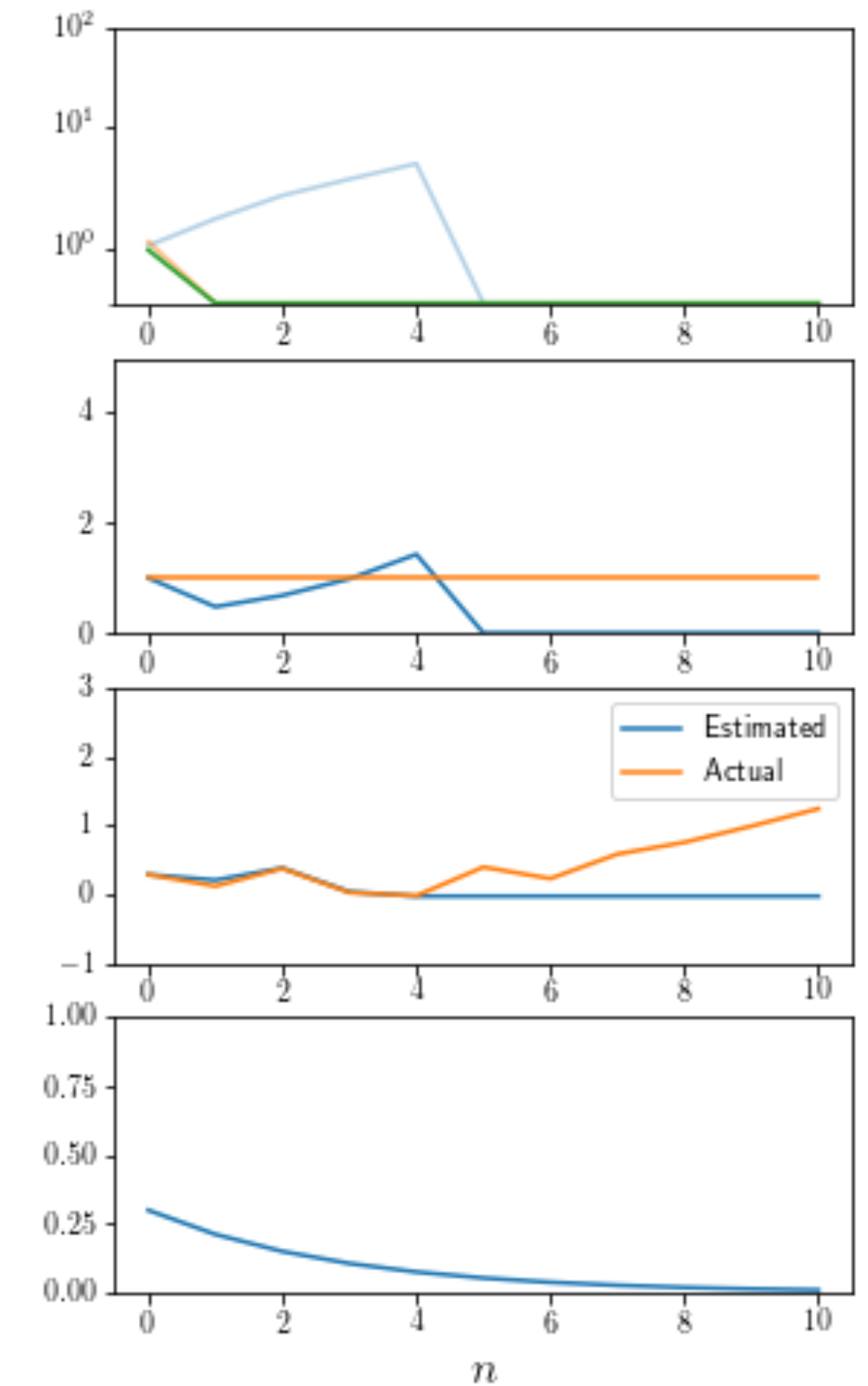
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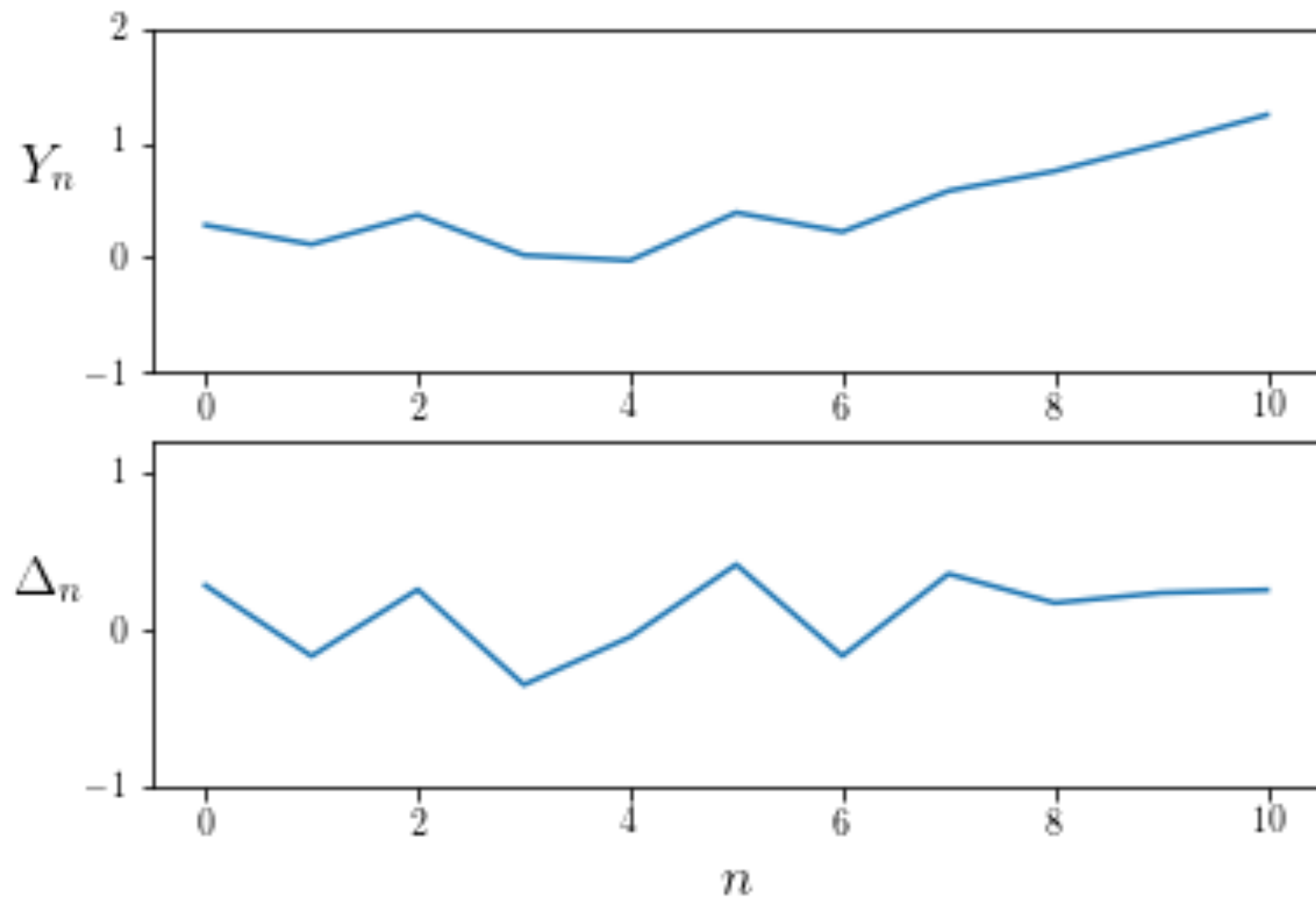
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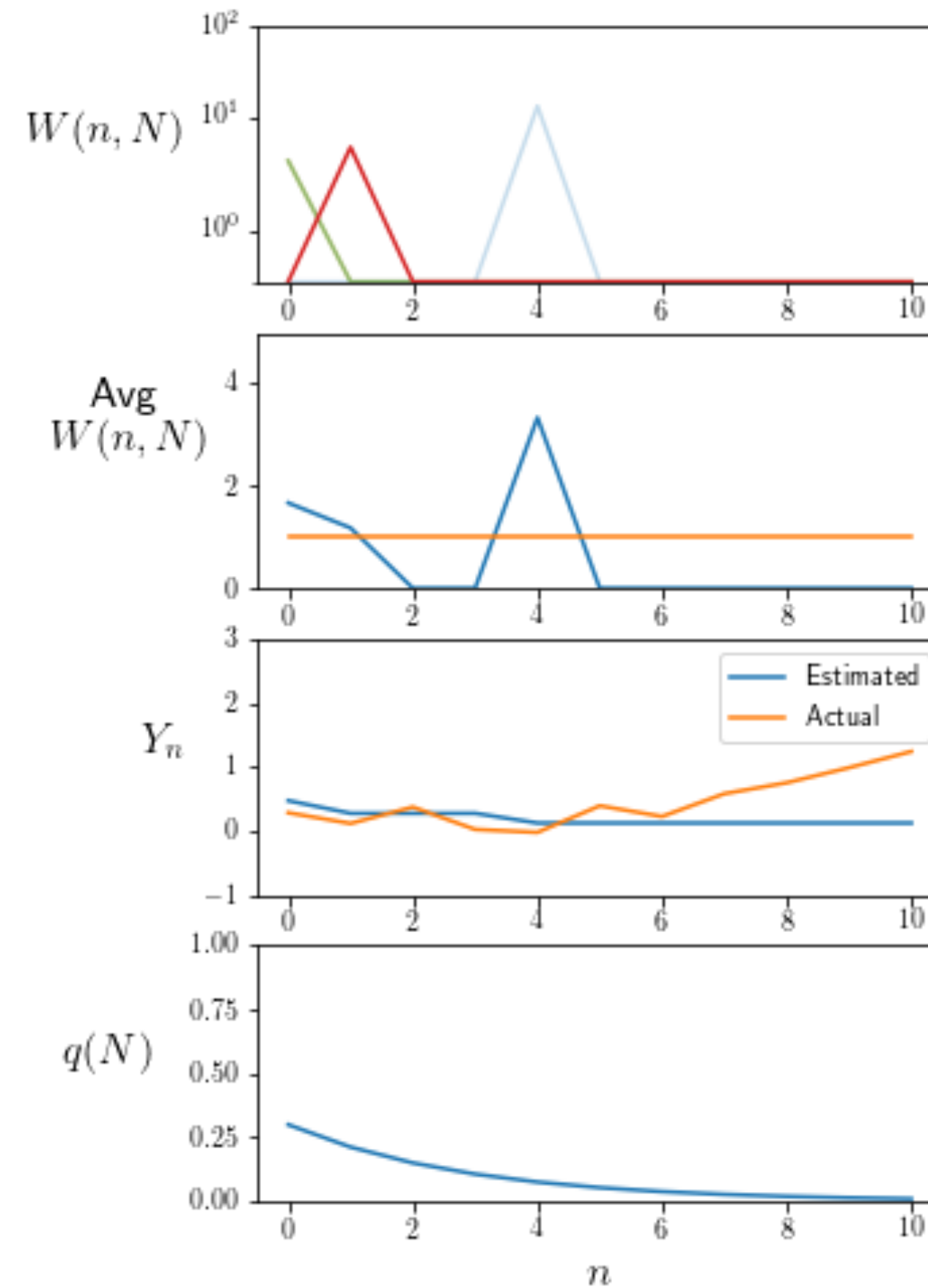
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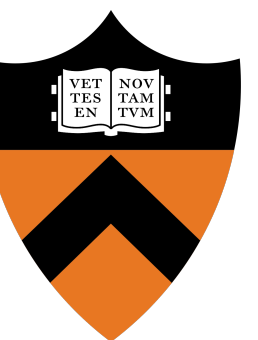
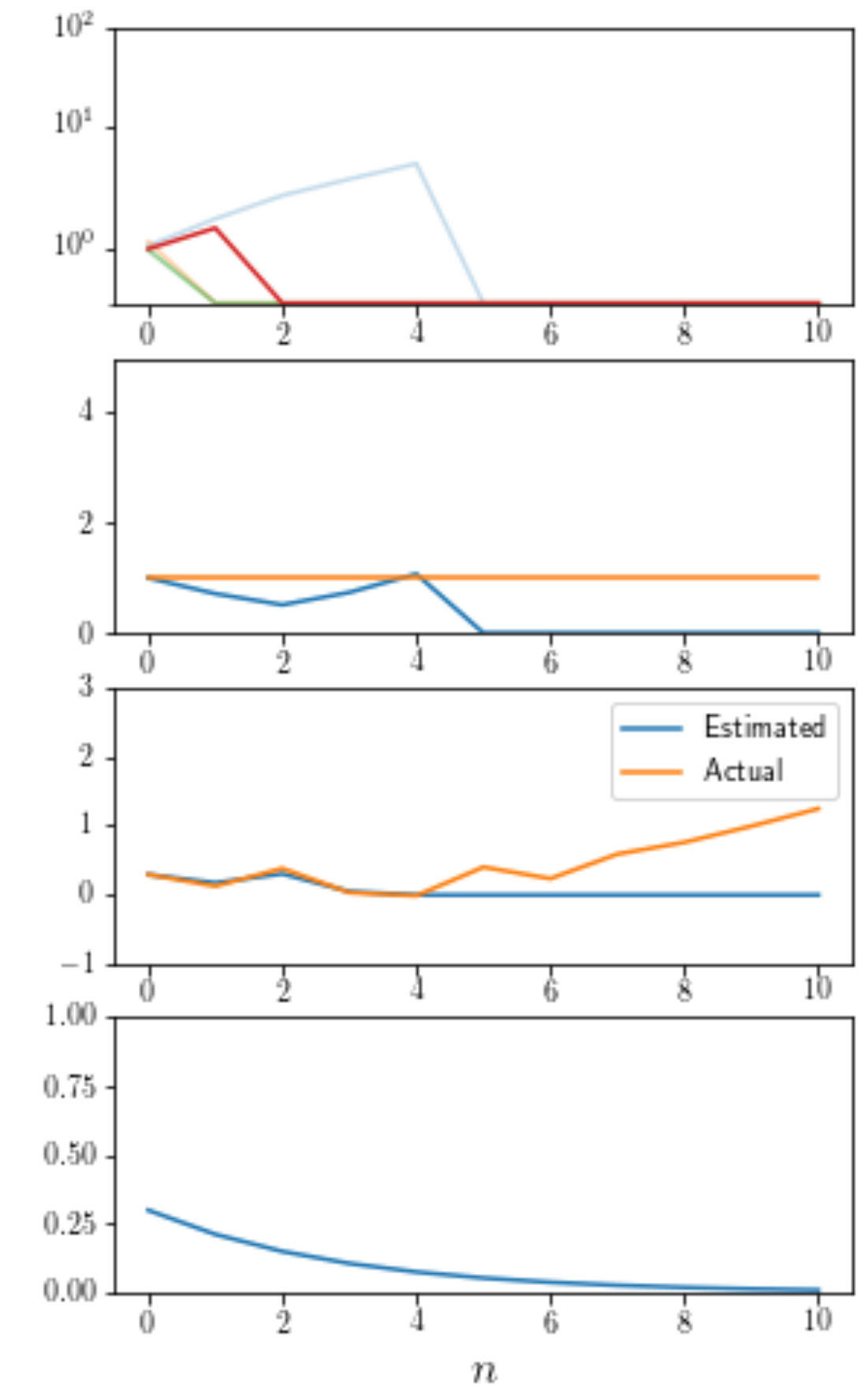
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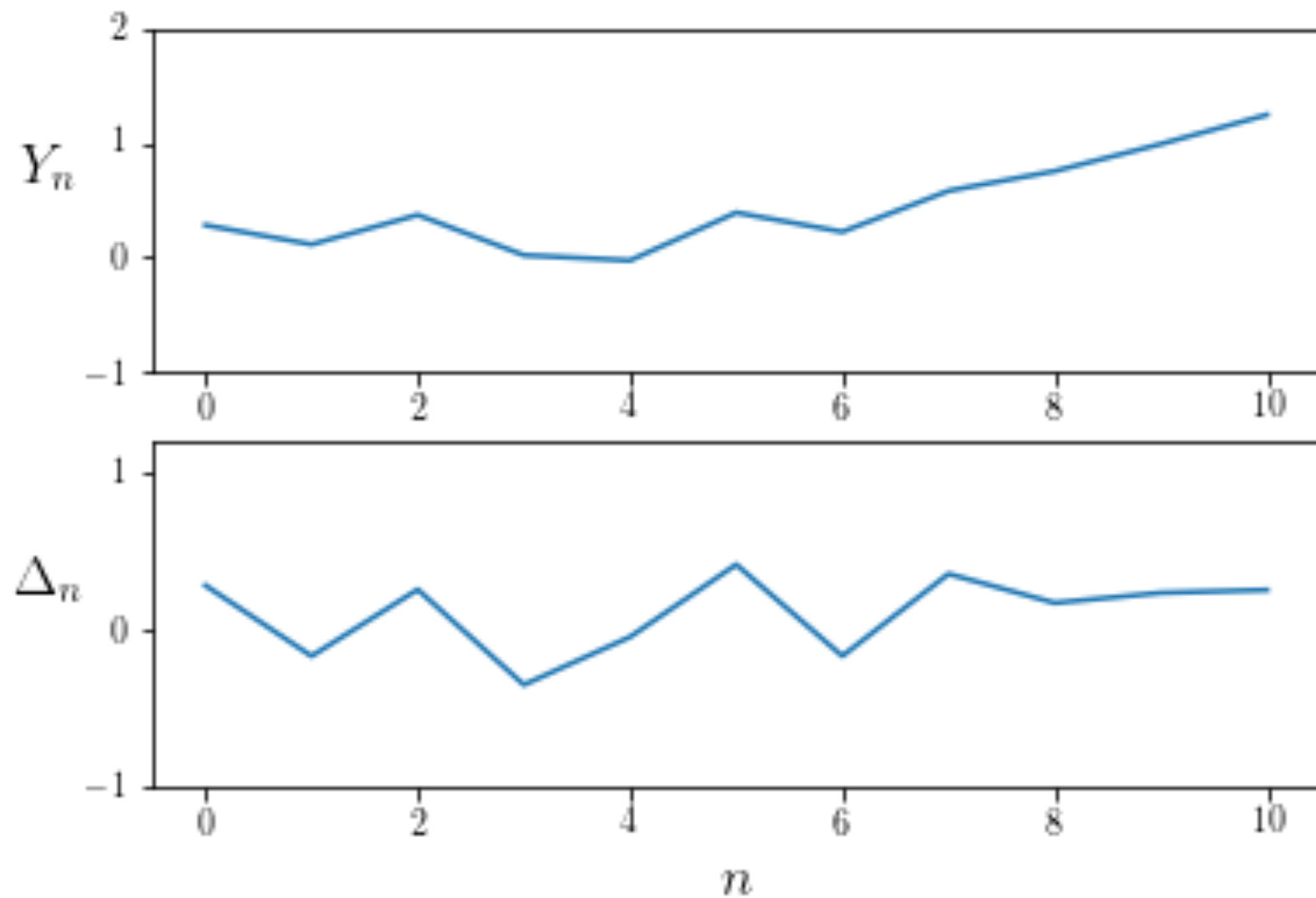
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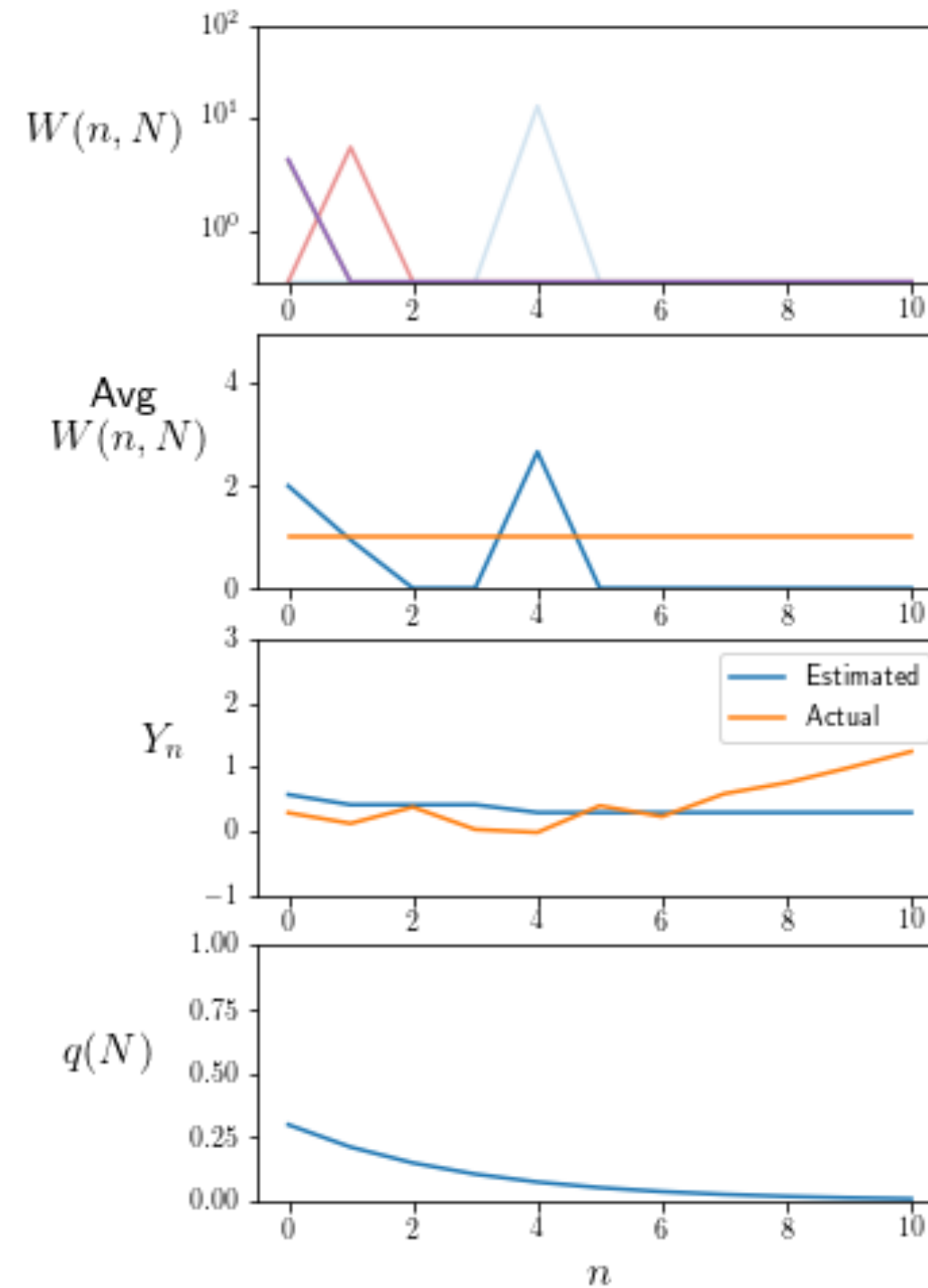
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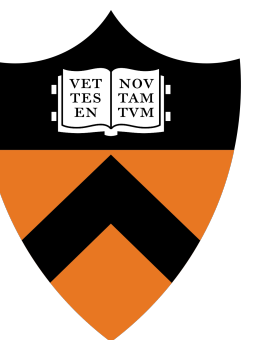
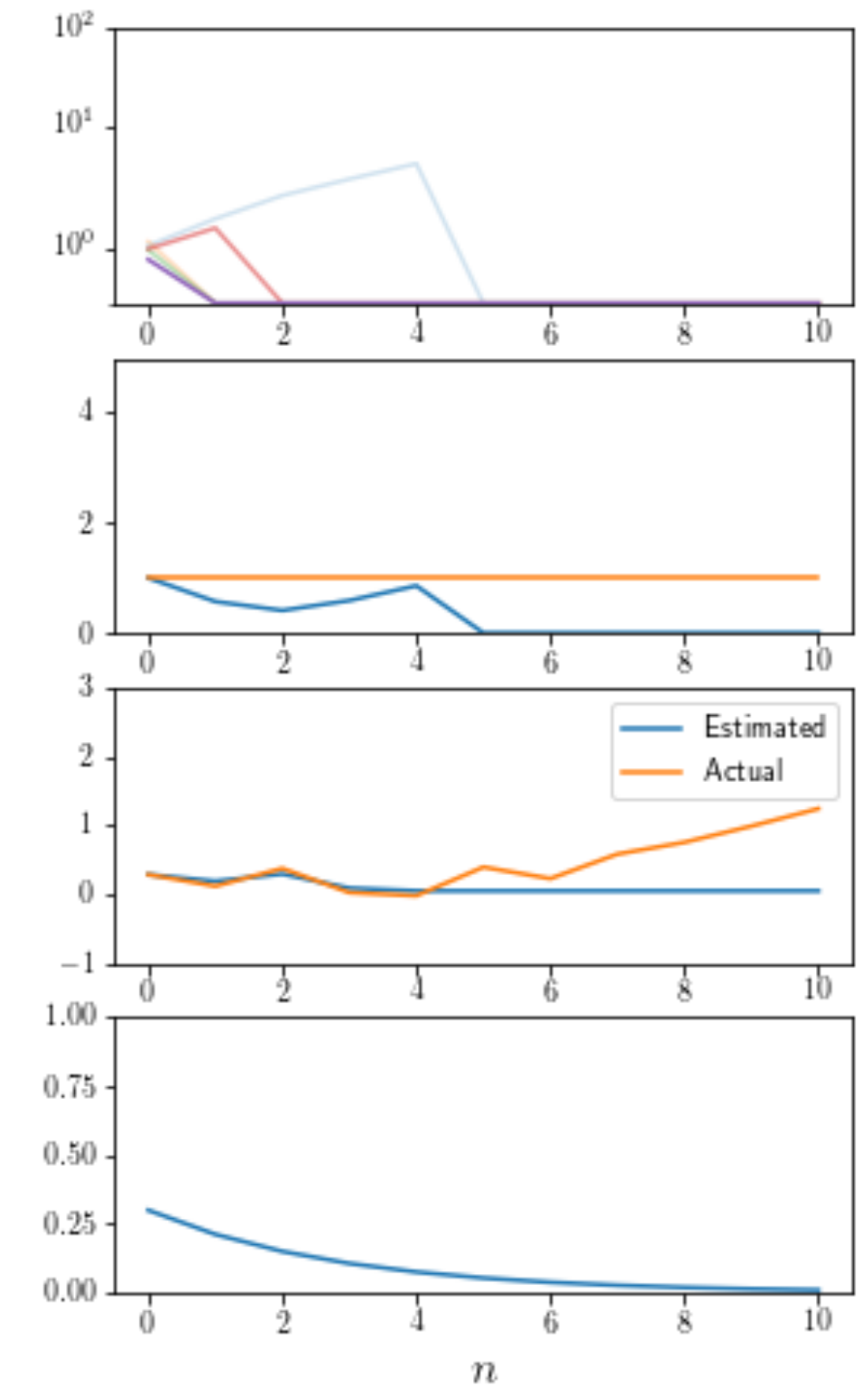
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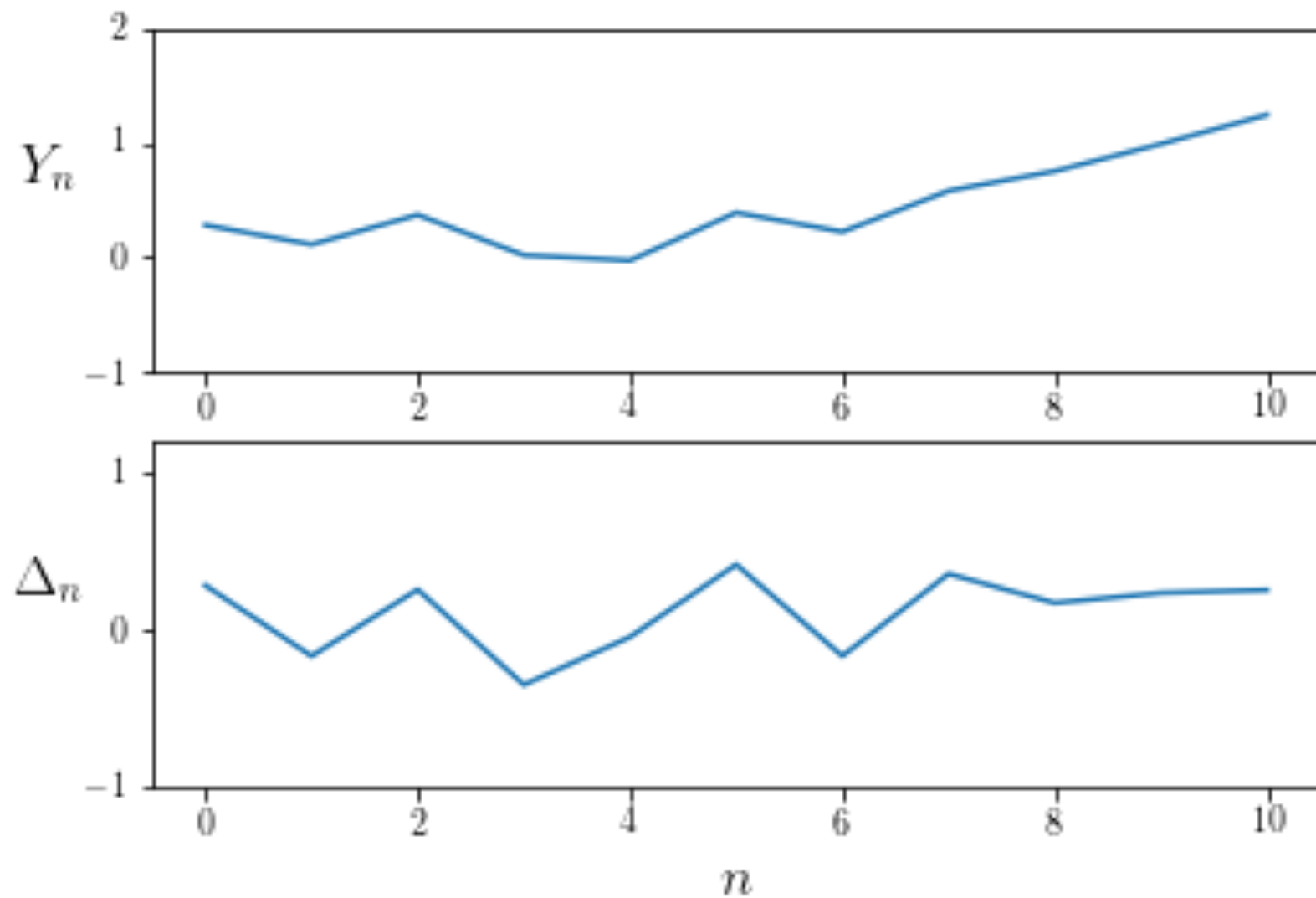
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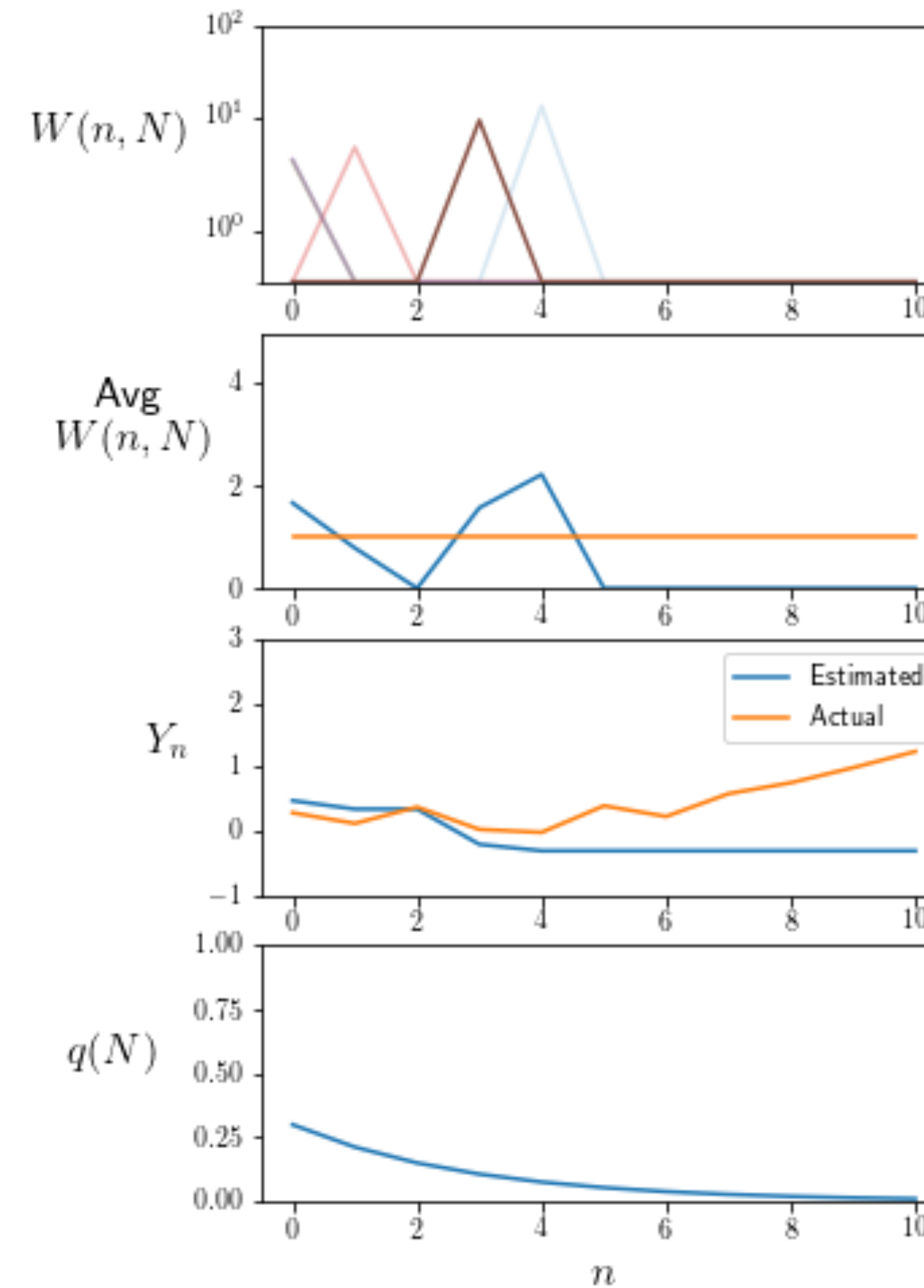
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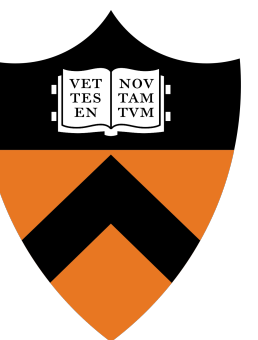
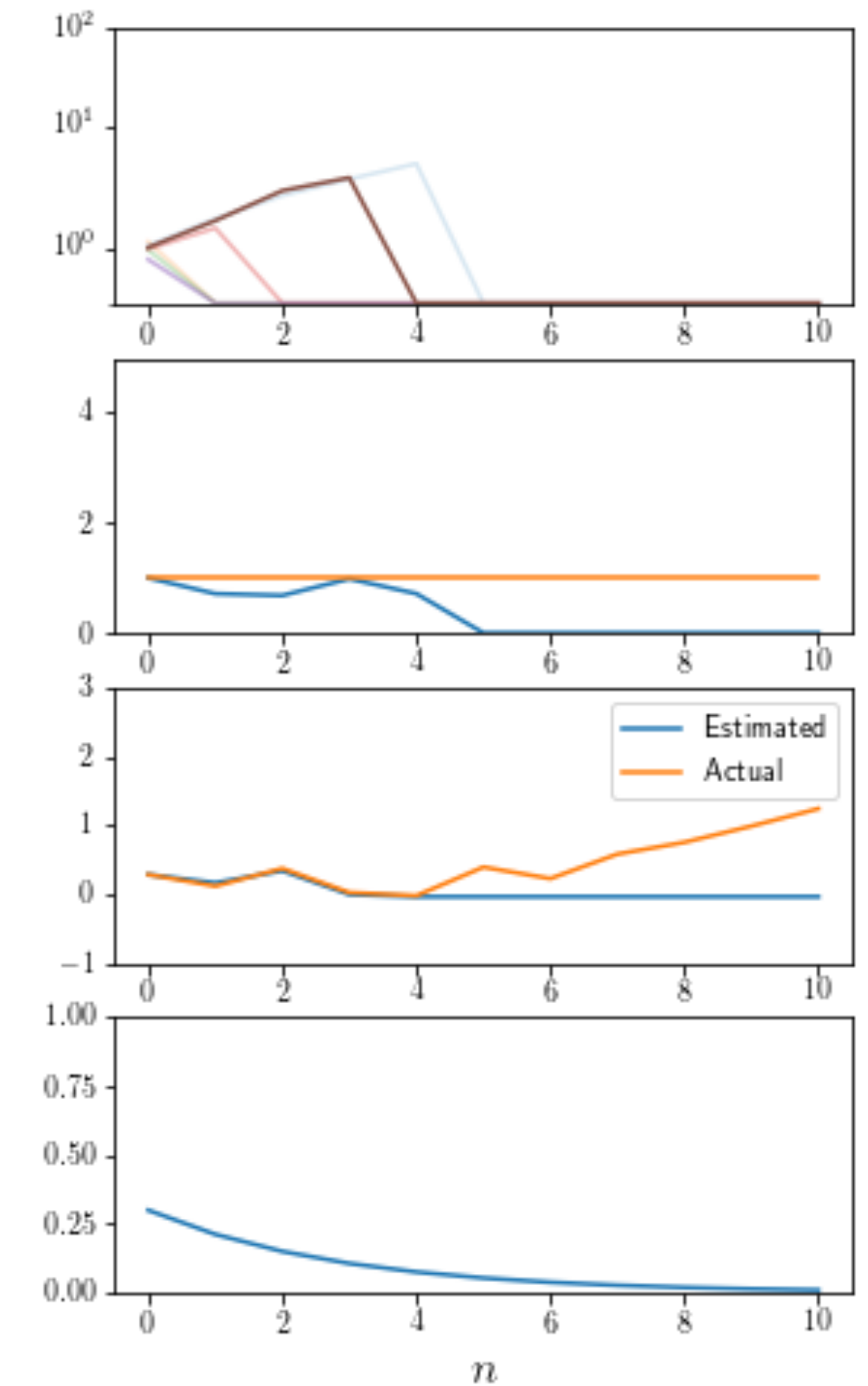
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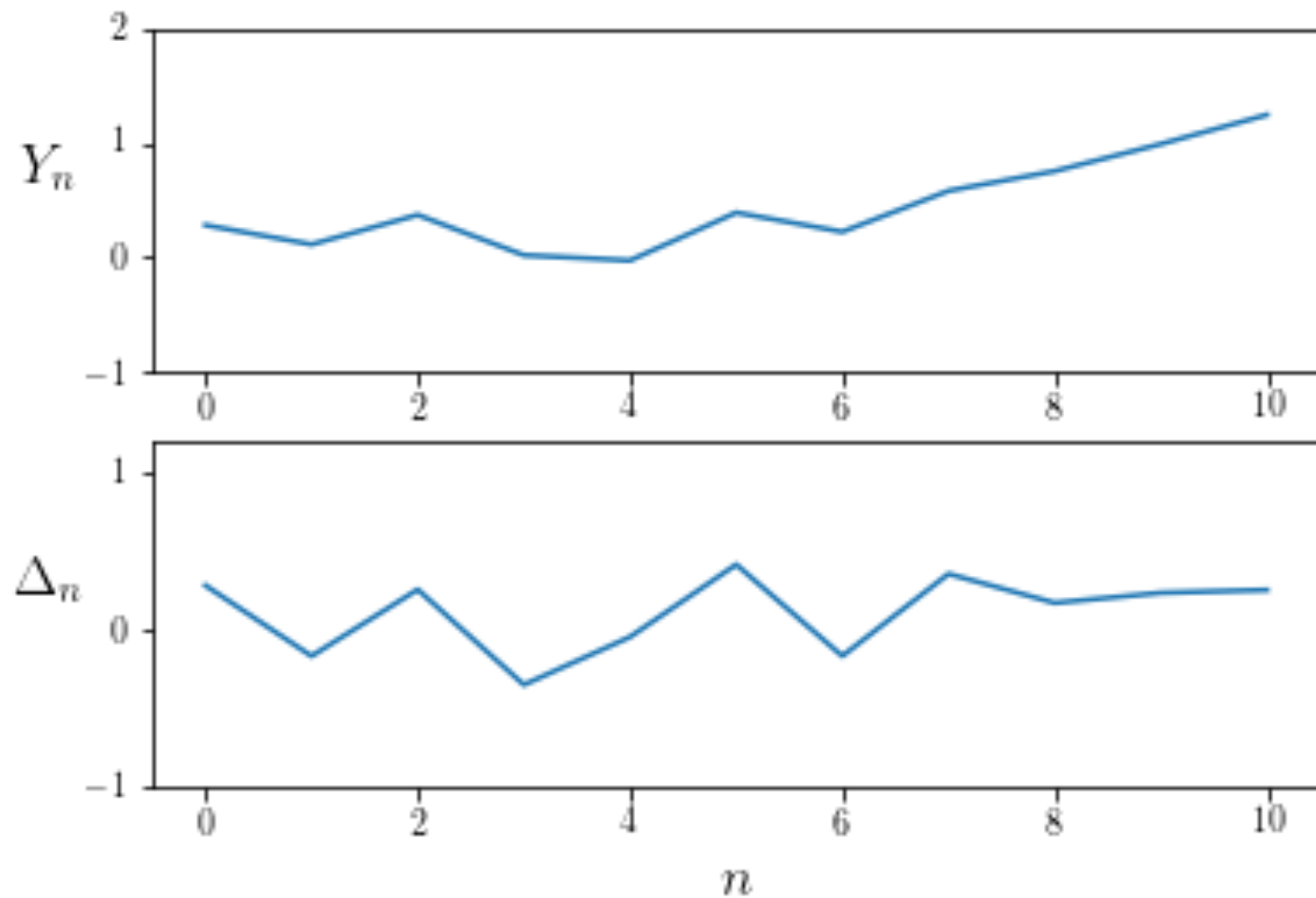
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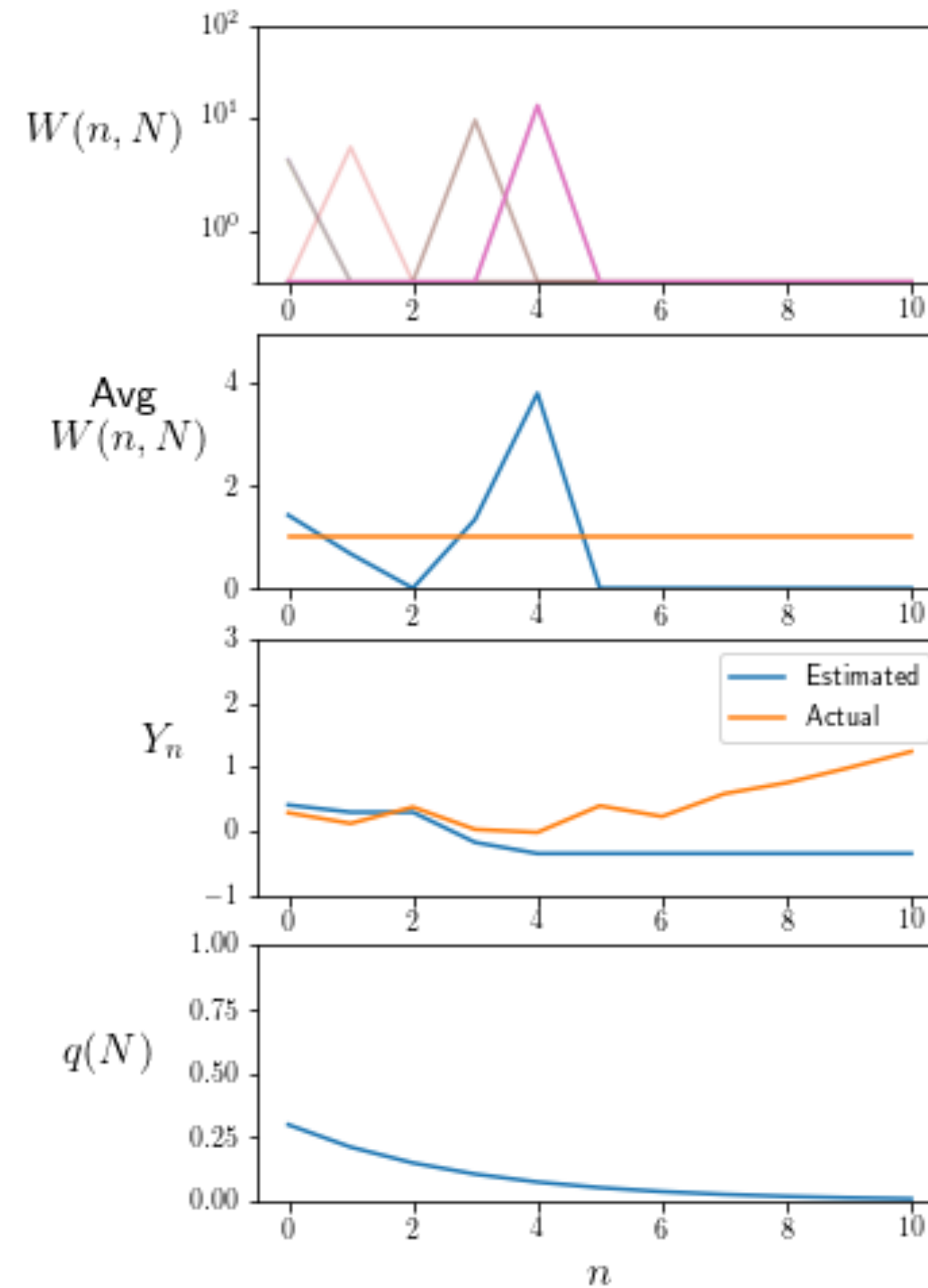
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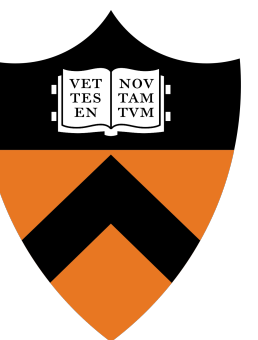
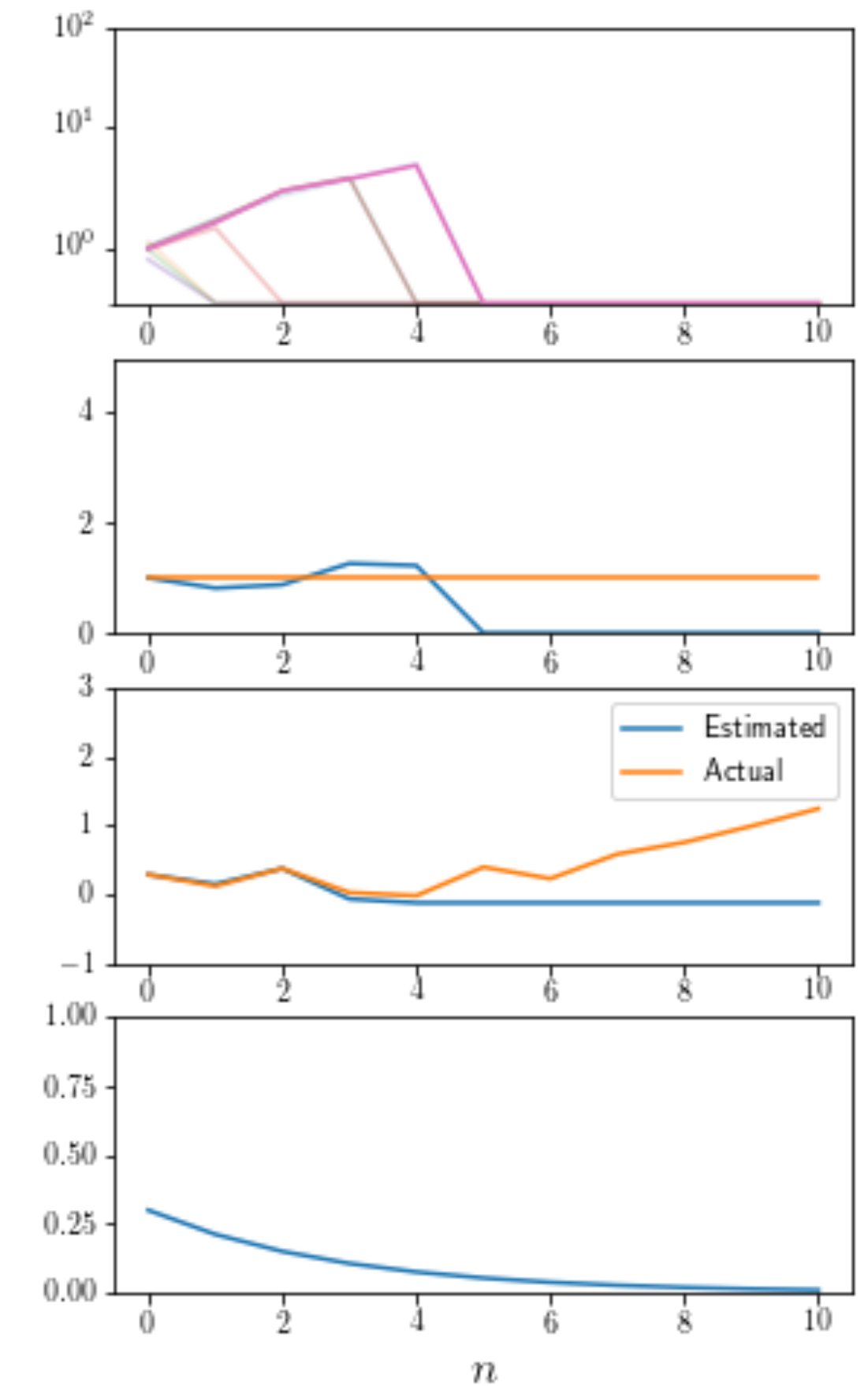
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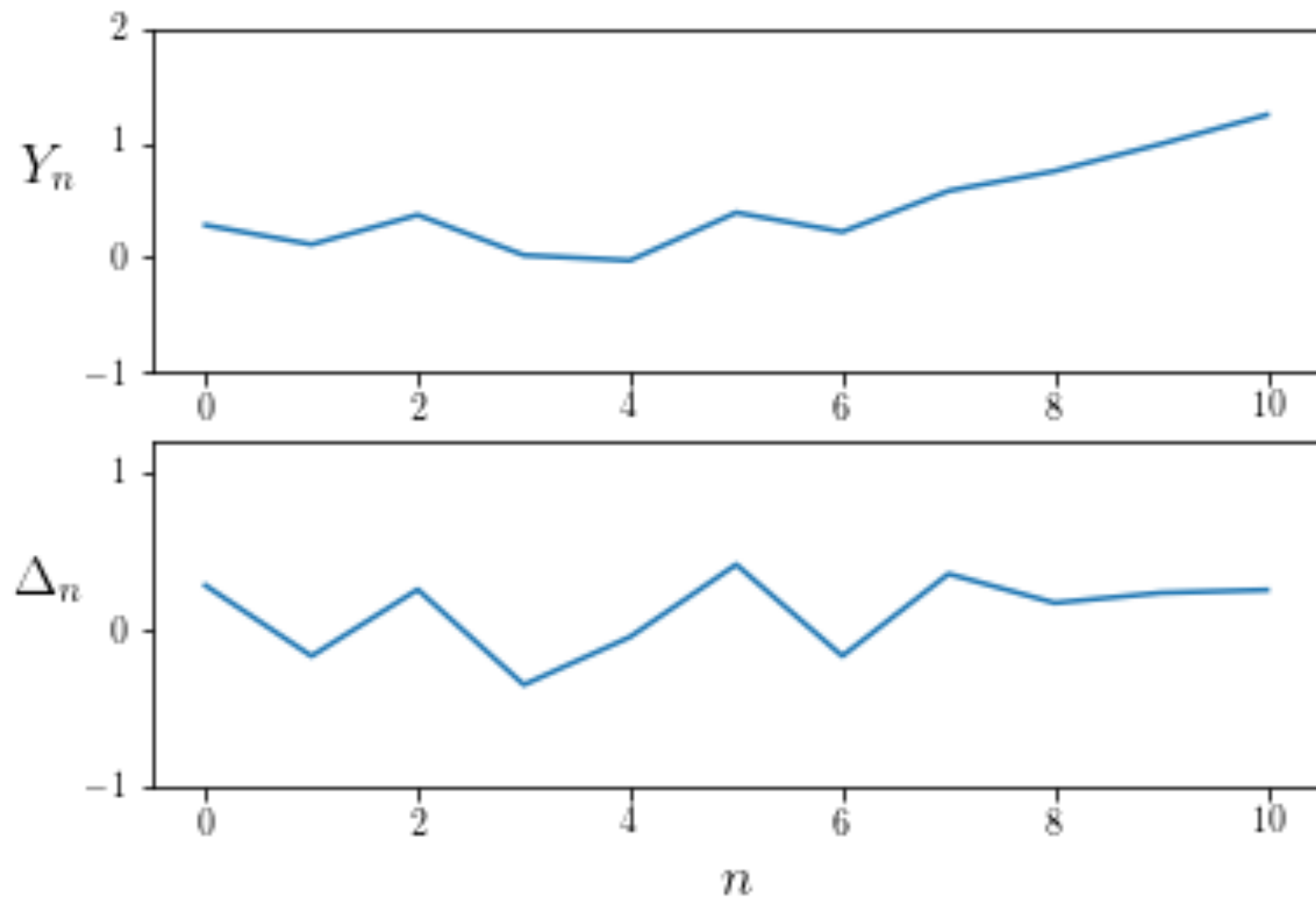
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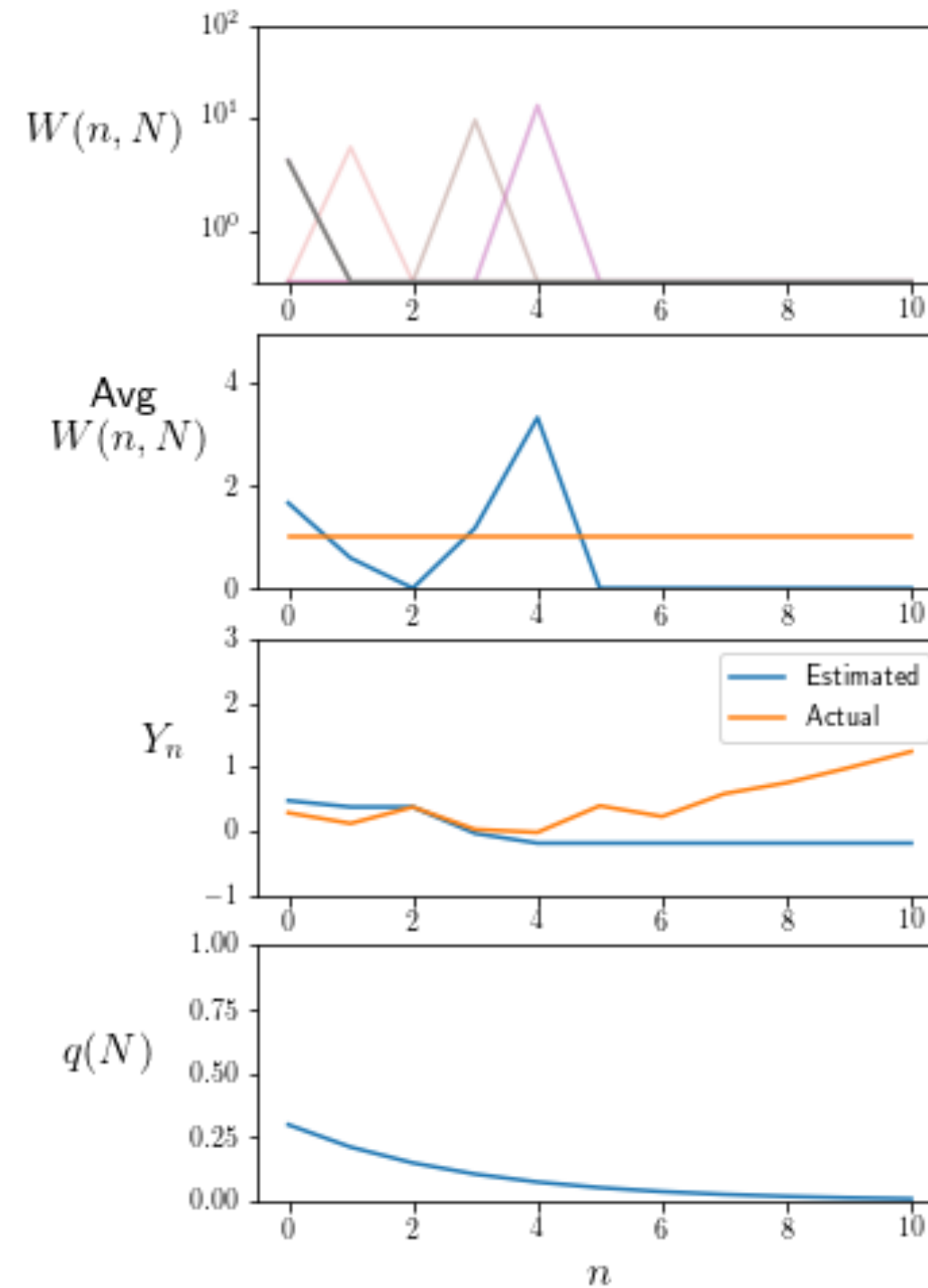
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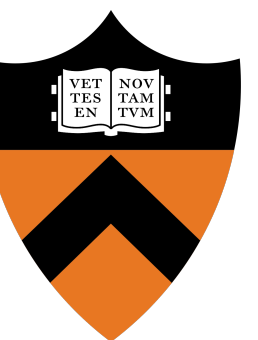
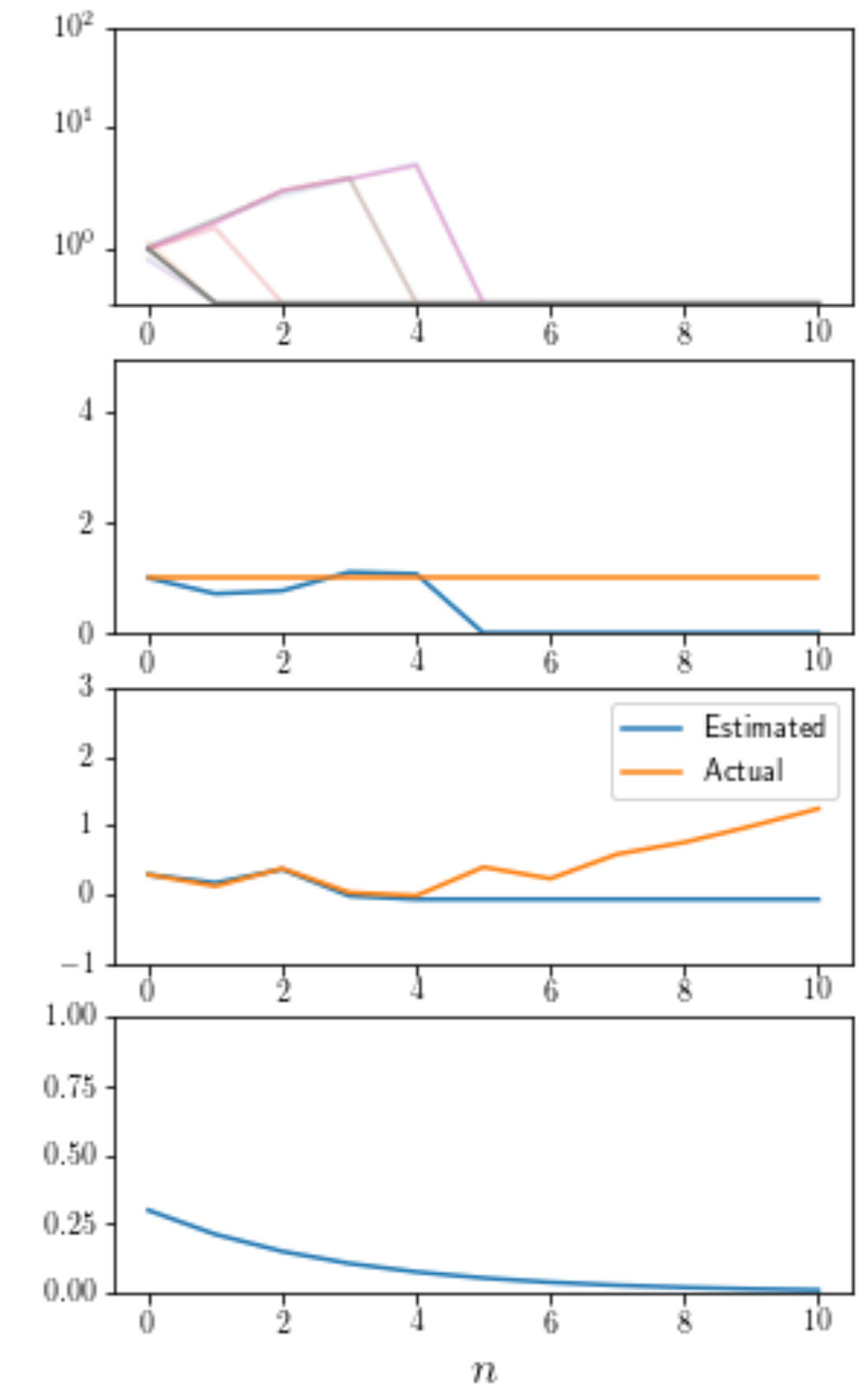
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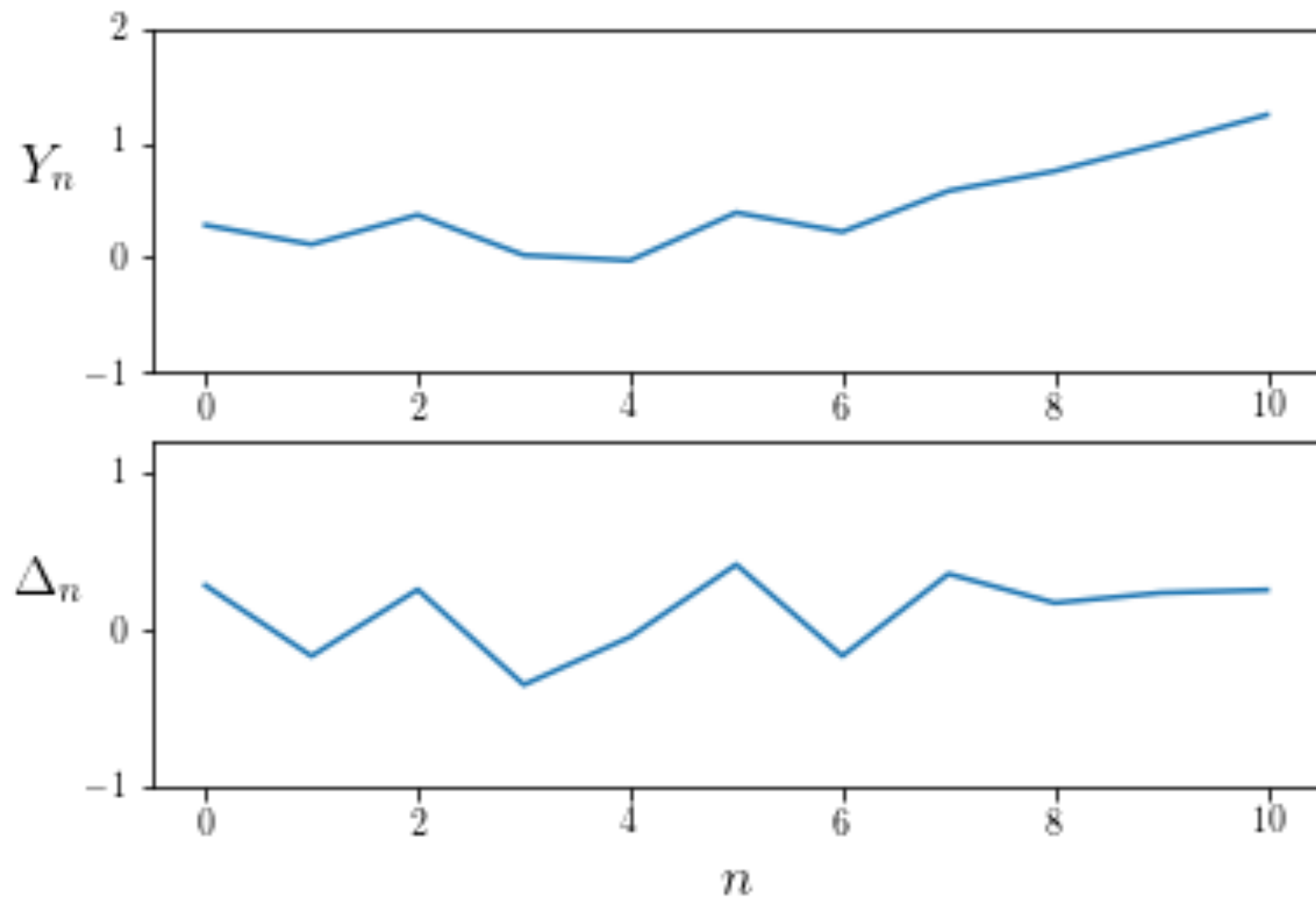
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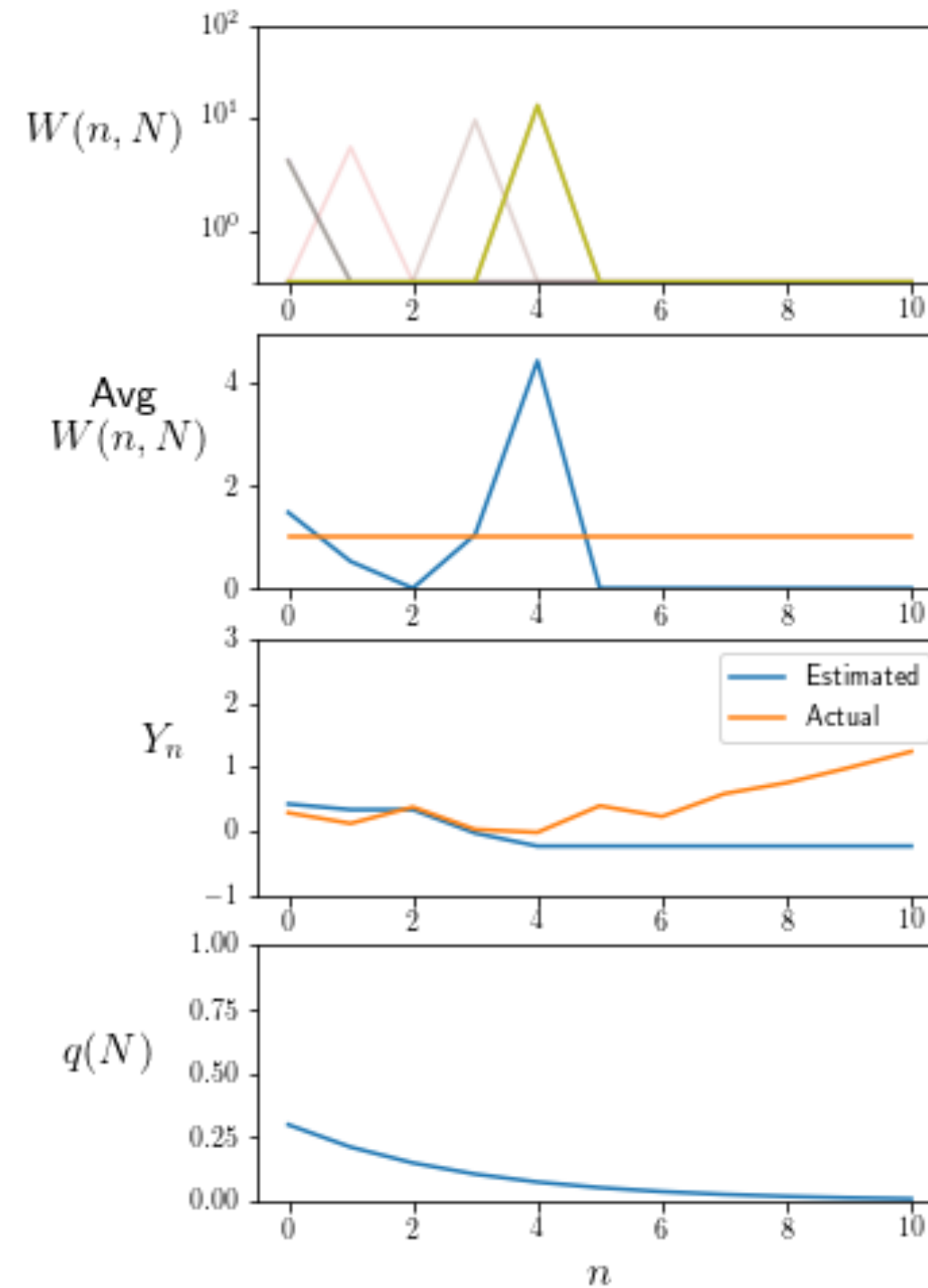
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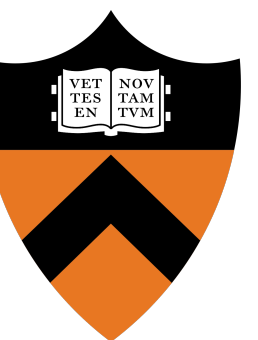
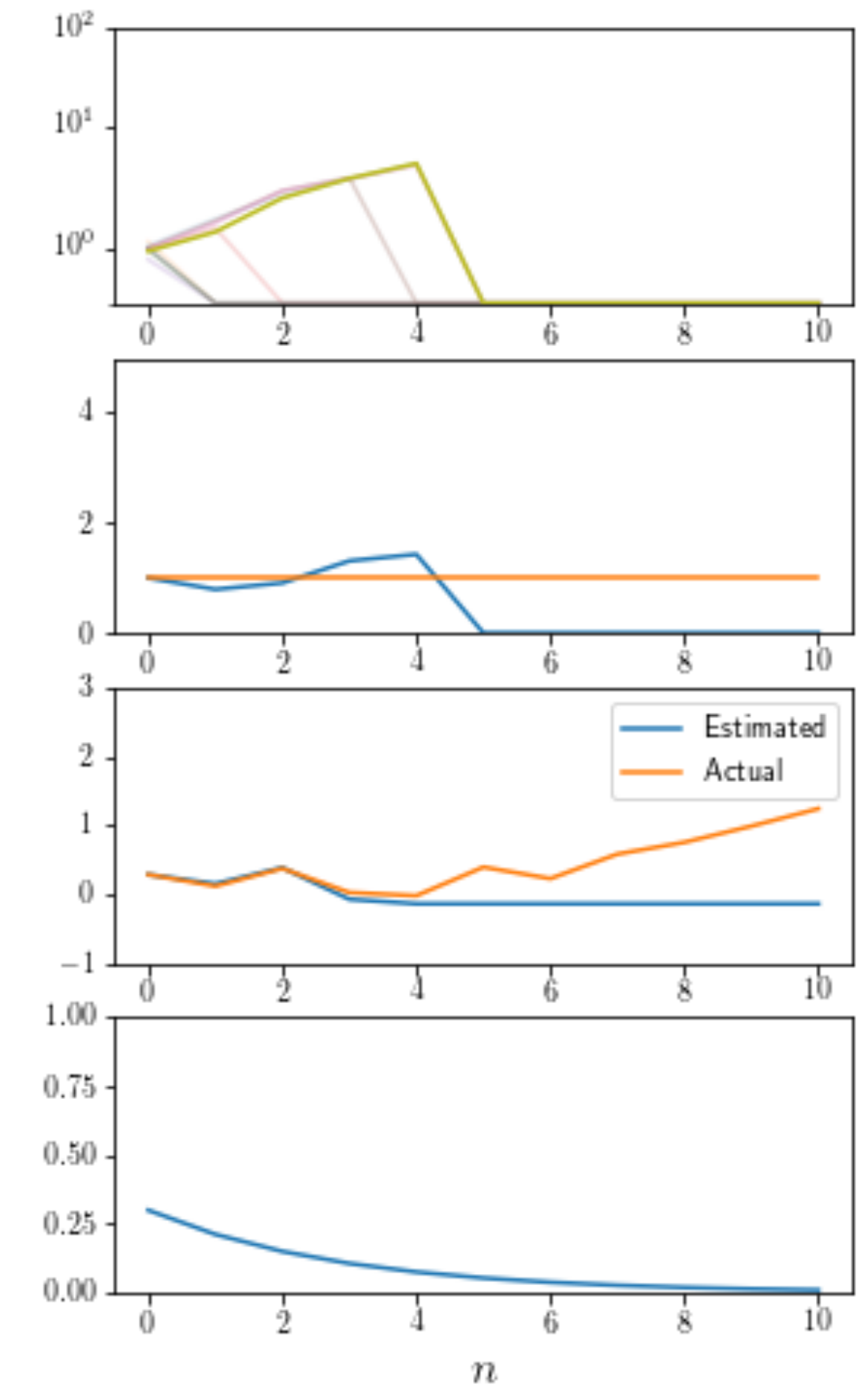
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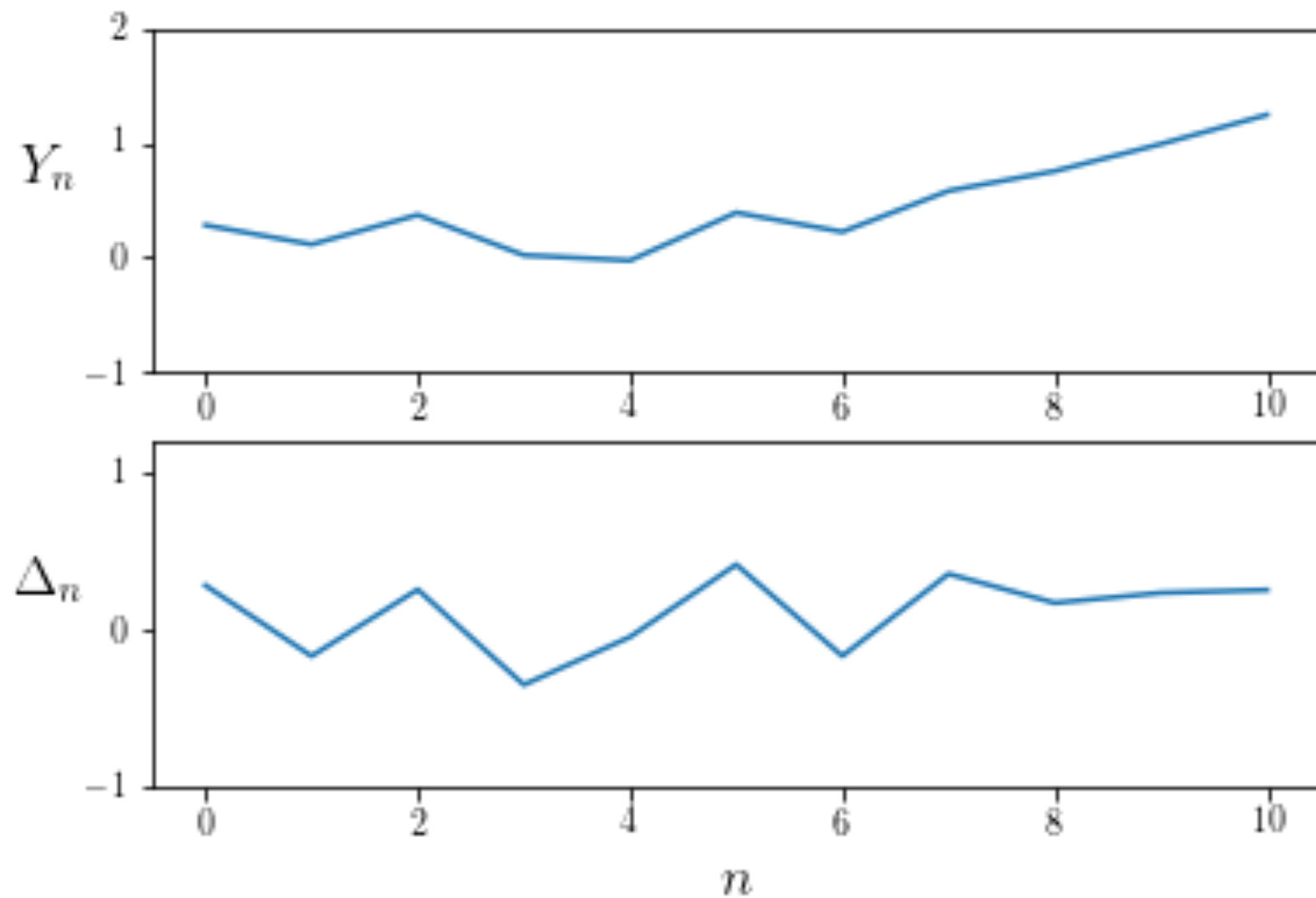
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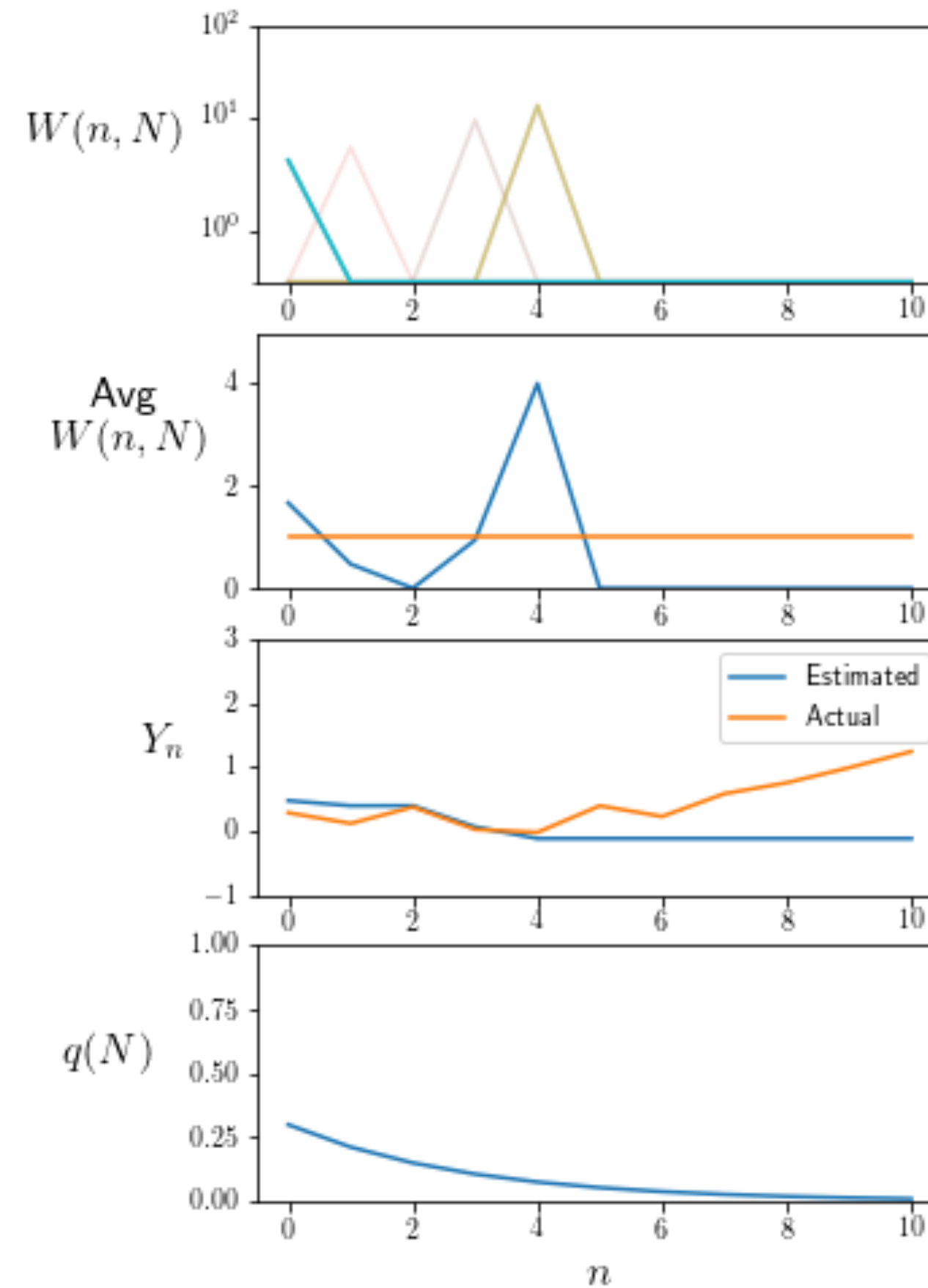
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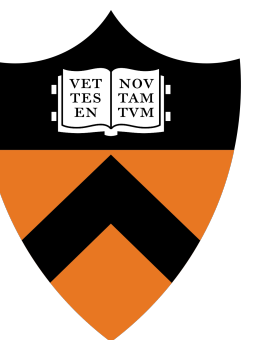
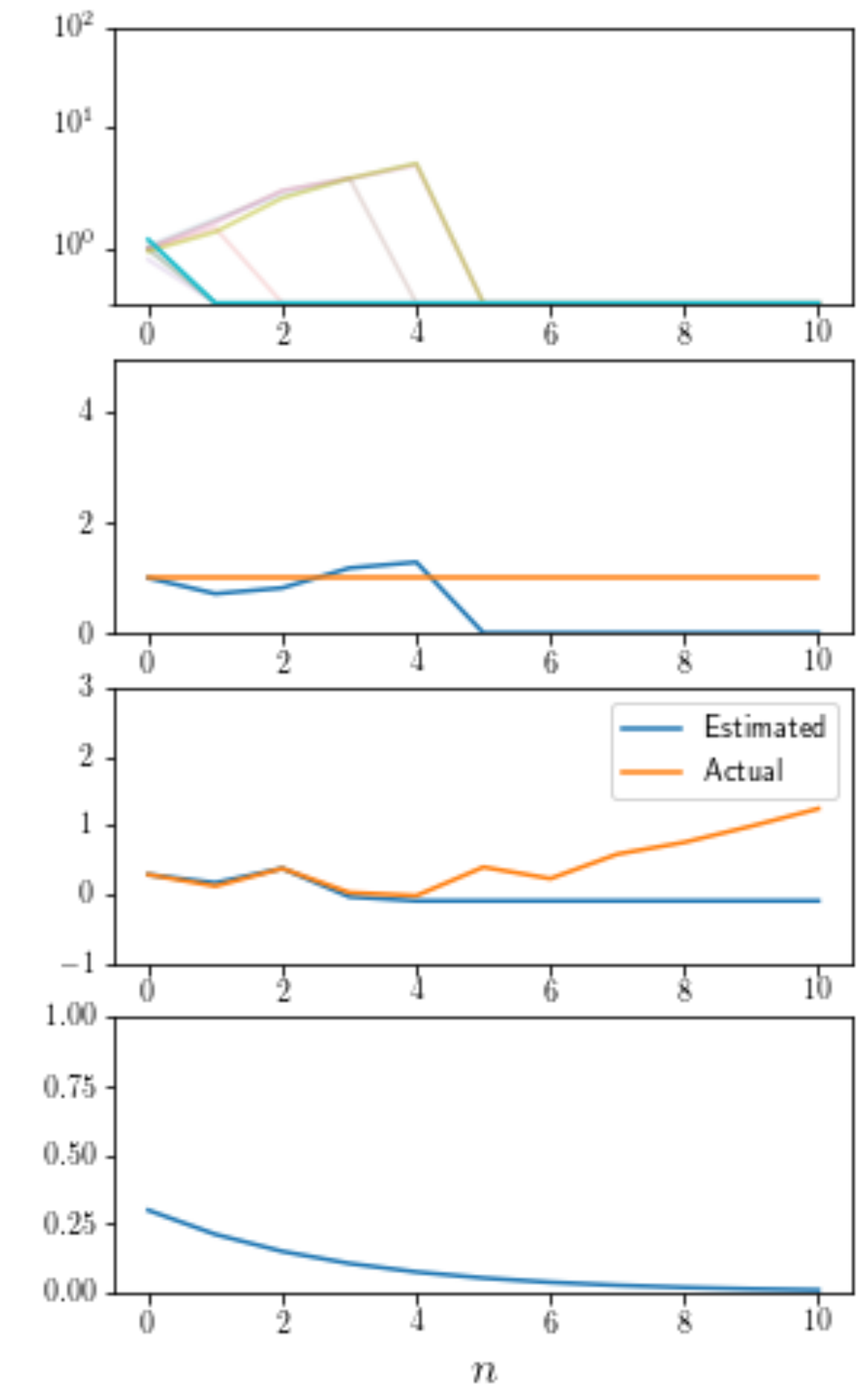
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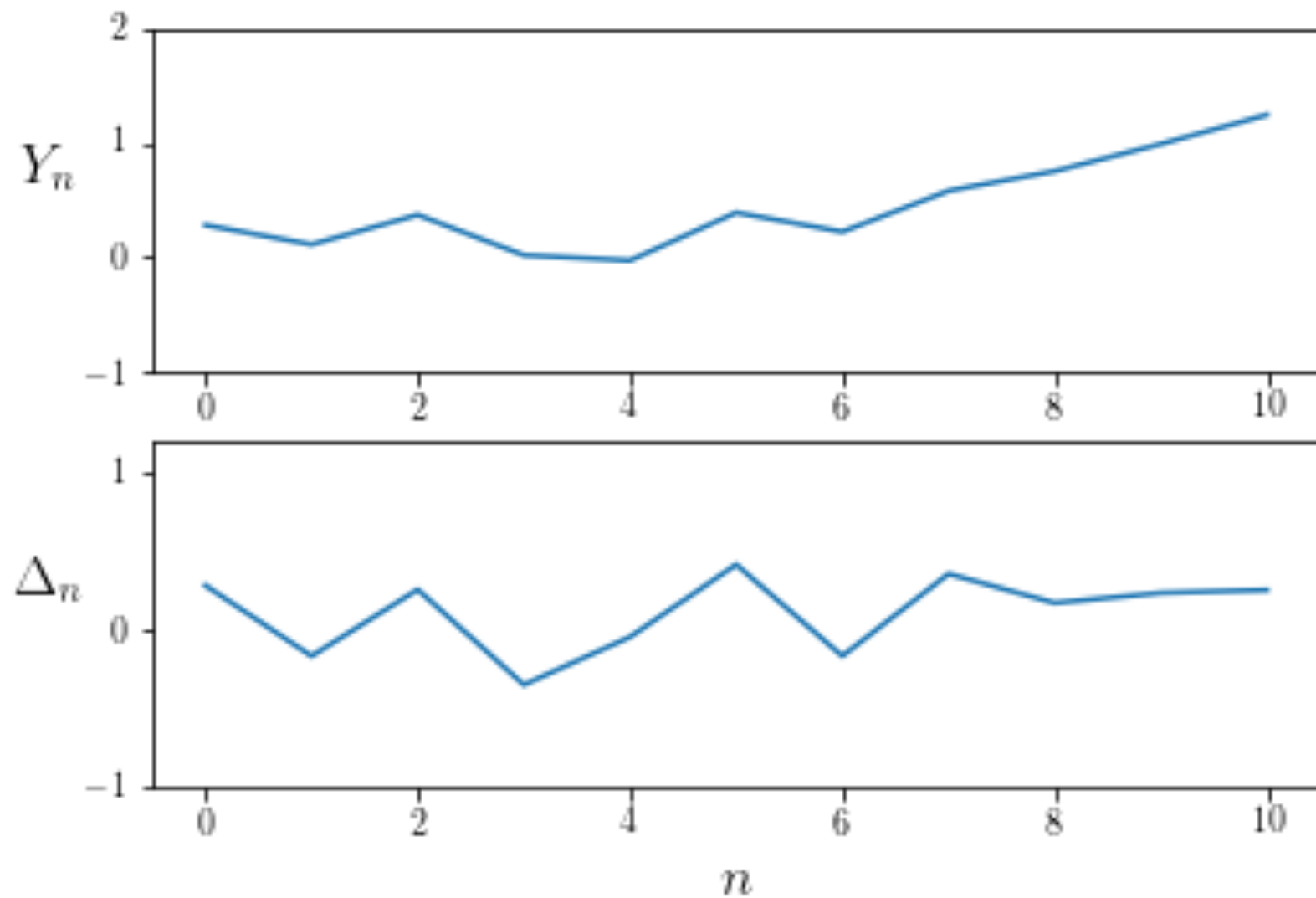
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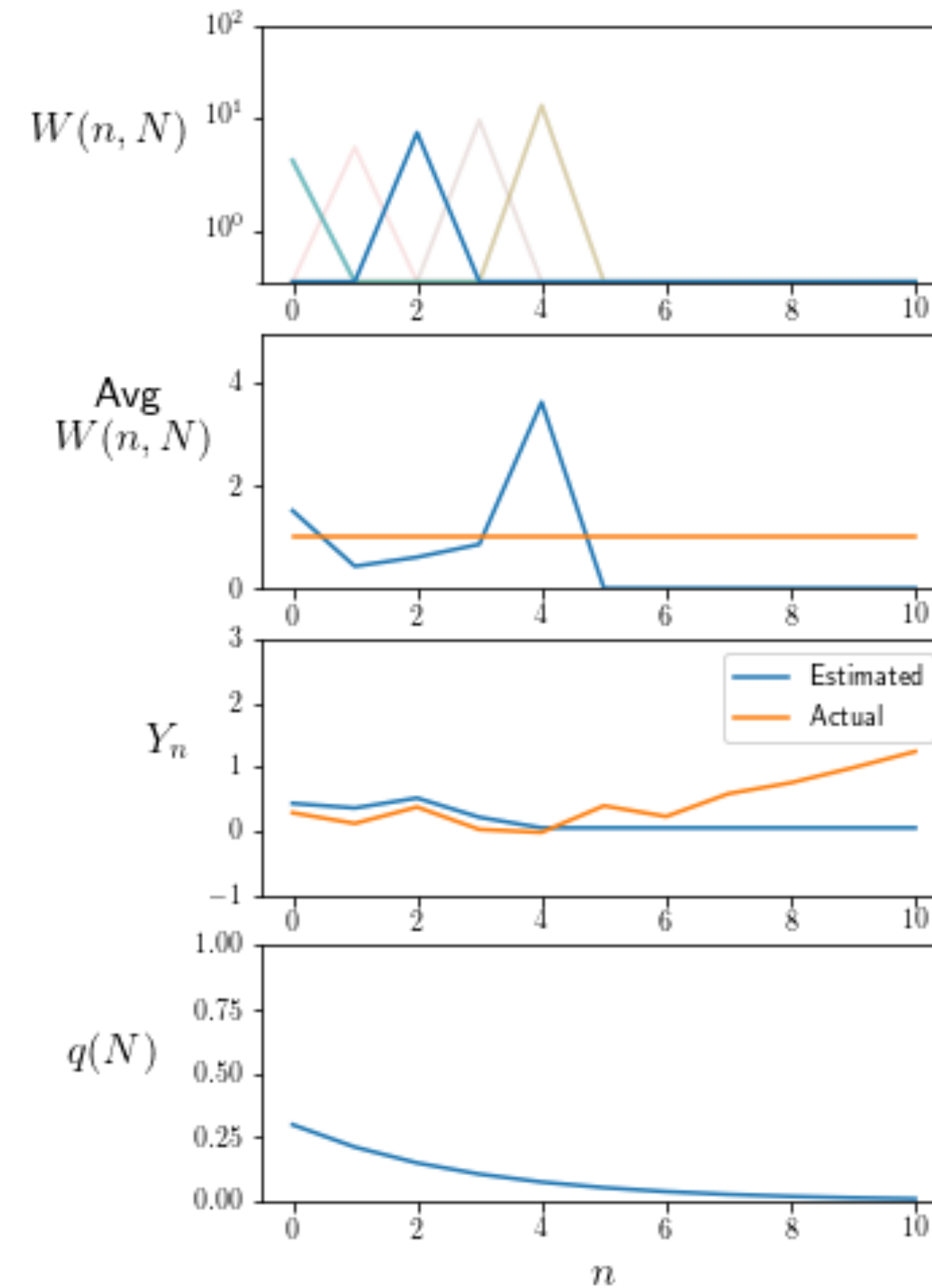
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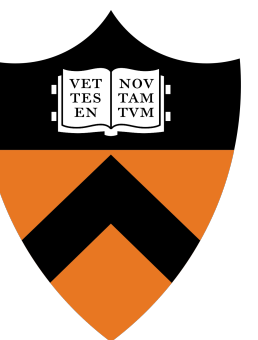
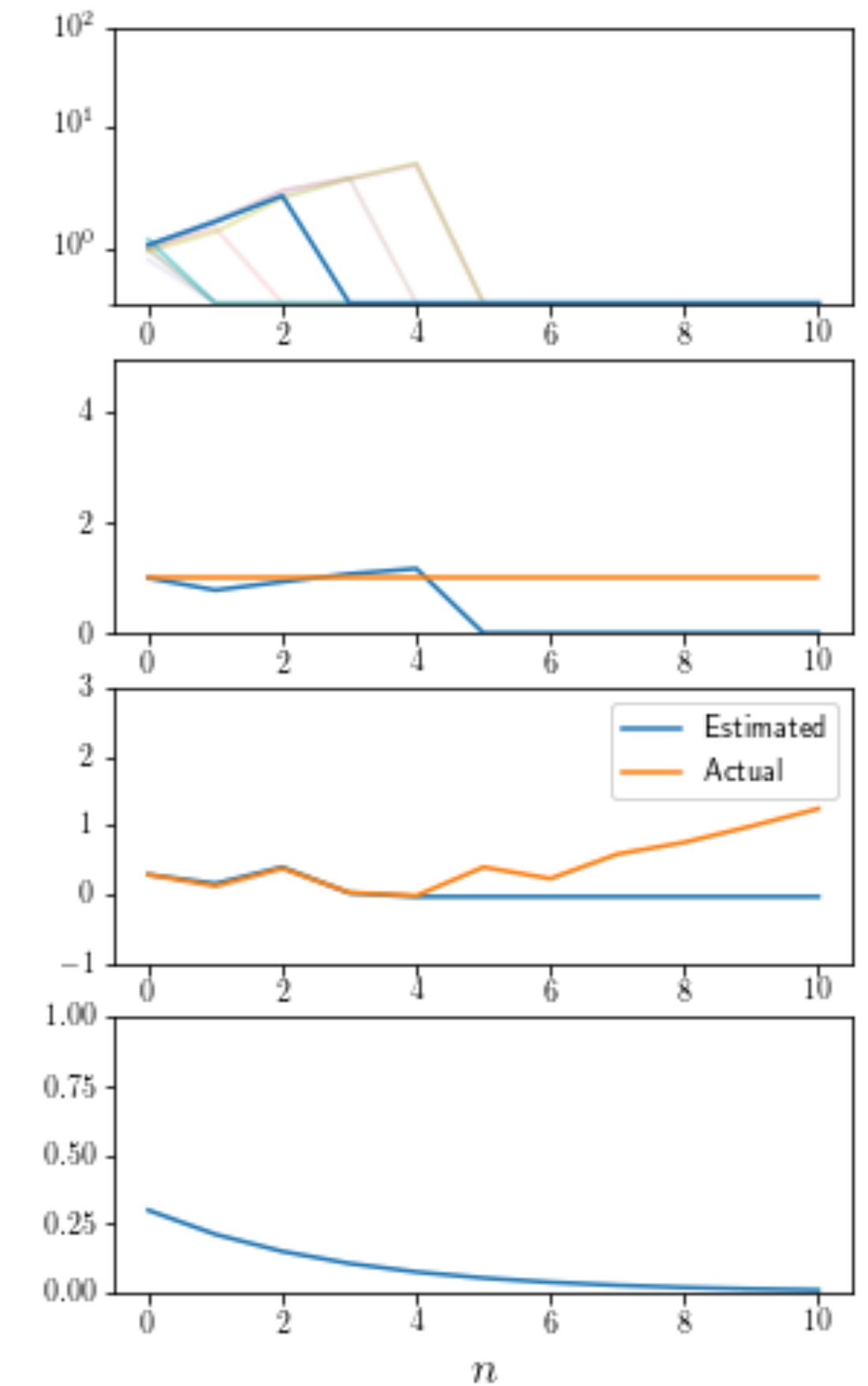
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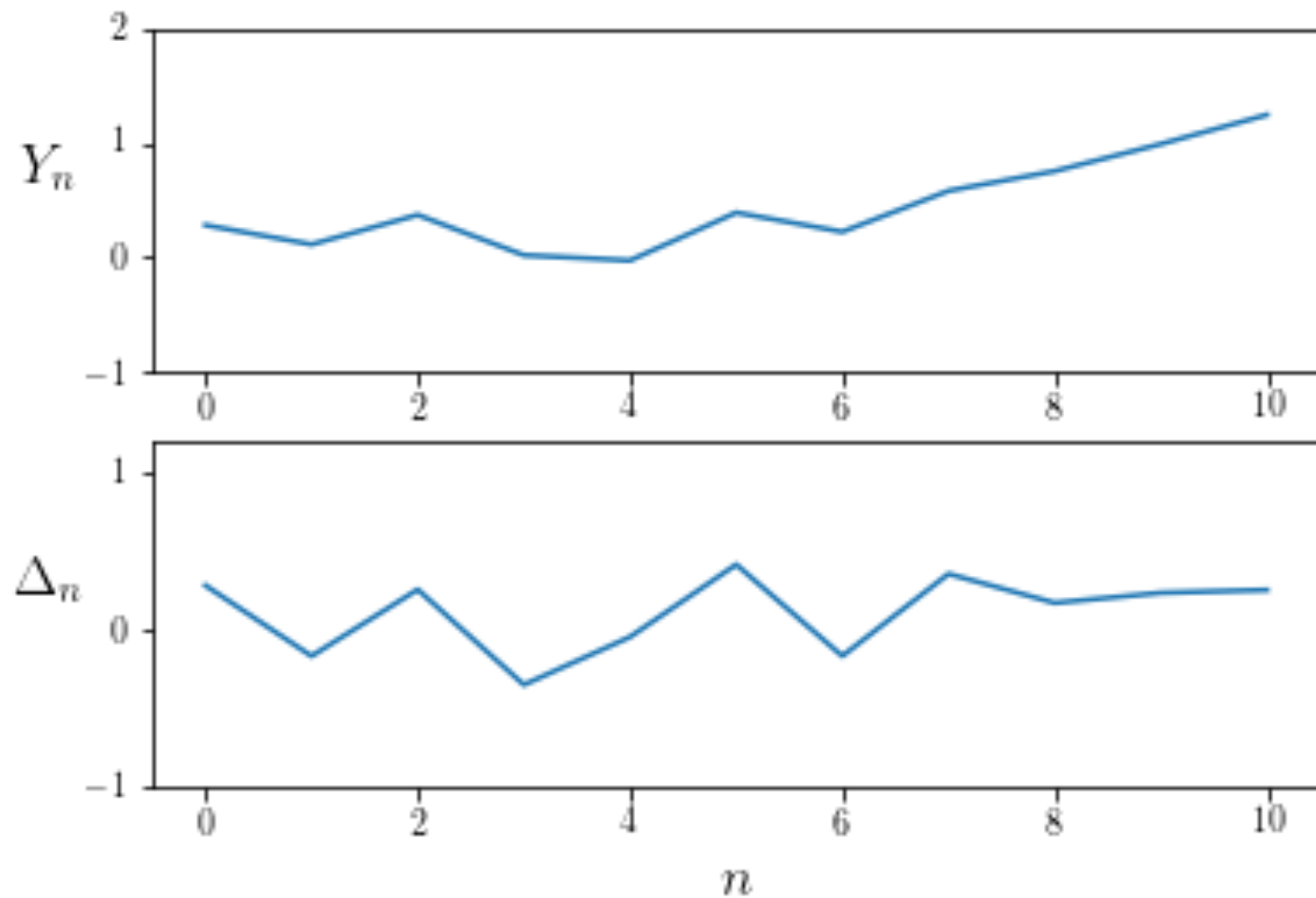
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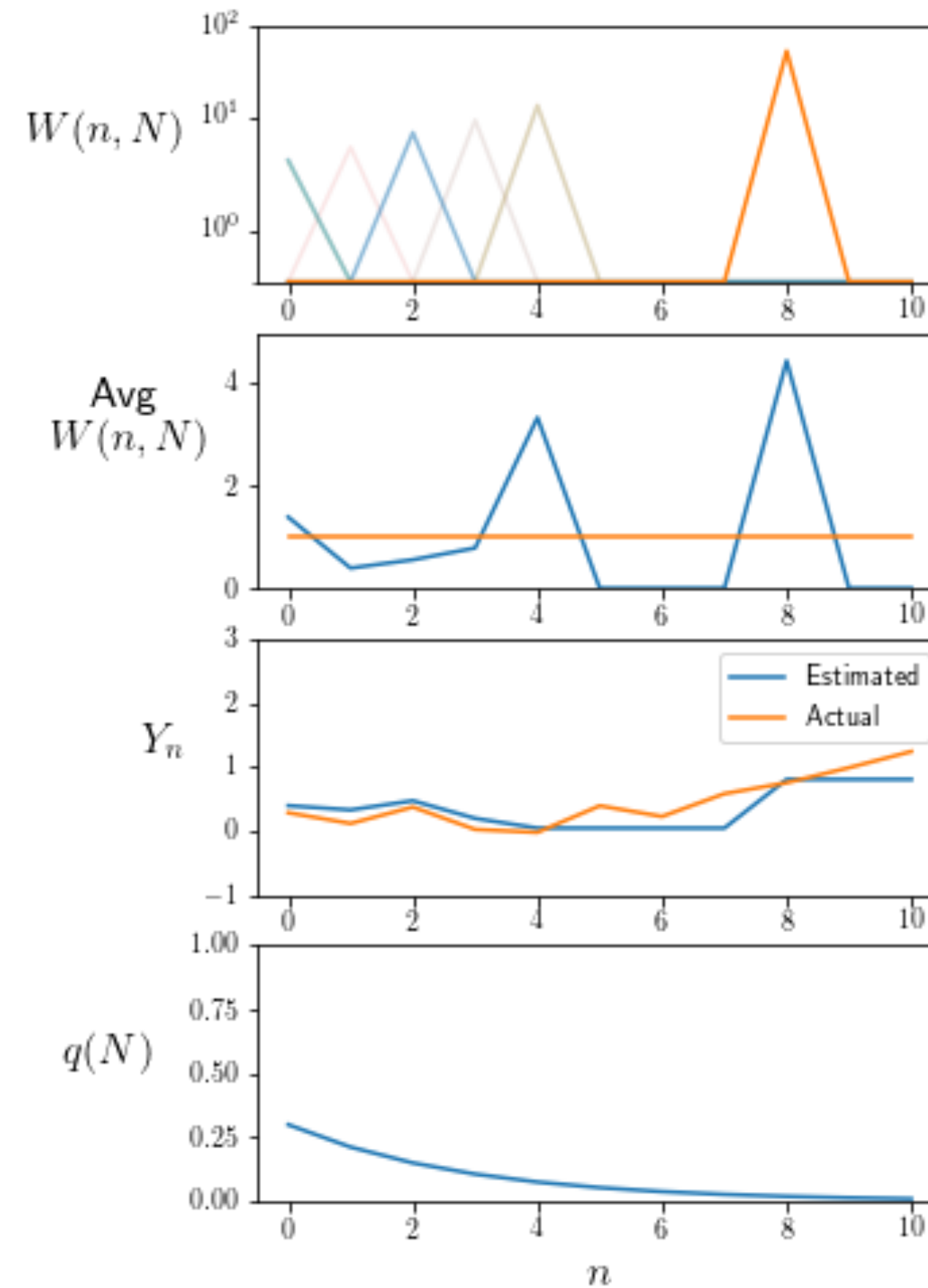
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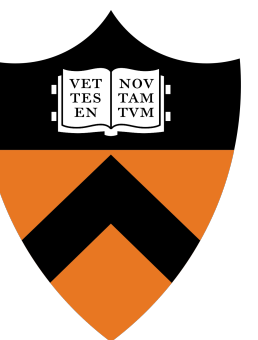
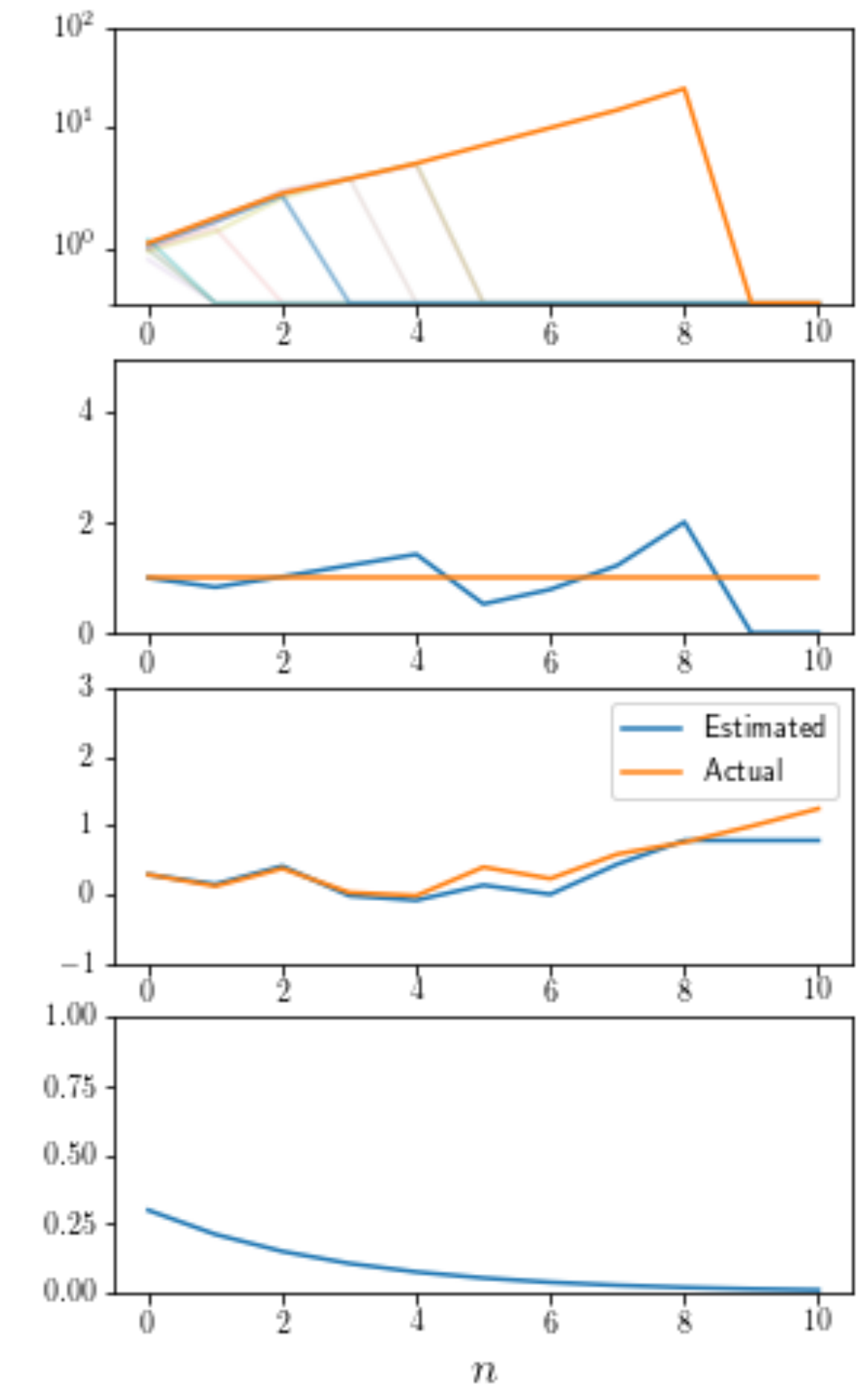
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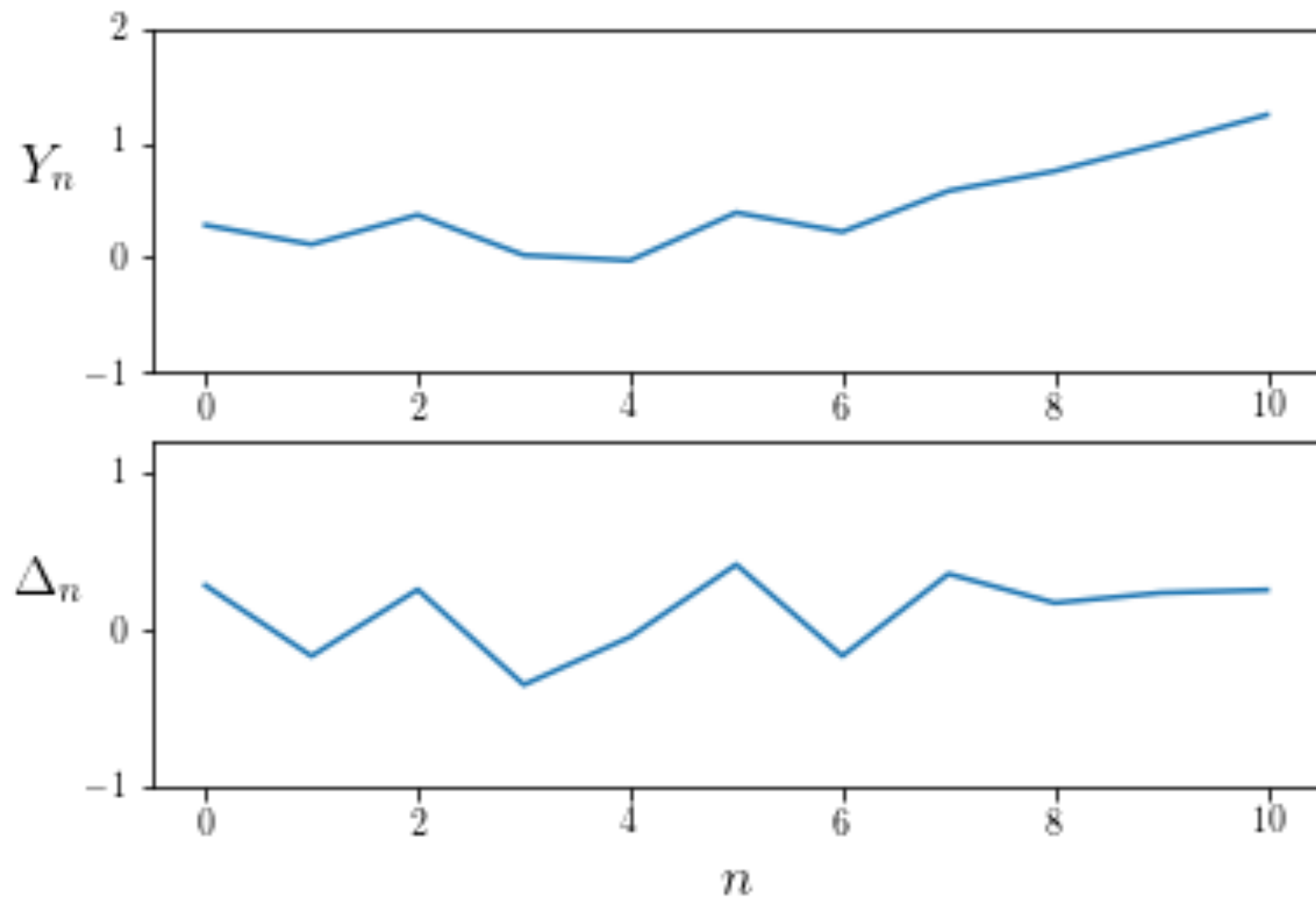
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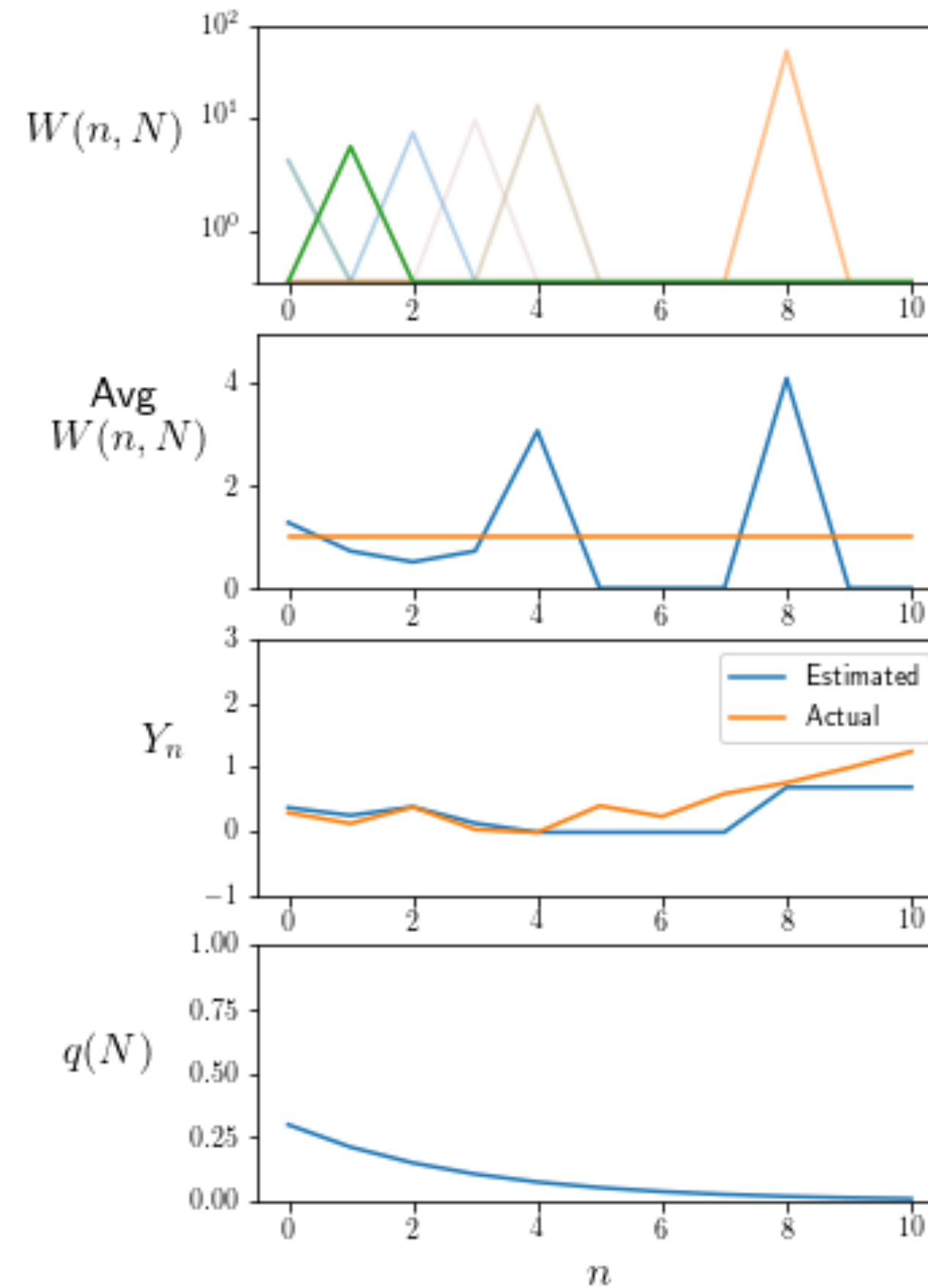
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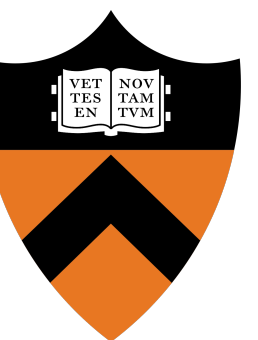
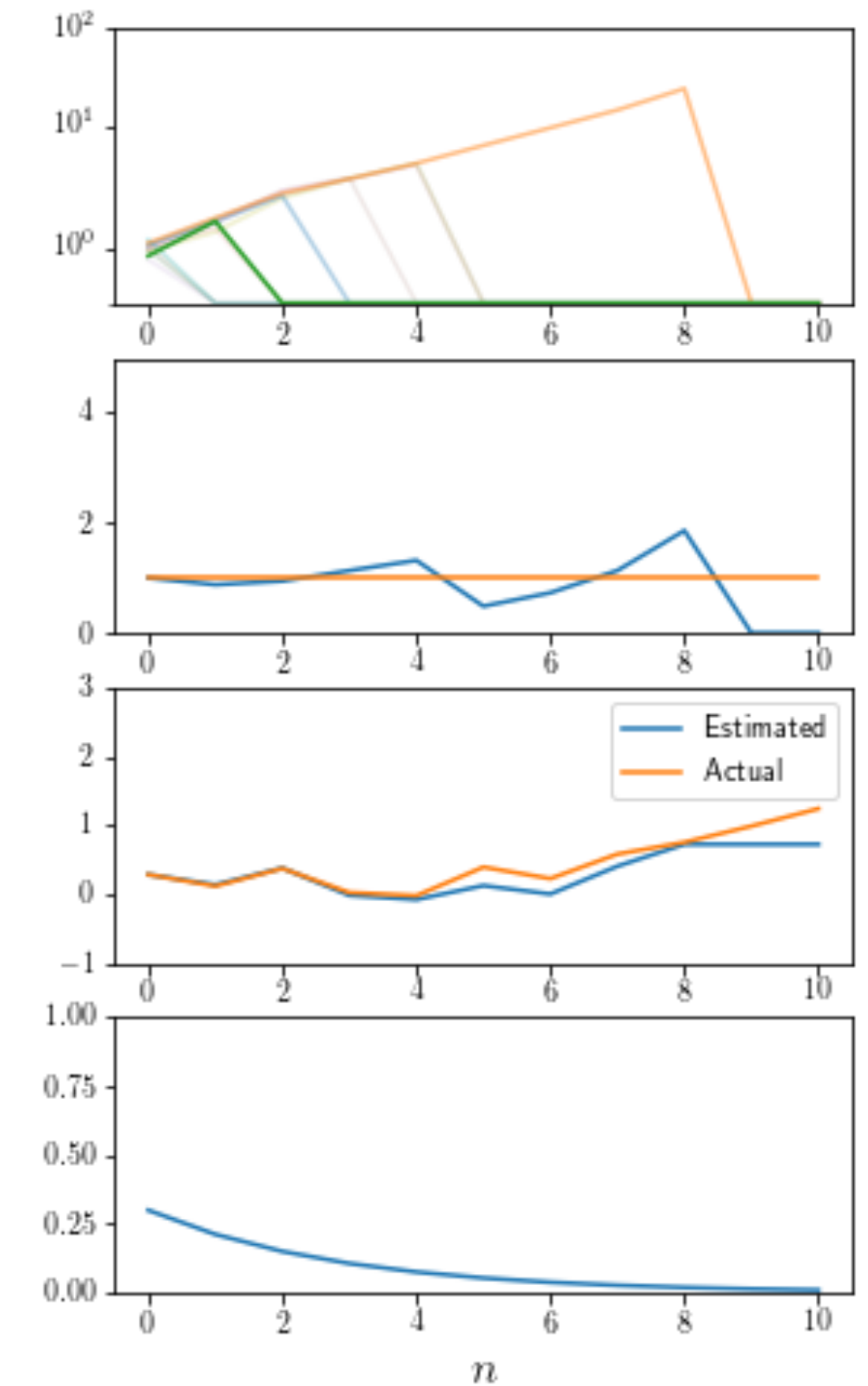
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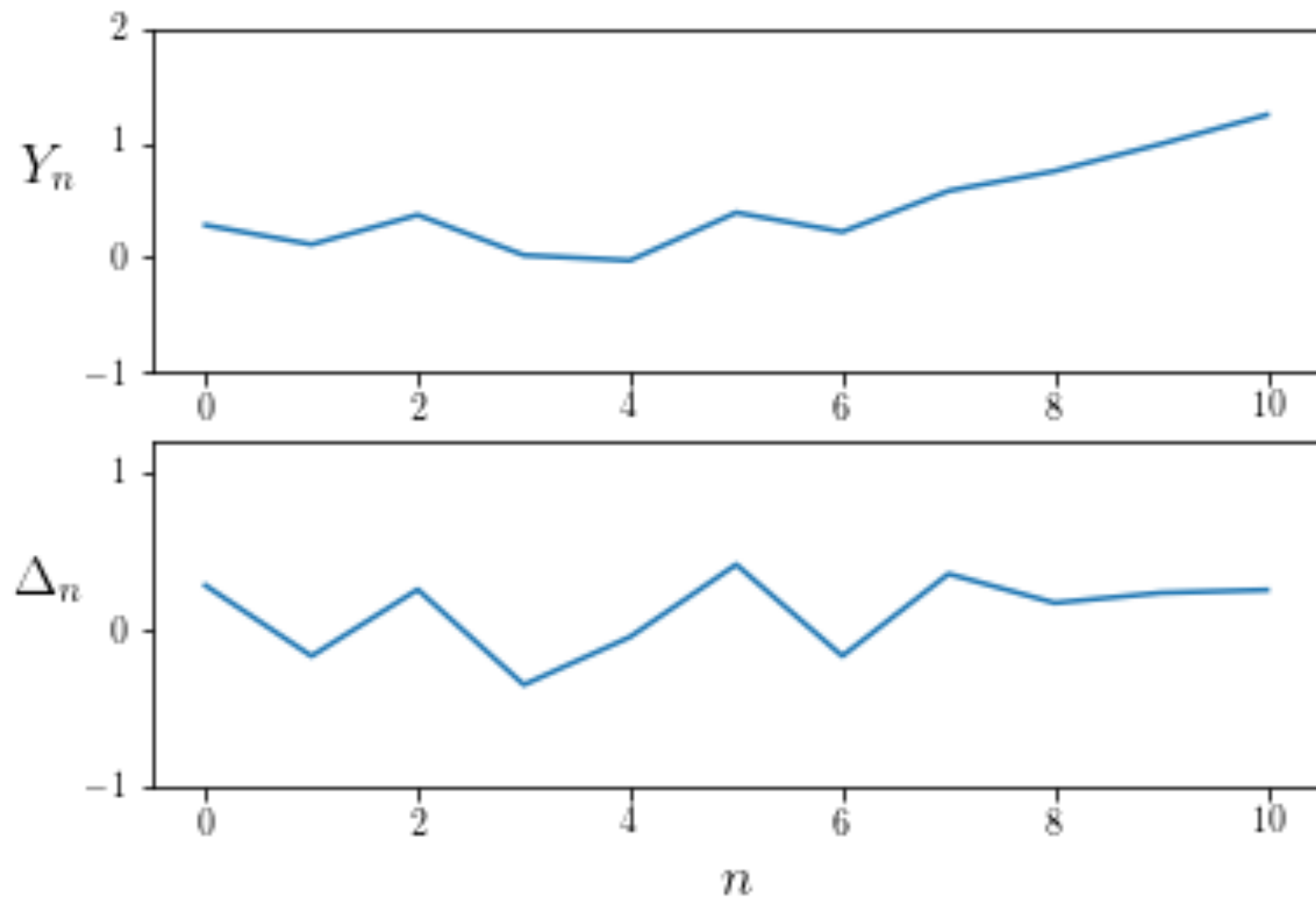
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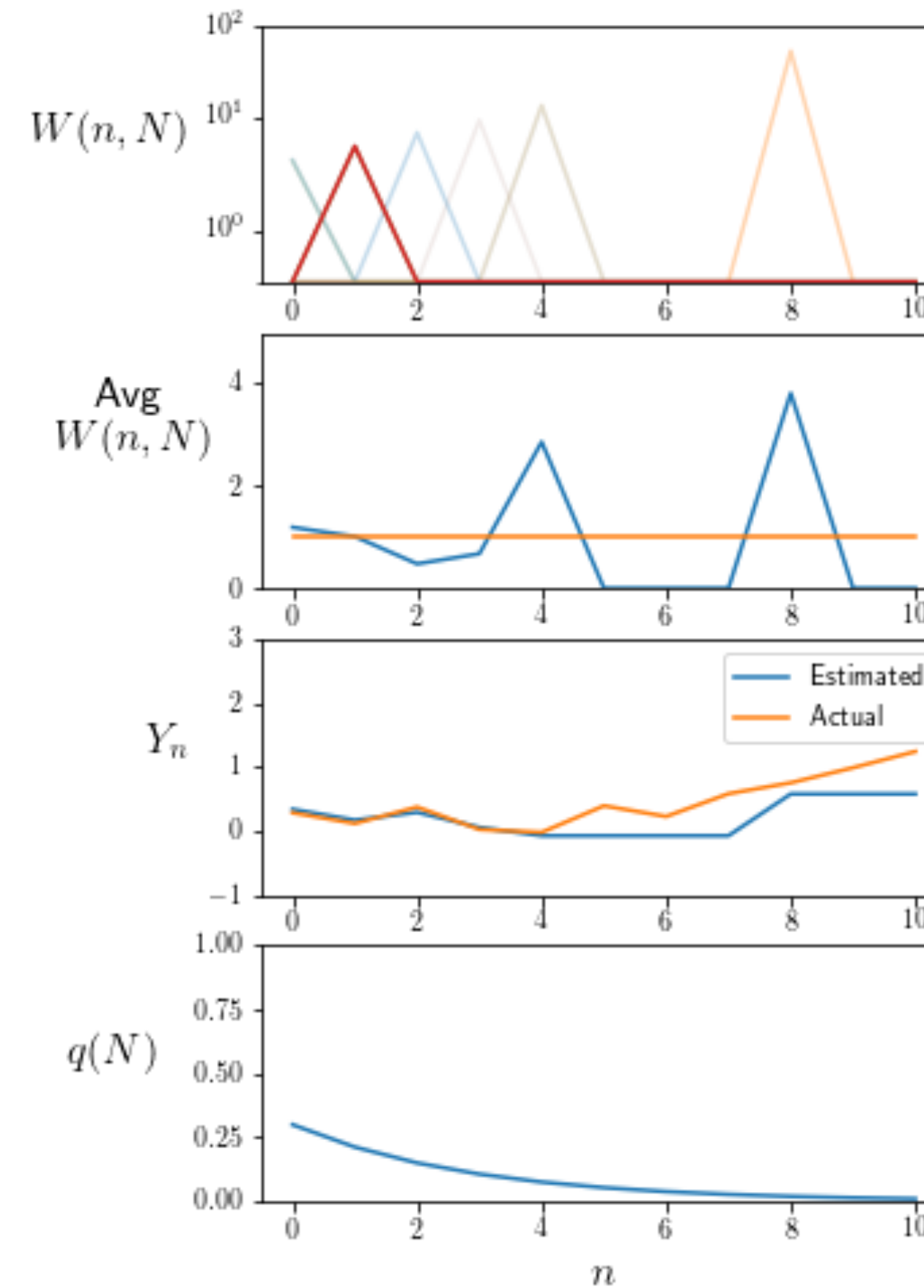
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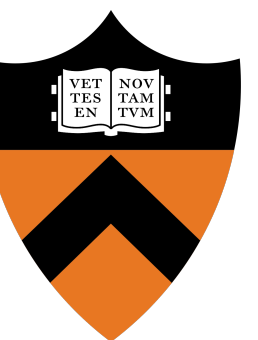
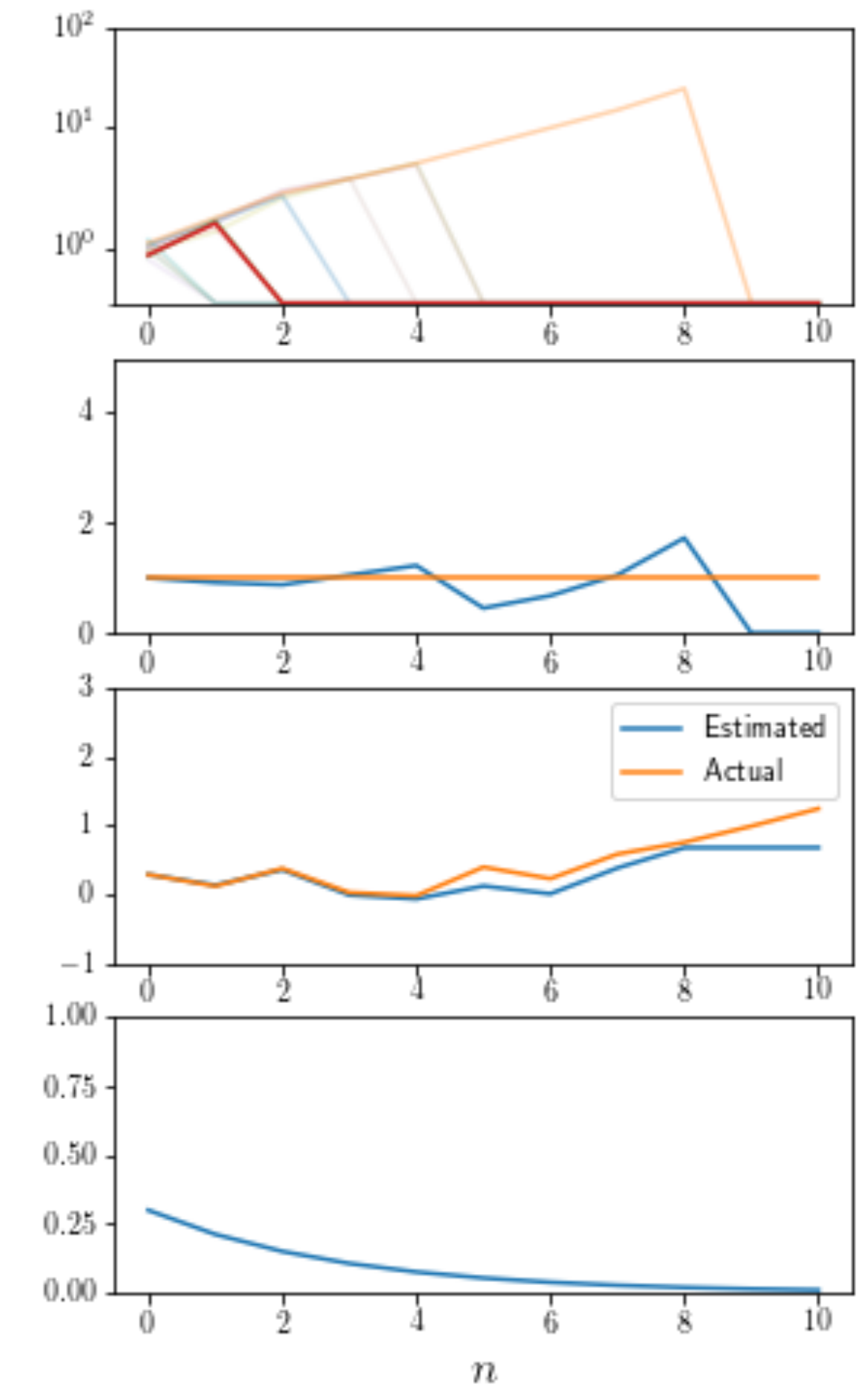
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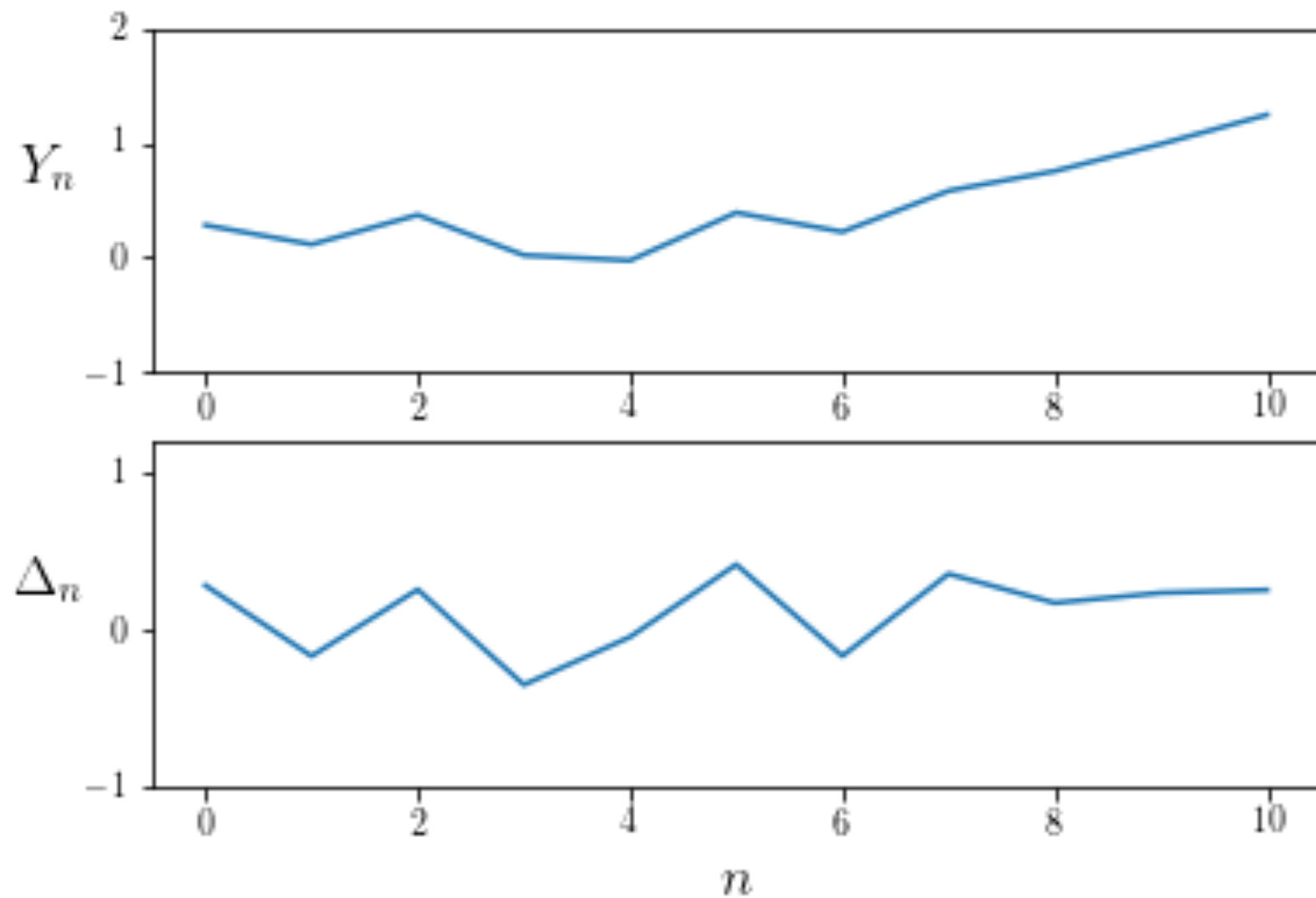
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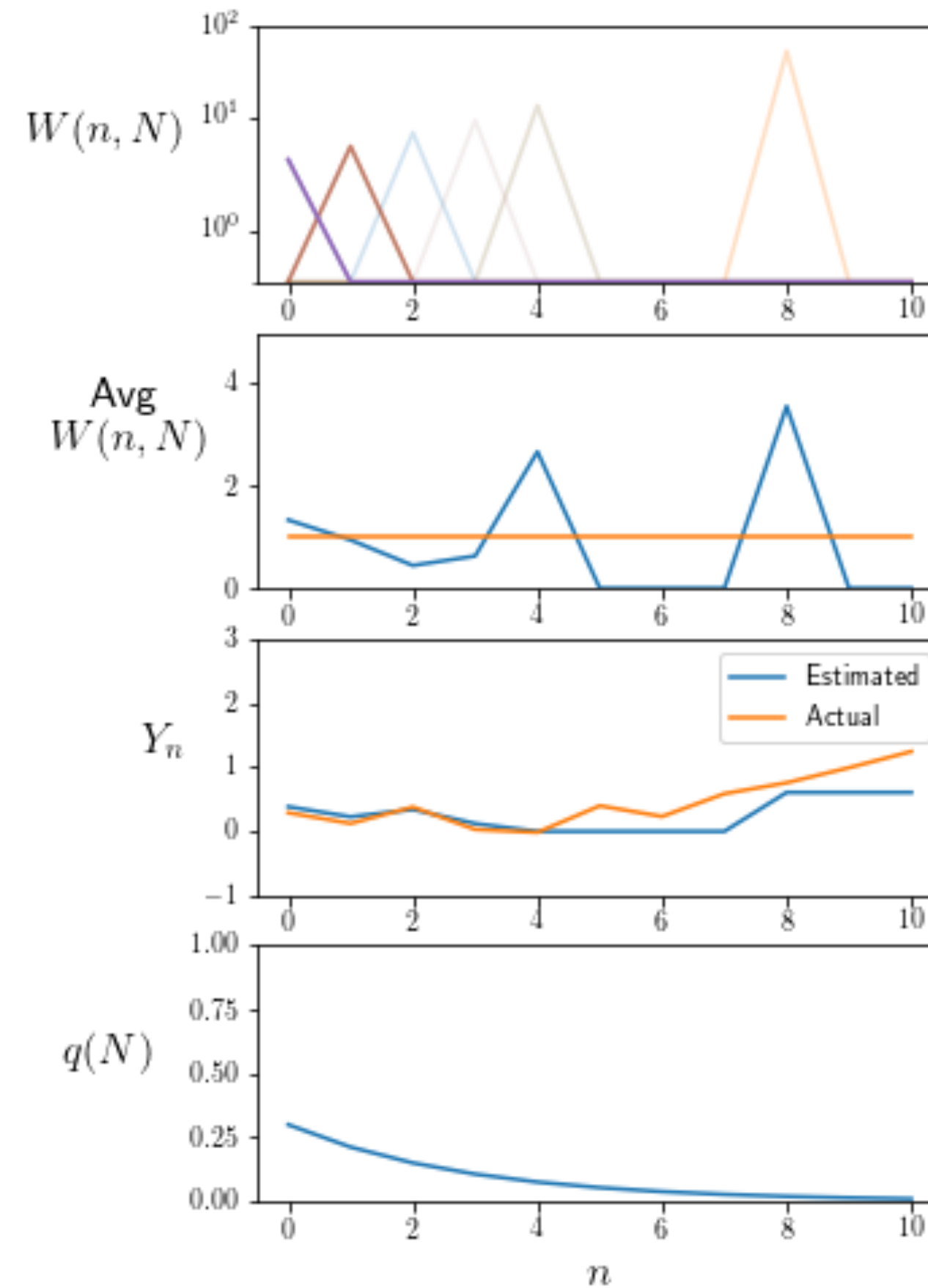
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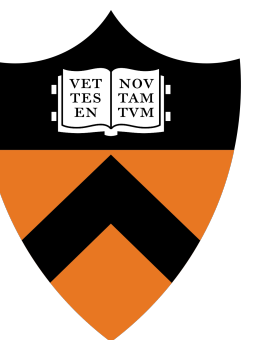
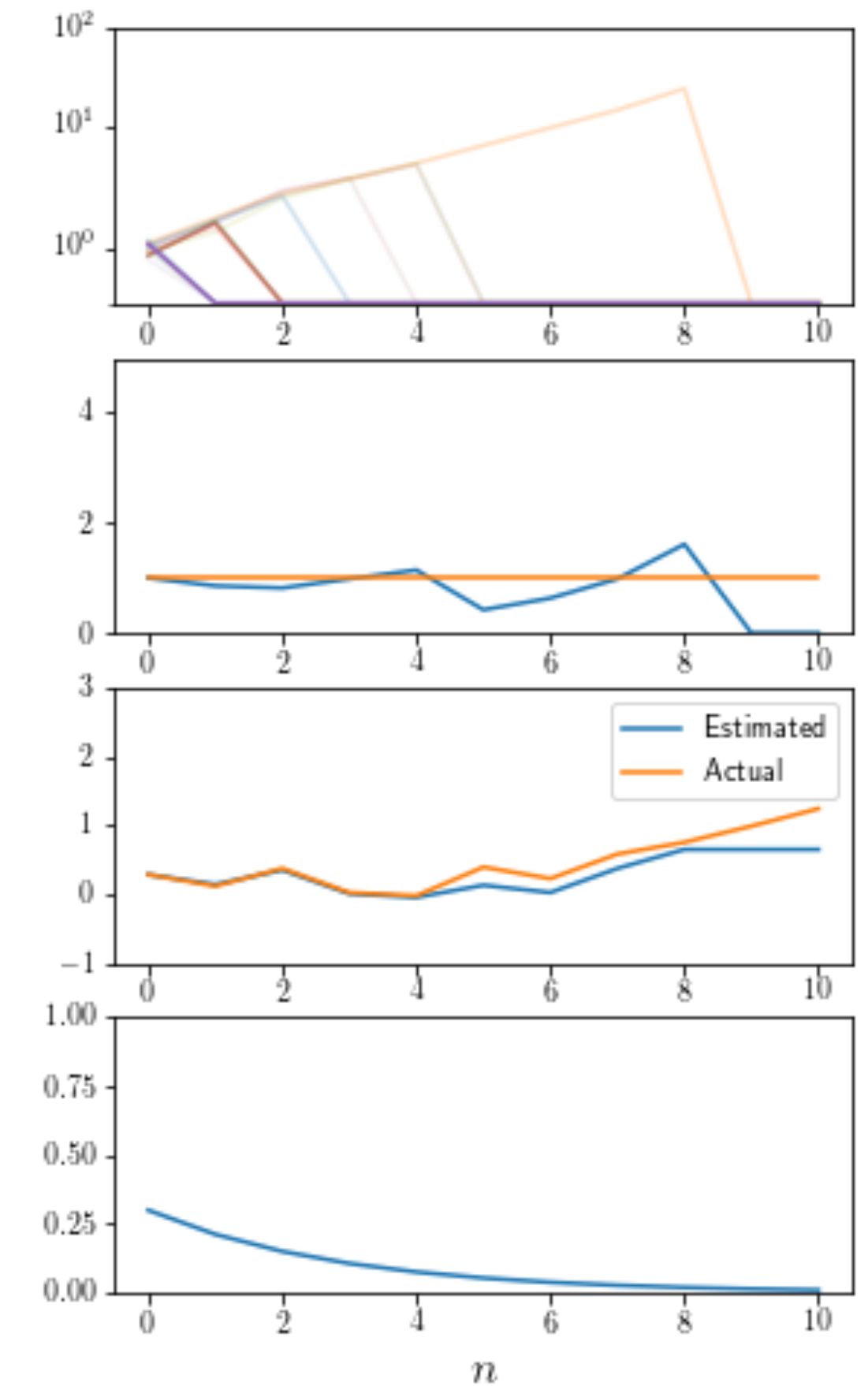
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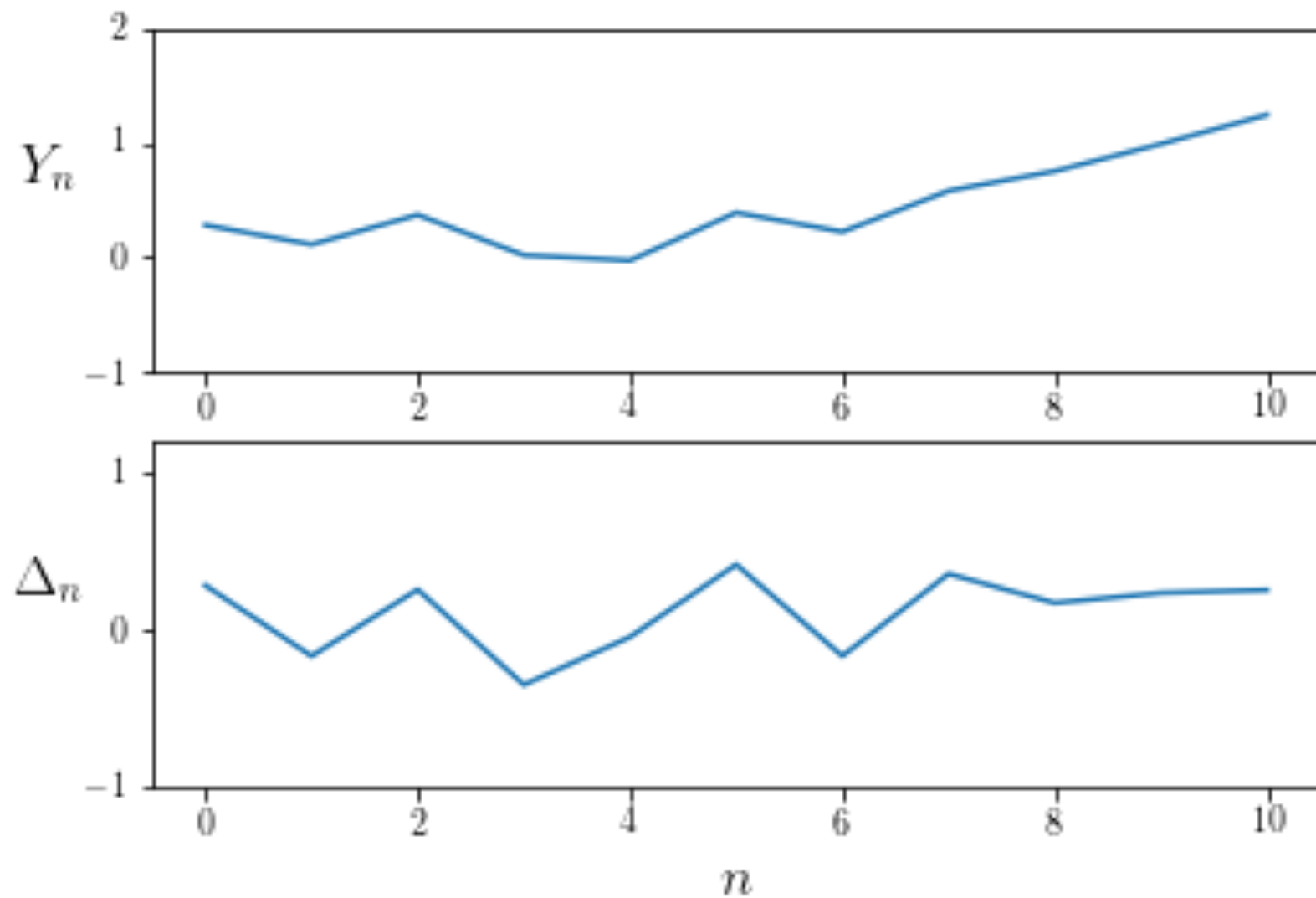
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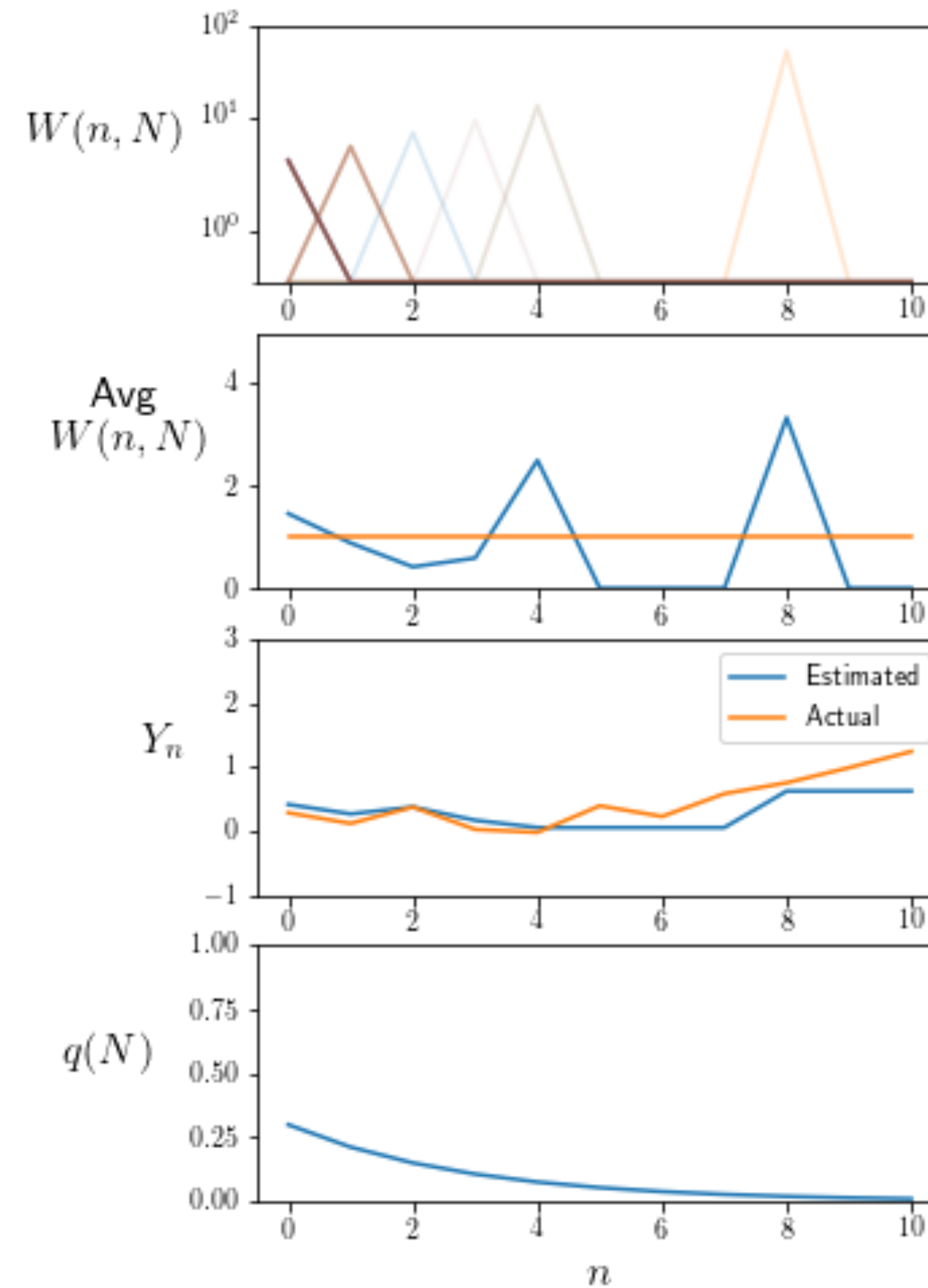
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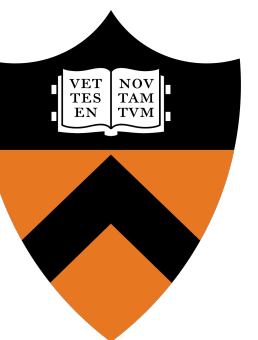
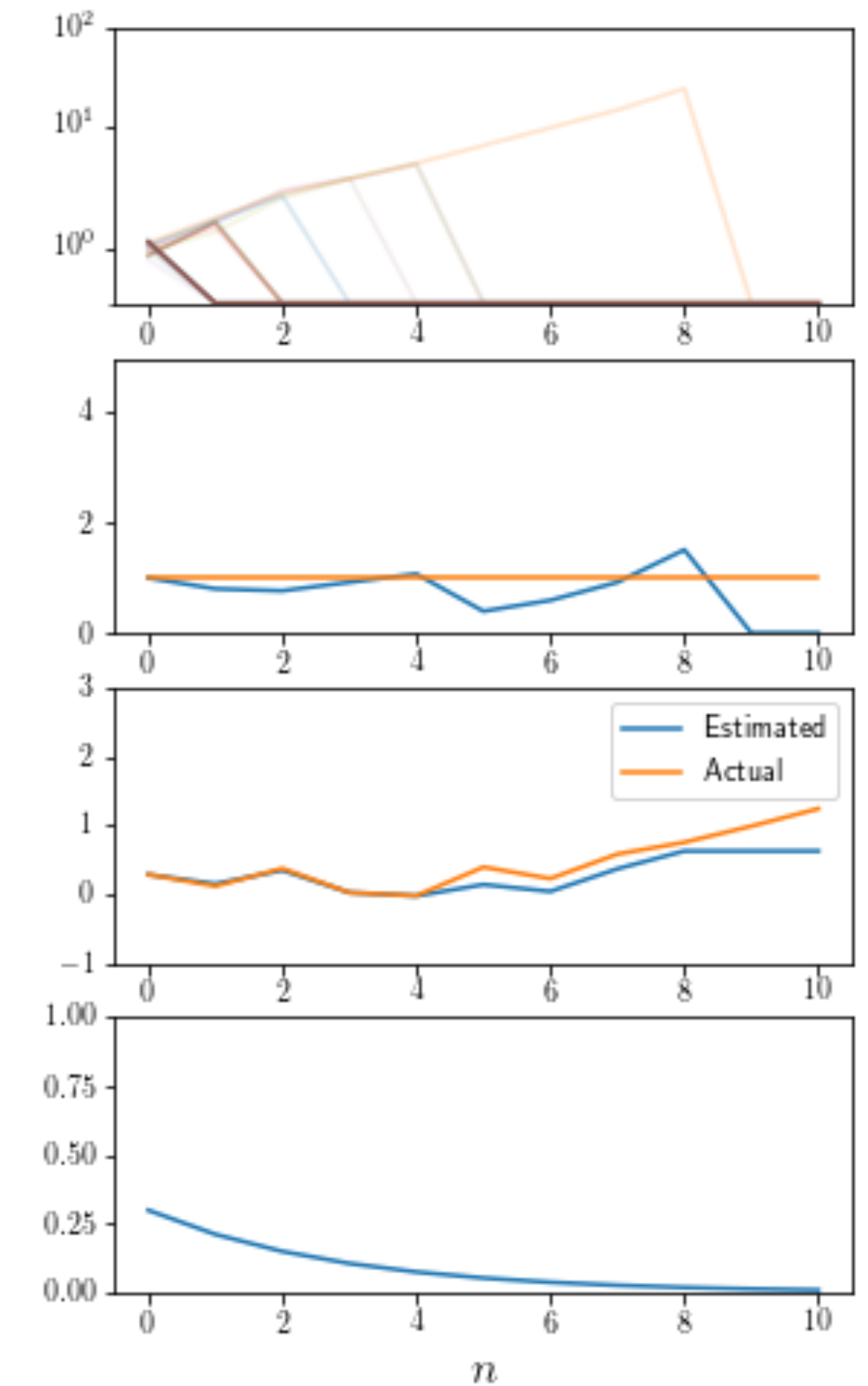
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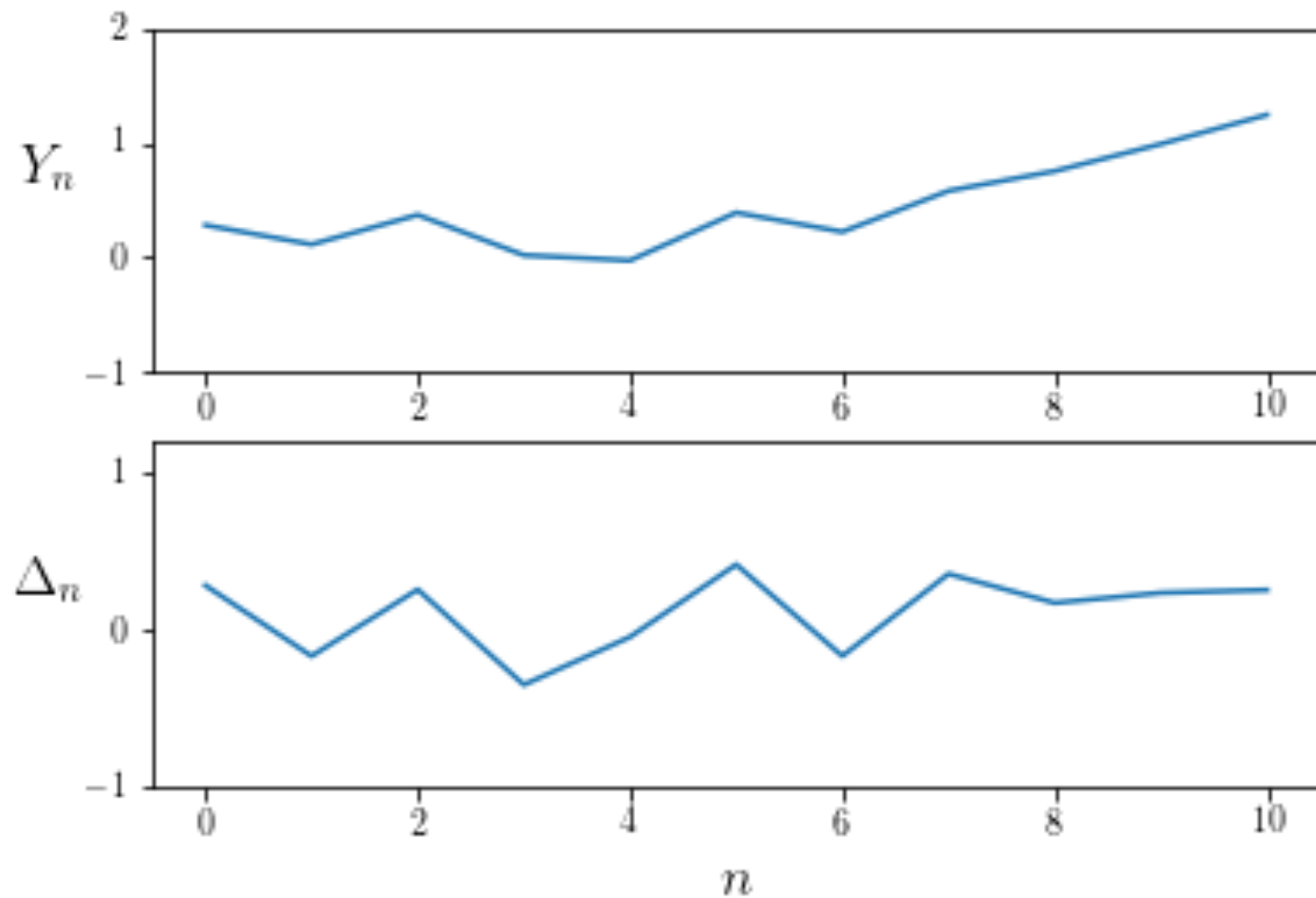
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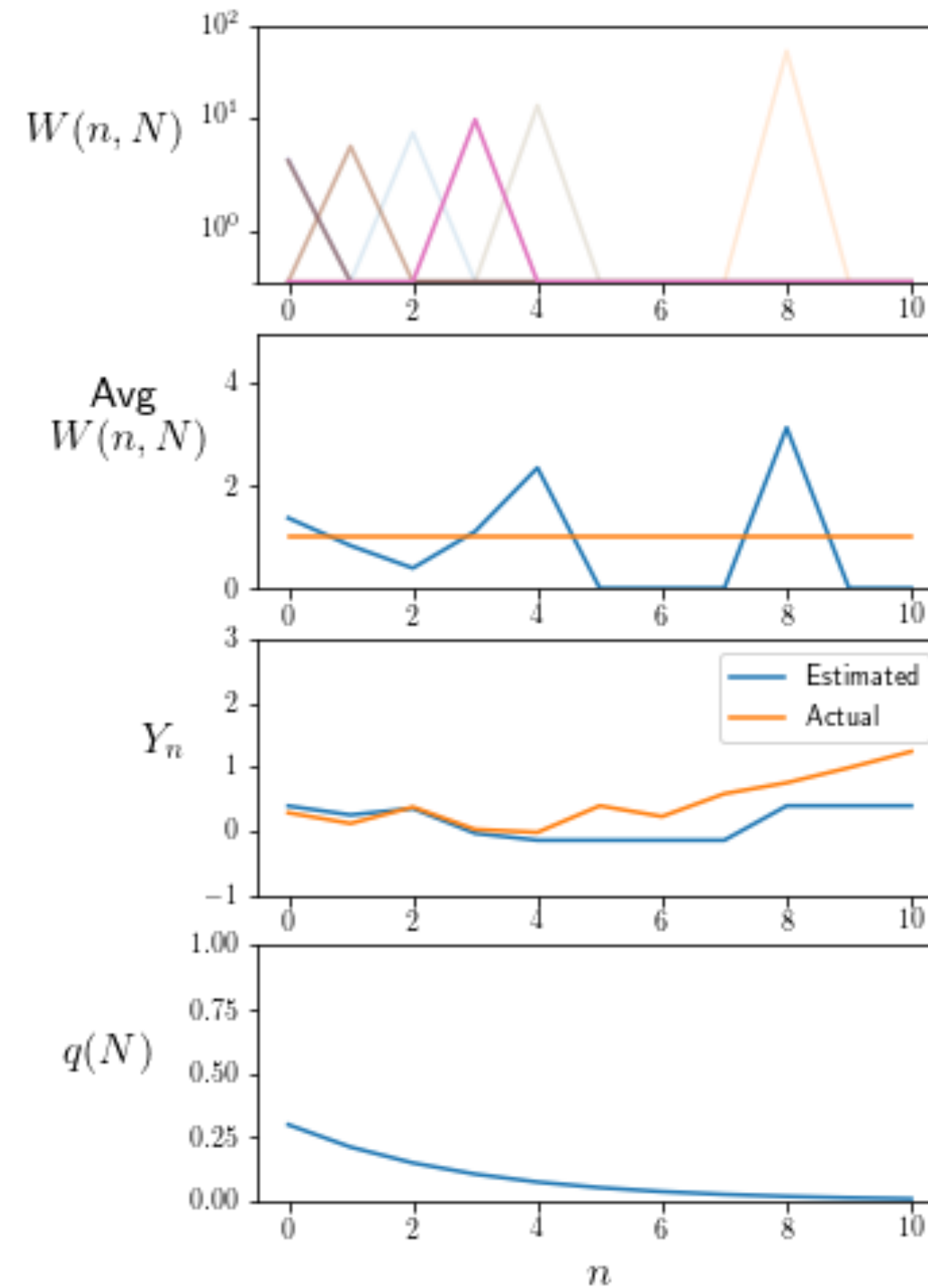
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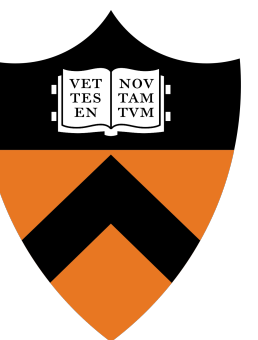
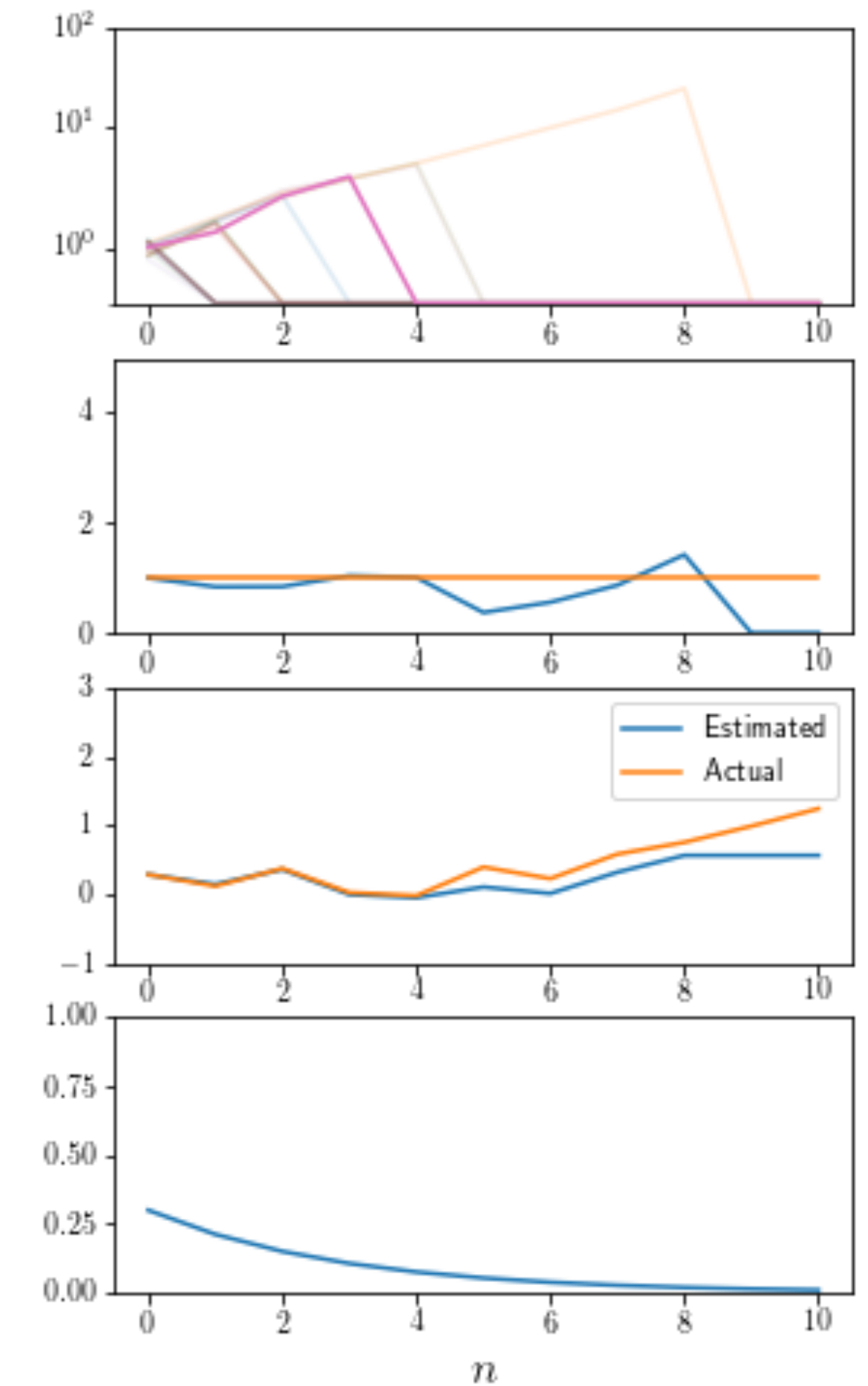
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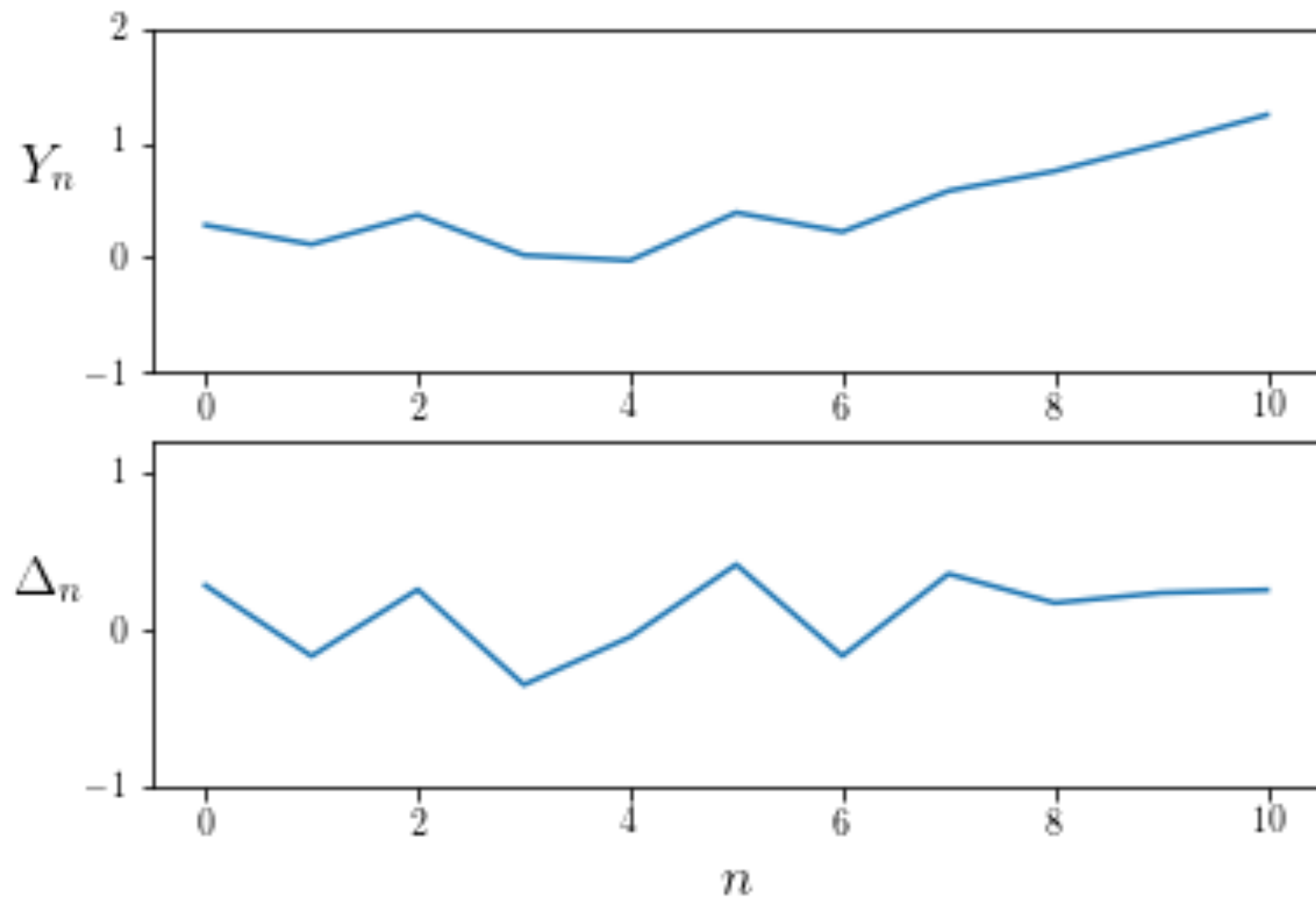
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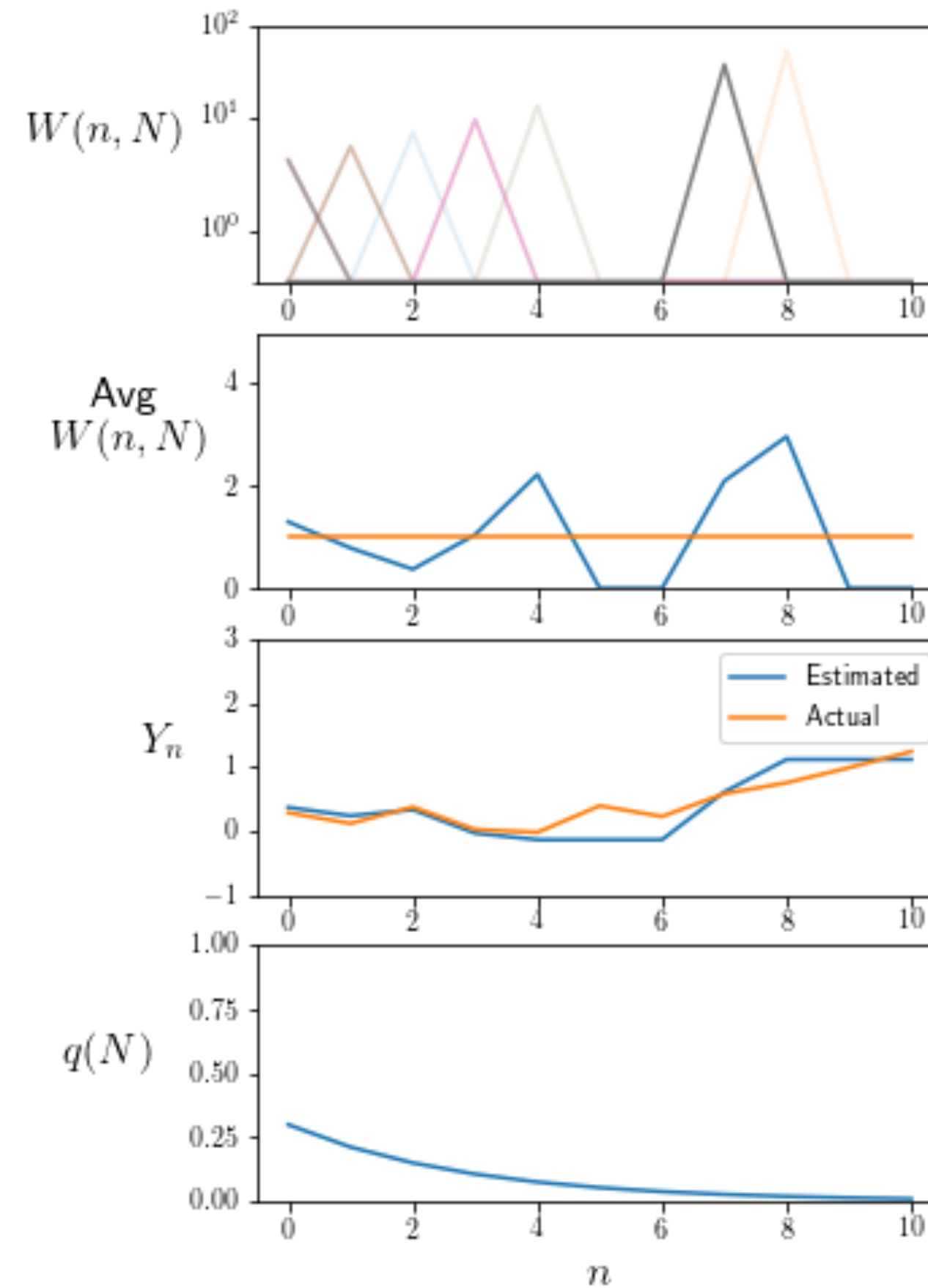
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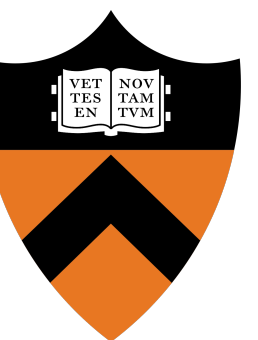
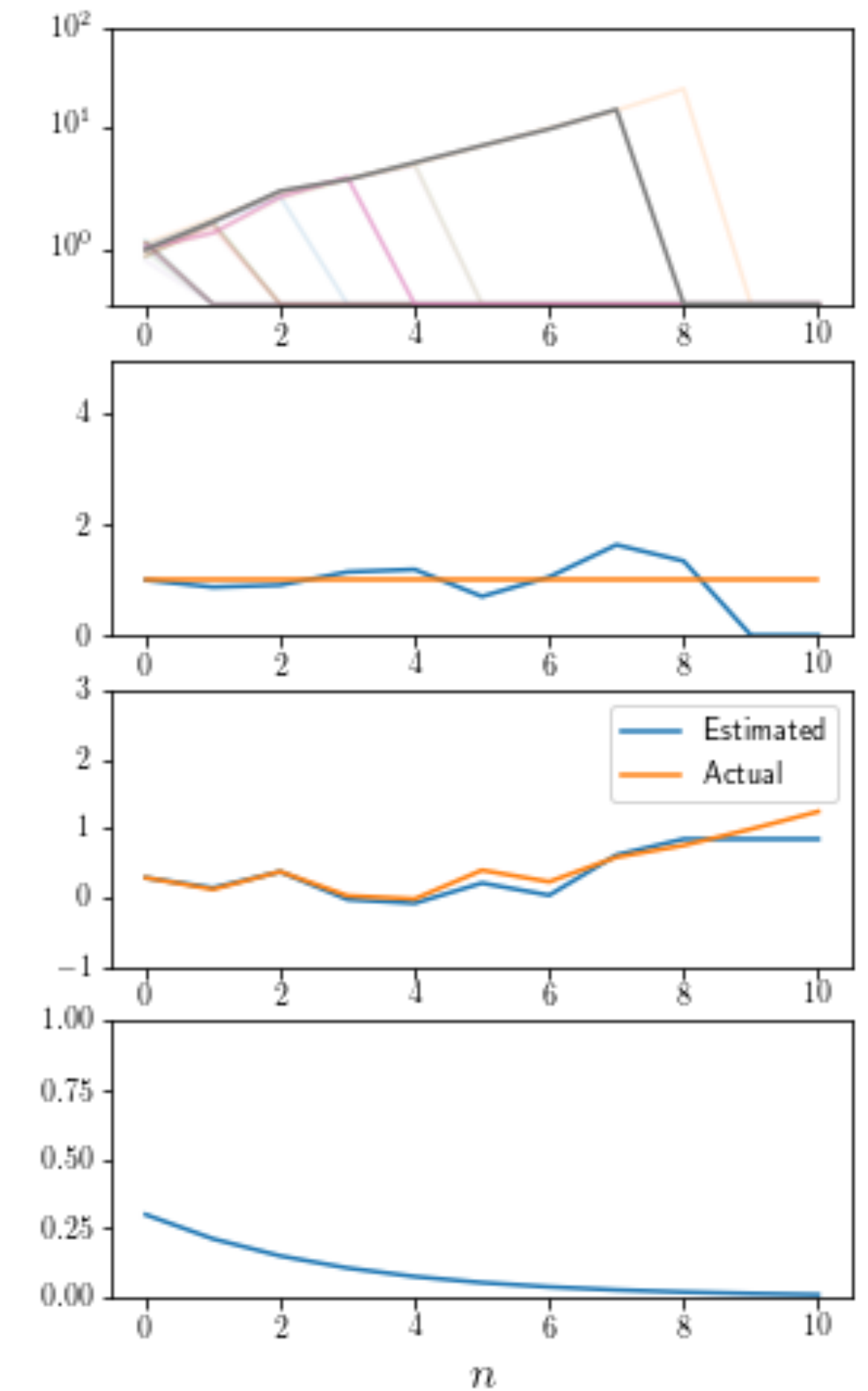
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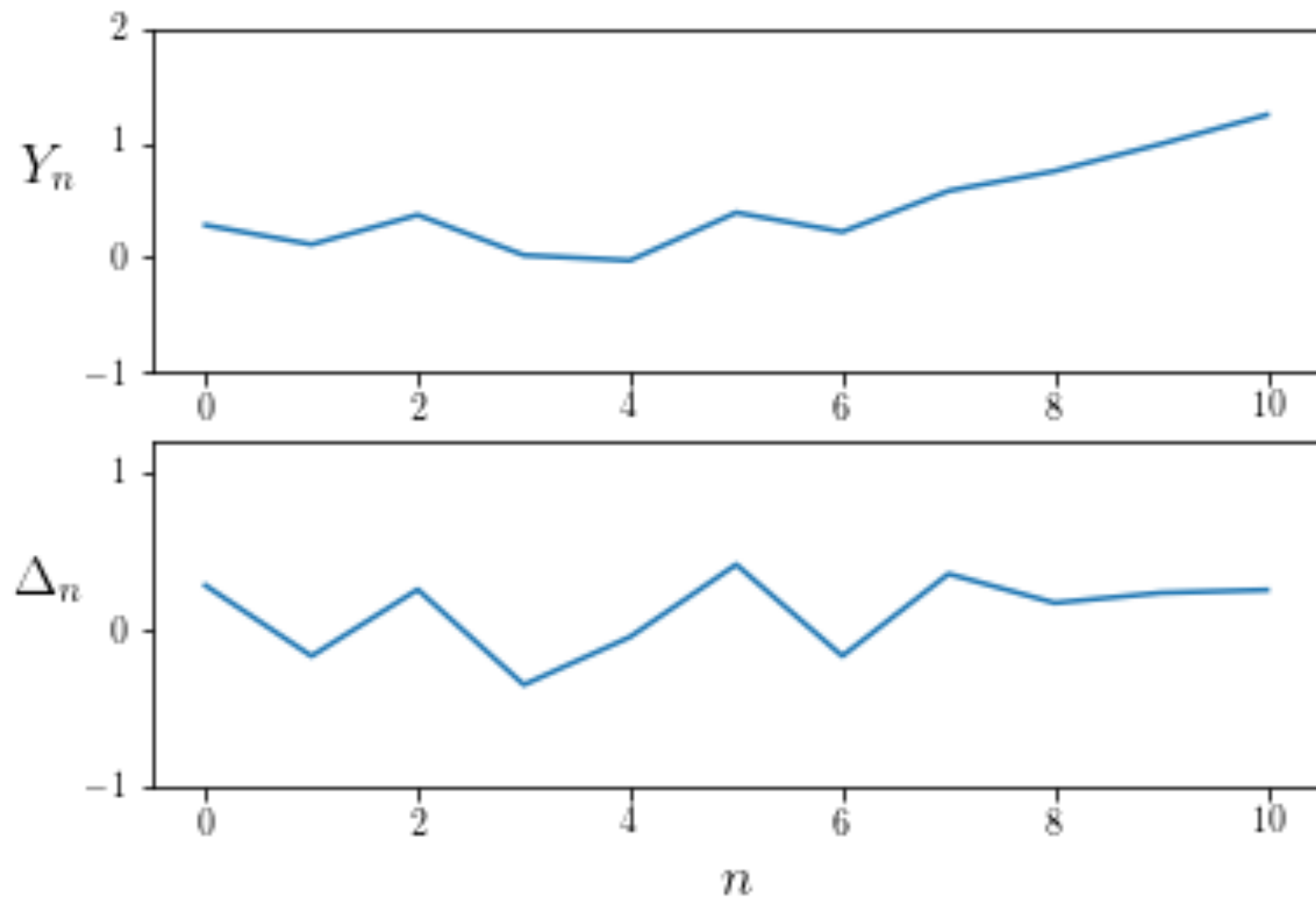
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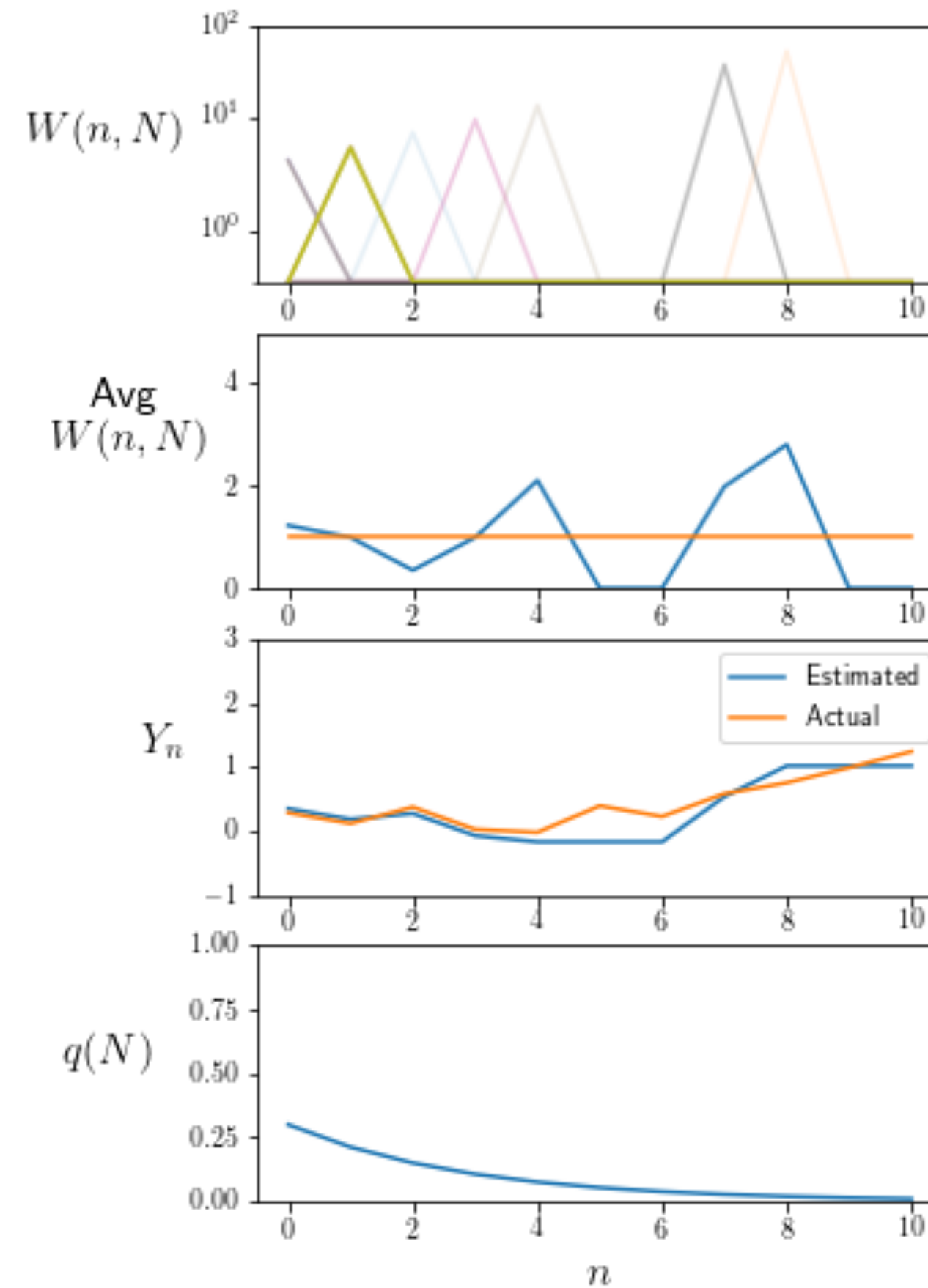
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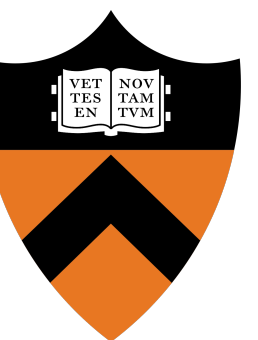
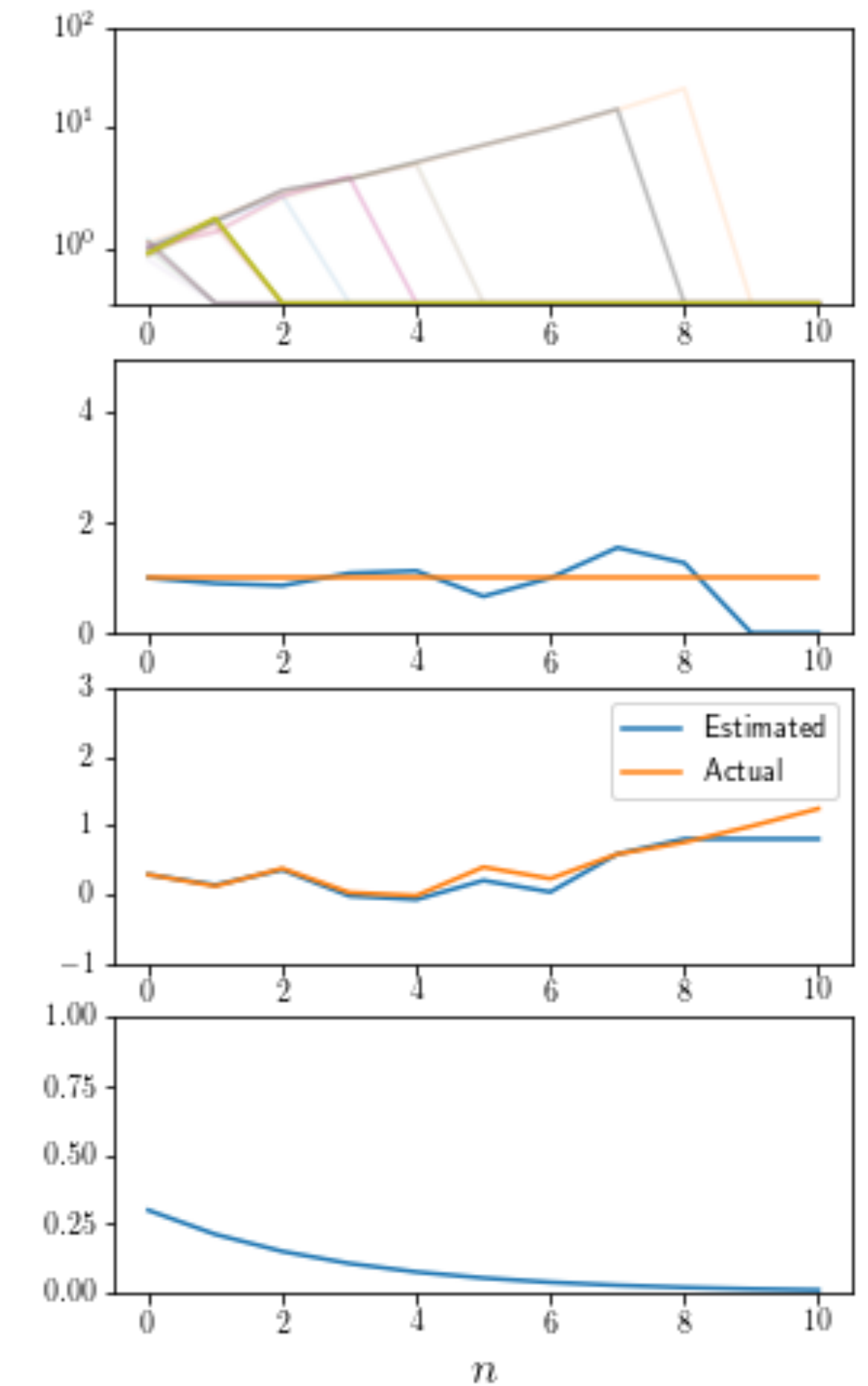
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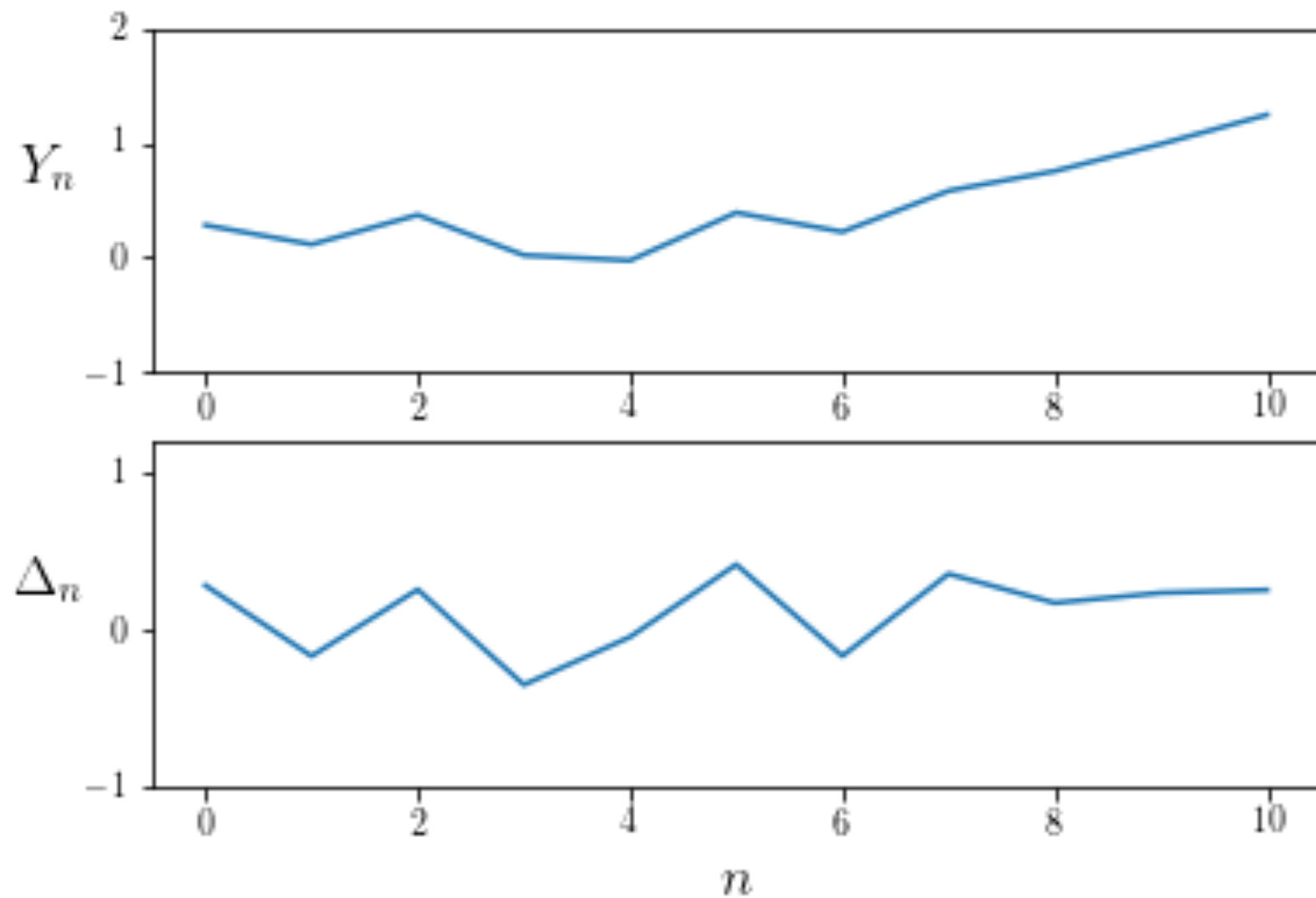
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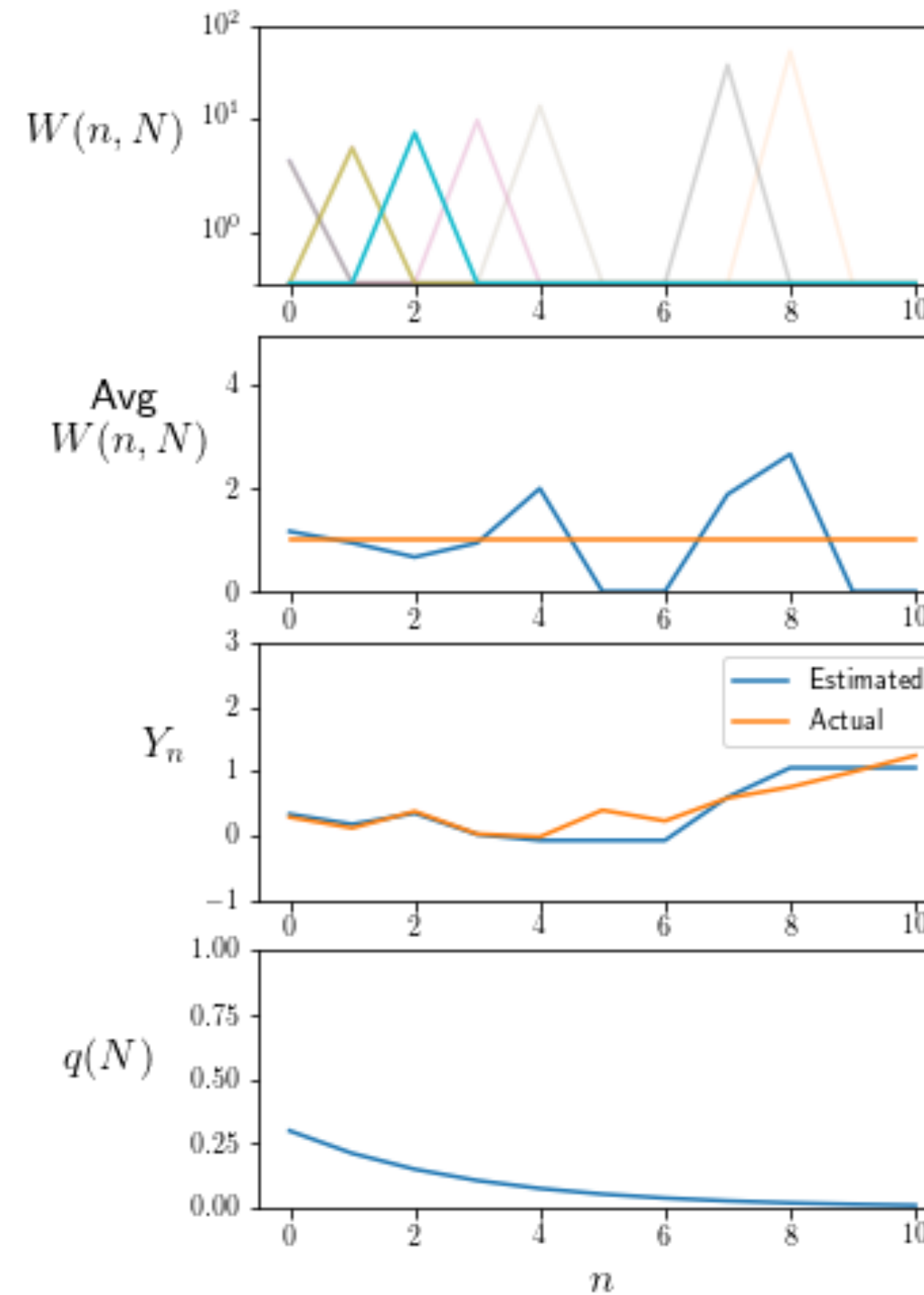
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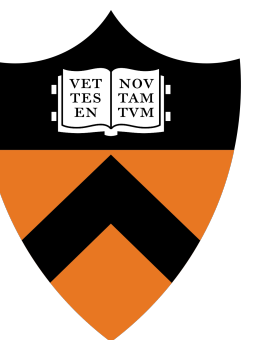
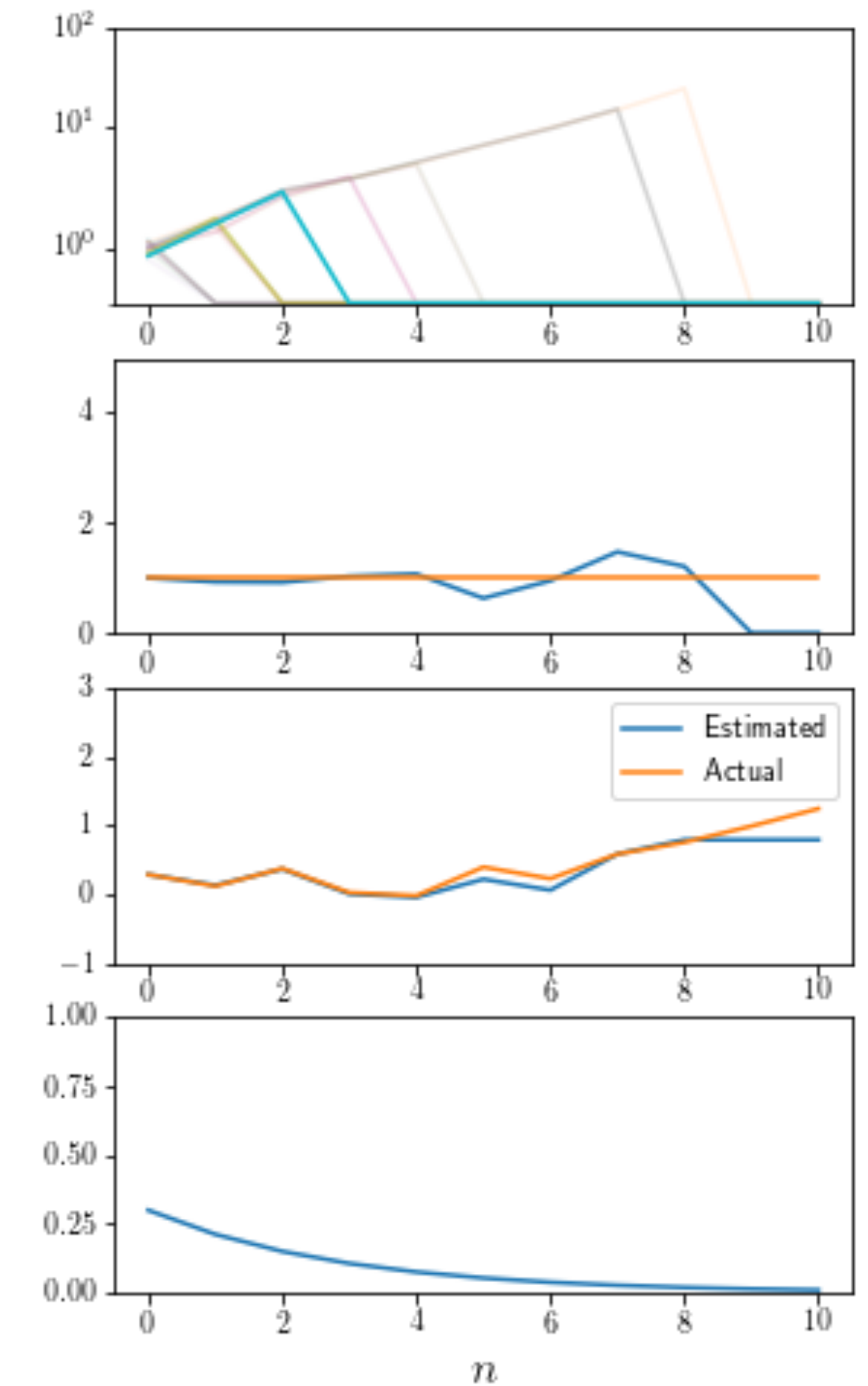
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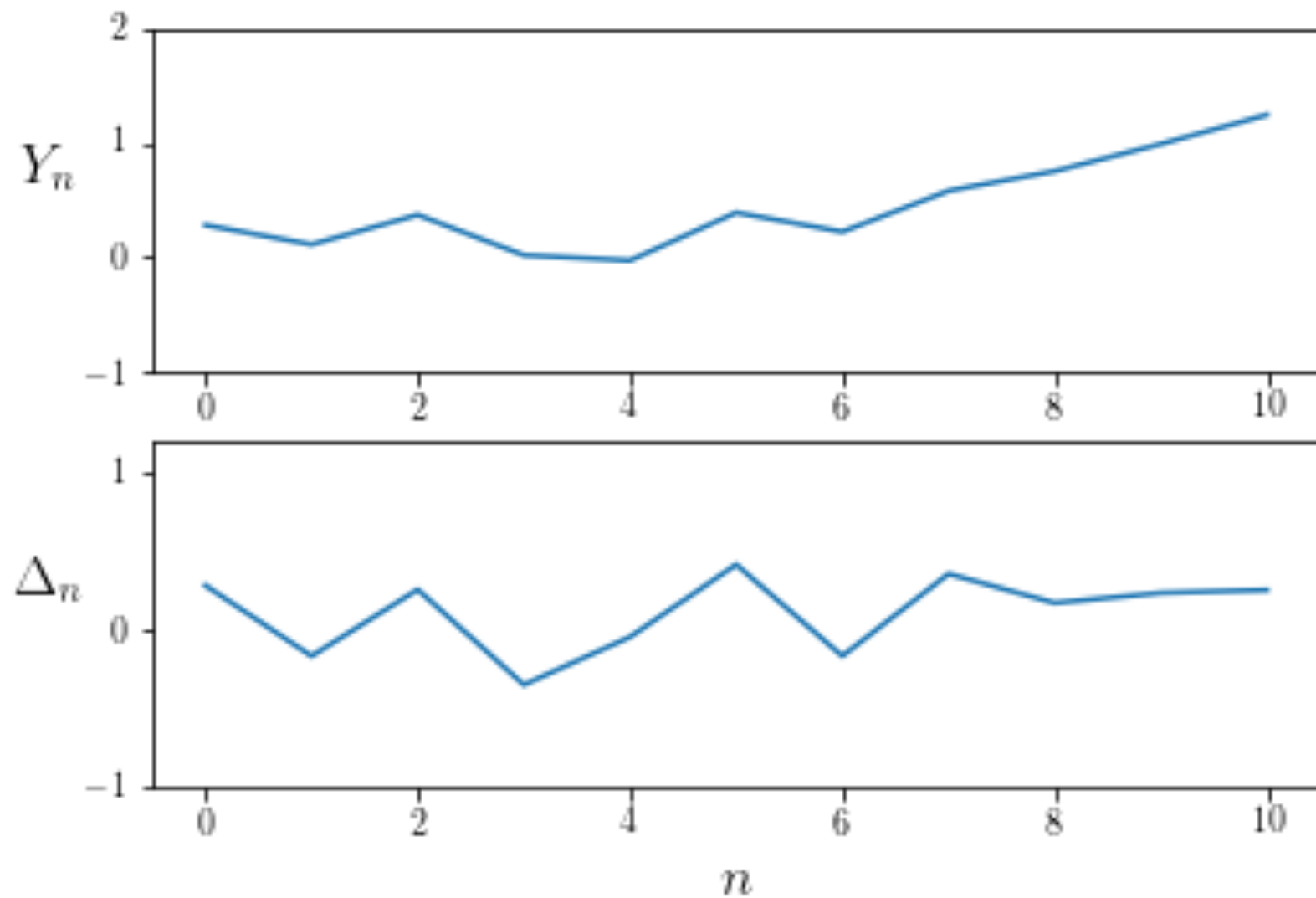
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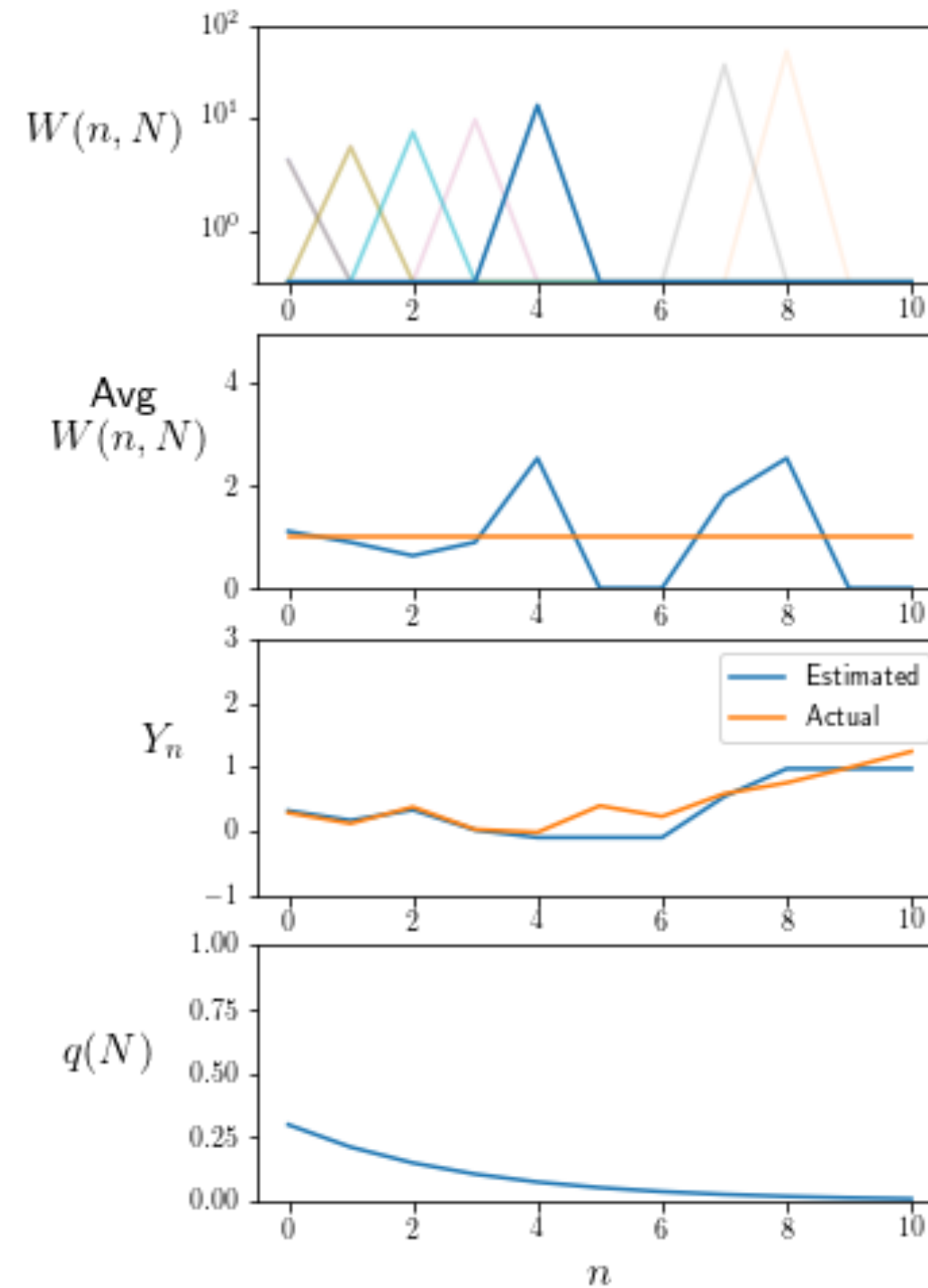
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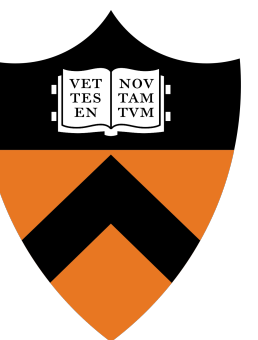
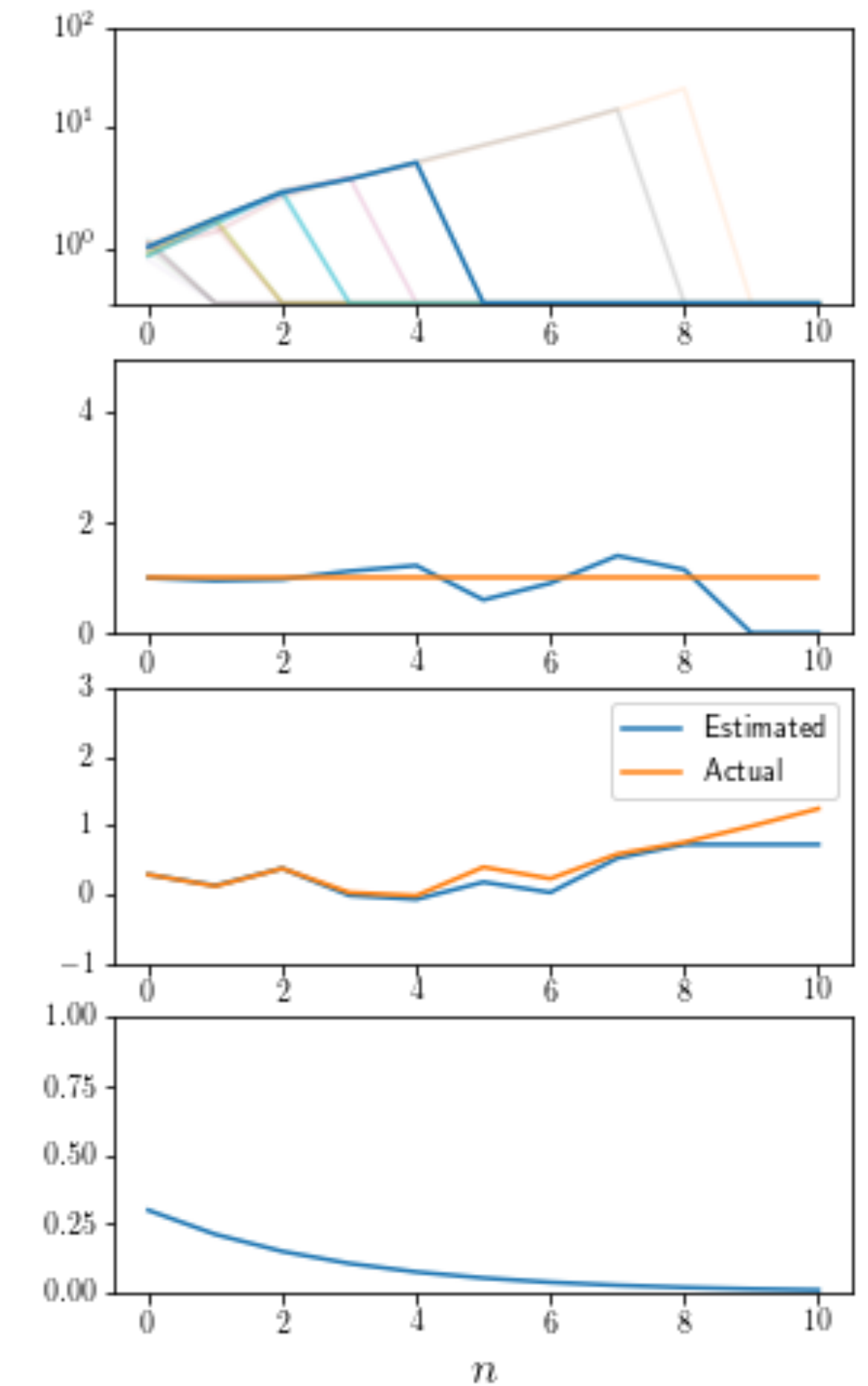
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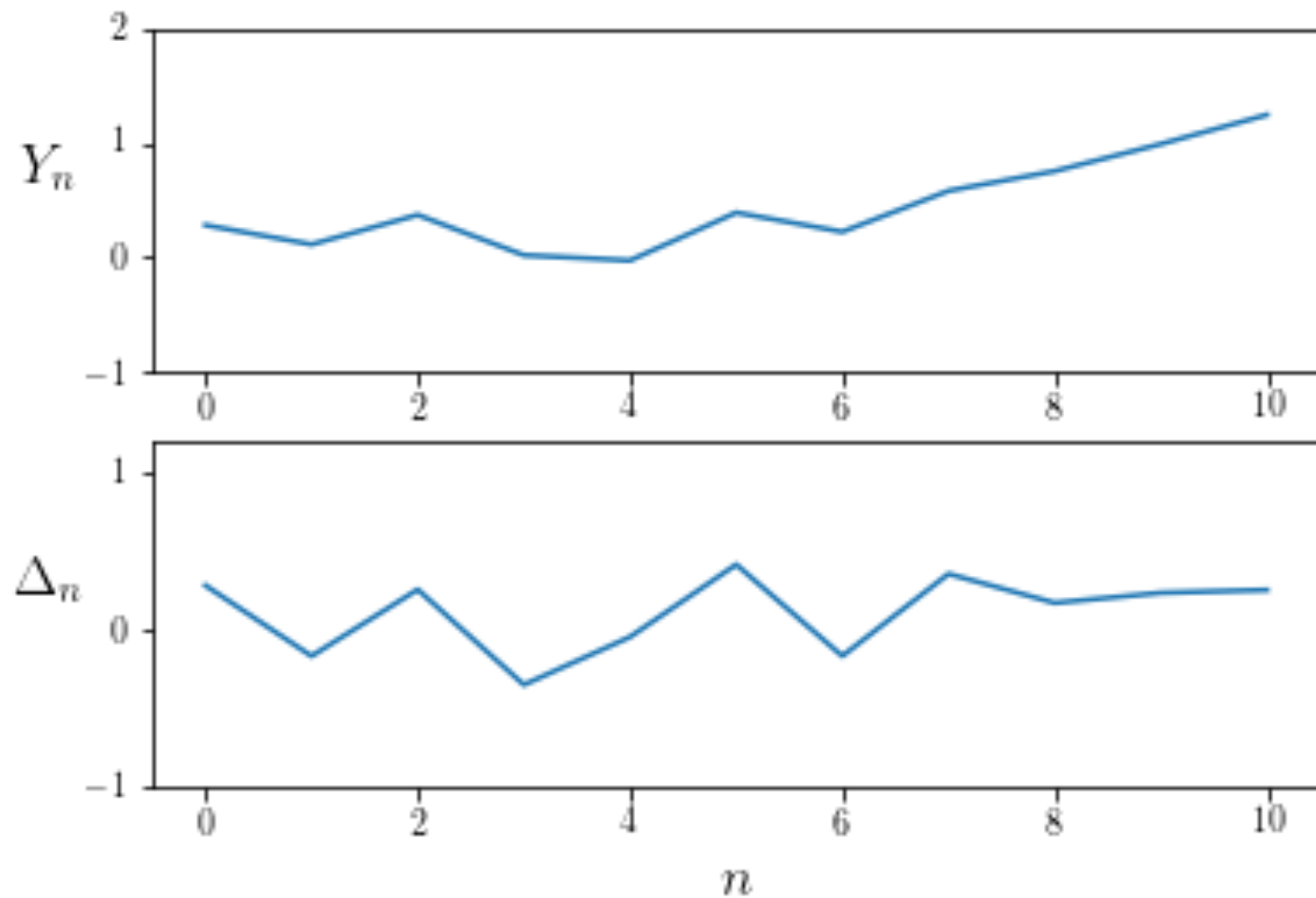
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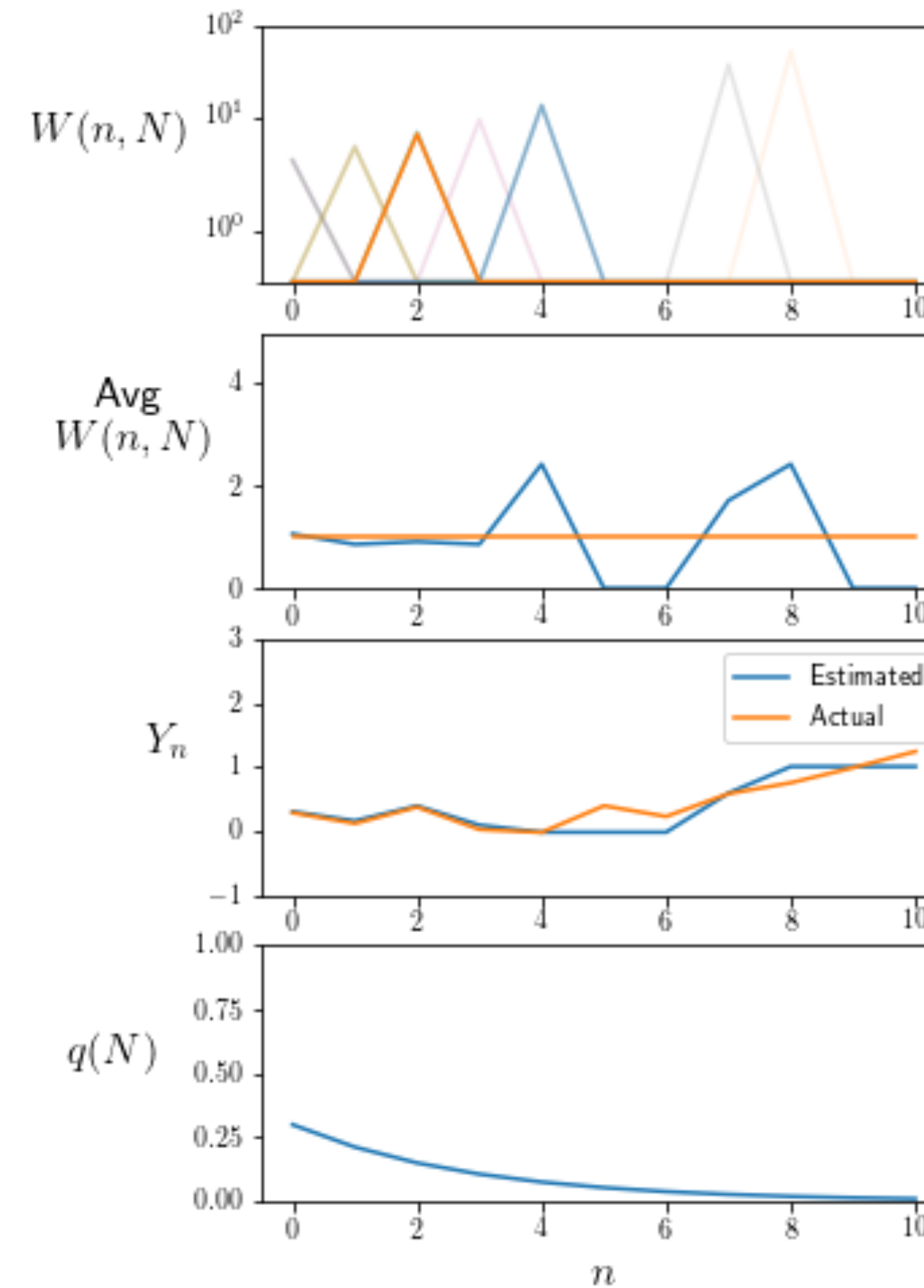
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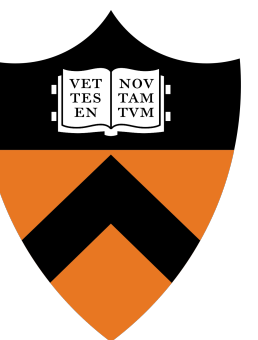
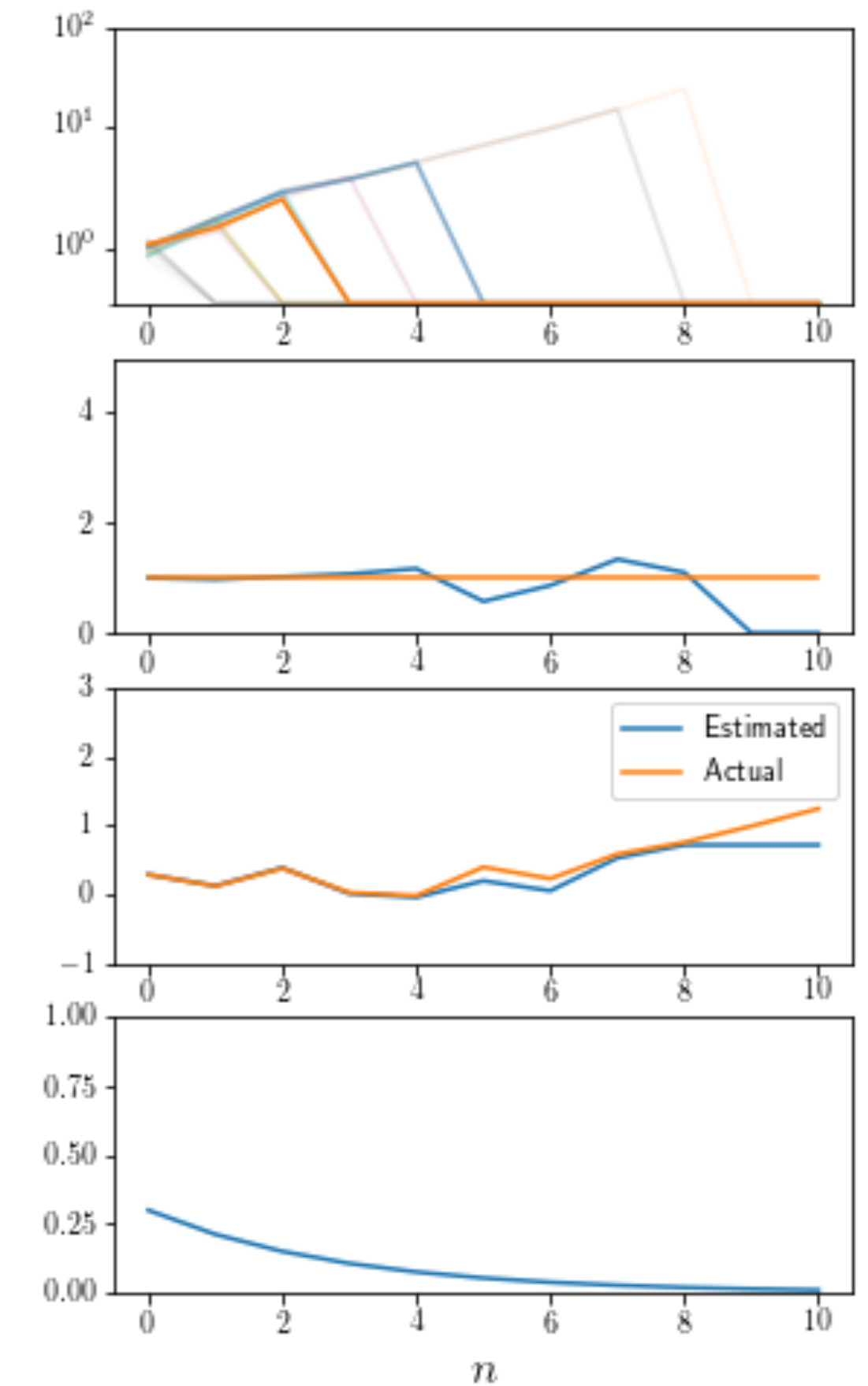
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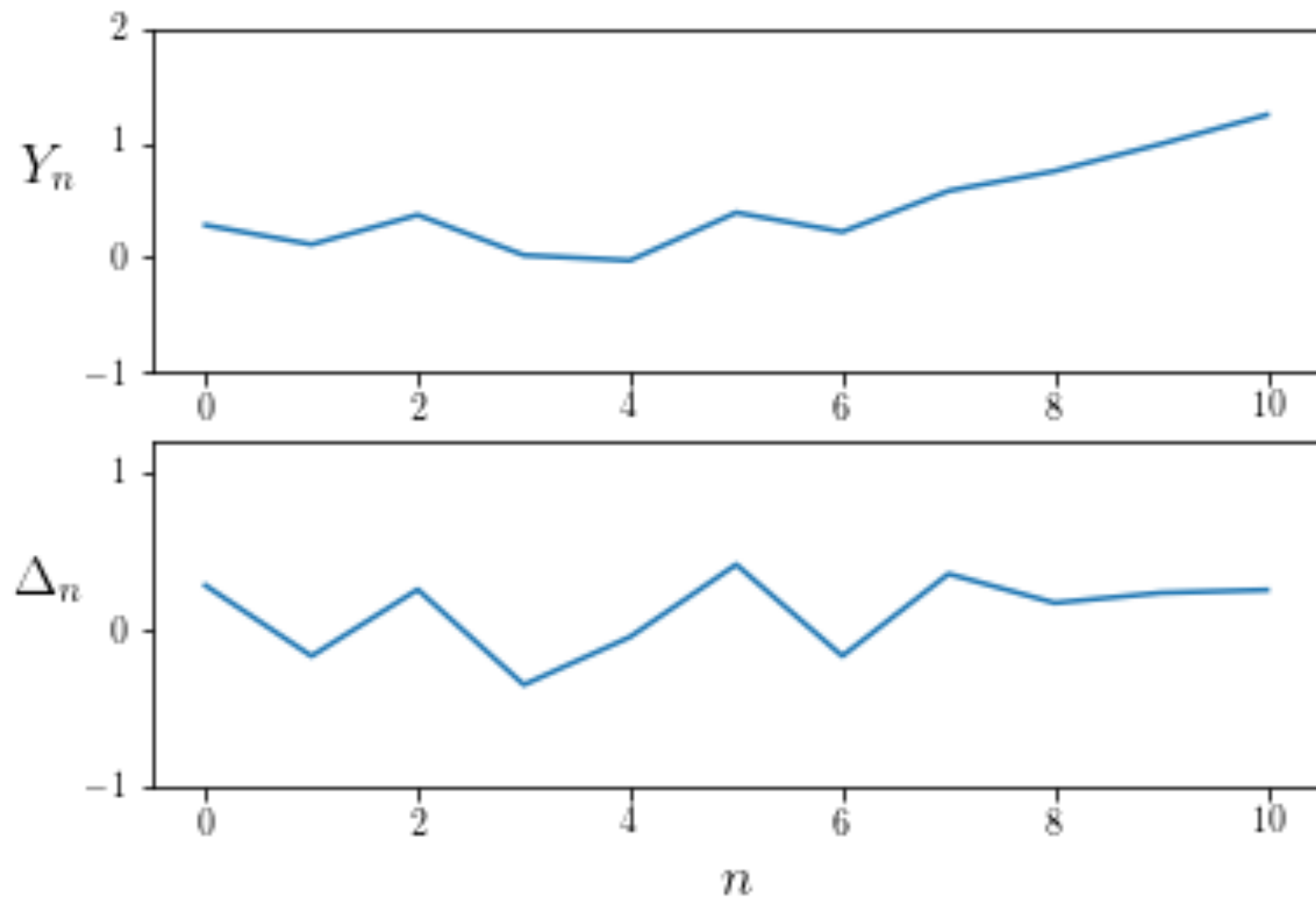
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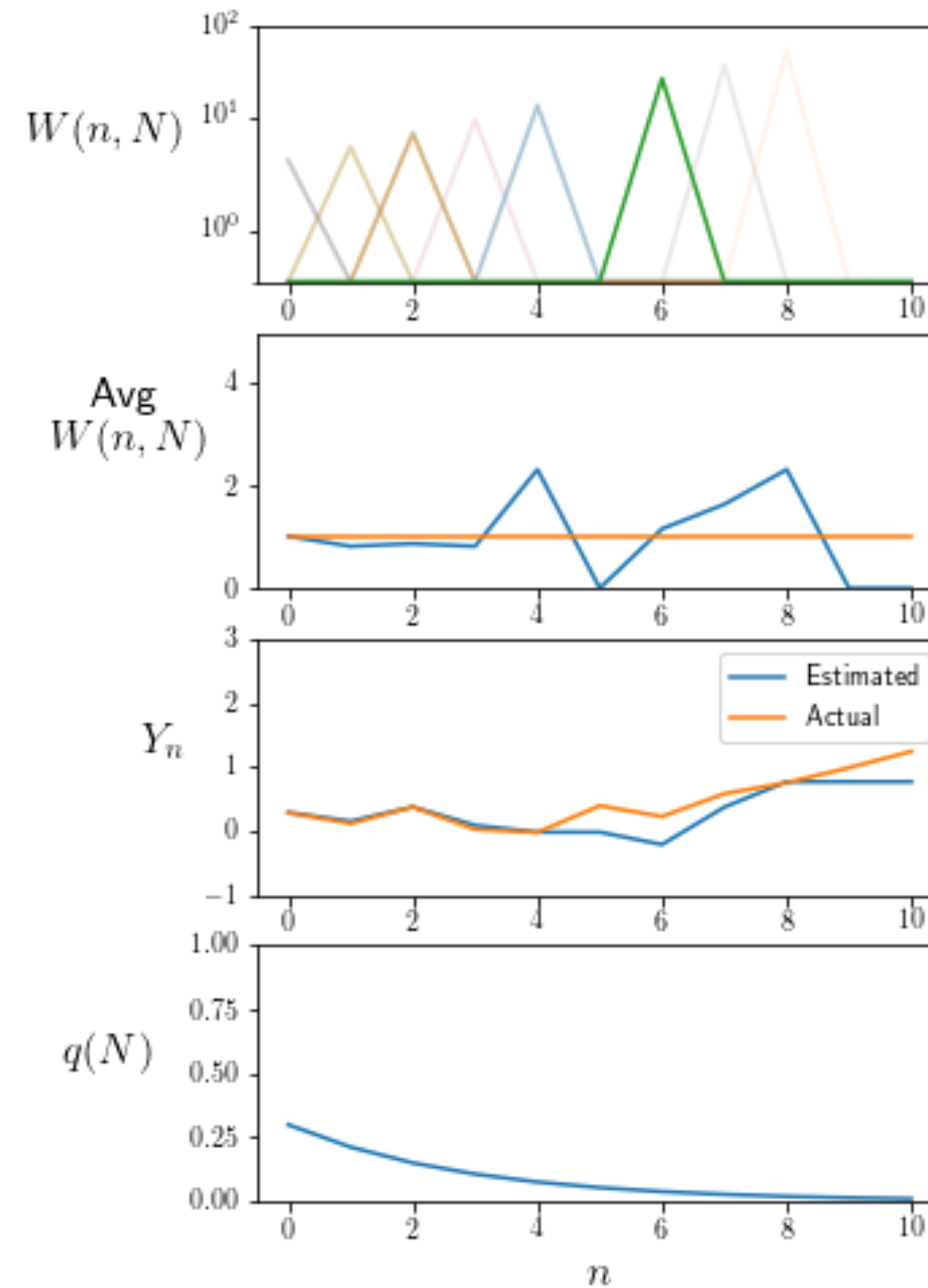
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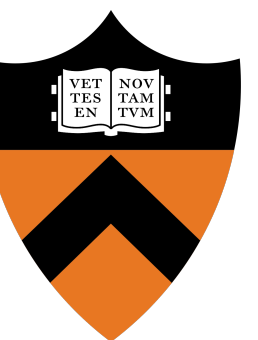
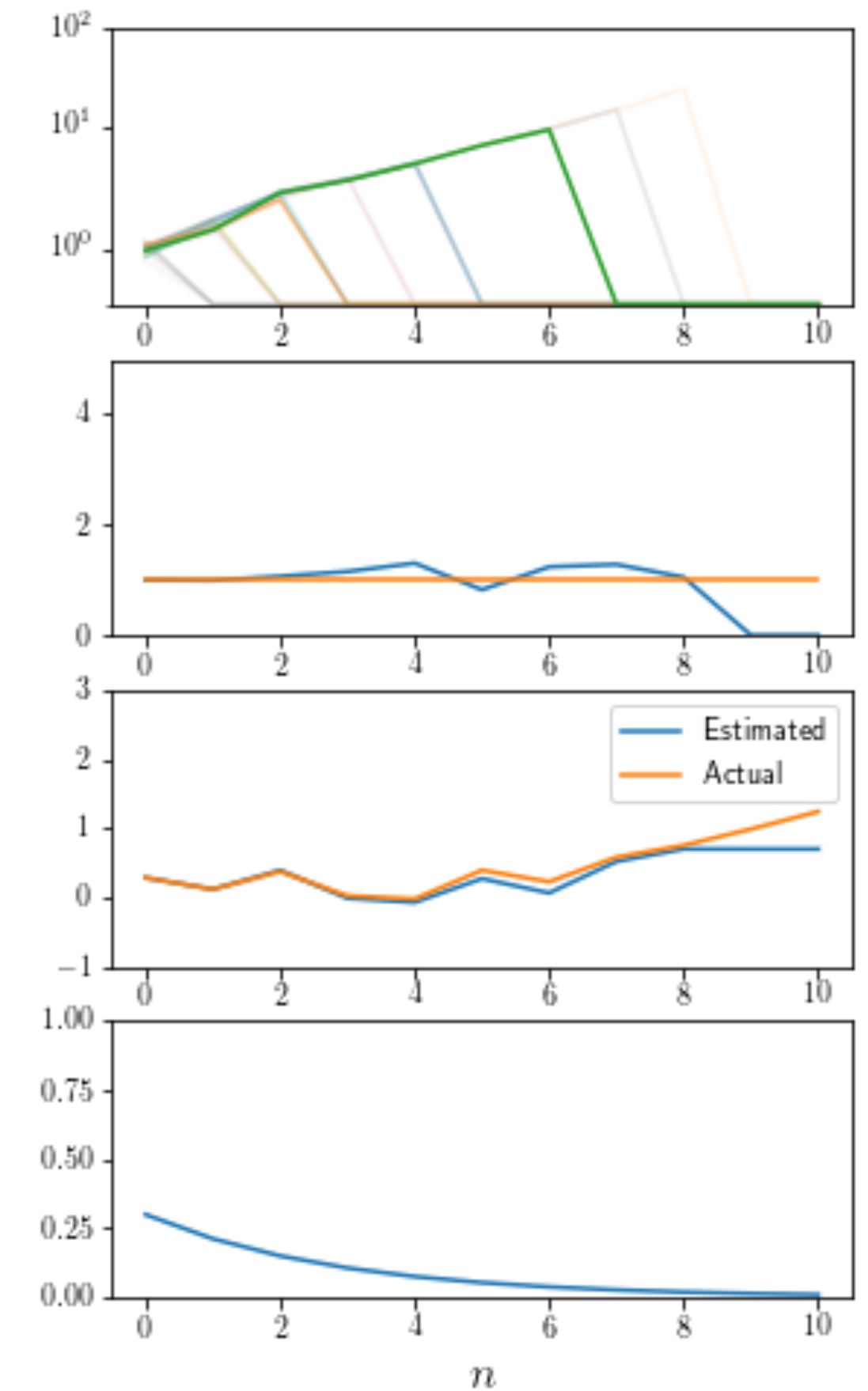
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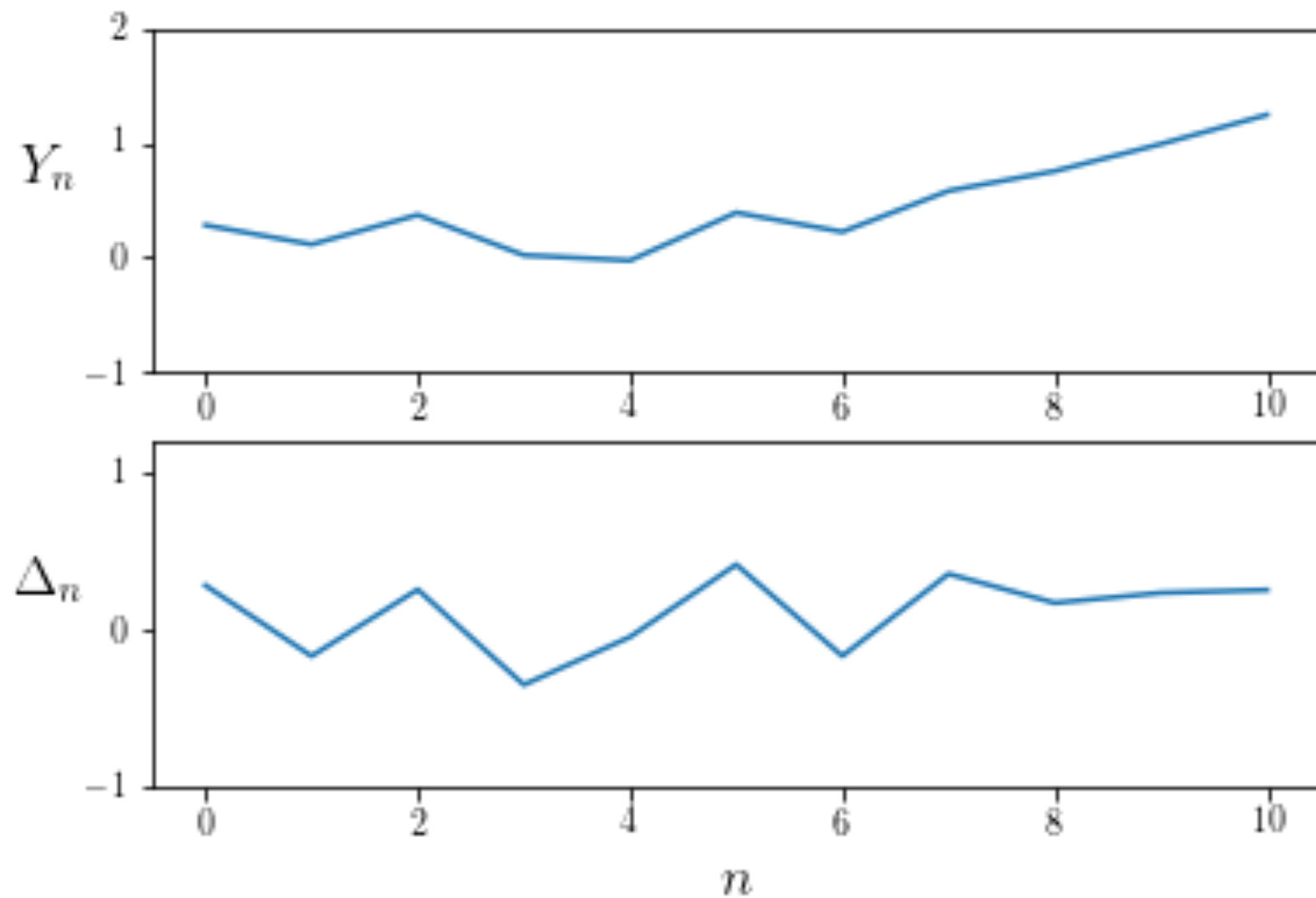
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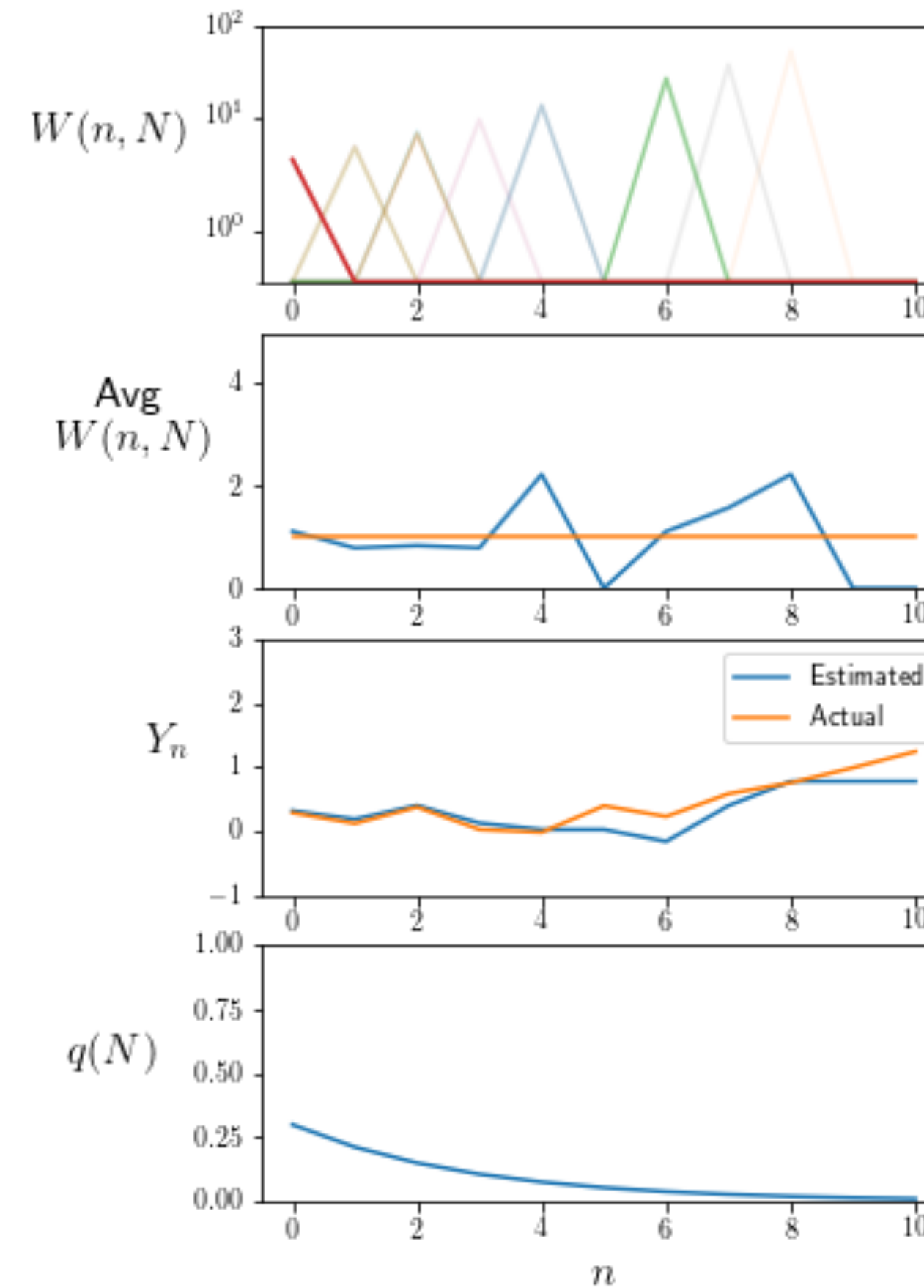
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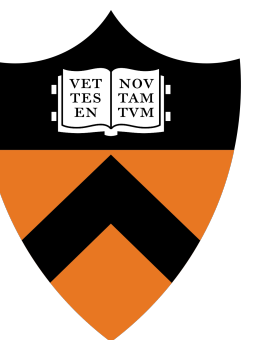
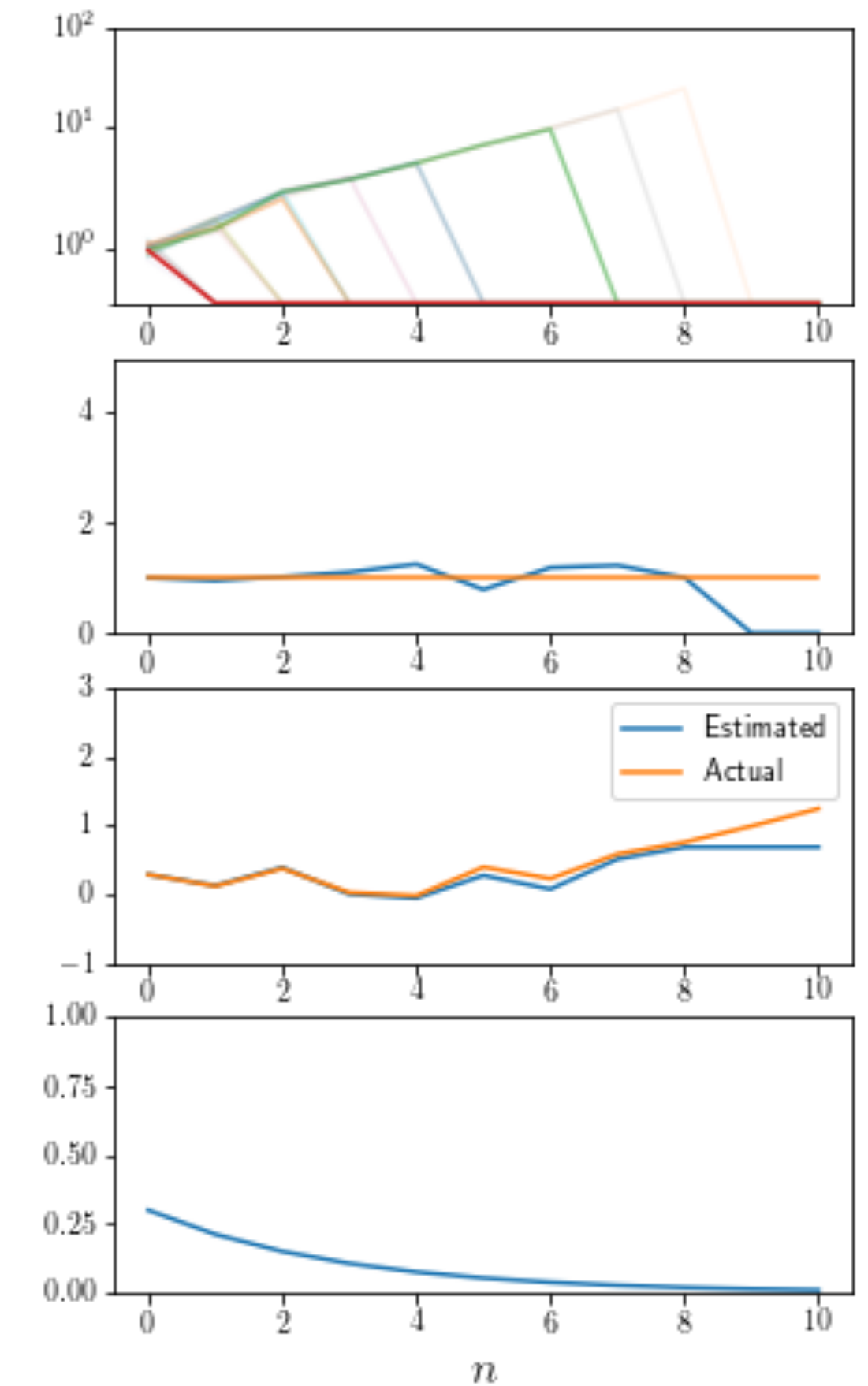
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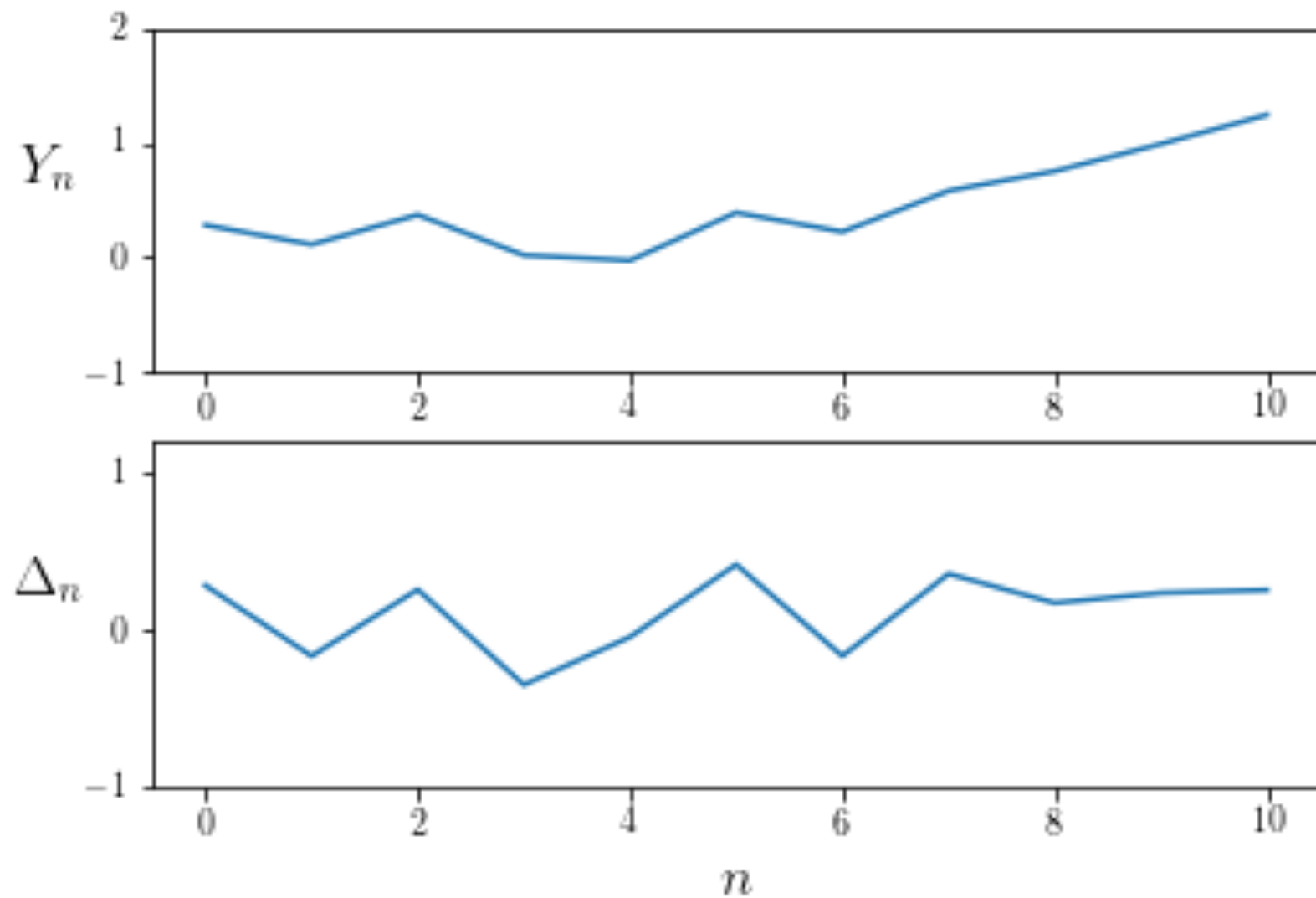
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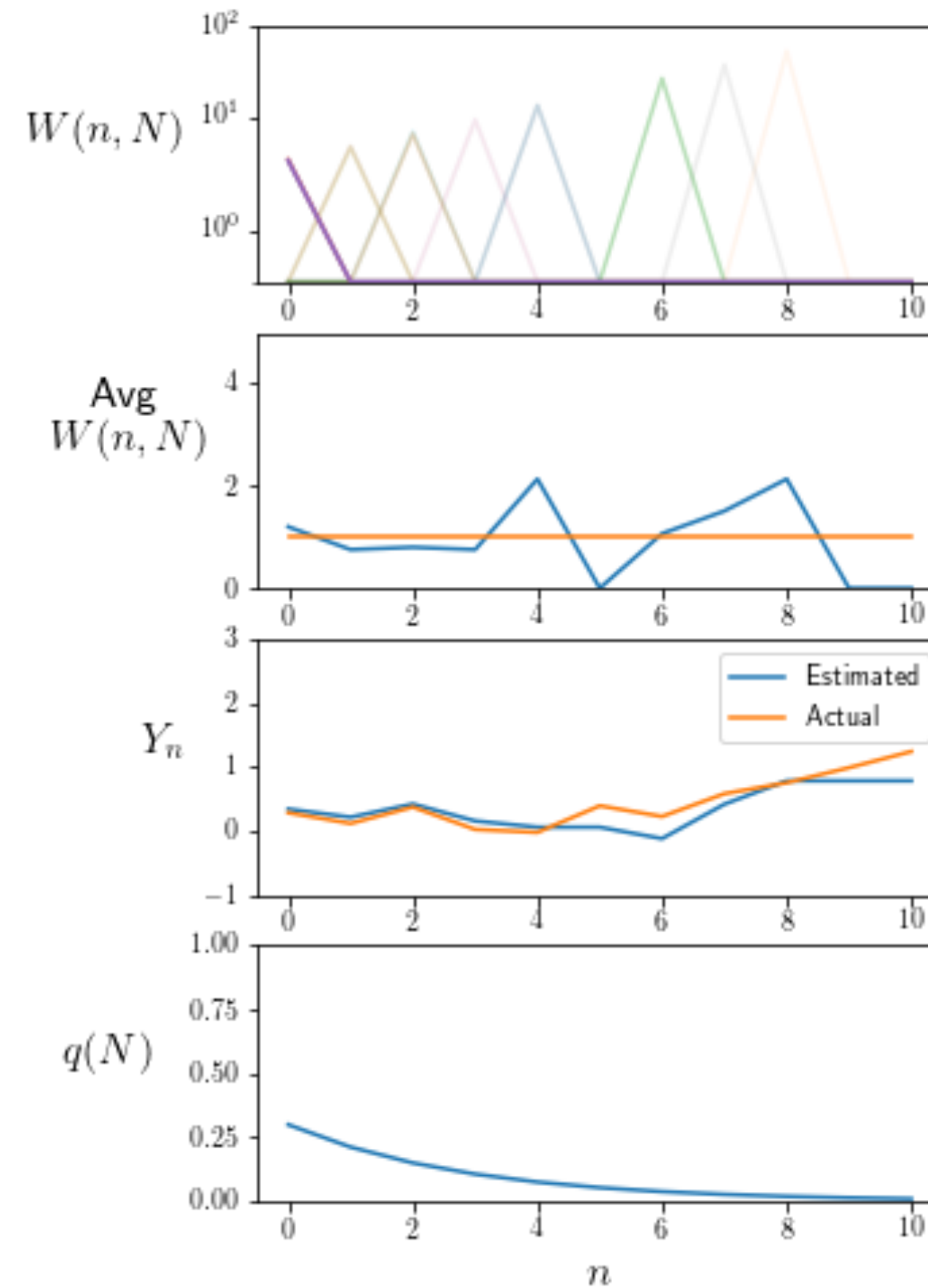
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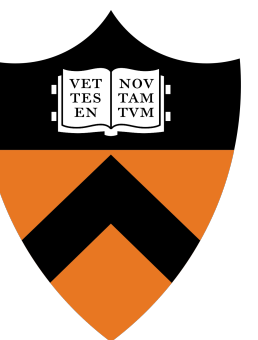
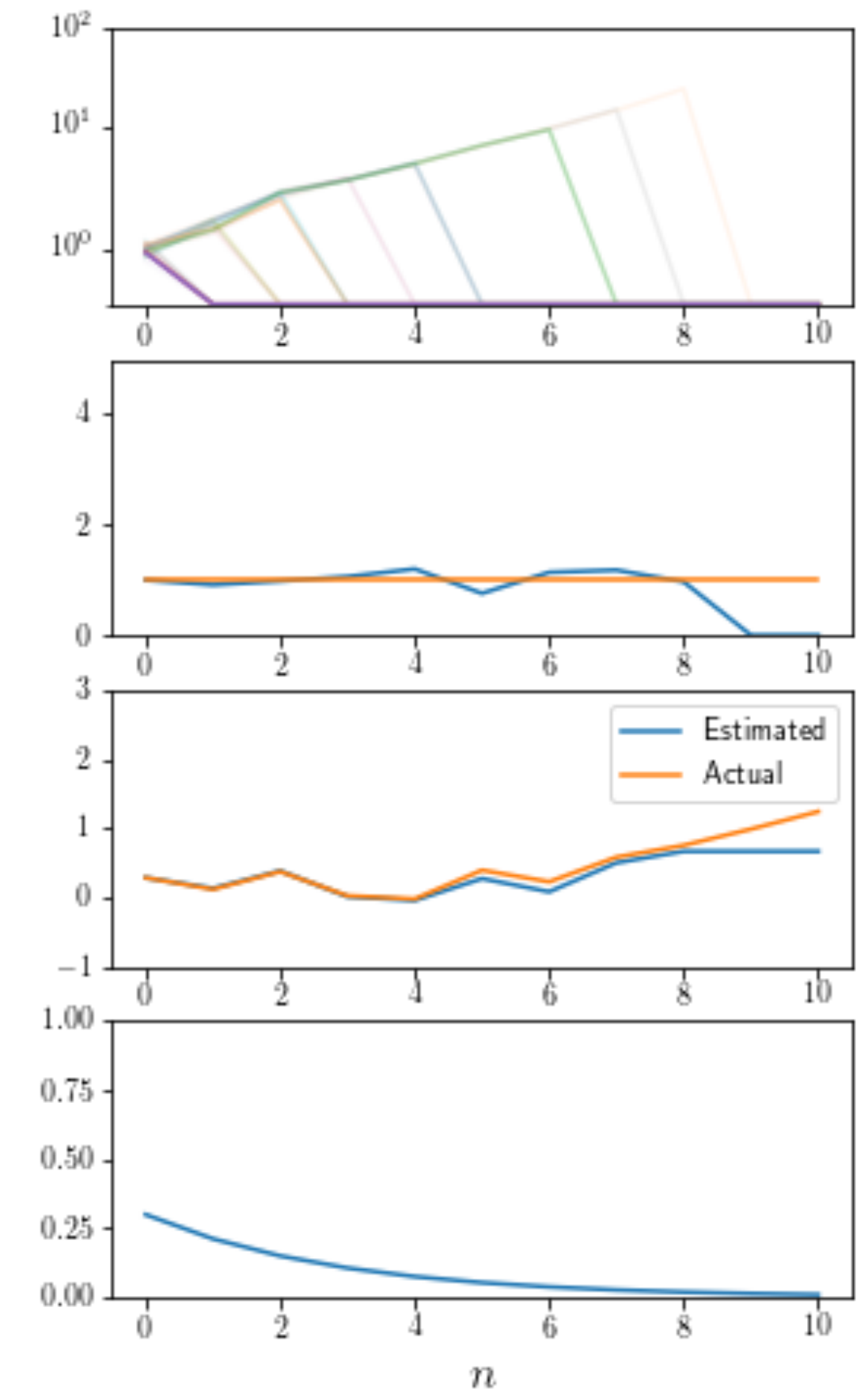
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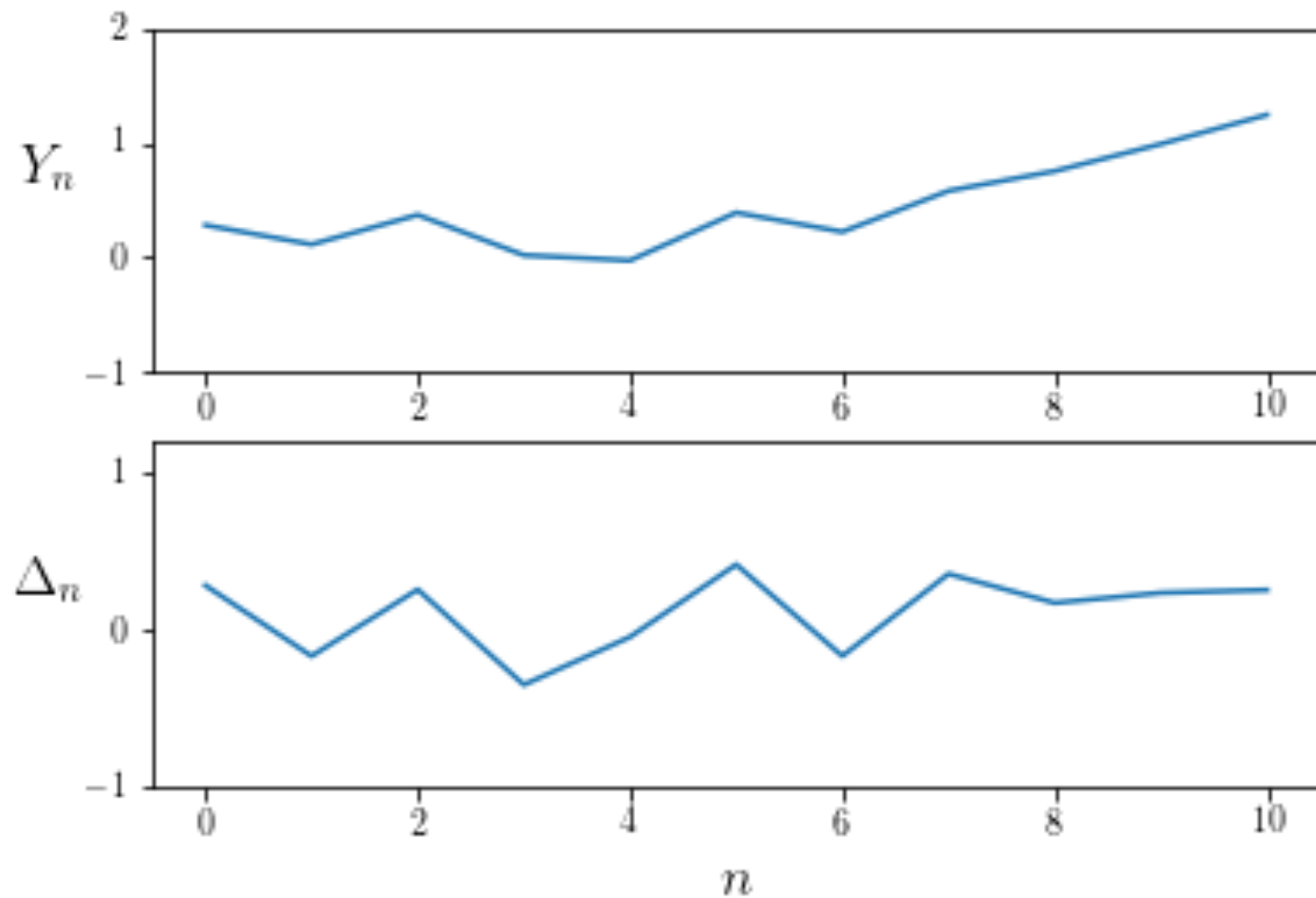
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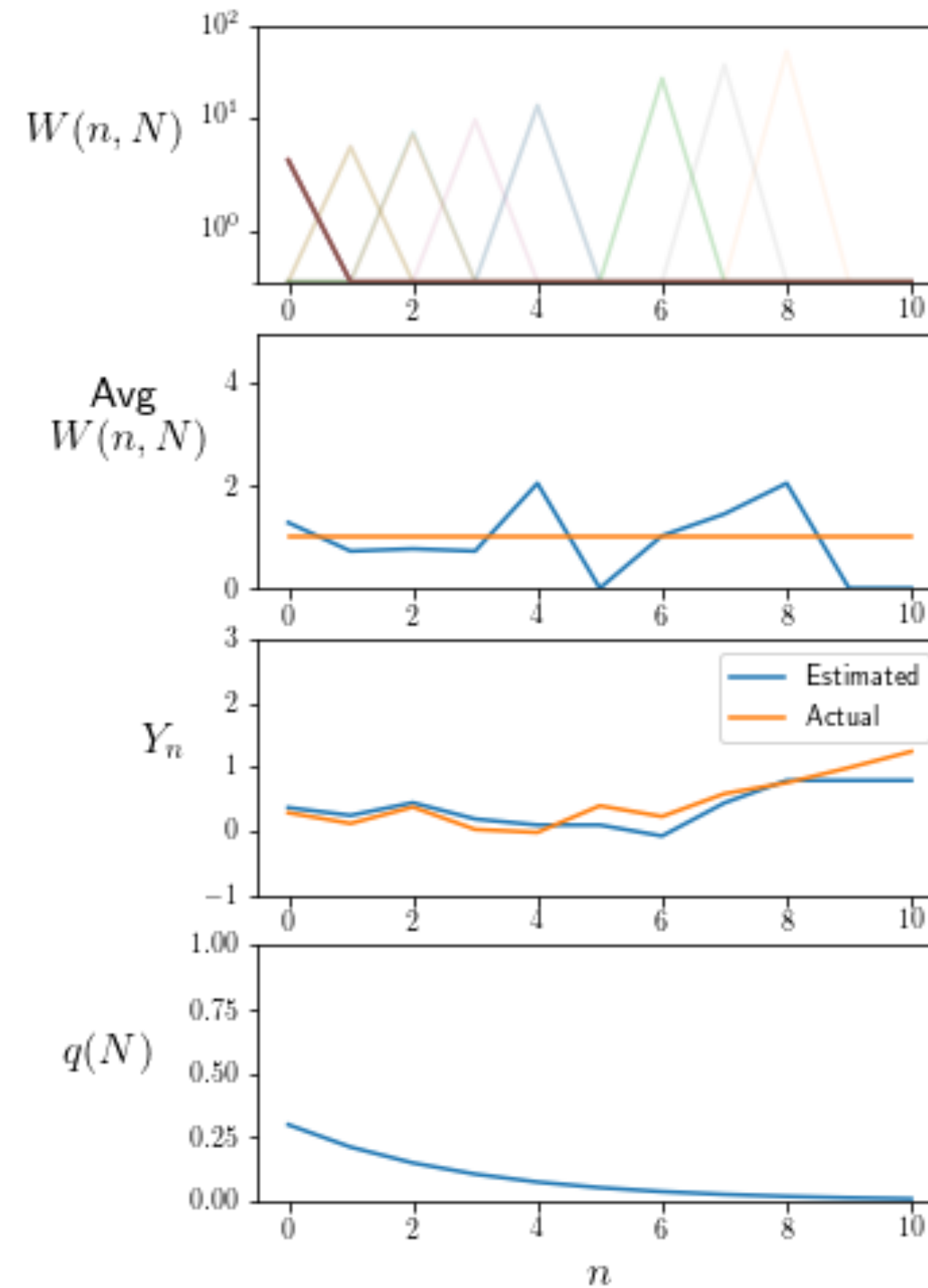
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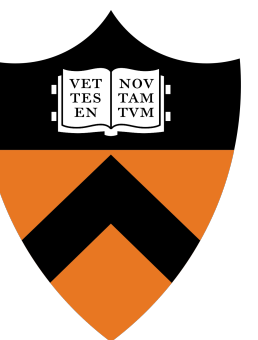
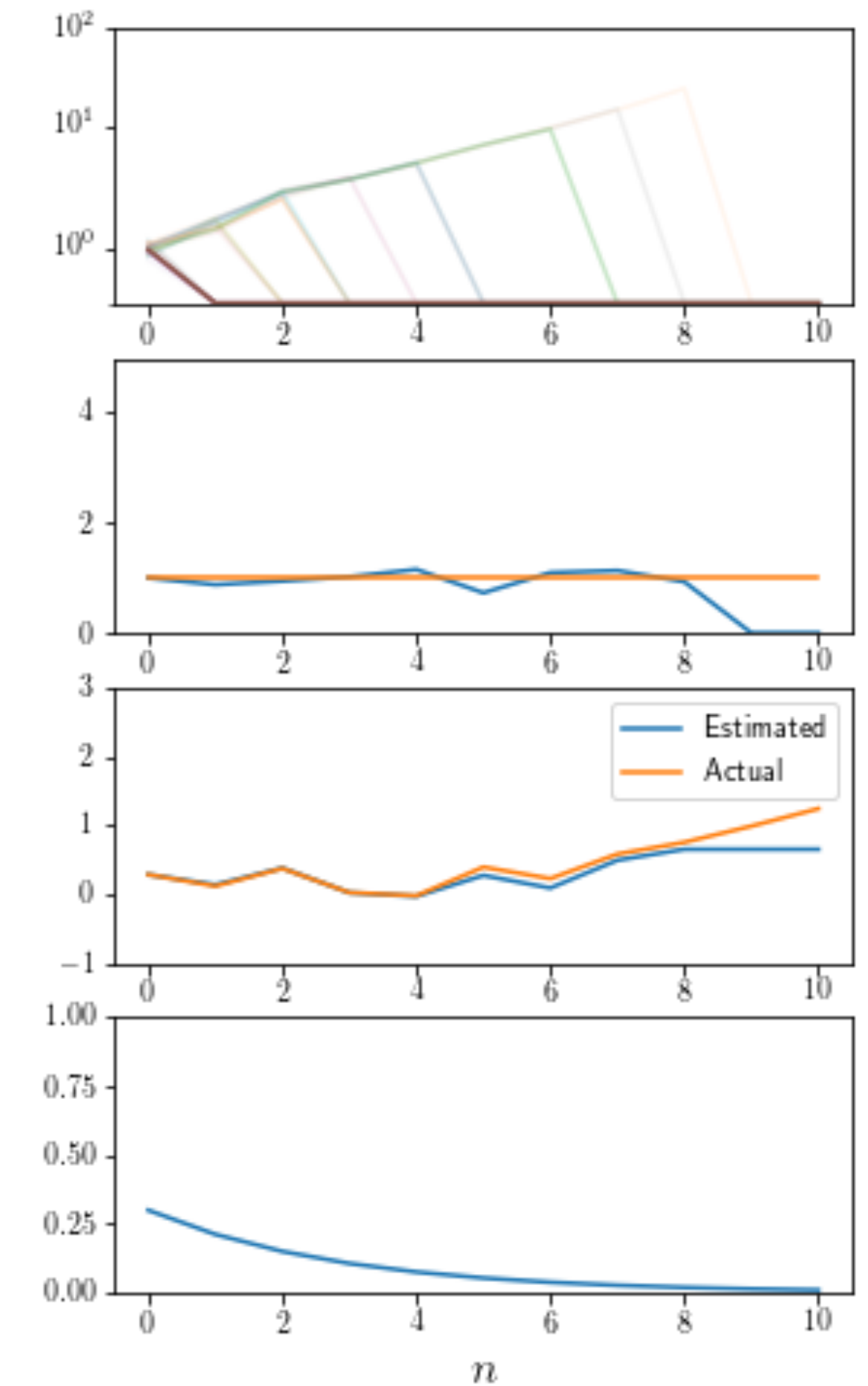
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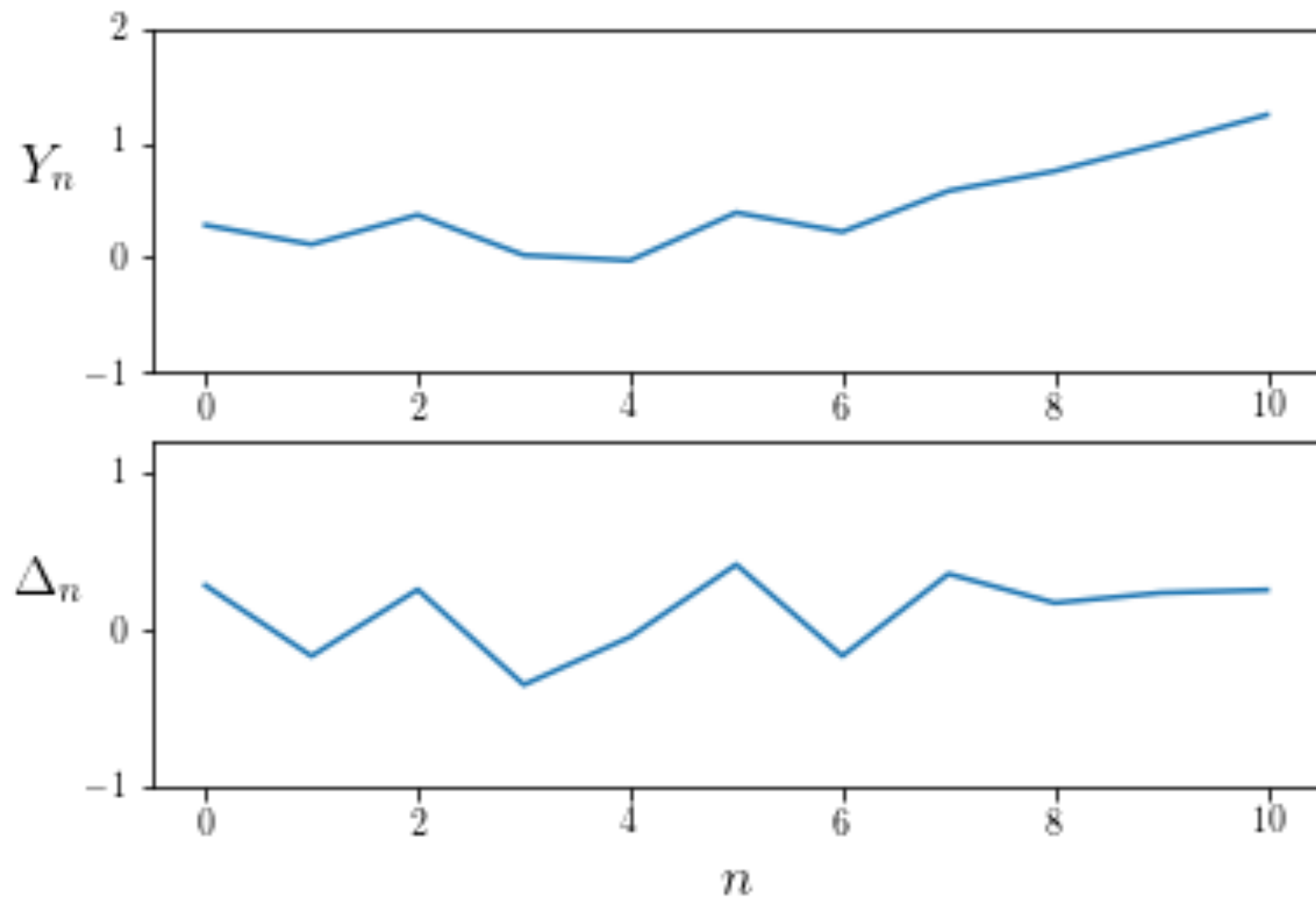
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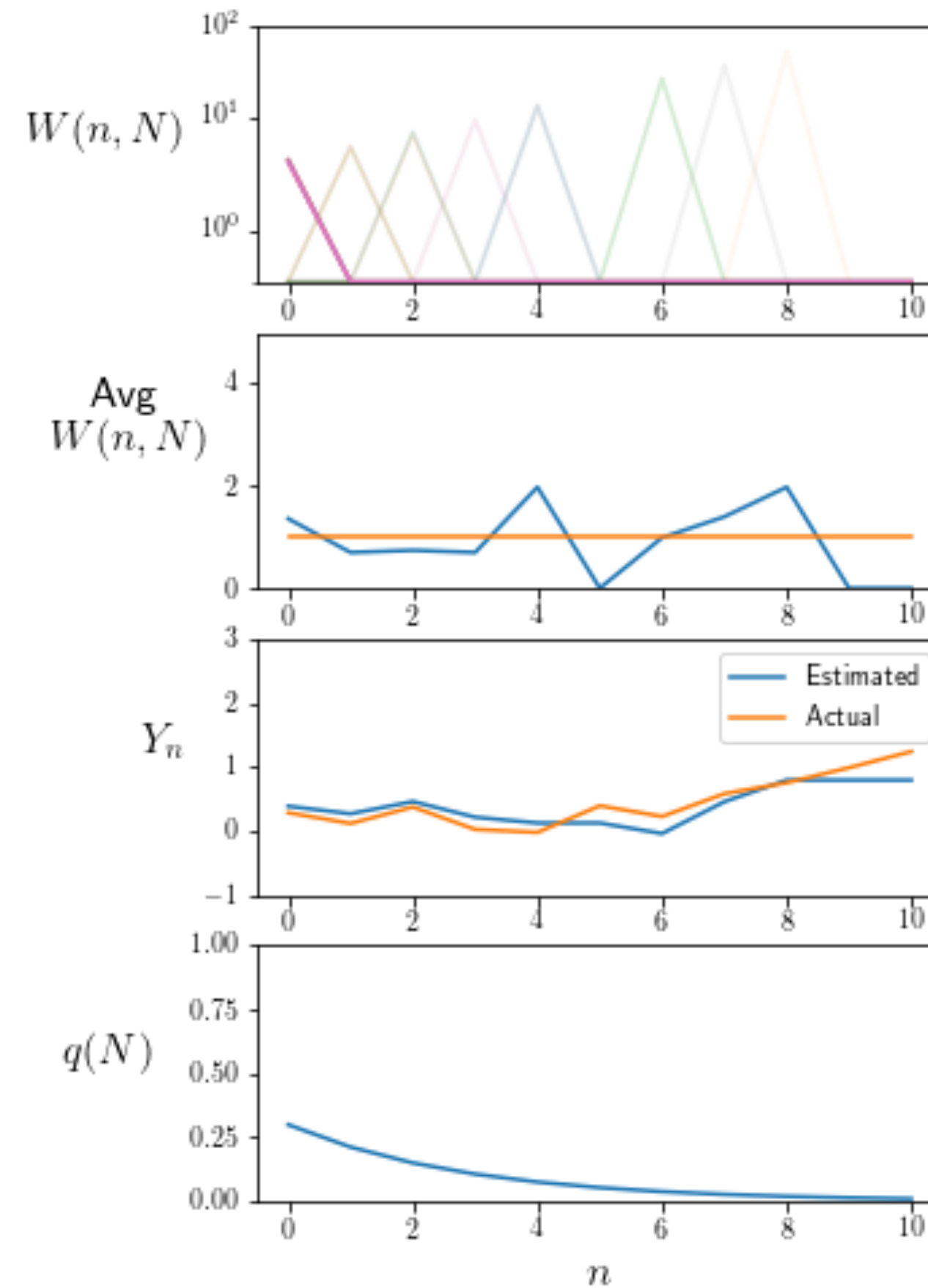
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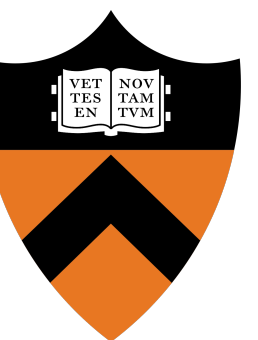
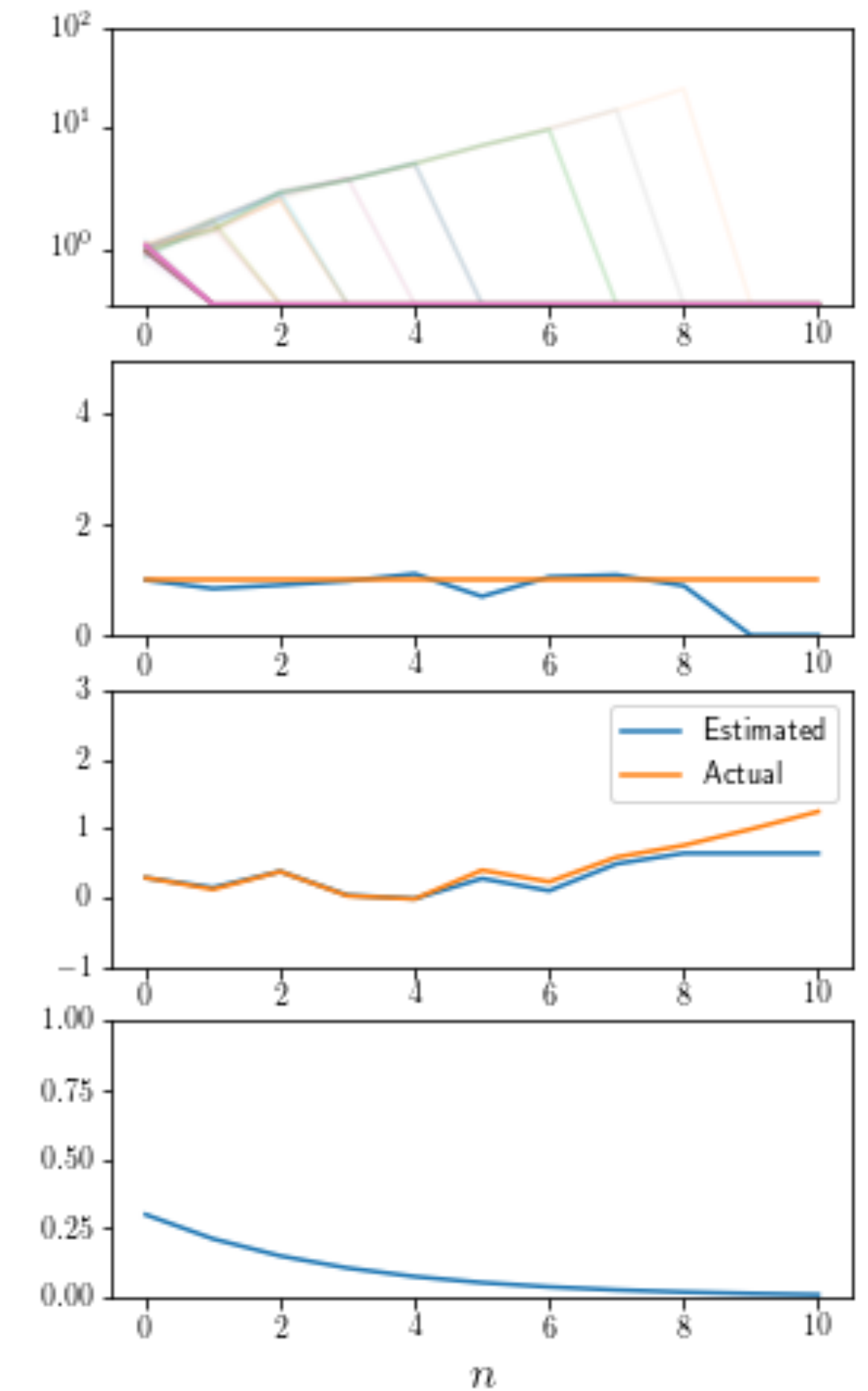
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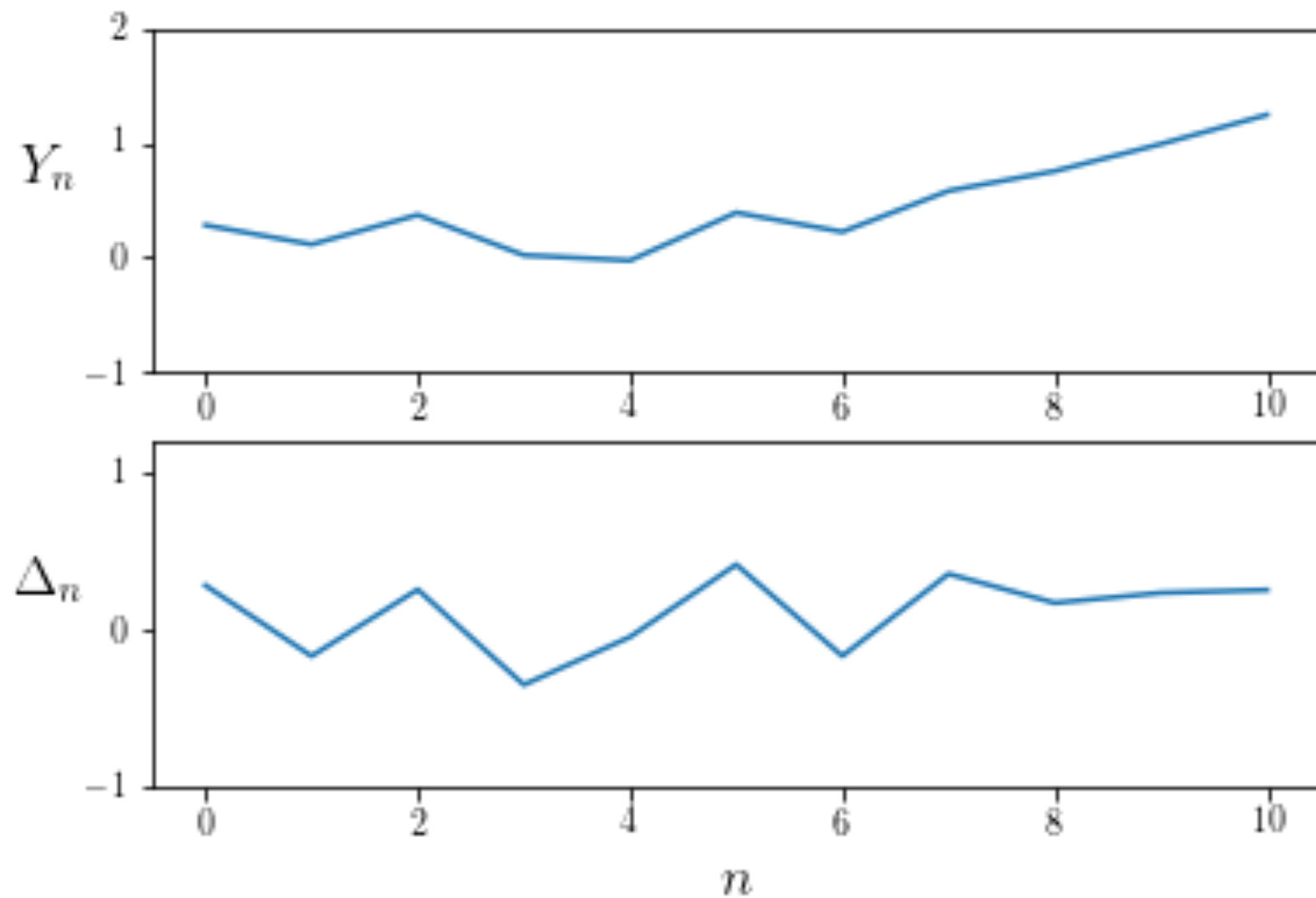
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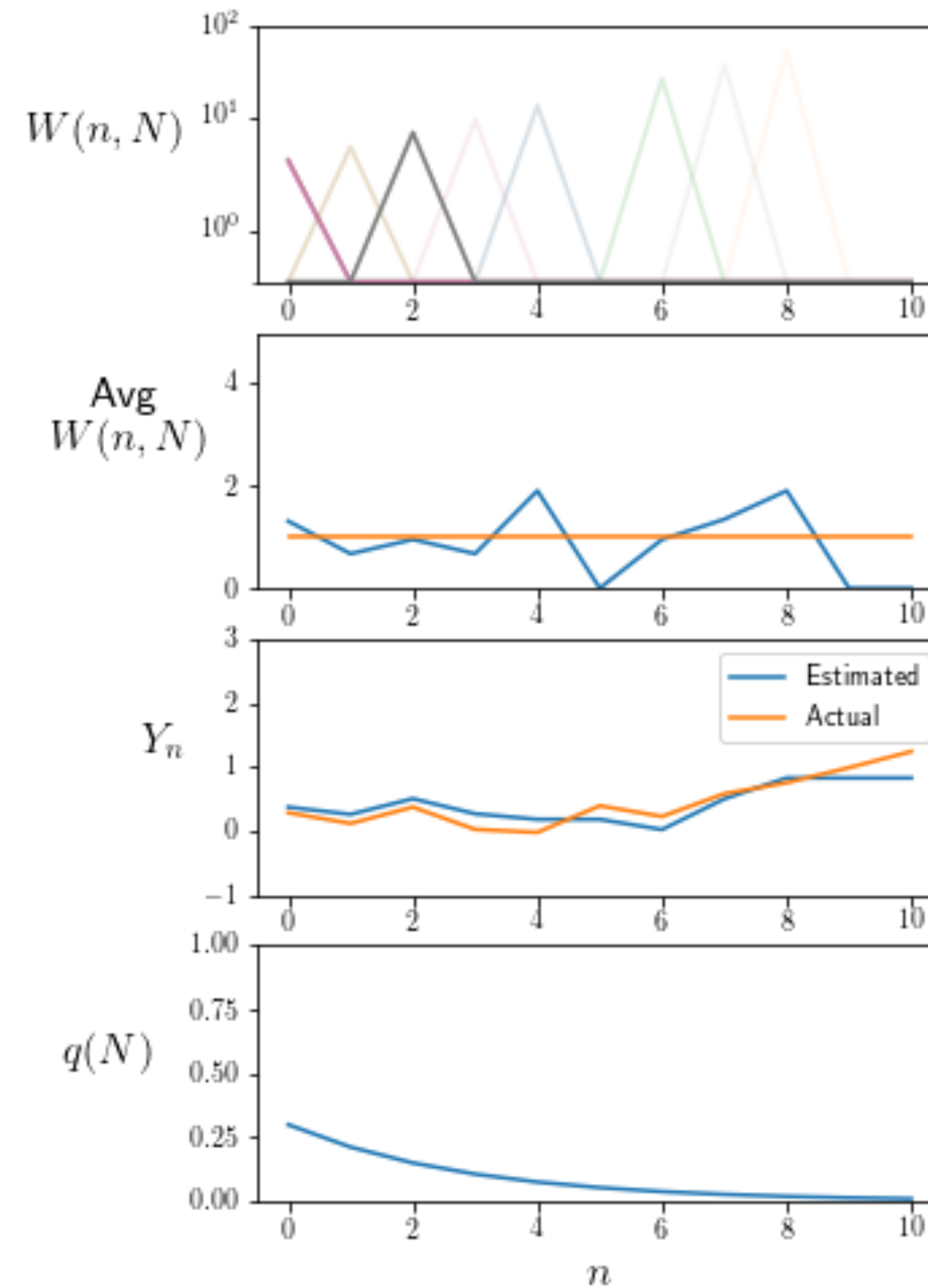
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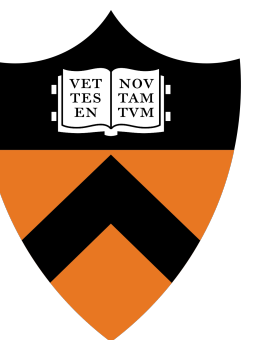
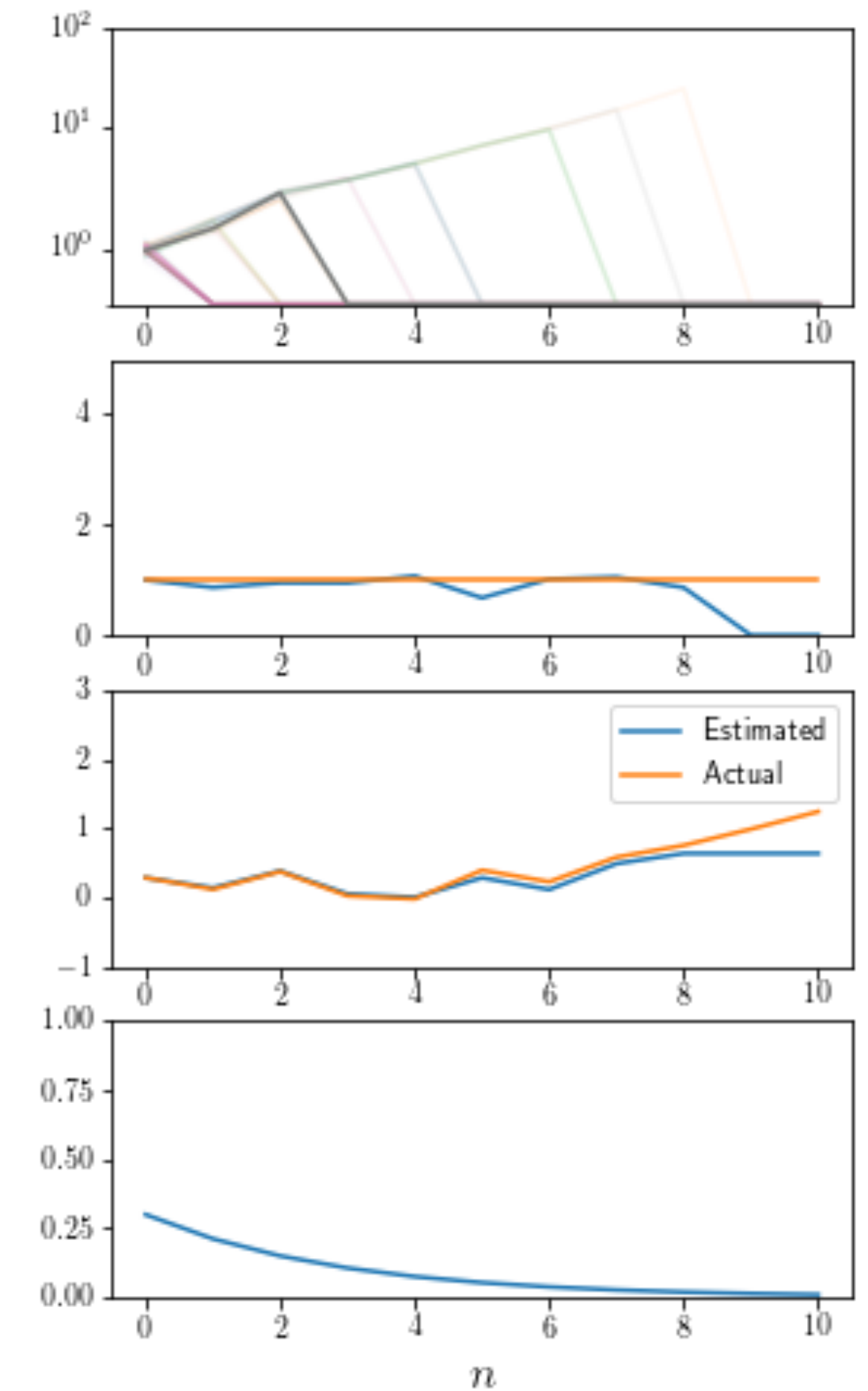
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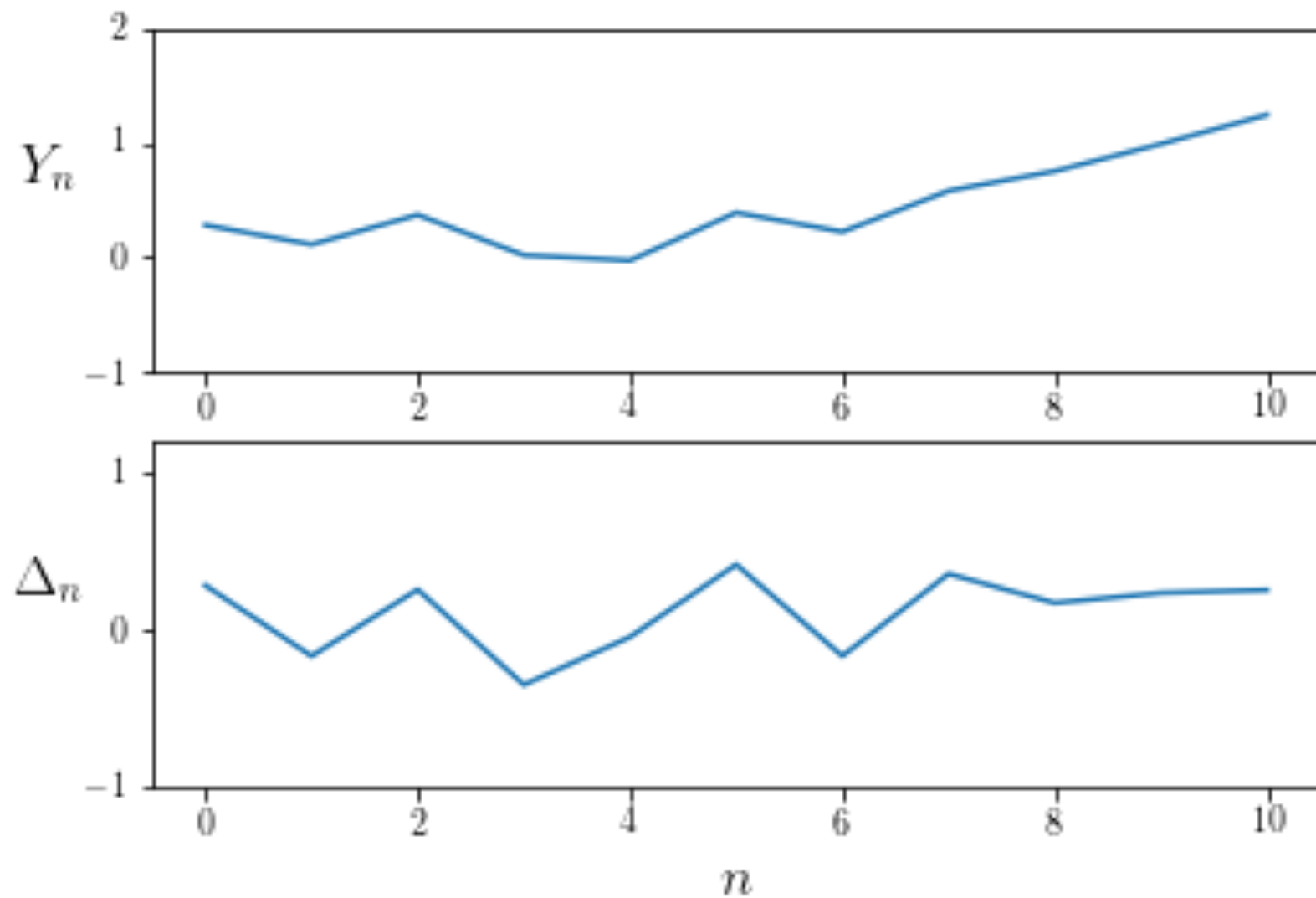
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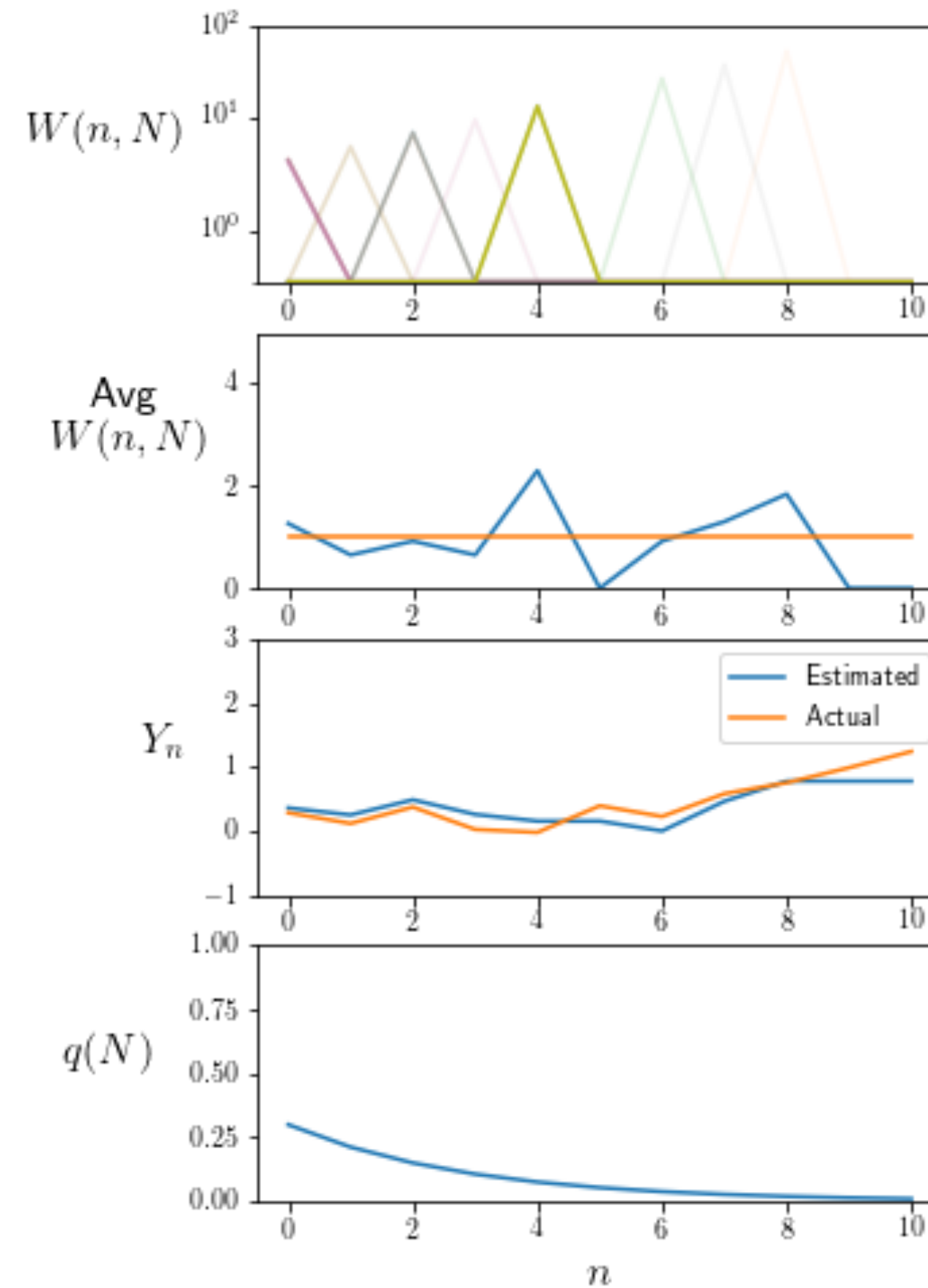
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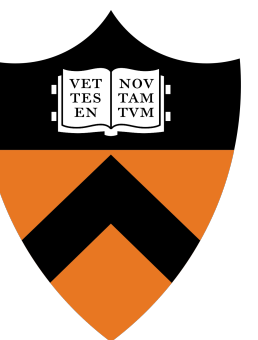
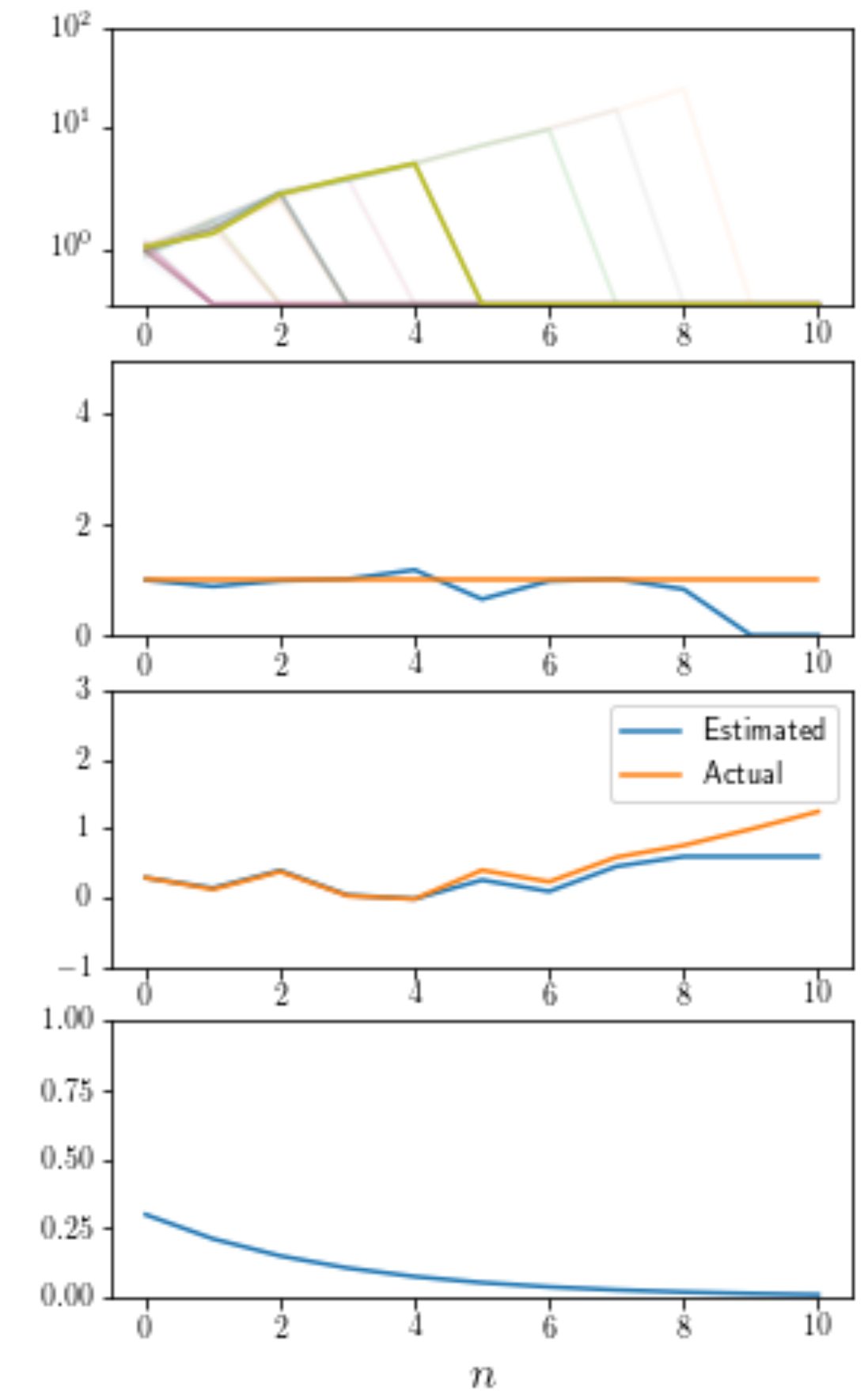
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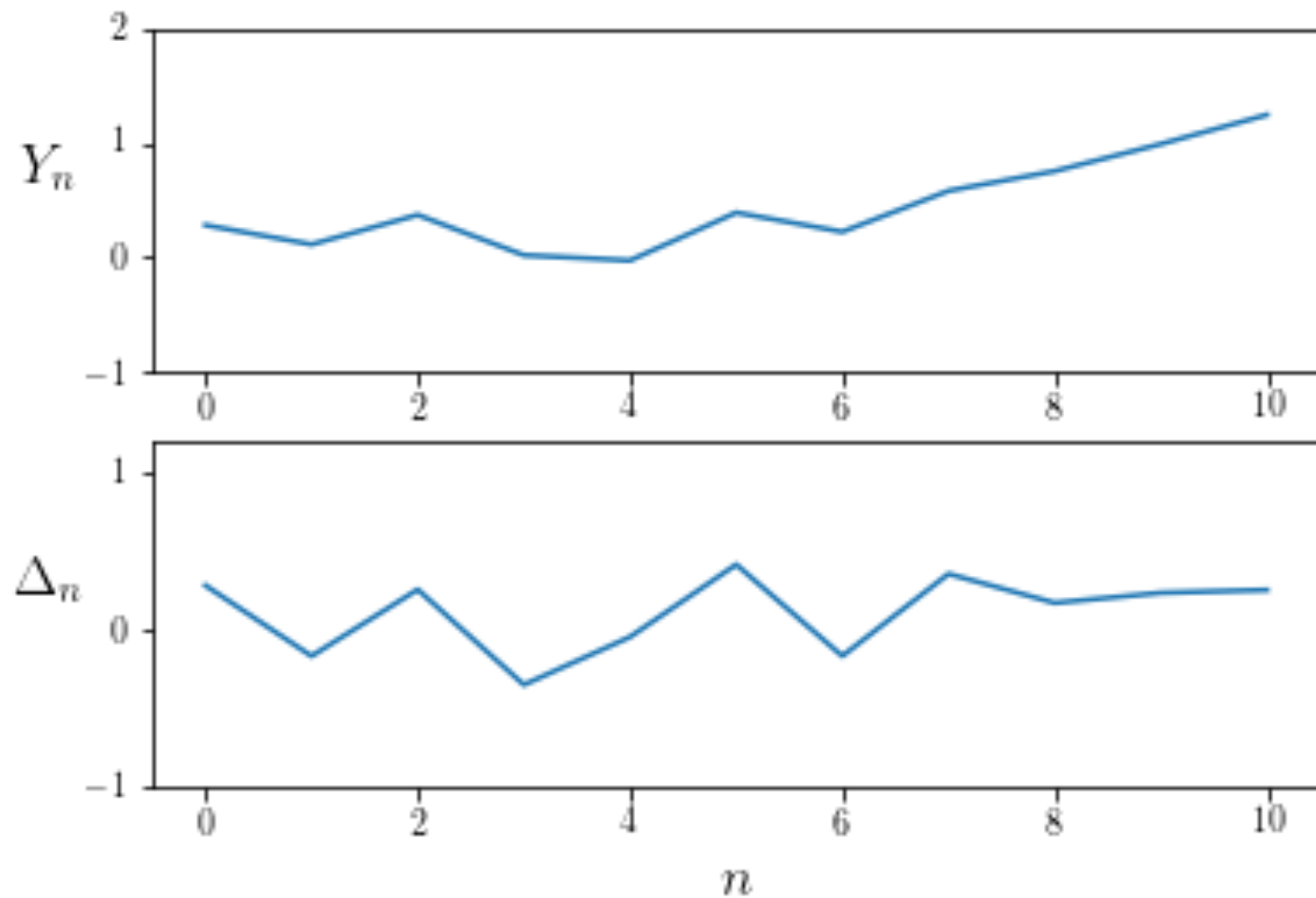
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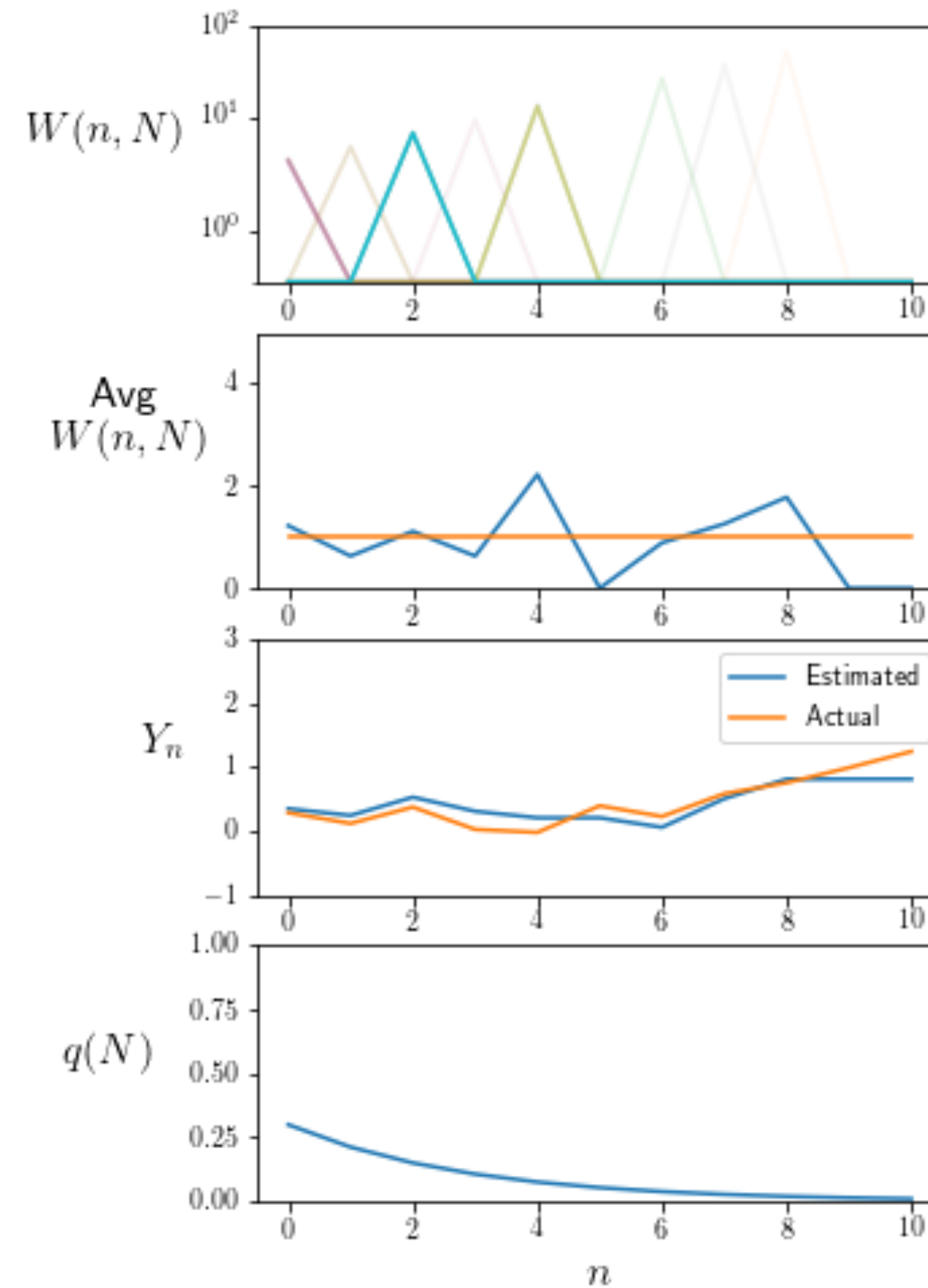
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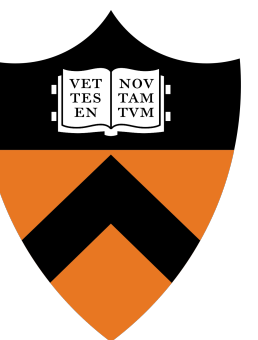
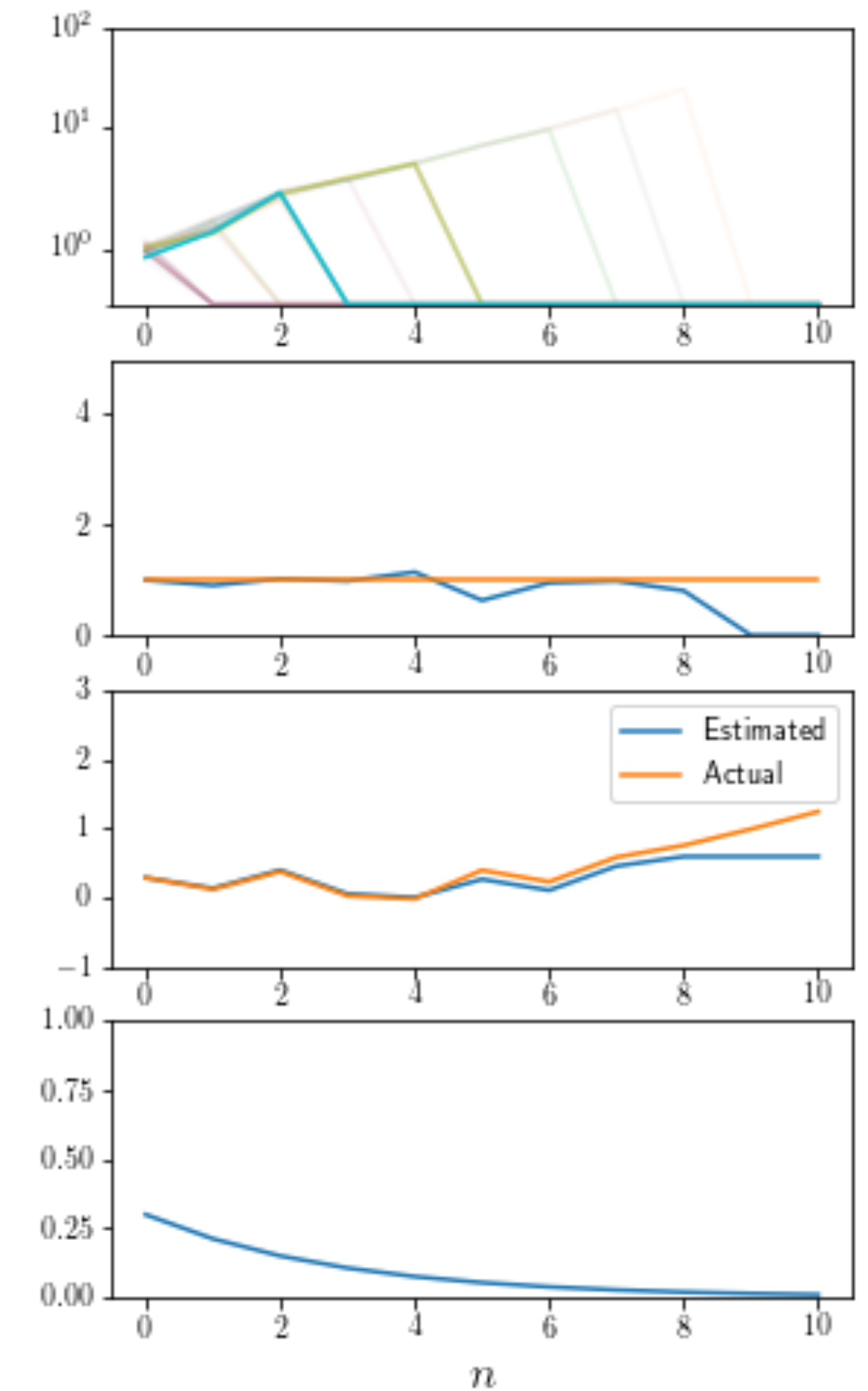
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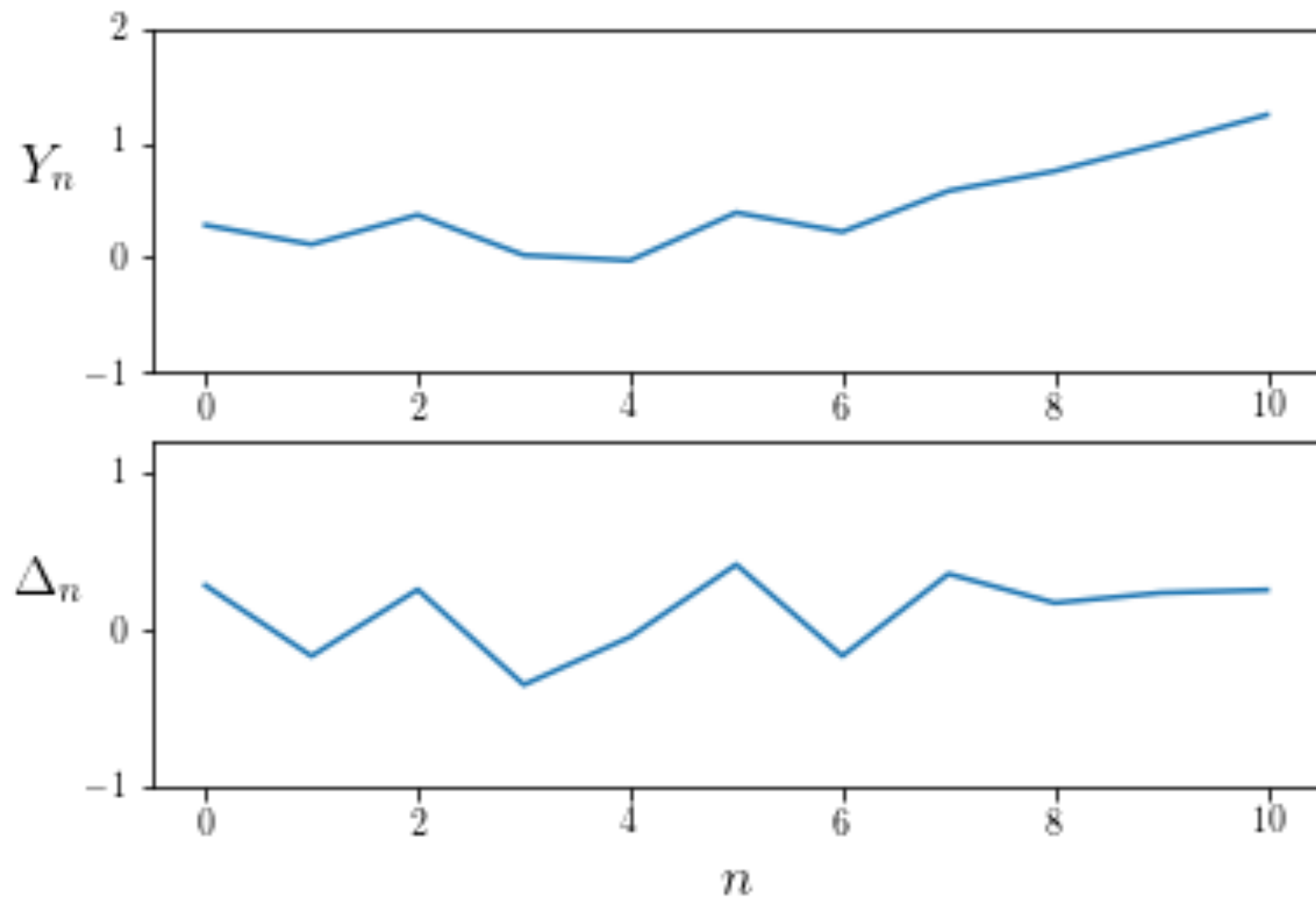
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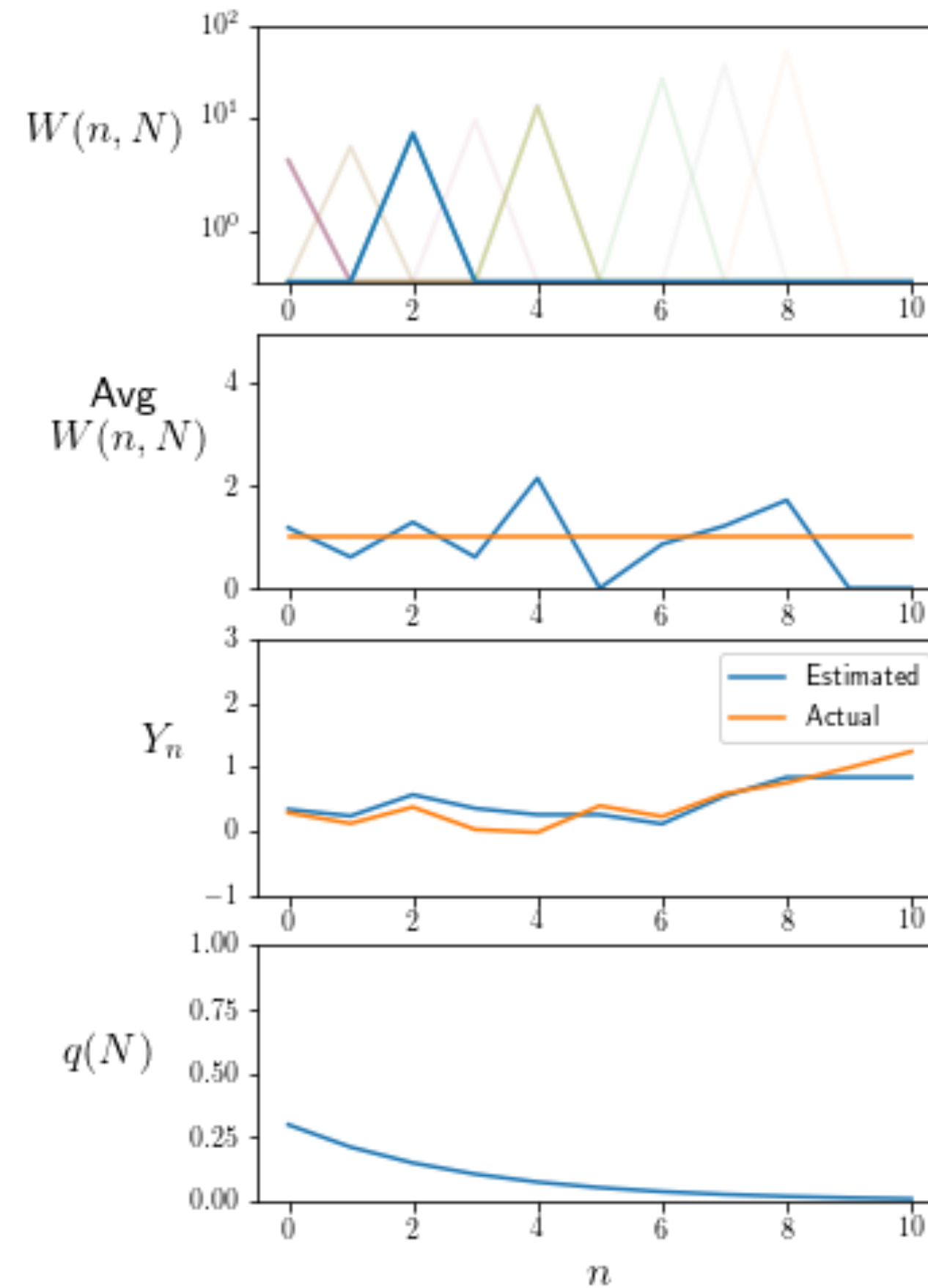
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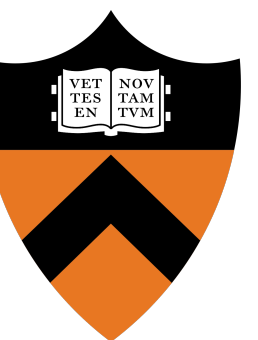
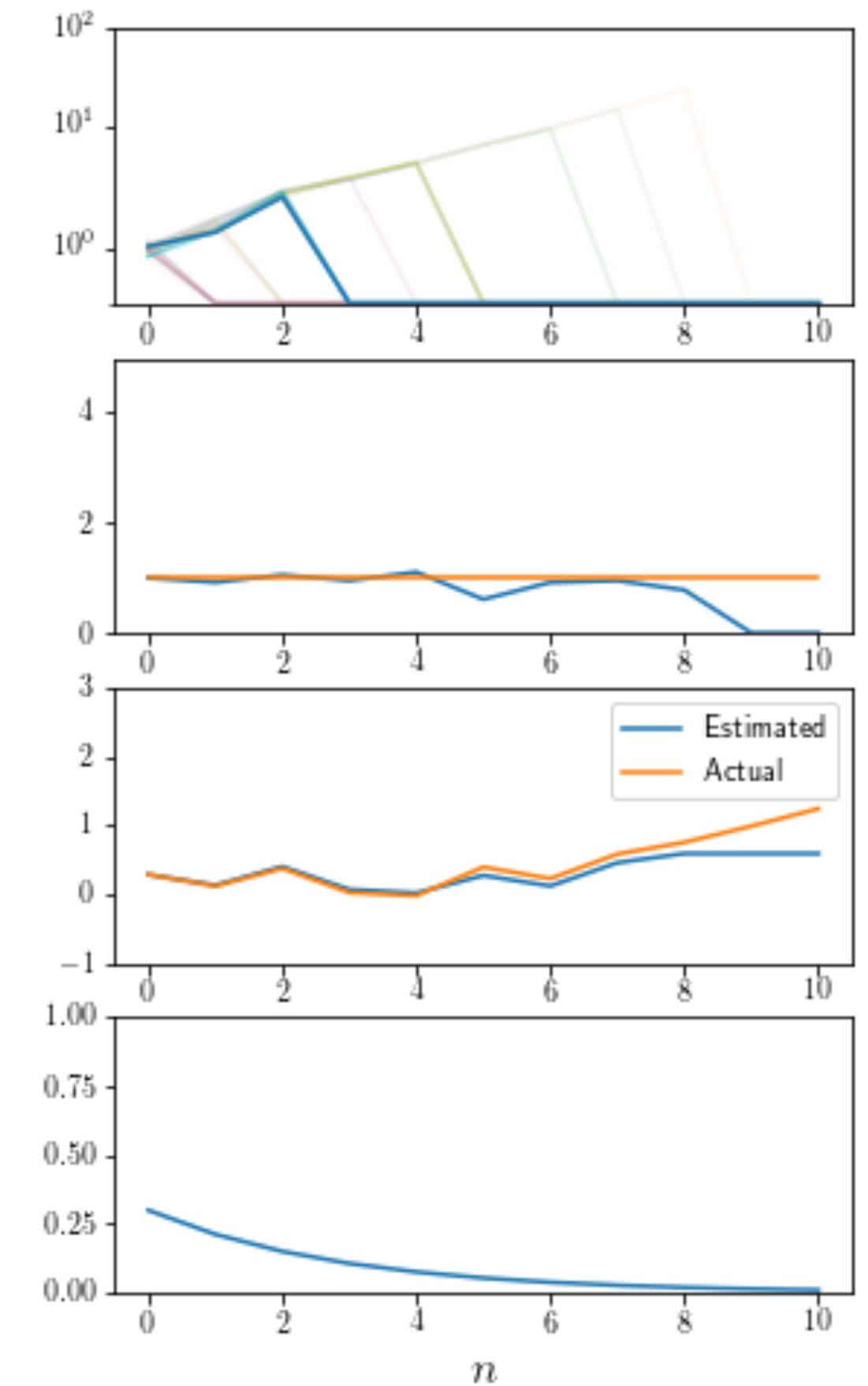
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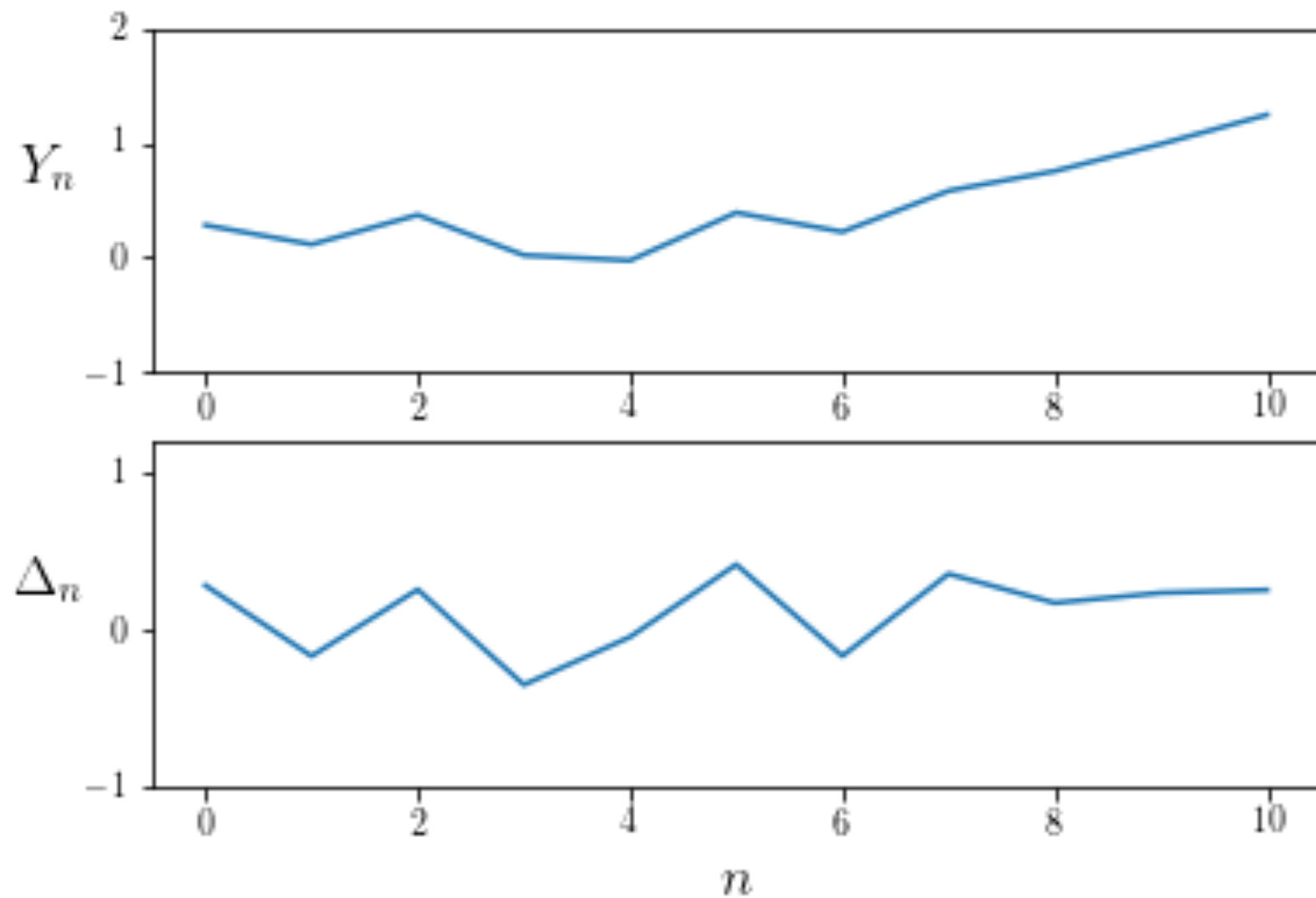
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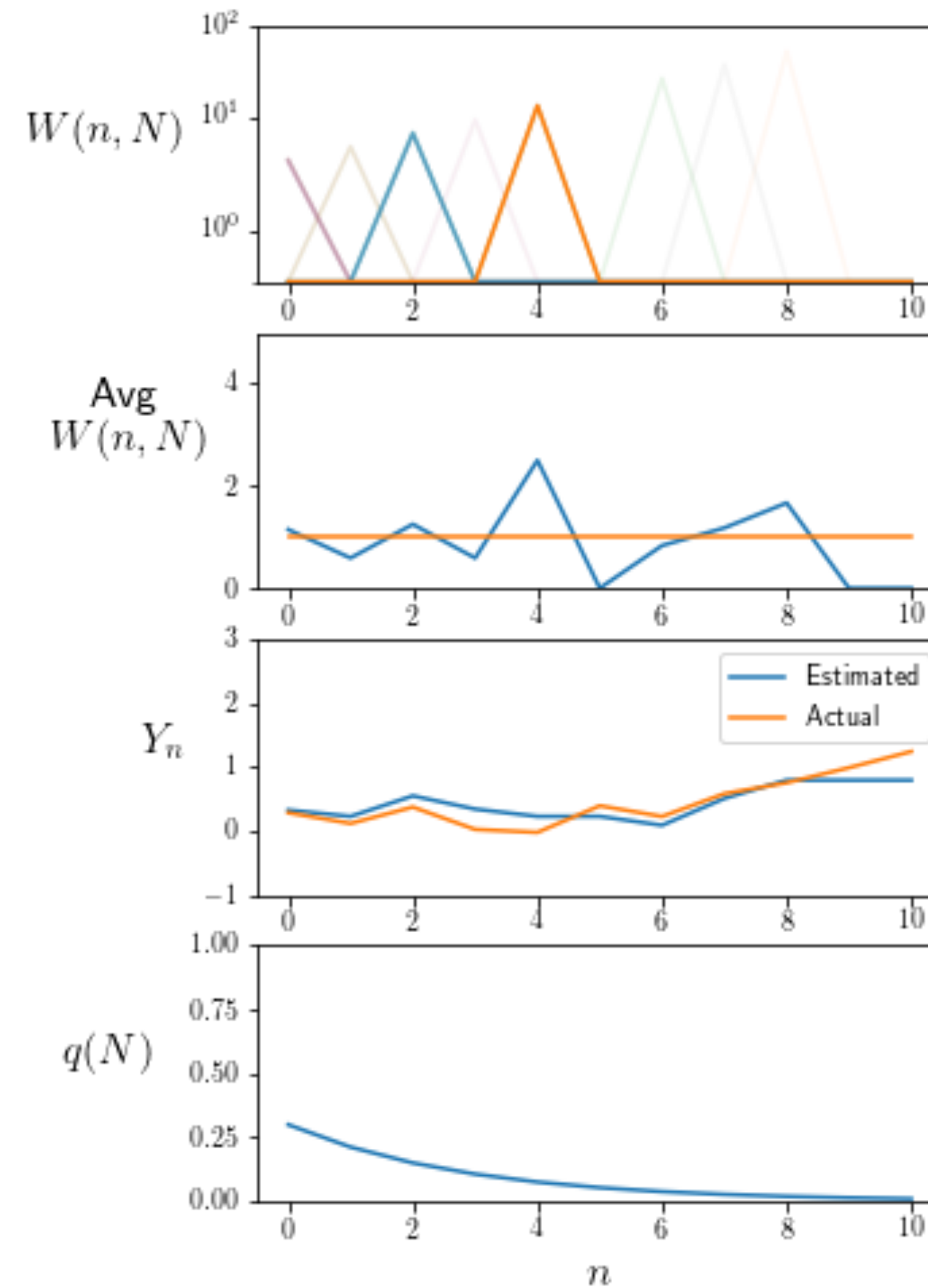
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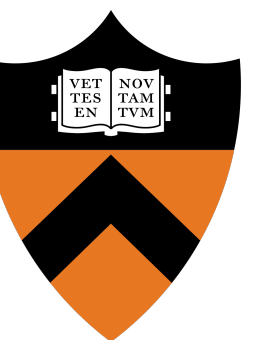
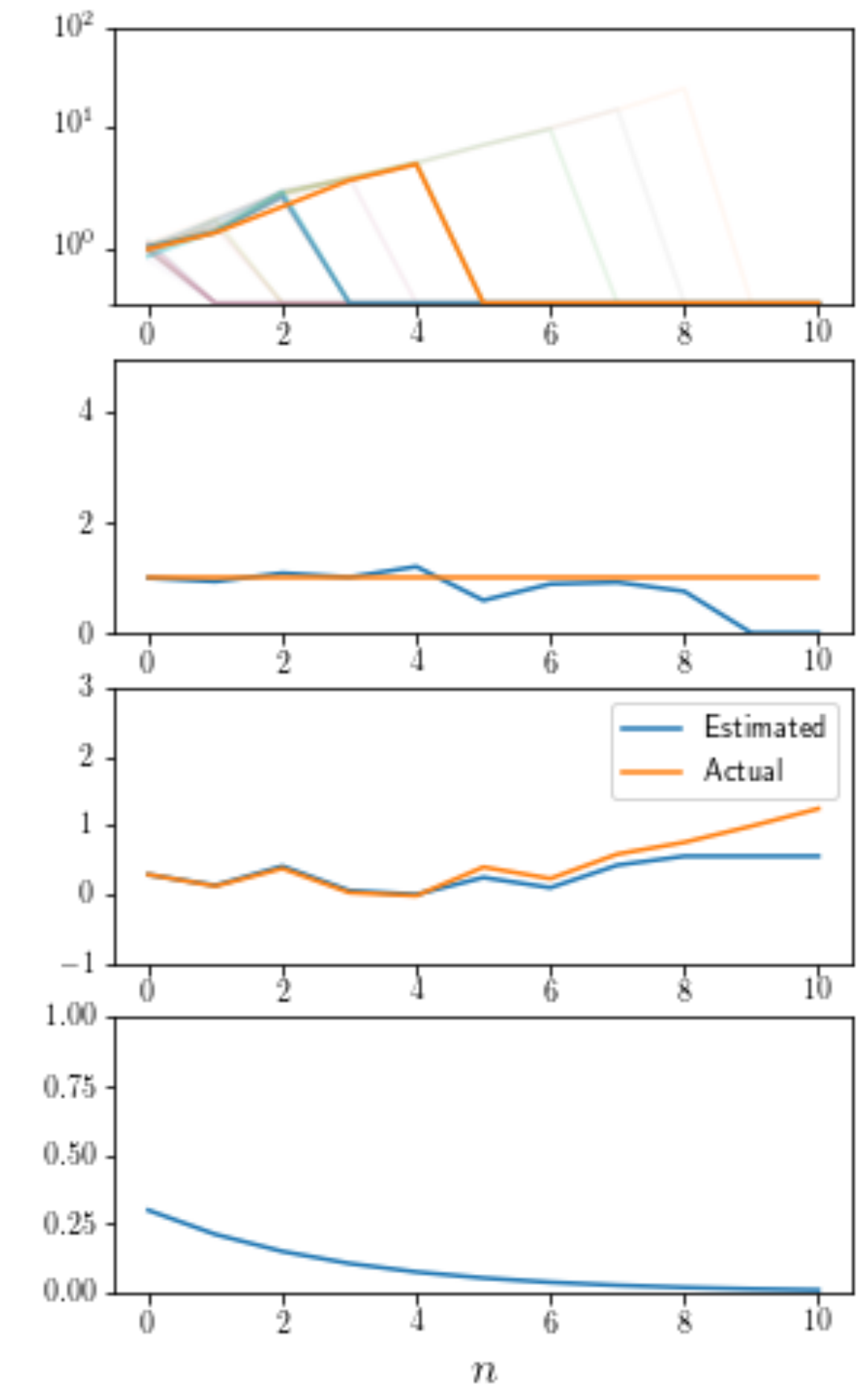
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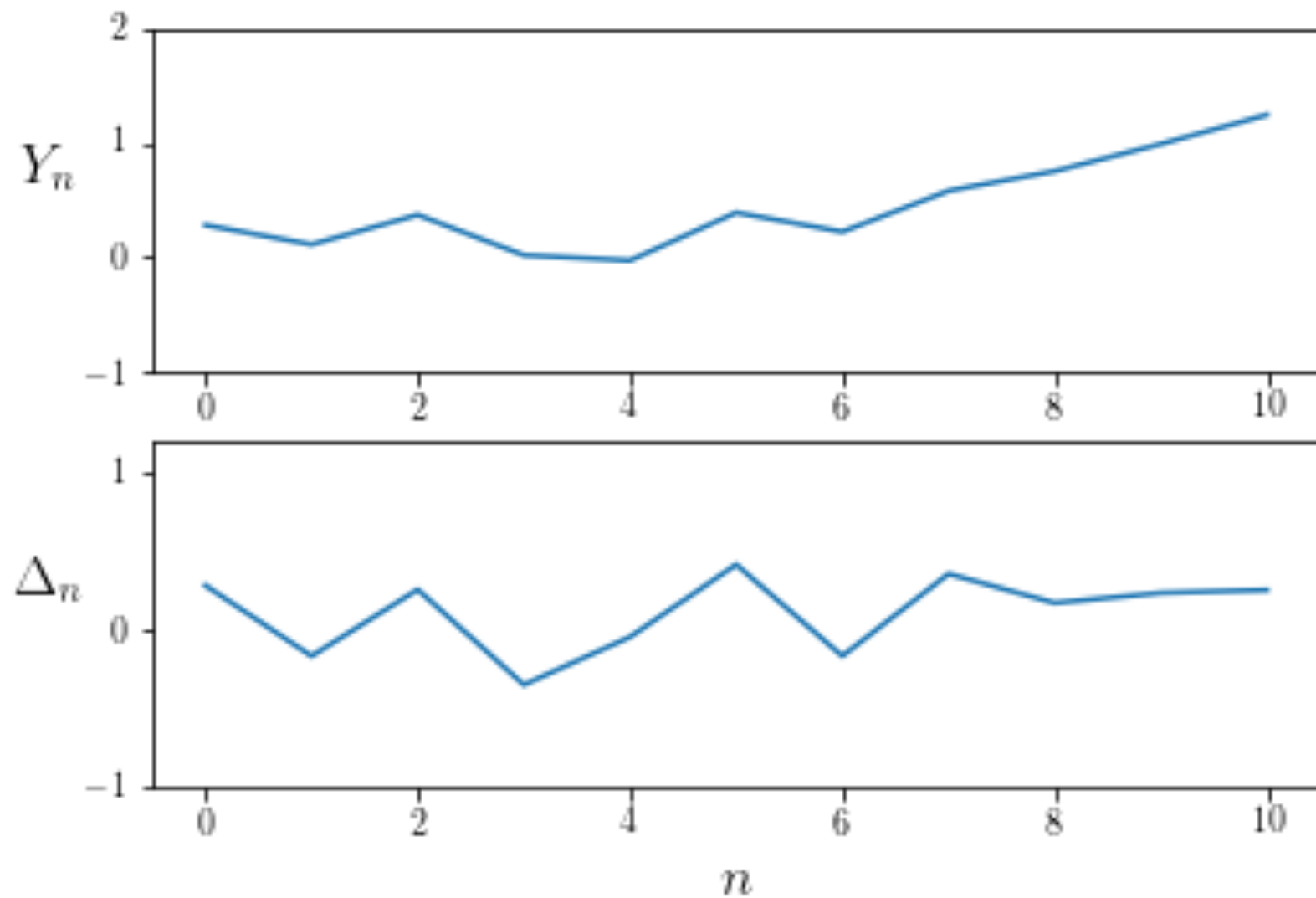
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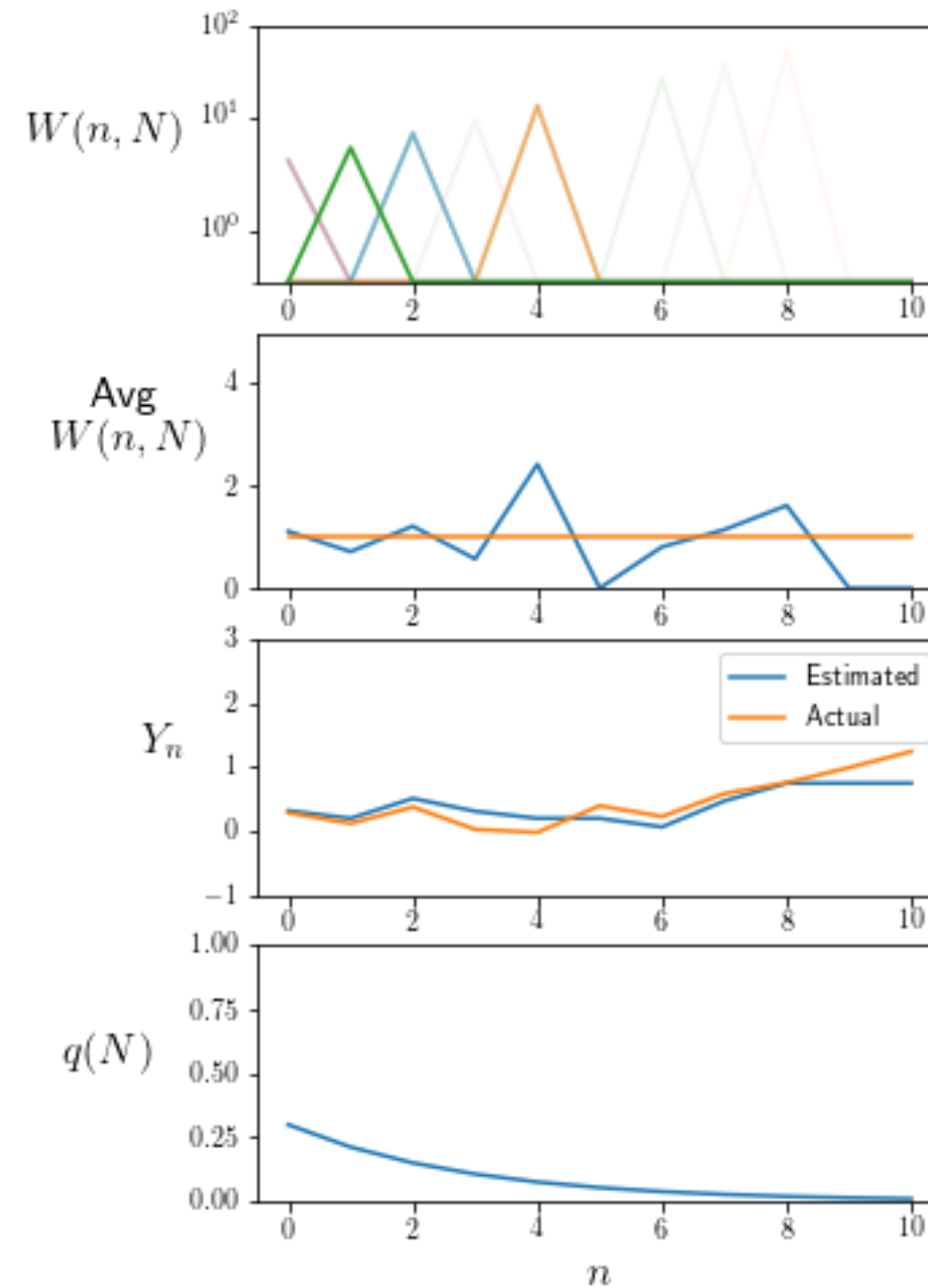
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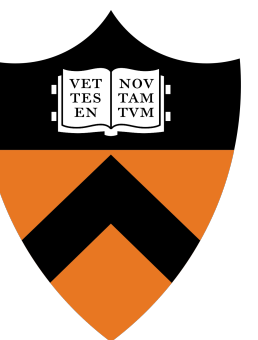
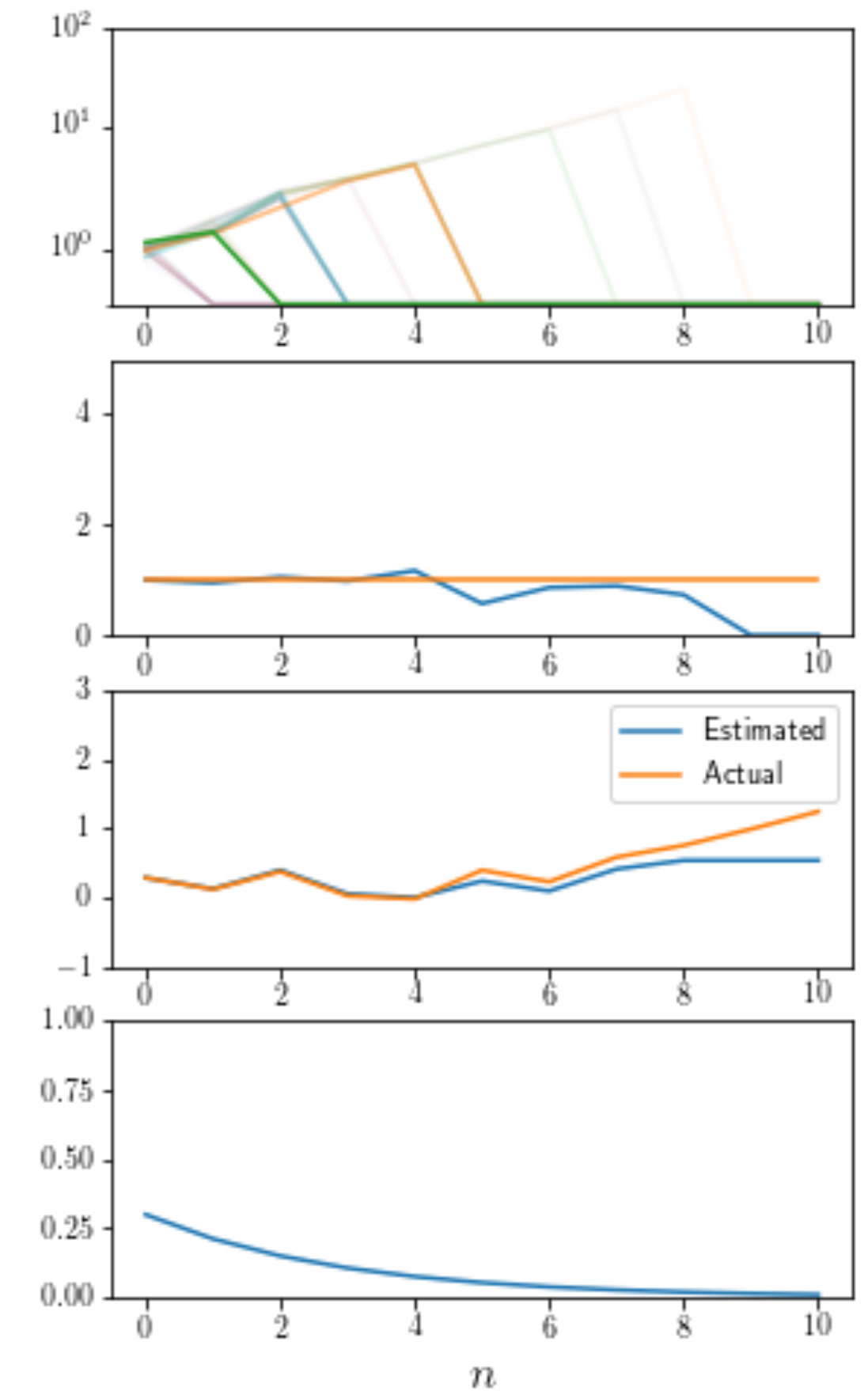
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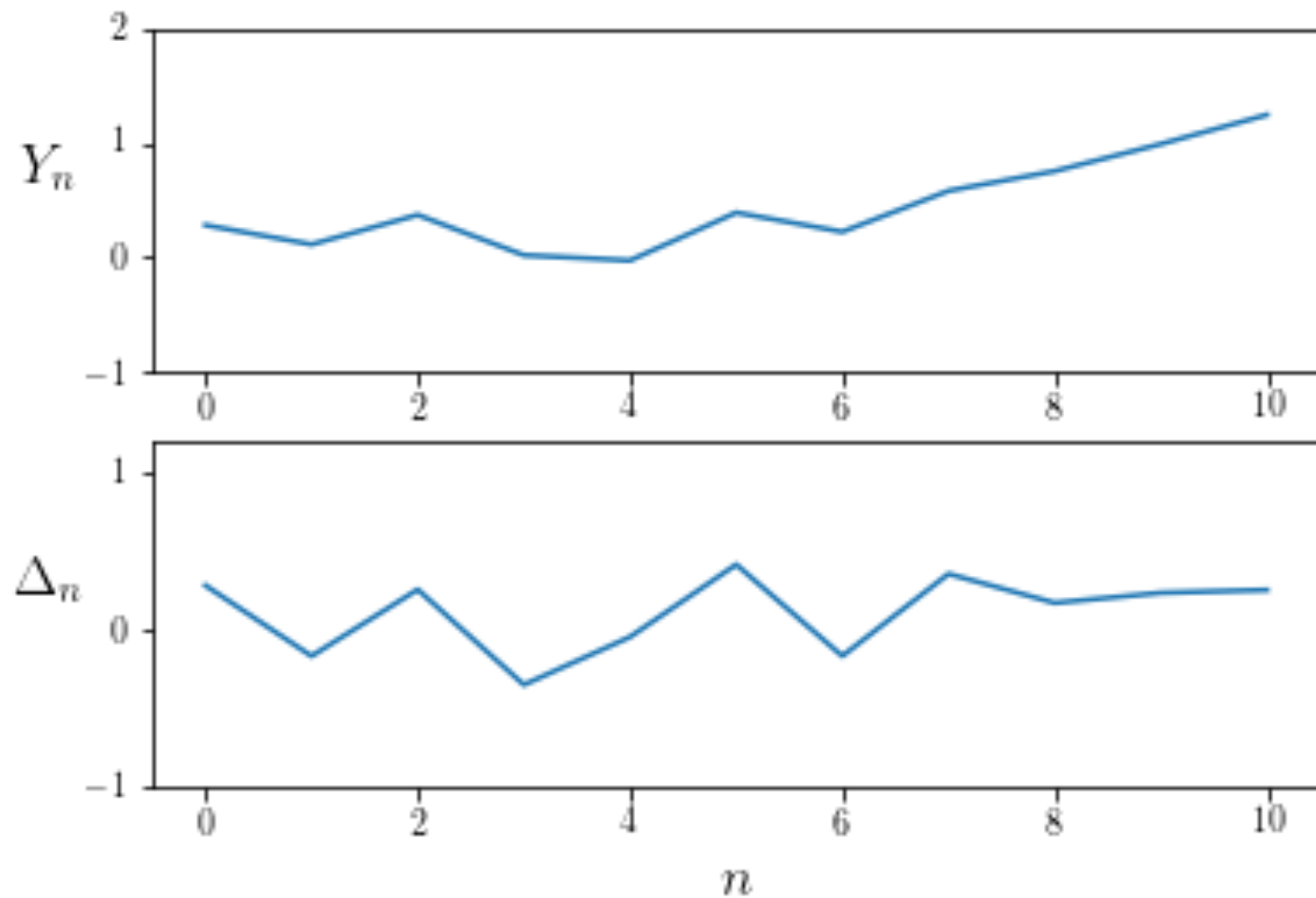
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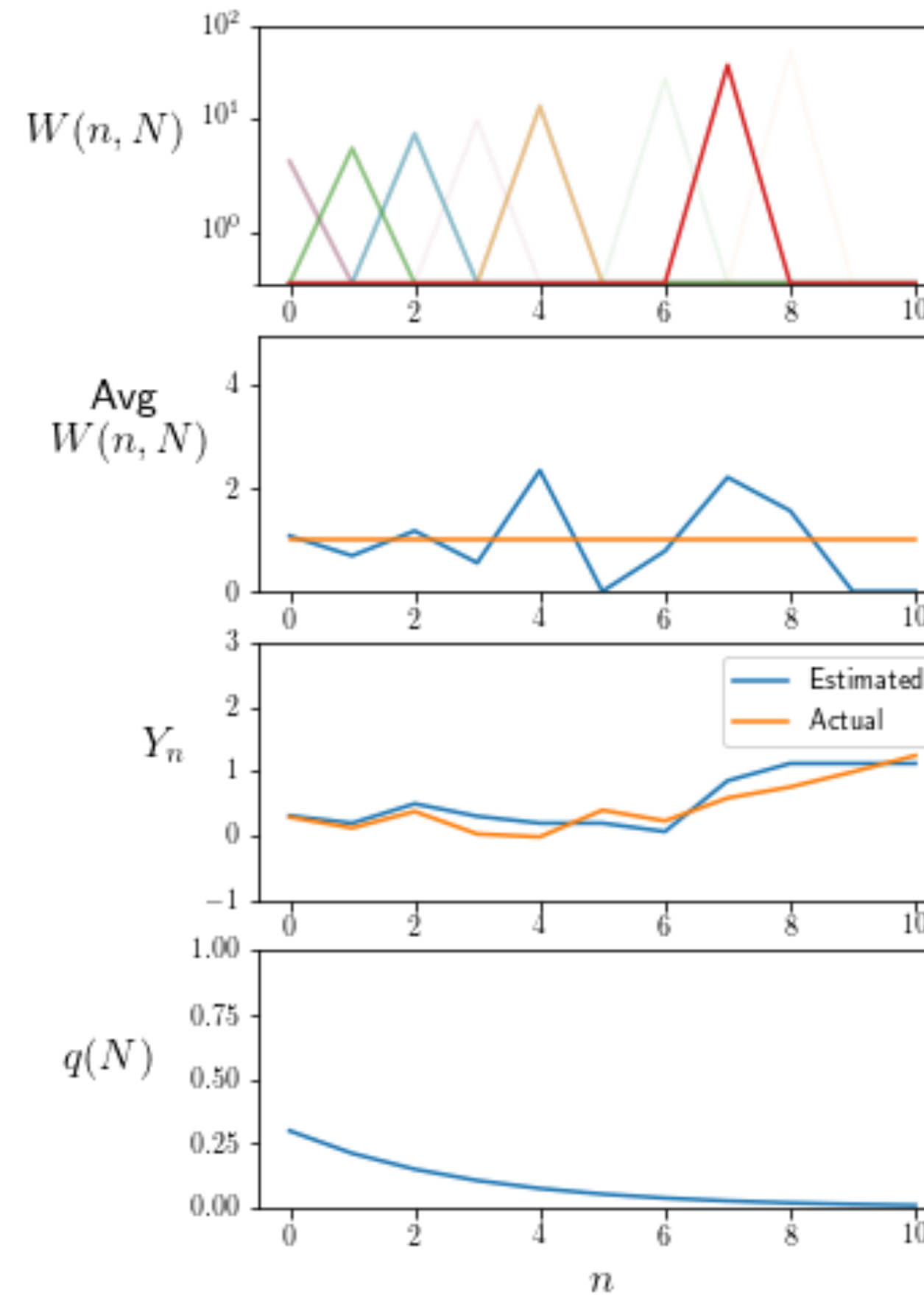
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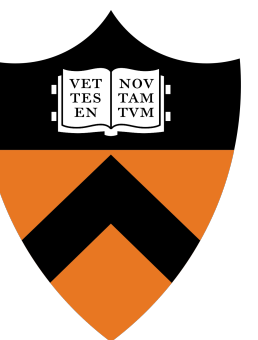
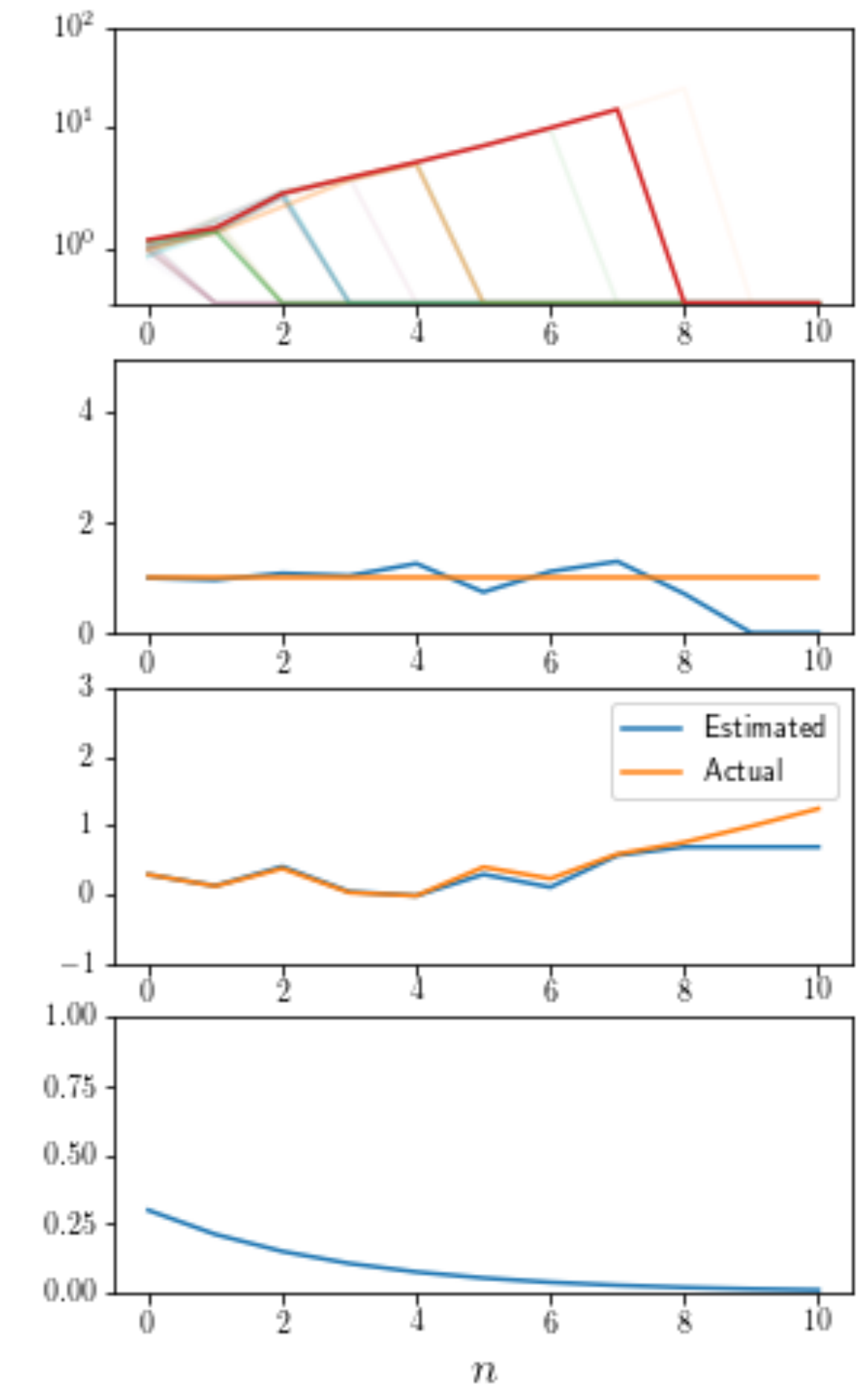
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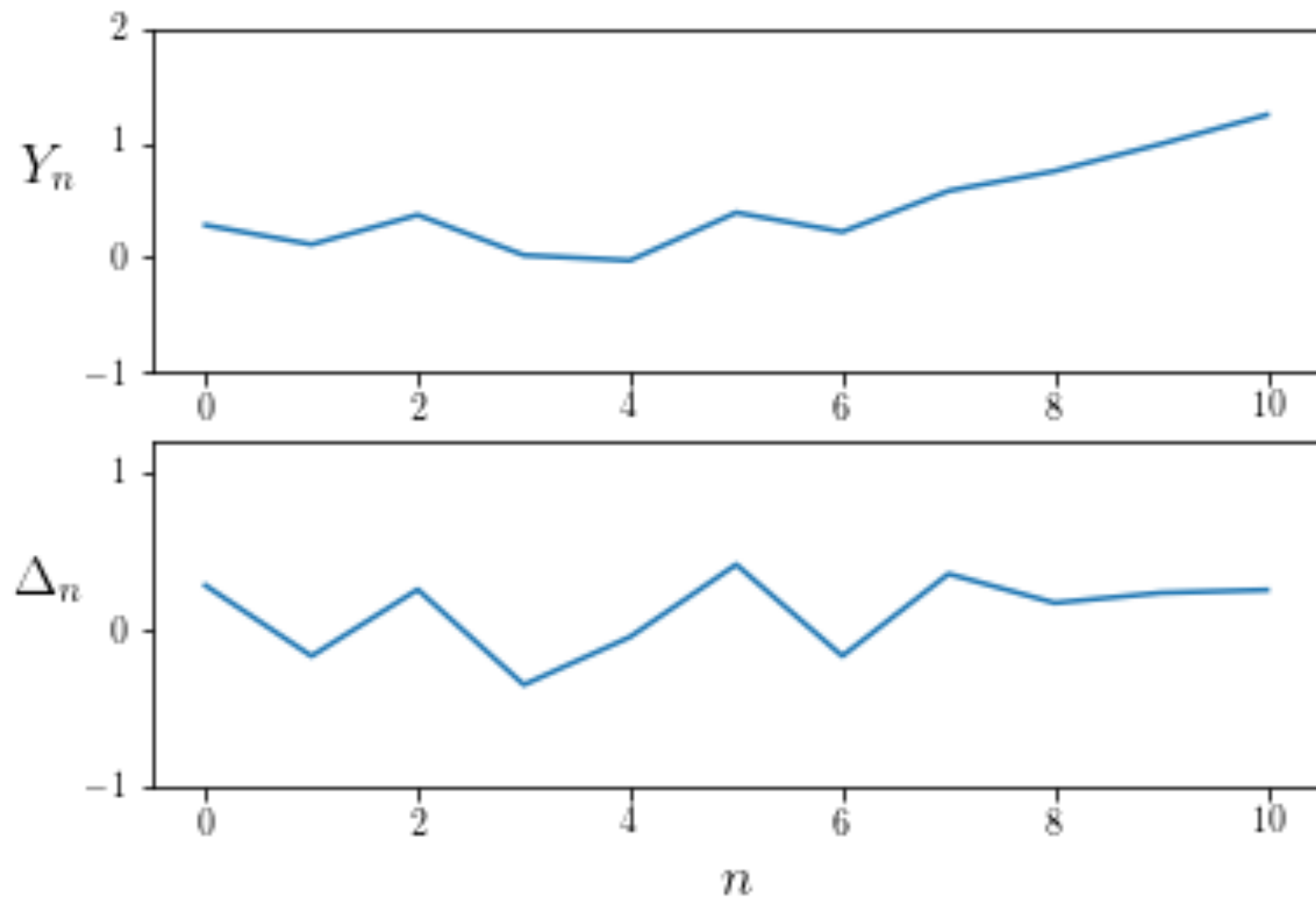
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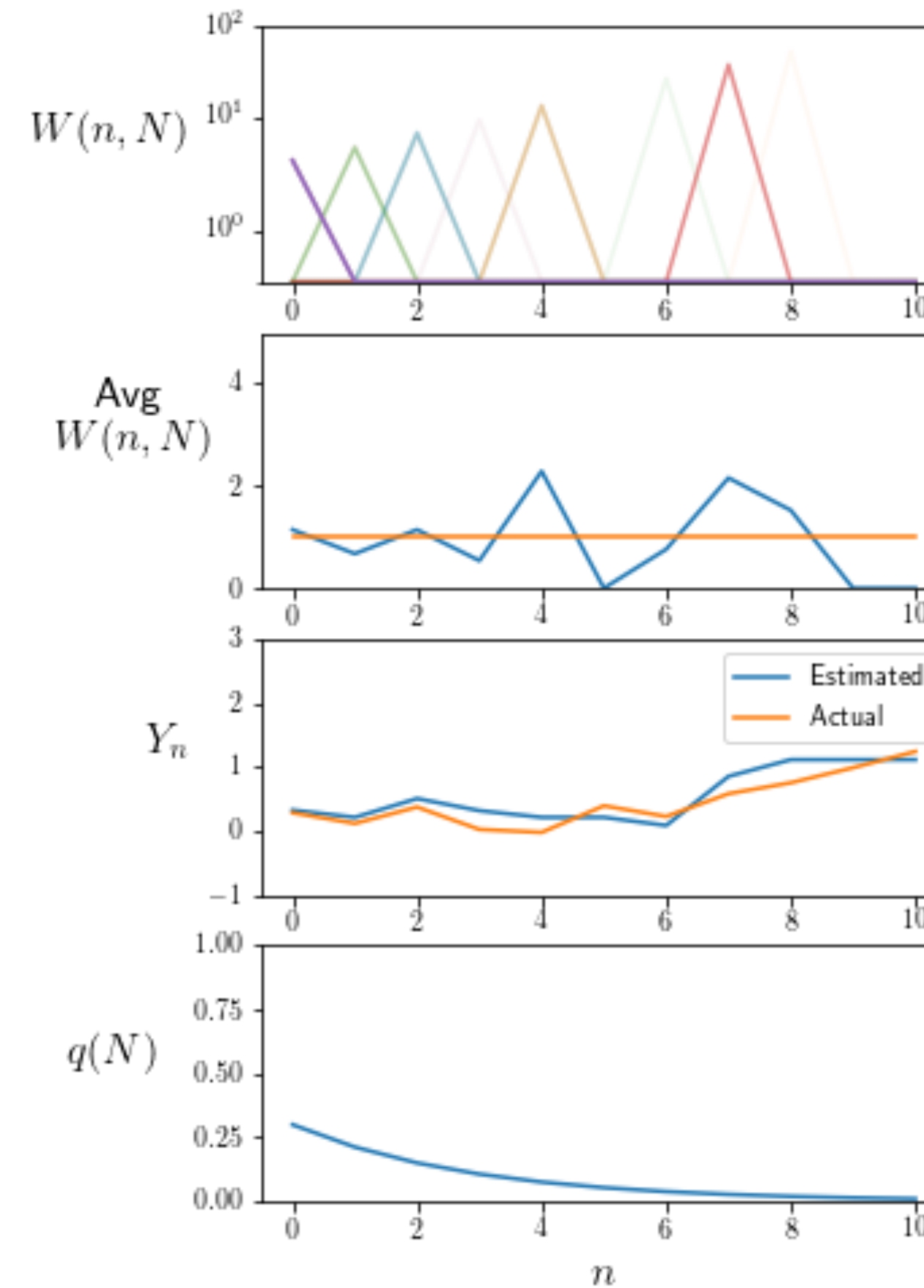
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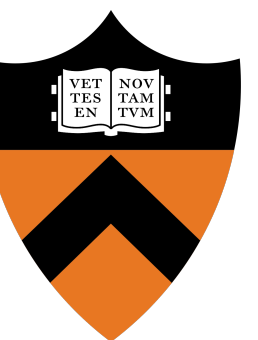
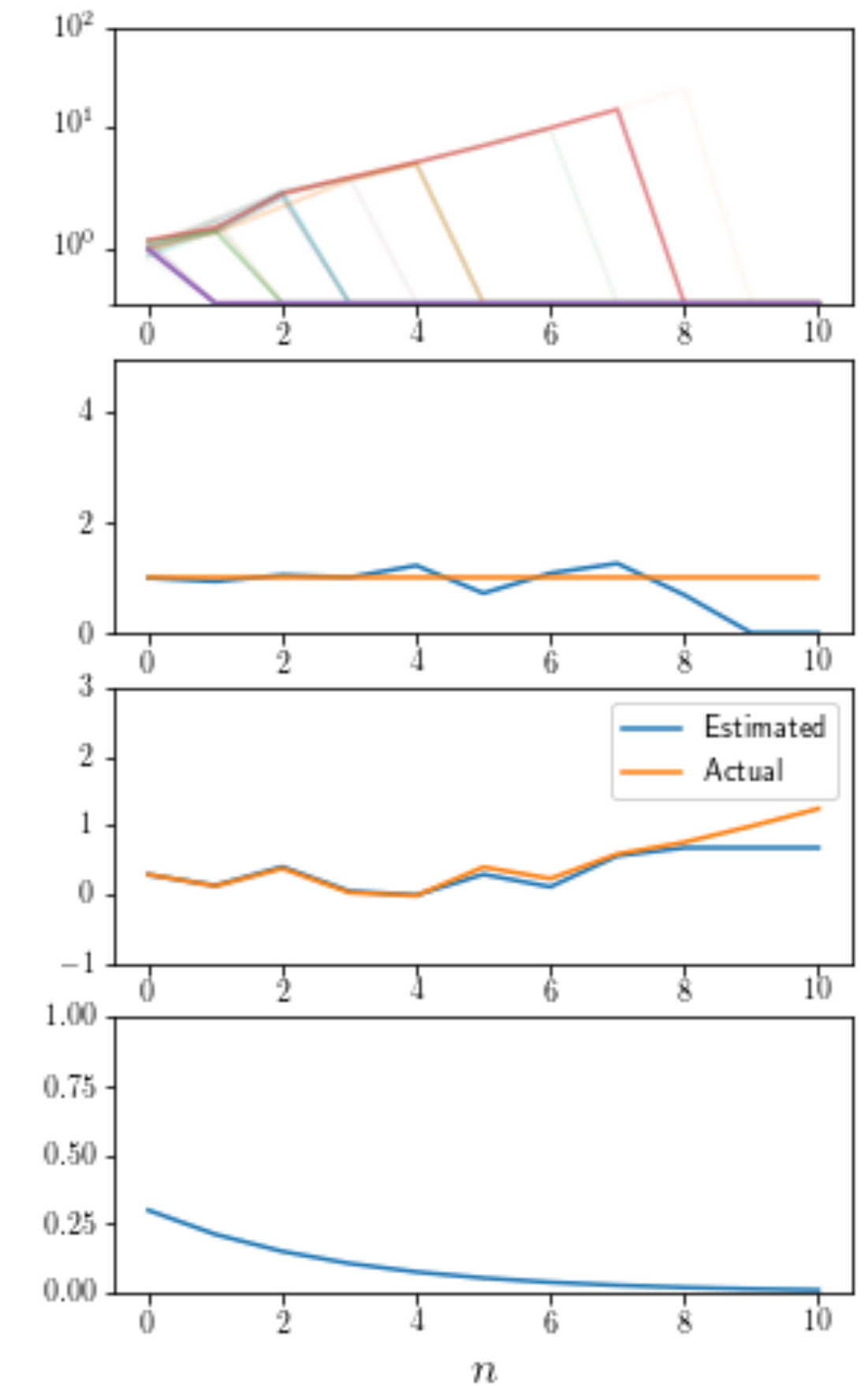
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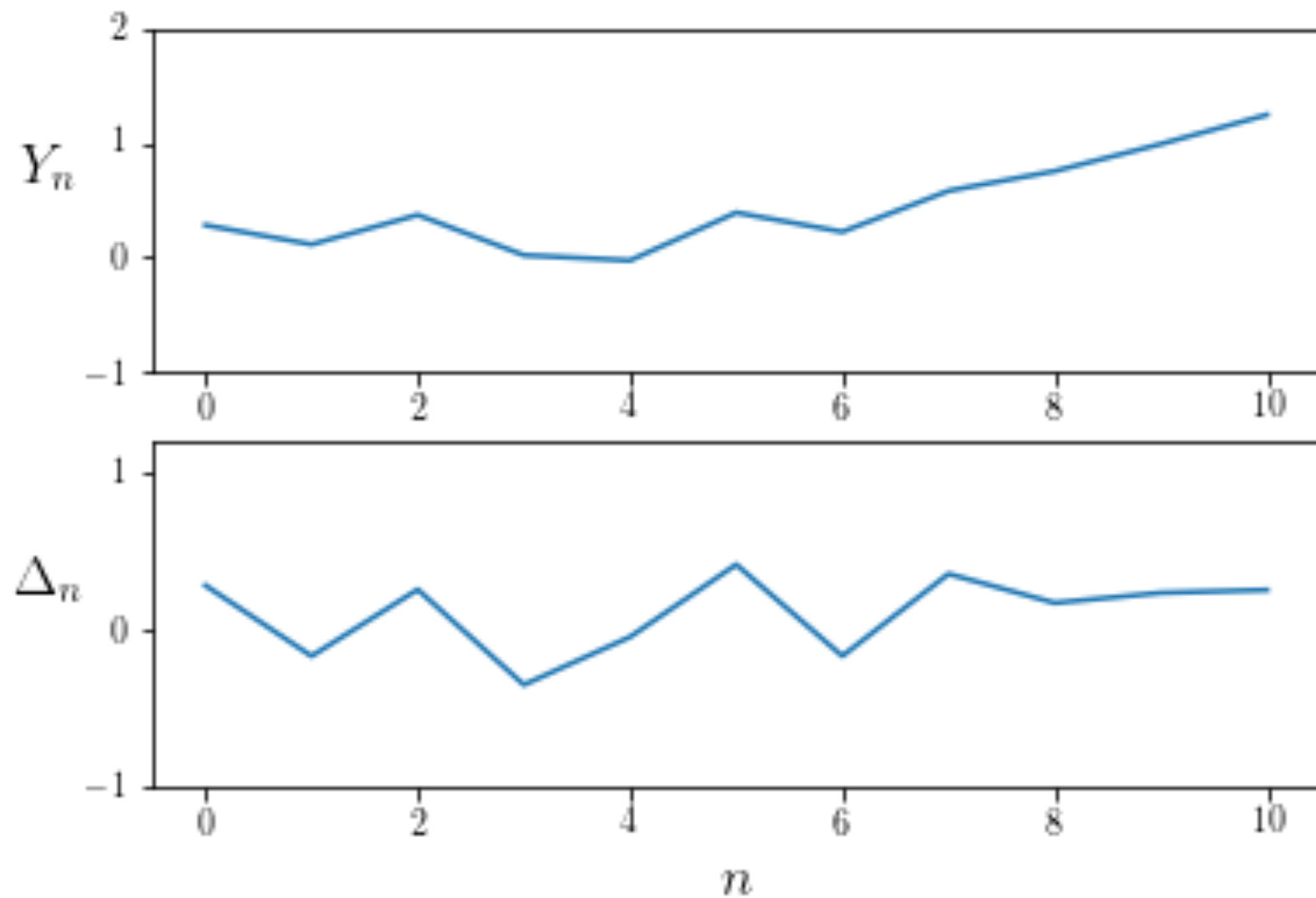
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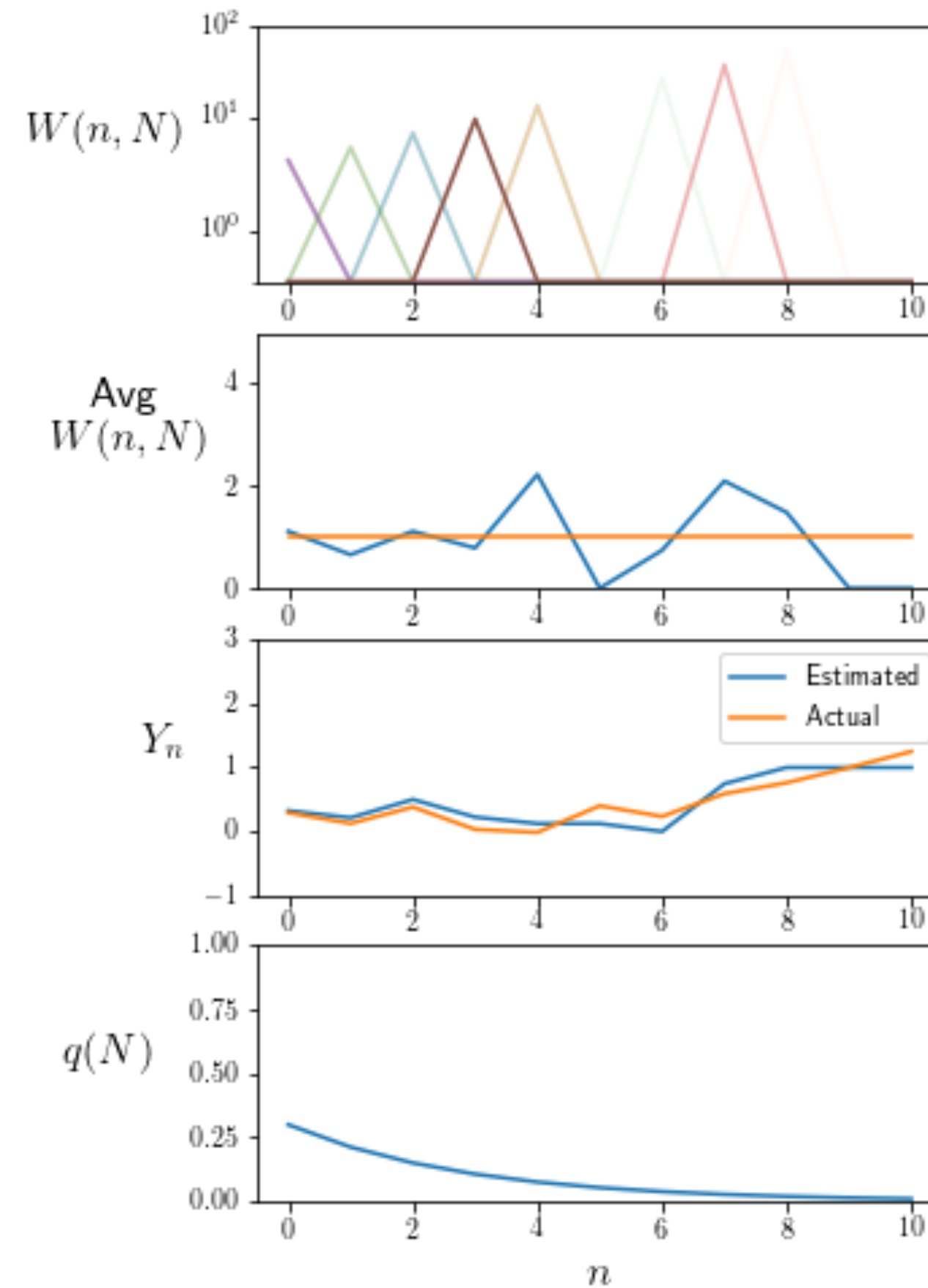
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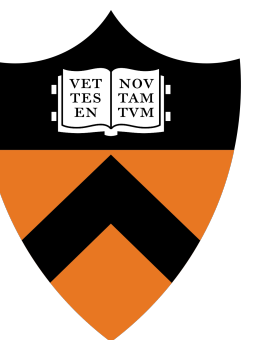
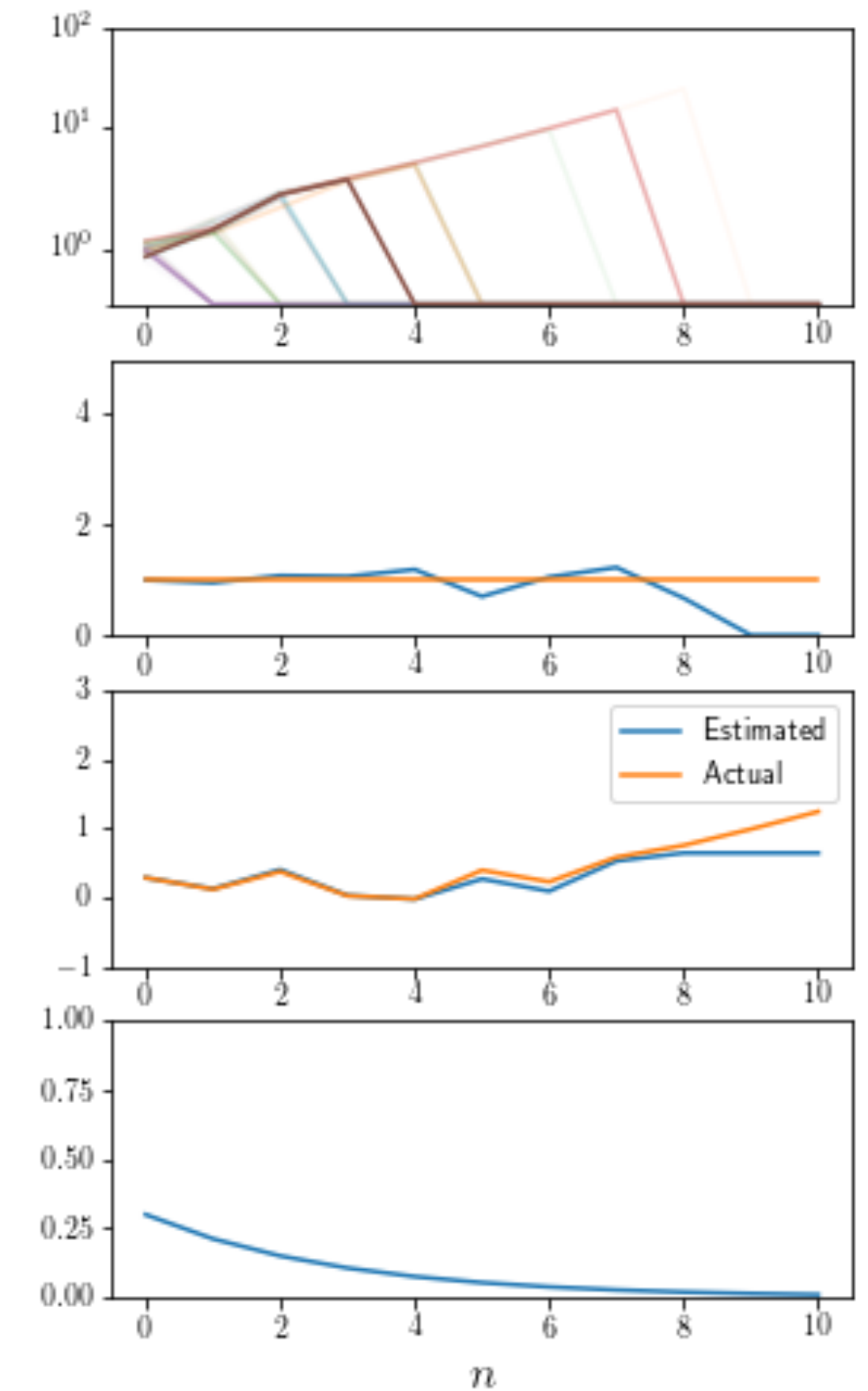
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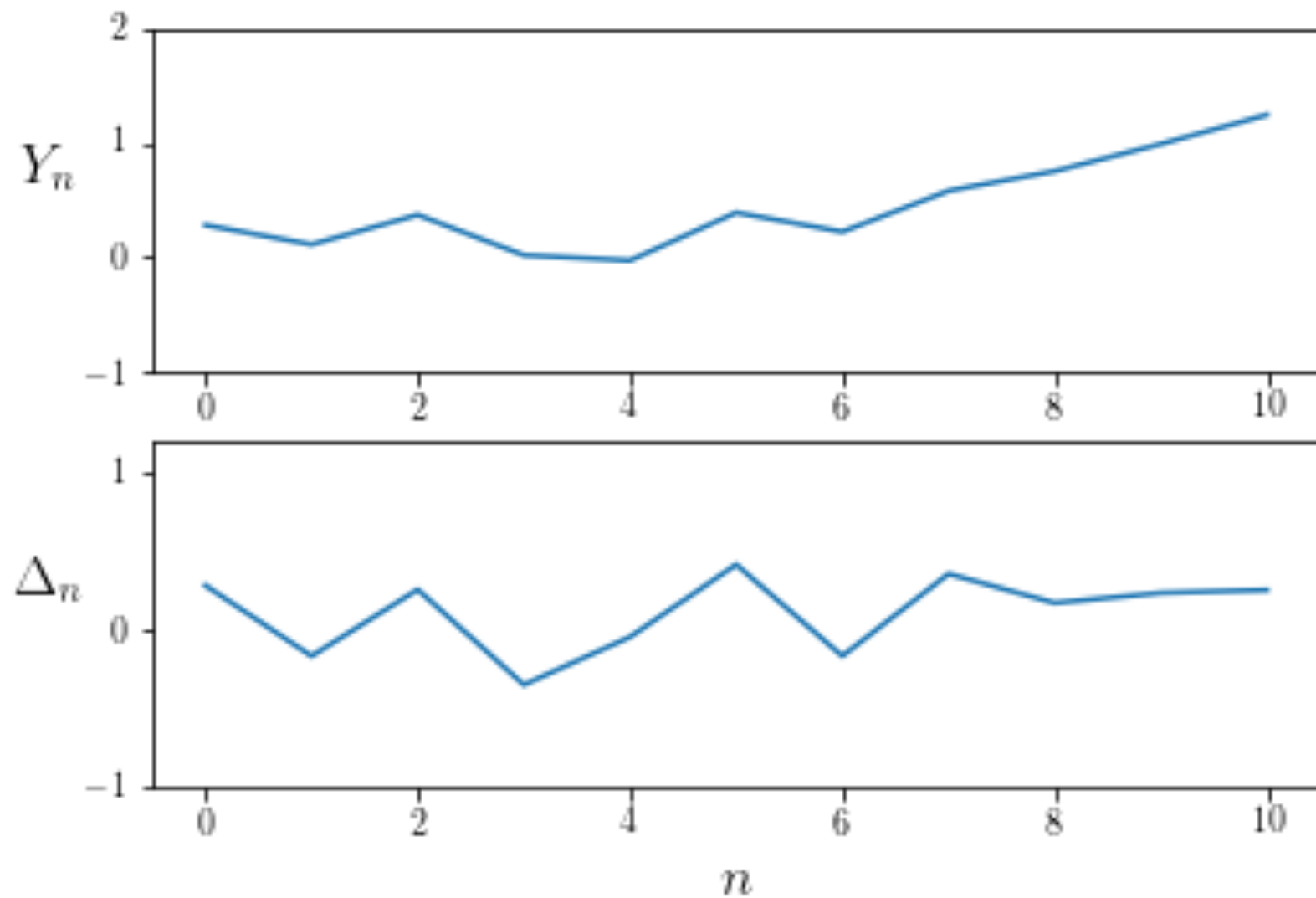
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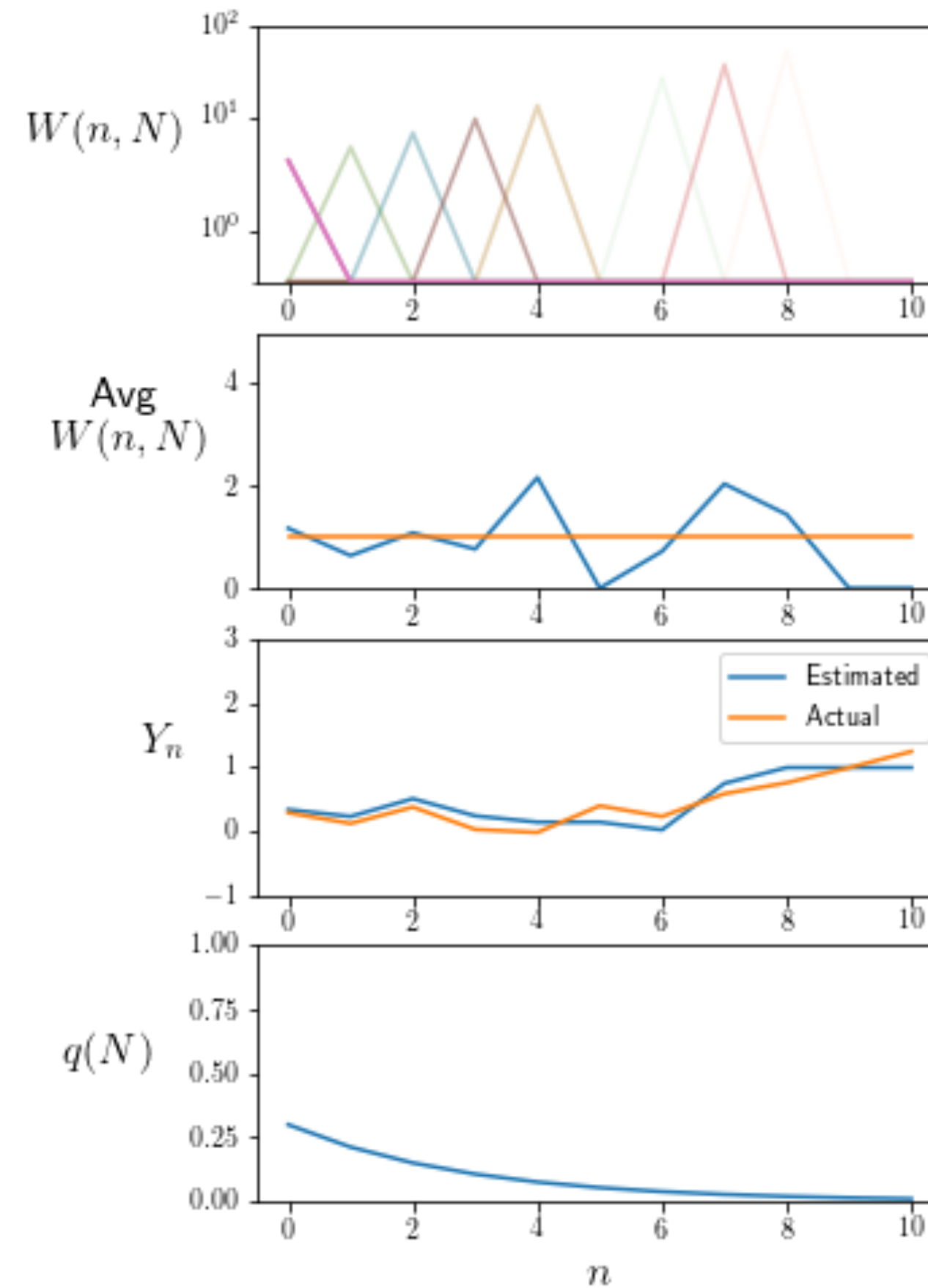
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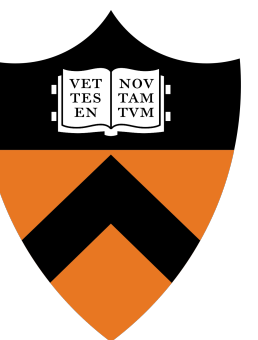
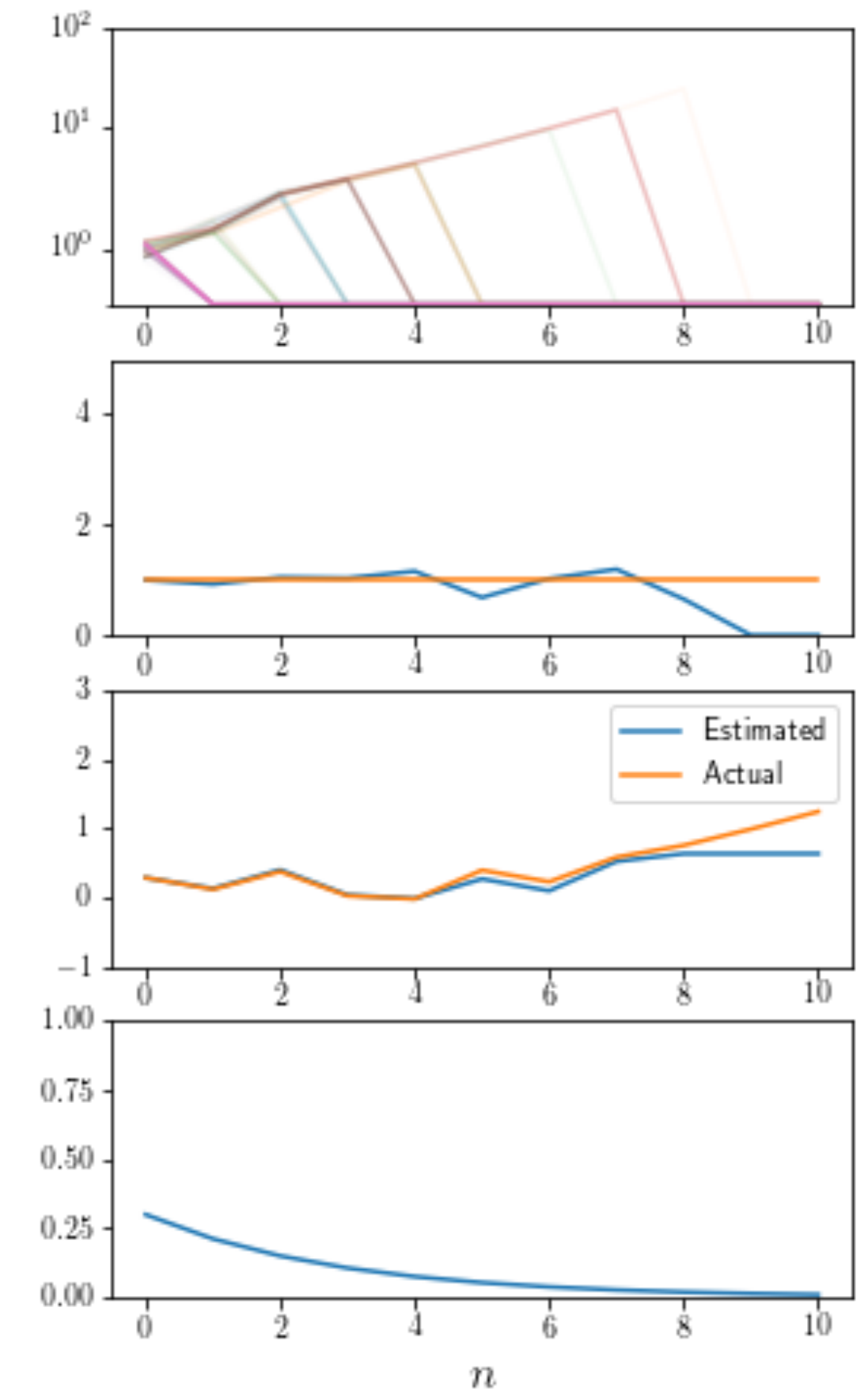
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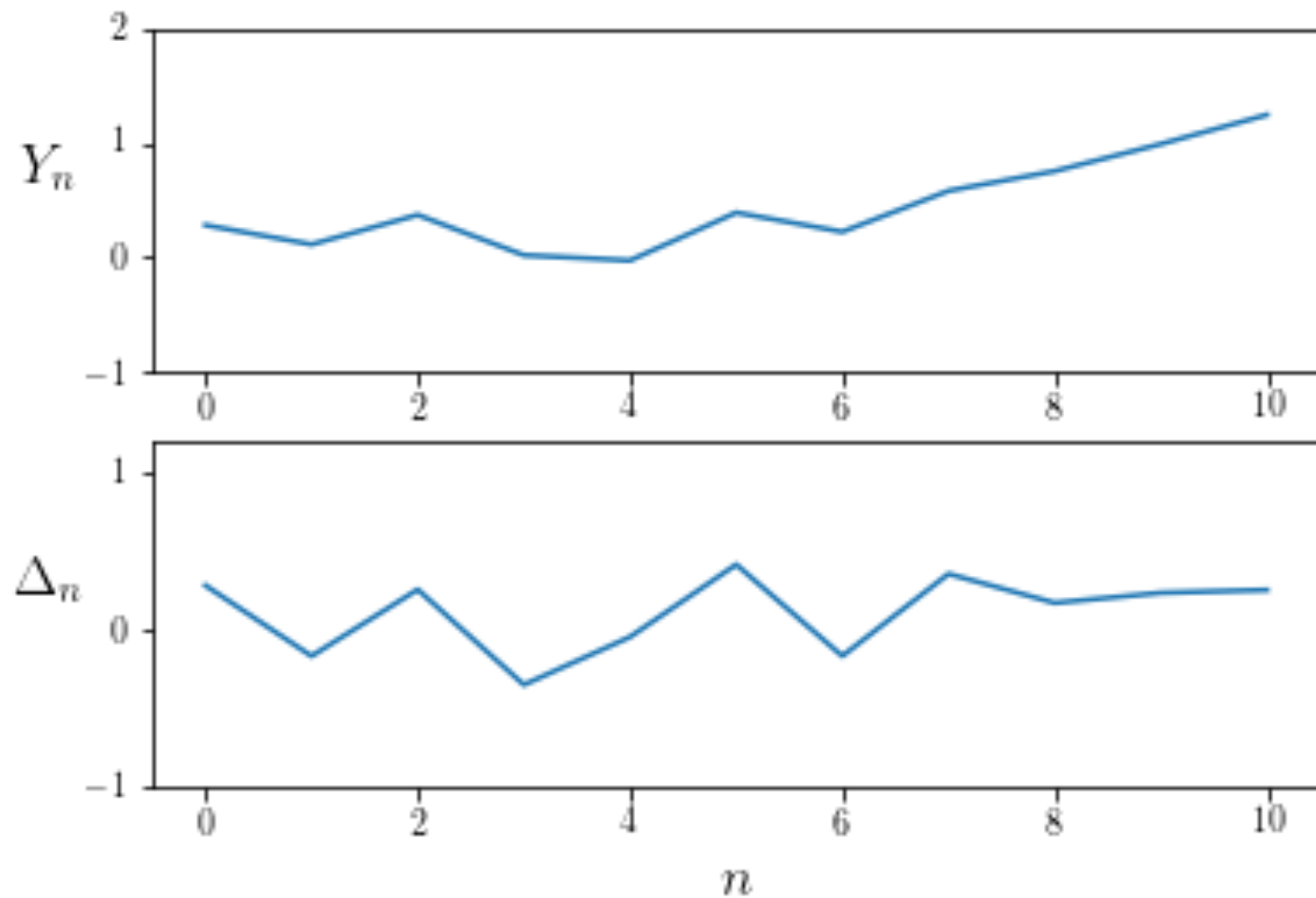
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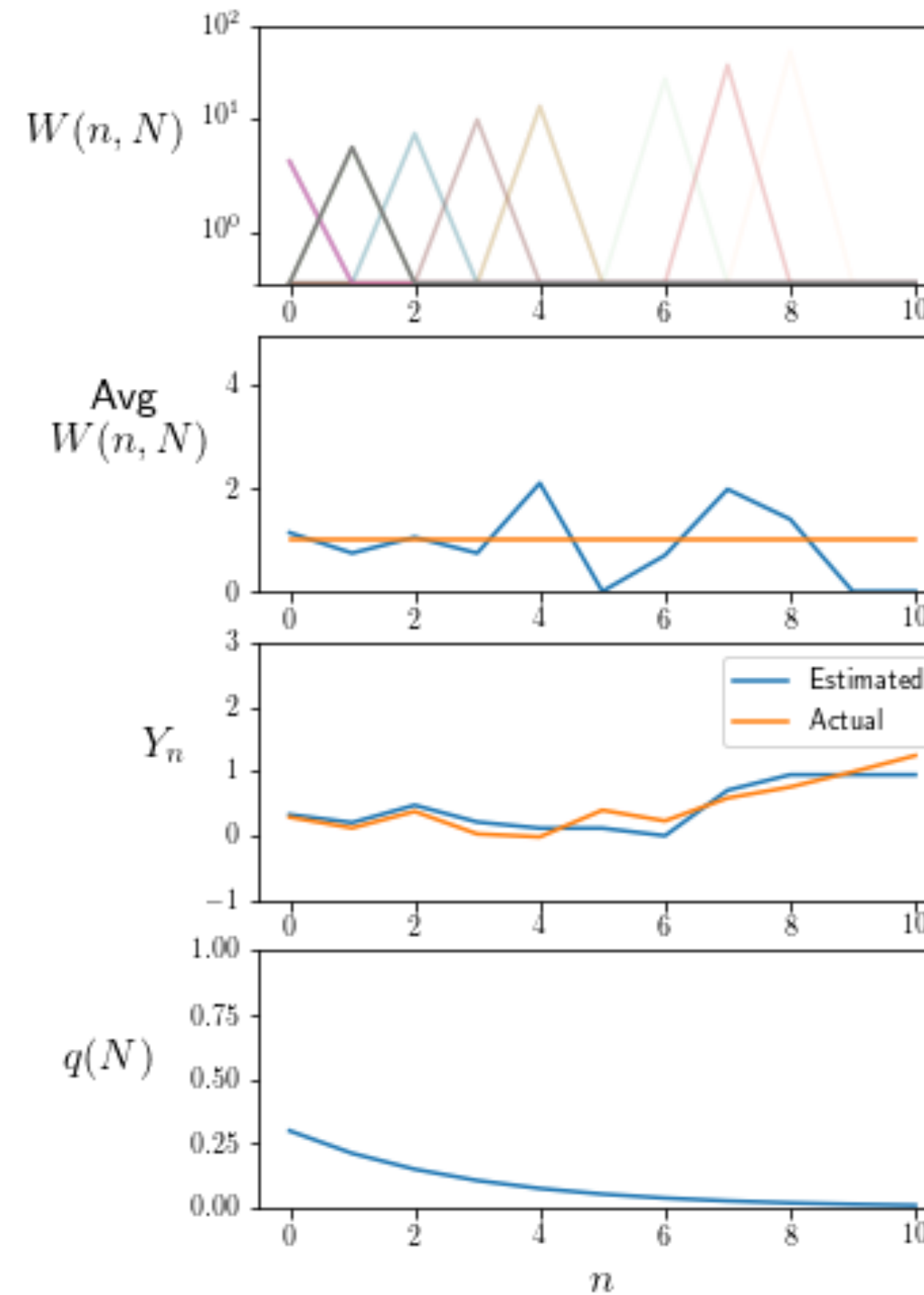
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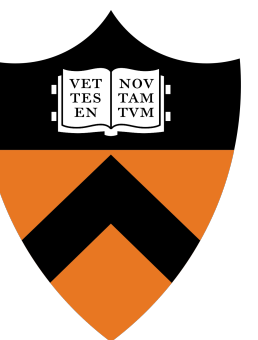
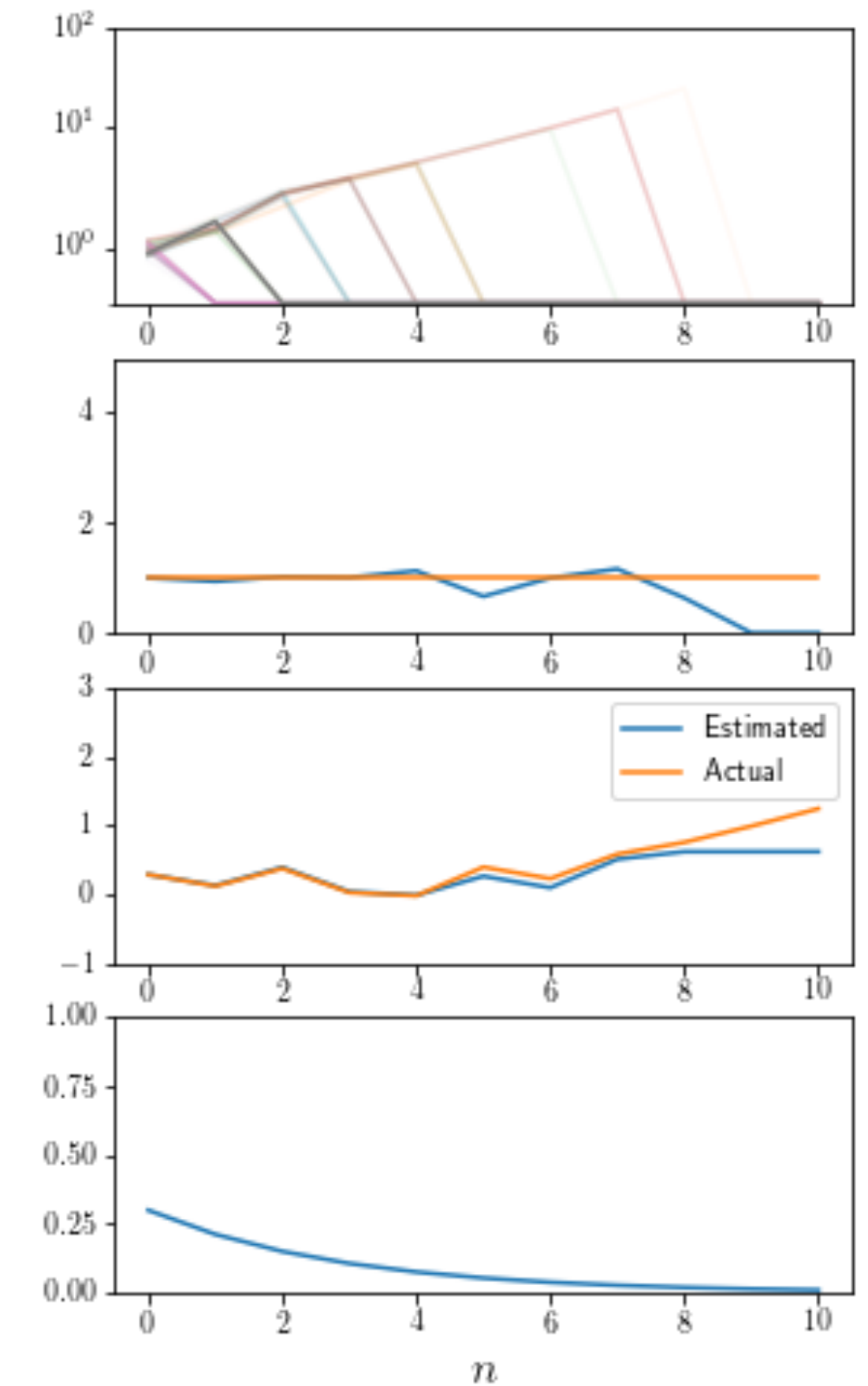
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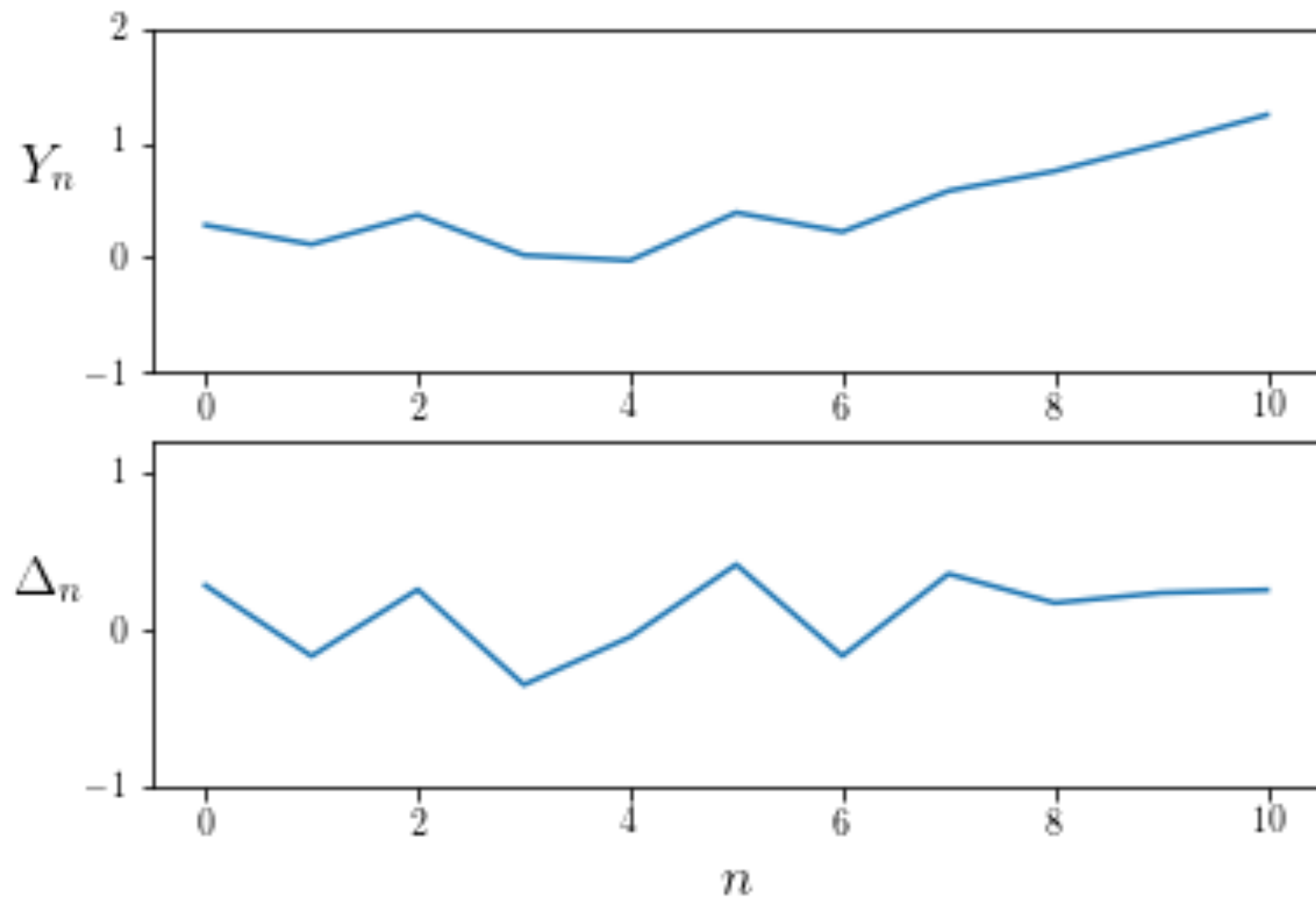
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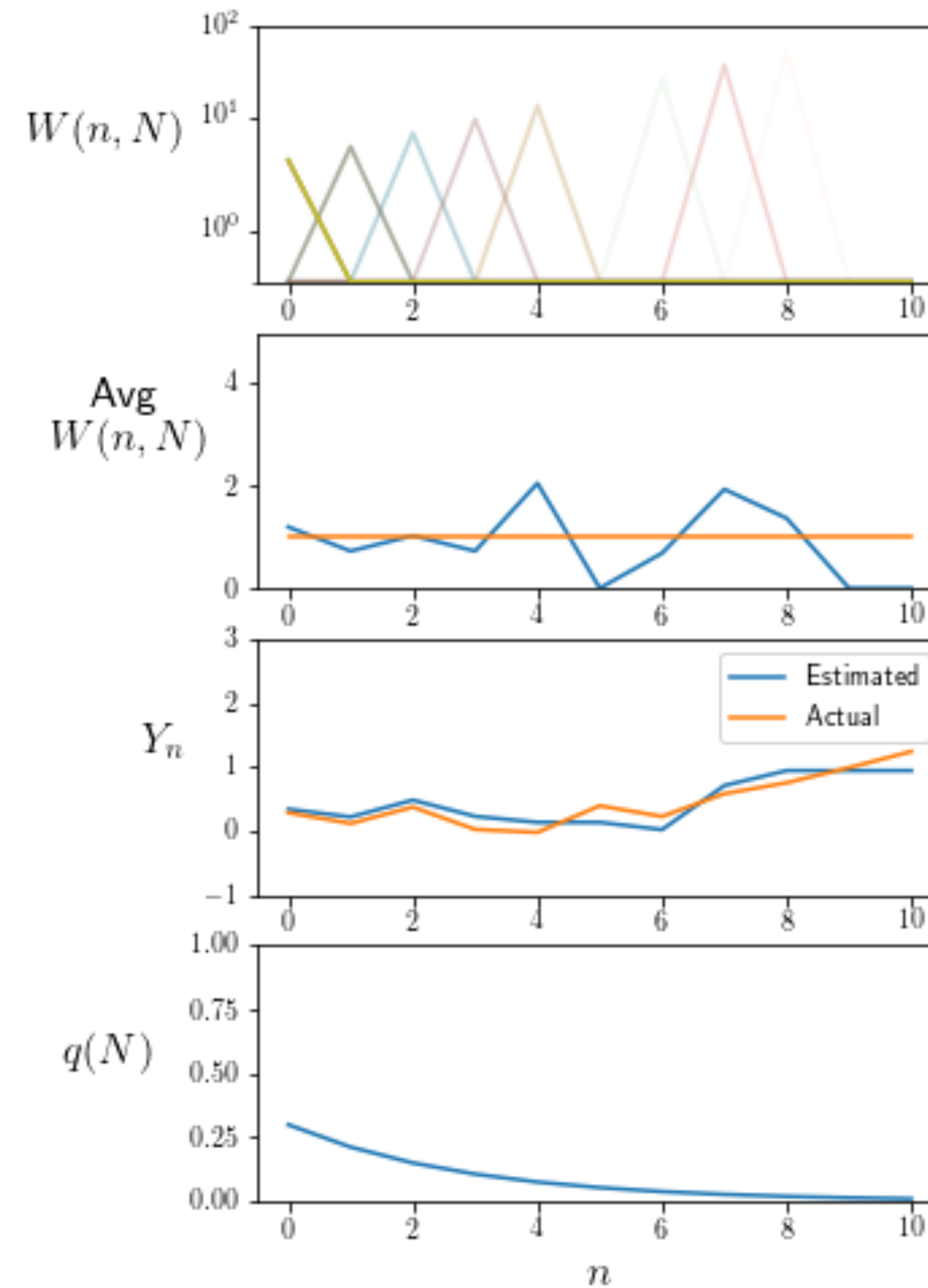
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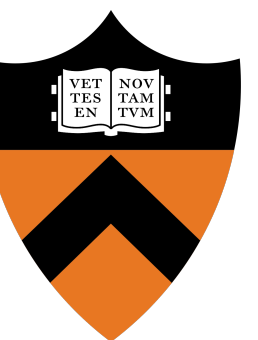
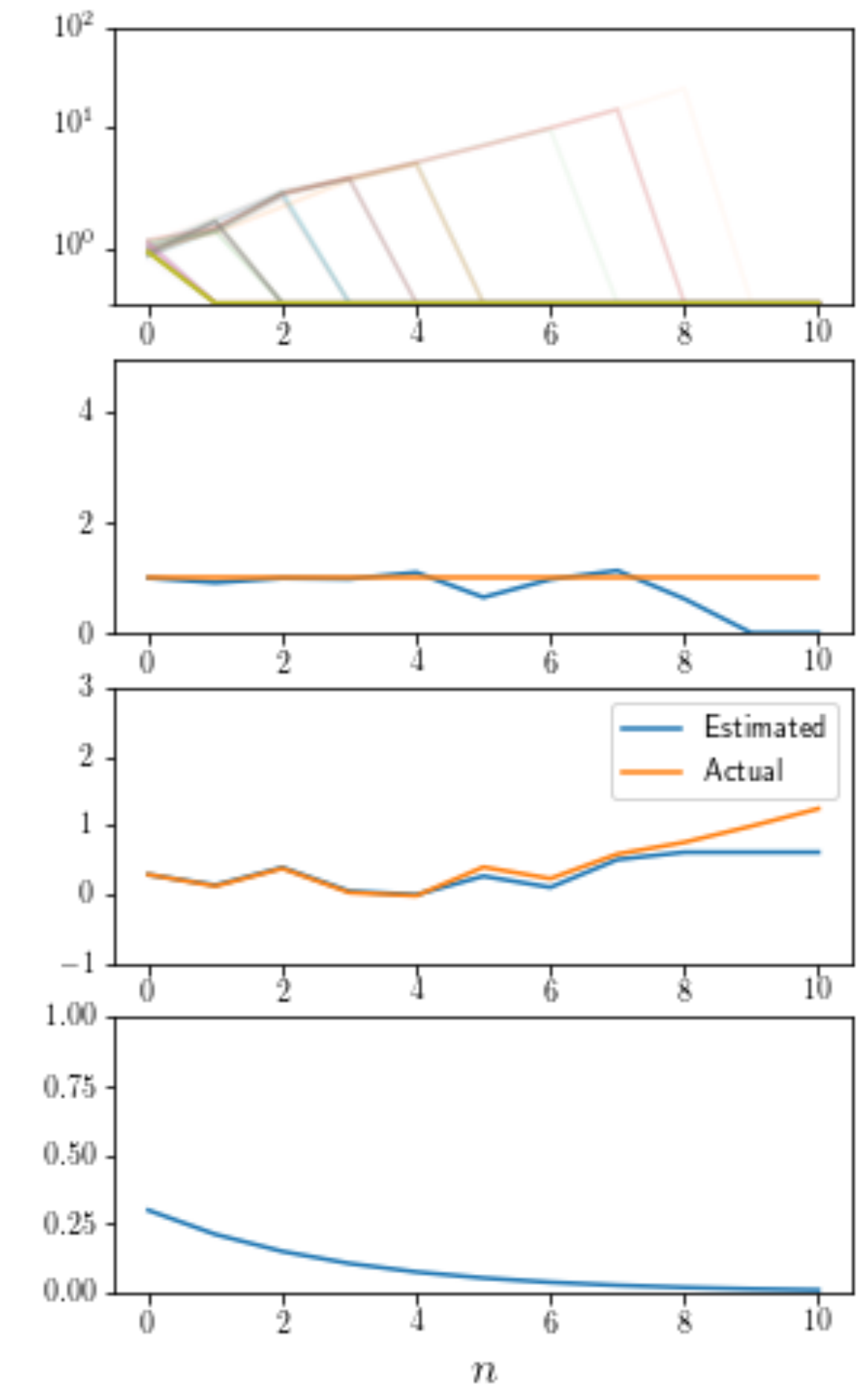
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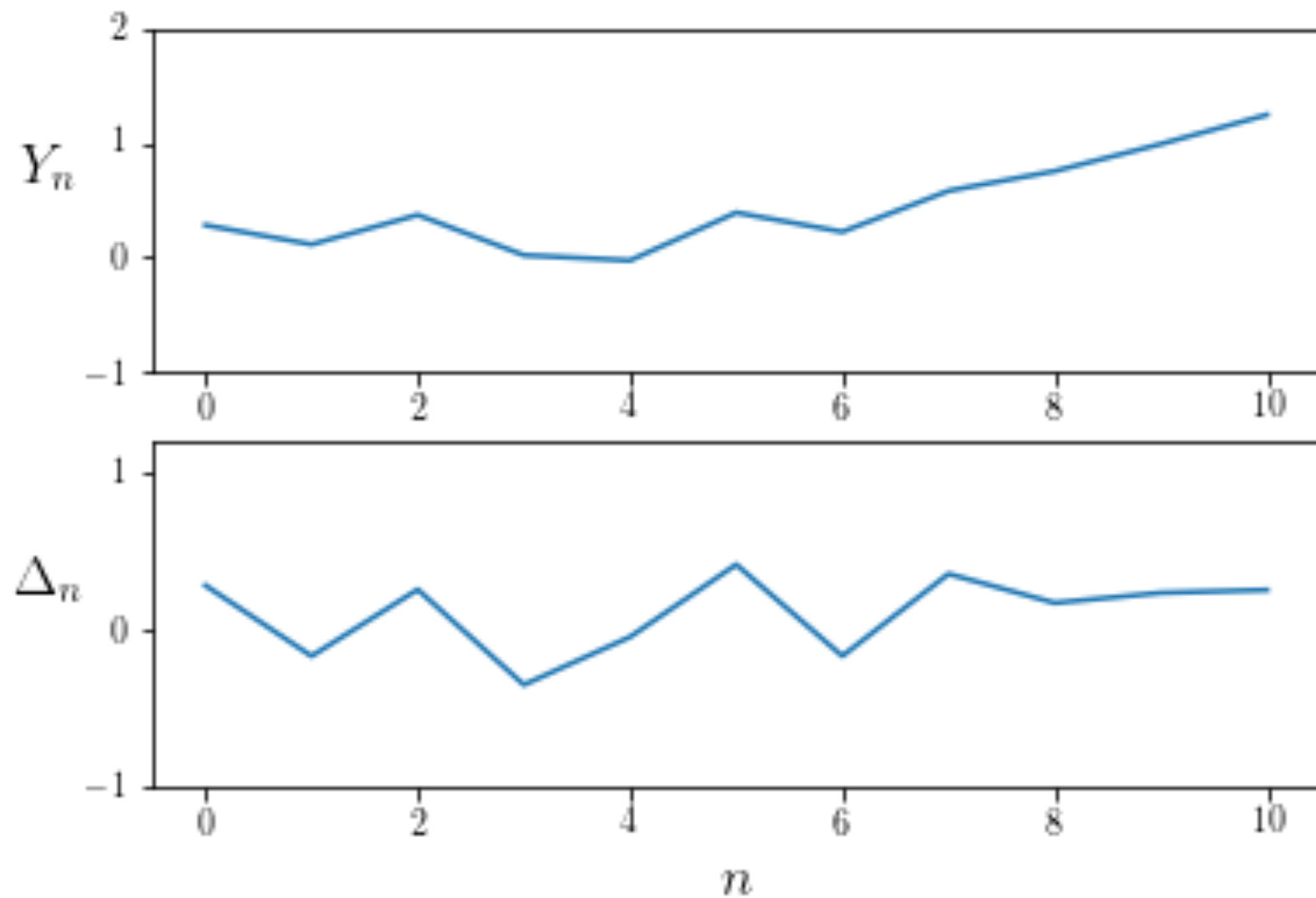
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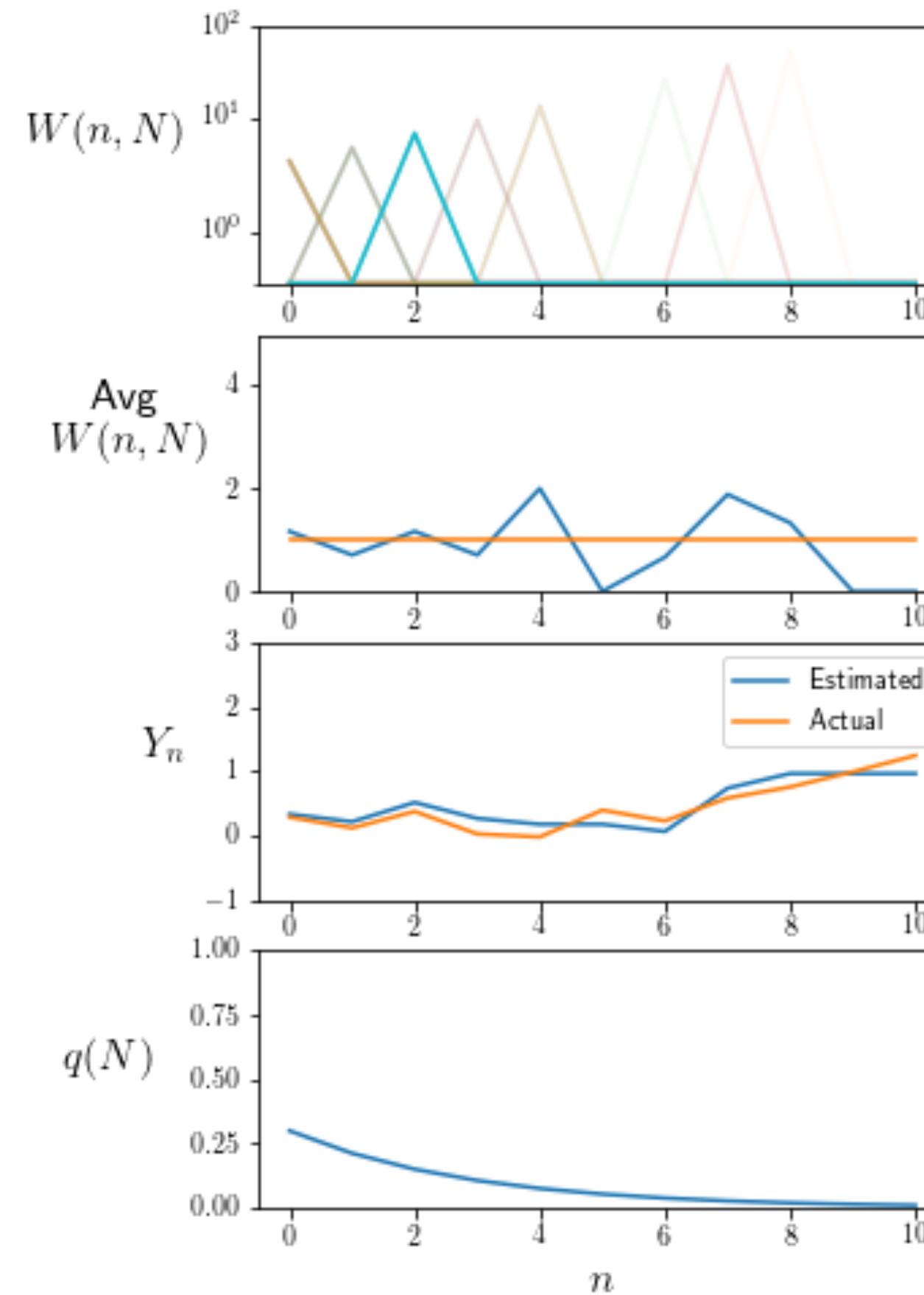
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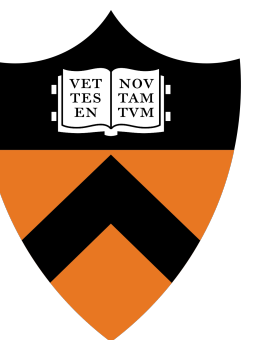
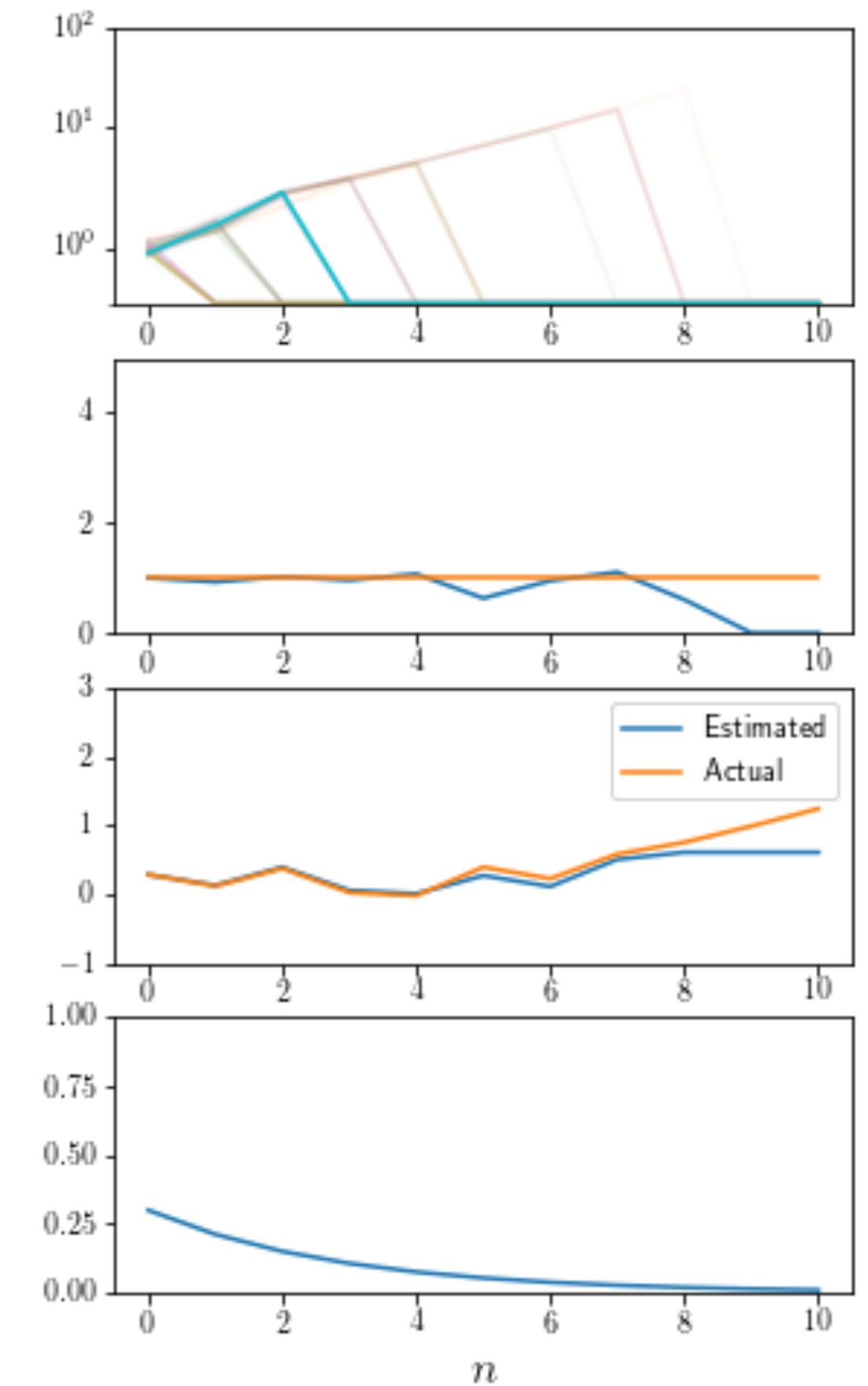
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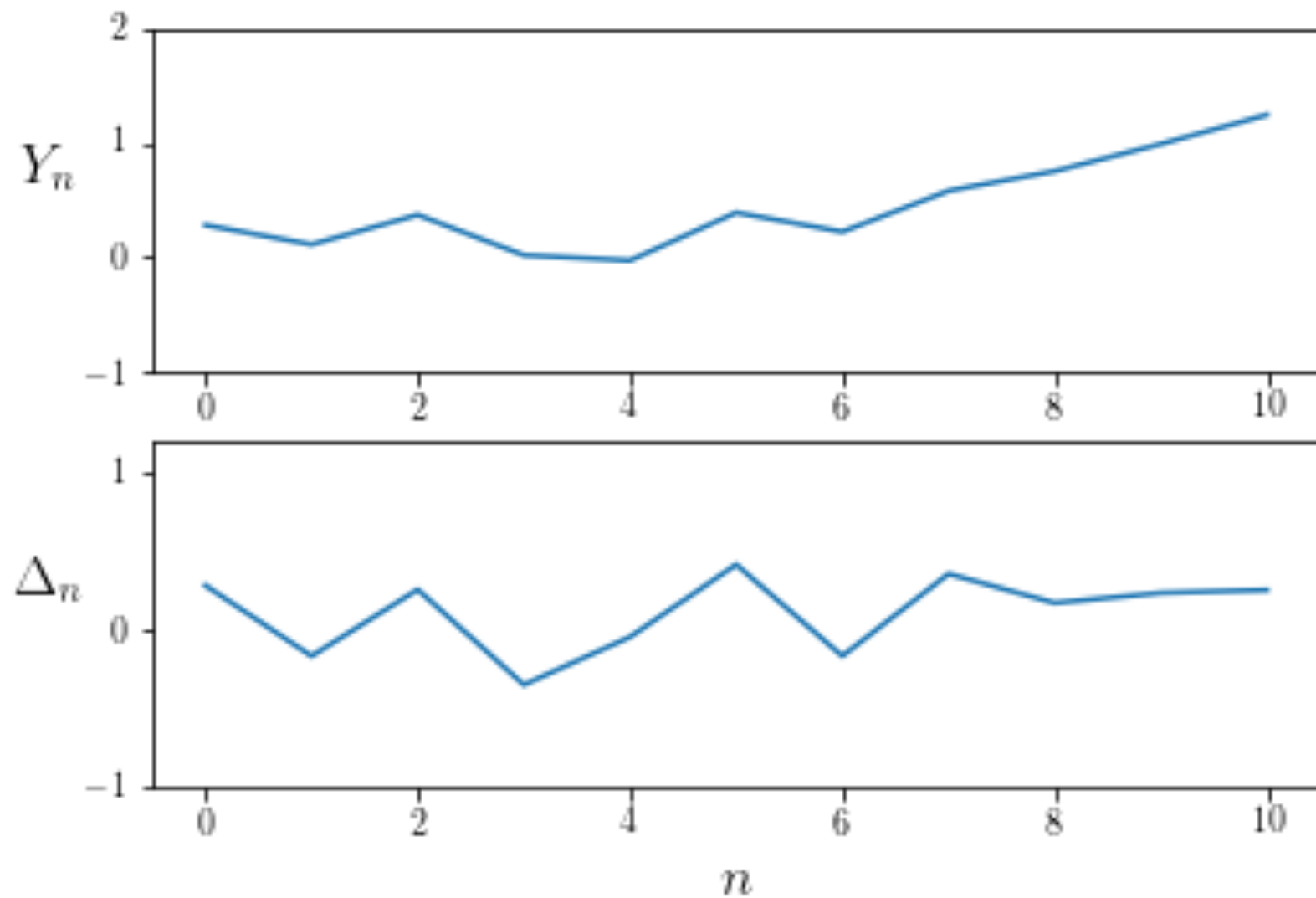
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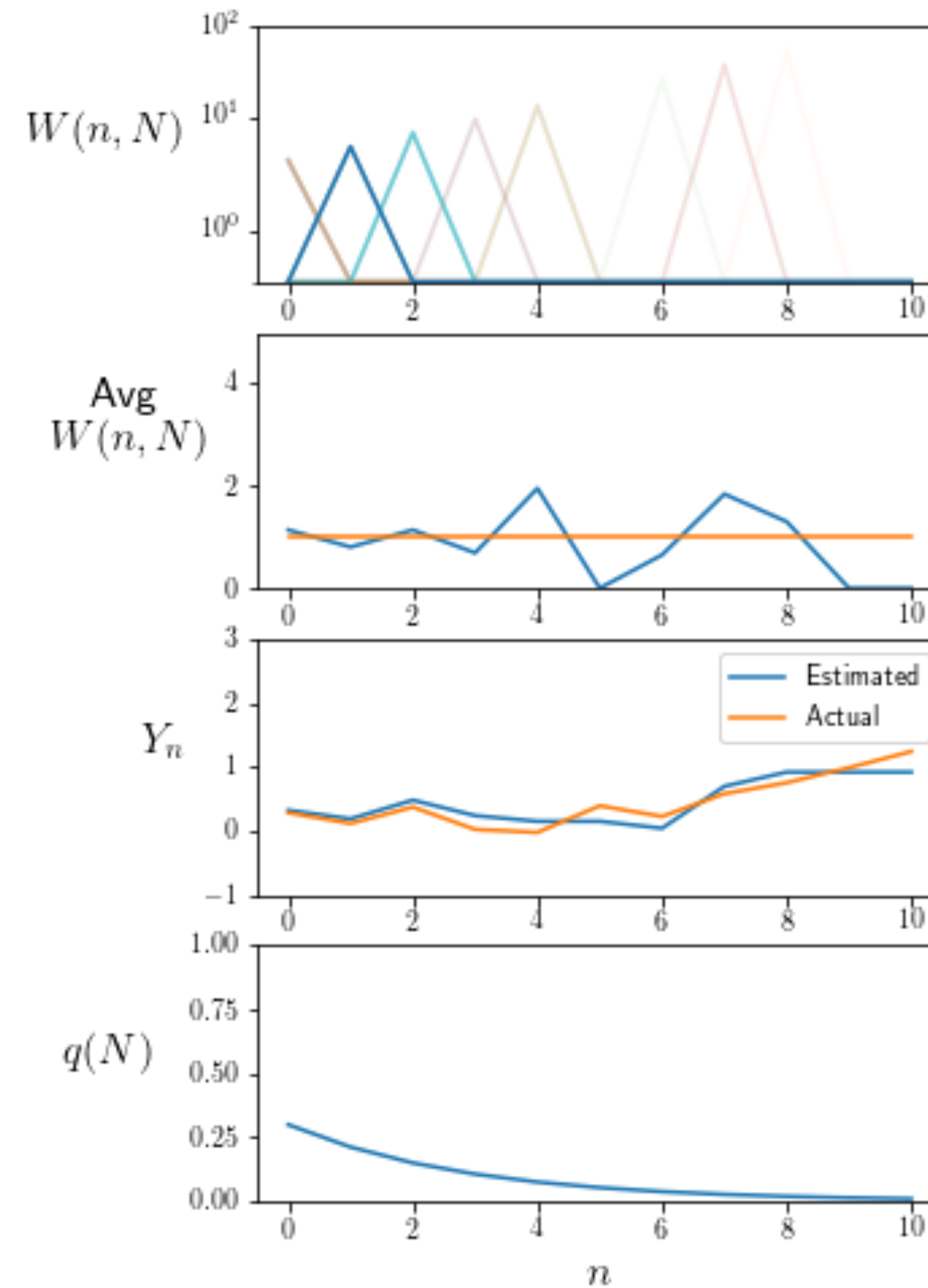
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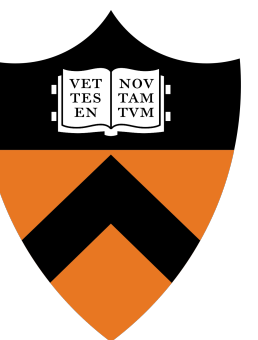
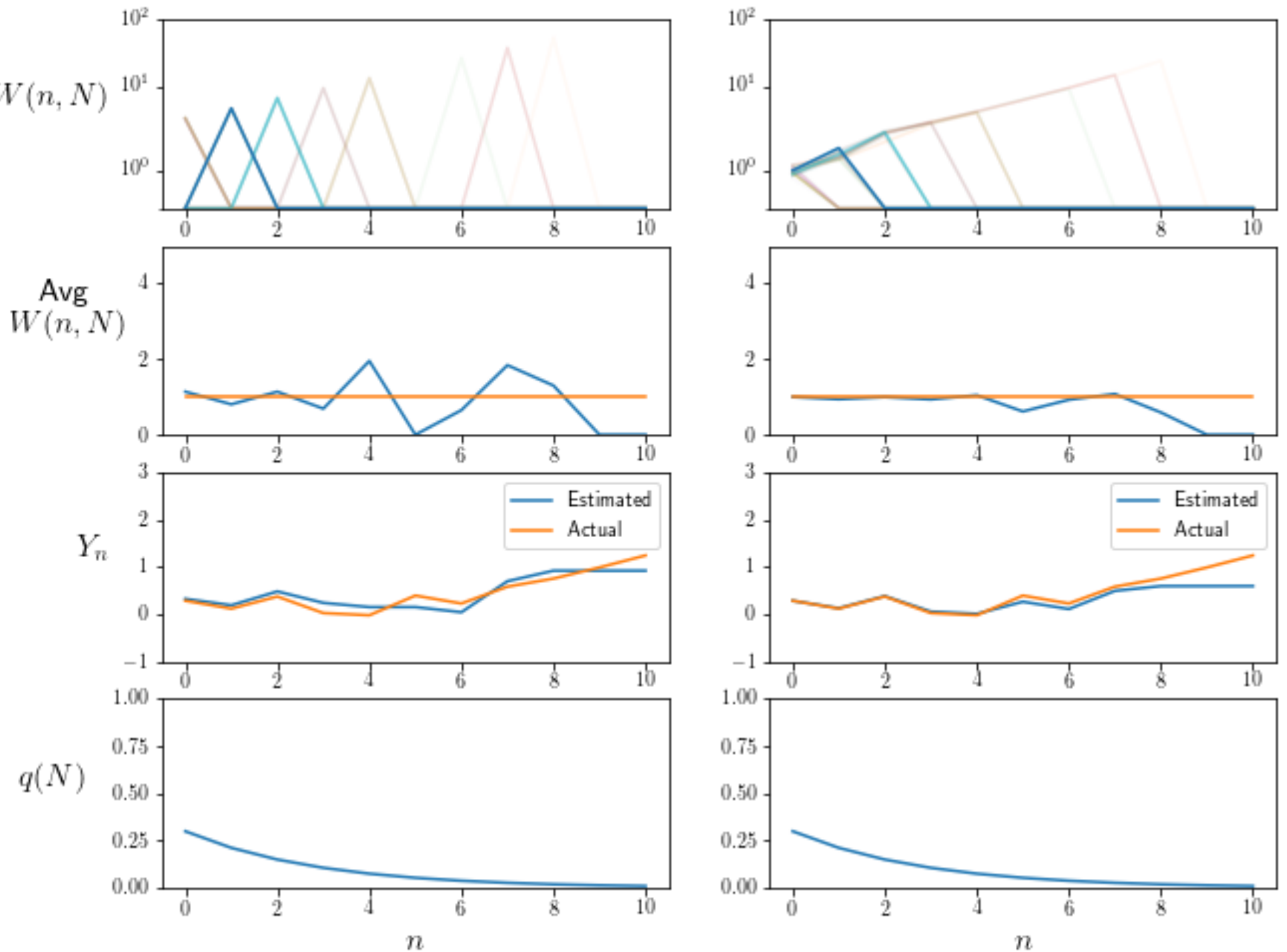
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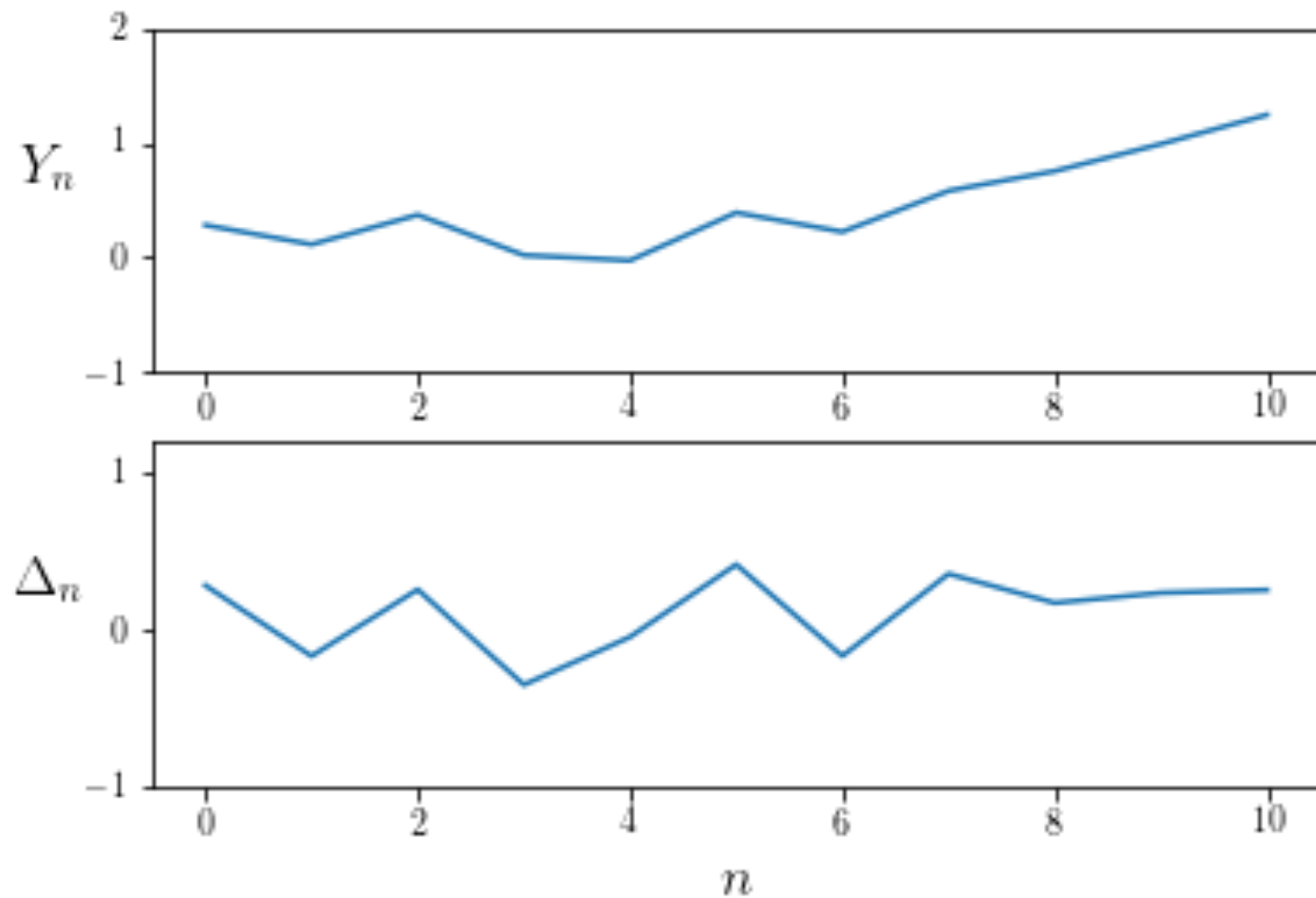
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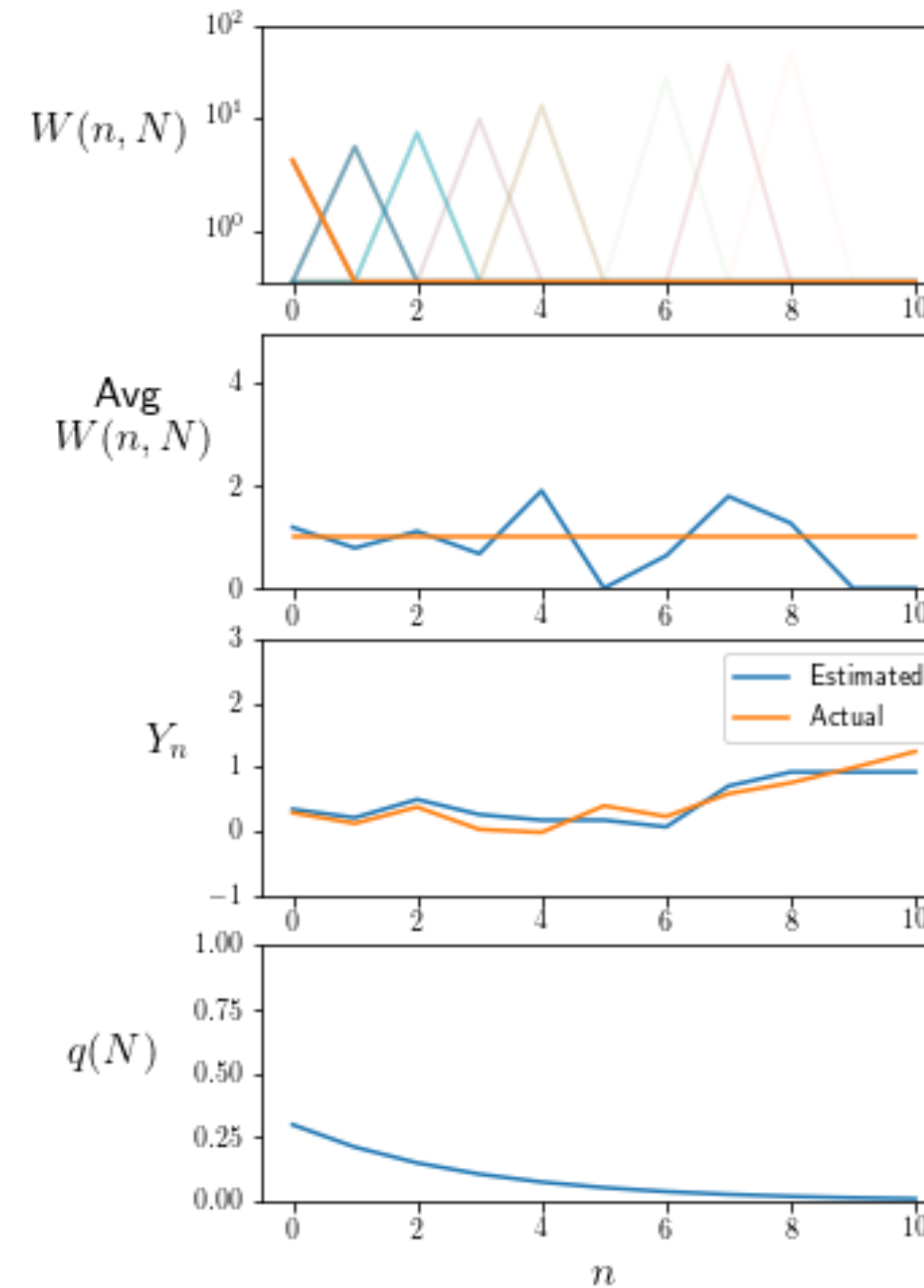
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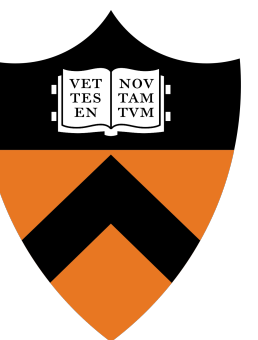
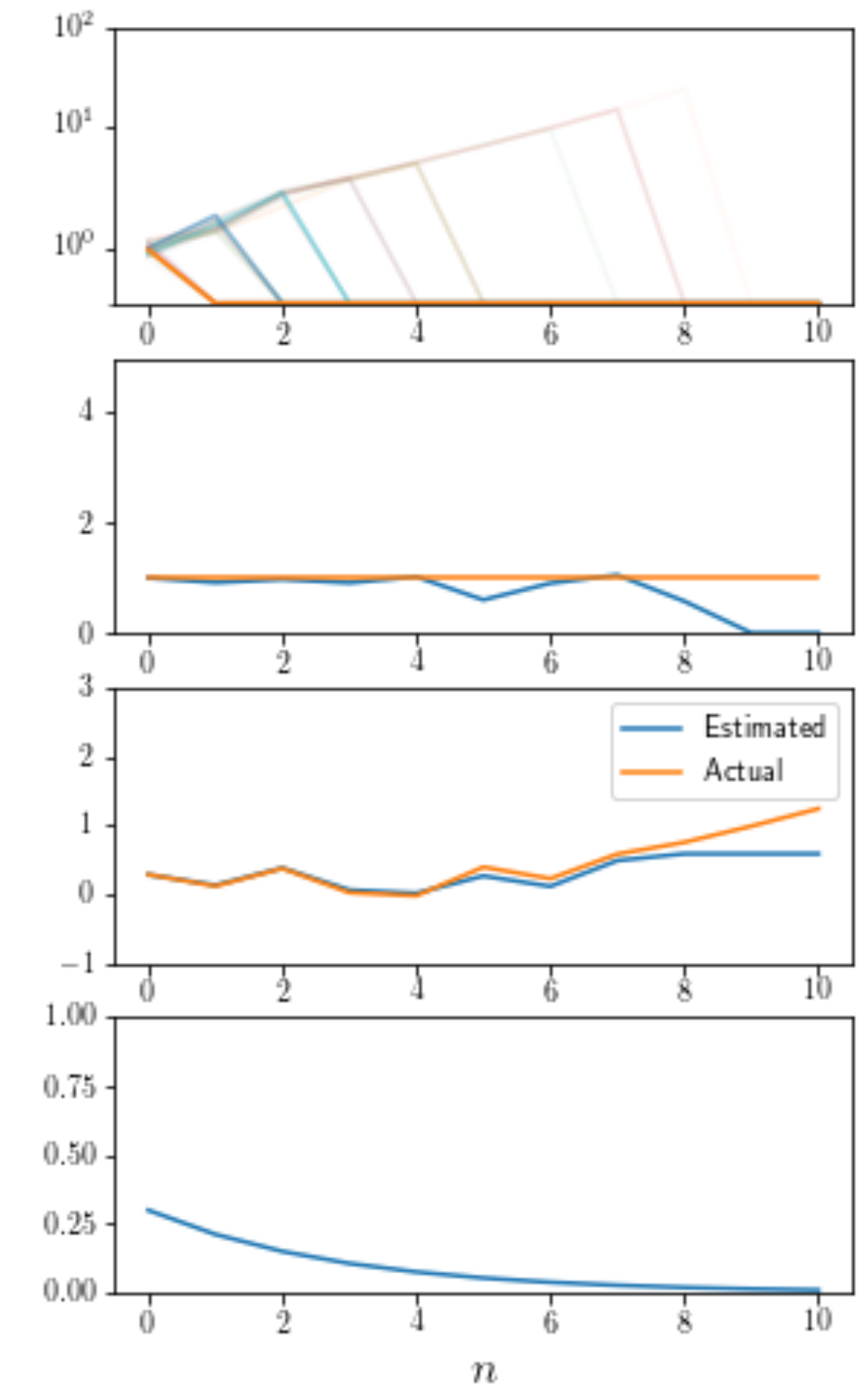
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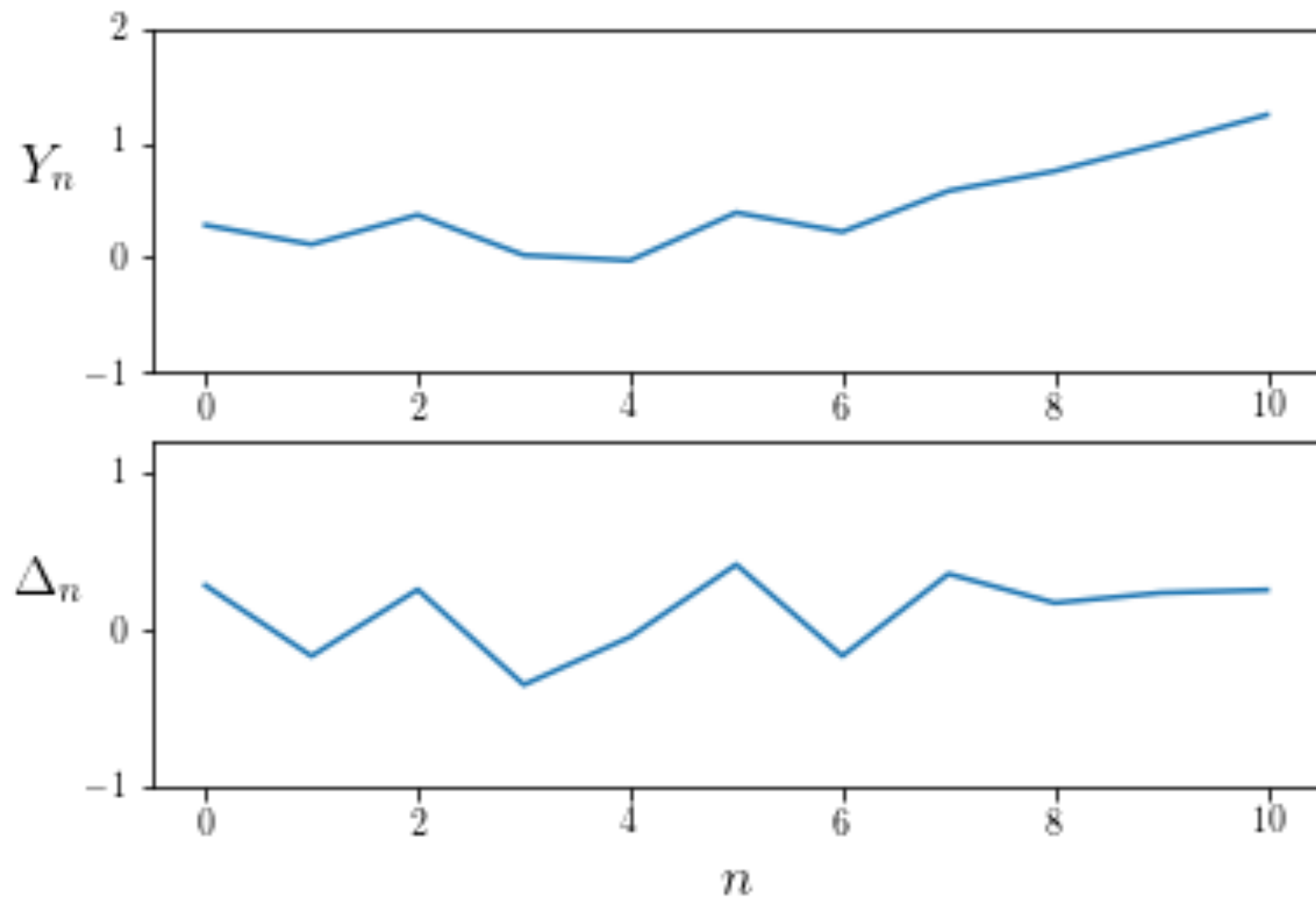
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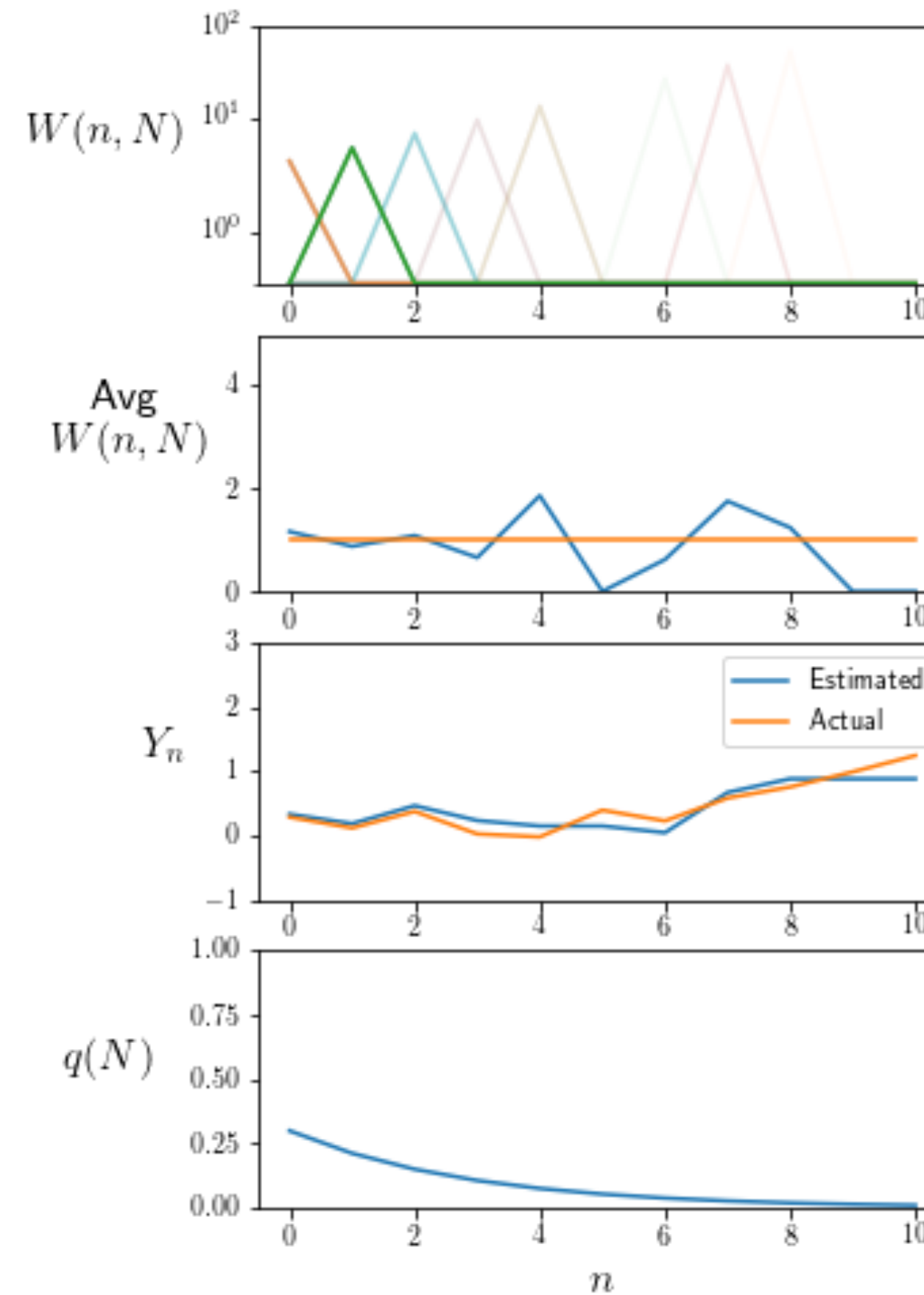
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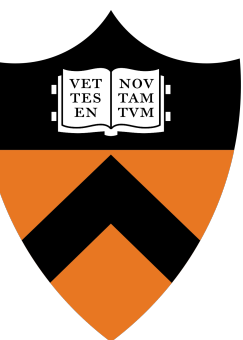
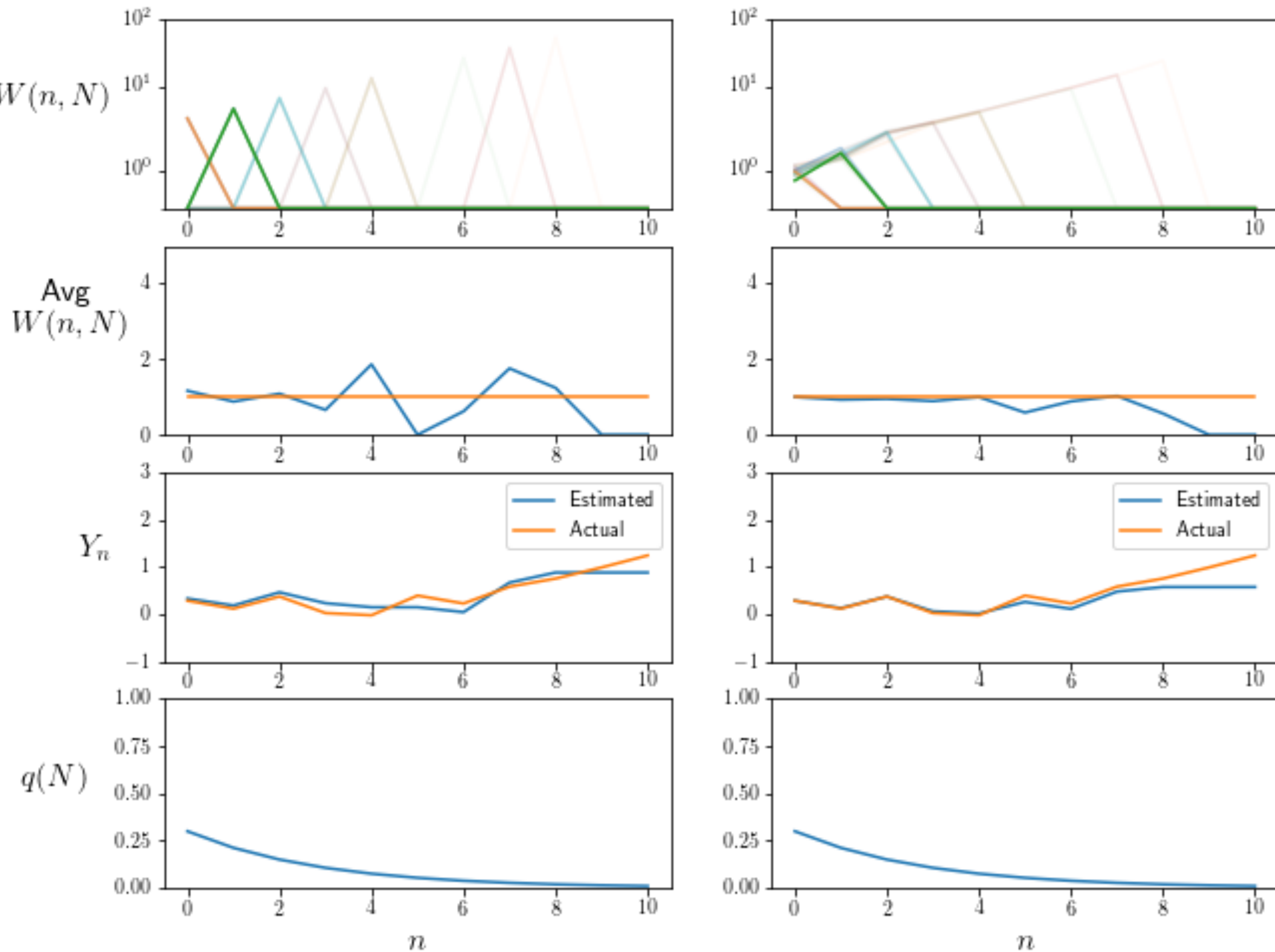
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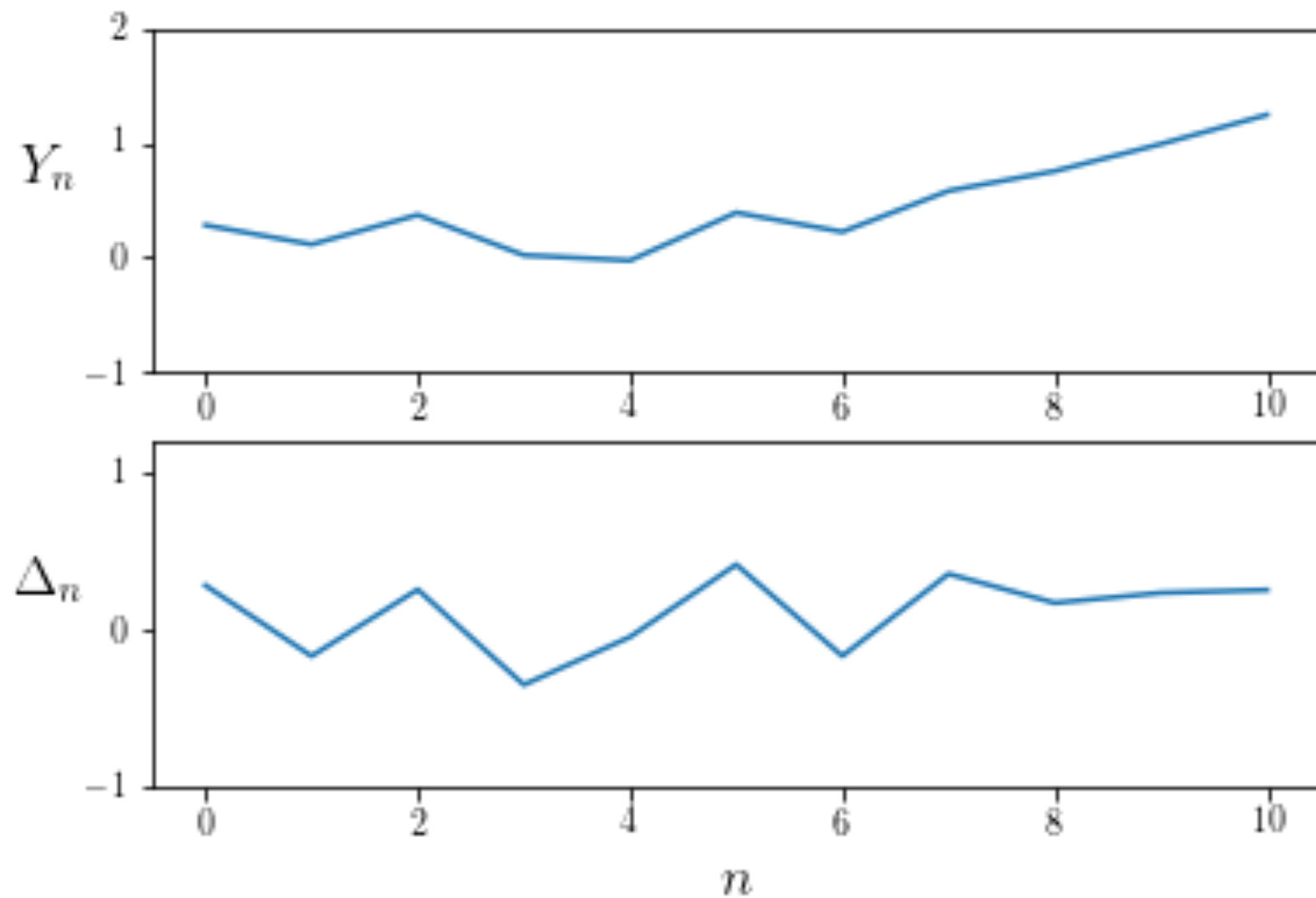
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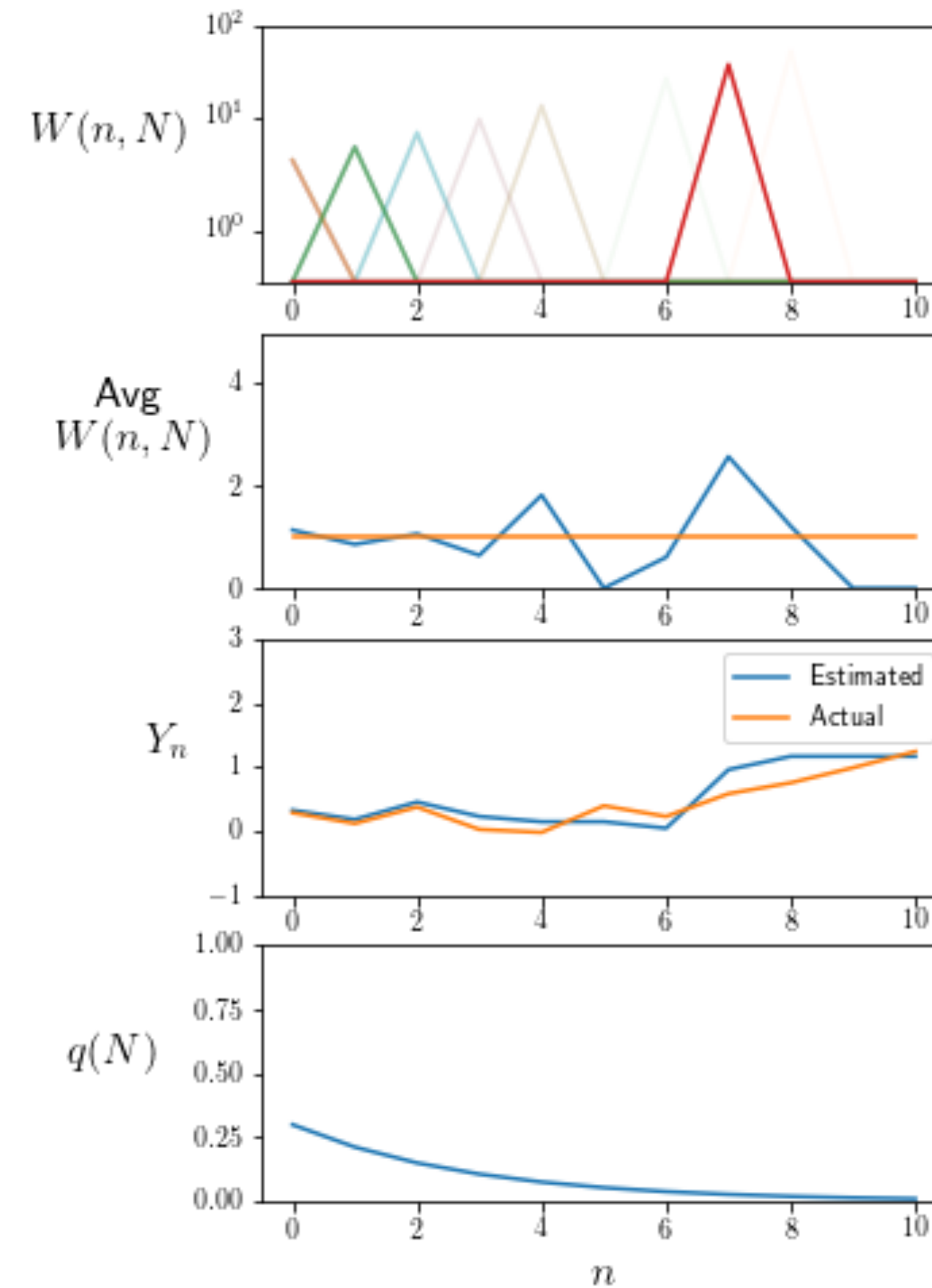
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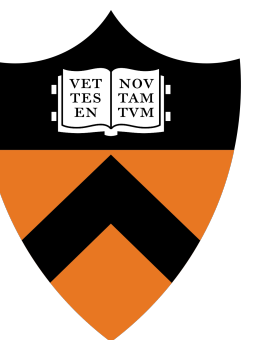
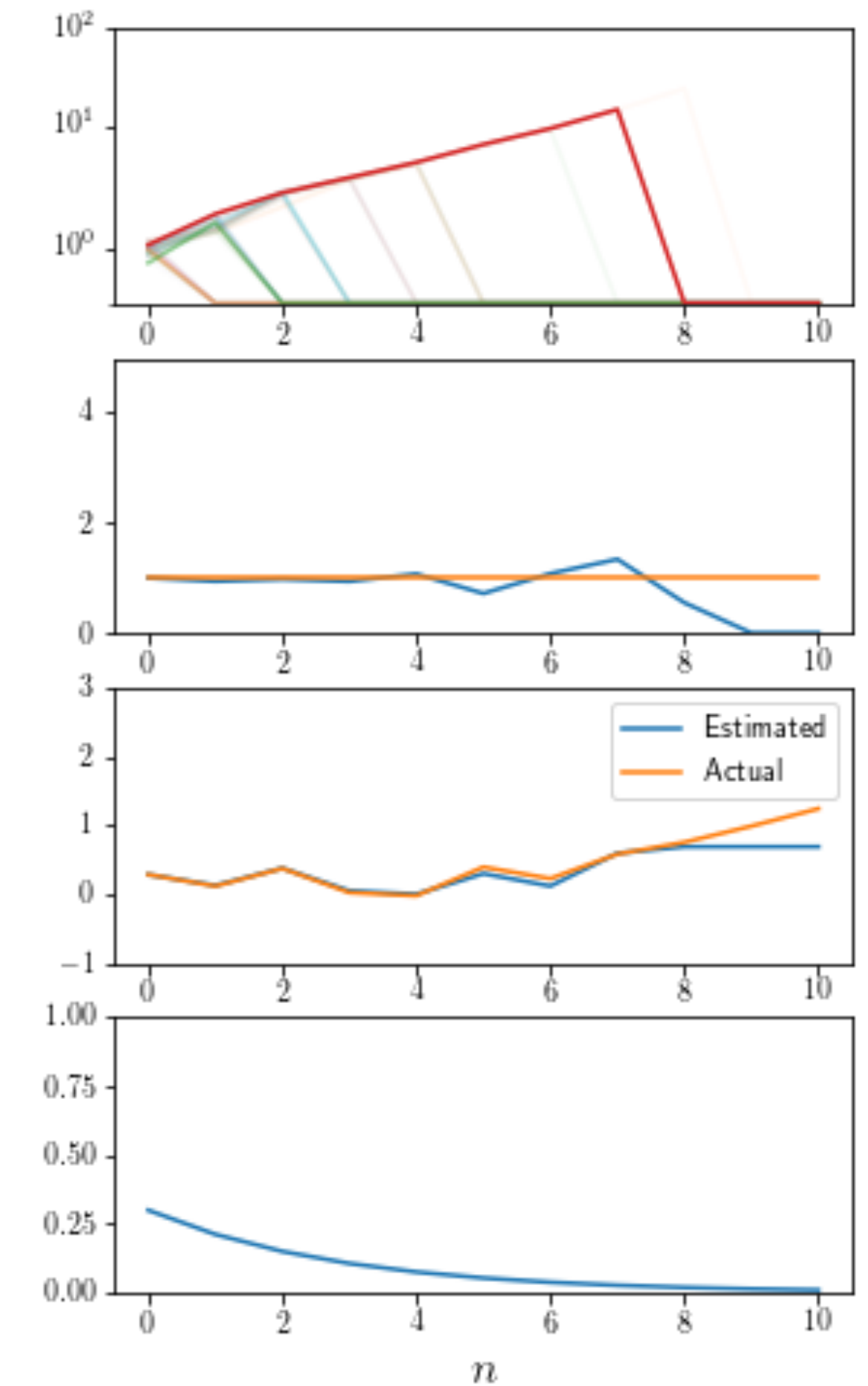
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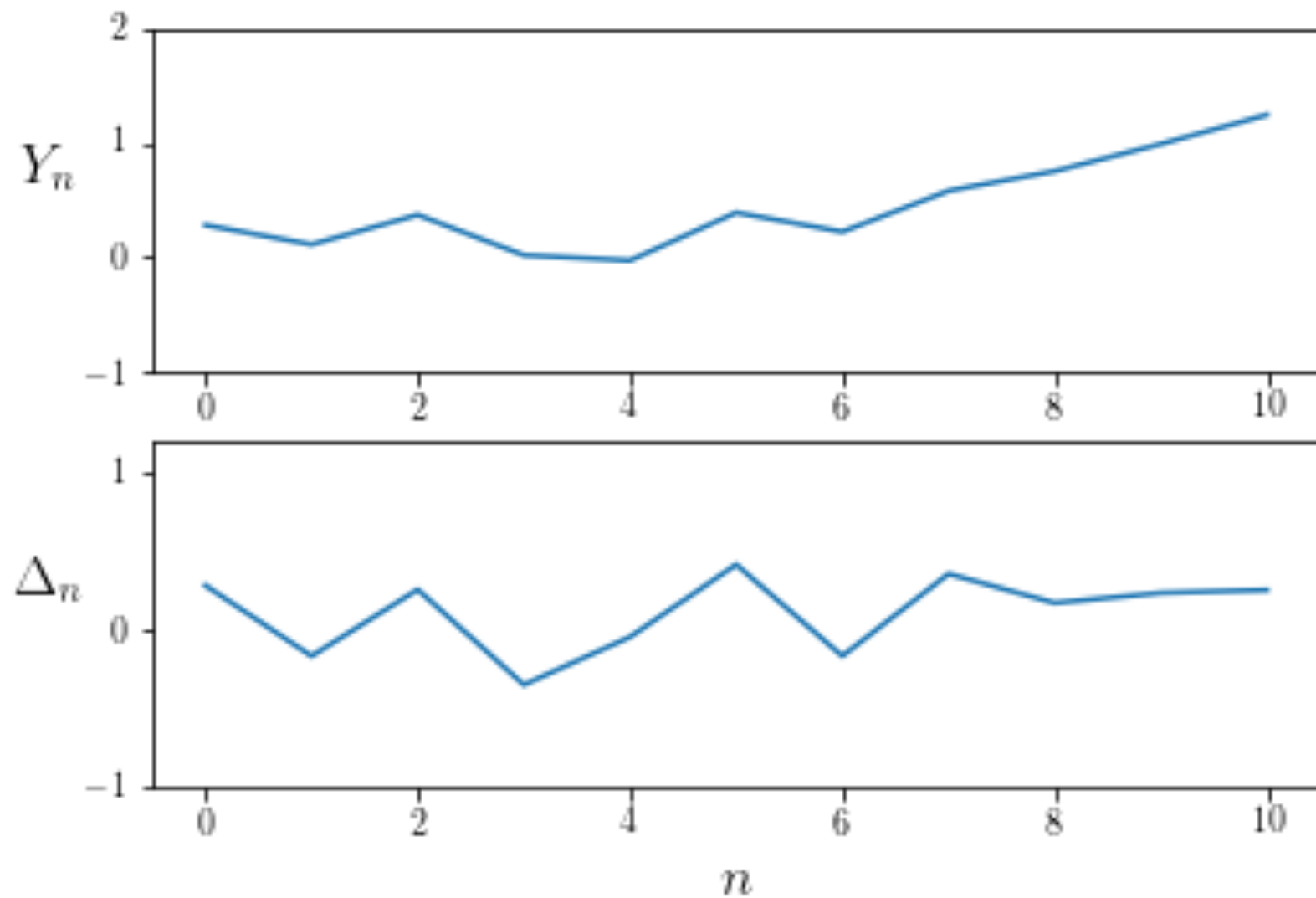
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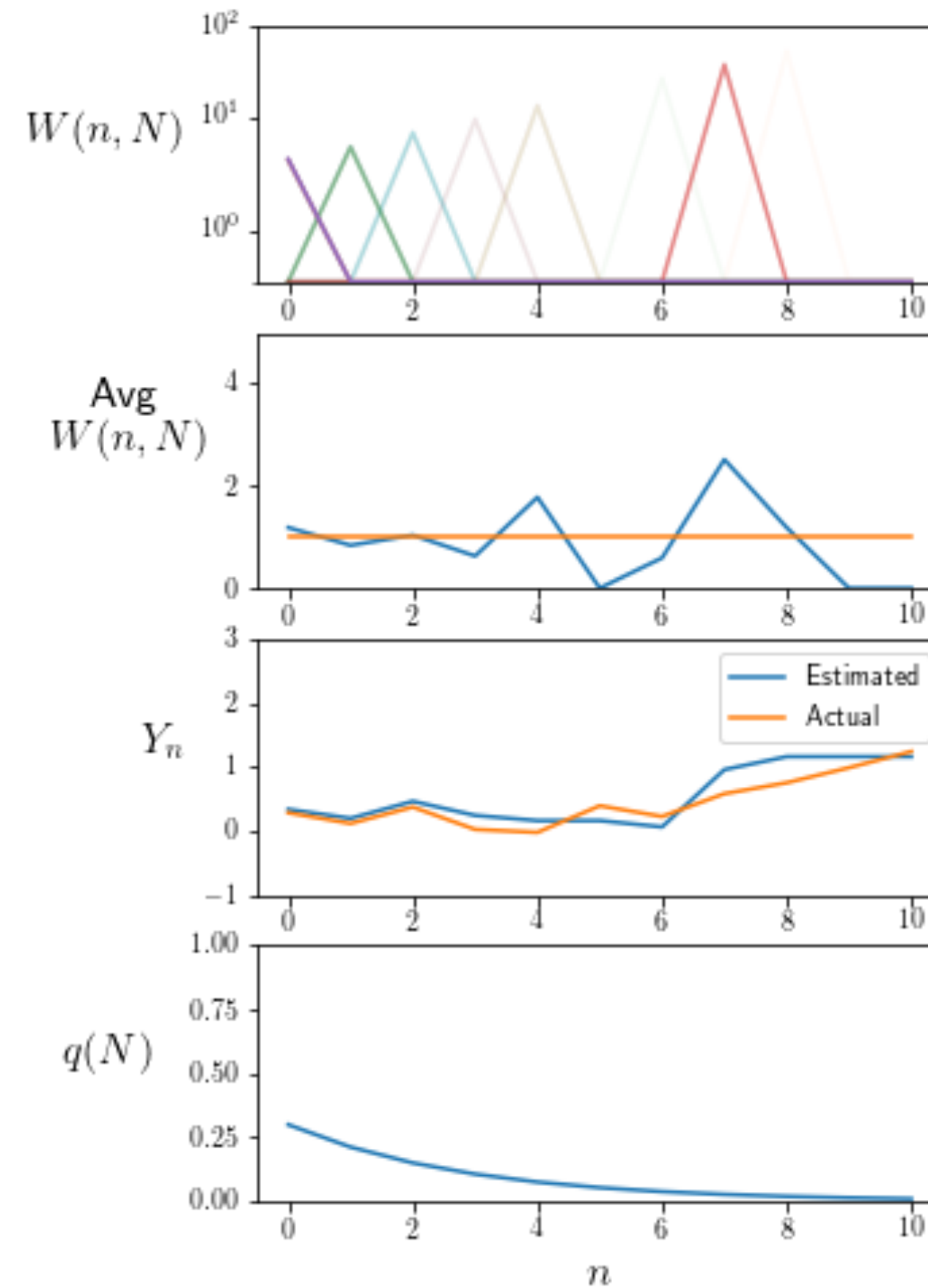
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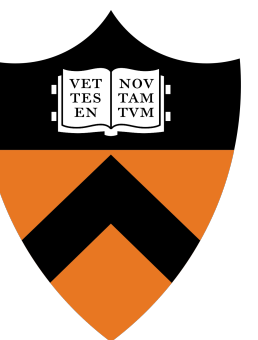
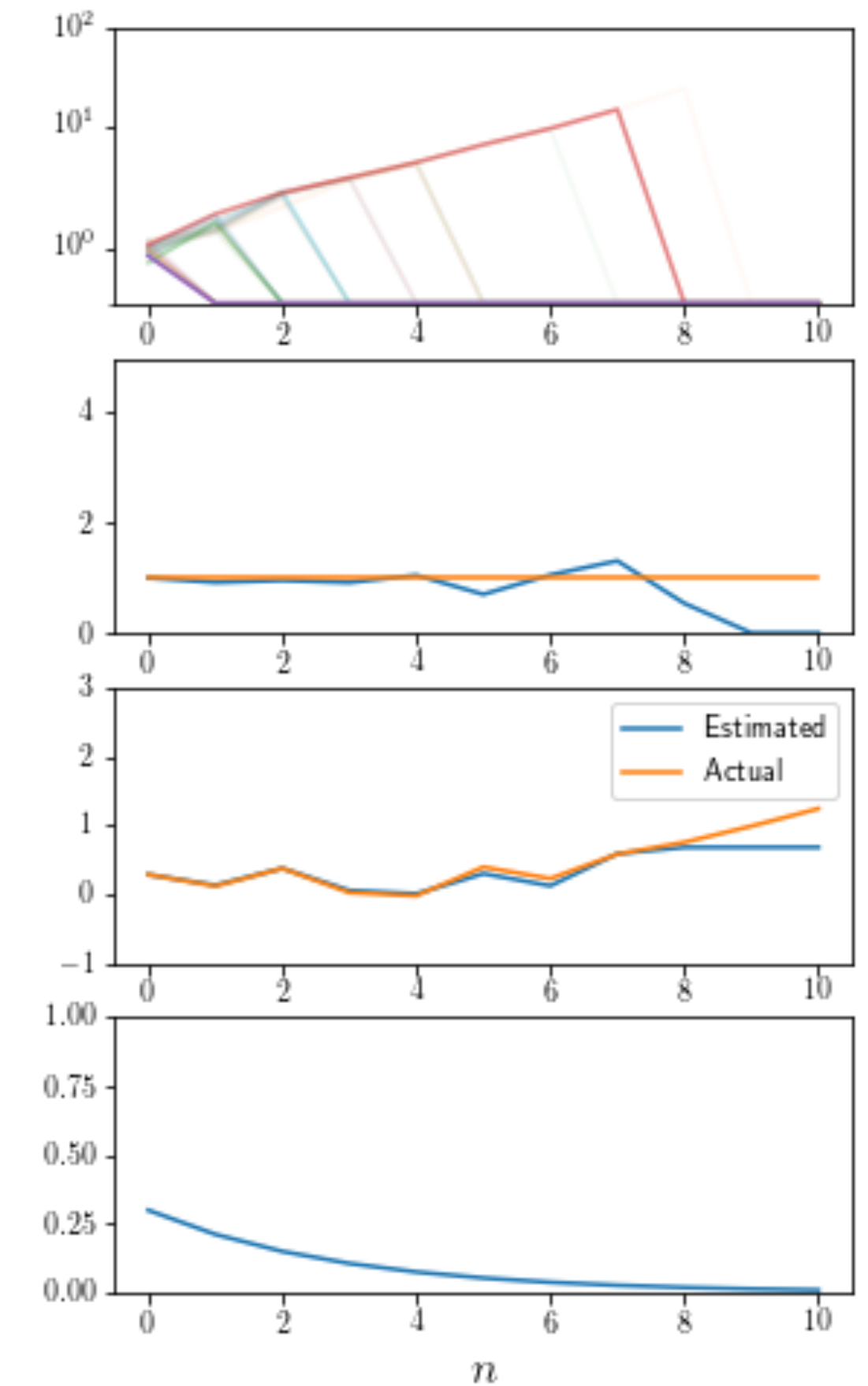
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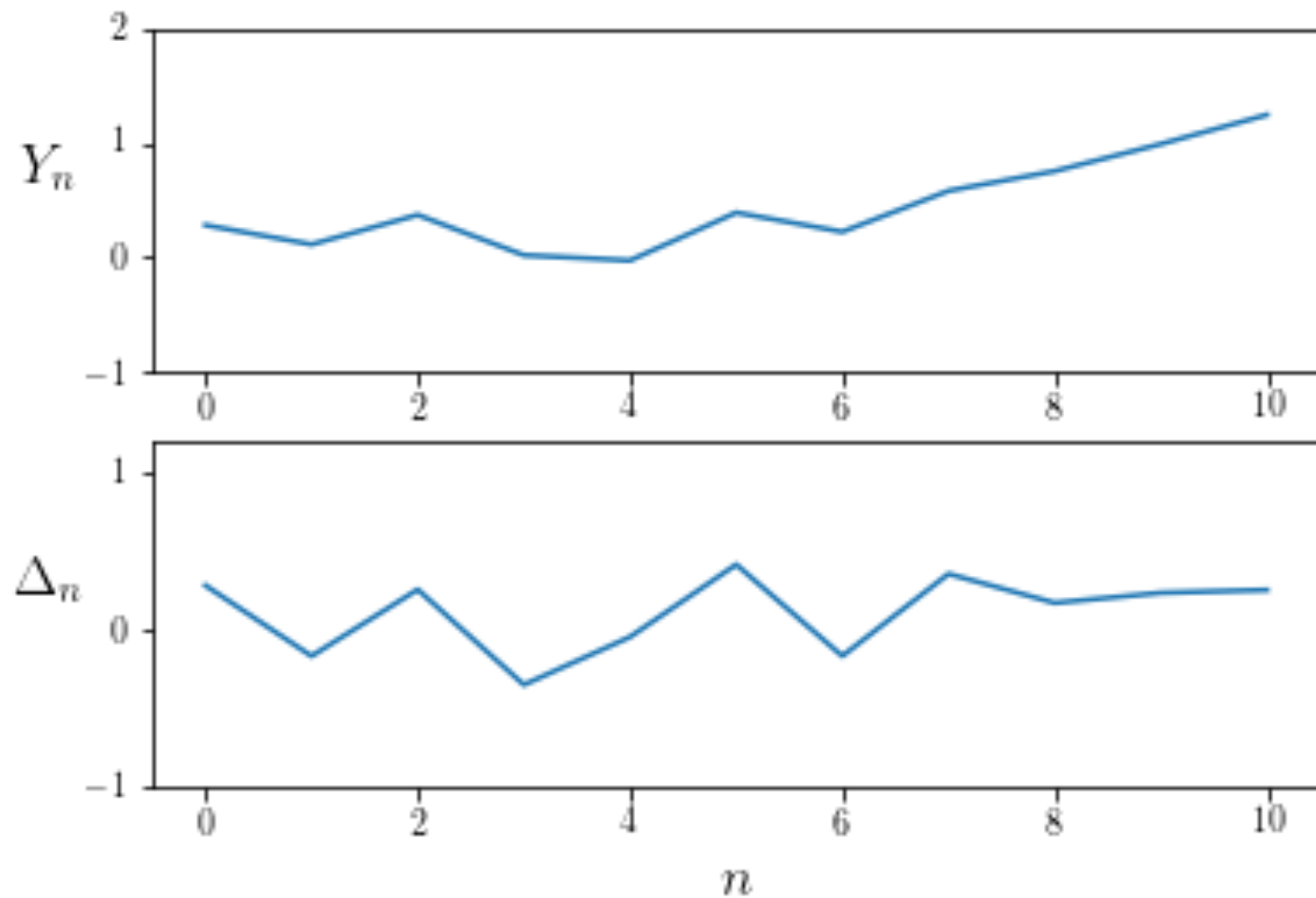
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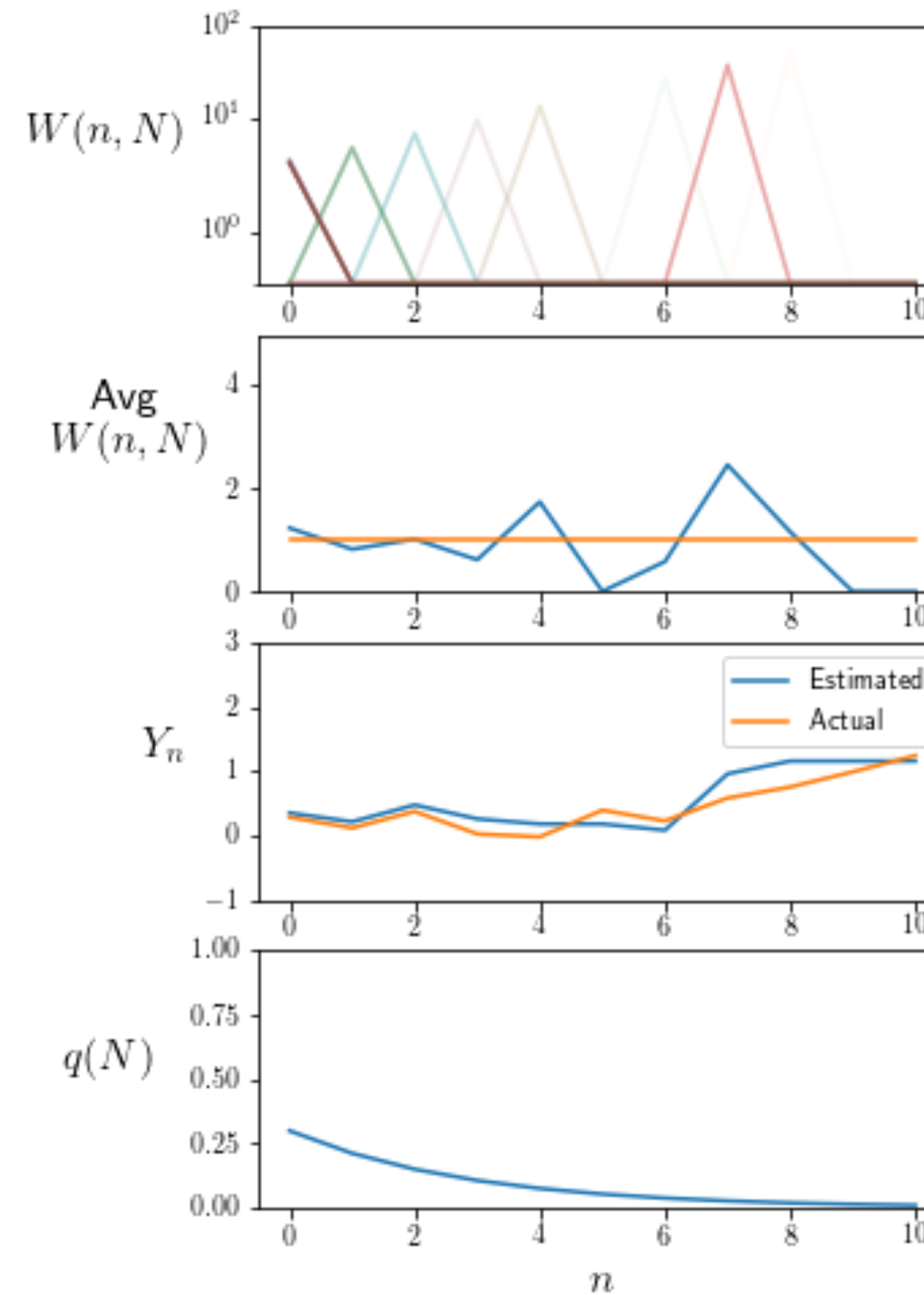
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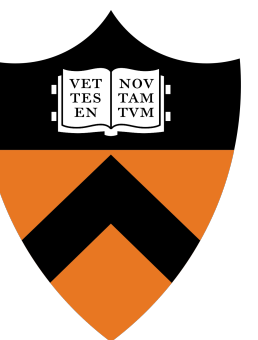
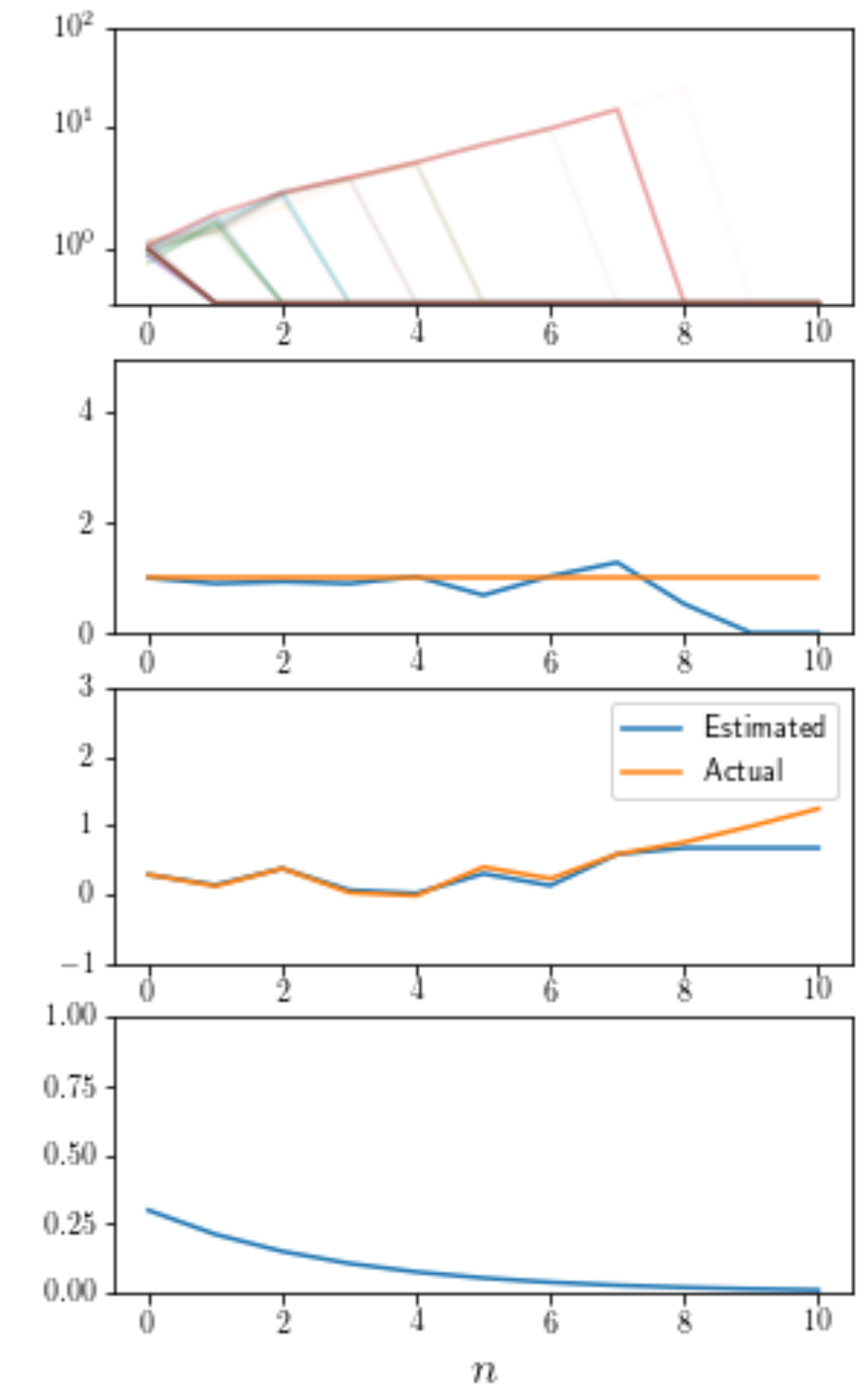
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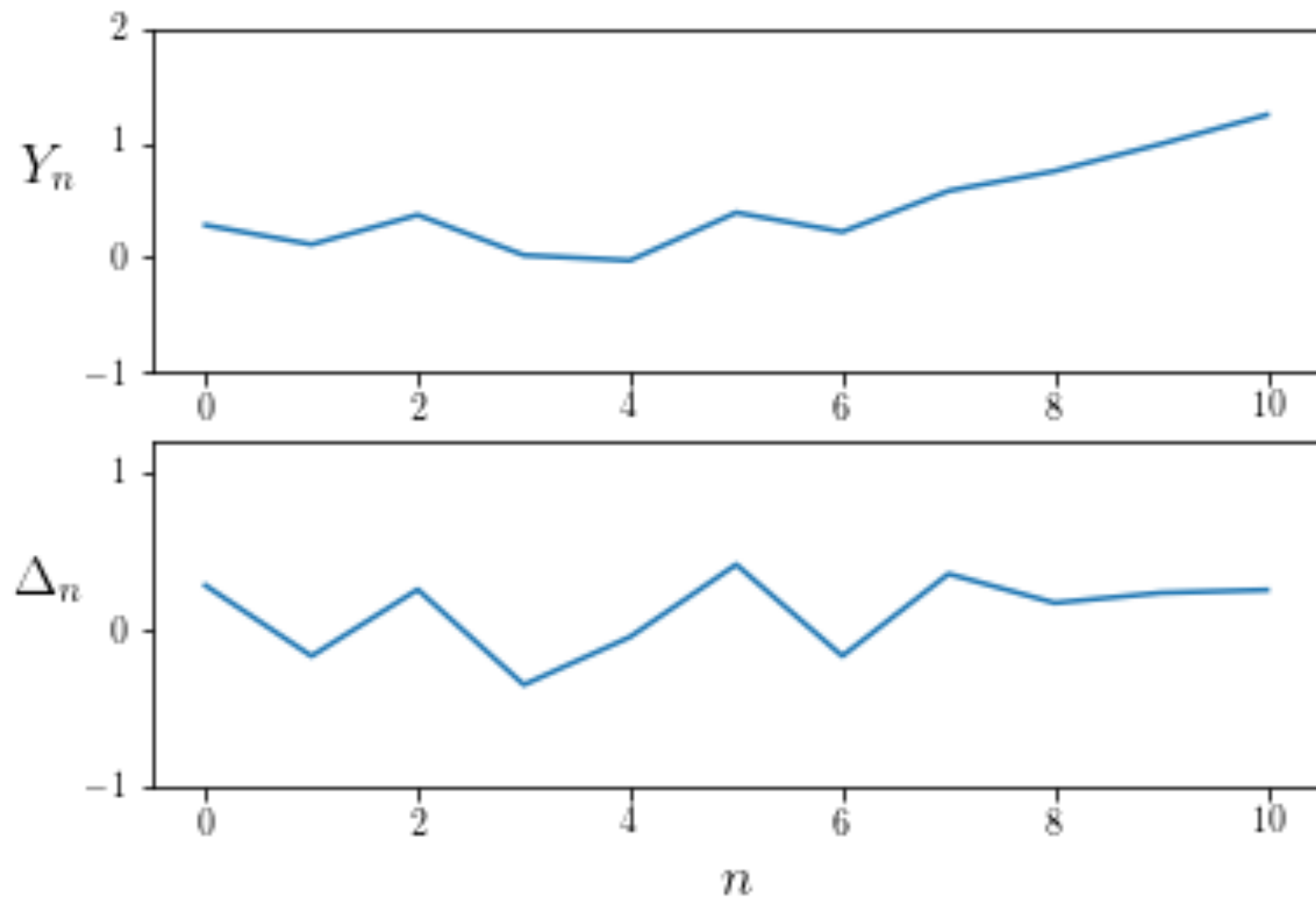
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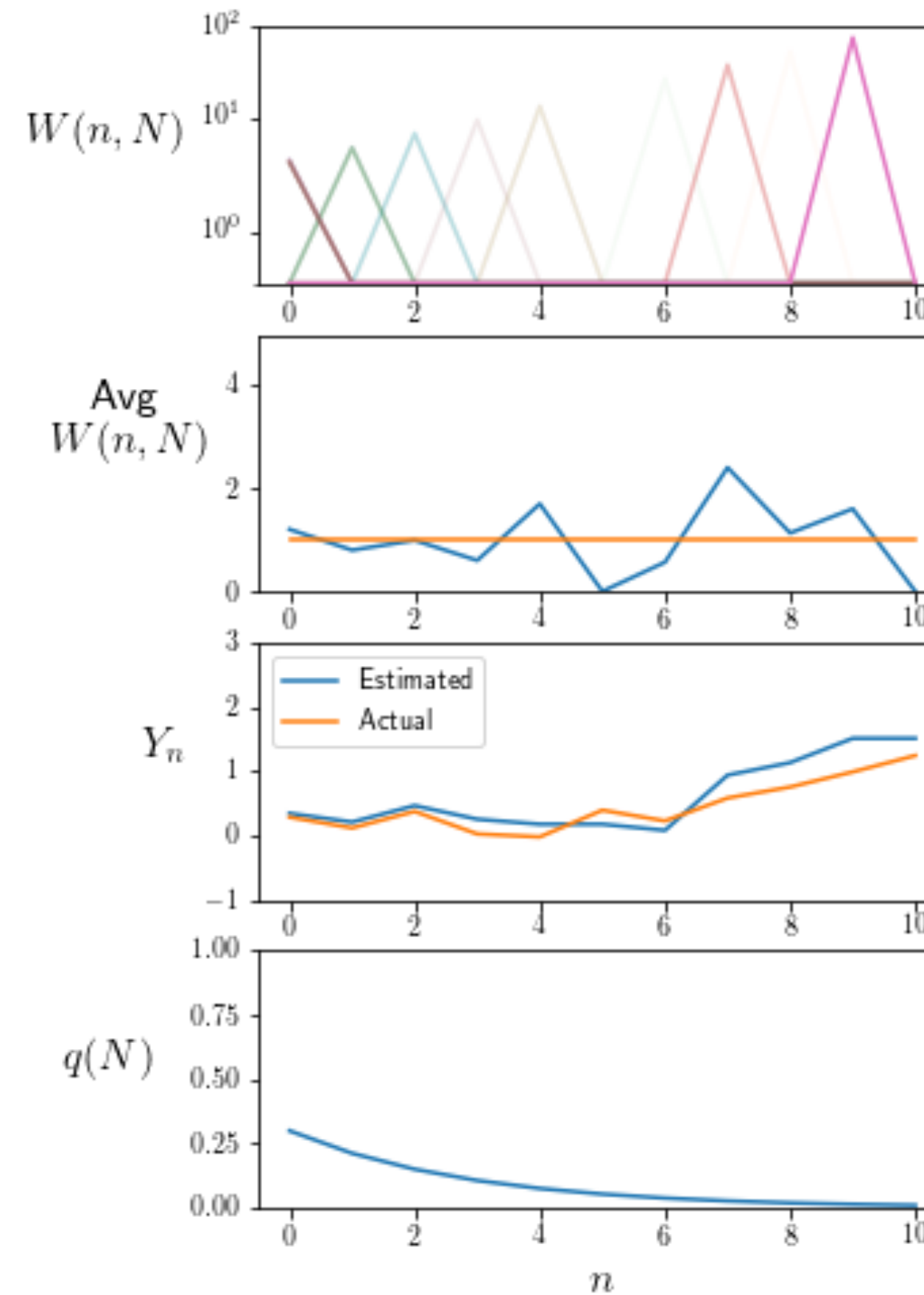
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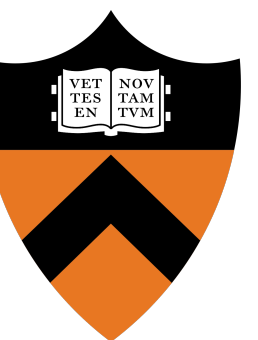
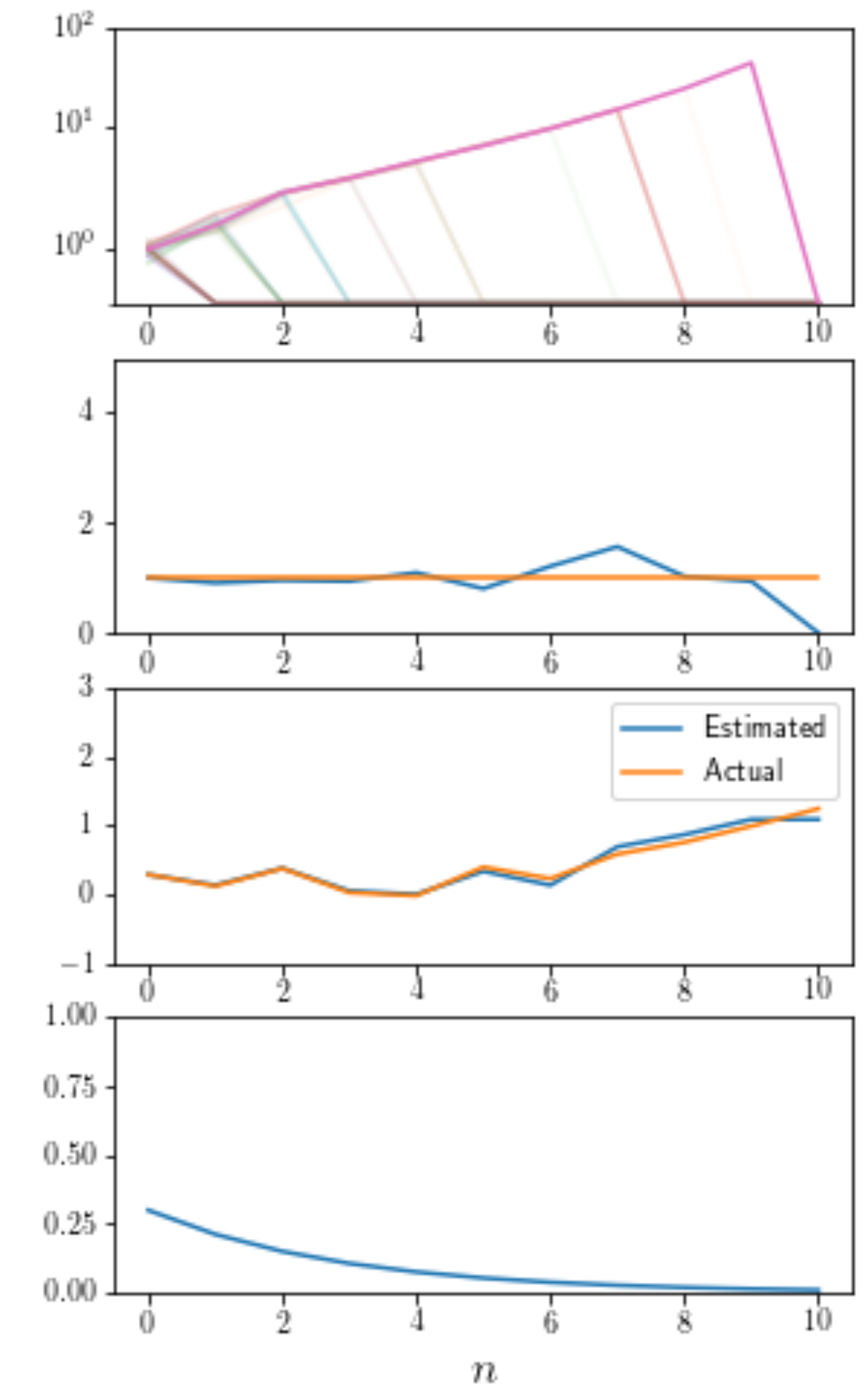
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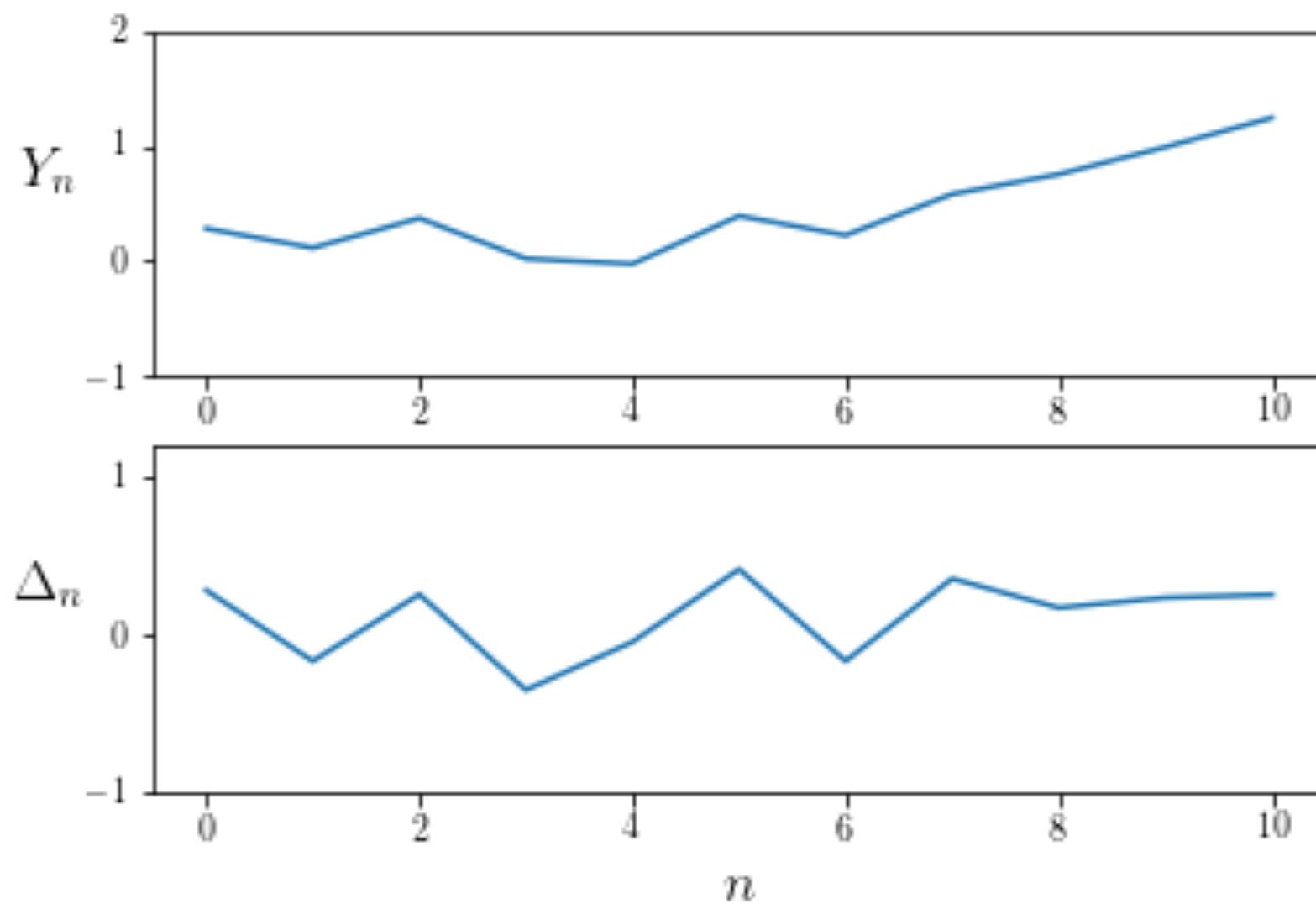
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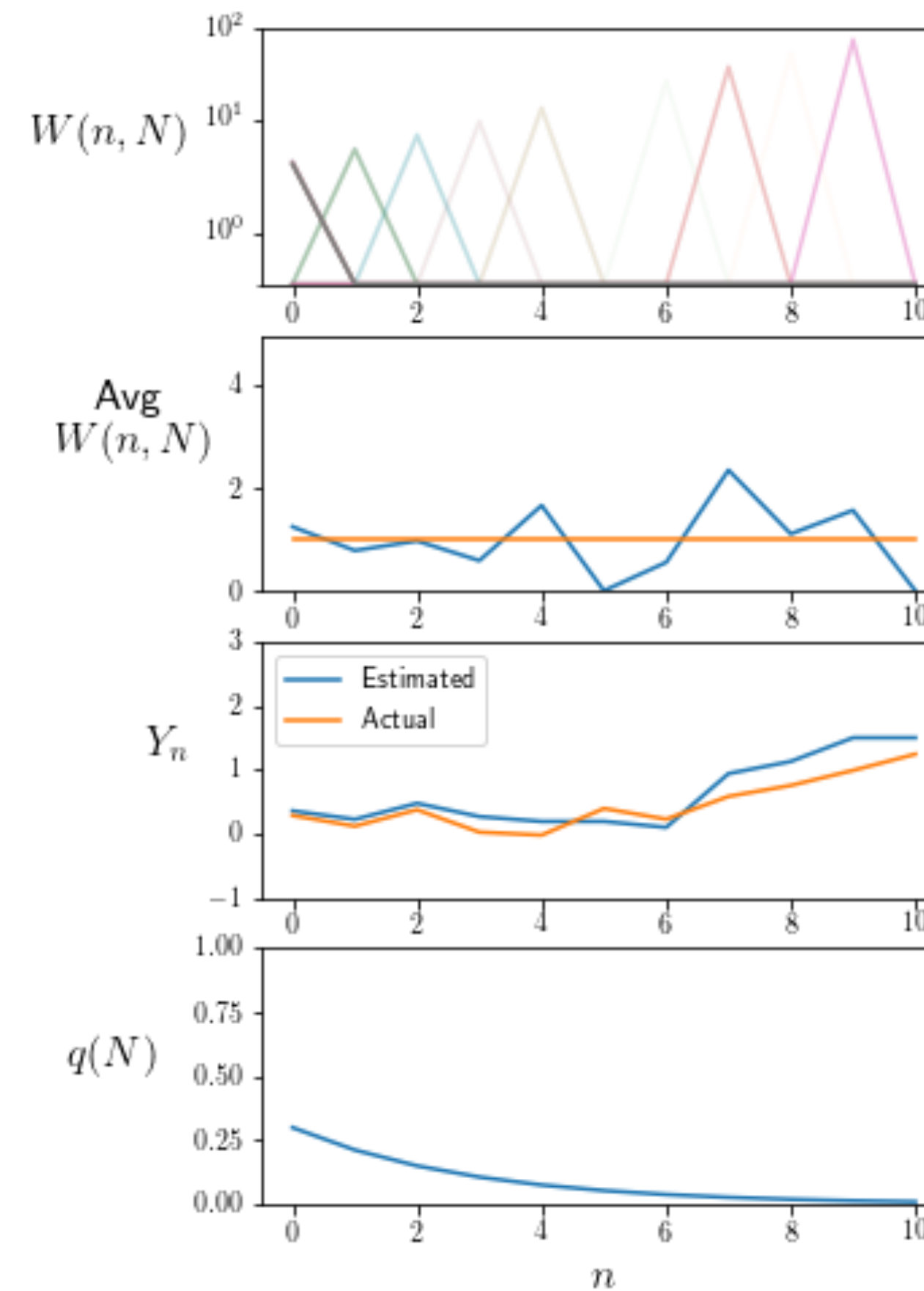
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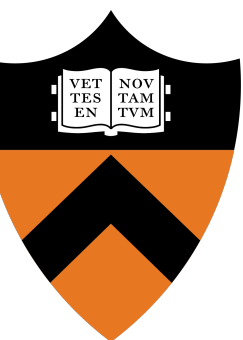
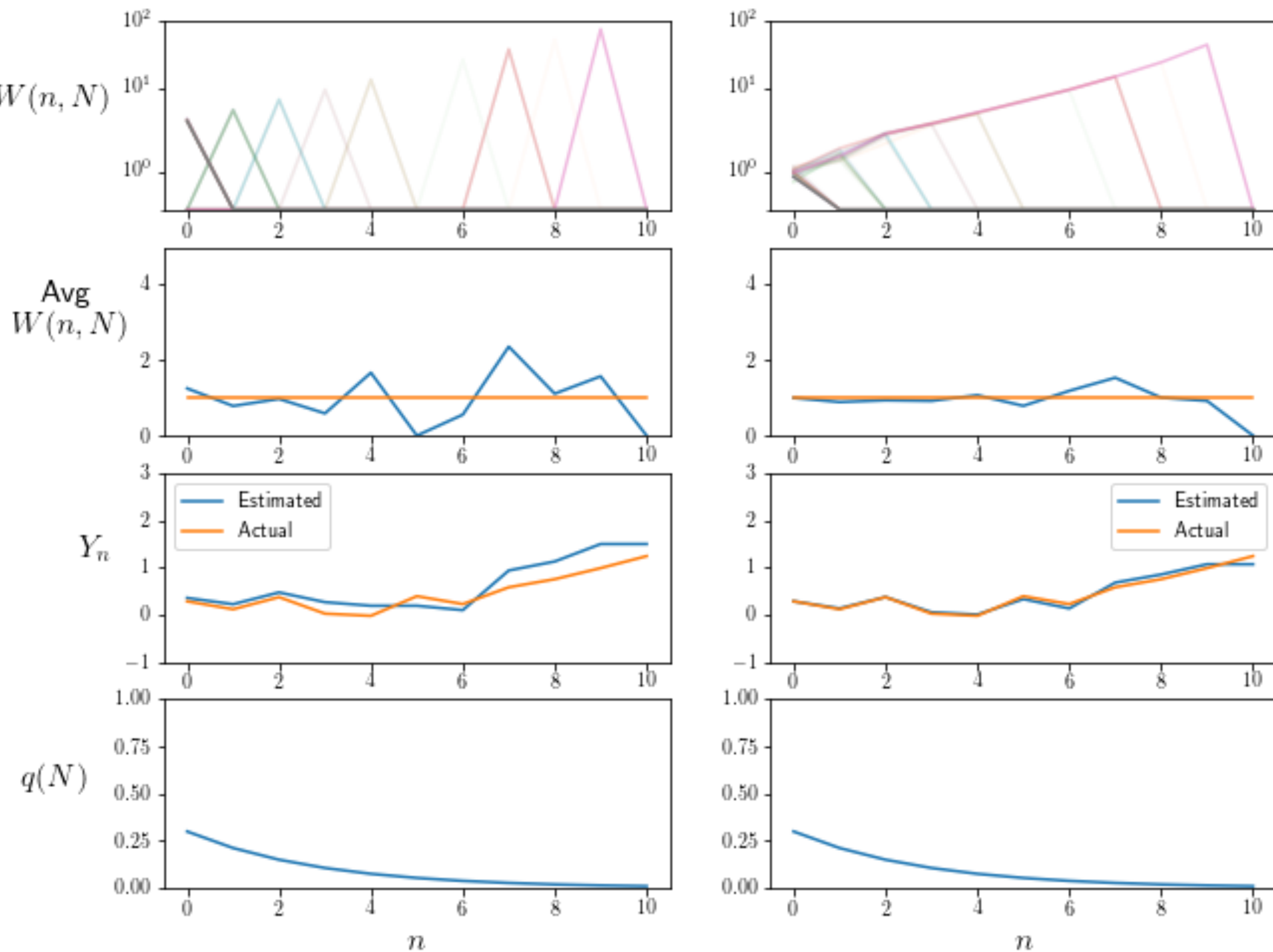
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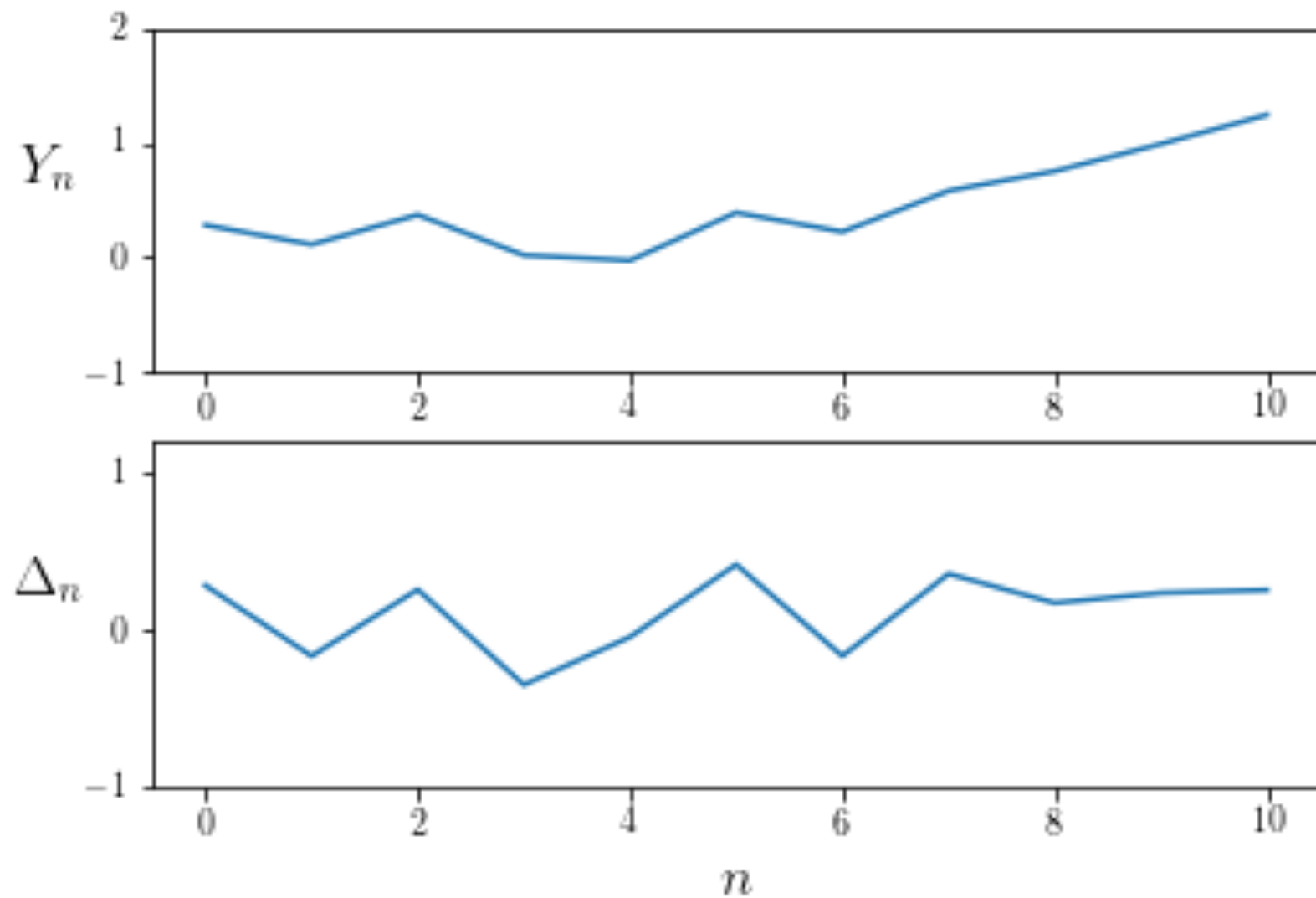
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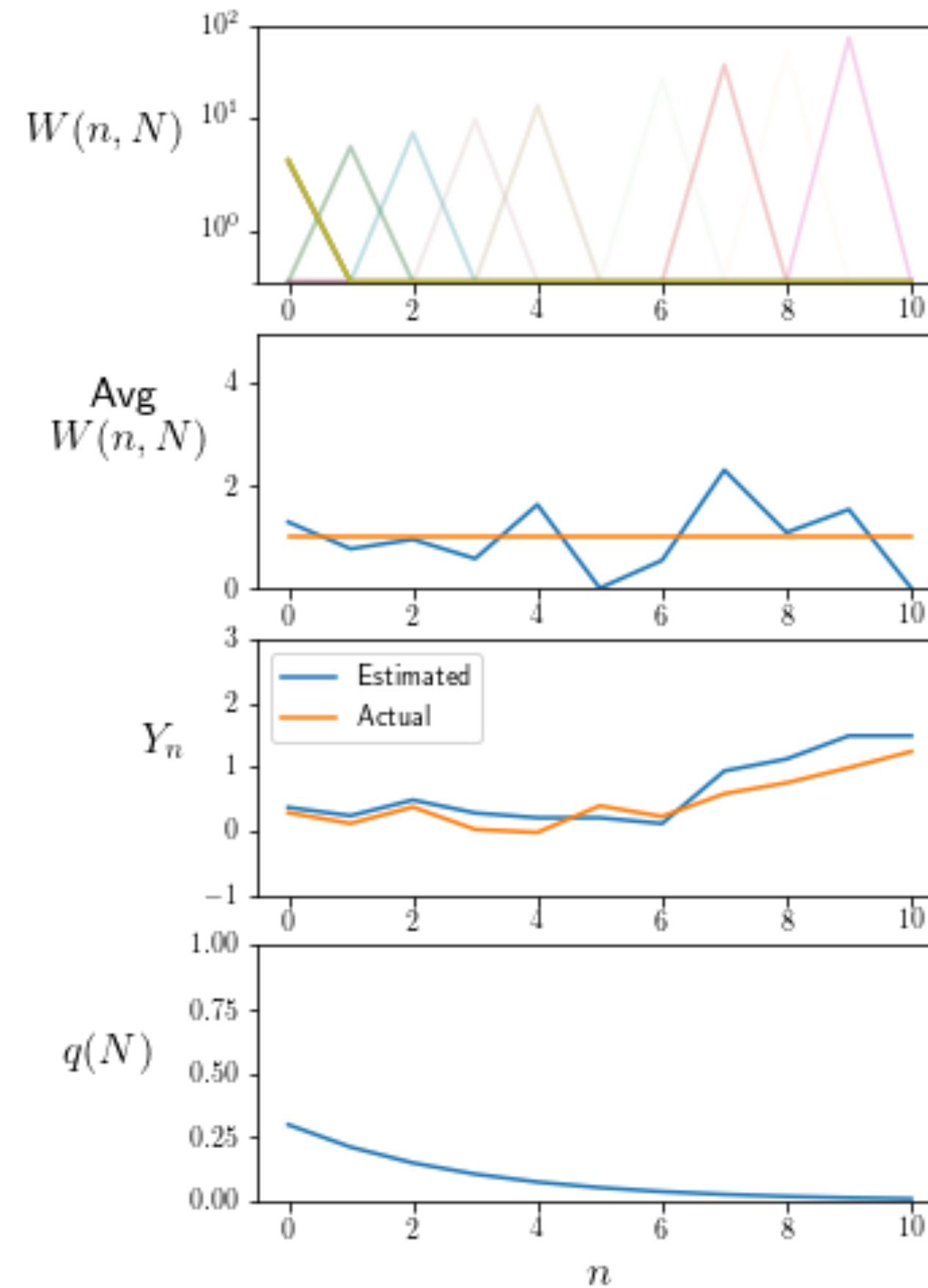
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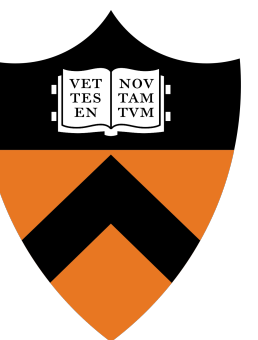
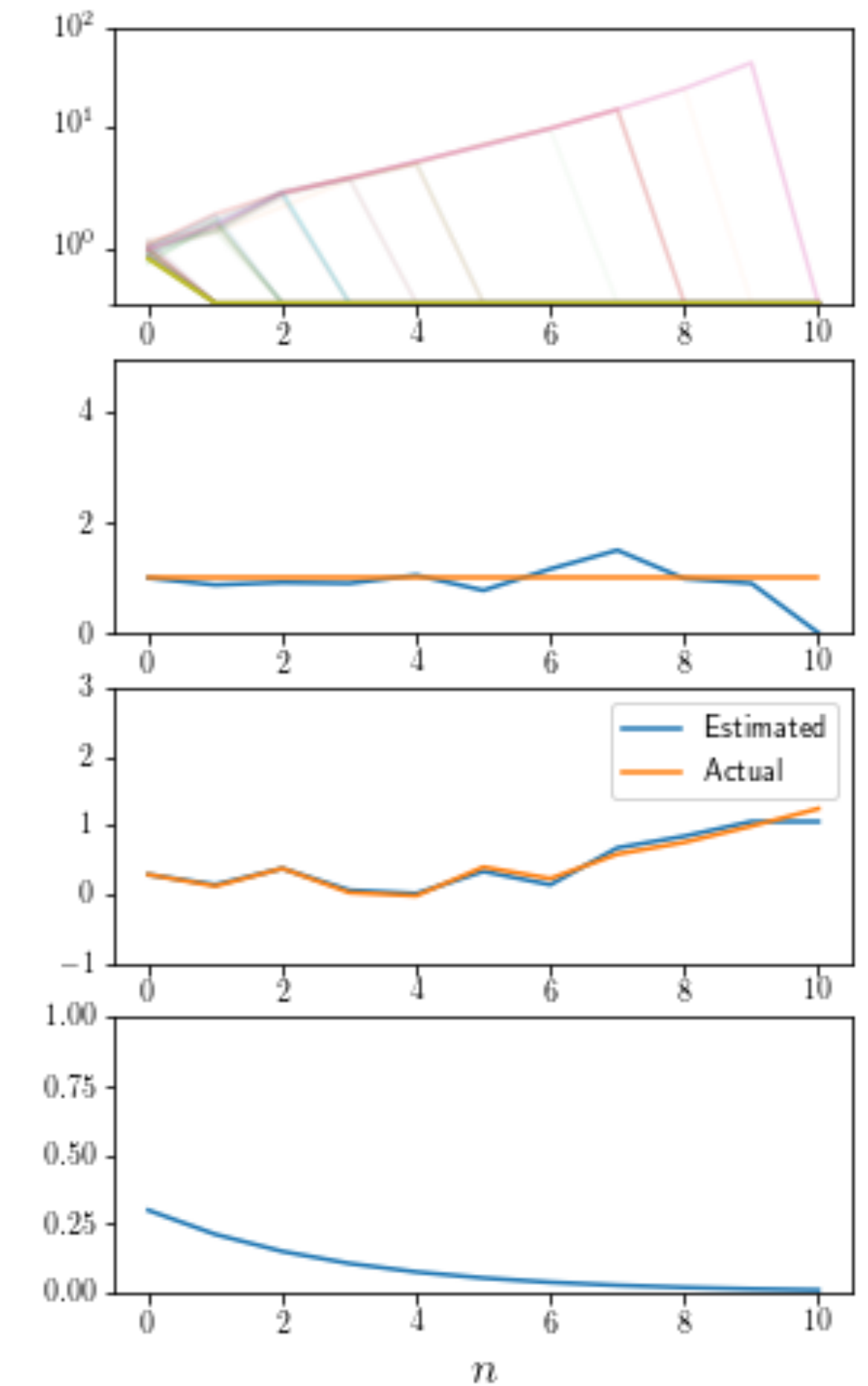
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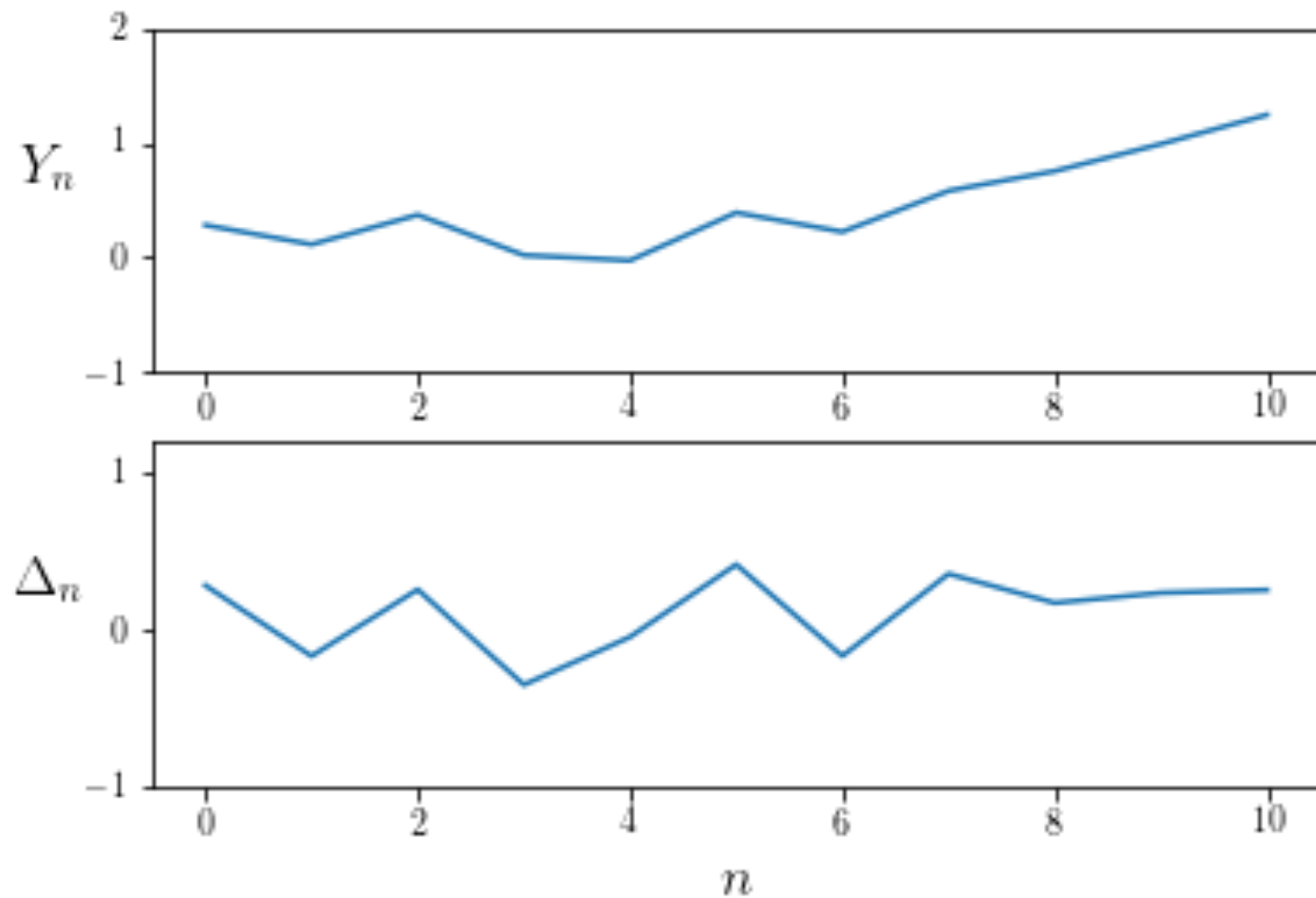
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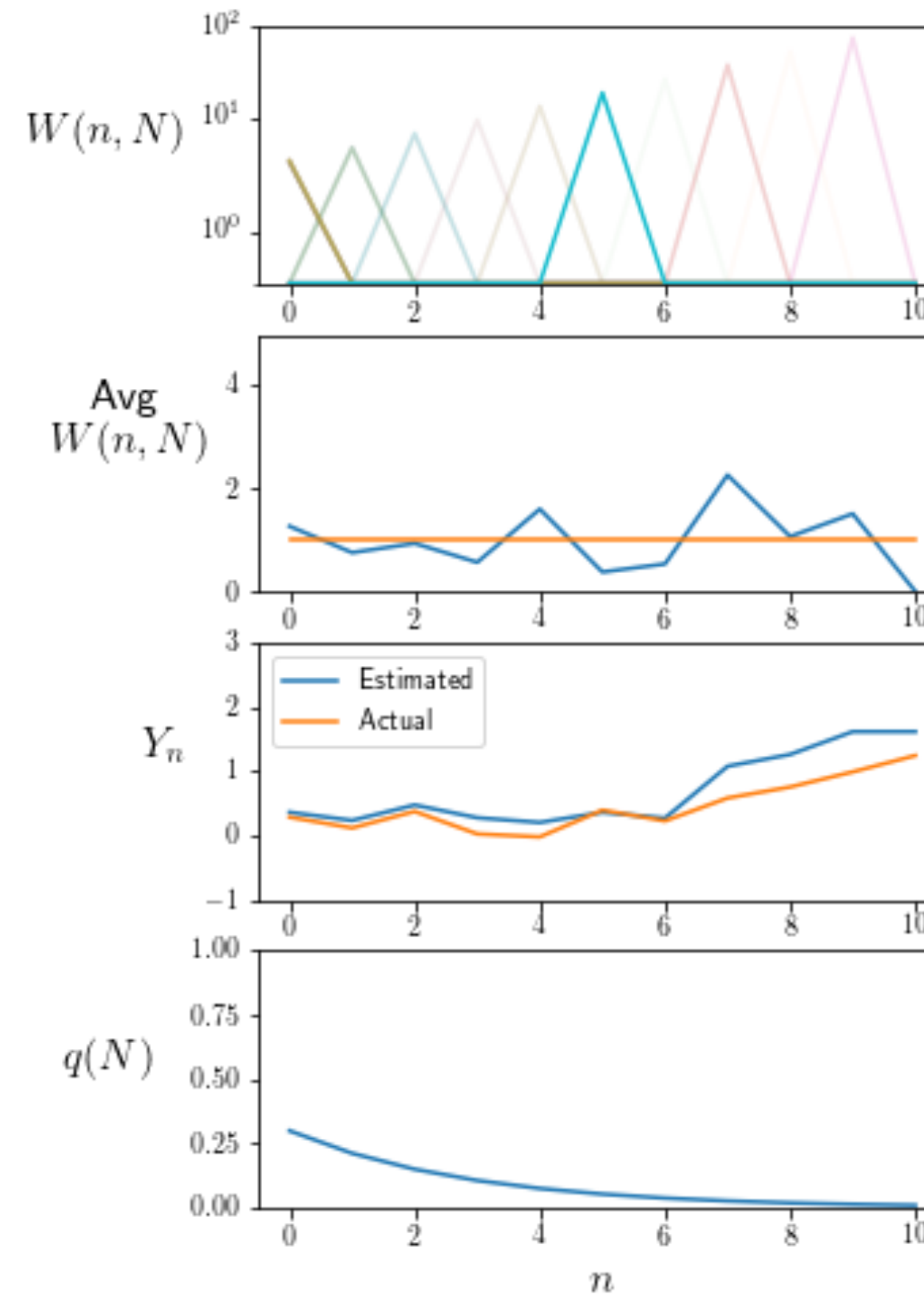
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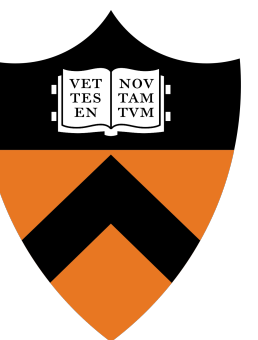
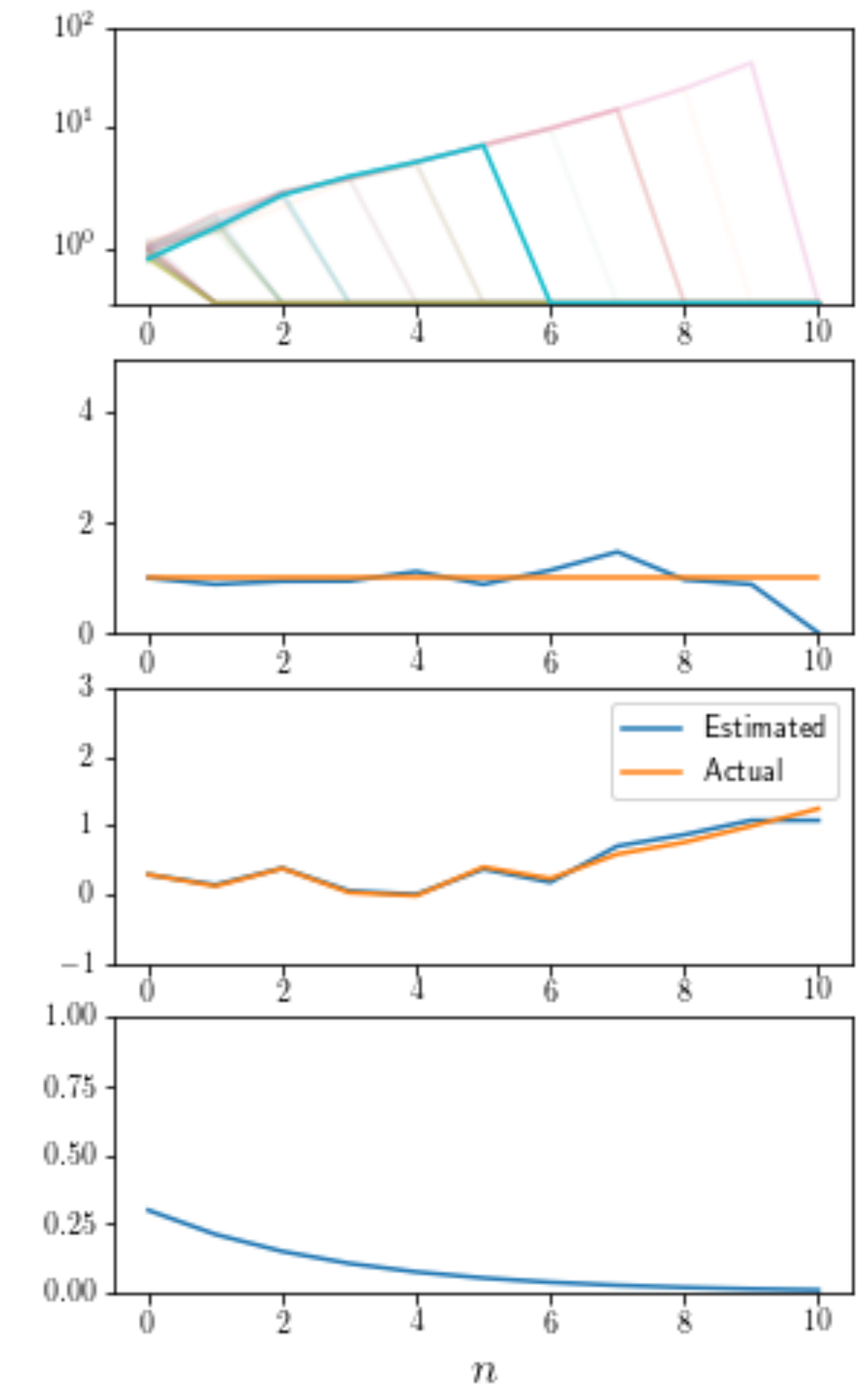
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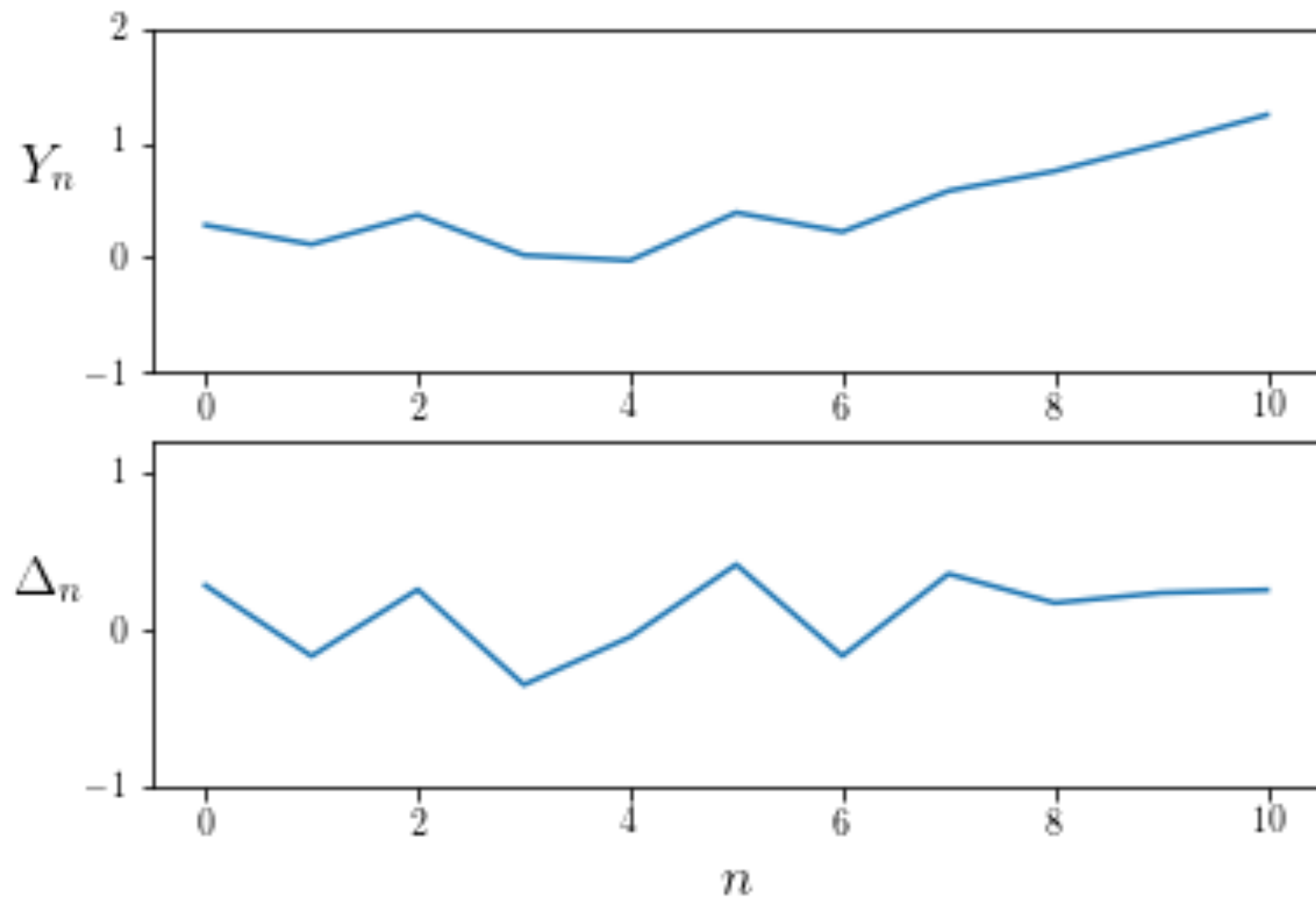
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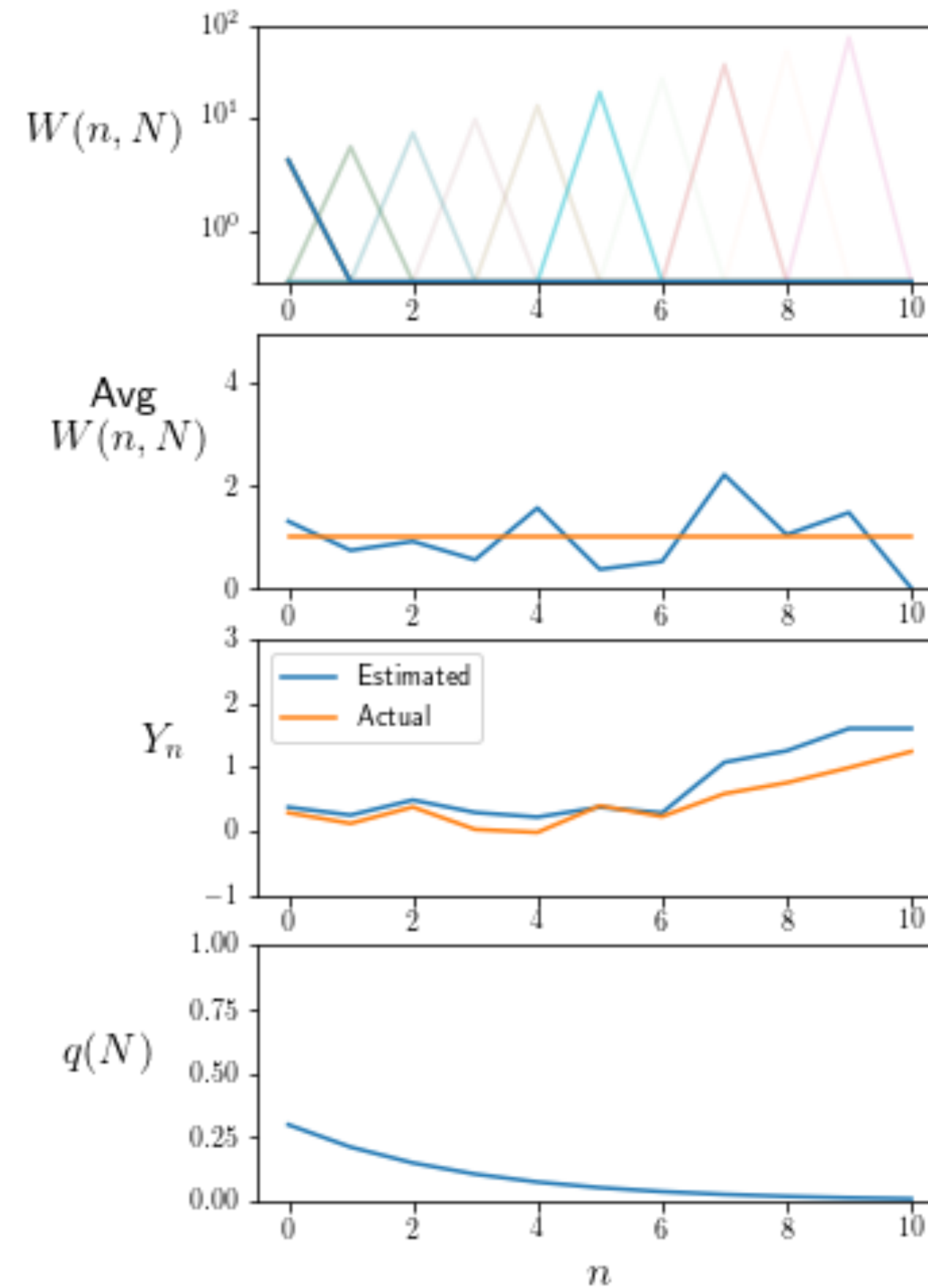
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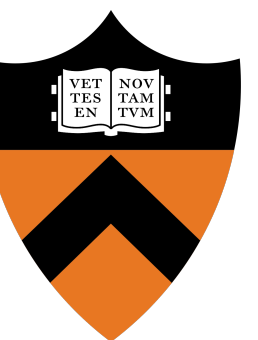
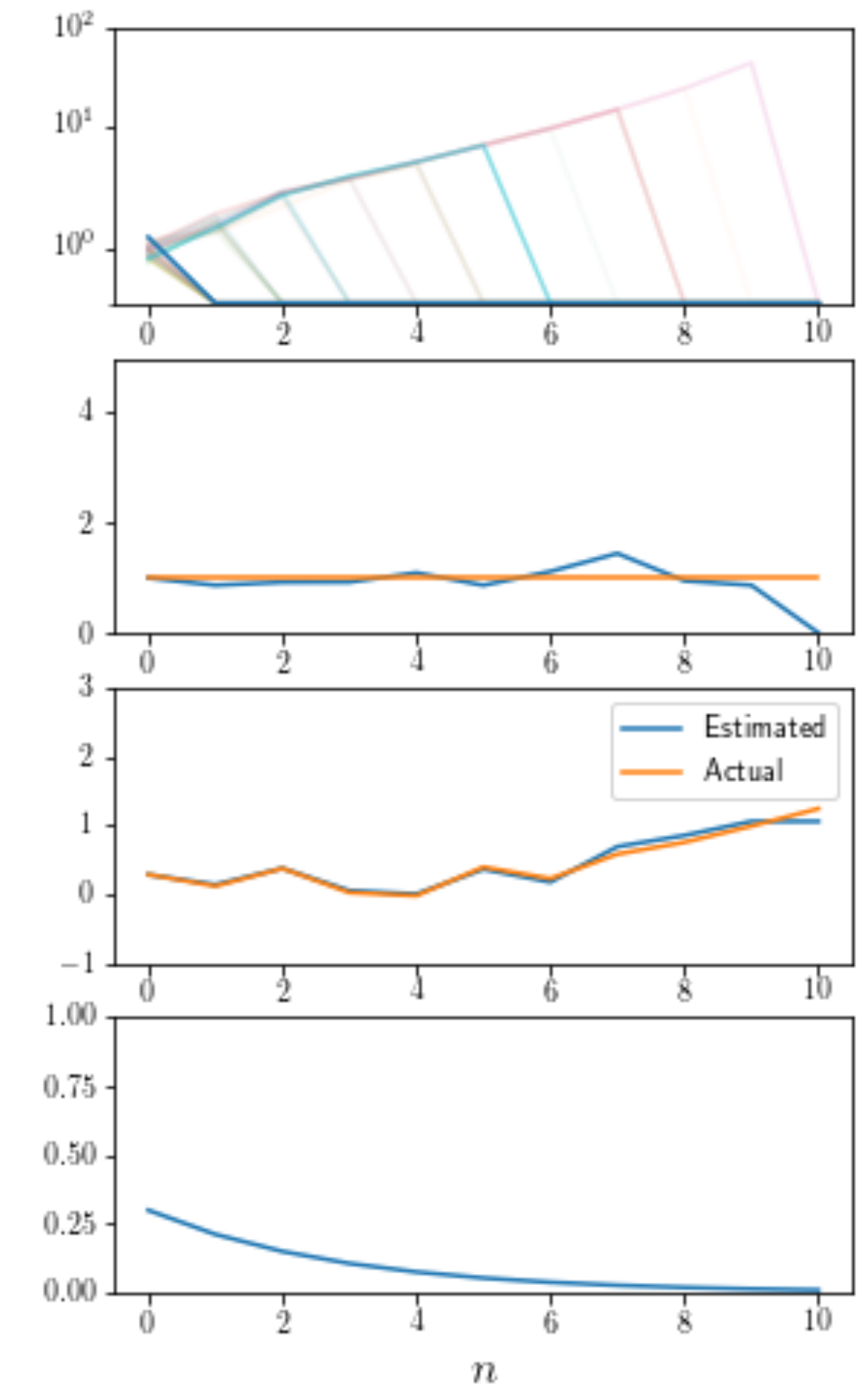
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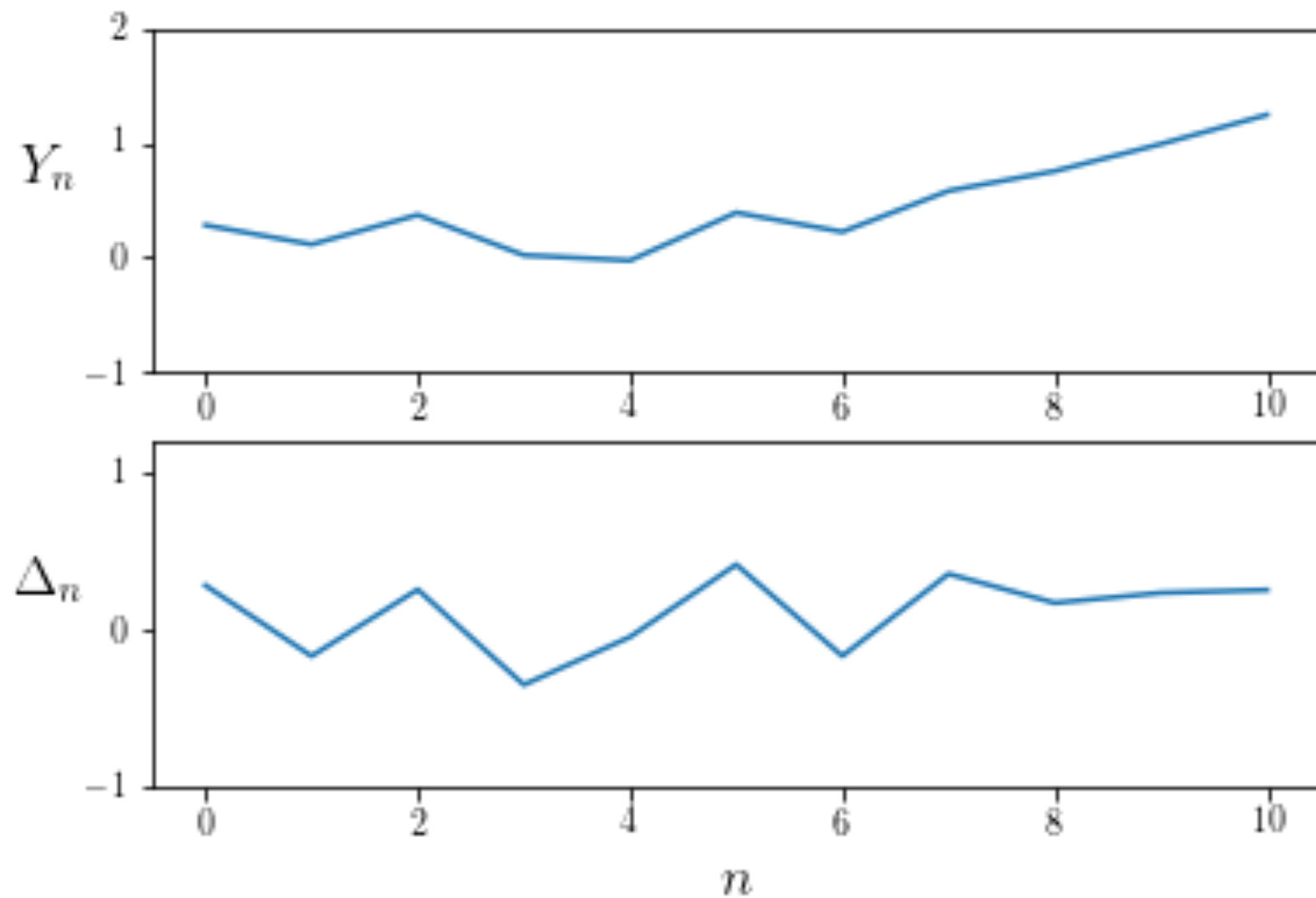
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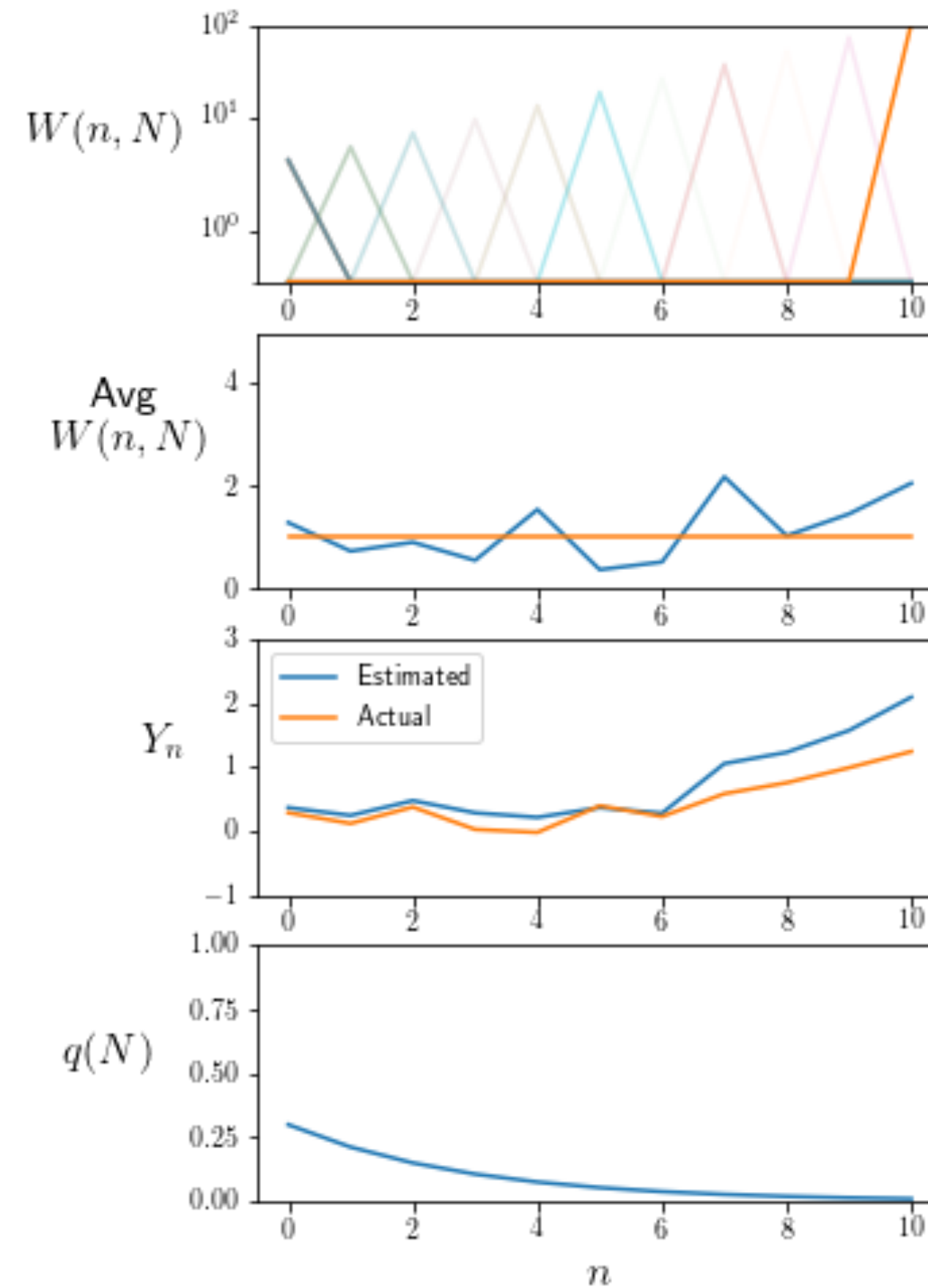
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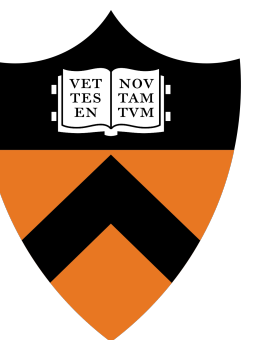
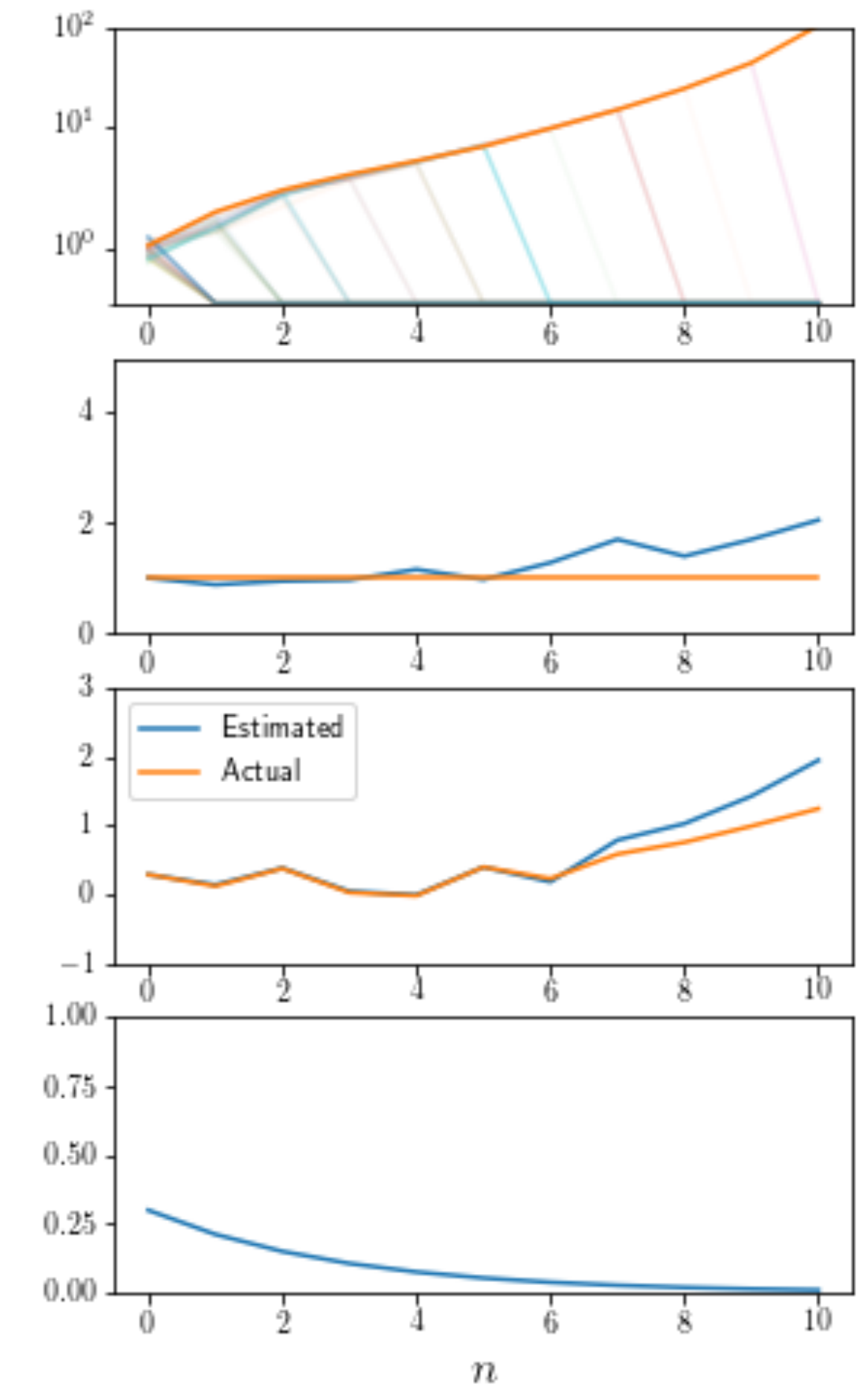
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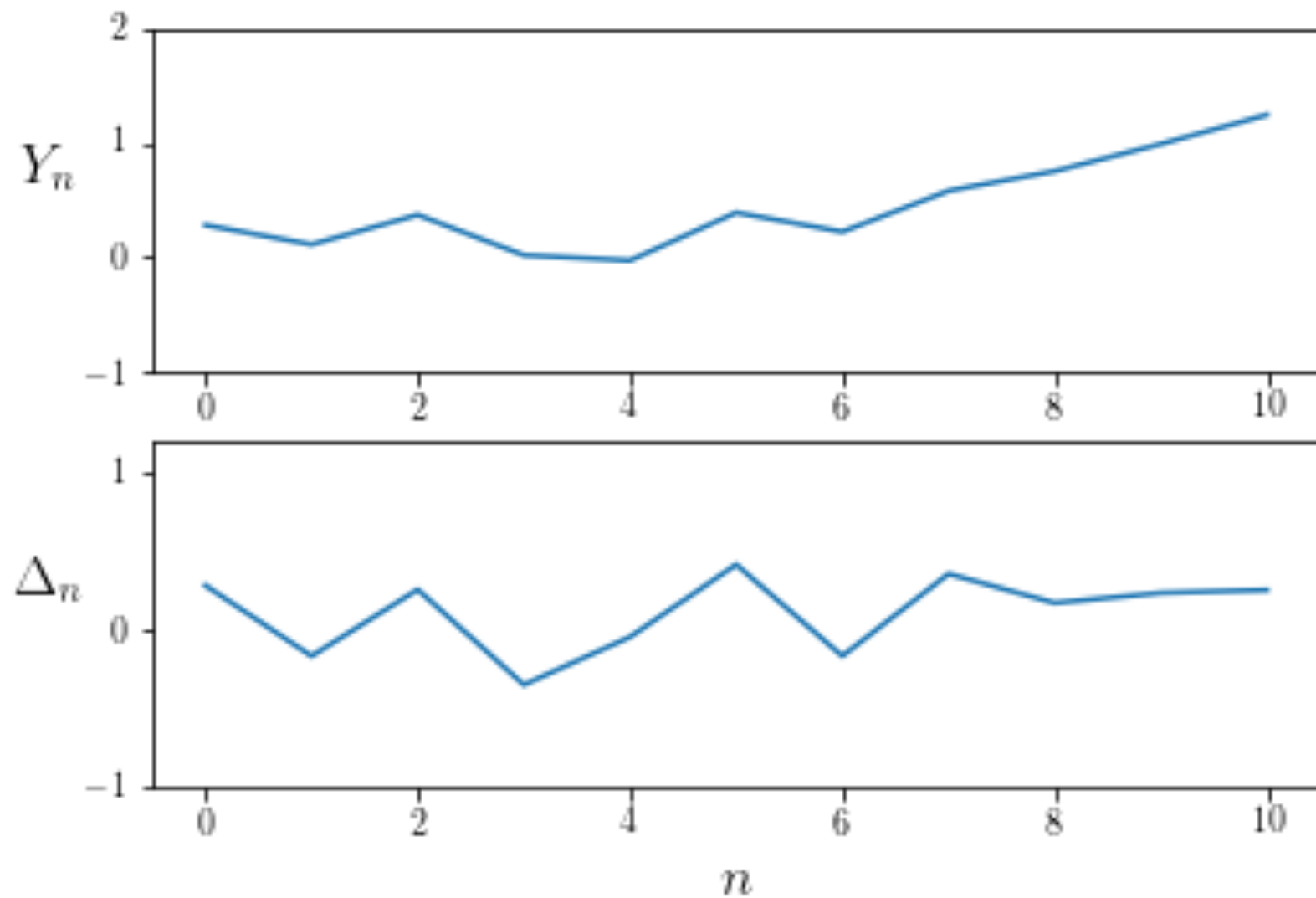
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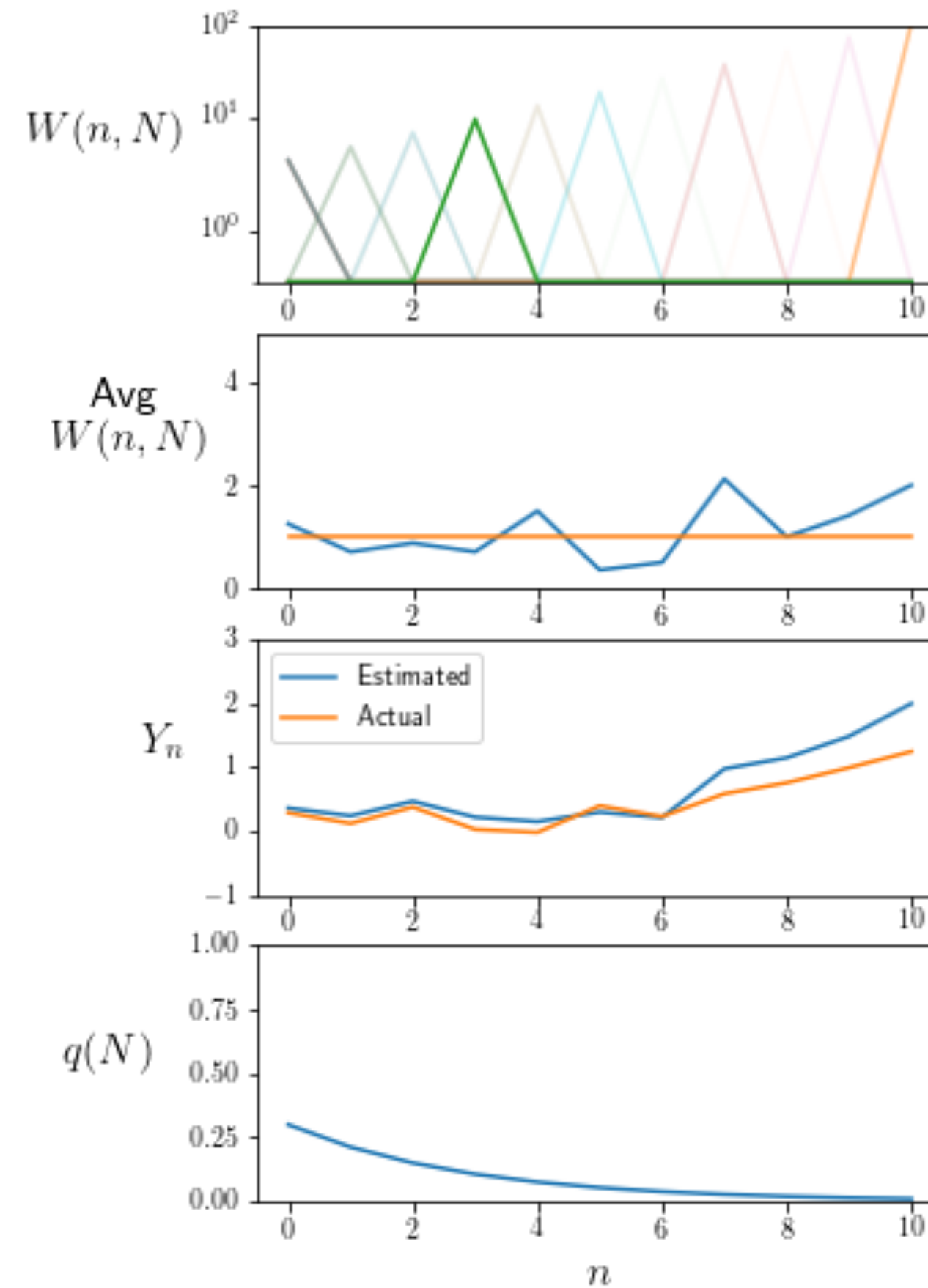
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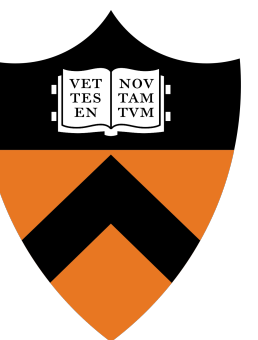
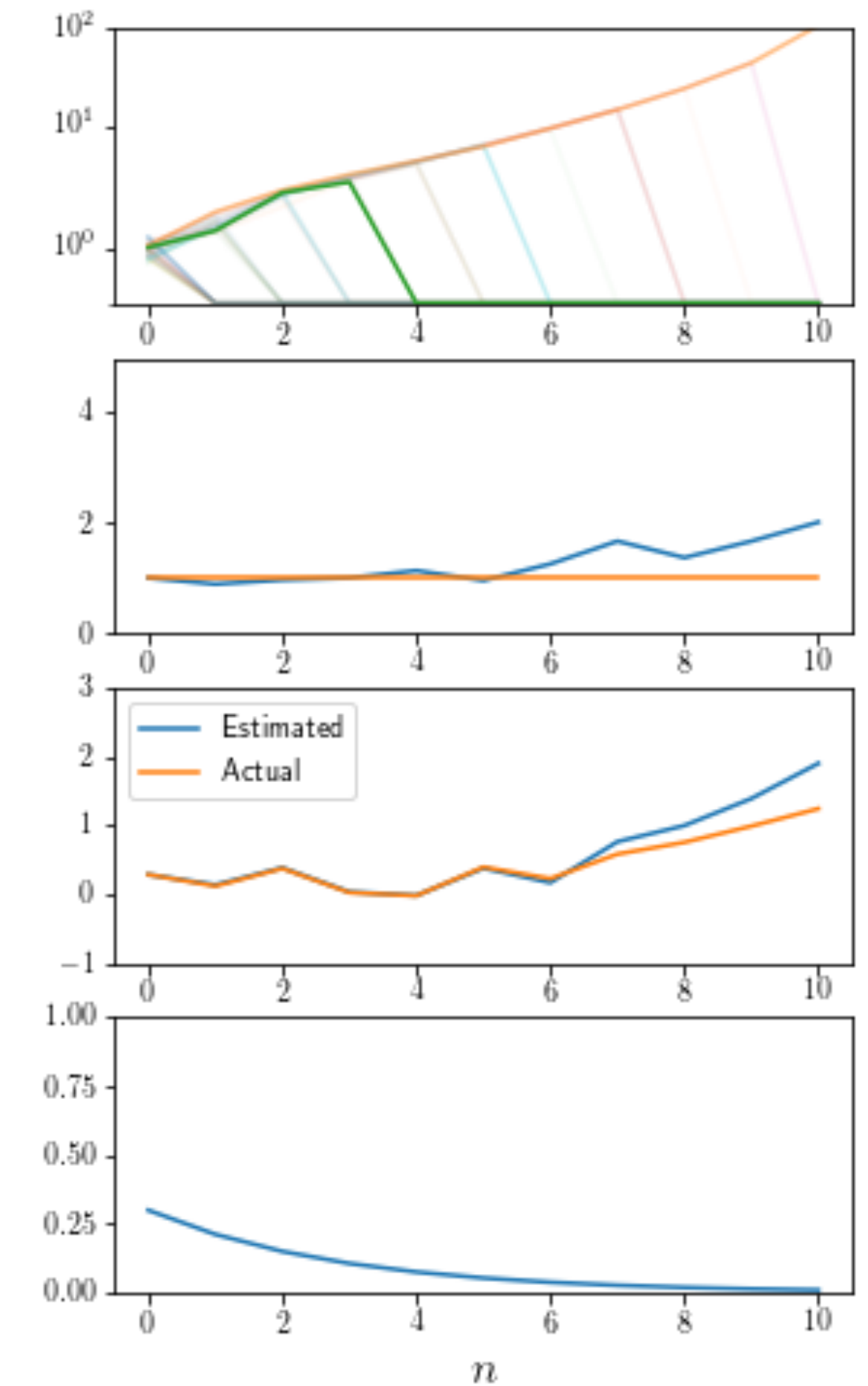
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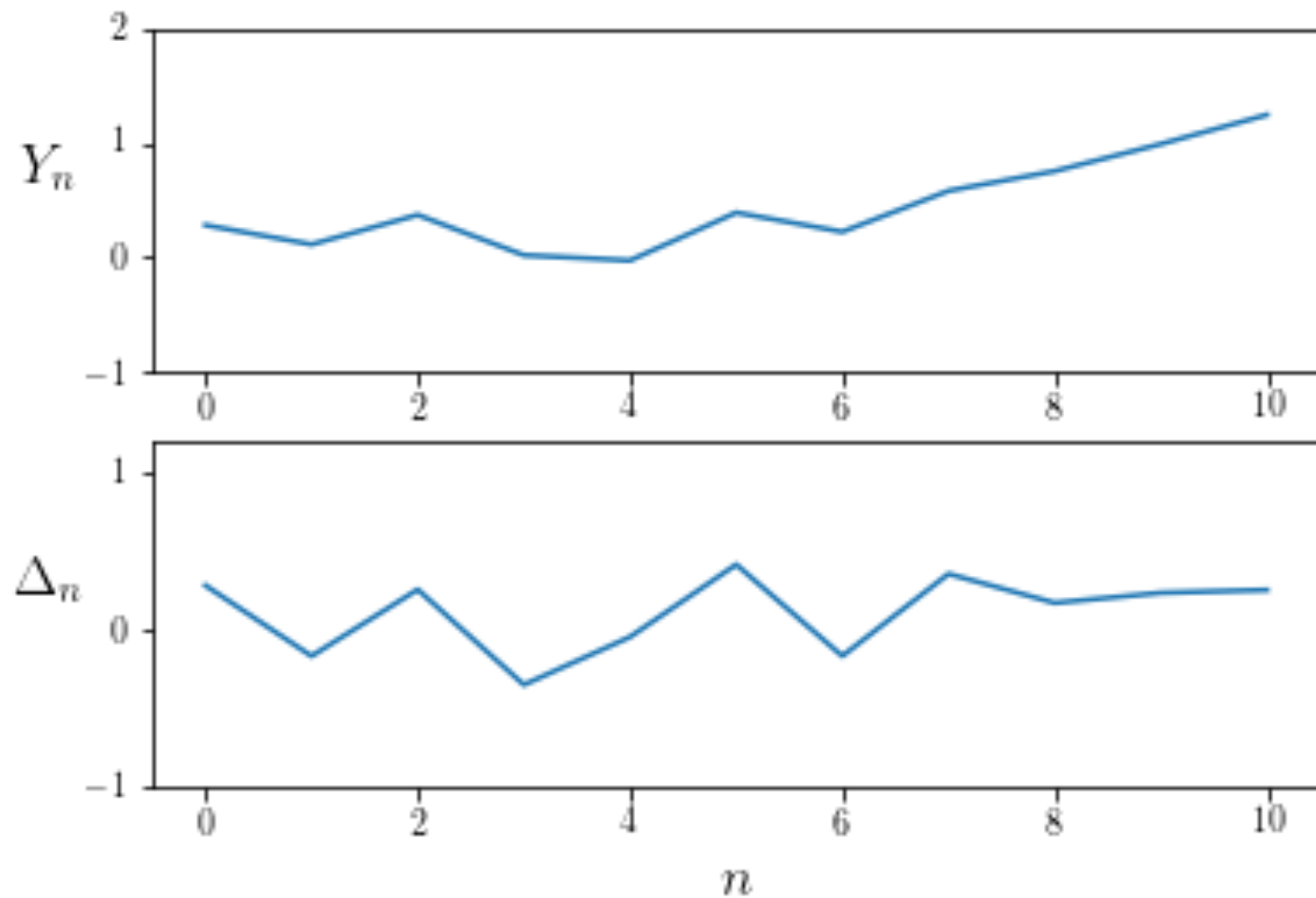
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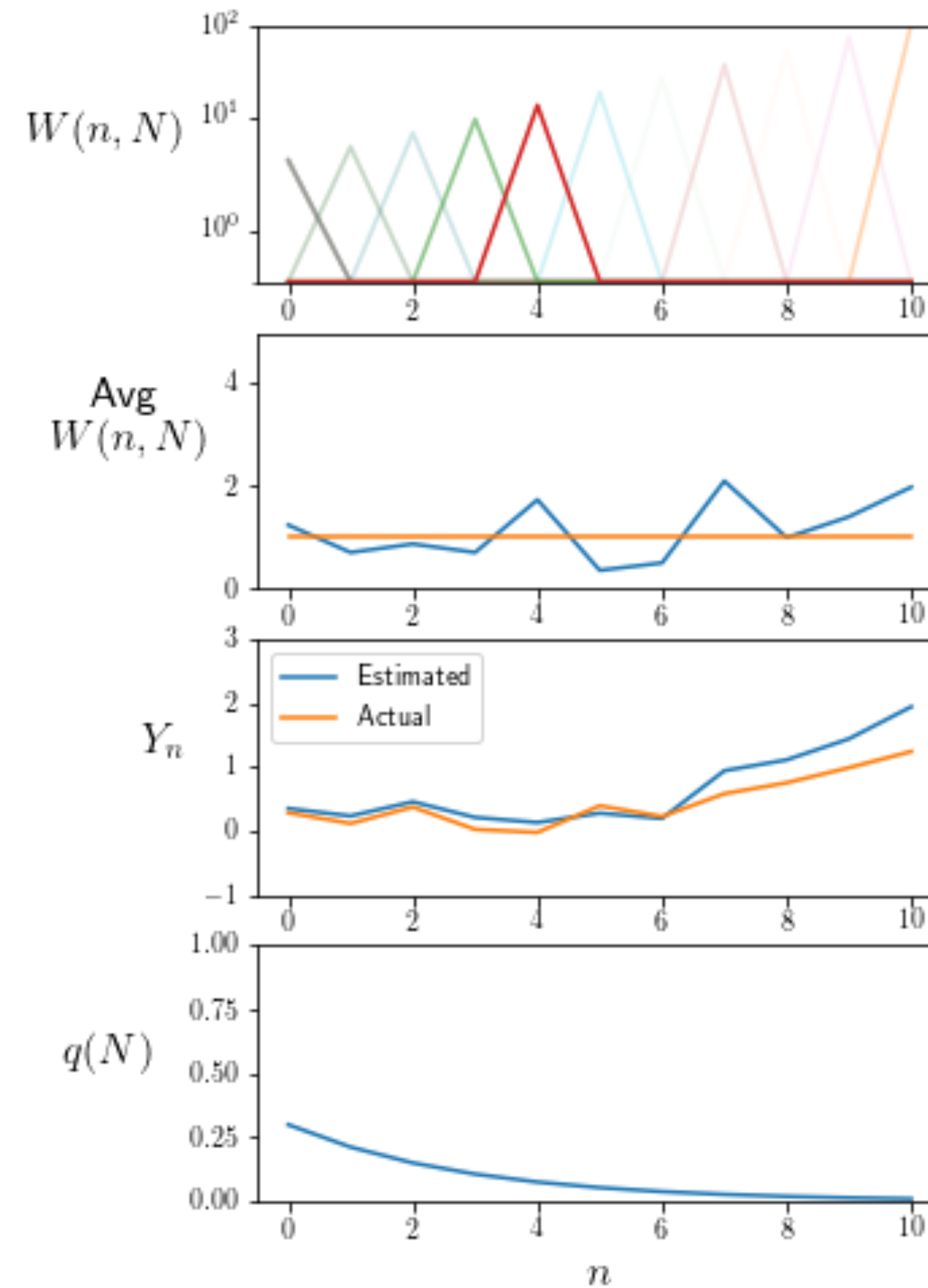
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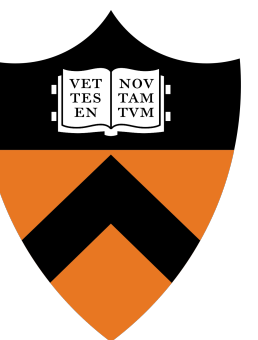
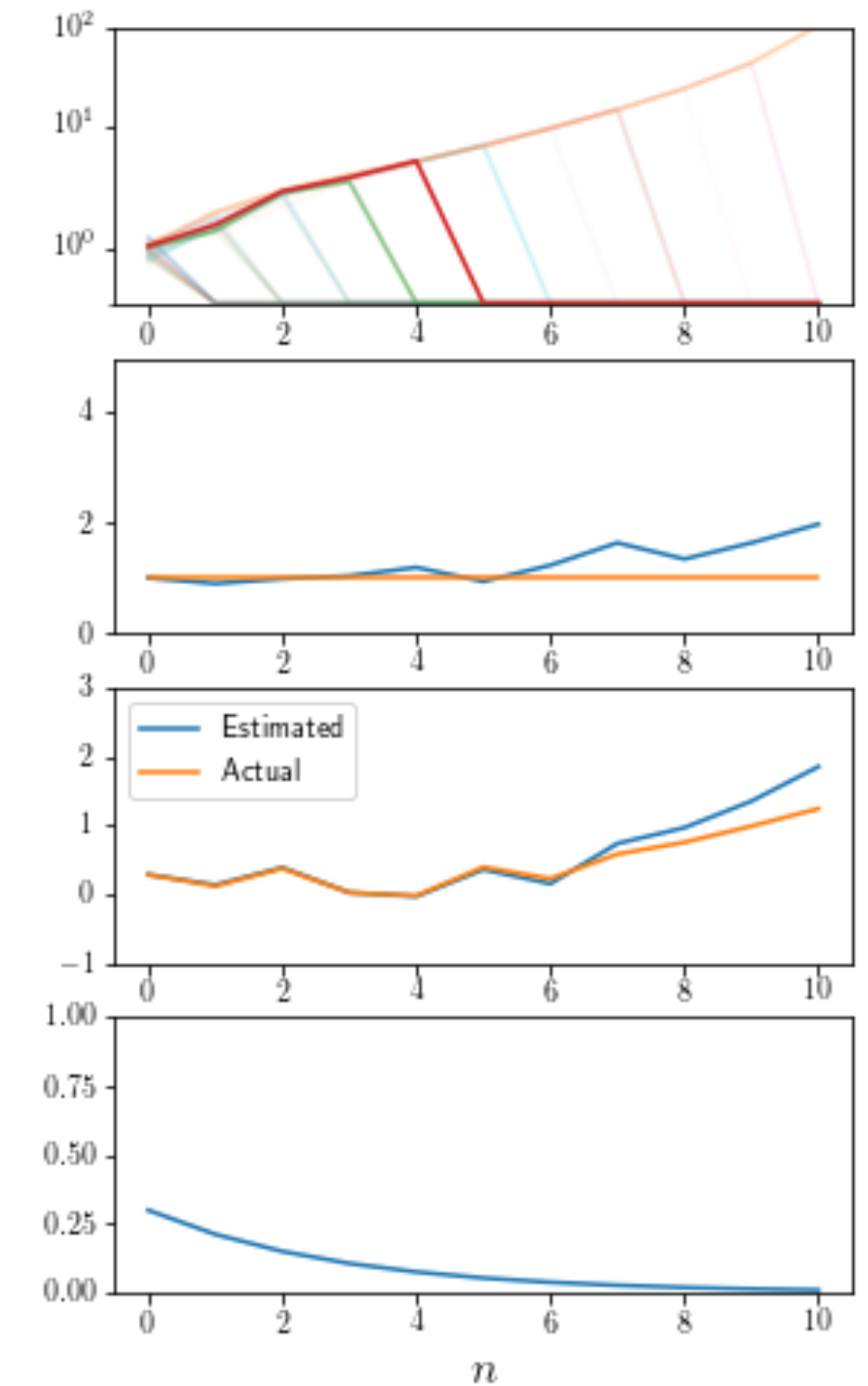
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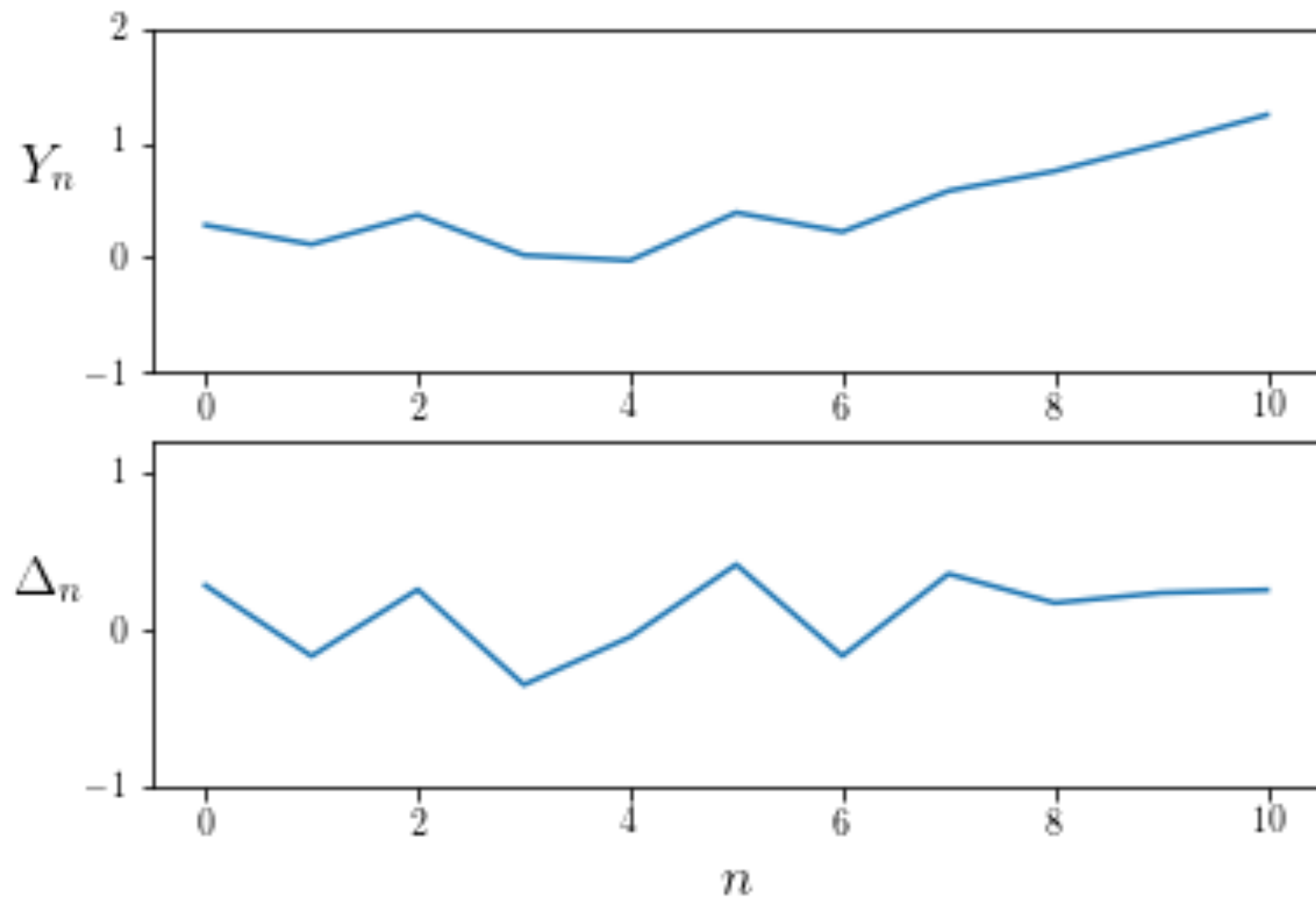
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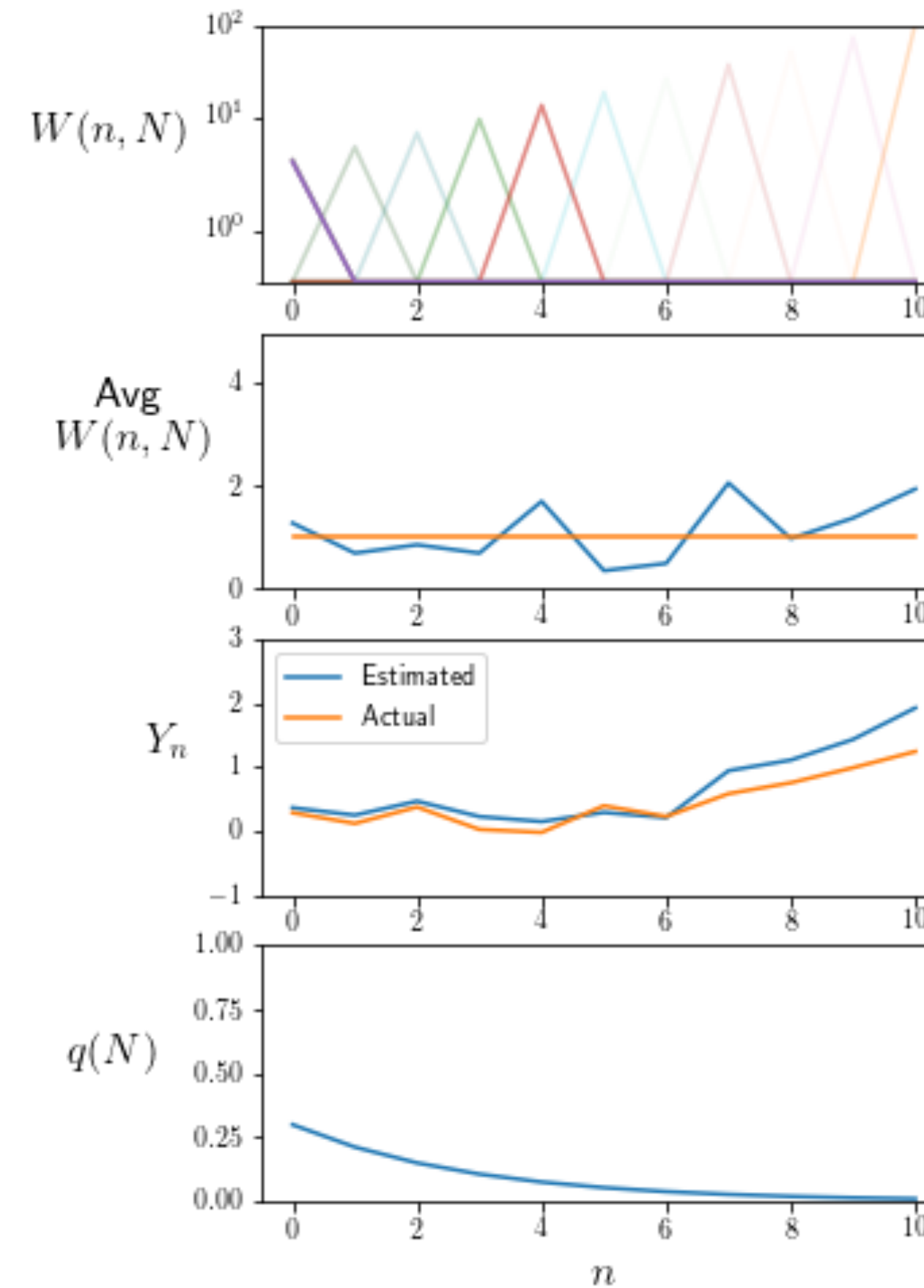
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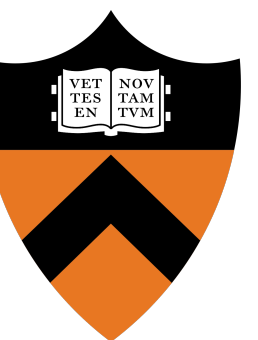
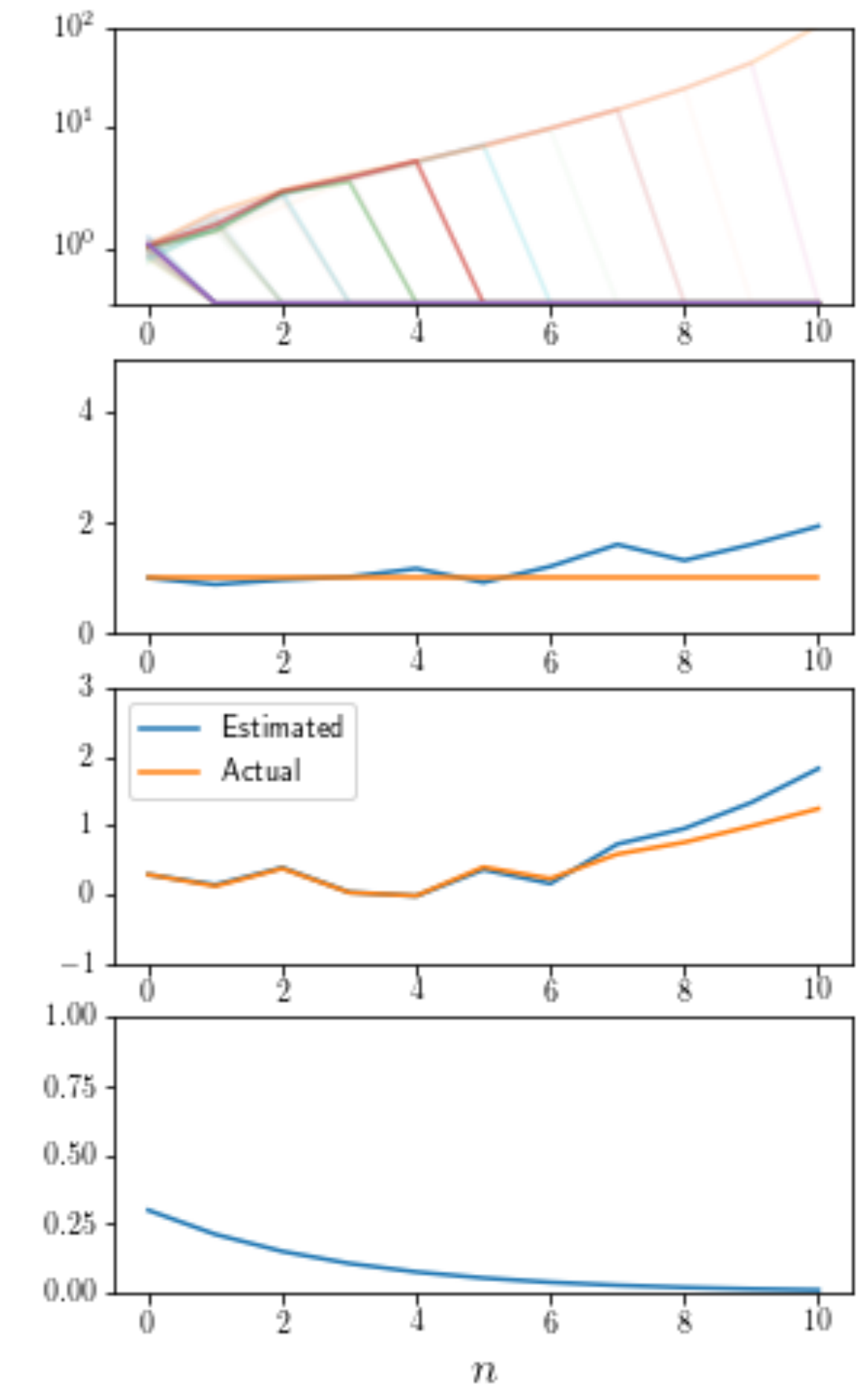
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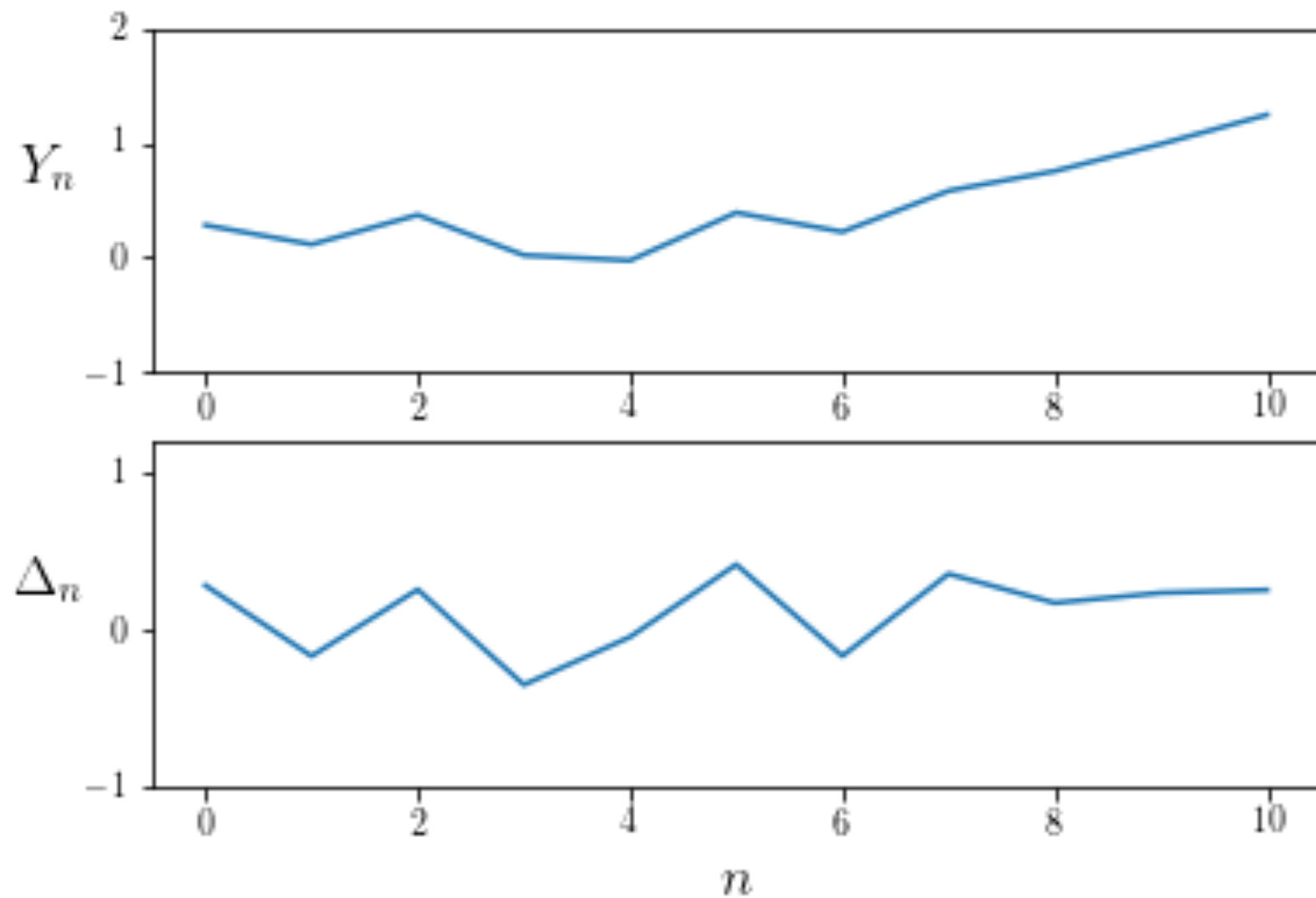
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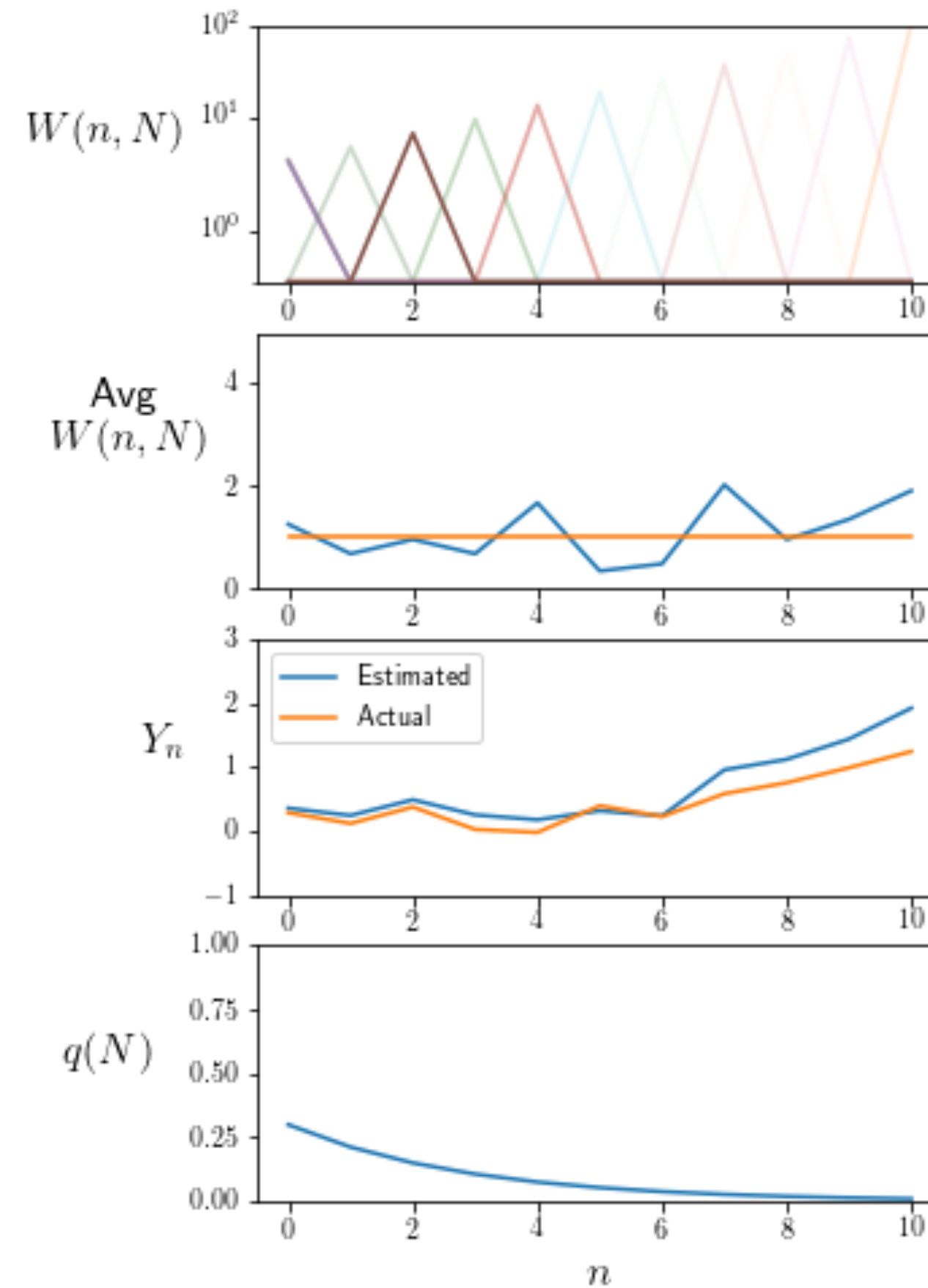
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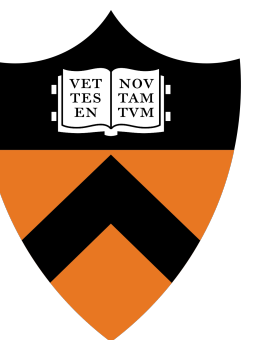
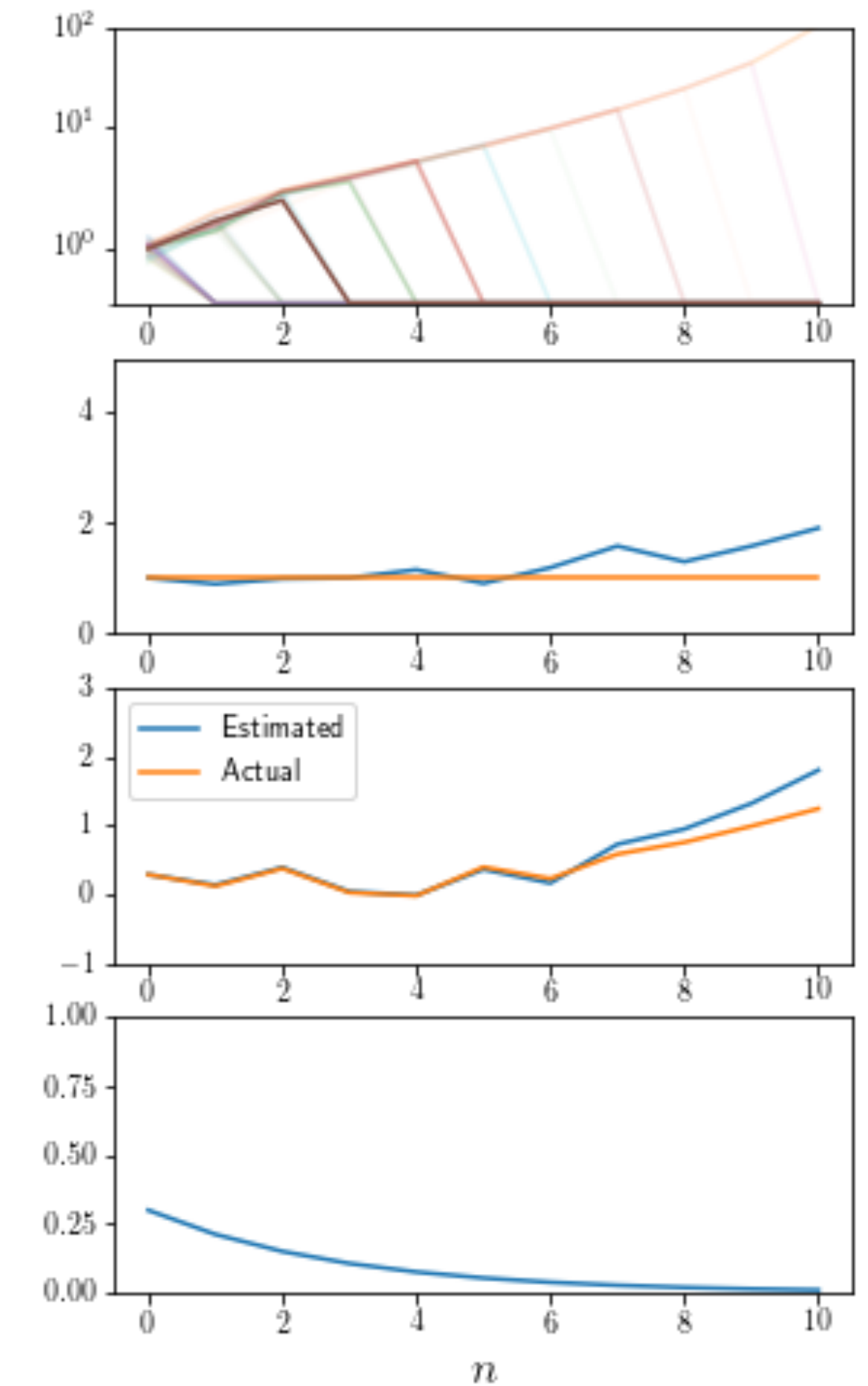
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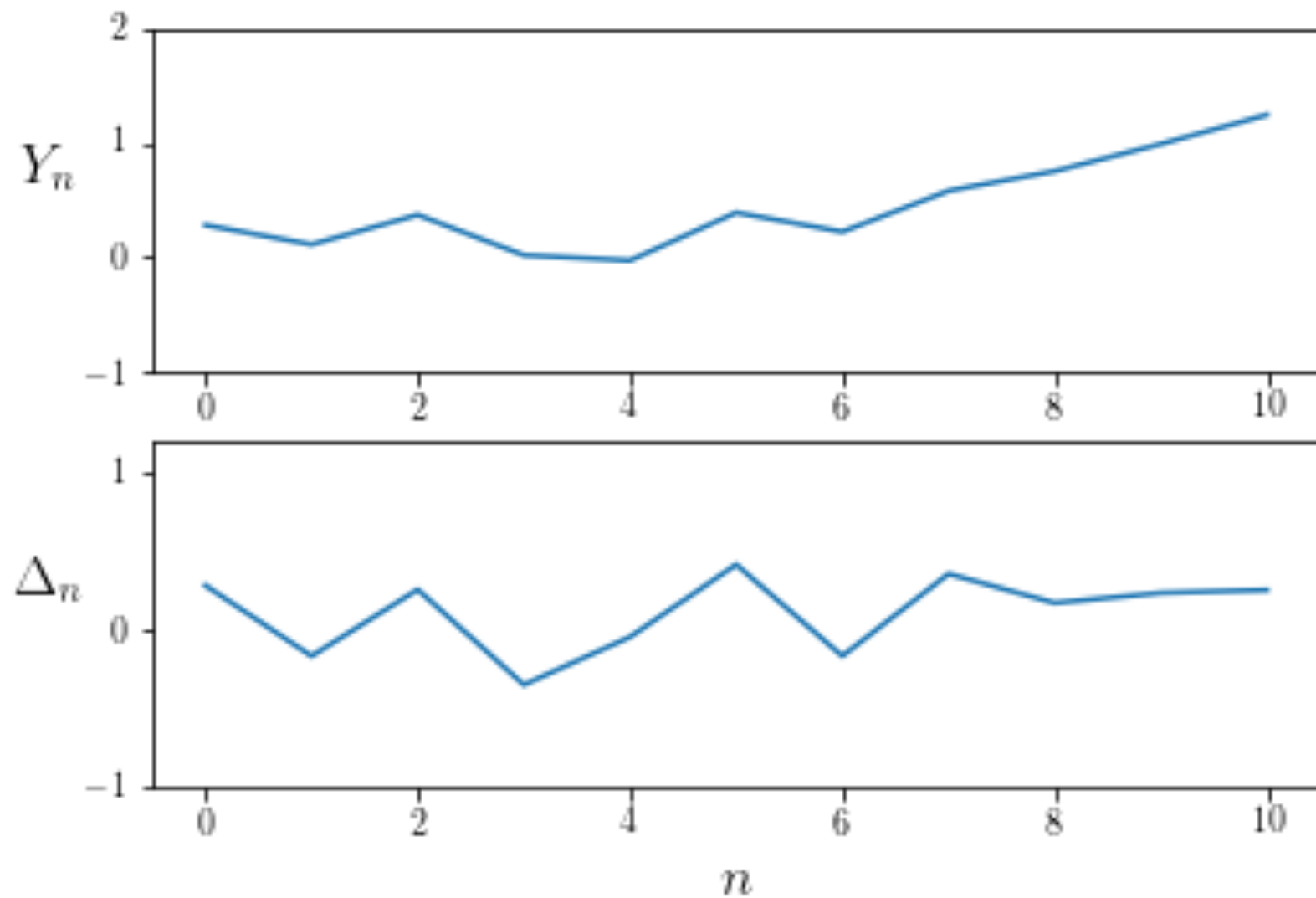
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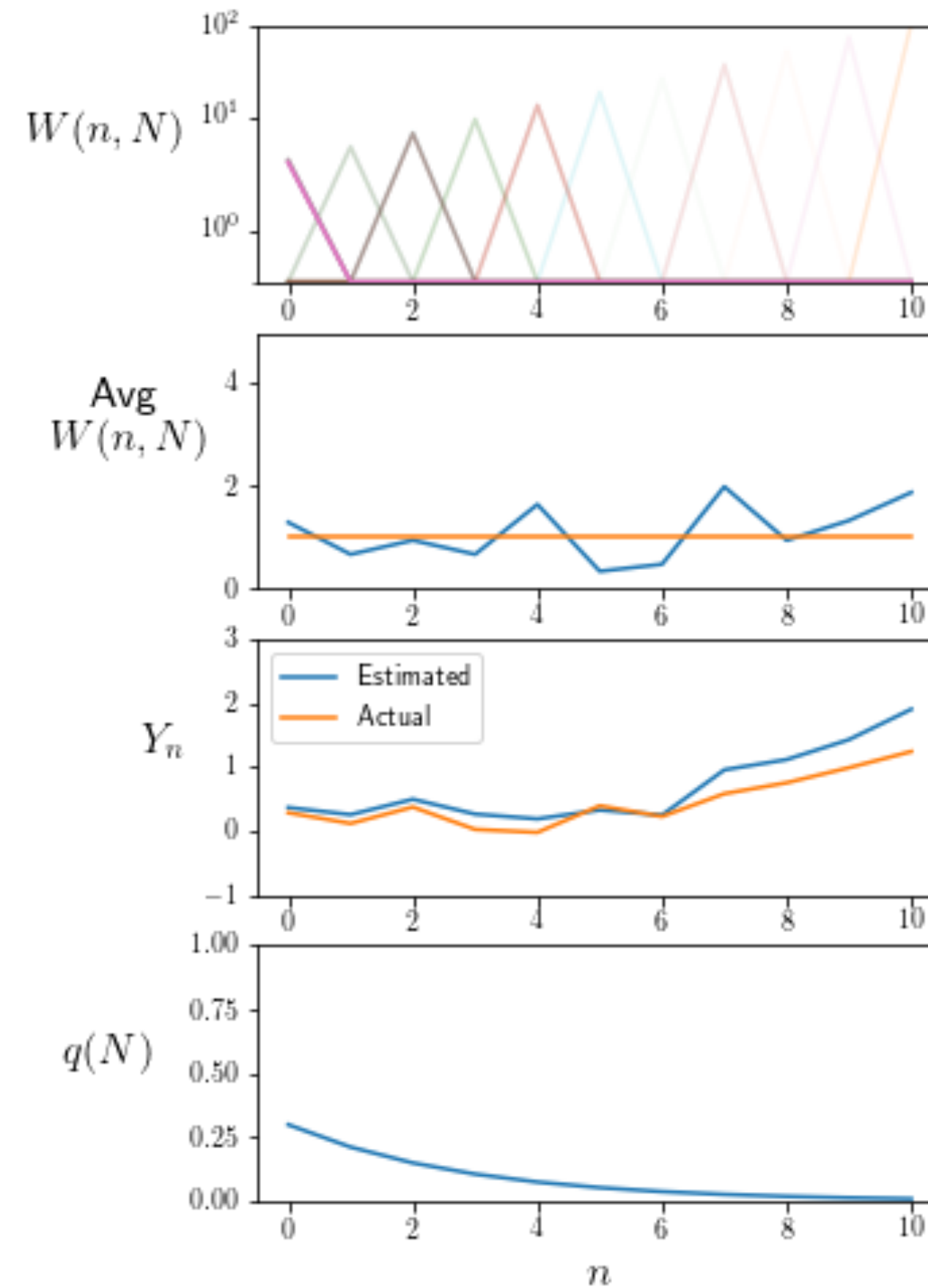
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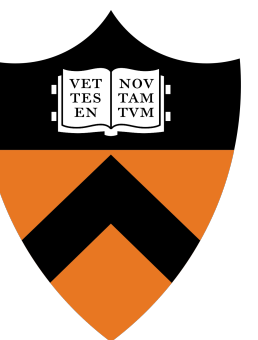
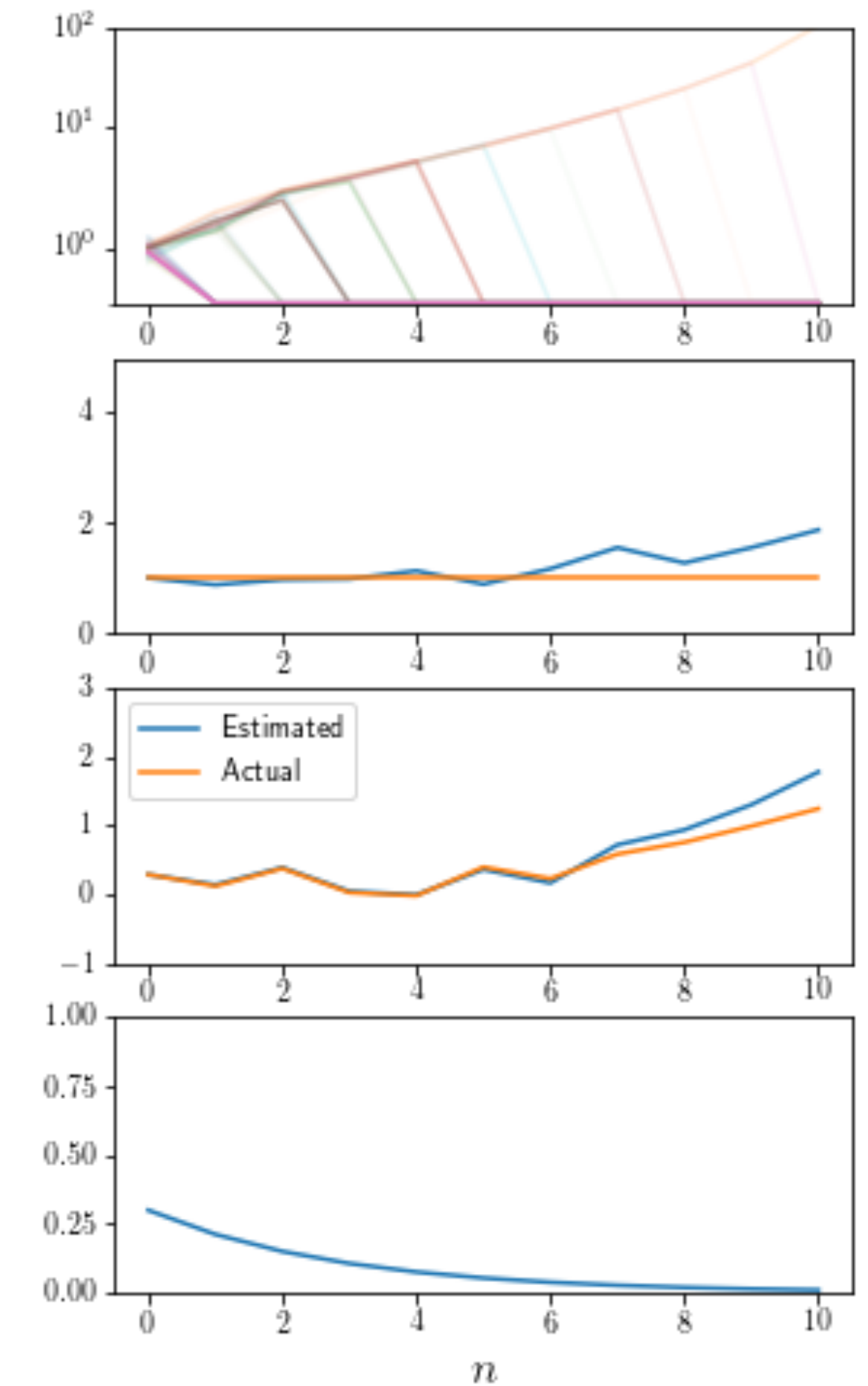
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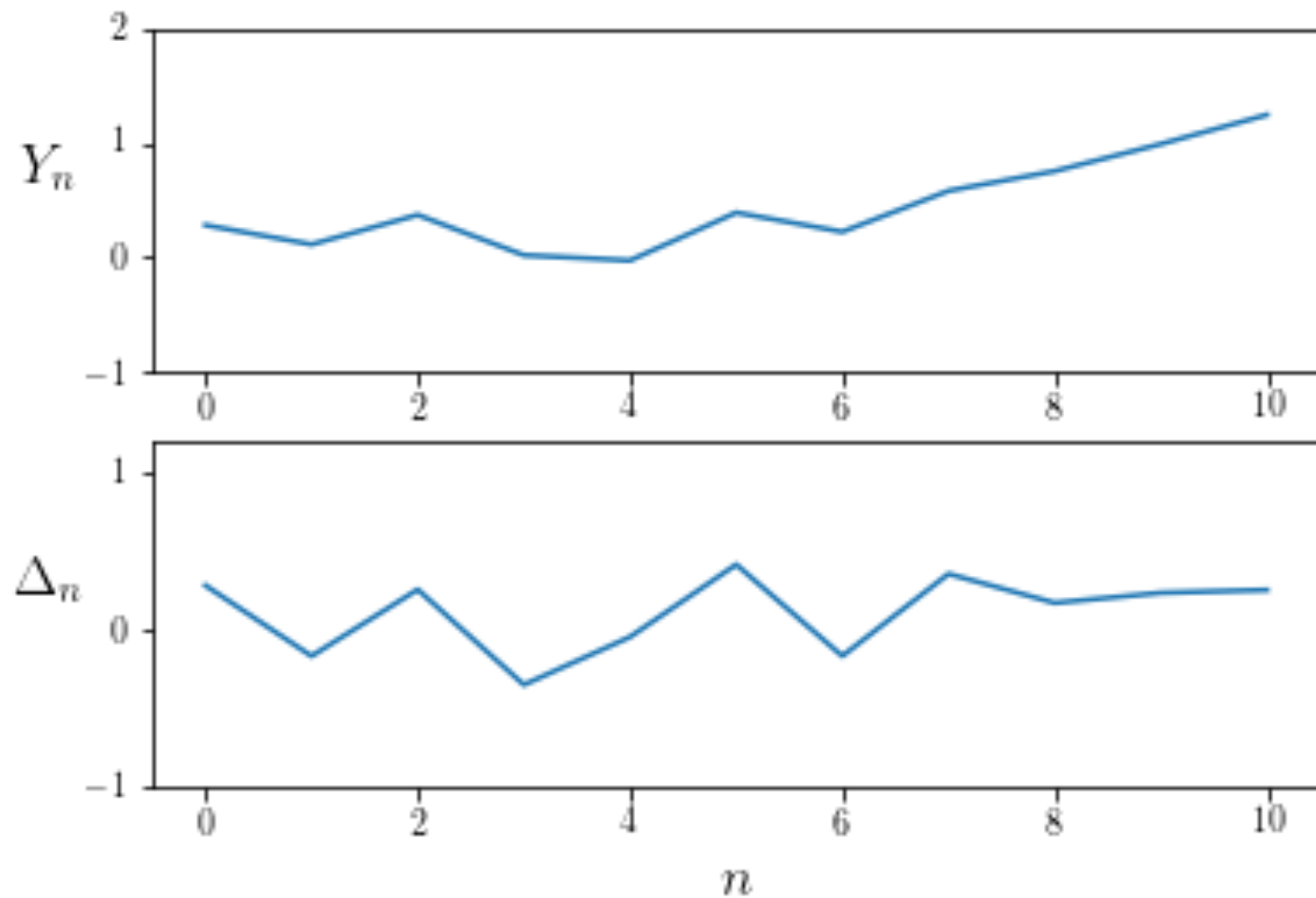
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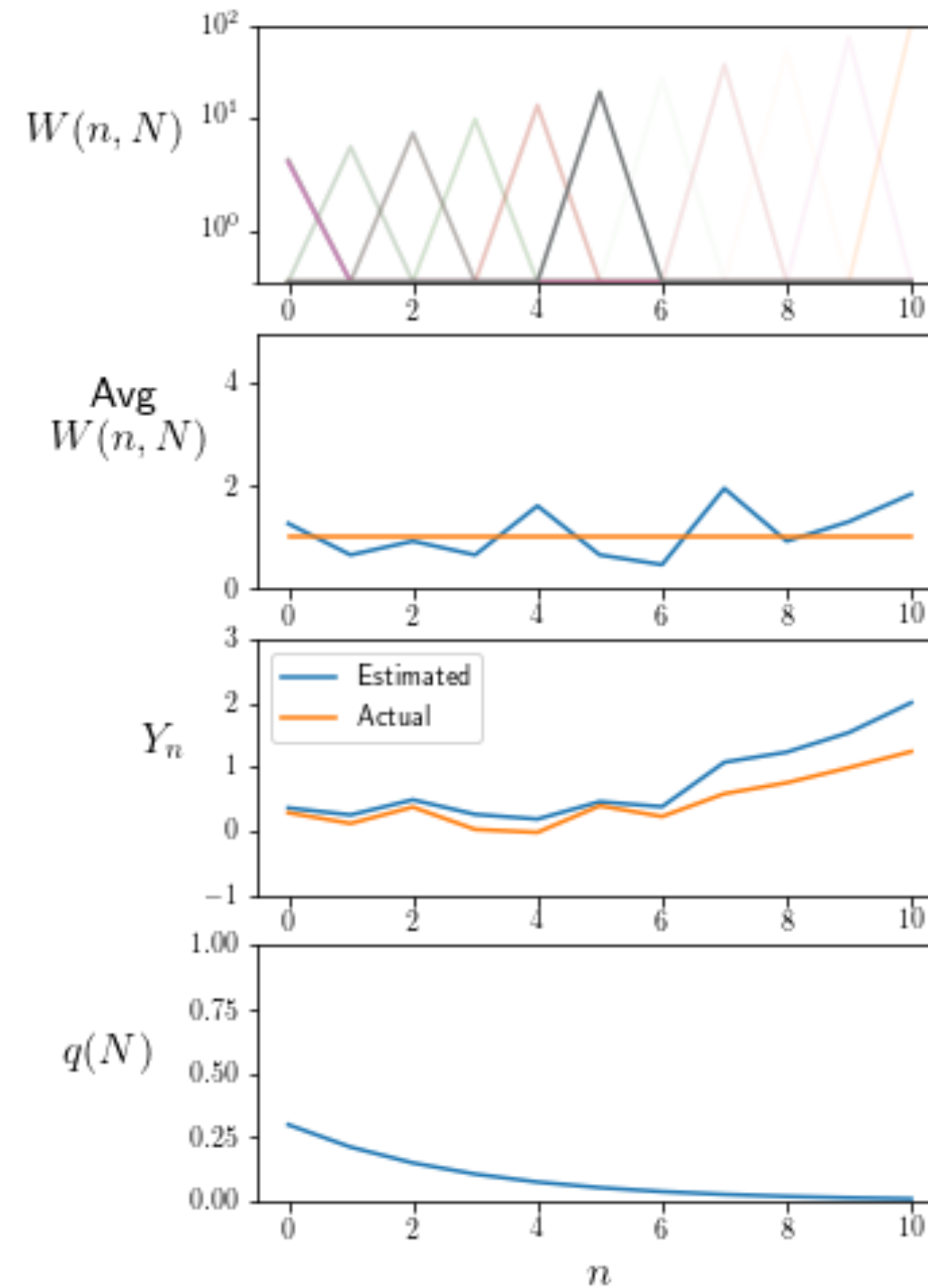
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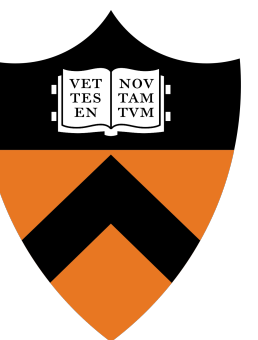
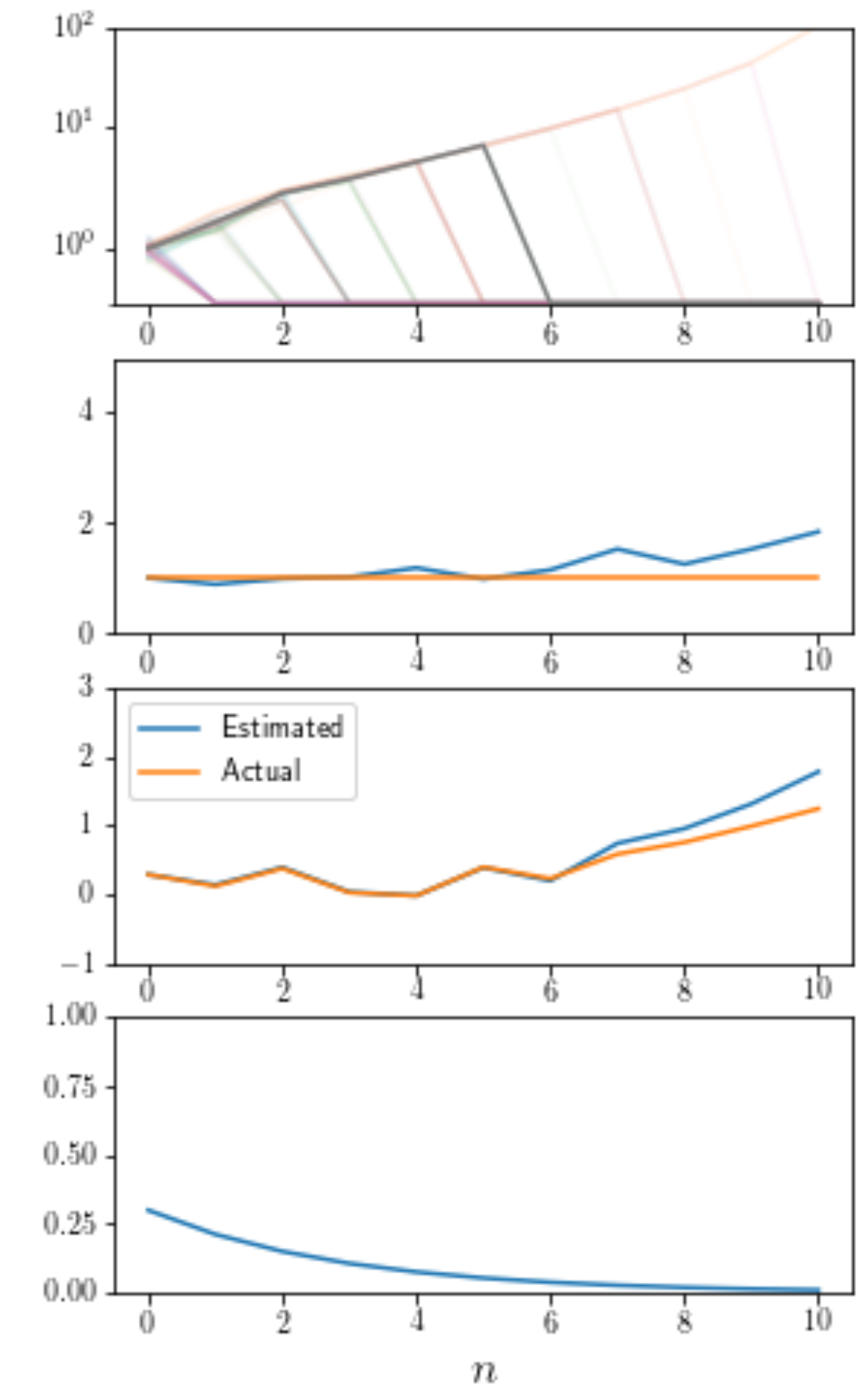
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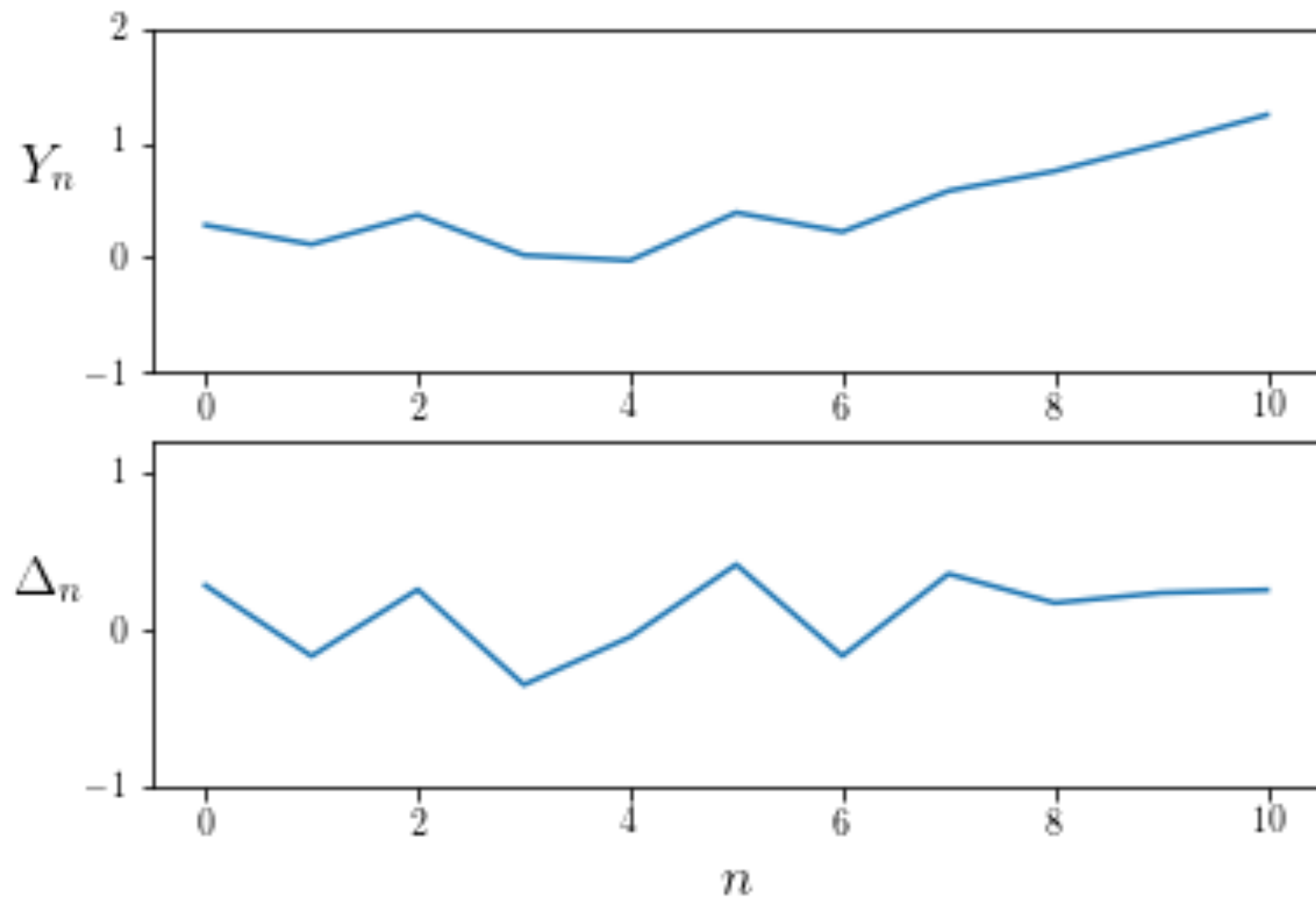
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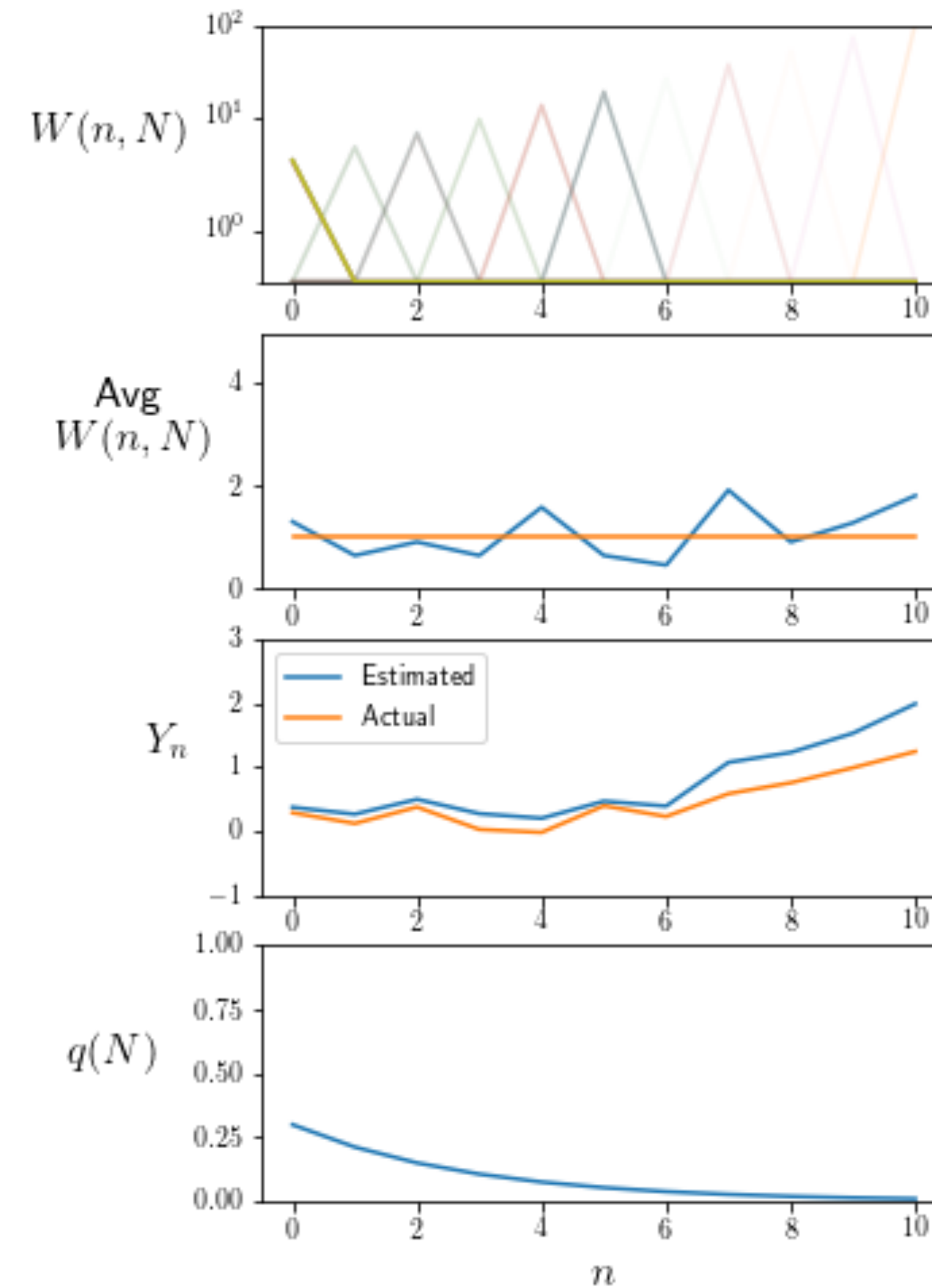
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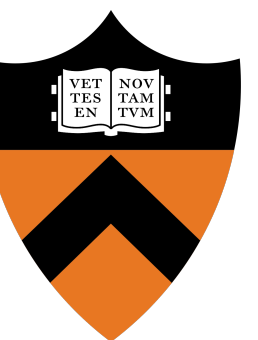
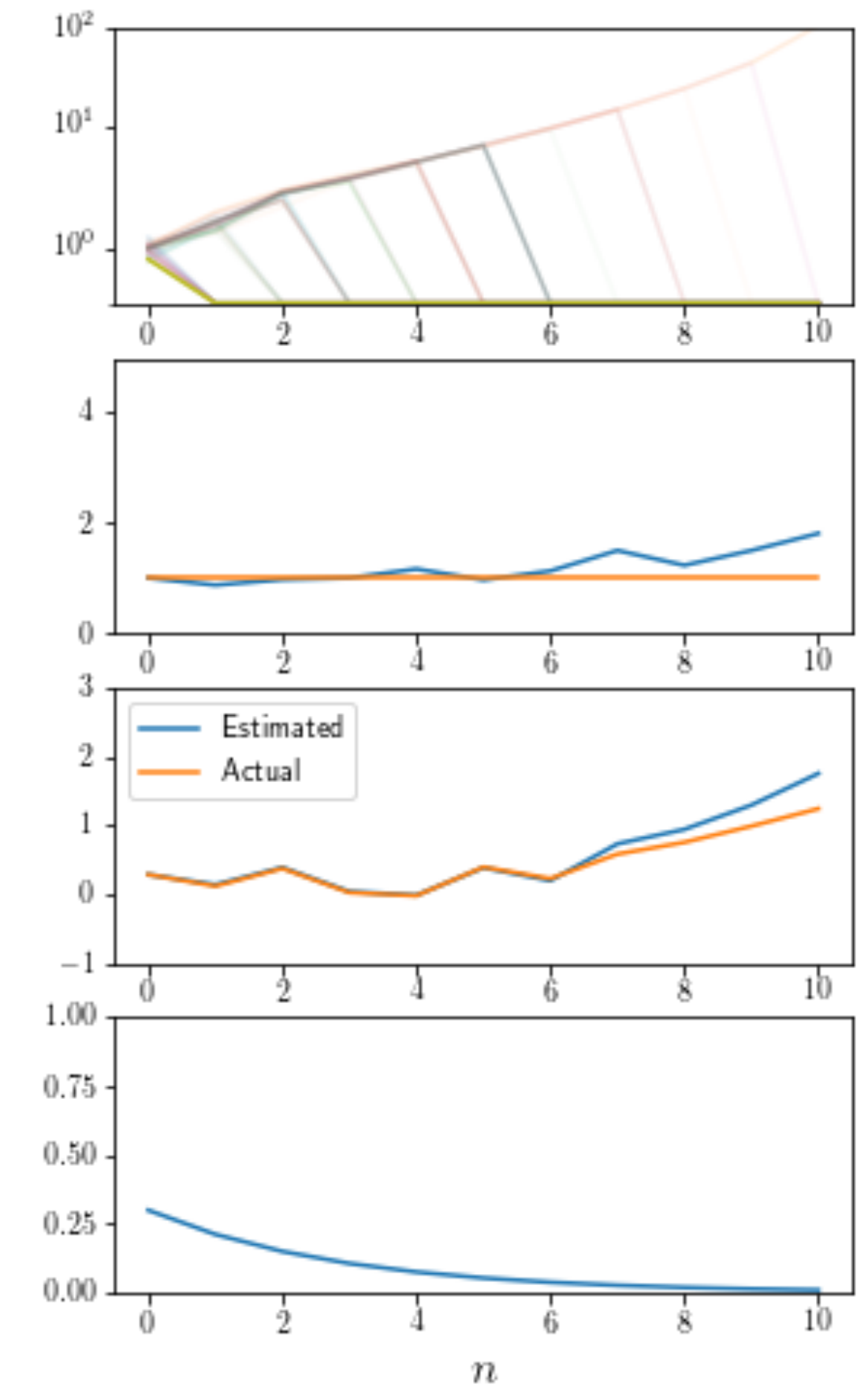
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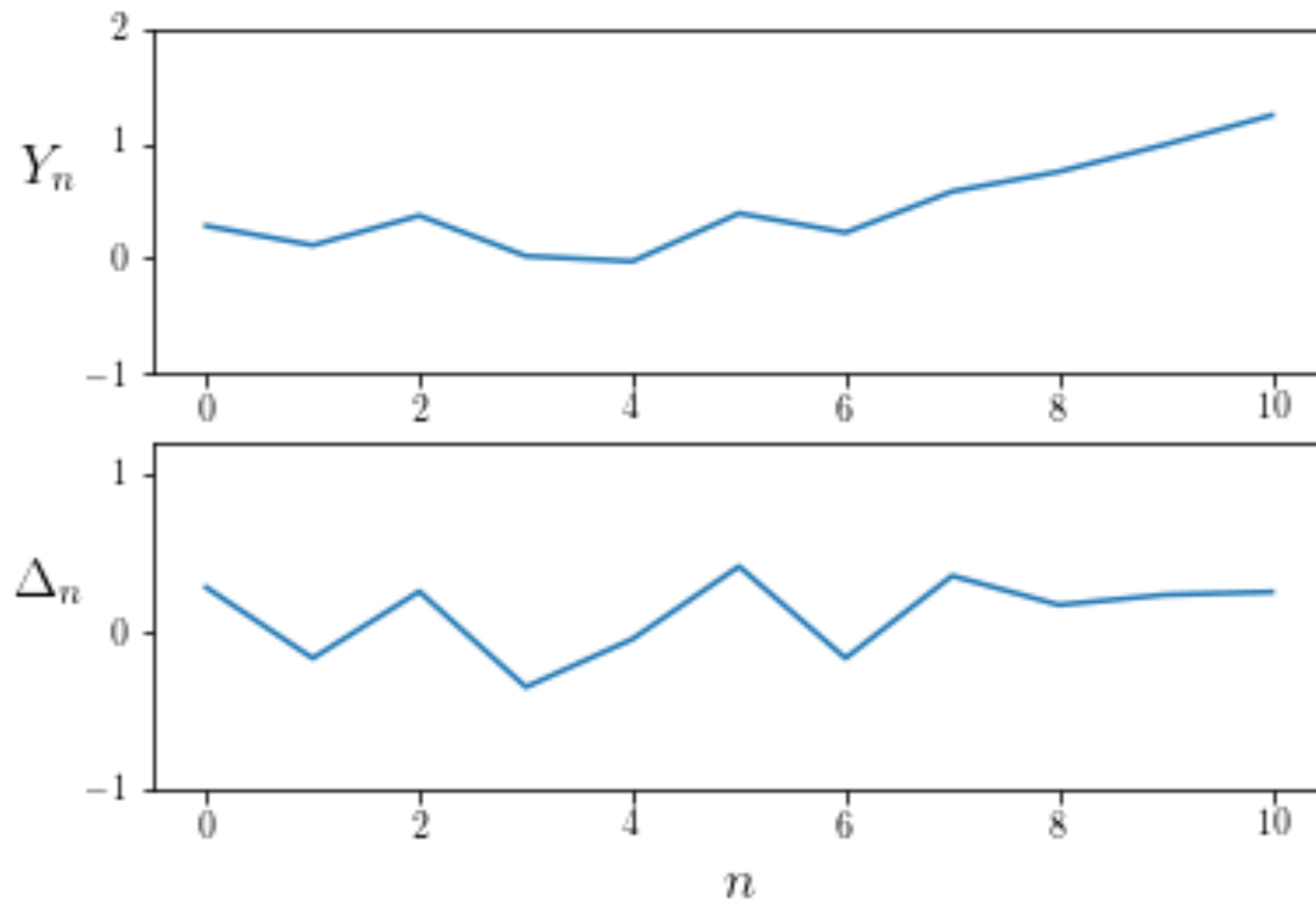
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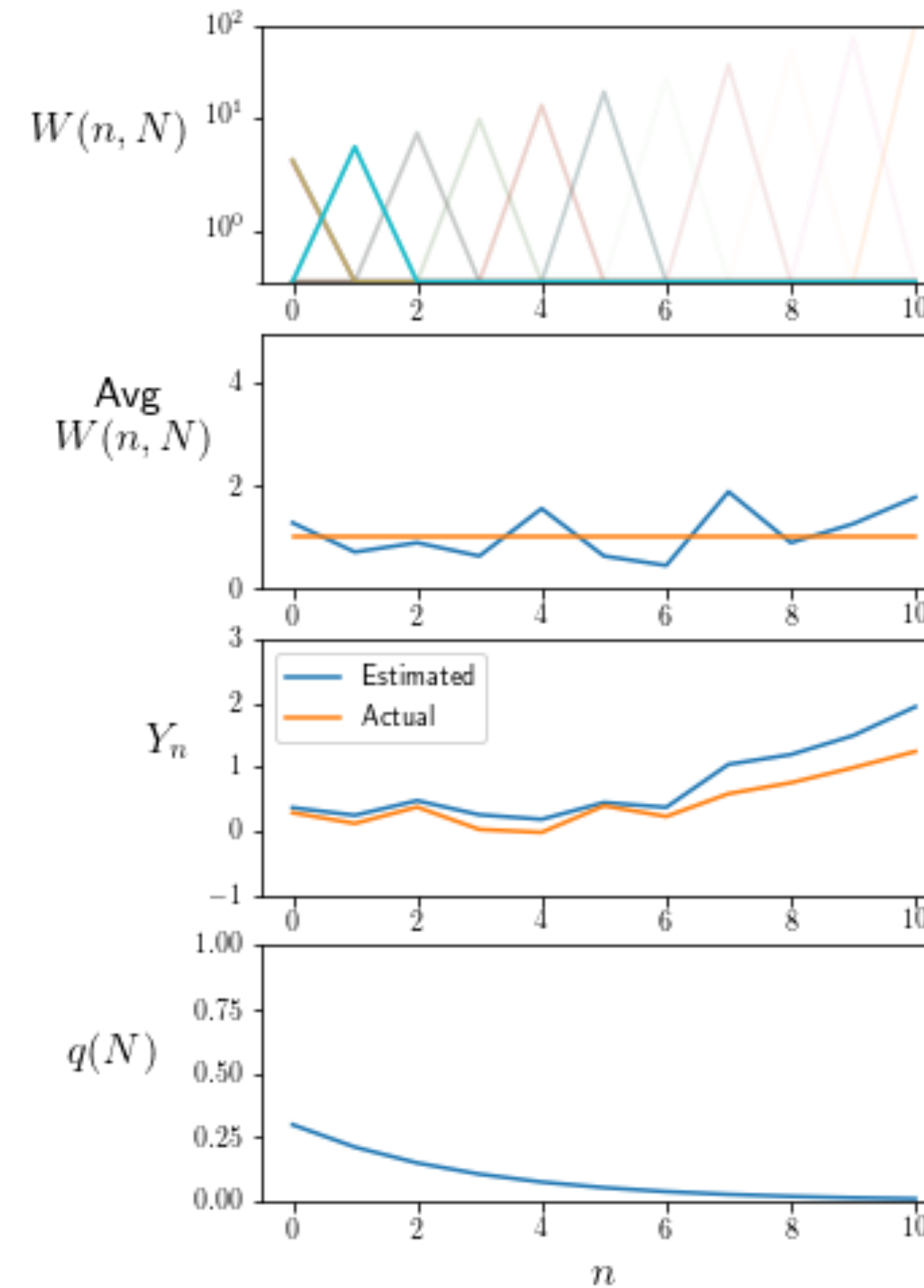
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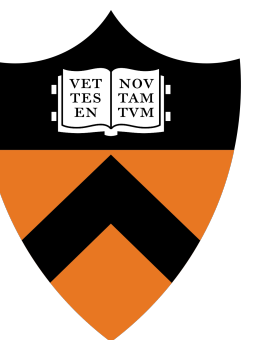
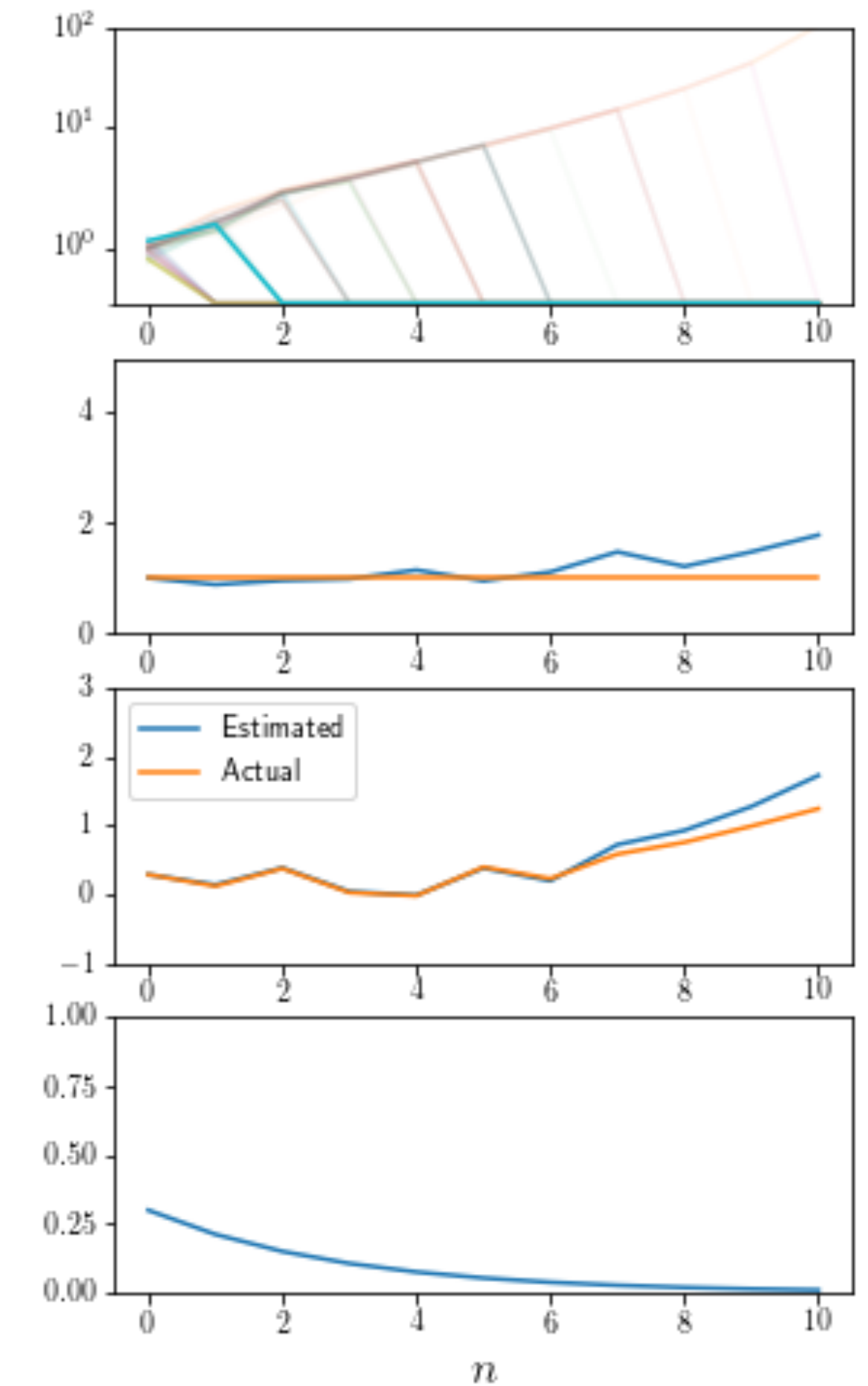
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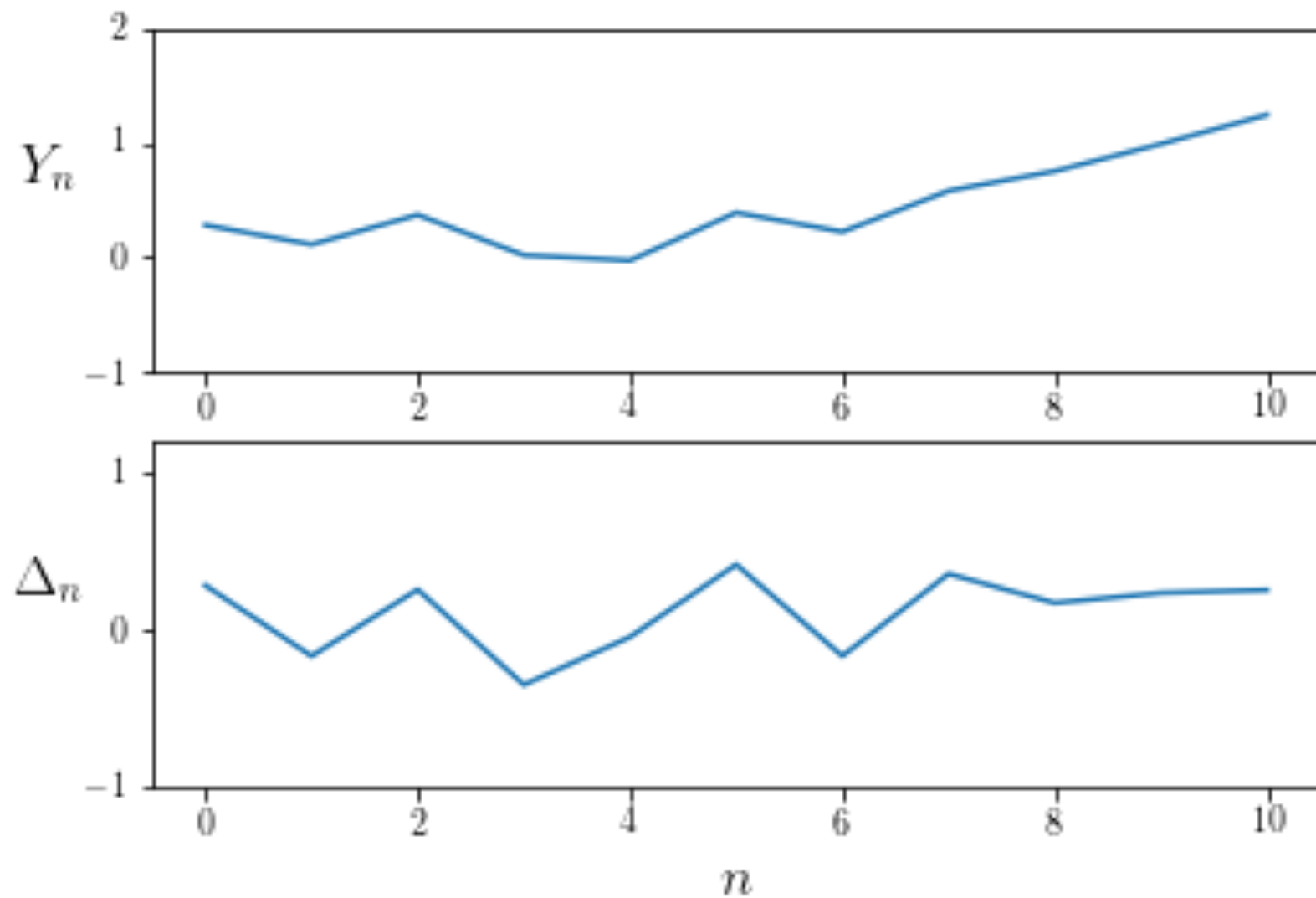
# DEMONSTRATION

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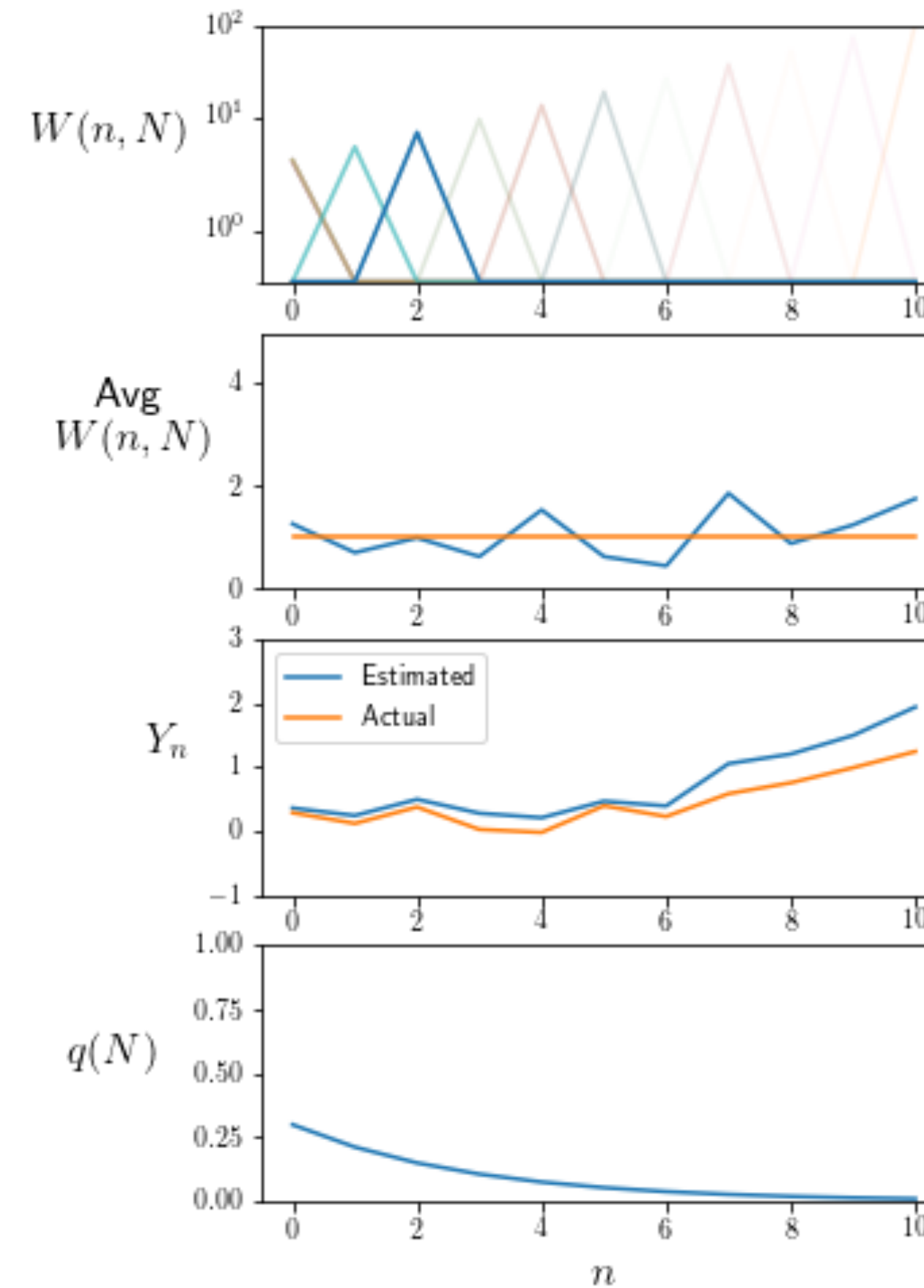
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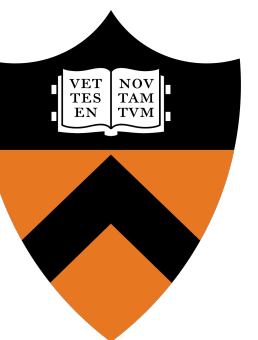
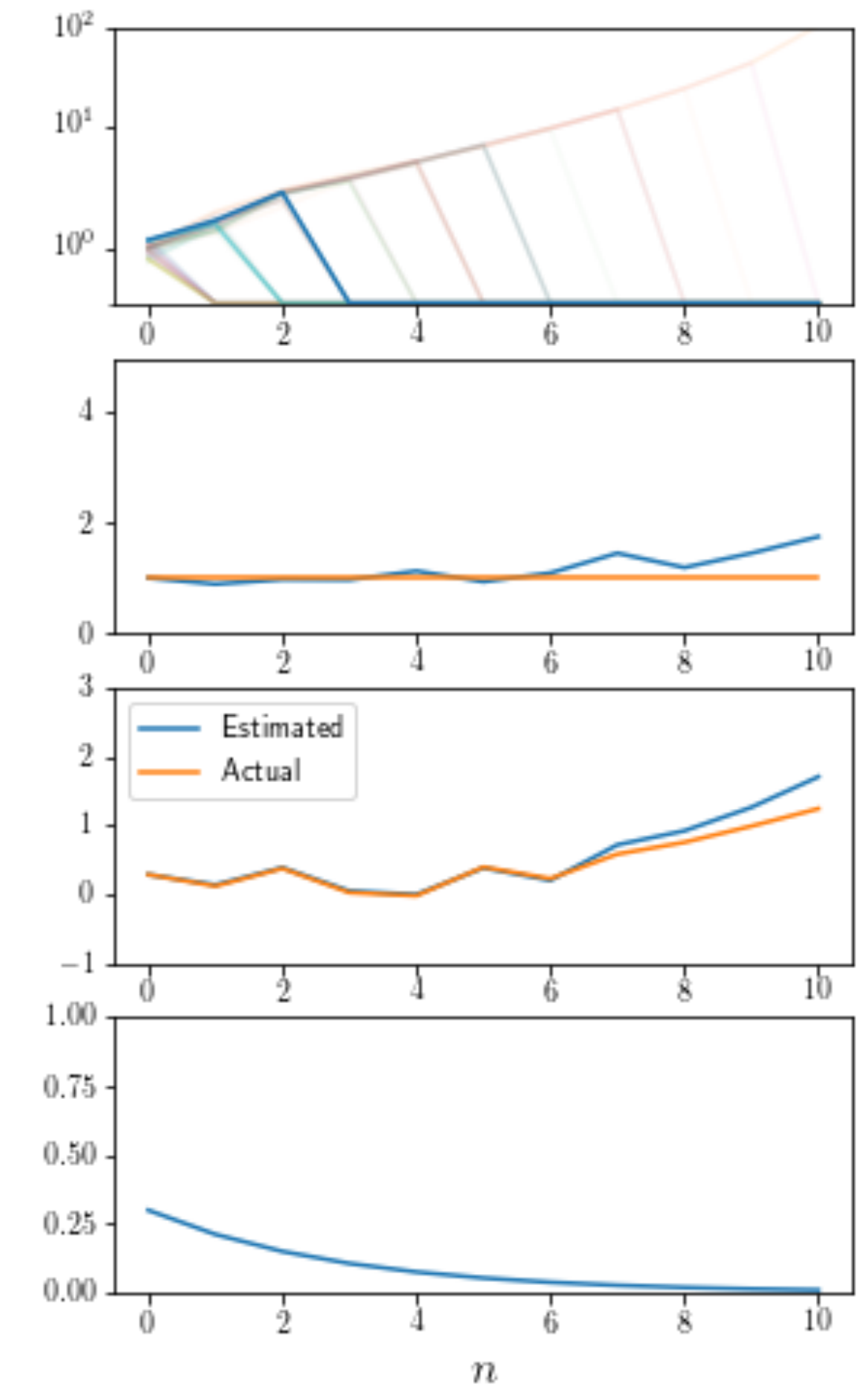
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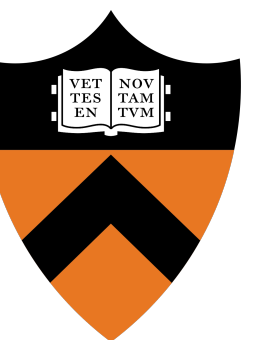


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THANKS!

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