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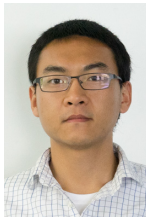


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3 Kuramoto Synchronization (existence and lack of uniqueness)

Linear network systems

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t)$$



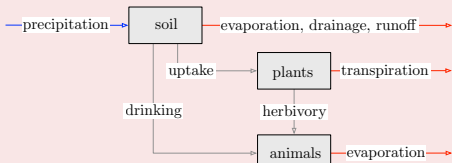
network structure



function = asymptotic behavior

Model	Dynamics	Asy Behavior	Graph property
averaging flow (Abelson '64)	$\dot{x} = -Lx$ Laplacian matrix	consensus	\exists globally reach node
network flow (Noy Meir '73)	$\dot{x} = -L^T x$ transpose Laplacian	stationary dis- tribution	\exists globally reach node
network flow with decay (outflows)	$\dot{x} = Cx$ $C = -L^T - \text{diag}(d)$ compartmental matrix	stability	outflow-connected
network flow with decay/growth	$\dot{x} = Mx$ $M = -L^T + \text{diag}(g - d)$ Metzler matrix	stability	unknown

Network flow systems



Water flow model for a desert ecosystem (Noy-Meir '73)

$$\dot{q}_i = \sum_j (F_{j \rightarrow i} - F_{i \rightarrow j}) - F_{i \rightarrow 0} + u_i$$



$$F_{i \rightarrow j} = f_{ij} q_i, \quad F = [f_{ij}]$$

$$\dot{q} = \underbrace{(F^T - \text{diag}(F \mathbb{1}_n + f_0))}_{=: C} q + u$$

C compartmental matrix:

quasi-positive (off-diag ≥ 0) and non-positive column sums ($f_0 \geq 0$)

analysis tools: *PF for quasi-positive, inverse positivity, algebraic graph*

system (= each condensed sink)
is outflow-connected



C is Hurwitz



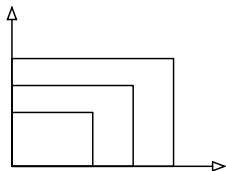
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} q(t) = -C^{-1}u \geq 0$$

$(-C^{-1}u)_i > 0 \iff$ *i*th compartment is inflow-connected

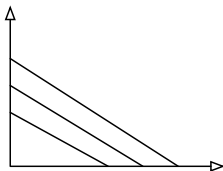
Stability of network flow systems

A Metzler M is Hurwitz iff any following equivalent condition hold:

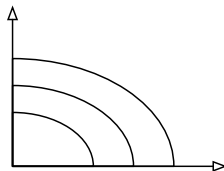
- 1 there exists $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $\xi > 0_n$ and $M\xi < 0_n$;
- 2 there exists $\eta \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $\eta > 0_n$ and $\eta^\top M < 0_n^\top$; or
- 3 there exists a diagonal matrix $P \succ 0$ such that $M^\top P + PM \prec 0$.



(a) $\max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} x_i / \xi_i$



(b) $\eta^\top x$

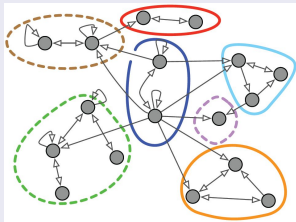


(c) $x^\top P x$

Goal: graph-theoretic conditions for stability

Reducible and acyclic graphs

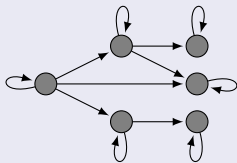
Reducible graphs



$M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is Hurwitz
 \Updownarrow
Strongly connected components
are Hurwitz

Implication: large-scale system may be decomposed into smaller systems

Directed acyclic graphs

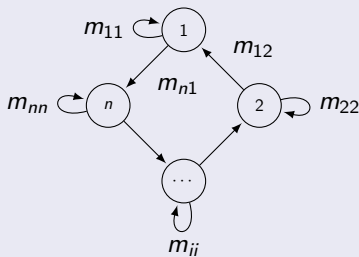


$M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is Hurwitz
 \Updownarrow
diagonal entries are negative

Implication: study cycles!

Basic ideas: a simple cycle

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & m_{22} & m_{23} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & m_{n-1,n-1} & m_{n-1,n} \\ m_{n1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 & m_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$



$$M \text{ Hurwitz} \iff \left(\frac{m_{12}}{-m_{11}} \right) \left(\frac{m_{23}}{-m_{22}} \right) \cdots \left(\frac{m_{n1}}{-m_{nn}} \right) < 1$$

where

- $\frac{m_{ij}}{-m_{ii}}$ represents a “gain” for subsystem i with respect to j
- test: composition of “gains” along the cycle is less than 1

Cyclic Small-Gain Theorem

a network of systems with input is ISS if

$$\text{cycle gain} < 1$$

about each simple cycle,
for appropriate interconnection gains

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Summary of results

Thm 1: Input-to-state interconnection gains for Metzler systems

Thm 2: Max-interconnection gains and graph-theoretic conditions

Thm 3: Sum-interconnection gains and graph-theoretic conditions

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Possible notions of ISS gains

An interconnected nonlinear system with subsystem dynamics

$$\dot{x}_i = f_i(x_i, x_{\mathcal{N}_i}, u_i), \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}.$$

system has **sum-interconnection gains** $\{\gamma_{ij}\}$ if

$$\|x_i(t)\| \leq \beta_i(\|x_i(0)\|, t) + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \gamma_{ij}(\|x_j\|_{[0,t]}) + \gamma_i(\|u_i\|_\infty).$$

where $\beta_i \in \mathcal{KL}$, $\gamma_{ij} \in \mathcal{K}$, and $\gamma_i \in \mathcal{K}$.

system has **max-interconnection gains** $\{\psi_{ij}\}$ if

$$\|x_i(t)\| \leq \max_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \{\beta'_i(\|x_i(0)\|, t), \psi_{ij}(\|x_j\|_{[0,t]}), \psi_i(\|u_i\|_\infty)\}.$$

where $\beta_i \in \mathcal{KL}$, $\psi_{ij} \in \mathcal{K}$, and $\psi_i \in \mathcal{K}$.

Thm 1: ISS gains for Metzler systems

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For Metzler system $\dot{x} = Mx + u$, M with negative diagonals,

- 1 sum-interconnection gains $\{\gamma_{ij}\}$ satisfy

$$\frac{m_{ij}}{-m_{ii}} \leq \gamma_{ij}, \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, j \in \mathcal{N}_i$$

- 2 max-interconnection gains $\{\psi_{ij}\}$ satisfy

$$\sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \left(\frac{m_{ij}}{-m_{ii}} \right) \psi_{ij}^{-1} < 1, \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

For $c = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k, i_1)$ be a simple cycle

- 1 the sum-cycle gain of c is $\gamma_c = (\gamma_{i_2 i_1}) (\gamma_{i_3 i_2}) \dots (\gamma_{i_1 i_k})$
- 2 a max-cycle gain of c is $\psi_c = (\psi_{i_2 i_1}) (\psi_{i_3 i_2}) \dots (\psi_{i_1 i_k})$

Thm 2: Max-cycle gains and graph conditions

Thm 2: Conditions based on max-cycle gains

Given an irreducible Metzler matrix $M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ with negative diagonal elements and the set of simple cycles Φ , the followings are equivalent:

- 1 M is Hurwitz;
- 2 for every $i \in V$ and $j \in \mathcal{N}_i$, there exists $\psi_{ij} > 0$ such that

$$\sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \left(\frac{m_{ij}}{-m_{ii}} \right) \psi_{ij}^{-1} < 1, \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\},$$
$$\psi_c < 1, \quad \forall c \in \Phi.$$

- “cycle gain < 1 about each simple cycle” is now IFF
- convex problem

Thm 3: Sum-cycle gains and graph conditions

Thm 3: Conditions based on sum-cycle gains

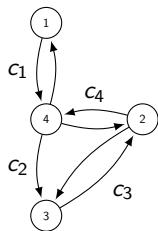
Given an irreducible Metzler matrix $M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ with negative diagonal elements, the followings are equivalent:

- 1 M is Hurwitz;
- 2 for each i , let Φ_i be simple cycles over $\{1, \dots, i\}$ (or renumbered)

$$\sum_{c_1 \in \Phi_i} \gamma_{c_1} - \sum_{\substack{\{c_1, c_2\} \subset \Phi_i \\ c_1 \cap c_2 = \emptyset}} \gamma_{c_1} \gamma_{c_2} + \dots + \sum_{\substack{\{c_1, \dots, c_{r_i}\} \subset \Phi_i \\ c_j \cap c_k = \emptyset}} (-1)^{r_i-1} \gamma_{c_1} \dots \gamma_{c_{r_i}} < 1$$

- condition 2 \iff certain sums of products of gains < 1
- computation of sum-cycle gains and “sums of products” is straightforward (not iterative)

Thm 3: Example



$$V_1 = \{1\} \implies \emptyset$$

$$V_2 = \{1, 4\} \implies \{\gamma_{c_1} < 1\}$$

$$V_3 = \{1, 4, 2\} \implies \{\gamma_{c_1} + \gamma_{c_4} < 1\}$$

$$V_4 = \{1, 4, 2, 3\} \implies \{\gamma_{c_1} + \gamma_{c_4} < 1,$$

$$\gamma_{c_1} + \gamma_{c_2} + \gamma_{c_3} + \gamma_{c_4} - \gamma_{c_1}\gamma_{c_3} < 1\}$$

Hence, stability certificate

$$\gamma_{c_1} + \gamma_{c_4} < 1$$

$$\gamma_{c_1} + \gamma_{c_2} + \gamma_{c_3} + \gamma_{c_4} - \gamma_{c_1}\gamma_{c_3} < 1$$

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An emerging theory for Nonlinear Network Systems

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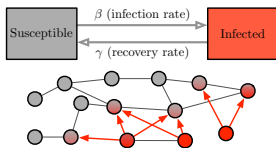
Nonlinear network systems

Rich variety of emerging behaviors

- 1 equilibria / limit cycles / extinction in populations dynamics
- 2 epidemic outbreaks in spreading processes
- 3 synchrony and multi-stability in coupled oscillators

Rich variety of analysis tools

- 1 nonlinear stability theory
- 2 passivity, small gain theorems, and dissipativity
- 3 contractivity and monotonicity



Example: Population systems in ecology

(Vito Volterra, Università di Torino, 1860-1940)



Mutualism clownfish / anemones (Takeuchi et al '78)

Lotka-Volterra: $x_i = \text{quantity/density}$

$$\frac{\dot{x}_i}{x_i} = b_i + \sum_j a_{ij} x_j$$



$$\dot{x} = \text{diag}(x)(Ax + b)$$

interaction matrix A :

(+, +) mutualism, (+, -) predation, (-, -) competition

rich behavior: persistence, extinction, equilibria, periodic orbits, ...

① **mutualism:** $a_{ij} \geq 0$

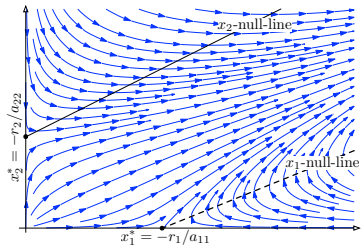
② either unbounded evolution or



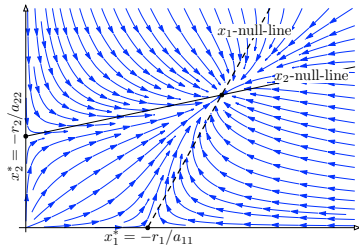
exists unique steady state $-A^{-1}b > 0$

$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = -A^{-1}b$ from all $x(0) > 0$

Dichotomy in mutualistic Lotka-Volterra system



Case I: $a_{12} > 0$, $a_{21} > 0$,
 $a_{12}a_{21} > a_{11}a_{22}$. There exists no
positive equilibrium point. All
trajectories starting in $\mathbb{R}_{>0}^2$ diverge.



Case II: $a_{12} > 0$, $a_{21} > 0$,
 $a_{12}a_{21} < a_{11}a_{22}$. There exists a
unique positive equilibrium point.
All trajectories starting in $\mathbb{R}_{>0}^2$
converge to the equilibrium point.

Research questions in Nonlinear Network Systems

- ① what are key example systems?
- ② what is a useful underlying structure?
- ③ what is a practical, simple, rich technical approach?
- ④ how do we treat dichotomy and richer behaviors?
- ⑤ how do we automatically generate Lyapunov functions?

Example systems

Kuramoto oscillators ('75)

$$\dot{\theta}_i = \omega_i - \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j)$$

Metzler Jac: phase cohesive region

Ex: active power flow, motion patterns

Yorke network propagation ('76)

$$\dot{x} = \beta(I_n - \text{diag}(x))Ax - \gamma x$$

Metzler Jac and positive

Ex: network SIR, patchy SIS

Lotka-Volterra population ('20)

$$\dot{x} = \text{diag}(x)(Ax + r)$$

Metzler Jac: mutualistic interactions

Ex: biochemical networks, repressilator with 2 genes

Daganzo cell transmission ('94)

$$\dot{\rho}_e = f_e^{\text{in}}(\rho) - f_e^{\text{out}}(\rho)$$

Metzler Jac: free flow region

Ex: monotone distributed routing (Como, Savla, et al), Maeda '78, Sandberg '78

Matrosov interconnection of ISS systems ('71)

$$\dot{x}_i = f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n, u_i) \implies \dot{v} \leq -A(v) + \Gamma(v) + G(w)$$

Metzler Jac and positive

A review of Contraction Theory

given norm, the **matrix measure** of A is

$$\mu(A) := \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\|I_n + hA\| - 1}{h}$$

assume: vector field f is **infinitesimally contracting** over C , that is,

$$\mu(Df(x)) \leq c < 0, \quad \text{for all } x \in C$$

assume: set C is **f -invariant**, closed and convex

Desirable consequences

- 1 flow of f is a contraction, i.e., distance between solutions exponentially decreases with rate c
- 2 there exists an equilibrium x^* , unique, globally exponentially stable with global Lyapunov functions

$$x \mapsto \|x - x^*\|^2 \quad \text{and} \quad x \mapsto \|f(x)\|^2$$

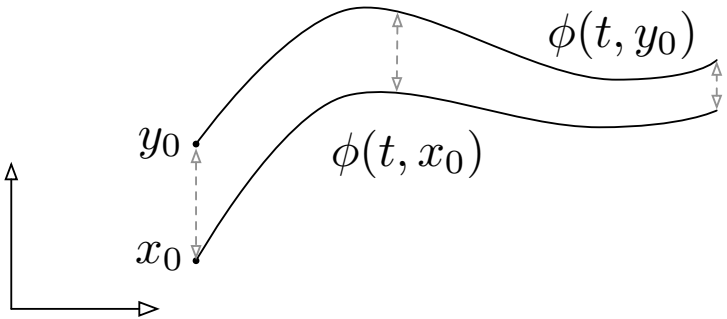


Figure: Any two trajectories of an infinitesimally contracting system converge.

Common matrix measures

Vector norm

Matrix measure

$$\|x\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_1(A) &= \max_{j \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \left(a_{jj} + \sum_{i=1, i \neq j}^n |a_{ij}| \right) \\ &= \max \text{ column "absolute sum" of } A\end{aligned}$$

$$\|x\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$$

$$\mu_2(A) = \lambda_{\max} \left(\frac{A + A^T}{2} \right)$$

$$\|x\|_\infty = \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} |x_i|$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_\infty(A) &= \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \left(a_{ii} + \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n |a_{ij}| \right) \\ &= \max \text{ row "absolute sum" of } A\end{aligned}$$

Simplifications for a Metzler matrix M

$$\mu_1(M) = \max_{j \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \sum_{i=1}^n m_{ij} = \max(M^T \mathbf{1}_n) = \max \text{ column sum of } M$$

$$\mu_\infty(M) = \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \sum_{j=1}^n m_{ij} = \max(M \mathbf{1}_n) = \max \text{ row sum of } M$$

The Euclidean case: works by Krasovskii & Vidyasagar

Vidyasagar '78: Lyapunov functions and matrix measures

Given $P \succ 0$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\mu_{2,P}(A) < c \quad \iff \quad A^\top P + PA \prec 2cP$$

- 1 A Hurwitz $\iff A$ has negative weighted 2-norm (w.r.t. some P)
- 2 $\inf_{P \succ 0} \mu_{2,P}(A) = \text{spectral abscissa of } A$

Krasovskii '60: method to design Lyapunov function

f is weighted 2-norm contracting if $\exists P \succ 0$ and $c < 0$

$$P Df(x) + Df(x)^\top P \preceq 2cP, \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Constant Lyapunov weight P at each x implies desirable consequences

The non-Euclidean case for Metzler Jacobians

Coogan '16: matrix measures of a Metzler matrix M

Given vectors $\eta, \xi > \mathbb{0}_m$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{1, \text{diag}(\eta)}(M) < c &\iff \eta^\top M < c\eta^\top, \text{ and} \\ \mu_{\infty, \text{diag}(\xi)^{-1}}(M) < c &\iff M\xi < c\xi,\end{aligned}$$

- 1 M Hurwitz $\iff M$ has negative weighted 1- or ∞ -measure
- 2 $\inf_{\eta > \mathbb{0}_m} \mu_{1, \text{diag}(\eta)}(M) = \inf_{\xi > \mathbb{0}_m} \mu_{\infty, \text{diag}(\xi)^{-1}}(M) = \text{spectral abscissa of } M$

Sum-separable and max-separable Lyapunov functions

f with Metzler Jac is weighted 1-norm contracting if $\exists \eta > \mathbb{0}_n$ and $c < 0$

$$\eta^\top Df(x) \leq c\eta^\top, \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Constant column weights η at each x implies desirable consequences

Krasovskii Lyapunov functions

for systems with Metzler Jacobians and constant weights

Weighted diagonal 2-norm:

$$\|x - x^*\|_P^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i (x_i - x_i^*)^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \|f(x)\|_P^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i f_i(x)^2$$

Weighted 1-norm

$$\|x - x^*\|_{1,\eta} = \sum_{i=1}^n \eta_i |x_i - x_i^*| \quad \text{and} \quad \|f(x)\|_{1,\eta} = \sum_{i=1}^n \eta_i |f_i(x)|$$

Weighted ∞ -norm

$$\|x - x^*\|_{\infty,\xi^{-1}} = \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \frac{|x_i - x_i^*|}{\xi_i} \quad \text{and} \quad \|f(x)\|_{\infty,\xi^{-1}} = \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \frac{|f_i(x)|}{\xi_i}$$

Recall: sublevel sets of Lyapunov functions are f -invariant

Example application to Lotka-Volterra

- 1 change of variable $y = \ln x$, so that $x \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}^n$ maps into $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and

$$\dot{y} = A \exp(y) + r := f_{\text{LVe}}(y)$$

- 2 pick $v > 0_n$ such that $v^\top A < 0_n$ and show

$$v^\top Df_{\text{LVe}}(y) = v^\top A \text{diag}(\exp(y)) < -cv^\top \text{diag}(\exp(y)) \leq 0.$$

- 3 f_{LVe} , and so f_{LV} , has a unique globally exponentially stable equilibrium with sum-separable global Lyapunov functions

$$\|y - y^*\|_{1, \text{diag}(v)} \quad \text{and} \quad \|f_{\text{LVe}}(y)\|_{1, \text{diag}(v)}$$

that is,

$$x \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^n v_i |\ln(x_i/x_i^*)|, \quad x \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^n v_i |(Ax + r)_i|$$

Why is this relevant for infrastructure networks?



Consider a network flow system $\dot{x} = f(x)$ preserving a commodity

$$\text{constant} = \mathbb{1}_n^\top x(t)$$

$$\implies 0 = \mathbb{1}_n^\top \dot{x}(t) = \mathbb{1}_n^\top f(x(t))$$

$$\implies 0_n = \mathbb{1}_n^\top Df x(t)$$

If additionally f has Metzler Jacobian, then f is automatically weakly contracting (non-expansive) with respect to the ℓ_1 norm.

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Kuramoto Synchronization (existence)

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- ① problem statement
- ② solution

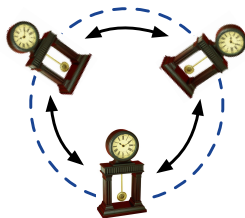
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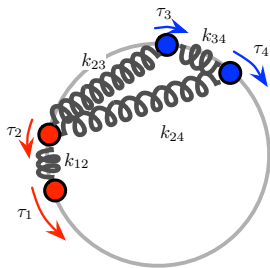
Kuramoto model

- n **oscillators** with angle $\theta_i \in \mathbb{S}^1$
- **non-identical** natural frequencies $\omega_i \in \mathbb{R}^1$
- **coupling** with strength $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$

$$\dot{\theta}_i = \omega_i - \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j)$$



Model #1: Spring network analog and applications



Coupled swing equations

Euler-Lagrange eq for spring network on ring:

$$m_i \ddot{\theta}_i + d_i \dot{\theta}_i = \tau_i - \sum_j k_{ij} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j)$$

Kuramoto coupled oscillators

$$\dot{\theta}_i = \omega_i - \sum_j a_{ij} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j)$$

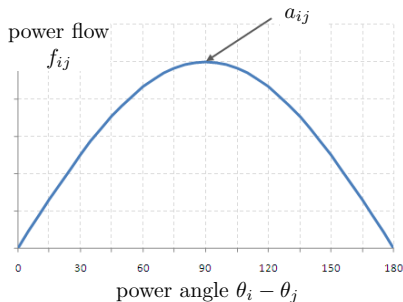
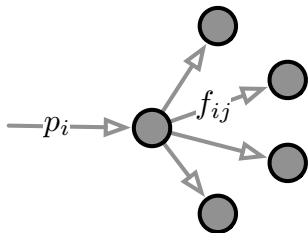
Kuramoto equilibrium equation

$$0 = \omega_i - \sum_j a_{ij} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j)$$

Model #2: Active Power Flow Problem

AC, Kirckhoff and Ohm, quasi-sync, lossless lines, constant voltages.
supply/demand p_i , max power coeff a_{ij} , voltage phase θ_i

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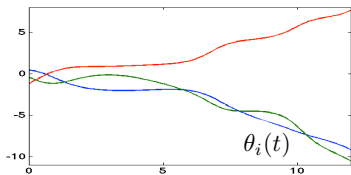


Given: network parameters & topology, load & generation profile,

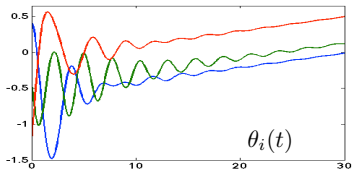
Phenomenon #1: Transition from incoherence to sync

Function = synchronization

$$\dot{\theta}_i = \omega_i - \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j)$$



large $|\omega_i - \omega_j|$ & small coupling
 \Rightarrow incoherence = no sync



small $|\omega_i - \omega_j|$ & large coupling
 \Rightarrow coherence = frequency sync

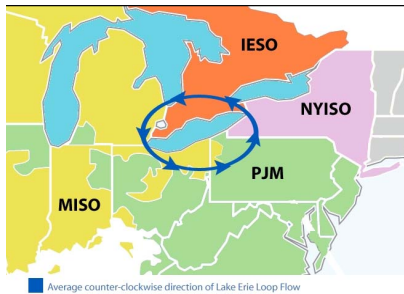
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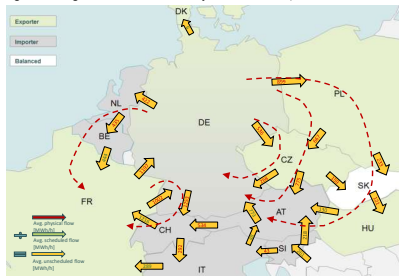
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Weighted undirected graph with n nodes and m edges:

Incidence matrix: $n \times m$ matrix B s.t. $(B^\top p_{\text{actv}})_{(ij)} = p_i - p_j$

Weight matrix: $m \times m$ diagonal matrix \mathcal{A}

Laplacian stiffness: $L = B\mathcal{A}B^\top \geq 0$

Linearization of Kuramoto equilibrium equation:

$$p_{\text{actv}} = B\mathcal{A} \sin(B^\top \theta) \implies p_{\text{actv}} \approx B\mathcal{A}(B^\top \theta) = L\theta$$

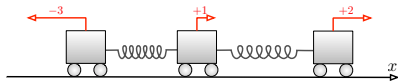
Algebraic connectivity:

$\lambda_2(L)$ = second smallest eig of L

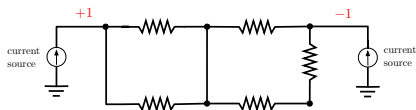
= notion of connectivity and coupling

Primer on algebraic graph theory (slide 2/2)

Laplacian linear balance equation



(a) spring network



(b) resistive circuit

$$L_{\text{stiffness}} x = f_{\text{load}}$$

and

$$L_{\text{conductance}} v = c_{\text{injected}}$$

Laplacian linear balance equation: $p_{\text{actv}} = L \theta$

if $\sum_i p_i = 0$ in $p_{\text{actv}} = L \theta$, then equilibrium exists: $\theta = L^\dagger p_{\text{actv}}$

pairwise displacements: $B^\top \theta = B^\top L^\dagger p_{\text{actv}}$

From Old to New Tests

Question: Given balanced p_{actv} , do angles exist satisfying

$$p_{\text{actv}} = B\mathcal{A}\sin(B^\top\theta)$$

Old Tests: Equilibrium angles (neighbors within $\pi/2$ arc) exist if

$$\|B^\top p_{\text{actv}}\|_2 < \lambda_2(L) \quad \text{for unweighted graphs} \quad (\text{Old 2-norm T})$$

$$\|B^\top L^\dagger p_{\text{actv}}\|_\infty < 1 \quad \text{for trees, complete} \quad (\text{Old } \infty\text{-norm T})$$



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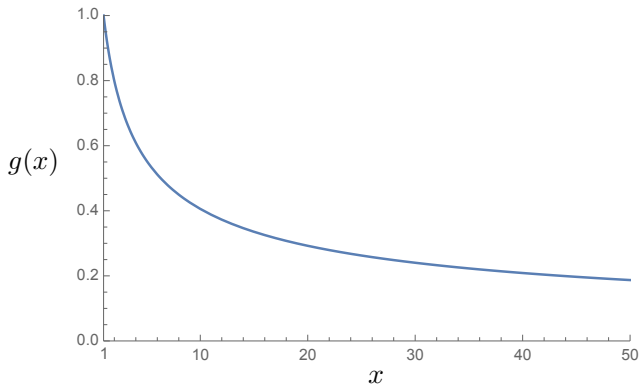
$$\|B^\top L^\dagger p_{\text{actv}}\|_2 < 1 \quad \text{for unweighted graphs} \quad (\text{New 2-norm T})$$

$$\|B^\top L^\dagger p_{\text{actv}}\|_\infty < g(\|\mathcal{P}\|_\infty) \quad \text{for all graphs} \quad (\text{New } \infty\text{-norm T})$$

where g is monotonically decreasing

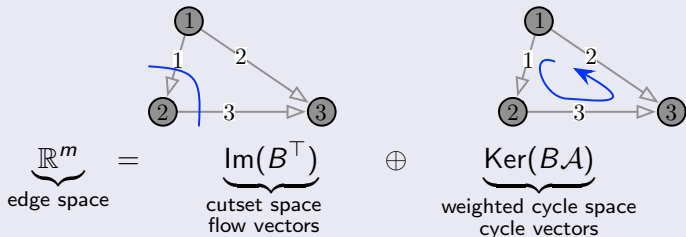
$$g : [1, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

$$x \mapsto \frac{y(x) + \sin(y(x))}{2} - x \frac{y(x) - \sin(y(x))}{2} \quad \Big| \quad y(x) = \arccos\left(\frac{x-1}{x+1}\right)$$



and where \mathcal{P} is a projection matrix

$$\mathcal{P} = B^\top L^\dagger B \mathcal{A} = \text{oblique projection onto } \text{Im}(B^\top) \text{ parallel to } \text{Ker}(B \mathcal{A})$$



- 1 if G unweighted, then \mathcal{P} is orthogonal and $\|\mathcal{P}\|_2 = 1$
- 2 if G acyclic, then $\mathcal{P} = I_m$ and $\|\mathcal{P}\|_p = 1$
- 3 if G uniform complete or ring, then $\|\mathcal{P}\|_\infty = 2(n-1)/n \leq 2$

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Unifying theorem with a family of tests

Equilibrium angles (neighbors within γ arc) exist if, in some p -norm,

$$\|B^\top L^\dagger p_{\text{actv}}\|_p \leq \gamma \alpha_p(\gamma) \quad \text{for all graphs} \quad (\text{New } \alpha_p \text{ T})$$

where nonconvex optimization problem:

$$\alpha_p(\gamma) := \min \text{amplification factor of } \mathcal{P} \text{ diag}[\text{sinc}(x)]$$

Proof sketch 1/2: Rewriting the equilibrium equation

For what $B, \mathcal{A}, p_{\text{actv}}$ does there exist θ solution to:

$$p_{\text{actv}} = B\mathcal{A} \sin(B^\top \theta)$$

STEP 1: For what flow z and projection \mathcal{P} onto cutset/flow space, does there exist a flow x that solves

$$\mathcal{P} \sin(x) = z$$

$$\iff \mathcal{P} \text{diag}[\text{sinc}(x)]x = z$$

$$\iff x = (\mathcal{P} \text{diag}[\text{sinc}(x)])^{-1}z =: h(x)$$

Proof sketch 2/2: Amplification factor & Brouwer

STEP 1: look for x solving

$$x = h(x) = (\mathcal{P} \operatorname{diag}[\operatorname{sinc}(x)])^{-1} z$$

IDEA: assume $\|x\|_p \leq \gamma$ and ensure $\|h(x)\|_p \leq \gamma$

STEP 2: if one defines **min amplification factor**

$$\alpha_p(\gamma) := \min_{\|x\|_p \leq \gamma} \min_{\|y\|_p = 1} \|\mathcal{P} \operatorname{diag}[\operatorname{sinc}(x)]y\|_p$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } \|h(x)\|_p &\leq \max_x \max_y \|(\mathcal{P} \operatorname{diag}[\operatorname{sinc}(x)])^{-1}y\|_p \cdot \|z\|_p \\ &= \left(\min_x \min_y \|\mathcal{P} \operatorname{diag}[\operatorname{sinc}(x)]y\|_p \right)^{-1} \|z\|_p \leq \frac{\|z\|_p}{\alpha_p(\gamma)} \end{aligned}$$

STEP 3: $\|z\|_p \leq \gamma \alpha_p(\gamma)$, then $\|h(x)\|_p \leq \gamma$ so that h satisfies Brouwer

Comparison of sufficient and approximate sync tests

Any test predicts max transmittable power (before bifurcation).
Compare with numerically computed.

Test Case	ratio of test prediction to numerical computation			
	old 2-norm	new ∞ -norm	$g(\ \mathcal{P}\ _\infty) \approx 1$ approximate	α_∞ test <i>fmincon</i>
IEEE 9	16.54 %	73.74 %	92.13 %	85.06 % [†]
IEEE 14	8.33 %	59.42 %	83.09 %	81.32 % [†]
IEEE RTS 24	3.86 %	53.44 %	89.48 %	89.48 % [†]
IEEE 30	2.70 %	55.70 %	85.54 %	85.54 % [†]
IEEE 118	0.29 %	43.70 %	85.95 %	— [*]
IEEE 300	0.20 %	40.33 %	99.80 %	— [*]
Polish 2383	0.11 %	29.08 %	82.85 %	— [*]

[†] *fmincon* with 100 randomized initial conditions

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Summary: Kuramoto equilibrium and active power flow

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For $p = \infty$, after bounding,

$$\|B^T L^\dagger p_{\text{actv}}\|_\infty \leq g(\|\mathcal{P}\|_\infty) \quad (\text{New } \infty\text{-norm T})$$

Q1: \exists a **stable operating point** (with pairwise angles $\leq \gamma$)?

Q2: what is the **network capacity** to transmit active power?

Q3: how to quantify **robustness** as distance from loss of feasibility?

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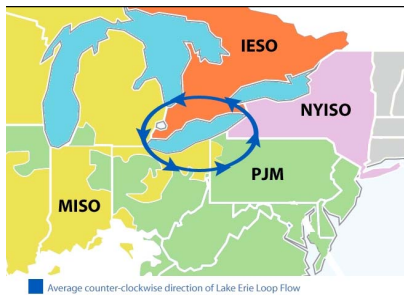
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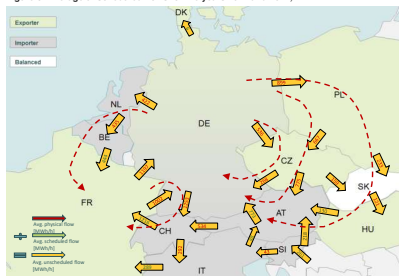
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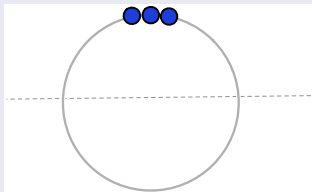
Lack of uniqueness and winding solutions

Given topology (incidence B), admittances (Laplacian L), injections p_{actv} ,

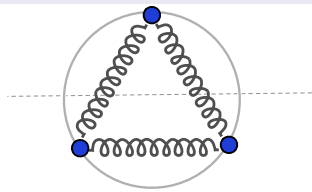
$$p_i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j)$$

- 1 is solution unique?
- 2 how to localize/classify solutions?

triangle graph, homogeneous weights ($a_{ij} = 1$), $p_{\text{actv}} = 0$



phase sync



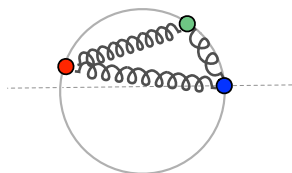
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Winding number of n angles

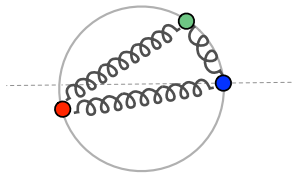
Given undirected graph with a cycle $\sigma = (1, \dots, n_\sigma)$ and orientation

① **winding number of $\theta \in \mathbb{T}^n$ along σ** is:

$$w_\sigma(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{i=1}^{n_\sigma} d_{cc}(\theta_i, \theta_{i+1})$$



$$w(\theta) = 0$$



$$w(\theta) = \pm 1$$

② given basis $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r$ for cycles, **winding vector of θ** is

$$w(\theta) = (w_{\sigma_1}(\theta), \dots, w_{\sigma_r}(\theta))$$

“Kirckhoff Angle Law” and partition of the n -torus

Theorem: Kirckhoff angle law on \mathbb{T}^n

$$w_\sigma(\theta) = 0, \pm 1, \dots, \pm \lfloor n_\sigma/2 \rfloor$$

$\implies w(\theta)$ is piecewise constant

$\implies w(\theta)$ takes value in a finite set



Theorem: Winding partition

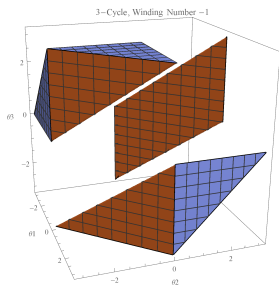
For each possible winding vector u , define

$$\text{WindingCell}(u) := \{\theta \in \mathbb{T}^n \mid w(\theta) = u\}$$

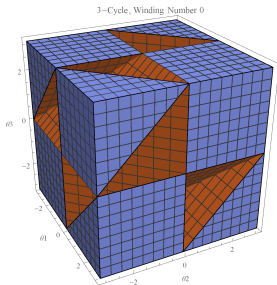
Then

$$\mathbb{T}^n = \cup_u \text{WindingCell}(u)$$

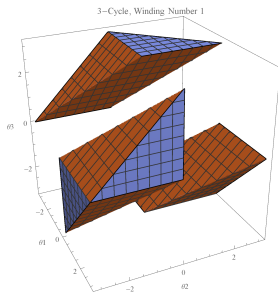
Winding partition of triangle graph



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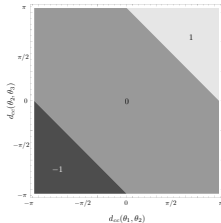


$$w = 0$$



$$w = +1$$

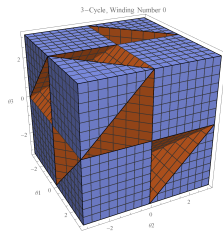
- each winding cell is connected
- each winding cell is invariant under rotation
- bijection:
reduced winding cell \longleftrightarrow open convex polytope



The Kuramoto model and the winding partition

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$$\dot{\theta}_i = p_i - \sum_j a_{ij} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j)$$



Theorem: At-most-uniqueness and extensions

- 1 each WindingCell has at-most-unique equilibrium with $\Delta\theta < \pi/2$
- 2 equilibrium loop flow increases monotonically wrt winding number
- 3 existence + uniqueness in WindingCell(u) with $\Delta\theta < \pi/2$ if

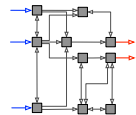
$$\|B^\top L^\dagger p_{\text{actv}} + Cu\|_\infty \leq g(\|P\|_\infty), \text{ or} \quad (\text{Static T})$$

\exists a trajectory inside WindingCell(u) with $\Delta\theta < \pi/2$ (Dynamic T)

Summary and Future Work



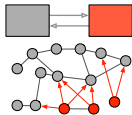
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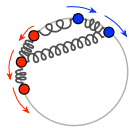
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mutualism



virus spread



coupled oscillators



social systems

Review

- 1 a rather comprehensive theory of linear network systems
- 2 an emergent theory of nonlinear network systems based on contractivity and monotonicity
- 3 existence and multistability for Kuramoto

Future research

- 1 a little bit more on Metzler matrices
- 2 much work on monotonicity and contractivity
- 3 applications to other dynamic flow networks
- 4 **outreach/collaboration opportunities for our community with sociologists, biologists, economists, physicists ...**