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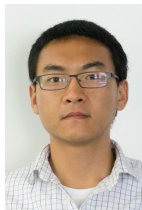
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## Linear Network Systems and Metzler Matrices

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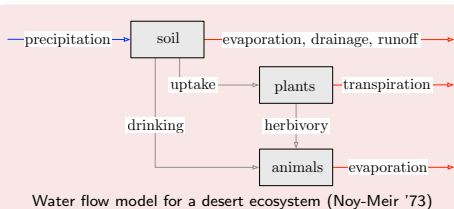


**network structure**  $\iff$  **function = asymptotic behavior**

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)	$\dot{x} = -L^\top x$ transpose Laplacian	stationary dis- tribution	$\exists$ globally reach node
network flow with decay (outflows)	$\dot{x} = Cx$ $C = -L^\top - \text{diag}(d)$ compartmental matrix	stability	outflow-connected
network flow with decay/growth	$\dot{x} = Mx$ $M = -L^\top + \text{diag}(g - d)$ Metzler matrix	stability	<b>unknown</b>



# Network flow systems



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



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

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

## C compartmental matrix:


quasi-positive (off-diag  $\geq 0$ ) 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

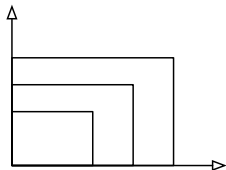
  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} q(t) = -C^{-1}u \geq 0$   
 $(-C^{-1}u)_i > 0 \iff i\text{th compartment is inflow-connected}$



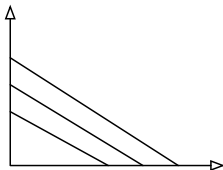
# Stability of network flow systems

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

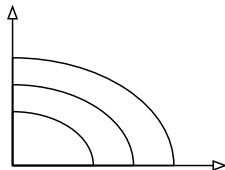
- 1 there exists  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\xi > 0_n$  and  $M\xi < 0_n$ ;
- 2 there exists  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\eta > 0_n$  and  $\eta^\top M < 0_n^\top$ ; or
- 3 there exists a diagonal matrix  $P \succ 0$  such that  $M^\top P + PM \prec 0$ .



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



(b)  $\eta^\top x$



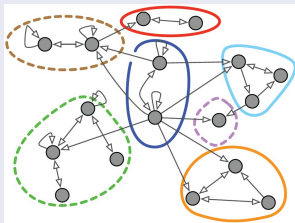
(c)  $x^\top P x$

**Goal:** graph-theoretic conditions for stability



# Reducible and acyclic graphs

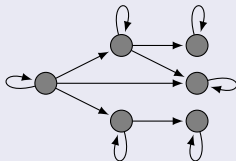
## Reducible graphs



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

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

## Directed acyclic graphs



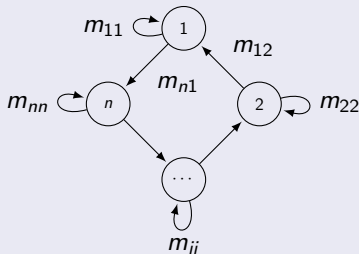
$M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is Hurwitz  
 $\Updownarrow$   
diagonal entries are negative

Implication: study cycles!



# Basic ideas: a simple cycle

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



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

where

- $\frac{m_{ij}}{-m_{ji}}$  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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**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

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: 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  $\Phi$ , 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: Conditions based on sum-cycle gains

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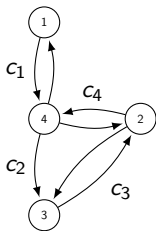
- 1  $M$  is Hurwitz;
- 2 for each  $i$ , let  $\Phi_i$  be simple cycles over  $\{1, \dots, i\}$  (or renumbered)

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

- 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

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

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



## 1 Linear Network Systems and Metzler Matrices

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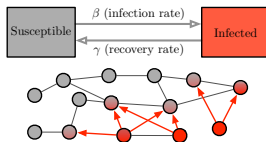
# Nonlinear network systems

## 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:  $x_i$  = 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

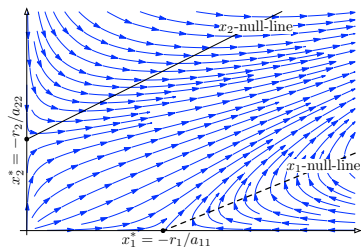


exists unique steady state  $-A^{-1}b > 0$

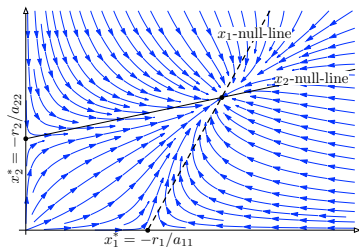
$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = -A^{-1}b$  from all  $x(0) > 0$



# 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.



- 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?



## 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

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



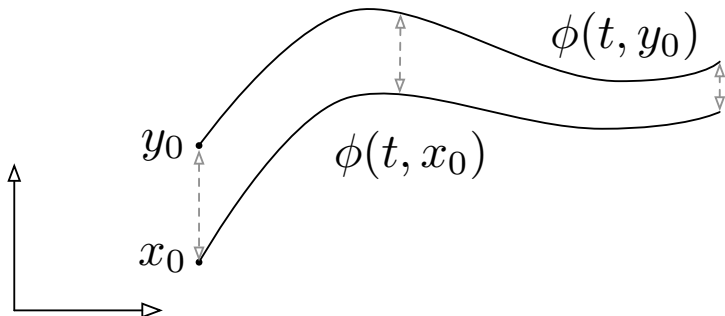


Figure: Any two trajectories of an infinitesimally contracting system converge.



# 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  $M$

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

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



## Vidyasagar '78: Lyapunov functions and matrix measures

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

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

- ①  $A$  Hurwitz  $\Longleftrightarrow A$  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  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\mu_{1, \text{diag}(\eta)}(M) < c \iff \eta^\top M < c\eta^\top, \text{ and}$$

$$\mu_{\infty, \text{diag}(\xi)^{-1}}(M) < c \iff M\xi < c\xi,$$

- ①  $M$  Hurwitz  $\iff M$  has negative weighted 1- or  $\infty$ -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  $\eta$  at each  $x$  implies desirable consequences



# Krasovskiĭ 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 $\infty$ -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  $f_{\text{LVe}}$ , and so  $f_{\text{LV}}$ , 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,

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



# Weakly contracting systems

For a vector field  $f$  a and norm

- C1 there exists a convex and  $f$ -invariant set  $C$ ,
- C2  $f$  is infinitesimally weakly contractive on the set  $C$

## Desirable consequences (under additional incremental assumptions)

Then one of the following mutually-exclusive conditions hold: either

- ①  $f$  has no equilibrium in  $C$  and every trajectory in  $C$  is unbounded, or
- ②  $f$  has at least one equilibrium  $x^* \in C$  and:
  - ① every trajectory starting in  $C$  is bounded and each equilibrium  $x^{**}$  is stable with weak Lyapunov function  $x \mapsto \|x - x^{**}\|$ ,
  - ② if the norm  $\|\cdot\|$  is a  $(p, R)$ -norm,  $p \in \{1, \infty\}$  and  $f$  is piecewise real analytic, then every trajectory converges to the set of equilibria,
  - ③ if  $x^*$  is locally asy stable, then  $x^*$  is globally asy stable in  $C$ ,
  - ④ if  $\mu(Df(x^*)) < 0$ , then  $x \mapsto \|x - x^*\|$  is a global Lyapunov function and  $x \mapsto \|f(x)\|$  is a local Lyapunov function.



# Why is this relevant for infrastructure networks?



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

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

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

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

If additionally  $f$  has Metzler Jacobian, then  $f$  is automatically weakly contracting (non-expansive) with respect to the  $\ell_1$  norm.



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- 1 problem statement
- 2 solution

### Kuramoto Multi-Stability (lack of uniqueness)

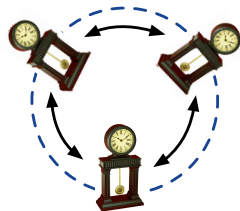
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## Kuramoto model

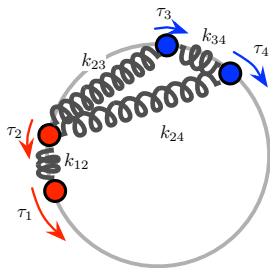
- **$n$  oscillators** with angle  $\theta_i \in \mathbb{S}^1$
- **non-identical** natural frequencies  $\omega_i \in \mathbb{R}^1$
- **coupling** with strength  $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$

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





# 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

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## Kuramoto equilibrium equation

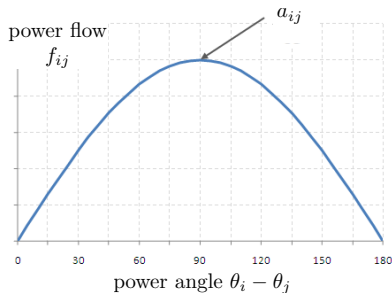
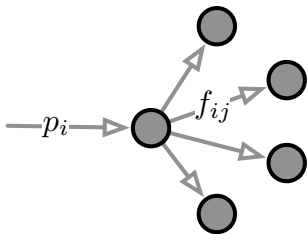
$$0 = \omega_i - \sum_j a_{ij} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j)$$



## 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  $\theta_i$

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



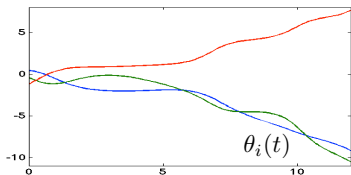
**Given:** network parameters & topology, load & generation profile,



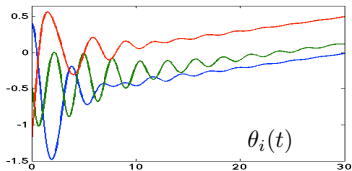
# Phenomenon #1: Transition from incoherence to sync

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



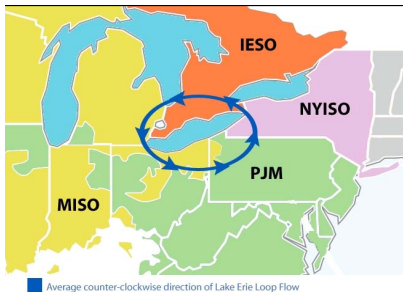
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## Theoretical observation: multiple solutions exist

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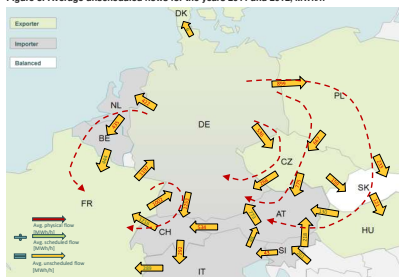
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Weighted undirected graph with  $n$  nodes and  $m$  edges:

**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:**

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

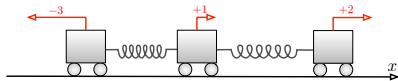
**Algebraic connectivity:**

$\lambda_2(L)$  = second smallest eig of  $L$   
= notion of connectivity and coupling

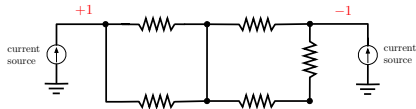


# Primer on algebraic graph theory (slide 2/2)

## 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:  $p_{\text{act}v} = L \theta$

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

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



# From Old to New Tests

Question: Given balanced  $p_{\text{actv}}$ , 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

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

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



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

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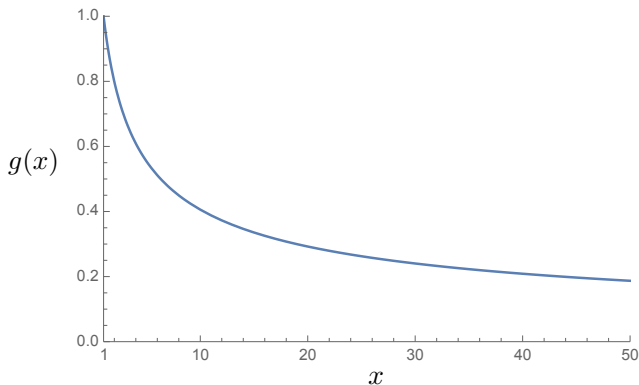
$$\|B^\top L^\dagger p_{\text{actv}}\|_\infty < g(\|\mathcal{P}\|_\infty) \quad \text{for all graphs} \quad (\text{New } \infty\text{-norm T})$$



where  $g$  is monotonically decreasing

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

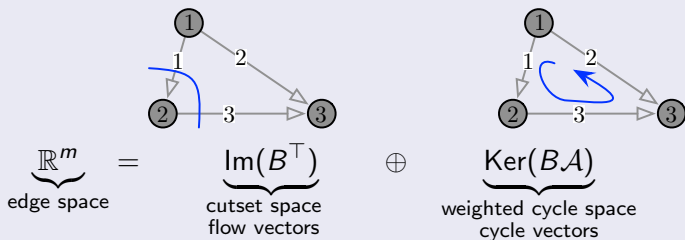
$$x \mapsto \frac{y(x) + \sin(y(x))}{2} - x \frac{y(x) - \sin(y(x))}{2} \Big|_{y(x) = \arccos\left(\frac{x-1}{x+1}\right)}$$





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  $\|\mathcal{P}\|_\infty = 2(n-1)/n \leq 2$



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

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

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



Unifying theorem with a family of tests

Equilibrium angles (neighbors within  $\gamma$  arc) exist if, in some  $p$ -norm,

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

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  $\theta$  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

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

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

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



**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**

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

$$\text{then } \|h(x)\|_p \leq \max_x \max_y \|(\mathcal{P} \operatorname{diag}[\operatorname{sinc}(x)])^{-1} y\|_p \cdot \|z\|_p$$

$$= \left( \min_x \min_y \|\mathcal{P} \operatorname{diag}[\operatorname{sinc}(x)] y\|_p \right)^{-1} \|z\|_p \leq \frac{\|z\|_p}{\alpha_p(\gamma)}$$

**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 $\infty$ -norm	$g(\ \mathcal{P}\ _\infty) \approx 1$ approximate	$\alpha_\infty$ test <i>fmincon</i>
IEEE 9	16.54 %	73.74 %	92.13 %	85.06 % <sup>†</sup>
IEEE 14	8.33 %	59.42 %	83.09 %	81.32 % <sup>†</sup>
IEEE RTS 24	3.86 %	53.44 %	89.48 %	89.48 % <sup>†</sup>
IEEE 30	2.70 %	55.70 %	85.54 %	85.54 % <sup>†</sup>
IEEE 118	0.29 %	43.70 %	85.95 %	— <sup>*</sup>
IEEE 300	0.20 %	40.33 %	99.80 %	— <sup>*</sup>
Polish 2383	0.11 %	29.08 %	82.85 %	— <sup>*</sup>

<sup>†</sup> *fmincon* with 100 randomized initial conditions

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# Summary: Kuramoto equilibrium and active power flow

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Equilibrium angles exist if, in some  $p$ -norm,

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

For  $p = \infty$ , after bounding,

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

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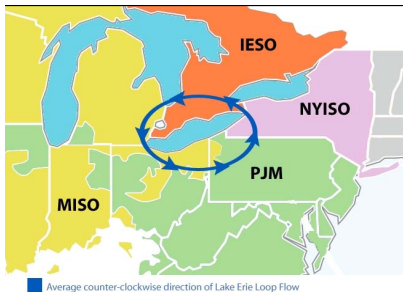
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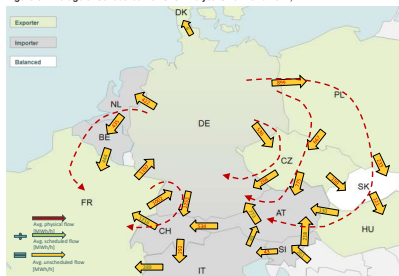
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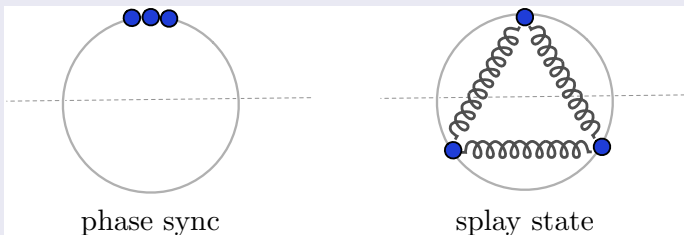
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- 1 is solution unique?
- 2 how to localize/classify solutions?

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



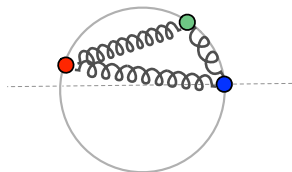


# Winding number of $n$ angles

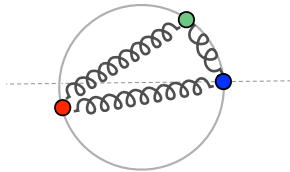
Given undirected graph with a cycle  $\sigma = (1, \dots, n_\sigma)$  and orientation

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

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



$$w(\theta) = 0$$



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

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

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



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

Theorem: Kirchhoff 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

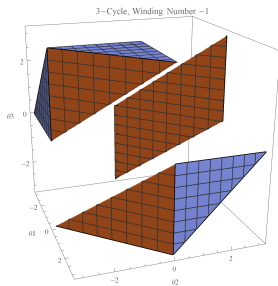
$$\text{WindingCell}(u) := \{\theta \in \mathbb{T}^n \mid w(\theta) = u\}$$

Then

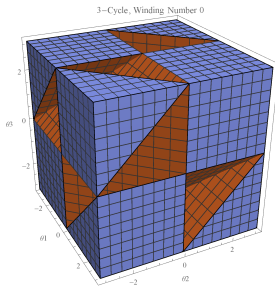
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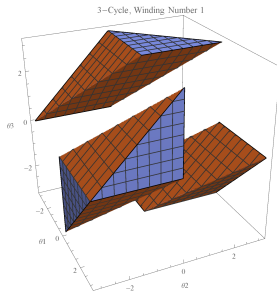
# Winding partition of triangle graph



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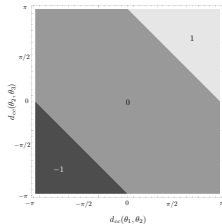


$$w = 0$$



$$w = +1$$

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

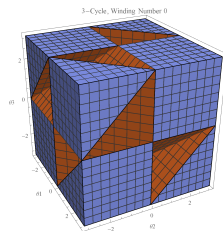




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## Theorem: At-most-uniqueness and extensions

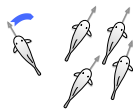
- 1 each WindingCell has at-most-unique equilibrium with  $\Delta\theta < \pi/2$
- 2 equilibrium loop flow increases monotonically wrt winding number
- 3 existence + uniqueness in  $\text{WindingCell}(u)$  with  $\Delta\theta < \pi/2$  if

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

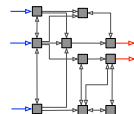
$\exists$  a trajectory inside  $\text{WindingCell}(u)$  with  $\Delta\theta < \pi/2$  (Dynamic T)



# Summary and Future Work



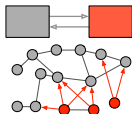
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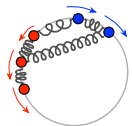
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## Review

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- 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 ...**