

CLUSTER ASSIGNMENT IN MULTI-AGENT SYSTEMS

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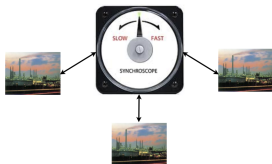
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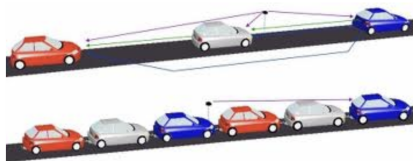
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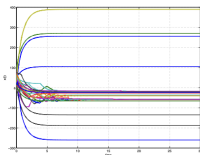
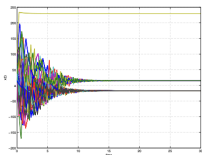
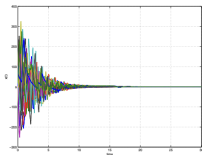


Synchroscope for A/C electrical power systems

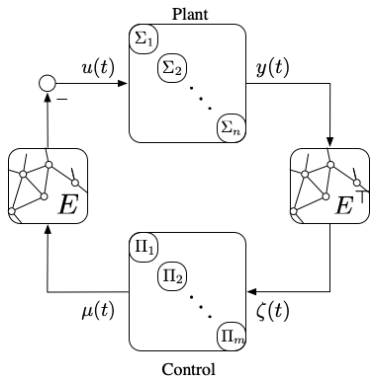


Car following

Agreement v. Clustering



DIFFUSIVELY COUPLED NETWORKS



Node dynamics

$$\Sigma_i : \begin{aligned} \dot{x}_i(t) &= f_i(x_i(t), u_i(t)), \\ y_i(t) &= h_i(x_i(t), u_i(t)). \end{aligned}$$

Edge dynamics

$$\Pi_e : \begin{aligned} \dot{\eta}_e(t) &= \phi_e(\eta_e(t), \zeta_e(t)), \\ \mu_e(t) &= \psi_e(\eta_e(t), \zeta_e(t)). \end{aligned}$$

The network is denoted by the triple $(\mathcal{G}, \Sigma, \Pi)$.

- **steady-state I/O relation:** $y_i \in k_i(u_i)$, $\mu_e \in \gamma_e(\zeta_e)$
- **Assumption:** The agents Σ_i are output-strictly MEI-Passive and the controllers Π_e are MEI-Passive

WEAKLY EQUIVALENT SYSTEMS

- We want to understand how symmetries in a multi-agent system affect the steady-state of system

Weakly Equivalent Systems

Two systems are called **weakly equivalent** if they have the same steady-state relation

Examples of WES:

$$\Upsilon_1 : y = u$$

$$\Upsilon_2 : \begin{cases} \dot{x} = -x + u, \\ y = x \end{cases}$$

$$\Upsilon_3 : \begin{cases} \dot{x} = -10x + u, \\ y = 10x \end{cases}$$

$$\Upsilon_4 : \begin{cases} \dot{x} = -x + \sinh(u), \\ y = \operatorname{arcsinh}(x) \end{cases}$$

$$\Upsilon_5 : \begin{cases} \dot{x} = -x + u, \\ y = 0.5(x + u) \end{cases}$$

all have $k(u) = (u)$

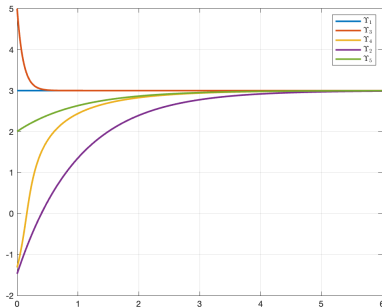
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Weak Symmetries

Let $(\mathcal{G}, \Sigma, \Pi)$ be a multi-agent system. A **weak automorphism** of the MAS is a map $\psi : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$ such that

1. If $i \rightarrow j$ is an edge, then so is $\psi(i) \rightarrow \psi(j)$ (graph automorphism)
2. Σ_i is weakly equivalent to $\Sigma_{\psi(i)}$
3. Π_e is weakly equivalent to $\Pi_{\psi(e)}$
4. The map ψ preserves edge orientations

The group of weak automorphisms is denoted $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{G}, \Sigma, \Pi)$.

- note $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{G}, \Sigma, \Pi)$ is a subgroup of $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{G})$ (automorphism group of \mathcal{G})

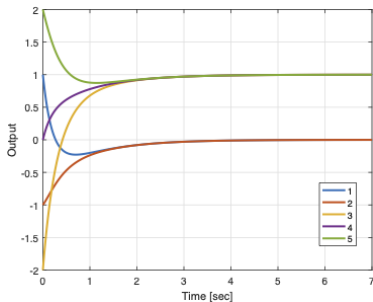
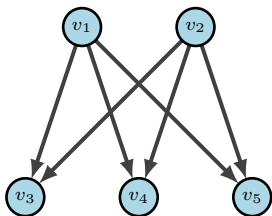
Theorem [S&Z2016]

Consider the diffusively-coupled system $(\mathcal{G}, \Sigma, \Pi)$, and suppose the passivity assumption holds. Then for any steady-state output y of the closed-loop and any weak automorphism $\psi \in \text{Aut}(\mathcal{G}, \Sigma, \Pi)$, it follows that $P_\psi y = y$, where P_ψ is the permutation matrix representation of ψ .

- shows such a MAS converges to a cluster configuration (when $0 \notin \gamma_e(0)$)
- clusters determined by the orbits of the weak automorphism group

CLUSTER SYNTHESIS - EXAMPLE

- Given 5 LTI agents: $G(s) = \frac{1}{s+1}$
- Goal: cluster of size 3 at $y = 1$ and cluster of size 2 at $y = 0$.



- orient edges from 1, 2 to 3, 4, 5
- choose controllers equal to $\mu_e = -1.2 + \zeta_e$.

Problem 1

Consider a collection of n homogeneous agents $\{\Sigma_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{V}}$, and let r_1, \dots, r_k be positive integers which sum to n . Find a graph $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$ and homogeneous edge controllers $\{\Pi_e\}_{e \in \mathcal{E}}$ such that the closed loop network converges to a clustered steady-state, with a total of k clusters of sizes r_1, \dots, r_k .

- **Assumption:** Controllers Π_e are chosen such that they are MEI-Passive and $0 \notin \gamma_e(0)$

Problem 2

Given positive integers r_1, \dots, r_k , determine if there exists an oriented graph \mathcal{G} such that it is weakly connected and the action of $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{G})$ on \mathcal{G} has orbits of sizes r_1, \dots, r_k . If a graph exists, then construct it.

- graphs satisfying above properties are denoted as of type $OS(r_1, \dots, r_k)$

HOW MANY EDGES ARE NEEDED?

Theorem

Let r_1, \dots, r_k be any positive integers, and let $n = r_1 + \dots + r_k$

- i) Any directed graph of type $OS(r_1, \dots, r_k)$ has at least m edges, where

$$m = \min_{\mathcal{T} \text{ tree on } k \text{ vertices}} \sum_{\{i,j\} \in \mathcal{T}} \text{lcm}(r_i, r_j). \quad (1)$$

- ii) There exist a directed graph of type $OS(r_1, \dots, r_k)$ with at most M edges, where

$$M = \min_{\substack{\mathcal{T} \text{ path on} \\ k \text{ vertices}}} \left(\sum_{\{i,j\} \in \mathcal{T}} \text{lcm}(r_i, r_j) \right) + \min_{i \in \mathcal{V}} r_i. \quad (2)$$

- lower bound can be found using any algorithm finding a minimal spanning tree, e.g. Kruskal's algorithm (polynomial time)
- upper bound requires solving variant of the traveling salesman problem (**NP-hard**)

Algorithm 1 Building OS -type graphs

Input: A collection r_1, \dots, r_k of positive integers summing to n , and a path \mathcal{T} on k vertices.

Output: A graph \mathcal{G} of type $OS(r_1, \dots, r_k)$.

- 1: Let $\mathcal{G} = (\mathbb{V}, \mathcal{E})$ be an empty graph.
 - 2: **for** $j = 1, \dots, k$ and $p = 1, \dots, r_j$ **do**
 - 3: Add a node with label v_p^j to \mathbb{V} .
 - 4: **for** any edge $\{i, j\}$ in \mathcal{T} **do**
 - 5: **for** $p = 1, \dots, \text{lcm}(r_i, r_j)$ **do**
 - 6: Add the edge $v_p^i \bmod r_i \rightarrow v_p^j \bmod r_j$ to \mathbb{E} .
 - 7: Compute $i^* = \arg \min\{r_i\}$. If $r_{i^*} = 1$, go to step 10.
 - 8: **for** $p = 1, \dots, r_{i^*}$ **do**
 - 9: Add the edge $v_p^{i^*} \rightarrow v_{(p+1)}^{i^*} \bmod r_{i^*}$ to \mathbb{E} .
 - 10: **Return** $\mathcal{G} = (\mathbb{V}, \mathbb{E})$.
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Corollary

Suppose that all cluster sizes r_1, \dots, r_k are equal, and bigger than 1. Then there exists a graph of type $\text{OS}(r_1, \dots, r_k)$ with at most $n = r_1 + \dots + r_k$ edges.

Corollary

Let r_1, \dots, r_k be positive integers such that $k \geq 2$ and that for every j, l , either r_j divides r_l or vice versa. Then there exists a graph of type $\text{OS}(r_1, \dots, r_k)$ with $n = r_1 + \dots + r_k$ edges.

Corollary

Let r_1, \dots, r_k be positive integers such that $r_j \leq q$ for all j , and let $n = r_1 + \dots + r_k$. Then there exists a graph of type $\text{OS}(r_1, \dots, r_k)$ with at most $n + O(q^3)$ edges.

EXAMPLE

consider collection of $n = 15$ identical agents

$$\dot{x} = -x + u + \alpha, \quad y = x$$

(α is random variable) identical controllers

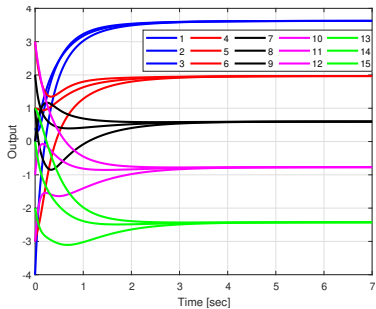
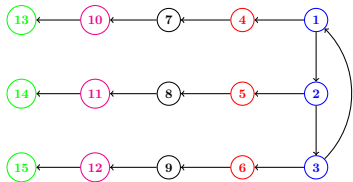
$$\mu = a_1 + a_2(\zeta + \cos(\zeta)),$$

(a_1, a_2 random variables)

construct graph with five equally-sized clusters

EXAMPLE

$$r_1 = r_2 = r_3 = r_4 = r_5 = 3$$



EXAMPLE

consider collection of $n = 10$ identical agents

$$\dot{x} = -x + u + \alpha, \quad y = x$$

(α is random variable) identical controllers

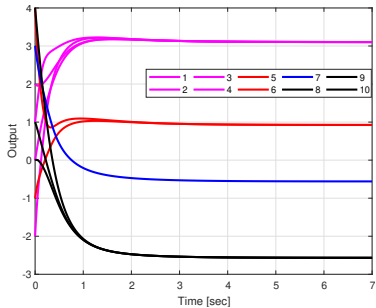
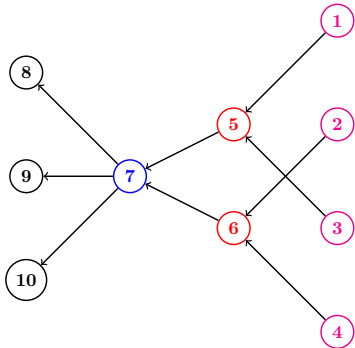
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construct graph with $r_1 = 1, r_2 = 2, r_3 = 3, r_4 = 4$

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- explored the cluster assignment problem for MAS
- provide a characterization of graphs with an automorphism group containing orbits of a prescribed size
- provide a constructive algorithm for to find such graphs

Questions?