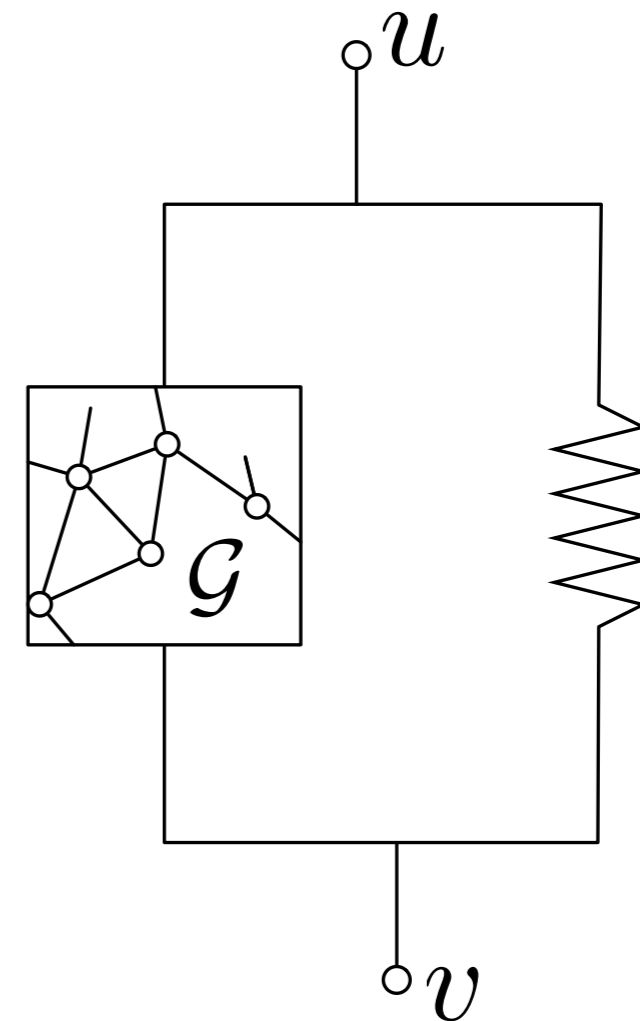


# Clustering, Robustness, and Effective Resistance in Linear Consensus

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# Networked Dynamic Systems

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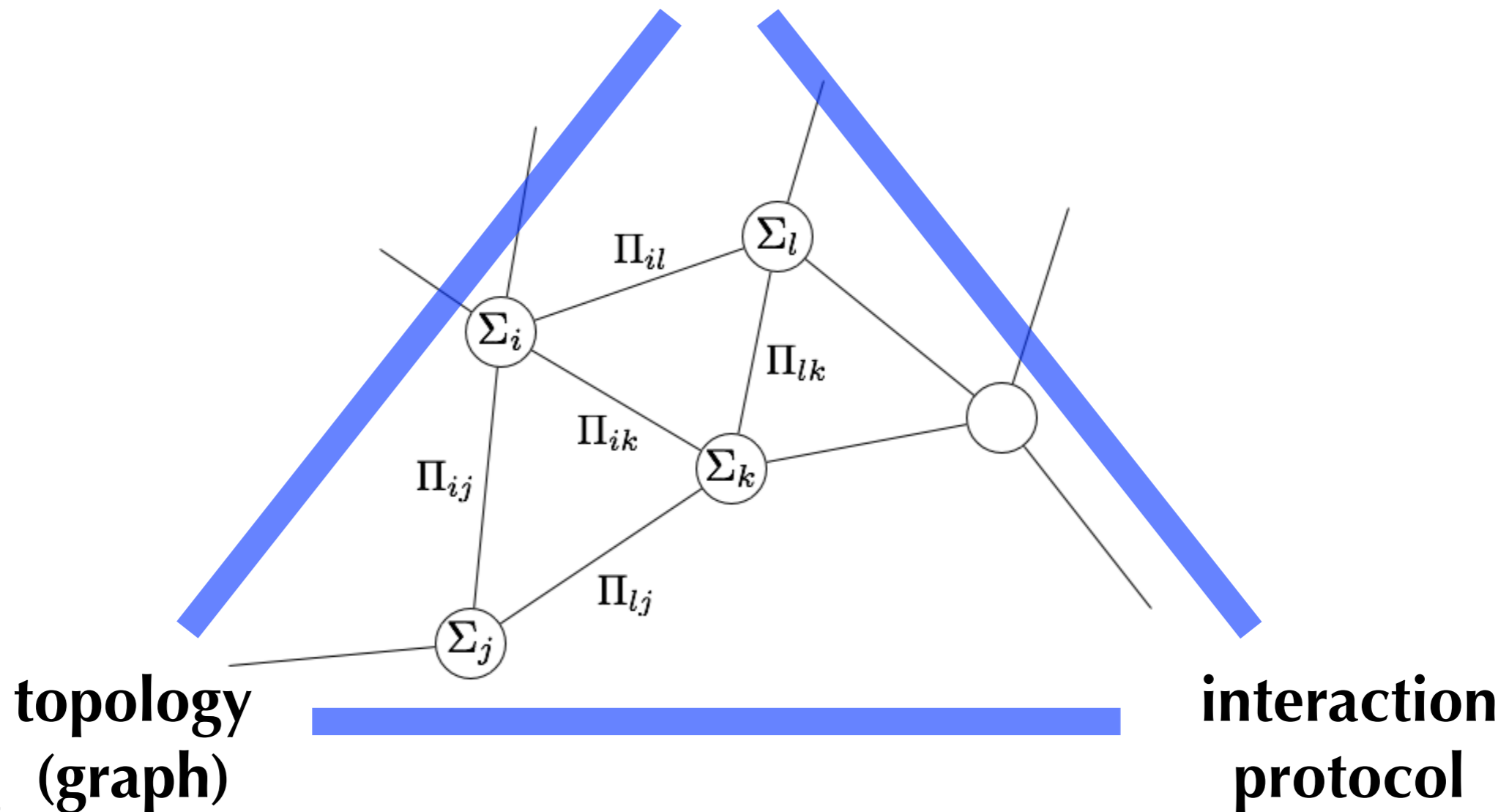
**networks of dynamical systems are one of  
*the enabling technologies of the future***



# Networked Dynamic Systems

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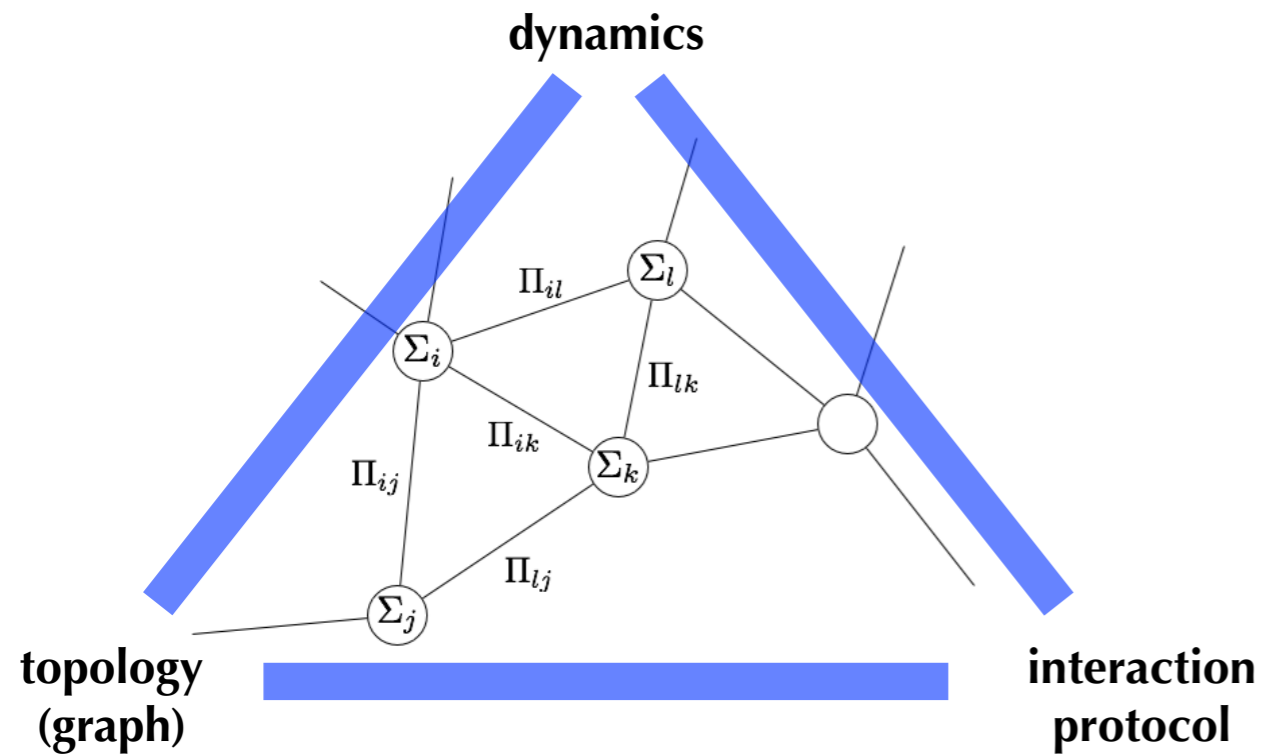
**dynamics**



$$u_i(t) = \Pi_i(x(t), \mathcal{G})$$



# Networked Dynamic Systems



## Analysis

- steady-state behavior
- interplay between dynamics and graph
- equilibrium configurations

## Synthesis

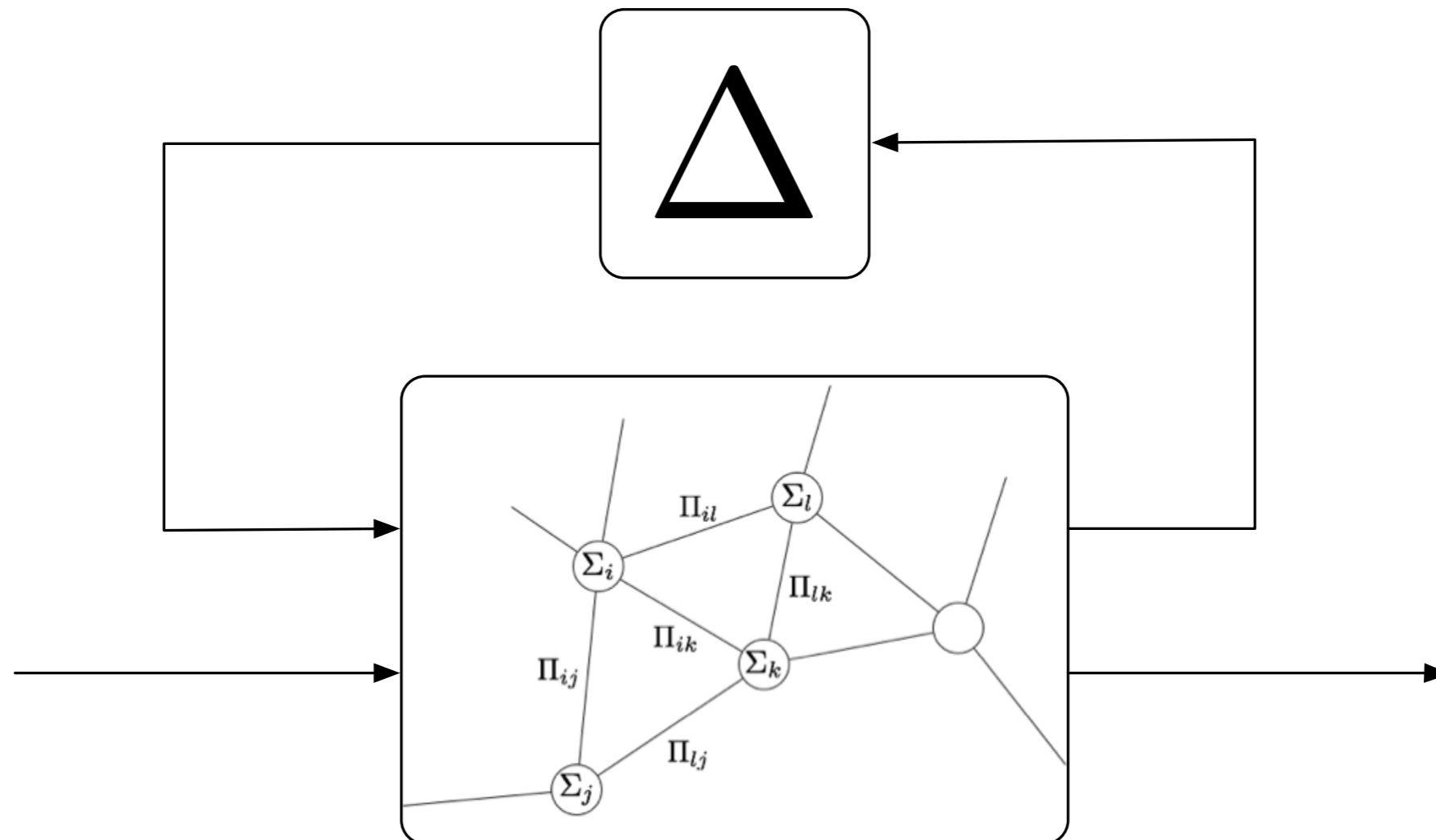
- design of distributed protocols
- design of "good" network structures
- good performance

can we reveal *deep* results describing the underlying behavior of these systems?



# Networked Dynamic Systems

What about robustness?



**what is the right way to approach  
*robustness* of networked dynamic systems?**

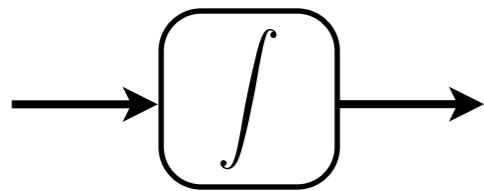


# The Consensus Protocol

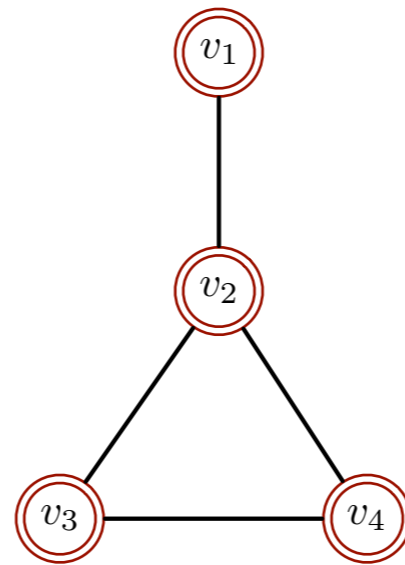
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## Agent Dynamics

$$\dot{x}_i(t) = u_i(t)$$



## Information Exchange Network



$$\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{W})$$

$$\mathcal{W} : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Incidence Matrix

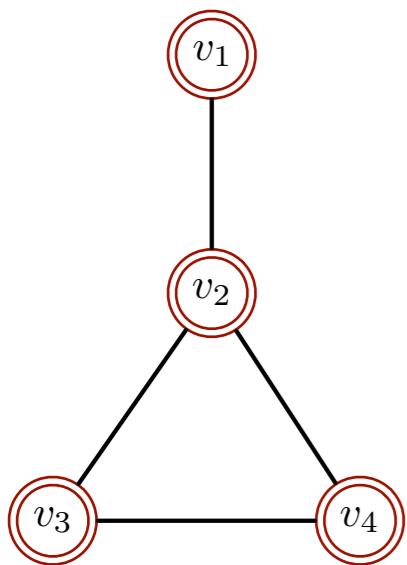
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$$\dot{x}_i(t) = \sum_{i \sim j} w_{ij} (x_j(t) - x_i(t))$$

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Laplacian Matrix

- $L(\mathcal{G}) \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{V}| \times |\mathcal{V}|}$
- $L(\mathcal{G}) = E(\mathcal{G})W E(\mathcal{G})^T$
- $L(\mathcal{G})\mathbf{1} = 0$

$$e = (v_i, v_j) \in \mathcal{E}$$

$$\mathcal{W}(e) = w_{ij} = [W]_{ee}$$

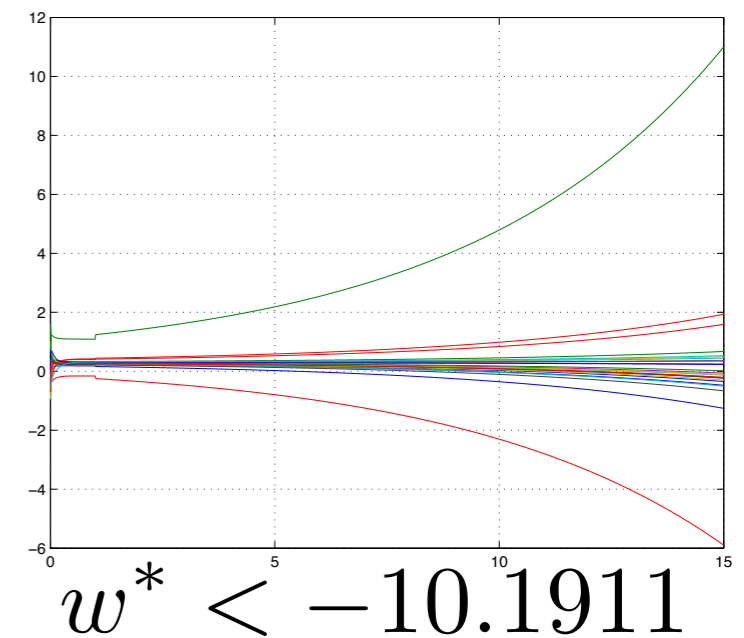
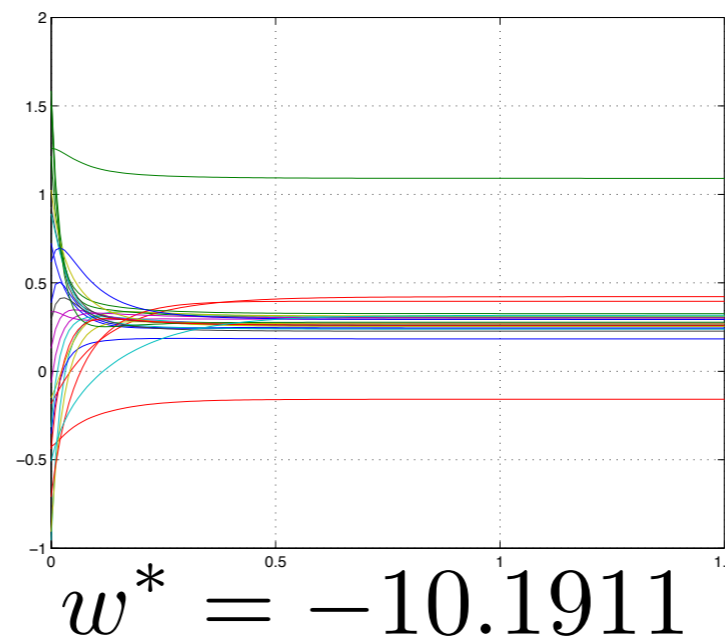
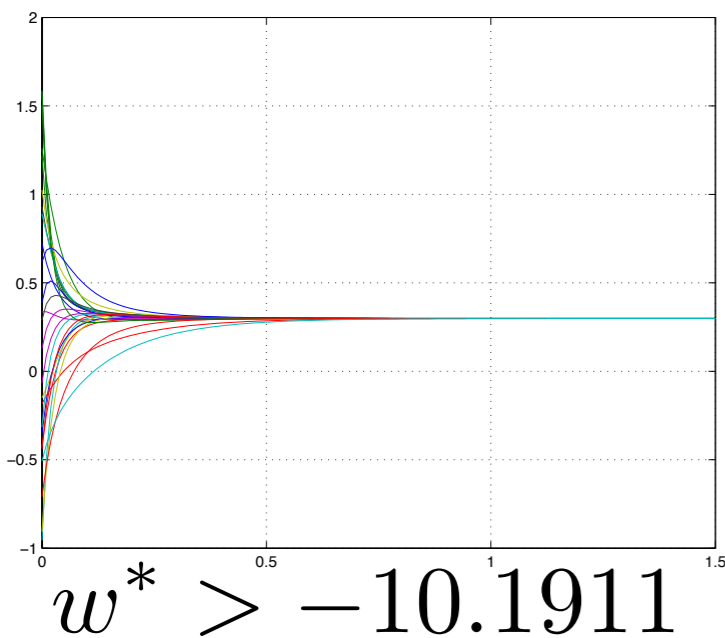
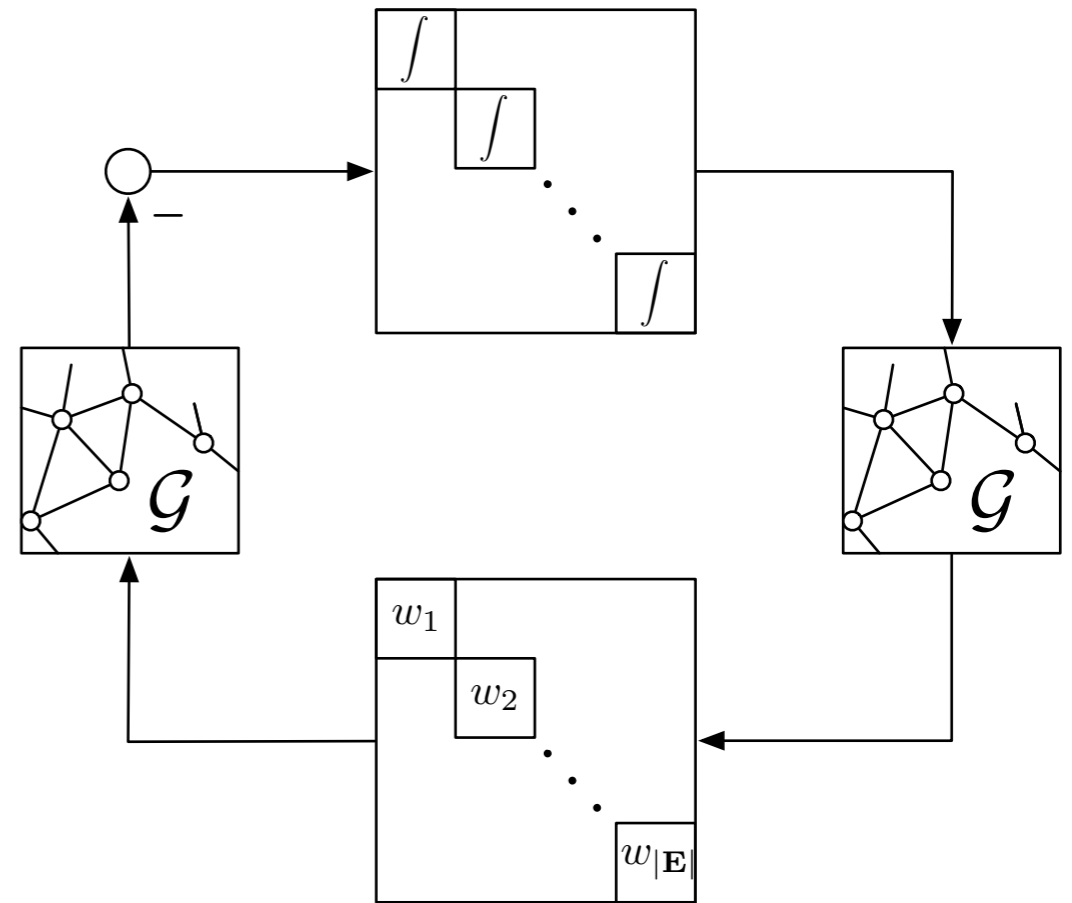


# Robustness in Consensus Networks

## The Linear Weighted Consensus Protocol

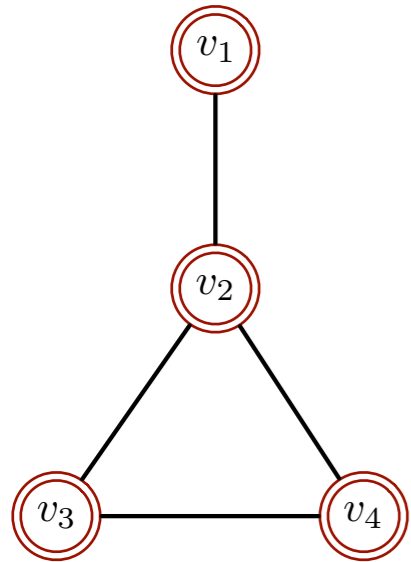
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$\mathcal{G}$  25 nodes  
98 edges





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**Theorem 1** *Let  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{W})$  be a weighted and connected graph with positive edge weights  $\mathcal{W}(k) > 0$  for  $k = 1, \dots, |\mathcal{E}|$ . Then the consensus dynamics synchronizes; i.e.,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x_i(t) = \beta$  for  $i = 1, \dots, |\mathcal{V}|$ .*

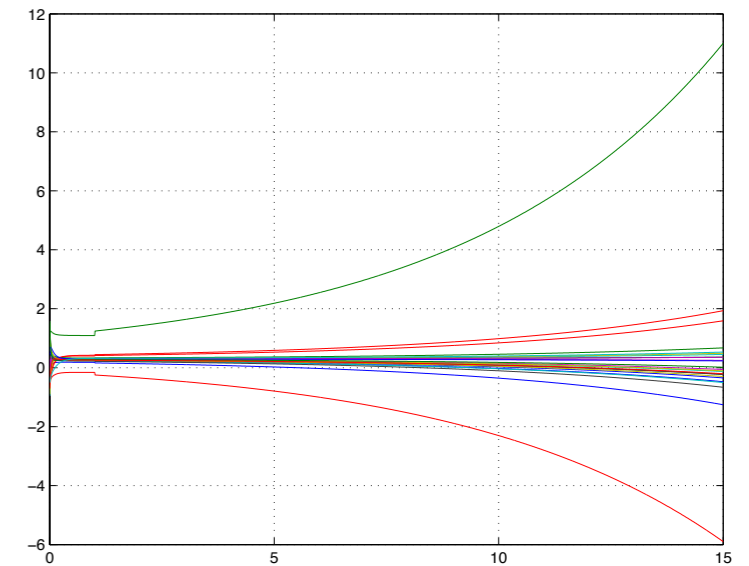
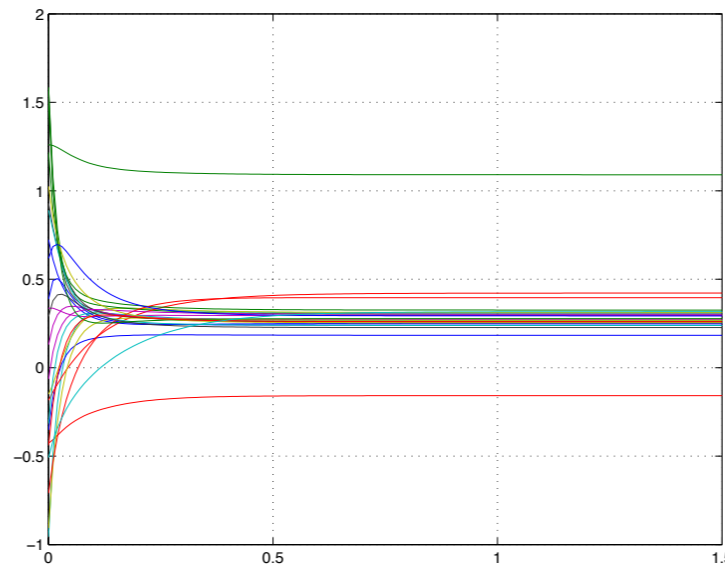
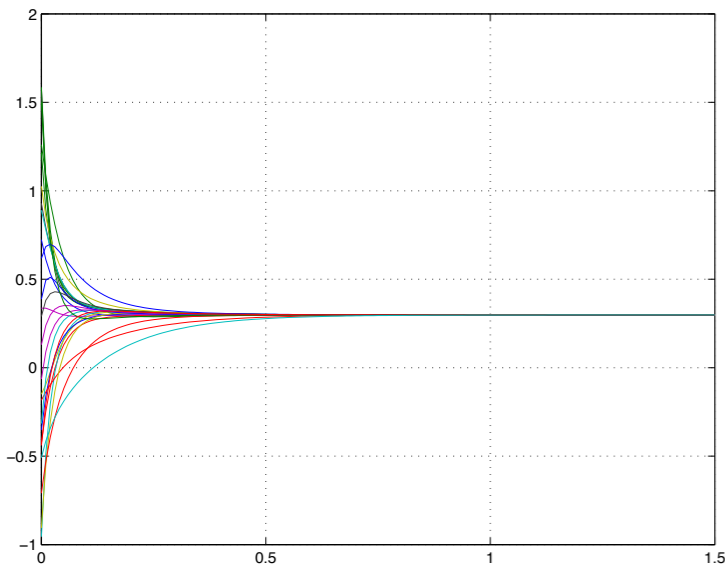
Mesbahi & Egerstedt, Olfati-Saber, Ren



# Synchronization and the Laplacian

$$x(t) = e^{-L(\mathcal{G})t} x_0$$

$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = \beta \mathbb{1} \Leftrightarrow L(\mathcal{G})$  has only **one** eigenvalue at the origin



$$L(\mathcal{G}) \geq 0$$

has only **one** eigenvalue at the zero

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has **more than one** eigenvalue at the zero

$$L(\mathcal{G})$$

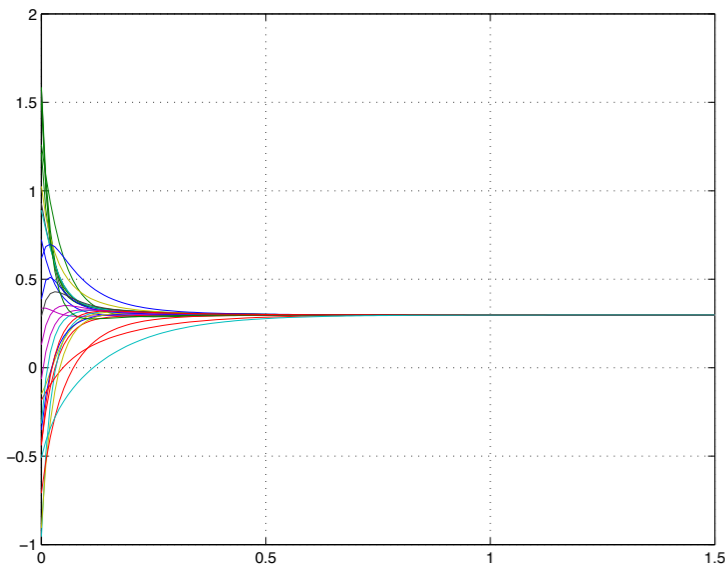
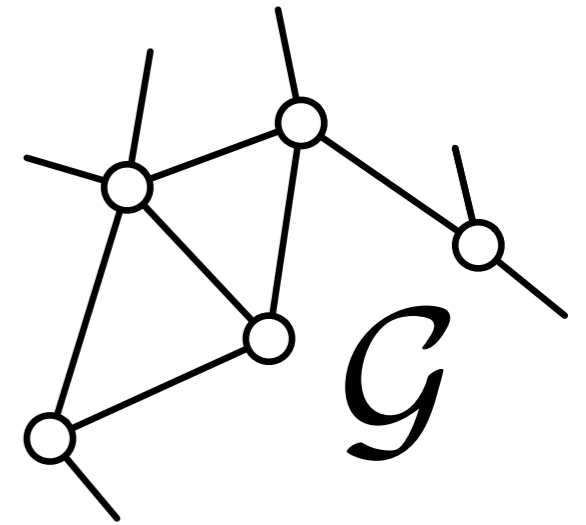
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# Synchronization and the Laplacian

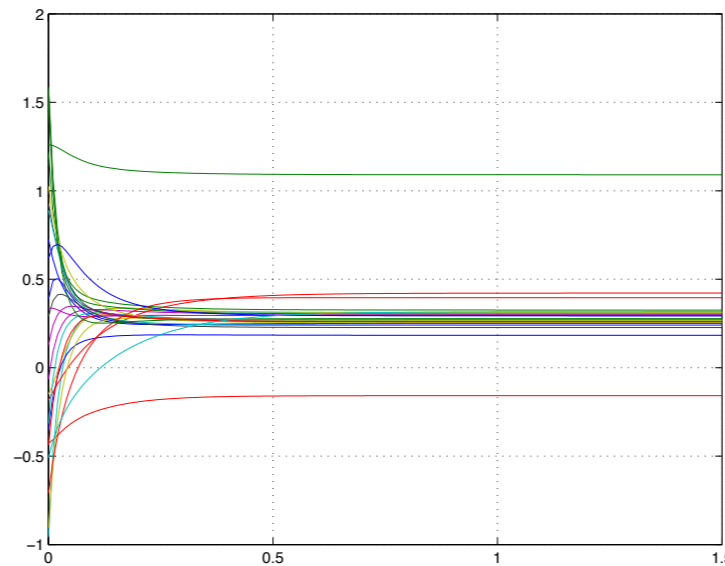
$$\dot{x}(t) = -L(\mathcal{G})x(t)$$

system behavior depends on the spectral properties of the graph Laplacian



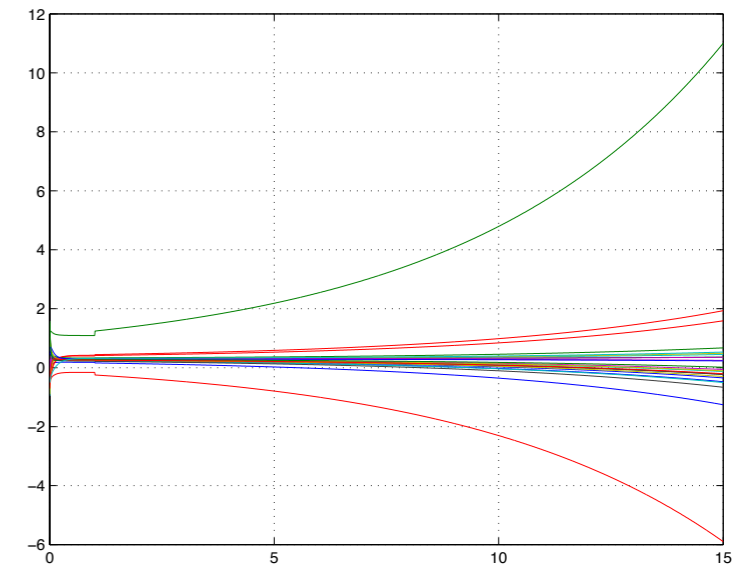
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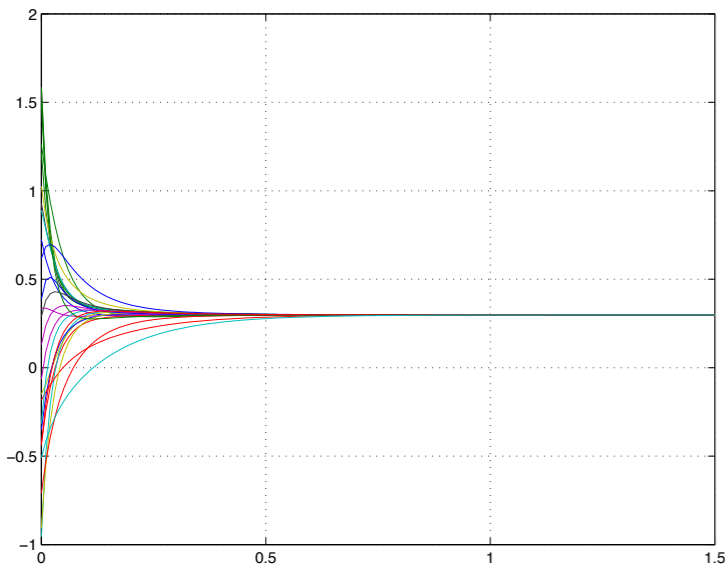
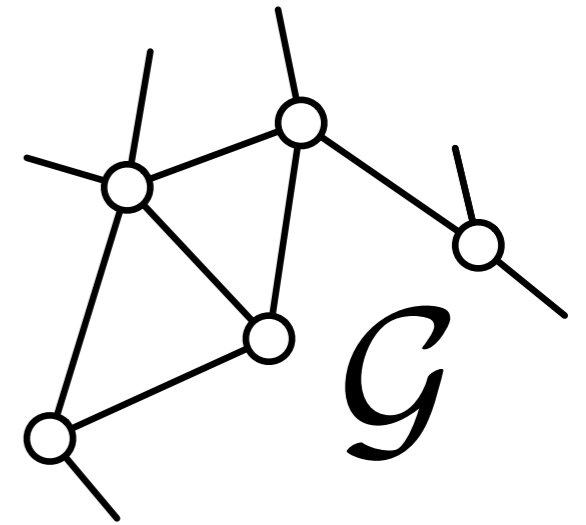
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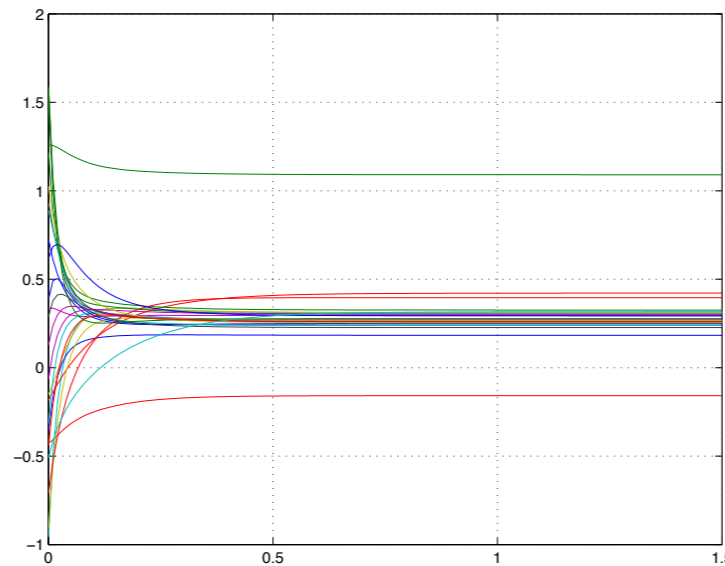
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can we understand spectral properties of the Laplacian from the structure of the graph?



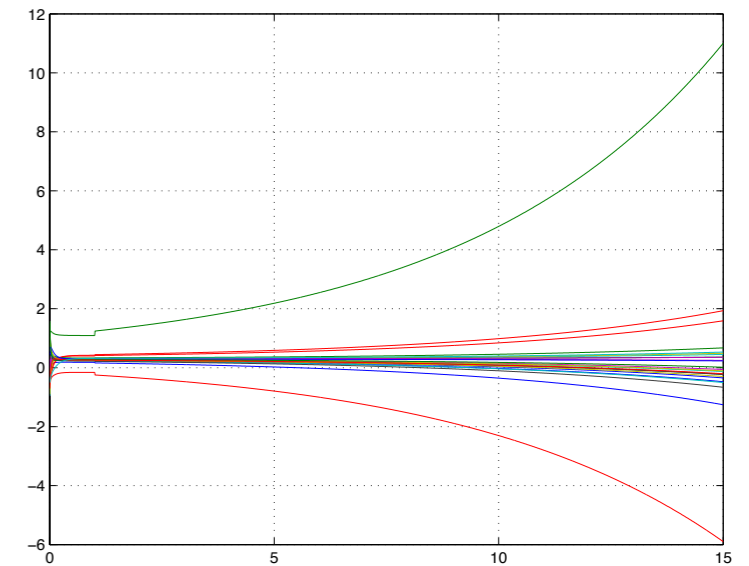
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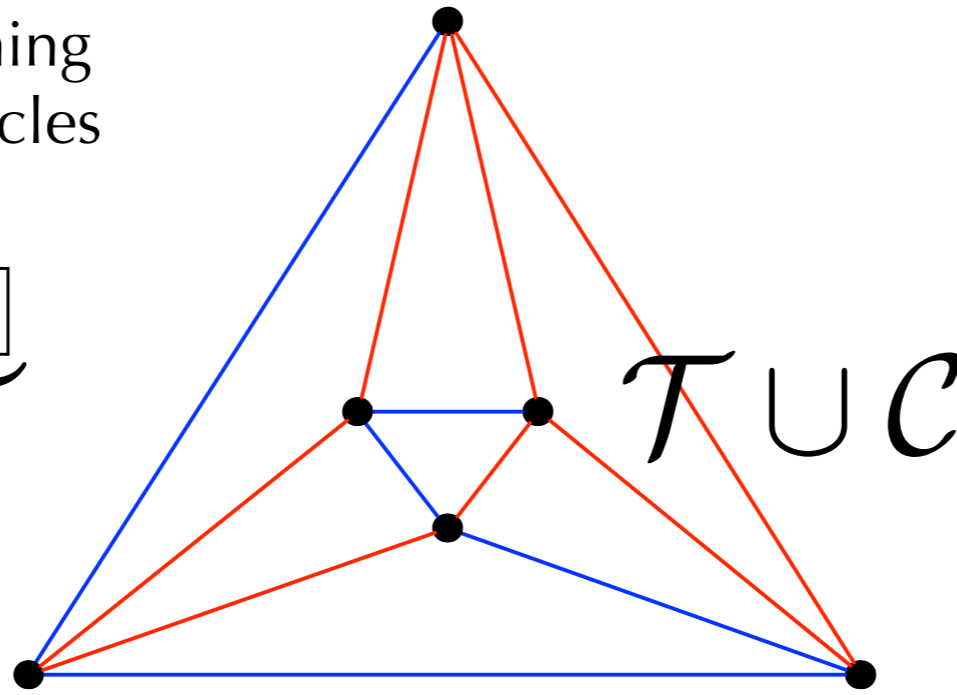


# Spanning Trees and Cycles

A graph as the union of a spanning tree and edges that complete cycles

$$E(\mathcal{G}) = E(\mathcal{T}) \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} I & T_{(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{C})} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathcal{R}_{(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{C})}}$$

$$T_{(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{C})} = \underbrace{(E_{\mathcal{T}}^T E_{\mathcal{T}})^{-1} E_{\mathcal{T}}^T}_{E_{\mathcal{T}}^L} E(\mathcal{C})$$



a spanning tree

remaining edges  
"complete cycles"

## Weighted Edge Laplacian

$$L_e(\mathcal{G}) = W^{\frac{1}{2}} E(\mathcal{G})^T E(\mathcal{G}) W^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

## Essential Edge Laplacian

$$L_e(\mathcal{T}) \mathcal{R}_{(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{C})} W \mathcal{R}_{(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{C})}^T$$

$\mathcal{R}_{(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{C})}$  rows form a basis for the cut space of the graph

similarity between edge and graph Laplacians

$L(\mathcal{G})$

$L_e(\mathcal{G})$



# Some Properties of $L_e(\mathcal{G})$

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**Proposition 1** *The matrix  $L_e(\mathcal{T})R_{(\mathcal{T},c)}WR_{(\mathcal{T},c)}^T$  has the same inertia as  $R_{(\mathcal{T},c)}WR_{(\mathcal{T},c)}^T$ . Similarly, the matrix  $(L_e(\mathcal{T})R_{(\mathcal{T},c)}WR_{(\mathcal{T},c)}^T)^{-1}$  has the same inertia as  $(R_{(\mathcal{T},c)}WR_{(\mathcal{T},c)}^T)^{-1}$ .*

**Recall:** The *inertia* of a matrix is the number of negative, 0, and positive eigenvalues

**Proof:**

$$L_e(\mathcal{T})R_{(\mathcal{T},c)}WR_{(\mathcal{T},c)}^T \sim L_e(\mathcal{T})^{\frac{1}{2}}R_{(\mathcal{T},c)}WR_{(\mathcal{T},c)}^TL_e(\mathcal{T})^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$L_e(\mathcal{T})^{\frac{1}{2}}R_{(\mathcal{T},c)}WR_{(\mathcal{T},c)}^TL_e(\mathcal{T})^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ is congruent to } R_{(\mathcal{T},c)}WR_{(\mathcal{T},c)}^T$$

congruent matrices have the same inertia



# Some Properties of $L_e(\mathcal{G})$

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$$L(\mathcal{G}) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow R_{(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{C})} W R_{(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{C})}^T \geq 0$$

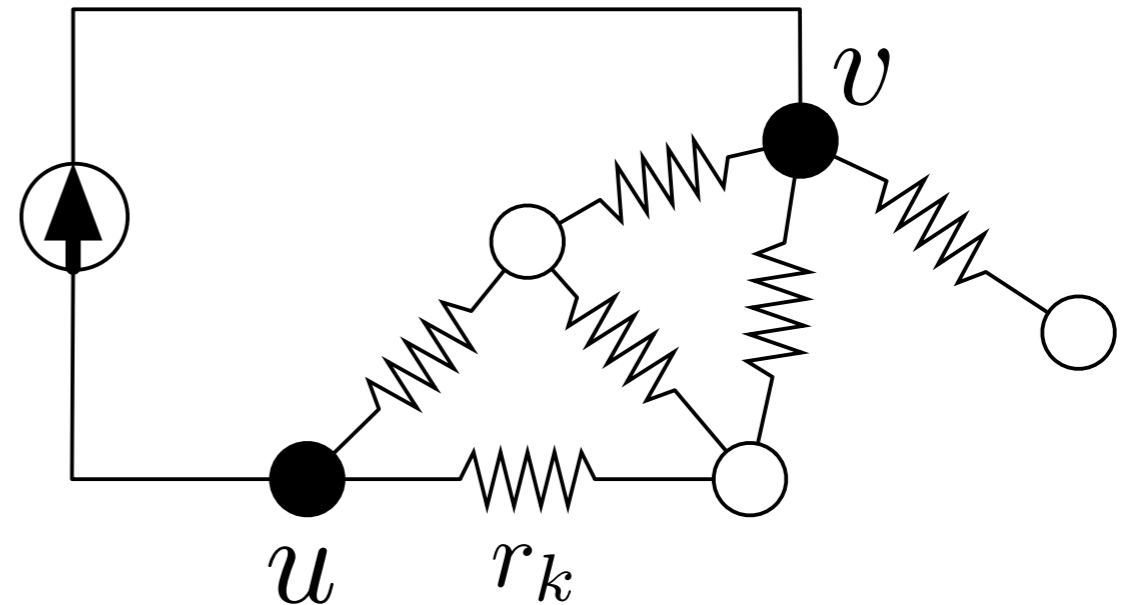
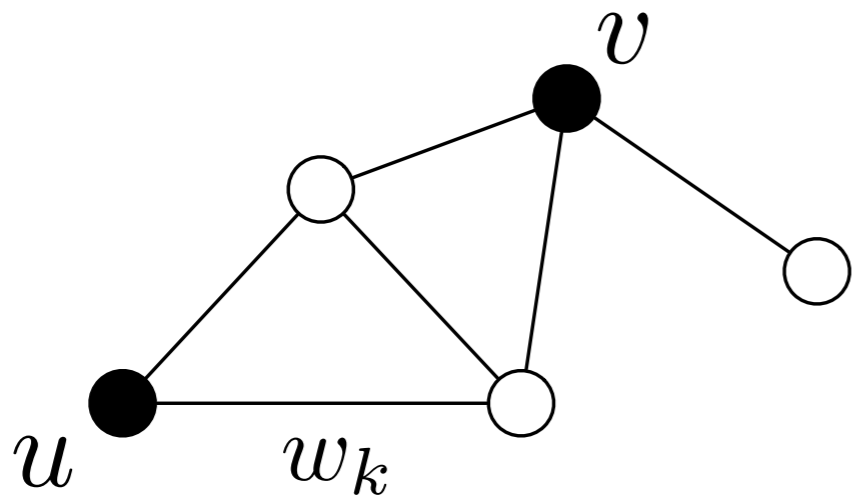
The definiteness of the graph Laplacian can be studied through another matrix!

$$R_{(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{C})} W R_{(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{C})}^T$$



# Effective Resistance of a Graph

The **effective resistance** between two nodes  $u$  and  $v$  is the electrical resistance measured across the nodes when the graph represents an electrical circuit with each edge a resistor



$r_k = \frac{1}{w_k}$  edge weights are the conductance of each resistor

$$\begin{aligned} r_{uv} &= (\mathbf{e}_u - \mathbf{e}_v)^T L^\dagger(\mathcal{G})(\mathbf{e}_u - \mathbf{e}_v) \\ &= [L^\dagger(\mathcal{G})]_{uu} - 2[L^\dagger(\mathcal{G})]_{uv} + [L^\dagger(\mathcal{G})]_{vv} \end{aligned}$$

Klein and Randić  
1993





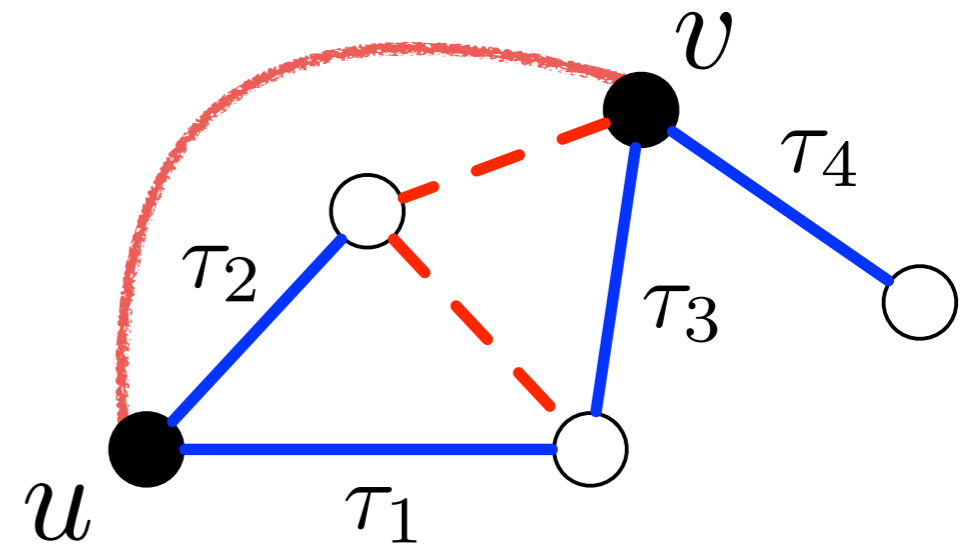
# Effective Resistance of a Graph

## Proposition 1

$$L^\dagger(\mathcal{G}) = (E_\tau^L)^T (R_{(\tau, c)} W R_{(\tau, c)}^T)^{-1} E_\tau^L$$

$$r_{uv} = (\mathbf{e}_u - \mathbf{e}_v)^T L^\dagger(\mathcal{G}) (\mathbf{e}_u - \mathbf{e}_v)$$

$$E_\tau^L(\mathbf{e}_u - \mathbf{e}_v) = \begin{bmatrix} \pm 1 \\ 0 \\ \pm 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \tau_1 \\ \tau_2 \\ \tau_3 \\ \tau_4 \end{matrix}$$



$$\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{T} \cup \mathcal{C}$$

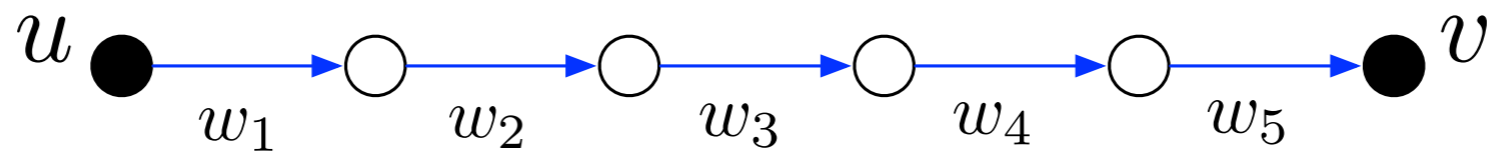
indicates a path from node  $u$  to  $v$  using only edges in the spanning tree

$$T_{(\tau, c)} = \underbrace{(E_\tau^T E_\tau)^{-1} E_\tau^T}_{E_\tau^L} E(\mathcal{C})$$



# Effective Resistance of a Graph

$$r_{uv} = (\mathbf{e}_u - \mathbf{e}_v)^T (E_{\mathcal{T}}^L)^T (R_{(\mathcal{T},c)} W R_{(\mathcal{T},c)}^T)^{-1} E_{\mathcal{T}}^L (\mathbf{e}_u - \mathbf{e}_v)$$



$$R_{(\mathcal{T},c)} = I$$

$$E_{\mathcal{T}}^L (\mathbf{e}_u - \mathbf{e}_v) = \mathbb{1}$$

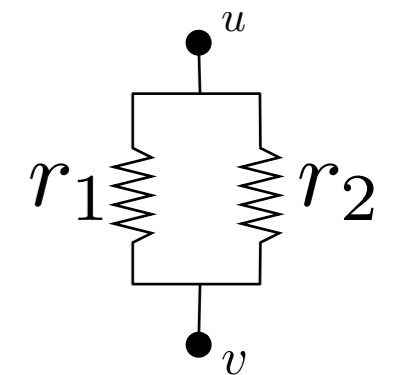
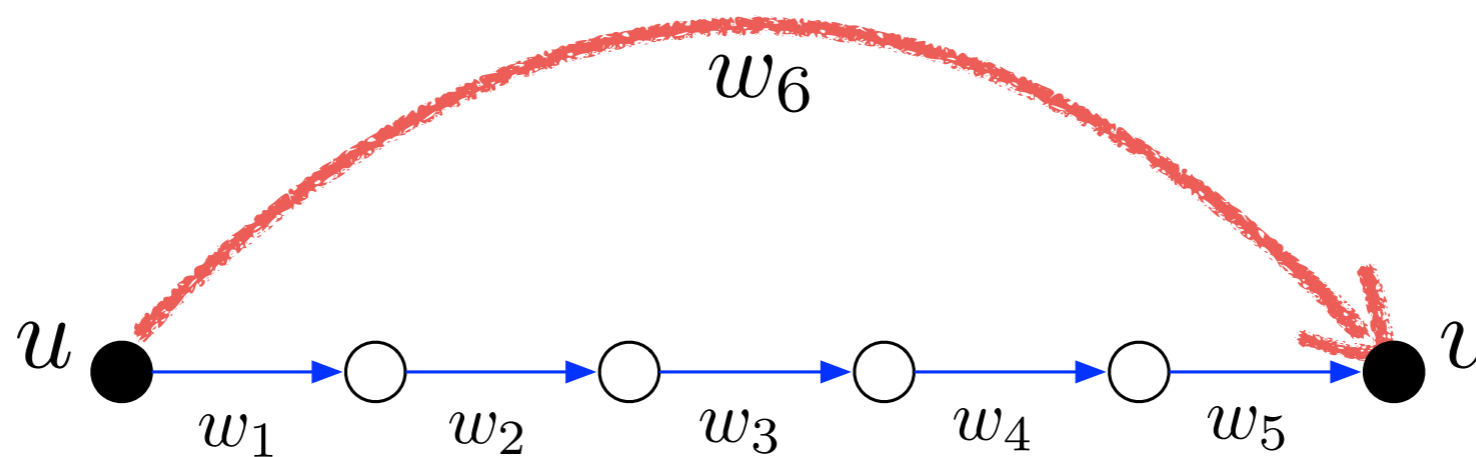
$$r_{uv} = \mathbb{1}^T W^{-1} \mathbb{1} = \sum_{i=1}^5 \frac{1}{w_i}$$

$$r_k = \frac{1}{w_k}$$



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$$r_{uv} = \frac{r_1 r_2}{r_1 + r_2}$$

$$R_{(\mathcal{T},c)} = \begin{bmatrix} I & \mathbb{1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{\mathcal{T}}^L (\mathbf{e}_u - \mathbf{e}_v) = \mathbb{1}$$

$$r_k = \frac{1}{w_k}$$

$$W_{\mathcal{T}} = \text{diag}\{w_1, \dots, w_5\}$$

$$r_{uv} = \mathbb{1}^T (R_{(\mathcal{T},c)} W R_{(\mathcal{T},c)}^T)^{-1} \mathbb{1}$$

$$= \mathbb{1}^T (W_{\mathcal{T}} + w_6 \mathbb{1} \mathbb{1}^T)^{-1} \mathbb{1}$$

$$= \frac{(\mathbb{1}^T W_{\mathcal{T}}^{-1} \mathbb{1}) w_6^{-1}}{\mathbb{1}^T W_{\mathcal{T}}^{-1} \mathbb{1} + w_6^{-1}}$$



# Signed Graphs

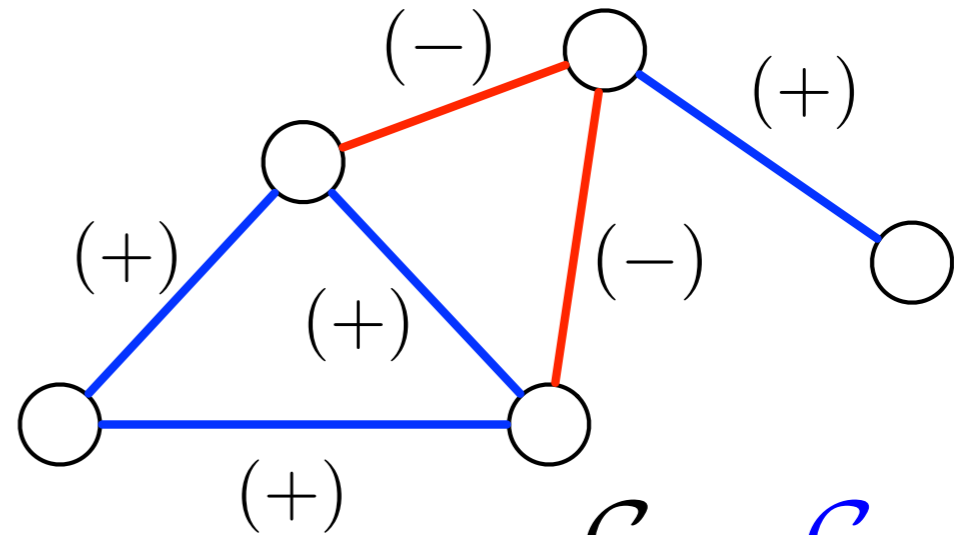
a **signed graph** is a graph with positive and negative edge weights

$$\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{W})$$

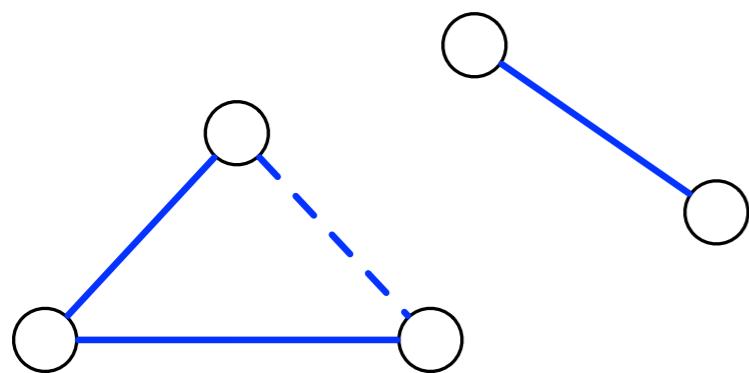
$$\mathcal{W} : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_+ = \{e \in \mathcal{E} : \mathcal{W}(e) > 0\}$$

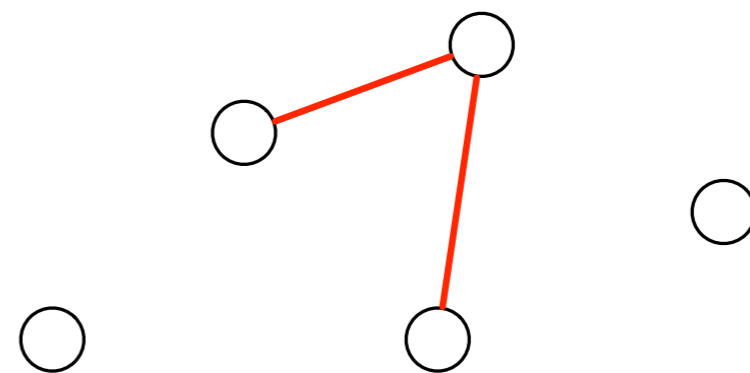
$$\mathcal{E}_- = \{e \in \mathcal{E} : \mathcal{W}(e) < 0\}$$



$$\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}_+ \cup \mathcal{G}_-$$



$$E(\mathcal{G}_+) = E_+ = E_{\mathcal{F}_+} R_{(\mathcal{F}_+, c_+)}$$



$$E(\mathcal{G}_-) = E_-$$

$$L(\mathcal{G}) = E(\mathcal{G}_+) W_+ E(\mathcal{G}_+)^T - E(\mathcal{G}_-) |W_-| E(\mathcal{G}_-)^T$$



# Spectral Properties of Signed Graphs

## Proposition 1

$$L(\mathcal{G}) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} |W_-|^{-1} & E_-^T \\ E_- & E_+ W_+ E_+^T \end{bmatrix} \geq 0$$

**Proof:**

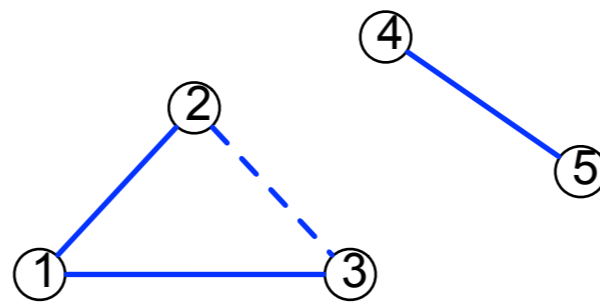
Schur Complement

$$L(\mathcal{G}) = E(\mathcal{G}_+) W_+ E(\mathcal{G}_+)^T - E(\mathcal{G}_-) |W_-| E(\mathcal{G}_-)^T$$

$$E(\mathcal{G}_+) = E_+ = E_{\mathcal{F}_+} R_{(\mathcal{F}_+, c_+)}$$

$$\text{IM}[N_{\mathcal{F}_+}] = \text{span}[\mathcal{N}(E_{\mathcal{F}_+}^T)]$$

Identifies how the positive weight graph is partitioned



$$N_{\mathcal{F}_+} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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**Proof:**

Congruent Transformation  $S = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & \begin{bmatrix} (E_{\mathcal{F}_+}^L)^T & N_{\mathcal{F}_+} \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$

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If the positive portion weighted graph is connected...

$$N_{\mathcal{F}_+} = \mathbb{1} \quad L(\mathcal{G}) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} |W_-|^{-1} & E_-^T (E_{\mathcal{F}_+}^L)^T \\ E_{\mathcal{F}_+}^L E_- & R_{(\mathcal{F}_+, c_+)} W_+ R_{(\mathcal{F}_+, c_+)}^T \end{bmatrix} \geq 0$$



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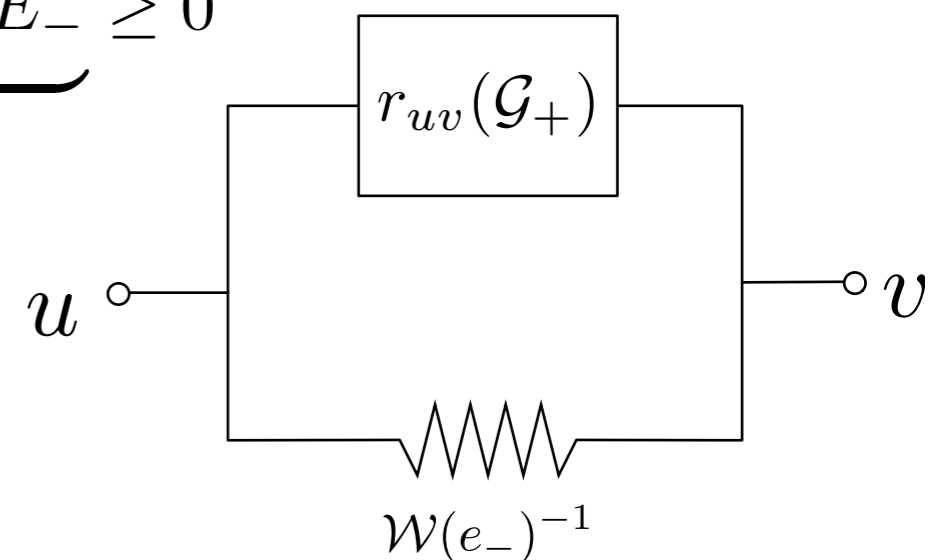
**Theorem 1** Assume that  $\mathcal{G}_+$  is connected and  $|\mathcal{E}_-| = 1$  and let  $\mathcal{E}_- = \{e_- = (u, v)\}$ . Let  $r_{uv}$  denote the effective resistance between nodes  $u, v \in \mathcal{V}$  over the graph  $\mathcal{G}_+$ . Then

$$L(\mathcal{G}) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow |\mathcal{W}(e_-)| \leq r_{uv}^{-1}$$

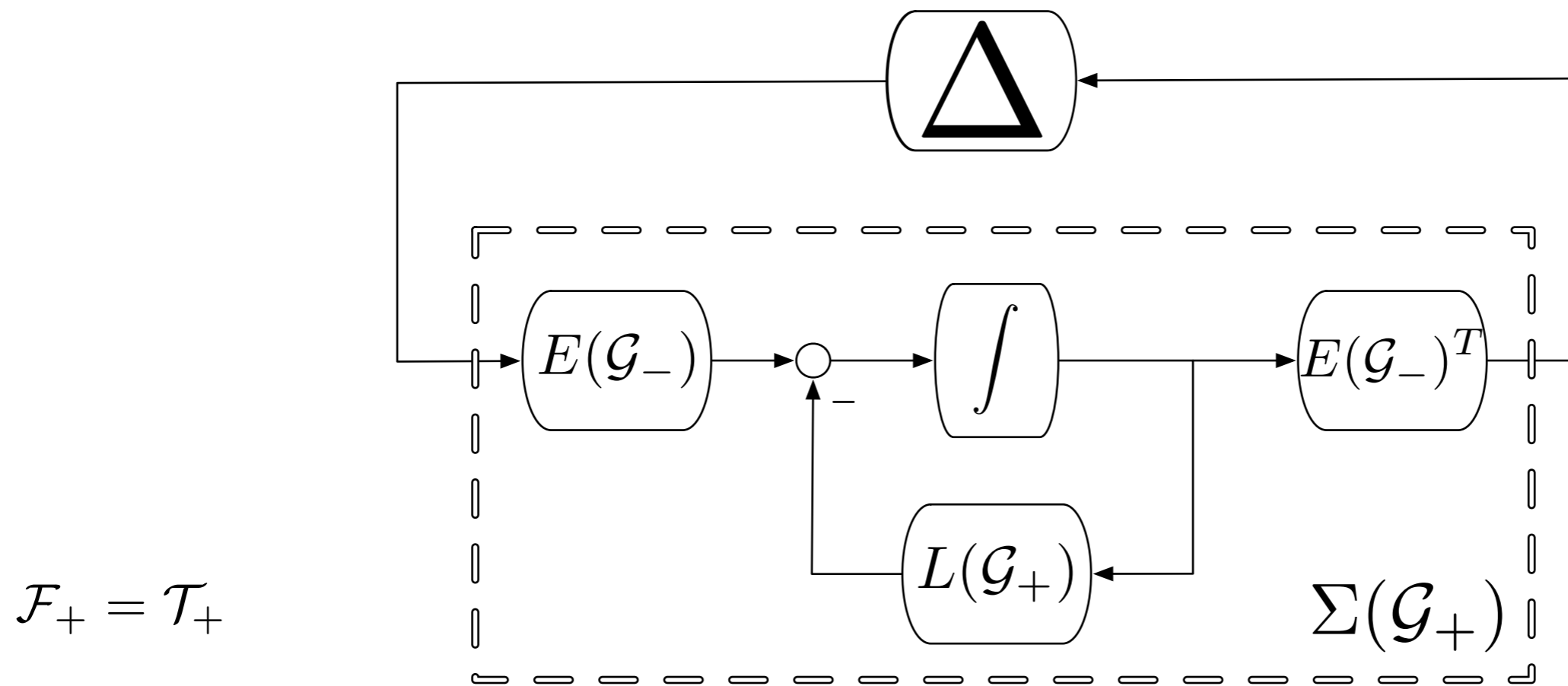
**Proof:**

$$|W_-|^{-1} - \underbrace{E_-^T (E_{\mathcal{F}_+}^L)^T (R_{(\mathcal{F}_+, c_+)} W_+ R_{(\mathcal{F}_+, c_+)}^T)^{-1} E_{\mathcal{F}_+}^L}_{r_{uv}(\mathcal{G}_+)} E_- \geq 0$$

any single edge can destabilize a consensus network with a “negative enough” edge weight



# A Small-Gain Interpretation



## Theorem 1 (Zelazo '11)

$$\|\Sigma(\mathcal{G}_+)\|_\infty^2 = \bar{\sigma} \left[ \underbrace{E_-^T (E_{\mathcal{F}_+}^L)^T \left( R_{(\mathcal{F}_+, c_+)} W_+ R_{(\mathcal{F}_+, c_+)}^T \right)^{-1} E_{\mathcal{F}_+}^L E_-}_{r_{uv}(\mathcal{G}_+)} \right]$$





# Spectral Properties of Signed Graphs

**Corollary 1** Assume that both  $\mathcal{E}_+$  and  $\mathcal{E}_-$  are not empty. If  $\mathcal{G}_+$  is not connected, then  $L(\mathcal{G})$  is indefinite for any choice of negative weights.

**Proof:**

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permutation

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} |W_-|^{-1} & E_-^T N_{\mathcal{F}_+} & E_-^T (E_{\mathcal{F}_+}^L)^T & \\ N_{\mathcal{F}_+}^T E_- & 0 & 0 & \\ \hline E_{\mathcal{F}_+}^L E_- & 0 & R_{(\mathcal{F}_+, c_+)} W_+ R_{(\mathcal{F}_+, c_+)}^T & \end{array} \right]$$

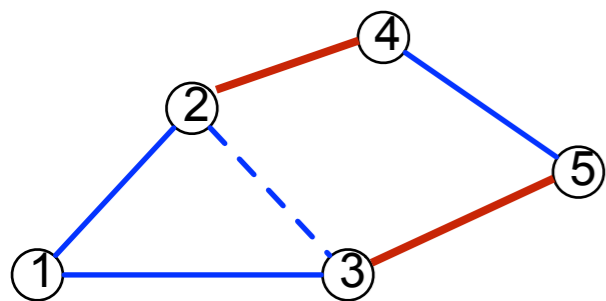
$$[E_-^T N_{\mathcal{F}_+}]_{ik} = \pm 1 \quad \text{if and only if edge } k \text{ separates node } u \text{ and } v \quad e_k = (u, v)$$



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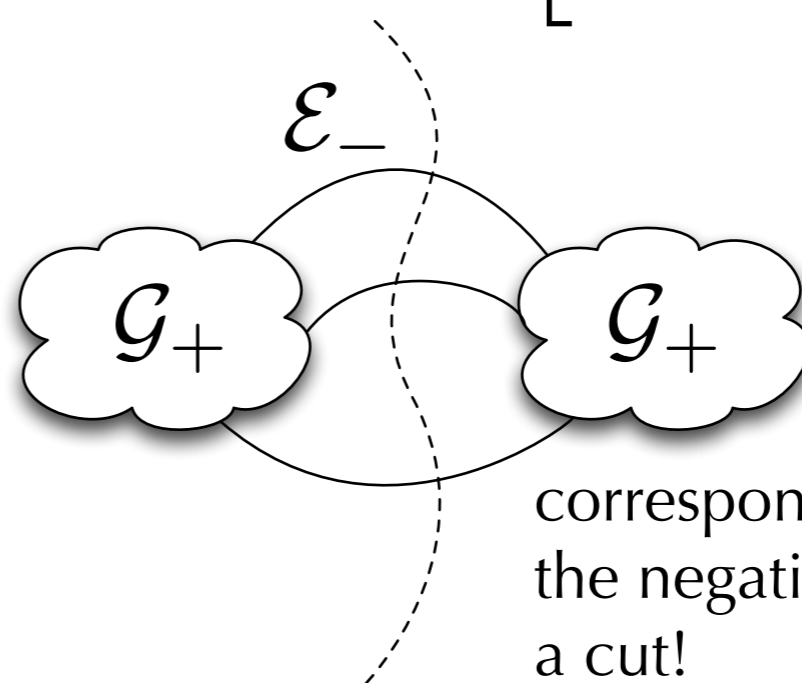
**Proof:**



$$N_{\mathcal{F}_+} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_- = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_-^T N_{\mathcal{F}_+} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$



corresponds precisely to when the negative edge weights form a cut!



# Spectral Properties of Signed Graphs

**Corollary 1** *Assume that both  $\mathcal{E}_+$  and  $\mathcal{E}_-$  are not empty. If  $\mathcal{G}_+$  is not connected, then  $L(\mathcal{G})$  is indefinite for any choice of negative weights.*

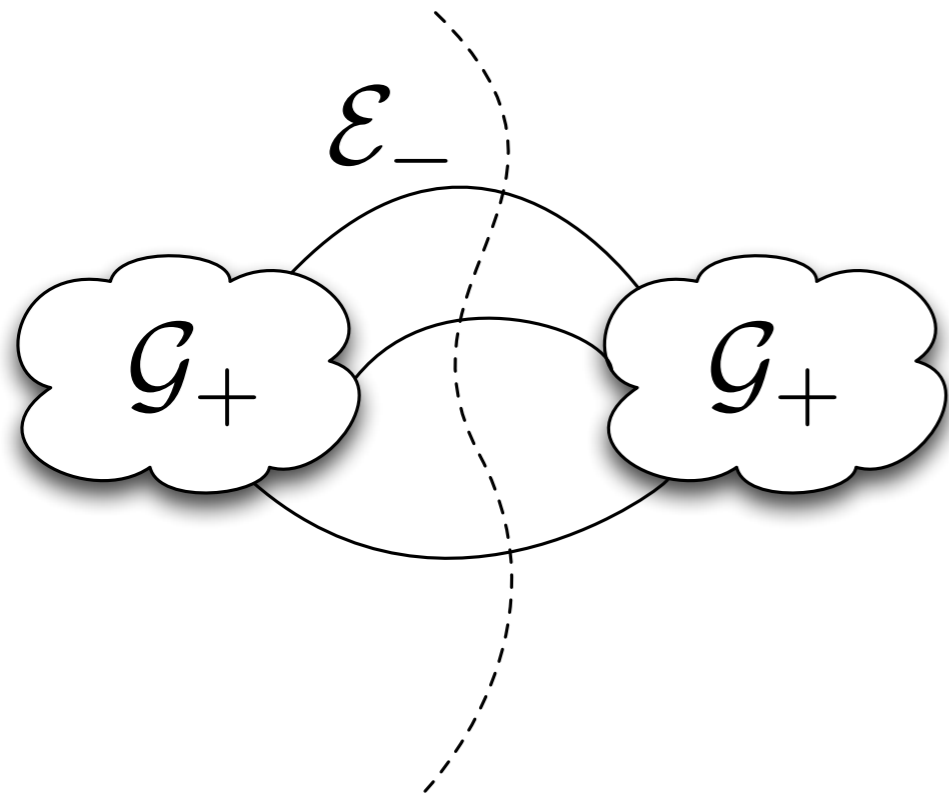
**Proof:**

$$x^T \begin{bmatrix} |W_-|^{-1} & E_-^T N_{\mathcal{F}_+} \\ N_{\mathcal{F}_+}^T E_- & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} x = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{E}_-} |W_-(i)|^{-1} x_i^2 + \sum_{k \in \text{CUT}_1} \pm 2x_k x_{m+1} + \cdots + \sum_{k \in \text{CUT}_c} \pm 2x_k x_{m+c} < 0$$

$x_i, i = m + 1, \dots, m + c$  can be arbitrarily chosen

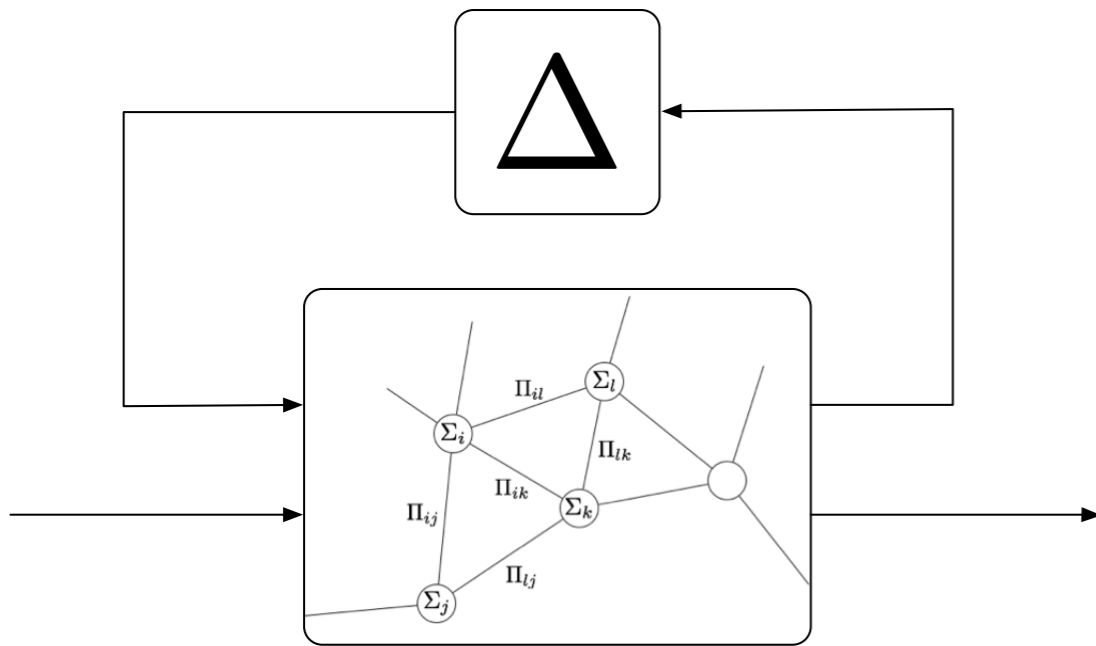


# Graph Cuts and Robustness



The smallest cardinality cut of a graph can be thought of as a **combinatorial robustness measure** for linear consensus protocols

As in the single negative weight edge example, graph cuts act to make an “open circuit”

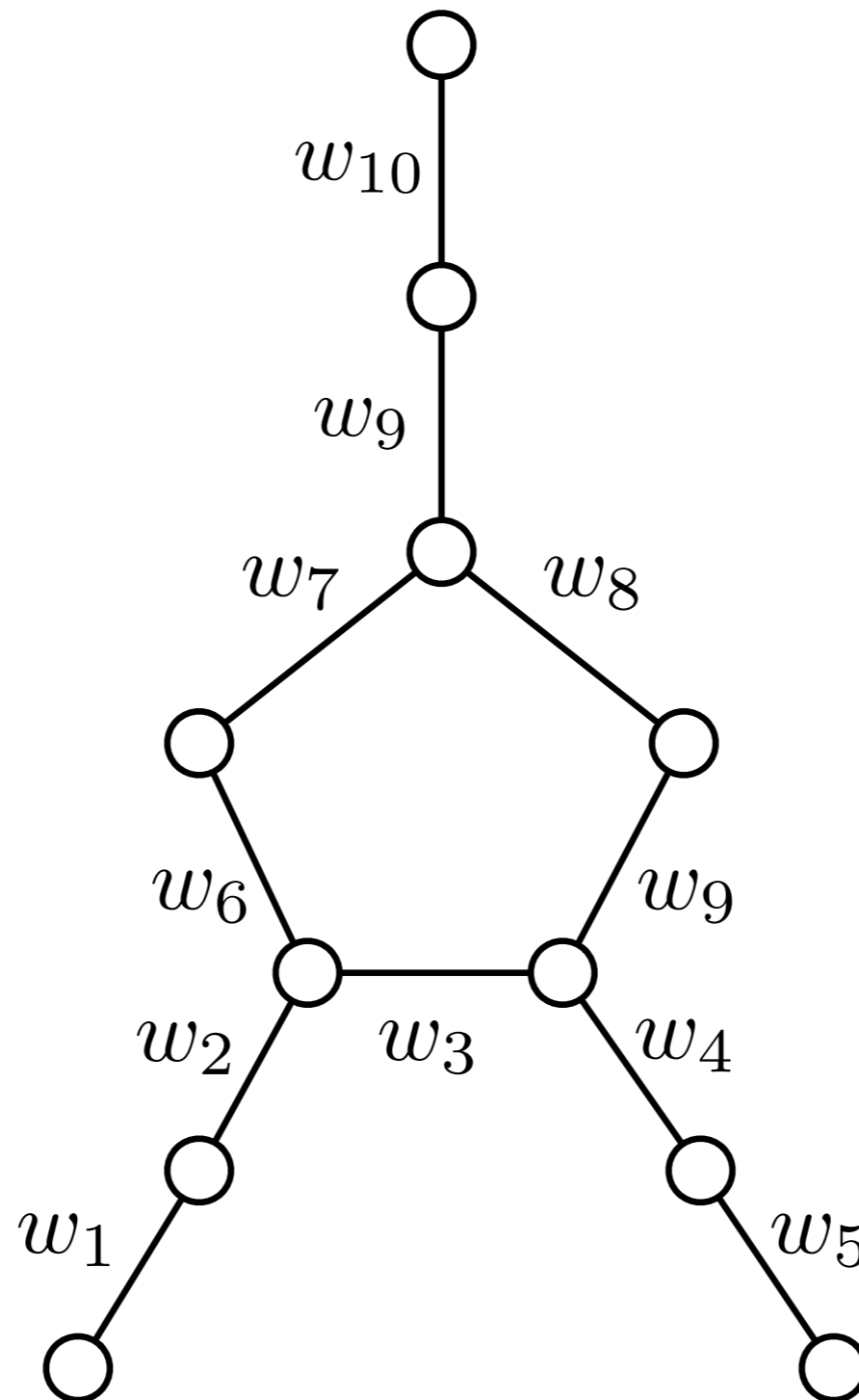


- max-flow/min-cut algorithms
- minimum cardinality cut algorithms (Karger)



# An Illustrative Example

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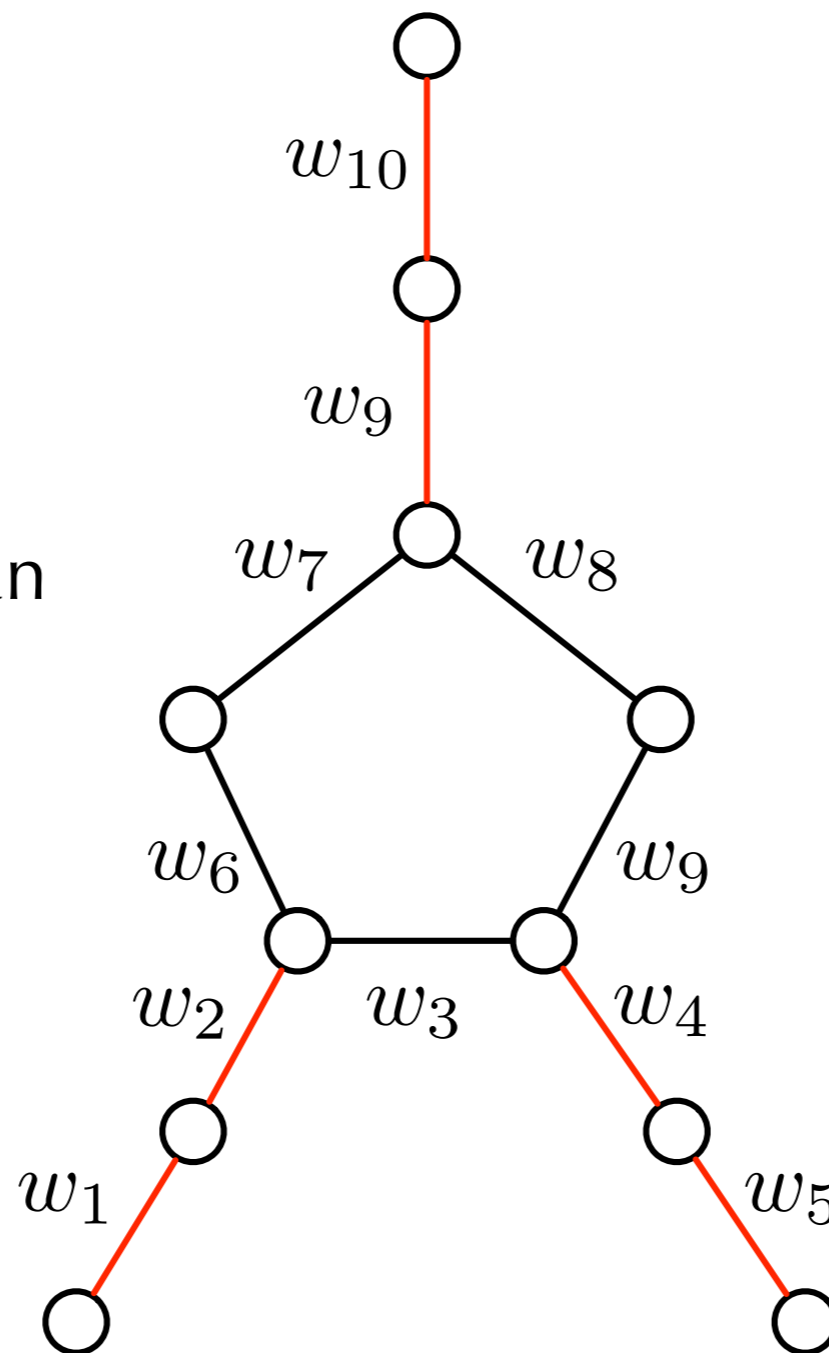


# An Illustrative Example

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any single red edge is a cut in the graph

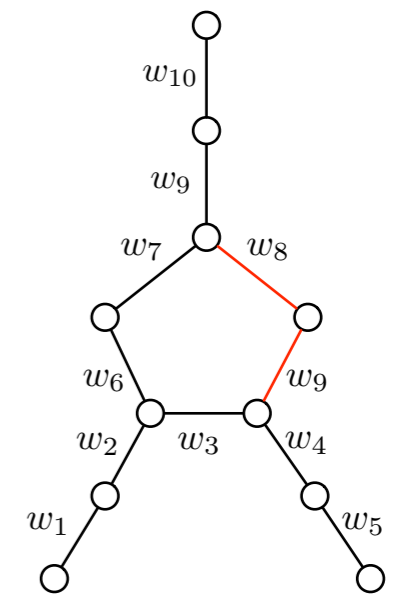
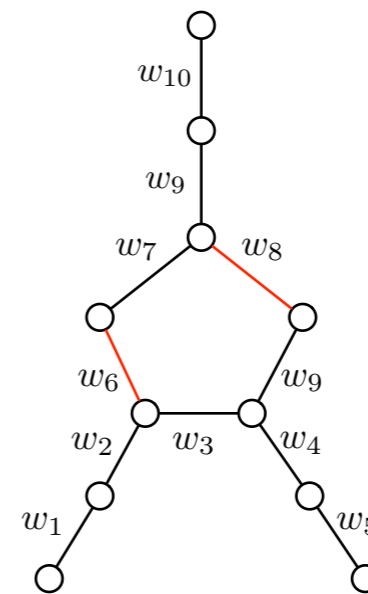
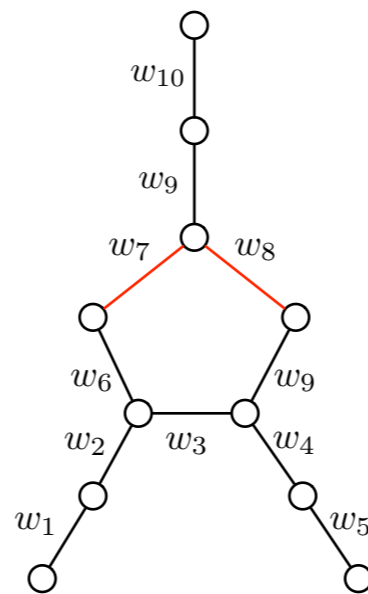
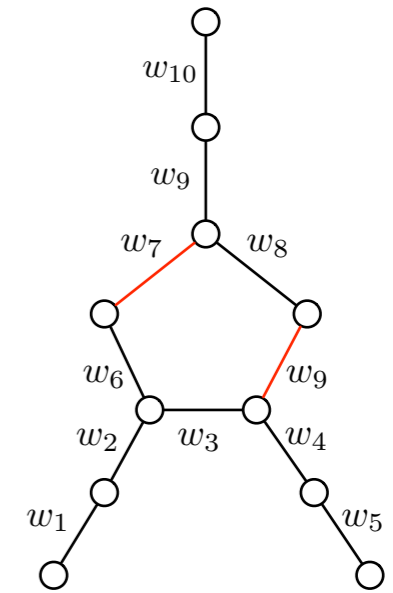
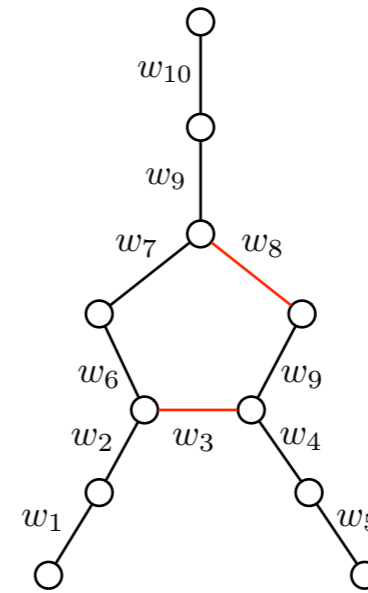
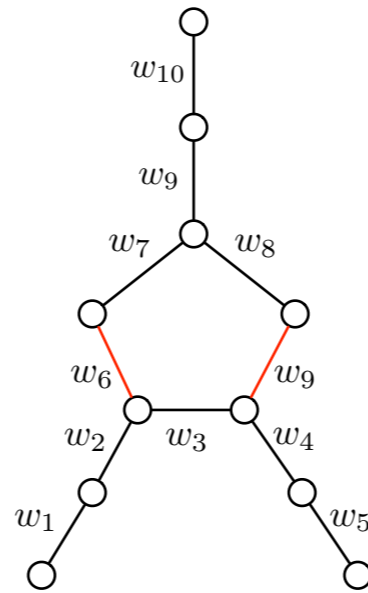
a negative weight on any red edge leads to an indefinite graph Laplacian



# An Illustrative Example

any two edges on the cycle is a cut in the graph

a negative weight on any 2 red edge in a cycle leads to an indefinite graph Laplacian

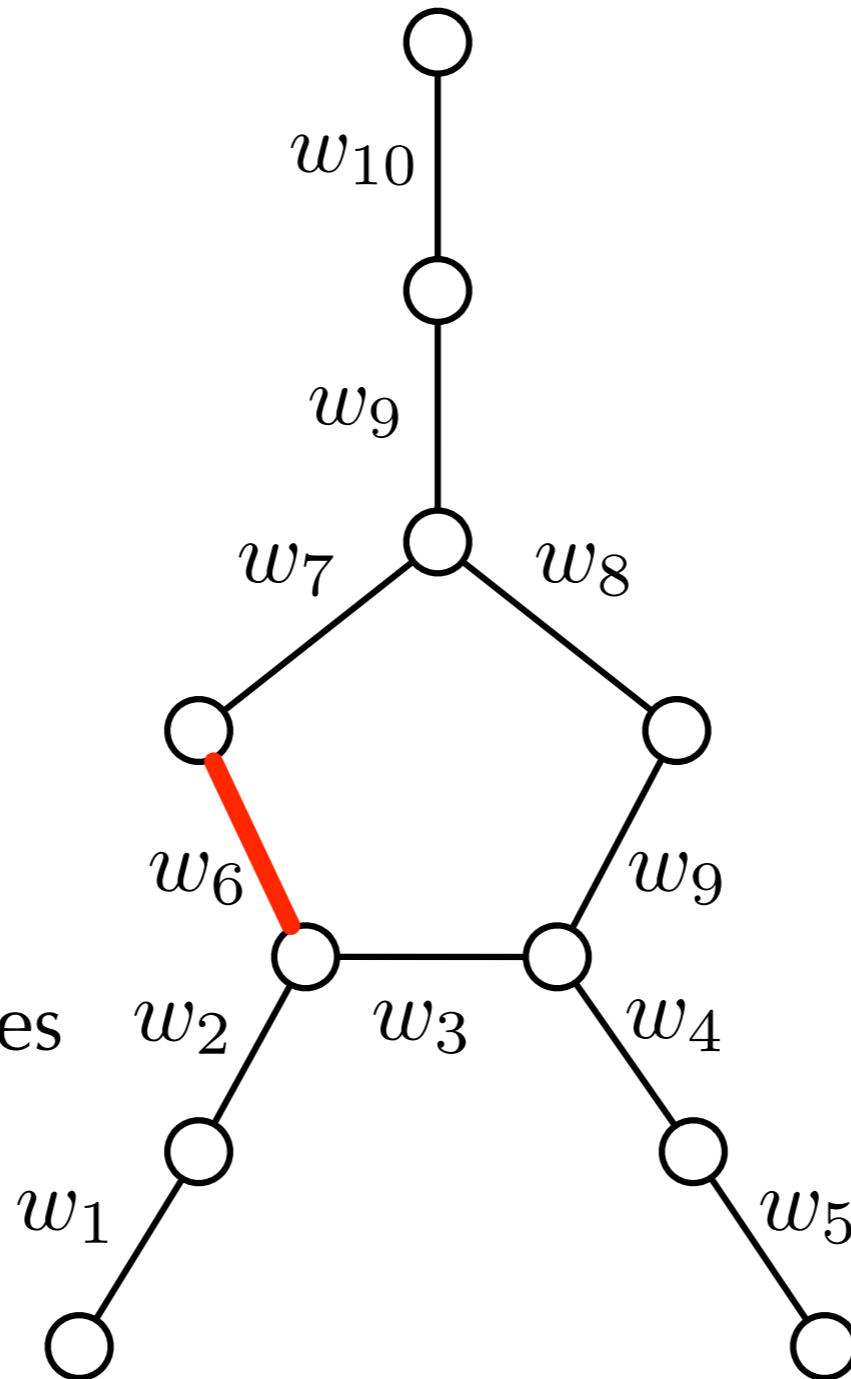


# An Illustrative Example

any single edge in the cycle can make the Laplacian indefinite

$$w_6 = -\frac{1}{r_6} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$L(\mathcal{G})$  has two eigenvalues at the origin



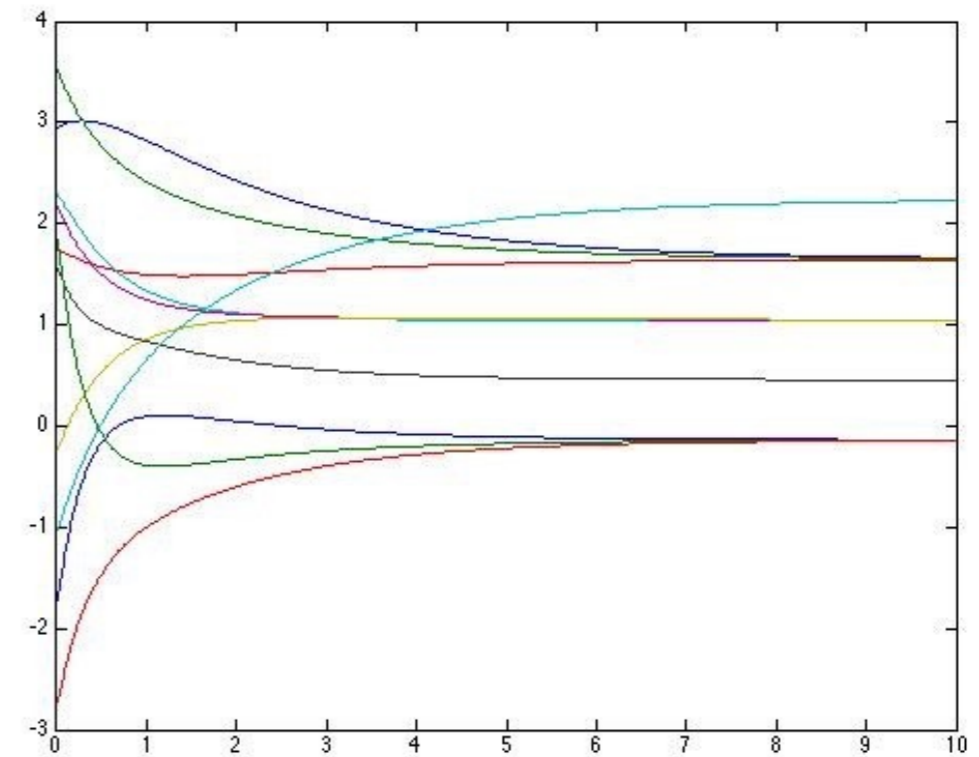
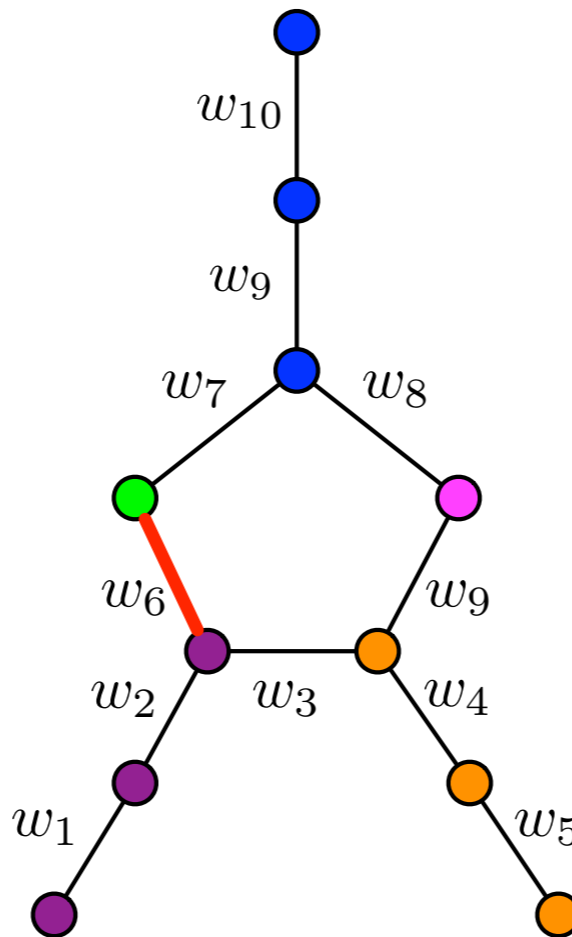


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# Computing Negative Weights

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$$\begin{aligned} \min_{W_-} \quad & \|W_-\|_p \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \begin{bmatrix} |W_-|^{-1} & E_-^T (E_{\mathcal{F}_+}^L)^T & E_-^T N_{\mathcal{F}_+} \\ E_{\mathcal{F}_+}^L E_- & R_{(\mathcal{F}_+, \mathcal{C}_+)} W_+ R_{(\mathcal{F}_+, \mathcal{C}_+)}^T & 0 \\ N_{\mathcal{F}_+}^T E_- & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

- infeasible solution  $\rightarrow$  negative weight edges form a cut of the graph
- norm choice can influence structure of Laplacian spectrum



# An Optimization Perspective

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Consider the following optimization problem

$$\alpha = \min_x \frac{1}{2} x^T L(\mathcal{G}) x = \min_{y, \zeta} \frac{1}{2} \zeta^T W \zeta$$
$$\text{s.t. } \zeta = E^T y$$

The consensus protocol corresponds to the gradient dynamics

$$\dot{x}(t) = -L(\mathcal{G})x(t)$$

The optimization problem has a bounded solution if and only if the Laplacian is positive semi-definite (i.e. convexity!)

$$\alpha = 0$$

Negative edge weights influence the *convexity* of the quadratic program



# Difference of Convex (DC) Program

$$\alpha = \min_{y, \zeta} \frac{1}{2} \zeta^T W \zeta$$

$$\text{s.t. } \zeta = E^T y$$

“edge” variable      “node” variable

$$\alpha = \min_{y, \zeta_+, \zeta_-} \frac{1}{2} \zeta_+^T W_+ \zeta_+ - \frac{1}{2} \zeta_-^T |W_-| \zeta_-$$

$$\text{s.t. } \zeta_+ = E_+^T y, \quad \zeta_- = E_-^T y$$

$$g(y) = \min_{\zeta_+} \frac{1}{2} \zeta_+^T W_+ \zeta_+$$

$$\text{s.t. } \zeta_+ = E_+^T y$$

$$h(y) = \min_{\zeta_-} \frac{1}{2} \zeta_-^T W_- \zeta_-$$

$$\text{s.t. } \zeta_- = E_-^T y$$

$$g^*(u) = \sup_y \{y^T u - g(y)\}$$

$$= \min_{\lambda_+} \frac{1}{2} \lambda_+^T W_+^{-1} \lambda_+$$

$$\text{s.t. } u = E_+ \lambda_+$$

$$h^*(u) = \text{same form}$$



# Difference of Convex (DC) Program

A Duality Result

## Lemma 1

$$\alpha = \min_u \left\{ \left( \min_{\lambda_-} \frac{1}{2} \lambda_-^T W_-^{-1} \lambda_- \right) - \left( \min_{\lambda_+} \frac{1}{2} \lambda_+^T W_+^{-1} \lambda_+ \right) \right\}$$
$$u = E_- \lambda_-, \quad u = E_+ \lambda_+.$$

## Theorem 1

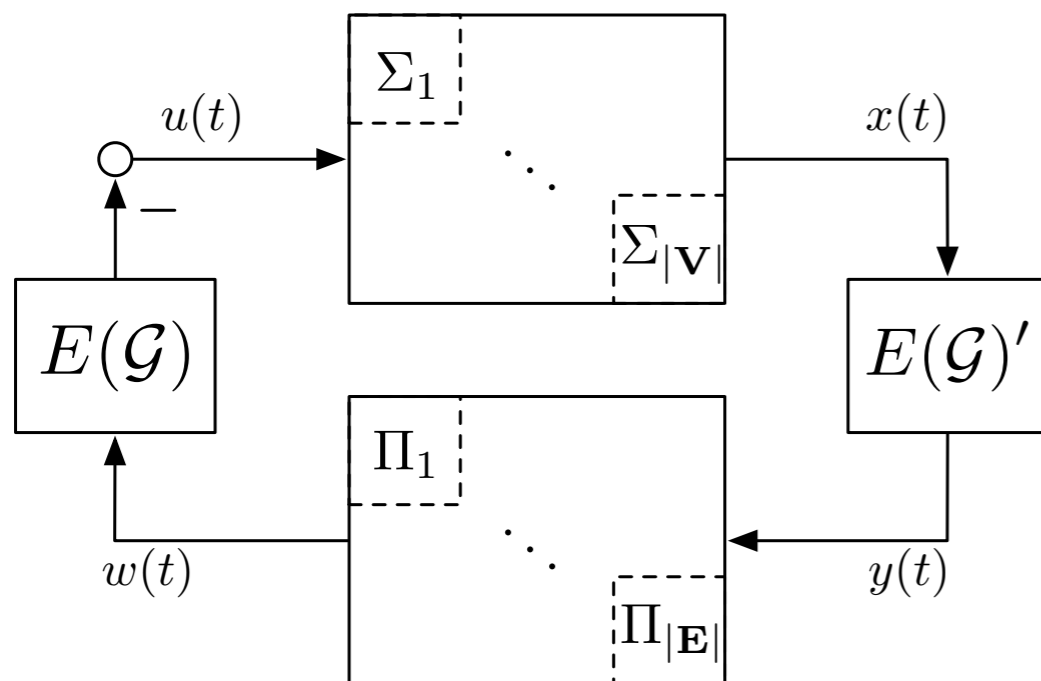
$$L(\mathcal{G}) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \alpha = 0$$

What can the optimization perspective tell us?



# Duality and Cooperative Control

a “canonical” networked dynamic system



## - Passivity Theory

- ▶ equilibrium independent passivity
- ▶ **maximal** equilibrium independent passivity

(dynamic)

duality in convex optimization

$$\mathcal{P} \quad \min_x \sum_{i=1}^n J_i(x_i)$$

$$s.t. \quad g(x) = 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}(x, \lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^n J_i(x_i) + \lambda^T g(x)$$

$$\mathcal{D} \quad \max_{\lambda} \inf_x \mathcal{L}(x, \lambda)$$

## - Network Optimization Theory

- ▶ optimal flow problems
- ▶ optimal distribution problems

(static)



# Network Optimization Problems

## Optimal Flow Problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\mu}} \sum_{i=1}^{|\mathbf{V}|} C_i^{div}(\mathbf{u}_i) + \sum_{k=1}^{|\mathbf{E}|} C_k^{flux}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_k)$$

s.t.  $\mathbf{u} + E\boldsymbol{\mu} = 0.$

- $u_i$ : *divergence* (in/out-flow) at a node
- $\mu_k$ : *flow* on an edge

## Optimal Potential Problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{y}, \boldsymbol{\zeta}} \sum_{i=1}^{|\mathbf{V}|} C_i^{pot}(\mathbf{y}_i) + \sum_{k=1}^{|\mathbf{E}|} C_k^{ten}(\boldsymbol{\zeta}_k)$$

s.t.  $\boldsymbol{\zeta} = E^T \mathbf{y}.$

- $y_i$ : *potential* at a node
- $\zeta_k$ : *tension* (potential difference) on an edge

*Dual Optimization Problems*  
defined over the “same” network

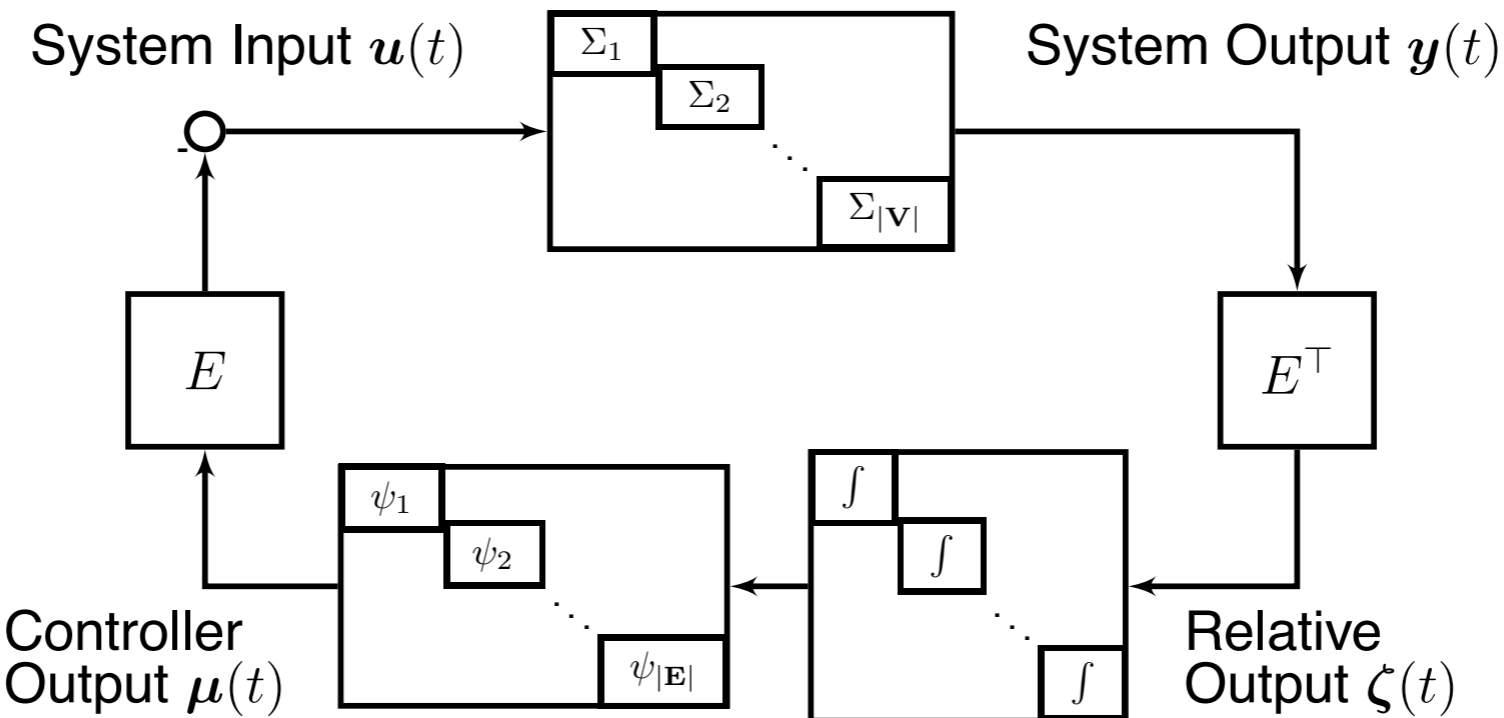
$$C_i^{pot}(\mathbf{y}_i) := C_i^{div,*} = - \inf_{\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_i} \{ C_i^{div}(\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_i) - \mathbf{y}_i \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_i \}$$



# Duality and Cooperative Control

$$\min_{\mathbf{u}, \mu} \sum_{i=1}^{|\mathbf{V}|} K_i(\mathbf{u}_i)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \mathbf{u} + E\mu = 0.$$



$$\min_{y_i} \sum_{i=1}^{|\mathbf{V}|} K_i^*(y_i),$$

$$\text{s.t. } E^T \mathbf{y} = 0.$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \partial \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{u})$$

Divergence  $\mathbf{u}$  ————— Potential  $\mathbf{y}$

$$\mathbf{u} = -E\mu$$

$$\zeta = E^T \mathbf{v}$$

$$\min_{\mu} \sum_{k=1}^{|\mathbf{E}|} P_k^*(\mu_k)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \mathbf{u} + E\mu = 0,$$

$$\min_{\eta, \mathbf{v}} \sum_{k=1}^{|\mathbf{E}|} P_k(\eta_k) - \sum_{i=1}^{|\mathbf{V}|} \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i,$$

$$\text{s.t. } \eta = E^T \mathbf{v}.$$

Flow  $\mu$  ————— Tension  $\eta$

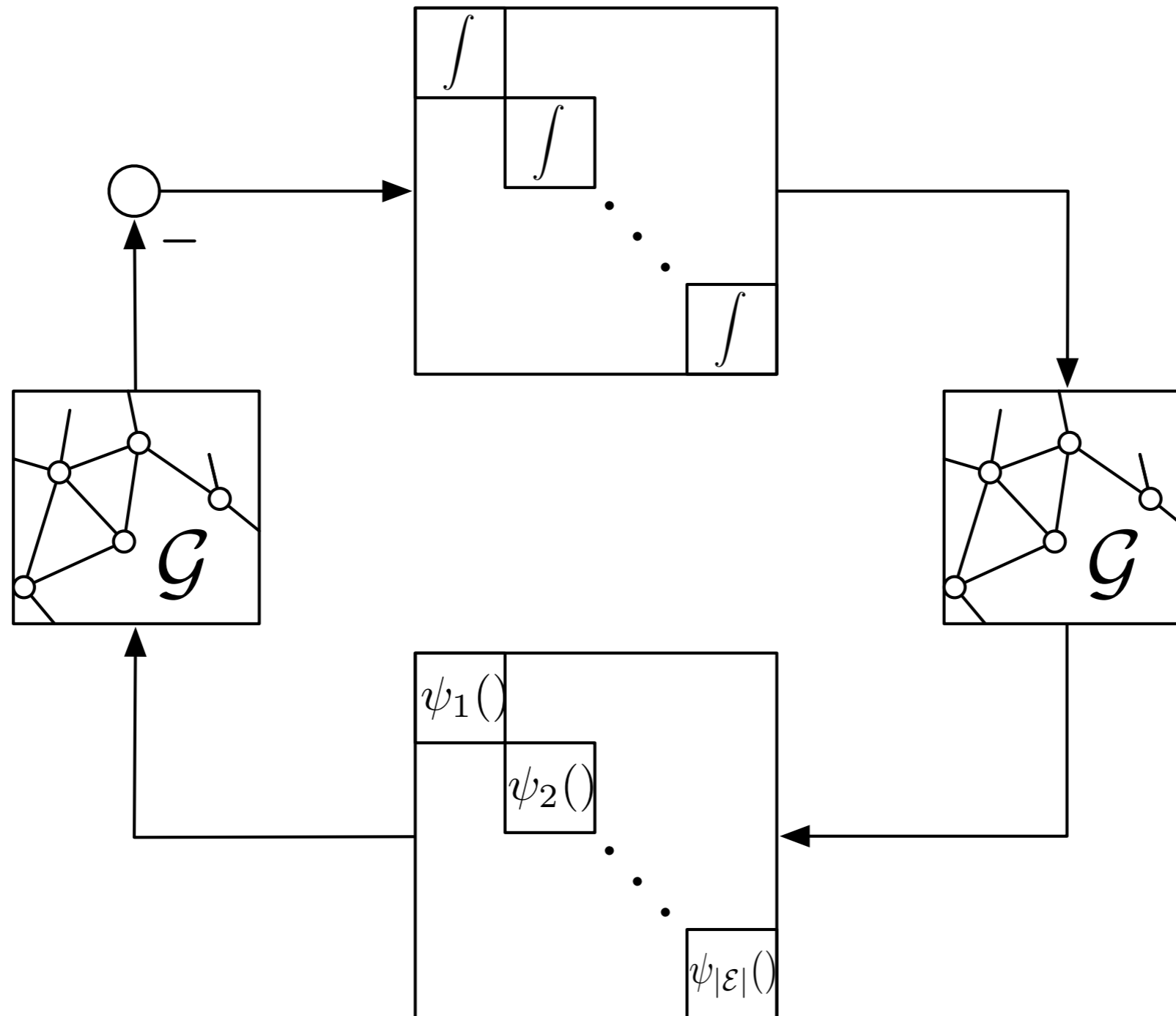
Tension  $\zeta$

$$\mu = \nabla P(\eta)$$



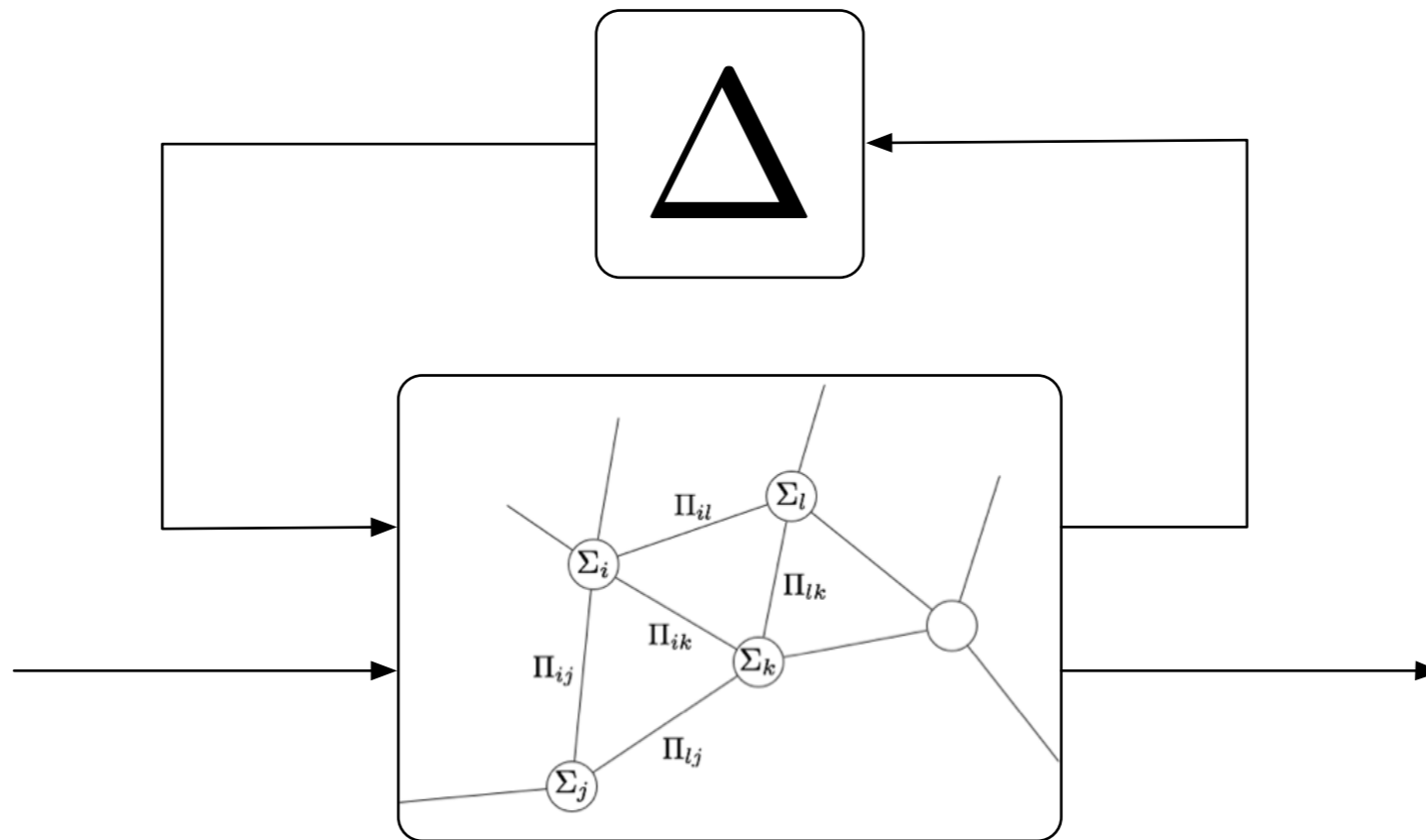


# Nonlinear Consensus



# Concluding Remarks

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- networked dynamic systems require new tools for robustness analysis
- graph properties have real system theoretic implications



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Questions?

