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Lecture 2: Elements of Matrix Theory

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When	Where	Video link
Lectures:	Mondays, 16:00-18:00	HG D1.1 (also streamed online) link
Tutorials:	Fridays, 10:00-12:00	HG D1.1 (also streamed online) link

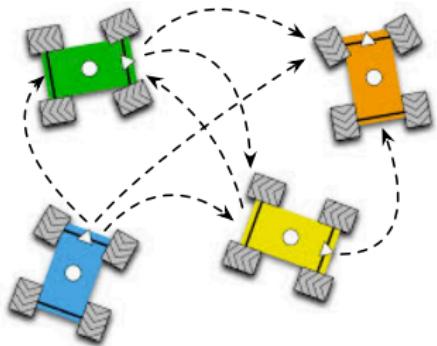
Grading: based on 3 homework assignments (50%) and a final project (50%). [Here is the information on grading, homework, and the final project.](#)

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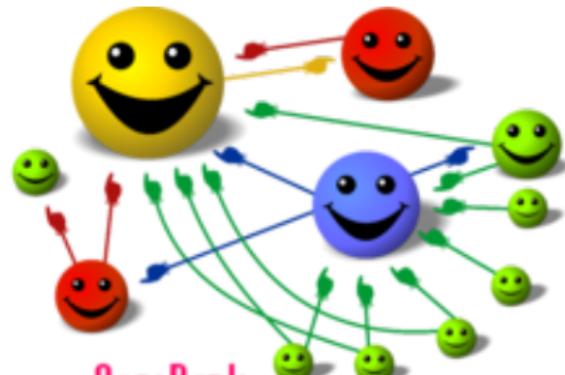
recap of motivating examples

(last lecture, exercise session, & chapter 1)

Motivating examples from last lecture & exercise

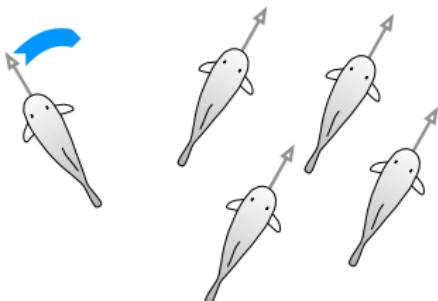


cooperative control of mobile robots



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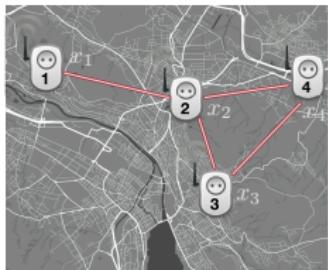
PageRank algorithm



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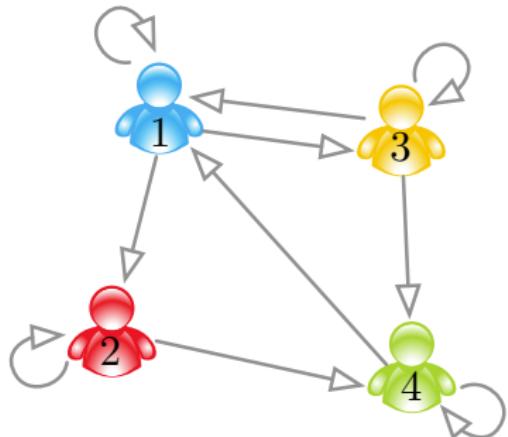
Motivating examples . . . all led to averaging algorithms



distributed sensor networks



social opinion dynamics

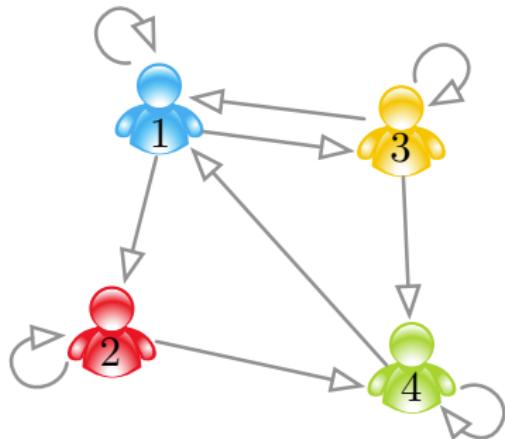


Distributed averaging algorithm:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1^+ \\ x_2^+ \\ x_3^+ \\ x_4^+ \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 \\ & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/3 & & 1/3 \\ 1/2 & & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Convergence? Convergence to avg?

Problem posed more formally



Distributed averaging algorithm:

Consider the iteration

$$x^+ = Ax$$

Properties:

- ▶ sparsity pattern induced by graph
- ▶ nonnegative coefficients: $a_{ij} \geq 0$
- ▶ unit row sums: $\sum_j a_{ij} = 1$

Questions:

- is such an iteration convergent?
- if so, what is it converging to?
- can we design A so that we converge to the average?
- how are these properties related to the underlying graph?

Today: matrix theory approach

Next week: graph theory approach

review of discrete-time linear dynamic systems

(last exercise session & chapter 2.1)

Solutions of linear discrete-time systems

Definition: A square matrix A defines a *discrete-time linear system* by

$$x(k+1) = Ax(k), \quad x(0) = x_0.$$

The sequence $x(k) = A^k x_0$ is called the *solution* or *evolution* of the system.

Modal expansion of the solution for a *diagonalizable* matrix:

$$x(k) = (w_1^T x_0) \cdot \lambda_1^k v_1 + \cdots + (w_n^T x_0) \cdot \lambda_n^k v_n$$

(λ_i, v_i, w_i) are eigenvalues & eigenvectors: $Av_i = \lambda_i v_i$ & $w_i^T A = \lambda_i w_i^T$

$$\Rightarrow \text{matrix powers: } A^k = [v_1 \ \cdots \ v_n] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^k & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n^k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1^T \\ \vdots \\ w_n^T \end{bmatrix}$$

The general *non-diagonalizable* case

Eigenvalue multiplicities:

- *algebraic multiplicity* = multiplicity as a root of $\det(\lambda I - A) = 0$
- *geometric multiplicity* = number of linearly-independent eigenvectors

Eigenvalue simplicities:

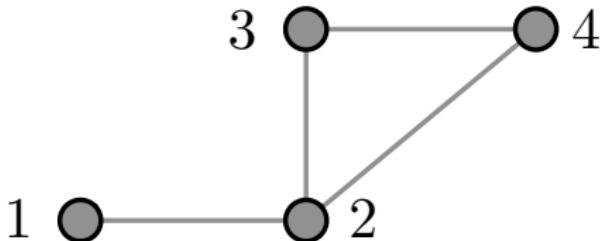
an eigenvalue is

- *simple* if it has algebraic and geometric multiplicity equal to 1
- *semi-simple* if algebraic and geometric multiplicity coincide

⇒ **matrix powers** for a matrix with non-semisimple eigenvalues:

$$A = T \begin{bmatrix} \ddots & & & & \\ & \boxed{\lambda_i & 1 & \cdots & 0} & & & \\ & 0 & \lambda_i & \ddots & 0 & \cdots \\ & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 1 & \\ & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \lambda_i & \ddots \end{bmatrix} T^{-1} \Rightarrow A^k = T \begin{bmatrix} \ddots & & & & \\ & \boxed{\lambda_i^k & k\lambda_i^{k-1} & \cdots & \frac{k!\lambda_i^{k-n_i+1}}{(k-n_i+1)!(n_i-1)!}} & & & \\ & 0 & \lambda_i^k & \ddots & \vdots & & \\ & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & k\lambda_i^{k-1} & & \\ & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \lambda_i^k & & \\ & & & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & & & T^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Revisiting the wireless sensor network example

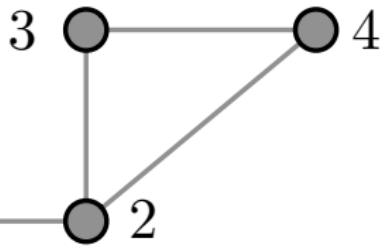


$$x^+ = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/4 & 1/4 & 1/4 & 1/4 \\ 0 & 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix}}_{=A} x$$

Jordan form: $J = T^{-1}AT = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{24}(5 - \sqrt{73}) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{24}(5 + \sqrt{73}) \end{bmatrix}$

Spectrum: $\text{spec}(= A) = \{1, 0, \underbrace{1/24 \cdot (5 - \sqrt{73})}_{\approx -0.14}, \underbrace{1/24 \cdot (5 + \sqrt{73})}_{\approx 0.56}\}$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x(k) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A^k x_0 = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} TJ^k T^{-1} x_0 = T \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{O}_{3 \times 3} \end{bmatrix} T^{-1} x_0$$



$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x(k) = T \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{O}_{3 \times 3} \end{bmatrix} T^{-1} x_0 = T_1 \cdot 1 \cdot T_1^{-1} x_0$$

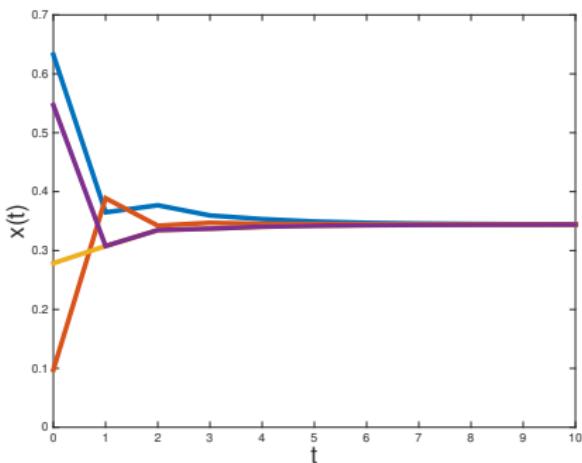
where $T_1 = T\mathbf{e}_1 = [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1]^\top = \mathbf{1}$
 and $T_1^{-1} = T^{-1}\mathbf{e}_1 = \left[\frac{1}{6} \ \frac{1}{3} \ \frac{1}{4} \ \frac{1}{4}\right]^\top$
 are the right and left eigenvectors associated to the eigenvalue 1

⇒ asymptotic consensus
 (but not quite to the average):

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x(k) =$$

$$\underbrace{\left[\frac{1}{6} \ \frac{1}{3} \ \frac{1}{4} \ \frac{1}{4} \right]^\top}_{\text{convex combination of initial values}} x_0$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{consensus}}$$



convex combination of initial values

Convergence of linear discrete-time systems

Definition (Convergent matrix). The matrix A is convergent if $\lim_{\ell \rightarrow +\infty} A^\ell$ exists and it is equal to the zero matrix, that is:

$$\lim_{\ell \rightarrow +\infty} A^\ell = \mathbb{0}_{n \times n}.$$

Definition (Spectrum and spectral radius of a matrix). Given a square matrix A ,

- (i) the spectrum of A , denoted $\text{spec}(A)$, is the set of eigenvalues of A ; and
- (ii) the spectral radius of A is radius of the smallest disk centered at the origin containing the spectrum of A :

$$\rho(A) = \max\{\|\lambda\|_{\mathbb{C}} \mid \lambda \in \text{spec}(A)\}.$$

Theorem (Convergence and spectral radius). For a square matrix A , the following two statements are equivalent:

- (i) A is convergent; and
- (ii) $\rho(A) < 1$.

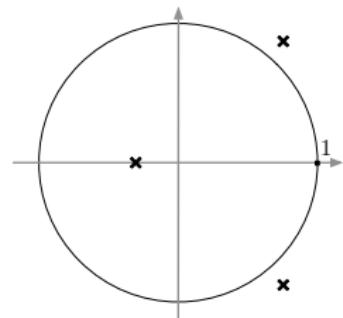
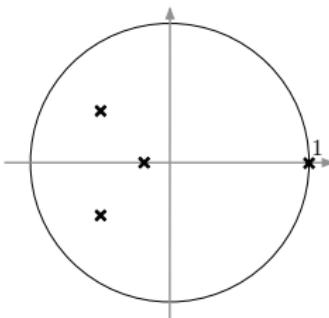
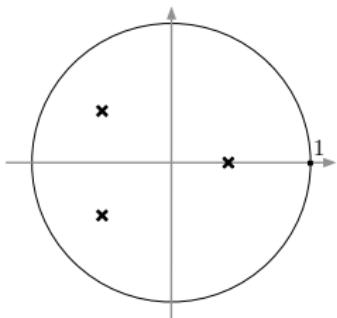
Averaging matrices are **not convergent** due to an eigenvalue at 1: $A\mathbb{1} = \mathbb{1}$

Semi-convergence of linear discrete-time systems

Definition (Semi-convergent matrix). The matrix A is semi-convergent if $\lim_{\ell \rightarrow +\infty} A^\ell$ exists.

Theorem (Semi-convergence and spectral radius). For a square matrix A , the following two statements are equivalent:

- (i) A is semi-convergent; and
- (ii) $\rho(A) \leq 1$; and the only possible unit-norm eigenvalue is the number 1 and it must be semi-simple.



(a) The spectrum of a convergent matrix

(b) The spectrum of a semiconvergent matrix, provided the eigenvalue 1 is semisimple.

(c) The spectrum of a matrix that is not semiconvergent.

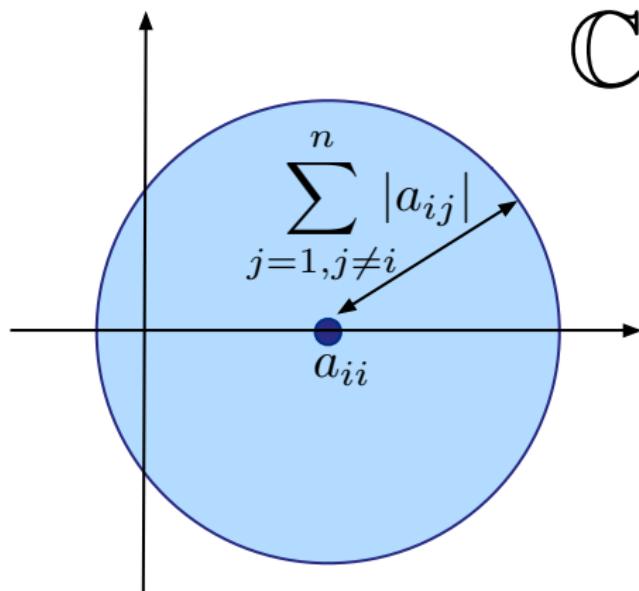
row-stochastic matrices

(Chapter 2.2)

Geršgorin's disk theorem

Theorem (Geršgorin disks). For any square matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$,

$$\text{spec}(A) \subset \bigcup_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \underbrace{\left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} \mid \|z - a_{ii}\|_{\mathbb{C}} \leq \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n |a_{ij}| \right\}}_{\text{disk centered at } a_{ii} \text{ in the complex plane with radius } \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n |a_{ij}|}.$$



Proof of Geršgorin's disk theorem

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Jacobi relaxation in parallel computation (see also E2.16 & E2.17)



$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} * & * & * \\ * & * & * \\ * & * & * \\ * & * & * \end{bmatrix}}_{=A} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

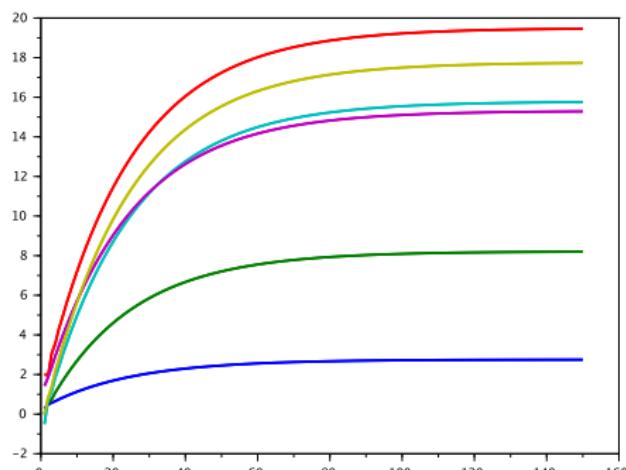
- ① **setup:** n distributed processors want to solve the equation $Ax = b$
- ② **assume:** $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is invertible & diagonal elements a_{ii} are nonzero
- ③ **info:** processor i knows b_i & $a_{ij} \neq 0$ for row-neighbors $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$
- ④ **initialization:** processor i has an initial guess $x_j(0)$ of its neighbors
- ⑤ **update** at time $k \in \mathbb{N}$: processor i stores a variable $x_i(k)$ & computes

$$x_i(k+1) = \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left(b_i - \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n a_{ij} x_j(k) \right)$$

- ⑥ **communicate:** i sends $x_i(k+1)$ to column-neighbors with $a_{ji} \neq 0$

Example for Jacobi relaxation

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 3.7 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -0.6 & 0 \\ 0 & 4.5 & -0.8 & 0 & -0.7 & -0.6 \\ -1 & 0 & 1.5 & -0.7 & 0 & -0.7 \\ -0.7 & -0.9 & -0.8 & 2 & -0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.8 & -0.8 & 2.8 & -0.6 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.8 & -0.7 & 0 & 1.5 \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \\ x_6 \end{bmatrix}}_x = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_b$$



$$x(k \rightarrow \infty) = \begin{bmatrix} 2.7536672 \\ 8.2157827 \\ 19.491865 \\ 15.786202 \\ 15.314281 \\ 17.762556 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= A^{-1}b \quad \checkmark$$

Convergence analysis via Geršgorin's theorem

- **error variable:** $y(k) = x(k) - x^*$ where x^* solves $Ax^* = b$
 - **error dynamics:** $y_i(k+1) = -\sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n \frac{a_{ij}}{a_{ii}} y_j(k)$
- ⇒ matrix form: $y(k+1) = \tilde{A}y(k)$ where $\tilde{A}_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } i = j \\ -a_{ij}/a_{ii} & \text{else} \end{cases}$

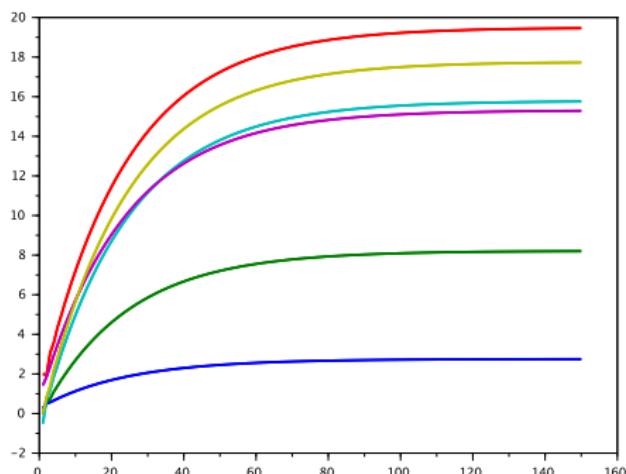
- **Geršgorin's disk theorem:**

$$\text{spec}(\tilde{A}) \subset \bigcup_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \underbrace{\left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} \mid \|z\|_{\mathbb{C}} \leq \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n |a_{ij}/a_{ii}| \right\}}_{\text{disk centered at 0 in the complex plane with radius } \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n |a_{ij}/a_{ii}|}$$

- assume A to be **strictly diagonal dominant**: $|a_{ii}| > \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n |a_{ij}|$
- ⇒ Geršgorin disks of \tilde{A} strictly inside the unit disk: $\sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n |a_{ij}/a_{ii}| < 1$
- ⇒ **convergence** of error dynamics: $\rho(\tilde{A}) < 1$

Example for Jacobi relaxation re-visited

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 3.7 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -0.6 & 0 \\ 0 & 4.5 & -0.8 & 0 & -0.7 & -0.6 \\ -1 & 0 & 1.5 & -0.7 & 0 & -0.7 \\ -0.7 & -0.9 & -0.8 & 2 & -0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.8 & -0.8 & 2.8 & -0.6 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.8 & -0.7 & 0 & 1.5 \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \\ x_6 \end{bmatrix}}_x = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_b$$



- $\rho(\tilde{A}) = 0.9584448$
⇒ convergence ✓
(but no diagonal dominance)
- ⇒ we got lucky !
- what if $\rho(\tilde{A}) > 1$?
- ⇒ Jacobi over-relaxation (E2.17)

Stochastic matrices & their spectral properties

Definition: The square matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is

- ① *non-negative* if $a_{ij} \geq 0$ for all $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$;
- ② *positive* if $a_{ij} > 0$ for all $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$;
- ③ *row-stochastic* if non-negative & $A\mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1}$;
- ④ *column-stochastic* if non-negative & $A^\top \mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1}$; and
- ⑤ *doubly-stochastic* if it is row- column-stochastic.

Lemma (Spectral properties):

For a row-stochastic matrix A ,

- ① 1 is an eigenvalue,
- ② and $\rho(A) = 1$.

Perron-Frobenius theory

(Chapter 2.3)

Example: DeGroot model in opinion dynamics

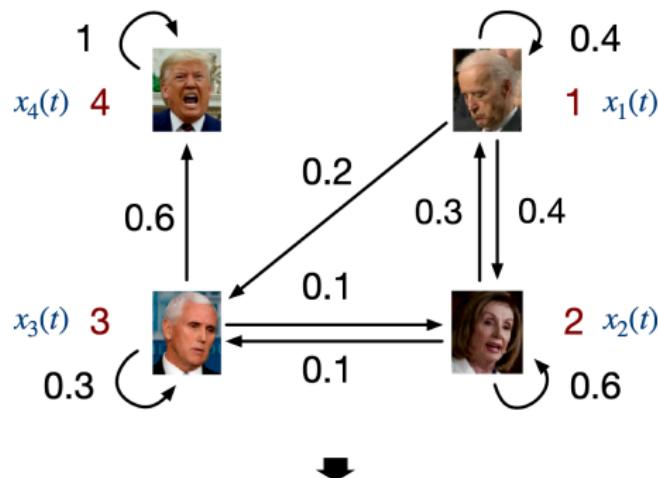
- n individuals $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$
- individual opinions $x_i(k) \in \mathbb{R}$
- weighted averaging opinion update

$$x_i(k+1) = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j(k)$$

where $a_{ij} \geq 0$ signifies how much i trusts j / how much j influences i

convex coeff: $a_{ij} \geq 0$ & $\sum_j a_{ij} = 1$

- compactly: $x(k+1) = Ax$, where A is row-stochastic: $A \geq 0$ & $A\mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1}$



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4 & 0.4 & 0.2 & 0 \\ 0.3 & 0.6 & 0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.1 & 0.3 & 0.6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

asymptotic behavior: $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x(k) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A^k x_0 = ???$

ETH EduApp examples — convergent ?



$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Primivity & Irreducibility

Definition: For $n \geq 2$, an $n \times n$ non-negative matrix A is

- ① *irreducible* if $\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} A^k$ is positive,
- ② *primitive* if there exists $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that A^k positive.

A matrix that is not irreducible is said to be *reducible*.

Facts: For a $n \times n$ non-negative matrix A (with $n \geq 2$),

- ① $A^k > 0 \implies A^\ell > 0$ for all $\ell \geq k$
- ② A primitive $\implies A$ irreducible

non-negative
($A \geq 0$)

irreducible
($\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} A^k > 0$)

primitive
(there exists k
such that $A^k > 0$)

positive
($A > 0$)

EduApp examples — revisited

$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A_1^k = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	reducible
$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A_2^k = \text{not existent (oscillating)}$	irreducible
$A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A_3^k = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	reducible
$A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A_4^k = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$	irreducible & primitive
$A_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A_5^k = \text{not existent (diverging)}$	reducible

Perron-Frobenius theorem

non-negative
 $(A \geq 0)$

irreducible
 $(\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} A^k > 0)$

primitive
(there exists k
such that $A^k > 0$)

positive
 $(A > 0)$

if A is **non-negative**

- ① there exists an eigenvalue $\lambda \geq |\mu| \geq 0$ for all other eigenvalues μ
- ② the associated right and left eigenvectors $v \geq 0$ and $w \geq 0$

if A is **irreducible**

- ③ $\lambda > 0$ and λ is simple
- ④ $v > 0$ and $w > 0$ are unique

if A is **primitive**

- ⑤ $\lambda > |\mu|$ for all other eigenvalues μ

q: what is Perron-Frobenius useful for?

a: convergence of dynamical systems

(chapter 2.3.3)

Perron-Frobenius & semi-convergence

Theorem (Semi-convergence) For $A \geq 0$ with dominant simple eigenvalue $\rho(A)$ & right/left eigenvectors $v \geq 0$ & $w \geq 0$ normalized to $v^T w = 1$:

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A^k}{\rho(A)^k} = v w^T$$

if A is **non-negative**

- ① there exists an eigenvalue $\lambda \geq |\mu| \geq 0$ for all other eigenvalues μ
- ② the associated right and left eigenvectors $v \geq 0$ and $w \geq 0$

if A is **irreducible**

- ③ $\lambda > 0$ and λ is simple
- ④ $v > 0$ and $w > 0$ are unique

if A is **primitive**

- ⑤ $\lambda > |\mu|$ for all other eigenvalues μ
- ⑥ $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A^k / \lambda^k = v w^T$, with normalization $v^T w = 1$

EduApp example revisited

$$A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **primitivity:** $A_4^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} > 0$
- **Perron-Frobenius:** $\text{spec}(A_4) = \left\{ 1, -\frac{1}{2} \right\}$
 $\Rightarrow \rho(A_4) = 1 > 0$ is dominant eigenvalue
 \Rightarrow associated dominant right/left eigenvectors $v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ & $w = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- **semi-convergence:**

$$A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A_4^k = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{1}_{=\rho(A_4)} \cdot \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{=v} \cdot \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{=w^T} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1}{3}}_{1/v^T w}$$

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Our first result on averaging systems

Recall for A row-stochastic: $\rho(A) = 1$ is eigenvalue with eigenvector $\mathbb{1}$

Corollary (Consensus for primitive row-stochastic). *For a primitive row-stochastic matrix A ,*

- (i) *the simple eigenvalue $\rho(A) = 1$ is strictly larger than the magnitude of all other eigenvalues, hence A is semi-convergent;*
- (ii) *$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A^k = \mathbb{1}_n w^\top$, where w is the left positive eigenvector of A with eigenvalue 1 satisfying $w_1 + \dots + w_n = 1$;*
- (iii) *the solution to $x(k+1) = Ax(k)$ satisfies*

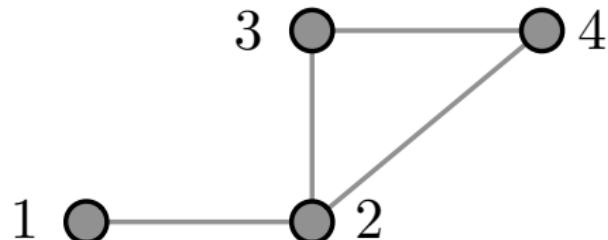
$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x(k) = (w^\top x(0)) \mathbb{1}_n;$$

- (iv) *if additionally A is doubly-stochastic, then $w = \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{1}_n$ (because $A^\top \mathbb{1}_n = \mathbb{1}_n$ and $\frac{1}{n} \mathbb{1}_n^\top \mathbb{1}_n = 1$) so that*

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x(k) = \frac{\mathbb{1}_n^\top x(0)}{n} \mathbb{1}_n = \text{average}(x(0)) \mathbb{1}_n.$$

In this case we say that the dynamical system achieves average consensus.

Revisiting the wireless sensor network example



$$x^+ = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/4 & 1/4 & 1/4 & 1/4 \\ 0 & 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix}}_A x$$

A is **primitive**:

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3/8 & 3/8 & 1/8 & 1/8 \\ 3/16 & 17/48 & 11/48 & 11/48 \\ 1/12 & 11/36 & 11/36 & 11/36 \\ 1/12 & 11/36 & 11/36 & 11/36 \end{bmatrix} > 0$$

P-F-Theorem: $\rho(A) = 1$ with $v = \mathbb{1}$ & $w = \left[\frac{1}{6} \quad \frac{1}{3} \quad \frac{1}{4} \quad \frac{1}{4} \right]^T$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x(k) = \mathbb{1} w^T x_0 = \mathbb{1} \left(\frac{1}{6} x_{10} + \frac{1}{3} x_{20} + \frac{1}{4} x_{30} + \frac{1}{4} x_{40} \right)$$

Revisiting the DeGroot model in opinion dynamics

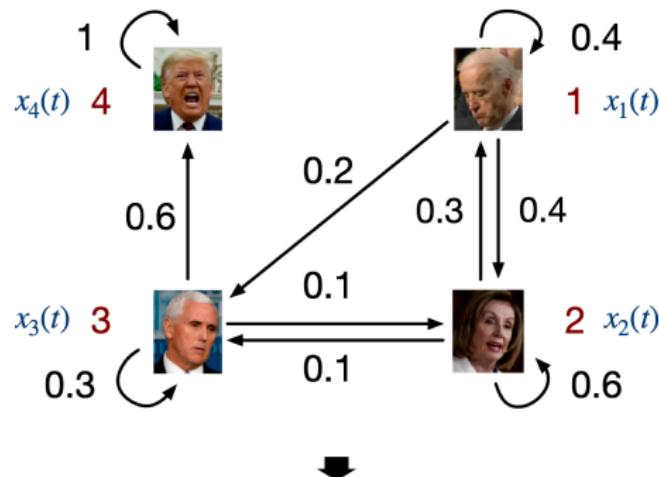
- n individuals $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$
- individual opinions $x_i(k) \in \mathbb{R}$
- weighted averaging opinion update

$$x_i(k+1) = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j(k)$$

where $a_{ij} \geq 0$ signifies how much i trusts j / how much j influences i

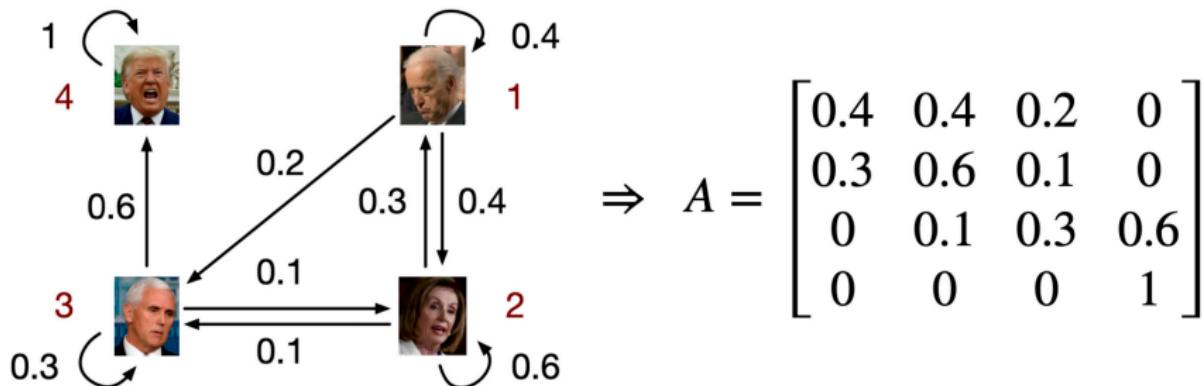
convex coeff: $a_{ij} \geq 0$ & $\sum_j a_{ij} = 1$

- compactly: $x(k+1) = Ax$, where A is row-stochastic: $A \geq 0$ & $A\mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1}$



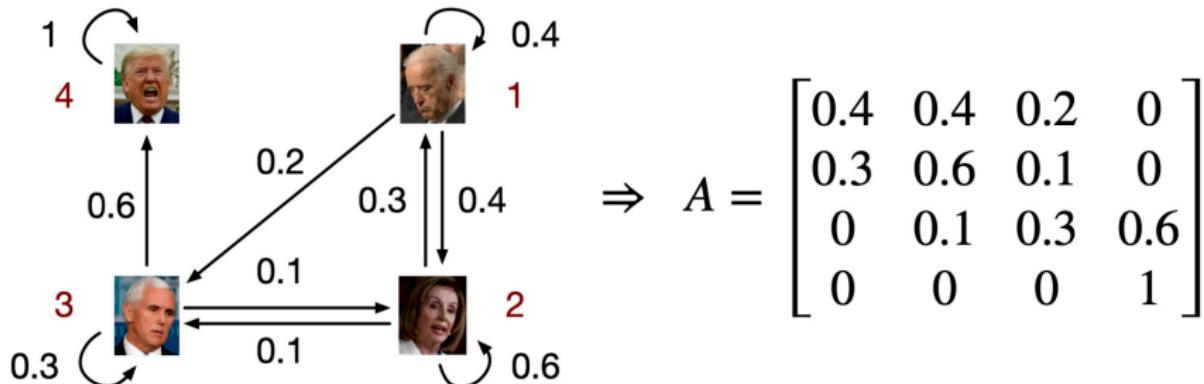
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4 & 0.4 & 0.2 & 0 \\ 0.3 & 0.6 & 0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.1 & 0.3 & 0.6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

asymptotic behavior: $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x(k) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A^k x_0 = ???$



$$\Rightarrow I + A + A^2 + A^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1.92 & 1.20 & 0.53 & 0.35 \\ 0.87 & 2.52 & 0.40 & 0.21 \\ 0.07 & 0.27 & 1.45 & 2.22 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

\Rightarrow **reducible & not primitive !**



- A is row-stochastic, reducible, & **spectrum**(A) = $\{1, 0.885, 0.215, 0.2\}$
- $\rho(A) = 1$ is **dominant eigenvalue** with $v = \mathbb{1}$ & $w = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- Despite lack of reducibility $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x(k) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A^k x_0 = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A^k}{\rho(A)^k} x_0 = v w^T x_0 = x_4(0) \cdot \mathbb{1}$



More cliffhangers

Example 1: $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & * \\ * & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is irreducible & not primitive, but $\begin{bmatrix} * & * \\ * & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is primitive

Q1: what makes irreducible matrices primitive?

Example 2: $\begin{bmatrix} x_1^+ \\ x_2^+ \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$ with reducible & non-primitive matrix

Nevertheless, averaging converges: $x_1(k \rightarrow \infty) = x_2(k \rightarrow \infty) = x_1(0)$

Q2: what are the necessary and sufficient convergence conditions?

Q3: how does all of this relate to underlying graph structure?

Answers: will be revealed in next lecture(s) after studying graph theory

Reading assignment (lecture notes):

Chapter 2: Elements of Matrix Theory

Exercise session (Friday):

- led by Andrea Martinelli
- review of take-home messages
- examples & additional facts
- exercises & illustrations

