

Distributed Autonomous Systems

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1 Averaging systems

1.1 Graphs

1.1.1 Definitions

Directed graph (digraph)	Pair $G = (I, E)$ where $I = \{1, \dots, N\}$ is the set of nodes and $E \subseteq I \times I$ is the set of edges.	Directed graph
Undirected graph	Digraph where $\forall i, j : (i, j) \in E \Rightarrow (j, i) \in E$.	Undirected graph
Subgraph	Given a graph (I, E) , (I', E') is a subgraph of it if $I' \subseteq I$ and $E' \subset E$.	Subgraph
Spanning subgraph	Subgraph where $I' = I$.	
In-neighbor	A node $j \in I$ is an in-neighbor of $i \in I$ if $(j, i) \in E$.	In-neighbor
Set of in-neighbors	The set of in-neighbors of $i \in I$ is the set:	Set of in-neighbors
	$\mathcal{N}_i^{\text{IN}} = \{j \in I \mid (j, i) \in E\}$	
In-degree	Number of in-neighbors of a node $i \in I$:	In-degree
	$\deg_i^{\text{IN}} = \mathcal{N}_i^{\text{IN}} $	
Out-neighbor	A node $j \in I$ is an out-neighbor of $i \in I$ if $(i, j) \in E$.	Out-neighbor
Set of out-neighbors	The set of out-neighbors of $i \in I$ is the set:	Set of in-neighbors
	$\mathcal{N}_i^{\text{OUT}} = \{j \in I \mid (i, j) \in E\}$	
Out-degree	Number of out-neighbors of a node $i \in I$:	Out-degree
	$\deg_i^{\text{OUT}} = \mathcal{N}_i^{\text{OUT}} $	
Balanced digraph	A digraph is balanced if $\forall i \in I : \deg_i^{\text{IN}} = \deg_i^{\text{OUT}}$.	Balanced digraph
Periodic graph	Graph where there exists a period $k > 1$ that divides the length of any cycle.	Periodic graph
Remark. A graph with self-loops is aperiodic.		
Strongly connected digraph	Digraph where each node is reachable from any node.	Strongly connected digraph
Connected undirected graph	Undirected graph where each node is reachable from any node.	Connected undirected graph
Weakly connected digraph	Digraph where its undirected version is connected.	Weakly connected digraph

1.1.2 Weighted digraphs

Weighted digraph Triplet $G = (I, E, \{a_{i,j}\}_{(i,j) \in E})$ where (I, E) is a digraph and $a_{i,j} > 0$ is a weight for the edge (i, j) . Weighted digraph

Weighted in-degree Sum of the weights of the inward edges: Weighted in-degree

$$\deg_i^{\text{IN}} = \sum_{j=1}^N a_{j,i}$$

Weighted out-degree Sum of the weights of the outward edges: Weighted out-degree

$$\deg_i^{\text{OUT}} = \sum_{j=1}^N a_{i,j}$$

Weighted adjacency matrix Non-negative matrix \mathbf{A} such that $\mathbf{A}_{i,j} = a_{i,j}$: Weighted adjacency matrix

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{A}_{i,j} > 0 & \text{if } (i, j) \in E \\ \mathbf{A}_{i,j} = 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

In/out-degree matrix Matrix where the diagonal contains the in/out-degrees: In/out-degree matrix

$$\mathbf{D}^{\text{IN}} = \begin{bmatrix} \deg_1^{\text{IN}} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \deg_2^{\text{IN}} & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \deg_N^{\text{IN}} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{D}^{\text{OUT}} = \begin{bmatrix} \deg_1^{\text{OUT}} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \deg_2^{\text{OUT}} & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \deg_N^{\text{OUT}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Remark. Given a digraph with adjacency matrix \mathbf{A} , its reverse digraph has adjacency matrix \mathbf{A}^T .

Remark. It holds that:

$$\mathbf{D}^{\text{IN}} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{1}) \quad \mathbf{D}^{\text{OUT}} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{1})$$

where $\mathbf{1}$ is a vector of ones.

Remark. A digraph is balanced iff $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{1} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{1}$.