

# 多智能体系统——基础

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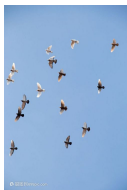
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# 研究背景

- 自然界现象



(a) birds



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- 1) 鱼群/鸟群迁徙
- 2) 集体觅食
- 3) 躲避天敌

- 工程应用



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(e) Welding robot



(f) Plane

- 智能体的特点

- 1) 信息处理和执行能力有限
- 2) 传感和通信能力有限
- 3) 分布式

# 一致性问题的描述

一致性问题是多智能体协同控制中的典型问题之一,实际上也是根本问题.

- 聚集问题
- 同步问题
- 集群运动

- Boid模型
- Vicsek模型

# 一致性问题的建模

## ● 智能体动态模型

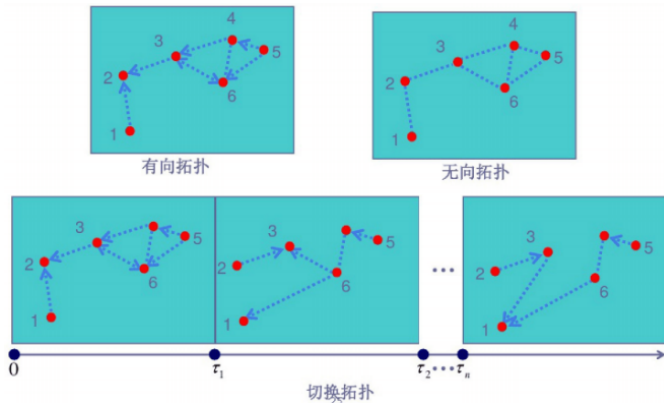
表 1: 智能体动态模型

序号	模型	表达
1	线性系统模型	$\dot{x}_i = Ax_i + Bu_i$
	非线性系统模型	$\dot{x}_i = f(x_i, u_i)$
2	连续时间模型	$\dot{x}_i = Ax_i + Bu_i$
	离散时间模型	$\dot{x}_i(k+1) = Ax_i(k) + Bu_i(k)$
3	时变系统模型	$\dot{x}_i = A(t)x_i + B(t)u_i$
	时不变系统模型	$\dot{x}_i = Ax_i + Bu_i$
4	同构系统模型	$\dot{x}_i = Ax_i + Bu_i$
	异构系统模型	$\dot{x}_i = A_i x_i + B_i u_i$
5	低阶系统模型	一阶: $\dot{x}_i = u_i$ ; 二阶: $\dot{x}_{i1}(t) = x_{i2}(t), \dot{x}_{i2}(t) = u_i$
	高阶系统模型	$\dot{x}_i = Ax_i + Bu_i, A \in R^{n \times m}, B \in R^{n \times m}$



## ● 信息拓扑结构

- 有向、无向
- 固定、时变



## Recommended Books:



W. Ren, R. W. Beard, *Distributed consensus in Multi-vehicle cooperative control theory and applications*, London: Springer-Verlag, 2008.



Y. D., Song, Y. J. ,Wang, *Cooprative control of nonlinear networked systems-infinite time and finite time design methods*, Switzerland: Springer, 2019.

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# 图论基础

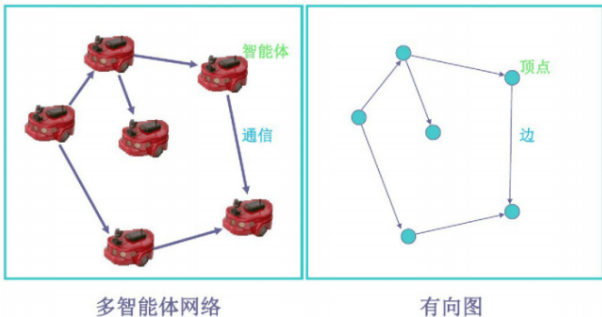


表 2: 图论基础

有向加权图或有向图	$\mathcal{G} = \{\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{A}\}$
$\mathcal{V} = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ :	图的 $n$ 个顶点
$\mathcal{E} \in \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V}$ :	由节点对组成的边集合
$e_{ij} = (v_i, v_j) \in \mathcal{E}$ :	如果存在从第 $i$ 个顶点到第 $j$ 个顶点的信息流, 则该节点对有连边
$\mathcal{A}$ :	邻接矩阵, 表示节点与边的关系
邻接矩阵	$\mathcal{A} = [a_{ij}]$ , $a_{ij} = 1$ 如果 $(v_i, v_j) \in \mathcal{E}$ ; 否则, $a_{ij} = 0$
加权邻接矩阵	$\mathcal{A} = [a_{ij}]$ , $a_{ij} = \omega_{ij}$ 如果 $(v_i, v_j) \in \mathcal{E}$ ; 否则, $a_{ij} = 0$
度矩阵	$\mathcal{D} = \text{diag}(\deg(v_1), \deg(v_2), \dots, \deg(v_n))$ , $\deg(v_i) = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}$
图的Laplacian矩阵	$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{D} - \mathcal{A}$

Consider information states with single-integrator dynamics given by

$$\dot{x}_i = u_i, i = 1, \cdots, N, \quad (1)$$

where  $x_i \in R$  is the information state and  $u_i \in R$  is the information control input of the  $i$ th agent

A continuous-time consensus algorithm is given by

$$u_i = - \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij}(x_i - x_j), i = 1, \cdots, N. \quad (2)$$

With (2), if **consensus** is achieved or reached by the team of agents, for all  $x_i(0)$  and all  $i, j = 1, \cdots, N$ ,  $\|\xi_i(t) - \xi_j\| \rightarrow 0$ , as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

Denoted

$$\begin{aligned} e_i &= \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i}^N a_{ij}(x_i - x_j) \\ &= \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i}^N a_{ij}x_i - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i}^N a_{ij}x_j \\ &= -a_{i1}x_1 - \cdots - a_{i,i-1}x_{i-1} + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i}^N a_{ij}x_i - a_{i,i+1}x_{i+1} - \cdots - a_{iN}x_N \\ &= [-a_{i1}, \cdots, -a_{i,i-1}, \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i}^N a_{ij}, -a_{i,i+1}, \cdots, -a_{iN}]X \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where  $X = [x_1, \cdots, x_N]^T$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
& E \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_1} a_{ij} & -a_{12} & \cdots & -a_{1N} \\ -a_{21} & \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_2} a_{ij} & \cdots & -a_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -a_{N1} & -a_{N2} & \cdots & \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_N} a_{ij} \end{bmatrix} X \\
&= \left( \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_1} a_{ij} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_2} a_{ij} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_N} a_{ij} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1N} \\ a_{21} & 0 & \cdots & a_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{N1} & a_{N2} & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) X \\
&= (\mathcal{D} - \mathcal{A})X \\
&= \mathcal{L}X
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

where  $E = [e_1, \cdots, e_N]^T$ .



Laplacian矩阵的部分性质:

- 0是Laplacian矩阵的特征值,  $\mathbf{1}_n = [1, 1, \dots, 1]^T$  为属于特征值0的右特征向量;
- 如果有向图 $\mathcal{G}$ 的阶数为 $n$ , Laplacian矩阵为 $L$ , 如果 $\mathcal{G}$ 是强连通的, 那么有 $\text{rank}(L) = n - 1$
- 如果 $\mathcal{G}$  是连通的且对称, 那么 $L$ 是对称、半正定的, 并且所有的特征值都是实数且非负, 可以写成

$$0 = \lambda_1(L) < \lambda_2(L) \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n(L) \quad (5)$$

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## Properties of real symmetric matrices:

- 实对称矩阵的特征值为实数;
- 设 $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n (n \geq 2)$  是实对称矩阵 $A$ 的 $n$ 个特征值, $p_1, \dots, p_n$  是对应的特征向量, 若 $\lambda_1 \neq \dots \neq \lambda_n$ , 则 $p_1, \dots, p_n$  两两正交;
- 设 $A$ 为 $n$ 阶实对称阵, 则必有正交矩阵 $P$  ( $P^{-1} = P^T$ ), 使 $P^{-1}AP = \Lambda$ , 其中 $\Lambda$ 是以 $A$  的 $n$ 个特征值为对角元素的对角矩阵.

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# Leaderless

## Assumption

The directed communication network  $\mathcal{G}$  is strongly connected.

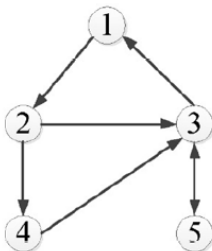


图 1: Strongly connected graph

## Lemma

Suppose that the digraph is strongly connected. Let  $\omega_I = [\omega_1, \dots, \omega_N]^T$  be the left eigenvector of  $\mathcal{L}$  associated with eigenvalue  $\lambda = 0$  (i.e.,  $\omega_I$  is the first left eigenvector of  $\mathcal{L}$ ). Define

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &= \text{diag}\{\omega_i\} \in R^{N \times N}, \\ Q &= \Omega L + L^T \Omega.\end{aligned}\tag{6}$$

Then

$$V = \sum_{i,j=1}^N \omega_i a_{ij} (x_j - x_i)^2 = x^T Q x\tag{7}$$

Moreover,  $\Omega > 0$  and  $Q \geq 0$ .



H. W. Zhang, F. L. Lewis & Z. H. Qu, "Lyapunov, adaptive, and optimal design techniques for cooperative systems on directed communication graph", *IEEE Trans. Ind. Electron.*, Vol. 59, No. 7, PP. 3026-3041, Jul. 2012.

### Lemma

*If  $Q = Q^T$  and  $Q \geq 0$  or  $Q \leq 0$ , the the null space  $\text{Null}(Q) = \{x | x^T Q x = 0\}$ .*

### Lemma

*Let the digraph be strongly connected and  $Q$  is defined as (6); then,  $\text{Null}(Q) = \text{Null}(L) = \text{span}\{\mathbf{1}_N\}$ .*

Consider a group of  $N$  agents with single integrator dynamics

$$\dot{x}_i = u_i, i \in \mathcal{N}, \quad (8)$$

where  $x_i \in R$ ,  $u_i \in R$ .

Consider a common linear consensus protocol

$$u_i = - \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij}(x_i - x_j). \quad (9)$$

Let  $x = [x_1, \dots, x_N]^T$ ; the closed-loop system can be written collectively as

$$\dot{x} = -Lx. \quad (10)$$



## Theorem 1

For strongly connected digraphs, consensus in (8) can be reached using the consensus protocol (9)

*Proof:* Consider the Lyapunov function candidate as

$$V = x^T \Omega x \quad (11)$$

Then

$$\dot{V} = 2x^T \Omega \dot{x} = -2x^T \Omega L x = -x^T (\Omega L + L^T \Omega) x \quad (12)$$

Due to  $\Omega L + L^T \Omega \geq 0$ ,  $\dot{V} \leq 0$ . By LaSalle invariance principle, the trajectories converge to the largest invariant set  $S = \{x \in R^N | \dot{V} = 0\}$ .

It is straightforward that  $S = \{x^* \in R^N | x^* = \alpha \mathbf{1}_N, \forall \alpha \in R\}$ .

Therefore  $x(t) \rightarrow \alpha \mathbf{1}_N$  for all some  $\alpha \in R$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

Keep in mind that Theorem 1 doesn't guarantee whether the group decision value  $\alpha$  is equal to **Ave**( $\mathbf{x}(0)$ ), or not. In other words, Theorem does not necessarily address the average consensus problem.

Considering that the solution of (10) with fixed topology is given by

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \exp(-Lt)\mathbf{x}(0) \quad (13)$$

by explicit calculation of  $\exp(-Lt)$ , one can obtain the group decision value for a general digraph.

## Theorem

Assume  $\mathcal{G}$  is a strongly connected digraph with Laplacian  $L$  satisfying  $L\omega_r = 0$ ,  $\omega_l^T L = 0$ , and  $\omega_l^T \omega_r = 1$ . Then

$$R = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \exp(-Lt) = \omega_r \omega_l^T \in R^{N \times N} \quad (14)$$

*Proof:* Let  $A = -L$  and let  $J$  be the Jordan form associated with  $A$ , i.e.,  $A = SJS$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \exp(At) &= \exp(SJS^{-1}t) = S \exp(Jt) S^{-1} \\ &= S \exp \left( \begin{bmatrix} -\Lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & -\Lambda_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & -\Lambda_k \end{bmatrix} t \right) S^{-1}, \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

where  $\Lambda_m, m = 1, \dots, k$  are standard Jordan blocks, and  $\Lambda_1 = 0$ .

then

$$\exp(Jt) \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \tilde{Q}, \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty. \quad (16)$$

Notice that  $R = S\tilde{Q}S^{-1}$ . Since  $AS = SJ$ , the first column of  $S$  is  $\omega_r$ . Similarly,  $S^{-1}A = JS^{-1}$  that means the first row of  $S^{-1}$  is  $\omega_l^T$ . Due to the fact that  $S^{-1}S = I_N$ ,  $\omega_l$  satisfies the property  $\omega_l^T \omega_r = 1$  as stated in the equation. Therefore,

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{r1} & \bar{\omega}_{12} & \cdots & \bar{\omega}_{1N} \\ \omega_{r2} & \bar{\omega}_{22} & \cdots & \bar{\omega}_{2N} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \omega_{rN} & \cdots & \bar{\omega}_{N,N-1} & \bar{\omega}_{N,N} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{l1} & \omega_{l2} & \cdots & \omega_{lN} \\ \tilde{\omega}_{21} & \tilde{\omega}_{22} & \cdots & \tilde{\omega}_{2N} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \tilde{\omega}_{N1} & \cdots & \tilde{\omega}_{N,N-1} & \tilde{\omega}_{N,N} \end{bmatrix} \quad (17)$$



R. O., Saber & R. M. Murray, "Consensus problem in networks of agents with switching topology and time-delays", *IEEE Trans. Auto. Contr.*, Vol. 49, No.9, PP. 1520–1533, Sep. 2004.

$$\begin{aligned}
 R &= \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{r1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \omega_{r2} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \omega_{rN} & \cdots & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{l1} & \omega_{l2} & \cdots & \omega_{lN} \\ \tilde{\omega}_{21} & \tilde{\omega}_{22} & \cdots & \tilde{\omega}_{2N} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \tilde{\omega}_{N1} & \cdots & \tilde{\omega}_{N,N-1} & \tilde{\omega}_{N,N} \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{r1}\omega_{l1} & \omega_{r1}\omega_{l2} & \cdots & \omega_{r1}\omega_{lN} \\ \omega_{r2}\omega_{l1} & \omega_{r2}\omega_{l2} & \cdots & \omega_{r2}\omega_{lN} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \omega_{rN}\omega_{l1} & \cdots & \omega_{rN}\omega_{l,N-1} & \omega_{rN}\omega_{l,N} \end{bmatrix} = \omega_r \omega_l^T \quad (18)
 \end{aligned}$$

- $\mathcal{G}$  is undirected graph:  $\omega_r = \omega_l = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \mathbf{1}_N$ , therefore  $R = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{N} & \cdots & \frac{1}{N} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{1}{N} & \cdots & \frac{1}{N} \end{bmatrix}$ ,

$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} x_i(t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i(0)$ , the average consensus is achieved.

- $\mathcal{G}$  is directed graph

$\omega_r = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \mathbf{1}_N$ , therefore

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\omega_{l1}}{\sqrt{N}} & \frac{\omega_{l2}}{\sqrt{N}} & \cdots & \frac{\omega_{lN}}{\sqrt{N}} \\ \frac{\omega_{l1}}{\sqrt{N}} & \frac{\omega_{l2}}{\sqrt{N}} & \cdots & \frac{\omega_{lN}}{\sqrt{N}} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\omega_{l1}}{\sqrt{N}} & \frac{\omega_{l2}}{\sqrt{N}} & \cdots & \frac{\omega_{lN}}{\sqrt{N}} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (19)$$

$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x_i(t) = \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\omega_{lj}}{\sqrt{N}} x_i(0) = \sum_{j=1}^N \xi_j x_i(0)$ , the weight average consensus is achieved. Due to  $\omega_l^T \omega_r = 1$ ,  $\sum_{j=1}^N \omega_{lj} = \sqrt{N}$ , then

$$\sum_{j=1}^N \xi_j = \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\omega_{lj}}{\sqrt{N}} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^N \omega_{lj}}{\sqrt{N}} = \frac{\sqrt{N}}{\sqrt{N}} = 1. \quad (20)$$

## Assumption

The digraph  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}$  contains a spanning tree and the root  $v_{ir}$  can get information from the leader node.

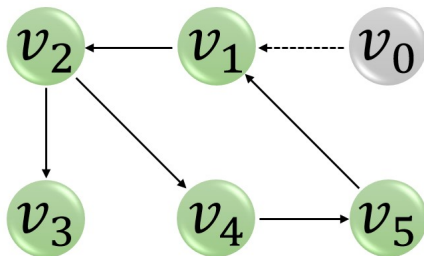


图 2: Directed graph containing a spanning tree

# One leader

Denote the adjacency matrix of the subgraph  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$  formed by the followers by

$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1N} \\ a_{21} & 0 & \cdots & a_{2N} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{N-1,1} & \cdots & 0 & a_{N-1,N} \\ a_{N,1} & \cdots & a_{N-1,1} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{D} = \text{diag}\{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_N\}$ ,  $d_i = \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij}$ . The Laplacian matrix of subgraph  $\bar{\mathcal{G}}$  can be defined as

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{D} - \mathcal{A} \quad (21)$$



Thus, for the digraph  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}} = (\tilde{\mathcal{V}}, \tilde{\mathcal{E}})$ , we have

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0_{1 \times N} \\ -b & \mathcal{L}_1 = \mathcal{L} + B \end{bmatrix}. \quad (22)$$

If the graph  $\mathcal{G}$  has a spanning tree, then  $\text{Rank}(\tilde{\mathcal{L}}) = N$ .

In light of (22), it follows that  $\text{Rank}[-b, \mathcal{L}_1] = N$  and  $\mathcal{L}_1 \mathbf{1}_N = b$ . Thus,  $\text{Rank}(\mathcal{L} + B) = N$ . An important special case is that  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}$  is strongly connected. In this situation  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is irreducible. Then,  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is irreducibly diagonally dominant as long as  $\text{gain} b_i \neq 0$  and, hence, nonsingular.



G. Chen, F. L. Lewis, "Distributed adaptive tracking control for synchronization of unknown networked Lagrangian systems", *IEEE Trans. Syst., Man, Cybern. B, Cybern.*, Vol. 41, No. 3, PP. 805-816, Jun. 2011.

## Lemma

There exists a positive diagonal matrix  $P = \text{diag}\{p_1, \dots, p_N\} \in R^{N \times N}$  such that

$$Q = P\mathcal{L}_1 + \mathcal{L}_1^T P > 0. \quad (23)$$

One such  $P$  is given by  $\text{diag}\{p_1, \dots, p_N\}$ , where  $[p_1, \dots, p_N]^T = (\mathcal{L}_1)^{-1} \mathbf{1}_N$ .



Z. K. Li, G. H. Wen, Z. S. Duan & W. Ren, "Designing fully distributed consensus protocols for linear multi-agent systems with directed graphs", *IEEE Trans. Auto. Contr.*, Vol. 60, No. 4, PP. 1152-1157, Apr. 2015.

Denote  $\delta_i = x_i - x_0$ ,

Controller:  $u_i = \sum_{j \in N_i} a_{ij}(x_j - x_i) + b_i(x_0 - x_i)$ ,  $U = -L_1\delta$

Choose the Lyapunov function candidate that

$$V = \delta^T P \delta, \quad (24)$$

where  $\delta = [\delta_1, \dots, \delta_N]^T$ . Noted that

$$L_1\delta = L_1(X - \mathbf{1}_N * x_0) = L_1X - L_1\mathbf{1}_N * x_0 = L_1X. \quad (25)$$

Taking derivation for (24), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V} &= 2\delta^T P \dot{\delta} = 2\delta^T P \dot{X} = 2\delta^T P U = -2\delta^T P (L_1X) \\ &= -2\delta^T P (L_1\delta) = -\delta^T (PL_1 + L_1^T P)\delta = -X^T QX \leq -\lambda_1 X^T X \\ &\leq -\lambda_1 \frac{\delta^T \delta}{X^T P X} \delta^T P \delta \leq -\frac{\lambda_1}{\max\{p_i\}} V \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

Therefore,  $\|\delta\| \leq \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda_1}{\max\{p_i\}} t\right) \sqrt{\frac{\max\{p_i\}}{\min\{p_i\}}} \|\delta(0)\|$ .

# Multiple leaders

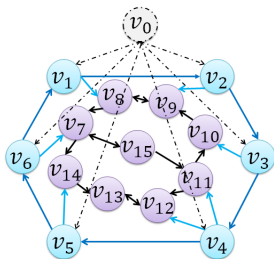


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表 3: 合围(Containment control)研究现状

No.	Year	Main work
1	2008	proposed containment control; Stop-Go a collection of mobile robots to a given target destination
2	2009	Defined containment control; fixed/ switching digraph; continuous/discrete: $\dot{x}_i(t) = u_i(t)$ stationary or dynamic leaders
3	2010	finite-time attitude containment control; stationary/dynamic leaders; distributed sliding-mode estimator ; Lagrange system



M. Ji, G. Ferrari-Trecate, M. Egerstedt and A. Buffa, "Containment control in mobile networks," *IEEE Trans. Auto. Control.*, Vol. 53, No. 8, PP. 1972-1975, Sep., 2008.



Y. C. Cao, W. Ren, "Containment Control with Multiple Stationary or Dynamic Leaders Under a Directed Interaction Graph," *48th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control and 28th Chinese Control Conference*, PP. 3014-3019, Dec., 2009.



Z. Y. Meng, W. Ren and Z. You, "Distributed finite-time attitude containment control for multiple rigid bodies," *Automatica*, PP. 2092-2099, 2010.

表 4: 合围(Containment control)研究现状

No.	Year	Main work
4	2011	general linear dynamics; continuous/discrete-time the leader have no neighbors
5	2012	general linear dynamics; internal/boundary agents; a pinning control strategie



Z. K. Li, W. Ren, X. D. Liu and M. Y. Fu, "Distributed containment control of multi-agent systems with general linear dynamics in the presence of multiple leaders," *International Journal of Robust and Nonlinear Control*, Vol. 23, No. 5 PP. 534-547, Dec., 2011.



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Suppose that there are  $M$  leaders and  $N - M$  followers in the directed graph  $\mathcal{G}$ , where a leader is an agent that has no in-neighbor and a follower is an agent that has at least one in-neighbor. Let  $L = \{1, 2, \dots, M\}$  and  $F = \{M + 1, \dots, N\}$  is the leader set and the follower set, respectively.

The model is given that

$$\dot{x}_i(t) = u_i(t), \quad x_i \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (27)$$

The Laplacian Matrix is represented as

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{L}_{LL} & 0_{M \times (N-M)} \\ \mathcal{L}_{FL} & \mathcal{L}_{FF} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (28)$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_{LL} \in R^{M \times M}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_{FL} \in R^{(N-M) \times M}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{FF} \in R^{(N-M) \times (N-M)}$ .

Here,  $\mathcal{L}_{LL} = 0$ .

## Lemma

There exists a positive diagonal matrix  $P_F = \text{diag}\{p_{M+1}, \dots, p_N\} \in R^{(N-M) \times (N-M)}$  such that

$$Q_F = P_F \mathcal{L}_{FF} + \mathcal{L}_{FF}^T P_F > 0 \quad (29)$$

in which  $p_{M+1}, \dots, p_N$  are chosen as  $[p_{M+1}, \dots, p_N]^T = (L_{FF}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{1}_{N-M}$ . In addition, each entry of  $-\mathcal{L}_{FF}^{-1} \mathcal{L}_{FL}$  is nonnegative, and each row of  $-\mathcal{L}_{FF}^{-1} \mathcal{L}_{FL}$  has a sum equal to one.

**Noted:** 
$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{L}_{FL} & \mathcal{L}_{FF} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1}_M \\ \mathbf{1}_{N-M} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{FL} \mathbf{1}_M + \mathcal{L}_{FF} \mathbf{1}_{N-M} = \mathbf{0}$$
$$\Rightarrow -\mathcal{L}_{FF}^{-1} \mathcal{L}_{FL} \mathbf{1}_{N-M} = \mathbf{1}_M.$$



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## Example:

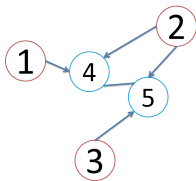


图 4: Graph

The Laplacian Matrix is represented as

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{L}_{LL} & 0_{M \times (N-M)} \\ \mathcal{L}_{FL} & \mathcal{L}_{FF} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0_{3 \times 3} & 0_{3 \times 2} \\ -1, -1, 0 & 3, -1 \\ 0, -1, -1 & -1, 3 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (30)$$

$$-\mathcal{L}_{FF}^{-1}\mathcal{L}_{FL} = -\begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{8} & \frac{1}{8} \\ \frac{1}{8} & \frac{3}{8} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{8} & \frac{4}{8} & \frac{1}{8} \\ \frac{1}{8} & \frac{4}{8} & \frac{3}{8} \end{bmatrix},$$

and then  $\text{rank}(-\mathcal{L}_{FF}^{-1}\mathcal{L}_{FL}) = 2$ .

**Definition:** We say MAS(27) achieves containment if for any initial states, there exist non-negative constant  $\beta_j (j \in L)$  satisfying  $\sum_{j=1}^M \beta_j = 1$  and  $i \in F$ ,  $x_i - \sum_{j=1}^M \beta_j x_j = 0_m$ .

Let  $E_L = [e_1^T, \dots, e_M^T]^T$ ,  $E_F = [e_{M+1}^T, \dots, e_N^T]^T$ ,  
 $X_L = [x_1^T, \dots, x_M^T]^T$ ,  $X_F = [x_{M+1}^T, \dots, x_N^T]^T$

The error of neighbor is

$$e_i = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_F} a_{ij}(x_i - x_j) + \sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}_L} a_{ik}(x_i - x_k), i \in F. \quad (31)$$

Then it holds

$$\begin{aligned} E_F &= \mathcal{L}_{FF} X_F + \mathcal{L}_{FL} X_L \\ &= \mathcal{L}_{FF} (X_F - (-\mathcal{L}_{FF}^{-1} \mathcal{L}_{FL}) X_L) \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

Let  $Z_F = X_F - (-\mathcal{L}_{FF}^{-1} \mathcal{L}_{FL}) X_L = \mathcal{L}_{FF}^{-1} E_F$ .

## Theorem

Consider system (27), the control scheme Controller

$$u_i = -e_i \quad (33)$$

or  $U = -E_F$ , the containment is achieved.

**Proof:** Choosing the Lyapunov function candidate as

$$V_F = E_F^T P_F E_F \quad (34)$$

According to , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{E}_F &= \mathcal{L}_{FF}(\dot{X}_F - (-\mathcal{L}_{FF}^{-1}\mathcal{L}_{FL})\dot{X}_L) \\ &= \mathcal{L}_{FF}\dot{X}_F \\ &= -\mathcal{L}_{FF}E_F \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{V}_F &= 2E_F^T P_F \dot{E}_F \\
&= -2E_F^T P_F \mathcal{L}_{FF} E_F \\
&= -E_F^T (P_F \mathcal{L}_{FF} + \mathcal{L}_{FF}^T P_F) E_F \\
&= -E_F^T Q_F E_F \\
&\leq -\delta_{\min}(Q_F) E_F^T E_F \\
&\leq -\frac{\delta_{\min}(Q_F) E_F^T E_F}{E_F^T P_F E_F} \cdot V_F \\
&\leq -\frac{\delta_{\min}(Q_F) E_F^T E_F}{\lambda_{\max}(P_F) E_F^T E_F} V_F \\
&\leq -\frac{\delta_{\min}(Q_F)}{\lambda_{\max}(P_F)} V_F,
\end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

which implies

$$V_F \leq \exp \left( - \frac{\delta_{\min}(Q_F)}{\lambda_{\max}(P_F)}(t - t_0) \right) V_F(t_0) \quad (37)$$

and then

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{\min}(P_F) \|E_F\|^2 &\leq V_F \\ &\leq \exp \left( - \frac{\delta_{\min}(Q_F)}{\lambda_{\max}(P_F)}(t - t_0) \right) V_F(t_0) \\ &\leq \exp \left( - \frac{\delta_{\min}(Q_F)}{\lambda_{\max}(P_F)}(t - t_0) \right) \lambda_{\max}(P_F) \|E_F(t_0)\|^2, \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

further

$$\|E_F\|^2 \leq \exp \left( - \frac{\delta_{\min}(Q_F)}{\lambda_{\max}(P_F)}(t - t_0) \right) \frac{\lambda_{\max}(P_F)}{\lambda_{\min}(P_F)} \|E_F(t_0)\|^2 \quad (39)$$

and then

$$\|Z_F\| = \|\mathcal{L}_{FF}^{-1} E_F\| \leq \exp \left( - \frac{\delta_{\min}(Q_F)}{2\lambda_{\max}(P_F)}(t - t_0) \right) \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_{\max}(P_F)}{\lambda_{\min}(P_F)}} \|E_F(t_0)\|$$

From (40), we have

$$\|Z_F\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as} \quad t \rightarrow \infty, \quad (41)$$

that is  $X_F \rightarrow (-\mathcal{L}_{FF}^{-1}\mathcal{L}_{FL})X_L$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .