

# Network Systems in Science and Technology

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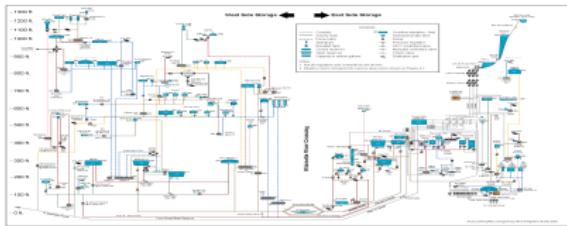
# Network systems in technology



Smart grid



Amazon robotic warehouse



Portland water network



Industrial chemical plant

# Network systems in sciences

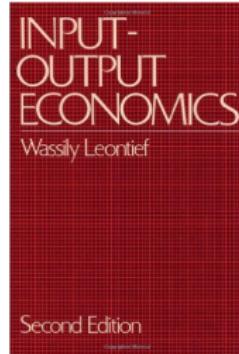
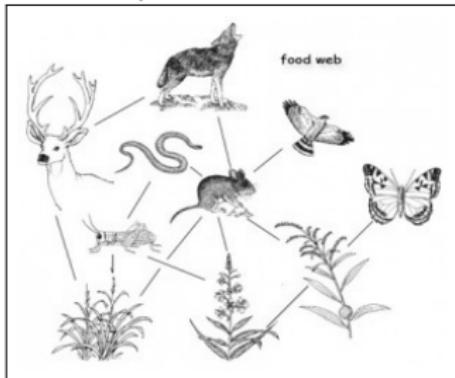
**Sociology:** opinion dynamics, propagation of information, performance of teams



**Ecology:** ecosystems and foodwebs

**Economics:** input-output models

**Medicine/Biology:** compartmental systems



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## ① Intro to Network Systems

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## ② Power Flow

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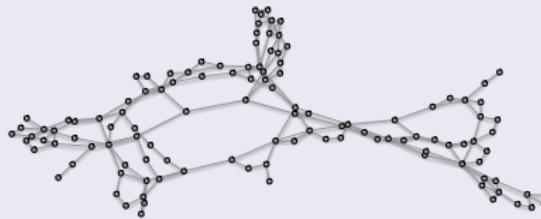
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# Linear network systems

$$x(k+1) = Ax(k) + b \quad \text{or} \quad \dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + b$$



- ① systems of interest
- ② asymptotic behavior
- ③ tools

**network structure  $\iff$  function = asymptotic behavior**

# Perron-Frobenius theory

**non-negative**  
 $(A \geq 0)$

**irreducible**  
(no permutation brings  $A$  into  
block upper triangular form)

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

if  $A$  **non-negative**

- ① eigenvalue  $\lambda \geq |\mu|$  for all other eigenvalues  $\mu$
- ② right and left eigenvectors  $v_{\text{right}} \geq 0$  and  $v_{\text{left}} \geq 0$

if  $A$  **irreducible**

- ③  $\lambda > 0$  and  $\lambda$  is simple
- ④  $v_{\text{right}} > 0$  and  $v_{\text{left}} > 0$  are unique

if  $A$  **primitive**

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

# Algebraic graph theory

Powers of  $A \sim$  walks in  $G$ :

$$(A^k)_{ij} > 0$$



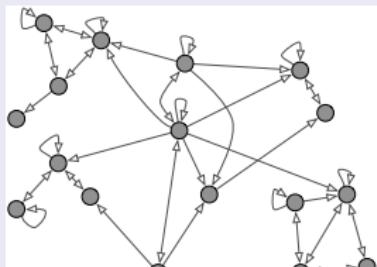
there exists directed path of length  $k$   
from  $i$  to  $j$  in  $G$

Primivity of  $A \sim$  walks in  $G$ :

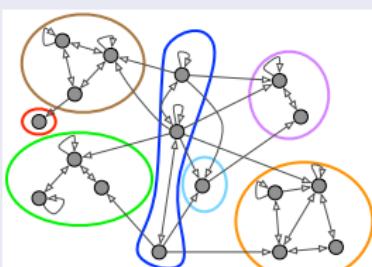
$A$  is primitive  
 $(A \geq 0$  and  $A^k > 0)$



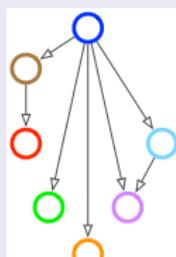
$G$  strongly connected and aperiodic  
(exists path between any two nodes) and  
(exists no  $k$  dividing each cycle length)



digraph

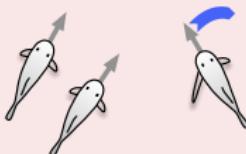


strongly connected components



condensation

# Averaging systems



Swarming via averaging

$$x_i^+ := \text{average}(x_i, \{x_j, j \text{ is neighbor of } i\})$$



$$x(k+1) = Ax(k)$$

## A influence matrix:

row-stochastic: non-negative and row-sums equal to 1

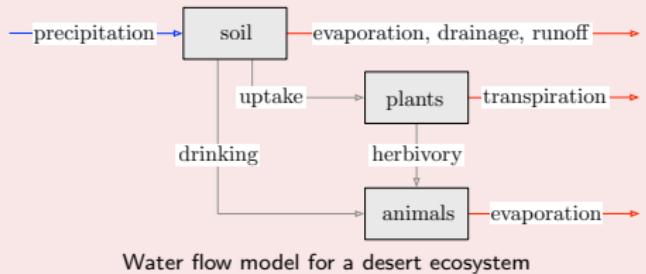
For general  $G$  with multiple condensed sinks  
(assuming each condensed sink is aperiodic)

→ consensus at sinks  
convex combinations elsewhere

consensus:  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x(k) = (\nu_{\text{left}} \cdot x(0)) \mathbb{1}_n$

where  $\nu_{\text{left}}$  = convex combination = influence centrality

# Compartmental flow systems



$$\dot{q}_i = \sum_j (F_{j \rightarrow i} - F_{i \rightarrow j}) - F_{i \rightarrow 0} + u_i$$



$$F_{i \rightarrow j} = f_{ij} q_i, \quad F = [f_{ij}]$$

$$\dot{q} = \underbrace{\left( F^T - \text{diag}(F \mathbb{1}_n + f_0) \right) q}_{=: C} + u$$

## C compartmental matrix:

quasi-positive (off-diag  $\geq 0$ ),  $f_0 \geq 0 \implies$  weakly diag dominant  
analysis tools: PF for quasi-positive, inverse positivity, algebraic graphs

system (= each condensed sink)  
is outflow-connected

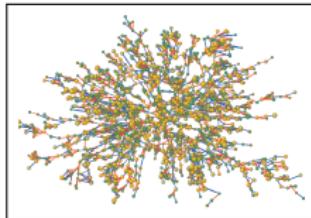


C is Hurwitz

$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} q(t) = -C^{-1}u \geq 0$   
 $(-C^{-1}u)_i > 0 \iff$  *i*th compartment is inflow-connected

## Rich variety of emerging behaviors

- ① equilibria / limit cycles / extinction in populations dynamics
- ② epidemic outbreaks in spreading processes
- ③ synchrony / anti-synchrony in coupled oscillators



# Population systems in ecology



Mutualism between clownfish and anemones

Lotka-Volterra:  $x_i = \text{quantity/density}$

$$\frac{\dot{x}_i}{x_i} = b_i + \sum_j a_{ij} x_j$$



$$\dot{x} = \text{diag}(x)(Ax + b)$$

## A interaction matrix:

(+, +) mutualism, (+, -) predation, (-, -) competition

rich behavior: persistence, extinction, equilibria, periodic orbits, ...

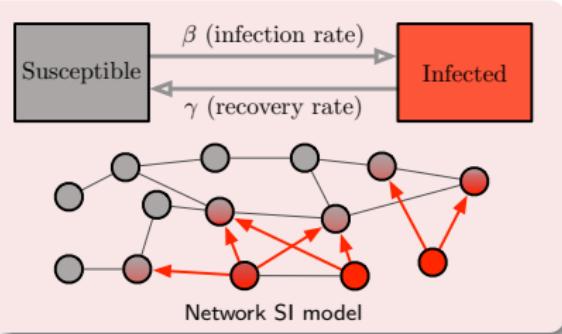
- ① **logistic growth:**  $b_i > 0$  and  $a_{ii} < 0$
- ② **bounded resources:** A Hurwitz (e.g., irreducible and neg diag dom)
- ③ **mutualism:**  $a_{ij} \geq 0$



exists unique steady state  $-A^{-1}b > 0$

$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = -A^{-1}b$  from all  $x(0) > 0$

# Network propagation in epidemiology



Network SIS: ( $x_i = \text{infected fraction}$ )

$$\dot{x}_i = \beta \sum_j a_{ij} (1 - x_i) x_j - \gamma x_i$$

↓ (rescaling)

$$\dot{x} = (I_n - \text{diag}(x)) A x - x$$

A **contact matrix**: irreducible with dominant pair  $(\lambda, v_{\text{right}})$

**below the threshold:**  $\lambda < 1$

- 0 is unique stable equilibrium
- $v_{\text{right}}^T x(t) \rightarrow 0$  monotonically & exponentially

**above the threshold:**  $\lambda > 1$

- 0 is unstable equilibrium
- unique other equilibrium  $x^* > 0$
- $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = x^*$  from all  $x(0) \neq 0$

- ① nonlinear stability theory
- ② passivity
- ③ cooperative/competitive system and monotone generalizations

## Mutualistic Lotka-Volterra:

$\dot{x} = \text{diag}(x)(Ax + b)$   
A quasi-positive and Hurwitz  $\implies$  inverse positivity  
cooperative systems theory: (if Jacobian is quasi-positive,  
then almost all bounded trajectories converge to an equilibrium)

## Network SIS:

A irreducible, above the threshold  $\lambda > 1$   
monotonic iterations and LaSalle invariance

$$\dot{x} = (I_n - \text{diag}(x))Ax - x$$

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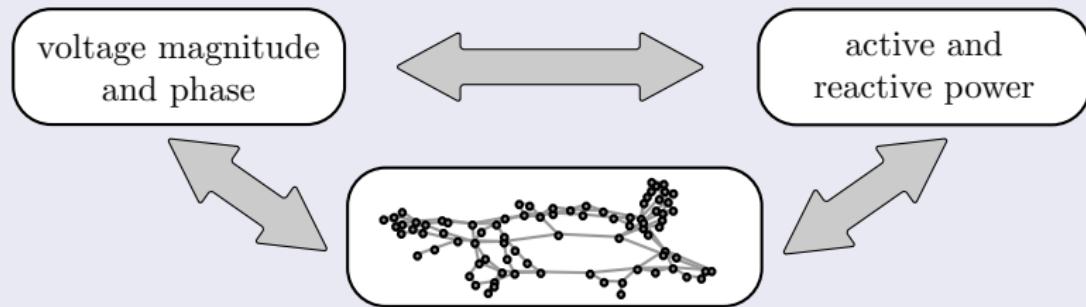
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# Power flow equations



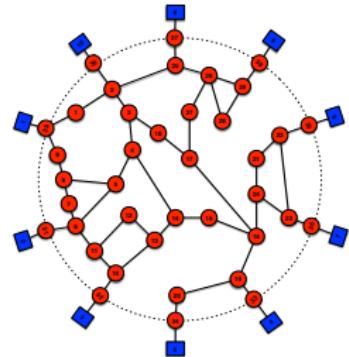
- ① secure operating conditions
- ② feedback control
- ③ economic optimization

while accurate numerical solvers in current use,  
much ongoing research on optimization,

**network structure**  $\iff$  **function = power transmission**

# Power networks as quasi-synchronous AC circuits

- ① generators ■ and loads ●
- ② physics: Kirchoff and Ohm laws
- ③ today's simplifying assumptions:
  - ① quasi-sync: voltage and phase  $V_i, \theta_i$ , active and reactive power  $P_i, Q_i$
  - ② lossless lines
  - ③ approximated decoupled equations



## Decoupled power flow equations

$$\text{active: } P_i = \sum_j a_{ij} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j)$$

$$\text{reactive: } Q_i = -\sum_j b_{ij} V_i V_j$$

# Power Flow Equilibria

$$P_i = \sum_j a_{ij} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j)$$

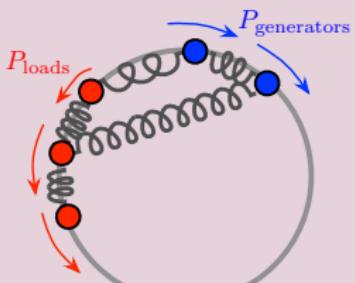
$$Q_i = - \sum_j b_{ij} V_i V_j$$

## As function of network structure/parameters

- ① do equations admit solutions / operating points?
- ② how much active / reactive power can network transmit?
- ③ how to quantify stability margins?

## From flow networks to spring networks

### Coupled swing equations

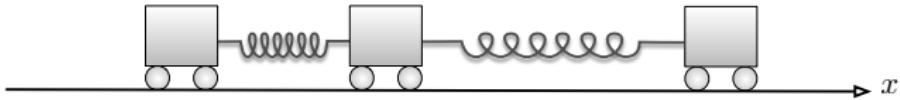


$$M_i \ddot{\theta}_i + D_i \dot{\theta}_i = P_i - \sum_j a_{ij} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j)$$

### Kuramoto coupled oscillators

$$\dot{\theta}_i = P_i - \sum_j a_{ij} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j)$$

# Lessons from linear spring networks



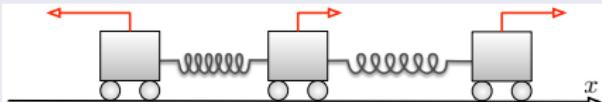
Force  $\propto$  displacement:

$$F_i = \sum a_{ij}(x_j - x_i) = -(Lx)_i$$

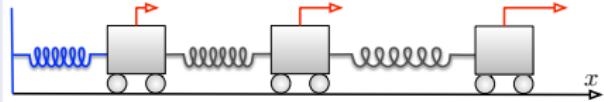
Laplacian / stiffness matrix and connectivity strength:

$$L = \text{diag}(A\mathbb{1}_n) - A$$

$\lambda_2$  = second smallest eigenvalue of  $L$

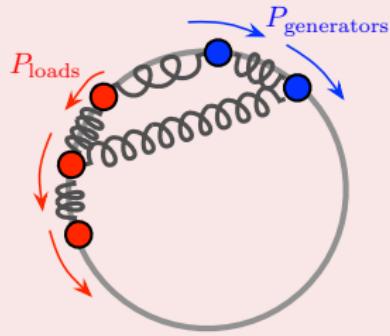


$$x = L^\dagger F_{\text{load}}$$



$$x - x_{\text{rest}} = L_{\text{grounded}}^{-1} F_{\text{load}}$$

# Active power / frequency equilibrium conditions



Given balanced  $P$ , do angles exist?

$$P_i = \sum_j a_{ij} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j)$$

**connectivity strength vs. power transmission:**

#1: “torques”  $\sim$  active powers

“displacements”  $\sim$  power angles

#2: with **increasing power transmission**,

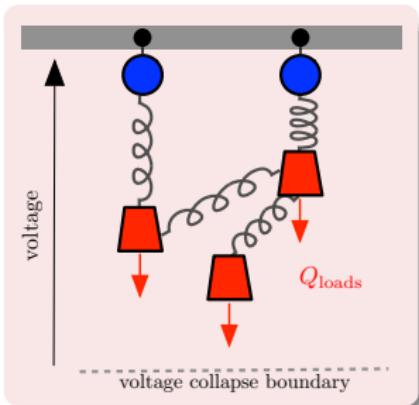
$(\theta_i - \theta_j)$  approach  $\pi/2$  = **sync loss**

Equilibrium angles (neighbors within  $\pi/2$  arc) exist if

$$\|\text{pairwise differences of } P\|_2 < \lambda_2(L) \quad \text{for all graphs}$$

$$\|\text{pairwise differences of } L^\dagger P\|_\infty < 1 \quad \text{for trees, 3/4-cycles, complete}$$

# Reactive power / voltage equilibrium condition



Given reactive  $Q_{\text{loads}}$ , do voltages  $V_{\text{loads}}$  exist?

$$Q_i = -V_i \sum_j b_{ij} (V_j - V_{\text{rest},j})$$

where  $V_{\text{rest}} = \text{open-circuit voltages}$

**connectivity strength vs. power transmission:**

#1: “force”  $\sim$  reactive load  $Q_{\text{loads}}$

“displacement”  $\sim$  relative voltage variation

#2: with **increasing inductive  $Q_{\text{loads}}$** ,

$V_{\text{loads}}$  falls until **voltage collapse**

Equilibrium voltage (high-voltage solution) exist if

$$\left\| L_{\text{grounded,scaled}}^{-1} Q_{\text{loads}} \right\|_\infty < 1$$

## New physical insight

- ① sharp sufficient conditions for equilibria
- ② upper bounds on transmission capacity
- ③ stability margins as notions of distance from bifurcations

## Applications

- ① secure operating conditions:  
**realistic IEEE testbeds (Dörfler et al, PNAS '13)**
- ② feedback control:  
**microgrid design (Simpson-Porco et al, TIE '15)**
- ③ economic optimization:  
**convex voltage support (Todescato et al, CDC '15)**

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# Social power along issue sequences

- **Deliberative groups in social organization**

- government: juries, panels, committees
- corporations: board of directors
- universities: faculty meetings

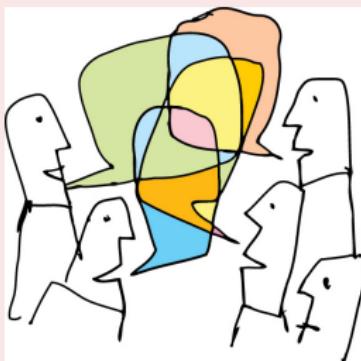
- **Natural social processes along sequences:**

- levels of openness and closure?
- influence accorded to others? emergence of leaders?
- rational/irrational decision making?

**Groupthink** = “deterioration of mental efficiency . . . from in-group pressures,” by I. Janis, 1972

**Wisdom of crowds** = “group aggregation of information results in better decisions than individual’s” by J. Surowiecki, 2005

# Opinion dynamics and social power along issue sequences



DeGroot opinion formation

$$y(k+1) = Ay(k)$$

Dominant eigenvector  $v_{\text{left}}$  is **social power**:

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y(k) = (v_{\text{left}} \cdot y(0)) \mathbb{1}_n$$

- $A_{ii} =: x_i$  are **self-weights / self-appraisal**
- $A_{ij}$  for  $i \neq j$  are **interpersonal accorded weights**
- assume  $A_{ij} =: (1 - x_i) W_{ij}$  for constant  $W_{ij}$

$$A(x) = \text{diag}(x) + \text{diag}(\mathbb{1}_n - x)W$$

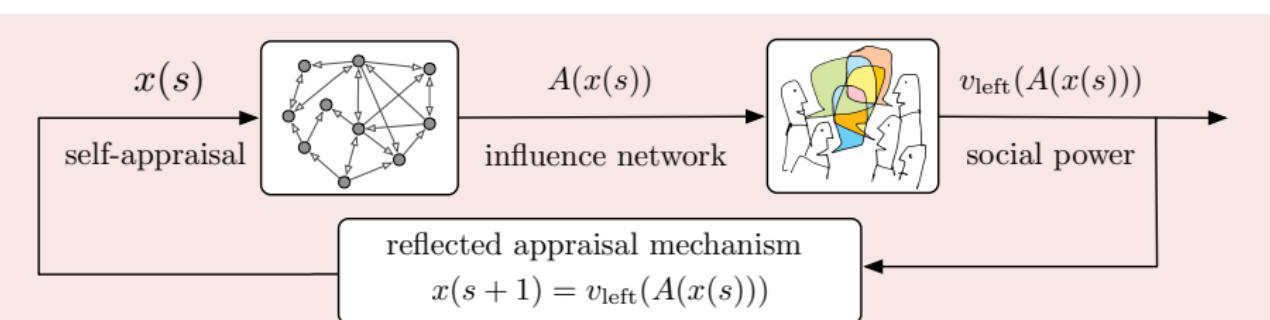
- $w_{\text{left}} = (w_1, \dots, w_n) = \text{dominant eigenvector for } W$

# Opinion dynamics and social power along issue sequences

## Reflected appraisal phenomenon (Cooley 1902 and Friedkin 2012)

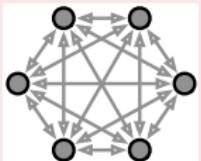
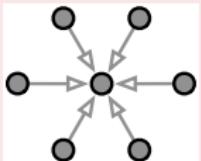
along issues  $s = 1, 2, \dots$ , individual dampens/elevates self-weight according to prior influence centrality

self-weights       relative control on prior issues = social power



$$v_{\text{left}}(x) = \left( \frac{w_1}{1-x_1}, \dots, \frac{w_n}{1-x_n} \right) / \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{w_i}{1-x_i}$$

# Influence centrality and power accumulation



Existence and stability of equilibria?  
Role of network structure and parameters?  
Emergence of *autocracy* and *democracy*?

For strongly connected  $W$  and non-trivial initial conditions

## ① convergence to unique fixed point (= forgets initial condition)

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} x(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} v_{\text{left}}(x(s)) = x^*$$

## ② accumulation of social power and self-appraisal

- fixed point  $x^* = x^*(w_{\text{left}}) > 0$  has same ordering of  $w_{\text{left}}$
- social power threshold  $p$ :  $x_i^* \geq w_i \geq p$  and  $x_i^* \leq w_i \leq p$

# Emergence of democracy

If  $W$  is doubly-stochastic:

- ① the non-trivial fixed point is  $\frac{1}{n}$
- ②  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} x(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} v_{\text{left}}(x(s)) = \frac{1}{n}$

- Uniform social power
- No power accumulation = evolution to democracy



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issue 2



issue 3



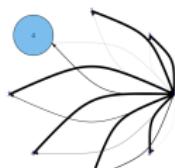
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# Emergence of autocracy

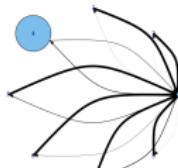
If  $W$  has star topology with center  $j$ :

- ① there are no non-trivial fixed points
- ②  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} x(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} v_{\text{left}}(x(s)) = e_j$

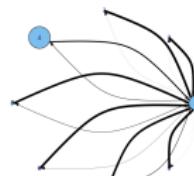
- Autocrat appears in center node of star topology
- Extreme power accumulation = evolution to autocracy



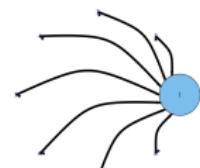
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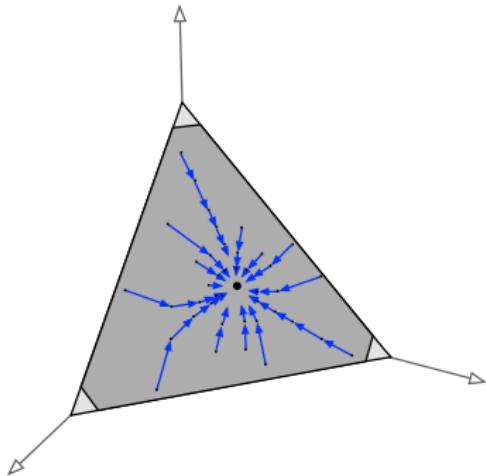
# Analysis methods

- ① existence of  $x^*$  via  
**Brower fixed point theorem**

- ② **monotonicity**:  
 $i_{\max}$  and  $i_{\min}$  are forward-invariant

$$i_{\max} = \operatorname{argmax}_j \frac{x_j(0)}{x_j^*}$$

$$\implies i_{\max} = \operatorname{argmax}_j \frac{x_j(s)}{x_j^*}, \text{ for all subsequent } s$$



- ③ convergence via variation on classic “**max-min**” **Lyapunov function**:

$$V(x) = \max_j \left( \ln \frac{x_j}{x_j^*} \right) - \min_j \left( \ln \frac{x_j}{x_j^*} \right) \quad \text{strictly decreasing for } x \neq x^*$$

# Summary (Social Influence)



## New perspective on influence networks and social power

- dynamics and feedback in influence networks
- novel mechanism for power accumulation / emergence of autocracy
- *measurement models and empirical validation*

## Open directions

- robustness for distinct models of opinion dynamics and appraisal
- cognitive models for time-varying interpersonal appraisals
- appraisals and power accumulation mechanisms

# Incomplete references on social power

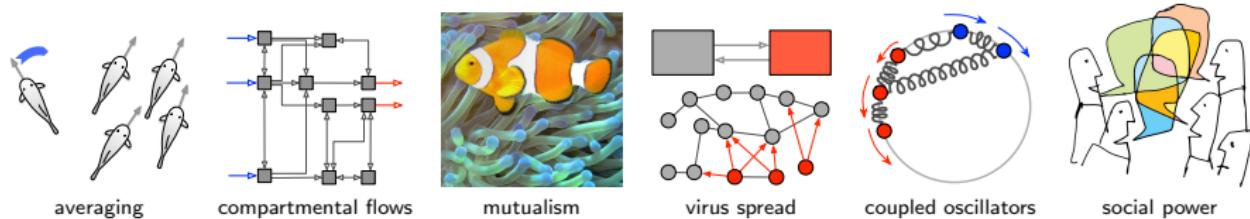
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# Network systems in science and technology



- **Models, behaviors, tools, and applications**

PF and algebraic graphs for linear behaviors

variety of nonlinearities — elegant methods and broad impact

- **Power Networks and Social Influence**

fundamental prototypical problems

nonlinear variations from linear framework

key outstanding questions remain

- **Outreach and collaboration opportunity for CDC community**

biologists, ecologists, economists, physicists ...