

Synchronization in Power Networks and in Non-uniform Kuramoto Oscillators

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Intro: Transient Stability in Power Networks

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THE BLACKOUT OF 2003: Failure Reveals Creaky System, Experts Believe 8/15/2003



Energy is one of the top three national priorities

Expected additional synergistic effects in future "smart grid":
⇒ increasing complexity and renewable stochastic power sources
⇒ increasingly many transient disturbances to be detected and rejected



Transient Stability: Generators have to maintain synchronism in presence of large transient disturbances such as faults or loss of
• transmission lines and components,
• generation or load.

Intro: North American power grid



"...the largest and most complex machine engineered by humankind."

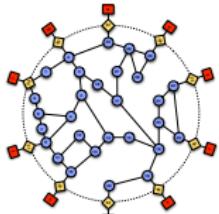
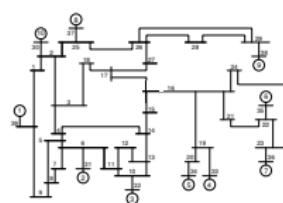
[P. Kundur '94, V. Vittal '03, ...]

"...the greatest engineering achievement of the 20th century."

[National Academy of Engineering '10]

- ➊ large-scale, complex, nonlinear, and rich dynamic behavior
- ➋ 100 years old and operating at its capacity limits
- ⇒ recent blackouts: New England '03 + Italy '03, Brazil '09

Intro: New England power grid



Power network topology:

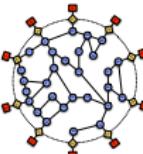
- ➊ n generators ■, each connected to a generator terminal bus ♦
- ➋ n generators terminal buses ♦ and m load buses ● form connected graph
- ➌ admittance matrix $Y_{\text{network}} \in \mathbb{C}^{(2n+m) \times (2n+m)}$ characterizes the network

- generator nodes ■: swing equation for generator i

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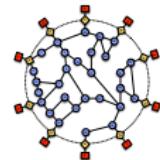
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- network-reduced model: reduction to ■ nodes with all-to-all reduced (transfer) admittance matrix Y_{ij}

$$P_{ei} = E_i^2 G_{ii} + \sum_{j \neq i} E_i E_j |Y_{ij}| \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j + \varphi_{ij})$$



Classic model

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Transient stability and synchronization:

- frequency equilibrium: $(\dot{\theta}_i, \ddot{\theta}_i) = (0, 0)$ for all i
- synchronous equilibrium: $|\theta_i - \theta_j|$ bounded & $\dot{\theta}_i - \dot{\theta}_j = 0$ for all $\{i, j\}$

Classic problem setup in transient stability analysis:

- power network in stable frequency equilibrium
- transient network disturbance and fault clearance
- stability analysis of a new frequency equilibrium in post-fault network

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Classic analysis methods: Hamiltonian arguments

$$\frac{M_i}{\pi f_0} \ddot{\theta}_i = -D_i \dot{\theta}_i - \nabla_i U(\theta)^T$$

Energy function analysis, (extended) invariance principle, analysis of reduced gradient flow [N. Kakimoto et al. '78, H.-D. Chiang et al. '94]

$$\dot{\theta}_i = -\nabla_i U(\theta)^T$$

Key objective: compute domain of attraction via numerical methods

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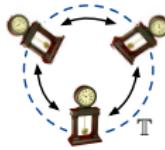
⇒ Open problem [D. Hill and G. Chen '06]: power sys $\xleftrightarrow{?}$ network:transient stability, performance, and robustness of a power network
 $\xleftrightarrow{?}$ state, parameters, and topology of underlying network

Detour – Consensus Protocols & Kuramoto Oscillators

Kuramoto model in \mathbb{T}^n :

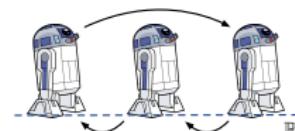
$$\dot{\theta}_i = \omega_i - \frac{K}{n} \sum_{j \neq i} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j)$$

- oscillators with phase $\theta_i \in \mathbb{T}$, frequency $\omega_i \in \mathbb{R}$, **complete coupling**
- objective** is synchronization: $\theta_i(t) - \theta_j(t)$ bounded, $\dot{\theta}_i(t) - \dot{\theta}_j(t) \rightarrow 0$
- application** in physics, biology, engineering:
coupled neurons, Josephson junctions, motion coordination, ...
- some references:** [Y. Kuramoto '75, A. Winfree '80, ...]

Consensus protocol in \mathbb{R}^n :

$$\dot{x}_i = - \sum_{j \neq i} a_{ij} (x_i - x_j)$$

- n agents** with state $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$ and connected **graph** with weights $a_{ij} > 0$
- objective** is state agreement: $x_i(t) - x_j(t) \rightarrow 0$
- application:** social networks, computer science, systems theory
robotic rendezvous, distributed computing, filtering and control, ...
- some references:** [M. DeGroot '74, J. Tsitsiklis '84, ...]



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- degrees of synchronization:**
 - phase locking: $|\theta_i - \theta_j|$ bounded
 - frequency entrainment: $\dot{\theta}_i = \dot{\theta}_j$
 - phase synchronization: $\theta_i = \theta_j$
- known that**
 - K large & $|\omega_i - \omega_j|$ small \Rightarrow frequency entrainment & phase locking
 - additionally, for $\omega_i = \omega_j \Rightarrow$ phase synchronization



Open problem in synchronization and transient stability in **power networks**: relation to underlying network state, parameters, and topology

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Possible connection has often been hinted at in the literature!

Power systems: [D. Subbarao et al., '01, G. Filatrella et al., '08, V. Fioriti et al., '09]

Networked control: [D. Hill et al., '06, M. Arcak, '07]

Dynamical systems: [H. Tanaka et al., '97]

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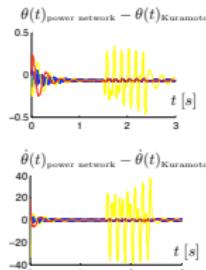
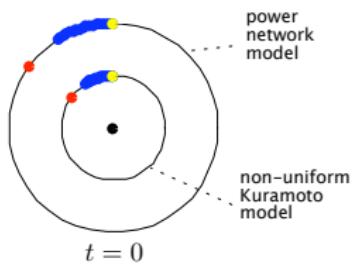
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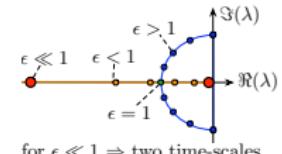
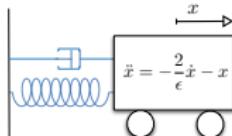
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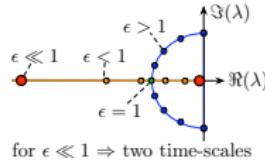
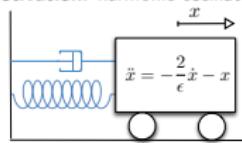


for $\epsilon \ll 1 \Rightarrow$ two time-scales

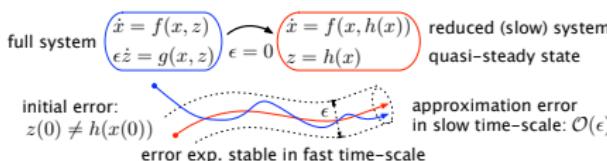
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- singular perturbation parameter: $\epsilon = \frac{M_{\max}}{\pi f_0 D_{\min}}$

- reduced system for $\epsilon = 0$ is a **non-uniform Kuramoto model**:

$$D_i \dot{\theta}_i = \omega_i - \sum_{j \neq i} P_{ij} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j + \varphi_{ij})$$

Tikhonov's Theorem:

Assume the non-uniform Kuramoto model synchronizes exponentially. Then $\forall (\theta(0), \dot{\theta}(0))$ there exists $\epsilon^* > 0$ such that $\forall \epsilon < \epsilon^*$ and $\forall t \geq 0$

$$\theta_i(t)_{\text{power network}} - \theta_i(t)_{\text{non-uniform Kuramoto model}} = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon).$$

Discussion of the assumption $\epsilon = \frac{M_{\max}}{\pi f_0 D_{\min}}$ sufficiently small:

- ➊ physical interpretation: damping and sync on separate time-scales
- ➋ classic assumption in literature on coupled oscillators: over-damped mechanical pendula and Josephson junctions
- ➌ physical reality: with generator internal control effects $\epsilon \in \mathcal{O}(0.1)$
- ➍ simulation studies show accurate approximation even for large ϵ
- ➎ first-order and second-order models have the same equilibria with the same stability properties, and the regions of attractions are bounded by the same separatrices (independent of ϵ)
- ➏ non-uniform Kuramoto model corresponds to reduced gradient system $\dot{\theta}_i = -\nabla_i U(\theta)^T$ used successfully in academia and industry since 1978

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Condition on network parameters:

network connectivity > network's non-uniformity + network's losses,

➊ Non-Uniform Kuramoto Model:

- ⇒ exponential synchronization: phase locking & frequency entrainment
- ⇒ guaranteed region of attraction: $|\theta_i(t_0) - \theta_j(t_0)| < \pi/2 - \varphi_{\max}$
- ⇒ gap in condition determines ultimate phase locking
- ⇒ further conditions on φ_{ij} and ω_i : explicit synchronization frequency, synchronization rates, exponential phase synchronization

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Non-uniform Kuramoto Model in \mathbb{T}^n :

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- **Non-uniformity** in network: $D_i, \omega_i, P_{ij}, \varphi_{ij}$
- **Directed coupling** between oscillator i and j
- **Phase shift** φ_{ij} induces lossless and lossy coupling:
 $P_{ij} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j + \varphi_{ij}) = P_{ij} \cos(\varphi_{ij}) \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j) + P_{ij} \sin(\varphi_{ij}) \cos(\theta_i - \theta_j)$
- **Synchronization analysis** in multiple steps:
 - ① phase locking: $|\theta_i(t) - \theta_j(t)|$ becomes bounded
 - ② frequency entrainment: $\dot{\theta}_i(t) - \dot{\theta}_j(t) \rightarrow 0$
 - ③ phase synchronization: $|\theta_i(t) - \theta_j(t)| \rightarrow 0$

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Condition (1) for synchronization:

Assume the graph induced by $P = P^T$ is complete and

$$\underbrace{n \frac{P_{\min}}{D_{\max}} \cos(\varphi_{\max})}_{\text{worst lossless coupling}} > \underbrace{\max_{\{i,j\}} \left(\frac{\omega_i}{D_i} - \frac{\omega_j}{D_j} \right)}_{\text{worst non-uniformity}} + \max_i \sum_j \frac{P_{ij}}{D_i} \sin(\varphi_{ij}).$$

Gap determines the ultimate lack of phase locking in a $\frac{\pi}{2}$ interval.

Classic (uniform) Kuramoto Model in \mathbb{T}^n :

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Condition (1) strictly improves existing bounds on Kuramoto model:

[F. de Smet et al. '07, N. Chopra et al. '09, G. Schmidt et al. '09,

A. Jadbabaie et al. '04, J.L. van Hemmen et al. '93].

Necessary condition for sync of n oscillators: $K > \frac{n}{2(n-1)}(\omega_{\max} - \omega_{\min})$

[J.L. van Hemmen et al. '93, A. Jadbabaie et al. '04, N. Chopra et al. '09]

Theorem: Phase locking and frequency entrainment (1)Non-uniform Kuramoto with complete $P = P^T$

Assume minimal coupling larger than a critical value, i.e.,

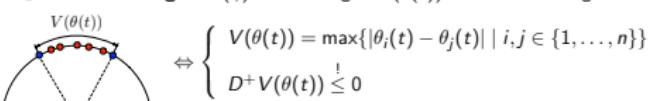
$$P_{\min} > P_{\text{critical}} := \frac{D_{\max}}{n \cos(\varphi_{\max})} \left(\max_{\{i,j\}} \left(\frac{\omega_i}{D_i} - \frac{\omega_j}{D_j} \right) + \max_i \sum_j \frac{P_{ij}}{D_i} \sin(\varphi_{ij}) \right)$$

Define $\gamma_{\min} = \arcsin(\cos(\varphi_{\max}) \frac{P_{\text{critical}}}{P_{\min}})$ and set of locked phases

$$\Delta(\gamma) := \{\theta \in \mathbb{T}^n \mid \max_{\{i,j\}} |\theta_i - \theta_j| \leq \gamma\}$$

Then $\forall \gamma \in [\gamma_{\min}, \frac{\pi}{2} - \varphi_{\max}]$ 1) **phase locking:** the set $\Delta(\gamma)$ is positively invariant2) **frequency entrainment:** $\forall \theta(0) \in \Delta(\gamma)$ the frequencies $\dot{\theta}_i(t)$ synchronize exponentially to some frequency $\bar{\theta}_\infty \in [\bar{\theta}_{\min}(0), \bar{\theta}_{\max}(0)]$

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Main proof ideas:① **Phase locking** in $\Delta(\gamma) \Leftrightarrow$ arc-length $V(\theta(t))$ is non-increasing

~ contraction property from consensus literature:

[D. Bertsekas et al. '94, L. Moreau '04 & '05,

Z. Lin et al. '08, ...]

② **Frequency entrainment** in $\Delta(\gamma) \Leftrightarrow$ consensus protocol in \mathbb{R}^n

$$\frac{d}{dt} \dot{\theta}_i = - \sum_{j \neq i} a_{ij}(t)(\dot{\theta}_i - \dot{\theta}_j),$$

where $a_{ij}(t) = \frac{P_{ij}}{D_i} \cos(\theta_i(t) - \theta_j(t) + \varphi_{ij}) > 0$ for all $t \geq 0$

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Condition (2) for synchronization:

Assume the graph induced by $P = P^T$ is **connected** with unweighted Laplacian L and weighted Laplacian $L(P_{ij} \cos(\varphi_{ij}))$ and

$$\underbrace{\lambda_2(L(P_{ij} \cos(\varphi_{ij})))}_{\text{lossless connectivity}} > \underbrace{f(D_i)}_{\text{non-uniform } D_i \text{s}} \cdot \underbrace{(1/\cos(\varphi_{\max}))}_{\text{necessary phase locking}}$$

$$\left(\underbrace{\left\| \left[\dots, \frac{\omega_i}{D_i} - \frac{\omega_j}{D_j}, \dots \right] \right\|_2}_{\text{non-uniformity}} + \underbrace{\sqrt{\lambda_{\max}(L)} \left\| \left[\dots, \sum_j \frac{P_{ij}}{D_i} \sin(\varphi_{ij}), \dots \right] \right\|_2}_{\text{lossy coupling}} \right)$$

Gap determines the admissible initial lack of phase locking in a π interval.

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Theorem: Phase locking and frequency entrainment (2)

Graph induced by $P = P^T$ is connected with unweighted Laplacian L , incidence matrix H , and weighted Laplacian $L(P_{ij} \cos(\varphi_{ij}))$.

Assume algebraic connectivity is larger than a critical value, i.e.,

$$\lambda_2(L(P_{ij} \cos(\varphi_{ij}))) > \lambda_{\text{critical}} := \frac{\|HD^{-1}\omega\|_2 + \sqrt{\lambda_{\max}(L)} \left\| \left[\dots, \sum_j \frac{P_{ij}}{D_i} \sin(\varphi_{ij}), \dots \right] \right\|_2}{\cos(\varphi_{\max})(\kappa/n) \mu \min_{\{i,j\}} \{D_{i \neq j}\}},$$

where $\kappa := \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{D_{ik}}$, $\mu := \sqrt{\min_{i \neq j} \{D_{ij}\} / \max_{i \neq j} \{D_{ij}\}}$

Define $\rho_{\max} \in (\frac{\pi}{2} - \varphi_{\max}, \pi)$ by $\text{sinc}(\rho_{\max}) = \frac{\lambda_{\text{critical}} \cos(\varphi_{\max})}{\lambda_2(L(P_{ij} \cos(\varphi_{ij}))) (\pi/2 - \varphi_{\max})}$.

- 1) **phase locking:** $\forall \rho \in (\pi/2 - \varphi_{\max}, \rho_{\max})$, $\forall \|H\theta(0)\|_2 \leq \mu\rho$, there is $T \geq 0$ such that $\|H\theta(t)\|_2 < \pi/2 - \varphi_{\max}$ for all $t > T$
- 2) **frequency entrainment:** if $\|H\theta(0)\|_2 \leq \mu\rho$ the frequencies $\dot{\theta}_i(t)$ synchronize exponentially to some frequency $\dot{\theta}_{\infty} \in [\dot{\theta}_{\min}(0), \dot{\theta}_{\max}(0)]$

Classic (uniform) Kuramoto Model in \mathbb{T}^n :

$$\dot{\theta}_i = \omega_i - \frac{K}{n} \sum_{j \neq i} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j)$$

Condition (2) for synchronization:

$$K > \|\{\dots, \omega_i - \omega_j, \dots\}\|_2$$

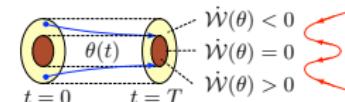
Gap determines the admissible initial lack of phase locking in a π interval.

Condition (2) corresponds to the bound in [N. Chopra et al. '09].

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Main proof ideas:

- ➊ **Phase locking** via ultimate boundedness arguments

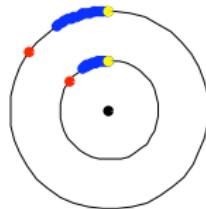


$$W(\theta) = \sum_{\{i,j\}} \frac{1}{2 \prod_{k \neq i,j} D_k} |\theta_i - \theta_j|^2$$

- ➋ **Frequency entrainment** for $t > T \Leftrightarrow$ consensus protocol in \mathbb{R}^n

$$\frac{d}{dt} \dot{\theta}_i = - \sum_{j \neq i} a_{ij}(t) (\dot{\theta}_i - \dot{\theta}_j),$$

$$\text{where } a_{ij}(t) = \frac{P_{ij}}{D_i} \cos(\theta_i(t) - \theta_j(t) + \varphi_{ij}) > 0 \text{ for all } t > T$$

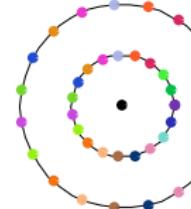
**Simulation data:**

- initial phases mostly clustered besides red phasor
- disturbance in yellow phasor for $\epsilon \in [1.5s, 2.5s]$
- $\epsilon = 0.3s$ & network is non-uniform
- ⇒ sufficient conditions for synchronization are **satisfied**

Result: singular perturbation analysis is accurate ✓
both models synchronize ✓

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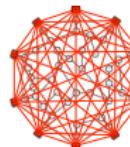
**Simulation data:**

- worst-case initial phase-differences: $\theta_i(0)$ in **splay state**
- $\epsilon = 0.12s$ is small
- strongly** non-uniform network
- ⇒ sufficient conditions for synchronization are **not satisfied**

Result: singular perturbation analysis is accurate ✓
both models synchronize ✓

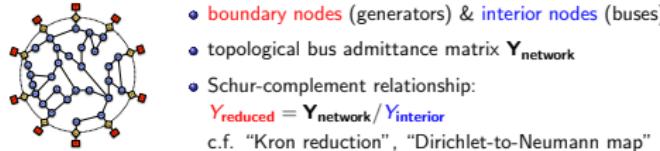
Structure-preserving power network models

So far we considered a **network-reduced** power system model:



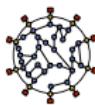
- network reduced to **active nodes** (generators)
- synchronization conditions on $\lambda_2(P)$ and P_{\min}
- all-to-all reduced admittance matrix $Y_{\text{reduced}} \sim P$ (for uniform voltage levels)

Topological non-reduced **network-preserving** power system model:

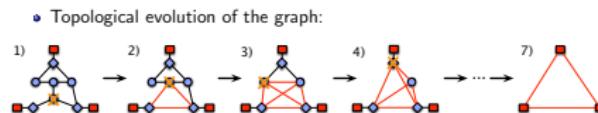


- boundary nodes** (generators) & **interior nodes** (buses)
- topological bus admittance matrix Y_{network}
- Schur-complement relationship:
$$Y_{\text{reduced}} = Y_{\text{network}} / Y_{\text{interior}}$$
c.f. "Kron reduction", "Dirichlet-to-Neumann map"

Kron reduction of a graph with Laplacian matrix $\mathbf{Y}_{\text{network}}$: boundary nodes ■, and interior nodes ●



- Subsequent one-step removal of a single **interior node** ●:



- Algebraic evolution of Laplacian matrix: $\mathbf{Y}_{\text{reduced}}^{k+1} = \mathbf{Y}_{\text{reduced}}^k / \bullet$

- Fully reduced Laplacian $\mathbf{Y}_{\text{reduced}}$ given by Schur complement:

$$\mathbf{Y}_{\text{reduced}} = \mathbf{Y}_{\text{network}} / \mathbf{Y}_{\text{interior}}$$

Structure-preserving power network models

$$\mathbf{Y}_{\text{reduced}} = \mathbf{Y}_{\text{network}} / \mathbf{Y}_{\text{interior}}$$

Assumption I: lossless network, zero shunt admittances (no self loops)

- Spectral condition for synchronization:** $\lambda_2(\mathcal{G}(-\mathbf{Y}_{\text{network}})) > \left\| \left(\frac{\omega_2}{D_2} - \frac{\omega_1}{D_1}, \dots \right) \right\|_2 \cdot \frac{f(D_i)}{E^2}$ becomes

$$\lambda_2(\mathcal{G}(-\mathbf{Y}_{\text{network}})) > \left\| \left(\frac{\omega_2}{D_2} - \frac{\omega_1}{D_1}, \dots \right) \right\|_2 \cdot \frac{f(D_i)}{E^2}$$

Assumption II: effective resistance R among boundary nodes is uniform

- Resistance-based condition for synchronization:** $n P_{\min} \geq \dots$ becomes

$$\frac{1}{R} > \max_{\{i,j\}} \left\{ \frac{\omega_i}{D_i} - \frac{\omega_j}{D_j} \right\} \cdot \frac{D_{\max}}{2E^2}$$

$$\mathbf{Y}_{\text{reduced}} = \mathbf{Y}_{\text{network}} / \mathbf{Y}_{\text{interior}}$$

Graph-theoretic and algebraic properties of **Kron reduction** process:

- Symmetric & irreducible Laplacians closed under Schur complement
- interior network connected \Rightarrow reduced network complete
- Spectral interlacing property: $\lambda_2(\mathbf{Y}_{\text{reduced}}) \geq \lambda_2(\mathbf{Y}_{\text{network}})$ \Rightarrow algebraic connectivity λ_2 is non-decreasing
- Effective resistance among boundary nodes ■ is invariant
- For boundary nodes ■: effective resistance $R(i,j)$ uniform \Leftrightarrow coupling $\mathbf{Y}_{\text{reduced}}(i,j)$ uniform $\Leftrightarrow 1/R(i,j) = \frac{n}{2} |\mathbf{Y}_{\text{reduced}}(i,j)|$

Conclusions

Summary:



Open problem in synchronization and transient stability in **power networks**: relation to underlying network state, parameters, and topology



singular perturbation analysis and algebraic graph theory



Kuramoto, consensus, and nonlinear control tools

Ongoing and Future Work:

- relation to network topology, clustering, and scalability
- synchronization in optimal power flow problems

Further Results

Theorem: A refined result on frequency entrainment

Assume there exists $\gamma \in (0, \pi/2)$ such that the phases are locked in the set $\Delta(\gamma)$ and the graph induced by P has globally reachable node.

- 1) $\forall \theta(0) \in \Delta(\gamma)$ the frequencies $\dot{\theta}_i(t)$ synchronize exponentially to $\dot{\theta}_\infty \in [\dot{\theta}_{\min}(0), \dot{\theta}_{\max}(0)]$.
- 2) If $P = P^T$ & $\varphi_{ij} = 0$ for all $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, then $\forall \theta(0) \in \Delta(\gamma)$ the frequencies $\dot{\theta}_i(t)$ synchronize exp. to the weighted mean frequency

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{\sum_i D_i} \sum_i D_i \omega_i$$

and the exponential synchronization rate is no worse than

$$\lambda_{fe} = - \underbrace{\lambda_2(L(P_{ij}))}_{\text{connectivity}} \underbrace{\cos(\gamma)}_{\Delta(\gamma)} \underbrace{\cos(\angle(D\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}))^2}_{\mathbf{1} \neq D\mathbf{1}} / \underbrace{D_{\max}}_{\text{slowest}}$$

Result can be reduced to [N. Chopra et al. '09].

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Theorem: A result on phase synchronization

Assume the graph induced by P has a globally reachable node, $\varphi_{ij} = 0$, and $\omega_i/D_i = \bar{\omega}$ for all $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.

- 1) $\forall \theta(0) \in \{\theta \in \mathbb{T}^n : \max_{\{i,j\}} |\theta_i - \theta_j| < \pi\}$ the phases $\theta_i(t)$ synchronize exponentially to $\theta_\infty(t) \in [\theta_{\min}(0), \theta_{\max}(0)] + \bar{\omega}t$; and
- 2) if $P = P^T$ and $\forall \|H\theta(0)\|_2 \leq \mu\rho$ with $\rho \in [0, \pi]$, then

$$\theta_\infty(t) = \frac{\sum_i D_i \theta_i(0)}{\sum_i D_i} + \bar{\omega}t$$

and the exponential sync. rate is no worse than

$$\lambda_{ps} = - \underbrace{(\kappa/n) \min_{\{i,j\}} \{D_{\neq\{i,j\}}\}}_{\text{weighting of } D_i} \underbrace{\text{sinc}(\rho)}_{\theta(0)} \underbrace{\lambda_2(L(P_{ij}))}_{\text{connectivity}}$$

Results can be reduced to [Z. Lin et al. '07] and [A. Jadbabaie et al. '04].