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# Family of Controllers for Attitude Synchronization in $\mathcal{S}^2$

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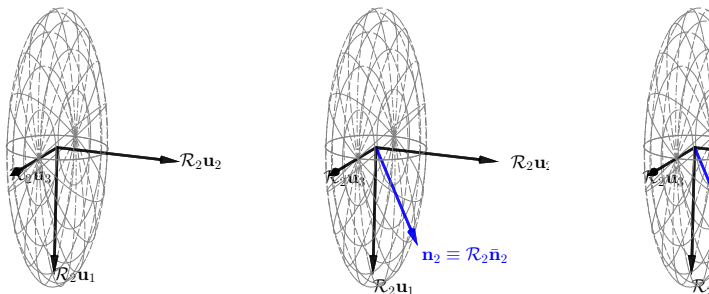
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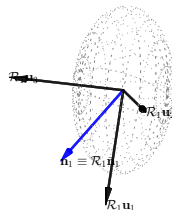
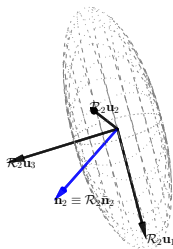
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## Objective

Given fixed  $\bar{n}_1, \bar{n}_2 \in S^2$ , denote  $\mathbf{n}_1 = \mathcal{R}_1 \bar{n}_1$  and  $\mathbf{n}_2 = \mathcal{R}_2 \bar{n}_2$ .

Goal:  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{n}_1(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{n}_2(t)$

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## Definition

(Incomplete) synchronization: when  $\mathbf{n}_1 = \dots = \mathbf{n}_N$

## Problem Statement

Given  $\{\bar{\mathbf{n}}_i\}_{i=1, \dots, N}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathcal{R}}_i &= \mathcal{R}_i \mathcal{S}(\omega_i), \\ \frac{d}{dt} (\mathcal{R}_i J_i \omega_i) &= \mathcal{R}_i \mathbf{T}_i,\end{aligned}$$

design distributed torques  $\{\mathbf{T}_i\}_{i=1, \dots, N}$  that guarantee that synchronization is asymptotically reached.



W. Song, X. Hu, et al. Distributed Control for Intrinsic Reduced Attitude Formation with Ring Inter-Agent Graph, CDC 2015

# Distance function in $\mathcal{S}^2$

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## Distance function $d(\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2)$

If

- $d(\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2) > 0, \mathbf{n}_1 \neq \mathbf{n}_2$
- $d(\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2) = 0, \mathbf{n}_1 = \mathbf{n}_2$
- $\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{n}_1) \frac{\partial d(\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2)}{\partial \mathbf{n}_1} = -\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{n}_2) \frac{\partial d(\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2)}{\partial \mathbf{n}_2},$

Then

$$\dot{d}(\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2) = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\boldsymbol{\omega}}^T \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{R}_1^T & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathcal{R}_2^T \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathcal{R}^T} \underbrace{\left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \mathbf{I} \right)}_{B \otimes \mathbf{I}} \underbrace{\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{n}_1) \frac{\partial d(\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2)}{\partial \mathbf{n}_1}}_{\mathbf{e}}$$

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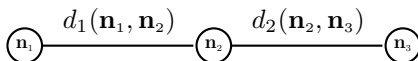
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Then

$$\sum_{k=1}^{k=M} \dot{d}_k(\mathbf{n}_{k_1}, \mathbf{n}_{k_2}) = \boldsymbol{\omega}^T \mathcal{R}^T (B \otimes \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{e}$$



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Then, solution of the PDE is

$$d(\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2) = f(1 - \mathbf{n}_1^T \mathbf{n}_2),$$

where  $f : [0, 2] \mapsto \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  and  $f(0) = 0$ .



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$$d(\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2) = f(1 - \mathbf{n}_1^T \mathbf{n}_2).$$



Edge  $k$  error ( $\mathbf{e} = [\mathbf{e}_1^T \cdots \mathbf{e}_M^T]^T$ )

- $\mathbf{e}_k = \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{n}_1) \frac{\partial d_k(\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2)}{\partial \mathbf{n}_1} = -f'_k(1 - \mathbf{n}_1^T \mathbf{n}_2) \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{n}_1) \mathbf{n}_2.$
- $\mathbf{e}_k = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{n}_1 \parallel \mathbf{n}_2$

# Proposed control law

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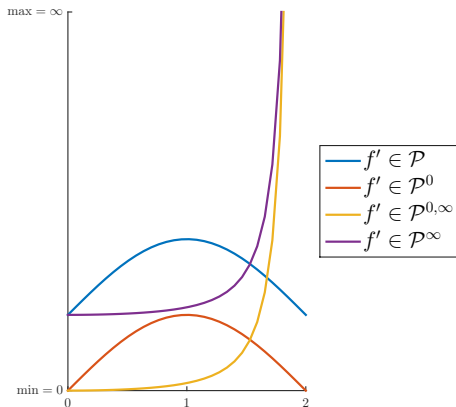


Figure : Classes of  $f' : [0, 2] \mapsto \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  ( $d^{\max} = \max_{s \in [0, 2]} f(s)$ )

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## Proposed control law

$$\mathbf{T}_i = -\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\omega}_i) - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} f'_{ij} (1 - \bar{\mathbf{n}}_i^T \mathcal{R}_i^T \mathbf{n}_j) \mathcal{S}(\bar{\mathbf{n}}_i) \mathcal{R}_i^T \mathbf{n}_j,$$

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## Lyapunov function



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## Analysis

$$\dot{V}(\omega) \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \omega \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \dot{\omega} \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{T} \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow (B \otimes \mathbf{I})\mathbf{e} \rightarrow 0$$

## Analysis

- Tree graph:  $\mathbf{e} \rightarrow 0$
- In general:  $\mathbf{e} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(B \otimes \mathbf{I})$

# Proposed control law: **Constrained Torque**

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## Proposed control law

$$\mathbf{T}_i = -\cancel{\sigma(\boldsymbol{\omega}_i)} \overset{\sigma(\Pi(\bar{\mathbf{n}}_i)\boldsymbol{\omega}_i)}{\rightarrow} - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} f'_{ij}(\cdot) \mathcal{S}(\bar{\mathbf{n}}_i) \mathcal{R}_i^T \mathbf{n}_j \perp \bar{\mathbf{n}}_i$$

## Lyapunov function & Analysis: $\bar{\mathbf{n}}_i$ principal axis

$$\dot{V}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = - \sum_{l=1}^{l=N} \omega_l^T \cancel{\sigma(\boldsymbol{\omega}_l)} \overset{\sigma(\Pi(\bar{\mathbf{n}}_l)\boldsymbol{\omega}_l)}{\rightarrow}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V} \rightarrow 0 &\Rightarrow \Pi(\bar{\mathbf{n}}_i)\boldsymbol{\omega}_i \rightarrow \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \Pi(\bar{\mathbf{n}}_i)\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_i \rightarrow \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \\ &\Rightarrow \mathbf{T}_i \rightarrow (\bar{\mathbf{n}}_i^T \boldsymbol{\omega}_i)^2 \mathcal{S}(\bar{\mathbf{n}}_i) \mathbf{J}_i \bar{\mathbf{n}}_i \Rightarrow (B \otimes \mathbf{I})\mathbf{e} \rightarrow \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$



# Result: Tree Graphs

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$$d_{\min} := \min_{k \in \{1, \dots, M\}} (d_k^{\max})$$

## Result (Tree Graph)

If  $H(0) \leq d_{\min}$  and if, for all  $k \in \{1, \dots, M\}$ ,

- $f'_k \in \bar{\mathcal{P}}$
- $d_k(\mathbf{n}_{k_1}, \mathbf{n}_{k_2})|_{t=0} \leq \frac{1}{M} (d_{\min} - H(0))$

then synchronization is asymptotically reached.

## Result

In tree graph, if  $f'_k \in \mathcal{P}^\infty \cup \mathcal{P}^{0,\infty}$ , then synchronization is asymptotically reached for almost all initial conditions.

$$d^* := \min_k f_k \left( \min_k f_k^{-1} \left( \min_k f_k \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{1}{N-1} \right) \right) \right)$$

## Result

If  $H(0) \leq d^*$  and, for all  $k \in \{1, \dots, M\}$ ,

- $f'_k \in \bar{\mathcal{P}}$
- $d_k(\mathbf{n}_{k_1}, \mathbf{n}_{k_2})|_{t=0} \leq \frac{1}{M} (d^* - H(0))$

then synchronization is asymptotically reached for almost all initial conditions.

## Remark:

$$f_k \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{1}{N-1} \right) \leq d_k^{\max} \Rightarrow d^* \leq d_{\min}$$

# Equilibria solutions: $\mathbf{e} \in \mathcal{N}(B \otimes \mathbf{I})$

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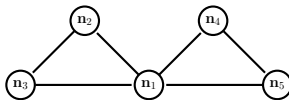
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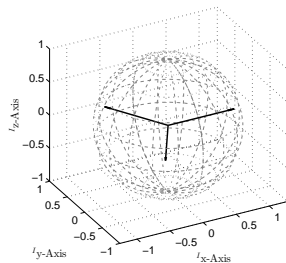
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(a) No shared edges between cycles



(b) Planar unit vectors for each cycle



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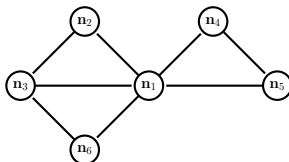
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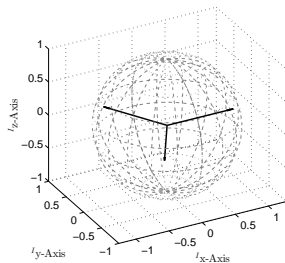
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(c) Cycles that share only one edge



(d) Planar unit vectors

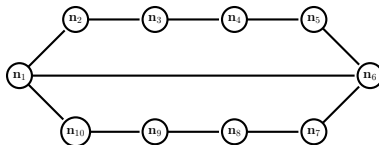
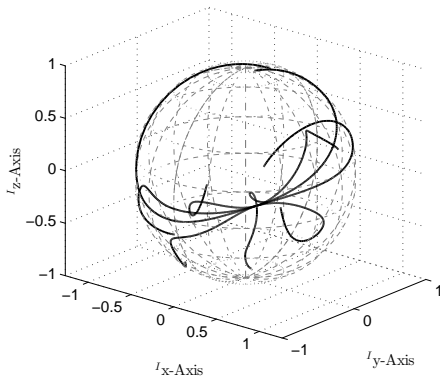


Figure :  $N = 10, M = 10$





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