

Review:

- The DAP $\dot{x} = -L(D)x$ reaches average consensus from every initial condition if and only if D is weakly connected and balanced.
- Cartesian product of (undirected) graphs G_1, G_2 denoted by $G = G_1 \square G_2$.
- Properties of Cartesian products
- [Prime factorization of graphs]:
Every connected graph has a unique prime factorization w.r.t. Cartesian product.
- $L(G_1 \square G_2) = L(G_1) \otimes I_m + I_n \otimes L(G_2)$
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Kronecker product of matrices.

Next, we try to understand the spectrum of $L(G_1 \square G_2)$ w.r.t. the ones for $L(G_1), L(G_2)$.

Lemma: assume $\{ \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \}$ eigenvalues of $L(G_1)$
 $\{ \mu_1, \dots, \mu_m \}$ eigenvalues of $L(G_2)$

associated with $\{ u_1, \dots, u_n \}$ eigenvectors of $L(G_1)$,
 $\{ v_1, \dots, v_m \}$ " " $L(G_2)$

Kronecker

Then, $u_i \otimes v_j$ is the eigen vector of
 $L(G_1 \square G_2)$ associated w/ the eigenvalue $\lambda_i + \mu_j$,
 for each $i=1, \dots, n$ and $j=1, \dots, m$.

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 L(G_1 \square G_2)(u_i \otimes v_j) &= (L(G_1) \otimes I_m)(u_i \otimes v_j) + (I_n \otimes L(G_2))(u_i \otimes v_j) \\
 &= (L(G_1)u_i) \otimes v_j + u_i \otimes (L(G_2)v_j) \\
 &= \lambda_i u_i \otimes v_j + \mu_j u_i \otimes v_j \\
 &= (\lambda_i + \mu_j) u_i \otimes v_j
 \end{aligned}$$

Then [Factorization lemma for AP on G]:

Suppose $G = G_1 \square G_2 \square \dots \square G_n$ and

$$\dot{x}_i = -L(G_i)x_i(t) \quad \text{if } x_i(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_{i,1}(t) \\ x_{i,2}(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_{i,n}v_i(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

for $i=1, \dots, n$.

Then, the AP on G (i.e. $\dot{x}(t) = -L(G)x(t)$) follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) &= x_1(t) \otimes x_2(t) \otimes \dots \otimes x_n(t) \\
 \text{w/ initial condition } x_1(0) \otimes x_2(0) \otimes \dots \otimes x_n(0) .
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof: Note that

$$G = G_1 \otimes G_2 \otimes \dots \otimes G_n = \underbrace{\left(\dots \underbrace{\left((G_1 \otimes G_2) \otimes G_3 \right)}_{\dots} \otimes \dots \right)}_{\dots} \otimes G_n$$

Therefore, it suffices to show this for $n=2$. Thus,

supp. $G = G_1 \otimes G_2$ and recall

$$L(G) = L(G_1) \otimes I_d + \xi_k \otimes L(G_2) \quad \begin{cases} k = |G_1| \\ d = |G_2| \end{cases}$$

Now, let for $i=1, 2$:

$$\dot{x}_i(t) = -L(G_i)x_i(t) \text{ with } x_i(0) \text{ given.}$$

and define $x(t) \triangleq x_1(t) \otimes x_2(t)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &\stackrel{(why)}{=} \dot{x}_1(t) \otimes x_2(t) + x_1(t) \otimes \dot{x}_2(t) \\ &= (-L(G_1)x_1(t)) \otimes x_2(t) + x_1(t) \otimes (-L(G_2)x_2(t)) \\ &= -\left(L(G_1)x_1(t)\right) \otimes \left(I_d x_2(t)\right) - \left(I_d x_1(t)\right) \otimes \left(L(G_2)x_2(t)\right) \\ \text{why?} &= -\left(L(G_1) \otimes I_d\right)(x_1(t) \otimes x_2(t)) - \left(I_d \otimes L(G_2)\right)(x_1(t) \otimes x_2(t)) \\ &= -L(G)x(t). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Question: Under what condition does $x(t)$ converge?!

What is the rate of convergence?!

New Approach:

Next, we would like to ask more complicated questions that requires different techniques; e.g.

"what happens in (AP) if the underlying graph G or D is changing during the evolution of states?"

We use Lyapunov techniques and its generalizations to answer these kind of questions!

Lyapunov theory: (see Appendix 3 in [meshahid '10])

Suppose $\dot{x} = f(x(t))$, $x(0)$ given s.t. $f(0) = 0$.

Def: we say origin is "stable" if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \ni \left(\|x(0)\| \leq \delta \Rightarrow \|x(t)\| \leq \varepsilon, \forall t \geq 0 \right)$$

we say origin is "asymptotically stable" (AS) if

$$\text{origin is stable and } \exists \delta > 0 \ni \left(\|x(0)\| \leq \delta \Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 0 \right)$$

we say origin is "globally asymptotically stable" (GAS) if

origin is (AS) for arbitrary $x(0)$.

Thm: If there exist a "Lyapunov function" $V: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, i.e.,

$$\begin{cases} V(0) = 0 \\ V(x) \geq 0 \text{ with equality iff } x=0 \\ \frac{d}{dt}(V(x(t))) < 0 \text{ whenever } x(t) \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

then the origin is asymptotically stable. In addition, if $V(x) \rightarrow \infty$ as $\|x\| \rightarrow \infty$, the origin is (GAS).

Let's see if we can use this for (AP) :

$$\dot{x} = -L(G)x, \quad \text{define: } V(x(t)) := \frac{1}{2} x^T(t) x(t) = \frac{1}{2} \|x(t)\|^2$$

$$\text{then } \dot{V}(t) = \frac{d}{dt}(V(x(t))) = x^T(t) \dot{x}(t) = -x^T(t) L(G)x(t)$$

$$L(G) \text{ is P.S.D} \implies \dot{V}(t) \leq 0;$$

but it is not strictly < 0 ; (recall that $L(G)1 = 0$)

Hence, $V(t)$ is **NOT** a Lyapunov function;

instead, we call it a "weak Lyapunov function".

Question: what can we guarantee for a system w/
a weak Lyapunov function?

Thm: [LaSalle's Invariance Principle]

$$\dot{x} = f(x(t)), \quad x(0) = \text{given}, \quad f(0) = 0.$$

V: weak Lyapunov form s.t. $V(x) \rightarrow \infty \Leftrightarrow \|x\| \rightarrow \infty$.

M: largest invariant set contained in $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \dot{V}(x) = 0\}$.

Then, $\inf_{y \in M} \|x(t) - y\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty$.

Back to our AP dynamics

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \dot{V}(x) = 0\} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x^T L(G)x = 0\} = \text{span}\{1\}$$

if G is connected.

$$\text{and as } \dot{x}(t) = 0 \text{ if } x(t) \in \text{span}\{1\} \Rightarrow M = \text{span}\{1\}$$

Thus, by LaSalle's Invariance Principle,

$$x(t) \rightarrow \text{span}\{1\}.$$

what about the DAP dynamics?

$$\dot{x}(t) = -L(D)x(t) \quad \text{define } V(x(t)) = \frac{1}{2} x^T(t) x(t)$$

\leftarrow not symm.

$$\Rightarrow \dot{V}(x) = x^T(t) \dot{x}(t) = -x^T(t) L(D)x(t)$$

By Gershgorian disk theorem ≤ 0

not strictly $< 0 \Rightarrow$ weak Lyapunov form.

If D is strongly connected then, the largest invariant set is

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \dot{V}(t) = 0\} = \{x \mid x^T (L(D) + L(D)^T)x = 0\}$$

is the null space of $L(D)$ which is $\text{span}\{1\}$. (why?)

\Rightarrow By, LaSalle's Inv. Prin., $x(t) \rightarrow \text{span}\{1\}$.

what if D is not strongly connected, yet contains a rooted out-branching? \Rightarrow redefine $V(z) = \max_i z_i - \min_j z_j$.

Switched Agreement Protocol:

Consider finitely many strongly connected digraphs

switched AP $\{D_1, \dots, D_k\}$

Suppose $\dot{x}_{(t)} = -L(D_i)x_{(t)}$ with $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$.

This is a "switched linear system" and described by

"Differential inclusion" $\dot{x}_{(t)} \in \{-L(D_i)x_{(t)} \mid i \in \{1, \dots, k\}\}$.

Considering $V(x(t)) = \frac{1}{2} x^T(t) x(t)$, we get

$$\dot{V}(t) \in \left\{ -x^T(t) L(D_i) x(t) \mid i \in \{1, \dots, k\} \right\}.$$

where each dynamic vanishes on:

$$F_j = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x^T (L(D_i) + L(D_i)^T) x = 0 \right\}$$

But, as each D_i is strongly connected,

$$F_i = \text{span}\{1\} \quad \text{for every } i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$$

We call $V(t)$ here a "common weak Lyapunov function"

for the switched agreement protocol.

\Rightarrow A generalization of LaSalle's inv. principle [Thm A.9 in mesbahi'10]

still implies that $x(t) \rightarrow \text{span}\{1\}$.

Thm A.9: Suppose V is a common weak Lyapunov function for the switched system

$$\dot{x}(t) = f_{\sigma(t)}(x(t)) , \quad \sigma(t) \in S = \{1, \dots, k\}$$

↑ switching mechanism.

let M_i be the largest invariant set under mode i

that is contained in

$$\left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \left[\frac{\partial V(x)}{\partial x} \right]^T f_i(x) = 0 \right\} .$$

If $M_i = M_j = M^*$ for all $i, j \in S$, then $x(t) \rightarrow M^*$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$.