

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.

$$L(G_1 \square G_2) = L(G_1) \otimes I_m + I_n \otimes L(G_2)$$

↑  
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  $\begin{cases} \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n & \text{eigenvalues of } L(G_1) \\ \mu_1, \dots, \mu_m & \text{eigenvalues of } L(G_2) \end{cases}$

associated with  $\begin{cases} u_1, \dots, u_n & \text{eigenvectors of } L(G_1) \\ v_1, \dots, v_m & \text{" " } L(G_2) \end{cases}$ .

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:

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

Thm [Factorization lemma for AP on  $G$ ]:

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

$$\dot{x}_i = -L(G_i) x_i(t) \quad \forall x_i(0) = \begin{bmatrix} x_{i,1}(0) \\ x_{i,2}(0) \\ \vdots \\ x_{i,|V_i|}(0) \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

$$x(t) = x_1(t) \otimes x_2(t) \otimes \dots \otimes x_n(t)$$

w/ initial condition  $x_1(0) \otimes x_2(0) \otimes \dots \otimes x_n(0)$ .

Proof: Note that

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

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

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

$$L(G) = L(G_1) \otimes I_\ell + \sum_k \otimes L(G_2) \quad \begin{cases} k = |G_1| \\ \ell = |G_2| \end{cases}$$

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

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

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 !

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

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

Def: we say origin is "stable" if

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

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

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

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).

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

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

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

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

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

Here,  $V(t)$  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 func s.t.  $V(x) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $\|x\| \rightarrow \infty$ .

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

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

Back to our AP dynamics

if  $G$  is connected.

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

and as  $\dot{x}(t) = 0$  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?

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

$$\Rightarrow \dot{V}(t) = x^T(t) \dot{x}(t) = -x^T(t) \underbrace{L(D)}_{\text{not symm.}} x(t)$$

By Geršgorin disk thm  $\leq 0$

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

If  $\mathcal{D}$  is strongly connected then, the largest invariant set in

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

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

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

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

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Switched Agreement Protocol:

Consider finitely many strongly connected digraphs

switched AP  $\{ \mathcal{D}_1, \dots, \mathcal{D}_k \}$ .

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

This is a "switched linear system" and described by

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

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

$$\dot{V}(t) \in \{ -x_{(t)}^T L(\mathcal{D}_i)x_{(t)} \mid i \in \{1, \dots, k\} \}.$$

where each dynamic vanishes on:

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

But, as each  $D_i$  is strongly connected,

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

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 meshahi'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

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

$\uparrow$  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  $i, j \in \mathcal{S}$ , then  $x(t) \rightarrow M^*$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .