

# Joint spectral characteristics

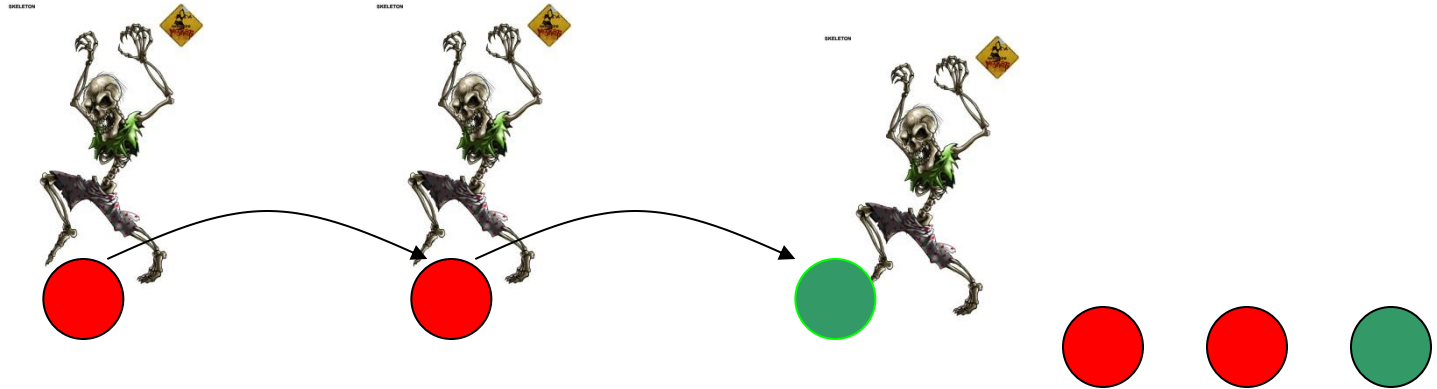
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# Trackable graphs



Let  $N(t)$  be the worst possible number of trajectories compatible with an observation of length  $t$   
A network is trackable if  $N(t)$  grows subexponentially

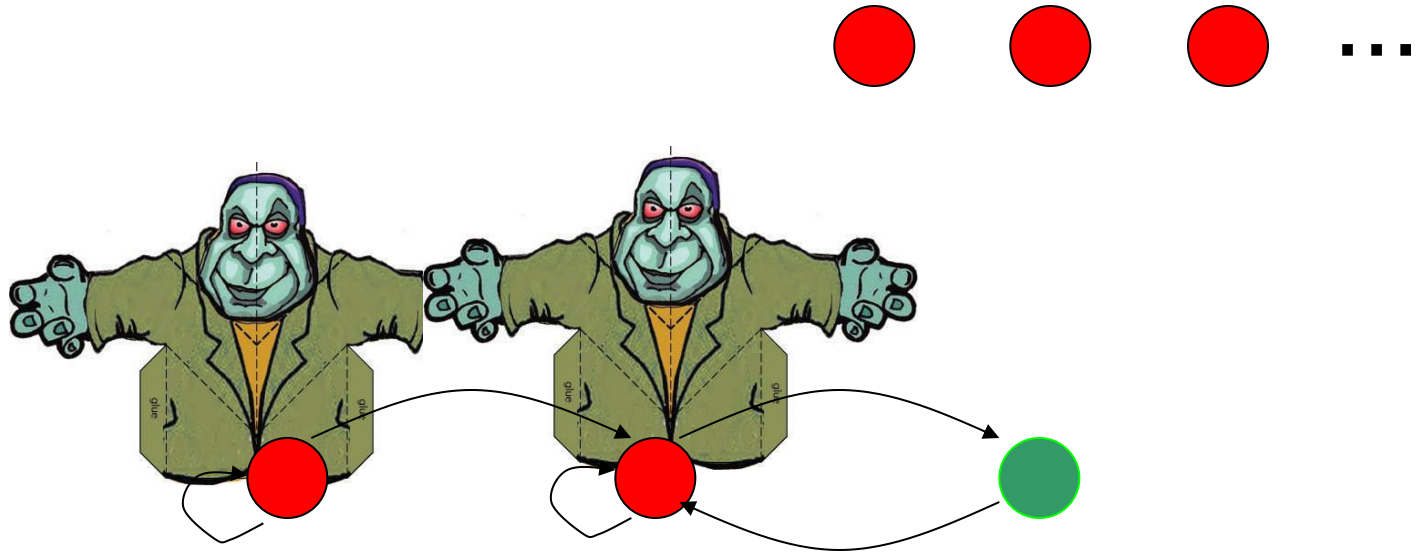
[Crespi et al. 05]

Here: number of possibilities asymptotically **zero**

$$N(t) \approx 0$$

→ Trackable

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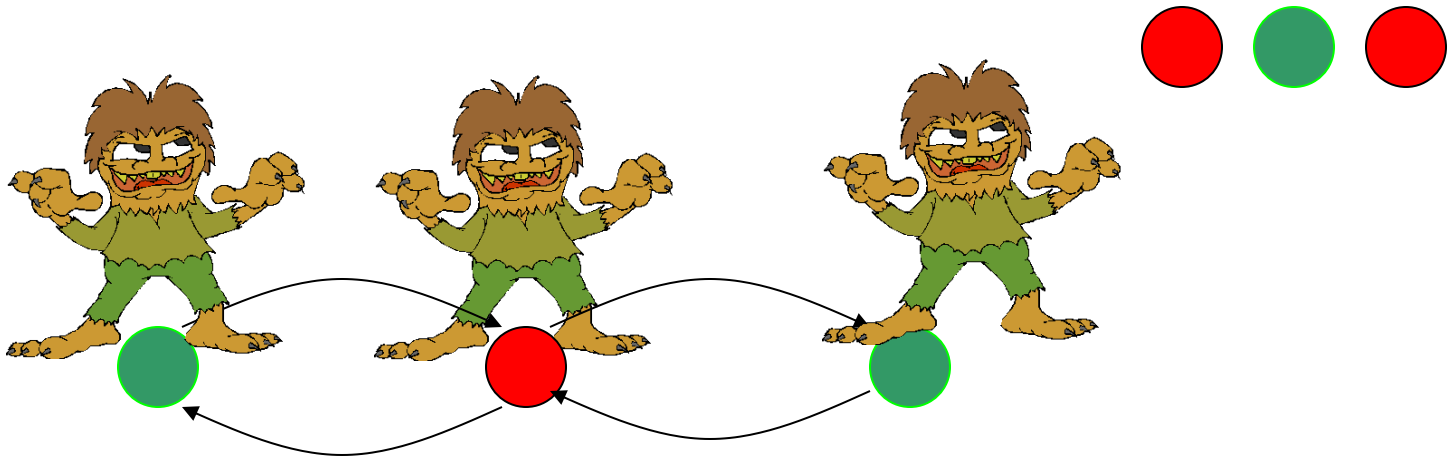
Worst case : RRRRRR... →

$$N(t) \approx t$$

Polynomial number of possibilities

→ Trackable

# Trackable graphs



Worst case : RGRGRG...→

$$N(t) \approx 2^{t/2}$$

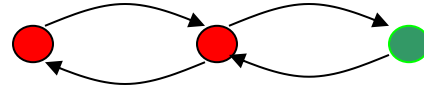
Exponential number of possibilities

→ Not trackable

# Trackability : the formal problem

We are given

- A **graph**  $G(V,E)$  :

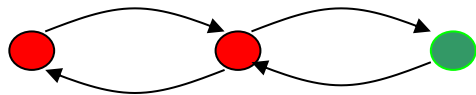


$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- A set of possible observations :  
defining a **partition** of the nodes

$$\begin{cases} R = \{1, 2\} \\ G = \{3\} \end{cases}$$

For each possible color, we define the corresponding matrix by **erasing the incompatible columns** from  $A$  :

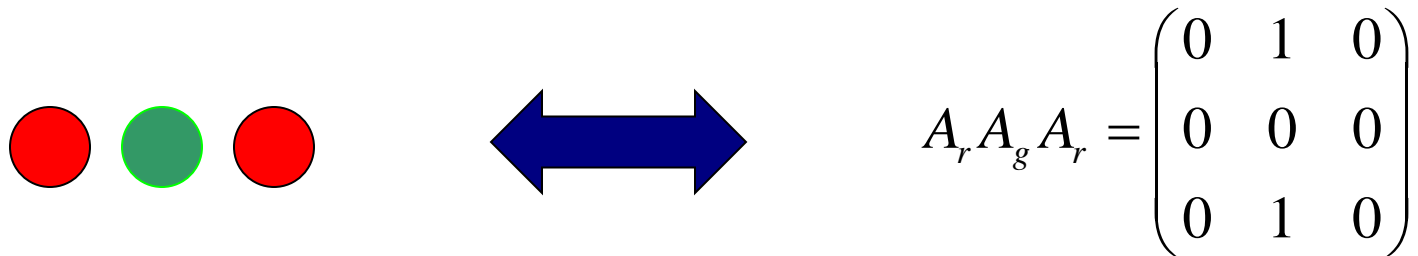
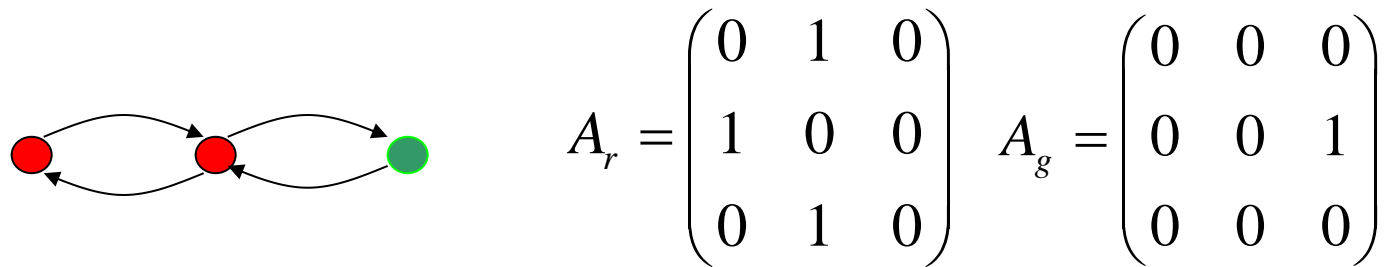


$$A_r = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_g = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Trackability : the formal problem

To a given observation, associate the corresponding product:



The number of **possible trajectories** is given by the **sum of the entries** of the matrix

$$\mathbf{x}_{t+1} = \begin{matrix} \mathbf{A}_0 \mathbf{x}_t \\ \mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{x}_t \end{matrix}$$

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- Joint spectral characteristics
- Path-complete methods for switching systems stability
- Applications:
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  - Switching delays
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# Switching systems

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**Point-to-point** Given  $x_0$  and  $x_*$ , is there a product (say,  $A_0 A_0 A_1 A_0 \dots A_1$ ) for which  $x_* = A_0 A_0 A_1 A_0 \dots A_1 x_0$ ?

**Mortality** Is there a product that gives the zero matrix?

**Boundedness** Is the set of all products  $\{A_0, A_1, A_0 A_0, A_0 A_1, \dots\}$  bounded?

**Global convergence to the origin** Do all products of the type  $A_0 A_0 A_1 A_0 \dots A_1$  converge to zero?



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The **spectral radius** of a matrix  $A$  controls the growth or decay of powers of  $A$

$$\rho(A) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|A^t\|^{1/t}$$

The powers of  $A$  converge to zero iff  $\rho(A) < 1$

The **joint spectral radius** of a set of matrices  $\Sigma$  is given by

$$\rho(\Sigma) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \max_{A_i \in \Sigma} \|A_1 A_2 \dots A_t\|^{1/t}$$

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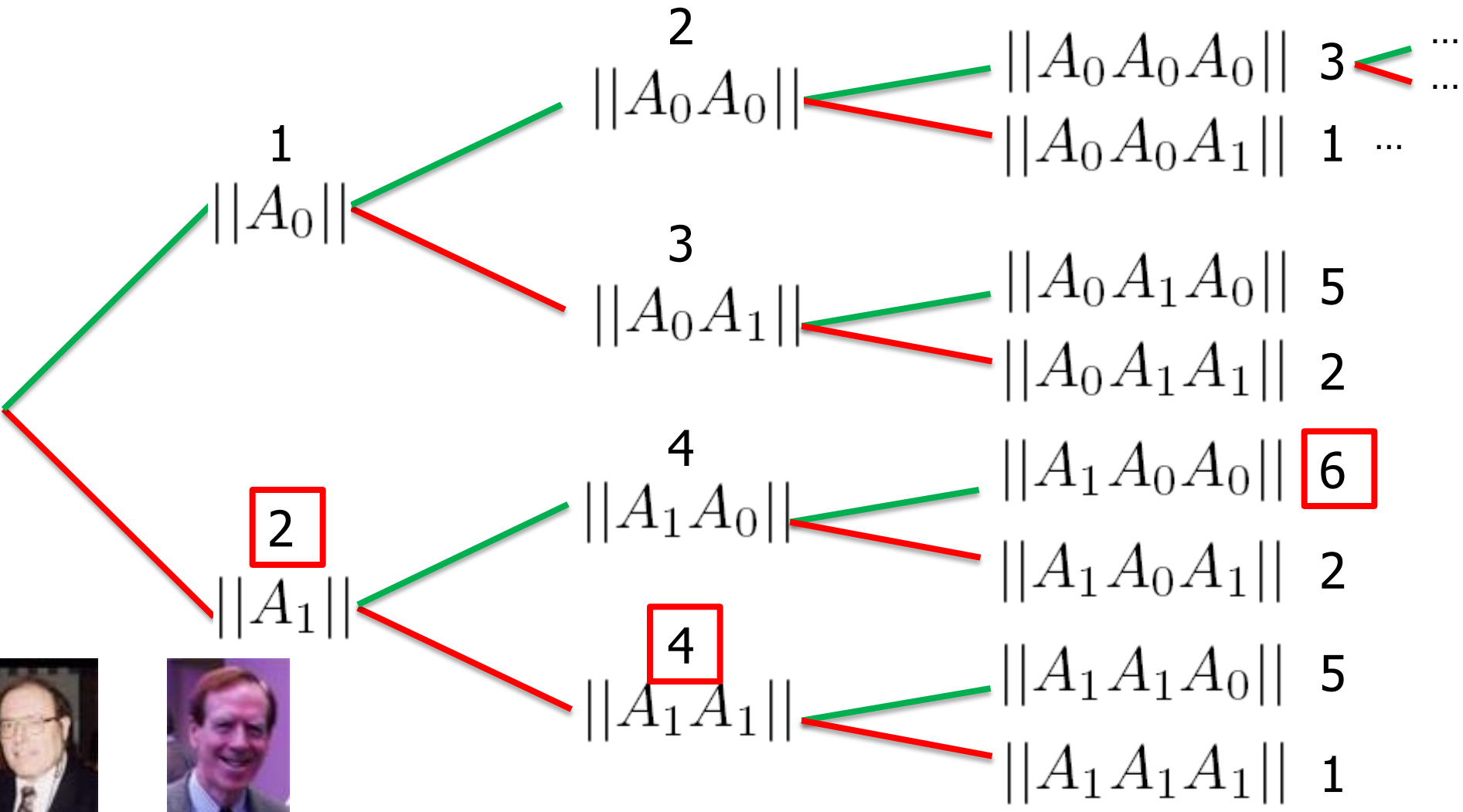


[Rota, Strang, 1960]

# The joint spectral characteristics

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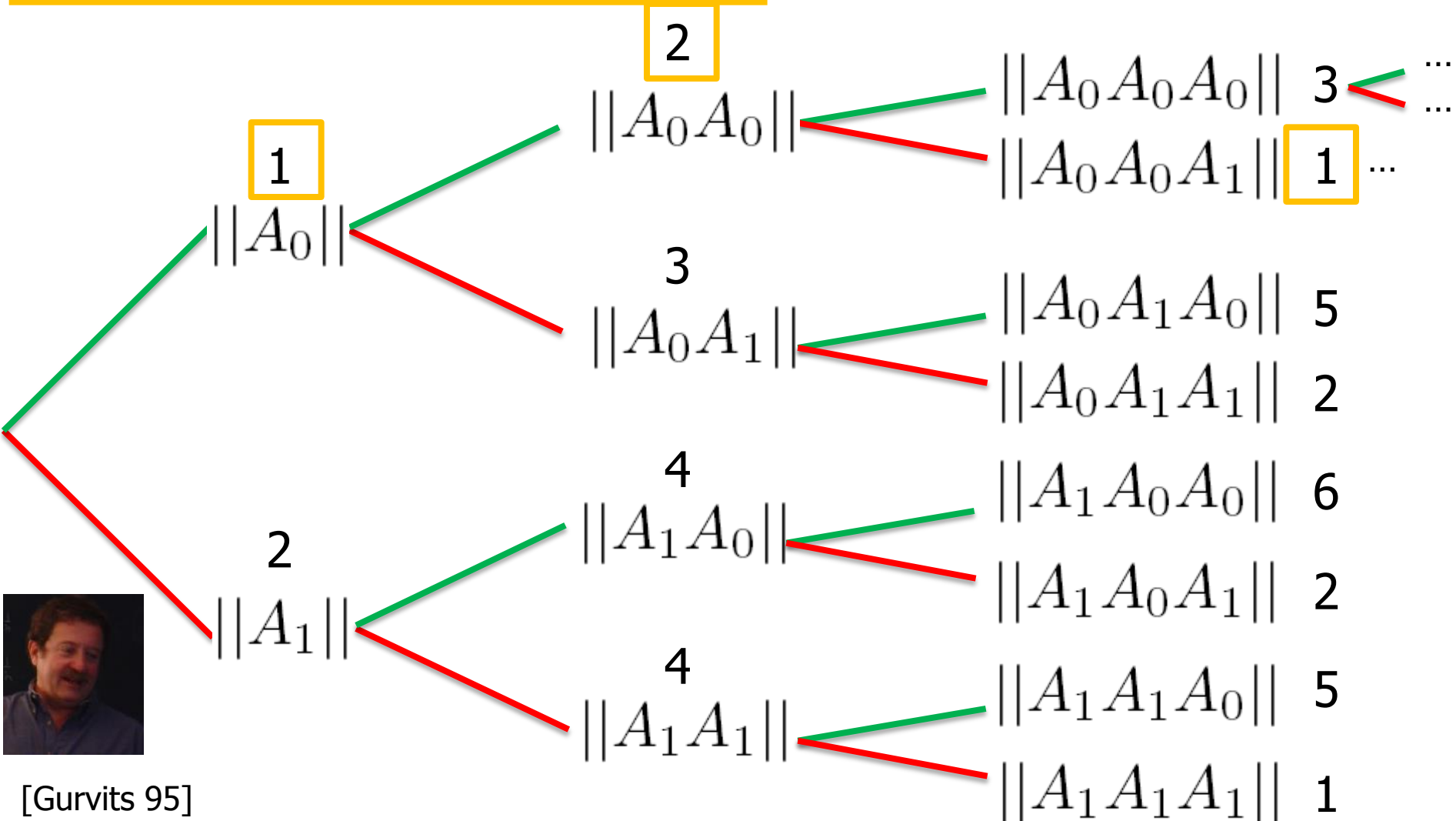
The joint spectral radius



# The joint spectral characteristics

$$\check{\rho}(\Sigma) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \min_{A_i \in \Sigma} \|A_1 A_2 \dots A_t\| \right]^{1/t}$$

The joint spectral  
subradius

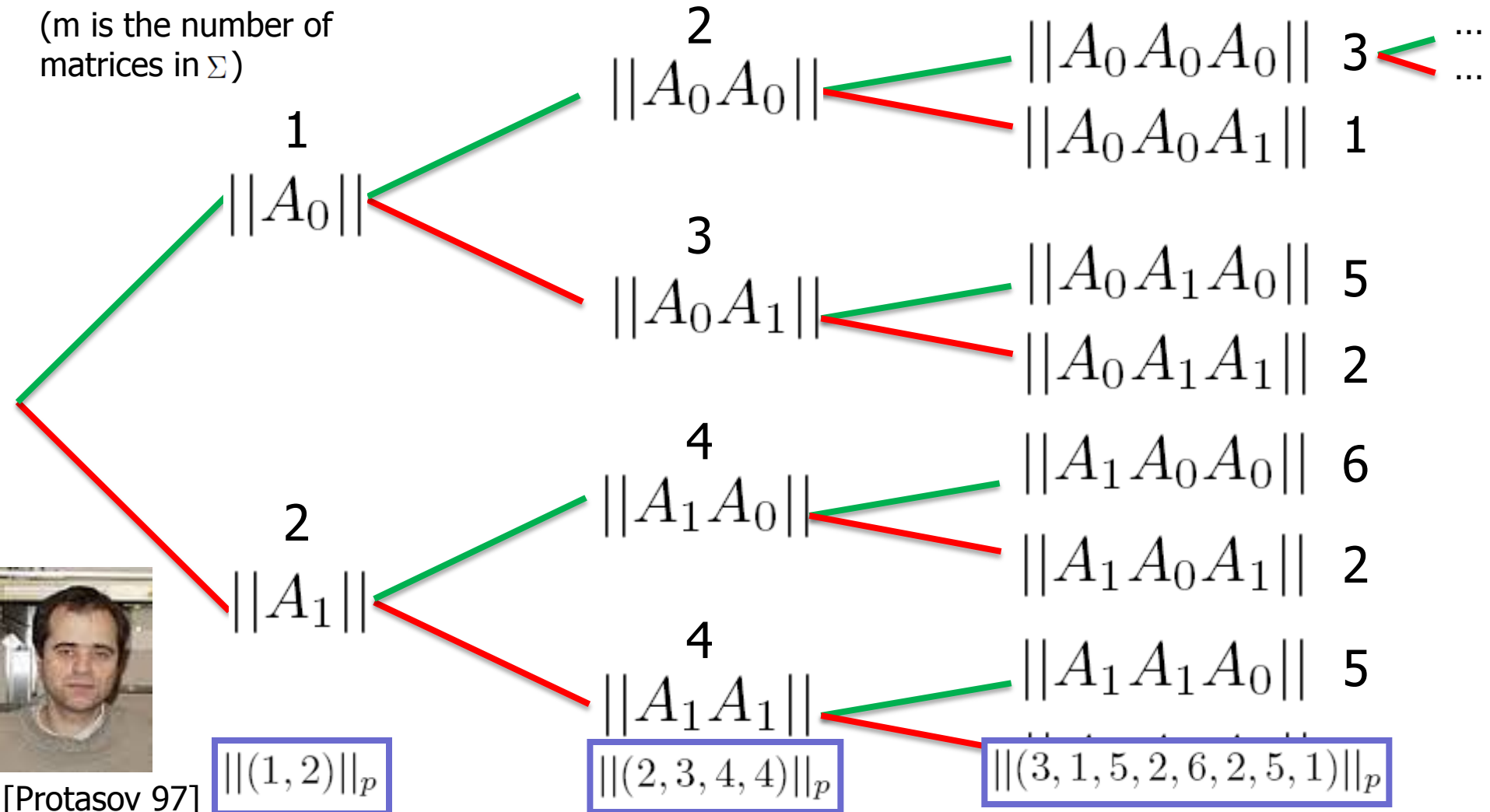


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$$\rho_p(\Sigma) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ m^{-t} \sum_{A_i \in \Sigma^t} \|A_1 A_2 \dots A_t\|^p \right]^{1/(pt)}$$

The p-radius

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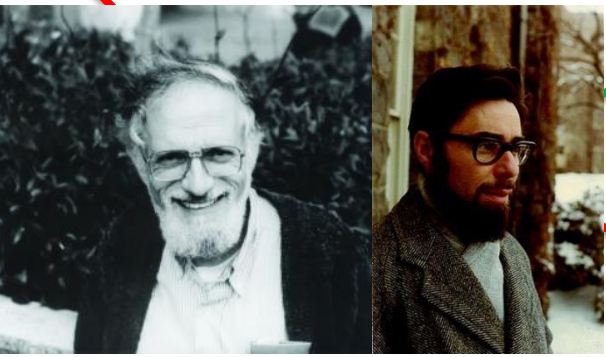
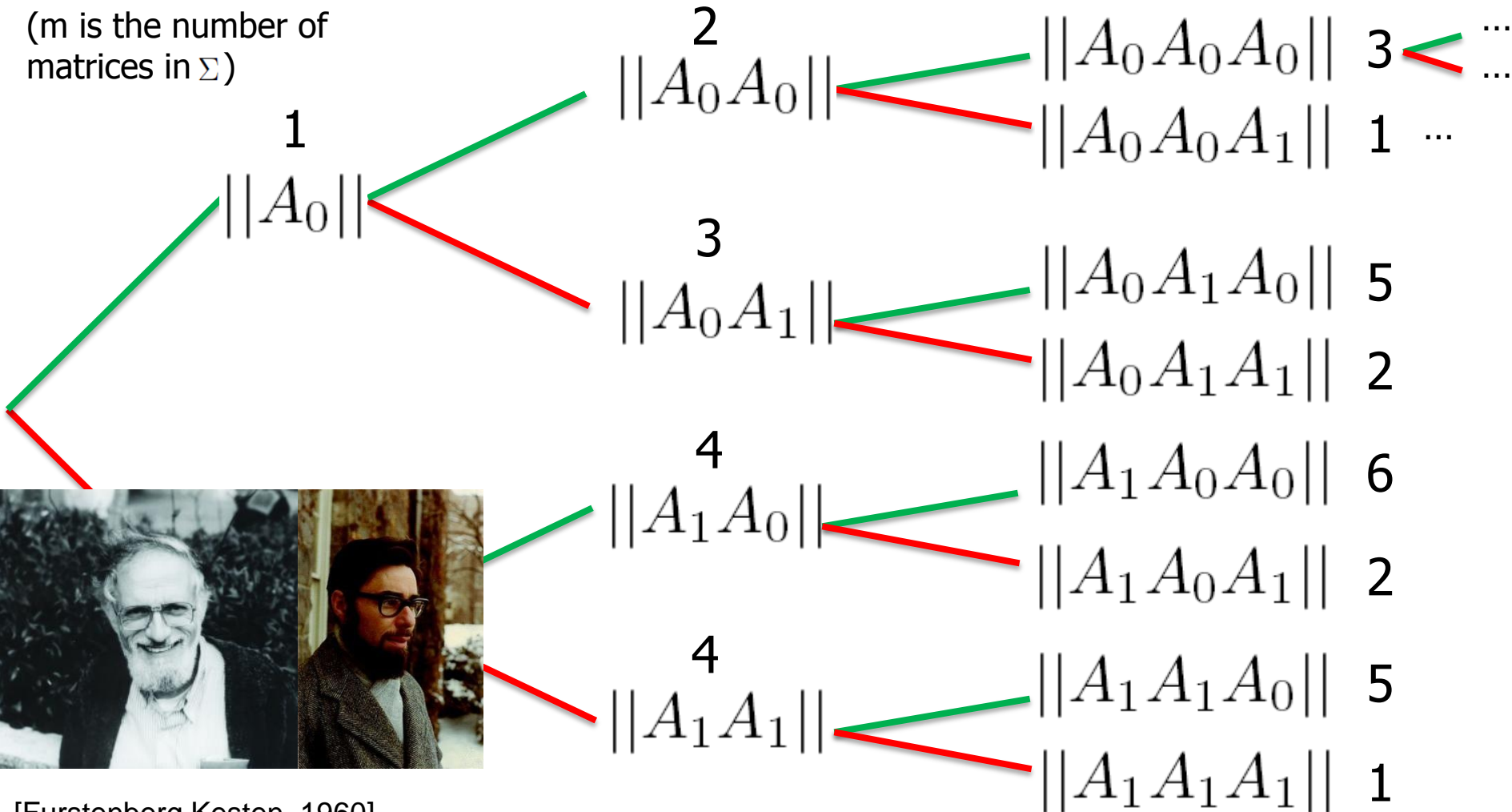


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$$\bar{\rho}(\Sigma) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \prod_{A_i \in \Sigma^t} \|A_1 A_2 \dots A_t\| \right]^{1/(tm^t)}$$

The Lyapunov Exponent

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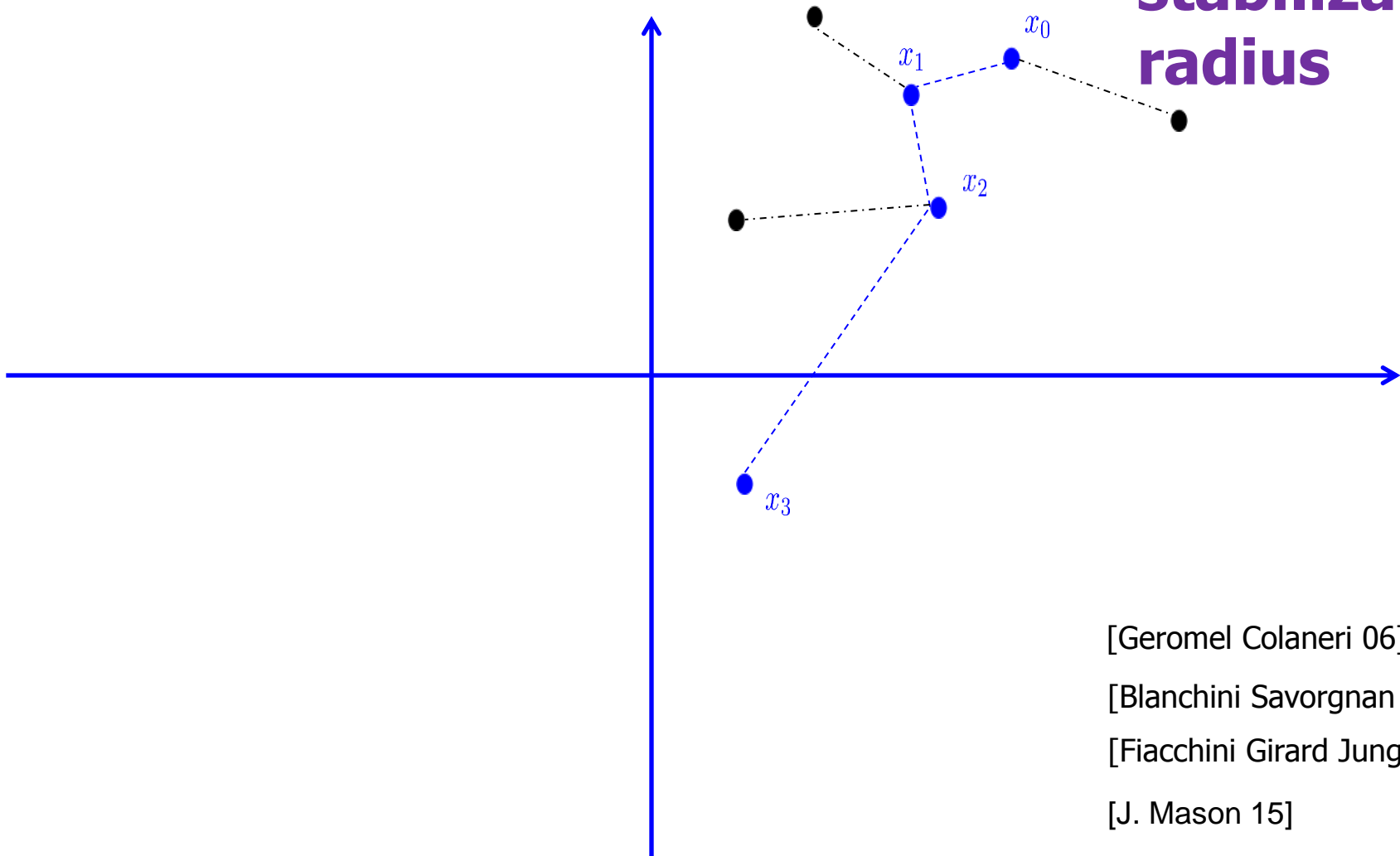


[Furstenberg Kesten, 1960]

# The joint spectral characteristics

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**The  
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stabilization  
radius**



[Geromel Colaneri 06]

[Blanchini Savorgnan 08]

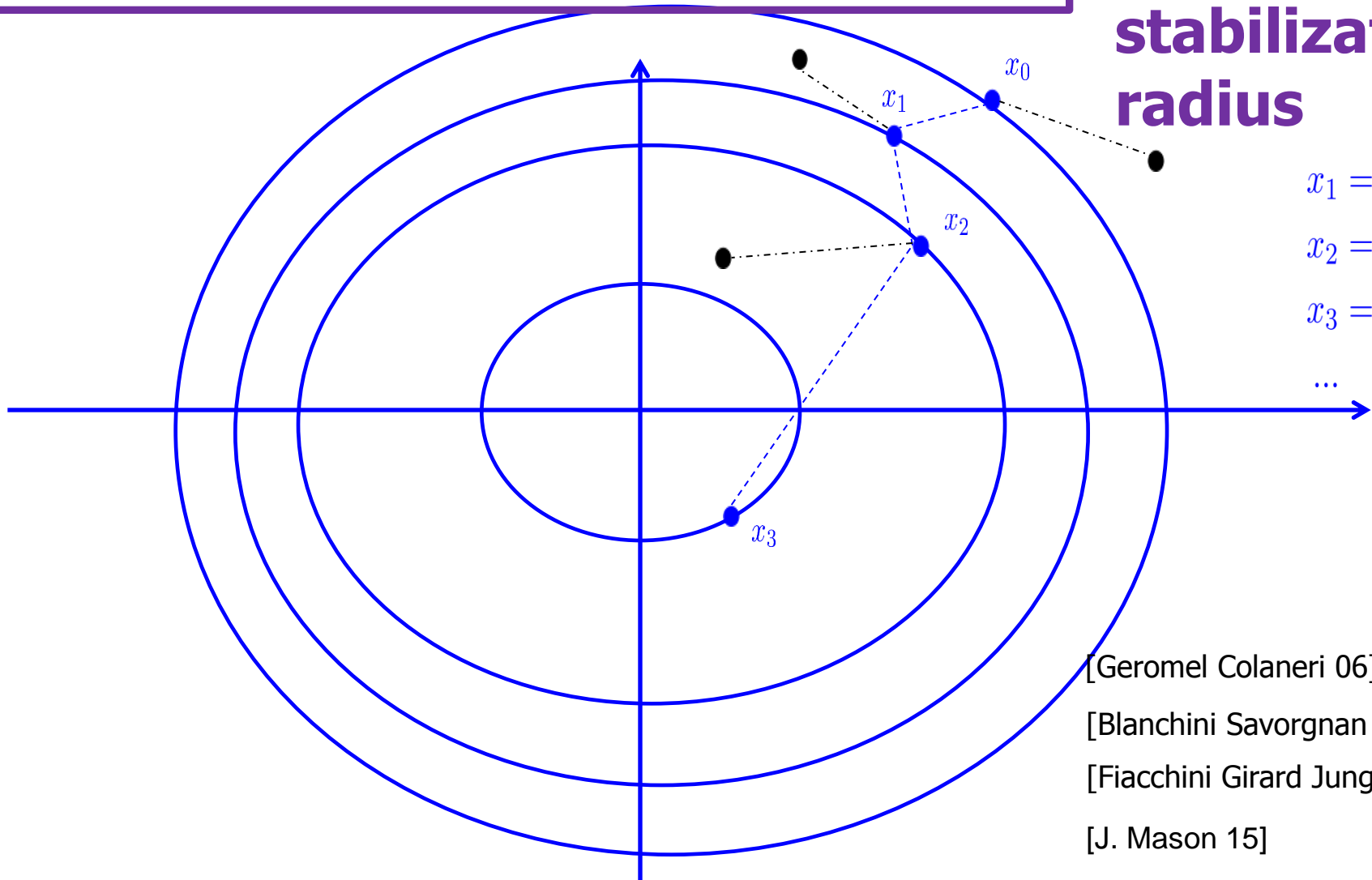
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$$x_1 = A_{\sigma(0)}x_0$$

$$x_2 = A_{\sigma(1)}x_1$$

$$x_3 = A_{\sigma(2)}x_2$$

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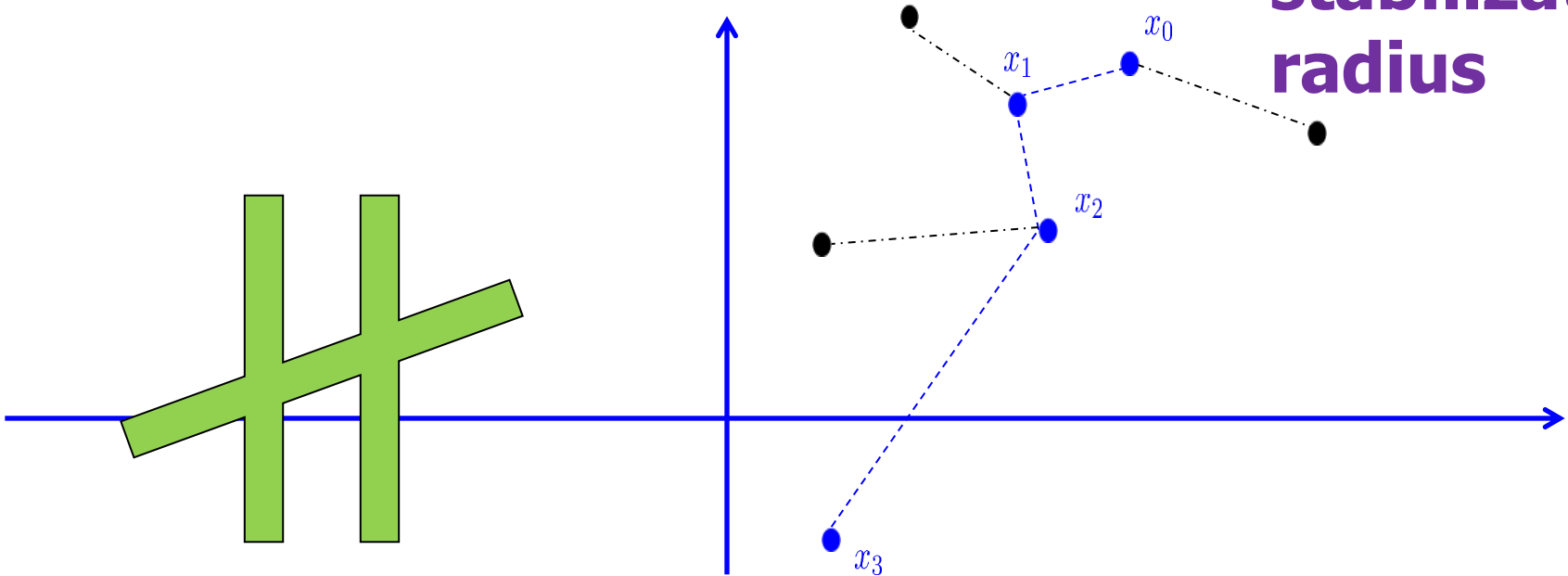
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**Alternative definition:** suppose you can observe  $x(t)$  at every step, and apply the switching you want, as a function of the  $x(t)$

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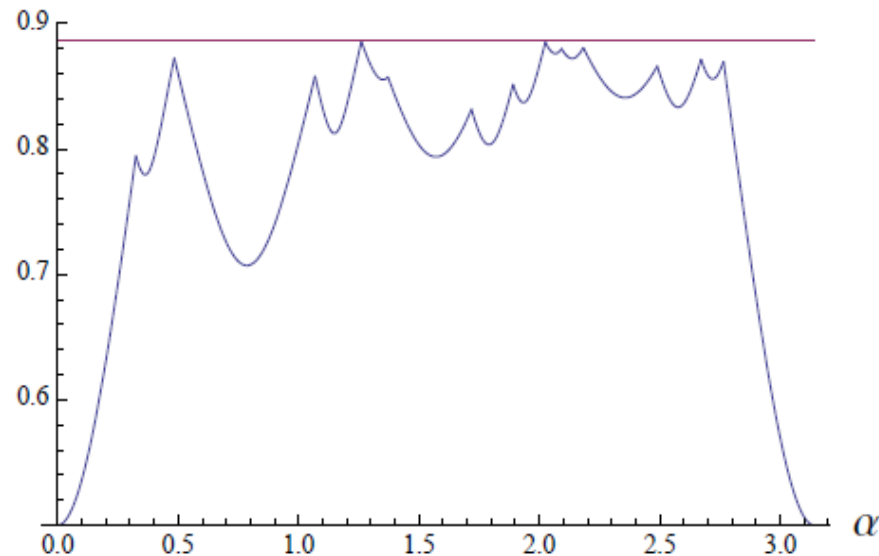


Figure 1: The function  $F(\alpha) = \min_i (|A[i]z_\alpha|^{1/t_i})$ , where  $z_\alpha = (\cos \alpha, \sin \alpha)^T$  and  $t_i$  is the length of the matrix product  $A[i]$ . Its maximum is an upper bound on the feedback stabilization radius. This maximum is approximately equal to 0.886.

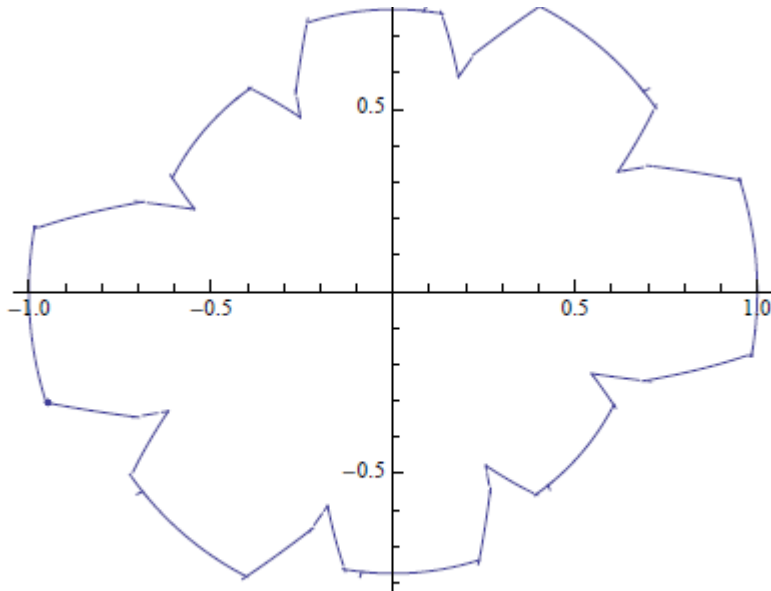
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## The feedback stabilization radius

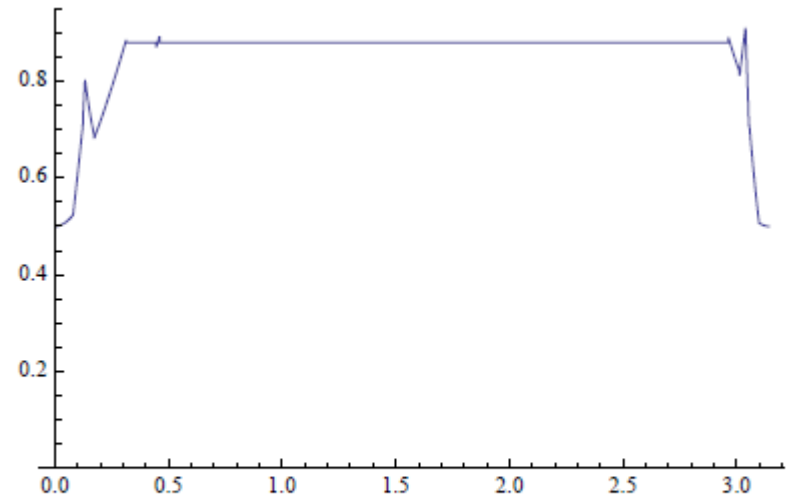
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$$\tilde{\rho}(\Sigma) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \tilde{\rho}_x(\Sigma)$$

**Proposition 5.** *Suppose Assumption 1 holds. Then for any  $\lambda > \tilde{\rho}(\mathcal{M})$  the function  $V_\lambda : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$*

$$V_\lambda(x) = \sup_{t \geq 0} \inf_{\sigma(\cdot)} \frac{|x_{\sigma,x}(t)|}{\lambda^t} \quad (5)$$



(a) The level set  $\hat{V}_\lambda^{-1}(1)$



(b) Ratio  $\min\{\hat{V}_\lambda(A_1x), \hat{V}_\lambda(A_2x)\}/\hat{V}_\lambda(x)$  for  $x$  belonging to the first two quadrants.

# The joint spectral characteristics

$$\rho(\Sigma) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \max_{A_i \in \Sigma} \|A_1 A_2 \dots A_t\| \right]^{1/t}$$

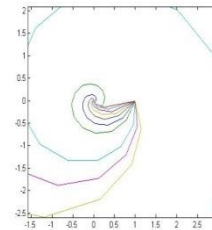
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The joint spectral subradius addresses the **stabilizability** problem

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The p-radius addresses the... **p-weak stability**



[J. Protasov 10]

$$\bar{\rho}(\Sigma) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \prod_{A_i \in \Sigma^t} \|A_1 A_2 \dots A_t\| \right]^{1/(tm^t)}$$

The Lyapunov exponent addresses the **stability with probability one** (Cfr. Oseledets Theorem)

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$$\tilde{\rho}(\Sigma) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \tilde{\rho}_x(\Sigma)$$

The feedback stabilization radius addresses the **feedback stabilizability**

[J. Mason 16]

[Fiacchini Girard Jungers 15]

# The joint spectral characteristics: Mission Impossible?



**Theorem** Computing or approximating  $\rho$  is **NP-hard**

**Theorem** The problem  $\rho > 1$  is **algorithmically undecidable**

**Conjecture** The problem  $\rho < 1$  is **algorithmically undecidable**



**Theorem** Even the question «  $|\check{\rho} - r| \leq a + b\check{\rho}$  ? » is **algorithmically undecidable** for all (nontrivial)  $a$  and  $b$

**Theorem** The same is true for the Lyapunov exponent

**Theorem** The  $\rho$ -radius is NP-hard to approximate

**Theorem** The feedback stabilization radius is turing-uncomputable

See

[Blondel Tsitsiklis 97,  
Blondel Tsitsiklis 00,  
J. Protasov 09  
J. Mason 15]

# Algorithmic complexity

	Arbitrary approximation	Arbitrary approximation in polynomial time	Arbitrary approximation for positive matrices	Decidability
Joint Spectral Radius	✓	✓	✓	?
Joint Spectral Subradius	✗	✗	✓	✗
Lyapunov Exponent	✗	✗	✓	✗
p-radius	Depends on p	Depends on p	✓	?
Feedback st. radius	✗	✗	✓	✗

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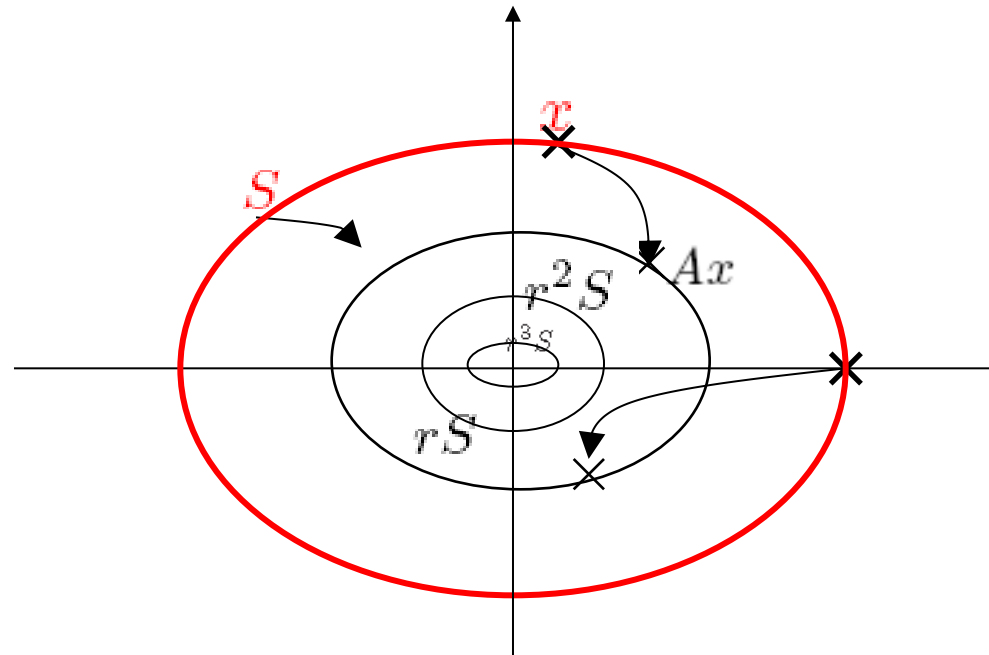
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# LMI methods

- The CQLF method

$$\begin{aligned} & \inf_{r \in \mathbb{R}^+} && r \\ & \text{s.t.} && \\ & A^T P A && \preceq r^2 P, \quad \forall A \in \Sigma \\ & P && \succ 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{|Ax|_P}{|x|_P} \leq r$$



$$\rho \leq r$$



# SDP methods

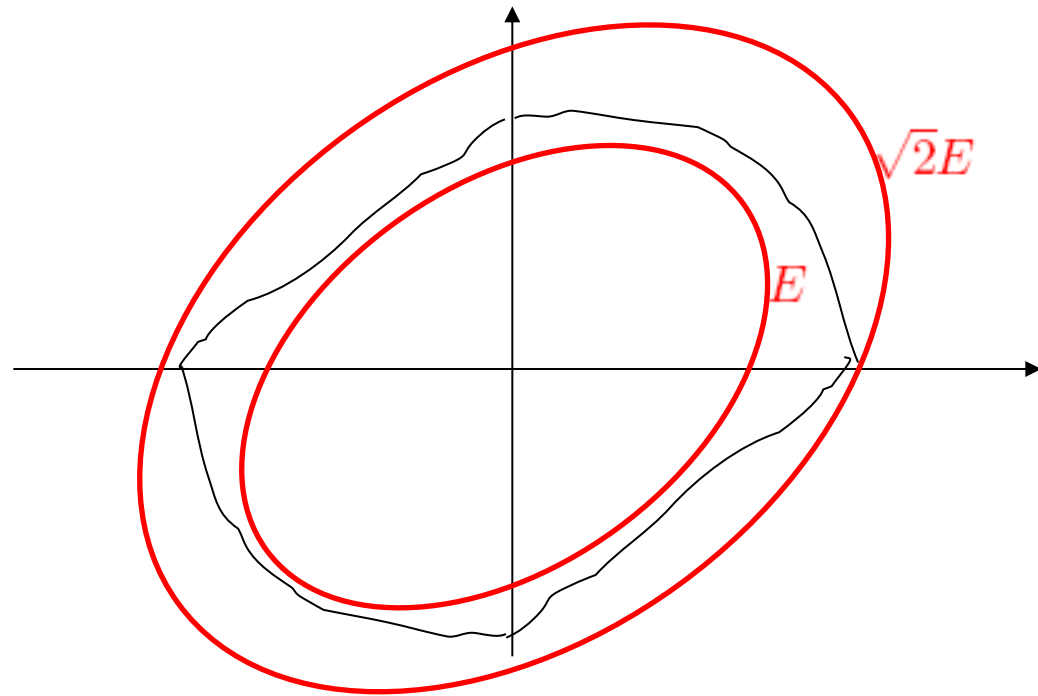
- **Theorem** For all  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a norm such that

$$\forall A \in \Sigma, \forall x, |Ax| \leq (\rho + \epsilon)|x| \quad [\text{Rota Strang, 60}]$$

- John's ellipsoid **Theorem**: Let  $K$  be a compact convex set with nonempty interior symmetric about the origin. Then there is an ellipsoid  $E$  such that  $E \subset K \subset \sqrt{n}E$

[John 1948]

- So we can approximate the unit ball of an extremal norm with an ellipsoid

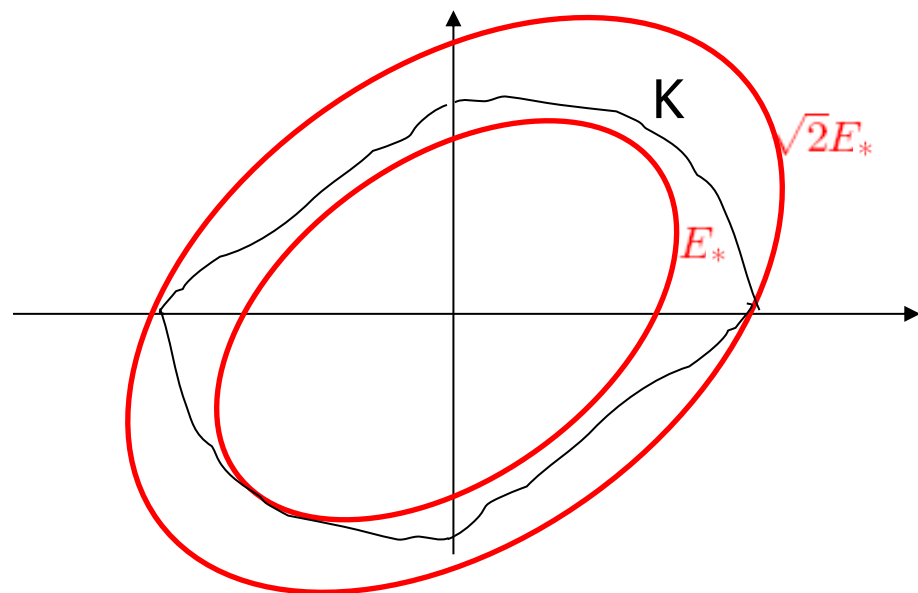


# SDP methods

- **Theorem** The best ellipsoidal norm  $\|\cdot\|_{E_*}$  approximates the joint spectral radius up to a factor  $\sqrt{n}$  [Ando Shih 98]

$$\rho \leq \max \|A\|_{E_*} \leq \sqrt{n}\rho$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\rho^* \leq \rho \leq \rho^*$$



$$\frac{1}{\sqrt[2d]{n}}\rho^* \leq \rho \leq \rho^*$$

$\rho < 1/n^{1/2d} \Rightarrow$  There exists a Lyap. function of degree d

One can improve this method by **lifting techniques** [Nesterov Blondel 05]  
[Parrilo Jadbabaie 08]

**Algorithm** that approximates the joint spectral radius of arbitrary sets of  $m$   $(n \times n)$ -matrices up to an arbitrary accuracy  $\epsilon$  in  $\mathcal{O}(n^{m/\epsilon})$  operations



# Yet another LMI method

- A strange semidefinite program

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{r \in \mathbb{R}^+} \quad & r \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \\ & A_1^T P_1 A_1 \preceq r^2 P_1, \\ & A_2^T P_1 A_2 \preceq r^2 P_2, \\ & A_1^T P_2 A_1 \preceq r^2 P_1, \\ & A_2^T P_2 A_2 \preceq r^2 P_2, \\ & P \preceq 0. \end{aligned}$$



$$\rho \leq r$$

[Goebel, Hu, Teel 06]

- But also... [Daafouz Bernussou 01]  
[Bliman Ferrari-Trecate 03]  
[Lee and Dullerud 06] ...

# Yet another LMI method

- An even stranger program:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{r \in \mathbb{R}^+} & r \\ \text{s.t.} & \\ & A_1^T P A_1 \preceq r^2 P, \\ & (A_2 A_1)^T P (A_2 A_1) \preceq r^4 P, \\ & (A_2^2)^T P (A_2^2) \preceq r^4 P, \\ & P \preceq 0. \end{array}$$



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# Yet another LMI method

- Questions:



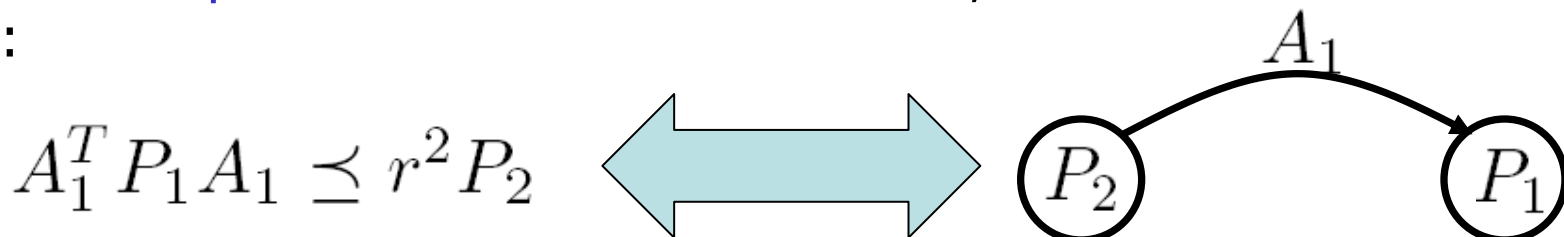
- Can we **characterize all the LMIs** that work, in a unified framework?
- Which LMIs are **better than others**?
- **How to prove** that an LMI works?
- Can we provide **converse Lyapunov theorems** for more methods?

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt[2d]{n}} \rho^* \leq \rho \leq \rho^*$$

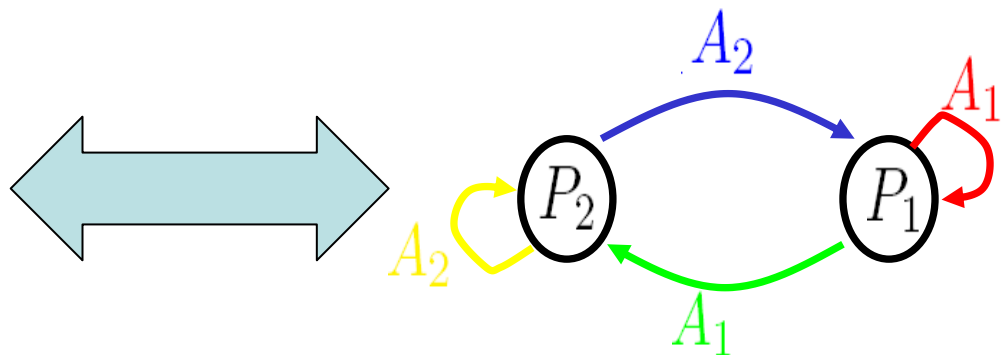
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# From an LMI to an automaton

- Automata representation Given a set of LMIs, construct an automaton like this:



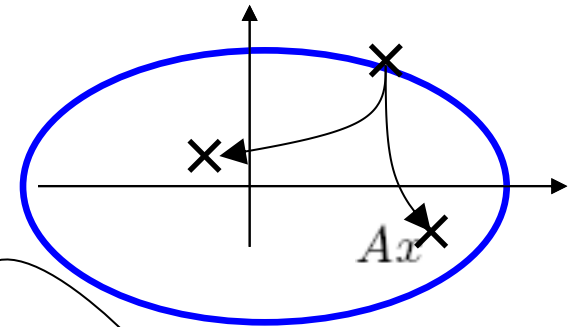
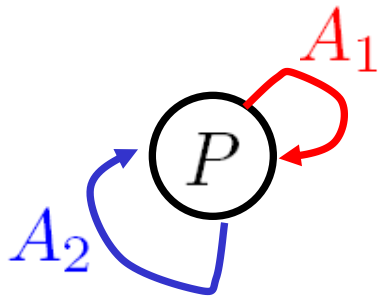
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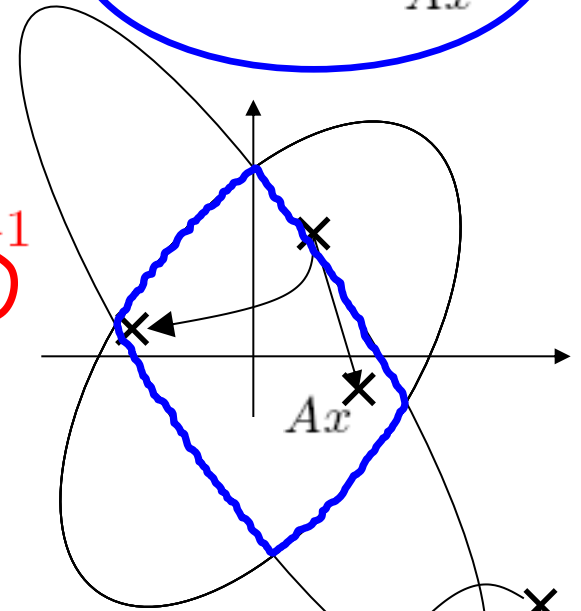
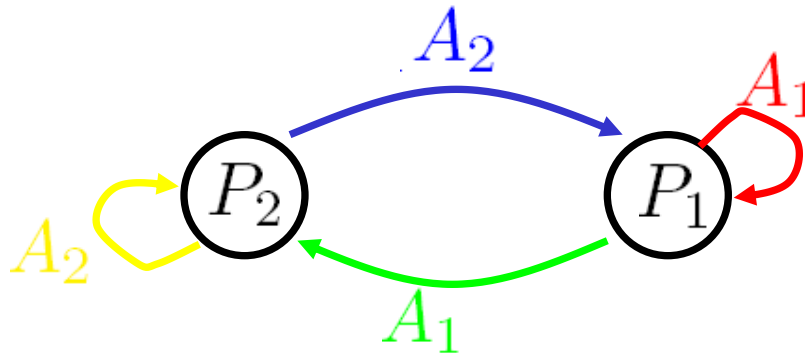
- Definition** A labeled graph (with label set  $A$ ) is **path-complete** if for any word on the alphabet  $A$ , there exists a path in the graph that generates the corresponding word.
- Theorem** If  $G$  is path-complete, the corresponding semidefinite program is a sufficient condition for stability.

# Some examples

- Examples:
  - CQLF



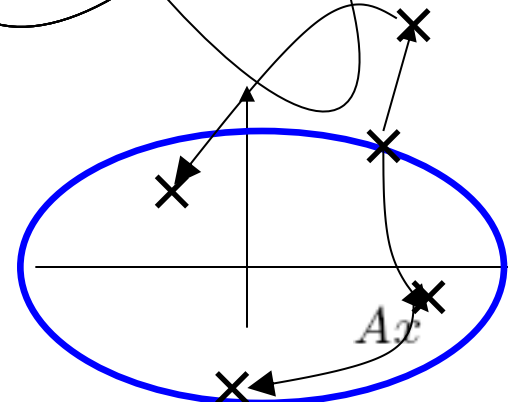
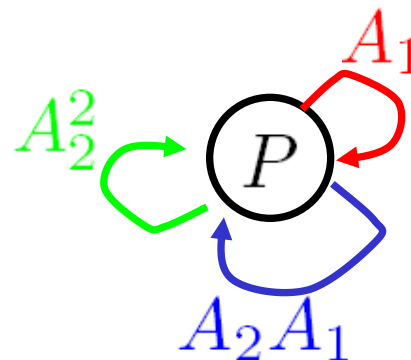
- Example 1



This type of graph gives a **max-of-quadratics** Lyapunov function (i.e. intersection of ellipsoids)

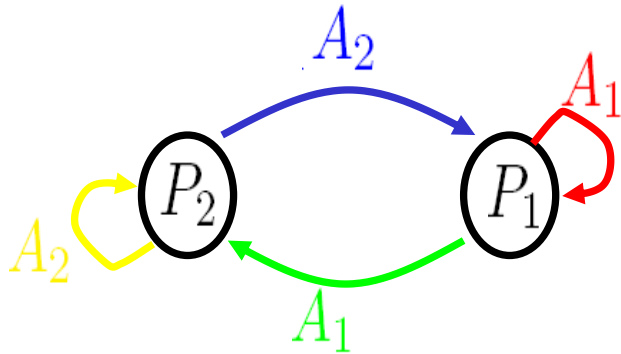
- Example 2

This type of graph gives a **common** Lyapunov function for a generating set of words



# An obvious question: are there other valid criteria?

- Theorem



$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \min_{r \in \mathbb{R}^+} & r \\
 \text{s.t.} & \\
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Path complete



Sufficient condition  
for stability

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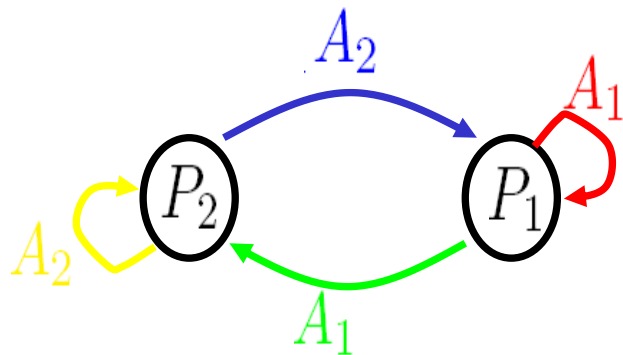
- Are all valid sets of equations coming from path-complete graphs?
- ...or are there even more valid LMI criteria?



# Are there other valid criteria?

- Theorem **Non path-complete** sets of LMIs are **not sufficient for stability**.

[J. Ahmadi Parrilo Roozbehani 15]



$$\begin{aligned}
 & \min_{\tau \in \mathbb{R}^+} && \tau \\
 & \text{s.t.} && \\
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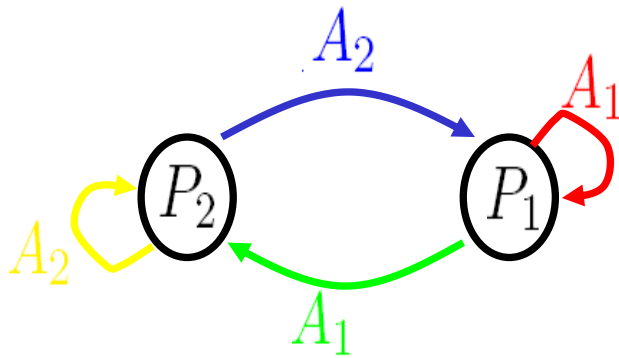
- Corollary

It is **PSPACE complete** to recognize sets of equations that are a **sufficient condition for stability**

- These results are not limited to LMIs, but apply to other families of conic inequalities

# So what now?

After all, what are all these results useful for?



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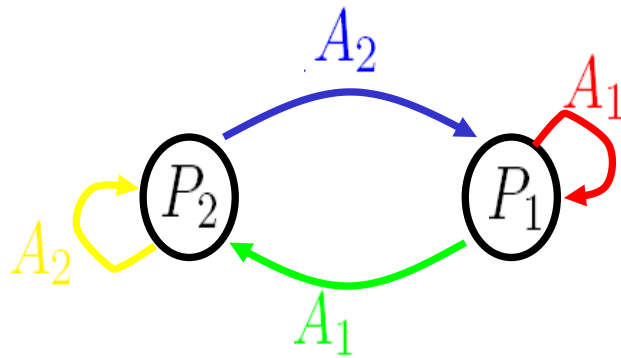
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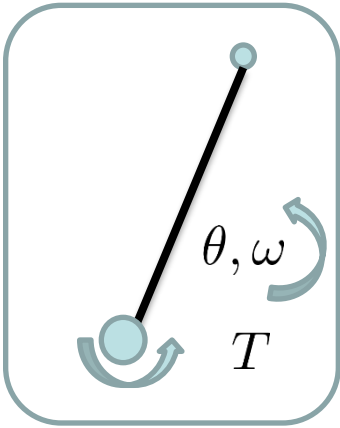
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# We begin with an example 😊

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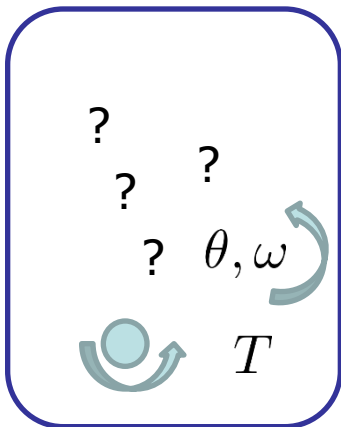


Linearized around “up” :

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$$u_k = K x_k$$

- “Close the eye” of the controller...

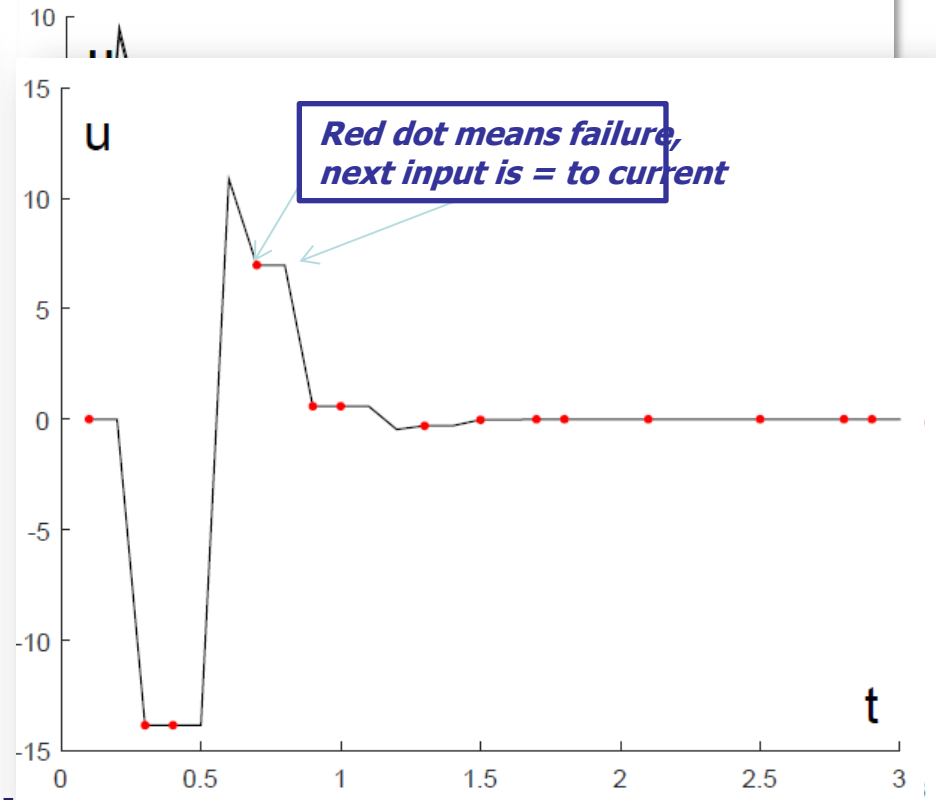
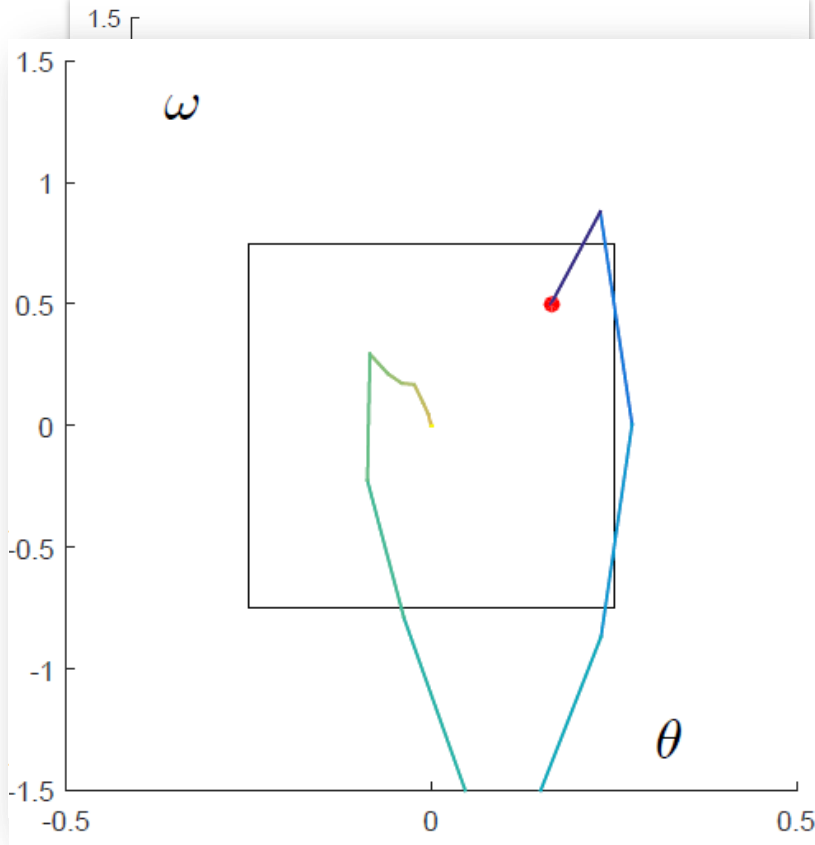


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$$x_{k+1} = A x_k + B u_k$$

$$u_k = u_{\text{last updated}}$$

# Some plots:



Everything goes well

When there is **at most 2 consecutive** failures...  
Already pretty bad. **But is this stable?**

# Switching systems

State update

$$x_{t+1} = A_{\sigma(t)} x_t$$

Modes of the system

$$A_{\sigma(t)} \in \mathbf{A} = \{A_1, \dots, A_N\}$$

Switching signal

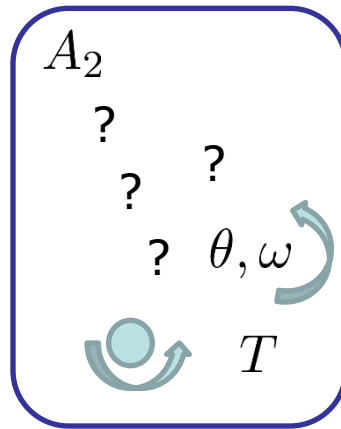
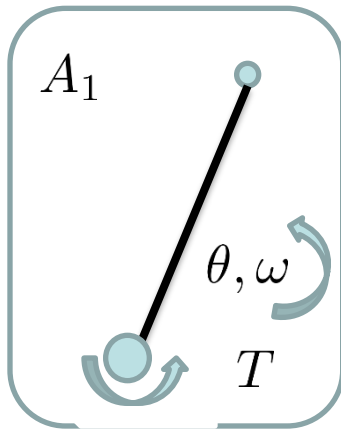
$$t \rightarrow \sigma(t) : \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} \mapsto \{1, \dots, N\}$$

# Switching systems: Dropouts

Controlled plant :

$$x_{t+1} = A_1 x_t$$

Stable if the controller fails never more than 2 times in a row



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## Switching system with 2 modes.

$$x_{t+1} = \begin{cases} A_1 x_t, & \text{if controller works} \\ A_2 x_t, & \text{if controller fails} \end{cases}$$

## Constrained switching sequences.

$$\cdots A_1 A_1 A_1 A_1 x_0$$

$$\cdots A_2 A_2 A_1 A_1 x_0$$

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 This is possible!

 This is *not* possible!



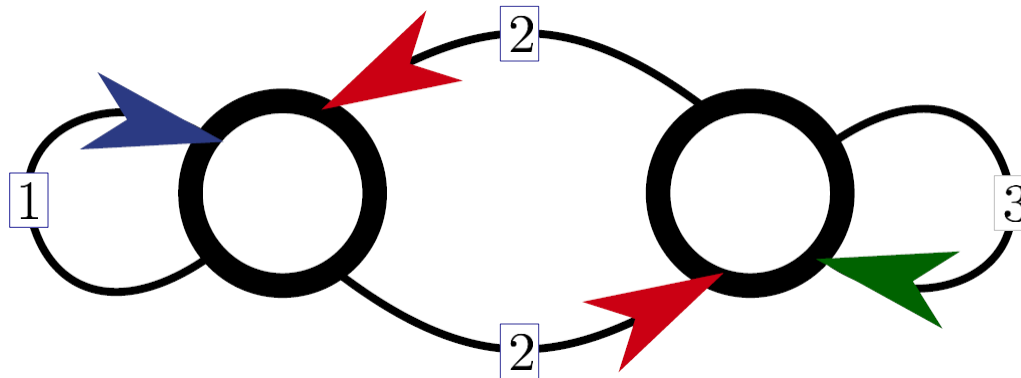
# Switching rules through graphs

$\Theta(V, E)$  : the graph,

$V$  : set of vertices,

$E$  : set of labeled directed edges,

$$(v, w, \ell) \in E, v, w \in V, \ell \in \{1, \dots, N\}$$



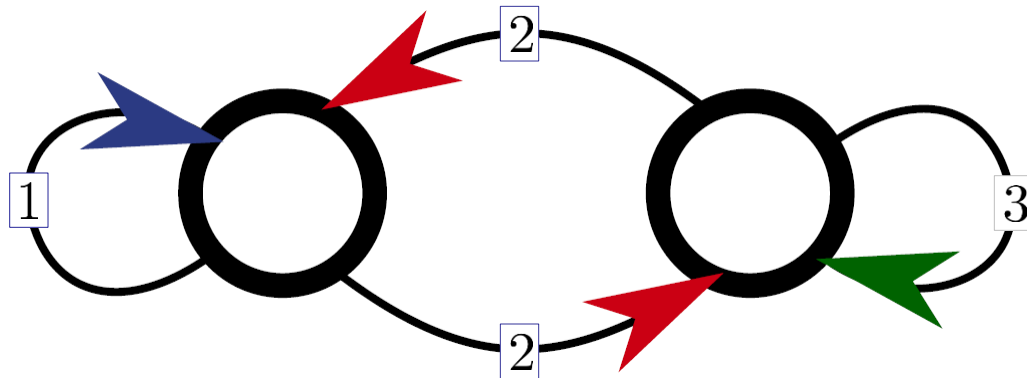
# Paths and switching sequences

Paths of the graphs.

$$p = \{(v_0, v_1, \ell(1)), (v_1, v_2, \ell(2)), \dots, (v_{T-1}, v_T, \ell(T))\}$$

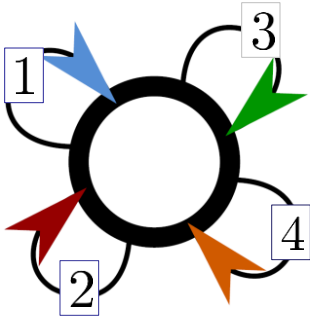
Paths map to trajectories.

$$A_p = A_{\ell(T)} \cdots A_{\ell(1)} \quad x_0 \xrightarrow{p \in \Theta, |p|=t} A_p x_0 = x_t$$

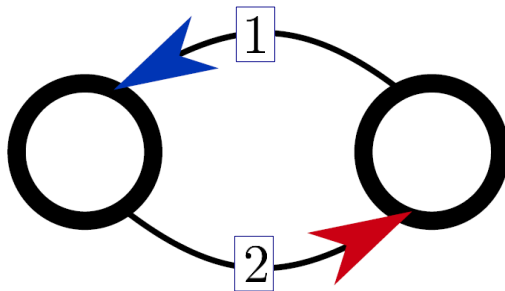


**Defines rules on the switching sequences of the system**

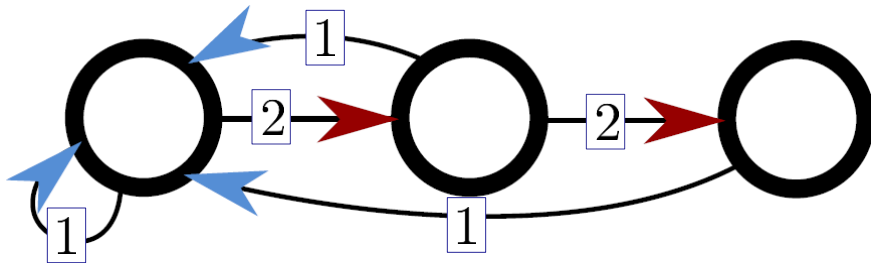
# A graph for maximum dwell time



**Arbitrary** switching on 4 modes.  
Any sequence is OK, take the loops you need



**Periodic system** on 2 modes.



**Maximum dwell time** on mode 2.  
Cannot have ...1,2,2,2...

# Stability and boundedness

Given a constrained switching system

$$S = (\Theta, \mathbf{A})$$

Dead-beat  
Stab.

$$\begin{aligned} \exists T \geq 1 : \forall x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, \forall p \in \Theta : |p| = T, \\ \rightarrow A_p x_0 = x_T = 0. \end{aligned}$$

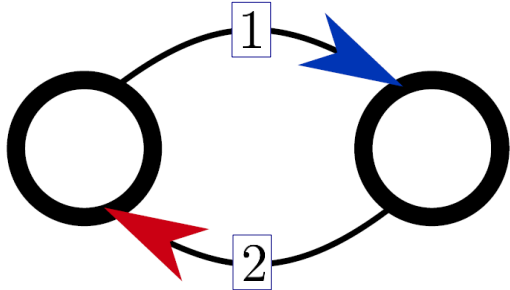
Exponential  
Stab.

$$\begin{aligned} \exists \lambda < 1, K \geq 1 : \forall x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, \forall t, \forall p \in \Theta : |p| = t, \\ \rightarrow \|A_p x_0\| \leq K \lambda^t \|x_0\|. \end{aligned}$$

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# Failure of contractive norms



Scalar,  $A_1 = 2, A_2 = 1/8$

We are stable ☺

$$x_{2T} = \frac{x_0}{4^T}$$

$$\hat{\rho}(S) = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{1/2} = 1/2 < 1.$$

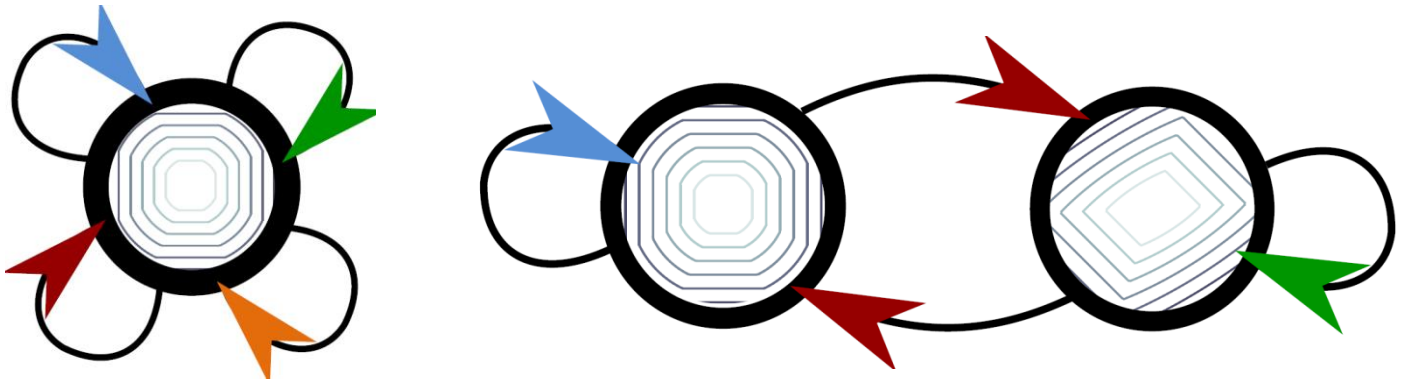
A **common norm** would need to satisfy  $\|2x\| \leq \|x\|$

# Multinorms for stability

JSR defined through sets of norms.

Theorem:

$$\hat{\rho}(S) = \begin{cases} \inf \gamma \\ s.t. \exists \{ \|\cdot\|_v, v \in V \} : \forall x, \forall (v, w, \ell) \in E, \\ \|A_\ell x\|_w \leq \gamma \|x\|_v \end{cases}$$



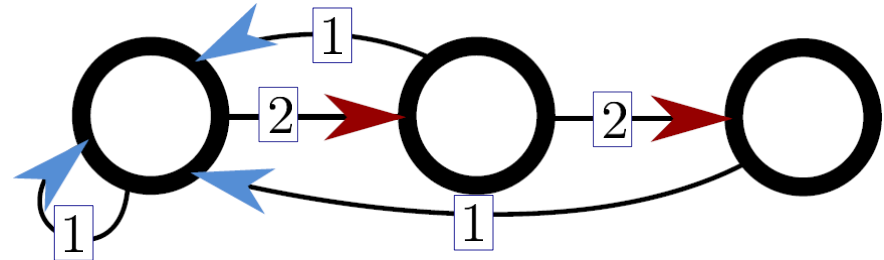
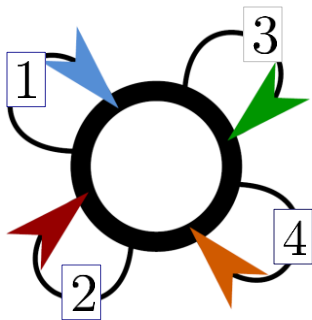
- **Direct generalization of the arbitrary switching case**
- **Stability if and only if Multiple Lyapunov Function**

# The approximation problem

- Computing the JSR is hard ( $\leq 1$  is undecidable)
- Approximation for **arbitrary switching** systems, **bounded time complexity** achieved by **approximating contractive norms**.

Given  $S$ , a constrained system and  $r > 0$ , a desired accuracy level output  $\gamma$  satisfying

$$\hat{\rho}(S) \leq \gamma \leq (1 + r)\hat{\rho}(S)$$



Approx. using “contractive norms”.

**Approx. using “contractive multinorms”.**

# Norms VS quadratic norms

Constrained JSR as an infimum over **multinorms**.

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**How bad can this be? (Approximate with quadratic norms)**

$$\gamma_Q(S) = \begin{cases} \inf \gamma \\ \text{s.t. } \exists \{Q_v \succ 0, v \in V\} : \forall (v, w, \ell) \in E, \\ \quad A_\ell^\top Q_w A_\ell \leq \gamma^2 Q_v \end{cases}$$



# Fixed accuracy bounds

## John's Ellipsoid Theorem

For all norm  $\|\cdot\|_K$ , there is a quadratic norm  $\|\cdot\|_Q$  such that

$$\|\cdot\|_Q \leq \|\cdot\|_K \leq \sqrt{n}\|\cdot\|_Q.$$

## Accuracy when using quadratics

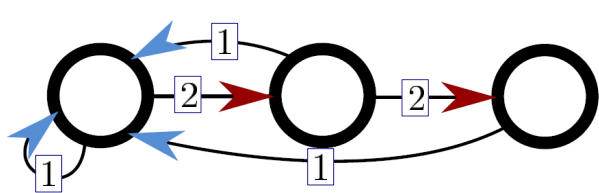
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$$\Rightarrow \hat{\rho}(S) \leq \gamma_Q(S) \leq \sqrt{n}\hat{\rho}(S)$$

# (Another cool bound!)

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$$\Rightarrow \hat{\rho}(S) \leq \gamma_Q(S) \leq \sqrt{\text{Spectral Radius of the adjacency matrix of } \Theta} \hat{\rho}(S)$$



$$\rho \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \simeq 1.84.$$

Its better than what you'll get for any  $n$ !

[Legat, Jungers, Parillo] –

**Generating unstable trajectories for Switched Systems via Dual Sum-Of-Squares techniques –**

Accepted HSCC2016

# Perspective

L2-Gains

Approximation of the L2-gain for control-systems?

Stabilization?

Can we use the framework to obtain stabilizing switching sequences?

Generalization?

More general systems? Control?

Switching affine, State-Dependent Switching , Continuous-time,...?

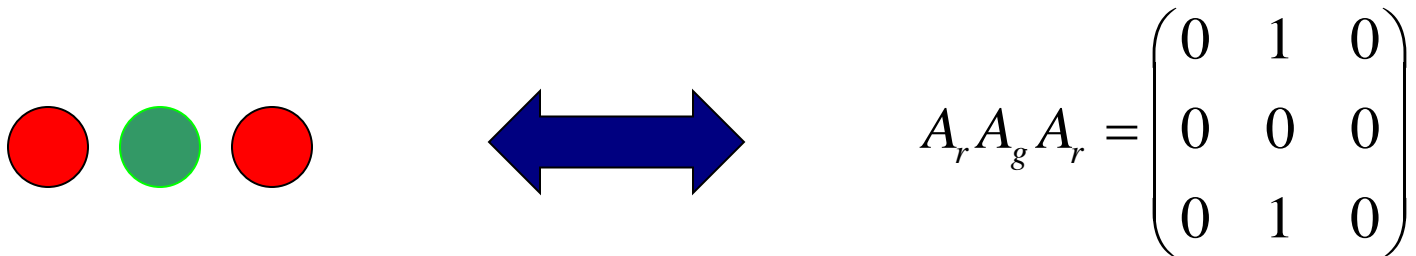
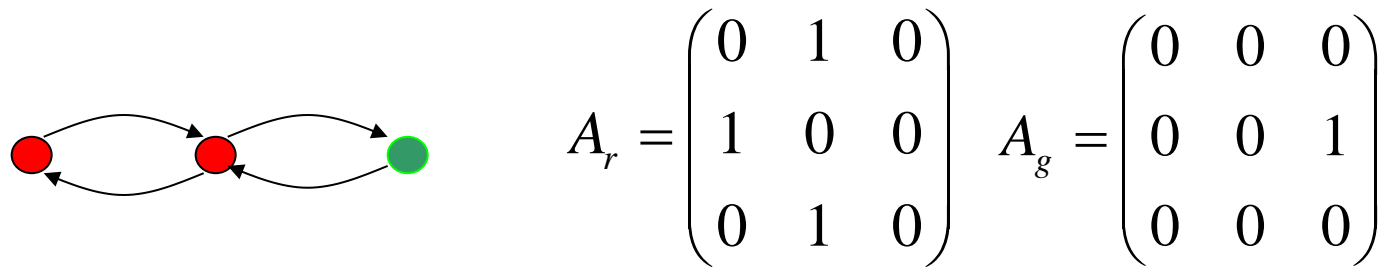
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# Trackable graphs

To a given observation, associate the corresponding product:



The number of **possible trajectories** is given by the **sum of the entries** of the matrix



# Trackable graphs

The maximal total number of possibilities is

$$N(t) = \max \left\{ \|A\|_1 : A \in \Sigma^t \right\}$$

We are interested in the asymptotic worst case :

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N(t)^{1/t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \max \left\{ \|A\|_1^{1/t} : A \in \Sigma^t \right\}$$

This is a **joint spectral radius**!



# Trackable graphs

The network is **trackable** iff

$$\rho \leq 1$$

[Crespi et al. 05]

**Theorem** It is possible to check trackability in polynomial time

[J. Protasov Blondel 08]

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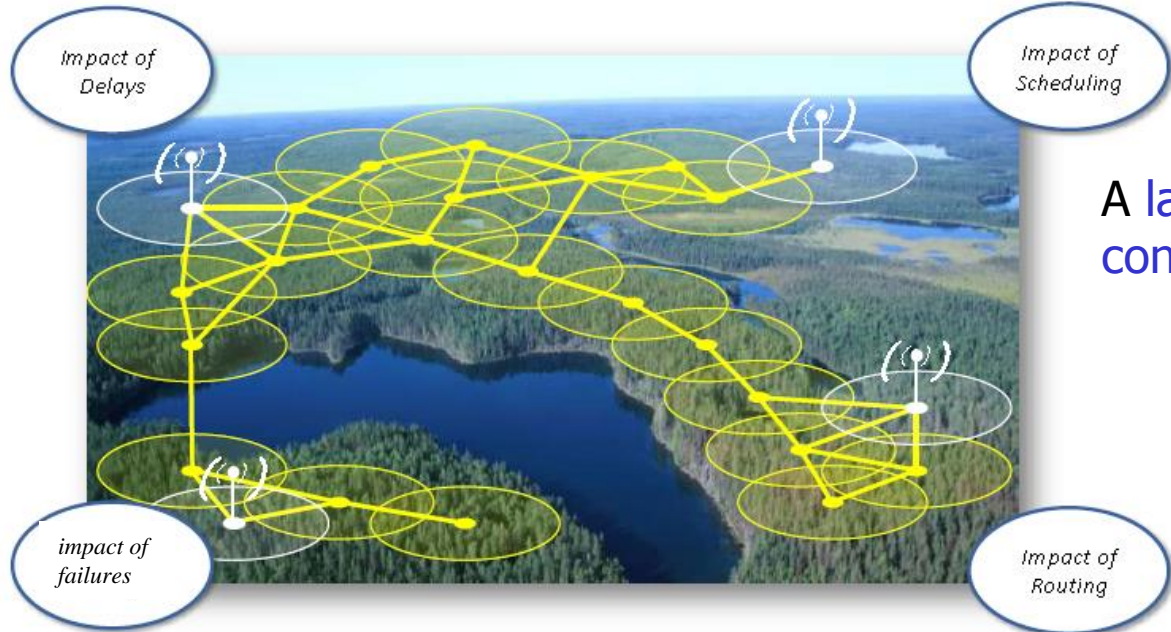
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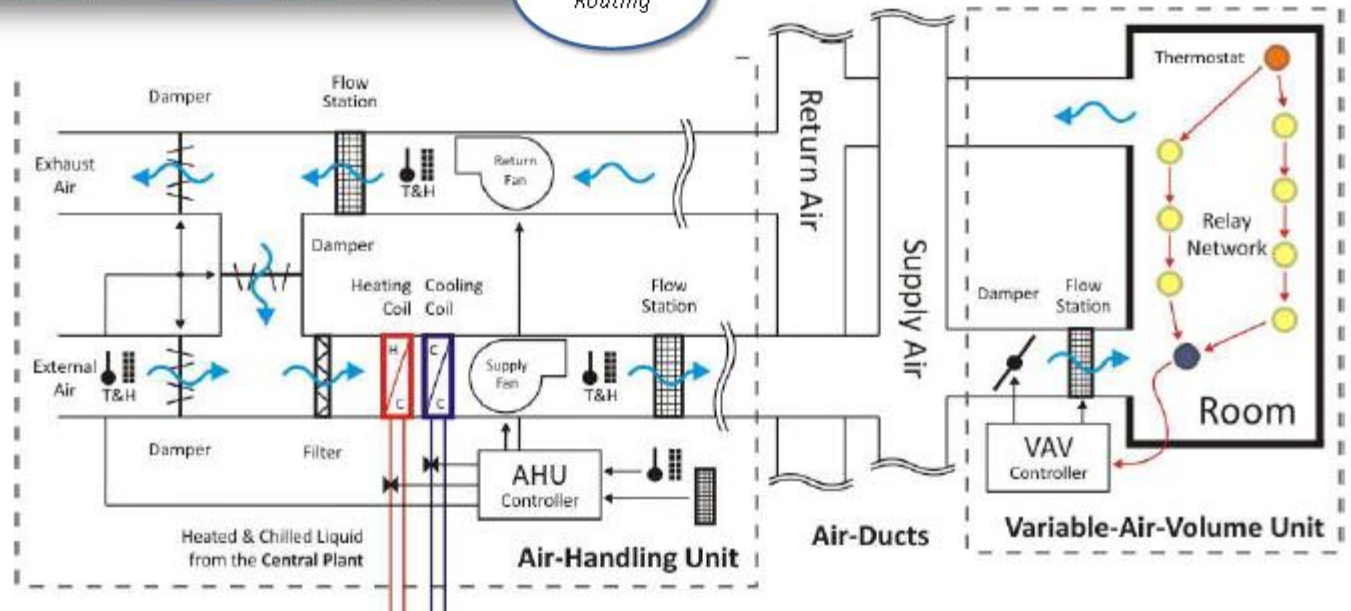


# Wireless control networks



A large scale decentralized control network

## A green building



- [Ramanathan Rosales-Hain 00]
- [alur D'Innocenzo Johansson Pappas Weiss 10]
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# Motivation

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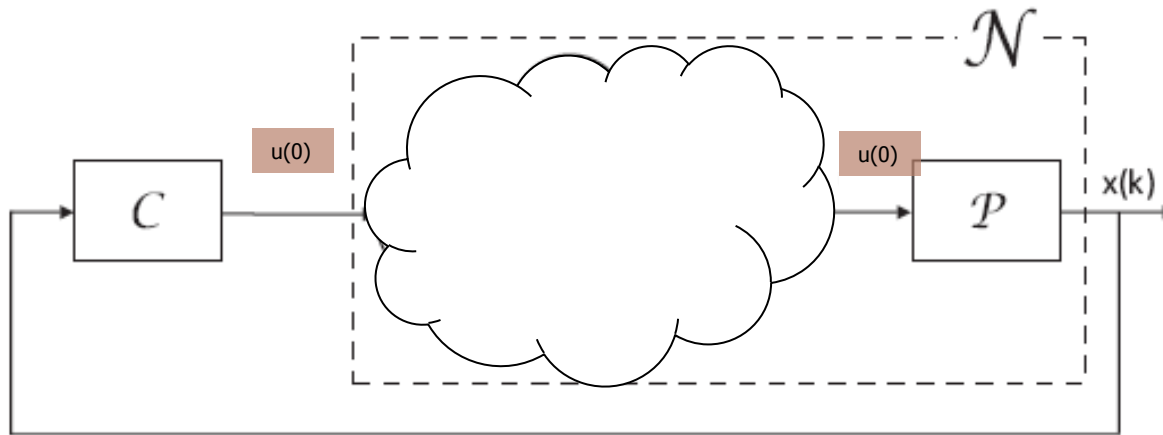
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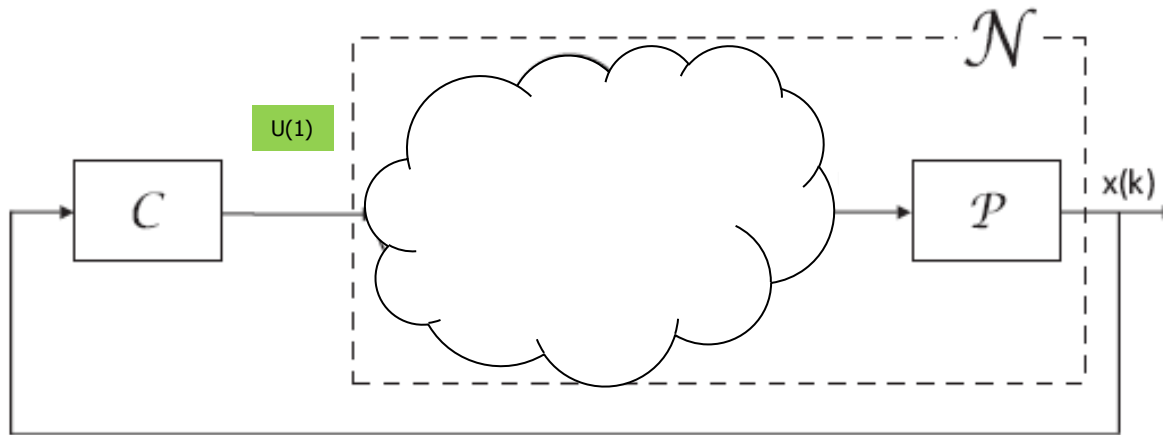
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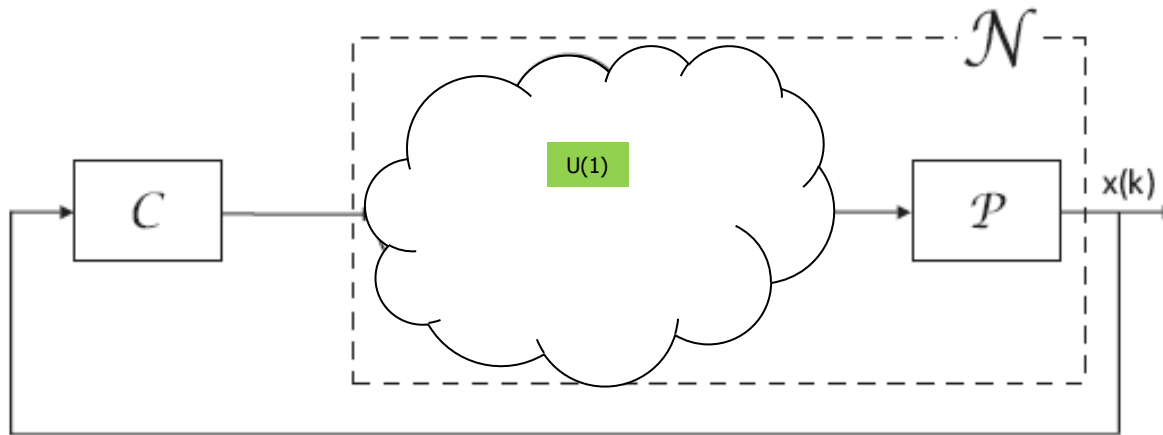
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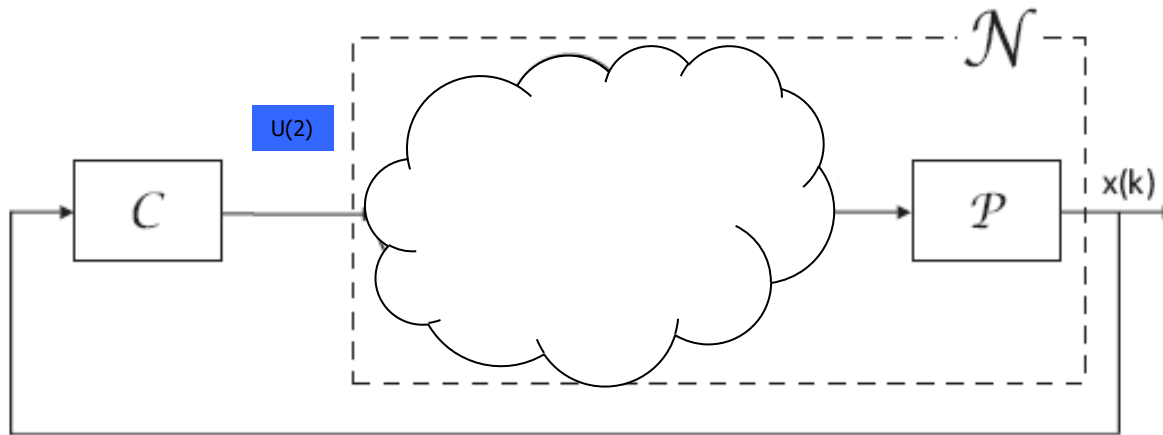
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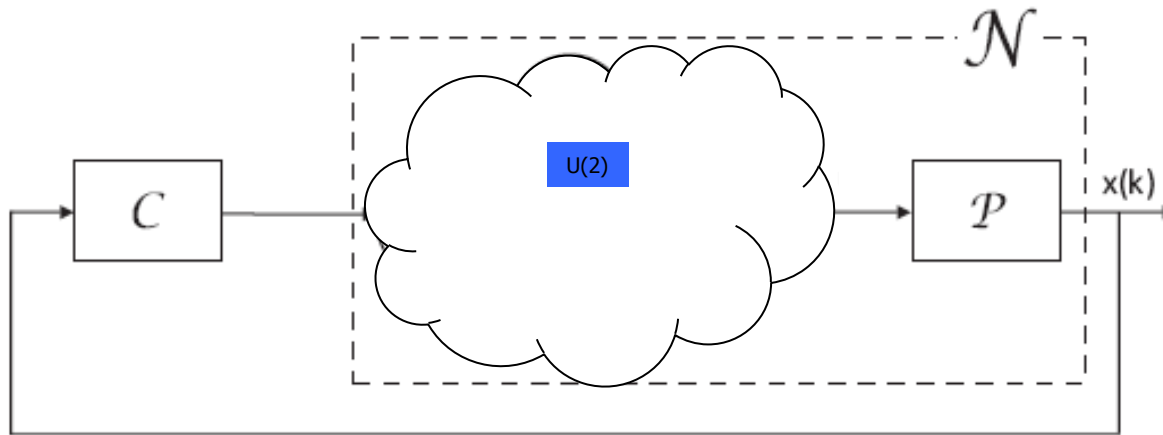
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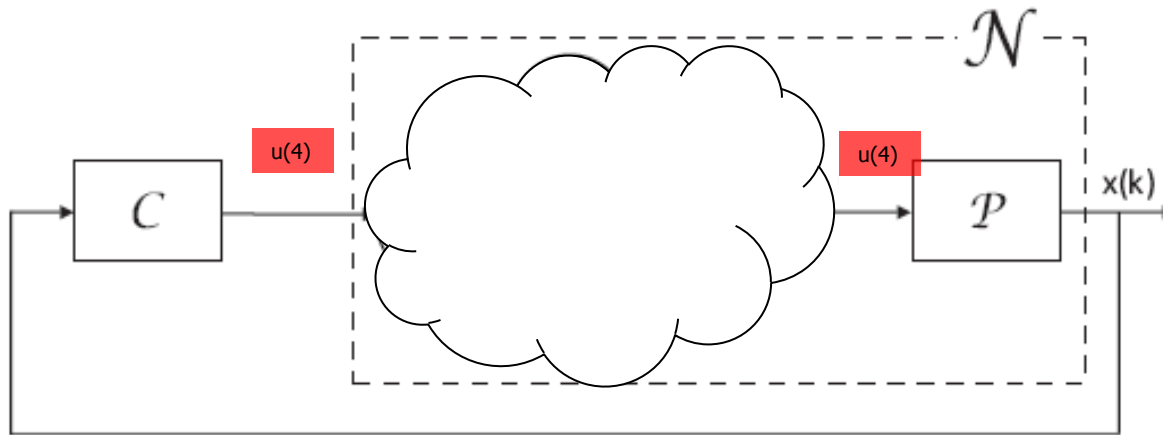
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# The switching signal

We are interested in the **controllability** of such a system

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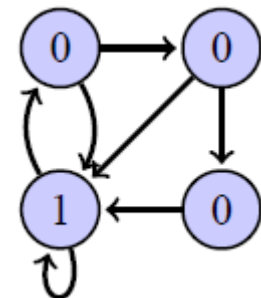
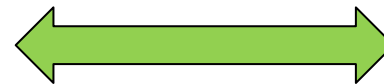
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Of course we need an **assumption** on the switching signal

The switching signal is **constrained by an automaton**

**Bounded** number of  
consecutive dropouts (here, 3)

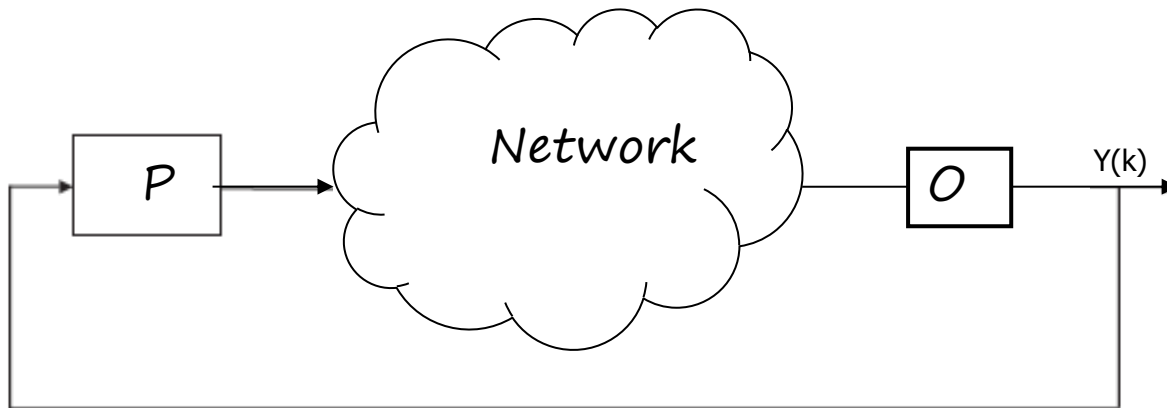
Example:



The controllability problem: For any starting point  $x(0)$ , and any target  $x^*$ , does there exist, for any switching signal, a control signal  $u(\cdot)$  and a time  $T$  such that  $x(T) = x^*$  ?

# The dual observability problem

Observability under intermittent outputs is **algebraically equivalent** (and perhaps more meaningful)



$$\begin{aligned}x(t+1) &= Ax(t), \\y(t) &= \sigma(t)Cx(t)\end{aligned}$$

# Controllability with Packet Dropouts

We are given a pair  $(A,b)$  and an automaton

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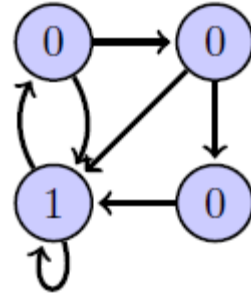
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**Theorem:** Deciding controllability of switching systems is **undecidable** in general (consequence of [Blondel Tsitsiklis, 97])

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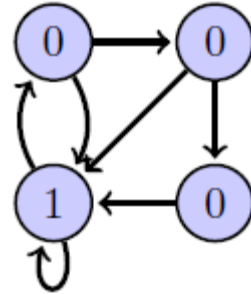
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Baabali & Egerstedt's framework (2005)

$$X(t+1) = Ax + B_i u(t)$$



Here, the switching is on the input matrix  $B_i$

**Theorem [Baabali Egerstedt 2005]:** There exists some  $l$  such that : If for all  $l < L$ , the pairs  $(A^l, B_i)$  are controllable, then the system is controllable

- Only a sufficient condition
- The set of pairs to check can be huge (more than exponential)



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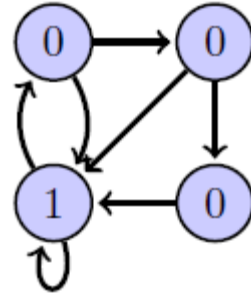
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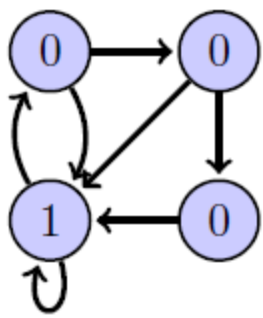
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Proposition: The system is controllable iff the generalized controllability matrix

$$C_\sigma(t) = [A^{(t-1)}b\sigma(0) | A^{(t-2)}b\sigma(1) | \dots | Ab\sigma(t-2) | b\sigma(t-1)]$$

is bound to become full rank at some time  $t$



# Our algorithm

Thus, we have a **purely algebraic problem**: is it possible to **find a path** in the automaton such that the **controllability matrix is never full rank**?

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→ **Theorem**: Given a matrix  $A$  and two vectors  $b, c$ , the set of paths such that

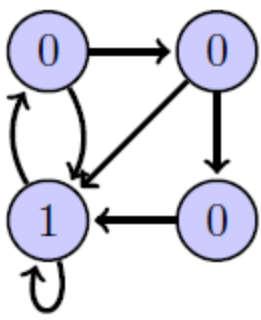
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is never full rank is either empty, or **contains a cycle in the automaton**.

From this, we obtain an **algorithm** to decide controllability:

**Semi-algorithm 1**: For **every cycle** of the automaton, **check** if it leads to an infinite **uncontrollable** signal

**Semi-algorithm 2**: For **every finite path**, check whether it leads to a **controllable signal** ( i.e. a full rank controllability matrix).



# Proof of our theorem

**Theorem** ([Skolem 34]): Given a matrix  $A$  and two vectors  $b, c$ , the set of values  $n$  such that

$$c^T A^n b = 0$$

is eventually periodic.

We managed to rewrite our controllability conditions in terms of a linear iteration

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Now, how to optimally choose the control signal, if one does not know the switching signal in advance?



# Outline

- Joint spectral characteristics
- Path-complete methods for switching systems stability
- Applications:
  - Trackability
  - WCNs and packet dropouts
  - Switching delays
- Conclusion and perspectives

# Previous work

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## Networked Control Systems With Communication Constraints: Tradeoffs Between Transmission Intervals, Delays and Performance

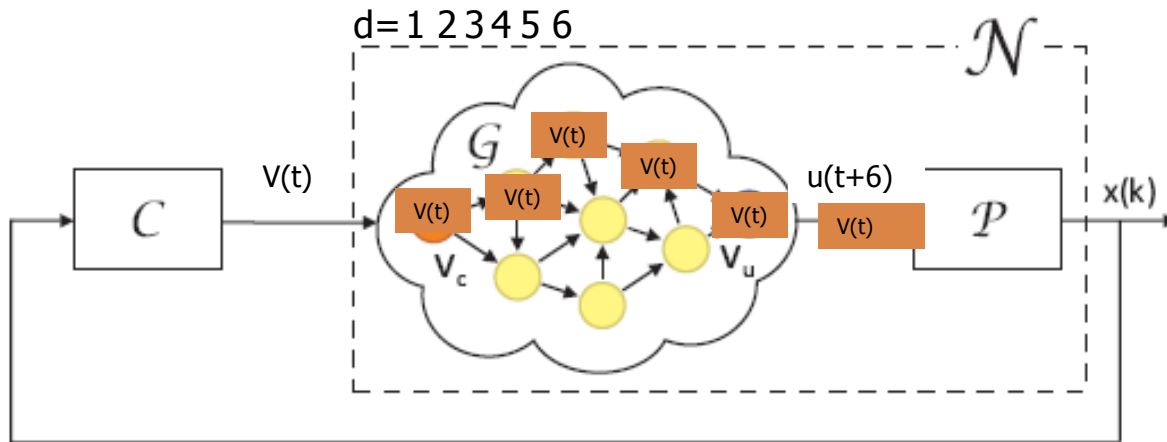
W. P. Maurice H. Heemels, *Member, IEEE*, Andrew R. Teel, *Fellow, IEEE*, Nathan van de Wouw, *Member, IEEE*, and Dragan Nešić, *Fellow, IEEE*

Roughly speaking, the network-induced imperfections and constraints can be categorized in five types:

- (i) Quantization errors in the signals transmitted over the network due to the finite word length of the packets;
- (ii) Packet dropouts caused by the unreliability of the network;
- (iii) Variable sampling/transmission intervals;
- (iv) **Variable communication delays;**
- (v) Communication constraints caused by the sharing of the network by multiple nodes and the fact that only one node is allowed to transmit its packet per transmission.

[Jungers D'Innocenzo Di Benedetto, TAC 2015]

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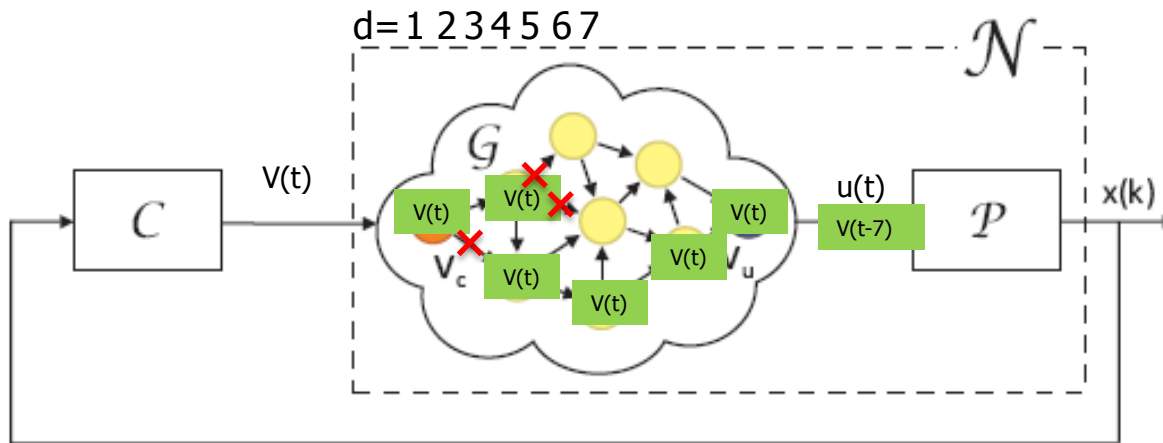


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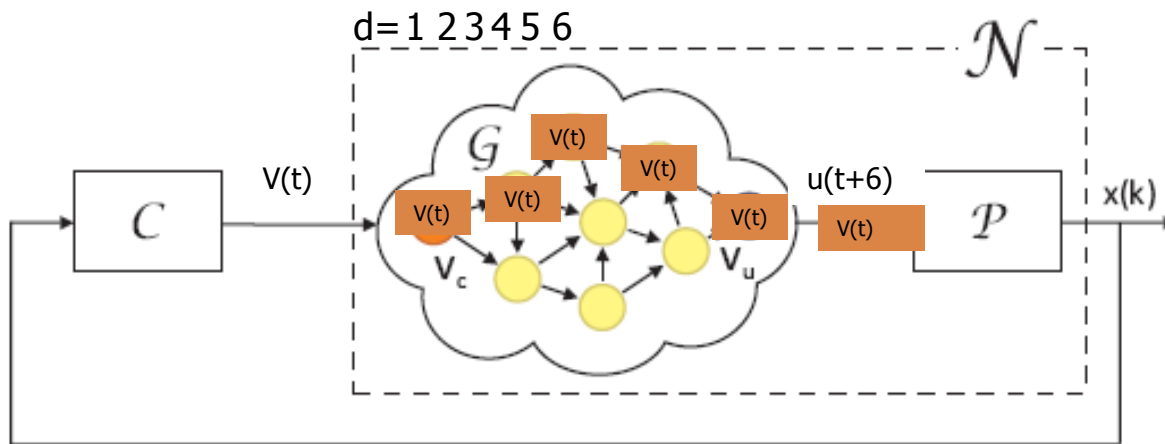
# Previous work

## LTIs with switched delays



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# How to model failures?

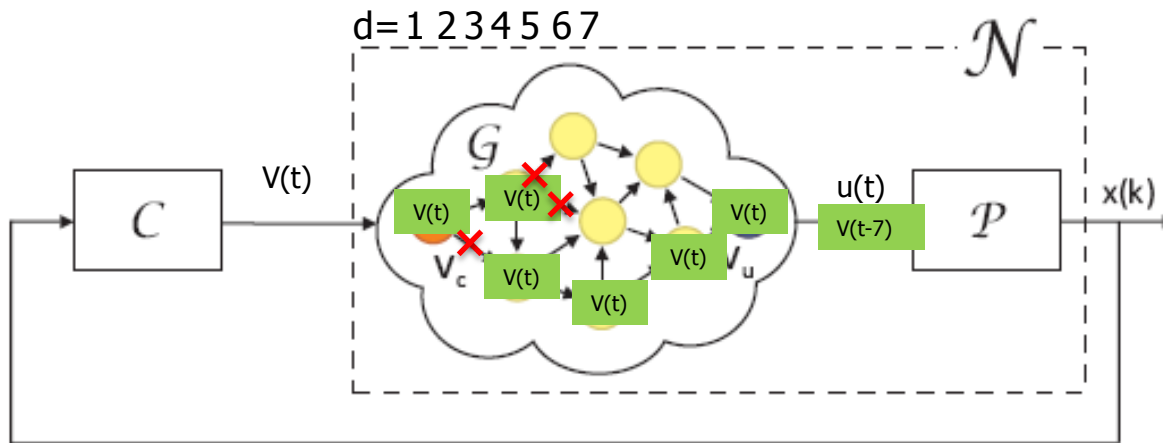


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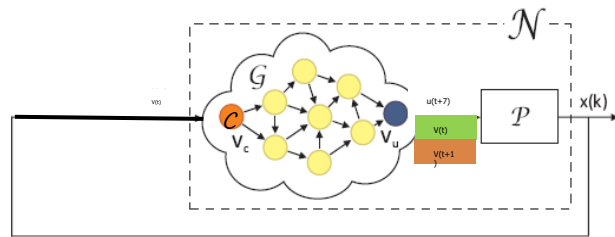
$$x(t + 1) = Ax + B v(t - d_2)$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = (0 \quad 1)^T$$

$$D = \{0, 1\}$$

# LTIs with switched delays stability analysis

Delay dependent controller



$$v(t) = K(d)\tilde{u}(t)$$

$$\tilde{u}(t) =$$

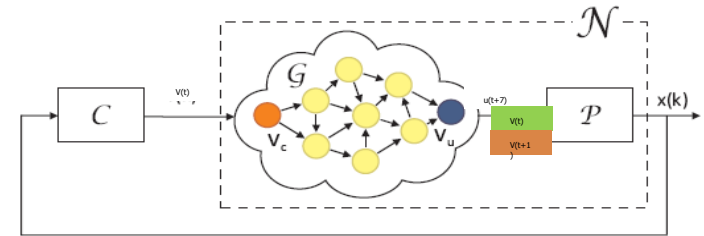
$$(x(t), u_1(t), u_2(t), \dots, u_{d_{max}}(t))$$

$$\Sigma = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A & B & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & I \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ K(d) \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

[Hetel Daafouz Iung 07]

[Weiss et al. 09]

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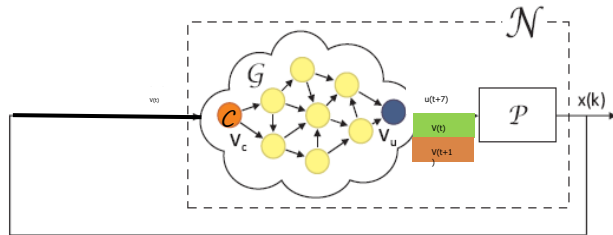
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$$(x(t), v(t - d_{max}), \dots, v(t - 1))$$

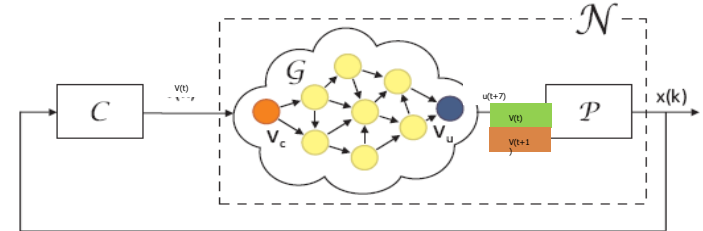
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- Corollary

For both models there is a **PTAS** for the stability question:

for **any required accuracy**, there is a polynomial-time algorithm for checking stability up to this accuracy

Previous sufficient conditions for stability in [Hetel Daafouz Iung 07, Zhang Shi Basin 08]

- However:

**Theorem** the very stability problem is **NP-hard**

**Theorem** the boundedness problem is **even Turing-undecidable!**

# Design of LTIs with switched delays

## The infinite look-ahead case

- Theorem for  $n=m=1$ , there is an **explicit formula** for a linear controller that achieves **deadbeat** stabilization, even if  $N=1$

(based on a generalization of the Ackermann formula for delayed LTI)

$$K^*(d) = (-a^{d+1}/b, -a^d, -a^{d-1}, \dots, -a)$$

- So, does a controllable system **always remain controllable with delays?**
- **No!** when  $n>1$ , nastier things can happen...

Example:

$$x_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^T$$

$$x_1 = A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D = \{0, 1\}, \quad \sigma(t) = t \bmod 2$$

$$x_2 = A^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + Bv(1) + Bv(2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v(1) + v(2) \end{pmatrix}$$

→ The system is not stabilizable, even with infinite lookahead

# Design of LTIs with switched delays

## The infinite look-ahead case

- A sufficient condition for **uncontrollability (informal)**: if A,B can be put in the following form (under similarity transformation):

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & X & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & X \\ X & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} X \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

An **adversary strategy** can make this system uncontrollable:

$$\forall t, t + d(t) \neq 1 \pmod{3}$$

Is it also necessary?

Would be nice, because we can prove ...

- Theorem** There is a **polynomial time algorithm** that decides whether such an adversary strategy is possible

# Design of LTIs with switched delays

## The infinite look-ahead case

- Answer: No! There are more intricate examples

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \sin \theta_1 & -\cos \theta_1 & 0 & 0 \\ \cos \theta_1 & \sin \theta_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sin \theta_2 & -\cos \theta_2 \\ 0 & 0 & \cos \theta_2 & \sin \theta_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D = \{0, 1, \dots, 121\} \quad \theta_1 = \frac{\pi}{120} \quad \theta_2 = \frac{\pi}{60}$$

$$\sigma(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq 2 \\ 121 - t \bmod(121) & \text{if } t \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

# Design of LTIs with switched delays

## The infinite look-ahead case

- **Theorem:** Controllability is decidable (in exponential time)

**Proof** Split the problem into a nilpotent matrix and a regular matrix

$$TAT^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} J_{0,k} & 0 \\ 0 & A' \end{pmatrix}, \quad Tb = \begin{pmatrix} b_0 \\ b' \end{pmatrix}$$

- Lemma: The nilpotent case is completely combinatorial
- Lemma: The regular case can be decided thanks to a finite dimension argument

Algo: try every delay sequence of length smaller than some bound  $L$  and look for a 'loop'

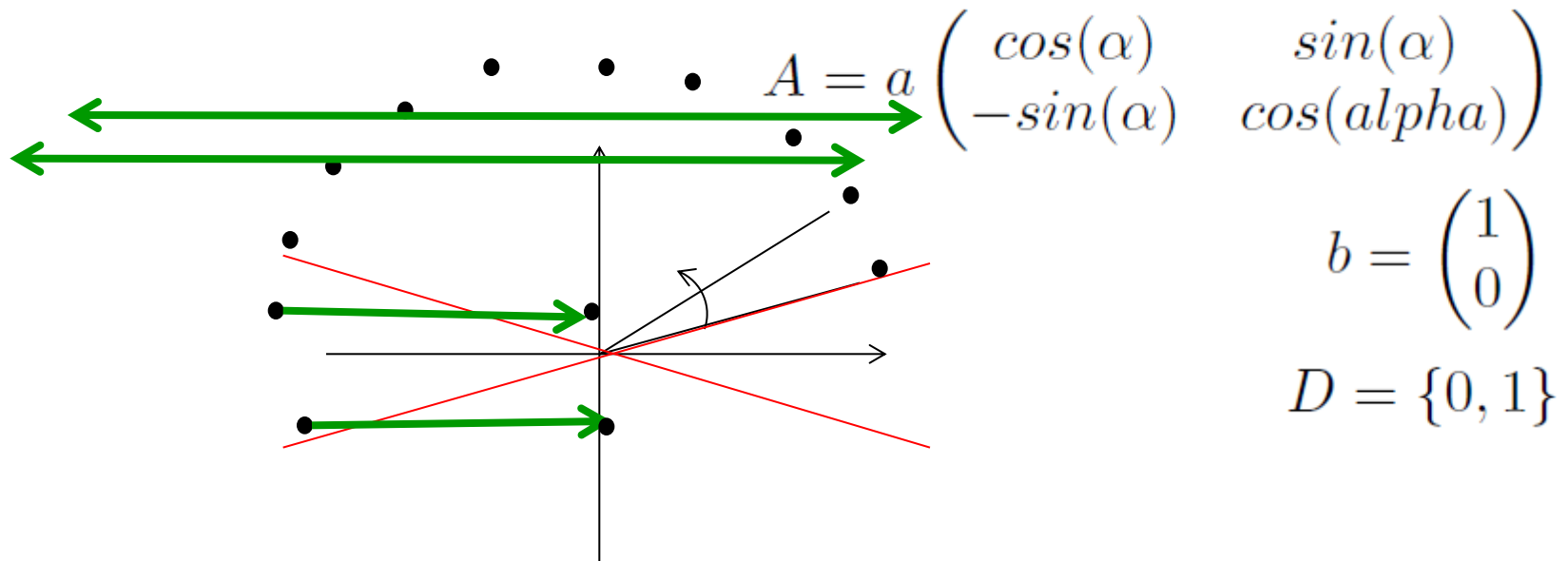
$$L = \begin{pmatrix} n + 2|D| \\ 2|D| \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Corollary:** controllability with infinite look-ahead = controllability with arbitrarily large but finite look-ahead = stabilizability!

# LTIs with switched delays

## Example

**The controller design problem:** a 2D system with two possible delays



- Theorem:** For the above system, there exist values of the parameters such that **no linear controller** can stabilize the system, but a **nonlinear bang-bang controller** does the job. [J. D’Innocenzo Di Benedetto 2014]

*In the delay independent case, a **linear controller** is **not always sufficient***



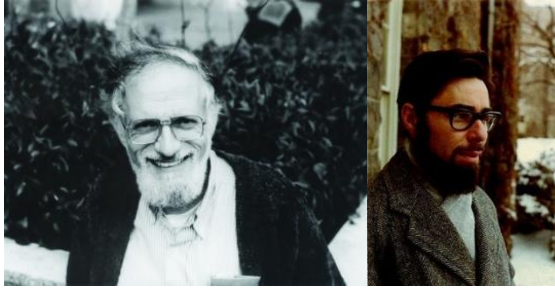
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# A few words about...

- Bisimulation
  - Link with Oliver's talk
  - Could Koopman eigenfunctions help to mesh?
  - Could path-complete methods help?
- Continuous time switching systems

# Conclusion: a perspective on switching systems



[Furstenberg Kesten, 1960]



[Gurvits, 1995]



[Kozyakin, 1990]



(sensor) networks

Wireless control

Bisimulation design

consensus problems

Social/big data control

...



[Rota, Strang, 1960]



[Blondel Tsitsiklis, 98+]



**60s 70s**

**90s**

**2000s**

**now**

**Mathematical properties**

**TCS inspired  
Negative Complexity results**

**Lyapunov/LMI Techniques  
(S-procedure)**

**CPS applic.  
Ad hoc techniques**

# Thanks!

# Questions?

## Ads

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