

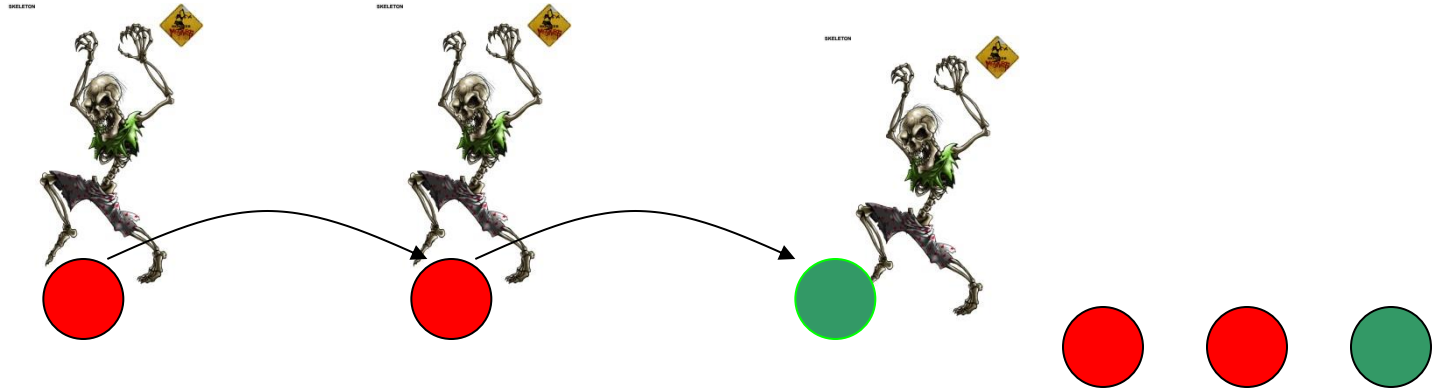
# Joint spectral characteristics

A tale of three disciplines

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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

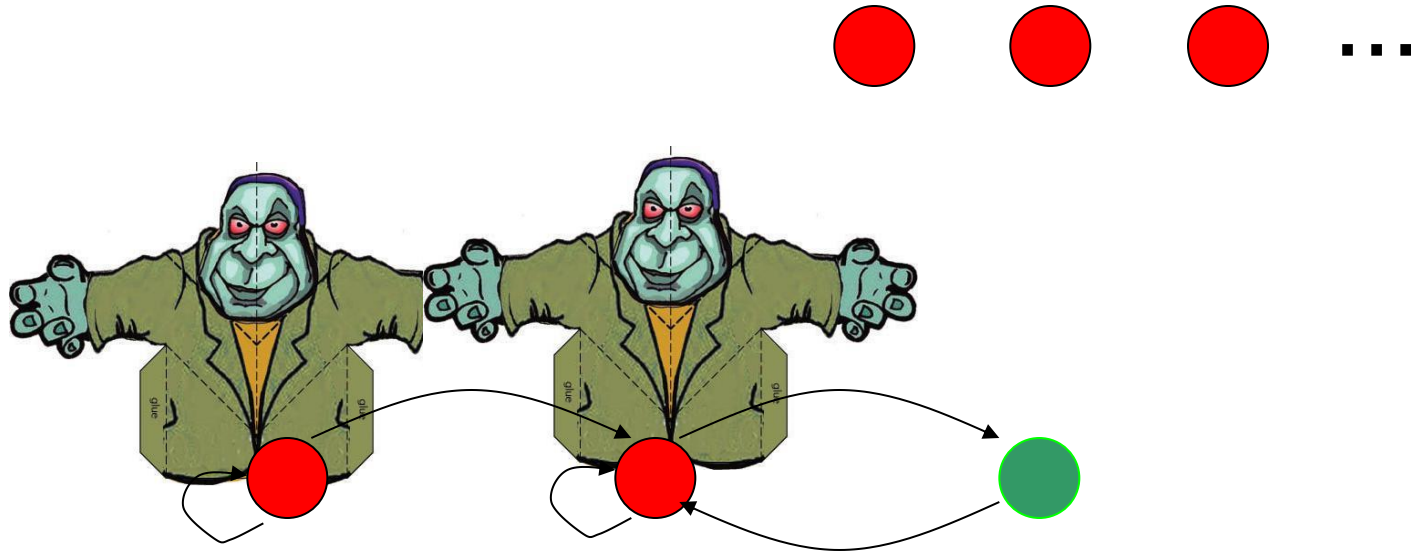
[Crespi et al. 05]

Here: number of possibilities asymptotically **zero**

$$N(t) \approx 0$$

→ Trackable

# Trackable graphs



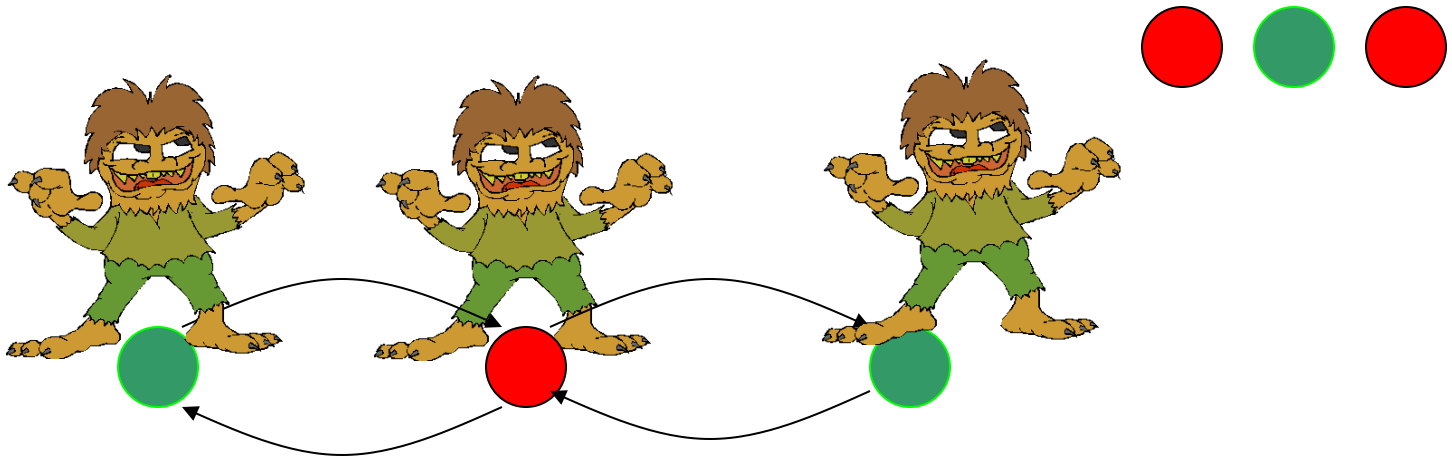
Worst case : RRRRRR... →

$$N(t) \approx t$$

Polynomial number of possibilities

→ Trackable

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Worst case : RGRGRG...→

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

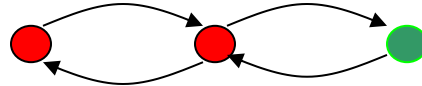
Exponential number of possibilities

→ Not trackable

# Trackability : the formal problem

We are given

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

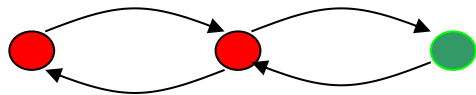


$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- 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  $A$  :

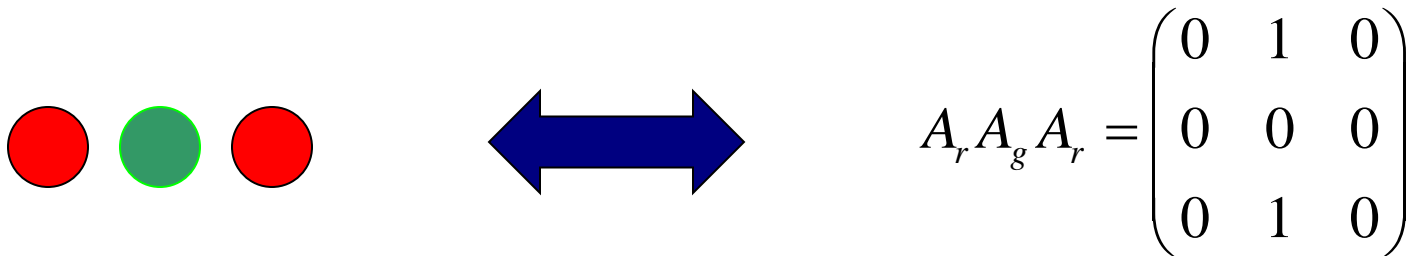
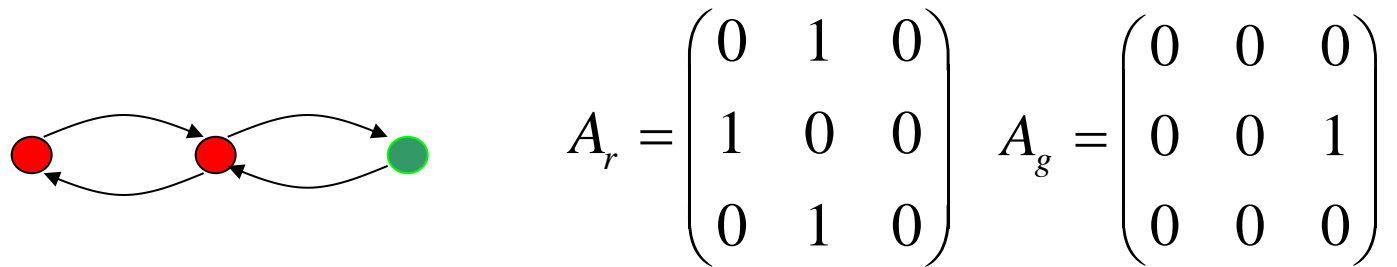


$$A_r = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

# 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

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# Switching systems

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

**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?

# Switching systems

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

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?



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  $\Sigma = \{A_0, A_1\}$  is given by

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

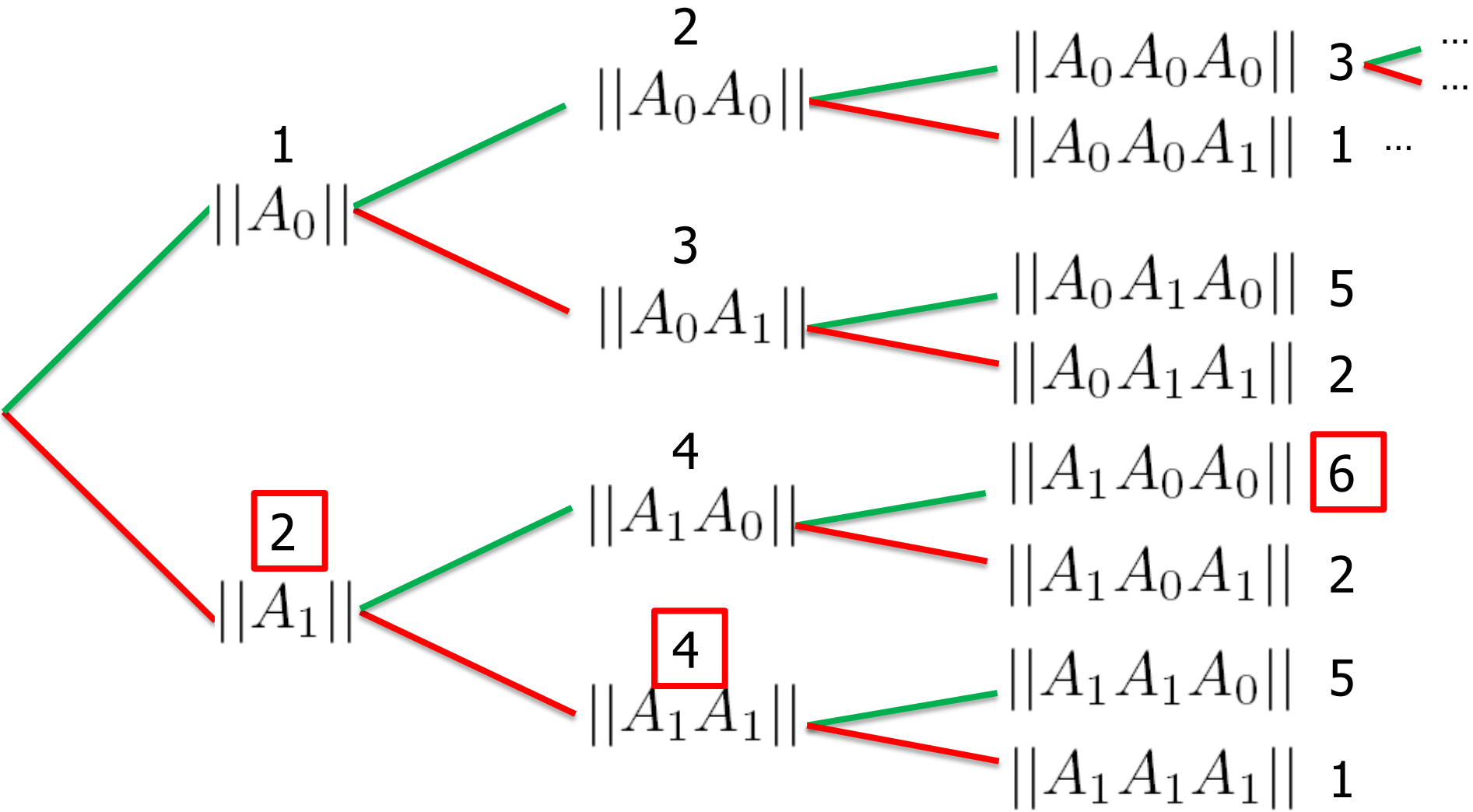
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# The joint spectral characteristics

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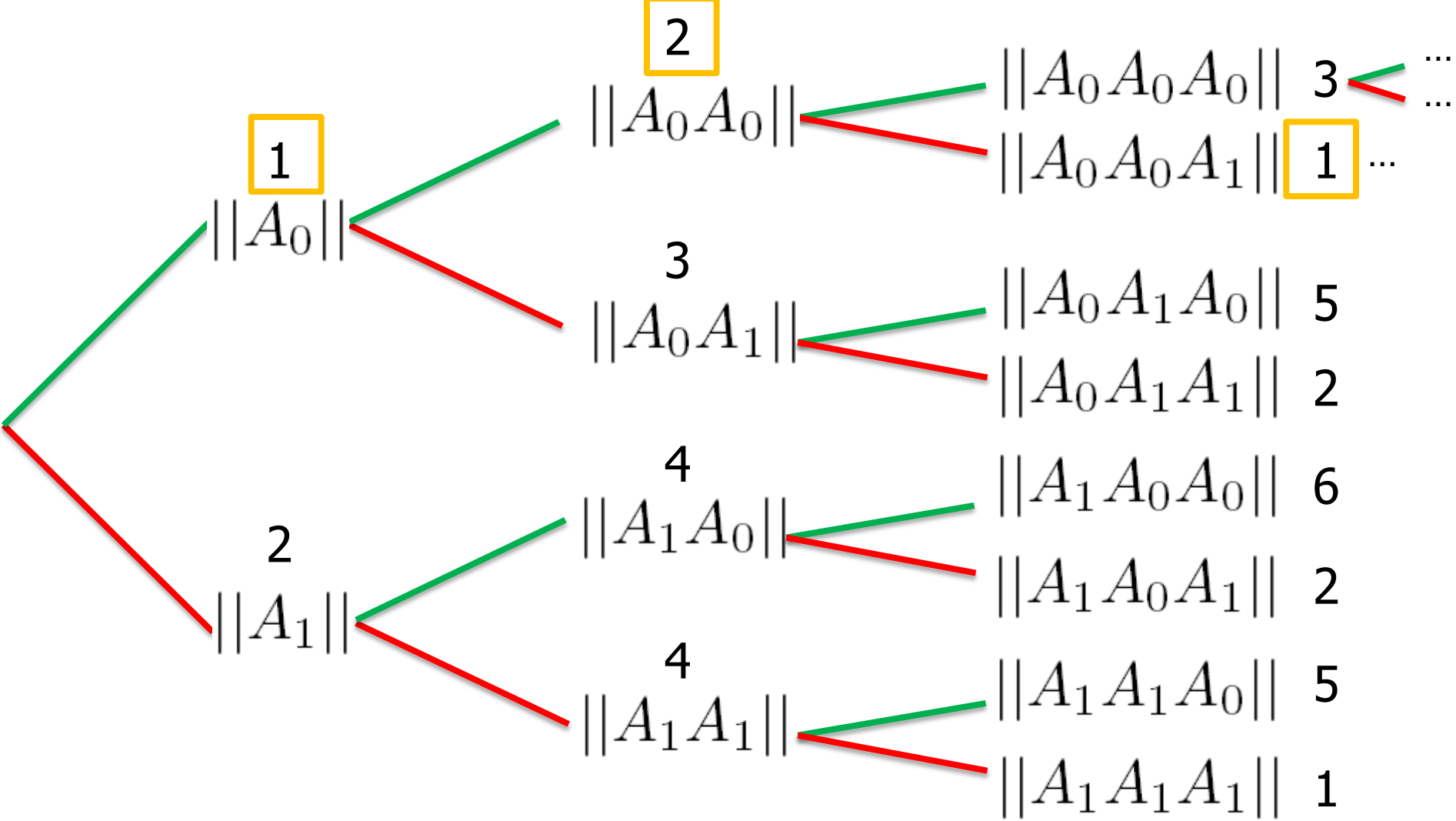
The joint spectral radius



# The joint spectral characteristics

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

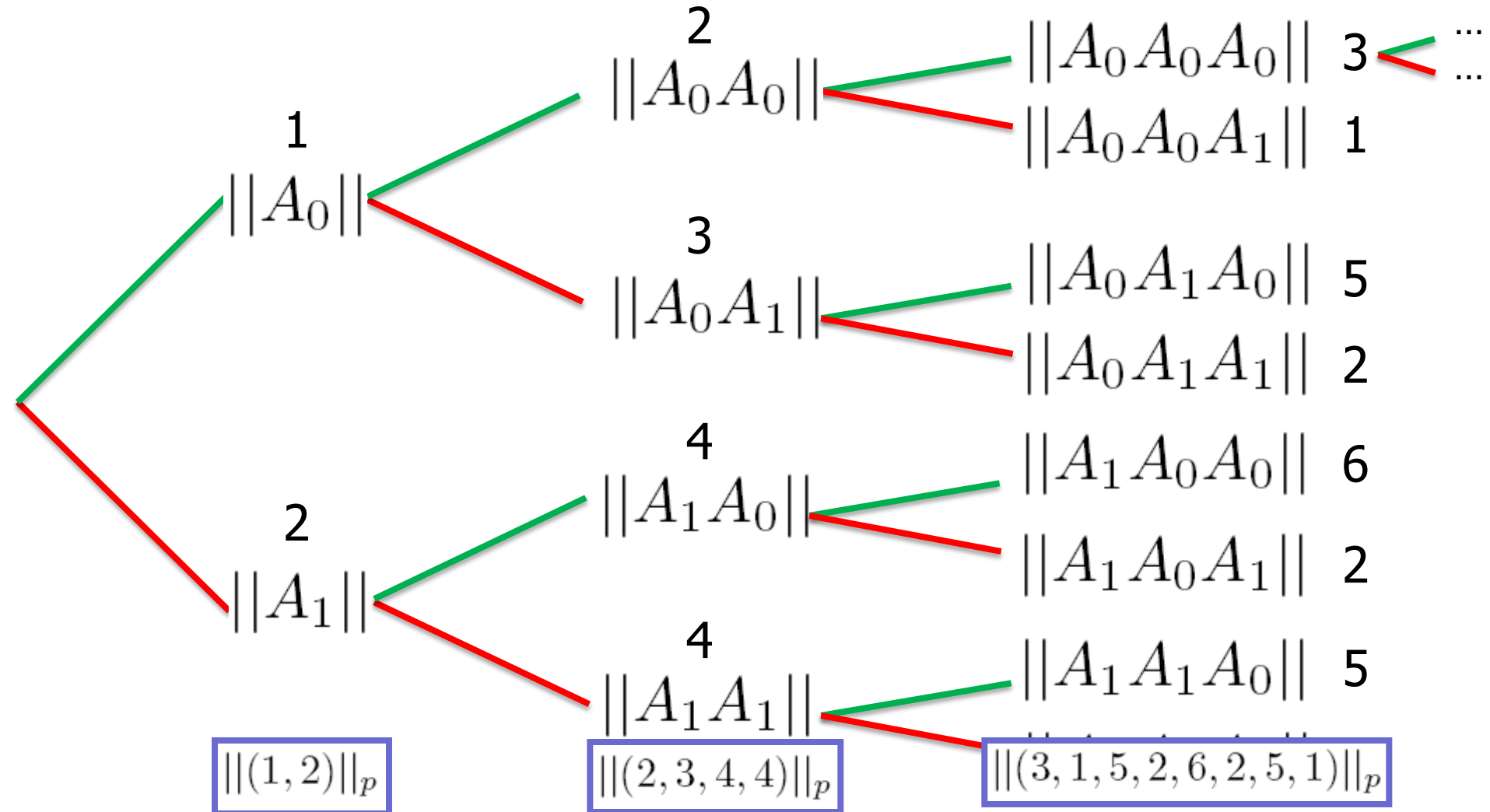
The joint spectral  
subradius



# The joint spectral characteristics

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

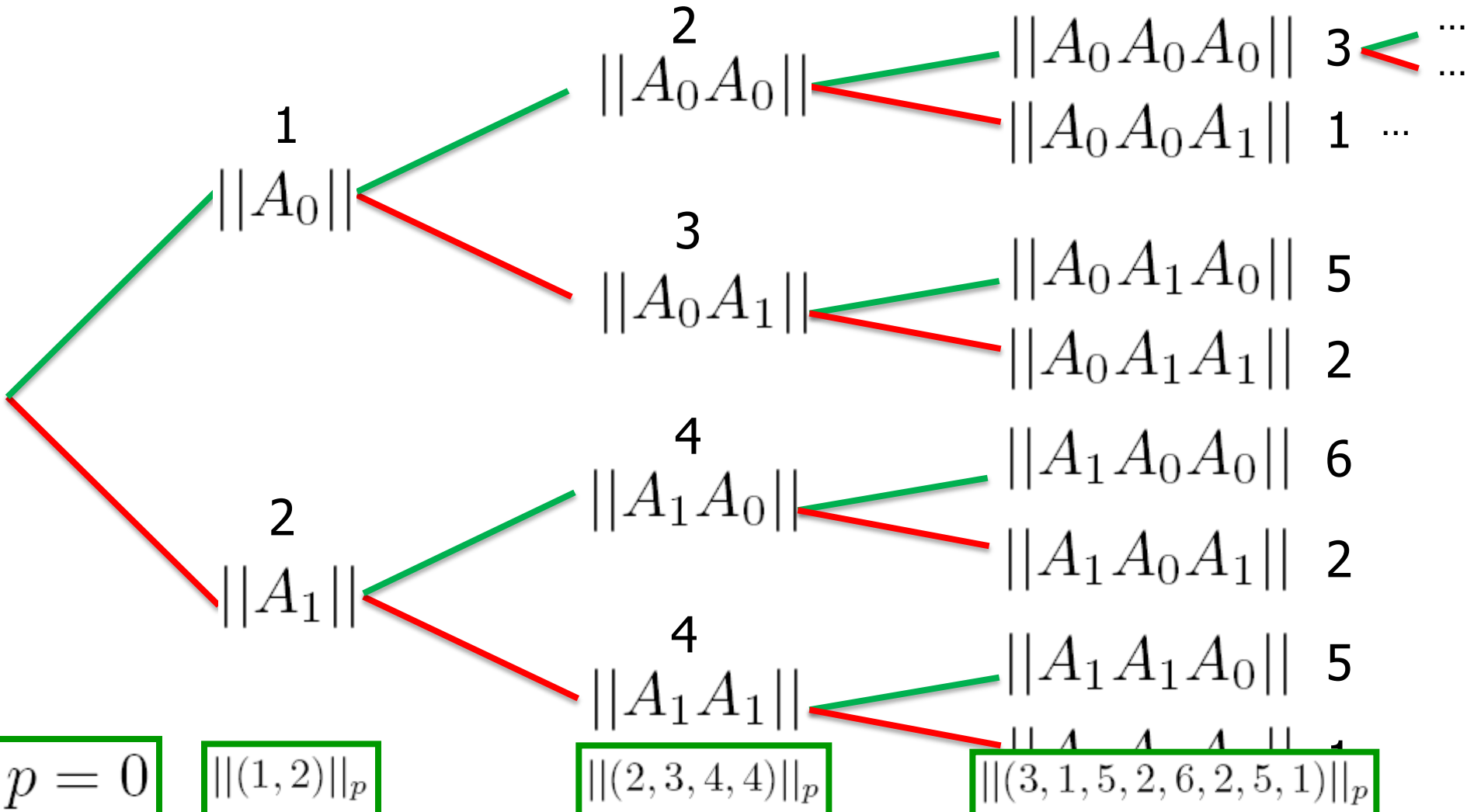
The p-radius



# The joint spectral characteristics

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

The Lyapunov Exponent



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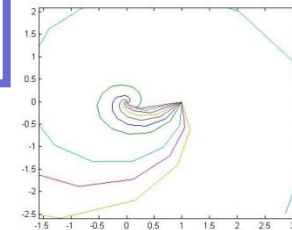
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$$\check{\rho}(\Sigma) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \min_{A_i \in \Sigma} \|A_1 A_2 \dots A_t\| \right]^{1/t}$$

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

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

The p-radius 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 answers the **stability with probability one** (Cfr. Oseledets Theorem)

# The joint spectral characteristics: Mission Impossible?



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

**Theorem** The problem  $\rho \leq 1$  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  $p$ -radius is NP-hard to approximate

See

[Blondel Tsitsiklis 97,  
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J. Protasov 09]



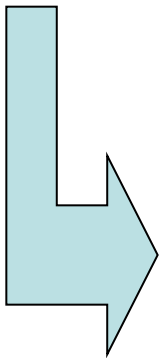
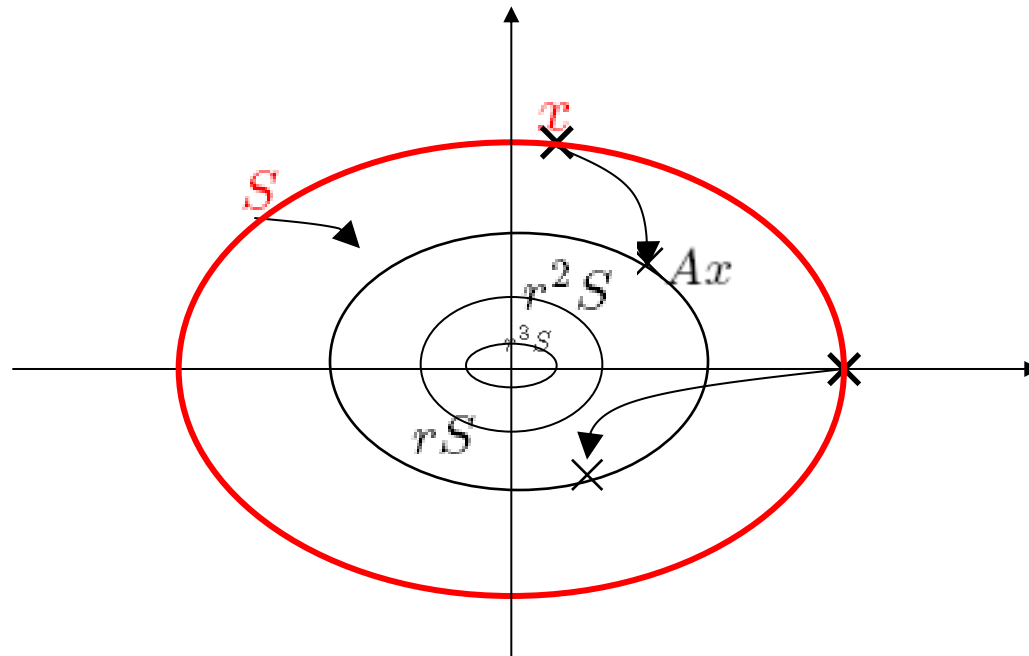
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# LMI methods

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

- Idea: look for a vector norm such that  $\forall A \in \Sigma, \forall x : |x| \leq 1, |Ax| \leq r$



Boundedness (and  $\rho \leq r$ )

# SDP methods

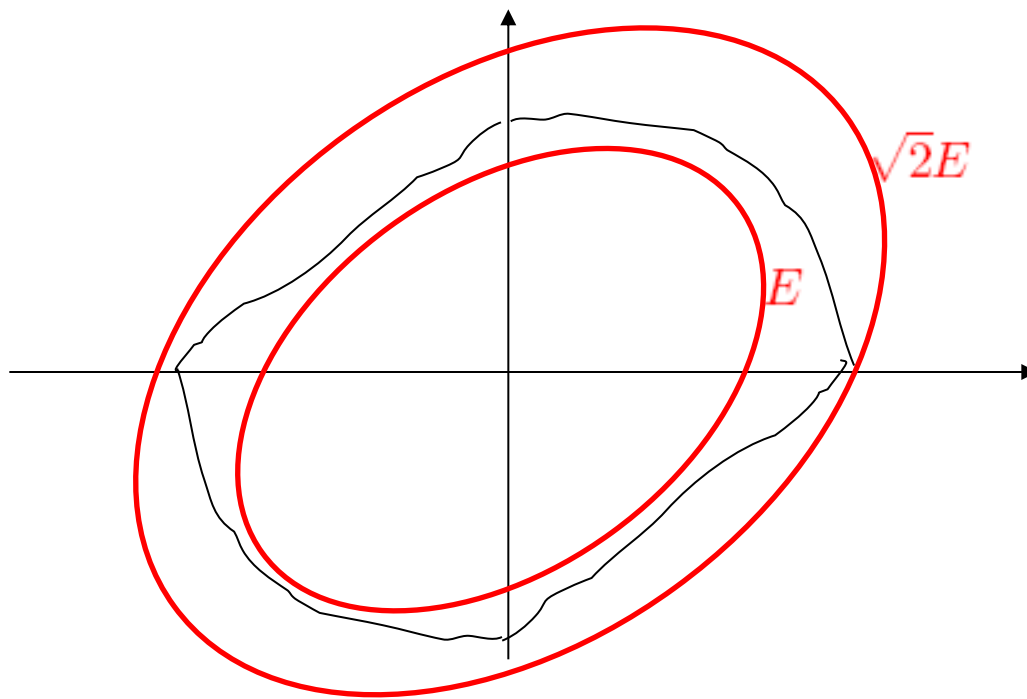
- **Theorem** For all  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a norm such that

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

- **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]

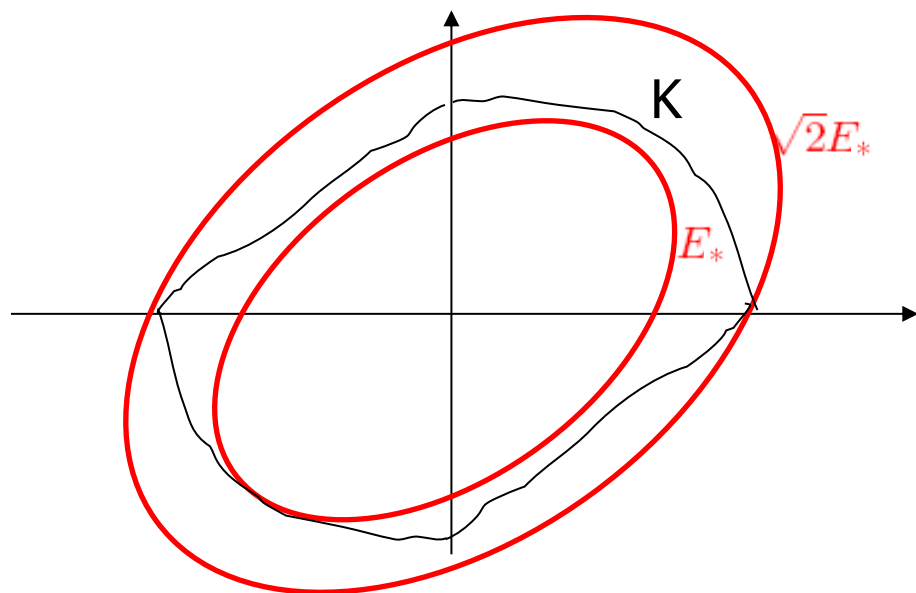
- So we can approximate the unit ball of an extremal norm with an ellipsoid



# SDP methods

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

$$\rho \leq \max \|A\|_{E_*} \leq \sqrt{n}\rho$$
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\rho^* \leq \rho \leq \rho^*$$



- **Theorem** The best ellipsoidal norm of a set of  $m$  (nonnegative) matrices also approximates the joint spectral radius up to a factor  $\sqrt{m}$

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

[Blondel Nesterov 05]

# LMI methods

- **Problem** How to compute the best ellipsoidal norm?

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

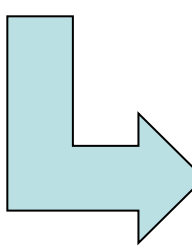
$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{|Ax|_P}{|x|_P} \leq r$$

- This is « just » a **sufficient condition for stability**
- Computable in **polynomial time** (interior point methods)
- The « CQLF method » (see [Mason Shorten 04]...)

# LMI methods

- Other methods using LMIs have been proposed
  - Based on **symmetric algebras** [Blondel Nesterov 05]
  - Based on **sum of squares** [Parrilo Jadbabaie 08]
- All these methods can be seen as trying to **approximate the best norm** with more and more complex curves

...Or, the symmetric algebras (the SOS) allow for **lifting** the matrices in a **higher-dimensional (but more gentle) space**



There exist **algorithms** that approximate the joint spectral radius of arbitrary sets of  $n$  by  $n$  matrices up to an arbitrary accuracy  $\epsilon$  in  $O(n^{k\frac{1}{\epsilon}})$  operations

# Yet another LMI method

- A strange semidefinite program

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



$$\rho \leq r$$

[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:

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



$$\rho \leq r$$

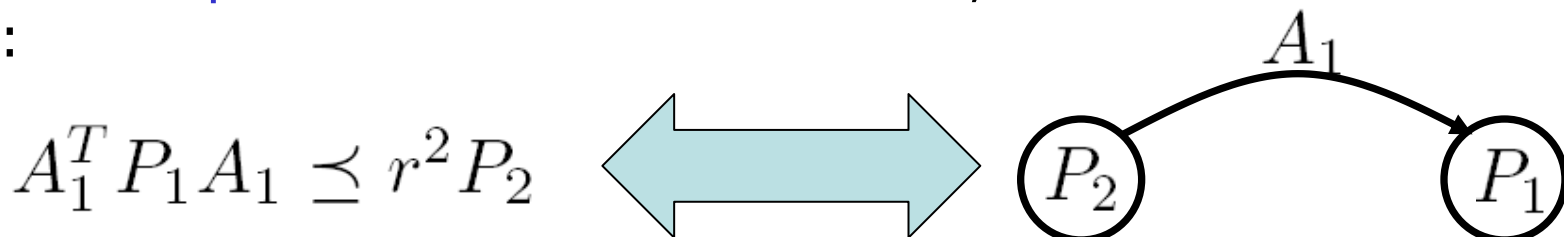


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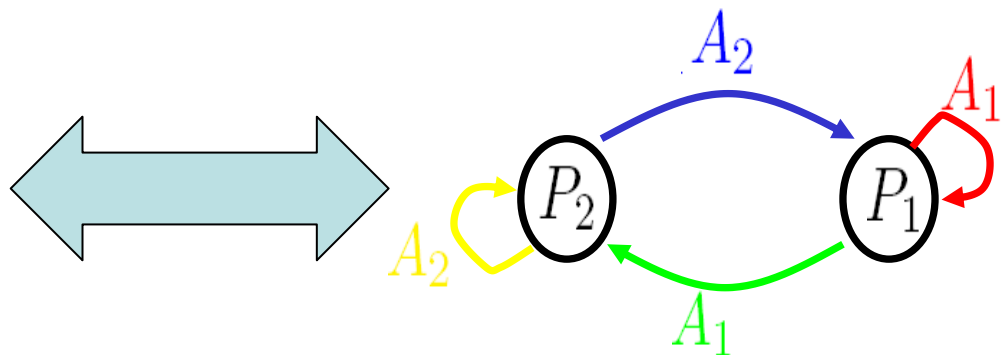
- Questions:
  - Can we **characterize all the LMIs** that work, in a unified framework?
  - Which LMIs are **better than others**?
  - **How to prove** that an LMI works?
  - Can we provide **converse Lyapunov theorems** for more methods?

# From an LMI to an automaton

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



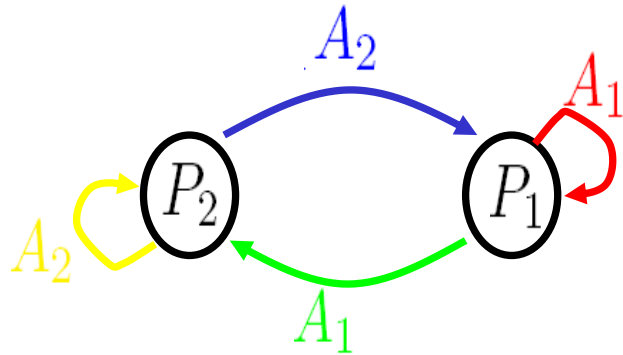
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- Definition** A labeled graph (with label set  $A$ ) is **path-complete** if for any word on the alphabet  $A$ , there exists a path in the graph that generates the corresponding word.
- Theorem** If  $G$  is path-complete, the corresponding semidefinite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

# 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



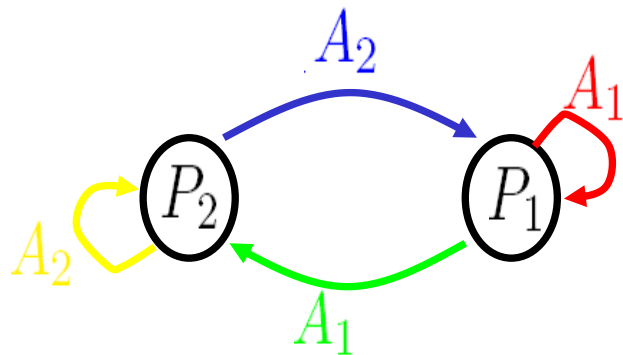
Sufficient condition  
for stability

If  $G$  is path-complete, the corresponding semidefinite program is a sufficient condition for stability.

- 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 Every non path-complete set of equations is not a sufficient condition for stability. [J. Ahmadi Parrilo Roozbehani 12]



$$\begin{array}{ll}
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 \end{array}$$

Path complete



Sufficient condition  
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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

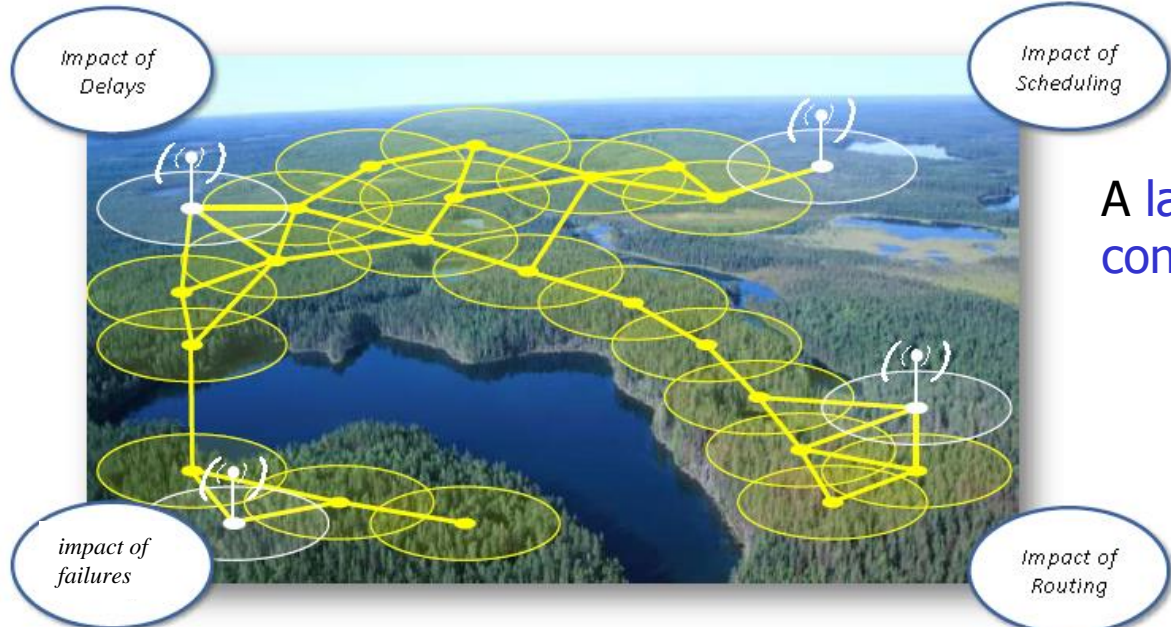
# What about the other quantities?

	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	✓	?	

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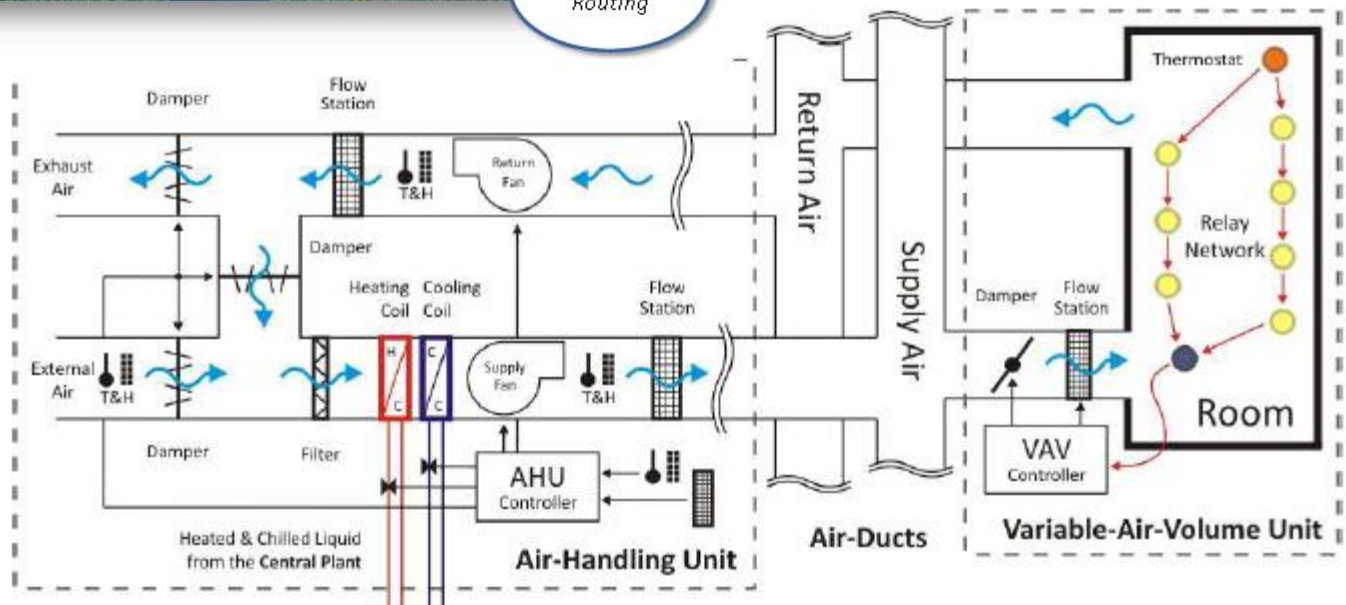
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# multihop control networks

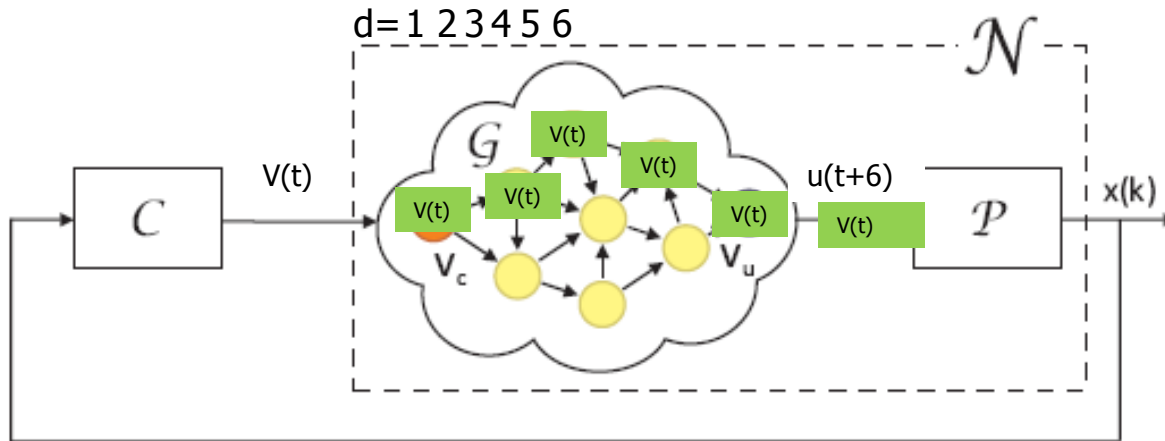


A large scale decentralized control network

- A green building**  
[Ramanathan Rosales-Hain 00]  
[alur D'Innocenzo Johansson Pappas Weiss 10]  
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[J. D'Innocenzo Di Benedetto 12]



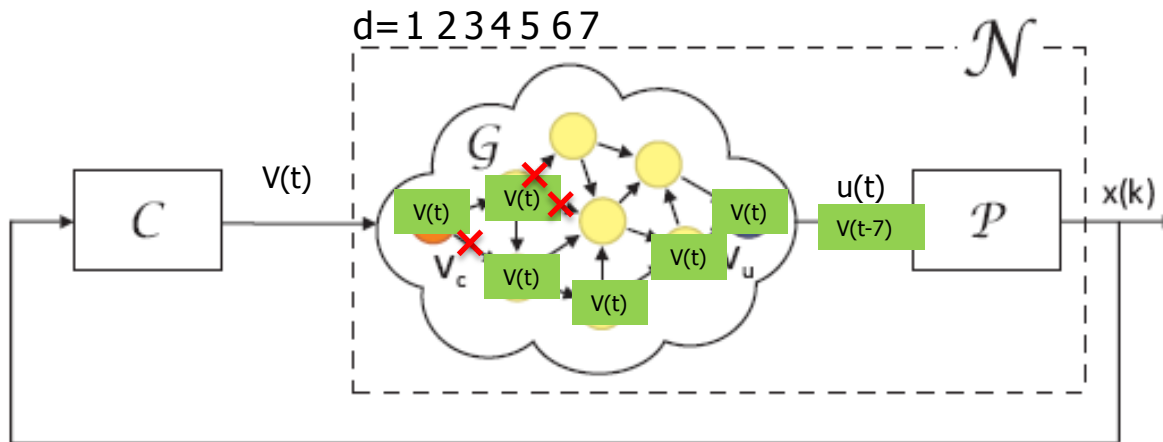
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$$x(t + 1) = Ax + Bu(t - d_2)$$

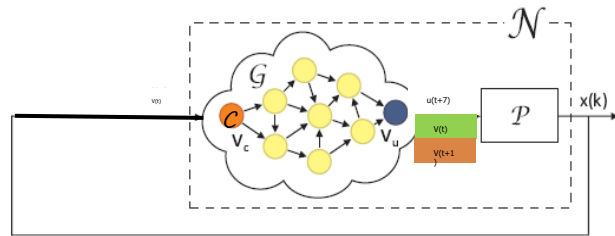
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = (0 \quad 1)^T$$

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

# LTIs with switched delays

## The linear controller

Delay dependent controller

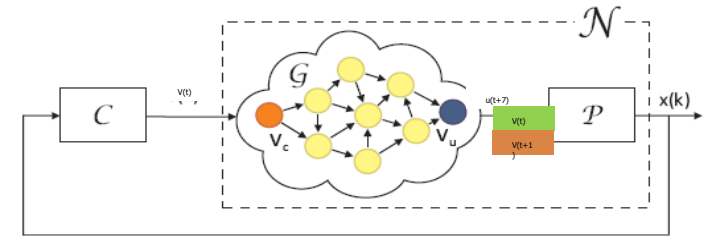


$$v(t) = K(d)\tilde{u}(t)$$

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

Delay independent controller



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

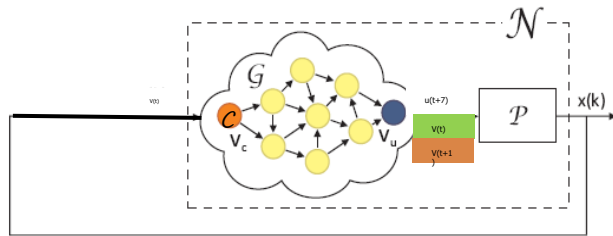
$$x(t+1) = Ax(t) + Bu(v(t - d_{max} : t), \sigma(t - d_{max} : t))$$

$$u_d(t) = \sum_{t' < t : t' + \sigma(t') = t + d} v(t')$$

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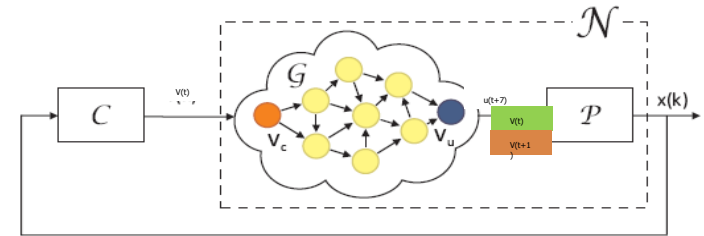
$$\tilde{u}(t) =$$

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

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

[Hetel Daafouz Iung 07]  
[Weiss et al. 09]

Delay independent controller



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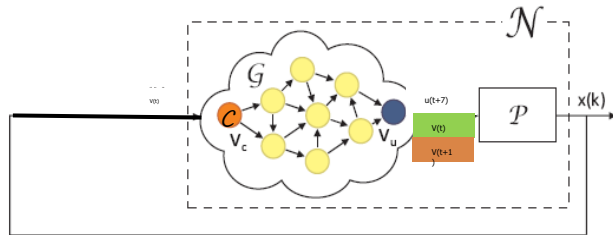
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$$\Sigma = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 & \boxed{B} & \dots & \boxed{B} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 & 0 \\ K_0 & K_1 & K_2 & \dots & K_{d_{max}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

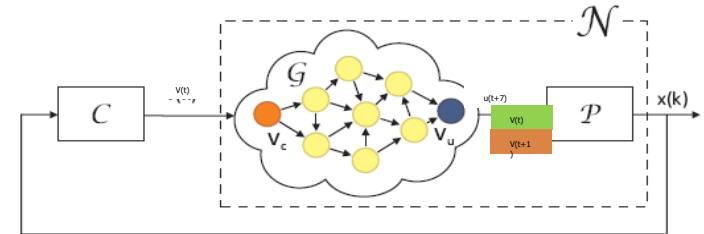
[J. D'Innocenzo Di Benedetto 12]

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Delay dependent controller



Delay independent controller



- 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**

[J. D'Innocenzo Di Benedetto 12]

- Open questions

What about the **stabilizability**?

What about the **stability with probability one**? (sufficient conditions in, e.g.

[Weiss et 09])

# Design of LTIs with switched delays

## Delay dependent controller:

- **Theorem** for  $n=m=1$ , there is an explicit formula for a controller that achieves finite time stabilization.  
(based on a generalization of the Ackermann formula for delayed LTI)

- **Example**

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

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

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

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

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

→ uncontrollable

# Design of LTIs with switched delays

## the delay-independent case

- Example:  $n=m=1$ ,  $D=\{0,1\}$ : find  $k_1, k_2$  such that

$$x(t+1) = ax(t) + (1 - \sigma(t)) (k_1 x(t) + k_2 x(t-1)) \\ + \sigma(t-1) (k_1 x(t-1) + k_2 x(t-2))$$

is stable, whatever switching signal  $\sigma(t)$  occurs?

- $a > 3$ : impossible
- $a = 2$ : possible, but one needs memory
- $a = 1.1$ : possible with  $k_2 = 0$
- $a < 1$ : no need for a controller!

→ Question: how to algorithmically decide if stabilization is possible, even in this simplest case?

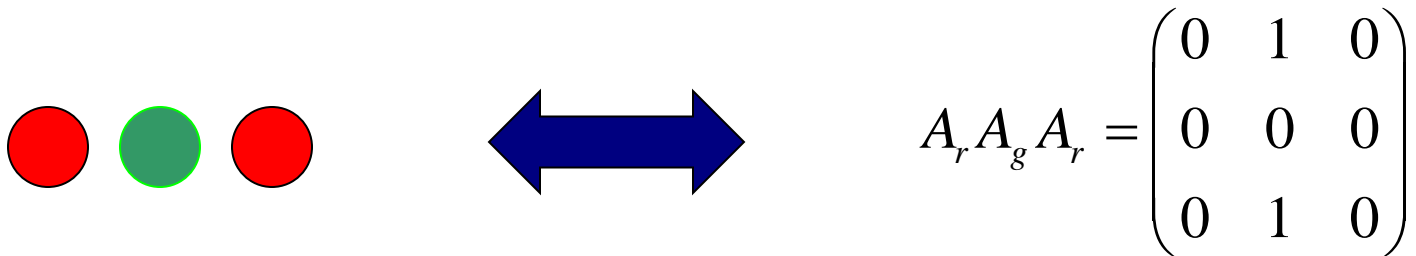
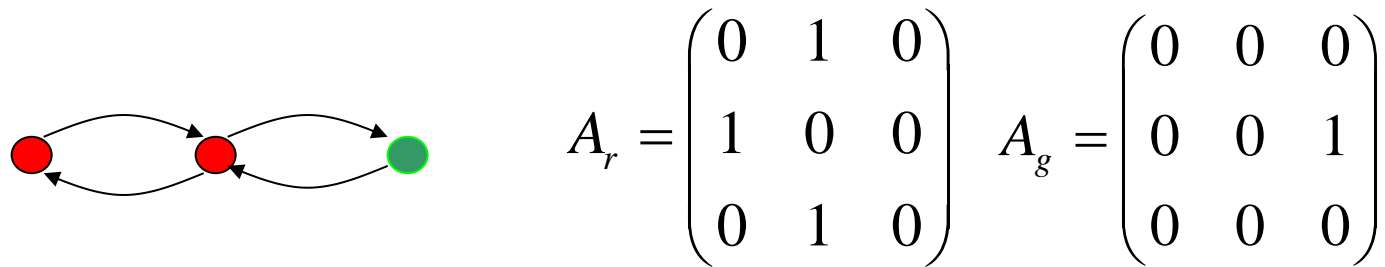
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# Trackable graphs

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]

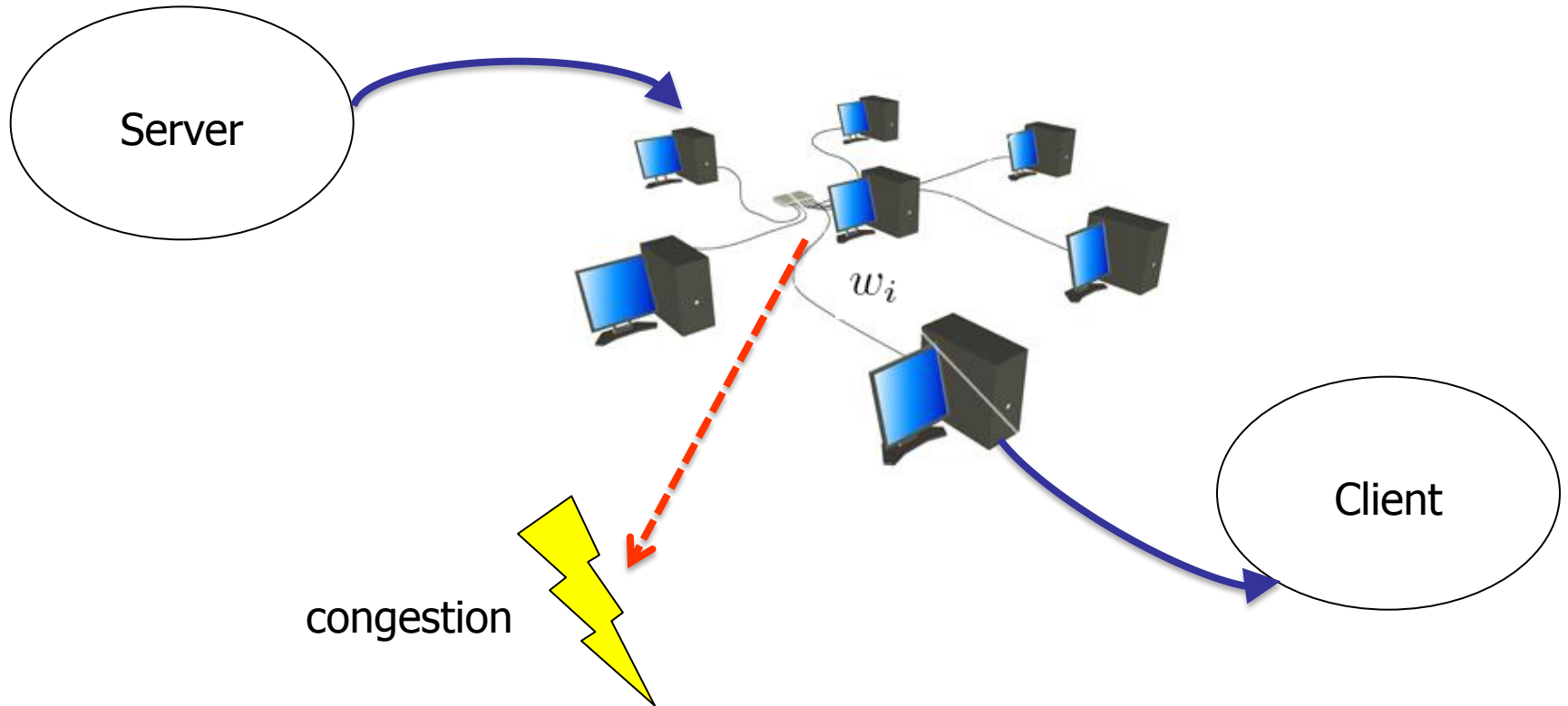
**Theorem** It is possible to check trackability in polynomial time

[J. Protasov Blondel 08]

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# TCP Congestion control

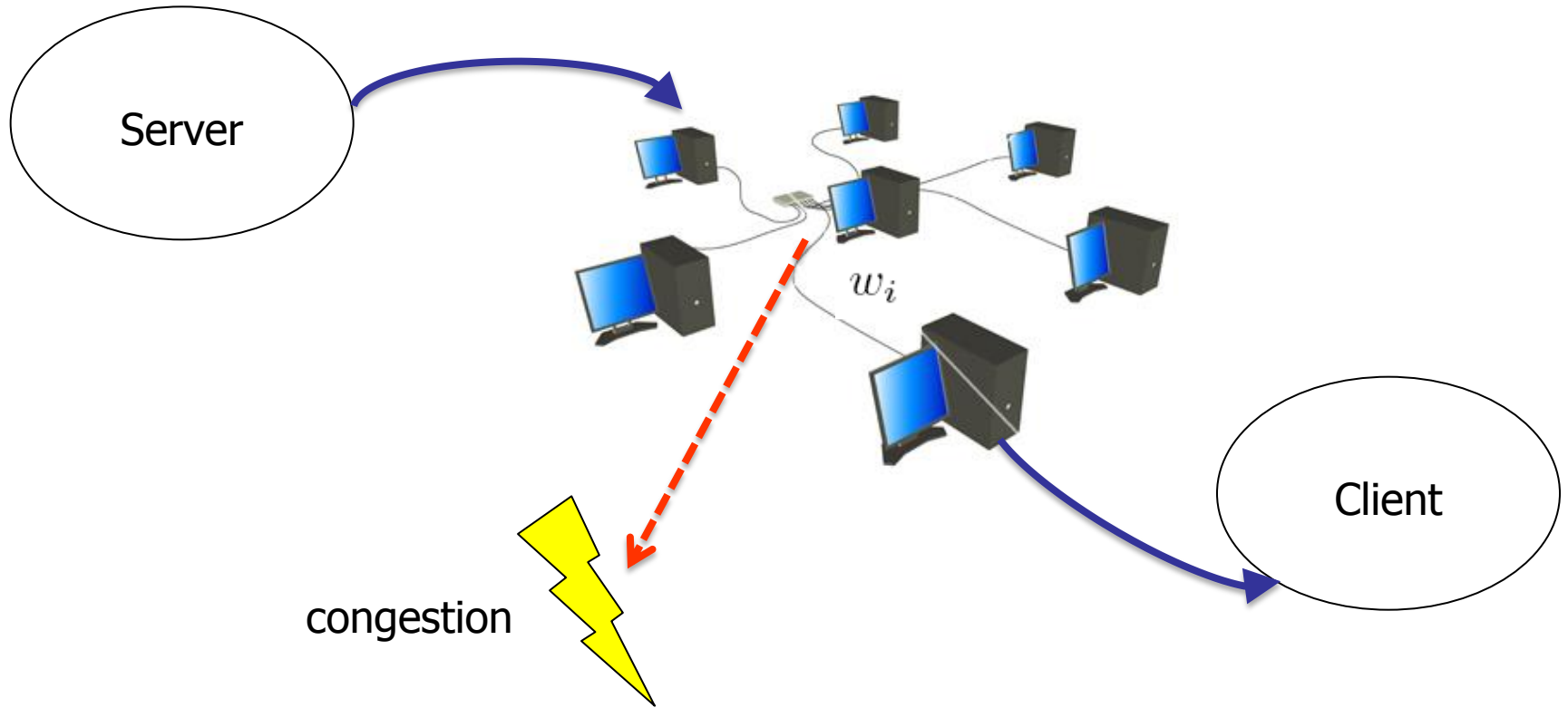


**Congestion avoidance strategy:** the **AIMD algorithm**  
(Additive Increase Multiplicative Decrease)

If the node  $i$  does not see congestion  $w_i(t + 1) = w_i(t) + \alpha$  **AI**

If the node  $i$  sees congestion  $w_i(t + 1) = \beta w_i(t), \beta < 1$  **MD**

# TCP Congestion control



**Congestion avoidance strategy:** the **AIMD algorithm**  
(Additive Increase Multiplicative Decrease)

This is a **switching system!**

[Scholte, Berman, Shorten 12 ]

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# Applications



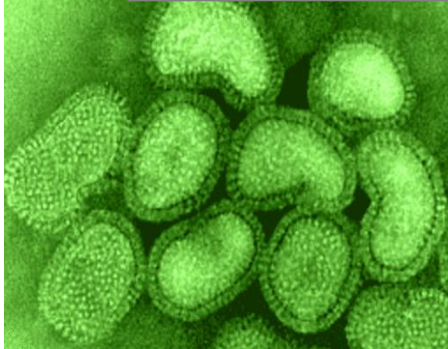
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# Conclusion and perspectives

- Many open questions and Conjectures:

- For computer scientists:

Is ' $\rho < 1$ ' decidable? [Blondel Megretski 05]

Write protocols for optimal control of computer networks

- For mathematicians:

The finiteness conjecture

- For control theorists: [Lagarias, Wang 95], [Bousch Mairesse 02] [J. Blondel 08]

What are the **best control schemes** for LTIs with switched delays?

How to **design** switching systems? [Lee Dullerud 06, Hetel Daafouz Iung 07, Zhang Shi Basin 08] [J. D'Innocenzo Di Benedetto 12]

- **Meta-conclusion:** many hybrid systems boil down to the study of **switching systems and matrix semigroups**, for which **nice mathematical tools exist**

# Thanks!

# Questions?

## Ads

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