

Stability of difference equations and applications to wave propagation on networks

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- Applications to transport and wave propagation.
- Generalization of simpler cases: $N = 1$, autonomous.

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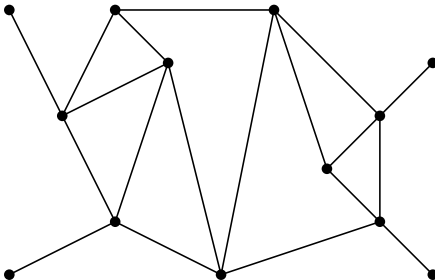
Method of characteristics: for $t \geq \max_i L_i$,

$$u_i(t, 0) = \sum_{j=1}^N m_{ij}(t) u_j(t, L_j) = \sum_{j=1}^N m_{ij}(t) e^{-\int_0^{L_j} \alpha_j(t-s, L_j-s) ds} u_j(t - L_j, 0).$$

Set $v(t) = (u_i(t, 0))_{i \in \llbracket 1, N \rrbracket}$. Then v satisfies a difference equation.

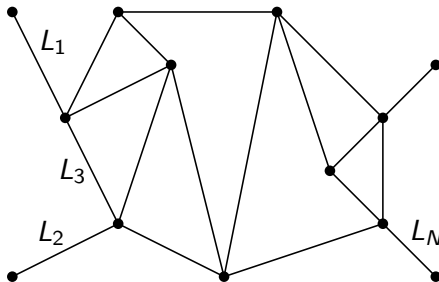
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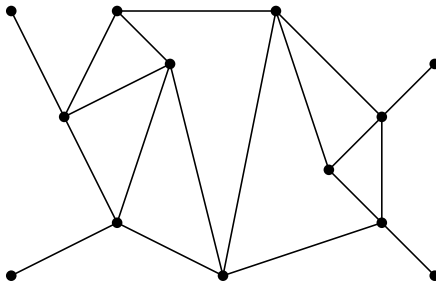
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+ conditions on vertices.

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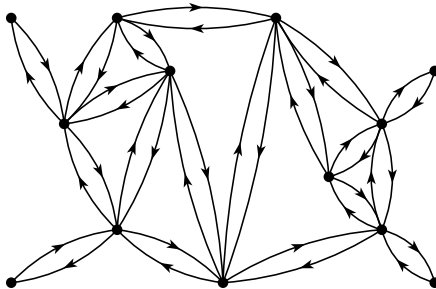
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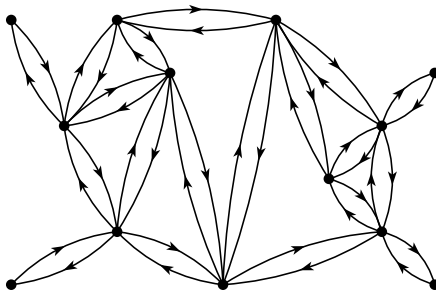
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Uniform exponential stability

$$\iff \rho_J(\mathfrak{B}) < 1$$

$$\rho_J(\mathfrak{B}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sup_{A_1, \dots, A_n \in \mathfrak{B}} |A_1 A_2 \cdots A_n|^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

(cf. [Jungers, 2009])

Introduction

Motivation: autonomous [Cruz, Hale, 1970], [Henry, 1974], [Michiels et al., 2009]

$$\Sigma_{\delta}^{\text{aut}}(L, A) : \quad u(t) = \sum_{j=1}^N A_j u(t - L_j), \quad t \geq 0$$

- Stability for rationally independent L_1, \dots, L_N characterized by $\rho_{\text{HS}}(A) = \max_{(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N) \in [0, 2\pi]^N} \rho \left(\sum_{j=1}^N A_j e^{i\theta_j} \right)$.

Theorem (Hale, 1975; Silkowski, 1976)

The following are equivalent:

- $\rho_{\text{HS}}(A) < 1$;
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Main result and applications

Main result

$$\Sigma_\delta(L, A) : \quad u(t) = \sum_{j=1}^N A_j(t)u(t - L_j), \quad t \geq 0$$

- $X_p^\delta = L^p([-L_{\max}, 0], \mathbb{C}^d)$, $p \in [1, +\infty]$.
- **Exponential stability** of $\Sigma_\delta(L, A)$ **uniformly** with respect to a given set \mathcal{A} of functions $A : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_d(\mathbb{C})^N$.
- $\Sigma_\delta(L, \mathcal{A})$: family of systems $\Sigma_\delta(L, A)$ for $A \in \mathcal{A}$.
- RI: set of all $L = (L_1, \dots, L_N) \in (0, +\infty)^N$ with rationally independent components.

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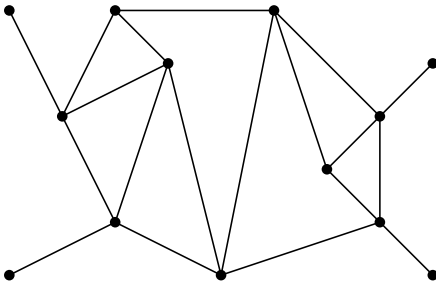
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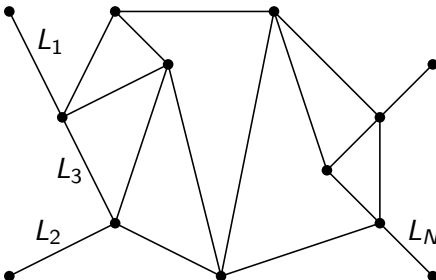
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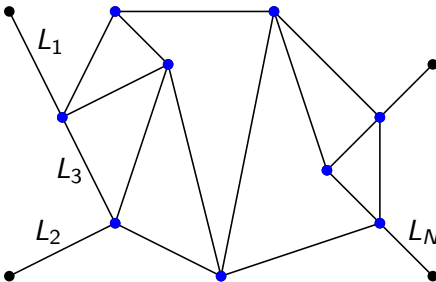
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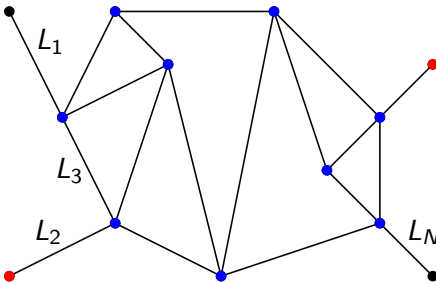
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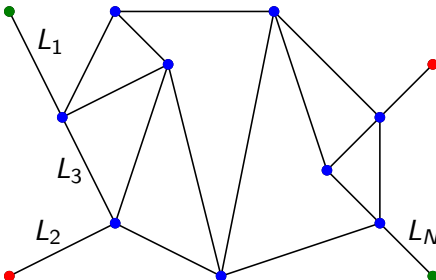
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- System: $\Sigma_\omega(\mathcal{G}, L, \mathcal{D})$, where $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{V})$, $(\eta_q)_{q \in \mathcal{V}_d} \in \mathcal{D}$.
- $((u_i)_{i \in \mathcal{E}}, (\partial_t u_i)_{i \in \mathcal{E}}) \in X_p^\omega = W_0^{1,p}(\mathcal{G}, L) \times L^p(\mathcal{G}, L)$, where $W_0^{1,p}(\mathcal{G}, L)$: $W^{1,p}$ on each edge, continuous at all vertices, equal to 0 on $q \in \mathcal{V}_u$.

Theorem

Suppose that $\mathcal{D} = L^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathfrak{D})$ for some $\mathfrak{D} \subset \mathbb{R}_+^d$, $d = \#\mathcal{V}_d$. The following statements are equivalent:

- $\Sigma_\omega(\mathcal{G}, L, \mathcal{D})$ is exponentially stable in X_p^ω for some $p \in [1, +\infty]$ and $L \in \mathbb{R}$;
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\Leftarrow : classical methods (see e.g. [Dáger, Zuazua, 2006]). One has that, for every $t, s \geq 0$,

$$\|u(t+s)\|_{X_2^\omega}^2 = \|u(t)\|_{X_2^\omega}^2 - \sum_{q \in \mathcal{V}_d} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{E}_q} \int_t^{t+s} 2\eta_q(\tau) \left| \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x}(\tau, 0) \right|^2 d\tau$$

and, since $\eta_q(\tau) \geq \eta_{\min}$, it suffices to show that $\exists c, \ell > 0$ s.t.

$$\sum_{q \in \mathcal{V}_d} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{E}_q} \int_t^{t+\ell} \left| \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x}(\tau, 0) \right|^2 d\tau \geq c \|u(t)\|_{X_2^\omega}^2.$$

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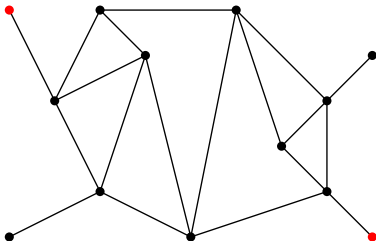
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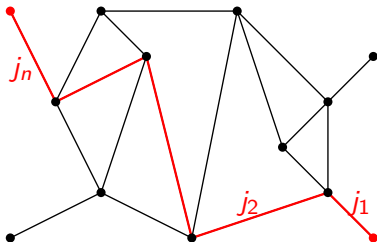


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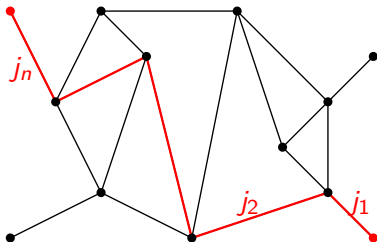
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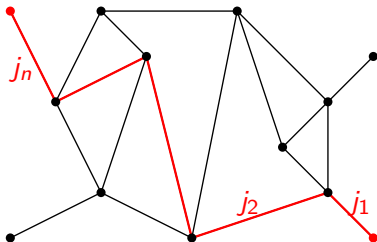
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Exponential type

\mathcal{A} : set of uniformly locally bounded functions taking values in $\mathcal{M}_d(\mathbb{C})^N$.

Definition

$\Sigma_\delta(L, \mathcal{A})$ is of:

- **exponential type γ** in X_p^δ if $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists K > 0$ s.t. $\forall A \in \mathcal{A}$, $\forall u_0 \in X_p^\delta$, the solution u satisfies $\|u_t\|_{X_p^\delta} \leq Ke^{(\gamma+\varepsilon)t} \|u_0\|_{X_p^\delta}$;
- **Θ -exponential type γ** if $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists K > 0$ s.t. $\forall A \in \mathcal{A}$, $\forall \mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{N}^N$, a.e. $t \in (L \cdot \mathbf{n} - L_{\max}, L \cdot \mathbf{n})$, one has $|\Theta_{\mathbf{n},t}^{L,A}| \leq Ke^{(\gamma+\varepsilon)t}$;

Exponential stability: exponential type $\gamma < 0$.

Proof of the main result

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The *maximal Lyapunov exponent* of $\Sigma_\delta(L, \mathcal{A})$ in X_p^δ is

$$\lambda_p(L, \mathcal{A}) = \limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \sup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \sup_{\substack{u_0 \in X_p^\delta \\ \|u_0\|_{X_p^\delta} = 1}} \frac{\ln \|u_t\|_{X_p^\delta}}{t}.$$

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$$\lambda_p(L, \mathcal{A}) = \limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \sup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \sup_{\substack{u_0 \in X_p^\delta \\ \|u_0\|_{X_p^\delta} = 1}} \frac{\ln \|u_t\|_{X_p^\delta}}{t}.$$

Proposition

$\lambda_p(L, \mathcal{A}) = \inf\{\gamma \in \mathbb{R} \mid \Sigma_\delta(L, \mathcal{A}) \text{ is of exponential type } \gamma \text{ in } X_p^\delta\}.$

In particular,

$$\Sigma_\delta(L, \mathcal{A}) \text{ exponentially stable} \iff \lambda_p(L, \mathcal{A}) < 0.$$

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Case of $\mathcal{A} = L^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathfrak{B})$ with $\mathfrak{B} \subset \mathcal{M}_d(\mathbb{C})^N$ bounded.

An explicit formula for the coefficients $\Theta_{\mathbf{n},t}^{L,\mathcal{A}}$ and $\Xi_{\mathbf{n},t}^{L,\mathcal{A}}$ motivates the following definition.

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$$\mu(L, \mathfrak{B}) = \limsup_{|\mathbf{n}|_1 \rightarrow +\infty} \sup_{\substack{B^r \in \mathfrak{B} \\ \text{for } r \in \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{n}}(L)}} \left| \sum_{v \in V_{\mathbf{n}}} \prod_{k=1}^{|\mathbf{n}|_1} B_{V_k}^{L_{v_1} + \dots + L_{v_{k-1}}} \right|^{\frac{1}{x}},$$

where $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{n}}(L) = \{L \cdot \mathbf{k} \mid \mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{N}^N, L \cdot \mathbf{k} < L \cdot \mathbf{n}\}$.

$V_{\mathbf{n}}$: set of all permutations of $\underbrace{(1, \dots, 1)}_{n_1 \text{ times}}, \underbrace{(2, \dots, 2)}_{n_2 \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{(N, \dots, N)}_{n_N \text{ times}}$.

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This theorem implies immediately our main result.

