Reliable and Unreliable Behavior in Driven Oscillator Networks

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- 3. Uncertainty propagation in dynamical systems [Mézic]

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Reliability:

Given $I_i(t)$, $(\theta_1(t), ..., \theta_N(t))$ essentially independent of $(\theta_1(0), ..., \theta_N(0))$ for $t > t_0$

i.e. network state reproducible across trials

"Trial": new initial condition (fix stimulus, network, etc.)

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- Stochastic flow of diffeomorphisms [Bismut, Elworthy, Ikeda-Watanabe, Kunita]

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Properties of μ_{ω} : (i) $\mu_{\omega} = \mu$ conditioned on past (ii) $\mathbb{E}(\mu_{\omega}) = \mu$ (iii) $(F^{0,t}_{\omega})_*\mu_{\omega} = \mu_{\sigma_t(\omega)}$ $\sigma_t(\omega)_s = \omega_{s+t}$

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Theorem (Oseledecs). $\exists \lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > ... > \lambda_r$, integers m_i , and subspaces $E_i(x, \omega) \subset T_x M$:

- (i) $\dim(E_i(x,\omega)) = m_i; \oplus_{i=1}^r E_i = T_x M$
- (ii) $v \in E_i(x,\omega) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{t} \log |DF^{0,t}_{\omega}(x) \cdot v| \to \lambda_i$

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Note. Single oscillators typically reliable

Proposition (see e.g. [Kifer]) (i) $\sum_{i} m_i \lambda_i \leq 0$ (ii) $\sum_{i} m_i \lambda_i = 0$ iff μ is invariant (under $F^{0,t}_{\omega}$ for a.e. ω)

Can also show directly using Jensen's inequality



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Random Sink ($\lambda_{max} < 0$)

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Random SRB Measure ($\lambda_{max} > 0$) [CLICK TO PLAY MOVIE]

Remark. λ_{max} is useful for *numerically probing* reliability



2. A Condition for Reliable Networks



Theorem (KL–Shea-Brown–Young). If the connection graph of a phase oscillator network is acyclic, then $\lambda_{\max} \leq 0$.

Note: [Mézic et al] have analogous result for uncertainty propagation

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- (iii) Induction on k, using

$$|\pi_{k+1}DF_{\omega}^{0,t}(x)v| = \frac{|\pi_k DF_{\omega}^{0,t}(x)v|}{|\sin \angle (v_{k+1},\pi_{k+1}DF_{\omega}^{0,t}(x)v)|} \text{ and}$$
$$\frac{1}{t} \log|\sin \angle (DF_{\omega}^{0,t}(x)u, DF_{\omega}^{0,t}(x)v)| \to 0 \text{ as } t \to \infty$$

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 $\begin{array}{c} & & \\ & &$ input

$$\dot{\theta}_1 = \nu_1 + z(\theta_1) \cdot [a_{\rm fb} \cdot g(\theta_2) + \varepsilon I(t)]$$
$$\dot{\theta}_2 = \nu_2 + z(\theta_2) \cdot [a_{\rm ff} \cdot g(\theta_1)]$$



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$$\varepsilon I(t) \longrightarrow \bigcirc \frac{a_{\mathrm{ff}}}{a_{\mathrm{fb}}} \bigcirc$$

For $\varepsilon = 0$, $\exists a_{\text{fb}}^*(a_{\text{ff}})$ at which a limit cycle emerges [KL–Shea-Brown–Young]



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Q. Wang and L.-S. Young studied

$$\dot{x} = f(x) + g(x) \sum_{k} \delta(t - kT) .$$

Proved in a variety of settings (Hopf, reaction-diffusion PDEs, mechanical oscillators...): $\lambda_{\text{max}} > 0$, SRB measures, exponential mixing....

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