

Path-complete Lyapunov techniques

And applications

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- Joint spectral characteristics
- Path-complete methods for switching systems stability
- Applications:
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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 $\mathbf{x}_0$ and $\mathbf{x}_*$, is there a product (say, $\mathbf{A}_0 \mathbf{A}_0 \mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{A}_0 \dots \mathbf{A}_1$) for which $\mathbf{x}_* = \mathbf{A}_0 \mathbf{A}_0 \mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{A}_0 \dots \mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{x}_0$?

Mortality Is there a product that gives the zero matrix?

Boundedness Is the set of all products $\{\mathbf{A}_0, \mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{A}_0\mathbf{A}_0, \mathbf{A}_0\mathbf{A}_1, \dots\}$ bounded?

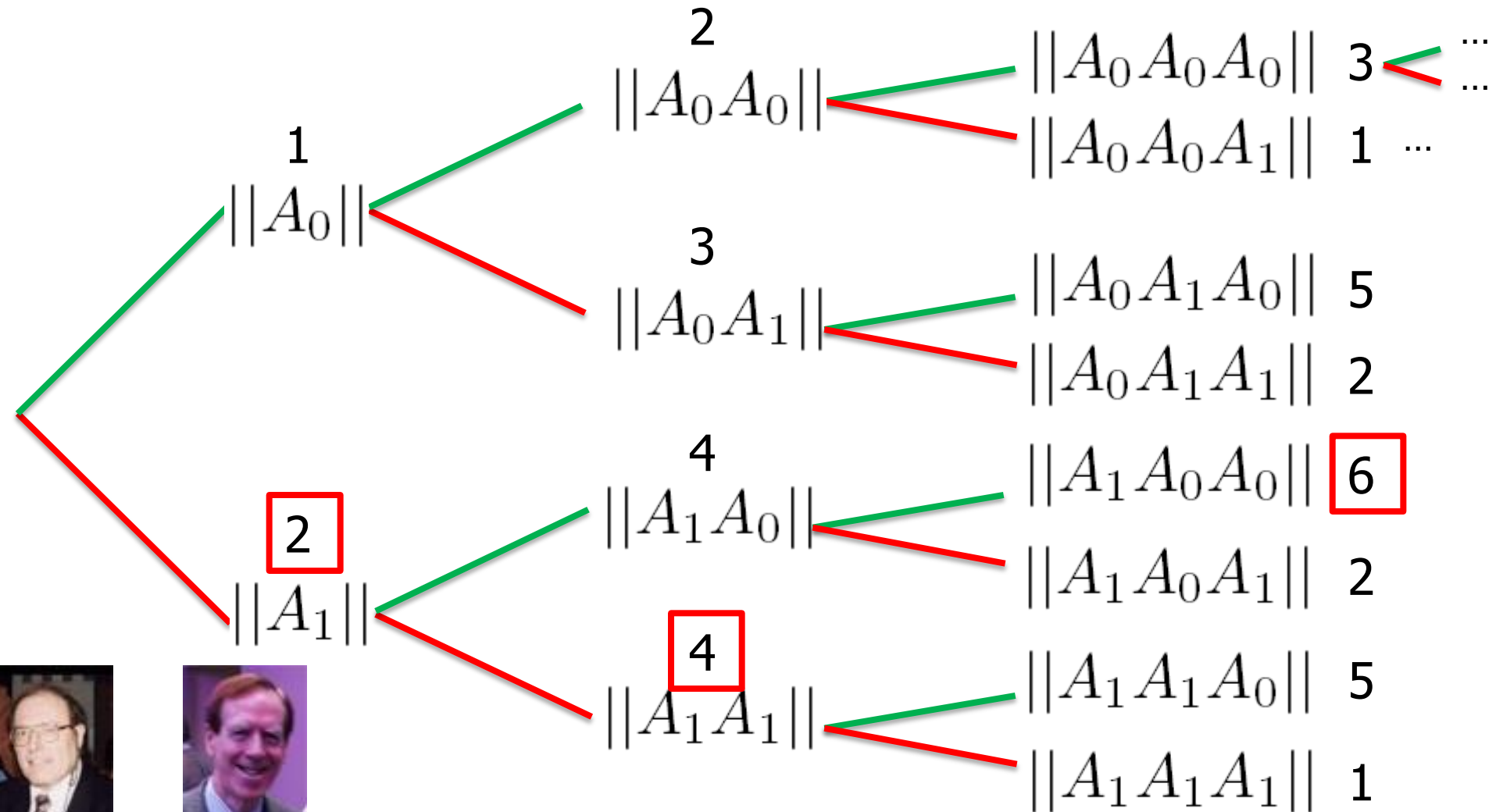
Global convergence to the origin Do all products of the type $\mathbf{A}_0 \mathbf{A}_0 \mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{A}_0 \dots \mathbf{A}_1$ converge to zero?



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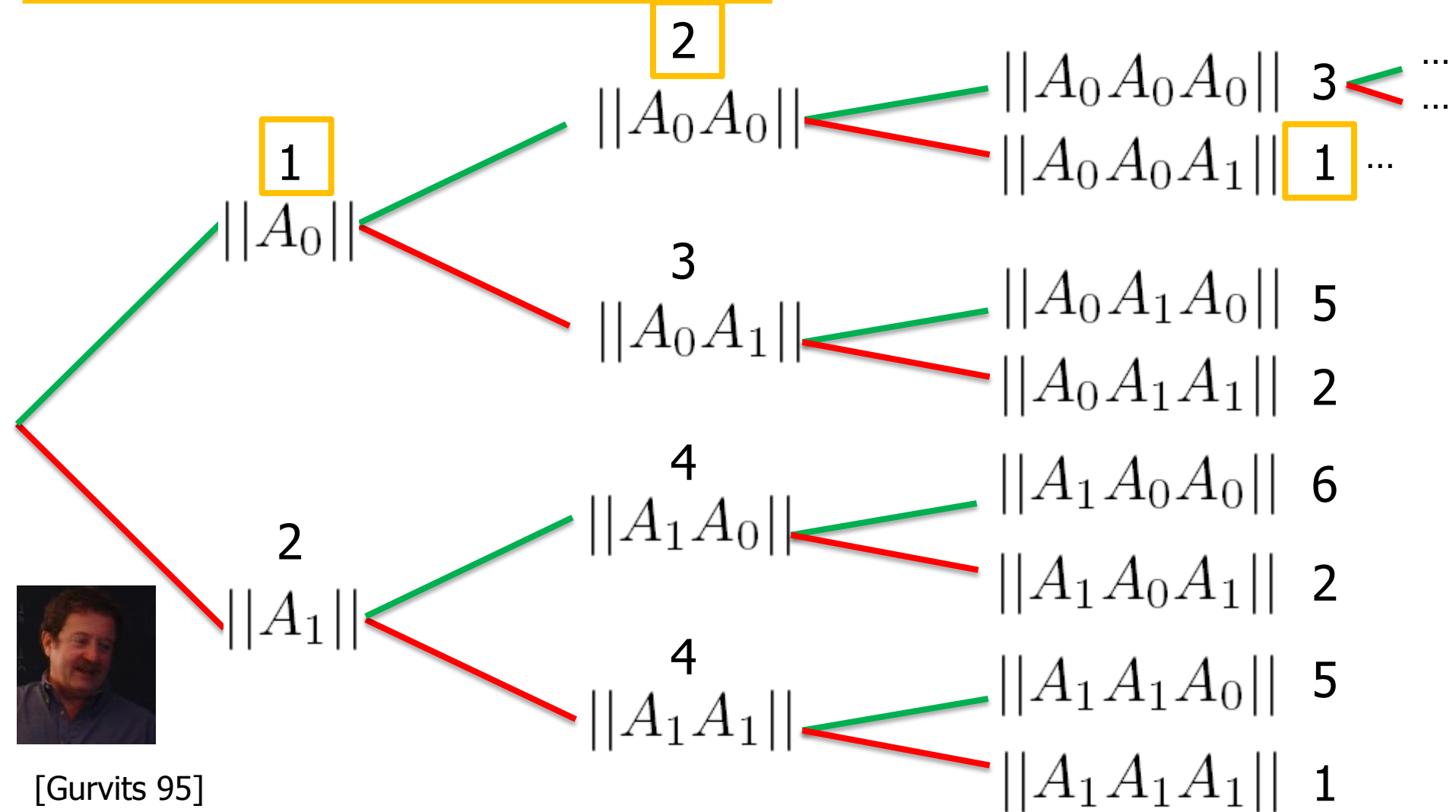
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The joint spectral
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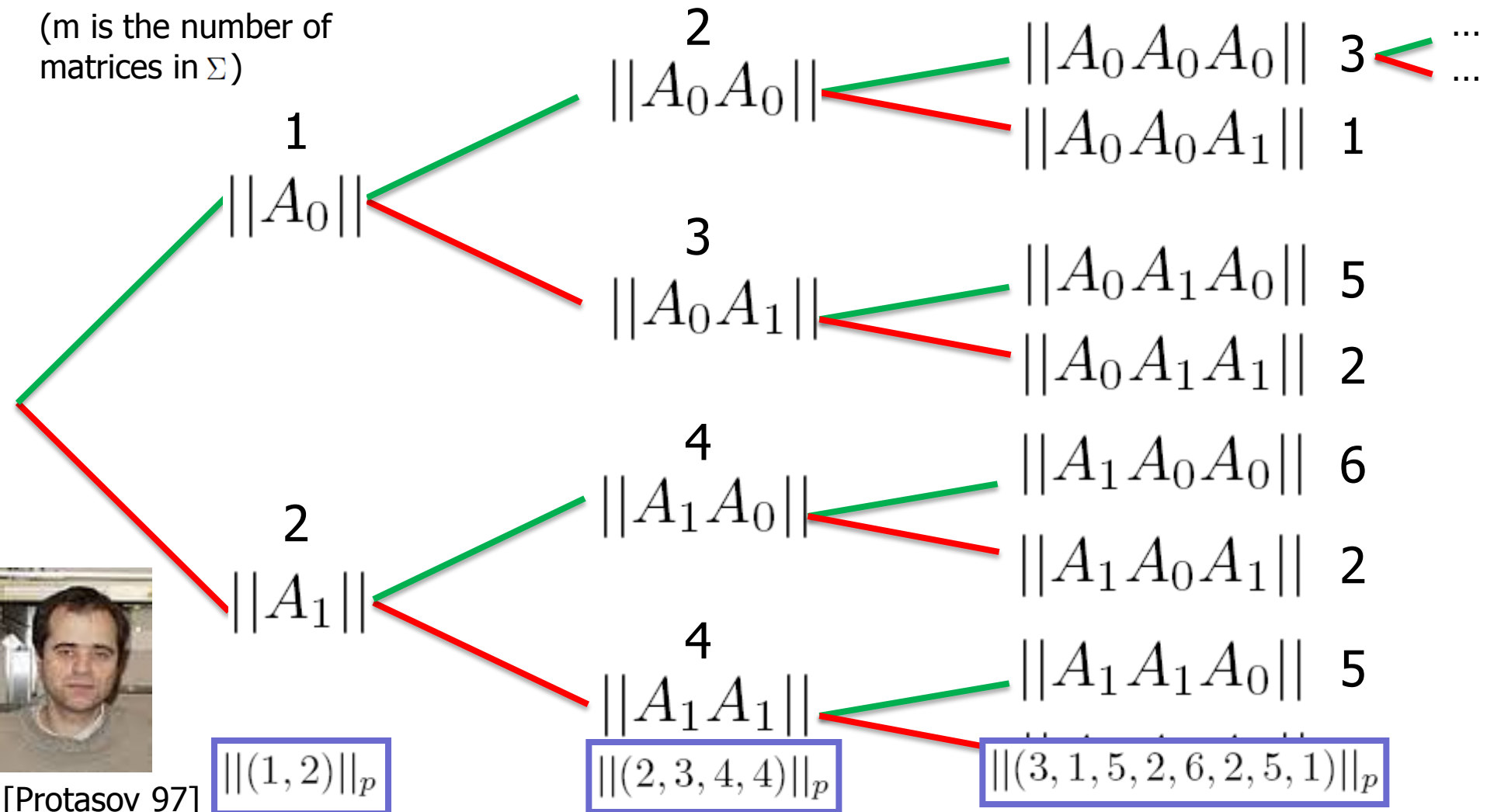


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$$\rho_p(\Sigma) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[m^{-t} \sum_{A_i \in \Sigma^t} \|A_1 A_2 \dots A_t\|^p \right]^{1/(pt)}$$

The p-radius

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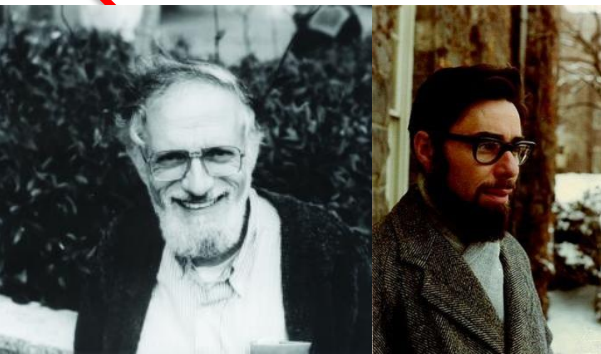
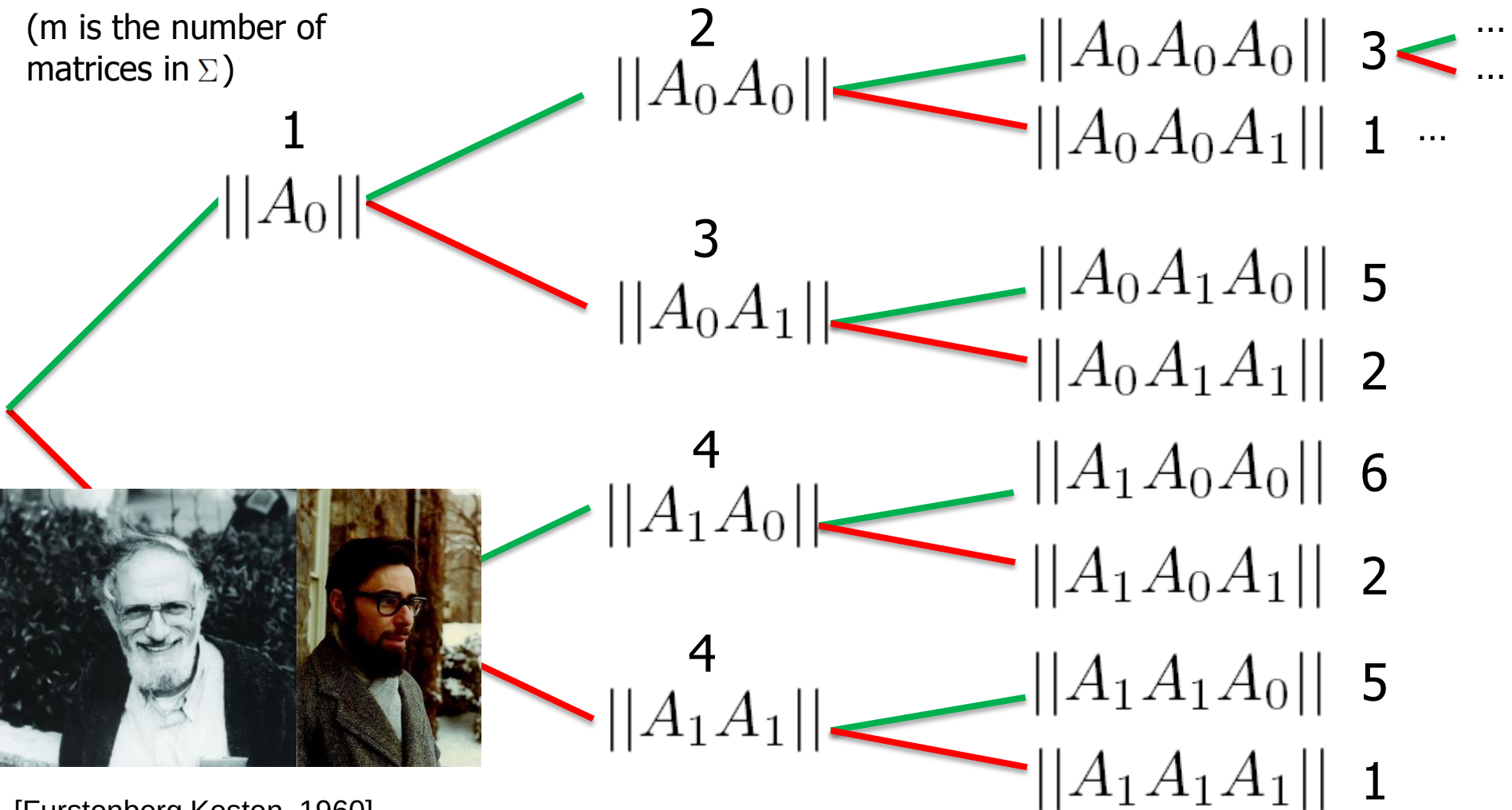


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The Lyapunov Exponent

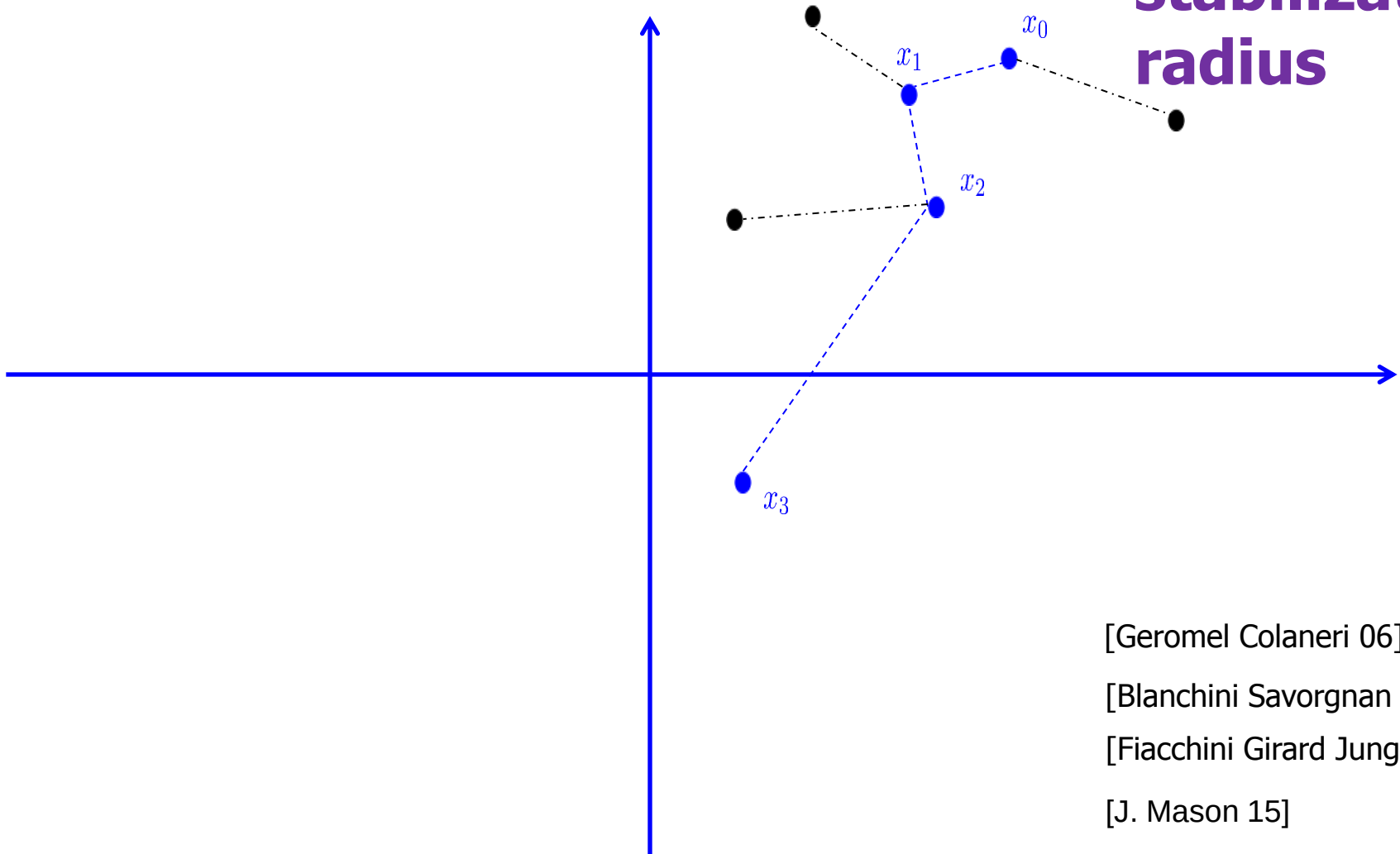


[Furstenberg Kesten, 1960]

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$$\tilde{\rho}_x(\Sigma) = \inf\{\lambda \geq 0 : \exists \sigma(0), \sigma(1), \dots, \exists M > 0 \text{ s.t. } |x_{\sigma,x}(t)| \leq M\lambda^t|x|, \forall t \geq 0\}$$
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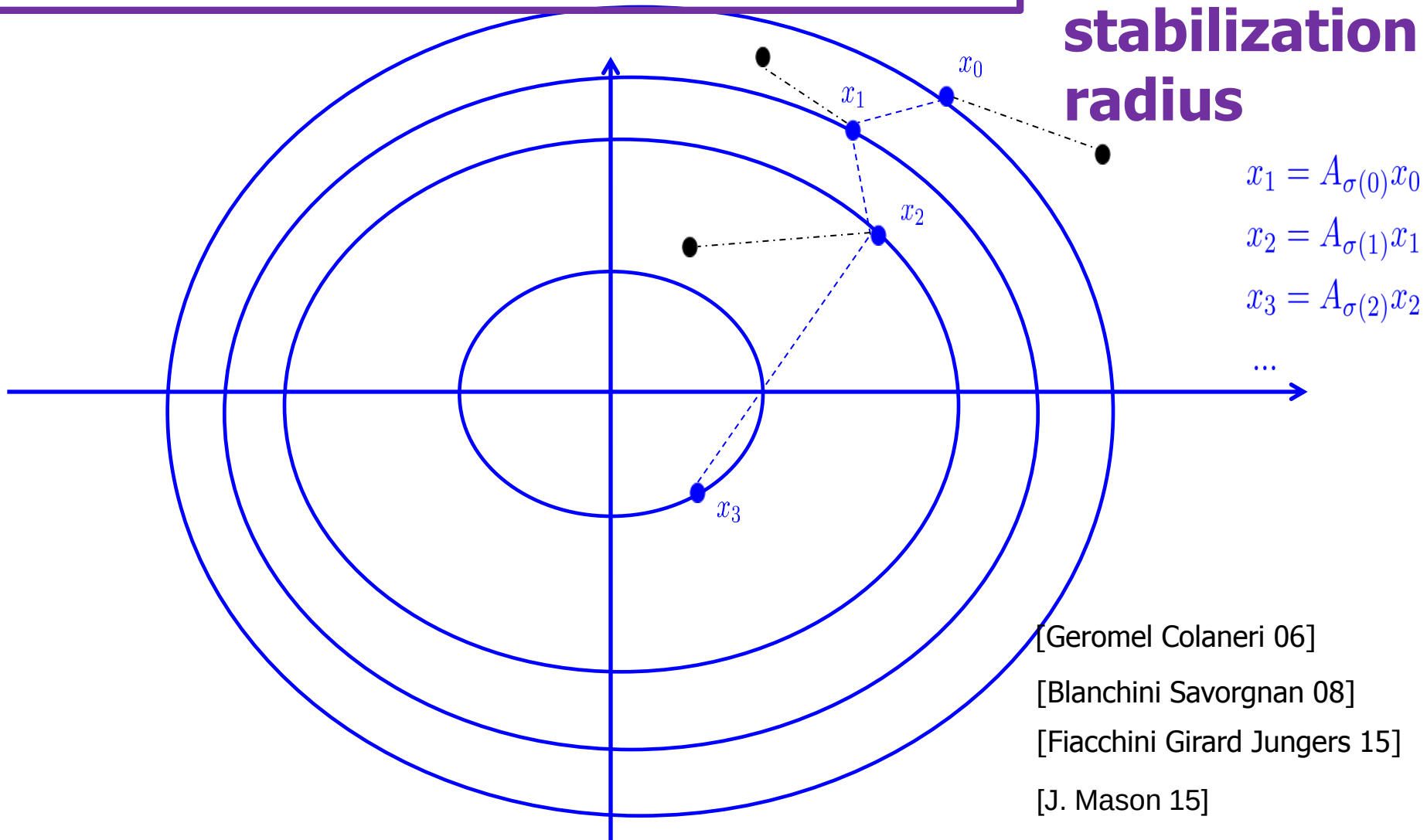
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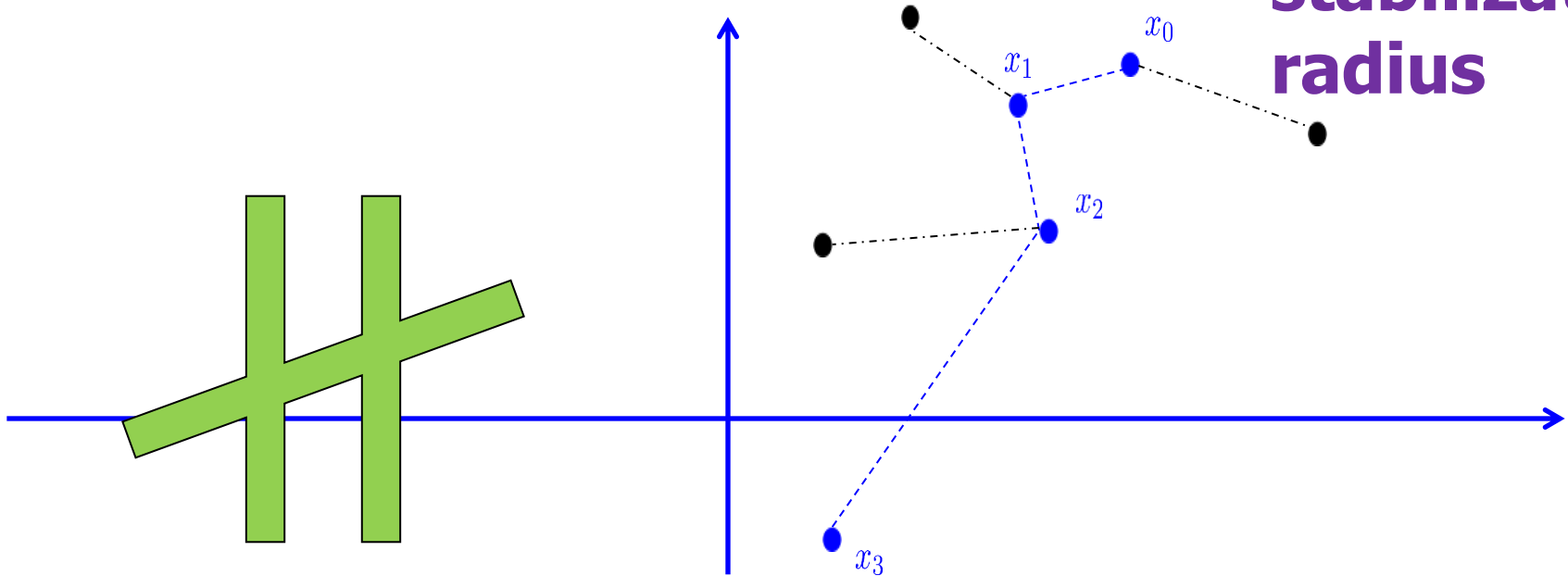
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Alternative definition: suppose you can observe $x(t)$ at every step, and apply the switching you want, as a function of the $x(t)$

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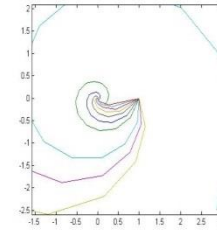
The joint spectral radius addresses the **stability** problem

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

[J. Mason 16]

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The joint spectral characteristics: Mission Impossible?

Theorem Computing or approximating ρ 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 p -radius is NP-hard to approximate

Theorem The feedback stabilization radius is turing-uncomputable



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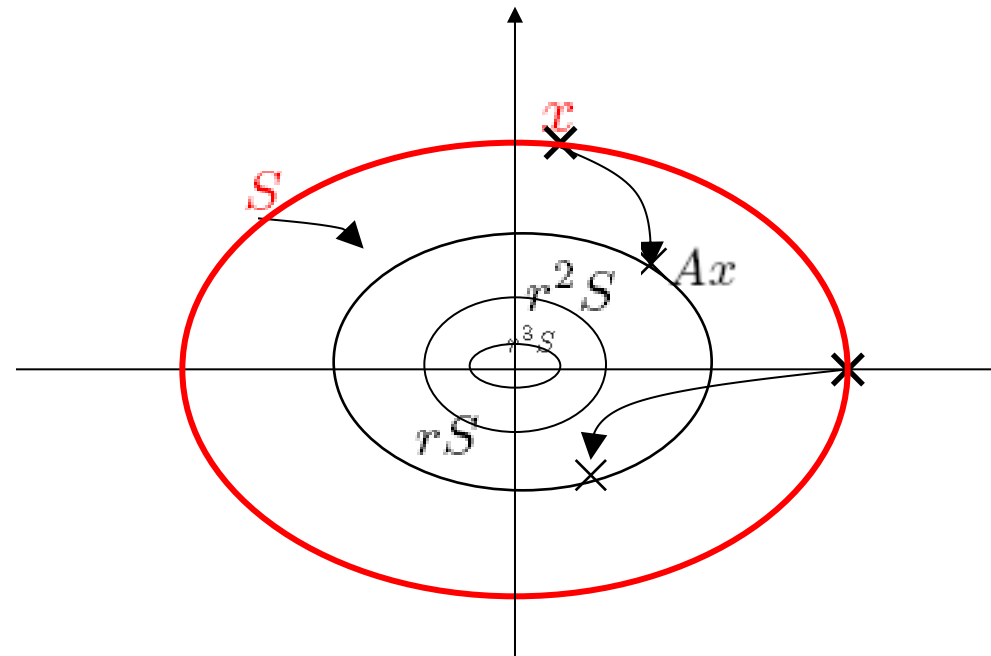
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LMI methods

- The CQLF method

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

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



$$\rho \leq r$$

SDP methods

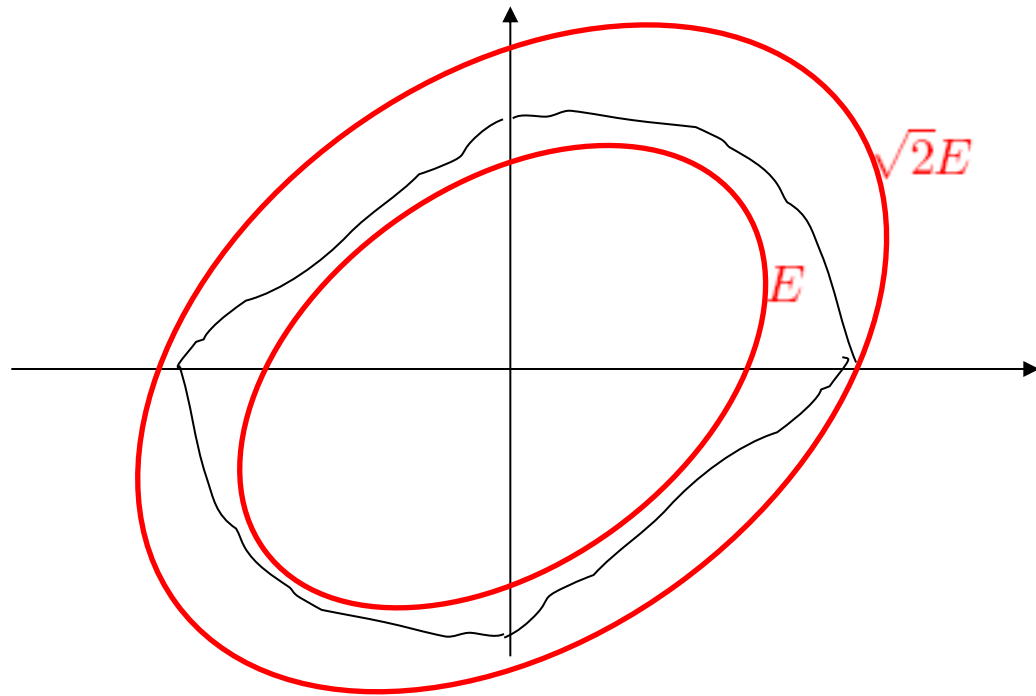
- **Theorem** For all $\epsilon > 0$ there exists a norm such that

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

- 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



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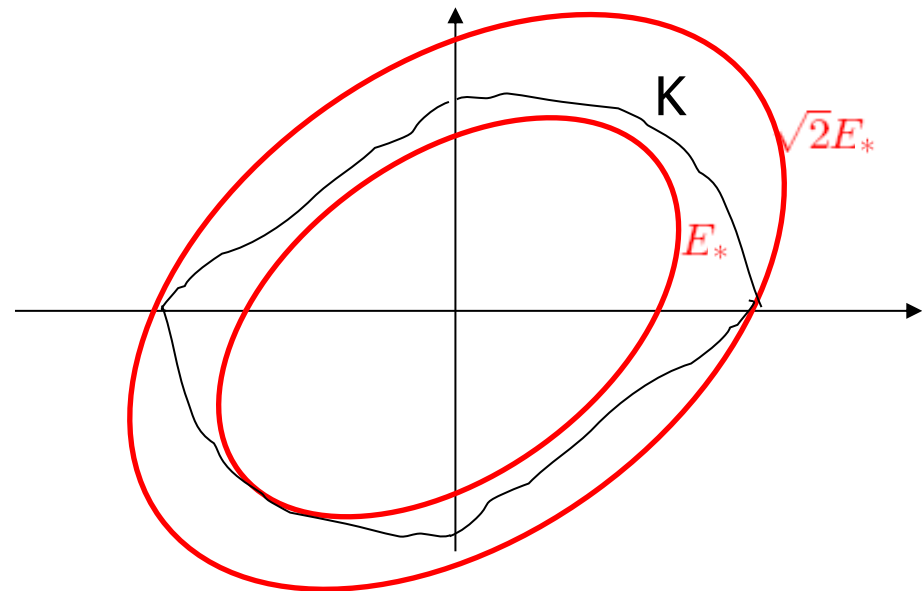
- Theorem** The best ellipsoidal norm $\|\cdot\|_{E_*}$ approximates the joint spectral radius up to a factor $\sqrt{n}$ [Ando Shih 98]

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

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

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

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



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 ϵ in $\mathcal{O}(n^{m\frac{1}{\epsilon}})$ operations



Yet another LMI method

- A strange semidefinite program

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



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[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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- Questions:



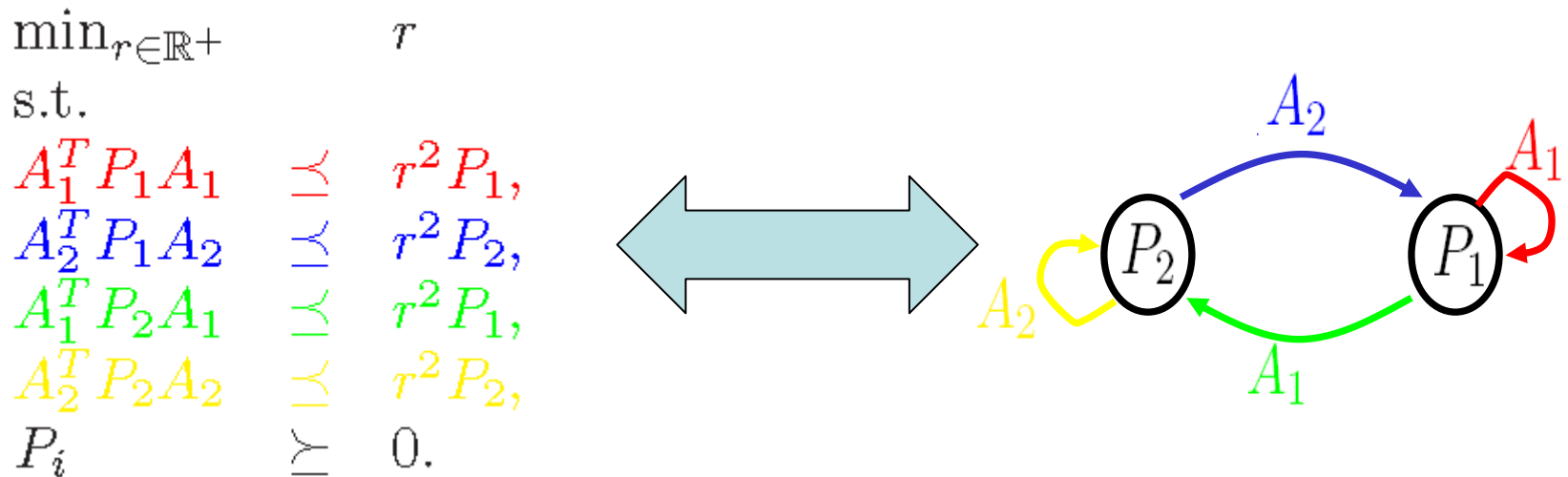
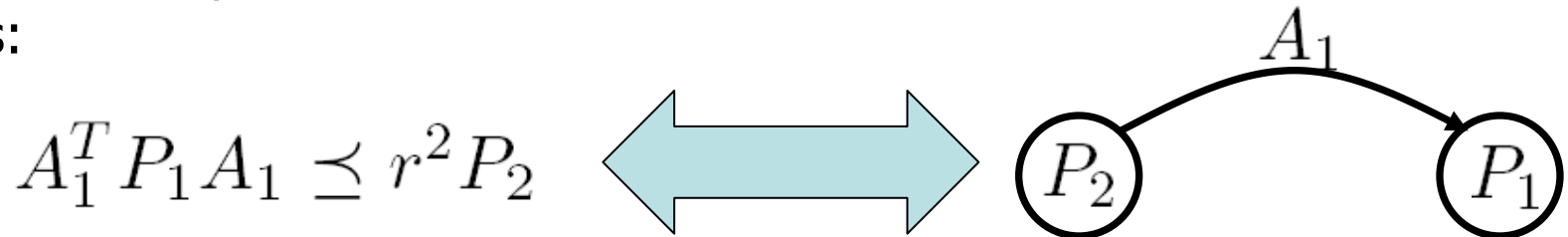
- Can we **characterize all the LMIs** that work, in a unified framework?
- Which LMIs are **better than others**?
- **How to prove** that an LMI works?
- Can we provide **converse Lyapunov theorems** for more methods?

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

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From an LMI to an automaton

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

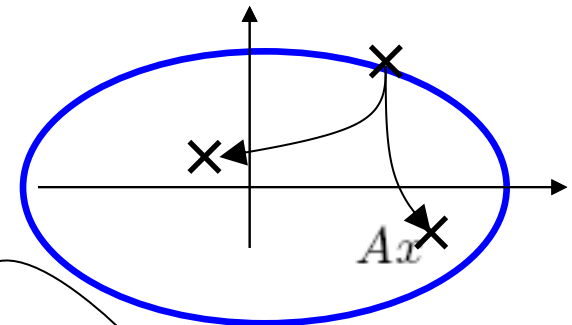
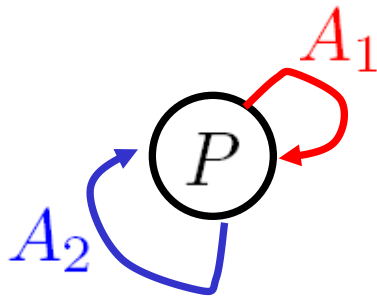


- Definition** A labeled graph (with label set A) is **path-complete** if **for any word** on the alphabet A , **there exists a path** in the graph that generates the corresponding word.
- Theorem** If G is **path-complete**, the corresponding semidefinite program is a **sufficient condition for stability**.

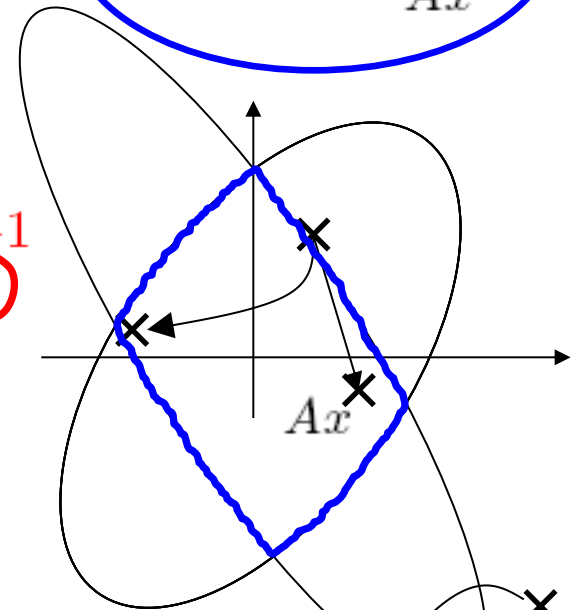
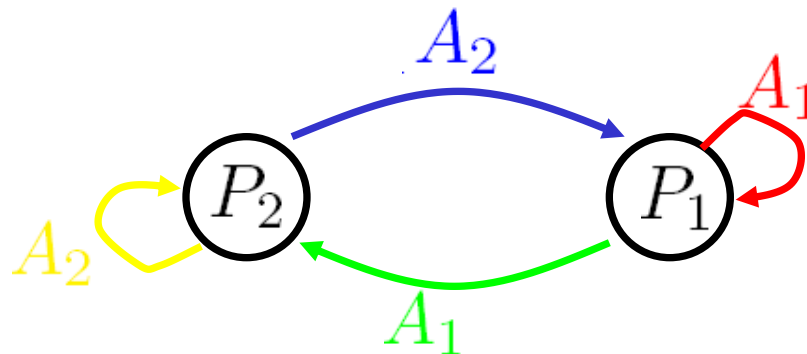
Some examples

- Examples:

- CQLF



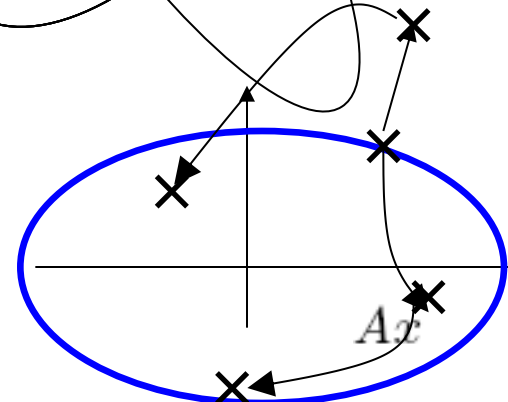
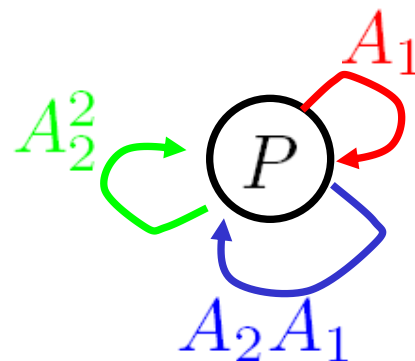
- Example 1



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

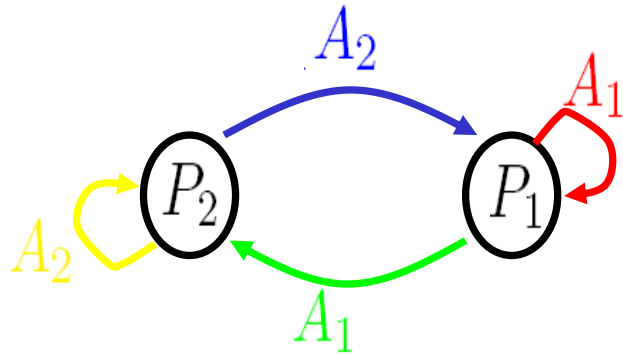
- Example 2

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



An obvious question: are there other valid criteria?

- Theorem



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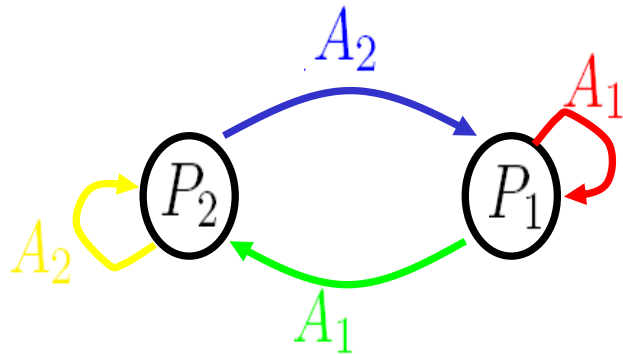
If G is path-complete, the corresponding semidefinite program is a sufficient condition for stability.

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

[J. Ahmadi Parrilo Roozbehani 15]



$$\begin{array}{ll}
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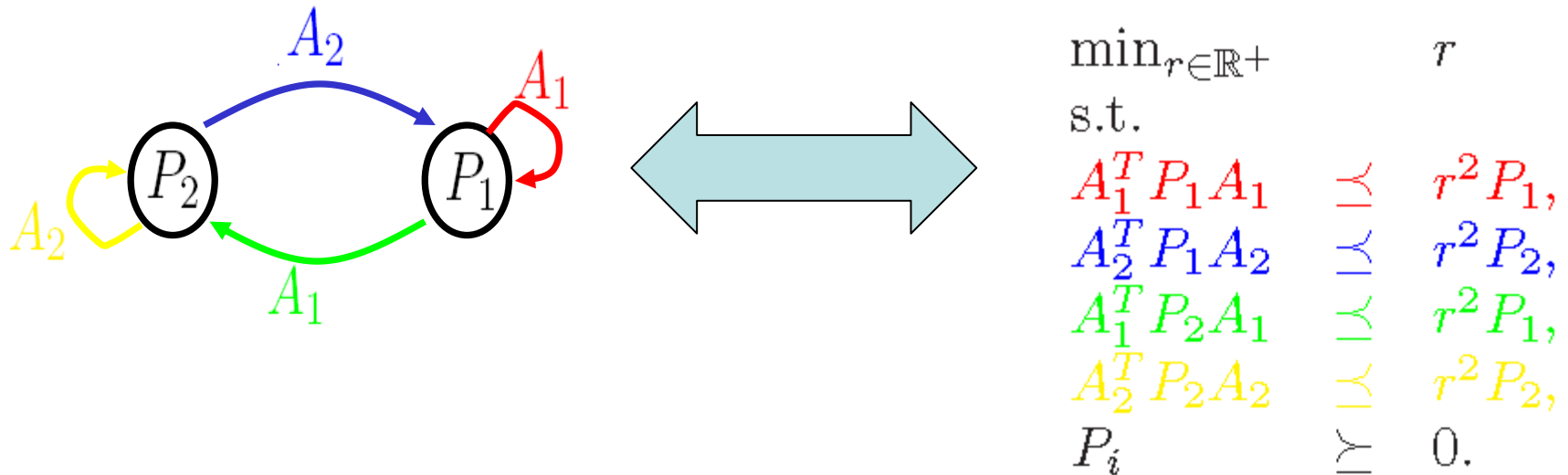
- Corollary

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

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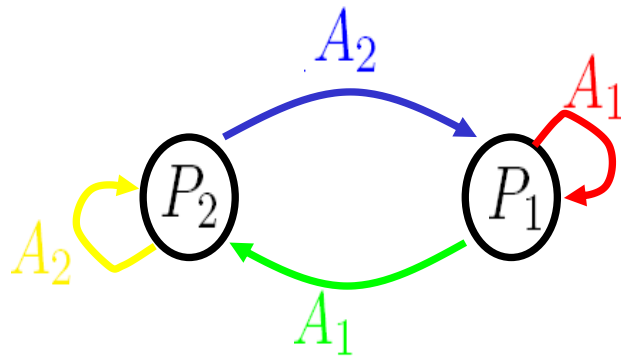
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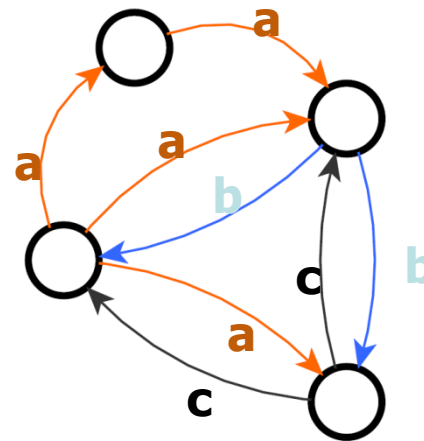
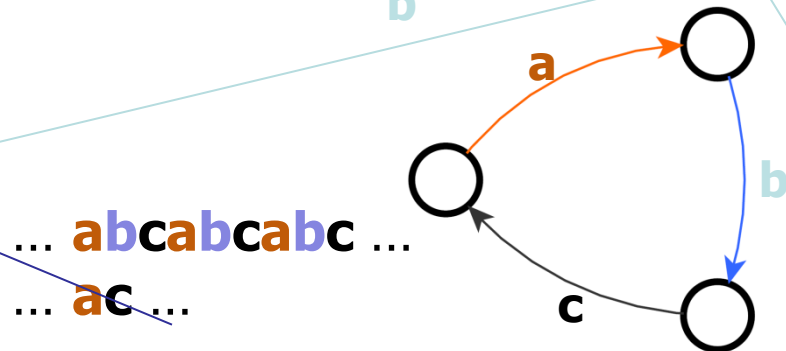
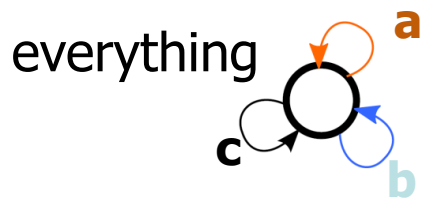


Constrained switching sequences

Switching sequences on regular languages

$G(V, E)$ Directed & Labeled $e = (v_i, v_j, k) \in E \quad k \in \{1, \dots, N\}$

$\sigma(1), \sigma(2), \dots$ **admissible** if $\exists p = \{(v_i, v_j, \sigma(1)), (v_j, v_\ell, \sigma(2)), \dots\}$



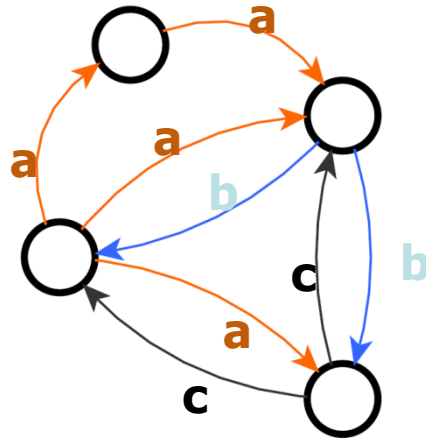
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Stability

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x_t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} A_{\sigma(t-1)} \cdot \dots \cdot A_{\sigma(0)} x_0 = 0$$
$$\forall x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, \forall \sigma(0), \sigma(1), \dots \in G$$

Constrained switching and multinorms

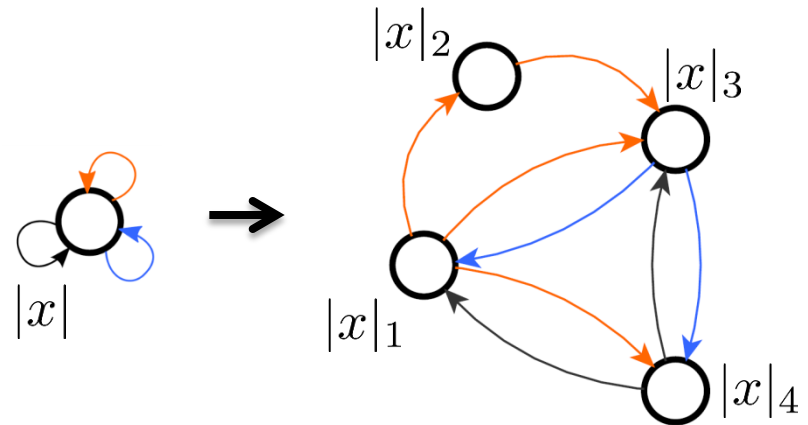
- CJSR as an infimum over **sets** of norms

$$\rho(G(V, E), M) =$$

$$\inf_{|\cdot|_1, \dots, |\cdot|_V} \gamma$$

$$|A_k x|_j \leq \gamma |x|_i,$$

$$\forall (v_i, v_j, k) \in E, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$



Theorem:

$$\rho(G, M) < n^{-1/2T} \Rightarrow S(G_T, M^T) \text{ admits a Quadratic Multinorm}$$

Corollary: One can again develop a PTAS based on Path-complete methods

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Applications of Wireless Control Networks

Industrial automation



Physical Security and Control



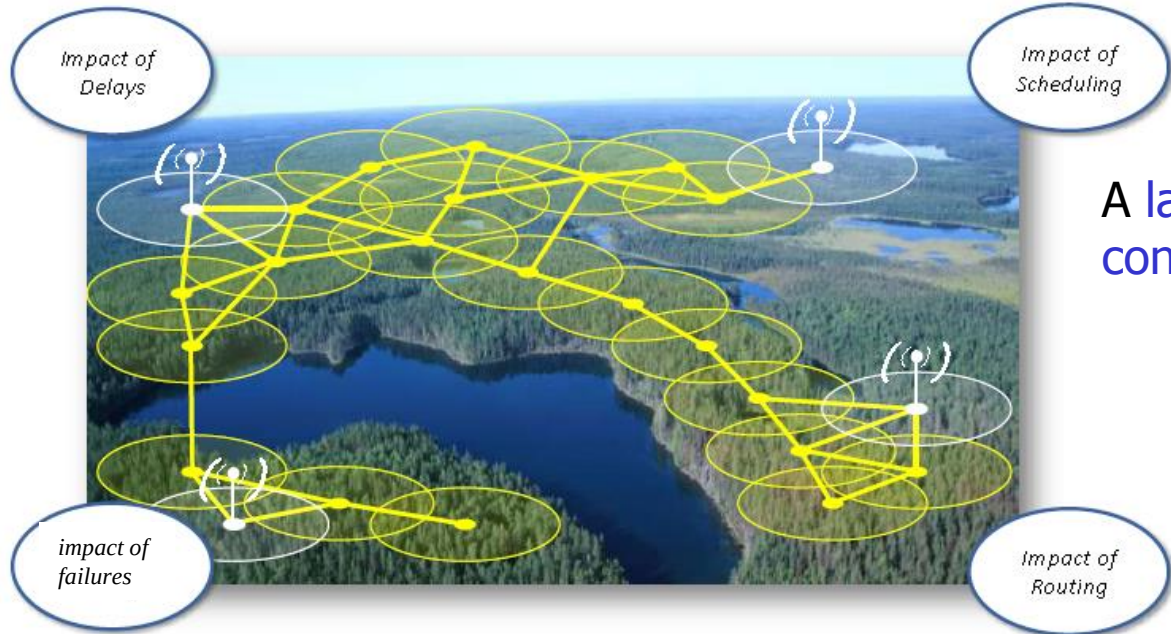
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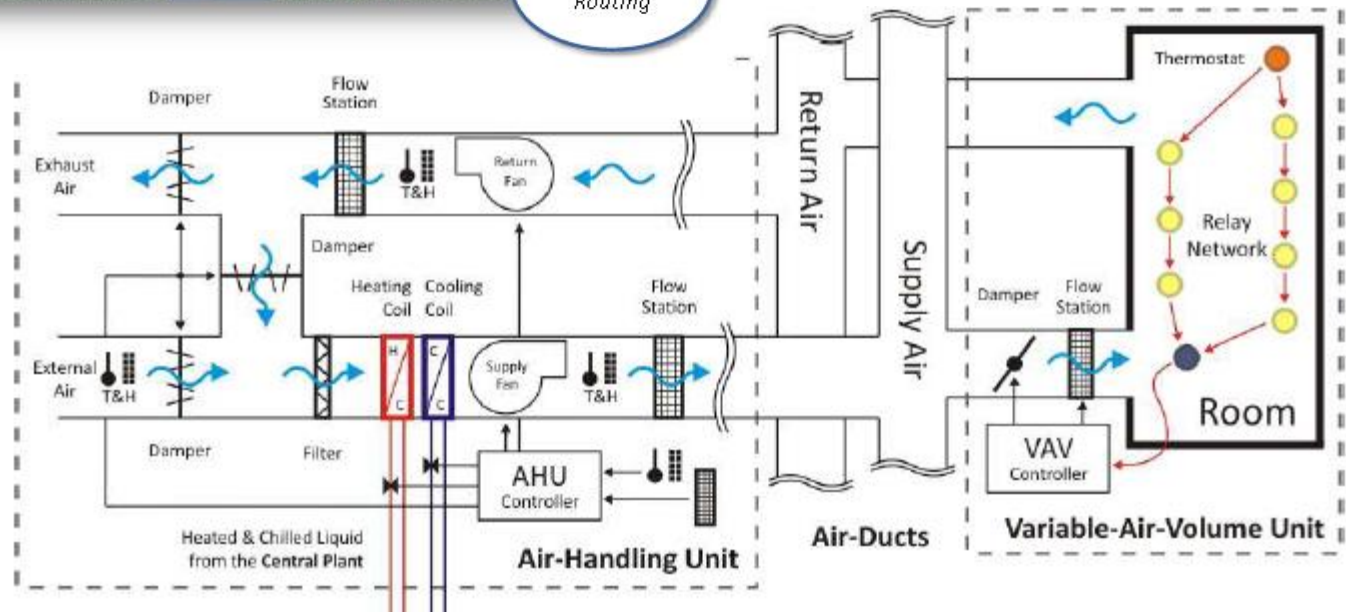
Environmental Monitoring, Disaster Recovery and Preventive Conservation



Wireless control networks



A large scale decentralized control network



A green building

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Previous work

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[Jungers D'Innocenzo Di Benedetto, TAC 2015]

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[Jungers Kundu Heemels, 2016]

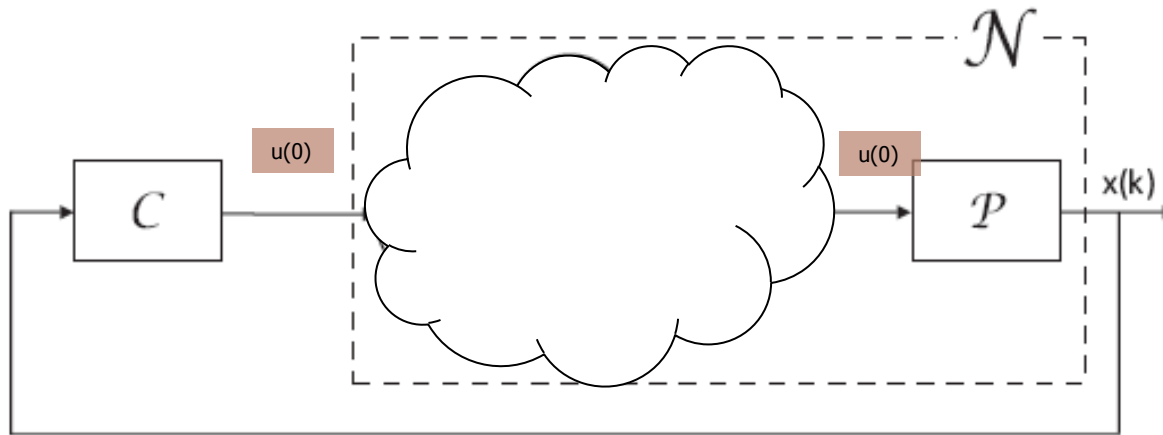
Controllability with packet dropouts

The delay is constant, but some packets are dropped

$$\sigma(0) = 1$$

$$x(1) = Ax(0) + Bu(0)$$

$$\sigma = 1001 \dots$$



A data loss signal determines the packet dropouts $\sigma(t) = 1$ or 0

...this is a switching system!

$$x(t+1) = \begin{cases} Ax(t) + bu(t), & \text{if } \sigma(t) = 1, \\ Ax(t), & \text{if } \sigma(t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

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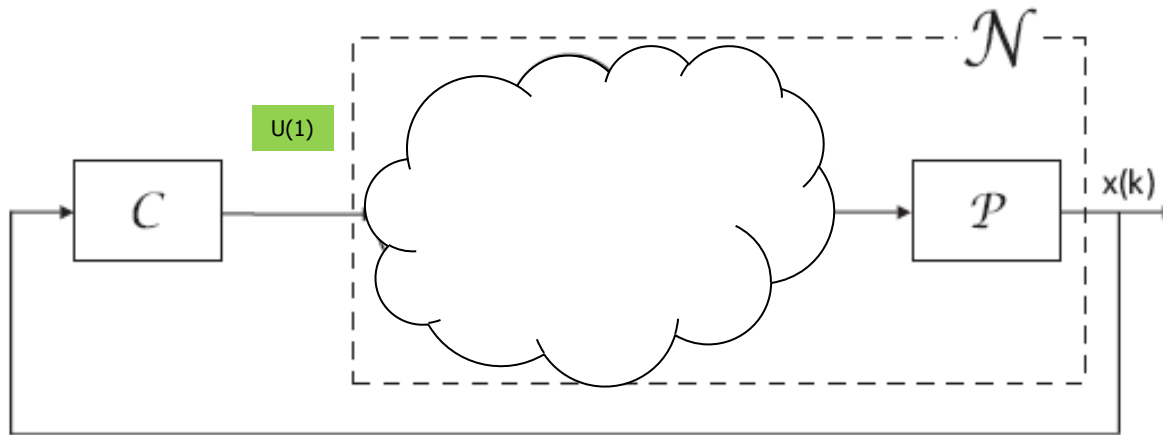
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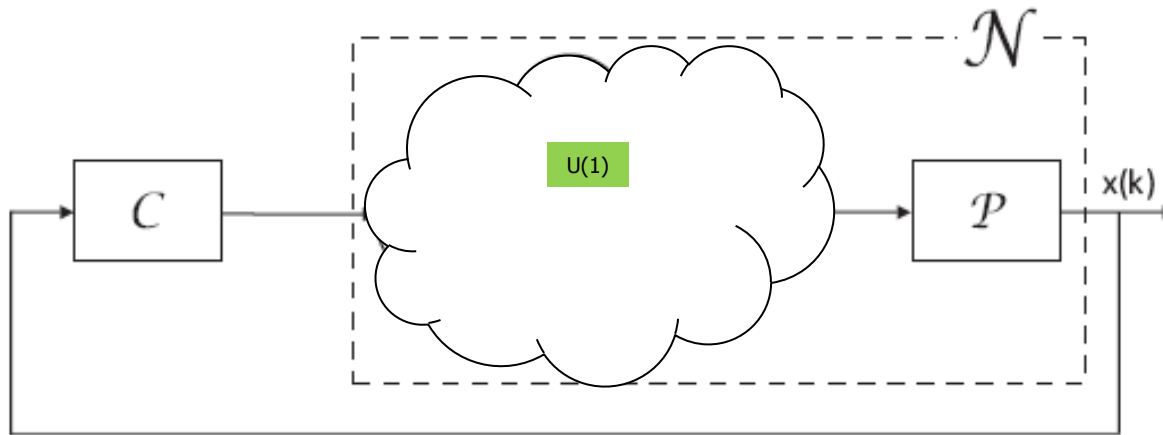
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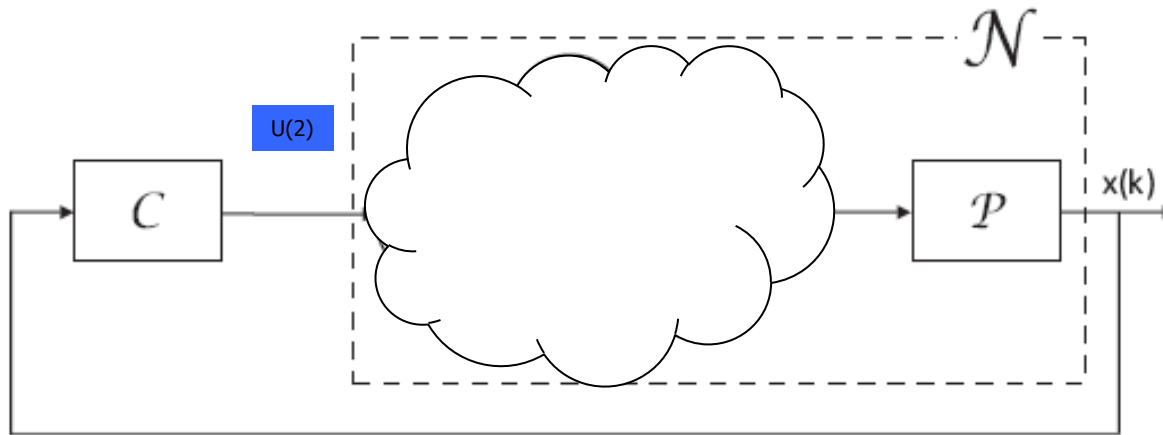
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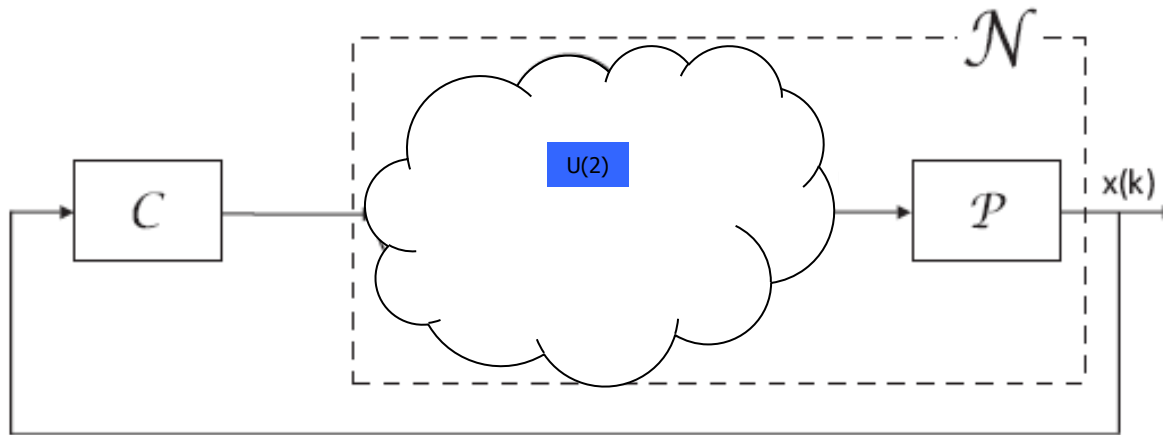
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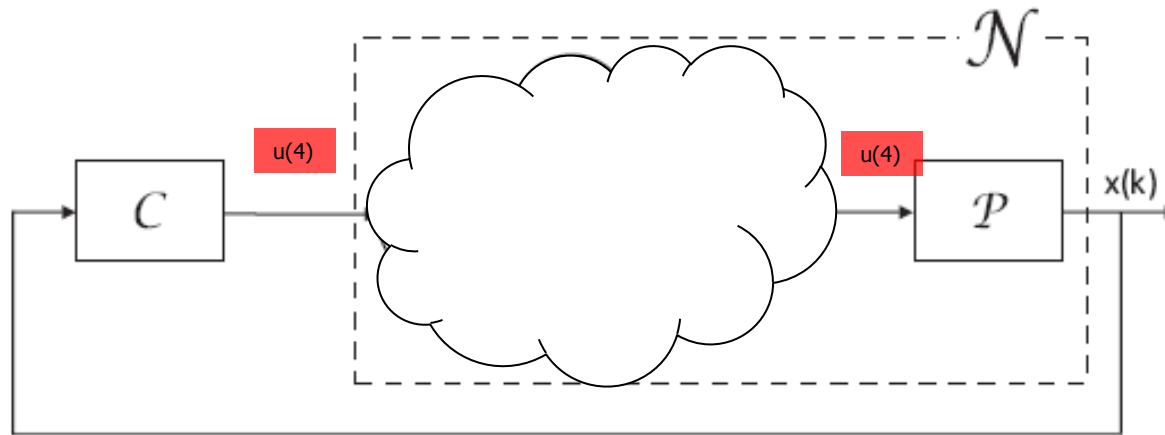
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We are interested in the **controllability** of such a system

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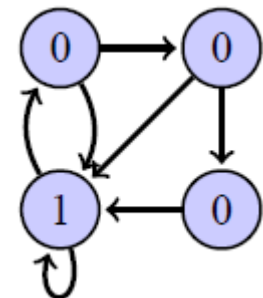
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Of course we need an **assumption** on the switching signal

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

Example:

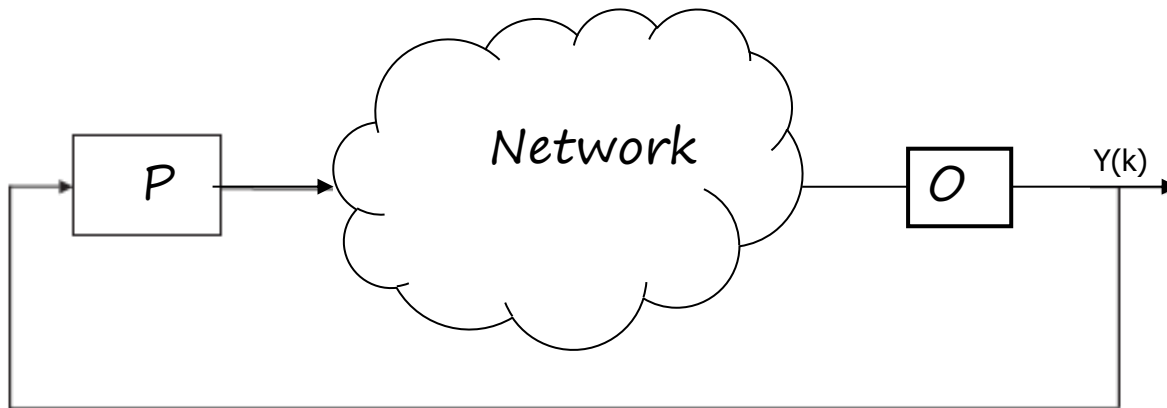
Bounded number of
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The dual observability problem

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



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

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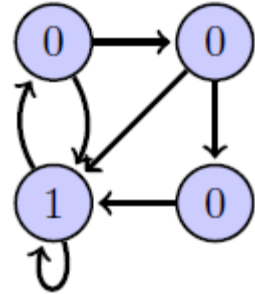
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Theorem: Deciding controllability of switching systems is **undecidable** in general (consequence of [Blondel Tsitsiklis, 97])

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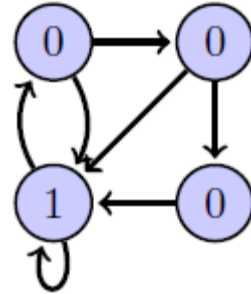
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Baabali & Egerstedt's framework (2005)

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



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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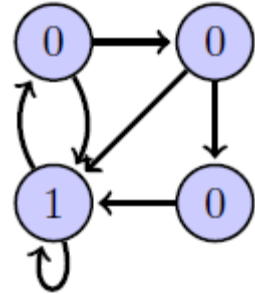
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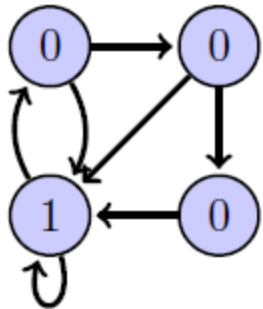
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Proposition: The system is controllable iff the generalized controllability matrix

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

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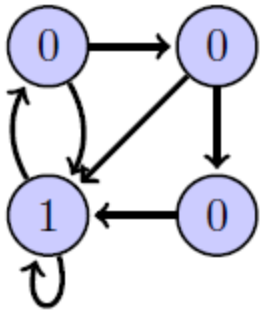
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From this, we obtain an **algorithm** to decide controllability:

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?



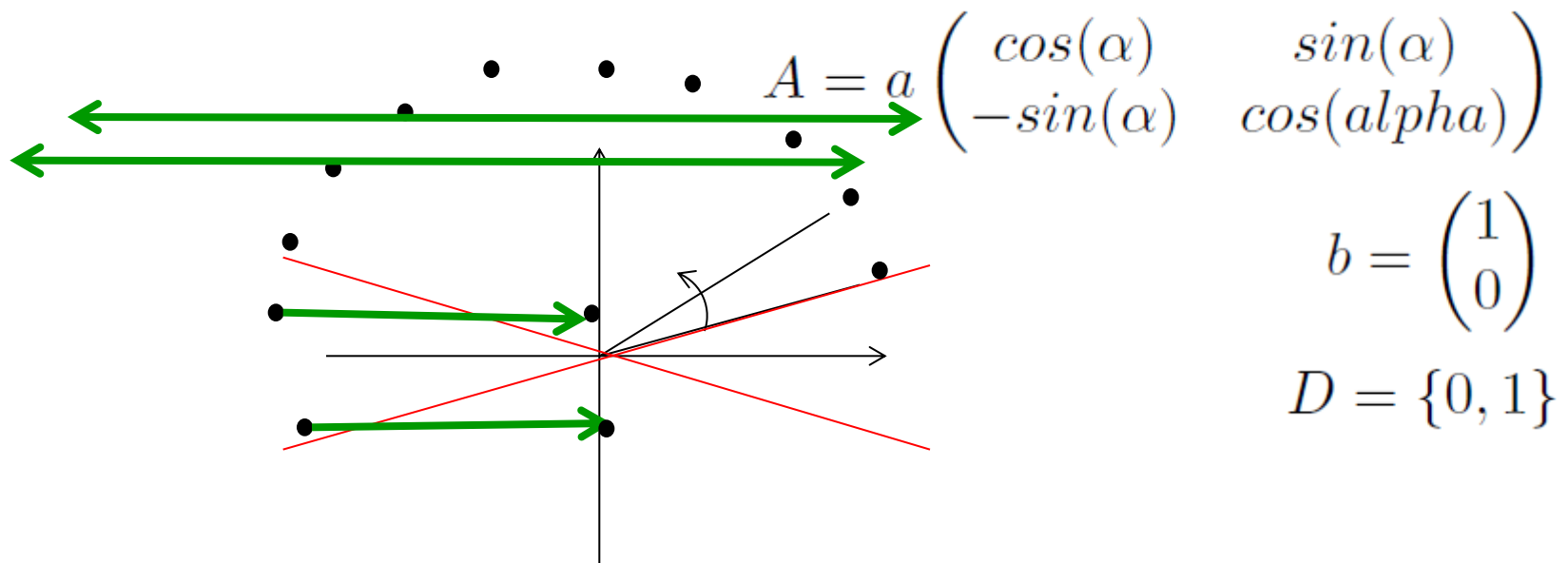
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LTIs with switched delays

Example

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



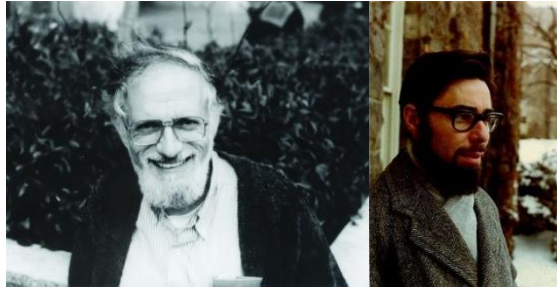
- **Theorem:** For the above system, there exist values of the parameters such that **no linear controller** can stabilize the system, but a **nonlinear bang-bang controller** does the job. [J. D'Innocenzo Di Benedetto 2014]

*That is, a **linear** controller is **not always sufficient***

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Conclusion: a perspective on switching systems



[Furstenberg Kesten, 1960]



[Gurvits, 1995]



[Kozyakin, 1990]



(sensor)
networks

Wireless
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[Rota, Strang, 1960]



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Thanks!

Questions?

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The JSR Toolbox:
<http://www.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/fileexchange/33202-the-jsr-toolbox>
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