

Lecture - 22

→ Formation specifications

↳ Exact position/state information based specification

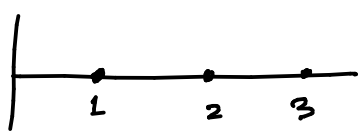
↳ Feasible distance/displacement based specification

↳ Relative state based specification?

→ Relative State Specification (R.S.S)

Agent dynamics  $\dot{x}_i = u_i$   $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$  is the state of  $i$ th agent.

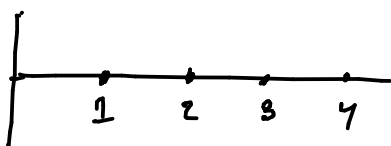
3-agent system



$$\text{R.S.S. } z^* = \begin{bmatrix} x_2^* - x_1^* \\ x_3^* - x_2^* \end{bmatrix}$$

the 3<sup>rd</sup> component  $x_3^* - x_1^*$  is implicitly specified by the above two.

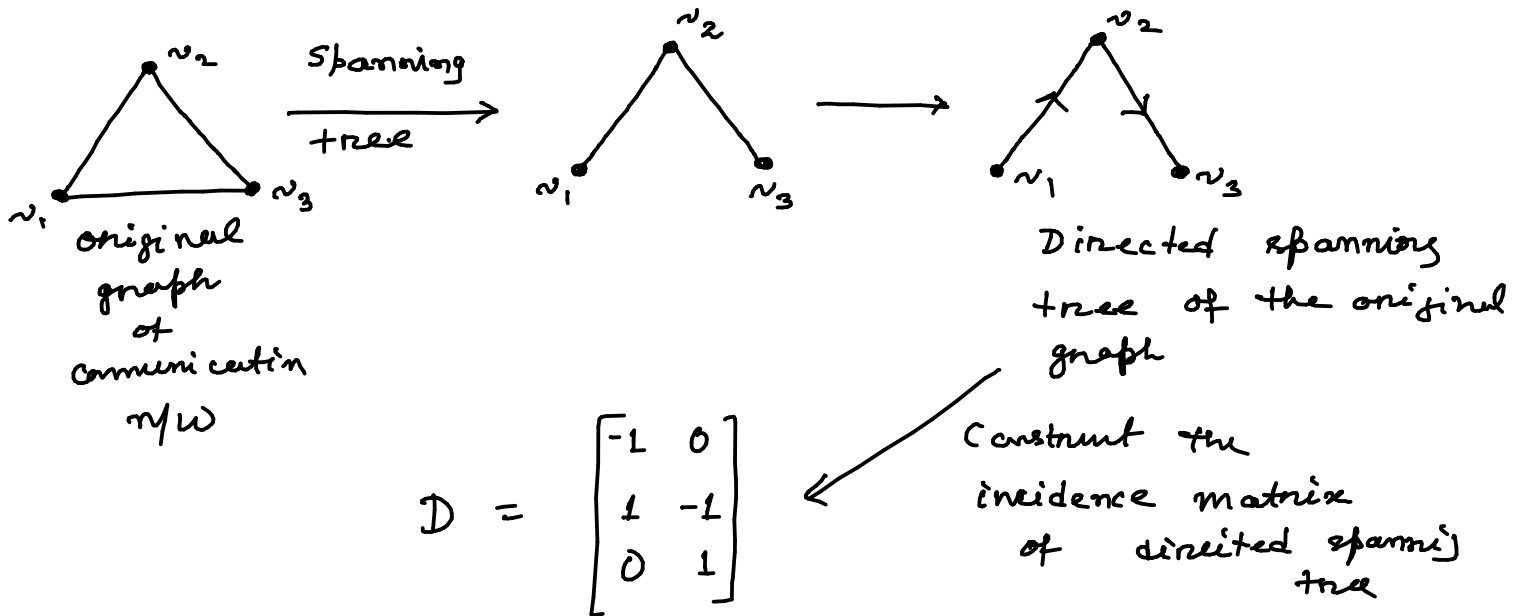
• 4-agent system



$$z^* = \begin{bmatrix} x_2^* - x_1^* \\ x_3^* - x_2^* \\ x_4^* - x_3^* \end{bmatrix}$$

→ This specification does not specify the exact geometrical pattern (shape) of the formation.

• Representation of R.S.S.

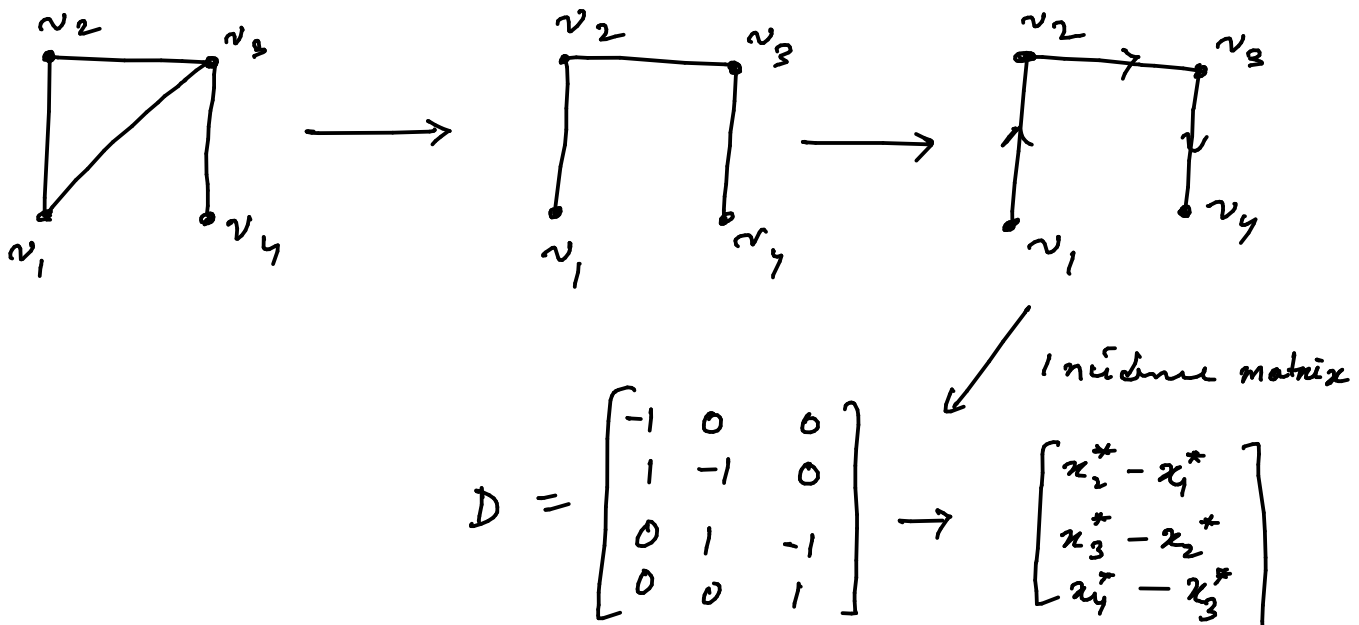


The R.S.S.

$$\chi^* := D^T x^* = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1^* \\ x_2^* \\ x_3^* \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} x_1^* - x_2^* \\ x_3^* - x_1^* \end{bmatrix}$$

→ 4-agent system with following communication topology



Given a R.S.S. ( $x^*$ ), we can represent it as follows

$$\boxed{x^* = D^T x^*}$$

→ Given the agent dynamics

$$\dot{x}_i = u_i$$

Objective: Design  $u_i$  s.t.

$$(x_i - x_j) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} (x_i^* - x_j^*)$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_z \qquad \qquad \qquad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{z^*}$

Define a vector  $z := D^T x$

We need  $z \rightarrow z^*$

Define an error vector

$$s = z - z^*$$

$$\dot{s} = \dot{z} = D^T \dot{x} = D^T u$$

$$u = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Let the control law is as follows.

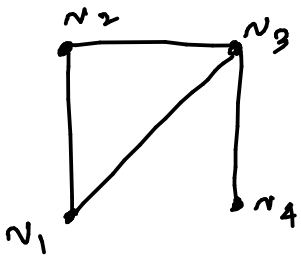
$$\boxed{u = -\gamma D s} \leftarrow \text{Distributed in network}$$

$$u = -\gamma D (D^T x - D^T x^*)$$

$$= -\gamma D D^T (x - x^*)$$

$$= -\gamma L (x - x^*)$$

$L \rightarrow$  Laplacian matrix



$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u = -\gamma L(x - x^*)$$

$$u_1 = -\gamma \left[ 2(x_1 - x_1^*) - (x_2 - x_2^*) - (x_3 - x_3^*) \right]$$

$$= \gamma \left[ ((x_2 - x_2^*) - (x_1 - x_1^*)) + ((x_3 - x_3^*) - (x_1 - x_1^*)) \right]$$

$$= \gamma \left[ ((x_2 - x_1) - (x_2^* - x_1^*)) + ((x_3 - x_1) - (x_3^* - x_1^*)) \right]$$

measurable neighborhood information. specified.

$$u_2 = \gamma \left[ ((x_1 - x_2) - (x_1^* - x_2^*)) + ((x_3 - x_2) - (x_3^* - x_2^*)) \right]$$

$$u_3 = \vdots$$

$$u_4 = \vdots$$

Then error dynamics  $\dot{\delta} = D^T u$

Edge Agreement Protocol

$$\dot{\delta} = -\gamma D^T D \delta$$

$$= -\gamma L_e \delta$$

$L_e$ : Edge

Laplacian  
matrix

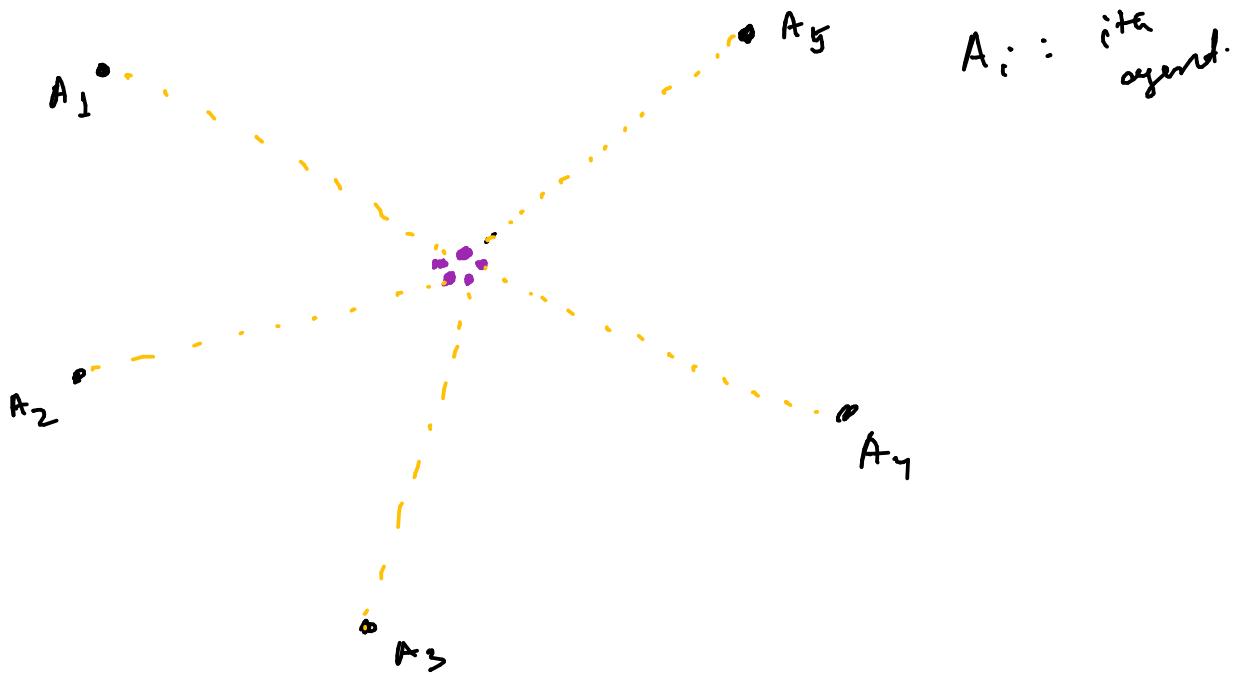
We have already studied that

$$\delta(t) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow x - x^* \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x_i - x_j) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} (x_i^* - x_j^*)$$

→ Rendezvous Problem



Objective is to reach to a common point.

The RSS for this problem  $x^* = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$x_i^* - x_j^* = 0$$

$$\dot{x}_i = u_i$$

$$\delta = x - x^*$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta = x$$

$$\dot{\delta} = D^T \dot{x} \Rightarrow \dot{\delta} = D^T \dot{x}$$

$$= -r L e x$$

We need  $x \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow x_i - x_j \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

$$\delta = x = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 - x_1 \\ x_3 - x_2 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

Since it is an Edge-agreement protocol,

We can achieve  $x_i - x_j = 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

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This is also a consensus problem.