

Internal reliability and anti-reliability in oscillator networks

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Syncronization as a measure method



For example, a network of neurons

e.g. simulated model

Assume that the replica has the same structure of the original and that we know the dynamics of units. We have access to a subset of the system: we can measure their state and impose them to the corresponding units of the replica. Do the other units of the replica follow the original system?



Reliability and anti-reliability under external forces

The stability of synchronized state is related to the response to a common noise



The notions of reliability and anti-reliability are used to describe a response of replicas to nontrivial external forces, in particular to external noise.

If two replicas driven by the same noisy force show exactly then same behaviour they are **reliable**, otherwise they are **anti-reliable**







Internal reliability and anti-reliability

We apply concepts of reliability and antireliability to the internal dynamics of oscillator networks.

Complex networks often demonstrate chaotic behaviour. In such a regime, does a particular unit (or, more generally, a subgroup of the units) reliably follow the driving from the other units?

We make a replica of one unit and look if this replica has the same dynamics as the original unit.







Internal reliability and anti-reliability of one unit

Consider a set k = 1, 2, ..., N of units described by variables, $x_k(t)$. Each unit follows its own dynamics (F_k) plus a coupling:

 $\dot{x}_k(t) = F_k(x_k) + H_k(x_k; x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}, x_{k+1}, x_N)$

We prepare a replica, y_k , of the unit x_k , that receives the same inputs from other elements as the unit $x_k(t)$,

$$\dot{y}_k(t) = F_k(y_k) + H_k(y_k; x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}, x_{k+1}, x_N)$$

Of course, if $\dot{y}_k(0) = \dot{x}_k(0)$ then the states of the prototype and its replica coincide for all future times.

For a small deviation $v_k = y_k - x_k$ we obtain, by subtracting and linearizing, the linear system

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{v}}_k(t) = \left(\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{F}_k}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}_k} + \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{H}_k}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}_k}\right) \boldsymbol{v}_k.$$

This linear equation gives an asymptotic grows $|v_k| \sim e^{\lambda_k t}$, where λ_k is the maximal transversal Lyapunov exponent (TLE).

Positive λ_k means that the replica **diverges** and thus the unit *k* is **anti-reliable**; **negative** λ_k means **reliability**: the replica converges and eventually

$$\mathbf{y}_k(t) \xrightarrow[t\to\infty]{} \mathbf{x}_k(t).$$





Internal reliability of recurrent neural network

First (trivial) example: a recurrent network of neural network units (like in the Hopfield network with parallel dynamics)

$$\dot{x}_k = -x_k + \sum_{j \neq k} J_{jk} \tanh(x_j)$$

$$(F_k(x_k) = -x_k; H_k(x_k) = \sum_{j \neq k} \tanh(x_j))$$

The growth of a small deviation between the prototype and the replica is:

$$\dot{v}_k = -v_k$$

 $\lambda_k = -1$,

Therefore, all units are reliable, although the system may be chaotic.

[H. Sompolinsky, A. Crisanti, and H. J. Sommers, *Chaos in random neural networks*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 61, 259 (1988)]





Kuramoto model

The Kuramoto model is formed by N all-to-all coupled oscillators different natural frequencies ω_k ...

$$\dot{x}_k = \omega_k + \frac{\varepsilon}{N} \sum_{j \neq k} \sin(x_j - x_k)$$

We can define an order parameter (radial position of the center of mass of oscillators)

$$r = \frac{1}{N} \left(\left(\sum_{k} \cos(x_k) \right)^2 + \left(\sum_{k} \sin(x_k) \right)^2 \right)$$

Which shows a transition from $\langle r \rangle = 0$ to $\langle r \rangle > 0$. Above the transition all units are trivially reliable. We investigate the system below (near) the critical point.

It is possible to compute analytically ε_c for $N \to \infty$.





Internal reliability of Kuramoto units

Let us consider now a Kuramoto model of N coupled oscillators with natural frequencies, ω_k , distributed following the *Beta* distribution (in order to have them bounded). The frequences are also "optimally" spaced to avoid a source of variability.

$$\dot{x}_{k} = \omega_{k} + \frac{\varepsilon}{N} \sum_{j \neq k} \sin(x_{j} - x_{k})$$

 $(F_k(x_k) = \omega_k; H_k(x_k) = \frac{\varepsilon}{N} \sum_{j \neq k} \sin(x_j - x_k))$

The growth of a small deviation between the prototype and the replica is:

$$\dot{v}_{k} = -\frac{\varepsilon}{N} \sum_{j \neq k} \cos(x_{j} - x_{k}) v_{k}$$
$$\lambda_{k} = -\frac{\varepsilon}{N} \left\{ \sum_{j \neq k} \cos(x_{j} - x_{k}) \right\}$$







Internal reliability of Kuramoto units

In this case for $N \rightarrow \infty$ the TLE is zero or negative, but for finite N the reliability is related to coupling and natural frequency (although the coupling is all to all).



Reliability vs coupling strength, N = 21

Reliability vs oscillator natural freq.



Correlations matrices

Representing correlations among two units as $c_{jk} = c_{kj} = (\cos(x_j - x_k))$ we have

$$\lambda_k = -\frac{\varepsilon}{N} \sum_{j \neq k} c_{jk}$$

And indeed we have positive correlations (negative TLE) for central units.





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Fluctuation-dissipation relations

The relationship

$$\lambda_k = -\frac{\varepsilon}{N} \sum_{j \neq k} c_{jk}$$

can be considered a kind of fluctuation-dissipation relation.

The variance of the Kuramoto order parameter

$$r = |Z| = \frac{1}{N} \left| \sum_{k} \exp(ix_k) \right|$$

i.e.,

$$\langle |Z|^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{jk} \left\langle e^{i(x_j - x_k)} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{N^2} \left(N + \sum_{j \neq k} c_{jk} \right) = \frac{1}{N} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\varepsilon \sum_k \lambda_k} \right),$$

can be considered as another fluctuation-dissipation relation.





Reliability of pairs

Representing correlations among two units as $c_{jk} = c_{kj} = \langle \cos(x_j - x_k) \rangle$ we have

$$\lambda_k = -\frac{\varepsilon}{N} \sum_{j \neq k} c_{jk}$$





and

Imperfect replicas

We insert a detuning $\delta \omega$ of the natural frequency of the replica

$$\dot{y_k} = \omega_k + \delta \omega_k + \frac{\epsilon}{N} \sum_{j \neq k} \sin(x_j - y_k)$$

and compute the phase distance $d = \left\langle \left| \sin\left(\frac{x_k - y_k}{2}\right) \right| \right\rangle$ and the observed frequency distance $\Delta \Omega = \langle \dot{y}_k - \dot{x}_k \rangle$.





Reliability of subnetworks

For larger networks the number of possible sub-networks is too large to explore all of them.



We computed the TLEs for a random sample of 1000 sub-networks of sizes 4, ..., 10 out of N = 21. Already for subnetworks of size 4 only 10% of all cases are reliable, and starting from 7 all tested subnetworks are anti-reliable.



Mean values and standard deviations (depicted as error bars) of the TLEs for randomly sampled sub-networks of the recurrent neural network. For sufficiently large subnetwork the system becomes anti-reliable.



Conclusions

We explored phase oscillators coupled via Winfree-type coupling terms; Stuart-Landau oscillators, coupled rotators ("oscillators with inertia") described by secondorder phase equations, and all of them demonstrated qualitatively the same properties: units with peripheral frequencies are anti-reliable, while those with central frequencies are reliable.

Furthermore, we explored several examples of random Kuramoto networks

$$\dot{x}_k = \omega_k + \varepsilon \sum_{j \neq k} A_{jk} \sin(x_j - x_k)$$

with a uniform distribution of natural frequencies and randomly sampled A_{jk} . For both symmetric and asymmetric random matrices, the typical picture is that peripheral units are anti-reliable, and the central units are reliable. However, some central units become anti-reliable in a certain range of coupling strengths ε .

In the reliable regime, we can exploit the fact that the synchronized state is stable only if all parameters are the same to estimate them.

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