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## Control under Communication Constraints and Invariance Entropy

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# Goal

Determine **fundamental limitations** in control

Here: Describe the “information” needed to make a subset invariant for a control system

Classically, entropy is used in dynamical systems theory in order to describe the information generated by the systems and to classify them.

A recent survey on various definitions and application areas of **entropy** is Amigó et al. DCDS B (2015).

Control systems:

**Delchamps** (1990) (ergodic theory for quantized feedback)

Topological versions have been analyzed, in particular, by

**Nair, Evans, Mareels and Moran** (2004)

**Kawan**, Springer LNM Vol. 2089 (2013)

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**Motivation:** Suppose that the present state  $x_n$  of the system is measured. If the controller has complete information about the present state, it can adjust a feedback control  $u(x)$  appropriately. However, if the measurement is sent to the controller via a (noiseless) digital channel with bounded data rate it is of interest to determine the minimal data rate needed to make  $Q$  invariant. More abstractly: What is the minimal average information needed to make  $Q$  invariant?

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- Some motivation from classical entropy of dynamical systems
- Topological invariance entropy for control systems
- coder-controllers and minimal bit rates
- Relations to controllability properties

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Then the entropy of  $\mathcal{B}$  is given by

$$h(\mathcal{B}, T) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log N(\mathfrak{B}^{(n)})$$

and the **topological entropy** of  $T$  is

$$h_{\text{top}}(T) = \sup_{\mathcal{B}} h(\mathcal{B}, T).$$

# A classical example

Consider the **logistic map** on the interval  $X = [0, 1]$  given by

$$F_4(x) = 4x(1 - x), x \in [0, 1].$$

The topological entropy of  $F_4$  is

$$h_{top}(F_4) = \log_2 2 = 1 > 0.$$

Hence this is a **chaotic map**.



# Metric entropy for dynamical systems

For a probability measure  $\mu$  and a partition  $\mathcal{P}$  of  $X$  the **Shannon entropy** is

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They yield a partition  $\mathcal{P}^{(n)} = \{P_n(\alpha) \mid \alpha \in \mathcal{P}^n\}$  and

$$h_\mu(\mathcal{P}, T) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} H_\mu(\mathcal{P}^{(n)}).$$

The **Kolmogorov-Sinai entropy** of  $T$  is

$$h_\mu(T) = \sup_{\mathcal{P}} h_\mu(\mathcal{P}, T).$$

# The logistic map again

Recall

$$F_4(x) = 4x(1-x) \text{ on } [0, 1].$$

A (trivial) invariant measure is  $\mu = \delta_0$  with entropy  $h_{\delta_0}(F_4) = 0$ .

A nontrivial invariant measure is given by its density (with respect to Lebesgue measure)

$$\frac{1}{\pi\sqrt{x(1-x)}}, x \in [0, 1].$$

The corresponding **metric entropy** is

$$h_{\mu}(F_4) = \log_2 2 = 1$$

(hence equal to the topological entropy).

The **Variational Principle** states that

$$\sup_{\mu} h_{\mu}(T) = h_{top}(T)$$

and invariant measures  $\mu$  with maximal entropy, i.e.,  $h_{\mu}(T) = h_{top}(T)$ , are of special relevance.

For smooth maps, the entropy can often be characterized by the positive **Lyapunov exponents**.

# Invariance entropy for control systems

Describe the **minimal information** to make a compact  $Q \subset M$  invariant for

$$x_{n+1} = f(x_n, u_n), \quad u_n \in \Omega,$$

with solutions  $\varphi(n, x_0, u)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , in  $M$ .

Here this will be done in a topological framework.

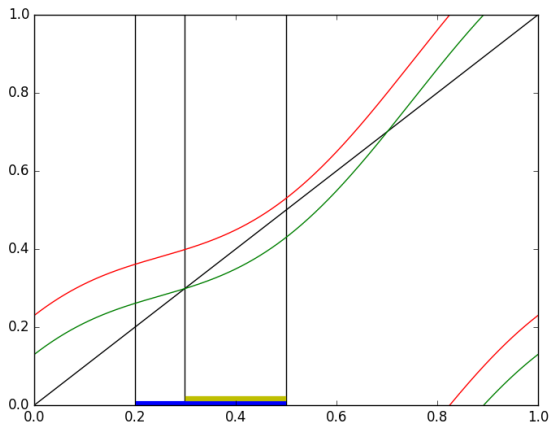
Topological invariance entropy is based on **itineraries in  $Q$**  corresponding to **invariant open covers** of  $Q$ . They are constructed by feedbacks keeping the system in  $Q$  and replace the open covers.

**Observe:** This is not directly related to the entropy of the uncontrolled system which may behave very wildly in  $Q$ , while  $Q$  itself may be invariant. Hence the entropy of the dynamical system may be positive while the invariance problem is trivial.

# Example

$$f_\alpha(x, \omega) = x + \sigma \cos(2\pi x) + A\omega + \alpha \pmod{1}, \quad \omega \in \Omega = [-1, 1].$$

With  $A = 0.05, \sigma = 0.1, \alpha = 0.08$  consider the set  $Q = [0.2, 0.5]$ .



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The invariance entropy of  $\mathcal{C}$  is

$$h(\mathcal{C}, Q) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log N(\mathfrak{B}^{(n)})$$

and the **topological invariance entropy** of  $Q$  is

$$h_{\text{inv}}(Q) := \inf_{\mathcal{C}} h(\mathcal{C}, Q).$$

## Alternative definition

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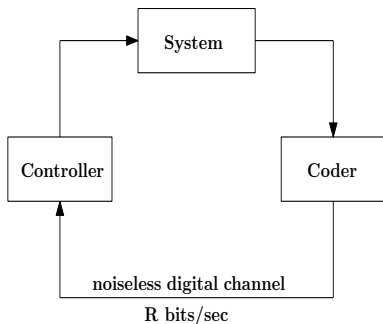
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**Theorem** (FC, Kawan, Nair (2013)). For  $K = Q$  one has

$$h_{inv}(Q) = h_{inv}(Q, Q).$$

# The control problem



## Explanation

**System** Deterministic, discrete or continuous time

**Coder** Encodes the state by a symbol from a (time-dependent) alphabet at discrete times  $k\tau$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

**Controller** Generates open-loop controls on a finite time interval  $[0, \tau]$

## Relation to coder-controllers and data rates

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$\mathcal{H}$  renders  $Q$  invariant if for every  $x_0 \in Q$  the sequence

$$x_{k+1} := \varphi(\tau, x_k, u_k), k \in \mathbb{N},$$

with

$$u_k = \delta_k(\gamma_0(x_0), \gamma_1(x_0, x_1), \dots, \gamma_k(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k)) \in \Omega^\tau$$

satisfies

$$\varphi(i, x_k, u_k) \in Q \text{ for all } i \in \{1, \dots, \tau\} \text{ and all } k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

# The data rate theorem

**Theorem.** For a compact and controlled invariant set  $Q$  it holds that

$$h_{inv}(Q) = \inf R(\mathcal{H}),$$

where the infimum is taken over all coder-controllers  $\mathcal{H}$  that render  $Q$  invariant.

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- hyperbolicity of the control flow on  $\mathcal{U} \times Q$  gives a formula in terms of Lyapunov exponents for periodic solutions

Kawan (2014),

- also for linear control systems on Lie groups

da Silva (2014)

DA SILVA AND KAWAN, *DISC. CONT. DYNAM. SYST.* (2016)

**Theorem.** Consider a uniformly hyperbolic chain control set  $E$  with nonempty interior of a control-affine continuous time system. Assume that

- (i) the Lie Algebra Rank Condition holds on  $\text{int}E$  and
- (ii) for each  $u \in \mathcal{U}$  there exists a unique  $x \in E$  with  $(u, x) \in \mathcal{E}$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{E}$  is a graph over  $\mathcal{U}$ .

Then  $E$  is the closure of a control set  $D$  and for every compact set  $K \subset D$  with positive volume,

$$h_{inv}(K, D) = \inf_{(u,x) \in \mathcal{E}} \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \log J^+ \varphi_{t,u}(x)$$

where  $J^+ \varphi_{t,u}(x)$  is the unstable determinant of  $d\varphi_{t,u}(x)$ .

# Invariance pressure

Introduce a potential  $f \in C(\Omega, \mathbb{R})$  for the control values.

Let  $K \subset Q$  be compact s.t.  $\forall x \in K \exists u \in \mathcal{U} : \varphi(\mathbb{R}_+, x, u) \subset Q$ .

A set  $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{U}$  is a  $(\tau, K, Q)$ -spanning set if

$$\forall x \in K \exists u \in \mathcal{S} : \varphi([0, \tau], x, u) \subset Q.$$

With  $(S_\tau f)(u) := \int_0^\tau f(u(t)) dt$  let

$$a_\tau(f, K, Q) := \inf \left\{ \sum_{u \in \mathcal{S}} e^{(S_\tau f)(u)}; \mathcal{S} \text{ is } (\tau, K, Q)\text{-spanning} \right\}.$$

The **invariance pressure** is

$$P_{inv}(f, K, Q) = \limsup_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\tau} \log a_\tau(f, K, Q).$$

If  $f \equiv 0$ ,  $\sum_{u \in \mathcal{S}} e^{(S_\tau f)(u)} = \#\mathcal{S}$ . Then this reduces to a known characterization of the invariance entropy.

# Invariance pressure for linear control systems

Consider a **linear control systems** in  $\mathbb{R}^d$

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu, u(t) \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^m,$$

with a compact neighborhood  $\Omega$  of 0 and assume  $(A, B)$  controllable,  $A$  hyperbolic.

For  $K \subset D$ , the unique control set with  $\text{int}D \neq \emptyset$ , one has:

$$P_{inv}(f, K, D) \leq \sum_{\lambda \in \sigma(A)} \max(0, \text{Re } \lambda) + \inf_{T, u(\cdot)} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(u(s)) ds,$$

where the infimum is taken over all  $T > 0$  and all  $T$ -periodic controls  $u(\cdot)$  with values in a compact subset of  $\text{int}\Omega$  and a  $T$ -periodic  $x(\cdot) \subset \text{int}D$ .

# Invariance Entropy and Controllability Properties

For **dynamical systems** it is well known that the entropy is already determined on the recurrent set.

What about invariance entropy?

For **control systems** recurrence properties are replaced by controllability properties.

Here subsets of complete approximate controllability (in  $Q$ ) are of relevance, called **control sets**.

# W-control sets

For a **open** subset  $W$  of the state space let  $\varphi_W(n, x, u)$  be the trajectories within  $W$  and define the **reachable and controllable set within  $W$**  by

$$\mathcal{R}_W(x) = \{\varphi_W(n, x, u) \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } u \in \mathcal{U}\}$$

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**Definition.** A set  $D$  is called an **invariant W-control set** if

(i)

$$\overline{D}^W = \overline{\mathcal{R}_W(x)}^W \text{ for all } x \in D,$$

where the closure is taken with respect to  $W$  and

(ii) there is  $x \in D$  with  $x \in \text{int}\mathcal{C}_W(x)$ .

**Remark.** Condition (ii) is crucial for discrete-time systems.

# Existence of invariant $W$ -control sets

**Theorem.** Assume

- the state space  $M$  is a connected analytic Riemannian manifold
- $W \subset M$  is connected open and relatively compact
- the control range  $\Omega \subset \overline{\text{int}\Omega} \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $f : M \times \Omega \rightarrow M$  is analytic
- $\Omega_{\text{sub}} := \{\omega \in \Omega \mid f(\cdot, \omega) \text{ is submersive}\}$  is the complement of a proper analytic subset.

Then the following are equivalent:

- (i) There are at least one and at most finitely many **invariant  $W$ -control sets**  $D$  and for every  $x \in W$  there is  $D$  with

$$\mathcal{R}_W(x) \cap D \neq \emptyset.$$

- (ii) There is a compact set  $F \subset W$  with

$$F \cap \overline{\mathcal{R}_W(x)} \neq \emptyset \text{ for all } x \in W.$$



# Invariance entropy and $W$ -control sets

**Theorem.** Under the assumptions of (i) in the previous theorem let  $Q := \overline{W} \subset M$  and consider a compact  $K \subset Q$ . Assume

- (i) for every relatively invariant  $W$ -control set  $C_i$  there is a compact  $K_i \subset K \cap C_i$  with  $\text{int}K_i \neq \emptyset$ .
- (i) for the finitely many invariant  $W$ -control sets  $D_i$

$$f(\cup_i \overline{D_i}, \Omega) \cap (\partial Q \setminus \cup_i \overline{D_i}) = \emptyset.$$

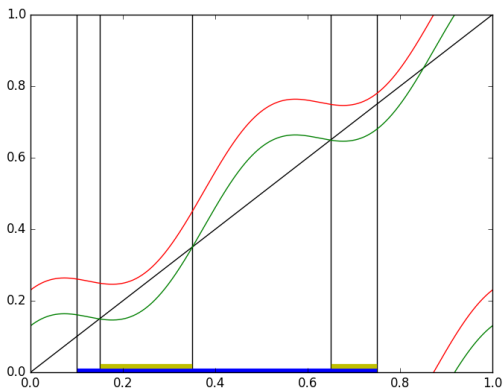
Then

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where the maximum is taken over all relatively invariant  $W$ -control sets  $C_i$ .

**Remark.** In the continuous-time case a similar result has been shown in FC/Lettau (2016).

$$f_\alpha(x, \omega) = x + \sigma \cos(4\pi x) + A\omega + \alpha \pmod{1}.$$



Two  $W$ -control sets  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  (to the right) in  $W = (0.1, 0.7)$ . The invariance entropies on  $Q = [0.1, 0.7]$  and on  $\overline{D_2}$  coincide.

# Final remarks

Classical entropy of dynamical systems describes the **total information** generated by the system topologically or with respect to an **invariant measure**.

In contrast, entropy for control systems describes the **minimal information** for invariance in a topological context.

The data rate theorem relates the topological invariance entropy to the minimal bit rate needed for invariance.

In a similar vein, minimal bit rates for other control problems, e.g. stabilization or state estimation, can be determined.

There are also several efforts to develop a measure-theoretic notion of invariance entropy.

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