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Toward Resilient Monitoring and Control of Distributed Cyber-Physical Systems

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Distributed Control of Multi-Agent Systems







- Basic models of flocking behavior are controlled by three simple rules:
 - Separation avoid crowding neighbors
 - Alignment steer towards average heading of neighbors
 - Cohesion steer towards average position of neighbors







 All sensors measure independently some physical phenomenon with some error due to noise

$$y_i = \theta + v_i, v_i \sim N(0, \sigma_i^2), i = 1, 2, ..., n$$

- The sensors improve their estimate by averaging the measurements
- Minimum variance estimate

$$\hat{\theta}_{MV} = \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} y_i}{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{1}{\sigma_j^2}}$$

 It can be asymptotically computed in a distributed fashion using two average consensus algorithms in parallel



Consensus in Networked Multi-agent Systems



 Synchronous linear iterative consensus

$$x_{i}(t+1) = w_{ii}(t)x_{i}(t) + \sum_{j \in N_{i}^{in}(t)} w_{ij}(t)x_{j}(t)$$

- Conditions
 - There exists 0 < α < 1 such that

 $w_{ii}(t) \ge \alpha, \forall i, t$

$$w_{ij}(t) = 0$$
 if $j \notin N_i^{in}(t), \forall i, j, t$

 $w_{ij}(t) \ge \alpha$ if $j \in N_i^{in}(t), \forall i, j, t$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} w_{ij}(t) = 1, \forall i, t$$

 Consensus is reached if there exists a rooted out-branching periodically over time (in the union of digraphs)



- Resilient consensus in the presence of adversaries
- Applications
 - Vehicle rendezvous, formation control, parameter estimation, least squares data regression, sensor calibration, time synchronization, node counting, Kalman filtering, ...







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 - Adversary models
 - Robust Network Topologies
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 - Connected Dominating Set
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- Distributed Simulation Testbed
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Adversary Models



- Crash Adversary
- Malicious Adversary
 - Must convey the same information to all neighbors
 - Local broadcast model
- Byzantine Adversary
 - Can convey different information to different neighbors
- All adversaries are omniscient.
 - Topology of the network
 - States and algorithms of the other nodes
 - Other adversaries (can collude)

- F-Total Model
 - At most F adversaries in the entire network
- F-Local Model
 - At most *F* adversaries in the neighborhood of any normal node
- f-Fraction Local Model
 - At most a fraction f of adversaries in the neighborhood of any normal node



3-total, 3=local, (3/5)-fraction local ⁷





- Weighted consensus protocol with selective reduce
 - Parameter F (or f)
 - $F_i(t) = F$ if the parameter is F
 - $F_i(t) = \lfloor f d_i(t) \rfloor$ if the parameter is f
 - Nonnegative, piecewise continuous, bounded weights
 - $0 < \alpha \leq w_{(j,i)}(t) \leq \beta$ if *j* is a neighbor at time *t*
 - $w_{(j,i)}(t) = 0$ otherwise
 - Compare values of neighbors with own value $x_i(t)$
 - Remove (up to) $F_i(t)$ values strictly larger than $x_i(t)$
 - Remove (up to) $F_i(t)$ values strictly smaller than $x_i(t)$
 - Let $\mathcal{R}_i(t)$ denote the set of nodes whose values are removed
 - Update as

$$x_{i}(t+1) = w_{(i,i)}(t)x_{i}(t) + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_{i}^{\text{in}}(t) \setminus \mathcal{R}_{i}(t)} w_{(j,i)}(t)x_{(j,i)}(t)$$



Resilient Asymptotic Consensus





- Hybrid system dynamics $x_i(t+1) = f_{i,\sigma(t)}(t, x_i(t), \{x_{(j,i)}(t)\}), \ i \in \mathcal{N}, j \in \mathcal{N}_i^{\text{in}}, t \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, \mathcal{D}_{\sigma(t)} \in \Gamma_n$
- Agreement Condition

 $\lim_{t \to \infty} \Psi(t) = 0 \quad \text{where } \Psi(t) = M_{\mathcal{N}}(t) - m_{\mathcal{N}}(t)$

- Safety Condition $x_i(t) \in \mathcal{I}_t = [m_{\mathcal{N}}(t), M_{\mathcal{N}}(t)], \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, \forall i \in \mathcal{N}$
- Weighted Mean-Subsequence-Reduced (W-MSR) Algorithm

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Robust Network Topologies





- We need a new graph theoretic property to capture local redundancy
- Specify a minimum number of nodes that are sufficiently influenced from outside their set
- (r,s)-robustness: For every pair of nonempty disjoint sets, there are at least s nodes with at least r inneighbors outside their respective sets





Threat	Scope	Necessary	Sufficient	
Crash & Malicious	F-Total	(F+1,F+1)-robust	(F+1,F+1)-robust	
Crash & Malicious	F-Local	(<i>F</i> +1, <i>F</i> +1)-robust	(2F+1)-robust	
Crash & Malicious	<i>f</i> -Fraction local	<i>f</i> -fraction robust	<i>p</i> -fraction robust, where $2f$	
Byzantine	F-Total & F-Local	Normal Network is (F+1)- robust	Normal Network is (F+1)-robust	
Byzantine	<i>f</i> -Fraction local	Normal Network is <i>f</i> -robust	Normal Network is <i>p</i> -robust where $p > f$	

- Normal network is the network induced by the normal nodes
- Necessary Conditions for F-Total and F-Local are necessary for any successful DTRAC algorithm

[LeBlanc et al., IEEE JSAC, April 2013]



Simulation Results





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• Let D=(V, E) be a nontrivial (r,s)-robust digraph. Then, $D'=(V \cup \{v_{new}\}, E \cup E_{new})$, where v_{new} is a new node added to D and E_{new} is the directed edge set related to v_{new} , is (r,s)-robust if

 $d_{v_{\text{new}}}^{\text{in}} \ge r + s - 1$

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Preferential-attachment model

- Initial graph: K₅
- K₅ is (3,2)-robust
- Num edges / round: 4
- End with (3,2)-robust graph

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Trusted Nodes





- Assume that some nodes are trusted
 - AMI is generally more secure than SA
- Can we exploit the notion of trusted nodes for relaxing the redundancy conditions?







Dominating SetConnected Dominating Set $D \subseteq V$, s.t. $\bigcup_{v_i \in D} \mathcal{N}[v_i] = V$ Nodes in the dominating set induce a connected subgraphImage: Image: I

 Under RCP-T, consensus is always achieved in the presence of *arbitrary number of adversaries* if and only if there exists a set of trusted nodes that form a connected dominating set

(2,2)-Robust Graph





- RCP-T achieves consensus in the presence of two adversaries
- ARC-P algorithm can handle a single adversary but not two







- RCP-T achieves consensus even with five adversaries
- ARC-P algorithm is not resilient even to a single adversary





- The connected domination number d is the number of vertices in the minimum connected dominating set
- If the number of trusted nodes is at least *d*, the network can be made resilient against any number of adversaries
- Can we improve resilience if the number of trusted nodes < d?</p>



With any three trusted nodes, the network is not resilient against two adversarial attacks.







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Command and Control Wind Tunnel (C2WT)



Simulation models

Domain-specific models (abstract simulation models)

-Data models (interaction & data models) -Integration models (data-flow, timing, parameters) -Compute Infrastructure models -Deployment models -Experiment models -Configuration models

Domain specific federates



OMNeT++ federate	CPN federate	Devs Java federate	Simulink federate	Physics federate	Sensor simulation federate			
High-Level Architecture (HLA) Run-Time Infrastructure (RTI): Portico (open source								



C2WT Capabilities











- Control center communicates with field devices interacting with the process
- Two levels of control loops:
 - High-level feedback loop over network
 - Low-level feedback loop local to physical process







Simulation of DDOS Attack









- Resilient Consensus Protocols in the Presence of Adversaries
 - Exploit local information redundancy to ensure asymptotic consensus
 - Characterize robust network topologies
- Resilient Consensus Protocols with Trusted Nodes
 - Trusted nodes form a connected dominating set
- Simulation of CPS using the C2 Wind Tunnel (C2WT)
 - Industrial Control Systems