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Notation

$P^i = (T, U^i, X^i, Y^i, W^i, f^i, g^i)$: **subsystem model**, the **plant** P^i , deterministic finite-state automaton.

$T = 0, 1, 2, \dots \subset \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ with $k \in T$: an event **time**.

$\nu_k^i \in U^i = \{1, \dots, m_i\} \subset \mathbb{N}$: finite sets of discrete **inputs**.

$\xi_k^i \in X^i = \{1, \dots, n_i\} \subset \mathbb{N}$: discrete **states**.

$y_k^i \in Y^i = \{1, \dots, q_i\} \subset \mathbb{N}$: finite sets of discrete **outputs**.

$W^i \in \{0, 1, \dots, q^i\}^{m_i \times n_i}$: **dependence matrix**. $W^i(\text{input}, \text{state}) = y^{i+1} > 0$ or $= 0$

$f^i: X^i \times U^i \rightarrow X^i$: A deterministic **state transition function**.

$g^i: X^i \rightarrow Y^i$: **output function** of Moore-type.

$T = 0, 1, 2, \dots \subset \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ with $k \in T$: an event **time**.

$\xi_0^i \in X^i$: initial state.

$\nu_k^i \in U^i \cup \{0\} = \{0, 1, \dots, m_i\}$: finite sets of discrete inputs.

$\phi_u^i := \{\nu_0^i, \nu_1^i, \dots\}$: input sequence.

$\phi_x^i := \{\xi_0^i, \xi_1^i, \dots\}$: the elements of an admissible run.

$\phi_y^i := \{y_0^i, y_1^i, \dots\}$: output sequence.

$$\xi_{k+1}^i = \begin{cases} \xi_k^i, & \text{if } \nu_k^i = 0. \\ f^i(\xi_k^i, \nu_k^i), & \text{if } \nu_k^i \in U^i, \quad W(\nu_k^i, \xi_k^i) = 0 \\ f^i(\xi_k^i, \nu_k^i), & \text{if } \nu_k^i \in U^i, \quad W^i(\nu_k^i, \xi_k^i) \in Y^{i+1} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

$$y_{k+1}^i = g^i(\xi_{k+1}^i) \quad (2)$$

$x_k^i \in \{0, 1\}^{n_i \times 1}$: state vector.

$$\begin{cases} x_{k,j}^i = 1 \\ x_{k,p}^i = 0 \end{cases} \text{ if and only if } \xi_k^i = j \in \{1, \dots, n_i\} \text{ is the active state of } P^i \text{ in } k. \quad (3)$$

$F_l^i \in \{0, 1\}^{n_i \times n_i}$: state transition matrix, for any input $l \in U^i$.

$h, j \in X^i$.

$$F_l^i(j, h) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } j = f^i(h, l) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (4) : P^i \text{ can be transitioned from state } \xi_k^i = h \text{ into state } \xi_k^i = j \text{ if the input } l \text{ is applied.}$$

$F_l^i(j, j) = 1$ if $F_l^i(p, j) = 0 \forall p \neq j, p \in \{1, \dots, n_i\}$.

$\sum_{j=1}^{n_i} F_l^i(j, h) = 1$ applies $\forall h \in \{1, \dots, n_i\}$ and $l \in U^i$.

$\mathfrak{F}^i = \{F_1^i, \dots, F_{m_i}^i\}$: set of state transition matrices.

$x_0^i \in \{0, 1\}^{n_i \times 1}$: initial vector. $\sum_{j=1}^{n_i} x_{0,j}^i = 1$.

$\phi_u^i := \{\nu_0^i, \nu_1^i, \dots\}$: input sequence.

$\phi_x^i := \{x_0^i, x_1^i, \dots\}$: a run of P^i over T is admissible.

$$x_{k+1}^i = \begin{cases} x_k^i, & \text{if } \nu_k^i = 0 \\ F_j^i \cdot x_k^i, & \text{if } \nu_k^i \in U^i, \quad W(\nu_k^i, \xi_k^i) = 0 \\ F_j^i \cdot x_k^i, & \text{if } \nu_k^i \in U^i, \quad W^i(\nu_k^i, \xi_k^i) \in X^{i+1}. \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

$F^i = \sum_{l=1}^{m_i} F_l^i$: accumulated state transition matrix. It encodes with $F^i(j, h) = 1$ that the transition from $\xi_k^i = h$ to $\xi_k^i = j$ is possible with at least one input. (6)

$R^i := \sum_{p=1}^{n_i} (F^i)^p$: a reachability matrix. To this one-step from $\xi_k^i = h$ to $\xi_k^i = j$ reachability, R^i formalizes the possibility of transferring P^i between an arbitrary pair of states. (6) $R^i(j, h) = 1$ models that state j is reachable from state h by at least one input sequence in at most n_i state transitions.

$\pi(\xi_k^i, \xi_{k+1}^i, \nu_k^i)$: transition costs. for any transition $\xi_{k+1}^i = f^i(\xi_k^i, \nu_k^i)$ specified for P^i through the state transition function (or the set of state transition matrices \mathfrak{F}^i). Possible interpretations of such transition costs are the time, the control effort, and/or the energy required to steer P^i from ξ_k^i to ξ_{k+1}^i by the use of the control input ν_k^i , i.e., π can encode state and control costs.

$\Pi_j^i(q, p) = \pi(p, q, j)$: cost of the transition- $f^i(p, j) = q$.

$\Pi_j^i(q, p) = \infty$: if the transition is infeasible for input j . $F_j^i(q, p) = 0$.

$\Pi_j^i(p, p) = 0$: self-loops, $\forall p \in X^i, j \in U^i$.

$$\Pi^i := \{q, p \in X^i : \min_{j \in U^i} \Pi_j^i(q, p)\} \quad (7)$$

$$f^i(p, j) = q \text{ over all } j \in U^i \text{ values.}$$

$$\Pi_{U^i}^i := \{q, p \in \mathcal{X}^i : \Pi_{U^i}^i = 0 \text{ if } F^i(p, q) = 0, \text{ and } \Pi_{U^i}^i(q, p) = \operatorname{argmin}_{j \in U^i} \Pi_j^i(q, p) \text{ if } F^i(p, q) = 1\} \quad (8)$$

Π_{opt}^i : minimal transfer costs for P^i .

$\Pi_{opt}^i(q, p)$: The minimal costs for transferring the subsystem from the state $\xi^i = p$ into $\xi^i = q$.

Problem 1: Subsystem independent of other subsystems

$W^i \in \{0, 1, \dots, q^i\}^{m_i \times n_i}$: dependence matrix.

$W^i(\text{input}, \text{state}) = y^{i+1} = 0^{m_i \times n_i}$: subsystem P^i as independent of other subsystems.

ξ_F^i : goal state.

$$\nu_k^i = u^i \cdot K^i \cdot x_k^i \in U^i.$$

$u^i = [1, 2, \dots, m_i]$: a row vector of all input indices in U^i .

$K^i \in \{0, 1\}^{m_i \times n_i}$: Controller matrix.

$$\Pi_{opt}^i(\xi_F^i, \xi_0^i) := \min_{\phi_u^i} \sum_{j=1}^{d^i} \Pi_{\nu_{j-1}^i}^i(\xi_j^i, \xi_{j-1}^i).$$

The task is to compute a state-feedback controller,

which realizes for any arbitrary initialization $\xi_0^i \in X^i$: arbitrary initialization, an input sequence $\phi_u^i = \{\nu_0^i, \nu_1^i, \dots, \nu_{d^i-1}^i\}$: input sequence, that leads to an admissible run $\phi_\xi^i = (\xi_0^i, \dots, \xi_{d^i}^i)$: admissible run.

1. The final state is the goal $\xi_{d^i}^i = \xi_F^i$
2. The state-feedback control law has the structure:
 $\nu_k^i = u^i \cdot K^i \cdot x_k^i \in U^i \leftarrow u^i = [1, 2, \dots, m_i]$: a row vector of all input indices in U^i . $K^i \in \{0, 1\}^{m_i \times n_i}$: Controller matrix. (9)
3. The costs of ϕ_x^i are minimal over all admissible runs to transfer P^i from ξ_0^i to ξ_F^i : $\Pi_{opt}^i(\xi_F^i, \xi_0^i) := \min_{\phi_u^i} \sum_{j=1}^{d^i} \Pi_{\nu_{j-1}^i}^i(\xi_j^i, \xi_{j-1}^i)$. (10)

(9): For a given x_k^i : current state, $u^i \cdot K^i$: selects the control input ν_k^i to be applied, in order to trigger the next state transition. The selection of K^i according to the solution of (10) produces the ξ_F^i th row of the matrix Π_{opt}^i , and establishes an optimal controller for P^i with ξ_F^i : goal state.

Synthesis Algorithm for Independent Subsystems

$K^i \in \{0, 1\}^{m_i \times n_i}$: Controller matrix.

$$\Pi_{opt}^i(\xi_F^i, \xi_0^i) := \min_{\phi_u^i} \sum_{j=1}^{d^i} \Pi_{\nu_{j-1}^i}^i(\xi_j^i, \xi_{j-1}^i).$$

ξ_F^i th row of the matrix Π_{opt}^i

ξ_F^i : goal state.

Compute controller matrix, and the part of costs referring to the goal state.

Control of Distributed Systems with Linear Structure

$\mathbb{P} = \{P^1, \dots, P^i, \dots, P^z\}$: optimal control of processes consisting of z subsystems, interconnected in a linear structure.

P^i has higher priority than P^{i+1} .

C^i :controller, communicates with C^{i-1} and C^{i+1} , $i \in \{2, \dots, z-1\}$.

Task of Distributed Controller Synthesis

Assumption 3 : Any subsystem $P^i \in \mathbb{P}$, $i \in \{2, \dots, z\}$ is completely controllable: $R^i = 1^{n_i \times n_i}$.

Proposition 2 : Let $P = \{P^1, P^2\}$ be a pair of 2 connected subsystems for which an admissible run is a sequence of state pair (ξ_k^1, ξ_k^2) according to Definition 2 with $W^1(\nu_k^1, \xi_k^1) \in X^2$ and $W^2 = 0^{m_2 \times n_2}$. The structure is completely controllable if P^1 and P^2 on their own are completely controllable according to Assumption 3.

Proof : Since the transition of P^2 are independent of the current state of P^1 , and since subsystem P^2 is completely controllable, a sequence ϕ_u^2 of inputs exists to transfer P^2 from an arbitrary initial state ξ_0^2 into ξ_F^2 .

Thus, P^2 is able to deliver any arbitrary output sequence ϕ_y^2 (and thus admissible run ϕ_x^2) to subsystem P^1 , i.e., any condition formulated for P^1 in terms of the dependence matrix W^1 is satisfiable by P^2 . Since P^1 itself is completely controllable as well, a sequence of input ϕ_u^1 exists which transfers P^1 into an arbitrary goal state ξ_F^1 .

Problem 2: Two subsystems

For 2 subsystems P^1 and P^2 , let the goal states ξ_F^1 and ξ_F^2 be defined. The control task is to compute 2 local feedback control laws, which generate for any initialization $\xi_0^1 \in X^1$ and $\xi_0^2 \in X^2$, the input sequences $\phi_u^1 = (\nu_0^1, \dots, \nu_{d_1-1}^1)$ and $\phi_u^2 = (\nu_0^2, \dots, \nu_{d_2-1}^2)$, such that the following hold.

1. The admissible runs $\phi_x^1 = (\xi_0^1, \dots, \xi_{d_1}^1)$ with $\xi_{d_1}^1 = \xi_F^1$ and $\phi_x^2 = (\xi_0^2, \dots, \xi_{d_2}^2)$ with $\xi_{d_2}^2 = \xi_F^2$.
2. ϕ_u^1 and ϕ_u^2 follow from controllers of the following type: $\nu_k^1 = u^1 \cdot K^1(\xi_k^2) \cdot x_k^1 \in U^1$, $\nu_k^2 = u^2 \cdot K^2 \cdot x_k^2 \in U^2$ (11) with vectors u^1 and u^2 , and matrix K^2 as in problem 1, and $K^1(\xi_k^2) \in \{0, 1\}^{m_1 \times n_1}$ for $\xi_k^2 \in X^2$.
3. The global path costs are minimal $J_g = \sum_{k=1}^{d_1} \Pi_{\nu_{k-1}^1}(\xi_k^1, \xi_{k-1}^1) + \sum_{k=1}^{d_2} \Pi_{\nu_{k-1}^2}(\xi_k^2, \xi_{k-1}^2)$ (12)

Thus, the solution is targeted to provide local controllers C^1 and C^2 for P^1 and P^2 , such that the latter are driven from an arbitrarily chosen initial state into the respective local goal state, while the sum of the transfer costs for both control loops is as small as possible.

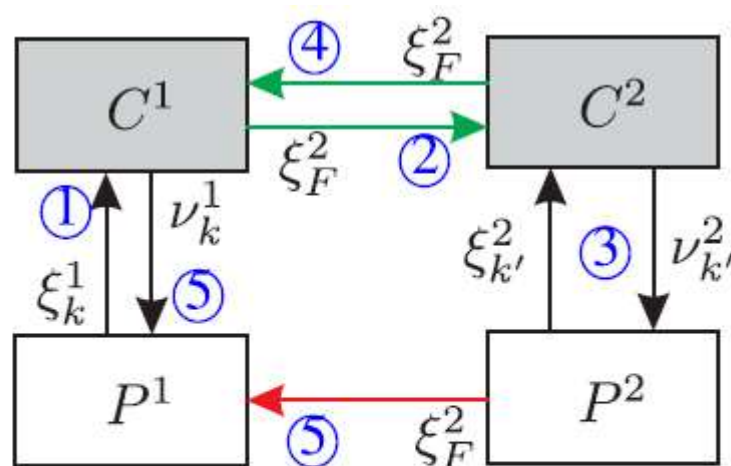


Fig. 4. Online-execution for one state transition of P^1 including the provision of ξ_k^2 by P^2 . The numbers indicate the order of information processing.

1. when C^1 receives the information from P^1 that state ξ_k^1 is reached ,
2. C^1 sends the request to C^2 that P^2 has to reach ξ_F^2 as a temporary goal state. This state is encoded in K^1 in order to realize a cost-optimal path of P^1 into its goal state ξ_F^1 .
3. Then, C^2 realizes a path of P^2 into ξ_F^2 . If the path comprises more than one transition, the pair (P^1, C^1) waits in state ξ_k^1 until P^2 has reached ξ_F^2 ($\xi_{k'}^2$ and $\nu_{k'}^2$, the index k' in Fig. 4 is meant to indicate that (P^2, C^2) evolve, while (P^1, C^1) wait in step k).
4. When P^2 attains ξ_F^2 , C^2 communicates to C^1 that the requested state is reached .
5. Eventually, the control input ν_k^1 supplied by C^1 together with ξ_F^2 send by P^2 triggers the state transition in P^1 .

Control of Distributed Systems with Tree Structure

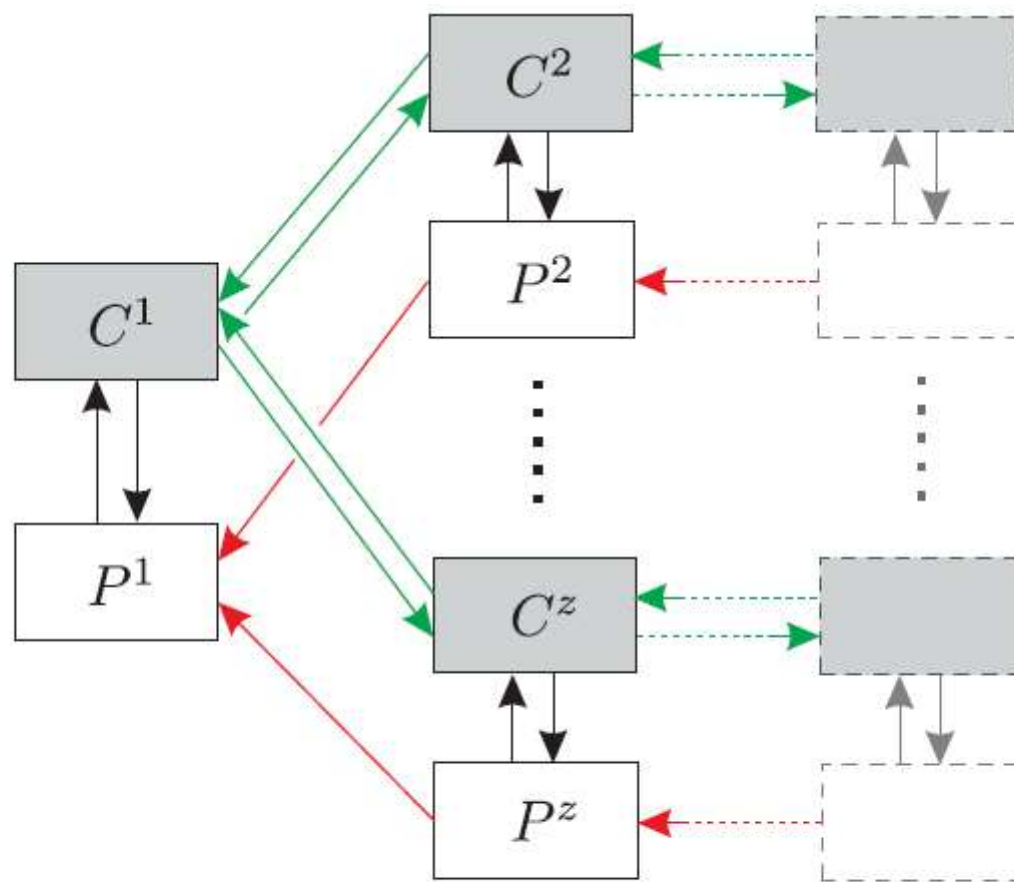


Fig. 7. Distributed system with tree structure where the feedback loop (P^1, C^1) depends on the loops of the subsystems (P^2, C^2) to (P^z, C^z) (each of which may depend on further subordinated subsystems).

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