

# Controllability and stability of difference equations and applications

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- Applications to some hyperbolic PDEs.
- Generalization of previous results.

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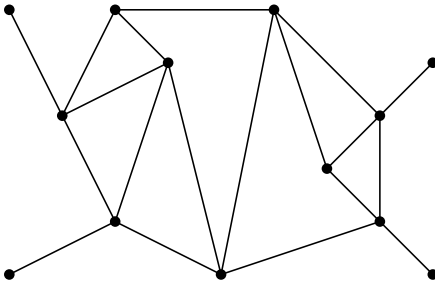
$$u_i(t, 0) = \sum_{j=1}^N m_{ij}(t) u_j(t, \Lambda_j) = \sum_{j=1}^N m_{ij}(t) e^{-\int_0^{\Lambda_j} \alpha_j(t-s, \Lambda_j-s) ds} u_j(t - \Lambda_j, 0).$$

Set  $x(t) = (u_i(t, 0))_{i \in \llbracket 1, N \rrbracket}$ . Then  $x$  satisfies a difference equation.



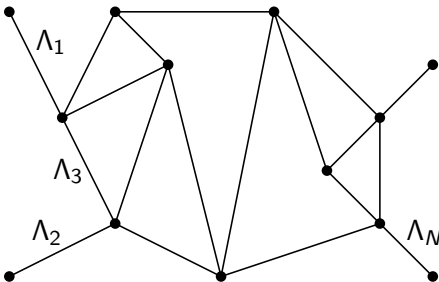
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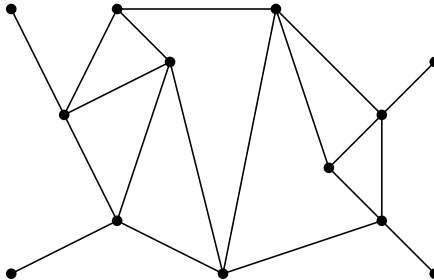
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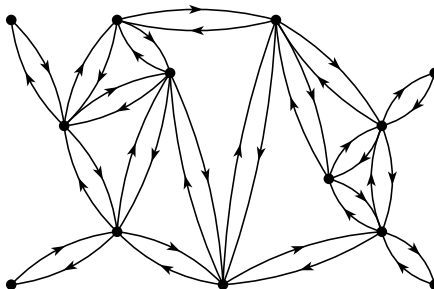
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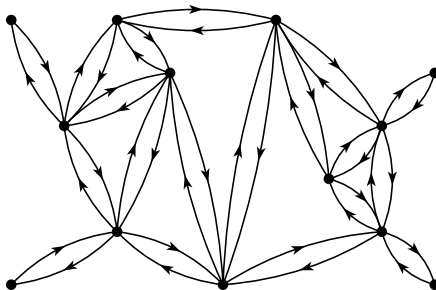
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System of  $2N$  transport equations.

Can be reduced to a system of difference equations.

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## Theorem (Hale, 1975; Silkowski, 1976)

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Case of two *integer* delays: [Diblík, Khusainov, Růžičková, 2008], [Pospíšil, Diblík, Fečkan, 2015].

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- Can be easily adapted to time-dependent matrices.
- Exponential stability can be analyzed through  $\Xi$ .
- Rational independence: all  $\Lambda \cdot \mathbf{n}$  are different.

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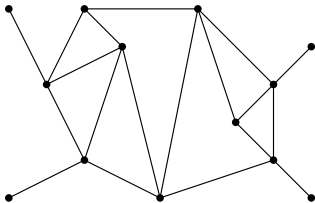
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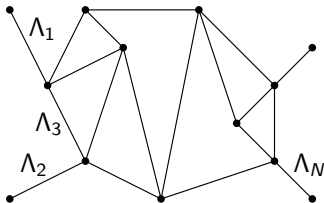


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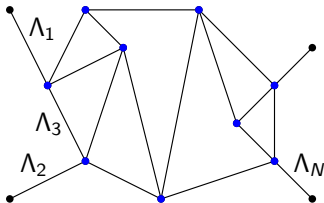
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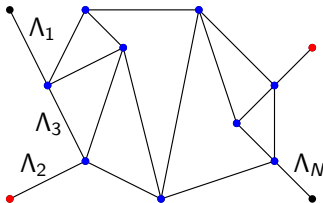
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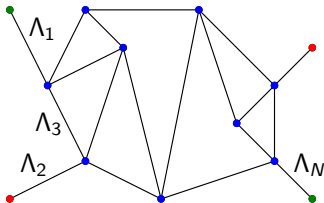


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### Theorem

*The previous system is uniformly exponentially stable in  $W_0^{1,p} \times L^p$  for some  $p$  if and only if the network is a tree,  $\mathcal{V}_u$  contains only one point, and  $\overline{\mathfrak{D}} \subset (0, +\infty)^d$ .*

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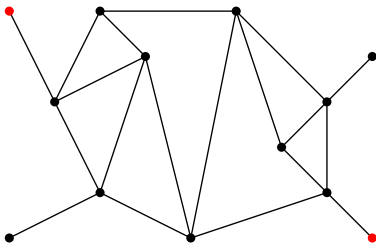
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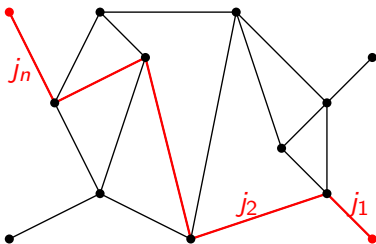
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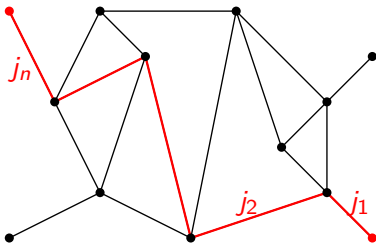
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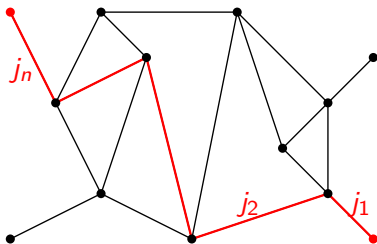


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