# Optimal and Approximate Solutions to Linear Quadratic Regulation of a Class of Graphon Dynamical Systems 

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## Motivation

Networks are everywhere, growing in size and complexity.


## Background

Challenges in controlling complex networks of dynamical systems:

- Large or growing number of nodes
- Complex connections
- Dynamics

Analysis problem

- Controllability, observability and control energy metric, etc.
(Liu et al., 2011), (Yan et al., 2015),(Pasqualetti et al., 2014)
Synthesis problem
- Simplified control objectives (e.g., consensus or synchronization)
(Olfati-Saber and Murray, 2003; Movric and Lewis, 2013; Arenas et al., 2008)
. Simplified control inputs (e.g., pinning control or ensemble control) (Grigoriev et al., 1997; Wang and Chen, 2002) (Li, 2011)
- Simplified couplings between subsystems (e.g., symmetric interconnections, exchangeable subsystems, or patterned systems)
(Lunze, 1986; Grizzle and Marcus, 1985; Yang and Zhang, 1995, 1996; Sundareshan and Elbanna, 1991),
(Madjidian and Mirkin, 2014; Arabneydi and Mahajan, 2017), (Hamilton and Broucke, 2012)


## Background

Graphon control: approximate control of dynamical systems on arbitrary-size complex networks

- Mathematical framework for dynamical systems on arbitrary-size networks: Graphon control systems (SG PEC: CDC17, CDC18, MTNS18, CDC19, TAC20)
$\square$ Systems and control theory for complex networks of linear dynamical systems:
(a) Graphon state-to-state control (SG PEC: CDC17, TAC20)
(b) Centralized graphon linear quadratic regulation (SG PEC: CDC18, MTNS18, TAC20)
(c) Collaborative graphon linear quadratic regulation (SG PEC: CDC19)


## Graphon Control Methodology (SG PEC: CDC17,18,19,TAC20)

- Convergence
- Control synthesis
- Approximation



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## Introduction to Graphons

## Graphs, Adjacency Matrices and Pixel Pictures



Graph, Adjacency Matrix, Pixel Picture (Lovász, 2012)
The whole pixel picture is presented in a unit square $[0,1] \times[0,1]$, so the square elements have sides of length $\frac{1}{\mathrm{~N}}$, where N is the number of nodes.

## Introduction to Graphons

Graph Sequence Converging to Graphon


Graph Sequence Converging to its Limit (Lovász, 2012)
Graphons: bounded symmetric Lebesgue measurable functions

$$
\mathbf{W}:[0,1]^{2} \rightarrow[0,1]
$$

interpreted as weighted graphs on the vertex set $[0,1]$.

$$
\begin{array}{ll} 
& \tilde{\mathbf{G}}_{0}^{\text {sp }}:=\left\{\mathbf{W}:[0,1]^{2} \rightarrow[0,1]\right\} \\
\text { Notations of Spaces } & \tilde{\mathbf{G}}_{1}^{\text {sp }}:=\left\{\mathbf{W}:[0,1]^{2} \rightarrow[-1,1]\right\} \\
& \tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{\text {sp }}:=\left\{\mathbf{W}:[0,1]^{2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\right\}
\end{array}
$$

## Introduction to Graphons

Compactness of Graphon Space (Lovász, 2012)

# Cut norm: <br> $$
\|\mathbf{W}\|_{\square}:=\sup _{\mathcal{M}, \mathrm{T} \subset[0,1]}\left|\int_{M \times T} \mathbf{W}(x, y) \mathrm{d} x \mathrm{~d} y\right|
$$ 

Cut metric: $\quad \delta_{\square}(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{V}):=\inf _{\phi}\left\|\mathbf{W}^{\Phi}-\mathbf{V}\right\|_{\square}, \quad *^{1}$

Theorem (Lovász (2012))
The graphon spaces $\left(\mathbf{G}_{0}^{\text {Sp }}, \delta_{\square}\right)$ and any closed bounded subset of $\left(\mathbf{G}_{\mathbb{R}}^{\mathrm{sp}}, \mathrm{ff}_{\square}\right)$ are compact.

By compactness, infinite sequences of graphons will necessarily possess one or more sub-sequential limits under the cut metric.

$$
{ }^{1} \mathbf{W}^{\phi}(x, y)=\mathbf{W}(\phi(x), \phi(y))
$$

## Introduction to Graphons

## Graphons as Operators (Lovász, 2012)

Graphon $\mathbf{W} \in \tilde{\mathbf{G}}_{1}^{\text {sp }}$ as an operator: $\mathbf{W}: \mathrm{L}^{2}[0,1] \rightarrow \mathrm{L}^{2}[0,1]$

Operation:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\text { Operation: } & {[\mathbf{W} \mathbf{v}](x)=\int_{0}^{1} \mathbf{W}(x, \alpha) \mathbf{v}(\alpha) \mathrm{d} \alpha \quad \mathbf{v} \in \mathrm{~L}^{2}[0,1]} \\
\text { Operator Product: } & {[\mathbf{U W}](x, y)=\int_{0}^{1} \mathbf{U}(x, z) \mathbf{W}(z, y) \mathrm{d} z, \quad \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{W} \in \tilde{\mathbf{G}}_{1}^{s p}}
\end{array}
$$

Norm relations :

$$
\|\mathbf{W}\|_{\text {op }} \leqslant\|\mathbf{W}\|_{2}, \quad\|\mathbf{W}\|_{\square} \leqslant\|\mathbf{W}\|_{\text {op }} \leqslant \sqrt{8\|\mathbf{W}\|_{\square}} .
$$

See (Gao and Caines, 2019), (Janson, 2010; Parise and Ozdaglar, 2018)
Graphon operators are Hilbert-Schmidt operators
(Rudin, 1991; J Mercer, 1909; Szegedy, 2011)

## Introduction to Graphons

Graphon Differential Equations (SG PEC TAC20)
Let $\mathbb{A}=\left(\alpha_{0} \mathbb{I}+\mathbf{A}\right)$ with $\mathbf{A} \in \tilde{\mathbf{G}}_{1}^{\mathrm{sp}}$. Then

$$
[\mathbb{A} \mathbf{v}](\cdot)=\alpha_{0} \mathbf{v}(\cdot)+\int_{0}^{1} \mathbf{A}(\cdot, \eta) v(\eta) \mathrm{d} \eta, \quad \mathbf{v} \in \mathrm{~L}_{[0,1]}^{2} .
$$

$\mathbb{A} \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{A J}}^{1}$ is a bounded linear operator and hence generates the uniformly continuous semigroup

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{\mathbb{A}}(t):=e^{\mathbb{A} t}=\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{k} \mathbb{A}^{k}}{k!} . \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

The initial value problem of the graphon differential equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
\dot{\mathrm{y}}_{\mathrm{t}}=\mathbb{A} \mathrm{y}_{\mathrm{t}}, \quad \mathrm{y}_{0} \in \mathrm{~L}^{2}[0,1], \quad 0 \leqslant \mathrm{t} \leqslant \mathrm{~T} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

has a solution given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{y}_{\mathrm{t}}=\mathrm{e}^{\mathbb{A} \mathrm{t}} \mathrm{y}_{0}, \quad \mathrm{y}_{\mathrm{t}} \in \mathrm{~L}^{2}[0,1], \quad 0 \leqslant \mathrm{t} \leqslant \mathrm{~T} . \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

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## Networks of Linear Systems and Their Limits

Linear Network System
The dynamics of the $i^{\text {th }}$ agent in the network

$$
\begin{align*}
& \dot{x}_{t}^{i}=\alpha_{0} x_{t}^{i}+\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} a_{i j} x_{t}^{j}+\beta_{0} u_{t}^{i}+\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} b_{i j} u_{t}^{j},  \tag{4}\\
& t \in[0, T], \quad \alpha_{0}, \beta_{0} \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x_{t}^{i}, u_{t}^{i} \in \mathbb{R},
\end{align*}
$$



## Networks of Linear Systems and Their Limits

Linear Network Systems Described by Graphons
Dynamics:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \dot{\mathbf{x}}_{t}^{[\mathbb{N}]}=\left(\alpha_{0} \mathbb{I}+\mathbf{A}^{[\mathbb{N}]}\right) \mathbf{x}_{t}^{[\mathbb{N}]}+\left(\beta_{0} \mathbb{I}+\mathbf{B}^{[\mathbb{N}]}\right) \mathbf{u}_{t}^{[\mathbb{N}]}, \quad t \in[0, \mathrm{~T}], \\
& \alpha_{0}, \beta_{0} \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \mathbf{x}_{t}^{[\mathbb{N}]}, \mathbf{u}_{t}^{[\mathbb{N}]} \in L_{p w c}^{2}[0,1], \quad \mathbf{A}^{[\mathbb{N}]}, \mathbf{B}^{[\mathbb{N}]} \in \tilde{\mathbf{G}}_{1}^{s p} \tag{5}
\end{align*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{align*}
\mathbf{A}^{[\mathbb{N}]}(\vartheta, \varphi) & =\sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \mathbb{1}_{P_{i}}(\vartheta) \mathbb{1}_{P_{j}}(\varphi) a_{i j}, \quad(\vartheta, \varphi) \in[0,1]^{2}  \tag{6}\\
\mathbf{x}_{t}^{[\mathbf{N}]}(\vartheta) & =\sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathbb{1}_{P_{i}}(\vartheta) x_{t}^{i}, \quad \forall \vartheta \in[0,1] \tag{7}
\end{align*}
$$

$\mathbb{1}_{P_{i}}(\cdot)$ : the indicator function; $L_{p w c}^{2}[0,1]$ : the set of all piece-wise constant functions in $\mathrm{L}_{[0,1]}^{2}$

## Networks of Linear Systems and Their Limits

Linear Network Systems Described by Graphons


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## Graphon LQR

Graphon System with Non-compact System Operator

We formulate the graphon linear system $(\mathbb{A} ; \mathbb{B})$ as follows:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\dot{\mathrm{x}}_{\mathrm{t}}=\mathbb{A} \mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{t}}+\mathbb{B} \mathbf{u}_{\mathrm{t}}, \quad \mathrm{t} \in[0, \mathrm{~T}], \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\mathbb{A}=\left(\alpha_{0} \mathbb{I}+\mathbf{A}\right)$ with $\mathbf{A} \in \tilde{\mathbf{G}}_{1}^{\text {sp }}$ and $\alpha_{0} \in \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{B} \in \mathcal{L}\left(\mathrm{~L}^{2}[0,1]\right)$, $x_{t} \in L^{2}[0,1]$ is the system state at time $t$, and $u_{t} \in L^{2}[0,1]$ is the control input at time $t$.

## Proposition (Bensoussan et al. (2007))

The system $(\mathbb{A} ; \mathbb{B})$ in (8) has a unique mild solution
$\mathrm{x} \in \mathrm{C}\left([0, \mathrm{~T}] ; \mathrm{L}^{2}[0,1]\right)$ for any $\mathrm{x}_{0} \in \mathrm{~L}^{2}[0,1]$ and any
$u \in L^{2}\left([0, T] ; L^{2}[0,1]\right)$.

## Graphon LQR

## Control Objective

Objective: $\min _{u} J(\mathbf{u})=\int_{0}^{T} c_{t}\left(\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{t}}, \mathbf{u}_{\mathrm{t}}\right) d t+\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{T}}\left(\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{T}}\right)$, where $\mathbf{c}_{\mathrm{t}}\left(\mathbf{u}_{\mathrm{t}}, \mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{t}}\right)=\left\langle\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{t}}, \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{t}}\right\rangle+\left\langle\mathbf{u}_{\mathrm{t}}, \mathbf{u}_{\mathrm{t}}\right\rangle, \mathbf{c}_{\mathrm{T}}\left(\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{T}}\right)=\left\langle\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{T}}, \mathbf{P}_{0} \mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{T}}\right\rangle$ subject to system constrains in (8).

## Graphon LQR

## Assumptions

1 Q and $\mathrm{P}_{0}$ are linear operators on $\mathrm{L}^{2}[0,1]$ that are Hermitian and non-negative (i.e., $\mathrm{Q}, \mathrm{P}_{0} \geqslant 0$ ).
2 The graphon $\mathbf{A}$ as an operator has a finite number (d) eigenfunctions corresponding to the non-zero eigenvalues.

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbf{A}(x, y)=\sum_{i=1}^{d} \lambda_{\ell} f_{\ell}(x) \mathbf{f}_{\ell}(y), \quad(x, y) \in[0,1]^{2} \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

$3 \mathbb{B}$ is in $\mathcal{P O}(\mathbf{A})$ and it is given by

$$
\mathbb{B}=\operatorname{poly}_{\mathbf{B}}(\mathbf{A}):=\sum_{\mathrm{k}=0}^{\mathrm{b}_{\mathbf{L}}} \beta_{\mathrm{k}} \mathbf{A}^{\mathrm{k}}, \quad \mathrm{~b}_{\mathrm{L}} \geqslant 0 .
$$

$4 \mathbf{Q}$ and $\mathbf{P}_{0}$ are in $\mathcal{P} \mathcal{O}(\mathbf{A})$, represented by

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{Q}=\operatorname{poly}_{\mathbf{Q}}(\mathbf{A}):=\sum_{k=0}^{h} \mathrm{q}_{\mathrm{k}} \mathbf{A}^{k}, \quad h \geqslant 0, \\
& \mathbf{P}_{0}=\operatorname{poly}_{\mathbf{P}_{0}}(\mathbf{A}):=\sum_{k=0}^{r} z_{k} \mathbf{A}^{k}, \quad r \geqslant 0 .
\end{aligned}
$$

## Graphon LQR

## Existence and Uniqueness of Solutions

Riccati equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\dot{\mathbf{P}}=\mathbb{A}^{\top} \mathbf{P}+\mathbf{P} \mathbb{A}-\mathbf{P} \mathbb{B} \mathbb{B}^{\top} \mathbf{P}+\mathbf{Q}, \quad \mathbf{P}(0)=\mathbf{P}_{0} \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

The optimal control $\mathbf{u}^{*}$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
u_{t}^{*}=-\mathbb{B}^{T} \mathbf{P}(T-t) x_{t}^{*}, \quad t \in[0, T] \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

The closed loop equation:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \dot{x}_{t}=\mathbb{A} \mathbf{x}_{t}-\mathbb{B B}^{T} \mathbf{P}(\mathrm{~T}-\mathrm{t}) \mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{t}}, \\
& \mathrm{t} \in[0, \mathrm{~T}], \mathrm{x}_{0} \in \mathrm{~L}^{2}[0,1] . \tag{12}
\end{align*}
$$

## Proposition (Bensoussan et al. (2007))

Under Assumption 1, there exists a unique solution to the Riccati equation (10) and furthermore there exists a unique optimal solution pair ( $\mathbf{u}^{*}, \mathbf{x}^{*}$ ) as given in (11) and (12).

## Graphon LQR

Auxiliary State and Control

Introduce the auxiliary state and control as:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\breve{\mathrm{x}}_{\mathrm{t}}=\mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{t}}-\sum_{\mathrm{l}=1}^{\mathrm{d}} \overline{\mathrm{x}}_{\mathrm{t}}^{\mathrm{l}}, \quad \breve{\mathrm{u}}_{\mathrm{t}}=\mathrm{u}_{\mathrm{t}}-\sum_{\mathrm{l}=1}^{\mathrm{d}} \overline{\mathrm{u}}_{\mathrm{t}}^{\mathrm{l}} \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

$\overline{\mathrm{x}}_{\mathrm{t}}^{\mathrm{l}}=\left\langle\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{t}}, \mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{l}}\right\rangle \mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{l}}$ : projection of $\mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{t}}$ into the eigendirection $\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{l}}$ $\overline{\mathbf{u}}_{\mathrm{t}}^{l}=\left\langle\mathbf{u}_{\mathrm{t}}, \mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{l}}\right\rangle \mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{l}}$ : projection of $\mathbf{u}_{\mathrm{t}}$ into the eigendirection $\mathbf{f}_{l}$

## Graphon LQR

## Decoupled LQR Problems

1 Eigensystem LQR problems

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\dot{\bar{x}}_{\mathrm{t}}^{\ell}=\left(\alpha_{0}+\lambda_{\ell}\right) \overline{\mathrm{x}}_{\mathrm{t}}^{\ell}+\operatorname{poly}_{\mathrm{B}}\left(\lambda_{\ell}\right) \overline{\mathrm{u}}_{\mathrm{t}}^{\ell},  \tag{14}\\
\overline{\mathrm{J}}^{\ell}\left(\overline{\mathrm{u}}^{\ell}\right)=\int_{0}^{T} \overline{\mathrm{c}}_{\mathrm{t}}^{\ell}\left(\overline{\mathrm{u}}_{\mathrm{t}}^{\ell}, \overline{\mathrm{x}}_{\mathrm{t}}^{\ell}\right) \mathrm{dt}+\overline{\mathrm{c}}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell}\left(\overline{\mathrm{x}}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell}\right), 1 \leqslant l \leqslant \mathrm{~d}
\end{array}\right.
$$

where $\bar{c}_{t}^{\ell}\left(\bar{u}_{\mathrm{t}}^{\ell}, \overline{\mathrm{x}}_{\mathrm{t}}^{\ell}\right)=\operatorname{poly}_{\mathbf{Q}}\left(\lambda_{\ell}\right)\left\|\overline{\mathrm{x}}_{\mathrm{t}}^{\ell}\right\|_{2}^{2}+\left\|\overline{\mathrm{u}}_{\mathrm{t}}^{\ell}\right\|_{2}^{2}$ and $\overline{\mathrm{c}}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell}\left(\overline{\mathrm{x}}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell}\right)=\operatorname{poly}_{\mathrm{P}_{0}}\left(\lambda_{\ell}\right)\left\|\overline{\mathrm{x}}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\ell}\right\|_{2}^{2} ;$
2 Auxiliary system LQR problem

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\dot{\underline{x}}_{t}=\alpha_{0} \breve{x}_{t}+\beta_{0} \breve{u}_{t}  \tag{15}\\
\breve{J}(\breve{\mathbf{u}})=\int_{0}^{T} \breve{c}_{t}\left(\breve{u}_{t}, \breve{x}_{t}\right) d t+\breve{c}_{T}\left(\breve{x}_{T}\right),
\end{array}\right.
$$


See (Gao, Mahajan CDC19) for direct methods on finite networks. Decoupling method with mean field couplings: (Arabneydi, Mahajan CDC15, ArXiv16)

## Graphon LQR

## Decoupled LQR Problems

## Lemma (SG, PEC, CDC19')

If Assumptions 1-4 are satisfied, then solving the optimal control problems (14) and (15) is equivalent to solving the original optimal control problem defined by (8) and (14). Moreover, the optimal control solution exists and is unique.

## Graphon LQR

## Centralized Optimal Solutions

## Theorem (SG, PEC, CDC19')

If Assumptions 1-4 are satisfied, then the optimal control law is given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbf{u}_{\mathrm{t}}=-\beta_{0} \mathbf{L}_{\mathrm{T}-\mathrm{t}} \breve{\mathrm{x}}_{\mathrm{t}}-\sum_{\ell=1}^{\mathrm{d}} \operatorname{pol}_{\mathbf{B}}\left(\lambda_{\ell}\right) \mathbf{M}_{\mathrm{T}-\mathrm{t}}^{\ell} \mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{t}}^{\ell}, \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\mathbf{L}:=\left\{\mathbf{L}_{\mathrm{t}}: \mathrm{t} \in[0, \mathrm{~T}]\right\}$ is the solution to the Riccati equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
\dot{\mathbf{L}}_{\mathrm{t}}=2 \alpha_{0} \mathbf{L}_{\mathrm{t}}-\beta_{0}^{2} \mathbf{L}_{\mathrm{t}}^{2}+\mathrm{q}_{0} \mathbb{I}, \quad \mathbf{L}_{0}=z_{0} \mathbb{I}, \tag{17}
\end{equation*}
$$

and $\mathbf{M}^{\ell}:=\left\{\mathbf{M}_{\mathrm{t}}^{\ell}: \mathrm{t} \in[0, \mathrm{~T}]\right\}$ is the solution to the Riccati equation

$$
\begin{align*}
& \dot{\mathbf{M}}_{\mathrm{t}}^{\ell}=2\left(\alpha_{0}+\lambda_{\ell}\right) \mathbf{M}_{\mathrm{t}}^{\ell}-\operatorname{poly}_{\mathbf{B}}\left(\lambda_{\ell}\right)^{2}\left(\mathbf{M}_{\mathrm{t}}^{\ell}\right)^{2}+\operatorname{poly}_{\mathbf{Q}}\left(\lambda_{\ell}\right) \mathbb{I},  \tag{18}\\
& \mathbf{M}_{0}^{\ell}=\operatorname{poly}_{\mathbf{P}_{0}}\left(\lambda_{\ell}\right) \mathbb{I}, \quad 1 \leqslant l \leqslant \mathrm{~d} .
\end{align*}
$$

## Graphon LQR

Localized Optimal Solutions

## Theorem (SG, PEC, CDC19')

If Assumptions 1-4 are satisfied, then the localized optimal control law for the $\gamma^{\text {th }}$ subsystem with $\gamma \in[\underline{\gamma}, \bar{\gamma}] \subset[0,1]$ is given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbf{u}_{\mathrm{t}}(\gamma)=-\beta_{0} \mathrm{~L}_{\mathrm{T}-\mathrm{t}} \breve{x}_{\mathrm{t}}(\gamma)-\sum_{\ell=1}^{\mathrm{d}} \operatorname{poly}_{\mathbf{B}}\left(\lambda_{\ell}\right) \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{T}-\mathrm{t}}^{\ell} \bar{\chi}_{\mathrm{t}}^{\ell} \mathrm{f}_{\ell}(\gamma), \tag{19}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\mathrm{L}:=\left\{\mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{t}}: \mathrm{t} \in[0, \mathrm{~T}]\right\}$ is the solution to the scalar Riccati equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
\dot{L}_{t}=2 \alpha_{0} L_{t}-\beta_{0}^{2} L_{t}^{2}+q_{0}, \quad L_{0}=z_{0}, \tag{20}
\end{equation*}
$$

and $M^{\ell}:=\left\{M_{t}^{\ell}: t \in[0, T]\right\}$ is the solution to the scalar Riccati equation

$$
\begin{align*}
& \dot{M}_{\mathrm{t}}^{\ell}=2\left(\alpha_{0}+\lambda_{\ell}\right) M_{\mathrm{t}}^{\ell}-\operatorname{poly}_{\mathbf{B}}\left(\lambda_{\ell}\right)^{2}\left(M_{\mathrm{t}}^{\ell}\right)^{2}+\operatorname{poly}_{\mathrm{Q}}\left(\lambda_{\ell}\right),  \tag{21}\\
& \mathrm{M}_{0}^{\ell}=\operatorname{poly}_{\mathrm{P}_{0}}\left(\lambda_{\ell}\right), \quad 1 \leqslant l \leqslant \mathrm{~d} .
\end{align*}
$$

## Graphon LQR

Information Structure and Complexity

## Information Required:

For a representative subsystem $\gamma \in[\underline{\gamma}, \bar{\gamma}] \subset[0,1]$
1 all the eigenvalues of $\mathbf{A}$ and the value of the respective eigenfunctions at its index location, that is, $\lambda_{\ell}, \mathbf{f}_{\ell}(\gamma)$ for all $1 \leqslant \ell \leqslant \mathrm{~d} ;$
2 the projections of the initial state $\mathrm{x}_{0}$ onto each eigenfunction direction, that is, $\bar{x}_{0}^{\ell}=\left\langle\mathbf{x}_{0}, \mathbf{f}_{\ell}\right\rangle$ for all $1 \leqslant \ell \leqslant \mathrm{~d}$; (Preserving private information)
3 its own state $\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{t}}(\gamma)$.

## Complexity:

Solving ( $\mathrm{d}+1$ ) scalar Riccati equations VS infinite dimensional Riccati equations

## Graphon LQR

## Approximate Solution

## Finite Spectral Approximation

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbf{A}=\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_{\ell} f_{\ell}(x) \mathbf{f}_{\ell}(y) \approx \mathbf{A}_{\mathrm{L}}:=\sum_{\ell=1}^{\mathrm{L}} \lambda_{\ell} \mathrm{f}_{\ell}(x) \mathbf{f}_{\ell}(y), \quad(x, y) \in[0,1]^{2} \tag{22}
\end{equation*}
$$

## Proposition (SG, PEC, CDC19')

Assume poly $\mathbf{y}_{\mathrm{B}}(\mathbf{A})=\beta_{0} I$. If the localized optimal control law (19) is applied with the approximation of $\mathbf{A}$ by $\mathbf{A}_{\mathrm{L}}$ given in (22) and the observation of eigenstates $\chi^{\ell}, 1 \leqslant \ell \leqslant \mathrm{~L}$ by all subsystems is in real time, then

$$
\frac{\widetilde{x}_{t}^{h}}{\widetilde{x}_{t}^{h}}=\exp \left(-\beta_{0}^{2} \int_{0}^{T}\left(\widetilde{M}_{t}^{h}-M_{t}^{h}\right) d t\right), \quad h>L,
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \tilde{M}_{t}^{h}=2 \alpha_{0} \widetilde{M}_{t}^{h}-\left(\beta_{0} \widetilde{M}_{t}^{h}\right)^{2}+q_{0}, \quad \widetilde{M}_{0}^{h}=z_{0} \\
& \dot{M}_{t}^{h}=2\left(\alpha_{0}+\lambda_{h}\right) M_{t}^{h}-\beta_{0}^{2}\left(M_{t}^{h}\right)^{2}+\operatorname{poly}_{\mathbf{Q}}\left(\lambda_{h}\right), \quad M_{0}^{h}=\operatorname{poly}_{P_{0}}\left(\lambda_{h}\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

## Numerical Example

## Parameters:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \alpha_{0}=2, \mathbf{A}(x, y)=\cos (2 \pi(x-y)), \quad \forall(x, y) \in[0,1]^{2}, \operatorname{poly}_{\mathbf{B}}(s)=1+\frac{1}{2} s, \\
& \operatorname{pol}_{\mathbf{Q}}(s)=(1-s)^{2}, \operatorname{poly}_{\mathbf{P}_{0}}(s)=(1-s)^{2},
\end{aligned}
$$

## Localized optimal control:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbf{u}_{\mathrm{t}}(\gamma)=-\mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{T}-\mathrm{t}} \check{\mathrm{x}}_{\mathrm{t}}(\gamma)-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{T}-\mathrm{t}}^{\ell}\left(\bar{x}_{\mathrm{t}}^{1} \sin 2 \pi \gamma+\bar{x}_{\mathrm{t}}^{2} \cos 2 \pi \gamma\right), \gamma \in[\underline{\gamma}, \bar{\gamma}] \subset[0,1] \tag{23}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\breve{x}_{t}(\gamma)=\mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{t}}(\gamma)-\sqrt{2} \bar{x}_{\mathrm{t}}^{1} \sin 2 \pi \gamma-\sqrt{2} \bar{x}_{\mathrm{t}}^{2} \cos 2 \pi \gamma$ and

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \dot{L}_{t}=4 \mathrm{~L}_{\mathrm{t}}-\mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{t}}^{2}+1, \quad \mathrm{~L}_{0}=1, \\
& \dot{M}_{\mathrm{t}}^{\ell}=5 \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{t}}^{\ell}-\frac{1}{4}\left(\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{t}}^{\ell}\right)^{2}+\frac{1}{4}, \quad \mathrm{M}_{0}^{\ell}=1, \quad \ell \in\{1,2\}, \mathrm{t} \in[0, \mathrm{~T}] .
\end{aligned}
$$

## Numerical Example

Eigenfunctions:


$$
\mathbf{f}_{1}=\sqrt{2} \sin 2 \pi(\cdot) \text { and } f_{2}=\sqrt{2} \cos 2 \pi(\cdot) ; \quad \lambda_{1}=\lambda_{2}=\frac{1}{2}
$$



Figure: The simulation demonstration runs on the corresponding step function system based on the uniform partition of size 40 . The initial states are generated randomly.

## 2 scalar Riccati equations VS a $40 \times 40$ matrix Riccati equation

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## Conclusion

1 Graphon couplings in cost and dynamics: we obtain the optimal solution to the linear quadratic regulation of a class of graphon dynamical systems where the dynamics and cost functions share the same underlying graphon structure.
2 Locally computed solution: the solution can be computed and implemented locally
3 Low complexity: the complexity of the solution depends on the number of nonzero eigenvalues of the underlying graphon.

## Conclusion

Directions for the Control of Graphon Dynamical Systems

Important aspects includes:
1 Subspace Decomposition
2 Graphon Linear Quadratic Gaussian
3 Graphon Mean Field Games (Caines, Huang CDC18' CDC19')
4 Graphon Control with Non-linear Local Dynamics
5 Control of Time Varying Graphon Dynamical Systems
6 Graphon Control Applications
7...

## Thank you!



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## Simulation Example 1

## Bipartite Network Example



$$
\begin{aligned}
& A_{t}=2 ; B_{t}=4 ; D_{t}=3 ; Q_{t}=7 \\
& Q_{\mathrm{T}}=5 ; H_{t}=6 ; H_{\mathrm{T}}=2 ; R_{\mathrm{t}}=3 ; \\
& \operatorname{poly}_{\mathrm{r}}(\mathrm{~s})=1+2 s+s^{2} \\
& \operatorname{poly}_{\mathrm{q}}(\mathrm{~s})=1+2 s+s^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

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## Simulation Example 2

## Sinusoidal Network Example



$$
\begin{aligned}
& A_{t}=2 ; B_{t}=4 ; D_{t}=3 ; Q_{t}=7 \\
& Q_{\mathrm{T}}=5 ; H_{t}=6 ; H_{\mathrm{T}}=2 ; R_{t}=3 ; \\
& \operatorname{poly}_{\mathrm{r}}(\mathrm{~s})=1+2 s+s^{2} \\
& \operatorname{poly}_{\mathrm{q}}(\mathrm{~s})=1+2 s+s^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

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