Dynamics of Particle Groups

and the Design of Mobile Sensor Networks



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Application: Mobile Sensor Network

- Design periodic trajectories for oceanographic broadarea mapping
- Real-time closed-loop control for optimal coordination and adaptive sampling



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AOSN-II Glider Plan



5 SIO Spray Gliders



I0WHOI Slocum Gliders

AOSN-II Glider Measurements



Overview of Talk

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Self-Propelled Particle Model

[Justh and Krishnaprasad, 2002]

All-to-all coupling of constant speed particles subject to steering controls:

$$\dot{\mathbf{r}}_{k} = e^{i\theta_{k}}$$
$$\dot{\theta}_{k} = u_{k}$$
$$\mathbf{r}_{k} \in \mathbb{R}^{2} \text{ and } \theta_{k} \in S^{1}$$
$$k = 1, \dots, N$$

Singularly Perturbed System [Sepulchre, Paley and Leonard, 2003]

Time scale separation decouples alignment and spacing controls:



Complex Order Parameter [Kuramoto, 1975]

Centroid of particles phases on unit circle:



 $Np_{\theta} \equiv \text{group linear momentum}$

Alignment Control

Define control in terms of gradient of scalar potential:

$$V_m = \frac{N}{2} |p_{m\theta}|^2$$

$$\nabla_k V_m = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \sin(m(\theta_j - \theta_k))$$

Example: first harmonic only

$$Ku_k^{align} = \frac{K_1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \sin(\theta_j - \theta_k)$$

Parallel Motion

Positive coupling of the first harmonic synchronizes the particle phases in the fast dynamics:

$$K_1 = 1 \Rightarrow p_\theta = 1$$

Formation Control

Choose spacing control that inserts nonlinear springs between all pairs of particles:

[Bachmayer and Leonard, 2002]

$$U_{I}(\mathbf{r}_{kj}) = \log \|\mathbf{r}_{kj}\| + \frac{\rho_{o}}{\|\mathbf{r}_{kj}\|}$$
$$u_{k}^{spac} = -\sum_{j \neq k}^{N} < \nabla U_{I}(\mathbf{r}_{kj}), ie^{i\theta_{k}} >$$
$$U = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \sum_{k>i} U_{I}(r_{jk})$$

Parallel Motion

$$N = 10, \rho_o = 10$$



Circular Motion

Negative coupling of the alignment anti-synchronizes the phases in the fast dynamics

$$K_1 = -1 \Rightarrow p_\theta = 0$$

For compatibility, the slow dynamics must remain on the balanced manifold

$$\dot{p}_{\theta} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} e^{i\theta_j} \dot{\theta}_j = P_{\theta}^T u^{spac} = 0$$

 $u^{spac} = \Pi u^{bal}, \quad \Pi = (I - P_{\theta}(P_{\theta}^T P_{\theta})^{-1} P_{\theta}^T)$

Beacon Control Law

In the slow dynamics, the particle center of mass is fixed

[Justh and Krishnaprasad, 2002]



Circular Motion $N = 10, \rho_o = 10$



Extension: Shape Changes

Modify beacon control law to track elliptical trajectory:

$$N = 10, a = 30, b = 10, e = \sqrt{1 - \frac{b^2}{a^2}} = 0.94$$



Extension: Trajectory Tracking [Paley, Leonard and Sepulchre, 2004]

 $N = 20, \rho_o = 25$



Higher Harmonics

Stabilize higher harmonics of complex order parameter:

$$K_m > 0 \Rightarrow p_{m\theta} \to 1$$

$$K_m < 0 \Rightarrow p_{m\theta} \to 0$$



Stabilization of the Splay State



Extension: Topology Changes

Modify network adjacency matrix to form subgroups, while preserving splay state over all particles:



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Objective Analysis

[Gandin, 1965] [Bretherton, Davis and Fandry, 1976]

Used to compute a gridded error map of an estimate formed from noisy measurements of scalar field:

$$\theta(X) = \phi(X) + v$$
$$\hat{\phi}(x) = B\theta(X), \ x, X \in \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^+$$
$$\varepsilon^2(x) = \overline{\left(\phi(x) - \hat{\phi}(x)\right)^2}$$

Gauss-Markov Theorem [Liebelt, 1967]

Theorem provides a linear minimum variance unbiased estimator:

$$\mathbf{x} \in \left(\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^+\right)^P, \mathbf{X} \in \left(\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^+\right)^M$$
$$\mathbf{e}(\mathbf{x}) = \phi(\mathbf{x}) - \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{x}) \implies C_{\mathbf{e}} = E(\mathbf{e}\mathbf{e}^T)$$
$$C_{\mathbf{e}} = C_{\mathbf{x}} - C_{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{X}}(C_{\mathbf{X}} + C_{\mathbf{v}})^{-1}C_{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{X}}^T$$

Autocorrelation Function [Lermusiaux, 1999]

Assume homogeneous, isotropic, stationary field:

$$C_{xX} = F(\xi, \eta)$$

$$\xi = \|(x_1 - X_1, x_2 - X_2)\|, \eta = |x_3 - X_3|$$

$$F(\xi, \eta) = \left(1 - \frac{\xi^2}{\sigma_1^2}\right) \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\xi^2}{\sigma_o^2} + \frac{\eta^2}{\tau^2}\right)\right]$$

and uncorrelated, zero mean noise:

 $C_{\mathbf{v}} = E\mathbf{I}$

Temperature Correlation vs. Distance

[Davis, 2003]



Temperature Correlation vs. Time

[Davis, 2003]



Error Map Day 204, I=0.056665, 91 profiles



Sensitivity to Parameters





Sensitivity to Parameters II



Scalar Entropy Metric

 $H(\mathbf{e}) = -E(\log Pr(\mathbf{e}))$ [Papoulis, 2002]

$$H(\mathbf{e}) = \frac{1}{2} \log \left[(2\pi e)^P |C_{\mathbf{e}}| \right]$$
 [Cover, 1991]

$$H(\mathbf{e}) \le \frac{1}{2} \log \left[(2\pi e)^P \frac{tr(C_{\mathbf{e}})}{P} \right]$$

$$I(\mathbf{e}) + c \ge -\log\sqrt{\frac{tr(C_{\mathbf{e}})}{P}}$$

AOSN-II SIO Glider Performance Profile



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Dimensionless Parameters

ID (space) plus time:



2D (space) and time:

$$L = 2a$$

$$e = \sqrt{1 - \frac{b^2}{a^2}}$$









0 -0.5

Distance/Length

Vel*Time/Length

 γ =3, λ =0.5, e=0, A=0.71683

0.8

0.6

0.4

0.2

0

0.8

0.6

0.4

0.2

0



γ=3, λ=0.5, e=0.8222, A=1.1114



Optimal Shape and Size

- Choose eccentricity that maximizes sensor footprint normalized area
- Choose semi-major axis that maximizes the sensor footprint area:

$$\frac{A}{4a^2} = p_1\lambda^2 + p_2\lambda + p_3$$
$$\frac{A}{\sigma^2} = p_1 + \frac{p_2}{\lambda} + \frac{p_3}{\lambda^2}$$
$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial \eta} = \sigma^2(p_2 + 2p_3\eta) = 0$$
$$\lambda_o = \frac{1}{\eta_o} = \frac{-2p_3}{p_2}.$$

Optimal Shape and Size (N=I)



Phase-locked solutions (N=2)



Sync



 γ =3, λ =0.4, e=0.8222, A=1.1551



Anti-Sync (worst)

Future Work

• Symmetry breaking feedback controls to stabilize collective motion with drift, e.g.

$$\dot{\mathbf{r}}_k = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{r}_k) + e^{i\theta_k}$$

- Study utility of Fisher information matrix eigenstructure for non-periodic trajectories
- Consider non-homogeneous fields
- Optimal experiment design literature, e.g. Ucinski, 2004