# Identifiable Paths and Cycles in Linear Compartmental Models 

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## Linear Compartmental Models

- $\mathcal{M}=(G, I n$, Out, Leak) where In, Out, Leak $\subseteq V$


## Example



$$
\mathcal{M}=(G,\{1\},\{2\},\{1,2,3\})
$$

## Linear Compartmental Model ODE's

## Example

$$
\mathcal{M}=(G,\{1\},\{2\},\{1,2,3\})
$$



$$
\begin{array}{rlrrr}
\dot{x}_{1}(t) & = & -\left(a_{01}+a_{21}\right) x_{1}(t) & & +u_{1}(t) \\
\dot{x}_{2}(t) & = & a_{21} x_{1}(t) & -\left(a_{02}+a_{32}\right) x_{2}(t) & +a_{23} x_{3}(t) \\
x_{3}(t) & = & a_{32} x_{2}(t) & -\left(a_{03}+a_{23}\right) x_{3}(t)
\end{array}
$$

with

$$
y_{2}(t)=x_{2}(t) .
$$

## Linear Compartmental Model ODE's

## Example

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathcal{M}=(G,\{1\},\{2\},\{1,2,3\}) \\
\left(\begin{array}{l}
\dot{x_{1}}(t) \\
\dot{x_{2}}(t) \\
\dot{x_{3}}(t)
\end{array}\right)=\underbrace{\left(\begin{array}{cc}
-a_{01}-a_{21} & \begin{array}{c}
0 \\
a_{21} \\
0
\end{array} \\
a_{02}-a_{02}-a_{32} & a_{32} \\
a_{23} \\
-a_{03}-a_{23}
\end{array}\right)}\left(\begin{array}{l}
a_{02} \\
x_{1}(t) \\
x_{2}(t) \\
x_{3}(t)
\end{array}\right)+\left(\begin{array}{c}
u_{1}(t) \\
0 \\
0
\end{array}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

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## LCM Input/Output Equation

- Eliminate the state variables $x_{i}(t)$ from the system of ODE's to get an input/output equation


## Example



$$
A=\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
-a_{01}-a_{21} & 0 & 0 \\
a_{21} & -a_{02}-a_{32} & a_{23} \\
0 & a_{32} & -a_{03}-a_{23}
\end{array}\right)
$$

Input/Output Equation:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \quad y_{2}^{(3)}+\left(a_{01}+a_{02}+a_{03}+a_{21}+a_{23}+a_{32}\right) \ddot{y}_{2}+\left(a_{01} a_{02}+a_{01} a_{03}+a_{02} a_{03}\right. \\
& \left.+a_{02} a_{21}+a_{03} a_{21}+a_{01} a_{23}+a_{02} a_{23}+a_{21} a_{23}+a_{01} a_{32}+a_{03} a_{32}+a_{21} a_{32}\right) \dot{y}_{2} \\
& +\left(a_{01} a_{02} a_{03}+a_{02} a_{03} a_{21}+a_{01} a_{02} a_{23}+a_{02} a_{21} a_{23}+a_{01} a_{03} a_{32}+a_{03} a_{21} a_{32}\right) y_{2}=\left(a_{21}\right) \dot{u}_{1}+\left(a_{21} a_{03}+a_{21} a_{23}\right) u_{1}
\end{aligned}
$$

## LCM Reparameterized Input/Output Equation

- When every compartment has a leak, reparameterize the "diagonal elements" as $a_{i i}$


## Example



Input/Output Equation:
$y_{2}^{(3)}+\left(-a_{11}-a_{22}-a_{33}\right) \ddot{y}_{2}+\left(a_{11} a_{22}-a_{23} a_{32}+a_{11} a_{33}+a_{22} a_{33}\right) \dot{y}_{2}+\left(a_{11} a_{23} a_{32}-a_{11} a_{22} a_{33}\right) y_{2}$ $=\left(a_{21}\right) \dot{u}_{1}+\left(-a_{21} a_{33}\right) u_{1}$

## Identifiability

## Definition

- Let $\phi$ be the coefficient map from the parameter space of a model to the coefficient space of its input/output equation
- A model is said to be generically locally identifiable if, outside a set of measure zero, every point in the parameter space has an open neighborhood $U$ for which $\left.\phi\right|_{U}$ is one-to-one

Note: Look at the Jacobian of $\phi$ for local identifiability!

## Proposition (Sufficient condition for unidentifiability)

A model $\mathcal{M}=(G$, In, Out, Leak $)$ is unidentifiable if

> \# parameters > \# coefficients.

## Input/Output Coefficient Map

## Proposition (Meshkat, Sullivant, Eisenberg)

Let $\mathcal{M}=(G, I n,\{j\}, V)$ such that $G$ is output connectable. The coefficient map factors through the cycles, self-cycles, and paths from input to output.

## Example



$$
\mathcal{M}=(G,\{1\},\{2\}, V)
$$

## Identifiable Path/Cycle Model Motivating Example

## Example



$$
\begin{aligned}
& y_{2}^{(3)}+\left(-a_{11}-a_{22}-a_{33}\right) \ddot{y}_{2} \\
& +\left(a_{11} a_{22}-a_{23} a_{32}+a_{11} a_{33}+a_{22} a_{33}\right) \dot{y_{2}} \\
& +\left(a_{11} a_{23} a_{32}-a_{11} a_{22} a_{33}\right) y_{2} \\
& \quad=\left(a_{21}\right) \dot{u}_{1}+\left(-a_{21} a_{33}\right) u_{1}
\end{aligned}
$$

- The model $\mathcal{M}=(G,\{1\},\{2\}, V)$ is not identifiable:
- \# parameters $=6$
- \# coefficients $=5$
- Maybe we can recover combinations of parameters


## Definition

For a function $\phi: \mathbb{R}^{|E|+\mid \text { Leak } \mid} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{k}$, a function $f: \mathbb{R}^{|E|+\mid \text { Leak } \mid} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is locally identifiable from $\phi$ if there is a finitely multivalued function $\psi: \mathbb{R}^{k} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $\psi \circ \phi=f$.

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## Identifiable Path/Cycle Model

## Definition

$\mathcal{M}=(G$, In, Out, $V)$ is an identifiable path/cycle model if

- all of the independent monomial cycles and monomial paths from input to output are locally identifiable, and
- each parameter is contained in such a cycle or path


## Example



$$
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This model is an identifiable path/cycle model with identifiable functions

$$
\begin{aligned}
& a_{11}, a_{22}, a_{33}, a_{21}, a_{23} a_{32} . \\
& \left.2+a_{11} a_{33}+a_{22} a_{33}\right) \dot{y}_{2}+\left(a_{11} a_{23} a_{32}-a_{11} a_{22} a\right. \\
& =\left(a_{21}\right) \dot{u}_{1}+\left(-a_{21} a_{33}\right) u_{1}
\end{aligned}
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## Graph Definitions

## Definition

$G$ is inductively strongly connected w.r.t vertex 1 if each of the induced subgraphs $G_{\{1, \ldots, i\}}$ is strongly connected for $i=1, \ldots, n$ for some ordering of the vertices

## Example

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \quad(4) \underset{a_{41}}{\stackrel{a_{14}}{\rightleftarrows}}(1) \stackrel{a_{21}}{\rightleftarrows}(2) \underset{a_{12}}{\stackrel{a_{32}}{\rightleftarrows}}(3) \\
& G=G_{\{1,2,3,4\}}
\end{aligned}
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G_{\{1\}}
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## Graph Definitions ctd.

## Definition

$G$ is strongly input-output connected (w.r.t In, Out $\subseteq V$ ) if

- it is connected
- and every edge is contained in a cycle or path from input to output


## Example


$G$ is strongly input-output connected since every edge is part of a cycle or a path from 1 to 2 .

## Sufficient Condition for Identifiable Path/Cycle Model

## Theorem (B., Meshkat)

Let $\mathcal{M}=(G$, In, Out, $V)$ such that
(i) $G$ is strongly input-output connected and $|O u t|=1$ or
(ii) $G$ is strongly connected and $|I n|=1$.

If the image of the coefficient map $\phi$ has dimension $|E|+\mid I n \cup$ Out $\mid$, then the model is an identifiable path/cycle model.

Proof idea:

Param. Space $\phi \quad$ Coeff. Space $\stackrel{\mathbb{R}^{|V|+|E|} \xrightarrow{\phi}}{\text { f }}$
Path/Cycle Space $\mathbb{R}^{E|+|I n \cup O u t|}$

- Factor the coefficient map through the "path/cycle space" which as a result of (i) and/or (ii) has dimension $|E|+|I n \cup O u t|$
- $\psi$ must be invertible if $\operatorname{dim}(\operatorname{im}(\phi))=|E|+\mid \operatorname{In} \cup$ Out $\mid$, so $f=\psi^{-1} \circ \phi$, so $f$ is ident. from $\phi$


## Sufficient Condition for Identifiable Path/Cycle Model

Theorem (B., Meshkat)
Let $\mathcal{M}=(G,\{i\},\{j\}, V)$ such that

- G strongly input-output connected
- $|E|=2|V|-\operatorname{dist}(\mathrm{i}, \mathrm{j})-2$
- $G$ has no path from $j$ to $i$
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## Example


$G$ is strongly input-output connected as it is connected and the edges are either in a cycle or path from input to output

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## Example



$$
\begin{gathered}
|E|=|V|=3 \text { and } \operatorname{dist}(1,2)=1 \text { so } \\
|E|=2|V|-\operatorname{dist}(1,2)-2 \\
3=2(3)-1-2
\end{gathered}
$$

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## Example



There is no path from 2 to 1.

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then $\mathcal{M}$ is an identifiable path/cycle model.


## Example



With the added edge $2 \rightarrow 1$, $G$ becomes inductively strongly connected via the ordering $1,2,3$.

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then $\mathcal{M}$ is an identifiable path/cycle model.


## Example



Thus, $\mathcal{M}$ is an identifiable path/cycle model!

## Identifiable from Identifiable Path/Cycle

## Theorem (B., Meshkat)

For $\mathcal{M}=(G, \operatorname{In}$, Out, $V)$ and $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}=(G, \ln$, Out, $L)$ with $L=\ln \cup$ Out and one of

- G strongly input-output connected and $\mid$ Out $\mid=1$ or
- G strongly connected and $|I n|=1$
then $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$ is locally identifiable if and only if $\mathcal{M}$ is an identifiable path/cycle model.


## Example



As $\mathcal{M}$ is an identifiable path/cycle model, then $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$ is identifiable.

## Why Identifiable Path/Cycle Models?

- Previous work has focused on models $\mathcal{M}=(G,\{i\},\{i\}$, Leak $)$


## Theorem (Meshkat, Sullivant)

For $\mathcal{M}=(G,\{i\},\{i\}, V)$ an identifiable cycle model, there exists an identifiable scaling reparameterization in terms of monomial functions of the original parameters.

- This work focuses on models $\mathcal{M}=(G,\{i\},\{j\}$, Leak) where $i \neq j$, and generalizations with more than one input or output


## Conjecture

For identifiable path/cycle model $\mathcal{M}=(G,\{i\},\{j\}, V)$, there exists an identifiable scaling reparameterization in terms of monomial functions of the original parameters.

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## Classification of Identifiable Tree Models

## Theorem (B., Gross, Meshkat, Shiu, Sullivant)

A (bidirectional) tree model $\mathcal{M}=(G,\{i\},\{j\}$, Leak) is generically locally identifiable if and only if $\operatorname{dist}(\mathrm{i}, \mathrm{j}) \leq 1$ and $\mid$ Leak $\mid \leq 1$.

## Example

$$
\text { (1) } \stackrel{a_{12}}{\stackrel{a_{21}}{\leftrightarrows}} \text { (2) } \stackrel{a_{23}}{\stackrel{a_{32}}{\leftrightarrows}} \cdots \stackrel{a_{n-1, n}}{a_{n, n-1}^{\leftrightarrows}} n
$$

## Catenary



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Proof idea:

- (Necessary) Show that if $\mid$ Leak $\mid>1$ or $\operatorname{dist}(\mathrm{i}, \mathrm{j})>1$, then $\mathcal{M}$ cannot be identifiable as \# parameters > \#coefficients
- (Sufficient) Start with a known identifiable model with $i=j$ and perform "moves" which retain identifiability to inductively generate every tree model with $\operatorname{dist}(\mathrm{i}, \mathrm{j}) \leq 1$ and $\mid$ Leak $\mid \leq 1$.


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