

# Identifiability of Linear Compartmental Tree Models

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# Identifiability Analysis: A two part problem

## Overview

*Structural identifiability* is the problem of determining if the parameters of a model can be recovered from the measurable variables of the model under perfect conditions.

*Note: Structural identifiability is a necessary condition for practical identifiability.*

- Structural identifiability can be carried out in two phases:
  1. Find the input/output equation[s] of the ODE system in terms of observable variables
  2. Determine injectivity of coefficient map defined by input/output equation[s] often via the computing the rank of the Jacobian

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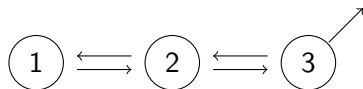
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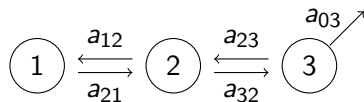
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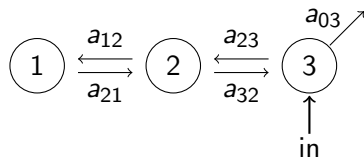


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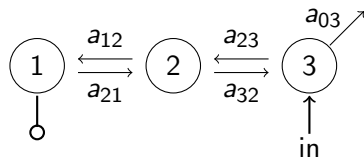
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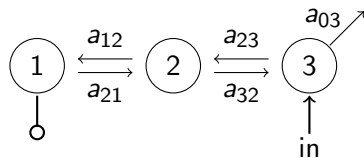
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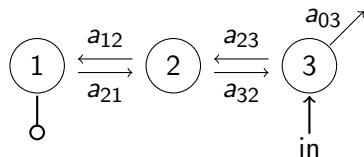
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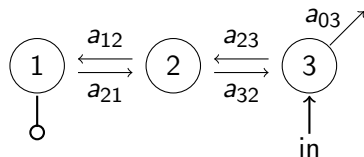
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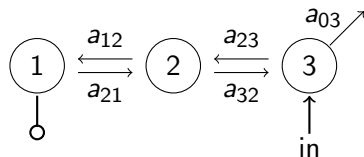
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Via a simple substitution and application of Cramer's Rule:

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an ODE in only the measurable variables and the parameters:

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## Proposition

Consider  $\mathcal{M} = (G, In, Out, Leak)$  with  $n = |V_G|$  and  $|In| \geq 1$ . Define  $\partial I$  to be the  $n \times n$  diagonal matrix where the diagonal entries are the differential operator  $d/dt$ . Then, the following equations are input/output equations of  $\mathcal{M}$ :

$$\det(\partial I - A)y_j = \sum_{i \in In} (-1)^{i+j} \det((\partial I - A)^{i,j}) u_i \quad \text{for } j \in Out .$$

## Remark

This characterization of the input/output equation is difficult to relate to the Jacobian for later identifiability analysis.



# Input/Output Equation via $G$ ( $in = out$ )

## Theorem (Gross, Meshkat, Shiu [4])

Consider  $\mathcal{M} = (G, In, Out, Leak)$  with  $G$  strongly connected,  $In = Out = \{1\}$  and  $|Leak| \geq 1$ . If  $n = |V_G|$ , then an input/output equation of  $\mathcal{M}$  is

$$y_1^{(n)} + c_{n-1}y_1^{(n-1)} + \cdots + c_1y_1' + c_0y_1 = u_1^{(n-1)} + d_{n-2}u_1^{(n-2)} + \cdots + d_1u_1' + d_0u_1$$

with coefficients:

$$c_i = \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_{n-i}(\tilde{G})} \pi_F \quad \text{for } i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1, \text{ and}$$

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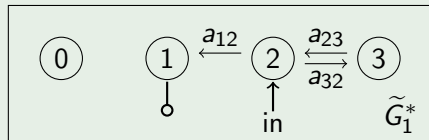
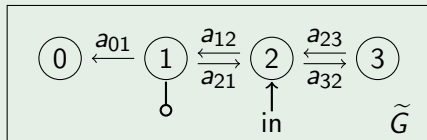
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For a model  $\mathcal{M} = (G, In, Out, Leak)$

- $\tilde{G}$  is the graph  $G \cup \{0\}$  where for each  $i \in Leak$ , we add the edge  $i \rightarrow 0$  with edge weight  $a_{0i}$
- $\tilde{G}_k^*$  is the graph  $\tilde{G}$  where we remove every edge leaving node  $k$

## Example

For  $\mathcal{M} = (G, \{2\}, \{1\}, \{1\})$  where  $G = Cat_3$ , we have



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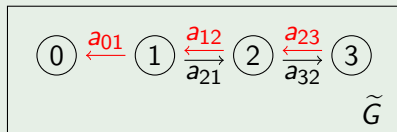
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- $H$  is called an *incoming forest* if its underlying undirected graph is a forest, and no vertex has more than one outgoing edge
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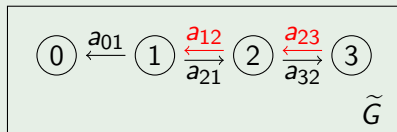
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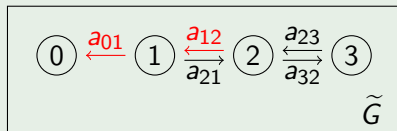
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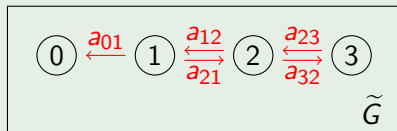
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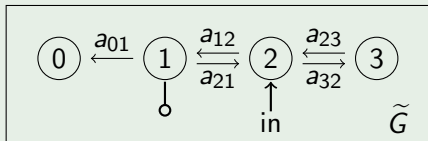
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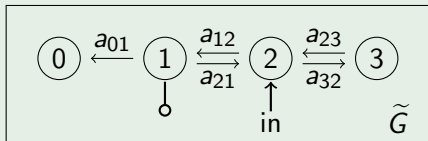
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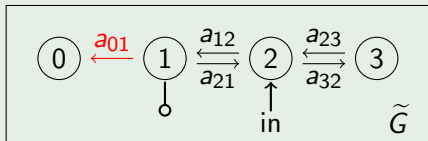
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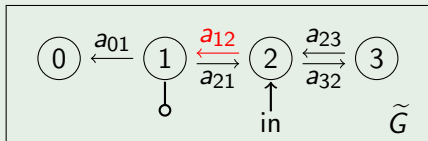
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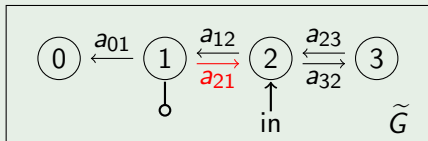
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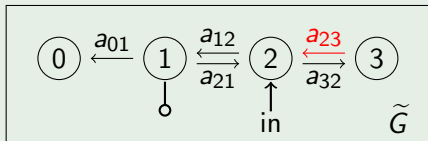
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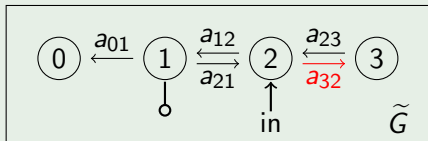
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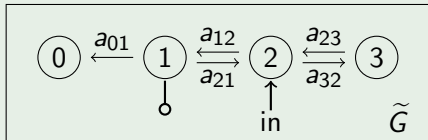
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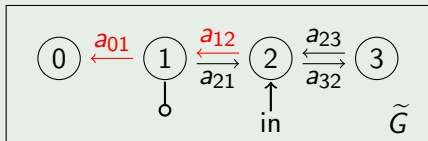
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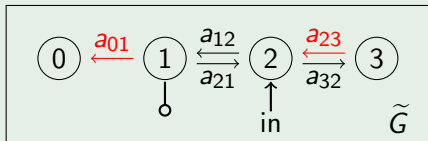
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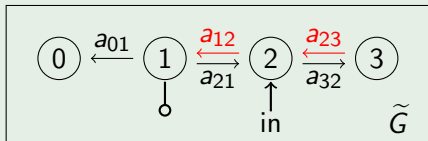
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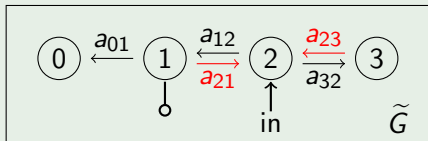
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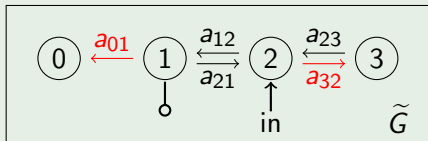
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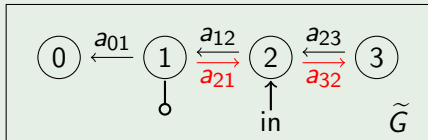
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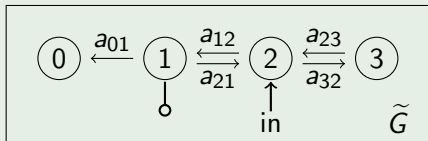
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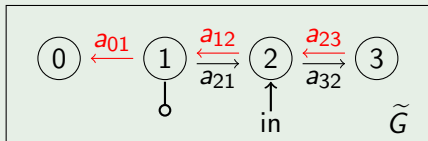
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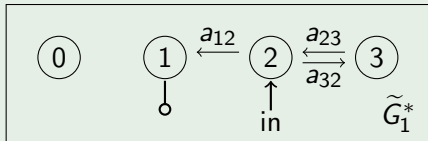
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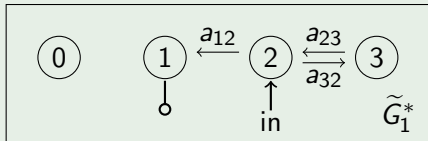
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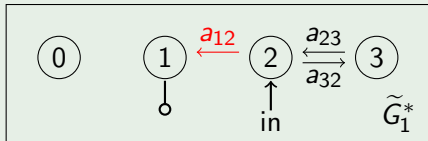
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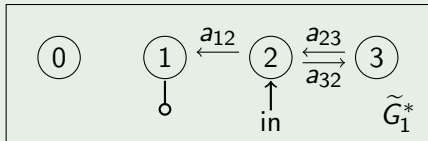
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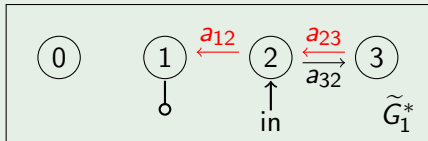
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# Number of Coefficients

## Corollary (B., Gross, Meshkat, Shiu, Sullivant [1])

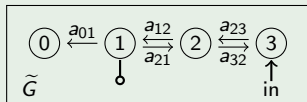
Consider  $\mathcal{M} = (G, \{in\}, \{out\}, Leak)$  where  $G$  is strongly connected and  $|V_G| = n$ . Then the numbers of non-constant coefficients on the left-hand and right-hand sides of the input/output equation are:

$$\# \text{ on LHS} = \begin{cases} n & \text{if } Leak \neq \emptyset \\ n - 1 & \text{if } Leak = \emptyset \end{cases}, \quad \# \text{ on RHS} = \begin{cases} n - 1 & \text{if } in = out \\ n - \text{dist}(in, out) & \text{if } in \neq out. \end{cases}$$

## Example

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$$\# \text{ on LHS} = 3$$

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## Definitions

- 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 structurally identifiable* (identifiable) if, outside a set of measure zero, every point in the parameter space has an open neighborhood  $U$  for which  $\phi|_U$  is one-to-one

## Proposition (Sufficient condition for unidentifiability)

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

$$\# \text{ parameters} > \# \text{ coefficients.}$$

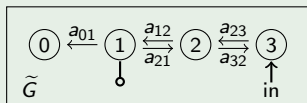


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The coefficient map corresponding to  $\mathcal{M}$  is:

$$\phi: \mathbb{R}^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$$

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## Corollary (B., Gross, Meshkat, Shiu, Sullivant [1])

Consider  $\mathcal{M} = (G, \{in\}, \{out\}, Leak)$  where  $G$  is strongly connected and  $|V_G| = n$ . Define  $L$  and  $d$  as follows:

$$L = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } Leak = \emptyset \\ 1 & \text{if } Leak \neq \emptyset \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad d = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \text{dist}(in, out) = 0 \\ \text{dist}(in, out) & \text{if } \text{dist}(in, out) \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

Then  $\mathcal{M}$  is unidentifiable if

$$\underbrace{|Leak| + |E_G|}_{\# \text{ parameters}} > \underbrace{2n - L - d}_{\# \text{ coefficients}}.$$

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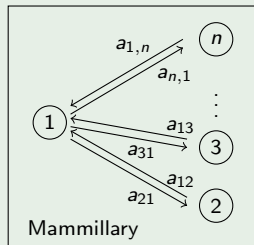
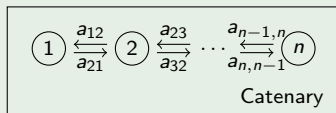
# Tree Models

## Definition

A *tree model*  $\mathcal{M} = (G, In, Out, Leak)$  has properties

- the edge  $i \rightarrow j \in E_G$  if and only if the edge  $j \rightarrow i \in E_G$
- underlying undirected graph of  $G$  a tree\*

## Examples



# Unidentifiability of Tree Models

## Theorem (B., Gross, Meshkat, Shiu, Sullivant [1])

A tree model  $\mathcal{M} = (G, \{in\}, \{out\}, Leak)$  is unidentifiable if

$$\text{dist}(in, out) \geq 2 \text{ or } |Leak| \geq 2.$$

*Proof idea:* Let  $n = |V_G|$ .

- # parameters in  $\mathcal{M}$  is  $|E_G| + |Leak| = 2n - 2 + |Leak|$
- in all **five cases**, # parameters  $>$  # coefficients

	$ Leak  \geq 2$	$ Leak  = 1$	$ Leak  = 0$
$\text{dist}(in, out) \geq 2$	$2n - \text{dist}(in, out)$	$2n - \text{dist}(in, out)$	$2n - \text{dist}(in, out) - 1$
$\text{dist}(in, out) = 1$	$2n - 1$	$2n - 1$	$2n - 2$
$\text{dist}(in, out) = 0$	$2n - 1$	$2n - 1$	$2n - 2$

*Note:* The four cases in **blue** have # parameters = # coefficients, but that does not guarantee identifiability.

# Building Identifiable Tree Models

Idea for showing that  $\#$  parameters =  $\#$  coefficients implies identifiability:

- start with some base model that we know is identifiable (Theorem\*)
- from base model, build all tree models where  $|Leak| \leq 1$  and  $\text{dist}(\text{in}, \text{out}) \leq 1$  and retain identifiability at each step

**Theorem\*** (B., Gross, Meshkat, Shiu, Sullivant [1])

The tree model  $\mathcal{M} = (G, \{i\}, \{i\}, \emptyset)$  is identifiable.

**Theorem** (Gross, Harrington, Meshkat, Shiu [3])

Let  $\mathcal{M} = (G, In, Out, \emptyset)$  be a strongly connected and identifiable. Then, the model  $\mathcal{M}' = (G, In, Out, \{k\})$  is also identifiable.

# The Jacobian

## Theorem

The model  $\mathcal{M} = (G, \{i\}, \{j\}, Leak)$  is identifiable if and only if the rank of the Jacobian matrix of its coefficient map is equal to # parameters.

## Example

For  $\mathcal{M} = (G, \{3\}, \{1\}, \{1\})$ , the input/output equation is:

$$y_1^{(3)} + \underbrace{(a_{01} + a_{12} + a_{21} + a_{23} + a_{32})}_{c_2} \ddot{y}_1 + (a_{01}a_{12} + a_{01}a_{23} + \underbrace{a_{12}a_{23} + a_{21}a_{23} + a_{01}a_{32} + a_{21}a_{32}}_{c_1}) \dot{y}_1 + \underbrace{(a_{01}a_{12}a_{23})}_{c_0} y_1 = \underbrace{(a_{12}a_{23})}_{d_0} u_3$$

$$J(\phi) = \begin{matrix} c_2 \\ c_1 \\ c_0 \\ d_0 \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{01} & a_{12} & a_{21} & a_{23} & a_{32} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a_{12} + a_{23} + a_{32} & a_{01} + a_{23} & a_{23} + a_{32} & a_{01} + a_{12} + a_{21} & a_{01} + a_{21} \\ a_{12}a_{23} & a_{01}a_{23} & 0 & a_{01}a_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & a_{23} & 0 & a_{12} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Moving the Input/Output

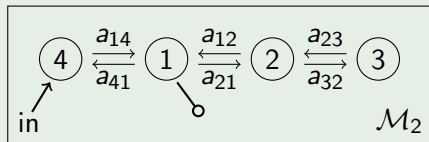
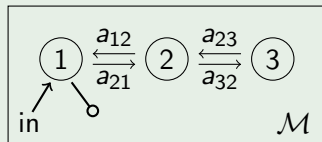
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Let  $\mathcal{M} = (G, \{i\}, \{i\}, \emptyset)$  be an identifiable tree model with  $|V_G| = n - 1$ . Let  $H$  be the graph  $G$  with the added node  $n$  and edges  $i \rightarrow n$  and  $n \rightarrow i$ . Then following models are also identifiable:

- $\mathcal{M}_1 = (H, \{i\}, \{n\}, \emptyset)$
- $\mathcal{M}_2 = (H, \{n\}, \{i\}, \emptyset)$ .

## Example

Here,  $\mathcal{M} = (G, \{1\}, \{1\}, \emptyset)$  and  $\mathcal{M}_2 = (H, \{4\}, \{1\}, \emptyset)$ :





# Proof of Moving the Input/Output

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*Proof idea:*

- write the coeffs of  $\mathcal{M}_k$  in terms of coeffs of  $\mathcal{M}$  and the new params
- manipulate the Jacobian of  $\mathcal{M}_k$  to “find” the Jacobian of  $\mathcal{M}$ , which by assumption has full rank:

$$J(\phi_k) = \begin{pmatrix} J(\phi) & 0 \\ * & C \end{pmatrix}$$

- show that  $C$  has full rank using properties of the graph

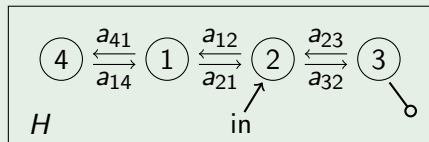
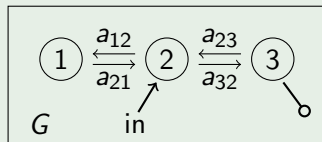
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## Example

Here,  $\mathcal{M} = (G, \{2\}, \{3\}, \emptyset)$  and  $\mathcal{L} = (H, \{2\}, \{3\}, \emptyset)$ :



# Proof of Adding a Leaf

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*Proof idea:*

- Define weight  $\omega \in \mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0}^{\#\text{ parameters}}$  so that the initial form of most coefficients does not contain  $a_{nk}$  or  $a_{kn}$ , define  $\phi_{\mathcal{L},\omega}$
- We know that  $\text{Rank}(J(\phi_{\mathcal{L},\omega})) \leq \text{Rank}(J(\phi_{\mathcal{L}}))$
- We can write  $J(\phi_{\mathcal{L},\omega}) = \begin{pmatrix} J(\phi_{\mathcal{M}}) & 0 \\ * & C \end{pmatrix}$ 
  - show  $C$  has maximal rank using properties of the graph
  - this implies that  $\text{Rank}(J(\phi_{\mathcal{L},\omega})) = \max\{\text{Rank}(J(\phi_{\mathcal{L}}))\}$

## Theorem (B., Gross, Meshkat, Shiu, Sullivant [1])

A tree model  $\mathcal{M} = (G, \{in\}, \{out\}, Leak)$  is identifiable if and only if  $dist(in, out) \leq 1$  and  $|Leak| \leq 1$ .

*Proof idea:*

- $\mathcal{M}$  is unidentifiable if either  $dist(in, out) > 1$  or  $|Leak| > 1$
- $\mathcal{M}$  is identifiable if  $in = out$  and  $|Leak| = 0$
- $\mathcal{M}$  is identifiable if  $dist(in, out) = 1$  and  $|Leak| = 0$
- if  $\mathcal{M}$  is identifiable with  $|Leak| = 0$ , then it is identifiable with  $|Leak| = 1$

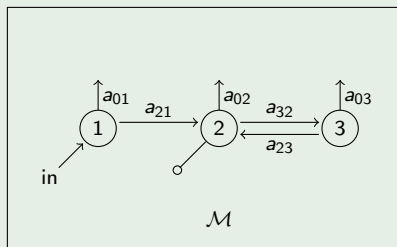
- generalize results on tree models to other linear compartmental models
- find more applications for new characterization of coefficients
  - consider *distinguishability*, i.e. the problem of determining whether two or more linear compartmental models fit a given set of measured data
  - look for patterns in the singular locus for *dividing edges*
- consider the problem of determining identifiability when multiple inputs/outputs are present

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# Identifiable Path/Cycle Model Motivating Example

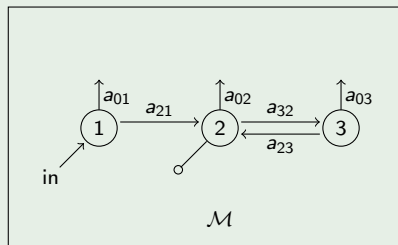
## Example



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

# Identifiable Path/Cycle Model Motivating Example

## Example



$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -a_{01} - a_{21} & 0 & 0 \\ a_{21} & -a_{02} - a_{32} & a_{23} \\ 0 & a_{32} & -a_{03} - a_{23} \end{pmatrix}$$

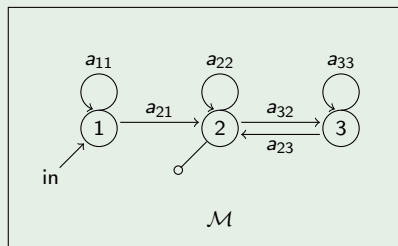
Input/Output Equation:

$$y_2^{(3)} + (a_{01} + a_{02} + a_{03} + a_{21} + a_{23} + a_{32})\ddot{y}_2 + (a_{01}a_{02} + a_{01}a_{03} + a_{02}a_{03} + a_{02}a_{21} + a_{03}a_{21} + a_{01}a_{23} + a_{02}a_{23} + a_{21}a_{23} + a_{01}a_{32} + a_{03}a_{32} + a_{21}a_{32})\dot{y}_2 + (a_{01}a_{02}a_{03} + a_{02}a_{03}a_{21} + a_{01}a_{02}a_{23} + a_{02}a_{21}a_{23} + a_{01}a_{03}a_{32} + a_{03}a_{21}a_{32})y_2 = (a_{21})\dot{u}_1 + (a_{21}a_{03} + a_{21}a_{23})u_1$$



# Identifiable Path/Cycle Model Motivating Example

## Example



$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ 0 & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

Input/Output Equation:

$$y_2^{(3)} + (-a_{11} - a_{22} - a_{33})\ddot{y}_2 + (a_{11}a_{22} - a_{23}a_{32} + a_{11}a_{33} + a_{22}a_{33})\dot{y}_2 + (a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} - a_{11}a_{22}a_{33})y_2 = (a_{21})\dot{u}_1 + (a_{21}a_{03} + a_{21}a_{23})u_1$$

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

$$a_{11}, a_{22}, a_{33}, a_{21}, a_{23}a_{32}.$$

- Stated necessary and sufficient conditions for a model to be an identifiable path/cycle model based on graph
- Stated results relating identifiable path/cycle models to identifiable models based on reducing the number of leaks
- Expanded several previous result on *identifiable cycle models* [5, 6]
  - Again, the identifiable cycle models all have  $in = out$

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# Cramer's Rule

$$\mathcal{M} = (G, In, Out, Leak) = (Cat_3, \{3\}, \{1\}, \{3\}).$$

ODE in terms of concentrations  $x_i(t)$ , input  $u_3(t)$ , and output  $y_1(t)$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1(t) \\ \dot{x}_2(t) \\ \dot{x}_3(t) \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -a_{21} & a_{12} & 0 \\ a_{21} & -a_{12} - a_{32} & a_{23} \\ 0 & a_{32} & -a_{03} - a_{23} \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{compartmental matrix } A} \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ x_3(t) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ u_3(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

with

$$y_1(t) = x_1(t).$$

yields

$$\left( \begin{pmatrix} d/dt & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d/dt & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d/dt \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} -a_{21} & a_{12} & 0 \\ a_{21} & -a_{12} - a_{32} & a_{23} \\ 0 & a_{32} & -a_{03} - a_{23} \end{pmatrix} \right) \begin{pmatrix} y_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ x_3(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ u_3(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

# Cramer's Rule Continued

$$\mathcal{M} = (G, In, Out, Leak) = (\text{Cat}_3, \{3\}, \{1\}, \{3\}).$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda + a_{21} & -a_{12} & 0 \\ -a_{21} & \lambda + a_{12} + a_{32} & -a_{23} \\ 0 & -a_{32} & \lambda + a_{03} + a_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ x_3(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ u_3(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

Applying Cramer's Rule

$$y_1(t) = \frac{\det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -a_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda + a_{12} + a_{32} & -a_{23} \\ u_3(t) & -a_{32} & \lambda + a_{03} + a_{23} \end{pmatrix}}{\det \begin{pmatrix} \lambda + a_{21} & -a_{12} & 0 \\ -a_{21} & \lambda + a_{12} + a_{32} & -a_{23} \\ 0 & -a_{32} & \lambda + a_{03} + a_{23} \end{pmatrix}}$$

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## Theorem

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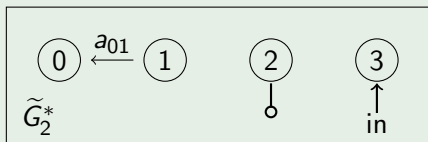
*Proof idea:* Induction on  $|E_G|$

- Base case:  $|E_G| = 0$ 
  - $\mathcal{F}_{n-k-1}^{in,out} = \emptyset$  so all the  $d_k$  above are zero
  - $(\lambda I - A)_{i,j} = 0$  for all  $i \neq j$ , therefore  $\det((\lambda I - A)^{in,out}) = 0$

## Example

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

$$\lambda I - A = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda + a_{01} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$



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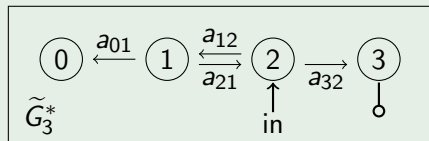
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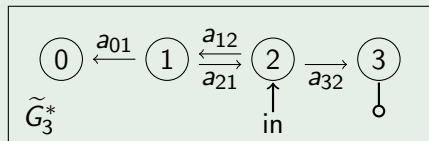
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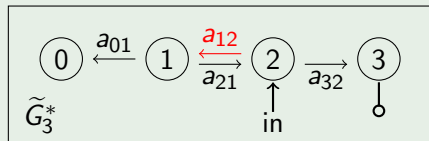
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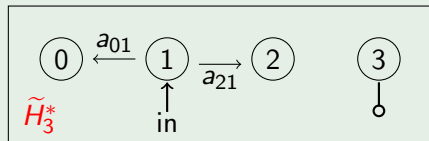
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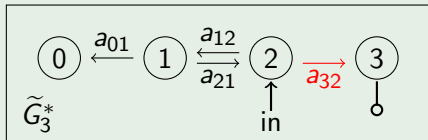
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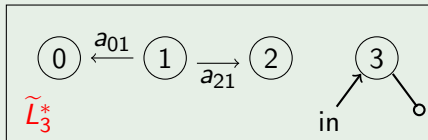
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