

# Multi-Agent Systems

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# Similar Formation in 2D

Complex Laplacian matrix of directed graph

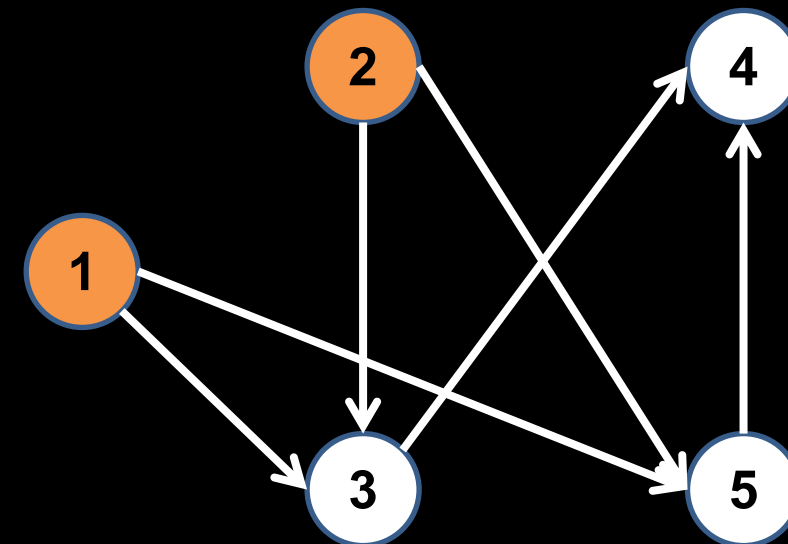
# Multi-agent system

a system of  $n$  interacting agents  
is modeled by graph  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$

node  $v_i \in \mathcal{V}$ : an agent

edge  $(v_j, v_i) \in \mathcal{E}$ : agent  $j$  sends  
information to  $v_i$

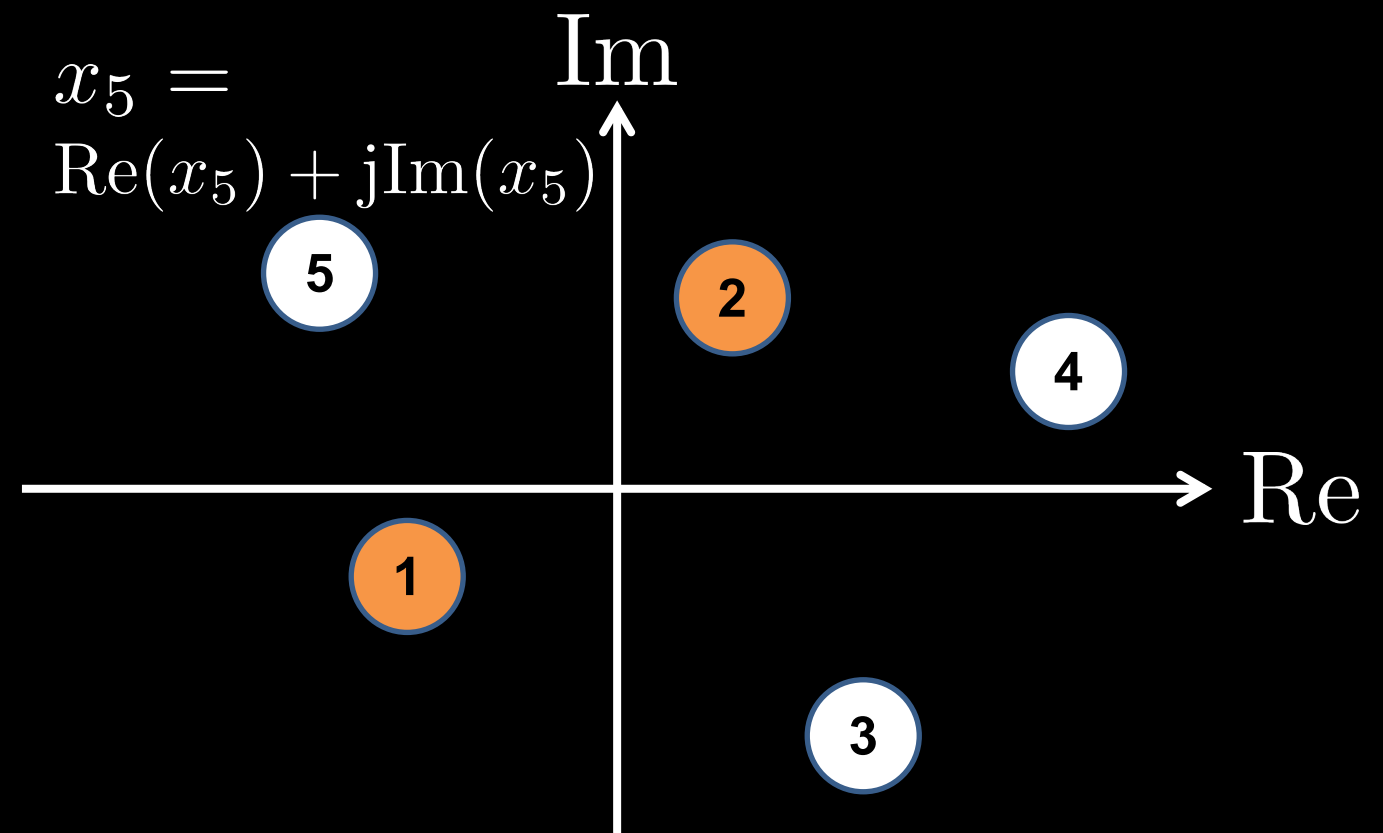
example:



# 2D formation problem

agents are moving on a 2D plane

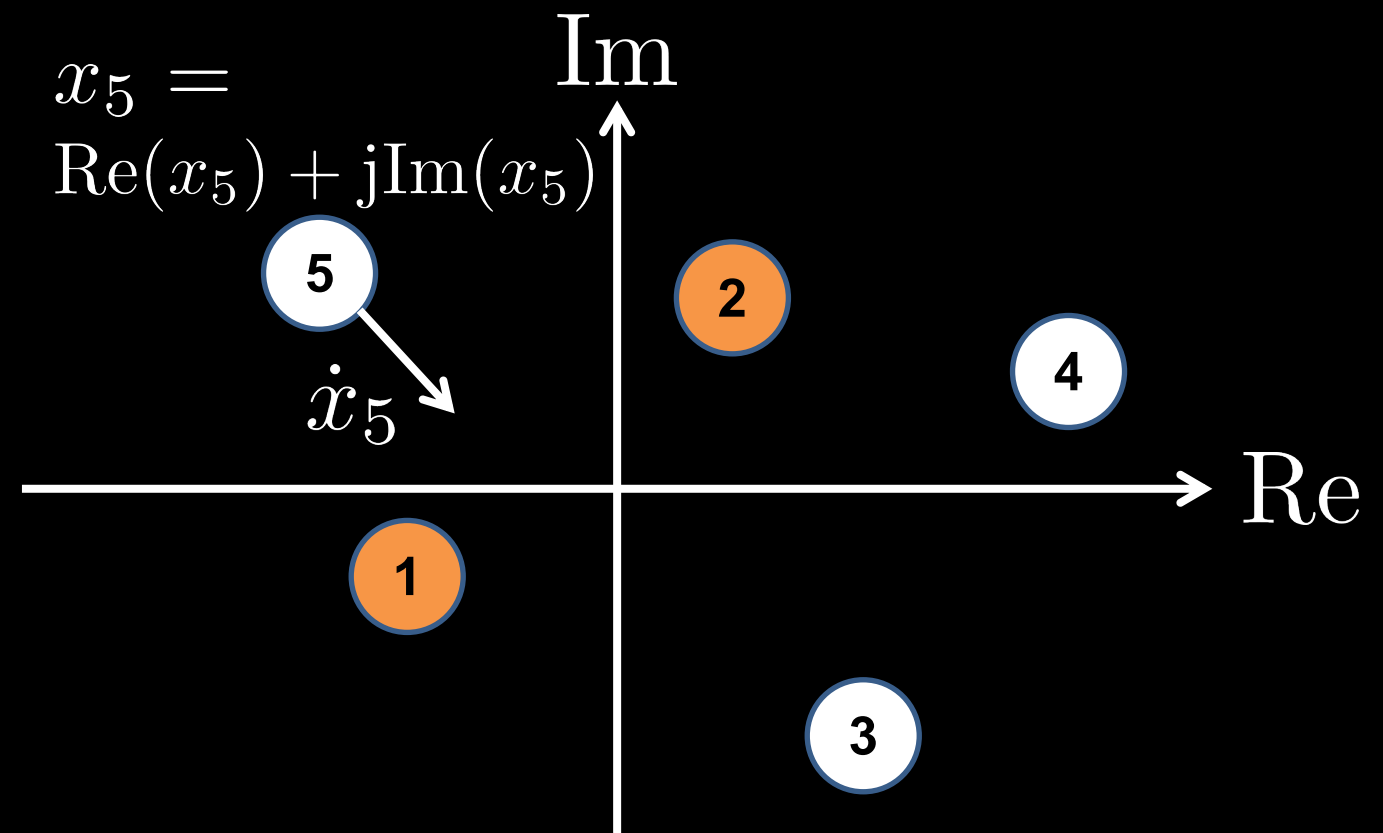
agent  $v_i$ 's position is  $x_i \in \mathbb{C}$



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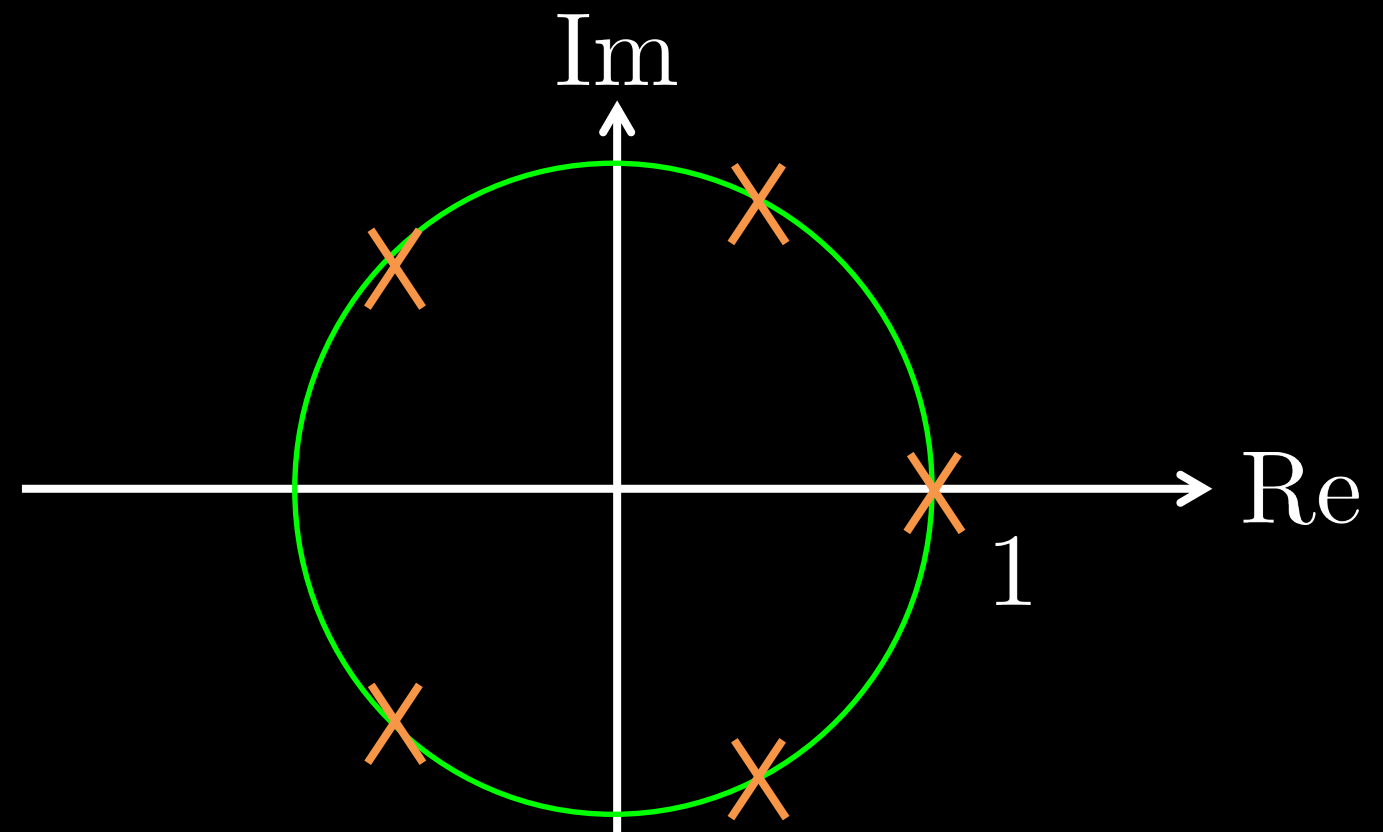
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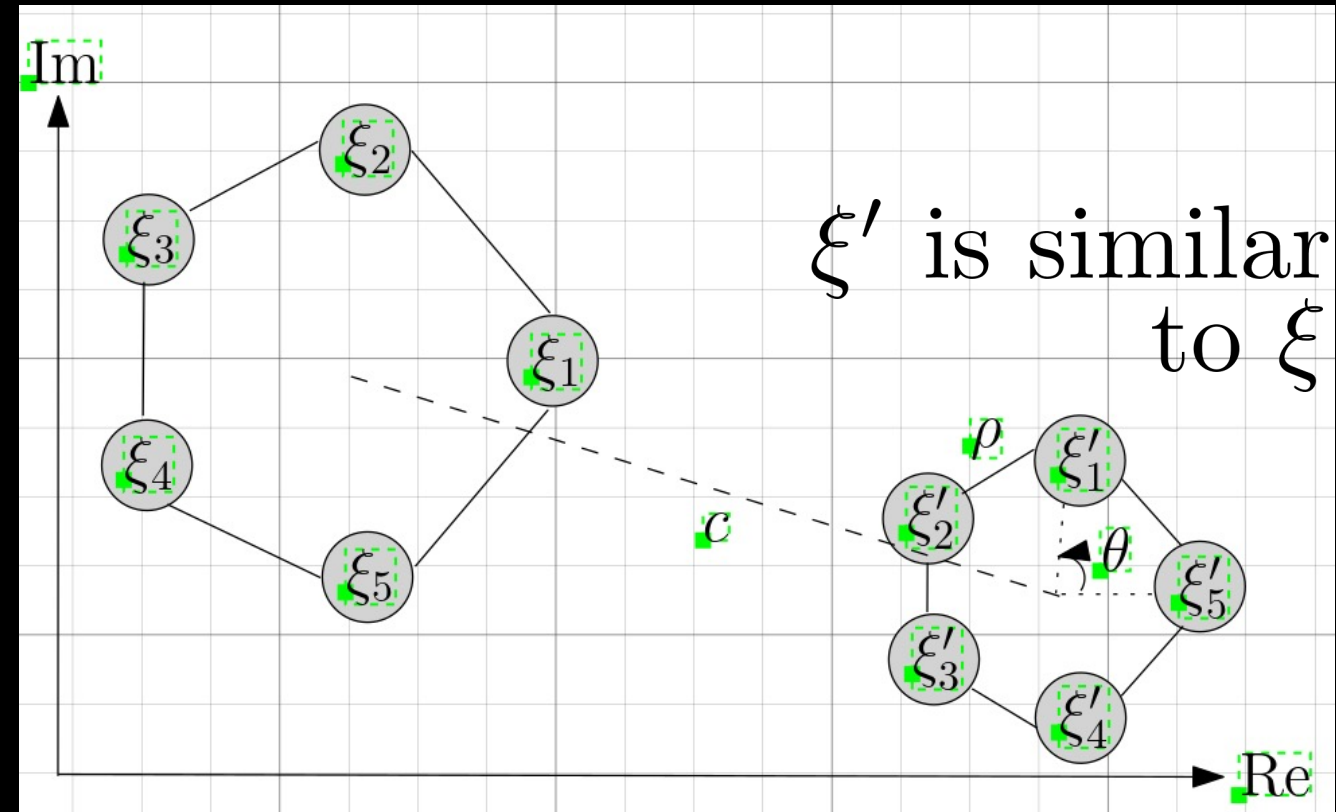
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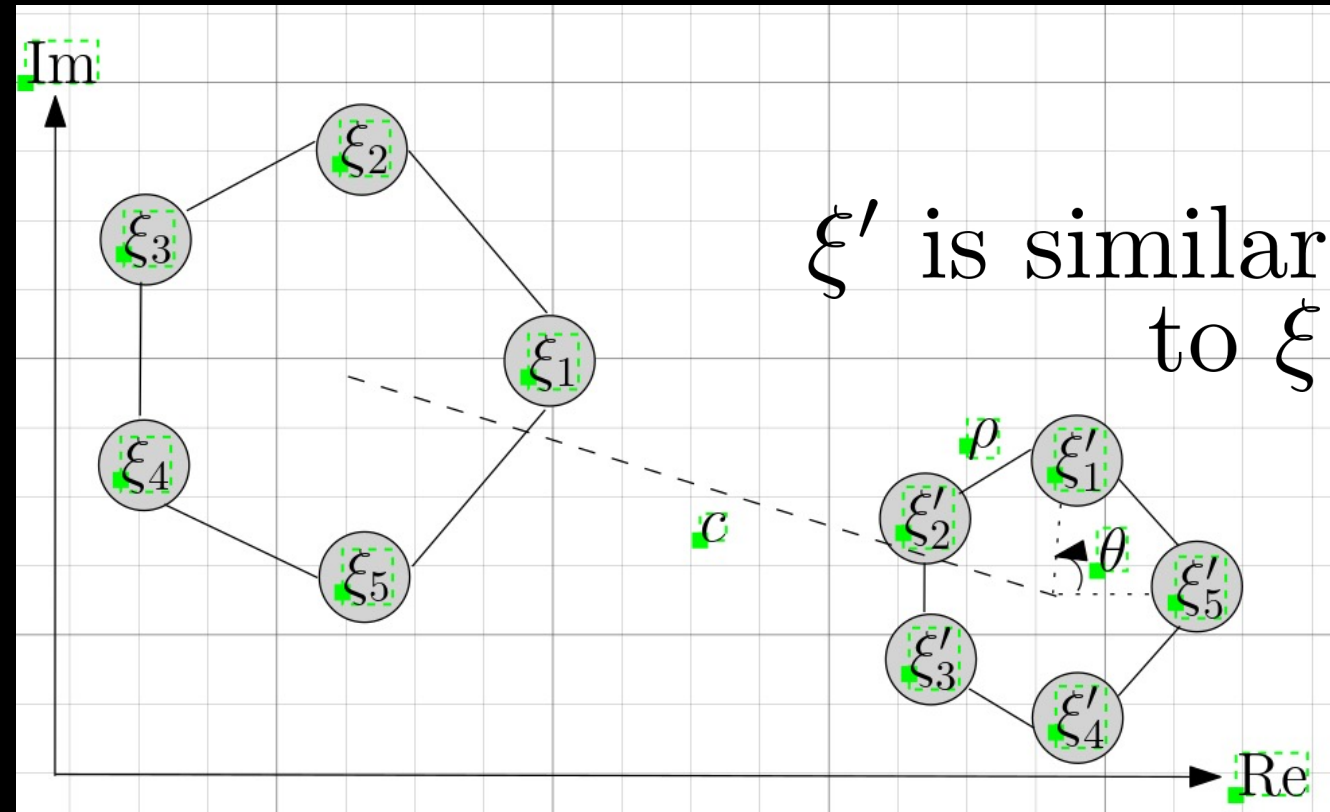
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2D similar formation: design input  $u_i$

s.t.  $(\forall x_i(0)) (\exists c, c' \in \mathbb{C}) x(t) \rightarrow c\mathbf{1} + c'\xi$



$$\downarrow \rho e^{j\theta}$$



# Formation constraint

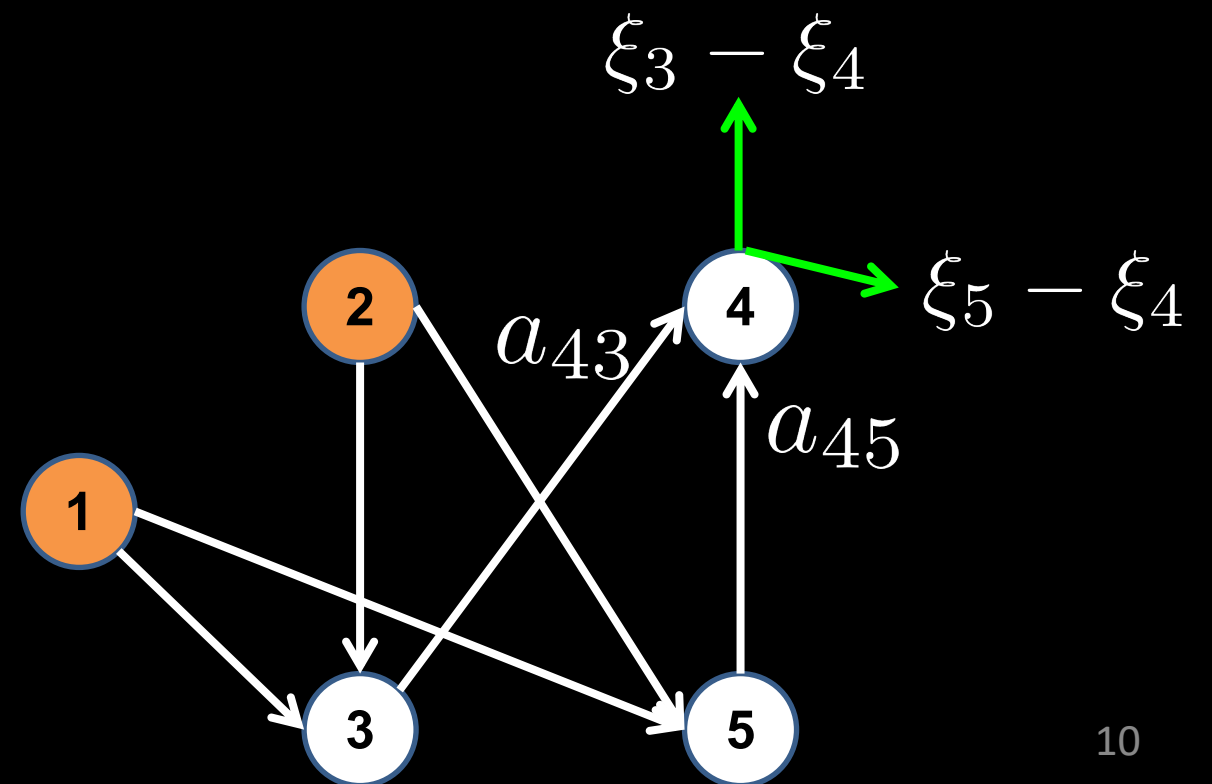
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$$\xi_3 - \xi_4 = 1.1756j$$

$$\xi_5 - \xi_4 = 1.118 - 0.3633j$$

example:



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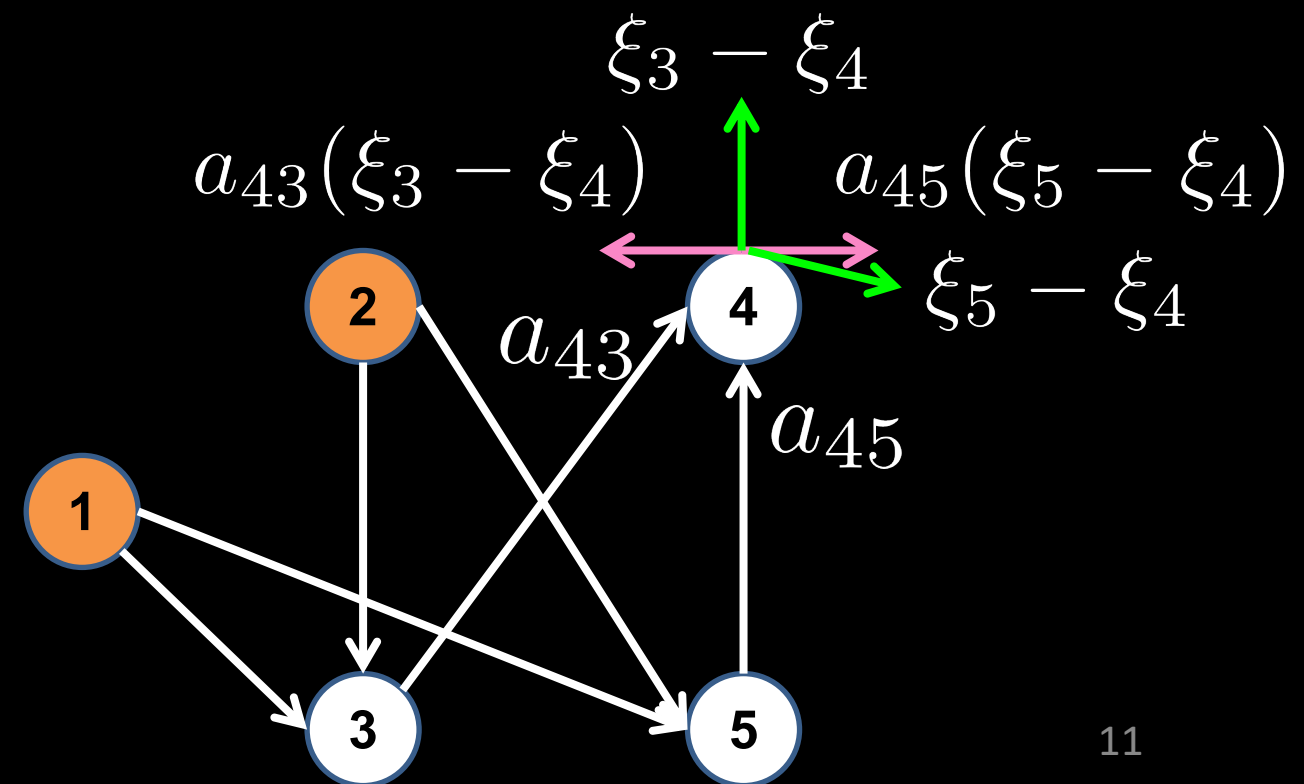
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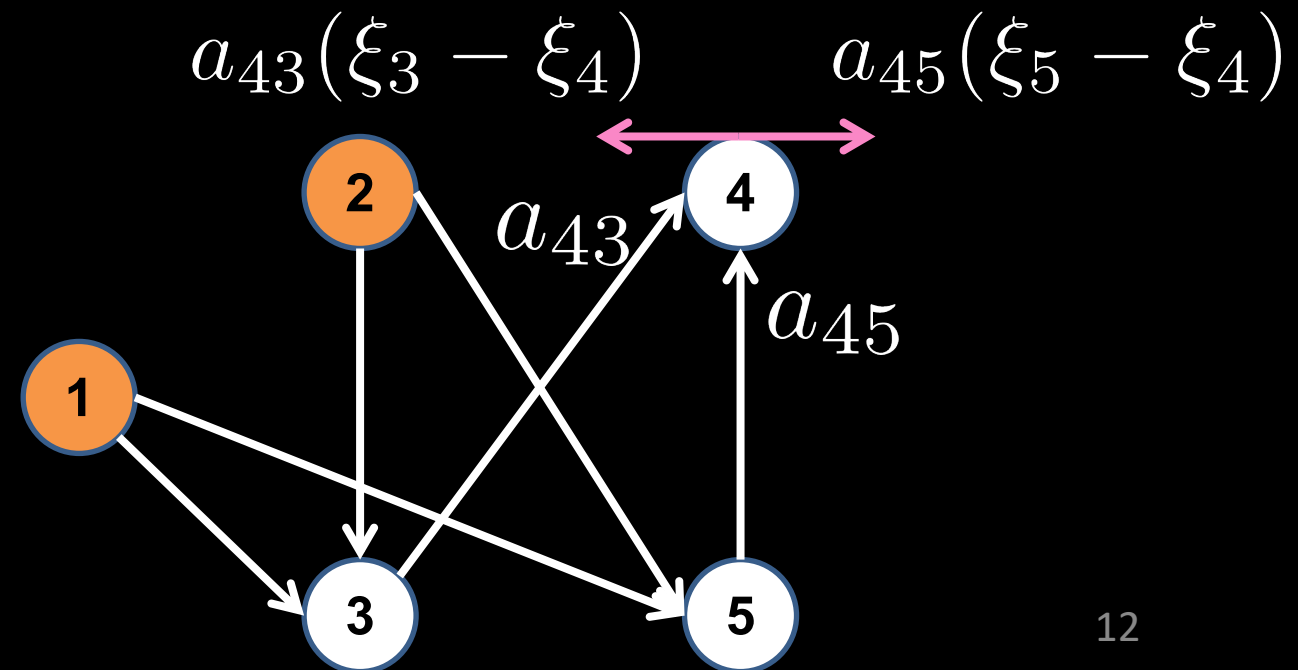
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$$a_{43} = \frac{1}{|\xi_3 - \xi_4|} e^{(\pi - \angle \xi_3 - \xi_4)j}$$

$$a_{45} = \frac{1}{|\xi_5 - \xi_4|} e^{(-\angle \xi_5 - \xi_4)j}$$

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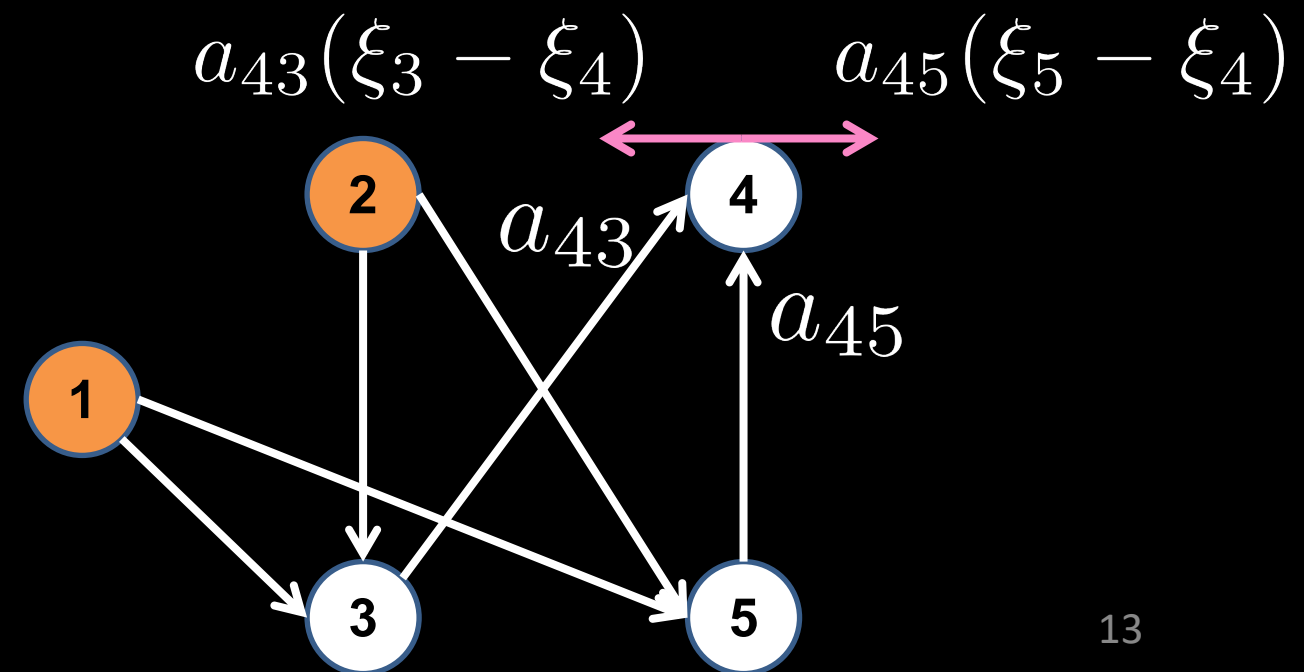
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$$\sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_4} a_{4j}(\xi_j - \xi_4) = 0$$

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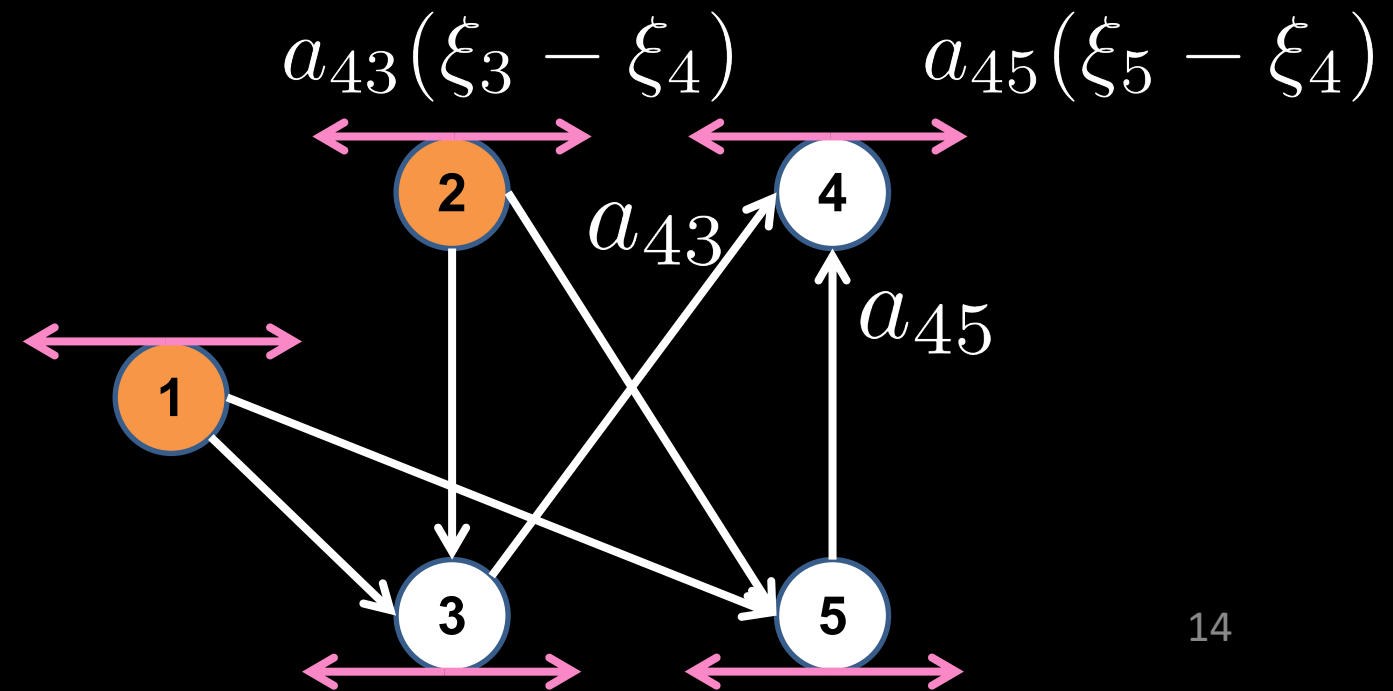
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$$(\forall i = 1, \dots, n) \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} a_{ij} (\xi_j - \xi_i) = 0$$

$$L\xi = 0$$

example:



# Complex Laplacian

complex adjacency matrix:

$$A = [a_{ij}]$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.5 - 0.1625j & 0.809 - 0.2629j & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.8507j & 0 & 0.809 + 0.2629j \\ -0.5 + 0.6882j & -0.5257j & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

complex degree matrix:

$$D = \text{diag}(A\mathbf{1})$$

complex Laplacian:

$$L = D - A \quad (L\mathbf{1} = 0)$$

# Complex Laplacian

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$$L\xi = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{rank}(L) \leq 3$$

$$L\mathbf{1} = 0$$

$$\text{rank}(L) = 3(?)$$

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relative state information

(encoding target configuration)



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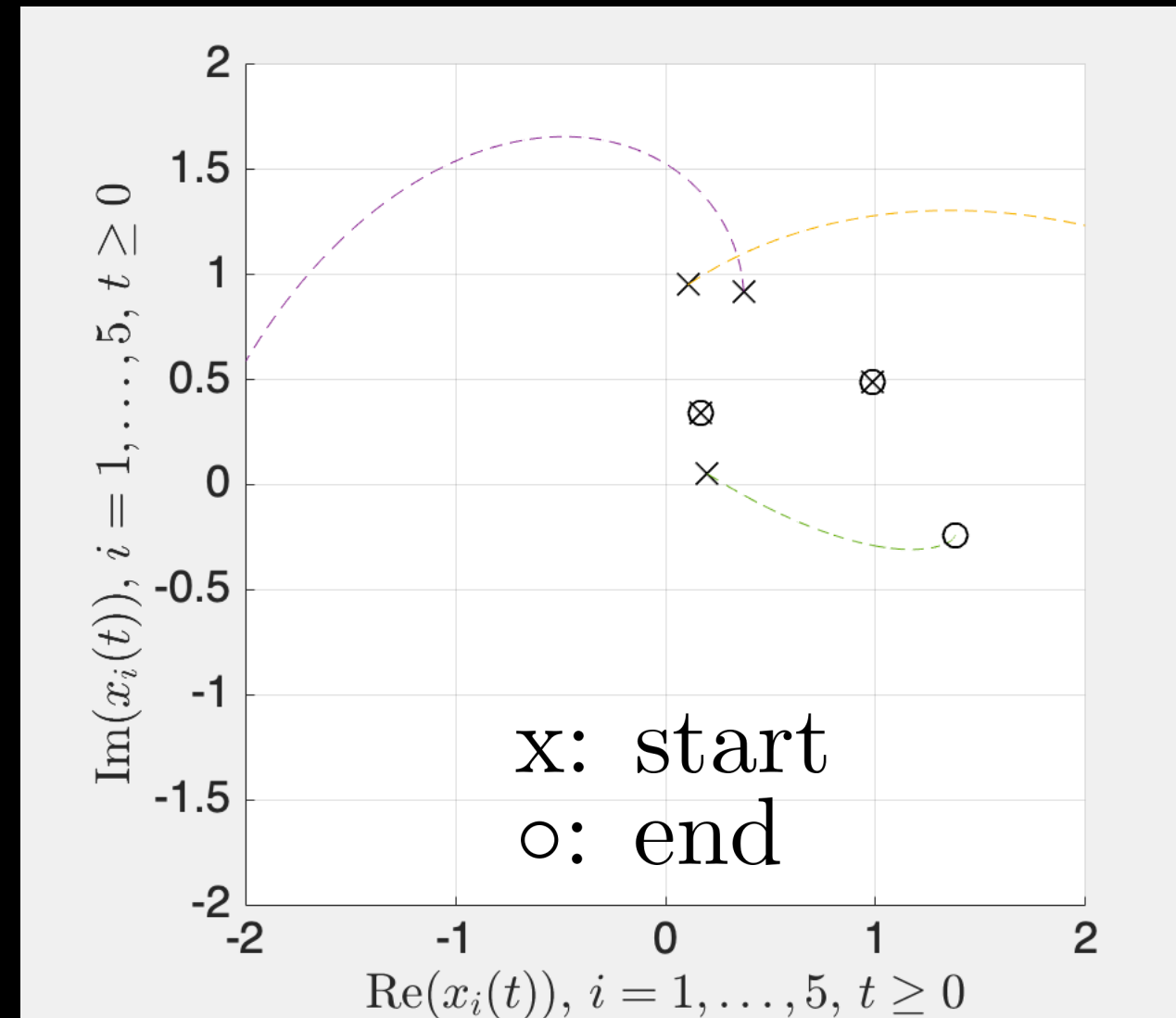
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eigenvalues of  $-L$ :

$$0, 0, -0.5 + 0.16j, 0.31 - 0.43j, 0.81 + 1.11j$$

design invertible diagonal matrix  $E$   
s.t. nonzero eigenvalues of  $-EL$   
have negative real parts

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(ensuring stability)

(encoding target configuration)

$$\dot{x} = -ELx, \quad \text{where } E = \text{diag}(\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n)$$

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$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$$

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equivalently, all eigenvalues of  $E'L'$  have positive real parts  
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$$\text{e.g. } \epsilon_3 = \frac{1}{|l_1|} e^{-j\angle l_1} = -1.1181 - 1.5389j$$

$$\text{set } \lambda_3 := \epsilon_3 l_1 = 1$$

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$$\epsilon_3 \epsilon_4 l_2 = \lambda_3 \lambda_4$$

$$l_2 = \det \begin{bmatrix} -0.309 + 0.4253j & 0 \\ 0.8507j & -0.809 - 1.1135j \end{bmatrix} = 0.7236$$

$$L' = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} -0.309 + 0.4253j & 0 \\ 0.8507j & -0.809 - 1.1135j \end{matrix} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.809 + 0.2629j \\ & & 0.5 - 0.1625j \end{bmatrix}$$

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choose  $\epsilon_4$  s.t.  $\lambda_4 = \frac{\epsilon_4 \epsilon_3 l_2}{\lambda_3}$  has positive real part

e.g.  $\epsilon_4 = \epsilon e^{-j\angle \frac{\epsilon_3 l_2}{\lambda_3}} = 0.1(-0.5878 + 0.809j)$

set  $\lambda_4 := \frac{\epsilon_4 \epsilon_3 l_2}{\lambda_3} = 0.1376$

$L'_2$

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$$\epsilon_3 \epsilon_4 \epsilon_5 l = \lambda_3 \lambda_4 \lambda_5$$

$$l = \det(L') = 0.3618 - 0.1176j$$

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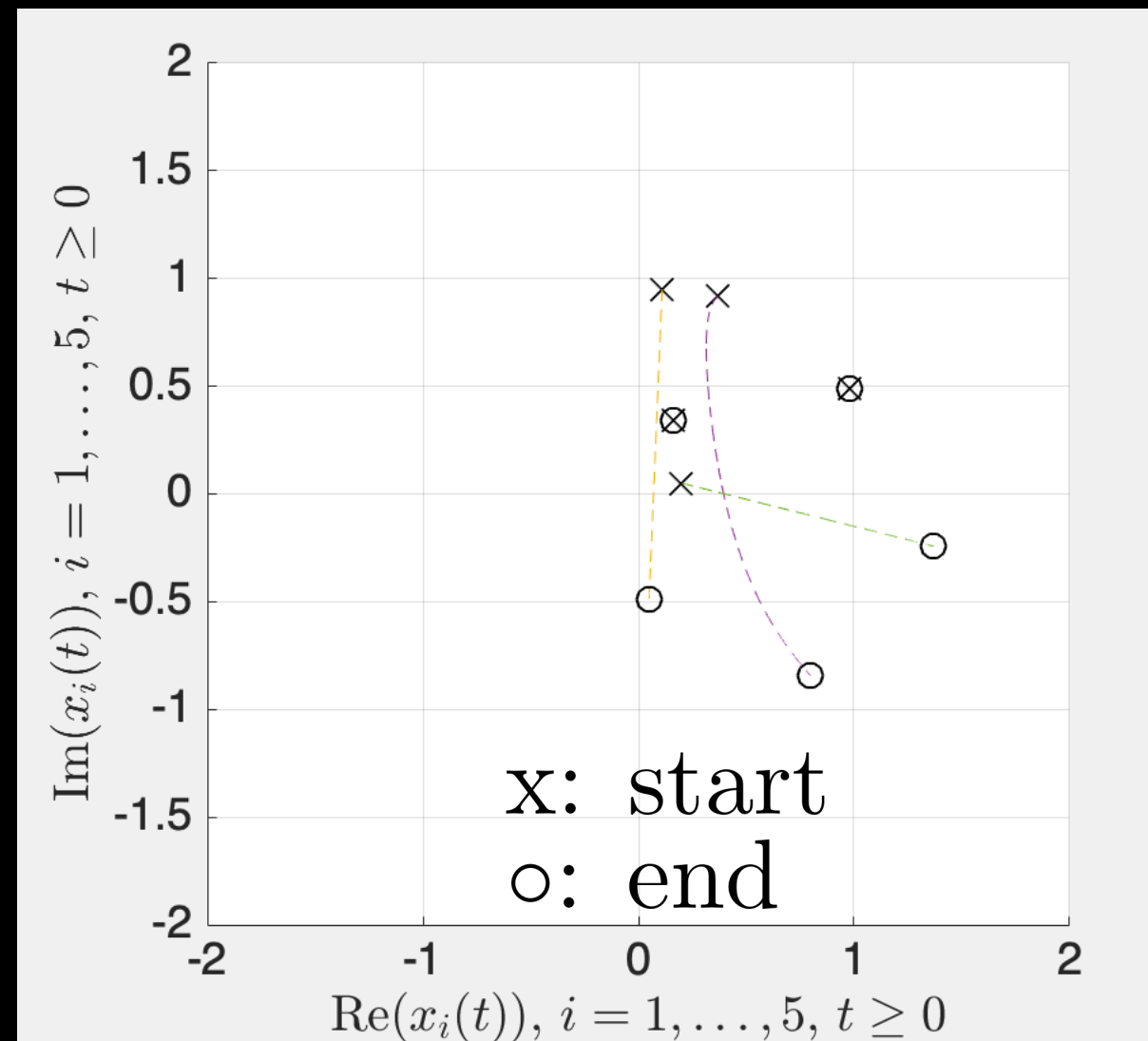
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# Fact

$$\dot{x} = -ELx$$

If  $\mathcal{G}$  contains a spanning 2-tree  
and  $\xi$  generic (no 3 points on same line)  
then  $E$  exists s.t.  $n - 2$  nonzero  
eigenvalues of  $-EL$  are stable

[Friedland, 1975]

global computation (need  $L$ )

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Problem: design  $u_i$  to update  $x_i$

s.t.  $(\forall v_i \in \mathcal{V})(\forall x_i(0))(\exists c, c' \in \mathbb{C})$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = c\mathbf{1} + c'\xi$$

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similar formation set

$$\mathcal{S}(\xi) = \{\xi' : (\exists c, c' \in \mathbb{C}) \xi' = c\mathbf{1} + c'\xi\}$$

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$$(\forall x(0) \in \mathbb{C}^n) (\exists \xi' \in \mathcal{S}(\xi)) \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = \xi'$$

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Distributed algorithm

$$\dot{x}_i = u_i = \epsilon_i \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} a_{ij} (x_j - x_i), \quad \epsilon_i, a_{ij} \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$\text{where } \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} a_{ij} (\xi_j - \xi_i) = 0$$

based on  $x_j(t) - x_i(t)$ ,  $\xi_j - \xi_i$

from neighbor agent(s)  $j \in \mathcal{N}_i$

# Generalization

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target configuration  $\xi = [\xi_1 \cdots \xi_n]^\top$

$$\dot{x} = -ELx, \text{ where } E = \text{diag}(\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n)$$

$$L\mathbf{1} = 0$$

$$L\xi = 0$$

$$\ker(L) \supseteq \mathcal{S}(\xi) = \{\xi' : (\exists c, c' \in \mathbb{C}) \xi' = c\mathbf{1} + c'\xi\}$$

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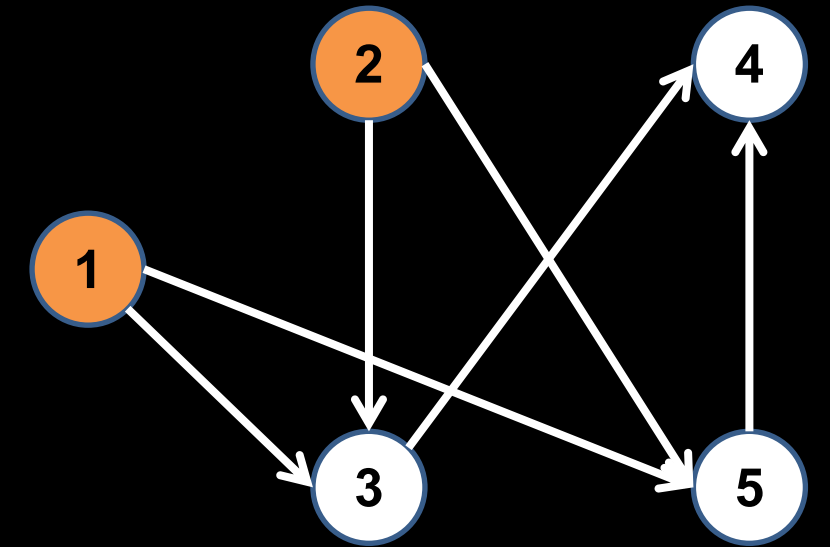
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# Example

example:

weighted graph  $\mathcal{G}$



spanning 2-tree (?)

generic configuration (?)

$$\xi = \left[ 1 \quad e^{\frac{2\pi}{5}j} \quad e^{\frac{4\pi}{5}j} \quad e^{\frac{6\pi}{5}j} \quad e^{\frac{8\pi}{5}j} \right]^T$$

# Example

$$\dot{x} = -ELx$$

complex Laplacian matrix

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.5 - 0.1625j & 0.809 - 0.2629j & -0.309 + 0.4253j & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.8507j & -0.809 - 1.1135j & 0.809 + 0.2629j \\ -0.5 + 0.6882j & -0.5257j & 0 & 0 & 0.5 - 0.1625j \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{rank}(L) = 3, \lambda_1 = 0, v_1 = \mathbf{1}, \lambda_2 = 0, v_2 = \xi$$

$$\text{so } \ker(L) = \mathcal{S}(\xi)$$

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stabilizing diagonal matrix

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1.1181 - 1.5389j & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -0.0588 + 0.0809j & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.0951 + 0.0309j \end{bmatrix}$$

s.t. eigenvalues of  $-EL$ :  $0, 0, -1, -0.1376, -0.0526$

note:  $\ker(-EL) = \ker(L) = \mathcal{S}(\xi)$

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$$\rightarrow v_1 w_1^\top x(0) + v_2 w_2^\top x(0) \quad (v_1 = \mathbf{1}, v_2 = \xi)$$

$$= (w_1^\top x(0))\mathbf{1} + (w_2^\top x(0))\xi$$

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if nonzero eigenvalues of  $-EL$  are stable

then  $x(t) \rightarrow \ker(-EL)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

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(i)  $\text{rank}(L) = n - 2$  and  $\ker(L) = \mathcal{S}(\xi)$

hint:  $L\mathbf{1} = L\xi = 0 \Rightarrow \text{rank}(L) \leq n - 2$

spanning 2-tree  $\Rightarrow \text{rank}(L) \geq n - 2$

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(ii)  $-EL$  has two zero eigenvalues

and  $\ker(-EL) = \ker(L) = \mathcal{S}(\xi)$

hint:  $\text{rank}(E) = n \Rightarrow \text{rank}(EL) = \text{rank}(L)$

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(iii)  $n - 2$  nonzero eigenvalues of  $-EL$  have negative real parts, i.e. stable

hint:  $\mathcal{G}$  contains a spanning 2-tree and  $\xi$  generic  $\Rightarrow$

$E$  exists s.t.  $n - 2$  nonzero eigenvalues of  $-EL$  are stable

[Friedland, 1975]

# Theorem

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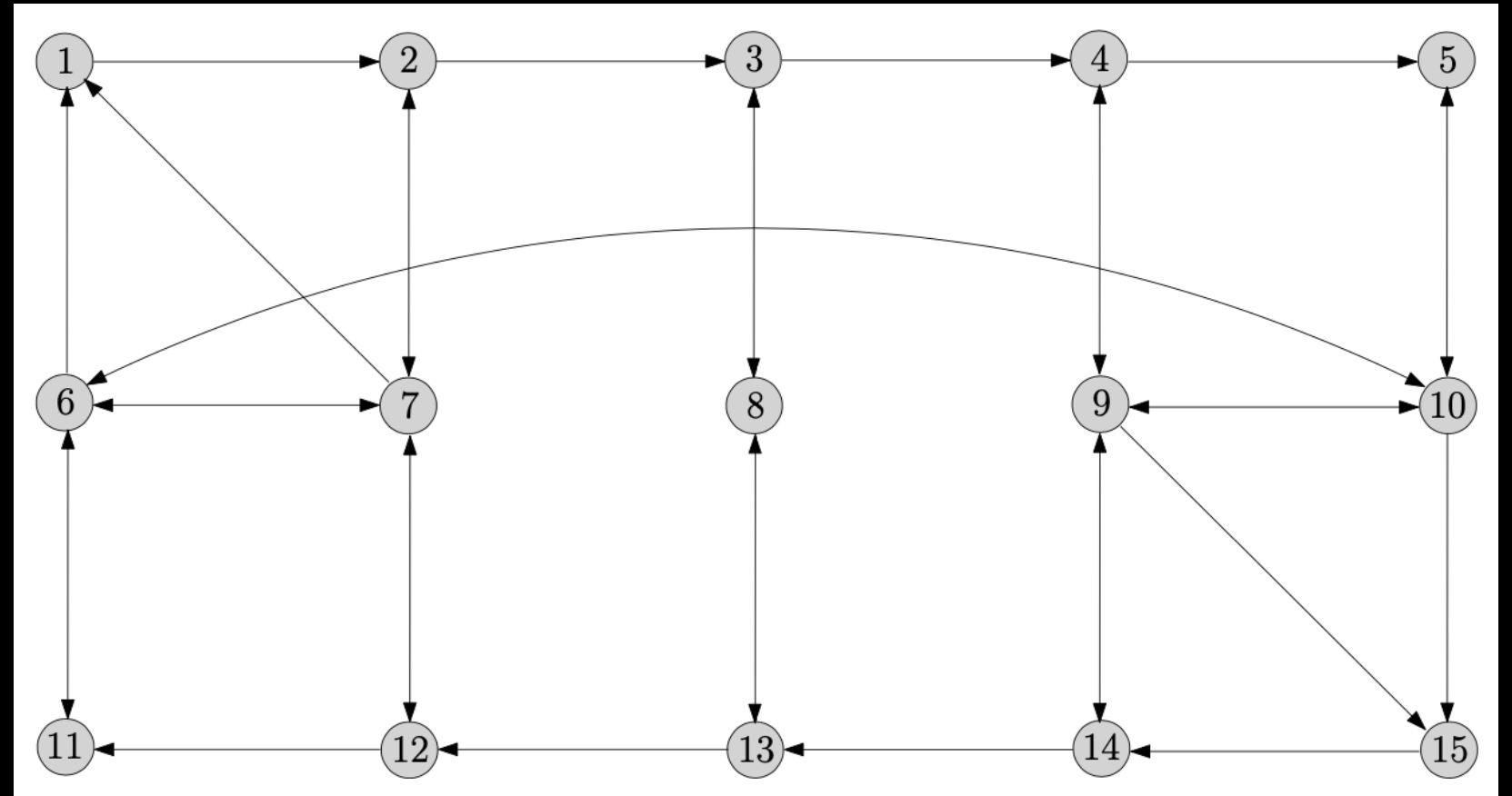
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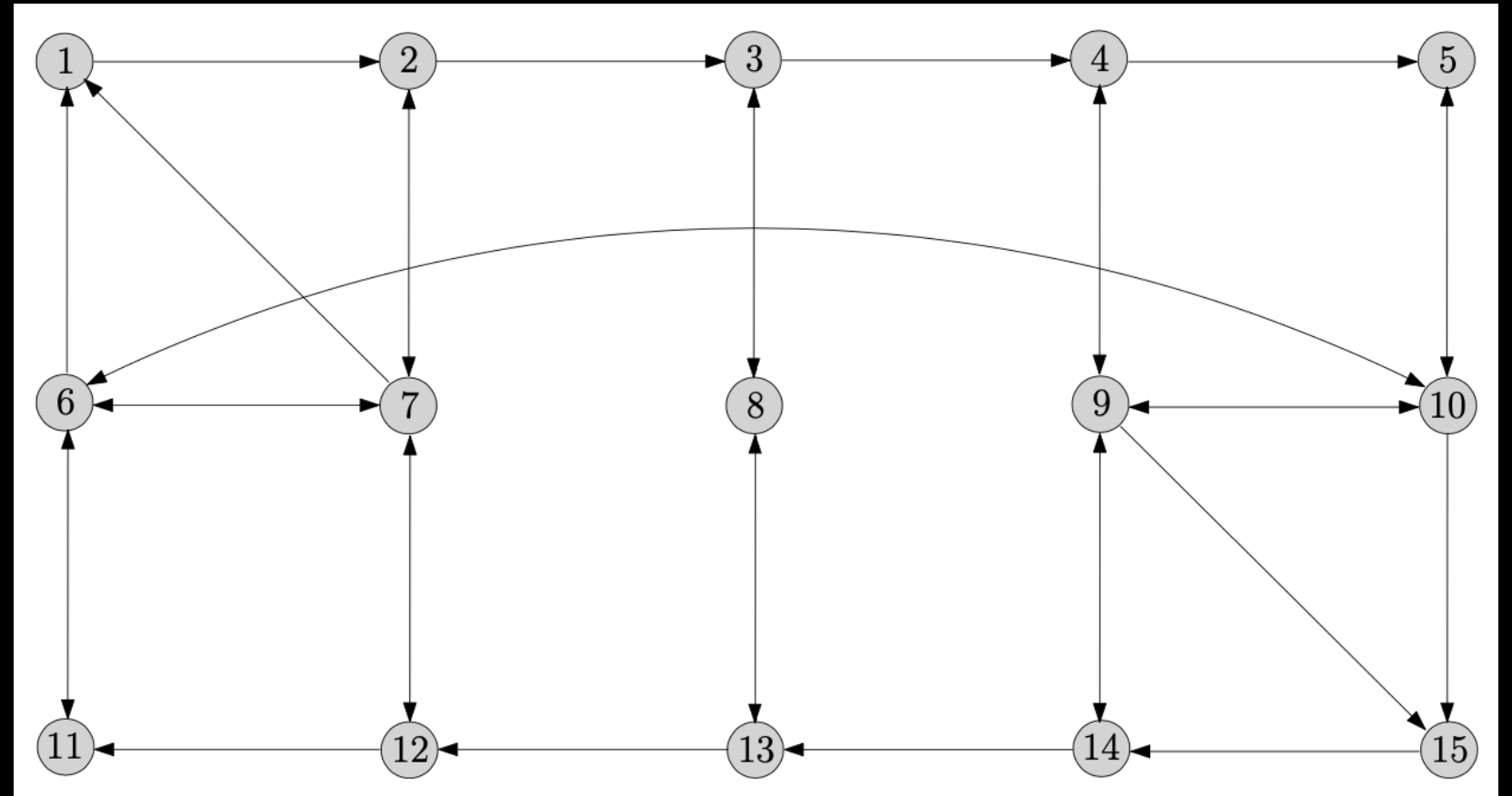
15 networked agents



digraph  $\mathcal{G}$  contains a spanning 2-tree

# Example

15 networked agents



generic configuration:

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