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Regular graph

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Fig. 8.28: Effect of the disturbance $d_3(t)$ on the whole fleet with complete networked controller







multirotor fleet with non-switching controller



multirotor fleet with switching controller



Fig. 8.30. Five structures of the networked controller that appear due to various disturbance situations

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Fig. 8.32. Truck platoon in a hilly terrain

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Fig. 8.33: Determination of the expected path length towards agents in the set \mathcal{R}_3

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Fig. 8.34: Determination of the expected path length towards agents in the set \mathcal{R}_4

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Fig. 9.1. Event-triggered control loop

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Fig. 9.3. Open-loop control vs. closed-loop control



Fig. 9.4. Simplified event-triggered control loop



Fig. 9.5. Event-triggered control loop showing the event generation mechanism

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Fig. 9.6: Determination of the next sampling instant







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Fig. 9.8: Behaviour of the pendulum with continuous state-feedback controller









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Fig. 9.10: Pendulum behaviour for continuous control (- -) and for event-triggered control (—)



Fig. 9.11: Disturbed pendulum: in the two time intervals marked an external disturbance occurs



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Fig. 9.15: Interpretation of eqn. (9.25)



Fig. 9.16: Behaviour of the event-triggered control loop


Fig. 9.17: Event-triggered disturbance attenuation of the inverted pendulum without disturbance estimation

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Fig. 9.18: Pendulum behaviour with disturbance estimation



Fig. 9.19. Relation between the maximum disturbance bounds d_{\max} and $d_{\Delta \max}$



Fig. 9.20. Prototype plant VERA

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Fig. 9.20. Thermofluid process



Fig. 9.21: Simulation results for two disturbance scenarios

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Fig. 9.22: Experimental results of the process subject to an unknown inflow



Fig. 9.23. Difference between the states of the event-triggered control loop and the continuous control loop

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Fig. 9.24: Decentralised event-based control



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Fig. 9.25: Experimental setup of the thermo-fluid process used in this example

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Fig. 9.26: Behaviour of the overall system with event-triggered decentralised control



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Fig. 9.28: Decentralised event-triggered control without approximate coupling signals (I)



Fig. 9.28: Decentralised event-triggered control without approximate coupling signals (II)



Fig. 9.29: Two communication structures that occur for two disturbance situations



Fig. 9.30: Behaviour of the thermo-fluid process with decentralised event-based control



Fig. 9.31: Structure of the event-triggered multi-agent system



Fig. 9.32. Communication graph used to solve the robot position problem

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Fig. 9.33: Synchronisation by means of a continuous networked controller

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Fig. 9.35. State reset at time t_k or $t_k + \tau_k$

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Fig. A1.1. A tree and a general graph with oriented edges

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Fig. A1.3: Behaviour of the system with feedback gain k = 1 (top), k = 2 (middle) and k = 5 (bottom)



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Fig. A1.5: Directed path graph with additional edges

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Fig. A1.7. Signals used to model a capacitor agent (left) and a part of the network (right)



Fig. A1.8: Structure of the consensus system with time delay

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Fig. A1.10: Comparison of the consensus behaviour of the system without delay (top) and with delay $\tau = 0.3$ (bottom)



Fig. A1.11: Rendezvous of six robots






Fig. A1.13: Behaviour of the robots with ring communication structure



Fig. A1.13: Behaviour of the robots with ring communication structure



Fig. A1.14: Behaviour of the robots with neighbouring couplings



Fig. A1.14: Behaviour of the robots with neighbouring couplings



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Fig. A1.18: Graph of the spring-mass system

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Fig. A1.19: Interpretation of the synchronisation condition

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Fig. A1.21: Synchronisation with communication time delay

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Fig. A1.22: Nyquist plot without and with time delay

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Fig. A1.23: Behaviour of the completely coupled network (top) and a network with path graph (bottom) with N = 7

















Fig. A1.28: Root locus of the double integrator system



Fig. A1.29: Behaviour of seven synchronised double-integrator agents



Fig. A1.30: Synchronous behaviour of the spring-mass system

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Fig. A1.32: Root locus of the agent model

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Fig. A1.33: Synchronous behaviour of the spring-mass system







Fig. A1.35: Root locus of the oscillator





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Fig. A1.38: Root locus of the oscillator with respect to $(V_1(t), I_1(t))$



Fig. A1.38: Root locus of the oscillator with respect to $(V_2(t), I_2(t))$



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Fig. A1.40: Root loci of the extended closed-loop agent in two scales



Fig. A1.41. Eigenvalues of the coupled oscillators in dependence upon δ





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Fig. A1.43: Behaviour of five robots without networked controller



Fig. A1.43: Behaviour of five robots with networked controller



Fig. A1.44: Practical synchronisation of five robots



Fig. A1.45: Stability region of the extended Kuramoto oscillator networks

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Fig. A1.46: Step responses of lag systems (5.46) with $T_1 = 1$



Fig. A1.47. Output $y(\Delta)$ for a second-order system (5.47) with $T_1 = 1$ and $T_2 \in [0, 5]$



Fig. A1.48. Delay of three communication structures



Fig. A1.49. Communication structure that ensures the quickest transient behaviour

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Fig. A1.50: Step responses of the ten controlled vehicles (velocities in $\frac{m}{s}$) for $T_i \in [0.2, 1.3]$

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Fig. A1.50: Step responses of the ten controlled vehicles (velocities in $\frac{m}{s}$) for $T_i \in [0.1, 0.5]$

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Fig. A1.52: Position of the ten vehicles

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Fig. A1.53: Vehicle with distance and velocity controller

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Fig. A1.54: Impulse responses of the controlled vehicle and vehicle distances for proportional distance and velocity controller



Fig. A1.55: Equivalent re-formulation of Fig. 5.36

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Fig. A1.56: Vehicle with distance controller as a standard feedback loop

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Fig. A1.57: Model of the platoon

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Fig. A1.60: Behaviour of the platoon with guaranteed collision avoidance

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Fig. A1.61: Vehicle velocities and distances in the platoon with CACC (5.117)



Fig. A1.62. Determination of the time-headway coefficients for vehicles with the same delay D

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Fig. A1.65: Part of the electrical network



Fig. A1.66: Equivalent resistance in dependence upon the probability p



Fig. A1.67: Degree distribution of small-world networks

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Fig. A1.68: Relative characteristic path length of a small-world network with 4 shortcuts





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Fig. A1.70: Results of the distributed averaging algorithms for two different sequences of broadcast communications with the same initial state


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Fig. A1.75. Additional edges towards the vertex i from M predecessors

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Fig. A1.76: Example for an extended bidirectional communication graph

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Fig. A1.77: Application of the algorithm to the network



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Fig. A1.78: Resulting effective communication graph and ranks of the vertices



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Fig. A1.80: Disturbance behaviour of the controlled multirotors

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Fig. A1.82: Relation between T_{\min} and $d_{\Delta \max}$

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Fig. A2.1: Orthogonal projection

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Fig. A3.1: Structure graph of an oscillator

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Fig. A3.2: Comparison principle



Fig. A3.3: Comparison principle applied to feedback systems

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Fig. A4.1: Random events A_i

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Fig. A4.2: Expected value and conditional expected value for a state sequence

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