

## Identifiability of dynamical networks

Abstract – Much recent research has dealt with the identifiability and the identification of a dynamical network in which the node signals are connected by causal linear transfer functions and are excited by known external excitation signals and/or unknown noise signals. A major research question concerns the identifiability of the whole network - topology and all transfer functions - from the measured node signals and external excitation signals. In this seminar I'll present the fundamentals of this research topic and give an overview of early results. Most of these results have assumed that all node signals are measured and excited.

This seminar presents the first results for the situation where not all node signals are measured, which are based on graph properties, for the case where all nodes are excited. I'll show that the transfer functions that can be identified depend essentially on the topology of the paths linking the corresponding vertices to the measured nodes. A practical outcome is that, under those assumptions, a network can often be identified using only a small subset of node measurements. I'll also present some more recent identifiability results for more general excitation scenarios, and the first attempts to quantify the precision of the

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