

# Structural Identifiability of Biological Models

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# Outline

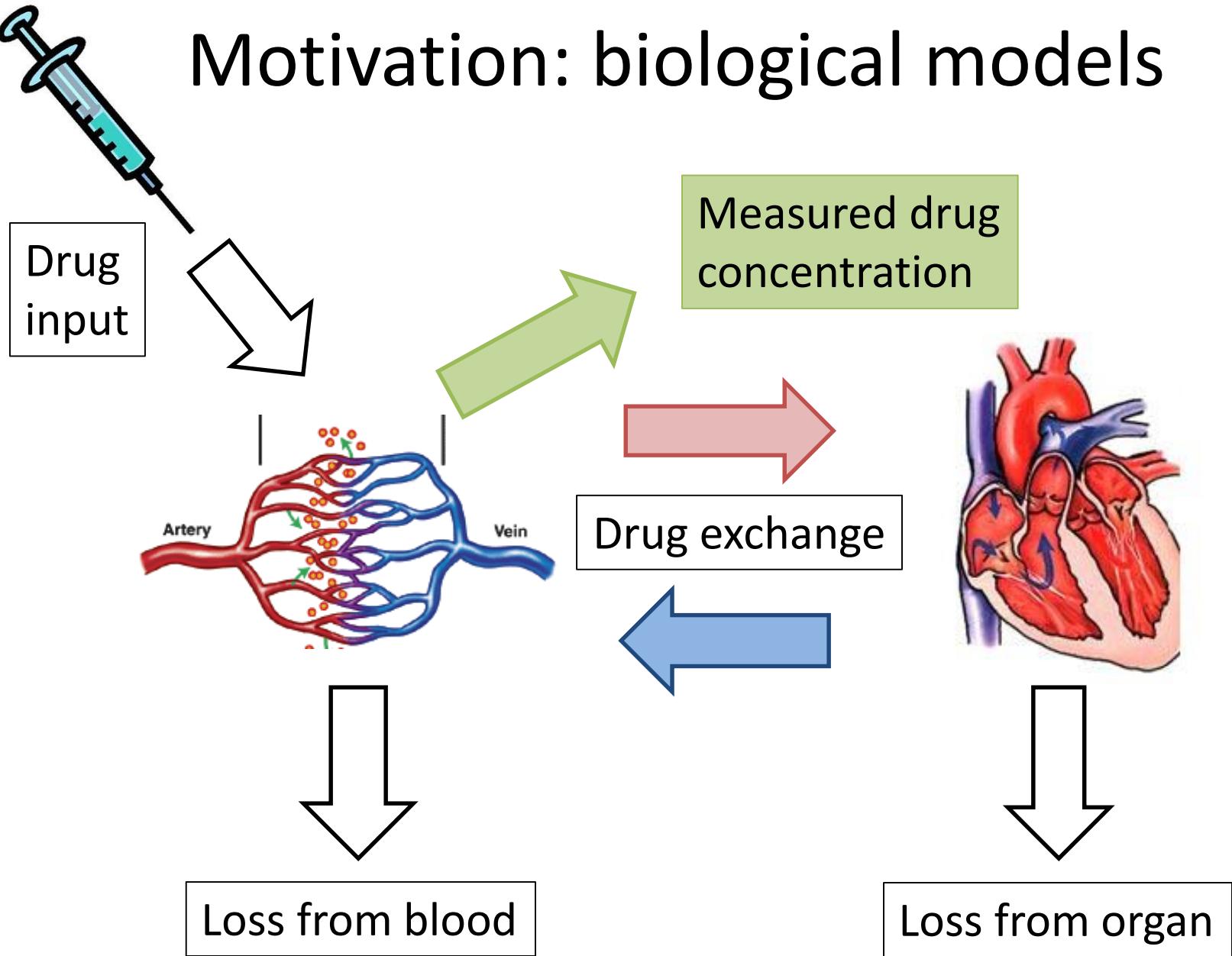
- Identifiable reparametrizations of linear compartment models
  - Scaling reparametrizations
  - Necessary and sufficient conditions
- Finding identifiable functions, in general
  - Using Gröbner Bases
  - Linear algebra techniques

# Structural Identifiability Analysis

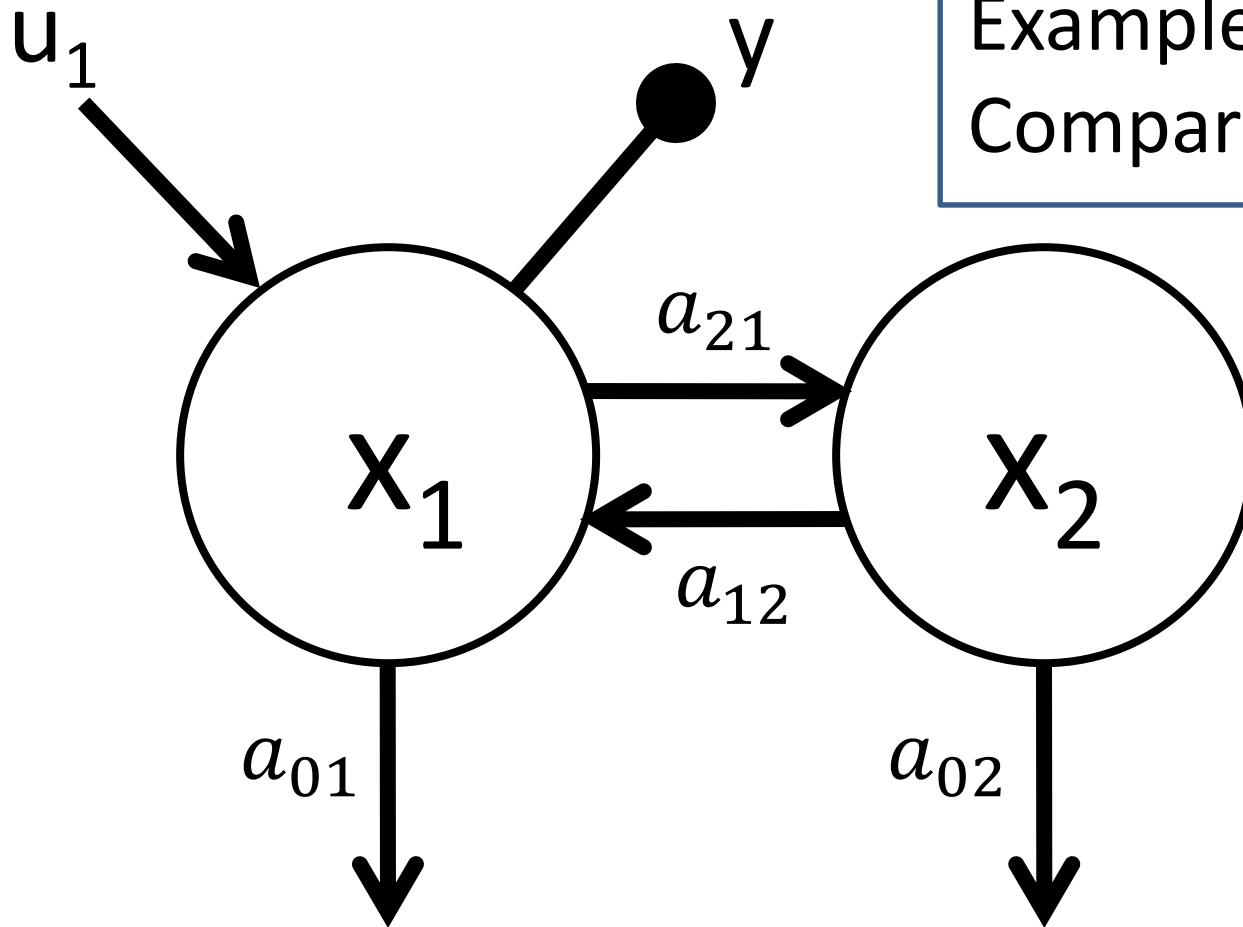
- Model:
  - $x$  state variable
  - $u$  input
  - $y$  output
  - $p$  parameter
- Finding which unknown parameters of a model can be quantified from given input-output data

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}(t) &= f(t, x(t), u(t), p) \\ y(t) &= g(x(t), p)\end{aligned}$$

# Motivation: biological models



## Example: Linear 2-Compartment Model



Can we determine parameters  $a_{01}, a_{02}, a_{12}, a_{21}$  from input-output data?

$$\dot{x}_1 = -(a_{01} + a_{21})x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + u_1$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = a_{21}x_1 - (a_{02} + a_{12})x_2$$

$$y = x_1$$

# Linear Compartment Models

- Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a directed graph with  $m$  edges and  $n$  vertices
- Model

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}(t) &= A(G)x(t) + u(t) \\ y(t) &= x_1(t)\end{aligned}$$

- where  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the state variable  
 $u$  is the input where  $u = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$   
 $y$  is the output

Assumption #1: Single input/output in first compartment

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- where  $A(G)$  has the form:

$$A(G)_{ij} = \begin{cases} -a_{0i} - \sum_{k: i \rightarrow k \in E} a_{ki} & \text{if } i = j \\ a_{ij} & \text{if } j \rightarrow i \text{ is an edge of } G \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Assumption #2: Leaks from every compartment, so  $a_{0i} \neq 0$  for all  $i$

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Assumption #3: Strongly connected graph, with  $m \leq 2n - 2$

# Our class of models

- Assumptions:
  - I/O in first compartment
  - Leaks from every compartment
  - $G$  strongly connected with at most  $2n - 2$  edges
- Identifiability: Which parameters of model can be determined from given input-output data?
  - Must first determine *input-output equation*

# Find Input-Output Equation

- Rewrite system eqns as  $(\partial I - A)x = u$
- Cramer's Rule:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \quad A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$x_1 = \frac{\det(\partial I - A_1) u_1}{\det(\partial I - A)}$$

- I/O eqn:  $\det(\partial I - A) y = \det(\partial I - A_1) u_1$

$$\begin{aligned} & y^{(n)} + c_1 y^{(n-1)} + \cdots + c_n y \\ &= u_1^{(n-1)} + c_{n+1} u_1^{(n-2)} + \cdots + c_{2n-1} u_1 \end{aligned}$$

# Identifiability

- Can recover coefficients from data [Soderstrom & Stoica 1998]
- Identifiability: is it possible to recover the parameters of the original system, from the coefficients of I/O eqn? [Ljung & Glad 1994]
  - Two sets of parameter values yield same coefficient values?
  - Is coeff map 1-to-1?

$$\begin{aligned}y^{(n)} + \color{red}{c_1}y^{(n-1)} + \cdots + \color{red}{c_n}y \\= u_1^{(n-1)} + \color{red}{c_{n+1}}u_1^{(n-2)} + \cdots + \color{red}{c_{2n-1}}u_1\end{aligned}$$

# Identifiability from I/O eqns

- Question of injectivity of the coefficient map  
 $c: \mathbb{R}^{m+n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n-1}$
- If  $c$  is one-to-one: globally identifiable  
finite-to-one: locally identifiable  
infinite-to-one: unidentifiable
- Concerned with *generic local identifiability*
  - Check dimension of image of coefficient map
    - If  $\dim \text{im } c = m+n$ , then locally identifiable
    - If  $\dim \text{im } c < m+n$ , then unidentifiable

# Local identifiability vs. Unidentifiability

- Ex: 2-comp model

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad y = x_1$$

I/O eqn:

$$\ddot{y} - (a_{11} + a_{22})\dot{y} + (a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21})y = \dot{u}_1 - a_{22}u_1$$

Coefficient map  $c: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$$(a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{21}, a_{22}) \mapsto (-(a_{11} + a_{22}), a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}, -a_{22})$$

Jacobian has rank 3:

$$\Rightarrow \text{Unidentifiable!} \quad \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ a_{22} & -a_{21} & -a_{12} & a_{11} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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- A function  $f: \mathbb{R}^{m+n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called identifiable from  $c$  if  $\mathbb{R}(f, c_1, \dots, c_{2n-1})/\mathbb{R}(c_1, \dots, c_{2n-1})$  is an algebraic field extension

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# Identifiable functions

- Coefficients:

$$c_1 = -(a_{11} + a_{22})$$

$$c_2 = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$$

$$c_3 = -a_{22}$$

- Identifiable functions:

$$\color{red}{a_{11}} = -(c_1 - c_3)$$

$$\color{blue}{a_{22}} = -c_3$$

$$\color{green}{a_{12}a_{21}} = (c_1 - c_3)c_3 - c_2$$

- What do we do with identifiable functions?
- Any special meaning in original model?

# 2-compartment model as graph

Model:  $\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

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Graph:



- Cycle:  $a_{12}a_{21}$
- “Self” cycles:  $a_{11}, a_{22}$

# Coeff map factors through cycles

- Coeff map  $c$  in terms of cycles of graph  $G$

$$(a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{21}, a_{22})$$

$$\mapsto (-(\textcolor{red}{a_{11}} + \textcolor{blue}{a_{22}}), \textcolor{red}{a_{11}}\textcolor{blue}{a_{22}} - \textcolor{green}{a_{12}}\textcolor{teal}{a_{21}}, -\textcolor{blue}{a_{22}})$$

- Due to cyclic permutations in determinant (Leibniz formula)

$$\det(A) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} sgn(\sigma) \prod_{i=1}^n a_{\sigma(i),i}$$

- Strongly connected?
- $G$  is strongly connected:  $m+1$  independent cycles  
 $(= n$  self-cycles +  $m-n+1$  cycles)  
Thus  $\dim \text{im } c \leq m+1$

# Why are cycles identifiable?

- Recall  $\dim \text{im } c = m+1 = 2+1 = 3$
- Let  $g: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the “cycle map”  
 $(a_{11}, a_{22}, a_{12}, a_{21}) \mapsto (\color{red}{a_{11}}, \color{blue}{a_{22}}, \color{green}{a_{12}a_{21}})$
- Commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R}^4 & \xrightarrow{c} & \mathbb{R}^3 \\ & \searrow g & \downarrow \Phi \\ & & \mathbb{R}^3 \end{array}$$

Thus  $g = \Phi(c)$

# Unidentifiable model

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- Identifiable functions  $a_{11}$ ,  $a_{22}$ ,  $a_{12}$   $a_{21}$   
i.e.  $-(a_{01} + a_{21})$ ,  $-(a_{02} + a_{12})$ ,  $a_{12} a_{21}$
- Reparametrize: 4 independent parameters  $\rightarrow$   
3 independent parameters?

# Identifiable reparametrization

Let  $c: \mathbb{R}^{m+n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n-1}$  be our coefficient map

An identifiable reparametrization of a model is a map  $q: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m+n}$  such that:

- $c \circ q: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n-1}$  has the same image as  $c$
- $c \circ q$  is identifiable (finite-to-one)

# Scaling reparametrization

- Choice of functions  $f_1, \dots, f_n: \mathbb{R}^{m+n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  where we replace  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  with

$$X_i = f_i(A)x_i$$

- Set  $f_1 = 1$  since  $y = x_1$  is observed
- Since model is  $\dot{x} = Ax + u$ , each parameter  $a_{ij}$  is replaced with

$$\frac{a_{ij}f_i(A)}{f_j(A)}$$

- Only graphs with at most  $2n-2$  edges

# Identifiable scaling reparametrization

- Use scaling:  $X_1 = x_1, X_2 = a_{12}x_2$

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- Re-write:  $y = X_1$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{X}_1 \\ \dot{X}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \color{red}{q_{11}} & 1 \\ \color{green}{q_{21}} & \color{blue}{q_{22}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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- Map  $c \circ q$  has same image as  $c$  and is 1-to-1

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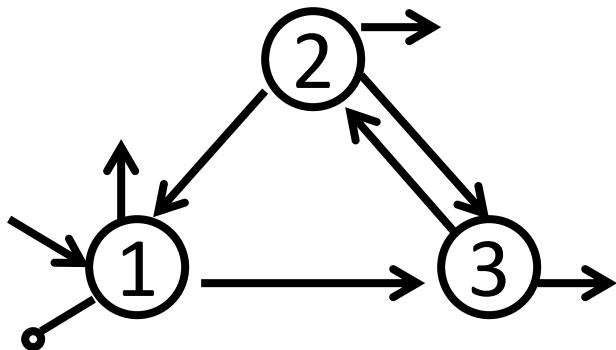
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- Why useful?
  - Nondimensionalization of original model
  - New model: know qualitative behavior of  $X_1, X_2$
- Worked for 2-comp model. Does this always work?

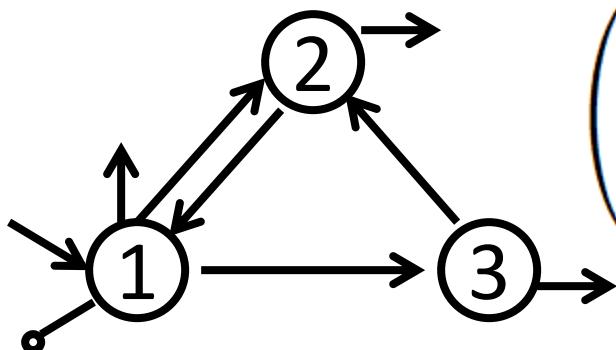
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- Model 2: ID scaling reparametrization:



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# Main question:

Which models admit an identifiable scaling reparametrization?

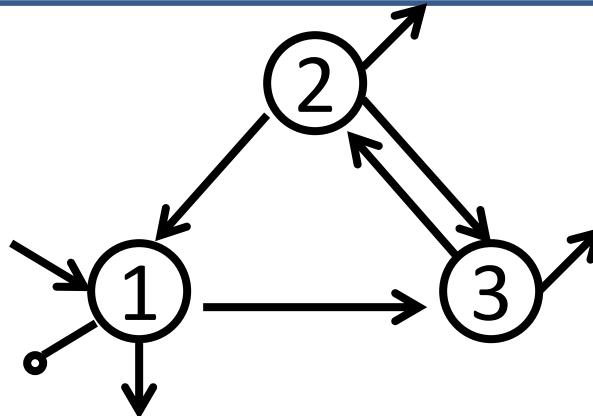
# Main result:

Theorem (M-Sullivant): The following are equivalent:

The model has an identifiable scaling reparametrization

- ↔ The model has an identifiable scaling reparametrization by monomial functions of the original parameters
- ↔ All the monomial cycles in  $G$  are identifiable functions
- ↔  $\dim \text{im } c = m+1$

# Non-Example: Model 1



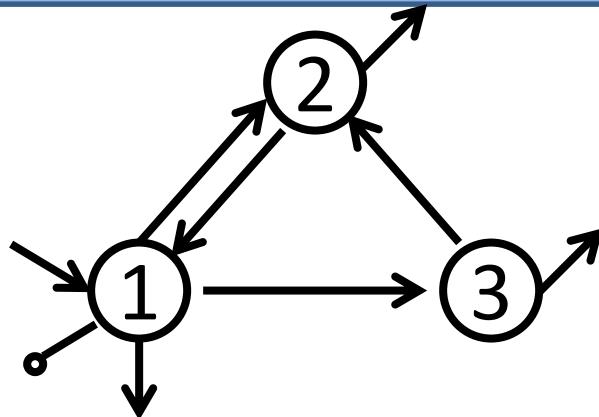
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*dim im c = 4, so no ID scaling reparametrization!*

# Example: Model 2



Model:

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Identifiable cycles:  $a_{11}, a_{22}, a_{33}, a_{12}a_{21}, a_{12}a_{31}a_{23}$

# Algorithm to find identifiable reparametrization

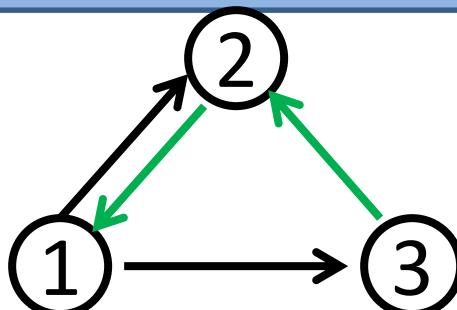
- 1) Form a spanning tree  $T$
- 2) Form the directed incidence matrix  $E(T)$ :

$$E(T)_{i(j,k)} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ -1 & \text{if } i = k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- 3) Let  $E$  be  $E(T)$  with first row removed
- 4) Columns of  $E^{-1}$  are exponent vectors of monomials  $f_i(A)$  in scaling  $X_i = f_i(A)x_i$

# Identifiable reparametrization

- Spanning tree



$$E(T) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad E^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Rescaling:

$$X_1 = x_1 \quad X_2 = a_{12}x_2 \quad X_3 = a_{12}a_{23}x_3$$

- Identifiable scaling reparametrization

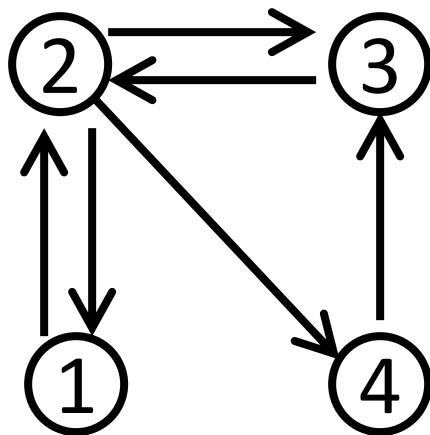
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# Which graphs have this property?

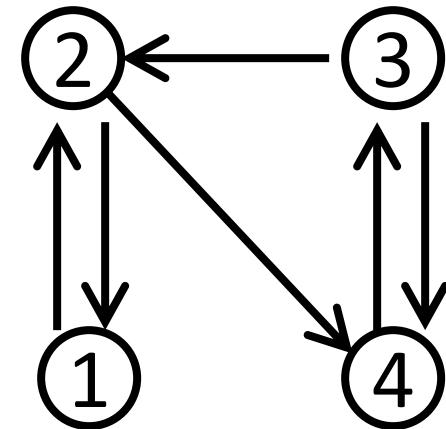
- Inductively strongly connected graphs when

$$m=2n-2$$

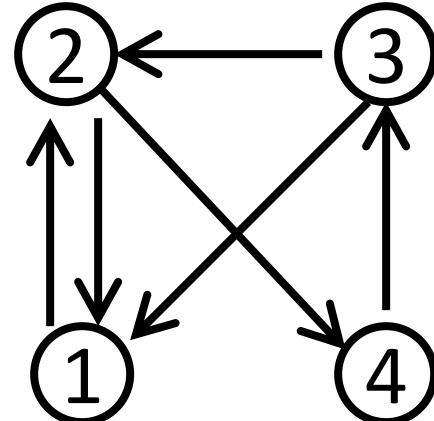
Good:



Bad:



- Not complete characterization:



# Problem: Finding identifiable functions

- What if we have a different class of models?
  - How to find simplest identifiable functions?
- Problem: Given a field extension
$$\mathbb{R}(c_1, \dots, c_m)/\mathbb{R}$$
find a “nice” transcendence basis
- In other words:
  - Let  $d =$  number of algebraically independent functions among  $c_1, \dots, c_m$
  - Find algebraically independent functions  $f_1, \dots, f_d$  that are algebraic over  $\mathbb{R}(c_1, \dots, c_m)$ .

# Gröbner Basis Heuristic to Find Identifiable Functions

- Consider the ideal

$$J = \langle c_1(p) - c_1(p^*), \dots, c_m(p) - c_m(p^*) \rangle \\ \in \mathbb{R}(p^*)[p]$$

- Proposition: If  $f(p) - f(p^*) \in J$ , then  $f$  is generically identifiable from  $c$
- Try to find sparse polynomials like this in  $J$  by using elimination orderings

# Gröbner Basis Heuristic to Find Identifiable Functions

- Example:  $c(p) - c(p^*) =$   
 $(-a_{11} - a_{22} - (-a_{11}^* - a_{22}^*),$   
 $a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21} - (a_{11}^*a_{22}^* - a_{12}^*a_{21}^*),$   
 $-a_{22} - (-a_{22}^*))$

Gröbner basis for ordering  $(a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{21}, a_{22})$  is

$$(a_{11} - a_{11}^*, \ a_{12}a_{21} - a_{12}^*a_{21}^*, \ a_{22} - a_{22}^*)$$

So  $a_{11}, a_{22}, a_{12}a_{21}$  are identifiable functions

# Gröbner Basis Heuristic to Find Identifiable Functions

- Model 2:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & 0 & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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- Gröbner basis of  $c(p) - c(p^*)$  for ordering  $(a_{23}, a_{31}, a_{12}, a_{21}, a_{33}, a_{22}, a_{11})$  is

$$\begin{aligned} & (\color{red}{a_{11}} - a_{11}^*, \quad \color{red}{a_{22}^2} - \color{red}{a_{22}}a_{22}^* - \color{red}{a_{22}}a_{33}^* + a_{22}^*a_{33}^*, \\ & \color{red}{a_{22} + a_{33}} - a_{22}^* - a_{33}^*, \quad \color{red}{a_{12}a_{21}} - a_{12}^*a_{21}^*, \\ & a_{12}^*a_{21}a_{21}^*a_{22} - a_{12}^*a_{21}a_{21}^*a_{22}^* + a_{12}^*a_{21}^*a_{23}a_{31} \\ & - a_{12}^*a_{21}a_{23}^*a_{31}^*, \\ & a_{12}^*a_{21}^*\color{red}{a_{22}} - a_{12}^*a_{21}^*a_{22}^* + \color{red}{a_{12}a_{23}a_{31}} - a_{12}^*a_{23}^*a_{31}^*) \end{aligned}$$

# Testing for local identifiability

- Let  $J(c)$  be the Jacobian matrix:

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial c_1}{\partial p_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial c_1}{\partial p_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial c_m}{\partial p_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial c_m}{\partial p_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

- $\text{rank } J(c)$  (at a generic point) gives the dimension of image of  $c$
- Proposition: Let  $n$  be the dimension of the parameter space. The model is locally identifiable if and only if  $\text{rank } J(c) = n$ .

# Testing for local identifiability of functions

- Proposition: A function  $f$  is locally identifiable from  $c$  if and only if  $\nabla f \in \text{rowspan } J(c)$
- Example:

$$\begin{aligned}c(a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{21}, a_{22}) \\= (-a_{11} - a_{22}, a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}, -a_{22})\end{aligned}$$

- Consider the function

$$f(a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{21}, a_{22}) = a_{12}a_{21}$$

- Then  $\nabla f = (0 \ a_{21} \ a_{12} \ 0)$

$$J(c) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ a_{22} & -a_{21} & -a_{12} & a_{11} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Linear Algebra Heuristic to Find Identifiable Functions

- Proposition: Let  $c: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  with  $c_1, \dots, c_m$  homogeneous. Let  $v$  be a vector in the row span of  $J(c)$  over  $\mathbb{R}(c_1, \dots, c_m)$ . Then  $v \cdot p$  is a locally identifiable function.
- Example:  
$$c(a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{21}, a_{22}) = (-a_{11} - a_{22}, a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}, -a_{22})$$
- We have:

$$J(c) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ a_{22} & -a_{21} & -a_{12} & a_{11} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \text{Apply Gaussian Elimination}$$

$$\text{over the field } \mathbb{R}(c_1, \dots, c_m) \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{21} & a_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Thus  $a_{11}$ ,  $2a_{12}a_{21}$ ,  $a_{22}$  are identifiable functions
- Nonhomogeneous?

# Linear Algebra Heuristic to Find Identifiable Functions

- Model 1:

$$c(a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{22}, a_{23}, a_{31}, a_{32}, a_{33}) =$$
$$(-a_{11} - a_{22} - a_{33}, a_{11}a_{22} - a_{23}a_{32} + a_{11}a_{33}$$
$$+ a_{22}a_{33}, -a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} + a_{11}a_{23}a_{32} - a_{11}a_{22}a_{33}, -a_{22}$$
$$- a_{33}, a_{22}a_{33} - a_{23}a_{32})$$

- With respect to parameter ordering  $(a_{11}, a_{22}, a_{23}, a_{32}, a_{33}, a_{12}, a_{31})$ , we have:

$$J(c) =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{22} + a_{33} & a_{11} + a_{33} & -a_{32} & -a_{23} & a_{11} + a_{22} & 0 & 0 \\ a_{23}a_{32} - a_{22}a_{33} & -a_{11}a_{33} & -a_{12}a_{31} + a_{11}a_{32} & a_{11}a_{23} & -a_{11}a_{22} & -a_{23}a_{31} & -a_{12}a_{23} \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{33} & -a_{32} & -a_{23} & a_{22} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Linear Algebra Heuristic to Find Identifiable Functions

- Apply Gaussian Elimination over  $\mathbb{R}(c_1, \dots, c_m) \rightarrow$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccccccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{33} & -a_{32} & -a_{23} & a_{22} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -a_{12}a_{31} & 0 & 0 & -a_{23}a_{31} & -a_{12}a_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

- Thus  $a_{11}$ ,  $a_{22} + a_{33}$ ,  $a_{22}a_{33} - a_{23}a_{32}$ ,  
 $a_{12}a_{23}a_{31}$   
are identifiable functions

# Linear Algebra Heuristic to Find Identifiable Functions

- With respect to **different** parameter ordering  $(a_{11}, a_{31}, a_{12}, a_{32}, a_{23}, a_{22}, a_{33})$ , we have:

$$J(c) =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ a_{22} + a_{33} & 0 & 0 & -a_{23} & -a_{32} & a_{11} + a_{33} & a_{11} + a_{22} \\ a_{23}a_{32} - a_{22}a_{33} & -a_{12}a_{23} & -a_{23}a_{31} & a_{11}a_{23} & -a_{12}a_{31} + a_{11}a_{32} & -a_{11}a_{33} & -a_{11}a_{22} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -a_{23} & -a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

Different column ordering

# Linear Algebra Heuristic to Find Identifiable Functions

- Apply Gaussian Elimination over  $\mathbb{R}(c_1, \dots, c_m) \rightarrow$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccccccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -a_{12}a_{23} & -a_{23}a_{31} & 0 & -a_{12}a_{31} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -a_{23} & -a_{32} & a_{11} - a_{22} & a_{11} - a_{33} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

- So  $a_{11}, a_{12}a_{23}a_{31},$

$$-\frac{a_{22}^2}{2} - \frac{a_{33}^2}{2} - a_{23}a_{32} + \frac{a_{11}a_{22}}{2} + \frac{a_{11}a_{33}}{2},$$

$$a_{22} + a_{33}$$

are identifiable functions

# Linear Algebra Heuristic to Find Identifiable Functions

- Apply Gaussian Elimination over  $\mathbb{R}(c_1, \dots, c_m) \rightarrow$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccccccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -a_{12}a_{23} & -a_{23}a_{31} & 0 & -a_{12}a_{31} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -a_{23} & -a_{32} & a_{11} - a_{22} & a_{11} - a_{33} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

- So  $a_{11}$ ,  $a_{12}a_{23}a_{31}$ ,

$$-\frac{a_{22}^2}{2} - \frac{a_{33}^2}{2} - a_{23}a_{32} + \frac{a_{11}a_{22}}{2} + \frac{a_{11}a_{33}}{2},$$

$$a_{22} + a_{33}$$

are identifiable functions

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*Thank you for your attention!*