Kron Reduction of Graphs with Applications to Electrical Networks

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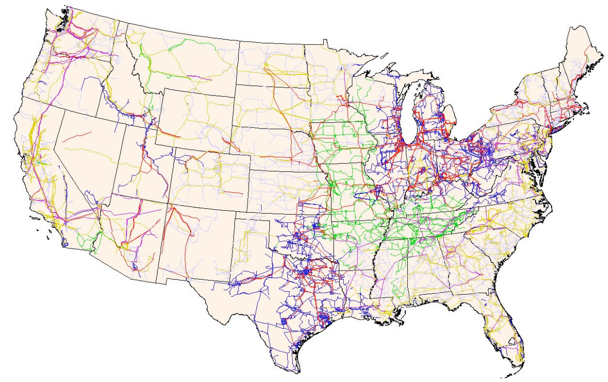

". . . the greatest engineering achievement of the 20th century."
[National Academy of Engineering '10]

". . . the largest and most complex machine engineered by humankind."
[P. Kundur '94, V. Vittal '03, . . .]

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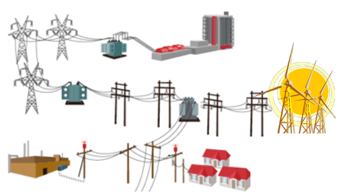

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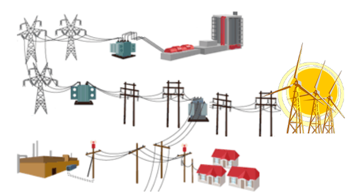

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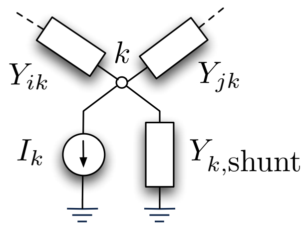
Kron reduction of a resistive circuit

1. Nodal analysis by Kirchhoff's and Ohm's laws:

$$\boxed{I = Y \cdot V}$$



$I \in \mathbb{C}^n$ nodal current injections
$V \in \mathbb{C}^n$ nodal voltages/potentials
$Y \in \mathbb{C}^{n\times n}$ nodal conductance matrix

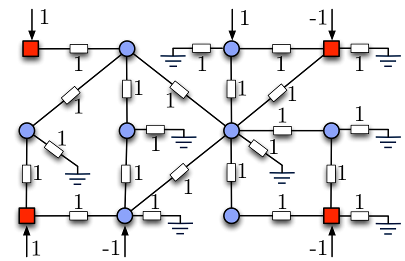
$$Y = Y^T = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \iddots & \vdots \\ -Y_{i1} & \cdots & \sum_{k=1,k\neq i}^{n} Y_{ik} + Y_{k,\mathrm{shunt}} & \cdots & -Y_{in} \\ \vdots & \iddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \{\text{ weighted Laplacian matrix }\} + \mathrm{diag}\big(Y_{k,\mathrm{shunt}}\big) = \text{“loopy Laplacian”}$$

Kron reduction of a resistive circuit

2. Partition circuit equations via boundary nodes & interior nodes:

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_{\mathrm{boundary}} \\ I_{\mathrm{interior}} \end{bmatrix} = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} Y_{\mathrm{boundary}} & Y_{\mathrm{bound\text{-}int}} \\ Y_{\mathrm{bound\text{-}int}}^T & Y_{\mathrm{interior}} \end{array}\right] \begin{bmatrix} V_{\mathrm{boundary}} \\ V_{\mathrm{interior}} \end{bmatrix}$$

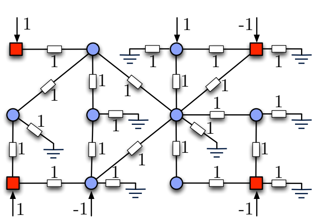


Boundary nodes ■ arise as natural terminals in applications.

Kron reduction of a resistive circuit

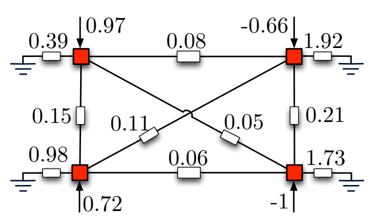
3. **Kron reduction**: eliminate interior nodes ● via Schur complement:

$$Y_{\mathrm{red}} = Y / Y_{\mathrm{interior}} = Y_{\mathrm{boundary}} - Y_{\mathrm{bound\text{-}int}} \cdot Y_{\mathrm{interior}}^{-1} \cdot Y_{\mathrm{bound\text{-}int}}^T$$



original circuit

$I = Y \cdot V$



“equivalent” reduced circuit

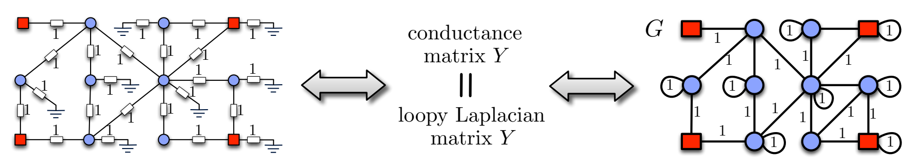
$I_{\mathrm{red}} = Y_{\mathrm{red}} \cdot V_{\mathrm{boundary}}$

G. Kron, “Tensor Analysis of Networks,” *Wiley*, 1939.

Kron reduction of graphs

Consider either of the following three equivalent setups:

1. a connected electrical network with conductance matrix Y, terminals ■, interior nodes ●, & possibly shunt conductances
2. a symmetric and irreducible loopy Laplacian matrix Y with partition (■, ●), & possibly diagonally dominance
3. an undirected, connected, & weighted graph with boundary nodes ■, interior nodes ●, & possibly self-loops



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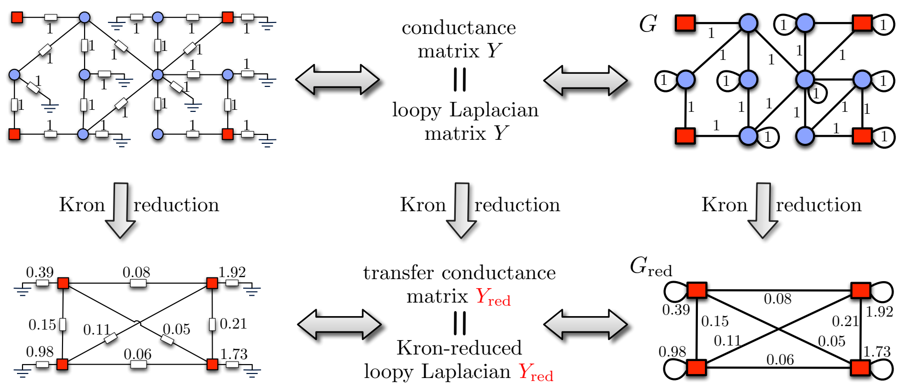

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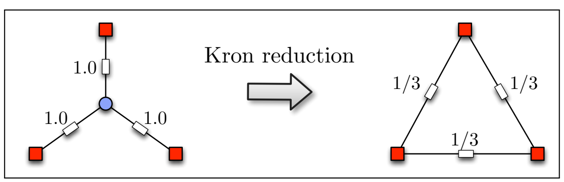
- Relation of spectrum and algebraic properties of Q and Q_{red}?
- How about the graph topologies and the effective resistances?
- What is the effect of a perturbation in the original graph on the reduced graph, its spectrum, and its effective resistance?
- Finally, why is this graph reduction process of practical importance and in which application areas?

Kron reduction of graphs: applications

Purpose: construct low-dimensional equivalent circuits / graphs / models

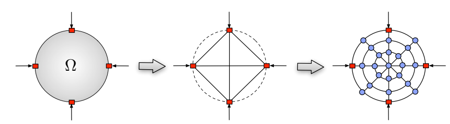
Simplest non-trivial case: star-Δ transformation
[A. E. Kennelly 1899, A. Rosen 1924]



- **Engineering applications:** smart grid monitoring, circuit theory, model reduction for power and water networks, power electronics, large-scale integration chips, electrical impedance tomography, data-mining, ...
- **Mathematics applications:** sparse matrix algorithms, finite-element methods, sparse multi-grid solvers, Markov chain reduction, stochastic complementation, applied linear algebra & matrix analysis, Dirichlet-to-Neumann map, ...
- **Physics applications:** knot theory, Yang-Baxter equations and applications, high-energy physics, statistical mechanics, vortices in fluids, entanglement of polymers & DNA, ... [F. Dörfler & F. Bullo '11, J.H.H. Perk & H. Au-Yang '06]

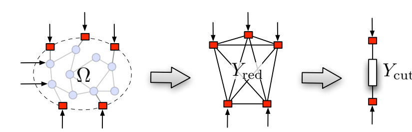
Kron reduction of graphs: applications

Electrical impedance tomography



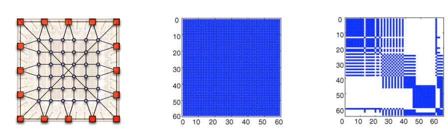
to reconstruct spatial conductivity
[E. Curtis and J. Morrow '94 & '00]

Smart grid monitoring



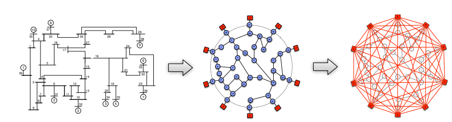
through cut-set variables
[I. Dobson '11]

Representation of **integration chips**



for sparse computation
[J. Rommes and W. H. A. Schilders '09]

Reduced power network modeling

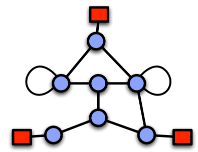


for stability analysis and control
[F. Dörfler and F. Bullo '09]

Kron reduction of graphs: properties

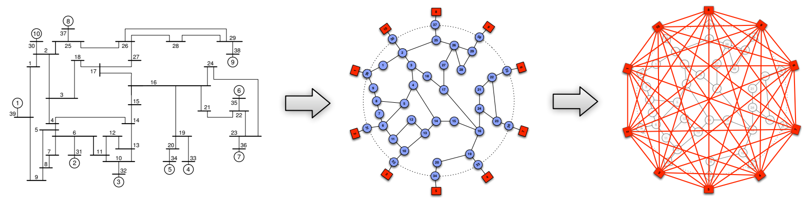
Kron reduction of a graph with

- boundary, interior, non-neg self-loops
- loopy Laplacian matrix Y
- Schur complement: $Y_{\text{red}} = Y / Y_{\text{interior}}$



Properties of Kron reduction:

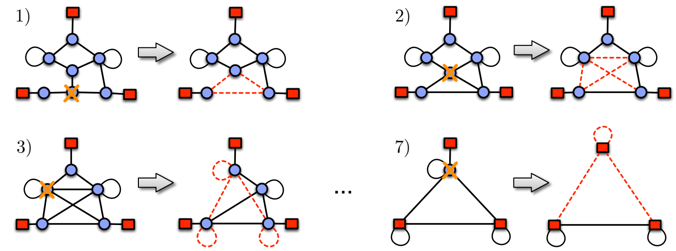
1. **Well-posedness:** set of loopy Laplacian matrices is closed



Kron reduction of graphs: properties

2. **Iterative 1-dim Kron reduction:** $\mathbf{Y}_{\text{red}}^{k+1} = \mathbf{Y}_{\text{red}}^{k} /$

$\Rightarrow$ topological evolution of the corresponding graph



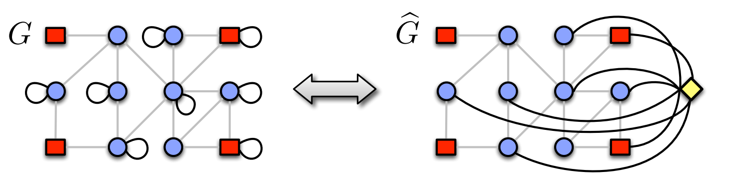
$\Rightarrow$ **Equivalence**: the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{tikzcd} Y = Y_{\text{red}}^{0} \arrow[rrrr, "\text{Kron reduction of}"] \arrow[d] & & & & Y_{\text{red}} = Y_{\text{red}}^{n-|\;|} \\ Y_{\text{red}}^{1} \arrow[r] & Y_{\text{red}}^{2} \arrow[r] & \cdots \arrow[r] & Y_{\text{red}}^{n-|\;|+1} \arrow[ur] & \end{tikzcd}$$

iterative Kron reduction

Kron reduction of graphs: properties

3. **Augmentation**: replace self-loops by edge to grounded node



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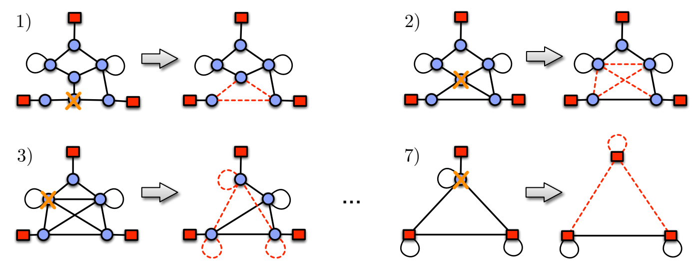
$$\begin{tikzcd} Y \arrow[r, "\text{augment}"] \arrow[d, "\text{Kron reduction of}"'] & \widehat{Y} \arrow[d, "\text{Kron reduction of}"] \\ Y_{\text{red}} \arrow[r, "\text{augment}"'] & \widehat{Y}_{\text{red}} \end{tikzcd}$$

Kron reduction of graphs: properties



4. **Topological properties:**
   - interior network connected $\Rightarrow$ reduced network complete
   - at least one node in interior network features a self-loop
     $\Rightarrow$ all nodes in reduced network feature self-loops

5. **Algebraic properties:** self-loops in interior network
   - decrease mutual coupling in reduced network
   - increase self-loops in reduced network

Kron reduction of graphs: properties

6. **Spectral properties**:
   - interlacing property: $\lambda_i(Y) \le \lambda_i(Y_{\text{red}}) \le \lambda_{i+n-|\blacksquare|}(Y)$

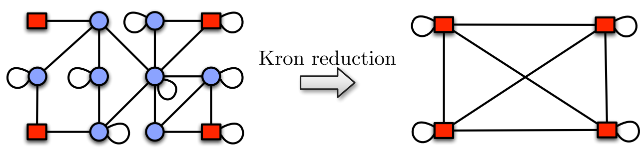
   $\Rightarrow$ algebraic connectivity λ_2 is non-decreasing

   - effect of self-loops ⟲ on loop-less Laplacian matrices:

   $$\lambda_2(L_{\text{red}}) + \max\{⟲\} \ge \lambda_2(L) + \min\{⟲\}$$

   $\Rightarrow$ self-loops weaken the algebraic connectivity λ_2

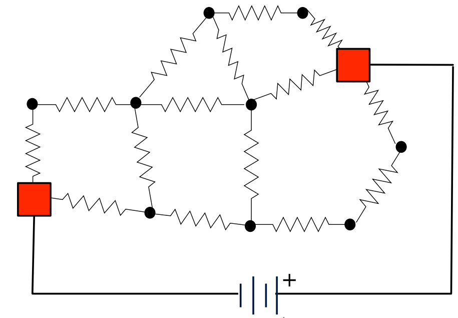
Example: all mutual edges have unit weight



without self-loops: $\lambda_2(L) = 0.39 \le 0.69 = \lambda_2(L_{\text{red}})$
with unit self-loops: $\lambda_2(L) = 0.39 \ge 0.29 = \lambda_2(L_{\text{red}})$

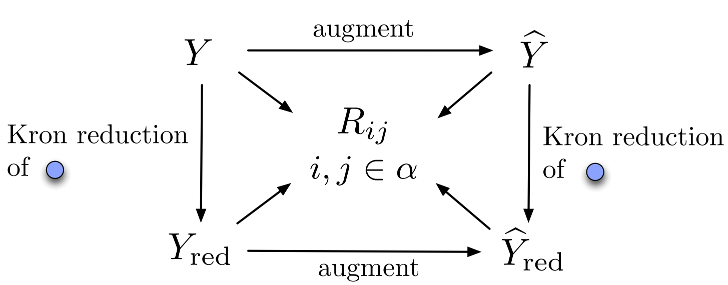
Kron reduction of graphs: properties

7. **Effective resistance** R_{ij} :



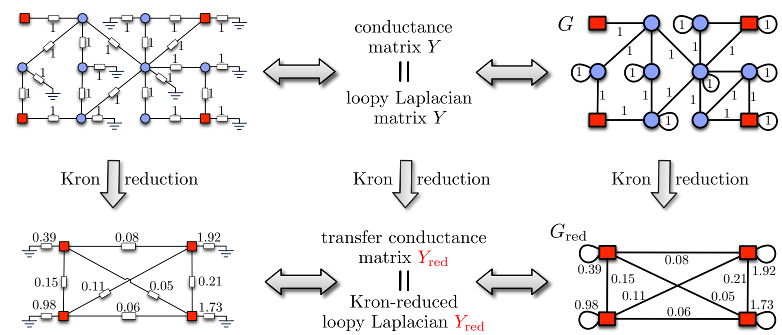
Kron reduction of graphs: properties

7. **Effective resistance** R_{ij} :
   - **Equivalence and invariance** of R_{ij} among $\blacksquare$ nodes:



   - no self-loops: R_{ij} among $\blacksquare$ uniform $\Leftrightarrow$ $\frac{1}{R_{ij}} = \frac{\blacksquare}{2} |Y_{\text{red}}(i,j)|$
   - self-loops: R_{ij} among $\blacksquare$ & $\lozenge$ uniform $\Leftrightarrow$ $\frac{1}{R_{ij}} = \frac{\blacksquare}{2} |Y_{\text{red}}(i,j)| + \max\{⟲\}$

Conclusions



- Kron reduction is important in various applications
- Analysis of Kron reduction via algebraic graph theory
- Open problem: directed & complex-weighted graphs