

Coupled Systems: Theory & Examples

Lecture 2

Synchrony and Balanced Coloring

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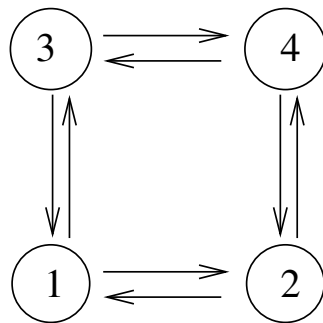
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- Let $\sigma =$ be a **permutation**. Then $\text{Fix}(\sigma)$ is a polydiagonal



- $\text{Fix}((2\ 3)(1\ 4)) = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) : x_2 = x_3; x_1 = x_4\}$
- Let Σ be a subgroup of network permutation symmetries. Then $\text{Fix}(\Sigma)$ is a **synchrony subspace**

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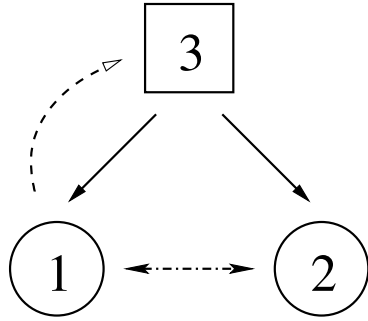
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- symmetry synchrony and phase shifts
- network architecture input sets, balanced colorings, quotient networks
- Primary Question Which aspects of coupled cell dynamics are due to network architecture?
- Beginner Question: Are all synchrony spaces fixed-point spaces?

Answer: No

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Asymmetric Three-Cell Network

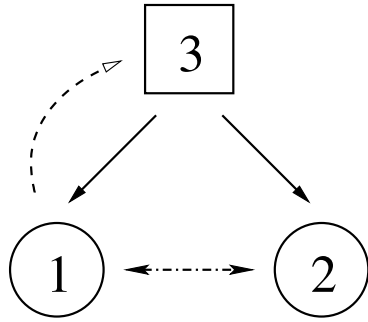


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- $Y = \{x : x_1 = x_2\}$ is **flow-invariant**

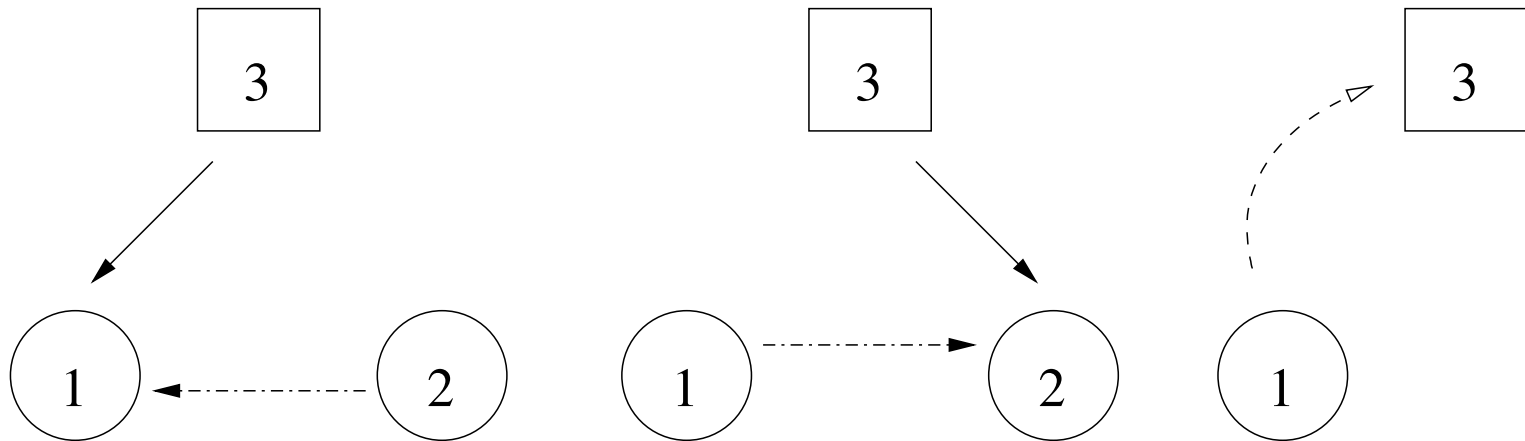
Restrict equations \dot{x}_1, \dot{x}_2 to Y :

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- **Robust synchrony** exists in networks without symmetry
- Cells 1 and 2 are **identical within the network**

Input Sets

- **Input set** of cell j : the arrows that connect to cell j
- **Key idea**: cells 1, 2 have isomorphic input sets



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- Equivalent arrows have equivalent tail and head cells

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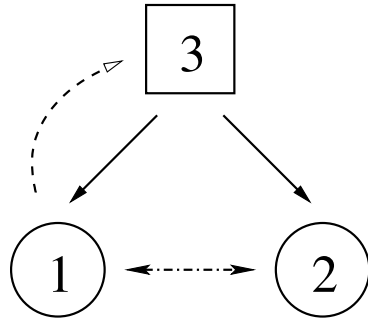
- **Input isomorphism** is arrow type preserving bijection

$$\beta : I(c) \rightarrow I(d)$$

Input isomorphic cells have same equations

- \mathcal{B}_G = groupoid of all input isomorphisms
- **Coupled cell systems**: ODEs that commute with \mathcal{B}_G

Asymmetric Three-Cell Network (2)



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● **Two** cell types: ○ □

Three arrow types: → - - - - - → - - - - - →

● **Equivalent** cells 1 and 2 have same phase space \mathbf{R}^k

● Cells 1 and 2 are input isomorphic

Have same systems of differential equations f

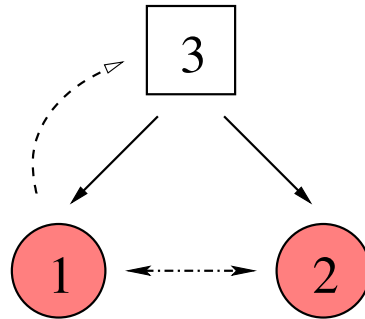
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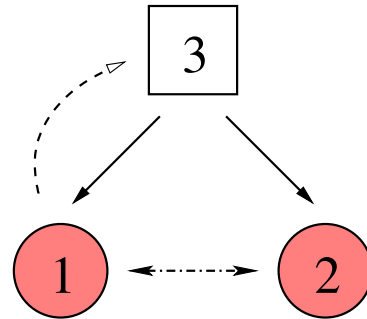
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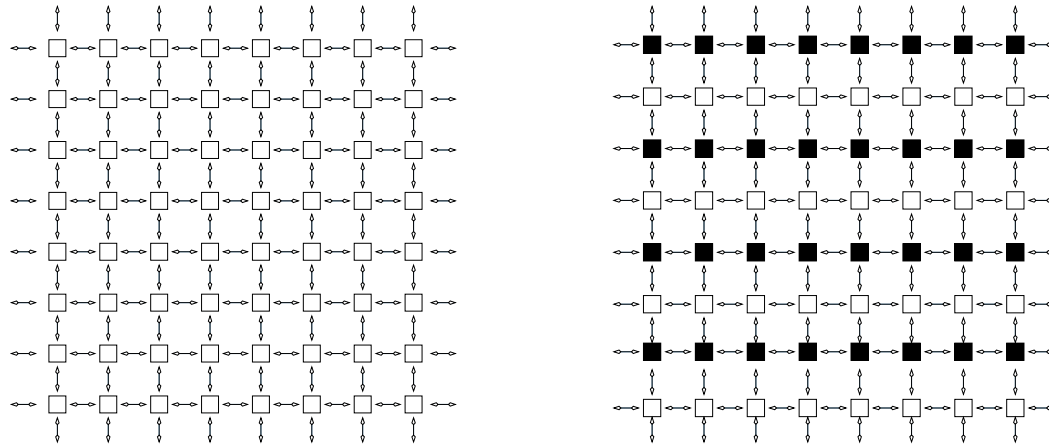


- **Theorem:** **synchrony subspace** \iff **balanced**

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2D-Lattice Dynamical Systems

- Consider **square lattice** with **nearest neighbor** coupling
- Form a two-color **balanced** relation

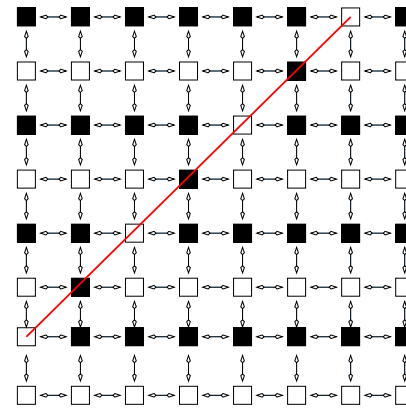
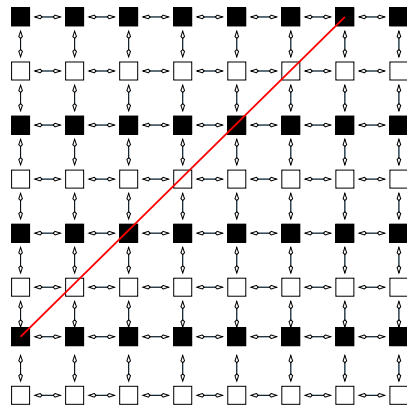


- Each black cell connected to two black and two white
Each white cell connected to two black and two white

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Lattice Dynamical Systems (1)

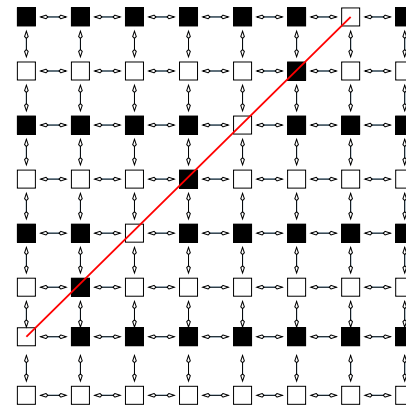
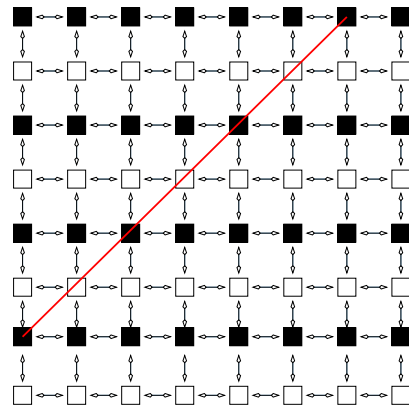
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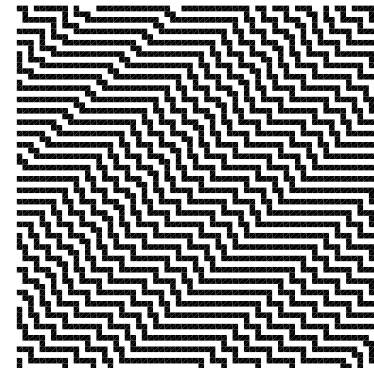
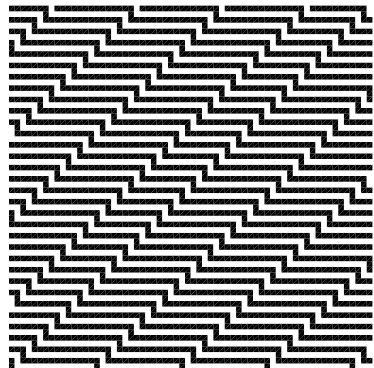
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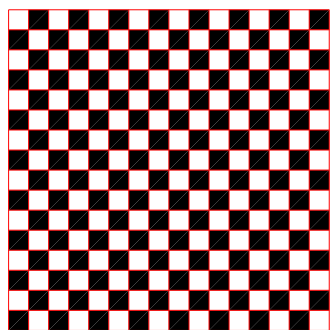
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- **Continuum** of different synchrony subspaces

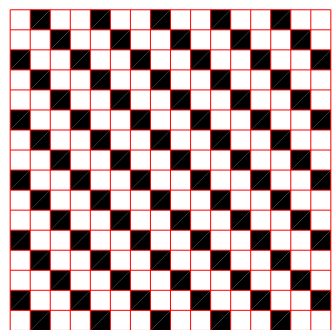


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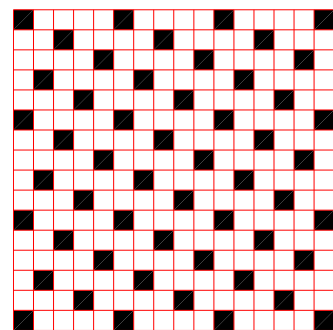
There are eight **isolated** balanced two-colorings on square lattice with **nearest neighbor coupling**



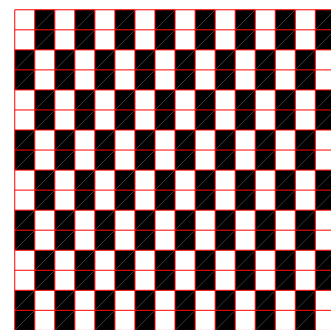
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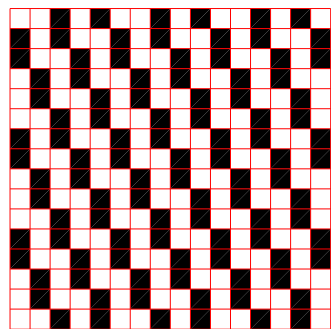
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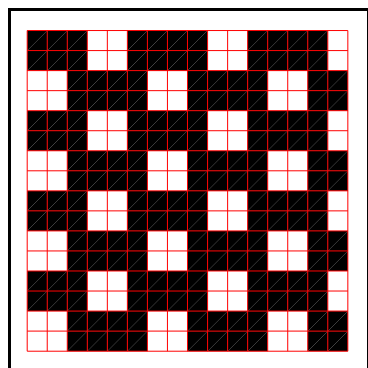
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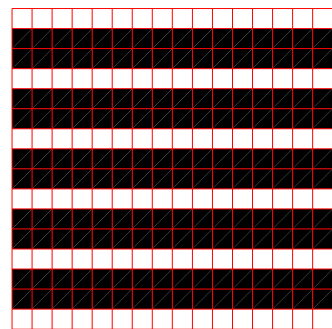
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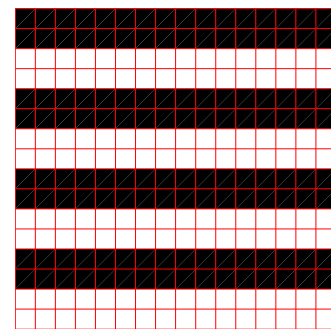
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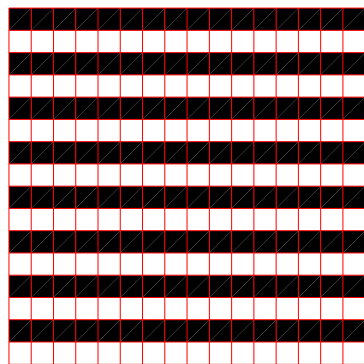
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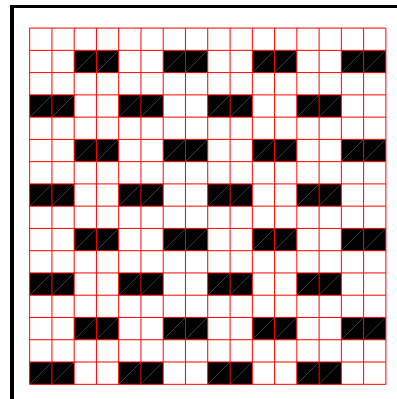
indicates **nonsymmetric** solution

Lattice Dynamical Systems (3)

- There are **two infinite families** of **balanced two-colorings**



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- Up to symmetry these are **all** balanced **two-colorings**

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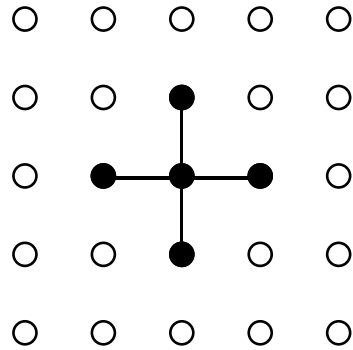
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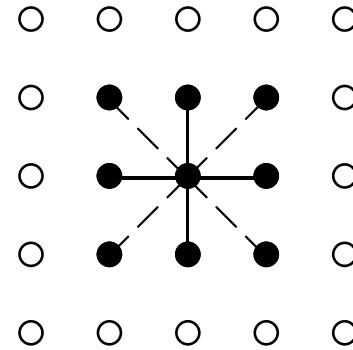
- Architecture is **really** important
- For **square** lattice with **nearest** and **next nearest** neighbor coupling
 - **No infinite families**
 - For each k a **finite number** of balanced k colorings
 - All balanced colorings are **doubly-periodic**

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Windows 1



NEAREST NEIGHBOR



NEXT NEAREST NEIGHBOR

$$W_0 = \{0\} \quad \text{and} \quad W_{i+1} = I(W_i)$$

- **Input set of U** $= I(U) = \{c \in \mathcal{C} : c \text{ connects to cell in } U\}$
- $\mathcal{L} = W_0 \cup W_1 \cup \dots$
- W_{k-1} contains all k colors of a balanced k -coloring

Windows 2

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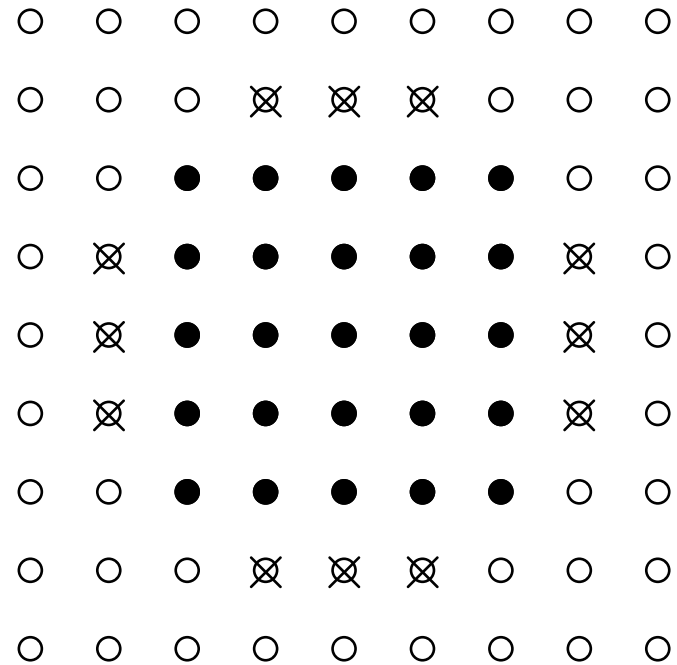
NNN boundary cells **are** 1- or 2-determined

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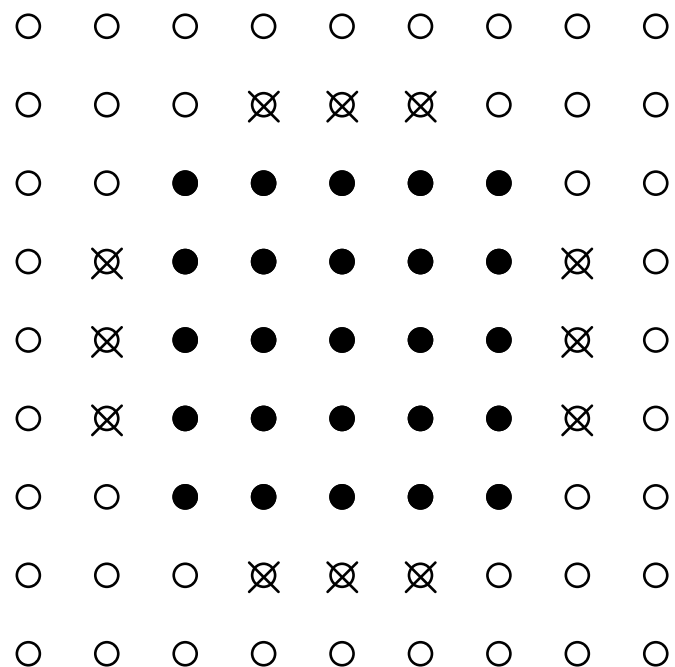
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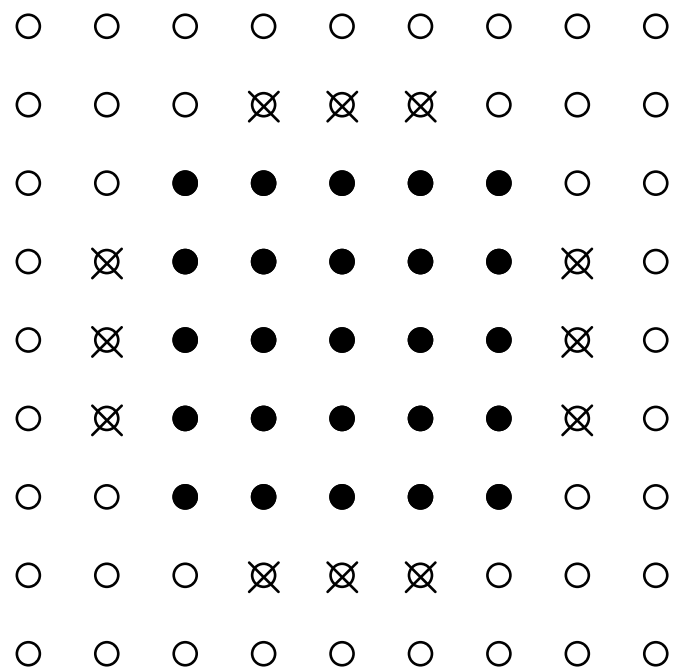
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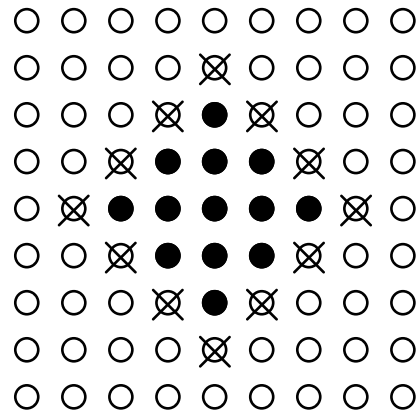


- Three cells in corners of square are 2-determined
- U determines its boundary if all $c \in \text{bd}(U)$ are p -determined for some p
- W_i determines its boundary for all $i \geq 2$

Windows 4

Square lattice with Nearest neighbor coupling

W_2 is not 1-determined



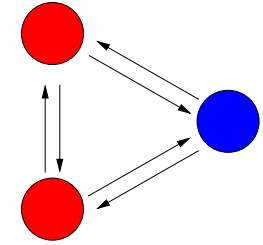
Windows 5

- W_{i_0} is a **window** if W_i determines its boundary $\forall i \geq i_0$
- Suppose a balanced k -coloring restricted to $\text{int}(W_i)$ for some $i \geq i_0$ **contains all k colors**. Then
 - k -coloring is **uniquely determined on whole lattice** by its restriction to W_i
- **Thm**: Suppose lattice network has window. Fix k . Then
 - **Finite number** of balanced k -colorings on \mathcal{L}
 - Each balanced k -coloring is **multiply-periodic**

Antoneli, Dias, G., and Wang (2004)

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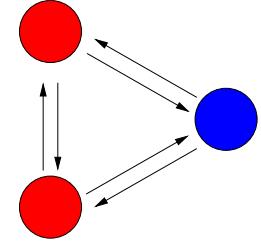
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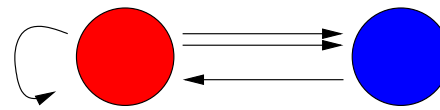
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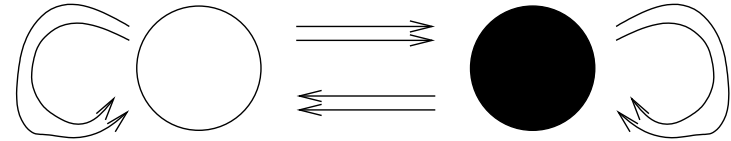
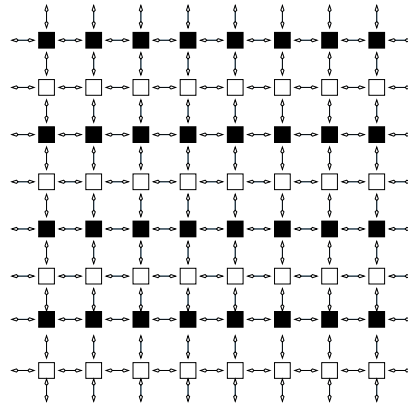
Quotient Networks

- Given cell network \mathcal{C} and balanced coloring \bowtie
- Define *quotient network*:
 - $\mathcal{C}_{\bowtie} = \{\bar{c} : c \in \mathcal{C}\} = \mathcal{C} / \bowtie$
 - **Quotient arrows** are projections of \mathcal{C} arrows
- **Thm**: Admissible DE restricts to quotient admissible DE
Quotient admissible DE lifts to admissible DE

G., Stewart, and Török (2005)

Multiple Equilibria in LDE

- Recall **balanced** relation



- LDE on square lattice has form

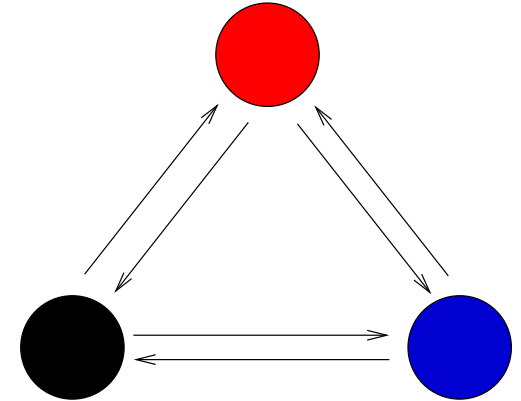
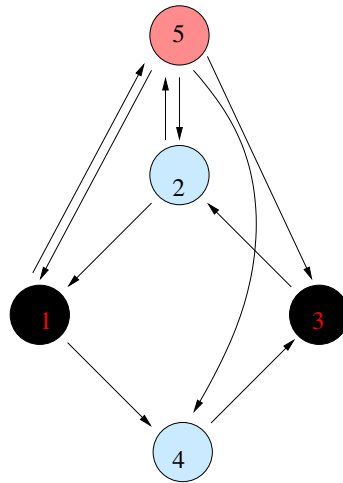
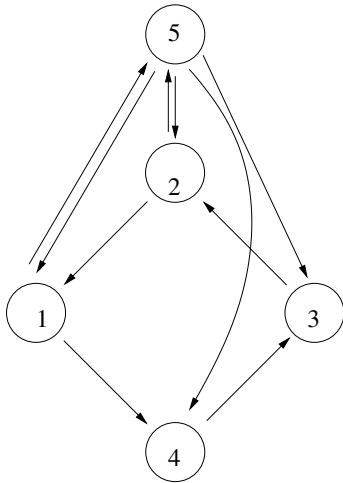
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- Quotient network:

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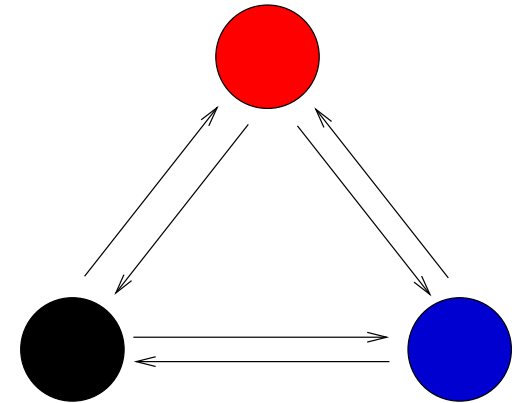
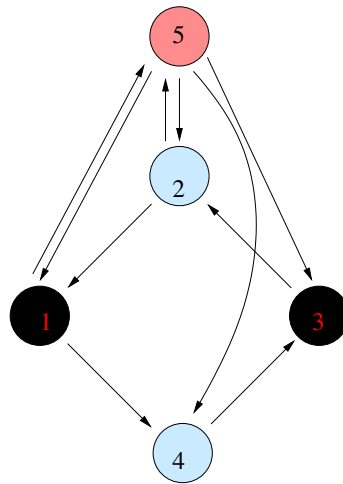
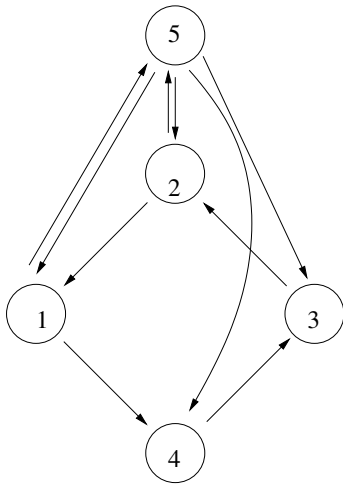
- All quotient networks in continuum are identical
One equilibrium implies a continuum of equilibria

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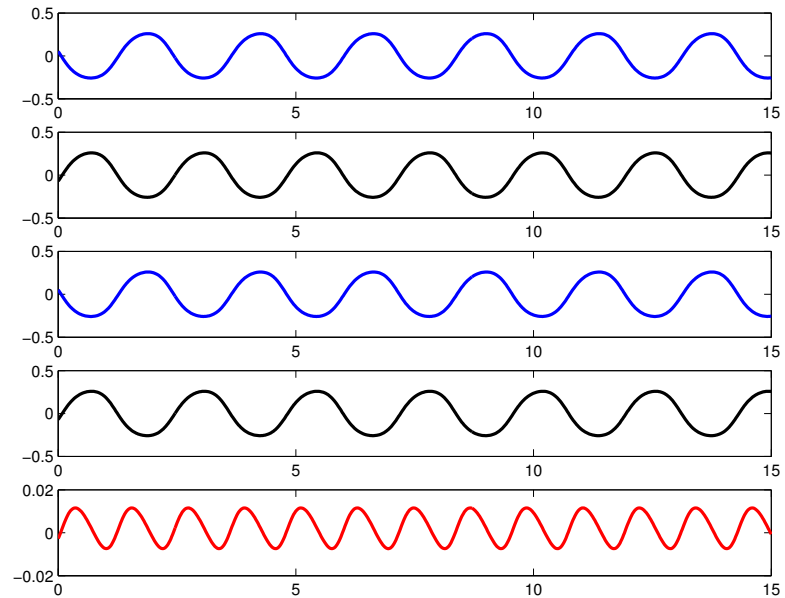
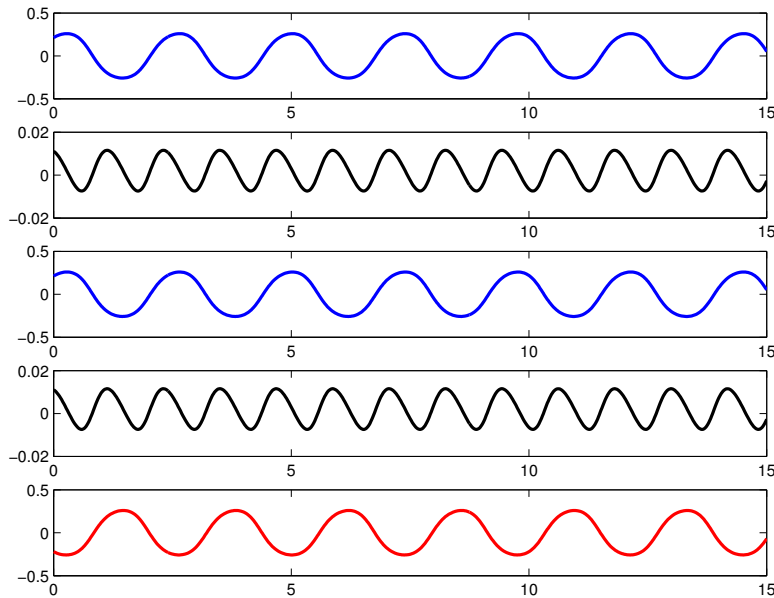


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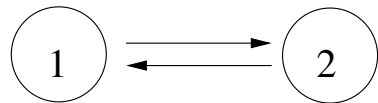
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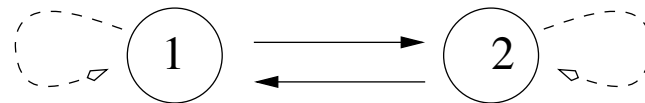
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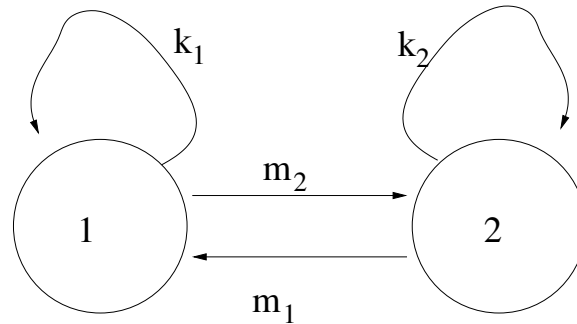
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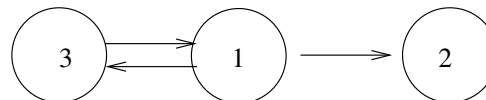
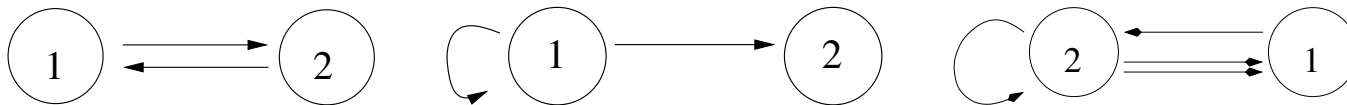
$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= g(x_1, x_1, x_2) \\ \dot{x}_2 &= g(x_2, x_2, x_1)\end{aligned}$$

$$g(a, b, c) = f(a, c) \quad \text{and} \quad f(a, b) = g(a, a, b)$$

Regular Two-cell Networks

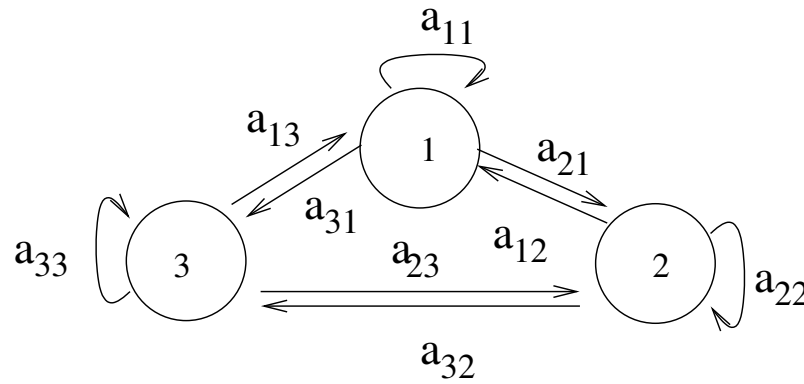


- **valency** = # inputs in each cell $n = k_1 + m_1 = k_2 + m_2$
- WLOG $k_1 \leq k_2$
- **Dias & Stewart**: Two networks are ODE-equivalent if their **linear admissible vector fields** are **identical**
- Up to ODE-equivalence, can assume $k_1 = 0$ and $m_1 = n$
- There are **three** two-cell networks with valency 1 or 2



- **Lift**

Regular Three Cell Networks



- a_{ij} = number of inputs cell i receives from cell j
- **Valency** = n = total number of inputs per cell

$$a_{i1} + a_{i2} + a_{i3} = n \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2, 3$$

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34 regular three-cell valency 2 networks

Leite and G. (2005)

Asymptotically Stable Equilibria

- **Theorem:** Given balanced k -coloring with polydiagonal Δ and $X_0 \in \Delta$. Then X_0 is an asymptotically stable equilibrium for some admissible system
- Can assume homogeneous network with 1D dynamics
- X_0 has at most k distinct coordinates with distinct values x_0^1, \dots, x_0^ℓ . Choose interpolation polynomial g such that

$$g(x_0^i) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad g'(x_0^i) = -1 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \ell$$

- Then system $\dot{x}_i = g(x_i)$ has equilibrium at X_0 with Jacobian equal to $-I$.

So X_0 is asymptotically stable equilibrium

Detection of Patterns by Equilibria

- Let $X_0 = (x_1^0, \dots, x_N^0)$. Let

$$\Delta_{X_0} = \{x : x_c = x_d \text{ iff } c \sim_C d \text{ and } x_c^0 = x_d^0\}$$

Δ_{X_0} is the **smallest polydiagonal** that contains all points with the same pattern of synchrony.

- Let X_0 be a **hyperbolic equilibrium** of a C^1 admissible cell system. The **pattern of synchrony** defined by X_0 is **rigid** if in each C^1 perturbed admissible system the hyperbolic equilibrium near X_0 remains in Δ_{X_0}
- Theorem:** The equilibrium X_0 is rigid **if and only if** the coloring associated to Δ_{X_0} is balanced

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