# THERMODYNAMICS OF MULTIPARTITE PROCESSES WITH CONSTRAINTS ON RATE MATRIX DEPENDENCIES

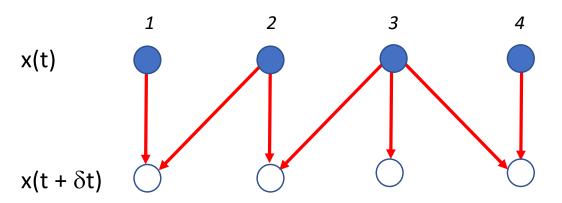
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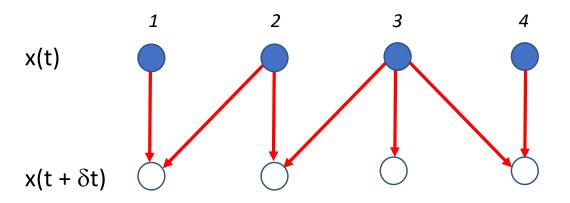


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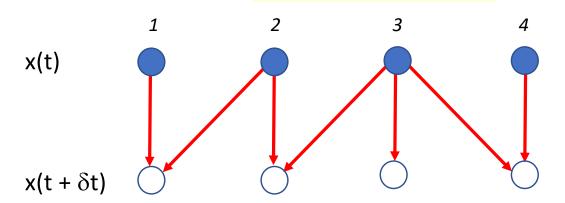
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How does minimal entropy production (EP) rate depend on red arrow graph? How are EP fluctuations of the subsystems coupled?

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$$x(t)$$
  $x(t + \delta t)$ 

N – set of subsystems

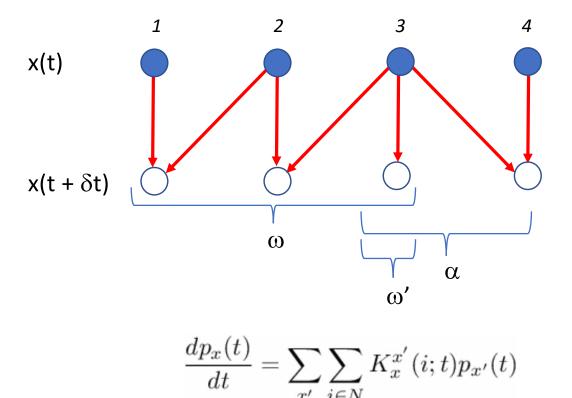
x – joint state of all subsystems

 $x_i(t)$  – state of subsystem i at time t

Since it's a multipartite process:

$$\frac{dp_x(t)}{dt} = \sum_{x'} \sum_{i \in N} K_x^{x'}(i;t) p_{x'}(t)$$

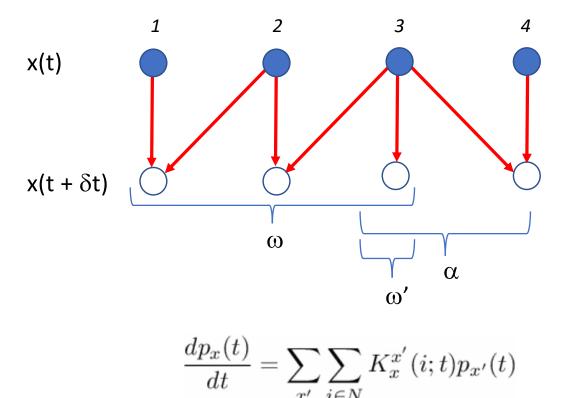
$$\forall x, x' : x_{-i} \neq x'_{-i}, K_x^{x'}(i; t) = 0$$



• A *community* r is a set of subsystems such that for every  $i \in r$ , K(i; t) depends only on other subsystems  $j \in r$ :

$$K_x^{x'}(i;t) = K_{x_r}^{x_r'}(i;t)\delta(x_{-r}',x_{-r})$$

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• A *community structure* is a set of communities, closed under intersection, that covers N

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Each subsystem is in contact with its own heat reservoirs:

$$\frac{K_{x_r}^{x_r'}(i;k,t)}{K_{x_r'}^{x_r}(i;k,t)} = \beta_i^k \left[ H_{x_r'}(i;t) - H_{x_r}(i;t) \right]$$

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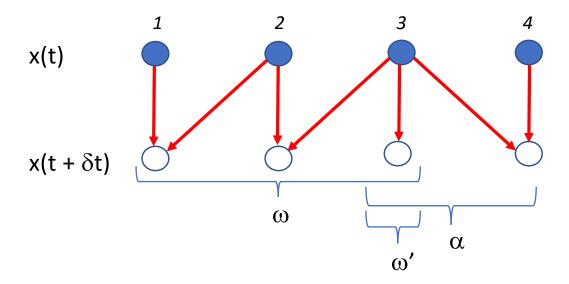
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• Therefore *local heat flow* into subsystem *i* during trajectory **x** is

$$Q^{i}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{j}} \beta_{\mathbf{i}}^{\mathbf{k}(\mathbf{j})} \left[ \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{r}}(\tau(\mathbf{j}))}(\mathbf{i}; \tau(\mathbf{j})) - \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{r}}(\tau(\mathbf{j}-\mathbf{1}))}(\mathbf{i}; \tau(\mathbf{j})) \right]$$

where  $\mathbf{x}_r(\tau(j))$  is community r's state at j'th time that subsystem i changes state

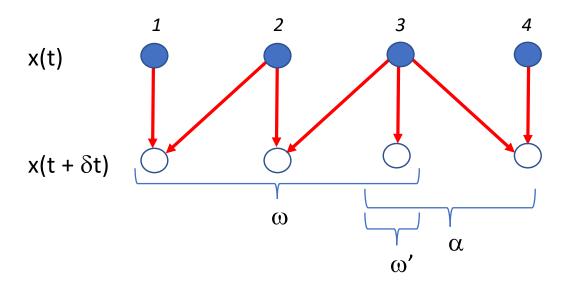


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• Local heat flow into community r during trajectory x is

$$Q^r(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i \in r} Q^i(\mathbf{x}_r)$$

- N.b., heat flow into community r only depends on states of subsystems in r



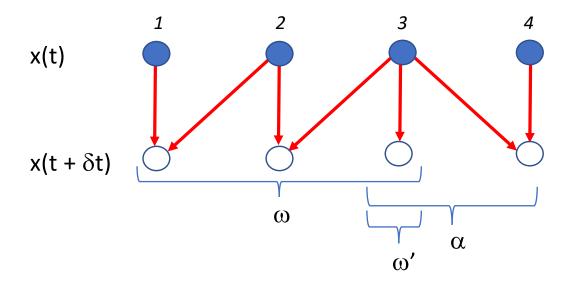
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• Local EP of community r during trajectory x is

$$\sigma^r(\mathbf{x}_r) = \Delta s^r(\mathbf{x}_r) - Q^r(\mathbf{x}_r)$$

• where as usual the **stochastic entropy** of community r during trajectory  $\mathbf{x}$  at time t is

$$s^{r}(\mathbf{x}_{r}(t)) = -\ln p_{\mathbf{x}_{r}(t)}(t)$$



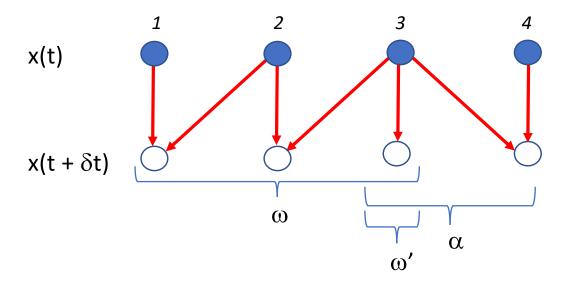
- Let  $R = \{r, r', ...\}$  be a set of communities (not necessarily a full community structure)
- Define

$$\vec{\sigma}^{R}(\mathbf{x}) = \left(\sigma^{r}(\mathbf{x}), \sigma^{r'}(\mathbf{x}), \ldots\right)$$
$$\sigma^{\cup R}(\mathbf{x}) = \Delta s(\mathbf{x}_{r \cup r' \cup \ldots}) - Q(\mathbf{x}_{r \cup r' \cup \ldots})$$

• "Vector-valued detailed fluctuation theorem" (DFT):

$$\ln \left[ \frac{\mathbf{P}(\vec{\sigma}^R)}{\tilde{\mathbf{P}}(-\vec{\sigma}^R)} \right] = \sigma^{\cup R}(\mathbf{x})$$

(with usual definition of  $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}(-\vec{\sigma}^R)$  as probability under a reverse protocol)



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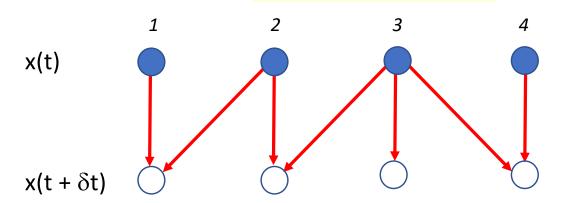
$$\ln\left[\frac{\mathbf{P}(\vec{\sigma}^R)}{\tilde{\mathbf{P}}(-\vec{\sigma}^R)}\right] = \sigma^{\cup R}(\mathbf{x})$$

• Subtract this DFT evaluated where *R* is a single community, *r*, from this DFT evaluated where *R* is a full community structure, to get a *conditional IFT*:

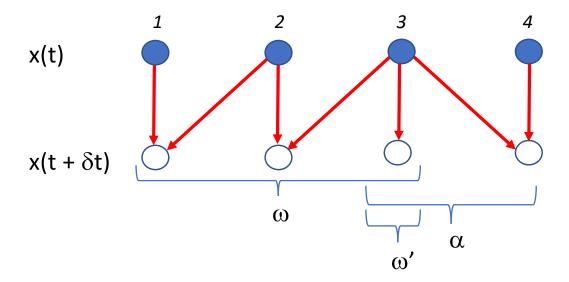
$$\langle e^{\sigma^r - \sigma} | \sigma^r \rangle = 1$$

where as before,  $\sigma$  is system-wide EP, and  $\sigma^r$  is EP of community r

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• For any community r, system-wide EP during trajectory x is

$$\sigma(\mathbf{x}) = \sigma^r(\mathbf{x}) + \Delta s^{X_{-r}|X_r}(\mathbf{x}) - Q^{-r}(\mathbf{x})$$

where

- as before, local EP 
$$\sigma^r(\mathbf{x}_r) = \Delta s^r(\mathbf{x}_r) - Q^r(\mathbf{x}_r)$$

- 
$$s^{X_{-r}|X_r}(\mathbf{x}(t)) = -\ln(p_{\mathbf{x}(t)}(t)) + \ln(p_{\mathbf{x}_r(t)}(t))$$

$$- Q^{-r}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i \notin r} Q^i(\mathbf{x})$$

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• Take expectation value and differentiate:

$$\langle \dot{\sigma}(t) \rangle = \langle \dot{\sigma}^r(t) \rangle + \langle \dot{\sigma}_{-r}(t) \rangle + \frac{d^r}{dt} S^{X|X_r}(t)$$

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- The *local EP rate* is  $\langle \dot{\sigma}^r(t) \rangle$ 
  - > This term is *non-negative*, and *concerns an entire community*
  - The term " $\sigma_X$ " in (*Sagawa and Shiraishi*, PRE, 2015) can be negative, and does not concern an entire community
  - The term " $\dot{S}_i^X$ " in (*Horowitz and Esposito*, PRX, 2014) is non-negative, but does not concern an entire community
  - The term " $\sigma_{\Omega}$ " in (*Sagawa and Shiraishi*, PRE, 2015) is non-negative, but concerns a subset of possible transitions of global system

$$\langle \dot{\sigma}(t) \rangle = \langle \dot{\sigma}^r(t) \rangle + \langle \dot{\sigma}_{-r}(t) \rangle + \frac{d^r}{dt} S^{X|X_r}(t)$$

$$\circ \quad \langle \dot{\sigma}_{-r}(t) \rangle = \sum_{x,x'} K_x^{x'}(-r;t) p_{x'}(t) \ln \left[ \frac{K_x^{x'}(-r;t) p_{x'}(t)}{K_{x'}^{x}(-r;t) p_{x}(t)} \right]$$

is a system-wide EP rate

- just evaluated according to a *counterfactual rate matrix*,  $K(-r; t) = \sum_{i \in r} K(i; t)$
- So this term is non-negative

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- o If:
  - 1) Two subsystems, where r is one of those subsystems
  - 2) r is a community, i.e., it evolves independently
  - 3) Full system is at an NESS this term equals "learning rate" of (*Barato*, *Hartich*, *Seifert*, NJP, 2014)

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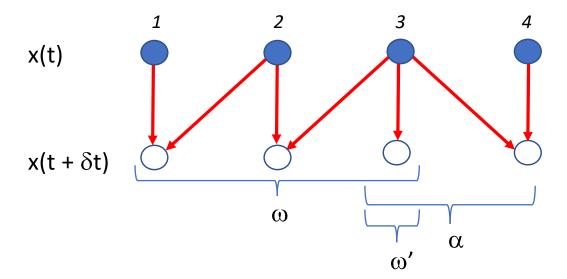
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- o If:
  - 1) Two subsystems, where *r* is one of those subsystems
  - 2) Don't require *r* to be a community so lose guarantee of non-negative EP this term equals "information flow" of (*Horowitz*, *Esposito*, PRX, 2014). (See also (*Sagawa*, *Ueda*, NJP, 2013).)

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- o If:
  - 1) Two subsystems, where *r* is one of those subsystems
  - 2) Both systems are communities, i.e., they evolve independently
  - 3) One system never changes state this term equals (time-derivative of) "Landauer loss" (*Wolpert, Kolchinsky*, NJP, 2020), aka "modularity dissipation" (*Boyd, Mandal, Crutchfield*, PRX, 2018)



• For any community *r*,

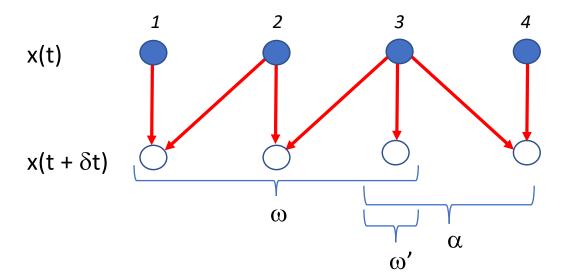
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• All three terms on RHS are non-negative. So

$$\langle \dot{\sigma}(t) \rangle \ge \frac{d^r}{dt} S^{X|X_r}(t)$$

• Therefore in the example above,

$$\langle \dot{\sigma}(t) \rangle \ge \max \left[ \frac{d^{\omega}}{dt} S^{X|X_{\omega}}(t), \frac{d^{\alpha}}{dt} S^{X|X_{\alpha}}(t), \frac{d^{\omega'}}{dt} S^{X|X_{\omega'}}(t) \right]$$



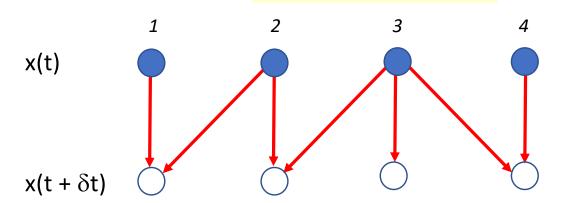
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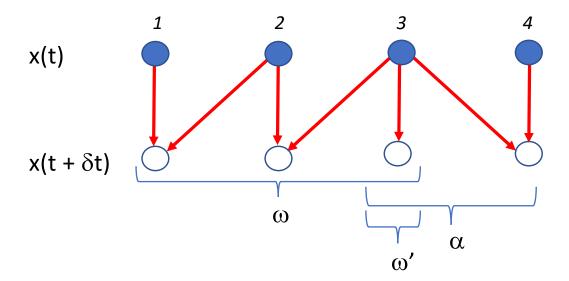
- In the example above,  $\omega'$  is a community within  $\omega$ .
- So can "iterate" the full decomposition of expected EP rate, by decomposing  $\langle \dot{\sigma}^{\omega}(t) \rangle$
- Therefore in the example above,

$$\langle \dot{\sigma}(t) \rangle \ge \frac{d^{\omega}}{dt} S^{X|X_{\omega}}(t) + \frac{d^{\omega'}}{dt} S^{X_{\omega}|X_{\omega'}}(t)$$

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• System-wide heat flow during trajectory x is

$$Q(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i} Q^{i}(\mathbf{x}) = \widehat{\sum_{r}} Q^{r}(\mathbf{x}_{r})$$

where inclusion-exclusion sum ("in-ex sum") is

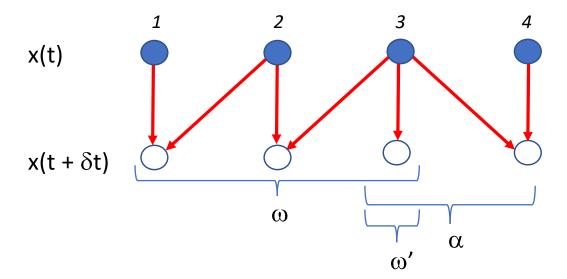
$$\widehat{\sum_r} Q^r(\mathbf{x}_r) = \sum_r Q^r(\mathbf{x}_r) - \sum_{r < r'} Q^{r \cap r'}(\mathbf{x}_r) + \dots$$

• Therefore **system-wide EP** during trajectory **x** is

$$\sigma(\mathbf{x}) = \Delta s(\mathbf{x}) - Q(\mathbf{x}) = \widehat{\sum_r} \sigma^r(\mathbf{x}) - \Delta I^*(\mathbf{x})$$

where *in-ex information* is

$$I^*(\mathbf{x}(t)) = -s(\mathbf{x}(t)) + \widehat{\sum} s^r(\mathbf{x}(t))$$



Conditional IFT:

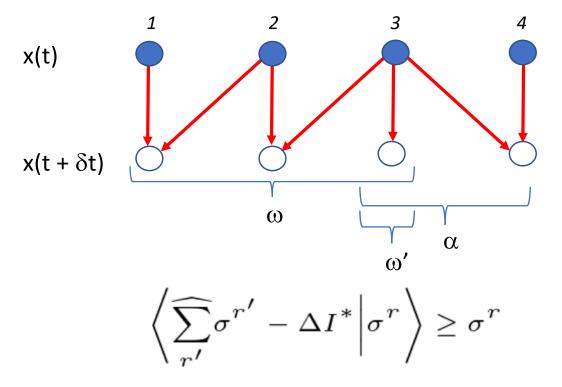
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Second expansion of system-wide EP:

$$\sigma(\mathbf{x}) = \widehat{\sum_{r'}} \sigma^{r'}(\mathbf{x}) - \Delta I^*(\mathbf{x})$$

• Combining and applying Jensen's inequality shows that for any community r,

$$\left\langle \widehat{\sum_{r'}} \sigma^{r'} - \Delta I^* \middle| \sigma^r \right\rangle \ge \sigma^r$$



Example (taking r =subsystems 3 and 4):

$$\langle \sigma^{123} - \sigma^3 + \sigma^{34} - \Delta s^{1234} - \Delta s^{123} + \Delta s^3 - \Delta s^{34} \, | \, \sigma^{34} \rangle \ge \sigma^{34}$$

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

- Restrictions on dependencies of each subsystem's rate matrix
- Two system-wide decompositions of (trajectory-level) EP in terms of those restrictions
- Nonzero lower bounds on expected system-wide EP rate in terms of those restrictions
  - Extends results on "learning rate", "Landauer loss", (and versions of "second law for feedback control", "second law for information processing", etc.)
- Conditional fluctuation theorems
  - If can observe EP of one subsystem, what is vector of EPs of other subsystems?
- Other lower bounds on expected EP rate, other conditional IFTs, etc.

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