Coordination in State-Dependent Distributed Networks: The Two-Agent Case

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Motivating Example



• Wish to coordinate inputs and state:

$$\frac{1}{T}\sum_{t=1}^{T} P_{S_{0,t}X_{1,t},X_{2,t}} \to \bar{Q} \quad \text{ as } T \to \infty$$

Game-Theoretic Motivation: Infinitively Repeated Games

• Agents' actions X_{1,t} and X_{2,t}

- Payoff-functions $\omega_1(s_{0,t}, x_{1,t}, x_{2,t})$ and $\omega_2(s_{0,t}, x_{1,t}, x_{2,t})$
- Average expected payoff:

$$\overline{\omega}_{k} \triangleq \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \mathbb{E} \left[\omega_{k}(S_{0,t}, X_{1,t}, X_{2,t}) \right]$$
$$= \sum_{(s_{0}, x_{1}, x_{2})} \omega_{k}(s_{0}, x_{1}, x_{2}) \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} P_{S_{0,t}X_{1,t}X_{2,t}}(s_{0}, x_{1}, x_{2}).$$

Setup and Implementable Distributions



• Causal or non-causal SI:

$$X_{k,t} = \sigma_{k,t}^{(\mathsf{c})}(S_k^t, Y_k^{t-1}) \qquad \text{or} \qquad X_{k,t} = \sigma_{k,t}^{(\mathsf{nc})}(S_k^T, Y_k^{t-1})$$

Implementable distributions \overline{Q}

 $\forall \epsilon > 0 \text{ there exist } T \text{ and encodings, s.t.} \\ \left| \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} P_{S_{0,t}X_{1,t}X_{2,t}}(s_0, x_1, x_2) - \overline{Q}(s_0, x_1, x_2) \right| \leq \epsilon.$

First related model and result: Gossner et al. 2006



• $\{X_{1,t}\}$ communicates $\{S_{0,t}\}$ to Agent 2

Theorem $\overline{Q}(s_0, x_1, x_2) \text{ implementable iff } I(S_0; X_2) \leq H(X_1|S_0, X_2)$

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Gossner-Hernandez-Neyman coding scheme



More previous works

• Solution when Agent 1 has S_0^T , Agent 2 observes $Y_{2,t} = (\tilde{Y}_{2,t}, S_{0,t})$

- Achievability when Agent 1 has S_0^T , Agent 2 observes general $Y_{2,t}$
- Empirical coordination: source coding equivalent

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New Results

New Results under Causal SI at both Agents:

 $X_{k,t} = \sigma_{k,t}^{(c)}(S_k^t, Y_k^{t-1})$



Theorem

 \overline{Q} implementable iff it factorizes as

$$\overline{Q}(s_0, x_1, x_2) = \sum_{u, s_1, s_2} \left[\rho_0(s_0) \exists (s_1, s_2 | s_0) P_U(u) \prod_{k=1}^2 P_{X_k | US_k}(x_k | u, s_k) \right]$$

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• No coding/communication required:



New Results for Mixed Causal/Non-Causal SI



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$$Q(s_0, s_1, s_2, u, v, x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2) = \rho_0(s_0) \exists (s_1, s_2|s_0) P_{UVX_1|S_1}(u, v, x_1|s_1) P_{X_2|US_2}(x_2|u, s_2) \Gamma(y_1, y_2|s_0, x_1, x_2)$$

satisfying

$$I(S_1; U) \leq I(V; Y_2, S_2|U) - I(V; S_1|U)$$

Coding Scheme for Mixed SI



totally $2^{nI(V;Y_2,S_2,U)}$ codewords

• Successful if $I(S_1; U) \le I(V; Y_2, S_2, U) - I(V; S_1, U)$

Non-Causal State-Info at both Agents: Point-to-Point Channel



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$$\begin{aligned} &Q(s_0, s_1, s_2, u, v, x_1, x_2, y_2) \\ &= \rho_0(s_0) \, \exists (s_1, s_2 | s_0) P_{UVX_1 | S_1}(u, v, x_1 | s_1) P_{X_2 | US_2}(x_2 | u, s_2) \Gamma(y_2 | s_0, x_1) \end{aligned}$$

satisfying

$$I(S_1; U|S_2) \leq I(V; Y_2, S_2|U) - I(V; S_1|U)$$

• Wyner-Ziv codeword u^(b)

Converse for Non-Causal SI and Point-to-Point Channel

Let

$$U_t \triangleq (Y_2^{t-1}, S_2^{t-1}, S_{2,t+1}^{T}); \qquad V_t \triangleq S_{1,t+1}^{T}; \qquad U \triangleq (U_Z, Z)$$

•
$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} I(S_{1,t}; Y_2^{t-1} | S_{1,t+1}^T, S_2^T) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} I(S_{1,t}; Y_2^{t-1}, S_{1,t+1}^T S_2^{t-1}, S_{2,t+1}^T | S_{2,t})$$
$$= I(S_{1,Z}; U_Z, V_Z | S_{2,Z}, Z)$$
$$= I(S_1; U, V | S_2),$$

•
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$$= I(V; Y_2 | U),$$

• Csiszar telescoping identity

General Two-Way Channel with Non-Causal SI at both Agents: Open!



• Preceeding result remains valid if $S_2 = f(S_1)$

 \rightarrow all relevant comm. from Agent 1 to 2

New scheme required with symmetric operations and two-way source and channel codes

Application: Power Control for the Two-User Fading IC

- State $\{S_{0,t}\}$: channel gains $G_{11}, G_{12}, G_{21}, G_{22} \in \{0.1, 2\}$ w.p. 0.5/0.5 or 0.9/0.1
- Actions X_{1,t} and X_{2,t}: transmit powers {0, SNR}
- Global payoff function $\frac{1}{2}\log(1 + \text{SINR}_1) + \frac{1}{2}\log(1 + \text{SINR}_1)$



State-Communication with Strictly-Causal Decoding

State-Communication: Problem Setup and Connection to Coordination



Distortion *D* achievable if $\overline{\lim}_{T\to\infty} \left(\frac{1}{T}\sum_{t=1}^{T} \mathsf{E}\left[d(S_{0,t}, \hat{S}_{0,t})\right]\right) \leq D$

• Achievable distortions D obtained by linear projection of coordination set \bar{Q}

State-Communication: State of the Art and Contributions



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encoding	GP coding		
decoding	WZ coding	coding for causal SI	standard source coding

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$\mathsf{Summary}/\mathsf{Outlook}$

- Coordination of agents over state-dependent networks
- \bullet Set of implementable distributions when agents have causal SI \rightarrow extends to arbitrary number of agents
- Set of implementable distributions for mixed causal/non-causal SI
- Set of implementable distributions for all non-causal SI with one-way channel
- State-communication with causal and strictly-causal decoding