# Analysis, design, and optimization of complex fractional dynamical networks

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What do they have in common?

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frontiers in PHYSIOLOGY



Introduction to multifractal detrended fluctuation analysis in Matlab



Sample Autocorrelation Function Sample Autocorrelation 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 0 -0.2 0 10 20 30 40 60 70 80 100 50 90 Lag













# **Today's Outline**







- Crash course on Fractional "Stuff"
- 2 Minimum actuation requirements
  - <sup>3</sup> Future Research and Open questions





# **Today's Outline**







#### **Fractional Calculus 101**

We are all familiar with powers of a number

$$\frac{d}{dx}x^k, \frac{d^2}{dx^2}x^k, \frac{d^3}{dx^3}x^k, \dots$$

What about powers (integer, and real) of an operator?

$$\frac{d^{\frac{1}{2}}}{dx^{\frac{1}{2}}}x^k, \frac{d^{\frac{1}{3}}}{dx^{\frac{1}{3}}}x^k, \frac{d^{\frac{1}{4}}}{dx^{\frac{1}{4}}}x^k, \dots$$

Fractional Order Derivative :

$$\frac{d^{\alpha}}{dx^{\alpha}}x^{k} = \frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{\Gamma(k-\alpha+1)}x^{k-\alpha}, \quad k \ge 0$$
  
  $\alpha$  is the fractal exponent



#### **Fractional Calculus 101**



$$\frac{d^{\alpha(t)}}{dt^{\alpha(t)}}y(t) = \lim_{\Delta t \to 0} \frac{1}{\Delta t^{\alpha(t)}} \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor t/\Delta t \rfloor} (-1)^j \frac{\Gamma(\alpha(t)+1)}{\Gamma(j+1)\Gamma(\alpha(t)-j+1)} y(t-j\Delta t)$$
  
  $\alpha$  is the fractal exponent











time series denoted as  $x[k] \in \mathbb{R}^n$ 

$$\mathrm{D}^1x[k+1] = Ax[k] + e[k]$$



Fractional order model with spatial component

$$\mathrm{D}^lpha x[k+1] = Ax[k] + e[k]$$



#### Control of Frac. Order Dyn. Net. (FODN)

fractal model parameters

$$D^{lpha}$$

 $\mathcal{F} = (A, \alpha, K)$ 

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$$\begin{bmatrix} x[k+1] = Ax[k] + Bu[k], \quad k=0,1,\ldots,K \end{bmatrix}$$

The FODN described by  $\mathcal{F}(A(\mathcal{G}), B; \boldsymbol{\alpha})$  is controllable in K steps if and only if, for every initial state  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and desired final state  $x_{\text{des}} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , there exists a sequence  $u[0], \ldots, u[K-1]$  of inputs such that  $x[0] = x_0$  and  $x[K] = x_{\text{des}}$ .

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Minimum actuation requirements



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Future Research and Open questions

The actuation spectrum for a FODN can be defined as a function  $s:\mathbb{N} o \{1,\ldots,n\}$  given by

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feedback

Algebraic representation of the FODS as LTI switching system

$$x[k] = G_k x[0] + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} G_{k-1-j} Bu[j]$$

$$G_k = \begin{cases} \mathbb{I}_n & \text{for } k = 0\\ \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} A_j G_{k-1-j} & \text{for } k \ge 1 \end{cases}$$

$$A_0 = A(\mathcal{G}) - \text{diag}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \text{ and } A_j = \begin{bmatrix} (-1)^j \binom{\alpha_1}{j+1} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & (-1)^j \binom{\alpha_n}{j+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

#### FODS "Behind the scenes"

Algebraic representation of the FODS as LTI switching system

$$x[k] = G_k x_0 + \underbrace{\left[G_0 B \dots G_{k-1} B\right]}_{\mathcal{C}_k} \begin{bmatrix} u[k-1] \\ \vdots \\ u[0] \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} u[K-1] \\ \vdots \\ u[0] \end{bmatrix} = (\mathcal{C}_K^{\mathsf{T}} \mathcal{C}_K)^{-1} \mathcal{C}_K^{\mathsf{T}} (x_{\text{des}} - G_K x_0)$$

 $\mathcal{F}(A(\mathcal{G}), B; \boldsymbol{\alpha})$  is controllable in K steps if and only if rank $(\mathcal{C}_K) = n$ 

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NP-hard but submodular

Apply greedy algorithms with optimality guarantees

#### **Artificial Complex Networks**



Erdös-Rényi (ER) Network Model



Barabási-Albert (BA) Network Model



Watts-Strogatz (WS) Network Model



Erdös-Rényi (ER) Network Model

AS with fixed  $\alpha$ 

n=50

AS with  $\alpha \sim \mathcal{U}(0,1)$ 





#### **Real Complex Network**

Skull-level electroencephalographic (EEG) data in resting state [100 channels ]



n=100

#### LTI

 $\mathrm{D}^1x[k+1] = Ax[k] + e[k]$ 

FODN $\mathrm{D}^{lpha}x[k+1] = Ax[k] + e[k]$ 



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We can use actuation capabilities to assess if the model is inherently LTI or FODN by considering the minimum actuation capabilities required for the FODN. In other words, if we can steer the system towards a desired state with the minimum actuation capabilities required for the FODN then it cannot be an LTI.



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Notice that actuation spectra across artificial and real networks are different, which implies that we need generative models capable of capturing the actuation spectra of real networks



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Fractional order dynamical networks are modeled by nonlinear systems parametrized by a small number of temporal and spatial parameter with a high description power. Although there is a strong analysis foundation for the numerical approximations schemes from its continuous counterpart it is missing a sound control theory.



The promise of a solid control theory lies in the fact that these are not arbitrary nonlinear systems (i.e., they exhibit a lot of structure).

**Problems that are required to be addressed:** (*i*) resilient-robust state estimation; (*ii*) computationally efficient system id with guarantees; (*iii*) robust control; (*iv*) decentralized control; and (*v*) MPC and its variants.

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