Learning Link Characteristics in a Boolean Network

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There exists a wide range of natural, "large" networks

How do we study experimentally "large" networks with well characterized nodes and links?

Nodes with fast dynamics: time delays are important



Experimental Approach: Use a Newly Discovered Boolean-Like Network





Boolean Network



Nodes:

Only two states (Boolean) Perform Boolean logic

Links:

Distinct, continuous time delays

There is NO clock in the system!



Autonomous Boolean Time-Delay System





D. Dee and M. Ghil, *Boolean Difference Equations, I: Formulation and Dynamical Behavior*, SIAM J. Appl. Math. **44**, 111 (1984).

M. Ghil and A. Mullhaupt, *Boolean Delay Equations. II. Periodic and Aperiodic Solutions*, J. Stat. Phys. **41**, 125 (1985)

Boolean delay equations are *autonomous* evolution equations for a vector Boolean variables $\mathbf{x}(t)$.

$$\begin{aligned} x_i(t) &= f_i[x_1(t - \tau_{i1}), \dots, x(t - \tau_{in})] \\ \uparrow \\ \text{Boolean function} \end{aligned}$$

Continuous time!





Properties of Boolean Delay Equations

A wide class of Boolean networks display "complexity"

- certainly works when every node changes state when there is a change in the input state (probably overly restrictive)
- Exclusive ORs (XORs) are favorable

$$Y = A \oplus B = A \cdot \overline{B} + \overline{A} \cdot B$$

XOR gate				
input1	input2	output		
0	0	0		
0	1	1		
1	0	1		
1	1	0		

Ghil Complexity: Number of switching events in the network per unit time increases as a power law





Example Complex BDE (Dee, Mullhaupt, Ghil)







Simulated "Complex" Behavior



Power-law increase in switching rate: Ultraviolet catastrophe





Experimental Realization of a Complex Boolean Network

H. L. D. de S. Cavalcante, D. J. Gauthier, J. E. S. Socolar, and R. Zhang, `On the Origin of Chaos in Autonomous Boolean Networks,' Philos. Trans. Royal Soc. A **368**, 495 (2010).

R. Zhang, H.L.D. de S. Cavalcante, Z. Gao, D.J. Gauthier, J.E.S. Socolar, M.M. Adams, and D.P. Lathrop, `Boolean chaos,' Phys. Rev. E. **80**, 045202(R) (2009).





Three-Node Network Based on Electronic Logic Gates



Gate	Model	f (GHz)	Price (\$)	Manufacture
XOR	MC100EP08	3	5	Onsemi
Buffer	NB6L16	6	6	Onsemi
Delay	SY89296	1.5	7	Micrel





Boolean Network Temporal Evolution



Transient ultra-violet catastrophe system naturally fast (up to response time), non-ideal behaviors affect behavior

The temporal evolution of the voltage is complex and non-repeating

It has clearly defined high and low values, indicating Boolean-like behavior

Behavior can be understood from a perturbed Boolean model





Power Spectrum of the Fluctuations



Ultra-wide-band device, extending from DC to beyond 3 GHz

(lots of applications!)





Scan One Time Delay





Chaos, periodic windows, wide range of operation



A New Paradigm for Fast Time-Delay Chaos

Ghil predicts a very large class of networks show "complexity" using assumption of ideal logic

Conjecture: Experimental version of most of these networks show chaos

VERY cheap!

Easy to adjust time delays

Future:

Learn network behavior from limited measurements?

Multi-function logic - programmable networks

"Evolutionary" networks?





Can we learn network behavior from limited measurements?







Approach: Synchronize two networks

Adjust parameters to obtain best synchronization

Data assimilation: B. Ravoori *et al.* PRE **80**, 056205 (2009); A.B. Cohen *et al.*, PRL **101**, 154102 (2008); T.E. Murphy *et al.* Phil. Trans. A **368**, 343 (2010); and F. Sorrentino , http://arxiv.org/abs/0912.4902/





Statement of the Problem



With full knowledge of node dynamics, can we determine the time delays of three links through data assimilation (both experiment to experiment and experiment to model)?





Dynamical Characteristics of Individual Nodes and Links





Node Dynamics: Logic Gates and Time Delay Buffer

Buffer most important – slowest component



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Inject Fast Signal Into Time Delay Unit (only)







Synchronize Network to Network (both experimental)





"Open Loop" Synchronization



Adjust three time delays independently in slave oscillator, measure correlation





Best Synchronization at Optimum Time Delays



Correlation >0.8, as high as 0.95

Attractor Bubbling?





Explore Time Delay Space: Correlation vs. Time Delays



units: nanoseconds

Can determine network delays to within ~ 100 ps (shortest delay ~ 2 ns, longest ~ 10 ns)





Compare Predicted Network Behavior to Experimentally Observed Behavior





Data Assimilation: Synch Model to Experiment







Best Synchronization: Model to Experiment

exp output model output



Cross correlation: 0.91





Adjust Time Delay in Model



Consistent with experimentexperiment sensitivity





- Possible to infer link time delay in a autonomous Boolean network
- Broadband chaos likely important sample wide range of behaviors
- Boolean network dynamics "orthogonal" with modest changes in time delays several applications
- Electronic implementation of Boolean networks is cheap and easy
 possible to scale up to much larger networks
- Is data assimilation possible with larger networks?
- Can a Boolean delay equation model behavior of our network?



