

# Multi-Agent Systems

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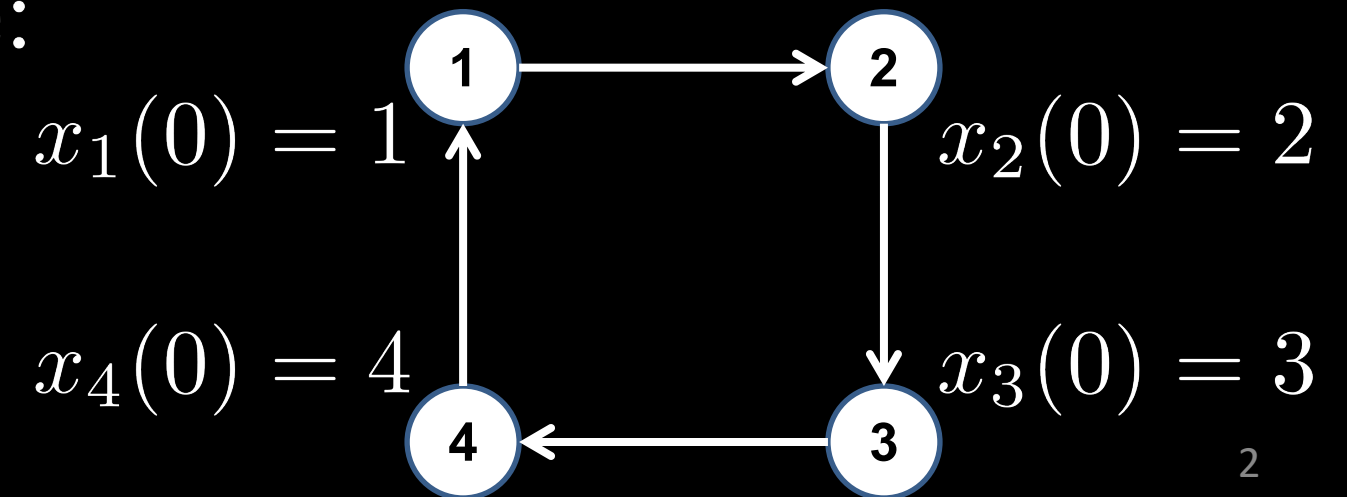
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each agent  $v_i$  has an initial value  $x_i(0)$

*averaging*: update  $x_i(k)$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ,

$$\text{s.t. } x_i(k) \rightarrow \frac{x_1(0) + x_2(0) + x_3(0) + x_4(0)}{4} = 2.5$$

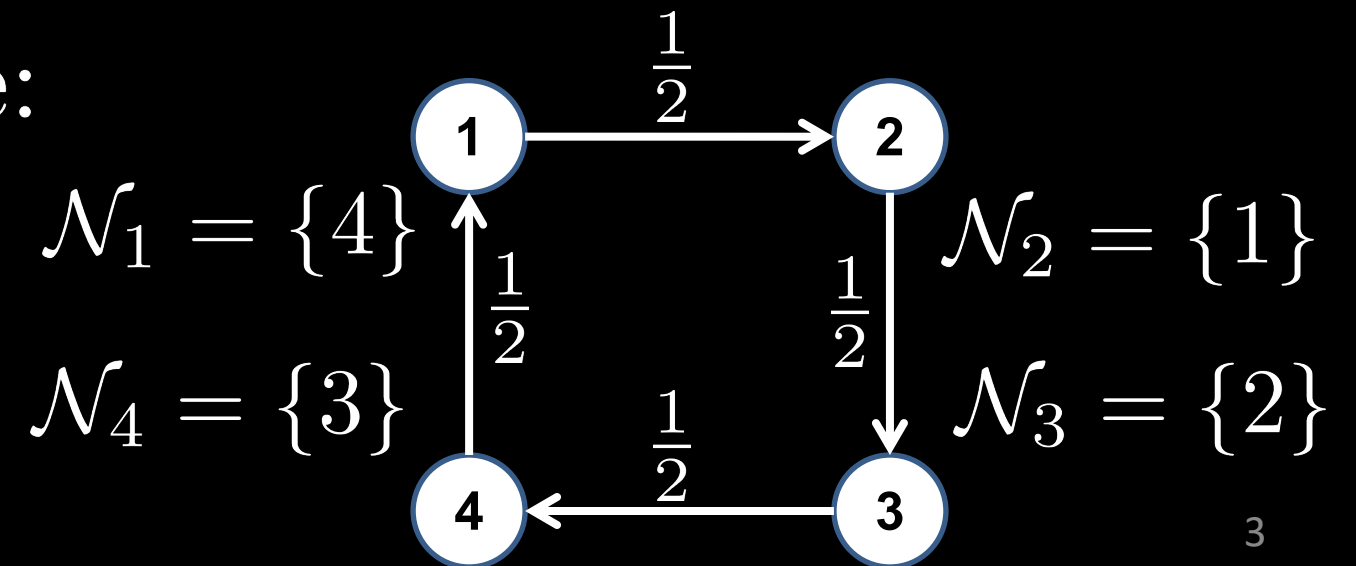
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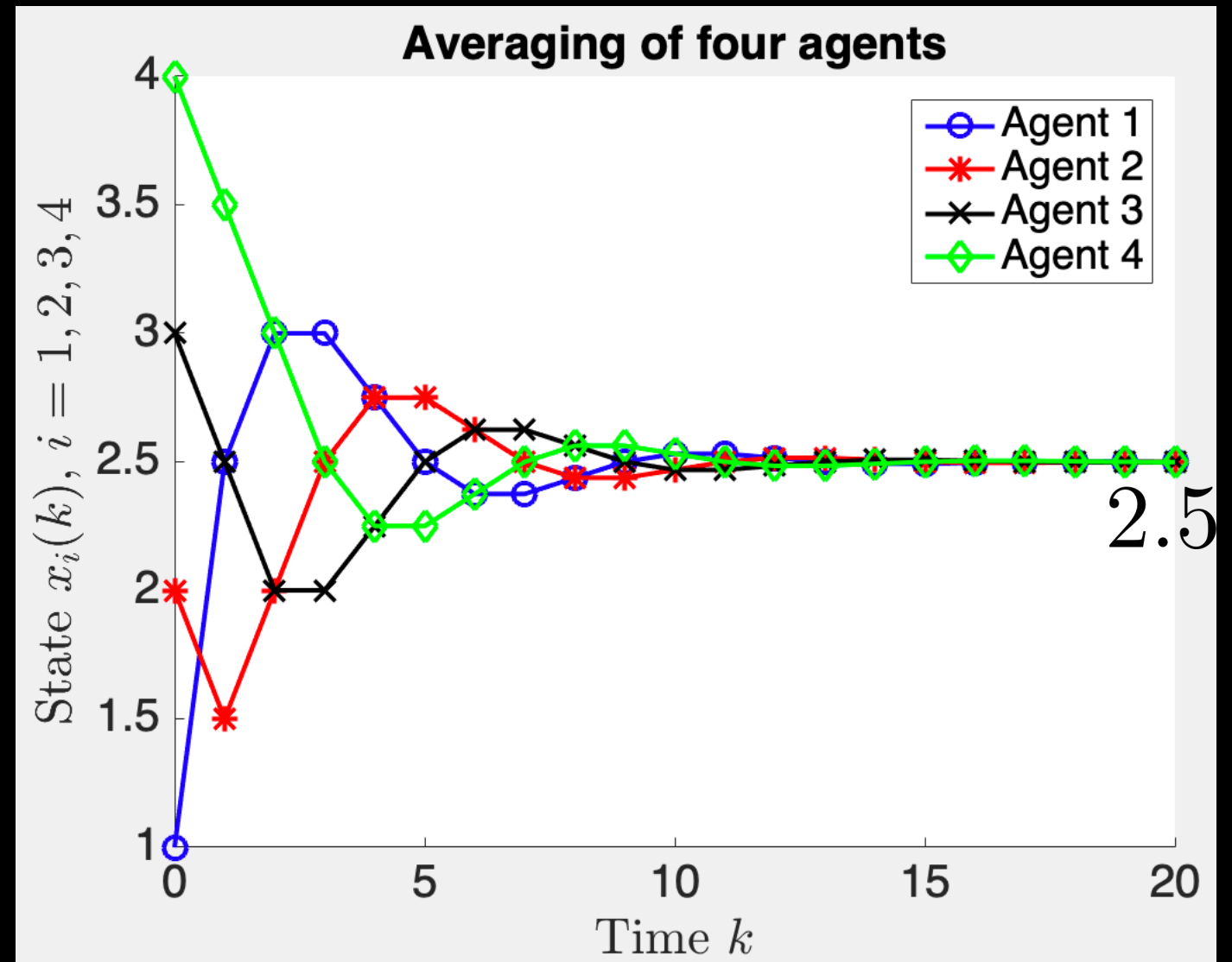
$$\begin{aligned}x_1(k+1) &= \frac{1}{2}(x_1(k) + x_4(k)) \\x_2(k+1) &= \frac{1}{2}(x_2(k) + x_1(k)) \\x_3(k+1) &= \frac{1}{2}(x_3(k) + x_2(k)) \\x_4(k+1) &= \frac{1}{2}(x_4(k) + x_3(k))\end{aligned}$$

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a system of  $n$  interacting agents  
is modeled by graph  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$   
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Problem: update  $x_i(k)$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ,  
s.t.  $(\forall v_i \in \mathcal{V}) \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_i(k) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{v_i \in \mathcal{V}} x_i(0)$

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Distributed algorithm

$$x_{i+1}(k) = \frac{1}{1+|\mathcal{N}_i|} \left( x_i(k) + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} x_j(k) \right)$$

based on information  $x_j(k)$  or  
relative information  $x_j(k) - x_i(k)$   
from neighbor agent(s)  $j \in \mathcal{N}_i$

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each agent  $v_i$  has an initial value  $x_i(0)$

$$x := \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x(k+1) = (I - L)x(k)$$

# Last week: Theorem

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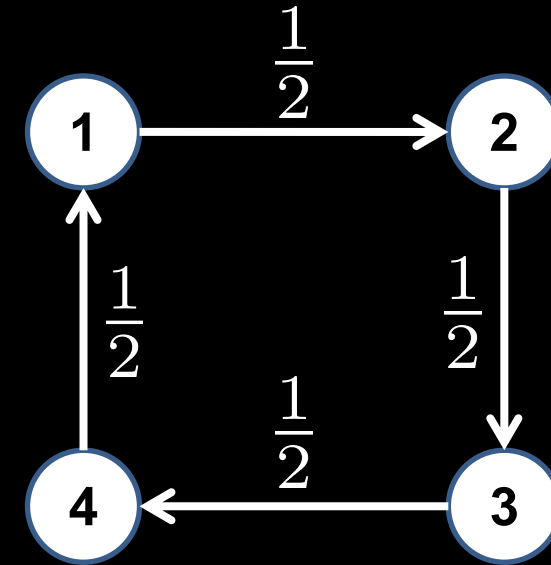
iff  $\mathcal{G}$  is strongly connected and  
weight balanced



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example:

weighted graph  $\mathcal{G}$



$$I - L = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

row-stochastic  
column-stochastic

$$\lambda_1 = \rho(I - L) = 1$$

$$\lambda_2 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}j \quad (|\lambda_2| < 1)$$

$$\lambda_3 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}j \quad (|\lambda_3| < 1)$$

$$\lambda_4 = 0 \quad (|\lambda_4| < 1)$$

# Convergence analysis

diagonalization

$$I - L = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= VJV^{-1}$$

$$= [v_1 \ v_2 \ v_3 \ v_4] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}j & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}j & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1^\top \\ w_2^\top \\ w_3^\top \\ w_4^\top \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(w_1^\top v_1 = 1, w_1^\top v_2 = 0, w_1^\top v_3 = 0, w_1^\top v_4 = 0)$$

$$v_1 = \mathbf{1}, w_1 = \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{1}$$

# Convergence analysis

$$\begin{aligned}x(k+1) &= (I - L)x(k) \\&= (I - L)^2 x(k-1) \\&\vdots \\&= (I - L)^{k+1} x(0) \\&= (VJV^{-1})^{k+1} x(0)\end{aligned}$$

# Convergence analysis

$$x(k+1) = V J^{k+1} V^{-1} x(0)$$

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$$\rightarrow [v_1 \ v_2 \ v_3 \ v_4] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1^\top \\ w_2^\top \\ w_3^\top \\ w_4^\top \end{bmatrix} x(0), \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

$$= v_1 w_1^\top x(0) \quad (v_1 = \mathbf{1}, w_1 = \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{1})$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{1}^\top x(0) \mathbf{1}$$

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$x(k+1) = (I - L)x(k)$  solves averaging  
iff  $\mathcal{G}$  is strongly connected and  
weight balanced

Proof: (only if; necessity)  
leave it as an exercise

# Theorem

Proof: (if; sufficiency)

if  $\mathcal{G}$  is strongly connected, weight balanced  
show  $x(k+1) = (I - L)x(k)$  solves averaging

(i)  $I - L$  is a nonnegative matrix

hint:

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alternative hint:  $L\mathbf{1} = 0$

so spectral radius  $\rho(I - L) = 1$

and 1 is an eigenvalue of  $I - L$

with eigenvector  $\mathbf{1}$

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hint:  $\mathcal{G}$  is weight balanced

so eigenvalue 1 has a left eigenvector  $\mathbf{1}$



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(iv)  $I - L$  is primitive

hint:  $\mathcal{G}(I - L)$  is strongly connected  
and every node of  $\mathcal{G}(I - L)$  is selflooped

by Perron-Frobenius

$\rho(I - L) = 1$  is a simple eigenvalue of  $I - L$   
and all other  $n - 1$  eigenvalues  $\lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$   
satisfy  $|\lambda_2| < 1, \dots, |\lambda_n| < 1$

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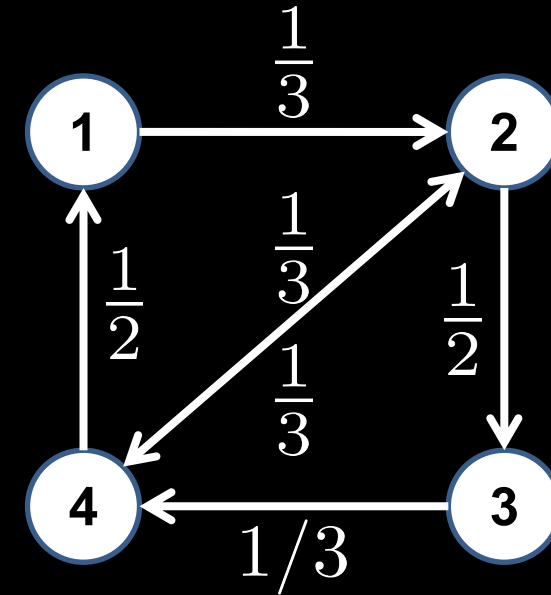
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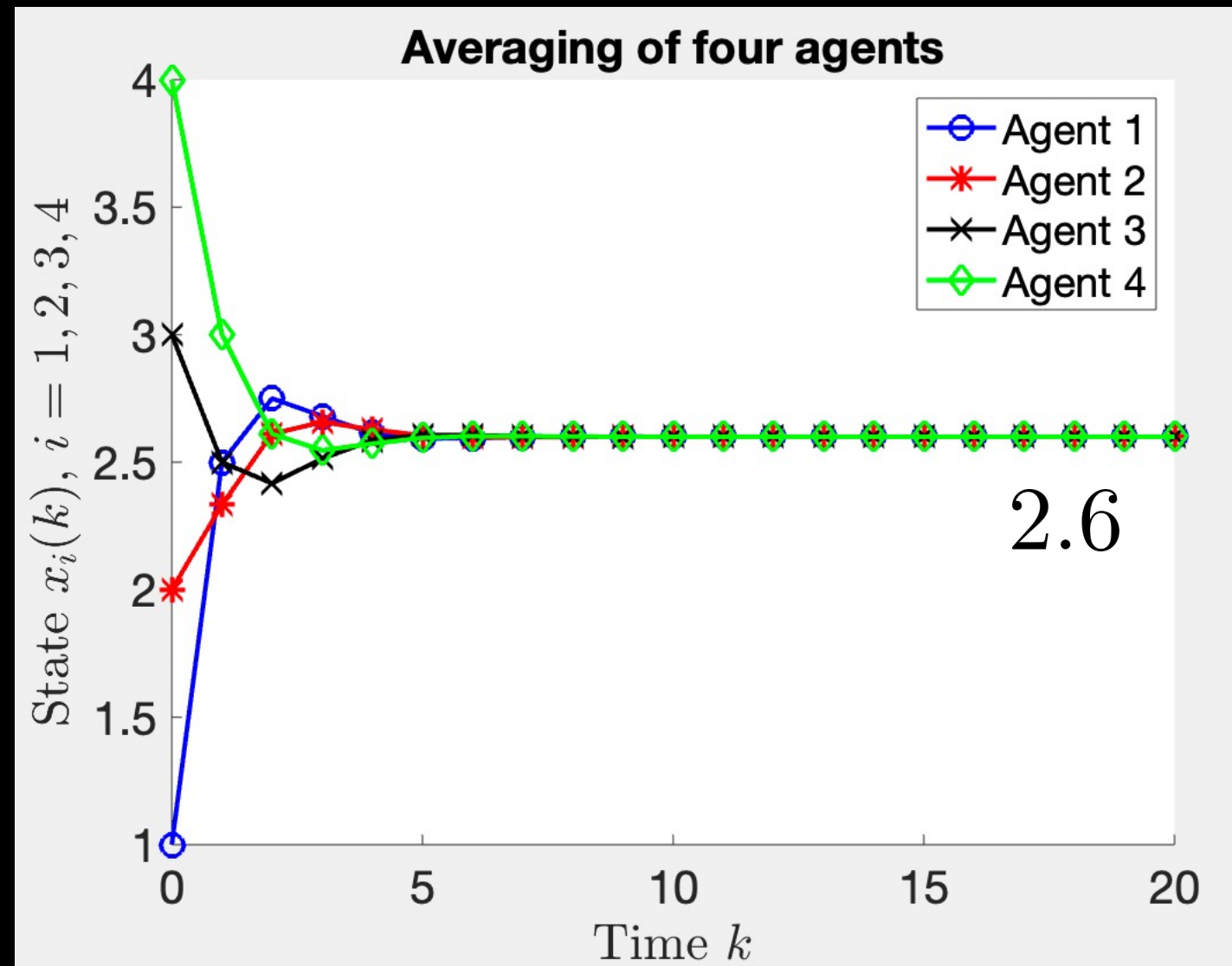


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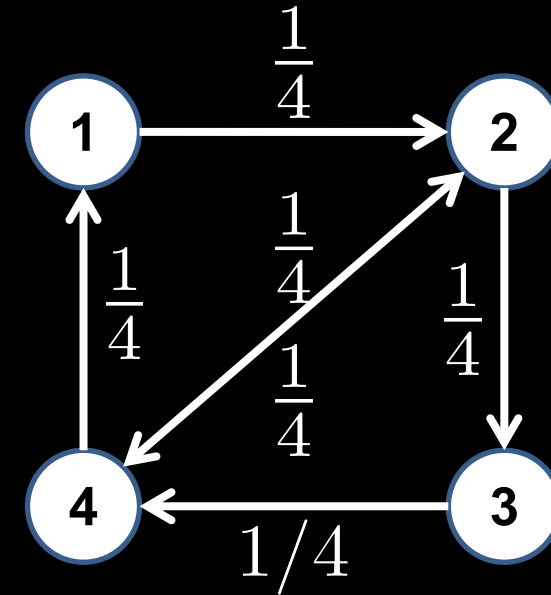


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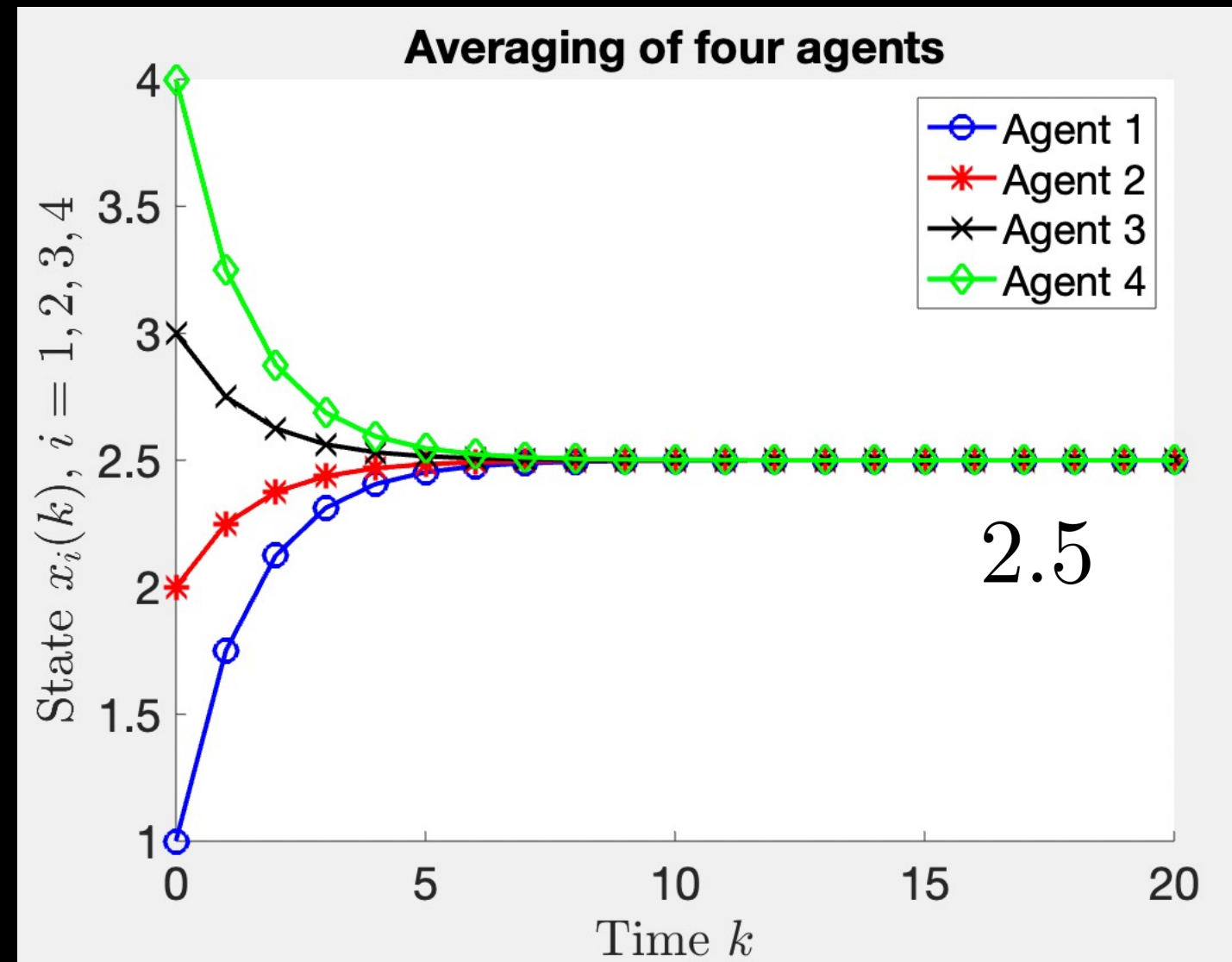


$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1(k+1) \\ x_2(k+1) \\ x_3(k+1) \\ x_4(k+1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{4} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{3}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(k) \\ x_2(k) \\ x_3(k) \\ x_4(k) \end{bmatrix}$$

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