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**Flocking of Multi-agent Dynamical Systems
Based on Pseudo-leader Mechanism**

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Abstract

Flocking behavior of multiple agents can be widely observed in nature such as schooling fish and flocking birds. Recent results have proposed the possibility that flocking is possible even only a small fraction of agents are informed of the desired position or velocity. However, it is still a challenging problem to determine which agents should be informed or have the ability to detect the desired information. This talk aims to address this problem. By combining the ideas of virtual force and pseudo-leader mechanism, where a pseudo-leader represents an agent who can detect the desired information, we propose a scheme for choosing pseudo-leaders in a multi-agent group.

About the Speaker

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