

# A note on chaos for flow

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we consider a continuous flow  $\varphi: R \times X \rightarrow X$ , where  $X$  is a compact metric space, and we prove that  $\varphi$  is Li-Yorke chaotic if and only if  $\varphi \times \varphi$  is Li-Yorke chaotic;  $\varphi$  is distributional chaotic if and only if  $\varphi \times \varphi$  is distributional chaotic.

## Introduction

In 1975, Li and Yorke first gave the definition of chaos (see [3]), the definition opened the door on researching chaos, many scholars began to explore the chaos and give the different notions and concepts of chaos. In 1994, Schweizer and Smítal defined a new chaos named distributional chaos (see [4, 6]). The scholar's effort is to clarify the essence of the complexity of dynamical systems. Nowadays to investigate the chaotic behavior of dynamical systems has become a hot subject.

## Preliminaries

Let  $(X, d)$  be a compact metric space with metric  $d$ , write  $R = (-\infty, +\infty)$ . We call  $\varphi: R \times X \rightarrow X$  is a continuous flow if  $\varphi$  satisfies the following conditions;

- (1)  $\varphi(0, x) = x, \forall x \in X$ ; (2)  $\varphi(t, \cdot): X \rightarrow X, \forall t \in R$  is homeomorphism.
- (3)  $\varphi(t, \varphi(s, x)) = \varphi(s + t, x), \forall s, t \in R$ .

The product metric  $\rho$  on the product space  $X \times X$  is defined by

$$\rho((x, y), (x', y')) = \max\{d(x, x'), d(y, y')\} \text{ for any } (x, y), (x', y') \in X \times X.$$

A continuous flow  $\varphi \times \varphi: R \times X \times X \rightarrow X \times X$  is defined by

$$\varphi \times \varphi(t, (x, y)) = (\varphi(t, x), \varphi(t, y)), \forall x \in X \text{ for any } t \in R \text{ and } (x, y) \in X \times X.$$

$\varphi$  is said to be Li-Yorke chaotic if there exists an uncountable set  $D \subset X$  such that for any pair  $(x, y) \in D \times D$  with  $x \neq y$ ,

$$(1) \liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi(t, x), \varphi(t, y)) = 0; (2) \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi(t, x), \varphi(t, y)) > 0$$

For any real number  $s > 0, x, y \in X$ , let

$$(1) \underline{F}_{xy}(s) = \liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \chi_{[0, s]}(d(\varphi(t, x), \varphi(t, y))) dt$$

$$(2) \overline{F}_{xy}(s) = \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \chi_{[0, s]}(d(\varphi(t, x), \varphi(t, y))) dt$$

Where  $\chi_A(x)$  is 1 if  $x \in A$ , and  $\chi_A(x)$  is 0 if  $x \notin A$ . Obviously  $\underline{F}_{xy}(s)$  and  $\overline{F}_{xy}(s)$  are both nondecreasing functions. We call  $(x, y) \in X \times X$  is a pair displaying distributional chaos if

$$(1) \underline{F}_{xy}(\alpha) = 0, \text{ for some } \alpha > 0; (2) \overline{F}_{xy}(s) = 1, \text{ for any } s > 0.$$

$\varphi$  is said to display distributional chaotic if there exists an uncountable set  $D \subset X$  such that any two different points in  $D$  is a pair displaying distributional chaos. For simplicity, let  $\varepsilon_t(\varphi, x, y, s) = \int_0^t \chi_{[0, s]}(d(\varphi(t, x), \varphi(t, y))) dt$ ,

$$\underline{F}(\varphi, x, y, s) = \liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \varepsilon_t(\varphi, x, y, s), \quad \overline{F}(\varphi, x, y, s) = \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \varepsilon_t(\varphi, x, y, s)$$

## Results

**Theorem 3.3** Let  $(X, d)$  be a compact metric space,  $\varphi: R \times X \rightarrow X$  be a continuous flow. Then  $\varphi$  is Li-Yorke chaotic if and only if  $\varphi \times \varphi$  is Li-Yorke chaotic.

**Proof** Suppose  $\varphi$  is Li-Yorke chaotic. Then there exists an uncountable set  $D \subset X$  such that for any pair  $(x, y) \in D \times D$  with  $x \neq y$ ,

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi(t, x), \varphi(t, y)) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi(t, x), \varphi(t, y)) > 0.$$

Let  $D' = D \times D$ , then  $D' \subset X \times X$  is an uncountable set. Taking  $\mu = (x, y)$ ,

$\nu = (x', y') \in D'$ , and  $\mu \neq \nu$ . Noting that  $x, y, x', y' \in D$ ,  $x \neq x'$ , or  $y \neq y'$ ,

then we have if  $x \neq x'$ , and  $y \neq y'$ ,

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi(t, x), \varphi(t, x')) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi(t, x), \varphi(t, x')) = 0.$$

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi(t, y), \varphi(t, y')) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi(t, y), \varphi(t, y')) > 0.$$

If  $x = x'$ , and  $y \neq y'$ ,

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi(t, x), \varphi(t, x')) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi(t, x), \varphi(t, x')) = 0.$$

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi(t, y), \varphi(t, y')) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi(t, y), \varphi(t, y')) > 0.$$

If  $x \neq x'$ , and  $y = y'$ ,

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi(t, x), \varphi(t, x')) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi(t, x), \varphi(t, x')) > 0.$$

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi(t, y), \varphi(t, y')) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi(t, y), \varphi(t, y')) = 0.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \rho(\varphi \times \varphi(t, \mu), \varphi \times \varphi(t, \nu)) \\ &= \liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \max\{d(\varphi(t, x), \varphi(t, x')), d(\varphi(t, y), \varphi(t, y'))\} = 0 \\ & \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \rho(\varphi \times \varphi(t, \mu), \varphi \times \varphi(t, \nu)) \\ &= \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \max\{d(\varphi(t, x), \varphi(t, x')), d(\varphi(t, y), \varphi(t, y'))\} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,  $\varphi \times \varphi$  is Li-Yorke chaotic.

Assume  $\varphi \times \varphi$  is Li-Yorke chaotic. Then there exists an uncountable set  $D \subset X \times X$  such that for any pair  $(\mu, \nu) \in D \times D$  with  $\mu \neq \nu$ , then we have

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \rho(\varphi \times \varphi(t, \mu), \varphi \times \varphi(t, \nu)) = 0 \quad \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \rho(\varphi \times \varphi(t, \mu), \varphi \times \varphi(t, \nu)) > 0$$

We define the map  $\pi_1: D \rightarrow X$  as  $\pi_1(x, y) = x$ ,  $\pi_2: D \rightarrow Y$  as  $\pi_2(x, y) = y$ ,

for any  $(x, y) \in D$ . As  $D$  is an uncountable set,  $\pi_1(D)$  or  $\pi_2(D)$  is an uncountable set. Generally, we suppose  $\pi_1(D)$  to be an uncountable set. Let  $x, x' \in \pi_1(D)$ , and  $x \neq x'$ , then exists  $y \in \pi_2(D)$ , such that  $(x, y), (x', y') \in D$ . Hence we have

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \rho(\varphi \times \varphi(t, (x, y)), \varphi \times \varphi(t, (x', y'))) = \liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi(t, x), \varphi(t, x')) = 0$$

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \rho(\varphi \times \varphi(t, (x, y)), \varphi \times \varphi(t, (x', y'))) = \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi(t, x), \varphi(t, x')) > 0$$

Therefore  $\varphi$  is Li-Yorke chaotic. This completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.4** Let  $(X, d)$  be a compact metric space,  $\varphi: R \times X \rightarrow X$  be a continuous flow. Then  $\varphi$  is distributional chaotic if and only if  $\varphi \times \varphi$  is distributional chaotic.

**Proof** Assume  $\varphi$  is distributional chaotic. Then there exists an uncountable set  $D \subset X$  such that for any pair  $(x, y) \in D \times D$  with  $x \neq y$ ,

$$\underline{F}(\varphi, x, y, p) = 0, \text{ for some } p > 0; \quad \overline{F}(\varphi, x, y, s) = 1, \text{ for any } s > 0.$$

Let  $D' = D \times D$ , then  $D' \subset X \times X$  is an uncountable set. Let  $\mu = (x, y)$ ,

$$\nu = (x', y') \in D', \text{ and } \mu \neq \nu. \text{ Noting that } x, y, x', y' \in D, x \neq x', \text{ or } y \neq y',$$

then we have if  $x \neq x'$ , and  $y \neq y'$ ,

$$\underline{F}(\varphi, x, x', p_1) = 0, \text{ for some } p_1 > 0; \quad \overline{F}(\varphi, x, x', s) = 1, \text{ for any } s > 0.$$

$$\underline{F}(\varphi, y, y', p_2) = 0, \text{ for some } p_2 > 0; \quad \overline{F}(\varphi, y, y', s) = 1, \text{ for any } s > 0.$$

If  $x \neq x'$ , and  $y = y'$ ,

$$\underline{F}(\varphi, x, x', p_1) = 0, \text{ for some } p_1 > 0; \quad \overline{F}(\varphi, x, x', s) = 1, \text{ for any } s > 0.$$

$$\underline{F}(\varphi, y, y', p_2) = 0, \text{ for some } p_2 > 0; \quad \overline{F}(\varphi, y, y', s) = 0, \text{ for any } s > 0.$$

If  $x = x'$ , and  $y \neq y'$ ,

$$\underline{F}(\varphi, x, x', p_1) = 0, \text{ for some } p_1 > 0; \quad \overline{F}(\varphi, x, x', s) = 0, \text{ for any } s > 0.$$

$$\underline{F}(\varphi, y, y', p_2) = 0, \text{ for some } p_2 > 0; \quad \overline{F}(\varphi, y, y', s) = 1, \text{ for any } s > 0.$$

Let  $p = \max\{p_1, p_2\}$ , then

$$\varepsilon_t(\varphi \times \varphi, \mu, \nu, p) \leq \varepsilon_t(\varphi, x, x', p_1) + \varepsilon_t(\varphi, y, y', p_2)$$

and further

$$\underline{F}(\varphi \times \varphi, \mu, \nu, p) = \underline{F}(\varphi, x, x', p_1) + \underline{F}(\varphi, y, y', p_2) = 0 + 0 = 0$$

Obviously,  $\overline{F}(\varphi \times \varphi, \mu, \nu, s) = 1$ , for any  $s > 0$ .

Therefore  $\varphi \times \varphi$  is distributional chaotic.

Suppose  $\varphi \times \varphi$  is distributional chaotic. Then there exists an uncountable set  $D \subset X \times X$  such that for any pair  $(\mu, \nu) \in D \times D$  with  $\mu \neq \nu$ ,

$$\underline{F}(\varphi \times \varphi, \mu, \nu, p) = 0, \text{ for some } p > 0; \quad \overline{F}(\varphi \times \varphi, \mu, \nu, s) = 1, \text{ for any } s > 0.$$

We define the map  $\pi_1: D \rightarrow X$  as  $\pi_1(x, y) = x$ ,  $\pi_2: D \rightarrow Y$  as  $\pi_2(x, y) = y$ ,

for any  $(x, y) \in D$ . As  $D$  is an uncountable set,  $\pi_1(D)$  or  $\pi_2(D)$  is an uncountable set. Generally, we suppose  $\pi_1(D)$  to be an uncountable set.

Let  $x, x' \in \pi_1(D)$ , and  $x \neq x'$ . then exists  $y \in \pi_2(D)$ , such that  $(x, y), (x', y')$

$\in D$ , so we have  $\varepsilon_t(\varphi \times \varphi, \mu, \nu, p) = \varepsilon_t(\varphi, x, x', p)$ . Hence it is easy to show that

$$\underline{F}(\varphi, x, x', p) = 0, \quad \overline{F}(\varphi, x, x', s) = 1, \forall s > 0.$$

Consequently,  $\varphi$  is distributional chaotic. This completes the proof.

## Summary

In this paper, we prove that  $\varphi$  is Li-Yorke chaotic if and only if  $\varphi \times \varphi$  is Li-Yorke chaotic;  $\varphi$  is distributional chaotic if and only if  $\varphi \times \varphi$  is distributional chaotic.

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