

# *Iterative properties on flow*

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

## 1. Introduction

In 1975, Li and Yorke first gave the definition of chaos (see [1]), 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 [2,3]). 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.

In this paper, we mainly obtain the following results: Let  $(X, d)$  be a compact metric space with metric  $d$ , write  $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, +\infty)$ . Let  $\varphi: \mathbb{R} \times X \rightarrow X$  be a continuous flow.

(1) For any integer  $N > 0$ ,  $\varphi$  is distributional chaotic if and only if  $\varphi^N$  is distributional chaotic.

(2) For any integer  $N > 0$ ,  $\varphi$  is Li-Yorke chaotic if and only if  $\varphi^N$  is Li-Yorke chaotic.

## 2. Preliminaries

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

(1)  $\varphi(0, x) = x, \forall x \in X$ .

(2)  $\varphi(t, \cdot): X \rightarrow X, \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$  is homeomorphism.

(3)  $\varphi(t, \varphi(s, x)) = \varphi(s + t, x), \forall s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Given  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ , we define  $\varphi^k: \mathbb{R} \times X \rightarrow X$ , where  $\varphi^k(t, x) = \varphi(kt, x), \forall x \in X$  (refer to [4] for more details).

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

$$\rho((x, y), (x', y')) = \max\{d(x, x'), d(y, y')\}$$

for any  $(x, y), (x', y') \in X \times X$ .

**Definitions 2.1**  $\varphi$  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  $x \neq y$ ,

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

Sometimes  $(x, y)$  is said to be a Li-Yorke pair of  $\varphi$ .

**Definitions 2.2** 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.

From the above definitions, we can see that any map displaying distributional chaos must be Li-Yorke chaotic.

For simplicity, let

$$\varepsilon_t(\varphi, x, y, s) = \int_0^t \chi_{[0, s]}(d(\varphi(t, x), \varphi(t, y))) dt.$$

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

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

### 3. Lemmas

In order to prove the main theorems, at first we show some lemmas.

**Lemma 3.1** Let  $\varphi: \mathcal{R} \times X \rightarrow X$  be a continuous flow,  $x, y \in X$ . For any positive integer  $N > 0$ , and  $s > 0$ , we have

$$(1) \text{ If } \underline{F}(\varphi, x, y, s) = 0, \text{ then } \underline{F}(\varphi^N, x, y, s) = 0.$$

$$(2) \text{ If } \overline{F}(\varphi, x, y, s) = 1, \text{ then } \overline{F}(\varphi^N, x, y, s) = 1.$$

**Proof** (1) If  $\underline{F}(\varphi, x, y, s) = 0$ , then there is an increasing sequence  $\{t_i\}$  such that when  $i \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t_i} \varepsilon_{t_i}(\varphi, x, y, s) = 0.$$

Put

$$m_i = \frac{t_i}{N}.$$

then for each  $i$ ,

$$\varepsilon_{m_i}(\varphi^N, x, y, s) = \varepsilon_{t_i}(\varphi, x, y, s).$$

It follows that for  $i \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t_i} \varepsilon_{m_i}(\varphi^N, x, y, s) = 0.$$

and further

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N}{t_i} \varepsilon_{m_i}(\varphi^N, x, y, s) = 0.$$

This gives for  $i \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{m_i} \varepsilon_{m_i}(\varphi^N, x, y, s) = 0..$$

Therefore

$$\underline{F}(\varphi^N, x, y, s) = 0.$$

(2) If  $\bar{F}(\varphi, x, y, s) = 1$ , then there is an increasing sequence  $\{t_i\}$  such that when  $i \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t_i} \varepsilon_{t_i}(\varphi, x, y, s) = 1.$$

Let

$$\delta_i(\varphi, x, y, s) = \ell\{t : d(\varphi(t, x), \varphi(t, y)) \geq s, 0 \leq t < t_i\}.$$

where  $\ell\{t : d(\varphi(t, x), \varphi(t, y)) \geq s, 0 \leq t < t_i\}$  denotes the Lebesgue measure

$$\{t : d(\varphi(t, x), \varphi(t, y)) \geq s, 0 \leq t < t_i\}.$$

Because for each  $t_i$ ,

$$\frac{1}{t_i} \delta_i(\varphi, x, y, s) + \frac{1}{t_i} \varepsilon_{t_i}(\varphi, x, y, s) = 1.$$

We have

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t_i} \delta_i(\varphi, x, y, s) = 0.$$

Put  $m_i = \frac{t_i}{N}$ . By an argument similar to that given above, we get that

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{m_i} \delta_{m_i}(\varphi^N, x, y, s) = 0..$$

and further

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{m_i} \varepsilon_{m_i}(\varphi^N, x, y, s) = 1 - \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{m_i} \delta_{m_i}(\varphi^N, x, y, s) = 1.$$

This means that

$$\bar{F}(\varphi^N, x, y, s) = 1.$$

**Lemma 3.2** Let  $\varphi : \mathcal{R} \times X \rightarrow X$  be a continuous flow,  $x, y \in X$ ,  $N > 0$ , then the following results hold:

(1) If for  $s > 0$ ,  $\underline{F}(\varphi^N, x, y, s) = 0$ , then there exists  $p > 0$  such that  $\underline{F}(\varphi, x, y, p) = 0$ .

(2) If  $\bar{F}(\varphi^N, x, y, s) = 1$  for all  $s > 0$ , then  $\bar{F}(\varphi, x, y, p) = 1$  or all  $p > 0$ .

**Proof** (1) If for  $s > 0$ ,  $\underline{F}(\varphi^N, x, y, s) = 0$ , then there exists an increasing sequence  $\{t_i\}$  such that when  $i \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t_i} \varepsilon_{t_i}(\varphi^N, x, y, s) = 0.$$

Since  $X$  is compact, and the map  $\varphi:[0, N] \times X \rightarrow X$  is uniform continuous, hence for fixed  $s > 0$ , there exists  $p > 0$  such that for  $\mu, \nu \in X$  and each  $t \in [0, N]$ ,  $d(\varphi(t, \mu), \varphi(t, \nu)) \geq p$  implies  $d(\varphi(N, \mu), \varphi(N, \nu)) \geq s$ . So we have

$$N\delta_{t_i}(\varphi^N, x, y, s) \leq \delta_{Nt_i}(\varphi, x, y, p).$$

Put  $m_i = Nt_i$ . Then we have

$$\frac{1}{m_i} \varepsilon_{m_i}(\varphi, x, y, p) \leq \frac{1}{t_i} \varepsilon_{t_i}(\varphi^N, x, y, s).$$

Noting that  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t_i} \varepsilon_{t_i}(\varphi^N, x, y, s) = 0$ , we have

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{m_i} \varepsilon_{m_i}(\varphi, x, y, p) = 0.$$

This shows that

$$\underline{F}(\varphi, x, y, p) = 0.$$

(2) Suppose  $\bar{F}(\varphi^N, x, y, s) = 1$  for all  $s > 0$ . Fix  $p > 0$ . Since the map  $\varphi:[0, N] \times X \rightarrow X$  is uniform continuous, then exists  $s > 0$  such that for  $\mu, \nu \in X$  and each  $t \in [0, N]$ ,  $d(\varphi(t, \mu), \varphi(t, \nu)) < p$  provided  $d(\mu, \nu) < s$ . For such an  $s$ ,  $\bar{F}(\varphi^N, x, y, s) = 1$ , so there exists an increasing sequence  $\{t_i\}$  such than for  $i \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t_i} \varepsilon_{t_i}(\varphi^N, x, y, s) = 1.$$

Put  $m_i = Nt_i$ . We can see that

$$N\varepsilon_{t_i}(\varphi^N, x, y, s) \leq \varepsilon_{m_i}(\varphi, x, y, p).$$

then

$$\frac{1}{t_i} \varepsilon_{t_i}(\varphi^N, x, y, s) \leq \frac{1}{m_i} \varepsilon_{m_i}(\varphi, x, y, p).$$

For  $i \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t_i} \varepsilon_{t_i}(\varphi^N, x, y, s) = 1$ , then further

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{m_i} \varepsilon_{m_i}(\varphi, x, y, p) = 1.$$

Therefore, for all  $p > 0$ ,

$$\bar{F}(\varphi, x, y, p) = 1.$$

**Lemma 3.3** Let  $\varphi:\mathcal{R} \times X \rightarrow X$  be a continuous flow,  $x, y \in X$ ,  $N > 0$ . If  $(x, y)$  is a Li-Yorke pair of  $\varphi$ , then  $(x, y)$  is a Li-Yorke pair of  $\varphi^N$ .

**Proof** If  $(x, y)$  is a Li-Yorke pair of  $\varphi$ , we have  $\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi(t, x), \varphi(t, y)) = 0$  and  $\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi(t, x), \varphi(t, y)) > 0$ .

Then there are two infinite sequences  $\{s_i\}, \{t_i\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi(s_i, x), \varphi(s_i, y)) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi(t_i, x), \varphi(t_i, y)) > 0.$$

Put  $s_i = \frac{s_i}{N}$  and  $t_i = \frac{t_i}{N}$ . Hence, for  $i \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi^N(s_i, x), \varphi^N(s_i, y)) = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi(s_i, x), \varphi(s_i, y)) = 0.$$

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi^N(t_i, x), \varphi^N(t_i, y)) = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi(t_i, x), \varphi(t_i, y)) > 0.$$

This shows that  $(x, y)$  is a Li-Yorke pair of  $\varphi^N$ .

**Lemma 3.4** Let  $\varphi: \mathcal{R} \times X \rightarrow X$  be a continuous flow,  $x, y \in X$ ,  $N > 0$ . If  $(x, y)$  is a Li-Yorke pair of  $\varphi^N$ , then  $(x, y)$  is a Li-Yorke pair of  $\varphi$ .

**Proof** If  $(x, y)$  is a Li-Yorke pair of  $\varphi^N$ , that is

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

Then there are two infinite sequences  $\{s_i\}, \{t_i\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi^N(s_i, x), \varphi^N(s_i, y)) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi^N(t_i, x), \varphi^N(t_i, y)) > 0.$$

Put  $s_i = s_i N$  and  $t_i = t_i N$ . Therefore, when  $i \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi(s_i, x), \varphi(s_i, y)) = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi^N(s_i, x), \varphi^N(s_i, y)) = 0.$$

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi(t_i, x), \varphi(t_i, y)) = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} d(\varphi^N(t_i, x), \varphi^N(t_i, y)) > 0.$$

Thus  $(x, y)$  is a Li-Yorke pair of  $N > 0$ .

#### 4. Main results and proofs

**Theorem 4.1** Let  $(X, d)$  be a compact metric space,  $\varphi: \mathcal{R} \times X \rightarrow X$  be a continuous flow,  $N > 0$  an integer. Then  $\varphi$  is distributional chaotic if and only if  $\varphi^N$  is distributional chaotic.

**Proof** By Lemma 3.1 and Lemma 3.2 we know that for any  $N > 0$ ,  $\varphi$  is distributional chaotic if and only if  $\varphi^N$  is distributional chaotic.

**Theorem 4.2** Let  $(X, d)$  be a compact metric space,  $\varphi: \mathcal{R} \times X \rightarrow X$  be a continuous flow,  $N > 0$  an integer. Then  $\varphi$  is Li-Yorke chaotic if and only if  $\varphi^N$  is Li-Yorke chaotic.

**Proof** By Lemma 3.3 and Lemma 3.4 we know that for any  $N > 0$ ,  $\varphi$  is Li-Yorke chaotic if and only if  $\varphi^N$  is Li-Yorke chaotic.

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