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Shifts, rotations and distributional chaos

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Abstract

Let $R_{r_0}, R_{r_1} : \mathbb{S}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^1$ be rotations on the unit circle \mathbb{S}^1 and define $f : \Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1 \rightarrow \Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1$ as

$$f(x, t) = (\sigma(x), R_{r_{x_1}}(t)),$$

for $x = x_1x_2 \cdots \in \Sigma_2 := \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$, $t \in \mathbb{S}^1$, where $\sigma : \Sigma_2 \rightarrow \Sigma_2$ is the shift, and r_0 and r_1 are rotational angles. It is first proved that the system $(\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1, f)$ exhibits maximal distributional chaos for any $r_0, r_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ (no assumption of $r_0, r_1 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$), generalizing Theorem 1 in Wu and Chen (Topol. Appl. 162:91–99, 2014). It is also obtained that $(\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1, f)$ is cofinitely sensitive and $(\hat{\mathcal{M}}^1, \hat{\mathcal{M}}^1)$ -sensitive and that $(\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1, f)$ is densely chaotic if and only if $r_1 - r_0 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$.

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1 Introduction and preliminaries

A *discrete dynamical system* (briefly, *dynamical system*) is a pair (X, g) , where X is a compact metric space and $g : X \rightarrow X$ is a continuous map. Let $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ and $\mathbb{Z}^+ = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$. Sharkovsky's amazing discovery [10], as well as Li and Yorke's famous work which introduced the concept of "chaos" known as Li–Yorke chaos today in a mathematically rigorous way [4], have activated sustained interest and provoked the recent rapid advancement of the frontier research on discrete chaos theory. In their study, Li and Yorke suggested considering "divergent pairs" (x, y) , which are *proximal* but not *asymptotic* and called *Li–Yorke pairs*, i.e.,

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

A pair (x, y) is called a *Li–Yorke pair of modulus δ* if

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(g^n(x), g^n(y)) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(g^n(x), g^n(y)) > \delta.$$

Clearly, (x, y) is a Li–Yorke pair if and only if it is a Li–Yorke pair of modulus δ for some $\delta > 0$. The set of Li–Yorke pairs of modulus δ is denoted by $LY(g, \delta)$ and the set of Li–Yorke pairs by $LY(g)$. According to the idea of Li and Yorke [4], a subset D of X is a *δ -scrambled set* of g , if $D \times D \setminus \Delta \subset LY(g, \delta)$, where $\Delta = \{(x, x) \in X \times X : x \in X\}$. In particular,

if $D \times D \setminus \Delta \subset LY(g)$, then D is a *scrambled set* of g . If a scrambled set D of g is also uncountable, it is called a *Li–Yorke scrambled set* for g , and g is said to be *chaotic in the sense of Li–Yorke*, or *Li–Yorke chaotic*.

In 1985, Piórek [8] introduced the concept of *generic chaos*. Inspired by this, Snoha [11, 12] defined generic δ -chaos, dense chaos, and dense δ -chaos in 1990. The notion of *Li–Yorke sensitivity* was firstly introduced by Akin and Kolyada [1] in 2003. More recent results on chaos can be found in [2, 3, 7, 17, 18, 20–31].

Definition 1 ([1, 8, 11, 12]) A dynamical system (X, g) is

- (1) *sensitive* if there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that for any $x \in X$ and any $\delta > 0$, there exist $y \in B(x, \delta) := \{z \in X : d(z, x) < \delta\}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, such that $d(g^n(x), g^n(y)) \geq \varepsilon$;
- (2) *Li–Yorke sensitive* if there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that for any $x \in X$ and any $\delta > 0$, there exists $y \in B(x, \delta)$ such that $(x, y) \in LY(g, \varepsilon)$;
- (3) *densely chaotic* if $LY(g)$ is dense in $X \times X$;
- (4) *densely δ -chaotic for some $\delta > 0$* if $LY(g, \delta)$ is dense in $X \times X$;
- (5) *generically chaotic* if $LY(g)$ is residual in $X \times X$;
- (6) *generically δ -chaotic for some $\delta > 0$* if $LY(g, \delta)$ is residual in $X \times X$.

Distributional chaos. The notion of distributional chaos was first introduced in [9], where it was called “strong chaos”, which is characterized by a distributional function of distances between trajectories of two points. It is described as follows.

Let (X, g) be a dynamical system. For any pair $(x, y) \in X \times X$, define the *lower and upper distributional functions* as

$$F_{x,y}(t, g) = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \left| \left\{ i : d(g^i(x), g^i(y)) < t, 0 \leq i < n \right\} \right|$$

and

$$F_{x,y}^*(t, g) = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \left| \left\{ i : d(g^i(x), g^i(y)) < t, 0 \leq i < n \right\} \right|,$$

respectively, where $|A|$ denotes the cardinality of set A . Both functions $F_{x,y}$ and $F_{x,y}^*$ are non-decreasing and $F_{x,y} \leq F_{x,y}^*$.

According to Schweizer and Smítal [9], a dynamical system (X, g) is *distributionally ε -chaotic* for some $\varepsilon > 0$ if there exists an uncountable subset $S \subset X$ such that for any pair of distinct points $x, y \in S$, one has that $F_{x,y}^*(t, g) = 1$ for all $t > 0$ and $F_{x,y}(\varepsilon, g) = 0$. The set S is called a *distributionally ε -scrambled set* and the pair (x, y) a *distributionally ε -chaotic pair*. If (X, g) is distributionally ε -chaotic for any $0 < \varepsilon < \text{diam}(X)$, then (X, g) is said to exhibit *maximal distributional chaos*.

Let \mathcal{P} be the collection of all subsets of \mathbb{Z}^+ . A collection $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{P}$ is called a *Furstenberg family* if it is hereditary upwards, i.e., $F_1 \subset F_2$ and $F_1 \in \mathcal{F}$ imply $F_2 \in \mathcal{F}$. A family \mathcal{F} is *proper* if it is a proper subset of \mathcal{P} , i.e., neither empty nor the whole \mathcal{P} . It is easy to see that \mathcal{F} is proper if and only if $\mathbb{Z}^+ \in \mathcal{F}$ and $\emptyset \notin \mathcal{F}$. Let \mathcal{F}_{inf} be the collection of all infinite subsets of \mathbb{Z}^+ and \mathcal{F}_{cf} the family of cofinite subset, i.e., the collection of subsets of \mathbb{Z}^+ with finite complements.

For $A \subset \mathbb{Z}^+$, define

$$\bar{d}(A) = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} |A \cap [0, n - 1]| \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{d}(A) = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} |A \cap [0, n - 1]|.$$

Then, $\overline{d}(A)$ and $\underline{d}(A)$ are the upper density and the lower density of A , respectively. Fix any $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ and denote by $\hat{\mathcal{M}}_\alpha$ (resp. $\hat{\mathcal{M}}^\alpha$) the family consisting of sets $A \subset \mathbb{Z}^+$ with $\underline{d}(A) \geq \alpha$ (resp. $\overline{d}(A) \geq \alpha$).

Using Furstenberg family, Wang et al. [6, 13, 14] introduced the notions of \mathcal{F} -sensitivity, $(\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2)$ -sensitivity, and $(\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2)$ -chaos for generalizing sensitivity, Li–Yorke sensitivity, and Li–Yorke chaos, respectively.

Let \mathcal{F} be a Furstenberg family. According to Moothathu [6], a dynamical system (X, g) is

- (1) \mathcal{F} -sensitive if there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that for any nonempty open subset U of X , $\{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ : \text{diam}(g^n(U)) \geq \varepsilon\} \in \mathcal{F}$.
- (2) cofinitely sensitive if there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that for any nonempty open subset U of X , $\{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ : \text{diam}(g^n(U)) \geq \varepsilon\} \in \mathcal{F}_f$.

Definition 2 ([13, 14]) Let $\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2$ be Furstenberg families. A dynamical system (X, g) is

- (1) $(\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2)$ -sensitive if there exists some $\varepsilon > 0$ such that for any $x \in X$ and any $\delta > 0$, there exists $y \in B(x, \delta)$ such that $\{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ : d(g^n(x), g^n(y)) < \varepsilon\} \in \mathcal{F}_1$ for any $\varepsilon > 0$ and $\{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ : d(g^n(x), g^n(y)) > \delta\} \in \mathcal{F}_2$.
- (2) $(\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2)$ -chaotic if there exists an uncountable subset $D \subset X$ such that for any $(x, y) \in D \times D \setminus \Delta$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $\{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ : d(g^n(x), g^n(y)) < \delta\} \in \mathcal{F}_1$ for any $\delta > 0$ and $\{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ : d(g^n(x), g^n(y)) > \delta\} \in \mathcal{F}_2$.

From Definition 2, it can be verified that a dynamical system is Li–Yorke chaotic (resp., distributionally chaotic, Li–Yorke sensitive) if and only if it is $(\mathcal{F}_{\text{inf}}, \mathcal{F}_{\text{inf}})$ -chaotic (resp., $(\hat{\mathcal{M}}^1, \hat{\mathcal{M}}^1)$ -chaotic, $(\mathcal{F}_{\text{inf}}, \mathcal{F}_{\text{inf}})$ -sensitive).

Shift and rotation. Let $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ and consider a product space $\Sigma_2 = \Sigma^{\mathbb{N}}$ with the product topology which is compact and metrizable. Let Σ_2 endow with the following metric:

$$d_1(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0, & x = y, \\ \frac{1}{\min\{m \geq 1 : x_m \neq y_m\}}, & x \neq y, \end{cases}$$

for any $x = x_1x_2 \dots, y = y_1y_2 \dots \in \Sigma_2$.

Define the *shift* $\sigma : \Sigma_2 \rightarrow \Sigma_2$ by $\sigma(x) = x_2x_3 \dots$ for any $x = x_1x_2 \dots \in \Sigma_2$. Clearly, σ is continuous. If X is a closed and invariant subset of Σ_2 , then $(X, \sigma|_X)$ is called a *shift space* or *subshift*.

Any element A of the set Σ^n is called an n -word over Σ and the *length* of A is n , denoted by $|A|$. A *word* over Σ is an element of the set $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \Sigma^n$. Let $A = a_1 \dots a_n \in \Sigma^n$ and $B = b_1 \dots b_m \in \Sigma^m$. Denote $AB = a_1 \dots a_n b_1 \dots b_m$ and $\overline{A} = \overline{a_1} \dots \overline{a_n}$, where

$$\overline{a_i} = \begin{cases} 0, & a_i = 1, \\ 1, & a_i = 0. \end{cases}$$

Clearly, $AB \in \Sigma^{n+m}$ and $\overline{AB} \in \Sigma^n$. For any $a \in \Sigma$, denote a^n as an n -length concatenation of a (for example, $0^3 = 000$), and $a^\infty = aa \dots$ as an infinite concatenation. If $x = x_1x_2 \dots \in \Sigma_2$ and $i \leq j \in \mathbb{N}$, then let $x_{[i,j]} = x_i x_{i+1} \dots x_j$ and $x_{(i,j]} = x_{[i+1,j]}$. For any $B = b_1 \dots b_n \in \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \Sigma^n$, the set $[B] = \{x_1x_2 \dots \in \Sigma_2 : x_i = b_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ is called the *cylinder* generated by B . For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $\mathcal{B}_n = \{[b_1 \dots b_n] : b_i \in \Sigma, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$.

The function $\wp : \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \Sigma^n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$ is defined by

$$\wp(A) = |A| - \sum_{j=1}^{|A|} a_j = |\{j : 1 \leq j \leq |A|, a_j = 0\}|,$$

for any $A = a_1 \cdots a_{|A|} \in \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \Sigma^n$.

Consider the unit circle \mathbb{S}^1 defined by

$$\mathbb{S}^1 = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 = 1\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2.$$

Identifying \mathbb{R}^2 with the complex plane \mathbb{C} , one can write

$$\mathbb{S}^1 = \{e^{2\pi i\theta} : 0 \leq \theta < 1\} \subset \mathbb{C}.$$

Consider a rotation R_r of angle $2\pi r$ on the circle, given by

$$R_r(e^{2\pi i\theta}) = e^{2\pi i(\theta+r)}.$$

There is a natural distance $d_2(z_1, z_2)$ between points z_1 and z_2 on \mathbb{S}^1 , given by the *arc length distance*. It is normalized by dividing with 2π .

This paper considers the following dynamical system.

Let $R_{r_0}, R_{r_1} : \mathbb{S}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^1$ be rotations and define $f : \Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1 \rightarrow \Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1$ by

$$f(x, t) = (\sigma(x), R_{r_{x_1}}(t)),$$

for any $x = x_1 x_2 \cdots \in \Sigma_2, t \in \mathbb{S}^1$ (so, $r_{x_1} = r_0$ or r_1). Note that the n th iteration of f at the point $(x, t) \in \Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1$ is given by

$$f^n(x, t) = (\sigma^n(x), R_{r_{x_n}} \circ \cdots \circ R_{r_{x_2}} \circ R_{r_{x_1}}(t)).$$

Let d be the product metric on the product space $\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1$, i.e.,

$$d((x, t_1), (y, t_2)) = \max\{d_1(x, y), d_2(t_1, t_2)\},$$

for any $(x, t_1), (y, t_2) \in \Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1$.

Wang et al. [15] proved that a dynamical system having a regular shift-invariant set is distributionally chaotic and posed the following question:

Question 3 ([15]) Is the system $(\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1, f)$ distributionally chaotic when $r_0, r_1 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ with $r_0 \neq \pm r_1$?

Recently, Wu and Chen [19] gave a positive answer to this question and proved that $(\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1, f)$ is Li–Yorke sensitive. By further discussing $(\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1, f)$, we in this paper investigate the chaos of $(\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1, f)$ for any $r_0, r_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ (not assuming $r_0, r_1 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$). More precisely, we first prove that $(\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1, f)$ is distributionally chaotic for any $r_0, r_1 \in \mathbb{R}$. Meanwhile, we obtain that (1) it is cofinitely sensitive and $(\mathcal{M}^1, \mathcal{M}^1)$ -sensitive, and (2) it is densely chaotic if and only if $r_1 - r_0 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$.

2 Distributional chaos for $(\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1, f)$

The following lemma will be the key to prove the distributional chaoticity for $(\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1, f)$.

Lemma 4 ([5, 16]) *There exists an uncountable subset E of Σ_2 such that for any distinct points $x = x_1x_2 \cdots, y = y_1y_2 \cdots$ in E , they satisfy $x_n = y_n$ for infinitely many n and $x_m \neq y_m$ for infinitely many m .*

Theorem 5 *There exists an uncountable subset $\mathcal{T} \subset \Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1$ which is a distributionally β -scrambled set of f for any $0 < \beta \leq \text{diam}(\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1) = 1$, i.e., $(\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1, f)$ exhibits maximal distributional chaos.*

Proof Let $\mathcal{L}_1 = L_1 = 2$ and $L_{k+1} = 2^{\mathcal{L}_k} + 2\mathcal{L}_k, \mathcal{L}_{k+1} = \mathcal{L}_k + L_{k+1}$ for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$. From Lemma 4, it follows that there exists an uncountable subset $E \subset \Sigma_2$ such that for any two distinct points $x = x_1x_2 \cdots, y = y_1y_2 \cdots \in E, x_n = y_n$ holds for infinitely many n and $x_m \neq y_m$ holds for infinitely many m . For any $x = x_1x_2 \cdots \in E$, take $\tilde{x} = \tilde{x}_1\tilde{x}_2\tilde{x}_3 \cdots$ as

$$\tilde{x} = x_1^{\mathcal{L}_1} \overline{\tilde{x}_{[1, \mathcal{L}_1]}} x_2^{2^{\mathcal{L}_1 + \mathcal{L}_1}} \cdots \overline{\tilde{x}_{[1, \mathcal{L}_k]}} x_{k+1}^{2^{\mathcal{L}_k + \mathcal{L}_k}} \cdots$$

Set $\mathcal{T} = \{\tilde{x} : x \in E\} \times \{1\}$. Clearly, \mathcal{T} is uncountable.

Now, we claim that \mathcal{T} is a distributionally β -scrambled set of f for any $0 < \beta \leq 1$.

Fixing any pair of distinct points $(x, 1), (y, 1) \in \mathcal{T}$, it follows from the construction of \mathcal{T} that there exist two different points $u = u_1u_2 \cdots, v = v_1v_2 \cdots \in E$ and two increasing sequences $\{p_k\}_{k=1}^\infty, \{q_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$ of \mathbb{N} such that for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$,

(a) $\tilde{u} = x, \tilde{v} = y,$

(b) $u_{p_k} = v_{p_k}, u_{q_k} = \overline{v_{q_k}}.$

(1) Note that $\wp(\tilde{u}_{[1, 2\mathcal{L}_{p_k}]}) = \wp(\tilde{v}_{[1, 2\mathcal{L}_{p_k}]})$ for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$. This implies that

$$R_{r_{x_2 \mathcal{L}_{p_k}}} \circ \cdots \circ R_{r_{x_2}} \circ R_{r_{x_1}} = R_{r_{y_2 \mathcal{L}_{p_k}}} \circ \cdots \circ R_{r_{y_2}} \circ R_{r_{y_1}}. \tag{2.1}$$

For any $2\mathcal{L}_{p_k} \leq j \leq \mathcal{L}_{p_{k+1}} - \mathcal{L}_{p_k}$, the first \mathcal{L}_{p_k} respective symbols of $\sigma^j(x)$ and $\sigma^j(y)$ coincide, implying that

$$d_1(\sigma^j(x), \sigma^j(y)) \leq \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}_{p_k}} \rightarrow 0 \quad (k \rightarrow \infty).$$

Meanwhile, applying (2.1) yields that for any $2\mathcal{L}_{p_k} \leq j \leq \mathcal{L}_{p_{k+1}} - \mathcal{L}_{p_k}$,

$$R_{r_{x_j}} \circ \cdots \circ R_{r_{x_2}} \circ R_{r_{x_1}}(1) = R_{r_{y_j}} \circ \cdots \circ R_{r_{y_2}} \circ R_{r_{y_1}}(1).$$

Then, for any $t > 0$, there exists some $K \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for any $k \geq K$ and any $2\mathcal{L}_{p_k} \leq j \leq \mathcal{L}_{p_{k+1}} - \mathcal{L}_{p_k}$,

$$d(f^j(x, 1), f^j(y, 1)) < t.$$

Consequently,

$$F_{(x,1),(y,1)}^*(t, f)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} |\{k : d(f^k(x, 1), f^k(y, 1)) < t, 0 \leq k < n\}| \\
 &\geq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}_{p_{k+1}} - \mathcal{L}_{p_k}} |\{n : d(f^j(x, 1), f^j(y, 1)) < t, 0 \leq j < \mathcal{L}_{p_{k+1}} - \mathcal{L}_{p_k}\}| \\
 &\geq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mathcal{L}_{p_{k+1}} - 3\mathcal{L}_{p_k}}{\mathcal{L}_{p_{k+1}} - \mathcal{L}_{p_k}} \\
 &= \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{\mathcal{L}_{p_k}}}{2^{\mathcal{L}_{p_k}} + 2\mathcal{L}_{p_k}} \\
 &= 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

(2) It is easy to see that for any $2\mathcal{L}_{q_k} \leq j \leq \mathcal{L}_{q_{k+1}} - 1$, the first respective symbols of $\sigma^j(x)$ and $\sigma^j(y)$ are distinct, implying that $d_1(\sigma^j(x), \sigma^j(y)) = 1$. Then, for any $2\mathcal{L}_{q_k} \leq j \leq \mathcal{L}_{q_{k+1}} - 1$ and any $0 < \beta \leq 1$,

$$d(f^j(x, 1), f^j(y, 1)) \geq \beta.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &F_{(x,1),(y,1)}(\beta, f) \\
 &= \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} |\{k : d(f^k(x, 1), f^k(y, 1)) < \beta, 0 \leq k < n\}| \\
 &\leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}_{q_{k+1}} - 1} |\{j : d(f^{kj}(x, 1), f^j(y, 1)) < \beta, 0 \leq j \leq \mathcal{L}_{q_{k+1}} - 1\}| \\
 &\leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{\mathcal{L}_{q_k}}}{\mathcal{L}_{q_{k+1}} - 1} \\
 &= \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{\mathcal{L}_{q_k}}}{3\mathcal{L}_{q_k} + 2^{\mathcal{L}_{q_k}}} \\
 &= 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, \mathcal{T} is a distributionally β -scrambled set for any $0 < \beta \leq 1$, i.e., $(\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1, f)$ exhibits maximal distributional chaos. □

3 Other chaos for $(\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1, f)$

This section shall show that $(\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1, f)$ is cofinitely sensitive and $(\hat{\mathcal{M}}^1, \hat{\mathcal{M}}^1)$ -sensitive and obtain a sufficient and necessary condition for a dense chaos.

Theorem 6 *The system $(\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1, f)$ is cofinitely sensitive.*

Proof Given any point $(x, t) \in \Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1$ and any $\delta > 0$, take $K = \lceil \frac{1}{\delta} \rceil + 2$ and assume that $x = x_1x_2x_3 \dots$. Choose $y = y_1y_2y_3 \dots \in \Sigma_2$ by the following formula:

$$y_n = \begin{cases} x_n, & 1 \leq n \leq K, \\ \bar{x}_n, & n > K. \end{cases}$$

Clearly, $d((x, t), (y, t)) < \delta$. For any $n > K$, it can be verified that

$$d(f^n(x, t), f^n(y, t)) \geq d_1(\sigma^n(x), \sigma^n(y)) = 1,$$

implying that $(\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1, f)$ is cofinitely sensitive, due to the arbitrariness of δ and (x, t) \square

Theorem 7 *The system $(\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1, f)$ is $(\hat{\mathcal{M}}^1, \hat{\mathcal{M}}^1)$ -sensitive. In particular, it is Li–Yorke sensitive.*

Proof Given any $(x, t) \in \Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1$ and any $\delta > 0$, choose $L_1 = \mathcal{L}_1 = \lceil \frac{1}{\delta} \rceil + 2$ and $L_{k+1} = 2^{\mathcal{L}_k} + 2\mathcal{L}_k$, $\mathcal{L}_{k+1} = \mathcal{L}_k + L_{k+1}$ for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Take $y = y_1 y_2 y_3 \cdots \in \Sigma_2$ as the following inductive method:

- (1) $y_{[1, \mathcal{L}_2]} = x_{[1, \mathcal{L}_1]} \overline{x_{[1, \mathcal{L}_1]} x_{[2\mathcal{L}_1+1, \mathcal{L}_2]}}$;
- (2) $y_{[\mathcal{L}_{2n}+1, \mathcal{L}_{2n+1}]} = \overline{y_{[1, \mathcal{L}_{2n}]} x_{[2\mathcal{L}_{2n}+1, \mathcal{L}_{2n+1}]}}$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$;
- (3) $y_{[\mathcal{L}_{2n+1}+1, \mathcal{L}_{2n+2}]} = \overline{y_{[1, \mathcal{L}_{2n+1}]} x_{[2\mathcal{L}_{2n+1}+1, \mathcal{L}_{2n+2}]}}$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Clearly, $d((x, t), (y, t)) = d_1(x, y) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}_1+1} < \delta$. Similarly as in the proof of Theorem 5, it can be verified that

- (1) for any $\varepsilon > 0$, $\{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ : d(f^n(x, t), f^n(y, t)) < \varepsilon\} \in \hat{\mathcal{M}}^1$;
- (2) for any $0 < \beta \leq 1$, $\{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ : d(f^n(x, t), f^n(y, t)) \geq \beta\} \in \hat{\mathcal{M}}^1$,

implying that $(\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1, f)$ is $(\hat{\mathcal{M}}^1, \hat{\mathcal{M}}^1)$ -sensitive, due to the arbitrariness of δ and (x, t) . \square

Theorem 8 *The system $(\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1, f)$ is densely chaotic if and only if $r_1 - r_0 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$.*

Proof (\implies) Suppose on the contrary that $r_1 - r_0 \in \mathbb{Q}$. Then there exist $t_0 \in \mathbb{S}^1$ and $\eta > 0$ such that

$$\xi := \inf \left\{ d_2(z_1, z_2) : z_1 \in B(t_0, \eta), z_2 \in \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} R_{r_1-r_0}^n(B(1, \eta)) \right\} > 0.$$

Fix any $x \in \Sigma_2$ and set $U = B(x, \eta) \times B(1, \eta)$ and $V = B(x, \eta) \times B(t_0, \eta)$. Clearly, both U and V are nonempty open subsets of $\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1$.

Now, we claim that $(U \times V) \cap \text{LY}(f) = \emptyset$.

In fact, for any $((y, t_1), (z, t_2)) \in U \times V$ and any $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, it can be verified that for any $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$,

$$\begin{aligned} & R_{r_{y_n}} \circ \cdots \circ R_{r_{y_2}} \circ R_{r_{y_1}}(t_1) \\ &= e^{2\pi i(\sum_{k=1}^n r_{y_k})} t_1 = e^{2\pi i[r_0 \wp(y_{[1, n]}) + r_1(n - \wp(y_{[1, n]})]} t_1 \\ &= e^{2\pi i[r_0 \wp(z_{[1, n]}) + r_1(n - \wp(z_{[1, n]})]} \cdot e^{2\pi i[(r_1 - r_0)(\wp(z_{[1, n]}) - \wp(y_{[1, n]})]} t_1 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$R_{r_{z_n}} \circ \cdots \circ R_{r_{z_2}} \circ R_{r_{z_1}}(t_2) = e^{2\pi i(\sum_{k=1}^n r_{z_k})} t_2 = e^{2\pi i[r_0 \wp(z_{[1, n]}) + r_1(n - \wp(z_{[1, n]})]} t_2,$$

implying that

$$d_2(R_{r_{y_n}} \circ \cdots \circ R_{r_{y_2}} \circ R_{r_{y_1}}(t_1), R_{r_{z_n}} \circ \cdots \circ R_{r_{z_2}} \circ R_{r_{z_1}}(t_2))$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= d_2(e^{2\pi i[(r_1-r_0)(\wp(z_{[1,n]})-\wp(y_{[1,n]}))]} t_1, t_2) \\
 &= d_2(R_{r_1-r_0}^{\wp(z_{[1,n]})-\wp(y_{[1,n]})}(t_1), t_2) \geq \xi.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(f^n(y, t_1), f^n(z, t_2)) \\
 &\geq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} d_2(R_{r_{y_n}} \circ \dots \circ R_{r_{y_2}} \circ R_{r_{y_1}}(t_1), R_{r_{z_n}} \circ \dots \circ R_{r_{z_2}} \circ R_{r_{z_1}}(t_2)) \geq \xi > 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

This means that $(U \times V) \cap LY(f) = \emptyset$. Hence, f is not densely chaotic, which is a contradiction.

(\Leftarrow) For any nonempty open subsets U, V of $\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1$, choose $(u, t_1) \in U, (v, t_2) \in V$ and $K \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $B((u, t_1), \frac{1}{K}) \subset U$ and $B((v, t_2), \frac{1}{K}) \subset V$. From $r_1 - r_0 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$, it follows that there exists an increasing sequence $\{p_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathbb{N}$ such that $d_2(R_{r_1-r_0}^{p_n}(t_1), t_2) < \frac{1}{n}$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $L_1 = \mathcal{L}_1 = K$ and $L_{n+1} = 2\mathcal{L}_n + p_n, \mathcal{L}_{n+1} = \mathcal{L}_n + L_n$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Take $\hat{u} = \hat{u}_1 \hat{u}_2 \hat{u}_3 \dots$ and $\hat{v} = \hat{v}_1 \hat{v}_2 \hat{v}_3 \dots \in \Sigma_2$ as

$$\hat{u} = u_{[1, \mathcal{L}_1]} \overline{u_{[1, \mathcal{L}_1]}} 1^{p_1} 0^{\mathcal{L}_1} \dots \overline{u_{[1, \mathcal{L}_n]}} 1^{p_n} 0^{\mathcal{L}_n} \dots$$

and

$$\hat{v} = v_{[1, \mathcal{L}_1]} \overline{v_{[1, \mathcal{L}_1]}} 0^{p_1 + \mathcal{L}_1} \dots \overline{v_{[1, \mathcal{L}_n]}} 0^{p_n + \mathcal{L}_n} \dots,$$

respectively. Clearly, $(\hat{u}, t_1) \in U$ and $(\hat{v}, t_2) \in V$.

(1) Noting that $\hat{u}_{2\mathcal{L}_n+1} = 1$ and $\hat{v}_{2\mathcal{L}_n+1} = 0$, it follows that

$$d(f^{2\mathcal{L}_n}(\hat{u}, t_1), f^{2\mathcal{L}_n}(\hat{v}, t_2)) \geq d_1(\sigma^{2\mathcal{L}_n}(\hat{u}), \sigma^{2\mathcal{L}_n}(\hat{v})) = 1,$$

implying that

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(f^n(\hat{u}, t_1), f^n(\hat{v}, t_2)) \geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(f^{2\mathcal{L}_n}(\hat{u}, t_1), f^{2\mathcal{L}_n}(\hat{v}, t_2)) \geq 1.$$

(2) From the fact that the first \mathcal{L}_n respective symbols of $\sigma^{2\mathcal{L}_n+p_n}(\hat{u})$ and $\sigma^{2\mathcal{L}_n+p_n}(\hat{v})$ coincide, it follows that

$$d_1(\sigma^{2\mathcal{L}_n+p_n}(\hat{u}), \sigma^{2\mathcal{L}_n+p_n}(\hat{v})) \leq \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}_n} < \frac{1}{n}. \tag{3.1}$$

Meanwhile, it can be verified that

$$d_2(R_{\hat{u}_{2\mathcal{L}_n+p_n}} \circ \dots \circ R_{\hat{u}_2} \circ R_{\hat{u}_1}(t_1), R_{\hat{v}_{2\mathcal{L}_n+p_n}} \circ \dots \circ R_{\hat{v}_2} \circ R_{\hat{v}_1}(t_2)) = d_2(R_{r_1-r_0}^{p_n}(t_1), t_2) < \frac{1}{n}.$$

This, together with (3.1), implies that

$$d(f^{2\mathcal{L}_n+p_n}(\hat{u}, t_1), f^{2\mathcal{L}_n+p_n}(\hat{v}, t_2)) < \frac{1}{n}.$$

Then,

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(f^n(\hat{u}, t_1), f^n(\hat{v}, t_2)) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(f^{2\mathcal{L}_n+p_n}(\hat{u}, t_1), f^{2\mathcal{L}_n+p_n}(\hat{v}, t_2)) = 0.$$

Therefore, $((\hat{u}, t_1), (\hat{v}, t_2)) \in (U \times V) \cap LY(f)$. Hence, $(\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1, f)$ is densely chaotic. □

Applying Theorem 8, the following can be verified.

Corollary 9 *The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) $r_1 - r_0 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$;
- (2) $(\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1, f)$ is densely chaotic;
- (3) $(\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1, f)$ is densely δ -chaotic for any $0 < \delta < 1$;
- (4) $(\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1, f)$ is generically chaotic;
- (5) $(\Sigma_2 \times \mathbb{S}^1, f)$ is generically δ -chaotic for any $0 < \delta < 1$.

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