

Nonlocal operators are chaotic

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Objectives

Analyze the dynamics of certain nonlocal operators:

- The fractional difference operator in the sense of Riemann-Liouville: Δ^α and the Nabla difference operator ∇_a^α for $0 < \alpha \leq 1$.
- Nonlocal difference operators which arise in the study of time-stepping schemes for fractional operators.

Linear dynamical systems

Definition

Given X a Banach space and an operator $T : X \rightarrow X$:

- $T : X \rightarrow X$ is **hypercyclic**, if there exists a vector $x \in X$ such that $\text{Orb}(x, T) = \{T^n x : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is dense in X .
- T is said to have **sensitive dependence on initial conditions** if there exists some $\delta > 0$ such that, for every $x \in X$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists some $y \in X$ with $d(x, y) < \varepsilon$ such that, for some $n \geq 0$, $d(T^n x, T^n y) > \delta$.

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Example: Multiples of the backward shift (Rolewicz, 1969)

If $|\lambda| > 1$, the operator $\lambda B : \ell^p \rightarrow \ell^p$, $1 \leq p < \infty$, $(x_1, x_2, \dots) \mapsto (\lambda x_2, \lambda x_3, \dots)$ is Devaney chaotic.

Definition

Given two operators T and S defined on Banach spaces X and Y , respectively, we say T is **quasi-conjugate** to S if there exists a continuous map $\Phi : Y \rightarrow X$ with dense range such that $T \circ \Phi = \Phi \circ S$.

Usual notions of linear dynamics are preserved under quasiconjugacy: hypercyclicity and Devaney chaos.

Fractional calculus

- Studies differential operators of an arbitrary real order not only integer order.
- In contrast to ordinary derivative operators, fractional operators are non-local and incorporate memory effects into modelling.
- They capture the memory and the heredity of the process. It is an effective tool for revealing phenomena in nature because nature has memory.
- Applications in science, engineering, and mathematics: viscoelasticity, electrical circuits, chemistry, neurology, diffusion, control theory, statistics,....

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Given $a \in \mathbb{N}$, we denote $\mathbb{N}_a := \{a, a + 1, a + 2, \dots\}$. and $s(\mathbb{N}_a)$ the vectorial space consisting of all complex-valued sequences $f : \mathbb{N}_a \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

Forward Euler operator

$\Delta_a : s(\mathbb{N}_a) \rightarrow s(\mathbb{N}_a)$ is defined by

$$\Delta_a f(n) := f(n+1) - f(n), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_a.$$

For $m \in \mathbb{N}_2$, we define recursively $\Delta_a^m : s(\mathbb{N}_a) \rightarrow s(\mathbb{N}_a)$ by $\Delta_a^m := \Delta_a^{m-1} \circ \Delta_a$, and is called the m -th order forward difference operator.

We denote $\Delta \equiv \Delta_0$ and $\Delta_a^0 \equiv I_a$, with $I_a : s(\mathbb{N}_a) \rightarrow s(\mathbb{N}_a)$ the identity operator. For instance, for any $f \in s(\mathbb{N}_0)$, we have

$$\Delta^m f(n) = \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} (-1)^{m-j} f(n+j), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

The sequence k^α

For any $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, we set

$$k^\alpha(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)\dots(\alpha+n-1)}{n!} & n \in \mathbb{N}_0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

In case $\alpha = 0$ we define $k^0(n) = 1$ if $n = 0$ and 0 otherwise. Note that if $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1, -2, \dots\}$, we have $k^\alpha(n) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+n)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(n+1)}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ where Γ is the Euler gamma function.

Definition (Atici and Eloe (2009))

Let $\alpha > 0$. For any given positive real number a , the α -**th fractional sum** of a function f is

$$\nabla_a^{-\alpha} f(n) := \sum_{j=a}^n k^\alpha(n-j)f(j).$$

The α -th fractional sum

For each $\alpha > 0$ and a sequence $f \in s(\mathbb{N}_0)$, we define the α -th fractional sum

$$\Delta^{-\alpha} f(n) := (k^\alpha * f)(n) = \sum_{j=0}^n k^\alpha(n-j)f(j), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

The fractional difference operator in the Riemann-Liouville sense

The **fractional difference operator** $\Delta^\alpha : s(\mathbb{N}_0) \rightarrow s(\mathbb{N}_0)$ of order $\alpha > 0$ (in the sense of Riemann-Liouville) is defined by

$$\Delta^\alpha f(n) := \Delta^m \circ \Delta^{-(m-\alpha)} f(n), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0,$$

where $m - 1 < \alpha < m$, $m := \lceil \alpha \rceil$.

$0 < \alpha < 1$

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Complex analysis

Toeplitz operators

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Lemma (Matrix representation of Δ^α)

The representation of Δ^α in the canonical basis $\{e_l(j)\}_{j,l \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ of $\ell^2(\mathbb{N}_0)$ is a **Toeplitz matrix**. For $0 < \alpha < 1$ we have

$$\Delta^\alpha e_l(n) = \begin{cases} -\alpha \frac{k^{1-\alpha}(n-l)}{n-l+1} & \text{if } n \geq l \\ 1 & \text{if } n = l-1 \\ 0 & \text{if } n < l-1. \end{cases}$$

The symbol of Δ^α as a Toeplitz operator is $\Phi(z) = \frac{(1-z)^\alpha}{z}$.

Proof:

In general, if $f \in \ell^2(\mathbb{N}_0)$:

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Let $l \in \mathbb{N}_0$:

- Case $l \leq n$:

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To sum up:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\alpha & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ -\alpha \frac{k^{1-\alpha}(1)}{2} & -\alpha & 1 & 0 & \dots \\ -\alpha \frac{k^{1-\alpha}(2)}{3} & -\alpha \frac{k^{1-\alpha}(1)}{2} & -\alpha & 1 & \dots \\ -\alpha \frac{k^{1-\alpha}(3)}{4} & -\alpha \frac{k^{1-\alpha}(2)}{3} & -\alpha \frac{k^{1-\alpha}(1)}{2} & -\alpha & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

Consequently the symbol is

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(z) &= \frac{1}{z} - \alpha - \alpha \frac{k^{1-\alpha}(1)}{2} z - \alpha \frac{k^{1-\alpha}(2)}{3} z^2 - \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{z} \left(1 - \alpha \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{k^{1-\alpha}(j)}{j+1} z^{j+1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(z) &= \frac{1}{z} \left(1 - \alpha \int \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} k^{1-\alpha}(j) z^j dz \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{z} \left(1 - \alpha \int \frac{1}{(1-z)^{1-\alpha}} dz \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{z} (1 + (1-z)^\alpha + C) \\ &= \frac{(1-z)^\alpha}{z}.\end{aligned}$$

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where τ_1 denotes the translation operator. Using Young's convolution inequality:

$$\|\Delta^\alpha u\|_2 \leq \|\Delta k^{1-\alpha} * u\|_2 + \|u\|_2 \leq \|\Delta k^{1-\alpha}\|_1 \|u\|_2 + \|u\|_2,$$

where $\Delta k^{1-\alpha}(n) \sim \frac{C}{n^{\alpha+1}}$.

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where $D^n f(z) = \frac{1}{z} (z^{n+1} \frac{f(z)}{z})^{(n)}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$. Then $M_{n+1} \subset M_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and all functions in M_n are univalent.

- 2 Using the criterion by Ganigi and Uralegaddi for univalence: given $z = a + ib$ with $z \in \mathbb{D}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \Re \left(\frac{D^1 \Phi(z)}{\Phi(z)} - 2 \right) &= \Re \left(-1 - \frac{\alpha z}{1-z} \right) \\ &= \frac{(1-a)(-1+a(1-\alpha)) - 2b^2}{(1-a)^2 + b^2} < 0. \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

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3 Show that $[-2^\alpha, 0] \subset \mathbb{C} \setminus \Phi(\mathbb{D})$. Taking the parametrization $z = e^{it}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(e^{it}) &= \frac{(1 - e^{it})^\alpha}{e^{it}} \\ &= 2^\alpha \sin(t/2)^\alpha e^{i(-\alpha\pi/2 + (\alpha/2 - 1)t)}. \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Taking $t = 0$ and $t = \pi$ in the parametrization, we see that $\{-2^\alpha, 0\} \subset \mathbb{C} \setminus \Phi(\mathbb{D})$.



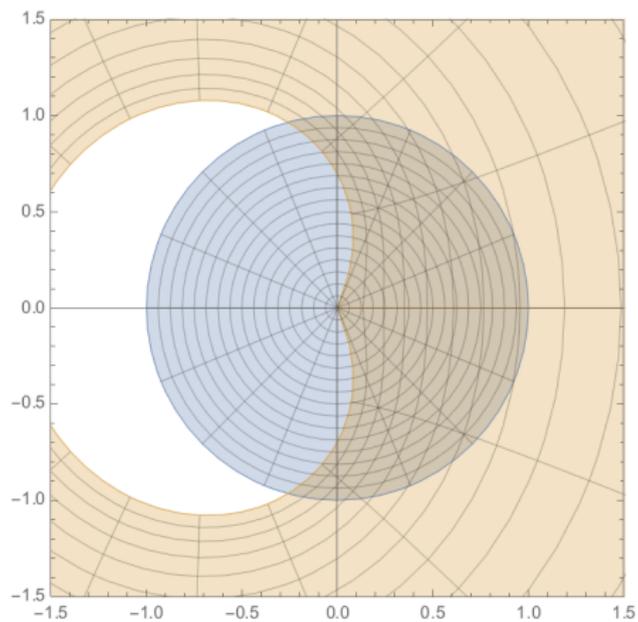


Figure: In orange $\Phi(\mathbb{D})$, $\alpha = \frac{3}{4}$.

Corollary

For any $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and $a > 0$, the nabla fractional difference operator ∇_a^α is chaotic in $\ell^2(\mathbb{N}_a)$.

Proof:

- 1 Transference principle:

$$\tau_a \circ \nabla_a^\alpha = \Delta^\alpha \circ \tau_a.$$

- 2 Devaney chaos is preserved under quasi-conjugacy.



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Dynamics of operators associated to numerical schemes

We consider the fractional evolution equation for $0 < \alpha < 1$

$$\partial_t^\alpha u(t) = Au(t) + f(t), \quad t > 0,$$

with initial conditions $u(0) = 0$ and ∂_t^α denotes the Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative:

$$\partial_t^\alpha u(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} \int_0^t (t-s)^{n-\alpha-1} u(s) ds, \quad n-1 < \alpha < n, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

We study chaos for relevant nonlocal difference operators arising in the study of time-stepping schemes for fractional operators.

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The adjoint operator of ∂_b^α in $\ell^2(\mathbb{N}_0)$, i.e., $\langle (\partial_b^\alpha)^* u, v \rangle = \langle u, \partial_b^\alpha v \rangle$:

$$(\partial_b^\alpha)^* u(n) = F_b u(n) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b(j)B^j u(n), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

Theorem

Let $b \in \ell^1(\mathbb{N}_0)$ be given and $F_b : \ell^2(\mathbb{N}_0) \rightarrow \ell^2(\mathbb{N}_0)$ given by

$$F_b u(n) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b(j) B^j u(n), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0,$$

where B denotes the backward shift operator. Then F_b defines a bounded operator on $\ell^2(\mathbb{N}_0)$ and the following assertions are equivalent

- (i) F_b is chaotic;
- (ii) $\delta(\mathbb{D}) \cap \mathbb{T} \neq \emptyset$.

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Proof:

$$\Delta = B - I \Rightarrow \delta(z) = z - 1 \Rightarrow \delta(0) = -1 \in \mathbb{T}. \quad \square$$

The Weil fractional difference operator

For the fractional backward Euler scheme:

The sequence kernel $b_\tau(n) = \tau^{-\alpha} k^{-\alpha}(n)$ defines the scheme and we can consider the nonlocal operator:

$$\partial_k^\alpha u(n) = \sum_{j=0}^n \tau^{-\alpha} k^{-\alpha}(n-j) u(j),$$

where $\tau > 0$ denotes the step size of the scheme.

The symbol is:

$$\delta(\xi) = \tau^{-\alpha} (1 - \xi)^\alpha.$$

It is remarkable that $(\partial_k^\alpha)^* = W_\tau^\alpha$ corresponds to the Weil fractional difference operator or order $\alpha > 0$.

Theorem

For any $\alpha > 0$, the Weil difference operator W_τ^α is chaotic on $\ell^2(\mathbb{N}_0)$ if and only if $0 < \tau < 2$.

Proof:

Note that $w \in \delta_\tau(\mathbb{D}) \cap \mathbb{T}$ if and only if

$$w = \tau^{-\alpha}(1 - z)^\alpha, \quad \text{where } |w| = 1, |z| < 1.$$

Then, $|1 - \tau w^{1/\alpha}| = |z|$ shows that the complex number $\tau w^{1/\alpha}$ must belong to the disk of center 1 and radius 1.

Consequently, $0 < \tau < 2$ iff $\delta_\tau(\mathbb{D}) \cap \mathbb{T} \neq \emptyset$. □

Theorem

Let $0 < \alpha < 1$. The operator F_b , which is the dual of the operator that defines the fractional second order backward difference scheme with step size τ , is chaotic on $\ell^2(\mathbb{N}_0)$ if and only if $0 < \tau < 4$.

The symbol for the fractional second order backward difference scheme is:

$$\delta(\xi) = \tau^{-\alpha} \left(\frac{3}{2} - 2\xi + \frac{1}{2}\xi^2 \right)^\alpha.$$

Theorem

Let $0 < \alpha < 1$. The operator F_b , which is the dual of the operator that defines the fractional Crank-Nicholson scheme with step size τ , is chaotic on $\ell^2(\mathbb{N}_0)$ if and only if $0 < \tau < \frac{2}{(1-\alpha)^{1/\alpha}}$.

The symbol for the Crank-Nicholson scheme is:

$$\delta(\xi) = \tau^{-\alpha} \frac{(1-\xi)^\alpha}{1 - \frac{\alpha}{2} + \frac{\alpha}{2}\xi}.$$

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