Understanding the Topology of Chaotic Attractors for Piecewise-Linear Maps using Renormalisation.

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# Border-collision normal form

- Piecewise-linear maps arise when modeling systems with switches, thresholds and other abrupt events.
- In our project, we study the two-dimensional *border-collision normal form* (Nusse & Yorke, 1992), given by

$$f_{\xi}(x,y) = egin{cases} \left\{egin{array}{ccc} au_L & 1 \ -\delta_L & 0 \ au_R & 1 \ -\delta_R & 0 \end{bmatrix} egin{bmatrix} x \ y \ \end{bmatrix} + egin{bmatrix} 1 \ 0 \ y \ \end{bmatrix} + egin{bmatrix} 1 \ 0 \ \end{bmatrix}, & x \leq 0, \ egin{array}{ccc} au_R & 1 \ -\delta_R & 0 \end{bmatrix} egin{bmatrix} x \ y \ \end{bmatrix} + egin{bmatrix} 1 \ 0 \ \end{bmatrix}, & x \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

▶ Here  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , and  $\xi = (\tau_L, \delta_L, \tau_R, \delta_R) \in \mathbb{R}^4$  are the parameters.

# Phase portrait of a chaotic attractor



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## Renormalisation operator

- Renormalisation involves showing that, for some member of a family of maps, a higher iterate or induced map is conjugate to different member of this family of maps.
- Although the second iterate f<sup>2</sup><sub>ξ</sub> has four pieces, relevant dynamics arise in only two of these. We have

$$f_{\xi}^{2}(x,y) = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} \tau_{L}\tau_{R} - \delta_{L} & \tau_{R} \\ -\delta_{R}\tau_{L} & -\delta_{R} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \tau_{R} + 1 \\ -\delta_{R} \end{bmatrix}, & x \leq 0, \\ \begin{bmatrix} \tau_{R}^{2} - \delta_{R} & \tau_{R} \\ -\delta_{R}\tau_{R} & -\delta_{R} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \tau_{R} + 1 \\ -\delta_{R} \end{bmatrix}, & x \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

### Renormalisation operator

Now f<sup>2</sup><sub>ξ</sub> can be transformed to f<sub>g(ξ)</sub>, where g is the renormalisation operator (Ghosh & Simpson, 2022.) g : ℝ<sup>4</sup> → ℝ<sup>4</sup>, given by

$$\begin{split} \tilde{\tau}_L &= \tau_R^2 - 2\delta_R, \\ \tilde{\delta}_L &= \delta_R^2, \\ \tilde{\tau}_R &= \tau_L \tau_R - \delta_L - \delta_R, \\ \tilde{\delta}_R &= \delta_L \delta_R. \end{split}$$

• We perform a coordinate change to put  $f_{\xi}^2$  in the normal form :

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}'\\ \tilde{y}' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\tau}_L & 1\\ -\tilde{\delta}_L & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}\\ \tilde{y} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1\\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{x} \le 0, \\ \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\tau}_R & 1\\ -\tilde{\delta}_R & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}\\ \tilde{y} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1\\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{x} \ge 0. \end{cases}$$

► We consider the parameter region

$$\Phi = \left\{ \xi \in \mathbb{R}^4 \big| au_L > \delta_L + 1, \delta_L > 0, au_R < -(\delta_R + 1), \delta_R > 0 
ight\}.$$

The stable and the unstable manifolds of the fixed point Y intersect if and only if  $\phi^+(\xi) \leq 0$ .

The attractor is often destroyed at  $\phi^+(\xi) = 0$  which is a homoclinic bifurcation (Banerjee, Yorke & Grebogi, 1998), and thus focused their attention on the region

$$\Phi_{\mathrm{BYG}} = \left\{ \xi \in \Phi \Big| \phi^+(\xi) > \mathsf{0} \right\}.$$

where

$$\phi^+(\xi) = \zeta_0 = \delta_R - (\tau_R + \delta_L + \delta_R - (1 + \tau_R)\lambda_L^u)\lambda_L^u.$$



Figure: The sketch of two-dimensional cross-section of  $\Phi_{BYG}$  when  $\delta_L = \delta_R = 0.01$ .

#### Theorem (Ghosh & Simpson, 2022)

The  $\mathcal{R}_n$  are non-empty, mutually disjoint, and converge to the fixed point (1, 0, -1, 0) as  $n \to \infty$ . Moreover,

$$\Phi_{\mathrm{BYG}} \subset \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{R}_n$$

Let,

$$\Lambda(\xi) = \operatorname{cl}(W^u(X)).$$

#### Theorem (Ghosh & Simpson, 2022)

For the map  $f_{\xi}$  with any  $\xi \in \mathcal{R}_0$ ,  $\Lambda(\xi)$  is bounded, connected, and invariant. Moreover,  $\Lambda(\xi)$  is chaotic (positive Lyapunov exponent).

#### Theorem (Ghosh & Simpson, 2022)

For any  $\xi \in \mathcal{R}_n$  where  $n \ge 0$ ,  $g^n(\xi) \in \mathcal{R}_0$  and there exist mutually disjoint sets  $S_0, S_1, \ldots, S_{2^n-1} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $f_{\xi}(S_i) = S_{(i+1) \mod 2^n}$  and

 $f_{\xi}^{2^n}|_{S_i}$  is affinely conjugate to  $f_{g^n(\xi)}|_{\Lambda(g^n(\xi))}$ 

for each  $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, 2^n - 1\}$ . Moreover,

 $\bigcup_{i=0}^{2^n-1} S_i = \operatorname{cl}(W^u(\gamma_n)),$ 

where  $\gamma_n$  is a saddle-type periodic solution of our map  $f_{\xi}$  having the symbolic itinerary  $\mathcal{F}^n(R)$  given by Table 1.

n	$\mathcal{F}^n(\mathcal{W})$
0	R
1	LR
2	RRLR
3	LRLRRRLR
4	RRLRRRLRLRLRRRLR

Table: The first 5 words in the sequence generated by repeatedly applying the substitution rule  $(L, R) \mapsto (RR, LR)$  to  $\mathcal{W} = R$ .



### Generalised parameter region

Now we consider the more generalised parameter region considering the orientation-reversing and non-invertible cases,

$$\Phi = \left\{ \xi \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid \tau_L > |\delta_L + 1|, \tau_R < -|\delta_R + 1| \right\}.$$

where we define

$$\Phi_{\text{trap}} = \{ \xi \in \Phi | \ \phi_i(\xi) > 0, i = 1, \dots, 5 \},$$

and

$$\Phi_{\text{cone}} = \left\{ \xi \in \Phi | \theta_i(\xi) \ge 0, i = 1, \dots, 3 \right\}.$$

# Typical phase portraits



Figure: Typical phase portraits of the chaotic attractor for the invertible case ( $\delta_L \delta_R > 0$ ).

# Typical phase portraits



Figure: Typical phase portraits of the chaotic attractor for the non-invertible case ( $\delta_L \delta_R < 0$ ).

# Invariant expanding cones

Chaos in  $\Phi_{BYG}$  can be proved by constructing an invariant expanding cone in tangent space (Glendinning & Simpson, 2021). We have extended this to  $\Phi$ .



Figure: A sketch of an invariant expanding cone C and its image  $AC = \{Av | v \in C\}$ , given  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ .

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#### Theorem (Ghosh, McLachlan, & Simpson, 2023)

For any  $\xi \in \Phi_{trap} \cap \Phi_{cone}$ , the normal form  $f_{\xi}$  has a topological attractor with a positive Lyapunov exponent.

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Figure: A 2D slice of  $\Phi_{\mathrm{trap}} \cap \Phi_{\mathrm{cone}} \subset \mathbb{R}^4$ .

# A component computing Algorithm

This method originates with (Eckstein, 2006) and is described by (Avrutin *et al*, 2007). The effectiveness of the method relies on the following result:

#### Lemma

Suppose a compact invariant set  $\Psi$  of a continuous map f has  $k \ge 2$  connected components, and f has an orbit that visits all components. Then the components can be labelled as  $\Psi_1, \Psi_2, \ldots, \Psi_k$  such that  $f(\Psi_1) = \Psi_2, f(\Psi_2) = \Psi_3, \ldots, f(\Psi_{k-1}) = \Psi_k$ , and  $f(\Psi_k) = \Psi_1$ .

- Now fix  $\xi$  and suppose  $f_{\xi}$  has an attractor  $\Lambda$  with  $k \ge 1$  connected components. We use the algorithm to calculate k.
- Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$  (for example  $\varepsilon = 0.001$ ), M > 0 (we used  $M = 10^6$ ), and let  $J = \emptyset$ .
- Choose some initial point assumed to be in the basin of attraction of  $\Lambda$  and iterate it under  $f_{\xi}$  a reasonably large number of times (we used 10<sup>4</sup> iterations) to remove transient dynamics and obtain a point in  $\Lambda$ , or extremely close to  $\Lambda$ , call it ( $x_0, y_0$ ).

# A component computing Algorithm

- ▶ Iterate further, and for all i = 1, 2, ..., M evaluate the distance (Euclidean norm in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ) between  $f_{\mathcal{E}}^i(x_0, y_0)$  and  $(x_0, y_0)$ .
- ▶ If this distance is less than  $\varepsilon$ , append the number *i* to the set *J*.
- ► Finally evaluate the greatest common divisor of the elements in J this is our estimate for the value of k.

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Let

$$\Phi^{(2)} = \{\xi \in \Phi \mid \delta_L < 0, \delta_R < 0\},\$$

be the subset of  $\Phi$  for which the BCNF is orientation-reversing.

The attractor Λ which is again a closure of the unstable manifold of X faces a crisis at ζ<sub>0</sub><sup>(2)</sup> = 0 where

$$\zeta_0^{(2)} = \phi^-(\xi) = \delta_R - (\delta_R + \tau_R - (1 + \lambda_R^u)\lambda_L^u)\lambda_L^u$$

Now,  $\xi \in \Phi^{(2)}$  implies  $g(\xi) \in \Phi^{(1)}$ , so we again use the preimages of  $\phi^+(\xi) = 0$ under g to define the region boundaries: Specifically we let

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_{0}^{(2)} &= \left\{ \xi \in \Phi^{(2)} \ \Big| \ \phi^{-}(\xi) > 0, \phi^{+}(g(\xi)) \le 0, \alpha(\xi) < 0 \right\}, \\ \mathcal{R}_{n}^{(2)} &= \left\{ \xi \in \Phi^{(2)} \ \Big| \ \phi^{+}(g^{n}(\xi)) > 0, \phi^{+}(g^{n+1}(\xi)) \le 0, \alpha(\xi) < 0 \right\}, \qquad \text{for all } n \ge 1. \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\alpha(\xi) = \tau_L \tau_R + (\delta_L - 1)(\delta_R - 1).$$

#### This brings us to the proposition

Proposition (Ghosh, McLachlan, & Simpson, 2023, In Prep.) If  $\xi \in \mathcal{R}_n^{(2)}$  with  $n \ge 1$ , then  $g(\xi) \in \mathcal{R}_{n-1}^{(1)}$ .

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Figure: The sketch of two-dimensional cross-section of  $\Phi^{(2)}$ , when  $\delta_L = -0.1$  and  $\delta_R = -0.2$ .

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Let

$$\Phi^{(3)} = \left\{ \xi \in \Phi \mid \delta_L > 0, \delta_R < 0 \right\},\,$$

meaning the map is invertible.

▶ In this region an attractor can be destroyed by crossing the homoclinic bifurcation  $\phi^+(\xi) = 0$  or the heteroclinic bifurcation  $\phi^-(\xi) = 0$ .

we define

$$\phi_{\min}(\xi) = \min[\phi^+(\xi), \phi^-(\xi)].$$

and

$$\mathcal{R}_n^{(3)} = \left\{ \xi \in \Phi^{(3)} \mid \phi_{\min}\left(g^n(\xi)\right) > 0, \ \phi_{\min}\left(g^{n+1}(\xi)\right) \le 0, \ \alpha(\xi) < 0 \right\},$$
for all  $n \ge 0.$ 

This brings us to a new proposition:

Proposition (Ghosh, McLachlan, & Simpson, 2023, In Prep.) If  $\xi \in \mathcal{R}_n^{(3)}$  with  $n \ge 1$ , then  $g(\xi) \in \mathcal{R}_{n-1}^{(3)}$ .



Figure: The sketch of two-dimensional cross-section of  $\Phi^{(3)}$ , when  $\delta_L = 0.3$  and  $\delta_R = -0.4$ .

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It remains for us to consider

$$\Phi^{(4)} = \left\{ \xi \in \Phi \mid \delta_L < 0, \delta_R > 0 \right\},\,$$

where the BCNF is again non-invertible.

- In this region the attractor is usually destroyed before the boundaries φ<sup>+</sup>(ξ) = 0 and φ<sup>-</sup>(ξ) = 0 in a heteroclinic bifurcation that cannot be characterised by an explicit condition on the parameter values.
- Despite the extra complexities in Φ<sup>(4)</sup> it still appears that renormalisation is helpful for explaining the bifurcation structure. Let

$$\mathcal{R}_{0}^{(4)} = \left\{ \xi \in \Phi^{(4)} \middle| \phi_{\min}(\xi) > 0, \phi_{\min}(g(\xi)) \le 0, \alpha(\xi) < 0 \right\}.$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{n}^{(4)} = \left\{ \xi \in \Phi^{(4)} \middle| \phi_{\min}(g^{n}(\xi)) > 0, \phi_{\min}(g^{n+1}(\xi)) \le 0, \alpha(\xi) < 0, \alpha(g(\xi)) < 0 \right\}.$$
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#### This brings us to the new propostion:

Proposition (Ghosh, McLachlan, & Simpson, 2023.) If  $\xi \in \mathcal{R}_n^{(4)}$  with  $n \ge 1$ , then  $g(\xi) \in \mathcal{R}_{n-1}^{(3)}$ .



Figure: The sketch of two-dimensional cross-section of  $\Phi^{(4)}$ , when  $\delta_L = -0.4$  and  $\delta_R = 0.4$ .

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Figure: The sketch of two-dimensional cross-section of  $\Phi^{(4)}$ , when  $\delta_L = -0.5$  and  $\delta_R = 0.4$ .

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# Summary

- We have used renormalisation to explain how the parameter space Φ<sub>BYG</sub> is divided into regions according to the number of connected components of an attractor.
- We have further shown how the robust chaos extends more broadly to orientation-reversing and non-invertible piecewise-linear maps.
- We have also extended the application of renormalisation to the orientation-reversing and non-invertible map in a more generalised parameter setting.
- It remains to determine the analogue of the existence of a higher dimensional robust chaos parameter region of the border-collision normal form.

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