PESIN-TYPE IDENTITY FOR INTERMITTENT DYNAMICS WITH A ZERO LYAPUNOV EXPONENT

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Pesin’s identity provides a profound connection between the Kolmogorov-Sinai entropy $h_{KS}$ and the Lyapunov exponent $\lambda$. It is well known that many systems exhibit subexponential separation of nearby trajectories and then $\lambda = 0$. In many cases such systems are nonergodic and do not obey usual statistical mechanics. Here we investigate the nonergodic phase of the Pomeau-Manneville map where separation of nearby trajectories follows $\delta x_t = \delta x_0 e^{\lambda t}$ with $0 < \lambda < 1$. The limit distribution of $\lambda_n$ is the inverse Lévy function. The average $\langle \lambda_n \rangle$ is related to the infinite invariant density, and most importantly to entropy. Our work gives a generalized Pesin’s identity valid for systems with an infinite invariant density.

Chaotic systems are characterized by exponential separation of nearby trajectories, which is quantified by a positive Lyapunov exponent $\lambda$ [1]. Such a behavior leads to the need for statistical approaches since chaos implies our inability to predict the long time limit of a system in a deterministic fashion. Another important quantity by which chaotic motion can be characterized is the Kolmogorov-Sinai entropy $h_{KS}$ [1]. It can be regarded as a measure for the loss of information about the state of the system, per unit of time. As was shown mainly by numerical simulations, in many cases $h_{KS}$ is proportional to the Gibbs entropy production rate [2]; however, in general they are not the same. These two measures of chaos are related by Pesin’s profound identity $h_{KS} = \lambda$ in one dimension ($h_{KS}$ is the sum of positive Lyapunov exponents in dimensions higher than one) [3].

At the same time, it is well known that many systems such as Hamiltonian models with a mixed phase space [4], systems with long range forces [5], certain billiards [6], and one-dimensional hard-particle gas [7] have a Lyapunov exponent equal to zero. While for complex systems it may be extremely difficult to determine whether the Lyapunov exponent is zero or small, due to numerical inaccuracies, it turns out that most fundamental textbook examples of chaos theory may have a zero Lyapunov exponent. Prominent examples for such systems are the logistic map at the edge of chaos (Feigenbaum’s point) [8] and the Pomeau-Manneville map which is used to model intermittency (originally in turbulence) [9]. If the Lyapunov exponent is zero, i.e., separation of trajectories is subexponential, we have a strong indication that the usual Boltzmann-Gibbs statistical mechanics is not valid. Indeed it was found that certain systems with zero Lyapunov exponents break ergodicity [10]. Classical entropy theory is also not applicable in this case [8,9], particularly the entropy and average algorithmic complexity grow nonlinearly in time [9], while for a system with a positive Lyapunov exponent they increase linearly in time. Still the situation is not hopeless from the point of view of statistical mechanics and one may consider distributions of time average observables [10–13].

Connection between possible generalizations of usual statistical mechanics and systems with subexponential separation of trajectories have attracted much attention recently. In particular, a generalized Pesin’s identity for the logistic map at the edge of chaos was investigated using Tsallis statistics [8,14]. A critical discussion of this approach is given in Ref. [15] (and see a reply in [16]). According to [15] a meaningful generalized Pesin’s identity must satisfy certain requirements. (i) Averages must be made with respect to the natural density, in our case the infinite invariant density [17,18] (see details below). (ii) Evolution should be for long times, unlike previous attempts to generalize Pesin’s identity. (iii) The relevant entropy is the entropy of Kolmogorov and Sinai, not Boltzmann-Gibbs [19]. (iv) Results should be general in that they do not depend on particular initial conditions. The generalized Pesin’s identity, Eq. (19) below, fulfills these requirements. Thus, we establish a profound relation between separation of nearby trajectories and entropy, even though the separation is subexponential.

Consider the Pomeau-Manneville map [20] on the unit interval with one marginally unstable fixed point located at $x = 0$

$$M(x_t) = x_t + ax_t^z \quad (\text{mod } 1), \quad z \geq 1, a > 0. \quad (1)$$

The discontinuity point $\xi$ is defined by $M(\xi) = 1$. This map is one of the pioneer models of intermittency. Its generalizations attracted vast research using different methods such as continuous time random walks [21] and periodic orbit theory [22] to name a few. Sochastic times of trajectories in the vicinity of the unstable fixed point are described by power law statistics leading to aging [23] and non-Gaussian fluctuations [9], which are related to weak ergodicity breaking [10].

For $z > 2$ the density function of the map is concentrated on the unstable fixed point in the long time limit. The derivative $|M'(x)|$ at this point is equal to 1, so $\lambda = 0$ as
shown already in [9]. Such a behavior is found since most of
the time the particle spends in the vicinity of the mar-

ginally stable fixed point. Following [9] assume that the
sensitivity of nearby trajectories is stretched exponential
\( \delta x_i = \delta x_0 e^{\lambda x t^\alpha} \) with \( 0 < \alpha < 1 \). Using the chain rule, and
the dynamical mapping \( x_{i+1} = M(x_i) \) we have

\[
\lambda_a(x_0) = \frac{1}{\tau} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \ln|M'(x_i)|,
\]
(2)
where the dependence on initial condition is emphasized.
For a normal case and an ergodic system we have \( \alpha = 1 \).
Then the usual Lyapunov exponent is [1]

\[
\lambda = \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} \ln|M'(x_i)| = \int dx \rho(x) \ln|M'(x)|,
\]
(3)
where \( \rho(x) \) is the invariant density of the system.
Ergodicity ensures that the average time is equal to the

elementary average. To prove that a system actually exhibits
stretched exponential separation of trajectories, it is suffi-
cient to find the limit distribution of \( \lambda_a(x_0) \) and show that it
is not trivial (i.e., \( 0 < \alpha < 1 \)). As we now show, for \( 0 < \alpha < 1 \), \( \lambda_a \) does not converge to a constant but remains a
random variable. Below we obtain the distribution of \( \lambda_a \)

and for this we now calculate the density of trajectories
\( \rho_c(x, t) \) of Eq. (1).

To obtain the density analytically we use the approxi-
mation of the map [24] for \( x \ll 1 \), \( dx/dt = ax \),
and extend it to be valid on the interval \((0, \xi)\). When the
trajectory reaches the boundary \( x = \xi \) it is randomly re-
jected back to the interval \((0, \xi)\). The density function
\( \rho_c(x, t) \) of this system is governed by the equation

\[
\frac{\partial \rho_c(x, t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(ax^\lambda \rho_c(x, t)) + a\xi^\lambda \rho_c(\xi, t),
\]
(4)
where the subscript \( c \) in \( \rho_c(x, t) \) is for continuous approxi-
mation. The first term on the left-hand side (lhs) represents
deterministic escape from the marginally unstable fixed
point while the second term accounts for reinjection of
particles. The solution of Eq. (4) in Laplace space is

\[
\tilde{\rho}_c(x, s) = \frac{\xi^{\lambda-1} \tilde{O}_\lambda(s)}{1 - a\xi^{\lambda-1} \tilde{O}_\lambda(s)},
\]
(5)
where

\[
\tilde{O}_\lambda(s) = b(z - 1) \left[ 1 - (bs)^{1/(\lambda - 1)} \Gamma \left( \frac{\xi - 2}{z - 1}, bs \right) \right],
\]
(6)
and \( b = (z - 1)^{-1}a^{-1}x^{1-\lambda} \). Statistics of the system is
controlled by \( \alpha = 1 \) for \( z < 2 \), \( \alpha = \frac{1}{z-1} \) for \( z \geq 2 \). Considering
the small \( s \) behavior (equivalent to \( t \to \infty \)) and transform-
ing the solution into the time domain, we obtain for \( 0 < \alpha < 1 \) \( z > 2 \)

\[
\rho_c(x, t) \sim \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha} x^{1-\alpha} \sin(\pi \alpha) \pi^{-\lambda - 1}, & x \gg x_c, \\ \frac{\sin(\pi \alpha) \pi / z}{\alpha^{1-\alpha}}, & x \ll x_c, \end{cases}
\]
(7)
For \( z < 2 \) we find the following solution:

\[
\rho_c(x, t) \sim \begin{cases} (2 - z)x^{1-\alpha}, & x \gg x_c, \\ (2 - z)/t, & x \ll x_c, \end{cases}
\]
(8)
and for \( z = 2 \) the solution is given by

\[
\rho_c(x, t) \sim \begin{cases} 1/(\ln t), & x \gg x_c, \\ t/(\ln t), & x \ll x_c. \end{cases}
\]
(9)
Note that the density function is time independent only for
\( z < 2 \) and \( x \gg x_c \), Eq. (8). We introduce the infinite invari-

ant density

\[
\tilde{\rho}_c(x) = t^{1-\alpha} \tilde{\rho}_c(x, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha} \frac{\sin(\pi \alpha) \pi}{\sin(\pi \alpha) \alpha^{1-\alpha}}, & x \gg x_c, \\ \frac{\sin(\pi \alpha) \pi}{\alpha^{1-\alpha}}, & x \ll x_c, \end{cases}
\]
(10)
for \( 0 < \alpha < 1 \). Scaled functions \( \tilde{\rho}_c(x) \) are independent of

time for \( x \gg x_c \). Note that \( \tilde{\rho}_c(x) \sim x^{-1/\alpha} \), and its integral
diverges,\( \int_0^\infty \tilde{\rho}_c(x) dx = \infty \). Thus, \( \tilde{\rho}_c(x) \) is not normalizable
[17,18]. Still, as we show later, the infinite invariant density
is useful for the calculation of the statistical properties of
the dynamics.

We compute the invariant density numerically and com-
pare it with the analytical density function Eq. (10). In
these simulations we start with a uniform density and plot
\( \tilde{\rho}(x) = t^{1-\alpha} \rho(x, t) \) versus \( x \). Results are shown in Fig. 1.
We find excellent agreement between Eq. (10) and nu-
merics without fitting. Horizontal lines represent asym-
pototic solution for \( x \ll x_c \) calculated for the corre-
sponding time of the simulation, while the sloping line corre-
sponds to the asymptotic solution for \( x \gg x_c \) which decays as
\( x^{-1/\alpha} \) [see Eq. (10)]. In Fig. 1 \( x_c \) represents the crossover
from one asymptotic of \( \tilde{\rho}(x) \) to another. As \( t \to \infty, x_c \to 0 \)
and we approach the infinite invariant density.
To find the distribution of $\lambda_\alpha(x_0)$ Eq. (2), we use a simple stochastic approach. The same distribution can be found using Darling-Kac theorem applied to our observable Eq. (2) [13]. Consider the logarithm of the derivative of the map $y = \ln[M'(x)]$ in the phase with infinite invariant density $0 < \alpha < 1$. We define a two-state process $I(t) = 0$ if $y < \xi$ and $I(t) = 1$ if $y > \xi$. Waiting times in state 0 are distributed according to the probability density function (PDF) $\psi(t) \sim A/t^{1+\alpha}$ as $t \to \infty$, or in Laplace space $\tilde{\psi}(s) = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \psi(t) \sim 1 - Bs^\alpha$, as $s \to 0$, where $A, B$ are positive constants, so the average waiting time is infinite as is well known [21]. In contrast, waiting times in state 1 have a characteristic average time. Neglecting correlations, we consider $I(t)$ as a renewal process. Let $n$ be the number of renewals, namely, number of transitions from state 0 to 1. The logarithm of the derivative of the map $\ln[M'(x)]$ is equal to zero most of the time [roughly when $I(t) = 0$] since the trajectory stays for long time near marginally unstable fixed point, only for short periods its value deviates from zero. The sum of logarithms along a trajectory is thus proportional to $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \ln[M'(x_i)]$ $\sim cn$, where $c$ is a positive constant. Our goal is to calculate the PDF of scaled generalized Lyapunov exponents $\lambda_\alpha$, Eq. (2). The PDF of the number of renewals $n$ which occur up to time $t$ is given by [25]

$$P_n(t) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{t}{n^{1+1/\alpha} B^{1/\alpha}} I_\alpha \left[ \frac{t}{(Bl)^{1/\alpha}} \right].$$

(11)

where $I_\alpha$ is the one-sided Lévy PDF defined through its Laplace transform $\tilde{I}_\alpha(s) = \exp(-s^\alpha)$. We define $\zeta = \lambda_\alpha/(\lambda_\alpha)$ and, since $\langle \lambda_\alpha \rangle = c/n$, $\zeta = n/\langle n \rangle$ is independent of $c$. Using Eq. (11)

$$P_n(\zeta) = \frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)(1 + \alpha)}{\alpha \zeta^{1+1/\alpha}} I_\alpha \left[ \frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)(1 + \alpha)}{\zeta^{1/\alpha}} \right].$$

(12)

This is one of the main equations in the manuscript since it gives the PDF of scaled generalized Lyapunov exponents $\lambda_\alpha/(\lambda_\alpha)$. Distributions of $\zeta = \lambda_\alpha/(\lambda_\alpha)$ obtained by simulations are shown in Fig. 2. Smooth curves correspond to analytical PDF Eq. (12) without fitting. The perfect agreement between theory and numerical results indicates that the general theory works well for finite time simulations.

Now we calculate the average $\langle \lambda_\alpha \rangle$. Using Eq. (2)

$$\langle \lambda_\alpha \rangle = \int_0^\infty \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \ln[M'(x_i)]}{t^\alpha} \rho(x_0) dx_0,$$

(13)

where the averaging is over initial conditions distributed according to some initial density. Since we are interested in the long time limit, we replace the summation with an integral and average over the density function

$$\langle \lambda_\alpha \rangle \sim \frac{1}{t^\alpha} \int_0^t \int_0^t \ln[M'(x)] \rho(x, t) dt.$$

(14)

According to Eq. (7), the density function has two asymptotics valid for $x \ll x_c$ and $x \gg x_c$. Thus, even though $\tilde{\rho}(x)$ is not normalizable it yields the average generalized Lyapunov exponent $\langle \lambda_\alpha \rangle$. Since $\ln[M'(x)]$ vanishes precisely where the infinite invariant density diverges, the integral is finite and positive. Our main result Eq. (16) is very elegant, since up to a constant $\alpha$ it states that all one needs to describe separation of trajectories is to replace the invariant density with the infinite invariant density. For the stochastic model Eq. (4) with $0 < \alpha < 1$ using Eq. (10), we find

$$\langle \lambda_\alpha \rangle = \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\alpha \pi^2} \frac{\sin(\pi \alpha)}{\alpha^\pi x^{1/\alpha}} \frac{\ln(1 + a x^{1/\alpha})}{\pi^{x^{1/\alpha}}}. $$

(17)

We emphasize that our main results Eqs. (12) and (16) are generally valid for systems with an infinite invariant density $\tilde{\rho}(x)$. Equation (17) is specific to maps with one unstable fixed point and can be used to verify the theory numerically.

In Fig. 3 we present perfect agreement between numerical simulations of $\langle \lambda_\alpha \rangle$, and Eq. (16) with $\tilde{\rho}(x)$ calculated numerically. For not too large $\xi$, good agreement between
simulations and the theory based on the stochastic approximation for the infinite invariant density Eq. (17) is found. For large $z$ the convergence is slowed down, since $\alpha$ is small. For $z < 2$ the standard Lyapunov exponent Eq. (3) is recovered.

We now establish a profound relation between $\langle \lambda_a \rangle$ and entropy, a Pesin-like identity. Mathematicians have rigorously shown that entropy $h_a$ for maps with infinite invariant measure satisfy Rohlin’s formula [18,26]

$$h_a = \int dx \bar{\rho}(x) \ln|M'(x)|,$$

where $\bar{\rho}(x)$ is the infinite invariant density. From Eqs. (16) and (18) we obtain the identity

$$h_a = \alpha \langle \lambda_a \rangle.$$

Only in the limit $\alpha \to 1$ we get the standard Pesin’s identity $\lambda = h_{KS}$.

The entropy $h_a$ for infinite measure preserving transformations was introduced by Krengel as the Kolmogorov-Sinai entropy of its first return transformation (FRT): $h_a = \int_A dx \bar{\rho}(x)h_{KS}(R_A)$ [27]. Here the FRT $R_A$ is defined on any subset $A$ of finite measure as $M^{n(x)}(x)$, where $n(x)$ is the smallest positive integer $n$ such that $M^n \in A$. Krengel’s entropy does not depend on $A$ and satisfies Rohlin’s formula Eq. (18). Our generalized Pesin’s identity Eq. (19) shows that Krengel’s entropy has a surprisingly simple physical meaning, it is equal to the averaged separation of trajectories.

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