The spectral measure of a dynamical system

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Continuous-time dynamical systems

Many deterministic physical systems are governed by an ODE

dx/dt = V(x).

- These equations are defined in a phase-space *M*, *V* is some vector field, *x* is some point in space.
- Φ^tx₀ denotes the unique solution curve to the above ODE with initial point x₀.
- More generally, one could define a flow $\Phi^t : M \to M$, without assuming an underlying vector field.



The Koopman operator U^t

Dynamics / trajectories on phase space \leftrightarrow Dynamics in observation spaces (e.g. $L^2(X, \mu)$ or $C^0(X)$). Given a function f.

 $(U^t f)$ is another observable $: x \mapsto f(\Phi^t x)$.



The operator theoretic approach to dynamical systems \rightarrow spectral theory of dynamical systems.





Invariant measure μ and $L^2(\mu)$



- An invariant measure μ on the attractor / invariant set X.
- It is said to be ergodic if there are no proper invariant subsets.
- Ergodicity is closely related to the concept of *equidistribution*, i.e., the statistical properties along a trajectory is the SAME as the statistical properties over the entire phase space.
- The Hilbert space $L^2(\mu)$ of square-integrable functions.

$$\|f\|_{L^2(\mu)}^2 = \int_M |f(x)|^2 d\mu(x), \quad \langle f, g \rangle_{L^2(\mu)} = \int_M f(x) \overline{g}(x) d\mu(x)$$

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Discrete and continuous components

Koopman eigenfunction : $U^t z = e^{\iota \omega t} z$.

Let \mathcal{D} be the closed subspace spanned by all eigenfunctions. It is non-empty.

$$U^t \overset{}{\bigodot} \mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{D}^{\perp} \overset{}{\swarrow} U^t$$

 \mathcal{D} corresponds to quasiperiodic dynamics \mathcal{D}^{\perp} is the functional analog of chaotic dynamics. It corresponds to decay of correlations and weak mixing.

Koopman eigenfunctions and forecasting

$$U^t z = e^{\iota \omega t} z$$

 U^t is unitary. So all the eigenvalues are **unit-norm**.

• Thus Koopman eigenfunctions have nice time-evolution.

$$z(\Phi^t x) = e^{\iota \omega t} z(x), \quad \forall t, \quad \forall x.$$

• This makes them a useful basis for forecasting.

$$f = \sum_{j} a_{j} z_{j} \Rightarrow U^{t} f = \sum_{j} a_{j} e^{\iota \omega_{j} t} z_{j}.$$

• Any collection of eigenfunctions z_1, \ldots, z_d gives an embedded / factor dynamics on the d-torus.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \stackrel{\Phi^{t}}{\longrightarrow} X \\ (z_{1},...,z_{d}) & & \downarrow (z_{1},...,z_{d}) \ ; & R_{\vec{\omega}}^{t} : \vec{\theta} \mapsto \vec{\theta} + \vec{\omega} \bmod 1 \\ & \mathbb{T}^{d} & \stackrel{R_{\vec{\omega}}^{t}}{\longrightarrow} \mathbb{T}^{d} \end{array}$$

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Fourier and ergodic averaging

$$\mathcal{F}_{\omega,N}\phi = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} e^{\iota\omega n} U^{n\delta t}\phi$$

$$\left\|\mathcal{F}_{\omega,N}\phi\right\|_{L^{2}(\mu)}^{2} = \int_{0}^{2\pi} \mathcal{S}_{N}^{2}(\theta-\omega)d\mu_{\phi}(\theta)$$
$$\mathcal{S}_{N}(x) \coloneqq \left|\frac{\sin(Nx/2)}{N\sin(x/2)}\right|$$

For quasiperiodic systems $\mathcal{F}_{\omega,N}$ converges to the projection onto the eigenspace corresponding to eigenfrequency ω , as $N \to \infty$. For the L63 system,

$$\sup_{\omega \in \mathbb{R} \smallsetminus \{0\}} \left\| \mathcal{F}_{\omega,N} \phi \right\|_{L^{2}(\mu)}^{2} = O\left(N^{-2}\right) \quad \text{as } N \to \infty.$$





The generator of the Koopman operator

$$U^t: L^2(\mu) \to L^2(\mu), \quad (U^t f): x \mapsto f\left(\Phi^t x\right).$$



$$U^{t} = e^{tV} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} t^{n} V^{n}$$

Conclusion

One-parameter subgroup

$$U^t: L^2(\mu) \to L^2(\mu), \quad (U^t f): x \mapsto f(\Phi^t x).$$

 U^t is a 1-parameter unitary group.

$$U^t = e^{tV} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} t^n V^n$$

 $V(f) \coloneqq \lim_{t \to 0} t^{-1} \left[U^t f - f \right], \quad C^1 \subset \operatorname{dom}(v) \subset_{\operatorname{dense}} L^2(\mu)$

The spectral measure

$$U^t: L^2(\mu) \to L^2(\mu), \quad Vf \coloneqq \lim_{t \to 0} t^{-1} \left[U^t f - f \right], \quad U^t = e^{tV}.$$

Spectral measure

An operator-valued measure

$$E$$
: Borel(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow Projection operators on $L^2(\mu)$

which assigns to every measurable set $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ a projection operator E(U); $E(\mathbb{R}) = Id$; $E(\emptyset) = 0$; and

$$E(U \cap V) = E(U)E(V) = E(V)E(U)$$

$$V = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \iota \omega dE(\omega), \quad U^{t} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{\iota t \omega} dE(\omega) = \int_{S^{1}} z^{t} d\tilde{E}(z).$$

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Spectral measure for quasiperiodic systems

For quasiperiodic dynamics, $\mathcal{D} = L^2(\mu)$, $\mathcal{D}^{\perp} = \{0\}$.



The spectral measure E is a discrete measure, composed of projections along each individual Koopman eigenfunction.

$$E(U) = \sum_{\omega_j \in U} \langle z_j, \cdot \rangle_{L^2(\mu)} z_j$$

Spectral measure for weakly mixing systems

For weakly mixing / chaotic systems, $\mathcal{D} = \{\text{constants}\}, \mathcal{D}^{\perp} = L_0^2(\mu)$.



Spectral decomposition theorem

For systems such as the L63 attractor, the unitary group U^t is isomorphic to a multiplication operator on $L^2(S^1)$. On every cyclic space, U^t has a spectral density.





Spectral approximation scheme



- There is a family $\{\tilde{V}_{\tau} : \tau > 0\}$ of compact operators on $L^2(\mu)$ which converges to V on C^2 functions
- The \tilde{V}_{τ} are conjugate to a compact, skew-adjoint operator W_{τ} on an associated Hilbert space \mathcal{H}_{τ} .
- The W_τ have complete eigenbasis of functions {ζ_{τ,j}:j} and corresponding eigenvalues {ω_{τ,j}:j}.

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Approximations



Theorem A. For every element $i\omega$, $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$, of the spectrum of the generator V, there exists a continuous curve $\tau \mapsto \omega_{\tau}$ such that $i\omega_{\tau}$ is an eigenvalue of W_{τ} , and $\lim_{\tau \to 0^+} \omega_{\tau} = \omega$.

Approximations



Theorem B. For every interval $U = [a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$ such that a, b are not eigenvalues, $E_{\tau}(U)$ converges strongly to E(U) as $\tau \to 0^+$, in the strong operator topology.

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Approximations

Conclusion

Coherent spatiotemporal patterns



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Approximate eigenfunctions

$$(U^t z)(x) = z(\Phi^t x) \approx e^{\iota \omega t} z(x)$$

More precisely, ω is an $\epsilon\text{-approximate}$ eigenfrequency upto time $\mathcal{T}>0$ if

$$\left\| U^{t}z - e^{\iota \omega t}z \right\|_{L^{2}(\mu)} < \epsilon, \quad 0 \le t \le T$$

- True eigenfrequencies are approximate eigenfrequencies.
- Any $\omega \in \text{supp}(E)$ is an approximate eigenfrequency, and
- for every ε, T, it has a corresponding approximate eigenfunction.

Approximations



Theorem C. If the energy along a continuous curve $\tau \mapsto \omega_{\tau}$ remains bounded as $\tau \to 0^+$, the the associated ζ_{τ} converges to an approximate Koopman eigenfunction.

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Predictions for the L63 attractor.



Theorem D : For fixed *t*, $U^{tW_{\tau}}$ converges strongly to $U^t = e^{tV}$, as $\tau \to 0^+$.

Summary

- The spectral measure is the underlying mechanism for many results in ergodic averaging and signal processing.
- The evolution of a measurement / observation under the flow is directly expressed by the Koopman group U^t . U^t in turn is determined by the spectral measure E.
- For chaotic systems, there are uncountable number of approximate eigenfunctions for arbitrary error ϵ and arbitrary lead-time t.
- Thus spectral theory supports the fact that chaotic systems show almost-periodic behavior at every time-scale.
- It is possible to approximate spectral measure by compactifying the generator.
- We used kernel-integral operators and associated RKHS for the compactification.

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