

Finite-time limit theorems for chaotic dynamics via Stein method

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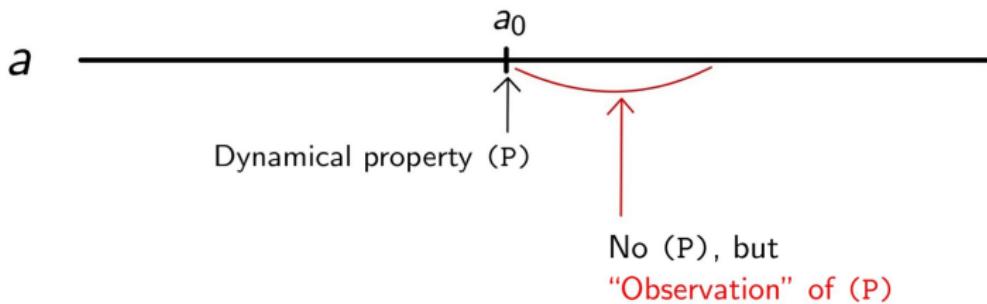
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Motivation for this talk

$$(f_a : X \rightarrow X)_a$$



- ▶ Spectral approach of “some” transfer op. works in toy models
- ▶ Stein method: “beyond” spectral gap

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Q. What is the behavior of $S_n\varphi := \varphi + \varphi \circ f + \cdots + \varphi \circ f^{n-1}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$?

\exists probability measure μ s.t.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{S_n\varphi(x)}{n} = \int \varphi d\mu \quad m\text{-a.e. } x?$$

and other limit theorems: e.g. $\exists \sigma_\varphi^2 \in (0, \infty)$, $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$m\left(\left\{x : \frac{S_n\varphi(x) - n \int \varphi d\mu}{\sqrt{n}} \leq a\right\}\right) \rightarrow \text{Prob}(N(0, \sigma_\varphi^2) \leq a)?$$

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A. Yes, for “chaotic” dynamics

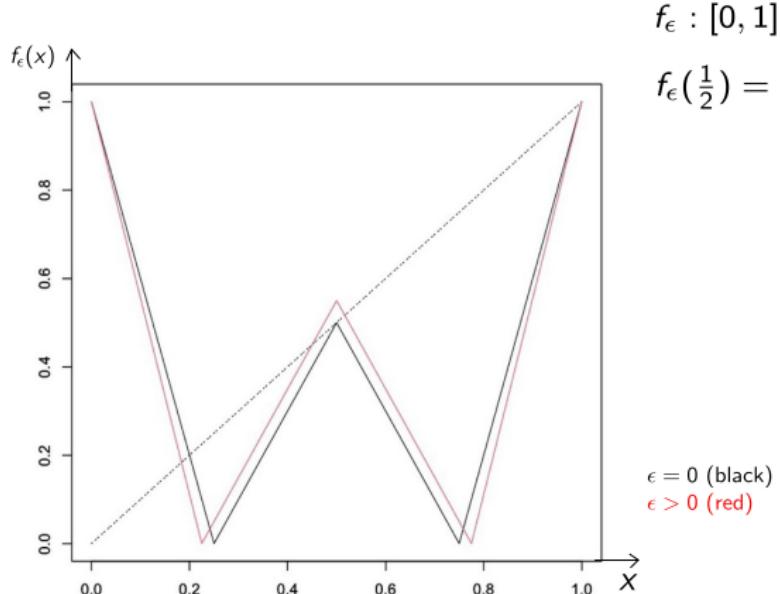
like (generic) piecewise **expanding** maps (loosely, $\text{ess inf}_x |f'(x)| > 1$)

- ▶ E.g. $f(x) = 2x \bmod 1$ on $X = \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$
- ▶ Related: Lorentz gas, geodesic flow on hyperbolic mfd ...



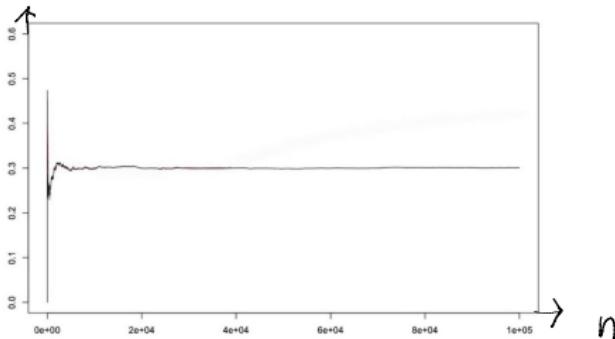
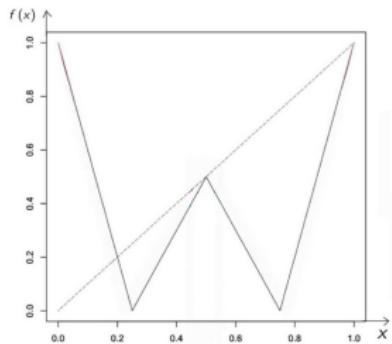
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- ▶ Blank–Keller’s W map (1997)

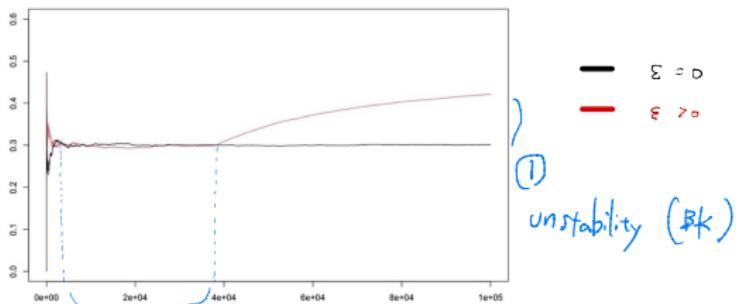
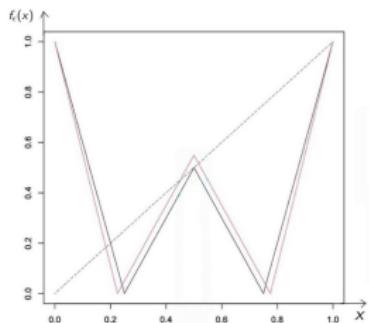


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$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \varphi_0 f_0^i(x)$$

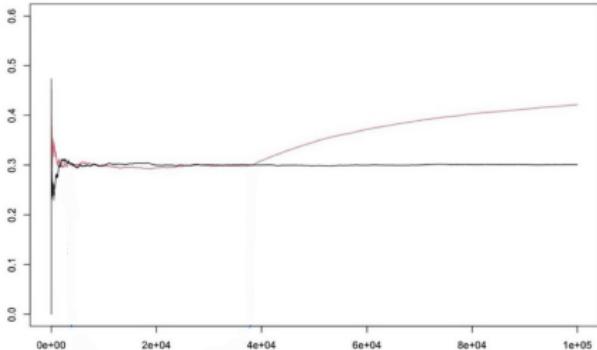
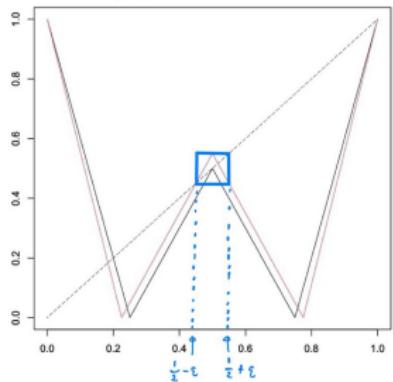


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For observation 1: Statistically unstable (Blank–Keller, 1997):

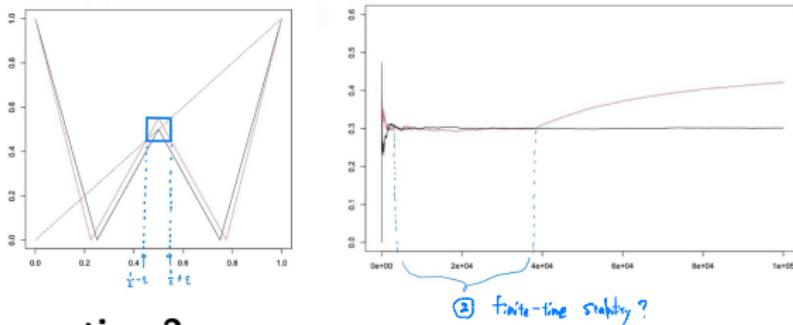
$\forall \epsilon \in [0, \frac{1}{4}], \exists! \text{ (a.c. invariant) probability measure } \mu_\epsilon,$

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for all $\varphi \in C^1([0, 1])$, where $S_{n,\epsilon}\varphi := \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \varphi \circ f_\epsilon^j$, while

$$\int \varphi d\mu_\epsilon \not\rightarrow \int \varphi d\mu_0 \quad (\epsilon \rightarrow 0)$$

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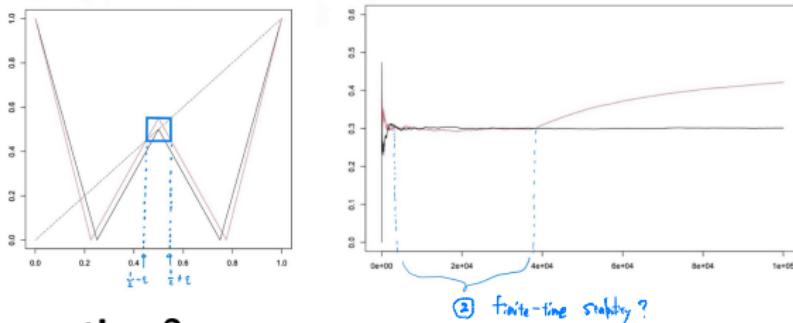
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→ **conditional probability** (& escape time)

$$\text{Leb}(A | X_{n,\epsilon}) := \frac{\text{Leb}(A \cap X_{n,\epsilon})}{\text{Leb}(X_{n,\epsilon})}, \quad X_{n,\epsilon} := \{x : f_\epsilon^j(x) \notin H_\epsilon \quad \forall j \in [0, n]\}$$

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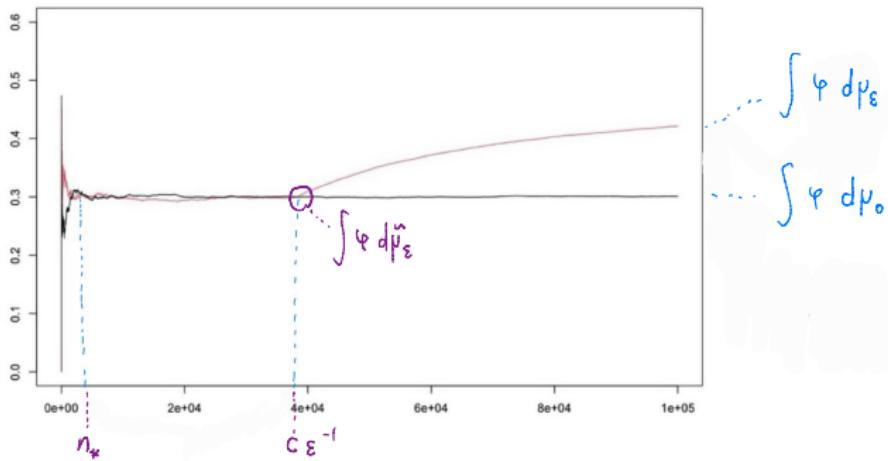
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Another formulation of finite-time limit theorems

Cor. $\forall \delta > 0, \forall \varphi \in C^1([0, 1]), \forall \{\epsilon(n)\}_{n \geq 1}$ satisfying $\epsilon(n) = o(n^{-1})$,

$$\text{Leb} \left(\left\{ x : \left| \frac{S_{n, \epsilon(n)} \varphi(x)}{n} - \int \varphi d\mu_0 \right| > \delta \right\} \right) \rightarrow 0$$

- ▶ Namely: for Leb-a.e. x ,

$$\frac{S_{n, \epsilon(n)} \varphi(x)}{n} \rightarrow \int \varphi d\mu_0$$

$$\frac{S_{n, \epsilon} \varphi(x)}{n} \rightarrow \int \varphi d\mu_\epsilon \not\sim \int \varphi d\mu_0$$

($\{\{n : \epsilon(n) > \epsilon\} \sim [0, C\epsilon^{-1}]$ is a metastable period)

- ▶ No $\tilde{\mu}_\epsilon$ or $X_{n, \epsilon}$ (this formulation can extend to properties without holes; e.g. finite-time bifurcation in a modified SIR model)

Related works

1. Estimate of escape **time** for SDE (Kramers 1940)
2. Similar but different definitions for some Markov chains $(\chi_n)_{n \geq 1}$ with an absorbing state H , e.g. **for all** $x \in X$

$$E_x [\varphi(\chi_n) \mid \chi_j \notin H \text{ for all } j \leq n] \rightarrow \int \varphi d\mu$$

(Yaglom 1947), where $E_x[\cdot]$ means the expectation under $\chi_1 = x$

3. Escape **time** in terms of conditionally invariant measure for (random) piecewise expanding maps: Pianigiani–Yorke (1979), Demers–Young (2005), Keller–Liverani (2008), etc
4. **Conditional limit theorems** for dynamics: Exceptional work by Collet–Martínez (1999) on some CLT for subshifts of finite type

Idea of the proof: Spectral gap

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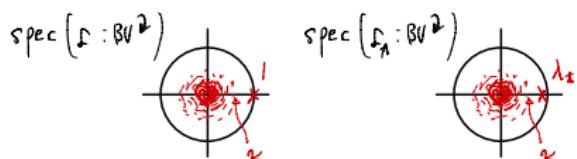
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CLT under spectral gap (classical):

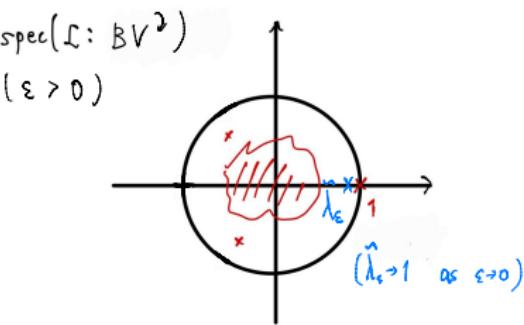
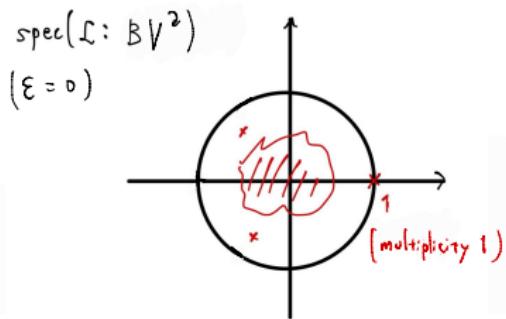
For $\phi_n = \varphi \circ f^n$ with spectral gap for \mathcal{L} , with $\mathcal{L}_t \psi := \mathcal{L}(e^{it\varphi}\psi)$,

$$\int e^{i\theta\Delta_n} d\text{Leb} = \int \mathcal{L}_{\frac{\theta}{\sqrt{n}}} \mathbf{1} d\text{Leb} = \left\{ \lambda\left(\frac{\theta}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \right\}^n + O(\kappa^n) \quad \text{where } \mathcal{L}_t h_t = \lambda(t) h_t$$

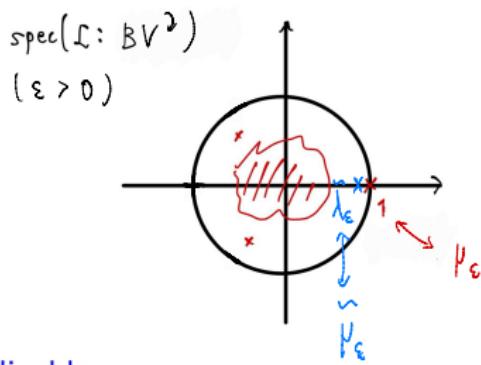
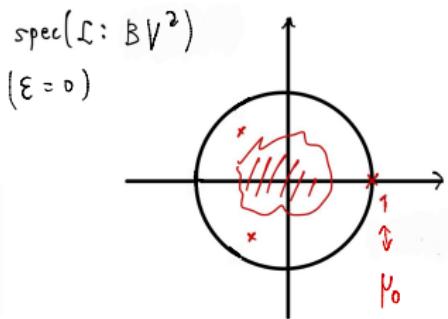
$$\text{while } \lambda(t) = 1 + E_\mu[\varphi]it + (V_\mu[\varphi] - E_\mu[\varphi]^2)\frac{(it)^2}{2} + o(t^2)$$

$$(\text{"because"} \quad \mathcal{L}_t \psi = \mathcal{L}\psi + t\mathcal{L}(\varphi\psi) + \frac{t^2}{2}\mathcal{L}(\varphi^2\psi) + o(t^2))$$

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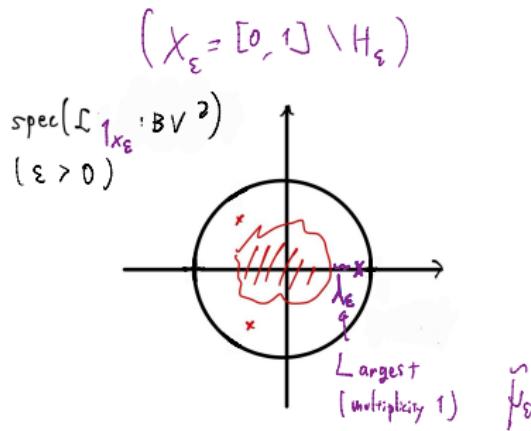
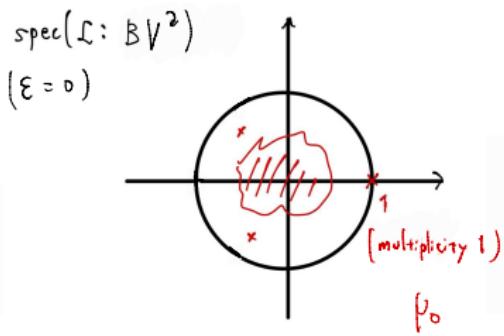
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spectral perturbation: not directly applicable

$$(p_e \nrightarrow p_0)$$

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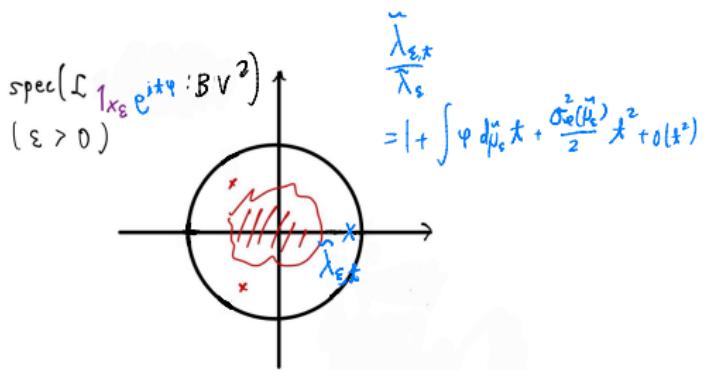
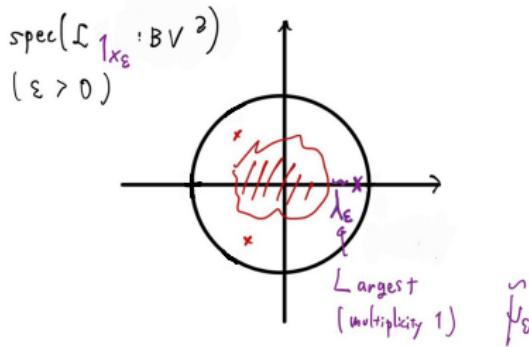
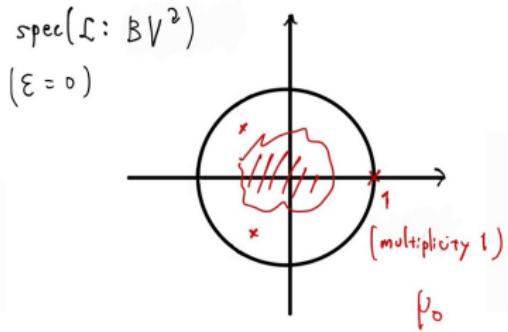


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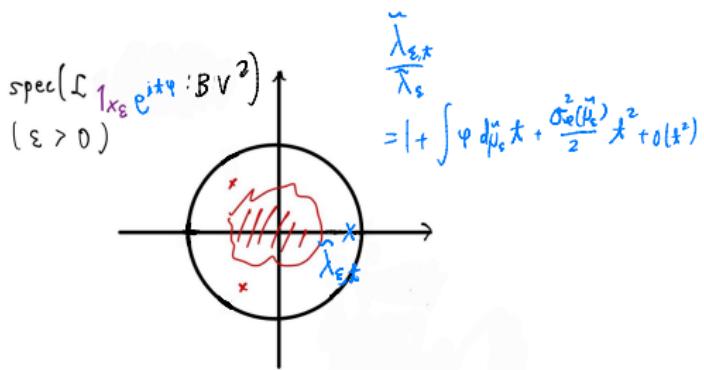
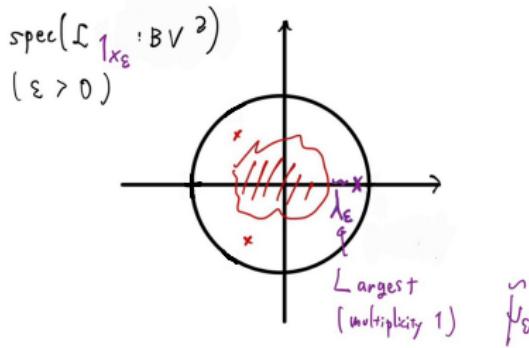
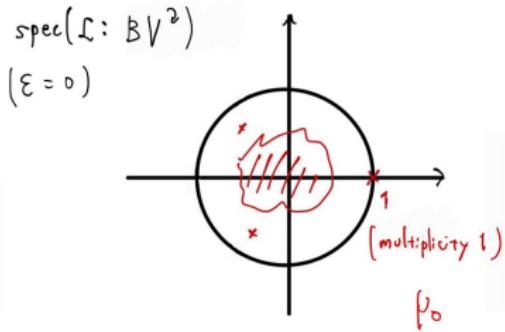
$$\mathcal{L}^n(1_{X_{n-1,\varepsilon}} \cdot) = (\mathcal{L}_{1_{X_\varepsilon}})^n, \quad \left(s_0 \quad \hat{\mu}_\varepsilon \rightarrow \mu_0 \right)$$

spectrally close to $(\mathcal{L}|_{\varepsilon=0})^n$ (by estimate $\|(\mathcal{L}_{1_{X_{n-1,\varepsilon}}})^n - (\mathcal{L}|_{\varepsilon=0})^n\| \leq \lambda^n$, $\lambda \in (0, 1)$)

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Independence ↗

$$= \sqrt{n} \underbrace{E[\phi_1]}_{=0} E[\gamma'(\Delta_n^{(1)})] + \underbrace{E[\phi_1^2]}_{=1} E[\gamma''(\Delta_n^{(1)})] + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$$

$$= 0 + E[\underline{\gamma''(\Delta_n)}] + \text{Lip}(\gamma'') O\left(\frac{E[|\phi_1|]}{\sqrt{n}}\right) + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$$

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→ **Function Correlation Bounds:** generalization of independence

Functional Correlation Bound

Let

- ▶ $\{(X_n, \zeta_n)\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$: sequence of probability spaces
- ▶ $\{\phi_{n,j}\}_{j=0}^{n-1}$: random variables defined on (X_n, ζ_n)

such that

$$\int \phi_{n,j} d\zeta_n = 0 \quad \text{for all } 0 \leq j < n$$

E.g.

- ▶ Closed: $(X_n, \zeta_n) = ([0, 1], \text{Leb})$ and

$$\phi_{n,j} = \varphi \circ f_0^j - \int \varphi \circ f_0^j d\text{Leb}$$

- ▶ Open: $(X_n, \zeta_n) = (X_{n,\epsilon}, \text{Leb}(\cdot | X_{n,\epsilon}))$ and

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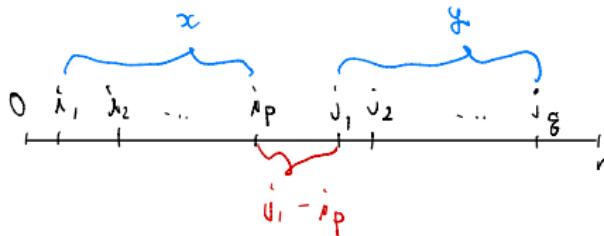
Def. $(\phi_{n,j})_{n \geq 0, 0 \leq j < n}$ satisfies a **functional correlation bound (FCB)** with **rate function** $R : \{1, 2, \dots\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ (with $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} R(k) = 0$)

if $\exists C_* > 0$, $\forall 0 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_p < j_1 < \dots < j_q < n$, $\forall G \in \text{Lip}(\mathbb{R}^{p+q})$

$$\left| \int \tilde{G}(x, x) d\zeta_n(x) - \int \tilde{G}(x, y) d\zeta_n(x) d\zeta_n(y) \right| \leq C_* \|G\|_{\text{Lip}} R(j_1 - i_p),$$

where

$$\tilde{G}(x, y) = G(\phi_{n,i_1}(x), \dots, \phi_{n,i_p}(x), \phi_{n,j_1}(y), \dots, \phi_{n,j_q}(y)).$$



Correlation between
x's & y's

Functional Correlation Bound

Def. $(\phi_{n,j})_{n \geq 0, 0 \leq j < n}$ satisfies a **functional correlation bound (FCB)** with **rate function** $R : \{1, 2, \dots\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ (with $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} R(k) = 0$)

if $\exists C_* > 0$, $\forall 0 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_p < j_1 < \dots < j_q < n$, $\forall G \in \text{Lip}(\mathbb{R}^{p+q})$

$$\left| \int \tilde{G}(x, x) d\zeta_n(x) - \int \tilde{G}(x, y) d\zeta_n(x) d\zeta_n(y) \right| \leq C_* \|G\|_{\text{Lip}} R(j_1 - i_p),$$

where

$$\tilde{G}(x, y) = G(\phi_{n,i_1}(x), \dots, \phi_{n,i_p}(x), \phi_{n,j_1}(y), \dots, \phi_{n,j_q}(y)).$$

- ▶ Introduced in [Leppänen, 2017] “in the closed case”
- ▶ $\{\phi_{n,j}\}_{0 \leq j < n}$: independent in $(X_n, \eta_n) \Rightarrow (\text{LHS}) = 0$
- ▶ “**Spectral gap** implies” that, when $p = q = 1$ and $G(x, y) = xy$,

$$(\text{LHS}) \leq C_* \|\varphi \circ f^i\|_\infty \|\varphi \circ f^i\|_{\text{Lip}} \kappa^{j-i}$$

with some $\kappa \in (0, 1)$. **Bad:** $\|\varphi \circ f^i\|_{\text{Lip}} \rightarrow \infty$ in general

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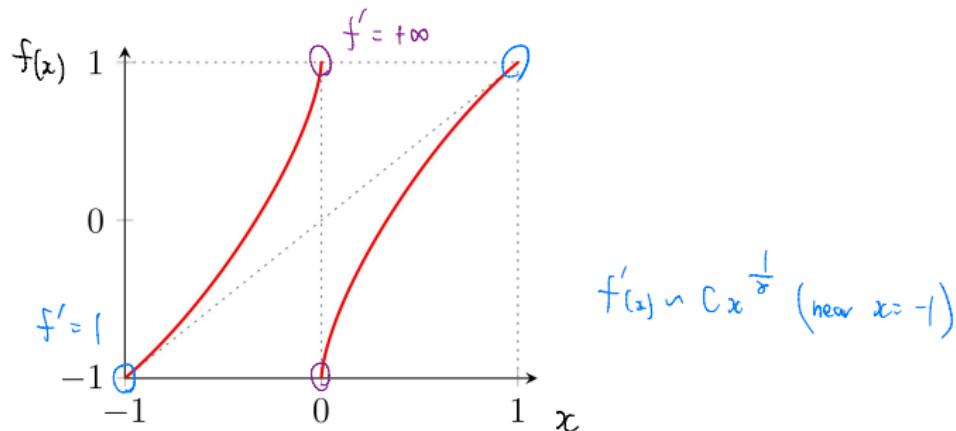
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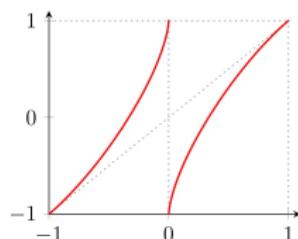
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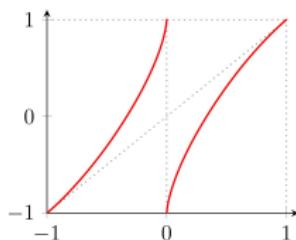
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- ▶ (Random) piecewise expanding maps (etc): $R(k) = \kappa^k$ with a $\kappa \in (0, 1)$
- ▶ (Random) MP maps $f(x) = x + x^\omega \bmod 1$ ($\omega \leq \gamma < \frac{3}{2}$): $R(k) \sim k^{1-\frac{1}{\gamma-1}}$

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Returning to the Blank–Keller W map f_ϵ in a general setting: Let

- ▶ $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$: piecewise expanding map
- ▶ $H \subset [0, 1]$: measurable such that $\text{Leb}(H)$ is small enough
- ▶ $X_n := \{x \in [0, 1] : f^j(x) \notin H \text{ for all } j \in [0, n]\}$

Thm. (with J. Leppänen, Y. Nakajima)

For any $\varphi \in C^1([0, 1])$, the random variables $\{\phi_{n,j}\}$ defined by

$$\phi_{n,j} := \varphi \circ f^j - \int \varphi \, d\text{Leb}(\cdot | X_n) \quad \text{on } (X_n, \text{Leb}(\cdot | X_n)) \quad (0 \leq j < n)$$

satisfy (FCB) with $R(k) = \kappa^k$ with some $\kappa \in (0, 1)$

- ▶ This also holds in (quenched) random environments

CLT with error bound under FCB

Denote by $\mathcal{L}_\zeta(\phi) := \zeta(\{x : \phi(x) \in \cdot\})$ for a m'able ϕ on a prob. sp (X, ζ)

Thm. (with J. Leppänen, Y. Nakajima)

Assume that $\{\phi_{n,j}\}$ on $\{(X_n, \zeta_n)\}$ satisfy (FCB) with $\sum_k R(k) < \infty$,
and $\inf_{n \geq 0} \frac{\sigma_n^2}{n} > 0$ where $\sigma_n^2 := \int (\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \phi_{n,j})^2 d\zeta_n$. Then,

(1) with $W_n(x) := \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \phi_{n,j}(x)}{\sqrt{\sigma_n^2}}$

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{R}} |\mathcal{L}_{\zeta_n}(W_n)((-\infty, a]) - \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{N})((-\infty, a])| \leq \frac{C \log n}{\sqrt{n}},$$

where \mathcal{N} is the standard normal distribution;

(2)

$$\sup_{\gamma \in \text{Lip}^1(\mathbb{R})} \left| \int \gamma d\mathcal{L}_{\zeta_n}(W_n) - \int \gamma d\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{N}) \right| \leq \frac{C}{\sqrt{n}}$$

(due to [Leppänen–Stenlund, 2020]; optimal error bound);

- ▶ CLT: LHS of (1) $\rightarrow 0$
- ▶ (1)/(2): Kolmogorov/Wasserstein distance of W_n and \mathcal{N}

FCLT with error bound under FCB

Let

- ▶ D : set of càdlàg functions on $[0, 1]$ (right-continuous with left limits; processes with jumps) equipped with the sup norm
- ▶ $\mathcal{S}(D)$: set of $C^{2+\text{Lip}}$ functions on D (& “smoothness condition”)

(continued)

(3) defining D -valued r.v. $\mathcal{W}_n(x)$ by $\mathcal{W}_n(x)(t) := \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor nt \rfloor - 1} \phi_{n,j}(x)}{\sqrt{\sigma_n^2}},$

$$\sup_{\Gamma \in \mathcal{S}(D)} \left| \int \Gamma d\mathcal{L}_{\zeta_n}(\mathcal{W}_n) - \int \Gamma d\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{Z}) \right| \leq \frac{C}{\sqrt{n}}$$

where \mathcal{Z} is the standard Brownian motion.

- ▶ $\mathcal{S}(D)$ is large enough in the sense that (2) implies $\mathcal{W}_n \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{Z}$.

Cor: Conditional FCLT with error bound $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ holds for the BK W map

Summary

Motivation: How to formulate and prove limit theorems observed over finite times in chaotic systems?

Approach:

- ▶ Introduce **conditional limit theorems**, considering only the trajectories that do not enter a hole (set of no-return).
 - ▶ and formulation by time-dependent parameters
- ▶ Utilize **Stein method** for its excellence in flexibility and error estimation. The key is to establish a **Functional Correlation Bound** in this conditional setting (arXiv:2501.13498).