Planar dynamical systems perturbed by heavy-tailed Lévy noise

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1. Example: climate extreme events



- P. Ditlevsen (U Copenhagen) Geophys. Res. Lett. 26, 1999 Phys. Rev. E 60, 1999
- Langevin equation for the climate dynamics:
- $dX(t) = -U'(X(t))dt + \varepsilon dL(t)$

Earth's global temperature



- L α-stable symmetric Lévy process + maybe a BM
- U double-well potential, wells correspond to the climate states
- Statistical analysis: $\alpha \approx 1.75$ (or $\alpha \approx 0.7$?)

2. Example: electricity prices



- Mean-reversion models
 Pyndick; Borovkova&Permana;
 R. Weron
- Stochastic differential equation for energy prices
- $dX(t) = -U'(X(t))dt + \varepsilon dL(t)$



- *L* positively skewed (α-stable)
 Lévy process + maybe a BM
- U 'parabolic' potential, e.g. $U(x) = M(x - a)^2$.
- Goal: good model for the spikes

3. Motivation: Duffing oscillator

Perturbed Duffing oscillator with friction.

 $\ddot{x} + \delta \dot{x} + U'(x) = \varepsilon \dot{L}, \varepsilon \to 0, \delta > 0.$

U double-well potential, e.g. $U(x) = x^4/4 - x^2/2$.

 $\varepsilon = 0$: two attractors, say ± 1 and a saddle x = 0, domains of attraction Ω_{\pm} , separatrix Γ



Noise induces transitions

4. Motivation: van der Pol oscillator

van der Pol oscillator: harmonic oscillator with non-linear friction

$$\ddot{x} - \delta(1 - x^2)\dot{x} + x = \varepsilon \dot{L}, \ \varepsilon \to 0, \ \delta > 0.$$

 $\varepsilon=0$: a stable limit cycle and an repulsive focus x=0

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Equation in phase space

$$\begin{cases} x = v, \\ \dot{v} = \delta(1 - x^2)v - x + \varepsilon \dot{L} \end{cases}$$

Noise: exit from a neighbourhood of a limit cycle





5. Multiple limit cycles in electric circuits

Y. A. Saet and G. L. Viviani: Mathematical Modelling, 7, pp. 377–384, 1986 Saet and Viviani (~ 1985): Liénard equation $\ddot{x} + \mu W(x)\dot{x} + x = 0$, $\mu > 0$.

One can construct a polynomial W(x) such that the dynamical system has limit cycles with predefined amplitides.



Fig. 4. Single-exposure photograph of white-noise excited oscillator with three stable limit cycles.



L. N. Epele, H. Fanchiotti, A. Spina, and H. Vucetich: Physical Review A, 31(4) 1985

6. Multiple limit cycles in chemical reactions

A. Goldbeter and F. Moran: European Biophysics Journal, 15, 1988

Autocatalytic enzyme reaction with input of substrate α both from a constant source v > 0 and from non-linear recycling of product γ into substrate.

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = v + \frac{\sigma_i \gamma^n}{K^n + \gamma^n} - \sigma_M \frac{\alpha (1+\alpha)(1+\gamma)^2}{L + (1+\alpha)^2 (1+\gamma)^2}$$
$$\frac{d\gamma}{dt} = q\sigma_M \frac{\alpha (1+\alpha)(1+\gamma)^2}{L + (1+\alpha)^2 (1+\gamma)^2} - k_s \gamma - \frac{q\sigma_i \gamma^n}{K^n + \gamma^n}$$



7. Setting

Planar structurally stable dynamical system $\dot{u} = f(u)$ with K_1, \ldots, K_N attractors which are either exponentially stable foci or orbitally exponentially stable limit cycles.

Domains of attraction $\Omega_1, \ldots, \Omega_N$.



Perturbed system

$$X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t f(X_s) \, ds + \varepsilon \int_0^t F(X_{s-}) \, dZ_s$$

 $Z \in \mathbb{R}^m$ -dimensional Levy Process with heavy tails

 $F \colon \mathbb{R}^m \to \mathbb{R}^2$ sufficiently smooth function, $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$ Goal: long term behaviour of X.

8. Source of randomness: Lévy process Z

Z is a **Lévy process** if $Z_0 = 0$, is stochastically continuous and has

independent stationary increments

(and right continuous paths with left limits).

$$Z = \underbrace{\text{Brownian motion} + \text{drift}}_{\text{F}} + \underbrace{\text{jumps}}_{\text{F}} = Z^c + Z^d$$

Lévy–Khintchine formula for $Z \in \mathbb{R}^m$:

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{m} x_i y_i$$

$$\mathbf{E} e^{\mathbf{i}\langle Z_t, \lambda \rangle} = \exp\left[\underbrace{-\frac{t}{2}\langle A\lambda, \lambda \rangle}_{\text{Brownian motion}} + \mathbf{i} t \langle \lambda, \mu \rangle + t \underbrace{\int \left(e^{\mathbf{i}\langle \lambda, y \rangle} - 1 - \frac{\mathbf{i}\langle \lambda, y \rangle}{1 + \|y\|^2}\right) \nu(dy)}_{\text{jumps}}\right]$$

9. α -stable Lévy process (Lévy flights)

Isometric α -stable LP in \mathbb{R}^m :

$$\mathbf{E}e^{\mathbf{i}\langle Z_t,\lambda\rangle} = \exp\left[-tc_{m,\alpha}\|\lambda\|^{\alpha}\right], \quad \alpha \in (0,2), \quad c_{m,\alpha} = \frac{\pi^{m/2}}{2^{\alpha}} \frac{\Gamma(-\frac{\alpha}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{m+\alpha}{2})}$$

Jump measure: $\nu(dy) = \frac{dy}{\|y\|^{\alpha+m}}, \alpha \in (0,2)$

Cauchy process: $\alpha = 1$, probability density $p(x) \sim \frac{1}{1 + \|x\|^2}$





Brownian motion

1.50-stable Lévy process

 $\frac{\mathbf{P}(\|Z_1\| \geqslant u)}{\nu(y \colon \|y\| \geqslant u)} \to 1, \, u \to \infty.$ (see Kolokoltsov (LNM 1724) for expansions)

10. Heavy tails

 ν is a regularly varying at ∞ : there is a non-zero Radon measure m on $\mathcal{B}(\overline{\mathbb{R}}^m \setminus \{0\})$ with $m(\overline{\mathbb{R}}^m \setminus \mathbb{R}^m) = 0$ with the scaling property, a > 0,

$$m(aA) = \lim_{u \to +\infty} \frac{\nu(auA)}{\nu(\{\|z\| \ge u\})} = \frac{1}{a^r} \lim_{u \to +\infty} \frac{\nu(uA)}{\nu(\{\|z\| \ge u\})} = \frac{1}{a^r} m(A),$$

 $0 \notin \overline{A}$, $m(\partial A) = 0$, for some r > 0. In particular, $u \mapsto \nu(\{\|z\| \ge u\})$ is regularly varying at infinity with index -r, $\nu(\{\|z\| \ge u\}) = u^{-r}l(u)$.

Isometric $\alpha\text{-stable LP}$ in \mathbb{R}^m

$$\nu(dy) = C(\alpha, m) \frac{dy}{\|y\|^{\alpha+m}} \qquad \nu(\{\|z\| > u\}) = \frac{1}{u^{\alpha}}, \quad m = \nu$$

Weakly tempered α -stable LP in \mathbb{R}^m :

$$\begin{split} \nu(dy) &= \frac{dy}{\|y\|^{\alpha+m}} \frac{C(\alpha,\beta,m)}{(1+\|y\|^2)^{\beta/2}}, \qquad \alpha \in (0,2), \ \beta \ge 0, \\ \nu(\{\|z\| > u\}) &\approx \frac{1}{u^{\alpha+\beta}}, \quad u \to \infty, \quad m(dy) = C(\alpha,\beta,m) \frac{dy}{\|y\|^{\alpha+\beta+m}} \end{split}$$

11. One-dimensional case with additive α -stable noise





$$\mathbf{E}_x au pprox rac{arepsilon \sqrt{\pi}}{|U'(-b)| \sqrt{U''(0)}} \mathrm{e}^{2h/arepsilon^2}$$

Exponential exit (Day, Bovier)

$$\mathbf{P}_x\left(\frac{\tau}{\mathbf{E}_x\tau} > u\right) \to \mathrm{e}^{-u}$$

Diffusion 'climbs up and out'



(Godovanchuk, 1981; Imkeller, P.)

$$\mathbf{E}_{x}\tau \approx \frac{\alpha}{\varepsilon^{\alpha}} \Big[\frac{1}{a^{\alpha}} + \frac{1}{b^{\alpha}} \Big]^{-1} = \frac{\nu([-b,a]^{c})}{\varepsilon^{\alpha}}$$
$$\mathbf{P}_{x} \Big(\frac{\tau}{\mathbf{E}_{x}\tau} > u \Big) \to \mathrm{e}^{-u}$$

Lévy motion driven SDE 'jumps out'





Freidlin-Wentzell theory: Action functional

$$S_{0T}(\varphi) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \|\dot{\varphi}_s - f(\varphi_s)\|^2 \, ds, \text{ if } \varphi \colon [0,T] \to \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ absolutely continuous,} \\ +\infty \text{ else.} \end{cases}$$

Quasipotential

$$\tilde{V}(K_i, K_j) = \inf\{S_{0T}(\varphi) \colon \varphi_0 \in K_i, \ \varphi_T \in K_j, \ \varphi_t \in G \cup \partial G \setminus \bigcup_{k \neq i, j} K_k, \ t \in (0, T)\}.$$

All points of limit cycles are equivalent, exponentially long transition times between the attractors (see Wentzell; Kolokoltsov, ...)

13. Heavy tail perturbations. Transitions

Let $\nu(dy) = |y|^{1+\alpha} dy$. For small $\Delta > 0$ denote $\mathbf{B}_i = \{y : |y - m_i| \leq \Delta\}$ and



Theorem 1. [I.&P. 2008] For $x \in B_i$ the following holds as $\varepsilon \to 0$:

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{E} \mathrm{e}^{-u\varepsilon^{\alpha}q_{i}\tau_{x}^{i}(\varepsilon)} &\to \frac{1}{1+u}, \ u > -1, \\ \mathbf{E}\tau_{x}^{i}(\varepsilon) &\approx \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{\alpha}q_{i}}, \\ \mathbf{P}(X^{\varepsilon}(\tau_{x}^{i}(\varepsilon)) \in B_{j}) \to \frac{q_{ij}}{q_{i}}, \\ \end{split} \qquad q_{ij} = \int_{(s_{j-1},s_{j})} \frac{dy}{|y-m_{i}|^{1+\alpha}}, \quad i \neq j. \end{split}$$

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14. Metastability

Theorem 2. Let $x \in (s_{j-1}, s_j)$ and $0 < t_1 < \cdots < t_k$. Then for any bounded continuous function f

$$\mathbf{E}f\Big(X_x^{\varepsilon}\Big(\frac{t_1}{\varepsilon^{\alpha}}\Big),\ldots,X_x^{\varepsilon}\Big(\frac{t_k}{\varepsilon^{\alpha}}\Big)\Big) \to \mathbf{E}f\Big(Y_{m_j}(t_1),\ldots,Y_{m_j}(t_k)\Big),$$

where *Y* is a Markov chain on $\{m_1, \ldots, m_n\}$ with a generator $Q = (q_{ij})$, $q_{ii} = -q_i$.

Remark. *Y* has the invariant measure

$$\pi(dy) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \pi_j \delta_{m_j}(dy),$$
$$\pi_j > 0,$$

where $Q^T \pi = 0$.

15. Separation of time scales

$$Z_t = \underbrace{Z_t \mathbb{I}(\|\Delta Z_t\| \ge \varepsilon^{-\rho})}_{:=\eta_t^{\varepsilon}} + \underbrace{(Z_t - \eta_s^{\varepsilon})}_{:=\xi_t^{\varepsilon}}, \quad \rho \in (0, 1)$$

- η_t^{ε} is a compound Poisson process
- jump measure $\nu_{\eta}(A) = \nu(A \cap \{ \|x\| \ge \varepsilon^{-\rho} \}); \beta_{\varepsilon} = \nu_{\eta}(\mathbb{R}^m) \sim \varepsilon^{\alpha \rho}$
- arrival times $0 = \tau_0 < \tau_1 < \tau_2 < \dots$; $\tau_k \tau_{k-1} \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \mathscr{E}(\beta_{\varepsilon})$
- iid jump sizes $(W_k)_{k \ge 1}$, $\mathbf{P}(W_1 \in A) = \frac{\nu(A \cap \{ \|x\| \ge \varepsilon^{-\rho} \})}{\beta_{\varepsilon}}$.

$$X_{t} = X_{0} + \int_{0}^{t} f(X_{s}) ds + \varepsilon \int_{0}^{t} F(X_{s-}) d\xi_{s}^{\varepsilon}, \quad t \in [0, \tau_{1})$$

$$X_{\tau_{1}} = X_{\tau_{1-}} + \varepsilon F(X_{\tau_{1-}}) W_{1}$$

$$X_{t} = X_{\tau_{1}} + \int_{\tau_{1}}^{\tau_{1}+t} f(X_{s}) ds + \varepsilon \int_{0}^{t} F(X_{s-}) d\xi_{s}^{\varepsilon}, \quad t \in [0, \tau_{2} - \tau_{1})$$

$$X_{\tau_{2}} = X_{\tau_{2-}} + \varepsilon F(X_{\tau_{2-}}) W_{2}$$
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16. Dynamics between big jumps



17. Orbital stability

A solution $\varphi(t)$ of the system $\dot{x} = f(x)$ is called exponentially stable if $\delta > 0$, C > 0 and $\alpha > 0$ exist such that

$$\|x(t;x_0) - \varphi(t)\| \leq C e^{-\alpha t} \|x_0 - \varphi(0)\|, \quad t \geq 0$$

as soon as $||x_0 - \varphi(0)|| \leq \delta$.

For $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and a limit cycle K define a distance

$$d_K(x) := \inf_{y \in K} \|x - y\| = \inf_{t \leq T^\circ} \|x - \varphi(t)\|.$$

The function $x \mapsto d_K(x)$ is well defined in a small neighbourhood of K.

A periodic solution $\varphi(t)$ of the system $\dot{x} = f(x)$ is called exponentially orbitally stable if $\delta > 0$, C > 0 and $\alpha > 0$ exist such that

$$d_K(x(t;x_0)) \leqslant C e^{-\alpha t} d_K(x_0), \quad t \ge 0$$

as soon as $d_K(x_0) \leq \delta$.



$$\begin{split} \widehat{\Omega^{c}}(y) &:= \{ w \in \mathbb{R}^{m} \colon y + F(y)w \in \Omega^{c} \}, \quad \widehat{U}(y) := \{ w \in \mathbb{R}^{m} \colon y + F(y)w \in U \}, \\ \tau_{x}^{\varepsilon} &:= \inf\{t \geq 0 \colon X_{t}^{\varepsilon} \notin \Omega \} \\ q_{U} &= \int_{0}^{T^{\circ}} m(\widehat{U}(\varphi(s))) \, ds, \quad q = \frac{1}{T^{\circ}} \int_{0}^{T^{\circ}} m(\widehat{\Omega^{c}}(\varphi(s))) \, ds, \end{split}$$

$$\mathbf{E}\Big[\mathrm{e}^{-\theta q h(\varepsilon)\tau_x^\varepsilon}\mathbb{I}(X_{\tau_x^\varepsilon}\in U)\Big] \xrightarrow{\varepsilon\downarrow 0} \frac{1}{1+\theta}\cdot \frac{q_U}{q}$$

19. Asymptotics I

Characteristic time scale of X^{ε} : $h_{\varepsilon} = \nu(\{\|x\| \ge \frac{1}{\varepsilon}\}) \sim \varepsilon^{\alpha};$

Characteristic time scale of a 'big jumps process': $\beta_{\varepsilon} = \nu(\{\|x\| \ge \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{-\rho}}\}) \sim \varepsilon^{\alpha\rho}$; The first 'big jump time' $\mathbf{P}(T > u) = e^{-\beta u}$

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{E} \, \mathrm{e}^{-\theta q h_{\varepsilon} T} \mathbb{I} \Big(X_t \in \Omega, t < T, X_{T^-} + \varepsilon F(X_{T^-}) W \notin \Omega \Big) \\ & \left[\left\| \mathrm{use \ that } \mathbf{P} \Big(\sup_{t \leq T \wedge \ln \frac{1}{\varepsilon}} \| X_t - u_t(x_0) \| \leq d_{\varepsilon} \ \mathrm{and} \ \sup_{t \geq T \wedge \ln \frac{1}{\varepsilon}} d_K(X_t) \leq d_{\varepsilon} \Big) \approx 1 \right] \\ & \approx \int_0^\infty \beta_{\varepsilon} \mathrm{e}^{-(\theta q h_{\varepsilon} + \beta_{\varepsilon}) t} \mathbf{P} \Big(X_t + \varepsilon F(X_t) W \notin \Omega \Big) \, dt \\ & \approx \sum_{k=0}^\infty \int_{kT^\circ}^{(k+1)T^\circ} \beta_{\varepsilon} \mathrm{e}^{-(\theta q h_{\varepsilon} + \beta_{\varepsilon}) t} \mathbf{P} \Big(\varphi_t^{(k)} + \varepsilon F(\varphi_t^{(k)}) W \notin \Omega \Big) \, dt \\ & \approx \sum_{k=0}^\infty \mathrm{e}^{-(\theta q h_{\varepsilon} + \beta_{\varepsilon}) kT^\circ} \beta_{\varepsilon} \int_0^{T^\circ} \mathbf{P} (\varepsilon W \in \widehat{\Omega^c}(u_t)) \, dt \end{split}$$

20. Asymptotics II

$$\approx \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{-(\theta q h_{\varepsilon} + \beta_{\varepsilon})kT^{\circ}} \beta_{\varepsilon} \int_{0}^{T^{\circ}} \mathbf{P}(\varepsilon W \in \widehat{\Omega^{c}}(u_{t})) dt$$
$$\approx \frac{\beta_{\varepsilon}}{1 - e^{-(\theta q h_{\varepsilon} + \beta_{\varepsilon})T^{\circ}}} \int_{0}^{T^{\circ}} \frac{1}{\beta_{\varepsilon}} \nu(\widehat{\Omega^{c}}(u_{t})) dt$$
$$\approx \frac{h_{\varepsilon}}{\theta q h_{\varepsilon} + \beta_{\varepsilon}} \cdot \frac{1}{T^{\circ}} \int_{0}^{T^{\circ}} m(\widehat{\Omega^{c}}(u_{t})) dt = \frac{h_{\varepsilon}}{\theta q h_{\varepsilon} + \beta_{\varepsilon}} q$$

Analogously,

$$\mathbf{E} e^{-\theta q h_{\varepsilon} T} \mathbb{I} \Big(X_t \in \Omega, t < T, X_{T-} + \varepsilon F(X_{T-}) W \in \Omega \Big) \approx \frac{\beta_{\varepsilon}}{\theta q h_{\varepsilon} + \beta_{\varepsilon}} - \frac{h_{\varepsilon}}{\theta q h_{\varepsilon} + \beta_{\varepsilon}} q$$

21. Asymptotics III

For $x \in \Omega_i$:

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{E} \Big[\mathrm{e}^{-\theta q h_{\varepsilon} \tau_{x}^{\varepsilon}} \mathbb{I}(X_{\tau_{x}^{\varepsilon}} \in \Omega_{j}) \Big] &\approx \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbf{E} \Big[\mathrm{e}^{-\theta q h_{\varepsilon} \tau_{x}^{\varepsilon}} \mathbb{I}(X_{\tau_{x}^{\varepsilon}} \in \Omega_{j}) \mathbb{I}(\tau_{x}^{\varepsilon} = \tau_{k}) \Big] \\ &\approx \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \Big[\frac{\beta_{\varepsilon}}{\theta q h_{\varepsilon} + \beta_{\varepsilon}} - \frac{h_{\varepsilon}}{\theta q h_{\varepsilon} + \beta_{\varepsilon}} q \Big]^{k-1} \frac{h_{\varepsilon}}{\theta q h_{\varepsilon} + \beta_{\varepsilon}} q_{\Omega_{j}} \\ &= \frac{1}{1+\theta} \frac{q_{\Omega_{j}}}{q}, \\ q &= \sum_{j \neq i} q_{\Omega_{j}} \end{split}$$

22. Metastability for a system with limit cycles

For a limit cycle K_i denote T_i° its period and $\varphi^{(K_i)} = \varphi^{(K_i)}(t)$, $t \in [0, T_i^{\circ})$ any its parameterization, $\dot{\varphi}^{(K_i)} = f(\varphi^{(K_i)}(t))$, $\varphi^{(K_i)}(0) \in K_i$.

Attractors K_1, \ldots, K_N given, consider the probability measures π_1, \ldots, π_N on \mathbb{R}^2 with

$$\pi_i(A) = \begin{cases} \delta_{K_i}(A), & \text{if } K_i \text{ is a stable fixed point,} \\ \frac{1}{T_i^{\circ}} \int_0^{T_i^{\circ}} \mathbb{I}_{A \cap K_i}(\varphi^{(K_i)}(t)) \, dt, & \text{if } K_i \text{ is a stable limit cycle.} \end{cases}$$

Clearly, $\operatorname{supp} \pi_i = \{K_i\}$. For $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ denote the set of "jumps leading to transition to Ω_j from x" (Itô-SDE)

$$\widehat{\Omega_j}(x) := \{ w \in \mathbb{R}^m \colon x + F(x)w \in \Omega_j \}.$$

23. Measure-valued Markov chain

We construct a Markov chain $Y = (Y_t)_{t \ge 0}$ on $\{\pi_1, \ldots, \pi_N\}$ with the generator $Q = (q_{ij})_{i,j=1}^N$ defined by

$$\begin{split} q_{ij} &= \int_{K_i} m(\widehat{\Omega_j}(y)) \, \pi_i(dy) \\ &= \begin{cases} m(\widehat{\Omega_j}(K_i)), & \text{if } K_i \text{ is a stable fixed point }, \\ \frac{1}{T_i^{\circ}} \int_0^{T_i^{\circ}} m\left(\widehat{\Omega_j}(\varphi^{(K_i)}(s))\right) \, ds, & \text{if } K_i \text{ is a stable limit cycle} \end{cases} \end{split}$$

for $i \neq j$ and $q_i = \sum_{j \neq i} q_{ij}$.

Theorem. For $x \in \Omega_i$, $k \ge 1$, $0 < t_1 < \cdots < t_k$ and A_1, \ldots, A_k with $\pi_i(\partial A_j) = 0$, $i = 1, \ldots, N$, $j = 1, \ldots, k$,

$$\mathbf{P}_x\left(X\left(\frac{t_1}{H(\varepsilon)}\right),\ldots,X\left(\frac{t_k}{H(\varepsilon)}\right)\right)\to \mathbf{E}_{\pi_i}[Y_{t_1}(A_1)\cdots Y_{t_k}(A_k)].$$

24. Simulations

