

• A common way to measure the complexity of a dynamical system is via growth rates of various dynamical quantities, eg  $\#(Fix(f^n))$

• Since dynamics is repeated iteration, the most common growth rates are exponential,  $\lambda^n$ , [repeated multiplication] and linear,  $n\gamma$ , [repeated addition]

• If  $a_n > 0$  is a sequence, the exponential growth

$$\text{rate (egr)} \text{ is } \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(a_n)}{n}$$

$$\text{egr}(a_n) =$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \log \lambda}{n}$$

$$a_n = \lambda^n, \text{ egr}(a_n) =$$

• So, for example

$$= \log(\lambda)$$

• say  $\text{egr}(a_n)$  converges, we can also compute

$$L(a_n) = \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k]{a_n}$$

• so  $a_n = C^n \Rightarrow L = C$

•  $\text{egr}(a_n) = L(a_n)$

• Now let  $\Lambda$  be a subshift of  $\Sigma_n^+$  or  $\Sigma_n$  (i.e. compact fwd invariant or completely invariant subset)

• Let  $W_n = \#$  distinct words (blocks) of length  $n$  in  $\Lambda$

• The complexity of  $\Lambda$  as a "language" is  $\frac{\log W_n}{n}$

•  $\text{comp}(\Lambda) = \text{egr}(W_n(\Lambda)) = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log W_n}{n}$

There are other names for the complexity and we will see that is terms of dynamics, complexity ( $\mathcal{L}$ ) is the topological entropy of  $(\mathcal{L}, \sigma|_{\mathcal{L}})$ .

What is the complexity of  $\text{assft} \Sigma_A$ ?

Recall we showed that the number of paths of length  $n$  from  $i$  to  $j$  = number of allowable words starting with  $i$  and ending with  $j$  is

$$(A^n)_{ij}$$

Thus  $W_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (A^n)_{ij} := \#(A^n)$

So  $\text{Comp}(\Sigma_A) = \text{egr}(W_n) = \text{egr}(\#(A^n))$

This is a linear algebra problem which is solved using the fundamental result about irreducible and primitive matrices. We give the primitive result

( $\exists v, A^m > 0$ )  
 A is primitive  
 simple root of the

Perron - Frobenius: Assume

that is simple root of the characteristic polynomial and  $\lambda_1 > |\lambda_i|$  for any other eigen value  $\lambda_i$ .

- (1)  $\lambda_1$  has an eigenvector  $v^{(1)}$  with all entries positive and the eigenvectors for any other  $\lambda$  have positive and negative entries.
- (2)  $\lambda_1$  has an eigenvector for any other  $\lambda$  have positive and negative entries.

(3) Assume  $\vec{x}$  is any vector with all components  $\geq 0$

Then 
$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A^j(\vec{x})}{|A^j(\vec{x})|} = \frac{\vec{V}^{(1)}}{|\vec{V}^{(1)}|}$$
 and

$\exists c_1, c_2 > 0$  so that

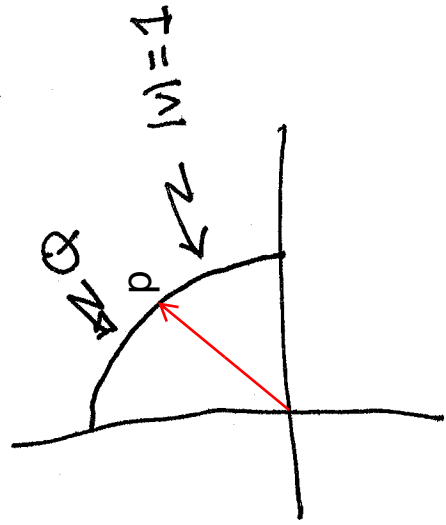
$$c_1 \lambda_i^j \leq |A^j \vec{x}| \leq c_2 \lambda_i^j \quad i=1, \dots, n$$

$$c_1 \lambda_i^j \leq (A^j \vec{x})_i \leq c_2 \lambda_i^j$$

$j > N$  (where  $A^N > 0$ ).

For full proof see Gantmacher, "The Theory of Matrices"

Ideas in proof



$$\Phi(w) = \frac{Aw}{|Aw|}, \text{ assume } A > 0$$

Then if  $\mathcal{Q} = S \cap \{x_L \geq 0\}$

$\Phi: \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}$  and is contracting

in the correct metric  $\Rightarrow \exists$  unique

fixed point p i.e.  $\frac{Ap}{|Ap|}$

$$\text{So } Ap = \lambda p \quad \lambda > 0$$

Eigenvectors form a basis

and assume

$$\vec{x} = \alpha_1 V^{(1)} + \alpha_2 V^{(2)} + \dots + \alpha_n V^{(n)}$$

$$A^n(x) = \alpha_1 \lambda_1^n V^{(1)} + \alpha_2 \lambda_2^n V^{(2)} + \dots + \alpha_n \lambda_n^n V^{(n)}$$

$$\frac{A^n(x)}{\lambda_1^n} = \alpha_1 \vec{V}^{(1)} + \alpha_2 \left(\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}\right)^n V^{(2)} + \dots + \alpha_n \left(\frac{\lambda_n}{\lambda_1}\right)^n V^{(n)} \rightarrow 0$$

OR

$$\frac{A^n(x)}{\|A^n x\|} = \frac{\alpha_1 \lambda_1^n \vec{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \lambda_n^n \vec{v}_n}{\|\alpha_1 \lambda_1^n \vec{v}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \lambda_n^n \vec{v}_n\|}$$

$$= \frac{\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \left(\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}\right)^n + \dots + \alpha_n \left(\frac{\lambda_n}{\lambda_1}\right)^n}{\|\alpha_1 \vec{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \left(\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}\right)^n + \dots + \alpha_n \left(\frac{\lambda_n}{\lambda_1}\right)^n\|}$$

$$|\lambda_1| > |\lambda_k|$$

$\left(\frac{\lambda_k}{\lambda_1}\right)^n \rightarrow 0$  since  $\alpha_1 > \alpha_k$  also  $\lambda_1 > 0$ .

then

Theorem: If  $A$  is primitive

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Proof: We know that  $W_n > 0$ . Note that

for the remainder of the proof that  $(A^l)_{ij} > 0$ . Note that

if  $B > 0$  and  $\vec{e} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (B\vec{e})_l = B_{1l} + \dots + B_{nl}$

Thus

the  $l^{\text{th}}$  row.

= sum of the elements in the  $l^{\text{th}}$  row.

$$\#B = \sum_{l=1}^n (B\vec{e})_l$$

$\exists c_1, c_2 > 0$

from PF we know

$$\text{Now, if } k > N \text{ we know } c_1 \lambda_1^k \leq c_2 \lambda_1^k$$

$$\text{with } c_1 \lambda_1^k \leq c_2 \lambda_1^k$$

$$\text{or summing } \sum_{k=1}^n c_1 \lambda_1^k \leq \sum_{k=1}^n c_2 \lambda_1^k$$

passing to the limit using  $\#(A^k) = W_k$ , we are done

taking the log and dividing by  $k$  and





Examples

•  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , full two shift comp =  $\log 2$   
and directly  $w_k = 2^k$

•  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$



$$\lambda = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - -4}}{2}$$

$$\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} = \rho(A)$$

$$\text{Comp}(\Sigma_A) = \log\left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)$$

• Substitutions yield new examples of minimal sets  $\Lambda$  in  $\Sigma_n^+$  which have  $\text{compl}(\Lambda) = \emptyset$

are substitutions

• Example  $S: 0 \mapsto 01, 1 \mapsto 10$  are substitutions

$0 \rightarrow 01 \rightarrow 0110 \rightarrow 01101001 \rightarrow 0110100110010110 \rightarrow \dots$

$\rightarrow \dots = S^m(0) = \overline{m}$ , the Morse sequence

if for a word  $w$  we let  $S(w)$  be  $S$  performed on each symbol  $S(s_0 s_1 \dots s_n) = \overline{S(s_0) S(s_1) \dots S(s_n)}$  where overbar

$$S^{m+1}(0) = \overline{S^m(0) S^m(0)}$$

- notice substitution  $0 \rightarrow 1, 1 \rightarrow 0$

is the substitution on finite sequences as well

-  $S$  acts on  $\overline{m}$ , fixed point.

-  $S(\overline{m}) = \overline{m}$ , fixed point.

• Let  $\Lambda = \mathcal{L}(\sigma^t(m, \tau))$  the orbit closure of  $m$

In the shift

$(\Lambda, \sigma)$  is minimal

• FACTS  
with  $\text{comp}(\Lambda) = \emptyset$

• Notice two dynamics happens

$\Sigma = \text{substitution}$   
 $\tau = \text{shift}$

•  $\Sigma$  creates a fixed point  $m$  and it generates  $\Lambda = \mathcal{L}(\sigma^t(m, \tau))$  which is minimal under the shift  $\sigma$ .