

# what is 'chaos'?

## a field theorist stroll through Bernoullistan

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Mephistopheles knocks at Faust's door and says, "Du mußt es dreimal sagen!"

- *"You have to say it three times"*  
— Johann Wolfgang von Goethe  
*Faust I - Studierzimmer 2. Teil*

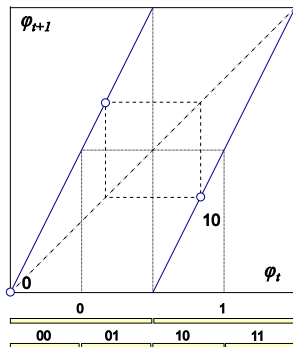
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(1) coin toss, if you are stuck in XVIII century

time-evolution formulation

## fair coin toss

### Bernoulli map



$$\phi_{t+1} = \begin{cases} 2\phi_t \\ 2\phi_t \pmod{1} \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow$  fixed point  $\bar{0}$ , 2-cycle  $\bar{01}$ ,  $\dots$

a coin toss

the essence of **deterministic chaos**

## what is (mod 1) ?

map with integer-valued 'stretching' parameter  $s \geq 2$  :

$$x_{t+1} = s x_t$$

(mod 1) : subtract the integer part  $m_t = \lfloor s x_t \rfloor$   
so fractional part  $\phi_{t+1}$  stays in the unit interval  $[0, 1)$

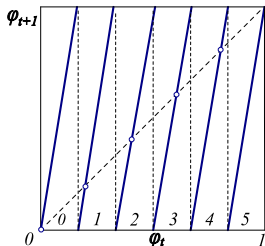
$$\phi_{t+1} = s \phi_t - m_t, \quad \phi_t \in \mathcal{M}_{m_t}$$

$m_t$  takes values in the  $s$ -letter alphabet

$$m \in \mathcal{A} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, s - 1\}$$

## a fair dice throw

### slope 6 Bernoulli map



$$\phi_{t+1} = 6\phi_t - m_t, \quad \phi_t \in \mathcal{M}_{m_t}$$

6-letter alphabet

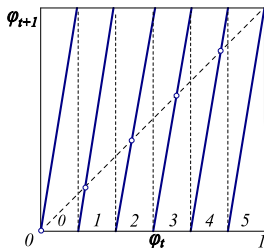
$$m_t \in \mathcal{A} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 5\}$$

6 subintervals  $\{\mathcal{M}_0, \mathcal{M}_1, \dots, \mathcal{M}_5\}$

## what is chaos ?

### a fair dice throw

6 subintervals  $\{\mathcal{M}_{m_t}\}$ ,  $6^2$  subintervals  $\{\mathcal{M}_{m_1 m_2}\}, \dots$



each subinterval contains a periodic point, labeled by  $M = m_1 m_2 \dots m_n$

$N_n = 6^n - 1$  **unstable** orbits

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- Lyapunov : how fast is local escape?
- entropy : how many ways of getting back?

⇒ ergodicity

the precise sense in which dice throw  
is an example of deterministic chaos



## (2) field theorist's chaos

lattice formulation

## lattice Bernoulli

recast the time-evolution Bernoulli map

$$\phi_{t+1} = s\phi_t - m_t$$

as 1-step difference equation on the **temporal lattice**

$$\phi_{t+1} - s\phi_t = -m_t, \quad \phi_t \in [0, 1)$$

**field**  $\phi_t$ , **source**  $m_t$

on each site  $t$  of a 1-dimensional lattice  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$

write an  $n$ -sites lattice segment as

the **field configuration** and the **symbol block**

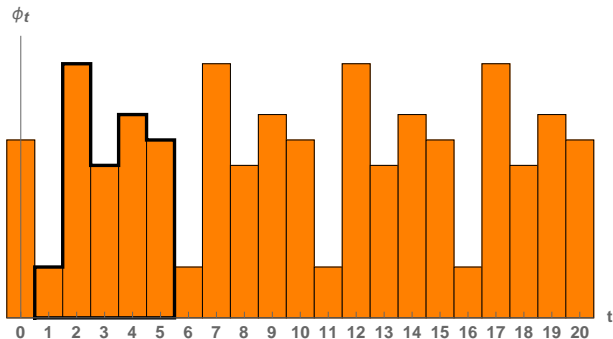
$$\Phi = (\phi_{t+1}, \dots, \phi_{t+n}), \quad \mathbf{M} = (m_{t+1}, \dots, m_{t+n})$$

‘M’ for ‘marching orders’ : come here, then go there, ...

## scalar field theory on 1-dimensional lattice

write a periodic field over  $n$ -sites Bravais cell as  
the **field configuration** and the **symbol block** (sources)

$$\Phi = (\phi_{t+1}, \dots, \phi_{t+n}), \quad M = (m_{t+1}, \dots, m_{t+n})$$



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## think globally, act locally

Bernoulli condition at every lattice site  $t$ , local in time

$$-\phi_{t+1} + s\phi_t = m_t$$

is enforced by the global equation

$$(-r + s1) \Phi = M,$$

$[n \times n]$  shift matrix

$$r_{jk} = \delta_{j+1,k}, \quad r = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & & \\ & 0 & 1 & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

compares the neighbors

## think globally, act locally

solving the lattice Bernoulli system

$$\mathcal{J}\Phi = M,$$

$[n \times n]$  Hill matrix  $\mathcal{J} = -r + s\mathbf{1}$ ,

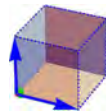
is a search for zeros of the function

$$F[\Phi] = \mathcal{J}\Phi - M = 0$$

the entire global lattice state  $\Phi_M$  is now

a single fixed point  $(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n)$

in the  $n$ -dimensional unit hyper-cube



$$\Phi \in [0, 1]^n$$

orbit stability

## Hill matrix

solving a nonlinear

$$F[\Phi] = 0 \quad \text{fixed point condition}$$

with Newton method requires evaluation of the  $[n \times n]$

## Hill matrix

$$\mathcal{J}_{ij} = \frac{\delta F[\Phi]_i}{\delta \phi_j}$$

what does this global Hill matrix do?

- 1 fundamental fact !
- 2 global stability of lattice state  $\Phi$ , perturbed everywhere

(1)

fundamental fact



## (1) fundamental fact

to satisfy the fixed point condition

$$\mathcal{J}\Phi - \mathbf{M} = 0$$

the Hill matrix  $\mathcal{J}$

- 1 stretches the unit hyper-cube  $\Phi \in [0, 1)^n$  into the  $n$ -dimensional **fundamental parallelepiped**
- 2 maps each periodic point  $\Phi_{\mathbf{M}} \Rightarrow$  integer lattice  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  point
- 3 then translate by integers  $\mathbf{M} \Rightarrow$  into the origin

hence  $N_n =$  total  $\#$  solutions =  $\#$  integer lattice points within the fundamental parallelepiped

the **fundamental fact**<sup>1</sup> : **Hill determinant** counts solutions

$$N_n = \text{Det } \mathcal{J}$$

$\#$  integer points in fundamental parallelepiped = its volume

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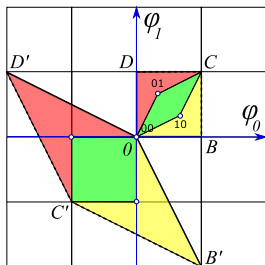
<sup>1</sup>M. Baake et al., J. Phys. A **30**, 3029–3056 (1997).

## example : fundamental parallelepiped for $n = 2$

Hill matrix for  $s = 2$  ; unit square basis vectors ; their images :

$$\mathcal{J} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \Phi_B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \Phi_{B'} = \mathcal{J} \Phi_B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \dots,$$

## Bernoulli periodic points of period 2



$$N_2 = 3$$

fixed point  $\Phi_{00}$

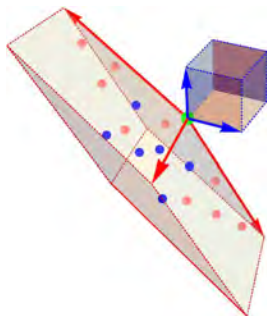
2-cycle  $\Phi_{01}, \Phi_{10}$

square  $[0BCD] \Rightarrow \mathcal{J} \Rightarrow$  fundamental parallelepiped  $[0B'C'D']$

## fundamental fact for any $n$

### an $n = 3$ example

$\mathcal{T}$  [unit hyper-cube] = [fundamental parallelepiped]



unit hyper-cube  $\Phi \in [0, 1)^3$

$n > 3$  cannot visualize

a periodic point  $\Rightarrow$  integer lattice point : ● on a face, ● in the interior

(2)

orbit stability

## (2) orbit stability vs. temporal stability

### Hill matrix

$\mathcal{J}_{ij} = \frac{\delta F[\Phi]_i}{\delta \phi_j}$  stability under **global** perturbation of the whole orbit  
for  $n$  large, a huge  $[dn \times dn]$  matrix

### temporal Jacobian matrix

$J$  propagates **initial** perturbation  $n$  time steps  
small  $[d \times d]$  matrix

$J$  and  $\mathcal{J}$  are related by<sup>2</sup>

### Hill's 1886 remarkable formula

$$|\text{Det } \mathcal{J}_M| = |\det(\mathbf{1} - J_M)|$$

$\mathcal{J}$  is **huge**, even  $\infty$ -dimensional matrix  
 $J$  is **tiny**, few degrees of freedom matrix

<sup>2</sup>G. W. Hill, Acta Math. 8, 1–36 (1886).

## field theorist's chaos

### definition : chaos is

|                        |                      |                           |
|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| expanding              | Hill determinants    | $\text{Det } \mathcal{J}$ |
| exponential $\ddagger$ | field configurations | $N_n$                     |

the precise sense in which  
a (discretized) field theory is deterministically chaotic

**note** : there is no 'time' in this definition

periodic orbit theory

## volume of a periodic orbit

Ozorio de Almeida and Hannay<sup>3</sup> 1984 :

# of periodic points is related to a Jacobian matrix by

### principle of uniformity

“periodic points of an ergodic system, counted with their natural weighting, are uniformly dense in phase space”

where

### ‘natural weight’ of periodic orbit $M$

$$\frac{1}{|\det(1 - J_M)|}$$

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<sup>3</sup>A. M. Ozorio de Almeida and J. H. Hannay, J. Phys. A **17**, 3429 (1984).



## periodic orbits partition lattice states into neighborhoods

how come **Hill determinant**  $\text{Det } \mathcal{J}$  counts periodic points ?

'principle of uniformity' is in<sup>4</sup>

### periodic orbit theory

known as the **flow conservation** sum rule :

$$\sum_{\mathcal{M}} \frac{1}{|\det(1 - \mathcal{J}_{\mathcal{M}})|} = \sum_{\mathcal{M}} \frac{1}{|\text{Det } \mathcal{J}_{\mathcal{M}}|} = 1$$

sum over periodic points  $\Phi_{\mathcal{M}}$  of period  $n$

state space is divided into

**neighborhoods** of periodic points of period  $n$

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<sup>4</sup>P. Cvitanović, "Why cycle?", in *Chaos: Classical and Quantum*, edited by P. Cvitanović et al. (Niels Bohr Inst., Copenhagen, 2020).

## periodic orbit counting

how come a  $\text{Det } \mathcal{J}$  counts periodic points ?

**flow conservation sum rule :**

$$\sum_{\Phi_M \in \text{Fix} f^n} \frac{1}{|\text{Det } \mathcal{J}_M|} = 1$$

Bernoulli system 'natural weighting' is simple :

the determinant  $\text{Det } \mathcal{J}_M = \text{Det } \mathcal{J}$  the same for all periodic points, whose number thus verifies the **fundamental fact**

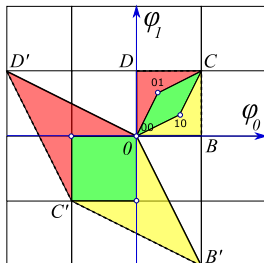
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**the number of Bernoulli periodic lattice states**

$$N_n = |\text{Det } \mathcal{J}| = s^n - 1 \quad \text{for any } n$$

## remember the fundamental fact?

### period 2 example



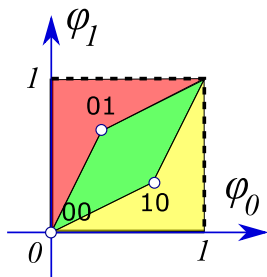
fixed point  $\Phi_{00}$   
2-cycle  $\Phi_{01}, \Phi_{10}$

$\mathcal{I}$  [unit hyper-cube] = [fundamental parallelepiped]

look at preimages of the fundamental parallelepiped :

## example : lattice states of period 2

### unit hypercube, partitioned



fixed point  $\Phi_{00}$   
2-cycle  $\Phi_{01}, \Phi_{10}$

### flow conservation sum rule

$$\frac{1}{|\text{Det } \mathcal{J}_{00}|} + \frac{1}{|\text{Det } \mathcal{J}_{01}|} + \frac{1}{|\text{Det } \mathcal{J}_{10}|} = 1$$

sum over periodic points  $\Phi_M$  of period  $n = 2$

state space is divided into

**neighborhoods** of periodic points of period  $n$

Amazing! I did not understand a single word.

—Fritz Haake 1988

zeta function

## periodic orbit theory, version (1) : counting lattice states

### topological zeta function

$$1/\zeta_{\text{top}}(z) = \exp \left( - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n} N_n \right)$$

- 1 weight  $1/n$  as by (cyclic) translation invariance,  $n$  lattice states are equivalent
- 2 zeta function counts **orbits**, one per each set of equivalent lattice states

## Bernoulli topological zeta function

counts **orbits**, one per each set of lattice states  $N_n = s^n - 1$

$$1/\zeta_{\text{top}}(z) = \exp\left(-\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n} N_n\right) = \frac{1 - sz}{1 - z}$$

numerator  $(1 - sz)$  says that Bernoulli orbits are built from  $s$  fundamental **primitive** lattice states,

the fixed points  $\{\phi_0, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_{s-1}\}$

every other lattice state is built from their concatenations and repeats.

**solved!**

this is 'periodic orbit theory'

And if you don't know, now you know

## think globally, act locally - summary

the problem of enumerating and determining all **lattice states** stripped to its essentials :

- 1 each solution is a zero of the global **fixed point** condition

$$F[\Phi] = 0$$

- 2 **global stability** : the Hill matrix

$$\mathcal{J}_{ij} = \frac{\delta F[\Phi]_i}{\delta \phi_j}$$

- 3 **fundamental fact** : the number of period- $n$  orbits

$$N_n = |\text{Det } \mathcal{J}|$$

- 4 **zeta function**  $1/\zeta_{\text{top}}(z)$  : all predictions of the theory



## next : a kicked rotor

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— Mephistopheles

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