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# Equivalent conditions of Devaney chaos on the hyperspace

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**Abstract:** Let T be a continuous self-map of a compact metric space X. The transformation T induces naturally a continuous self-map  $T_K$  on the hyperspace K(X) of all non-empty closed subsets of X. It is shown that the system  $(K(X), T_K)$  is Devaney chaotic if and only if  $(K(X), T_K)$  is an HY-system if and only if (X, T) is an HY-system, where a system is called an HY-system if it is totally transitive and has dense small periodic sets.

Key words: hyperspace; Devaney chaos; HY-system

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# 超空间系统为 Devaney 混沌的等价条件

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摘要:设 T是紧致度量空间 X 上的一个连续自映射. 映射 T 自然诱导了由 X 所有非空闭子集组成的超空间 K(X)上的一个连续自映射  $T_K$ . 证明了系统(K(X),  $T_K$ )为 Devaney 混沌的当且仅当(K(X),  $T_K$ )为一个 HY 系统当且仅当(X, X)为一个 HY 系统,其中,称一个系统为 HY 系统如果它是完全传递的和具有稠密的 小周期集.

关键词:超空间;Devaney 混沌;HY 系统

### 0 Introduction

Throughout this paper, by a topological dynamical system (X, T) we mean a compact metric space X with a continuous map T from X into itself; the metric on X is denoted by d.

Let K(X) be the hyperspace on X, i. e., the space of non-empty closed subsets of X equipped

with the Hausdorff metric  $d_H$  defined by  $d_H(A, B) =$ 

 $\max\{\max_{x\in\Lambda}\min_{y\in B}d(x,y),\max_{y\in B}\min_{x\in\Lambda}d(x,y)\}$ 

for  $A, B \in K(X)$ .

The transformation T induces naturally a continuous self-map  $T_K$  on the hyperspace K(X) defined by

 $T_K(C) = TC$ , for  $C \in K(X)$ .

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Then  $(K(X), T_K)$  is also a topological dynamical system.

In 1975, Bauer et al. [1] initiated the study on the connection between the properties of (X, T) and  $(K(X), T_K)$ . They considered such properties as distality, transitivity and mixing property. This leads to a natural question: if one of the systems (X,T) and  $(K(X), T_K)$  is chaotic in some sense, how about the other? This question attracted a lot of attention, see, e.g., Refs. [2-4] and references therein, and many partial answers were obtained.

One of the most popular definitions of chaos is Devaney chaos introduced in Ref. [5] (see Section 1). The aim of this paper is to obtain some equivalent conditions of Devaney chaos on the hyperspace. The main result is the following:

**Theorem 0.1** Let (X, T) be a dynamical system with X being infinite. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- ①  $(K(X), T_K)$  is Devaney chaotic;
- ②  $(K(X), T_K)$  is an HY-system;

#### 1 Preliminaries

### 1.1 Basic definitions and notations

Let N denote the set of positive integers. Through out the rest of this paper X denotes an infinite compact metric space with a metric d.

Let (X, T) be a dynamical system. We say that  $x \in X$  is a periodic point if  $T^n x = x$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . The set of all periodic points of the system (X, T) is denoted as Per(X, T).

**Definition 1.1** Let (X, T) be a dynamical system. The system (X, T) is called

- ① transitive if for any two non-empty open subsets U and V of X, there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $T^n U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ ;
- ② totally transitive if for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(X, T^n)$  is transitive;
- 3 weakly mixing if the product system (X $\times$ X, T $\times$ T) is transitive;

It is not hard to see that every weakly mixing system is totally transitive. **Definition 1.2** Let (X, T) be a dynamical system. We say that (X, T) has sensitive dependence on initial conditions if there exists a constant  $\delta > 0$  such that for every point  $x \in X$  and every neighborhood U of x, there exists a point  $y \in U$  and a positive integer n such that  $d(T^n x, T^n y) > \delta$ .

**Definition 1.3** Let (X, T) be a dynamical system. The system (X, T) is called Devaney chaotic if it satisfies the following conditions:

- ① it is transitive;
- 2 periodic points are dense;
- ③ it has sensitive dependence on initial conditions.

It is well known that if X is infinite then the third condition of Devaney chaos is redundant (see, e. g., Ref. [6]). Since we will restrict our attention to infinite compact metric spaces we will say that (X,T) is Devaney chaotic if it is transitive and has dense periodic points.

**Definition 1.4** Let (X, T) be a dynamical system. We say that (X, T) has dense small periodic sets if for any non-empty open subset U of X there exists a closed subset Y of U and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $T^kY \subseteq Y$ .

**Definition 1.5** Let (X, T) be a dynamical system. The system (X, T) is called

- ① an F-system if it is totally transitive and has a dense set of periodic points.
- ② an HY-system if it is totally transitive and has dense small periodic sets.

In Ref. [7] Furstenberg showed that every F-system is weakly mixing and disjoint from any minimal system. Recently, Huang et al. [8] showed that a system which is totally transitive and has dense small periodic sets is also weakly mixing and disjoint from any minimal system. For this reason, such a system is called an HY-system in Ref. [9]. It should be noticed that Ref. [9] characterized HY-system by transitive points via the family of weakly thick sets. Clearly, every F-system is also an HY-system, but there exists an HY-system without periodic points [8].

#### 1.2 Hyperspaces

Let K(X) be the hyperspace of X, i.e., the space of non-empty closed subset of X equipped with the Hausdorff metric  $d_H$ . Then K(X) is also a compact mertic space. The following family

$$\{\langle U_1, \cdots, U_n \rangle : U_1, \cdots, U_n\}$$

are non-empty open subsets of X,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ } forms a basis for a topology of K(X) called the Vietoris topology, where

$$\langle \, S_{l} \, , \cdots , S_{n} 
angle \doteq \{ \, A \in \, K(\, X) \, ; A \subset \bigcup\limits_{i=1}^{n} \, S_{i} \, \, \text{and} \, \,$$

 $A \cap S_i \neq \emptyset$  for each  $i = 1, \dots, n$ 

is defined for arbitrary non-empty subsets  $S_1, \dots, S_n \subset X$ . It is not hard to see that the Hausdorff topology (the topology induced by the Hausdorff metric  $d_H$ ) and the Vietoris topology for K(X) coincide. For more details on hyperspaces see Ref. [10].

#### 2 Proof of the main result

First, we need the following useful Lemma.

**Lemma 2.1**<sup>[2]</sup> Let (X, T) be a dynamical system. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- ①  $(K(X), T_K)$  is weakly mixing;
- ②  $(K(X), T_K)$  is transitive;
- ③ (X, T) is weakly mixing.

Now we turn to the proof of the main result of this paper.

#### **Proof of Theorem 0.1**

 $\bigcirc$   $\bigcirc$   $\bigcirc$  follows from the definitions and Lemma 2.1.

 $\textcircled{2}\Rightarrow \textcircled{3}$  Assume that  $(K(X),T_K)$  is an HY-system. By Lemma 2.1, (X,T) is weakly mixing. Then we only need to show that (X,T) has dense small periodic sets. Let U be a non-empty open subset of X. Then  $\langle U \rangle = \{A \in K(X): A \subset U\}$  is an open subset of K(X). Since  $(K(X),T_K)$  has dense small periodic sets, there exists a closed subset  $\mathscr{A} \subset \langle U \rangle$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(T_K)^k \mathscr{A} \subset \mathscr{A}$ . Let  $Y = \bigcup \{A: A \in \mathscr{A}\}$ . We want to show that Y is a closed subset of X. Let  $X_n$  be a sequence of points in Y and converge to X. Then for every  $X \in \mathbb{N}$  there

exists an  $A_n \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $x_n \in A_n$ . Since  $\mathcal{A}$  is a closed subset of K(X) and K(X) is compact, without loss of generality, we can assume that sequence  $A_n$  converges to  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  in the hyperspace K(X). By the definition of Hausdorff metric, it is not hard to check that  $x \in A$ . Then  $x \in Y$ , which implies that Y is a closed subset of X. Clearly,  $Y \subset U$  and  $T^k Y \subset Y$ . Thus, (X, T) has dense small periodic sets.

③ $\Rightarrow$ ① Assume that (X,T) is an HY-system. Then (X,T) is weakly mixing, and by Lemma 2.1  $(K(X),T_K)$  is also weakly mixing. So what remains to be done is to show that  $(K(X),T_K)$  has a dense set of periodic points. Let  $\mathscr U$  be a nonempty open subset of K(X). Then there are open subsets  $U_1,\cdots,U_n$  of X such that  $\langle U_1,\cdots,U_n\rangle \subset \mathscr U$ . Since (X,T) has dense small periodic sets, there exist  $Y_1,\cdots,Y_n$  and  $k_1,\cdots,k_n$  such that  $Y_i\subset U_i$  and  $T^{k_i}Y_i\subset Y_i$  for  $i=1,\cdots,n$ . For each  $i=1,\cdots,n$ , choose a closed subset  $Z_i$  of  $Y_i$  with  $T^{k_i}Z_i=Z_i$ . Let

$$Z = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n} Z_i$$
 and  $k = k_1 \times \cdots \times k_n$ . Then

$$Z \in \langle U_1, \cdots, U_n \rangle$$
 and  $(T_K)^k Z = Z$ .

Therefore,  $(K(X), T_K)$  is chaotic in the Devaney sense.

Ref. [11] strengthened the notion of Devaney chaos in a sense to the extreme, and introduced exact Devaney chaos. Recall that a system (X, T) is called topologically exact if for any non-empty open subset U of X there exists an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $T^nU=X$ . The system (X, T) is called exactly Devaney chaotic if it is topologically exact with dense periodic points.

**Lemma 2.2**<sup>[3]</sup> Let (X, T) be a dynamical system. Then  $(K(X), T_K)$  is topologically exact if and only if (X, T) is topologically exact.

**Corollary 2.3** Let (X, T) be a dynamical system. Then  $(K(X), T_K)$  is exactly Devaney chaotic if and only if (X, T) is a topologically exact HY-system.

**Proof** It follows from Theorem 0.1 and Lemma 2.2.  $\Box$ 

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