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- Escape in quasi-hyperbolic systems
- Escape in non-hyperbolic systems
- Conclusions
Deterministic Chaos and Noise: Environment

Environment induces

Dissipation and Fluctuations

\[ H = H_S + H_B + H_{SB} \]

- \( H_S \) System Hamiltonian
- \( H_B \) Bath (Environmental) Hamiltonian
- \( H_{SB} \) Hamiltonian of interaction

Elimination of the environmental degrees of freedom leads to

- Dissipation and
- Fluctuations

*Note: Elimination is, as a rule, a challenge task and it is often phenomenological*
Deterministic Chaos and Noise: Environment

Archetypical Example: Environment as a Collection of Linear Oscillators

\[ H = H_S + H_B + H_{SB} \]

\[ H_S = \frac{p^2}{2m} + V(q,t) \quad \text{The system is a model of a particle in potential} \]

\[ H_B = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \left( \frac{p_n^2}{2m_n} + \frac{m_n}{2} \omega_n^2 x_n^2 \right) \quad \text{The collection of harmonic oscillators} \]

\[ H_{SB} = -q \sum_{n=1}^{N} c_n x_n + q^2 \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{c_n^2}{2m_n \omega_n^2} \quad \text{Linear coupling between system and bath} \]

Elimination leads to

\[ m\ddot{q} + 2\gamma m\dot{q} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial q} = \xi(t) \]

Damping (dissipation)  

Fluctuations  

Dissipation and Fluctuations have the same origin
The simplification of dynamics: considering dynamics related to Large Fluctuations

Different manifestations of fluctuations:

Diffusion in a vicinity of attractor

Large fluctuations (deviations) from attractors

$t_{\text{relax}} \ll t_{\text{activ}}$
The system described by Langevin equations:
\[
\dot{x} = K(x, t) + Q\xi(t),
\]
\[
\langle \xi \rangle = 0, \langle \xi_\alpha(t)\xi_\beta(s) \rangle = Q\delta(t-s)
\]

**Transition probability via fluctuations paths**

\[
\rho(x_f, t_f \mid x_i, t_i) = \sum_j \rho[x(t)_j] \approx \rho[x(t)_{opt}]
\]

The selection of the most probable (optimal) path.
**Deterministic chaos and noise: optimal path approach**

**Deterministic pattern of fluctuations**

The probability of fluctuational path $\rho[\mathbf{x}(t)_{j}]$ is related to the probability $\rho[\xi(t)_{j}]$ of random force to have a realization $\xi(t)_{j}$.

For Gaussian noise: $\rho[\xi(t)_{j}] = C \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \int_{t}^{t'} \xi(t)_{j}^2 dt\right) = C \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} S\right)$

Since the exponential form, the most probable path has a minimal $S = S_{\text{min}}$

Changing to dynamical variables:

**Action** $S = S[\xi(t)]$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}, t) + \xi(t)$$

$$\xi(t) = \dot{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

In the limit $D \to 0$, $\rho(\mathbf{x}_{f}; \mathbf{x}_{i}) = \rho(\mathbf{x}(t)_{\text{opt}}) = \text{Const} \times \exp\left(-\frac{S[\mathbf{x}(t)_{\text{opt}}]}{D}\right)$

$$S_{\text{min}} = S[\mathbf{x}_{\text{opt}}(t)] = \min \int dt (\dot{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}, t))^2$$

Deterministic minimization problem
Large fluctuations and Model reduction

The initial model: the Hamiltonian for the system, the bath and coupling.
In general case the dimension is infinite.

Langevin model reduction: finite dimensional system with noise terms, 
The dimension is infinite.

Large fluctuations reduction leads to a specific object: the optimal path 
as a solution of boundary value problem of the finite dimensional Hamilton system

\[ S_{\min} = S[x_{\text{opt}}(t)] = \min \int dt (\dot{x} - K(x,t))^2 \]

Formally the deterministic minimization problem can be formulated in the Hamiltonian form:

\[ H = H_s + H_B + H_{SB} \]

\[ \dot{x} = K(x,t) + \xi(t), \]

\[ \langle \xi_\alpha \rangle = 0, \langle \xi_\alpha(t) \xi_\beta(s) \rangle = D_{\alpha\beta} \delta(t-s) \]

Initial state:
\[ q(t_i) = x_i, \quad p(t_i) = 0, \quad t_i \to -\infty; \]

Final state:
\[ q(t_f) = x_f, \quad p(t_f) = 0, \quad t_f \to \infty. \]
Optimal path approach
deterministic pattern of fluctuations

Optimal paths are experimentally observable (Dykman’92)

The prehistory probability of transition between states of bistable oscillator (electronic experiment)

Optimal paths are essentially deterministic trajectories
Chaos and Noise: Quasi-hyperbolic Attractor

Lorenz system

\[
\begin{align*}
\dot{q}_1 &= \sigma (q_2 - q_1) \\
\dot{q}_2 &= rq_1 - q_2 - q_1 q_3 \\
\dot{q}_3 &= q_1 q_2 - bq_3 + \sqrt{2D} \xi(t)
\end{align*}
\]

Consider noise-induced escape from the chaotic attractor to the stable point in the limit $D \to 0$

The task is to determine the most probable (optimal) escape path

\[
\sigma = 10, \quad b = 8/3, \quad r = 24.08
\]
Chaos: Quasi-hyperbolic Attractor

Lorenz Attractor

$r \approx 13.92$

Homoclinic loop $\rightarrow$ Horseshoe

The saddle point and its separatrices belong to chaotic attractor and form “bad set” or non-hyperbolic part of the attractor

Loops between separatrices $\Gamma_1$ and $\Gamma_2$ and stable manifolds of cycles $L_1$ and $L_2$ generate

The Lorenz attractor - quasi-hyperbolic attractor
Chaos: Quasi-hyperbolic Attractor

- Saddle point
- Separatrix \( \Gamma_1 \) and \( \Gamma_2 \)
- Stable manifold \( W_s \)
- Unstable manifold \( W_U \)
- Cycle \( L_1 \)
- The loop between separatrices \( \Gamma_1 \) and \( \Gamma_2 \) and stable manifolds of cycles \( L_1 \) and \( L_2 \) persists by varying parameters
The prehistory approach

\[ \dot{x} = K(x,t) + \xi(t), \]
\[ \langle \xi_\alpha \rangle = 0, \langle \xi_\alpha(t) \xi_\beta(s) \rangle = DQ \delta(t-s) \]

1. Select the regime \( D \to 0 \)
   i.e. rare large fluctuations
   \[ t_{\text{relax}} \ll t_{\text{activ}} \]

2. Record all trajectories \( x_j(t) \) arrived to the final state and build the prehistory probability density \( p_h(x,t) \)
   The maximum of the density corresponds to the most probable (optimal) path

3. Simultaneously noise realizations \( \xi(t) \) are collected and give us the optimal fluctuational force
The Poincaré section $q_3 = r - 1$

- Stable point $P_1$
- Stable point $P_2$
- "o" Saddle cycle
- "+" Separatrix
- Chaotic attractor
- Stable manifold of the saddle point
Chaos and Noise: Quasi-hyperbolic Attractor

Probability density $p(q_1)$ for Poincaré section $q_3 = r - 1$

![Graph showing probability density](image)

$D=0$ In the absence of noise
$D=0.001$ In the presence of noise

The difference in the tail (low probable part of the density)

Noise does not change significantly the probability density

Are noise-induced tail important?
Chaos and Noise: Quasi-hyperbolic Attractor

Escape from quasi-hyperbolic attractor

- $W_S$ is the stable manifold and $\Gamma_1$ and $\Gamma_2$ are separatrices of the saddle point $O$
- $L_1$ and $L_2$ are saddle cycles
- $T_1$ and $T_2$ are trajectories which are tangent to $W_S$

The escape process is connected with the non-hyperbolic structure of attractor: stable and unstable manifolds of the saddle point

Noise-induced tail

- The distribution of escape trajectories (exit distribution)
Chaos and Noise: Quasi-hyperbolic Attractor

The optimal path and fluctuational force from analysis of fluctuations prehistory

Three parts:
1) Deterministic part, the force equals to zero; The point A is the initial state $x_i$
2) Noise-assisted motion along stable and unstable manifolds of the saddle point
3) Slow diffusion to overcome the deterministic drift of unstable manifold of the saddle cycle and cross the cycle
Chaos and Noise: Non-hyperbolic Attractor

Non-autonomous nonlinear oscillator

\[ \ddot{q} + \Gamma \dot{q} + \frac{\partial U(q,t)}{\partial q} = \sqrt{2D} \xi(t) \]

The potential \( U(q) \) is monostable

\[ U(q,t) = \frac{\omega_0^2}{2} q^2 + \frac{\beta}{3} q^3 + \frac{\gamma}{4} q^4 + q h \sin \Omega t \]

\[ \Gamma = 0.05 \quad \omega_0 = 0.597 \quad \beta = \gamma = 1 \]

The motion is underdamped

\( \Omega = 1.005 \)

Co-existence of two cycles of period 1

Co-existence of two cycles of period 2

Chaos region
Chaos and Noise: Non-hyperbolic Attractor

The co-existence of chaotic attractor and the limit cycle

\[ h = 0.13 \quad \Omega = 0.95 \]

Initial state: \( q(t_i) = x_i, p(t_i) = 0, \]
\( t_i \to -\infty; \)

Final state: The stable cycle
\( q(t_f) = x_f, p(t_f) = 0, \]
\( t_f \to \infty. \)
A weak noise significantly changes the probability density.
Chaos and Noise: Non-hyperbolic Attractor

The prehistory probability density $p_h(q, \dot{q}, t)$

There is a maximum in the prehistory probability density

$D = 5 \cdot 10^{-4}$
**Chaos and Noise: Non-hyperbolic Attractor**

Escape trajectories follow a narrow tube

Q: Do any sets form the escape path?

To answer we take initial conditions along the path and try to localize any sets.
Chaos and Noise: Non-hyperbolic Attractor

The prehistory probability density $p_h(q,t)$

Saddle cycles form the escape path

Saddle cycle of period 5

Saddle cycle of period 3
Chaos and Noise: Non-hyperbolic Attractor

The escape is a sequence of jumps between saddle cycles. Escape trajectory is a heteroclinic trajectories connected saddle cycles of Hamilton system.

\[ H = \frac{1}{2} pQp + pK(q, t); \]
\[ \dot{q} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p}, \quad \dot{p} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q}, \]

Initial state: cycle S5
\[ q(t_i) = x_i, \quad p(t_i) = 0, \quad t_i \to -\infty; \]

Final state: cycle UC1
\[ q(t_f) = x_f, \quad p(t_f) = 0, \quad t_f \to \infty. \]

Saddle cycle of period 3 belongs to chaotic attractor.
Saddle cycle of period 3 is outside the attractor.
**Large Fluctuations**

**Summary**

For a quasi-hyperbolic attractor, its non-hyperbolic part plays an essential role in the escape process.

For a non-hyperbolic attractor, saddle cycles embedded in the attractor and basin of attraction are important. Escape from a non-hyperbolic attractor occurs in a sequence of jumps between saddle cycles.

For both types of chaotic attractor we can select specific sets which are connected with Large Fluctuations and the most probable paths. Thus the description of large fluctuations is reduced to specification of a particular trajectory (the optimal path).