



## Li-Yorke chaos of $C_0$ -semigroups under the weak topology

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**ABSTRACT:** In this paper, we introduce and investigate the concept of Li-Yorke chaos for  $C_0$ -semigroups in Banach spaces endowed with the weak topology. We establish that, unlike Li-Yorke chaos under the norm topology, weak Li-Yorke chaos can occur in finite-dimensional spaces. Several fundamental properties of such semigroups are presented. Furthermore, we derive necessary and sufficient conditions for a  $C_0$ -semigroup to exhibit Li-Yorke chaos in the weak topology.

**Key Words:** Li-Yorke chaos, Weak Li-Yorke chaos, irregular vectors, semi-irregular vectors,  $C_0$ -semigroup.

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### 1. Introduction and preliminaries

In the present paper, a topological dynamical system is a pair  $(X, (T_t)_{t \geq 0})$ , where  $X$  is a Banach space,  $X^*$  is the dual of  $X$  ( $X^*$  is the natural object to characterize proximity and distance in the weak topology.) and  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is a strongly continuous semigroup (shortly  $C_0$ -semigroup). The infinitesimal generator of a  $C_0$ -semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  on  $X$  is defined by:

$$Ax = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{T(t)x - x}{t}, \text{ for all } x \in D(A).$$

Recall that the orbit of a vector  $x \in X$  under the action of a  $C_0$ -semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  on  $X$  is defined by

$$\text{Orb}((T_t)_{t \geq 0}, x) = \{T_t(x), t \geq 0\}.$$

When studying these orbits, we can reveal one of the most popular notions in the topological dynamics, which is hypercyclicity. It was first introduced for single operators by Bayart [6] and after that, Desh et al. studied this concept for  $C_0$ -semigroups in [15]. A  $C_0$ -semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is said to be hypercyclic if there exists a vector  $x \in X$  such that its orbit under  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is dense in  $X$ .

In the context of infinite separable Banach spaces, the notion of hypercyclicity is equivalent with the notion of topological transitivity which was introduced for single operators by Birkhoff in [10] and studied for  $C_0$ -semigroups in [15]. A  $C_0$ -semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is said to be topologically transitive if for every pair of non empty open sets  $U$  and  $V$  there exists  $t_0 > 0$  such that

$$T_{t_0}(U) \cap V \neq \emptyset.$$

Li and Yorke were the first ones to connect the term “chaos” with a map in [18]. Following this, the author in [17] extended this notion to  $C_0$ -semigroups. Recall that a  $C_0$ -semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  on  $X$  is said to be Li-Yorke chaotic if and only if there exists an uncountable scrambled set  $\Omega \subset X$  such that for every couple  $(x, y) \in \Omega^2$  such that  $x \neq y$ , we have

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \|T_t(x) - T_t(y)\| = 0 \text{ and } \limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \|T_t(x) - T_t(y)\| > 0.$$

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Beauzamy in [8] introduced the concept of irregular vectors which has a deep connection with Li-Yorke chaos. According to [24], a vector  $x \in X$  is said to be irregular for  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  if

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \|T_t(x)\| = 0 \text{ and } \limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \|T_t(x)\| = +\infty.$$

A vector  $x \in X$  is said to be semi-irregular for  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  if

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \|T_t(x)\| = 0 \text{ and } \limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \|T_t(x)\| > 0.$$

Now turning to the topological dynamics under the weak topology. The study of weak orbits started in 1996 with the work of J. van Nerveen in [23]. The concept of weak hypercyclicity for single operators was introduced by Chan and Sanders in [11] by considering the density under the weak topology instead of the norm topology. An operator  $T$  is said to be weakly hypercyclic if there is a vector  $x \in X$  whose orbit is dense under the weak topology of  $X$ , i.e.,

$$\overline{\text{Orb}(T, x)}^w = X.$$

Clearly, the norm hypercyclicity implies the weak hypercyclicity since the norm topology is stronger than the weak topology. However the converse does not hold in general (see [11]).

In [5], the authors introduced the notion of weak hypercyclicity for  $C_0$ -semigroups. Recall that a  $C_0$ -semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is said to be weakly hypercyclic if there exists a vector  $x$  whose orbit under  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is weakly dense in  $X$ . The vector  $x$  is called weakly hypercyclic vector for  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$ . The set of all weakly hypercyclic vectors for  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is denoted by  $WHC((T_t)_{t \geq 0})$ .

Recently, in [25] Li-Yorke chaos was studied for  $2 \times 2$  matrices where the authors gave some sufficient conditions for the existence of Li-Yorke chaos under the weak topology. For more information see [2, 3, 4, 7, 16, 18, 21, 25].

The aim of this paper is to study the Li-Yorke chaos under the weak topology for  $C_0$ -semigroups. The reminder of this paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we define Li-Yorke chaos for  $C_0$ -semigroups, semi-irregular vectors and irregular vectors for  $C_0$ -semigroups under the weak topology. In Section 3, we give some properties related to the Li-Yorke chaos of  $C_0$ -semigroups under the weak topology. Also, we study the links between these notions. Moreover, we give some necessary and sufficient conditions for a  $C_0$ -semigroup to be Li-Yorke chaotic under the weak topology.

## 2. Li-Yorke chaotic $C_0$ -semigroup under the weak topology

In this section, we introduce the notions of strong and weak Li-Yorke chaos under the weak topology for  $C_0$ -semigroups.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  be a  $C_0$ -semigroup on  $X$ . A couple  $(x, y) \in X^2$  is said to be strongly Li-Yorke pair for  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  under the weak topology if

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(T_t(x) - T_t(y))| = 0,$$

and

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(T_t(x) - T_t(y))| > 0,$$

for every  $f \in X^* \setminus \{0\}$ . The set  $\Omega$  such that every pair of distinct points in  $\Omega$  forms a strong Li-Yorke pair under the weak topology is said to be a strong scrambled set under the weak topology.

*Remark 2.2.* The exclusion of  $f = 0$  is essential for a meaningful definition. If  $f = 0$  we will have  $\limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(T_t(x) - T_t(y))| = 0$ , which is rendering Li-Yorke chaos impossible.

**Example 2.3.** Let  $X = L_1(\mathbb{R}^+)$  and  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  be a  $C_0$ -semigroup defined on  $X$  by

$$T_t \phi(x) = \frac{1 + (x + t)^2}{1 + x^2} \phi(x + t), x, t \in \mathbb{R}^+.$$

$(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  admits a strong Li-Yorke pair under the weak topology since it is Li-Yorke chaotic under the norm topology ([16, Proposition 7.34]).

The following definition presents a weak version of Li-Yorke pairs under the weak topology.

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  be a  $C_0$ -semigroup on  $X$ . For a fixed  $f \in X^* \setminus \{0\}$ , a couple  $(x, y) \in X^2$  is said to be a weakly Li-Yorke pair for  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  under the weak topology if

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(T_t(x) - T_t(y))| = 0,$$

and

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(T_t(x) - T_t(y))| > 0.$$

The set  $\Omega$  such that every pair of distinct points in  $\Omega$  forms a weakly Li-Yorke pair, is said to be a weak scrambled set under the weak topology.

Now, we will define Li-Yorke chaos under the weak topology.

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  be a  $C_0$ -semigroup on  $X$ .  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is said to be strongly (resp. weakly) Li-Yorke chaotic under the weak topology if the strong (resp. weak) scrambled set  $\Omega$  is uncountable.

*Remark 2.6.* 1. Obviously, every Strongly Li-Yorke chaotic  $C_0$ -semigroup under the weak topology is weakly Li-Yorke chaotic under the weak topology. The converse does not hold in general as we will see in Example 3.8.

2. Every weakly hypercyclic  $C_0$ -semigroup is Li-Yorke chaotic under the weak topology. In fact, let  $x$  be a weakly hypercyclic. We can take the weak scrambled set  $\{\alpha x, |\alpha| < 1\}$ . Let  $u = \alpha x, v = \beta x$  in  $S$  and  $f \in X^* \setminus \{0\}$ , we need to prove that

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(T_t)(u - v)| = 0 \text{ and } \limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(T_t)(u - v)| > 0.$$

Since  $|\alpha - \beta| > 0$ , it suffices to show that:

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(T_t x)| = 0.$$

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(T_t x)| > 0.$$

- By the weak density we can easily deduce that  $\liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(T_t x)| = 0$
- Now, if  $\limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(T_t x)| = 0$ . Then,  $|f(T_t(x))| \leq M$  for large  $t$ . Choose  $y_0$  with  $|f(y_0)| > M$ . Therefore the weakly open set  $\{z : |f(z) - f(y_0)| < \delta\}$  does not meet the orbit of  $x$  which contradicts the weak density.

Thus  $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$  is Li-Yorke chaotic under the weak topology. However, the converse is not true as shown by Example 3.4.

Li-Yorke chaos in the norm and the weak topology are equivalent in the case of the translation  $C_0$ -semigroup on weighted Lebesgue spaces. To show that, we need the following definitions. Let  $I$  be one of the intervals  $] -\infty, \infty[$  or  $[0, \infty[$ .

**Definition 2.7.** An admissible weight function on  $I$  is a measurable function  $\rho : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying the following conditions:

- i)  $\rho(\tau) > 0$  for all  $\tau \in I$ ;
- ii) There exist  $M \geq 1$  and  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\rho(\tau) \leq M e^{\omega t} \rho(t + \tau)$ , for all  $\tau \in I$  and all  $t > 0$ .

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $\rho$  be an admissible weight function on  $I$ . For  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , we define the space

$$L_\rho^p(I, \mathbb{R}^+) = \left\{ u : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ with } u \text{ measurable and } \int_I |u(\tau)|^p \rho(\tau) d\tau < \infty \right\}$$

equipped with the norm

$$\|u\|_p := \left( \int_I |u(\tau)|^p \rho(\tau) d\tau \right)^{1/p} < \infty.$$

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $\rho$  be an admissible weight function on  $I$ ,  $X = L_\rho^p(I, \mathbb{R}_+)$  and  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  be the translation  $C_0$ -semigroup on  $X$  defined by  $T_t f(x) = f(x+t)$  for every  $f \in X$  and  $t \geq 0$ . The following assertions are equivalent

- i)  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is Li-Yorke chaotic.
- ii)  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is strongly Li-Yorke chaotic under the weak topology.
- iii)  $\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \rho(t_k) = 0$ .

**Proof:**

In fact it suffices to show  $ii) \Rightarrow iii)$  and  $iii) \Rightarrow i)$ .  
 $ii) \Rightarrow iii)$ . Assume that  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is strongly Li-Yorke chaotic under the weak topology and  $\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \rho(t_k) > 0$ . Then, there exist  $C > 0$  and  $T \in \mathbb{R}^+$  such that  $\rho(x) \geq C$  for every  $x \geq T$ . Let  $f \in X$ , we have

$$\int_T^{+\infty} |f(s)|^p \cdot C ds \leq \int_0^{+\infty} |f(s)|^p \rho(s) ds < +\infty,$$

it follows,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \int_t^{+\infty} |f(s)|^p ds = 0.$$

In parallel, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_t f(x)\| &= \left( \int_0^{+\infty} |T_t f(s)|^p \rho(s) ds \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &= \left( \int_0^{+\infty} |f(s+t)|^p \rho(s) ds \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &= \left( \int_t^{+\infty} |f(s)|^p \rho(s-t) ds \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\leq \left( \int_t^{+\infty} |f(s)|^p M ds \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}. \end{aligned}$$

This means that,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \|T_t f(x)\| = 0, \forall f \in X.$$

It follows that,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f^* T_t f(x)| = 0, \forall f \in X \text{ and } \forall f^* \in X^*.$$

Thus,  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is not strongly Li-yorke chaotic under the weak topology which is contradicts the hypothesis.  $iii) \Rightarrow i)$ . Assume that  $\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \rho(t_k) = 0$ . By [15, Theorem 4.7],  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is hypercyclic and hence it is Li-yorke chaotic.  $\square$

Now, we will define irregular and semi-irregular vectors under the weak topology.

**Definition 2.10.** Let  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  be a  $C_0$ -semigroup on  $X$ .

i) A vector  $x \in X$  is said to be strongly irregular for  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  under the weak topology if

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(T_t(x))| = 0,$$

and

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(T_t(x))| = +\infty,$$

for every  $f \in X^* \setminus \{0\}$

ii) A vector  $x \in X$  is said to be strongly semi-irregular for  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  under the weak topology if

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(T_t(x))| = 0,$$

and

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(T_t(x))| > 0,$$

for every  $f \in X^* \setminus \{0\}$ .

**Definition 2.11.** Let  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  be a  $C_0$ -semigroup on  $X$  and  $f \in X^* \setminus \{0\}$  be given.

i) A vector  $x \in X$  is said to be weakly irregular for  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  under the weak topology if

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(T_t(x))| = 0,$$

and

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(T_t(x))| = +\infty.$$

ii) A vector  $x \in X$  is said to be weakly semi-irregular for  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  under the weak topology if

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(T_t(x))| = 0,$$

and

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(T_t(x))| > 0.$$

The existence of (semi)-irregular vectors ensures Li-Yorke chaos in the weak topology; we prove this in the next section.

### 3. Properties of Li-Yorke chaotic $C_0$ -semigroup under the weak topology

In this section, our focus turns to the properties related to Li-Yorke chaos under the weak topology.

**Theorem 3.1.** *The set of all weakly irregular vectors for  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  under the weak topology is norm dense in the set of all weakly semi-irregular vectors for  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  under the weak topology.*

**Proof:** Let  $x \in X$  be a weakly semi-irregular vector for  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  under the weak topology and set

$$X_0 = \overline{\text{span}}(\text{Orb}((T_t)_{t \geq 0}, x)).$$

It is clear that  $X_0$  is closed, and  $T_t$ -invariant for every  $t \geq 0$ . Let  $(S_t)_{t \geq 0}$  be the  $C_0$ -semigroup  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  restricted to  $X_0$ . Then, for some  $y \in X_0$ ,  $C > 0$  and  $f \in X^* \setminus \{0\}$  we have,

$$\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} |f(S_t)(y)| > C|f(y)|.$$

In fact, assume that for every  $y \in X_0$  and every  $C > 0$  we have

$$\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} |f(S_t)(y)| \leq C|f(y)|.$$

Now since  $y$  is weakly semi-irregular under the weak topology, we have

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(S_t(y))| = 0, \text{ and } \limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(S_t(y))| > 0.$$

Hence, there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(S_t(y))| > \delta$ . Thus, there exist  $t, s \in \mathbb{R}^+$  such that  $|f(S_t(y))| \leq \epsilon$  and  $|f(S_s(y))| > \delta + \epsilon$ . Without loss of generality assume that  $s \geq t$ . Therefore,

$$\epsilon + \delta < |f(S_s)(y)| = |f(S_{s-t+t})(y)| \leq C|f(S_t)(y)| \leq C\epsilon.$$

Contradiction (taking  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  we will have  $\delta < 0$ ).

Which means that there exists  $y \in X_0$  such that

$$\limsup_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} |f(S_t)(y)| = \infty.$$

Put

$$Y_0 = \{y \in X_0; \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} |f(S_t)(y)| > C|f(y)|\}.$$

Let  $z \in X_0 \setminus Y_0$ , we have then

$$\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} |f(S_t)(z)| < \infty.$$

and for  $y \in X_0$  and  $\lambda \neq 0$  we have,

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(S_t)(z + \lambda y)| = \infty.$$

Thus,  $z \in \overline{Y_0}$ . It follows that  $Y_0$  is dense in  $X_0$ .

On the other hand put

$$Z_0 = \{y \in X_0; \liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(S_t)(y)| = 0\}.$$

$Z_0$  is clearly dense.

Thus,  $Y_0 \cap Z_0$  formed by weakly irregular vectors under the weak topology is dense in  $X_0$ . □

The next result is a direct consequence of the previous theorem.

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  be a  $C_0$ -semigroup on  $X$ . Then every neighborhood of a weakly semi-irregular vector for  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  contains a weakly irregular vector for  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  under the weak topology.*

The following result study the connection between Li-Yorke chaos and (semi)-irregular vectors under the weak topology.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  be a  $C_0$ -semigroup on  $X$ . The following assertions are equivalent*

- i)  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is weakly Li-Yorke chaotic under the weak topology.
- ii)  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  admits a weakly Li-Yorke pair under the weak topology.
- iii)  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  admits a weakly semi-irregular vector under the weak topology.
- iv)  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  admits a weakly irregular vector under the weak topology.

**Proof:**

i)  $\Rightarrow$  ii) Obvious.

ii)  $\Rightarrow$  iii) Suppose that  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  admits a weak Li-Yorke pair  $(x, y) \in X^2$  under the weak topology. Then, for a fixed  $f \in X^* \setminus \{0\}$ , there exists  $t > 0$  such that

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(T_t(x) - T_t(y))| = 0,$$

and

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(T_t(x) - T_t(y))| > 0.$$

We put  $z = x - y$  we obtain  $z$  is weakly semi-irregular vector under the weak topology.

iii)  $\Rightarrow$  iv) Directly by Corollary 3.2.

iv)  $\Rightarrow$  i) Suppose that  $x$  is a weakly irregular vector for  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  under the weak topology, then  $\Omega = \text{span}\{x\}$  is an uncountable strong scrambled set under the weak topology for  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$ .

□

**Example 3.4.** Let  $X = \prod_{n=1}^{+\infty} L^2([0, 2\pi])$  endowed with the norm

$$\|(f_n)\|_X = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|f_n\|_{L^2}$$

and  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  a one parameter family on  $X$  defined by

$$T_t f(x) = f(x + t).$$

Clearly  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is  $C_0$ -semigroup on  $X$ . Moreover, it is strongly Li-Yorke chaotic under the weak topology. In fact, let  $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  defined by  $f_n(x) = \sin(nx)((-1)^n + 1) + c_n$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  where

$$c_n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ 1 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

$(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a semi-irregular vector on  $X$  under weak topology for  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$ . Indeed, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T_n f_n(x) &= \sin(n(x + n))((-1)^n + 1) + c_n \\ &= \begin{cases} 2\sin(n(x + n)) & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ 1 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sin(n(x + n))$  converges weakly to 0 we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} |f^*(T_n f_n(x))| = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} 2|f^*(\sin(n(x + n)))| = 0, \text{ for every } f^* \in X^*,$$

if  $n$  is even. On the other hand, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} |f^*(T_n f_n(x))| = 1,$$

if  $n$  is odd.

Therefore, by Theorem 3.3  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is strongly Li-Yorke chaotic under the weak topology, but it is not Li-Yorke chaotic under the norm topology nor weakly hypercyclic since all orbits under  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  are bounded.

**Proposition 3.5.** *Weak Li-Yorke chaos under the weak topology is preserved under conjugacy.*

**Proof:** Let  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  and  $(S_t)_{t \geq 0}$  be two  $C_0$ -semigroups on  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively,  $\phi : X \rightarrow Y$  is an isomorphism such that  $\phi \circ T_t = S_t \circ \phi$  for every  $t \geq 0$  and  $f$  be fixed in  $X^* \setminus \{0\}$ .

Assume that  $(S_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is weakly Li-Yorke chaotic under the weak topology, by Theorem 3.3  $(S_t)_{t \geq 0}$  admits a weakly semi-irregular vector under the weak topology  $y \in Y$ . Now, since  $\phi$  is isomorphism there exists

On the other hand,

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(S_t(\phi(x)))| = 0,$$

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(S_t(\phi(x)))| > 0.$$
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f \circ \phi(T_t(x))| = 0,$$
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f \circ \phi(T_t(x))| > 0.$$
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**Example 3.6.** Let  $X = \prod_{n=1}^{+\infty} L^2([0, 2\pi])$  where each component  $L^2([0, 2\pi])$  is periodic with period  $2\pi$ , endowed with the norm

$$\|(f_n)\|_X = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|f_n\|_{L^2}$$

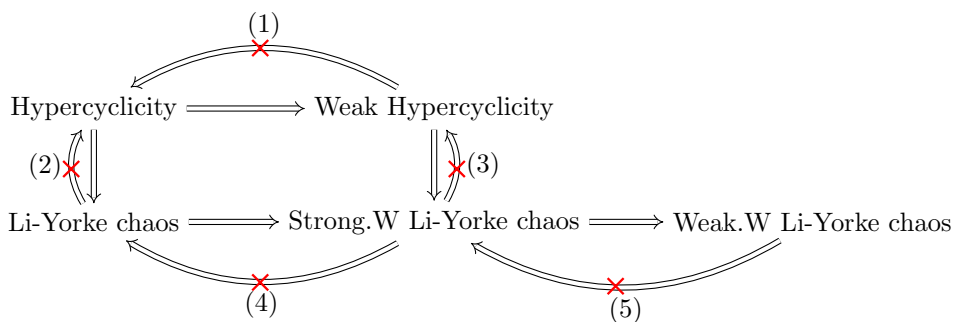
$$T_t f(x) = f(x + t).$$

However, if we take  $t_0 = 2\pi$

$$T_{t_0}f = f,$$

The operator  $T_{t_0}$  acts as the identity operator which obviously cannot be strongly Li-yorke chaotic under the weak topology.

*Remark 3.7.* The next diagram summary the links between the notion of Li-Yorke chaos and hypercyclicity under the norm and weak topologies. We used the notation Strong.W (Weak.W) to refer to strong (weak) Li-Yorke chaos under the weak topology.



(2):Li-Yorke chaos  $\not\Rightarrow$  Hypercyclicity: see [21, Example 3.4]

**(3) and (4): Strong.W Li-yorke chaos  $\not\Rightarrow$  Li-Yorke chaos (weak hypercyclicity):** There exist a  $C_0$ -semigroup that is strongly li-yorke chaotic under the weak topology. However, it is not li-yorke chaotic under the norm topology nor weakly hypercyclic ( See Example 3.4).



**(5):Weak.W Li-yorke chaos  $\not\Rightarrow$  Strong.W Li-yorke chaos:** In finite dimensional space the weak and norm topology coincide and as it is well known Li-yorke chaos does not exists on finite dimensional spaces [1, Corollary 2.5], which means that strong Li-yorke chaos under the weak topology also cannot exists on finite dimensional spaces. However, There exists a  $C_0$ -semigroup that is weakly Li-yorke chaotic under the weak topology on a finite dimensional space as it shown by the following example:

*Example 3.8.* Let  $X = \mathbb{C}^n$  and  $A$  a diagonal matrix of  $n \times n$  dimension.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . Let  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $1 < r < n$  such that:

- $\lambda_r = i\theta$  for some  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$  (so  $\alpha = |e^{\lambda_r}| = 1$ ),
- $\lambda_{r+1} = \lambda_r + i\pi$  (so  $e^{\lambda_{r+1}} = -e^{\lambda_r}$ ).

Let  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  be the  $C_0$ -semigroup defined as  $T_t(x) = e^{tA}x$  for  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

$(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is weakly Li-Yorke chaotic under the weak topology.

Indeed, let  $z$  be a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  defined by

$$z = (z_i)_{0 \leq i \leq n} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq r+1 \\ 0 & \text{if otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then, for any  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , we have:

$$T_t(z) = (e^{\lambda_1 t}, \dots, e^{\lambda_{r-1} t}, e^{\lambda_r t}, e^{\lambda_{r+1} t}, 0, \dots, 0)$$

Define the fixed linear functional  $f(x) = x_r + x_{r+1}$  for  $x = (x_i)_{0 \leq i \leq n} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . Then, for  $t = m \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle T_m(z), f \rangle| &= |e^{\lambda_r m} + e^{\lambda_{r+1} m}| \\ &= |\alpha^m + (-1)^m \alpha^m| \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m \text{ is odd} \\ 2 & \text{if } m \text{ is even} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $z$  is a weakly irregular vector under the weak topology for  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$ . It follows that,  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is weakly Li-Yorke chaotic under the weak topology.

In the following result, we give necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of Li-Yorke chaos under the weak topology.

**Definition 3.9.** Let  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  be a  $C_0$ -semigroup on  $X$ . If there exists a subset  $X_0 \subset X$  such that for a fixed  $f \in X^* \setminus \{0\}$  we have:

- i) For every  $x \in X_0$ , there exists a increasing sequence  $(t_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset [0, \infty)$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(T_{t_n}(x)) = 0.$$

- ii) The exists  $C > 0$   $\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} |f(T_t(y))| > C|f(y)|$ , for every  $y \in Y := \overline{\text{span}}(X_0)$ .

Then  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  satisfies the weak Li-Yorke Chaos Criterion under the weak topology.

**Theorem 3.10.** Let  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  be a  $C_0$ -semigroup on  $X$ .  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is weakly Li-Yorke chaotic under the weak topology if and only if it satisfies the weak Li-Yorke Chaos Criterion under the weak topology.

**Proof:** Assume that  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is weakly Li-Yorke chaotic under the weak topology, by Theorem 3.3  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  admits a weakly semi-irregular  $x$  under the weak topology. Put  $X_0 = \{x\}$ , then  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  the weak Li-Yorke Chaos Criterion under the weak topology.

Conversely, Assume that  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  satisfies the weak Li-Yorke Chaos Criterion under the weak topology. Let  $X_0 \subset X$  and  $(t_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset [0, \infty)$  satisfying i) and ii) of the criterion. If there exists  $x \in X_0$  such that  $x$  is weakly semi irregular under the weak topology, then  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is weakly Li-Yorke chaotic under the weak topology.

If not, by i) we have for every  $x \in X_0$  and a fixed  $f \in X^* \setminus \{0\}$  we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(T_{t_n}(x)) = 0.$$

Let

$$Y_0 = \overline{\{x \in X; \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(T_{t_n}(x)) = 0\}}.$$

$Y_0$  is closed and  $T_t$ -invariant for every  $t \geq 0$ . Let  $(S_t)_{t \geq 0}$  be the restriction of  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  to  $Y_0$ . Since  $y$  from ii) is in  $Y_0$  we have

$$\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} |f(S_t(y))| > C|f(y)|.$$

Put

$$Z_0 = \{y \in Y_0; \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} |f(S_t)(y)| = +\infty\},$$

and

$$Z_1 = \{y \in Y_0; \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} |f(S_t)(y)| = 0\}.$$

$Z_1$  is clearly dense in  $Y_0$ , also we have  $Z_0$  is clearly dense. Thus,  $z \in Z_0 \cap Z_1$  is a weakly irregular vector under the weak topology. Hence  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is weakly Li-Yorke chaotic under the weak topology.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.11.** *Let  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  be a  $C_0$ -semigroup on  $X$ . Let  $f \in X^* \setminus \{0\}$ , if there exists a weakly dense set  $X_0$  such that*

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |f(T_t(x))| = 0,$$

*for every  $x \in X_0$ , then the following assertions are equivalent:*

i)  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is weakly Li-Yorke chaotic under the weak topology.

ii)  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  admits a weakly unbounded orbit.

**Proof:**

i)  $\Rightarrow$  ii) Assume that  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is weakly Li-Yorke chaotic under the weak topology. Then, by Theorem 3.3  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  admits a weakly irregular vector under the weak topology  $x$ . By definition, for a fixed  $f \in X^* \setminus \{0\}$  we have

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} |fT_t(x)| = +\infty.$$

It follows that, for every  $y \in \text{Orb}((T_t)_{t \geq 0}, x)$  we have

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} |fT_t(y)| = +\infty.$$

ii)  $\Rightarrow$  i) Now, assume that  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  admits a weakly unbounded orbit. This means that there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $\text{Orb}((T_t)_{t \geq 0}, x)$  is weakly unbounded. Therefore, for some  $f \in X^* \setminus \{0\}$  we have :

$$\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} |fT_t(x)| = +\infty.$$

Thus, we have

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} |f(T_t(x))| = +\infty.$$

Therefore, by the weak Li-Yorke chaos critertion  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is weakly Li-Yorke chaotic under the weak topology.  $\square$

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