Stellar pulsations: chaotic or quasiperiodic

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Deterministic chaos and pulsation



- Pulsating stars changing luminosity due to the radial and nonradial pulsation
- Basic mechanism of pulsation $-\kappa$ mechanism
- Detection of regular or **irregular** photometric and spectral variability
- Recorded time series are nonequidistant and very often with poor sampling and strong noise.
- Can be pulsations chaotic and can we find them ?

Low-dimensional deterministic chaos

- Set of coupled nonlinear ODE
- Strong sensitivity on initial conditions
- Phase portrait have fractal structure, strange attractor
- Change of driving parameters can lead to different regime



Pulsating stars



1D model of pulsations

Tanaka (1988)



1D model pulsations

Table 1. Parameters of the stellar pulsation model

	α	β	μ	р	q	s	σ	\overline{x}
periodic	-0.5	0.5	0.5	3.2	0.5	1.0	0.2	0
chaotic	- 0.5	0.5	0.5	4.0	0.5	1.0	0.3	0



Quasiperiodic behaviour

Quasiperiodic signal:

$$x_{\text{quasi}}(t) = a_1 \sin(f_1 t) + a_2 \sin(f_2 t) + a_3 \sin(f_3 t)$$

Gaussian noise:

$$G(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma} \exp\left(\frac{(x - \overline{x})}{\sigma^2}\right)$$

 Table 2. Parameters for the quasiperiodic signal

a_1	a_2	a_3	f_1	f_2	f_3	σ	\overline{x}
0.4	0.6	0.5	$\sqrt{5}$	$\sqrt{3}$	$\sqrt{2}$	0.1	0

Solution of equations



Period searches from time series





 $P(\Phi)$



Reconstruction of phase portrait

• Time series (equidistant)

 $X(t) = (x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_N)$

 $^{\bullet}$ R. Takens methods of time-dealy τ

$$X_{n} = (X_{1}, X_{1+\tau}, X_{1+2\tau}, X_{1+3\tau+\tau}, \dots, X_{n+(m-1)\tau})$$

• Parameter of the method:

Time delay τ Dimension of reconstructed pahe space *m*

• Reconstructed phase portrait have same topological invariants

Reconstruction of phase portrait



Correlation dimension



$$C(m,\epsilon) = \frac{2}{(N-n_{\min})(N-n_{\min}-1)} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=i+1+n_{\min}}^{N} \theta(\epsilon - |s_i - s_j|)$$



C(m,E)

ε

Summary

• Simple nonlinear model of stellar pulsations lead to the chaotic oscillations

• It is difficult to distinguish between chaotic and quasiperiodic signal with using classical tools only

 When data contains important noise, quasiperiodic or chaotic character of the signal can be overlooked and simple periodic (false) solution with strongest frequency can be determined

• In order to definitely rule out presence of the chaos it is necessary to use the nonlinear time series analysis

Next step

- Chaotic behaviour does not mean inpredictable
- We can predict signal on certain time scale
- Reconstructed phase portrait can help us to derive simple physical model and find driving parameters
- With the knowledge of driving parameters and their values for different regime (chaotic or quasiperiodic) we can determine subgroups in HR diagram for such a star

First step: prediction of global behaviour

Mapping function:

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{k} \mathbf{C}_{k} \mathbf{P}_{k}(\mathbf{X})$$

with polynomials:

$$P_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{\alpha} \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\alpha} (\mathbf{X}^{\alpha_1})^{\mathbf{k}_1} (\mathbf{X}^{\alpha_2})^{\mathbf{k}_2} \dots$$

$$\alpha = 1, 2, \cdots, d$$

up to order

$$\sum_{j} k_j \le p$$

First step: prediction of global behaviour

$$P_k(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{\alpha} \mathbf{A}_k^{\alpha}(\mathbf{X}^{\alpha_1})^{\mathbf{k}_1}(\mathbf{X}^{\alpha_2})^{\mathbf{k}_2} \dots$$

Global flow reconstruction







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