



# Numerical dynamics of integrodifference equations

## Periodic solutions and invariant manifolds in $C^\alpha(\Omega)$

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### Abstract

Integrodifference equations are versatile models in theoretical ecology for the spatial dispersal of species evolving in non-overlapping generations. The dynamics of these infinite-dimensional discrete dynamical systems is often illustrated using computational simulations. This paper studies the effect of Nyström discretization to the local dynamics of periodic integrodifference equations having Hölder continuous functions over a compact domain as state space. We prove persistence and convergence for hyperbolic periodic solutions and their associated stable and unstable manifolds respecting the convergence order of the quadrature/cubature method.

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## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Growth and dispersal in discrete time

Difference equations of the form

$$u_{t+1} = g_t(u_t)$$

are commonly used to model the temporal evolution of single species which evolve in nonoverlapping generations, reproduce at specific time intervals or are censused at intervals (metered models). The *growth functions*  $g_t : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  capture typical features of a particular population and are of Beverton–Holt, Ricker or Allee type, as well as related forms (see e.g. [22, pp. 11ff, Sect. 2.2]). On larger or inhomogeneous habitats also spatial effects such as dispersal have to be taken into account. This is

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achieved in terms of a *dispersal kernel*  $k_t(x, y) \geq 0$  indicating the probability of the species to move from position  $x$  to position  $y$  in the habitat  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ . Standard kernels are of Laplace- or Gauß-type, among others, and are discussed in for instance [22, pp. 17ff, Sect. 2.3]. This yields a recursion of the form

$$u_{t+1}(x) = \int_{\Omega} k_t(x, y)g_t(u_t(y)) \, dy \quad \text{for all } x \in \Omega, \tag{1.1}$$

which is denoted as *integrodifference equation* (IDE for short, cf. [18, 22]). The state space variable  $u_t(x)$  describes the population density in the  $t$ -th generation located at  $x \in \Omega$ . The right-hand side of (1.1) maps the density in generation  $t$  to the density in the next generation  $t + 1$  in two distinct stages: During the initial sedentary stage individuals grow, reproduce or die, and the local population density  $u_t(x)$  evolves into  $g_t(u_t(x))$ . During the subsequent dispersal stage, the individuals move according to the dispersal kernel  $k_t(x, y)$ . Of course the above considerations extend to vector-valued growth functions  $g_t$  and matrix-valued dispersal kernels  $k_t$  in order to model several interacting or single but structured populations. In conclusion, difference equations such as (1.1) describe growth and dispersal, therefore, can be considered as a discrete time counterpart to reaction-diffusion equations, but with greater flexibility in the choice of the kernel.

From a mathematical perspective, IDEs are infinite-dimensional discrete-time dynamical systems. Besides being popular tools in theoretical ecology over the recent years, they canonically arise as time discretizations of integrodifferential equations, as time-1-map of evolutionary partial differential equations or in the iterative solution of (nonlinear) boundary value problems [23, p. 190]. It is understood that IDEs involve an integral operator which in (1.1) is of Hammerstein-, but more general of Urysohn-type. Indeed, for our purposes a sufficiently flexible class are the recursions

$$u_{t+1}(x) = \int_{\Omega} f_t(x, y, u_t(y)) \, dy \quad \text{for all } x \in \Omega, \tag{I_0}$$

whose natural state spaces consists of continuous or integrable functions over a compact subset  $\Omega$  (the habitat in applications from ecology).

### 1.2 Numerical dynamics

In applied sciences the long-term behavior of IDEs is willingly illustrated using numerical simulations. For this purpose, [22, pp. 112–113] suggests to replace the integral in  $(I_0)$  by the trapezoidal or the Simpson rule. Both are special cases of general Nyström methods

$$u_{t+1}(x) = \sum_{\eta \in \Omega_n} w_{\eta} f_t(x, \eta, u_t(\eta)) \quad \text{for all } x \in \Omega \tag{I_n}$$

based on convergent quadrature or cubature rules with weights  $w_{\eta} \geq 0$  and nodes  $\eta \in \Omega_n$  over a finite grid  $\Omega_n \subset \Omega$ . Here,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  is related to the number of nodes in  $\Omega_n$  and therefore the accuracy of the approximation, see [8]. We point out that Nyström methods yield full discretizations of  $(I_0)$  and can be evaluated immediately.

While the numerical analysis of integral equations is a well-established field, e.g. [4, 16], this paper enriches it by a dynamical aspect: We study and relate the long-term behavior of the iterates  $u_t$  generated by an IDE ( $I_0$ ) to those of a Nyström discretization ( $I_n$ ). This brings us to the area of numerical dynamics [21, 31, 32] addressing the following questions:

- Which dynamical or asymptotic properties of an IDE ( $I_0$ ) as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  are preserved when passing to its Nyström discretizations ( $I_n$ )?
- What can be said about convergence as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  when the approximations become increasingly more accurate? In particular, are convergence rates of the integration rules preserved?

For the classical qualitative behavior of autonomous ODEs, such problems originate in [6] and are surveyed in [32]. In between various contributions to continuous-time infinite-dimensional dynamical systems generated by functional differential equations [15] or evolutionary (e.g. parabolic) partial differential equations [21, 31] arose, both for spatial, as well as for full discretizations. IDEs merely require spatial discretization, but have in common with these problems that conventional error estimates are unsuitable to describe asymptotic behavior. In fact, bounds for the global discretization error typically grow exponentially in time and therefore establish convergence as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  only over compact time intervals [25, Thm. 4.1]. Thus, techniques extending those of standard numerical analysis are required to tackle the above problems.

Previous contributions to the numerical dynamics of IDEs address basics and error estimates [25], as well as the persistence/convergence of globally asymptotically stable solutions [26]. This paper focusses on an another important aspect, namely the local saddle-point structure near periodic solutions to ( $I_0$ ). Related work, but for autonomous evolutionary differential equations near equilibria, is due to [6, 14] (ODEs), [1] (parabolic PDEs) and [12] (retarded FDEs).

In contrast, we study time-periodic IDEs ( $I_0$ ) in the vicinity of periodic solutions. We stress that periodic time-dependence is strongly motivated by applications to incorporate seasonal influences. While [25, 26] apply to semi-discretizations of ( $I_0$ ) of collocation- or degenerate kernel-type [4, 16], which act between finite-dimensional function spaces, but still contain integrals, we tackle Nyström discretizations ( $I_n$ ), because they can be evaluated immediately. At this point the question for an ambient state space of ( $I_0$ ) arises. A natural choice are the continuous functions  $C(\Omega)$  over a compact  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ . Here however, already for linear integral operators, the discretization error under Nyström methods converges only in the strong, but not in the uniform topology as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , see [16, pp. 130–131, Lemma 4.7.6]. Using the theory of collectively compact operators [2] one can still establish that fixed-points of ( $I_0$ ) (and their stability properties) persist [3, 33]. Nonetheless, it is not clear how to establish convergence of the associated stable and unstable manifolds of ( $I_n$ ) to those of the original problem ( $I_0$ ). For this reason we retreat to the Hölder continuous functions  $C^\alpha(\Omega)$  as state space. This set-up is sufficiently general to capture most relevant applied problems [18, 22] and has the advantage that a more conventional perturbation theory (see App. A) applies to realize our goals. It should not be concealed, though, that the prize for this endeavor are more involved assumptions and

technical preliminaries on Urysohn operators (well-definedness, complete continuity, differentiability). For the sake of a brief presentation they are outsourced to [27, 28].

The structure of our presentation is as follows: In Sect. 2 we introduce a flexible framework for general periodic difference equations in Banach spaces and their linearization. Perturbation results for the Floquet spectrum of linear periodic equations are given in Theorem 2.1, while Theorem 2.2 addresses persistence and convergence of hyperbolic solutions and Theorem 2.3 the associated stable and unstable manifolds – when dealing with periodic equations we speak of fiber bundles. Although tailor-made for Nyström discretizations of IDEs, these results also apply to collocation- or degenerate kernel-discretizations, as well as when studying time-periodic evolutionary differential equations via their time- $h$ -maps. The concrete case of Urysohn IDEs ( $I_0$ ) is saved for Sect. 3 and illustrates how Thms. 2.1–2.3 apply. One obtains convergence of both hyperbolic solutions, and of the functions parametrizing their invariant fiber bundles with a rate given by the Hölder exponent  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  of the kernel functions  $f_t$  in the first variable. Nonetheless, for smooth  $f_t$  the higher-order convergence rates inherited from the particular quadrature/cubature rules are established. Section 4 contains numerical simulations confirming our theoretical results. An example with separable kernel (logistic IDE) allows explicit results and a direct comparison between exact with numerically obtained periodic solutions in the Hölder norm. The closing Sect. 5 comments on related approaches and simulation techniques. Finally, an “Appendix” summarizes the technical ingredients required in our analysis.

*Notation* We write  $\mathbb{R}_+ := [0, \infty)$  for the nonnegative reals,  $\mathbb{S}^1 := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$  for the unit circle in  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $[\cdot] : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is the integer function and  $\|\cdot\|$  denotes norms on finite-dimensional spaces. On the Cartesian product  $X \times Y$  of normed spaces  $X, Y$ ,

$$\|(x, y)\| := \max\{\|x\|_X, \|y\|_Y\} \tag{1.2}$$

is the product norm and we proceed accordingly on products of more than two spaces. The open resp. closed balls in  $X$  with radius  $r \geq 0$  and center  $x \in X$  are

$$B_r(x, X) := \{y \in X : \|y - x\| < r\}, \quad \bar{B}_r(x, X) := \{y \in X : \|y - x\| \leq r\};$$

on a finite-dimensional  $X$  we write  $B_r(x)$  and  $\bar{B}_r(x)$ . For nonempty  $A \subseteq X$ ,  $\text{diam } A$  denotes the diameter of  $A$ ,  $\text{dist}_A(x) := \inf_{a \in A} \|x - a\|$  the distance of a point  $x \in X$  from  $A$ ,  $\text{dist}(B, A) := \sup_{b \in B} \text{dist}_A(b)$  the Hausdorff semidistance of  $B \subseteq X$  from  $A$  and we set  $B_r(A) := \{x \in X : \text{dist}_A(x) < r\}$ . We denote a subset  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathbb{Z} \times X$  as *nonautonomous set* having the fibers  $\mathcal{A}(t) := \{x \in X : (t, x) \in \mathcal{A}\}$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  and write  $\mathcal{B}_r(\phi) := \{(t, u) \in \mathbb{Z} \times X : \|u - \phi_t\| < r\}$  for the  $r$ -neighborhood of a sequence  $\phi = (\phi_t)_{t \in \mathbb{Z}}$  in  $X$ .

The bounded  $k$ -linear maps from the Cartesian product  $X^k$  to  $Y$  are denoted by  $L_k(X, Y)$ ,  $L(X, Y) := L_1(X, Y)$  and  $L_0(X, Y) := Y$ . Moreover, we abbreviate  $L_k(X) := L_k(X, X)$ ,  $L(X) := L(X, X)$ ,  $GL(X)$  are the invertible maps in  $L(X)$  and  $I_X$  is the identity on  $X$ . Furthermore,  $N(T)$  is the kernel and  $R(T)$  the range of  $T \in L(X, Y)$ ;  $\sigma(S)$  is the spectrum and  $\sigma_p(S)$  the point spectrum of  $S \in L(X)$ .

## 2 Difference equations and perturbation

Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  denote a Banach space.

### 2.1 Periodic difference equations

Abstractly, we are interested in a family of nonautonomous difference equations

$$\boxed{u_{t+1} = \mathcal{F}_t^n(u_t)} \tag{\Delta_n}$$

with right-hand sides  $\mathcal{F}_t^n : U_t \rightarrow X$  on open sets  $U_t \subseteq X, t \in \mathbb{Z}$ , parametrized by  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . In the following,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  is a discretization parameter such that  $\mathcal{F}_t^n$  are understood as approximations converging to the original problem  $\mathcal{F}_t^0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in a sense to be defined below. A nonautonomous set  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathbb{Z} \times X$  with fibers  $\mathcal{A}(t) \subseteq U_t$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  is called *forward invariant* or *invariant* (w.r.t.  $(\Delta_n)$ ), provided

$$\mathcal{F}_t^n(\mathcal{A}(t)) \subseteq \mathcal{A}(t + 1), \quad \mathcal{F}_t^n(\mathcal{A}(t)) = \mathcal{A}(t + 1) \quad \text{for all } t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

resp., holds. Given an initial time  $\tau \in \mathbb{Z}$ , a *forward solution* to  $(\Delta_n)$  is a sequence  $\phi = (\phi_t)_{\tau \leq t}$  satisfying  $\phi_t \in U_t$  and the *solution identity*  $\phi_{t+1} = \mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t)$  for all  $\tau \leq t$ , a *backward solution* fulfills the solution identity for  $t < \tau$  and for an *entire solution*  $(\phi_t)_{t \in \mathbb{Z}}$  one has  $\phi_{t+1} \equiv \mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t)$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$ . The forward solution starting at  $\tau$  in the initial state  $u_\tau \in U_\tau$  is uniquely determined as composition

$$\varphi^n(t; \tau, u_\tau) := \begin{cases} \mathcal{F}_{t-1}^n \circ \dots \circ \mathcal{F}_\tau^n(u_\tau), & \tau < t, \\ u_\tau, & t = \tau \end{cases}$$

and denoted as the *general solution* to  $(\Delta_n)$ ; it is defined as long as the compositions stay in  $U_t$ . A difference equation  $(\Delta_n)$  is called  $\theta_0$ -*periodic*, if both  $\mathcal{F}_{t+\theta_0}^n = \mathcal{F}_t^n$  and  $U_{t+\theta_0} = U_t$  hold for all  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  with some *basic period*  $\theta_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ ; an *autonomous* equation is 1-periodic, i.e. there exists a  $\mathcal{F}^n : U \rightarrow X$  with  $\mathcal{F}_t^n \equiv \mathcal{F}^n, U_t \equiv U$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$ . A  $\theta_1$ -*periodic solution* to  $(\Delta_n)$  is an entire solution satisfying  $\phi_t \equiv \phi_{t+\theta_1}$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

Given a fixed  $\theta \in \mathbb{N}$  and a sequence  $u = (u_t)_{t \in \mathbb{Z}}$  with  $u_t \in U_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}$ , let us introduce the open product  $\hat{U} := U_0 \times \dots \times U_{\theta-1}$  and

$$\hat{u} := (u_0, \dots, u_{\theta-1}) \in \hat{U}, \quad (\overline{u_0, \dots, u_{\theta-1}}) := (u_{t \bmod \theta})_{t \in \mathbb{Z}}.$$

In order to characterize and compute periodic solutions to  $(\Delta_n), n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , we introduce the nonlinear operators

$$\hat{\mathcal{F}}^n : \hat{U} \rightarrow X^\theta, \quad \hat{\mathcal{F}}^n(\hat{u}) := \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{F}_{\theta-1}^n(u_{\theta-1}) \\ \mathcal{F}_0^n(u_0) \\ \mathcal{F}_1^n(u_1) \\ \vdots \\ \mathcal{F}_{\theta-2}^n(u_{\theta-2}) \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.1}$$

and use the norm induced via (1.2) on the Cartesian product  $X^\theta$ .

The next two results are immediate:

**Lemma 2.1** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $(\Delta_n)$  be  $\theta_0$ -periodic and  $\theta$  be a multiple of  $\theta_0$ :*

- (a) *If  $(\phi_t)_{t \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is a  $\theta$ -periodic solution to  $(\Delta_n)$ , then  $\hat{\phi} \in \hat{U}$  is a fixed point of  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}^n$ .*
- (b) *Conversely, if  $\hat{\phi} \in \hat{U}$  is a fixed point of  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}^n$ , then  $(\phi_0, \dots, \phi_{\theta-1})$  is a  $\theta$ -periodic solution to  $(\Delta_n)$ .*

This characterization of periodic solutions to  $(\Delta_n)$  via the mapping  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}$  has the numerical advantage to avoid the computation of compositions  $\varphi^n(\theta + \tau; \tau, \cdot) : U_\tau \rightarrow X, \tau \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and therefore preserves (numerical) backward stability (see [13]).

**Lemma 2.2** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0, m \in \mathbb{N}, (\Delta_n)$  be  $\theta_0$ -periodic and  $\theta$  be a multiple of  $\theta_0$ . If every  $\mathcal{F}_t^n : U_t \rightarrow X, 0 \leq t < \theta_0$ , is  $m$ -times continuously (Fréchet) differentiable, then  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}^n : \hat{U} \rightarrow X^\theta$  is of class  $C^m$  and for every  $\hat{u} \in \hat{U}$  one has*

$$D\hat{\mathcal{F}}^n(\hat{u}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & D\mathcal{F}_{\theta-1}^n(u_{\theta-1}) \\ D\mathcal{F}_0^n(u_0) & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & D\mathcal{F}_1^n(u_1) & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & D\mathcal{F}_{\theta-2}^n(u_{\theta-2}) & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

### 2.2 Linear periodic difference equations

Suppose that  $\mathcal{K}_t^n \in L(X), t \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and consider a family of linear difference equations

$$\boxed{u_{t+1} = \mathcal{K}_t^n u_t} \tag{L_n}$$

in  $X$  parametrized by  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . As above we understand  $(L_n), n \in \mathbb{N}$ , as perturbations of an initial problem  $(L_0)$ . The transition operator  $\Phi^n(t, \tau) \in L(X)$  of  $(L_n)$  is

$$\Phi^n(t, \tau) := \begin{cases} \mathcal{K}_{t-1}^n \cdots \mathcal{K}_\tau^n, & \tau < t, \\ I_X, & t = \tau. \end{cases} \tag{2.2}$$

We are interested in  $\theta$ -periodic equations  $(L_n)$ , that is

$$\mathcal{K}_t^n = \mathcal{K}_{t+\theta}^n \quad \text{for all } t \in \mathbb{Z}, \tag{2.3}$$

allowing us to introduce the period operator  $\mathcal{E}_\theta^n := \Phi^n(\theta, 0) \in L(X)$  of  $(L_n)$ . Its eigenvalues are the Floquet multipliers and  $\sigma_p(\mathcal{E}_\theta^n)$  is the Floquet spectrum of  $(L_n)$ .

One says a linear difference equation  $(L_n)$  is weakly hyperbolic, if  $1 \notin \sigma(\mathcal{E}_\theta^n)$ , and hyperbolic, if  $\mathbb{S}^1 \cap \sigma(\mathcal{E}_\theta^n) = \emptyset$  holds. In the hyperbolic situation, the spectrum can be decomposed as  $\sigma(\mathcal{E}_\theta^n) = \sigma_+ \dot{\cup} \sigma_-$  with spectral sets

$$\sigma_+ \subseteq B_1(0), \quad \sigma_- \subseteq \mathbb{C} \setminus \bar{B}_1(0).$$

With the spectral projections  $P_+^n := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathbb{S}^1} (zI_X - \mathcal{E}_\theta^n)^{-1} dz$ ,  $P_-^n := I_X - P_+^n$  we introduce the fibers  $\mathcal{V}_+^n(t) := \Phi^n(t, 0)R(P_+^n)$  and  $\mathcal{V}_-^n(t) := \Phi^n(t, 0)R(P_-^n)$ , first for  $t \geq 0$  and then by  $\theta$ -periodic continuation on  $\mathbb{Z}$ . This yields  $\theta$ -periodic nonautonomous sets  $\mathcal{V}_+^n \subseteq \mathbb{Z} \times X$  (stable vector bundle) and  $\mathcal{V}_-^n \subseteq \mathbb{Z} \times X$  (unstable vector bundle) of  $(L_n)$ . Then  $\mathcal{V}_+^n$  is forward invariant, while  $\mathcal{V}_-^n$  is invariant w.r.t.  $(L_n)$ .

For compact operators  $\mathcal{E}_\theta^n \in L(X)$  the Riesz-Schauder theory [19, pp. 428ff] applies: Every Floquet multiplier  $\lambda \in \sigma_p(\mathcal{E}_\theta^n)$  possesses a minimal  $\iota(\lambda) \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $N(\lambda I_X - \mathcal{E}_\theta^n)^j = N(\lambda I_X - \mathcal{E}_\theta^n)^{j+1}$  for all  $j \geq \iota(\lambda)$  leading to finite-dimensional generalized eigenspaces  $N(\lambda I_X - \mathcal{E}_\theta^n)^{\iota(\lambda)}$ . All unstable fibers  $\mathcal{V}_-^n(t)$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ , have a constant finite dimension, which is denoted as the Morse index of  $(L_n)$  and equals the finite sum  $\sum_{\lambda \in \sigma_-} \dim N(\lambda I_X - \mathcal{E}_\theta^n)^{\iota(\lambda)}$  of algebraic multiplicities.

We begin with a perturbation result for hyperbolic linear systems  $(L_n)$  under uniform convergence:

**Theorem 2.1** (Perturbed hyperbolicity) *Suppose that the  $\theta$ -periodic linear difference equations  $(L_n)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , fulfill:*

- (i)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\mathcal{K}_t^n - \mathcal{K}_t^0\|_{L(X)} = 0$  for all  $0 \leq t < \theta$ ,
- (ii)  $\mathcal{E}_\theta^n \in L(X)$  is compact for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then also the period operator  $\mathcal{E}_\theta^0 \in L(X)$  of  $(L_0)$  is compact and there exists a  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that the following holds for all  $n \geq N$  or  $n = 0$ :

- (a) With  $(L_0)$  also the perturbed equation  $(L_n)$  is weakly hyperbolic,
- (b) with  $(L_0)$  also the perturbed equation  $(L_n)$  is hyperbolic. In particular, for reals  $\beta \in (\max\{0, 1 - \frac{1}{2} \text{dist}(\sigma(\mathcal{E}_\theta^0), \mathbb{S}^1)\}, 1)$ , there exists a  $\theta$ -periodic sequence  $(P_t^n)_{t \in \mathbb{Z}}$  of invariant projectors in  $L(X)$  with  $\mathcal{K}_t^n P_t^n = P_{t+1}^n \mathcal{K}_t^n$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ , so that the transition operators  $\Phi^n(t, s)$  satisfy  $\dim \mathcal{V}_-^n = \dim \mathcal{V}_-^0$  and the estimates

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Phi^n(t, s)P_s^n\|_{L(X)} &\leq K\beta^{t-s} \text{ for all } s \leq t, \\ \|\Phi^n(t, s)[I_X - P_s^n]\|_{L(X)} &\leq K\beta^{s-t} \text{ for all } t \leq s, \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

- (c)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|P_t^n - P_t^0\|_{L(X)} = 0$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

**Proof** Let  $0 \leq s < \theta$ . Due to (i) the sequence  $(\|\mathcal{K}_s^n - \mathcal{K}_s^0\|)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is bounded and consequently we obtain from  $\|\mathcal{K}_s^n\| \leq \|\mathcal{K}_s^0\| + \|\mathcal{K}_s^n - \mathcal{K}_s^0\|$  and the periodicity condition (2.3) that  $c_t := \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} \|\mathcal{K}_t^n\| < \infty$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

(I) *Claim:*  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\Phi^n(t, 0) - \Phi^0(t, 0)\| = 0$  for all  $0 \leq t$ .

We proceed by mathematical induction. Thanks to (2.2), for  $t = 0$  the assertion is trivial and for  $t = 1$  it results from (i). In the induction step  $t \rightarrow t + 1$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Phi^n(t + 1, 0) - \Phi^0(t + 1, 0)\| &\stackrel{(2.2)}{=} \|\mathcal{K}_t^n \Phi^n(t, 0) - \mathcal{K}_t^0 \Phi^0(t, 0)\| \\ &\leq \|\mathcal{K}_t^n\| \|\Phi^n(t, 0) - \Phi^0(t, 0)\| + \|\mathcal{K}_t^n - \mathcal{K}_t^0\| \|\Phi^0(t, 0)\| \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq c_t \|\Phi^n(t, 0) - \Phi^0(t, 0)\| + \|\mathcal{K}_t^n - \mathcal{K}_t^0\| \prod_{r=0}^{t-1} c_r \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(i)} 0$$

from the induction hypothesis and the triangle inequality, yielding the claim.

(II) *Claim:*  $\mathcal{E}_\theta^0 \in L(X)$  is compact.

If we set  $t = \theta$  in claim (I), then the period operators satisfy

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\mathcal{E}_\theta^n - \mathcal{E}_\theta^0\| = 0. \tag{2.5}$$

Hence,  $\mathcal{E}_\theta^0$  is the uniform limit of by (ii) compact operators  $\mathcal{E}_\theta^n, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and consequently compact [19, p. 416, Thm. 1.1].

(III) *Claim:* For every nonempty closed  $S \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  with  $\sigma(\mathcal{E}_\theta^0) \cap S = \emptyset$  there exists a  $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\sigma(\mathcal{E}_\theta^n) \cap S = \emptyset$  for all  $n \geq n_1$ .

Since the closed  $S$  and the compact  $\sigma(\mathcal{E}_\theta^0)$  are disjoint they have a positive distance. Therefore, there is an  $\varepsilon > 0$  so that  $S \cap B_\varepsilon(\sigma(\mathcal{E}_\theta^0)) = \emptyset$ . By the upper semicontinuity of the spectrum [5, p. 80, Lemma 3] and relation (2.5) there is a  $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $\sigma(\mathcal{E}_\theta^n) \subset B_\varepsilon(\sigma(\mathcal{E}_\theta^0))$  and consequently  $\sigma(\mathcal{E}_\theta^n)$  stays disjoint from  $S$  for all  $n \geq n_1$ .

- (a) If  $(L_0)$  is weakly hyperbolic, then  $\sigma(\mathcal{E}_\theta^0) \cap \{1\} = \emptyset$  and (III) applied to the singleton  $S = \{1\}$  yields the assertion.
- (b) The hyperbolicity of  $(L_n)$  results as above in (a) with  $S = \mathbb{S}^1$ . Furthermore, then [30, p. 44, Prop. 3.13] implies that  $(L_n)$  possess an exponential dichotomy on  $\mathbb{Z}$  as claimed with the  $\theta$ -periodic invariant projectors  $P_t^n$  satisfying

$$\mathcal{K}_t^n|_{N(P_t^n)} \in GL(N(P_t^n), N(P_{t+1}^n)) \text{ for all } t \in \mathbb{Z} \tag{2.6}$$

and  $I_X - P_0^n = P_-^n$ . In particular, by (2.5) and [5, p. 80, Cor. 1] the spectral projections  $P_-^n$  associated to the unstable spectral parts of  $\mathcal{E}_\theta^n, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , fulfill that  $\dim R(P_-^n) = \dim R(P_-^0)$  for large  $n$ , say for  $n \geq n_2$ . Thanks to (2.6) this extends to the dimension of the unstable bundles  $\mathcal{V}_-^n$ . Finally, we set  $N := \max\{n_1, n_2\}$ .

- (c) Combining (2.5) with [5, p. 80, Lemma 4] yields that the spectral projections satisfy  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|P_-^n - P_-^0\| = 0$ . Together with claim (I) we obtain for  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  that

$$\begin{aligned} \|P_t^n - P_t^0\| &= \|[I_X - P_t^n] - [I_X - P_t^0]\| \\ &\stackrel{(2.6)}{\leq} \|\Phi^n(t, 0)\| \|P_-^n - P_-^0\| \|\Phi^0(0, t)\| + \|\Phi^n(t, 0) - \Phi^0(t, 0)\| \|P_-^0 \Phi^0(0, t)\| \\ &\leq \left(\prod_{r=0}^{t-1} c_r\right) \|P_-^n - P_-^0\| \|\Phi^0(0, t)\| + \|\Phi^n(t, 0) - \Phi^0(t, 0)\| \|P_-^0 \Phi^0(0, t)\| \end{aligned}$$

from the triangle inequality, whose right-hand side converges to 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .  $\square$



### 2.3 Perturbation of hyperbolic solutions and invariant bundles

We next address the robustness of  $\theta_1$ -periodic solutions  $\phi^0$  to general  $\theta_0$ -periodic difference equations  $(\Delta_0)$ , as well as their nearby saddle-point structure consisting of stable and unstable bundles (see [17, pp. 143ff, Chap. 6], [24, pp. 256ff, Sect. 4.6]) under perturbation. By imposing a natural hyperbolicity condition on the solution  $\phi^0$  it is shown that also the perturbations  $(\Delta_n)$  have (locally unique) periodic solutions  $\phi^n$  for sufficiently large  $n$ , which converge to  $\phi^0$  in the limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Let  $\theta := \text{lcm}\{\theta_0, \theta_1\}$ . We suppose that the right-hand sides  $\mathcal{F}_t^n$  of  $(\Delta_n)$  are continuously differentiable. Our endeavor is based on the *variational equations*

$$\boxed{v_{t+1} = D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^n)v_t} \tag{V_n}$$

associated to  $\theta$ -periodic solutions  $\phi^n$  of  $(\Delta_n)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Since the linear equations  $(V_n)$  are  $\theta$ -periodic, the terminology and results from Sect. 2.2 apply to  $(V_n)$  with  $\mathcal{K}_t^n = D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^n)$  and the period operator  $\mathcal{E}_\theta^n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . In this context, we understand a solution  $\phi^n$  of  $(\Delta_n)$  as (*weakly*) *hyperbolic*, if  $(V_n)$  has the corresponding property.

**Lemma 2.3** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . If  $\mathcal{F}_t^n : U_t \rightarrow X$  is continuously differentiable for all  $0 \leq t < \theta_0$ , then the derivatives of the mappings  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}^n : \hat{U} \rightarrow X^\theta$  defined in (2.1) satisfy  $\sigma(\mathcal{E}_\theta^n) \setminus \{0\} = \sigma(D\hat{\mathcal{F}}^n(\hat{\phi}^n))^\theta \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\sigma_p(\mathcal{E}_\theta^n) \setminus \{0\} = \sigma_p(D\hat{\mathcal{F}}^n(\hat{\phi}^n))^\theta \setminus \{0\}$ .*

Based on this result, the (Floquet) spectrum of  $(V_n)$  can be computed from the (point) spectrum of the cyclic block operator given in Lemma 2.2. This has the numerical advantage of avoiding to evaluate the compositions (matrix products)  $\mathcal{E}_\theta^n$ .

**Proof** Keeping  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  fixed, we abbreviate  $\mathcal{K}_t = D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^n)$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and observe that the  $\theta$ th power of  $D\hat{\mathcal{F}}(\hat{\phi}^n)$  given in Lemma 2.2 becomes a block diagonal operator

$$D\hat{\mathcal{F}}(\hat{\phi}^n)^\theta = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{K}_{\theta-1}\mathcal{K}_{\theta-2}\cdots\mathcal{K}_0 & & & \\ & \mathcal{K}_0\mathcal{K}_{\theta-1}\cdots\mathcal{K}_1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \mathcal{K}_{\theta-2}\cdots\mathcal{K}_0\mathcal{K}_{\theta-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Referring to [30, p. 42, Prop. 3.11(a)] one has  $\sigma(\mathcal{E}_\theta^n) \setminus \{0\} = \sigma(\mathcal{K}_{t+\theta-1}\cdots\mathcal{K}_t) \setminus \{0\}$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  and therefore  $\sigma(\mathcal{E}_\theta^n) \setminus \{0\} = \sigma(D\hat{\mathcal{F}}(\hat{\phi}^n)^\theta) \setminus \{0\}$ . Now the Spectral Mapping Theorem [5, p. 65, Thm. 2] yields the assertion for the spectra. Concerning the point spectrum the claim follows directly from the corresponding eigenvalue-eigenvector relations and the solution identity for  $(V_n)$ . □

Our next result establishes persistence of hyperbolic periodic solutions to  $(\Delta_0)$ :

**Theorem 2.2** (Perturbed periodic solutions) *Let  $\theta = \text{lcm}\{\theta_0, \theta_1\}$ . Suppose that the  $\theta_0$ -periodic difference equations  $(\Delta_n)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , fulfill:*

- (i)  $\mathcal{F}_t^n : U_t \rightarrow X$  are continuously differentiable for all  $0 \leq t < \theta_0$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,

(ii)  $D\mathcal{F}_t^n : U_t \rightarrow L(X)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , are uniformly continuous on bounded sets uniformly in  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the family  $\{D\mathcal{F}_t^n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is equicontinuous for all  $0 \leq t < \theta_0$  and for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists a  $0 \leq t < \theta_0$  such that  $D\mathcal{F}_t^n$  has compact values.

If  $\phi^0$  is a weakly hyperbolic  $\theta_1$ -periodic solution to  $(\Delta_0)$  and there exists a function  $\Gamma_0 : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  with  $\lim_{\varrho \searrow 0} \Gamma_0(\varrho) = 0$  satisfying for all  $0 \leq t < \theta$  that

$$\left\| \mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^0) - \mathcal{F}_t^0(\phi_t^0) \right\|_X \leq \Gamma_0\left(\frac{1}{n}\right), \tag{2.7}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^0) - D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\phi_t^0) \right\|_{L(X)} = 0, \tag{2.8}$$

then there exist reals  $\rho_0 > 0$  and  $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that the following hold for all  $n \geq N_0$ :

(a) There is a unique  $\theta$ -periodic solution  $\phi^n$  to  $(\Delta_n)$  in the neighborhood  $\mathcal{B}_{\rho_0}(\phi^0)$ , it is weakly hyperbolic and there exists a constant  $K_0 \geq 0$  such that

$$\sup_{t \in \mathbb{Z}} \left\| \phi_t^n - \phi_t^0 \right\|_X \leq K_0 \Gamma_0\left(\frac{1}{n}\right), \tag{2.9}$$

(b) with  $\phi^0$  also the solution  $\phi^n$  to  $(\Delta_n)$  is hyperbolic with the same Morse index.

As the subsequent proof and Lemma 2.3 reveal, the constant  $K_0 \geq 0$  essentially depends on the distance of the Floquet spectrum of  $\phi^0$  to the point  $1 \in \mathbb{C}$ . The value of  $K_0$  blows up as this distance shrinks to 0, i.e. when (weak) hyperbolicity is lost.

**Proof** Let  $I$  denote the identity mapping on the Cartesian product  $X^\theta$ . Our aim is to apply the quantitative Implicit Function Theorem A.1 with the open set  $\Omega = \hat{U}$ , Banach spaces  $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{Y} = X^\theta$ , the parameter space  $\Lambda := \{0\} \cup \{\frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  with metric  $d(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) := |\lambda_1 - \lambda_2|$ ,  $\lambda_0 := 0$ ,  $x_0 := \hat{\phi}^0$ ,  $y_0 := 0$  and the mapping

$$T : \hat{U} \times \Lambda \rightarrow X^\theta, \quad T(x, \lambda) := \begin{cases} \hat{\mathcal{F}}^n(\hat{\phi}) - \hat{\phi}, & \lambda = \frac{1}{n}, \\ \hat{\mathcal{F}}^0(\hat{\phi}) - \hat{\phi}, & \lambda = 0 \end{cases}$$

with  $x = \hat{\phi}$ . Let us first verify the assumptions of Theorem A.1. It follows from (2.1) that the mapping  $T$  is well-defined.

ad (i'): Thanks to Lemma 2.1(a), for the  $\theta$ -periodic solution  $\phi^0$  of  $(\Delta_0)$  the resulting tuple  $\hat{\phi}^0$  is a fixed point of  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}^0$  and therefore  $T(x_0, \lambda_0) = \hat{\mathcal{F}}^0(\hat{\phi}^0) - \hat{\phi}^0 = 0$ .

ad (ii'): Referring to Lemma 2.2 and assumption (i) every mapping  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}^n$  is continuously differentiable and so is each  $T(\cdot, \lambda)$ ,  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ . Moreover, the partial derivative  $D_1 T(x_0, \lambda_0) = D\hat{\mathcal{F}}^0(\hat{\phi}^0) - I$  is invertible, because otherwise  $1 \in \sigma(D\hat{\mathcal{F}}^0(\hat{\phi}^0))$  and thus  $1 \in \sigma(D\hat{\mathcal{F}}^0(\hat{\phi}^0))^\theta \setminus \{0\} = \sigma(\mathcal{E}_\theta^0) \setminus \{0\}$  by Lemma 2.3. This contradicts the weak hyperbolicity assumption on the solution  $\phi^0$ .

ad (iii'): First, we obtain (A.1) from the estimates

$$\|T(x_0, \lambda) - T(x_0, \lambda_0)\| = \|\hat{\mathcal{F}}^n(\hat{\phi}^0) - \hat{\mathcal{F}}^0(\hat{\phi}^0)\| \stackrel{(2.1)}{=} \max_{t=1}^{\theta} \|\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^0) - \mathcal{F}_t^0(\phi_t^0)\|$$

and thus  $\|T(x_0, \lambda) - T(x_0, \lambda_0)\| \leq \Gamma_0(\lambda)$  (cf. (2.7)) for all  $\lambda = \frac{1}{n} \in \Lambda$ . Second, by assumption (ii) the derivatives  $D\mathcal{F}_t^n : U_t \rightarrow L(X)$  are uniformly continuous on bounded sets, uniformly in  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and consequently there exist moduli of continuity  $\omega_t : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  satisfying  $\lim_{\varrho \searrow 0} \omega_t(\varrho) = 0$  and

$$\|D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t) - D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^0)\| \leq \omega_t(\|\phi_t - \phi_t^0\|) \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}, 1 \leq t \leq \theta,$$

where  $\hat{\phi} \in \hat{U}$ . By the triangle inequality this results in

$$\begin{aligned} & \|D_1T(x, \lambda) - D_1T(x_0, \lambda_0)\| \\ & \leq \|D\hat{\mathcal{F}}^n(\hat{\phi}) - D\hat{\mathcal{F}}^n(\hat{\phi}^0)\| + \|D\hat{\mathcal{F}}^n(\hat{\phi}^0) - D\hat{\mathcal{F}}^0(\hat{\phi}^0)\| \\ & \stackrel{(2.1)}{=} \max_{t=1}^{\theta} \|D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t) - D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^0)\| + \max_{t=1}^{\theta} \|D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^0) - D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\phi_t^0)\| \\ & \leq \max_{t=1}^{\theta} \omega_t(\|\phi_t - \phi_t^0\|) + \max_{t=1}^{\theta} \|D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^0) - D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\phi_t^0)\| \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\lambda = \frac{1}{n} \in \Lambda$ . Now, with  $\Omega'(\varrho) := \max_{t=1}^{\theta} \|D\mathcal{F}_t^{[1/\varrho]}(\phi_t^0) - D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\phi_t^0)\|$  satisfying  $\lim_{\varrho \searrow 0} \Omega'(\varrho) = 0$  due to (2.8), this gives for all  $\lambda = \frac{1}{n} \in \Lambda$  that

$$\|D_1T(x, \lambda) - D_1T(x_0, \lambda_0)\| \stackrel{(2.7)}{\leq} \max_{t=1}^{\theta} \omega_t(\|\phi_t - \phi_t^0\|) + \Omega'(\frac{1}{n}) \leq \Gamma(\|\hat{\phi} - \hat{\phi}^0\|, \lambda),$$

with the function  $\Gamma(\varrho_1, \varrho_2) := \max_{t=1}^{\theta} \omega_t(\varrho_1) + \Omega'(\varrho_2)$ , which clearly satisfies the limit relation  $\lim_{\varrho_1, \varrho_2 \searrow 0} \Gamma(\varrho_1, \varrho_2) = 0$ , i.e. (A.2) holds.

(a) Because the assumptions (i'–iii') of Theorem A.1 hold, we can choose  $\rho, \delta > 0$  so small that (A.3) holds for e.g.  $q := \frac{1}{2}$ . Moreover, there exists a unique fixed point function  $\hat{\phi} : B_\delta(\lambda_0) \rightarrow \bar{B}_{\rho_0}(\hat{\phi}^0, X^\theta)$  with  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}^n(\hat{\phi}(\frac{1}{n})) = \hat{\phi}(\frac{1}{n})$  for all  $n > \frac{1}{\delta}$ . Then Lemma 2.1(b) guarantees that  $\phi^n := (\phi_0(\frac{1}{n}), \dots, \phi_{\theta-1}(\frac{1}{n}))$  is the desired  $\theta$ -periodic solution to  $(\Delta_n)$  whenever  $n \geq N_0 := [\frac{1}{\delta}] + 1$ . We establish that the solutions  $\phi^n$  are weakly hyperbolic. For this purpose, let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . First, thanks to (2.8) there exists a  $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\|D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\phi_t^0) - D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^0)\| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \quad \text{for all } t \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq n_1.$$

We know from Theorem A.1(c) that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{t \in \mathbb{Z}} \|\phi_t^n - \phi_t^0\| = 0$  and since  $D\mathcal{F}_t^n$  is equicontinuous by assumption (ii), there exists a  $n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\|D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^0) - D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^n)\| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \quad \text{for all } t \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq n_2.$$

Combining the last two inequalities readily yields  $\|D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\phi_t^0) - D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^n)\| < \varepsilon$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n \geq \max\{n_1, n_2\}$ , which establishes the limit relation

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^n) - D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\phi_t^0)\| = 0 \quad \text{for all } t \in \mathbb{Z}. \tag{2.10}$$

Second, assumption (ii) implies that the period operators  $\mathcal{E}_\theta^n$  of  $(V_n)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , contain a compact factor and hence are compact [19, p. 417, Thm. 1.2]. Thus, Theorem 2.1(a) applies to  $\mathcal{K}_t^n := D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^n)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , and shows that  $\phi^n$  are weakly hyperbolic. Finally, given  $N_0$  and  $\hat{\phi}$  as in (a) one has

$$\|\phi_t^n - \phi_t^n\| \stackrel{(1.2)}{\leq} \|\hat{\phi}^n - \hat{\phi}^0\| \leq K_0 \Gamma_0(\frac{1}{n}) \quad \text{for all } n \geq N_0, t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

with  $K_0 := 2\|[D\hat{\mathcal{F}}^0(\hat{\phi}^0) - I]^{-1}\|$ , which concludes the proof of (a).

(c) In case the solution  $\phi^0$  is hyperbolic, then due to (2.10) and the compactness of the period operators  $\mathcal{E}_\theta^n$  (see above), Theorem 2.1(b) applies to  $\mathcal{K}_t^n := D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^n)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . It follows that the solutions  $\phi^n$  are hyperbolic as well.  $\square$

The dynamics of  $(\Delta_n)$  in the vicinity of hyperbolic solutions  $\phi^n$  is determined by a saddle-point structure consisting of local stable and unstable manifolds resp. fiber bundles [24, p. 256ff, Sect. 4.6] (in the periodic case). These sets allow a dynamical characterization and, given some  $r_0 > 0$ , we define the *local stable fiber bundle*

$$\mathcal{W}_+^n := \left\{ (\tau, u_\tau) \in \mathcal{B}_{r_0}(\phi^n) : \begin{array}{l} \varphi^n(t; \tau, u_\tau) \text{ exists for all } t \geq \tau \\ \text{and } \varphi^n(t; \tau, u_\tau) - \phi_t^n \xrightarrow[t \rightarrow \infty]{} 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

and the *local unstable fiber bundle*

$$\mathcal{W}_-^n := \left\{ (\tau, u_\tau) \in \mathcal{B}_{r_0}(\phi^n) : \begin{array}{l} \text{there exists a solution } (\phi_t)_{t \leq \tau} \text{ of } (\Delta_n) \\ \text{with } \phi_\tau = u_\tau \text{ and } \phi_t - \phi_t^n \xrightarrow[t \rightarrow -\infty]{} 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

associate to  $\phi^n$ . The following result relates the fiber bundles of the perturbed equations  $(\Delta_n)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , to that of the initial problem  $(\Delta_0)$ . It requires that  $\{\mathcal{F}_t^n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is *equidifferentiable* in each  $u \in U_t$ , that is there exists a  $D\mathcal{F}_t^n(u) \in L(X)$  such that

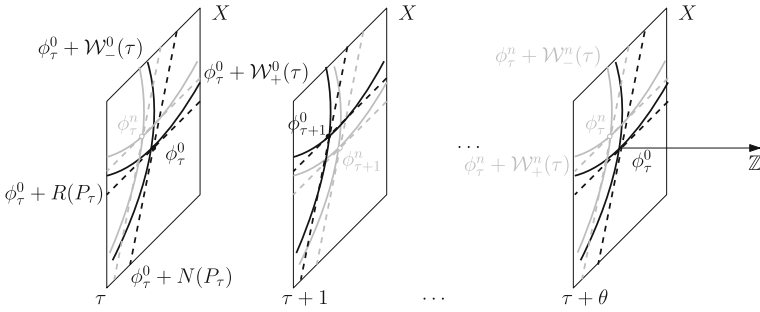
$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\|h\|_X} \|\mathcal{F}_t^n(u+h) - \mathcal{F}_t^n(u) - D\mathcal{F}_t^n(u)h\|_X = 0 \quad \text{for all } t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

holds uniformly in  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

We can now show that the saddle-point structure near hyperbolic periodic solutions to  $(\Delta_0)$  is preserved under perturbation (see Fig. 1).

**Theorem 2.3** (Perturbed stable and unstable fiber bundles) *Let  $\theta = \text{lcm}\{\theta_0, \theta_1\}$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Suppose that the  $\theta_0$ -periodic difference equations  $(\Delta_n)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , fulfill:*

- (i)  $\mathcal{F}_t^n : U_t \rightarrow X$  are  $m$ -times continuously differentiable for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  on a convex, open set  $U_t$  and  $\{\mathcal{F}_t^n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is equidifferentiable for all  $0 \leq t < \theta_0$ ,



**Fig. 1** Persistence of the saddle-point structure near a hyperbolic solution: A  $\theta_1$ -periodic solution  $\phi^0$  (● black) of a  $\theta_0$ -periodic equation  $(\Delta_0)$  persists as  $\theta$ -periodic hyperbolic solution  $\phi^n$  (○ grey) to  $(\Delta_n)$ ,  $n \geq N_1$  (cf. Theorem 2.2). The corresponding stable bundle  $\phi^0 + \mathcal{W}_+^0$  (black fibers) persists as  $\phi^n + \mathcal{W}_+^n$  (grey fibers), both are locally graphs over  $R(P_\tau)$  (dashed), while the unstable bundle  $\phi^0 + \mathcal{W}_-^0$  (black fibers) persists as  $\phi^n + \mathcal{W}_-^n$  (grey fibers), being locally graphs over  $N(P_\tau)$  (dashed, cf. Theorem 2.3)

(ii)  $D\mathcal{F}_t^n : U_t \rightarrow L(X)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , are uniformly continuous on bounded sets uniformly in  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the family  $\{D\mathcal{F}_t^n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is equicontinuous for all  $0 \leq t < \theta_0$  and for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists a  $0 \leq t < \theta_0$  such that  $D\mathcal{F}_t^n$  has compact values.

If  $\phi^0$  is a hyperbolic  $\theta_1$ -periodic solution to  $(\Delta_0)$  satisfying (2.7), (2.8) and  $(P_t)_{t \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is the invariant projector onto the stable vector bundle  $\mathcal{V}_+^0$  of  $(V_0)$  (cf. Theorem 2.1), then there exist  $\rho_1 > 0$  and integers  $N_1 \geq N_0$  so that the following holds for  $n \geq N_1$  or  $n = 0$ , and the  $\theta$ -periodic hyperbolic solutions  $\phi^n$  ensured by Theorem 2.2:

(a) The local stable fiber bundle  $\mathcal{W}_+^n$  of  $(\Delta_n)$  allows the representation

$$\mathcal{W}_+^n = \phi^n + \{(\tau, v + w_+^n(\tau, v)) \in \mathbb{Z} \times X : v \in B_{\rho_1}(0, R(P_\tau))\}$$

as graph of a mapping  $w_+^n : \mathbb{Z} \times X \rightarrow X$  with

$$w_+^n(\tau + \theta, u) = w_+^n(\tau, u) = w_+^n(\tau, P_\tau u) \in N(P_\tau) \text{ for all } \tau \in \mathbb{Z}$$

and  $u \in X$ . Moreover,  $w_+^n(\tau, 0) \equiv 0$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$ , the Lipschitz mappings  $w_+^n(\tau, \cdot)$  are of class  $C^m$  and the stable fiber bundles of  $(\Delta_n)$  and  $(\Delta_0)$  are related via

$$\begin{aligned} & \|w_+^n(\tau, v) - w_+^0(\tau, v)\|_X \\ & \leq \frac{4K}{1 - \beta} \sup_{\tau \leq t} \left\| \int_0^1 \left[ D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\phi_t^0 + \vartheta \phi_t) - D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^n + \vartheta \phi_t) \right] \phi_t \, d\vartheta \right\|_X \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

for all  $\tau \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $v \in B_{\rho_1}(0, R(P_\tau))$ , where  $\phi_t = \phi^0(t; \tau, \phi_\tau^0 + v + w_+^0(\tau, v)) - \phi_t^0$  whenever  $\tau \leq t$ .

(b) The local unstable fiber bundle  $\mathcal{W}_-^n$  of  $(\Delta_n)$  allows the representation

$$\mathcal{W}_-^n = \phi^n + \{(\tau, v + w_-^n(\tau, v)) \in \mathbb{Z} \times X : v \in B_{\rho_1}(0, N(P_\tau))\}$$

as graph of a mapping  $w_-^n : \mathbb{Z} \times X \rightarrow X$  with

$$w_-^n(\tau + \theta, u) = w_-^n(\tau, u) = w_-^n(\tau, [I_X - P_\tau]u) \in R(P_\tau) \text{ for all } \tau \in \mathbb{Z}$$

and  $u \in X$ . Moreover,  $w_-^n(\tau, 0) \equiv 0$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$ , the Lipschitz mappings  $w_-^n(\tau, \cdot)$  are of class  $C^m$  and the unstable fiber bundles of  $(\Delta_n)$  and  $(\Delta_0)$  are related via

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| w_-^n(\tau, v) - w_-^0(\tau, v) \right\|_X \\ & \leq \frac{4K}{1 - \beta} \sup_{t \leq \tau} \left\| \int_0^1 \left[ D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\phi_t^0 + \vartheta\phi_t) - D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^n + \vartheta\phi_t) \right] \phi_t \, d\vartheta \right\|_X \end{aligned} \tag{2.12}$$

for all  $\tau \in \mathbb{Z}, v \in B_{\rho_1}(0, N(P_\tau))$ , where  $(\phi_t)_{t \leq \tau}$  is the (unique) backward solution to  $(\Delta_0)$  starting in  $(\tau, v + w_-^0(\tau, v))$ , and have the same finite dimension.

(c)  $\mathcal{W}_+^n \cap \mathcal{W}_-^n = \phi^n$ ,

with the constants  $\beta \in (0, 1), K \geq 1$  from Theorem 2.1 applied to  $(V_0)$ .

In order to achieve convergence as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  via (2.11) and (2.12) one needs the derivatives  $D\mathcal{F}_t^n$  to tend to  $D\mathcal{F}_t^0$  on bounded sets and, thanks to Theorem 2.2, continuity of the derivative  $D\mathcal{F}_t^0, 0 \leq t < \theta_0$ . A concrete illustration follows in Sect. 3.

**Remark 2.1** (Alternative representation of  $\mathcal{W}_+^n$  and  $\mathcal{W}_-^n$ ) With some  $\tilde{\rho}_1 > 0$  the local stable and unstable fiber bundles of  $\phi^n$  allow the alternative characterization

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}_+^n &= \phi^n + \{(\tau, v + \tilde{w}_+^n(\tau, v)) \in \mathbb{Z} \times X : v \in B_{\tilde{\rho}_1}(0, R(P_\tau^n))\}, \\ \mathcal{W}_-^n &= \phi^n + \{(\tau, v + \tilde{w}_-^n(\tau, v)) \in \mathbb{Z} \times X : v \in B_{\tilde{\rho}_1}(0, N(P_\tau^n))\} \end{aligned}$$

as graphs over the vector bundles  $\mathcal{V}_+^n$  resp.  $\mathcal{V}_-^n$  of the variational equations  $(V_n)$ , rather than over the vector bundles  $\mathcal{V}_+^0$  resp.  $\mathcal{V}_-^0$  of  $(V_0)$  (cf. [24, pp. 256ff, Sect. 4.6]) as in Theorem 2.3. In addition, then the associate mappings  $\tilde{w}_+^n(\tau, \cdot), \tilde{w}_-^n(\tau, \cdot)$  possess values in  $N(P_\tau^n)$  resp. in  $R(P_\tau^n)$  for all  $\tau \in \mathbb{Z}$ . According to Theorem 2.1(c) the corresponding invariant projectors for  $(V_n)$  satisfy  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|P_t^n - P_t^0\| = 0$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{W}_+^n$  and  $\mathcal{W}_-^0$  share their finite dimension.

**Proof** Since the existence of  $\mathcal{W}_+^0, \mathcal{W}_-^0$  and their properties are well-established in the literature [24, pp. 187ff], we focus on their persistence and the convergence estimates (2.11) and (2.12). Let  $\phi^n = (\phi_t^n)_{t \in \mathbb{Z}}$  denote the  $\theta$ -periodic solutions of  $(\Delta_n)$  guaranteed by Theorem 2.2 for  $n \geq N_0$ . The associate equations of perturbed motion

$$u_{t+1} = \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_t^n(u_t), \quad \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_t^n(u) := \mathcal{F}_t^n(u + \phi_t^n) - \mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^n) \tag{\tilde{\Delta}_n}$$

are  $\theta$ -periodic and have the trivial solution. The general solutions  $\varphi^n$  of  $(\Delta_n)$  and  $\tilde{\varphi}^n$  to  $(\tilde{\Delta}_n)$  are related by  $\tilde{\varphi}^n(t; \tau, u) = \varphi^n(t; \tau, u + \phi_\tau^n) - \phi_\tau^n$  for all  $\tau \leq t$ .

(a) For each fixed  $\tau \in \mathbb{Z}$  the sequence space

$$\ell_\tau^+ := \{(\phi_t)_{\tau \leq t} : \phi_t \in X \text{ and } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|\phi_t\| = 0\},$$

is complete w.r.t. the sup-norm  $\|\phi\|_\infty := \sup_{\tau \leq t} \|\phi_t\|$ . For  $\bar{\rho} > 0$  so small that  $\|\phi_t\| < \bar{\rho}$  implies  $\phi_t + \phi_t^n \in U_t$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n \geq N_0$  we introduce the operator

$$T_+^n : B_{\bar{\rho}}(0, \ell_\tau^+) \rightarrow R(P_\tau) \times \ell_\tau^+, \quad T_+^n(\phi)_t := (P_\tau \phi_\tau, \phi_{t+1} - \bar{\mathcal{F}}_t^n(\phi_t))$$

for all  $\tau \leq t$ . Then  $u_\tau = P_\tau u_\tau + [I_X - P_\tau]u_\tau \in X$  is contained in the stable bundle of  $(\bar{\Delta}_n)$  if and only if  $\phi := \bar{\varphi}^n(\cdot; \tau, u_\tau)$  satisfies (cf. [6, proof of Thm. 3.1])

$$T_+^n(\phi) = (P_\tau u_\tau, 0). \tag{2.13}$$

Our approach to (2.13) using the Lipschitz inverse function Theorem A.2 is based on the representation  $T_+^n = A_+ + G_+^n$  with

$$\begin{aligned} A_+ &\in L(\ell_\tau^+, R(P_\tau) \times \ell_\tau^+), & (A_+\phi)_t &:= (P_\tau \phi_\tau, \phi_{t+1} - D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\phi_t^0)\phi_t), \\ G_+^n &: \ell_\tau^+ \rightarrow R(P_\tau) \times \ell_\tau^+, & G_+^n(\phi)_t &:= (0, D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\phi_t^0)\phi_t - \bar{\mathcal{F}}_t^n(\phi_t)) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\tau \leq t$ . Note that the derivatives  $D\mathcal{F}_t^0 : U_t \rightarrow L(X)$  exist by assumption (i).

(I) Claim:  $A_+ \in GL(\ell_\tau^+, R(P_\tau) \times \ell_\tau^+)$  with  $\|A_+^{-1}\| \leq \frac{2K}{1-\beta}$ .

First of all, the sequence  $(D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\phi_t^0))_{t \in \mathbb{Z}}$  in  $L(X)$  is  $\theta$ -periodic and therefore  $A_+$  is bounded. In order to show that  $A_+$  is invertible, given  $v_\tau \in R(P_\tau)$  and a sequence  $\psi \in \ell_\tau^+$ , we observe that  $A_+\phi = (v_\tau, \psi)$  has the unique solution

$$\phi_t = \Phi^0(t, \tau)P_\tau v_\tau + \sum_{s=\tau}^{t-1} \Phi^0(t, s+1)P_s \psi_s - \sum_{s=t}^\infty \Phi^0(t, s+1)[I_X - P_s]\psi_s$$

in  $\ell_\tau^+$  (a proof can be modelled after e.g. [24, pp. 151–152, Thm. 3.5.3(a)]). Using the dichotomy estimates (2.4) it is not hard to show  $\|\phi_t\| \leq K \|v_\tau\| + K \frac{1+\beta}{1-\beta} \|\psi\|_\infty$  for all  $\tau \leq t$  and therefore  $\|A_+^{-1}\| \leq K + K \frac{1+\beta}{1-\beta} = \frac{2K}{1-\beta}$ .

(II) Claim: There exist  $\rho \in (0, \bar{\rho}]$ ,  $N_1 \geq N_0$  such that  $\text{lip } G_+^n|_{B_\rho(0)} \leq \frac{1-\beta}{4K}$  holds for all  $n \geq N_1$ .

Due to the limit relation (2.10) in the proof of Theorem 2.2 there is an  $N_1 \geq N_0$  with

$$\left\| D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\phi_t^0) - D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^n) \right\| \leq \frac{1-\beta}{8K} \quad \text{for all } t \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq N_1.$$

We next abbreviate  $\mathcal{H}_t^n(u) := D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^n)u - \bar{\mathcal{F}}_t^n(u)$ . This function is continuously differentiable  $D\mathcal{H}_t^n(u) = D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^n) - D\bar{\mathcal{F}}_t^n(u) = D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^n) - D\mathcal{F}_t^n(u + \phi_t^n)$ . The Mean Value Inequality [19, p. 342, Cor. 4.3] and the fact that  $\mathcal{F}_t^n$  is equidifferentiable by assumption (i) with continuous derivative thus implies that there exists a  $\rho \in (0, \bar{\rho}]$  such that  $\|\mathcal{H}_t^n(u) - \mathcal{H}_t^n(\bar{u})\| \leq \frac{1-\beta}{8K} \|u - \bar{u}\|$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $u, \bar{u} \in B_\rho(0, X)$  and  $n \geq N_1$ . In combination, due to the representation

$$G_+^n(\phi)_t = (0, D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\phi_t^0)\phi_t - D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^n)\phi_t) + (0, \mathcal{H}_t^n(\phi_t))$$

we finally obtain for all  $\phi, \bar{\phi} \in B_\rho(0, \ell_\tau^+)$  that

$$\|G_+^n(\phi) - G_+^n(\bar{\phi})\|_\infty \leq \frac{1-\beta}{4K} \|\phi - \bar{\phi}\|_\infty \quad \text{for all } n \geq N_1.$$

(III) In this step we apply the Lipschitz inverse function Theorem A.2 to solve the nonlinear equation (2.13) in the Banach spaces  $\mathcal{X} = \ell_\tau^+, \mathcal{Y} = R(P_\tau) \times \ell_\tau^+$ , points  $x_0 := 0, y_0 := (P_\tau u_\tau, 0)$ , the Lipschitz constant  $l := \frac{1-\beta}{4K}$  and  $\sigma := \frac{1-\beta}{2K}$ . Therefore, for every  $u_\tau \in B_{\frac{1-\beta}{4K^2\rho}}(0, X)$  one has

$$\|(P_\tau u_\tau, 0)\| \stackrel{(1.2)}{=} \|P_\tau u_\tau\| < \frac{1-\beta}{4K} \rho =: \rho_1$$

and there exists a unique solution  $\phi_+^n(u_\tau) \in B_\rho(0, \ell_\tau^+)$  to (2.13). Then the function  $w_+^n$  parametrizing the stable bundle of  $(\bar{\Delta}_n)$  is  $w_+^n(\tau, v_\tau) := [I_X - P_\tau]\phi_+^n(v_\tau)_\tau$ , where  $v_\tau = P_\tau u_\tau$ . We define  $\phi := \bar{\varphi}^0(\cdot; \tau, v_\tau + w_+^0(\tau, v_\tau))$ ,  $\bar{\phi} := \phi_+^n(v_\tau)$  and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \|w_+^n(\tau, v_\tau) - w_+^0(\tau, v_\tau)\| = \|\bar{\phi}_\tau - \phi_\tau\| \leq \|\bar{\phi} - \phi\|_\infty \\ & \stackrel{(A.4)}{\leq} \frac{4K}{1-\beta} \|T_+^n(\bar{\phi}) - T_+^n(\phi)\|_\infty \\ & \stackrel{(1.2)}{=} \frac{4K}{1-\beta} \max\{\|P_n[\bar{\phi}_\tau - \phi_\tau]\|, \sup_{\tau \leq t} \|\bar{\phi}_{t+1} - \bar{\mathcal{F}}_t^n(\bar{\phi}_t) - [\phi_{t+1} - \bar{\mathcal{F}}_t^n(\phi_t)]\|\} \\ & = \frac{4K}{1-\beta} \sup_{\tau \leq t} \|\bar{\phi}_{t+1} - \bar{\mathcal{F}}_t^n(\bar{\phi}_t) - [\phi_{t+1} - \bar{\mathcal{F}}_t^n(\phi_t)]\|. \end{aligned}$$

Because  $\bar{\phi}$  solves  $(\bar{\Delta}_n)$  and  $\phi$  solves  $(\bar{\Delta}_0)$ , this simplifies to

$$\begin{aligned} & \|w_+^n(\tau, v_\tau) - w_+^0(\tau, v_\tau)\| \\ & \leq \frac{4K}{1-\beta} \sup_{\tau \leq t} \|\phi_{t+1} - \bar{\mathcal{F}}_t^n(\phi_t)\| = \frac{4K}{1-\beta} \sup_{\tau \leq t} \|\bar{\mathcal{F}}_t^0(\phi_t) - \bar{\mathcal{F}}_t^n(\phi_t)\| \\ & \stackrel{(\bar{\Delta}_n)}{=} \frac{4K}{1-\beta} \sup_{\tau \leq t} \|\mathcal{F}_t^0(\phi_t + \phi_t^0) - \mathcal{F}_t^0(\phi_t^0) - [\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t + \phi_t^n) + \mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^n)]\| \end{aligned}$$

and it remains to estimate the right-hand side in this inequality. Since  $U_t$  is assumed to be convex, we apply the Mean Value Theorem [19, p. 341, Thm. 4.2] and arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} & \|w_+^n(\tau, v_\tau) - w_+^0(\tau, v_\tau)\| \\ & \leq \frac{4K}{1-\beta} \sup_{\tau \leq t} \left\| \int_0^1 [D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\phi_t^0 + \vartheta \phi_t) - D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^n + \vartheta \phi_t)] \phi_t \, d\vartheta \right\| \end{aligned}$$



for each  $v_\tau \in R(P_\tau)$ . Here, let us point out that for all integers  $\tau \leq t$  one has the relation  $\phi_t = \bar{\varphi}^0(t; \tau, v_\tau + w_+^0(\tau, v_\tau)) = \varphi^0(t; \tau, \phi_\tau^0 + v_\tau + w_+^0(\tau, v_\tau)) - \phi_t^0$ .

- (b) The argument is dual to the proof of (a), but now one works in the sequence space  $\ell_\tau^- := \{(\phi_t)_{t \leq \tau} : \phi_t \in X \text{ and } \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \|\phi_t\| = 0\}$  being complete in the sup-norm. One applies Theorem A.2 with  $\mathcal{X} = \ell_\tau^-$ ,  $\mathcal{Y} = N(P_\tau) \times \ell_\tau^-$  and  $x_0 := 0$ ,  $y_0 := (u_\tau - P_\tau u_\tau, 0)$ ,  $l := \frac{1-\beta}{4K}$ ,  $\sigma := \frac{1-\beta}{2K}$  to the nonlinear operator

$$T_-^n : B_\rho(0, \ell_\tau^-) \rightarrow N(P_\tau) \times \ell_\tau^-, \quad T_-^n(\phi)_t := (\phi_t - P_\tau \phi_t, \phi_t - \bar{\mathcal{F}}_{t-1}^n(\phi_{t-1}))$$

for all  $t \leq \tau$ . If the unique solution to  $T_-^n(\phi) = (P_\tau u_\tau, 0)$  is denoted by  $\phi_-^n(v_\tau) \in \ell_\tau^-$  such that  $v_\tau = u_\tau - P_\tau u_\tau$ , then  $w_-^n(\tau, v_\tau) := P_\tau \phi_-^n(v_\tau)_\tau$  has the claimed properties.

- (c) is a consequence of [24, pp. 259–260, Thm. 4.6.4]. □

### 3 Urysohn integrodifference equations

Let us now illustrate the applicability of our abstract perturbation results from Sect. 2, when the initial problem  $(\Delta_0)$  is an integrodifference equation

$$u_{t+1} = \mathcal{F}_t^0(u_t), \quad \mathcal{F}_t^0(u) := \int_\Omega f_t(\cdot, y, u(y)) \, dy, \quad (I_0)$$

whose right-hand side is an Urysohn operator over a compact nonempty  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ . For the sake of having well-defined and smooth mappings  $\mathcal{F}_t^0$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ , in an ambient setting, several assumptions on the kernel functions  $f_t$  are due:

**Hypothesis 3.1** *Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ . Suppose there exists a  $\theta_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  and open, convex sets  $Z_t \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  such that the kernel functions*

$$f_t = f_{t+\theta_0} : \Omega^2 \times \bar{Z}_t \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d, \quad Z_t = Z_{t+\theta_0} \text{ for all } t \in \mathbb{Z} \quad (3.1)$$

fulfill the following assumptions for all  $0 \leq t < \theta_0$  and  $0 \leq k \leq m$ :

- (i) *The derivative  $D_3^k f_t : \Omega^2 \times \bar{Z}_t \rightarrow L_k(\mathbb{R}^d)$  exists as continuous function,*
- (ii) *for all  $r > 0$  there exists a continuous function  $h_r : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  such that*

$$\left| D_3^k f_t(x, y, z) - D_3^k f_t(\bar{x}, y, z) \right|_{L_k(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq h_r(y) |x - \bar{x}|^\alpha \quad (3.2)$$

for all  $x, \bar{x}, y \in \Omega, z \in \bar{Z}_t \cap \bar{B}_r(0)$ ,

- (iii) *for all  $r > 0$  there exists a function  $c_r : \mathbb{R}_+ \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  satisfying the limit relation  $\lim_{\delta \searrow 0} \sup_{y \in \Omega} c_r(\delta, y) = 0$ , such that  $|z - \bar{z}| \leq \delta$  implies*

$$\left| D_3^k f_t(x, y, z) - D_3^k f_t(x, y, \bar{z}) - \left[ D_3^k f_t(\bar{x}, y, z) - D_3^k f_t(\bar{x}, y, \bar{z}) \right] \right|_{L_k(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq c_r(\delta, y) |x - \bar{x}|^\alpha \text{ for all } x, \bar{x}, y \in \Omega, \bar{z} \in \bar{Z}_t \cap \bar{B}_r(0). \quad (3.3)$$

Let  $C(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^d)$  denote the set of continuous functions  $u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  equipped with the norm  $\|u\|_0 := \sup_{x \in \Omega} |u(x)|$ . If  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ , then functions  $u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  having a bounded Hölder constant

$$[u]_\alpha := \sup_{\substack{x, \bar{x} \in \Omega \\ x \neq \bar{x}}} \frac{|u(x) - u(\bar{x})|}{|x - \bar{x}|^\alpha} < \infty$$

are called  $\alpha$ -Hölder (Lipschitz in case  $\alpha = 1$ ) and  $C^\alpha(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^d) \subset C(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^d)$  denotes the entity of all such functions. It is a Banach space when equipped with the norm

$$\|u\|_\alpha := \begin{cases} \|u\|_0, & \alpha = 0, \\ \max\{\|u\|_0, [u]_\alpha\}, & \alpha \in (0, 1]. \end{cases} \tag{3.4}$$

Since the compact domain  $\Omega$  is fixed throughout, we conveniently abbreviate

$$C_d^\alpha := C^\alpha(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^d), \quad C_d^0 := C(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^d)$$

and obtain the open sets  $U_t := \{u \in C_d^\alpha : u(\Omega) \subset Z_t\}$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

For our subsequent analysis it is important to note that Hypothesis 3.1 implies the corresponding assumptions made in [28, Sect. 2]. In detail, one has:

**Proposition 3.1** (Properties of  $(I_0)$ ) *Let  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If Hypothesis 3.1 holds, then the Urysohn operator  $\mathcal{F}_t^0 = \mathcal{F}_{t+\theta_0}^0 : U_t \rightarrow C_d^\alpha$  is well-defined, completely continuous and of class  $C^m$  with compact derivative*

$$D\mathcal{F}_t^0(u)v = \int_\Omega D_3 f_t(\cdot, y, u(y))v(y) \, dy \quad \text{for all } u \in U_t, v \in C_d^\alpha. \tag{3.5}$$

Combined with the solution identity this shows that entire solutions  $\phi$  to  $(I_0)$  inherit the smoothness of the kernel function, i.e.  $\phi_t \in C_d^\alpha, t \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Yet for kernel functions of convolution type a higher smoothness can be expected (cf. [28, Sect. 2.3]).

**Proof** Above all,  $(I_0)$  and (3.1) show that  $\mathcal{F}_t^0$  is  $\theta_0$ -periodic in  $t$ . The results from [28] formulated in an abstract measure-theoretical set-up apply to  $\mathcal{F}_t^0$  with the  $\kappa$ -dimensional Lebesgue measure  $\mu = \lambda_\kappa$ . By [28, Thm. 2.6],  $\mathcal{F}_t^0$  is well-defined and due to [28, Cor. 2.7(i)] also completely continuous. In [28, Thm. 2.12] it is shown that  $\mathcal{F}_t^0$  is of class  $C^m$  and [23, p. 89, Prop. 6.5] implies that  $D\mathcal{F}_t^0(u), u \in U_t$ , is compact.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.1** *Let  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $2 \leq m$ . If for every  $r > 0$  there exists a continuous function  $l_r : \Omega^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  with*

$$|D_3 f_t(x, y, z) - D_3 f_t(x, y, \bar{z})|_{L(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq l_r(x, y) |z - \bar{z}| \quad \text{for all } x, y \in \Omega$$

and  $z, \bar{z} \in Z_t \cap \bar{B}_r(0)$ , then  $D\mathcal{F}_t^0 : U_t \rightarrow L(C_d^\alpha)$  is Lipschitz on  $C_d^0$ -bounded sets, that is, for each  $r > 0$  there exists a  $L_r \geq 0$  such that

$$\left\| D\mathcal{F}_t^0(u) - D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\bar{u}) \right\|_{L(C_d^\alpha)} \leq L_r \|u - \bar{u}\|_\alpha \quad \text{for all } u, \bar{u} \in U_t \cap \bar{B}_r(0, C_d^0) \tag{3.6}$$

with the Lipschitz constant  $L_r := \max \left\{ \sup_{\xi \in \Omega} \int_{\Omega} l_r(\xi, y) \, dy, \int_{\Omega} h_r(y) \, dy \right\}$ .

**Proof** Let  $v \in C_d^\alpha$ ,  $r > 0$  and  $u, \bar{u} \in U_t \cap \bar{B}_r(0, C_d^0)$ .

(I) We derive that

Hence,  $\| [D\mathcal{F}_t^0(u) - D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\bar{u})]v \|_0 \leq \sup_{\xi \in \Omega} \int_{\Omega} l_r(\xi, y) \, dy \|u - \bar{u}\|_\alpha \|v\|_\alpha$  holds after passing to the least upper bound over all  $x \in \Omega$ .

(II) With  $Z_t \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  also  $U_t \subseteq C_d^\alpha$  is convex. Therefore, the Mean Value Theorem [19, p. 341, Thm. 4.2] applies and shows for  $x, \bar{x} \in \Omega$  that

$$\begin{aligned} & [D\mathcal{F}_t^0(u) - D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\bar{u})]v(x) - [D\mathcal{F}_t^0(u) - D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\bar{u})]v(\bar{x}) \\ & \stackrel{(3.5)}{=} \int_{\Omega} [D_3 f_t(x, y, u(y)) - D_3 f_t(x, y, \bar{u}(y)) \\ & \quad - (D_3 f_t(\bar{x}, y, u(y)) - D_3 f_t(\bar{x}, y, \bar{u}(y)))]v(y) \, dy \\ & = \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 [D_3^2 f_t(x, y, \bar{u}(y) + \vartheta(u(y) - \bar{u}(y))) \\ & \quad - D_3^2 f_t(\bar{x}, y, \bar{u}(y) + \vartheta(u(y) - \bar{u}(y)))] \, d\vartheta [u(y) - \bar{u}(y)]v(y) \, dy. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently Hypothesis 3.1(ii) leads to

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| [D\mathcal{F}_t^0(u) - D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\bar{u})]v(x) - [D\mathcal{F}_t^0(u) - D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\bar{u})]v(\bar{x}) \right| \\ & \stackrel{(3.4)}{\leq} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 |D_3^2 f(x, y, \bar{u}(y) + \vartheta(u(y) - \bar{u}(y))) \\ & \quad - D_3^2 f(\bar{x}, y, \bar{u}(y) + \vartheta(u(y) - \bar{u}(y)))| \, d\vartheta \, dy \|u - \bar{u}\|_\alpha \|v\|_\alpha \\ & \stackrel{(3.2)}{\leq} \int_{\Omega} h_r(y) \, dy \|u - \bar{u}\|_\alpha \|v\|_\alpha |x - \bar{x}|^\alpha \quad \text{for all } x, \bar{x} \in \Omega, \end{aligned}$$

which guarantees that  $\| [D\mathcal{F}_t^0(u) - D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\bar{u})]v \|_\alpha \leq \int_{\Omega} h_r(y) \, dy \|u - \bar{u}\|_\alpha \|v\|_\alpha$ . Referring to (3.4) this implies the local Lipschitz estimate (3.6).  $\square$

Along with IDEs ( $I_0$ ) we now consider their Nyström discretizations. They are based on *quadrature* ( $\kappa = 1$ ) or *cubature rules* ( $\kappa > 1$ ), i.e. a family of mappings

$$Q^n : C_d^0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d, \quad Q^n u := \sum_{\eta \in \Omega_n} w_\eta u(\eta) \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N} \quad (Q_n)$$

determined by a *grid*  $\Omega_n \subset \Omega$  of finitely many *nodes*  $\eta \in \Omega_n$  and *weights*  $w_\eta \geq 0$ ; the dependence of  $w_\eta$  on  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  is suppressed here. A rule ( $Q_n$ ) is called (cf. [16])

– *convergent*, if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Q^n u = \int_{\Omega} u(y) \, dy$  holds for all  $u \in C_d^0$ ,

– *stable*, provided the weights satisfy

$$W := \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} W_n < \infty, \quad W_n := \sum_{\eta \in \Omega_n} w_\eta. \tag{3.7}$$

Thanks to [16, p. 20, Thm. 1.4.17], convergence implies stability.

In order to evaluate the right-hand side of  $(I_0)$  approximately, we replace the integral by a convergent integration rule  $(Q_n)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . The resulting *Nyström method* (see [4, 16] for integral equations) yields the family of difference equations

$$u_{t+1} = \mathcal{F}_t^n(u_t), \quad \mathcal{F}_t^n(u) := \sum_{\eta \in \Omega_n} w_\eta f_t(\cdot, \eta, u(\eta)). \tag{I_n}$$

**Proposition 3.2** (Properties of  $(I_n)$ ) *Let  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If Hypothesis 3.1 holds, then the discrete Urysohn operator  $\mathcal{F}_t^n = \mathcal{F}_{t+\theta_0}^n : U_t \rightarrow C_d^\alpha$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , is well-defined, completely continuous and of class  $C^m$  with compact derivative*

$$D\mathcal{F}_t^n(u)v = \sum_{\eta \in \Omega_n} w_\eta D_3 f_t(\cdot, \eta, u(\eta))v(\eta) \text{ for all } u \in U_t, v \in C_d^\alpha. \tag{3.8}$$

Moreover, if  $(Q_n)$  is stable, then  $\{\mathcal{F}_t^n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is equidifferentiable,  $D\mathcal{F}_t^n$  are uniformly continuous on bounded sets uniformly in  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\{D\mathcal{F}_t^n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is equicontinuous.

**Proof** The grids  $\Omega_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , are a family of compact and discrete subsets of  $\Omega$ . If we equip them with the measure  $\mu(\Omega_n) := \sum_{\eta \in \Omega_n} w_\eta$ , then due to [28, Ex. 2.2 and Rem. 2.5] the abstract measure-theoretical integral from [28] becomes

$$\int_{\Omega_n} f_t(x, y, u(y)) \, d\mu(y) = \sum_{\eta \in \Omega_n} w_\eta f_t(x, \eta, u(\eta)) \text{ for all } x \in \Omega$$

and leads to the discrete integral operators in  $(I_n)$ . Given this, well-definedness, complete continuity and smoothness of  $\mathcal{F}_t^n$  result from [28] as in the proof of Proposition 3.1. From now on, assume that  $(Q_n)$  is stable and choose  $u \in U_t$ .

(I) *Claim:*  $\{\mathcal{F}_t^n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is equidifferentiable.

For functions  $h \in C_d^\alpha$  the remainder terms [28, (16) resp. (18)] become

$$r_0(h) = \sup_{\vartheta \in [0,1]} \left\| \sum_{\eta \in \Omega_n} w_\eta [D_3 f_t(\cdot, \eta, (u + \vartheta h)(\eta)) - D_3 f_t(\cdot, \eta, u(\eta))] \right\|_0,$$

$$\rho_0(h) = \int_0^1 \sum_{\eta \in \Omega_n} w_\eta \bar{c}_r^{-1}(\vartheta \|h\|_0, y) \, d\vartheta \leq \sum_{\eta \in \Omega_n} w_\eta \bar{c}_r^{-1}(\|h\|_0, \eta).$$

Now it follows from (3.7) that  $\lim_{h \rightarrow \infty} r_0(h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow \infty} \rho_0(h) = 0$  hold uniformly in  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . This yields the claimed equidifferentiability.

(II) *Claim:*  $D\mathcal{F}_t^n$  are uniformly continuous on bounded sets uniformly in  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  (and thus  $\{D\mathcal{F}_t^n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is equicontinuous).

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $v \in C_d^\alpha$  and given  $u, \bar{u} \in U_t$  choose  $r > 0$  so large that  $\|u\|_0, \|\bar{u}\|_0 \leq r$  holds. Because the (extended) derivative  $D_3 f_t : \Omega^2 \times \bar{Z}_t \rightarrow L(\mathbb{R}^d)$  is uniformly continuous on the compact set  $\Omega^2 \times (\bar{Z}_t \cap \bar{B}_r(0))$ , there exists a  $\delta_1 > 0$  such that

$$|z - \bar{z}| < \delta_1 \Rightarrow |D_3 f_t(x, y, z) - D_3 f_t(x, y, \bar{z})| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2W} \quad \text{for all } z, \bar{z} \in Z_t \cap \bar{B}_r(0)$$

and  $x, y \in \Omega$ . If  $u, \bar{u} \in U_t$  satisfy  $\|u - \bar{u}\|_0 < \delta_1$ , then we obtain  $|u(y) - \bar{u}(y)| < \delta_1$  for all  $y \in \Omega$ . First, this implies

$$\begin{aligned} & |[D\mathcal{F}_t^n(u) - D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\bar{u})]v(x)| \\ & \stackrel{(3.8)}{\leq} \sum_{\eta \in \Omega_n} w_\eta |D_3 f_t(x, \eta, u(\eta)) - D_3 f_t(x, \eta, \bar{u}(\eta))| |v(\eta)| \\ & \stackrel{(3.4)}{\leq} \sum_{\eta \in \Omega_n} w_\eta \frac{\varepsilon}{2W} \|v\|_\alpha \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \|v\|_\alpha \quad \text{for all } x \in \Omega \end{aligned}$$

and passing to the supremum over  $x \in \Omega$  yields  $\|[D\mathcal{F}_t(u) - D\mathcal{F}_t(\bar{u})]v\|_0 \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \|v\|_\alpha$ . Second, from Hypothesis 3.1(iii) there exists a  $\delta_2 > 0$  such that  $\sup_{y \in \Omega} c_r(\delta, y) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2W}$  for every  $\delta \in (0, \delta_2]$  and consequently  $\|u - \bar{u}\|_0 < \delta_2$  guarantees for all  $x, \bar{x} \in \Omega$  that

$$\begin{aligned} & |[D\mathcal{F}_t^n(u) - D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\bar{u})]v(x) - [D\mathcal{F}_t^n(u) - D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\bar{u})]v(\bar{x})| \\ & \stackrel{(3.8)}{\leq} \sum_{\eta \in \Omega_n} w_\eta |D_3 f_t(x, \eta, u(\eta)) - D_3 f_t(x, \eta, \bar{u}(\eta)) \\ & \quad - [D_3 f_t(\bar{x}, \eta, u(\eta)) - D_3 f_t(\bar{x}, \eta, \bar{u}(\eta))]| |v(\eta)| \\ & \stackrel{(3.3)}{\leq} \sum_{\eta \in \Omega_n} w_\eta c_r(\delta, \eta) |x - \bar{x}|^\alpha \|v\|_\alpha \stackrel{(3.7)}{\leq} W \sup_{y \in \Omega} c_r(\delta, \eta) |x - \bar{x}|^\alpha \|v\|_\alpha \end{aligned}$$

and therefore  $\|[D\mathcal{F}_t^n(u) - D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\bar{u})]v\|_\alpha \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \|v\|_\alpha$ . Referring to (3.4) this results in

$$\|u - \bar{u}\|_0 < \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\} \Rightarrow \|[D\mathcal{F}_t^n(u) - D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\bar{u})]v\|_\alpha \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \|v\|_\alpha$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $v \in C_d^\alpha$  was arbitrary, this readily implies the claim. □

### 3.1 Hölder continuous kernel functions

We say an integration rule  $(Q_n)$  has *consistency order*  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  (cf. [16, p. 21, Def. 1.4.19]), if there exists a  $c_0 \geq 0$  with

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} u(y) \, dy - Q^n u \right| \leq \frac{c_0}{n^\alpha} \|u\|_\alpha \quad \text{for all } u \in C_d^\alpha.$$

**Example 3.1** (Quadrature rules) Let  $\Omega = [a, b]$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . The (left) resp. (right) rectangular rules

$$Q_{LR}^n u := \frac{b-a}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} u(a + j \frac{b-a}{n}), \quad Q_{RR}^n u := \frac{b-a}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n u(a + j \frac{b-a}{n})$$

are convergent and satisfy the quadrature error (cf. [8, p. 52, Theorem])

$$\left| \int_a^b u(y) \, dy - Q_i^n u \right| \leq \frac{(b-a)^{\alpha+1}}{n^\alpha} [u]_\alpha \quad \text{for } i \in \{LR, RR\}.$$

Also the *midpoint rule*  $Q_M^n u := \frac{b-a}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} u(a + (j + \frac{1}{2}) \frac{b-a}{n})$  is convergent and as in [8, p. 52, Theorem] one derives the quadrature error

$$\left| \int_a^b u(y) \, dy - Q_M^n u \right| \leq \frac{(b-a)^{\alpha+1}}{2^\alpha n^\alpha} [u]_\alpha.$$

The *trapezoidal rule*  $Q_T^n u := \frac{1}{2}(Q_{LR}^n u + Q_{RR}^n u)$  is convergent with the same quadrature error as for the rectangular rules. Finally, let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be even. Representing the *Simpson rule* as convex combination  $Q_S^n u := \frac{2}{3} Q_M^{n/2} u + \frac{1}{3} Q_T^{n/2} u$ , one obtains

$$\left| \int_a^b u(y) \, dy - Q_S^n u \right| \leq \frac{2 + 2^\alpha}{3} \frac{(b-a)^{\alpha+1}}{n^\alpha} [u]_\alpha.$$

The next two results provide sufficient conditions on the kernel functions  $f_t$  such that the assumptions (2.7) or (2.8) are satisfied for Nyström discretizations  $(I_n)$ .

**Proposition 3.3** (Convergence of  $\mathfrak{F}_t^n$ ) *Let  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Suppose Hypothesis 3.1 holds and that for every  $r > 0$  there exists a  $l_r^0 \geq 0$  such that*

$$|f_t(x, y, z) - f_t(x, \bar{y}, \bar{z})| \leq l_r^0 \max \{|y - \bar{y}|^\alpha, |z - \bar{z}|\} \tag{3.9}$$

*for all  $x, y, \bar{y} \in \Omega$  and  $z, \bar{z} \in Z_t \cap \bar{B}_r(0)$ . If  $(Q_n)$  has consistency order  $\alpha$ , then for every  $r > 0$  there exists a  $c_r^0 \geq 0$  such that*

$$\left\| \mathfrak{F}_t^n(u) - \mathfrak{F}_t^0(u) \right\|_\alpha \leq \frac{c_0 c_r^0}{n^\alpha} \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}, u \in U_t \cap \bar{B}_r(0, C_d^\alpha). \tag{3.10}$$

The magnitude of the constant  $c_r^0$  is increasing in the Hölder norm of  $u \in U_t$ .

**Proof** Let  $t \in \mathbb{Z}, r > 0$  and  $u \in U_t \cap \bar{B}_r(0, C_d^\alpha)$ . Because  $(Q_n)$  has consistency order  $\alpha$ , there exists a  $c_0 \geq 0$  such that  $|\mathcal{F}_t^0(u)(x) - \mathcal{F}_t^n(u)(x)| \leq \frac{c_0}{n^\alpha} \|f_t(x, \cdot, u(\cdot))\|_\alpha$  for all  $x \in \Omega$ . First, one has  $\|f_t(x, \cdot, u(\cdot))\|_0 \leq \sup_{\xi, y \in \Omega} |f_t(\xi, y, u(y))| =: b_t$  for every  $x \in \Omega$ . Second, due to the assumption (3.9) we conclude

$$|f_t(x, y, u(y)) - f_t(x, \bar{y}, u(\bar{y}))| \leq l_r^0 \max\{1, [u]_\alpha\} |y - \bar{y}|^\alpha \quad \text{for all } y, \bar{y} \in \Omega$$

and thus  $[f_t(x, \cdot, u(\cdot))]_\alpha \leq l_r^0 \max\{1, [u]_\alpha\}$  holds. In conclusion, because of (3.4) we arrive at  $\|f_t(x, \cdot, u(\cdot))\|_\alpha \leq \max\{b_t, l_r^0 \max\{1, [u]_\alpha\}\}$  for every  $x \in \Omega$  and consequently choose  $c_r^0 := \max_{t=1}^{\theta_0} \{b_t, l_r^0 \max\{1, r\}\}$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.4** (Convergence of  $D\mathcal{F}_t^n$ ) *Let  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Suppose Hypothesis 3.1 holds and that for every  $r > 0$  there exist constants*

(iv)  $l_r^1 \geq 0$  such that for all  $x, y, \bar{y} \in \Omega$  and  $z \in Z_t \cap \bar{B}_r(0)$  one has

$$|D_3 f_t(x, y, z) - D_3 f_t(x, \bar{y}, \bar{z})|_{L(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq l_r^1 \max\{|y - \bar{y}|^\alpha, |z - \bar{z}|\},$$

(v)  $\gamma_r \geq 0$  such that for all  $x, \bar{x}, y, \bar{y} \in \Omega$  and  $u \in U_t \cap \bar{B}_r(0, C_d^\alpha)$  one has

$$|D_3 f_t(x, y, u(y)) - D_3 f_t(\bar{x}, y, u(y)) - [D_3 f_t(x, \bar{y}, u(\bar{y})) - D_3 f_t(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, u(\bar{y}))]|_{L(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq \gamma_r |x - \bar{x}|^\alpha |y - \bar{y}|^\alpha. \tag{3.11}$$

If  $(Q_n)$  has consistency order  $\alpha$ , then for every  $r > 0$  there exists a  $c_r^1 \geq 0$  such that

$$\|D\mathcal{F}_t^n(u) - D\mathcal{F}_t^0(u)\|_{L(C_d^q)} \leq \frac{c_0 c_r^1}{n^\alpha} \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}, u \in U_t \cap \bar{B}_r(0, C_d^\alpha). \tag{3.12}$$

Sufficient conditions for (3.11) to hold were given in [27, Rem. 1] on convex  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ . Furthermore, the explicit form of the constant  $c_r^1$  can be obtained from [27, (11)].

**Proof** Let  $t \in \mathbb{Z}, r > 0$  and  $u \in U_t \cap \bar{B}_r(0, C_d^\alpha)$  be fixed. By Proposition 3.1 the derivative of  $\mathcal{F}_t^0$  is  $D\mathcal{F}_t^0(u)v = \int_\Omega D_3 f_t(\cdot, y, u(y))v(y) dy$  for all  $v \in C_d^\alpha$ . Given this, our goal is to apply the convergence result [27, Thm. 2] with the corresponding kernel  $k_t(x, y) := D_3 f_t(x, y, u(y))$ , whose assumptions are verified next:

ad (i): Thanks to  $|u(y)| \leq r$  it holds  $|k_t(x, y) - k_t(\bar{x}, y)| \leq h_r(y) |x - \bar{x}|^\alpha$  for all  $x, \bar{x} \in \Omega$  due to (3.2) and therefore  $[k_t(\cdot, y)]_\alpha \leq \sup_{\eta \in \Omega} h_r(\eta)$  for all  $y \in \Omega$ .

ad (ii): The assumption (iv) and  $[u]_\alpha \leq r$  yield

$$|k_t(x, y) - k_t(x, \bar{y})| \leq l_r^1 \max\{1, [u]_\alpha\} |y - \bar{y}|^\alpha \quad \text{for all } y, \bar{y} \in \Omega$$

and thus  $[k_t(x, \cdot)]_\alpha \leq l_r^1 \max\{1, r\}$  for all  $x \in \Omega$ .

ad (iii): As consequence of our assumption (3.11) one obtains for  $x, \bar{x}, y, \bar{y} \in \Omega$  that  $|k_t(x, y) - k_t(\bar{x}, y) - [k_t(x, \bar{y}) - k_t(\bar{x}, \bar{y})]| \leq \gamma_r |x - \bar{x}|^\alpha |y - \bar{y}|^\alpha$ .

Finally, combining (i–iii) with the consistency order  $\alpha$  of  $(Q_n)$  shows (3.12).  $\square$

Combining the assumptions of Propositions 3.1–3.4 and Corollary 3.1 yields

**Theorem 3.1** (Saddle-point structure of  $(I_0)$ ,  $C^\alpha$ -case) *Suppose Hypothesis 3.1 holds with  $2 \leq m$  and  $\phi^0$  is a weakly hyperbolic  $\theta_1$ -periodic solution to  $(I_0)$ . If*

(iv)  $(Q_n)$  has consistency order  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ ,

then there exist constants  $K_*, K_+, K_- \geq 0$  and  $N_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that the following holds for all  $n \geq N_1$ : The associate weakly hyperbolic and  $\theta$ -periodic solutions  $\phi^n$  to  $(I_n)$  satisfy

$$\sup_{t \in \mathbb{Z}} \|\phi_t^n - \phi_t^0\|_\alpha \leq \frac{K_* c_0}{n^\alpha}. \tag{3.13}$$

If  $\phi^0$  is even hyperbolic, then for each  $\tau \in \mathbb{Z}$  one has the estimates

(a)  $\|w_+^n(\tau, v) - w_+^0(\tau, v)\|_\alpha \leq \frac{4K}{1-\beta} \frac{K_+}{n^\alpha} \sup_{\tau \leq t} \|\phi_t\|_\alpha$  for all  $v \in B_{\rho_1}(0, R(P_\tau))$ ,

(b)  $\|w_-^n(\tau, v) - w_-^0(\tau, v)\|_\alpha \leq \frac{4K}{1-\beta} \frac{K_-}{n^\alpha} \sup_{t \leq \tau} \|\phi_t\|_\alpha$  for all  $v \in B_{\rho_1}(0, N(P_\tau))$ ,

with the forward resp. backward solution  $\phi$  to the IDE  $(I_0)$  from Theorem 2.3.

**Proof** Let  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $r := \max_{t=1}^{\theta_1} \|\phi_t^0\|_\alpha$ . It results from Propositions 3.1 and 3.2 that  $(I_n)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , satisfy the assumptions (i), (ii) of Theorem 2.2. Moreover, Proposition 3.3 implies (2.7) with  $\Gamma_0(\varrho) := c_0 c_r^0 \varrho^\alpha$ , while Proposition 3.4 guarantees that (2.8) holds. Hence, Theorem 2.2 applies and yields (3.13) with  $K_* := K_0 c_r^0$ . In particular, for  $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\rho_0 > 0$  from Theorem 2.2 there is a  $N_1 \geq N_0$  so that  $\sup_{t \in \mathbb{Z}} \|\phi_t^n - \phi_t^0\|_\alpha < \frac{\rho_0}{2}$  for all  $n \geq N_1$ .

(a) Let  $\rho_1 > 0$  be so small that the sequence  $(\phi_t)_{\tau \leq t}$  from Theorem 2.3(a) satisfies  $\|\phi_t\|_\alpha < \frac{\rho_0}{2}$  for all  $\tau \leq t$ ; such a  $\rho_1$  exists since the sequence is contained in the stable fiber bundle of  $\phi^0$ . Furthermore, for each  $\vartheta \in [0, 1]$  we obtain

$$\left| \phi_t^n(y) + \vartheta \phi_t(y) - \phi_t^0(y) \right| \leq \|\phi_t^n + \vartheta \phi_t - \phi_t^0\|_0 < \rho_0 \quad \text{for all } y \in \Omega.$$

Now set  $\bar{r} := r + \rho_0$ . Combining the triangle inequality, Corollary 3.1 and Proposition 3.4 yields that there exist  $L_{\bar{r}} \geq 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| [D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^n + \vartheta \phi_t) - D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\phi_t^0 + \vartheta \phi_t)] \phi_t \right\|_\alpha \\ & \stackrel{(3.6)}{\leq} \left\| [D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^n + \vartheta \phi_t) - D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\phi_t^n + \vartheta \phi_t)] \phi_t \right\|_\alpha + L_{\bar{r}} \|\phi_t^n - \phi_t^0\|_\alpha \|\phi_t\|_\alpha \\ & \stackrel{(3.12)}{\leq} \frac{c_0 c_{\bar{r}}^1}{n^\alpha} \|\phi_t\|_\alpha + L_{\bar{r}} \|\phi_t^n - \phi_t^0\|_\alpha \|\phi_t\|_\alpha \stackrel{(2.9)}{\leq} \frac{c_0 c_{\bar{r}}^1}{n^\alpha} \|\phi_t\|_\alpha + \frac{L_{\bar{r}} K_* c_0}{n^\alpha} \|\phi_t\|_\alpha \end{aligned}$$

and with  $K_+ := c_0 c_{\bar{r}}^1 + L_{\bar{r}} K_* c_0$  we obtain

$$\left\| [D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^n + \vartheta \phi_t) - D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\phi_t^0 + \vartheta \phi_t)] \phi_t \right\|_\alpha \leq \frac{K_+}{n^\alpha} \sup_{\tau \leq s} \|\phi_s\|_\alpha \quad \text{for all } \vartheta \in [0, 1],$$

$n \geq N_1$  and  $\tau \leq t$ . Hence, the claimed estimate follows from (2.11).

(b) As in (a), applying (2.12) rather than (2.11) leads to the assertion. □



### 3.2 Differentiable kernel functions

Convergence rates improving the consistency order  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  obtained in Theorem 3.1 can be expected for integrands in  $(I_0)$  being differentiable in  $y \in \Omega$ . Here we follow the convention to consider a function on a not necessarily open set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^k$  as differentiable, if it allows a differentiable extension to an open superset of  $\Omega$ .

Given  $p$ -times continuously differentiable functions  $u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  assume that  $(Q_n)$  allows a quadrature or cubature error of the form (see [8])

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} u(y) \, dy - Q^n u \right| \leq \frac{c_p}{n^p} \sup_{x \in \Omega} |D^p u(x)| \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N} \tag{3.14}$$

with constants  $c_p \geq 0$ .

A smooth framework allows the following improvement of Proposition 3.3:

**Proposition 3.5** (Higher order convergence of  $\mathcal{F}_t^n$ ) *Let  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\Omega$  be convex. Suppose the kernel function  $f_t : \Omega^2 \times Z_t \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  fulfills:*

- (iv) *The partial derivative  $D_1 f_t : \Omega^2 \times Z_t \rightarrow L(\mathbb{R}^k, \mathbb{R}^d)$  exists,*
- (v) *both  $f_t, D_1 f_t$  are of class  $C_{(2,3)}^p$ .*

*If  $(Q_n)$  satisfies (3.14), then for every  $r > 0$  there exists a  $\bar{c}_r^0 \geq 0$  such that*

$$\left\| \mathcal{F}_t^n(u) - \mathcal{F}_t^0(u) \right\|_{\alpha} \leq \frac{c_p \bar{c}_r^0}{n^p} \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N} \tag{3.15}$$

*and  $p$ -times continuously differentiable functions  $u \in U_t$ .*

**Proof** Let  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  and with  $u \in U_t$  of class  $C^p$  it is convenient to define

$$F_t^{(1)} : \Omega^2 \rightarrow L(\mathbb{R}^k, \mathbb{R}^d), \quad F_t^{(1)}(x, y) := D_1 f_t(x, y, u(y)).$$

The estimate (3.15) for the  $\|\cdot\|_0$ -norm is an immediate consequence of the error estimate (3.14) and the higher-order chain rule. Let  $x, \bar{x} \in \Omega$  and the Mean Value Theorem [19, p. 341, Thm. 4.2] gives

$$\begin{aligned} & [\mathcal{F}_t^n(u) - \mathcal{F}_t^0(u)](x) - [\mathcal{F}_t^n(u) - \mathcal{F}_t^0(u)](\bar{x}) \\ &= \sum_{\eta \in \Omega_n} w_{\eta} f_t(x, \eta, u(\eta)) - \int_{\Omega} f_t(x, y, u(y)) \, dy \\ &\quad - \sum_{\eta \in \Omega_n} w_{\eta} f_t(\bar{x}, \eta, u(\eta)) + \int_{\Omega} f_t(\bar{x}, y, u(y)) \, dy \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 D_1 f_t(\bar{x} + \vartheta(x - \bar{x}), y, u(y)) \, d\vartheta \, dy (x - \bar{x}) \\ &\quad - \sum_{\eta \in \Omega_n} w_{\eta} \int_0^1 D_1 f_t(\bar{x} + \vartheta(x - \bar{x}), \eta, u(\eta)) \, d\vartheta (x - \bar{x}), \end{aligned}$$

from which Fubini’s theorem [19, p. 162, Thm. 8.4] yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [\mathcal{F}_t^n(u) - \mathcal{F}_t^0(u)](x) - [\mathcal{F}_t^n(u) - \mathcal{F}_t^0(u)](\bar{x}) \\
 &= \int_0^1 \left( \int_{\Omega} F_t^{(1)}(\bar{x} + \vartheta(x - \bar{x}), y) \, dy - \sum_{\eta \in \Omega_n} w_{\eta} F_t^{(1)}(\bar{x} + \vartheta(x - \bar{x}), \eta) \right) d\vartheta(x - \bar{x})
 \end{aligned}$$

and passing to the norm implies

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| [\mathcal{F}_t^n(u) - \mathcal{F}_t^0(u)](x) - [\mathcal{F}_t^n(u) - \mathcal{F}_t^0(u)](\bar{x}) \right| \\
 & \stackrel{(3.14)}{\leq} \frac{c_p}{n^p} \int_0^1 \sup_{y \in \Omega} \left| D_2^p F_t^{(1)}(\bar{x} + \vartheta(x - \bar{x}), y) \right| d\vartheta |x - \bar{x}| \\
 & \leq \frac{c_p}{n^p} (\text{diam } \Omega)^{1-\alpha} \sup_{x, y \in \Omega} \left| D_2^p F_t^{(1)}(x, y) \right| |x - \bar{x}|^{\alpha}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $[\mathcal{F}_t^n(u) - \mathcal{F}_t^0(u)]_{\alpha} \leq \frac{c_p}{n^p} (\text{diam } \Omega)^{1-\alpha} \sup_{x, y \in \Omega} \left| D_2^p F_t^{(1)}(x, y) \right|$  and if we abbreviate  $\tilde{c}_r^0 := \max \{1, (\text{diam } \Omega)^{1-\alpha}\} \max_{i=0}^1 \sup_{x, y \in \Omega} \left| D_2^p F_t^{(i)}(x, y) \right|$ , then (3.4) implies the claimed estimate (3.15).  $\square$

Smooth functions  $f_t$  and reference solutions  $\phi^0$  allow better convergence rates. Indeed under the assumptions of Propositions 3.1, 3.2 and 3.4, 3.5, as well as Corollary 3.1 results:

**Theorem 3.2** (Saddle-point structure of  $(I_0)$ ,  $C^p$ -case) *Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^k$  be convex. Suppose Hypothesis 3.1 holds with  $\max \{2, p\} \leq m$  and  $\phi^0$  is a weakly hyperbolic  $\theta_1$ -periodic solution to  $(I_0)$ . If*

- (iv)  $(Q_n)$  is stable, has consistency order  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  and satisfies (3.14),
- (v) the partial derivatives  $D_1^k f_t : \Omega^2 \times Z_t \rightarrow L_k(\mathbb{R}^k, \mathbb{R}^d)$  exists for  $0 \leq k \leq p$ ,
- (vi) both  $f_t$  and  $D_1 f_t$  are of class  $C_{(2,3)}^p$ ,

then there exist constants  $K_*, K_+, K_- \geq 0$  and  $N_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that the following holds for all  $n \geq N_1$ : The associate weakly hyperbolic and  $\theta$ -periodic solutions  $\phi^n$  to  $(I_n)$  satisfy

$$\sup_{t \in \mathbb{Z}} \left\| \phi_t^n - \phi_t^0 \right\|_{\alpha} \leq \frac{K_* c_p}{n^p}. \tag{3.16}$$

If  $\phi^0$  is even hyperbolic, then for each  $\tau \in \mathbb{Z}$  one has the estimates

- (a)  $\left\| w_+^n(\tau, v) - w_+^0(\tau, v) \right\|_{\alpha} \leq \frac{4K}{1-\beta} \frac{K_+}{n^p} (1 + \sup_{\tau \leq t} \|\phi_t\|_{\alpha})$  for  $p$ -times continuously differentiable  $v \in B_{\rho_1}(0, R(P_{\tau}))$ ,
- (b)  $\left\| w_-^n(\tau, v) - w_-^0(\tau, v) \right\|_{\alpha} \leq \frac{4K}{1-\beta} \frac{K_-}{n^p} (1 + \sup_{t \leq \tau} \|\phi_t\|_{\alpha})$  for  $v \in B_{\rho_1}(0, N(P_{\tau}))$

with the forward resp. backward solution  $\phi$  to the IDE  $(I_0)$  from Theorem 2.3.

**Proof** Let  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Above all, as entire solutions to  $(I_0)$  the functions  $\phi_t^0$  are of class  $C^p$  due to (v) and [19, p. 355, Thm. 8.1]. By means of Proposition 3.5 the estimate (3.16) results as in the above proof of Theorem 3.1, with (3.10) replaced by (3.15).

(a) As in the above proof of Theorem 3.1 one obtains

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| [D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^n + \vartheta\phi_t) - D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\phi_t^0 + \vartheta\phi_t)]\phi_t \right\|_\alpha \\ (3.15) \quad & \leq \left\| [D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^n + \vartheta\phi_t) - D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\phi_t^n + \vartheta\phi_t)]\phi_t \right\|_\alpha + \frac{L_r c_p \tilde{c}_r^0}{n^p} \|\phi_t\|_\alpha \end{aligned} \quad (3.17)$$

for all  $\vartheta \in [0, 1]$  and  $n \geq N_1$ . Proposition 3.1 yields the explicit derivative

$$D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\phi_t^n + \vartheta\phi_t)\phi_t \stackrel{(3.5)}{=} \int_\Omega D_3 f_t(\cdot, y, \phi_t^n(y) + \vartheta\phi_t(y))\phi_t(y) dy$$

and for the integrand on the right-hand side we observe: Thanks to (v) the periodic solution  $\phi^n$  consists of  $C^p$ -functions  $\phi_t^n : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  and also forward solutions to the IDE  $(I_0)$  are of class  $C^p$ , i.e.  $\phi_t$  is a  $C^p$ -function for all  $t > \tau$ . For  $t = \tau$  we have  $\phi_\tau = v + w_+^0(\tau, v)$  and because  $w_+^0(\tau, \cdot)$  is of class  $C^m$  by Theorem 2.3(a) and  $p \leq m$ , with  $v$  also the initial function  $\phi_\tau$  is  $p$ -times continuously differentiable. Due to (vi) this yields that the integrand  $D_3 f_t(x, \cdot, \phi_t^n(\cdot) + \vartheta\phi_t(\cdot))\phi_t(\cdot) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  is of class  $C^p$  and the estimate (3.14) applies. Hence, as in the proof of Proposition 3.5 one shows that there exists a  $\tilde{C} \geq 0$  so that  $\left\| [D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^n + \vartheta\phi_t) - D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\phi_t^n + \vartheta\phi_t)]\phi_t \right\|_\alpha \leq \frac{\tilde{C}}{n^p}$  and whence (3.17) yields for all  $\vartheta \in [0, 1]$ ,  $n \geq N_1$  and  $\tau \leq t$  that

$$\left\| [D\mathcal{F}_t^n(\phi_t^n + \vartheta\phi_t) - D\mathcal{F}_t^0(\phi_t^0 + \vartheta\phi_t)]\phi_t \right\|_\alpha \leq \left( \tilde{C} + L_r C \sup_{\tau \leq s} \|\phi_s\|_\alpha \right) \frac{1}{n^p}.$$

Therefore, the estimate (a) follows from (2.11).

(b) As above in (a), applying (2.12) rather than (2.11) leads to the claimed estimate. Note here that  $(\phi_t)_{t \leq \tau}$  is a backward solution to  $(I_0)$  and consequently consists of  $C^p$ -solutions. Whence, also the initial value  $\phi_\tau = v + w_-^0(\tau, v)$  is of class  $C^p$  and it is not necessary to assume  $v$  to be smooth. □

### 4 Numerical illustrations

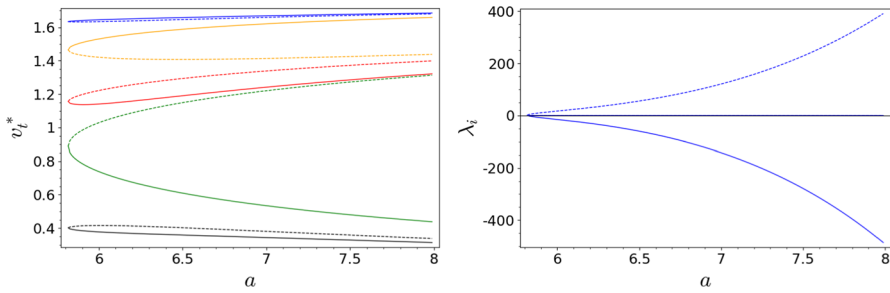
In order to illustrate our theoretical results, we consider an autonomous logistic IDE with separable kernel in  $1d$ . It allows to analyze the behavior of periodic solutions under approximation (largely) explicitly. We demonstrate this by means of Nyström discretizations based on several quadrature rules (taken from [11, pp. 361ff]).

Let  $L > 0$ . On the interval  $\Omega = [-\frac{L}{2}, \frac{L}{2}]$  consider the kernel [18, Sect. 6]

$$k(x, y) := \frac{\pi}{4L} \begin{cases} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2L}(x - y)\right), & |x - y| \leq L, \\ 0, & \text{else,} \end{cases}$$

which is separable, since it allows the representation

$$k(x, y) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2L}x\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2L}y\right) + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2L}x\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2L}y\right)$$



**Fig. 2** Left: The solid and the dashed lines are branches of 5-periodic solutions to the scalar difference equation (4.3), which in turn represent solutions to the logistic IDE (4.1) (traversed in the sequence red, orange, green, blue, black) Right: Floquet spectrum for (4.2) along the 5-periodic solutions indicated as solid resp. dashed lines

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\pi+2}{2\pi}}L \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2L}y\right) e_1(x) + \sqrt{\frac{\pi-2}{2\pi}}L \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2L}y\right) e_2(x)$$

with the linearly independent functions  $e_1, e_2 : [-\frac{L}{2}, \frac{L}{2}] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$e_1(x) := \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{(\pi+2)L}} \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{2L}\right), \quad e_2(x) := \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{(\pi-2)L}} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2L}\right)$$

being  $L^2$ -orthonormal, i.e.  $\int_{-L/2}^{L/2} e_i(y)e_j(y) dy = \delta_{ij}$  for  $1 \leq i, j \leq 2$  holds with the Kronecker symbol  $\delta_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$ . Given this, the autonomous Hammerstein IDE

$$u_{t+1}(x) = a \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} k(x, y)u_t(y)(1 - u_t(y)) dy \tag{4.1}$$

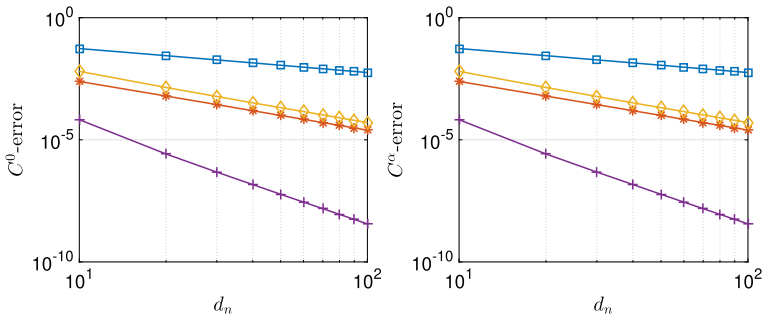
depends on a growth parameter  $a > 0$ . The ansatz  $u_t := v_t e_1 + w_t e_2$  with coefficients  $v_t, w_t \in \mathbb{R}$  leads to the autonomous planar difference equation

$$\begin{cases} v_{t+1} = a \left( \frac{\pi+2}{8} v_t - \frac{10}{3} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{(\pi+2)L}} v_t^2 - \frac{2(\pi+2)}{3(\pi-2)} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{(\pi+2)L}} w_t^2 \right), \\ w_{t+1} = a \left( \frac{\pi-2}{8} - \frac{1}{3} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{(\pi+2)L}} v_t \right) w_t, \end{cases} \tag{4.2}$$

which fully describes the dynamics of (4.1). It has the invariant set  $\mathbb{R} \times \{0\}$  and when restricted to this  $v$ -axis the behavior is determined by the scalar difference equation

$$v_{t+1} = a v_t \left( \frac{\pi+2}{8} - \frac{10}{3} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{(\pi+2)L}} v_t \right) =: h_a(v_t). \tag{4.3}$$

If we fix  $L = \pi$ , then (4.3) possesses a pair of 5-periodic solutions emanating from a supercritical fold bifurcation at  $a \approx 5.8164$ . These solutions and their hyperbolicity are illustrated in Fig. 2 (the graphics were obtained using a simple continuation scheme with Brent’s method [29, p. 256, Sect. 6.2.3] as corrector). In particular, for  $a = 6$  we



**Fig. 3**  $C^0$ -errors (left) and  $C^\alpha$ -errors (with  $\alpha = 1$ , right) for the rectangular (square  $\square$ ), midpoint (asterisk  $*$ ), trapezoidal (diamond  $\diamond$ ) and Simpson (+) rule

solve  $h_a^5(v_0^*) = v_0^*$  in order to arrive at the 5-periodic solution

$$(v_t^*, w_t^*) = \begin{cases} (1.1402499962803, 0), & t \bmod 5 = 0, \\ (1.5300677569209, 0), & t \bmod 5 = 1, \\ (0.73794766757321, 0), & t \bmod 5 = 2, \\ (1.6448652484936, 0), & t \bmod 5 = 3, \\ (0.37693991665699, 0), & t \bmod 5 = 4 \end{cases}$$

of (4.2) resulting in the 5-periodic solution  $\phi_t^0 := v_t^* e_1$  to the IDE (4.1). This provides us with a precisely known periodic reference solution for the logistic IDE (4.1) in order to illustrate Theorem 2.2 when applied to its Nyström discretizations ( $I_n$ ).

In order to determine the 5-periodic solutions  $\phi^n$  of ( $I_n$ ) we apply a Newton solver to the fixed point problem  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}^n(\hat{u}) = \hat{u}$  having  $\hat{\phi}^0$  as initial value. For various common summed integration methods we display the development of the  $C^0$ -error

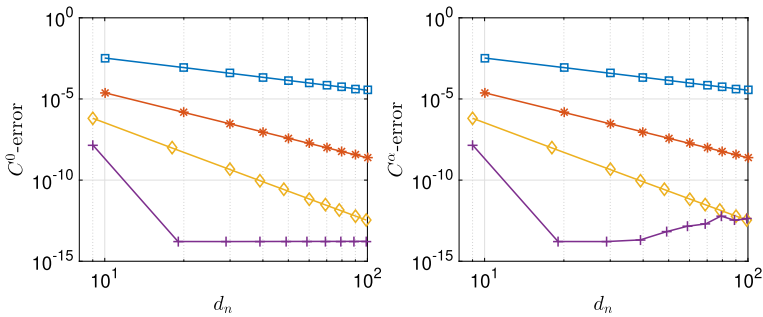
$$\text{err}_n = \sup_{t=1}^{\theta} \sup_{\eta \in \Omega_n} \left| \phi_t^n(\eta) - \phi_t^0(\eta) \right|,$$

as well as the  $C^\alpha$ -error,  $\alpha = 1$ ,

$$\text{err}_n^1 := \max \left\{ \text{err}_n, \sup_{t=1}^{\theta} \sup_{\substack{\eta, \bar{\eta} \in \Omega_n \\ \eta \neq \bar{\eta}}} \frac{|\phi_t^n(\eta) - \phi_t^0(\bar{\eta})|}{|\eta - \bar{\eta}|} \right\}$$

over the numbers of nodes  $d_n$  in the error diagrams Figs. 3 and 4.

They illustrate that the solutions  $\phi^n$  approximate  $\phi^0$  preserving the order of the particular quadrature rule. This confirms Theorem 2.2 and specifically the estimate (3.16) of Theorem 3.2. An exception is the fast convergence of the Clenshaw-Curtis method (see Fig. 4) due to the fact that the functions to be approximated are cosine shaped.



**Fig. 4**  $C^0$ -errors (left) and  $C^\alpha$ -errors (with  $\alpha = 1$ , right) for the Chebyshev (square  $\square$ ), 4th order Gauß (asterisk  $*$ ), 6th order Gauß (diamond  $\diamond$ ) and Clenshaw-Curtis ( $+$ ) rule

## 5 Summary and perspectives

This paper studied the local dynamics of abstract periodic difference equations of the form  $(\Delta_0)$  near periodic solutions under discretizations. For sufficiently accurate approximations, in Theorem 2.1 it is established that hyperbolicity of a periodic linear equation persists. Applied to the variational equations  $(V_n)$ , Theorem 2.2 guarantees that also hyperbolic periodic solutions persist as hyperbolic solutions to the discretizations  $(\Delta_n)$ . The same holds true for their associated stable and unstable manifolds (fiber bundles), as shown in Theorem 2.3.

These abstract perturbation results might apply to various spatial discretizations of evolutionary equations, such as projection methods. We nevertheless illustrate them in terms of integrodifference equations  $(I_0)$  and their Nyström approximations  $(I_n)$ , which can be immediately implemented in simulations. Indeed, for these full discretizations the integral is replaced by a convergent quadrature/cubature rule. Its convergence rate regarding the error to the discretized objects (hyperbolic periodic solutions, graphs of their stable and unstable fiber bundles) is preserved throughout. This rate in turn depends on the smoothness of the kernel functions  $f_t$ . In case they are Hölder continuous, then the convergence rate coincides with the corresponding Hölder exponent (cf. Theorem 3.1), while for higher-order smoothness one obtains polynomial convergence as shown in Theorem 3.2.

Our contribution concentrates on Nyström methods. Nevertheless, rather than using quadrature/cubature formulas, an alternative tool to evaluate the right-hand sides of IDEs is the Fast Fourier Transformation (for short FFT, [22, pp. 106ff, Sect. 8.2]). Although this approach is fairly popular in the literature, it is restricted to Hammerstein IDEs of convolution type  $u_{t+1}(x) = \int_{\Omega} k_t(x-y)g_t(u_t(y))dy$ , while we deal with general Urysohn equations  $(I_0)$ . In comparison, as pointed out in [22], in order to arrive at a similar accuracy, Nyström methods require less nodes but tend to be slower than FFT methods. Up to the author's knowledge, questions concerning the Numerical Dynamics for FFT discretizations were not tackled so far.

We finally point out that global dynamical features of integrodifference equations were addressed in [9] (for polynomial growth functions) and [10] (for general smooth growth functions). Using rigorous numerics they establish the existence of periodic

solutions, connecting orbits, and ultimately chaotic dynamics. The methods involve set oriented numerics and topological tools such as the Conley index, which are fundamentally different from ours. Regarding connecting orbits, see also [20].

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### A Quantitative implicit and Lipschitz inverse function theorem

Let  $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}$  be Banach spaces. We formulate an abstract, but tailor-made implicit function theorem, whose parameter set is merely supposed to be a metric space  $(\Lambda, d)$ :

**Theorem A.1** (Quantitative implicit function theorem) *Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathcal{X}$  be nonempty open,  $x_0 \in \Omega, \lambda_0 \in \Lambda, y_0 \in \mathcal{Y}, q \in [0, 1)$ , and suppose  $T : \Omega \times \Lambda \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  satisfies*

- (i')  $T(x_0, \lambda_0) = y_0$ ,
- (ii') *the partial derivative  $D_1T : \Omega \times \Lambda \rightarrow L(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  exists with  $D_1T(x_0, \lambda_0) \in GL(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ ,*
- (iii') *there exist functions  $\Gamma_0 : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  and  $\Gamma : \mathbb{R}_+^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  which satisfy  $\lim_{\varrho \searrow 0} \Gamma_0(\varrho) = 0, \lim_{\varrho_1, \varrho_2 \searrow 0} \Gamma(\varrho_1, \varrho_2) = 0$ , such that for all  $x \in \Omega, \lambda \in \Lambda$  it holds*

$$\|T(x_0, \lambda) - T(x_0, \lambda_0)\| \leq \Gamma_0(d(\lambda, \lambda_0)), \tag{A.1}$$

$$\|D_1T(x, \lambda) - D_1T(x_0, \lambda_0)\| \leq \Gamma(\|x - x_0\|, d(\lambda, \lambda_0)). \tag{A.2}$$

If  $K := \|D_1T(x_0, \lambda_0)^{-1}\|$  and  $\rho_0, \delta > 0$  are chosen so small that

$$\Gamma_0(\delta) \leq \frac{1-q}{K} \rho_0, \quad \Gamma(\rho_0, \delta) \leq \frac{q}{K}, \tag{A.3}$$

then there exists a function  $\phi : B_\delta(\lambda_0, \Lambda) \rightarrow \bar{B}_{\rho_0}(x_0, \mathcal{X})$  satisfying

- (a)  $\phi(\lambda_0) = x_0$ ,
- (b)  $T(x, \lambda) = y_0$  in  $\bar{B}_{\rho_0}(x_0, \mathcal{X}) \times B_\delta(\lambda_0, \Lambda)$  if and only if  $x = \phi(\lambda)$ ,
- (c)  $\|\phi(\lambda) - x_0\| \leq \frac{K}{1-q} \Gamma_0(d(\lambda, \lambda_0))$  for all  $\lambda \in B_\delta(\lambda_0, \Lambda)$ .

**Proof** The proof is similar to the one of [25, Thm. A.1]. □

**Theorem A.2** (Lipschitz inverse function theorem) *Let  $x_0 \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $\rho > 0$  be given. If a mapping  $T : \bar{B}_\rho(x_0, \mathcal{X}) \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  is of the form  $T = A + G$  with*

(i)  $A \in GL(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ ,

(ii)  $G : \bar{B}_\rho(x_0, \mathcal{X}) \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  is Lipschitz with Lipschitz constant  $l < \|A^{-1}\|^{-1}$ ,

then the following holds with  $\sigma \in (l, \|A^{-1}\|^{-1}]$ :

(a) For all  $x, \bar{x} \in \bar{B}_\rho(x_0, \mathcal{X})$  one has

$$(\sigma - l) \|x - \bar{x}\| \leq \|T(x) - T(\bar{x})\| \leq (\|A\| + l) \|x - \bar{x}\|, \quad (\text{A.4})$$

(b) for all  $y \in \bar{B}_{(\sigma-l)\rho}(T(x_0), \mathcal{Y})$  the equation  $T(x) = y$  has a unique solution  $x^*(y) \in \bar{B}_\rho(x_0, \mathcal{X})$ ,

(c) with  $G|_{B_\rho(x_0, \mathcal{X})}$  also the function  $x^* : B_{(\sigma-l)\rho}(T(x_0), \mathcal{Y}) \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$  is of class  $C^m$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

**Proof** See [17, p. 224, (C.11)], with the smoothness assertion resulting from the Uniform Contraction Principle [7, p. 25, Thm. 2.2].  $\square$

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