

## $\mathcal{A}$ -Frequent Hypercyclicity in an Algebra of Operators

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Abstract

We study a notion of  $\mathcal{A}$ -frequent hypercyclicity of linear maps between the Banach algebras consisting of operators on a separable infinite dimensional Banach space. We prove a sufficient condition for a linear map to satisfy the  $\mathcal{A}$ -frequent hypercyclicity in the strong operator topology.

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### 1. Preliminaries

**Definition 1.1.** A subfamily  $\mathcal{A}$  of subsets of  $\mathbb{Z}_+$  is called a hypercyclicity set if it satisfies

1.  $\emptyset \notin \mathcal{A}$ ,
2. for any  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , if  $A \subset B$ , then  $B \in \mathcal{A}$ ,
3. there is a disjoint sequence  $(A_k)$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  such that for any  $m \in A_k$ , any  $n \in A_j$ ,  $m \neq n$ ,  
 $|m - n| \geq \max\{k, j\}$ .

If  $\mathcal{A}$  satisfies 1 and 2, it is called a non-trivial hereditarily upward family.

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a non-trivial hereditarily upward family and let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ . The operator  $T$  is said to be  $\mathcal{A}$ -frequently hypercyclic if there is a vector  $x \in X$  such that for any non-empty open set  $U$  of  $X$ , the return set

$$N(x, U) = \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid T^n x \in U\}$$

is in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Such a vector  $x$  is called an  $\mathcal{A}$ -frequently hypercyclic vector for  $T$ .

**Example 1.3.** 1. If  $\mathcal{A}$  is the family of infinite subsets of  $\mathbb{Z}_+$ , the  $\mathcal{A}$ -frequently hypercyclic operators are hypercyclic operators.

2. An operator  $T$  is frequently hypercyclic, if  $\mathcal{A}$  is the family of positive lower density sets.
3. An operator  $T$  is  $q$ -frequently hypercyclic if  $\mathcal{A}$  is the family of positive lower  $q$ -density sets<sup>[1]</sup>. Similarly, if  $\mathcal{A}$  is the family of positive lower  $(m_k)$ -density sets, it defines an  $(m_k)$ -hypercyclic operators<sup>[2]</sup>.

**Proposition 1.4.**<sup>[3]</sup> Let  $X$  be an infinite-dimensional separable Banach space. For a non-trivial hereditarily upward family  $\mathcal{A}$ , an operator  $T$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -frequently hypercyclic, then  $\mathcal{A}$  is a hypercyclicity set.

**Theorem 1.5.**<sup>[3]</sup> Let  $X$  be a separable Banach space,  $\mathcal{A}$  be a hypercyclicity set and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ . Suppose that there exist a dense subset  $Y_0$  of  $X$  and  $S : Y_0 \rightarrow Y_0$ , and disjoint sets  $A_k \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , such that for each  $y \in Y_0$ ,

1.  $TS = 1$ , the identity on  $Y_0$ ,
2. there exists  $k_0 \geq 1$  such that  $\sum_{i \in A_k} S^i y$  converges unconditionally in  $X$  and uniformly in  $k \geq k_0$ ,
3. for any  $k_0 \geq 1$ , there exists  $k \geq k_0$  such that  $\sum_{i \in A_k} T^m S^i y$  unconditionally convergent, uniformly in  $n \in U_{l \geq 1} A_l$ ,
4. there exists  $l_0 \geq 1$  such that  $\sum_{i \in A_k} T^n S^i y$  unconditionally convergent, uniformly in  $n \in U_{l \geq l_0} A_l$ .

Then  $T$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -frequently hypercyclic.

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## 2. SOT- $\mathcal{A}$ Frequently Hypercyclic Operators

Let  $X$  be a separable infinite dimensional Banach space and let  $\mathcal{L}(X)$  be the algebra of bounded linear operators on  $X$ . In general, the operator algebra  $\mathcal{L}(X)$  is not separable under the operator norm topology.

**Theorem 2.1.**<sup>[4]</sup> If  $X_0$  is a dense subset of a separable infinite dimensional Banach space  $X$ , then there is a countable dense subset  $\mathcal{L}_0(X_0)$  of  $\mathcal{L}(X)$  in the strong operator topology consisting of finite rank operators whose range is contained in the span of  $X_0$ . If  $X$  is a separable infinite dimensional Banach space, then the algebra  $\mathcal{L}(X)$  is separable in the strong operator topology.

The notions with respect to the strong operator topology will be denoted by using a prefix SOT. Thus,  $\mathcal{L}(X)$  is SOT-separable and a dense subset in the strong operator topology is denoted by SOT-dense. Inspired by the definitions given in<sup>[4]</sup>, we introduce a notion of SOT- $\mathcal{A}$ -frequent hypercyclicity.

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a non-trivial hereditarily upward family of subsets of  $\mathbb{Z}_+$ . A bounded linear mapping  $T : \mathcal{L}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X)$  is said to be SOT- $\mathcal{A}$ -frequently hypercyclic if there is an operator  $B \in \mathcal{L}(X)$  such that for each non-empty SOT-open subset  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $\mathcal{L}(X)$ , the return set

$$N(B, \mathcal{U}) = \{n \in \mathbb{N} | T^n(B) \in \mathcal{U}\}$$

is in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Analogous to the  $\mathcal{A}$ -frequent hypercyclicity criterion, we define the corresponding criterion.

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $X$  be a separable Banach space and let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a hypercyclicity set. A linear map  $T : \mathcal{L}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X)$  satisfies the SOT- $\mathcal{A}$ -frequent hypercyclicity criterion if there exist a countable SOT-dense subset  $\mathcal{I}_0$  of  $\mathcal{L}(X)$  and a map  $S : \mathcal{I}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_0$ , and disjoint sets  $A_k \in \mathcal{A}, k \geq 1$ , such that for each  $B \in \mathcal{I}_0$ ,

1.  $TS = I$ , the identity on  $\mathcal{I}_0$ ,
2. there exists  $k_0 \geq 1$  such that  $\sum_{n \in A_k} S^n B$  converges unconditionally, uniformly in  $k \geq k_0$ ,
3. for any  $k_0 \geq 1$ , there exists  $k \geq k_0$  such that  $\sum_{i \in A_k} T^n S^i B$  unconditionally convergent, uniformly in  $n \in \cup_{l \geq 1} A_l$ ,
4. there exists  $l_0 \geq 1$  such that  $\sum_{i \in A_k} T^n S^i B$  unconditionally convergent, uniformly in  $n \in \cup_{l \geq l_0} A_l$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $X$  be a separable Banach space. If a linear map  $T : \mathcal{L}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X)$  satisfies the SOT- $\mathcal{A}$ -frequent hypercyclicity criterion, then  $T$  is SOT- $\mathcal{A}$ -frequently hypercyclic.

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $T$  be an operator on a separable Banach space  $X$ . If  $T$  satisfies the  $\mathcal{A}$ -frequent hypercyclicity criterion, then the left multiplication operator  $L_T$  satisfies the SOT- $\mathcal{A}$ -frequent hypercyclicity criterion.

**Proof.** Let  $X_0$  be a dense subset of  $X$  and let  $(y_l) \subset X_0$  be a dense sequence. Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $T$  satisfies the  $\mathcal{A}$ -frequent hypercyclicity criterion for  $X_0 = \{y_l | l \geq 1\}$ . Let  $S : X_0 \rightarrow X_0$  be the map given in the  $\mathcal{A}$ -frequent hypercyclicity criterion. Let  $\overline{X_0}$  be the linear span of  $X_0$  and extending  $S$  by linearly to  $\overline{X_0}$ , we may assume that  $S$  is linear. Since  $X_0$  is countable, by Theorem 2.1, there is a countable SOT-dense subset  $\mathcal{L}_0(X_0)$  of  $\mathcal{L}(X)$  consisting of finite rank operators whose range is contained in the span of  $X_0$ . If  $B \in \mathcal{L}_0(X_0)$ , then since  $B$  is finite rank operator,  $B$  can be represented as

$$B(x) = \sum_{i=1}^l \lambda_i(x) y_i, \quad x \in X, \quad y_i \in X_0$$

where  $\lambda_i$  are bounded linear functional on  $X$ . Define  $A_S : \mathcal{L}_0(X_0) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_0(X_0)$  by  $A_S(B) = SB$  for all  $B \in \mathcal{L}_0(X_0)$ . Since

$$A_S(B)(x) = SB(x) = S\left(\sum_{i=1}^l \lambda_i(x) y_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^l \lambda_i(x) S y_i,$$

$A_S(B)$  is a finite rank operator, and thus  $A_S$  is well-defined.

By condition 1 of the Theorem 1.5, we have, for all  $B \in \mathcal{L}_0(X_0)$ ,

$$A_S L_T(B) = A_S(TB) = STB.$$

Thus  $A_S L_T = I$  on  $\mathcal{L}_0(X_0)$ . For  $B \in \mathcal{L}_0(X_0)$ , it is enough to consider  $B$  is of the form  $B(x) = \lambda(x)y$  with  $y \in X_0$  and  $\lambda$  is a linear functional on  $X$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \in A_k} A_S^n B(x) &= \sum_{n \in A_k} S^n B(x) \\ &= \sum_{n \in A_k} S^n \lambda(x)y = \lambda(x) \sum_{n \in A_k} S^n y \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sum_{n \in A_k} S^n y$  converges unconditionally, uniformly in  $k$ , the condition 2 of the SOT- $\mathcal{A}$ -frequent hypercyclicity criterion. Since

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i \in A_k} L_T^n A_S^i B(x) &= \sum_{i \in A_k} L_T^n A_S^i \lambda(x)y \\ &= \lambda(x) \sum_{i \in A_k} T^n S^i y, \end{aligned}$$

condition 3 and 4 of SOT- $\mathcal{A}$ -frequent hypercyclicity criterion follows from the conditions 3 and 4 of the Theorem 1.5. Thus the left multiplication operator  $L_T$  satisfies the SOT- $\mathcal{A}$ -frequent hypercyclicity criterion.

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $T$  be an operator on a separable Banach space  $X$ . If  $B \in \mathcal{L}(X)$  is an SOT- $\mathcal{A}$ -frequently hypercyclic vector for the left multiplication operator  $L_T$  and  $x \in X$  is any non-zero vector, then  $Bx$  is a  $\mathcal{A}$ -frequently hypercyclic vector for  $T$ .

**Proof.** Recall that for any  $V_0 \in \mathcal{L}(X)$  and any  $\epsilon > 0$ , an SOT-neighborhood of  $V_0$  is of the form

$$\mathcal{U}_\epsilon = \{V \in \mathcal{L}(X) \mid \|Vx - V_0x\| < \epsilon\}.$$

Since  $B \in \mathcal{L}(X)$  is an SOT- $\mathcal{A}$ -frequently hypercyclic vector for  $L_T$ , for any  $V_0 \in \mathcal{L}(X)$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ , if  $\|L_T^n Bx - V_0x\| < \epsilon$ , then  $n \in \mathcal{A}$ . Let  $y$  be any vector in  $X$ . Then there is an operator  $V_0$  on  $X$  such that  $V_0x = y$ . By definition of the left multiplication

operator, if  $\|L_T^n Bx - V_0x\| < \epsilon$ , then

$$\|T^n Bx - V_0x\| = \|T^n Bx - y\| < \epsilon.$$

This proves that the vector  $Bx$  is an  $\mathcal{A}$ -frequently hypercyclic vector for  $T$ .

An  $\mathcal{A}$ -frequently hypercyclic subspace for an operator  $T$  on  $X$  is an infinite-dimensional closed subspace of  $X$  all of whose non-zero vectors are  $\mathcal{A}$ -frequently hypercyclic vectors. Inspired by literature<sup>[5]</sup>, we have the following results.

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $X$  be a separable infinite-dimensional Banach space,  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  a hypercyclicity set. Suppose that

- (1)  $T$  satisfies the  $\mathcal{A}$ -frequently hypercyclicity criterion
- (2) there exists an infinite-dimensional closed subspace  $M_0 \subset X$  and a set  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $T^n x \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , for all  $x \in M_0$  and  $n \in A$ .

Then  $T$  has an  $\mathcal{A}$ -frequently hypercyclic subspace.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $T$  satisfies the  $\mathcal{A}$ -frequently hypercyclicity criterion. Then by Theorem 2.4 and Theorem 2.5, the left multiplication operator  $L_T$  is an SOT- $\mathcal{A}$ -frequently hypercyclic and let  $B \in \mathcal{L}(X)$  be an SOT- $\mathcal{A}$ -frequently hypercyclic vector for  $L_T$ . For any non-zero scalar  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha L_T$  is also SOT- $\mathcal{A}$ -frequently hypercyclic. Thus, without loss of generality, we may assume that  $\|B\| = \frac{1}{2}$ . Since

$$\|1 + B\| \geq 1 - \|B\| \geq \frac{1}{2},$$

the subspace  $M = (1 + B)(M_0)$  is an infinite dimensional closed subspace of  $X$ . For any  $y \in M$ ,  $y = x + Bx$ , for some  $x \in M_0$ , and  $T^n y = T^n x + T^n Bx$ . By Theorem 2.6, for any non-zero vector  $x \in M_0$ ,  $Bx$  is an  $\mathcal{A}$ -frequently hypercyclic vector for  $T$ . Let  $x_0$  be any vector in  $X$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|T^n y - x_0\| &= \|T^n Bx + T^n x - x_0\| \\ &\leq \|T^n Bx - x_0\| + \|T^n x\|. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $Bx$  is an  $\mathcal{A}$ -frequently hypercyclic for  $T$ , for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\|T^n Bx - x_0\| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  for some  $n \in A_k$  and by (2), for such  $n$ ,  $T^m x \rightarrow 0$  for any  $x \in M_0$ . Thus, for sufficiently large  $n \in A_k$ ,  $\|T^m y - x_0\| < \epsilon$ , for some  $n \in A_k$ . In other words,  $y \in M$  is an  $\mathcal{A}$ -frequently hypercyclic vector for  $T$ .

**Proposition 2.8.**<sup>[3]</sup> Let  $A$  be a hypercyclicity set and  $B_W$  be a weighted shift on  $l^p(\mathbb{Z}_+)$  ( $1 \leq p < \infty$ ). Then  $B_W$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -frequently hypercyclic if and only if  $B_W$  holds the  $\mathcal{A}$ -frequent hypercyclicity criterion.

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $B_W$  be a weighted shift on  $X = l^p(\mathbb{Z}_+)$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  a hypercyclicity set. For each  $k \geq 0$ , let

$$A(k) = \{n \geq 0 \mid \|B_W^n e_k\| \leq C\}, \quad C > 0.$$

Suppose that  $B_W$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -frequently hypercyclic and there is a strictly increasing sequence  $(k_j)_{j \geq 1}$  of nonnegative integers such that  $\bigcap_{j \geq 1} A(k_j) \in \mathcal{A}$ , then  $B_W$  has an  $A$ -frequently hypercyclic subspace.

**Proof.** By Proposition 2.8,  $B_W$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -frequently hypercyclic if and only if  $B_W$  holds the  $\mathcal{A}$ -frequent hypercyclicity criterion. Let  $M_0 = \overline{\text{span}}\{e_{k_j} \mid j \geq 1\}$  and let  $x \in M_0$ . Then for  $n \in \bigcap_{j \geq 1} A(k_j)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|B_W^n x\| &= \left\| B_W^n \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} x_{k_j} e_{k_j} \right\| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |x_{k_j}| \|B_W^n e_{k_j}\| = \sum_{k_j \geq n} |x_{k_j}| \|B_W^n e_{k_j}\| \\ &\leq \sum_{k_j \geq 1} C |x_{k_j}| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $A = \bigcap_{j \geq 1} A(k_j) \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $B_W$  has the  $\mathcal{A}$ -frequently hypercyclic subspace.

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