

A NOTE ON THE LARGE DEVIATIONS FOR PIECEWISE EXPANDING MULTIDIMENSIONAL MAPS

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ABSTRACT. We provide the large deviation principle for some systems admitting a spectral gap, by using the functional approach of Hennion and Hervé, slightly modified. Our main application concerns multidimensional expanding maps introduced by Saussol.

1. INTRODUCTION

There are different ways to establish large deviation principles (LDP) for dynamical systems. One of them is the so-called *Laplace Method*, which relies on the spectral properties of the Perron-Frobenius, or transfer, operator. This strategy has been developed in a very general and abstract setting by Hennion and Hervé in [17]. They assume that the transfer operator acts on a Banach spaces of measurable functions, and it is quasi-compact, namely it has a spectral gap. The existence of an invariant probability measure follows immediately, and, by using perturbation theory for linear operators, they derive a few others statistical properties. This approach covers a lot of systems, for instance expanding maps of the interval [17, XII.1], Gibbs measures for subshifts of finite type [17, XII.2], and expanding Young towers [33]. Nevertheless, this theory seems inappropriate for expanding discontinuous maps in higher dimension, like those treated by several authors [1, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 24, 6, 28, 29, 30, 31]. Indeed, Hennion and Hervé assume that the transfer operator acts on Banach spaces of measurable functions defined everywhere, while for the higher dimensional systems quoted above, the functional spaces currently used (bounded variation, quasi-Hölder or Sobolev spaces) consist of classes of equivalence of functions modulo the reference measure, and hence they are only defined almost everywhere. Furthermore, in [17], the Dirac masses must belong to the topological dual of the Banach space, and this prevents the theory to be applied directly to the previous multidimensional systems.

Nevertheless it is possible to modify slightly the proofs in [17] in order to deal with a Banach space consisting of equivalence classes of functions. In particular we

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will do it for the functional space of quasi-Hölder functions mostly investigated in [28] and which verifies an additional algebraic assumption present in the Hennion-Hervé approach. As a consequence we will get the large deviations principle for such systems and, as far as we know, this result is not present in the literature. We also prove the central limit theorem, although one already disposes of the Gordin-Liverani theorems [15, 23].

Actually a weaker result for the large deviations of the systems considered above has been recently obtained in [2]. We will comment about the difference with the spectral technique presented in this note in the Remark 2 below. We anticipate here that the paper [2] gives an *upper* bound for the deviation functions and whenever the correlation functions involving L^1 observables decay to zero with a summable rate. In order to check these assumptions for our systems we should further require that the density of the invariant measure is essentially bounded from below, but this assumption is not necessary in the spectral approach discussed in this note. Some others related results on large deviations principles are given in [20] and [32] in the case of uniformly hyperbolic systems, and in [25] and [27] for non-uniformly hyperbolic ones.

2. ASSUMPTIONS AND STATEMENT OF THE RESULTS

We now give the precise assumptions under which the LDP is valid. Let (X, \mathcal{A}, m) be a probability space, and $T : X \rightarrow X$ be a measurable transformation, non singular with respect to m . Under these conditions, the Perron-Frobenius operator $P : L^1(m) \rightarrow L^1(m)$ is well defined by $Pf = \frac{dm_f}{dm}$, where $m_f(A) = \int_{T^{-1}A} f dm$ is absolutely continuous with respect to m . We stress here that the functions under consideration are complex valued, as required by the spectral theory which we are going to use. The transfer operator enjoys some classical properties that we resume below; see [7], [3] or [21] for more details.

- (1) *Linearity* : P is a linear operator on $L^1(m)$, satisfying $\|Pf\|_1 \leq \|f\|_1$ for all $f \in L^1(m)$;
- (2) *Positivity* : For all $f \in L^1(m)$ such that $f \geq 0$ m -ae, we have $Pf \geq 0$ m -ae;
- (3) *Preservation of integrals* : For all $f \in L^1(m)$, we have $\int Pf dm = \int f dm$;
- (4) *Duality* : For all $f \in L^1(m)$ and $g \in L^\infty(m)$, we have $\int f(g \circ T) dm = \int (Pf)g dm$;
- (5) *Invariant Measures* : $f \in L^1(m)$ is the density of a T -invariant probability if and only if $f \geq 0$, $\int f dm = 1$ and $Pf = f$.

Let us suppose now that we have a subspace $\mathcal{B} \subset L^1(m)$, equipped with a norm $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{B}}$ such that

- (1) $(\mathcal{B}, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{B}})$ is a complex Banach space with continuous injection $\mathcal{B} \rightarrow L^1(m)$;

- (2) Constant functions lie in \mathcal{B} ;
- (3) \mathcal{B} is a Banach algebra : there exists $C > 0$ such that for all $f, g \in \mathcal{B}$ we have $fg \in \mathcal{B}$ with $\|fg\|_{\mathcal{B}} \leq C\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}}\|g\|_{\mathcal{B}}$;
- (4) \mathcal{B} is a complex Banach lattice : for every $f \in \mathcal{B}$, we have $\bar{f}, |f| \in \mathcal{B}$;
- (5) \mathcal{B} is stable under $P : P(\mathcal{B}) \subset \mathcal{B}$;
- (6) P is a bounded operator on \mathcal{B} , with spectral radius equal to one;
- (7) P is quasi-compact of diagonal type on \mathcal{B} .

The last assertion means that there exists a decomposition

$$P = \sum_{i=1}^s \lambda_i \Pi_i + Q$$

where λ_i are complex numbers of modulus 1, Π_i are finite-rank projections satisfying $\Pi_i \Pi_j = 0$ when $i \neq j$ and Q is a bounded operator on \mathcal{B} with spectral radius strictly less than 1 and satisfying $Q\Pi_i = \Pi_i Q = 0$ for all i . The spectrum of P consists then of a finite number of eigenvalues of modulus 1, with finite multiplicity, and the rest of the spectrum lies in a disc centered at 0 with radius strictly less than 1. When \mathcal{B} is compactly injected in $L^1(m)$, this can be deduced from a Lasota-Yorke type inequality, by means of the Ionescu-Tulcea and Marinescu theorem [18, 16]. See [17] for precise definitions and results about quasi-compactness.

Under those conditions, the existence of a T -invariant probability μ absolutely continuous w.r.t m (acip for brevity), such that $\frac{d\mu}{dm} \in \mathcal{B}$ is a classical result : for every $f \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $f \geq 0$, $\int f dm = 1$, and so in particular for $f = \mathbb{1}$, quasi-compactness implies that the sequence $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} P^k f$ converges in \mathcal{B} to a function f^* such that the measure μ_f with $\frac{d\mu_f}{dm} = f^*$ is an acip. Furthermore, 1 is an eigenvalue of P . If we assume that 1 is a simple eigenvalue of P , then there exists a unique acip μ such that $\frac{d\mu}{dm} \in \mathcal{B}$. From now on, we will always assume that 1 is a simple eigenvalue, and that there is no other eigenvalue of modulus 1. μ will denote the unique acip, and $v \in \mathcal{B}$ its density. We then have ¹, for all $n \geq 1$ and $f \in \mathcal{B}$, $P^n f = \langle m, f \rangle v + Q^n f$. As a consequence, we get exponential decay of correlations : there exists $C \geq 0$ and $0 \leq \lambda < 1$ such that for every $f \in \mathcal{B}$ and every $g \in L^\infty(\mu)$ we have

$$\left| \int f(g \circ T^n) d\mu - \int f d\mu \int g d\mu \right| \leq C\lambda^n \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}} \|g\|_{L^\infty}$$

Let now $\phi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a bounded observable which lie in \mathcal{B} , with zero mean $\int \phi d\mu = 0$. Denote by S_n the Birkhoff sums : $S_n = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \phi \circ T^k$. We are now able to state the LDP :

¹When $\varphi \in \mathcal{B}^*$ belongs to the topological dual of \mathcal{B} , we denote $\langle \varphi, f \rangle = \varphi(f)$. The linear form $f \rightarrow \int f dm$ belongs to \mathcal{B}^* , and we denote it by m .

Theorem 1. (Large Deviation Principle)

Under the above conditions, the limit $\sigma^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int (\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}})^2 d\mu$ exists, and if $\sigma^2 > 0$, then there exists for some $\epsilon_0 > 0$ a rate function $c :]-\epsilon_0, +\epsilon_0[\rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, continuous, strictly convex, vanishing only at 0, such that for every $0 < \epsilon < \epsilon_0$ and every probability measure ν with $\nu \ll m$ and $\frac{d\nu}{dm} \in \mathcal{B}$, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \nu(S_n > n\epsilon) = -c(\epsilon)$$

As an easy consequence of the techniques introduced in the next section, we also get the central limit theorem. We denote with $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ the Dirac mass δ_0 if $\sigma^2 = 0$, and the probability with density $\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2}}$ with respect to Lebesgue if $\sigma^2 > 0$.

Theorem 2. (Central Limit Theorem)

Under the same assumptions as those of Theorem 1, $\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}}$ converges in distribution to $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ in the probability space (X, \mathcal{A}, ν) for every probability ν with $\nu \ll m$ and $\frac{d\nu}{dm} \in \mathcal{B}$: for every bounded continuous function $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int g\left(\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}}\right) d\nu = \int g d\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$

Remark 3.

- (1) Theorems 1 and 2 apply in particular for $\nu = m$ and $\nu = \mu$, so the LDP and the CLT are valid for both reference and invariant measures.
- (2) As we anticipated in the Introduction, the paper [2] gives an upper bound for the large deviation function and under certain assumptions. In particular Th. E in [2] states the following, with our notations. Let us suppose that T preserves an ergodic probability measure μ ; then let $\mathcal{B} \subset L^1(\mu)$, $\phi \in \mathcal{B}$, and assume that there exists $\xi(n)$ with $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \xi(n) < \infty$ such that for all $\psi \in L^1(\mu)$ we have $|\int \phi(\psi \circ T^n) d\mu - \int \phi d\mu \int \psi d\mu| \leq \xi(n) \|\phi\|_{\mathcal{B}} \|\psi\|_{L^1_{\mu}}$. Then there exists $\tau = \tau(\phi) > 0$ and, for every $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $C = C(\phi, \epsilon) > 0$ such that $\mu(S_n > n\epsilon) \leq C e^{-\tau n}$.

The proof of this result relies on a martingale approximation technique. Section C in [2] provides examples of systems for which one gets exponential decay of correlations (and hence $\xi(n)$ is summable) and against $\psi \in L^1(\mu)$: this last assumption requires the density to be bounded from below. In conclusion the result of our note extends the previous one in two directions : first, we obtain a LDP, and not only an upper bound; secondly, we do not have to assume anything about the density, but the fact that it is in the L^1 norm with respect to the conformal (reference) measure.

3. PROOFS

We begin by observing that the existence of the variance σ^2 results from a straightforward computation : since the sequence $\int \phi(\phi \circ T^n) d\mu$ decays exponentially fast, it is absolutely summable, and then we see, by expanding the term S_n^2 , that the limit $\sigma^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int (\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}})^2 d\mu$ exists and we have $\sigma^2 = \int \phi^2 d\mu + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \int \phi(\phi \circ T^n) d\mu$. We assume from now on $\sigma^2 > 0$. Our proof of the LDP follows closely [17] except for a minor modification, which will be mentioned later. The same approach had been employed in [27]. Let $f \in \mathcal{B}$ be the density of the measure ν with respect to m . We will apply Gartner-Ellis theorem [12, 14], which relies on the convergence of the sequence $\frac{1}{n} \log \int e^{\theta S_n} f dm$ for $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ small enough. We introduce the "Laplace transform" operators P_z , for $z \in \mathbb{C}$, defined by $P_z(f) = P(e^{z\phi} f)$ for all $f \in \mathcal{B}$. Assuming for a moment that P_z is well defined, we immediately see that $\int e^{\theta S_n} f dm = \int P_\theta^n(f) dm$. In order to prove that P_z is a bounded operator on \mathcal{B} , we just have to check that $e^{z\phi} \in \mathcal{B}$. Since \mathcal{B} is a Banach algebra, the sequence $\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(z\phi)^k}{k!}$ converges in \mathcal{B} , and hence in $L^1(m)$. On the other hand, this sequence converges uniformly, and hence in $L^1(m)$, to $e^{z\phi}$, and so we get that $e^{z\phi} = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(z\phi)^n}{n!}$ in \mathcal{B} . It also proves that the map $z \rightarrow P_z$ is holomorphic and we have the expansion $P_z = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{C_n}{n!} z^n$ where $C_n(f) = P(\phi^n f)$.

We can now apply perturbation theory for linear operator to prove the following result. The proof relies on analytic functions of operators, see [13], or on the implicit function theorem, see [17]. For $\theta > 0$, we denote $\mathbb{D}_\theta = \{z \in \mathbb{C} / |z| < \theta\}$.

Proposition 4. *There exist $\theta_0 > 0$, $C > 0$, $\eta_1, \eta_2 > 0$ and holomorphic functions $\lambda(\cdot) : \mathbb{D}_{\theta_0} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $v(\cdot) : \mathbb{D}_{\theta_0} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$, $\varphi(\cdot) : \mathbb{D}_{\theta_0} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}^*$ and $Q(\cdot) : \mathbb{D}_{\theta_0} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B})$ such that for all $z \in \mathbb{D}_{\theta_0}$*

- (i) $\lambda(0) = 1, v(0) = v, \varphi(0) = m, Q(0) = Q$;
- (ii) $P_z(f) = \lambda(z)\langle \varphi(z), f \rangle v(z) + Q(z)f$ for all $f \in \mathcal{B}$;
- (iii) $\langle \varphi(z), v(z) \rangle = 1$;
- (iv) $Q(z)v(z) = 0$ and $\varphi(z)Q(z) = 0$;
- (v) $|\lambda(z)| > 1 - \eta_1$;
- (vi) $\|Q(z)^n\| \leq C(1 - \eta_1 - \eta_2)^n$.

So, for all $n \geq 1$, we have $P_z^n(f) = \lambda(z)^n \langle \varphi(z), f \rangle v(z) + Q(z)^n f$. We can say much more on eigenvalues and eigenvectors when $z = \theta$ is real. At this point, we need to show that for every positive function $f \in \mathcal{B}$ with $f \neq 0$, there exists a positive linear form $\varphi \in \mathcal{B}^*$ such that $\langle \varphi, f \rangle > 0$. In the context of [17], since functions are defined everywhere, there exists $x \in X$ such that $f(x) > 0$, and so the Dirac mass δ_x does the job. In our context, Dirac masses are not available, but the reference measure is usable, since necessarily $\langle m, f \rangle > 0$, otherwise, f would be 0 m -ae, and so $f = 0$ in \mathcal{B} . This was not the case in [17] because they consider functions defined everywhere,

and not classes of equivalence. We can also use arguments from complex Banach lattice theory [26] : a modification of the Hahn-Banach theorem shows that there exists a positive bounded linear form φ on $\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}} = \{f \in \mathcal{B} / f(x) \in \mathbb{R} \text{ } m\text{-ae}\}$, such that $\langle \varphi, f \rangle = 1$, and then we can extend it on all \mathcal{B} . This argument could be employed in more abstract contexts, where the Banach space \mathcal{B} consists of distributions-like objects and when we don't have a good knowledge of its topological dual.

Proposition 5. *There exists $0 < \theta_1 < \theta_0$ such that for every $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ with $|\theta| < \theta_1$, we have $\lambda(\theta) > 0$. Furthermore, $v(\cdot)$ and $\varphi(\cdot)$ can be redefined such that $v(\theta) \geq 0$, $\varphi(\theta) \geq 0$.*

Proof. As P_θ is a real operator, we have $P_\theta \bar{f} = \overline{P_\theta f}$ for all $f \in \mathcal{B}$. So, we have $P_\theta \overline{v(\theta)} = \overline{P_\theta v(\theta)} = \overline{\lambda(\theta) v(\theta)}$. Since $\lambda(\theta)$ is the unique eigenvalue of P_θ with maximal modulus, we get $\overline{\lambda(\theta)} = \lambda(\theta)$, and hence $\lambda(\theta) \in \mathbb{R}$. Since $\lambda(0) = 1$, by a continuity argument, we obtain $\lambda(\theta) > 0$ for small θ . For $z \in \mathbb{C}$ small enough, $\langle \varphi(z), \mathbf{1} \rangle \neq 0$. We define $\tilde{v}(z) = \langle \varphi(z), \mathbf{1} \rangle v(z)$ and $\tilde{\varphi}(z) = \langle \varphi(z), \mathbf{1} \rangle^{-1} \varphi(z)$. Those new eigenfunctions satisfy obviously the conclusions of the previous proposition. We have just to prove that $\tilde{v}(\theta)$ and $\tilde{\varphi}(\theta)$ are positive for $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ small enough. By the spectral decomposition of P_θ , we see that $\lambda(\theta)^{-n} P_\theta^n \mathbf{1}$ goes to $\tilde{v}(\theta)$ in \mathcal{B} , and hence in $L^1(m)$. We then get $\tilde{v}(\theta) \geq 0$ because P_θ is a positive operator and $\lambda(\theta)$ is positive too. Now, let $\psi(\theta) \in \mathcal{B}^*$ positive such that $\langle \psi(\theta), \tilde{v}(\theta) \rangle = 1$. Then, $\lambda(\theta)^{-n} (P_\theta^*)^n \psi(\theta)$ goes to $\langle \psi(\theta), v(\theta) \rangle \varphi(\theta) = \tilde{\varphi}(\theta)$, which proves that $\tilde{\varphi}(\theta)$ is a positive linear form. \square

We denote $\Lambda(\theta) = \log \lambda(\theta)$. We then have

Proposition 6. *There exists $0 < \theta_2 < \theta_1$ such that for every $\theta \in \mathbb{B}$ with $|\theta| < \theta_2$ and every $f \in \mathcal{B}$ with $f \geq 0$ and $\int f dm = 1$, we have*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \int e^{\theta S_n} f dm = \Lambda(\theta)$$

Proof. We have the identity

$$\begin{aligned} \int e^{\theta S_n} f dm &= \langle m, P_\theta^n(f) \rangle = \lambda(\theta)^n \langle \varphi(\theta), f \rangle \langle m, v(\theta) \rangle + \langle m, Q(\theta)^n f \rangle \\ &= \lambda(\theta)^n (\langle \varphi(\theta), f \rangle \langle m, v(\theta) \rangle + \lambda(\theta)^{-n} \langle m, Q(\theta)^n f \rangle) \end{aligned}$$

All involved quantities are positive, hence we can write

$$\frac{1}{n} \log \int e^{\theta S_n} f dm = \log \lambda(\theta) + \frac{1}{n} \log (\langle \varphi(\theta), f \rangle \langle m, v(\theta) \rangle + \lambda(\theta)^{-n} \langle m, Q(\theta)^n f \rangle)$$

Since $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \langle \varphi(\theta), f \rangle \langle m, v(\theta) \rangle = 1$ and since the spectral radius of $Q(\theta)$ is strictly less than $\lambda(\theta)$, it's easy to see that for θ small enough, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log (\langle \varphi(\theta), f \rangle \langle m, v(\theta) \rangle + \lambda(\theta)^{-n} \langle m, Q(\theta)^n f \rangle) = 0.$$

□

In order to apply Gartner-Ellis theorem, we have to show that Λ is a differentiable function, strictly convex in a neighborhood of 0. Since λ is real-analytic, Λ is real-analytic as well. Computations from perturbation theory² show that $\lambda'(0) = \int \phi d\mu = 0$ and $\lambda''(0) = \sigma^2$, so we have $\Lambda''(0) = \frac{\lambda''(0)\lambda(0) - \lambda'(0)^2}{\lambda(0)^2} = \sigma^2 > 0$ and we can now apply the following local version of Gartner-Ellis theorem, whose proof can be found in lemma XIII.2 in [17] :

Proposition 7. *For all $n \geq 1$, let us denote with \mathbb{P}_n a probability measure on some measurable space (Ω, \mathcal{T}) , by \mathbb{E}_n the corresponding expectation operator and by S_n a real valued random variable. Assume that on some interval $[-\theta_\Lambda, \theta_\Lambda]$, $\theta_\Lambda > 0$, we have*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \mathbb{E}_n[\exp(\theta S_n)] = \Lambda(\theta),$$

where Λ is a strictly convex continuously differentiable function satisfying $\Lambda'(0) = 0$. Define $\epsilon_+ = \frac{\Lambda(\theta_\Lambda)}{\theta_\Lambda} > 0$, $\epsilon_- = \frac{\Lambda(\theta_\Lambda)}{\theta_\Lambda} < 0$ and $c(\epsilon) = \sup_{|\theta| \leq \theta_\Lambda} \{\theta\epsilon - \Lambda(\theta)\}$. Then c is a positive function, strictly convex on $[\epsilon_-, \epsilon_+]$, continuous, vanishing only at 0, and, for all $0 < \epsilon < \epsilon_0 = \epsilon_+$, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \mathbb{P}_n(S_n > n\epsilon) = -c(\epsilon).$$

We now prove our Theorem 2.

Central Limit Theorem. By Lévy's continuity theorem, it suffices to show that for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int e^{it \frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}}} f dm = e^{-\frac{t^2 \sigma^2}{2}}$. We have

$$\int e^{it \frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}}} f dm = \langle m, P_{\frac{it}{\sqrt{n}}}^n(f) \rangle = \lambda\left(\frac{it}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^n \langle \varphi\left(\frac{it}{\sqrt{n}}\right), f \rangle \langle m, v\left(\frac{it}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \rangle + \langle m, Q\left(\frac{it}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^n f \rangle.$$

We just have to prove that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda\left(\frac{it}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^n = e^{-\frac{t^2 \sigma^2}{2}}$. But Taylor's expansion says that in a complex neighborhood of 0

$$\lambda(z) = \lambda(0) + \lambda'(0)z + \frac{\lambda''(0)}{2}z^2 + z^2\eta(z) = 1 + \frac{\sigma^2 z^2}{2} + z^2\eta(z)$$

where $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \eta(z) = 0$. Then, a standard computation concludes the proof. □

²See corollaries III.11 and III.6 in [17].

4. APPLICATION TO UNIFORMLY EXPANDING MAPS

The main application of our Theorem 1 will be to multidimensional piecewise uniformly expanding maps, in particular when we equip them with the space of the quasi-Hölder functions. This space was introduced by Keller [19], and used by Blank [4]. A strong improvement in the theory was done by Saussol [28], whose work inspired other applications by Buzzi [9] (see also [10]) and Tsujii [31]. This space verifies the algebraic assumption 3 in Section 2 above³. It is not immediately clear how to replace this condition and fit with the Hennion-Hervé theory, if one uses the more conventional spaces of bounded variation functions (see for instance [1, 5, 11, 24, 6]) or the Sobolev spaces [30], and this topic deserves to be investigated in the future.

Let us now recall the precise definitions of our system by following closely the assumptions imposed in [28]. It covers a lot of concrete systems, such as piecewise affine maps (including multidimensional β -transformations) studied by Buzzi and Keller in [10]. It is also easy to construct examples by taking a direct product of several piecewise expanding maps of the interval, and then slightly perturbing it. The general setup in [28] allows also to deal with partitions with a fractal boundary, see example 2.1 in this paper.

Let $M \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ be a compact subset with $\overline{\text{int}M} = M$ and piecewise C^1 boundary. We denote by d the Euclidean distance and by m the Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{R}^d . We can assume without loss of generality that $m(M) = 1$. For $A \subset M$ and $\epsilon > 0$, we denote $B_\epsilon(A) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d / d(x, A) \leq \epsilon\}$. Let $T : M \rightarrow M$ be a measurable application, and suppose there exists $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ such that for some small enough ϵ_0 we have :

- (1) There are finitely many disjoint open sets $U_i \subset M$ with $m(M \setminus \cup_i U_i) = 0$ such that for each i , $T_i := T|_{U_i} \rightarrow M$ is $C^{1+\alpha}$ and can be extended on a neighborhood V_i of U_i to a $C^{1+\alpha}$ map $T_i : V_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ such that $B_{\epsilon_0}(T_i U_i) \subset T_i(V_i)$. Moreover, each $T_i : V_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ is injective with $C^{1+\alpha}$ inverse;
- (2) There exists $c > 0$ such that for any i , and any $x, y \in T(U_i)$ with $d(x, y) \leq \epsilon_0$ we have

$$|\det DT_i^{-1}(x) - \det DT_i^{-1}(y)| \leq c |\det DT_i^{-1}(x)| d(x, y)^\alpha;$$

- (3) There exists $s(T) < 1$ such that

$$\sup_i \sup_{x \in T_i(V_i)} \|DT_i^{-1}(x)\| < s(T);$$

³By checking the proof, we only need that \mathcal{B} is a Banach algebra and $\phi \in \mathcal{B}$ to prove that the operators P_z are well defined and holomorphic in z . So we can just assume that ϕ is such that P_z define a holomorphic family of bounded operators on \mathcal{B} for z in a complex neighborhood of 0, with successive derivatives at 0 given by C_n .

- (4) Boundaries of U_i are piecewise C^1 codimension one embedded compact submanifolds and we have $\eta_0(T) < 1$ where

$$\eta_0(T) = s(T)^\alpha + \frac{4s(T)}{1-s(T)} Y(T) \frac{\gamma_{d-1}}{\gamma_d}$$

$$Y(T) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \sum_i \#\{\text{smooth pieces intersecting } \partial U_i \text{ and containing } x\}$$

and $\gamma_d = \frac{\pi^{d/2}}{(d/2)!}$ is the d -volume of the d -dimensional unit ball of \mathbb{R}^d .

The last condition can be greatly weakened, but the condition in [28] is of a very abstract nature, and it is easier to handle with this one when the boundaries of the U_i are smooth. We then define the functional space on which acts the transfer operator. Let $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$. If $A \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ is a Borel subset, we define the oscillation of f over A by

$$\text{osc}(f, A) = \text{ess sup}_{x_1, x_2 \in A} |f(x_1) - f(x_2)|$$

where the essential supremum is taken with respect to the product measure $m \times m$ on $A \times A$. We get a lower semi-continuous and hence measurable function $x \rightarrow \text{osc}(f, B_\epsilon(x))$. We set

$$|f|_\alpha = \sup_{0 < \epsilon \leq \epsilon_0} \frac{1}{\epsilon^\alpha} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \text{osc}(f, B_\epsilon(x)) dx$$

We define $V_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^d) = \{f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d) / |f|_\alpha < \infty\}$ and $V_\alpha(M) = \{f \in V_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^d) / \text{supp } f \subset M\}$, both endowed with the norm $\|f\|_\alpha = \|f\|_{L^1_m} + |f|_\alpha$. By adapting proofs from [19], we can show that $V_\alpha(M)$ is Banach space, with compact injection in $L^1(M)$. It is proven in [28] that $V_\alpha(M)$ is also a Banach algebra, and it is obviously a Banach lattice. Therefore, if we want to apply our previous results, we are left with the proof that the transfer operator for T acts on $V_\alpha(M)$ and is a quasi-compact operator of diagonal type. Saussol proved in this context a Lasota-Yorke inequality (lemma 4.1 in [28]) which implies the quasi-compactness of the Perron-Frobenius operator. Hence, assuming that the system is mixing, we get the central limit theorem and the large deviations principle for bounded real observables in $V_\alpha(M)$.

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