



# The multi- $\mathcal{F}$ -sensitivity and $(\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2)$ -sensitivity for product systems

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## Abstract

In this paper, it is proved that the product system  $(X \times Y, T \times S)$  is multi- $\mathcal{F}$ -sensitive (resp.,  $(\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2)$ -sensitive) if and only if  $(X, T)$  or  $(Y, S)$  is multi- $\mathcal{F}$ -sensitive (resp.,  $(\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2)$ -sensitive) when Furstenberg families  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{F}_2$  have the Ramsey property, improving the main results in [N. Değirmenci, Ş. Koçak, Turk. J. Math., **34** (2010), 593–600] and [R. Li, X. Zhou, Turk. J. Math., **37** (2013), 665–675]. Moreover, some analogical results for semi-flows are obtained. ©2016 All rights reserved.

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## 1. Introduction

A *dynamical system* is a pair  $(X, T)$ , where  $X$  is a nontrivial compact metric space with a metric  $d$  and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is a continuous map. Let  $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ , and  $\mathbb{Z}_+ = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ .

The complexity of a dynamical system is a central topic of research since the term of chaos was introduced by Li and Yorke [17] in 1975, known as *Li-Yorke chaos* today. Another important feature of chaoticity is that orbits from nearby points start to diverge after finite steps. This notion, the ‘butterfly effect’, has been widely studied and is termed as *sensitive dependence on initial conditions* (briefly, *sensitivity*), introduced by Auslander and Yorke [4] and popularized by Devaney [6]. More precisely, a dynamical system  $(X, T)$  is *sensitive* if there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that for any  $x \in X$  and any  $\delta > 0$ , there exist

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$y \in B(x, \delta) := \{y \in X : d(x, y) < \delta\}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  satisfying  $d(T^n(x), T^n(y)) > \varepsilon$ . When is a dynamical system sensitive? This question has gained some attention in more recent papers (see [1, 5, 8, 9, 11–14, 16, 19–24, 28]). We know that there are several ways to extend the notion of sensitivity. Here, we only list the following three ways:

- (1) one may define  $n$ -sensitivity as it was done by Xiong in [27], and Ye and Zhang in [28];
- (2) one may require that in any open subset  $U$  there is a pair  $(x, y)$  which is a Li-Yorke pair as Akin and Kolyada did in [3];
- (3) the third way is what we now consider in the present paper, that is, study the ‘size’ of the set of all times where sensitivity emerges can be regarded as a measure of how sensitive a dynamical system is.

Previously, the third way was considered by several scholars. More recently, Moothathu [19] initiated a preliminary study of various forms of sensitivity and proposed three stronger forms of sensitivity: syndetic sensitivity, cofinite sensitivity, and multi-sensitivity. Then, Li [14, 15] introduced the concept of ergodic sensitivity, which is a stronger form of sensitivity, and presented some sufficient conditions for ergodic sensitivity. Akin and Kolyada [3] introduced the concept of Li-Yorke sensitivity which links the Li-Yorke chaos with the notion of sensitivity and proved that any weakly mixing dynamical system is Li-Yorke sensitive. A dynamical system  $(X, T)$  is Li-Yorke sensitive, if there exists some  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that any neighbourhood of any  $x \in X$  contains a point  $y$  satisfying

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(T^n(x), T^n(y)) = 0,$$

and

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(T^n(x), T^n(y)) > \varepsilon.$$

So far, there have been many results on sensitivity for the product systems. Let  $(X, T)$  and  $(Y, S)$  be two dynamical systems. Değirmenci and Koçak [7] proved that the product system  $(X \times Y, T \times S)$  is sensitive if and only if so is at least one of  $(X, T)$  or  $(Y, S)$ . Li and Zhou [18] showed that the product system  $(X \times Y, T \times S)$  (resp., the product semi-flow  $T \times S$ ) on the product space  $X \times Y$  is ergodically sensitive if and only if so is at least one of  $(X, T)$  or  $(Y, S)$  (resp., at least one of the semi-flow  $T$  or the semi-flow  $S$ ). Recently, Wu et al. [24] obtained that the product system  $(X \times Y, T \times S)$  is multi-sensitive if and only if so is at least one of  $(X, T)$  or  $(Y, S)$ . It is well known that the theory of Furstenberg families is a very important tool in studying topological dynamical systems. In this paper, by using Furstenberg families we study the multi- $\mathcal{F}$ -sensitivity and the  $(\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2)$ -sensitivity of the product dynamical systems. In particular, we proved that a product system  $(X \times Y, T \times S)$  is multi- $\mathcal{F}$ -sensitive (resp.,  $(\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2)$ -sensitive) if and only if  $(X, T)$  or  $(Y, S)$  is multi- $\mathcal{F}$ -sensitive (resp.,  $(\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2)$ -sensitive) when Furstenberg families  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{F}_2$  have the Ramsey property, improving the main results in [7, 18]. Moreover, some analogical results for semi-flows are established.

## 2. Preliminaries

### 2.1. Furstenberg family

First, recall some basic concepts related to Furstenberg families (see [2] for more details).

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the collection of all subsets of  $\mathbb{Z}_+$ . We say a collection  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{P}$  is a *Furstenberg family* if it is hereditary upwards, that is,  $F_1 \subset F_2$  and  $F_1 \in \mathcal{F}$  imply  $F_2 \in \mathcal{F}$ ; and is *proper* if it is a proper subset of  $\mathcal{P}$ , that is neither empty nor the whole  $\mathcal{P}$ . In this paper all Furstenberg families considered are proper. It is not hard to see that a family  $\mathcal{F}$  is proper if and only if  $\mathbb{Z}_+ \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\emptyset \notin \mathcal{F}$ . Given a Furstenberg family  $\mathcal{F}$ , define its *dual family* as

$$\kappa\mathcal{F} = \{F \in \mathcal{P} : \mathbb{Z}_+ \setminus F \notin \mathcal{F}\}.$$

It is easy to check that  $\kappa\mathcal{F}$  is a Furstenberg family, and is proper if  $\mathcal{F}$  is so. Given two Furstenberg families  $\mathcal{F}_1$  and  $\mathcal{F}_2$ , define  $\mathcal{F}_1 \cdot \mathcal{F}_2 = \{F_1 \cap F_2 : F_1 \in \mathcal{F}_1, F_2 \in \mathcal{F}_2\}$ . A Furstenberg family  $\mathcal{F}$  is a *filter* if it is proper and satisfies  $\mathcal{F} \cdot \mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{F}$ ; and it has the *Ramsey property*, if  $F_1 \cup F_2 \in \mathcal{F}$  implies  $F_1 \in \mathcal{F}$  or  $F_2 \in \mathcal{F}$ . It can be verified that Furstenberg  $\mathcal{F}$  has the Ramsey property if and only if  $\kappa\mathcal{F}$  is a filter.

For  $A \subset \mathbb{Z}^+$ , define

$$\overline{\text{Dens}}(A) = \limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{n} |A \cap [0, n - 1]| \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{\text{Dens}}(A) = \liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{n} |A \cap [0, n - 1]|.$$

Then,  $\overline{\text{Dens}}(A)$  and  $\underline{\text{Dens}}(A)$  are the *upper density* and the *lower density* of  $A$ , respectively.

Let  $\mathcal{F}_{inf}$  be the collection of all infinite subsets of  $\mathbb{Z}_+$  and by  $\mathcal{F}_{cf}$  the family of cofinite subset, that is, the collection of subsets of  $\mathbb{Z}_+$  with finite complements. It is easy to see that  $\mathcal{F}_{inf}$  is the largest proper translation invariant family and its dual  $\mathcal{F}_{cf} = \kappa\mathcal{F}_{inf}$ , clearly as a filter, is the smallest one.

A subset  $F = \{a_1 < a_2 < \dots\} \subset \mathbb{Z}_+$  is

- (1) *syndetic* if there exists  $N \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  such that  $a_{i+1} - a_i \leq N$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ;
- (2) *thick* if it contains arbitrarily large blocks of consecutive numbers;
- (3) an *IP set* if there is a subset  $\{p_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  such that  $F \supset \{p_{i_1} + \dots + p_{i_k} : k \in \mathbb{N}, i_1 < \dots < i_k\}$ .

Denote the collection of all syndetic (resp., thick, IP, positive upper density) subsets of  $\mathbb{Z}_+$  by  $\mathcal{F}_s$  (resp.,  $\mathcal{F}_t, \mathcal{F}_{ip}, \mathcal{F}_{pud}$ ). The Hindman Theorem [10] claims that  $\mathcal{F}_{ip}$  has the Ramsey property.

In the same way we can define a Furstenberg family consisting of some subsets of the set  $\mathbb{R}^+$  of all nonnegative real numbers and the above concepts related to Furstenberg families.

### 2.2. Topological dynamics

Let  $(X, T)$  be a t.d.s. and  $U, V \subset X$ . The *return time set* from  $U$  to  $V$  is defined as

$$N_T(U, V) = \{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ : T^n(U) \cap V \neq \emptyset\}.$$

In particular,  $N_T(x, V) = \{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ : T^n(x) \in V\}$  for  $x \in X$ .

A t.d.s.  $(X, T)$  is *transitive* if for each pair non-empty open subsets  $U, V \subset X$ ,  $N_T(U, V) \neq \emptyset$ ; and it is *weakly mixing* if  $(X \times X, T \times T)$  is transitive. We say that  $x \in X$  is a *transitive point* if its orbit  $\text{Orb}^+(x, T) := \{x, T(x), T^2(x), \dots\}$  is dense in  $X$ . The set of all transitive points of  $T$  is denoted by  $\text{Tran}_T$ . When  $\text{Tran}_T = X$  we say  $(X, T)$  is *minimal*. A point  $x \in X$  is called a *minimal point* if  $(\overline{\text{Orb}^+(x, T)}, T)$  is a minimal subsystem of  $(X, T)$ ; and is called a *periodic point* if  $(\overline{\text{Orb}^+(x, T)}, T)$  is a minimal subsystem with finite cardinality, that is, there is  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $T^n(x) = x$ . A t.d.s.  $(X, T)$  is called a *P-system* if it is transitive and the set of periodic points is dense; and it is an *M-system* if it is transitive and the set of minimal points is dense.

Recall that for  $\delta > 0$ , we denote

$$N_T(U, \delta) = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : \text{diam}(T^n(U)) > \delta\}.$$

for any non-empty open subset  $U \subset X$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2$  be proper Furstenberg families. According to Moothathu [19], Tan and Zhang [20], a dynamical system  $(X, T)$  is said to be

- (1)  *$\mathcal{F}$ -sensitive* if there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  – $\mathcal{F}$ -sensitive constant–such that for any non-empty open subset  $U \subset X$ ,  $N_T(U, \varepsilon) \in \mathcal{F}$ ;
- (2) *ergodically sensitive* if there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  – $\mathcal{F}$ -ergodically sensitive constant–such that for any non-empty open subset  $U \subset X$ ,  $N_T(U, \varepsilon) \in \mathcal{F}_{pud}$ ;

- (3) *multi-sensitive* if there is  $\varepsilon > 0$  –multi-sensitive constant–such that for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and any non-empty open subsets  $U_1, \dots, U_k \subset X$ ,  $\bigcap_{i=1}^k N_T(U_i, \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ ;
- (4) *multi- $\mathcal{F}$ -sensitive* if there is  $\varepsilon > 0$  –multi- $\mathcal{F}$ -sensitive constant–such that for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and any non-empty open subsets  $U_1, \dots, U_k \subset X$ ,  $\bigcap_{i=1}^k N_T(U_i, \varepsilon) \in \mathcal{F}$ , that is,  $\{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ : \min_{1 \leq i \leq k} \text{diam}(T^n(U_i)) \geq \varepsilon\} \in \mathcal{F}$ ;
- (5)  $(\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2)$ -sensitive if there is  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that for any  $x \in X$  and any  $\delta > 0$ , there exists  $y \in B(x, \delta)$  such that for any  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ : d(T^n(x), T^n(y)) < \lambda\} \in \mathcal{F}_1$  and  $\{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ : d(T^n(x), T^n(y)) \geq \varepsilon\} \in \mathcal{F}_2$ .

Clearly, every  $(\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2)$ -sensitive dynamical system is  $\mathcal{F}_2$ -sensitive. Moreover, in [3, Corollary 3.9], [12, Lemma 2.5] and [26, Theorem 2.1], the following results are obtained:

- (1) every nontrivial weakly mixing system is Li-Yorke sensitive;
- (2) a dynamical system is sensitive if and only if it is  $\mathcal{F}_{inf}$ -sensitive;
- (3) a dynamical system is Li-Yorke sensitive if and only if it is  $(\mathcal{F}_{inf}, \mathcal{F}_{inf})$ -sensitive;
- (4) a dynamical system is multi-sensitive if and only if it is multi- $\mathcal{F}_{ip}$ -sensitive if and only if it is multi- $\mathcal{F}_{inf}$ -sensitive.

Thus,  $\mathcal{F}$ -sensitivity,  $(\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2)$ -sensitivity, and multi- $\mathcal{F}$ -sensitivity are natural generalizations of sensitivity, Li-Yorke sensitivity, and multi-sensitivity, respectively. In [12, Example 4.2], Huang et al. constructed a sensitive dynamical system which is not multi-sensitive, showing that the multi-sensitivity is strictly stronger than the sensitivity.

**Example 2.1.** Let  $T : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be sensitive. Applying [19, Theorem 2] yields that  $T$  is  $\mathcal{F}_{cf}$ -sensitive, thus multi- $\mathcal{F}_{cf}$ -sensitive.

**Example 2.2.** Let  $\beta \notin \mathbb{Q}$  and  $(X, T)$  be given by  $X = \mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2$  and  $T(x, y) = (x + \beta, x + y)$  for any  $(x, y) \in X$ . It follows from [12, Example 4.7] that  $(X, T)$  is an invertible minimal distal system (and hence containing no Li-Yorke pairs) and multi- $\mathcal{F}_{inf}$ -sensitive. Meanwhile, it follows from [12, Example 5.2] that there exists a nonminimal  $E$ -system <sup>1</sup> such that (1) it contains a fixed point as its unique minimal set, and hence the system is Li-Yorke sensitive; (2) it is not thickly sensitive, and hence not multi-sensitive by [12, Theorem 4.6]. These mean that the multi- $\mathcal{F}$ -sensitivity and the  $(\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2)$ -sensitivity don't imply each other.

Denote

$$LY_{\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2}(\varepsilon, T) = \left\{ (x, y) \in X \times X : \begin{array}{l} \{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ : d(T^n(x), T^n(y)) < \lambda\} \in \mathcal{F}_1 \text{ for any} \\ \lambda > 0 \text{ and } \{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ : d(T^n(x), T^n(y)) \geq \varepsilon\} \in \mathcal{F}_2 \end{array} \right\}.$$

In the same way one can define the above notions and give the above notations for semi-flows, where for the notion of a semi-flow and the notations related to semi-flows we refer to [18].

### 2.3. Product dynamical systems

Given two maps  $T : X \rightarrow X$  and  $S : Y \rightarrow Y$  on compact metric spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  with metrics  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  respectively, their product  $T \times S : X \times Y \rightarrow X \times Y$  is defined by  $T \times S(x, y) = (T(x), S(y))$  for all  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ , the product metric  $d$  on  $X \times Y$  is defined by  $d((x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)) = \sqrt{d_1^2(x_1, x_2) + d_2^2(y_1, y_2)}$  for all  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in X \times Y$ . More results on product dynamical systems can be found in [7, 18, 25].

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<sup>1</sup>A dynamical system  $(X, T)$  is an  $E$ -system if  $(X, T)$  is a transitive system admitting an invariant probability Borel measure with full support.

### 3. Sensitivity for product systems

In this section we discuss some forms of sensitivity for product systems by using family theory. More precisely, we study  $\mathcal{F}$ -sensitivity, multi- $\mathcal{F}$ -sensitivity,  $(\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2)$ -sensitivity and Li-Yorke sensitivity of product systems. Consequently, our main results extend and improve the existing ones.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $(X, T)$  and  $(Y, S)$  be two dynamical systems and  $\mathcal{F}$  be a Furstenberg family with the Ramsey property. Then,  $(X \times Y, T \times S)$  is multi- $\mathcal{F}$ -sensitive if and only if  $(X, T)$  or  $(Y, S)$  is multi- $\mathcal{F}$ -sensitive.*

*Proof.* By the definition of multi- $\mathcal{F}$ -sensitivity, it suffices to prove the necessity.

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be a multi- $\mathcal{F}$ -sensitive constant of  $T \times S$  and assume that both  $(X, T)$  and  $(Y, S)$  are not multi- $\mathcal{F}$ -sensitive. Then, there are nonempty open subsets  $U_1, \dots, U_{k_1} \subset X$  and  $V_1, \dots, V_{k_2} \subset Y$  such that

$$\left\{ n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ : \min_{1 \leq i \leq k_1} \text{diam}(T^n(U_i)) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\} \in \kappa\mathcal{F},$$

and

$$\left\{ n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ : \min_{1 \leq i \leq k_2} \text{diam}(S^n(V_i)) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\} \in \kappa\mathcal{F}.$$

This, together with the Ramsey property of  $\mathcal{F}$ , implies that  $F_1 := \{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ : \min_{1 \leq i \leq k_1} \text{diam}(T^n(U_i)) < \varepsilon/2\} \cap \{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ : \min_{1 \leq i \leq k_2} \text{diam}(S^n(V_i)) < \varepsilon/2\} \in \kappa\mathcal{F}$ . Since each  $U_i \times V_j$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k_1, 1 \leq j \leq k_2$ ) is a nonempty open subset of  $X \times Y$ , then the multi- $\mathcal{F}$ -sensitivity of  $T \times S$  implies that

$$F_2 := \left\{ n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ : \min_{1 \leq i \leq k_1, 1 \leq j \leq k_2} \text{diam}((T \times S)^n(U_i \times V_j)) \geq \varepsilon \right\} \in \mathcal{F}.$$

Fix any  $n \in F_1 \cap F_2 \neq \emptyset$ . It can be verified that there are  $1 \leq i \leq k_1$  and  $1 \leq j \leq k_2$  such that  $\text{diam}(T^n(U_i)) < \varepsilon/2$  and  $\text{diam}(S^n(V_j)) < \varepsilon/2$ . Then,

$$\varepsilon \leq \text{diam}(T \times S)^n(U_i \times V_j) = \text{diam}(T^n(U_i) \times S^n(V_j)) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{2}},$$

which is a contradiction, since  $\varepsilon > 0$ . □

**Lemma 3.2** ([12]). *A dynamical system  $(X, T)$  is multi-sensitive if and only if  $(X, T)$  is multi- $\mathcal{F}_{inf}$ -sensitive.*

**Corollary 3.3.** *Let  $(X, T)$  and  $(Y, S)$  be two dynamical systems and  $\mathcal{F}$  be a Furstenberg family with the Ramsey property. Then,  $(X \times Y, T \times S)$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -sensitive if and only if  $(X, T)$  or  $(Y, S)$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -sensitive.*

Since both  $\mathcal{F}_{inf}$  and  $\mathcal{F}_{pud}$  have the Ramsey property, using Theorem 3.1 and Lemma 3.2, one immediately has:

**Corollary 3.4** ([24, Theorem 10]). *Let  $(X, T)$  and  $(Y, S)$  be two dynamical systems. Then,  $(X \times Y, T \times S)$  is multi-sensitive if and only if  $(X, T)$  or  $(Y, S)$  is multi-sensitive.*

**Corollary 3.5.** *Let  $(X, T)$  and  $(Y, S)$  be two dynamical systems. Then,  $(X \times Y, T \times S)$  is multi- $\mathcal{F}_{pud}$ -sensitive if and only if  $(X, T)$  or  $(Y, S)$  is multi- $\mathcal{F}_{pud}$ -sensitive.*

**Corollary 3.6** ([18, Lemma 3.3-4]). *Let  $(X, T)$  and  $(Y, S)$  be two dynamical systems. Then,  $(X \times Y, T \times S)$  is ergodically sensitive if and only if  $(X, T)$  or  $(Y, S)$  is ergodically sensitive.*

**Theorem 3.7.** *Let  $(X, T)$  and  $(Y, S)$  be two dynamical systems and  $\mathcal{F}_1$  and  $\mathcal{F}_2$  be Furstenberg families such that  $\mathcal{F}_2$  has the Ramsey property. Then,  $(X \times Y, T \times S)$  is  $(\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2)$ -sensitive if and only if  $(X, T)$  or  $(Y, S)$  is  $(\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2)$ -sensitive.*

*Proof.* The sufficiency follows immediately from the definition of  $(\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2)$ -sensitivity and the hereditary upwards properties of  $\mathcal{F}_1$  and  $\mathcal{F}_2$ .

*Necessity.* Fix a  $(\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2)$ -sensitive constant  $\varepsilon > 0$  of  $T \times S$  and assume that both  $(X, T)$  and  $(Y, S)$  are not  $(\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2)$ -sensitive. This implies that there are  $x_1 \in X$ ,  $y_1 \in Y$  and  $\delta_1 > 0$  such that for any  $x \in B(x_1, \delta_1)$  and any  $y \in B(y_1, \delta_1)$ ,  $(x_1, x) \notin \text{LY}_{\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2}(\varepsilon/2, T)$  and  $(y_1, y) \notin \text{LY}_{\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2}(\varepsilon/2, S)$ . Take a positive number  $\delta$  such that  $B((x_1, y_1), \delta) \subset B(x_1, \delta_1) \times B(y_1, \delta_1)$ . To prove that for any  $(x, y) \in B((x_1, y_1), \delta)$ ,  $((x_1, y_1), (x, y)) \notin \text{LY}_{\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2}(\varepsilon, T \times S)$ , consider two cases as follows.

**Case 1.** If there is  $\lambda > 0$  such that  $\{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ : d(T^n(x), T^n(x_1)) \geq \lambda\} \in \kappa\mathcal{F}_1$  or  $\{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ : d(S^n(y), S^n(y_1)) \geq \lambda\} \in \kappa\mathcal{F}_1$ , then one has  $\{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ : d((T \times S)^n(x, y), (T \times S)^n(x_1, y_1)) \geq \lambda\} \in \kappa\mathcal{F}_1$ , implying that  $((x_1, y_1), (x, y)) \notin \text{LY}_{\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2}(\varepsilon, T \times S)$ .

**Case 2.** If for any  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ : d(T^n(x), T^n(x_1)) < \lambda\} \in \mathcal{F}_1$  and  $\{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ : d(S^n(y), S^n(y_1)) < \lambda\} \in \mathcal{F}_1$ , noting that  $(x_1, x) \notin \text{LY}_{\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2}(\varepsilon/2, T)$  and  $(y_1, y) \notin \text{LY}_{\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2}(\varepsilon/2, S)$ , it follows that

$$F_1 := \left\{ n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ : d(T^n(x), T^n(x_1)) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\} \in \kappa\mathcal{F}_2,$$

and

$$F_2 := \left\{ n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ : d(S^n(y), S^n(y_1)) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right\} \in \kappa\mathcal{F}_2.$$

Clearly, for any  $n \in F_1 \cap F_2$ ,  $d((T \times S)^n(x_1, y_1), (T \times S)^n(x, y)) \leq \varepsilon/\sqrt{2} < \varepsilon$ . This, together with the Ramsey property of  $\mathcal{F}_2$ , implies that

$$\{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ : d((T \times S)^n(x_1, y_1), (T \times S)^n(x, y)) < \varepsilon\} \in \kappa\mathcal{F}_2,$$

that is,  $\{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ : d((T \times S)^n(x_1, y_1), (T \times S)^n(x, y)) \geq \varepsilon\} \notin \mathcal{F}_2$ . So,  $((x_1, y_1), (x, y)) \notin \text{LY}_{\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2}(\varepsilon, T \times S)$ .

Summing up Case 1 and Case 2 yields that  $T \times S$  is not  $(\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2)$ -sensitive. A contradiction with the  $(\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2)$ -sensitivity of  $T \times S$ , completing the proof of the necessity.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.8.** *Let  $(X, T)$  and  $(Y, S)$  be two dynamical systems. Then,  $(X \times Y, T \times S)$  is Li-Yorke sensitive if and only if  $(X, T)$  or  $(Y, S)$  is Li-Yorke sensitive.*

*Remark 3.9.* By the definitions, the above results and their proofs, one can easily verify that the above results hold for continuous semi-flows.

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