

Python Code

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2 Activity Gate Sensitivity Test
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4 Is the 1% threshold a magic number? Test L across a range of
5 thresholds to check stability of results.
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11 import numpy as np
12 from collections import Counter
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14 # ---- Minimal engines and emissions ----
15 def ca_step(state, rule):
16     n = len(state); new = np.zeros(n, dtype=int)
17     bits = [(rule >> i) & 1 for i in range(8)]
18     for i in range(n):
19         nb = (state[(i-1)%n]<<2)|(state[i]<<1)|state[(i+1)%n]
20         new[i] = bits[nb]
21     return new
22
23 def run_ca(rule, width=101, steps=300, seed=42):
24     rng = np.random.RandomState(seed)
25     state = rng.randint(0, 2, width)
26     grid = np.zeros((steps, width), dtype=int)
27     grid[0] = state
28     for t in range(1, steps): grid[t] = ca_step(grid[t-1], rule)
29     return grid
30
31 def gol_step(g):
32     r, c = g.shape; new = np.zeros_like(g)
33     for i in range(r):
34         for j in range(c):
35             n = sum(g[(i+di)%r,(j+dj)%c] for di in [-1,0,1] for dj in [-1,0,1]) - g[i,j]
36             new[i,j] = 1 if (g[i,j]==1 and n in (2,3)) or (g[i,j]==0 and n==3) else 0
37     return new
38
39 def run_gol(pattern, gs=50, steps=400):
40     grid = np.zeros((gs,gs), dtype=int)
41     p = np.array(pattern, dtype=int); pr, pc = p.shape
42     sr, sc = gs//2-pr//2, gs//2-pc//2
43     grid[sr:sr+pr, sc:sc+pc] = p
44     hist = np.zeros((steps,gs,gs), dtype=int)
45     hist[0] = grid
46     for t in range(1, steps): hist[t] = gol_step(hist[t-1])
47     return hist
48
49 def laplacian(f):
50     return np.roll(f,1,0)+np.roll(f,-1,0)+np.roll(f,1,1)+np.roll(f,-1,1)-4*f
51
52 def run_gs(F, k, gs=64, steps=5000, sample=10, seed=42):
53     rng = np.random.RandomState(seed)
54     U = np.ones((gs,gs)); V = np.zeros((gs,gs))
55     sz = gs//10; r = gs//2
56     U[r-sz:r+sz,r-sz:r+sz] = 0.5+0.02*rng.randn(2*sz,2*sz)
57     V[r-sz:r+sz,r-sz:r+sz] = 0.25+0.02*rng.randn(2*sz,2*sz)
58     U = np.clip(U,0,1); V = np.clip(V,0,1)
59     n_s = steps//sample
60     Uh = np.zeros((n_s,gs,gs)); Vh = np.zeros((n_s,gs,gs))
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61     idx = 0
62     for s in range(steps):
63         if s % sample == 0 and idx < n_s:
64             Uh[idx]=U; Vh[idx]=V; idx+=1
65             Lu=laplacian(U); Lv=laplacian(V); uvv=U*V*V
66             U = np.clip(U+0.16*Lu-uvv+F*(1-U),0,1)
67             V = np.clip(V+0.08*Lv+uvv-(F+k)*V,0,1)
68     return Uh[:idx], Vh[:idx]
69
70 def emit_ca(grid):
71     T, W = grid.shape; E = np.zeros((T, 4))
72     for t in range(T):
73         row = grid[t]; E[t,0] = np.mean(row)
74         blocks = [(row[i]<<2)|(row[i+1]<<1)|row[i+2] for i in range(W-2)]
75         counts = Counter(blocks); total = len(blocks)
76         E[t,1] = -sum((c/total)*np.log2(c/total) for c in counts.values() if c>0)
77         E[t,2] = np.sum(np.abs(np.diff(row)))/(W-1)
78         E[t,3] = np.mean(grid[t]!=grid[t-1]) if t>0 else 0
79     return E
80
81 def emit_gol(hist):
82     T, R, C = hist.shape; E = np.zeros((T, 4))
83     for t in range(T):
84         g = hist[t]; E[t,0] = np.mean(g)
85         blocks = [(g[r,c]<<3)|(g[r,c+1]<<2)|(g[r+1,c]<<1)|g[r+1,c+1]
86                 for r in range(R-1) for c in range(C-1)]
87         counts = Counter(blocks); tb = len(blocks)
88         E[t,1] = -sum((c/tb)*np.log2(c/tb) for c in counts.values() if c>0)
89         live = np.sum(g)
90         if live > 0:
91             bd = 0
92             for r in range(R):
93                 for c in range(C):
94                     if g[r,c]==1:
95                         for dr in [-1,0,1]:
96                             for dc in [-1,0,1]:
97                                 if dr==0 and dc==0: continue
98                                 if g[(r+dr)%R,(c+dc)%C]==0: bd+=1; break
99                                 else: continue
100                                break
101             E[t,2] = bd/(R*C)
102             E[t,3] = np.mean(hist[t]!=hist[t-1]) if t>0 else 0
103     return E
104
105 def emit_gs(Uh, Vh):
106     T = len(Uh); E = np.zeros((T, 6))
107     for t in range(T):
108         U, V = Uh[t], Vh[t]
109         E[t,0] = np.mean(U); E[t,1] = np.mean(V); E[t,2] = np.var(V)
110         dVx = V[1,:]-V[:-1,:]; dVy = V[:,1]-V[:, :-1]
111         E[t,3] = np.mean(dVx**2)+np.mean(dVy**2)
112         E[t,4] = np.mean(np.abs(Vh[t]-Vh[t-1])) if t>0 else 0
113         Vd = np.clip((V*8).astype(int),0,7)
114         counts = np.bincount(Vd.flatten(), minlength=8)
115         probs = counts/counts.sum()
116         E[t,5] = -sum(p*np.log2(p) for p in probs if p>0)
117     return E
118
119 # ---- L measure with variable threshold ----
120 def measure_L_with_threshold(E, threshold_pct, window=10):
121     T, d = E.shape
122     w = min(window, max(2, T//10))
123     surprise = np.full(T, np.nan)
124     for t in range(w, T):

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125     pred = np.mean(E[t-w:t], axis=0)
126     surprise[t] = np.sqrt(np.mean((E[t]-pred)**2))
127
128     valid = np.where(~np.isnan(surprise))[0]
129     if len(valid) < 10: return 0.0, False
130
131     third = max(3, len(valid)//3)
132     early_v = valid[:third]
133     late_v = valid[-third:]
134
135     s_early = np.mean(surprise[early_v])
136     s_late = np.mean(surprise[late_v])
137
138     if s_early < 1e-10: return 0.0, False
139     reduction = (s_early - s_late) / s_early
140
141     late_em = E[late_v]
142     early_em = E[early_v]
143     late_act = np.mean(np.abs(np.diff(late_em,axis=0))) if len(late_em)>1 else 0
144     early_act = np.mean(np.abs(np.diff(early_em,axis=0))) if len(early_em)>1 else 0
145
146     floor = (threshold_pct / 100.0) * early_act if early_act > 1e-10 else 1e-10
147     alive = late_act > floor
148
149     L = max(0.0, reduction) if alive else 0.0
150     return L, alive
151
152 # ---- Test systems ----
153 def main():
154     print("=" * 75)
155     print(" Activity Gate Threshold Sensitivity Test")
156     print(" Does the 1% threshold matter?")
157     print("=" * 75)
158
159     # Systems that should be sensitive to the gate
160     test_systems = {}
161
162     # Systems that die (gate should catch them)
163     test_systems['CA Rule 0 (dies)'] = emit_ca(run_ca(0, steps=300))
164     test_systems['CA Rule 4 (static)'] = emit_ca(run_ca(4, steps=300))
165
166     # Systems that nearly die (gate boundary)
167     test_systems['GoL Diehard (dies at 130)'] = emit_gol(
168         run_gol([[0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0],[1,1,0,0,0,0,0,0],[0,1,0,0,0,1,1,1]], steps=400))
169
170     # Systems with clear learning (gate should not matter)
171     test_systems['GoL R-pentomino'] = emit_gol(
172         run_gol([[0,1,1],[1,1,0],[0,1,0]], steps=400))
173     test_systems['CA Rule 54 (Class 4)'] = emit_ca(run_ca(54, steps=300))
174     test_systems['CA Rule 30 (Class 3)'] = emit_ca(run_ca(30, steps=300))
175     test_systems['CA Rule 184 (traffic)'] = emit_ca(run_ca(184, steps=300))
176
177     # Gray-Scott
178     print(" Generating Gray-Scott systems...")
179     Uh, Vh = run_gs(0.028, 0.062, gs=64, steps=5000, sample=10)
180     test_systems['GS Mitosis'] = emit_gs(Uh, Vh)
181     Uh, Vh = run_gs(0.078, 0.061, gs=64, steps=5000, sample=10)
182     test_systems['GS Death'] = emit_gs(Uh, Vh)
183     Uh, Vh = run_gs(0.026, 0.051, gs=64, steps=5000, sample=10)
184     test_systems['GS Chaos'] = emit_gs(Uh, Vh)
185
186     # Thresholds to test
187     thresholds = [0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 0.5, 1.0, 2.0, 5.0, 10.0]
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189     print(f"\n {'System':30s}", end="")
190     for t in thresholds:
191         print(f" {t:>5.1f}%", end="")
192     print(" | Gate flips?")
193     print(" " + "-" * 100)
194
195     for name, E in test_systems.items():
196         print(f" {name:30s}", end="")
197         L_values = []
198         alive_values = []
199         for t in thresholds:
200             L, alive = measure_L_with_threshold(E, t)
201             L_values.append(L)
202             alive_values.append(alive)
203             print(f" {L:5.3f}", end="")
204
205         # Check if the gate ever flips
206         if all(a == alive_values[0] for a in alive_values):
207             flip = "No"
208         else:
209             # Find where it flips
210             flip_at = None
211             for i in range(1, len(alive_values)):
212                 if alive_values[i] != alive_values[i-1]:
213                     flip_at = thresholds[i]
214                     break
215             flip = f"Yes, at {flip_at}%"
216
217         print(f" | {flip}")
218
219     # Summary
220     print(f"\n{' '*75}")
221     print(f" INTERPRETATION")
222     print(f"{' '*75}")
223     print("""
224     If the gate flips for a system between 0.1% and 5%, that system is
225     near the boundary and the threshold matters. If the gate never flips
226     (system is clearly alive or clearly dead), the threshold is irrelevant.
227
228     The question: how many systems change their L classification depending
229     on the threshold choice?
230     """)
231
232     # Now test ALL 256 CA rules at three thresholds
233     print(" Testing all 256 CA rules at thresholds 0.1%, 1%, 5%...")
234
235     changes = {'0.1_vs_1': 0, '1_vs_5': 0, '0.1_vs_5': 0}
236     total_nonzero = 0
237
238     for rule in range(256):
239         grid = run_ca(rule, steps=300)
240         E = emit_ca(grid)
241
242         L_01, _ = measure_L_with_threshold(E, 0.1)
243         L_1, _ = measure_L_with_threshold(E, 1.0)
244         L_5, _ = measure_L_with_threshold(E, 5.0)
245
246         if L_1 > 0:
247             total_nonzero += 1
248
249         if (L_01 > 0) != (L_1 > 0):
250             changes['0.1_vs_1'] += 1
251         if (L_1 > 0) != (L_5 > 0):
252             changes['1_vs_5'] += 1

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253         if (L_01 > 0) != (L_5 > 0):
254             changes['0.1_vs_5'] += 1
255
256     print(f"\n Of 256 CA rules ({total_nonzero} with L > 0 at 1% threshold):")
257     print(f" Rules that change L>0 status between 0.1% and 1%: {changes['0.1_vs_1']}")
258     print(f" Rules that change L>0 status between 1% and 5%: {changes['1_vs_5']}")
259     print(f" Rules that change L>0 status between 0.1% and 5%: {changes['0.1_vs_5']}")
260
261     pct = changes['0.1_vs_5'] / 256 * 100
262     print(f"\n Sensitivity: {pct:.1f}% of rules change classification across the full range")
263
264     if pct < 5:
265         print(" → ROBUST: threshold choice has minimal impact on results")
266     elif pct < 15:
267         print(" → MODERATELY SENSITIVE: some boundary cases affected")
268     else:
269         print(" → SENSITIVE: threshold choice significantly affects results")
270
271
272 if __name__ == '__main__':
273     main()
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