

## DYNAMICS OF $n$ -PARAMETER OPERATOR SEMIGROUPS ON FINITE-DIMENSIONAL SPACES

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*A b s t r a c t.* In this paper, we investigate  $S$ -hypercyclic and  $S$ -chaotic strongly continuous  $n$ -parameter semigroups of operators on finite-dimensional spaces, where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $S$  is closed subset of field  $\mathbb{K} \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}\}$  and  $S \setminus \{0\} \neq \emptyset$ . We also provide extension of Oxtoby–Ulam theorem for multiparameter  $S$ -hypercyclic strongly continuous semigroups of operators on arbitrary Fréchet spaces.

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### 1. Introduction and preliminaries

If  $E$  is a separable Fréchet space over the field  $\mathbb{K} \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}\}$  and  $L(E)$  denotes the space of all linear continuous mappings from  $E$  into  $E$ , then a mapping  $T \in L(E)$  is said to be hypercyclic if there exists an element  $x \in E$  whose orbit  $\text{Orb}(x, T) := \{T^k x : k \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$  is dense in  $E$ , while  $T$  is said to be topologically transitive if for any pair of open non-empty subsets  $U, V$  of  $E$  there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $T^k(U) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . The Baire category theorem implies that  $T$

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is hypercyclic if and only if  $T$  is topologically transitive; in this case,  $E$  must be infinite-dimensional. For more details about linear topological dynamics, we refer the reader to the research monographs [1] by F. Bayart, E. Matheron, [6] by K.-G. Grosse-Erdmann, A. Peris and [17] by M. Kostić.

The hypercyclic tuples of operators were considered by L. Kérchy in [15] (2005) and N. Feldman in [7] (2008). Recall, a tuple  $(T_1, \dots, T_n)$  of commuting linear continuous operators on  $E$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$ , is said to be hypercyclic if there exists  $x \in E$  such that the orbit  $\{T_1^{k_1} \dots T_n^{k_n} x : k_1 \in \mathbb{N}_0, \dots, k_n \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$  is dense in  $E$ . A tuple  $(T_1, \dots, T_n)$  of commuting linear continuous operators on  $E$  is hypercyclic if and only if  $(T_1, \dots, T_n)$  is topologically transitive, i.e., for any pair of open non-empty subsets  $U, V$  of  $E$  there exist integers  $k_1 \in \mathbb{N}_0, \dots, k_n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  such that  $T_1^{k_1} \dots T_n^{k_n}(U) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ . The hypercyclic tuples of operators exist on finite-dimensional spaces, as well; see, e.g, [7, Example 2.7], the research article [20] by S. Shkarin and the research article [3] by G. Costakis, D. Hadjiloukas, A. Manoussos.

On the other hand, the hypercyclic and chaotic strongly continuous one-parameter semigroups of linear operators were systematically analyzed by W. Desch, W. Schempp and G. F. Webb in [5] (1997). The hypercyclic multiparameter strongly continuous semigroups of linear operators were introduced and analyzed by M. Janfada and A. N. Baghan in [14] (2019). Further on, in a joint work [19] with H. C. Koyuncuoğlu and D. Velinov, the author of this paper has recently investigated various dynamical properties of operator semigroups over topological monoids. If  $(M, +, \tau)$  is a topological monoid and  $(T(t))_{t \in M}$  is a strongly continuous semigroup of operators on  $E$ , then the notion introduced in [19] provides a general unification concept in the existing literature. This notion extends:

- (i) the notion of dynamical properties of usually considered linear continuous operators on Fréchet spaces;
- (ii) the notion of dynamical properties of tuples of commuting linear continuous operators on Fréchet spaces;
- (iii) the notion of dynamical properties of strongly continuous semigroups defined on complex sectors, cf. the list of references quoted in [19] and [16, Chapter 3];
- (iv) the notion of dynamical properties of multiparameter strongly continuous semigroups.

The notion of a semigroup over topological monoid naturally generalizes the notion of usually considered one-parameter strongly continuous semigroup of bounded linear operators. This broad class of semigroups includes the semigroups defined

on the monoid  $[0, +\infty)^n$ , which are usually called multiparameter semigroups or  $n$ -parameter semigroups (this class of semigroups was introduced by E. Hille in 1944; see [2] and [12]). By a multiparameter semigroup on  $E$ , we mean any operator-valued function  $T : [0, +\infty)^n \rightarrow L(E)$  such that  $T(0) = I$ , the identity operator on  $E$ , and  $T(t+s) = T(t)T(s)$  for all  $t, s \in [0, +\infty)^n$ . We say that a semigroup  $T : [0, +\infty)^n \rightarrow L(E)$  is strongly continuous if, for every  $x \in E$ , the mapping  $t \mapsto T(t)x$ ,  $t \in [0, +\infty)^n$  is strongly continuous at  $t = 0$ . A strongly continuous semigroup  $T : [0, +\infty)^n \rightarrow L(E)$  will be also denoted by  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^n}$  henceforth.

Suppose now that  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^n}$  is strongly continuous. If  $(e_1, \dots, e_n)$  is the standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then we set  $T_i(t_i) := T(t_i e_i)$ ,  $t_i \geq 0$ ; then  $(T_i(t_i))_{t_i \geq 0}$  is a strongly continuous semigroup on  $E$  ( $i \in \mathbb{N}_n \equiv \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ). If  $T_i(\cdot)$  is generated by  $A_i$  ( $i \in \mathbb{N}_n$ ), then

$$T(t_1, \dots, t_n) = T_1(t_1) \cdots T_n(t_n), \quad (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in [0, +\infty)^n, \quad (1.1)$$

and  $(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$  is said to be the infinitesimal generator of  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^n}$ . We can simply prove the following result:

**Theorem 1.1.** *Suppose that  $A_i$  is the infinitesimal generator of a strongly continuous semigroup  $(T_i(t))_{t \geq 0}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . If  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^n}$  is defined through (1.1), then  $(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$  is the infinitesimal generator of multiparameter strongly continuous semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^n}$  if and only if  $T_i(t_i)T_j(t_j) = T_j(t_j)T_i(t_i)$  for all  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ ,  $t_i \geq 0$  and  $t_j \geq 0$ .*

The well-posedness of  $n$ -parameter abstract Cauchy problem

$$(ACP) : \begin{cases} u \in C([0, +\infty)^n : E) \cap C^1((0, +\infty)^n : E), \\ u_{t_i}(t) = A_i u(t), \quad t \in (0, +\infty)^n, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ u(0) = x, \quad x \in \bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{N}_n} D(A_i), \end{cases}$$

has been analyzed by many authors; for example, M. Janfada and A. Niknam have proved, in [13, Theorem 2.1], that if  $(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$  is the infinitesimal generator of multiparameter strongly continuous semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^n}$  and  $x \in \bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{N}_n} D(A_i)$ , then the function  $u(t) := T(t)x$ ,  $t \in [0, +\infty)^n$  is a unique strong solution of the above problem.

In this paper, we analyze dynamical properties of multiparameter strongly continuous semigroups of operators on finite-dimensional spaces. If  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^n}$  is a multiparameter strongly continuous semigroup on the space  $\mathbb{K}^k$ , where  $n, k \in \mathbb{K}$ , then Theorem 1.1 implies that there exist matrices  $A_1, \dots, A_n \in \mathbb{K}^{n,n}$ , the algebra of all  $\mathbb{K}$ -matrices of format  $n \times n$ , such that  $T(t_1, \dots, t_n) = \exp(t_1 A_1 + \cdots + t_n A_n)$ ,  $(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in [0, +\infty)^n$ . The semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^n}$  of this form can be always

extended to the multiparameter strongly continuous group of operators  $(T(t))_{t \in \mathbb{R}^n}$  by  $T(t_1, \dots, t_n) = \exp(t_1 A_1 + \dots + t_n A_n)$ ,  $(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , so that  $T(t + s) = T(t)T(s)$  for all  $t, s \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and, for every  $x \in \mathbb{K}^k$ , the mapping  $t \mapsto T(t)x$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is strongly continuous at  $t = 0$ ; furthermore, for every  $x \in \mathbb{K}^k$ , the function  $u(t) := T(t)x$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a unique strong solution of problem

$$(ACP)_G : \begin{cases} u \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^n : E), \\ u_{t_i}(t) = A_i u(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ u(0) = x; \end{cases}$$

cf. [19] for more details.

Before proceeding any further, it would be necessary to recall the basic properties of matrix exponentials and logarithms. We know that for a complex matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n,n}$  there exists a complex matrix  $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n,n}$  such that

$$A = e^B := \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{B^k}{k!}$$

if and only if  $A$  is invertible. The logarithm  $B = \log(A)$  is not unique, but if  $A$  has no negative real eigenvalues, then the logarithm  $\log(A)$  is unique and all its eigenvalues belong to the strip  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : -\pi < \Im z < \pi\}$ . The question of existence of a logarithm of a real matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n,n}$  is a little bit complicated. We know that there exists a real matrix  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n,n}$  such that  $A = e^B$  if and only if  $A$  is invertible and each elementary divisor (Jordan block) belonging to a negative eigenvalue of  $A$  occurs an even number of times. If this is the case, the real logarithm of  $A$  need not be unique; cf. W. J. Culver [4, Theorem 1] and S. Shkarin [20, Lemma 3.3] for more details in this direction. Finally, let us mention that, if a scalar  $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$  is an eigenvalue of matrix  $A \in \mathbb{K}^{n,n}$  of the algebraic multiplicity  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $e^\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of matrix  $e^A$  of the same algebraic multiplicity; cf. [8, p. 158].

The layout of this paper can be briefly described as follows. In Subsection 1.1, we recall the basic dynamical properties of operator families indexed with arbitrary sets. Here, we furnish an extension of the Oxtoby-Ulam theorem for multiparameter S-hypercyclic strongly continuous semigroups of operators which satisfies condition (C) clarified below; cf. Theorem 1.2. With the exception of this result, all original contributions of ours are formulated in Section 2, where we essentially use the properties of matrix exponentials and logarithms. In Theorem 2.1, we prove that for each natural number  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists a hypercyclic  $(n + 1)$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^{n+1}} \subseteq L(\mathbb{C}^n)$  consisting of diagonal matrices, while in Theorem 2.2, we prove that for each integer  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there is no hypercyclic  $n$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^n} \subseteq L(\mathbb{C}^n)$  such that condition (C) holds with  $S = \{1\}$ , for some  $x \in \text{HC}(T)$ , where  $\text{HC}(T)$  denotes the set of all hypercyclic vectors of  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^n}$ .

Following N. Feldman [7], in Theorem 2.3 we prove that for each natural number  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and a closed subset  $S$  of  $\mathbb{K}$  such that  $S \setminus \{0\} \neq \emptyset$  and  $S \cdot [0, +\infty)^n$  is not dense in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then there is no  $S$ -hypercyclic  $n$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^n} \subseteq L(\mathbb{C}^n)$  consisting of diagonal matrices. In Theorem 2.4, we prove that for each natural number  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists a hypercyclic  $(n+2)$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^{n+2}} \subseteq L(\mathbb{C}^n)$  which do not consist merely of diagonal matrices; moreover, we will prove that the number  $n+2$  is the minimal cardinality of a parameter  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that there is a hypercyclic  $k$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^k} \subseteq L(\mathbb{C}^n)$  which do not consist merely of diagonal matrices and which satisfies condition (C) with  $S = \{1\}$  and the number  $n$  replaced therein with the number  $n+2$ , for some  $x \in \text{HC}(T)$  (cf. the research article [20] by S. Shkarin for the discrete versions of Theorem 2.2, Theorem 2.4 Theorem 2.5 and Theorem 2.6; in the proofs, we also use the extended Oxtoby-Ulam theorem).

After that, we provide some observations on the proofs of structural results [14, Proposition 3.1, Proposition 3.2] by M. Janfada and A. N. Baghan. The main aim of Theorem 2.5 is to show that, for every even natural number  $n = 2m \geq 2$ , there exists a hypercyclic  $(m+1)$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^{m+1}} \subseteq L(\mathbb{R}^n)$  as well as that, for every odd natural number  $n = 2m+1 \geq 1$ , there exists an  $S$ -hypercyclic  $(m+2)$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^{m+2}} \subseteq L(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , where  $S = \{\pm 1\}$ . The main aim of Theorem 2.6 is to prove that, for every even number  $n = 2m \geq 2$ , there is no hypercyclic  $m$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^m} \subseteq L(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that condition (C) holds with  $S = \{1\}$  and the number  $n$  replaced therein with the number  $m$ , for some  $x \in \text{HC}(T)$ , as well as that, for every odd number  $n = 2m+1 \geq 1$ , there is no hypercyclic  $(m+1)$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^{m+1}} \subseteq L(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that condition (C) holds with  $S = \{1\}$  and the number  $n$  replaced therein with the number  $m+1$ , for some  $x \in \text{HC}(T)$ . In connection with Theorem 2.5 and Theorem 2.6, we propose two open problems (see Question 1 and Question 2).

Chaotic tuples and para-chaotic tuples of commuting linear continuous operators have been investigated by M. Habibi [10], M. Habibi, F. Safari [11] and B. Yousefi, J. Izadi [21]. Subsection 2. investigates the  $S$ -chaotic multiparameter operator semigroups on finite-dimensional spaces (for the sake of brevity, we will not consider here the  $S$ -chaoticity of tuples of commuting linear continuous operators on finite-dimensional spaces, which is also a very unexplored topic).

Our first result in Subsection 2.1 is Proposition 2.2, which states that if  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  is the minimal cardinality of a parameter for which there exists a  $k$ -parameter  $S$ -hypercyclic strongly continuous semigroup on  $\mathbb{K}^n$ , then the minimal cardinality of a parameter  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  for which there exists a  $j$ -parameter  $S$ -chaotic strongly continuous semigroup on  $\mathbb{K}^n$  is  $k$  or  $k+1$ ; cf. also Example 2.1 and the open problems

proposed in Question 3, Question 4 and Question 5. If  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^k}$  is a strongly continuous semigroup on  $\mathbb{K}^n$  with the infinitesimal generator  $(A_1, \dots, A_k)$  and if there exists a dense subset  $P$  of  $\mathbb{K}^n$  such that, for every  $x \in P$ , there exists a tuple  $(t_1, \dots, t_k) \in [0, +\infty)^k \setminus \{0\}$  such that  $(t_1 A_1 + \dots + t_k A_k)x = 0$ , then the set of all periodic points of  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^k}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{K}^n$ ; cf. Proposition 2.3.

Further on, if  $(T(t))_{t \in \mathbb{R}^k}$  is a  $k$ -parameter group of operators on the space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $k < n$ , then the set of all periodic points of  $(T(t))_{t \in \mathbb{R}^k}$  is equal to the whole space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ; cf. Theorem 2.7. The main purpose of Theorem 2.8 is to show that, for every even number  $n = 2m \geq 4$ , there exists a chaotic  $(m + 1)$ -parameter strongly continuous group  $(T(t))_{t \in \mathbb{R}^{m+1}} \subseteq L(\mathbb{R}^n)$  as well as that, for every odd number  $n = 2m + 1 \geq 5$ , there exists a  $\{\pm 1\}$ -chaotic  $(m + 2)$ -parameter strongly continuous group  $(T(t))_{t \in \mathbb{R}^{m+2}} \subseteq L(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

### 1.1. Notation and terminology

In this subsection, we recall the notions of various dynamical properties of operator families indexed with arbitrary sets. Unless stated otherwise, we will always assume here that  $M$  is an infinite set,  $S$  is a closed subset of  $\mathbb{K}$  such that  $S \setminus \{0\} \neq \emptyset$ , and  $(R(t))_{t \in M} \subseteq L(E)$  is an operator family on a Fréchet space  $E$  over the field  $\mathbb{K}$ , which can be finite-dimensional or not; cf. the research article [9] by K.-G. Grosse-Erdmann for the first results in this direction.

It is said that  $(R(t))_{t \in M}$  is:

- (i) hypercyclic, if there exists an element  $x \in E$  whose orbit  $\text{Orb}(x, R) := \{R(t)x : t \in M\}$  is dense in  $E$ . Such an element  $x$  is called a hypercyclic vector for  $(R(t))_{t \in M}$ ;  $\text{HC}(T)$  denotes the set of all hypercyclic vectors for  $(R(t))_{t \in M}$ ,
- (ii) chaotic, if  $(R(t))_{t \in M}$  is hypercyclic and the set of periodic points of  $(R(t))_{t \in M}$ , defined by  $\{x \in E : R(t_0)x = x \text{ for some } t_0 \in M \setminus \{0\}\}$ , is dense in  $E$ ,
- (iii) topologically transitive, if for every pair of open non-empty sets  $U, V$  of  $E$ , there exists  $t \in M$  such that  $R(t)U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ ,
- (iv) S-hypercyclic, if there exists an element  $x \in E$  such that its S-projective orbit  $\{cR(t)x : c \in S, t \in M\}$  is dense in  $E$ ;  $\text{HC}_S(R)$  denotes the set of all elements  $x \in E$  whose S-projective orbit is dense in  $E$ ,
- (v) S-chaotic, if  $(R(t))_{t \in M}$  is S-hypercyclic and the set of periodic points of  $(R(t))_{t \in M}$  is dense in  $E$ ,
- (vi) S-topologically transitive, if for every pair of open non-empty sets  $U, V$  of  $E$ , there exist  $c \in S$  and  $t \in M$  such that  $cR(t)U \cap V \neq \emptyset$ .

We know that  $(R(t))_{t \in M}$  is  $S$ -topologically transitive if and only if  $(R(t))_{t \in M}$  is  $S$ -hypercyclic and the set  $\text{HC}_S(R)$  is a dense  $G_\delta$ -subset of  $E$ ; cf. [19, Theorem 3.3]. The  $S$ -Hypercyclicity Criterion can be formulated for arbitrary operator family  $(R(t))_{t \in M}$ ; if the requirements of this criterion hold, then the operator family  $(R_m(t))_{t \in M}$ , given by  $R_m(t) := (R \oplus \cdots \oplus R)(t)$ ,  $t \in M$ , is  $S$ -topologically transitive on  $E^m$  (here, the direct sum  $\oplus$  occur exactly  $m$ -times in the above expression, cf. [19, Definition 3.4, Theorem 3.5] for more details).

Suppose that  $S$  is a compact subset of  $\mathbb{K}$  such that  $S \setminus \{0\} \neq \emptyset$ . In [18, Theorem 2(i)], we have proved that, if  $(T(t))_{t \geq 0} \subseteq L(E)$  is an  $S$ -hypercyclic strongly continuous semigroup of operators and  $x \in \text{HC}_S(T)$ , then for each real number  $s > 0$  the set  $\{cT(t)x : c \in S, t \geq s\}$  is dense in  $E$ ; this statement is no longer true in the multi-dimensional setting, when we can only prove that the set  $\{cT(t)x : c \in S, |t| \geq s\}$  is dense in  $E$  (cf. [19, Proposition 4.4] and condition (C)). Keeping in mind these observations, it readily follows that the following result extends the Oxtoby-Ulam theorem (cf. [6, Theorem 7.22]):

**Theorem 1.2.** *Suppose that  $S$  is a compact subset of  $\mathbb{K}$  such that  $S \setminus \{0\} \neq \emptyset$ , and  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^n} \subseteq L(E)$  is a strongly continuous semigroup of operators given by (1.1). If  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^n}$  is  $S$ -hypercyclic,  $x \in \text{HC}_S(T)$  and (C) holds, where:*

(C) *the set  $\{cT(t_1, \dots, t_n)x : c \in S, t_1 \geq s_1, \dots, t_n \geq s_n\}$  is dense in  $E$  for every  $(s_1, \dots, s_n) \in (0, +\infty)^n$ ,*

*then there exists a dense  $G_\delta$ -set  $J \subseteq (0, +\infty)^n$  such that, for every  $t = (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in J$ , the tuple  $(T_1(t_1), \dots, T_n(t_n))$  is  $S$ -hypercyclic with  $x$  being its  $S$ -hypercyclic vector, i.e., the set*

$$\{cT_1(k_1 t_1) \cdots T_n(k_n t_n)x : c \in S, (k_1, \dots, k_n) \in \mathbb{N}_0^n\}$$

*is dense in  $E$ .*

PROOF. By the prescribed assumption, the set

$$\{cT(t)x : c \in S, t \in [0, +\infty)^n\}$$

is dense in  $E$ . Let  $(U_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a countable base of nonempty open sets in  $E$ . Set

$$J_k := \left\{ t = (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in (0, +\infty)^n : cT_1(k_1 t_1) \cdots T_n(k_n t_n)x \in U_k \right. \\ \left. \text{for some } c \in S \text{ and } (k_1, \dots, k_n) \in \mathbb{N}_0^n \right\}, k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

By the strong continuity of  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^n}$ , the set  $J_k$  is open for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let us prove that the set  $J_k$  is also dense in  $E$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . We will do that in the two-dimensional setting; the proof in general case can be given in a completely

analogous way. Clearly, it suffices to show that, for every fixed integer  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and for every positive real numbers  $0 < a_1 < b_1$  and  $0 < a_2 < b_2$ , the rectangle  $P = (a_1, b_1) \times (a_2, b_2)$  contains a point  $(t_1, t_2) \in U_k$ . Towards this end, let us first observe that there exist two integers  $k_{0,1} \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k_{0,2} \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\bigcup_{k \geq k_{0,1}} (ka_1, kb_1) = (k_{0,1}a_1, +\infty)$  and  $\bigcup_{k \geq k_{0,2}} (ka_2, kb_2) = (k_{0,2}a_2, +\infty)$ ; cf. also the proof of [6, Theorem 7.22]. Our assumption that the set

$$\{cT(t_1, t_2)x : c \in S, t_1 \geq r_1, t_2 \geq r_2\}$$

is dense in  $E$  for every  $(r_1, r_2) \in (0, +\infty)^2$ , there exists  $s = (s_1, s_2) \in (0, +\infty)^n$  such that  $cT(s)x \in U_k$  and  $s_1 > k_{0,1}a_1$  and  $s_2 > k_{0,2}a_2$ . Then there exist an integer  $k_1 \geq k_{0,1}$ , an integer  $k_2 \geq k_{0,2}$  and a point  $(t_1, t_2) \in P$  such that  $s_1 = k_1t_1$  and  $s_2 = k_2t_2$ . Hence,  $(t_1, t_2) \in P \cap J_k$  and  $J_k$  is dense in  $E$ . Therefore, the set  $J := \bigcap_{k \in \mathbb{N}} J_k$  is a dense  $G_\delta$ -subset of  $(0, +\infty)^n$  due to the Baire category theorem, which simply implies the final conclusion.

If the requirements of Theorem 1.2 hold, then it is a serious problem to prove or disapprove that for each point  $t = (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in (0, +\infty)^n$  the tuple

$$(T_1(t_1), \dots, T_n(t_n))$$

is  $S$ -hypercyclic with  $x$  being its  $S$ -hypercyclic vector; this is always true if  $S = \{1\}$  and  $n = 1$  ([6]). We will not discuss this question henceforth.

## 2. Dynamics of multiparameter operator semigroups on finite-dimensional spaces

We open this section by stating the following result:

**Proposition 2.1.** *Suppose that  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^k} \subseteq L(\mathbb{K}^n)$  is a strongly continuous semigroup, where  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $S$  is a closed subset of  $\mathbb{K}$  such that  $S \setminus \{0\} \neq \emptyset$ ,  $S' := S \cdot [0, +\infty)$ ,  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^k}$  is  $S$ -hypercyclic and  $(A_1, \dots, A_k)$  is the infinitesimal generator of  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^k}$ , then the tuple  $(A_1, \dots, A_k)$  is  $S'$ -hypercyclic, i.e., there exists a vector  $x \in \mathbb{K}^n$  such that the set*

$$\{c' A_1^{l_1} \cdots A_k^{l_k} x : c' \in S', (l_1, \dots, l_k) \in \mathbb{N}_0^k\}$$

is dense in  $\mathbb{K}^n$ .

**PROOF.** By the prescribed assumption, there exists a vector  $x \in \mathbb{K}^n$  such that the set

$$\{c \exp(t_1 A_1 + \cdots + t_k A_k)x : c \in S, (t_1, \dots, t_k) \in [0, +\infty)^k\}$$

is dense in  $\mathbb{K}^n$ .

Then the final conclusion simply follows from the next computation involving the polynomial formula:

$$\begin{aligned} c \exp(t_1 A_1 + \cdots + t_k A_k) x &= c \sum_{s=0}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{s!} \left( t_1 A_1 + \cdots + t_k A_k \right)^s x \\ &= c \sum_{s=0}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{s!} \sum \frac{(t_1 A_1)^{s_1} \cdots (t_k A_k)^{s_k}}{s_1! \cdots s_k!} x, \end{aligned}$$

where the second sum is taken with respect to all tuples  $(s_1, \dots, s_k) \in \mathbb{N}_0^k$  such that  $s_1 + \cdots + s_k = s$ .

A similar statement can be formulated for a  $k$ -parameter strongly continuous group  $(T(t))_{t \in \mathbb{R}^k}$ : if  $(T(t))_{t \in \mathbb{R}^k}$  is  $S$ -hypercyclic and  $(A_1, \dots, A_k)$  is the infinitesimal generator of  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^k}$ , then the tuple  $(A_1, \dots, A_k)$  is  $S'$ -hypercyclic with  $S' = S \cdot \mathbb{R}$ . Further on, in [7, Theorem 3.4], N. Feldman has proved that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists a hypercyclic  $(n+1)$ -tuple of diagonal matrices on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . Now we will state and prove the continuous analogue of this result:

**Theorem 2.1.** *For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists a hypercyclic  $(n+1)$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^{n+1}} \subseteq L(\mathbb{C}^n)$  consisting merely of diagonal matrices.*

**PROOF.** Let  $(T_1, \dots, T_{n+1})$  be a hypercyclic  $(n+1)$ -tuple of diagonal matrices on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , and let  $T_j = \text{diag}(a_{11;j}, \dots, a_{nn;j})$  for  $1 \leq j \leq n+1$ . If  $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$  is a hypercyclic vector of the tuple  $(T_1, \dots, T_{n+1})$ , then the set

$$\left\{ (a_{11;1}^{k_1} \cdots a_{11;n+1}^{k_{n+1}} z_1, \dots, a_{n1;1}^{k_1} \cdots a_{nn;n+1}^{k_{n+1}} z_n) : k_1 \in \mathbb{N}_0, \dots, k_n \in \mathbb{N}_0 \right\}$$

is dense in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . In particular, the above implies that for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}_n$  and  $j \in \mathbb{N}_{n+1}$  we have  $a_{ii;j} \neq 0$  so that there exists  $b_{ii;j} \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $a_{ii;j} = \exp(b_{ii;j})$ . Define now  $B_j := \text{diag}(b_{11;j}, \dots, b_{nn;j})$  for  $1 \leq j \leq n+1$ . Then we have  $T_j^{k_j} = \exp(k_j B_j)$  for all  $j \in \mathbb{N}_{n+1}$  and  $k_j \in \mathbb{N}$ . If we set

$$T(t_1, \dots, t_{n+1}) := e^{t_1 B_1} \cdots e^{t_{n+1} B_{n+1}}, \quad t = (t_1, \dots, t_{n+1}) \in [0, +\infty)^{n+1}, \quad (2.1)$$

then  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^{n+1}}$  is a strongly continuous semigroup on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  consisting merely of diagonal matrices; furthermore,  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^{n+1}}$  is hypercyclic and  $z$  is a hypercyclic vector for  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^{n+1}}$ .

Keeping in mind Theorem 1.2 and [20, Corollary 1.4], we can immediately clarify the following result:

**Theorem 2.2.** *For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there is no hypercyclic  $n$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^n} \subseteq L(\mathbb{C}^n)$  such that condition (C) holds with  $S = \{1\}$ , for some  $x \in HC(T)$ .*

Taking the absolute values of entries in the matrices  $T_j = \text{diag}(a_{11;j}, \dots, a_{nn;j})$  for  $1 \leq j \leq n + 1$ , N. Feldman has proved, in [7, Theorem 4.4], that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists an  $(n + 1)$ -tuple of diagonal matrices on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  whose orbit is dense in  $[0, +\infty)^n$ . Keeping in mind the proof of Theorem 2.1, it follows that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists an  $(n + 1)$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^{n+1}} \subseteq L(\mathbb{R}^n)$  consisting merely of diagonal matrices, which satisfies that its orbit is dense in  $[0, +\infty)^n$ . Arguing as in the proof of [7, Theorem 3.6], we can prove the following result (cf. also [7, Theorem 4.4]):

**Theorem 2.3.** *If  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $S \cdot [0, +\infty)^n$  is not dense in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then there is no  $S$ -hypercyclic  $n$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^n} \subseteq L(\mathbb{C}^n)$  consisting merely of diagonal matrices.*

Further on, in [20, Corollary 1.4], S. Shkarin has proved that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  the minimal cardinality of a non-diagonalizable hypercyclic tuple of matrices on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  is  $n + 2$ . Concerning this result, we will prove the following

**Theorem 2.4.** *For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists a hypercyclic  $(n + 2)$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^{n+2}} \subseteq L(\mathbb{C}^n)$  which do not consist merely of diagonal matrices. Furthermore, the number  $n + 2$  is the minimal cardinality of a parameter  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that there is a hypercyclic  $k$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^k} \subseteq L(\mathbb{C}^n)$  which do not consist merely of diagonal matrices and which satisfies condition (C) with  $S = \{1\}$  and the number  $n$  replaced therein with the number  $n + 2$ , for some  $x \in HC(T)$ .*

PROOF. Let  $(T_1, \dots, T_{n+2})$  be a non-diagonalizable hypercyclic tuple of matrices on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and let  $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$  be a hypercyclic vector of this tuple. Then all matrices  $T_1, \dots, T_{n+2}$  must be regular since they commute and the set

$$Orb := \left\{ T_1^{k_1} \cdots T_{n+2}^{k_{n+2}} x : k_1 \in \mathbb{N}_0, \dots, k_{n+2} \in \mathbb{N}_0 \right\}$$

is dense in  $E$ ; in actual fact, if  $T_j$  is not a regular matrix for some  $j \in \mathbb{N}_{n+2}$ , then  $Orb \subseteq R(T_j)$ , which is a closed non-trivial linear subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . Therefore, any matrix  $T_j$  has a logarithm  $B_j$  so that  $T_j = \exp(B_j)$  for  $1 \leq j \leq n + 2$ ; it is also clear that  $B_j$  cannot be a diagonal matrix if  $T_j$  is not. Now, if we define  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^{n+2}}$  by replacing the number  $n + 1$  in (2.1) by the number  $n + 2$ , then  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^{n+2}} \subseteq L(\mathbb{C}^n)$  is a hypercyclic  $(n + 2)$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and it does not consist merely of diagonal matrices. The last statement readily follows from Theorem 1.2 and [20, Corollary 1.4].

Further on, it is very simple to transfer all counterexamples given in [7, Example 4.3] to strongly continuous multiparameter semigroups of operators. In particular, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exist non-hypercyclic  $(2n)$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^{2n}}$  of operators on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and elements  $x_1, \dots, x_{2n}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that the set  $\{T(t)x_j : t \in [0, +\infty)^{2n}, 1 \leq j \leq 2n\}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . In actual fact, any matrix considered in [7, Example 4.3] has a real logarithm since its eigenvalues are non-negative real numbers.

We continue with the following observations:

**Remark 2.1.** (i) In [14, Proposition 3.1], the authors have proved that there exists a hypercyclic  $(2n)$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup on the space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Unfortunately, the proof of this result given on p. 106 of [14] is not correct. Speaking-matter-of-factly, if  $t = (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in [0, +\infty)^n$ ,  $s = (s_1, \dots, s_n) \in [0, +\infty)^n$  and there exists an integer  $j \in \mathbb{N}_n$  such that  $t_j \neq s_j$ , then the operator

$$W(t_1, \dots, t_n, s_1, \dots, s_n)(x_1, \dots, x_n) := (x_1 + t_1 - s_1, \dots, x_n + t_n - s_n),$$

for any  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , is not a linear operator on the space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  since

$$W(t_1, \dots, t_n, s_1, \dots, s_n)(0, \dots, 0) = (t_1 - s_1, \dots, t_n - s_n) \neq (0, \dots, 0).$$

(ii) In [14, Proposition 3.2], the authors have proved that for each even number  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , resp. for each odd number  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists a hypercyclic  $n$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , there exists a hypercyclic  $(n+1)$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . We feel it is our duty to say that the proof of this result is wrong if  $n$  is an odd number; furthermore, we will get a much better result for even numbers  $n$  in Theorem 2.5. First of all, if  $n = 1$ , then there is no  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that there exists a  $k$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^k}$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Indeed, if we assume the contrary, then there exist real numbers  $a_1 \in \mathbb{R}, \dots, a_k \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  such that the set  $D = \{\exp(a_1 t_1 + \dots + a_k t_k)x : t_1 \geq 0, \dots, t_k \geq 0\}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ . This is impossible since we always have  $D = \{0\}$ ,  $D \subseteq (0, +\infty)$  or  $D \subseteq (-\infty, 0)$ . If  $n = 2m + 1$  for some integer  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , then the proof is also not correct since the operator  $W_{m+1}(s, t)$  is not a linear operator on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  if  $t \neq s$  and  $(t, s) \in [0, +\infty)^2$  since  $W_{m+1}(s, t)0 = (s - t)e_n \neq 0$ ; cf. [14, p. 107, l. 4–l. 6].

Motivated by [20, Corollary 1.5], we will prove the following result:

**Theorem 2.5.** *We have*

(i) *For every even number  $n = 2m \geq 2$ , there exists a hypercyclic  $(m + 1)$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup*

$$(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^{m+1}} \subseteq L(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

- (ii) Suppose that  $S = \{\pm 1\}$ . Then for every odd number  $n = 2m + 1 \geq 1$ , there exists an  $S$ -hypercyclic  $(m + 2)$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^{m+2}} \subseteq L(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

PROOF. Suppose first that  $n = 2m \geq 2$ . By the proof of [20, Corollary 1.5], there exists an  $(m + 1)$ -tuple of invertible real matrices  $(A_1, \dots, A_{m+1})$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{n,n}$  such that the set  $\{A_1^{k_1} \cdots A_{m+1}^{k_{m+1}} x : k_1 \in \mathbb{N}_0, \dots, k_{m+1} \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  for some  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ; moreover, we can assume that any matrix  $A_j$  has the form

$$A_j = \begin{bmatrix} A_{j;1} & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & A_{j;2} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & A_{j;m} \end{bmatrix},$$

where

$$A_{j;k} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{j;k} & b_{j;k} \\ -b_{j;k} & a_{j;k} \end{bmatrix} \quad (a_{j;k}, b_{j;k} \in \mathbb{R}),$$

for  $1 \leq k \leq m$  and  $1 \leq j \leq m + 1$ . The eigenvalues of matrix  $A_j$  are  $a_{j;k} \pm ib_{j;k}$  for  $1 \leq k \leq m$ , so that its characteristic polynomial is

$$\det(\lambda I - A_j) = \prod_{k=1}^m \left( (\lambda - a_{j;k})^2 + b_{j;k}^2 \right), \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \quad (1 \leq j \leq m + 1).$$

Therefore, the matrix  $A_j$  has a negative real value  $\lambda'$  if and only if there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}_m$  such that  $\lambda' = a_{j;k} < 0$  and  $b_{j;k} = 0$  ( $1 \leq j \leq m + 1$ ). It is clear that, for every negative eigenvalue  $\lambda'$  of  $A_j$ , each elementary divisor belonging to it occurs an even number of times so that  $\log(A_j)$  is well-defined as a real matrix. Now we can proceed as in the proof of Theorem 2.1 to complete the proof of (i). Suppose now that  $S = \{\pm 1\}$  and  $n = 2m + 1 \geq 1$  is an odd number. By the proof of [20, Corollary 1.5], there exists an  $(m + 2)$ -tuple of invertible real matrices  $(A_1, \dots, A_{m+2})$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{n,n}$  such that the set

$$\left\{ A_1^{k_1} \cdots A_{m+2}^{k_{m+2}} x : k_1 \in \mathbb{N}_0, \dots, k_{m+2} \in \mathbb{N}_0 \right\}$$

is dense in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  for some  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ; moreover, we can assume that any matrix  $A_j$  has

the form

$$A_j = \begin{bmatrix} D_j & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & A_{j;1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & A_{j;m} \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $D_j = [d_j] \in \mathbb{R}^{1,1}$  and all matrices  $A_{j;k}$  has the form as in the first part of proof. The characteristic polynomial of matrix  $A_j$  is equal to

$$\det(\lambda I - A_j) = (\lambda - d_j) \prod_{k=1}^m \left( (\lambda - a_{j;k})^2 + b_{j;k}^2 \right), \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \quad (1 \leq j \leq m+2),$$

so that  $\log(A_j)$  does not exist in  $\mathbb{R}^{n,n}$  if  $d_j < 0$ ; but, if this is the case, it readily follows that the  $\log(-A_j)$  exists in  $\mathbb{R}^{n,n}$  ( $1 \leq j \leq m+2$ ). Set  $B_j := \log(A_j)$ , if exist in  $\mathbb{R}^{n,n}$ , and  $B_j := \log(-A_j)$ , otherwise. Then the set

$$\left\{ A_1^{k_1} \cdots A_{m+2}^{k_{m+2}} x : k_1 \in \mathbb{N}_0, \dots, k_{m+2} \in \mathbb{N}_0 \right\}$$

is a subset of the set

$$\left\{ \pm e^{k_1 B_1} \cdots e^{k_{m+2} B_{m+2}} x : k_1 \in \mathbb{N}_0, \dots, k_{m+2} \in \mathbb{N}_0 \right\},$$

which completes the proof of theorem in a routine manner.

As an immediate consequence of Theorem 1.2 and [20, Corollary 1.5], we can state the following result:

**Theorem 2.6.** *We have*

- (i) *For every even number  $n = 2m \geq 2$ , there is no hypercyclic  $m$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^m} \subseteq L(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that condition (C) holds with  $S = \{1\}$  and the number  $n$  replaced therein with the number  $m$ , for some  $x \in \text{HC}(T)$ .*
- (ii) *For every odd number  $n = 2m + 1 \geq 1$ , there is no hypercyclic  $(m + 1)$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^{m+1}} \subseteq L(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that condition (C) holds with  $S = \{1\}$  and the number  $n$  replaced therein with the number  $m + 1$ , for some  $x \in \text{HC}(T)$ .*

The first example of a hypercyclic tuple  $(A_1, A_2, A_3)$  of invertible matrices in  $\mathbb{R}^{3,3}$  has been given by G. Costakis, D. Hadjiloukas and A. Manoussos in [3, Proposition 3.3]. Unfortunately, the matrix  $A_1$  or the matrix  $A_3$  constructed in the proof

of this result does not have a real logarithm and we therefore cannot so simply prove that there exists a hypercyclic 3-parameter strongly continuous operator semigroup  $(T(t_1, t_2, t_3))_{(t_1, t_2, t_3) \in [0, +\infty)^3}$  on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Now we would like to ask the following questions which is closely connected with the above observation and the results established in Theorem 2.5(ii) and Theorem 2.6(ii):

**Question 1.** Suppose that  $n = 2m + 1 \geq 3$ . Does there exist a hypercyclic  $(m + 2)$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^{m+2}} \subseteq L(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ?

**Question 2.** Suppose that  $n = 2m + 1 \geq 3$  and  $S = \{\pm 1\}$ . Is it true that there is no S-hypercyclic  $(m + 1)$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup

$$(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^{m+1}} \subseteq L(\mathbb{R}^n) ?$$

We close this section with the following note: Since every invertible Jordan block of format  $2 \times 2$  has a real logarithm which can be explicitly calculated as it has been done on p. 1148 of [4], it is straightforward to formulate the continuous analogues of [3, Theorem 1.2, Theorem 1.3] for hypercyclic multiparameter strongly continuous semigroups on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

### 2.1. S-Chaotic multiparameter operator semigroups on finite-dimensional spaces

In this subsection, we will provide a few noteworthy results on the S-chaotic multiparameter operator semigroups on finite-dimensional spaces. We start by stating the following result:

**Proposition 2.2.** *Suppose that  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^k}$  is an S-hypercyclic strongly continuous semigroup on  $\mathbb{K}^n$ , where  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $A_1, \dots, A_k$  be mutually commuting  $\mathbb{K}$ -matrices of format  $n \times n$  and let*

$$T(t_1, \dots, t_k) = \exp(t_1 A_1 + \dots + t_k A_k)$$

for all  $(t_1, \dots, t_k) \in [0, +\infty)^k$ . If  $A_{k+1} \in \mathbb{K}^{n, n}$  and there exists a tuple

$$(t_1, \dots, t_{k+1}) \in [0, +\infty)^{k+1} \setminus \{0\}$$

such that  $t_1 A_1 + \dots + t_{k+1} A_{k+1} = 0$ , then the  $(k+1)$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup  $(S(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^{k+1}}$ , given by

$$S(t_1, \dots, t_{k+1}) := e^{t_1 A_1 + \dots + t_{k+1} A_{k+1}}, \quad (t_1, \dots, t_{k+1}) \in [0, +\infty)^{k+1},$$

is S-chaotic.

**PROOF.** It is clear that any S-hypercyclic vector of  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^k}$  is likewise an S-hypercyclic vector of  $(S(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^{k+1}}$ . Since  $t_1 A_1 + \dots + t_{k+1} A_{k+1} = 0$ , we have  $\exp(t_1 A_1 + \dots + t_{k+1} A_{k+1})x = x$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{K}^n$ , which clearly implies that  $(S(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^{k+1}}$  is S-chaotic.

Therefore, if  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  is the minimal cardinality of a parameter for which there exists a  $k$ -parameter S-hypercyclic strongly continuous semigroup on  $\mathbb{K}^n$ , then the minimal cardinality of a parameter  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  for which there exists a  $j$ -parameter S-chaotic strongly continuous semigroup on  $\mathbb{K}^n$  can be  $k$  or  $k + 1$ . The following illustrative example indicates that we can have  $j = k$ :

**Example 2.1.** Suppose first that  $n = 1$ ,  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$ ,  $a_1 = 2 + i$  and  $a_2 = -1 - i$ . Let us consider now the strongly continuous semigroup  $(T(t_1, t_2))_{(t_1, t_2) \in [0, +\infty)^2} \subseteq L(\mathbb{C})$  given by

$$T(t_1, t_2)z := e^{a_1 t_1 + a_2 t_2} z, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}, \quad (t_1, t_2) \in [0, +\infty)^2.$$

Then every complex number  $z$  is a periodic point of  $(T(t_1, t_2))_{(t_1, t_2) \in [0, +\infty)^2}$  since

$$-2\pi i \mathbb{N} \subseteq D \equiv \{a_1 t_1 + a_2 t_2 : t_1 \geq 0, t_2 \geq 0\}.$$

Furthermore, it is simple to prove that the exponential function maps  $D$  onto  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ , which implies that every non-zero complex number  $z$  is a hypercyclic vector of  $(T(t_1, t_2))_{(t_1, t_2) \in [0, +\infty)^2}$ . Hence,  $(T(t_1, t_2))_{(t_1, t_2) \in [0, +\infty)^2}$  is chaotic.

Suppose now that  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$A_1 := \text{diag}(a_1, \dots, a_1) \in \mathbb{C}^{n,n} \quad \text{and} \quad A_2 := \text{diag}(a_2, \dots, a_2) \in \mathbb{C}^{n,n}.$$

Then any vector  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$  is a periodic point of the strongly continuous semigroup of operators  $(\exp(t_1 A_1 + t_2 A_2))_{(t_1, t_2) \in [0, +\infty)^2}$ , as easily approved.

In connection with Theorem 2.1, Theorem 2.5, Proposition 2.2 and Example 2.1, we would like to raise the following issues:

**Question 3.** Suppose that  $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$ . Does there exist a chaotic  $(n + 1)$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^{n+1}} \subseteq L(\mathbb{C}^n)$  consisting merely of diagonal matrices?

**Question 4.** Suppose that  $n = 2m \geq 2$  is an even number. Is it true that there exists a chaotic  $(m + 1)$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup

$$(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^{m+1}} \subseteq L(\mathbb{R}^n)?$$

**Question 5.** Suppose that  $S = \{\pm 1\}$  and  $n = 2m + 1 \geq 1$  is an odd number. Is it true that there exists an S-chaotic  $(m + 2)$ -parameter strongly continuous semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^{m+2}} \subseteq L(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ?

Concerning Question 3, we would like to make the following observation: Let the invertible complex matrices  $A, B_1, \dots, B_n$  be given as in the proof of [7, Theorem 3.4, p. 89, eq. (3)], with the number  $p$  replaced by the number  $n$  therein. Define

$D := \log(A)$  and  $D_i := \log(B_i)$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{N}_n$ . Then, by the proof of Theorem 2.1, we know that the strongly continuous semigroup

$$(\exp(t_1 D + t_2 D_1 + \cdots + t_{n+1} D_n))_{(t_1, \dots, t_{n+1}) \in [0, +\infty)^{n+1}}$$

is hypercyclic on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . Furthermore, a simple computation involving the definition of numbers  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  given in [7, eq. (2), p. 87] shows that any vector  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$  with all non-zero coordinates will be a periodic point of the above semigroup if the numbers  $x_1, \dots, x_{2n} \in (0, 1)^n$  determined by the property that the set

$$\left\{ \left( 10^s x_1 - k_1, 10^s x_2 + m_1, \dots, 10^s x_{2n-1} - k_n, 10^s x_{2n} + m_n \right) : \right. \\ \left. s, k_1, \dots, k_n \in \mathbb{N}; m_1, \dots, m_n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

is dense in  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$  can be chosen by requiring the extra assumption that  $x_2/x_j \in \mathbb{Q}$  for  $3 \leq j \leq 2n$ . If this can be done, then the semigroup

$$(\exp(t_1 D + t_2 D_1 + \cdots + t_{n+1} D_n))_{(t_1, \dots, t_{n+1}) \in [0, +\infty)^{n+1}}$$

will be chaotic on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

We continue with the following simple result:

**Proposition 2.3.** *Suppose that  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^k}$  is a strongly continuous semigroup on  $\mathbb{K}^n$ , where  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $A_1, \dots, A_k$  be mutually commuting  $\mathbb{K}$ -matrices of format  $n \times n$  and let  $T(t_1, \dots, t_k) = \exp(t_1 A_1 + \cdots + t_k A_k)$  for all  $(t_1, \dots, t_k) \in [0, +\infty)^k$ . If there exists a dense subset  $P$  of  $\mathbb{K}^n$  such that, for every  $x \in P$ , there exists a tuple  $(t_1, \dots, t_k) \in [0, +\infty)^k \setminus \{0\}$  such that  $(t_1 A_1 + \cdots + t_k A_k)x = 0$ , then the set of all periodic points of  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^k}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{K}^n$ .*

**PROOF.** If  $x \in P$ , then there exists a tuple  $(t_1, \dots, t_k) \in [0, +\infty)^k \setminus \{0\}$  such that  $(t_1 A_1 + \cdots + t_k A_k)x = x$ , so that  $\exp(t_1 A_1 + \cdots + t_k A_k)x = x$  and each point from  $P$  is a periodic point of  $(T(t))_{t \in [0, +\infty)^k}$ . This yields the required conclusion.

In the following theorem, we analyze the set of periodic points of multiparameter (semi-)groups of operators on the space  $E = \mathbb{R}^n$ :

**Theorem 2.7.** *If  $(T(t))_{t \in \mathbb{R}^k}$  is a  $k$ -parameter group of operators on the space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $k < n$ , then the set of all periodic points of  $(T(t))_{t \in \mathbb{R}^k}$  is equal to the whole space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be given. We will prove that  $x$  is a periodic point of  $(T(t))_{t \in \mathbb{R}^k}$ . Suppose that  $T(t_1, \dots, t_k) = \exp(t_1 A_1 + \cdots + t_k A_k)$ ,  $(t_1, \dots, t_k) \in \mathbb{R}^k$  for some real matrices  $A_1 = [a_{ij;1}]_{n \times n}, \dots, A_k = [a_{ij;k}]_{n \times n}$ . It suffices to show that there exists a vector  $(t_1, \dots, t_k) \in \mathbb{R}^k \setminus \{0\}$  such that

$(t_1 A_1 + \cdots + t_k A_k)x = 0$ . But, the last condition is equivalent with the system of linear equations

$$(S) : \begin{cases} (a_{11;1}x_1 + \cdots + a_{1n;1}x_n)t_1 + \cdots + (a_{11;k}x_1 + \cdots + a_{1n;k}x_n)t_k = 0, \\ \vdots \\ (a_{n1;1}x_1 + \cdots + a_{nn;1}x_n)t_1 + \cdots + (a_{n1;k}x_1 + \cdots + a_{nn;k}x_n)t_k = 0. \end{cases}$$

Since  $k < n$ , the system  $(S)$  always have a non-trivial solution in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , finishing the proof of theorem.

Keeping in mind Theorem 2.5 and Theorem 2.7, we immediately get the following result:

**Theorem 2.8.** (i) *For every even number  $n = 2m \geq 4$ , there exists a chaotic  $(m + 1)$ -parameter strongly continuous group  $(T(t))_{t \in \mathbb{R}^{m+1}} \subseteq L(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .*

(ii) *Suppose that  $S = \{\pm 1\}$ . Then for every odd number  $n = 2m + 1 \geq 5$ , there exists an  $S$ -chaotic  $(m + 2)$ -parameter strongly continuous group  $(T(t))_{t \in \mathbb{R}^{m+2}} \subseteq L(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .*

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