

# Graph-Directed Coalescence Hidden Variable Fractal Interpolation Functions

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## Abstract

Fractal interpolation function (FIF) is a special type of continuous function which interpolates certain data set and the attractor of the Iterated Function System (IFS) corresponding to a data set is the graph of the FIF. Coalescence Hidden-variable Fractal Interpolation Function (CHFIF) is both self-affine and non self-affine in nature depending on the free variables and constrained free variables for a generalized IFS. In this article, graph directed iterated function system for a finite number of generalized data sets is considered and it is shown that the projection of the attractors on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is the graph of the CHFIFs interpolating the corresponding data sets.

## Keywords

Iterated Function System, Graph-Directed Iterated Function System, Fractal Interpolation Functions, Coalescence Hidden Variable FIFs

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## 1. Introduction

The concept of fractal interpolation function (FIF) based on an iterated function system (IFS) as a fixed point of Hutchinson's operator is introduced by Barnsley [1] [2]. The attractor of the IFS is the graph of a fractal function interpolating certain data set. These FIFs are generally self-affine in nature. The idea has been extended to a generalized data set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that the projection of the graph of the corresponding FIF onto  $\mathbb{R}^2$  provides a non self-affine interpolation function namely Hidden variable FIFs for a given data set  $\{(x_n, y_n) : n = 0, 1, \dots, N\}$  [3]. Chand and Kapoor [4], introduced the concept of Coalescence Hidden Variable FIFs which are both self-affine and non self-affine for generalized IFS. The extra degree of freedom is useful to adjust the shape and fractal dimension of the interpolation functions. For Coalescence Hidden Variable Fractal Interpolation Surfaces one can see [5] [6]. In [7], Barnsley *et al.* proved existence of a differentiable FIF. The continuous but nowhere differentiable fractal function namely  $\alpha$ -fractal interpolation function  $f^\alpha$  is intro-

duced by Navascues as perturbation of a continuous function  $f$  on a compact interval  $I$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  [8]. Interested reader can see for the theory and application of  $\alpha$ -fractal interpolation function  $f^\alpha$  which has been extensively explored by Navascues [9]-[12].

In [13], Deniz *et al.* considered graph-directed iterated function system (GDIFS) for finite number of data sets and proved the existence of fractal functions interpolating corresponding data sets with graphs as the attractors of the GDIFS.

In the present work, generalized GDIFS for generalized interpolation data sets in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is considered. Corresponding to the data sets, it is shown that there exist CHFIFs whose graphs are the projections of the attractors of the GDIFS on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

### 2.1. Iterated Function System

Let  $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $(\mathcal{X}, d_{\mathcal{X}})$  be a complete metric space. Also assume,  $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{X}) = \{S \subset \mathcal{X}; S \neq \emptyset, S \text{ is compact in } \mathcal{X}\}$  with the Hausdorff metric  $d_{\mathcal{H}}(A, B)$  defined as  $d_{\mathcal{H}}(A, B) = \max\{d_{\mathcal{X}}(A, B), d_{\mathcal{X}}(B, A)\}$ , where  $d_{\mathcal{X}}(A, B) = \max_{x \in A} \min_{y \in B} d_{\mathcal{X}}(x, y)$  for any two sets  $A, B$  in  $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{X})$ . The completeness of the metric space  $(\mathcal{H}, d_{\mathcal{H}})$  imply that  $(\mathcal{H}, d_{\mathcal{H}})$  is complete. For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ , let  $w_i : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$  be continuous maps. Then  $\{\mathcal{X}; w_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, N\}$  is called an iterated function system (IFS). If the maps  $w_i$ 's are contractions, the set valued Hutchinson operator  $W : \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{X}) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{X})$  defined by  $W(B) = \bigcup_{i=1}^N w_i(B)$ , where  $w_i(B) := \{w_i(b) : b \in B\}$  is also contraction. The Banach fixed point theorem ensures that there exists a unique set  $G \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{X})$  such that  $G = W(G) = \bigcup_{i=1}^N w_i(G)$ . The set  $G$  is called the attractor associated with the IFS  $\{\mathcal{X}; w_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, N\}$ .

### 2.2. Fractal Interpolation Function

Let a set of interpolation points  $\{(x_i, y_i) \in I \times \mathbb{R} : i = 0, 1, \dots, N\}$  be given, where  $\Delta : x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_N$  is a partition of the closed interval  $I = [x_0, x_N]$  and  $y_i \in [g_1, g_2] \subset \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, N$ . Set  $I_i = [x_{i-1}, x_i]$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$  and  $K = I \times [g_1, g_2]$ . Let  $L_i : I \rightarrow I_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ , be contraction homeomorphisms such that

$$L_i(x_0) = x_{i-1}, \quad L_i(x_N) = x_i, \tag{1}$$

$$|L_i(c_1) - L_i(c_2)| \leq d |c_1 - c_2| \text{ for all } c_1 \text{ and } c_2 \text{ in } I,$$

for some  $0 \leq d < 1$ . Furthermore, let  $H_i : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$  be given continuous functions such that

$$H_i(x_0, y_0) = y_{i-1}, \quad H_i(x_N, y_N) = y_i, \tag{2}$$

$$|H_i(x, \xi_1) - H_i(x, \xi_2)| \leq |\alpha_i| |\xi_1 - \xi_2| \tag{3}$$

for all  $x \in I$  and for all  $\xi_1$  and  $\xi_2$  in  $[g_1, g_2]$ , for some  $\alpha_i \in (-1, 1)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ . Define mappings  $W_i : K \rightarrow I_i \times \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$  by

$$W_i(x, y) = (L_i(x), H_i(x, y)) \text{ for all } (x, y) \in K.$$

Then,

$$\{K; W_i(x, y) : i = 1, 2, \dots, N\}$$

constitutes an IFS. Barnsley [1] proved that the IFS  $K; W_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, N$  defined above has a unique attractor  $G$  where  $G$  is the graph of a continuous function  $\{f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$  which obeys  $f(x_i) = y_i$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, N$ . This function  $f$  is called a fractal interpolation function (FIF) or simply fractal function and it is the unique function satisfying the following fixed point equation

$$f(x) = H_i(L_i^{-1}(x), f(L_i^{-1}(x))) \text{ for all } x \in I_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, N.$$

The widely studied FIFs so far are defined by the iterated mappings

$$L_i(x) = a_i x + d_i, \quad H_i(x, y) = \alpha_i y + q_i(x), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N, \tag{4}$$

where the real constants  $a_i$  and  $d_i$  are determined by the condition (1) as

$$a_i = \frac{(x_i - x_{i-1})}{(x_N - x_0)} \quad \text{and} \quad d_i = \frac{(x_N x_{i-1} - x_0 x_i)}{(x_N - x_0)}$$

and  $q_i(x)$ 's are suitable continuous functions such that the conditions (2) and (3) hold. For each  $i$ ,  $\alpha_i$  is a free parameter with  $|\alpha_i| < 1$  and is called a vertical scaling factor of the transformation  $W_i$ . Then the vector  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_N)$  is called the scale vector of the IFS. If  $q_i(x)$  is taken as linear then the corresponding FIF is known as affine FIF (AFIF).

### 2.3. Coalescence FIF

To construct a Coalescence Hidden-variable Fractal Interpolation Function, a set of real parameters  $z_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$  are introduced and the generalized interpolation data  $\{(x_i, y_i, z_i) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : i = 0, 1, \dots, N\}$  is considered. Then define the maps  $w_i : I \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow I_i \times \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$  by

$$w_i(x, y, z) = (L_i(x), F_i(x, y, z))$$

where  $L_i : I \rightarrow I_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$  are given in (4) and the functions  $F_i : I \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $F_i(x, y, z) = (F_i^1(x, y, z), F_i^2(x, y, z)) = (\alpha_i y + \beta_i z + c_i x + d_i, \gamma_i z + e_i x + f_i)$  satisfy the join-up conditions

$$F_i(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (y_{i-1}, z_{i-1}) \quad \text{and} \quad F_i(x_N, y_N, z_N) = (y_i, z_i).$$

Here  $\alpha_i, \gamma_i$  are free variables with  $|\alpha_i| < 1$ ,  $|\gamma_i| < 1$  and  $\beta_i$  are constrained variables such that  $|\beta_i| + |\gamma_i| < 1$ . Then the generalized IFS

$$\{I \times \mathbb{R}^2; w_i(x, y, z) : i = 1, 2, \dots, N\}$$

has an attractor  $G$  such that  $G = \bigcup_{i=1}^N w_i(G) = \bigcup_{i=1}^N \{w_i(x, y, z) : (x, y, z) \in G\}$ . The attractor  $G$  is the graph of a vector valued function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $f(x_i) = (y_i, z_i)$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, N$  and  $G = \{(x, f(x)) : x \in I, f(x) = (y(x), z(x))\}$ . If  $f = (f_1, f_2)$ , then the projection of the attractor  $G$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is the graph of the function  $f_1$  which satisfies  $f_1(x_i) = y_i$  and is of the form

$$f_1(L_i(x)) = F_i^1(x, f_1(x), f_2(x)) = \alpha_i f_1(x) + \beta_i f_2(x) + c_i x + d_i, \quad x \in I$$

also known as CHFIF corresponding to the data  $\{(x_i, y_i) \in I \times \mathbb{R} : i = 0, 1, \dots, N\}$  [4].

### 2.4. Graph-Directed Iterated Function Systems

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a directed graph where  $V$  denote the set of vertices and  $E$  is the set of edges. For all  $u, v \in V$ , let  $E^{uv}$  denote the set of edges from  $u$  to  $v$  with elements  $e_i^{uv}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, K^{uv}$  where  $K^{uv}$  denotes the number of elements of  $E^{uv}$ . An iterated function system realizing the graph  $G$  is given by a collection of metric spaces  $(X^v, \rho^v)$ ,  $v \in V$  with contraction mappings  $w_i^{uv} : X^v \rightarrow X^u$  corresponding to the edge  $e_i^{uv}$  in the opposite direction of  $e_i^{uv}$ . An attractor (or invariant list) for such an iterated function system is a list of nonempty compact sets  $A^u \subset X^u$  such that for all  $u \in V$ ,

$$A^u = \bigcup_{v \in V} \bigcup_{i=1}^{K^{uv}} w_i^{uv}(A^v).$$

Then,  $(X^u; w_i^{uv})$  is the graph directed iterated function system (GDIFS) realizing the graph  $G$  [14] [15].

**Example 1.** An example of GDIFS may be seen in [13] [16].

## 3. Graph Directed Coalescence FIF

In this section, for a finite number of data sets, generalized graph-directed iterated function system (GDIFS) is defined so that projection of each attractor on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is the graph of a CHFIF which interpolates the corresponding data set and calls it as graph-directed coalescence hidden-variable fractal interpolation function (GDCHFIF). For simplicity, only two sets of data are considered. Let the two data sets be

$$D^1 = \{(x_0^1, y_0^1), (x_1^1, y_1^1), \dots, (x_N^1, y_N^1)\}$$

$$D^2 = \{(x_0^2, y_0^2), (x_1^2, y_1^2), \dots, (x_M^2, y_M^2)\}$$

where  $N, M \geq 2$  with

$$\frac{x_i^1 - x_{i-1}^1}{x_M^2 - x_0^2} < 1 \text{ and } \frac{x_j^2 - x_{j-1}^2}{x_N^1 - x_0^1} < 1 \tag{5}$$

for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, M$ . By introducing two sets of real parameters  $z_i^1, z_j^2$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, M$ , consider the two generalized data sets

$$D^1 = \{(x_0^1, y_0^1, z_0^1), (x_1^1, y_1^1, z_1^1), \dots, (x_N^1, y_N^1, z_N^1)\}$$

$$D^2 = \{(x_0^2, y_0^2, z_0^2), (x_1^2, y_1^2, z_1^2), \dots, (x_M^2, y_M^2, z_M^2)\}$$

corresponding to  $D^1$  and  $D^2$  respectively. Also consider the directed graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $V = \{1, 2\}$  such that

$$K^{11} + K^{12} = N \text{ and } K^{21} + K^{22} = M.$$

To construct a generalized GDIFS associated with the data  $D^r, (r = 1, 2)$  and realize the graph  $G$ , consider the functions  $w_n^{rs} : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  defined as

$$w_n^{rs}(x, y, z) = (I_n^{rs}(x), F_n^{rs}(x, y, z)), n = 1, 2, \dots, K^{rs} \tag{6}$$

such that

- $\begin{cases} w_n^{11}(x_0^1, y_0^1, z_0^1) = (x_{n-1}^1, y_{n-1}^1, z_{n-1}^1) \\ w_n^{11}(x_N^1, y_N^1, z_N^1) = (x_n^1, y_n^1, z_n^1) \end{cases}$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots, K^{11}$
- $\begin{cases} w_{n-K^{11}}^{12}(x_0^2, y_0^2, z_0^2) = (x_{n-1}^1, y_{n-1}^1, z_{n-1}^1) \\ w_{n-K^{11}}^{12}(x_M^2, y_M^2, z_M^2) = (x_n^1, y_n^1, z_n^1) \end{cases}$  for  $n = K^{11} + 1, \dots, K^{11} + K^{12} = N$
- $\begin{cases} w_n^{21}(x_0^1, y_0^1, z_0^1) = (x_{n-1}^2, y_{n-1}^2, z_{n-1}^2) \\ w_n^{21}(x_N^1, y_N^1, z_N^1) = (x_n^2, y_n^2, z_n^2) \end{cases}$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots, K^{21}$
- $\begin{cases} w_{n-K^{21}}^{22}(x_0^2, y_0^2, z_0^2) = (x_{n-1}^2, y_{n-1}^2, z_{n-1}^2) \\ w_{n-K^{21}}^{22}(x_M^2, y_M^2, z_M^2) = (x_n^2, y_n^2, z_n^2) \end{cases}$  for  $n = K^{21} + 1, \dots, K^{21} + K^{22} = M$

From each of the above conditions, the following can be derived respectively.

$$\begin{cases} a_n^{11}x_0^1 + b_n^{11} = x_{n-1}^1 \\ a_n^{11}x_N^1 + b_n^{11} = x_n^1 \\ c_n^{11}x_0^1 + \alpha_n^{11}y_0^1 + \beta_n^{11}z_0^1 + d_n^{11} = y_{n-1}^1 \\ c_n^{11}x_N^1 + \alpha_n^{11}y_N^1 + \beta_n^{11}z_N^1 + d_n^{11} = y_n^1 \\ e_n^{11}x_0^1 + \gamma_n^{11}z_0^1 + f_n^{11} = z_{n-1}^1 \\ e_n^{11}x_N^1 + \gamma_n^{11}z_N^1 + f_n^{11} = z_n^1 \end{cases} \text{ for } n = 1, 2, \dots, K^{11} \tag{7}$$

$$\begin{cases} a_{n-K^{11}}^{12}x_0^2 + b_{n-K^{11}}^{12} = x_{n-1}^1 \\ a_{n-K^{11}}^{12}x_M^2 + b_{n-K^{11}}^{12} = x_n^1 \\ c_{n-K^{11}}^{12}x_0^2 + \alpha_{n-K^{11}}^{12}y_0^2 + \beta_{n-K^{11}}^{12}z_0^2 + d_{n-K^{11}}^{12} = y_{n-1}^1 \\ c_{n-K^{11}}^{12}x_M^2 + \alpha_{n-K^{11}}^{12}y_M^2 + \beta_{n-K^{11}}^{12}z_M^2 + d_{n-K^{11}}^{12} = y_n^1 \\ e_{n-K^{11}}^{12}x_0^2 + \gamma_{n-K^{11}}^{12}z_0^2 + f_{n-K^{11}}^{12} = z_{n-1}^1 \\ e_{n-K^{11}}^{12}x_M^2 + \gamma_{n-K^{11}}^{12}z_M^2 + f_{n-K^{11}}^{12} = z_n^1 \end{cases} \text{ for } n = K^{11} + 1, \dots, N \tag{8}$$

$$\begin{cases} a_n^{21} x_0^1 + b_n^{21} = x_{n-1}^2 \\ a_n^{21} x_N^1 + b_n^{21} = x_n^2 \\ c_n^{21} x_0^1 + \alpha_n^{21} y_0^1 + \beta_n^{21} z_0^1 + d_n^{21} = y_{n-1}^2 \\ c_n^{21} x_N^1 + \alpha_n^{21} y_N^1 + \beta_n^{21} z_N^1 + d_n^{21} = y_n^2 \\ e_n^{21} x_0^1 + \gamma_n^{21} z_0^1 + f_n^{21} = z_{n-1}^2 \\ e_n^{21} x_N^1 + \gamma_n^{21} z_N^1 + f_n^{21} = z_n^2 \end{cases} \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots, K^{21} \quad (9)$$

$$\begin{cases} a_{n-K^{21}}^{22} x_0^2 + b_{n-K^{21}}^{22} = x_{n-1}^2 \\ a_{n-K^{21}}^{22} x_M^2 + b_{n-K^{21}}^{22} = x_n^2 \\ c_{n-K^{21}}^{22} x_0^2 + \alpha_{n-K^{21}}^{22} y_0^2 + \beta_{n-K^{21}}^{22} z_0^2 + d_{n-K^{21}}^{22} = y_{n-1}^2 \\ c_{n-K^{21}}^{22} x_M^2 + \alpha_{n-K^{21}}^{22} y_M^2 + \beta_{n-K^{21}}^{22} z_M^2 + d_{n-K^{21}}^{22} = y_n^2 \\ e_{n-K^{21}}^{22} x_0^2 + \gamma_{n-K^{21}}^{22} z_0^2 + f_{n-K^{21}}^{22} = z_{n-1}^2 \\ e_{n-K^{21}}^{22} x_M^2 + \gamma_{n-K^{21}}^{22} z_M^2 + f_{n-K^{21}}^{22} = z_n^2 \end{cases} \quad \text{for } n = K^{21} + 1, \dots, M. \quad (10)$$

From the linear system of Equations (7)-(10) the constants  $a_i^{rs}$ ,  $b_i^{rs}$ ,  $c_i^{rs}$ ,  $d_i^{rs}$ ,  $e_i^{rs}$  and  $f_i^{rs}$  for  $r, s \in \{1, 2\}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, K^{rs}$  are determined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} a_n^{11} &= \frac{x_n^1 - x_{n-1}^1}{x_N^1 - x_0^1} & a_n^{12} &= \frac{x_n^1 - x_{n-1}^1}{x_M^2 - x_0^2} \\ b_n^{11} &= \frac{x_N^1 x_{n-1}^1 - x_0^1 x_n^1}{x_N^1 - x_0^1} & b_n^{12} &= \frac{x_M^2 x_{n-1}^1 - x_0^2 x_n^1}{x_M^2 - x_0^2} \\ c_n^{11} &= \frac{y_n^1 - y_{n-1}^1 - \alpha_n^{11} (y_N^1 - y_0^1) - \beta_n^{11} (z_N^1 - z_0^1)}{x_N^1 - x_0^1} & c_n^{12} &= \frac{y_n^1 - y_{n-1}^1 - \alpha_n^{12} (y_M^2 - y_0^2) - \beta_n^{12} (z_M^2 - z_0^2)}{x_M^2 - x_0^2} \\ d_n^{11} &= \frac{x_N^1 y_{n-1}^1 - x_0^1 y_n^1 - \alpha_n^{11} (x_N^1 y_0^1 - x_0^1 y_N^1) - \beta_n^{11} (x_N^1 z_0^1 - x_0^1 z_N^1)}{x_N^1 - x_0^1} & d_n^{12} &= \frac{x_M^2 y_{n-1}^1 - x_0^2 y_n^1 - \alpha_n^{12} (x_M^2 y_0^2 - x_0^2 y_M^2) - \beta_n^{12} (x_M^2 z_0^2 - x_0^2 z_M^2)}{x_M^2 - x_0^2} \\ e_n^{11} &= \frac{z_n^1 - z_{n-1}^1 - \gamma_n^{11} (z_N^1 - z_0^1)}{x_N^1 - x_0^1} & e_n^{12} &= \frac{z_n^1 - z_{n-1}^1 - \gamma_n^{12} (z_M^2 - z_0^2)}{x_M^2 - x_0^2} \\ f_n^{11} &= \frac{x_N^1 z_{n-1}^1 - x_0^1 z_n^1 - \gamma_n^{11} (x_N^1 z_0^1 - x_0^1 z_N^1)}{x_N^1 - x_0^1} & f_n^{12} &= \frac{x_M^2 z_{n-1}^1 - x_0^2 z_n^1 - \gamma_n^{12} (x_M^2 z_0^2 - x_0^2 z_M^2)}{x_M^2 - x_0^2} \\ a_n^{21} &= \frac{x_n^2 - x_{n-1}^2}{x_N^1 - x_0^1} & a_n^{22} &= \frac{x_n^2 - x_{n-1}^2}{x_M^2 - x_0^2} \\ b_n^{21} &= \frac{x_N^1 x_{n-1}^2 - x_0^1 x_n^2}{x_N^1 - x_0^1} & b_n^{22} &= \frac{x_M^2 x_{n-1}^2 - x_0^2 x_n^2}{x_M^2 - x_0^2} \\ c_n^{21} &= \frac{y_n^2 - y_{n-1}^2 - \alpha_n^{21} (y_N^1 - y_0^1) - \beta_n^{21} (z_N^1 - z_0^1)}{x_N^1 - x_0^1} & c_n^{22} &= \frac{y_n^2 - y_{n-1}^2 - \alpha_n^{22} (y_M^2 - y_0^2) - \beta_n^{22} (z_M^2 - z_0^2)}{x_M^2 - x_0^2} \\ d_n^{21} &= \frac{x_N^1 y_{n-1}^2 - x_0^1 y_n^2 - \alpha_n^{21} (x_N^1 y_0^1 - x_0^1 y_N^1) - \beta_n^{21} (x_N^1 z_0^1 - x_0^1 z_N^1)}{x_N^1 - x_0^1} & d_n^{22} &= \frac{x_M^2 y_{n-1}^2 - x_0^2 y_n^2 - \alpha_n^{22} (x_M^2 y_0^2 - x_0^2 y_M^2) - \beta_n^{22} (x_M^2 z_0^2 - x_0^2 z_M^2)}{x_M^2 - x_0^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$e_n^{21} = \frac{z_n^2 - z_{n-1}^2 - \gamma_n^{21}(z_N^1 - z_0^1)}{x_N^1 - x_0^1} \qquad e_n^{22} = \frac{z_n^2 - z_{n-1}^2 - \gamma_n^{22}(z_M^2 - z_0^2)}{x_M^2 - x_0^2}$$

$$f_n^{21} = \frac{x_N^1 z_{n-1}^2 - x_0^1 z_n^2 - \gamma_n^{21}(x_N^1 z_0^1 - x_0^1 z_N^1)}{x_N^1 - x_0^1} \qquad f_n^{22} = \frac{x_M^2 z_{n-1}^2 - x_0^2 z_n^2 - \gamma_n^{22}(x_M^2 z_0^2 - x_0^2 z_M^2)}{x_M^2 - x_0^2}$$

The following theorem shows that each map  $w_n^{rs}$  is contraction with respect to metric equivalent to the Euclidean metric and ensures the existence of attractors of generalized GDIFS.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\{\mathbb{R}^3; w_n^{rs}, n = 1, 2, \dots, K^{rs}\}$  be the generalized GDIFS defined in (6) realizing the graph and associated with the data sets  $\mathcal{D}^r, (r = 1, 2)$  which satisfy (5). If  $|\alpha_n^{rs}| < 1, |\gamma_n^{rs}| < 1$  and  $\beta_n^{rs}$  are chosen such that  $|\beta_n^{rs}| + |\gamma_n^{rs}| < 1$  for all  $r, s \in \{1, 2\}$  and  $n = 1, 2, \dots, K^{rs}$ . Then there exists a metric  $\delta$  on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  equivalent to the Euclidean metric such that the GDIFS is hyperbolic with respect to  $\delta$ . In particular, there exist non empty compact sets  $G^r$  such that

$$G^r = \bigcup_{s=1}^2 \bigcup_{n=1}^{K^{rs}} w_n^{rs}(G^s).$$

*Proof.* Proof follows in the similar lines of Theorem 2.1.1 of [17] and using the above condition (5). □

Following is the main result regarding existence of coalescence Hidden-variable FIFs for generalized GDIFS.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $G^r, r \in V$  be the attractors of the generalized GDIFS as in Theorem 2. Then  $G^r, r \in V$  is the graph of a vector valued continuous function  $f^r : I^r \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  such that for  $r \in V, f^r(x_n^r) = (y_n^r, z_n^r)$  for all  $n = 1, 2, \dots, N^r$ . If  $f^r = (f_1^r, f_2^r)$  then the projection of the attractors  $G^r, r \in V$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is the graph of the continuous function  $f_1^r : I^r \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  known as CHFIF such that for  $r \in V, f_1^r(x_n^r) = (y_n^r)$ . That is  $G^r|_{\mathbb{R}^2} = \{(x, f_1^r(x)) : x \in I^r\}$ .

*Proof.* Consider the vector valued function spaces

$$\mathcal{F} = \left\{ f : [x_0^1, x_N^1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ continuous such that } f(x_0^1) = (y_0^1, z_0^1), f(x_N^1) = (y_N^1, z_N^1) \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \left\{ h : [x_0^2, x_M^2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ continuous such that } h(x_0^2) = (y_0^2, z_0^2), h(x_M^2) = (y_M^2, z_M^2) \right\}$$

with metrics

$$d_{\mathcal{F}}(f_1, f_2) = \sup_{x \in [x_0^1, x_N^1]} \|f_1(x) - f_2(x)\|$$

$$d_{\mathcal{H}}(h_1, h_2) = \sup_{x \in [x_0^2, x_M^2]} \|h_1(x) - h_2(x)\|$$

respectively, where  $\|\cdot\|$  denotes a norm on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Since  $(\mathcal{F}, d_{\mathcal{F}})$  and  $(\mathcal{H}, d_{\mathcal{H}})$  are complete metric spaces,  $(\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{H}, d)$  is also a complete metric space where

$$d((f_1, h_1), (f_2, h_2)) = \max\{d_{\mathcal{F}}(f_1, f_2), d_{\mathcal{H}}(h_1, h_2)\}.$$

Following are the affine maps,

$$I_n : [x_0^1, x_N^1] \rightarrow [x_{n-1}^1, x_n^1], I_n(x) = a_n^{11}x + b_n^{11} \text{ for } n = 1, 2, \dots, K^{11}$$

$$I_n : [x_0^2, x_M^2] \rightarrow [x_{n-1}^2, x_n^2],$$

$$I_n(x) = a_{n-K^{11}}^{12}x + b_{n-K^{11}}^{12} \text{ for } n = K^{11} + 1, \dots, N$$

$$J_n : [x_0^1, x_N^1] \rightarrow [x_{n-1}^2, x_n^2], J_n(x) = a_n^{21}x + b_n^{21} \text{ for } n = 1, 2, \dots, K^{21}$$

$$J_n : [x_0^2, x_M^2] \rightarrow [x_{n-1}^1, x_n^1],$$

$$J_n(x) = a_{n-K^{21}}^{22}x + b_{n-K^{21}}^{22} \text{ for } n = K^{21} + 1, \dots, M.$$

Now define the mapping

$$T : \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{H}$$

$$T(f, h)(x, y) = (\tilde{f}(x), \tilde{h}(y))$$

where for  $x \in [x_{n-1}^1, x_n^1]$ ,

$$\tilde{f}(x) = \begin{cases} \left( c_n^{11} I_n^{-1}(x) + \alpha_n^{11} y_f^1(I_n^{-1}(x)) + \beta_n^{11} z_f^1(I_n^{-1}(x)) + d_n^{11}, \right. \\ \quad \left. \gamma_n^{11} z_f^1(I_n^{-1}(x)) + e_n^{11} I_n^{-1}(x) + f_n^{11} \right) & \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots, K^{11} \\ \left( c_{n-K^{11}}^{12} I_n^{-1}(x) + \alpha_{n-K^{11}}^{12} y_h^2(I_n^{-1}(x)) + \beta_{n-K^{11}}^{12} z_h^2(I_n^{-1}(x)) + d_{n-K^{11}}^{12}, \right. \\ \quad \left. \gamma_{n-K^{11}}^{12} z_h^2(I_n^{-1}(x)) + e_{n-K^{11}}^{12} I_n^{-1}(x) + f_{n-K^{11}}^{12} \right) & \text{for } n = K^{11} + 1, \dots, N \end{cases}$$

and for  $x \in [x_{m-1}^2, x_m^2]$ ,

$$\tilde{h}(x) = \begin{cases} \left( c_m^{21} J_m^{-1}(x) + \alpha_m^{21} y_f^1(J_m^{-1}(x)) + \beta_m^{21} z_f^1(J_m^{-1}(x)) + d_m^{21}, \right. \\ \quad \left. \gamma_m^{21} z_f^1(J_m^{-1}(x)) + e_m^{21} J_m^{-1}(x) + f_m^{21} \right) & \text{for } m = 1, \dots, K^{21} \\ \left( c_{m-K^{21}}^{22} J_m^{-1}(x) + \alpha_{m-K^{21}}^{22} y_h^2(J_m^{-1}(x)) + \beta_{m-K^{21}}^{22} z_h^2(J_m^{-1}(x)) + d_{m-K^{21}}^{22}, \right. \\ \quad \left. \gamma_{m-K^{21}}^{22} z_h^2(J_m^{-1}(x)) + e_{m-K^{21}}^{22} J_m^{-1}(x) + f_{m-K^{21}}^{22} \right) & \text{for } m = K^{21} + 1, \dots, M. \end{cases}$$

Now using Equations (7)-(10) it is clear that,

$$\tilde{f}(x_0^1) = F_1^{11} \left( I_n^{-1}(x), y_f^1(I_n^{-1}(x)), z_f^1(I_n^{-1}(x)) \right) = (y_0^1, z_0^1)$$

$$\tilde{f}(x_N^1) = F_N^{12} \left( I_n^{-1}(x), y_h^2(I_n^{-1}(x)), z_h^2(I_n^{-1}(x)) \right) = (y_N^1, z_N^1).$$

Similarly,  $\tilde{h}(x_0^2) = (y_0^2, z_0^2)$ ,  $\tilde{h}(x_M^2) = (y_M^2, z_M^2)$ . It proves that  $T$  maps  $\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{H}$  into itself. Since for each  $n = 1, 2, \dots, N$ ,  $I_n^{-1}(x)$  is continuous and therefore,  $\tilde{f}$  is continuous on each subintervals  $[x_{n-1}^1, x_n^1]$ .

For  $n = 1, 2, \dots, K^{11}$ , using (7) it follows that  $\tilde{f}(x_n^{1-}) = \tilde{f}(x_n^{1+}) = (y_n^1, z_n^1)$ .

For  $n = K^{11} + 1, \dots, N - 1$ , using (8) it follows that  $\tilde{f}(x_n^{1-}) = \tilde{f}(x_n^{1+}) = (y_n^1, z_n^1)$ .

For  $n = K^{11}$ , using (7) and (8) it follows that  $\tilde{f}(x_n^{1-}) = \tilde{f}(x_n^{1+}) = (y_n^1, z_n^1)$  since  $I_n^{-1}(x_n^1) = x_N^1$  and  $I_{n+1}^{-1}(x_n^1) = x_0^2$ .

Hence  $\tilde{f}$  is continuous on  $I$ . Similarly it can be shown that  $\tilde{h}$  is continuous on  $J$ . Consequently  $T$  is continuous.

To show that  $T$  is a contraction map on  $\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{H}$ , let  $T(f_1, f_2) = (\tilde{f}_1, \tilde{f}_2)$  and  $T(h_1, h_2) = (\tilde{h}_1, \tilde{h}_2)$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{x \in [x_0^1, x_{K^{11}}^1]} \left\{ \left\| \tilde{f}_1(x) - \tilde{f}_2(x) \right\| \right\} \\ &= \max_{\substack{n=1, 2, \dots, K^{11} \\ x \in [x_{n-1}^1, x_n^1]}} \left\{ \left\| \alpha_n^{11} \left( y_{f_1}^1(I_n^{-1}(x)) - y_{f_2}^1(I_n^{-1}(x)) \right) \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + \beta_n^{11} \left( z_{f_1}^1(I_n^{-1}(x)) - z_{f_2}^1(I_n^{-1}(x)) \right), \gamma_n^{11} \left( z_{f_1}^1(I_n^{-1}(x)) - z_{f_2}^1(I_n^{-1}(x)) \right) \right\| \right\} \\ &\leq \delta^{11} \max_{\substack{n=1, 2, \dots, K^{11} \\ x \in [x_{n-1}^1, x_n^1]}} \left\{ y_{f_1}^1(I_n^{-1}(x)) - y_{f_2}^1(I_n^{-1}(x)) + z_{f_1}^1(I_n^{-1}(x)) - z_{f_2}^1(I_n^{-1}(x)) \right\}, \\ & \quad z_{f_1}^1(I_n^{-1}(x)) - z_{f_2}^1(I_n^{-1}(x)) \left\} \\ &\leq \delta^{11} d_{\mathcal{F}}(f_1, f_2), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sup_{x \in [x_{K^{11}}^1, x_N^1]} \left\{ \left\| \tilde{f}_1(x) - \tilde{f}_2(x) \right\| \right\} \\
 &= \max_{\substack{n=K^{11}+1, \dots, N \\ x \in [x_{n-1}^1, x_n^1]}} \left\{ \left\| \alpha_{n-K^{11}}^{12} (y_{h_1}^2(I_n^{-1}(x)) - y_{h_2}^2(I_n^{-1}(x))) \right. \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \left. + \beta_{n-K^{11}}^{12} (z_{h_1}^2(I_n^{-1}(x)) - z_{h_2}^2(I_n^{-1}(x))), \gamma_{n-K^{11}}^{12} (z_{h_1}^2(I_n^{-1}(x)) - z_{h_2}^2(I_n^{-1}(x))) \right\| \right\} \\
 & \leq \delta^{12} \max_{\substack{n=K^{11}+1, \dots, N \\ x \in [x_{n-1}^1, x_n^1]}} \left\{ y_{h_1}^2(I_n^{-1}(x)) - y_{h_2}^2(I_n^{-1}(x)) + z_{h_1}^2(I_n^{-1}(x)) - z_{h_2}^2(I_n^{-1}(x)), \right. \\
 & \quad \left. z_{h_1}^2(I_n^{-1}(x)) - z_{h_2}^2(I_n^{-1}(x)) \right\} \\
 & \leq \delta^{12} d_{\mathcal{H}}(h_1, h_2),
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\delta^{11} = \max_{n=1,2,\dots,K^{11}} \left\{ |\alpha_n^{11}|, |\beta_n^{11}|, |\gamma_n^{11}| \right\} < 1$  and  $\delta^{12} = \max_{n=K^{11}+1,\dots,N} \left\{ |\alpha_n^{12}|, |\beta_n^{12}|, |\gamma_n^{12}| \right\} < 1$ . Therefore

$$d_{\mathcal{F}}(\tilde{f}_1, \tilde{f}_2) \leq \max\{\delta^{11}, \delta^{12}\} \max\{d_{\mathcal{F}}(f_1, f_2), d_{\mathcal{H}}(h_1, h_2)\}.$$

Similarly, it follows that

$$d_{\mathcal{H}}(\tilde{h}_1, \tilde{h}_2) \leq \max\{\delta^{21}, \delta^{22}\} \max\{d_{\mathcal{F}}(f_1, f_2), d_{\mathcal{H}}(h_1, h_2)\},$$

where  $\delta^{21} = \max_{n=1,2,\dots,K^{21}} \left\{ |\alpha_n^{21}|, |\beta_n^{21}|, |\gamma_n^{21}| \right\} < 1$  and  $\delta^{22} = \max_{n=K^{21}+1,\dots,M} \left\{ |\alpha_n^{22}|, |\beta_n^{22}|, |\gamma_n^{22}| \right\} < 1$ . Then

$$d(T(f_1, h_1), T(f_2, h_2)) = \max\{d_{\mathcal{F}}(\tilde{f}_1, \tilde{f}_2), d_{\mathcal{H}}(\tilde{h}_1, \tilde{h}_2)\} \leq \delta \max\{d_{\mathcal{F}}(f_1, f_2), d_{\mathcal{H}}(h_1, h_2)\}$$

where  $\delta = \max\{\delta^{11}, \delta^{12}, \delta^{21}, \delta^{22}\} < 1$  and hence  $T$  is a contraction mapping. By Banach fixed point theorem,  $T$  possesses a unique fixed point, say  $(f_0, h_0)$ .

Now, for  $n = 1, 2, \dots, K^{11}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_0(x_n^1) &= (c_{n+1}^{11} I_{n+1}^{-1}(x_n^1) + \alpha_{n+1}^{11} y_{f_0}^1(I_{n+1}^{-1}(x_n^1)) + \beta_{n+1}^{11} z_{f_0}^1(I_{n+1}^{-1}(x_n^1)) + d_{n+1}^{11}, \\
 & \quad \gamma_{n+1}^{11} z_{f_0}^1(I_{n+1}^{-1}(x_n^1)) + e_{n+1}^{11} I_{n+1}^{-1}(x_n^1) + f_{n+1}^{11}) = (y_n^1, z_n^1).
 \end{aligned}$$

For  $n = K^{11} + 1, \dots, N - 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_0(x_n^1) &= (c_{n+1-K^{11}}^{12} I_{n+1}^{-1}(x_n^1) + \alpha_{n+1-K^{11}}^{12} y_{h_0}^2(I_{n+1}^{-1}(x_n^1)) + \beta_{n+1-K^{11}}^{12} z_{h_0}^2(I_{n+1}^{-1}(x_n^1)) + d_{n+1-K^{11}}^{12}, \\
 & \quad \gamma_{n+1-K^{11}}^{12} z_{h_0}^2(I_{n+1}^{-1}(x_n^1)) + e_{n+1-K^{11}}^{12} I_{n+1}^{-1}(x_n^1) + f_{n+1-K^{11}}^{12}) = (y_n^1, z_n^1)
 \end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $f_0$  is the function which interpolates the data  $\{(x_n^1, y_n^1, z_n^1) : n = 0, 1, \dots, N\}$ . Similarly, it can be shown that  $g_0$  is the function which interpolates the data  $\{(x_n^2, y_n^2, z_n^2) : n = 0, 1, \dots, M\}$ . For  $x \in [x_0^1, x_N^1]$

and  $x \in [x_0^2, x_M^2]$ ,

$$f_0(I_n(x)) = (c_n^{11} x + \alpha_n^{11} y_{f_0}^1(x) + \beta_n^{11} z_{f_0}^1(x) + d_n^{11}, \gamma_n^{11} z_{f_0}^1(x) + e_n^{11} x + f_n^{11}) \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots, K^{11}$$

$$f_0(I_n(x)) = (c_n^{12} x + \alpha_n^{12} y_{h_0}^2(x) + \beta_n^{12} z_{h_0}^2(x) + d_n^{12}, \gamma_n^{12} z_{h_0}^2(x) + e_n^{12} x + f_n^{12}) \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots, K^{12}$$

and

$$h_0(J_n(x)) = (c_n^{21} x + \alpha_n^{21} y_{f_0}^1(x) + \beta_n^{21} z_{f_0}^1(x) + d_n^{21}, \gamma_n^{21} z_{f_0}^1(x) + e_n^{21} x + f_n^{21}) \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots, K^{21}$$

$$h_0(J_n(x)) = (c_n^{22} x + \alpha_n^{22} y_{h_0}^2(x) + \beta_n^{22} z_{h_0}^2(x) + d_n^{22}, \gamma_n^{22} z_{h_0}^2(x) + e_n^{22} x + f_n^{22}) \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots, K^{22}.$$

If  $F$  and  $H$  are the graphs of  $f_0$  and  $h_0$  respectively, then

$$F = \bigcup_{i=1}^{K^{11}} w_i^{11}(F) \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^{K^{12}} w_i^{12}(H)$$

$$H = \bigcup_{i=1}^{K^{21}} w_i^{21}(F) \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^{K^{22}} w_i^{22}(H).$$

The uniqueness of the attractor implies that  $F = G^1$  and  $H = G^2$ . That is  $G^1 = \{(x, f_0(x)) : x \in I\}$  and  $G^2 = \{(x, h_0(x)) : x \in J\}$ . Denoting  $f_0 = (f_1^1, f_2^1)$  and  $h_0 = (f_1^2, f_2^2)$ , result follows.  $\square$

**Example 4.** Consider the data sets as

$$D^1 = \{(0,5), (1,4), (2,1), (3,1), (4,4), (5,5)\}$$

$$D^2 = \{(0,1), (1,2), (2,3), (3,2), (4,1)\}$$

realizing the graph with  $K^{11} = 3, K^{12} = 2, K^{21} = 1, K^{22} = 3$  as in **Figure 1**. Take the first set of generalized data

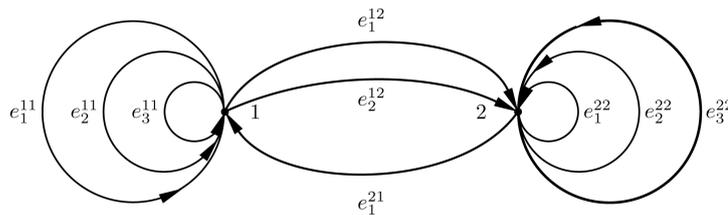
$$\mathcal{D}^1 = \{(0,5,5), (1,4,4), (2,1,1), (3,1,1), (4,4,4), (5,5,5)\}$$

and

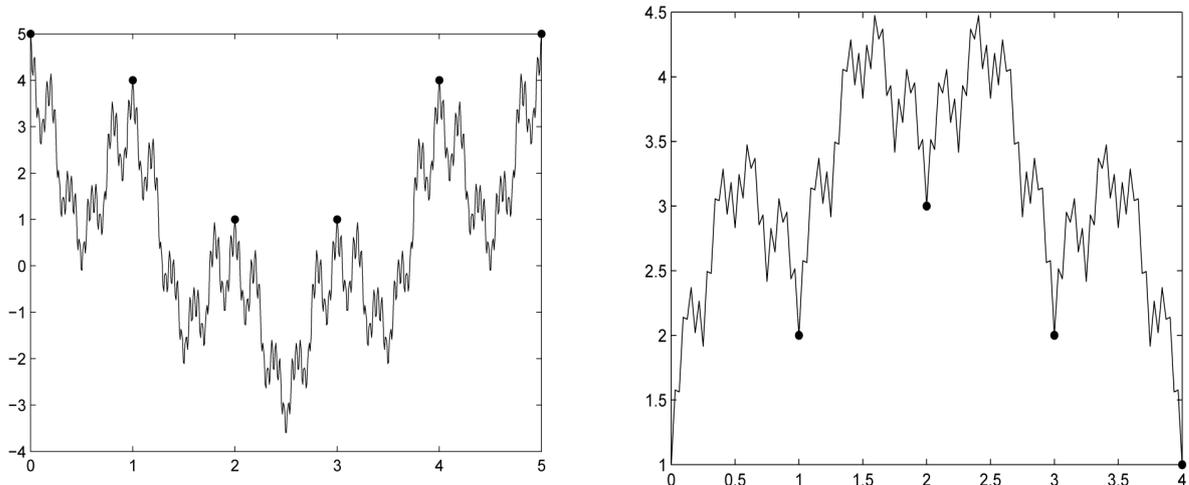
$$\mathcal{D}^2 = \{(0,1,1), (1,2,2), (2,3,3), (3,2,2), (4,1,1)\}$$

corresponding to  $D^1$  and  $D^2$  respectively. Here  $y_n = z_n$  for both the generalized data sets. Choose  $\alpha_n^{rs} = 1/3, \beta_n^{rs} = 1/3, \gamma_n^{rs} = 1/3$  for all  $r, s \in \{1, 2\}$  and  $n = 1, 2, \dots, K^{rs}$ . Then **Figure 2** is the attractors of the corresponding generalized GDIFS.

Keeping the free variables and constrained variables same, **Figure 3** is the attractors of the generalized GDIFS associated with the second set of generalized data



**Figure 1.** Directed graph for Example 4.



**Figure 2.** Attractors for the first set of generalized data.

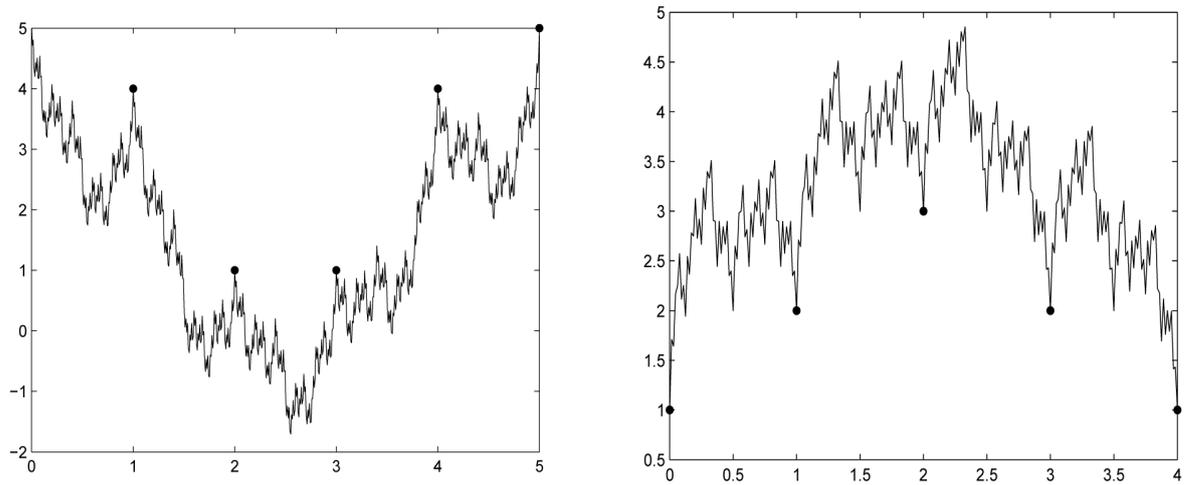


Figure 3. Attractors for the second set of generalized data.

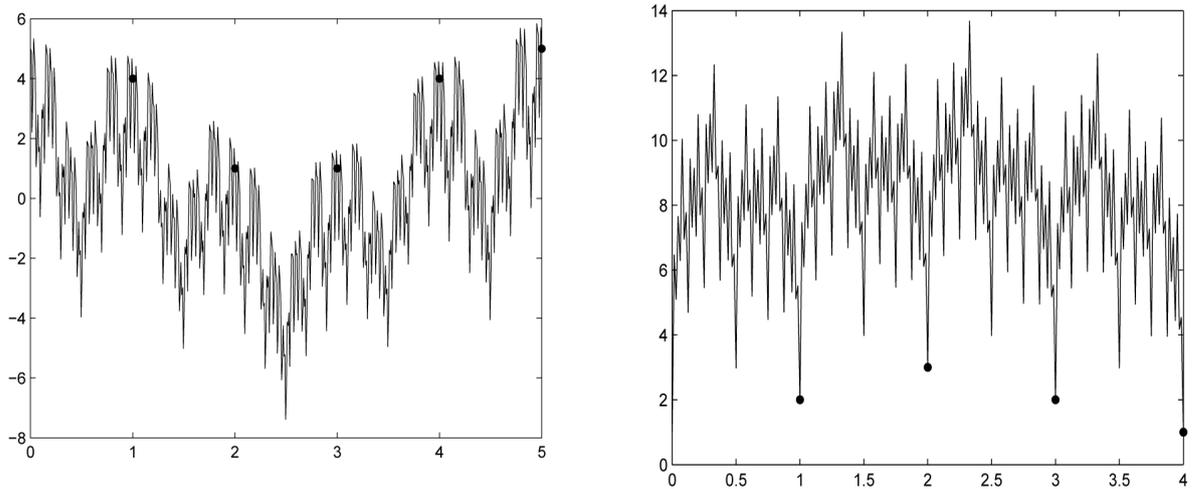


Figure 4. Attractors for the third set of generalized data.

Table 1. The generalized GDIFS with the free variables and constraints variables.

$\alpha$	$\alpha_1^{11}$	$\alpha_2^{11}$	$\alpha_3^{11}$	$\alpha_1^{12}$	$\alpha_2^{12}$	$\alpha_1^{21}$	$\alpha_1^{22}$	$\alpha_2^{22}$	$\alpha_3^{22}$
	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99
$\beta$	$\beta_1^{11}$	$\beta_2^{11}$	$\beta_3^{11}$	$\beta_1^{12}$	$\beta_2^{12}$	$\beta_1^{21}$	$\beta_1^{22}$	$\beta_2^{22}$	$\beta_3^{22}$
	-0.3	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99
$\gamma$	$\gamma_1^{11}$	$\gamma_2^{11}$	$\gamma_3^{11}$	$\gamma_1^{12}$	$\gamma_2^{12}$	$\gamma_1^{21}$	$\gamma_1^{22}$	$\gamma_2^{22}$	$\gamma_3^{22}$
	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005

$$\mathcal{D}^1 = \{(0, 5, 3), (1, 4, 2), (2, 1, 5), (3, 1, 2), (4, 4, 1), (5, 5, 4)\}$$

$$\mathcal{D}^2 = \{(0, 1, 2), (1, 2, 5), (2, 3, 1), (3, 2, 3), (4, 1, 1)\}.$$

Take the third set of generalized data

$$\mathcal{D}^1 = \{(0, 5, 3), (1, 4, 2), (2, 1, 5), (3, 1, 2), (4, 4, 1), (5, 5, 4)\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{D}^2 = \{(0,1,2), (1,5,5), (2,3,1), (3,2,3), (4,4,1)\}$$

corresponding to  $D^1$  and  $D^2$  respectively. For the generalized GDIFS with the free variables and constraints variables given in following **Table 1**, the attractors are given in **Figure 4**.

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