

# Topological sequence entropy and topological dynamics of tree maps

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- A non empty subset  $A$  of  $X$  is called *invariant* (resp. *strongly invariant*) if  $f(A) \subset A$  (resp.  $f(A) = A$ ).

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- We denote by  $P(f)$  and  $\Omega(f)$ , the sets of periodic points, almost periodic points, recurrent points and the non-wandering points of  $f$ . We denote by  $\Lambda(f) := \bigcup_{x \in X} \omega_f(x)$ .

- For  $\epsilon > 0$ , an  $\epsilon$ -chain from  $x$  to  $y$  under  $f$  is a finite sequence  $(x_i)_{0 \leq i \leq n}$  such that  $x_0 = x$  and  $x_n = y$  and  $d(f(x_{i-1}), x_i) < \epsilon$  for any  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . We denote by  $CR(x, f)$  the set of points of  $X$  for which for any  $\epsilon > 0$  there exist an  $\epsilon$ -chain under  $f$  from  $x$  to  $y$ .
- A point  $x \in X$  is *chain recurrent* if  $x \in CR(x, f)$ . We denote by  $CR(f)$  the set of chain recurrent points.
- We have the following inclusion, which are strict in general :

$$P(f) \subset \Lambda(f) \subset \Omega(f) \subset CR(f)$$

# Example

- Let  $f$  be the identity map of  $[0, 1]$  and  $(x_n)_{n \geq 0}$  a sequence of  $[-1, 1]$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} x_n = 0$ , and for some arrangement of the index of  $(x_n)_{n \geq 0}$   $(y_n = \sum_{k=0}^n x_k)_{n \geq 0}$  is a dense sequence of  $[0, 1]$ .
- For any  $\epsilon > 0$  and for  $n$  large enough, we can find an  $\epsilon$ -chain from 0 to 1 under  $f$ .
  - Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $|y_{k+1} - y_k| < \epsilon$ , for any  $k \geq n$  and  $|y_n| < \epsilon$ , since  $(y_k)_{k \geq 0}$  is a dense sequence of  $[0, 1]$ , we can find  $m > n$  so that  $|y_m - 1| \leq \epsilon$ .
  - The set  $\{0, y_n, y_{n+1}, \dots, y_m, 1\}$   $\epsilon$ -chain from 0 to 1 under  $f$ .
  - Although the dynamics of  $f$  is trivial, we can find (In the same manner as 0 and 1) an  $\epsilon$ -chain from  $x$  to  $y$  under  $f$ , for any  $x, y \in [0, 1]$ .

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- Let  $A = (a_i)_{i \geq 0}$  be an increasing sequence of integers and  $\mathcal{U}$  an open cover of  $X$ . The **sequence topological entropy** of  $T$  with respect to  $A$  and  $\mathcal{U}$  is defined as :

$$h_A(T, \mathcal{U}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \ln \left( N \left( \bigvee_{0 \leq i \leq n-1} T^{-a_i}(\mathcal{U}) \right) \right).$$

- The **topological sequence entropy** of  $T$  with respect to  $A$  is :

$$h_A(T) = \sup \{ h_A(T, \mathcal{U}) \mid \mathcal{U} \text{ open cover of } X \}.$$

- The **topological sequence entropy** of  $T$  is :

$$h_\infty(T) = \sup \{ h_A(T) \mid A \text{ increasing sequence of positive integers} \}.$$

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- Note that if  $A$  is the sequence of non-negative integers, then  $h_A(T) = h(T)$ , where  $h(T)$  is the **the topological entropy** of  $T$ .
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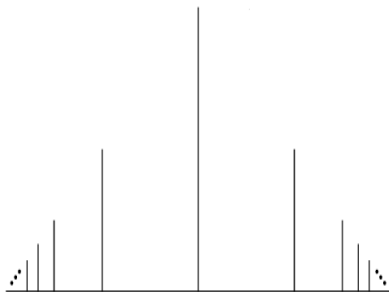


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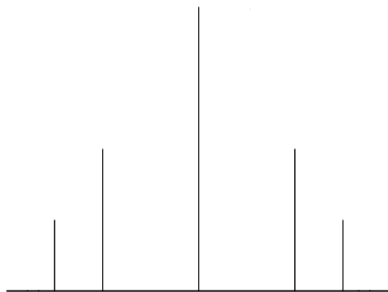
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- Observe that  $h(T) \leq h_\infty(T)$  and this equality can be strict in general.

# Tree and Dendrite

- A *continuum* is a compact connected metric space.
- An *arc*  $I$  (resp. a *circle*) is any space homeomorphic to the compact interval  $[0, 1]$  (resp. to the unit circle  $\mathbb{S}^1 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$ ).
- A *tree*  $T$  is a continuum which can be written as the union of finitely many arcs such that any two arcs are either disjoint or intersect only in one or both of their endpoints. Moreover  $T$  does not contains any circle.
- A *dendrite* is a locally connected continuum which contains no simple closed curve.
- Note that each arc is a tree and any tree is a dendrite.



Dendrite



Tree

Figure – Example of a tree and a dendrite

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We generalise Theorem 1 for the case of tree and we have :

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- The proof is based on the following 4 results :

Let  $f$  be a tree map with zero topological entropy, we have the following :

- For any  $x \in CR(f) \setminus P(f)$  the set  $\omega_f(x)$  is infinite. (T. Sun, M. Xie and J. Zhao (2006))
- For any  $x \in X$ , we can find a decreasing sequence (with respect to the inclusion) of periodic arcs  $(J_n)_{n \geq 0}$  with period  $m_n$  such that  $\omega_f(x) \subset J_n \cup f(J_n) \cup \dots \cup f^{m_n-1}(J_n)$ . (A.Ghassen (2015) )

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- Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a tree map such that  $h(f) = 0$ .

Let  $x \in CR(f) \setminus P(f)$  and let  $J$  be a periodic arc (with period  $m$ ) such that  $\omega_f(x) \subset J \cup f(J) \cup \dots \cup f^m(J)$ . Then, the following statements hold :

- $x \in J \cup f(J) \cup \dots \cup f^m(J)$ .
  - For any  $n \geq 0$ ,  $f^{-n}(x) \cap CR(f) \subset J \cup f(J) \cup \dots \cup f^m(J)$ .
- Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a tree map and let  $g = f|_{CR(f)}$  be the restriction of  $f$  on  $CR(f)$ .

$h(f) = 0 \Leftrightarrow (CR(f), g)$  is equicontinuous at any periodic point.

- A dynamical system  $(X, f)$  is said to be equicontinuous at a point  $x \in X$  if the set of maps  $F = \{f^n, n \geq 0\}$  is equicontinuous at  $x$ .
- With this 4 results we will prove The main Theorem.

### Section 3

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To conclude, we will give an example of a map  $f$  on a dendrite  $X$  such that  $h(f) = 0$ ,  $\Omega(f) = P(f)$  and  $h_\infty(f|_{\Omega(f)}) > 0$  (in particular  $h_\infty(f|_{CR(f)}) > 0$ ). The idea is to consider a pointwise periodic homeomorphism  $g$  on a given compact set  $Y$  such that  $h_\infty(g) > 0$  and then extend the homeomorphism to a continuous self-map on the whole dendrite.

## counter example in the case of dendrite

Let  $I = [0, 1] \times \{0\}$ . For  $n \geq 1$ , let

$$Y_n := \left\{ \left( x_{i,n}, \frac{1}{n} \right), \left( x_{i,n}, \frac{-1}{n} \right) : i \in \{1, 2, \dots, 2^{n-1}\} \right\},$$

where  $x_{i,n} := \frac{2i-1}{2^n}$  for  $n \geq 1$  and  $1 \leq i \leq 2^{n-1}$ . Observe that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} Y_n = I$$

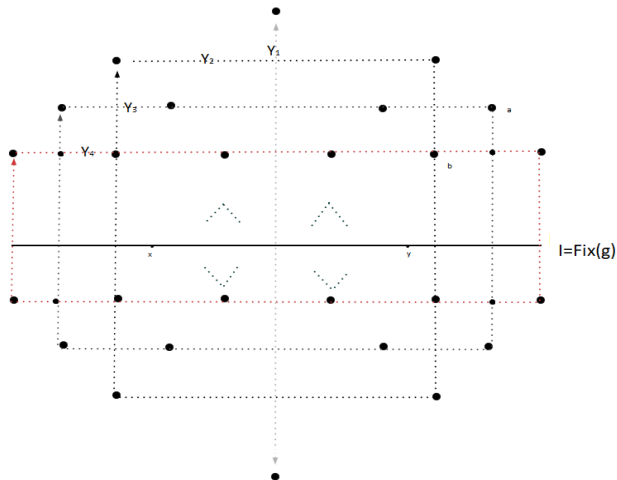
and  $d(x_{i,n}, x_{i+1,n}) \leq \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 2^{n-1} - 1$ .

# counter example in the case of dendrite, the system $(Y, g)$

Let  $Y := I \cup \left(\bigcup_{n \geq 1} Y_n\right)$ , which clearly is a compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . We define  $g : Y \rightarrow Y$  by

- (i)  $g(y) = y$ , if  $y \in I$ .
- (ii) For any  $n \geq 1$  the subset  $Y_n$  is a periodic orbit such that :
  - $g((x_{i,n}, \frac{1}{n})) = (x_{i+1,n}, \frac{1}{n})$  if  $1 \leq i \leq 2^{n-1} - 1$ .
  - $g((x_{2^{n-1},n}, \frac{1}{n})) = (x_{2^{n-1},n}, \frac{-1}{n})$ .
  - $g((x_{i,n}, \frac{-1}{n})) = (x_{i-1,n}, \frac{-1}{n})$  if  $2 \leq i \leq 2^{n-1}$ .
  - $g((x_{1,n}, \frac{-1}{n})) = (x_{1,n}, \frac{1}{n})$ .
- $g$  is a pointwise periodic homeomorphism (i.e  $P(f) = Y$ )

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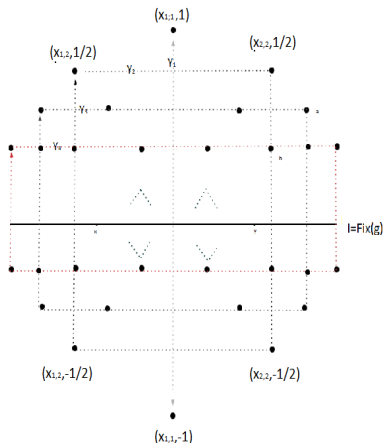
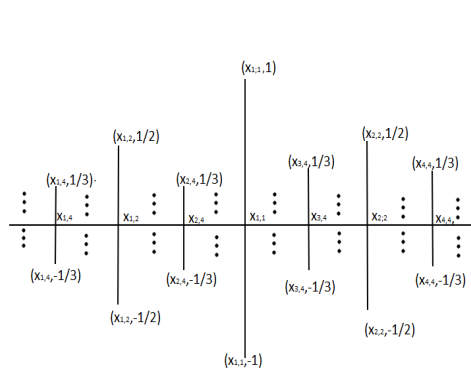
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- For any  $x, y \in Y = P(f)$ , with  $x \neq y$ , we have  $d(g^n(x), g^n(y)) \geq \epsilon > 0$  (since  $x, y$  are distinct periodic points), then the pair  $(x, y)$  is distal, Therefore the system  $(Y, g)$  is distal.
- For any  $x \in I \subset \text{Fix}(g)$ , we can find  $a_n \in Y_n$  and some  $m_n \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $(a_n)_{n \geq 0}$  converges to  $x$  and  $d(f^{m_n}(x), f^{m_n}(a_n)) = d(x, f^{m_n}(a_n)) \geq \eta$  for some  $\eta > 0$  hence the system  $(Y, g)$  is not equicontinuous.

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- We conclude that  $(Y, g)$  is a distal none equicontinuous system. By (J. Qiu and J. Zhao (2020)),  $h_\infty(g) > 0$ .
- We will extend the space  $Y$  into a dendrite  $X$  and  $g$  into a map  $f : X \rightarrow X$ .

# The extended dendrite $X$



**Thank you for your time and  
your attention**