

Homework Assignment #5

MAT 335 – Chaos, Fractals, and Dynamics – Fall 2013

PARTIAL SOLUTION

Chapter 9.5. If $\mathbf{s} \in \Sigma$ satisfies $d[\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{0}] = \frac{1}{2}$, then

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{s_i}{2^i} = \frac{1}{2},$$

so $s_0 = 0$. We then have two cases:

Case 1. If $s_1 = 1$, then $s_i = 0$, for all $i = 2, 3, \dots$

Case 2. If $s_1 = 0$, then

$$\frac{1}{2} = \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \frac{s_i}{2^i} \leq \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^i} = \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2},$$

so $s_i = 1$ for all $i = 2, 3, \dots$

We conclude that there are only two sequences at distance $\frac{1}{2}$ from $\mathbf{0}$, $\mathbf{s} = (01000\dots)$ and $\mathbf{t} = (00111\dots)$.

Chapter 10.6. The set T_1 is not dense in Σ . For example, the sequence $\mathbf{1} = (1111\dots) \in \Sigma$ and a sequence $\mathbf{s} \in T_1$ satisfies $\mathbf{s} = (s_0 s_1 s_2 s_3 0 s_5 s_6 \dots)$, so

$$d[\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{1}] = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{|s_i - 1|}{2^i} \geq \frac{|s_4 - 1|}{2^4} = \frac{1}{2^4} = \frac{1}{16}.$$

So a sequence of elements of T_1 cannot converge to $\mathbf{1}$, since elements of T_1 are always at a distance of at least $\frac{1}{16}$ from $\mathbf{1}$.

Chapter 10.8. The set T_3 is dense in Σ . Let $\mathbf{s} = (s_0 s_1 s_2 s_3 \dots) \in \Sigma$ be arbitrary.

Then construct a sequence of elements of T_3 :

$$\mathbf{s}_n = (s_0 s_1 \dots s_n 0000 \dots) \in T_3.$$

Since \mathbf{s} and \mathbf{s}_n have the same first $n + 1$ elements, the Proximity Theorem states that

$$d[\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{s}_n] \leq \frac{1}{2^n} \rightarrow 0.$$

This proves that T_3 is dense in Σ .

Chapter 10.21. To prove that the tent map is chaotic in $[0, 1]$, we show that it is conjugate to the V map, which we proved in lectures to be chaotic in $[-2, 2]$.

Consider the conjugacy $h : [0, 1] \rightarrow [-2, 2]$ defined* by $h(x) = 2 - 4x$. This function is linear, so it is one-to-one, it is easy to prove that it is onto and it is continuous with continuous inverse.

Moreover,

$$(h \circ T)(x) = \begin{cases} h(2x) & \text{if } x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ h(2 - 2x) & \text{if } x > \frac{1}{2} \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 2 - 8x & \text{if } x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 8x - 6 & \text{if } x > \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$(V \circ h)(x) = 2|h(x)| - 2 = |4 - 8x| - 2 = \begin{cases} 2 - 8x & \text{if } 4 - 8x \geq 0 \\ 8x - 6 & \text{if } 4 - 8x < 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 2 - 8x & \text{if } x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 8x - 6 & \text{if } x > \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

So $h \circ T = V \circ h$.

This proves that T and V are conjugates, and since V is chaotic, the tent map T is chaotic in $[0, 1]$.

Chapter 10.22. Similar to the previous question with the conjugacy $h(x) = \cos(\pi x)$.

*The simplest functions that map $[0, 1]$ into $[-2, 2]$ are linear functions: one is $y = 4x - 2$, the other $y = 2 - 4x$. The second is our conjugacy because it “inverts” the tent map into the V map.