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TOPOLOGICAL PRESSURE AND THE VARIATIONAL PRINCIPLE FOR NONCOMPACT SETS

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INTRODUCTION

The notion of topological pressure was introduced by Ruelle in [8] in the case of compact metric spaces (for homeomorphisms that separate points). In the same paper he formulated a variational principle for the topological pressure. According to this principle, for every continuous mapping f of the compact space X and every continuous function φ on X

$$P(\varphi) = \sup_{\mu} \left(h_{\mu}(f) + \int_X \varphi d\mu \right),$$

where $P(\varphi)$ is the topological pressure, μ are f -invariant measures, and $h_{\mu}(f)$ is the metric entropy of mapping f . In the particular case $\varphi = 0$, we recover the variational principle for the topological entropy $h(f) = P(0)$ (see [4, 5]).

A complete proof of the variational principle in the general case was given by Walters [9]. A discussion of these topics can be found in [1]. For noncompact subsets of compact metric spaces Bowen introduced the notion of topological entropy and proved the corresponding variational principle. Here we give a definition of topological pressure for noncompact subsets of compact metric spaces and prove the variational principle. Our results may be regarded as a generalization of the results of Walters and Bowen. Let us make some preliminary remarks.

I. We deal with the following situation: X is a compact metric space, Y is a (generally noncompact) subset of X , and $f: Y \rightarrow Y$ is a continuous mapping. Generally speaking, it is not assumed that f can be extended to a continuous mapping of X . In this aspect our setting differs from that analyzed by Bowen in [2] and permits us to cover the case of discontinuous mappings of X [where the role of Y is played by the set $X \setminus \bigcup_n f^{-n}(Z)$, where Z is the set of discontinuity points of f].

In particular, we prove the variational principle for one-dimensional discontinuous mappings (see Sec. 3). Our results may be used to prove the variational principle for Lorenz-type attractors (see [10]).

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II. The fact that the set Y considered here is a subset of a compact metric space means essentially that we use only the presence of the metric structure on Y induced by the metric of X . An equivalent description: for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a finite covering of Y by balls of radius $\leq \varepsilon$. The notion of topological pressure can be also defined for the general case of a noncompact space Y (with an arbitrary metric; see Sec. 4). However, in the general case the results that we prove are generally speaking no longer valid.

III. The notion of topological pressure on Y can be defined in analogy with the notion of Hausdorff dimension; one introduces a special outer measure on Y , $m_\lambda(Z)$ ($Z \subset Y, \lambda \in \mathbf{R}$), which is not an increasing function of λ and assumes either the value 0 or ∞ at all points (except, possibly, for one). The critical value of λ is exactly the (topological) pressure. When formally applied to noncompact sets, the recipe for defining the pressure for compact sets Y given in [1] leads, generally speaking, to a finitely-semiadditive outer measure $m_\lambda \times (Z)$. For this reason, in this paper we give a different definition of topological pressure for which the corresponding outer measure is countably semiadditive (see Sec. 1). In the case where Y is compact our definition agrees with that given in [1] (see Sec. 1). An important consequence of our approach is the following: the pressure on the union of the sets $Z_n \subset Y, n \in \mathbf{Z}$, equals the supremum of the pressure on the sets Z_n .

IV. For either definition, the pressure corresponding to function $\varphi = 0$ must coincide with the topological entropy. In this way we obtain a new definition of the topological entropy of a continuous mapping of a noncompact set, and we show (see Sec. 4) that it agrees with Bowen's definition of topological entropy [2] (and hence, in the case where Y is compact, with the classical definition). Moreover, Bowen's definition, unlike ours, cannot be generalized to functions $\varphi \neq 0$.

V. We show that for a noncompact set Y the inequality

$$\sup_{\mu} \left(h_{\mu}(f) + \int_Y \varphi d\mu \right) \leq P_Y(\varphi)$$

holds (see Theorem 1), in which the supremum is taken over all f -invariant measures μ satisfying $\mu(Y) = 1$, and $P_Y(\varphi)$ denotes the pressure on Y corresponding to function φ (we assume that φ is continuous on \bar{Y}).

In the compact case at least two approaches to the proof of this inequality are known. One of them goes back to Goodwyn [5] (who proved it for $\varphi = 0$; a proof in the general case, based on the same considerations, is given in [1]) and the other — to Dinaburg [4] (under the assumption that the topological dimension of X is finite). The attempts to generalize Goodwyn's proof to the noncompact case encounter considerable obstacles of a topological character. Dinaburg's idea of proof works in the noncompact case too (again under the assumption that X has finite topological dimension). In the present paper we propose another idea of proof (apparently mastered by Margulis) which allows us to establish the indicated inequality in the general case. A yet another variant of the proof, based on consideration made by Denker [3], is given in papers [6, 7]; the idea of this proof is, in certain respects, close to ours.

In the general case strict inequality holds; we give some rather severe and, generally speaking, difficult to verify, supplementary conditions ensuring equality (see Theorem 2). Then we show that these conditions are fulfilled for one-dimensional discontinuous mappings (see Theorem 6); in [10] these conditions were verified for Lorenz's type attractors. Another variant of the variational principle is given by Theorem 3 and asserts that $h_{\mu}(f) + \int \varphi d\mu = P_{G_{\mu}}(\varphi)$ for any f -invariant measure μ , where G_{μ} is the set of typical-forward points for measure μ (see Sec. 2).

In Sec. 3 we give sufficient conditions for the existence of equilibrium states, i.e., of measures μ_{φ} with the property that

$$h_{\mu_{\varphi}}(f) + \int \varphi d\mu_{\varphi} = \sup_{\mu} \left(h_{\mu}(f) + \int \varphi d\mu \right) = P_Y(\varphi).$$

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1. Definition of Topological Pressure

1. Let X be a compact metric space, $Y \subset X$, and $f: Y \rightarrow Y$ a continuous mapping. Let \mathcal{U} be a finite open cover of X . We denote by $\mathcal{W}_m(\mathcal{U})$ the set of collections of length m of elements of cover \mathcal{U} : $\underline{U} = U_{i_0} U_{i_1} \dots U_{i_{m-1}}$. For a continuous function φ on X we set

$$Z(\underline{U}) = \{x \in Z: f^k(x) \in U_{i_k}, k=0, \dots, m-1\},$$

$$S_m \varphi(\underline{U}) = \sup \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \varphi(f^k(x)): x \in Z(\underline{U}) \right\}.$$

If $Z(\underline{U}) = \emptyset$, we shall consider that $S_m \varphi(\underline{U}) = -\infty$. Set $\mathcal{W}(\mathcal{U}) = \bigcup_{m \geq 0} \mathcal{W}_m(\mathcal{U})$. We will say that $\Gamma \subset \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{U})$ covers Z if $Z \subset \bigcup_{\underline{U} \in \Gamma} Z(\underline{U})$. The number of element of collection \underline{U} will be denoted by $m(\underline{U})$. Set

$$M(\mathcal{U}, \lambda, Z, \varphi, N) = \inf_{\Gamma \subset \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{U})} \left\{ \sum_{\underline{U} \in \Gamma} \exp(-\lambda m(\underline{U})) + S_{m(\underline{U})} \varphi(\underline{U}) \right\};$$

Γ covers Z and for every $\underline{U} \in \Gamma, m(\underline{U}) \geq N$. It is readily verified that function $M(\mathcal{U}, \lambda, Z, \varphi, N)$ increases monotonically with the growth of N . This guarantees the existence of the limit

$$m(\mathcal{U}, \lambda, Z, \varphi) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} M(\mathcal{U}, \lambda, Z, \varphi, N). \quad (1)$$

For any λ and given \mathcal{U} and φ , function $m(\mathcal{U}, \lambda, Z, \varphi)$ is a regular outer Borel measure on the family of all subsets of Y .

For fixed Z , function $m(\mathcal{U}, \lambda, Z, \varphi)$ has the following property: there is a λ_0 such that $m(\mathcal{U}, \lambda, Z, \varphi) = 0$ for $\lambda > \lambda_0$, and $m(\mathcal{U}, \lambda, Z, \varphi) = \infty$ for $\lambda < \lambda_0$. Let $P_Z(\mathcal{U}, \varphi) = \inf \{\lambda: m(\mathcal{U}, \lambda, Z, \varphi) = 0\}$. The quantity $P_Z(\mathcal{U}, \varphi)$ enjoys the following properties:

- 1) $P_\emptyset(\mathcal{U}, \varphi) = 0$;
- 2) if $Z_1 \subset Z_2 \subset Y$, then $P_{Z_1}(\mathcal{U}, \varphi) \leq P_{Z_2}(\mathcal{U}, \varphi)$;
- 3) if $Z = \bigcup_i Z_i \subset Y$, then $P_Z(\mathcal{U}, \varphi) = \sup P_{Z_i}(\mathcal{U}, \varphi)$.

Proposition 1. The following limit exists:

$$P_Z(\varphi) = \lim_{\text{diam } \mathcal{U} \rightarrow 0} P_Z(\mathcal{U}, \varphi). \quad (2)$$

The *proof* is a slightly modified version of the proof of Lemma 2.8 of [1].

Proposition 2. 1) Let X, X' be compact spaces, $Y \subset X, Y' \subset X'$ Borel subsets, $f: Y \rightarrow Y, f': Y' \rightarrow Y'$ continuous mappings. Suppose that $\chi: X \rightarrow X'$ is a continuous mapping such that $\chi(Y) = Y', \chi \circ f = f' \circ \chi$. Then $P_Z(\varphi) \leq P_{\chi^{-1}(Z)}(\tilde{\varphi})$ for all continuous functions φ on X' and $Z \subset Y'$, where $\tilde{\varphi}(x) = \varphi(\chi(x))$.

2) If under the conditions of assertion 1), mapping χ is a homeomorphism, then $P_Z(\varphi) = P_{\chi^{-1}(Z)}(\tilde{\varphi})$.

Proof. Assertion 1) is an immediate consequence of the definition of topological pressure and Proposition 1. Assertion 2) is a straightforward consequence of 1). It says that topological pressure is a topological invariant.

Now set

$$\gamma = \gamma(\mathcal{U}) = \sup_{U_i} \{|\varphi(x) - \varphi(y)|: x, y \in U_i\}. \quad (3)$$

2. We denote by $\bar{P}(\varphi)$ the pressure for function φ on space X defined in [1]. Let us recall the definition. If \mathcal{U} is a finite covering of X , we set (f is defined everywhere on X)

$$\bar{P}(\mathcal{U}, \varphi) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{m} \log Z_m(\mathcal{U}, \varphi),$$

where

$$Z_m(\mathcal{U}, \varphi) = \inf_{\Gamma} \sum_{\underline{U} \in \Gamma} \exp(S_m \varphi(\underline{U})),$$

and Γ runs through all possible subsets of $\mathcal{W}_m(\mathcal{U})$ covering X . Now $\bar{P}(\varphi)$ is defined as

$$\bar{P}(\varphi) = \lim_{\text{diam } \mathcal{U} \rightarrow 0} \bar{P}(\mathcal{U}, \varphi).$$

Proposition 3. $\bar{P}(\varphi) = P_X(\varphi)$.

Proof. Let us show that $P_X(\mathcal{U}, \varphi) = \bar{P}(\mathcal{U}, \varphi)$. Fix some $\lambda > \bar{P}(\mathcal{U}, \varphi)$ and an arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$. Pick N so large that

$$m(\mathcal{U}, \lambda, X, \varphi) \leq M(\mathcal{U}, \lambda, X, \varphi, N) + \varepsilon. \quad (4)$$

From the above discussion it follows that there is an $m > N$ such that

$$\left| \bar{P}(\mathcal{U}, \varphi) - \frac{1}{m} \log Z_m(\mathcal{U}, \varphi) \right| \leq \varepsilon.$$

Hence

$$Z_m(\mathcal{U}, \varphi) \leq \exp[(\bar{P}(\mathcal{U}, \varphi) + \varepsilon)m]. \quad (5)$$

Inequality (5) implies

$$\begin{aligned} M(\mathcal{U}, \lambda, X, \varphi, N) &= \inf_{\Gamma \subset \mathcal{W}_m(\mathcal{U})} \left\{ \sum_{U \in \Gamma} \exp(-\lambda m(U) + S_{m(U)} \varphi(U)) \right\} \leq \\ &\leq \inf_{\Gamma \subset \mathcal{W}_m(\mathcal{U})} \left\{ \sum_{U \in \Gamma} \exp(-\lambda m + S_m \varphi(U)) \right\} = \exp(-\lambda m) Z_m(\mathcal{U}, \varphi) \leq \exp[(-\lambda + \bar{P}(\mathcal{U}, \varphi) + \varepsilon)m]. \end{aligned}$$

For sufficiently small ε and sufficiently large m (4) yields $m(\mathcal{U}, \lambda, X, \varphi) \leq 2\varepsilon$. This means that $\lambda \geq P_X(\mathcal{U}, \varphi)$, whence $\bar{P}(\mathcal{U}, \varphi) \geq P_X(\mathcal{U}, \varphi)$. Now let us verify the converse inequality. Fix $\lambda > P_X(\mathcal{U}, \varphi)$ and $\varepsilon > 0$. There are an N and a $\Gamma \subset \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{U})$ covering X , such that

$$\sum_{U \in \Gamma} \exp(-\lambda m(U) + S_{m(U)} \varphi(U)) \leq \varepsilon.$$

From Lemma 2.14 of [1] it follows that $\exp(-\lambda) \leq \exp(-\bar{P}(\mathcal{U}, \varphi))$. Therefore, $\lambda > \bar{P}(\mathcal{U}, \varphi)$, and hence $P_X(\mathcal{U}, \varphi) \geq \bar{P}(\mathcal{U}, \varphi)$.

2. The Variational Principle

1. Let X be a compact metric space, Y a Borel subset of X , and $f: Y \rightarrow Y$ a continuous mapping. Let $M(X)$, $M_f(X)$, and $M_f(Y)$ denote, respectively, the set of normalized Borel measures on X , the set of f -invariant† measures $\mu \in M(X)$, the set of measures $\mu \in M_f(X)$, such that $\mu(Y) = 1$, and the set of ergodic measures $\mu \in M_f(Y)$.

THEOREM 1. If $\mu \in M_f(Y)$, then $h_\mu(f|Y) + \int_Y \varphi d\mu \leq P_Y(\varphi)$.

Proof. One can readily verify the following statement.

LEMMA 1. For every $\varepsilon > 0$ there are a $\delta \in (0, \varepsilon)$, a finite Borel partition $\xi = \{C_1, \dots, C_m\}$, and a finite open covering $\mathcal{U} = \{U_1, \dots, U_k\}$, $k \geq m$, of X , such that

1. $\text{diam } U_i \leq \varepsilon$, $\text{diam } C_j \leq \varepsilon$, $i = 1, \dots, k$, $j = 1, \dots, m$.
2. $U_i \subset C_i$, $i = 1, \dots, m$.
3. $\mu(C_i \setminus U_i) < \delta$, $i = 1, \dots, m$.
4. $\mu\left(\bigcup_{i=m+1}^k U_i\right) < \delta$.
5. $2\delta \ln m \leq \varepsilon$.

Now fix an $\varepsilon > 0$ and take the number δ , covering \mathcal{U} , and partition ξ provided by Lemma 1. Let ξ and \mathcal{U} be the partition and the cover of Y induced by ξ and \mathcal{U} , respectively.

We may assume that measure μ is ergodic. In fact, consider the partition η of Y into ergodic components Y_s , $s \in S$, of measure μ . Denote by μ_s the measure on Y_s (then $f^* \mu_s = \mu_s$) and by ν the measure on the quotient space Y/η . Then

†Measure μ is called f -invariant if $\mu(f^{-1}(A)) = \mu(A)$ for every measurable subset $A \subset Y$.

$$h_\mu = \int_{Y/\eta} h_{\mu_s}(f|Y) d\nu(s), \quad \int_Y \varphi d\mu = \int_{Y/\eta} \left(\int_{Y_s} \varphi d\mu_s \right) d\nu(s).$$

There is a component Y_s such that $\mu_s(Y_s) = 1$, $h_{\mu_s} + \int_{Y_s} \varphi d\mu_s \geq h_\mu + \int_Y \varphi d\mu$. Thus we shall assume that $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_f(Y)$.

For $y \in Y$ we denote by $t_n(y)$ the number of integers l , $0 \leq l < n$, such that $f^l(y) \in U_i$, where $i = m+1, \dots, k$. From Lemma 1 and Birkhoff's theorem it follows that there are an $N_1 > 0$ and a set $A_1 \subset Y$ such that $\mu(A_1) \geq 1 - \delta$, and for all $y \in A_1$ and $n > N_1$

$$n^{-1}t_n(y) < 2\delta. \quad (6)$$

Let $\tilde{\xi}_n = \tilde{\xi} \vee f^{-1}\tilde{\xi} \vee \dots \vee f^{-n}\tilde{\xi}$. From the Shannon-McMillan theorem it follows that there are an $N_2 > 0$ and a set $A_2 \subset Y$ such that $\mu(A_2) \geq 1 - \delta$ and for all $y \in A_2$ and $n > N_2$

$$\mu(C_{\tilde{\xi}_n}(y)) \leq \exp[-(h_\mu(f|Y, \tilde{\xi}) - \delta)n]. \quad (7)$$

Finally, Birkhoff's theorem guarantees that there are an $N_3 > 0$ and a set $A_3 \subset Y$ such that $\mu(A_3) > 1 - \delta$ and for all $y \in A_3$ and $n > N_3$

$$\left| n^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \varphi(f^i(y)) - \int_Y \varphi d\mu \right| < \delta. \quad (8)$$

Set $N = \max\{N_1, N_2, N_3\}$, $A = A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3$. We have

$$\mu(A) \geq 1 - 3\delta. \quad (9)$$

Pick an arbitrary $\lambda < h_\mu(f|Y, \tilde{\xi}) + \int_Y \varphi d\mu - \gamma(\mathcal{U})$ and an arbitrary $n > N$. There is a $\Gamma \subset \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{U})$, covering Y such that $m(\underline{U}) \geq n$ and

$$\left| \sum_{\underline{U} \in \Gamma} \exp(-\lambda m(\underline{U}) + S_{m(\underline{U})} \varphi(\underline{U})) - M(\mathcal{U}, \lambda, Y, \varphi, n) \right| < \delta. \quad (10)$$

Let $\Gamma_l \subset \Gamma$ denote the set of collections \underline{U} with the properties $m(\underline{U}) = l$ and $Y(\underline{U}) \cap A \neq \emptyset$. Let $P_l = \text{card } \Gamma_l$, $Y_l = \bigcup_{\underline{U} \in \Gamma_l} Y(\underline{U})$.

LEMMA 2.

$$P_l \geq \mu(Y_l \cap A) \exp[(h_\mu(f|Y, \tilde{\xi}) - \delta - 2\delta \ln m)l].$$

Proof. We denote by L_l the number of those elements of partition $\tilde{\xi}_l$ such that

$$C_{\tilde{\xi}_l} \cap Y_l \cap A \neq \emptyset. \quad (11)$$

It is readily checked that

$$\sum \mu(C_{\tilde{\xi}_l}) \geq \mu(Y_l \cap A), \quad (12)$$

where the sum is taken over all elements $\tilde{\xi}_l$ which satisfy (11). On the other hand, since $C_{\tilde{\xi}_l} \cap A_2 \neq \emptyset$, inequalities (7) and (12) imply

$$L_l \geq \mu(Y_l \cap A) \exp[(h_\mu(f|Y, \tilde{\xi}) - \delta)l]. \quad (13)$$

Fix a collection $\underline{U} \in \Gamma_l$. Since $Y(\underline{U}) \cap A_1 \neq \emptyset$, (6) yields the following estimate of the number $S(\underline{U})$ of those elements $C_{\tilde{\xi}_l}$ of partition $\tilde{\xi}_l$ for which $Y(\underline{U}) \cap C_{\tilde{\xi}_l} \cap A \neq \emptyset$:

$$S(\underline{U}) \leq m^{2\delta l} = \exp(2\delta l \ln m). \quad (14)$$

Now (13) and (14) yield the desired estimate for P_l .

From Lemma 2 and inequalities (8) and (9) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\underline{U} \in \Gamma} \exp(-\lambda m(\underline{U}) + S_{m(\underline{U})} \varphi(\underline{U})) &\geq \sum_{l=N}^{\infty} \sum_{\underline{U} \in \Gamma_l} \exp(-\lambda l + S_l \varphi(\underline{U})) \geq \sum_{l=N}^{\infty} P_l \exp\left[\left(-\lambda + \int_Y \varphi d\mu - \delta - \gamma(\mathcal{U})\right)l\right] \geq \\ &\geq \sum_{l=N}^{\infty} \mu(Y_l \cap A) \exp\left[\left(h_\mu(f|Y, \tilde{\xi}) + \int_Y \varphi d\mu - 2\delta - 2\delta \ln m - \gamma(\mathcal{U}) - \lambda\right)l\right] \geq \sum_{l=N}^{\infty} \mu(Y_l \cap A) = \mu(A) \geq 1 - 3\delta. \end{aligned}$$

Here we used the fact that for sufficiently small δ

$$h_\mu(f|Y, \tilde{\xi}) + \int_Y \varphi d\mu - \gamma(\mathcal{U}) - 2\delta - 2\delta \ln m - \lambda > 0.$$

From this and inequality (10) it follows that $M(\mathcal{U}, \lambda, Y, \varphi, n) \geq 1 - 4\delta \geq 1/2$ for sufficiently small δ . Therefore, from the definition of pressure it follows that $P_Y(\mathcal{U}, \varphi) > \lambda$. Hence $P_Y(\mathcal{U}, \varphi) \geq h_\mu(f|Y, \tilde{\xi}) + \int_Y \varphi d\mu - \gamma(\mathcal{U})$. Since ε is arbitrary and in view of assertions 1 and 2 of Lemma 1, the foregoing discussion implies the desired result.

2. Let $x \in Y$. Consider the sequence of normalized measures

$$\mu_{x,n} = n^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \mu_{f^k(x)}, \quad (15)$$

where μ_y is the normalized measure (unit mass) placed at the point y . Let $V(x)$ denote the set of limit measures (in the weak topology in X) of the sequences of measures $\mu_{x,n}$. It is readily checked that $V(x) \subset M_f(X)$.

THEOREM 2. Suppose that for each $x \in Y$ the intersection $V(x) \cap M_f(Y) \neq \emptyset$. Then

$$P_Y(\varphi) = \sup_{\mu \in M_f(Y)} \left(h_\mu(f|Y) + \int_X \varphi d\mu \right). \quad (16)$$

Proof. For $A \subset Y$ we denote by $(\overline{A})_Y$ and $(\text{int } A)_Y$ the closure and, respectively, the interior of the set A in the topology of Y (induced by the topology of X). It is not hard to verify the following statement.

LEMMA 2. Let $\mathcal{V} = \{V_1, \dots, V_t\}$ be a finite open covering of Y , and let $\xi = \{D_1, \dots, D_t\}$ be a Borel partition of Y with the property that $(\overline{D}_i)_Y \subset V_i$, for $i = 1, \dots, t$. Then for every $\beta > 0$ there are a Borel partition $\eta = \{V_1^*, \dots, V_t^*\}$ of the set Y and compact subsets K_i of X such that

$$K_i \subset D_i \cap (\text{int } V_i^*)_Y, \mu(D_i \setminus K_i) \leq \beta, (\overline{V_i^*})_Y \subset V_i.$$

Let E be a finite set, and let $\underline{a} = (a_0, \dots, a_{k-1}) \in E^k$. Define a measure $\mu_{\underline{a}}$ on E by the formula $\mu_{\underline{a}}(e) = k^{-1} \times$ (the number of indices j such that $a_j = e$).

$$\text{Set } H(\underline{a}) = - \sum_{e \in E} \mu_{\underline{a}}(e) \ln \mu_{\underline{a}}(e).$$

Let \mathcal{U} be a finite open covering of X and pick $\varepsilon > 0$.

LEMMA 3. Let $x \in Y$, and $\mu \in V(x) \cap M_f(Y)$. Then there are a number m and a sufficiently large number N such that one can find a collection $\underline{U} \in \mathcal{W}_N(\mathcal{U})$, which satisfies the following conditions:

(a) $x \in Y(\underline{U})$; (b) $S_{N\varphi}(\underline{U}) \leq N \left(\int_X \varphi d\mu + \gamma(\mathcal{U}) + \varepsilon \right)$; (c) \underline{U} contains a subcollection of length $km \geq N - m$ which, on representing it as $\underline{a} = (a_0, \dots, a_{k-1}) \in (\mathcal{U}^m)^k$, satisfies the inequality

$$m^{-1}H(\underline{a}) \leq h_\mu(f|Y) + \varepsilon. \quad (17)$$

Proof. Suppose that $\mathcal{U} = \{U_1, \dots, U_r\}$ is an open cover of X . There is a Borel partition ζ of the set X into subsets C_1, \dots, C_r with $\overline{C}_i \subset U_i$. Let $\tilde{\zeta}$ denote the partition of Y with elements $\tilde{C}_i = C_i \cap Y$ and let $\tilde{\mathcal{U}}$ denote the covering of Y with the elements $\tilde{U}_i = U_i \cap Y$. There is a number m such that

$$m^{-1}H_\mu(\tilde{\zeta} \vee \dots \vee f^{-(m+1)}\tilde{\zeta}) \leq h_\mu(f, \tilde{\zeta}) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \leq h_\mu(f|Y) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Let D_1, \dots, D_t be the nonempty elements of partition $\xi = \tilde{\zeta} \vee \dots \vee f^{-(m+1)}\tilde{\zeta}$. Fix $\beta > 0$ and apply Lemma 2 to the covering $\mathcal{V} = \tilde{\mathcal{U}} \vee \dots \vee f^{-(m+1)}\tilde{\mathcal{U}}$ and the partition ξ of Y to produce the partition $\eta = \{V_1^*, \dots, V_t^*\}$ of Y . Now using the fact that $\mu_{x, n_j} \rightarrow \mu$ for some sequence $n_j \rightarrow \infty$ and repeating the arguments given in the proof of Lemma 2.15 of [1] we verify our claim.

For each $m > 0$ we denote by Y_m the set of these points $y \in Y$ for which the assertion of Lemma 3 is valid with the given m and some measure $\mu \in V(y) \cap M_f(Y)$. The assumptions of

the theorem imply that $Y = \bigcup_{m>0} Y_m$. Let $Y_{m,u}$ be the set of those points $x \in Y_m$ for which the assertion of Lemma 3 is valid for some measure $\mu \in V(x) \cap M_f(Y)$ that satisfies the condition $\int \varphi d\mu \in [u - \varepsilon, u + \varepsilon]$. Set

$$c = \sup_{\mu \in M_f(Y)} \left(h_\mu(f|Y) + \int_X \varphi d\mu \right).$$

For $x \in Y_{m,u}$ the corresponding measure μ satisfies the inequality $h_\mu(f|Y) \leq c - u + \varepsilon$. Let $\Gamma_{m,u}$ denote the set of all collections \underline{U} introduced by Lemma 3, taken for all points $x \in Y_{m,u}$ and all numbers N larger than N_0 . Set $R(k, h, E) = \{ \underline{a} \in E^k : H(\underline{a}) \leq h \}$. From (17) it follows that for each $x \in Y$ the subcollection constructed in Lemma 3 (see assertion 3) is contained in $R(k, m(h + \varepsilon), E^m)$, where $h = c - u + \varepsilon$. Therefore, the number of all possible collections \underline{U} constructed in Lemma 3 does not exceed $b(N) = |E|^m |R(k, m(h + \varepsilon), E^m)|$. By Lemma 2.16 of [1],

$$\overline{\lim}_{N \rightarrow \infty} N^{-1} \ln b(N) \leq h + \varepsilon. \quad (18)$$

From the above discussion it follows that $\Gamma_{m,u}$ covers $Y_{m,u}$. Hence, by Lemma 3 and (18)

$$M(\mathcal{U}, \lambda, Y_{m,u}, \varphi, N_0) \leq \sum_{N=N_0}^{\infty} b(N) \exp(-\lambda N + S_N \varphi(\underline{U})) \leq \sum_{N=N_0}^{\infty} b(N) \exp(-\lambda N + N \left(\int_X \varphi d\mu + \gamma(\mathcal{U}) + \varepsilon \right)).$$

If N_0 is sufficiently large, then $b(N) \leq \exp(N(h + 2\varepsilon))$. Therefore,

$$M(\mathcal{U}, \lambda, Y_{m,u}, \varphi, N_0) \leq \beta^{N_0} / (1 - \beta), \quad (19)$$

where $\beta = \exp(-\lambda + h + \int_X \varphi d\mu + \gamma(\mathcal{U}) + 3\varepsilon)$. For every $\lambda > c + \gamma(\mathcal{U}) + 4\varepsilon$, the last inequality shows that $m(\mathcal{U}, \lambda, Y_{m,u}, \varphi) = 0$. Consequently, $\lambda \geq P_{Y_{m,u}}(\mathcal{U}, \varphi)$. Next, suppose that the points

u_1, \dots, u_r constitute an ε -net in $[-\|\varphi\|, \|\varphi\|]$. Then $Y = \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{i=1}^r Y_{m,u_i}$. By the foregoing argument, $\lambda \geq P_{Y_{m,u_i}}(\mathcal{U}, \varphi)$ for some m and i . Hence $\lambda \geq \sup_{m,i} P_{Y_{m,u_i}}(\mathcal{U}, \varphi) = P_Y(\mathcal{U}, \varphi)$. This implies

that $c + \gamma(\mathcal{U}) + 4\varepsilon \geq P_Y(\mathcal{U}, \varphi)$. Since ε is arbitrary, $c + \gamma(\mathcal{U}) \geq P_Y(\mathcal{U}, \varphi)$. Letting $\text{diam } \mathcal{U}$ tend to zero, we conclude that $c \geq P_Y(\varphi)$. The inverse inequality is a corollary of Theorem 1.

3. Let $\mu \in \overline{M}_f(Y)$. Denote by G_μ the set of typical-forward points for measure μ : these are defined as the points $x \in Y$ such that the measures $\mu_{x,n}$ converge weakly to measure μ . The next statement is an immediate consequence of Theorem 2.

THEOREM 3. For every measure $\mu \in \overline{M}_f(Y)$ and every function $\varphi \in C(X)$

$$h_\mu(f|Y) + \int_X \varphi d\mu = P_{G_\mu}(\varphi).$$

Theorem 2 admits the following generalization.

THEOREM 4. Let $Z \subset Y$ be an f -invariant subset and $Z_1 = \{x \in Z : V(x) \cap M_f(Z) \neq \emptyset\}$. Then for every function $\varphi \in C(X)$

$$\sup_{\mu \in M_f(Z)} \left(h_\mu(f|Z) + \int_Z \varphi d\mu \right) = P_{Z_1}(\varphi).$$

Proof. Repeating the proof of Theorem 2 it is readily verified that

$$A = \sup_{\mu \in M_f(Z)} \left(h_\mu(f|Z) + \int_Z \varphi d\mu \right) \geq P_{Z_1}(\varphi).$$

Now take measures $\mu_n \in M_f(Z)$ such that

$$\sup_{\mu_n} \left(h_{\mu_n}(f|Z) + \int_Z \varphi d\mu_n \right) = A.$$

On decomposing the measures μ_n into ergodic components and repeating the arguments given in the proof of Theorem 1 it is checked easily that there is a sequence of ergodic measures μ_n with the same property.

Since for $x \in G_{\mu_n}^-$ we have $V(x) = \tilde{\mu}_n \subset M_f(Z)$, $G_{\mu_n}^- \subset Z_1$. Now Theorem 3 implies that

$$A = \sup_n P_{G_{\mu_n}^-}(\varphi) \leq P_{Z_1}(\varphi).$$

4. Next, we give an example of a set Y which does not satisfy the condition of Theorem 2, and for which equality (16) is not valid (for $\varphi = 0$).

Let (X, f) be a topological Bernoulli shift with two states, 0 and 1 (f -shift). Set $A = \bigcup_{\mu \in M_f(X)} G_\mu$ and $Y = X \setminus A$. Obviously, $\sup_{\mu \in M_f(X)} h_\mu(f|Y) = 0$. Consider a Bernoulli measure μ such that $\mu(\omega_0 = 1) = p$ and $\mu(\omega_0 = 0) = 1 - p = q$, $p \neq q$, and $|h_\mu(f) - \log 2| \leq \delta$ with $\delta \ll 1$. Consider the following partition of the integers into two subsets Q_1 and Q_2 : $k \in Q_1$ if $(2n)! \leq |k| \leq (2n+1)!$ for some $n \geq 1$; and Q_2 is of course the complement of Q_1 . Now consider the homeomorphism $\Psi: X \rightarrow X$ defined by the rule

$$(\Psi\omega)_n = \begin{cases} \omega_n, & n \in Q_1, \\ \omega_n + 1 \pmod{2}, & n \in Q_2. \end{cases}$$

Set $Z = \Psi G_\mu$.

LEMMA 4. $Z \subset Y$.

Proof. Let χ denote the indicator of the set $\{\omega: \omega_0 = 1\} \subset X$. Pick some point $x \in Z$. Then, by Birkhoff's theorem and the definitions of measure and homeomorphism Ψ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)!} \sum_{i=0}^{(2n+1)!} \chi(f^i(x)) &= p, \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(2n)!} \sum_{i=0}^{(2n)!} \chi(f^i(x)) &= q. \end{aligned}$$

Since $p \neq q$, the sequence $a_n = n^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \chi(f^i(x))$ has no limit for $n \rightarrow \infty$, which shows that $x \in Y$ and proves the lemma.

We denote by ξ the partition of X with the two elements $A_1 = \{\omega: \omega_0 = 0\}$ and $A_2 = \{\omega: \omega_0 = 1\}$. Fix an $m > 0$ and let $\eta_m = \bigvee_{j=-m}^m f^j \xi$, $\xi_n = \bigvee_{j=0}^{n-1} f^j \eta_m$.

LEMMA 5. For μ -almost every $x \in G_\mu$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{1}{n} \log \mu(C_{\xi_n}(\Psi(x))) \right) = h_\mu(f). \quad (20)$$

Proof. We have

$$I \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{1}{n} \log \mu(C_{\xi_n}(\Psi(x))) \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{1}{n} \log \prod_{j=-m}^{m+n-1} \mu(C_{f^j \xi}(\Psi(x))) \right) = I_1 + I_2,$$

where $Q(i, m, n) = Q_i \cap [-m, m+n-1]$, $i=1, 2$,

$$I_i = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{|Q(i, m, n)|}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{|Q(i, m, n)|} \sum_{j \in Q(i, m, n)} \log \mu(C_{f^j \xi}(\Psi(x))) \right),$$

and $|A|$ denotes the number of elements of the set A . By the strong law of large numbers for the Bernoulli shift,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{1}{|Q(i, m, n)|} \sum_{j \in Q(i, m, n)} \log \mu(C_{f^j \xi}(\Psi(x))) \right) = h_\mu(f).$$

Since the involution $0 \rightarrow 1, 1 \rightarrow 0$, takes the measure μ into a Bernoulli measure with the same entropy

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{1}{|Q(i, m, n)|} \sum_{j \in Q(i, m, n)} \log \mu(C_{f^j \xi}(\Psi(x))) \right) = h_\mu(f).$$

This yields $I = h_\mu(f)$. The lemma is proved.

LEMMA 6. $P_Z(0) = \log 2$.

Proof. Since X is endowed with the open-closed topology, partition η_m is also a finite open covering of X . Fix an arbitrary $\gamma > 0$. Lemma 5 guarantees the existence of a set D and a number $N > 0$ such that $\mu(D) > 1 - \gamma$ and for every $x \in D$ and $n \geq N$

$$\mu(C_{(\eta_m)_n}(\Psi(x))) \leq \exp(-n(h_\mu(f) - \gamma)). \quad (21)$$

Fix $n \geq N$, and choose $\Gamma_n \subset W(\eta_m)$ such that

$$\left| M(\eta_m, \lambda, Z, 0, n) - \sum_{\underline{U} \in \Gamma_n} \exp(-\lambda n) \right| \leq \gamma,$$

and Γ_n covers Z . We write $\Gamma_{n,l} = \{\underline{U} \in \Gamma_n: m(\underline{U}) = l\}$, K_l is the number of elements in $\Gamma_{n,l}$ and $E_l = \bigcup_{\underline{U} \in \Gamma_{n,l}} Z(\underline{U})$. Since $Z(\underline{U}') \cap Z(\underline{U}'') = \emptyset$ for every choice of $\underline{U}', \underline{U}'' \in \Gamma_{n,l}$, with $\underline{U}' \neq \underline{U}''$,

inequality (21) implies that

$$K_l \geq \frac{\mu(E_l \cap D)}{\exp(-l(h_\mu(f) - \gamma))}.$$

Therefore, for every $\lambda < h_\mu(f) - \gamma$

$$\sum_{\underline{U} \in \Gamma_n} \exp(-\lambda n) = \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \exp(-\lambda l) \cdot K_l \geq \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_l \cap D) \exp[(-\lambda + h_\mu(f) - \gamma)l] \geq (1 - \gamma) \exp[(-\lambda + h_\mu(f) - \gamma)n]$$

Passing to the limit $n \rightarrow \infty$, we get $m(\eta_m, \lambda, Z, 0) = \infty$, and hence $P_Z(\eta_m, 0) \geq h_\mu(f) - \gamma \geq \log 2 - \delta - \gamma$. Since $\text{diam } \eta_m \rightarrow 0$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$, the last inequality shows that $P_Z(0) \geq \log 2 - \delta - \gamma$. Taking into account that δ and γ are arbitrary numbers and $P_Z(0) \leq P_X(0) = \log 2$ we obtain the needed statement. Now Lemma 6 follows from the following chain of equalities:

$$\log 2 = P_X(0) \geq P_Y(0) \geq P_Z(0) = \log 2.$$

3. Equilibrium States

1. Measure $\mu = \mu_\varphi$ is called an equilibrium state for function $\varphi \in C(X)$ on Y if $\mu_\varphi \in M_f(Y)$ and

$$h_{\mu_\varphi}(f|Y) + \int_X \varphi d\mu_\varphi = \sup_{\mu \in M_f(Y)} \left(h_\mu(f|Y) + \int_X \varphi d\mu \right).$$

THEOREM 5. Suppose that mapping f satisfies the following conditions:

- 1) f is a homeomorphism of Y ;
- 2) f separates points [i.e., there is an $\epsilon > 0$ such that for every $x, y \in Y$ the inequality $\rho(f^k(x), f^k(y)) \leq \epsilon$ for all k implies that $x = y$];
- 3) the set $M_f(Y)$ is closed in $M(X)$ (in the weak topology).

Then for every function $\varphi \in C(X)$ there is an equilibrium state.

Proof. Let ϵ be the separating constant for f . Then by repeating the proof of Proposition 2.5 in [1] and taking into account conditions 1) and 2) it is readily checked that $h_\mu \times (f|Y) = h_\mu(f|Y, \xi)$ for any measure $\mu \in M_f(Y)$ and any Borel partition ξ of Y with $\text{diam } \xi \leq \epsilon$. Using this fact and Lemma 4 and repeating the arguments given in the proof of Proposition 2.19 of [1] one can prove that $\mu \rightarrow h_\mu(f|Y)$ is upper semicontinuous. This in turn implies that function $\mu \rightarrow h_\mu(f|Y) + \int_X \varphi d\mu$. By condition 3), this function must attain its supremum on the set $M_f(Y)$.

The next result is a straightforward consequence of Theorems 2 and 5.

THEOREM 6. Suppose that mapping f verifies the conditions of Theorems 2 and 5 and let μ_φ be an equilibrium state for function φ . Then:

$$h_{\mu_\varphi}(f|Y) + \int_X \varphi d\mu_\varphi = P_Y(\varphi). \quad (22)$$

2. We apply the results obtained above to one-dimensional discontinuous mappings. Let $X = [0, 1]$, and let $A = \{a_i\}_{i=0}^q$ define a partition of segment X by points $0 = a_0 < a_1 < \dots < a_q = 1$. Let $I_\lambda = (a_{\lambda-1}, a_\lambda)$. Suppose that $T: X \setminus A \rightarrow X$ is a mapping such that:

a) T is continuous and monotonic on each interval I_l , and hence extends to a continuous mapping of I_l into X ;

b) $T(a_l - 0) \neq T(a_l + 0)$, $l = 1, \dots, q - 1$.

Set $R = \{x \in X: T^n(x) \in A \text{ for some } n \geq 0\}$. It is readily checked that T is continuous on the noncompact set $Y = X \setminus R$. We call the point $T_+(x)$ the right image of the point x if there is a sequence $x_n \in X \setminus A$, whose terms lie at the right of x , such that $x_n \rightarrow x$ and $T(x_n) \rightarrow T_+(x)$. The left image $T_-(x)$ of x is defined in the same manner. Clearly, $T_+(x) = T_-(x) = T(x)$ whenever $x \in X \setminus A$. We call the sequence of points x_n , $n = 1, \dots, p$ a generalized periodic trajectory of period p if $T_\delta(x_n) = x_{n+1}$ for $n = 1, \dots, p - 1$ and $T_\delta(x_p) = x_1$, where δ equals plus or minus.

THEOREM 7. Suppose that mapping T satisfies conditions a), b), and

c) the set R is dense in X ;

d) T has no generalized periodic trajectories $\{x_n\}$ with $x_1 \in R$.

Then for every continuous function φ on X equality (16) holds and there exists an equilibrium state μ_φ satisfying equality (22).

Proof. The following argument was suggested by M. Lyubich. Let (Σ, σ) be a one-sided Bernoulli shift with q states, and let $\Psi: Y \rightarrow \Sigma$ be a mapping such that $\Psi(x) = (\omega_n)$, where $T^n(x) \in I_{\omega_n}$, $n \geq 0$. Using conditions a), b), and c) one can show that mapping Ψ enjoys the following properties: 1) it maps Y homeomorphically onto its image $Q = \Psi(Y)$; 2) $\bar{Q} \setminus Q$ is countable; 3) Ψ^{-1} extends to a continuous mapping of \bar{Q} onto X ; 4) $\{\omega_n\} \in \bar{Q} \setminus Q$ if and only if $\Psi^{-1}(\omega) \in \bigcup_n T_\pm^n(R)$. Let $\tilde{\varphi}$ be a continuous function on X . From Proposition 2 and properties 1)-3) of Ψ it follows that $P_Y(\varphi) \leq P_Q(\tilde{\varphi}) \leq P_{\bar{Q}}(\tilde{\varphi})$, where function $\tilde{\varphi}(\omega) = \varphi(\Psi^{-1}(\omega))$ is continuous on \bar{Q} . Since the set \bar{Q} is compact, the variational principle holds for the mapping $\sigma|_{\bar{Q}}$, i.e.,

$$\sup_{\mu \in M_{\sigma}(\bar{Q})} \left(h_\mu(\sigma) + \int_{\bar{Q}} \tilde{\varphi} d\mu \right) = P_{\bar{Q}}(\tilde{\varphi}). \quad (23)$$

From property 2) of mapping Ψ we deduce the measure $\mu \in M_{\sigma}(\bar{Q} \setminus Q)$ must have a component supported on a periodic trajectory of mapping σ , which is impossible in view of property 4) of Ψ and condition d) of Theorem 7. Consequently,

$$\sup_{\mu \in M_{\sigma}(\bar{Q})} \left(h_\mu(\sigma) + \int_{\bar{Q}} \tilde{\varphi} d\mu \right) = \sup_{\mu \in M_{\sigma}(Q)} \left(h_\mu(\sigma) + \int_Q \tilde{\varphi} d\mu \right). \quad (24)$$

Property 1) of mapping Ψ implies that

$$\sup_{\mu \in M_{\sigma}(Q)} \left(h_\mu(\sigma) + \int_Q \tilde{\varphi} d\mu \right) = \sup_{\mu \in M_f(Y)} \left(h_\mu(T|Y) + \int_Y \varphi d\mu \right). \quad (25)$$

From the foregoing discussion, equalities (23)-(25), and Theorem 1 we obtain the variational principle for $P_Y(\varphi)$. The existence of an equilibrium state μ_φ is a straightforward consequence of the foregoing discussion and the existence of an equilibrium state $\mu_{\tilde{\varphi}}$ for function $\tilde{\varphi}$ and mapping $\sigma|_{\bar{Q}}$ (moreover, $\mu_\varphi = \Psi^{-1*}\mu_{\tilde{\varphi}}$).

We note a particular case in which condition d) of Theorem 7 is superfluous.

THEOREM 8. Suppose that under conditions a), b), and c) function φ is such that:

$$\sup \varphi - \inf \varphi \leq P_Y(0). \quad (26)$$

Then, for function φ equality (16) holds and there is a measure $\mu_\varphi \in M_f(X)$, satisfying (22).

Proof. If $P_Y(0) = 0$, then $\varphi = 0$. Since the set $\bar{Q} \setminus Q$ is countable, given any measure $\mu \in M_{\sigma}(\bar{Q})$ supported on $\bar{Q} \setminus Q$ we have $h_\mu(\sigma) = 0$. Hence [cf. (24)]

$$\sup_{\mu \in M_{\sigma}(\bar{Q})} h_\mu(\sigma) = \sup_{\mu \in M_{\sigma}(Q)} h_\mu(\sigma).$$

From now on we repeat the proof of Theorem 7. Suppose now that $P_Y(0) > 0$ and $\varphi \in C(X)$ satisfies condition (26). As in the proof of Theorem 7, we have that $P_{\bar{Q}}(0) \geq P_Y(0) > 0$. Since \bar{Q} is compact, there is a measure μ such that $h_\mu(\sigma) = P_{\bar{Q}}(0)$. Pick any measure ν supported on $\bar{Q} \setminus Q$. Then, by (26),

$$\left(h_\mu(\sigma) + \int_Q \varphi d\mu\right) - \left(h_\nu(\sigma) + \int_Q \varphi d\nu\right) = P_Q(0) + \left(\int_Q \varphi d\mu - \int_Q \varphi d\nu\right) \geq P_Q(0) - (\sup \varphi - \inf \varphi) \geq 0.$$

Consequently, equality (24) holds for function φ , and to complete the proof one repeats the proof of Theorem 7.

Theorem 8 permits us to give a different and yet equivalent definition of topological pressure in the case of one-dimensional discontinuous mappings considered here. Specifically, if mapping T satisfies conditions a)-c) we set $P_Y(\varphi) = P_Q(\varphi)$. This is exactly the definition that was used in [12].† If mapping T satisfies condition d) or if function φ satisfies (26), then this definition is equivalent to ours. In the same manner, the topological entropy $h_Y(T)$ may be defined as $h_Q(\sigma)$. This is the usual definition of topological entropy for one-dimensional mappings [11].

4. Topological Entropy

1. Let Y be an arbitrary (generally speaking) noncompact metric space, $f: Y \rightarrow Y$ a continuous mapping, and φ a continuous function on Y . Consider an arbitrary finite open covering \mathcal{U} of Y . Define on Y an outer measure $m(\mathcal{U}, \lambda, Z, \varphi)$, $Z \subset Y$, by formula (1), and then take the corresponding pressure $P_Z(\mathcal{U}, \varphi)$ as in Sec. 1, No. 1. Now define the topological pressure on the set Z corresponding to function φ , by the equality $P_Z^*(\varphi) = \sup P_Z(\mathcal{U}, \varphi)$, where the supremum is taken over all finite open coverings \mathcal{U} of Y . If Y is a subset of the compact metric space X and the metric of Y is induced by the metric of X one can readily show that $P_Z^*(\varphi) = P_Z(\varphi)$ for all $\varphi \in C(X)$. If Y is arbitrary the last equality does not hold in general and Theorems 1 and 2 are not valid for pressure $P_Z^*(\varphi)$. In what follows we confine our discussion to the case $\varphi = 0$.

2. We call topological entropy of the mapping f of the (noncompact) set Y the quantity $h^*(Y, f) = P_Y^*(0)$. In [2] Bowen gave a different definition of topological entropy. We recall it here. Let \mathcal{U} be a finite open covering of Y , and let $\{E_i\}$ be a family of set covering Y . We write $\{E_i\} \prec \mathcal{U}$ whenever each set E_i is included in some element of \mathcal{U} . Set

$$n_f(E_i) = \min \{n: f^k(E_i) \prec \mathcal{U} \text{ for } k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1 \text{ and } f^n(E_i) \prec \mathcal{U}\}.$$

When $f^k(E_i) \prec \mathcal{U}$ for all k , we set $n_f(E_i) = \infty$. Next, let

$$D(\{E_i\}, \lambda) = \sum_i \exp(-\lambda n_f(E_i)),$$

$$\tilde{M}(\mathcal{U}, \lambda, Y, N) = \inf_{\{E_i\}} \{D(\{E_i\}, \lambda): \bigcup_i E_i \supset Y, n_f(E_i) \geq N\}.$$

It is readily verified that function $\tilde{M}(\mathcal{U}, \lambda, Y, N)$ does not decrease with the growth of N , which guarantees the existence of the limit

$$\tilde{m}(\mathcal{U}, \lambda, Y) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{M}(\mathcal{U}, \lambda, Y, N).$$

Further, it is readily verified that $\tilde{m}(\mathcal{U}, \lambda, Y)$, as a function of λ , enjoys the following properties: there is a λ_0 such that $\tilde{m}(\mathcal{U}, \lambda, Y) = 0$ for $\lambda > \lambda_0$ and $\tilde{m}(\mathcal{U}, \lambda, Y) = \infty$ for $\lambda < \lambda_0$. Now set

$$\tilde{h}(\mathcal{U}, Y, f) = \inf \{\lambda: \tilde{m}(\mathcal{U}, \lambda, Y) = 0\},$$

$$\tilde{h}(Y, f) = \sup \tilde{h}(\mathcal{U}, Y, f),$$

where the supremum is taken over all finite open coverings \mathcal{U} of Y .

Proposition 4. $h^*(Y, f) = \tilde{h}(Y, f)$.

Proof. Let us show that $h^*(\mathcal{U}, Y, f) = \tilde{h}(\mathcal{U}, Y, f)$ for every finite covering \mathcal{U} of Y .

1) Suppose that $\lambda > \tilde{h}(\mathcal{U}, Y, f)$. Then there exists a collection of sets $\{E_i\}$ covering Y such that $D(\{E_i\}, \lambda) < 1$. Now attach to each E_i with $n_f(E_i) < \infty$ the set $Y(\underline{U}^i)$, where $\underline{U}^i = \{U_1^i, \dots, U_m^i(U_i)\}$ is a collection with the properties $m(\underline{U}^i) = n_f(E_i)$ and $f^k(E_i) \subset U_k^i$ for $k = 0, 1, \dots, m(\underline{U}^i)$. Also, attach to each E_i with $n_f(E_i) = \infty$ the set $Y(\underline{U}^i)$, where $\underline{U}^i = \{U_1^i, \dots, U_m^i(U_i)\}$ is a collection with the properties $E_i \subset Y(\underline{U}^i)$ and $\exp(-\lambda m(\underline{U}^i)) \leq \exp(-i)$.

†Note, however, that for arbitrary functions φ all results in [12] were established under condition (26), i.e., when the two definitions are equivalent. In this case, in [12] are described the ergodic properties of measure μ_φ .

Then it is readily checked that $m(\mathcal{U}, \lambda, Y, 0) \leq D(\{E_i\}, \lambda) + \sum_i \exp(-i) < \infty$. Therefore, $h^*(\mathcal{U}, Y, f) = P_Y^*(\mathcal{U}, 0) \leq \lambda$, and consequently $h^*(\mathcal{U}, Y, f) \leq \bar{h}(\mathcal{U}, Y, f)$.

2) Suppose that $\lambda > h^*(Y, f)$. Then for every $N > 0$ there is a collection $\Gamma_N \in \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{U})$, such that 1) $m(\underline{U}) \geq N$ for all $\underline{U} \in \Gamma_N$; 2) $Y \subset \bigcup_{\underline{U} \in \Gamma_N} Y(\underline{U})$; 3) $\sum_{\underline{U} \in \Gamma_N} \exp(-\lambda m(\underline{U})) < \infty$.

Set $E(\underline{U}) = Y(\underline{U})$. Then clearly $n_f(E(\underline{U})) \geq m(\underline{U}) \geq N$. It is readily checked that the family of sets $E(\underline{U})$ covers Y and

$$D(\{E(\underline{U})\}, \lambda) \leq \sum_{\underline{U} \in \Gamma_N} \exp(-\lambda n_f(E(\underline{U}))) \leq \sum_{\underline{U} \in \Gamma_N} \exp(-\lambda m(\underline{U})) < \infty.$$

Therefore, $\tilde{m}(\mathcal{U}, Y, \lambda) < \infty$, whence $\tilde{h}(\mathcal{U}, Y, f) \leq \lambda$, which means that $\bar{h}(\mathcal{U}, Y, f) \leq h^*(\mathcal{U}, Y, f)$.

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