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Let P be a polynomial with real non-negative coefficients and variables $x_{i,j}$, $i = 1, \dots, k$, $j = 1, \dots, n_i$. Let $d = \sum_{i=1}^{k} n_i$. Let R_d be the d-dimensional real vector space. Let \widetilde{M} be the subset of R_d defined by

$$\widetilde{M} = \left\{ x \mid x \in R_d, \, x_{i,j} \ge 0, \, \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} x_{i,j} = 1
ight\}$$

where the symbols $x_{i,j}$ denote the components of x. If x is a vector in the interior of \widetilde{M} , define $\tau(x)$ as the vector in \widetilde{M} with components $x'_{i,j}$ given by

$$x'_{i,j} = rac{x_{i,j} rac{\partial P}{\partial x_{i,j}}}{\sum\limits_{h=1}^{n_i} x_{i,h} rac{\partial P}{\partial x_{i,h}}} \ .$$

The expression on the right is evaluated at x. The transformation τ is defined on the boundary of \widetilde{M} by the same formula if the denominators do not vanish.

Let \tilde{F} be the set of fixed points of τ in \tilde{M} . It is shown that if τ is a homeomorphism of \tilde{M} onto itself, there is a set of d-k functions f_1, \dots, f_{d-k} defined on $\tilde{M}-\tilde{F}$ such that $f_i(x) = f_i(\tau(x))$ for $x \in \tilde{M} - \tilde{F}$. The functions f_i are continuous and independent on an open dense subset of $\tilde{M} - \tilde{F}$. Explicit expressions for certain invariant functions are also obtained.

1. The transformation τ . The transformation τ defined in the introduction can be used to iteratively find local maxima for the polynomial P. It was shown by L. E. Baum and J. A. Eagon [1] that if P is a homogeneous polynomial with positive coefficients and if x is an element of \tilde{M} such that $\tau(x)$ is defined then either $\tau(x) = (x)$ or $P(\tau(x)) > P(x)$. This result was generalized at the suggestion of 0. Rothaus by L. E. Baum and G. R. Sell [2] to arbitrary polynomials with positive coefficients.

It will be assumed in this paper that the transformation τ is a homeomorphism of \tilde{M} onto itself. According to an unpublished result of L. E. Baum, τ is a homeomorphism of \tilde{M} onto itself if and only if the expression for P as a sum of distinct monomials with positive coefficients contains monomials $c_{i,j}x_{i,j}^{w_{i,j}}$ for all $i=1, \dots, k, j=1, \dots, n_i$ where $c_{i,j} > 0$ and $w_{i,j}$ is an integer greater than zero. Since this condition is satisfied if and only if τ is defined on all of \tilde{M} , a necessary and sufficient condition that τ is a homeomorphism of \tilde{M} onto itself is that τ be defined an all of \widetilde{M} . We will not prove L. E. Baum's result here, but will give a single example of a polynomial P for which τ is a homeomorphism. Let

$$P=\sum\limits_{i=1}^k\sum\limits_{j=1}^{n_i}x_{i,j}^m$$
 .

The τ -transformation associated with P is given by

$$x'_{i,j} = rac{x^m_{i,j}}{\sum\limits_{h=1}^{n_i} x^m_{i,j}}$$
 .

The inverse of τ restricted to \tilde{M} is given by

$$x_{i,j} = rac{x_{i,j}^{\prime 1/m}}{\sum\limits_{h=1}^{n_i} x_{i,h}^{\prime 1/m}}$$

where the real positive mth roots are to be chosen.

2. The existence of invariants.

2.1. Notation and definitions. As above, we let \tilde{M} denote the space of real vectors $(x_{1,1}, \dots, x_{1,n_1}, \dots, x_{k,1}, \dots, x_{z,n_k})$ satisfying $x_{i,j} \ge 0$, and

 $\sum_{i=1}^{n_i} x_{i,j} = 1$.

Let M be set of real vectors

$$(y_{1,1}, \cdots, y_{1,n\overline{1}}, \cdots, y_{k,1}, \cdots, y_{k,n\overline{k}})$$

satisfying $y_{i,j} \ge 0$ and

$$\sum\limits_{j=1}^{n_i-1}y_{i,j} \leq 1$$
 .

If $y \in M$ let $\psi(y)$ be the point of M with coordinates $x_{i,j} = y_{i,j}$ for $1 \leq j \leq n_{i-1}$ and

$$x_{i,n_i} = 1 - \sum_{j=1}^{n_i-1} y_{i,j}$$
 .

Clearly ψ is a homeomorphism of M onto \tilde{M} .

Let φ be a transformation of a set S onto itself. We inductively define $\varphi^n(x)$ for $n \ge 0$ and $x \in S$ by $\varphi^0(x) = x$ and $\varphi^n(x) = \psi(\psi^{n-1}(x))$. If φ is a one-to-one transformation of S onto itself, we inductively define $\varphi^n(x)$ for n < 0 and $x \in S$ by the rule $\varphi^{n-1}(x) = \varphi^{-1}(\varphi^n(x))$. Also, if φ is a one-to-one transformation of S onto itself, we have $\varphi^{r+s}(x) = \varphi^r(\varphi^s(x))$ for all $x \in S$ and all pairs of integers (r, s).

Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence of points of a topological space S. A cluster point of $\{x_n\}$ is a point p of S such that every neighborhood of pcontains infinitely many elements of the sequence $\{x_n\}$.

2.2. Proof of the existence theorem.

LEMMA 2.1. The transformation $T = \psi^{-1} \tau_{\psi}$ of M into itself has the following properties:

(i) Let \overline{P} be the polynomial defined on M by the formula $\overline{P}(y) = P(\psi(y))$ for $y \in M$. If $y \in M$, either y = T(y) or $\overline{P}(T(y)) > \overline{P}(y)$.

(ii) The set of fixed points of T on M is the union of the set of critical points of \overline{P} on M and the sets of critical points of \overline{P} restricted to boundary simplices of M.

(iii) The set of fixed points T in M has only finitely many components. Each component of the set of fixed points of T is compact and \overline{P} is constant on each of the components of the set of fixed points of T.

(iv) T is a homeomorphism of M onto itself if and only if τ is a homeomorphism of M onto itself.

(v) If $x \in M$, every cluster point of a sequence $\{T^n(x)\}, n \ge 0$, is a fixed point of T. If T is a homeomorphism, every cluster point of the sequence $\{T^n(x)\}$ is a fixed point of T.

Proof. To prove (i), let y be an element of M such that $T(y) \neq y$. Then $\psi^{-1}\tau\psi(y) \neq y$ and $\tau\psi(y) \neq \psi(y)$. Thus $\psi(y)$ is not a fixed point of τ and it follows that

$$ar{P}(T(y)) = P(\psi\psi^{-1} au\psi(y)) = P(au\psi(y)) > P(\psi(y)) = ar{P}(y)$$
 .

Statement (ii) may be well known but include a proof for the sake of completeness. Note first that ψ maps the set of fixed points T onto the set of fixed points of τ . Let x be a fixed point of τ in \widetilde{M} and let x have coordinates $(x_{i,j})$. The equation $\tau(x) = x$ implies the equations

$$x_{i,j}\left(\sum_{1}^{n_i} x_{i,k} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_{i,k}} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_{i,j}}\right) = 0$$

for all *i*, *j*, and since τ is defined at *x*, these equations imply $\tau(x) = x$. If *x* is an interior fixed point of *M*, no $x_{i,j}$ is zero so that $\tau(x) = x$ is equivalent to

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_{i,j}} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_{i,n_i}} = 0$$

for all *i*, *j*. But this just the condition that $\psi^{-1}(y)$ be a critical point of \overline{P} . Thus the fixed points of *T* interior to *M* are just the interior critical points of \overline{P} .

Now suppose y is a fixed point of T on the boundary of M. Clearly $\psi(y)$ is a fixed point of τ on the boundary of \tilde{M} . If $\psi(y) = z = (z_{i,j})$, certain variables $x_{i,i}$ are zero at z. Let \tilde{M}_y be the part of the boundary of \tilde{M} determined by the equations $x_{i,j} = 0$ for all i, j such that $z_{i,j} = 0$. If no z_{i,n_i} is zero, it follows as before that y is a critical point of \bar{P} restricted to $M_y = \psi^{-1}(\tilde{M}_y)$. Note that M_y is a subset of the boundary of M. If some z_{i,n_i} is zero, the variables $u_{i,j}$ describing M_y are subject to the additional constraint $\sum u_{i,j} = 1$, where the sum is over the subscripts i, j such that $z_{i,j} \neq 0$. Since the partial derivatives $\partial P/\partial x_{i,j}(z)$ are equal for i, j such that $z_{i,j} \neq 0$, it follows that y is a critical point of P restricted to M_y , it follows that y is a fixed point of T.

Let us prove (iii). Let R_d be *d*-dimensional real space, with coordinates $x_{i,j}$ as described in the introduction. Let *P* be a polynomial defined on R_d . Let S_1 be the set of points of R_d satisfying the equations:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n_i} x_{i,j}^2 = 1$$
 for all i , and $\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_{i,j}} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_{i,n_i}}$

for all *i*, *j*, where the partial derivatives of *P* are evaluated at $(x_{1,1}^2, \dots, x_{1,n_1}^2, \dots, x_{k,n_k}^2)$. According to H. Whitney [5], a real algebraic variety such as S_1 has only finitely many components and each component is a union of finitely many components of differentiable manifolds (of various dimensions). Let $Q = P(x_{1,1}^2, \dots, x_{k,n_k}^2)$. The partial derivatives of Q with respect to $x_{i,j}$ for $j < n_i$ with the restrictions

$$\sum\limits_{j=1}^{n_i} x_{i,j}^{\scriptscriptstyle 2} = 1,\, i = 1,\, \cdots,\, k$$

are all zero on S_1 . Thus Q can have only one value on a component of a differentiable manifold contained in S_1 , and thus can have only finitely many values on S_1 . Since Q is continuous and the components of S are arcwise connected, Q must be constant on each component of S_1 .

Let φ be the mapping of R_d into itself given by $\varphi(x_{1,1}, \dots, x_{k,n_k}) = (x_{1,1}^2, \dots, x_{k,n_k}^2)$. The set $S = \varphi(S_1)$ is given by the relations:

(i) $x_{i,j} \ge 0$ for all i, j,

(ii) $\sum_{j=1}^{n_i} x_{i,j} = 1$ for $i = 1, \dots, k$, and

(iii) $\partial P/\partial x_{i,j} = \partial P/\partial x_{i,n_i}$ (evaluated at $(x_{1,1}, \dots, x_{k,n_k})$) for all *i*, *j*. Since φ is continuous, *S* can have only finitely many components. Since $Q(x) = P(\varphi(x))$ for all $x \in R_d$, the range of *P* on *S* is then range of Q on S_1 . Hence P assumes only finitely many values on S, and by continuity of P, P is constant on each component of S. Since Sis just the ψ image of the set of critical points of \overline{P} on M, S is the ψ image of the subset of fixed points of T corresponding to these critical points.

The same argument applies to the sets of critical points of \overline{P} restricted to the boundary sets of M given by certain $x_{i,j} = 0$. Since the set F of fixed points of T is the union of the set of critical points of \overline{P} on M and the sets of critical points of \overline{P} restricted to each of finitely many subsets of the boundary of M, F has just finitely many components, and \overline{P} assumes only finitely many values on F. By continuity, \overline{P} is constant on each component of F. Since F is compact, each of its finitely many components is also compact.

Part (iv) of the lemma follows from the fact that ψ is a homeomorphism of M onto \widetilde{M} . Since $T = \psi^{-1} \tau \psi$, T is a homeomorphism of Monto M if τ is a homeomorphism of \widetilde{M} onto \widetilde{M} . Since $\tau = \psi T \psi^{-1}$, the converse follows.

The final result, (v), follows directly from the Baum-Eagon inequality (c.f. Section 1 of this paper), and Lemma 2.1 of Bhatia-Szego [3].

In the following, we restrict our attention to those transformations τ for which τ is a homeomorphism of M onto itself and T is a homeomorphism of M onto itself.

There is an obvious relation between the functions f defined on M such that f(T(x)) = f(x) for all x in M and the functions g defined on \tilde{M} such that $g(\tau(y)) = g(y)$ for all $y \in \tilde{M}$. If f(T(x)) = f(x) for all $x \in M$ then $g(y) = f(\psi(y))$ is such that

$$g(\tau(y)) = f(\psi \tau \psi^{-1} \cdot \psi(y)) = f(T\psi(y)) = f(\psi(y)) = g(y)$$
 .

Conversely, if $g(\tau(y)) = g(y)$ it is clear that $f(x) = g(\psi^{-1}(x))$ is such that f(T(x)) = f(x). Thus we can find all invariant functions of τ from the invariant functions of T.

A spherical neighborhood of a point x of the interior of M is a d-k dimensional ball contained in M with center at x. If x is on the boundary of M in d-k dimensional real space, a spherical neighborhood of x in M is the intersection of M and an d-k dimensional ball with center at x.

LEMMA 2.2. Let T be a homeomorphism of M onto itself. If x_0 is a point of M but not a fixed point of T, there is a spherical neighborhood N of x_0 in M such that the sets $T^r(N)$ are disjoint for $-\infty < r < \infty$.

Proof. Since x_0 is not a fixed point of T, $T(x_0) \neq x_0$. By Lemma

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1, (i) $\overline{P}(T(x_0)) - \overline{P}(x_0) = \Delta > 0$. Since \overline{P} is continuous on M, there is a neighborhood U of x_0 such that $\overline{P}(x) < \overline{P}(x_0) + \Delta/3$ for all $x \in U$ and a neighborhood V of $\tau(x_0)$ such that $\overline{P}(y) > \overline{P}(T(x_0)) - \Delta/3$ for all $y \in$ V. Since T is a continuous transformation, $T^{-1}(V) \cap U$ is a neighborhood of x_0 . Let N be a spherical neighborhood of x_0 contained in $T^{-1}(V) \cap U$. Since $N \subset U$ and $T(N) \subset V$, for arbitrary $x \in N, y \in T(N)$ we have

$$ar{P}(x) < ar{P}(x_{\scriptscriptstyle 0}) \, + \, rac{arLambda}{3} \, ar{P}(T(x_{\scriptscriptstyle 0})) \, - \, rac{arLambda}{3} < \, ar{P}(y) \; .$$

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{If } x\in N \text{ and } z\in T^{\,m}(N) \text{ for } m\geqq 1, \, z=T^{\,m}(u) \text{ for some } u\in N \text{ and } \bar{P}(z)\geqq\\ \bar{P}(T(u))>\bar{P}(x) \text{ since } T(u)\in T(N). \quad \text{Thus } T^{\,m}(N)\cap N \text{ is empty for } m\geqq 1.\end{array}$

Suppose $T^{r}(N) \cap T^{s}(N)$ is not empty for $r \neq s$. We assume r > sand let $y \in T^{r}(N) \cap T^{s}(N)$. Then $T^{-r}(y) \in N$ and $T^{r-s}(T^{-r}(y)) = T^{-s}(y) \in N$ so that N and $T^{r-s}(N)$ intersect. This contradiction shows that $T^{r}(N) \cap T^{s}(N)$ is empty for $r \neq s$.

If $x, y \in M$, let |x - y| denote the Euclidean distance between x and y.

LEMMA 2.3. Let T be a homeomorphism of M onto itself. There is a positive number ε such that if x is a point of M but not a fixed point of T, there is at least one element of the sequence $\{T^n(x)\}$ at distance greater than or equal to ε from the set of fixed points of T.

It follows from Baum and Sell [2] that the set F of fixed points of T is an asyptotically stable set. This Lemma is a consequence of Theorem 4.19 of Bhatia-Szego [3].

A fundamental set S for T on M is a subset of M defined as follows: S contains no fixed point of T but if x is not a fixed point of T, $T^{*}(x) \in S$ for a single integer n depending on S and x.

LEMMA 2.4. If T is a homeomorphism of M onto itself, T has a measurable fundamental set.

Proof. Let D_{ε} be the set of points of M at distance greater than or equal to ε from F, the set of fixed points of T. According to Lemma 2.3, $\varepsilon > 0$ may be chosen so that D_{ε} contains at least one element of every sequence $\{T^n(x)\}$ for $x \notin F$. Since D_{ε} does not meet F, it follows from Lemma 2.2 that about each $x \in D_{\varepsilon}$ there is a spherical neighborhood N_x such that the sets $T^n(N_x)$ are disjoint (if x is a boundary point of M, the set N_y is the intersection of a ball with M). Since D_{ε} is compact, it is compact relative to M so that there may

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be selected a finite covering N_1, \dots, N_r of D_ε from the sets N_x . Clearly, each sequence $\{T^n(x)\}$ for $x \in M - F$ can meet an N_i in at most one point.

Let

$$egin{aligned} L_1 &= N_1, \, L_2 &= N_2 - igcup_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \, T^n(N_1), \, \cdots, \ L_r &= N_r - igcup_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \, T^n(N_1) - igcup_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \, T^n(N_2) - \cdots - igcup_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \, T^n(N_{r-1}) \end{aligned}$$

Clearly $\bigcup_{i=1}^{r} L_{i}$ is a fundamental set for T in M. Since T is continuous and each N_{i} is measurable, $\bigcup_{-\infty}^{+\infty} T^{n}(N_{i})$ is measurable. Hence each L_{i} is measurable and $\bigcup_{i=1}^{r} L_{i}$ is measurable.

Let \widetilde{F} be the set of fixed points of τ in M.

THEOREM 1. If T is a homeomorphism of M onto itself, and F is the set of fixed points of T, there exist d - k T-invariant functions of T which are continuous and independent on an open dense subset of M - F. Thus there are $d - k\tau$ invariant functions continuous and independent on an open dense subset of $\tilde{M} - \tilde{F}$.

Proof. Let S be a fundamental set for T on M, as constructed in the proof of Lemma 3.4. Let S^* be the boundary of S and let $B = \bigcup_{-\infty}^{+\infty} T^n(S^*)$. Then M - F - B is dense in M - F. For $x \in M - F$ let $\varphi(x)$ be the element of $\{T^n(x)\}$ in S. We will show that φ is continuous on M - F - B.

If $x \in M - F - B$, $\varphi(x)$ is the unique intersection of $\{T^n(x)\}$ with S. Hence there is an integer m such that $T^m(x) \in S$. Since $x \notin B$, $T^n(x)$ is an interior point of S. Let U be a neighborhood of $T^m(x)$ in S. Since T^m is continuous, $V = (T^m)^{-1}(U) = T^{-m}(U)$ is a neighborhood of x. If $y \in V$, $T^m(y) \in S$ so that $\varphi(y) = T^m(y)$ for all $y \in V$. Hence φ is continuous in a neighborhood of $x \in M - F - B$, and M - F - B is open. Clearly, $\varphi = T^m$ for some m in a neighborhood of $x \in M - F - B$. If we set $\varphi(x) = (f_{11}(x), \dots, f_{1,n_1-1}(x), \dots, f_{k,n_{k-1}}(x))$ so that the $f_{i,j}(x)$ are the components of $\varphi(x)$, it follows that the $f_{i,j}(x)$ are continuous and independent on M - F - B, since $\varphi(x)$ is a local homeomorphism on M - F - B. Since $\varphi(T(x)) = \varphi(x), f_{i,j}(T(x)) = f_{i,j}(x)$ so the $f_{i,j}$ are T-invariant.

3. The construction of invariant functions. In order to construct invariant functions, we will use more information about sequences $\{T^n(x)\}$ for x not a fixed point of T in M. As above, we assume that T is a homeomorphism of M onto itself. For $x \in M$, let L_x be the set of cluster points of $\{T^n(x) | n > 0\}$ and let l_x be the set of cluster points of $\{T^n(x) | n < 0\}$. Note that L_x and l_x are respectively the ω and α limit sets of x.

LEMMA 3.1. The set of cluster points of $\{T^n(x)\}$ is the union of l_x and L_x . The value of \overline{P} is constant on each of l_x and L_x . If $\overline{P}(L_x)$ denotes the value of \overline{P} on L_x and $\overline{P}(l_x)$ denotes the value of \overline{P} on l_x we have $\overline{P}(L_x) > \overline{P}(l_x)$ whenever x is not a fixed point of T in M.

The proof of Lemma 3.1 is straightforward.

LEMMA 3.2. Let x_0 be an element of M. Either there is a neighborhood N of x_0 such that $\overline{P}(L_x) = \overline{P}(L_{x_0})$ for all $x \in N$ or in every neighborhood of x_0 there is an x such that $\overline{P}(L_x) > \overline{P}(L_{x_0})$.

Proof. Suppose there is a neighborhood N_1 of x_0 in M such that $\overline{P}(L_{x_0}) \geq \overline{P}(L_x)$ for all $x \in N_1$. Let η be a positive number. Let S^{γ} be the set given by $S_{\eta} = \{x \mid \overline{P}(L_x) > \overline{P}(L_{x_0}) - \eta\}$. We will show that each S_{η} is open. If x is an element of S_{η} , there is an m such that $\overline{P}(T^m(x)) > \overline{P}(L_{x_0}) - \eta$. Since T^m is continuous, there is a neighborhood N_x of x such that $\overline{P}(T^m(y)) > \overline{P}(L_{x_0}) - \eta$ for all y in N_x . But $\overline{P}(L_y) \geq \overline{P}(T^m(y))$ for all $y \in M$ so that $\overline{P}(L_y) \in S_{\eta}$ for all y in N_x . Hence S_{η} is open. Let $N(\eta) = S_{\eta} \cap N_{x_0}$. Since x_0 is an element of S_{η} for all positive η , $N(\eta)$ is not empty for $\eta > 0$. Since $N(\eta)$ is contained in N_{x_0} and S_{η} , $\overline{P}(L_{x_0}) \geq \overline{P}(L_x) \geq \overline{P}(L_{x_0}) - \eta$ for all x in $N(\eta)$. Since the points of L_x are in F, the set of fixed points of T, $\overline{P}(L_x)$ can assume only finitely many values. Hence for η sufficiently small

$$\overline{P}(L_{x_0}) \ge \overline{P}(L_x) \ge \overline{P}(L_{x_0}) - \eta$$

implies that $\overline{P}(L_x) = \overline{P}(L_{x_0})$, and so for some $\eta, x \in N(\eta)$ implies that $P(L_x) = \overline{P}(L_{x_0})$.

LEMMA 3.3. Let x_0 be an element of M. Either there is a neighborhood N_{x_0} of x_0 in M such that $\overline{P}(L_{x_0}) = \overline{P}(L_x)$ for all x in N_{x_0} or every neighborhood N of x_0 contains an open subset Φ_N such that $P(L_y) = P(L_z)$ for all y and z in Φ_N .

Proof. Suppose x_0 is an element of M and there is no neighborhood U of x_0 in M such that $\overline{P}(L_x) = \overline{P}(L_{x_0})$ for all x in U. Let N be a neighborhood of x_0 . According to Lemma 3.2, there is an element x of N such that $\overline{P}(L_x) > \overline{P}(L_{x_0})$. Let K be the least upper bound of $\overline{P}(L_x)$ for x in N. Since the range of $\overline{P}(L_x)$ is finite, there is a point y of N such that $\overline{P}(L_y) = K$. Thus $\overline{P}(L_y) \ge P(L_x)$ for all x in

N, and N is a neighborhood of y. By Lemma 3.2, there is a neighborhood U of y such that $\overline{P}(L_y) = \overline{P}(L_x)$ for all x in U. Let $\Phi_N = N \cap U$.

Using the fact that if T is a homeomorphism of M onto itself, T^{-1} is defined and either $x = T^{-1}(x)$ or $\overline{P}(T^{-1}(x)) < \overline{P}(x)$, we can modify the above arguments to prove a similar lemma about the function $\overline{P}(l_x)$.

LEMMA 3.4. Let x_0 be an element of M. Either there is a neighborhood N_{x_0} of x_0 in M such that $\overline{P}(l_{x_0}) = \overline{P}(l_x)$ for all x in N_{x_0} , or every neighborhood N of x_0 contains an open subset \mathcal{P}_N such that $\overline{P}(l_y) = \overline{P}(l_z)$ for all y and z in \mathcal{P}_N .

THEOREM 2. There is an open dense subset G of M - F such that for any function f continuous on M, the series

$$\sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(T^{n}(x)) [\bar{P}(T^{n}(x)) - \bar{P}(T^{n-1}(x))]$$

represents a T invariant function continuous on G.

Proof. Let G_1 be the set of all elements x of M such that $\overline{P}(L_x)$ is constant in a neighborhood of x. Let G_2 be the set of all elements x of M such that $\overline{P}(l_x)$ is constant in a neighborhood of x. Clearly, G_1 and G_2 are open relative to M and by Lemmas 3.3 and 3.4, each of G_1 and G_2 is dense in M. Hence $G = (M - F) \cap G_1 \cap G_2$ is an open dense subset of M - F.

For each x in M let S(x) denote the series

$$S(x) = \sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \bar{P}(T^n(x)) - \bar{P}(T^{n-1}(x))$$
.

Now S(x) converges at each x to $\overline{P}(L_x) - \overline{P}(l_x)$.

Let y be an element of G. There is a neighborhood U of y such that S(x) represents the constant function in U. Since $y \notin F$ and F is compact, there is a neighborhood V of y containing no fixed points of T. Let W be a neighborhood of y such that $\overline{W} \subset U \cap V$. Now S(x) is a series of positive terms converging to a continuous function on \overline{W} , and so by E. C. Titchmarsh [4], art. 1.31, S(x) converges uniformly on \overline{W} . Let f(x) be any function continuous on M. The series

$$F(x) = \sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(T^{n}(x)) [\bar{P}(T^{n}(x)) - \bar{P}(T^{n-1}(x))]$$

converges uniformly on \overline{W} since f is bounded on M. Since f, \overline{P} and

T are continuous, F(x) is continuous on \overline{W} and hence at y. Clearly F(T(x)) = F(x), so the function F is a continuous T invariant function on G.

We initiate the study of differentiable T invariant functions by defining certain series of continuous functions on G, the set defined in the proof of Lemma 3.4. Recall that a point x_0 of M is a point of G if and only if x_0 is not a fixed point of T and there is a neighborhood N of x_0 such that the functions $\overline{P}(L_x)$ and $\overline{P}(l_x)$ are constant on N.

LEMMA 3.5. If a function h(x) is defined on all of M - F by the formula

$$h(x) = rac{2(ar{P}(L_x) - ar{P}(x)) + rac{1}{2}(ar{P}(x) - ar{P}(l_x))}{ar{P}(L_x) - ar{P}(l_x)}$$
 ,

then h(x) has the following properties:

- (i) h(x) is defined and nonnegative on M-F,
- (ii) h(x) is continuous at every point of G, and

(iii) if x_0 is a point of G, there is a neighborhood V of x_0 such that \overline{V} is contained in G, and an integer m > 0 such that

$$h(T^{-n}(x)) > \frac{7}{4}$$

and

$$0 < h(T^n(x)) < \frac{3}{4}$$

for all n > m and $x \in \overline{V}$.

Proof. If x_0 is an element of M - F, x_0 is not a fixed point of T and hence $\overline{P}(L_{x_0}) - \overline{P}(l_{x_0}) > 0$. Hence h(x) is defined on M - F. Since $\overline{P}((L_x) > \overline{P}(x)$ and $\overline{P}(x) > \overline{P}(l_x)$ for x in M - F, h(x) is positive on M - F. To prove (ii), let x_0 be a point of G. By the definition of G, there is a neighborhood N_1 of x_0 such that $\overline{P}(L_x)$ and $\overline{P}(l_x)$ are constant on N_1 . By the definition of G, x_0 is not a fixed point of T so that $P(L_{x_0}) - \overline{P}(l_{x_0}) > 0$. Hence $\overline{P}(L_x) - \overline{P}(l_x)$ is a nonzero constant on N_1 . Since $\overline{P}(x)$, $\overline{P}(L_x)$ and $\overline{P}(l_x)$ are continuous in N_1 , h(x) is continuous in N_1 and hence at x_0 .

To prove (iii), let x_0 be a point of G and let N_1 be a neighborhood of x_0 such that $\overline{P}(L_x)$ and $\overline{P}(l_x)$ are constant on N_1 . Then $G \supset N_1$. Let V be neighborhood of x_0 such that $\overline{V} \subset N_1 \subset G$. As in the

proof of (ii), h(x) is continuous on N_1 and hence on \overline{V} . Since T is a homeomorphism of M onto itself, T^n is a continuous transformation of M onto itself for arbitrary integral n. Hence $h(T^n(x))$ is continuous on \overline{V} for arbitrary integral n. Let n be an integer. Since $\overline{P}(L_{T(x)}) =$ $\overline{P}(L_x)$ and $\overline{P}(l_{T(x)}) = \overline{P}(l_x)$ the difference between $h(T^{n+1}(x))$ and $h(T^n(x))$ is given by the formula

$$h(T^{n+1}(x)) - h(T^{n}(x)) = -\frac{\frac{3}{2}[\bar{P}(T^{n+1}(x)) - \bar{P}(T^{n}(x))]}{\bar{P}(L_{x}) - \bar{P}(l_{x})}$$

No point of N_1 is a fixed point of T_n since

$$\bar{P}(L_{T^{n}(x)}) - \bar{P}(l_{T^{n}(x)}) = \bar{P}(L_{x}) - \bar{P}(l_{x})$$

and

$$ar{P}(L_x) \, - \, ar{P}(l_x) \, = \, ar{P}(L_{x_0}) \, - \, ar{P}(l_{x_0}) > 0$$
 .

Hence

$$h(T^{n+1}(x)) < h(T^{n}(x))$$

for all x in \overline{V} and all integers n. Hence $h(T^n(x))$ is a monotone decreasing function of n for each x in \overline{V} . Since $\lim_{n\to\infty} h(T^n(x)) = 1/2$ and $\lim_{n\to\infty} h(T^n(x)) = 2$ for all x in \overline{V} , it follows from the compactness of \overline{V} that there is an integer m such that

$$2\geqq h(T^{-n}(x))>rac{7}{4}$$

and

$$\frac{3}{4} > h(T^n(x)) \ge \frac{1}{2}$$

for all integers n > m and all elements x of \overline{V} .

LEMMA 3.6. Let h(x) be the function defined in Lemma 3.5. Let the sequence $p_n(x)$ be inductively defined for integral n by the rules:

- (i) $p_0 = 1$
- (ii) $p_{n+1}(x) = h(T^n(x))p_{n-1}(x) \text{ for } n \ge 1$
- (iii) $p_{-n}(x) = p_{-n+1}(x)/h(T^{-n}(x))$ for $n \ge 1$.

If x_0 is an element of G every $p_n(x)$ is continuous at x_0 and there is a neighborhood V of x_0 , a constant K and an integer m such that

$$0 < p_n(x) < K \cdot \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{|n|-n}$$

for all x in \overline{V} and all n such that |n| > m.

The proof of Lemma 3.6 is straightforward and has been omitted.

LEMMA 3.7. If $q_{n,r}(x)$ is defined by the formula

$$q_{n,r}(x) = \frac{p_n(x)^r}{\sum_{j=-\infty}^{+\infty} [p_j(x)]^r}$$

then

(i) each $q_{n,r}(x)$ is defined and continuous for $x \in G$,

(ii) if x_0 is an element of G, there is a neighborhood V of x_0 such that $\overline{V} \subset G$, and an integer m such that

$$0 < q_{n,r}(x) < \left(\left(rac{3}{4}
ight)^r
ight)^{\mid n \mid -r}$$

for all n such that |n| > m and all positive integers r.

(iii) for all x in G, $q_{n,r}(T(x)) = q_{n+1,r}(x)$,

(iv) if f(x) is a continuous function on M, and r and s are positive integers

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} f(T^n(x)) q_{n_1 r}(x)^s$$

defines a continuous T-invariant function on G.

Proof. To prove statement (i), let x_0 be a point of G. According to Lemma 3.6, there is a neighborhood V of x_0 such that $\overline{V} \subset G$ and

$$0 < p_n(x) < K \cdot \left(rac{3}{4}
ight)^{|n|-m}$$

for n sufficiently large. Hence the series

$$\sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} p_n(x)^r$$

converges uniformly for all x in \overline{V} . Since $p_n(x)^r$ is continuous in \overline{V} , and

$$\sum\limits_{-\infty}^{+\infty} {{p_{_{0}}}(x)^r} > {p_{_{0}}}(x)^r = 1$$
 ,

every $q_{n,r}(x)$ is defined and continuous in \overline{V} . Since x_0 is an arbitrary point of G, statement (i) is proven.

To prove statement (ii), let x_0 be a point of G. According to Lemma 3.6, there is a neighborhood V of x_0 such that $\overline{V} \subset G$, a constant K and an integer v such that

$$0 < p_n(x) < K \left(\frac{3}{4} \right)^{|n|-v}$$
.

Let m be so larger that $K \cdot (3/4)^{m-v} < 1$. Then we have

$$0 < p_n(x) < \left(rac{3}{4}
ight)^{|n|-m}$$
 ,

so that

$$0 < p_n(x)^r < \left(\left(\frac{3}{4} \right)^r
ight)^{|n|-m}$$
 .

Since

$$\sum\limits_{-\infty}^{+\infty} p_{\scriptscriptstyle n}(x)^r > p_{\scriptscriptstyle 0}(lpha)^r = 1$$
 ,

we can obtain the inequality of (ii).

Statement (iii) follows directly from the observation that whenever $p_n(x)$ is defined, we have

$$p_n(T(x)) = \frac{p_{n+1}(x)}{h(x)} .$$

To prove statement (iv) note that wherever all $q_{n,r}(x)$ are defined we have

$$f(T_n(T(x)))q_{n,r}(T(x))^s = f(T^{n+1}(x))q_{n+1,r}(x)^s,$$

so that the T invariance of the series of (iv) follows. Since f(x) is continuous on M and M is compact, |f(x)| is bounded on M. By part (iii), the series of part (iv) converges uniformly in a closed neighborhood of each point of G for all positive integers r. Hence if r and s are arbitrary positive integers,

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} f(T^n(x)) [q_{n,r}(x)]^s$$

represents a continuous T-invariant function on G.

Let J be the Jacobian of the transformation T and let |J| be the determinant of J. If |J| is bounded away from zero on M, we can construct T invariant functions which are differentiable on an open dense subset of M - F. We can show that the hypothesis that |J| is bounded away from zero on M and T is a homeomorphism are reasonable by an example. Let P be any polynomial with positive coefficients defined on \widetilde{M} . Let R be the polynomial given by the formula

$$R = \sum\limits_{i=1}^k \left(\sum\limits_{j=1}^{n_i} x_{i,j}
ight)$$

and let $Q_{\epsilon} = R + \epsilon P$. For $\epsilon > 0$, Q_{ϵ} has positive coefficients and by the unpublished result of L. E. Baum stated above, the *T* transformation T_{ϵ} associated with Q_{ϵ} is a homeomorphism of *M* onto itself. The *T* transformation associated with $R = Q_0$ is the identity transformation so that the determinant of the Jacobian of T_0 is 1. If we let J_{ϵ} be the Jacobian of T_{ϵ} , $|J_{\epsilon}|$ is a continuous function of ϵ , and $|J_{\epsilon}| \rightarrow 1$ as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ at each point of *M*. Since *M* is compact, there is an ϵ such that $|J_{\epsilon}| > 1/2$ at every point of *M*.

In the following we will assume that |J| is bounded away from zero on M, but we note that local results can be obtained by restricting our attention to elements x of M such that |J| is bounded away from zero in some neighborhood of the sequence $\{T^n(x)\}$.

LEMMA 3.8. If T is a homeomorphism of M onto itself, the Jacobian determinant |J| of T is bounded away from zero on M and $t_{n,u,v}(x)$ denotes the (u, v) component of $T^n(x)$, then:

(i) for every n and subscript pair i, j, $\partial/\partial x_{i,j}(t_{n,u,v}(x))$ is continuous on M;

(ii) there is a constant B such that

$$\left|rac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}}t_{n,u,v}(x)
ight| < B^{|n|}$$

for all (i, j) and all x in M;

(iii) if C is a compact subset of G there is a positive integer r such that the first partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}}q_{n,r}(x)$$

(see Lemma 3.7 for the definition of the functions $q_{n,r}(x)$) are continuous in C and there are constants L_1 and L_2 such that

$$\left|rac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}}q_{n,r}(x)
ight| < L_1 L_2^{\lfloor n \rfloor}$$

and $0 < L_2 < 1$, for all x in C.

Proof. Since T^n is a rational transformation of M, with nonzero denominators, $\partial/\partial x_{i,j}(t_{n,u,v}(x))$ is continuous on M for all $n \ge 0$. Since the Jacobian determinant of T is bounded away from zero on M, the same result holds for $\partial/\partial x_{i,j}(t_{-n,u,v}(x))$.

To prove (ii), note that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}}t_{n,u,v}(x) = \sum_{r,s} \frac{\partial t_{1,u,v}}{\partial x_{r,s}} (T^{n-1}(x)) \frac{\partial t_{n-1,u,v}(x)}{\partial x_{i,j}}$$

for all n and every x in M. Since

$$\frac{\partial t_{1,u,v}}{\partial x_{r,s}}(x)$$

is bounded on M for all (r, s), it follows inductively that there are bounds L_1 and R_1 such that

$$\left|rac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}}t_{n,u,v}(x)
ight| < L_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}\!\cdot R_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}^n$$

for all n > 0. Since the determinant of

$$J = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}} t_{1,u,v}(x)\right)$$

is bounded away from zero on M_1 the elements of the matrix J^{-1} are bounded on M. It follows that there are constants L_2 and R_2 such that

$$\left|rac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}}t_{n,u,v}(x)
ight| < L_2 \!\cdot R_2^n$$

for all $n \leq 0$. Clearly there is a constant B such that $B^{|n|} > L_4 \cdot R_1^{|n|}$ and $B^{|n|} > L_2 \cdot R_2^{|n|}$, so that

$$\left|\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}}t_{n,u,v}(x)\right| < B^{|n|}$$

for all n, u, v and all $x \in M$.

To prove (iii) we will show first that for a given $x_0 \in G$ there is a closed neighborhood V_{x_0} of x_0 and an integer *i* such that

$$\sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}} [p_n(x)]^r$$

converges uniformly in \overline{V}_{x_0} for all $r \ge i$. By Lemma 3.6, there is a neighborhood V of x_0 such that $G \supset \overline{V}$, a bound K and an integer m such that

$$0 < p_n(x) < K \cdot \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{n-m}$$

for all $x \in \overline{V}$.

For n > 0 we will inductively find a bound S such that

$$\left|rac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}}p_n(x)
ight| < S^{n+1}$$
 .

We have

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}} p_n(x) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}} h(T^n(x)) p_{n-1}(x) \\ &= h(T^n(x)) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}} p_{n-1}(x) + p_{n-1}(x) \sum_{u,v} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{u,v}} \cdot \frac{\partial t_{n,u,v}}{\partial x_{i,j}} \end{split}$$

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Now $0 < h(T^n(x)) < 2$ for $x \in \overline{V}$, and there is a bound B_1 such that $|p_{n-1}(x)| < B_1$ for $x \in \overline{V}$. For every subset of G,

$$rac{\partial h}{\partial x_{u,v}}=\,-rac{3}{2}rac{rac{\partial}{\partial x_{u,v}}(ar{P})}{ar{P}(L_x)-ar{P}(l_x)}$$

is bounded on G since \overline{P} is a polynomial and $\overline{P}(L_x) - \overline{P}(l_x)$ ranges over a finite set not including zero for all $x \in G$. Since G is closed under the transformation T, there is a constant B_2 such that $|\partial h/\partial x_{u,v}| < B_2$ at $T^n(x)$ for every element x of \overline{V} . Thus

$$\Big|rac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}}p_{_n}(x)\Big| < 2\Big|rac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}}p_{_{n-1}}(x)\Big| \,+\, dB_{_1}B_{_2}B^{_n} \;.$$

If K_1 is maximum of 2, dB_1B_2 and B we have

$$\left|rac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}}p_{_{n}}(x)
ight| < K_{_{1}}\!\left(\left|rac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}}p_{_{n-1}}\!(x)
ight|\,+\,K_{_{1}}^{_{n}}
ight).$$

Since $p_0(x) = 1$, we have

$$igg|rac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}}p_{_1}(x)igg| < K_1^2 \ igg|rac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}}p_2(x)igg| < 2K_1^3$$

and

$$\left|rac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}}p_{n}(x)
ight| < nK_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}^{_{n+1}} < S^{_{n+1}}$$

for some bound S and all x in \overline{V} .

Since $h(T^{-n}(x)) > 1/2$ for all $x \in \overline{V}$, a similar argument yields a constant S_1 such that

$$\left|rac{\partial p_n}{\partial x_{i,j}}\!\!\left(x
ight)
ight| < S_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}^{\scriptscriptstyle |n|+1}$$

for negative n all $x \in \overline{V}$. Hence there is a single constant S so that

$$\left|rac{\partial P_n(x)}{\partial x_{i,j}}
ight| < S^{|n|+1}$$

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for all $x \in \overline{V}$. Now \overline{V} was selected so that

$$0 < p_n(x) < K\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{\lfloor n \rfloor - m}$$

for n such that |n| > m. For p sufficiently large,

$$0 < p_n(x) < \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{|n|-p}$$

for all n such that |n| > p > m, and so

$$0 < p_n(x)^{r-1} < \left(\left(\frac{3}{4} \right)^{r-1} \right)^{\lfloor n \rfloor - p}$$

and

$$igg|rac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}}p_n(x)^r\Big| = \Big|rp_n(x)^{r-1}\Big|\Big|rac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}}p_n(x)\Big| \ \leq rs\Big(S\Big(rac{3}{4}\Big)^{r-1}\Big)^p\Big(\Big(rac{3}{4}\Big)^{r-1}S\Big)^{|n|-p}$$

Now r can be chosen so large that $S(3/4)^{r-1} < 1$. Thus there are constants C and D so that $0 < D < 1\tau$ and

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$$\left|\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}}p_n(x)^r\right| \leq C D^{|n|-p}$$

for all x in \overline{V} . Hence the series

$$\sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} p_n(x)^r$$

has continuous first parial derivatives for $x \in \overline{V}$. Since

$$\sum\limits_{-\infty}^{+\infty} p_{n}(x)^{r} > p_{0}(x)^{r} = 1$$
 ,

we have that $q_{0,r}(x)$ has continuous first partial derivatives for all x in \overline{V} . But

$$q_{n,r}(x) = p_n(x)^r \cdot q_{0,r}(x)$$

so that $q_{n,r}(x)$ has continuous first partial derivatives for all x in \overline{V} . Since \overline{V} is compact, there is a bound U on the partial derivatives of $q_{0,r}(x)$ in \overline{V} . Thus

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}}q_{n,r}(x) = q_{0,r}(x)\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}}p_n(x)^r + p_n(x)^r\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}}q_{0,r}(x)$$

and

$$\left|\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}}q_{n,r}(x)\right| \leq WCD^{|n|-p} + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{r(|n|-p)} \cdot U$$
$$\leq R_1 \cdot R_2^{|n|}$$

with $0 < R_2 < 1$.

Since C is compact, it can be covered with a finite set of neighborhoods as \overline{V} , so part (iii) of the lemma follows immediately.

THEOREM 3. If C is a compact subset of G, there are integers r and s such that for every function f(x), defined and with continuous first partial derivatives on M, the function

$$F(x) = \sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(T^n(x)) [q_{n,r}(x)]^s$$

is continuous and has continuous first partial derivatives for all x in $\bigcup_{-\infty}^{+\infty} T^n(C)$ and

$$F(x) = F(T(x))$$

wherever F(x) is defined.

Proof. Clearly F(x) = F(T(x)) wherever F(x) is defined. Also, if all first prtial derivatives $\partial/\partial_{xi,j}F(x)$ are defined and continuous at $x = x_0$, it follows by elementary methods from the fact that |J| is bounded away from zero on M and J is continuous on M that $\partial/\partial x_{i,j}F(x)$ is defined and continuous at $T^n(x_0)$ for all n. Hence we need only show that F(x) has continuous first partial derivatives for all elements x of C. We choose to show that the series of partial derivatives

$$\sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}} f(T^n(x)) [q_{n,r}(x)]^s$$

converges uniformly in C.

Note that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}} f(T^n(x)) [q_{n,r}(x)]^s = q_{n,r}(x)^s \sum_{u,v} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_{u,v}} \Big|_{T^n(x)} \frac{\partial t_{n,u,v}}{\partial x_{i,j}} \\ + s [q_{n,r}(x)]^{s-1} \frac{\partial q_{n,r}(x)}{\partial x_{i,j}} f(T^n(x)) .$$

Since f and its first partial derivatives are bounded on M it follows directly from Lemma 3.8 that s may be chosen so large that the series

$$\sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i,j}} f(T^n(x)) [q_{n,r}(x)]^s$$

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is majorized by a geometric series, and the choice of s is independent of f.

The analysis of this section can be extended to obtain a local analogue of Theorem 1, i.e., a set of d - k functions can be found which are continuous on G, have nonzero Jacobian at a point x_0 of G and are invariant with respect to T.

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