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Let  $X$  be a set and  $T: X \rightarrow X$  be a bijection. Consider the space  $\mathcal{M}$  of pseudo-Menger maps on  $X$  which induce a compact topology on  $X$  for which  $T$  is a homeomorphism. The lattice properties of  $\mathcal{M}$  are investigated and a bivariate nonnegative function of  $\mathcal{M}$  is defined which possesses certain properties analogous to those of the usual conditional entropy function defined on the space of measurable partitions of a probability space.

1. Introduction. A pseudo-Menger map on a set  $X$  is, roughly speaking, an assignment of a distribution function to every pair of points in  $X$  in a manner consistent with the axioms of a pseudo-metric space. Each such map induces a topology on  $X$  as defined by Schweizer and Sklar [9]. Let  $T$  be a bijection of  $X$  onto itself. Let  $\mathcal{M}$  denote the space of all pseudo-Menger maps which induce a compact topology on  $X$  for which  $T$  is a homeomorphism. If  $\theta \in \mathcal{M}$  let  $h(T, \theta)$  denote the topological entropy of  $T$  with respect to the topology on  $X$  induced by  $\theta$ . In [7] it was shown that  $h(T, \cdot)$  is left-continuous in the sense that if  $\theta, \theta_n \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $\theta_n \geq \theta$  and  $\theta_n(p, q) \rightarrow \theta(p, q)$  in distribution for all  $p, q \in X$  then  $h(T, \theta_n) \rightarrow h(T, \theta)$ . In an effort to extend this result one is led to ask the question whether  $\mathcal{M}$  is closed under the operations of Max and Min and, if so, what can one say about the entropy of  $T$  acting on the topology engendered by the maps obtained as a result of such operations. We now proceed to provide precise definitions and notation.

2. Preliminaries. Let  $I$  denote the closed unit interval,  $\mathbf{R}$  the real numbers and  $\mathbf{Z}^+$  the positive integers. Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be the set of all left-continuous monotone increasing functions  $F: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow I$  satisfying  $F(0) = 0$  and  $\sup_x F(x) = 1$ . Endowed with the Lévy metric  $\mathcal{D}$  is a complete metric space. If  $F_n, F \in \mathcal{D}$  then  $F_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} F$  will denote convergence with respect to the Lévy topology. It is well-known that  $F_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} F$  if and only if  $F_n(x) \rightarrow F(x)$  for each  $x \in \mathbf{R}$  at which  $F$  is continuous. If  $F, G \in \mathcal{D}$  then  $F \geq G$  will mean  $F(x) \geq G(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ . Let  $H \in \mathcal{D}$  be the function defined by:  $H(t) = 0$  for  $t \leq 0$  and  $H(t) = 1$  for  $t > 0$ .

Let  $X$  be a fixed set. Let  $\mathcal{F}(X)$  denote the collection of all functions  $\theta: X \times X \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ . For convenience we shall often write  $\theta_{pq}$  in place of  $\theta(p, q)$ . A statistical pseudo-metric space is an ordered pair  $(X, \theta)$  where  $\theta \in \mathcal{F}$  satisfies:

$$(SM\ 1) \quad \theta_{pq} = \theta_{qp} \quad \text{for all } p, q \in X$$

$$(SM\ 2) \quad \theta_{pq}(a + b) = 1 \text{ whenever } \theta_{pr}(a) = \theta_{rq}(b) = 1 \text{ for some } r \in X$$

$$(SM\ 3) \quad \theta_{pp} = H \quad \text{for all } p \in X.$$

If, in addition,  $\theta$  satisfies:

$$(SM\ 4) \quad \theta_{pq} = H \quad \text{only if } p = q$$

then  $(X, \theta)$  is a *statistical metric space*. Let  $\mathcal{S}(X)$  denote the collection of all  $\theta$  for which  $(X, \theta)$  is a statistical pseudo-metric space.

A *triangular norm* is a function  $\Delta: I \times I \rightarrow I$  which is associative, commutative, non-decreasing in each variable and satisfies  $\Delta(y, 1) = y$  for each  $y \in I$ . A continuous *Menger space* [*pseudo-Menger space*] is a statistical metric space [statistical pseudo-metric space]  $(X, \theta)$  for which there exists a continuous triangular norm  $\Delta$  satisfying:

$$(SM\ 5) \quad \theta_{pr}(a + b) \geq \Delta(\theta_{pq}(a), \theta_{qr}(b)) \text{ for all } p, q, r \in X \text{ and } a, b \in R.$$

Let  $\mathcal{M}(X)$  denote the set of all  $\theta$  for which  $(X, \theta)$  is a continuous pseudo-Menger space. If  $\theta_n, \theta \in \mathcal{M}(X)$  and  $\theta_n(p, q) \xrightarrow{\circ} \theta(p, q)$  for all  $p, q \in X$  then we will write  $\theta_n \xrightarrow{\circ} \theta$ . Similarly, if  $\theta, \Gamma \in \mathcal{M}(X)$  and  $\theta_{pq} \geq \Gamma_{pq}$  for all  $p, q \in X$  then we write  $\theta \geq \Gamma$ . Let  $\Xi \in \mathcal{M}(X)$  be defined by  $\Xi_{pq} = H$  for all  $p, q \in X$ .

If  $\theta \in \mathcal{S}(X)$  let  $X$  be endowed with the topology, denoted  $\tau(\theta)$ , generated by all sets of the form  $N(p, \varepsilon, \lambda, \theta) = \{q \in X: \theta_{pq}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda\}$  where  $p \in X$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ . Let  $T: X \rightarrow X$  be a bijection. Let  $\mathcal{M}(X, T) = \{\theta \in \mathcal{M}(X): T \text{ is a self-homeomorphism of } (X, \tau(\theta)) \text{ and } \tau(\theta) \text{ is compact}\}$ .

If  $\theta \in \mathcal{M}(X, T)$  we will let  $h(T, \theta)$  denote the topological entropy of  $T$  with respect to the  $\tau(\theta)$  topology. We will follow the notation and definitions of topological entropy developed in [1]. The only exception is the understanding that if  $T$  is a self-homeomorphism of  $(X, \tau)$  where  $\tau$  is not a compact topology and  $\mathcal{U} \subset \tau$  is a cover of  $X$  which possesses a finite subcover then  $h(T, \mathcal{U}) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (1/k)H(\bigvee_{j=0}^{k-1} T^j \mathcal{U})$ . We let  $\mathcal{M}_F(X, T) = \{\theta \in \mathcal{M}(X, T): h(T, \theta) < \infty\}$ .

Let  $\rho$  be a pseudo-metric on a set  $Y$  and let  $\mathcal{U}$  be an open cover of  $(Y, \rho)$ . Then  $\rho$ -diam  $\mathcal{U}$  will mean the sup  $\{\rho$ -diam  $A: A \in \mathcal{U}\}$ . Let  $\tau(\rho)$  denote the topology on  $Y$  determined by  $\rho$ . In addition, if  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $a \in Y$  then let  $B(Y, a, \rho, \varepsilon) = \{q \in Y: \rho(q, a) < \varepsilon\}$ . If  $D$  is another pseudo-metric on  $Y$  then  $\rho \geq D$  will mean  $\rho(a, b) \geq D(a, b)$  for all  $a, b \in Y$ . Finally, if  $X$  is a pseudo-metric space then  $X^*$  will denote the (unique up to uniform isomorphism) completion for which  $X^* \sim X$  is Hausdorff. Such an  $X^*$  will be called the *pseudo-metric space completion* of  $X$ .

**3. Lattice operations.** If  $\theta, \Psi \in \mathcal{M}(X, T)$  define  $\theta \vee \Psi = \text{Min}(\theta, \Psi)$  and  $\theta \wedge \Psi = \text{Max}(\theta, \Psi)$ . It is easy to construct examples in which  $\theta \wedge \Psi$  fails even to belong to  $\mathcal{S}(X)$ . However, we will show that  $\theta \vee \Psi$  admits a canonical extension to a map belonging to  $\mathcal{M}(X^*, T^*)$  where  $X^*$  is the completion of  $(X, \tau(\theta \vee \Psi))$  and  $T^*$  is the extension of  $T$  to  $X^*$ .

**PROPOSITION 1.** *If  $\theta, \Psi \in \mathcal{M}(X)$  then  $\theta \vee \Psi \in \mathcal{M}(X)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\Delta_1$  and  $\Delta_2$  be continuous triangular norms for  $\theta$  and  $\Psi$  respectively which satisfy:

$$\theta_{pq}(a + b) \geq \Delta_1(\theta_{pr}(a), \theta_{rq}(b))$$

and

$$\Psi_{pq}(a + b) \geq \Delta_2(\Psi_{pr}(a), \Psi_{rq}(b)) \text{ for all } a, b \in R \text{ and all } p, q, r \in X.$$

It is easy to check that  $\Delta_3 = \text{Min}(\Delta_1, \Delta_2)$  is a continuous triangular norm. Using the monotonicity of  $\Delta_1$  and  $\Delta_2$  we verify the triangle inequality for  $\theta \vee \Psi$  with respect to  $\Delta_3$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (\theta \vee \Psi)_{pr}(a + b) &= \text{Min}(\theta_{pr}(a + b), \Psi_{pr}(a + b)) \\ &\geq \text{Min}(\Delta_1(\theta_{pq}(a), \theta_{qr}(b)), \Delta_2(\Psi_{pq}(a), \Psi_{qr}(b))) \\ &\geq \text{Min}(\Delta_1, \Delta_2)(\text{Min}(\theta_{pq}(a), \Psi_{pq}(a)), \text{Min}(\theta_{qr}(b), \Psi_{qr}(b))) \\ &= \Delta_3((\theta \vee \Psi)_{pq}(a), (\theta \vee \Psi)_{qr}(b)). \end{aligned}$$

**LEMMA 1.** *Assume  $\theta, \Psi \in \mathcal{M}(X)$  determine compact topologies  $\tau(\theta)$  and  $\tau(\Psi)$  respectively. Let  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  be pseudo-metrics on  $X$  which generate the topologies  $\tau(\theta)$  and  $\tau(\Psi)$  respectively. Then the pseudo-metric  $D = d_1 + d_2$  determines the topology  $\tau(\theta \vee \Psi)$ .*

*Proof.* As a consequence of Lemma 4 of [7] and the above proposition we know that  $\tau(\theta \vee \Psi) \supset \tau(\theta) \cup \tau(\Psi)$ . Thus it suffices to show that  $\tau(\theta \vee \Psi)$  is generated by  $\{A \cap C : A \in \tau(\theta) \text{ and } C \in \tau(\Psi)\}$ . Let  $p \in X$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda > 0$  be given. Let  $q \in N(p, \varepsilon, \lambda, \theta \vee \Psi)$ . For each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  choose  $A_n = N(q, 1/n, 1/n, \theta)$  and  $C_n = N(q, 1/n, 1/n, \Psi)$ . Suppose for each  $n$  there exists  $y_n \in A_n \cap C_n$  such that  $y_n \notin N(p, \varepsilon, \lambda, \theta \vee \Psi)$ . Then  $\theta_{qy_n}(1/n) > 1 - (1/n)$  and  $\Psi_{qy_n}(1/n) > 1 - (1/n)$  from which  $(\theta \vee \Psi)_{qy_n} \rightarrow H$ . Since  $(\theta \vee \Psi)_{pq}$  is left-continuous and  $(\theta \vee \Psi)_{pq}(\varepsilon) > 1 - \lambda$ , there exists a  $\delta > 0$  for which  $(\theta \vee \Psi)_{pq}(\varepsilon - \delta) > 1 - \lambda$ . Now  $(\theta \vee \Psi)_{py_n}(\varepsilon) \geq \Delta((\theta \vee \Psi)_{pq}(\varepsilon - \delta), (\theta \vee \Psi)_{qy_n}(\delta)) \rightarrow (\theta \vee \Psi)_{pq}(\varepsilon - \delta) > 1 - \lambda$  from which one draws the contradiction that  $y_n \in N(p, \varepsilon, \lambda, \theta \vee \Psi)$  for large  $n$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.** *Let  $\theta, \Psi \in \mathcal{M}(X)$  and suppose  $\tau(\theta)$  and  $\tau(\Psi)$  are each compact. Then  $\tau(\theta \vee \Psi)$  is totally bounded.*

*Proof.* Let  $d_1, d_2$  be pseudo-metrics on  $X$  which determine  $\tau(\theta)$  and  $\tau(\Psi)$  respectively. Then  $D = d_1 + d_2$  is a pseudo-metric for  $\tau(\theta \vee \Psi)$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. Let  $p_i, q_j \in X$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq N$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq M$ , be chosen such that  $\bigcup_{i=1}^N B(X, p_i, d_1, \varepsilon/2) = \bigcup_{j=1}^M B(X, q_j, d_2, \varepsilon/2) = X$ . Then it is easy to verify that, for each  $i$  and  $j$ ,  $B(X, p_i, d_1, \varepsilon/2) \cap B(X, q_j, d_2, \varepsilon/2) \subset B(X, z_{ij}, D, \varepsilon)$  for any  $z_{ij} \in B(X, p_i, d_1, \varepsilon/2) \cap B(X, q_j, d_2, \varepsilon/2)$  provided this intersection is nonempty.

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $\theta, \Psi \in \mathcal{M}(X, T)$  and let  $(X^*, \tau^*)$  denote the pseudo-metric space completion of  $(X, \tau(\theta \vee \Psi))$ . Then:*

1.  *$T$  admits a unique extension to a self-homeomorphism  $T^*$  of  $(X^*, \tau^*)$ .*

2.  *$\theta \vee \Psi$  admits a unique extension to a map  $(\theta \vee \Psi)^*: X^* \times X^* \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$*

3.  *$(\theta \vee \Psi)^* \in \mathcal{M}(X^*, T^*)$*

4.  *$\tau^* = \tau((\theta \vee \Psi)^*)$*

*Proof.* Let  $D^*$  denote the pseudo-metric on  $(X^*, \tau^*)$  which extends the pseudo-metric  $D$  on  $(X, \tau(\theta \vee \Psi))$ . Since  $\theta \vee \Psi: X \times X \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  is a uniformly continuous map [8] it can be extended (Cor. 6.2, Ch. 14 of [3]) to a continuous map  $(\theta \vee \Psi)^*: X^* \times X^* \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ . The work of Sherwood [11, 12] implies that  $(\theta \vee \Psi)^* \in \mathcal{M}(X)$  and  $\tau((\theta \vee \Psi)^*) = \tau^*$ . Since  $T$  is uniformly continuous on  $(X, D)$  there exists an extension  $T^*$  which is a self-homeomorphism of  $(X^*, \tau^*)$ . Now since  $\tau^*$  is compact,  $(\theta \vee \Psi)^* \in \mathcal{M}(X^*, T^*)$ .

4. Entropy. We begin by investigating the relation among  $h(T, \theta \vee \Psi)$ ,  $h(T, \theta)$  and  $h(T, \Psi)$ . Several lemmas are required.

**LEMMA 2.** *Let  $(X, \rho)$  be a compact pseudo-metric space and  $T: X \rightarrow X$  be a homeomorphism. Let  $\{\mathcal{U}_n: n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$  be a sequence of open covers of  $X$  satisfying  $\rho\text{-diam } \mathcal{U}_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then  $h(T, \mathcal{U}_n) \rightarrow h(T)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\{\mathcal{U}_{n_j}: j \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$  be a subsequence of the  $\{\mathcal{U}_n\}$ . Using the Lebesgue covering lemma one can select a subsequence  $\{m_j\}$  of the  $\{n_j\}$  such that  $\mathcal{U}_{m_j} < \mathcal{U}_{m_{j+1}}$  for  $j \geq 1$ . Now applying the Corollary on page 314 of [1] the desired result is obtained.

**LEMMA 3.** *Suppose  $D$  and  $d$  are pseudo-metrics on  $X$  satisfying  $D \geq d$ ,  $\tau(d)$  is compact and  $\tau(D)$  is totally bounded. Assume  $T$  is a self-homeomorphism of  $(X, d)$  and of  $(X, D)$ . Let  $\{\mathcal{V}_n: n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$  be a sequence of  $\tau(D)$ -open covers of  $X$  such that  $D\text{-diam } \mathcal{V}_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and each  $\mathcal{V}_n$  possesses a finite subcover of  $X$ . Then  $\sup \{h(T, \mathcal{U}): \mathcal{U} \subset \tau(d)\} \leq \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(T, \mathcal{V}_n)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{W}_n$  be a sequence of  $\tau(d)$ -open covers of  $X$  such that  $d\text{-diam } \mathcal{W}_n \rightarrow 0$ . Then for each  $n > 0$  there exists an  $m \geq n$  such that  $\mathcal{W}_n < \mathcal{V}_m$ . Thus  $\lim_n h(T, \mathcal{W}_n) \leq \overline{\lim}_n h(T, \mathcal{V}_n)$ . Now  $\sup \{h(T, \mathcal{U}): \mathcal{U} \subset \tau(d)\} = \lim_n h(T, \mathcal{W}_n)$ .

**LEMMA 4.** Let  $\theta, \Psi \in \mathcal{M}(X, T)$  and let  $D$  be a pseudo-metric on  $X$  for which  $\tau(D) = \tau(\theta \vee \Psi)$ . For each  $\varepsilon > 0$  let  $\mathcal{U}_\varepsilon = \{B(X, p, D, \varepsilon): p \in X\}$ . Then  $h(T^*, (\theta \vee \Psi)^*) = \sup_\varepsilon h(T, \mathcal{U}_\varepsilon)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{U}_\varepsilon^* = \{B(X^*, p, D^*, \varepsilon): p \in X\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{U}_\varepsilon = \{A \cap X: A \in \mathcal{U}_\varepsilon^*\}$  and  $h(T^*, (\theta \vee \Psi)^*) = \sup_\varepsilon h(T^*, \mathcal{U}_\varepsilon^*)$ . It is easy to verify that  $N(\bigvee_0^K T^{*i} \mathcal{U}_\varepsilon^*) = N(\bigvee_0^K T^i \mathcal{U}_\varepsilon)$  for all  $K \geq 0$ . Consequently  $h(T^*, \mathcal{U}_\varepsilon^*) = h(T, \mathcal{U}_\varepsilon)$  and the lemma is proven.

**THEOREM 2.** Let  $\theta, \Psi \in \mathcal{M}(X, T)$ . Then:

$$\text{Max}(h(T, \theta), h(T, \Psi)) \leq h(T^*, (\theta \vee \Psi)^*) \leq h(T, \theta) + h(T, \Psi).$$

*Proof.* Let  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  be pseudo-metrics on  $X$  which generate  $\tau(\theta)$  and  $\tau(\Psi)$  respectively. Then  $D = d_1 + d_2$  is a pseudo-metric for  $\tau(\theta \vee \Psi)$ . Let  $\varepsilon_n$  be a sequence of positive numbers such that  $\varepsilon_n \rightarrow 0$ . Let  $\mathcal{V}_n = \{B(X, p, D, \varepsilon_n): p \in X\}$  and  $\mathcal{V}_n^* = \{B(X^*, p, D^*, \varepsilon_n): p \in X\}$ . Applying lemma 3, we have  $h(T^*, (\theta \vee \Psi)^*) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(T^*, \mathcal{V}_n^*) \geq \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(T, \mathcal{V}_n) \geq \sup \{h(T, \mathcal{U}): \mathcal{U} \subset \tau(d_1)\} = h(T, \theta)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{P}_n = \{B(X, p, d_1, 1/n): p \in X\}$ ,  $\mathcal{Q}_n = \{B(X, p, d_2, 1/n): p \in X\}$  and  $\mathcal{R}_n = \{B(X, p, D, 1/n): p \in X\}$ . Since  $\mathcal{R}_n < \mathcal{P}_{4n} \vee \mathcal{Q}_{4n}$  we have  $h(T, \mathcal{R}_n) \leq h(T, \mathcal{P}_{4n} \vee \mathcal{Q}_{4n}) \leq h(T, \mathcal{P}_{4n}) + h(T, \mathcal{Q}_{4n})$ . Lemma 4 yields  $h(T^*, (\theta \vee \Psi)^*) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(T, \mathcal{R}_n) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(T, \mathcal{P}_{4n}) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(T, \mathcal{Q}_{4n}) = h(T, \theta) + h(T, \Psi)$ .

**EXAMPLE 1.** Let  $Y = \{0, 1, 2\}$  and  $X = Y^{\mathbb{Z}}$ . Define the shift  $T: X \rightarrow X$  by  $T(\{y_i\}) = \{y_{i+1}\}$ . Let  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  be pseudo-metrics on  $X$  given by:

$$d_1(\{u_i\}, \{z_i\}) = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|\omega(u_i) - \omega(z_i)|}{2^{|i|}}$$

where

$$\omega(a) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } a = 2 \\ 1 & \text{if } a = 0, 1 \end{cases}$$

and

$$d_2(\{u_i\}, \{z_i\}) = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|\alpha(u_i) - \alpha(z_i)|}{2^{|i|}}$$

where

$$\alpha(a) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } a = 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } a = 1, 2 \end{cases}$$

for all  $\{u_i\}$  and  $\{z_i\} \in X$ .

Define  $\theta, \Psi \in \mathcal{M}(X, T)$  by:

$$\theta_{uz}(\varepsilon) = H(\varepsilon - d_1(u, z))$$

and

$$\Psi_{uz}(\varepsilon) = H(\varepsilon - d_2(u, z)) \quad \text{for all } \varepsilon > 0 \text{ and all } u, z \in X.$$

Then it follows that  $h(T^*, (\theta \vee \Psi)^*) = \ln 3$ ,  $\text{Max}(h(T, \theta), h(T, \Psi)) = \ln 2$ , and  $h(T, \theta) + h(T, \Psi) = \ln 4$ .

DEFINITION. If  $\theta, \Psi \in \mathcal{M}_F(X, T)$  let  $h_T(\theta | \Psi) = h(T^*, (\theta \vee \Psi)^*) - h(T, \Psi)$

PROPOSITION 3. Assume  $\theta, \Psi, \Gamma \in \mathcal{M}_F(X, T)$ . Then:

- (a)  $0 \leq h_T(\theta | \Psi) \leq h(T, \theta)$
- (b)  $h_T(\theta | \theta) = 0$
- (c)  $h_T(\theta \vee \Psi | \Gamma) = h_T(\theta | \Psi \vee \Gamma) + h_T(\Psi | \Gamma)$  provided  $\theta \vee \Psi, \Psi \vee \Gamma \in \mathcal{M}_F(X, T)$
- (d)  $h_T(\theta | \Xi) = h(T, \theta)$

*Proof.* Statement (a) is a corollary of Theorem 2. Statements (b), (c) and (d) follow quickly from the definitions.

PROPOSITION 4. Let  $\theta, \Gamma \in \mathcal{M}_F(X, T)$ . Suppose  $\theta \vee \Gamma \in \mathcal{M}_F(X, T)$  and that  $(X, \Gamma)$  is a Menger space. Then  $h_T(\theta | \Gamma) = 0$ .

*Proof.* This follows from the fact that any two compact metrizable topologies on  $X$ , each of which renders  $T$  a homeomorphism, yield the same topological entropy for  $T$ .

PROPOSITION 5. Let  $\theta, \Psi \in \mathcal{M}_F(X, T)$ . Assume that  $\theta \vee \Psi \in \mathcal{M}_F(X, T)$  and that  $\theta_{pq} = H$  if and only if  $\Psi_{pq} = H$ . Then  $h_T(\theta | \Psi) = 0$ .

*Proof.* For  $x, y \in X$ , define  $x \sim y$  if and only if  $\theta_{xy} = H$ . This equivalence relation on  $X$  induces a self-homeomorphism  $\tilde{T}$  of  $X/\sim$ . It is easy to verify that  $h(T) = h(\tilde{T})$ . One can then apply Proposition 4.

PROPOSITION 6. Let  $\theta, \Psi, \Gamma \in \mathcal{M}_F(X, T)$  and suppose  $\Psi \leq \Gamma$ . Then  $h_T(\Psi | \theta) \geq h_T(\Gamma | \theta)$ .

*Proof.* Lemma 4 of [7] yields  $\tau(\Gamma) \subset \tau(\Psi \vee \theta)$ . Since  $\tau(\theta) \subset \tau(\Psi \vee \theta)$  we have  $\tau(\Gamma \vee \theta) \subset \tau(\Psi \vee \theta)$ . Let  $(X_1^*, \tau_1^*)$  and  $(X_2^*, \tau_2^*)$  denote the completions of  $(X, \tau(\theta \vee \Gamma))$  and  $(X, \tau(\theta \vee \Psi))$  respectively, and let  $T_1^*$  and  $T_2^*$  denote the extensions of  $T$  to  $X_1^*$  and  $X_2^*$  respectively. One may assume that  $X_1^* \subset X_2^*$  and that  $T_2^*$  extends  $T_1^*$ . Then the relative topology on  $X_1^*$  induced by  $\tau_2^*$  contains  $\tau_1^*$ . Let  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  denote pseudo-metrics on  $X_1^*$  which generate  $\tau_1^*$  and  $\tau_2^*|_{X_1^*}$  (the topology induced on  $X_1^*$  by  $\tau_2^*$ ) respectively. By replacing  $D_2$  with  $D_1 + D_2$ , if necessary, we may assume that  $D_1 \leq D_2$ . Let  $D_2^*$  denote the extension of  $D_2$  to  $(X_2^*, \tau_2^*)$ . Let  $\mathcal{V}_n^* = \{B(X_2^*, p, D_2^*, 1/n) : p \in X_1^*\}$  and  $\mathcal{V}_n = \{A \cap X_1^* : A \in \mathcal{V}_n^*\}$ . Applying Lemma 3 together with the fact that  $h(T_1^*, \mathcal{V}_n) = h(T_2^*, \mathcal{V}_n^*)$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} h(T_1^*, (\theta \vee \Gamma)^*) &\leq \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(T_1^*, \mathcal{V}_n) \\ &\leq \sup_n h(T_2^*, \mathcal{V}_n^*) \\ &= h(T_2^*, (\theta \vee \Psi)^*). \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE 2. Two examples are given to show that, in general, if  $\theta, \Psi, \Gamma \in \mathcal{M}_F(X, T)$  and  $\Psi \leq \Gamma$  then  $h_T(\theta | \Psi)$  may be less than or greater than  $h_T(\theta | \Gamma)$ .

First, note that  $\Psi \leq \Xi$  and  $h_T(\theta | \Xi) = h(T, \theta)$ . Thus, if  $h(T, \theta) > 0$ , then  $0 = h_T(\theta | \theta) < h_T(\theta | \Xi)$ .

We now provide an example in which  $\Psi \leq \Gamma$  and  $h_T(\theta | \Psi) > h_T(\theta | \Gamma)$ . Let  $Y = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and  $X = Y^{\mathbb{Z}}$ . Define three pseudo-metrics on  $X$  as follows:

$$D(\{y_i\}, \{z_i\}) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|c(y_i) - c(z_i)|}{2^{|i|}}$$

where

$$c(a) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a = 5 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$d(\{y_i\}, \{z_i\}) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|s(y_i) - s(z_i)|}{2^{|i|}}$$

where

$$s(a) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } a = 1 \text{ or } 3 \\ 1 & \text{if } a = 2 \text{ or } 4 \\ 0 & \text{if } a = 5 \end{cases}$$

$$\rho(\{y_i\}, \{z_i\}) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|t(y_i) - t(z_i)|}{2^{|i|}}$$



where

$$t(a) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a = 1 \text{ or } 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for all  $\{y_i\}, \{z_i\} \in X$ .

Define  $\theta, \Psi, \Gamma \in \mathcal{M}(X)$  as follows:

$$\theta_{pq}(\varepsilon) = H(\varepsilon - \rho(p, q))$$

$$\Gamma_{pq}(\varepsilon) = H(\varepsilon - D(p, q))$$

$$\Psi_{pq}(\varepsilon) = H(\varepsilon - d(p, q))$$

for all  $p, q \in X$ .

Let  $T: X \rightarrow X$  be the shift given by  $T(\{y_i\}) = \{y_{i+1}\}$ . Then  $\theta, \Gamma, \Psi \in \mathcal{M}(X, T)$ ,  $\Psi \leq \Gamma$ ,  $h_T(\theta | \Psi) = h(T, \theta \vee \Psi) - h(T, \Psi) = \ln 5 - \ln 3 = \ln 5/3$ , and  $h_T(\theta | \Gamma) = h(T, \theta \vee \Gamma) - h(T, \Gamma) = \ln 3 - \ln 2 = \ln 3/2$ .

**THEOREM 3.** Let  $\theta_n, \Psi_n, \theta, \Psi \in \mathcal{M}_f(X, T)$ . Suppose  $\theta_n \geq \theta$ ,  $\Psi_n \geq \Psi$ ,  $\theta_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} \theta$ ,  $\Psi_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} \Psi$  and  $\theta \vee \Psi \in \mathcal{M}(X, T)$ . Then  $h_T(\theta_n | \Psi_n) \rightarrow h_T(\theta | \Psi)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

The proof of this theorem is based upon the following lemma.

**LEMMA 5.** Assume  $\Sigma \in \mathcal{M}(X, T)$ ,  $\Omega \in \mathcal{M}(X)$ ,  $\tau(\Omega)$  is totally bounded,  $\Omega \geq \Sigma$  and  $T$  is a self-homeomorphism of  $(X, \tau(\Omega))$ . Then  $\Omega \in \mathcal{M}(X, T)$ .

*Proof.* We must show  $\tau(\Omega)$  is compact. Let  $X^*$  be the completion of  $(X, \tau(\Omega))$  and  $T^*$  be the extension of  $T$  to  $X^*$ . So  $\Omega^* \in \mathcal{M}(X^*, T^*)$ . Since  $X^*$  is compact, Lemma 3 of [7] is applicable. Thus, given  $q \in X^*$ ,  $\{N(q, \varepsilon, \lambda, \Omega^*): \varepsilon, \lambda > 0\}$  is a local basis for  $\tau(\Omega^*)$  at  $q$ . If  $p \in X$  observe that  $N(p, \varepsilon, \lambda, \Omega^*) \cap X = N(p, \varepsilon, \lambda, \Omega)$ . Hence, for  $p \in X$ ,  $\{N(p, \varepsilon, \lambda, \Omega): \varepsilon, \lambda > 0\}$  is a local basis for  $\tau(\Omega)$  at  $p$ . Now an argument analogous to that used in lemma 4 of [7] yields  $\tau(\Omega) \subset \tau(\Sigma)$ .

*Proof of Theorem 3.* Since  $\theta_n \vee \Psi_n \geq \theta \vee \Psi \in \mathcal{M}_f(X, T)$  and  $\theta_n \vee \Psi_n \in \mathcal{M}(X)$  the preceding lemma yields  $\theta_n \vee \Psi_n \in \mathcal{M}(X, T)$ . Now, applying the main theorem of [7],  $h(T, \theta_n \vee \Psi_n) \rightarrow h(T, \theta \vee \Psi)$  and  $h(T, \Psi_n) \rightarrow h(T, \Psi)$ . The desired result now follows.

We conclude with a brief consideration of a special class of pseudo-Menger maps.

DEFINITION. The map  $\theta \in \mathcal{M}(X, T)$  is  $(X, T)$ -deterministic if  $h(T, \theta) = 0$ .

PROPOSITION 7. Let  $\theta, \Gamma \in \mathcal{M}(X, T)$  and suppose that  $\theta \geq \Gamma$ . If  $\Gamma$  is  $(X, T)$ -deterministic then so is  $\theta$ .

*Proof.* This follows at once from Lemma 4 of [7] where it is shown that  $\tau(\theta) \subset \tau(\Gamma)$ .

The following two propositions are consequences of Theorem 2.

PROPOSITION 8. Let  $\theta, \Gamma \in \mathcal{M}(X, T)$ . Then  $\theta$  and  $\Gamma$  are  $(X, T)$ -deterministic if and only if  $\theta \vee \Gamma$  is  $(X^*, T^*)$ -deterministic.

PROPOSITION 9. If  $\Gamma \in \mathcal{M}(X, T)$  is  $(X, T)$ -deterministic and  $\theta \in \mathcal{M}_T(X, T)$  then  $h_T(\theta | \Gamma) = h(T, \theta)$ .

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