

Stability of the topological pressure for continuously differentiable interval maps

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Assume that $T : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is a C^1 -map satisfying that $\{c \in (0, 1) : T'c = 0\}$ is finite. Fix an $N \in \mathbb{N}$ with $N \geq \text{card}(\{c \in (0, 1) : T'c = 0\}) + 1$. Denote the family of all C^1 -maps $S : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$, which are piecewise monotonic with at most N intervals of monotonicity by \mathcal{M}_N . Obviously the conditions on T imply that $T \in \mathcal{M}_N$. The set \mathcal{M}_N is endowed with the C^1 -topology, this means with respect to the norm $\|S\| := \max_{x \in [0, 1]} |Sx| + \sup_{x \in [0, 1]} |S'x|$. Then the stability of certain dynamical invariants of T under small perturbations is investigated. Observe that it is essential to assume that the number of intervals of monotonicity of the perturbation is bounded by the previously fixed number N , but one this number can be chosen arbitrarily large.

One obtains that for every continuous function $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ the topological pressure is upper semi-continuous at T , this means $\limsup_{\tilde{T} \rightarrow T} p(\tilde{T}, f) \leq p(T, f)$. If f satisfies that $p(T, f) > \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \max_{x \in [0, 1]} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} f(T^j x)$ (which is satisfied if $p(T, f) > \max_{x \in [0, 1]} f(x)$ holds), then the topological pressure is continuous at T . Hence the topological entropy is continuous at T . In general the topological pressure is not lower semi-continuous. This will be shown giving an example. Suppose that $h_{\text{top}}(T) > 0$ and that T has a unique measure μ of maximal entropy (this means $h_\mu(T) = h_{\text{top}}(T)$). Then there exists an open neighbourhood U of T in \mathcal{M}_N (with respect to the C^1 -topology), such that every $\tilde{T} \in U$ has a unique measure $\mu_{\tilde{T}}$ of maximal entropy. Moreover, $\lim_{\tilde{T} \rightarrow T} \mu_{\tilde{T}} = \mu$ in the weak star-topology.