

**Exercise 1. (The non-wandering set.)** Let  $(X, T)$  be a TDS. A point  $x$  is called *wandering* for  $T$  if there exists an open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that the sets  $T^{-n}U$ ,  $n \geq 0$  are pairwise disjoint. The *non-wandering* set for  $T$ ,  $\Omega(T)$ , consist of all the points of  $X$  that are not wandering for  $T$ :

$$\Omega(T) = \{x \in T : \text{for every neighborhood } U \text{ of } x \exists n \geq 1 \text{ with } T^{-n}U \cap U \neq \emptyset\}.$$

- (1) Prove that
  - (a)  $\Omega(T)$  is closed.
  - (b) All periodic points belong to  $\Omega(T)$ .
  - (c)  $\bigcup_{x \in X} \omega(x) \subset \Omega(T)$ .
  - (d)  $T(\Omega(T)) \subset \Omega(T)$ .
  - (e)

$$\Omega(T) = \{x \in T : \text{for every neighborhood } U \text{ of } x \text{ and every } N \geq 1 \text{ there exists } n \geq N \text{ with } T^{-n}U \cap U \neq \emptyset\}.$$

(Hint: distinguish the cases  $x$  periodic and  $x$  non periodic).

(2) Define  $\Omega_1(T) = \Omega(T)$  and by induction  $\Omega_n(T) = \Omega(T|_{\Omega_{n-1}(T)})$ .

(a) The set  $\Omega_\infty = \bigcap_{n \geq 1} \Omega_n$  is called the center of  $T$ . Let  $\mu$  be a  $T$ -invariant Borel probability measure. Prove by induction that  $\mu(\Omega_n(T)) = 1$  for all  $n \geq 1$ , hence  $\mu(\Omega_\infty) = 1$ .

(b) Prove that if there exists a  $T$ -invariant Borel probability measure  $\mu$  which gives positive mass to any non-empty open subset, then  $X = \Omega(T)$ .

(c) If  $X$  is the closed unit disc and  $T(re^{2i\pi\theta}) = \sqrt{r}e^{2i\pi(\theta^2 + 1 - r \pmod{1})}$  ( $0 \leq r \leq 1$ ,  $\theta \in [0, 1)$ ), show that  $\Omega_1(T) = \{(0, 0)\} \cup \partial X$  and  $\Omega_2(T) = \{(0, 0)\} \cup \{1, 0\}$ . Determine all the  $T$ -invariant measures in this case.

**Exercise 2. (Unique ergodicity.)** Let  $(X, T)$  be a TDS.  $(X, T)$  is said *uniquely ergodic* if there exists only one  $T$ -invariant Borel probability measure on  $X$ :  $M(X, T) = \{\mu\}$ . The measure is then necessarily ergodic.

(1) (a) Suppose that  $(X, T)$  is uniquely ergodic. Show that  $(X, T)$  is minimal if and only if  $\mu(U) > 0$  for every non empty open set  $U$ .

(b) Suppose that  $X$  is the unit circle and  $T : K \rightarrow K$  is the mapping  $T(e^{2\pi\theta}) = e^{2\pi\theta^2}$ ,  $\theta \in [0, 1]$ . Show that  $(X, T)$  is uniquely ergodic but not minimal.

(2) Show that the following properties are equivalent:

- (a)  $(X, T)$  is uniquely ergodic;
- (b) for every  $f \in C(X)$ ,  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(T^k x)$  converges uniformly to a constant;
- (c) for every  $f \in C(X)$ ,  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(T^k x)$  converges pointwise to a constant;