

Topological Entropy of the Horseshoe map

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Metric

Let (X, d) be a compact metric space, and $f: X \rightarrow X$ a continuous map. For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, the function

$$d_n(x, y) = \max_{0 \leq k \leq n-1} d(f^k(x), f^k(y))$$

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$\text{span}(n, \varepsilon, f)$ is the minimum cardinality of any (n, ε) spanning set.

Topological Entropy

$$h(f) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log(\text{span}(n, \epsilon, f))$$

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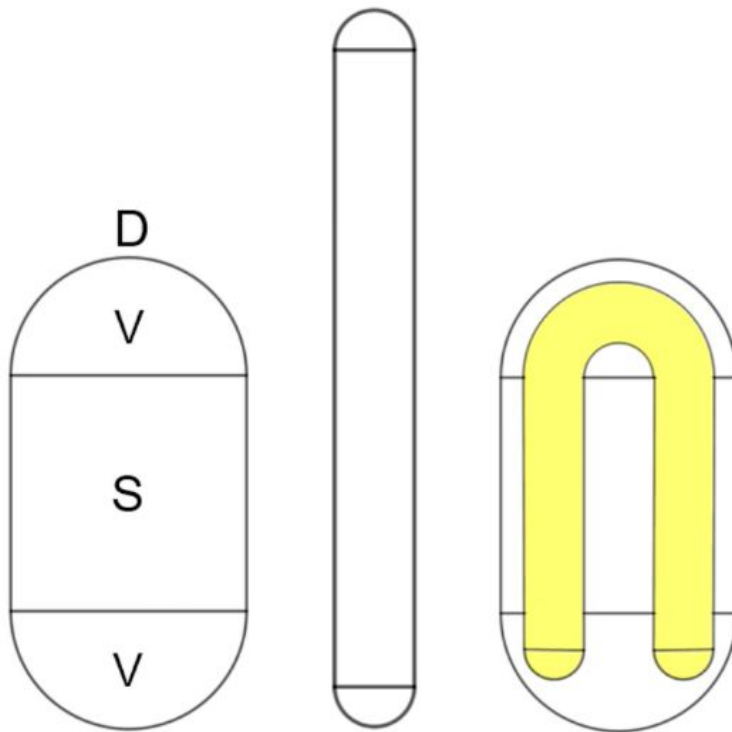
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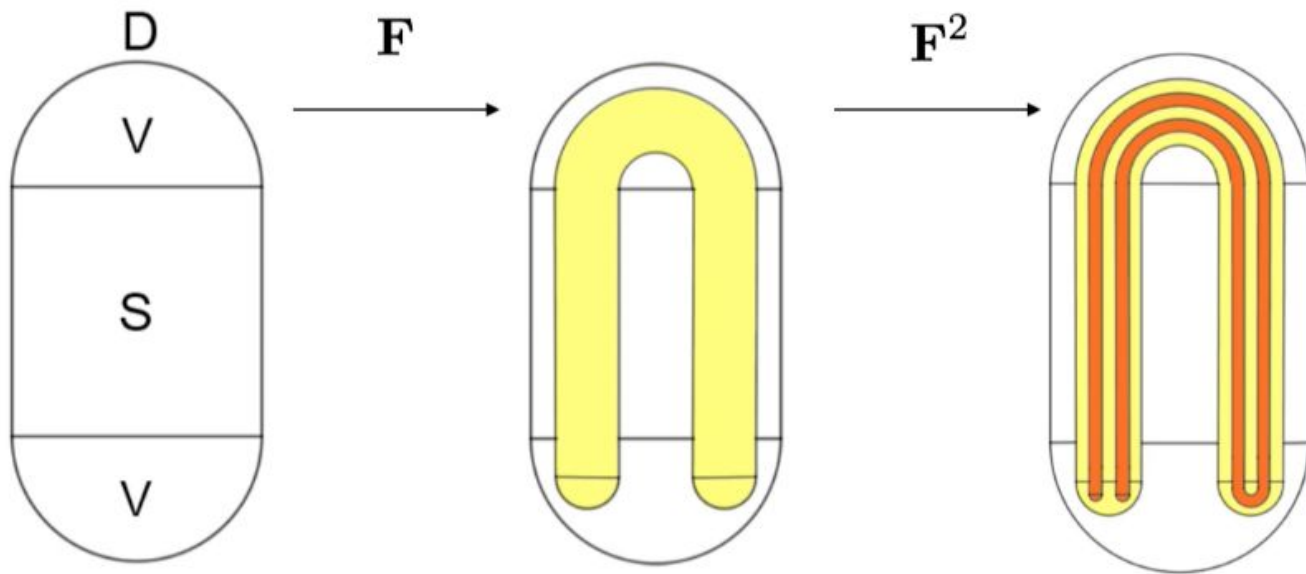
Entropy is invariant under conjugacy [2]

Theorem 5.4. *If (X, f) and (Y, g) are two topologically conjugate dynamical systems with conjugacy $\phi : Y \rightarrow X$ then $h(f) = h(g)$.*

Horseshoe [1]



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Horseshoe is conjugate to the Full Shift

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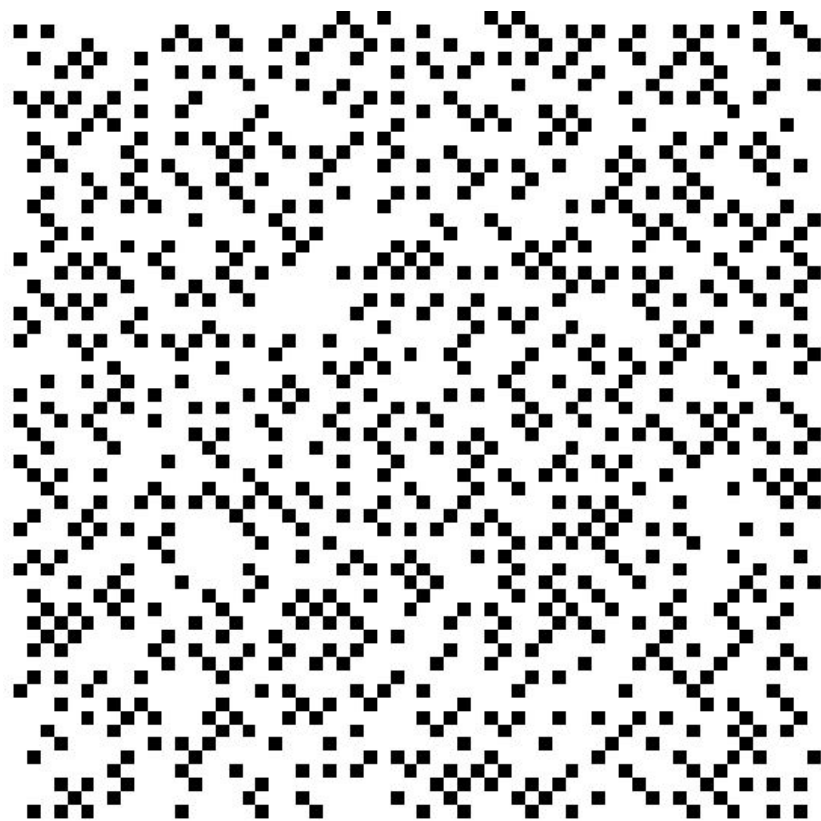
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Open Question:

$$\{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{Z}^2}$$



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