

## ON TOPOLOGICAL SEQUENCE ENTROPY OF PIECEWISE MONOTONIC MAPPINGS

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In this paper a full classification of piecewise monotonic maps from the point of view of the topological sequence entropy is established.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a continuous map.  $f$  is said to be *chaotic in the sense of Li-Yorke* if there are two points  $x, y \in [0, 1]$ ,  $x \neq y$ , such that

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} |f^n(x) - f^n(y)| = 0,$$
$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |f^n(x) - f^n(y)| > 0.$$

A useful tool to distinguish between chaotic and non-chaotic maps is the topological sequence entropy (see definition below), as stated in the following result (see [3]).

**THEOREM 1.1.** *Let  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be continuous. Then  $f$  is chaotic if and only if there exists an increasing sequence of positive integers  $A$  such that  $h_A(f) > 0$ .*

Theorem 1.1 does not establish apparently any difference between two essentially different types of chaotic maps: chaotic maps of type  $2^\infty$  and of type greater than  $2^\infty$ . On the other hand, for chaotic maps of type greater than  $2^\infty$  there is a universal sequence,  $A = (i)_{i=0}^\infty$ , for which  $h_A(f) > 0$  [6, Theorem 4.19]. For chaotic maps of type  $2^\infty$  there is no such universal sequence (see [5]). However, we shall show that at least for piecewise monotonic maps a universal property characterises chaotic maps of type  $2^\infty$ : they have bounded topological sequence entropy. This property allows us to distinguish among piecewise monotonic chaotic maps of type  $2^\infty$  and of type greater than  $2^\infty$  from the topological sequence entropy point of view.

Let us introduce some definitions (see [6]). Recall that a point  $x \in [0, 1]$  is *periodic* if there exists a positive integer  $n$  for which  $f^n(x) = x$ . The smallest integer satisfying this condition is called the *period* of  $x$ . For  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $f$  is said to be of *type  $2^r$*  if it has

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periodic points of period  $1, 2, \dots, 2^r$ , but no other periods.  $f$  is said to be of *type*  $2^\infty$  if it has periodic points of period  $2^n$  for all positive integers  $n$ , but no other periods.  $f$  is said to be of *type greater than*  $2^\infty$  if it has a periodic point with period  $n = 2^p q$ , where  $q \in \{2k + 1 : k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and  $p \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ .

Let  $x \in [0, 1]$ . The set of limit points of the sequence  $(f^n(x))_{i=0}^\infty$ ,  $\omega(x, f)$ , is called the  $\omega$ -*limit set* of  $x$ . Thus  $y \in \omega(x, f)$  if and only if there is a sequence of positive integers  $\{n_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ , with  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} n_i = \infty$ , such that  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} f^{n_i}(x) = y$ .  $\omega(x, f)$  is closed and strongly invariant  $(f(\omega(x, f)) = \omega(x, f))$ . Recall that a continuous map  $f$  is *piecewise monotonic* if there exists a partition of  $[0, 1]$  into intervals such that  $f$  is monotonic in each interval of the partition.

Now we introduce the notion of *topological sequence entropy* (see [4]). Let  $A = (a_i)_{i=1}^\infty$  be an increasing sequence of positive integers and let  $Y \subset [0, 1]$ . Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ . A set  $E \subset Y$  is said to be  $(A, n, \varepsilon, Y, f)$ -separated if for any  $x, y \in E$ ,  $x \neq y$ , there is an  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  such that  $|f^{a_i}(x) - f^{a_i}(y)| > \varepsilon$ . Denote by  $s_n(A, \varepsilon, Y, f)$  the cardinality of any maximal  $(A, n, \varepsilon, Y, f)$ -separated set in  $Y$ . Define

$$s(A, \varepsilon, Y, f) := \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log s_n(A, \varepsilon, Y, f).$$

$$h_A(f, Y) := \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} s(A, \varepsilon, Y, f).$$

Define the *topological entropy of*  $f$  as

$$h_A(f) := h_A(f, [0, 1]).$$

When  $A = (i)_{i=1}^\infty$ ,  $h_A(f) = h(f)$  is the standard topological entropy (see [1]).

Let

$$h_\infty(f) := \sup_A h_A(f).$$

According to [4], we say that  $f$  is *null* if  $h_\infty(f) = 0$ ,  $f$  is *bounded* if  $h_\infty(f) < \infty$  and  $f$  is *unbounded* if  $h_\infty(f) = \infty$ .

## 2. PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Before proving our main results, we need some additional notation and known results concerning  $\omega$ -limit sets of interval maps of type  $2^\infty$ . For any infinite  $\omega$ -limit set  $\omega(x, f)$  of a map of type  $2^\infty$  there exists a sequence of closed intervals  $J^0 \supset J^1 \supset J^2 \supset \dots \supset J^n \supset \dots$  satisfying the following ([7]):

(C1)  $f^{2^i}(J^i) = J^i$  and  $f^j(J^i) \cap f^k(J^i) = \emptyset$  for  $0 \leq j < k < 2^i$  and for all  $i = 0, 1, \dots$ .

(C2)  $\omega(x, f) \subset \bigcap_{i \geq 0} \bigcup_{j=0}^{2^i-1} f^j(J^i)$ .

Let  $\text{Orb}_f(J^i) = \bigcup_{j=0}^{2^i-1} f^j(J^i)$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . The set  $\bigcap_{i \geq 0} \text{Orb}_f(J^i)$  is called a *solenoid*. For any  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $J^i$  be a periodic interval of period  $2^i$  with the following additional condition: if  $I^i$  is an interval satisfying the conditions (C1)–(C2) and  $I^i \cap J^i \neq \emptyset$ , then  $J^i = I^i$ . In this case we say that  $\bigcap_{i \geq 0} \text{Orb}_f(J^i)$  is a *maximal solenoid*.

In order to handle easily each interval  $f^j(J^i)$  with  $i \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq j \leq 2^i - 1$  we shall write them as follows. Consider the set of infinite sequences  $\{0, 1\}^\infty = \{(\alpha_i)_{i=1}^\infty : \alpha_i \in \{0, 1\}\}$ , and the sets  $\{0, 1\}^n = \{(\theta_i)_{i=1}^n : \theta_i \in \{0, 1\}\}$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . For each  $n$  and  $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_n) \in \{0, 1\}^n$ , let  $\tau(\theta) := \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i 2^{i-1}$ . Clearly  $\tau(\theta) \neq \tau(\vartheta)$  for any  $\theta, \vartheta \in \{0, 1\}^n$ ,  $\theta \neq \vartheta$ . For all  $\alpha \in \{0, 1\}^\infty$ , let  $\alpha|_n = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \{0, 1\}^n$ . Let  $\mathbf{0} = (0, 0, \dots) \in \{0, 1\}^\infty$  and  $\mathbf{1} = (1, 1, \dots) \in \{0, 1\}^\infty$ .

Fix  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and let  $K_{0|_n} = J^n$  ( $K = J^0$ ). Put  $K_\theta := f^{2^n - \tau(\theta)}(J^n)$  for any  $\theta \in \{0, 1\}^n \setminus \{0|_n\}$ . Since  $\tau(\theta) \neq \tau(\vartheta)$  for any  $\theta, \vartheta \in \{0, 1\}^n$ ,  $\theta \neq \vartheta$ , it is clear that  $K_\theta \cap K_\vartheta = \emptyset$ . It is easy to check the properties summarised in the following lemma.

**LEMMA 2.1.** *Let  $f$  be of type  $2^\infty$ . Let  $\omega(x, f)$  be an infinite  $\omega$ -limit set of  $f$ . Then there exists a family of pairwise disjoint compact intervals (possibly degenerate)  $\{K_\alpha : \alpha \in \{0, 1\}^\infty\}$  satisfying the following conditions:*

- (a)  $\omega(x, f) \subset \bigcup_{\alpha \in \{0, 1\}^\infty} K_\alpha$ .
- (b)  $K_{\alpha|_n} \subset K_{\alpha|_m}$  if  $n \geq m$ ,  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\alpha \in \{0, 1\}^\infty$ . Also  $K_\alpha = \bigcap_{n \geq 1} K_{\alpha|_n}$ .
- (c) The set of nondegenerate intervals  $K_\alpha$  is at most countable. Moreover, if  $K_\alpha$  is nondegenerate, then  $f^j(K_\alpha) \cap f^i(K_\alpha) = \emptyset$  if  $j \neq i$  ( $K_\alpha$  is a wandering interval).
- (d) Let  $\alpha \in \{0, 1\}^\infty \setminus \{0\}$  and let  $j$  be the first integer such that  $\alpha_j = 1$ . Then  $f(K_\alpha) = K_\beta$  where  $\beta_i = 1$  if  $i < j$ ,  $\beta_i = 0$  and  $\beta_i = \alpha_i$  if  $i > j$ . Additionally  $f(K_0) = K_1$ .

**PROOF:** The proof is easy and we omit it. □

The following lemma will be useful in what follows and was proved in [2].

**LEMMA 2.2.** *Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ , and let  $\mathcal{A}_\varepsilon = \{K_\alpha : |K_\alpha| \geq \varepsilon\}$ . Then there exists a positive integer  $n_0$  for which the following two conditions hold:*

- (a) If  $K_{\alpha|_{n_0}}^-$  and  $K_{\alpha|_{n_0}}^+$  denote the left and right side components of  $K_\alpha \setminus K_{\alpha|_{n_0}}$  and  $K_\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon$  then  $\max\{|K_{\alpha|_{n_0}}^-|, |K_{\alpha|_{n_0}}^+|\} < \varepsilon$ .
- (b) If  $\theta \in \{0, 1\}^{n_0}$  and  $K_\theta \neq K_{\alpha|_{n_0}}$  for all  $K_\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon$ , then  $|K_\theta| < \varepsilon$ .

Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be the set containing all the increasing sequences of positive integers. Define the *shift map*  $\sigma : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$  by  $\sigma((a_i)_{i=1}^\infty) = (a_{i+1})_{i=1}^\infty$  for all  $(a_i)_{i=1}^\infty \in \mathcal{S}$ .

**LEMMA 2.3.** *Let  $A = (a_i)_{i=1}^\infty \in \mathcal{S}$ . Let  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be continuous. Let  $Y \subset [0, 1]$  be an invariant set such that  $f|_Y$  is surjective to  $Y$ . Let  $Z \subset [0, 1]$  satisfy*

$f^k(Z) \subset Y$  for some positive integer  $k$ . Then for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  it follows that

$$s_n(A, 2\varepsilon, Z, f) \leq s_{n_0}(A, \varepsilon, Z, f) s_n(\sigma^{n_0}(A), \varepsilon, Y, f),$$

where  $n_0$  is the first integer such that  $f^{n_0+1}(Z) \subset Y$ .

PROOF: Let  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  be an  $(A, n_0, \varepsilon, Z, f)$ -separated set and an  $(\sigma^{n_0}(A), n - n_0, \varepsilon, Y, f)$ -separated set with maximal cardinalities. Let  $z \in Z$  and choose  $x_z \in Y$  such that  $f^k(x_z) = f^k(z)$  (this can be done because  $f|_Y$  is surjective). Then for any  $z \in Z$  one can assign a pair  $(x_1, x_2) \in E_1 \times E_2$  such that  $|f^{a_i}(z) - f^{a_i}(x_1)| < \varepsilon$  if  $1 \leq i \leq n_0$  and  $|f^{a_i}(z) - f^{a_i}(x_2)| = |f^{a_i}(x_z) - f^{a_i}(x_2)| < \varepsilon$  if  $n_0 < i \leq n$ . Two different points  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  of an  $(A, n_0, 2\varepsilon, Z, f)$ -separated set have different pairs associated. Conversely if they are not associated to the same pair, they cannot belong to the same  $(A, n_0, 2\varepsilon, Z, f)$ -separated set. Then

$$\begin{aligned} s_n(A, 2\varepsilon, Z, f) &\leq s_{n_0}(A, \varepsilon, Z, f) s_{n-n_0}(\sigma^{n_0}(A), \varepsilon, Y, f) \\ &\leq s_{n_0}(A, \varepsilon, Z, f) s_n(\sigma^{n_0}(A), \varepsilon, Y, f), \end{aligned}$$

and this concludes the proof. □

LEMMA 2.4. Let  $A = (a_i)_{i=1}^\infty \in \mathcal{S}$ . Let  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be of type  $2^\infty$  with a finite number of maximal solenoids  $S^i$ , with  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . Let  $K_{0j}^i$  be periodic intervals of period  $2^j$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $S_i \subset \text{Orb}_f(K_{0j}^i)$ . For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  let

$$L_n = \left\{ x \in [0, 1] : f^{ar}(x) \notin \bigcup_{i=1}^k \text{Orb}_f(K_{0j}^i) \text{ for } 1 \leq r \leq n \right\}.$$

Then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log s_n(A, \varepsilon, L_n, f) = 0.$$

PROOF: Assume the contrary for some  $\varepsilon > 0$  and define the following map  $\widehat{f} : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ . Let  $\widehat{f}(x) = f(x)$  if  $x \in [0, 1] \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^k \text{Orb}_f(K_{0j}^i)$ , and define  $\widehat{f}$  on  $\bigcup_{i=1}^k \text{Orb}_f(K_{0j}^i)$  to be continuous and linear in each subinterval. Hence,  $(\widehat{f}|_{K_{0j}^i})^{2^j}$  is monotone for any  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$  and  $\theta \in \{0, 1\}^j$ . So  $(\widehat{f}|_{K_{0j}^i})^{2^j}$  has periodic points of period at most two. Then any  $\omega(x, \widehat{f})$  is finite, that is, it is a periodic orbit. From [6, p.73],  $\widehat{f}$  is of type  $2^l$  for some  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ , and therefore it is non-chaotic. On the other hand, it is obvious that  $s_n(A, \varepsilon, L_n, f) = s_n(A, \varepsilon, L_n, \widehat{f})$ . Since  $s_n(A, \varepsilon, L_n, \widehat{f}) \leq s_n(A, \varepsilon, [0, 1], \widehat{f})$  we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} h_A(\widehat{f}) &\geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log s_n(A, \varepsilon, [0, 1], \widehat{f}) \\ &\geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log s_n(A, \varepsilon, L_n, f) > 0, \end{aligned}$$

and this leads to a contradiction because  $\widehat{f}$  is non-chaotic and, according to Theorem 1.1, its topological sequence entropy must be zero. □

### 3. MAIN RESULTS.

Our main goal is the following theorem.

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $f$  be a continuous map having a finite number of maximal solenoids. Then*

- (a)  *$f$  is non chaotic if and only if  $h_\infty(f) = 0$  ( $f$  is null).*
- (b)  *$f$  is chaotic of type  $2^\infty$  if and only if  $h_\infty(f) = \log 2$  ( $f$  is bounded and non-null).*
- (c)  *$f$  is chaotic of type greater than  $2^\infty$  if and only if  $h_\infty(f) = \infty$  ( $f$  is unbounded).*

PROOF: Part (a) follows from Theorem 1.1. For part (c), let  $A = (2^i)_{i=1}^\infty$ . Then

$$K(A) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \text{Card} \bigcup_{i=1}^n \{2^i, 2^i + 1, \dots, 2^i + k\} = \infty.$$

By [4],  $h_A(f) = K(A)h(f)$ . Since  $f$  is of type greater than  $2^\infty$ ,  $h(f) > 0$  (see, for example, [6]). Then  $h_A(f) = \infty$ .

Part (b). Let  $S^i = \bigcap_{n \geq 1} \text{Orb}_f(K_{0|n}^i)$  be the maximal solenoids of  $f$  with  $1 \leq i \leq k$ .

By Lemma 2.2, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  we can find a positive integer  $n_\varepsilon$  such that if  $\mathcal{A}_\varepsilon^i = \{K_\alpha^i : |K_\alpha^i| \geq \varepsilon\}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , then:

- (a)  $\text{Orb}_f(K_{0|n}^i) \cap \text{Orb}_f(K_{0|n}^j) = \emptyset$  if  $i \neq j$ .
- (b) If  $K_{\alpha|n_\varepsilon}^{-,i}$  and  $K_{\alpha|n_\varepsilon}^{+,i}$  denotes the left and right side components of  $K_\alpha^i \setminus K_{\alpha|n_\varepsilon}^i$  and  $K_\alpha^i \in \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon^i$  then  $\max\{|K_{\alpha|n_\varepsilon}^{-,i}|, |K_{\alpha|n_\varepsilon}^{+,i}|\} < \varepsilon$ .
- (c) If  $\theta \in \{0, 1\}^{n_\varepsilon}$  and  $K_\theta^i \neq K_{\alpha|n_\varepsilon}^i$  for all  $K_\alpha^i \in \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon^i$ , then  $|K_\theta^i| < \varepsilon$ .

We claim that for any positive integer  $n$  the number  $s_n(A, \varepsilon, [0, 1], f) \leq q(n)2^n$ , where  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\log q(n))/n = 0$ . This will give us

$$\begin{aligned} s(A, \varepsilon, [0, 1], f) &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log s_n(A, \varepsilon, [0, 1], f) \\ &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log q(n)2^n = \log 2 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ , and this will imply that  $h_A(f) \leq \log 2$  for any increasing sequence  $A$ . Following the proof of [3, Theorem 2.2], there is a sequence  $B$  such that  $h_B(f) \geq \log 2$ . Thus, we shall obtain the result.

Let  $L_0 = \bigcup_{i=1}^k \text{Orb}_f(K_{0|n_\varepsilon}^i)$ , and let  $L_n$  be the set defined in Lemma 2.4 for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

First, we estimate  $s_n(A, \varepsilon, K_\theta^i, f)$  for some  $1 \leq i \leq k$  and  $\theta \in \{0, 1\}^{n_\varepsilon}$ . Let  $\theta_j \in \{0, 1\}^{n_\varepsilon}$  be such that  $f^{a_j}(K_\theta^i) = K_{\theta_j}^i$ , for  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . We assign to each  $x \in K_\theta^i$  a code  $(C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n)$  as follows: if  $f^{a_j}(x) \in K_{\theta_j}^i$ , with  $|K_{\theta_j}^i| < \varepsilon$ , then we put  $C_j = C$ . If  $\theta_j = \alpha|n_\varepsilon$  for some

$K_\alpha^i \in \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon^i$ , then we put  $C_j = L$  if  $f^{a_j}(x) \in K_{\theta_j}^{-,i}$  and  $C_j = R$  if  $f^{a_j}(x) \in K_{\theta_j}^{+,i}$ . Divide all the intervals  $K_\alpha^i \in \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon^i$  into pairwise disjoint intervals,  $K_\alpha^{i,1}, K_\alpha^{i,2}, \dots, K_\alpha^{i,r_\alpha}$ , each of length smaller than  $\varepsilon$ . If  $f^{a_j}(x) \in K_\alpha^{i,s}$  we put  $C_j = K_\alpha^{i,s}$ . It is clear that

$$(1) \quad s_n(A, \varepsilon, K_\theta^i, f) \leq \text{Card}\{(C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n) : C_i \in \{C, L, R, K_\alpha^{i,j}\}\}.$$

We are going to obtain an upper bound for  $s_n(A, \varepsilon, K_\theta^i, f)$ . Let  $r_i = \text{Card}(\mathcal{A}_\varepsilon^i)$  and let  $R_i = \max\{r_\alpha : K_\alpha^i \in \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon^i\}$ . Notice that any  $K_\alpha^i \in \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon^i$  is a wandering interval. So, by Lemma 2.1, if  $x \in K_\theta^i$ , then  $f^{a_j}(x)$  belongs to at most  $r_i$  intervals  $K_\alpha^i \in \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon^i$ . Moreover, if for some  $x \in K_\theta^i$  and  $f^{a_j}(x) \in K_\alpha^i \in \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon^i$ , then  $f^{a_s}(x) \notin K_\alpha^i$  for all  $s \neq j$ . Hence, the number of codes is at most

$$(2) \quad \left( \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} + \dots + \binom{n}{r_i} \right) (R_i)^{r_i} 2^n.$$

By (1)

$$(3) \quad s_n(A, \varepsilon, K_\theta^i, f) \leq \left( \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} + \dots + \binom{n}{r_i} \right) (R_i)^{r_i} 2^n.$$

Finally, if  $R = \max\{R_i : 1 \leq i \leq k\}$ ,  $r = \max\{r_i : 1 \leq i \leq k\}$  and

$$p(n) = \left( \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} + \dots + \binom{n}{r} \right),$$

then

$$(4) \quad s_n(A, \varepsilon, L_0, f) \leq kR^r p(n) 2^{n+n\varepsilon}.$$

By Lemma 2.3, since  $f|_{L_0}$  is surjective, we obtain for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  that

$$s_n(A, 2\varepsilon, L_i, f) \leq s_i(A, \varepsilon, L_i, f) s_n(\sigma^i(A), \varepsilon, L_0, f).$$

By (4)

$$s_n(A, 2\varepsilon, L_i, f) \leq s_i(A, \varepsilon, L_i, f) kR^r p(n) 2^{n+n\varepsilon}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} s_n(A, 2\varepsilon, [0, 1], f) &\leq s_n\left(A, 2\varepsilon, [0, 1] \setminus \bigcup_{i=0}^n L_i, f\right) + \sum_{i=0}^n s_n(A, 2\varepsilon, L_i, f) \\ &\leq s_n\left(A, \varepsilon, [0, 1] \setminus \bigcup_{i=0}^n L_i, f\right) + \sum_{i=0}^n s_n(A, 2\varepsilon, L_i, f) \\ &\leq s_n\left(A, \varepsilon, [0, 1] \setminus \bigcup_{i=0}^n L_i, f\right) \\ &\quad + \left(1 + \sum_{i=1}^n s_i(A, \varepsilon, L_i, f)\right) kR^r p(n) 2^{n+n\varepsilon} \\ &\leq (2+n)Q(n)kR^r p(n) 2^{n+n\varepsilon}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$Q(n) = \max \left\{ \left\{ s_i(A, \varepsilon, L_i, f) : i = 1, 2, \dots, n \right\} \cup \left\{ s_n \left( A, \varepsilon, [0, 1] \setminus \bigcup_{i=0}^n L_i, f \right) \right\} \right\}.$$

By Lemma 2.4,  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\log Q(n))/n = 0$ , and this concludes the proof.  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be piecewise monotonic. Then:*

- (a)  *$f$  is non-chaotic if and only if  $h_\infty(f) = 0$  ( $f$  is null).*
- (b)  *$f$  is chaotic of type  $2^\infty$  if and only if  $h_\infty(f) = \log 2$  ( $f$  is bounded and non-null).*
- (c)  *$f$  is chaotic of type greater than  $2^\infty$  if and only if  $h_\infty(f) = \infty$  ( $f$  is unbounded).*

**PROOF:** Let  $I_1, I_2, \dots, I_k$  be maximal subintervals of  $[0, 1]$  such that  $f|_{I_i}$  is monotone and  $[0, 1] = \bigcup_{i=1}^k I_i$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . By Theorem 3.1 it suffices to prove that the number of maximal solenoids is smaller than  $k$ . Let  $\omega(x, f)$  be an infinite  $\omega$ -limit set contained in a solenoid  $\bigcap_{n \geq 1} \bigcup_{\theta \in \{0, 1\}^n} K_\theta$ . Then for any positive integer  $n$  there must exist an interval  $K_\theta$  with  $\theta \in \{0, 1\}^n$  for which  $f|_{K_\theta}$  is not monotone. Assume the contrary: let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be such that  $f|_{K_\theta}$  is monotonic for any  $\theta \in \{0, 1\}^n$ . Then  $(f|_{K_\theta})^{2^n}$  has at most periodic points of period 2 and this leads to a contradiction because  $\bigcup_{\theta \in \{0, 1\}^n} K_\theta$  could not contain an infinite  $\omega$ -limit set of  $f$ . So the number of maximal solenoids is smaller than  $k$  and the proof is complete.  $\square$

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