MÖBIUS DISJOINTNESS CONJECTURE FOR LOCAL DENDRITE MAPS

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ABSTRACT. We prove that the Möbius disjointness conjecture holds for graph maps and for all monotone local dendrite maps. We further show that this also hold for continuous map on certain class of dendrites. Moreover, we see that there is a example of transitive dendrite map with zero entropy for which Möbius disjointness holds.

1. Introduction

Let X be a compact metric space with a metric d and let $f: X \to X$ be a continuous map. We call for short (X, f) a dynamical system. The topological entropy h(f) of such a system is defined as:

$$h(f) = \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \lim_{n \to +\infty} \sup_{n} \frac{1}{n} \log \operatorname{sep}(n, f, \varepsilon).$$

where for n integer and $\varepsilon > 0$, $\operatorname{sep}(n, f, \varepsilon)$ is the maximal possible cardinality of an (n, f, ε) -separated set in X, this later means that for every two points of it, there exists $0 \le j < n$ with $d(f^j(x), f^j(y)) > \varepsilon$, where f^j denotes the j-th iterate of f. A dynamical system (X, f) is called a *null system* if its sequence entropy is zero for any sequence; we refer the reader to [21], [26] for the details. The Möbius function μ is an ally of the Liouville function λ . This later function is defined by $\lambda(n) = 1$ if the number of prime factors of n is even and -1 otherwise. Precisely, the Möbius function is given by

$$\mu(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ \boldsymbol{\lambda}(n) & \text{if all primes in decomposition of } n \text{ are distincts} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

In 2010, P. Sarnak [42], [43] initiated the study of the dynamical system generated by the Möbius function, and in the connection with the Möbius randomness law, he stated the following conjecture:

Sarnak's Conjecture. Let (X, f) be a dynamical system with zero topological entropy h(f) = 0. Then

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(1.1)
$$S_N(x,\varphi) := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \boldsymbol{\mu}(n) \varphi(f^n(x)) = o(1), \text{ as } N \to +\infty$$

for each $x \in X$ and each continuous function $\varphi : X \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

We recall that the Möbius randomness law [28] assert that for any "reasonable" sequence (a_n) , we have

$$\frac{1}{N}\sum_{n=1}^{N}\boldsymbol{\mu}(n)a_n = o(1).$$

It turns out that Sarnak's conjecture (1.1) is connected to the popular Chowla conjecture on the multiple autocorrelations of the Möbius function. This later conjecture assert that for any $r \ge 0$, $1 \le a_1 < \cdots < a_r$, $i_s \in \{1, 2\}$ not all equal to 2, we have

(1.2)
$$\sum_{n \le N} \boldsymbol{\mu}^{i_0}(n) \boldsymbol{\mu}^{i_1}(n + a_1) \cdot \ldots \cdot \boldsymbol{\mu}^{i_r}(n + a_r) = o(N).$$

The Chowla conjecture implies a weaker conjecture stated by Chowla in [16]. We refer to [16] for the statement of this weaker form of Chowla conjecture. For more details on the connection between Sarnak and Chowla conjectures we refer to the very recent works of the first author [1], Tao [45], Gomilko-Kwietniak-Lemańczyk [19] and Tao and Teräväinen [46].

Note, that in the simplest case, when $f \equiv \text{const}$, (1.1) is equivalent to the statement

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \mu(n) = o(1), \text{ as } N \to +\infty$$

which is equivalent to the Prime Number Theorem [7]. The conjecture (1.1), also known as the Möbius disjointness conjecture is known to be true for several dynamical systems, see e.g. [2], [3], [25], [26], [29], [35], [38], [18] and the references therein. In [29], Karagulyan proved the conjecture for the orientation preserving circle-homeomorphisms and for continuous interval maps of zero entropy. In the present paper, we are interested in another natural classes of dynamical systems: the graph, dendrite and local dendrite maps. We thus establish that for the graph maps and for all monotone local dendrite maps Sarnak's conjecture holds. We are also able to prove that the Möbius disjointness property holds for a deterministic class of dendrites for which the set of endpoints is closed and its derived set is finite. This extends Karagulyan result on the Möbius disjointness of any interval maps with zero entropy and (orientation preserving) circle homeomorphisms. Recent interests in dynamics on graphs and local dendrites is motivated by the fact that graphs and local dendrites are examples of Peano continua with complex topology structures (e.g., [39], pp. 165-187). On the other hand, dendrites often appear as Julia sets in complex dynamics (see [11]). After

finishing this version, we learned that Li, Oprocha, Yang, and Zeng had recently solved the conjecture for graph maps [33]. Notice that our proof of Theorem 3.1 and that of [33] are different. Indeed, in their proof, they need a more stronger dynamical property based on the notion of locally mean equicontinuous.

In this paper, we also investigate the Möbius disjointness of transitive dendrite maps. It is turns out that we are able to establish the Möbius disjointness of the transitive dendrite maps with zero topological entropy introduced by J. Byszewski and *al.* [15].

According to the recent result of J. Li, P. Oprocha and G. Zhang [34], our investigation can be seen as a deep investigation on Sarnak's conjecture. Indeed, the authors therein proved that if the Möbius disjointness holds for any Gehman dendrite map with zero entropy then Sarnak's conjecture holds.

We further discuss the problem of Möbius distinctness for the transitive dendrite map with positive topological entropy introduced by Špitalsky [44]. At this point, let us point out that Sarnak mentioned in his paper [42] that J. Bourgain constructed a topological dynamical system with positive topological entropy for which the Möbius disjointness holds. Later, Downarowicz and Serafin constructed a class of topological systems with the positive topological entropy which satisfy the Möbius randomness law [17].

The plan of the paper is as follows. In Section 2, we give some definitions and preliminary properties on graphs, dendrites and local dendrites which are useful for the rest of the paper. Section 3 is devoted to the proof of Theorem 3.1 for graph maps of zero entropy. Section 4 is devoted to local dendrite maps of zero entropy. In Subsection 4.1 we will prove Theorem 4.1 for monotone local dendrite maps. In Subsection 4.2, we prove the conjecture for continuous map on a certain class of dendrites. Subsection 4.3, is devoted to the conjecture for an example of transitive dendrite map of zero entropy. Finally, in Subsection 4.4, we discuss the Möbius disjointness of an example of transitive dendrite map with positive entropy.

2. Preliminaries and some results

Let \mathbb{Z} , \mathbb{Z}_+ and \mathbb{N} be the sets of integers, non-negative integers and positive integers, respectively. For $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ denote by f^n the n-th iterate of f; that is, f^0 =identity and $f^n = f \circ f^{n-1}$ if $n \in \mathbb{N}$. For any $x \in X$, the subset $\operatorname{Orb}_f(x) = \{f^n(x) : n \in \mathbb{Z}_+\}$ is called the *orbit* of x (under f). A subset $A \subset X$ is called f-invariant (resp. strongly f-invariant) if $f(A) \subset A$ (resp., f(A) = A). It is called a *minimal set of* f if it is non-empty, closed, f-invariant and minimal (in the sense of inclusion) for these properties, this is equivalent to say that it is an orbit closure that contains no smaller one; for example a single finite orbit. When X itself is a minimal set, then we say that f is minimal. We define the ω -limit set of a point x to be the set:

 $\omega_f(x) = \{ y \in X : \exists \ n_i \in \mathbb{N}, n_i \to \infty, \lim_{i \to +\infty} d(f^{n_i}(x), y) = 0 \}.$ A point $x \in X$ is called:

- periodic of period $n \in \mathbb{N}$ if $f^n(x) = x$ and $f^i(x) \neq x$ for $1 \leq i \leq n-1$; if n = 1, x is called a fixed point of f i.e. f(x) = x.
- Almost periodic if for any neighborhood U of x there is $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\{f^{i+k}(x): i=0,1,\ldots,N\} \cap U \neq \emptyset$, for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. It is well known (see e.g. [12], Chapter V, Proposition 5) that a point x in X is almost periodic if and only if $\overline{\operatorname{Orb}_f(x)}$ is a minimal set of f.

A pair $(x,y) \in X \times X$ is called proximal if $\liminf_{n \to +\infty} d(f^n(x), f^n(y)) = 0$; it is called asymptotic if $\lim_{n \to +\infty} d(f^n(x), f^n(y)) = 0$. A pair $(x,y) \in X \times X$ is is said to be a Li-Yorke pair of f if it is proximal but not asymptotic.

In this section, we recall some basic properties of graphs dendrites and local dendrites.

A continuum is a compact connected metric space. An arc is any space homeomorphic to the compact interval [0,1]. A topological space is arcwise connected if any two of its points can be joined by an arc. We use the terminologies from Nadler [39].

By a graph X, we mean a continuum which can be written as the union of finitely many arcs such that any two of them are either disjoint or intersect only in one or both of their endpoints. For any point v of X, the order of v, denoted by $\operatorname{ord}(v)$, is an integer $r \geq 1$ such that v admits a neighborhood U in X homeomorphic to the set $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : z^r \in [0,1]\}$ with the natural topology, with the homeomorphism mapping v to 0. If $r \geq 3$ then v is called a branch point. If r = 1, then we call v an endpoint of X. If r = 2, v is called a regular point of X.

Denote by B(X) and E(X) the sets of branch points and endpoints of X respectively. An edge is the closure of some connected component of $X \setminus B(X)$, it is homeomorphic to [0,1]. A subgraph of X is a subset of X which is a graph itself. Every sub-continuum of a graph is a graph ([39], Corollary 9.10.1). Denote by $S^1 = [0,1]_{|0\sim 1}$ the unit circle endowed with the orientation: the counter clockwise sense induced via the natural projection $[0,1] \to S^1$. A circle is any space homeomorphic to S^1 .

By a dendrite X, we mean a locally connected continuum containing no homeomorphic copy to a circle. Every sub-continuum of a dendrite is a dendrite ([39], Theorem 10.10) and every connected subset of X is arcwise connected ([39], Proposition 10.9). In addition, any two distinct points x, y of a dendrite X can be joined by a unique arc with endpoints x and y, denote this arc by [x,y] and let denote by $[x,y) = [x,y] \setminus \{y\}$ (resp. $(x,y] = [x,y] \setminus \{x\}$ and $(x,y) = [x,y] \setminus \{x,y\}$). A point $x \in X$ is called an endpoint if $X \setminus \{x\}$ is connected. It is called a branch point if $X \setminus \{x\}$ has more than two connected components. The number of connected components of $X \setminus \{x\}$ is called the order of x and denoted by $\operatorname{ord}_{X}(x)$. The order of x relatively to a subdendrite Y of X is denoted by $\operatorname{ord}_{Y}(x)$. Denote by E(X)

and B(X) the sets of endpoints, and branch points of X, respectively. By ([31], Theorem 6, 304 and Theorem 7, 302), B(X) is at most countable. A point $x \in X \setminus E(X)$ is called a *cut point*. It is known that the set of cut points of X is dense in X ([31], VI, Theorem 8, p. 302). Following ([8], Corollary 3.6), for any dendrite X, we have B(X) is discrete whenever E(X) is closed. An arc I of X is called *free* if $I \cap B(X) = \emptyset$. For a subset A of X, we call the convex hull of A, denoted by [A], the intersection of all sub-continua of X containing A, one can write $[A] = \bigcup_{x,y \in A} [x,y]$.

By a local dendrite X, we mean a continuum every point of which has a dendrite neighborhood. A local dendrite is then a locally connected continuum containing only a finite number of circles ([31], Theorem 4, p. 303). As a consequence every sub-continuum of a local dendrite is a local dendrite ([31], Theorems 1 and 4, p. 303). Every graph and every dendrite is a local dendrite. A continuous map from a local dendrite (resp. graph, resp. dendrite) into itself is called a local dendrite map (resp. graph map, resp. dendrite map). It is well known that every dendrite map has a fixed point (see [39]). If A is a sub-dendrite of X, define the retraction (or the first point map) $r_A: X \to A$ by letting $r_A(x) = x$, if $x \in A$, and by letting $r_A(x)$ to be the unique point $r_A(x) \in A$ such that $r_A(x)$ is a point of any arc in X from x to any point of A, if $x \notin A$ (see [39], p. 176). Note that the map r_A is constant on each connected component of $X \setminus A$. For a subset A of X, denote by \overline{A} the closure of A and by diam(A) the diameter of A. For every topological space X, a map $f: X \to X$ is called monotone if $f^{-1}(C)$ is connected for any connected subset C of X. In particular, if f is a homeomorphism then it is monotone. Notice that when X is a dendrite, the map r_A (above) is monotone. We need the following lemmas.

Lemma 2.1 ([36], Lemma 2.3). Let X be a dendrite, $(C_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of pairwise disjoint connected subsets of X. Then $\lim_{n \to +\infty} \operatorname{diam}(C_n) = 0$.

Lemma 2.2 ([36], Lemma 2.1). Let X be a dendrite with metric d. Then for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there is $0 < \delta < \varepsilon$ such that if $d(x, y) < \delta$ then $diam([x, y]) < \varepsilon$.

Theorem 3.3 from [8] allows us to deduce the following Lemma:

Lemma 2.3. If X is a dendrite such that E(X) is closed then the order of every branch point is finite.

Applying Dirichlet's theorem on primes in arithmetical progressions (see [7, p.146]), it easy to see that if $(x_n)_{n>0}$ is an eventually periodic sequence (i.e. $x_n = x_{n+m}$ for some fixed number $m \in \mathbb{N}$) and for any $n \geq n_0$), then

(2.1)
$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \mu(n) x_n = o(1).$$

We also need the following lemma from [29].

Lemma 2.4. Let $(x_n)_{n>0}$ be a sequence of real numbers such that $|x_n| \le 1$ for any $n \ge 1$. Assume that there is $n_0, k > 0$ such that for any $n, m \ge n_0$, if $x_n \ne x_m$, then $|n-m| \ge k$. Then we have

$$\limsup_{N \to +\infty} \left| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} x_n \right| \le \frac{1}{k}.$$

We shall use the following useful property of ω -limit set.

Lemma 2.5 ([10], Theorem 3, p. 67). Let (X, f) be a dynamical system. Then for each $x \in X$, there exists an almost periodic point $y \in \omega_f(x)$ such that (x, y) is a proximal pair.

For the asymptotic pair we have

Lemma 2.6. Let (X, f) be a dynamical system and let $x, y \in X$. If $S_N(x, \varphi) = o(1)$ and (x, y) is asymptotic then $S_N(y, \varphi) = o(1)$.

Proof. Let $\varphi: X \to \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous map. Fix $\varepsilon > 0$. The map φ is uniformly continuous on X, then there is $\alpha > 0$ such that for any $u, v \in X$ with $d(u,v) < \alpha$, $|\varphi(u) - \varphi(v)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$. Since $\lim_{n \to +\infty} d(f^n(x), f^n(y)) = 0$, there is $n_0 > 0$ such that for $n \geq n_0$, $d(f^n(x), f^n(y)) < \alpha$. So $|\varphi(f^n(x)) - \varphi(f^n(y))| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ for any $n \geq n_0$. Let $n_1 \geq n_0$ be such that for any $N > n_1$,

$$\frac{1}{N}\sum_{n=1}^{n_0-1}|\varphi(f^n(x))-\varphi(f^n(y))|<\frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Then for any $N > n_1$, we have

$$|S_N(x,\varphi) - S_N(y,\varphi)| = \left| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \boldsymbol{\mu}(n) (\varphi(f^n(x)) - \varphi(f^n(y))) \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{n_0 - 1} |\varphi(f^n(x)) - \varphi(f^n(y))|$$

$$+ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=n_0}^N |\varphi(f^n(x)) - \varphi(f^n(y))|$$

$$< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon.$$

Hence $\lim_{N\to+\infty} \left| S_N(x,\varphi) - S_N(y,\varphi) \right| = 0$. Since $S_N(x,\varphi) = o(1)$, so $S_N(y,\varphi) = o(1)$. This completes the proof.

3. The case of graph maps

The aim of this section is to prove the following theorem:

Theorem 3.1. Let G be a graph and $f: G \to G$ be a continuous map with zero topological entropy. Then (1.1) holds.

Let us recall the following:

Proposition 3.2 ([22]). Any ω -limit set of a graph map is either finite set, or an infinite closed nowhere dense set or a finite union of non-degenerate subgraphs (which form a cycle of graphs).

Definition 3.3 ([41]). Let $f: G \to G$ be a graph map. A subgraph K of G is called periodic of period $k \geq 1$, if $K, f(K), \ldots, f^{k-1}(K)$ are pairwise disjoint and $f^k(K) = K$. The set $Orb(K) = \bigcup_{i=0}^{k-1} f^i(K)$ is called a cycle of graphs.

For an infinite ω -limit set $\omega_f(x)$, we let

$$\mathcal{C}(x) := \{X : X \subset G \text{ is a cycle of graphs and } \omega_f(x) \subset X\}.$$

The set C(x) is non-empty by ([41], Lemma 9, i), since $f(G) \subset G)$.

Definition 3.4. An infinite ω -limit set $\omega_f(x)$ is called a solenoid whenever the periods of the cycles in C(x) are unbounded.

Notice that if $\omega_f(x)$ is solenoid, then it is nowhere dense (by Proposition 3.11).

Case 1: $\omega_f(x)$ is a solenoid.

Lemma 3.5. ([41], Lemma 10) Let $f: G \to G$ be a graph map and let $\omega_f(x)$ be an infinite ω -limit set. If $\omega_f(x)$ is a solenoid, then there exists a sequence of cycles of graphs $(X_n)_{n\geq 1}$ with increasing periods $(k_n)_{n\geq 1}$ such that, for all $n\geq 1$, $X_{n+1}\subset X_n$ and $\omega_f(x)\subset\bigcap_{n\geq 1}X_n$. Moreover, for all $n\geq 1$,

 k_{n+1} is a multiple of k_n and every connected component of X_n contains the same number (equal to $\frac{k_{n+1}}{k_n} \geq 2$) of components of X_{n+1} . Furthermore, $\omega_f(x)$ contains no periodic point.

Proposition 3.6. If $\omega_f(x)$ is a solenoid, then (1.1) holds.

Proof. Fix $x \in X$. Let $\varphi : G \to \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function. For any $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a function $\phi : G \to \mathbb{R}$ such that $||\varphi - \phi||_{\infty} := \sup_{x \in G} |\varphi(x) - \phi(x)| < \varepsilon$, where ϕ is of the form $\phi = \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i \psi_{U_i}$, with $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}$, U_i is an open free arc in G and ψ_{U_i} is defined as follows:

$$\psi_{U_i}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in \underline{U_i} \\ \frac{1}{ord(x)} & \text{if } x \in \overline{U_i} \backslash U_i \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in G \backslash \overline{U_i}. \end{cases}$$

By Lemma 3.5, there is a cycle of graphs X_r with period $k_r > 0$ such that $\omega_f(x) \subset X_r$. Write $X_r = \bigcup_{i=0}^{k_r-1} f^i(K)$, where K is a subgraph of G. There is $s \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $f^s(x) \in K$. Then for any $0 \le i < k_r$ and $n \ge s$, $f^n(x) \in f^i(K)$ if and only if $n \equiv s + i \mod(k_r)$. Hence, for any N > s,

$$\begin{split} S_N(x, \psi_{U_j}) &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \boldsymbol{\mu}(n) \psi_{U_j}(f^n(x)) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{s-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}(n) \psi_{U_j}(f^n(x)) + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^{k_r-1} \sum_{s < n < N, f^n(x) \in f^i(K)} \boldsymbol{\mu}(n) \psi_{U_j}(f^n(x)). \end{split}$$

We distinguish two cases.

(1) If $f^i(K) \subset U_i$, then by (2.1)

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{s \le n \le N, f^n(x) \in f^i(K)} \boldsymbol{\mu}(n) \psi_{U_j}(f^n(x)) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{s \le n \le N, n \equiv s+i \mod(k_r)} \boldsymbol{\mu}(n)$$
$$= o(1).$$

(2) If $f^i(K) \nsubseteq U_j$ and $f^i(K) \cap U_j \neq \emptyset$, then for any $n, m \geq s, n \neq m$, if $f^n(x), f^m(x) \in f^i(K)$, then $|n - m| \geq k_r$. Then by Lemma 2.4,

$$\limsup_{N \to +\infty} \frac{1}{N} \Big| \sum_{s \le n \le N, f^n(x) \in f^i(K)} \mu(n) \psi_{U_j}(f^n(x)) \Big| \le \frac{1}{k_r}.$$

The case 2 above can be occurred at most 2 times and therefore

$$\limsup_{N \to +\infty} |S_N(x, \psi_{U_j})| \le \frac{2}{k_r}.$$

As k_r is arbitrarily large and $S_N(x,\phi) = \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i S_N(x,\psi_{U_j})$, so $S_N(x,\phi) = o(1)$. Since $||\varphi - \phi||_{\infty}$ can be taken arbitrarily small, so $S_N(x,\varphi) = o(1)$ and (1.1) holds.

Case 2: $\omega_f(x)$ is not a solenoid.

Let X be a finite union of subgraphs of G such that $f(X) \subset X$. We define

$$E(X, f) = \{ y \in X : \forall \text{ neighborhood } U \text{ of } y \text{ in } X, \ \overline{\text{Orb}_f(U)} = X \}.$$

We call E(X, f) a basic set if it is infinite and if X contains a periodic point (cf. [41]).

Lemma 3.7 ([41], Lemma 12). Let $f: G \to G$ be a graph map and let $\omega_f(x)$ be not a solenoid. There exists a cycle of graphs $X \in \mathcal{C}(x)$ such that $\forall Y \in C(x), X \subset Y$. The period of X is maximal among the periods of all cycles in $\mathcal{C}(x)$.

Lemma 3.8 ([41], Lemma 13). Let $f: G \to G$ be a graph map and let $\omega_f(x)$ be not a solenoid. Let K be the minimal cycle of graphs in $\mathcal{C}(x)$. Then

- (1) For every $y \in \omega_f(x)$ and for every relative neighborhood U of y in K, $\overline{\operatorname{Orb}_f(U)} = K$.
- (2) $\omega_f(x) \subset E(K,f)$. In particular, E(K,f) is infinite.

Lemma 3.9 ([41], Corollary 20). If a graph map $f: G \to G$ admits a basic ω -limit set, then h(f) > 0.

Proposition 3.10 ([37], Theorem 5.7). Let $f: G \to G$ be a graph map without periodic points. Then (G, f) is a null system.

It is turns out that the notion of null system is related to the so-called tame system. This later notion was coined by E. Glasner in [20]. The dynamical system (X,T) is tame if the closure of $\{T^n/n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ in X^X is Rosenthal compact ¹. We recall that the set K is Rosenthal compact if and only if there is a Polish space P such that $K \subset \text{Baire-1}(P)$ where Baire-1(P) is the first class of Baire functions, that is, pointwise limit of continuous functions on P. By Bourgain-Fremelin-Talagrand's theorem [13], K is Rosenthal compact if and only if K is a subset of the Borel functions on P with $K = \{f_n\}$, $f_n \in C(P)$.

The precise connection between null systems and tame systems is stated in the following proposition:

Proposition 3.11 ([21], [30], [27]). Let (X, f) be a dynamical system. If it is a null system then it is tame.

It is well known that if (X,T) is tame then the pointwise limit of T along any subsequence is Borel, when it exists. Combining this with Kushnireko's characterization of the measurable discrete spectrum $[32]^2$, it can be seen that tame system has a measurable discrete spectrum for any invariant measure. This was observed by W. Huang in [23]. From this, we see the following:

Proposition 3.12 ([24], Theorem 1.8). Let (X, f) be a tame system. Then (1.1) holds.

Proposition 3.13. Let $f: G \to G$ be a graph map without periodic points. Then (1.1) holds.

Proof. By Proposition 3.10, (G, f) is a null system and by Proposition 3.11, (G, f) is tame. It follows from Proposition 3.12 that (1.1) holds.

Proof of Theorem 3.1. Let $f: G \to G$ be a graph map with h(f) = 0 and let $x \in G$. If $\omega_f(x)$ is finite then x is asymptotic to some periodic point. Then by (2.1) and Lemma 2.6, (1.1) holds. Now, suppose that $\omega_f(x)$ is infinite. If $\omega_f(x)$ is a solenoid then by Proposition 3.6, (1.1) holds. Suppose that $\omega_f(x)$ is not a solenoid. Let $X = \bigcup_{i=0}^{k-1} f^i(K)$ be the minimal cycle of G containing $\omega_f(x)$. By Lemma 3.8 (2), E(X, f) is infinite. Then by Lemma 3.9, f does not admit a basic set, that is $X \cap P(f) = \emptyset$. For any $0 \le i < k$, set $K_i = f^i(K)$ and $g = f^k$. Then $g_i := g_{|K_i|} : K_i \to K_i$ is a graph map without periodic point. By Proposition 3.13, (K_i, g_i) is a null system and therefore so is $(X, f_{|X})$. Hence by Proposition 3.13, (1.1) holds for $(X, f_{|X})$. Let $s \ge 0$ such that $f^s(x) \in X$. Since f(X) = X, there is $y \in X$ such that

 $^{^1}X^X$ is equipped with the pointwise convergence. This closure is called the enveloping semigroup of Ellis.

²A transformation measure-preserving has a measurable discrete spectrum if and only if the orbit of any square integrable function is compact in $L^2(\mu)$, μ is an invariant measure.

 $f^s(y) = f^s(x)$. In particular, (x, y) is asymptotic. Since $S_N(y, \varphi) = o(1)$, so by Lemma 2.6, $S_N(x, \varphi) = o(1)$. This finishes the proof of Theorem 3.1.

4. The case of local dendrite map

4.1. **On monotone local dendrite map.** The aim of this subsection is to prove the following theorem:

Theorem 4.1. Let $f: X \to X$ be a monotone local dendrite map. Then (1.1) holds.

Corollary 4.2. If $f: X \to X$ is a homeomorphism on a local dendrite X, then (1.1) holds.

We recall the following results.

Lemma 4.3 ([6], Theorem 4.1). Let $f: X \to X$ be a monotone local dendrite map. Then f has no Li-Yorke pair. In particular, f has zero topological entropy.

Lemma 4.4 ([5], Theorem 1.2). Any ω -limit set of a monotone local dendrite map is a minimal set which is either finite, or a Cantor set, or a circle.

Lemma 4.5 ([40], Corollary 3.7). Let $f: X \to X$ be a monotone dendrite map and L be an infinite ω -limit set. Then there is a sequence α of prime numbers such that $f_{|L|}$ is topologically conjugate to the adding machine f_{α} .

At this point, let us point out that the adding machine satisfy (1.1) since it has a topological discrete spectrum, that is, the eigenfunctions span a dense linear subspace of the C(X) (the space of continuous functions equipped with the strong topology). This will allows us to prove the following:

Lemma 4.6. Let $f: X \to X$ be a monotone dendrite map. Then (1.1) holds.

Proof. Let $x \in X$ and set $L = \omega_f(x)$. If L is finite then x is asymptotic to some periodic point. Then by (2.1) and Lemma 2.6, (1.1) holds for the point x. Suppose that L is infinite, then it is a Cantor set and then $f_{|L}$ act as the adding machine (Lemma 4.5). Hence (1.1) holds for any point of L. But, by Lemma 2.5, there exists $y \in L$ such that (x, y) is a proximal pair and by Lemma 4.3, (x, y) is asymptotic. As (1.1) holds for the point y, it follows that (1.1) holds for x by Lemma 2.6. This finishes the proof of Lemma 4.6.

Let X be a local dendrite. We define the graph G_X as the intersection of all graphs in X containing all the circles. Then G_X is a subgraph of X (with $G_X = \emptyset$, if X contains no circle).

Proposition 4.7 ([5], Proposition 3.6). Let $f: X \to X$ be a monotone onto local dendrite map. Then we have the following properties:

(i) $f(G_X) = G_X$.

(ii) $f_{/G_X}$ is monotone.

Lemma 4.8. Let $f: X \to X$ be a monotone onto local dendrite map. Then (1.1) holds.

Proof. Assume that X is not a dendrite and let $x \in X$. Set $L = \omega_f(x)$. By Lemma 2.5, there exists $y \in L$ such that (x, y) is a proximal pair. By Lemma 4.3, (x, y) is asymptotic. From Lemma 4.4, we distinguish the following cases.

Case 1: L is finite. In this case, (1.1) holds for the point x similarly as in the proof of Theorem 4.1.

Case 2: L is a circle: In this case $f_{|L}$ is a circle map, so by Theorem 3.1, (1.1) holds for the point y.

Case 3: L is a Cantor set. In this case, X contains only one circle (i.e. $G_X = C$ a circle). If L meets C, then L is included in C (by minimality of L). Hence by Theorem 3.1, (1.1) holds for the point y. Now if L is disjoint from C, then it is included in $X \setminus C$, and then $f_{|L}$ act as the adding machine (Lemma 4.5). So (1.1) holds for the point y. It follows that (1.1) holds for x by Lemma 2.6. This finishes the proof of Lemma 4.8.

We denote by $\Lambda(f)$ the union of all ω -limit sets of f. Define the space $X_{\infty} = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f^n(X)$. It is a sub-continuum of X and hence X_{∞} is a sub-local dendrite of X. Moreover, X_{∞} is strongly f-invariant and we have $\Lambda(f) \subset X_{\infty}$.

Lemma 4.9 ([5], Lemma 4.3). The map $f_{/X_{\infty}}$ is monotone and onto.

Proof of Theorem 4.1. First by Lemma 4.3, f has zero topological entropy. Let $x \in X$ and set $L = \omega_f(x)$. If $x \in X_{\infty}$, then (1.1) holds for x by Lemmas 4.9 and 4.8. Assume that $x \notin X_{\infty}$. By Lemma 2.5, there exists $y \in L$ such that (x,y) is a proximal pair and by Lemma 4.3, (x,y) is asymptotic. As $L \subset \Lambda(f) \subset X_{\infty}$, so by Lemma 4.8, (1.1) holds for the point y and hence for x. The proof is complete.

4.2. On continuous maps on a certain class of dendrites. The aim of this subsection is to prove the following Theorem:

Theorem 4.10. Let X be a dendrite such that E(X) is closed and its set of accumulation points E(X)' is finite. Let $f: X \to X$ be a continuous map with zero topological entropy. Then (1.1) holds.

We need the following results.

Lemma 4.11 ([25], [47], Theorem 5.16). If X is at most countable and $f: X \to X$ is a continuous map, then (1.1) holds.

Lemma 4.12 ([9]). Let X be a dendrite such that E(X) is closed and E(X)' is finite. Let $f: X \to X$ be a continuous map with zero topological entropy. Let L be an uncountable ω -limit set. Then there is a sequence of subdendrites $(D_k)_{k>1}$ of X and a sequence of integers $n_k \geq 2$ for every $k \geq 1$ with the followings properties. For all $k \geq 1$,

- (1) $f^{\alpha_k}(D_k) = D_k$, where $\alpha_k = n_1 n_2 \dots n_k$, (2) $\bigcup_{k=0}^{n_j-1} f^{k\alpha_{j-1}}(D_j) \subset D_{j-1}$ for all $j \ge 2$, (3) $L \subset \bigcup_{i=0}^{\alpha_k-1} f^i(D_k)$,
- (4) $f(L \cap f^i(D_k)) = L \cap f^{i+1}(D_k)$ for any $0 \le i \le \alpha_k 1$. In particular, $L \cap f^i(D_k) \neq \emptyset$,
- (5) $f^i(D_k) \cap f^j(D_k)$ has empty interior for any $0 \le i \ne j < \alpha_k$.

Proof of Theorem 4.10. We distinguish three cases.

Case 1: L is finite. In this case, there is a periodic point b such that (x,b) is asymptotic. Then by (2.1) and Lemma 2.6, $S_N(x,\varphi)=o(1)$.

Case 2: L is countable. In this case, $Y := \overline{O_f(x)} = O_f(x) \cup L$ is countable and f-invariant. So by Lemma 4.11 applied to $(Y, f_{|Y})$, (1.1) holds.

Case 3: Let $\varepsilon > 0$ and $k \geq 1$. Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{C}(X, \mathbb{R})$. There exists a function $\varphi_0 \in \mathcal{C}(X,\mathbb{R})$ of the form $\varphi_0 = \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k \psi_{U_k}$, where α_k are real numbers such that $\sup_{x \in X} |\varphi(x) - \varphi_0(x)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ and U_k is an open connected subset defined as follows:

- If $U_k \cap E(X)' = \emptyset$, then U_k is an open free arc in X.
- If $U_k \cap E(X)' \neq \emptyset$, then $U_k \cap E(X)' =: \{e\}$ and U_k is a connected component of $X \setminus \{z\}$ containing e for some $z \in X \setminus E(X)$.
 - For any $k \neq l$, $U_k \cap U_l = \emptyset$.

The map ψ_{U_i} is defined as follows:

$$\psi_{U_j}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in \underline{U_j} \\ \frac{1}{ord(x)} & \text{if } x \in \overline{U_j} \backslash \underline{U_j} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in X \backslash \overline{U_j}. \end{cases}$$

Let $X = \bigcup_{i=0}^{\alpha_k-1} f^i(D_k)$ be as in Lemma 4.12. There is $n_0 \geq 0$ such that $f^{n_0}(x) \in D_k$. Since $D := \bigcup_{0 \le i \ne j < \alpha_k} f^i(D_k) \cap f^j(D_k)$ is finite, we may assume that $f^n(x) \notin D$ for any $n \geq n_0$. So for any $n \geq n_0$ and $0 \le s < \alpha_k$, $f^n(x) \in f^s(D_k)$ if and only if $n \equiv n_0 + s \mod(\alpha_k)$. Then

$$S_N(x, \psi_{U_j}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \boldsymbol{\mu}(n) \psi_{U_j}(f^n(x))$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{n_0 - 1} \boldsymbol{\mu}(n) \psi_{U_j}(f^n(x)) + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=n_0}^N \boldsymbol{\mu}(n) \psi_{U_j}(f^n(x))$$

$$= o(1) + \sum_{s=0}^{\alpha_k - 1} A_N^s$$

where $A_n^s = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n_0 \le n \le N, f^n(x) \in f^s(D_k)} \mu(n) \psi_{U_j}(f^n(x)).$

For $s = 0, 1, \ldots, \alpha_k - 1$, define the sequence

$$x_n^s = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n < n_0 \\ \psi_{U_i}(f^n(x))\chi_{f^s(D_k)}(f^n(x)) & \text{if } n \ge n_0 \end{cases}$$

where $\chi_{f^s(D_k)}$ is the characteristic function of $f^s(D_k)$. We can rewrite A_N^s as follows: $A_N^s = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n^s$. We see that if $f^s(D_k) \subset U_j$, then the sequence (x_n^s) is eventually periodic with period α_k . Then by Lemma 2.1, $A_n^s = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n^s = o(1)$. Indeed, otherwise, there is at most two distinct numbers $s, r \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, \alpha_k - 1\}$ such that $f^s(D_k) \subsetneq U_j$, $f^s(D_k) \cap U_j \neq \emptyset$, $f^r(D_k) \subsetneq U_j$ and $f^r(D_k) \cap U_j \neq \emptyset$. In such case, if $f^n(x), f^p(x) \in f^s(D_k)$ and $n \neq p$, then $|n-p| \geq \alpha_k$. Then by Lemma 2.4

$$\limsup_{N \to +\infty} |A_N^s| = \limsup_{N \to +\infty} |A_N^r| \le \frac{1}{\alpha_k}.$$

The integer α_k can be taken arbitrary large, then we obtain that $S_N(x, \psi_{U_j}) = o(1)$ and hence $S_N(x, \varphi_0) = o(1)$. Therefore (1.1) holds for (X, f).

4.3. On a transitive dendrite map with zero entropy. In [15], Byszewski et al. give an example of transitive map f with zero entropy on the universal dendrite D with the following properties: (1) f has a unique fixed point o. (2) f is uniquely ergodic, with the only f-invariant Borel probability measure being the Dirac measure δ_o concentrated on o. Applying the machinery from [2, p.313], one can see that we have the following. We include the proof for the reader convenience.

Proposition 4.13. Let f be the dendrite map above. Then (1.1) holds.

Proof. Let $\varphi: D \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function and set $\Phi = \varphi - \varphi(o)$. As δ_o is the only f-invariant Borel probability measure (by (2)), and since

$$\int_D |\Phi| d\delta_o = 0$$
, then $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} |\Phi|(f^n(x)) \longrightarrow 0$. As

$$\left| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \mu(n) \varphi(f^n(x)) \right| \leq \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} |\Phi|(f^n(x)) + |\varphi(o)| \left| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \mu(n) \right|$$

and as $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \mu(n) \longrightarrow 0$ (by Prime Number Theorem), so we get that $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \mu(n) \varphi(f^n(x)) \longrightarrow 0$.

Let us notice that the convergence in (1.1) is uniform, since (D, f) satisfy the so-called MOMO property (Möbius Orthogonality on Moving Orbits) (see [4] for the definition). In this direction, it is proved in [4] the following

Proposition 4.14 ([4]). If Sarnak's conjecture (1.1) is true then for all zero entropy systems (X,T) and $f \in C(X)$, then we have

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} f(T^n x) \boldsymbol{\mu}(n) \xrightarrow[N \to +\infty]{} 0,$$

uniformly in $x \in X$.

4.4. On a transitive dendrite map with positive entropy. In this subsection, we discuss the problem of Möbius disjointness for the example introduced by Špitalský in [44]. V. Špitalský constructed his example as a factor of a map F acting on the universal dendrite of order 3. Precisely, let Q be a set of all dyadic rational numbers in (0,1), that is, every $r \in Q$ can be uniquely written as $r = \frac{p_r}{2q_r}$ with $q_r \geq 1$ and p_r is odd in $\{1, \dots, 2^{q_r}\}$. Let us denote by Q^0 , Q^* the sets $\{0\}$ and $\bigcup_{k\geq 0} Q^k$. The length of element $\alpha \in Q^*$ denote by $|\alpha|$ correspond to the integer k such that $\alpha \in Q^k$. We define on Q^* the concatenation operation as follows:

For $\alpha \in Q^k$, $\beta \in Q^m$, we put $\gamma = \alpha\beta \in Q^{k+m}$. If $\alpha = r_0r_1 \cdots r_{k-1} \in Q^k$ with $k \geq 1$, then $\widetilde{\alpha}$ denotes $r_0r_1 \cdots r_{k-2}$. The dendrite of order 3 is given by

$$X = \overline{\bigcup_{m>0} X^{(m)}} = \bigcup_{m>0} X^{(m)} \cup X^{(\infty)},$$

where $X^{(0)} = [a_0, b_0]$ is an arc and every $X^{(m)}$, $m \ge 1$, satisfies

$$X^{(m)} = X^{(m-1)} \cup \Big(\bigcup_{\alpha \in Q^m} (a_{\alpha}, b_{\alpha}]\Big),\,$$

 $a_{\alpha} \in (a_{\widetilde{\alpha}}, b_{\widetilde{\alpha}}], \text{ for } \alpha \in Q^m; \text{ moreover}$

$$B(X) = \bigcup_{k>1} Q^k$$
 and $E(X) = \{a_0, b_0\} \cup \{b_\alpha, \alpha \in B(X)\} \cup X^{(\infty)}$.

For any $\alpha \in Q^*$, we denote by $A_{\alpha} = [a_{\alpha}, b_{\alpha}]$ and by X_{α} the closure of the component of $X \setminus \{a_{\alpha}\}$ containing b_{α} . Therefore,

$$X_{\alpha} = \begin{cases} X_{o} & \text{if } \alpha = o, \\ \left(\bigcup_{\beta \in Q^{*}} A_{\alpha\beta}\right) \bigcup \left\{b_{\alpha\beta} : \beta \in Q^{\infty}\right\} & \text{if } \alpha \in Q^{*}, \end{cases}$$

where, for any $\nu = \nu_0 \cdots \in Q^{\infty}$, b_{ν} denotes the unique point of $\bigcap_{m\geq 1} X_{\nu_0\cdots\nu_{m-1}}$. Notice that we have

 $X^{(\infty)} = \left\{ b_{\alpha} : \ \alpha \in Q^{\infty} \right\}.$

By construction of the map F, for every $\alpha \in Q^*$ there is unique $\rho(\alpha) \in Q^*$ with $F(b_{\alpha}) = b_{\rho(\alpha)}$. This definition can be extended to $\alpha \in Q^{\infty}$ (see Lemma 8 in [44]). This allows us to define F on $X^{(\infty)}$ by

$$F(b_{\alpha}) = b_{\rho(\alpha)}$$
, for every $\alpha \in Q^{\infty}$.

V. Špitalský proved that F has positive entropy and for any $x \in X^{(m)}$, $m \geq 1$, the omega set of x is either $\{a_0\}$ or $\{b_0\}$. Furthermore, if ν is an F-invariant Borel probability measure, then for each $m \geq 1$, $\nu(X^{(m)} \setminus \{a_0, b_0\}) = 0$, and a_0 and b_0 are the only fixed points of F. This yields that the topological entropy of $F_{|_{X^{(m)}}}$ is zero. Therefore, by ([14], Proposition 2, (c)), the entropy of $F_{|_{U_{m\geq 1}X^{(m)}}}$ is zero. Moreover, by the same arguments as before, we can see easily that for any $x \in \cup_{m\geq 1}X^{(m)}$, for any continuous function Φ , we have

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \Phi(F^{n}(x)) \boldsymbol{\mu}(n) \xrightarrow[N \to +\infty]{} 0.$$

According to Proposition 4.14, if Sarnak conjecture is true then the Möbius disjointness is uniform. But, we can not apply this result in our situation since the set $\bigcup_{m\geq 1} X^{(m)}$ is a F_{σ} . Although, the Möbius disjointness holds uniformly on each $X^{(m)}$. We thus asked whether Špitalský's example satisfy Möbius disjointness or not. This allows us also to ask the following questions.

Question 4.15. Let (X, F) be the Špitalský's example. Do we have that the Möbius disjointness is true for (X, F)?

Question 4.16. Let (X,T) be a dynamical system with zero topological entropy. Let Y be a dense T-invariant subset of X. Again by Proposition 2. (c) from [14], the topological entropy $T|_Y$ is zero. Assume that the Möbius disjointness for $(Y,T|_Y)$ holds, do we have that Sarnak conjecture is true for (X,T)?

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