

# EXPANSIVENESS IN NONAUTONOMOUS DISCRETE DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS

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In this chapter, we define the notion of expansiveness in nonautonomous discrete dynamical systems given by a sequence of maps and also by a sequence of homeomorphisms on a metric space. We give examples, study properties and obtain a characterization of expansiveness in nonautonomous discrete dynamical systems.

## 2.1 Expansiveness in Nonautonomous Discrete Dynamical Systems

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and

$$\{f_n : X \rightarrow X : n = 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

be a sequence of continuous maps with  $f_0$  as the identity map on  $X$ . We call  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  to be a **time varying map** on  $X$  and  $(X, F)$  to be a

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**nonautonomous discrete dynamical system.** We denote

$$F_n = f_n \circ f_{n-1} \circ \cdots \circ f_1 \circ f_0, \text{ for all } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

and define

$$F_{[i,j]} = \begin{cases} f_j \circ f_{j-1} \circ \cdots \circ f_{i+1} \circ f_i; & 0 \leq i \leq j \\ \text{the identity map on } X; & i > j. \end{cases}$$

For any  $k > 0$ ,  $k^{\text{th}}$ -iterate of  $F$  is defined to be a time varying map  $F^k = \{g_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  on  $X$ , where

$$g_n = f_{nk} \circ f_{(n-1)k+k-1} \circ \cdots \circ f_{(n-1)k+2} \circ f_{(n-1)k+1} \text{ for all } n \geq 0.$$

Thus  $F^k = \{F_{[(n-1)k+1, nk]}\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ .

Following are the definitions of orbit, periodic point and fixed point in a nonautonomous discrete dynamical system induced by a sequence of continuous maps.

**Definition 2.1.1** [64] Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $f_n : X \rightarrow X$  be a sequence of continuous maps,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . For a point  $x_0 \in X$ , define a sequence as follows :

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= f_{n+1}(x_n), \\ &= F_{n+1}(x_0), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Then the sequence  $O(x_0) = \{x_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is said to be **the orbit of  $x_0$  under time varying map  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$** .

**Definition 2.1.2** [64] Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $f_n : X \rightarrow X$  be a sequence of continuous maps,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . A point  $x_0 \in X$  is said to be **a periodic point of time varying map  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$**  if  $O(x_0) = \{x_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is periodic i.e. there exists an integer  $k > 0$  such that

$$x_{i+k} = x_i, \text{ for all } i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Hence  $x_{ik+j} = x_j$  i.e.  $F_{ik+j}(x_0) = F_j(x_0)$ , for every  $i \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq j < k$ . The set of all periodic points of  $F$  is denoted by  $\text{Per}(F)$ .

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**Definition 2.1.3** [64] Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $f_n : X \rightarrow X$  be a sequence of continuous maps,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . A point  $x \in X$  is said to be a **fixed point of time varying map**  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  if  $f_n(x) = x$ , for all  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ .

Now we define expansiveness of a nonautonomous discrete dynamical system induced by a sequence of continuous maps.

**Definition 2.1.4** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $f_n : X \rightarrow X$  be a sequence of continuous maps,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . The time varying map  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  is said to be **expansive** if there exists a constant  $c > 0$  (called an **expansive constant**) such that for any  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \neq y$ ,

$$d(F_n(x), F_n(y)) > c \text{ for some } n \geq 0.$$

Equivalently, if for  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$d(F_n(x), F_n(y)) \leq c \text{ for all } n \geq 0 \text{ then } x = y.$$

**Remark 2.1** If in the above definition  $f_n = f$ , for all  $n \geq 0$ , where  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is continuous, then expansiveness of time varying map  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  on  $X$  is equivalent to positive-expansiveness of  $f$  on  $X$  ([20]), as

$$F_n = f_n \circ f_{n-1} \circ \dots \circ f_2 \circ f_1 = f \circ f \circ \dots \circ f \circ f = f^n.$$

**Remark 2.2** Note that expansiveness of a time varying map  $F$  is independent of choice of metric if  $X$  is compact. For metric space  $(X, d)$ , let  $N_d(x, \delta) = \{y \in X : d(x, y) < \delta\}$ . Let  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  be two equivalent metrics on a compact metric space  $X$ . Suppose  $F$  is expansive on  $(X, d_1)$  with expansive constant  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Since  $d_1$  is equivalent to  $d_2$ , there exists an  $\varepsilon_1 > 0$  such that for any  $x \in X$ ,

$$N_{d_2}(x, \varepsilon_1) \subset N_{d_1}(x, \varepsilon),$$

where  $N_{d_i}(z, \delta)$  denotes the open ball centred at  $z$  in  $X$  of radius  $\delta$  under metric  $d_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . Since  $X$  is compact,  $\varepsilon_1$  depends only on  $\varepsilon$  and not on  $x$ . Let  $x \neq y$ . Since  $F$  is expansive in  $(X, d_1)$  with expansive constant  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$F_n(y) \notin N_{d_1}(F_n(x), \varepsilon)$$

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for some  $n \geq 0$ . Now since

$$N_{d_2}(F_n(x), \varepsilon_1) \subset N_{d_1}(F_n(x), \varepsilon),$$

we have

$$F_n(y) \notin N_{d_2}(F_n(x), \varepsilon_1).$$

Thus  $F$  is expansive on  $(X, d_2)$  with expansive constant  $\varepsilon_1$ .

Following is an example of an expansive time varying map.

**Example 2.1** Consider the time varying map  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  on the real line  $\mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f_n(x) = (n+1)x$ , for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $n \geq 0$ .

Choose  $c > 0$ . Then for  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x \neq y$ , there exists  $n \geq 0$  such that

$$|F_n(x) - F_n(y)| = (n+1)!|x - y| > c.$$

Thus  $F$  is expansive with expansive constant  $c$ .

**Definition 2.1.5** If  $h: X \rightarrow Y$  is a homeomorphism,  $h$  is uniformly continuous on  $X$  and  $h^{-1}$  is uniformly continuous on  $Y$ , then  $h$  is said to be a **uniform homeomorphism**.

Now we define uniform conjugacy between two nonautonomous discrete dynamical systems induced by a sequence of maps.

**Definition 2.1.6** Let  $(X, d_1)$  and  $(Y, d_2)$  be two metric spaces. Let  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  and  $G = \{g_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be time varying maps on  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. If there is a homeomorphism  $h: X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$h \circ f_n = g_n \circ h,$$

for all  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  then  $F$  and  $G$  are said to be **conjugate** with respect to the map  $h$  or **h-conjugate**. In particular, if  $h: X \rightarrow Y$  is a uniform homeomorphism then  $F$  and  $G$  are said to be **uniformly conjugate** or **uniformly h-conjugate**.

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For example, if  $F = \{x^{n+1}\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  on  $[0, 1]$ ,  $G = \{2((x+1)/2)^{n+1} - 1\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  on  $[-1, 1]$  then  $F$  is uniformly  $h$ -conjugate to  $G$ , where  $h : [0, 1] \rightarrow [-1, 1]$  is defined by  $h(x) = 2x - 1$ .

Next we show that expansiveness is a property in a nonautonomous discrete dynamical system which is preserved under uniform conjugacy.

**Theorem 2.1.1** *Let  $(X, d_1)$  and  $(Y, d_2)$  be metric spaces. Let  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  and  $G = \{g_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be time varying maps on  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively such that  $F$  is uniformly conjugate to  $G$ . Then  $F$  is expansive on  $X$  if and only if  $G$  is expansive on  $Y$ .*

**Proof :** Since  $F$  is uniformly conjugate to  $G$ , there exists a uniform homeomorphism  $h : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$h \circ f_n = g_n \circ h,$$

for all  $n \geq 0$  i.e.

$$f_n \circ h^{-1} = h^{-1} \circ g_n,$$

for all  $n \geq 0$  which implies

$$\begin{aligned} F_n \circ h^{-1} &= f_n \circ f_{n-1} \circ \cdots \circ f_2 \circ f_1 \circ f_0 \circ h^{-1} \\ &= f_n \circ f_{n-1} \circ \cdots \circ f_2 \circ f_1 \circ h^{-1} \circ g_0 \\ &\vdots \\ &= h^{-1} \circ g_n \circ g_{n-1} \circ \cdots \circ g_2 \circ g_1 \circ g_0 \\ &= h^{-1} \circ G_n, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $n \geq 0$ . Similarly  $h \circ f_n = g_n \circ h, \forall n \geq 0$  will imply that for all  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$h \circ F_n = G_n \circ h.$$

Let  $F$  be expansive with an expansive constant  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Now,  $h$  being a uniform homeomorphism,  $h^{-1}$  is uniformly continuous therefore for  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that for  $y_1, y_2 \in Y$ ,

$$d_2(y_1, y_2) < \delta \text{ implies } d_1(h^{-1}(y_1), h^{-1}(y_2)) < \varepsilon.$$

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Let  $y_1, y_2 \in Y$ . Suppose that for all  $n \geq 0$ ,  $d_2(G_n(y_1), G_n(y_2)) < \delta$ . Then

$$d_1(h^{-1}(G_n(y_1)), h^{-1}(G_n(y_2))) < \varepsilon,$$

for all  $n \geq 0$  i.e.

$$d_1(F_n(h^{-1}(y_1)), F_n(h^{-1}(y_2))) < \varepsilon,$$

for all  $n \geq 0$ . Since  $F$  is expansive with expansive constant  $\varepsilon$ , we get  $h^{-1}(y_1) = h^{-1}(y_2)$  which implies  $y_1 = y_2$ . Thus  $G$  is expansive with expansive constant  $\delta$ .

Conversely, suppose  $G$  is expansive with expansive constant  $\varepsilon_1 > 0$ . Since  $h$  is continuous, there exists  $\delta_1 > 0$  such that for any  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ ,

$$d_1(x_1, x_2) < \delta_1 \text{ implies } d_2(h(x_1), h(x_2)) < \varepsilon_1.$$

For any  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  with  $x_1 \neq x_2$ ,  $h(x_1) \neq h(x_2)$ , it follows that there exists  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$d_2(h(F_n(x_1)), h(F_n(x_2))) = d_2(G_n(h(x_1)), G_n(h(x_2))) > \varepsilon_1.$$

which implies  $d_1(F_n(x_1), F_n(x_2)) \geq \delta_1$ . Thus  $F$  is expansive on  $X$ .

**Corollary 2.1.1** *Let  $(X, d_1)$  be a compact metric space and  $(Y, d_2)$  be a metric space,  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  be a time varying map on  $X$  and  $h: X \rightarrow Y$  is a homeomorphism. If  $F$  is expansive on  $X$  then  $G = h \circ F \circ h^{-1} = \{g_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ , where  $g_n = h \circ f_n \circ h^{-1}$ ;  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  is expansive on  $Y$ .*

**Definition 2.1.7** *Let  $(X, d_1)$  and  $(Y, d_2)$  be metric spaces. A family of functions  $\{f_n : X \rightarrow Y\}_{n=0}^\infty$  is said to be equicontinuous at  $x_0 \in X$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta > 0$  (depending on the point  $x_0$ ) such that  $d_2(f_n(x_0), f_n(x)) < \varepsilon$  for each  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and for each  $x \in X$  satisfying  $d_1(x_0, x) < \delta$ . The family  $\{f_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  is called equicontinuous if it is equicontinuous at each point  $x_0 \in X$ .*

**Definition 2.1.8** *Let  $(X, d_1)$  and  $(Y, d_2)$  be metric spaces. A family of functions  $\{f_n : X \rightarrow Y\}_{n=0}^\infty$  is said to be uniformly equicontinuous if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta > 0$  (depending on  $\varepsilon$  only) such that  $d_2(f_n(x), f_n(y)) < \varepsilon$  for each  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and for all  $x, y \in X$  satisfying  $d_1(x, y) < \delta$ .*

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Now, we show that a time varying map  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ , where the family  $\{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is equicontinuous, is expansive if and only if its  $k^{\text{th}}$  iterate is expansive, where  $k$  is a positive integer.

**Theorem 2.1.2** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a compact metric space,  $\{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be an equicontinuous family of self maps on  $X$  and  $k$  be a positive integer. Then time varying map  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is expansive if and only if  $F^k$  is expansive.*

**Proof :** Let  $e > 0$  be an expansive constant for  $F$ . Since  $X$  is compact and  $\{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is equicontinuous family, for any  $n > 0$  and  $nk + 1 \leq j \leq (n + 1)k$ ,  $F_{[nk+1, j]}$  is uniformly continuous on  $X$  and therefore there exists a  $\delta_i > 0$  ( $i = j - (nk + 1) \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, k - 1\}$ ) such that

$$d(x, y) < \delta_i \Rightarrow d(F_{[nk+1, j]}(x), F_{[nk+1, j]}(y)) < e.$$

Note that due to equicontinuity of  $\{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ ,  $\delta_j$  does not depend on  $n$ . Take  $\delta = \min\{\delta_i : 0 \leq i \leq k - 1\}$ . Then for any  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$d(x, y) < \delta \Rightarrow d(F_{[nk+1, j]}(x), F_{[nk+1, j]}(y)) < e.$$

Now  $F^k = \{g_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ , where  $g_n = F_{[(n-1)k+1, nk]}$  and  $G_n = g_n \circ \dots \circ g_1 \circ g_0$ . It is easy to see that  $G_n = F_{nk}$ . Note that for any  $j \geq 0$ , there exists  $n \geq 0$  such that  $nk \leq j \leq (n + 1)k$ . Now for any  $n \geq 0$  and  $nk \leq j \leq (n + 1)k$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} d(G_n(x), G_n(y)) < \delta &\Rightarrow d(F_{nk}(x), F_{nk}(y)) < \delta \\ &\Rightarrow d(F_{[nk+1, j]}(F_{nk}(x)), F_{[nk+1, j]}(F_{nk}(y))) < e \\ &\Rightarrow d(F_j(x), F_j(y)) < e. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $e$  is an expansive constant for  $F$ ,  $x = y$  and hence  $\delta$  is an expansive constant for  $F^k$ .

Conversely, if  $F^k$  is expansive with an expansive constant  $\varepsilon$  then for any  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \neq y$ , there exists  $n \geq 0$  such that

$$d(G_n(x), G_n(y)) > \varepsilon$$

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which implies

$$d(F_{nk}(x), F_{nk}(y)) > \varepsilon$$

proving that  $\varepsilon$  is an expansive constant for  $F$ .

The following example shows that ‘equicontinuity’ in the hypothesis of Theorem 2.1.2 is necessary.

**Example 2.2** Consider the sequence of maps  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  on the unit circle  $S^1$  defined by

$$f_n(z) = \begin{cases} z^{\frac{n}{2}+1} & \text{if } n \text{ is even;} \\ z^{\frac{2}{n+1}} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \end{cases}$$

for any  $z \in S^1$ , where  $z \in S^1$ ,  $z^{\frac{1}{m}} = \exp\{\frac{i}{m}\text{Arg}(z)\}$ , in which  $\text{Arg}(z)$  is the principle argument of  $z$ .

Note that

$$F_n(z) = \begin{cases} z^{\frac{n}{2}+1} & \text{if } n \text{ is even;} \\ z & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \end{cases}$$

for any  $z \in S^1$  and therefore  $F$  is expansive. Observe that  $F^2 = \{g_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ , where each  $g_n = F_{[2n-1, 2n]}$  is the identity map, therefore  $F^2$  is not expansive. Note that  $\{f_n\}$  is not an equicontinuous family on  $S^1$ .

Using Theorem 2.1.2, we have the following example of a time varying map which is not expansive.

**Example 2.3** Let  $N$  be any positive integer. Consider the time varying map  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  on the unit circle  $S^1$  defined by

$$f_n(z) = \begin{cases} z^{k+1} & 0 \leq n = 2k \leq 2N; \\ z^{\frac{1}{k+2}} & 1 \leq n = 2k + 1 < 2N; \\ z & n > 2N. \end{cases}$$

for any  $z \in S^1$ .



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Note that  $\{f_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  is equicontinuous family of maps on compact space  $S^1$  and  $F^2 = \{g_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ , where each  $g_n = F_{[2n-1, 2n]}$  is the identity map. Since  $F^2$  is not expansive, by Theorem 2.1.2,  $F$  is not expansive.

Now we define invariant subset for a time varying map and show that if a time varying map is expansive on a metric space then it is also expansive on any invariant subset of it.

**Definition 2.1.9** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  be a time varying map on  $X$  and  $Y$  be a subset of  $X$ . Then  $Y$  is said to be **invariant under  $F$**  if

$$f_n(Y) \subset Y,$$

for all  $n \geq 0$ , equivalently  $F_n(Y) \subset Y$ , for all  $n \geq 0$ .

**Lemma 2.1.1** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  be a time varying map which is expansive on  $X$  and  $Y$  be an invariant subset of  $X$ , then restriction of  $F$  to  $Y$ , defined by  $F|Y = \{f_n|Y\}$  is expansive.

**Proof:** Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be an expansive constant for  $F$  on  $X$ . Let  $x \neq y$ ,  $x, y \in Y$  then  $x, y \in X$  also, therefore there exists  $n \geq 0$  such that

$$d(F_n(x), F_n(y)) > \varepsilon.$$

Since  $Y$  is invariant under  $F$ ,  $F_n(x), F_n(y) \in Y$ . Hence  $F|Y$  is also expansive with expansive constant  $\varepsilon$ .

Now we show that every finite direct product of expansive time varying maps is expansive.

**Theorem 2.1.3** Let  $(X, d_1)$  and  $(Y, d_2)$  be metric spaces and  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ ,  $G = \{g_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  be time varying maps on  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. Define a metric  $d$  on  $X \times Y$  by

$$d((x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)) = \max\{d_1(x_1, x_2), d_2(y_1, y_2)\}; \quad (x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in X \times Y.$$

Also for any  $f: X \rightarrow X$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow Y$  define  $f \times g: X \times Y \rightarrow X \times Y$  by

$$(f \times g)(x, y) = (f(x), g(y)), \quad (x, y) \in X \times Y.$$

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Then time varying map  $F \times G = \{f_n \times g_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is expansive on  $X \times Y$  if and only if  $F$  and  $G$  are expansive on  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively.

**Proof :** Let  $F \times G$  is expansive on  $X \times Y$  with expansive constant  $\varepsilon > 0$ . For  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  and  $y_1, y_2 \in Y$ , we have  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in X \times Y$ . Suppose for any  $n > 0$ ,  $d_1(F_n(x_1), f_n(x_2)) < \varepsilon$  and  $d_2(G_n(y_1), G_n(y_2)) < \varepsilon$  then for any  $n > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} d((F \times G)_n(x_1, y_1), (F \times G)_n(x_2, y_2)) \\ = \max\{d_1(F_n(x_1), f_n(x_2)), d_2(G_n(y_1), G_n(y_2))\} \\ < \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $F \times G$  is expansive with expansive constant  $\varepsilon$ , we have  $(x_1, y_1) = (x_2, y_2)$  i.e.  $x_1 = x_2$  and  $y_1 = y_2$  which implies that  $F$  and  $G$  both are expansive with expansive constant  $\varepsilon$ . Conversely suppose  $F$  and  $G$  are expansive on  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. Note that for any  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$(F \times G)_n(x, y) = (F_n(x), G_n(y)), \quad (x, y) \in X \times Y.$$

Let  $\varepsilon_1 > 0$  and  $\varepsilon_2 > 0$  be expansive constants for  $F$  and  $G$  respectively. Let  $\varepsilon = \min\{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2\}$  and  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in X \times Y$ .

If for all  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$d((F \times G)_n(x_1, y_1), (F \times G)_n(x_2, y_2)) < \varepsilon$$

then

$$d((F_n(x_1), G_n(y_1)), (F_n(x_2), G_n(y_2))) < \varepsilon$$

which implies

$$\max\{d_1(F_n(x_1), F_n(x_2)), d_2(G_n(y_1), G_n(y_2))\} < \varepsilon.$$

Hence

$$d_2(F_n(x_1), F_n(x_2)) < \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_1$$

and

$$d_1(G_n(y_1), G_n(y_2)) < \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_2$$

which by expansiveness of  $F$  and  $G$  implies  $x_1 = x_2$  and  $y_1 = y_2$  i.e.  $(x_1, y_1) = (x_2, y_2)$ . Hence  $F \times G$  is expansive with expansive constant  $\varepsilon$ .

## 2.2 Invertible Nonautonomous Discrete Dynamical Systems and Expansiveness

Let  $(X, d)$  to be a metric space and  $f_n : X \rightarrow X$  to be a sequence of homeomorphisms,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , where we always consider  $f_0$  to be the identity map on  $X$ . We call  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  to be a **time varying homeomorphism** on  $X$  and  $(X, F)$ , an **invertible nonautonomous discrete dynamical system**. We denote

$$F_n = \begin{cases} f_n \circ f_{n-1} \circ \dots \circ f_1 \circ f_0, & \text{for } n \geq 0 \\ f_{-n}^{-1} \circ f_{-(n-1)}^{-1} \circ \dots \circ f_1^{-1} \circ f_0^{-1}, & \text{for } n \leq -1. \end{cases}$$

For any  $0 \leq i \leq j$ , we define

$$F_{[i,j]} = \begin{cases} f_j \circ f_{j-1} \circ \dots \circ f_{i+1} \circ f_i, & 0 \leq i \leq j \\ \text{the identity map on } X, & i > j. \end{cases}$$

For time varying homeomorphism  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  on  $X$ , its inverse map is given by  $F^{-1} = \{f_n^{-1}\}_{n=0}^\infty$ . Thus

$$F_{[i,j]}^{-1} = \begin{cases} f_j^{-1} \circ f_{j-1}^{-1} \circ \dots \circ f_{i+1}^{-1} \circ f_i^{-1}, & 0 \leq i \leq j \\ \text{the identity map on } X, & i > j. \end{cases}$$

For any  $k > 0$ , we define a time varying homeomorphism ( $k^{\text{th}}$ -iterate of  $F$ )  $F^k = \{g_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  on  $X$ , where

$$g_n = f_{nk} \circ f_{(n-1)k+k-1} \circ \dots \circ f_{(n-1)k+2} \circ f_{(n-1)k+1} \quad \text{for all } n \geq 0.$$

Thus  $F^k = \{F_{[(n-1)k+1, nk]}\}_{n=0}^\infty$ , for  $k > 0$  and for  $k = -m < 0$ ,  $F^k = (F^{-1})^m$ . Also, for  $k = 0$ ,  $F^k = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ , where each  $f_n$  is the identity map on  $X$ . Thus  $F^k = \{g_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ , where

$$g_n = \begin{cases} F_{[(n-1)k+1, nk]} & \text{if } k > 0; \\ F_{[(n-1)k+1, nk]}^{-1} & \text{if } k < 0; \\ \text{the identity map on } X & \text{if } k = 0. \end{cases}$$

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Let us define orbit, periodic point and fixed point for a time varying homeomorphism.

**Definition 2.2.1** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $f_n : X \rightarrow X$  be a sequence of homeomorphism,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . For a point  $x_0 \in X$ , let

$$x_n = \begin{cases} f_n(x_{n-1}) & n \geq 1; \\ f_{-n}^{-1}(x_{n+1}) & n \leq -1 \end{cases}$$

then the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}$ , denoted by  $O(x_0)$ , is said to be **the orbit of  $x_0$  under time varying homeomorphism  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$** .

**Definition 2.2.2** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $f_n : X \rightarrow X$  be a sequence of homeomorphisms,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . A point  $x_0 \in X$  is said to be **a periodic point** of  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  if orbit of  $x_0$  ( $O(x_0) = \{x_n\}_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}$ ) is periodic i.e. there exists an integer  $k > 0$  such that

$$x_{n+k} = x_n,$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , where

$$x_n = \begin{cases} f_n(x_{n-1}) & \text{if } n \geq 0; \\ f_{-n}^{-1}(x_{n+1}) & \text{if } n < 0. \end{cases}$$

The set of all periodic points of  $F$  is denoted by  $\text{Per}(F)$ .

**Definition 2.2.3** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $f_n : X \rightarrow X$  be a sequence of homeomorphisms,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . A point  $x \in X$  is said to be **a fixed point** of time varying homeomorphism  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  if

$$f_n(x) = x$$

for all  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ .

**Note 2.1** If  $f_n(x) = x$  then  $f_n$  being homeomorphism  $f_n^{-1}(x) = x$ . Hence orbit of fixed point  $x$  is  $\{x\}$ .

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Now we define expansiveness of a time varying homeomorphism i.e. expansiveness of an invertible nonautonomous discrete dynamical system and study them in detail.

**Definition 2.2.4** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $f_n : X \rightarrow X$  be a sequence of homeomorphisms,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . The time varying homeomorphism  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is said to be **expansive** if there exists a constant  $e > 0$  (called an **expansive constant**) such that for any  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \neq y$ ,

$$d(F_n(x), F_n(y)) > e$$

for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Equivalently, if for  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$d(F_n(x), F_n(y)) \leq e \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ then } x = y.$$

**Remark 2.3** If in the above definition  $f_n = f$  for all  $n \geq 0$ , where  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is homeomorphism, then expansiveness of time varying homeomorphism  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  on  $X$  is equivalent to expansiveness of  $f$  on  $X$  ([2]).

**Remark 2.4** Note that expansiveness of a time varying homeomorphism  $F$  is independent of the choice of metric for  $X$  if  $X$  is compact.

Let us define conjugacy between two time varying homeomorphisms.

**Definition 2.2.5** Let  $(X, d_1)$  and  $(Y, d_2)$  be two metric spaces. Let  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  and  $G = \{g_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be time varying homeomorphisms on  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. If there exists a homeomorphism  $h : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$h \circ f_n = g_n \circ h,$$

for all  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  then  $F$  and  $G$  are said to be **conjugate** with respect to the map  $h$  or **h-conjugate**.

In particular, if  $h : X \rightarrow Y$  is a uniform homeomorphism then  $F$  and  $G$  are said to be **uniformly conjugate** or **uniformly h-conjugate**.

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The following theorem shows that expansiveness of a time varying homeomorphism is a property which is preserved under uniform conjugacy.

**Theorem 2.2.1** *Let  $(X, d_1)$  and  $(Y, d_2)$  be metric spaces. Let  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  and  $G = \{g_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be time varying homeomorphisms on  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively such that  $F$  is uniformly conjugate to  $G$ . Then  $F$  is expansive on  $X$  if and only if  $G$  is expansive on  $Y$ .*

**Proof :** Since  $F$  is uniformly conjugate to  $G$  therefore there exists a uniform homeomorphism  $h: X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$h \circ f_n = g_n \circ h,$$

for all  $n \geq 0$ , which implies

$$f_n \circ h^{-1} = h^{-1} \circ g_n,$$

for all  $n \geq 0$  and

$$f_n^{-1} \circ h^{-1} = h^{-1} \circ g_n^{-1},$$

for all  $n \geq 0$ . Now for all  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} F_n \circ h^{-1} &= f_n \circ f_{n-1} \circ \cdots \circ f_2 \circ f_1 \circ f_0 \circ h^{-1} \\ &= f_n \circ f_{n-1} \circ \cdots \circ f_2 \circ f_1 \circ h^{-1} \circ g_0 \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &= h^{-1} \circ g_n \circ g_{n-1} \circ \cdots \circ g_2 \circ g_1 \circ g_0 \\ &= h^{-1} \circ G_n \end{aligned}$$

and similarly for all  $n \leq 0$ , we also have

$$\begin{aligned} F_n \circ h^{-1} &= f_{-n}^{-1} \circ f_{-n+1}^{-1} \circ \cdots \circ f_2^{-1} \circ f_1^{-1} \circ f_0^{-1} \circ h^{-1} \\ &= f_{-n}^{-1} \circ f_{-n+1}^{-1} \circ \cdots \circ f_2^{-1} \circ f_1^{-1} \circ h^{-1} \circ g_0^{-1} \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &= h^{-1} \circ g_n^{-1} \circ g_{-n+1}^{-1} \circ \cdots \circ g_2^{-1} \circ g_1^{-1} \circ g_0^{-1} \\ &= h^{-1} \circ G_n. \end{aligned}$$

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So, we get  $F_n \circ h^{-1} = h^{-1} \circ G_n$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Similarly,

$$h \circ F_n = G_n \circ h,$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Suppose  $F$  is expansive on  $X$  with expansive constant  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Since  $h^{-1}$  is uniformly continuous therefore there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that for any  $y_1, y_2 \in Y$  with  $d_2(y_1, y_2) < \delta$ ,

$$d_1(h^{-1}(y_1), h^{-1}(y_2)) < \varepsilon.$$

Let  $y_1, y_2 \in Y$  such that  $y_1 \neq y_2$  then  $h^{-1}(y_1) \neq h^{-1}(y_2)$  therefore  $F$  being expansive on  $X$ , there exists  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$d_1(h^{-1}(G_n(y_1)), h^{-1}(G_n(y_2))) = d_1(F_n(h^{-1}(y_1)), F_n(h^{-1}(y_2))) > \varepsilon$$

which implies

$$d_2(G_n(y_1), G_n(y_2)) \geq \delta.$$

Hence  $G$  is expansive on  $Y$ .

Conversely, suppose  $G$  is expansive on  $Y$  with expansive constant  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Since  $h$  is uniformly continuous, there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for any  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  with  $d_1(x_1, x_2) < \delta$ ,

$$d_2(h(x_1), h(x_2)) < \varepsilon.$$

For any  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  with  $x_1 \neq x_2$ , observing that  $h(x_1) \neq h(x_2)$ , it follows that there exists  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$d_2(h(F_n(x_1)), h(F_n(x_2))) = d_2(G_n(h(x_1)), G_n(h(x_1))) > \varepsilon$$

which implies  $d_1(F_n(x_1), F_n(x_2)) \geq \delta$ . Thus  $F$  is expansive on  $X$ .

**Corollary 2.2.1** *Let  $(X, d_1)$  be a compact metric space,  $(Y, d_2)$  be a metric space,  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  be a time varying homeomorphism on  $X$  and  $h: X \rightarrow Y$  is a homeomorphism. If  $F$  is expansive on  $X$  then  $G = h \circ F \circ h^{-1} = \{g_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ , where  $g_n = h \circ f_n \circ h^{-1}$ ;  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  is expansive on  $Y$ .*

The following theorem shows that a time varying homeomorphism is expansive if and only if its inverse is expansive.

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**Theorem 2.2.2** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a compact metric space,  $\{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be a family of self homeomorphisms on  $X$ . Then time varying homeomorphism  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is expansive if and only if  $F^{-1}$  is expansive.*

**Proof :** Let  $F$  be expansive with an expansive constant  $e > 0$ . It is easy to verify that

$$F_{(-n)} = (F^{-1})_n,$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Equivalently  $(F^{-1})_{(-n)} = F_n$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $x \neq y$ ,  $x, y \in X$  then there is some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$d(F_n(x), F_n(y)) > e$$

i.e.

$$d((F^{-1})_{(-n)}(x), (F^{-1})_{(-n)}(y)) > e$$

for some  $(-n) \in \mathbb{Z}$ , which implies  $F^{-1}$  is also expansive. Consequently,  $F^{-1}$  expansive implies  $(F^{-1})^{-1} = F$  is expansive.

By above result and analogous to the Theorem 2.1.2, we have the following result.

**Theorem 2.2.3** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a compact metric space,  $\{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be an equicontinuous family of self maps on  $X$  and  $k$  be an integer. Then time varying homeomorphism  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is expansive if and only if  $F^k$  is expansive for any  $k \in \mathbb{Z} - \{0\}$ .*

Now we define invariant set under time varying homeomorphism and show that if a time varying homeomorphism is expansive on a metric space then the restricted map to an invariant subset is also expansive.

**Definition 2.2.6** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be a time varying homeomorphism on  $X$  and  $Y$  be a subset of  $X$ . Then  $Y$  is said to be **invariant** under  $F$  if  $f_n(Y) = Y$ , (and therefore  $f_n^{-1}(Y) = Y$ ) for all  $n \geq 0$ , equivalently  $F_n(Y) = Y$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .*

Analogous to Theorem 2.1.1, one can prove the following result.



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**Theorem 2.2.4** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  be a time varying homeomorphism which is expansive on  $X$  and  $Y$  be an invariant subset of  $X$ , then restriction of  $F$  to  $Y$ , defined by  $F|Y = \{f_n|Y\}$  is expansive.*

Analogous to Theorem 2.1.3, one can prove the following result.

**Theorem 2.2.5** *Let  $(X, d_1)$  and  $(Y, d_2)$  be metric spaces and  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ ,  $G = \{g_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  be time varying homeomorphisms on  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. Consider the metric  $d$  on  $X \times Y$  defined by*

$$d((x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)) = \max\{d_1(x_1, x_2), d_2(y_1, y_2)\}; \quad (x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in X \times Y.$$

*Then the time varying homeomorphism  $F \times G = \{f_n \times g_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  is expansive on  $X \times Y$  if and only if  $F$  and  $G$  are expansive on  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. Hence every finite direct product of expansive time varying homeomorphisms is expansive.*

We have following result for time varying homeomorphism similar to that for an expansive homeomorphism on a compact metric space ([6]).

**Theorem 2.2.6** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a compact metric space,  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  be a time varying homeomorphism such that for any given pair of integers  $r$  and  $s$ , there is an integer  $t$  such that  $F_r(F_s(x)) = F_t(x)$ , for all  $x \in X$ . If  $F$  is expansive on  $X$  and  $\theta$  is the least upper bound of the set of expansive constants for  $F$  then  $\theta$  is not an expansive constant for  $F$ .*

**Proof:** Let  $e$  be an expansive constant for  $F$ ,  $\theta$  be the least upper bound of the set of expansive constants for  $F$  and  $\varepsilon_i = \frac{1}{i}$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Since  $\theta + \varepsilon_i$  is not an expansive constant for  $F$  therefore for each  $i$  there exist  $x'_i \neq y'_i$  such that

$$d(F_n(x'_i), F_n(y'_i)) \leq \theta + \varepsilon_i \quad (2.1)$$

for each integer  $n$ . Also, for each  $i$ , there exists an integer  $k_i$  such that

$$d(F_{k_i}(x'_i), F_{k_i}(y'_i)) > e.$$

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(Since  $e$  is an expansive constant for  $F$  and  $x'_i \neq y'_i$ , for each  $i$ .)

Let  $x_i = F_{k_i}(x'_i)$  and  $y_i = F_{k_i}(y'_i)$ . Since  $X$  is a compact metric space therefore passing to a subsequence if necessary, without loss of generality, we can assume that there exist  $x, y \in X$  such that  $x_j \rightarrow x$  and  $y_j \rightarrow y$ . Note that  $x \neq y$ . (As for each  $i$ ,  $d(x_i, y_i) > e$ .)

Let  $m$  be an arbitrary integer and  $\alpha$  be an arbitrary positive real number. Choose  $p, q$  and  $\eta$  with the following properties:

- (a)  $\varepsilon_p < \frac{\alpha}{3}$ ,  
(Such  $p$  exists as  $\varepsilon_i = \frac{1}{i}$  converges to zero.)
- (b)  $d(u, v) < \eta$  implies  $d(F_m(u), F_m(v)) < \frac{\alpha}{3}$ ,  
(Such  $\eta$  exists as  $X$  being compact,  $F_m$  is uniformly continuous on  $X$ .)
- (c)  $n > p$  implies  $d(x, x_n) < \eta$  and  $n > q$  implies  $d(y, y_n) < \eta$ .  
(As the sequences  $\{x_i\}_{i=0}^\infty$  and  $\{y_i\}_{i=0}^\infty$  converge to  $x$  and  $y$  respectively.)

Let  $i > \max\{p, q\}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} d(F_m(x), F_m(y)) &\leq d(F_m(x), F_m(x_i)) + d(F_m(x_i), F_m(y_i)) + d(F_m(y_i), F_m(y)) \\ &< \frac{\alpha}{3} + \left(\theta + \frac{\alpha}{3}\right) + \frac{\alpha}{3} = \alpha + \theta \end{aligned}$$

(Since  $i > p$  therefore from (c),  $d(x, x_i) < \eta$  and hence from (b),

$$d(F_m(x), F_m(x_i)) < \frac{\alpha}{3}.$$

Similarly  $i > q$  implies

$$d(F_m(y_i), F_m(y)) < \frac{\alpha}{3}.$$

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Further since  $i > p$  therefore using (a),  $\varepsilon_i < \varepsilon_p < \frac{\alpha}{3}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} d(F_m(x_i), F_m(y_i)) &= d(F_m(F_{k_i}(x'_i)), F_m(F_{k_i}(y'_i))) \\ &= d(F_t(x'_i), F_t(y'_i)) \text{ for some integer } t \\ &\leq \theta + \varepsilon_i \text{ (from equation (2.1))} \\ &< \theta + \frac{\alpha}{3}. \end{aligned} \quad )$$

Thus  $d(F_m(x), F_m(y)) \leq \theta$  implying  $\theta$  is not an expansive constant for  $F$ .

**Definition 2.2.7** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be a time varying homeomorphism on  $X$  and  $A \subseteq X$ . Then  $F$  is said to be expansive on  $A$  with expansive constant  $e > 0$  if for any  $x, y \in A$ ,  $x \neq y$ , there exists an integer  $n \geq 0$  (depending upon pair  $(x, y)$ ) such that  $d(F_n(x), F_n(y)) > e$  or equivalently if for  $x, y \in A$

$$d(F_n(x), F_n(y)) \leq e, \text{ for all } n \geq 0 \text{ then } x = y.$$

Now we show that a if a time varying homeomorphism is expansive on a subset whose complement is finite then it is expansive on the entire metric space.

**Theorem 2.2.7** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be a time varying homeomorphism on  $X$  and  $A \subseteq X$  such that  $X - A$  is finite. If  $F$  is expansive on  $A$  then it is expansive on  $X$ .

**Proof :** Let  $F$  be expansive on  $A$  with expansive constant  $e$ . Since  $X - A$  is finite, it is sufficient to show that  $F$  is expansive on  $A \cup \{x\}$ , where  $x \in X - A$ . Then one can show expansiveness of  $F$  on  $X$  using induction for finitely many steps. Note that there is at most one point  $p \in A$  such that

$$d(F_n(x), F_n(p)) \leq \frac{e}{2}, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

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If  $p$  and  $q$  are two such points in  $A$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} d(F_n(p), F_n(q)) &\leq d(F_n(p), F_n(x)) + d(F_n(x), F_n(q)) \\ &\leq \frac{e}{2} + \frac{e}{2} \\ &\leq e, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , which contradicts the expansiveness of  $F$  on  $A$ . If a point  $p$  as described above exists, let  $0 < c < d(x, p)$ ; otherwise let  $c = \frac{e}{2}$ . Now for any  $a, b \in A \cup \{x\}$ ,  $a \neq b$ , if  $a, b \in A$  then expansiveness of  $F$  on  $A$  implies that there exist  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$d(F_m(a), F_m(b)) > e > c.$$

If  $a = x$  and  $b \in A$  with  $b \neq p$  then there exists  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} d(F_m(a), F_m(b)) &= d(F_m(x), F_m(b)) \\ &> \frac{e}{2} \geq c. \end{aligned}$$

If  $a = x$  and  $b \in A$  with  $b = p$  then for  $m = 0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(F_m(a), F_m(b)) &= d(F_m(x), F_m(p)) \\ &= d(x, p) \quad (\text{as } m = 0) \\ &> c. \end{aligned}$$

Thus in any case there exists  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$d(F_m(a), F_m(b)) > c.$$

Thus  $F$  is expansive on  $A \cup \{x\}$  with expansive constant  $c$ .

### 2.3 Generator and Weak Generator in Nonautonomous Discrete Dynamical Systems

The topological analogue of generator was defined and studied by Keynes and Robertson [34]. We define and study this notion

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for an invertible non-autonomous discrete dynamical system and obtain a characterization of expansiveness in terms of generator and weak generator.

**Definition 2.3.1** Let  $(X, d)$  be a compact metric space and  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be a time varying homeomorphism on  $X$ . A finite open cover  $\alpha$  of  $X$  is said to be a **generator for  $F$**  if for every bisequence  $\{A_n\}$  of members of  $\alpha$ ,

$$\bigcap_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (F_n)^{-1}(\overline{A_n})$$

is at most one point, where  $\overline{A_n}$  denotes the closure of set  $A_n$ .

**Definition 2.3.2** Let  $(X, d)$  be a compact metric space and  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be a time varying homeomorphism on  $X$ . A finite open cover  $\alpha$  of  $X$  is said to be a **weak generator for  $F$**  if for every bisequence  $\{A_n\}$  of members of  $\alpha$ ,

$$\bigcap_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (F_n)^{-1}(A_n)$$

is at most one point .

The following result gives a characterization of expansiveness. We show that a time varying homeomorphism on a compact metric space is expansive if and only if it has a generator or a weak generator.

**Theorem 2.3.1** Let  $(X, d)$  be a compact metric space and  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be a time varying homeomorphism on  $X$ . Then following are equivalent :

- (1)  $F$  is expansive,
- (2)  $F$  has a generator,
- (3)  $F$  has a weak generator.

**Proof :** We first show that (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3).

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) : Let  $\alpha$  be a finite open cover of  $X$  and  $\{A_n\}$  be bisequence of members of  $\alpha$ . Since  $A_n \subseteq \overline{A_n}$ , we have

$$\bigcap_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (F_n)^{-1}(A_n) \subseteq \bigcap_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (F_n)^{-1}(\overline{A_n}).$$

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If  $\alpha$  is generator for  $F$  then

$$\bigcap_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (F_n)^{-1}(\overline{A_n})$$

contains at most one point and therefore

$$\bigcap_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (F_n)^{-1}(A_n)$$

also contains at most one point. Hence  $\alpha$  is also a weak generator for  $F$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) : Let  $\beta = \{B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n\}$  be a weak generator for  $F$  and  $\delta > 0$  be a Lebesgue number for  $\beta$ . Let  $\alpha$  be a finite open cover by sets  $A_i$  with  $\text{diam}(\overline{A_i}) \leq \delta$ . If  $\{A_{i_n}\}$  is a bisequence of members of  $\alpha$  then for every  $n$ , there is  $j_n$  such that  $\overline{A_{i_n}} \subset B_{j_n}$ , and so

$$\bigcap_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (F_n)^{-1}(\overline{A_{i_n}}) \subseteq \bigcap_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (F_n)^{-1}(B_{j_n}).$$

Since

$$\bigcap_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (F_n)^{-1}(B_{j_n})$$

contains almost one point therefore

$$\bigcap_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (F_n)^{-1}(\overline{A_{i_n}})$$

also contains at most one point and hence  $\alpha$  is a generator.

Next we prove that (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) : Let  $\delta > 0$  be an expansive constant for  $F$  and  $\alpha$  be a finite open cover of  $X$  by open balls of radius  $\frac{\delta}{2}$ . Suppose

$$x, y \in \bigcap_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (F_n)^{-1}(\overline{A_{i_n}}),$$

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where  $A_{i_n} \in \alpha$  then  $d(F_n(x), F_n(y)) \leq \delta$  for every  $n$ , and since  $F$  is expansive with expansive constant  $\delta$ , we have  $x = y$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Suppose  $\alpha$  is a weak generator. Let  $\delta > 0$  be a Lebesgue number for  $\alpha$ . If  $d(F_n(x), F_n(y)) < \delta$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  then for every  $n$ , there is  $A_n \in \alpha$  such that  $F_n(x), F_n(y) \in A_n$  and so

$$x, y \in \bigcap_{-\infty}^{\infty} (F_n)^{-1}(A_n)$$

which is at most one point implying  $x = y$ .

We use the above result in the following example.

**Example 2.4** Let  $F = \{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ , where  $f_n: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is defined by  $f_n(x) = x^{n+1}$  for  $n=0, 1, 2, \dots$  and  $x \in [0, 1]$ , be a time varying homeomorphism on  $[0, 1]$ . Now note that

$$F_n(x) = x^{n!} \text{ and } F_{-n} = x^{\frac{1}{n!}},$$

for all  $n \geq 0$ . Let  $\alpha$  be a finite open cover of  $[0, 1]$  with Lebesgue number  $0 < \delta < \frac{1}{2}$ . Note that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{-n} = 1$$

uniformly on  $[\delta, 1 - \delta]$ . So there exists  $N > 0$  such that  $n > N$  implies  $F_n(x) \in [0, \delta)$  and  $F_{-n}(x) \in (1 - \delta, 1]$ , for any  $x \in [\delta, 1 - \delta]$ . Since  $\delta$  is Lebesgue number of  $\alpha$ , there are  $A_0$  and  $A_1$  in  $\alpha$  such that  $[0, \delta) \subseteq A_0$  and  $(1 - \delta, 1] \subseteq A_1$ . Now since  $\{F_{-N}, F_{-N+1}, \dots, F_N\}$  is uniformly equicontinuous family, there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $d(x, y) < \varepsilon$  implies  $d(F_n(x), F_n(y)) < \delta$ , for any  $|n| \leq N$ . Let  $x, y \in [\delta, 1 - \delta]$ ,  $x \neq y$  such that  $d(x, y) < \varepsilon$ . Then for any  $n$ ,  $|n| \leq N$  there exists  $A_n \in \alpha$  such that  $F_n(x), F_n(y) \in A_n$ . Thus  $x, y \in (F_n)^{-1}(A_n)$ ,  $|n| \leq N$ . Now put

$$A_n = \begin{cases} A_0, & n \geq N + 1; \\ A_1, & n \leq -(N + 1). \end{cases}$$

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Now note that

$$x, y \in \bigcap_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (F_n)^{-1}(A_n).$$

Thus  $\alpha$  can not be a weak generator for  $F$ . Therefore  $F$  has no weak generator and hence by above result  $F$  is a time-varying homeomorphism which is not-expansive.