

## HOMEOMORPHISMS OF ZERO-DIMENSIONAL SPACES

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### 1. Introduction.

All spaces considered in this paper are assumed to be compact and metrizable.

Let  $\varphi$  be a homeomorphism from a space  $(X, d)$  onto itself. Then  $\varphi$  is *expansive* if there is  $c > 0$  such that for every  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \neq y$  there is  $n \in \mathbf{Z}$  for which  $d(\varphi^n(x), \varphi^n(y)) > c$ . Given  $\delta > 0$ , a sequence  $\{x_i : i \in \mathbf{Z}\}$  is a  $\delta$ -*pseudo-orbit* of  $\varphi$  if  $d(\varphi(x_i), x_{i+1}) < \delta$  for every  $i \in \mathbf{Z}$ . Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , a sequence  $\{x_i : i \in \mathbf{Z}\}$  is  $\varepsilon$ -*traced* by a point  $y \in X$  if  $d(\varphi^i(y), x_i) < \varepsilon$  for every  $i \in \mathbf{Z}$ . We say that  $\varphi$  has the *pseudo orbit tracing property* (abbrev. P.O.T.P.) if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is  $\delta > 0$  such that every  $\delta$ -pseudo-orbit of  $\varphi$  can be  $\varepsilon$ -traced by some point of  $X$ .

For a space  $(X, d)$  we denote by  $\mathcal{H}(X)$  the space of all homeomorphisms of  $X$  with the metric  $\bar{d}(\varphi, \psi) = \max\{d(\varphi(x), \psi(x)) : x \in X\}$  for every  $\varphi, \psi \in \mathcal{H}(X)$ . Let  $\mathcal{E}(X) = \{\varphi \in \mathcal{H}(X) : \varphi \text{ is expansive}\}$  and  $\mathcal{P}(X) = \{\varphi \in \mathcal{H}(X) : \varphi \text{ has P.O.T.P.}\}$ .

In Section 3 we are concerned with the Cantor set  $C$ . The Cantor set  $C$  is the unique zero-dimensional infinite group. N. Aoki [1] proved that every group automorphism of  $C$  has P.O.T.P. M. Sears [6] proved that  $\mathcal{E}(C)$  is dense in  $\mathcal{H}(C)$ , constructing a dense subset  $\mathcal{A}$  of  $\mathcal{E}(C)$  in  $\mathcal{H}(C)$ . M. Dateyama [3] proved that  $\mathcal{P}(C)$  is dense in  $\mathcal{H}(C)$ , constructing a dense subset  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $\mathcal{P}(C)$  in  $\mathcal{H}(C)$ . However, for the sets  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  above we have  $\mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{B} = \emptyset$ . So it is unknown whether the set  $\mathcal{E}(C) \cap \mathcal{P}(C)$  of all expansive homeomorphisms with P.O.T.P. of  $C$  is dense in  $\mathcal{H}(C)$ . In Section 3 we shall prove the following theorem.

**THEOREM 1.** *The set of all expansive homeomorphisms with P.O.T.P. of the Cantor set  $C$  is dense in  $\mathcal{H}(C)$ .*

We know [6] that  $\mathcal{E}(C)$  is of first category. So  $\mathcal{E}(C) \cap \mathcal{P}(C)$  is also of first category.

The convergent sequence is another standard zero-dimensional space, classed with the Cantor set. In Section 4 we shall prove the following theorem.

THEOREM 2. Let  $S = \{0, 1, 1/2, 1/3, \dots\}$ . Then

- (a) the set of all expansive homeomorphisms of  $S$  is dense in  $\mathcal{H}(S)$ ,
- (b) the set of all homeomorphisms with P.O.T.P. of  $S$  is dense in  $\mathcal{H}(S)$ ,
- (c)  $S$  has no expansive homeomorphism with P.O.T.P.

In Section 5 we shall construct a zero-dimensional space having no expansive homeomorphism.

## 2. Preliminaries.

Let  $D^{\mathbb{Z}} = \prod \{D_i : i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ , where  $D_i = \{0, 1\}$  for every  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We define the metric  $d$  on  $D^{\mathbb{Z}}$  by

$$d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1/\min\{|k| : x_k \neq y_k\} & \text{if } x_0 = y_0 \\ 2 & \text{if } x_0 \neq y_0 \end{cases}$$

for every  $x = (x_i), y = (y_i) \in D^{\mathbb{Z}}$ .

Obviously,  $(D^{\mathbb{Z}}, d)$  is homeomorphic to the Cantor set. For a homeomorphism of a compact metrizable space  $X$  it is clear that both expansiveness and P.O.T.P. do not depend on the choice of metrics on  $X$ . Thus we may regard  $(D^{\mathbb{Z}}, d)$  as the Cantor set.

For every  $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $i \leq j$  we put  $D(i, j) = \prod \{D_k : i \leq k \leq j\}$  and for every  $f \in D(i, j)$  we put  $c^+(f) = j$  and  $c^-(f) = i$ . We define the order  $\leq$  on  $\cup \{D(i, j) : i, j \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ with } i \leq j\} \cup D^{\mathbb{Z}}$  as follows:  $f \leq g$  if and only if one of the following conditions holds; (1)  $f = g$ , (2)  $f \in D(i, j), g \in D(k, l), k \leq i, j \leq l$  and  $f_m = g_m$  for every  $m, i \leq m \leq j$ , (3)  $f \in D(i, j), g \in D^{\mathbb{Z}}$  and  $f_m = g_m$  for every  $m, i \leq m \leq j$ , where  $f = (f_i, f_{i+1}, \dots, f_j)$  for  $f \in D(i, j)$  and  $f = (\dots, f_{-1}, f_0, f_1, \dots)$  for  $f \in D^{\mathbb{Z}}$ . For every  $f \in D(i, j)$  and any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $i \leq -n$  and  $n \leq j$  (or for every  $f \in D^{\mathbb{Z}}$  and any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) we put  $f_{1n} = (f_{-n}, f_{-n+1}, \dots, f_n) \in D(-n, n)$ . For every  $f \in D(i, j)$  we put  $A_f = p_{i,j}^{-1}(f)$ , where  $p_{i,j} : D^{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow D(i, j)$  is the projection.

If a space  $X$  is the union of a pairwise disjoint collection  $\{X_\lambda : \lambda \in A\}$  of open-and-closed subsets of  $X$ , then we represent  $X$  as  $X = \bigoplus \{X_\lambda : \lambda \in A\}$ .

## 3. Proof of Theorem 1.

Let  $\psi : D^{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow D^{\mathbb{Z}}$  be a homeomorphism and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . We shall construct an expansive homeomorphism  $\varphi$  with P.O.T.P. such that  $\bar{d}(\psi, \varphi) = \max\{d(\psi(x), \varphi(x)) : x \in D^{\mathbb{Z}}\} < \varepsilon$ .

We take  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $1/k < \varepsilon$  and  $d(\psi(x), \psi(y)) < 1/k$  for every  $x, y \in D^{\mathbb{Z}}$  with  $d(x, y) < 1/n$ .

*Claim 1.* For every  $f \in D(-n, n)$  there are  $h(f) \in D(-k, k)$  and  $g(f) \in D(-l_1, l_2)$  for some  $l_1, l_2 \in \mathbf{N}$ ,  $i=1, 2$ , satisfying the following three conditions;

- (a)  $D^{\mathbf{Z}} = \bigoplus \{A_{g(f)} : f \in D(-n, n)\}$ ,
- (b)  $\phi(A_f) \subset A_{h(f)}$ ,
- (c)  $h(f) \leq g(f)$ .

*Proof of Claim 1.* From  $\text{diam } A_f < 1/n$  it follows that  $\text{diam } \phi(A_f) < 1/k$ . Since  $D^{\mathbf{Z}} = \bigoplus \{A_h : h \in D(-k, k)\}$  and  $d(A_h, A_{h'}) \geq 1/n$  for every  $h, h' \in D(-k, k)$  with  $h \neq h'$ , there is  $h(f) \in D(-k, k)$  such that  $\phi(A_f) \subset A_{h(f)}$ . For every  $h \in D(-k, k)$  list  $\{f \in D(-n, n) : h(f) = h\}$  as  $\{f_{hi} : 1 \leq i \leq p_h\}$ . For every  $i, 1 \leq i \leq p_h$ , we take  $g_{hi} \geq h$  such that  $A_h = \bigoplus \{A_{g_{hi}} : 1 \leq i \leq p_h\}$ . Let us set  $g(f_{hi}) = g_{hi}$  for every  $h \in D(-k, k)$  and any  $i, 1 \leq i \leq p_h$ . Then  $g(f)$  and  $h(f)$  have all the required properties.

Next, we shall construct a homeomorphism  $\varphi : D^{\mathbf{Z}} \rightarrow D^{\mathbf{Z}}$ . For every  $x \in D^{\mathbf{Z}}$  we define  $\varphi(x)$  as follows.

Let  $f = x_{1n} \in D(-n, n)$  and  $g(f) \in D(-l_1, l_2)$ .

Case 1.  $l_1 + l_2 \geq 2n$  and  $l_2 \geq n$ .

Let us set

$$(\varphi(x))_i = \begin{cases} (g(f))_i & \text{if } -l_1 \leq i \leq l_2 \\ x_{i+1} & \text{if } l_2 + 1 \leq i \\ x_{i+l_1+l_2+2} & \text{if } n-l_1-l_2-1 \leq i \leq -l_1-1 \\ x_{i-2n+l_1+l_2+1} & \text{if } i \leq n-l_1-l_2-2 \end{cases}$$

and

$$M^+(f) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad M^-(f) = -2n + l_1 + l_2 + 1.$$

Case 2.  $l_1 + l_2 < 2n$  and  $l_1 \leq n$ .

Let us set

$$(\varphi(x))_i = \begin{cases} (g(f))_i & \text{if } -l_1 \leq i \leq l_2 \\ x_{i+1} & \text{if } i \leq -n-2 \\ x_{i+2n+2} & \text{if } -n-1 \leq i \leq -l_1-1 \\ x_{i+2n-l_1-l_2+1} & \text{if } l_1+1 \leq i \end{cases}$$

and

$$M^+(f) = 2n - l_1 - l_2 + 1 \quad \text{and} \quad M^-(f) = 1.$$

Case 3. otherwise, i. e.  $(l_1 + l_2 \geq 2n$  and  $l_2 < n)$  or  $(l_1 + l_2 < 2n$  and  $l_1 > n)$ .

In this case we have  $l_2 < n < l_1$ . Let us set

$$(\varphi(x))_i = \begin{cases} (g(f))_i & \text{if } -l_1 \leq i \leq l_2 \\ x_{i+n-l_2} & \text{if } l_2+1 \leq i \\ x_{i+l_1-n} & \text{if } i \leq -l_1-1 \end{cases}$$

and

$$M^+(f) = n - l_1 \quad \text{and} \quad N^-(f) = l_1 - n.$$

Then it is obvious that  $\varphi_{1A_f}: A_f \rightarrow A_{g(f)}$  is a homeomorphism. By (a),  $\varphi$  is a homeomorphism from  $D^{\mathbb{Z}}$  onto itself. Let us set  $m = \max\{-c^-(g(f)), c^+(g(f)) : f \in D(-n, n)\}$ .

By the construction of  $\varphi$  the following claim is easily seen.

*Claim 2.* Let  $x, y \in D^{\mathbb{Z}}$  with  $d(x, y) = 1/k \leq 1/2m$ .

(i) If  $x_k \neq y_k$ , then  $d(\varphi(x), \varphi(y)) = 1/l$  and  $x_l \neq y_l$ , where  $l = k - M^+(x_{1n})$ .

(ii) If  $x_{-k} \neq y_{-k}$ , then  $d(\varphi^{-1}(x), \varphi^{-1}(y)) = 1/l$  and  $x_{-l} \neq y_{-l}$ , where  $l = k - M^-(x_{1n})$ .

By Claim 2,  $1/2m$  is an expansive constant for  $\varphi$ . Thus  $\varphi$  is expansive.

To prove that  $\varphi$  has P.O.T.P. we need the following mappings  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

For every  $f \in \cup\{D(i, j) : i, j \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ with } i \leq -n \text{ and } n \leq j\}$  let us set

$$\alpha(f) = \max\{g : g < \varphi(h) \text{ for every } h \in D^{\mathbb{Z}} \text{ with } f < h\}.$$

For every  $g \in \cup\{D(i, j) : i, j \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ with } i \leq -m \text{ and } m \leq j\}$  let us set

$$\beta(g) = \max\{f : f < \varphi^{-1}(h) \text{ for every } h \in D^{\mathbb{Z}} \text{ with } g < h\}.$$

We shall show that  $\varphi$  has P.O.T.P.

Let  $\varepsilon_1 > 0$ . We take  $\delta = 1/N$  such that  $1/N < \min\{\varepsilon_1, 1/2m\}$ . Let  $\{x^i : i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  be a  $\delta$ -pseudo-orbit of  $\varphi$ . Let  $K(-1) = -N - 1$ . By induction on  $0 \leq i \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we choose  $K(i)$  and  $y_j \in D_j$  for every  $j, K(i-1) < j \leq K(i)$ , satisfying the following conditions:

(d)  $K(i-1) < K(i)$ ,

(e)  $c^+(\alpha^i(y^i)) = N$ ,

(f)  $\alpha^i(y^i)_{1N} = x_{1N}^i$ ,

where  $y^i = (y_{-N}, y_{-N+1}, \dots, y_{K(i)}) \in D(-N, K(i))$ .

In case  $i=0$ , let  $K(0) = N$  and for every  $j, -K(-1) < j \leq K(0)$ , let  $y_j = x_j^0$ . Assume that  $K(i)$  and  $y_j, K(i-1) < j \leq K(i)$ , are chosen such that the above conditions hold. Let us set  $K(i+1) = K(i) + M^+(\alpha^i(y^i)_{1n})$  and  $y_j = x_{j+1-N-K(i+1)}^{i+1}$  for every  $j, K(i) < j \leq K(i+1)$ . It is easy to check that all induction hypothesis are satisfied. Let  $L(1) = N + 1$ . By induction on  $0 \leq i \in \mathbb{Z}$ , similarly as above, we choose  $L(i)$  and  $y_j \in D_j$  for every  $j, L(i) \leq j < L(i+1)$ , satisfying the following conditions:

- (g)  $L(i) < L(i+1)$ ,
- (h)  $c^-(\beta^{-i}(y^i)) = -N$ ,
- (i)  $\beta^{-i}(y^i)_{1N} = x^i_{1N}$ ,

where  $y^i = (y_{L(i)}, y_{L(i)+1}, \dots, y_N) \in D(L(i), N)$ . Let us set  $y = (\dots, y_{-1}, y_0, y_1, \dots) \in D^{\mathbb{Z}}$ . Then for every  $i \geq 0$  we have  $\varphi^i(y) > \alpha^i(y^i)$  and  $\alpha^i(y^i)_{1N} = x^i_{1N}$ . This implies that  $\varphi^i(y)_{1N} = x^i_{1N}$  and therefore we have  $d(\varphi^i(y), x^i) < 1/N < \varepsilon_1$ . For every  $i \leq 0$  we have  $\varphi^i(y) > \beta^{-i}(y^i)$  and  $\beta^{-i}(y^i)_{1N} = x^i_{1N}$ . This implies that  $\varphi^i(y)_{1N} = x^i_{1N}$  and therefore we have  $d(\varphi^i(y), x^i) < 1/N < \varepsilon_1$ . Hence  $\{x^i : i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is  $\varepsilon_1$ -traced by  $y$ . Therefore  $\varphi$  has P.O.T.P.

We show that  $\tilde{d}(\varphi, \psi) < \varepsilon$ . By the construction of  $\varphi$ ,  $\varphi(A_f) = A_{g(f)}$  for every  $f \in D(-n, n)$ . For every  $x \in D^{\mathbb{Z}}$ , we have  $x \in A_f$  for some  $f \in D(-n, n)$ . Thus, by (c), we have  $\varphi(x) \in \varphi(A_f) = A_{g(f)} \subset A_{h(f)}$ . On the other hand, by (b), we have  $\psi(x) \in \psi(A_f) \subset A_{h(f)}$ . From  $\text{diam } A_{h(f)} = 1/(k+1) < \varepsilon$  it follows that  $d(\varphi(x), \psi(x)) < \varepsilon$ . Hence we have  $\tilde{d}(\varphi, \psi) < \varepsilon$ . Theorem 1 has been proved.

**4. Proof of Theorem 2.**

Let  $d$  be the Euclidean metric on  $S = \{0, 1, 1/2, 1/3, \dots\}$ . Note that a mapping  $\varphi : S \rightarrow S$  is a homeomorphism if and only if  $\varphi$  is one-to-one, onto and  $\varphi(0) = 0$ . For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we set  $S_n = \{1/(n-1), 1/(n-2), \dots, 1\}$ .

(a) Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}(S)$  and  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ . We construct  $\varphi \in \mathcal{E}(S)$  such that  $\tilde{d}(\varphi, \psi) < \varepsilon_0$ . To do this, we take  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $1/n < \varepsilon_0$ . For every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m < n$ , we take  $x_m \in S$  such that  $\psi(x_m) = 1/m$ . Let  $l = \max\{1/x_m : m < n\} + 1$ . For every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $k \geq l$ , let us set

$$\varphi(1/k) = \begin{cases} 1/(k-2) & \text{if } k = l + 2i \text{ for some } i \in \mathbb{N} \\ 1/(k+2) & \text{if } k = l + 2i - 1 \text{ for some } i \in \mathbb{N} \\ 1/(l+1) & \text{if } k = l. \end{cases}$$

For every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m < n$ , let us set  $\varphi(x_m) = 1/m$  ( $= \psi(x_m)$ ). Let  $\varphi(0) = 0$ , and for every  $x \in S_l - \{x_m : m < n\}$  let  $\varphi(x)$  be an element of  $S_l - S_n$  such that  $\varphi(x) \neq \varphi(x')$  for every  $x, x' \in S_l - \{x_m : m < n\}$  with  $x \neq x'$ . Then  $\varphi$  is one-to-one, onto and  $\varphi(0) = 0$ . Thus  $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}(S)$ . By the construction of  $\varphi$ , it is obvious that  $\tilde{d}(\varphi, \psi) \leq 1/n < \varepsilon_0$ . Let  $c = 1/(2l^2 + 2l)$ . Note that  $U_c(1/l) = \{1/l\}$ . We show that  $c$  is an expansive constant for  $\varphi$ . Let  $x, y \in S$  with  $x \neq y$ . We may assume that  $x \neq 0$ . If  $x \in S_l$ , then  $d(x, y) > c$ . If  $x \in S_l$ , then  $\varphi^i(x) = 1/l$  for some  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and therefore  $d(\varphi^i(x), \varphi^i(y)) > c$ . Hence we have  $\varphi \in \mathcal{E}(S)$ .

(b) Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}(S)$  and  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ . We construct  $\varphi \in \mathcal{P}(S)$  such that  $\tilde{d}(\varphi, \psi) < \varepsilon_0$ . Let  $n, l$  and  $x_m, m < n$ , be as in (a). For every  $x \in S_l$  let  $\varphi(x)$  be as in (a).

For every  $x \in S - S_l$  let  $\varphi(x) = x$ . Then, similarly as in (a), we have  $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}(S)$  and  $\bar{d}(\varphi, \phi) < \varepsilon_0$ . To prove that  $\varphi$  has P.O.T.P. let  $\varepsilon_1 > 0$ . Take  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $1/k < \min\{\varepsilon_1, 1/l\}$ . Let  $\delta = 1/(k^2 + k)$ . Note that  $U_\delta(1/j) = \{1/j\}$  for every  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $j \leq k$ . It suffices that every  $\delta$ -pseudo-orbit of  $\varphi$  can be  $\varepsilon_1$ -traced by some point of  $S$ . Let  $\{y_i : i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  be a  $\delta$ -pseudo-orbit of  $\varphi$ . If  $y_0 \in S - S_k$ , then  $y_i \leq 1/n < \varepsilon_1$  for every  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Thus  $\{y_i : i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is  $\varepsilon_1$ -traced by  $y_0$ . If  $y_0 \in S_k$ , then  $y_i = \varphi^i(y_0)$  for every  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Thus  $\{y_i : i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is  $\varepsilon_1$ -traced by  $y_0$ . Hence  $\varphi$  has P.O.T.P.

(c) Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{E}(S)$  with an expansive constant  $c$ . It is enough to prove that  $\varphi \in \mathcal{P}(S)$ . We take  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $1/n < c$ . Assume that  $1/m$  is a periodic point for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m < n$ . Then  $\cup\{\text{Orb}(1/m) : m < n\}$  is finite, where  $\text{Orb}(x) = \{\varphi^i(x) : i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . Pick up a point  $x \in S - (\cup\{\text{Orb}(1/m) : m < n\} \cup \{0\})$ . Then we have  $\text{Orb}(x) \subset S - S_n$ , therefore  $d(\varphi^i(x), \varphi^i(0)) \leq 1/n < c$  for every  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . This is a contradiction. Take  $m < n$  such that  $1/m$  is not a periodic point. Let  $\varepsilon = 1/(m^2 + m)$ . For every  $\delta > 0$  we can take  $l \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\varphi^{l-1}(1/m) < \delta$  and  $\varphi^{-l}(1/m) < \delta$ , because  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \varphi^i(1/m) = 0$  the  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \varphi^{-i}(1/m) = 0$ . Let us set

$$y_{2kl+j} = \begin{cases} \varphi^j(1/m) & \text{if } 0 \leq j \leq l-1 \\ \varphi^{j-2l}(1/m) & \text{if } l \leq j \leq 2l \end{cases}$$

Then  $\{y_i : i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is a  $\delta$ -pseudo-orbit of  $\varphi$ . Assume that  $\{y_i : i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is  $\varepsilon$ -traced by  $y \in S$ . Since  $U_\varepsilon(1/m) = \{1/m\}$  and  $y_{2kl} = 1/m$  for every  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have  $\varphi^{2kl}(y) = 1/m$  for every  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . This implies that  $1/m$  is a periodic point. This is a contradiction. Hence  $S$  has no expansive homeomorphism with P.O.T.P.

## 5. A zero-dimensional space having no expansive homeomorphism.

S. Fujii [4] proved that a space  $X$  is zero-dimensional if and only if the identity mapping  $\text{id}_X$  has P.O.T.P. So every zero-dimensional space has at least one homeomorphism with P.O.T.P. We know ([2], or see [5]) that the unit interval has no expansive homeomorphism. However, as far as the author knows it is unknown whether there is a zero-dimensional space having no expansive homeomorphism. In this section we construct such a space  $X$ . Note that the space  $X$  above is contained in the Cantor set, because the Cantor set is universal for the class of zero-dimensional spaces.

Let  $C \subset [0, 1]$  be the Cantor set and  $S = \{0, 1, 1/2, \dots\}$  a convergent sequence. Let  $X_n = (C \oplus S^n) / \{0, 0_n\}$  be the quotient space obtained by identifying  $\{0, 0_n\}$  to a point  $x_n$ , where  $0 \in C$  and  $0_n = (0, 0, \dots, 0) \in S^n$ , for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and let  $X_0 = \{x_0\}$  be a one-point space. Let  $X = \cup\{X_n : n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}\}$ . We give  $X$  a topology as follows. Let  $\mathcal{B}(x) = \{U : U \text{ is a neighborhood of } x \text{ in } X_n\}$  for every  $x \in X$ ,

$n \in \mathbf{N}$ , and  $\mathcal{B}(x_0) = \{\cup\{X_i : j \leq i\} \cup X_0 : j \in \mathbf{N}\}$ . Then  $\{\mathcal{B}(x) : x \in X\}$  is a neighborhood system. Obviously the space  $X$  with the topology generated by  $\{\mathcal{B}(x) : x \in X\}$  is compact, metrizable and zero-dimensional. Next we show that  $X$  has no expansive homeomorphism. To do this let  $\varphi$  be a homeomorphism of  $X$ . The point  $x_n$  is the only point that has arbitrarily small neighborhoods containing a set homeomorphic to the Cantor set, a set homeomorphic to  $S^n$ , and no set homeomorphic to  $S^{n+1}$ . Therefore we have  $\varphi(x_n) = x_n$  for every  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ . Thus  $\varphi$  has infinitely many fixed points. Hence  $\varphi$  is not expansive.

After I finished writing an early version of this paper, I knew that T. Shimomura [7] also proved Theorem 1, independently.

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