

## Minimal sets and stability For Compact sets of $I(X)$ -spaces

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### Abstract

The set of all isometries on a metric space  $X$  with the usual composition of functions form a group and it is called the group of isometries and is denoted by  $I(X)$ . In this paper we study the generalization of the concepts of minimal sets, stability and attraction, from dynamic system into the topological transformation group  $(I(X), X)$ . We find that the collection of all minimal sets of  $I(X)$ -space is the collection of all the closures of orbits of  $X$  and we found some useful results about stability and attraction and we fixed the relationship among it's kinds.

### 1.Introduction

If  $(X, d)$  and  $(Y, \rho)$  are metric spaces and  $f$  is a function from  $X$  onto  $Y$ , then  $f$  is called an isometry if  $d(x, y) = \rho(f(x), f(y))$  for all points  $x$  and  $y$  of  $X$ . Every isometry is a one-to-one continuous open function. The composition of two isometries is again an isometry and the inverse of an isometry is also an isometry. Then the set of all isometries on a metric space  $(X, d)$  is a group and it is denoted by  $I(X)$ , [7].

This paper consists of three sections. In section one, we introduce some definitions, remarks, propositions, theorems of limit sets (see [1]) which are needed in the next sections. In section two we generalize the concepts of minimal sets from a dynamic system into  $I(X)$ -space. We find that a non-

empty limit set of a point is a minimal set if and only if it is closed, theorem(2.3), also we get that the closure of the orbit of any point of  $X$  is minimal, theorem(2.4), moreover the set of all minimal sets of  $X$  is the set of all closure of orbits of  $X$ , Cor.(2.5). In this section we also prove that the collection of closures of orbits of  $X$  forms a partition for  $X$  and then we have a quotient space of  $X$ , theorem(2.6), and we study some properties of this space, theorem(2.11). Moreover we study the relation between this space and the space of component of  $X$ , theorem(2.12). In section three we generalize the subject of stability and attraction from dynamics system into  $I(X)$ -spaces. We give a very useful characterization of the sets  $\Lambda_w(M), \Lambda(M)$ , theorem(3.4), and we find these sets are closed if  $I(X)$  is locally compact, theorem(3.5). Final we study the relationships among weak attractor, attractor and stable.

### 2.Preliminaries

A topological transformation group is a triple  $(G, X, \theta)$  where  $G$  is topological group,  $X$  is a topological space and  $\theta: G \times X \rightarrow X$  is a continuous function such that,

- (i)  $\theta(g, \theta(h, x)) = \theta(gh, x)$  for all  $g, h \in G$  and  $x \in X$ .

(ii)  $\theta(e, x) = x$ , for all  $x \in X$ , where  $e$  is the identity element of  $G$ .

The map  $\theta$  is called an action of  $G$  on  $X$  and the space  $X$  together with a given action  $\theta$  of  $G$  is

called a  $G$ -space (or, more precisely, a left  $G$ -space). We shall often use the notation  $g.x$  for  $\theta(g, x)$   $g.(h, x) = (gh).x$  for  $\theta(g, \theta(h, x)) = \theta(gh, x)$ . Similarly for  $H \subseteq G$  and  $A \subseteq X$  we put  $HA = \{ga / a \in H, a \in A\}$  for  $\theta(A, H)$ . A set  $A$  is said to be invariant under  $G$  if  $GA = A$ , [4].

Let  $X$  be a  $G$ -space and  $x \in X$  then the subspace  $G(x) = \{g.x / g \in G\}$  is called the orbit (trajectory) of  $x$  under  $G$ . These subspaces form a partition on  $X$  and the sets of all orbits in  $X$  is denoted by  $X/G$ . Let  $\pi: X \rightarrow X/G$  denote the canonical map taking  $x$  into its orbit  $G(x)$ . Then  $X/G$  endowed with the quotient topology ( $U \subseteq X/G$  is open if  $\pi^{-1}(U)$  is open in  $X$ ) is called the orbit space of  $X$  (with respect to  $G$ ). For  $x \in X$  the stabilizer subgroup  $G_x$  of  $G$  at  $x$  is the set  $\{g \in G / gx = x\}$ . A point  $x \in X$  is called a critical (fixed) if  $G(x) = \{x\}$ , where  $G(x)$  is the

orbit of  $x$ , [4].

**1.1 Theorem[habeeb]:** Let  $I(X)$  be the group of isometries of a metric space  $(X, d)$ . If  $\theta: I(X) \times X \rightarrow X$  is defined by  $\theta(f, x) = f(x)$  for every  $f \in I(X)$  and  $x \in X$ , then  $(I(X), X, \theta)$  is a topological transformation group with the pointwise convergence topology on  $I(X)$ .

Dydo [5] generalized the concepts of limit sets from a dynamic system into a  $G$ -space as follows.

**1.2 Definition:** Let  $X$  be a  $G$ -space. For any  $x \in X$ , define  $\Lambda(x) = \{y \in X / \text{there exist a net } \{g_\alpha\} \text{ in } G \text{ with } g_\alpha \rightarrow \infty \text{ such that } g_\alpha x \rightarrow y\}$ ,  $\Lambda(x)$  is called the limit set of  $x$ .

The proof of the following proposition can be found in [2].

**1.3 Proposition:** Let  $X$  be a  $G$ -space and  $x \in X$ . Then, (i)  $\Lambda(x)$  is invariant under  $G$ .

(ii) If  $x \notin \Lambda(x)$  then the stabilizer subgroup  $G_x$  of  $G$  at  $x$  is compact.

(iii) The orbit  $G(x)$  of  $x$  is closed iff  $\Lambda(x) \subseteq G(x)$ .

(iv)  $\overline{G(x)} = G(x) \cup \Lambda(x)$ .

(v)  $\Lambda(x) = \Lambda(gx) = g\Lambda(x)$ , for every  $g \in G$ .

**1.4 Proposition[1]:** Let  $X$  be a  $G$ -space and  $x \in X$ . If  $x \in \Lambda(x)$  then  $\Lambda(x)$  is closed.

**1.5 Theorem[1]:** Let  $(X, d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space and  $x \in X$ . If  $\Lambda(x) \neq \emptyset$ , then  $\Lambda(x)$  is closed iff  $x \in \Lambda(x)$ .

**1.6 Theorem[1]:** Let  $(X, d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space and  $x \in X$ . Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (i)  $\Lambda(x) \neq \emptyset$ .
- (ii)  $x \in \overline{\Lambda(x)}$ .
- (iii)  $\overline{\Lambda(x)} = \overline{G(x)}$  , (where  $G = I(X)$  and  $G(x)$  is the orbit of  $x$ ).

**1.7 Proposition[1]:** Let  $(X,d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space such that  $I(X)$  is noncompact . If there exist  $x \in X$  such that the closure of the orbit of  $x$  is compact , then,

- (i)  $\Lambda(x) \neq \emptyset$ .
- (ii)  $\overline{\Lambda(x)}$  is compact .
- (iii) If  $\Lambda(x)$  is closed , then  $\Lambda(x)$  is compact.

Manoussos and Stranzalos give the necessary condition for the local compactness of  $I(X)$ , see the following theorem, [8], [9].

**1.8 Theorem:** Let  $(X,d)$  be a locally compact  $I(X)$ -space. If the space of the components of  $X$  is compact, then  $I(X)$  is locally compact.

## 2. Minimal Sets

In this section we study minimal sets in  $I(X)$ -spaces.

**2.1 Definition .[6],[10]:** Let  $X$  be a  $G$ -space. A subset  $M \subseteq X$  is called minimal, if it is non-empty closed, and invariant, and no proper subset of  $M$  has these properties.

**2.2 Proposition:** Let  $(X,d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space and  $x \in X$  such that  $\Lambda(x) \neq \emptyset$ . If  $\Lambda(x)$  is closed then  $\Lambda(x)$  is minimal.

**Proof:** Since  $\Lambda(x)$  is closed and invariant. So

we have only to prove that no proper subset of  $\Lambda(x)$  has these properties. Let  $B \subseteq \Lambda(x)$  such that  $B \neq \emptyset$  and  $B$  is closed and invariant. Let  $z \in \Lambda(x)$ , then there exists a net  $\{g_\alpha\}$  in  $I(X)$  with  $g_\alpha \rightarrow \infty$  and  $g_\alpha(x) \rightarrow z$ . Since  $B \neq \emptyset$ , then there exists  $y \in B$ . But  $B \subseteq \Lambda(x)$ , then there exists a net  $\{f_\alpha\}$  in  $I(X)$  with  $f_\alpha \rightarrow \infty$  such that  $f_\alpha(x) \rightarrow y$ . Since  $f_\alpha$  is an isometry, for every  $\alpha$ , then  $d(f_\alpha^{-1}(y), x) = d(y, f_\alpha(x))$ . So  $f_\alpha^{-1}(y) \rightarrow x$ . But  $B$  is invariant and  $y \in B$ , then  $f_\alpha^{-1}(y) \in B$ , for every  $\alpha$ . Also  $B$  is closed, then  $x \in B$ . Thus  $g_\alpha(x) \in B$  (since  $B$  is invariant). But  $g_\alpha(x) \rightarrow z$  and  $B$  is closed then  $z \in B$ . Hence  $\Lambda(x) \subseteq B$  and this implies that  $\Lambda(x) = B$ .

**2.3 Theorem:** Let  $(X,d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space and  $x \in X$  such that  $\Lambda(x) \neq \emptyset$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $\Lambda(x)$  is a minimal set.
- (ii)  $\Lambda(x)$  is a closed set.
- (iii)  $x \in \Lambda(x)$ .

### **Proof:**

i  $\leftrightarrow$  ii). By Definition (2.1) and Proposition (2.2).

ii  $\leftrightarrow$  iii). By Theorem (1.5).

The following theorem shows that in  $I(X)$ -space  $X$  the closure of the orbit of a point of  $X$  is minimal .

**2.4 Theorem :** Let  $(X,d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space .Then the closure of the orbit of any point of  $X$  is minimal.

**Proof:** Let  $x \in X$  and put  $G = I(X)$ . We will prove that the closure of orbit of  $x$ ,  $\overline{G(x)}$  is a minimal set. Let  $B \subseteq \overline{G(x)}$  such that  $B \neq \emptyset$

and  $B$  is invariant and closed (see Definition (2.1)). Since  $B \neq \emptyset$  then there exists  $y \in B$  and since  $B \subseteq \overline{G(x)}$ , then there exists a net  $\{f_\alpha\}$  in  $I(X)$  such that  $f_\alpha(x) \rightarrow y$ . Since  $f_\alpha$  is isometry for every  $\alpha$ , then  $d(f_\alpha^{-1}(y), x) = d(y, f_\alpha(x))$ , for every  $\alpha$ . Thus  $f_\alpha^{-1}(y) \rightarrow x$ . Notice that  $y \in B$  and  $B$  is invariant, then  $\{f_\alpha^{-1}(y)\}$  is a net in  $B$ . But  $B$  is also closed, then  $x \in B$ . So  $\overline{G(x)} \subseteq B$ . This completes the proof.

**2.5 Corollary:** Let  $(X, d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space. Then the collection of all minimal sets in  $X$  is the collection of all closures of orbits of elements of  $X$ .

**Proof:** Let  $B$  a minimal set. Thus  $B \neq \emptyset$ . Then there exists  $x \in B$ . Since  $B$  is invariant and closed then the closure orbit of  $x$ ,  $\overline{G(x)} \subseteq B$  (where  $G = I(X)$ ). But by Theorem (2.4),  $\overline{G(x)}$  is a minimal set. Thus  $B = \overline{G(x)}$ . So the collection  $\{\overline{G(x)} / x \in X\}$  is all minimal sets of  $X$ .

We will give a useful partition of  $I(X)$ -space, in the following theorem.

**2.6 Theorem :** Let  $(X, d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space. Then the collection of all closures of orbits of elements of  $X$  is a partition of  $X$ .

**Proof:** Put  $G = I(X)$ . Let  $x, y \in X$  such that  $\overline{G(x)} \cap \overline{G(y)} \neq \emptyset$ . Thus there exists  $z \in \overline{G(x)} \cap \overline{G(y)}$ . Since  $z \in \overline{G(x)}$ , then there exists a net  $\{f_\alpha\}$  in  $I(X)$  such that  $f_\alpha(x) \rightarrow z$ . Notice that  $f_\alpha$  is isometry for every  $\alpha$ , then  $d(f_\alpha^{-1}(z), x) = d(z, f_\alpha(x))$ .

Then by  $f_\alpha \rightarrow z$ , we have  $f_\alpha^{-1}(z) \rightarrow x$ . Since  $z \in \overline{G(y)}$  and  $\overline{G(y)}$  is invariant and closed

, then  $x \in \overline{G(y)}$ .

Thus  $\overline{G(x)} \subseteq \overline{G(y)}$ . So  $\overline{G(x)} = \overline{G(y)}$ . This completes the proof.

**2.7 Definition:** Let  $(X, d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space, and let  $X^*$  denotes the collection whose elements are closures of orbits of elements of  $X$ . By Theorem (2.6),  $X^*$  is a partition of  $X$ , thus we can define the natural map  $P: X \rightarrow X^*$  taking  $x$  into its closure of orbit  $\overline{(I(X))(x)}$ . Then  $X^*$  endowed with the quotient topology ( $V \subseteq X^*$  is open if  $P^{-1}(V)$  is open in  $X$ ) is called the closure orbit space of  $X$ .

**2.8 Proposition:** Let  $(X, d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space. If  $\Lambda(x) = \emptyset$  for every  $x \in X$ , then the orbit space and the closure orbit space coincide.

**Proof:** Since in any  $I(X)$ -space  $\overline{(I(X))(x)} = (I(X))(x) \cup \Lambda(x)$ , for each  $x \in X$ , then we get the orbit space and the closure orbit space coincide.

**2.9 Proposition :** Let  $(X, d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space. Then

- (i) The closure orbit space  $X^*$  is a  $T_1$ -space.
- (ii) If  $A$  is a finite subset of  $X$ , then  $P(A)$  is closed where  $P: X \rightarrow X^*$  is the quotient map.

**Proof:** (i) Put  $G = I(X)$ . Let  $x \in X$ . Now,  $P^{-1}(P(\overline{G(x)})) = P^{-1}(\overline{G(x)})$ . Since the set of all closure orbits of  $X$ ,  $X^*$  is a partition of  $X$ , then  $P^{-1}(\overline{G(x)}) = \overline{G(x)}$ . Thus  $P^{-1}(\overline{G(x)})$  is closed, for every  $x \in X$ . Then  $\{\overline{G(x)}\}$  is closed, for every  $x \in X$ , that is  $X^*$  is a  $T_1$ -space.

(ii) By (i).

The following proposition gives useful properties of minimal sets in  $I(X)$ -space.

**2.10 Proposition:** Let  $(X, d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space and  $M$  be a minimal set. Then

- (i)  $M$  is open if and only if  $\text{int}(M) \neq \emptyset$ , (where  $\text{int}(M)$  is the interior of  $M$ ).
- (ii) If  $\text{int}(M) \neq \emptyset$ , then  $M$  is a union of the components of elements of  $M$  in  $X$ .
- (iii) If  $\text{int}(M) \neq \emptyset$  and  $I(X)$  is connected, then  $M$  is a component of  $X$ .
- (iv) If  $\text{int}(M) \neq \emptyset$  and  $X$  is connected, then  $M = X$ .

**Proof:** i)  $\rightarrow$ ). Let  $M$  be an open set. Since  $M$  is a minimal set, then  $\text{int}(M) \neq \emptyset$ .  $\leftarrow$ ). Let  $\text{int}(M) \neq \emptyset$ , then there exists  $a \in M$  and an open set  $B$  in  $X$  such that  $a \in B \subseteq M$ . Since  $M$  is minimal and  $a \in M$ , then  $\overline{(I(X))(a)} \subseteq M$ . Thus by Theorem (2.4),  $M = \overline{(I(X))(a)}$ . Now, we want to prove that  $M = \text{int}(M)$ . Let  $b \in M$  then  $b \in \overline{(I(X))(a)}$ . Thus there exists a net  $\{f_\alpha\}$  in  $I(X)$  such that  $f_\alpha(a) \rightarrow b$ . Since  $f_\alpha$  is an isometry, for every  $\alpha$ , then  $d(f_\alpha^{-1}(b), a) = d(b, f_\alpha(a))$ .

Thus by  $f_\alpha(a) \rightarrow b$ , we have  $f_\alpha^{-1}(b) \rightarrow a$ . But  $B$  is an open nbhd of  $a$ , then there exists  $\beta$  such that  $f_\alpha^{-1}(b) \in B$ , for every  $\alpha \geq \beta$ . Then  $b \in f_\beta(B)$ . Since  $f_\beta$  is isometry, then  $f_\beta(B)$  is open. But  $B \subseteq M$  and  $M$  is invariant, then  $f_\beta(B) \subseteq M$ . Thus  $b \in \text{int}(M)$ . So  $M = \text{int}(M)$ , i.e.  $M$  is open.

ii) Let  $\text{int}(M) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $a \in M$  and  $C(a)$  be a component of  $a$ . Then  $C(a) \cap M \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $\text{int}(M) \neq \emptyset$ , then by (i)  $M$  is open. But  $M$  is closed (Since  $M$  is minimal), then  $C(a) \cap M^c = \emptyset$ , otherwise  $C(a)$  is disconnected. Thus  $C(a) \subseteq M$ . So  $M = \bigcup_{a \in A} C(a)$ .

iii) Let  $\text{int}(M) \neq \emptyset$  and  $I(X)$  is connected. Since  $M \neq \emptyset$ , then there exists  $a \in M$ .

By (ii), we have  $C(a) \subseteq M$ , where  $C(a)$  is a component of  $a$ .

Since  $\overline{(I(X))(a)}$  is minimal (by Theorem (2.4)) and  $M$  is a minimal set, then  $M = \overline{(I(X))(a)}$  (since  $a \in M$ ). Since  $I(X)$  is a connected space, then  $I(X) \times \{a\}$  is connected. Thus the orbit  $\overline{(I(X))(a)}$  is connected. But  $C(a)$  is a component of  $a$  then  $I(X)(a) \subseteq C(a)$ . Thus  $\overline{(I(X))(a)} \subseteq C(a)$  (since  $C(a)$  is closed) . then  $M = C(a)$ .

iv). Since  $\text{int}(M) \neq \emptyset$ , then by (ii),  $C(a) \subseteq M$ , for every component  $C(a)$  of  $a \in M$ . But  $X$  is connected, then  $C(a) = X$ . Thus  $M = X$ .

**2.11 Theorem:** Let  $(X, d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space. If  $\text{int}(\overline{(I(X))(a)}) \neq \emptyset$  for every  $x \in X$ , then

- (i) The quotient map  $P: X \rightarrow X^*$  is open.
- (ii) The closure orbit space  $X^*$  is a discrete space.

**Proof:**

i). Let  $B$  be an open set of  $X$ . Note that  $P^{-1}(P(B)) = \bigcup_{x \in B} \overline{(I(X))(x)}$ . By Theorem (2.4),  $\overline{(I(X))(x)}$  is a minimal set for every  $x \in B$  and since  $\text{int}(\overline{(I(X))(x)}) \neq \emptyset$ , for every

$x \in B$ , then by Proposition (2.10),  $i$ ,  $\overline{(I(X))(x)}$  is an open set, for every  $x \in B$ . Thus  $P^{-1}(P(B))$  is open. Then  $P(B)$  is open. So  $P$  is open.

ii). Since  $\text{int}(\overline{(I(X))(x)}) \neq \emptyset$  and  $\overline{(I(X))(x)}$  is a minimal set for every  $x \in X$  (by Theorem (2.4)), then by Proposition (2.10),  $i$ ,  $\overline{(I(X))(x)}$  is open. It follows from (i),  $P$  is open, then  $P(\overline{(I(X))(x)})$  is open. Thus  $\{\overline{(I(X))(x)}\}$  is open in  $X^*$ , for every  $x \in X$ . So  $X^*$  is a discrete space.

Let  $(X, d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space and let  $\sum(X)$  denotes the collection of all components of  $X$ .

**2.12 Theorem:** Let  $(X, d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space and  $\text{int}(\overline{(I(X))(x)}) \neq \emptyset$ , for every  $x \in X$ , then

(i) If  $I(X)$  is connected, then

$$(a) X^* = \sum(X).$$

(b)  $\sum(X)$  is a discrete space.

(ii) If  $X$  is connected, then  $X^* = \{X\}$ .

**Proof:**

a). By Theorem (2.4) and Proposition (2.10),

b). By (a) and by Theorem (2.11), ii.

ii) By Theorem (2.4) and Proposition (2.10), iv.

**2.13 Theorem:** Let  $(X, d)$  be a locally compact  $I(X)$ -space such that  $\text{int}(\overline{(I(X))(x)}) \neq \emptyset$ , for every  $x \in X$  and  $X^*$  is compact. If  $I(X)$  is connected, then  $I(X)$  is a locally compact space.

**Proof:** By Theorem (1.8) and Theorem (2.12), i.

### 3. Stability and Attraction for compact sets

In this section we generalized the concepts of stability and attraction for compact sets from dynamic system into  $I(X)$ -space.

**3.1 Definition:** Let  $(X, d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space and  $M$  be a non-empty compact subset of  $X$ . Define,

$$\Lambda_w(M) = \{x \in X / \Lambda(x) \cap M \neq \emptyset\},$$

$$\Lambda(M) = \{x \in X / \Lambda(x) \neq \emptyset \text{ and } \Lambda(x) \subseteq M\}.$$

The sets  $\Lambda_w(M)$ ,  $\Lambda(M)$  are respectively called the region of weak attraction and attraction of the set  $M$ . Moreover, any point  $x$  in  $\Lambda_w(M)$  or  $\Lambda(M)$  respectively is said to be weakly attracted, attracted to  $M$ .

Notice that if  $I(X)$  is compact, then  $\Lambda_w(M) = \Lambda(M) = \emptyset$ , so we assume  $I(X)$  to be not compact in this section.

**3.2 Example:** Let  $N$  be the set of all positive integers and  $(N, d)$  be the discrete metric space, then  $\Lambda_w(M) = N$ ,  $\Lambda(M) = \emptyset$  for every non-empty compact subset  $M$  of  $X$ .

**Solution:** Since  $N$  is a discrete metric space then  $M$  is a non-empty finite set. First we want to calculate  $\Lambda(x)$ .

For every  $x \in N$ . Let  $y \in N$  such that  $y \neq x$ . For every  $n \in N$  such that  $y \neq x+n$ , define  $f_n: N \rightarrow N$  as follows,  $f_n(x) = y$ ,  $f_n(y) = x+n$ ,  $f_n(x+n) = x$  and  $f_n(t) = t$ , for every  $t \in N$  distinct from  $x, y$  and  $x+n$ . Notice that  $f_n \in I(N)$ , for every  $n \in N$ , and  $f_n(x) = y \rightarrow y, f_n \rightarrow \infty$ , because  $f_n(y) = x+n$ , for every  $n \in N$  (that is  $f_n(y) \rightarrow \infty$ ). Thus  $y \in \Lambda(x)$ , for every  $y \neq x$ . Since  $N$  is a discrete space, then  $\Lambda(x)$  is closed. Thus by

Theorem (1.5)  $x \in \Lambda(x)$ . So  $\Lambda(x) = N$ . Since  $M$  is a non-empty finite set, then  $\Lambda(x) \cap M \neq \emptyset$  for every  $x \in N$ . Thus  $\Lambda_w(M) = N$  and since  $\Lambda(x) = N \not\subset M$ , for every  $x \in N$  then  $\Lambda(M) = \emptyset$ .

**3.3 Example:** Let  $X = Y \cup Z$ , where  $Y = \{(0, y) | y \in \mathbb{R}\}$  and  $Z = \{(z, 0) | z \geq 1 \text{ or } z \leq -1\}$ . Let  $d = \min\{1, d'\}$  where  $d'$  is the Euclidean metric, then  $\Lambda_w(M) = \emptyset$  or  $B \cup (-B)$  and  $\Lambda(M) = \emptyset$  or  $B \cap (-B)$  where  $B = M \setminus Y$  for every non-empty compact subset  $M$  of  $X$ .

**Solution:** First we will calculate  $\Lambda(x)$ , for every  $x \in X$ . Notice that  $\Lambda(x) = \emptyset$  for every  $x \in Y$ . Let  $(0, z) \in Z$ . Now, for every positive integer  $n$ , define  $f_n: X \rightarrow X$ , by  $f_n((0, y)) = (0, y + n)$  and  $f_n((x, 0)) = (x, 0) \in Z$ . So  $f_n \in I(X)$ , for every positive integer  $n$ , and  $f_n \rightarrow \infty$ .

But  $f_n((z, 0)) = (z, 0) \rightarrow (0, 0)$ . Thus  $(z, 0) \in \Lambda(z, 0)$ . Also  $(-z, 0) \in \Lambda((z, 0))$ .

Thus  $\Lambda(z, 0) = \{(z, 0), (-z, 0)\}$ . Now, let  $M$  be a non-empty compact subset of  $X$ .

If  $M \subseteq Y$ , then  $\Lambda_w(M) = \emptyset$  and  $\Lambda(M) = \emptyset$  (since  $\Lambda((0, y)) = \emptyset$  and  $\Lambda((z, 0)) \cap M = \emptyset$ ).

If  $M \cap Z \neq \emptyset$ . Put  $B = M \setminus Y$ , then  $\Lambda((z, 0)) \cap B \neq \emptyset$  and  $\Lambda((-z, 0)) \cap B \neq \emptyset$ , for every  $(z, 0) \in B$ . Thus  $\Lambda_w(M) = B \cup (-B)$ . Notice that if  $(z, 0) \in B$  and  $(-z, 0) \notin B$ , then  $\Lambda(-z, 0) = \Lambda(z, 0) \not\subset M$ . Thus  $\Lambda(M) = B \cap (-B)$ .

The following theorem gives a useful characterization for weak attracted and attracted point.

**3.4 Theorem:** Let  $(X, d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space and  $M$  a non-empty compact subset of  $X$ . Then

(i) A point  $x$  is weak attracted to  $M$  if and only if there exists a net  $\{f_n\}$  in  $I(X)$  such that  $f_n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $d(f_n(x), M) \rightarrow 0$ .

(ii) A point  $x$  is attracted to  $M$  if and only if for every net  $\{f_\alpha\}$  in  $I(X)$  with  $f_\alpha \rightarrow \infty$ , there exists a subnet  $\{f_\beta\}$  of  $\{f_\alpha\}$  such that  $d(f_\beta(x), M) \rightarrow 0$ .

**Proof:** (i)  $\Rightarrow$ . Let  $x \in \Lambda_w(M)$ . Then  $\Lambda(x) \cap M \neq \emptyset$ , so there exists  $y \in \Lambda(x) \cap M$ .

Thus there exists a net  $\{f_\alpha\}$  in  $I(X)$  with  $f_\alpha \rightarrow \infty$  and  $f_\alpha(x) \rightarrow y$ . Then  $d(f_\alpha(x), y) \rightarrow 0$ . Since  $y \in M$ , then  $d(f_\alpha(x), M) \leq d(f_\alpha(x), y)$ , for every  $\alpha$ . Hence  $d(f_\alpha(x), M) \rightarrow 0$ .

$\Leftarrow$ . Let  $\{f_\alpha\}$  be a net in  $I(X)$  with  $f_\alpha \rightarrow \infty$  such that  $d(f_\alpha(x), M) \rightarrow 0$ . For every  $\alpha$ , put  $t_\alpha = d(f_\alpha(x), M)$ . Thus for every positive integer  $n$  there exists  $y_n \in M$  such that  $d(f_\alpha(x), y_n) < t_\alpha + \frac{1}{n}$ . Since  $\{y_n\}$  is a sequence in  $M$  and  $M$  is a compact set, then there are  $y_\alpha \in M$  and a subsequence  $\{y_m\}$  of  $\{y_n\}$  such that  $y_m \rightarrow y_\alpha$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned} d(f_\alpha(x), y_\alpha) &\leq d(f_\alpha(x), y_m) + d(y_m, y_\alpha) \\ &< t_\alpha + \frac{1}{m} + d(y_m, y_\alpha) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $d(y_m, y_\alpha) \rightarrow 0$  and  $\frac{1}{m} \rightarrow 0$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $d(f_\alpha(x), y_\alpha) \leq t_\alpha$ .

Since  $t_\alpha = d(f_\alpha(x), M) \leq d(f_\alpha(x), y_\alpha)$ . So  $t_\alpha = d(f_\alpha(x), y_\alpha)$ , for every  $\alpha$ .

But we have a net  $\{y_\alpha\}$  in  $M$ , then there exists  $y \in M$  and a subnet  $\{y_\beta\}$  of  $\{y_\alpha\}$  such that  $y_\beta \rightarrow y$  (since  $M$  is compact). Now,

$d(f_\beta(x), y) \leq d(f_\beta(x), y_\beta) + d(y_\beta, y) = t_\beta + d(y_\beta, y)$ . Since  $t_\beta \rightarrow 0$  and  $y_\beta \rightarrow y$ , then  $f_\beta(x) \rightarrow y$ . But  $f_\beta \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $y \in \Lambda(x)$ . So  $\Lambda(x) \cap M \neq \emptyset$  (Since  $y \in M$ ). Then  $x \in \Lambda_w(M)$ .

ii)  $\rightarrow$ ). Let  $x \in \Lambda(M)$  and  $\{f_\alpha\}$  be a net in  $I(X)$  such that  $f_\alpha \rightarrow \infty$ . Then  $\Lambda(x) \neq \emptyset$  and  $\Lambda(x) \subseteq M$ . Since  $\Lambda(x) \neq \emptyset$ , then by Theorem (1.6),  $x \in \overline{\Lambda(x)}$ . But  $\overline{\Lambda(x)}$  is invariant then  $\{f_\alpha(x)\}$  is a net in  $\overline{\Lambda(x)}$ . Since  $\Lambda(x) \subseteq M$  and  $M$  is closed, then  $\overline{\Lambda(x)} \subseteq M$ , that is  $\{f_\alpha(x)\}$  is a net in  $M$ . Thus  $d(f_\alpha(x), M) = 0$ , for every  $\alpha$ . This completes the proof.

$\leftarrow$ ). Since  $I(X)$  is non-compact, then there exists a net  $\{f_\alpha\}$  in  $I(X)$  such that  $f_\alpha \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus there exists a subnet  $\{f_\beta\}$  of  $\{f_\alpha\}$  such that  $d(f_\beta(x), M) \rightarrow 0$ .

Then from the proof of (i), we have  $\Lambda(x) \neq \emptyset$ .

We will prove that  $\Lambda(x) \subseteq M$ , let  $y \in \Lambda(x)$  then there exists a net  $\{g_\alpha\}$  in  $I(X)$  with  $g_\alpha \rightarrow \infty$  and  $g_\alpha(x) \rightarrow y$ . So there exists a subnet  $\{g_\beta\}$  of  $\{g_\alpha\}$  such that  $d(g_\beta(x), M) \rightarrow 0$ .

It follows from the proof of (i), there exists  $z \in M$  and a subnet  $\{g_\gamma\}$  of  $\{g_\beta\}$  such that  $g_\gamma \rightarrow z$ . But  $g_\gamma \rightarrow y$ . Then  $y = z$  (since  $X$  is  $T_2$ -space).

Then  $\Lambda(x) \subseteq M$ , that is  $x \in \Lambda(M)$ .

We now give an important properties of  $\Lambda_w(M)$  and  $\Lambda(M)$ .

**3.5 Theorem:** let  $(X, d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space and  $M$  be a non-empty compact subset of  $X$ . Then

- (i)  $\Lambda(M) \subseteq \Lambda_w(M)$ .
- (ii)  $\Lambda_w(M)$  and  $\Lambda(M)$  are invariant.
- (iii) If  $x \in \Lambda(M)$ , then  $\Lambda(x) \subseteq \Lambda(M)$ .

(iv) If  $I(X)$  is locally compact then  $\Lambda(M)$  and  $\Lambda_w(M)$  are closed.

**Proof:**

(i) Let  $x \in \Lambda(M)$ , then  $\Lambda(x) \neq \emptyset$  and  $\Lambda(x) \subseteq M$ , so  $\Lambda(x) \cap M \neq \emptyset$ . Thus  $\Lambda(M) \subseteq \Lambda_w(M)$ .

) It is clear that  $\Lambda(x) = \Lambda(f(x))$ , for every  $x \in X$  and  $f \in I(X)$ , then  $\Lambda_w(M)$  and  $\Lambda(M)$  are invariant.

(iii) Let  $x \in \Lambda(M)$ , then  $\Lambda(x) \neq \emptyset$  and  $\Lambda(x) \subseteq M$ . We will prove that  $\Lambda(x) \subseteq \Lambda(M)$ , let  $y \in \Lambda(x)$  and  $z \in \Lambda(y)$ , then there are two nets  $\{f_\alpha\}$  and  $\{g_\alpha\}$  with  $f_\alpha \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $g_\alpha \rightarrow \infty$ , such that  $f_\alpha(x) \rightarrow y$  and  $g_\alpha(y) \rightarrow z$ . Now,

$$d((g_\alpha \circ f_\alpha)(x), z) = d(f_\alpha(x), g_\alpha^{-1}(z)) \quad (\text{since } g_\alpha \text{ is an isometry})$$

$$\leq d(f_\alpha(x), y) + d(y, g_\alpha^{-1}(z))$$

$$= d(f_\alpha(x), y) + d(g_\alpha(y), z)$$

Since  $f_\alpha(x) \rightarrow y$  and  $g_\alpha(y) \rightarrow z$ , then we have  $(g_\alpha \circ f_\alpha)(x) \rightarrow z$ .

Now, if  $g_\alpha \circ f_\alpha \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $z \in \Lambda(x)$  and if there exists  $f \in I(X)$  such that  $g_\alpha \circ f_\alpha \rightarrow f$ . Then by Proposition (1.4),  $z = f(x)$ . Thus  $z$  belongs to the orbit of  $x$ ,  $(I(X))(x)$  so always  $z \in \overline{(I(X))(x)}$ . Since  $\Lambda(x) \neq \emptyset$ , then by Theorem (1.6),  $z \in \overline{\Lambda(x)}$ . Notice that  $\Lambda(x) \subseteq M$  and  $M$  is closed, then  $\overline{\Lambda(x)} \subseteq M$ .

Thus  $\Lambda(y) \subseteq M$ , for every  $y \in \Lambda(x)$ . Then  $\Lambda(x) \subseteq \Lambda(M)$ .



(iv) Let  $y$  be a limit point of  $\Lambda(M)$ . First we show that  $\Lambda(M) \subseteq M$ . Let  $x \in \Lambda(M)$ , then  $\Lambda(x) \neq \emptyset$  and  $\Lambda(x) \subseteq M$ . Since  $M$  is closed and  $x \in \overline{\Lambda(x)}$ , then  $x \in M$ . Thus  $\Lambda(M) \subseteq M$ . But  $\overline{\Lambda(M)}$  is invariant, then  $(I(X))(y) \subseteq \overline{\Lambda(M)}$ . Thus  $\Lambda(y) \subseteq M$ . We claim that  $\Lambda(y) \neq \emptyset$ , since  $y$  is a limit of  $\Lambda(M)$ , then there exists a sequence  $\{y_n\}$  in  $\Lambda(M)$  such that  $y_n \rightarrow y$ . So for every  $n$ , there exists  $x_n \in X$  such that  $y_n \in \Lambda(x_n) \subseteq M$ , therefore there exists a net  $\{f_\alpha^n\}$  in  $I(X)$  such that  $f_\alpha^n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $f_\alpha^n(x_n) \rightarrow y_n$ . Since  $I(X)$  is locally compact then by [11, 11D.d, page 77] (for the proof see [1]), there exists a diagonal net  $\{f_{\alpha_m}^m(x_m)\}$  such that  $f_{\alpha_m}^m \rightarrow \infty$  and  $f_{\alpha_m}^m(x_m) \rightarrow y$ . But  $\{x_m\}$  is a sequence in a compact set  $M$ , therefore there exists a subsequence  $\{x_k\}$  of  $\{x_m\}$  and  $x \in M$  such that  $x_k \rightarrow x$ . Thus  $x \in \Lambda(M)$ . This completes the proof. In the same way we can to prove that  $\Lambda_w(M)$  is closed.

**3.6 Corollary:** Let  $(X, d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space and  $M$  be a non-empty compact subset of  $X$ . If  $I(X)$  is locally compact then  $\Lambda(M)$  is compact.

**Proof:** We will prove  $\Lambda(M) \subseteq M$ , let  $x \in \Lambda(M)$ , then  $\Lambda(x) \neq \emptyset$  and  $\Lambda(x) \subseteq M$ . Since  $M$  is a compact subset of a Hausdorff space, then  $\overline{\Lambda(x)} \subseteq M$ .

But by Theorem (1.6),  $x \in \overline{\Lambda(x)}$ . Thus  $\Lambda(M) \subseteq M$ . Then by Theorem (3.5)  $\Lambda(M)$  is compact.

In general  $\Lambda_w(M) \neq \Lambda(M)$  as shown in Examples (3.2), and (3.3). But the following theorem shows that  $\Lambda_w(M) = \Lambda(M)$  if  $M$  is invariant.

**3.7 Theorem:** Let  $(X, d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space and  $M$  be a non-empty compact subset of  $X$ . If  $M$  is invariant, then

(i)  $\Lambda_w(M) = M$ .

(ii)  $\Lambda(M) = \Lambda_w(M)$ .

**Proof:**

i). Let  $x \in \Lambda_w(M)$ . Then  $\Lambda(x) \cap M \neq \emptyset$ , thus there exists  $y \in \Lambda(x) \cap M$ . So there exists a net  $\{f_\alpha\}$  in  $I(X)$  with  $f_\alpha \rightarrow \infty$  and  $f_\alpha(x) \rightarrow y$ . Since  $M$  is invariant and  $y \in M$ , then  $\{f_\alpha^{-1}(y)\}$  is a net in  $M$ . But  $f_\alpha(x) \rightarrow y$  and  $d(f_\alpha^{-1}(y), x) = d(f_\alpha(x), y)$  (Since  $f_\alpha$  is an isometry). Then  $f_\alpha^{-1}(y) \rightarrow x$ , so  $x \in M$  (since  $M$  is closed). Thus  $\Lambda_w(M) \subseteq M$ .

Now, we prove  $M \subseteq \Lambda_w(M)$ , let  $x \in M$ . Since  $M$  is invariant and closed, then the closure of orbit of  $x$  is a subset of  $M$ . Since  $M$  is compact then  $\overline{(I(X))(x)}$  is compact. So by Proposition (1.7),  $\Lambda(x) \neq \emptyset$ .

Now,  $\emptyset \neq \Lambda(x) \subseteq \overline{(I(X))(x)} \subseteq M$ , then  $\Lambda(x) \cap M \neq \emptyset$ , that is  $M \subseteq \Lambda_w(M)$ . Hence  $\Lambda_w(M) = M$ .

ii) First we will prove that  $M \subseteq \Lambda(M)$ . Let  $x \in M$ . Since  $M$  is invariant, then the closure orbit of  $x$  is a closed subset of  $M$ . But  $M$  is compact, then the closure orbit of  $x$  is compact. Thus by Proposition (1.7),  $\Lambda(x) \neq \emptyset$  and since  $\Lambda(x) \subseteq M$ , then  $x \in \Lambda(M)$ . Thus  $M \subseteq \Lambda(M)$ . So by (i) and Proposition (3.2.5), i, we have  $\Lambda(M) = \Lambda_w(M)$ .

The converse of Theorem (3.7), ii, is not true in general. In Example (3.3), if we take  $M = \{(0,1), (1,0), (-1,0)\}$ , then  $\Lambda_w(M) = \Lambda(M)$ . But  $M$  is not invariant.

**3.8 Definitions, [3]:** Let  $(X, d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space. A non-empty compact subset  $M$  of  $X$  is said to be,

- i) A weak attractor if  $\Lambda_w(M)$  is a neighborhood of  $M$ .
- ii) An attractor if  $\Lambda(M)$  is a neighborhood of  $M$ .
- iii) Stable if every neighborhood  $U$  of  $M$  contains an invariant neighborhood  $V$  of  $M$  and if it is not stable, it is called unstable.

**3.9 Example:** Let  $(N, d)$  be the discrete metric space where  $N$  is the set of all positive integers and  $M$  be a non-empty compact subset of  $N$ . Then,

- i)  $M$  is a weak attractor.
- ii)  $M$  is not attractor.
- iii)  $M$  is unstable

**Solution**

- i) It follows that from the solution of Example (3.2)  $\Lambda_w(M) = N$  for every non-empty compact  $M$  of  $N$  and since  $M \subseteq \Lambda_w(M)$  and  $\Lambda_w(M)$  is open then  $M$  is a weak attractor.
- ii) See the solution of Example (3.2)  $\Lambda(M) = \emptyset$ , for every  $M$ . Then  $M \not\subseteq \Lambda(M)$  therefore  $M$  is not attractor.
- iii) Notice that  $M$  is unstable. Since  $N$  is a discrete space, then  $M$  is a finite set. So  $M$  is open in  $N$ .

Now, put  $n = \max\{k / k \in M\}$ , define

$f: N \rightarrow N$  by  $f(n) = n+1$ ,  $f(n+1) = n$  and  $f(r) = r$  for every  $r \in N$  distinct from  $n$  and  $n+1$ . So  $f \in I(N)$ .

But  $f(n) = n+1 \notin M$ . Thus  $M$  is not invariant. Then  $M$  is open but not invariant. Hence  $M$  is unstable.

**3.10 Example:** In Example (3.3), if we take  $M = \{(1,0), (-1,0)\}$  then  $M$  is a weak attractor, attractor and stable.

**Solution:** First we will show that  $M$  is open, since  $X = Y \cup Z$  where  $Y = \{(0, y) / y \in \mathbb{R}\}$ ,  $Z = \{(z, 0) / z \geq 1 \text{ or } z \leq -1\}$  and  $d = \min\{1, d'\}$ , where  $d'$  is the Euclidean metric, then  $B((1,0), \frac{1}{2}) = \{(1,0)\}$  and  $B((-1,0), \frac{1}{2}) = \{(-1,0)\}$ , thus  $M$  is open. See the solution of Example (3.3)  $\Lambda((1,0)) = \{(1,0), (-1,0)\}$  and  $\Lambda((-1,0)) = \{(1,0), (-1,0)\}$ . Thus  $\Lambda_w(M) = \Lambda(M) = \{(1,0), (-1,0)\}$ . Then  $\Lambda_w(M)$  and  $\Lambda(M)$  are neighborhoods of  $M$ , thus  $M$  is a weak attractor and attractor.

It is clear that, for every  $f \in I(X)$ , then either  $f((1,0)) = (1,0)$ ,  $f((-1,0)) = (-1,0)$  or  $f((1,0)) = (-1,0)$ ,  $f((-1,0)) = (1,0)$ , thus  $M$  is invariant and since  $M$  is open. Then  $M$  is stable.

Now we are ready to prove some results about the concepts that introduced.

**3.11 Proposition:** Let  $(X, d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space and  $M$  be a non-empty compact subset of  $X$ . If  $M$  is a weak attractor or attractor, then the corresponding sets  $\Lambda_w(M)$  or  $\Lambda(M)$  are open.

**Proof:** Let  $Y$  denote any one of the sets  $\Lambda_w(M)$  or  $\Lambda(M)$  since  $Y$  is a neighborhood of  $M$ , then there exists an open set  $U$  such that  $M \subseteq U \subseteq Y$  thus  $U \cap Y^c = \emptyset$ . Since  $U$  is open then  $U \cap \partial(Y^c) = \emptyset$  (where  $\partial(Y^c)$  is the boundary of  $Y^c$ ). So  $U \cap \partial Y = \emptyset$  (Since  $\partial Y^c = \partial Y$ ), thus  $M \cap \partial Y = \emptyset$ .

Let  $Y = \Lambda(M)$ , suppose that  $Y \cap \partial Y \neq \emptyset$ , then there exists  $x \in Y \cap \partial Y$ . So  $\Lambda(x) \subseteq M$  and  $\Lambda(x) \neq \emptyset$  (since  $Y = \Lambda(M)$ ). Then by Theorem (1.6), we have  $x \in M$ , a contradiction (since  $M \cap \partial Y = \emptyset$ ). So  $Y \cap \partial Y = \emptyset$ , then  $Y$  is open. Also we want to prove that  $\Lambda_w(M)$  is open. Suppose that  $Y \cap \partial Y \neq \emptyset$  (where  $Y = \Lambda_w(M)$ ) thus there exists  $x \in Y \cap \partial Y$ , so  $\Lambda(x) \cap M \neq \emptyset$ , that is there exists  $y \in \Lambda(x) \cap M$ . Then there exists a net  $\{f_\alpha\}$  in  $I(X)$  such that  $f_\alpha \rightarrow \infty$  and  $f_\alpha(x) \rightarrow y$ . Since  $\partial Y$  is invariant and closed, then  $y \in \partial Y$ , a contradiction (since  $M \cap \partial Y = \emptyset$ ). Hence  $Y \cap \partial Y = \emptyset$  and thus  $Y$  is open.

**3.12 Theorem:** Let  $(X, d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space and let  $M$  be a non-empty compact subset of  $X$ . Then  $M$  is an attractor if and only if  $M$  is invariant and open.

**Proof:**  $\rightarrow$ ). Let  $M$  be an attractor, then  $\Lambda(M)$  is a neighborhood of  $M$  thus  $M \subseteq \Lambda(M)$ , and also  $\Lambda(M) \subseteq M$ . So  $M = \Lambda(M)$ . Hence by and Theorem (3.5), ii, and by Proposition (3.11)  $M$  is open and invariant.

$\leftarrow$ ). Let  $M$  be open and invariant. Then by Theorem (3.5),  $\Lambda(M) = M$ . Thus  $M$  is an attractor.

**3.13 Theorem:** Let  $(X, d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space and let  $M$  be a non-empty compact subset of  $X$ . If  $M$  is stable, then

(i)  $M$  is invariant.

(ii) If  $M$  is a singleton  $\{x\}$ , then  $x$  is a critical point.

**Proof:**

Let  $D$  be the intersection of all invariant neighborhoods of  $M$ . Since  $X$  is invariant then  $D \neq \emptyset$  and  $M \subseteq D$ . Suppose that  $D \not\subseteq M$ ,

thus there exists  $y \in D$  and  $y \notin M$ . Since  $(X, d)$  is a metric space.

i) So  $X \setminus \{y\}$  is an open set and  $M \subseteq X \setminus \{y\}$ . But  $M$  is stable, then there exists an invariant neighborhood  $U$  of  $M$  such that  $M \subseteq U \subseteq X \setminus \{y\}$ . From the definition of  $D$ , we have  $D \subseteq U$ , then  $y \in U$ , a contradiction (since  $U \subseteq X \setminus \{y\}$ ). Thus must be  $M = D$ . So  $M$  is invariant.

Let  $M = \{x\}$ , then by (i), we have  $\{x\}$  is invariant, that is  $f(x) \in \{x\}$  for every  $f \in I(X)$ . So  $x$  is a critical point.

In Example (3.9),  $M$  is open and unstable, this example gives a motivation to the following proposition.

**3.14 Proposition:** Let  $(X, d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space and let  $M$  be a non-empty compact subset of  $X$ . If  $M$  is open, then  $M$  is stable if and only if,  $M$  is invariant.

**Proof:**

$\rightarrow$ ). By Theorem (3.13).

$\leftarrow$ ). Since  $M$  is open and invariant, then every neighborhood of  $M$  contains an invariant neighborhood of  $M$ . Thus  $M$  is stable.

**3.15 Corollary:** Let  $(X, d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space and  $M$  be a non-empty compact invariant subset of  $X$ . If  $\text{int}(\overline{(I(X))(x)}) \neq \emptyset$  for every  $x \in M$ , then  $M$  is stable.

**Proof:** Since  $M$  is invariant and compact, then  $M = \bigcup_{x \in M} \overline{(I(X))(x)}$ . Since  $\overline{(I(X))(x)}$  has

a non-empty interior for every  $x \in M$ , then by Theorem (2.4) and Proposition (2.10),  $\overline{(I(X))(x)}$  is open, for every  $x \in M$ . Thus  $M$

is open ,then by Proposition (3.14) ,  $M$  is stable .

We study now the relation between attractor and stability.

**3.16 Theorem:** Let  $(X,d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space .If a subset  $M$  of  $X$  is attractor , then it is weak attractor .

**Proof:** By Theorem (3.12) and Theorem (3.7).

The converse of Theorem (3.16) is not true in general ,see Example (3.9) .

It follows from Theorem (3.7) , the following Proposition .

**3.17 Proposition:** Let  $(X,d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space and  $M$  be an invariant compact subset of  $X$  .Then  $M$  is attractor if and only if  $M$  is a weak attractor .

**3.18 Theorem:** Let  $(X,d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space .If a compact subset  $M$  of  $X$  is an attractor ,then  $M$  is stable .

**Proof:** By Theorem (3.12) and Proposition (3.14) .

The converse of Theorem (3.18) is true if  $M$  is open ,as shown by the following theorem .

**3.19 Theorem:** Let  $(X,d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space and  $M$  be an open compact subset of  $X$  .If  $M$  is stable ,then it is attractor .

**Proof:** By Theorem (3.13) ,i, and theorem(3.12) .

**3.20 Corollary:** Let  $(X,d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space and  $M$  be a compact open set .If  $M$  is stable then  $M$  is a weak attractor .

**Proof:** By Theorem (3.16) and Theorem (3.19).

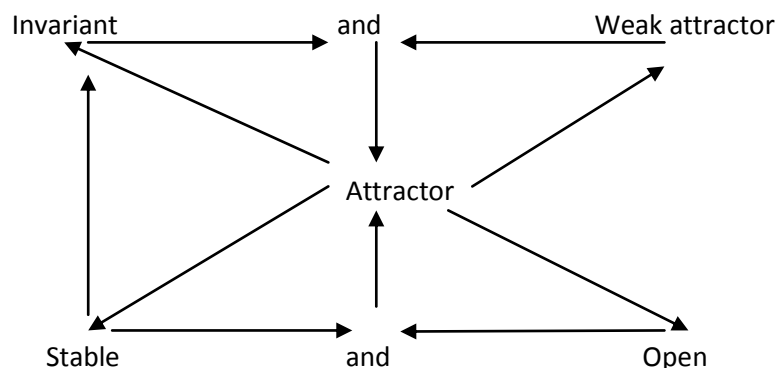
In Example (3.9) , there exists a weak attractor but it is unstable .

If we take  $M$  to be invariant ,then the converse of corollary is true ,see the following theorem .

**3.21 Theorem:** Let  $(X,d)$  be an  $I(X)$ -space and  $M$  be an invariant compact subset of  $X$  .If  $M$  is a weak attractor , then  $M$  is stable .

**Proof:** By Theorem (3.7) and Theorem (3.18) .

The following diagram shows the relations among weak attraction, attraction and stability.



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