

# Topological dynamics

## Basic concepts

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- $x, f(x), \dots, f^n(x) = x$

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a dynamical system with all its orbits dense

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a dynamical system with periodic orbits and dense orbits

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$$\mathbb{S}^1 \leftrightarrow \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$$

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