

Mathematics and Sudoku III

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We discuss on the worldwide famous Sudoku by using mathematical approach. This paper is the third paper in our series, so we use the same notations and terminologies in [1] and [2] without any descriptions.

6. Stability in sudoku transformations.

Let $K = (K_\alpha)_{\alpha \in J_1 \times J_2}$ and $L = (L_\alpha)_{\alpha \in J_1 \times J_2}$ be sudoku matrices associated with (f, f_0) , i.e., $K, L \in STMX(f, f_0)$. We say that L is smaller than K , in notation $L \leq K$, provided that $L_\alpha \subset K_\alpha$ for each $\alpha \in J_1 \times J_2$. Sometimes $L \leq K$ is denoted by $L \subset K$.

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We say that a map $T: STMX(f, f_0) \rightarrow STMX(f, f_0)$ is a sudoku transformation associated with (f, f_0) provided that it satisfies the following conditions:

- (i) $T(K) \leq K$ for each $K \in STMX(f, f_0)$,
- (ii) $T(K) \geq T(L)$ for each $K, L \in STMX(f, f_0)$ with $K \geq L$.

We put $STRF(f, f_0) = \{T : T \text{ is a sudoku transformation associated with } (f, f_0)\}$ and $STRF(f_0) = \cap \{STRF(f, f_0) : f \in SOL(f_0)\}$. Each element $T \in STRF(f_0)$ is called as a sudoku transformation associated with f_0 and T is denoted by $T: STMX(f_0) \rightarrow STMX(f_0)$.

Let $T, S: STMX(f, f_0) \rightarrow STMX(f, f_0)$ be sudoku transformations associated with (f, f_0) . We say that T is smaller than S , in notation $T \leq S$, provided that

- (iii) $T(K) \leq S(K)$ for each $K \in STMX(f, f_0)$.

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- (iv) $T(K) \leq S(K)$ for each $K \in STMX(f, f_0)$ and for each $f \in SOL(f_0)$.

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Let $T_1, T_2 : STMX(f, f_0) \rightarrow STMX(f, f_0)$ be maps. We define a map

$T_1 \cap T_2 : STMX(f, f_0) \rightarrow STMX(f, f_0)$ as follows:

$$(v) (T_1 \cap T_2)(K) = T_1(K) \cap T_2(K) \text{ for each } K \in STMX(f, f_0).$$

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We say that the map $T_1 \cap T_2$ is the intersection map of $\{T_1, T_2\}$.

Proposition 19. Let $T_1, T_2, T_3 : STMX(f, f_0) \rightarrow STMX(f, f_0)$ be sudoku transformations. Then we have the followings:

(a) The identity map $1 : STMX(f, f_0) \rightarrow STMX(f, f_0)$ is a sudoku transformation.

(b) The composition map $T_2 \circ T_1 : STMX(f, f_0) \rightarrow STMX(f, f_0)$ is a sudoku transformation such that $1 \circ T_1 = T_1$, $T_1 \circ 1 = T_1$ and $(T_3 \circ T_2) \circ T_1 = T_3 \circ (T_2 \circ T_1)$.

(c) The intersection map $T_1 \cap T_2 : STMX(f, f_0) \rightarrow STMX(f, f_0)$ is a sudoku transformation such that $T_1 \cap T_2 \leq T_1$ and $T_1 \cap T_2 \leq T_2$.

Proof. Obviously we have (a) by the definition.

We show (b). Take any $K \in STMX(f, f_0)$. Since T_1 is a sudoku transformation, by (i) we have

$$(1) T_1(K) \leq K.$$

Since T_2 is a sudoku transformation, by (ii) and (1) we have

$$(2) T_2(T_1(K)) \leq T_2(K).$$

Since T_2 is a sudoku transformation, by (i) we have

$$(3) T_2(K) \leq K.$$

By (1),(2),(3) we have $(T_2 \circ T_1)(K) = T_2(T_1(K)) \leq T_2(K) \leq K$, i.e.,

$$(4) (T_2 \circ T_1)(K) \leq K.$$

Thus (4) means that $T_2 \circ T_1$ has the property (i).

Next, we take each $K, L \in STMX(f, f_0)$ with $K \geq L$. Since T_1 is a sudoku transformation, by (ii) we have

$$(5) T_1(K) \geq T_1(L).$$

Since T_2 is a sudoku transformation, by (ii) and (5) we have

$$(6) T_2(T_1(K)) \geq T_2(T_1(L)).$$

Since $T_2(T_1(K)) = (T_2 \circ T_1)(K)$ and $T_2(T_1(L)) = (T_2 \circ T_1)(L)$, by (6) we have

$$(7) (T_2 \circ T_1)(K) \geq (T_2 \circ T_1)(L).$$

Thus, (7) means that $T_2 \circ T_1$ has the property (ii). Therefore, $T_2 \circ T_1$ is a sudoku transformation.

We can easily show that $1 \circ T_1 = T_1$, $T_1 \circ 1 = T_1$ and $(T_3 \circ T_2) \circ T_1 = T_3 \circ (T_2 \circ T_1)$.

We show (c). Take any $K \in \text{STMX}(f, f_0)$. Since T_1, T_2 are sudoku transformations, we have that $T_1(K), T_2(K) \in \text{STMX}(f, f_0)$. By Proposition 1 we have $T_1(K) \cap T_2(K) \in \text{STMX}(f, f_0)$. This means that the intersection map $T_1 \cap T_2: \text{STMX}(f, f_0) \rightarrow \text{STMX}(f, f_0)$ is well-defined.

By (1), (3) we have

$$(8) (T_1 \cap T_2)(K) = T_1(K) \cap T_2(K) \leq K.$$

Thus (8) means that $T_1 \cap T_2$ has the property (i).

Take any $K, L \in \text{STMX}(f, f_0)$ with $K \geq L$. Since T_2 is a sudoku transformation, by (ii) we have

$$(9) T_2(K) \geq T_2(L).$$

By (5) and (9) we have $T_1(K) \cap T_2(K) \supset T_1(L) \cap T_2(L)$, i.e.,

$$(10) (T_1 \cap T_2)(K) = T_1(K) \cap T_2(K) \supset T_1(L) \cap T_2(L) = (T_1 \cap T_2)(L).$$

Thus, (10) means that $T_1 \cap T_2$ has the property (ii). Hence $T_1 \cap T_2$ is a sudoku transformation.

By definitions we have

$$(11) (T_1 \cap T_2)(K) = T_1(K) \cap T_2(K) \leq T_1(K), \text{ and}$$

$$(12) (T_1 \cap T_2)(K) = T_1(K) \cap T_2(K) \leq T_2(K).$$

Thus, by (11) and (12) we have

$$(13) T_1 \cap T_2 \leq T_1 \text{ and } T_1 \cap T_2 \leq T_2.$$

Thus, by (13), $T_1 \cap T_2$ has the required properties. Hence, we have Proposition 19.

Proposition 20. Let $T_1, T_2, T_3: \text{STMX}(f_0) \rightarrow \text{STMX}(f_0)$ be sudoku transformations. Then we have the followings:

(a) The identity map $1: \text{STMX}(f_0) \rightarrow \text{STMX}(f_0)$ is a sudoku transformation.

(b) The composition map $T_2 \circ T_1: \text{STMX}(f_0) \rightarrow \text{STMX}(f)$ is a sudoku transformation such that $1 \circ T_1 = T_1$, $T_1 \circ 1 = T_1$ and $(T_3 \circ T_2) \circ T_1 = T_3 \circ (T_2 \circ T_1)$.

(c) The intersection map $T_1 \cap T_2: \text{STMX}(f_0) \rightarrow \text{STMX}(f_0)$ is a sudoku transformation such that $T_1 \cap T_2 \leq T_1$ and $T_1 \cap T_2 \leq T_2$.

We can easily show Proposition 20 by Proposition 19 and definitions.

Let $\text{TOOL} \subset \text{STRF}(f, f_0)$ be a subset of $\text{STRF}(f, f_0)$. We say $L \in \text{STMX}(f, f_0)$ is TOOL -stable provided that it satisfies the following condition:

$$(ST) T(L) = L \text{ for each } T \in \text{TOOL}.$$

Similarly, let $\text{TOOL} \subset \text{STRF}(f_0)$ be a subset of $\text{STRF}(f_0)$. We say that

$L \in \text{STMX}(f_0)$ is *TOOL*–stable provided that it satisfies the following condition:

(ST) $T(L) = L$ for each $T \in \text{TOOL} \subset \text{STRF}(f, f_0)$ and for each $f \in \text{SOL}(f_0)$.

Proposition 21. Let $\text{TOOL} \subset \text{STRF}(f, f_0)$ be a subset of $\text{STRF}(f, f_0)$. Then we have a sudoku transformation $\text{STBL}^{\text{TOOL}}: \text{STMX}(f, f_0) \rightarrow \text{STMX}(f, f_0)$ with the following properties:

- (a) $\text{STBL}^{\text{TOOL}}(K)$ is *TOOL*–stable for each $K \in \text{STMX}(f, f_0)$.
- (b) If $L \in \text{STMX}(f, f_0)$ is *TOOL*–stable, then $\text{STBL}^{\text{TOOL}}(L) = L$.

Proposition 22. Let $\text{TOOL} \subset \text{STRF}(f_0)$ be a subset of $\text{STRF}(f_0)$. Then we have a sudoku transformation $\text{STBL}^{\text{TOOL}}: \text{STMX}(f_0) \rightarrow \text{STMX}(f_0)$ with the following properties:

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- (b) If $L \in \text{STMX}(f_0)$ is *TOOL*–stable, then $\text{STBL}^{\text{TOOL}}(L) = L$.

When $\text{TOOL} = \phi$, we can take the identity map $1: \text{SMTX}(f, f_0) \rightarrow \text{SMTX}(f, f_0)$ and $1: \text{SMTX}(f_0) \rightarrow \text{SMTX}(f_0)$ as $\text{STBL}^\phi: \text{SMTX}(f, f_0) \rightarrow \text{SMTX}(f, f_0)$ and $\text{STBL}^\phi: \text{SMTX}(f_0) \rightarrow \text{SMTX}(f_0)$, respectively. Therefore, in the following discussion we can assume that $\text{TOOL} \neq \phi$.

For our proofs of Proposition 21 and Proposition 22 we need many steps.

Proposition 23. Let V be a finite set. If $V \supset V_1 \supset V_2 \supset \dots \supset V_i \supset V_{i+1} \supset \dots$ is a decreasing sequence of sets, then there exists an n_0 such that $V_n = V_{n_0}$ for each $n \geq n_0$ and hence $V_\infty = \bigcap_{i=1}^\infty V_i = V_{n_0}$.

Proof. If $V = \phi$, we can choose $n_0 = 1$. So in the following discussion we assume that $V \neq \phi$.

We assume that the conclusion does not hold. Thus there exists an increasing sequence of integers such that

- (1) $n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_i < n_{i+1} < \dots$
- (2) $V_{n_i} \supset \neq V_{n_{i+1}}$ for each $i \geq 1$.

By (2) we can take a $p_{n_i} \in V_{n_i} - V_{n_{i+1}}$ for each $i \geq 1$, and put $P = \{p_{n_i} : i \geq 1\}$. Thus

we have that

- (3) $P \subset V$ and
- (4) P is infinite.

We show (3). Take any i . since $p_{n_i} \in V_{n_i} \subset V$, then $p_{n_i} \in V$. Thus we have (3).

We show (4). We assume that P is finite. Then there exist $i, j \geq 1$ such that

$$(5) \quad j > i \text{ and } p_{n_i} = p_{n_j}.$$

By (5) and our construction we have that $p_{n_i} \in V_{n_i} - V_{n_i+1}$, $p_{n_j} \in V_{n_j} - V_{n_j+1}$, that is,

$$(6) \quad p_{n_i} \notin V_{n_i+1} \text{ and}$$

$$(7) \quad p_{n_j} \in V_{n_j}.$$

By (1) and $j > i$, $n_j \geq n_i + 1$ and then

$$(8) \quad V_{n_i+1} \supset V_{n_j}.$$

By (6) and (8)

$$(9) \quad p_{n_i} \notin V_{n_j}.$$

Since we have (5), (7) and (9) make a contradiction. Hence, (4) is true.

By (3), we have that $|P| \leq |V| < \infty$, that is, P is finite. This contradicts to (4).

Hence, we have Proposition 23.

Proposition 24. Let K and K_i be sudoku matrices associated with (f, f_0) , $i = 1, 2, \dots$. If $K \geq K_1 \geq K_2 \geq \dots \geq K_i \geq K_{i+1} \geq \dots$ is a decreasing sequence of sudoku matrices, then there exists an n_0 such that $K_n = K_{n_0}$ for each $n \geq n_0$ and hence $K_\infty = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} K_i = K_{n_0}$.

Proof. Let $K = (K_\alpha)_{\alpha \in J_1 \times J_2}$ and $K_k = (K_{k,\alpha})_{\alpha \in J_1 \times J_2} \in \mathbf{SMTX}(f, f_0)$. By the assumption we have

$$(1) \quad K_\alpha \supset K_{1,\alpha} \supset \dots \supset K_{k,\alpha} \supset K_{k+1,\alpha} \supset \dots \text{ for each } \alpha \in J_1 \times J_2.$$

For each $\alpha \in J_1 \times J_2$, since $|K_\alpha| \leq 9$, by (1) and Proposition 23 there exists an n_α such that

$$(2) \quad K_{n,\alpha} = K_{n_\alpha,\alpha} \text{ for each } n \geq n_\alpha.$$

We put $n_0 = \max\{n_\alpha : \alpha \in J_1 \times J_2\}$. By (2) we have that

$$(3) \quad K_{n,\alpha} = K_{n_0,\alpha} \text{ for each } n \geq n_0 \text{ and each } \alpha \in J_1 \times J_2.$$

(3) means that $K_n = K_{n_0}$ for each $n \geq n_0$. Hence we have Proposition 24.

Proposition 25. Let K and K_i be sudoku matrices associated with f_0 . If $K \geq K_1 \geq K_2 \geq \dots \geq K_i \geq K_{i+1} \geq \dots$ is a decreasing sequence of sudoku matrices, then there exists an n_0 such that $K_n = K_{n_0}$ for each $n \geq n_0$ and hence $K_\infty = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} K_i = K_{n_0}$.

Proof. Since $\mathbf{STMX}(f_0) = \bigcap \{\mathbf{STMX}(f, f_0) : f \in \mathbf{SOL}(f_0)\}$ and the assumption, for each $f \in \mathbf{SOL}(f_0)$ we have that

(1) $K \geq K_1 \geq K_2 \geq \dots \geq K_i \geq K_{i+1} \geq \dots$ is a decreasing sequence in $STMX(f, f_0)$.

By (1) and Proposition 24, there exists an $n_0(f)$ such that

(2) $K_n = K_{n_0(f)}$ in $STMX(f, f_0)$ for each $n \geq n_0(f)$.

Since $SOL(f_0)$ is finite, we can put $n_0 = \max\{n_0(f) : f \in SOL(f_0)\}$. By (2) we have

(3) $K_n = K_{n_0}$ in $STMX(f, f_0)$ for each $n \geq n_0$ and each $f \in SOL(f_0)$.

Thus we have Proposition 25.

Proposition 26. Let $TOOL$ be a non–empty subset of $STRF(f, f_0)$. Then there exists a finite sequence $T = (T_1, T_2, \dots, T_{n_0})$ in $TOOL$ with the following property:

(a) $(T_{n_0} \circ T_{n_0-1} \circ \dots \circ T_1)(K)$ is $TOOL$ –stable for each $K \in STMX(f, f_0)$.

Proposition 27. Let $TOOL$ be a non–empty subset of $STRF(f_0)$. Then there exists a finite sequence $T = (T_1, T_2, \dots, T_{m_0})$ in $TOOL$ with the following property:

(a) $(T_{n_0} \circ T_{n_0-1} \circ \dots \circ T_1)(K)$ is $TOOL$ –stable for each $K \in STMX(f, f_0)$ and for each $f \in SOL(f_0)$.

(b) $(T_{m_0} \circ T_{m_0-1} \circ \dots \circ T_1)(K)$ is $TOOL$ –stable for each $K \in STMX(f_0)$.

To prove Proposition 26 and Proposition 27 we need some propositions.

Let $TOOL$ be a non–empty finite set. We take an infinite sequence $T = (T_1, T_2, \dots, T_i, T_{i+1}, \dots)$ in $TOOL$, that is, each $T_i \in TOOL$. We say $T = (T_1, T_2, \dots, T_i, T_{i+1}, \dots)$ is full in $TOOL$ provided that it satisfies the following full condition:

(FUL) For each $n, n \geq 1$, $\{T_j : j \geq n\} = TOOL$.

Proposition 28. Let $TOOL$ be a non–empty set. Then there exists an infinite sequence $T = (T_1, T_2, \dots, T_i, \dots)$ in $TOOL$, which is full in $TOOL$.

Proof. Since $TOOL$ is finite. We put

(1) $TOOL = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m\}$, $m \geq 1$.

We make an infinite sequence $T = (T_1, T_2, \dots, T_i, \dots)$ as follows:

(2) $T_i = S_k$ which $i = um + k$, $0 < k \leq m$.

Take any integer $s > 0$. Since $s \leq ms < ms + 1 < ms + 2 < \dots < ms + m$, we have

(3) $\{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m\} = \{T_{ms+1}, T_{ms+2}, \dots, T_{ms+m}\} \subset \{T_j : j \geq s\} \subset \{T_j : j = 1, 2, \dots\} = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m\}$

By (1) and (3) we have that

$$(4) \{T_j: j \geq s\} = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m\} = \mathbf{TOOL}.$$

Thus, T is full in \mathbf{TOOL} . Hence we have Proposition 28.

Proposition 29. Let \mathbf{TOOL} be a subset of $\mathbf{STRF}(f, f_0)$. Let $T = (T_1, T_2, \dots, T_i, T_{i+1}, \dots)$ be an infinite sequence in \mathbf{TOOL} . If T is full in \mathbf{TOOL} , then there exists an n_0 such that

$$(a) (T_{n_0} \circ T_{n_0-1} \circ \dots \circ T_1)(K) \text{ is } \mathbf{TOOL}\text{-stable for each } K \in \mathbf{STMX}(f, f_0).$$

Proposition 30. Let \mathbf{TOOL} be subset of $\mathbf{STRF}(f_0)$. Let $T = (T_1, T_2, \dots, T_i, T_{i+1}, \dots)$ is an infinite sequence in \mathbf{TOOL} . If T is full in \mathbf{TOOL} , then there exists an m_0 such that

$$(a) (T_{m_0} \circ T_{m_0-1} \circ \dots \circ T_1)(K) \text{ is } \mathbf{TOOL}\text{-stable for each } K \in \mathbf{STMX}(f, f_0) \text{ and for}$$

each $f \in \mathbf{SOL}(f_0)$ and

$$(b) (T_{m_0} \circ T_{m_0-1} \circ \dots \circ T_1)(K) \text{ is } \mathbf{TOOL}\text{-stable for each } K \in \mathbf{STMX}(f_0)$$

Proof of Proposition 29. Since \mathbf{TOOL} is a subset of $\mathbf{STRF}(f, f_0)$, then for each k , $T_k: \mathbf{STMX}(f, f_0) \rightarrow \mathbf{STMX}(f, f_0)$ is a sudoku transformation. For each i, j with $j \geq i \geq 1$ we put $T_{i,j} = T_j \circ T_{j-1} \circ \dots \circ T_i: \mathbf{STMX}(f, f_0) \rightarrow \mathbf{STMX}(f, f_0)$, which is the composition of sudoku transformations $T_k: \mathbf{STMX}(f, f_0) \rightarrow \mathbf{STMX}(f, f_0)$, $i \leq k \leq j$.

Take any $K \in \mathbf{STMX}(f, f_0)$. We put $T(K)_j = T_{1,j}(K)$ for each j , $j \geq 1$ and thus we have a decreasing sequence of sudoku matrices as follows:

$$(1) K \supset T(K)_1 \supset T(K)_2 \supset \dots \supset T(K)_j \supset T_{j+1}(T(K)_j) = T(K)_{j+1} \supset \dots$$

We denote $T(K)_\infty = \bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} T(K)_j$. By Proposition 21 there exists an integer $n(T, \mathbf{TOOL}, K, (f, f_0))$ such that

$$(2) T(K)_j = T(K)_{n(T, \mathbf{TOOL}, K, (f, f_0))} \text{ for each } j \geq n(T, \mathbf{TOOL}, K, (f, f_0)).$$

By (2) we have that

$$(3) T(K)_\infty = T(K)_{n(T, \mathbf{TOOL}, K, (f, f_0))}.$$

Since $\mathbf{STMX}(f, f_0)$ is finite, we can put

$$(4) n_0 = n(T, \mathbf{TOOL}, (f, f_0)) = \max\{n(T, \mathbf{TOOL}, K, (f, f_0)): K \in \mathbf{STMX}(f, f_0)\}.$$

Thus by (2) and (3) we have that

$$(5) T(K)_j = T(K)_{n_0} \text{ for each } j \geq n_0 \text{ and each } K \in \mathbf{STMX}(f, f_0),$$

$$(6) T(K)_\infty = T(K)_{n_0} \text{ for each } K \in \mathbf{STMX}(f, f_0).$$

Since T is full in \mathbf{TOOL} , we have

$$(7) \{T_i: i \geq n_0 + 1\} = \mathbf{TOOL}.$$

Take any $T \in \mathbf{TOOL}$, thus by (7) there exists an i_0 such that

$$(8) T = T_{i_0} \text{ and } i_0 \geq n_0 + 1.$$

Since $T_{1,i_0} = T_{i_0} \circ T_{i_0-1} \circ \dots \circ T_{n_0} \circ \dots \circ T_1 = T_{i_0} \circ T_{1,i_0-1}$, we have that

$$(9) \quad K \supset \dots \supset T(K)_{n_0} \supset \dots \supset T(K)_{i_0-1} \supset T_{i_0}(T(K)_{i_0-1}) = T(K)_{i_0}.$$

By (8) we have

$$(10) \quad i_0, i_0 - 1 \geq n_0$$

By (5) and (10) we have

$$(11) \quad T(K)_{i_0} = T(K)_{i_0-1} = T(K)_{n_0}$$

By (8), (9) and (10) we have

$$(12) \quad T(T(K)_{n_0}) = T_{i_0}(T(K)_{i_0-1}) = T(K)_{i_0} = T(K)_{n_0}.$$

Thus, (12) means that

$$(13) \quad T(K)_{n_0} \text{ is } \mathbf{TOOL}\text{-stable for each } K \in \mathbf{STMX}(f, f_0)$$

Note, by (6) and (13) we have

$$(14) \quad T(K)_\infty \text{ is } \mathbf{TOOL}\text{-stable for each } K \in \mathbf{STMX}(f, f_0).$$

Hence we have Proposition 29.

Proof of Proposition 30. Since $\mathbf{TOOL} \subset \mathbf{STRF}(f_0) = \cap \{\mathbf{STRF}(f, f_0) : f \in \mathbf{SOL}(f_0)\}$ and $\mathbf{STMX}(f_0) = \cap \{\mathbf{STMX}(f, f_0) : f \in \mathbf{SOL}(f_0)\}$, then $\mathbf{TOOL} \subset \mathbf{STRF}(f, f_0)$ for each $f \in \mathbf{SOL}(f_0)$. Thus by Proposition 29 we have an $n(T, \mathbf{TOOL}, (f, f_0))$ for each $f \in \mathbf{SOL}(f_0)$. Since $\mathbf{SOL}(f_0)$ is finite, we can put

$$(1) \quad m_0 = m(T, \mathbf{TOOL}, f_0) = \max\{n(T, \mathbf{TOOL}, (f, f_0)) : f \in \mathbf{SOL}(f_0)\}$$

By (13) in the proof of Proposition 29, and (1) we can easily show that

$$(2) \quad T(K)_{m_0} \text{ is } \mathbf{TOOL}\text{-stable for each } K \in \mathbf{STMX}(f, f_0) \text{ and for each } f \in \mathbf{SOL}(f_0).$$

Thus, by (2) we have

$$(3) \quad T(K)_{m_0} \text{ is } \mathbf{TOOL}\text{-stable for each } K \in \mathbf{STMX}(f_0).$$

Note, by (14) in the proof of Proposition 29, (2), (3) we have the followings:

$$(4) \quad T(K)_\infty \text{ is } \mathbf{TOOL}\text{-stable for each } K \in \mathbf{STMX}(f, f_0) \text{ and for each } f \in \mathbf{SOL}(f_0).$$

$$(5) \quad T(K)_\infty \text{ is } \mathbf{TOOL}\text{-stable for each } K \in \mathbf{STMX}(f_0).$$

Hence we have Proposition 30.

Proofs of Proposition 26 and Proposition 27.

Since $\mathbf{STRF}(f, f_0)$ is a finite set, then \mathbf{TOOL} is also finite. Hence, Proposition 26 comes from Proposition 28 and Proposition 29.

Since $\mathbf{STRF}(f_0)$ is a finite set, then \mathbf{TOOL} is also finite. Hence, Proposition 27 comes from Proposition 28 and Proposition 30. Therefore we complete the proofs of Propositions 26 and 27.

Proposition 31. Let $TOOL$ be a non–empty subset of $STRF(f, f_0)$. Let $T = (T_1, T_2, \dots, T_{n_0})$ and $T' = (T'_1, T'_2, \dots, T'_{n_1})$ be finite sequences in $TOOL$. If they satisfy the followings:

- (a) $(T_{n_0} \circ T_{n_0-1} \circ \dots \circ T_1)(K)$ is $TOOL$ –stable for each $K \in STMX(f, f_0)$ and
- (b) $(T'_{n_1} \circ T'_{n_1-1} \circ \dots \circ T'_1)(K)$ is $TOOL$ –stable for each $K \in STMX(f, f_0)$,

then we hve that

$$(c) T_{n_0} \circ T_{n_0-1} \circ \dots \circ T_1 = T'_{n_1} \circ T'_{n_1-1} \circ \dots \circ T'_1 .$$

Proposition 32. Let $TOOL$ be a non–empty subset of $STRF(f_0)$. Let $T = (T_1, T_2, \dots, T_{n_0})$ and $T' = (T'_1, T'_2, \dots, T'_{n_1})$ be finite sequences in $TOOL$. If they satisfy the followings:

- (a) $(T_{n_0} \circ T_{n_0-1} \circ \dots \circ T_1)(K)$ is $TOOL$ –stable for each $K \in STMX(f_0)$ and
- (b) $(T'_{n_1} \circ T'_{n_1-1} \circ \dots \circ T'_1)(K)$ is $TOOL$ –stable for each $K \in STMX(f_0)$,

then we hve that

$$(c) T_{n_0} \circ T_{n_0-1} \circ \dots \circ T_1 = T'_{n_1} \circ T'_{n_1-1} \circ \dots \circ T'_1 .$$

To prove Proposition 31 and Proposition 32 we need some discussions.

Proposition 33. Let $TOOL$ and $TOOL'$ be a non–empty subsets of $STRF(f, f_0)$. Let $T = (T_1, T_2, \dots, T_i, \dots)$ and $T' = (T'_1, T'_2, \dots, T'_i, \dots)$ be infinite sequences in $TOOL$ and in $TOOL'$, respectively. If $T'_i \leq T_i$ for each i , then we have that

- (a) $T'(K)_\infty \leq T(K)_\infty$ for each $K \in STMX(f, f_0)$.

Proposition 34. Let $TOOL$ and $TOOL'$ be a non–empty subsets of $STRF(f_0)$. Let $T = (T_1, T_2, \dots, T_i, \dots)$ and $T' = (T'_1, T'_2, \dots, T'_i, \dots)$ be infinite sequences in $TOOL$ and in $TOOL'$, respectively. If $T'_i \leq T_i$ for each i , then we have that

- (a) $T'(K)_\infty \leq T(K)_\infty$ for each $K \in STMX(f_0)$.

Proofs of Propositions 33 and 34.

We show Proposition 33. We use the same notations as in the proof of Proposition 29. Take any $K \in STMX(f, f_0)$. We show the following commutative diagram (D):

$$(D) \quad \begin{array}{cccccccc} K & \supset & T(K)_1 & \supset & T(K)_2 & \supset & \dots & \supset & T(K)_i & \supset & T(K)_{i+1} & \supset & \dots \\ & & \cup & & \cup & & & & \cup & & \cup & & \\ K & \supset & T'(K)_1 & \supset & T'(K)_2 & \supset & \dots & \supset & T'(K)_i & \supset & T'(K)_{i+1} & \supset & \dots \end{array} .$$

To prove (D), we consider the following commutative diagram (Di) for each i ,

$$(Di) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} K & \supset & T(K)_1 & \supset & T(K)_2 & \supset & \dots & \supset & T(K)_i \\ & & \cup & & \cup & & & & \cup \\ K & \supset & T'(K)_1 & \supset & T'(K)_2 & \supset & \dots & \supset & T'(K)_i. \end{array}$$

First, we show (DI) . Since T_1, T'_1 are sudoku transformations, we have

$$(1) \quad T(K)_1 = T_1(K) \subset K \text{ and } T'(K)_1 = T'_1(K) \subset K.$$

Since $T'_1 \leq T_1$, we have

$$(2) \quad T'_1(K) \subset T_1(K).$$

By (1) and (2) we have (DI) as follows:

$$(DI) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} K & \supset & T(K)_1 \\ & & \cup \\ K & \supset & T'(K)_1. \end{array}$$

Secondly we assume that (Di) holds. We show that $(D(i+1))$ holds. By (Di) we have

$$(3) \quad T'(K)_i \subset T(K)_i.$$

Since T_{i+1} is a sudoku transformation, by (3) we have

$$(4) \quad T_{i+1}(T'(K)_i) \subset T_{i+1}(T(K)_i) = T(K)_{i+1} \subset T(K)_i.$$

Since $T'_{i+1} \leq T_{i+1}$ and T'_{i+1} is a sudoku transformation, we have

$$(5) \quad T'(K)_i \supset T'_{i+1}(T'(K)_i) = T'_{i+1}(T'(K)_i) \subset T_{i+1}(T'(K)_i).$$

By (4) and (5) we have

$$(D') \quad \begin{array}{ccc} T(K)_i & \supset & T(K)_{i+1} \\ & & \cup \\ T'(K)_i & \supset & T'(K)_{i+1}. \end{array}$$

By (Di) and (D') we have $(D(i+1))$. Hence by the mathematical induction we have the diagram (D) .

By the diagram (D) we have

$$(6) \quad T'(K)_\infty = \bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} T'(K)_j \subset \bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} T(K)_j = T(K)_\infty$$

(6) implies (a). Hence we have Proposition 33. By the same way we can show Proposition 34.

Proofs of Propositions 21,22,31 and 32.

We show Proposition 31. Since $STRF(f, f_0)$ is finite, $TOOL$ is also finite. Thus we can put

$$(1) \quad TOOL = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m\}, \quad m \geq 1.$$

Since each S_i is a sudoku transformation, by Proposition 19 we have

$$(2) \quad P = S_1 \cap S_2 \cap \dots \cap S_m : STMX(f, f_0) \rightarrow STMX(f, f_0) \text{ is a sudoku transformation,}$$

(3) $P \leq S_i$ for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq m$.

Let $TOOL^* = \{P\}$ and let $P = (P_1, P_2, \dots, P_i, P_{i+1}, \dots)$ be the infinite sequence with $P_i = P$ for each i . Since P is $TOOL^*$ -full, by the proof of Proposition 29 there exists an integer p_0 such that

(4) $P(K)_j = P(K)_{p_0}$ for each $j \geq p_0$ and for each $K \in STMX(f, f_0)$,

(5) $P(K)_{p_0}$ is $TOOL^*$ -stable for each $K \in STMX(f, f_0)$.

Let p_1 be another integer p_1 such that

(4') $P(K)_j = P(K)_{p_1}$ for each $j \geq p_1$ and for each $K \in STMX(f, f_0)$,

(5') $P(K)_{p_1}$ is $TOOL^*$ -stable for each $K \in STMX(f, f_0)$.

Now, let $p_2 = p_0 + p_1$. By (4) and (4') we have that

(6) $P(K)_{p_0} = P(K)_{p_2} = P(K)_{p_1}$ for each $K \in STMX(f, f_0)$.

Since $P(K)_{p_0} = (P_{p_0} \circ P_{p_0-1} \circ \dots \circ P_1)(K) = (P \circ P \circ \dots \circ P)(K) = P^{p_0}(K)$ and $P(K)_{p_1} = (P_{p_1} \circ P_{p_1-1} \circ \dots \circ P_1)(K) = (P \circ P \circ \dots \circ P)(K) = P^{p_1}(K)$, by (6) we have the following:

Claim 1. $P^{p_0} = P^{p_1}$ and $P^{p_0}(K) = P(K)_{p_0}$ for each $K \in STMX(f, f_0)$.

We can define a map $P_\infty : STMX(f, f_0) \rightarrow STMX(f, f_0)$ as follows:

(7) $P_\infty = P^{p_0}$.

Claim 1 means that P_∞ is well-defined. Since $P(K)_\infty = \bigcap_{j=1}^\infty P(K)_j$, by (4) we have $P(K)_\infty = P(K)_{p_0}$. By Claim 1 we have that $P_\infty(K) = P^{p_0}(K) = P(K)_{p_0} = P(K)_\infty$. Since P is a sudoku transformation, by Proposition 19 $P_\infty = P^{p_0}$ is also a sudoku transformation. Thus we have the following Claim 2.

Claim 2. $P_\infty : STMX(f, f_0) \rightarrow STMX(f, f_0)$ is a sudoku transformation and $P_\infty(K) = P(K)_\infty = P(K)_{p_0}$ for each $K \in STMX(f, f_0)$.

Claim 3. $P_\infty(K)$ is $TOOL$ -stable for each $K \in STMX(f, f_0)$.

Proof of Claim 3. We assume that Claim 3 does not hold. Thus there exists a $K \in STMX(f, f_0)$ such that $P_\infty(K)$ is not $TOOL$ -stable. Since $P_\infty(K) = P(K)_\infty = P(K)_{p_0}$ by Claim 2, there exists a $S_{i_0} \in TOOL$ such that

(8) $S_{i_0}(P(K)_{p_0}) \not\subseteq P(K)_{p_0}$.

Thus, by (2) and (8), we have

$$(9) P(P(K)_{p_0}) = (S_1 \cap S_2 \cap \dots \cap S_m)(P(K)_{p_0}) \subset S_{i_0}(P(K)_{p_0}) \not\equiv \subset P(K)_{p_0} .$$

By (5) we have

$$(10) P(P(K)_{p_0}) = P(K)_{p_0} .$$

By (9) and (10) we have

$$(11) P(K)_{p_0} \not\equiv \subset P(K)_{p_0} .$$

Since (11) is a contradiction, we have Claim 3.

Claim 4. If $K \in \text{STMX}(f, f_0)$ is *TOOL*-stable, then $P_\infty(K) = K$.

Proof of Claim 4. Let $K \in \text{STMX}(f, f_0)$ be *TOOL*-stable. Thus we have

$$(12) S_i(K) = K \text{ for each } i, 1 \leq i \leq m .$$

By (2) and (12) we have that

$$P(K) = (S_1 \cap S_2 \cap \dots \cap S_m)(K) = S_1(K) \cap S_2(K) \cap \dots \cap S_m(K) = K, \text{ i.e.,}$$

$$(13) P(K) = K .$$

By Claim 2 and (13) we have that

$$(14) P_\infty(K) = P(K)_\infty = P(K)_{p_0} = (P_{p_0} \circ P_{p_0-1} \circ \dots \circ P_1)(K) = (P \circ P \circ \dots \circ P)(K) = K .$$

Hence, by (14), we have Claim 4.

Claim 5. Let $K, L \in \text{STMX}(f, f_0)$. If $K \geq L \geq P_\infty(K)$ and L is *TOOL*-stable, then $L = P_\infty(K)$.

Proof of Claim 5. Since P_∞ is a sudoku transformation by Claim 2, by the assumption $K \geq L \geq P_\infty(K)$ induces that $P_\infty(K) \geq P_\infty(L) \geq P_\infty(P_\infty(K))$. Thus we have

$$(15) P_\infty(K) \supset P_\infty(L) \supset P_\infty(P_\infty(K)) .$$

By Claim 3 we have

$$(16) P_\infty(K) \text{ is } \textit{TOOL}\text{-stable} .$$

By (16) and Claim 4 we have

$$(17) P_\infty(P_\infty(K)) = P_\infty(K) .$$

By (15) and (17) we have

$$(18) P_\infty(K) = P_\infty(L) .$$

Since L is *TOOL*-stable by the assumption, by Claim 4 we have

$$(19) P_\infty(L) = L .$$

Thus, by (18) and (19) we have

$$(20) P_\infty(K) = L .$$

By (20) we have Claim 5.

By the assumptions of Proposition 31 we have finite sequences $T = (T_1, T_2, \dots, T_{n_0})$ and $T' = (T'_1, T'_2, \dots, T'_{n_1})$ in $TOOL$ with the properties (a) and (b), respectively.

Claim 6. For each $K \in STMX(f, f_0)$, we have

$$(21) \quad K \supset (T_{n_0} \circ T_{n_0-1} \circ \dots \circ T_1)(K) \supset P_\infty(K),$$

$$(22) \quad K \supset (T'_{n_1} \circ T'_{n_1-1} \circ \dots \circ T'_1)(K) \supset P_\infty(K).$$

Proof of Claim 6. We show (21). We make an infinite sequence $T^* = (T_1^*, T_2^*, \dots, T_i^*, \dots)$ as follows:

$$(23) \quad T_i^* = T_i \text{ for } i, 1 \leq i \leq n_0 \text{ and}$$

$$(24) \quad T_i^* = S_1 \text{ for each } i, i \geq n_0 + 1.$$

Since T is a sequence in $TOOL$, by (23) $T_i^* = T_i \in TOOL$ for $i, 1 \leq i \leq n_0$ and by (24) $T_i^* = S_1 \in TOOL$ for each $i, i \geq n_0 + 1$. Thus we have

$$(25) \quad T^* \text{ is an infinite sequence in } TOOL.$$

By (2) and (25) we have

$$(26) \quad P \leq T_i^* \text{ for each } i.$$

By (26) and Proposition 33, we have

$$(27) \quad P_\infty(K) = P(K)_\infty \leq T^*(K)_\infty.$$

$$\text{Claim 7. } T^*(K)_\infty = T^*(K)_{n_0} = (T_{n_0} \circ T_{n_0-1} \circ \dots \circ T_1)(K).$$

Proof of Claim 7. By (23) we have

$$(28) \quad T^*(K)_{n_0} = (T_{n_0}^* \circ T_{n_0-1}^* \circ \dots \circ T_1^*)(K) = (T_{n_0} \circ T_{n_0-1} \circ \dots \circ T_1)(K).$$

We show that

$$(29) \quad T^*(K)_j = T^*(K)_{n_0} \text{ for each } j, j \geq n_0.$$

When $j = n_0$, clearly (29) holds. Take any $j, j \geq n_0 + 1$. Thus by (24) we have

$$(30) \quad T^*(K)_j = (T_j^* \circ T_{j-1}^* \circ \dots \circ T_{n_0+1}^*)(T^*(K)_{n_0}) = (S_1 \circ S_1 \circ \dots \circ S_1)(T^*(K)_{n_0})$$

By (28) and (a) we have

$$(31) \quad T^*(K)_{n_0} \text{ is } TOOL\text{-stable.}$$

Since $S_1 \in TOOL$, by (31) we have

$$(32) \quad S_1(T^*(K)_{n_0}) = T^*(K)_{n_0}.$$

By (32) we have

$$(33) \quad (S_1 \circ S_1 \circ \dots \circ S_1)(T^*(K)_{n_0}) = T^*(K)_{n_0}.$$

By (30) and (33) we have (29).

By (29) we have

$$(34) \mathbf{T}^*(\mathbf{K})_\infty = \bigcap_{j=1}^\infty \mathbf{T}^*(\mathbf{K})_j = \mathbf{T}^*(\mathbf{K})_{n_0}.$$

By (34), (28) we have Claim 7.

By (27) and Claim 7 we have

$$(35) \mathbf{P}_\infty(\mathbf{K}) = \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{K})_\infty \subset \mathbf{T}^*(\mathbf{K})_\infty = \mathbf{T}^*(\mathbf{K})_{n_0} = (T_{n_0} \circ T_{n_0-1} \circ \dots \circ T_1)(\mathbf{K}).$$

Since each T_i , $1 \leq i \leq n_0$, is a sudoku transformation, by Proposition 19 $T_{n_0} \circ T_{n_0-1} \circ \dots \circ T_1$ is also a sudoku transformation. Thus, we have

$$(36) (T_{n_0} \circ T_{n_0-1} \circ \dots \circ T_1)(\mathbf{K}) \subset \mathbf{K}.$$

By (35) and (36) we have (21).

By the same way we can show (22). Hence we have Claim 6.

By Claim 6 we have

$$(37) \mathbf{K} \supseteq (T_{n_0} \circ T_{n_0-1} \circ \dots \circ T_1)(\mathbf{K}) \supseteq \mathbf{P}_\infty(\mathbf{K}) \text{ and}$$

$$(38) \mathbf{K} \supseteq (T'_{n_1} \circ T'_{n_1-1} \circ \dots \circ T'_1)(\mathbf{K}) \supseteq \mathbf{P}_\infty(\mathbf{K}).$$

Since $(T_{n_0} \circ T_{n_0-1} \circ \dots \circ T_1)(\mathbf{K})$ is *TOOL*-stable by (a) in Proposition 31, we have the following by (37) and Claim 5

$$(39) (T_{n_0} \circ T_{n_0-1} \circ \dots \circ T_1)(\mathbf{K}) = \mathbf{P}_\infty(\mathbf{K}).$$

Since $(T'_{n_1} \circ T'_{n_1-1} \circ \dots \circ T'_1)(\mathbf{K})$ is *TOOL*-stable by (b), we have the following by (38) and Claim 5

$$(40) (T'_{n_1} \circ T'_{n_1-1} \circ \dots \circ T'_1)(\mathbf{K}) = \mathbf{P}_\infty(\mathbf{K}).$$

By (39) and (40) we have

$$(41) (T_{n_0} \circ T_{n_0-1} \circ \dots \circ T_1)(\mathbf{K}) = \mathbf{P}_\infty(\mathbf{K}) = (T'_{n_1} \circ T'_{n_1-1} \circ \dots \circ T'_1)(\mathbf{K})$$

Hence we have, by (41), the following:

$$\text{Claim 8. } T_{n_0} \circ T_{n_0-1} \circ \dots \circ T_1 = T'_{n_1} \circ T'_{n_1-1} \circ \dots \circ T'_1 = \mathbf{P}_\infty.$$

Claim 8 is (c) in Proposition 31. Hence we complete the proof of Proposition 31.

$$\text{By Claim 8 we can define } STBL^{TOOL} = T_{n_0} \circ T_{n_0-1} \circ \dots \circ T_1 = T'_{n_1} \circ T'_{n_1-1} \circ \dots \circ T'_1 = \mathbf{P}_\infty.$$

By Claims 2,3,4 it has the required properties in Proposition 21.

By the same way we can prove Proposition 32 and Proposition 22.

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