Symbolic Dynamics and Dendrites

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• We can use a similar description for the dendrites $It(\mathcal{J}_c)$ under the topology \mathcal{T}^* ; the obstruction is that $\{*\}$ is not open in \mathcal{T}^* .

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• Quadratic maps on the interval (such as the logistic map) give a natural example for when these results do not hold.

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