

Let  $f$  be a function on the natural numbers with the properties

- $n$  divides  $f(n)$ ;
- there exists a function  $g$  such that  $g(m)$  divides  $n$  if and only if  $m$  divides  $f(n)$ .

If  $(u_n)$  is realizable, then so is  $(u_{f(n)})$ .

For let  $(X, T)$  be a realization of  $(u_n)$ . Let  $X^* = X$ , and construct  $T^*$  as follows: replace each cycle of  $T$  (of length  $n$ , say) by its  $n/g(n)$ th power (which has  $n/g(n)$  cycles of length  $g(n)$ ). (Note that  $g(n)$  divides  $n$ , by assumption.) Now let  $x \in X$  be a point lying in an  $m$ -cycle of  $T$ . Then  $x$  lies in a  $g(m)$ -cycle of  $T^*$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} (T^*)^n \text{ fixes } x &\Leftrightarrow g(m) \text{ divides } n \\ &\Leftrightarrow m \text{ divides } f(n) \\ &\Leftrightarrow T^{f(n)} \text{ fixes } x. \end{aligned}$$

Now let  $f(n) = n^k$ . Define  $g$  to be the multiplicative function satisfying

$$g(p^a) = p^{\lceil a/k \rceil}$$

for  $p$  prime and  $a \geq 0$ . Suppose that  $n = p_1^{a_1} \cdots p_r^{a_r}$  and  $m = p_1^{b_1} \cdots p_r^{b_r}$ . Then

$$m \text{ divides } n^k \Leftrightarrow (\forall i) b_i \leq ka_i,$$

and

$$n \text{ divides } g(m) \Leftrightarrow (\forall i) \lceil b_i/k \rceil \leq a_i;$$

these conditions are clearly equivalent.