

Transversal family of non-autonomous conformal iterated function systems

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Iterated function system

- **Iterated function system** $\{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_k\}$: a collection of uniformly contracting maps on a non-empty compact subset $X \subset \mathbb{R}^m$.

Example

$$\phi_1(x) = \frac{x}{3}, \phi_2(x) = \frac{x}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \text{ on } [0, 1].$$

Then

$$|\phi_i(x) - \phi_i(y)| = \frac{|x - y|}{3}$$

for $i = 1, 2$ and for all $x, y \in [0, 1]$.

Iterated function system

► **Iterated function system**

$\{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_k\}$: a collection of uniformly contracting maps on a non-empty compact subset $X \subset \mathbb{R}^m$.



$$X_1 := \bigcup_{i=1}^k \phi_i(X),$$

$$X_2 := \bigcup_{i=1}^k \phi_i(X_1)$$

, \dots ,

$$X_n := \bigcup_{i=1}^k \phi_i(X_{n-1}).$$

The **limit set** of the IFS $\{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_k\}$ is defined by

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n.$$

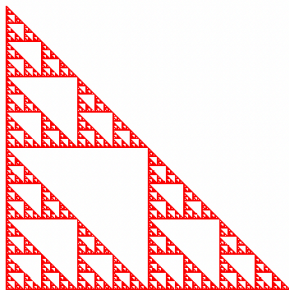
Example

$$\{\phi_1(x) := x/3, \phi_2(x) := x/3 + 2/3\}$$



Middle third Cantor set

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Limit set of an IFS(Sierpiński gasket)

- The limit set A of an IFS $\{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_k\}$ satisfies the self-similarity;

$$A = \bigcup_{i=1}^k \phi_i(A).$$

Hausdorff dimension

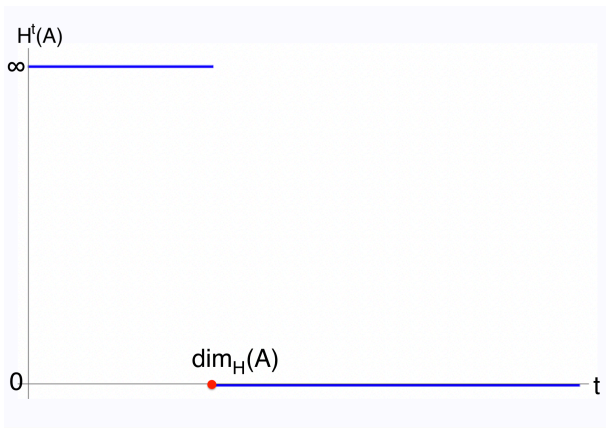
Let $A \subset \mathbb{R}^m$. $|A| := \sup\{|x - y| : x, y \in A\}$. For each $t \geq 0$ and $\delta > 0$,

$$\mathcal{H}_\delta^t(A) := \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |U_i|^t : A \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} U_i, |U_i| \leq \delta, U_i \subset \mathbb{R}^m \right\}.$$

$$\mathcal{H}^t(A) := \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{H}_\delta^t(A) \in [0, \infty].$$

Example

$\dim_H(A) := \sup\{t \geq 0 : \mathcal{H}^t(A) = \infty\} = \inf\{t \geq 0 : \mathcal{H}^t(A) = 0\}$,
called the **Hausdorff dimension** of A .



Dimension formula

Bowen's formula

Let $\{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_k\}$ be an iterated function system on a non-empty compact subset $X \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ and let A be the limit set of $\{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_k\}$. Suppose that ϕ_i is a similitude, i.e. $\phi_i(x) = a_i B_i x + c_i$, where $a_i \in (0, 1)$, $c_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$ and B_i is an orthogonal matrix for any i . If for any $i \neq j \in \{1, \dots, k\}$

$$\phi_i(X) \cap \phi_j(X) = \emptyset,$$

then we have

$$\dim_H(A) = s,$$

where s is given by

$$\sum_{i=1}^k a_i^s = 1.$$

Here, the value s is called the similarity dimension of $\{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_k\}$.

Example

$$\{\phi_1(x) := x/3, \phi_2(x) := x/3 + 2/3\}$$



Middle third Cantor set A

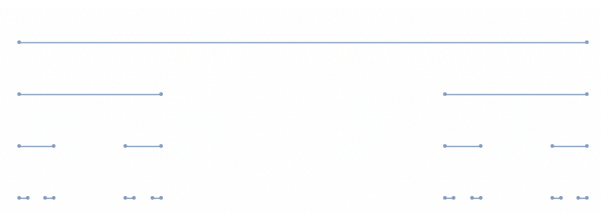


$$\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^s + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^s = 1 \Rightarrow s = \frac{\log 2}{\log 3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim_H(A) = \frac{\log 2}{\log 3}.$$

λ -Cantor set

$$\{\phi_{\lambda,1}(x) := \lambda x, \phi_{\lambda,2}(x) := \lambda x + 1\} (0 < \lambda < 1)$$



$C(\lambda)$



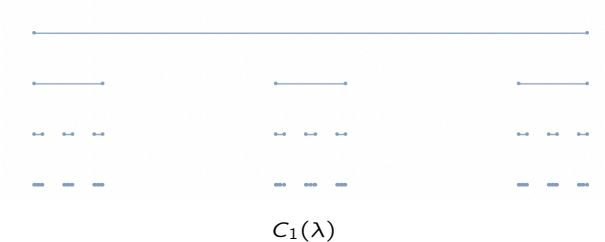
$$\dim_H(C(\lambda)) = \frac{\log 2}{-\log \lambda} (0 < \lambda < 1/2)$$

$$\dim_H(C(\lambda)) = 1 (1/2 \leq \lambda)$$

Some variation of λ -Cantor set

$$\{\phi_{\lambda,1}(x) := \lambda x, \phi_{\lambda,2}(x) := \lambda x + 1, \phi_{\lambda,3}(x) := \lambda x + 2\}$$

$(0 < \lambda < 1)$



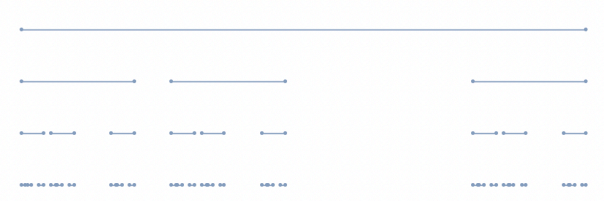
$$\dim_H(C_1(\lambda)) = \frac{\log 3}{-\log \lambda} \quad (0 < \lambda < 1/3)$$

$$\dim_H(C_1(\lambda)) = 1 \quad (1/3 \leq \lambda)$$

Some variation of λ -Cantor set

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$(0 < \lambda < 1/3)$



$C_2(\lambda)$



$$\dim_H(C_2(\lambda)) = \frac{\log 3}{-\log \lambda} \quad (0 < \lambda \leq 1/4)$$



$$\dim_H(C_2(\lambda)) = ? \quad (1/4 < \lambda < 1/3)$$

0, 1, 3–problem

Recall



$$\dim_H(C_2(\lambda)) = \frac{\log 3}{-\log \lambda} \quad (0 < \lambda \leq 1/4)$$



$$\dim_H(C_2(\lambda)) = ? \quad (1/4 < \lambda < 1/3)$$

Question(Keane 1993)

Is the function $\lambda \mapsto \dim_H(C_2(\lambda))$ continuous on $[1/4, 1/3]$?

Theorem(Pollicott and Simon 1995)

The answer is **NO**.



$$\dim_H(C_2(\lambda)) = \frac{\log 3}{-\log \lambda}$$

for \mathcal{L}_1 -a.e. $\lambda \in [1/4, 1/3]$.

- ▶ There is a dense subset of $[1/4, 1/3]$ on which

$$\dim_H(C_2(\lambda)) < \frac{\log 3}{-\log \lambda}$$

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Address map

$\{\phi_0(x) := x/3, \phi_1(x) := x/3 + 2/3\}$:IFS, A : limit set.

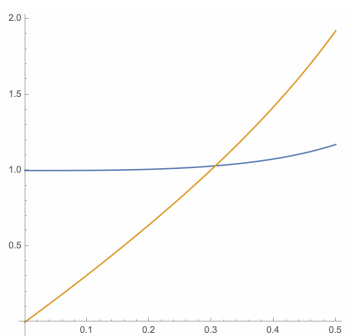
Define the address map $\pi : \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}} \rightarrow A$ as follows:



Note that $\pi(\{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}) = A$.

Transversality condition

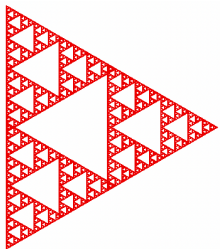
- ▶ Φ_λ : IFS, π_λ : Address map, $\lambda \in (0, 1)$.
- ▶ For any infinite words $\omega \neq \tau$, the transversality condition ensures that $\lambda \mapsto \pi_\lambda(\omega)$ intersect with $\lambda \mapsto \pi_\lambda(\tau)$ transversality:



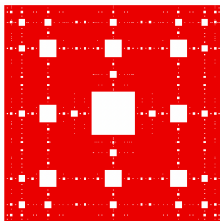
The graphs of $\lambda \mapsto \pi_\lambda(\omega)$ and $\lambda \mapsto \pi_\lambda(\tau)$

Self-similar sets with overlaps

Jordan 2005 investigated “Fat” Sierpiński gaskets, Jordan and Pollicott 2006 investigated “Fat” Sierpiński carpets.



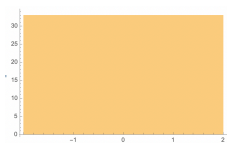
One of the “fat” SGs



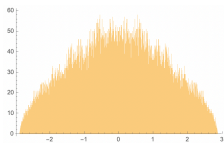
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Absolute continuity of Bernoulli convolutions

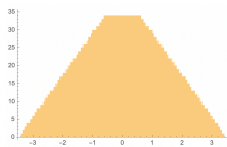
- Solomyak 1995 proved the Bernoulli convolution ν_λ is absolutely continuous for a.e. $\lambda \in [1/2, 1)$ by using the transversality of a power series (Erdős problem). Here, ν_λ is the distribution of $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \pm \lambda^n$ where the signs are chosen independently with probability 1/2.



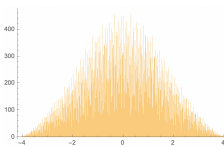
$\nu_{0.5}$



$\nu_{0.651822}$



$\nu_{0.707107}$



$\nu_{0.754877}$

Transversal family

- ▶ Transversal family of IFS
Simon, Solomyak and Urbański 2001
- ▶ Transversal family of hyperbolic skew-products
Mihailescu and Urbański 2008
- ▶ Transversal family of expanding rational semigroups
Sumi and Urbański 2013
- ▶ Transversal family of IFS with inverse
Takahashi 2022
- ▶ Transversal family of NIFS this talk

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► **Non-autonomous iterated function system**

$(\{\phi_1^{(j)}, \dots, \phi_{k_j}^{(j)}\})_{j=1}^{\infty}$: a **sequence of** collections of uniformly contracting maps on a non-empty compact subset $X \subset \mathbb{R}^m$.



$$X_1 := \bigcup_{i=1}^{k_1} \phi_i^{(1)}(X),$$

$$X_2 := \bigcup_{i=1}^{k_2} \phi_i^{(2)}(X_1)$$

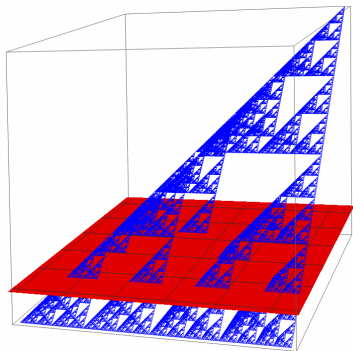
, \dots ,

$$X_n := \bigcup_{i=1}^{k_n} \phi_i^{(n)}(X_{n-1}).$$

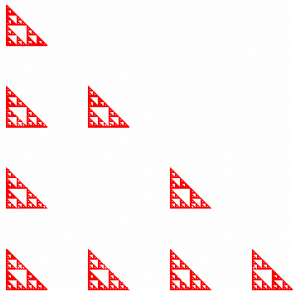
The **limit set** of a NIFS $(\{\phi_1^{(j)}, \dots, \phi_{k_j}^{(j)}\})_{j=1}^{\infty}$ is defined by

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n.$$

Slicing 3D Sierpiński gasket



3D Sierpiński gasket and a surface



Limit set of a NIFS as a slice

- ▶ Yuto Nakajima, Dimensions of slices through the Sierpiński gasket, *Journal of Difference Equations and Applications*, Vol.28, No.3, pp. 429-456, 2022.

Bowen's formula

Rempe-Gillen and Urbański 2016

$\Phi = (\{\phi_i^{(j)}\}_{i \in I^{(j)}})_{j=1}^{\infty}$: conformal NIFS on a compact subset $X \subset \mathbb{R}^m$. Suppose that Φ satisfies some mild conditions containing the separation condition: for any $j \in \mathbb{N}$ and any $a \neq b \in I^{(j)}$,

$$\phi_a^{(j)}(X) \cap \phi_b^{(j)}(X) = \emptyset.$$

Then $\dim_H(J) = s_B$, where J denotes the limit set of Φ . The value s_B is called the Bowen dimension.

$$\underline{P}(s) := \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \sum_{\omega \in I^n} \left(\sup_{x \in X} |D\phi_{\omega}(x)| \right)^s$$

$$\underline{s}_B := \sup\{s \geq 0 : \underline{P}(s) > 0\}.$$

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Definition

Let $X \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ be a non-empty compact convex set. For each $j \in \mathbb{N}$, let $I^{(j)}$ be a finite set. For any $j \in \mathbb{N}$, let $\Phi^{(j)}$ be a collection $\{\phi_i^{(j)} : X \rightarrow X\}_{i \in I^{(j)}}$ of maps $\phi_i^{(j)}$ on X . Let $\Phi = (\Phi^{(j)})_{j=1}^{\infty}$. Suppose that the following holds:

- (i) There exists an **open connected set** $V \supset X$ (independent of i, j) such that for any i, j , $\phi_i^{(j)}$ extends to a C^1 conformal map on V such that $\phi_i^{(j)}(V) \subset V$;
- (ii) There is a **constant** $0 < \gamma < 1$ such that for any $j \in \mathbb{N}$, any $i \in I^{(j)}$,

$$|D\phi_i(x)| \leq \gamma$$

for any $x \in X$.

Then we denote a NIFS $\Phi = (\Phi^{(j)})_{j=1}^{\infty}$ satisfying conditions above by $\Phi \in \Gamma(X, V)$.

Let $\Phi, \Psi \in \Gamma(X, V)$ be such that

$$\Phi = (\{\phi_i^{(j)} : X \rightarrow X\}_{i \in I^{(j)}})_{j=1}^{\infty}, \Psi = (\{\psi_i^{(j)} : X \rightarrow X\}_{i \in I^{(j)}})_{j=1}^{\infty}.$$

Set

$$\|\Phi - \Psi\|_{\infty} = \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \max_{i \in I^{(j)}} \|\phi_i^{(j)} - \psi_i^{(j)}\|_{\infty},$$

$$\|D\Phi - D\Psi\|_{\infty} = \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \max_{i \in I^{(j)}} \|D\phi_i^{(j)} - D\psi_i^{(j)}\|_{\infty},$$

and

$$d_u(\Phi, \Psi) = \max\{\|\Phi - \Psi\|_{\infty}, \|D\Phi - D\Psi\|_{\infty}\},$$

where $\|\cdot\|_{\infty}$ denotes the supremum norm.

Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ be an open set. Consider a family of NIFSs

$$\Phi_t = (\{\phi_{i,t}^{(j)} : X \rightarrow X\}_{i \in I^{(j)}})_{j=1}^{\infty} \in \Gamma(X, V), t \in U.$$

Assume that the map $U \ni t \mapsto \Phi_t \in \Gamma(X, V)$ is continuous with respect to the distance d_u .

Address map for NIFS

Let

$$\Phi = (\Phi^{(j)})_{j=1}^{\infty}, \{\phi_i^{(j)} : X \rightarrow X\}_{i \in I^{(j)}}.$$

Define the n -th address map

$$\pi_n : \prod_{j=n}^{\infty} I^{(j)} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

for Φ by

$$\pi_n(\omega) = \bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} \phi_{\omega|_j, t}(X)$$

for $\omega \in \prod_{j=n}^{\infty} I^{(j)}$.

Remark

In the case of usual IFSs, the n -th address maps π_n are independent of n .

Let $\pi_{n,t}$ be the n -th address map for Φ_t . Assume the following:

Transversality condition

For any compact subset $G \subset U$ there exists a sequence of positive constants $\{C_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ with

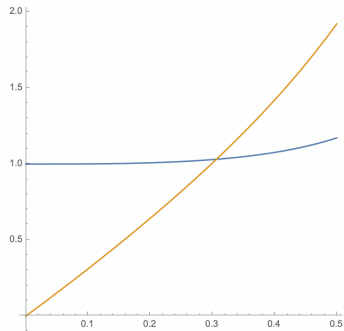
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log C_n}{n} = 0$$

such that for all $\omega, \tau \in I_n^{\infty}$ with $\omega_n \neq \tau_n$ and for all $r > 0$,

$$\mathcal{L}_d(\{t \in G : |\pi_{n,t}(\omega) - \pi_{n,t}(\tau)| \leq r\}) \leq C_n r^m,$$

where we denote by \mathcal{L}_d the d -dimensional Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{R}^d .

If $\{\Phi_t\}_{t \in U}$ satisfies the transversality condition, we say that it is a **Transversal family of Non-autonomous Conformal Iterated Function Systems** (TNCIFS).



The graphs of $t \mapsto \pi_{n,t}(\omega)$ and $t \mapsto \pi_{n,t}(\tau)$

The lower pressure function

Let $\{\Phi_t\}_{t \in U}$ be a TNCIFS, $\Phi_t = \left(\{\phi_{i,t}^{(j)} : X \rightarrow X\}_{i \in I^{(j)}} \right)_{j=1}^{\infty}$.
For each $t \in U$, we define the lower pressure function \underline{P}_t .

The lower pressure function

For any $s \geq 0$ and $n \in \{1, 2, \dots\}$, we define

$$Z_{n,t}(s) := \sum_{\omega \in I^n} (\|D\phi_{\omega,t}\|_X)^s,$$

$$\underline{P}_t(s) := \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log Z_{n,t}(s) \in [-\infty, \infty].$$

The function $\underline{P}_t : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$ is called **the lower pressure function of Φ_t** .

Bowen dimension

Let $t \in U$.

- ▶ **Monotonicity:** If $s_1 < s_2$, then either both $\underline{P}_t(s_1)$ and $\underline{P}_t(s_2)$ are equal to ∞ , both are equal to $-\infty$, or $\underline{P}_t(s_1) > \underline{P}_t(s_2)$.

$$s(t) := \sup\{s \geq 0 : \underline{P}_t(s) > 0\} = \inf\{s \geq 0 : \underline{P}_t(s) < 0\}.$$

The value $s(t)$ is called the **Bowen dimension** of Φ_t .

For any $t \in U$, let J_t be the limit set of Φ_t .

Remark For any $t \in U$, $\dim_H(J_t) \leq \min\{m, s(t)\}$.

Main Theorem

Main Theorem A

Let $\{\Phi_t\}_{t \in U}$ be a TNCIFS on \mathbb{R}^m . Then

$$\dim_H(J_t) = \min\{m, s(t)\} \text{ for } \mathcal{L}^d - \text{a.e. } t \in U;$$

Planar sets with digits tending to the origin

Let $U = B(0, 1/\sqrt{2}) \setminus \mathbb{R}$ and $t \in U$. For each $j \in \{1, 2, \dots\}$, we define $\Phi_t^{(j)} = \{\phi_{1,t}^{(j)}, \phi_{2,t}^{(j)}\} := \{z \mapsto tz, z \mapsto tz + 1/j\}$.
 $\Phi_t := (\Phi_t^{(j)})_{j=1}^\infty$

Main Theorem B

The family $\{\Phi_t\}_{t \in U}$ of parameterized systems is a **TNCIFS** but Φ_t does **not satisfy the separation condition** for any $t \in U$.

Separation condition: Let $X \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ be a compact subset such that $\phi_{i,t}^{(j)}(X) \subset X$ for any $i \in \{1, 2\}$ and any $j \in \mathbb{N}$. Then we say that Φ_t satisfies the separation condition if for all $j \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\phi_{1,t}^{(j)}(X) \cap \phi_{2,t}^{(j)}(X) = \emptyset.$$

Hausdorff dimension of the limit set of Φ_t

Let J_t be the limit set of Φ_t . For any $s \in [0, \infty)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{P}_t(s) &= \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \sum_{\omega \in I^n} (\|D\phi_{\omega,t}\|_X)^s \\ &= \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log(2^n |t|^{ns}) = \log 2 + s \log |t|. \end{aligned}$$

Hence for each $t \in U$, $\underline{P}_t(s)$ has the zero

$$s(t) = \frac{\log 2}{-\log |t|} (< 2).$$

- Since $\{\Phi_t\}_{t \in U}$ is a TNCIFS, we have

$$\dim_H(J_t) = s(t)$$

for a.e. $t \in U$ by Main Theorem A.

Outline of the proof of Main Theorem B

- ▶ We prove a slight variation of a technical lemma for the transversality condition given by Solomyak, 1998.
- ▶ Let $G \subset U$ be a compact subset.

$$\mathcal{L}_2(\{t \in G : |\pi_{n,t}(\omega) - \pi_{n,t}(\tau)| \leq r\}) \leq (Kn^2)r^2,$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \log(Kn^2) = \frac{1}{n} \log K + \frac{2}{n} \log n \rightarrow 0$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

- ▶ A power series of the form $1 + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_j z^j$, with $a_j \in [-1, 1]$, **cannot have a non-real double zero** of modulus less than $2 \times 5^{-5/8} \approx 0.73143 (> 1/\sqrt{2})$ (Beaucoup, Borwein, Boyd and Pinner, 1998, Solomyak and Xu, 2003).

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