

An additive energy bound for Ahlfors-regular sets

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The sum-product theorem states that given a finite set X of real numbers, either the sum set $X+X$ or the product set $X.X$ must have large cardinality. There is a "discretized" version of this result, which says that if X is a union of intervals of length δ , then under some mild hypotheses on X , the δ -entropy of either $X+X$ or $X.X$ must be large. If the set X is Ahlfors-regular, then it turns out that $X+X$ must always be large. I will discuss this result and some applications that originally motivated the question.