

On the dimension of diagonally affine self-affine sets and overlaps.

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Abstract

In this talk we consider **diagonally affine**, planar IFS

$$\Phi = \{S_i(x, y) = (\alpha_i x + t_{i,1}, \beta_i y + t_{i,2})\}_{i=1}^m.$$

Combining the techniques of **Hochman** and **Feng-Hu** we compute the Hausdorff dimension of the self-affine attractor and measures and we give an upper bound for the dimension of the exceptional set of parameters.

Definitions

$$(1) \quad \Phi = \{S_i(x, y) = (\alpha_i x + t_{i,1}, \beta_i y + t_{i,2})\}_{i=1}^m,$$

where $0 < |\alpha_i|, |\beta_i| < 1$, and we assume that

$$S_i([0, 1]^2) \subset [0, 1]^2.$$

We call a Borel probability measure μ self-affine if it is compactly supported with support Λ and there exists a $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_m)$ probability vector such that

$$(2) \quad \mu = \sum_{i=1}^m p_i \mu \circ S_i^{-1}.$$

Lyapunov exponent

The entropy and the Lyapunov exponents of μ :

$$h_\mu := - \sum_{i=1}^m p_i \log p_i,$$

and

$$(3) \quad \chi_\alpha := - \sum_{i=1}^m p_i \log |\alpha_i|, \quad \chi_\beta := - \sum_{i=1}^m p_i \log |\beta_i|.$$

Lyapunov exponents: $0 < \chi_1 \leq \chi_2 \leq \chi_3 \leq \chi_4$

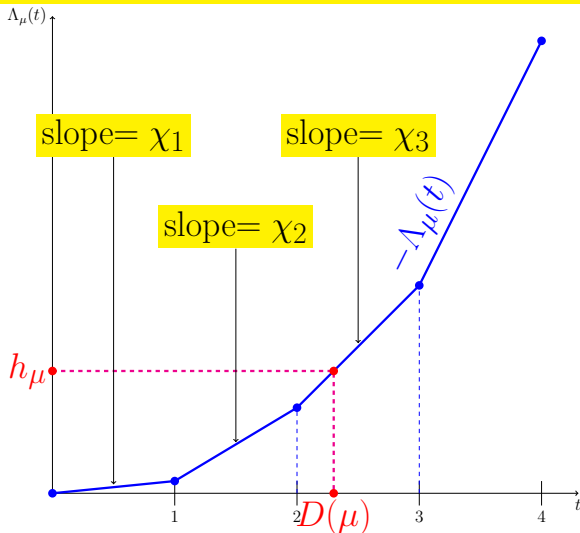


Figure: Definition of the Lyapunov dimension $D(\mu)$

Lyapunov dimension by formula

If

(4)

$$k := \max \{i : 0 < h_\nu - \chi_1(\nu) - \cdots - \chi_i(\nu)\} \leq d - 1,$$

then we define the Lyapunov dimension of ν :

$$D(\nu) := k + \frac{h_\nu - \chi_1(\nu) - \cdots - \chi_k(\nu)}{\chi_{k+1}(\nu)};$$

If $h_\nu - \chi_1(\nu) + \cdots - \chi_d(\nu) > 0$ then we define

$$D(\nu) := d \cdot \frac{h_\nu}{\chi_1(\nu) + \cdots + \chi_d(\nu)},$$

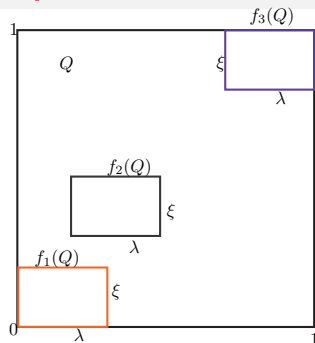
where h_ν is the entropy of the measure ν .

Lyapunov dimension on the plane

$$D(\nu) := \begin{cases} \frac{h_\nu}{\chi_1(\nu)}, & \text{if } h_\nu \leq \chi_1(\nu); \\ 1 + \frac{h_\nu - \chi_1(\nu)}{\chi_2(\nu)}, & \text{if } \chi_1(\nu) < h_\nu \leq \chi_1 + \chi_2(\nu); \\ 2 \cdot \frac{h_\nu}{\chi_1(\nu) + \chi_2(\nu)}, & \text{if } h_\nu > \chi_1(\nu) + \chi_2(\nu). \end{cases}$$

What does this mean exactly? See it in a special case:

Lyapunov dimension in a very special case



Let ν be the self-affine measure which corresponds to $p_1 = p_2 = p_3 = \frac{1}{3}$.

$$\chi_1 = -\log \lambda < -\log \xi = \chi_2$$

Clearly, $h_\nu = \log 3$

$$D(\nu) = \begin{cases} \frac{\log 3}{-\log \lambda}, & \text{if } \lambda < \frac{1}{3}; \\ \frac{\log 3 - \log \lambda}{-\log \xi}, & \text{if } \lambda > \frac{1}{3}; \end{cases}$$

An old result

First we consider an old result due to Balázs Bárány.

Notation

- $s_\alpha = \dim_B \text{proj}_x \Lambda$, $s_\beta := \dim_B \text{proj}_y \Lambda$.
- d_α and d_β are the solutions of the equations:

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i^{s_\alpha} \beta_i^{d_\alpha - s_\alpha} = 1 \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i^{s_\beta} \alpha_i^{d_\beta - s_\beta} = 1$$

Bárány's Theorem

Theorem 1.1 (Bárány (2011))

W.L.G. we may assume that $S_i([0, 1]^2) \subset [0, 1]^2$. Assume that $\{S_i\}_{i=1}^m$ satisfies Strong Separation Condition:

$$(5) \quad S_i([0, 1]^2) \cap S_j([0, 1]^2) = \emptyset.$$

Then

$$(6) \quad \dim_{\mathbb{B}} \Lambda = \max \{d_{\alpha}, d_{\beta}\}.$$

Hochman-condition

We say that an IFS

$$\mathcal{G} = \{f_i(x)\}_{i \in \mathcal{S}}$$

of similarities on the real line satisfies the

Hochman-condition if there exists an $\varepsilon > 0$ such that for every $n > 0$

$$\min \{ \Delta(\bar{i}, \bar{j}) : \bar{i}, \bar{j} \in \mathcal{S}^n, \bar{i} \neq \bar{j} \} > \varepsilon^n,$$

where

$$\Delta(\bar{i}, \bar{j}) = \begin{cases} \infty & f'_{\bar{i}}(0) \neq f'_{\bar{j}}(0) \\ |f_{\bar{i}}(0) - f_{\bar{j}}(0)| & f'_{\bar{i}}(0) = f'_{\bar{j}}(0). \end{cases}$$

Examples when Hochman Condition holds

If the parameters of the IFS

$$\mathcal{G} = \{f_i(x) = r_i x + t_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{S}}$$

of similarities are algebraic, i.e.

both t_i and r_i are algebraic numbers ,

then either

- the Hochman-condition holds or
- there is a complete overlap, that is, there exist $n \geq 1$, and $\bar{i} \neq \bar{j} \in \mathcal{S}^n$ such that

$$f_{\bar{i}}(0) = f_{\bar{j}}(0)$$

Hochman Theorem

Suppose that an IFS $\Psi = \{r_i x + t_i\}_{i=1}^m$, $|r_i| < 1$ of contracting similarities on the real line satisfies the Hochman-condition. Let $\mathbb{P} := \{p_1, \dots, p_m\}^{\mathbb{N}}$. Then for the measure

$$\mu = \mathbb{P} \circ \Pi^{-1},$$

$$\dim_H \mu = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{h_\mu}{\chi} \right\},$$

where h_μ is the entropy and χ is the Lyapunov exponent:

$$h_\mu = - \sum_{i=1}^M p_i \log p_i \text{ and } \chi = - \sum p_i \log r_i$$

Hausdorff dimension of a measure

Here we recall the Hausdorff dimension of a probability measure μ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\dim_H \mu &= \inf \{ \dim_H A : \mu(A) = 1 \} \\ &= \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{\mu \sim x} \liminf_{r \rightarrow 0+} \frac{\log \mu(B_r(x))}{\log r},\end{aligned}$$

Families of self-similar IFS

Let $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ be a compact parameter interval and $m \geq 2$. For every parameter $t \in I$ given a *self – similar* IFS on the line:

$$\Phi_t := \{\varphi_{i,t}(x) = r_i(t) \cdot (x - a_i(t))\}_{i=1}^m,$$

where

$$r_i : I \rightarrow (-1, 1) \setminus \{0\} \text{ and } a_i : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

are real analytic functions. Let Π_t be the natural projection from $\Sigma := \{1, \dots, m\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ to the attractor Λ_t of Φ_t .

Families of self-similar IFS (cont.)

For every probability vector $\mathbf{p} := (p_1, \dots, p_m)$ the associated self-similar measure is

$$\nu_{\mathbf{p},t} := (\Pi_t)_*(\mathbf{p}^{\mathbb{N}}).$$

Its similarity dimension is defined by

$$\dim_S(\nu_{\mathbf{p},t}) := \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m p_i \log p_i}{\sum_{i=1}^m p_i \log r_i(t)}$$

The similarity dimension of Λ_t is the solution $s(t)$ of

$$r_1^{s(t)}(t) + \dots + r_m^{s(t)}(t) = 1.$$

Families of self-similar IFS (cont.)

We say that a parameter $t \in I$ is exceptional if either

$$\dim_{\mathrm{H}} \Lambda_t < \min \{1, s(t)\}$$

or there exists a probability vector $\mathbf{p} := (p_1, \dots, p_m)$ such that

$$\dim_{\mathrm{H}}(\nu_{\mathbf{p},t}) < \min \{1, \dim_{\mathrm{S}}(\nu_{\mathbf{p},t})\}.$$

Families of self-similar IFS (cont.)

Theorem 1.2 (Hochman)

Assume that for $\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j} \in \Sigma = \{1, \dots, m\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ we have

if $\Pi_t(\mathbf{i}) = \Pi_t(\mathbf{j})$ holds for **all** $t \in I$ then $\mathbf{i} = \mathbf{j}$.

Then both the Hausdorff and the packing **dimension** of the set of exceptional parameters are equal to 0.

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Theorem A

Theorem A Let Φ be an IFS of the form (1) and let μ be a self-affine measure of the form (2). Without loss of generality we may assume that

$$\chi_\alpha \leq \chi_\beta$$

(i.e. the direction of y -axis is strong stable direction).

Theorem A (cont.)

- 1 Suppose Φ_α satisfies the Hochman-condition and $\frac{h_\mu}{\chi_\alpha} \leq 1$. Then

$$\dim_H \mu = \frac{h_\mu}{\chi_\alpha}.$$

- 2 Suppose Φ_α and Φ_β satisfy the Hochman-condition and $\frac{h_\mu}{\chi_\beta} \leq 1 < \frac{h_\mu}{\chi_\alpha}$. Then

$$\dim_H \mu = 1 + \frac{h_\mu - \chi_\alpha}{\chi_\beta}.$$

Road towards Theorem B

As a consequence of Theorem A we can calculate the dimension of the attractor.

Denote by s_α and s_β the **similarity dimensions** of the IFSs Φ_α and Φ_β respectively, i.e. s_α and s_β are the unique solutions of the equations

$$(7) \quad \sum_{i=1}^m |\alpha_i|^{s_\alpha} = 1, \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^m |\beta_i|^{s_\beta} = 1.$$

Theorem B

Theorem B Let Φ be an IFS of the form (1) and let Λ be the attractor of Φ . Without loss of generality we may assume that $s_\beta \leq s_\alpha$.

Theorem B (cont.)

- 1 Suppose Φ_α satisfies the Hochman-condition and $s_\alpha \leq 1$. Then

$$\dim_H \Lambda = \dim_B \Lambda = s_\alpha.$$

- 2 Suppose Φ_α and Φ_β satisfy the Hochman-condition and $s_\beta \leq 1 < s_\alpha$. Then

$$\dim_H \Lambda = \dim_B \Lambda = d,$$

where d is the unique solution of

$$\sum_{i=1}^m |\alpha_i| |\beta_i|^{d-1} = 1.$$

Proposition C

Proposition C

Let Φ be an IFS of the form (1). Let us assume that

$$\max_{i \neq j} \{|\alpha_i| + |\alpha_j|\} < 1$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^m |\beta_i| \leq 1.$$

Then there exists a set $\mathcal{T} \subset \mathbb{R}^{2m}$ such that

$\dim_P \mathcal{T} \leq 2m - 2$ and for every

$(t_{1,1}, \dots, t_{m,1}, t_{1,2}, \dots, t_{m,2}) \in \mathbb{R}^{2m} \setminus \mathcal{T}$ the statements of Theorem A and Theorem B hold.

We obtained these estimates by using the method of Fraser and Shmerkin.

Peres and Shmerkin showed that for every self-similar set in \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{R}^2 for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a self-similar set contained in the original one with dimension ε -close to the dimension of the original set such that the IFS satisfies strong separation condition (SSC) and the functions share a common contraction ratio. That is, the IFS is homogeneous.

We show that under the above conditions there exists a homogeneous self-affine set satisfying the strong separation condition which approximates the dimension of the original set from below.

Theorem D

For an IFS $\mathcal{G} = \{\psi_i\}_{i=1}^M$ we define the k th iterate by

$$\mathcal{G}^k = \{\psi_{i_1} \circ \cdots \circ \psi_{i_k}\}_{i_1, \dots, i_k=1}^M.$$

Theorem D Let Φ be an IFS of the form (1) and let Λ be the attractor of Φ . Without loss of generality we may assume that $s_\beta \leq s_\alpha$. Suppose that either

- ① Φ_α satisfies the Hochman-condition and $s_\alpha \leq 1$,

or

- ② Φ_α, Φ_β satisfy the Hochman-condition and $s_\beta \leq 1 < s_\alpha$.

Theorem D (cont.)

Then for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a homogeneous affine IFS Ψ of the form

$$(8) \quad \Psi = \{T_j(x, y) = (\alpha x + u_{j,1}, \beta y + u_{j,2})\}_{j=1}^k$$

with attractor $\Gamma \subseteq \Lambda$ such that Ψ is a subsystem of some iterate of Φ and satisfies the SSC, i.e.

$$T_i(\Gamma) \cap T_j(\Gamma) = \emptyset \text{ and}$$

$$\dim_H \Lambda - \varepsilon = \dim_P \Lambda - \varepsilon = \dim_B \Lambda - \varepsilon$$

$$\leq \dim_H \Gamma = \dim_P \Gamma = \dim_B \Gamma.$$

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Notation

First we recall here some results and notations of Feng and Hu. Let

$$\Psi = \{\psi_i\}_{i=1}^M$$

be a strictly contracting IFS mapping $[0, 1]^d$ into itself. Let

$$\Sigma = \{1, \dots, M\}^{\mathbb{N}}$$

be the corresponding symbolic space, σ the usual left-shift operator on Σ and let m be a σ -invariant ergodic measure on Σ .

Notation (cont.)

Let Π be the natural projection, i.e.

$$\Pi(i_0, i_1, \dots) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi_{i_0} \circ \dots \circ \psi_{i_n}(\underline{0}).$$

Let

$$\mathcal{P} = \{[1], \dots, [M]\}$$

be the partition of Σ , where

$$[i] = \{\mathbf{i} \in \Sigma : i_0 = i\}$$

and denote by \mathcal{B} the Borel σ -algebra of \mathbb{R}^d .

The projection entropy

We define the *projection entropy* of m under Π with respect to Ψ as

$$h_{\Pi}(m) := H_m(\mathcal{P} \mid \sigma^{-1}\Pi^{-1}\mathcal{B}) - H_m(\mathcal{P} \mid \Pi^{-1}\mathcal{B}),$$

where $H_m(\xi \mid \eta)$ denotes the usual conditional entropy of ξ given η .

Feng-Hu Theorem for self-similar IFS

Let Ψ be an IFS of similarities on the real line. Then

$$\dim_H \mu = \frac{h_{\Pi}(\mathbb{P})}{\chi},$$

where $\mu = \mathbb{P} \circ \Pi^{-1}$ and

$$\chi = - \sum_{i=1}^M p_i \log |\psi'_i(0)|$$

is the Lyapunov exponent.

Notation

Let us assume that the maps of the IFS

$\Psi = \{\psi_i : [0, 1]^d \mapsto [0, 1]^d\}_{i=1}^M$ have the form

$$\psi_i(x_1, \dots, x_d) = (\rho_{1,i}x_1 + t_{1,i}, \dots, \rho_{d,i}x_d + t_{d,i}).$$

For a $\mathbb{P} = \{p_1, \dots, p_M\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ Bernoulli measure, denote the Lyapunov exponents by

$$\chi_j = - \sum_{i=1}^M p_i \log |\rho_{j,i}|.$$

Without loss of generality we may assume that

$$0 < \chi_1 \leq \chi_2 \leq \dots \leq \chi_d.$$

Notation (cont.)

Let Ψ_k be the IFS with functions restricted to the first k coordinates, i.e. $\Psi_k = \{\psi_i^k : [0, 1]^k \mapsto [0, 1]^k\}_{i=1}^M$, where

$$\psi_i^k(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \{(\rho_{1,i}x_1 + t_{1,i}, \dots, \rho_{k,i}x_k + t_{k,i})\}_{i=1}^M.$$

Denote the natural projection w.r.t Ψ_k by Π_k . Moreover, let

$$\mu_k = \mathbb{P} \circ \Pi_k^{-1},$$

where $P = (p_1, \dots, p_k)^{\mathbb{N}}$.

Feng-Hu Theorem

For every $1 \leq k \leq d$,

$$\dim_H \mu_k = \frac{h_{\Pi_1}(\mathbb{P})}{\chi_1} + \sum_{j=2}^k \frac{h_{\Pi_j}(\mathbb{P}) - h_{\Pi_{j-1}}(\mathbb{P})}{\chi_j}.$$

In particular, on the plane assuming SSC

$$(9) \quad \dim_H(\mu) = \frac{h_\mu}{\chi_2(\mu)} + \left(1 - \frac{\chi_1(\mu)}{\chi_2(\mu)}\right) \cdot \dim_H(\mu_x),$$

where $\mu_x = \text{proj}_x \mu$. That is if SSC holds then

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$$D(\mu) = \dim_H(\mu) \iff \dim_H(\mu_x) = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{h_\mu}{\chi_1(\mu)} \right\}.$$

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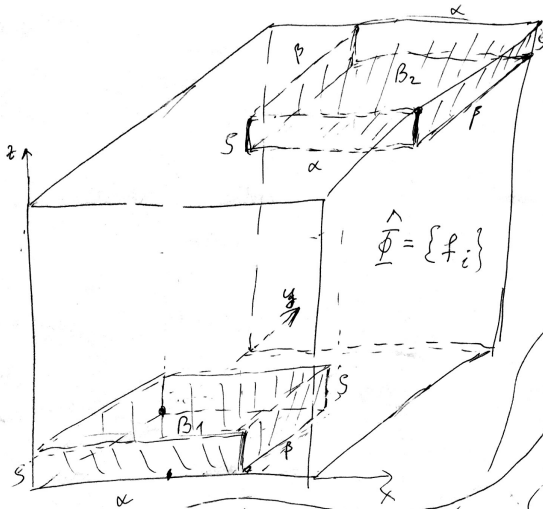
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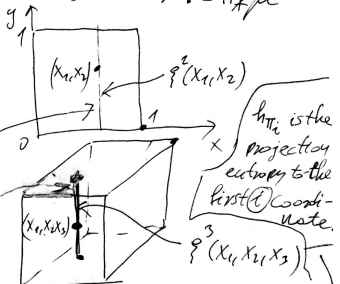
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(1)



$\alpha > \beta > \gamma$
 $\chi_1 = \log \frac{1}{\alpha} < \chi_2 = \log \frac{1}{\beta} < \chi_3 = \log \frac{1}{\gamma}$
 $\mu = \{ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \}$ on Σ_1 $\nu := \pi_x \mu$



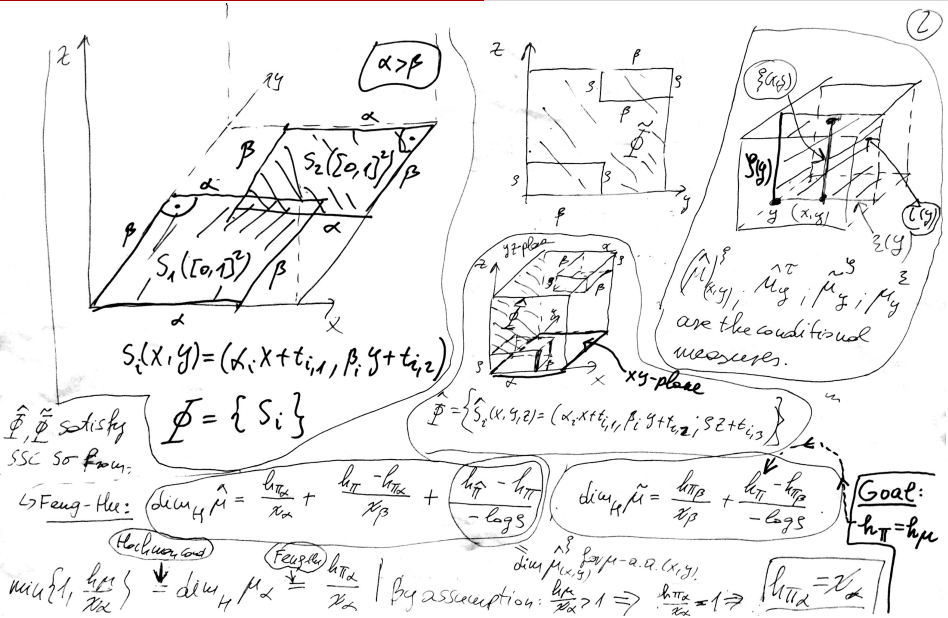
h_{π_i} is the projection entropy to the first i coordinate.

ν_1 is the proj of ν to x
 $\nu_2 \parallel \nu$ $(x, y \text{ plane})$

$i=1,2 \quad f_i([0,1]^3) = B_i$

et $\left(\nu_2 \middle| \begin{smallmatrix} x \\ x \end{smallmatrix} \right)^{\nu_2} =$ conditional measure of ν_2 on $\xi^2(x_1, x_2)$
 $\left(\nu_3 \middle| \begin{smallmatrix} x \\ x \end{smallmatrix} \right)^{\nu_3} :=$ \parallel $\nu_3 = \gamma$ on $\xi^3(x_1, x_2, x_3)$

$\dim_H(\nu_2)_{\mathbb{E}}^{\nu_2} = \frac{h_{\pi_2}(\nu) - h_{\pi_1}(\nu)}{\chi_2}$
 $\dim_H(\nu_3)_{\mathbb{E}}^{\nu_3} = \frac{h_{\pi_3}(\nu) - h_{\pi_2}(\nu)}{\chi_3}$



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