Fractals, Multifractals and Subadditive Thermodynamic Formalism

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Thermodynamic Formalism: Non-additive Aspects and Related Topics

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Get Bowen's formula for a repeller E of an expanding conformal f:

$$\dim_H E = s \quad \text{where} \quad P(-s \log |f'|) = 0.$$

- Bowen (1979) Hausdorff dimension of quasicircles
- Ruelle (1982) Repellers for real analytic maps

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Many notions carry over to the sub-additive setting.

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A subadditive thermodynamic formalism for mixing repellers

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If the S_i are conformal maps E is called a self-conformal set.

If the $S_i = T_i + \omega_i$ are affine contractions on \mathbb{R}^N , where the T_i are non-singular contracting linear mappings on \mathbb{R}^N and $\omega_i \in \mathbb{R}^N$ are translation vectors, E is a self-affine set.

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self-affine

self-similar





self-conformal

nonlinear, nonconformal 😑

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Taking a (large) initial domain B we get an iterated construction of E:

$$E=\bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty}\bigcup_{i_1,\ldots,i_k}S_{i_1}\circ\cdots\circ S_{i_k}(B).$$

We also get a coding of points of E: if $\mathbf{i} = (i_1, i_2, ...) \in \{1, 2, ..., m\}^{\mathbb{N}}$, let $x(\mathbf{i}) \equiv x(i_1, i_2, ...) = \lim_{k \to \infty} S_{i_1} \circ S_{i_2} \circ \cdots \circ S_{i_k}(0)$. Then

$$E = \bigcup_{i_1, i_2, \dots} x(i_1, i_2, \dots).$$

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Dimensions of self-affine sets - Upper bounds

To find the Hausdorff dimension of *E* we need to consider sums $\sum |U_i|^s$ where $\{U_i\}$ is a cover of *E*.

Suppose some covering set U_i is 'long and thin', e.g. an ellipse with semi-axes $\alpha_1 \geq \alpha_2$.

The contribution to $\sum |U_i|^s$ from U_i is $\approx \alpha_1^s$.

OR we can cut U_i into α_1/α_2 pieces $\{V_j\}_{j=1}^{\alpha_1/\alpha_2}$ that are roughly square with side α_2 , to replace $|U_i|^s$ by

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\alpha_1/\alpha_2} |V_j|^s \approx \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_2} \alpha_2^s = \alpha_1 \alpha_2^{s-1} \quad \text{ which is } \ll \alpha_1^s \text{ if } s > 1.$$



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$$\phi^{\mathfrak{s}}(T_1T_2) \leq \phi^{\mathfrak{s}}(T_1)\phi^{\mathfrak{s}}(T_2).$$

2. If T is contracting, $\phi^s(T)$ is decreasing in s.



Let $S_i(x) = T_i(x) + \omega_i$ be an affine IFS with attractor E. For each k:

$$E \subseteq \bigcup_{i_1...i_k} S_{i_1} \circ \cdots \circ S_{i_k}(B).$$

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Thus, for k large enough,

$$\mathcal{H}^{s}_{\delta}(E) \leq \begin{cases} \sum_{i_{1}\dots i_{k}} \alpha_{1}(T_{i_{1}} \circ \dots \circ T_{i_{k}})^{s} & (0 \leq s \leq 1) \\ \sum_{i_{1}\dots i_{k}} \alpha_{1}(T_{i_{1}} \circ \dots \circ T_{i_{k}})\alpha_{2}(T_{i_{1}} \circ \dots \circ T_{i_{k}})^{s-1} & (1 \leq s \leq 2) \end{cases} \\ = \sum_{i_{1}\dots i_{k}} \phi^{s}(T_{i_{1}} \circ \dots \circ T_{i_{k}}). \end{cases}$$

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Thus if $\Phi^s < 1$ then $\mathcal{H}^s(E) = \lim_{\delta \to 0} \mathcal{H}^s_{\delta}(E) \le \lim_{k \to \infty} (\Phi^s_k) = 0$, so

$$\dim_H E \leq \left(\overline{\dim}_B E\right) \leq s$$
 where s satisfies $\Phi^s = 1$.

The value of s satisfying $\Phi^s(T_1, \dots, T_m) \equiv \Phi^s = 1$ is the affinity dimension dim_{aff} E of the self-affine set E. Thus dim_{aff} E is always an upper bound for dim_H E and and also for dim_B E.

Q: When does $\dim_H E = \dim_B = E \dim_{\operatorname{aff}} E$?

Self-affine sets - Generic results

Let $S_i(x) = T_i(x) + \omega_i$ be affine maps on \mathbb{R}^N where the T_i are linear and ω_i are translations. Let E_{ω} be the self-affine attractor where $\omega \equiv (\omega_1, \ldots, \omega_m)$. Recall dim_{aff} E = s where $\Phi^s = \Phi^s(T_1, \ldots, T_m) = 1$.

Theorem (F 1988, Solomyak 1998) If $||T_i|| < \frac{1}{2}$ for all *i* then

$$\dim_H E_\omega = \dim_B E_\omega = \min\{\dim_{\mathrm{aff}} E, N\}$$
 (1)

for almost all $(\omega_1, \ldots, \omega_m) \in \mathbb{R}^{Nm}$ w.r.t. *Nm*-dimensional Lebesgue measure.



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One seeks conditions that guarantee that the dimension of E equals the affinity dimension. Here is an early result.

Theorem (F 1992)

Let $S_i(x) = T_i(x) + \omega_i$ be an IFS of affine contractions on \mathbb{R}^2 with attractor *E*. Suppose that

(a) the open set condition holds,

(b) there is a c > 0 such that the Lebesgue measure of the projection of E onto every line is $\geq c$.

Then

$$\dim_B E = \dim_{\mathrm{aff}} E.$$

Similar conclusions hold for affine IFSs on \mathbb{R}^N .

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Examples: Generalised Sierpínski triangles where $\dim_B E = \dim_{\text{aff}} E$:



Self-affine sets where the dimension is not given by $\dim_{\mathrm{aff}} E$



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Q: Obtain analogues for self-affine $E \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ for $N \ge 4$.

Q: Show these are valid with a weaker separation condition.

Q: Show that the box dimension $\dim_B E$ exists for all self-affine $E_{:=}$,

Moment sums and L^q -dimensions

Let \mathcal{M}_r be the mesh of side r. Define the q-th power moment sum of a measure μ on \mathbb{R}^n by

$$M_r(q) = \sum_{C \in \mathcal{M}_r} \mu(C)^q. \quad (1)$$



Then the L^q-dimension or generalised q dimension of μ is given by

$$D_q(\mu)=rac{1}{q-1}\lim_{r
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eq 1).$$

(or lim inf, lim sup). Equivalently we may replace (1) by a moment integral

$$M_r(q) = \int \mu(B(x,r))^{q-1} d\mu(x) \qquad (q > 0, q \neq 1).$$

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 $\mu(C_i) = p_{i_1}p_{i_2} \dots p_{i_k}$ where $\mathbf{i} = (i_1, \dots, i_k)$ and C_i is the corresponding cylinder.



Let μ_{ω} be the image measure of μ under X_{ω} , which is supported by E_{ω} . Thus $\mu_{\omega}((T_{i_1} + \omega_{i_1}) \cdots (T_{i_k} + \omega_{i_k})(B)) = p_{i_1}p_{i_2} \dots p_{i_k}$.

We would like to find $D_q(\mu_\omega)$.

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Q: What almost sure conclusions (if any) are there if q > 2?

Q: Find specific classes of sets with equality in (1). For $1 < q \le 2$ one might hope this is the 'usually' the case for Benoulli measures on self-affine sets with equal Hausdorff and affinity dimension.

Q: What happens for 0 < q < 1? The upper bound in (1) does not in general give the generic value (example by Barral & Feng 2013).

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Almost self-affine sets

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Introduce a random perturbation at each stage of the construction:

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where $\omega_{i_1,i_2,...,i_k}$ are i.i.d random 'perturbations'.

We call $E_{\omega} = \bigcup_{\mathbf{i}} x_{\omega}(\mathbf{i})$ almost self-affine (Jordan, Pollicott & Simon 2007).



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$$\Phi_q^s = \lim_{k \to \infty} \left(\sum_{i_1 \dots i_k} \phi^s (T_{i_1} \circ T_{i_2} \circ \dots \circ T_{i_k})^{1-q} \mu (C_{i_1,i_2,\dots,i_k})^q \right)^{1/k},$$

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Nonlinear analogue

The attractor of an IFS $\{S_1, \ldots, S_m\}$ may be thought of as a repeller of an expanding dynamical system f on defined by $f|_{S_i(D)} = S_i^{-1}$ for a suitable domain D. If the $S_i = T_i + \omega_i$ are affine, the pressure expression

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can be written

$$\Phi^{s} = \lim_{k \to \infty} \left(\sum_{x \in \text{fix} f^{k}} \phi^{s} (D_{x} f^{k})^{-1} \right)^{1/k} \quad (1)$$

where the sum is over the fixed points of f^k (there will be one such fixed point in each set $S_{i_1} \circ \cdots \circ S_{i_k}(D)$). As above the dimension of such a repeller is given by $\Phi^s = 1$ in various cases.

What if $f: D \to D$ is a C^1 expanding hyperbolic map? (1) might lead to a dimension formula for the repeller of f. If f is conformal, then this is Bowen's formula.

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Q: Does $\dim_H E = \dim_B E = s$ where s is given by (1) hold in a 'generic' sense?

Let $\{S_i\}_{i=1}^m$ be an iterated function system on $[0,1]^2$ of the form

$$S_i(x,y) = (f_i(x),g_i(x,y)), \qquad f_i,g_i \in C^{1+\epsilon},$$

so the S_i preserve vertical lines. The derivatives of the S_i have lower-triangular form:

$$D_{\mathbf{a}}S_i = egin{pmatrix} f_{i,x}(\mathbf{a}) & 0 \ g_{i,x}(\mathbf{a}) & g_{i,y}(\mathbf{a}) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\mathbf{a}\in[0,1]^2).$$

We assume:

- Rectangular open set condition: {int $S_i([0,1]^2)$ }^m_{i=1} are disjoint;
- Domination condition:

There is more contraction in *y*-direction then the *x*-direction.

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$$\begin{split} S_1(x,y) &= \left(\frac{3x}{5} + \frac{3x^2}{40}, \frac{x^2}{12} + \frac{y}{6}\right),\\ S_2(x,y) &= \left(\frac{4x}{5} - \frac{4x^3}{30} + \frac{1}{3}, \frac{x^2}{10} + \frac{y}{4} + \frac{17}{50}\right),\\ S_3(x,y) &= \left(\frac{3x}{5}, \frac{x^2}{10} + \frac{y}{5} + \frac{y^3}{9} + \frac{26}{45}\right). \end{split}$$

 $K = [0,1] \times [0,1]$

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Triangular iterated form

Recall our IFS $\{S_i\}_{i=1}^m$ on $[0,1]^2$:

$$S_i(x,y) = (f_i(x), g_i(x,y)) \text{ and } D_\mathbf{a}S_i = \begin{pmatrix} f_{i,x}(\mathbf{a}) & 0\\ g_{i,x}(\mathbf{a}) & g_{i,y}(\mathbf{a}) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Iterate the IFS mappings and write $S_i = S_{i_i} \circ \cdots \circ S_{i_k}$ where $i = i_i, \ldots, i_k \in \mathcal{I}^k := \{1, 2, \ldots, m\}^k$. Write

$$D_{\mathbf{a}}S_{\mathbf{i}} \equiv D_{\mathbf{a}}(S_{i_{i}}\circ\cdots\circ S_{i_{k}}) = \begin{pmatrix} f_{\mathbf{i},x}(\mathbf{a}) & 0 \\ g_{\mathbf{i},x}(\mathbf{a}) & g_{\mathbf{i},y}(\mathbf{a}) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\mathbf{a}\in[0,1]^{2}).$$

for the derivatives of the iterates. Estimates using the domination condition give, uniformly in $\mathbf{i} \in \mathcal{I}^* \equiv \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{I}^k$ and $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in [0, 1]^2$,

$$\begin{split} \alpha_1(D_{\mathbf{a}}S_{\mathbf{i}}) &\asymp |f_{\mathbf{i},x}(\mathbf{a})| \asymp |f_{\mathbf{i},x}(\mathbf{b})| \\ \alpha_2(D_{\mathbf{a}}S_{\mathbf{i}}) &\asymp |g_{\mathbf{i},y}(\mathbf{a})| \asymp |g_{\mathbf{i},y}(\mathbf{b})| \\ |g_{\mathbf{i},x}(\mathbf{a})| &\leq C |f_{\mathbf{i},x}(\mathbf{b})|. \end{split}$$

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Modified singular value function

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uniformly in $\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j} \in \mathcal{I}^*$ and \mathbf{a} . For each k let

$$\Psi_{\mathbf{a},k}^{s,q} = \sum_{\mathbf{i}\in\mathcal{I}^k} \psi_{\mathbf{a}}^{s,q}(\mathbf{i}),$$

then for $s\in\mathbb{R}$, $q\geq 0$,

$$\Psi^{s,q}_{\mathbf{a},k+\ell} \asymp \Psi^{s,q}_{\mathbf{a},k} \Psi^{s,q}_{\mathbf{a},\ell}$$

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Theorem (Fraser, Lee, F, 2021) For a nonlinear IFS as above (domination condition, ROSC), and a Bernoulli measure μ on the attractor F, for $q \ge 0$,

$$D_q(\mu) = rac{\gamma(q)}{q-1}.$$

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