

# Multifractal Analysis of Random Substitutions

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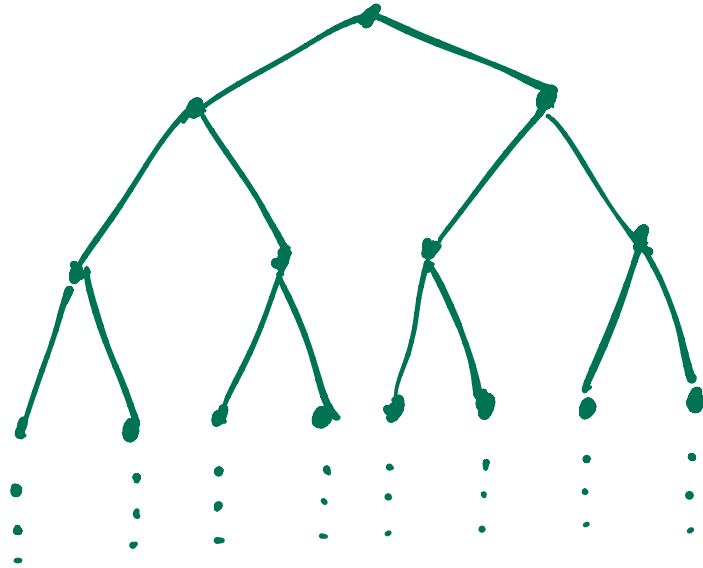
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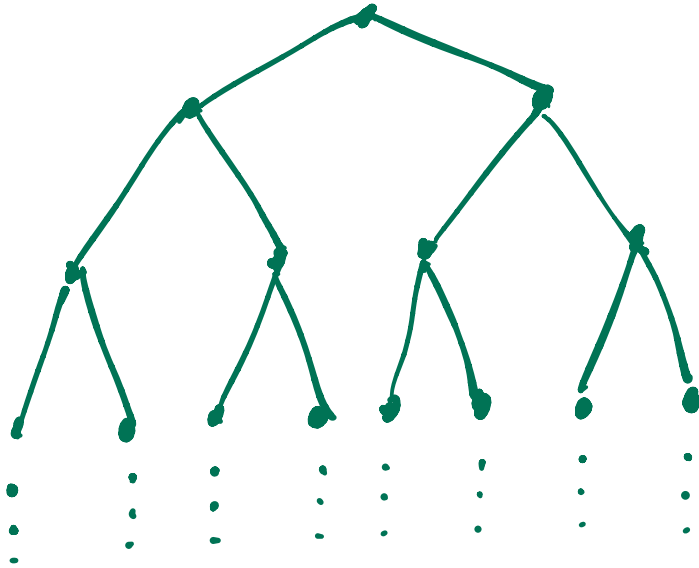
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- $\Sigma = \{1, \dots, m\}^{\mathbb{N}}$
- dyadic cubes in  $\mathbb{R}^d$
- Markov partition of manifold

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Local dimension of  $\nu$  at  $(i_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} = x$

$$\dim_{\text{loc}}(\nu, x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \nu([i_1 \dots i_n])}{-n}$$

(when the limit exists)

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Reasonable guess:  $f(\alpha) = \tau^*(\alpha)$

$\tau = L^q$ -spectrum of  $\nu$ .

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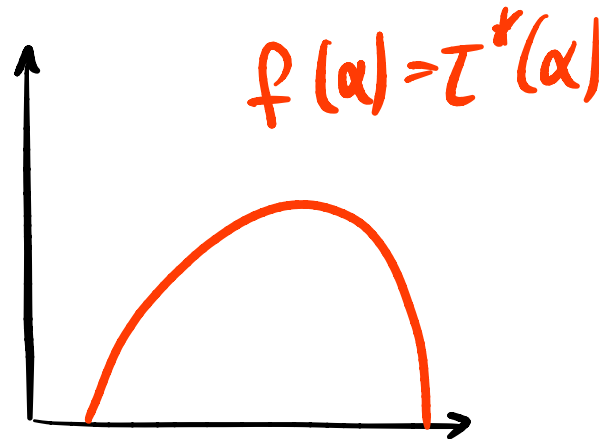
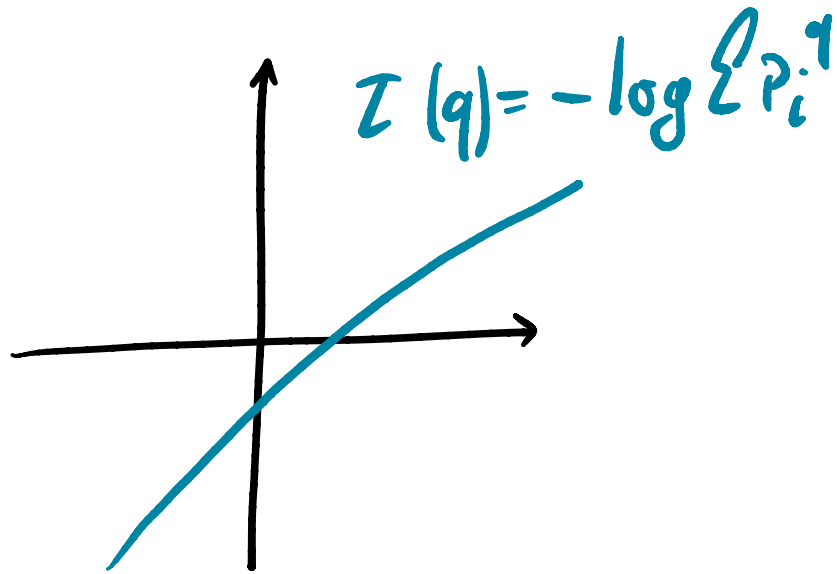
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$$\Upsilon = \{1, \dots, m\}^{\mathbb{N}}$$

$$\mathcal{N} = (p_1, \dots, p_m)^{\otimes \mathbb{N}}$$





# General Questions:

Given a measure  $\nu$ :

- (1) Can we determine the  $L^q$ -spectrum of  $\nu$ ?  
 $\tau(q)$
- (2) Is there a meaningful relationship between  $L^q$ -spectrum and multifractal  $f(\alpha)$ -spectrum?  
 $\tau(q)$   $f(\alpha)$ -spectrum?

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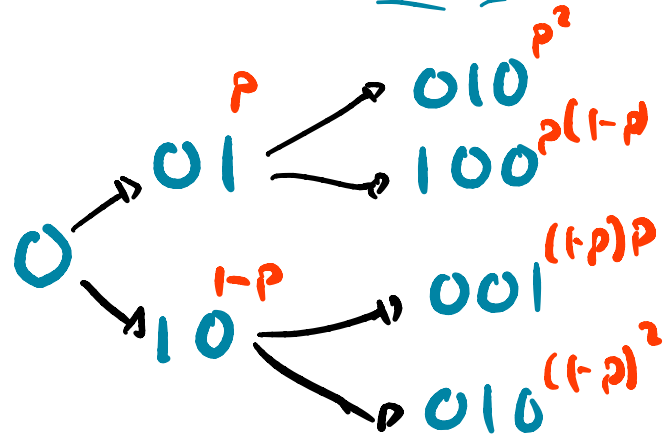
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$$100 \begin{cases} \rightarrow 00101 & p^2 \\ \rightarrow 00110 & p(1-p) \\ \rightarrow 01010 & (1-p)p \\ \rightarrow 01010 & (1-p)^2 \end{cases}$$

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Extends to ergodic shift-invariant measure  
on  $A^{\mathbb{Z}}$  satisfying

$$\nu([v]) = \text{freq}(v)$$

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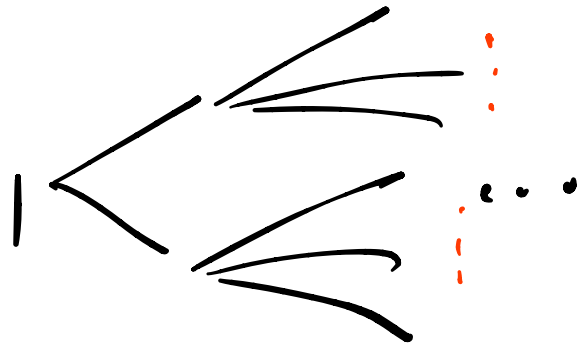
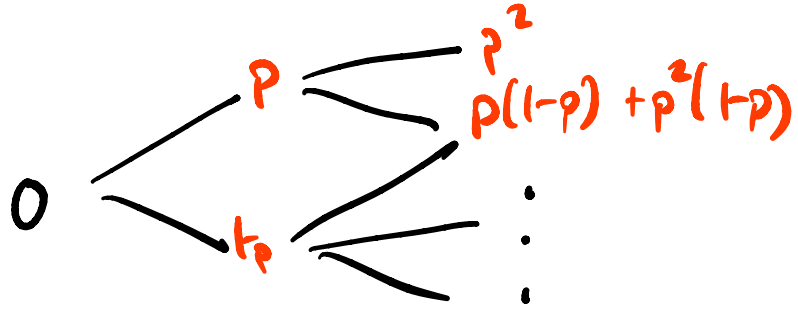
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Natural guess:  $\mathcal{L}(q)$  "fully determined by substitution tree"





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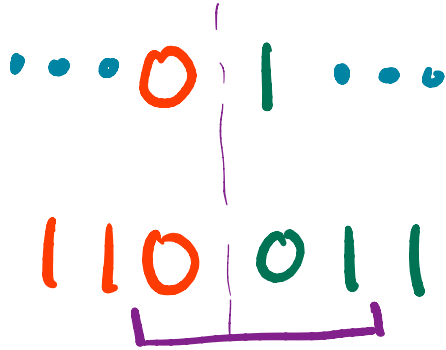
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(2) boundary between two words  
(BAD)

... 0 | 1 ...

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Multiple ways  
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for a given word

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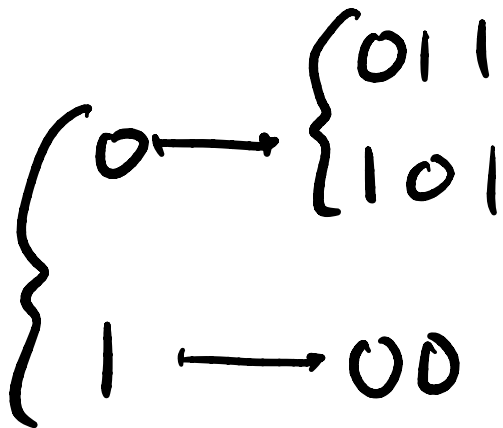
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Example: **NOT TRUE** for  $q < 0$ .



Recognizable: no boundary effects

e.g.



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[ moreover  $\forall \alpha \exists$  frequency measure  $\nu$  s.t.  
 $\dim_{\text{loc}}(\nu, x) = \alpha$  for  $\nu$ -a.e.  $x$  and  $h(\nu) = f(\alpha)$  ]

Example: There exist **compatible** & **recognizable** systems with (unique) measures of maximal entropy satisfying

$$|V|^t \exp(-|V| \cdot h_{\text{top}}(\text{subshift})) \approx \mathcal{N}([V])$$

for infinitely many  $V$ . In particular system can fail specification.