

# Continuity of Hausdorff measure

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- Continuity of the Hausdorff Measure of Continued Fractions and Countable Alphabet Iterated Function Systems  
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# Setup

## General setup

$$x = \frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{a_2 + \frac{1}{a_3 + \ddots}}}$$

- We can think of an  $x$  as  $x = (a_1, a_2, \dots)$ ,  $a_i \in \mathbb{N}$  - its continued fraction representation.
- We will be interested in  $x \in [0, 1]$  such that  $a_i \leq n$  for each  $i$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  fixed.
- Set of such  $x$  we will denote as  $J_n$ .

$$G(x) = \frac{1}{x} - n \text{ if } x \in \left( \frac{1}{n+1}, \frac{1}{n} \right]$$

$$g_n(x) = \frac{1}{n+x}$$

- The collection  $\mathcal{G} := \{g_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  forms conformal IFS and is called Gauss system.
- Let  $g_{\omega} = g_{\omega_1} \circ g_{\omega_2} \circ \cdots \circ g_{\omega_n}$  for every  $\omega \in \bigcup_{n \geq 1} \mathbb{N}^n$ .

$$G^{|\omega|} \circ g_\omega|_{[0,1)} = Id|_{[0,1)}$$

- Our  $J_n$  can be described as  $J_n = \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{\omega \in \{1, \dots, n\}^k} g_\omega([0, 1))$
- Let us denote by  $h_n$  Hausdorff measure of  $J_n$

## t-dimensional (outer) Hausdorff measure

$$H_t(A) := \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \inf \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{diam}^t(U_n) : \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n \supset A, \text{diam}(U_n) \leq \delta, \forall n \geq 1 \right\}$$

## Hausdorff dimension

$$h(A) = \inf \{t > 0 : H_t(A) = t\}$$

## Theorem [D. Hensley]

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n(1 - h_n) = \frac{6}{\pi^2}$$

## Theorem [M. Urbański, A. Zdunik]

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_{h_n}(J_n) = 1 = H_1(J)$$

where  $J$  is the set of all irrational numbers in the interval  $[0, 1]$

# Hausdorff density theorems

Let  $X$  be a metric space, with  $h(X) = h$ , such that  $H_h(X) \leq +\infty$ . Then for  $H_h$ -a.e.  $x \in X$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \sup \left\{ \frac{H_h(F)}{\text{diam}^h(F)} : x \in F, \bar{F} = F, \text{diam}(F) \leq r \right\}$$

## Theorem

Let  $X$  be a metric space if  $0 < H_h(X) < +\infty$ , then for  $H_h^1$ -a.e.  $x \in X$

$$H_h(X) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \inf \left\{ \frac{\text{diam}^h(F)}{H_h^1(F)} : x \in F, \bar{F} = F, \text{diam}(F) \leq r \right\}$$

where  $H_h^1$  is normed  $h$ -dimensional Hausdorff measure.



## Corollary

If  $X$  is a subset of an interval  $\Delta \subset \mathbb{R}$  and  $0 < H_h(X) < +\infty$ , then for  $H_h^1$ -a.e.  $x \in X$  we have that

$$H_h(X) = \liminf_{r \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \frac{\text{diam}^h(F)}{H_h^1(F)} : x \in F, F \subset \mathbb{R} \right. \\ \left. - \text{closed interval, } \text{diam}(F) \leq r \right\}$$

where  $H_h^1$  is normed  $h$ -dimensional Hausdorff measure.

# Main lemma of the proof

## Lemma 3.9

Let  $m_n$  be normalised  $h_n$ -dimensional measure:  $m_n := H_{h_n}^1$ .

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty, r \rightarrow 0} \inf \left\{ \frac{r^{h_n}}{m_n([0, 1])} \right\} \geq 1$$

- Proof: Fix  $N \geq 2$  so large that  $h_N \geq 3/4$  and let  $n \geq N$ . For every  $r \in (0, 1/2)$  let  $s_r \geq 1$  be unique integer s.t.

$$\frac{1}{s_r + 1} < r \leq \frac{1}{s_r}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
m_n([0, r]) &\leq \sum_{j=s_r}^{\infty} m_n(g_j([0, 1])) \leq \sum_{j=s_r}^{\infty} \|g_j'\|_{\infty}^{h_n} m_n([0, 1]) \\
&\leq \sum_{j=s_r}^{\infty} j^{-2h_n} \leq \int_{s_r-1}^{\infty} x^{-2h_n} dx = (2h_n - 1)^{-1} (s_r - 1)^{1-2h_n}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore:

$$\frac{m_n([0, 1])}{r_n^{h_n}} \leq (2h_n - 1)^{-1} (s_r - 1)^{1-2h_n} (s_r + 1)^{h_n}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (2h_n - 1)^{-1} (s_r - 1)^{1-h_n} \left( \frac{s_r + 1}{s_r - 1} \right)^{h_n} = (2h_n - 1)^{-1} (s_r - 1)^{1-h_n} \left( 1 + \frac{2}{s_r - 1} \right)^{h_n} \\
 &\leq (2h_n - 1)^{-1} (s_r - 1)^{1-h_n} (1 + 4r)^{h_n}
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $0 < r \leq \frac{1}{n+1}$  then  $m_n([0, r]) = 0$ , hence we assume that  $r > \frac{1}{n+1}$ . Then  $s_r < n + 1$  and for  $n$  large enough

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{m_n([0, r])}{r^{h_n}} &\leq (2h_n - 1)^{-1} n^{1-h_n} (1 + 4r) \\
 &\leq (2h_n - 1)^{-1} (1 + 4r) n^{\frac{7}{\pi^2 n}} \leq (2h_n - 1)^{-1} (1 + 4r) (n^{\frac{1}{n}})^{\frac{7}{\pi^2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty, r \rightarrow 0} \sup \left\{ \frac{r^{h_n}}{m_n([0, 1])} \right\} \leq 1$$

Let us consider case where  $F_k : [b_k, b_{k-1}] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a linear function such that  $F_k(b_k) = 0$  and  $F_k(b_{k-1}) = 1$ , where  $(b_k)_{k=0}^{\infty} \subset (0, 1]^{\mathbb{N}}$  is a sequence such that  $b_0 = 1$ ,  $b_n \searrow 0$  as  $n$  goes to infinity.

- We define  $f_k := F_k^{-1}$ , so  $f_k : [0, 1] \rightarrow [b_k, b_{k-1}]$  and  $f_k(0) = b_{k-1}$  and  $f_k(1) = b_k$ .
- We analogously define  $J_n$  as Julia set created by iterating first  $n$  functions  $f_n$ .

Because this IFS fulfills OSC, the  $h_n$  - Hausdorff dimension is the solution to following implicit equation:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (b_k - b_{k-1})^{h_n} = 1$$

It is easy to see that  $h_n \rightarrow 1$  as  $n$  goes to infinity.

We are interested if

$$H_{h_n}(J_n) \rightarrow 1 = 1 = H_1(J)$$

for a given sequence  $(b_k)_{k=0}^{\infty}$

## Similarity dimension estimate

Let  $b_k = \frac{1}{n^\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ . Then there exists  $0 < h_n^* < 1$ ,  $h_n^* \rightarrow \infty$ , as  $n$  goes to infinity and

$$1 - h_n \leq 1 - h_n^*$$

Moreover

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^\alpha (1 - h_n^*) = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + 1}$$

## Similarity measure continuity

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_{h_n}(J_n) = 1$$

for  $b_k = \frac{1}{k^\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ .

# Main lemma of the proof

## Main lemma

$$\liminf_{\substack{n \rightarrow \infty \\ r \rightarrow 0}} \left\{ \frac{r^{h_n}}{m_n([0, r])} \right\} \geq 1$$

Proof. Fix  $N \geq 2$ , s.t.  $h_N > \frac{1}{\alpha+1}$  and  $n \geq N$ . For every  $r \in (0, 1/2)$  let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  be such that

$$b_{k+1} < r \leq b_k$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} m_n([0, r]) &\leq \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} m_n(g_j([0, 1])) \\ &\leq \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} \|g'_j\|_{\infty}^{h_n} m_n([0, 1]) \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} (b_j - b_{j+1})^{h_n} = \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{j^\alpha} - \frac{1}{(j+1)^\alpha} \right)^{h_n} \leq \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\alpha^{h_n}}{j^{(\alpha+1)h_n}} \right) \\ &\leq \int_{k-1}^{\infty} \alpha^{h_n} \frac{1}{x^{(\alpha+1)h_n}} dx \leq \frac{\alpha^{h_n}}{(\alpha+1)h_n - 1} (k-1)^{1-(\alpha+1)h_n} \end{aligned}$$

Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{m_n([0, r])}{r^{h_n}} &\leq \frac{\frac{\alpha^{h_n}}{(\alpha+1)h_n - 1} (k-1)^{1-(\alpha+1)h_n}}{(b_{k+1})^{h_n}} \leq \\ &\frac{\alpha^{h_n}}{(\alpha+1)h_n - 1} \left( \frac{b_{k-1}}{b_{k+1}} \right)^{h_n} (k-1)^{1-h_n} \leq \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \frac{\alpha^{h_n}}{(\alpha + 1)h_n - 1} \left(\frac{k + 1}{k - 1}\right)^{\alpha h_n} (k - 1)^{1 - h_n} \\
&= \frac{\alpha^{h_n}}{(\alpha + 1)h_n - 1} \left(1 + \frac{2}{k - 1}\right)^{\alpha h_n} (k - 1)^{1 - h_n} \\
&\leq \frac{\alpha^{h_n}}{(\alpha + 1)h_n - 1} \left(1 + \frac{2}{k - 1}\right)^{\alpha h_n} (k - 1)^{1 - h_n} \\
\frac{m_n([0, r])}{r_n^h} &\leq \frac{\alpha^{h_n}}{(\alpha + 1)h_n - 1} \left(1 + \frac{2}{k - 1}\right)^{\alpha h_n} k^{1 - h_n} \\
&\leq \frac{\alpha^{h_n}}{(\alpha + 1)h_n - 1} \left(1 + \frac{2}{k - 1}\right)^{\alpha h_n} n^{1 - h_n} \leq (*)
\end{aligned}$$

Now, using estimate for  $1 - h_n$ , we get:

$$\begin{aligned} (*) &\leq \frac{\alpha^{h_n}}{(\alpha + 1)h_n - 1} \left(1 + \frac{2}{k-1}\right)^{\alpha h_n} n^{1-h_n^*} \\ &\leq \frac{\alpha^{h_n}}{(\alpha + 1)h_n - 1} \left(1 + \frac{2}{k-1}\right)^{\alpha h_n} (n^\alpha)^{\frac{2\alpha}{(\alpha+1)n^\alpha}} \\ &\leq \frac{\alpha^{h_n}}{(\alpha + 1)h_n - 1} \left(1 + \frac{2}{k-1}\right)^{\alpha h_n} \left((n^\alpha)^{\frac{1}{n^\alpha}}\right)^{\frac{2\alpha}{\alpha+1}} \end{aligned}$$

for sufficiently large  $n$  we have  $n^\alpha(1 - h_n^*) < \frac{2\alpha}{\alpha+1}$ , which ends the proof.

# Following problems

- $b_k = e^{-k}$
- $b_k = \frac{1}{\ln(k+e)}$

The End  
Thank you for your attention!