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#### Abstract

Algorithm is given for computation of the Hausdorff dimension of the support of the Erdos measure for a Pisot number.


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## 1 Introduction

Let $D$ be a finite set of nonnegative integers $(0 \in D,|D|>1)$ and let

$$
\zeta=\zeta_{1} \rho+\zeta_{1} \rho^{2}+\ldots,
$$

where $0<\rho<1$, variables $\zeta_{1}, \zeta_{2}, \ldots$ are i.i.d. random variables, and $P\left(\zeta_{i}=d\right)=$ $1 /|D|$.

The distribution of the random variable $\zeta$ is called the Erdös measure on the real line. Denote by $\Lambda$ the support of the Erdös measure on the real line.

The problem of computing the of Hausdorff dimension of the set $\Lambda$ is considered in [3-5].

[^0]Let $\beta=\frac{1}{\rho}$ be a Pisot number. Recall that the a Pisot number is an algebraic integer whose algebraic conjugates lie inside the unit disk. The Hausdorff dimension of $\Lambda$ equals the Hausdorff dimension of some sofic compact space (see [1, 2]). This last dimension equals the ratio of topological entropy $h$ to $\log \beta$.

The topological entropy of the sofic compact space equals the entropy of some regular language. The entropy of a regular language equals $\log \lambda$, where $\lambda$ is the spectral radius of the adjacency matrix of the deterministic automaton recognizing this language.

For the "difficult" case considered in [5] ( $D=\{0,1,3\}, \beta=1+\sqrt{3}$ ), we give an estimate of the Hausdorff dimension of the set $\Lambda$ more exact than that in [5].

For the "very difficult" case in [4] $D=\{0,1,3\}, \beta^{3}=2 \beta^{2}+2 \beta+2$ (where the Lalley formula is impractical), we determine the Hausdorff dimension of the set $\Lambda$ up to $10^{-15}$.

## 2 Formula for Computing the Hausdoff Dimension

For a Pisot number $\beta$, there exists a finite partition $\xi$ of the unit $[0,1)$ whose atoms are the intervals $\Delta_{i}, i=1,2, \ldots, N$, such that:

1. $\xi \geq \eta$, where $\eta$ is the partition with the atoms $\{x:[\beta x]=k\}, k=0,1, \ldots$;
2. For $V: x \mapsto\{\beta x\}=\beta x-[\beta x]$,

$$
V \Delta_{i}=\cup_{j} q_{i j} \Delta_{j}, q_{i j} \in\{0,1\}, 0 \Delta_{j}=\emptyset, 1 \cdot \Delta_{j}=\Delta_{j}
$$

The partition $\xi$ is the $V$-Markovian partition. Let $Q$ be the matrix $\left(q_{i j}, i, j,=\right.$ $1, \ldots, N)$.

The Markov compact set $X_{Q}$ with alphabet $\{1,2, \ldots, N\}$ is the set of all infinite words $x=x_{1} x_{2} \ldots x_{k} \ldots, x_{i} \in A$, with $q_{x_{i} x_{i+1}}=1, i=1,2, \ldots$.

The metric is given by the formula $d(x, y)=\rho^{n(x, y)}$, where $n(x, y)$ is the length of the largest common prefix of words $x$ and $y$.

Let $\psi:[0,1] \rightarrow X_{Q}$ be $\psi(x)=x_{1} \ldots x_{k} \ldots$, where $x \in \Delta_{x_{1}}, V x \in \Delta_{x_{2}}, \ldots, V^{n-1} x \in$ $\Delta_{x_{n}}, \ldots$.

The shift $\sigma: x_{1} x_{2} \ldots \mapsto x_{2} x_{3} \ldots$ on $X_{Q}$ corresponds to the map $V$ on the unit interval, $\psi(V x)=\sigma \psi(x)$. The invariant Erdös measure on the unit interval gives the invariant Erdös measure on the space $X_{Q}$ (see [1,2]). Let $\Lambda_{Q}$ be the support of this measure. It is easy to prove (follow [1, 2]) that

$$
\operatorname{dim}_{H}\left(\Lambda_{Q}\right)=\operatorname{dim}_{H}(\Lambda)
$$

Let $\Delta$ be the interval $\left(-1, \frac{\max D}{\beta-1}\right)$. Define $\Gamma_{k}$ by the formula

$$
\Gamma_{k} x=\left\{x^{\prime}: \exists j \in D, x^{\prime}=\beta x-j+k\right\} \cap \Delta, k=0,1, \ldots, \tilde{N}-1,
$$

where

$$
\widetilde{N}=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
{[\beta], \beta \text { is not an integer },} \\
\beta-1, \beta \text { is an integer. }
\end{array}\right.
$$

For a Pisot number $\beta$, there exists a minimal finite set $S \subset \Delta$ such that

$$
0 \in S, \Gamma_{k} S \subset S, k=0,1, \ldots, \tilde{N}-1
$$

Let $P(S)=2^{S}$ and $\Gamma x=\cup_{k} \Gamma_{k} x$. We define the set $S^{\prime}$ as the minimal $\Gamma$-invariant subset of the set $P(S)$ such that $\{\{s\}: s \in S\} \subset S^{\prime}$.

Let $G_{k}$ be the graph ( $S^{\prime}, E_{k}$ ) with vertex set $S^{\prime}$ and edge set

$$
E_{k}=\left\{\left(s^{\prime}, s^{\prime \prime}\right): s^{\prime \prime}=\Gamma_{k} s^{\prime}\right\}, k=0,1, \ldots, \tilde{N}-1
$$

Denote by $m_{k}$ the adjacency matrix of this graph.
Define the matrix $M_{j}$ as the matrix $m_{k}$ if $\Delta_{j} \subset\{x:[\beta x]=k\}$. Introduce the block matrix $M=\left(q_{i j} m_{j}\right)$ following [1, 2].

Let $\lambda$ be the spectral radius of the matrix $M$. Then,

$$
\operatorname{dim}_{H}\left(\Lambda_{Q}\right)=\frac{\log (\lambda)}{\log \beta} .
$$

Indeed, the matrix $M$ is the adjacency matrix of deterministic automaton which recognizes the language of the sofic set $\Lambda_{Q}$.

## 3 Simple Example [4]

Let $\beta=3, D=\{0,1,3\}$. Here, $\xi=\eta=\{[0,1 / 3),[1 / 3,2 / 3),[2 / 3,1)\}$. All entries of the matrix $Q$ are equal to $1, S^{\prime}=\{\{0\},\{1\},\{0,1\}\}$, and

$$
\begin{gathered}
m_{0}=\left(\begin{array}{lll}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
1 & 0 & 0 \\
1 & 0 & 0
\end{array}\right), m_{1}=\left(\begin{array}{lll}
0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right), m_{2}=\left(\begin{array}{lll}
0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0
\end{array}\right), \\
M(1)=m_{0}, M(2)=m_{1}, M(3)=m_{2} .
\end{gathered}
$$

The spectral radius of the matrix $M$ equals the spectral radius $\lambda$ of the matrix $m_{0}+m_{1}+m_{2}$. The spectral radius $\lambda$ is the largest root of the polynomial $1-3 x+x^{2}$,

$$
\operatorname{dim}_{H}(\lambda)=\frac{\log \left(\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)}{\log 3}
$$

See [3].

## 4 Difficult Example [3, 5]

Let $\beta=1+\sqrt{3}, D=\{0,1,3\}$. Here, $q_{i j}=1,(i, j) \neq(3,3), q_{33}=0$ and $N=3, \widetilde{N}=2$.
The set $S$ is the set $\{-2 \rho,-1+2 \rho, 0,1-2 \rho, 1-4 \rho, 2 \rho, 1,2-2 \rho\}$. The cardinality of $S^{\prime}$ equals 45 .

The spectral radius $\lambda$ of the matrix $M$ is the root (with the largest absolute value) of the polynomial

$$
\begin{aligned}
p(x) & =\operatorname{Det}\left[I d_{45} x^{2}-\left(m_{0}+m_{1}\right) x-m_{2} m_{0}-m_{2} m_{1}\right] \\
& =(-1+x)^{4} x^{67}(1+x)^{3}\left(1+x+x^{2}\right) q(x),
\end{aligned}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
q(x)= & -14-8 x^{2}+5 x^{3}-8 x^{4}-10 x^{5}+9 x^{6}-9 x^{7} \\
& -4 x^{8}+2 x^{9}+9 x^{10}+8 x^{11}-6 x^{12}-2 x^{13}+x^{14} .
\end{aligned}
$$

We have $q(\lambda)=0$ and $\lambda=2.65574542447572 \ldots$. The Hausdorff dimension is

$$
\operatorname{dim}_{H}(\Lambda)=\frac{\ln (\lambda)}{\ln (\beta)}=0.9718152436329895 \ldots
$$

In [5], Lalley proved that

$$
\begin{gathered}
2.63855 \leq \lambda \leq 2.65584, \\
0.963855 \leq \operatorname{dim}_{H}(\lambda) \leq 0.971847 .
\end{gathered}
$$

## 5 Very Difficult Example [5]

Let

$$
\beta^{3}=2 \beta^{2}+2 \beta+2, \beta>1, D=\{0,1,3\} .
$$

Then,

$$
\begin{aligned}
S=\{ & -2 \rho-2 \rho^{2},-2+2 \rho+4 \rho^{2}, 1-4 \rho-4 \rho^{2},-1+2 \rho^{2},-2 \rho,-2+4 \rho, \\
& 1-4 \rho-2 \rho^{2},-1+2 \rho-2 \rho^{2},-1+4 \rho^{2},-4 \rho^{2},-2 \rho+2 \rho^{2}, \\
& -2+4 \rho+2 \rho^{2}, 1-4 \rho,-1+2 \rho,-2 \rho^{2},-2+4 \rho+4 \rho^{2}, \\
& 1-2 \rho-4 \rho^{2},-1+2 \rho+2 \rho^{2}, 0,1-2 \rho-2 \rho^{2},-1+2 \rho+4 \rho^{2}, \\
& 2-4 \rho-4 \rho^{2}, 2 \rho^{2}, 1-2 \rho,-1+4 \rho, 2-4 \rho-2 \rho^{2}, \\
& 2 \rho-2 \rho^{2}, 4 \rho^{2}, 1-4 \rho^{2}, 1-2 \rho+2 \rho^{2},-1+4 \rho+2 \rho^{2}, 2-4 \rho, \\
& 2 \rho, 1-2 \rho^{2},-1+4 \rho+4 \rho^{2}, 2-2 \rho-4 \rho^{2}, 2 \rho+2 \rho^{2}, 1, \\
& 2-2 \rho-2 \rho^{2}, 2 \rho+4 \rho^{2}, 1+2 \rho^{2},-1+6 \rho+2 \rho^{2}, 2-2 \rho, 4 \rho, \\
& \left.1+2 \rho-2 \rho^{2}, 1+4 \rho^{2},-1+6 \rho+4 \rho^{2}, 2-4 \rho^{2}, 2-2 \rho+2 \rho^{2}\right\} .
\end{aligned}
$$

The cardinality of $S$ equals 49 . The cardinality of $S^{\prime}$ equals 482 . The matrix $M$ is

$$
M=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
m_{0} & m_{1} & m_{2} & m_{2} \\
m_{0} & m_{1} & m_{2} & m_{2} \\
m_{0} & m_{1} & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & m_{2} & 0
\end{array}\right)
$$

It is easy to prove that $p(\lambda)=0$, where

$$
\begin{gathered}
p(x)=\operatorname{Det}\left[-I d_{482} x^{3}+\left(m_{0}+m_{1}\right) x^{2}+\left(m_{2} m_{0}+m_{2} m_{1}\right) x+m_{2} m_{0}+m_{2} m_{1}\right] \\
p(x)=(-1+x)^{3} x^{1380}\left(1+x+x^{2}\right)^{2}\left(-2+x^{3}\right)^{2} q(x) \\
q(x)=12-4 x-16 x^{2}+16 x^{3}+36 x^{4}+60 x^{5}+75 x^{6}+99 x^{7}-52 x^{8}-69 x^{9}-184 x^{10} \\
+15 x^{11}-109 x^{12}+147 x^{13}+131 x^{14}+137 x^{15}+54 x^{16}-124 x^{17}+34 x^{18} \\
-220 x^{19}-25 x^{20}+36 x^{21}+164 x^{22}+101 x^{23}-7 x^{24}-208 x^{25}-164 x^{26} \\
-481 x^{27}+358 x^{28}-182 x^{29}+801 x^{30}-145 x^{31}+659 x^{32}-440 x^{33}-251 x^{34} \\
-420 x^{35}-194 x^{36}+267 x^{37}-77 x^{38}+410 x^{39}-99 x^{40}+223 x^{41}-253 x^{42} \\
+14 x^{43}-170 x^{44}+71 x^{45}+76 x^{47}-7 x^{48}-16 x^{50}+x^{53} .
\end{gathered}
$$

We have $q(\lambda)=0$ and

$$
\lambda=2.1965202182188763 \ldots
$$

The Hausdorff dimension is

$$
\operatorname{dim}_{H}(\Lambda)=\frac{\log (\lambda)}{\log (\beta)}=0.7343944361851578 \ldots
$$

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