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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

$$\zeta = \zeta_1 \rho + \zeta_1 \rho^2 + \dots,$$

where $0 < \rho < 1$, variables $\zeta_1, \zeta_2, ...$ are i.i.d. random variables, and $P(\zeta_i = d) = 1/|D|$.

The distribution of the random variable ζ is called the Erdös measure on the real line. Denote by Λ the support of the Erdös measure on the real line.

The problem of computing the of Hausdorff dimension of the set Λ is considered in [3–5].

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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 Λ 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 λ 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 Λ 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 Λ up to 10^{-15} .

2 Formula for Computing the Hausdoff Dimension

For a Pisot number β , there exists a finite partition ξ of the unit [0, 1) whose atoms are the intervals Δ_i , i = 1, 2, ..., N, such that:

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

$$V\Delta_i = \bigcup_j q_{ij}\Delta_j, \ q_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}, \ 0\Delta_j = \emptyset, \ 1 \cdot \Delta_j = \Delta_j.$$

The partition ξ is the V-Markovian partition. Let Q be the matrix $(q_{ij}, i, j, = 1, ..., N)$.

The Markov compact set X_Q with alphabet $\{1, 2, ..., N\}$ is the set of all infinite words $x = x_1x_2...x_k..., x_i \in A$, with $q_{x_ix_{i+1}} = 1, i = 1, 2,$

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
$$\psi : [0, 1] \to X_Q$$
 be $\psi(x) = x_1...x_k...$, where $x \in \Delta_{x_1}, Vx \in \Delta_{x_2}, ..., V^{n-1}x \in \Delta_{x_n}, ...$

The shift $\sigma: x_1x_2... \mapsto x_2x_3...$ on X_Q corresponds to the map V on the unit interval, $\psi(Vx) = \sigma\psi(x)$. The invariant Erdös measure on the unit interval gives the invariant Erdös measure on the space X_Q (see [1, 2]). Let Λ_Q be the support of this measure. It is easy to prove (follow [1, 2]) that

$$\dim_H (\Lambda_Q) = \dim_H(\Lambda).$$

Let Δ be the interval $(-1, \frac{\max D}{\beta-1})$. Define Γ_k by the formula

$$\Gamma_k x = \left\{x': \exists j \in D, x' = \beta x - j + k\right\} \cap \Delta, \ k = 0, 1, ..., \widetilde{N} - 1,$$



where

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

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

$$0 \in S, \Gamma_k S \subset S, \ k = 0, 1, ..., \widetilde{N} - 1.$$

Let $P(S) = 2^S$ and $\Gamma x = \bigcup_k \Gamma_k x$. We define the set S' as the minimal Γ -invariant subset of the set P(S) such that $\{\{s\}: s \in S\} \subset S'$.

Let G_k be the graph (S', E_k) with vertex set S' and edge set

$$E_k = \{(s', s'') : s'' = \Gamma_k s'\}, k = 0, 1, ..., \widetilde{N} - 1.$$

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 $M = (q_{ij}m_j)$ following [1, 2].

Let λ be the spectral radius of the matrix M. Then,

$$\dim_H \left(\Lambda_Q \right) = \frac{\log(\lambda)}{\log \beta}.$$

Indeed, the matrix M is the adjacency matrix of deterministic automaton which recognizes the language of the sofic set Λ_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 $1, S' = \{\{0\}, \{1\}, \{0, 1\}\}$, and

$$m_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \ m_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \ m_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$M(1) = m_0, M(2) = m_1, M(3) = m_2.$$

The spectral radius of the matrix M equals the spectral radius λ of the matrix $m_0 + m_1 + m_2$. The spectral radius λ is the largest root of the polynomial $1 - 3x + x^2$,

$$\dim_H(\lambda) = \frac{\log\left(\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)}{\log 3}.$$

See [3].

4 Difficult Example [3, 5]

Let $\beta = 1 + \sqrt{3}$, $D = \{0, 1, 3\}$. Here, $q_{ij} = 1$, $(i, j) \neq (3, 3)$, $q_{33} = 0$ 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' equals 45.



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

$$p(x) = \text{Det} \left[Id_{45}x^2 - (m_0 + m_1)x - m_2m_0 - m_2m_1 \right]$$

= $(-1 + x)^4 x^{67} (1 + x)^3 (1 + x + x^2) q(x),$

where

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

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

$$\dim_H(\Lambda) = \frac{\ln(\lambda)}{\ln(\beta)} = 0.9718152436329895....$$

In [5], Lalley proved that

$$2.63855 < \lambda < 2.65584$$

$$0.963855 \le \dim_H(\lambda) \le 0.971847.$$

5 Very Difficult Example [5]

Let

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

Then,

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



The cardinality of S equals 49. The cardinality of S' equals 482. The matrix M is

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} m_0 & m_1 & m_2 & m_2 \\ m_0 & m_1 & m_2 & m_2 \\ m_0 & m_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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

$$p(x) = \text{Det} \left[-Id_{482}x^3 + (m_0 + m_1)x^2 + (m_2m_0 + m_2m_1)x + m_2m_0 + m_2m_1 \right],$$

$$p(x) = (-1+x)^3x^{1380} \left(1 + x + x^2 \right)^2 \left(-2 + x^3 \right)^2 q(x),$$

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

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

$$\lambda = 2.1965202182188763...$$

The Hausdorff dimension is

$$\dim_H(\Lambda) = \frac{\log(\lambda)}{\log(\beta)} = 0.7343944361851578....$$

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