

# Pressure spectrum and Multifractal Analysis.

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Now, we apply the thermodynamic formalism to CER. First, we'll give a precise estimate of  $|T_n(C(x_1, \dots, x_n))|$  in "pressure-friendly" terms.

**Lemma.** Let  $\Phi := -\log |f'|$ .  $\exists C = C(J)$  such that  
(on  $R$ adius)  $C^{-1} e^{S_n \Phi(x)} \leq |R(x_1, \dots, x_n)| \leq C e^{S_n \Phi(x)} \quad \forall x \in R(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .  
 $S_n \Phi = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \Phi \circ f^k$ , assuming  $\max |R_j|$  is small enough.

The proof uses Koebe distortion Thm: Let  $\lambda \leq 1$ .  $\exists C(\lambda) > 0$ :

**Thm (weak form of Koebe, Egg-Yolk principle).** For any conformal  $\varphi: B(a, r) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$   
 $\forall x, y \in B(a, \lambda r) : C(\lambda)^{-1} |\varphi'(a)| \leq \frac{|\varphi(x) - \varphi(y)|}{|x - y|} \leq C(\lambda) |\varphi'(a)|$ .

**Pf of Thm (idea).** Normalize everything so that  $a=0$ ,  $\varphi(0)=0$ ,  $|\varphi'(0)|=1$ .  
The class of such functions is compact, so in  $\{\varphi'\}$  for them. Thus on  $\{|\lambda| \leq \lambda\}$ ,  $f_j \in \mathcal{C}_1$ , for some  $C_1$ . This immediately imply the upper bound, by integration. For the lower bound, just use compactness again to find  $x_n \rightarrow x$ ,  $y_n \rightarrow y$ ,  $\varphi_n \rightarrow \varphi$ ,  $\frac{|\varphi_n(x_n) - \varphi_n(y_n)|}{|x_n - y_n|} \rightarrow 0$ , which would imply  $\varphi(x) = \varphi(y)$ , or  $\varphi'(x) = 0$  if  $x=y$ . This contradicts compactness.  
In particular,  $\frac{\max_{|x| \leq \lambda r} |\varphi(x) - \varphi(a)|}{\min_{|x| \leq \lambda r} |\varphi(x) - \varphi(a)|} \leq C(\lambda)^2$ .

**Pf of Lemma.**

For any  $y \in J$ ,  $f$  is conformal in some  $B(y, r(y))$ . Thus, by compactness of  $J$ ,  $\exists r_0 > 0$ :  $f$  is conformal in  $B(y, r_0) \quad \forall y \in J$ . Let now  $r$  is such that  $B(f(y), r) \subset f(B(y, r_0))$ .  
 $\forall y \in J$ , such  $r$  exists because every non-constant analytic map is open, and  $J$  is compact. Assume  $\max |R_j| < r/r_0$ .  
Observe that for any  $x \in J$ ,  $f(y) = x$ , since  $f$  is conformal in  $B(y, r)$ , there is unique conformal branch of  $f^{-1}$  in  $B(y, r)$  which maps  $x$  to  $y$ . Denote it  $f_y^{-1}$ .  
Observe that  $f^{-1}(B(x, r)) = \bigcup_y f_y^{-1}(B(x, r))$ . Indeed,  $J$  is obvious. If  $x' = f(y') \in B(x, r)$ , then  $f_y^{-1}$  is defined in  $B(x', r)$  and maps  $x$  to some  $y$ . Then  $f_y^{-1}$  and  $f_{y'}^{-1}$  agree in  $x$ , so, since  $f$  is injective in  $B(y, r)$ , and  $|y - y'| < r_0$ , so  $y' \in B(y, r_0)$ . Thus  $f_{y'}^{-1}(x) = y$ .  
This shows that CER is a local cover.

Let us now consider  $x \in R(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ,  $g = f^{n-1}(x) \in R_{x_n}$ .  
Let  $g$  be a branch of  $(f^{n-1})^{-1}$  on  $B(a, r)$ , such that  $g(a) = x$ . Then  $R(x_1, \dots, x_n) = g(R_{x_n})$ . Thus  $C(\frac{1}{2}) |g'(a)| \leq |R(x_1, \dots, x_n)| \leq C(\frac{1}{2}) |g'(a)|$ .

Now  $|g'(a)| = e^{S_n \Phi(x)}$ , and we proved the lemma with  $C = C(\frac{1}{2}) \min |R_j|$ .

Note that since  $\Phi = -\log |f'|$  is a  $C^1$  function and  $|R(x_1, \dots, x_n)|$  decays exponentially,  $\Phi$  is a  $C^1$  function on  $J$  in the metric coming from  $X_A$ .

We can now define pressure spectrum of  $(J, V, f)$  by

$P(t) = P(t\Phi)$ . Observe that  $P(0) = h_{top}(f) = h_{top}(T_A)$ .  $P(t)$  is strictly decreasing, because for large  $n$ ,  $S_n \Phi < 0$  (by the first property). As  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $P(t) \rightarrow -\infty$ , as  $t \rightarrow -\infty$ ,  $P(t) \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus  $\exists t_0 > 0$ :  $P(t_0) = 0$ .

**Thm (Bowen)**  $\dim_{\text{H}} J = t_0$ .

**Pf** Let first  $t > t_0$ . Then  $\sum |R(x_1, \dots, x_n)|^t \leq C \sum e^{t S_n \Phi(x)}$ .

Since  $P(t + \Phi) < 0$ ,  $\sum |R(x_1, \dots, x_n)|^t \leq C e^{n\gamma}$  for large  $n$ . Thus  $H_t(J) = 0$ .

Let now  $\mu = \mu_{f_0}$  be the equilibrium state. Then for some  $A, B$ ,

$$A \leq \frac{\mu(R(x_1, \dots, x_n))}{e^{t_0 S_n \Phi}} \leq B, \text{ we have } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \mu(R(x_1, \dots, x_n))}{\log |R(x_1, \dots, x_n)|} = t_0.$$

since  $|R(x_1, \dots, x_n)| \leq e^{S_n \Phi}$  (up to a constant).

Notice now that we can use a version of Billingsley's lemma for  $R(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  to see that  $\dim \mu = t_0$ . Thus  $\dim J = t_0$ .

Let me give another explanation. Let us take  $\delta < \frac{\text{dist}(J, \partial V)}{2}$ , and let  $n$  be the smallest number with

$$2C(\frac{1}{2}) |f'|^{n\gamma}(x) |S| > r_0 \quad (f \text{ is conformal in } B(y, r_0) \text{ to } y \in J).$$

Then  $f^n$  is conformal (since  $|f'|^{n\gamma}(x) |S| > r_0$ ,  $k \leq n-1$ ), and  $B(f^n(x), r) \subset f^n(B(x, \delta)) \subset B(f^n(x), r_2)$  for some  $r_1, r_2$  which do not depend on  $S \supset x$ .  $m := \min_{y \in J} \mu(B(y, r_1))$ ,  $M := \max_{y \in J} \mu(B(y, r_2))$ .  $m, M > 0$ , since  $\mu$  is invariant and  $f$  is mixing. Then  $C^{-1} e^{t_0 S_n \Phi} \leq \mu(B(x, \delta)) \leq C M e^{t_0 S_n \Phi}$ , because  $\mu$  is Gibbs, so it has Lebesgue

$S_0 \geq x$ .  $m := \inf_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \mu(B(y, r_1))$ ,  $\bar{m} := \max_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \mu(B(y, r_2))$ .  $m, \bar{m} > 0$ , since  $\mu$  is invariant and  $f$  is mixing. Then  $e^{-t_0 \Phi} \leq \mu(B(x, \delta)) \leq C m e^{t_0 S_n \Phi}$ , because  $\mu$  is Gibbs, so it has Jacobian  $e^{-t_0 \Phi}$ , and  $\Phi$  is Hölder, so  $S_n \Phi$  is also Hölder with some constant independent of  $n$ . Indeed,  $|S_n \Phi(x) - S_n \Phi(y)| \leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |\Phi(f^i x) - \Phi(f^i y)| \leq C_{H\Phi} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |x - y|^{1/\alpha} \leq \frac{C_{H\Phi}}{\delta^{1/\alpha}} |x - y|$ .  
 On the other hand,  $\|f^n\|_{L^\infty} \geq \delta e^{S_n \Phi} = \|f^n(x)\| \geq r_0$ , so  $\delta \leq e^{-S_n \Phi}$ . Thus  $\mu(B(x, \delta)) \asymp \delta^{t_0}$ .

Note that we proved a bit more. We constructed a measure  $\mu$  such that  $C \delta^{t_0} \leq \mu(B(x, \delta)) \leq C$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  and all  $\delta < 1$ . Such a measure is called a **geometric measure**.

**Lemma.** If there is a geometric measure with exponent  $t_0$  on a set  $\mathcal{Y}$ , then  $\text{Hdim } \mathcal{Y} = \text{Pdim } \mathcal{Y} = \text{Mdim } \mathcal{Y} = t_0$ .

**Pf.** It is enough to prove that  $\text{Mdim } \mathcal{Y} \leq t_0$ , since by Billingsley,  $\text{Hdim } \mathcal{Y} = t_0$ . Let  $\{B(x_i, \delta)\}_{i=1}^N$  be any packing. Then  $\sum \delta^{t_0} \leq \sum \mu(B(x_i, \delta)) \leq C$ , i.e.  $P(\delta, \mathcal{Y}) \leq C \delta^{-t_0}$ , thus  $\text{Mdim } \mathcal{Y} \leq t_0$ .

This analysis can be taken further. What we just established is the following statement:

**Lemma.** Let  $\mu$  be a Gibbs measure for a Hölder function  $\varphi, P(\varphi) > 0$ . Then, for some  $C > 0$ , and for any  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ ,

$$C \frac{\exp(S_n \varphi(x))}{\delta^{h_\mu}} \leq \mu(B(x, \delta)) \leq C \frac{\exp(S_n \varphi(x))}{\delta^{h_\mu}}, \text{ where } h_\mu = \int \varphi d\mu.$$

**Def.** Let  $\nu$  be an ergodic  $f$ -invariant probability measure on  $\mathcal{X}$ .  $\lambda_\nu := \int \log |f'| d\nu$  is called the **Lyapunov exponent** of  $\nu$ .

By ergodic Thm,  $\mu$ -a.e.,  $\lambda_\mu := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log |f^n|'(x)|$ . Thus  $\lambda_\mu \geq \log 2 > 0$ . (In our case, since we consider expanding repellers).

**Thm. (Volume Lemma).** Let  $\mu$  be a Gibbs state with Hölder continuous potential  $\varphi$ . Then  $\mu$ -a.e.  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ ,  $\exists$

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(B(x, \delta))}{\log \delta} = \frac{h_\mu}{\lambda_\mu}, \text{ where } \mu \text{ is the unique } f\text{-invariant measure strongly equivalent to } \mu.$$

Note that in this case,  $h_\mu = \int \varphi d\mu$ ,  $\lambda_\mu = \int \log |f'| d\mu$ . (since  $\mu$  is the equilibrium measure).

**Pf.** By subtracting  $P(\varphi)$ , we can assume  $P(\varphi) = 0$  - it does not change the class of Gibbs measures. Also, by strong equivalence, it is enough to prove everything for  $\mu$ .

By the previous lemma,  $\frac{\log \mu(B(x, r))}{\log r} \asymp \frac{-S_n \varphi(x)}{S_n \varphi(x)} = \frac{-1}{n} S_n \varphi(x) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{n} \log |f^n|'(x)| \mu\text{-a.e.}$

**Remark.** The Theorem holds for any ergodic  $\mu$ .

**Proof.** By Shannon-McMillan,  $\mu$ -a.e.,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \mu(K(x_1, \dots, x_n)) = h_\mu$ .

Thus,  $\mu$ -a.e.,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n} \log \mu(K(x_1, \dots, x_n))}{\frac{1}{n} \log |K(x_1, \dots, x_n)|} = \frac{h_\mu}{\lambda_\mu}$ .

**Corollary.**  $\dim_\mu(x) = \dim_\mu(x) = \frac{h_\mu}{\lambda_\mu}$   $\mu$ -a.e. Thus,  $\dim_\mu = \underline{\dim}_\mu = \text{Pdim}_\mu = \overline{\dim}_\mu = \frac{h_\mu}{\lambda_\mu}$ .

Let us apply this to the measures  $\mu_t$ , which are the equilibrium measures for  $\Phi_t = -t \log f'$ . Then

$$\dim \mu_t = \underline{\dim} \mu_t = \text{Pdim} \mu_t = \overline{\dim} \mu_t = \frac{h_{\mu_t}}{\lambda_{\mu_t}} = \frac{t + \int \log f' d\mu + P(t)}{\int \log f' d\mu_t} = t + \frac{P(t)}{\lambda_{\mu_t}} = t + \frac{P(t)}{\lambda(t)}, \quad \lambda(t) := \lambda_{\mu_t}.$$

Let us also observe that  $P(t)$  depends on  $t$  real-analytically.

Also  $P(t+\varepsilon) \geq h_{\mu_t} + (t+\varepsilon) \int \log f' d\mu_t = P(t) + \varepsilon \int \log f' d\mu_t = P(t) - \varepsilon \lambda_{\mu_t}$ . Thus  $P'(t) \geq \lambda_{\mu_t}$ . On the other hand,  $P(t) \geq h_{\mu_{t+\varepsilon}} + t \int \log f' d\mu_{t+\varepsilon} = P(t+\varepsilon) - \varepsilon \int \log f' d\mu_{t+\varepsilon}$ , so  $P'(t) \leq \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \lambda_{\mu_{t+\varepsilon}} = \lambda_{\mu_t}$ . Since  $-\log |f'|$  is continuous, and  $\mu_{t+\varepsilon} \rightarrow \mu_t$  weakly as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ . Thus  $P'(t) = \lambda_{\mu_t}$ .

$P(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \sum_{T_n(y)=x} e^{-\lambda_n \phi(y)}$ . This  $P'(t) \geq \lambda_{n,t}$ . On the other hand,  $P(t) \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_{n,t} = \lambda_{n,t}$ , so  $P'(t) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_{n,t} = \lambda_{n,t}$ . Since  $-\log f$  is continuous, and  $\mu_{t+\varepsilon} \rightarrow \mu_t$  weakly as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ . Thus  $P(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_{n,t}$ .

$$\dim \mu_t = t - \frac{P(t)}{P'(t)}.$$

Observe also that  $P(t)$  is convex, as  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \sum_{T_n(y)=x} e^{-\lambda_n \phi(y)}$  is a convex function of  $t$ .

Let us now perform the **Multifractal Analysis**.

Let  $\nu$  be a measure on  $X$ .

Define  $J_2 = \{x : \dim_\mu(x) = 2\}$ . Cannot expect it to be

non-empty, but for "good" measures, it will be.

Define the **dimensional spectrum** of  $\nu$  by

$$F_J(2) = \dim J_2.$$

By Billingsley's Lemma,  $F_J(2) \leq 2$ .

Also, if  $\mu(J_2) > 0$ , then  $F_J(2) = 2$ . Thus, if  $\dim_\mu \leq 2 \leq \dim_\mu$ ,  $F_J(2) = 2$ .

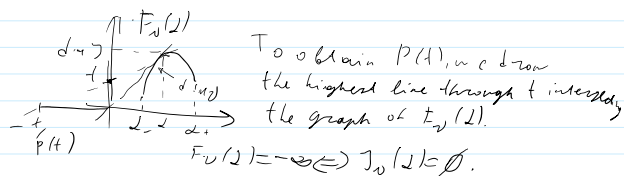
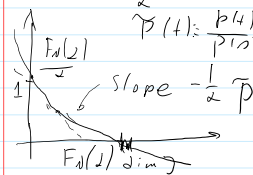
Let us now perform the Multifractal Analysis of  $\nu := \mu_0$ , the measure of maximal entropy.

**Thm.**  $F_J(2)$  is a real-analytic function of  $2$ ,

$$F_J(2) = \inf_t (t + 2 \tilde{P}(t)).$$

$$\tilde{P}(t) = \sup_x (F_J(t) - t).$$

these two functions are **Legendre-like transforms** of each other.



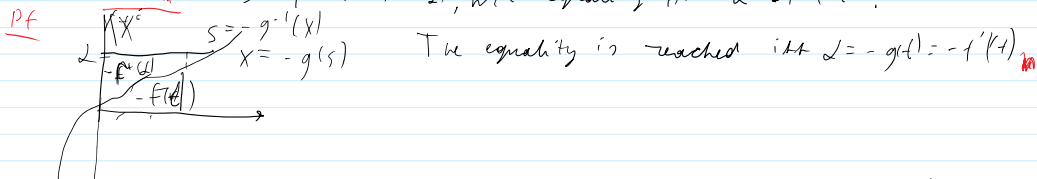
At  $t$  where inf is reached,  $1 + 2 \tilde{P}'(t) = 0 \Rightarrow \tilde{P}'(t) = -\frac{1}{2}$ .

At  $2$  where sup is reached,  $F_J'(2) = -\frac{F_J(2) - t}{t} = -\tilde{P}(t)$ .

Let  $g$  be a decreasing function, defined on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $g^{-1}$  be its inverse, defined on some  $[a, b]$ . Then let

$$f(t) := \int_0^t g(s) ds, \quad f^*(2) := \int_0^2 g^{-1}(t) dt \text{ on } (2_-, 2_+), \quad -\infty \text{ otherwise}$$

Then: **Claim**  $2 \geq f(t) + t^*(2)$ , with equality iff  $2 = -f'(t)$ .



**Corollary.**  $f^*(2) = \inf_t (2s - f(t))$ ,  $f(t) = \inf_{2 \leq s} (2s - f^*(s))$ .

If  $f$  is real analytic, so is its Legendre transform.

If one considers  $\tau := -S^{-1}(\cdot)$ ,  $\tau(S(t)) = -t$ . Then  $F$  and  $\tau$  are related by

$$F(2) = \inf_s (2s - \tau(s))$$

$$\tau(s) = \inf_{2 \leq s} (2s - F(2))$$

Legendre transform.

Not quite symmetric, because

$\tau(s)$  is defined for all  $s$ ,  $F(2)$  only on  $[2_-, 2_+]$

$$P.f. J_\nu(2) = \{x : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log |R(x_1, \dots, x_n)|}{\log |R(x_1, \dots, x_n)|} = 2\} = \{x : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P(0)}{\frac{1}{S_n} \phi(x)} = 2\} =$$

$$\{x : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} S_n \phi(x) = \frac{P(0)}{2}\}.$$

Let us now take  $t_0$  with  $\tilde{P}'(t_0) = -\frac{1}{2}$  (it such  $t_0$  exists).

Then  $\mu_{t_0}$  a.s.,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} S_n \phi(x) = -\lambda_{n,t_0} = -\frac{P(0)}{2}$ .

$$\text{And } \dim \mu_{t_0} = \frac{h_\mu}{\lambda_\mu} = t_0 - \frac{P(t_0)}{P'(t_0)} = t_0 + 2 \tilde{P}(t_0).$$

Thus  $F_J(2) \geq \dim \mu_{t_0} = t_0 + 2 \tilde{P}(t_0)$ .

$$\text{Also, } \forall x \in J_J(2), \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \mu_{t_0}(R(x_1, \dots, x_n))}{\log |R(x_1, \dots, x_n)|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t_0 S_n \phi - P(t_0)}{S_n \phi} = 2,$$

Then  $F_D(2) \geq \dim \mu_t = t_0 + 2P(t_0)$ .

Also,  $\forall x \in J_D(2)$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \mu_{t_0}(R(x_1, \dots, x_n))}{\log |R(x_1, \dots, x_n)|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t_0 S_n \Phi - P(t_0)}{S_n \Phi} = 2$ ,

Since on  $J_D(2)$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} S_n \Phi(x) = \frac{P(0)}{2}$ . Thus, by Billingsley's Lemma,

$\dim J_D(2) \leq F_D(2)$ .

If  $\tilde{P}'(t) \neq -\frac{1}{2} \forall t$ , then either  $\tilde{P}'(t) > -\frac{1}{2} \forall t$  or  $\tilde{P}'(t) < -\frac{1}{2} \forall t$ .

Let  $J_D \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $\forall x \in J_D$ ,  $\lim_{h \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{h} S_h \Phi(x) = \frac{P(0)}{2}$ .

Consider  $\tilde{\mu}$  to be any weak-limit of the measures  $\tilde{\mu}_k := \frac{1}{k} \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \delta_{f^j(x)}$ .

Then  $\tilde{\mu}$  is  $f$ -invariant (because  $\forall q$ -ant,  $\int \varphi d\tilde{\mu}_k = \int \varphi \circ f^k d\tilde{\mu}_k = \frac{1}{k} (\varphi(f^k(x)) - \varphi(x))$ ).

Thus  $\tilde{\mu}$  can be decomposed into ergodic measures - this is called Choquet thm.  $\tilde{\mu} = \int \mu d\gamma(\mu)$ ,  $\mu$ -ergodic.

Thus  $\mu$  a.e.,  $\lim_{h \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{h} S_h \Phi(x) = \frac{P(0)}{2}$ . Assume  $\forall t P'(t) > -\frac{1}{2}$ . Then

$\exists \mu$ -ergodic,  $\mu$ -a.e.,  $\lim_{h \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{h} S_h \Phi(x) > \frac{P(0)}{2}$  (for the case  $< -\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $K > \frac{P(0)}{2}$ ).

But  $\lim_{h \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{h} S_h \Phi(x) = \int \Phi d\mu$ . Observe now that  $\forall t: \int \Phi d\mu + h\mu \leq P(t)$ ,

Thus  $-\frac{P(0)}{2} > h'(t) = \int \Phi d\mu \geq \inf P'(t)$  - contradiction! ■

Remark. The same way, we can perform Multifractal Analysis of any Gibbs state  $\mu$  with Hölder potential  $\varphi$ .

Normalize  $\varphi$  so that  $P(\varphi) = 0$  (i.e., in our previous situation,  $\varphi = -P(\varphi)$ ).

Then the role of  $\tilde{P}(t)$  is played by the function  $s(t)$ , which

is the unique solution of the equation

$$P(s(t)\varphi + t\log|f'|) = 0 \Leftrightarrow P(s(t)\varphi + t\Phi) = 0.$$

The Legendre-type transform is the same, with essentially the same proof. One just need to observe that  $P(s, t) := P(s\varphi + t\Phi)$  is real-analytic, convex, and, for any fixed  $s$ , decreases from  $t=0$  to  $-\infty$ . Thus the inverse  $t(s)$  is well-defined, convex, real-analytic. It can happen then that  $s(t)$  is not defined for all  $t$ . So, sometimes people consider  $\tau = -s^{-1}$ , which was discussed above.