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## proof of existence and unicity of self-similar fractals

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We consider the space  $\mathcal{K}(X) = \{K \subset X : K \text{ compact and non empty}\}$  endowed with the Hausdorff distance  $\delta$ . Since Hausdorff metric inherits completeness, being  $X$  complete,  $(\mathcal{K}(X), \delta)$  is complete too. We then consider the mapping  $T: \mathcal{K}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{K}(X)$  defined by

$$T(A) = \bigcup_{i=1}^N T_i(A).$$

We claim that  $T$  is a contraction. In fact, recalling that  $\delta(A_1 \cup A_2, B_1 \cup B_2) \leq \max\{\delta(A_1, B_1), \delta(A_2, B_2)\}$  while  $\delta(T_i(A), T_i(B)) \leq \lambda_i \delta(A, B)$  if  $T_i$  is  $\lambda_i$ -Lipschitz, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(T(A), T(B)) &= \delta\left(\bigcup_i T_i(A), \bigcup_i T_i(B)\right) \leq \max_i \delta(T_i(A), T_i(B)) \\ &\leq \max_i \lambda_i \delta(A, B) = \lambda \delta(A, B) \end{aligned}$$

with  $\lambda = \max_i \lambda_i < 1$ .

So  $T$  is a contraction on the complete metric space  $\mathcal{K}(X)$  and hence, by Banach Fixed Point Theorem, there exists one and only one  $K \in \mathcal{K}(X)$  such that  $T(K) = K$ .