

Box dimension of countable sets.

Example 1. Let $X = \{0\} \cup \{\frac{1}{2^n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subset \mathbb{R}$.

$$\frac{1}{2^{n-1}} - \frac{1}{2^n} = \frac{1}{2^n}, \quad \text{so let } \epsilon_n = \frac{1}{2^n}.$$

One box covers $[0, \frac{1}{2^n}]$, and each of $\frac{1}{2^{n-1}}, \dots, \frac{1}{2}, 1$ requires its own box.

Thus $N(\epsilon_n) = n + 1$, and

$$\dim_B(X) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln N(\epsilon_n)}{\ln(1/\epsilon_n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n+1)}{\ln(2^n)} = 0.$$

Example 2. Let $X = \{0\} \cup \{\frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subset \mathbb{R}$.

$$\frac{1}{n-1} - \frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{(n-1)(n)} > \frac{1}{n^2}, \quad \text{so let } \epsilon_n = \frac{1}{n^2}.$$

Each of $\frac{1}{n-1}, \dots, \frac{1}{2}, 1$ requires its own box, so $N(\epsilon_n) \geq n$.

Also, n boxes will cover $[0, \frac{1}{n}]$, and so $N(\epsilon) \leq n + n = 2n$.

$$\text{Then } \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\ln(n)}{\ln(n^2)} \leq \frac{\ln N(\epsilon_n)}{\ln(1/\epsilon_n)} \leq \frac{\ln(2n)}{\ln(n^2)} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$$

and hence $\dim_B(X) = \frac{1}{2}$.