

# Fourier Bases on the “Skewed Sierpinski Gasket”

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# Part 1:

## A Fast Fourier Transform for Fractal Approximations

# The Fractal Approximation $\mathcal{S}_N$

Begin with an iterated function system generated by contractions  $\{\psi_0, \psi_1, \dots, \psi_{K-1}\}$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  of the following form:

$$\psi_j(x) = A(x + \vec{b}_j)$$

where  $A$  is a  $d \times d$  invertible matrix with  $\|A\| < 1$ . We require  $A^{-1}$  to have integer entries, the vectors  $\vec{b}_j \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ , and  $\vec{b}_0 = \vec{0}$ .

Define the finite orbit:

$$\mathcal{S}_N(\vec{0}) := \{\psi_{j_{N-1}} \circ \psi_{j_{N-2}} \circ \dots \circ \psi_{j_1} \circ \psi_{j_0}(\vec{0}) : j_k \in \{0, 1, \dots, K-1\}\}.$$

This orbit is our  $N$ th fractal approximation.

## A Fourier Basis on $\mathcal{S}_N$

We then choose a second iterated function system generated by  $\{\rho_0, \rho_1, \dots, \rho_{K-1}\}$  of the form

$$\rho_j(x) = Bx + \vec{c}_j$$

where  $B = (A^T)^{-1}$ , with  $\vec{c}_j \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ , and  $\vec{c}_0 = \vec{0}$ . Define the finite orbit:

$$\mathcal{T}_N(\vec{0}) := \{\rho_{j_{N-1}} \circ \rho_{j_{N-2}} \circ \dots \circ \rho_{j_1} \circ \rho_{j_0}(\vec{0}) : j_k \in \{0, 1, \dots, K-1\}\}.$$

These are the frequencies for an exponential basis on  $L^2(\mu_n)$ , where  $\mu_n = \frac{1}{K^N} \sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}_n} \delta_s$ .

## Example: The “Skewed Sierpinski Gasket”

Let:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/3 \end{pmatrix} \quad b_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad b_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

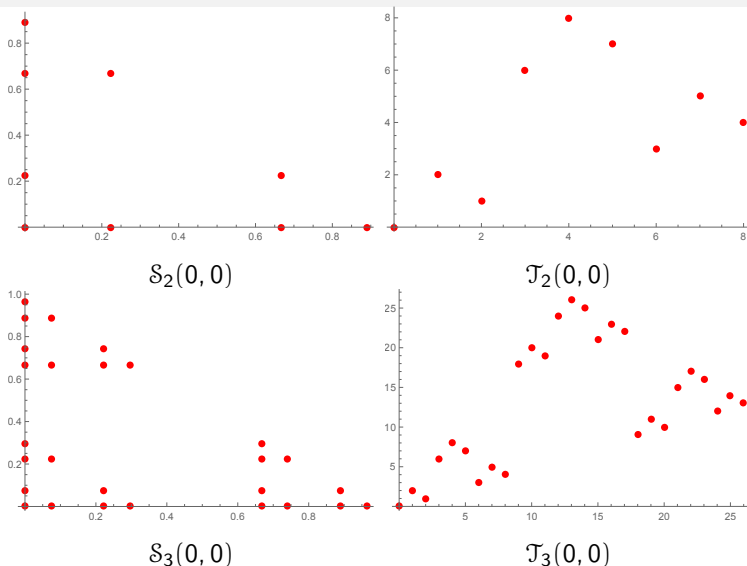
$$c_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad c_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

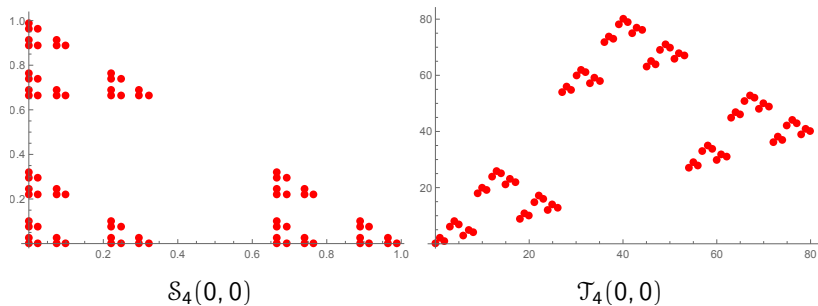
So that

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_0 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} &= \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \\ \psi_1 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} &= \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} x+2 \\ y \end{pmatrix} \\ \psi_2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} &= \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y+2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_0 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} &= 3 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \\ \rho_1 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} &= 3 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \rho_2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} &= 3 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

# Approximations and Frequencies for Small $N$





# Matrices

The  $\{\vec{c}_j\}$  must be chosen so that the matrix

$$M_1 = (e^{-2\pi i \vec{c}_j \cdot A \vec{b}_k})_{j,k}$$

is invertible (or Hadamard).

We then define

$$M_N = \left( e^{-2\pi i \vec{s}_j \cdot \vec{t}_k} \right)_{\vec{t}_k \in \mathcal{T}_N, \vec{s}_j \in \mathcal{S}_N}$$

and show that  $M_N$  is a discrete Fourier Transform matrix for  $\mathcal{S}_N$ .



# Diță's Construction

If  $A$  is a  $K \times K$  Hadamard matrix,  $B$  is an  $M \times M$  Hadamard matrix, and  $E_1, \dots, E_{K-1}$  are  $M \times M$  unitary diagonal matrices, then the  $KM \times KM$  block matrix  $H$  defined by:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{00}B & a_{01}E_1B & \dots & a_{0(K-1)}E_{K-1}B \\ a_{10}B & a_{11}E_1B & \dots & a_{1(K-1)}E_{K-1}B \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{(K-1)0}B & a_{(K-1)1}E_1B & \dots & a_{(K-1)(K-1)}E_{K-1}B \end{pmatrix}$$

is a Hadamard matrix.

Similarly, if  $A, B, E_1, \dots, E_{K-1}$  invertible,  $H$  will also be invertible.

For  $C = A^{-1}$ ,  $H^{-1}$  is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_{00}B^{-1} & c_{01}B^{-1} & \dots & c_{0(K-1)}B^{-1} \\ c_{10}B^{-1}E_1^{-1} & c_{11}B^{-1}E_1^{-1} & \dots & c_{1(K-1)}B^{-1}E_1^{-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{(K-1)0}B^{-1}E_{K-1}^{-1} & c_{(K-1)1}B^{-1}E_{K-1}^{-1} & \dots & c_{(K-1)(K-1)}B^{-1}E_{K-1}^{-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

# Complexity of Matrix Multiplication

Let  $\vec{v}$  be a vector of length  $KM$ . Consider  $H\vec{v}$  where  $H$  is the block matrix as in Equation (9). Utilizing the block form of the matrix  $H$ , we obtain that the computational complexity of  $H\vec{v}$  is

$$O(M^2K + MK^2),$$

whereas for a generic  $KM \times KM$  matrix, the computational complexity is  $O(K^2M^2)$ . Thus, the block form of  $H$  reduces the computational complexity of the matrix multiplication.

# A Fast Fourier Transform on $\mathcal{S}_N$

The matrix  $M_N$  representing the exponentials with frequencies given by  $\mathcal{T}_N(\vec{0})$  on the fractal approximation  $\mathcal{S}_N(\vec{0})$ , both ordered in a particular manner, has the form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} m_{00}M_{N-1} & m_{01}D_{N,1}M_{N-1} & \cdots & m_{0(K-1)}D_{N,K-1}M_{N-1} \\ m_{10}M_{N-1} & m_{11}D_{N,1}M_{N-1} & \cdots & m_{1(K-1)}D_{N,K-1}M_{N-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ m_{(K-1)0}M_{N-1} & m_{(K-1)1}D_{N,1}M_{N-1} & \cdots & m_{(K-1)(K-1)}D_{N,K-1}M_{N-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Where  $m_{jk} = [M_1]_{jk}$  and the  $D_{N,m}$  are unitary diagonal matrices.

Therefore, by Diță's construction,  $M_N$  is invertible, and if  $M_1$  is Hadamard, then  $M_N$  is also Hadamard.

# Block form for Inverse

The matrix  $\tilde{M}_N$  representing the exponentials with frequencies given by  $\mathcal{T}_N$  on the fractal approximation  $\mathcal{S}_N$ , both ordered in a different manner, has the form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} m_{00}\tilde{M}_{N-1} & m_{01}\tilde{M}_{N-1} & \cdots & m_{0(K-1)}\tilde{M}_{N-1} \\ m_{10}\tilde{M}_{N-1}\tilde{D}_{N,1} & m_{11}\tilde{M}_{N-1}\tilde{D}_{N,1} & \cdots & m_{1(K-1)}\tilde{M}_{N-1}\tilde{D}_{N,1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ m_{(K-1)0}\tilde{M}_{N-1}\tilde{D}_{N,K-1} & m_{(K-1)1}\tilde{M}_{N-1}\tilde{D}_{N,K-1} & \cdots & m_{(K-1)(K-1)}\tilde{M}_{N-1}\tilde{D}_{N,K-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Where  $\tilde{D}_{N,\ell}$  are also unitary diagonal matrices.

Therefore,  $\tilde{M}_N^{-1}$  has the form of Diță's construction.

## Complexity is $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$

By utilizing the block forms above, the computational complexity of multiplying a vector  $\vec{v}$  by either  $M_N$  or  $M_N^{-1}$  is reduced to  $\mathcal{O}(N \cdot K^N)$ , or, in terms of the matrix size  $n = K^N$ ,  $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$ .

This is the same computation time as the standard Fast Fourier Transform.

# Part 2:

## Fourier Bases on the Skewed Sierpinski Gasket

# The full Skewed Sierpinski Gasket!

For any iterated function system on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  generated by contractions  $\{\psi_0, \psi_1, \dots, \psi_{K-1}\}$  of the form:

$$\psi_j(x) = A(x + \vec{b}_j)$$

where  $A$  is a  $d \times d$  invertible matrix with  $\|A\| < 1$ , J.E. Hutchinson (1981, [5]) proved there is a unique closed bounded set  $S$  with

$$S = \bigcup_{j=0}^{K-1} \psi_j(S)$$

That is, the “compact attractor set”  $S$  is invariant under  $\{\psi_0, \psi_1, \dots, \psi_{K-1}\}$  and their compositions.



In the same paper, Hutchinson also showed that there is a Borel probability measure  $\nu$  on  $S$  with the property that, for all continuous  $f$ :

$$\int_S f(\vec{x}) d\nu(x) = \frac{1}{K} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{K-1} \int f(\psi_j(\vec{x})) d\nu(x) \right).$$

For our example of  $\{\psi_0, \psi_1, \psi_2\}$  above, the invariant set

$$S = \{(x, y) | x \in C_3, y \in C_3, x + y \in C_3\}$$

where  $C_3$  is the standard middle-third Cantor set. We call the corresponding probability measure  $\nu_3$ .

Is  $\mathcal{T} = \bigcup_N \mathcal{T}_N(0, 0)$  a complete set of frequencies for  $\mathcal{S}$ ?

To (try to) show that

$$\mathcal{E} = \{e^{2\pi i(t \cdot x)} \mid t \in \bigcup_N \mathcal{T}_N(0, 0)\}$$

is a Fourier basis for  $L^2(\nu_3)$ , we reconstruct it using a representation of the Cuntz algebra  $\mathcal{O}_3$  on  $L^2(\nu_3)$ .

First, choose filters for  $L^2(\nu_3)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} m_0(x, y) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} e^{2\pi i(x, y) \cdot (0, 0)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ m_1(x, y) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} e^{2\pi i(x, y) \cdot (2, 1)} \\ m_2(x, y) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} e^{2\pi i(x, y) \cdot (1, 2)} \end{aligned}$$

# An Orthonormal Set of Exponentials on $\mathcal{S}$

Then for  $j = 0, 1, 2$ ,  $R(x, y) = 3(x, y) \pmod{1}$ :

$$S_j f(x, y) = M = m_j(x, y) f(R(x, y))$$

satisfy the Cuntz relations:  $S_i^* S_j = \delta_{i,j} I$  and  $\sum_{j=0}^2 S_j S_j^* = I$ .

$\mathcal{E}$  is the orbit of the constant function  $\mathbb{1}$  under specific powers of these  $\{S_j\}$ ; thus  $\mathcal{E}$  is an orthonormal set for  $L^2(\nu_3)$ .

We tried to show that  $\mathcal{E}$  was complete; however ...

# Answer: No!

## Lemma (Jorgensen and Pedersen, 1998)

Let  $Q_1(t) := \sum_{\lambda \in P} |\hat{\mu}(t - \lambda)|^2$ , for  $t \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\hat{\mu}$  the inverse Fourier transform  $\hat{\mu}(t) = \int e^{-2\pi i(t \cdot x)} d\mu(x)$ .

Then  $\{e^{2\pi i(\lambda \cdot x)} : \lambda \in P\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $L^2(\mu)$  if and only if  $Q_1 \equiv 1$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

In our case, for  $P = \mathcal{T} = \bigcup_N \mathcal{T}_N(0, 0)$ ,

$\hat{\nu}_3((-1/2, -1) - (a, b)) = 0$  for all  $(a, b) \in \mathcal{T}$ . Therefore,

$Q_1(-1/2, -1) = 0$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  is NOT a Fourier basis for  $L^2(\nu_3)$ !

# Completing our spectrum

## Theorem (Dutkay and Jorgensen, 2006)

*Let  $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  be the smallest set that contains  $-C$  for every  $W_B$ -cycle  $C$ , and such that  $S\Lambda + L \subset \Lambda$ . Then  $\{e^{2\pi i \lambda \cdot x} | \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $L_2(\mu_B)$ .*

For the case of  $\mu_B = \nu_3$ ,  $S = 3I_2$  and  $L = \{(0, 0), (1, 2), (2, 1)\}$ ;  
 $S\Lambda + L = \{\rho_j(\Lambda) \mid j \in (0, 1, 2)\}$ .

The  $W_B$ -cycles are  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(1, 1/2)$ , and  $(1/2, 1)$ .

# A Complete Spectrum

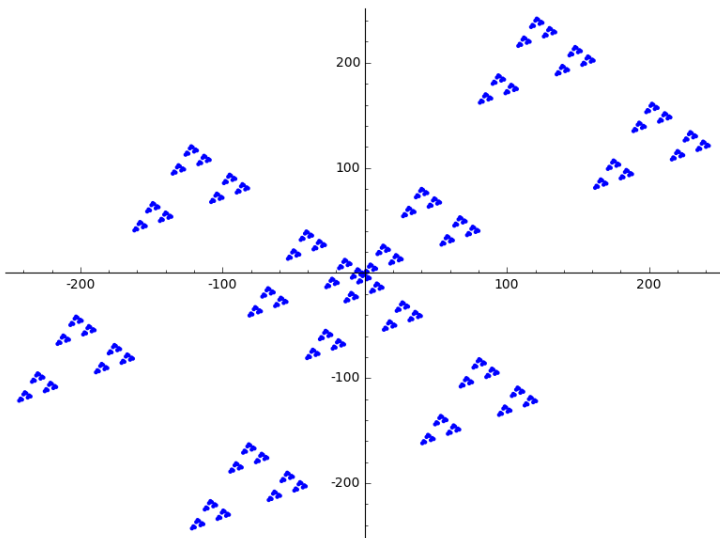
Therefore, for

$$\mathcal{T}_N(x, y) := \{\rho_{j_{N-1}} \circ \rho_{j_{N-2}} \circ \cdots \circ \rho_{j_1} \circ \rho_{j_0}(x, y) : j_k \in \{0, 1, 2\}\},$$

then

$$\overline{\mathcal{T}} = \bigcup_N (\mathcal{T}_N(0, 0) \cup \mathcal{T}_N(-1/2, -1) \cup \mathcal{T}_N(-1, -1/2))$$

forms a complete set of frequencies for  $\mathcal{S}$ .



$$\mathcal{T}_5(0,0) \cup \mathcal{T}_5(-1/2, -1) \cup \mathcal{T}_5(-1, -1/2)$$

# Another spectrum

Theorem (H. and Weber, 2016)

$$\{e^{2\pi i(u, u/2) \cdot (x, y)} \mid u \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

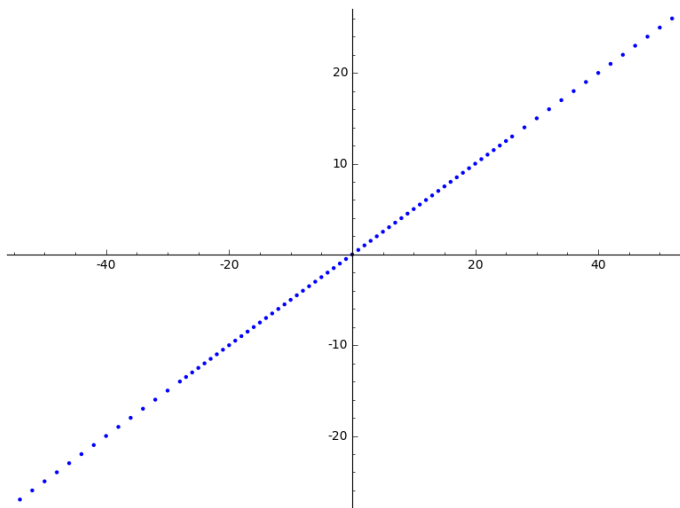
is an orthonormal basis for  $L^2(\nu_3)$ .

This spectrum comes from the dual iterated function system:

$$\eta_0 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \quad \eta_1 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \eta_2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

which has  $W_B$ -cycles  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(2, 1)$ , and  $(1, 1/2)$ .





Third iteration of the dual function system  $\{\eta_j\}$  applied to  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(-2, -1)$ , and  $(-1, -1/2)$ .

Thank you.

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