

Valuative capacity of compact subsets of ultrametric spaces

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([F]) Let $K \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be a compact subset. The **transfinite diameter** of K is

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\max_z \delta_n(z) \right]$$

where the maximum is taken over all n -tuples in K .

Proposition

([Ch], theorem 4.2) Let E be a subset of V , a rank-one valuation domain with valuation v . If $\{a_i\}_{i \geq 0}$ is v -ordering of E , then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} v(a_n - a_k) = \frac{2}{n(n+1)} \inf_{x_0, \dots, x_n \in E} v\left(\prod_{0 \leq j < i \leq n} (x_i - x_j)\right)$$

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- ▶ The terms $\prod_{i=0}^n \rho(a_n - a_i)$ do not depend on the choice of ρ -ordering. We call this the ρ -**sequence** of S .

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- ▶ The limit

$$\omega(S) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\prod_{i=0}^n \rho(a_n - a_i) \right]^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

is called the **valuative capacity** of S .

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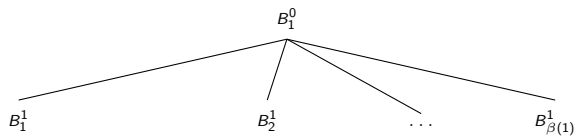
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- ▶ *decomposition*, i.e.,

$$\frac{1}{\log(\frac{\omega(S)}{d})} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\log(\frac{\omega(A_i)}{d})}$$

for $d = \text{diam}(S)$ and $\rho(A_i, A_j) = d, \forall i, j$

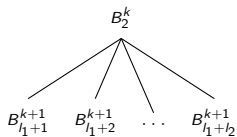
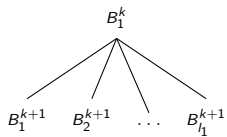


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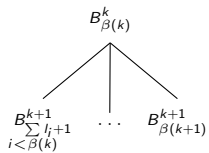
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- ▶ ρ_{k+1} -ordering of $S_{\gamma_{k+1}}$ is found by selecting elements of each B_i^k in order as much as possible, and skipping to B_{i+1}^k , when it is not possible
- ▶ to build a ρ -ordering of S from the above, it suffices only to make a choice of centres for each of B_i^k 's.

Proposition

If S is a semi-regular ultrametric space, δ is the characteristic sequence of S , β is the structure sequence of S , and α is the sequence describing the semi-regularity, then

$$v_{\gamma_k}(\delta(n)) = \lfloor \frac{n}{\beta(k)} \rfloor - \lfloor \frac{n}{\beta(k+1)} \rfloor = \sum_{j=1}^{\alpha(k)-1} \lfloor \frac{n + j \cdot \beta(k)}{\alpha(k)\beta(k)} \rfloor$$

Proposition

Let S be a regular, tame subset of a compact ultrametric space with $\gamma_k = q^{c_k}$ for some $c_k \in \mathbb{Q}$ and for all $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup 0$. Then

$$v_q(\delta(n)) = c_0 n + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (c_k - c_{k-1}) \cdot \lfloor \frac{n}{q^k} \rfloor$$

and

$$\log_q(\omega(S)) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_0 + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (c_k - c_{k-1}) \cdot \lfloor \frac{n}{q^k} \rfloor$$

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- ▶ what about primes $p \neq q$?

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} i \cdot \left\lfloor \frac{n + 2^i \cdot 3^{\lceil \frac{i}{\log_2(3)} \rceil}}{2^{i+1} \cdot 3^{\lceil \frac{i}{\log_2(3)} \rceil}} \right\rfloor$$






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Conjecture

Finite products of (\mathbb{Z}, ρ_{p_i}) for distinct primes, p_i , have transcendental valutive capacity.

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