

# Inner Minkowski Dimension of Products of Fractal Strings

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Introduce the Cantor string so that the audience can see an example right away. A movie would be nice!

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Lapidus, van Frankenhuijsen, [9, 10, 11]

$$D_{\mathcal{L}} = \inf\{\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \mid \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \ell_j^\alpha < \infty\} \implies 0 < D_{\mathcal{L}} < 1$$

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The Cartesian product of two fractal strings is a bounded open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  since a fractal string is a bounded open subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

$$\Omega_1 = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \ell_j, \Omega_2 = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} l_i$$

$$\ell_1 \geq \ell_2 \geq \ell_3 \geq \cdots \geq 0, l_1 \geq l_2 \geq l_3 \geq \cdots \geq 0$$

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- $\sum_{j=1}^{N_{\Omega_i}(x)} \ell_j = \mathcal{L}_i - \mathcal{W}_i(x)$



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- Partially covered volume

- $$V_{\text{partial}}(\epsilon) = 2\epsilon N_{\Omega_1}\left(\frac{1}{2\epsilon}\right) \sum_{j=1}^{N_{\Omega_2}\left(\frac{1}{2\epsilon}\right)} \ell_j + 2\epsilon N_{\Omega_2}\left(\frac{1}{2\epsilon}\right) \sum_{j=1}^{N_{\Omega_1}\left(\frac{1}{2\epsilon}\right)} (p_j - 2\epsilon)$$

- Fully covered volume

- $$V_{\text{full}}(\epsilon) = \mathcal{L}_1 \mathcal{W}_2\left(\frac{1}{2\epsilon}\right) + \mathcal{L}_2 \mathcal{W}_1\left(\frac{1}{2\epsilon}\right)$$

- Double counted volume

- $$V_{\text{double}}(\epsilon) = \mathcal{W}_1\left(\frac{1}{2\epsilon}\right) \mathcal{W}_2\left(\frac{1}{2\epsilon}\right)$$

# Dimension of fractal lawn

$$V(\epsilon) = V_{\text{partial}}(\epsilon) + V_{\text{full}}(\epsilon) - V_{\text{double}}(\epsilon)$$

$$V(\epsilon) = 2\epsilon \cdot N_{\Omega_1}(\frac{1}{2\epsilon}) \cdot \left( \sum_{j=1}^{N_{\Omega_2}(\frac{1}{2\epsilon})} p_j \right) + 2\epsilon \cdot N_{\Omega_2}(\frac{1}{2\epsilon}) \cdot \left( \sum_{j=1}^{N_{\Omega_1}(\frac{1}{2\epsilon})} (\ell_j - 2\epsilon) \right) + \\ \mathcal{L}_1 \mathcal{W}_2(\frac{1}{2\epsilon}) + \mathcal{L}_2 \mathcal{W}_1(\frac{1}{2\epsilon}) - \mathcal{W}_1(\frac{1}{2\epsilon}) \mathcal{W}_2(\frac{1}{2\epsilon})$$

$$V(\epsilon) = 2\epsilon \cdot N_{\Omega_1} \cdot (\mathcal{L}_2 - \mathcal{W}_2) + 2\epsilon \cdot N_{\Omega_2} \cdot (\mathcal{L}_1 - \mathcal{W}_1 - 2\epsilon \cdot N_{\Omega_1}) + \\ \mathcal{L}_1 \mathcal{W}_2 + \mathcal{L}_2 \mathcal{W}_1 - \mathcal{W}_1 \mathcal{W}_2$$




# Dimension of fractal lawn

$$V(\epsilon) = \mathcal{L}_1 \cdot (2\epsilon \cdot N_{\Omega_2} + \mathcal{W}_2) + \mathcal{L}_2 \cdot (2\epsilon \cdot N_{\Omega_1} + \mathcal{W}_1) - \\ (2\epsilon \cdot N_{\Omega_1} + \mathcal{W}_1) \cdot (2\epsilon \cdot N_{\Omega_2} + \mathcal{W}_2)$$




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# Cantor Lawn Volume GIF





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