

Today: last day of dynamical systems  
+ chaos

Next:

- Inequalities,  $\hookrightarrow$  least-squares regressions
- Abstract algebra (Galois theory...)
- Topology
- Calculus of variations
- Probability

# Dimension of fractals.

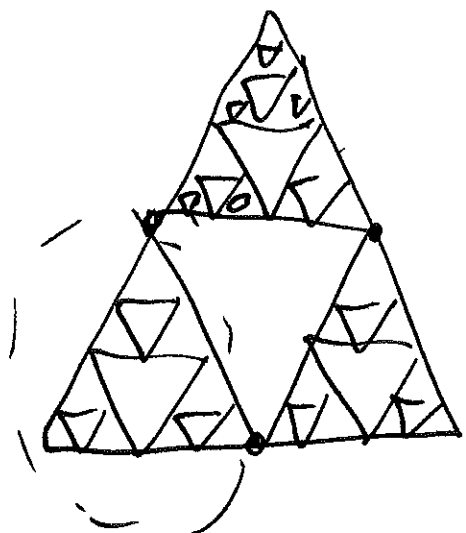
→ Suppose  $S$  is a shape (any dimension)

→ How to define  $\dim(S)$ ?

"size of"  $\mu(k \cdot S) = k^d \cdot \mu(S)$   $\leftarrow d$  is the dimension

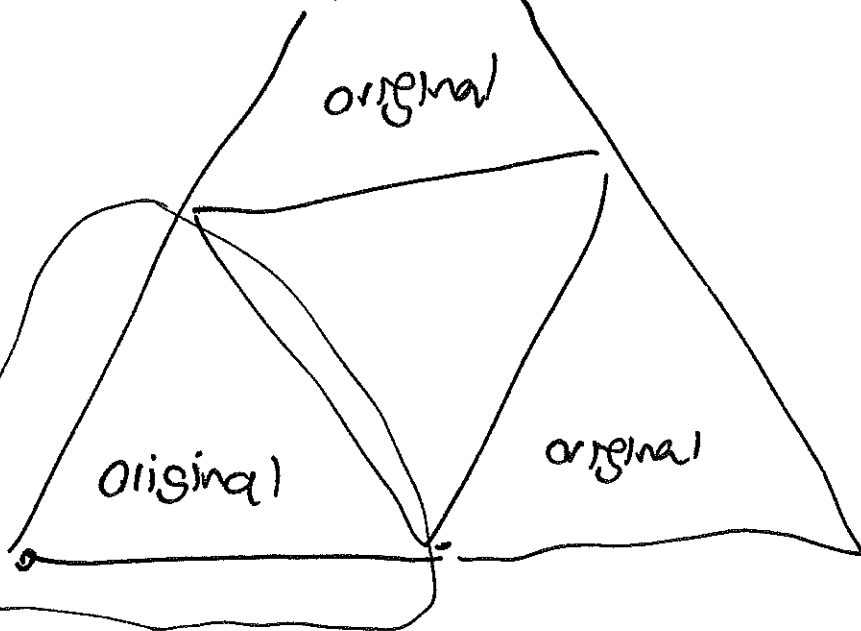
$S$  scaled by  
factor of  $k$   
in every direction

ex Sierpinski gasket:

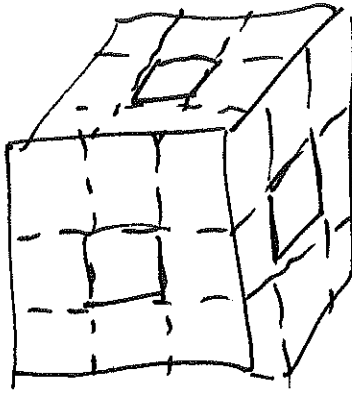


$$\mu(2 \cdot S) = 3 \cdot \mu(S) \quad 1 < d < 2.$$
$$2^d = 3 \rightsquigarrow d = \log_2 3$$

Scale by a factor of 2, what  
do we get?



# Menger Sponge



dimension?

scale by factor of 3:

$$20 = 8 + 4 + 8 \text{ copies of original.}$$

$$\mu(3 \cdot S) = 3^d \cdot \mu(S)$$

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$$20 \cdot \mu(S)$$

$$3^d = 20$$

$$d = \log_3 20$$

"Hausdorff dimension"

# Hausdorff dimension

Two problems with what we've done:

1) Doesn't work if not perfectly self-similar  
(e.g. Mandelbrot)

2) What is " $\mu$ " <sup>← size</sup> anyway? (hard!)

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The official definition (avoids these problems)

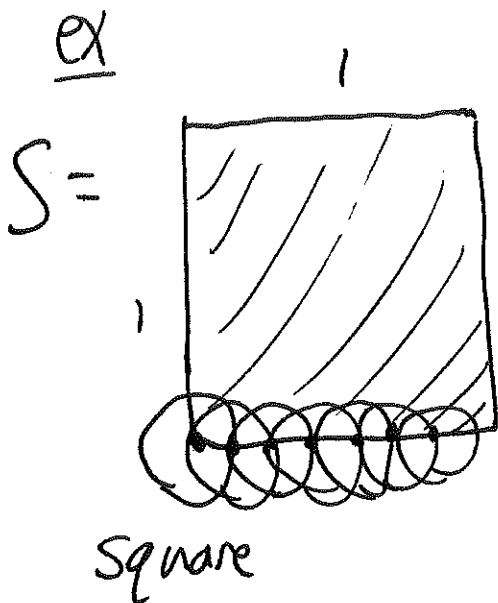
Suppose we have a set  $S$ .

"the  $d$ -dimensional size of  $S$ "

"what would be the size of  $S$   
if we think of  $S$  as being  $d$ -dimensional?"

$$\mu_d(S) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \min_{\text{covers } U_i} \sum (\text{diam}(U_i))^d$$

where  $U_i$  are balls that cover  $S$  and  
have diameter at most  $\epsilon$ . (they can overlap)



$$\epsilon = 0.2$$

$U_i$   
 {put " balls of radius 0.1 in a  
 0.1x0.1 grid, it will cover  $S$ }

here we have  $(1 \times 1)$  grid

✓  
 121 balls  $U_i$

$$\mu_2(S) = 121$$

$$\sum (\text{diam}(U_i))^d = 121 \cdot (0.2)^d.$$

What about a different  $\epsilon$ ?

Cover  $U_i$  could be grid of balls of radius  $\epsilon/2$  spaced every  $\epsilon/2$ .  
 There are  $\sim \left(\frac{2}{\epsilon}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{2}{\epsilon}\right) = \frac{4}{\epsilon^2}$  balls.

$$\mu_d(\text{square}) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \sum_{\text{balls } U_i} \text{diam}(U_i)^d$$

$$= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{4}{\epsilon^2} \cdot \left(\frac{\epsilon}{2}\right)^d$$

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try:

$$d=3$$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{4}{\epsilon^2} \left(\frac{\epsilon}{2}\right)^3 = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} \epsilon = 0$$

$$d=1$$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{4}{\epsilon^2} \left(\frac{\epsilon}{2}\right)^1 = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{2}{\epsilon} = \infty.$$

$$\rightarrow \mu_d(S) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } d > 2 \\ 1 & \text{if } d = 2 \\ \infty & \text{if } d < 2 \end{cases}$$

Def

If  $S$  is any shape, there is a value  $d_0$  so that

$$\mu_d(S) = 0 \quad \text{if } d \geq d_0$$

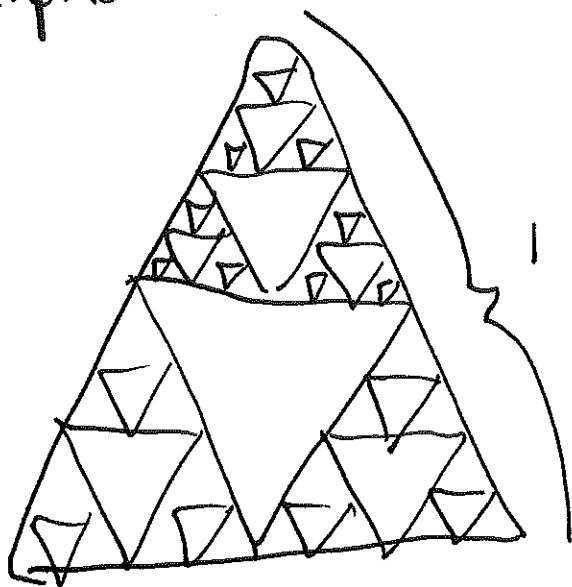
$$\mu_d(S) = \infty \quad \text{if } d < d_0$$

$d_0$  is the Hausdorff dimension of  $S$ .

(looked at pictures of the coast of Britain,  
pictures of broccoli, ...)

up next... topological entropy

one to try.  
Sierpinski



2 circles of diameter  $\delta$   
cover a triangle of side  $\delta$

$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{2} \rightsquigarrow 3 \text{ tri} \rightsquigarrow 6 \quad \underline{4_i}$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{4} \rightsquigarrow 9 \text{ tri} \rightsquigarrow 18$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{8} \rightsquigarrow 27 \text{ tri} \rightsquigarrow 54$$

$$\mu_d(S) = \sum \text{diam}(U_i)^d$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{2^n} \rightsquigarrow 3^n \text{ tri} \rightsquigarrow 2 \cdot 3^n$$

to cover it with balls of diameter  $\frac{1}{2^n} = \epsilon$

we need:

$$\mu_d(S) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \sum \text{diam}(U_i)^d = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{2^n}\right)^d \cdot (2 \cdot 3^n)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{3}{2^d}\right)^n \cdot 2 = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } d > \log_2 3 \\ \infty & \text{if } d < \log_2 3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{Hausdorff is } \log_2 3.$$