

(\*4.1a\*)

(\*Analytically find an expression for the boxcounting dimension of the fractal obtained by evolving the unit square according to way (a) in the figure above.\*)

(\*One can see that figure (a) is a Cantor Dust (2D);  
But we can ignore it for now and solve it analytically;

First we can make a table from the  
figure with the information presented in the problem;

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#####;
# n   #   N(ε) #   ε   #;
#####;
# 0   #     1   #   1   #;
# 1   #     4   #  1/3  #;
# 2   #    16   #  1/9  #;
#####;
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From above table we can recognize a pattern that  $N(\epsilon) = 4^n$  and  $\epsilon = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n$ ;

Now we use information from lecture 13(12.1) or in the book  
page 416 to find the expression for the boxcounting dimension ;  
This is the final answer:

$$d_0 = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(N(\epsilon))}{\ln(1/\epsilon)} = \frac{\ln(4^n)}{\ln(3^n)} = \frac{n \cdot \ln(4)}{n \cdot \ln(3)} = \frac{\ln(4)}{\ln(3)};$$

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(\*4.1b\*)

(\*Analytically find an expressioin for the  
boxcounting dimension of the fractal obtained by evolving  
the unit square according to way (b) in the figure above\*)

(\*This is also an asymmetric Cantor Dust(2D)

but to solve this we need a different approach than in a);

We can see from the figure that we will obtain two relative length scales  $\lambda$ ;

We can use self-similarity and scaling argument to compute  $N(\epsilon)$ ;

First iteration  $\rightarrow \lambda_a = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\lambda_b = \frac{1}{4}$ ;

With the information above and by looking at figure (b) we conclude that;

$N(\epsilon) = 1 \cdot N_a(\epsilon) + 4 \cdot N_b(\epsilon)$  (eq.1);

From self-similarity  $\rightarrow N_a(\epsilon) = N\left(\frac{\epsilon}{\lambda_a}\right)$  (eq.2) and  $N_b(\epsilon) = N\left(\frac{\epsilon}{\lambda_b}\right)$  (eq.3);

From the scaling argument  $\rightarrow N(\epsilon) = A\epsilon^{-d_0}$  (eq.4);

We can now put eq 2,3 & 4 in eq 1;

$$A\epsilon^{-d_0} = 1 \cdot A\left(\frac{\epsilon}{\lambda_a}\right)^{-d_0} + 4 \cdot A\left(\frac{\epsilon}{\lambda_b}\right)^{-d_0};$$

$$\epsilon^{-d_0} = \epsilon^{-d_0} \cdot \lambda_a^{d_0} + 4 \cdot \epsilon^{-d_0} \cdot \lambda_b^{d_0};$$

$$1 = \lambda_a^{d_0} + 4 \cdot \lambda_b^{d_0} \text{ (eq.5);}$$

We can rewrite eq 5 by inserting  $\lambda_a =$

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{ and } \lambda_b = \frac{1}{4} \text{ and solve } d_0 \text{ with Mathematica;*)}$$

$$\lambda_a = 1/2;$$

$$\lambda_b = 1/4;$$

$$s = \text{Solve}[1 == \lambda_a^{d_0} + 4 \lambda_b^{d_0}, d_0, \text{Reals}] // \text{Simplify}$$

$$\left\{ \left\{ d_0 \rightarrow -1 + \frac{\text{Log}\left[1 + \sqrt{17}\right]}{\text{Log}[2]} \right\} \right\}$$

(\*Note: log in mathetmatica is the natural logarithm, ln.\*)