

On the Fractal Curves Induced from the Complex Radix Expansion

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§ 0. Introduction.

Let α be a quadratic integer in a complex quadratic field $\mathbf{Z}(\sqrt{mi})$ and $N (=N(\alpha))$ be the norm of α . Let \mathcal{D} be a set of quadratic integers in $\mathbf{Z}(\sqrt{mi})$ whose cardinality is equal to the norm of α , and denote it by

$$\mathcal{D} = \{r_0, r_1, \dots, r_{N-1}\}, \quad r_i \in \mathbf{Z}(\sqrt{mi}).$$

A pair (α, \mathcal{D}) is called a *number system* on $\mathbf{Z}(\sqrt{mi})$ if every quadratic integer β in $\mathbf{Z}(\sqrt{mi})$ is uniquely represented in the form

$$\beta = r_0 + r_1\alpha + \dots + r_j\alpha^j, \quad r_i \in \mathcal{D} \quad (0 \leq i \leq j) \quad (0.1)$$

and we say that β is expanded with *base* α and *digits* r_i ($0 \leq i \leq j$) if it is so represented. Most primitive example of the number system found in [9] and [10] is as follows: take $\alpha = i - 1$ and $\mathcal{D} = \{0, 1\}$, then

- 1) (α, \mathcal{D}) is a number system on Gaussian field $\mathbf{Z}(i)$, and
- 2) the Hausdorff dimension of the boundary of the set

$$X_{i-1} = \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k (i-1)^{-k} \mid a_k \in \mathcal{D} \right\}$$

is equal to

$$\frac{2 \log \lambda}{\log 2} \doteq 1.5236$$

where λ is the positive root of $\lambda^3 - \lambda^2 - 2 = 0$. This fact is extended as follows:

THEOREM (Katai-Szabo [8] and Gilbert [7]). *Let α be an integer in $\mathbf{Z}(i)$ and take $\mathcal{D} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1\}$, then*

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