## Dimensions of scattered sets

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ABSTRACT. Hausdorff and packing dimensions are used to measure the complexity and irregularity of a set, though their calculations are in general not so easy. In this paper we define scattered sets which describe a typical form of explosions and then estimate their Hausdorff and packing dimensions.

### 1. Introduction

Let (X,d) be a complete metric space and  $\mathcal{P}_n(X)$  denote the family of subsets of X having n elements. Then we call a set valued map  $\phi: A \subset$  $X \to \mathcal{P}_n(X)$ , n > 1, an *n-scattered map* on A.

For a sequence  $\Phi = {\phi^k}$  of  $n_k$ -scattered maps,  $\phi^k : A^{k-1} \to \mathscr{P}_{n_k}(X)$ , in which  $\mathbf{A} = \{A^k\}$  is defined inductively by

$$A^0 = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n_0}\}$$
 and  $A^k = \bigcup_{y_{k-1} \in A^{k-1}} \phi^k(y_{k-1})$ 

for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , we call  $(\mathbf{A}, \Phi)$  a scattered system. Here the image of  $y_{k-1} \in A^{k-1}$  may also be denoted by  $\phi^k(y_{k-1}) = \{y_{k-1j} : j = 1, 2, \dots, n_k\}$ . Moreover, when there exists a function  $f: \bigcup_{k=0}^{\infty} A^k \to (0, \infty)$  and 0 < a < 1 such that

- (1)  $d(y_k, y_{k+1}) \le f(y_k) f(y_{k+1}),$
- (2)  $d(y_k, y_k') > (1+a)\{f(y_k) + f(y_k')\},$ (3)  $a \le f(y_{kj})/f(y_k) = f(y_{kj}')/f(y_k') \text{ and } f(y_k) \setminus 0 \text{ as } k \to \infty$ for each  $y_k, y_k' \in A^k$  and  $y_{k+1}, y_{kj}, y_{kj}' \in A^{k+1}$ , we call  $(\mathbf{A}, \Phi)$  an f-bounded scattered system.

We recall the definition of Hasudorff and packing dimensions [2], [3]. Let F be a given set and |U| denote the diameter of a set U. Then  $\{U_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ is called a  $\delta$ -covering of F if  $F \subset \bigcup_i U_i$  and  $|U_i| < \delta$ , and is called  $\delta$ -packing of F if  $\{U_i\}$  is pairwise disjoint,  $\overline{U_i} \cap \overline{F} \neq \emptyset$  and  $|U_i| < \delta$ . Then s-dimensional Hausdorff measure  $H^s(F)$  and Hausdorff dimension  $\dim_H(F)$  are defined by

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 $H^{s}(F) = \lim_{\delta \to 0} H^{s}_{\delta}(F)$  where  $H^{s}_{\delta}(F) = \inf\{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |U_{i}|^{s} : \{U_{i}\} \text{ is a } \delta\text{-covering of } F\}$ , and  $\dim_{\mathbf{H}}(F) = \sup\{s \geq 0 : H^{s}(F) = \infty\}$  (or  $\inf\{s \geq 0 : H^{s}(F) = 0\}$ ).

And let  $\mathscr{P}(F) = \lim_{\delta \to 0} \mathscr{P}_{\delta}(F)$  where  $\mathscr{P}_{\delta}(F) = \sup\{\sum_{i} |U_{i}|^{s} : \{U_{i}\}$  is a  $\delta$ -packing of F. Then s-dimensional packing measure  $P^{s}(F)$  and packing dimension  $\dim_{P}(F)$  are defined by  $P^{s}(F) = \inf\{\sum_{i} \mathscr{P}(F_{i}) : F \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} F_{i}\}$  and  $\dim_{P}(F) = \sup\{s \geq 0 : P^{s}(F) = \infty\}$  (or  $\inf\{s \geq 0 : P^{s}(F) = 0\}$ ).

In this paper, we define a scattered set from the scattered system and estimate its Hausdorff and packing dimensions. From now on,  $B(y_n)$  denotes the closed ball  $B(y_n, f(y_n))$ .

### 2. Main results

LEMMA 1. Let  $(\mathbf{A}, \boldsymbol{\Phi})$  be an f-bounded scattered system and let  $\{y_k\}$  be any sequence such that  $y_{k-1} \in A^{k-1}$  and  $y_k \in \phi^k(y_{k-1})$  for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $\{y_k\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in X and so has a limit point.

**PROOF.** Since  $f(y_n) \setminus 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ , for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists an  $\mathcal{N} \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $f(y_k) < \varepsilon$  for  $k \ge \mathcal{N}$  and  $y_k \in A^k$ . Then for any  $n > m \ge \mathcal{N}$ ,

$$\begin{split} d(y_m, y_n) &\leq d(y_m, y_{m+1}) + d(y_{m+1}, y_{m+2}) + \dots + d(y_{n-1}, y_n) \\ &\leq \{f(y_m) - f(y_{m+1})\} + \{f(y_{m+1}) - f(y_{m+2})\} + \dots \\ &\quad + \{f(y_{n+1}) - f(y_n)\} < \varepsilon. \end{split}$$

Thus  $\{y_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

From the above Lemma, we can define the following set,

DEFINITION 2. For a given f-bounded scattered system  $(\mathbf{A}, \boldsymbol{\Phi})$ , its scattered set is defined by

$$\Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi) = \{ y \in X : y \text{ is the limit of a sequence } \{y_n\} \text{ satisfying the condition of Lemma } 1 \}.$$

From the following Theorem, we can find some topological properties of the scattered set.

**THEOREM** 3.  $\Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi)$  is perfect, totally bounded and compact.

PROOF. Let  $y \in \Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi)$ . Then there exists  $\{y_n\}$  such that  $y_n \to y$  as  $n \to \infty$ . Since  $f(y_n) \setminus 0$  as  $n \to 0$ , for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists an  $\mathcal{N} \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $f(y_n) < \varepsilon/2$  and  $d(y_n, y) < \varepsilon/2$  for each  $n \ge \mathcal{N}$ . And for this  $\mathcal{N}$  any sequence  $\{y_n'\}$  with  $y_\ell' = y_\ell$  for  $\ell < \mathcal{N}$  and  $y_\mathcal{N} \ne y_\mathcal{N}'$  satisfying the condition of Lemma 1 has a limit point y' in  $\Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi)$ . Since  $d(y_k, y_k') > f(y_k) + f(y_k')$ ,  $B(y_k) \cap B(y_k') = \emptyset$  and since  $d(y_k, y_{k+1}) \le f(y_k) - f(y_{k+1})$  for

each  $y_{k+1} \in \phi^{k+1}(y_k)$ ,  $B(y_{k+1}) \subset B(y_k)$ . Then  $\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} B(y_n) = \{y\}$ ,  $\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} B(y_n') = \{y'\}$  and  $y' \in B(y, \varepsilon) \setminus \{y\}$ . Hence  $\Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi)$  is a perfect set.

Now for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , take an  $\mathcal{N} \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $f(y_n) < \varepsilon$  for any  $y_n \in A^n$  with  $n > \mathcal{N}$ . Then as above, every  $y \in \Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi)$  is contained in  $B(y_n)$  for some  $y_n \in A^n$  and so  $\Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi) \subset \bigcup_{y_n \in A^n} B(y_n, \varepsilon)$ . Hence  $\Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi)$  is totally bounded.

The compactness follows from the above two properties.

We will estimate the Hausdorff and packing dimensions of the scattered set.

THEOREM 4. Let

$$\underline{D} = \sup \left\{ s \ge 0 : \liminf_{n \to \infty} \sum_{y_n \in A^n} f(y_n)^s = \infty \right\}$$
$$= \inf \left\{ s \ge 0 : \liminf_{n \to \infty} \sum_{y_n \in A^n} f(y_n)^s = 0 \right\}.$$

Then  $\dim_{\mathbf{H}} \Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \boldsymbol{\Phi}) = \underline{D}$ .

PROOF. Since  $f(y_n) \setminus 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ ,  $\Phi(s,k) = \sum_{y_k \in A^k} f(y_k)^s$  is continuous and decreasing for s and for sufficiently large k. And since  $\Phi(s,k) \to 0$  as  $s \to \infty$  and  $\Phi(0,k) = n_0 n_1 n_2 \cdots n_k \to \infty$  as  $k \to \infty$ ,  $0 < \liminf_{k \to \infty} \Phi(s,k) < \infty$  implies  $\liminf_{k \to \infty} \Phi(s_1,k) = \infty$  and  $\liminf_{k \to \infty} \Phi(s_2,k) = 0$  for  $s_1 < s < s_2$ , and so  $\underline{D}$  is well-defined. We may suppose  $0 < \underline{D} < \infty$ .

For  $s > \underline{D}$  and for given  $\delta > 0$ , take an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $f(y_n) < \delta/2$  for all  $y_n \in A^n$ . Then as in the proof of Theorem 3, we have  $\Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi) \subset \bigcup_{y_n \in A^n} B(y_n)$  and

$$H^s_\delta(\Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi)) \leq \sum_{y_n \in A^n} |B(y_n)|^s = 2^s \sum_{y_n \in A^n} f(y_n)^s.$$

Hence  $H^s(\Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi)) \leq \liminf_{n \to \infty} 2^s \sum_{y_n \in A^n} f(y_n)^s < \infty$  for  $s > \underline{D}$  or  $\dim_H \Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi) \leq \underline{D}$ .

Now let  $s < \underline{D}$ . To define a mass distribution on X, let  $\mathscr{F}_n$  be the family of arbituary unions of  $B(y_n)$ 's and  $\mathscr{F}$  be the completion of the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by  $\bigcup \mathscr{F}_n$ . And define a set function  $\mu$  on  $\{B(y_n): y_n \in A^n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  by

$$\mu(B(y_n)) = f(y_n)^s / \sum_{y_n' \in A^n} f(y_n')^s.$$

Since  $f(y'_{kj})/f(y'_k) = f(y_{kj})/f(y_k)$  for  $j = 1, 2, ..., n_{k+1}$ ,

$$\sum_{y'_{k_j} \in \phi^{k+1}(y'_k)} \{ f(y'_{k_j}) / f(y'_k) \}^s = \sum_{y_{k_j} \in \phi^{k+1}(y_k)} \{ f(y_{k_j}) / f(y_k) \}^s.$$

Therefore we have

$$\mu(B(y_{nj}))$$

$$= f(y_{nj})^{s} / \sum_{y'_{n+1} \in A^{n+1}} f(y'_{n+1})^{s}$$

$$= f(y_{n})^{s} \cdot \left\{ f(y_{nj}) / f(y_{n}) \right\}^{s} \cdot \left[ \sum_{y'_{n} \in A^{n}} f(y'_{n})^{s} \left\{ \sum_{y'_{nj} \in \phi^{n+1}(y'_{n})} (f(y'_{nj}) / f(y'_{n}))^{s} \right\} \right]^{-1}$$

$$= f(y_{n})^{s} \cdot \left\{ f(y_{nj} / f(y_{n}))^{s} \cdot \left[ \sum_{y'_{n} \in A^{n}} f(y'_{n})^{s} \cdot \sum_{y''_{nj} \in \phi^{n+1}(y_{n})} (f(y''_{nj}) / f(y_{n}))^{s} \right]^{-1}$$

$$= \left\{ f(y_{n})^{s} / \sum_{y'_{n} \in A^{n}} f(y'_{n})^{s} \right\} \cdot \left\{ f(y_{nj})^{s} / \sum_{y''_{nj} \in \phi^{n+1}(y_{n})} f(y''_{nj})^{s} \right\}$$

$$= \mu(B(y_{n})) \cdot \left\{ f(y_{nj})^{s} / \sum_{y_{n+1} \in \phi^{n+1}(y_{n})} f(y_{n+1})^{s} \right\},$$

and so  $\sum_{y_{nj} \in \phi^{n+1}(y_n)} \mu(B(y_{nj}) = \mu(B(y_n))$ . Moreover

$$\sum_{y_n \in A^n} \mu(B(y_n))$$

$$= \sum_{y_{n-1} \in A^{n-1}} \sum_{y_{n-1}i \in \phi^{n}(y_{n-1})} \left[ \mu(B(y_{n-1})) \cdot \left\{ f(y_{n-1}i)^{s} \middle/ \sum_{y_{n-1}i \in \phi^{n}(y_{n-1})} f(y_{n-1}i)^{s} \right\} \right]$$

$$= \sum_{y_{n-1} \in A^{n-1}} \mu(B(y_{n-1})) = \dots = \sum_{y_{0} \in A^{0}} \mu(B(y_{0})) = 1.$$

So  $\mu$  can be extended to a mass distribution on  $\mathscr{F}$  with support in  $\Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi)$  [2]. Now consider  $y \in \Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi)$  and  $\{y_n\}$  with  $y_n \to y$  as  $n \to \infty$ . As in the proof of Theorem 2,  $\{y\} = \bigcap B(y_n)$ . For every small r > 0, take an n such that  $f(y_{n+1}) \le r < f(y_n)$ . For a > 0 in the definition of f-bounded scattered system,  $ar < af(y_n) < d(y_n, y'_n) - \{f(y_n) + f(y'_n)\}$  and so  $B(y, ar) \subset \{\bigcup_{y_n \neq y_{n'} \in A^n} B(y'_n)\}^c$  and  $\mu(B(y, ar)) \le \mu(B(y_n))$ . For 0 < t < s,

$$\begin{split} \mu(B(y,ar))/(ar)^t &\leq \mu(B(y_n))/\{a^t \cdot f(y_{n+1})^t\} \\ &\leq \mu(B(y_n))/\{a^{2t}f(y_n)^t\} \\ &= f(y_n)^{s-t} \left/ \left\{ a^{2t} \sum_{y_n' \in A^n} f(y_n')^s \right\}, \end{split}$$

so  $\sup_{r\to 0} \mu(B(y,r)/r^t \le \limsup_{n\to\infty} f(y_n)^{s-t}/\{a^{2t} \cdot \sum_{y_n'\in A^n} f(y_n')^s\} = 0$ . Hence  $H^t(\Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi)) = \infty$  by the density theorem [2], and  $\dim_H \Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi) \ge \underline{D}$ .

THEOREM 5. Let

$$\begin{split} \overline{D} &= \sup \left\{ s \geq 0 : \limsup_{n \to \infty} \sum_{y_n \in A^n} f(y_n)^s = \infty \right\} \\ &= \inf \left\{ s \geq 0 : \limsup_{n \to \infty} \sum_{y_n \in A^n} f(y_n)^s = 0 \right\}. \end{split}$$

Then  $\dim_{\mathbf{P}} \Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \boldsymbol{\Phi}) = \overline{D}$ .

PROOF. As in Theorem 4,  $\bar{D}$  is well defined. Let  $0 < s < \bar{D}$ . Take an  $\mathcal{N} \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $f(y_k) < \varepsilon/2$  for each  $y_k \in A^k$  with  $k \ge \mathcal{N}$ . Then for each  $y_n \in A^n$  with  $n \ge \mathcal{N}$ ,

$$\begin{split} P_{\varepsilon}^{s}(B(y_n) \cap A(\mathbf{A}, \boldsymbol{\varPhi})) &\geq \sup_{k \geq n} \sum_{\substack{y_k \in A^k \\ B(y_k) \subset B(y_n)}} |B(y_k)|^s \\ &\geq 2^s \cdot f(y_n)^s \cdot \left\{ \limsup_{k \to \infty} \sum_{y_k \in A^k} f(y_k)^s \middle/ \sum_{y_n \in A^n} f(y_n)^s \right\} = \infty. \end{split}$$

Thus  $P^s(B(y_n) \cap \Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi)) = \infty$ . Now consider any  $\{\Lambda_n\}$  which satisfies  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \Lambda_n = \Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi)$ . Since  $\Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi)$  is compact,  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{\Lambda_n} = \Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi)$ . By the Baire category theorem, there exists a  $\overline{\Lambda_{n_0}}$  whose interior in  $\Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi)$  is not empty, so there exists a large n such that  $B(y_n) \cap \Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi) \subset \overline{\Lambda_{n_0}}$ . Since  $P^s(\Lambda_{n_0}) = P^s(\overline{\Lambda_{n_0}}) \geq P^s(B(y_n) \cap \Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi)) = \infty$ , we have  $P^s(\Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi)) = \inf\{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P^s(\Lambda_n) : \Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi) = \bigcup \Lambda_n\} = \infty$ . Hence  $\dim_P \Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi) \geq \overline{D}$ .

Now take an  $s > \overline{D}$  and let  $\mu$  be the mass distribution defined as in Theorem 3. Consider  $y \in \Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi)$  and  $\langle y_n \rangle$  satisfying  $y_n \to y$  as  $n \to \infty$ . For given r > 0, take an n such that  $f(y_{n+1}) \le r/2 < f(y_n)$ . For t > s,

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$$\mu(B(y,r))/r^{t} \ge \mu(B(y_{n+1}))/(2f(y_{n}))^{t}$$

$$\ge (a/2)^{t} \cdot \mu(B(y_{n+1}))/f(y_{n+1})^{t}$$

$$= (a/2)^{t} \cdot f(y_{n+1})^{s-t} / \sum_{y' \in A^{n+1}} f(y'_{n+1})^{s},$$

and so

$$\liminf_{r\to 0} \mu(B(y,r))/r^{t} \ge \liminf_{n\to\infty} (a/2)^{t} \cdot f(y_{n+1})^{s-t} / \sum_{y' \in A^{n+1}} f(y'_{n+1})^{s} = \infty.$$

By the packing density theorem [3],  $P^t(\Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi)) = 0$  and  $\dim_{\mathbf{P}} \Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi) \leq \overline{D}$ .

THEOREM 6. Let  $s_n$  be the number satisfying

$$\sum_{y_n \in \phi^n(y_{n-1})} (f(y_n)/f(y_{n-1}))^{s_n} = 1.$$

And put  $\underline{s} = \liminf_{n \to \infty} s_n$  and  $\bar{s} = \limsup_{n \to \infty} s_n$ . Then

$$\underline{s} \leq \dim_{\mathbf{H}} \Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi) \leq \dim_{\mathbf{P}} \Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi) \leq \bar{s}.$$

PROOF. We may suppose  $0 < \underline{s} \le \overline{s} < \infty$ . Take an s with  $0 < s < \underline{s}$ , then there exists an  $\mathcal{N} \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $s < s_k$  for all  $k > \mathcal{N}$ . Since

$$(1+a)f(y_{n+1}) < d(y_{n+1}, y'_{n+1})$$

$$\leq d(y_{n+1}, y_n) + d(y_n, y'_{n+1}) < 2f(y_n) - f(y_{n+1})$$

for each  $y_{n+1}, y'_{n+1} \in \phi^{n+1}(y_n)$ , we have  $f(y_{n+1})/f(y_n) < 2/(2+a) < 1$  for each  $y_{n+1} \in \phi^{n+1}(y_n)$ . Then

$$\sum_{y_n \in A^n} f(y_n)^s = \sum_{y_0 \in A^0} f(y_0)^s \cdot \prod_{k=0}^n \sum_{y_{k+1} \in \phi^{k+1}(y_k)} \{f(y_{k+1})/f(y_k)\}^s$$

$$\geq c \cdot \prod_{k=N}^n \left[ \sum_{y_k \in \phi^k(y_{k-1})} \{(f(y_k)/f(y_{k-1}))^{s_k} \cdot (2/2+a)^{s-s_k}\} \right]$$

$$\geq c \cdot (2/2+a)^{(s-s_k)(n-\mathcal{N}+1)},$$

where

$$c = \sum_{y_0 \in A^0} f(y_0)^s \cdot \prod_{k=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y_{k+1} \in \phi^{k+1}(y_k)} \{f(y_{k+1})/f(y_k)\}^s.$$

So  $\liminf_{n\to\infty} \sum_{y_n \in A^n} f(y_n)^s = \infty$  and  $\underline{s} \leq \underline{D}$ .

In a similar way, we have  $\limsup \sum_{y_n \in A^n} f(y_n)^s = 0$  for  $s > \bar{s}$  and  $\bar{D} \le \bar{s}$ . Therefore from the above two theorems,  $\underline{s} \le \dim_H \Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi) \le \dim_P \Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi) \le \bar{s}$ .

COROLLARY 7. If the sequence  $\{s_n\}$  in  $\Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi)$  satisfying

$$\sum_{y_n \in \phi^n(y_{n-1})} (f(y_n)/f(y_{n-1}))^{s_n} = 1$$

has a limit s, then

$$\dim_{\mathbf{H}} \Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \boldsymbol{\Phi}) = \dim_{\mathbf{P}} \Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \boldsymbol{\Phi}) = s.$$

### 3. Examples

Now we will give two examples.

EXAMPLE 1. Let X = [0,1],  $A^0 = \{x/3 + 1/6 : x = 0,2\}$  and let  $\mathcal{N}^*$  be a fixed positive integer. For each positive integer k represented by  $k = m\mathcal{N}^* + l$  for non-negative integers m and l with  $0 \le l < \mathcal{N}^*$ , put  $a_k = 1/2 \cdot \{m\mathcal{N}^*(\mathcal{N}^* + 1) + (l+1)(l+2)\}$ . Define  $\phi^k : A^{k-1} \to \mathcal{P}_{2^{l+1}}(X)$  by

$$\phi^{k}(y_{k-1}) = \left\{ y_{k-1} + \sum_{i=a_{k}-l}^{a_{k}} x_{i}/3^{i} + 1/2 \cdot (1/3^{a_{k}} - 1/3^{a_{k-1}}) : x_{i} = 0, 2 \right\}$$

where  $A^k = \phi^k(A^{k-1})$ . and define  $f: \bigcup_{k=0}^\infty A^k \to (0,\infty)$  by  $f(y_k) = 1/(2\cdot 3^{a_k})$ . Then  $\Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \boldsymbol{\Phi})$  is an f-bounded scattered system. Since  $\sum_{y_k\in\phi^k(y_{k-1})}\{f(y_k)/f(y_{k-1})\}^{s_k}=1$  for each  $s_k=\log 2/\log 3$ ,

$$\dim_{\mathbf{H}} \Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{\Phi}) = \dim_{\mathbf{P}} \Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{\Phi}) = \log 2/\log 3.$$

EXAMPLE 2. For the same X and  $A^0$  as in above, we define another f-bounded scattered system by

$$\phi^k(y_{k-1})$$

$$= \begin{cases} \{y_{k-1} + \sum_{i=3n-1}^{3n} x_i/3^i - 4/27^n : x_{3n-1} = 0, 2, \ x_{3n} = 2\}, & (k = 2n-1) \\ \{y_{k-1} + x_{3n+1}/3^{3n+1} - 1/(3 \cdot 27^n) : x_{3n+1} = 0, 2\}, & (k = 2n), \end{cases}$$

$$f(y_k) = \begin{cases} 1/(2 \cdot 27^n), & (k = 2n-1), \\ 1/(6 \cdot 27^n), & (k = 2n), \end{cases}$$

for  $y_{k-1} \in A^{k-1}$  and for  $y_k \in A^k$ . Then for this f-bounded scattered system  $\Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \boldsymbol{\Phi})$ ,  $s_k = \log 2/(2\log 3)$  for k = 2n - 1 and  $s_k = \log 2/\log 3$  for k = 2n. Hence

$$\log 2/(2\log 3) \le \dim_{\mathbf{H}} \Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi) \le \dim_{\mathbf{P}} \Lambda(\mathbf{A}, \Phi) \le \log 2/\log 3.$$

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