

CANTOR SERIES EXPANSIONS AND PACKING DIMENSION FAITHFULNESS

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ABSTRACT. The paper is devoted to the development of general theory of packing measures and dimensions via introducing the notion of «faithfulness of a packing family for \dim_P calculation» and the packing analogues of the Billingsley dimension. To this aim we study equivalent definitions of packing dimension and prove theorems which can be considered as packing analogues of the famous Billingsley's theorems. The main result of the paper gives necessary and sufficient condition for the packing dimension faithfulness of the family of cylinders generated by the Cantor series expansion. To the best of our knowledge this is the first known sharp condition of the packing dimension faithfulness for a class of packing families containing both faithful and non-faithful ones.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Hausdorff dimension \dim_H [27] is the most famous fractal dimension. It is well known that the determination of this dimension is a rather non-trivial problem for many sets and measures (see, e.g., [2]-[13], [24, 20, 28, 33, 34, 36, 39, 40, 41] and references therein).

The packing dimension \dim_P can be considered as an alternative fractal dimension [44, 24]. It has been introduced only in 1980-s but it is widely known and very useful in the study of fractal sets and measures. Let us stress several reasons for the «popularity» of packing dimension.

- (1) The packing dimension has all «good» properties of the fractal dimension, such as the countable stability (see, e.g., [24]).
- (2) «The introduction of packing measures (remarkably some 60 years after Hausdorff measures) has led to a greater understanding of the geometric measure theory of fractals, with packing measures behaving in a way that is «dual» to Hausdorff measures in many respects» ([24], P. 53).

- (3) Information about \dim_H and \dim_P reflects a level of «regularity» resp. «irregularity» of a set. Inequality

$$\dim_H E \leq \dim_P E$$

is widely known (see, e.g., [24]). If the inequality above becomes the equality, then the set E is said to be «regular by Tricot» [42] and it has many interesting properties (for example, $\dim_H(E \times F) = \dim_H E + \dim_H F$, where $E \times F$ is a Cartesian product of E and F).

So, the study of \dim_P together with the \dim_H allows us to know more about the geometric nature and regularity of sets and measures. That is why in many works (see, e.g., [15, 16, 25, 28, 29, 30] and others) the both dimensions are calculated for considered sets and measures.

There are many approaches to the Hausdorff dimension calculation. One of them is related to the notion of «faithfulness of a family of coverings for \dim_H calculation» (see, e.g., [9] and references therein). Roughly speaking, a family Φ of subsets of the unit interval is faithful for \dim_H calculation on the unit interval if for any $E \subset [0, 1]$ for the correct determination of $\dim_H E$ it is enough to consider coverings of E by sets from Φ . This approach makes the Hausdorff dimension calculation simpler in many cases. It is clear that any comparable net ([37]) generates faithful family of coverings, but there exist faithful nets generating fractional measures which are essentially non-comparable w.r.t. classical Hausdorff measures ([9]).

The aim of this paper is to develop general theory of packing measures and dimensions via introducing the notion of «faithfulness of a packing family for \dim_P calculation» and the packing analogues of the Billingsley dimension. To this aim we study equivalent definitions of packing dimension and prove theorems which can be considered as packing analogues of the famous Billingsley's theorems ([18]). The main result of the paper gives necessary and sufficient condition for the packing dimension faithfulness of the family of cylinders generated by the Cantor series expansion. To the best of our knowledge this is the first known sharp condition of the packing dimension faithfulness for a class of packing families containing both faithful and non-faithful ones.

2. BASIC DEFINITIONS

Let us shortly recall main notions related to the Hausdorff and packing dimensions.

2.1. Faithfulness w.r.t. \dim_H calculation. Let Φ be a fine family of coverings on $[0; 1]$, i.e., a family of subsets of $[0; 1]$ such that for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists an at most countable ε -covering $\{E_j\}$ of $[0; 1]$ with $E_j \in \Phi$.

Definition 1. The α -dimensional Hausdorff measure of a set $E \subset [0; 1]$ w.r.t. a given fine family of coverings Φ is defined by

$$H^\alpha(E, \Phi) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \left(\inf \left\{ \sum_j |E_j|^\alpha \right\} \right) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} H_\varepsilon^\alpha(E, \Phi),$$

where the infimum is taken over all at most countable ε -coverings $\{E_j\}$ of E , $E_j \in \Phi$.

Definition 2. The Hausdorff dimension of a set E w.r.t. Φ is defined by

$$\dim_H(E, \Phi) := \inf \{ \alpha : H^\alpha(E, \Phi) = 0 \}.$$

Definition 3. A fine coverings family Φ is said to be faithful for the Hausdorff dimension calculation on $[0; 1]$ if

$$\dim_H(E, \Phi) = \dim_H(E), \forall E \subset [0; 1].$$

A historical review of the notion of «faithfulness for the Hausdorff dimension calculation» can be found in [9]. In [9] authors also obtained general necessary and sufficient conditions for the Hausdorff dimension faithfulness of Vitaly coverings and sharp conditions for the \dim_H faithfulness for the family of cylinders generated by Cantor series expansions.

2.2. Faithfulness w.r.t. \dim_P calculation. The packing dimension \dim_P was introduced by C. Tricot [44] at the beginning of 1980 in the following way.

Let E be a subset of a metric space (M, ρ) , let $|E|$ be the diameter of a bounded set E .

Definition 4. Let $E \subset M$, $\varepsilon > 0$. A finite or countable family $\{E_j\}$ of balls is called an ε -packing of a set E if

- (1) $|E_i| \leq \varepsilon, \forall i$;
- (2) A center of any E_i belongs to E ;
- (3) $E_i \cap E_j = \emptyset, \forall i \neq j$.

Remark 1. The empty set of balls is also a packing of any set.

Definition 5. Let $E \subset M$, $\alpha \geq 0$, $\varepsilon > 0$. The α -dimensional packing pre-measure of bounded set E is defined by

$$\mathcal{P}_\varepsilon^\alpha(E) := \sup \left\{ \sum_i |E_i|^\alpha \right\},$$

where the supremum is taken over all ε -packings $\{E_j\}$ of E (if $\{E_j\} = \emptyset$, then $\mathcal{P}_\varepsilon^\alpha(E) := 0$).

Definition 6. The α -dimensional packing quasi-measure of a set E is defined by

$$\mathcal{P}_0^\alpha(E) := \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{P}_\varepsilon^\alpha(E).$$

Unfortunately, the α -dimensional packing quasi-measure is not a measure (to show this it is enough to consider any countable everywhere dense set).

Definition 7. The α -dimensional packing measure is defined by

$$\mathcal{P}^\alpha(E) := \inf \left\{ \sum_j \mathcal{P}_0^\alpha(E_j) : E \subset \bigcup E_j \right\},$$

where the infimum is taken over all at most countable coverings $\{E_j\}$ of E , $E_j \subset M$.

Definition 8. The nonnegative number

$$\dim_P(E) := \inf \{ \alpha : \mathcal{P}^\alpha(E) = 0 \}.$$

is called the *packing dimension* of a set $E \subset W$.

To simplify the calculation of the packing dimension it is natural to introduce the notion of packing dimension faithfulness for a countable family Φ of packings. Proving the packing analogue of the Billingsley's theorems is an additional motivation to introduce the notion of $\dim_P(E, \Phi)$.

Unfortunately, a direct analogy with $\dim_H(E, \Phi)$ does not lead to applicable results. To explain this remark let us consider any countable family Φ of balls, and let

$$\mathcal{P}_\varepsilon^\alpha(E, \Phi) = \sup \left\{ \sum_i |E_i|^\alpha \right\},$$

where supremum is taken over all possible packings $\{E_i\}$ of a set E with $E_i \in \Phi$. Then we define quasi-measure, measure and dimension by definitions 5, 6 and 7 respectively. In such a case every countable family Φ is not faithful for the packing dimension calculation on $[0; 1]$. To prove this we consider the set C_Φ of centers of all balls from Φ , and then define $E_0 := [0; 1] \setminus C_\Phi$. It is clear that $\dim_P(E_0) = 1$. On the other hand $\dim_P(E_0, \Phi) = 0$, because there are no packings of the set E_0 by balls from Φ .

Therefore, families of cylinders generated by s -adic, Q , Q^* , \tilde{Q} -expansions can not be faithful for the classical packing dimension calculation.

It is clear that the condition «centers of balls must be in the figure, dimension of which is calculating» is the main reason of this problem with classical (centered) packing definition. That is why we introduce a new notion of «uncentered packing» and respectively «uncentered packing dimension» $\dim_{P(unc)}$. The $\dim_{P(unc)}$ definition is similar to \dim_P definition, except that condition «centers of balls in the packing belong to the set E » is replaced by «every ball from the packing has a non-empty intersection with E ».

Next we prove that

$$\dim_{P(unc)} E = \dim_P E, \forall E$$

in a wide class of metric spaces including \mathbb{R}^n .

Based on the notion of $\dim_{P(unc)}$, we introduce notions of $\dim_P(E, \Phi)$ and $\dim_P(E, \Phi, \mu)$, and the notion «faithfulness of a family of balls for packing (generally speaking, uncentered, but in \mathbb{R}^n we drop this word) dimension calculation».

3. EQUIVALENT DEFINITIONS AND GENERALIZATIONS OF PACKING DIMENSION.

3.1. Uncentered packing dimension. The notions of «Hausdorff dimension with respect to the family of covering» and «Billingsly dimension» are well known generalizations of the classical Hausdorff dimension. They give a powerful tool for the determination and estimations of the Hausdorff dimension of sets and probability measures. As we explained above, the condition «the centers of packing balls belonging to the set» does not give a possibility to develop similar tools for the packing case. Because of this reason we introduce a notion of uncentered packing dimension.

Definition 9. Let $E \subset M$, $\varepsilon > 0$. A finite or a countable family $\{E_j\}$ of open balls is called an *uncentered ε -packing* of a set E if

- (1) $|E_i| \leq \varepsilon, \forall i$;
- (2) $E_i \cap E \neq \emptyset$;
- (3) $E_i \cap E_j = \emptyset \forall i \neq j$.

Remark 2. The empty set of balls is also an uncentered packing of any set.

Definition 10. Let $E \subset M$, $\alpha \geq 0$, $\varepsilon > 0$. The *uncentered α -dimensional packing pre-measure* of a bounded set E is defined by

$$\mathcal{P}_{\varepsilon(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(E) := \sup \left\{ \sum_i |E_i|^{\alpha} \right\},$$

where the supremum is taken over all at most countable uncentered ε -packings $\{E_j\}$ of E (if $\{E_j\} = \emptyset$, then $\mathcal{P}_{\varepsilon(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(E) := 0$).

Directly from the definition it follows that

- (1) **Monotonicity.** If $E_1 \subset E_2$, then $\mathcal{P}_{\varepsilon(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(E_1) \leq \mathcal{P}_{\varepsilon(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(E_2)$;
- (2) **Sub-additivity.** $\mathcal{P}_{\varepsilon(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(E_1 \cup E_2) \leq \mathcal{P}_{\varepsilon(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(E_1) + \mathcal{P}_{\varepsilon(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(E_2)$;
- (3) $\forall \delta > 0 : \mathcal{P}_{\varepsilon(\text{unc})}^{\alpha+\delta}(E) \leq \mathcal{P}_{\varepsilon(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(E) \cdot \varepsilon^{\delta}$.

Definition 11. The *uncentered α -dimensional packing quasi-measure* of a set E is defined by

$$\mathcal{P}_{0(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(E) := \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{P}_{\varepsilon(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(E).$$

Let us formulate basic properties of the uncentered α -dimensional packing quasi-measure.

- (1) **Monotonicity.** If $E_1 \subset E_2$, then $\mathcal{P}_{0(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(E_1) \leq \mathcal{P}_{0(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(E_2)$;
- (2) **Sub-additivity.** $\mathcal{P}_{0(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(E_1 \cup E_2) \leq \mathcal{P}_{0(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(E_1) + \mathcal{P}_{0(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(E_2)$;
- (3) **The set function $\mathcal{P}_{0(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(E)$ is not σ -additive.** There is a family of sets $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_k, \dots$ such that $\mathcal{P}_{0(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i) > \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{P}_{0(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(E_i)$;
- (4) If $\mathcal{P}_{0(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(E) < \infty$, then $\mathcal{P}_{0(\text{unc})}^{\alpha+\delta}(E) = 0$, $\forall \delta > 0$;
- (5) If $\mathcal{P}_{0(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(E) > 0$ for some positive α , then $\mathcal{P}_{0(\text{unc})}^{\alpha-\delta}(E) = +\infty$, $\forall \delta \in (0; \alpha)$.

Definition 12. The *uncentered α -dimensional packing measure* is defined by

$$\mathcal{P}_{(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(E) := \inf \left\{ \sum_j \mathcal{P}_{0(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(E_j) : E \subset \bigcup_j E_j \right\},$$

where the infimum is taken over all at most countable uncentered coverings $\{E_j\}$ of E , $E_j \subset M$.

Let us formulate basic properties of the uncentered α -dimensional packing measure.

- (1) **Monotonicity.** If $E_1 \subset E_2$, then $\mathcal{P}_{(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(E_1) \leq \mathcal{P}_{(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(E_2)$;
- (2) **σ -sub-additivity.**

$$\mathcal{P}_{(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(\bigcup_i E_i) \leq \sum_i \mathcal{P}_{(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(E_i), \quad E_i \subset M, \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N}.$$

- (3) If $\mathcal{P}_{(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(E) < \infty$, then $\mathcal{P}_{(\text{unc})}^{\alpha+\delta}(E) = 0$, $\forall \delta > 0$;
- (4) If $\mathcal{P}_{(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(E) > 0$ for some $\alpha > 0$, then $\mathcal{P}_{(\text{unc})}^{\alpha-\delta}(E) = +\infty$, $\forall \delta \in (0; \alpha)$.

Definition 13. The nonnegative number

$$\dim_{P(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(E) := \inf \{ \alpha : \mathcal{P}_{(\text{unc})}^{\alpha}(E) = 0 \}.$$

is called the *uncentered packing dimension* of a set $E \subset M$.

By using standard approach one can easily prove basic properties of the uncentered packing dimension.

- (1) **Monotonicity.** If $E_1 \subset E_2$, then $\dim_{P(unc)}(E_1) \leq \dim_{P(unc)}(E_2)$;
- (2) **Countable stability.**

$$\dim_{P(unc)}\left(\bigcup_i E_i\right) = \sup_i \dim_{P(unc)}(E_i), \quad E_i \subset M, \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Theorem 1. *Let (M, ρ) be a metric space. Suppose that there exists a positive integer C such that any open ball I contains at most C non-intersecting open balls whose diameters are equal to $\frac{1}{8}|I|$. Then*

$$\dim_{P(unc)}(E) = \dim_P(E), \quad \forall E \subset M.$$

Proof. Step 1. Firstly let us prove that $\dim_{P(unc)}(E) \geq \dim_P(E)$. From definitions of pre-measures and properties of suprema it follows that

$$\mathcal{P}_{r(unc)}^\alpha(A) \geq \mathcal{P}_r^\alpha(A), \quad \forall A \subset M, \quad \forall \alpha > 0, \quad \forall r > 0.$$

Taking the limit, we get

$$\mathcal{P}_{0(unc)}^\alpha(A) \geq \mathcal{P}_0^\alpha(A), \quad \forall A \subset M, \quad \forall \alpha > 0.$$

So, for any $E \subset M$ and for any covering $\{E_j\}$ of E we get

$$\mathcal{P}_{0(unc)}^\alpha(E_j) \geq \mathcal{P}_0^\alpha(E_j), \quad \forall \alpha > 0.$$

Hence

$$\mathcal{P}_{(unc)}^\alpha(E) \geq \mathcal{P}^\alpha(E), \quad \forall E \subset M, \quad \forall \alpha > 0.$$

Let $\dim_{P(unc)}(E) = \alpha_0$. By the definition of $\dim_{P(unc)}(E)$, we have

$$\mathcal{P}_{(unc)}^{\alpha_0+\varepsilon}(E) = 0, \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0.$$

Therefore

$$\mathcal{P}_0^{\alpha_0+\varepsilon}(E) = 0, \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0,$$

and consequently

$$\dim_P(E) \leq \alpha_0.$$

So, $\dim_{P(unc)}(E) \geq \dim_P(E)$.

Step 2. Let us show that $\dim_{P(unc)}(E) \leq \dim_P(E)$.

If $\dim_{P(unc)}(E) = 0$, then the statement is obvious.

Let us work with the case where $\dim_{P(unc)}(E) \neq 0$. Let us choose positive reals t and s such that $0 < t < s < \dim_{P(unc)}(E)$.

Since $s < \dim_{P(unc)}(E)$, we have

$$\mathcal{P}_{(unc)}^s(E) = +\infty,$$

and, therefore,

$$\mathcal{P}_{0(unc)}^s(E) = +\infty.$$

Hence,

$$\forall r > 0 : \mathcal{P}_{r(unc)}^s(E) = +\infty.$$

So, there exists an uncentered packing $V := \{E_i\}$ of the set E , with

$$\sum_i |E_i|^s > 1. \tag{1}$$

For any $r \in (0, 1)$ let us split the packing V into disjoint classes:

$$V_k := \left\{ E_i : 2^{-k-1} \leq |E_i| < 2^{-k} \right\}, \quad k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}.$$

Let n_k be the number of balls in V_k . Let us prove that

$$\exists k_0 : n_{k_0} \geq 2^{k_0 t} (1 - 2^{t-s}).$$

To obtain a contradiction, suppose that

$$n_k < 2^{kt} (1 - 2^{t-s}), \quad \forall k.$$

Then

$$\sum_i |E_i|^s < \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{-ks} \cdot n_k < \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{-ks} \cdot 2^{kt} (1 - 2^{t-s}) = (1 - 2^{t-s}) \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (2^{t-s})^k = 1,$$

which contradicts our assumption (1). So, there exists k_0 with $n_{k_0} \geq 2^{k_0 t} (1 - 2^{t-s})$.

Let us work with V_{k_0} . We denote by $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{n_{k_0}}$ the balls in V_{k_0} , i. e.,

$$V_{k_0} = \left\{ A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{n_{k_0}} \right\}.$$

Fix $r := 2^{-k_0-1}$. Then a radius of any A_i is less than r . Let T_i be a point of A_i such that $T_i \in A_i \cap E$. Let V' be the set of balls with the centers T_i , and the radius r , i. e.,

$$V' = \{A'_i : A'_i = B(T_i, r)\}.$$

Fix

$$V^* = \{A_i^* : A_i^* = B(T_i, 4r)\}.$$

Let us split the set V' into families K_1, K_2, \dots, K_l by using the following procedure.

- (1) Let $A'_{j_1} := A'_1$ and let the family K_1 consists of A'_{j_1} and all other balls $A'_i \in V'$ such that $A'_i \cap A'_{j_1} \neq \emptyset$.
- (2) We choose an arbitrary ball $A'_{j_2} \in V' \setminus K_1$ and define K_2 to be the family consisting of A'_{j_2} and all other balls $A'_i \in V' \setminus K_1$ such that $A'_i \cap A'_{j_2} \neq \emptyset$.
- (3) And so on.
- (4) We will continue this process until $V' \setminus (K_1 \cup K_2 \cup \dots \cup K_l) = \emptyset$. Since the number of elements in V' is finite, the above mentioned number l is not greater than n_{k_0} .

It is clear that if $A'_i \cap A'_j \neq \emptyset$ (i. e., $\rho(T_i, T_j) \leq 2r$), then $A_j \subset A_i^*$.

A radius of A_j is bigger than $r/2$. From the assumption of the theorem it follows that there are no more than C disjoint balls with radius $r/2$ in a ball with radius $4r$. Therefore there are no more than C balls in any family K_i . So, $\frac{n_{k_0}}{C} \leq l$.

From the construction of families $\{K_i\}$ it follows that if $i < m$, then balls A'_{j_i} and A'_{j_m} do not intersect each other.

Therefore,

$$V'' = \{A'_{j_1}, A'_{j_2}, \dots, A'_{j_l}\}$$

is a centered packing of a set E and

$$\sum_{i=1}^l |A'_{j_i}|^t = l \cdot (2r)^t \geq n_{k_0} \cdot \frac{2^{-k_0 t}}{C} \geq 2^{k_0 t} (1 - 2^{t-s}) \cdot \frac{2^{-k_0 t}}{C} = \frac{1 - 2^{t-s}}{C}.$$

Hence,

$$\mathcal{P}_{2^{-k_0}}^t(E) \geq \frac{1 - 2^{t-s}}{C}.$$

By the inequality $2^{-k_0} < r$, we get

$$\mathcal{P}_r^t(E) \geq \frac{1 - 2^{t-s}}{C}, \forall r > 0,$$

and, therefore,

$$\mathcal{P}_0^t(E) \geq \frac{1 - 2^{t-s}}{C}.$$

Let us show that $\mathcal{P}^t(E) \geq \frac{1 - 2^{t-s}}{C}$. Let us recall that

$$\mathcal{P}^t(E) = \inf \left\{ \sum_j \mathcal{P}_0^t(E_j) : E \subset \bigcup E_j \right\},$$

where the infimum is taken over all at most countable coverings E_j of set E .

Let $\{E_j\}$ be an arbitrary at most countable coverings of E . Since $\dim_{P(unc)}(E) > s$, from the countable stability of uncentered packing dimension $\dim_{P(unc)}$ it follows that there exists a j_0 such that $\dim_{P(unc)}(E_{j_0}) > s$. It is clear that in such a case we have

$$\mathcal{P}_{(unc)}^s(E_{j_0}) = +\infty,$$

and, therefore,

$$\mathcal{P}_{0(unc)}^s(E_{j_0}) = +\infty$$

Repeating the same arguments as we have already done in this proof for the set E , we get

$$\mathcal{P}_0^t(E_{j_0}) \geq \frac{1 - 2^{t-s}}{C}.$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_j \mathcal{P}_0^t(E_j) \geq \frac{1 - 2^{t-s}}{C}.$$

Since the latter inequality is true for an arbitrary covering $\{E_j\}$ of the set E , we conclude that

$$\mathcal{P}^t(E) \geq \frac{1 - 2^{t-s}}{C}.$$

So,

$$\dim_P(E) \geq t.$$

Since the real numbers t and s can be chosen arbitrarily close to $\dim_{P(unc)}(E)$, we get the desired inequality $\dim_P(E) \geq \dim_{P(unc)}(E)$, which completes the proof. \square

Corollary 1. *If $M = \mathbb{R}^n$, then $\dim_{P(unc)}(E) = \dim_P(E)$.*

Proof. Let B_{8r} be a ball with radius $8r$, let B_r be a ball with radius r , and let $\lambda(\cdot)$ be n -dimensional Lebesgue measure. Then

$$\lambda(B_{8r}) = 8^n \cdot \lambda(B_r).$$

Therefore, there exist not more than $C = 8^n$ disjoint balls with radii r in a ball with radius $8r$, which completes the proof. \square

3.2. Packing dimension with respect to a family of sets. Let Φ be a family of balls in a metric space (M, ρ) .

Definition 14. Let $E \subset M$, $\alpha \geq 0$, $\varepsilon > 0$. Then α -dimensional packing pre-measure of a bounded set E with respect to Φ is defined by

$$\mathcal{P}_\varepsilon^\alpha(E, \Phi) := \sup \left\{ \sum_i |E_i|^\alpha \right\},$$

where the supremum is taken over all uncentered ε -packings $\{E_i\} \subset \Phi$ of E (if $\{E_i\} = \emptyset$, then $\mathcal{P}_\varepsilon^\alpha(E, \Phi) := 0$).

The following properties of the α -dimensional packing pre-measure w. r. t. family Φ follow directly from the definition.

- (1) **Monotonicity.** If $E_1 \subset E_2$, then $\mathcal{P}_\varepsilon^\alpha(E_1, \Phi) \leq \mathcal{P}_\varepsilon^\alpha(E_2, \Phi)$;
- (2) **Sub-additivity.** $\mathcal{P}_\varepsilon^\alpha(E_1 \cup E_2, \Phi) \leq \mathcal{P}_\varepsilon^\alpha(E_1, \Phi) + \mathcal{P}_\varepsilon^\alpha(E_2, \Phi)$;
- (3) $\forall \delta > 0 : \mathcal{P}_\varepsilon^{\alpha+\delta}(E, \Phi) \leq \mathcal{P}_\varepsilon^\alpha(E, \Phi) \cdot \varepsilon^\delta$.

Definition 15. The α -dimensional packing quasi-measure of a set E w. r. t. Φ is defined by

$$\mathcal{P}_0^\alpha(E, \Phi) := \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{P}_\varepsilon^\alpha(E, \Phi).$$

Let us formulate basic properties of the α -dimensional packing quasi-measure w. r. t. Φ .

- (1) **Monotonicity.** If $E_1 \subset E_2$, then $\mathcal{P}_0^\alpha(E_1, \Phi) \leq \mathcal{P}_0^\alpha(E_2, \Phi)$;
- (2) **Sub-additivity.** $\mathcal{P}_0^\alpha(E_1 \cup E_2, \Phi) \leq \mathcal{P}_0^\alpha(E_1, \Phi) + \mathcal{P}_0^\alpha(E_2, \Phi)$;
- (3) If $\mathcal{P}_0^\alpha(E, \Phi) < \infty$, then $\mathcal{P}_0^{\alpha+\delta}(E, \Phi) = 0$, $\forall \delta > 0$;
- (4) If $\mathcal{P}_0^\alpha(E) > 0$ and $\alpha > 0$, then $\mathcal{P}_0^{\alpha-\delta}(E, \Phi) = +\infty$, $\forall \delta \in (0; \alpha)$.

Definition 16. The α -dimensional packing measure w. r. t. Φ is defined by

$$\mathcal{P}^\alpha(E, \Phi) := \inf \left\{ \sum_j \mathcal{P}_0^\alpha(E_j, \Phi) : E \subset \bigcup_j E_j \right\},$$

where the infimum is taken over all at most countable coverings $\{E_j\}$ of E , $E_j \subset \mathbf{M}$.

Let us formulate basic properties of the α -dimensional packing measure w.r.t. Φ .

- (1) **Monotonicity.** If $E_1 \subset E_2$, then $\mathcal{P}^\alpha(E_1, \Phi) \leq \mathcal{P}^\alpha(E_2, \Phi)$;
- (2) **σ -Sub-additivity.**

$$\mathcal{P}^\alpha(\bigcup_i E_i, \Phi) \leq \sum_i \mathcal{P}^\alpha(E_i, \Phi), \quad E_i \subset W, \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N}..$$

- (3) If $\mathcal{P}^\alpha(E, \Phi) < \infty$, then $\mathcal{P}^{\alpha+\delta}(E, \Phi) = 0$, $\forall \delta > 0$;
- (4) If $\mathcal{P}^\alpha(E, \Phi) > 0$ and $\alpha > 0$, then $\mathcal{P}^{\alpha-\delta}(E, \Phi) = +\infty$, $\forall \delta \in (0; \alpha)$.

Definition 17. The nonnegative number

$$\dim_P(E, \Phi) := \inf \{ \alpha : \mathcal{P}^\alpha(E, \Phi) = 0 \}$$

is called the *packing dimension* of a set $E \subset M$ w. r. t. Φ .

By using standard approach one can easily prove monotonicity and countable stability of the packing dimension w.r.t. Φ , i.e.,

$$\dim_P\left(\bigcup_i E_i, \Phi\right) = \sup_i \dim_P(E_i, \Phi), \quad E_i \subset M, \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Lemma 1.

$$\dim_P(E, \Phi) \leq \dim_{P(unc)}(E).$$

Proof. Let Φ_0 be the family of all open balls of M . Then

$$\mathcal{P}_{r(unc)}^\alpha(E) = \mathcal{P}_r^\alpha(E, \Phi_0).$$

Since $\Phi \subseteq \Phi_0$, we see that

$$\mathcal{P}_r^\alpha(E, \Phi) \leq \mathcal{P}_r^\alpha(E, \Phi_0).$$

By the inequality for packing pre-measures, it follows that

$$\dim_P(E, \Phi) \leq \dim_{P(unc)}(E).$$

□

Definition 18. Let Φ be some family of balls in metric space (M, ρ) . If

$$\dim_P(E, \Phi) = \dim_P(E), \quad \forall E \subset M,$$

then family Φ is called «faithful for packing dimension calculation».

3.3. Packing dimension w. r. t. a family of sets and a measure. Let Φ be a family of open balls in a metric space (M, ρ) and let μ be a continuous measure.

Definition 19. Let $E \subset M$, $\alpha \geq 0$, $\varepsilon > 0$. Then α -dimensional packing pre-measure of a bounded set E with respect to Φ and μ is defined by

$$\mathcal{P}_\varepsilon^\alpha(E, \Phi, \mu) := \sup \left\{ \sum_i (\mu(E_i))^\alpha \right\},$$

where the supremum is taken over all at most countable (uncentered) ε -packings $\{E_i\} \subset \Phi$ of E (if $\{E_j\} = \emptyset$, then $\mathcal{P}_\varepsilon^\alpha(E, \Phi, \mu) := 0$).

The following properties of the α -dimensional packing pre-measure w. r. t. family Φ and measure μ follows directly from the definition.

- (1) **Monotonicity.** If $E_1 \subset E_2$, then $\mathcal{P}_\varepsilon^\alpha(E_1, \Phi, \mu) \leq \mathcal{P}_\varepsilon^\alpha(E_2, \Phi, \mu)$;
- (2) **Sub-additivity.** $\mathcal{P}_\varepsilon^\alpha(E_1 \cup E_2, \Phi, \mu) \leq \mathcal{P}_\varepsilon^\alpha(E_1, \Phi, \mu) + \mathcal{P}_\varepsilon^\alpha(E_2, \Phi, \mu)$;
- (3) If for a given $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a $c(\varepsilon) > 0$ such that $\mu(I) < c(\varepsilon)$ for any ball I with $|I| < \varepsilon$, then

$$\mathcal{P}_\varepsilon^{\alpha+\delta}(E, \Phi, \mu) \leq \mathcal{P}_\varepsilon^\alpha(E, \Phi, \mu) \cdot (c(\varepsilon))^\delta, \quad \forall \delta > 0.$$

Definition 20. The α -dimensional packing quasi-measure of a set E w. r. t. Φ and μ is defined by

$$\mathcal{P}_0^\alpha(E, \Phi, \mu) := \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{P}_\varepsilon^\alpha(E, \Phi, \mu).$$

Let us formulate basic properties of the α -dimensional packing quasi-measure w. r. t. Φ and μ .

- (1) **Monotonicity.** If $E_1 \subset E_2$, then $\mathcal{P}_0^\alpha(E_1, \Phi, \mu) \leq \mathcal{P}_0^\alpha(E_2, \Phi, \mu)$;
- (2) **Sub-additivity.** $\mathcal{P}_0^\alpha(E_1 \cup E_2, \Phi, \mu) \leq \mathcal{P}_0^\alpha(E_1, \Phi, \mu) + \mathcal{P}_0^\alpha(E_2, \Phi, \mu)$;

- (3) If $\mathcal{P}_0^\alpha(E, \Phi, \mu) < \infty$ and $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} c(\varepsilon) = 0$ (the function $c(\varepsilon)$ has been defined above)), then $\mathcal{P}_0^{\alpha+\delta}(E, \Phi, \mu) = 0, \quad \forall \delta > 0;$
- (4) If $\mathcal{P}_0^\alpha(E) > 0$ and $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} c(\varepsilon) = 0$ and $\alpha > 0$, then $\mathcal{P}_0^{\alpha-\delta}(E, \Phi, \mu) = +\infty, \quad \forall \delta \in (0; \alpha).$

Definition 21. The α -dimensional packing measure w. r. t. Φ and μ is defined by

$$\mathcal{P}^\alpha(E, \Phi, \mu) := \inf \left\{ \sum_j \mathcal{P}_0^\alpha(E_j, \Phi, \mu) : E \subset \bigcup E_j \right\},$$

where the infimum is taken over all at most countable coverings $\{E_j\}$ of $E, E_j \subset M$.

- (1) **Monotonicity.** If $E_1 \subset E_2$, then $\mathcal{P}^\alpha(E_1, \Phi, \mu) \leq \mathcal{P}^\alpha(E_2, \Phi, \mu);$
- (2) **σ -Sub-additivity.**

$$\mathcal{P}^\alpha(\cup_i E_i, \Phi, \mu) \leq \sum_i \mathcal{P}^\alpha(E_i, \Phi, \mu), \quad E_i \subset W, \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N}.$$

- (3) If $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} c(\varepsilon) = 0$ and $\mathcal{P}^\alpha(E, \Phi, \mu) < \infty$, then $\mathcal{P}^{\alpha+\delta}(E, \Phi, \mu) = 0, \quad \forall \delta > 0;$
- (4) If $\mathcal{P}^\alpha(E, \Phi) < \infty$, then $\mathcal{P}^{\alpha+\delta}(E, \Phi) = 0, \quad \forall \delta > 0;$
- (5) If $\mathcal{P}^\alpha(E, \Phi) > 0$ and $\alpha > 0$, then $\mathcal{P}^{\alpha-\delta}(E, \Phi) = +\infty, \quad \forall \delta \in (0; \alpha).$

Definition 22. The nonnegative number

$$\dim_P(E, \Phi, \mu) := \inf \{ \alpha : \mathcal{P}^\alpha(E, \Phi, \mu) = 0 \}.$$

is called the *packing dimension* of a set $E \subset W$ w. r. t. Φ and a measure μ .

By using the same techniques as for the classical packing dimension one can prove monotonicity and countable stability of the packing dimension w.r.t. Φ and μ , i.e.,

$$\dim_P(\cup_i E_i, \Phi, \mu) = \sup_i \dim_P(E_i, \Phi, \mu), \quad E_i \subset M, \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Remark 3. If $M \subset \mathbb{R}^1$ and μ is a Lebesgue measure ($\mu = \lambda$), then $\dim_P(E, \Phi, \mu) = \dim_P(E, \Phi)$.

3.4. Analogue of Billingsley's theorem for the packing dimension. There are many types of expansions of real numbers over finite as well as infinite alphabets (see, e.g., [38, 26, 10, 3, 14, 8, 7] and references therein). Each expansion generates the corresponding procedure of partitions and the family of basic cylinders. For a given expansion of real numbers over an alphabet A

$$x = \Delta_{\alpha_1(x)\alpha_2(x)\dots\alpha_n(x)\dots}, \quad \alpha_k(x) \in A,$$

let $\Delta_n(x)$ be the cylinder of n -th rank containing x .

Theorem 2. Let μ and ν be continuous measures on $[0; 1]$ and $\Delta_n(x)$ be cylinder of n -th rank containing a point $x \in [0; 1]$. Fix $\delta > 0$. Let

$$E \subset \left\{ x : \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \mu(\Delta_n(x))}{\ln \nu(\Delta_n(x))} \leq \delta \right\},$$

then

$$\dim_P(E, \Phi, \nu) \leq \delta \cdot \dim_P(E, \Phi, \mu).$$

Proof. At first, we shall prove the theorem under more strong assumptions

$$\exists n_0 : \frac{\ln \mu(\Delta_n(x))}{\ln \nu(\Delta_n(x))} \leq \delta, \forall x \in E, \forall n > n_0. \quad (2)$$

Then for any $n > n_0$ and for any positive α we have

$$(\mu(\Delta_n(x)))^\alpha \geq (\nu(\Delta_n(x)))^{\alpha\delta}.$$

Therefore

$$\mathcal{P}_\varepsilon^\alpha(E, \Phi, \mu) \geq \mathcal{P}_\varepsilon^{\alpha\delta}(E, \Phi, \nu)$$

for all small enough ε .

Taking the limit as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$, we have

$$\mathcal{P}_0^\alpha(E, \Phi, \mu) \geq \mathcal{P}_0^{\alpha\delta}(E, \Phi, \nu).$$

Consequently,

$$\mathcal{P}^\alpha(E, \Phi, \mu) \geq \mathcal{P}^{\alpha\delta}(E, \Phi, \nu).$$

Let $\alpha_0 := \dim_P(E, \Phi, \mu)$. Let $\alpha > \alpha_0$ be an arbitrary number. Then $\mathcal{P}^\alpha(E, \Phi, \mu) = 0$ and $\mathcal{P}^{\alpha\delta}(E, \Phi, \nu) = 0$. Hence $\dim_P(E, \Phi, \nu) \leq \alpha\delta$. Therefore,

$$\dim_P(E, \Phi, \nu) \leq \delta \cdot \dim_P(E, \Phi, \mu).$$

Let

$$E \subset \left\{ x : \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \mu(\Delta_n(x))}{\ln \nu(\Delta_n(x))} \leq \delta \right\}.$$

Then

$$\forall x \in E, \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N(x, \varepsilon) : \frac{\ln \mu(\Delta_n(x))}{\ln \nu(\Delta_n(x))} \leq \delta + \varepsilon, \quad \forall n > N(x, \varepsilon).$$

Let $N_0(x, \varepsilon)$ be the minimal number with this property. For a given $\varepsilon > 0$, let

$$E_m = \{x : N_0(x, \varepsilon) \leq m\},$$

where $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

By the definition, we have

$$E_m \subset \left\{ x : \frac{\ln \mu(\Delta_n(x))}{\ln \nu(\Delta_n(x))} \leq \delta + \varepsilon, \forall n > m \right\}.$$

Hence

$$\dim_P(E_m, \Phi, \nu) \leq (\delta + \varepsilon) \cdot \dim_P(E_m, \Phi, \mu), \forall m \in \mathbb{N}.$$

From the countable stability it follows that

$$\dim_P(E, \Phi, \nu) \leq (\delta + \varepsilon) \cdot \dim_P(E, \Phi, \mu).$$

Since ε can be chosen arbitrarily small, we have

$$\dim_P(E, \Phi, \nu) \leq \delta \cdot \dim_P(E, \Phi, \mu),$$

which proves the theorem. \square

It is necessary to mention that a simpler version of this theorem has been proven by M. Das [22] in 2008.

4. ON FAITHFULNESS OF A PACKING FAMILY FOR THE PACKING DIMENSION CALCULATION

4.1. Sharp conditions for faithfulness of packing families generated by Cantor series expansions. Let us recall that for a given sequence $\{n_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ with $n_k \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$ the expression of $x \in [0, 1]$ in the following form

$$x = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha_k}{n_1 \cdot n_2 \cdot \dots \cdot n_k} =: \Delta_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_k \dots}, \quad \alpha_k \in \{0, 1, \dots, n_k - 1\}$$

is said to be the Cantor series expansion of x . These expansions, which have been initially studied by G. Cantor in 1869 (see., e.g. [19]), are natural generalizations of the classical s -adic expansion for reals. In [1] authors mentioned that «G. CantorriSs motivation to study the Cantor series expansions was to extend the well known proof of the irrationality of the number $e = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}$ to a larger class of numbers. Results along these lines may be found in the monograph of J. Galambos [26]». Cantor series expansions have been intensively studied from different points of view during last century (see, e.g., [32, 38] and references therein). They can be used to get simple proofs of irrationality of some famous constants (see, e.g., [23]). A lot of efforts were spent by many mathematicians to find sharp conditions for rationality resp. irrationality of real numbers in terms of the sequence $\{n_k\}$, but this problem is still open. A series of research papers related to the normality of real numbers in terms of Cantor series expansions and fractal properties of subsets of non-normal numbers have been published during last decade (see, e.g., [36, 5, 12, 1, 2] and references therein). To calculate the Hausdorff and packing dimension of sets defined in terms of Cantor series expansions it is extremely important to know whether the family of cylinders of the Cantor series expansion is faithful.

Let Φ_k be the family of the k -th rank closed intervals (cylinders) , i.e.,

$$\Phi_k := \{E : E = \Delta_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_k}, \alpha_i \in \{0, \dots, n_i - 1\}, i = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$$

with

$$\Delta_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_k} := \left\{ x : x \in \left[\sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\alpha_i}{n_1 n_2 \dots n_i}, \frac{1}{n_1 n_2 \dots n_k} + \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\alpha_i}{n_1 n_2 \dots n_i} \right] \right\}.$$

Let Φ be the family of all possible closed intervals (cylinders), i.e.,

$$\Phi := \{E : E = \Delta_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_k}, k \in \mathbb{N}, \alpha_i \in \{0, \dots, n_i - 1\}, i = 1, 2, \dots, k\} = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \Phi_k.$$

In the paper [9] authors found sharp conditions for the Hausdorff dimension faithfulness of the family Φ . The following theorem, being the main result of the paper, gives necessary and sufficient condition for the packing dimension faithfulness of the family of cylinders generated by the Cantor series expansion. To the best of our knowledge this is the first known sharp condition of the packing dimension faithfulness for a class of packing families containing both faithful and non-faithful ones.

Theorem 3. *The family Φ of Cantor coverings of the unit interval is faithful for the packing dimension if and only if*

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n_k}{\ln n_1 \cdot n_2 \cdot \dots \cdot n_{k-1}} = 0. \quad (3)$$

Proof. Sufficiency. Let us show that condition (3) is sufficient for the faithfulness of Φ for the packing dimension calculation. Since the inequality $\dim_P(E, \Phi) \leq \dim_P(E)$ is true for an arbitrary covering family Φ and for a set $E \in [0, 1]$, it is sufficient to prove that

$$\dim_P(E, \Phi) \geq \dim_P E.$$

Let $\{E_j\} = (a_j; b_j)$ be an arbitrary **centered** ε -packing of a given set E ($c_j := \frac{a_j+b_j}{2} \in E$). Then there exists a cylinder $\Delta_j := \Delta(|E_j|) \in \Phi_{k_j}$ such that:

- (1) $\Delta_j \subset E_j$;
- (2) $c_j \in \Delta_j$;
- (3) $\forall \Delta \in \Phi_{k_j-1} : \Delta \not\subset E_j$.

From the above it follows that $|\Delta_j| \geq \frac{1}{2n_{k_j}} \cdot |E_j|$. Consequently, the corresponding α -volume of ε -packing $\{\Delta_j\} \subset \Phi$ is bounded from below:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_j |\Delta_j|^\alpha &\geq \sum_j \left(\frac{1}{2n_{k_j}} \cdot |E_j| \right)^\alpha = \sum_j \left(\frac{1}{2n_{k_j}} \right)^\alpha \cdot |E_j|^{-\delta} \cdot |E_j|^{\alpha+\delta} \geq \\ &\sum_j \left(\frac{1}{2n_{k_j}} \right)^\alpha \cdot |\Delta_j|^{-\delta} \cdot |E_j|^{\alpha+\delta} = \sum_j \left(\frac{1}{2n_{k_j}} \right)^\alpha \cdot (n_1 n_2 \dots n_{k_j})^\delta \cdot |E_j|^{\alpha+\delta} \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n_i}{\ln(n_1 n_2 \dots n_{i-1})} = 0,$$

we have $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n_i}{\ln(n_1 n_2 \dots n_i)} = 0$, and, therefore, $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n_1 n_2 \dots n_i)}{\ln n_i} = +\infty$.

So, for given $\alpha > 0$, $\delta > 0$, $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $m_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

- (1) $\frac{1}{n_1 n_2 \dots n_i} < \varepsilon, \forall i > m_0$;
- (2) $\frac{\delta \cdot \ln(n_1 n_2 \dots n_i)}{\alpha \cdot \ln n_i} > 1, \forall i > m_0$.

From what has already been proved, it follows that

$$\sum_j |\Delta_j|^\alpha \geq \sum_j \frac{1}{2^\alpha} \cdot \left(e^{\frac{\delta \ln(n_1 n_2 \dots n_{k_j})}{\alpha \ln(n_{k_j})} - 1} \right)^{\alpha \ln(n_{k_j})} \cdot |E_j|^{\alpha+\delta} \geq \frac{1}{2^\alpha} \sum_j |E_j|^{\alpha+\delta},$$

Consequently,

$$\mathcal{P}_\varepsilon^\alpha(E, \Phi) \geq \frac{1}{2^\alpha} \sum_j |E_j|^{\alpha+\delta}, \forall \alpha > 0, \forall \delta > 0, \forall \varepsilon > 0$$

and

$$\mathcal{P}^\alpha(E) \geq \mathcal{P}^\alpha(E, \Phi) \geq \frac{1}{2^\alpha} \mathcal{P}^{\alpha+\delta}(E). \quad (4)$$

Let $\alpha_0 := \dim_P(E, \Phi)$. Then

$$\mathcal{P}^{\alpha+\frac{1}{n}}(E, \Phi) = 0, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Since $\mathcal{P}^{\alpha+\delta}(E) \leq 2^\alpha \mathcal{P}^\alpha(E, \Phi)$, we get

$$\mathcal{P}^{\alpha+\delta+\frac{1}{n}}(E) = 0, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \forall \delta > 0.$$

So,

$$\dim_P E \leq \alpha_0 + \delta + \frac{1}{n}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \forall \delta > 0$$

and $\dim_P E \leq \dim_P(E, \Phi)$.

Necessity. Let us show that condition (3) is necessary for the faithfulness of Φ for the packing dimension calculation.

Suppose, contrary to our claim, that Φ is faithful and condition (3) does not hold. Then

$$\overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n_k}{\ln n_1 \cdot n_2 \cdot \dots \cdot n_{k-1}} =: C > 0. \quad (5)$$

From (5) it follows that there exists an increasing subsequence $\{k_s\}$ such that

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n_{k_s}}{\ln(n_1 n_2 \dots n_{k_s-1})} = C, \quad (6)$$

and

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n_{k_1} n_{k_2} \dots n_{k_{s-1}})}{\ln(n_1 n_2 \dots n_{k_s-1})} = 0. \quad (7)$$

Let us construct a set T^* such that

$$\dim_P(T^*, \Phi) < \dim_P(T^*). \quad (8)$$

Let $A = \{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_s, \dots\}$ and

$$T^* = \{x : x = \Delta_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_k \dots}\},$$

where $\alpha_j = 0$ if $j \notin A$,

and $\alpha_j \in \{0, [\sqrt{n_j}], 2[\sqrt{n_j}], \dots, ([\sqrt{n_j}] - 1) \cdot [\sqrt{n_j}]\}$ if $j \in A$.

Firstly let us show that $\dim_P(T^*) \geq \frac{C}{C+2}$.

To this aim for a given $\varepsilon > 0$ let us choose m_0 such that $\frac{1}{n_1 n_2 \dots n_{m_0}} < \varepsilon$.

It is clear that for an arbitrary $s > m_0$ the set T^* can be packed by

$$[\sqrt{n_{k_1}}] \cdot [\sqrt{n_{k_2}}] \cdot \dots \cdot [\sqrt{n_{k_s}}] =: Q_s$$

intervals and each of them is a union of $[\sqrt{n_k}]$ cylinders from Φ_{k_s} .

A length of each interval equals

$$\frac{[\sqrt{n_{k_s}}]}{n_1 n_2 \dots n_{k_s}} =: V_s.$$

The α -volume of this ε -packing is equal to

$$Q_s \cdot (V_s)^\alpha = \left(\exp \left(\frac{\ln Q_s}{\ln(n_1 n_2 \dots n_{k_s-1})} + \frac{\alpha \ln [\sqrt{n_{k_s}}]}{\ln(n_1 n_2 \dots n_{k_s-1})} - \frac{\alpha \ln(n_1 n_2 \dots n_{k_s})}{\ln(n_1 n_2 \dots n_{k_s-1})} \right) \right)^{\ln(n_1 n_2 \dots n_{k_s-1})}.$$

Let us calculate

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln Q_s}{\ln(n_1 n_2 \dots n_{k_s-1})} = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln [\sqrt{n_{k_1}}] + \ln [\sqrt{n_{k_2}}] + \dots + \ln [\sqrt{n_{k_{s-1}}}] + \ln [\sqrt{n_k}]}{\ln(n_1 n_2 \dots n_{k_s-1})} = \frac{C}{2}.$$

Consequently,

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} Q_s \cdot (V_s)^\alpha = (\exp(C - 2\alpha - \alpha C))^{\frac{1}{2} \ln(n_1 n_2 \dots n_{k_s-1})}$$

If $C - 2\alpha - \alpha C > 0$ ($\alpha > \frac{C}{2+C}$), then $Q_s(V_s)^\alpha \rightarrow +\infty$ as $s \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore, if $\alpha < \frac{C}{2+C}$, then $\mathcal{P}_\varepsilon^\alpha(T^*) = +\infty$, $\forall \varepsilon > 0$. Since T^* is a nowhere dense closed set, we have $\mathcal{P}^\alpha(T^*) = +\infty$, $\forall \alpha < \frac{C}{2+C}$. Therefore, we have

$$\dim_P T^* \geq \frac{C}{2+C}. \quad (9)$$

On the other hand we shall prove that

$$\dim_P(T^*, \Phi) \leq \frac{C}{2C+2}.$$

Let μ_ξ be the probability measure corresponding to the random variable ξ with independent digits of the Cantor series expansion, i.e.,

$$\xi = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\xi_k}{n_1 n_2 \dots n_k},$$

where ξ_k are independent random variables such that ξ_k takes the value 0 with probability 1, if $k \notin A$; if $k \in A$, then

ξ_k	0	$\sqrt{n_k}$	$2 \cdot \sqrt{n_k}$	\dots	$(\lfloor \sqrt{n_k} \rfloor - 1) \cdot \sqrt{n_k}$
	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n_k}}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n_k}}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n_k}}$	\dots	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n_k}}$

Let λ be Lebesgue measure on $[0; 1]$ and $\Delta_k(x)$ be cylinder of k -th rank, where $x \in \Delta_k(x)$. Then $\forall x \in T^*$:

$$\ln \mu_\xi(\Delta_{k_s}(x)) = -\ln Q_s;$$

$$\ln \lambda(\Delta_{k_s}(x)) = -\ln(n_1 n_2 \dots n_{k_s});$$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \mu_\xi(\Delta_{k_s}(x))}{\ln \lambda(\Delta_{k_s}(x))} = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \lfloor \sqrt{n_{k_1}} \rfloor + \ln \lfloor \sqrt{n_{k_2}} \rfloor + \dots + \ln \lfloor \sqrt{n_{k_{s-1}}} \rfloor + \ln \lfloor \sqrt{n_{k_s}} \rfloor}{\ln(n_1 n_2 \dots n_{k_{s-1}}) + \ln n_{k_s}} = \frac{C}{2C+2}.$$

Let us prove that

$$\limsup_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \mu_\xi(\Delta_l(x))}{\ln \lambda(\Delta_l(x))} = \frac{C}{2C+2}, \forall x \in T^*.$$

For an arbitrary $l \in \mathbb{N}$ there exists a number $s = s(l)$ such that $k_s \leq l < k_{s+1}$. Fix $d_l := l - k_s$. Then $l = k_s + d_l$, where $d_l < k_{s+1} - k_s$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\ln \mu_\xi(\Delta_l(x))}{\ln \lambda(\Delta_l(x))} &= \frac{\ln \left(\mu_\xi(\Delta_{k_s}(x)) \cdot \overbrace{1 \cdot 1 \cdot \dots \cdot 1}^{d_l} \right)}{\ln \left(\lambda(\Delta_{k_s}(x)) \cdot \frac{1}{n_{k_s+1}} \cdot \frac{1}{n_{k_s+2}} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{1}{n_{k_s+d_l}} \right)} = \\ &= \frac{\ln \left(\frac{1}{\mu_\xi(\Delta_{k_s}(x))} \right) + 0}{\ln \left(\frac{1}{\lambda(\Delta_{k_s}(x))} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{d_l} \ln n_{k_s+i}} \leq \\ &\leq \frac{\ln \left(\frac{1}{\mu_\xi(\Delta_{k_s}(x))} \right)}{\ln \left(\frac{1}{\lambda(\Delta_{k_s}(x))} \right)} = \frac{\ln \mu_\xi(\Delta_{k_s}(x))}{\ln \lambda(\Delta_{k_s}(x))}. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, $\gamma_i := \frac{\ln \mu_\xi(\Delta_{k_s+i}(x))}{\ln \lambda(\Delta_{k_s+i}(x))}$ is monotonically decreasing for $i \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, k_{s+1} - k_s - 1\}$. So,

$$\limsup_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \mu_\xi(\Delta_l(x))}{\ln \lambda(\Delta_l(x))} = \limsup_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \mu_\xi(\Delta_{k_s}(x))}{\ln \lambda(\Delta_{k_s}(x))} = \frac{C}{2C + 2}.$$

This shows that

$$T^* \subset \left\{ x : \limsup_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \mu_\xi(\Delta_l(x))}{\ln \lambda(\Delta_l(x))} \leq \frac{C}{2C + 2} \right\}.$$

By Theorem 2, we get

$$\dim_P(T^*, \Phi, \lambda) \leq \frac{C}{2C + 2} \cdot \dim_P(T^*, \Phi, \mu_\xi).$$

Since T^* is the topological support of the measure μ_ξ , we conclude that $\dim_P(T^*, \Phi, \mu) = 1$. Consequently, $\dim_P(T^*, \Phi, \lambda) = \dim_P(T^*, \Phi)$. This shows that

$$\dim_P(T^*, \Phi) \leq \frac{C}{2C + 2}. \quad (10)$$

From inequalities (9) and (10), it follows that

$$\dim_P(T^*, \Phi) \leq \frac{C}{2C + 2} < \frac{C}{C + 2} \leq \dim_P T^*,$$

which completes the proof. \square

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