# Can you hear the shape of a Fractal Drum?

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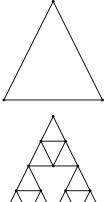
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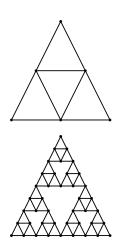


## Introduction To Analyzing Fractals

## Graph Levels-For the SG

#### For the Sierpinski Gasket:







## Graph Levels-For the Bubble Diamond

#### For levels of the Bubble Diamond:



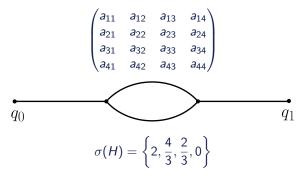




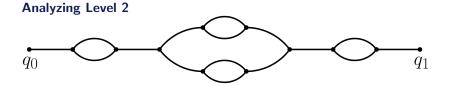


#### Graph Levels for the Bubble Diamond-Analysis

#### Analyzing Level 1-The Laplacian



## Graph Levels for the Bubble Diamond-Analysis





#### Spectral Decimation-Definition

#### Definition

The Laplace operator on a p.c.f. self-similar fractal G admits spectral deimation, if there exists a rational function R, a finite set A and a constant  $\lambda>1$  such that all eigenvalues of  $\Delta$  can be written in the form

$$\lambda^m \lim_{n \to \infty} \lambda^n R^{(-n)}(\{\omega\}), \ \omega \in A, m \in \mathbb{N}$$

where the preimages of  $\omega$  under *n*-fold iteration of R have to be chosen such that the limit exists. Furthermore, the multiplicities  $\beta_m(\omega)$  of the eigenvalues depend only on  $\omega$  and m, and the generating functions of the multiplicities are rational.

#### Integrated Density of States-Counting Function

#### Definition (Counting Function)

The Counting function is defined as  $C(x) = \#\{\lambda : \lambda \le x\}$ .

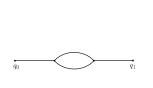
## Integrated Density of States-Final Form

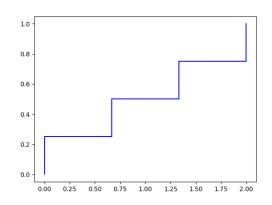
#### Definition (Integrated Density of States(IDS))

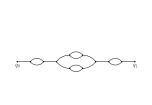
Let dim<sub>n</sub> be the dimension number. The IDS is defined as  $N_n(x) = \frac{C(x)}{\dim_n}$ .

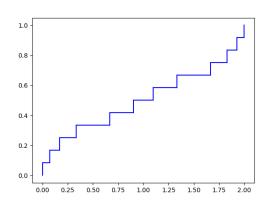


Level 1:

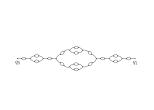


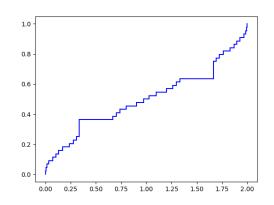




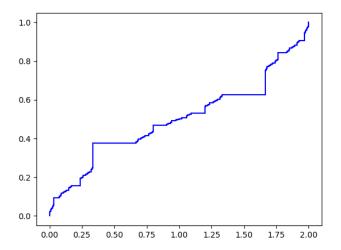


Level 3:





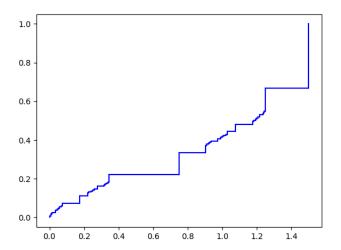
Level 9:





## Integrated Density of States-Sierpinski Gasket

Level 10 Sierpinski Gasket:



## Gap Labeling Analyzing the Integrated Density of States



## Sierpinski's Gasket

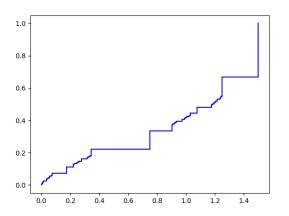


Figure 1: Level 10 N(x) for the Sierpinski's Gasket

#### **Bubble Diamond Fractal**

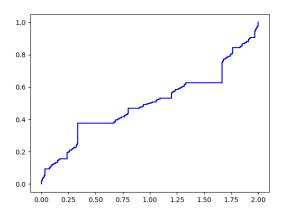


Figure 2: Bubble Diamond Level 6 IDS



#### Creating Formula

- We only need eigenvalue descendents of <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> and <sup>5</sup>/<sub>3</sub>.
- The eigenvalue will have a finite number m of descendency steps before reaching <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> or <sup>5</sup>/<sub>3</sub>.
- We add height difference between <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> and <sup>5</sup>/<sub>3</sub> into initial value.

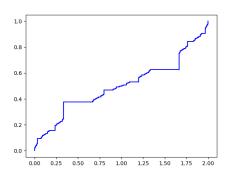


Figure 3: Bubble Diamond Level 6 IDS



#### The Bubble Diamond Gap Values Theorem

#### Theorem

The formula for the Integrated Density of States for the Bubble Diamond as follows for a chosen  $\lambda$  eigenvalue descendent of  $\frac{1}{3}$  or  $\frac{5}{3}$ :

$$D_p(y) = \mathcal{I}_p + \frac{3}{2^{2m+1}} \left( x + \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} 4^{i-1} \left\lfloor \frac{x}{3^i} \right\rfloor \right)$$

where  $\mathcal{I}_{\frac{1}{3}}=\frac{3}{2^{2m+3}}$  or  $\mathcal{I}_{\frac{5}{3}}=\frac{5}{2^{2m+3}}$  with y being the location of that eigenvalue in the set of m descendants, x=y-1, and m being the number of iterations of  $R^{-1}$  to reach the eigenvalue.

#### Example points

General Case: 
$$D_p(y) = \mathcal{I}_p + \frac{3}{2^{2m+1}} \left( x + \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} 4^{i-1} \left\lfloor \frac{x}{3^i} \right\rfloor \right)$$

Ex1. Choose Level 3 the 10th point that is a descendent of 5/3. Then the formula we will use is:

$$D_{5/3}(y) = \frac{5}{2^9} + \frac{3}{2^7} \left( 9 + \sum_{i=1}^2 4^{i-1} \left\lfloor \frac{9}{3^i} \right\rfloor \right)$$

Ex2. Choose Level 4 the 16th point that is a descendent of 1/3. Then the formula we will use is:

$$D_{1/3}(y) = \frac{3}{2^{11}} + \frac{3}{2^9} \left( 15 + \sum_{i=1}^3 4^{i-1} \left\lfloor \frac{15}{3^i} \right\rfloor \right)$$



## The Sierpinski's Gasket Gap Values Theorem

#### Theorem

The formulas for the Integrated Density of States for the Sierpinski Gasket:

$$D_{\frac{3}{4},m}(y) = \frac{1}{3^{m+1}} + \frac{10}{3^{m+2}} \left( x + \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} 3^{i-1} \left\lfloor \frac{x}{2^i} \right\rfloor \right) \tag{1}$$

$$D_{\frac{5}{4},m}(y_o) = \frac{2}{3^{m+1}} + \frac{10}{3^{m+2}} \left( x + \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} 3^{i-1} \left\lfloor \frac{x}{2^i} \right\rfloor \right)$$
 (2)

$$D_{\frac{5}{4},m}(y_e) = \frac{10}{3^{m+2}} \left( x + \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} 3^{i-1} \left\lfloor \frac{x}{2^i} \right\rfloor \right)$$
 (3)

where for the 5/4 case, (2) is used if y is odd, and (3) is used if y is even.



#### Significance

For the Bubble Diamond Fractal and Sierpinski's Gasket Integrated Density of States:

- The first eigenvalue has a rational height.
- The jumps between eigenvalues are rational since you can subtract the heights.
- Every eigenvalue has a rational height value since the height is given by the sum of fractions.
- The Integrated Density of States helps us analyze the frequencies on the Fractals so we can imagine that we hear the shape of a Fractal Drum.



# Y'all are great Any Questions?



