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## On the Values for Factor Complexity

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## Notation: Strings and languages

Finite Alphabet  $X = \{0, \dots, r-1\}$ , cardinality  $|X| = r$

Finite strings (words)  $w = x_1 \dots x_n \in \{0, 1\}^*$ ,  $x_i \in \{0, 1\}$

Length  $|w| = n$

Languages  $W \subseteq X^*$ ,  $T \subseteq \{w : |w| = n\}$

Infinite strings ( $\omega$ -words)  $\xi = x_1 \dots x_n \dots \in X^\omega$

Prefixes of infinite strings  $\xi[0..n] \in X^*$ ,  $|\xi[0..n]| = n$

$\omega$ -Languages  $F \subseteq X^\omega$

## Subword (factor) complexity

Definition (Asymptotic subword complexity)

$$\tau(\xi) := \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log_r |\mathbf{infix}(\xi) \cap X^n|}{n}$$

$$\mathbf{infix}(\xi) \cap X^{n+m} \subseteq (\mathbf{infix}(\xi) \cap X^n) \cdot (\mathbf{infix}(\xi) \cap X^m)$$

Fact

The limit exists and equals  $\tau(\xi) = \inf \left\{ \frac{\log_r |\mathbf{infix}(\xi) \cap X^n|}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$ .

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Fact

$0 \leq \tau(\xi) \leq 1$  and  $\mathbf{infix}(\xi) = X^*$  if and only if  $\tau(\xi) = 1$ .

# Problem

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## Lemma (CAI/HARTMANIS '94)

For the (asymptotic) KOLMOGOROV complexity  $\kappa : X^\omega \rightarrow [0, 1]$  the following holds:  
For every  $t, 0 \leq t \leq 1$ , there is a  $\xi \in X^\omega$  with  $\kappa(\xi) = t$ .

## Lemma (Staiger '93)

Let  $W \subseteq X^*$  be a regular language. Then there is a  $\xi \in X^\omega$  with

$$\tau(\xi) = \mathbf{H}_W := \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log_r(1 + |W \cap X^n|)}{n}.$$

# Main theorem: Multi-dimensional case

## Definition (Multi-dimensional infixes)

Let  $\xi \in X^{\mathbb{N}^d}$ . A multi-dimensional subword of  $\xi$  is a hypercube  $B$  of size  $n^d$  of  $\xi$ .

$$\tau_d(\xi) := \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log_r \{B : B \in \mathbf{infix}_d(\xi) \wedge \mathbf{size}(B) = n^d\}}{n}$$

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## Theorem

Let  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$  and  $d \in \mathbb{N}, d \geq 2$ . Then, given a decreasing sequence of rationals  $(q_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  converging to  $\alpha$ , there is an algorithm which constructs a nonempty set  $M \subseteq X^{\mathbb{N}^d}$  such that  $\tau_d(\xi)$  for all  $\xi \in M$ .

# Main theorem: One-dimensional case

## Theorem

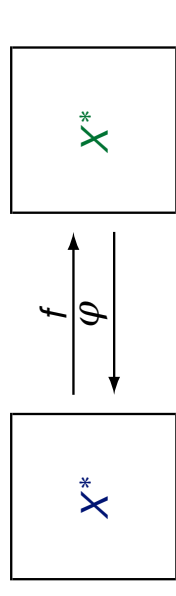
Let  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ . Then there is an  $\omega$ -language  $F \subseteq X^\omega$  closed in the Cantor topology and computable in  $\alpha$  such that

- 1  $\dim F = \alpha$ ,
- 2  $\tau(\xi) = \alpha$  for all  $\xi \in F$ , and
- 3 there is a  $\xi \in F$  such that  $\kappa(\xi) = \alpha$ .

If, moreover,  $\alpha$  is a right-computable real number then  $\mathbf{pref}(F)$  can be chosen to be computable.

# Compression: The principle of loss-less compression

text  $w \in X^*$       description (or program)  $\pi \in X^*$



$f$  is injective and  $\varphi(f(w)) = w$  for all  $w \in X^*$

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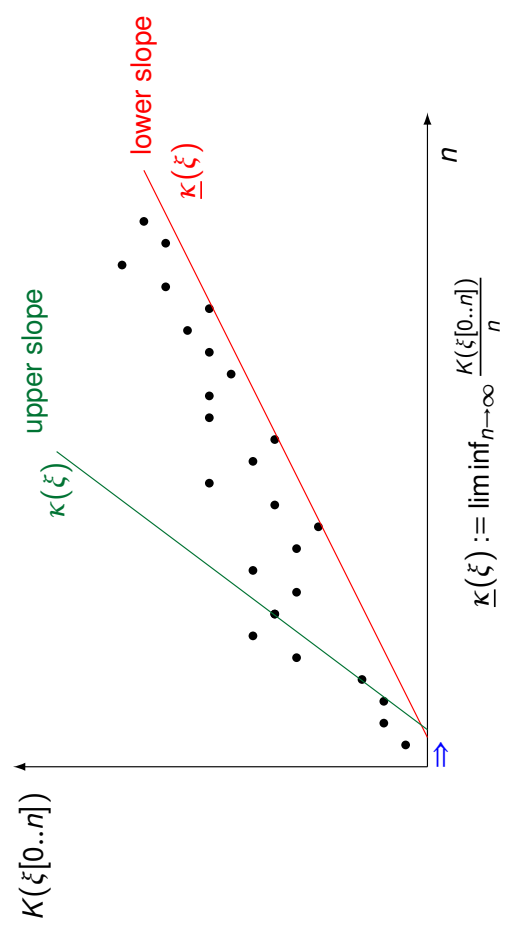
Complexity of  $w$  w.r.t.  $\varphi$ :  $K_\varphi(w) := \inf\{|\pi| : \varphi(\pi) = w\}$

## Fact (Combinatorial lower bound)

If  $W \subseteq X^*$  has at least  $m$  elements then there is a  $w \in W$  such that  $K_\varphi(w) \geq \log_r m$ .

# Complexity of infinite words

Plot of the function  $K(\xi[0..n])$



$$\underline{\kappa}(\xi) := \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{K(\xi[0..n])}{n}$$

Also known as *constructive dimension*.

# $X^\omega$ as CANTOR space

Metric:  $\rho(\eta, \xi) := \inf\{r^{-|w|} : w \in \text{pref}(\eta) \cap \text{pref}(\xi)\}$

Balls:  $w \cdot X^\omega = \{\eta : w \in \text{pref}(\eta)\} = \{\eta : w \sqsubset \eta\}$

Diameter:  $\text{diam } w \cdot X^\omega = r^{-|w|}$

$\text{diam } F = \inf\{r^{-|w|} : F \subseteq w \cdot X^\omega\}$

Open sets:  $W \cdot X^\omega = \bigcup_{w \in W} w \cdot X^\omega$

Closure: (Smallest closed set containing  $F$ )  
 $\mathcal{C}(F) = \{\xi : \text{pref}(\xi) \subseteq \text{pref}(F)\}$

### Fact

$F \subseteq X^\omega$  is closed if and only if  $\text{pref}(\xi) \subseteq \text{pref}(F)$  implies  $\xi \in F$ .

# KOLMOGOROV complexity and subword complexity

**Theorem (SOLOMONOFF '64, KOLMOGOROV '65, CHAITIN '66)**

There is an optimal partial-recursive function  $\varphi$  such that for all partial-recursive functions  $\psi$  there is a constant  $c_\psi$  such that

$$\forall w (w \in X^* \rightarrow K_\varphi(w) \leq K_\psi(w) + c_\psi)$$

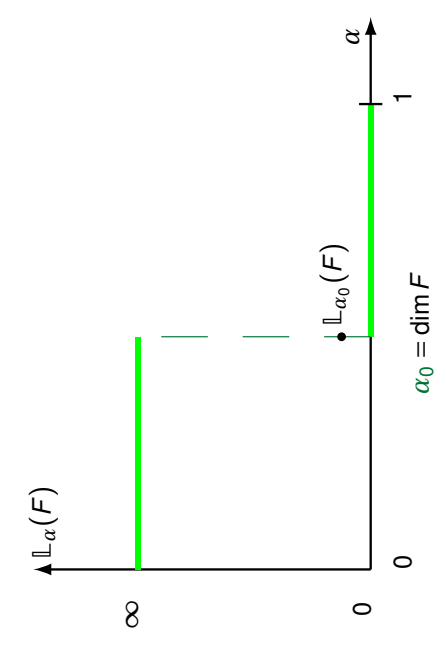
**Lemma (KOLMOGOROV '65)**

If  $\varphi$  is an optimal partial-recursive function and

$$\underline{\kappa}(\xi) = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{K_\varphi(\xi[0..n])}{n} \text{ then } \underline{\kappa}(\xi) \leq \tau(\xi)$$

# HAUSDORFF dimension: Definition

$$\mathbb{L}_\alpha(F) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf \left\{ \sum_{V \in \mathcal{V}} r^{-\alpha|V|} : F \subseteq \bigcup_{V \in \mathcal{V}} V \cdot X^\omega \wedge \min_{V \in \mathcal{V}} |V| \geq n \right\}$$



$$\dim F := \inf\{\alpha : \mathbb{L}_\alpha(F) = 0\} = \sup\{\alpha : \mathbb{L}_\alpha(F) = \infty\}$$

# HAUSDORFF dimension: Properties

## Fact

- 1 dim is monotone and countably stable:  
 $\dim \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} F_i = \sup \{\dim F_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , and  $\dim \{\xi\} = 0$
- 2 If  $T \subseteq X^\ell$  then  $\dim T^\omega = \frac{\log_{|X|} |T|}{\ell}$ .



## Theorem (Mass distribution principle)

Let  $\mu$  be a measure on  $X^\omega$  such that  $\mu(F) > 0$  and suppose that for some  $\alpha$  there are numbers  $c_0 > 0$  and  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\forall w (w \in X^* \wedge n_0 \leq |w| \rightarrow \mu(w \cdot X^\omega) \leq c_0 \cdot (r^{-|w|})^\alpha).$$

Then  $\mathbb{L}_\alpha(F) \geq \mu(F) / c_0$ .

# An auxiliary theorem

## Theorem

Let  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . Then there is an  $\omega$ -language  $F \subseteq X^\omega$  closed in the Cantor topology such that

- 1  $F$  has non-null  $\alpha$ -dimensional measure  $\mathbb{L}_\alpha(F)$ .
  - 2  $\tau(\xi) = \alpha$  for all  $\xi \in F$ .
  - 3  $\text{pref}(F)$  is computable in  $\alpha$ .
- If, moreover,  $\alpha$  is a right-computable real number then  $\text{pref}(F)$  is computable.

## Proof.

Construct  $F$  as the limit of spherically symmetric trees  $T_i \subseteq X^{\ell_i}$ . □

# HAUSDORFF dimension: Relations to $\tau$

## Lemma (RYABKO '86, Staiger '93)

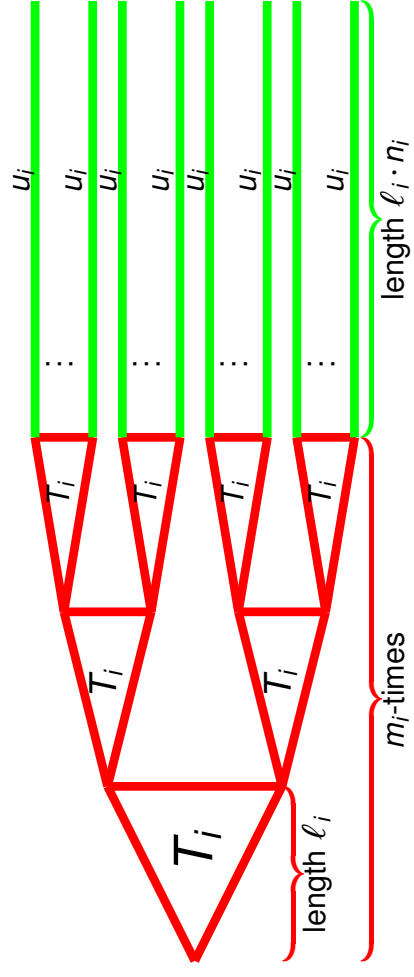
If  $F \subseteq X^\omega$  in not empty then  $\dim F \leq \sup\{\tau(\xi) : \xi \in F\}$ .

## Lemma (Staiger '93)

If  $T \subseteq X^*$  is finite then  $\dim T^\omega = \sup\{\tau(\xi) : \xi \in F\}$  and  $\tau(\xi) = \dim T^\omega$  for some  $\xi \in T^\omega$ .

# The construction of $T_{i+1}$

$$T_{i+1} := T_i^{m_i} \cdot u_i \text{ where } u_i \in T_i^{n_i} \text{ and } \tau(u_i) \geq T_i$$



## Properties of $T_{i+1}$

Start with  $T_0 := X$ , let  $T_{i+1} := T_i^{m_i} \cdot u_i$ , where  $u_i \in T_i^*$  and

$$F := \{\xi : \xi \in X^\omega \wedge \text{pref}(\xi) \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \text{pref}(T_i)\}.$$

Then

- 1  $T_{i+1} \subseteq T_i^{m_i+n_i}$ ,
- 2  $T_i \subseteq X^{\ell_i}$ , where  $\ell_0 = 1$  and  $\ell_{i+1} = m_i \cdot \ell_i + n_i \cdot \ell_i$ , that is,
- 3  $\ell_i = \prod_{j=0}^{i-1} (m_j + n_j)$ ,
- 4  $|T_i| = \prod_{j=0}^{i-1} m_j$ , and consequently,
- 5  $\dim T_i^\omega = \frac{\log_{|X|} |T_i|}{\ell_i} = \frac{m_0}{m_0+n_0} \cdots \frac{m_{i-1}}{m_{i-1}+n_{i-1}}$ .
- 6  $F \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{N}} T_i^\omega$ , and consequently,
- 7  $\dim F \leq \inf\{\dim T_i^\omega : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$

## The rôle of $\alpha$

Let  $1 > q_0 > q_1 > \dots > q_i > \dots > \alpha = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} q_i$  where  $q_i \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

Then choose  $n_i$  and  $m_i$  in such a way that

$$n_i \geq |T_i| \text{ and } q_i = \frac{n_0}{m_0+n_0} \cdots \frac{m_i}{m_i+n_i},$$

that is,

$$q_0 = \frac{m_0}{m_0+n_0} \text{ , and } q_i/q_{i-1} = \frac{m_i}{m_i+n_i}.$$

Finally define  $u_i$  as a product of  $n_i$  words  $w \in T_i$  (including all) in some (computable) order.

### Conclusion

- 1  $\dim F \leq \alpha \leq q_i = \dim T_i^\omega$
- 2 since  $\tau(u_i) \supseteq T_i$ , we have  $\tau(\xi) = \alpha$  for  $\xi \in F$ .

## Properties of $F$

$$F := \{\xi : \xi \in X^\omega \wedge \text{pref}(\xi) \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \text{pref}(T_i)\}$$

The following holds, for  $T_i$  and  $\ell \leq \ell_j$ :

- Inclusion:**  $\text{pref}(T_i) \subseteq \text{pref}(F)$ ,
- Extension:**  $\text{pref}(T_i) \cap X^\ell = \text{pref}(T_{i+1}) \cap X^\ell$ , and
- Spherical symmetry:**  $\text{pref}(T_i) \cap X^\ell = (\text{pref}(T_i) \cap X^{\ell-1}) \cdot X$ , or  $|\text{pref}(T_i) \cap X^\ell| = |\text{pref}(T_i) \cap X^{\ell-1}|$

### Conclusion

- 1  $\text{pref}(F) = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \text{pref}(T_i)$
- 2  $\mu(w \cdot X^\omega) := \begin{cases} 1/|\text{pref}(F) \cap X^{|\omega|}|, & \text{if } w \in \text{pref}(F), \text{ and} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$  defines a measure on  $X^\omega$ .

## Dimension and KOLMOGOROV complexity

### Lemma

The measure  $\mu$  satisfies  $\mu(w \cdot X^\omega) \leq r^{-\alpha \cdot |w|}$  for all  $w \in X^*$ .

### Application to $F$ via Mass Distribution Principle

$F$  has HAUSDORFF dimension  $\dim F = \alpha$  and  $\mathbb{L}_\alpha(F) > 0$

### Theorem (Staiger '93)

Let  $E \subseteq X^\omega$  with  $\mathbb{L}_\alpha(E) > 0$  and let  $\varphi : X^* \rightarrow X^*$  be a partial function and  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} r^{-f(n)} < \infty$ . Then

$$\exists \xi (\xi \in E \wedge \forall^\infty n (K_\varphi(\xi[0..n]) \geq \alpha \cdot n - f(n)))$$

### Application to $F$

There is a  $\xi \in F$  such that  $\underline{\kappa}(\xi) = \alpha$ .

