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On the Equivalence of Multifractal Measures on Moran Sets

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Abstract. In this paper, the equivalence of the multifractal centered Hausdorff measure and the multifractal packing measure is investigated. Furthermore, for the Moran sets satisfying the strong separation condition, the equivalence of the mutual multifractal Hausdorff and packing measures is discussed. A concrete example of fractal sets satisfying the above property is developed.

1. Introduction and statement of the main result

Multifractal (Relative multifractal, Mutual multifractal) analysis of measures is one important research direction in fractal geometry. It has been widely applied in many fields such as dynamical systems, turbulence analysis, rainfall modeling, earthquake analysis, and financial time series modeling. For these reasons multifractal analysis still fascinates researchers and developing the mathematical theory and methods of multifractal measures is of utmost importance.

One of the main problems in the multifractal analysis of measures is to understand the multifractal spectrum and the Rényi dimensions, and their relationship with each other. During the past 30 years, there has been an enormous interest in computing the multifractal spectra of measures. Rigorous computations have been done for various classes of measures in Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^n exhibiting some degree of self-similarity (see for example the papers [28, 34, 38, 43] and the references therein). In an attempt to develop a general theoretical framework for studying the multifractal structure of arbitrary measures, Olsen [34] and Pesin [37] suggested various ways of defining an auxiliary measure in some general settings.

Based on some ideas of multifractal formalism given by Olsen [34], Svetova introduced in [47–51] a new formalism for multifractal analysis of one measure with respect to another, known as mutual multifractal formalism. The set of points with a given local dimension has been investigated with respect to an arbitrary

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probability measure. More specifically, given two compactly supported Borel probability measures μ and ν on \mathbb{R}^n and $\alpha, \beta \ge 0$, the size of the iso-Hölder set

$$E_{\mu,\nu}(\alpha,\beta) = \{x \in \operatorname{supp} \mu \cap \operatorname{supp} \nu; \ \alpha_{\mu}(x) = \alpha \text{ and } \alpha_{\nu}(x) = \beta \}$$

has been estimated, where $\alpha_{\mu}(x) = \lim_{r \to 0} \frac{\log \mu(B_x(r))}{\log r}$ and $B_x(r)$ is the closed ball of center *x* and radius *r*. Later,

in [22, 23, 42], Selmi et al. justified the mutual multifractal formalism under less restrictive hypotheses. Recently, the authors in [32, 46] have developed a mixed case of multifractal analysis and proved a mixed variant of multifractal analysis based on a generalization of the well known large deviation formalism to a mixed case. More details and backgrounds on multifractal analysis as well as the mixed generalizations and their applications may be found in [1, 4–12, 16–21, 26, 30–33, 36, 43–46].

In the remaining part of the present section, we aim to introduce the general tools that will be applied next. We will give in brief the notion of mutual multifractal generalizations of Hausdorff and packing measures already introduced by Svetova in [47–51] and also Menceur and Ben Mabrouk [32, 33].

Let $n \ge 1$ be a fixed integer and denote by $\mathscr{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ the family of Borel probability measures on \mathbb{R}^n . Consider two measures μ and ν be in $\mathscr{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Let $q, t, s \in \mathbb{R}$, $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\delta > 0$. For $\mathbf{q} = (q, t)$ and $\mu = (\mu, \nu)$, we define

$$\overline{\mathscr{P}}_{\mu,\delta}^{\mathbf{q},s}(E) = \sup\left\{\sum_{i} \mu(B_{x_i}(r_i))^q \nu(B_{x_i}(r_i))^t (2r_i)^s\right\},$$

where the supremum is taken over all the centered δ -packings of *E*. The mutual packing pre-measure is given by

$$\overline{\mathscr{P}}_{\mu}^{\mathbf{q},s}(E) = \inf_{\delta>0} \overline{\mathscr{P}}_{\mu,\delta}^{\mathbf{q},s}(E).$$

In a similar way, we define

$$\overline{\mathscr{H}}_{\mu,\delta}^{\mathbf{q},s}(E) = \inf\left\{\sum_{i} \mu(B_{x_i}(r_i))^q \nu(B_{x_i}(r_i))^t (2r_i)^s\right\},\,$$

where the infinimum is taken over all centered δ -coverings of *E*. The mutual Hausdorff pre-measure is defined by

$$\overline{\mathscr{H}}_{\mu}^{\mathbf{q},s}(E) = \sup_{\delta > 0} \overline{\mathscr{H}}_{\mu,\delta}^{\mathbf{q},s}(E).$$

Especially, we use the conventions $0^q = \infty$ for $q \le 0$ and $0^q = 0$ for q > 0.

The modified mutual Hausdorff and packing measures $\mathscr{H}^{q,s}_{\mu}$ and $\mathscr{P}^{q,s}_{\mu}$ are next defined by

$$\mathscr{H}^{\mathbf{q},s}_{\mu}(E) = \sup_{F \subseteq E} \overline{\mathscr{H}}^{\mathbf{q},s}_{\mu}(F) \text{ and } \mathscr{P}^{\mathbf{q},s}_{\mu}(E) = \inf_{E \subseteq \bigcup_i E_i} \sum_i \overline{\mathscr{P}}^{\mathbf{q},s}_{\mu}(E_i).$$

The functions $\mathscr{H}^{q,s}_{\mu}$ and $\mathscr{P}^{q,s}_{\mu}$ are metric outer measures and thus measures on the family of Borel subsets of \mathbb{R}^n . An important feature of the Hausdorff and packing measures is that

$$\mathscr{H}^{\mathbf{q},s}_{\mu} \leq \xi \mathscr{P}^{\mathbf{q},s}_{\mu} \leq \xi \overline{\mathscr{P}}^{\mathbf{q},s}_{\mu}, \tag{1.1}$$

for some constant ξ independent of **q**, *s* and μ .

It holds as for the case of the multifractal analysis of a single measure that each of the measures $\mathscr{H}^{q,s}_{\mu}$ and $\mathscr{P}^{q,s}_{\mu}$ and the pre-measure $\overline{\mathscr{P}}^{q,s}_{\mu}$ assign a multifractal dimension to each subset *E* of \mathbb{R}^n . They are respectively denoted by dim^q_µ(*E*), Dim^q_µ(*E*) and $\Delta^{q}_{\mu}(E)$ (see [48, 51]),

$$\dim_{\mu}^{\mathbf{q}}(E) = \inf \left\{ s \in \mathbb{R}; \quad \mathscr{H}_{\mu}^{\mathbf{q},s}(E) = 0 \right\},$$

$$\operatorname{Dim}_{\mu}^{\mathbf{q}}(E) = \inf \left\{ s \in \mathbb{R}; \quad \mathscr{P}_{\mu}^{\mathbf{q},s}(E) = 0 \right\},$$

$$\Delta_{\mu}^{\mathbf{q}}(E) = \inf \left\{ s \in \mathbb{R}; \quad \overline{\mathscr{P}}_{\mu}^{\mathbf{q},s}(E) = 0 \right\}.$$

It follows from (1.1) that

$$\dim_{\mu}^{\mathbf{q}}(E) \le \operatorname{Dim}_{\mu}^{\mathbf{q}}(E) \le \Delta_{\mu}^{\mathbf{q}}(E)$$

We now introduce the mutual multifractal extensions of dimension of measures. Let θ be a probability measure on \mathbb{R}^n , we define

$$\dim_{\mu}^{\mathbf{q}}(\theta) = \inf_{E} \left\{ \dim_{\mu}^{\mathbf{q}}(E); \ \theta(E) = 1 \right\}$$

and

$$\operatorname{Dim}_{\mu}^{\mathbf{q}}(\theta) = \inf_{E} \left\{ \operatorname{Dim}_{\mu}^{\mathbf{q}}(E); \ \theta(E) = 1 \right\}.$$

Definition 1.1. We say that two Borel measures μ and ν are equivalent and we write $\mu \sim \nu$ if for any Borel set A, we have $\mu(A) = 0$ if and only if $\nu(A) = 0$.

In this paper, we focus on the mutual multifractal Hausdorff measure and the mutual multifractal packing measure. We precisely prove the existence of equivalence cases of these measures. Moreover, we show that for suitable measures μ , ν and θ , the multifractal dimensions introduced above are equivalent for some general Moran type sets are different. Our main result is the following.

Theorem 1.2. Let 0 < s < s' < 2 and q = (q, t) < 1 = (1, 1). There exist a set $E \subset \mathbb{R}^2$, two Borel probability measures μ , ν on \mathbb{R}^2 and θ a finite Borel measure on E such that,

$$\dim_{\mu}^{q}(E) = s = \dim_{\mu}^{q}(\theta) \quad and \quad \operatorname{Dim}_{\mu}^{q}(E) = s' = \operatorname{Dim}_{\mu}^{q}(\theta)$$

and, in addition,

$$\mathscr{H}^{q,s}_{\mu_{LE}} \sim \mathscr{P}^{q,s'}_{\mu_{LE}}$$

Remark 1.3. Let $q \ge 1$. Then, for all s > 0, we have

$$\mathscr{H}^{q,s}_{\mu} = \mathscr{P}^{q,s}_{\mu} = \overline{\mathscr{P}}^{q,s}_{\mu} = 0.$$

In particular, this implies that

$$\dim_{\mu}^{q} = \operatorname{Dim}_{\mu}^{q} = \Delta_{\mu}^{q} = 0.$$

Indeed, for each centred δ -packing $(B_{x_i}(r_i))_i$ of \mathbb{R}^n , we have

$$\sum_{i} \mu(B_{x_{i}}(r_{i}))^{q} \nu(B_{x_{i}}(r_{i}))^{t} (2r_{i})^{s} \leq (2\delta)^{s} \sum_{i} \mu(B_{x_{i}}(r_{i}))^{q} \nu(B_{x_{i}}(r_{i}))^{t}$$

$$\leq (2\delta)^{s} \sum_{i} \mu(B_{x_{i}}(r_{i}))^{q} \sum_{i} \nu(B_{x_{i}}(r_{i}))^{t}$$

$$\leq (2\delta)^{s} \left(\sum_{i} \mu(B_{x_{i}}(r_{i}))\right)^{q} \left(\sum_{i} \nu(B_{x_{i}}(r_{i}))\right)^{t}$$

$$= (2\delta)^{s} \mu \left(\bigcup_{i} B_{x_{i}}(r_{i})\right)^{q} \nu \left(\bigcup_{i} B_{x_{i}}(r_{i})\right)^{t}$$

$$\leq (2\delta)^{s}.$$

This implies that $\overline{\mathscr{P}}_{\mu,\delta}^{\mathbf{q},s}(\mathbb{R}^n) \leq (2\delta)^s$. Letting $\delta \to 0$ gives $\overline{\mathscr{P}}_{\mu}^{\mathbf{q},s}(\mathbb{R}^n) = 0$. Finally we get

$$0 \leq \mathscr{H}_{\mu}^{\mathbf{q},s}(\mathbb{R}^n) \leq \mathscr{P}_{\mu}^{\mathbf{q},s}(\mathbb{R}^n) \leq \overline{\mathscr{P}}_{\mu}^{\mathbf{q},s}(\mathbb{R}^n) = 0.$$

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2. Proof of the main result

The proof of the main result is based on some generalized multifractal density concepts in the mixed case. General and similar density results have been investigated also in [2, 3, 10–12, 24, 39–41]. To prove Theorem 1.2, we need some preliminary results.

2.1. Density result

Consider a finite Borel measure θ on \mathbb{R}^n and $s \in \mathbb{R}$. For $x \in \text{supp } \mu \cap \text{supp } \nu$, we introduce the upper and lower (**q**, *s*)-densities of θ with respect to μ as

$$\overline{d}_{\mu}^{\mathbf{q},s}(x,\theta) = \limsup_{r \to 0} \frac{\theta(B_x(r))}{\mu(B_x(r))^q \nu(B_x(r))^t (2r)^s}$$

and

$$\underline{d}_{\mu}^{\mathbf{q},s}(x,\theta) = \liminf_{r \to 0} \frac{\theta(B_x(r))}{\mu(B_x(r))^q \nu(B_x(r))^t (2r)^s}$$

Some analogous cases of the densities $\overline{d}_{\mu}^{q,s}(x,\theta)$ and $\underline{d}_{\mu}^{q,s}(x,\theta)$ may be found [3, 10, 11, 13, 24, 34, 35].

For $\mu \in \mathscr{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and a > 1, we write

$$P_a(\mu) = \limsup_{r \searrow 0} \left(\sup_{x \in \text{supp } \mu} \frac{\mu(B_x(ar))}{\mu(B_x(r))} \right).$$

We will now say that the measure μ satisfies the doubling condition if there exists a > 1 such that $P_a(\mu) < \infty$. It is easily seen that the exact value of the parameter a is unimportant: $P_a(\mu) < \infty$, for some a > 1 if and only if $P_a(\mu) < \infty$, for all a > 1. Also, we will write $\mathscr{P}_D(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for the set of Borel probability measures on \mathbb{R}^n which satisfy the doubling condition (see [34]).

The following result deals with lower and upper bounds for the mutual multifractal density introduced above by means of the mutual multifractal generalizations of Hausdorff and packing measures. We will see that such bounds permit to obtaining the multifractal formalism already introduced in [34] and reconsidered next in [3, 10, 11, 13, 25, 35].

Proposition 2.1. Let $\mu = (\mu, v) \in (\mathscr{P}_D(\mathbb{R}^n))^2$, *E* be a Borel subset of supp $\mu \cap$ supp *v* and θ be a finite Borel measure on \mathbb{R}^n . Then, there exists a constant C > 0 for which the following inequalities are true

$$\mathscr{H}^{q,s}_{\mu}(E)\inf_{x\in E}\overline{d}^{q,s}_{\mu}(x,\theta) \le \theta(E) \le \mathscr{H}^{q,s}_{\mu}(E)\sup_{x\in E}\overline{d}^{q,s}_{\mu}(x,\theta)$$
(2.1)

and

$$\mathscr{P}^{q,s}_{\mu}(E)\inf_{x\in E}\underline{d}^{q,s}_{\mu}(x,\theta) \le \theta(E) \le C \quad \mathscr{P}^{q,s}_{\mu}(E)\sup_{x\in E}\underline{d}^{q,s}_{\mu}(x,\theta).$$

$$(2.2)$$

Proof. All of the elements needed to prove this lemma can be found in [11, 13, 14, 27, 41].

2.2. On the equivalence of the mutual multifractal measures

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We will start by defining the Moran sets (for more details, we may see for example [3, 14, 15]). Let $\{n_k\}_k$ and $\{\Phi_k\}_{k\geq 1}$ be respectively two sequences of positive integers, and positive vectors such that

$$\Phi_k = (c_{k_1}, c_{k_2}, \dots, c_{k_{n_k}}), \quad n_k \ge 2, \quad 0 < c_k < 1, \quad n_k c_k \le 1 \quad \text{for } k \ge 1$$

For any $m, k \in \mathbb{N}$, such that $m \leq k$, let

$$D_{m,k} = \{(i_m, i_{m+1}, \dots, i_k) : 1 \le i_j \le n_j, m \le j \le k\}$$

and

$$D_k = D_{1,k} = \{(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k) : 1 \le i_j \le n_j, 1 \le j \le k\}$$

We also set

$$D_0 = \emptyset$$
 and $D = \bigcup_{k \ge 0} D_k$,

Considering $\sigma = (\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_k) \in D_k$, $\tau = (\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_m) \in D_{k+1,m}$, we set

$$\sigma * \tau = (\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \ldots, \sigma_k, \tau_1, \tau_2, \ldots, \tau_m).$$

Definition 2.2. Let I be a compact subset with non-empty interior in a complete metric space X (For convenience, we assume that the diameter of I is 1). The collection $\mathscr{F} = \{I_{\sigma}, \sigma \in D\}$ of closed subsets of I is said to have a Moran structure if

1. for any $(i_1, i_2, ..., i_k) \in D_k$, $I_{i_1 i_2 ... i_k}$ is similar to I. That is, there exists a similarity transformation

$$\begin{array}{rcccc} S_{i_1i_2\ldots i_k}: & X & \to & X \\ & I & \mapsto & I_{i_1i_2\ldots i_k}, \end{array}$$

with the convention $I_{\emptyset} = I$.

2. For all $k \ge 1$, $(i_1, i_2, \ldots, i_{k-1}) \in D_{k-1}$, $I_{i_1 i_2 \ldots i_k}$ are subsets of $I_{i_1 i_2 \ldots i_{k-1}}$ for all $i_k \in \{1, 2, \ldots, n_k\}$, and

$$\overset{\circ}{I}_{i_1i_2\ldots i_{k-1},i_k} \cap \overset{\circ}{I}_{i_1i_2\ldots i_{k-1},i'_k} = \emptyset, \qquad \forall \ 1 \le i_k < i'_k \le n_k,$$

where $\overset{\circ}{I}$ denotes the interior of I.

3. *For all* $k \ge 1$ *and* $1 \le j \le n_k$ *, taking* $(i_1, i_2, ..., i_{k-1}, j) \in D_k$ *, we have*

$$0 < c_{kj} = c_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{k-1} j} = \frac{|I_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{k-1} j}|}{|I_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{k-1}}|} < 1, \quad k \ge 2,$$

where |I| denotes the diameter of I.

Suppose that \mathscr{F} is a collection of subsets of I having Moran structure. We call $E = \bigcap_{k \ge 1} \bigcup_{\sigma \in D_k} I_{\sigma}$, a Moran set determined by \mathscr{F} , and call $\mathscr{F}_k = \{I_{\sigma}, \sigma \in D_k\}$ the k-order fundamental sets of E. I is called the original set of E. We assume finally that $\lim_{k \to \infty} \max_{\sigma \in D_k} |I_{\sigma}| = 0$. Then, for all $i \in D$, the set $(\bigcap_{n \ge 1} I_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n})$ is a single point. We shall denote it by $\varphi(i)$. We use the abbreviation $w|_k$ for the first k elements of the sequence

$$w = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k, \dots) \in D,$$
 $I_k(w) = I_{w|_k} = I_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_k}$

Now, we consider a class of Moran sets *E* which satisfy a special property called the strong separation condition (**SSC**), i.e., take any $I_{\sigma} \in \mathscr{F}$. Let $I_{\sigma*1}, I_{\sigma*2}, \ldots, I_{\sigma*n_{k+1}}$ be the (k + 1)-order fundamental subsets. We say that I_{σ} satisfies the (**SSC**) if

$$\operatorname{dist}(I_{\sigma*i}, I_{\sigma*j}) \ge \delta_k |I_\sigma|, \quad \text{for all } i \neq j,$$

where $(\delta_k)_k$ is a sequence of positive real numbers, such that

$$0 < \delta = \inf_k \delta_k < 1.$$

Lemma 2.3. Let $E \subset I$ be a Moran set satisfying (**SSC**), and θ be a finite Borel measure such that supp $\theta \subset E$. Then, there exist positive constants A_i , B_i , $1 \leq i \leq 2$ depending on δ , q, t and s for which the following inequalities hold for any $\varphi(i) \in E$,

$$A_{1} \liminf_{n \to +\infty} \frac{\mu(I_{n}(i))^{q} \nu(I_{n}(i))^{t} |I_{n}(i)|^{s}}{\theta(I_{n}(i))} \leq \liminf_{r \to 0} \frac{\mu\left(B_{\varphi(i)}(r)\right)^{q} \nu\left(B_{\varphi(i)}(r)\right)^{t} r^{s}}{\theta\left(B_{\varphi(i)}(r)\right)} \leq B_{1} \liminf_{n \to +\infty} \frac{\mu\left(I_{n}(i)\right)^{q} \nu\left(I_{n}(i)\right)^{t} |I_{n}(i)|^{s}}{\theta\left(I_{n}(i)\right)}$$

and

$$A_{2}\limsup_{n \to +\infty} \frac{\mu\left(I_{n}(i)\right)^{q} \nu\left(I_{n}(i)\right)^{t} |I_{n}(i)|^{s}}{\theta\left(I_{n}(i)\right)} \leq \limsup_{r \to 0} \frac{\mu\left(B_{\varphi(i)}(r)\right)^{q} \nu\left(B_{\varphi(i)}(r)\right)^{t} r^{s}}{\theta\left(B_{\varphi(i)}(r)\right)} \leq B_{2}\limsup_{n \to +\infty} \frac{\mu(I_{n}(i))^{q} \nu(I_{n}(i))^{t} |I_{n}(i)|^{s}}{\theta(I_{n}(i))}$$

Proof. The proof may be easily inspired from that of [3, Lemma 6], and is therefore omitted.

Proposition 2.4. Let $E \subset I$ be a Moran set satisfying (SSC). Let $\mu = (\mu, \nu)$, where $\mu, \nu \in \mathscr{P}_D(X)$, and θ be a finite Borel measure such that supp $\theta \subset E$.

1. Assume that for some $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, we have

$$\liminf_{n \to +\infty} \frac{\theta(I_n(i))}{\mu(I_n(i))^q \nu(I_n(i))^t |I_n(i)|^s} = \begin{cases} 0 & if \quad s < \alpha, \\ +\infty & if \quad s > \alpha, \end{cases} \text{ for all } i \in D$$

then $\operatorname{Dim}_{\mu}^{q}(E) = \alpha = \operatorname{Dim}_{\mu}^{q}(\theta)$.

2. Assume that θ satisfies

$$0 < \liminf_{n \to +\infty} \frac{\theta(I_n(i))}{\mu(I_n(i))^q \nu(I_n(i))^t |I_n(i)|^{\alpha}} < +\infty, \text{ for all } i \in D,$$
(2.3)

then $\theta_{LE} \sim \mathscr{P}^{q,\alpha}_{\mu_{LE}}$.

Proof. This follows immediately from Lemma 2.3, equation (2.2) and Proposition 2.1.

Proposition 2.5. Assume that the hypotheses of Proposition 2.4 hold.

1. Assume further that there exists $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ with

$$\limsup_{n \to +\infty} \frac{\theta(I_n(i))}{\mu(I_n(i))^q \nu(I_n(i))^t |I_n(i)|^s} = \begin{cases} 0 & if \quad s < \beta, \\ +\infty & if \quad s > \beta, \end{cases} \text{ for all } i \in D,$$

then $\dim_{\mu}^{q}(E) = \beta = \dim_{\mu}^{q}(\theta)$. 2. Assume that θ satisfies

$$0 < \limsup_{n \to +\infty} \frac{\theta(I_n(i))}{\mu(I_n(i))^q \nu(I_n(i))^t |I_n(i)|^\beta} < +\infty, \text{ for all } i \in D,$$

$$(2.4)$$

then $\theta_{LE} \sim \mathscr{H}^{q,p}_{\mu_{LE}}$.

Proof. It follows from (2.1) and similar techniques as in the proof of Proposition 2.4.

Corollary 2.6. Let $E \subset I$ be a Moran set satisfying (**SSC**). Let also $\mu = (\mu, \nu)$, where $\mu, \nu \in \mathscr{P}_D(X)$, θ a finite Borel measure such that supp $\theta \subset E$, and $\beta \leq \alpha$ satisfying (2.3) and (2.4). It holds that

$$\operatorname{Dim}_{\mu}^{q}(E) = \alpha = \operatorname{Dim}_{\mu}^{q}(\theta), \quad \operatorname{dim}_{\mu}^{q}(E) = \beta = \operatorname{dim}_{\mu}^{q}(\theta),$$

and

$$\theta_{\llcorner E} \sim \mathscr{H}^{q,\beta}_{\mu_{\llcorner E}} \sim \mathscr{P}^{q,\alpha}_{\mu_{\llcorner E}}.$$

Proof. It is a direct consequence of Propositions 2.4 and 2.5.

Remark 2.7. In the special case "t = 0 or q = 0" and "q = t = 0", the previous results are treated by M. Dai in [14, 15]. By using similar techniques of [29] then the above results hold if we replace the Moran set with perturbed Cantor sets.

As q, t < 1 and 0 < s < s' < 2, we can choose $m_1 > 0, m_2 > 0$ such that

$$0 < m_1 < \frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s'}}} < \frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s'}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s'}}} < m_2 < 1.$$
(2.5)

Let u_1 be such that

$$m_1 < rac{1}{4^{rac{1-q}{s}} 2^{rac{1-t}{s}}} < u_1 < rac{1}{4^{rac{1-q}{s'}} 2^{rac{1-t}{s'}}} < m_2.$$

Since

$$\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s}} u_1} < 1, \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s}} m_1} > 1,$$

the equation (2.5) yields the existence of a unique $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ for which

$$\frac{\left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s}}2^{\frac{1-t}{s}}}\right)^{n_{1}}}{u_{1}m_{1}^{n_{1}-1}} = \frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s}}2^{\frac{1-t}{s}}u_{1}} \times \left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s}}2^{\frac{1-t}{s}}m_{1}}\right)^{n_{1}-1} \\
< 1 \le \frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s}}2^{\frac{1-t}{s}}u_{1}} \times \left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s}}2^{\frac{1-t}{s}}m_{1}}\right)^{n_{1}} \\
= \frac{\left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s}}2^{\frac{1-t}{s}}}\right)^{n_{1}+1}}{u_{1}m_{1}^{n_{1}}}.$$
(2.6)

We thus define the sequence $\{u_n\}_{n=2}^{n_1+1}$ by

$$u_n = \begin{cases} m_1, & \text{if } n = 2, \dots, n_1 \\ \left(\prod_{j=1}^{n_1} u_j\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s}} 2^{\frac{1-i}{s}}}\right)^{n_1+1}, & \text{if } n = n_1 + 1. \end{cases}$$

It follows from (2.6) that

$$\frac{u_{n_1+1}}{m_1} = \frac{1}{m_1} \times \left(\prod_{j=1}^{n_1} u_j\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s}}}\right)^{n_1+1}.$$

and

$$4^{\frac{1-q}{s}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s}} u_{n_1+1} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s}}}\right)^{n_1}}{u_1 m_1^{n_1-1}} < 1.$$

Therefore,

$$u_{n_1+1} \ge m_1$$
 and $u_{n_1+1} < \left(4^{\frac{1-q}{s}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s}}\right)^{-1} < m_2.$

Thus, $m_1 \le u_n < m_2$, $n = 2, ..., n_1 + 1$. Note that the sequence

$$\left\{ \left(\prod_{j=1}^{n} u_{j}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s}}}\right)^{n}; \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, n_{1} + 1 \right\}$$

is clearly increasing according to (2.5) and (2.6). That is to say

$$\begin{split} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{1} u_{j}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s}}}\right) &< \left(\prod_{j=1}^{2} u_{j}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s}}}\right)^{2} \\ &\vdots \\ &< \left(\prod_{j=1}^{n_{1}} u_{j}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s}}}\right)^{n_{1}} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s}}}\right)^{n_{1}} \left(u_{1}m_{1}^{n_{1}-1}\right)^{-1} \\ &< 1 = \left(\prod_{j=1}^{n_{1}+1} u_{j}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s}}}\right)^{n_{1}+1}. \end{split}$$

Also, since s < s', we deduce that

$$1 = \left(\prod_{j=1}^{n_1+1} u_j\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s}}}\right)^{n_1+1} < \left(\prod_{j=1}^{n_1+1} u_j\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s'}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s'}}}\right)^{n_1+1}.$$
(2.7)

Observing now that $\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s'}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s'}} m_2} < 1$, it follows from (2.7) that there exists a unique $n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$m_2^{-n_2} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{n_1+1} u_j \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s'}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s'}}} \right)^{n_1+n_2+1} \le 1 < m_2^{1-n_2} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{n_1+1} u_j \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s}}} \right)^{n_1+n_2},$$
(2.8)

which gives that

$$\left(\prod_{j=1}^{n_1+1} u_j\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s'}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s'}} m_2}\right)^{n_2} \left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s'}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s'}}}\right)^{n_1+1} \le 1 < \left(\prod_{j=1}^{n_1+1} u_j\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s'}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s'}} m_2}\right)^{n_2-1} \left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s'}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s'}}}\right)^{n_1+1}.$$

We therefore define the sequence $\{u_n\}_{n=n_1+2}^{n_1+n_2+1}$ by

$$u_n = \begin{cases} m_2, & \text{if } n = n_1 + 2, \dots, n_1 + n_2 \\ \left(\prod_{j=1}^{n_1 + n_2} u_j\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s'}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s'}}}\right)^{n_1 + n_2 + 1}, & \text{if } n = n_1 + n_2 + 1. \end{cases}$$
(2.9)

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Next, note that $m_1 < \frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s'}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s'}}}$, and that

$$\begin{split} 4^{\frac{1-q}{s'}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s'}} u_{n_1+n_2+1} &= \left(\prod_{j=1}^{n_1+n_2} u_j\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s'}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s'}}}\right)^{n_1+n_2} \\ &= \left(\prod_{j=1}^{n_1+1} u_j\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s'}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s'}}}\right)^{n_1+n_2} m_2^{1-n_2} \\ &> 1 \\ &\geq \left(\prod_{j=1}^{n_1+1} u_j\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s'}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s'}}}\right)^{n_1+n_2+1} m_2 m_2^{1-n_2} \\ &= m_2^{-1} u_{n_1+n_2+1}. \end{split}$$

This implies that

$$m_1 < \frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s'}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s'}}} < u_{n_1+n_2+1} \le m_2.$$

Consequently, we get

$$m_1 < u_n \le m_2, \ \forall \ n = n_1 + 2, \dots, n_1 + n_2 + 1.$$

It is clear from $\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s'}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s'}} m_2} < 1$, (2.8) and (2.9) that the sequence

$$\left\{ \left(\prod_{j=1}^{n} u_{j}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s'}}}\right)^{n}; \quad n = n_{1} + 1, \dots, n_{1} + n_{2} + 1 \right\}$$

is monotone decreasing. This gives that

$$\begin{split} \left(\prod_{j=1}^{n_{1}+1} u_{j}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s}}}\right)^{n_{1}+1} &> \left(\prod_{j=1}^{n_{1}+2} u_{j}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s}}}\right)^{n_{1}+2} \\ &\vdots \\ &> \left(\prod_{j=1}^{n_{1}+n_{2}} u_{j}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s}}}\right)^{n_{1}+n_{2}} \\ &= \left(\prod_{j=1}^{n_{1}+1} u_{j}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s'}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s'}}}\right)^{n_{1}+n_{2}} m_{2}^{1-n_{2}} \\ &> 1 \\ &= \left(\prod_{j=1}^{n_{1}+n_{2}} u_{j}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s'}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s'}}}\right)^{n_{1}+n_{2}+1} u_{1+n_{2}+1}^{-1} \\ &= \left(\prod_{j=1}^{n_{1}+n_{2}+1} u_{j}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4^{\frac{1-q}{s'}} 2^{\frac{1-t}{s'}}}\right)^{n_{1}+n_{2}+1} . \end{split}$$

Accordingly, we can choose n_3 and $\{u_n\}_{n=n_1+n_2+2}^{n_1+n_2+n_3+1}$ in the same way, and by repeating the same choice, we finally get a sequence $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ satisfying

$$\limsup_{n \to +\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)^n}{\left(\prod_{j=1}^n u_j\right)^s \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{nq} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{nt}} = 1 = \liminf_{n \to +\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)^n}{\left(\prod_{j=1}^n u_j\right)^{s'} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{nq} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{nt}},$$
(2.10)

$$0 = \limsup_{n \to +\infty} (m_1)^n \le \limsup_{n \to +\infty} \left(\prod_{j=1}^n u_j \right) \le \limsup_{n \to +\infty} (m_2)^n = 0,$$

and the bounds' inequalities

$$0 < m_1 \le u_n \le m_2 < 1, \ \forall \ n \in \mathbb{N}.$$
 (2.11)

Now, using the sequence $(u_n)_n$ above, we introduce four families $(h_{i,n})_{i=1,2,3,4}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ on the unit square *S* in \mathbb{R}^2 as follows,

$$h_{1,n}\begin{pmatrix}x_1\\x_2\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}u_n x_1\\u_n x_2\end{pmatrix}, \quad h_{2,n}\begin{pmatrix}x_1\\x_2\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}1-u_n x_1\\u_n x_2\end{pmatrix},$$
$$h_{3,n}\begin{pmatrix}x_1\\x_2\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}u_n x_1\\1-u_n x_2\end{pmatrix}, \quad h_{4,n}\begin{pmatrix}x_1\\x_2\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}1-u_n x_1\\1-u_n x_2\end{pmatrix}.$$

The set *E* will be defined by

$$E = \bigcap_{n=1}^{+\infty} \bigcup_{(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n) \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}^n} h_{i_1, 1} \circ h_{i_2, 2} \circ \dots \circ h_{i_n, n}(S),$$

which consists of uncountable elements. Using (2.11), we deduce that $E \subset D$ is a homogeneous Moran set. Let next, for any $I_k \in \mathscr{F}$, $\delta_k = 1 - 2u_{k+1}$. It follows from (2.11) that

$$\delta = \inf \delta_k \ge 1 - 2m_2 > 0.$$

So, there exists a sequence of positive real numbers δ_k that satisfies

dist
$$(I_{\sigma * i}, I_{\sigma * j}) \ge 1 - 2u_{k+1}|I_{\sigma}| = \delta_k |I_{\sigma}|,$$
 for all $i \ne j$.

This guarantees that the set *E* satisfies (**SSC**). For $i \in D = \{(i_1, i_2, ...), i_j = 1, 2, 3, 4\}$, put

$$I_n(i) = h_{i_1,1} \circ h_{i_2,2} \circ \cdots \circ h_{i_n,n}(S).$$

It is clear that $|I_n(i)| = \prod_{j=1}^n u_j$. Let μ, ν be tow Borel probability measures on *S* and θ be a finite Borel measure on *S* such that

$$\mu(I_n(i)) = 4^{-n}, \ \nu(I_n(i)) = 2^{-n}, \text{ and } \theta(I_n(i)) = 8^{-n}, \ \forall \ n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Following [14, Proposition 4.1] we prove that $\mu, \nu \in \mathscr{P}_D(X)$. It follows from (2.10) that */ *

$$\limsup_{n \to +\infty} \frac{\theta(I_n(i))}{\mu(I_n(i))^q \nu(I_n(i))^t |I_n(i)|^s} = 1 = \liminf_{n \to +\infty} \frac{\theta(I_n(i))}{\mu(I_n(i))^q \nu(I_n(i))^t |I_n(i)|^{s'}}$$

Finally, Theorem 1.2 is a direct consequence of Propositions 2.4 and 2.5, and Corollary 2.6. This yields the desired result.

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