

# Some exotic phenomena for Assouad spectra

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# balls radius  $r$   
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- "average scaling" at scale  $r$ , as  $r \rightarrow 0$
- downsides: often "too coarse", especially for sets with large amounts of inhomogeneity (e.g. self-affine sets) esp. self-affine carpets.

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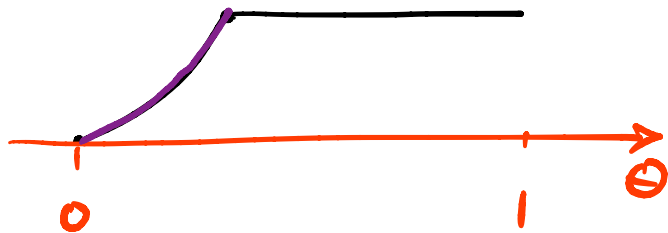
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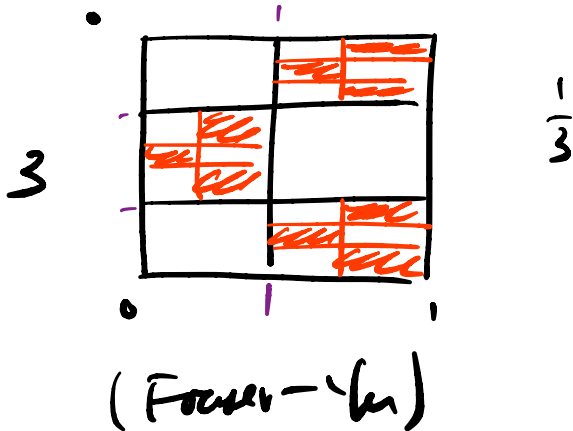
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# Examples.

- Bedford-McMullen Carpets



- elliptical polynomial spirals



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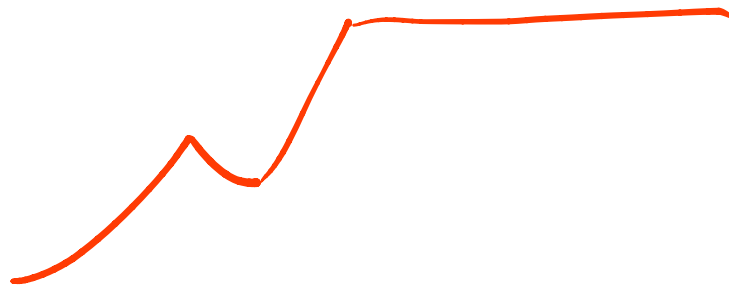
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What other behaviour is possible?

Some isolated examples (Fraser-Yu;  
Fraser-Hare-Hare-Trusheit-Yu)

non-monotonicity

"manus"



pts. of non-drift on every open set



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Theorem (R.)  $\exists$  bounded set  $\emptyset \neq F \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  s.t.

$$\dim_{\mathbb{A}}^{\theta} F = \underline{\psi}(\theta)$$



$\psi: [0,1] \rightarrow [0,d]$  and  $\forall 0 < \underline{\lambda} < \underline{\theta} < 1$

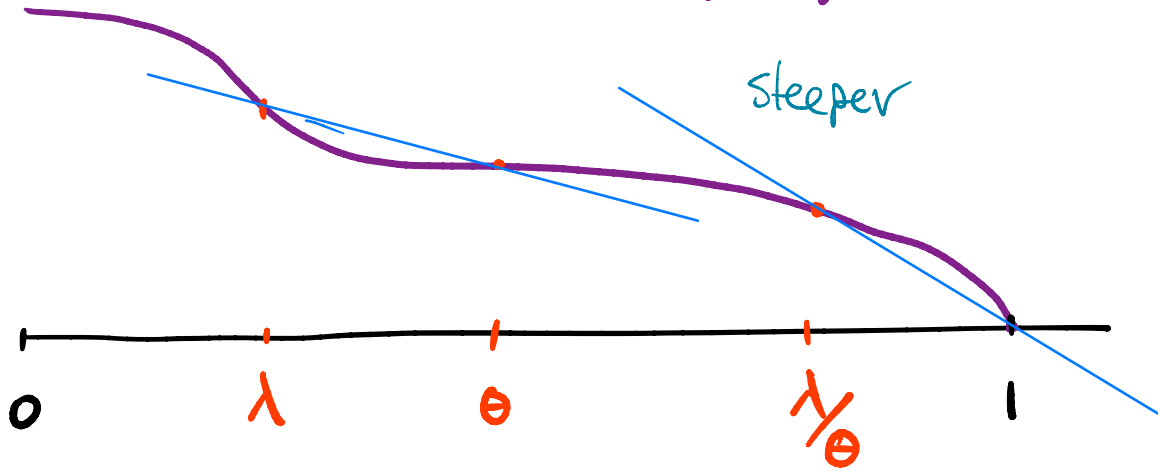
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$\beta$  decreasing

'oscillation'  
condition

$$\beta(\theta) = (1-\theta) \cdot \psi(\theta)$$



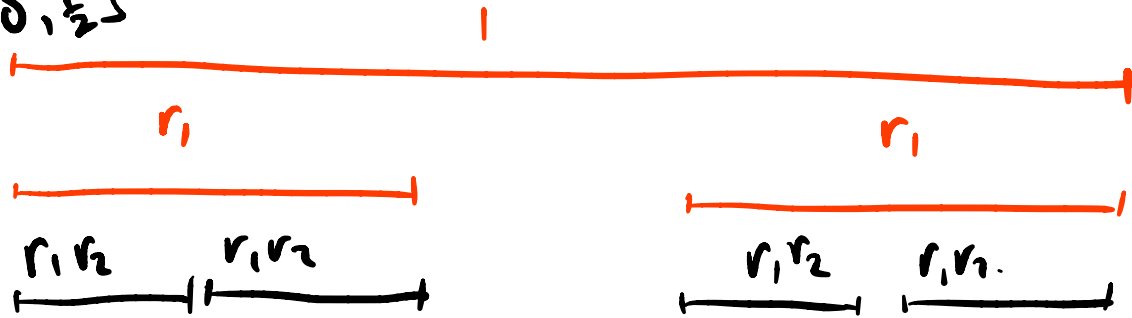
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$(r_i)_{i=1}^{\infty} \subset (0, \frac{1}{2}]$



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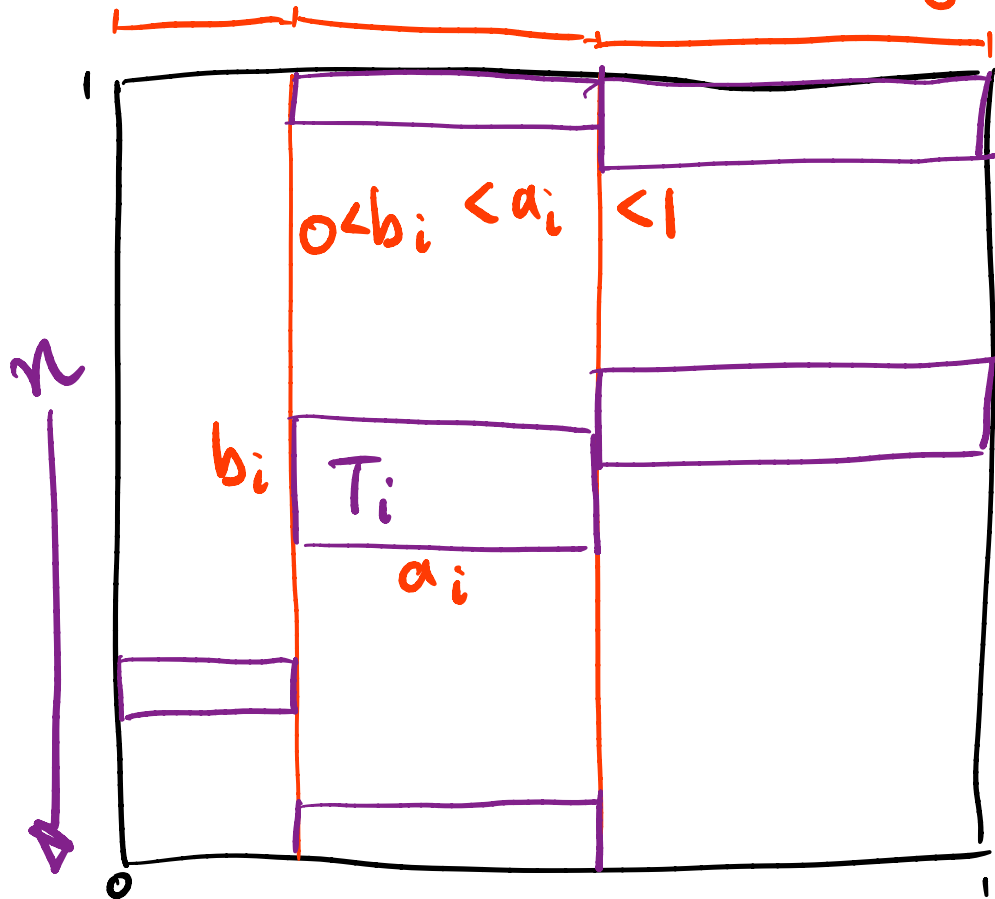
Consequences:  $\dim_{\text{M}}^{\circ} F$  can be:

- non-monotonic on every open set.
- not Hölder at 1.

Construction in classification is very much  
non-dynamical.



# Gatzouras - Lalley Carpets



$$T_i(\square) = \square$$

$\{T_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$  strictly contracting.  $\leadsto K$  attractor

- $T_i(x, y) = (a_i x, b_i y) + \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- $n(x, y) = x$

$$t_{\min} = \dim_B K - \dim_B \eta(K) \quad \text{"average fibre dim"}$$

$$t_{\max} = \underline{\dim_A K} - \underline{\dim_B \eta(K)} \quad \text{maximal fibre dim}$$

$$= \max_{x \in \eta(K)} \dim_B \eta^{-1}(x) \cap K$$

↑  
vert. line thru  $x$

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$$\pi(\mathcal{I}) \quad \pi: \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \text{"columns"}$$

$\pi(\mathcal{I}) =$  column indices. For column  $\underline{j} \in \pi(\mathcal{I})$  define

$$\psi_{\underline{j}}(t) = \frac{\log \sum_{i \in \pi^{-1}(\underline{j})} b_i^t}{\log a_{\underline{j}}}$$

indices in col.

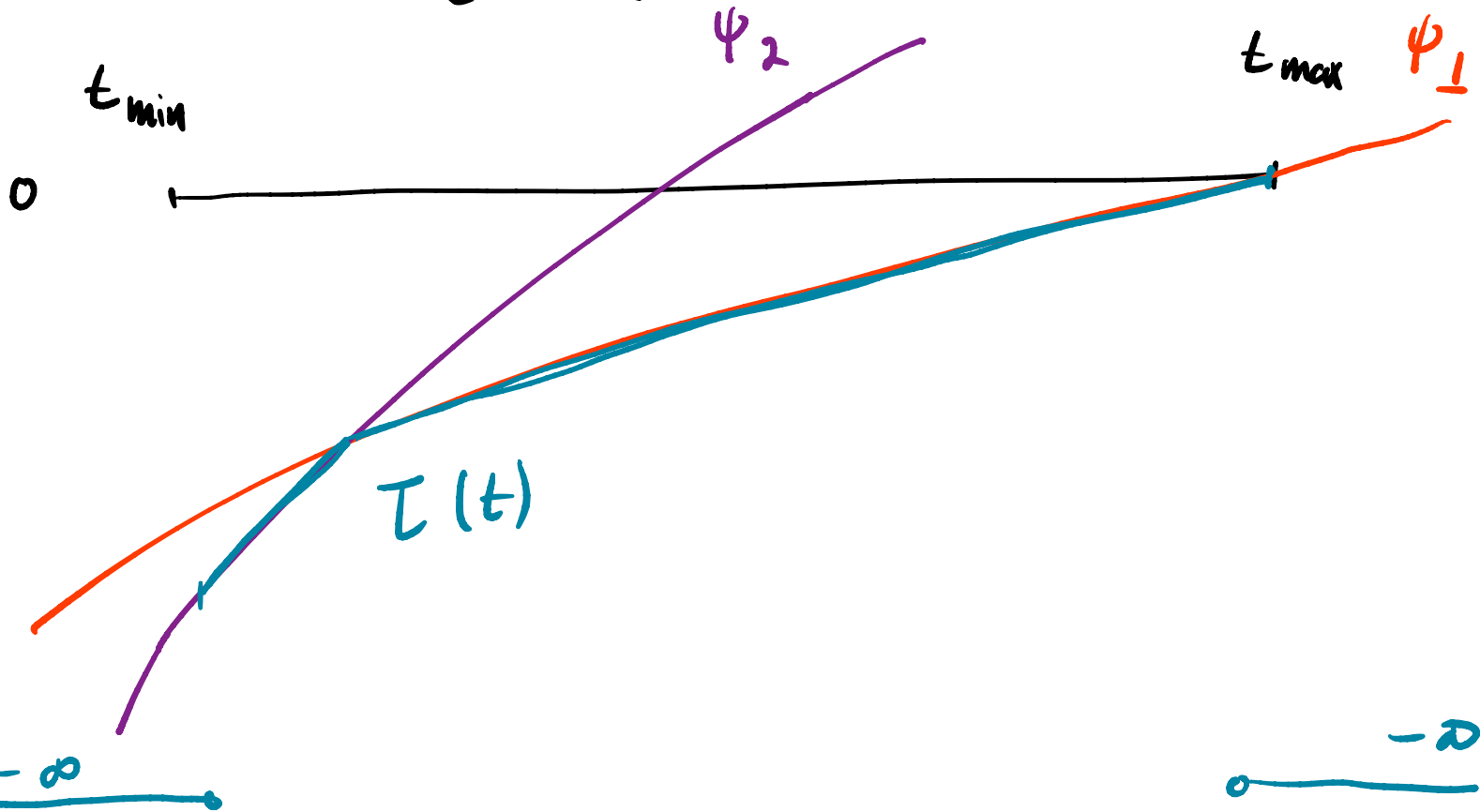
↑  
of column.

$b_i =$  height of vert

"column pressure function"

$a_{\underline{j}} =$  width of col.

$$\cdot \mathcal{I}(t) = \begin{cases} \min_j \psi_j(t) & : t_{\min} \leq t \leq t_{\max} \\ -\infty & : \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



Change of parameter:

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log. eccentricity

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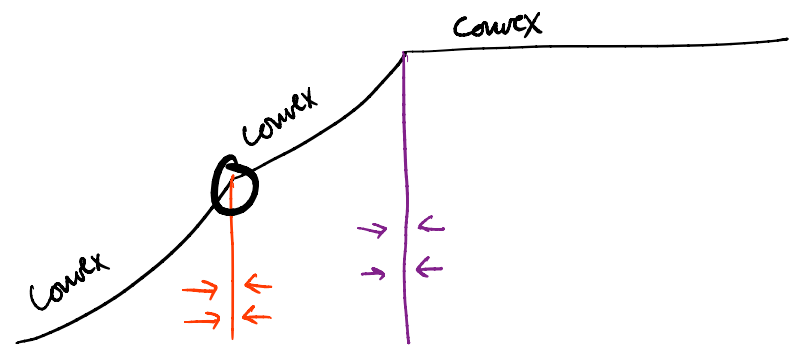
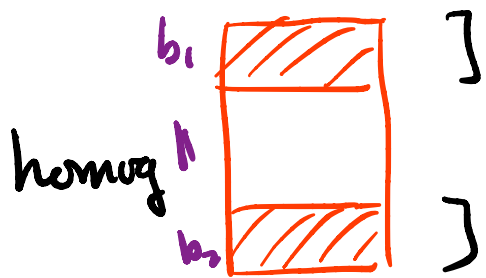
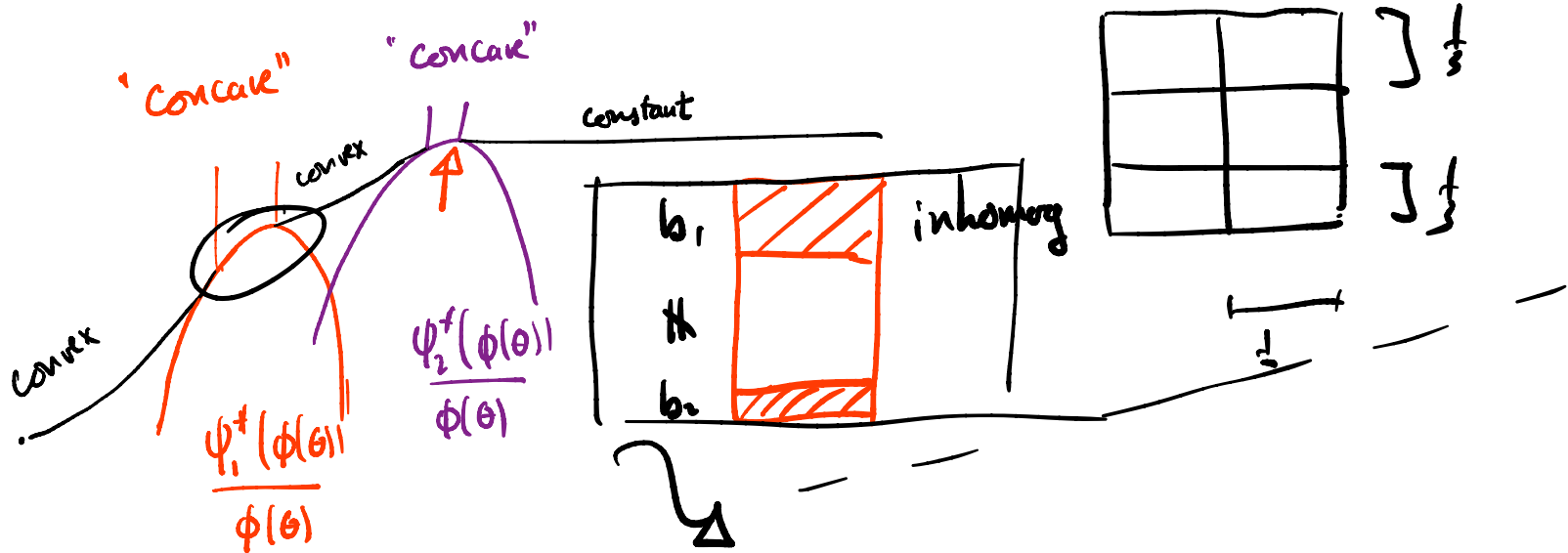
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log. eccentricity

Theorem (Banaji - Fraser - Kolosváry - R.) Let  $K$   
Gatzouras - Lalley carpet

$$\dim_{\mathbb{A}}^{\theta} K = \dim_{\mathbb{B}}^n(K) + \frac{\mathcal{I}^*(\phi(\theta))}{\phi(\theta)}$$

$$[\mathcal{I}^*(\alpha) = \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} (t\alpha - \mathcal{I}(t)) ; \text{concave conjugate}]$$



# Features:

generic in param space

- (can be) differentiable on  $(0,1)$
- strictly concave on non-trivial interval.]
- piecewise analytic  $\psi \downarrow$
- phase transitions (order odd integer or 2)

(1, 3, 5, 7, 9, ...)  $\rightarrow$  Taylor's other  
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Some tools from proof.

- method of types (large deviations)
- non-convex, non-differentiable optimization theory.

(parametric geometry of Lagrange multipliers;  
R. , 2023+ ; probably known earlier?)

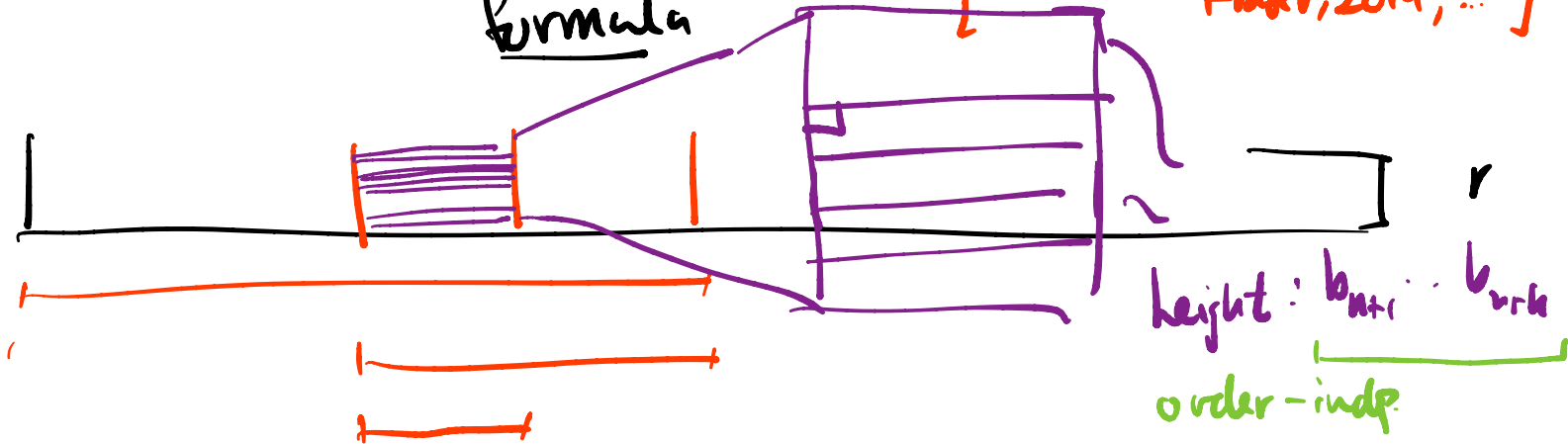
Proof Sketch.  $\mathcal{S} = \cup \mathcal{S}_i \rightarrow$  strip height union  
small union

(1) Use method of types + geometric covering arguments

(large deviations)

to prove Variational Formula

following Käenmäki-R,  
 2023+;  
 Fraker, 2014, ...



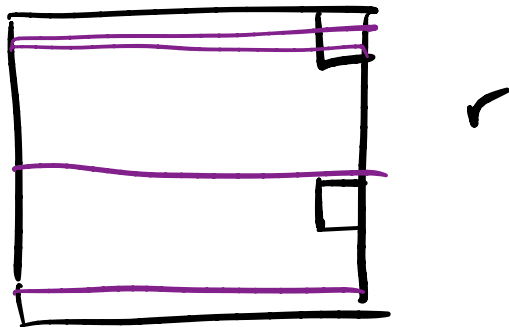
vector space

$$f(\theta, \underline{v}, \underline{w}) = \begin{cases} f_1(\theta, \underline{v}, \underline{w}) : (\underline{v}, \underline{w}) \in \Delta_1(\theta) \\ f_2(\theta, \underline{v}, \underline{w}) : (\underline{v}, \underline{w}) \in \Delta_2(\theta) \end{cases}$$

→ linear constraint

$f_1, f_2$  smooth, non-convex; NOT smooth on bdry

$$\dim_{\theta}^{\circ} K = \max_{(\underline{v}, \underline{w})} f(\theta, \underline{v}, \underline{w}) \quad r^{\circ}$$



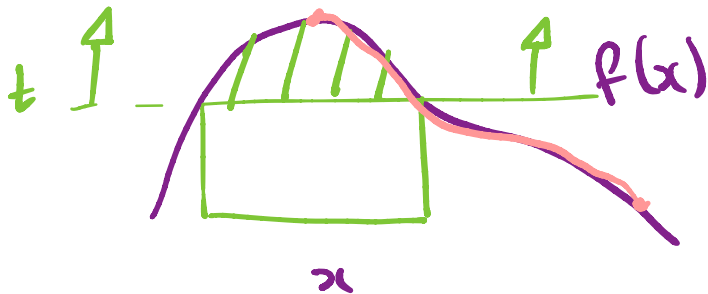
(2) Solve optimization using

- Parametric geometry of Lagrange multipliers

(R. 2023+, developed for multifractal analysis)

- in function theory / entropy arguments

- "abstract gradient ascent argument"



$$\{x: f(x) > t\}$$

connected.

