

## NUMERICAL ASPECTS OF MULTIVALUED FRACTALS

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**Abstract.** At first, we will present the Collage Theorems for iterated multifunction systems and, more generally, for respective continuation principles. Their application will be then discussed in confrontation with numerical (digital) multivalued fractals generated either randomly or (on the basis of an appropriate Shadowing Lemma) in a deterministic way. Some illustrating examples will be given.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

We begin with the extension (see [AG01]) of the well-known theorem due to J. E. Hutchinson [Hut81] and M. F. Barnsley [Bar88] based on the well-known Banach contraction principle.

**Theorem 1** (cf. [AG01, AFGL05]). *Assume that  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space and*

$$\{\varphi_i : X \multimap X, i = 1, \dots, n; n \in \mathbb{N}\} \quad (1)$$

*is a system of multivalued contractions (with nonempty compact values), i.e.*

$$d_H(\varphi_i(x), \varphi_i(y)) \leq L_i d(x, y), \quad \text{for all } x, y \in X, i = 1, \dots, n, \quad (2)$$

*where  $L_i \in [0, 1)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .*

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Then there exists exactly one compact invariant subset  $A^* \subset X$  of the Hutchinson-Barnsley map

$$F(x) := \bigcup_{i=1}^n \varphi_i(x), \quad x \in X, \quad (3)$$

called the attractor (fractal) of (1) or, equivalently, exactly one fixed-point  $A^* \in \mathcal{K}(X) := \{A \subset X \mid A \text{ is nonempty and compact}\}$  of the induced Hutchinson-Barnsley operator

$$F^*(A) := \overline{\bigcup_{x \in A} F(x)} \left( = \bigcup_{x \in A} F(x) \right), \quad A \in \mathcal{K}(X), \quad (4)$$

in the hyperspace  $(\mathcal{K}(X), d_H)$ , where  $d_H$  stands for the Hausdorff metric, defined by

$$d_H(A, B) := \inf \{ \varepsilon > 0 \mid A \subset O_\varepsilon(B) \text{ and } B \subset O_\varepsilon(A) \},$$

where  $O_\varepsilon(C) = \{x \in X \mid d(x, C) < \varepsilon\}$ , for any nonempty, bounded, closed set  $C \subset X$ .

Moreover,

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d_H(F^{*m}(A), A^*) = 0, \quad \text{for every } A \in \mathcal{K}(X), \quad (5)$$

and (Collage)

$$d_H(A, A^*) \leq \frac{1}{1-L} d_H(A, F^*(A)), \quad (6)$$

where  $(1 >) L = \max_{i=1, \dots, n} L_i$ .

There are several generalizations of this theorem for systems of (weak) contractions, where the notion of weak contractions is understood in different ways (cf. [Pet01, Pet02, PR01, PR]), iterated multifunction systems (IMS) of nonexpansive maps [AFGL05] or IMS of compact maps [AF04, Kie02, JGP00, LM00]. Unfortunately, most generalizations are with loss of the constructive part of Theorem 1.

On the other hand, for IMS of weak contractions the uniqueness can be guaranteed as well. Moreover, in [And] J. Andres developed now the continuation principle for IMS of contractions (in the same paper and cf. [AFGL05, AG03], continuation principle for compact maps was developed as well). Since the Andres Theorem is based on the Granas continuation technique, which was

completed by R. Precup [Pre02] by a computational part, we can simply complete on this base Andres Theorem as follows.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $\{\varphi_i : [0, 1] \times \overline{S} \multimap X; i = 1, \dots, n\}$  be a family of multivalued  $(L_i, M_i)$ -Lipschitz maps with compact values, i.e.  $(i = 1, \dots, n)$*

$$d_H(\varphi_i(\lambda, x), \varphi_i(\lambda, y)) \leq L_i d(x, y), \text{ for all } \lambda \in [0, 1] \text{ and } x, y \in \overline{S}, \quad (7)$$

and

$$d_H(\varphi_i(\lambda_1, x), \varphi_i(\lambda_2, x)) \leq M_i |\lambda_1 - \lambda_2|, \text{ for some } M_i > 0, \quad (8)$$

for all  $x \in \overline{S}$  and  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in [0, 1]$ ,

where  $L_i \in [0, 1]$ ,  $M_i \in (0, \infty)$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , and  $S \subset X$  is a subset of a complete metric space  $(X, d)$ . Assume there is  $\overline{U} \subset \mathcal{K}(\overline{S})$  such that  $F_\lambda^* \in \mathcal{C}_0(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{K}(X))$  (= the set of all contractions  $F^* : \overline{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}(X) \mid \text{Fix } F^* \cap \partial\mathcal{U} = \emptyset$ ),  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ .

In addition suppose that  $F_0^*$  has a fixed point  $A(0) \in \mathcal{U}$ . Then, for each  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ , there exists a unique fixed point  $A(\lambda) \in \mathcal{U}$  of  $F_\lambda^*$ .

Moreover,  $A(\lambda)$  depends continuously on  $\lambda$  and there exists  $0 < r \leq \infty$ , integers  $m, n_1, n_2, \dots, n_{m-1}$  and numbers  $0 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \dots < \lambda_{m-1} < \lambda_m = 1$  such that for any  $A_0 \in \mathcal{K}(X)$  satisfying  $d_H(A_0, A(0)) \leq r$ , the sequences  $(A_{j,k})_{k \geq 0}$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} A_{1,0} &= A_0 \\ A_{j,k+1} &= F_{\lambda_j}^*(A_{j,k}), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots \\ A_{j+1,0} &= A_{j,n_j}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m-1 \end{aligned}$$

are well defined and satisfy

$$d_H(A_{j,k}, A(\lambda_j)) \leq \frac{L^k}{1-L} d_H(A_{j,0}, F_{\lambda_j}^*(A_{j,0}))$$

$$(L := \max \{L_i \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}, k \in \mathbb{N}).$$

To present the computational part of Theorem 2 in more detail, we suppose the assumptions of the theorem to be satisfied, and a unique fixed point  $A(0)$  of  $F_0^*$  to exist. We wish to obtain an approximation  $\tilde{A}_1$  of  $A(1)$  with  $d_H(\tilde{A}_1, A(1)) \leq \varepsilon$ .

We start with some  $A_0 \in \mathcal{U}$ , which is an  $r$ -approximation of  $A(0)$  (i.e.  $d_H(A_0, A(0)) \leq r$ ), where

$$r \leq \inf \{d_H(A(\lambda), B) \mid B \in \partial\mathcal{U}, \lambda \in [0, 1]\}.$$

Furthermore, we find  $h > 0$  such that for every  $A \in \overline{\mathcal{U}}$  and  $\lambda, \mu \in [0, 1]$ ,  $|\lambda - \mu| \leq h$ ,

$$d_H(F_\lambda^*(A), F_\mu^*(A)) \leq (1 - L)r,$$

which guarantees

$$d_H(A(\lambda), A(\mu)) \leq r.$$

Finally, for  $0 = \lambda_0 < \lambda_1 < \dots < \lambda_{m-1} < \lambda_m = 1$  such that  $\lambda_{j+1} - \lambda_j \leq h$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, m-1$ , we can compute the sequences

$$A_{j,k}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n_j, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m,$$

in the following way.

For  $j = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} A_{1,0} &:= A_0, \\ A_{1,1} &= F_{\lambda_1}^*(A_{1,0}) = F_{\lambda_1}^*(A_0), \\ A_{1,2} &= F_{\lambda_1}^*(A_{1,1}) = F_{\lambda_1}^{*2}(A_0), \\ &\vdots \\ A_{1,n_1} &= F_{\lambda_1}^{*n_1}(A_0), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} d_H(A_{1,k}, A(\lambda_1)) &\leq \frac{L^k}{1-L} d_H(A_0, F_{\lambda_1}^*(A_0)) = \\ &= \frac{L^k}{1-L} d_H(A_{1,0}, A_{1,1}). \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that there exists  $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $d_H(A_{1,n_1}, A(\lambda_1)) \leq r$ .

For  $j = 2, \dots, m-1$ , we use an analogous procedure.

For  $j = m$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} A_{m,0} &:= A_{m-1,n_{m-1}}, \\ A_{m,1} &= F_{\lambda_m}^*(A_{m,0}), \\ &\vdots \\ A_{m,n_m} &= F_{\lambda_m}^{*n_m}(A_{m,0}) = \\ &= F_{\lambda_m}^{*n_m}(F_{\lambda_{m-1}}^{*n_{m-1}}(\dots F_{\lambda_1}^{*n_1}(A_0)\dots)), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$d_H(A_{m,n_m}, A(\lambda_m)) = d_H(A_{m,n_m}, A(1)) \leq \varepsilon.$$

Thus,  $\tilde{A}_1 := A_{m,n_m}$  is an  $\varepsilon$ -approximation of  $A(1)$ .

As we can see, the computational part of Theorem 2 is based on iterations of contractions. The remaining part of the paper is devoted to this topic with the focus on (numerical) inaccuracy.

## 2. APPROXIMATION OF MULTIVALUED FRACTALS

As attractive fixed-points of the Hutchinson-Barnsley operators of the IMS of contractions with compact values, the multivalued fractals can be approximated by iterates of any compact set w.r.t. the Hutchinson-Barnsley operator. Due to the nonaccurate character of numerical calculations, the IMS of contractions with compact values will be alternatively studied, when applying the Shadowing Lemma in metric spaces ([Žáč92], cf. also [Bie99]).

The existence of an accurate orbit in the proximity of a pseudo-orbit is important for validity of numerical simulations. Numerically computed orbits are in fact pseudo-orbits and, therefore, the problem of their being in a neighbourhood of a real orbit for a sufficiently long time arises, i.e. the question whether the numerical calculation has a real meaning.

Hence, let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a map, and  $\delta$  and  $\varepsilon$  be positive reals.

A sequence  $\{x_k\}_{k=0}^\infty \subset X$  is called a  $\delta$ -pseudo-orbit of the map  $f$  if

$$d(f(x_k), x_{k+1}) \leq \delta, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \tag{9}$$

We say that the  $\delta$ -pseudo-orbit  $\{x_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$  is  $\varepsilon$ -shadowed by some real orbit of  $f$  if there exists  $y \in X$  such that

$$d(f^k(y), x_k) \leq \varepsilon, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \tag{10}$$

The shadowing property for the IMS of contractions with compact values is stated in the following proposition (which is a weaker form of that for weak contractions in [AFGL05])

**Proposition 1** (cf. [AFGL05]). *Let  $F^* : \mathcal{K}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{K}(X)$  be the Hutchinson-Barnsley operator of the IMS  $\{\varphi_i : X \multimap X, i = 1, \dots, n\}$  of contractions with compact values.*

Then, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist  $\mu \in (0, \varepsilon)$  and  $\delta > 0$  such that every  $\delta$ -pseudo-orbit  $\{A_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$  is  $\varepsilon$ -shadowed by the orbit  $\{F^{*k}(C)\}$ , where  $C \in \mathcal{K}(X)$  satisfies  $d_H(A_0, C) \leq \mu$ .

For numerical  $\delta$ -pseudo-orbits,  $\delta$  means the upper estimate of the error in each step, and so, it is not generally arbitrarily small positive, but there exists a lower bound  $\delta_0 > 0$  for the accuracy of calculations.

Thus, the theoretical shadowing result ( $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$ ) needs to be modified to the form ( $\forall \varepsilon = \varepsilon(\delta_0) > 0 \exists \delta > \delta_0 > 0$ ), looking only for such situations where we are able to describe the relations among  $\varepsilon$ ,  $\delta_0$  and  $\delta$ . As pointed out in the following Proposition 2, this is possible for contractions, where we place emphasis on approximation of related fixed-points.

**2.1. Approximation of fixed-points of contractions.** Obviously, every orbit of a contraction tends to the unique fixed-point. However, due to inaccuracy of numerical calculations, we cannot reach this point with an arbitrary precision in a real situation.

**Proposition 2** (cf. [AFGL05]). *Let  $\{\varphi_i : X \multimap X; i = 1, \dots, n\}$  be a system of contractions with compact values on a complete metric space  $(X, d)$  with Lipschitz constants  $L_i < 1$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , and with a multivalued fractal (fixed-point of  $F^*$ )  $A^*$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\delta > 0$  and  $L := \max\{L_i \mid i = 1, \dots, n\}$  satisfy the inequality*

$$\delta < \varepsilon(1 - L). \quad (11)$$

*Then, for an arbitrary  $\delta$ -pseudo-orbit  $\{A_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$  of the (Hutchinson-Barnsley operator)  $F^*$ , we have*

$$d_H(A^*, A_m) \leq \varepsilon, \quad (12)$$

*whenever*

$$(0 \leq) m \geq \ln \left( \frac{\varepsilon(1 - L) - \delta}{d_H(A_0, A_1)} \right) \frac{1}{\ln L}. \quad (13)$$

*(In particular, for  $d_H(A_0, A_1) \in [0, \varepsilon(1 - L) - \delta)$ , the right hand side of the inequality 13 is negative, and so we can obtain  $m = 0$ , i.e.  $d_H(A^*, A_0) \leq \varepsilon$ .)*

*Proof.* From the definition of  $\delta$ -pseudo-orbit:

$$d_H(F^*(A_k), A_{k+1}) \leq \delta, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_H(F^*(A_0), A_1) &\leq \delta, \\
 d_H(F^{*2}(A_0), A_2) &\leq d_H(F^*(F^*(A_0)), F^*(A_1)) + d_H(F^*(A_1), A_2) \leq \\
 &\leq Ld_H(F^*(A_0), A_1) + \delta \leq L\delta + \delta, \\
 &\vdots \\
 d_H(F^{*k}(A_0), A_k) &\leq L^{k-1}\delta + \dots + L^2\delta + L\delta + \delta = \frac{1 - L^k}{1 - L}\delta, \\
 &\downarrow k \rightarrow \infty \\
 d_H(A^*, A_\infty) &\leq \frac{\delta}{1 - L}.
 \end{aligned}$$

From the last inequality we can obtain the lower bound for  $\varepsilon$  in (12) for possible reasonable  $\varepsilon$ -approximation of  $A^*$  by some member of  $\{A_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$ :

$$d_H(A^*, A_\infty) \leq \frac{\delta}{1 - L} \leq \varepsilon.$$

Inequality (13) can be obtained as follows. We want to get an  $\varepsilon$ -approximation of  $A^*$  by some  $A_m \in \{A_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$ , i.e.

$$d_H(A^*, A_m) \leq \varepsilon,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_H(A^*, A_m) &\leq d_H(A^*, F^{*m}(A_0)) + d_H(F^{*m}(A_0), A_m) \leq \\
 &\leq \frac{L^m}{1 - L}d_H(A_0, F^*(A_0)) + \frac{1 - L^m}{1 - L}\delta \leq \\
 &\leq \frac{L^m}{1 - L}(d_H(A_0, A_1) + d_H(A_1, F^*(A_0))) + \frac{1 - L^m}{1 - L}\delta \leq \\
 &\leq \frac{L^m}{1 - L}(d_H(A_0, A_1) + \delta) + \frac{1 - L^m}{1 - L}\delta = \\
 &= \frac{L^m d_H(A_0, A_1) + \delta}{1 - L} \leq \varepsilon,
 \end{aligned}$$

and so, for  $d_H(A_0, A_1) > 0$ ,

$$m \geq \ln \left( \frac{\varepsilon(1 - L) - \delta}{d_H(A_0, A_1)} \right) \frac{1}{\ln L}.$$

In the case  $d_H(A_0, A_1) = 0$  we can set  $m := 0$ , because

$$d_H(A^*, A_m) \leq \frac{\delta}{1 - L} \leq \varepsilon, \text{ for all } m \geq 0,$$

and so already  $A_0$  is  $\varepsilon$ -approximation of  $A^*$ , i.e.  $d_H(A^*, A_0) \leq \varepsilon$ . □

*Remark 1.* It is easy to see (from the proof of Proposition 2) that every such  $\delta$ -pseudo-orbit  $\{A_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$  is  $\varepsilon$ -shadowed (or, more precisely,  $\frac{\delta}{1-L}$ -shadowed) by any orbit  $\{F^*(A)\}$ , where  $A \in \mathcal{K}(X)$  satisfies  $d_H(A_0, A) \leq \delta$ .

*Remark 2.* In the real situation, (11) could be completed by the lower bound for  $\delta$ :

$$\delta_0 \leq \delta < \varepsilon(1 - L).$$

*Remark 3.* As observed in [GG04], the application of the Shadowing Lemma is limited just by the IMS of contractions.

### 3. STOCHASTIC APPROXIMATION

In [LM94] one can find a result, which is related to the approximation of fractals of iterated function systems by random iterations of generating contractions. We show in Proposition 3 that it is (together with Proposition 2) applicable to multivalued fractals of certain class of iterated multifunction systems.

**Proposition 3.** *Let*

$$\{\varphi_i : X \rightarrow \mathcal{K}(X) \mid i = 1, \dots, n\}, \quad (14)$$

*be an iterated multifunction system of contractions with compact values and contractivity factors  $L_i \in [0, 1)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $F^*$  its Hutchinson-Barnsley operator, and  $A^*$  its multivalued fractal.*

*Let there exist an iterated function system of contractions*

$$\{f_i : X \rightarrow X \mid i = 1, \dots, m\}, \quad \hat{L}_i \in [0, 1), \quad (15)$$

*which  $\delta_1$ -approximates the IMS (14), i.e.*

$$d_H(F^*(A), \hat{F}^*(A)) \leq \delta_1, \quad A \in \mathcal{K}(X),$$

*where  $\hat{F}^*$  is the Hutchinson-Barnsley operator of (15).*

*Let*

$$p_1, \dots, p_n, \quad p_i > 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad \sum_{i \in I} p_i = 1,$$

*be a probabilistic vector and  $\{\xi_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$  a sequence of independent random variables such that*

$$\text{prob}(\xi_n = i) = p_i, \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n.$$



For IFS with probabilities  $\{(f_i, p_i), i = 1, \dots, n\}$ , consider its orbit  $\{x_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$  with an initial point  $x_0$  and

$$x_{k+1} = f_{\xi_k}(x_k), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots$$

Then for every  $x_0 \in X$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exist  $k_0 = k_0(\varepsilon)$  and  $j_0 = j_0(\varepsilon)$  such that

$$\text{prob}(d_H(\{x_k, \dots, x_{k+j}\}, A^*) < \frac{\delta_1}{1-L} + \varepsilon) > 1 - \varepsilon, \quad (16)$$

for  $k \geq k_0, j \geq j_0$ , and  $L = \max\{L_i \mid i = 1, \dots, n\}$ .

It says the following. If we cancel the first  $k_0$  or more elements of the orbit  $\{x_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$ , then the probability that a sufficiently long segment  $x_k, \dots, x_{k+j}$  approximates  $A^*$  with accuracy  $\frac{\delta_1}{1-L} + \varepsilon$  is greater than  $1 - \varepsilon$ .

*Proof.* We denote by  $\hat{A}^*$  the fractal of (15).

The trivial case when (14) is a system of single-valued contractions (here we can take (15)=(14) and so  $\delta_1 = 0$ ) is presented in [LM94].

For the case of a nontrivial (14), using Proposition 2, we can obtain the following inequality

$$d_H(A^*, \hat{A}^*) \leq \frac{\delta_1}{1-L},$$

which already gives (16). □

Our aim is to complete this result by the (numerical) inaccuracy part in the following

**Theorem 3.** *Let the assumptions of Proposition 3 be fulfilled.*

*Let  $\{\tilde{x}_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$  be a  $\delta_2$ -pseudo-orbit of (15) with an initial point  $\tilde{x}_0$ , i.e., for all  $k \geq 0$ , there exists  $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ , such that*

$$d(\tilde{x}_{k+1}, f_i(\tilde{x}_k)) \leq \delta_2. \quad (17)$$

*Then for every  $\tilde{x}_0 \in X$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exist  $k_0 = k_0(\varepsilon)$  and  $j_0 = j_0(\varepsilon)$  such that*

$$\text{prob}(d_H(\{\tilde{x}_k, \dots, \tilde{x}_{k+j}\}, A^*) < \frac{\delta_1}{1-L} + \frac{\delta_2}{1-\hat{L}} + \varepsilon) > 1 - \varepsilon, \quad (18)$$

*for  $k \geq k_0, j \geq j_0, L = \max\{L_i \mid i = 1, \dots, n\}$  and  $\hat{L} = \max\{\hat{L}_i \mid i = 1, \dots, m\}$ .*

*Proof.* From the definition of  $\delta_2$ -pseudo-orbit  $\{\tilde{x}_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$  of (15), it is easy to see that we can construct, for arbitrary  $x_0 \in X$ ,  $d(x_0, \tilde{x}_0) \leq \delta_2$ , the orbit  $\{x_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$  of (15) such that  $x_{k+1} = f_i(x_k)$ , choosing, for every  $k \geq 0$ , the same function as in (17). Using Proposition 2 (and Remark 1) we can obtain the following two inequalities

$$d(x_k, \tilde{x}_k) \leq \frac{1 - \hat{L}^k}{1 - \hat{L}} \delta_2 \leq \frac{\delta_2}{1 - \hat{L}},$$

$$d_H(\{x_k\}_{k=0}^\infty, \{\tilde{x}_k\}_{k=0}^\infty) \leq \frac{\delta_2}{1 - \hat{L}}.$$

Thus, (cf. 18)

$$d_H(\{x_k, \dots, x_{k+j}\}, \{\tilde{x}_k, \dots, \tilde{x}_{k+j}\}) \leq \frac{\delta_2}{1 - \hat{L}}.$$

The last inequality together with (16) in Proposition 3 gives (18). □

Now, Proposition 2 and Theorem 3 will be applied, in illustrating Examples 1 and 2, to a trivial system of one single-valued contraction and to an IMS.

**Example 1** (Shadowing of a single-valued contraction). Consider map (see Fig.1)

$$f(x) = \frac{3}{4}x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

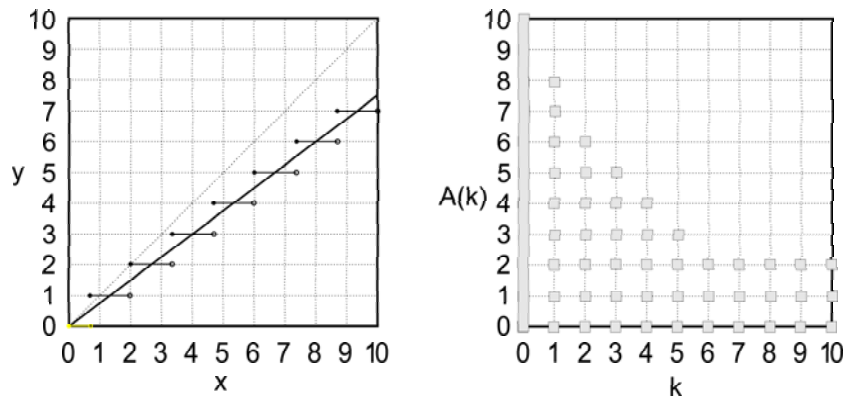


FIGURE 1. Map  $f(x) = \frac{3}{4}x$ , digitization  $\tilde{f}$ , and iterations w.r.t.  $\tilde{f}$

The induced map  $f^* : \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{R})$  takes the form

$$f^*(A) = \bigcup_{x \in A} \frac{3}{4}x, \quad A \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{R}).$$

$f$  is obviously a contraction with constant  $\frac{3}{4}$ , and subsequently (cf. [AF04])

$$d_H(f^*(A), f^*(B)) \leq \frac{3}{4}d_H(A, B), \quad A, B \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{R}).$$

Thus,  $f^*$  is a contraction with constant  $\frac{3}{4}$ , too.

Now, let  $\{A_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  be an orbit of  $f^*$  in  $\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{R})$  with  $A_0 \in \mathcal{K}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $A_n = f^{*n}(A_0)$ . Since  $f^*$  is a contraction in a complete metric space  $(\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{R}), d_H)$ ,  $A_n$  tends w.r.t.  $d_H$  to a unique fixed-point  $(\mathcal{K}(\mathbb{R}) \ni) A^* = \{0\}$ .

However, in a real situation, to reach the fixed-point  $A^*$  numerically, we are restricted by limited accuracy and finite number of iterations. Inequality (13) in Lemma 2 says how many iterations  $m$  are sufficient in order to approximate  $A^*$  with given accuracy  $\varepsilon$ . Number  $\delta$  relates to the accuracy of a single iteration and  $d_H(A_0, A_1)$  stands for the distance between the original and the first iteration, provided (11), i.e.  $\delta < \varepsilon(1 - L)$ , where  $L$  is the contraction constant.  $L$  is related to the given map, while  $\delta$  depends on the technical possibilities of computation. Inequality (11) thus relates to the highest accuracy of  $\varepsilon$ .

Since we can only compute with rational numbers with limited number of decimal places, let us only compute, for the sake of simplicity, with no decimal place, i.e. with step 1. Considering such a mesh on  $\mathbb{R}$ , it can be easily checked that any subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  can be approximated by the subsets of the mesh with the accuracy  $\delta = \frac{1}{2}$  in the Hausdorff metric. Obviously, for our purpose, only compact subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  will be taken into account.

Hence, working on such a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -mesh, every value of  $f^*$  will be approximated with the accuracy of  $\delta = \frac{1}{2}$ . For  $L = \frac{3}{4}$ , one can make an estimate for  $\varepsilon$  in (11), namely  $\frac{1}{2} < \varepsilon(1 - \frac{3}{4})$ , i.e.  $\varepsilon > 2$ , which refers to the unreachable limit of 2. Since only integer multiples of  $\delta$  are meaningful for the required accuracy, let us take  $\varepsilon = 5\frac{1}{2}$ .

Denoting by  $\tilde{f}$  the digitization of  $f$  (see Fig. 1), its first iteration, for  $A_0 = \{10\}$ , is  $A_1 = \{8\}$ , where  $d_H(A_0, A_1) = 2$ .

Hence, substituting for  $f^*$  into formula (13), we get

$$m \geq \ln \left( \frac{\frac{5}{2}(1 - \frac{3}{4}) - \frac{1}{2}}{2} \right) \frac{1}{\ln \frac{3}{4}} \doteq 9.6.$$

For  $m \geq 10$ , we have thus guaranteed the  $\varepsilon$ -accuracy ( $\varepsilon = \frac{5}{2}$ ) to approximate  $A^* = \{0\}$ . By practical computation, we obtain orbit  $\{A_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  as follows:

$$A_0 = \{10\}, A_1 = \{8\}, \dots, A_5 = \{3\}, A_6 = \{2\}, A_k = A_6, k \geq 7,$$

where the Hausdorff distance  $d_H(A_6, A^*) = 2$  is indeed less than  $\varepsilon = \frac{5}{2}$ .

Analogously, we present the computations for  $A_0 = [0, 10]$  (interval). Here,  $A_1 = \{0, \dots, 8\}$ , and so the estimate for  $m$  is the same, i.e.  $m \geq 10$ . The iterations (see Fig.1):

$$A_0 = [0, 10], \dots, A_5 = \{0, \dots, 3\}, A_6 = \{0, \dots, 2\}, A_k = A_6, k \geq 7,$$

where the Hausdorff distance  $d_H(A_6, A^*)$  is 2, too. Thus, even for a single-valued contraction, we obtain multivalued  $\frac{5}{2}$ -approximation  $\{0, 1, 2\}$  of the fixed-point  $\{0\}$ , iterating the digitization.

**Example 2** (IMS of contractions: shadowing and stochastic generating). Consider the following iterated multifunction system on the unite square  $X = [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\ f_2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \\ f_3 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix}, \\ f_4 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix}. \\ \varphi \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} &= \mathbf{BBU}, \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

where  $\varphi : X \rightarrow \mathcal{K}(X)$  is a constant multivalued map, which maps every point to letters **BBU**, positioned in the center of  $X$ . IMS (19) consists of a multivalued contraction and of four single-valued contractions.

In order to apply Lemma 2, we have to find the constants in inequality (13). Following the arguments in the foregoing Example 1, we can take  $L = \frac{1}{3}$ , and

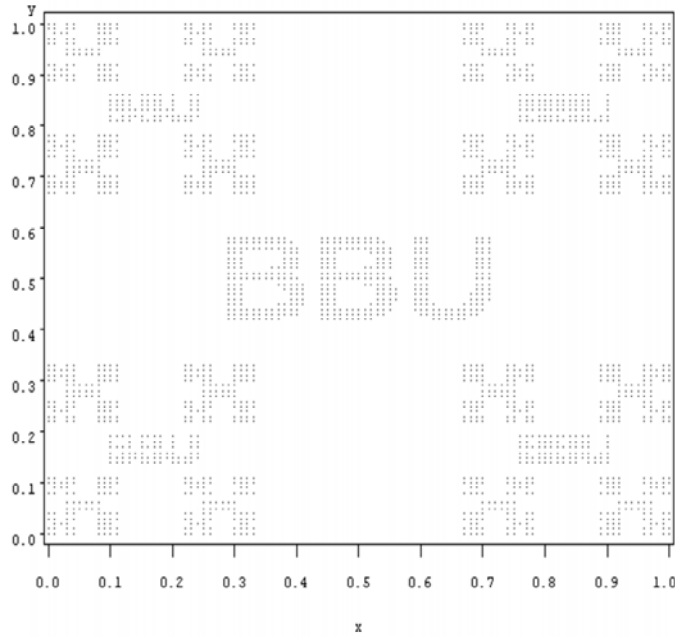


FIGURE 2.  $\frac{4}{100}$ -approximation of fractal of IMS (19)

$\delta = \frac{2}{100}$ , for two decimal places computing, and for the Manhattan metric, i.e.  $d((x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2)) = |y_1 - x_1| + |y_2 - x_2|$ . Then, for  $\varepsilon = 0.1$  and  $A_0 = \{(0, 0)\}$ , we have

$$A_1 = \left\{ \mathbf{BBU}, (0, 0), \left(\frac{2}{3}, 0\right), \left(0, \frac{2}{3}\right), \left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right) \right\},$$

$d_H(A_0, A_1) = \left|\frac{2}{3} - 0\right| + \left|\frac{2}{3} - 0\right| = \frac{4}{3}$ , and so

$$m \geq \ln \left( \frac{\frac{4}{100} \left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right) - \frac{2}{100}}{\frac{4}{3}} \right) \frac{1}{\ln \frac{1}{3}} \doteq 4.8.$$

Thus, the sufficient number of iterations is  $m = 5$  (see Fig.2).

Furthermore, the stochastically generated fractal of IMS (19) in Fig.3 is based on application of Theorem 3, where  $\delta_1 = \delta_2 = \frac{1}{100}$ ,  $L = \hat{L} = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $\frac{\delta_1}{1-L} + \frac{\delta_2}{1-\hat{L}} = 2 \frac{1}{100} \frac{3}{2} = \frac{3}{100}$ . Thus, we obtain stochastic  $\frac{3}{2}$ -approximation.

Finally, we conclude these approximations by a graphically obtained multi-valued fractal in Figure 4.

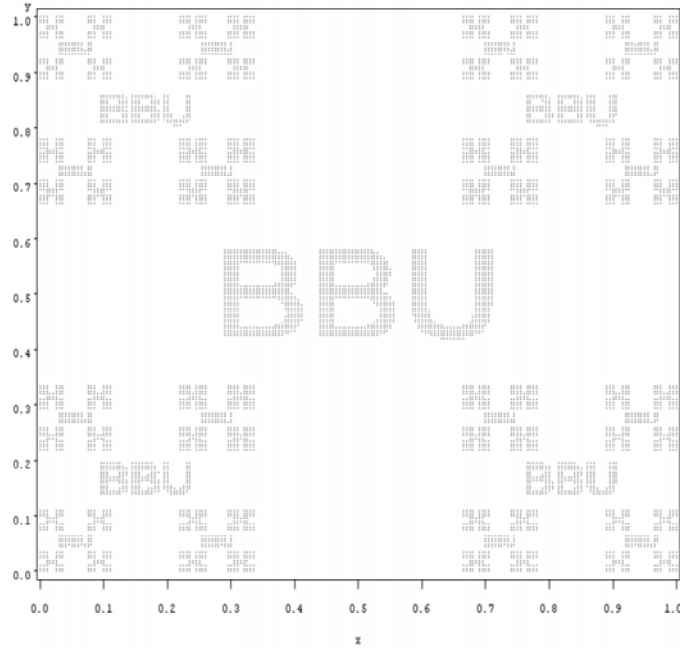


FIGURE 3. Stochastically generated  $\frac{3}{2}$ -approximation of fractal of IMS (19)

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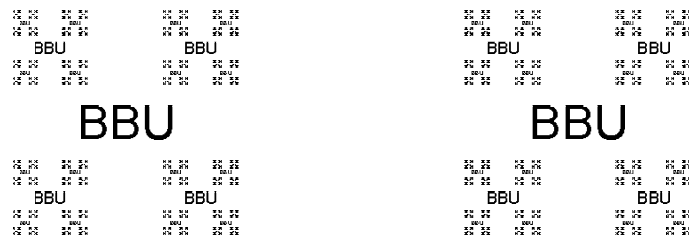
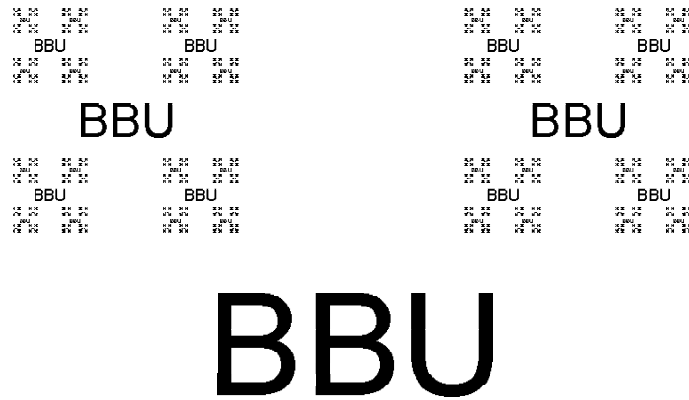


FIGURE 4. Graphically generated fractal of IMS (19)

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