

# Projections of Mandelbrot percolations

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# All new results are joint with Michal Rams, Warsaw IMPAN



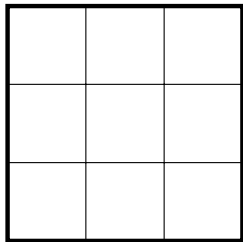
Michal visited me last week in Budapest and while we were preparing our joint talk, he got a terrible flu which prevented him from participating in this conference.

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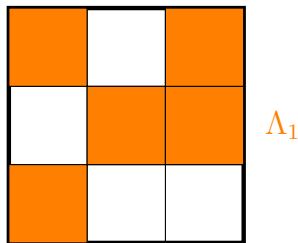
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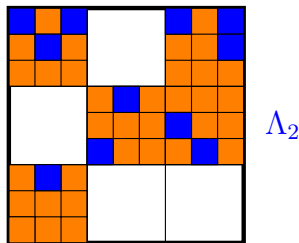
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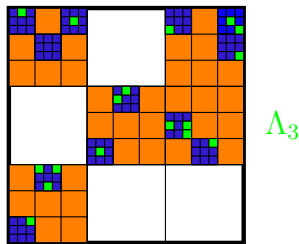
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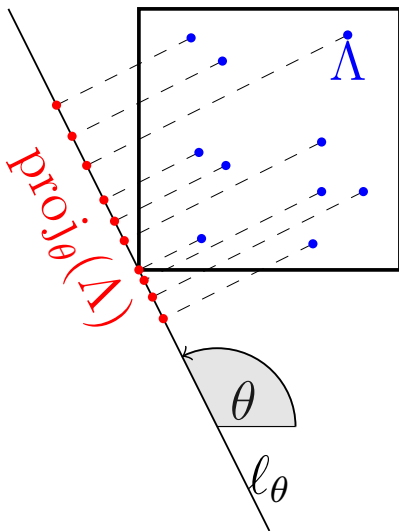
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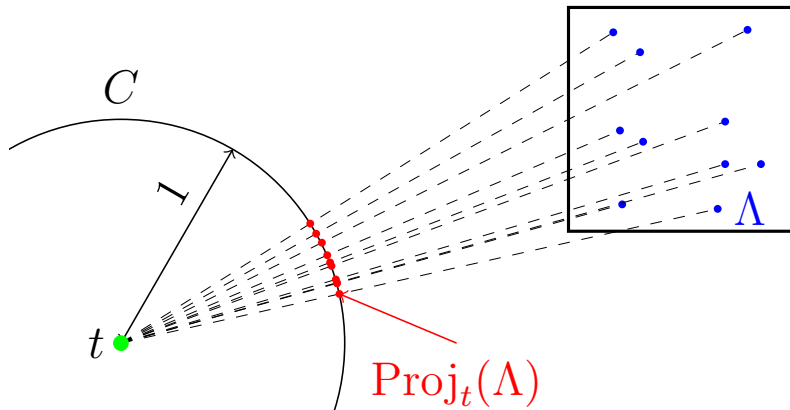
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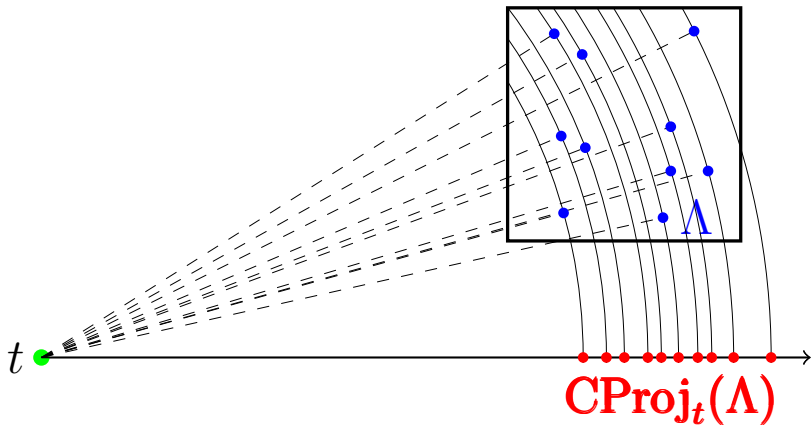


# Radial and co-radial projections with center $t$



Let  $\text{CProj}_t(\Lambda) := \{\text{dist}(t, x) : x \in \Lambda\}$  ( $\text{CProj}_t(\Lambda)$  is the set of the length of dashed lines above).

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# $\Lambda$ percolates

Let  $\Lambda(\omega)$  be a realization of this random Cantor set. We say that  $\Lambda(\omega)$  **percolates** if there is a connected component of  $\Lambda(\omega)$  which connects the left and the right walls of the square  $[0, 1]^2$ .

Let us write  $E_{|\leftarrow\rightsquigarrow|}$  for the event that the random self-similar set  $\Lambda$  **percolates**.

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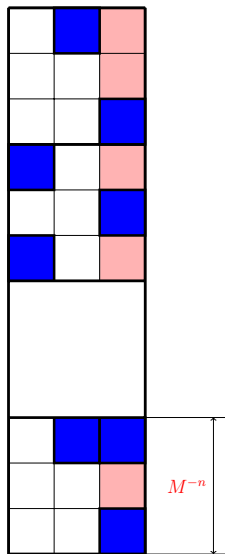
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Then the orthogonal projection to the  $x$ -axis and to the  $y$ -axis of  $\Lambda$  **contain an interval** almost surely, conditioned on non-extinction.

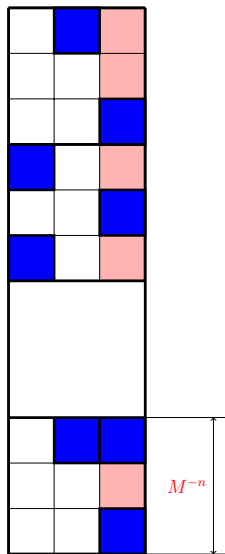
Our research was inspired by this paper. The idea of the proof: use large deviation theory for the **INDEPENDENT** number of level  $n$  successors of squares which are in the same vertical column.

**$\dim_{\text{H}} \Lambda > 1 \implies \exists n, \exists$  a level  $n$  column with exponentially many squares.** This column is the biggest column on the next figure.

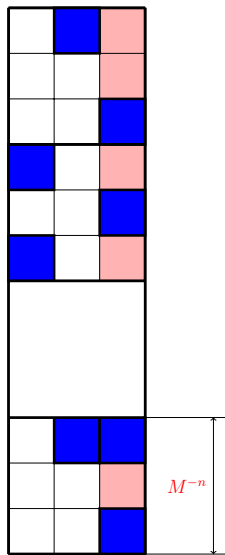
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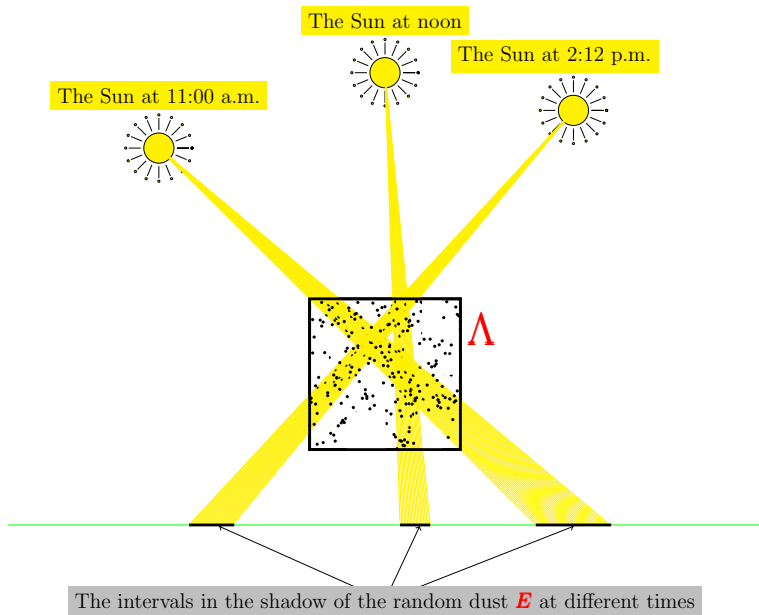
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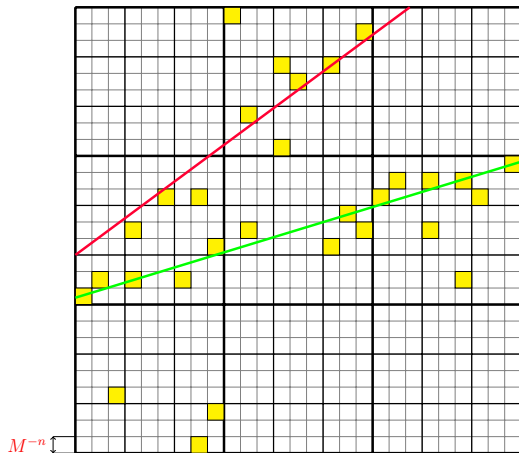
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On the other hand, almost surely for  $n$  big enough, we can find **some** line of  $45^\circ$  angle which intersects  $const \cdot n$  level  $n$  squares.



## Recall:

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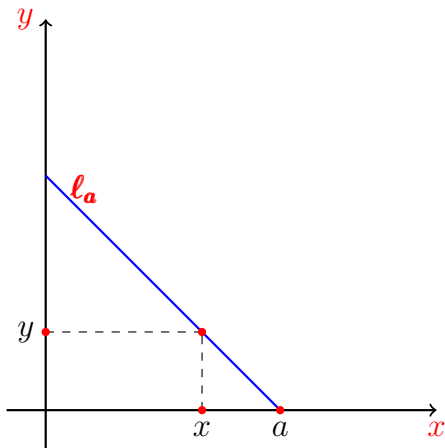
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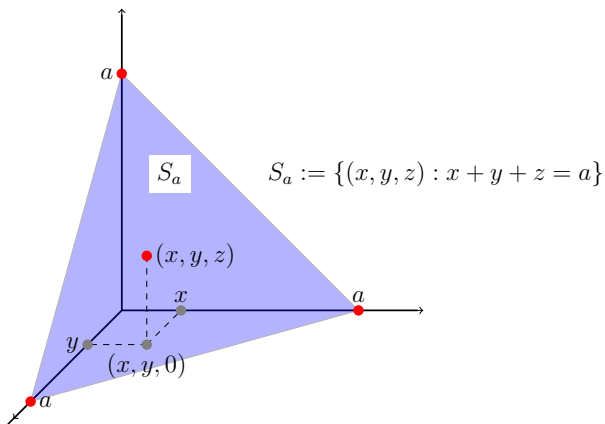
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Similarly, the arithmetic sum

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is the  $45^\circ$  projection of  $\Lambda_1 \times \Lambda_2$ .



$$a = x + y + z \iff (x, y, z) \in S_a$$

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## Recall:

If  $\frac{1}{M^2} < p \leq \frac{1}{M}$  then for almost all realizations of  $\Lambda$  (conditioned on  $\Lambda \neq \emptyset$ ) and for all straight lines  $\ell$  : there exists a constant  $C$  such that **the number of level  $n$  squares having nonempty intersection with  $\Lambda$  is at most  $c \cdot n$ .**

The same theorem holds if we substitute the two-dimensional Mandelbrot percolation Cantor set with the product of two one dimensional Cantor sets having the same  $M$  and probabilities  $p_1, p_2$  such that  $p = p_1 \cdot p_2$ .

Let  $\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2, \Lambda_3$  be one dimensional Mandelbrot percolation fractals constructed with the same  $M$  but with may be different probabilities  $p_1, p_2, p_3$ . Let  $\Lambda$  be the three dimensional Mandelbrot percolation with the same  $M$  and

$$p := p_1 p_2 p_3$$

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$$\Lambda_1 \times \Lambda_2 \times \Lambda_3 \text{ and } \Lambda$$

share many common features:

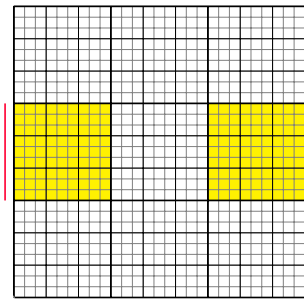
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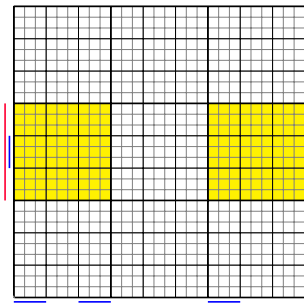
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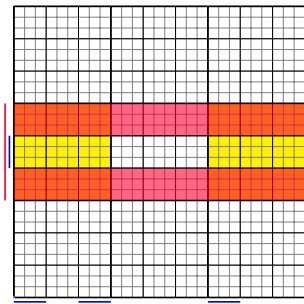
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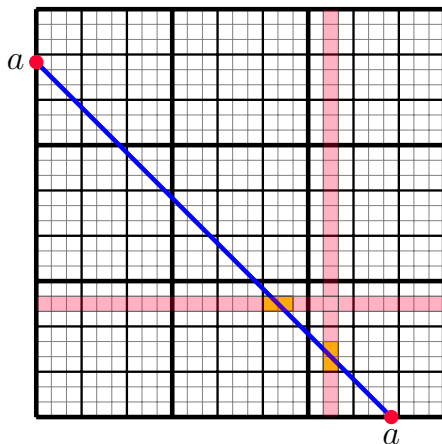
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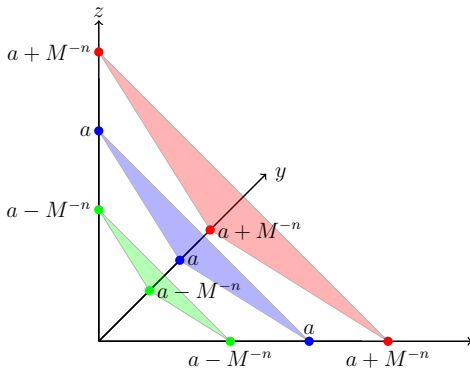


From now we focus on  $\Lambda_{123}$ :

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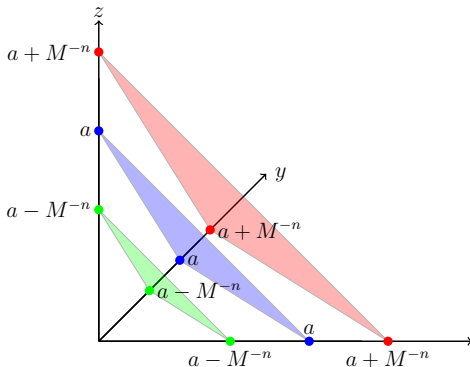
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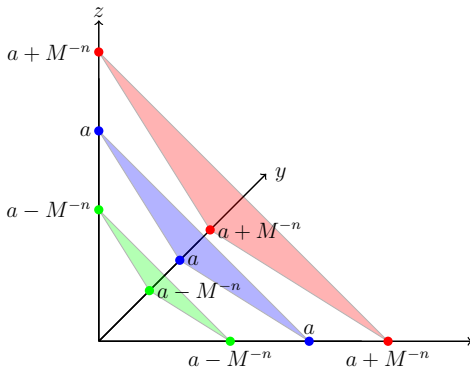
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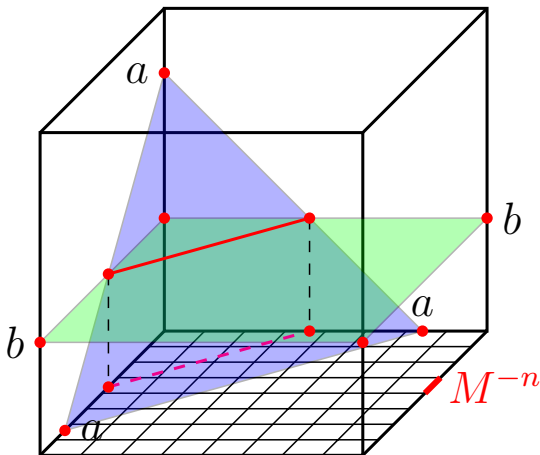
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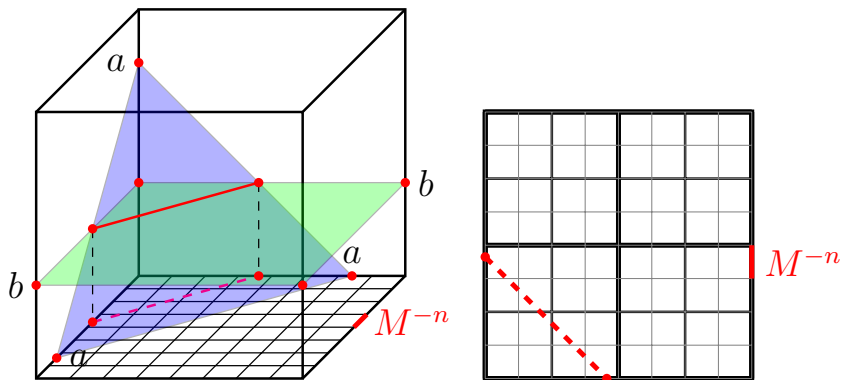
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Among the  $M^{Tn}$  cubes which intersect the blue plane the ones sharing one common side are NOT independent. For example those who intersect the red line are NOT independent.



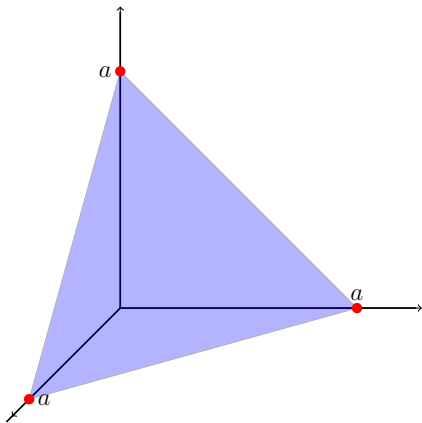
$\dim_{\text{H}} \Lambda_{123} > 1$  but  $\dim_{\text{H}} \Lambda_{12}, \dim_{\text{H}} \Lambda_{23}, \dim_{\text{H}} \Lambda_{31} < 1$ .



The point is that on the red dashed line there could be potentially  $M^n$  selected level  $n$  squares but in reality there will be only  $c \cdot n$  selected squares.

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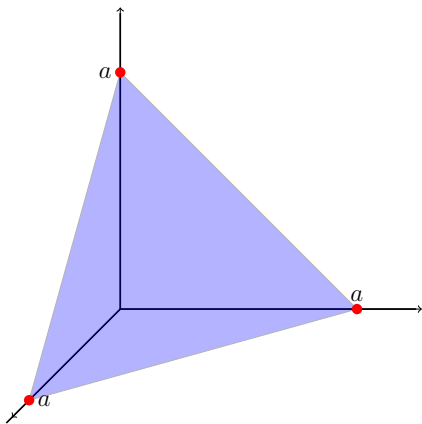
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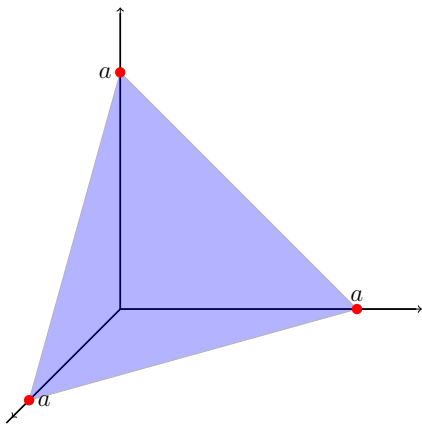


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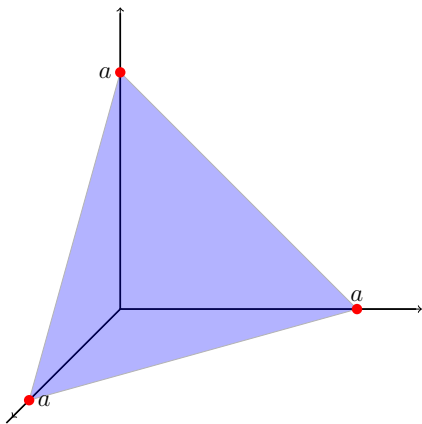
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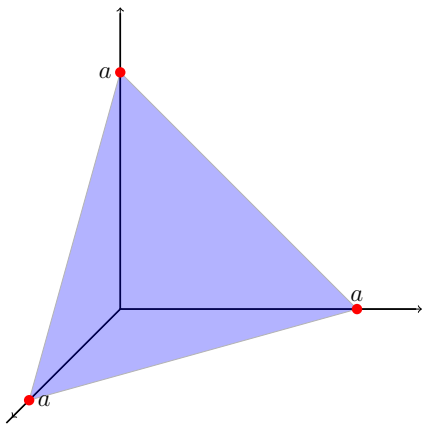
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