

Tutorial on Additive Lévy Processes

Lecture #2

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Spherical measure (Besicovitch)



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- Formally, $\mathcal{C}_s(A) := 1$ if $s < 0$.



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$$\Rightarrow H_{2^{-n}}^s(C) \leq 2^n \times (2^s 3^{-ns}) \rightarrow 0 \text{ if } s > \log_3 2.$$

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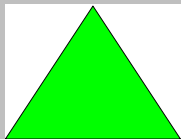
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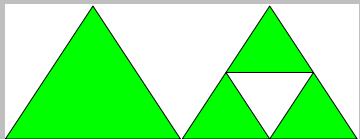
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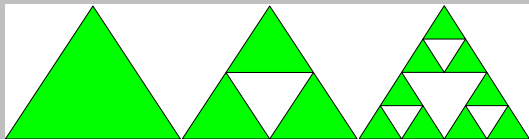
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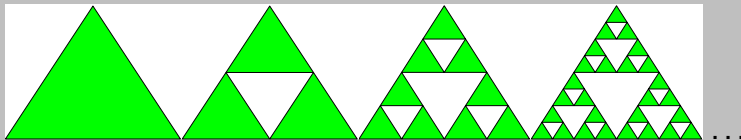
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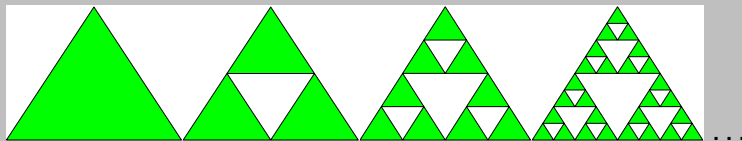
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Exercise

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- α has to be in $(0, 2]$ (Herzog, Bochner, Lévy).



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References: Taylor (1952/53), McKean (1959), Blumenthal and Gettoor (1960, 1961), Pruitt (1969), Fristedt (1974), Kh., Xiao, and Zhong (2003), Kh. and Xiao (2006).



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