# Packing dimension for $\beta$ -shifts

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Abstract. This article is devoted to the study of the packing entropy for maps with g-almost product property, a weak form of specification property. In particular, our result can be applied to the packing dimension for  $\beta$ -shifts.

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## 1 Introduction

(X, d, T) (or (X, T) for short) is a topological dynamical system which means that (X, d) is a compact metric space together with a continuous self-map  $T : X \to X$ . Denote by M(X), M(X, T) and E(X, T) the sets of all Borel probability measures, T-invariant Borel probability measures, and ergodic measures on X, respectively. It is well known that M(X) and M(X, T) equipped with weak\* topology are both convex, compact spaces.

For an *T*-invariant subset  $Z \subset X$ , let M(Z,T) denote the subset of M(X,T) for which the measures  $\mu$  satisfy  $\mu(Z) = 1$  and E(Z, f) denote those which are ergodic. For a positive integer *n*, define the *n*-th empirical measure  $\mathcal{E}_n : X \to M(X)$  by

$$\mathcal{E}_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \delta_{T^k x}$$

where  $\delta_x$  denotes the Dirac measure at x. Let  $A(x_n)$  be the set of all limit points of sequence  $\{x_n\}$ .

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This investigation uses the framework introduced and developed by Olsen [3, 4, 5, 6] and Olsen and Winter [7]. Consider the continuous and affine deformations of  $\mathcal{E}_n$  i.e. pairs  $(Y, \Xi)$  where Y is a vector space with linear compatible metric and  $\Xi : M(X) \to Y$ is a continuous and affine map. Let

$$\Delta_{equ}(C) = \{ x \in X | A(\Xi \mathcal{E}_n(x)) = C \}$$

and

$$\Delta_{sup}(C) = \{ x \in X | A(\Xi \mathcal{E}_n(x)) \subset C \}$$

where C is a convex and closed subset of  $\Xi(M(X,T))$ .

There are some interesting results about the description of the structure (Hausdorff dimension or topological entropy or topological pressure) of  $\Delta_{equ}(C)$  and  $\Delta_{sup}(C)$ . Recently, Zhou, Chen and Cheng [10] studied the packing entropy of  $\Delta_{equ}(C)$  and  $\Delta_{sup}(C)$  for maps with specification property. Pfister and Sullivan [8] obtained the Bowen entropy in a dynamical system with the g-almost product property which is weaker than specification. Zhou and Chen [9] gave topological pressure for maps with g-almost product property.

Motivated by the work of Zhou, Chen and Cheng (see [9, 10]), we study the packing entropy in a dynamical system with the g-almost product property. In particular, our result can be applied to the packing dimension for  $\beta$ -shifts.

## 2 Definitions and Main result

Let (X, T) be a topological dynamical system and C(X) the space of continuous functions from X to  $\mathbb{R}$ . For  $\mu, \nu \in M(X)$ , define a compatible metric d on M(X) as follows:

$$d(\mu,\nu) := \sum_{i\geq 1} 2^{-i} \left| \int f_i d\mu - \int f_i d\nu \right|$$

where  $\{f_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  is the subset of C(X) with  $0 \leq f_i(x) \leq 1, i = 1, 2, \cdots$ . It is convenient to use an equivalent metric on X, still denoted by  $d, d(x, y) := d(\delta_x, \delta_y)$ .

For every  $\epsilon > 0$ , denote by  $B_n(x, \epsilon)$ ,  $\overline{B}_n(x, \epsilon)$  the open and closed balls of radius  $\epsilon > 0$  in the metric  $d_n$  around x respectively, i.e.,

$$B_n(x,\epsilon) = \{y \in X : d_n(x,y) < \epsilon\}, \overline{B}_n(x,\epsilon) = \{y \in X : d_n(x,y) \le \epsilon\}.$$

Where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the *n*-th Bowen metric  $d_n$  on X is defined by

$$d_n(x,y) = \max \left\{ d(T^k x, T^k y) : k = 0, 1, \cdots, n-1 \right\}.$$

#### **2.1** Continuous affine deformation $\Xi$ .

**Definition 2.1.** [1] If Y is a vector space and d' is a metric in Y, then d' is linearly compatible if

- (1) For all  $x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2 \in Y, d'(x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2) \le d'(x_1, y_1) + d'(x_2, y_2);$
- (2) For all  $x, y \in Y$  and all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}, d'(\lambda x, \lambda y) \leq |\lambda| d'(x, y)$ .

#### 2.2 Packing entropy.

Given  $Z \subset X, \epsilon > 0$  and  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $\mathcal{P}^*(Z, N, \epsilon)$  be the collection of countable or finite sets  $\{(x_i, n_i)\} \subset Z \times \{N, N+1, \cdots\}$  such that  $\overline{B}_{n_i}(x_i, \epsilon) \cap \overline{B}_{n_j}(x_j, \epsilon) = \emptyset, \forall i \neq j$ . For each  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ , consider the set functions

$$m^{*}(Z, s, N, \epsilon) = \sup_{\mathcal{P}^{*}(Z, N, \epsilon)} \sum_{(x_{i}, n_{i})} \exp(-n_{i}s);$$
$$m^{*}(Z, s, \epsilon) = \lim_{N \to \infty} m^{*}(Z, s, N, \epsilon);$$
$$m^{**}(Z, s, \epsilon) = \inf\left\{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} m^{*}(Z_{i}, s, \epsilon) : \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} Z_{i} \supset Z\right\}$$

Both of these functions are non-increasing in s, and the latter takes values  $\infty$  and 0 at all but at most one value of s. Denoting the critical value of s by

$$h^{P}(Z,\epsilon) = \inf\{s \in \mathbb{R} : m^{**}(Z,s,\epsilon) = 0\}$$
$$= \sup\{s \in \mathbb{R} : m^{**}(Z,s,\epsilon) = \infty\},\$$

leads to  $m^{**}(Z, s, \epsilon) = \infty$  when  $s < h^P(Z, \epsilon)$ , and 0 when  $s > h^P(Z, \epsilon)$ .

The packing entropy of Z is  $h^P(Z) := \lim_{\epsilon \to 0} h^P(Z, \epsilon)$ . The limit exists because  $h^P(Z, \epsilon)$  increases when  $\epsilon$  decreases.

#### 2.3 g-almost property and uniform separation property.

In this section, we first present some notations to be used in the paper. Then a weak specification property and a weak expansive property are introduced. A remark about the notation is presented here for convenience.

**Remark 2.1.** Let (X,T) be a topological dynamical system.

- (1) If  $F \subset M(X)$  is an open set, set  $X_{n,F} := \{x \in X : \mathcal{E}_n x \in F\}.$
- (2) Given  $\delta > 0$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ , two points x and y are  $(\delta, n, \epsilon)$ -separated if  $\#\{i : d(T^ix, T^iy) > \epsilon, 0 \le i \le n-1\} \ge \delta n$ . A subset E is  $(\delta, n, \epsilon)$ -separated if any pair of different points of E are  $(\delta, n, \epsilon)$ -separated.

- (3) Let F ⊂ M(X) be a neighborhood of ν, and ε > 0, and set N(F; n, ε) :=maximal cardinality of an (n, ε)-separated subset of X<sub>n,F</sub>; N(F; δ, n, ε) :=maximal cardinality of an (δ, n, ε)-separated subset of X<sub>n,F</sub>.
- (4) Let  $g : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$  be a given nondecreasing unbounded map with the properties g(n) < n and  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{g(n)}{n} = 0$ . The function g is called a blow-up function. Given  $x \in X$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ ; let

$$B_n(g; x, \epsilon) := \{ y \in X : \exists \Lambda \subset \Lambda_n, \#(\Lambda_n \setminus \Lambda) \leq g(n) \text{ and} \\ \max\{ d(T^i x, T^i y) : i \in \Lambda \} \leq \epsilon \},$$

where  $\Lambda_n = \{0, 1, \cdots, n-1\}.$ 

**Definition 2.2.** ([8]) The dynamical system (X, d, T) has the g-almost product property with blow-up function g if there exists a non-increasing function  $m : \mathbb{R}^+ \to \mathbb{N}$  such that for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , any  $x_1 \in X, \dots, x_k \in X$ , any positive  $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_k$ , and any integers  $n_1 \ge m(\varepsilon_1), \dots, n_k \ge m(\varepsilon_k)$ ,

$$\bigcap_{j=1}^{k} T^{-M_{j-1}} B_{n_j}(g; x_j, \epsilon_j) \neq \emptyset,$$

where  $M_0 = 0, M_i = n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_i, i = 1, 2 \dots, k - 1.$ 

**Definition 2.3.** ([8]) The dynamical system (X, d, T) has the uniform separation property if for any  $\eta$ , there exist  $\delta^* > 0$  and  $\epsilon^* > 0$  such that for  $\mu$  ergodic and any neighbourhood  $F \subset M(X)$  of  $\mu$ , there exists  $n^*_{F,\mu,\eta}$  such that for  $n \ge n^*_{F,\mu,\eta}$ ,

$$N(F; \delta^*, n, \epsilon^*) \ge \exp(n(h(T, \mu) - \eta)),$$

where  $h(T, \mu)$  is the metric entropy of  $\mu$ .

**Proposition 2.1.** [8] Assume that (X, d, T) has the g-almost product property and the uniform separation property. For any  $\eta$ , there exists  $\delta^*$  and  $\epsilon^* > 0$  such that for  $\mu \in M(X,T)$  and any neighborhood  $F \subset M(X)$  of  $\mu$ , there exists  $n_{F,\mu,\eta}^*$ , such that

$$N(F; \delta^*, n, \epsilon^*) \ge \exp(n(h(T, \mu) - \eta)), \forall n \ge n^*_{F, \mu, \eta}.$$

#### 2.4 Statement of main result.

Define

$$\Lambda(y) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \sup_{\mu \in M(X,T), \Xi \mu = y} h(T,\mu), & y \in \Xi(M(X,T)); \\ -\infty, & \text{otherwise.} \end{array} \right.$$

The following theorem is the main result of this paper.

**Theorem 2.1.**  $(X, T, \Xi, \mathcal{E}_n, Y)$  satisfies the g-almost product property and the uniform separation property. If  $C \subset Y$  is a convex and closed subset of  $\Xi(M(X,T))$ , then  $\Delta_{equ}(C) \neq \emptyset$  and

$$h^{P}(\Delta_{equ}(C)) = h^{P}(\Delta_{sup}(C)) = \sup_{y \in C} \Lambda(y).$$

## 3 Proof of Theorem 2.1.

In this section, we are going to prove Theorem 2.1. The upper bound of  $h^P(\Delta_{sup}(C))$ holds without extra assumption. From the second part proof of Theorem 1.1 in [10], we have

$$h^{P}(\Delta_{sup}(C)) \le \sup_{y \in C} \Lambda(y).$$

Now we prove the lower bound of  $h^P(\Delta_{equ}(C))$ . We need the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.1.** ([2]) Let (X,T) be a topological dynamical systems. If  $K \subset X$  is nonempty and compact, then

$$h^{P}(T,K) = \sup\{ \overline{h}_{\mu}(T) : \mu \in M(X), \mu(K) = 1 \}.$$

where

$$\overline{h}_{\mu}(T) = \int \overline{h}_{\mu}(T, x) d\mu(x), \overline{h}_{\mu}(T, x) = \lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \limsup_{n \to \infty} -\frac{1}{n} \log \mu(B_n(x, \varepsilon)).$$

For any  $\eta > 0$ , there exists sufficiently small  $\epsilon > 0$  (see below) and  $p \in C$  such that

$$\sup_{q \in C} \Lambda(q) - \eta \le \Lambda(p).$$

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ . Since C is compact and connected, it is possible to choose  $q_{n,1}, \cdots, q_{n,M_n} \in C$  such that

$$C \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^{M_n} B\left(q_{n,i}, \frac{1}{n}\right),$$
$$|d'(q_{n,i} - q_{n,i+1})| \leq \frac{1}{n} \quad \forall i, |d'(q_{n,M_n} - q_{n+1,1})| \leq \frac{1}{n},$$
$$q_{n,M_n} = p \quad \forall n.$$

Let  $\{\alpha_1'', \alpha_2'', \alpha_3'', \dots\} = \{q_{1,1}, q_{1,2}, \dots, q_{1,M_1}, q_{2,1}, q_{2,2}, \dots\}$ ; then for any  $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ ,

$$\{\alpha_j'': j \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}, j \ge n\} = C$$

and  $\lim_{j\to\infty} d'(\alpha_j'', \alpha_{j+1}'') = 0.$ 

We will construct a subset  $F \subset \triangle_{equ}(C)$  such that for each  $x \in F$ ,  $\{\Xi \mathcal{E}_n(x)\}$  has the same limit-point set as the sequence  $\{\alpha_k''\}$  and  $h^P(F) \ge \sup_{x \in C} \Lambda(x)$ . For  $\frac{\eta}{2}$  and  $\alpha_k'' \in C$ , there exists  $\alpha_k \in \Xi^{-1}C \cap M(X,T)$  such that  $\Lambda(\alpha_k'') - \frac{\eta}{2} < h(T,\alpha_k)$ . By Proposition 2.1, it is easy to see that for  $\frac{\eta}{2} > 0$ , there exist  $\delta^* > 0$  and  $\epsilon^* > 0$ , such that for any neighborhood  $F'' \subset \Xi(M(X))$  of  $\alpha_k''$  (choose  $F'' = B(\alpha_k'', \xi_k'')$ ), there exist  $B(\alpha_k, \xi_k) \subseteq \Xi^{-1}F''$  and  $n_{B(\alpha_k, \xi_k), \alpha_k, \frac{\eta}{2}}^*$  satisfying

$$N(B(\alpha_k, \xi_k); \delta^*, n, \epsilon^*) \ge \exp\left(n\left(h(T, \alpha_k) - \frac{\eta}{2}\right)\right), \tag{3.1}$$

where  $n \ge n^*_{B(\alpha_k,\xi_k),\alpha_k),\frac{\eta}{2}}$  and  $\xi_k,\xi_k''$  will be determined later.

We choose strictly decreasing sequences  $\{\xi_k\}_k, \{\xi''_k\}_k$  and  $\{\epsilon_k\}_k$  such that  $\lim_k \xi_k = 0, \lim_k \xi''_k = 0$  with  $\epsilon_1 < \epsilon^*$ . From (3.1), we deduce the existence of  $n_k$  and a  $(\delta^*, n_k, \epsilon^*)$ separated subset  $\Gamma_k \subseteq X_{n_k, B(\alpha_k, \xi_k)} \subseteq X_{n_k, \Xi^{-1}B(\alpha''_k, \xi''_k)}$  with

$$\sharp \Gamma_k \ge \exp\left(n_k \left(h(T, \alpha_k) - \frac{\eta}{2}\right)\right) \ge \exp\left(n_k (\Lambda(\alpha_k'') - \eta)\right).$$

We may assume that  $n_k$  satisfies

$$\delta^* n_k > 2g(n_k) + 1, \frac{g(n_k)}{n_k} \le \epsilon_k.$$

We choose a strictly increasing sequence  $\{N_k\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$  with  $N_0 = 0$  and  $N_k \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$  such that

$$n_{k+1} \leqslant \xi_k \sum_{j=1}^k n_j N_j$$

and

$$\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} n_j N_j \le \xi_k \sum_{j=1}^k n_j N_j.$$
(3.2)

We enumerate the points in the set  $\Gamma_k$  and consider the set  $\Gamma_i^{N_i}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \cdots$ ,

Let  $\underline{x}_i = (x_1^i, \dots, x_{N_i}^i) \in \Gamma_i^{N_i}$ , for any  $(\underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_k) \in \Gamma_1^{N_1} \times \dots \times \Gamma_k^{N_k}$ , by g-almost product property, we have

$$B(\underline{x}_1,\cdots,\underline{x}_k) = \bigcap_{i=1}^k \bigcap_{j=1}^{N_i} T^{-\sum_{l=0}^{i-1} N_l n_l - (j-1)n_i} B_{n_i}(g; x_j^i, \varepsilon_j)$$

is a non-empty closed set. We define  $F_k$  by

$$F_k = \bigcup \left\{ B(\underline{x}_1, \cdots, \underline{x}_k) : (\underline{x}_1, \cdots, \underline{x}_k) \in \Gamma_1^{N_1} \times \cdots \times \Gamma_k^{N_k} \right\}.$$

Note that  $F_k$  is compact and  $F_{k+1} \subseteq F_k$ . Define  $F = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} F_k$ . Let  $t_k = \sum_{i=1}^k n_i N_i$ .

The proof of the following lemma is same as the proof of Lemma 3.2 in [9].

**Lemma 3.2.** Let  $\epsilon$  be such that  $4\epsilon = \epsilon^*$ , then

(1) Let 
$$x_i, y_i \in \Gamma_i$$
 with  $x_i \neq y_i$ . If  $x \in B_{n_i}(g; x_i, \epsilon_i)$  and  $y \in B_{n_i}(g; y_i, \epsilon_i)$ , then  
$$d_{n_i}(x, y) = \max\{d(T^j x, T^j y) : j = 0, 1, \cdots, n_i - 1\} > 2\epsilon.$$

(2)  $F \subset \triangle_{equ}(C)$ .

For each  $(\underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_k) \in \Gamma_1^{N_1} \times \dots \times \Gamma_k^{N_k}$ , we choose one point  $z = z(\underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_k)$  such that  $z \in B(\underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_k)$ . Let  $L_k$  be the set of all points constructed in this way. From Lemma 3.2, we have  $\sharp L_k = \sharp \Gamma_1^{N_1} \sharp \Gamma_2^{N_2} \cdots \sharp \Gamma_k^{N_k}$ . We define for each k, an atomic measure centred on  $L_k$ . Precisely, let

$$\nu_k = \sum_{z \in L_k} \delta_z.$$

We normalise  $\nu_k$  to obtain a sequence of probality measure  $\mu_k$ , i.e. we let

$$\mu_k = \frac{1}{\sharp L_k} \nu_k.$$

**Lemma 3.3.** Suppose  $\mu$  is a limit point of the sequence of probability measures  $\mu_k$ , then  $\mu(F) = 1$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $\mu = \lim_{k \to \infty} \mu_{l_k}$  for  $l_k \to \infty$ . For any fixed l and all  $p \ge 0, \mu_{l+p}(F_l) = 1$ since  $F_{l+p} \subset F_l$ . Thus,  $\mu(F_l) \ge \limsup_{k \to \infty} \mu_{l_k}(F_l) = 1$ . It follows that  $\mu(F) = 1$ .  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 3.4.** Let  $\mu$  be limit point of the sequence of probability measure  $\mu_k$  and  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{4}\epsilon^*$ . For any  $x \in F$  and  $\delta > 0$ , there exists a increasing sequence  $\{l_i\}$  with  $\lim_{i \to \infty} l_i = \infty$  such that for sufficiently large i, we have

$$\mu(B_{l_i}(x,\epsilon)) \le e^{-l_i}(\overline{s}-\delta),$$

where  $\overline{s} = \sup_{x \in C} \Lambda(x) - 2\eta$ .

*Proof.* Choose  $l_i = t_{M_1 + \dots + M_i}$ . Let  $\underline{s} = \inf_{x \in C} \Lambda(x) - \eta$ . First we show that

$$\mu_{M_1+\dots+M_i+p}(B_{l_i}(x,\varepsilon)) \le \sharp L_{M_1+\dots+M_i}^{-1}, \forall p \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}.$$

If  $\mu_{M_1+\dots+M_i+p}(B_{l_i}(x,\varepsilon)) > 0$ , then  $L_{M_1+\dots+M_i+p} \cap B_{l_i}(x,\varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $z = z(\underline{x},\underline{y}) \in L_{M_1+\dots+M_i+p} \cap B_{l_i}(x,\varepsilon), z' = z(\underline{x}',\underline{y}') \in L_{M_1+\dots+M_i+p} \cap B_{l_i}(x,\varepsilon)$ , where

$$\underline{x}, \underline{x}' \in \Gamma_1^{N_1} \times \cdots \times \Gamma_{M_1 + \dots + M_i}^{N_{M_1 + \dots + M_i}},$$
$$\underline{y}, \underline{y}' \in \Gamma_{M_1 + \dots + M_i + 1}^{N_{M_1 + \dots + M_i + 1}}, \times \cdots \times \Gamma_{M_1 + \dots + M_i + p}^{N_{M_1 + \dots + M_i + p}}$$

Since  $d_{l_i}(z, z') \leq 2\epsilon$ , from Lemma 3.2, we have  $\underline{x} = \underline{x}'$ . Thus we have

$$\mu_{M_1+\dots+M_i+p}(B_{l_i}(x,\varepsilon))$$

$$\leq \frac{1 \times \sharp \Gamma_{M_1+\dots+M_i+1}^{N_{M_1+\dots+M_i+1}}, \times \dots \times \sharp \Gamma_{M_1+\dots+M_i+p}^{N_{M_1+\dots+M_i+p}}}{\sharp L_{M_1+\dots+M_i+p}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sharp L_{M_1+\dots+M_i}}.$$

This leads to

$$\mu(B_{l_i}(x,\varepsilon)) \leq \liminf_{k \to \infty} \mu_k(B_{l_i}(x,\varepsilon))$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sharp \Gamma_1^{N_1} \sharp \Gamma_2^{N_2} \cdots \sharp \Gamma_{M_1 + \dots + M_i}^{N_{M_1 + \dots + M_i}}}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{\exp\{n_1 N_1 \underline{s} + n_2 N_2 \underline{s} \cdots + n_{M_1 + \dots + M_i - 1} N_{M_1 + \dots + M_i - 1} \underline{s} + n_{M_1 + \dots + M_i} \overline{N}_{M_1 + \dots + M_i} \overline{s}\}$$

$$= \exp\left\{-l_i \left(\frac{n_1 N_1 + \dots + n_{M_1 + \dots + M_i - 1} N_{M_1 + \dots + M_i - 1} \underline{s} + \frac{n_{M_1 + \dots + M_i} N_{M_1 + \dots + M_i} \overline{s}}{l_i} \overline{s}\right)\right\}.$$

It follow from (3.2), we have

$$\lim_{i \to \infty} \frac{n_1 N_1 + \dots + n_{M_1 + \dots + M_i - 1} N_{M_1 + \dots + M_i - 1}}{l_i} = 0.$$

$$\lim_{i \to \infty} \frac{n_1 N_1 + \dots + n_{M_1 + \dots + M_i} N_{M_1 + \dots + M_i}}{l_i} = 1.$$

Thus for sufficiently large *i*, we have  $\mu(B_{l_i}(x, \epsilon) \leq e^{-l_i(\bar{s}-\delta)}$ .

Applying Lemma 3.1, we have

$$h^{P}(F) \ge \overline{s} - \delta = \sup_{x \in C} \Lambda(x) - 2\eta - \delta.$$

Since  $\eta$  and  $\delta$  are arbitrary, we have

$$h^{P}(\Delta_{equ}(C)) \ge h^{P}(C) \ge \sup_{x \in C} \Lambda(x).$$

Thus the proof of Theorem 2.1 is completed.

## 4 Application

In this section, we apply our result to the packing dimension for  $\beta$ -shift. Let  $n = \lceil \beta \rceil$ . Let  $\beta > 1$  be fixed. For  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , we define

$$\lfloor t \rfloor = \max\{i \in \mathbb{Z} : i \le t\}, \lceil t \rceil := \min\{i \in \mathbb{Z} : i \ge t\}.$$

Consider the  $\beta$ -expansion of 1,

$$1 = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i \beta^{-j},$$

which is given by the algorithm

$$r_0 = 1, c_{i+1} = \lceil \beta r_i \rceil - 1, r_{i+1} = \beta r_i - c_{i+1}, \quad i \in \mathbb{Z}_+.$$

For sequences  $\{a_i\}_{i\geq 1}$  and  $\{b_i\}_{i\geq 1}$  the lexicographical order is defined by  $\{a_i\} < \{b_i\}$  if and only if for the least index *i* with  $a_i \neq b_i$ ,  $a_i < b_i$ . The  $\beta$ -shift is the subshift of the full shift on the alphabet with *n* characters,  $A := \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ , which is given by

$$X^{\beta} = \{\omega = \{\omega_i\}_{i \ge 1} : \omega_i \in A, T^k\{\omega_i\} \le \{c_i\} \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}_+\},\$$

where  $T(\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3, \cdots) = (\omega_2, \omega_3, \cdots)$ . Pfister and Sullivan [8] proved that  $(X^{\beta}, T)$  satisfies g-almost product property and uniform separation property.

Endow  $X^{\beta}$  with the metric  $d(x, y) = e^{-n}$  for  $x = (x_i)_{i=1}^{\infty}$  and  $y = (y_i)_{i=1}^{\infty}$ , where *n* is the largest integer such that  $x_i = y_i, 1 \le i \le n$ . It is easy to check that for any  $Z \subset X^{\beta}$ ,  $h^P(Z) = \dim_P(Z)$ , where  $\dim_P(Z)$  denotes the packing dimension of Z. Hence, if C is a closed and convex subset of  $\Xi(M(X^{\beta}, T))$ , then

$$\dim_P \left\{ x \in X^\beta | A(\Xi L_n x) = C \right\} = \dim_P \left\{ x \in X^\beta | A(\Xi L_n x) \subset C \right\} = \sup_{y \in C} \Lambda(y).$$

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