

# Fractal analysis of oscillatory solutions of a class of ordinary differential equations including the Bessel equation

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# Overview of the presentation - Main results

- We analyze fractal properties of oscillatory solutions of

$$t^2 x''(t) + t(2 - \mu)x'(t) + (t^2 - \nu^2)x(t) = 0, \quad (1)$$

having parameters  $\mu \in (0, 2)$  and  $\nu \in \mathbf{R}$  (it is *Bessel equation* for  $\mu = 1$ ).

- We use the concept of *fractal dimension*, examining a *phase portrait* of solutions.
- We use Minkowski–Bouligand dimension, known as *box-counting dimension*.
- Phase portraits of solutions of (1) are *spirals* in the plane near the origin.
- We examine fractal properties of *chirp-like functions* related to solutions of (1),

$$x_1(t) = p(t) \sin t, \quad x_2(t) = p(t) \cos t,$$

where  $p(t)$  is “similar” to  $t^{-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .

- We examine fractal properties of solutions of 3D systems of ODEs having 3D spiral trajectories related to chirp-like solutions.
- We examine fractal properties of generalized Euler spirals defined parametrically by

$$\Gamma_q \cdots \begin{cases} x(t) & = \int_0^t \cos(q(s)) ds \\ y(t) & = \int_0^t \sin(q(s)) ds, \end{cases} \quad \text{where } t \geq 0, q(t) \text{ is “similar” to } t^p.$$

# Minkowski content

## Definition ( $\varepsilon$ -neighbourhood)

Let  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $A$  is bounded. The  $\varepsilon$ -neighbourhood of set  $A$  is

$$A_\varepsilon := \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n : d(y, A) < \varepsilon\}.$$

## Definition (Lower and upper $s$ -dimensional Minkowski content)

**Lower  $s$ -dimensional Minkowski content** of bounded set  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $s \geq 0$  is

$$\mathcal{M}_*^s(A) := \liminf_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{|A_\varepsilon|}{\varepsilon^{n-s}}.$$

**Upper  $s$ -dimensional Minkowski content**  $\mathcal{M}^{*s}(A)$ ,  $s \geq 0$  is

$$\mathcal{M}^{*s}(A) := \limsup_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{|A_\varepsilon|}{\varepsilon^{n-s}}.$$

If  $\mathcal{M}^{*s}(A) = \mathcal{M}_*^s(A)$ , the common value is called the  **$s$ -dimensional Minkowski content of  $A$** , and is denoted by  $\mathcal{M}^s(A)$ .

# Box dimension 1/2

## Definition (Lower and upper box dimension)

**Lower box dimension** of bounded set  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$  is

$$\underline{\dim}_B A := \inf\{s \geq 0 : \mathcal{M}_*^s(A) = 0\} = \sup\{s \geq 0 : \mathcal{M}_*^s(A) = \infty\}.$$

**Upper box dimension** of  $A$  is

$$\overline{\dim}_B A := \inf\{s \geq 0 : \mathcal{M}^{*s}(A) = 0\} = \sup\{s \geq 0 : \mathcal{M}^{*s}(A) = \infty\}.$$

Generally  $\underline{\dim}_B A \leq \overline{\dim}_B A$ .

## Definition (Box dimension)

If  $\underline{\dim}_B A = \overline{\dim}_B A$  we define the **box dimension** of  $A$  to be

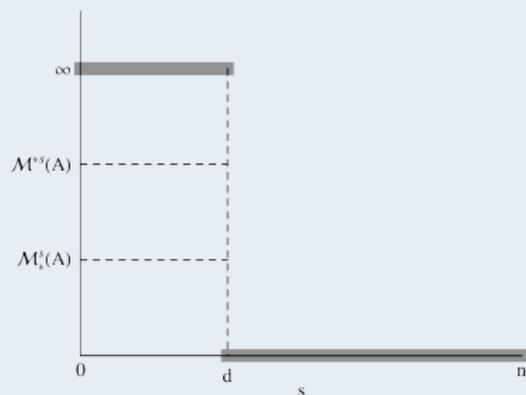
$$\dim_B A := \underline{\dim}_B A = \overline{\dim}_B A.$$

## Box dimension 2/2

### Definition (Minkowski nondegenerate or degenerate set)

If  $0 < \mathcal{M}_*^d(A) \leq \mathcal{M}^{*d}(A) < \infty$  for some  $d$ , then we say that  $A$  is **Minkowski nondegenerate**. In this case obviously  $d = \dim_B A$ .

In the case when lower or upper  $d$ -dimensional Minkowski contents of  $A$  are  $0$  or  $\infty$ , where  $d = \dim_B A$ , or  $\underline{\dim}_B A < \overline{\dim}_B A$ , we say that  $A$  is **Minkowski degenerate**.



### Definition (Minkowski measurable set)

If there exists  $\mathcal{M}^d(A)$  for some  $d$  and  $\mathcal{M}^d(A) \in (0, \infty)$ , we say that  $A$  is **Minkowski measurable**.

# Box dimension - examples

## Examples of some sets and their box dimensions

Let  $n = 2$ , ambient space is  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

- $A$  is a single point,  $\dim_B A = 0$
- $A$  is a line segment,  $\dim_B A = 1$
- $A$  is a disk,  $\dim_B A = 2$
- $A$  is a smooth rectifiable curve,  $\dim_B A = 1$
- $A$  is a non-rectifiable **power spiral**,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , given in polar coordinates by

$$r = \varphi^{-\alpha}, \quad \varphi \in [\varphi_0, \infty), \quad \dim_B A = \frac{2}{1 + \alpha} \in (1, 2), \quad (\text{C. Tricot, 1993})$$

- $A$  is a graph of a non-rectifiable  **$(\alpha, \beta)$ -chirp near the origin**,  $0 < \alpha < \beta$ , given by

$$f(\tau) = \tau^\alpha \cos \tau^{-\beta} \quad \tau \in (0, \tau_0], \quad \dim_B A = 2 - \frac{\alpha + 1}{\beta + 1} \in (1, 2),$$

(C. Tricot, *Curves and Fractal Dimension*, 1993)

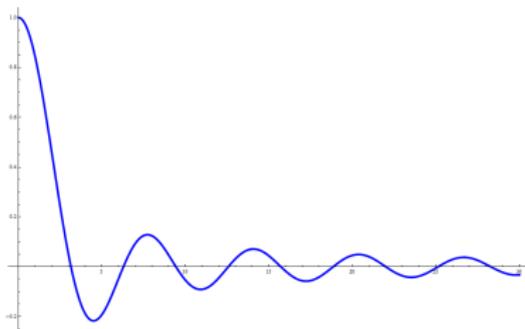
# Oscillatory function near infinity

## Definition (Oscillatory function near $t = \infty$ )

Let  $f : [t_0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $t_0 > 0$ , be a continuous function.  $f(t)$  is an **oscillatory function** near  $t = \infty$  if there exists sequence  $t_k \rightarrow \infty$  such that  $f(t_k) = 0$ , and restrictions  $f|_{(t_k, t_{k+1})}$  intermittently change sign for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Example:  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \sin(x)$ .

It is  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -chirp near infinity,  $f(t) = t^{-\alpha} \sin t^\beta$ ,  $t \in [t_0, \infty)$ , for  $\alpha = \beta = 1$ .



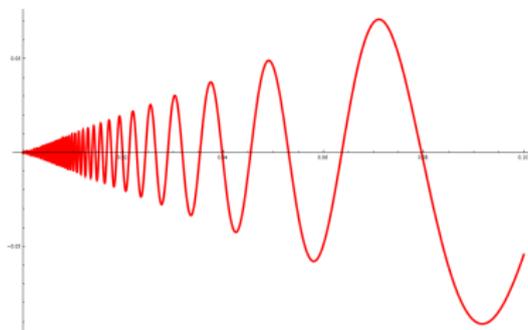
# Oscillatory function near the origin

## Definition (Oscillatory function near the origin)

Let  $g : (0, \tau_0] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\tau_0 > 0$ , be a continuous function.  $g(t)$  is an **oscillatory function near the origin** if there exists sequence  $s_k$  such that  $s_k \searrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $g(s_k) = 0$  and restrictions  $g|_{(s_{k+1}, s_k)}$  intermittently change sign for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Example:  $g(x) = x \sin(1/x)$ .

Notice it is (1, 1)-chirp near the origin.



# Phase oscillatory function

Definition (Phase oscillatory function (Pašić, Žubrinić, Županović))

Let  $x : [t_0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $t_0 > 0$  and  $x \in C^1$ .  $x(t)$  is a **phase oscillatory function** if set

$$\Gamma = \{(x(t), \dot{x}(t)) : t \in [t_0, \infty)\}$$

in the plane is a spiral converging to the origin.

Definition (Spiral)

A **spiral** is the graph of function  $r = f(\varphi)$ ,  $\varphi \geq \varphi_1 > 0$ , in polar coordinates, where

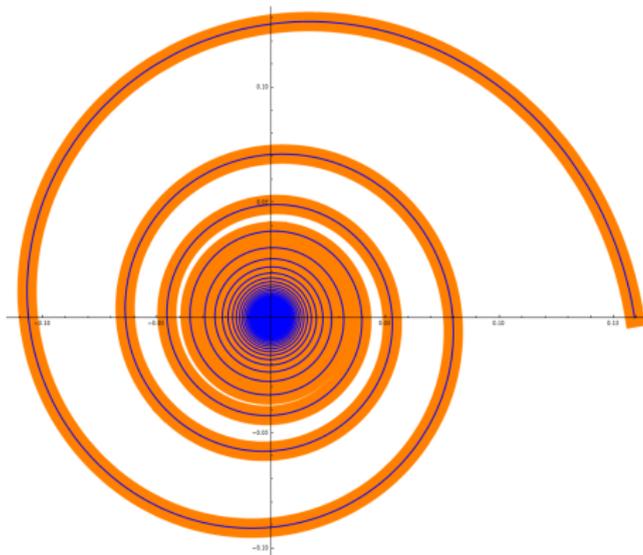
- $f : [\varphi_1, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  is such that  $f(\varphi) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\varphi \rightarrow \infty$ ,
- $f$  is radially decreasing (ie, for any fixed  $\varphi \geq \varphi_1$  the function  $\mathbb{N} \ni k \mapsto f(\varphi + 2k\pi)$  is decreasing).

A mirror image of a spiral over the  $x$ -axes will be also called a spiral.

# Phase dimension

Definition (Phase dimension (Pašić, Žubrinić, Županović))

The **phase dimension**  $\dim_{ph}(x)$  of phase oscillatory function  $x(t)$  is the box dimension of corresponding spiral  $\Gamma = \{(x(t), \dot{x}(t)) : t \in [t_0, \infty)\}$ .

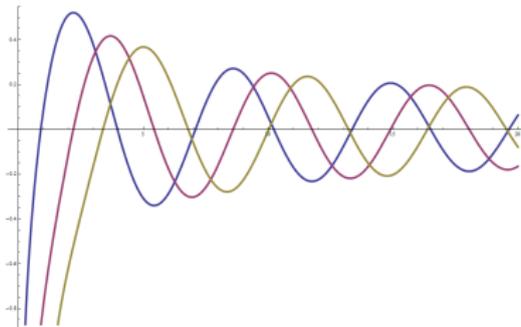
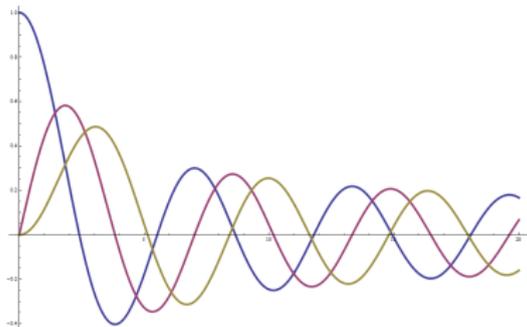


# Bessel equation

## Bessel equation of order $\nu$

$$t^2 x''(t) + tx'(t) + (t^2 - \nu^2)x(t) = 0, \quad \nu \in \mathbf{R}$$

- Linear second-order ordinary differential equation. Single parameter  $\nu$ .
- Two linearly independent solutions are called Bessel functions  $J_\nu(t)$  and  $Y_\nu(t)$ .
- The solutions are oscillatory functions near  $t = \infty$ .



# Phase dimension of Bessel functions

Bessel system of order  $\nu$  - substitution  $y = \dot{x}$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= y \\ \dot{y} &= \left(\frac{\nu^2}{t^2} - 1\right)x - \frac{1}{t}y, \quad \nu \in \mathbf{R}\end{aligned}$$

Theorem (Phase dimension of Bessel functions)

*The phase dimension of  $J_\nu(t)$  and  $Y_\nu(t)$  is*

$$\dim_{ph}(J_\nu) = \dim_{ph}(Y_\nu) = \frac{4}{3}, \quad \text{for all } \nu \in \mathbf{R}$$

Remark

Problem: A spiral radius function is **non-monotone** - we get a **wavy spiral**.

# Reflected Bessel equation

Substitution  $t = \frac{1}{\tau}$  in Bessel equation:

## Reflected Bessel equation

$$x''(\tau) + \frac{1}{\tau}x'(\tau) + \left(\frac{1}{\tau^4} - \frac{v^2}{\tau^2}\right)x(\tau) = 0, \quad v \in \mathbf{R}$$

- Solutions are oscillatory near the origin.

## Generalized reflected Bessel equation

$$x''(\tau) + \frac{\mu}{\tau}x'(\tau) + \left(\frac{\lambda}{\tau^\sigma} - \frac{v^2}{\tau^2}\right)x(\tau) = 0, \quad \mu \in \mathbf{R}, \lambda > 0, \sigma > 2, v \in \mathbf{R}$$

- Introduced by Pašić, Tanaka, 2011.
- Solutions are oscillatory near the origin.
- They determined **box dimension of graphs of solutions - oscillatory dimension**

# Back to $\infty$

Substitution  $\tau = \frac{1}{t}$  will get us back to  $\infty$ .

## Generalized Bessel equation

$$t^2 x''(t) + t(2 - \mu)x'(t) + (\lambda t^{\sigma-2} - \nu^2)x(t) = 0, \quad \mu \in \mathbf{R}, \lambda > 0, \sigma > 2, \nu \in \mathbf{R}$$

- Two linearly independent solutions.
- Solutions are oscillatory near  $t = \infty$ .
- We would like to determine **phase dimension** of the solutions.
- $\mu = 1, \lambda = 1, \sigma = 4, \nu \in \mathbf{R}$  is the standard Bessel equation.
- We fix  $\lambda = 1, \sigma = 4$ .
- What is the phase dimension of the solutions depending on parameters  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ ?

# Phase dimension of solutions of generalized Bessel equation

Generalized Bessel equation for  $\mu \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $\lambda = 1$ ,  $\sigma = 4$  and  $\nu \in \mathbf{R}$

$$t^2 x''(t) + t(2 - \mu)x'(t) + (t^2 - \nu^2)x(t) = 0$$

Two linearly independent solutions we call **generalized Bessel functions**

$$\tilde{J}_{\nu, \mu}(t) = t^{\frac{\mu-1}{2}} J_{\tilde{\nu}}(t),$$

$$\tilde{Y}_{\nu, \mu}(t) = t^{\frac{\mu-1}{2}} Y_{\tilde{\nu}}(t), \quad \text{where } \tilde{\nu} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\mu-1}{2}\right)^2 + \nu^2}.$$

Theorem (Phase dimension of generalized Bessel functions)

The phase dimension of  $\tilde{J}_{\nu, \mu}(t)$  and  $\tilde{Y}_{\nu, \mu}(t)$  is

$$\dim_{ph}(\tilde{J}_{\nu, \mu}) = \dim_{ph}(\tilde{Y}_{\nu, \mu}) = \frac{4}{4 - \mu}, \quad \text{for all } \mu \in (0, 2), \nu \in \mathbf{R}.$$

# The proof 1/4

## Remarks

- If  $\mu \geq 2$  then  $\tilde{J}_{\nu, \mu}(t)$  and  $\tilde{Y}_{\nu, \mu}(t)$  are not even phase oscillatory functions.
- If  $\mu < 0$  then related spirals are rectifiable, phase dimension is equal to 1.

## Sketch of the proof

- ① Using asymptotic expansions of Bessel functions for large  $t$ , we carefully gather information on “shape” of related spiral  $\Gamma_1 \dots r = f(\varphi)$  in polar coordinates.
- ②  $\Gamma_1$  is **non-monotonically** converging to the origin - we call it **a wavy spiral**
- ③ We construct a new spiral  $\Gamma_2$  that is “close” to spiral  $\Gamma_1$  and prove the existence of bi-Lipschitz map  $F$  that maps  $\Gamma_1$  to  $\Gamma_2$ .
- ④ We determine the box dimension of  $\Gamma_2$  using a generalization of a result about the box dimension of spirals with a **decreasing radius** function, from Žubrinić, Županović, 2005.
- ⑤ Finally, we use a result about box dimension being invariant under bi-Lipschitz maps, from K. Falconer, *Fractal geometry*, 1990.

# The proof 2/4 - Step 1

## Asymptotic expansions of Bessel functions

Hankel's asymptotic expansions of Bessel functions  $J_\nu(t)$  and  $Y_\nu(t)$  for large  $t$

$$J_\nu(t) = \left(\frac{2}{\pi t}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} [P_\nu(t) \cos \chi - Q_\nu(t) \sin \chi],$$

$$Y_\nu(t) = \left(\frac{2}{\pi t}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} [P_\nu(t) \sin \chi + Q_\nu(t) \cos \chi], \quad \nu \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \chi = t - \left(\frac{1}{2}\nu + \frac{1}{4}\right)\pi.$$

$$P_\nu(t) = \sum_{k=0}^N (-1)^k \frac{(\nu, 2k)}{(2t)^{2k}} + O(t^{-2N-2}) \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty,$$

$$Q_\nu(t) = \sum_{k=0}^N (-1)^k \frac{(\nu, 2k+1)}{(2t)^{2k+1}} + O(t^{-2N-3}) \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty, \quad \text{expansions to } N \text{ terms,}$$

$$(\nu, k) = \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \nu\right)_k \left(\frac{1}{2} + \nu\right)_k = \frac{(4\nu^2 - 1)(4\nu^2 - 3^2) \cdots (4\nu^2 - (2k-1)^2)}{2^{2k} k!},$$

$$(\nu, 0) = 1.$$

We must consider asymptotics of expressions like  $r''(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{x(t)\dot{x}(t) + \dot{x}(t)\ddot{x}(t)}{\sqrt{x(t)^2 + \dot{x}(t)^2}} \right)$ , where

$x(t) = \tilde{J}_{\nu, \mu}(t) = t^{\frac{\mu-1}{2}} J_\nu(t)$ . For  $N = 2$  we easily get **several hundred terms** in fully expanded form!

# The proof 3/4 - Step 2

## Definition (Wavy function)

Let  $r : [t_0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  be a  $C^1$  function. Assume that  $r'(t_0) \leq 0$ . We say that  $r = r(t)$  is a wavy function if the sequence  $(t_n)$  defined inductively by:

$$\begin{aligned}t_{2k+1} &:= \inf\{t : t > t_{2k}, r'(t) > 0\}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}_0, \\t_{2k+2} &:= \inf\{t : t > t_{2k+1}, r(t) = r(t_{2k+1})\}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}_0,\end{aligned}$$

is well-defined, and satisfies the waviness condition:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{(i) The sequence } (t_n) \text{ is increasing and } t_n \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \\ \text{(ii) There exists } \varepsilon > 0, \text{ such that for all } k \in \mathbb{N}_0 \text{ holds } t_{2k+1} - t_{2k} \geq \varepsilon. \\ \text{(iii) For all } k \text{ sufficiently large it holds } \operatorname{osc}_{t \in [t_{2k+1}, t_{2k+2}]} r(t) = o(t_{2k+1}^{-\alpha-1}), \quad \alpha \in (0, 1), \end{array} \right. \quad (2)$$

where  $\operatorname{osc}_{t \in I} r(t) = \max_{t \in I} r(t) - \min_{t \in I} r(t)$ .

## Definition (Wavy spiral)

Let a spiral  $\Gamma'$ , given in polar coordinates by  $r = f(\varphi)$ , where  $f$  is a given function. If there exists increasing or decreasing function of class  $C^1$ ,  $\varphi = \varphi(t)$ , such that  $r(t) = f(\varphi(t))$  is a wavy function, then we say  $\Gamma'$  is a wavy spiral.

# The proof 4/4 - Steps 3–5

## Theorem (Box dimension of a wavy spiral)

Let  $t_0 > 0$  and assume  $r : [t_0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  is a wavy function. Assume that  $\varphi : [t_0, \infty) \rightarrow [\varphi_0, \infty)$  is an increasing function of class  $C^1$  such that  $\varphi(t_0) = \varphi_0 > 0$  and there exists  $\bar{\varphi}_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$|(\varphi(t) - \bar{\varphi}_0) - (t - t_0)| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3)$$

Let  $f : [\varphi_0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  be defined by  $f(\varphi(t)) = r(t)$ . Assume that  $\Gamma'$  is a spiral defined in polar coordinates by  $r = f(\varphi)$ . Let  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  is the same value as in the definition of wavy function  $r$ , and assume  $\varepsilon'$  is such that  $0 < \varepsilon' < \varepsilon$ , where  $\varepsilon$  is determined by the definition of wavy function  $r$ . Assume that there exist positive constants  $\underline{m}$ ,  $\bar{m}$ ,  $\underline{a}'$  and  $M$  such that for all  $\varphi \geq \varphi_0$ ,

$$\underline{m}\varphi^{-\alpha} \leq f(\varphi) \leq \bar{m}\varphi^{-\alpha}, \quad (4)$$

$$|f'(\varphi)| \leq M\varphi^{-\alpha-1}, \quad (5)$$

and for all  $\Delta\varphi$ , such that  $\theta \leq \Delta\varphi \leq 2\pi + \theta$ , there holds

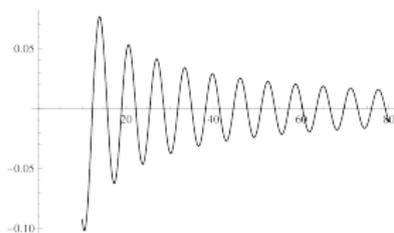
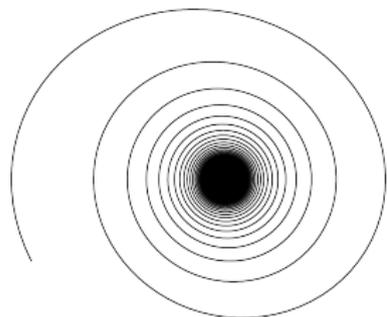
$$\underline{a}'\varphi^{-\alpha-1} \leq f(\varphi) - f(\varphi + \Delta\varphi), \quad (6)$$

where  $\theta := \min\{\varepsilon', \pi\}$ .

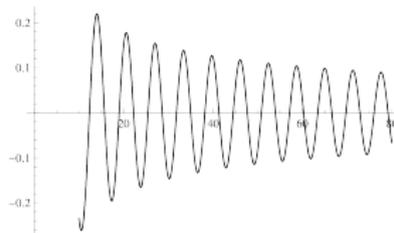
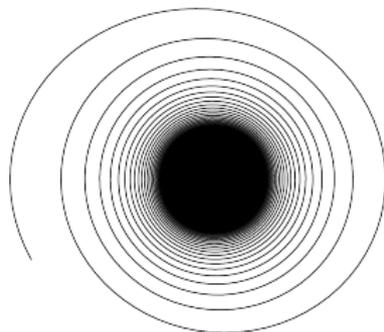
Then  $\Gamma'$  is a wavy spiral and

$$\dim_B \Gamma' = \frac{2}{1 + \alpha}.$$

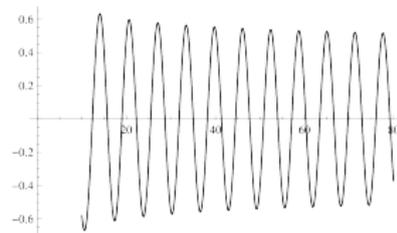
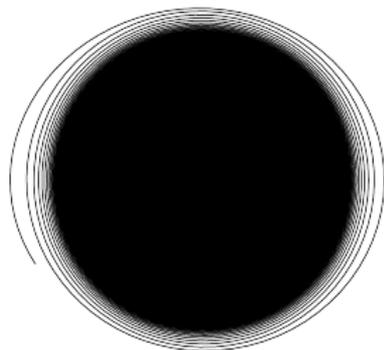
# Generalized Bessel functions



$$x_1(t) = \tilde{J}_{5,0.2}(t),$$
$$\dim_{ph}(x_1) = \frac{20}{19}$$



$$x_2(t) = \tilde{J}_{5,1}(t),$$
$$\dim_{ph}(x_2) = \frac{4}{3}$$



$$x_3(t) = \tilde{J}_{5,1.8}(t),$$
$$\dim_{ph}(x_3) = \frac{20}{11}$$

# $(\alpha, 1)$ -chirp like equation

## $(\alpha, 1)$ -chirp equation

Generalized Bessel equation for  $\mu \in (0, 2)$ ,  $\lambda = 1$ ,  $\sigma = 4$  and  $\nu = \pm \frac{\sqrt{(2-\mu)\mu}}{2}$  becomes  $(\alpha, 1)$ -chirp like equation.

$$t^2 x''(t) + 2\alpha t x'(t) + (t^2 - \alpha(1 - \alpha))x(t) = 0, \quad \alpha = \frac{2-\mu}{2} \in (0, 1), \quad \mu \in (0, 2)$$

- Two linearly independent solutions are  $(\alpha, 1)$ -chirps

$$x_1(t) = t^{-\alpha} \sin t, \quad x_2(t) = t^{-\alpha} \cos t, \quad \alpha = \frac{2-\mu}{2} \in (0, 1).$$

- Solutions are oscillatory near  $t = \infty$ .

# Functions comparable of class $k$

## Definition (Comparable of class $k$ in the limit sense)

We write  $f(t) \sim g(t)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  if  $\frac{f(t)}{g(t)} \rightarrow 1$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

If  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , for  $f, g \in C^k$  we write,

$$f(t) \sim_k g(t) \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty,$$

if  $f^{(j)}(t) \sim g^{(j)}(t)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $j = 0, 1, \dots, k$ .

For example,  $\frac{(t-1)^{4-\alpha}}{t^4} \sim_3 t^{-\alpha}$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , for  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .

## Definition (Comparable of class $k$ )

We write  $f(t) \simeq g(t)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  if there exist  $C, D > 0$  such that  $Cf(t) \leq g(t) \leq Df(t)$  for all  $t$  sufficiently large. If  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , for  $f, g \in C^k$  we write

$$f(t) \simeq_k g(t) \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty,$$

if  $f^{(j)}(t) \simeq g^{(j)}(t)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $j = 0, 1, \dots, k$ .

# $(\alpha, 1)$ -chirp like functions

## Definition ( $(\alpha, \beta)$ -chirp-like function)

Functions of the form

$$x(t) = p(t) \sin(q(t)) \quad \text{or} \quad x(t) = p(t) \cos(q(t)),$$

where  $p(t) \simeq t^{-\alpha}$ ,  $q(t) \simeq_1 t^\beta$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , are called  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -**chirp-like functions near infinity**.

## Theorem (Phase dimension of $(\alpha, 1)$ -chirp like functions)

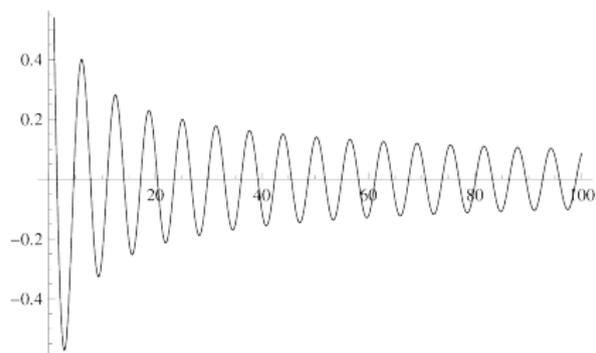
The phase dimension of  $(\alpha, 1)$ -chirp-like functions

$$x_1(t) = p(t) \sin t, \quad x_2(t) = p(t) \cos t,$$

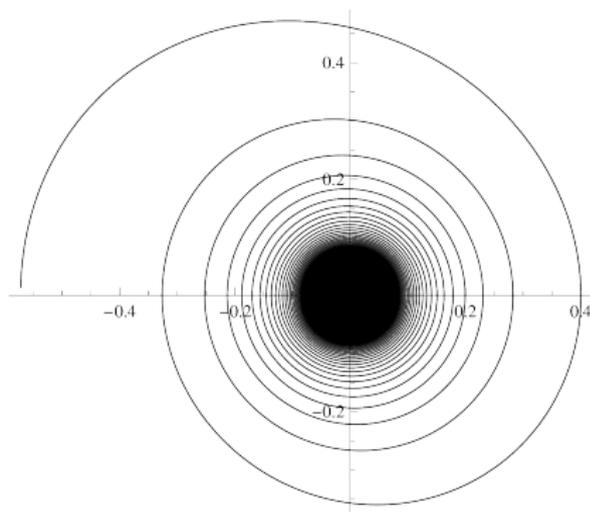
where  $p(t) \sim_3 t^{-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  is

$$\dim_{ph}(x_1) = \dim_{ph}(x_2) = \frac{2}{1 + \alpha}.$$

# Graph of $x(t) = t^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cos t$ and plot in the phase plane



$$x(t) = t^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cos t$$



$$\Gamma = \{(x(t), \dot{x}(t)) : t \geq t_0\}$$
$$\dim_{ph}(x) = \dim_B \Gamma = \frac{4}{3}$$

# $(\alpha, \beta)$ -chirp-like equation

## $(\alpha, 1)$ -chirp-like scalar equation

$$\ddot{x}(t) - \frac{2p'(t)}{p(t)}\dot{x}(t) + \left[1 + \frac{2p'^2(t)}{p^2(t)} - \frac{p''(t)}{p(t)}\right]x(t) = 0, \quad t \in [t_0, \infty), \quad t_0 > 0,$$

$p : [t_0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , of class  $C^2$ . The solution is  $x(t) = C_1 p(t) \sin t + C_2 p(t) \cos t$ .

For  $p(t) \simeq t^{-\alpha}$ ,  $x(t)$  is a linear combination of  $(\alpha, 1)$ -chirp-like functions near infinity.

## $(\alpha, 1)$ -chirp-like system

Substitutions  $y = \dot{x}$  and  $z = \frac{1}{t}$ .

$$\dot{x} = y$$

$$\dot{y} = - \left[ 1 + \frac{2p'^2(\frac{1}{z})}{p^2(\frac{1}{z})} - \frac{p''(\frac{1}{z})}{p(\frac{1}{z})} \right] x + \frac{2p'(\frac{1}{z})}{p(\frac{1}{z})} y$$

$$\dot{z} = -z^2, \quad z \in (0, \frac{1}{t_0}].$$

# Box dimension of the 3D-system trajectories

Trajectory  $\Gamma$  of the solution of  $(\alpha, 1)$ -chirp-like system is, without loss of generality,

$$\begin{aligned}x(t) &= p(t) \sin t \\y(t) &= p'(t) \sin t + p(t) \cos t \\z(t) &= \frac{1}{t}\end{aligned}$$

## Theorem (Trajectory in $\mathbb{R}^3$ )

Let  $p(t) \sim_3 t^{-\alpha}$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ .

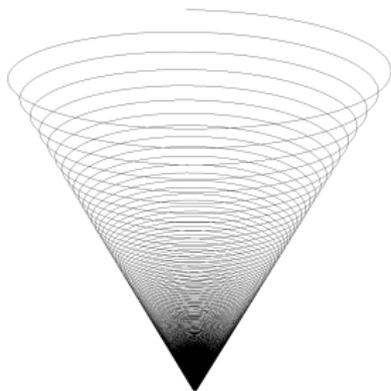
- (i) Phase dimension of any solution of  $(\alpha, 1)$ -chirp-like scalar equation is equal to  $\dim_{ph}(x) = \frac{2}{1+\alpha}$  for  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .
- (ii) Trajectory  $\Gamma$  of  $(\alpha, 1)$ -chirp-like system has box dimension  $\dim_B \Gamma = \frac{2}{1+\alpha}$  for  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .
- (iii) Trajectory  $\Gamma$  of  $(\alpha, 1)$ -chirp-like system for  $\alpha > 1$  is rectifiable and  $\dim_B \Gamma = 1$ .

# 3D-system trajectories 1/3



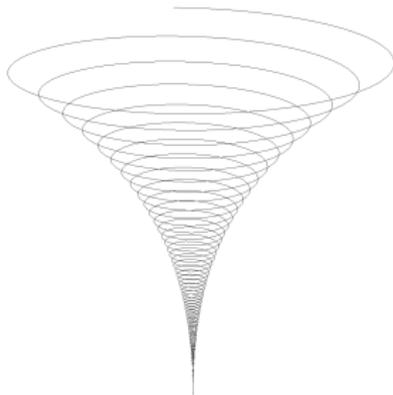
3D spiral trajectory of a solution of  $(\alpha, 1)$ -chirp-like system for  $p(t) = t^{-\frac{1}{4}}$ , Lipschitz case.

## 3D-system trajectories 2/3



3D spiral trajectory of a solution of  $(\alpha, 1)$ -chirp-like system for  $p(t) = t^{-1}$ , Lipschitz case.

## 3D-system trajectories 3/3



3D spiral trajectory of a solution of  $(\alpha, 1)$ -chirp-like system for  $p(t) = t^{-3}$ , Hölder case.

# Poincaré map

## Proposition (Poincaré map)

Assume  $\Gamma$  is the planar spiral that is the trajectory of any solution of  $(\alpha, 1)$ -chirp-like scalar equation near the origin. Let  $P_\sigma : (0, \varepsilon_\sigma) \cap \Gamma \rightarrow (0, \varepsilon_\sigma) \cap \Gamma$  be the Poincaré map with respect to axis  $\sigma$  that passes through the origin.

Then map  $P_\sigma$  has the form  $P_\sigma(r) = r + d_\sigma(r)$ , where  $-d_\sigma(r) \simeq r^{\frac{1}{\alpha}+1}$  as  $r \rightarrow 0$ .

## Connection between the phase dimension and asymptotics of the Poincaré map of $(\alpha, 1)$ -chirp-like scalar equation

- Phase dimension of any solution of  $(\alpha, 1)$ -chirp-like scalar equation is equal to  $\dim_{ph}(x) = \frac{2}{1+\alpha}$  for  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .
- Map  $P_\sigma$  has the form  $P_\sigma(r) = r + d_\sigma(r)$ , where  $-d_\sigma(r) \simeq r^{\frac{1}{\alpha}+1}$  as  $r \rightarrow 0$ .
- The connection is achieved indirectly through parameter  $\alpha$ .

# Box dimension of the clothoid

## Definition

The **clothoid** or **Euler spiral** is a planar curve defined parametrically by

$$x(t) = \int_0^t \cos(s^2) ds,$$

$$y(t) = \int_0^t \sin(s^2) ds,$$

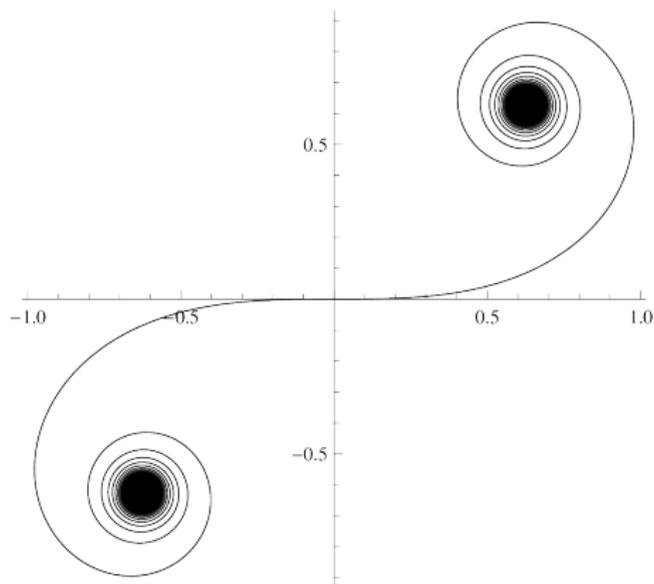
where  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Theorem (Dimension of the clothoid (Korkut, Žubrinić and Županović (2009)))

*Box dimension of the clothoid  $\Gamma$  is equal to  $d = \frac{4}{3}$ . Furthermore,  $\Gamma$  is Minkowski measurable and*

$$\mathcal{M}^d(\Gamma) = 3 \cdot 2^{-\frac{2}{3}} \cdot \pi^{\frac{1}{3}}.$$

# Clothoid or Euler spiral



The standard clothoid or Euler spiral  $\Gamma$ . Notice that  $\dim_B \Gamma = \frac{4}{3}$ .

# Box dimension of the $p$ -clothoid

## Definition

By  $p$ -clothoid,  $p > 1$ , we mean a planar curve defined parametrically by

$$x(t) = \int_0^t \cos(s^p) ds, \quad y(t) = \int_0^t \sin(s^p) ds,$$

where  $t \geq 0$ .

Theorem (Dimension of  $p$ -clothoid (Korkut, Vlah, Žubričić and Županović (2008)))

Let  $\Gamma_p$  be the  $p$ -clothoid,  $p > 1$ . Then  $d = \dim_B \Gamma_p = \frac{2p}{2p-1}$ . Furthermore,  $\Gamma_p$  is Minkowski measurable and

$$\mathcal{M}^d(\Gamma_p) = (2p-1) \left( p(p-1)^{p-1} \right)^{-2/(2p-1)} \pi^{1/(2p-1)}.$$

# Box dimension of the $q$ -clothoid

## Definition (Clothoid generated by control function $q$ - $q$ -clothoid)

Let  $q : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a given function such that  $q(t) \sim t^p$ ,  $p > 1$ , when  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . By **the clothoid generated by control function  $q$** , or  **$q$ -clothoid  $\Gamma_q$** , we mean a planar curve defined parametrically by

$$\Gamma_q \dots \begin{cases} x(t) &= \int_0^t \cos(q(s)) ds \\ y(t) &= \int_0^t \sin(q(s)) ds, \end{cases} \quad \text{where } t \geq 0. \quad (7)$$

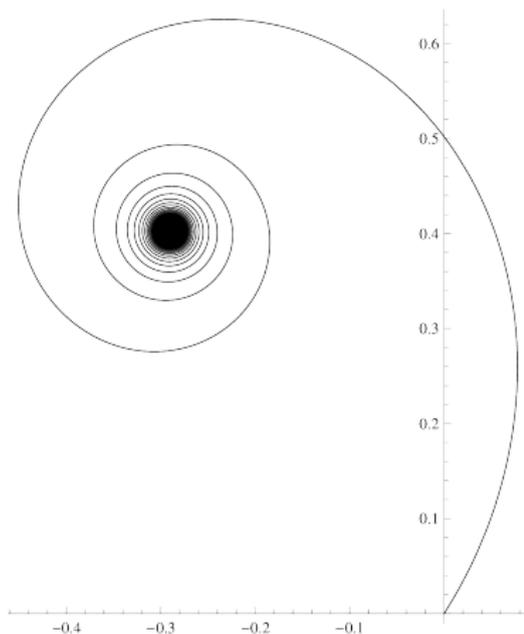
## Theorem (Dimension of $q$ -clothoid)

Assume that  $q : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is *increasing, convex*, and of class  $C^5$ . Let

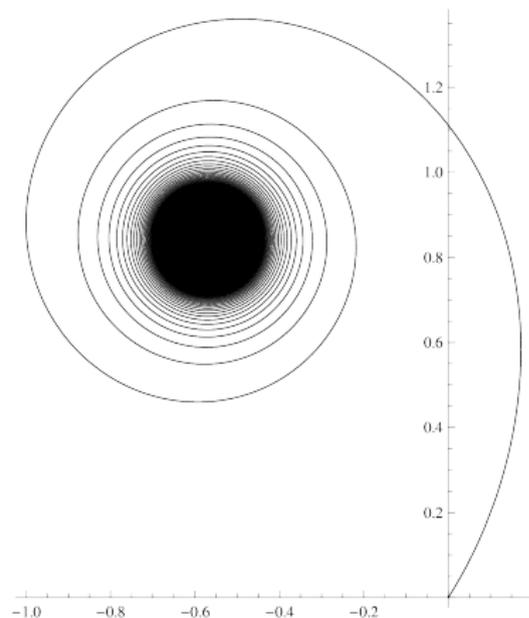
$$q(t) \sim_3 t^p, \quad q^{(4)}(t) = O(t^{p-4}), \quad q^{(5)}(t) = O(t^{p-5}), \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

be satisfied. Then  $d = \dim_B \Gamma_q = \frac{2p}{2p-1}$ . Furthermore, the spiral  $\Gamma_q$  is Minkowski measurable, and its  $d$ -dimensional Minkowski content is equal to the value  $\mathcal{M}^d(\Gamma_p)$  from the previous theorem.

# $q$ -clothoids



$q$ -clothoid for  $q(s) = s^3 + 2s + 1$ ,  
 $\dim_B \Gamma_q = \frac{6}{5}$



$q$ -clothoid for  $q(s) = \sqrt{s^3 + 2s + 1}$ ,  
 $\dim_B \Gamma_q = \frac{3}{2}$

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