

Analysis of a fractal boundary: the example of the Knopp function

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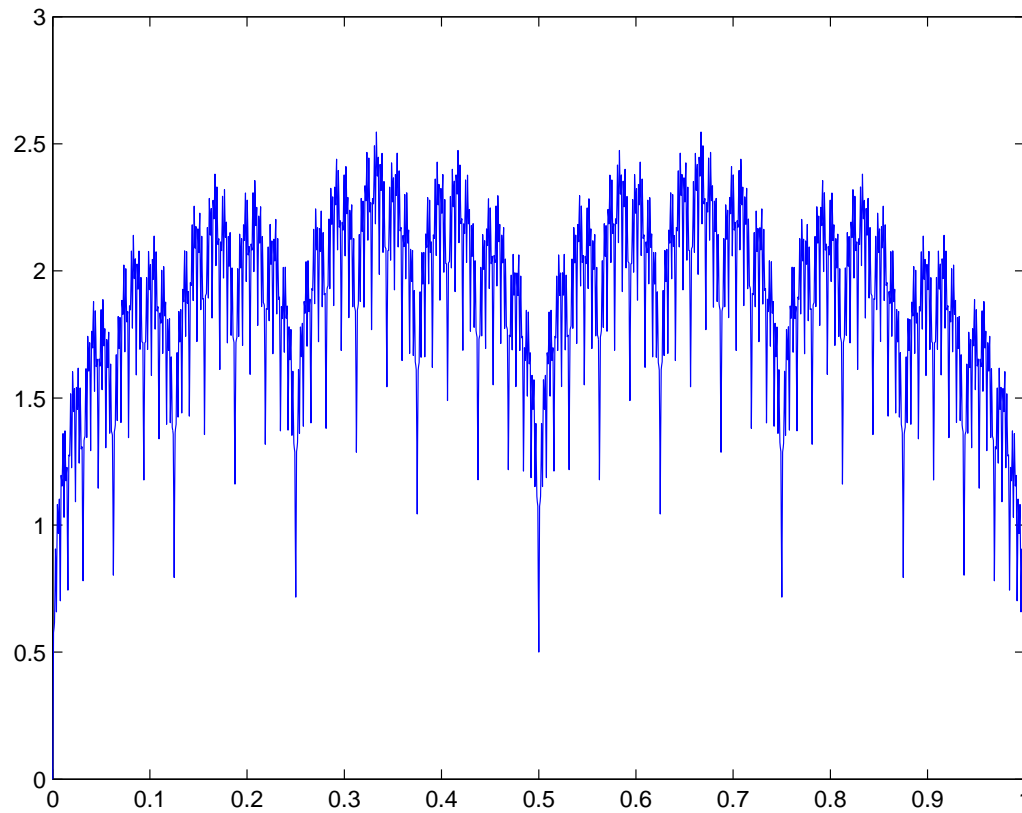
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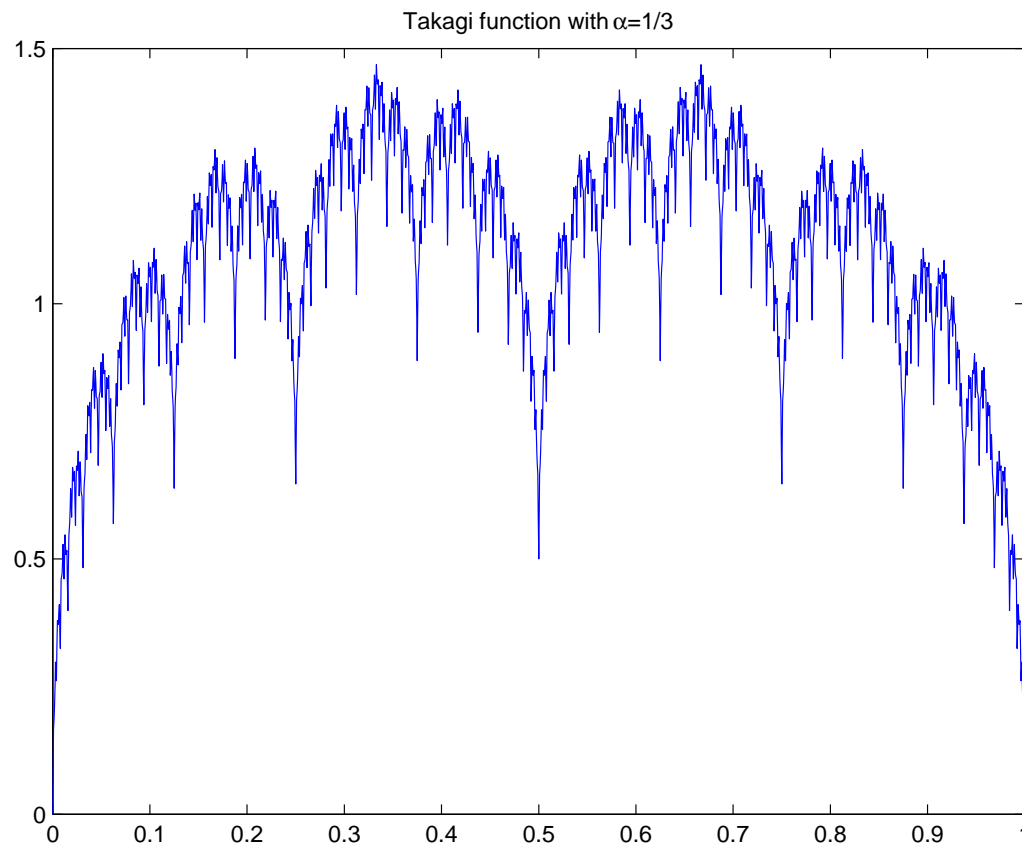
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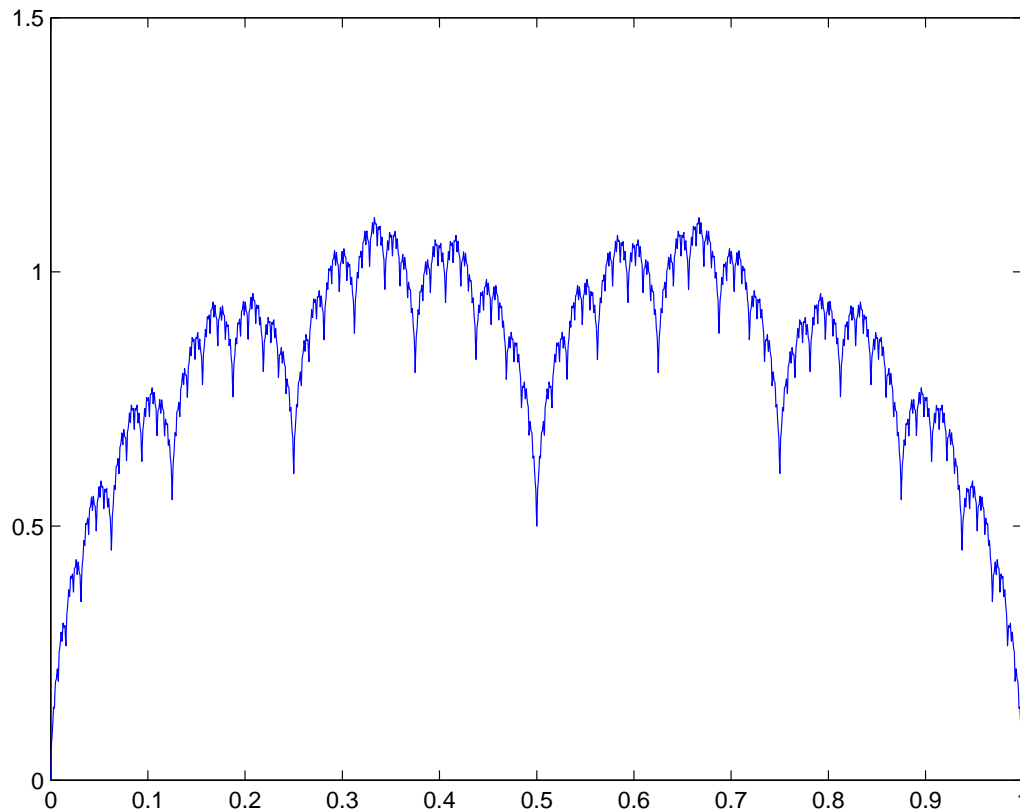
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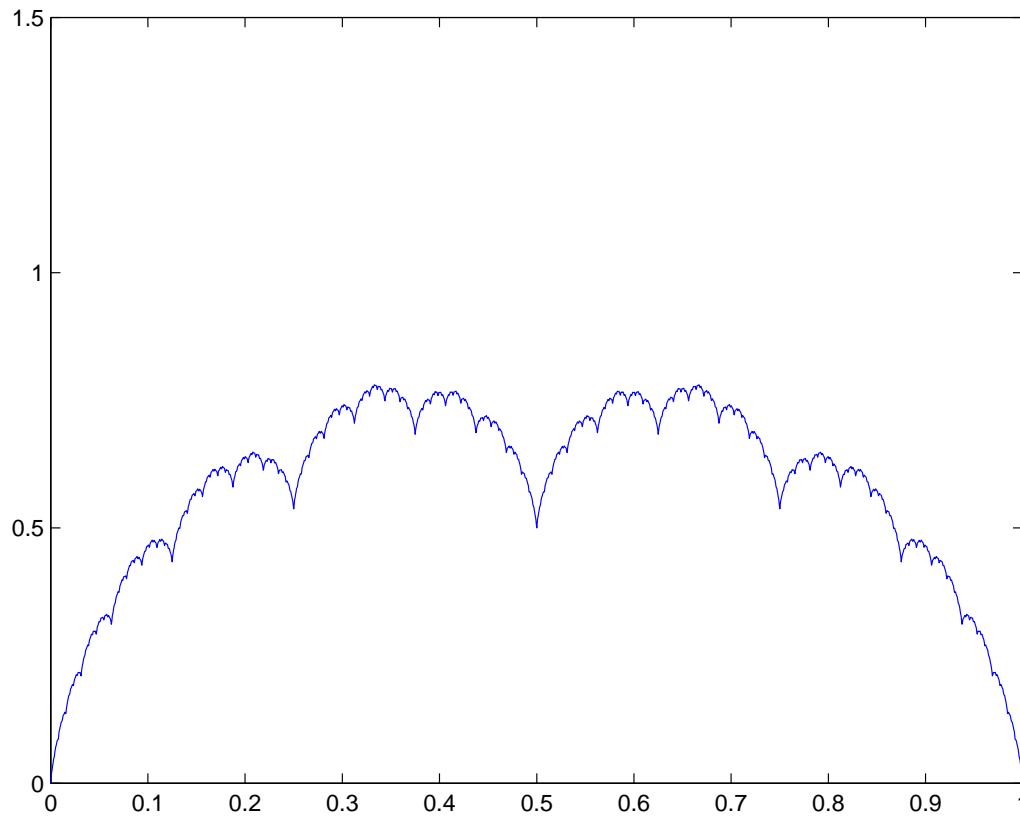
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 - Results of Ben Slimane and Jaffard (2001) in the more general setting of self similar functions:
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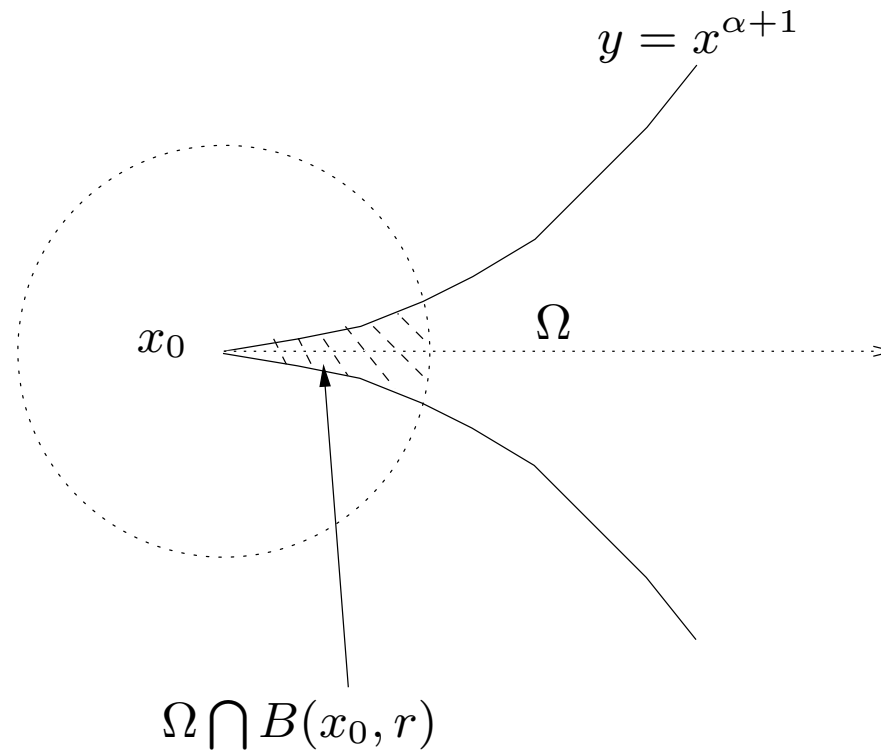
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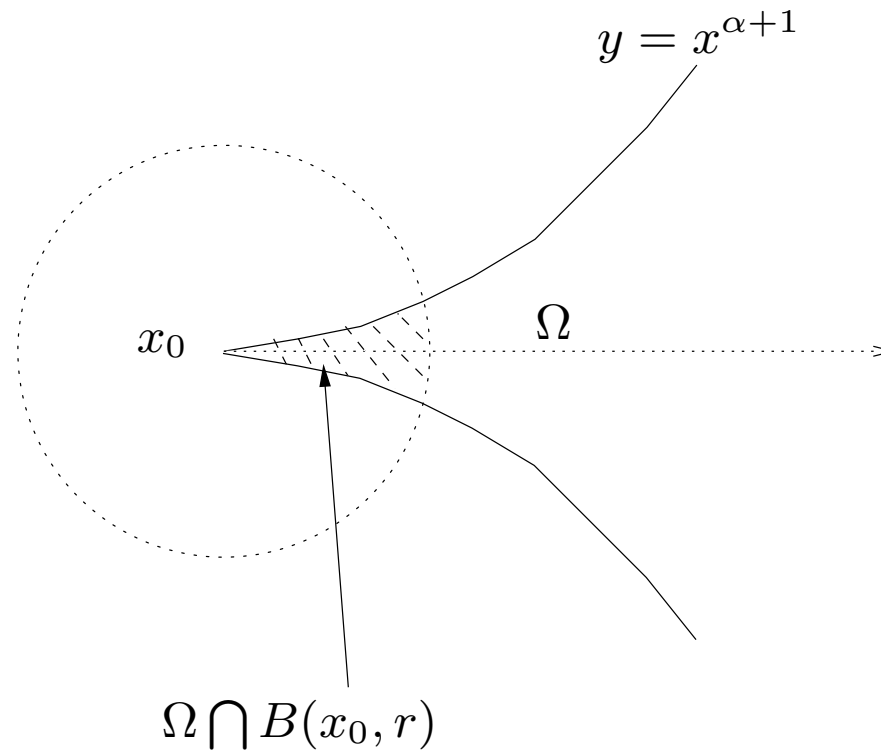
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→ the p -exponent of f at x_0 is $u^p_f(x_0) = \sup\{u : f \in T^p_u(x_0)\}$

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$$\text{mes}(\Omega \cap B(x_0, r)) = \int_{|x-x_0| \leq \rho} |1_{\Omega}|^p dx \sim \int_{|t| \leq \rho} |t|^{(\alpha+1)} dt \sim r^{\alpha+2}.$$

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