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IFSs with overlap: families of orthogonal exponentials and invariant measures, Part 2.

In this talk, we will continue our investigation of IFSs on the real line. In particular, let $\tau_0(x) = \lambda x$ and $\tau_1(x) = \lambda(x+1)$, where $\lambda \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$. There exist a unique invariant set X_{λ} and a unique invariant Hutchinson measure μ_{λ} on X_{λ} associated with the maps τ_0 and τ_1 . It is well-known that X_{λ} is a compact interval, but very little is known about the measure μ_{λ} . The "overlap" of the measure—which refers to the fact that the Lebesgue measure of $\tau_0(X_{\lambda}) \cap \tau_1(X_{\lambda})$ is positive—makes the measure hard to study. In this talk, we will consider the measure of the overlap and different ways to compute it.

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