Singular stationary measures for Alsedà-Misiurewicz systems

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### Definition (Alsedà-Misiurewicz systems)

An **AM-system** is the system  $\{f_-, f_+\}$  of increasing homeomorphisms of the interval [0, 1] of the form

$$f_{-}(x) = \begin{cases} a_{-}x & \text{for } x \in [0, x_{-}] \\ 1 - \frac{b_{-}(1 - x)}{2} & \text{for } x \in (x_{-}, 1] \end{cases}$$

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**Results:** Singularity and dimension calculation/bounds for certain sets of parameters.

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- overlapping type, if the intervals  $[0, f_{-}(x_{-})]$ ,  $[f_{+}(x_{+}), 1]$  overlap, i.e.  $f_{-}(x_{-}) > f_{+}(x_{+})$ .



Figure: Three types of AM-systems: disjoint, border and overlapping.

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### Thank you for your attention!