

# MULTIFRACTAL ANALYSIS FOR MULTIMODAL MAPS

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ABSTRACT. Given a multimodal interval map  $f : I \rightarrow I$  and a Hölder potential  $\varphi : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we study the dimension spectrum for equilibrium states of  $\varphi$ . The main tool here is inducing schemes, used to overcome the presence of critical points. The key issue is to show that enough points are ‘seen’ by a class of inducing schemes. We also compute the Lyapunov spectrum. We obtain the strongest results when  $f$  is a Collet-Eckmann map, but our analysis also holds for maps satisfying much weaker growth conditions along critical orbits.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $X$  be a metric space. Given a probability measure  $\mu$  on  $X$ , the *pointwise dimension* of  $\mu$  at  $x \in X$  is defined as

$$d_\mu(x) := \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log \mu(B_r(x))}{\log r}$$

if the limit exists, where  $B_r(x)$  is a ball of radius  $r$  around  $x$ . This tells us how concentrated a measure is around a point  $x$ ; the more concentrated, the lower the value of  $d_\mu(x)$ . We will study  $f$ -invariant measures  $\mu$  for an endomorphism  $f : X \rightarrow X$ . In particular we will be interested in equilibrium states  $\mu_\varphi$  for  $\varphi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  in a certain class of potentials (see below for definitions).

For any  $A \subset X$ , we let  $HD(A)$  denote the Hausdorff dimension of  $A$ . We let

$$\mathcal{K}_\varphi(\alpha) := \left\{ x : \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log \mu_\varphi(B_r(x))}{\log r} = \alpha \right\}, \quad \mathcal{DS}_\varphi(\alpha) := HD(\mathcal{K}_\varphi(\alpha)),$$

and

$$\mathcal{K}'_\varphi := \left\{ x : \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log \mu_\varphi(B_r(x))}{\log r} \text{ does not exist} \right\}.$$

Then we can make a *multifractal decomposition*:

$$X = \mathcal{K}'_\varphi \cup \left( \bigcup_{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}} \mathcal{K}_\varphi(\alpha) \right).$$

The function  $\mathcal{DS}_\varphi$  is known as the *dimension spectrum*.

These ideas are well understood in the case of uniformly expanding systems, see [P]. The dimension spectrum can be obtained in terms of the Legendre transform of the pressure function. A common way to prove this in uniformly expanding cases is to code the system using a finite Markov shift, and then exploit the well developed theory of dimension spectra for Markov shifts, see for example [PW]. For non-uniformly expanding dynamical systems

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this approach is more complicated since we generally need to code by countable Markov shifts. As has been shown by Sarig [S1, S3], Iommi [I1, I2] and Pesin and Zhang [PZ] among others, in going from finite to countable Markov shifts, more exotic behaviour, including ‘phase transitions’, appears.

The coding used in non-uniformly expanding cases usually arises from an ‘inducing scheme’: that is, for some part of the phase space, iterates of the original map are taken, and the resulting ‘induced map’ is considered. The induced maps are Markov, and so the theory of countable Markov shifts as in [HMU, I1] can be used. In some cases the induced map can be a first return map, but this is not always so.

There has been a lot of success with this approach in the case of Manneville-Pomeau maps. These are interval maps which are expanding everywhere, except at a parabolic fixed point. The presence of the parabolic point leads to phase transitions as mentioned above. Multifractal analysis, of the dimension spectrum and the Lyapunov spectrum (see below), of these examples has been carried out by Pollicott and Weiss [PoWe], Nakaishi [Na] and Gelfert and Rams [GR]. In the first two of these papers, inducing schemes were used (in the third one, the fact that the original system is Markov is used extensively). The inducing schemes used are first return maps to a certain natural domain. The points of the original phase space which the inducing schemes do not ‘see’ is negligible, consisting only of the (countable) set preimages of the parabolic point. We also mention a closely related theory for certain Kleinian groups by Kesseböhmer and Stratmann [KeS].

In the case of multimodal maps with critical points, if the critical orbits are dense then there is no way that useful inducing schemes can be first return maps. Moreover, the set of points which the inducing schemes do not ‘see’ can, in principle, be rather large. In these cases the thermodynamic formalism has a lot of exotic behaviour: phase transitions brought about due to some polynomial growth condition were discussed by Bruin and Keller in [BK] and shown in more detail by Bruin and Todd [BT4]. Multiple phase transitions, which are due to renormalisations rather than any growth behaviour, were proved by Dobbs [D2].

In this paper we develop a multifractal theory for maps with critical points by defining inducing schemes which provide us with sufficient information on the dimension spectrum. The main idea is that points with large enough pointwise Lyapunov exponent must be ‘seen’ by certain inducing schemes constructed in [BT4]. These inducing schemes are produced via the Markov extension known as the Hofbauer tower. This structure was developed by Hofbauer and Keller, see for example [H1, H2, K2]. Their principle applications were for interval maps. The theory for higher dimensional cases was further developed by Buzzi [Bu]. Once we have produced these inducing schemes, we can use the theory of multifractal analysis developed by Iommi in [I1] for the countable Markov shift case. Note that points with pointwise Lyapunov exponent zero cannot be ‘seen’ by measures which are compatible to an inducing scheme, so if we are to use measures and inducing schemes to study the dimension spectrum, the inducing methods presented here may well be optimal.

There is a further property which useful inducing schemes must have: not only must they see sufficiently many points, but also they must be well understood from the perspective of the thermodynamic formalism. Specifically, given a potential  $\psi$ , we need its induced version on the inducing scheme to fit into the framework of Sarig [S2]. In [PSe, BT2, BT4]

this was essentially translated into having ‘good tail behaviour’ of the equilibrium states for the induced potentials.

Our main theorem states that, as in the expanding case, for a large class of multimodal maps, the multifractal spectrum can be expressed in terms of the Legendre transform of the pressure function for important sets of parameters  $\alpha$ . The Collet-Eckmann case is closest to the expanding case, and here we indeed get exactly the same kind of graph for  $\alpha \mapsto \mathcal{DS}_\varphi(\alpha)$  as in the expanding case for the values of  $\alpha$  we consider. In the non-Collet Eckmann case, we expect the graph of  $\mathcal{DS}_\varphi$  to be qualitatively different from the expanding case, as shown for the related Lyapunov spectrum in [Na] and [GR]. We note that singular behaviour of the Lyapunov spectrum was also observed by Bohr and Rand [BoR] for the special case of the quadratic Chebyshev polynomial.

The results presented here can be seen as an extension of some of the ideas in [H3], in which the full analysis of the dimension spectrum was only done for uniformly expanding interval maps. See also [Y] for maps with weaker expansion properties. Moreover, Hofbauer, Raith and Steinberger [HRS] proved the equality of various thermodynamic quantities for non-uniformly expanding interval maps, using ‘essential multifractal dimensions’. However, the full analysis in the uniformly expanding case, including the expression of the dimension spectrum in terms of some Legendre transform, was left open.

### 1.1. Key definitions and main results. We let

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}(f) := \{f\text{-invariant probability measures}\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{M}_{erg} = \mathcal{M}_{erg}(f) := \{\mu \in \mathcal{M} : \mu \text{ is ergodic}\}.$$

For a potential  $\varphi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , the *pressure* is defined as

$$P(\varphi) := \sup_{\mu \in \mathcal{M}} \left\{ h_\mu + \int \varphi d\mu : - \int \varphi d\mu < \infty \right\}$$

where  $h_\mu$  denotes the metric entropy with respect to  $\mu$ . Note that by the ergodic decomposition, we can just take the above supremum over  $\mathcal{M}_{erg}$ . We let  $h_{top}(f)$  denote the topological entropy of  $f$ , which is equal to  $P(0)$ , see [K4]. A measure  $\mu$  which ‘achieves the pressure’, i.e.,  $h_\mu + \int \varphi d\mu = P(\varphi)$ , is called an *equilibrium state*.

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the collection of  $C^2$  multimodal interval maps  $f : I \rightarrow I$  satisfying:

- a) the critical set  $\text{Crit} = \text{Crit}(f)$  consists of finitely many critical point  $c$  with critical order  $1 < \ell_c < \infty$ , i.e.,  $f(x) = f(c) + (g(x - c))^{\ell_c}$  for some diffeomorphisms  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $g(0) = 0$  and  $x$  close to  $c$ ;
- b)  $f$  has negative Schwarzian derivative, i.e.,  $1/\sqrt{|Df|}$  is convex;
- c) the non-wandering set  $\Omega$  (the set of points  $x \in I$  such that for arbitrarily small neighbourhoods  $U$  of  $x$  there exists  $n = n(U) \geq 1$  such that  $f^n(U) \cap U \neq \emptyset$ ) consists of a single interval;
- d)  $f^n(\text{Crit}) \neq f^m(\text{Crit})$  for  $m \neq n$ .

**Remark 1.** *Conditions c) and d) are for ease of exposition, but not crucial. In particular, Condition c) excludes that  $f$  is renormalisable. For multimodal maps satisfying a) and b), the set  $\Omega$  consists of finitely many components  $\Omega_k$ , on each of which  $f$  is topologically transitive, see [MS, Section III.4]. In the case where there is more than one transitive*

component in  $\Omega$ , for example the renormalisable case, the analysis presented here can be applied to any one of the transitive components consisting of intervals. We also note that in this case  $\Omega$  contains a (hyperbolic) Cantor set outside components of  $\Omega$  which consist of intervals. The work of Dobbs [D2] shows that renormalisable maps these hyperbolic Cantor sets can give rise to phase transitions in the pressure function not accounted for by the behaviour of critical points themselves. For these components we could apply a version of the usual hyperbolic theory to study the dimension spectra.

Condition d) excludes that one critical point is mapped onto another. Alternatively, it would be possible to consider these critical points as a ‘block’, but to simplify the exposition, we will not do that here. Condition d) also excludes that critical points are preperiodic.

We define the lower/upper pointwise Lyapunov exponent as

$$\underline{\lambda}_f(x) := \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \log |Df(f^j(x))|, \text{ and } \bar{\lambda}_f(x) := \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \log |Df(f^j(x))|$$

respectively. If  $\underline{\lambda}_f(x) = \bar{\lambda}_f(x)$ , then we write this as  $\lambda_f(x)$ . For a measure  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_{erg}$ , we let  $\lambda_f(\mu) := \int \log |Df| d\mu$  denote the Lyapunov exponent of the measure. Since our definition of  $\mathcal{F}$  will exclude the presence of attracting cycles, [Pr] implies that  $\lambda_f(\mu) \geq 0$  for all  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}$ .

For  $\lambda \geq 0$ , we denote the ‘good Lyapunov exponent’ sets by

$$\underline{LG}_\lambda := \{x : \underline{\lambda}_f(x) > \lambda\} \text{ and } \overline{LG}_\lambda := \{x : \bar{\lambda}_f(x) > \lambda\}.$$

We define

$$\tilde{\mathcal{K}}_\varphi(\alpha) := \mathcal{K}_\varphi(\alpha) \cap \overline{LG}_0 \text{ and } \widetilde{\mathcal{DS}}_\varphi(\alpha) := HD(\tilde{\mathcal{K}}_\varphi(\alpha)).$$

As well as assuming that our maps  $f$  are in  $\mathcal{F}$ , we will also sometimes impose certain growth conditions on  $f$ :

- An exponential growth condition (Collet-Eckmann): there exist  $C_{CE}, \beta_{CE} > 0$ ,

$$|Df^n(f(c))| \geq C_{CE} e^{\beta_{CE} n} \text{ for all } c \in \text{Crit and } n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (1)$$

- A polynomial growth condition: There exist  $C_P > 0 > 0$  and  $\beta_P > 2\ell_{max}(f)$  so that

$$|Df^n(f(c))| \geq C_P n^{\beta_P} \text{ for all } c \in \text{Crit and } n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (2)$$

- A simple growth condition:

$$|Df^n(f(c))| \rightarrow \infty \text{ for all } c \in \text{Crit}. \quad (3)$$

We will consider potentials  $-t \log |Df|$  and also  $\epsilon$ -Hölder potentials  $\varphi : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying

$$\sup \varphi - \inf \varphi < h_{top}(f). \quad (4)$$

Without loss of generality, we will also assume that  $P(\varphi) = 0$ . Note that our results do not depend crucially on  $\epsilon \in (0, 1]$ , so we will ignore the precise value of  $\epsilon$  from here on.

**Remark 2.** We would like to emphasise that (4) may not be easy to remove as an assumption on our class of Hölder potentials if the results we present here are to go through. In the setting of Manneville-Pomeau maps, in [BT2, Section 6] it was shown that for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a Hölder potential  $\varphi$  with  $\sup \varphi - \inf \varphi = h_{top}(f) + \epsilon$  and for which the equilibrium state is a Dirac measure on the fixed point (which is not seen by any inducing scheme).

We briefly sketch some properties of these maps and potentials. For details, see Propositions 2 and 3. By [BT4] there exist  $t_1 < t_2$  such that there is an equilibrium state  $\mu_{-t \log |Df|}$  for all  $t \in (t_1, t_2)$ . If  $f$  satisfies (1) then we can choose  $t_1 < 1 < t_2$ . If  $f$  only satisfies (2) then we take  $t_2 = 1$ . Combining [BT4] and [BT2], for Hölder potentials  $\varphi$  we have equilibrium states  $\mu_{-t \log |Df| + \gamma \varphi}$  for  $-t \log |Df| + \gamma \varphi$  if  $t$  is close to 1 and  $\gamma$  is close to 0. Keller shows that for a piecewise continuous map  $f : I \rightarrow I$  and  $\varphi : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying (4), there is an equilibrium state  $\mu_\varphi$ . Note that by [BT2], strengthening the conditions on  $f$  allows us to get equilibrium states for more exotic potentials, see appendix. Also, by [BT2], if (3) holds and  $\varphi$  is a Hölder potential satisfying (4), then there are equilibrium states  $\mu_{-t \log |Df| + \gamma \varphi}$  for  $-t \log |Df| + \gamma \varphi$  if  $t$  is close to 0 and  $\gamma$  is close to 1. These equilibrium states are unique. As explained in the appendix, (3) is assumed in [BT2] in order to ensure that the induced versions of  $\varphi$  are sufficiently regular, so if this regularity can be shown another way, for example in the simple case that  $\varphi$  is a constant everywhere, this condition can be omitted.

We define  $T_\varphi(q)$  to be so that

$$P(\psi_q) = 0, \text{ where } \psi_q := -T_\varphi(q) \log |Df| + q\varphi. \quad (5)$$

The map  $q \mapsto T_\varphi(q)$  is convex and if  $P(\varphi) = 0$  then  $T_\varphi(1) = 0$ . By Ledrappier [L],  $T_\varphi(0) = 1$ . It may be the case that for some values of  $q$ , there is no such number. For example, let  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  be a unimodal map not satisfying (1). Then as in [NS],  $P(-t \log |Df|) = 0$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . So if  $\varphi$  is the constant potential  $\varphi \equiv -h_{\text{top}}(f)$ , and  $q < 0$ , then  $T_\varphi(q)$  must be undefined.

For  $h$  a convex function, we say that  $(h, g)$  form a *Fenchel pair* if

$$g(p) = \sup_x \{px - h(x)\}.$$

If  $h$  is a convex  $C^2$  function then the function  $g$  is called the *Legendre transform* of  $h$ . In this case

$$g(\alpha) = h(q) + q\alpha \text{ where } q \text{ is such that } \alpha = -Dh(q).$$

Suppose that  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  has a unique absolutely continuous invariant probability measure (acip). Since [L] implies that this measure is an equilibrium state for the potential  $x \mapsto -\log |Df(x)|$ , we denote the measure by  $\mu_{-\log |Df|}$ . In this case, we let

$$\varphi_{ac} := \frac{-\int \varphi d\mu_{-\log |Df|}}{\lambda_f(\mu_{-\log |Df|})}.$$

Note that if  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  satisfies (3) then [BRSS] implies that there is a unique acip.

**Theorem A.** *Suppose that  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  is a map satisfying (3) and  $\varphi : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a Hölder potential satisfying (4), and with  $P(\varphi) = 0$ . If the equilibrium state  $\mu_\varphi$  is not equal to the acip then there exists an open set  $U \subset \mathbb{R}$  so that for  $\alpha \in U$ , the dimension spectrum  $\alpha \mapsto \widetilde{\mathcal{DS}}_\varphi(\alpha)$  is the Legendre transform of  $q \mapsto T_\varphi(q)$ . Moreover,*

- (a)  $U$  contains a neighbourhood of  $HD(\mu_\varphi)$ , and  $\widetilde{\mathcal{DS}}_\varphi(HD(\mu_\varphi)) = HD(\mu_\varphi)$ ;
- (b) if  $f$  satisfies (2), then  $U$  contains both a neighbourhood of  $HD(\mu_\varphi)$ , and a one-sided neighbourhood of  $\varphi_{ac}$ , where  $\widetilde{\mathcal{DS}}_\varphi(\varphi_{ac}) = 1$ ;
- (c) if  $f$  satisfies (1), then  $U$  contains both a neighbourhood of  $HD(\mu_\varphi)$  and of  $\varphi_{ac}$ .

Furthermore, for all  $\alpha \in U$  there is a unique equilibrium state  $\mu_{\psi_q}$  for the potential  $\psi_q$  so that  $\mu_{\psi_q}(\tilde{\mathcal{K}}_\alpha) = 1$ , where  $\alpha = -DT_\varphi(q)$ . This measure has full dimension on  $\tilde{\mathcal{K}}_\alpha$ , i.e.,  $HD(\mu_{\psi_q}) = HD(\tilde{\mathcal{K}}_\alpha)$ .

Note that by Hofbauer and Raith [HR],  $HD(\mu_\varphi) = \frac{h_{\mu_\varphi}}{\lambda_f(\mu_\varphi)}$ , and as shown by Ledrappier [L],  $HD(\mu_{-\log|Df|}) = \frac{h_{\mu_{-\log|Df|}}}{\lambda_f(\mu_{-\log|Df|})} = 1$ .

In Section 6 we consider the situation where  $\varphi$  is the constant potential. In that setting, as noted above  $T_\varphi$  is not defined for  $q < 0$  when  $f$  is unimodal and does not satisfy (1). Therefore, in that case we would expect  $\widetilde{\mathcal{DS}}_\varphi$  to behave differently to the expanding case for  $\alpha > \varphi_{ac}$ . This is why we only deal with a one-sided neighbourhood of  $\varphi_{ac}$  in (b). See also Remark 7 for more information on this.

We remark that if  $\mu_\varphi \neq \mu_{-\log|Df|}$  is not satisfied then  $\widetilde{\mathcal{DS}}_\varphi(\alpha)$  is zero for every  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , except at  $\alpha = HD(\mu_\varphi)$ , where it takes the value 1. As in Remark 5 below, for multimodal maps  $f$  and  $\varphi$  a constant potential, this only occurs when  $f$  has preperiodic critical points, for example when  $f$  is the quadratic Chebyshev polynomial. In view of Livšic theory for non-uniformly hyperbolic dynamical systems, in particular the results in [BHN, Section 5], we expect this to continue to hold for more general Hölder potentials.

According to [BS] if (1) holds then there exists  $\lambda > 0$  so that the nonwandering set  $\Omega \subset \overline{LG}_\lambda \cup (\cup_{n \geq 0} f^{-n}(\text{Crit}))$ . Therefore we have the following corollary. Note that here the neighbourhood  $U$  is as in case (c) of Theorem A.

**Corollary B.** *Suppose that  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  satisfies the Collet-Eckmann condition (1) and  $\varphi : I \rightarrow I$  is a Hölder potential satisfying (4) and with  $P(\varphi) = 0$ . If the equilibrium state  $\mu_\varphi$  is not equal to the acip then there exists an open set  $U \subset \mathbb{R}$  containing  $HD(\mu_\varphi)$  and 1, so that for  $\alpha \in U$  the dimension spectrum  $\mathcal{DS}_\varphi(\alpha)$  is the Legendre transform of  $T_\varphi$ .*

In fact, to ensure that  $\widetilde{\mathcal{DS}}_\varphi(\alpha) = \mathcal{DS}_\varphi(\alpha)$  it is enough to show that ‘enough points iterate into a compact part of the Hofbauer tower infinitely often’. As in [K2], one way of guaranteeing this is to show that a large proportion of the sets we are interested in ‘go to large scale’ infinitely often. Graczyk and Smirnov [GS] showed that for rational maps of the complex plane satisfying a summability condition, this is true. Restricting their result to real polynomials, we have the following Corollary, which we explain in more detail in Section 5.1.

**Corollary C.** *Suppose that  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  extends to a polynomial on  $\mathbb{C}$  with no parabolic points, all critical points in  $I$ , and satisfying (2). Moreover, suppose that  $\varphi : I \rightarrow I$  is a Hölder potential satisfying (4) and  $P(\varphi) = 0$ . If the equilibrium state  $\mu_\varphi$  is not equal to the acip then there exists a set  $U \subset \mathbb{R}$  containing a one-sided neighbourhood of  $\varphi_{ac}$ , so that for  $\alpha \in U$ , the dimension spectrum  $\mathcal{DS}_\varphi(\alpha)$  is the Legendre transform of  $T_\varphi$ . Moreover, if  $HD(\mu_\varphi) > \frac{\ell_{\max}(f)}{\beta_P - 1}$  then the same is true for any  $\alpha$  in a neighbourhood of  $HD(\mu_\varphi)$ .*

Barreira and Schmeling [BaS] showed that in many situations the set  $\mathcal{K}'_\varphi$  has full Hausdorff dimension. As the following proposition states, this is also the case in our setting. The proof follows almost immediately from [BaS], but we give some details in Section 5.

**Proposition 1.** *Suppose that  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  satisfies (3) and  $\varphi : I \rightarrow I$  is a Hölder potential satisfying (4) and with  $P(\varphi) = 0$ . Then  $HD(\mathcal{K}'_\varphi) = 1$ .*

Theorem A also allows us to compute the Lyapunov spectrum. The results in this case are in Section 6.

For ease of exposition, in most of this paper the potential  $\varphi$  is assumed to be Hölder. In this case existence of an equilibrium state  $\mu_\varphi$  was proved by Keller [K1]. However, as we show in the appendix, all the results here hold for a class of potentials (*SVI*) considered in [BT2]. Therefore, as an auxiliary result, we prove the existence of conformal measures  $m_\varphi$  for potentials  $\varphi \in \text{SVI}$ . Moreover, for the corresponding equilibrium states  $\mu_\varphi$ , the density  $\frac{d\mu_\varphi}{dm_\varphi}$  is uniformly bounded away from 0 and  $\infty$ . This is used here in order to compare  $d_{\mu_\Phi}(x)$  and  $d_{\mu_\varphi}(x)$ , where  $\mu_\Phi$  is the equilibrium state for an inducing scheme  $(X, F)$ , with induced potential  $\Phi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (see below for more details). The equality of  $d_{\mu_\Phi}(x)$  and  $d_{\mu_\varphi}(x)$  for  $x \in X$  is not immediate in either the case  $\varphi$  is Hölder or the case  $\varphi$  satisfies *SVI*. This is in contrast to the situation where the inducing schemes are simply first return maps, in which case  $\mu_\Phi$  is simply a rescaling of the original measure  $\mu_\varphi$  and hence  $d_{\mu_\Phi}(x) = d_{\mu_\varphi}(x)$ . However, we will prove that for the inducing schemes used here, this rescaling property is still true of the conformal measures  $m_\varphi$  and  $m_\Phi$ , which then allows us to compare  $d_{\mu_\Phi}(x)$  and  $d_{\mu_\varphi}(x)$ . It is interesting to note that the proof of existence of a conformal measure also goes through for potentials of the form  $x \mapsto -t \log |Df(x)|$ .

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## 2. THE MAPS, THE MEASURES AND THE INDUCING SCHEMES

Let  $(X, f)$  be a dynamical system and  $\varphi : X \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$  be a potential. For use later, we let

$$S_n \varphi(x) := \varphi(x) + \cdots + \varphi \circ f^{n-1}(x).$$

We say that a measure  $m$ , is *conformal* for  $(X, f, \varphi)$  if  $m(X) = 1$ , and for any Borel set  $A$  so that  $f : A \rightarrow f(A)$  is a bijection,

$$m(f(A)) = \int_A e^{-\varphi} dm$$

(or equivalently,  $dm(f(x)) = e^{-\varphi(x)} dm(x)$ ).

**2.1. Hofbauer towers.** We next define the Hofbauer tower. The setup we present here can be applied to general dynamical systems, since it only uses the structure of dynamically defined cylinders. An alternative way of thinking of the Hofbauer tower specifically for the case of multimodal interval maps, which explicitly makes use of the critical set, is presented in [BB].

We first consider the dynamically defined cylinders. We let  $\mathcal{P}_0 := I$  and  $\mathcal{P}_n$  denote the collection of maximal intervals  $\mathbf{C}_n$  so that  $f^n : \mathbf{C}_n \rightarrow f^n(\mathbf{C}_n)$  is a homeomorphism. We let  $\mathbf{C}_n[x]$  denote the member of  $\mathcal{P}_n$  containing  $x$ . If  $x \in \cup_{n \geq 0} f^{-n}(\text{Crit})$  there may be more than one such interval, but this ambiguity will not cause us any problems here.

The *Hofbauer tower* is defined as

$$\hat{I} := \bigsqcup_{k \geq 0} \bigsqcup_{\mathbf{C}_k \in \mathcal{P}_k} f^k(\mathbf{C}_k) / \sim$$

where  $f^k(\mathbf{C}_k) \sim f^{k'}(\mathbf{C}_{k'})$  as components of the disjoint union  $\hat{I}$  if  $f^k(\mathbf{C}_k) = f^{k'}(\mathbf{C}_{k'})$  as subsets in  $I$ . Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be the collection of domains of  $\hat{I}$  and  $\pi : \hat{I} \rightarrow I$  be the natural inclusion map. A point  $\hat{x} \in \hat{I}$  can be represented by  $(x, D)$  where  $\hat{x} \in D$  for  $D \in \mathcal{D}$  and  $x = \pi(\hat{x})$ . Given  $\hat{x} \in \hat{I}$ , we can denote the domain  $D \in \mathcal{D}$  it belongs to by  $D_{\hat{x}}$ .

The map  $\hat{f} : \hat{I} \rightarrow \hat{I}$  is defined by

$$\hat{f}(\hat{x}) = \hat{f}(x, D) = (f(x), D')$$

if there are cylinder sets  $\mathbf{C}_k \supset \mathbf{C}_{k+1}$  such that  $x \in f^k(\mathbf{C}_{k+1}) \subset f^k(\mathbf{C}_k) = D$  and  $D' = f^{k+1}(\mathbf{C}_{k+1})$ . In this case, we write  $D \rightarrow D'$ , giving  $(\mathcal{D}, \rightarrow)$  the structure of a directed graph. Therefore, the map  $\pi$  acts as a semiconjugacy between  $\hat{f}$  and  $f$ :

$$\pi \circ \hat{f} = f \circ \pi.$$

We denote the ‘base’ of  $\hat{I}$ , the copy of  $I$  in  $\hat{I}$  by  $D_0$ . For  $D \in \mathcal{D}$ , we define  $\text{lev}(D)$  to be the length of the shortest path  $D_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow D$  starting at the base  $D_0$ . For each  $R \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $\hat{I}_R$  be the compact part of the Hofbauer tower defined by

$$\hat{I}_R := \sqcup \{D \in \mathcal{D} : \text{lev}(D) \leq R\}.$$

For maps in  $\mathcal{F}$ , we can say more about the graph structure of  $(\mathcal{D}, \rightarrow)$  since Lemma 1 of [BT4] implies that if  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  then there is a closed primitive subgraph  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{T}}$  of  $\mathcal{D}$ . That is, for any  $D, D' \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{T}}$  there is a path  $D \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow D'$ ; and for any  $D \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{T}}$ , if there is a path  $D \rightarrow D'$  then  $D' \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{T}}$  too. We can denote the disjoint union of these domains by  $\hat{I}_{\mathcal{T}}$ . The same lemma says that if  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  then  $\pi(\hat{I}_{\mathcal{T}}) = \Omega$  and  $\hat{f}$  is transitive on  $\hat{I}_{\mathcal{T}}$ .

Given  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_{\text{erg}}$ , we say that  $\mu$  *lifts to*  $\hat{I}$  if there exists an ergodic  $\hat{f}$ -invariant probability measure  $\hat{\mu}$  on  $\hat{I}$  such that  $\hat{\mu} \circ \pi^{-1} = \mu$ . For  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ , if  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_{\text{erg}}$  and  $\lambda(\mu) > 0$  then  $\mu$  lifts to  $\hat{I}$ , see [K2, BK].

For convenience later, we let  $\iota := \pi|_{D_0}^{-1}$ . Note that there is a natural distance function  $d_{\hat{I}}$  within domains  $D$  (but not between them) induced from the Euclidean metric on  $I$ .

**2.2. Inducing schemes.** We say that  $(X, F, \tau)$  is an *inducing scheme* for  $(I, f)$  if

- $X$  is an interval containing a finite or countable collection of disjoint intervals  $X_i$  such that  $F$  maps each  $X_i$  diffeomorphically onto  $X$ , with bounded distortion (*i.e.*, there exists  $K > 0$  so that for all  $i$  and  $x, y \in X_i$ ,  $1/K \leq DF(x)/DF(y) \leq K$ );
- $\tau|_{X_i} = \tau_i$  for some  $\tau_i \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $F|_{X_i} = f^{\tau_i}$ .

The function  $\tau : \cup_i X_i \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is called the *inducing time*. It may happen that  $\tau(x)$  is the first return time of  $x$  to  $X$ , but that is certainly not the general case. For ease of notation, we will often write  $(X, F) = (X, F, \tau)$ .



Given an inducing scheme  $(X, F, \tau)$ , we say that a measure  $\mu_F$  is a *lift* of  $\mu$  if for all  $\mu$ -measurable subsets  $A \subset I$ ,

$$\mu(A) = \frac{1}{\int_X \tau d\mu_F} \sum_i \sum_{k=0}^{\tau_i-1} \mu_F(X_i \cap f^{-k}(A)). \quad (6)$$

Conversely, given a measure  $\mu_F$  for  $(X, F)$ , we say that  $\mu_F$  *projects* to  $\mu$  if (6) holds. We denote

$$(X, F)^\infty := \{x \in X : \tau(F^k(x)) \text{ is defined for all } k \geq 0\}.$$

We call a measure  $\mu$  *compatible* to the inducing scheme  $(X, F, \tau)$  if

- $\mu(X) > 0$  and  $\mu(X \setminus (X, F)^\infty) = 0$ ; and
- there exists a measure  $\mu_F$  which projects to  $\mu$  by (6), and in particular  $\int_X \tau d\mu_F < \infty$ .

For a potential  $\varphi : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we define the *induced potential*  $\Phi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  for an inducing scheme  $(X, F, \tau)$  as  $\Phi(x) := S_{\tau(x)}\varphi(x) = \varphi(x) + \dots + \varphi \circ f^{\tau(x)-1}(x)$  whenever  $\tau(x) < \infty$ . We denote  $\Phi_i := \sup_{x \in X_i} \Phi(x)$ . Note that sometimes we will abuse notation and write  $(X, F, \Phi)$  when we are particularly interested in the induced potential for the inducing scheme. The following is known as Abramov's formula. See for example [PSe].

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $\mu_F$  be an ergodic invariant measure on  $(X, F, \tau)$  such that  $\int \tau d\mu_F < \infty$  and with projected measure  $\mu$ . Then  $h_{\mu_F}(F) = (\int \tau d\mu_F) h_\mu(f)$ . Moreover, if  $\varphi : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a potential, and  $\Phi$  the corresponding induced potential, then  $\int \Phi d\mu_F = (\int \tau d\mu_F) \int \varphi d\mu$ .*

Fixing  $f$ , we let

$$\mathcal{M}_+ := \{\mu \in \mathcal{M}_{erg} : \lambda_f(\mu) > 0\}, \text{ and for } \varepsilon > 0, \mathcal{M}_\varepsilon := \{\mu \in \mathcal{M}_{erg} : h_\mu \geq \varepsilon\}.$$

For a proof of the following result, see [BT4, Theorem 3].

**Theorem 1.** *If  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_+$ , then there is an inducing scheme  $(X, F, \tau)$  and a measure  $\mu_F$  on  $X$  such that  $\int_X \tau d\mu_F < \infty$ . Here  $\mu_F$  is the lifted measure of  $\mu$  (i.e.,  $\mu$  and  $\mu_F$  are related by (6)). Moreover,  $\overline{(X, F)^\infty} = X \cap \Omega$ .*

*Conversely, if  $(X, F, \tau)$  is an inducing scheme and  $\mu_F$  an ergodic  $F$ -invariant measure such that  $\int_X \tau d\mu_F < \infty$ , then  $\mu_F$  projects to a measure  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_+$ .*

The proof of the above theorem uses the theory of [B, Section 3]. The main idea is that the Hofbauer tower can be used to produce inducing schemes. We pick  $\hat{X} \subset \hat{I}_\tau$  and use a first return map to  $\hat{X}$  to give the inducing scheme on  $X := \pi(\hat{X})$ . We will always choose  $X$  to be a cylinder in  $\mathcal{P}_n$ , for various values of  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Sets  $\hat{X}$ , and thus the inducing schemes they give rise to, will be of two types.

**Type (a):**  $\hat{X}$  is an interval in a single domain  $D \in \mathcal{D}_\tau$ . Then for  $x \in X$  there exists a unique  $\hat{x} \in \hat{X}$  so that  $\pi(\hat{x}) = x$ . Then  $\tau(x)$  is defined as the first return time of  $\hat{x}$  to  $\hat{X}$ . We choose  $\hat{X}$  so that  $X \in \mathcal{P}_n$  for some  $n$ , and  $\hat{X}$  is compactly contained in  $D$ . These properties mean that  $(X, F, \tau)$  is an inducing scheme which is extendible. That is to say, letting  $X' = \pi(D)$ , for any domain  $X_i$  of  $(X, F)$  there is an extension of  $f^{\tau_i}$  to  $X'_i \supset X_i$  so that  $f^{\tau_i} : X'_i \rightarrow X'$  is a homeomorphism. Since  $f$  has negative Schwarzian derivative,

this fact coupled with the Koebe lemma, see [MS, Chapter IV], means that  $(X, F)$  has uniformly bounded distortion, with distortion constant depending on  $\delta := d_f(\hat{X}, \partial D)$ .

**Type (b):** We fix  $\delta > 0$  and some interval  $X \in \mathcal{P}_n$  for some  $n$ . We say that the interval  $X'$  is a  $\delta$ -scaled neighbourhood of  $X$  if, denoting the left and right components of  $X' \setminus X$  by  $L$  and  $R$  respectively, we have  $|L|, |R| = \delta|X|$ . We fix such an  $X'$  and let  $\hat{X} = \sqcup\{D \cap \pi^{-1}(X) : D \in \mathcal{D}_T, \pi(D) \supset X'\}$ . Let  $r_{\hat{X}}$  denote the first return time to  $\hat{X}$ . Given  $x \in X$ , for any  $\hat{x} \in \hat{X}$  with  $\pi(\hat{x}) = x$ , we set  $\tau(x) = r_{\hat{X}}(\hat{x})$ . In [B] it is shown that by the setup, this time is independent of the choice of  $\hat{x}$  in  $\pi|_{\hat{X}}^{-1}(x)$ . Also for each  $X_i$  there exists  $X'_i \supset X_i$  so that  $f^{\tau_i} : X'_i \rightarrow X'$  is a homeomorphism, and so, again by the Koebe Lemma,  $F$  has uniformly bounded distortion, with distortion constant depending on  $\delta$ .

We will need to deal with both kinds of inducing scheme since we want information on the tail behaviour, *i.e.*, the measure of  $\{\tau \geq n\}$  for different measures. As in Propositions 2 and 3 below, for measures close to  $\mu_\varphi$  we have good tail behaviour for schemes of type (a); and for measures close to the acip  $\mu_{-\log|Df|}$  we have good tail behaviour for schemes of type (b). We would like to point out that any type (a) inducing time  $\tau_1$  can be expressed as a power of a type (b) inducing time  $\tau_2$ , *i.e.*,  $\tau_1 = \tau_2^p$  where  $p : X \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ . Moreover,  $\int p \, d\mu_1 < \infty$  for the induced measure  $\mu_1$  for the type (a) inducing scheme. This type of relation is considered by Zweimüller [Z].

**2.3. Method of proof.** The main difficulty in the proof of Theorem A is to get an upper bound on the dimension spectrum in terms of  $T_\varphi$ . To do this, we show that there are inducing schemes which have sufficient multifractal information to give an upper bound on  $\tilde{R}$ . Then we can use Iommi's main theorem in [I1], which gives upper bounds in terms of the  $T$  for the inducing scheme. It is the use of these inducing schemes which is the key to this paper.

We first show in Section 3 that for a given range of  $\alpha$  there are inducing schemes which are compatible to any measure  $\mu$  which has  $h_\mu + \int \psi_q \, d\mu$  sufficiently large, where  $q$  depends on  $\alpha$ . In doing this we will give most of the theory of thermodynamic formalism needed in this paper. For example, we show the existence of equilibrium states on  $\mathcal{K}_\alpha$  which will turn out to have full dimension (these also give the lower bound for  $\tilde{R}$ ).

In Section 4 we prove that for a set  $A$ , there is an inducing scheme that 'sees' all points  $x \in A$  with  $\bar{\lambda}_f(x)$  bounded below, up to set of small Hausdorff dimension. This means that we can fix inducing schemes which contain all the relevant measures, as above, and also contain the multifractal data. Then in Section 5 we prove Theorem A and Proposition 1. In Section 6 we show how our results immediately give us information on the Lyapunov spectrum. In the appendix we show that pointwise dimensions for induced measures and the original ones are the same, also extending our results to potentials in the class  $SVI$ .

### 3. THE RANGE OF PARAMETERS

In this section we determine what  $U$  is in Theorem A. In order to do so, we must introduce most of the theory of the thermodynamical properties for inducing schemes required in this paper. Firstly we show that if  $\alpha(q) \in U$ , then the equilibrium states for  $\psi_q$  are forced to have positive entropy. By Theorem 1, this ensures that the equilibrium states must be compatible to some inducing scheme, and thus we will be able to use Iommi's theory.

We let

$$G_\varepsilon(\varphi) := \left\{ q : \exists \delta < 0 \text{ such that } \int \psi_q d\mu > \delta \Rightarrow h_\mu > \varepsilon \right\}.$$

The next lemma shows that most of the relevant parameters  $q$  which we are interested in must lie in  $G_\varepsilon(\varphi)$ .

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $\varphi : I \rightarrow I$  be a potential satisfying (4) and with  $P(\varphi) = 0$ . Suppose that (3) holds for  $f$ . There exist  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $q_1 < 1 < q_2$  so that  $(q_1, q_2) \subset G_\varepsilon$ . If we take  $\varepsilon > 0$  arbitrarily close to 0 then we can take  $q_1$  arbitrarily close to 0. If (1) holds then  $[0, 1] \subset (q_1, q_2)$ .*

*Proof.* First note that (4) and  $P(\varphi) = 0$  implies that  $\varphi < 0$ :

$$0 = P(\varphi) \geq h_{top}(f) + \int \varphi d\mu_{-h_{top}(f)} \geq h_{top}(f) + \inf \varphi > \sup \varphi$$

where  $\mu_{-h_{top}(f)}$  denotes the measure of maximal entropy (for more details of this measure, see Section 6). For  $q \in (0, 1]$ , suppose that for some  $\delta < 0$ , a measure  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_{erg}$  has  $h_\mu + \int -T_\varphi(q) \log |Df| + q\varphi d\mu > \delta$  for  $T_\varphi$  as in (5). Recall that by [Pr],  $\lambda(\mu) \geq 0$  since we excluded the possibility of attracting cycles for maps  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ . Then

$$h_\mu > \delta + \int T_\varphi(q) \log |Df| - q\varphi d\mu \geq \delta + q|\sup \varphi|.$$

So if  $\delta$  is close enough to 0 we must have positive entropy.

Suppose now that (1) holds. Then by [BS], there exists  $\eta > 0$  so that any invariant measure  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_{erg}$  must have  $\lambda_f(\mu) > \eta$ . So if  $h_\mu + \int -T_\varphi(q) \log |Df| + q\varphi d\mu > \delta$ , then

$$h_\mu > \delta + \int T_\varphi(q) \log |Df| - q\varphi d\mu \geq \delta + T_\varphi(q)\eta + q|\sup \varphi|.$$

For  $q$  close to 0,  $T_\varphi(q)$  must be close to 1, so we can choose  $\delta$  and  $q_1 < 0$  so that the lemma holds.  $\square$

**The sets  $\text{Cover}(\varepsilon)$  and  $\text{SCover}(\varepsilon)$ :** Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . By [BT4, Lemma 3] there exists  $\eta > 0$  and a compact set  $\hat{E} \subset \hat{I}_T$  so that  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_\varepsilon$  implies that  $\hat{\mu}(\hat{E}) > \eta$ . Moreover  $\hat{E}$  can be taken inside  $\hat{I}_R \setminus B_\delta(\partial \hat{I})$  for some  $R \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\delta > 0$ . (Here  $B_\delta(\partial \hat{I})$  is a  $\delta$ -neighbourhood of  $\partial \hat{I}$  with respect to the distance function  $d_{\hat{I}}$ ). As in the discussion above Proposition 2 in [BT4],  $\hat{E}$  can be covered with sets  $\hat{X}_1, \dots, \hat{X}_n$  so that each  $\hat{X}_k$  acts as the set which gives the inducing schemes  $(X_k, F_k)$  (where  $X_k = \pi(\hat{X}_k)$ ) as in Theorem 1. We will suppose that these sets are either all of type (a), or all of type (b). This means that any  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_\varepsilon$  must be compatible to at least one of  $(X_k, F_k)$ . We denote  $\text{Cover}^a(\varepsilon) = \{\hat{X}_1, \dots, \hat{X}_n\}$  and the corresponding set of schemes by  $\text{SCover}^a(\varepsilon)$  if we are dealing with type (a) inducing schemes. Similarly we use  $\text{Cover}^b(\varepsilon)$  and  $\text{SCover}^b(\varepsilon)$  for type (b) inducing schemes. If a result applies to both schemes of types then we omit the superscript.

We let  $\{X_{k,i}\}_i$  denote the domains of the inducing scheme  $(X_k, F_k)$  and we denote the value of  $\tau_k$  on  $X_{k,i}$  by  $\tau_{k,i}$ . Given  $(X_k, F_k, \tau_k)$ , we let  $\Psi_{q,k}$  denote the induced potential for  $\psi_q$ .

From this setup, given  $q \in G_\varepsilon(\varphi)$  there must exist a sequence of measures  $\{\mu_n\}_n \subset \mathcal{M}_\varepsilon$  and a scheme  $(X_k, F_k)$  so that  $h_{\mu_n} + \int \psi_q d\mu_n \rightarrow P(\psi_q) = 0$  and  $\mu_n$  are all compatible to

$(X_k, F_k)$ . Later this fact will allow us to use [BT4, Proposition 1] to study equilibrium states for  $\psi_q$ .

If  $v : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is some potential and  $(X, F)$  is an inducing scheme with induced potential  $\Upsilon : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we let  $\Upsilon_i := \sup_{x \in X_i} \Upsilon(x)$ . We define the  $k$ th variation as

$$V_k(\Upsilon) := \sup_{\mathbf{C}_k \in \mathcal{P}_k} \{|\Upsilon(x) - \Upsilon(y)| : x, y \in \mathbf{C}_k\}.$$

We say that  $\Upsilon$  is *locally Hölder continuous* if there exists  $\alpha > 0$  so that  $V_k(\Upsilon) = O(e^{-\alpha n})$ . We let

$$Z_0(\Upsilon) := \sum_i e^{\Upsilon_i}, \text{ and } Z_0^*(\Upsilon) := \sum_i \tau_i e^{\Upsilon_i}. \quad (7)$$

As in [S2], if  $\Upsilon$  is locally Hölder continuous, then  $Z_0(\Upsilon) < \infty$  implies  $P(\Upsilon) < \infty$ .

We say that a measure  $\mu$  satisfies the *Gibbs property with constant*  $P \in \mathbb{R}$  for  $(X, F, \Upsilon)$  if there exists  $K_\Phi, P \in \mathbb{R}$  so that

$$\frac{1}{K_\Phi} \leq \frac{\mu(\mathbf{C}_n)}{e^{S_n \Upsilon(x) - nP}} \leq K_\Phi$$

for every  $n$ -cylinder  $\mathbf{C}_n$  and all  $x \in \mathbf{C}_n$ .

The following is the main result of [BT2] (in fact it is proved for a larger class of potentials there).

**Proposition 2.** *Given  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  satisfying (3) and  $\varphi : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a Hölder potential satisfying (4) and with  $P(\varphi) = 0$ , then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and any  $(X, F) \in SCover^a(\varepsilon)$ :*

- (a) *There exists  $\beta_\Phi > 0$  such that  $\sum_{\tau_i=n} e^{\Phi_i} = O(e^{-n\beta_\Phi})$ ;*
- (b)  *$\Phi$  is locally Hölder continuous and  $P(\Phi) = 0$ ;*
- (c) *There exists a unique  $\Phi$ -conformal measure  $m_\Phi$ , and a unique equilibrium state  $\mu_\Phi$  for  $(X, F, \Phi)$ .*
- (d) *There exists  $C_\Phi$  so that  $\frac{1}{C_\Phi} \leq \frac{d\mu_\Phi}{dm_\Phi} \leq C_\Phi$ ;*
- (e) *There exists an equilibrium state  $\mu_\varphi$  for  $(I, f, \varphi)$ ;*
- (f) *The map  $t \mapsto P(t\varphi)$  is analytic for  $t \in \left(\frac{-h_{top}(f)}{\sup \varphi - \inf \varphi}, \frac{h_{top}(f)}{\sup \varphi - \inf \varphi}\right)$ .*

The existence of the equilibrium state under even weaker conditions than these was proved by Keller [K1]. However, we need all of the properties above for this paper, which are not all proved in [K1].

The following is proved in [BT4]. For the same result for unimodal maps satisfying (1) see [BK], which used tools from [KN].

**Proposition 3.** *Suppose that  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  satisfies (2) and let  $\psi(x) = \psi_t(x) := -t \log |Df(x)| - P(-t \log |Df(x)|)$ . Then there exists  $t_0 < 1$  such that for any  $t \in (t_0, 1)$  there is  $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(t) > 0$  so that for any  $(X, F) \in SCover^b(\varepsilon)$ :*

- (a) *There exists  $\beta_{DF} > 0$  such that  $\sum_{\tau_i=n} e^{\Psi_i} = O(e^{-n\beta_{DF}})$ ;*
- (b)  *$\Psi$  is locally Hölder continuous and  $P(\Psi) = 0$ ;*
- (c) *There exists a unique  $\Psi$ -conformal measure  $m_\Psi$ , and a unique equilibrium state  $\mu_\Psi$  for  $(X, F, \Psi)$ ;*
- (d) *There exists  $C_\Psi$  so that  $\frac{1}{C_\Psi} \leq \frac{d\mu_\Psi}{dm_\Psi} \leq C_\Psi$ ;*
- (e) *There exists an equilibrium state  $\mu_\psi$  for  $(I, f, \psi)$  and thus for  $(I, f, -\log |Df|)$ ;*

(f) The map  $t \mapsto P(-t \log |Df|)$  is analytic in  $(t_0, 1)$ .

If  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  satisfies (1), then this proposition can be extended so that  $t$  can be taken in a two-sided neighbourhood of 1.

In Proposition 2 both  $m_\Phi$  and  $\mu_\Phi$  satisfy the Gibbs property, and in Proposition 3 both  $m_\Psi$  and  $\mu_\Psi$  satisfy the Gibbs property; in all these cases, the Gibbs constant  $P$  is 0. By the Gibbs property, part (a) of Proposition 2 and 3 imply that  $\mu_\Phi(\{\tau = n\})$  and  $\mu_\Psi(\{\tau = n\})$  respectively decay exponentially. These systems are referred to as having *exponential tails*.

One consequence of the first item in both of these propositions, as noted in [BT2, Theorem 10] and [BT4, Theorem 5], is that we can consider combinations of the potentials above:  $x \mapsto -t \log |Df(x)| + s\varphi(x) - P(-t \log |Df| + s\varphi)$ . We can derive the same results for this potential for  $t$  close to 1 and  $s$  sufficiently close to 0, or alternatively for  $s$  close to 1 and  $t$  sufficiently close to 0. Note that by [KN, BK] this can also be shown in the setting of unimodal maps satisfying (1) with potentials  $\varphi$  of bounded variation.

If  $(X, F)$  is an inducing scheme with induced potential  $\Phi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we define

$$PB_\varepsilon(\Phi) := \{q \in G_\varepsilon(\varphi) : \exists \delta > 0 \text{ s.t. } Z_0^*(\Psi_q + \tau\delta) < \infty\}.$$

**Lemma 3.** *For  $(X_k, F_k) \in SCover(\varepsilon)$ , if  $q \in PB_\varepsilon(\Phi_k)$  then  $P(\Psi_{q,k}) = 0$ . Moreover, there is an equilibrium state  $\mu_{\Psi_{q,k}}$  for  $(X_k, F_k, \Psi_{q,k})$  and the corresponding projected equilibrium state  $\mu_{\psi_q}$  is compatible to any  $(X_j, F_j) \in SCover(\varepsilon)$ .*

In this lemma,  $SCover(\varepsilon)$  can be  $SCover^a(\varepsilon)$  or  $SCover^b(\varepsilon)$ . Note that by [BT4, Proposition 1], if for any  $(X, F) \in SCover(\varepsilon)$  and  $q \in PB_\varepsilon(\Phi)$ , then there exists an equilibrium state  $\mu_{\Psi_q}$  for  $(X, F, \Psi_q)$ , as well as an equilibrium state  $\mu_{\psi_q}$  for  $(I, f, \psi_q)$ .

*Proof.* Firstly we have  $P(\Psi_{q,k}) = 0$  for the inducing scheme  $(X_k, F_k)$  by Case 3 of [BT4, Proposition 1]. Secondly we can replace  $(X_k, F_k)$  with any inducing scheme  $(X_j, F_j) \in SCover(\varepsilon)$  by [BT4, Lemma 9].  $\square$

This lemma means that if  $q \in PB_\varepsilon(\Phi_k)$  for  $(X_k, F_k) \in SCover^a(\varepsilon)$ , then  $q \in PB_\varepsilon(\Phi_j)$  for any  $(X_j, F_j) \in SCover^a(\varepsilon)$ . Therefore, we can denote this set of  $q$  by  $PB_\varepsilon^a(\varphi)$ . Since the same argument holds for inducing schemes of type (b), we can analogously define the set  $PB_\varepsilon^b(\varphi)$ . Note that  $\varepsilon' < \varepsilon$  implies  $PB_{\varepsilon'}(\varphi) \supset PB_\varepsilon(\varphi)$ . We define  $PB(\varphi) := \bigcup_{\varepsilon > 0} PB_\varepsilon(\varphi)$ .

**Remark 3.** *The structure of inducing schemes here means that we could just fix a single inducing scheme which has all the required thermodynamic properties in this section. However, in Section 4 we need to consider all the inducing schemes here in order to investigate the dimension spectrum.*

In [I1], the following conditions are given.

$$q^* := \inf\{q : \text{there exists } t \in \mathbb{R} \text{ such that } P(-t \log |DF| + q\Phi) \leq 0\}.$$

$$T_\Phi(q) := \begin{cases} \inf\{t \in \mathbb{R} : P(-t \log |DF| + q\Phi) \leq 0\} & \text{if } q \geq q^*, \\ \infty & \text{if } q < q^*. \end{cases}$$

The following is the main result of [I1, Theorem 4.1]. We can apply it to our schemes  $(X, F)$  since they can be seen as the full shift on countably many symbols  $(\Sigma, \sigma)$ . In applying this theorem, we choose the metric  $d_\Sigma$  on  $\Sigma$  to be compatible with the Euclidean metric on  $X$ .

**Theorem 2.** *Suppose that  $(\Sigma, \sigma)$  is the full shift on countably many symbols and  $\Phi : \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is locally Hölder continuous. The dimension spectrum  $\alpha \mapsto \mathcal{DS}_\Phi(\alpha)$  is the Legendre transform of  $q \mapsto T_\Phi(q)$ .*

If we know that an inducing scheme has sufficiently high, but not infinite, pressure for the potential  $\Psi_q$  then the measures we are interested in are all compatible to this inducing scheme. This leads to  $T_\Phi$  defined above being equal to  $T_\varphi$  as defined in (5), as in the following proposition.

**Proposition 4.** *Suppose that  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  is a map satisfying (3) and  $\varphi : I \rightarrow I$  is a Hölder potential satisfying (4). Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . For all  $q \in PB_\varepsilon^a(\varphi)$ , if  $(X, F) \in SCover^a(\varepsilon)$  with induced potential  $\Phi$ , then  $T_\Phi(q) = T_\varphi(q)$ . Similarly for type (b) inducing schemes.*

Moreover,

- (a) *there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $q_0 < 1 < q_1$  so that  $(q_0, q_1) \subset PB_\varepsilon^a(\varphi)$ ;*
- (b) *if  $f$  satisfies (2), then for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exist  $0 < q_2 < q_3$  so that  $(q_2, q_3) \subset PB_\varepsilon^b(\varphi)$  (taking  $\varepsilon$  small,  $q_2$  can be taken arbitrarily close to 0);*
- (c) *if  $f$  satisfies (1), for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exist  $q_2 < 0 < q_3$  so that  $(q_2, q_3) \subset PB_\varepsilon^b(\varphi)$ .*

*Proof.* By Lemma 3, for  $q \in PB_\varepsilon(\varphi)$ , and any  $(X, F) \in SCover(\varepsilon)$ ,  $P(\Psi_q) = 0$ . The Abramov formula in Lemma 1 implies that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= h_{\mu_{\Psi_q}}(f) + \int -T_\varphi(q) \log |Df| + q\varphi \, d\mu_{\Psi_q} \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{\int \tau \, d\mu_{\Psi_q}} \right) \left( h_{\mu_{\Psi_q}}(F) + \int -T_\varphi(q) \log |DF| + q\Phi \, d\mu_{\Psi_q} \right) \end{aligned}$$

and hence  $T_\Phi(q) \leq T_\varphi(q)$  on  $PB_\varepsilon(\varphi)$ . Since we also know that  $t \mapsto P(-t \log |DF| + q\Phi)$  is strictly convex for  $t$  near  $T_\varphi(q)$ , we have  $T_\Phi(q) = T_\varphi(q)$  on  $PB_\varepsilon(\varphi)$ .

By Lemma 3, for  $\varepsilon > 0$ , in order to check if  $q \in PB_\varepsilon(\varphi)$  and thus prove (a), (b) and (c), we only need to check if  $q \in PB_\varepsilon(\Phi)$  for one scheme  $(X, F) \in SCover(\varepsilon)$ . We will show that the estimate for  $Z_0^*(\Psi_q)$  is a sum of exponentially decaying terms, which is enough to show that there exists  $\delta > 0$  so that  $Z_0^*(\Psi_q + \delta\tau) < \infty$ .

As in the proof of Lemma 2, (4) and  $P(\varphi) = 0$  imply that  $\varphi < 0$ . Recall that by definition  $P(-T_\varphi(q) \log |Df| + q\varphi) = 0$ . Given  $(X, F) \in SCover(\varepsilon)$ , by the local Hölder continuity of every  $\Psi_q$ , there exists  $C > 0$  such that for  $Z_0^*$  as in (7),

$$Z_0^*(\Psi_q) := \sum_i \tau_i e^{-T_\varphi(q) \log |DF_i| + q\Phi_i} \leq C \sum_n n \sum_{\tau_i=n} |X_i|^{T_\varphi(q)} e^{q\Phi_i}.$$

We will first assume only that  $f$  satisfies (3) and that  $q$  is close to 1. In this case we work with inducing schemes of type (a). By Proposition 2, there exists  $\beta_\Phi > 0$  so that  $\sum_{\tau_i=n} e^{\Phi_i} = O(e^{-n\beta_\Phi})$ .

**Case 1:**  $q$  near 1 and  $q > 1$ . In this case  $T_\varphi(q) < 0$ . Since  $|X_i| \geq (\sup |Df|)^{-\tau_i}$ ,

$$Z_0^*(\Psi_q) \leq C \sum_n n (\sup |Df|)^{-n|T_\varphi(q)|} \sum_{\tau_i=n} e^{q\Phi_i} \leq C' \sum_n n (\sup |Df|)^{-n|T_\varphi(q)|} e^{-nq\beta_\Phi}.$$

Since for  $q$  near to 1,  $T_\varphi(q)$  is close to 0, the terms on the right decay exponentially, proving the existence of  $q_1 > 1$  in part (a).

**Case 2:**  $q$  near 1 and  $q < 1$ . In this case  $T_\varphi(q) > 0$ . By the Hölder inequality there exists  $C' > 0$  such that

$$Z_0^*(\Psi_q) \leq C \sum_n n \left( \sum_{\tau_i=n} e^{\Phi_i} \right)^q \left( \sum_{\tau_i=n} |X_i|^{\frac{T_\varphi(q)}{1-q}} \right)^{1-q} \leq C' \sum_n n e^{-qn\beta_\Phi} \left( \sum_{\tau_i=n} |X_i|^{\frac{T_\varphi(q)}{1-q}} \right)^{1-q}.$$

**Case 2(a):**  $\frac{T_\varphi(q)}{1-q} \geq 1$

In this case obviously  $Z_0^*(\Psi_q)$  can be estimated by exponentially decaying terms. (In fact, it is not too hard to show that this case is empty, but there is no need to give the details here.)

**Case 2(b):**  $\frac{T_\varphi(q)}{1-q} < 1$ . Here the term we need to control is, by the Hölder inequality

$$\left( \sum_{\tau_i=n} |X_i|^{\frac{T_\varphi(q)}{1-q}} \right)^{1-q} \leq \left[ \left( \sum_{\tau_i=n} |X_i| \right)^{\frac{T_\varphi(q)}{1-q}} \# \{ \tau_i = n \}^{1 - \left( \frac{T_\varphi(q)}{1-q} \right)} \right]^{1-q}.$$

We have

$$\left( \# \{ \tau_i = n \}^{1 - \left( \frac{T_\varphi(q)}{1-q} \right)} \right)^{1-q} = \# \{ \tau_i = n \}^{1-q-T_\varphi(q)}.$$

As explained in [BT4], for any  $\eta > 0$  there exists  $C_\eta > 0$  such that  $\# \{ \tau_i = n \} \leq C_\eta e^{n(h_{\text{top}}(f) + \eta)}$ . Since we also know that for  $q$  close to 1,  $1 - q - T_\varphi(q)$  is close to 0, the terms  $e^{-nq\beta_\Phi}$  dominate the estimate for  $Z_0^*(\Psi_q)$ , which completes the proof of (a).

Next we assume that  $f$  satisfies (2) and  $q > 0$  is close to 0. In this case we work with inducing schemes of type (b).

**Case 3:**  $q$  near 0 and  $q > 0$ . In this case  $T_\varphi(q) < 1$ . By [BT4, Proposition 3], if  $t$  is close to 1 then  $\sum_{\tau_i=n} |X_i|^t$  is uniformly bounded. Thus, as in Case 2,

$$Z_0^*(\Psi_q) \leq C \sum_n n \left( \sum_{\tau_i=n} e^{\Phi_i} \right)^q \left( \sum_{\tau_i=n} |X_i|^{\frac{T_\varphi(q)}{1-q}} \right)^{1-q} = O \left( n \sum_{\tau_i=n} e^{\Phi_i} \right)^q.$$

As in Case 2, there exists  $\beta_\Phi > 0$  so that  $\mu_\Phi \{ \tau = n \} = O(e^{-n\beta_\Phi})$ , which implies  $Z_0^*(\Psi_q)$  can be estimated by exponentially decaying terms.

**Case 4:**  $q$  near 0 and  $q < 0$ . This can only be considered when  $f$  satisfies (1). In this case  $T_\varphi(q) > 1$ . Note that by Proposition 3 there exists  $\beta_{DF} > 0$  so that  $\mu_{-\log |DF|} \{ \tau = n \} = O(e^{-n\beta_{DF}})$ . Thus,

$$Z_0^*(\Psi_q) \leq C \sum_n n e^{qn \inf \varphi} \left( \sum_{\tau_i=n} |X_i| \right)^{T_\varphi(q)} = O \left( \sum_n n e^{n(q \inf \varphi - T_\varphi(q)\beta_{DF})} \right).$$

For  $q$  close to 0 we have  $q \inf \varphi - T_\varphi(q) \beta_{DF} < 0$  and so  $Z_0^*(\Psi_q)$  can be estimated by exponentially decaying terms, proving (c).  $\square$

#### 4. INDUCING SCHEMES SEE MOST POINTS WITH POSITIVE LYAPUNOV EXPONENT

The purpose of this section is to show that if we are only interested in those sets for which the Lyapunov exponent is bounded away from 0, then there are inducing schemes which contain all the multifractal data for these sets. This is the content of the following proposition.

**Proposition 5.** *For all  $\lambda, s > 0$  there exist  $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(\lambda, s) > 0$ , a set  $\overline{LG}'_\lambda \subset \overline{LG}_\lambda$ , and an inducing scheme  $(X, F) \in SCover^a(\varepsilon)$  so that  $HD(\overline{LG}_\lambda \setminus \overline{LG}'_\lambda) \leq s$  and for all  $x \in \overline{LG}'_\lambda$  there exists  $k \geq 0$  so that  $f^k(x) \in (X, F)^\infty$ . There is also an inducing scheme in  $SCover^b(\varepsilon)$  with the same property.*

By the structure of the inducing schemes outlined above, we can replace  $\varepsilon$  with any  $\varepsilon' \in (0, \varepsilon)$ . This means that if there is a set  $A \subset I$  and  $\lambda > 0$  so that  $HD(A \cap \overline{LG}_\lambda) > 0$  then there is an inducing scheme  $(X, F)$  so that  $HD(A \cap \overline{LG}_\lambda \cap (X, F)^\infty) = HD(A \cap \overline{LG}_\lambda)$ . Hence the multifractal information for  $A \cap \overline{LG}_\lambda$  can be found using  $(X, F)$ . We remark that by Lemma 3, for  $\lambda > 0$  and  $q \in PB(\varphi)$ , if  $HD(\mathcal{K}_\alpha \cap \overline{LG}_\lambda) > 0$  then we can fix an inducing scheme  $(X, F)$  such that

$$HD(\mathcal{K}_\alpha \cap \overline{LG}_\lambda \cap (X, F)^\infty) = HD(\mathcal{K}_\alpha \cap \overline{LG}_\lambda).$$

For the proof of Proposition 5 we will need two lemmas.

Partly for completeness and partly in order to fix notation, we recall the definition of Hausdorff measure and dimension. For  $E \subset I$  and  $s, \delta > 0$ , we let

$$H_\delta^s(E) := \inf \left\{ \sum_i \text{diam}(A_i)^s \right\}$$

where the infimum is taken over collections  $\{A_i\}_i$  which cover  $E$  and with  $\text{diam}(A_i) < \delta$ . Then the  $s$ -Hausdorff measure of  $E$  is defined as  $H^s(E) := \limsup_{\delta \rightarrow 0} H_\delta^s(E)$ . The Hausdorff dimension is then  $HD(E) := \sup\{s : H^s(E) = \infty\}$ .

**Lemma 4.** *For all  $\lambda, s > 0$  there exists  $\eta > 0$ ,  $R \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\overline{LG}'_\lambda \subset \overline{LG}_\lambda$  so that  $HD(\overline{LG}_\lambda \setminus \overline{LG}'_\lambda) \leq s$ , and  $x \in \overline{LG}'_\lambda$  implies*

$$\limsup_k \frac{1}{k} \#\{1 \leq k \leq n : \hat{f}^k(\iota(x)) \in \hat{I}_R\} > \eta.$$

**Note on the proof:** It is important that here that we can prove this lemma for  $\overline{LG}_\lambda$  rather than  $\underline{LG}_\lambda$ . Otherwise Proposition 5 and, for example, our main corollaries would not hold. We would like to briefly discuss why we can prove this result for  $\overline{LG}_\lambda$  rather than  $\underline{LG}_\lambda$ . The argument we use in the proof is similar to arguments which show that under some condition on pointwise Lyapunov exponents for  $m$ -almost every point, then there is an invariant measure absolutely continuous with respect to  $m$ . Here  $m$  is usually a conformal measure. For example in [BT1, Theorem 4] we showed that if  $m(\underline{LG}_\lambda) > 0$  for a conformal measure  $m$  then ‘most points’ spend a positive frequency of their orbit



in a compact part of the Hofbauer tower, and hence there is an absolutely continuous invariant measure  $\mu \ll m$ . In that case it was convenient to use  $\underline{LG}_\lambda$  rather than  $\overline{LG}_\lambda$ . In [K3], and in a similar proof in [MS, Theorem V.3.2],  $m$  is Lebesgue measure and the ergodicity of  $m$  is used to allow them to weaken assumptions and to consider  $\overline{LG}_\lambda$  instead. In our case here, we cannot use a property like ergodicity, but on the other hand we do not need points to enter a compact part of the tower with positive frequency (which is essentially what is required in all the above cases), but simply infinitely often. Hence we can use  $\overline{LG}_\lambda$  instead.

For the proof of the lemma we will need the following result from [BRSS, Theorem 4]. Here  $m$  denotes Lebesgue measure.

**Proposition 6.** *If  $f$  satisfies (3) then there exists  $C > 0$  so that for any Borel set  $A$ ,*

$$m(f^{-n}(A)) \leq C m(A)^{\frac{1}{2\ell_{\max}(f)}}.$$

*Proof of Lemma 4.* For this proof we use ideas of [K2], see also [BT1]. We suppose that  $HD(\overline{LG}_\lambda) > 0$ , otherwise there is nothing to prove. We fix  $s \in (0, HD(\overline{LG}_\lambda))$ . Throughout this proof, we write  $\ell_{\max} = \ell_{\max}(f)$ .

For  $\gamma \geq 0$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $LG_\gamma^n := \{x : |Df^n(x)| \geq e^{\gamma n}\}$ .

For  $x \in I$ , we define

$$\text{freq}(R, \eta, n) := \left\{ x : \frac{1}{n} \# \left\{ 0 \leq k < n : \hat{f}^k(\iota(x)) \in \hat{I}_R \right\} \leq \eta \right\}$$

and

$$\text{freq}(R, \eta) := \left\{ y : \limsup_k \frac{1}{k} \# \left\{ 1 \leq k \leq n : \hat{f}^k(\iota(y)) \in \hat{I}_R \right\} \leq \eta \right\}.$$

For  $\lambda_0 \in (0, \lambda)$ ,  $R, n \geq 1$  and  $\eta > 0$  we consider the set

$$E_{\lambda_0, R, n}(\eta) := LG_{\lambda_0}^n \cap \text{freq}(R, \eta, n).$$

If  $x \in \overline{LG}_\lambda \cap \text{freq}(R, \eta)$  then there exists arbitrarily large  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $|Df^n(x)| \geq e^{\lambda_0 n}$ , and  $x \in \text{freq}(R, \eta, n)$ . Hence

$$\text{freq}(R, \eta) \cap \overline{LG}_\lambda \subset \bigcap_k \bigcup_{n \geq k} E_{\lambda_0, R, n}(\eta).$$

This means we can estimate the Hausdorff dimension of  $\text{freq}(R, \eta) \cap \overline{LG}_\lambda$  through estimates on  $HD(E_{\lambda_0, R, n}(\eta))$ .

We let  $\mathcal{P}_{E, n}$  denote the collection of cylinder sets of  $\mathcal{P}_n$  which intersect  $E_{\lambda_0, R, n}(\eta)$ . We will compute  $H_\delta^s(E_{\lambda_0, R, n}(\eta))$  using the natural structure of the dynamical cylinders  $\mathcal{P}_n$ . First note that by [H2, Corollary 1] (see also, for example, the proof of [BT1, Theorem 4]), for all  $\gamma > 0$  there exists  $R \geq 1$  and  $\eta > 0$  so that  $\#\mathcal{P}_{E, n} \leq e^{\gamma n}$  for all large  $n$ . In [BT1] this type of estimate was sufficient to show that conformal measure ‘lifted’ to the Hofbauer tower. The Hausdorff measure is more difficult to handle, since in this case we have an issue with distortion. Here we use an argument of [BT3] to deal with the distortion. We will make some conditions on  $\gamma$ , depending on  $s$  and  $\lambda$  below.

Let  $n(\delta) \in \mathbb{N}$  be so that  $n \geq n(\delta)$  implies  $|\mathbf{C}_n| < \delta$  for all  $\mathbf{C}_n \in \mathcal{P}_n$ .

We choose any  $\gamma \in (0, \lambda s/16\ell_{max}^2)$  and  $\theta := 4\gamma\ell_{max}^2/s$ . For  $x \in I$ , let

$$V_n[x] := \{y \in \mathbf{C}_n[x] : |f^n(y) - \partial f^n(\mathbf{C}_n[x])| < e^{-\theta n} |f^n(\mathbf{C}_n[x])|\}.$$

For a point  $x \in E_{\lambda_0, R, n}$ , we say that  $x$  is in Case 1 if  $x \in V_n[x]$ , and in Case 2 otherwise. We consider the measure of points in these different sets separately.

**Case 1:** For  $x \in I$ , we denote the part of  $f^n(\mathbf{C}_n[x])$  which lies within  $e^{-\theta n} |f^n(\mathbf{C}_n[x])|$  of the boundary of  $f^n(\mathbf{C}_n[x])$  by  $Bd_n[x]$ . We will estimate the Lebesgue measure of the pullback  $f^{-n}(Bd_n[x])$ . Note that this set consists of more than just the pair of connected components  $\mathbf{C}_n[x] \cap V_n[x]$ .

Clearly,  $m(Bd_n[x]) \leq 2e^{-\theta n} m(f^n(\mathbf{C}_n[x]))$ . Hence from Proposition 6, we have the (rather rough) estimate

$$m(V_n[x]) \leq m(f^{-n}(Bd_n[x])) \leq K_0 [2e^{-\theta n} m(f^n(\mathbf{C}_n[x]))]^{\frac{1}{2\ell_{max}^2}} \leq 2K_0 e^{-\frac{\theta n}{2\ell_{max}^2}} = 2K_0 e^{-\frac{2\gamma n}{s}}.$$

**Case 2:** Let  $\tilde{\mathbf{C}}_n[x] := \mathbf{C}_n[x] \setminus V_n[x]$ . As in [BT3], the intermediate value theorem and the Koebe lemma allow us to estimate

$$\frac{|\tilde{\mathbf{C}}_n[x]|}{|f^n(\tilde{\mathbf{C}}_n[x])|} \leq \left( \frac{1 + e^{-n\theta}}{e^{-n\theta}} \right)^2 \frac{1}{|Df^n(x)|}.$$

Hence for all large  $n$ ,

$$|\tilde{\mathbf{C}}_n[x]| \leq 2e^{2\theta n} e^{-\lambda n}.$$

By our choice of  $\gamma$ ,

$$|\tilde{\mathbf{C}}_n[x]| \leq 2e^{-n\frac{\lambda}{2}}.$$

If we assume that  $n \geq n(\delta)$ , the sets  $V_n[x] \subset \mathbf{C}_n[x] \in \mathcal{P}_{E, n}$  in Case 1 and  $\tilde{\mathbf{C}}_n[x] \subset \mathbf{C}_n[x] \in \mathcal{P}_{E, n}$  in Case 2 form a  $\delta$ -cover of  $E_{\lambda_0, R, n}(\eta)$ . This implies that for  $n$  large,

$$H_\delta^s(E_{\lambda_0, R, n}(\eta)) \leq 4e^{\gamma n} (e^{-n\frac{\lambda s}{2}} + K_0 e^{-2\gamma n}).$$

By our choice of  $\gamma$ , this is uniformly bounded in  $n$ . Since we can make the above estimate for all small  $\delta$ , we get that

$$HD(\overline{LG}_\lambda \cap \text{freq}(R, \eta)) \leq s.$$

So the set  $\overline{LG}_\lambda' := \overline{LG}_\lambda \setminus \text{freq}(R, \eta)$  has the required property.  $\square$

Let  $\{\varepsilon_n\}_n$  be a positive sequence decreasing to 0 and let  $B_n := B_{\varepsilon_n}(\partial \hat{I})$ .

**Lemma 5.** *For any  $R \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\eta > 0$ , there exists  $N(R, \eta) \in \mathbb{N}$  so that for  $x \in I$ , if*

$$\limsup_k \frac{1}{k} \# \left\{ 1 \leq j \leq k : \hat{f}^j(\iota(x)) \in \hat{I}_R \right\} > \eta,$$

*then  $\hat{f}^j(\iota(x)) \in \hat{I}_R \setminus B_N$  infinitely often.*

*Proof.* In a Hofbauer tower, if a point  $\hat{x} \in \hat{I}$  is very close to  $\partial \hat{I}$  then its  $\hat{f}$ -orbit shadows a point in  $\partial \hat{I}$  for a very long time, and so it must spend a long time high up in the tower. Therefore we can choose  $p, N \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $\hat{x} \in B_N(\partial \hat{I}) \cap \hat{I}_R$  implies that

$$\hat{f}^p(\hat{x}) \in \hat{I} \setminus \hat{I}_R \text{ and } \frac{1}{p} \# \{1 \leq j \leq p : \hat{f}^j(\hat{x}) \in \hat{I}_R\} < \eta. \quad (8)$$

Suppose, for a contradiction, that  $k$  is the last time that, for  $x \in I$ ,  $\hat{f}^k(\iota(x)) \in \hat{I}_R \setminus B_N$ . Then if  $\hat{f}^j(\iota(x)) \in \hat{I}_R$  for  $j > k$  then  $\hat{f}^j(\iota(x))$  must be contained in  $B_N$ . Hence by (8), we have

$$\limsup_k \frac{1}{k} \#\{1 \leq j \leq k : \hat{f}^j(\iota(x)) \in \hat{I}_R\} < \eta,$$

a contradiction.  $\square$

*Proof of Proposition 5.* We choose  $R, N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\overline{LG}'_\lambda$  as in Lemmas 4 and 5 so that for any  $x \in \overline{LG}'_\lambda$ ,  $\iota(x)$  enters  $\hat{I}_R \setminus B_N$  infinitely often.

In the following we can deal with either inducing schemes of type (a) or type (b). We can choose  $\varepsilon > 0$  so small that  $\hat{I}_R \setminus B_N \subset \cup_{\hat{X} \in \text{Cover}(\varepsilon)} \hat{X}$ . We denote the set of points  $\hat{x} \in \hat{I}$  so that the orbit of  $\hat{x}$  enters  $\hat{X} \subset \hat{I}$  infinitely often by  $\hat{X}^\infty$ . Therefore, for  $x \in \overline{LG}'_\lambda$ , there exists  $\hat{X}_k \in \text{Cover}(\varepsilon)$  so that  $\iota(x) \in \hat{X}_k^\infty$ . Thus

$$\overline{LG}'_\lambda = \bigcup_{k=1}^n \{x \in \overline{LG}'_\lambda : \iota(x) \in \hat{X}_k^\infty\}.$$

Therefore, we can choose a particular  $\hat{X}_k$  so that

$$HD(\overline{LG}'_\lambda) = HD\left\{x \in \overline{LG}'_\lambda : \iota(x) \in \hat{X}_k^\infty\right\},$$

as required.  $\square$

## 5. PROOF OF MAIN RESULTS

For a potential  $\varphi : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , if the Birkhoff average  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{S_n \varphi(x)}{n}$  exists, then we denote this limit by  $S_\infty \varphi(x)$ . If  $\Phi$  is some induced potential, we let  $S_\infty \Phi(x)$  be the equivalent average for the inducing scheme.

**Remark 4.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  satisfy (3) and  $\varphi$  be a Hölder potential satisfying (4) and  $P(\varphi) = 0$ . Proposition 2 implies that there exists an equilibrium state  $\mu_\varphi$ , but also for an inducing scheme  $(X, F)$ , it must have  $P(\Phi) = 0$  for the induced potential  $\Phi$ . In fact this is only stated for type (a) inducing schemes in Proposition 2, but we will prove this for type (b) schemes as well in Lemma 10.

For  $x \in X$ , we define

$$\check{d}_{\mu_\Phi}(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \mu_\Phi(\mathbf{C}_n^F[x])}{-\log |DF^n(x)|}$$

if the limit exists. Here  $\mathbf{C}_n^F[x]$  is the  $n$ -cylinder at  $x$  with respect to the inducing scheme  $(X, F)$ . Since  $P(\Phi) = 0$ , the Gibbs property of  $\mu_\Phi$  implies

$$\check{d}_{\mu_\Phi}(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Phi_n(x)}{-\log |DF^n(x)|}$$

whenever one of the limits on the right exists. Also note that if both  $S_\infty \Phi(x)$  and  $\lambda_F(x)$  exist then  $\check{d}_{\mu_\Phi}(x)$  also exists. It was shown by Pollicott and Weiss [PoWe] that

- $\check{d}_{\mu_\Phi}(x)$  and  $S_\infty \Phi(x)$  exist  $\Rightarrow d_{\mu_\Phi}(x)$  and  $\lambda_F(x)$  exist, and  $d_{\mu_\Phi}(x) = \check{d}_{\mu_\Phi}(x) = \frac{S_\infty \Phi(x)}{-\lambda_F(x)}$ ;
- $d_{\mu_\Phi}(x)$  and  $S_\infty \Phi(x)$  exist  $\Rightarrow \check{d}_{\mu_\Phi}(x)$  and  $\lambda_F(x)$  exist, and  $\check{d}_{\mu_\Phi}(x) = d_{\mu_\Phi}(x) = \frac{S_\infty \Phi(x)}{-\lambda_F(x)}$ .

Note that for  $x \in (X, F)^\infty$  we can write

$$\frac{\Phi_n(x)}{-\log |DF^n(x)|} = \frac{\left(\frac{\varphi_{n_k}(x)}{n_k}\right)}{\left(\frac{-\log |Df^{n_k}(x)|}{n_k}\right)}$$

where  $n_k = \tau^k(x)$ . Hence we can replace any assumption on the existence of  $S_\infty \Phi(x)$  and  $\lambda_F(x)$  above by the existence of  $S_\infty \varphi(x)$  and  $\lambda_f(x)$ .

Let

$$\alpha(q) := -\frac{\int \varphi \, d\mu_{\psi_q}}{\int \log |Df| \, d\mu_{\psi_q}} = -\frac{\int \Phi \, d\mu_{\Psi_q}}{\int \log |DF| \, d\mu_{\Psi_q}}.$$

For the proof Theorem A we will need two propositions relating the pointwise dimension for the induced measure and the original measure. The reason we need to do this here is that the induced measure  $\mu_\Phi$  is not, as it would be if the inducing scheme were a first return map, simply a rescaling of  $\mu_\varphi$ .

**Proposition 7.** *Given  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  and a Hölder potential  $\varphi : I \rightarrow I$  satisfying (4) and  $P(\varphi) = 0$ , then there exists an equilibrium state  $\mu_\varphi$  and a  $\varphi$ -conformal measure  $m_\varphi$  and  $C_\varphi > 0$  so that*

$$\frac{1}{C_\varphi} \leq \frac{d\mu_\varphi}{dm_\varphi} \leq C_\varphi.$$

Notice that this implies that  $dm_\varphi = d\mu_\varphi$  and, by the conformality of  $m_\varphi$ ,  $d\mu_\varphi(x) = d\mu_\varphi(f^n(x))$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

This proposition follows from [K1]. However, as we mentioned in the introduction, we can also prove the existence of conformal measures under slightly different hypotheses on the map and the potential. The class of potentials we can deal with include discontinuous potentials satisfying (4), as well as potentials  $x \mapsto -t \log |Df(x)|$  for  $t$  close to 1. Since this is of independent interest, we will provide a proof of this in the appendix. A generalised version of the following result is also proved in the appendix.

**Proposition 8.** *Suppose that  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  satisfies (3) and  $\varphi : I \rightarrow I$  is a Hölder potential satisfying (4) and  $P(\varphi) = 0$ . For any inducing scheme  $(X, F)$  either of type (a) or type (b), with induced potential  $\Phi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , for the equilibrium states  $\mu_\varphi$  for  $(I, f, \varphi)$  and  $\mu_\Phi$  for  $(X, F, \Phi)$ , there exists  $C'_\Phi > 0$  so that*

$$\frac{1}{C'_\Phi} \leq \frac{d\mu_\Phi}{d\mu_\varphi} \leq C'_\Phi.$$

Our last step before proving Theorem A is to show that the function  $T_\varphi$  as in (5) is strictly convex, which will mean that  $\mathcal{DS}_\varphi$  is strictly convex also, and the sets  $U$  will contain non-trivial intervals.

**Lemma 6.** *Suppose that  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  satisfies (3) and  $\varphi$  is a Hölder potential satisfying (4). Then either there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $T_\varphi$  is strictly convex in*

$$PB(\varphi) \cap ((-\delta, \delta) \cup (1 - \delta, 1 + \delta)),$$

or  $\mu_\varphi = \mu_{-\log |Df|}$ .

**Remark 5.** For the particular case when  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\varphi$  is a constant potential, in which case  $P(\varphi) = 0$  implies  $\varphi \equiv -h_{\text{top}}(f)$ , Lemma 6 says that  $T_\varphi$  is not convex if and only if  $\mu_{-\log|Df|} = \mu_{-h_{\text{top}}(f)}$ . By [D1, Proposition 3.1], this can only happen if  $f$  has finite postcritical set. We have excluded such maps from  $\mathcal{F}$ .

*Proof of Lemma 6.* Suppose that  $T_\varphi$  is not strictly convex on some interval  $U$  intersecting a neighbourhood of  $PB(\varphi) \cap [0, 1]$ . Since  $T_\varphi$  is necessarily convex, in  $U$  it must be affine. We will observe that for all  $q \in U$ , the equilibrium state for  $\psi_q$  is the same. We will then show that  $[0, 1] \subset U$ . Since (3) holds and hence there is an acip  $\mu_{-\log|Df|}$ , this means that  $\mu_\varphi \equiv \mu_{-\log|Df|}$ .

Our assumptions on  $U$  imply that there exists  $q_0 \in U$  so that for a relevant inducing scheme  $(X, F)$ , there exists  $\beta > 0$  so that  $\mu_{\Psi_{q_0}}\{\tau \geq n\} = O(e^{-\beta n})$ . Moreover,  $DT_\varphi(q)$  is some constant  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$  for all  $q \in U$ . This means that  $\frac{\int \varphi d\mu_{\psi_q}}{\lambda(\mu_{\psi_q})} = \gamma$  for all  $q \in U$ . Since by definition  $P(\psi_q) = 0$ , these facts imply that  $\mu_{\psi_q} = \mu_{\psi_{q_0}}$  for all  $q \in U$ .

By Proposition 4 there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $(1 - \delta, 1 + \delta) \subset PB(\varphi)$  and  $(0, \delta) \subset PB(\varphi)$ , and moreover if  $PB(\varphi)$  contains a neighbourhood of 0 then  $(-\delta, \delta) \subset PB(\varphi)$ .

**Case 1:** Suppose that  $U \cap PB(\varphi) \cap (1 - \delta, 1 + \delta) \neq \emptyset$ . Since by Proposition 4,  $T_\varphi$  is analytic in this interval,  $T_\varphi$  must be affine in the whole of  $(1 - \delta, 1 + \delta)$ . Therefore  $1 \in U$ . We will prove that  $0 \in U$ . By Proposition 4 we can choose a type (a) inducing scheme  $(X, F)$  so that  $\mu_{\psi_q}$  is compatible with  $(X, F)$  for all  $q \in (1 - \delta, 1 + \delta)$ . Recall from Proposition 2 that there exists  $\beta_\Phi > 0$  so that  $\mu_{\Psi_1}\{\tau \geq n\} = O(e^{-\beta_\Phi n})$ .

We suppose that  $0 \leq q < 1$ , and hence  $T_\varphi(q) \geq 0$ . We choose  $q_0 > 1 - \delta$  very close to  $1 - \delta$ . Then by convexity  $T_\varphi(q) \geq T_\varphi(q_0) + \gamma(q - q_0)$ . Hence, for  $Z_0^*$  as in (7),

$$\begin{aligned} Z_0^*(\Psi_q) &= \sum_n n \sum_{\tau_i=n} |X_i|^{T_\varphi(q)} e^{q\Phi_i} \leq \sum_n n \sum_{\tau_i=n} |X_i|^{T_\varphi(q_0) + \gamma(q - q_0)} e^{q\Phi_i} \\ &\leq \sum_n n \sup_{\tau_i=n} (|X_i|^{\gamma(q - q_0)} e^{(q - q_0)\Phi_i}) \sum_{\tau_i=n} |X_i|^{T_\varphi(q_0)} e^{q_0\Phi_i} \\ &\leq \sum_n n e^{n(q - q_0) \inf \varphi} \sum_{\tau_i=n} |X_i|^{T_\varphi(q_0)} e^{q_0\Phi_i}. \end{aligned}$$

By the Gibbs property of  $\mu_{\Psi_{q_0}}$ , we can estimate  $\sum_{\tau_i=n} |X_i|^{T_\varphi(q_0)} e^{q_0\Phi_i}$  by  $\mu_{\Psi_{q_0}}\{\tau = n\} = \mu_{\Psi_1}\{\tau = n\} \leq e^{-\beta_\Phi n}$ . So if  $(q - q_0) \inf \varphi < \beta_\Phi$  then similarly to the proof of Proposition 4,  $q \in PB(\varphi)$ . Since  $T_\varphi$  is analytic in  $PB(\varphi)$ , this means that  $T_\varphi$  is still affine at  $q$  and therefore that  $U$  was not the largest domain of affinity ‘to the left’. We can continue doing this until we hit the left-hand boundary of  $PB(\varphi)$ . In particular, this means that  $0 \in U$ .

**Case 2:** Suppose that  $PB(\varphi) \cap (-\delta, \delta) \cap U \neq \emptyset$ . As in Case 1, this implies  $[0, \delta] \in U$ . We will prove that  $1 \in U$ .

By Proposition 4 we can choose a type (b) inducing scheme  $(X, F)$  so that  $\mu_{\psi_q}$  is compatible with  $(X, F)$  for all  $q \in (\delta', \delta)$  where  $\delta' := \delta/2$ . Recall from Proposition 2 that there exists  $\beta_{DF} > 0$  so that  $\mu_{\Psi_{\delta'}}\{\tau \geq n\} = O(e^{-n\beta_{DF}})$ .

We let  $\delta < q \leq 1$  and  $q_0 < \delta$  be very close to  $\delta$ . Again by convexity  $T_\varphi(q) \geq T_\varphi(q_0) + \gamma(q - q_0)$ . Similarly to Case 1,

$$\begin{aligned} Z_0^*(\Psi_q) &= \sum_n n \sum_{\tau_i=n} |X_i|^{T_\varphi(q)} e^{q\Phi_i} \leq \sum_n n \sum_{\tau_i=n} |X_i|^{T_\varphi(q_0) + \gamma(q - q_0)} e^{q\Phi_i} \\ &\leq \sum_n n \sup_{\tau_i=n} (|X_i|^{\gamma(q - q_0)} e^{(q - q_0)\Phi_i}) \sum_{\tau_i=n} |X_i|^{T_\varphi(q_0)} e^{q_0\Phi_i}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $|X_i| \geq e^{-\tau_i|Df|_\infty}$  where  $|Df|_\infty := \sup_{x \in I} |Df(x)|$ ,

$$\sup_{\tau_i=n} (|X_i|^{\gamma(q - q_0)} e^{(q - q_0)\Phi_i}) \leq e^{n(q - q_0)(-\gamma|Df|_{\sup} + \sup \varphi)}.$$

So if  $(q - q_0)(-\gamma|Df|_\infty + \sup \varphi) < \beta_{DF}$  then similarly to Case 1 we can conclude that all points in  $PB(\varphi)$  to the right of  $q_0$  are in  $U$ . In particular  $1 \in U$ .

In both cases 1 and 2, we concluded that  $[0, 1] \subset U$ . Therefore  $\mu_\varphi \equiv \mu_{-\log|Df|}$ , as required.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem A.* Let  $L_\varphi$  be the Legendre transform of  $T_\varphi$  as in (5) wherever these functions are defined.

**The upper bound:**  $\widetilde{\mathcal{DS}}_\varphi \leq L_\varphi$ . To get this bound, we first pick a suitable inducing scheme. Given  $q \in PB(\varphi)$ , since  $\tilde{\mathcal{K}}_\varphi(\alpha(q)) = \cup_{n \geq 1} \overline{LG}_{\frac{1}{n}} \cap \tilde{\mathcal{K}}_\varphi(\alpha(q))$ , for all  $\eta > 0$  there exists  $\lambda > 0$  so that  $HD(\overline{LG}'_\lambda \cap \tilde{\mathcal{K}}_\varphi(\alpha(q))) \geq HD(\tilde{\mathcal{K}}_\varphi(\alpha(q))) - \eta$ . For some  $s < HD(\tilde{\mathcal{K}}_\varphi(\alpha(q)))$ , we take an inducing scheme  $(X, F)$  as in Proposition 5 (this can be for schemes of type (a) or (b), whichever we need).

We next show that  $\widetilde{\mathcal{DS}}_\varphi \leq \mathcal{DS}_\Phi$  and then use Theorem 2 and Proposition 4 to conclude the proof of the bound. Let  $x \in \mathcal{K}_\varphi(\alpha) \cap \overline{LG}'_\lambda$ . By transitivity there exists  $j$  so that  $x \in f^j(X)$ . Let  $y \in X$  be such that  $f^j(y) = x$ . Since  $x \in \overline{LG}'_\lambda$ , we must also have  $y \in (X, F)^\infty$  by Proposition 5. By Propositions 7 and 8,  $d_{\mu_\varphi}(x) = d_{\mu_\varphi}(y) = d_{\mu_\Phi}(y)$ , so  $y \in \mathcal{K}_\Phi(\alpha)$ . Therefore,

$$\tilde{\mathcal{K}}_\varphi(\alpha) \cap \overline{LG}'_\lambda \subset \cup_{k=0}^\infty f^k(\mathcal{K}_\Phi(\alpha)).$$

Hence

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{DS}}_\varphi - \eta \leq HD(\mathcal{K}_\varphi(\alpha) \cap \overline{LG}'_\lambda) \leq HD(\cup_{k=0}^\infty f^k(\mathcal{K}_\Phi(\alpha))).$$

Since  $f$  is clearly Lipschitz,  $HD(\cup_{k=0}^\infty f^k(\mathcal{K}_\Phi(\alpha))) = HD(\mathcal{K}_\Phi(\alpha))$ , so  $\widetilde{\mathcal{DS}}_\varphi(\alpha) - \eta \leq \mathcal{DS}_\Phi(\alpha)$ . Theorem 2 says that  $\mathcal{DS}_\Phi(\alpha(q))$  is  $L_\Phi(\alpha)$ , the Legendre transform of  $T_\Phi$ . Therefore,  $\widetilde{\mathcal{DS}}_\varphi(\alpha) - \eta \leq L_\Phi(\alpha) = L_\varphi(\alpha)$ , where the final equality follows from Proposition 4. Since  $\eta > 0$  was arbitrary, we have  $\widetilde{\mathcal{DS}}_\varphi(\alpha) \leq L_\varphi(\alpha)$ .

**The lower bound:**  $\widetilde{\mathcal{DS}}_\varphi \geq L_\varphi$ . We will use the Hausdorff dimension of the equilibrium states for  $\psi_q$  to give us the required upper bound here. For  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_+$ , by Theorem 1 there exists an inducing scheme  $(X, F)$  which  $\mu$  is compatible to. This can be chosen to be of type (a) or type (b). By Proposition 8,  $d_{\mu_\varphi}(x) = d_{\mu_\Phi}(x)$  for any  $x \in (X, F)^\infty$ , where  $\Phi$  is the induced potential for  $(X, F)$ . Now suppose that  $\frac{\int \varphi d\mu}{\lambda_f(\mu)} = -\alpha$ . Then for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $x$ ,  $S_\infty \varphi(x)$  and  $\lambda(x)$  exist, and by the above and Remark 4, since we may choose  $X$  so that

for  $x \in (X, F)^\infty$ , we have

$$d_{\mu_\varphi}(x) = d_{\mu_\Phi}(x) = \frac{S_\infty \varphi(x)}{-\lambda_f(x)} = \alpha.$$

Hence  $\mu$ -a.e.  $x$  is in  $\mathcal{K}_\varphi(\alpha)$ . Therefore,

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{DS}}_\varphi(\alpha) \geq \sup \left\{ \frac{h_\mu}{\lambda_f(\mu)} : \mu \in \mathcal{M}_+ \text{ and } \frac{\int \varphi d\mu}{\lambda_f(\mu)} = -\alpha \right\}.$$

By Lemma 3, we know that there is an equilibrium state  $\mu_{\psi_q}$  for  $\psi_q$ . Then by definition,  $h_{\mu_{\psi_q}} + \int -T(q) \log |Df| + q\varphi d\mu_{\psi_q} = 0$ . Therefore, for  $\alpha = \alpha(q)$ ,

$$\frac{h_{\mu_{\psi_q}}}{\lambda_f(\mu_{\psi_q})} = T(q) + q\alpha = L_\varphi(\alpha).$$

And hence  $\widetilde{\mathcal{DS}}_\varphi(\alpha) \geq L_\varphi(\alpha)$ . Putting our two bounds together, we conclude that  $\widetilde{\mathcal{DS}}_\varphi(\alpha) = L_\varphi(\alpha)$ .

We next show (a), (b) and (c). First note that since we have assumed that  $\mu_\varphi \not\equiv \mu_{-\log |Df|}$ , Lemma 6 means that  $T_\varphi$  is strictly convex in  $PB(\varphi)$ . This implies that  $U$  will contain non-trivial intervals. For example, if (3) holds then  $P(\varphi) = 0$  and [HR] imply that

$$\alpha(1) = -\frac{\int \varphi d\mu_\varphi}{\lambda_f(\mu_\varphi)} = \frac{h_{\mu_\varphi}}{\lambda_f(\mu_\varphi)} = HD(\mu_\varphi).$$

By Proposition 4 and Lemma 6, for any  $\alpha$  close to  $HD(\mu_\varphi)$  there exists  $q$  such that  $DT_\varphi(q) = \alpha$ . Hence by the above,  $\widetilde{\mathcal{DS}}_\varphi(\alpha) = L_\varphi(\alpha)$ .

Similarly, let us assume that (2) holds. We have

$$\alpha(0) = -\frac{\int \varphi d\mu_{-\log |Df|}}{\lambda_f(\mu_{-\log |Df|})} = \alpha_{ac}.$$

So the arguments above, Proposition 4 and Lemma 6 imply that for any  $\alpha < \alpha_{ac}$  there exists  $q$  such that  $DT_\varphi(q) = \alpha$ , and also  $\widetilde{\mathcal{DS}}_\varphi(\alpha) = L_\varphi(\alpha)$ . The same holds for all  $\alpha$  in a neighbourhood of  $\alpha_{ac}$  when (1) holds.  $\square$

*Proof of Proposition 1.* It was pointed out in [I1, Remark 4.9] that by [BaS], for an inducing scheme  $(X, F)$  with potential  $\Phi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , the Hausdorff dimension of the set of points with  $d_{\mu_\Phi}(x)$  not defined has the same dimension as the set of points for which the inducing scheme is defined for all time. So we can choose  $(X, F)$  to be any inducing scheme which is compatible to the acip to show that the Hausdorff dimension of this set of points is 1. In fact any type (a) or type (b) inducing scheme is compatible to the acip. By Proposition 8, if  $d_{\mu_\Phi}(x)$  not defined then neither is  $d_{\mu_\varphi}(x)$ , so the proposition is proved.  $\square$

**5.1. Going to large scale: the proof of Corollary C.** Suppose that  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  extends to a polynomial on  $\mathbb{C}$  with no parabolic points and all critical points in  $I$ . In the context of rational maps, Graczyk and Smirnov [GS] prove numerous results for such maps satisfying (2). For  $\delta > 0$ , we say that  $x$  goes to  $\delta$ -large scale at time  $n$  if there exists a neighbourhood  $W$  of  $x$  such that  $f : W \rightarrow B_\delta(f^n(x))$  is a diffeomorphism. It is proved in [GS] that there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that the set of points which do not go to  $\delta$ -large scale for an infinite

sequence of times has Hausdorff dimension less than  $\frac{\ell_{max}(f)}{\beta_P - 1} < 1$  where  $\beta_P$  is defined in (2). Here we will sketch how this implies Corollary C.

By [K2], if  $f$  is an interval map,  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_{erg}$  and  $x$  goes to  $\delta$ -large scale with frequency  $\gamma$ , then there exists  $N = N(\delta)$  so that iterates of  $\iota(x)$  by  $\hat{f}$  enter  $\hat{I}_N$  with frequency at least  $\gamma$ . In [K2, BT1], this idea was used to prove that for  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_{erg}$ , if  $\mu$ -a.e.  $x$  goes to  $\delta$ -large scale with some frequency greater than  $\gamma > 0$ , then there exists  $\hat{\mu}$  an ergodic  $\hat{f}$ -invariant probability measure on  $\hat{I}$ , with  $\hat{\mu}(\hat{I}_N) > \gamma$  (so also  $\hat{\mu}$ -a.e.  $\hat{x}$  enters  $\hat{I}_N$  with positive frequency), and  $\mu = \hat{\mu} \circ \pi^{-1}$ . By the arguments above this means that we can build an inducing  $(X, F)$  scheme from a set  $\hat{X} \in \hat{I}_N$  which is compatible to  $\mu$ .

However, to prove Corollary C, we only need that sufficiently many points  $x$  have  $k \geq 0$  such that  $f^k(x) \in (X, F)^\infty$ , which does not necessarily mean that these points must go to large scale with positive frequency. (Note that we already know that all the measures  $\mu$  we are interested in can be lifted to  $\hat{I}$ .) We only need to use the fact, as above, that if  $A$  is the set of points which go to  $\delta$ -large scale infinitely often, then there exists  $R \in \mathbb{N}$  so that for all  $x \in A$ ,  $\iota(x)$  enters  $\hat{I}_R$  infinitely often. Hence the machinery developed above ‘sees’ all of  $A$ , up to a set of Hausdorff dimension  $< \frac{\ell_{max}(f)}{\beta_P - 1}$ . Since this value is  $< 1$ , for our class of rational maps, we have  $\mathcal{DS}_\varphi(\alpha) = \widetilde{\mathcal{DS}}_\varphi(\alpha)$  for  $\alpha$  close to  $\alpha_{ac}$ . Similarly, if  $\frac{\ell_{max}(f)}{\beta_P - 1} < HD(\mu_\varphi)$  then the same applies for  $\alpha$  close to  $HD(\mu_\varphi)$ .

Note that for rational maps as above, but satisfying (1), the same argument gives another proof of Corollary B.

It seems likely that the analyticity condition can be weakened to include all maps in  $\mathcal{F}$  satisfying (2).

**5.2. Points with zero Lyapunov exponent can be seen.** In this section we discuss further which points and cannot be seen by the inducing schemes we use here.

Suppose that  $(X, F, \tau)$  is an inducing scheme of type (a). Then there is a corresponding set  $\hat{X} \subset \hat{I}$  such that  $\tau(y)$  is  $r_{\hat{X}}(\hat{y})$  where  $\hat{y} \in \hat{X}$  is such that  $\pi(\hat{y}) = y$  and  $r_{\hat{X}}$  is the first return time to  $\hat{X}$ . Then there exist points  $\hat{x} \in \hat{X}$  so that  $\pi(\hat{f}^k(x)) \in \text{Crit}$  and  $\hat{f}^j(\hat{x}) \notin \hat{X}$  for all  $1 \leq j < k$ . This implies that from iterate  $k$  onwards, this orbit is always in the boundary of its domain  $D \in \mathcal{D}$ . Since  $\hat{X}$  is always chosen to be compactly contained inside its domain  $D_{\hat{X}} \in \mathcal{D}$ , this means that  $\hat{x}$  never returns to  $\hat{X}$ . Hence for  $x = \pi(\hat{x})$ ,  $\tau(x) = \infty$ . On the other hand, there are precritical points  $x$  with  $\hat{x} = \pi|_{\hat{X}}^{-1}(x)$  which returns to  $\hat{X}$  before it hits a ‘critical line’  $\pi^{-1}(c)$  for  $c \in \text{Crit}$ . For such a point,  $\tau(x) < \infty$ , but for all large iterates  $k$ , we must have  $\tau(f^k(x)) = \infty$ . Hence precritical points in  $X$  cannot have finite inducing time for all iterates. This can be shown similarly for type (b) inducing schemes. We can extend this to show that no precritical point is counted in our proof of Theorem A.

Moreover, in this paper we are able to find  $\widetilde{\mathcal{DS}}_\varphi(\alpha)$  through measures on  $\mathcal{K}_\alpha$ . In fact we can only properly deal with measures which are compatible to some inducing scheme. As in Theorem 1, the only measures we can consider are in  $\mathcal{M}_+$ . This means that the set of points  $x$  with  $\underline{\lambda}(x) = 0$  is not seen by these measures. As pointed out above Corollary B, [BS] shows that in the Collet-Eckmann case, the set of points with  $\bar{\lambda}(x) = 0$  is countable



and thus has zero Hausdorff dimension. (Note that even in this well-behaved case it is not yet clear that the set of points with  $\underline{\lambda}(x) = 0$  has zero Hausdorff dimension.) The general question of what is the Hausdorff dimension of  $I \setminus \overline{LG}_0$  for topologically transitive maps is, to our knowledge, open.

On the other hand, it is not always the case that given an inducing scheme  $(X, F, \tau)$ , all points  $x \in X$  for which  $\tau(F^k(x)) < \infty$  for all  $k \geq 0$  have positive Lyapunov exponent. For example, we say that  $f$  has *uniform hyperbolic structure* if  $\inf\{\lambda_f(p) : p \text{ is periodic}\} > 0$ . Nowicki and Sands [NS] showed that for unimodal maps in  $\mathcal{F}$  this condition is equivalent to (1). If we take  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  without uniform hyperbolic structure, then it can be shown that for any inducing scheme  $(X, F, \tau)$  as above, there is a sequence  $\{n_k\}_k$  such that

$$\frac{\sup\{\log |DF(x)| : x \in X_{n_k}\}}{\tau_{n_k}} \rightarrow 0.$$

There exists  $x \in X$  so that  $F^k(x) \in X_{n_k}$  for all  $k$ . Thus  $\underline{\lambda}(x) \leq 0$ , but  $\tau(F^k(x)) < \infty$  for all  $k \geq 0$ . In the light of the proof of Corollary C, we note that  $x$  goes to  $|X|$ -large scale infinitely often, but with zero frequency.

In conclusion, while it may not be necessary, it seems to be extremely difficult to study notions such as dimension spectra unless we are allowed to exclude points  $x$  with  $\bar{\lambda}(x) \leq 0$  from consideration.

## 6. LYAPUNOV SPECTRUM

For  $\lambda \geq 0$  we let

$$L_\lambda = L_\lambda(f) := \{x : \lambda_f(x) = \lambda\} \text{ and } L' = L'(f) := \{x : \lambda_f(x) \text{ does not exist}\}.$$

The function  $\lambda \mapsto HD(L_\lambda)$  is called the *Lyapunov spectrum*. Notice that by [BS], if  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  satisfies (3) then if the Lyapunov exponent at a given point exists then it must be greater than or equal to 0. In this section we explain how the results above for pointwise dimension are naturally related to the Lyapunov spectrum. As we show below, the equilibrium states  $\mu_{-t \log |Df|}$  found in [PSe, BT4] for certain values of  $t$ , depending on the properties of  $f$ , are the measures of maximal dimension sitting on the sets  $L_\lambda$  for some  $\lambda = \lambda(t)$ .

Recall that  $\mu_{-\log |Df|}$  is the acip for  $f$ . We denote the measure of maximal entropy by  $\mu_{-h_{top}(f)}$  since it is the equilibrium state for a constant potential  $\varphi_a(x) = a$  for all  $x \in I$ ; and in order to ensure  $P(\varphi_a) = 0$ , we can set  $a = -h_{top}(f)$ . We let  $\mathcal{DS}_{-h_{top}(f)}(\alpha) = HD(\mathcal{K}_{-h_{top}(f)}(\alpha))$  where  $\mathcal{K}_{-h_{top}(f)}$  is defined for the measure  $\mu_{-h_{top}(f)}$  as above.

**Proposition 9.** *If  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  then there exists an open set  $U \subset \mathbb{R}$  containing  $\frac{h_{top}(f)}{\lambda_f(\mu_{-h_{top}(f)})}$  so that the values of  $HD\left(L_{\frac{h_{top}(f)}{\alpha}}\right) = \mathcal{DS}_{-h_{top}(f)}(\alpha)$  are given as the Legendre transform of  $T_{-h_{top}(f)}$  at  $\alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in U$ . If  $f$  satisfies (2), then  $\frac{h_{top}(f)}{\lambda_f(\mu_{-h_{top}(f)})}$  is in the closure of  $U$ , and if  $f$  satisfies (1) then  $\frac{h_{top}(f)}{\lambda_f(\mu_{-h_{top}(f)})}$  is contained in  $U$ .*

As observed by Bohr and Rand, this proposition would have to be adapted slightly when we are dealing with quadratic Chebyshev polynomial (which is not in our class  $\mathcal{F}$ ). In this case,  $\mu_{-h_{top}(f)} = \mu_{-\log |Df|}$ , so the Lyapunov spectrum can not be analytic in a neighbourhood of 1. Note that this agrees with Lemma 6 and Remark 5.

Note that the first part of the proposition makes no assumption on the growth of  $|Df^n(f(c))|$  for  $c \in \text{Crit}$ . The proof of this proposition follows almost exactly as in the proof of Proposition 4, so we only give a sketch.

*Proof.* Given an inducing scheme  $(X, F)$ , by Remark 4, for all  $x \in (X, F)^\infty$  if  $\lambda_f(x)$  exists then

$$\lambda_f(x) = \frac{h_{\text{top}}(f)}{d_{\mu_{-\tau h_{\text{top}}(f)}}(x)}.$$

Here the potential is  $\varphi = -h_{\text{top}}(f)$ , and the induced potential is  $-\tau h_{\text{top}}(f)$ . This means that we can get the Lyapunov spectrum directly from  $d_{\mu_{-\tau h_{\text{top}}(f)}}(x)$ . As in Proposition 8,  $d_{\mu_{-\tau h_{\text{top}}(f)}}(x) = d_{\mu_{-h_{\text{top}}(f)}}(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .

Therefore it only remains to discuss the interval  $U$ . First we note that Lemma 6 holds in this case without any assumption on the proof of  $|Df^n(f(c))|$  for  $c \in \text{Crit}$ . We fix an inducing scheme  $(X, F)$ . That  $Z_0^*(\Psi_q + \delta_q \tau) < \infty$  for some small  $\delta_q > 0$ , for  $q$  in some open interval  $U$  can be proved exactly in the same way as in the proof of Proposition 4.  $\square$

Note that similarly to Proposition 1, the set of points for which the Lyapunov exponent is not defined has Hausdorff dimension 1.

**Remark 6.** For  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $P_t := P(-t \log |Df|)$ . It follows that  $P_{T_{-h_{\text{top}}(f)}(q)} = qh_{\text{top}}(f)$ . Since  $\mu_{\psi_q}$  is an equilibrium state for  $-T_{-h_{\text{top}}(f)}(q) \log |Df| - qh_{\text{top}}(f)$ , then is also an equilibrium state for  $-T_{-h_{\text{top}}(f)}(q) \log |Df|$ . Therefore, the measures for  $\psi_q$  are precisely those found for the potential  $-t \log |Df|$  in Proposition 3 and in [BT2, Theorem 6].

**Remark 7.** If (1) does not hold, then Proposition 9 does not deal with  $L_\lambda$  for  $\lambda < \lambda(\mu_{-\log |Df|})$ . This is because, at least in the unimodal case, we have no equilibrium state with positive Lyapunov exponent for the potential  $x \mapsto -t \log |Df(x)|$  for  $t > 1$  (i.e., there is a phase transition at 1).

Nakaishi [Na] and Gelfert and Rams [GR] consider the Lyapunov spectrum for Manneville-Pomeau maps with an absolutely continuous invariant measure, which has polynomial decay of correlations. Despite there being a phase transition for  $t \mapsto P_t$  at  $t = 1$ , they are still able to compute the Lyapunov spectrum in the regime  $\lambda \in [0, \lambda(\mu_{-\log |Df|})]$ . Indeed they show that  $HD(L_\lambda) = 1$  for all these values of  $\lambda$ . In forthcoming work we will show that we have the same phenomenon in our setting when (2), but not (1), holds.

**Remark 8.** If (1) holds then it can be computed that in the above proof,  $Z_0^*(\Psi_q + \delta \tau) < \infty$  whenever  $(1 - T_{-h_{\text{top}}(f)}(q) - q)h_{\text{top}}(f) - \alpha T_{-h_{\text{top}}(f)}(q)$ , where  $\alpha$  is the rate of decay of  $\mu_{-\log |Df|}(\{\tau > n\})$  and  $\delta$  is some constant  $> 0$ . If  $f$  is a Collet-Eckmann map very close to the Chebyshev polynomial, then  $t \mapsto P(-t \log |Df|)$  is close to an affine map, and thus  $T_{-h_{\text{top}}(f)}$  is also close to an affine map, then  $Z_0^*(\Psi_q + \delta_q \tau) < \infty$  for all  $q$  in a neighbourhood of  $[0, 1]$  and for some  $\delta_q > 0$ .

The unimodal maps considered by Pesin and Senti [PSe] have the above property and so there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  so that  $[0, 1] \subset PB_\varepsilon(-h_{\text{top}}(f))$ . However, this may not be the whole spectrum.

In [PSe], they ask if it is possible to find a unimodal map  $f : I \rightarrow I$  so that there is a equilibrium state for the potential  $x \mapsto -t \log |Df|$  for all  $t \in (-\infty, \infty)$ , and that the pressure function  $t \mapsto P(-t \log |Df|)$  is analytic in this interval. This would be in order

to implement a complete study of the thermodynamic formalism. As Dobbs points out in [D2], in order to show this, even in the ‘most hyperbolic’ cases, one must restrict attention to measures on a subset of the phase space: otherwise we would at least expect a phase transition in the negative spectrum.

## APPENDIX

In this appendix we introduce a class of potentials for which the results in the rest of the paper hold. We will also prove slightly generalised versions of Propositions 7 and 8.

Given a potential  $\varphi$ , and an inducing scheme  $(X, F)$  of type (a) or (b), as usual we let  $\Phi$  be the induced potential. If

$$\sum_n V_n(\Phi) < \infty, \quad (9)$$

then we say that  $\varphi$  satisfies the summable variations for induced potential condition, with respect to this inducing scheme. If  $\varphi$  satisfies this condition for every type (a) or (b) inducing scheme  $(X, F)$  with  $|X|$  sufficiently small, we write  $\varphi \in SVI$ . Note that in [BT2, Lemma 3] it is proved that if  $\varphi$  is Hölder and  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  satisfies (4) then  $\varphi \in SVI$ . Also in [BT2] it was proved that Proposition 2 holds for all potentials in  $SVI$  satisfying (4), with no assumptions on the growth along the critical orbits.

Proposition 7 is already known in the case that  $\varphi$  is Hölder. For interest, we will change the class of potentials in that proposition to those in  $SVI$  satisfying (4), as well as to potentials of the form  $x \mapsto -t \log |Df(x)|$ . We also widen the class of potentials considered in Proposition 8. We will refer to Propositions 7 and 8, but with only the assumptions that  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\varphi \in SVI$ , as Propositions 7’ and 8’. Note that Proposition 8’ plus [BT2, Lemma 3] implies Proposition 8. The proof of these propositions requires three steps:

- Proving the existence of a conformal measure  $m_\varphi$  for a potential  $\varphi \in SVI$  satisfying (4) and  $P(\varphi) = 0$ . Since we do this using the measure  $m_\Phi$  from Proposition 2, we only really need to prove this for inducing schemes of type (a). However, it is of independent interest that this step can also be done for the potential  $x \mapsto -t \log |Df(x)| - P(-t \log |Df|)$ , so we allow type (b) inducing schemes also.
- Proving that a rescaling of the measure  $m_\varphi$  is also conformal for our inducing schemes. This will be used directly in the proof of Proposition 7’, so must hold for both type (a) and type (b) inducing schemes. Note that this step works for all of the types of potential mentioned above.
- Proving that the density  $\frac{d\mu_\varphi}{dm_\varphi}$  is bounded. We will use type (a) inducing schemes to prove this. In this step, we must assume that  $\varphi$  is in  $SVI$ , satisfies (4) and  $P(\varphi) = 0$ .

The necessary parts of the first and third of these steps are the content of Proposition 7’. As above, for the proof of this proposition, we only need to use type (a) inducing schemes. But we will give the proof of the existence of the conformal measure for both types of schemes for interest. Our inducing scheme  $(X, F, \tau)$  is derived from a first return map to a set  $\hat{X} \subset \hat{I}$ . Recall that if we have a type (a) scheme, then  $\hat{X}$  is an interval in a single domain  $\hat{X} \subset D \in \mathcal{D}$  in the Hofbauer tower. In the type (b) case,  $\hat{X}$  may consist of infinitely many such intervals. We let  $r_{\hat{X}}$  be the first return time to  $\hat{X}$  and  $R_{\hat{X}} = \hat{f}^{r_{\hat{X}}}$ . We let  $\hat{X}_i$  denote the first return domains of  $R_{\hat{X}}$ .

We let  $\hat{\varphi} := \varphi \circ \pi$ , and  $\hat{\mu}_{\varphi, \hat{X}} := \frac{\hat{\mu}_{\varphi|_{\hat{X}}}}{\hat{\mu}(\hat{X})}$  be the conditional measure on  $\hat{X}$ . As explained in [BT4], the measure  $\mu_{\Phi}$  is the same as  $\hat{\mu}_{\varphi, \hat{X}} \circ \pi^{-1}$ . Proposition 2 implies that for type (a) inducing schemes  $(X, F)$ , the induced potential  $\Phi$  has  $P(\Phi) = 0$ , and there a conformal measure and equilibrium state  $m_{\Phi}$  and  $\mu_{\Phi}$  and  $C_{\Phi} > 0$  so that  $\frac{1}{C_{\Phi}} \leq \frac{d\mu_{\Phi}}{dm_{\Phi}} \leq C_{\Phi}$ . We show in Lemma 10 that this is also true for type (b) inducing schemes.

We define  $\hat{m}_{\varphi}|_{\hat{X}} := m_{\Phi} \circ \pi|_{\hat{X}}$ . We can propagate this measure throughout  $\hat{I}$  as follows.

For  $\hat{x} \in \hat{X}$  with  $r_{\hat{X}}(\hat{x}) < \infty$ , for  $0 \leq k \leq r_{\hat{X}}(\hat{x}) - 1$ , we define

$$d\hat{m}_{\varphi}(\hat{f}^k(\hat{x})) = e^{-\hat{\varphi}_k(\hat{x})} d\hat{m}_{\varphi}|_{\hat{X}}(\hat{x}).$$

Let  $(X, f)$  be a dynamical system and  $\varphi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a potential. We say that a measure  $m$ , is  $\varphi$ -sigma-conformal for  $(X, f)$  if for any Borel set  $A$  so that  $f : A \rightarrow f(A)$  is a bijection,

$$m(f(A)) = \int_A e^{-\varphi} dm.$$

Or equivalently  $dm(f(x)) = e^{-\varphi(x)} dm(x)$ . So the usual conformal measures are also sigma-conformal, but this definition allows us to deal with infinite measures. The next two lemmas apply to potentials  $\varphi \in SVI$  satisfying (4) and  $P(\varphi) = 0$ , or of the form  $x \mapsto -t \log |Df(x)| - P(-t \log |Df|)$  as in Proposition 3.

**Lemma 7.** *Suppose that  $(X, F)$  is a type (a) or type (b) system and  $P(\Phi) = 0$ .*

- (a)  $\hat{m}_{\varphi}$  as defined above is a  $\varphi$ -sigma-conformal measure.
- (b) Given a  $\hat{\varphi}$ -sigma-conformal measure  $\hat{m}'_{\varphi}$  for  $(\hat{I}, \hat{f})$ , then up to a rescaling,  $\hat{m}'_{\varphi} = \hat{m}_{\varphi}$ .

*Proof.* We first prove (a). The  $\Phi$ -conformality of  $m_{\Phi}$  implies that  $\hat{m}_{\varphi}|_{\hat{X}}$  is  $\hat{\Phi}$ -conformal for the system  $(\hat{X}, R_{\hat{X}}, \hat{\Phi})$  for  $\hat{\Phi}(\hat{x}) := \Phi(\pi(\hat{x}))$ .

Given  $\hat{x} \in \hat{X}$ , if  $0 \leq j < r_{\hat{X}}(\hat{x}) - 1$ , then the relation  $d\hat{m}_{\varphi} \circ \hat{f}(\hat{f}^j(\hat{x})) = e^{-\hat{\varphi}(\hat{x})} d\hat{m}_{\varphi}(\hat{f}^j(\hat{x}))$  is immediate from the definition. For  $j = r_{\hat{X}}(\hat{x}) - 1$ , then  $\hat{f}(\hat{f}^j(\hat{x})) = R_{\hat{X}}(\hat{x})$  and we obtain, for  $\hat{x} \in \hat{X}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} d\hat{m}_{\varphi} \circ \hat{f}(\hat{f}^j(\hat{x})) &= e^{-\hat{\varphi}_j(\hat{x})} d\hat{m}_{\varphi}(\hat{x}) = d\hat{m}_{\varphi}(\hat{R}(\hat{x})) = e^{-\hat{\Phi}(\hat{x})} d\hat{m}_{\varphi}(\hat{x}) \\ &= e^{-\hat{\varphi}(\hat{f}^{\hat{r}_{\hat{X}}(\hat{x})-1}(\hat{x}))} e^{-\hat{\varphi}_{r_{\hat{X}}(\hat{x})-2}(\hat{x})} d\hat{m}_{\varphi}(\hat{x}) \\ &= e^{-\hat{\varphi}(\hat{f}^{\hat{r}_{\hat{X}}(\hat{x})-1}(\hat{x}))} d\hat{m}_{\varphi}(\hat{f}^{\hat{r}_{\hat{X}}(\hat{x})-1}(\hat{x})) = e^{-\hat{\varphi}(\hat{f}^j(\hat{x}))} d\hat{m}_{\varphi}(\hat{f}^j(\hat{x})), \end{aligned}$$

as required.

For the proof of (b), for  $\hat{x} \in \hat{X}$ , by definition  $d\hat{m}'_{\varphi}(R_{\hat{X}}(\hat{x})) = e^{-\hat{\Phi}(\hat{x})} d\hat{m}'_{\varphi}(\hat{x})$ . Let  $\hat{X}'$  be some domain in  $\hat{X}$  contained in some single domain  $D \in \mathcal{D}$  (this is not a necessary step if the inducing scheme is of type (a)). This implies that  $m'_{\varphi} := \hat{m}'_{\varphi} \circ \pi_{\hat{X}'}^{-1}$  is  $\Phi$ -conformal after rescaling. As in Proposition 2, there is only one  $\Phi$ -conformal measure for  $(X, F)$ , which implies that  $\hat{m}'_{\varphi} = \hat{m}_{\varphi}$  up to a rescaling.  $\square$

Given  $\hat{X} \subset \hat{I}$ , we consider the system  $(\hat{X}, R_{\hat{X}})$  where  $R_{\hat{X}}$  is the first return map to  $\hat{X}$ . The measure  $\hat{\mu}_\varphi$  is an invariant measure for  $(\hat{X}, R_{\hat{X}})$ , see [K4]. Adding Kac's Lemma to (6), for any  $\hat{A} \subset \hat{I}$  we have

$$\hat{\mu}_\varphi(\hat{A}) := \sum_i \sum_{0 \leq k \leq r_{\hat{X}}|_{\hat{X}_i} - 1} \hat{\mu}_\varphi(\hat{f}^{-k}(\hat{A}) \cap \hat{X}_i). \quad (10)$$

This means we can compare  $\hat{m}_\varphi$  and  $\hat{\mu}_\varphi$  on domains  $\hat{f}^j(\hat{X}_i)$ , for  $0 \leq k \leq r_{\hat{X}}|_{\hat{X}_i} - 1$ , in a relatively simple way.

We will project the measure  $\hat{m}_\varphi$  to  $I$ . Although it is possible to show that for many potentials we consider,  $\hat{m}_\varphi(\hat{I}) < \infty$ , we allow the possibility that our conformal measures are infinite. This leaves the possibility to extend this theory to a wider class of measures open. So in the following lemma, we use another way to project  $\hat{m}_\varphi$ .

**Lemma 8.** *Suppose that  $\hat{Y} \subset \hat{I}_T$  is so that  $\hat{Y} = \sqcup_n \hat{Y}_n$  for  $Y_n$  an interval contained in a single domain  $D_{Y_n} \in \mathcal{D}_T$  and  $\pi : \hat{Y} \rightarrow I$  is a bijection. Then for  $\nu_\varphi := \hat{m}_\varphi \circ \pi|_{\hat{Y}}^{-1}$ , we have  $\nu_\varphi(I) < \infty$ . Moreover,  $m_\varphi := \frac{\nu_\varphi}{\nu(I)}$  is a conformal measure for  $(I, f, \varphi)$ , and  $m_\varphi$  is independent of  $\hat{Y}$ .*

*Proof.* We first prove that  $\nu_\varphi$  is independent of  $\hat{Y}$ , up to rescaling. In doing so, the  $\varphi$ -sigma-conformal property of  $\nu_\varphi$  become clear. Then we show that  $\nu_\varphi(I) < \infty$ .

Let us pick some  $\hat{Y}$ , and let  $\nu_\varphi$  be as in the statement of the lemma. Let  $x \notin \cup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f^n(\text{Crit})$ . Suppose that  $\hat{x}_1, \hat{x}_2$  have  $\pi(\hat{x}_1) = \pi(\hat{x}_2) = x$ . By our condition on  $x$ , we have  $\hat{x}_i \notin \partial \hat{I}$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . We denote  $D_1, D_2 \in \mathcal{D}$  to be the domains containing  $x_1, x_2$  respectively. The independence of the measure from  $\hat{Y}$  follows if we can show for any neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that for  $\hat{U}_i := \pi^{-1}(U) \cap D_i$  such that  $\hat{U}_i \subseteq D_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ , we have  $\hat{m}_\varphi(\hat{U}_1) = \hat{m}_\varphi(\hat{U}_2)$ .

As in [K2] there exists  $n \geq 0$  so that  $\hat{f}^n(\hat{x}_1) = \hat{f}^n(\hat{x}_2)$ . Since we are only interested in the infinitesimal properties of our measures, we may assume that the same is true of  $\hat{U}_1$  and  $\hat{U}_2$ , i.e.,  $\hat{f}^n(\hat{U}_1) = \hat{f}^n(\hat{U}_2)$ . Therefore  $\hat{m}_\varphi(\hat{f}^n(\hat{U}_1)) = \int_{\hat{U}_1} e^{-\hat{\varphi}^n} d\hat{m}_\varphi$ . Since  $\hat{m}_\varphi(\hat{f}^n(\hat{U}_1)) = \hat{m}_\varphi(\hat{f}^n(\hat{U}_2))$  and  $\hat{\varphi} = \varphi \circ \pi$ , we have  $\hat{m}_\varphi(\hat{U}_1) = \hat{m}_\varphi(\hat{U}_2)$ , as required. So it only  $\nu_\varphi(I) < \infty$ .

By the above, the  $\hat{\varphi}$ -sigma-conformality of  $\hat{m}_\varphi$  passes to  $\varphi$ -sigma-conformality of  $\nu_\varphi$ . We can pick  $U \subset I$  such that  $U = \pi(\hat{U})$  for some  $\hat{U} \subset D \in \mathcal{D}_T$ . Recall that  $m_\varphi$  was obtained from a conformal measure  $m_\Phi$  for some inducing scheme  $(X, F)$ . We may assume that  $\hat{U}$  is such that  $\hat{U} \subset \hat{f}^k(\hat{X}_i) \cap D$  for some  $0 \leq k \leq r_{\hat{X}}|_{\hat{X}_i} - 1$  and some  $D \in \mathcal{D}$ . This implies that  $\hat{m}_\varphi(\hat{U}) < \infty$ , and so  $\nu_\varphi(U) < \infty$ . Since  $f$  is in  $\mathcal{F}$ , it is locally eventually onto, i.e., for any small open interval  $W \subset I$  there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $f^n(W) \supset \Omega$ . Therefore there exists  $n$  so that  $f^n(U) \supset I$ . Then by the  $\varphi$ -sigma-conformality of  $\nu_\varphi$ , we have

$$\nu_\varphi(I) = \nu_\varphi(f^n(U)) = \int_U e^{-\varphi^n} d\nu_\varphi \leq \nu_\varphi(U) e^{-\inf \varphi^n} < \infty.$$

Hence  $m_\varphi$  is conformal. □

Note that combining Lemmas 7 and 8, we deduce that  $m_\varphi$  is independent of the inducing scheme that produced it. We next consider the density.

**Lemma 9.** For  $\varphi \in SVI$  satisfying (4) and  $P(\varphi) = 0$ ,  $\frac{d\mu_\varphi}{dm_\varphi}$  is uniformly bounded above.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\frac{d\mu_\varphi}{dm_\varphi}(x) > 0$ . We let  $\pi^{-1}(x) = \{\hat{x}_1, \hat{x}_2, \dots\}$ , where the ordering is by the level, i.e.,  $\text{lev}(\hat{x}_{j+1}) \geq \text{lev}(\hat{x}_j)$  for all  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then since  $\mu_\varphi = \hat{\mu}_\varphi \circ \pi^{-1}$ ,

$$\frac{d\mu_\varphi}{dm_\varphi}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{d\hat{\mu}_\varphi}{dm_\varphi \circ \pi}(\hat{x}_j).$$

We will use this fact allied to equation (10) for return maps on the Hofbauer tower, and the bounded distortion of the measures for these first return maps to get the bound on the density. We note that since for any  $R \in \mathbb{N}$ , there are at most  $2\#\text{Crit}$  domains of  $\mathcal{D}$  of level  $R$  (see for example [BB, Chapter 9]), there can be at most  $2\#\text{Crit}$  elements  $\hat{x}_j$  of the same level.

We let  $(X, F)$  be a type (a) inducing scheme with induced potential  $\Phi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $\hat{X}$  be the interval in  $\hat{I}$  for which the first return map  $R_{\hat{X}}$  defines the inducing scheme  $(X, F)$ . Recall that  $\mu_\Phi$  can be represented as  $\frac{\hat{\mu}_\varphi \circ \pi|_{\hat{X}}^{-1}}{\hat{\mu}_\varphi(\hat{X})}$  and by Lemma 8, we can express  $m_\Phi$  as  $\frac{m_\varphi}{m_\varphi(X)}$ . Moreover as in Proposition 2 there exists  $C_\Phi > 0$  so that  $\frac{d\mu_\Phi}{dm_\Phi} \leq C_\Phi$ .

Since  $R_{\hat{X}}$  is a first return map, for each  $i$  there exists at most one point  $\hat{x}_{j,i}$  in  $\hat{X}_i$  so that  $\hat{f}^k(\hat{x}_{j,i}) = \hat{x}_j$  for  $0 \leq k < r_{\hat{X}}|_{\hat{X}_i}$ . We denote this value  $k$  by  $r_{j,i}$ . Let  $k_j := \inf\{r_{j,i} : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .

By (10),  $d\hat{\mu}_\varphi(\hat{x}_j) = \sum_i d\hat{\mu}_\varphi(\hat{x}_{j,i})$ . By conformality, for each  $i$ ,

$$d\hat{m}_\varphi(\hat{x}_j) = e^{-\hat{\varphi}_{r_{j,i}}(\hat{x}_{j,i})} d\hat{m}_\varphi(\hat{x}_{j,i}) \geq e^{-\sup \varphi_{r_{j,i}}} d\hat{m}_\varphi(\hat{x}_{j,i}).$$

Therefore, letting  $x_{j,i} = \pi(\hat{x}_{j,i})$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\hat{\mu}_\varphi}{d\hat{m}_\varphi}(\hat{x}_j) &\leq \sum_i \frac{d\hat{\mu}_\varphi}{d\hat{m}_\varphi}(\hat{x}_{j,i}) e^{\sup \varphi_{r_{j,i}}} \leq \left( \frac{m_\varphi(X)}{\hat{\mu}_\varphi(\hat{X})} \right) \sum_i \frac{d\mu_\Phi}{dm_\Phi}(x_{j,i}) e^{\sup \varphi_{r_{j,i}}} \\ &\leq C_\Phi \left( \frac{m_\varphi(X)}{\hat{\mu}_\varphi(\hat{X})} \right) \sum_i e^{\sup \varphi_{r_{j,i}}} \leq C_\Phi \left( \frac{m_\varphi(X)}{\hat{\mu}_\varphi(\hat{X})} \right) \sum_n \#\{i : r_{j,i} = n\} e^{n \sup \varphi}. \end{aligned}$$

By [H1], if  $\text{lev}(\hat{x}_j) = R$  then there exist  $C > 0$  and  $\gamma(R) > 0$  so that  $\gamma(R) \rightarrow 0$  as  $R \rightarrow \infty$  and the number of  $n$ -paths terminating at  $D_{\hat{x}_j} \in \mathcal{D}$  at most  $Ce^{n\gamma(R)}$ . Then  $\#\{i : r_{j,i} = n\} \leq Ce^{n\gamma(\text{lev}(\hat{x}_j))}$ . Also  $k_j \geq \text{lev}(\hat{x}_j) - \text{lev}(\hat{X})$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\hat{\mu}_\varphi}{d\hat{m}_\varphi}(\hat{x}_j) &\leq CC_\Phi \left( \frac{m_\varphi(X)}{\hat{\mu}_\varphi(\hat{X})} \right) \sum_{n \geq k_j} e^{n(\gamma(\text{lev}(\hat{x}_j)) + \sup \varphi)} \\ &\leq CC_\Phi \left( \frac{m_\varphi(X)}{\hat{\mu}_\varphi(\hat{X})} \right) e^{(\text{lev}(\hat{x}_j) - \text{lev}(\hat{X}))(\gamma(\text{lev}(\hat{x}_j)) + \sup \varphi)} \sum_{n \geq 0} e^{n(\gamma(\text{lev}(\hat{x}_j)) + \sup \varphi)}. \end{aligned}$$

Since, as in Lemma 10, our conditions on  $\varphi$  ensure that  $\sup \varphi < 0$ , there exists  $\kappa > 0$ , and  $j_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $\gamma(\text{lev}(\hat{x}_j)) + \sup \varphi < -\kappa$  for all  $j \geq j_0$ . Since there are at most  $2\#\text{Crit}$  points  $\hat{x}_j$  of any given level  $R$ , there are only finitely many  $j$  with  $\text{lev}(\hat{x}_j) - \text{lev}(\hat{X}) \leq 0$ .

Moreover, there exists  $C' > 0$  so that

$$\frac{d\mu_\varphi}{dm_\varphi}(x) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{j_0-1} \frac{d\hat{\mu}_\varphi}{dm_\varphi \circ \pi}(\hat{x}_j) + \sum_{j=j_0}^{\infty} \frac{d\hat{\mu}_\varphi}{dm_\varphi \circ \pi}(\hat{x}_j) \leq C' + C' \sum_{j=j_0}^{\infty} e^{-j\kappa}$$

which is uniformly bounded.  $\square$

*Proof of Proposition 7'.* The existence of the conformal measure  $m_\varphi$  is proved in the above lemmas. Lemma 9 implies that the density  $\frac{d\mu_\varphi}{dm_\varphi}$  is uniformly bounded above. The lower bound follows by a standard argument, which we give for completeness. Proposition 2 implies that we can take a type (a) inducing scheme  $(X, F, \Phi)$  so that  $\frac{d\mu_\Phi}{dm_\Phi}$  is uniformly bounded below by some  $C_\Phi^{-1} \in (0, \infty)$ . Also, Lemma 7 implies that  $\frac{m_\varphi}{m_\varphi(X)} = m_\Phi$ . Since, as in the proof of Lemma 8,  $(I, f)$  is locally eventually onto, there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $f^n(X) \subset \Omega$ . So for a small interval  $A \subset \Omega$ , there exists some  $A_i \subset X_i$  so that  $f^k(A_i) = A$  for some  $0 \leq k \leq n$ . Then (6) implies that

$$\frac{\mu_\varphi(A)}{m_\varphi(A)} \geq \frac{\mu_\varphi(A_i)}{m_\varphi(A_i)} e^{\inf \varphi_n} \geq \left( \frac{m_\varphi(X)}{\int \tau d\mu_\Phi} \right) \left( \frac{\mu_\Phi(A_i)}{m_\Phi(A_i)} \right) e^{\inf \varphi_n} \geq \left( \frac{m_\varphi(X)}{\int \tau d\mu_\Phi} \right) \left( \frac{e^{\inf \varphi_n}}{C_\Phi} \right).$$

Hence  $\frac{d\mu_\varphi}{dm_\varphi}$  is uniformly bounded below.  $\square$

**Lemma 10.** *Suppose that  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  satisfies (3) and  $\varphi \in \text{SVI}$ . Then there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  so that for any inducing scheme  $(X, F) \in \text{SCover}^b(\varepsilon)$ , the induced potential  $\Phi$  has  $P(\Phi) = 0$ .*

*Proof.* We will apply Case 3 of [BT4, Proposition 1]. Firstly we need to show that  $Z_0(\Phi) < \infty$ . By Proposition 7' there exists a conformal measure  $m_\varphi$ , coming from an inducing scheme of type (a) in Proposition 2'. By the  $\varphi$ -conformality of  $m_\varphi$  and the local Hölder continuity of  $\Phi$ , as in Proposition 2(b), there exists  $C > 0$  so that  $Z_0^*(\Phi) \leq C \sum_i \tau_i m_\varphi(X_i)$ . Then by Proposition 7' and the facts that  $(X, F)$  was generated by a first return map to some  $\hat{X}$  and  $\mu_\varphi = \hat{\mu}_\varphi \circ \pi^{-1}$ ,

$$Z_0^*(\Phi) \leq CC' \sum_i \tau_i \mu_\varphi(X_i) = CC' \sum_i r_{\hat{X}}|_{\hat{X}_i} \hat{\mu}_\varphi(\hat{X}_i).$$

By Kac's Lemma this is bounded.

Now the fact that  $\mu_\varphi$  is compatible to  $(X, F)$  follows simply, see for example Claim 1 in the proof of [BT4, Proposition 2]. Then Case 3 of [BT4, Proposition 1] implies  $P(\Phi) = 0$ .  $\square$

*Proof of Proposition 8'.* Suppose that  $(X, F)$  is an inducing scheme as in the statement, with induced potential  $\Phi$ . If  $(X, F)$  is of type (a) then by Lemma 7, the measure  $m_\varphi$  works as a conformal measure for  $(X, F, \Phi)$ , up to renormalisation. By Proposition 2(c),  $m_\varphi$  is in fact equal to  $m_\Phi$  up to renormalisation. By Lemma 10, this is also true for type (b) inducing schemes. Since by Proposition 7',  $\frac{d\mu_\varphi}{dm_\varphi}$  is bounded above and below, and as in Proposition 2, we have  $\frac{1}{C_\Phi} \leq \frac{d\mu_\Phi}{dm_\Phi} \leq C_\Phi$ , this implies that  $\frac{d\mu_\Phi}{d\mu_\varphi}$  is also uniformly bounded above and below.  $\square$

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