

Fractal analysis for sets of  
non-differentiability of  
Minkowski's question mark  
function

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**Abstract:** We consider Minkowski's question mark function  $Q$  on the unit interval  $\mathcal{U}$ . We show that  $\mathcal{U}$  can be written as the union of the three sets

$$\Lambda_0 := \{x : Q'(x) = 0\}$$

$$\Lambda_\infty := \{x : Q'(x) = \infty\}$$

$$\Lambda_\sim := \{x : Q'(x) \text{ does not exist and } Q'(x) \neq \infty\}.$$

The main result is that the Hausdorff dimensions of these sets are related as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} & \dim_H(\nu_F) \\ & < \dim_H(\Lambda_\sim) = \dim_H(\Lambda_\infty) = \dim_H(\mathcal{L}(h_{\text{top}})) \\ & < \dim_H(\Lambda_0) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Here,  $\mathcal{L}(h_{\text{top}})$  refers to the level set of the Stern-Brocot multifractal decomposition at the topological entropy  $h_{\text{top}} = \log 2$  of the Farey map  $F$ , and  $\dim_H(\nu_F)$  denotes the Hausdorff dimension of the measure of maximal entropy of the dynamical system associated with  $F$ .