Analyticity of the affinity dimension for planar iterated function systems with matrices which preserve a cone

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Abstract
The sub-additive pressure function $P(s)$ for an affine iterated function system (IFS) and the affinity dimension, defined as the unique solution $s_0$ to $P(s_0) = 1$, were introduced by Falconer in his seminal 1988 paper on self-affine fractals. The affinity dimension prescribes a value for the Hausdorff dimension of a self-affine set which is known to be correct in generic cases and in an increasing range of explicit cases. It was shown by Feng and Shmerkin in 2014 that the affinity dimension depends continuously on the IFS. In this article we prove that when the linear parts of the affinities which define the IFS are $2 \times 2$ matrices which strictly preserve a common cone, the sub-additive pressure is locally real analytic as a function of the matrix coefficients of the linear parts of the affinities. In this setting we also show that the sub-additive pressure is piecewise real analytic in $s$, implying that the affinity dimension is locally analytic in the matrix coefficients. Combining this with a recent result of Bárány et al we obtain results concerning the analyticity of the Hausdorff dimension for certain families of planar self-affine sets.

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1. Introduction

Let \( \Phi = \{ S^i : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^d : i \in \mathcal{I} \} \) be a finite collection of contracting affine maps, that is, \( S^i(\cdot) = A^i(\cdot) + b^i \) where \( A^i \) is an invertible \( d \times d \) matrix and \( b^i \in \mathbb{R}^d \) is a translation vector. It is well-known that there exists a unique non-empty compact set \( F \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d \) satisfying:

\[
F = \bigcup_{i \in \mathcal{I}} S^i(F)
\]

which is known as the attractor of the iterated function system (IFS) \( \{ S^i \}_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \) and is called a self-affine set. In the special case that all of the maps are similarities we say that \( F \) is a self-similar set. A large part of the dimension theory of self-similar sets is well understood. For example, if we denote the contraction ratios of the similarities \( S^i \) by \( r_i := \{ r_i \}_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \) then under suitable separation assumptions on the pieces \( \{ S^i(F) \}_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \) it is well known that all notions of dimension of \( F \) coincide and the common value is given by the solution \( s \) to the pressure-type formula

\[
P_F(s) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} r_i^s = 1
\]

which we call the similarity dimension. However, when we pass to the more general self-affine setting where the matrices \( A^i \) are allowed to exhibit different rates of contraction in different directions, the problem of calculating the dimension becomes drastically more complex.

For any invertible \( d \times d \) matrix \( A \) write \( \alpha_1(A) \geq \alpha_2(A) \geq \cdots \geq \alpha_d(A) > 0 \) for the singular values of \( A \). Following [4], let

\[
\phi^s(A) := \alpha_1(A)^s \alpha_2(A)^s \cdots \alpha_{\lfloor s \rfloor}(A)^{s-\lfloor s \rfloor}
\]

when \( 0 \leq s \leq d \), and \( \phi^s(A) := | \det A |^{s/d} \) when \( s \geq d \). We call \( \phi^s(A) \) the singular value function. Let \( \mathcal{A} = \{ A^i : i \in \mathcal{I} \} \) denote the set of linear parts of the affine maps \( S^i \), so that \( \mathcal{A} \) is a set of contracting invertible \( d \times d \) matrices, and denote \( \mathcal{A}^n = \{ A^{i_1} \cdots A^{i_k} : i_j \in \mathcal{I} \} \). The singular value function is submultiplicative in the sense that \( \phi^s(AB) \leq \phi^s(A)\phi^s(B) \) for any \( A, B \in \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{A}^n \). Therefore, the sub-additive pressure can be defined as

\[
P_\mathcal{A}(s) = \lim_{k \to \infty} \left( \sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}^n} \phi^s(A) \right)^{1/k}.
\]

Falconer [4] introduced the affinity dimension of \( F \) which is given by the unique value \( s_0 > 0 \) such that \( P_\mathcal{A}(s_0) = 1 \). Since \( s_0 \) only depends on the set of matrices \( \mathcal{A} \) (and not on the translation vectors) we will denote the affinity dimension of \( F \) by \( \dim_{\mathcal{A}} F \). Falconer showed that the Hausdorff dimension of a self-affine set is ‘typically’ given by the affinity dimension, and moreover that the affinity dimension is always an upper bound for the Hausdorff dimension of a self-affine set. Falconer’s proof did not construct explicit examples of self-affine sets with affinity dimension equal to the Hausdorff dimension, but such examples have been constructed in a range of subsequent articles such as [1, 6, 10, 15], all within the planar setting. The most general result of this kind to date is due to Bárány et al [2] which we briefly describe below. We let \( \dim_H \) and \( \dim_B \) respectively denote the Hausdorff dimension and box dimension of a subset of \( \mathbb{R}^d \).
Theorem 1.1 (Theorem 1.1 [2]). Let \( \Phi = \{ S(i) : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2 : i \in I \} \) be an affine iterated function system and \( F = \bigcup_{i \in I} S(i)(F) \) be the associated self-affine set. Suppose that

1. \( \Phi \) satisfies the strong open set condition: there exists a bounded open set \( U \) with \( U \cap F \neq \emptyset \), \( S(i)(U) \subset U \) for all \( i \in I \), and the images \( S(i)(U) \) are pairwise disjoint and
2. the group generated by the set of normalised matrices \( \tilde{A} = \{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det A^{(i)}}} A^{(i)} : i \in I \} \) is strongly irreducible and is not contained in a compact subgroup of \( GL_2(\mathbb{R}) \) (where by strongly irreducible we mean that the matrices do not preserve a finite union of lines through the origin in \( \mathbb{R}^2 \)).

Then \( \dim h F = \dim b F = \dim A \).

In this paper we will be concerned with the regularity of the dependence of the affinity dimension on the underlying maps. We return briefly to the definition of the similarity dimension for comparison. It is clear from (1) that the pressure \( P_t(s) \) depends continuously on the maps in the IFS, and indeed is analytic in \( s \) and in each contraction ratio \( r_i \) on \((0, 1)\). Via a suitable version of the implicit function theorem one may deduce that the similarity dimension of a self-similar set depends analytically on the contraction ratios. In this paper we would like to consider the analogous properties of the affinity dimension.

According to the survey of Shmerkin [18], the question of the continuity of \( A \mapsto \dim A \) was a folklore open problem within the fractal geometry community since around 2000. The question was first raised explicitly in the papers of Falconer and Sloan [7] and Kaenmaki and Shmerkin [13], where \( P_A(s) \) was shown to depend continuously on \( A \) in some special cases. However it was not until 2014 that \( A \mapsto \dim A \) was shown to be continuous in general by Feng and Shmerkin [8]. An alternative proof was subsequently given by the second named author [14]. It is a natural question to ask whether we can say anything stronger about the regularity of the map \( A \mapsto \dim A \). In this paper we will explore this question in the two dimensional setting.

As an analogue of the analyticity of \( P_t(s) \) in the contraction ratios, in this paper we show that \( P_A(s) \) is locally analytic in the matrix coefficients whenever the matrices strictly preserve a common cone and do not all preserve the same line going through the origin. For the purposes of this article we shall say that a closed convex subset \( C \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \) is a cone if for all \( x \in C \) and \( \lambda > 0 \) we have \( \lambda x \in C \), and if \( \text{int}(C) \neq \emptyset \). We say that the set of matrices \( A \) strictly preserves the cone \( C \) if \( A(C) \setminus \{0\} \subset \text{int}(C) \) for all \( A \in A \). It is easy to see (in the two-dimensional context) that this is equivalent to the existence of a common basis with respect to which all of the matrices in \( A \) have positive entries. We also show that if \( A \) strictly preserves a common cone, \( P_A(s) \) is piecewise analytic in \( s \), a property which was previously investigated in the context of triangular matrices by Fraser [5]. Consequently we are able to show that the affinity dimension is locally analytic in the matrix coefficients.

Without loss of generality we can assume that \( I = \{1, \ldots, |I|\} \) where \( |I| \) denotes the size of the alphabet \( I \). Given \( t = (t_1, \ldots, t_{|I|}) \in \mathbb{C}^{|I|} \) and \( k \in I \) we let \( A_t^{(k)} \) denote the matrix

\[
A_t^{(k)} = \begin{pmatrix}
    t_{4k-3} & t_{4k-2} \\
    t_{4k-1} & t_k
\end{pmatrix}
\]

and \( A_t = \{ A_t^{(k)} : k \in I \} \).

Let \( t \in (-1, 1)^{|I|} \) such that \( A_t \) is a set of contracting invertible \( 2 \times 2 \) matrices. Then we can define the sub-additive pressure associated to the parameters \( s \) and \( t \) by
\[ P(s, t) := P_s(t) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left( \sum_{A \in A_t^n} \|A\|^s \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}. \]

We say that \( A_t \) is irreducible if there does not exist a one-dimensional subspace of \( \mathbb{R}^2 \) which is preserved by all of the matrices \( A \in A_t \). The following is our main result.

**Theorem 1.2 (Main theorem).** Let \( t_0 \in (-1, 1)^{\mathbb{Z}} \) such that \( v_t \) is an irreducible set of invertible matrices that preserve a common cone and are contracting with respect to some norm on \( \mathbb{R}^2 \), and suppose that \( s_0 = \dim v_t \in (0, 1) \cup (1, 2) \). Then there exists an open neighbourhood \( U \subset (-1, 1)^{\mathbb{Z}} \) of \( t_0 \) and \( U' \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \) of \( s_0 \) such that \( (s, t) \mapsto P(s, t) \) is analytic on \( U' \times U \). Moreover, \( t \mapsto \dim v_t \) is analytic on \( U \).

In particular, when \( 0 < s < 1 \), we have \( \phi^s(A) = \|A\|^s \). Therefore a special case of theorem 1.2 is the analyticity of the matrix norm pressure

\[ P(s, t) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left( \sum_{A \in A_t^n} \|A\|^s \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \]

in \((s, t)\).

Since we are in the planar setting and the assumptions on our set of matrices imply that the assumptions of theorem 1.1 are satisfied, our main result yields some corollaries concerning the analyticity of the Hausdorff (and box) dimensions. Fix a set of two-dimensional translation vectors \( \{b^{(i)} : i \in \mathcal{I}\} \) and define \( \Phi_t := \{S_t^{(i)}(\cdot) = A_t^{(i)}(\cdot) + b^{(i)} : i \in \mathcal{I}\} \) to be the iterated function system associated to the set of matrices \( A_t \) and the translation vectors \( \{b^{(i)} : i \in \mathcal{I}\} \). Let \( F_t = \bigcup_{i \in \mathcal{I}} S_t^{(i)}(F_t) \) denote the attractor of \( \Phi_t \). We say that \( \Phi_t \) satisfies the strong separation condition if the pieces \( S_t^{(i)}(F_t) \) are pairwise disjoint.

**Corollary 1.3.** Let \( t_0 \) satisfy the assumptions of theorem 1.2 and suppose that the translations are chosen in a way that \( \Phi_{t_0} \) satisfies the strong separation condition. Then there exists an open neighbourhood \( U \subset (-1, 1)^{\mathbb{Z}} \) of \( t_0 \) such that \( t \mapsto \dim_H F_t = \dim_B F_t \) is analytic on \( U \).

Corollary 1.3 follows immediately from theorems 1.1 and 1.2 and its proof can be found at the end of section 3.3. The IFS \( \Phi_{t_0} \) is assumed to satisfy the strong separation condition rather than the strong open set condition to ensure that \( \Phi_{t_0} \) also has sufficient separation for \( t \) close to \( t_0 \), in order for the hypothesis of theorem 1.1 to be satisfied for \( t \) close to \( t_0 \).

Alternatively we can also allow the translations to vary with \( t \). For each \( i \in \mathcal{I} \) and \( t \) associate a translation vector \( h_t^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \) and define \( \Phi_t := \{S_t^{(i)}(\cdot) = A_t(\cdot) + h_t^{(i)} : i \in \mathcal{I}\} \) with attractor \( F_t \).

**Corollary 1.4.** Let \( t_0 \) satisfy the assumptions of theorem 1.2 and suppose that \( \Phi_t \) satisfies the strong open set condition for any \( t \) in an open neighbourhood of \( t_0 \). Then there exists an open neighbourhood \( U \subset (-1, 1)^{\mathbb{Z}} \) of \( t_0 \) such that \( t \mapsto \dim_H F_t = \dim_B F_t \) is analytic on \( U \).

When the positivity and irreducibility conditions in theorem 1.2 are removed, the affinity dimension can fail to be analytic as a function of the matrix entries. We note the following example. Let \( \mathcal{I} = \{1, 2\} \) and for all \( t \geq 0 \) define

\[ B_t := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ t & 1 \end{pmatrix} \]
and let \( \mathcal{A}_t \) consist of two copies of the matrix \( \frac{1}{2} B_t \). For each \( n \geq 1 \) and \( s \in [1, 2] \) we clearly have
\[
\sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}_t} \phi^s(A) = 2^n \phi^s \left( \frac{1}{2} B_t^n \right) = 2^n (1-s) \phi^s(B_t^n) = 2^n (1-s) \|B_t^n\|^{2-s} \|\det B_t^n\|^{t-1}
\]
where we have used \( \alpha_1(A) = \|A\| \) and \( \alpha_1(A)\alpha_2(A) = |\det A| \). Since the eigenvalues of \( B_t \) are \( 1 \pm \sqrt{t} \) it follows easily that \( P(s, t) = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \sqrt{t})(1 - \sqrt{t})^{t-1} \) for all \( t \geq 0 \) and \( s \in [1, 2] \). In particular \( P(1, t) \geq 1 \) for all \( t \geq 1 \) and also \( P(1, 0) = 0 \) so that \( \dim \mathcal{A}_t = 1 \). When \( t \) is sufficiently small the matrices in \( \mathcal{A}_t \) are contractions and \( 1 \leq \dim \mathcal{A}_t \leq 2 \) by the continuity of the affinity dimension and the inequality \( P(1, t) \geq 1 \). In these cases simple rearrangement of the formula for \( P(s, t) \) yields \( \dim \mathcal{A}_t = \log(1 + \sqrt{t})/ \log \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{t}}{2} \right) \). In particular \( t \mapsto \dim \mathcal{A}_t \) is \( \frac{1}{2} \)-Hölder continuous near \( t = 0 \) but is not differentiable there. It is interesting to ask whether the affinity dimension of a tuple of \( d \)-dimensional matrices might be a globally \( \frac{1}{2} \)-Hölder continuous function of the matrix entries, but we are not at present able to make any progress on this question.

2. Preliminaries

In this section we restrict our attention to matrices of dimension 2. Suppose that \( \mathcal{A} = \{ A(i) : i \in I \} \) strictly preserves a cone \( C \). Then there exists a matrix \( B \) and a set of positive matrices \( \mathcal{M} = \{ M(i) : i \in I \} \) such that for each \( i \in I \), \( M(i) = BA(i)B^{-1} \). Moreover, there exists a constant \( C > 0 \) that depends only on \( s \) and \( B \) such that for any \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) and \( i \in I \),
\[
\frac{1}{C} \phi^s(A^{(i)} \cdots A^{(i)}) \leq \phi^s(M^{(i)} \cdots M^{(i)}) = \phi^s(B^{-1} A^{(i)} \cdots A^{(i)} B) \leq C \phi^s(A^{(i)} \cdots A^{(i)}).
\]

Therefore \( P_A(s) = P_M(s) \) for all \( s \). Now, using the notation of the previous section, fix \( t_0 \in (-1, 1)^{|I|} \) such that \( \mathcal{A}_{t_0} = \mathcal{A} \) and for \( t \) in a neighbourhood of \( t_0 \) let \( \mathcal{M}_t \) denote the set of matrices in \( \mathcal{A}_t \) which have been conjugated by \( B \) as above, so that \( \mathcal{M}_{t_0} = \mathcal{M} \). Write \( u_0 \) to be the entries of the matrices in \( \mathcal{M}_{t_0} \). It is easy to see that the entries \( u \) of the matrices in \( \mathcal{M}_t \) are linear combinations of the entries in \( u_0 \). Therefore if \( P_{M_{t_0}}(s) \) is analytic in \( u \) in some neighbourhood of \( u_0 \), it follows that \( P_{A_t}(s) = P_{M_t}(s) \) is analytic in \( u \) in some neighbourhood of \( u_0 \). Therefore it is sufficient to prove theorem 1.2 under the assumption that \( \mathcal{A}_{t_0} \) is a set of positive matrices.

Let \( \mathcal{A} = \{ A(i) : i \in I \} \) be a set of invertible positive matrices. For \( k \in \mathbb{N} \) let \( I^k \) denote words of length \( k \) over the alphabet \( I \) and let
\[
I^* = \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} I^k
\]
be the set of all finite words over the alphabet \( I \).

Also, let
\[
\mathcal{A}^0 = \{ A_{i_1} \cdots A_{i_k} : i_j \in I \}
\]
and \( \mathcal{A}^* = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{A}^n \). For \( i = (i_1, i_2, \ldots, i_k) \in I^k \), write \( A^{(i)} = A^{(i_1)} \cdots A^{(i_k)} \).
2.1. Hardy–Hilbert space

In this section we recall some facts about the Hardy–Hilbert space, see for instance [19]. Let $D$ be a disc of radius $\rho$ centred at $c \in \mathbb{C}$. The Hardy–Hilbert space $H^2(D)$ consists of all functions $f$ which are analytic on $D$ and such that $\sup_{r \leq \rho} \int_0^1 |f(c + re^{2\pi i t})|^2 dt < \infty$. The inner product on $H^2(D)$ is defined by

$$\langle f, g \rangle_{H^2} = \sup_{r \leq \rho} \int_0^1 f(c + re^{2\pi i t}) \overline{g(c + re^{2\pi i t})} dt$$

which is well-defined since any element of $H^2(D)$ extends as an $L^2$ function of the boundary $\partial D$. The norm of $f \in H^2(D)$ is then given as $\|f\|_{H^2} = \langle f, f \rangle_{H^2}^{\frac{1}{2}}$.

An alternative characterisation of $H^2(D)$ is given as the space of all functions $f$ which are analytic on $D$ which can be expressed in the form

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k(f) \frac{(z - c)^k}{r^k}$$

for some square-summable sequence of complex numbers $\{\alpha_k(f)\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$. We will primarily utilise this second characterisation of $H^2(D)$. This second characterisation permits us to write the norm of $f \in H^2(D)$ alternatively as

$$\|f\|_{H^2} = \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |\alpha_k(f)|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

If $b : D \to \mathbb{C}$ is bounded and analytic on $D$ and $f \in H^2(D)$ then $bf \in H^2(D)$ and

$$\|bf\|_{H^2} \leq \|b\|_{\infty} \|f\|_{H^2},$$

see [19, section 1.2]. In particular if $f$ is bounded and analytic on $D$ then $f \in H^2(D)$ and

$$\|f\|_{H^2} \leq \|f\|_{\infty}.$$

Throughout the rest of this paper we fix $D$ to be the disc of radius $\frac{1}{2}$ centred at $\frac{1}{2}$.

2.2. Perturbation theory

Let $F : \mathbb{C}^n \to \mathbb{C}$ be a function. We recall that $F$ is called (complex) analytic in a neighbourhood $U \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ if for each $(a_1, \ldots, a_n) \in U$ one can write

$$F(z_1, \ldots, z_n) = \sum_{k_1, \ldots, k_n \in \mathbb{N}} c_{k_1, \ldots, k_n} (z_1 - a_1)^{k_1} \cdots (z_n - a_n)^{k_n}$$

where $c_{k_1, \ldots, k_n} \in \mathbb{C}$ and the series is convergent to $F(z_1, \ldots, z_n)$ for all $(z_1, \ldots, z_n)$ in a neighbourhood of $(a_1, \ldots, a_n)$. By Hartogs’ theorem a function $F : \mathbb{C}^n \to \mathbb{C}$ is (complex) analytic if and only if it is (complex) analytic in each variable separately.

Let $U \subset \mathbb{C}$ be an open neighbourhood, $B$ be a Banach space of functions equipped with a norm $\|\cdot\|$ and $L_t : B \to B$ be operators for each $t \in U$. We say that $\{L_t\}_{t \in U}$ is an analytic family of operators if for each $a \in U$ there exists a constant $0 < r < 1$ and there exist operators $P_k : B \to B$ with $\|P_k\| = O(r^{-k})$ such that

$$L_t = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} (t - a)^k P_k$$
for all \( t \in B(a, r) \), where convergence of the series is understood in the sense of the operator norm topology.

The following perturbation theorem is a standard result of analytic perturbation theory, see for instance [9, theorem 3.8 and lemma 14.10].

**Proposition 2.1 (Analytic perturbation theorem).** Let \( U \subset \mathbb{C} \) be an open neighbourhood of \( t_0 \in \mathbb{C} \) and \( \{ L_t \}_{t \in U} \) be an analytic family of bounded linear operators on a Banach space. Suppose \( L_{t_0} \) has a maximal eigenvalue \( \lambda_1(L_{t_0}) \) which is separated from the rest of the spectrum of \( L_{t_0} \) and \( \lambda_1(L_{t_0}) \) is (algebraically and geometrically) simple. Then there exists an open neighbourhood \( U' \subset U \) of \( t_0 \) such that for all \( t \in U' \), \( L_t \) also has a maximal simple eigenvalue \( \lambda_1(L_t) \) which is separated from the rest of the spectrum of \( L_t \). Moreover \( \lambda_1(L_t) \) is an analytic function of \( t \in U' \).

We will also require the following perturbation theorem.

**Proposition 2.2.** Suppose \( L : B \to B \) is a bounded linear operator on a Banach space that has a simple eigenvalue of maximum modulus which is separated from the rest of the spectrum of \( L \). Then there exists \( \varepsilon > 0 \) such that for all bounded linear operators \( T : B \to B \) with the property that
\[
\| L - T \| < \varepsilon,
\]
the operator \( T \) also has a simple eigenvalue of maximum modulus which is separated from the rest of the spectrum of \( T \).

**Proof.** Follows from [11, theorems IV.2.14 and IV.3.16].

2.3. Transfer operator

If \( A \) is an invertible \( 2 \times 2 \) matrix, we have a simpler characterisation of \( \phi^s \) given by
\[
\phi^s(A) = \begin{cases} 
\|A\|^s & s \in [0, 1) \\
\|A\|^{2-s} |\det(A)|^{s-1} & s \in [1, 2]
\end{cases}
\]
where we have used the identities \( \alpha_1(A) = \|A\| \) and \( |\det A| = \alpha_1(A) \alpha_2(A) \).

Given a (real or complex valued) matrix \( A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \) we define the map \( w_A : D \to \mathbb{C} \) by
\[
w_A(z) = (a + c - b - d)z + b + d.
\]
If \( A \) is a matrix such that \( w_A(z) \neq 0 \) on \( D \) then we also define the function \( \phi_A : D \to \mathbb{C} \) by
\[
\phi_A(z) = \frac{(a - b)z + b}{(a + c - b - d)z + b + d}.
\]
If \( A \) is a real positive matrix, this can be understood as the action of the matrix on the first co-ordinate of representative vectors in \( \mathbb{R}P^1_+ \), where \( \mathbb{R}P^1_+ \) denotes the space of positive directions in \( \mathbb{R}^2 \). In particular let \( \Delta = \{(x, 1-x) : x \in (0, 1)\} \) which are representative vectors for \( \mathbb{R}P^1_+ \). Then
\[
\left( \begin{array}{c} \phi_A(x) \\ 1 - \phi_A(x) \end{array} \right) = \frac{1}{w_A(x)} A \left( \begin{array}{c} x \\ 1 - x \end{array} \right) \in \Delta.
\]
Moreover for any \( x = (x, 1 - x) \in \Delta \), \( w_A(x) = \langle Ax, u \rangle \) where \( u := (1, 1) \).

Throughout the rest of this section we make the following assumption on the parameter \( t \in C^{\|I\|} \). Let \( C_+ \) denote the open right half plane.

**Assumption 2.3.** We assume that \( t \in C^{\|I\|} \) satisfies:

(i) \( \Re(\det(A^k_i)) \neq 0 \) for all \( k \in I \),

(ii) \( \phi_t(A^k_i)(D) \subset D \) for all \( k \in I \),

(iii) \( w_\phi(A^k_i)(D) \subset C_+ \) for all \( k \in I \) and

(iv) for some distinct \( i, j \in I \), \( x_{A^i} \neq x_{A^j} \) where \( x_A \) denotes the unique fixed point of \( \phi_A \).

We denote the set of \( t \) that satisfies (i)–(iv) by \( \Omega \).

**Remark 2.4.** Suppose \( A_i \) is an irreducible set of positive invertible matrices. Then (i) is satisfied because the determinant of each matrix is non-zero. Since \( A_i \) are a collection of positive matrices, assumption (iv) is satisfied if the matrices do not all preserve a one-dimensional subspace parallel to a positive direction, and therefore (iv) is clearly satisfied because \( A_i \) is irreducible. Denoting \( A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in A_i \), then (ii) is satisfied because \( \phi_A \) maps \( D \) to a disk centred in the real axis whose boundary passes through the points \( 0 < \frac{a}{a+1} \) and \( \frac{b}{b+1} < 1 \) and (iii) is satisfied because \( w_A \) maps \( D \) to a disk centred in the real axis whose boundary passes through the points \( a + c \) and \( b + d \). Therefore \( t \in \Omega \).

For \( t \in \Omega \) and \( A \in A_i \) define the composition operator \( C_A : H^2(D) \to H^2(D) \) by \( C_A = f \circ \phi_A \). Note that since \( \phi_A \) is an analytic self-map of \( D \), by Littlewood’s theorem [19, p 11] \( C_A \) preserves \( H^2(D) \). Observe that for any \( A_1, \ldots, A_n \in A_i \),

\[
\phi_{A_1 \cdots A_n} = \phi_{A_1} \circ \cdots \circ \phi_{A_n}.
\]  

Also notice that for any \( A_1, \ldots, A_n \in A_i \),

\[
w_{A_1 \cdots A_n} = (w_{A_1} \circ \phi_{A_2 \cdots A_n})(w_{A_2} \circ \phi_{A_3 \cdots A_n}) \cdots (w_{A_{n-1}} \circ \phi_{A_n})w_{A_n}.
\]  

Let \( s \in \{ z \in C : |z| \leq 2 \} \), \( t \in \Omega \) and \( k \in I \). For a given (real or complex) invertible matrix \( A \), define

\[
\psi_{A,t}(z) = \begin{cases} 
  w_A(z)^t & \text{if } 0 \leq |z| \leq 1 \\
  w_A(z)^{2-s}(\det(A))^{t-1} & \text{if } 1 < |z| \leq 2 \text{ and } \Re(\det(A)) > 0 \\
  w_A(z)^{2-s}(-\det(A))^{t-1} & \text{if } 1 < |z| \leq 2 \text{ and } \Re(\det(A)) < 0 
\end{cases}
\]

where \( f(z)^t = \exp(t \log f(z)) \) where \( \log \) is understood as the unique analytic function from \( C_+ \) to \( C \) such that \( \exp \log z = z \). The significance of the above definition is the following: if a set of real positive contracting matrices \( A_i \) are fixed, then for all \( A \in A_i \) and \( z \in (0, 1) \), \( \psi_{A,t}(z) \) is comparable to the singular value function \( \phi(A) \); see lemma 2.5. For \( A \in A_i \) define the multiplication operator \( M_{A,t} : H^2(D) \to H^2(D) \) by \( M_{A,t}f = \psi_{A,t} \cdot f \). \( M_{A,t} \) preserves \( H^2(D) \) since \( \psi_{A,t} \) is bounded and analytic on \( D \) [19, p 11].

Finally, for \( s \in \{ z \in C : |z| \leq 2 \} \) and \( t \in \Omega \) we define the weighted composition operator \( L_{s,t} : H^2(D) \to H^2(D) \) by

\[
L_{s,t}(z) = \sum_{A \in A_i} M_{A,t}C_A(z) = \sum_{A \in A_i} \psi_{A,t}(z)f(\phi_A(z)).
\]
Notice that by (5), (6) and the fact that the determinant is a multiplicative functional, the iterates of \( L_s \) are given by
\[
L^n_s(f) = \sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \psi_{A,s}(z) f(\phi_A(z)).
\]

The following simple observation will allow us to relate the spectrum of \( L_s \) with \( \dim \mathcal{A}_t \) whenever \( t \in (0,1)^{|I|} \cap \Omega \) and \( s \in [0,2] \).

**Lemma 2.5.** Fix \( t \in (0,1)^{|I|} \cap \Omega \). There exists a constant \( c > 0 \) that depends only on \( t \) and \( s \) such that for all \( A \in \mathcal{A}_t^* \) and \( x \in (0,1) \),
\[
c^{-1} \phi^t(A) \leq \psi_{A,s}(x) \leq c \phi^t(A).
\]

**Proof.** Observe that by definition of \( \psi_{A,s} \) and the characterisation of \( \phi^t \) given in (4), it is sufficient to show that there exists a constant \( c > 0 \) that depends only on the set \( \mathcal{A}_t^* \) such that for all \( x \in (0,1) \) and \( A \in \mathcal{A}_t^* \)
\[
c^{-1} \|A\| \leq \langle Ax, u \rangle \leq c \|A\|
\]
where \( x = (x, 1-x) \) and \( u = (1,1) \).

Fix arbitrary \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) and let \( A \in \mathcal{A}_t^* \). To verify the right hand side, notice that by the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality, for all \( y \in \mathbb{R}^2 \),
\[
|\langle y, u \rangle| \leq \sqrt{2} \|y\|
\]
and therefore since \( 0 < x < 1 \),
\[
|\langle Ax, u \rangle| \leq \sqrt{2} \|Ax\| \leq \sqrt{2} \|A\|.
\]

To verify the left hand side we begin by claiming that there exist uniform constants \( \varepsilon, \delta > 0 \) which depend only on \( \mathcal{A}_t^* \) such that
\[
|\langle Ax, u \rangle| \geq \varepsilon \|Ax\| \quad \text{(10)}
\]
\[
\|Ax\| \geq \delta \|A\| \|x\| \quad \text{(11)}
\]
which are independent of the choice of \( x \) and \( A \).

First, to see that (10) holds, observe that the unoriented angle \( \alpha \) between \( Ax \) and \( u \) satisfies \( 0 \leq \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \) and therefore
\[
|\langle Ax, u \rangle| = \|Ax\| \|u\| \cos \alpha \geq \|Ax\| \sqrt{2} \sqrt{2} = \|Ax\|.
\]

Next, to see that (11) holds, let \( C \subseteq \text{Int}(\mathbb{R}^2_+) \cup \{0\} \) be a closed convex cone which is preserved by all of the matrices in \( \mathcal{A} \) and all of the transposes of matrices in \( \mathcal{A} \). Let \( A \in \bigcup_{n=1}^\infty \mathcal{A}^n \) and note that \( C \) is preserved by \( A^T \), where \( A^T \) denotes the transpose of \( A \). By the Perron–Frobenius theorem, there exists \( v \in C \) with \( \|v\| = 1 \) such that \( AA^Tv = \lambda_1(AA^T)v = \|A\|^2v \). In particular, this implies that \( \|A^Tv\| = \|A\| \). There exists \( 0 < \alpha' < \frac{\pi}{2} \) which only depends on \( C \) (and thus only on the set of matrices \( \mathcal{A} \)) such that the unoriented angle between \( x \) and \( A^Tv \) is at most \( \alpha' \). Putting all of this together we get
∥Ax∥ ≥ ⟨Ax, v⟩ = ⟨x, A^T v⟩ ≥ ∥x∥∥A^T v∥ cos α' = ∥A∥∥x∥ cos α',
completing the proof of (11). Therefore for all \( x \in (0, 1) \) and \( x = (x, 1 - x) \),

\[
|⟨Ax, u⟩| \geq ε∥Ax∥ ≥ εδ∥A∥∥x∥ = \frac{εδ}{√2}∥A∥.
\]

Since the work of Ruelle [17], it has been well understood that analytic weighted composi-
tion operators acting on spaces of analytic functions have strong spectral properties. By invok-
ing for instance [16, proposition 2.10] we can deduce that \( L_{s,t} \) is a compact operator whenever \( t \in Ω \) and \( s \in \{z : |z| \leq 2\} \). We recall the following version of the Krein–Rutman theorem.

**Proposition 2.6.** Let \( X \) be a Banach space and \( K \subset X \) be closed convex set such that

(i) \( λK \subset K \) for all \( λ \geq 0 \),
(ii) \( K \cap (−K) = \{0\} \) and
(iii) \( K^0 \neq \emptyset \).

Assume that \( L : X \to X \) is a compact linear operator such that \( LK \subseteq K \). Suppose that for all \( f \in K \setminus \{0\} \) there exists \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \( L^n f \in K^0 \). Then its spectral radius \( ρ(L) > 0 \) and \( ρ(L) \) is a simple eigenvalue with an eigenfunction \( f \in K \). Moreover, \( L \) does not have any other eigenvalues of modulus \( ρ(L) \).

**Proof.** The existence of \( λ > 0 \) and \( f \in K \) such that \( Lf = λf \) follows from [12, theorem 2.5]. The fact that it is a simple eigenvalue follows from [12, theorem 2.10]. The fact that \( λ \) is a unique eigenvalue of maximum modulus follows from [12, theorem 2.13]. ∎

By combining lemma 2.5 and proposition 2.6 we obtain the following lemma which dem-
ons the connection between the top eigenvalue of the operator \( L_{s,t} \) and the sub-additive
pressure \( P(s, t) \), and establishes the simplicity of the top eigenvalue of \( L_{s,t} \) which will be
necessary in order to later employ analytic perturbation theory arguments.

**Lemma 2.7.** Let \( t \in Ω \cap (0, 1] \) and let \( s \in [0, 2] \). Then:

(a) There is a unique eigenvalue of maximum modulus for \( L_{s,t} \) which we denote by \( λ_1(s, t) \).

It is a simple eigenvalue.

(b) \( λ_1(s, t) = P(s, t) \).

**Proof.** We begin by proving (a). Fix \( t \) and \( s \). For all \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) define

\[
Γ^n = ∪_{A \in A^n} φ_A(D)
\]

and \( Γ = \bigcap_{n=1}^{∞} Γ^n \subset (0, 1) \). Since \( Γ^n \) is a nested sequence of closed subsets of \( D \), \( Γ \) is a compact subset of \( D \). Moreover assumption 2.3(iv) guarantees that \( Γ \) is an infinite set of points. Define

\[
X = \{ f ∈ H^2(D) : f(z) ∈ R \text{ for all } z ∈ Γ \}
\]
and \( K \subset X \) as
\[
K = \{ f \in H^2(D) : f(z) \geq 0 \text{ for all } z \in \Gamma \}.
\]

It is easy to see that \((X, || \cdot ||_{H^2})\) is a real Banach space, that \( L_{\varphi}X \subset X \), \( L_{\varphi}K \subset K \) and that \( K \)
is a closed convex set that satisfies (i) of proposition 2.6. \( K \) satisfies (ii) since any holomorphic function that is zero on a compact infinite set is the zero function. Since \( L_{\varphi} \) is a compact operator on \( H^2(D) \) it is easy to see that its action on \( X \) is also compact.

Let \( f \in H^2(D) \). By the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality
\[
\sup_{z \in \Gamma} |f(z)| \leq \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n(f)^2 \right) \frac{1}{2} \sup_{z \in \Gamma} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^{2n}(z - \frac{1}{2})^{2n} \right) \frac{1}{2} \leq \| f \|_{H^2} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon^{2n} \right)
\]
where \( \varepsilon := \sup_{z \in \Gamma} |2(z - \frac{1}{2})| < 1 \) since \( \Gamma \) is a compact subset of \((0, 1)\). Therefore writing
\[
C = \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon^{2n} \right) \frac{1}{2}
\]
we have that for any \( f \in H^2(D) \),
\[
\sup_{z \in \Gamma} |f(z)| \leq C \| f \|_{H^2} \tag{12}
\]
It follows easily that the open 1/C-ball with centre \( 1 \) (taken in \( X \)) is a subset of \( K \) and in particular \( 1 \in K^0 \) (where the interior of \( K \) is also taken in \( X \)) so that (iii) is satisfied.

Next we check that for each \( f \in K \setminus \{ 0 \} \) there exists some \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \( L_{\varphi}^n f \in K^0 \). By (12) it is sufficient to show that \( L_{\varphi}^n f \geq 0 \) on \( \Gamma \). If \( f > 0 \) on \( \Gamma \) then by positivity of \( \psi_{A, t} \), it follows that \( L_{\varphi}^n f > 0 \) on \( \Gamma \). If \( f \) is not positive on \( \Gamma \) it may have only finitely many zeroes within \( \Gamma \). We claim that there exists \( n \) sufficiently large that \( L_{\varphi}^n f \) has at most one zero within \( \Gamma \). To see this, choose \( M \) sufficiently large that for all \( A \in A^M_t, \psi_{A, t} \) has sufficiently small diameter so that it can contain at most one zero of \( f \) (which is possible since \( f \) has only finitely many zeroes). In particular, for each \( A \in A^M_t, \psi_{A, t} \) has at most one zero within \( \Gamma \). Therefore,
\[
L_{\varphi}^M f(x) = \sum_{A \in A^M_t} \psi_{A, t}(x) f(\phi_A(x))
\]
has at most one zero within \( \Gamma \), which we denote by \( x_0 \in \Gamma \). For \( A \in A^M_t \), let \( x_A \in \Gamma \) denote the unique fixed point of \( \phi_A \). Note that \( x_A = x_{A'} \) for all \( A \in A^M_t \) and \( n \geq 1 \) and that by assumption 2.3(iv) there must exist \( A, B \in A_t \) such that \( x_A \neq x_B \). Now choose any \( A \in A^M_t \) such that \( x_A \neq x_0 \) and choose \( N \) sufficiently large that \( x_0 \notin \phi_{A'}(\Gamma) \) for all \( n \geq N \). Then it follows that no \( x \in \Gamma \) can be a zero of \( f \circ \phi_A \) and therefore for all \( x \in \Gamma \),
\[
L_{\varphi}^{M+N} f(x) = \psi_{A^M+N, t}(x) f(\phi_{A^M+N}(x)) > 0
\]
completing the proof of the claim.

Therefore, by applying proposition 2.6 we deduce that \( \rho(L_{\varphi} |_{H^2(D)}) > 0 \) and that there exists \( h_{A^M} \in K \) such that \( L_{\varphi} h_{A^M} = \rho(L_{\varphi} |_{H^2(D)}) h_{A^M} \). Since \( \rho(L_{\varphi} |_{H^2(D)}) h_{A^M} = L_{\varphi} h_{A^M} \in K^0 \) for some \( n \in \mathbb{N} \), it follows that \( h_{A^M} \in K^0 \), in particular \( h_{A^M} \) is positive on \( \Gamma \).

Next we prove that \( H^2(D) = X + iX \) which implies that the spectrum of \( L_{\varphi} \) on \( X \) is identical to its spectrum on \( H^2(D) \), and the multiplicity of each of its eigenvalues is the same on both spaces. In particular this yields \( \rho(L_{\varphi} |_{H^2(D)}) = \rho(L_{\varphi} |_{X}) \), so we may denote their common
value by $\lambda_1(s, t)$. To see that $H^2(D) = X + iX$ it is sufficient to show that $f \in X$ if and only if $f \in H^2(D)$ and $\alpha_n(f) \in \mathbb{R}$ for all $n \geq 0$. It is obvious that if $f \in H^2(D)$ has $\alpha_n(f) \in \mathbb{R}$ for all $n \geq 0$ then $f \in X$, so let us prove the converse direction.

Let $f \in X$. Then the function $g : D \to \mathbb{C}$ defined by $g(z) := \overline{f(z)}$ (where $\overline{z}$ denotes the complex conjugate of $z$) has power series given by $g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n(f) z^n$, and therefore belongs to $H^2(D)$. If $z \in \Gamma$ then since $f(z) \in \mathbb{R}$ and $z \in \Gamma \subset \mathbb{R}$ we have $g(z) = \overline{f(z)} = f(z)$. In particular, since any two holomorphic functions which coincide on a compact infinite subset of $D$ must necessarily coincide on $D$, we have $g(z) = f(z)$ for all $z \in D$. By comparing the power series of $f$ and $g$ this implies that $\alpha_n(f) = \alpha_n(f)$ for all $n \geq 0$, and so $\alpha_n(f) \in \mathbb{R}$ for all $n \geq 0$ as required.

Next we prove part (b). Fixing $z \in \Gamma$ we have

$$\lambda_1(s, t) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left( L_n^* h_{x,t}(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left( \sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}_n} \psi_{A,n}(z) h_{x,t}(\phi_A(z)) \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}.$$

Since $h_{x,t} \in K^n$ it follows that $h_{x,t}$ is positive on $\Gamma$, so by compactness of $\Gamma$ there exists a constant $c' > 0$ such that for all $y \in \Gamma$, $\frac{1}{c'} \leq h_{x,t}(y) \leq c'$. Since $\phi_A(z) \in \Gamma$ for all $A \in \mathcal{A}_n$ and all $z, \Gamma$, we can combine this bound with (8) to imply that

$$\lambda_1(s, t) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left( \sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}_n} \phi^f(A) \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} = P(s, t).$$

\[\square\]

3. Proofs of results

Fix $t_0 = (\tau_1, \ldots, \tau_{4|Z|}) \in (0, 1)^{4|Z|} \cap \Omega$ with $s_0 = \dim \mathcal{A}_b \in (0, 1) \cup \{1, 2\}$. It is easy to see that for each $1 \leq i \leq 4|Z|$ there exist connected neighbourhoods $U_i \subset \mathbb{C}$ of $\tau_i$ with the property that $U_1 \times \cdots \times U_{4|Z|} \subset \Omega$ and a connected neighbourhood $V \subset \{ z : 0 < |z| < 1 \} \cup \{ z : 1 < |z| < 2 \}$ of $s_0$. The plan of the proof is as follows. For each $1 \leq i \leq 4|Z|$ we will show that $\{ L_{x,t} \}$ is an analytic family in $t_i$ on $U_i$ whenever $s \in V$ is held constant and $t_j \in U_j$ is held constant for $j \neq i$. We will also show that $\{ L_{x,t} \}$ is an analytic family in $s$ on $V$ whenever $t_i \in U_i$ are held constant for all $i$. We will then invoke the perturbation theorems (propositions 2.1 and 2.2) to deduce that $\lambda_1(s, t)$ is an analytic function of $s$ in a neighbourhood $V \subset \mathbb{C}$ of $s_0$ while $t_i \in U_i$ are held constant for all $i$ and that $\lambda_1(s, t)$ is analytic in each $t_i$ on a neighbourhood $U_i \subset U_i$ of $\tau_i$ whenever $s \in V$ and $t_j \in U_j$ are held constant for all $i \neq j$. Hartog’s theorem will imply that $\lambda_1(s, t)$ is jointly analytic in $(s, t)$ on $V \times U_1 \times \cdots \times U_{4|Z|}$, therefore by lemma 2.7, $P(s, t)$ is real analytic on $V \times U_1 \times \cdots \times U_{4|Z|} \cap \mathbb{R}^{4|Z|+1}$.

The tools from analytic perturbation theory that were introduced in the previous section are standard in operator theory, and the use of operator theory to study objects arising from random matrix products, such as Lyapunov exponents, is also not new. The main new contribution of this paper is the application of these tools to study the sub-additive pressure: specifically the construction of the operator $\mathcal{L}_{x,t}$ and investigation of its spectral and analytic properties with the purpose of establishing the analyticity of the sub-additive pressure.
In principle, although it should be possible to obtain a higher dimensional analogue of theorem 1.2, our approach cannot be generalised directly. Firstly, in the higher dimensional setting (4) no longer holds, although it could be replaced with a similar identity involving exterior powers of the matrices, which would be more difficult to work with. In the two-dimensional setting, proving analyticity of the family of operators in terms of the matrix coefficients is facilitated by the fact that the projective action of the matrices takes the form of a linear fractional transformation and by the convenient characterisation of functions in the Hardy–Hilbert space. In higher dimensions, the projective action of matrices takes a more complicated form, meaning that it is no longer possible to define an operator acting on the Hardy–Hilbert space with the necessary properties.

3.1. Analyticity of the composition operator

Throughout this section we fix $t_j \in U_j$ for each $j$ and write $t = (t_1, \ldots, t_{4|I|})$. Given some $1 \leq i \leq 4|I|$ and $t \in U_i$ we will let $t_{i,j}$ denote the complex valued vector obtained by taking $t_i$ and replacing $t_j$ by $t$.

**Lemma 3.1.** Fix some $l \in I$ and $4l - 3 \leq i \leq 4l$. There exist $C_0 < \infty$, $0 < r < 1$ and analytic bounded functions $f_k : D \to \mathbb{C}$ with $\|f_k\|_{\infty} \leq C_0^r$ such that

$$\phi_{A_{ti}} - \frac{1}{2} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (t_i - t_k)^{r} f_k$$

for all $t \in B(t_i, C_0^{-1})$.

**Proof.** Notice that it is sufficient to prove the result for $l = 1$ and $i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$. We begin by assuming $i = 1$. Denote $g(z) = (t_1 - t_2)z + t_1$, $G(z) = (t_1 + t_3 - t_2 - t_4)z + t_2 + t_4$. Let $C_0 := \sup_{z \in D} \left\{ \frac{1}{|G(z)|} \right\}$. Then for any $t \in B(t_1, C_0^{-1})$,

$$\phi_{A_{ti}}(z) = \frac{g(z) + (t - t_1)z}{G(z) + (t - t_1)z} = \frac{g(z)}{G(z)} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \frac{(t - t_1)z}{G(z)}} + \frac{(t - t_1)z}{G(z)} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \frac{(t - t_1)z}{G(z)}}

= \frac{g(z) + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n G(z)^n (t - t_1)^n z^n}{G(z) + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n G(z)^n (t - t_1)^n z^n}.

$$

Therefore we can write $\phi_{A_{ti}} - \frac{1}{2} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (t_i - t_k)^m f_m$ where $f_0(z) = \frac{g(z)}{G(z)} - \frac{1}{2} = \phi_{A_{ti}} - \frac{1}{2}$ and for $m \geq 1$,

$$f_m(z) = \frac{(-z)^m}{G(z)^m} \left( \frac{g(z)}{G(z)} - 1 \right).$$

It is easy to see that the functions $f_m$ are analytic on $D$. In order to verify the uniform bound on $f_m$ it is sufficient to check that $\|f_0\|_{\infty} \leq \frac{C_0}{2}$ for some $0 < r < 1$ and that there exists some

On first glance the subtraction of the constant $\frac{1}{2}$ in (13) may seem somewhat arbitrary, but in order to eventually establish the analyticity of the operators $L_{t_j}$, we specifically need bounds on the norms of `coefficients' $f_k$ of the expansion of the function $\phi_{A_{ti}} - \frac{1}{2}$ rather than the expansion of $\phi_{A_{t_i}}$, see lemma 3.4.
\( C_0 < \infty \) such that \( \|f_m\|_\infty \leq C_0^m \frac{2^m}{m!} \). For the first claim, since \( t \in \Omega, \quad \phi_{\frac{1}{2}}(D) \subset D \), thus \( \|f_0\|_\infty < \frac{1}{2} \). Therefore we can define \( r := \|f_0\|_\infty + \frac{1}{2} < 1 \). For the second claim, since \( \frac{\|z\|}{\|z\|} - 1 = f_0(z) - \frac{1}{2} \) it easily follows that \( \|f_m\|_\infty \leq C_0^m (\|f_0\|_\infty + \frac{1}{2}) < C_0^m r, \) and therefore by replacing \( C_0 \) by \( 2C_0 \) we obtain the desired result.

For other values of \( i \) the proof is almost identical, therefore we omit the details. \( \square \)

We will require the following two technical lemmas.

**Lemma 3.2.** Let \( 0 < r < 1 \), \( C_0 < \infty \) and let \( f_k : D \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \) be analytic bounded functions such that \( \|f_k\|_\infty \leq C_0^k \frac{2^k}{k!} \) for all \( k \in \mathbb{N} \). Then there exist analytic bounded functions \( \varphi_{m,n} : D \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \) such that

\[
\left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k f_k \right)^n = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} x^m \varphi_{m,n}
\]

for all \( x \in B(0, C_0^{-1}) \). Moreover \( \varphi_{m,n} \) are independent of \( x \) and

\[
\|\varphi_{m,n}\|_\infty \leq C_0^m (m+n-1)!
\]

\[ \frac{2^m}{m!(n-1)!} \] (14)

**Proof.** We begin by fixing \( m \), expanding \( \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k f_k \right)^n \) and finding the coefficient of \( x^m \). It is easy to see that this will coincide with the coefficient of \( x^m \) in \( \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k f_k \right)^n \). Applying the multinomial theorem we see that

\[
\left( \sum_{k=0}^{m} x^k f_k \right)^n = \sum_{l_0 + \ldots + l_m = n} \frac{n!}{l_0! \ldots l_m!} \prod_{k=0}^{m} x^{l_k} f_k^k
\]

\[ = \sum_{l_0 + \ldots + l_m = n} \frac{n!}{l_0! \ldots l_m!} \sum_{k=0}^{m} \prod_{k=0}^{m} \frac{x^{l_k}}{l_k!} \]

Therefore, the coefficient of \( x^m \) is given by

\[
\varphi_{m,n} := \sum_{l_0 + \ldots + l_m = n} \frac{n!}{l_0! \ldots l_m!} \prod_{k=0}^{m} \frac{1}{l_k!}
\]

Now, to verify (14), notice that

\[ \|\varphi_{m,n}\|_\infty \leq \sum_{l_0 + \ldots + l_m = n} \frac{n!}{l_0! \ldots l_m!} \prod_{k=0}^{m} \frac{\|f_k\|_\infty}{l_k!} \]

\[ \leq \sum_{l_0 + \ldots + l_m = n} \frac{n!}{l_0! \ldots l_m!} \prod_{k=0}^{m} \left( \frac{C_0^k \frac{2^k}{k!}}{l_k!} \right) \]

\[ = \sum_{l_0 + \ldots + l_m = n} \frac{n!}{l_0! \ldots l_m!} \cdot \frac{C_0^m \frac{2^m}{m!}}{\frac{2^n}{n!}} \]

\[ = \sum_{l_0 + \ldots + l_m = n} \frac{n!}{l_0! \ldots l_m!} \cdot \frac{C_0^m \frac{2^m}{m!}}{\frac{2^n}{n!}} \]

\[ \leq C_0^m \frac{2^m}{m!} \text{ for all } m \in \mathbb{N}. \]
since for each term in the sum we have \( \sum_{k=0}^{m} k! = m! \) and \( \sum_{k=0}^{m} i_k = n \). Therefore it remains to calculate

\[
\sum_{1+2+\ldots+4m=n} \frac{n!}{\prod_{k=0}^{m} k!}
\]

which, by the multinomial theorem, is the coefficient of \( x^n \) in the expansion of \( (\sum_{k=0}^{m} x^k)^n \). This is given by \( \frac{(m+n-1)!}{m!(n-1)!} \), see for example [3, (7)]. The result follows. \( \square \)

**Lemma 3.3.** Let \( 0 < r < 1 \) and \( k \in \mathbb{N} \). There exists \( C_1 > 0 \) (which depends on \( k \) and \( r \)) for which

\[
\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n ((n + 1) \cdots (n + m))^k \leq C_1 (m!)^k
\]

for all \( m \in \mathbb{N} \).

**Proof.** We will prove the result by induction on \( k \). Firstly, the claim is clearly true when \( k = 0 \). Now, assuming it is true for \( k-1 \), we can write

\[
\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n ((n + 1) \cdots (n + m))^k = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{d^n}{dr^n} (r^{n+m} ((n + 1) \cdots (n + m))^{k-1})
\]

\[
= \frac{d^n}{dr^n} \left( r^n \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n ((n + 1) \cdots (n + m))^{k-1} \right)
\]

\[
= \sum_{i=0}^{m} \binom{m}{i} \frac{d^i}{dr^i} (r^n) \frac{d^{m-i}}{dr^{m-i}} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n ((n + 1) \cdots (n + m))^{k-1} \right)
\]

\[
= \sum_{i=0}^{m} \binom{m}{i} \frac{m!}{(m-i)!} \frac{d^{m-i}}{dr^{m-i}} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n ((n + 1) \cdots (n + m))^{k-1} \right).
\]

Put \( f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n ((n + 1) \cdots (n + m))^{k-1} \) so that \( f \) is defined and is analytic for all \( |z| < 1 \). Put \( r < r' < 1 \). By the Cauchy Integral Formula, for all \( 1 \leq j \leq m \) and \( |w| < r \),

\[
f^{(j)}(w) = \frac{j!}{2\pi i} \int_{|z|=r'} \frac{f(z)}{(z-w)^{j+1}} dz
\]

therefore

\[
|f^{(j)}(w)| \leq \frac{j!}{2\pi} \frac{\sup_{|z| \leq r'} |f(z)|}{(r'-r)^{j+1}} \cdot 2\pi r'
\]

\[
\leq \frac{j! \sup_{|z| \leq r'} |f(z)|}{(r'-r)^{j+1}}
\]

\[
= \frac{j! C_1^m (m!)^{k-1}}{(r'-r)^{j+1}}
\]
where the final line follows by the assumption on \( k - 1 \). Therefore,

\[
\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n ((n + 1) \cdots (n + m))^k \leq \sum_{r=0}^{m} \binom{m}{i} \frac{m!}{(m-i)!} r^{m-i} (m-i)! C_i^m (m!)^{k-1} \\
= \sum_{i=0}^{m} (m!)^k C_i^m (1 + \frac{r}{r'-r})^m \\
\leq \frac{(m!)^k C_i^m}{(r'-r)^{m+1}}.
\]

The result follows.

We now combine the last three lemmas to prove that for each \( k \in \mathcal{I} \) and \( 4k - 3 \leq i \leq 4k \), \( \{C_{\mathcal{A}^m(i)}\} \) is analytic in \( t_i \) on \( U_i \), when \( t_j \in U_j \) are held constant for \( i \neq j \).

**Lemma 3.4.** Fix some \( i \in \mathcal{I} \) and \( 4l - 3 \leq i \leq 4l \). There exists a constant \( C_2 < \infty \) and operators \( \mathcal{P}_m : H^2(D) \to H^2(D) \) with \( \|\mathcal{P}_m\| \leq C_2^m \) such that \( C_{\mathcal{A}^m(i)} = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{N}} (t - t_i)^m \mathcal{P}_m \) for all \( t \in B(t_i, C_2) \).

**Proof.** Let \( f \in H^2(D) \). Fix some \( i \in \mathcal{I} \) and \( 4l - 3 \leq i \leq 4l \). Let \( t \) belong to the neighbourhood of \( t_i \) where lemma 3.1 is valid, and let \( C_0 \) and \( r \) be as given by that lemma. By lemmas 3.2 and 3.1,

\[
C_{\mathcal{A}^m(i)}(f) = f \circ \phi_{\mathcal{A}^m(i)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n(f) 2^n (\phi_{\mathcal{A}^m(i)})^n \\
= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n(f) 2^n \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (t - t_i)^k f_k \right)^n \\
= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (t - t_i)^m \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n(f) 2^n \varphi_{m,n} \right) .
\]

Define \( \mathcal{P}_m f = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n(f) 2^n \varphi_{m,n} \). Since \( \varphi_{m,n} \) are clearly analytic on \( D \), in order to show that \( \mathcal{P}_m : H^2(D) \to H^2(D) \) are well defined operators it is sufficient to get an upper bound on \( \|\mathcal{P}_m\| \). Let \( f \in H^2(D) \). Then since \( \|f\|_{H^2} \leq \|f\|_{\infty} \) and by the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality,

\[
\|\mathcal{P}_m f\|_{H^2} = \left\| \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n(f) 2^n \varphi_{m,n} \right\|_{H^2} \\
\leq \left\| \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n(f) 2^n \varphi_{m,n} \right\|_{\infty} \\
\leq \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\alpha_n(f)|^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \|2^n \varphi_{m,n}\|_{\infty}^2 \right)^{1/2} \\
= \|f\|_{H^2} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \|2^n \varphi_{m,n}\|_{\infty}^2 \right)^{1/2}.
\]
and therefore \( \|P_m\|_{H^2(D)} \leq \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^{2n} \|\varphi_{m,n}\|_\infty^2 \right)^{1/2} \). By lemma 3.2,

\[
\left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^{2n} \|\varphi_{m,n}\|_\infty^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq C_0^m \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^{2n} \frac{(m+n-1)!}{m! (n-1)!} \right)^{1/2} \leq C_0^m \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^{2n} (n+1) \cdots (n+m-1) \right)^{1/2} \leq C_0^m C_1^m = (C_0 C_1)^m
\]

where \( C_1 \) is fixed by lemma 3.3.

\[ \square \]

### 3.2. Analyticity of weight function

In the following lemma we establish the analyticity (in \( t_i \) and \( s \)) of the weight function which appears in our transfer operator.

**Lemma 3.5.** Fix any \( k \in I \).

(a) For each \( 4k - 3 \leq i \leq 4k \) the map \( \psi_{A^{(i)}}^{(i)} \) is analytic in \( t_i \) on \( U_i \) whenever \( s \in V \) and \( t_j \in U_j \) are held constant for \( i \neq j \). In particular there exists a constant \( C_3 > 0 \) and functions \( f_n \in H^2(D) \) with \( \|f_n\|_\infty \leq C_3^m \) such that

\[
\psi_{A^{(i)}}^{(i)}(t_i, t, s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n(t - t_i)^n
\]

for all \( t \in B(t_i, C_3^{-1}) \).

(b) The map \( \psi_{A^{(i)}}^{(i)} \) is analytic in \( s \) on \( V \) whenever \( t_i \in U_i \) are held constant for all \( i \). In particular there exists a constant \( C_4 > 0 \) and functions \( g_n \in H^2(D) \) with \( \|g_n\|_\infty \leq C_4^m \) such that

\[
\psi_{A^{(i)}}^{(i)}(t_i, t, s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g_n s^n
\]

for all \( s \in V \).

**Proof.** We begin with (a). It is sufficient to prove the result when \( k = 1 \) and \( i \in \{1,2,3,4\} \). We begin by assuming \( i = 1 \) and \( 0 < |s| < 1 \). Let \( t \in U_1 \). We denote \( G(z) = (t_1 + t_3 - t_2 - t_4)z + t_2 + t_4 \) so that

\[
\psi_{A^{(1)}}^{(1)}(z) = \exp(s \log w_{A^{(1)}}^{(1)}(z)) = \exp(s \log G(z)) \exp \left( s \log \left( 1 + \frac{(t-t_1)z}{G(z)} \right) \right).
\]

Therefore it is sufficient to show that \( \log \left( 1 + \frac{(t-t_1)z}{G(z)} \right) \) can be written as a convergent power series in \( (t - t_1) \). Indeed

\[
\log \left( 1 + \frac{(t-t_1)z}{G(z)} \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \left( \frac{z}{G(z)} \right)^n (t-t_1)^n
\]
which is valid for $|t - t_i| < \sup_{z \in D} \left| \frac{t - z}{G(z)} \right| < \infty$.

Next we assume that $1 < |s| < 2$. By definition of $U_1$ and $\Omega$, the real part of the determinant of $A_k(t_i)$ is the same sign for all $t \in U_1$. Therefore without loss of generality we can assume it is positive.

$$
\psi_{A_k(t_i)}(z) = G(z)^{2-s}(t_1 t_3 - t_2 t_4)^{s-1} \exp((2 - s) \log(1 + \frac{(t - t_1)z}{G(z)})) \exp((s - 1) \log(1 + \frac{t_3(t - t_1)}{t_1 t_3 - t_2 t_4}))
$$

(15)

so it is sufficient to show that $\log(1 + \frac{t_3(t - t_1)}{t_1 t_3 - t_2 t_4})$ can be written as a convergent power series in $(t - t_1)$. Indeed

$$
\log \left(1 + \frac{t_3(t - t_1)}{t_1 t_3 - t_2 t_4}\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \left(\frac{t_3}{t_1 t_3 - t_2 t_4}\right)^n (t - t_1)^n
$$

(16)

which is valid for $|t - t_1| < \frac{|t_3 - t_2 t_4|}{|t_1 t_3 - t_2 t_4|}$. From (15), (16) and analyticity of $\exp(z)$ it is easy to deduce the existence of the analytic bounded functions $f_n$ that appear in the statement of the lemma and the exponential control on $\|f_n\|_\infty$ is a consequence of the exponential control on the coefficients of $(t - t_1)^n$ which appear in (15) and (16). The proof of (a) for other values of $i$ is very similar and therefore we omit the details. For part (b) the result follows directly from the fact that of $\exp(z)$ is an entire function of $z$.

The following corollary summarises the consequences of lemmas 3.1–3.5 on our family of operators $\{L_{\lambda_1}\}$.

**Corollary 3.6.** Fix $t_0 = (\tau_1, \ldots, \tau_{4|\mathbb{Z}|}) \in (0, 1)^{|\mathbb{Z}|} \cap \Omega$ and $s_0 = \dim A_k \in (0, 1) \cup (1, 2)$. For each $1 < i < 4|\mathbb{Z}|$ there exist connected neighbourhoods $U_i \subset \mathbb{C}$ of $\tau_i$ with the property that $U_1 \times \cdots \times U_{4|\mathbb{Z}|} \subset \Omega$ and a connected neighbourhood $V \subset \{z : |z| < 1\} \cup \{z : 1 < |z| < 2\}$ of $s_0$ such that:

(i) $\{L_{\lambda_1}\}$ is an analytic family in $t_i$ on $U_i$ whenever $s \in V$ is held constant and $t_j \in U_j$ is held constant for $j \neq i$ and

(ii) $\{L_{\lambda_1}\}$ is an analytic family in $s$ on $V$ whenever $t_i \in U_i$ are held constant for all $i$.

**Proof.** We begin by proving (a). By lemmas 3.4 and 3.5(a) we have

$$
L_{A_k(t_i)} = \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (t - t_i)^n f_n\right) \left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (t - t_i)^m P_m\right)
$$

(17)

and

$$
= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (t - t_i)^n \sum_{k=0}^{n} f_k P_{n-k}
$$

(18)

for all $t$ in a neighbourhood of $t_i$ where $P_n$ and $f_n$ are defined in lemmas 3.4 and 3.5 respectively. Define $L_n = \sum_{k=0}^{n} f_k P_{n-k}$. Since $f_k \in H^2(D)$ is bounded and $P_k : H^2(D) \to H^2(D)$ it follows that $L_n : H^2(D) \to H^2(D)$. Moreover by (3), the triangle inequality and the bounds on $\|P_k\|$ it follows that $\|L_n\| \leq C_3$ for some constant $C_3$. For (b) we can instead apply lemma 3.5(b) and employ an analogous argument.
Let \( t_0 \in (0, 1)^{d(\mathcal{I})} \cap \Omega \), so that \( \mathcal{A}_{t_0} \) is an irreducible set of positive invertible matrices and suppose \( s_0 = \dim \mathcal{A}_{t_0} \in (0, 1) \cup (1, 2) \). Using the analyticity of the family \( \{ \mathcal{L}_{s,t} \} \) in a complex neighbourhood of \((s_0, t_0)\) (corollary 3.5) and the simplicity of \( \lambda_1(s_0, t_0) \) (lemma 2.7) we can use proposition 2.2 to deduce that \( \lambda_1(s, t) \) is simple in a complex neighbourhood of \((s_0, t_0)\).

**Lemma 3.7.** Suppose \( t_0 \in \Omega \cap (0, 1)^{d(\mathcal{I})} \) such that \( s_0 = \dim \mathcal{A}_{t_0} \in (0, 1) \cup (1, 2) \). For all \( \varepsilon > 0 \) there exists a complex neighbourhood \( U_{\varepsilon} \) of \((s_0, t_0)\) such that for all \((s, t) \in U_{\varepsilon}\)

\[
\| \mathcal{L}_{s,t} - \mathcal{L}_{s_0,t_0} \| < \varepsilon.
\]

In particular there exists a complex neighbourhood \( \Upsilon \) of \((s_0, t_0)\) such that \( \lambda_1(s, t) \) is a simple eigenvalue of \( \mathcal{L}_{s,t} \) for all \((s, t) \in \Upsilon\).

**Proof.** In view of proposition 2.2 and lemma 2.7 it is sufficient to prove the first part of the lemma.

Let \( f \in H^2(\mathcal{D}) \). Then

\[
\| \mathcal{L}_{s,t} f - \mathcal{L}_{s_0,t_0} f \|_{H^2} \leq \| \mathcal{L}_{s,t} f - \mathcal{L}_{s_0,t_0} f \|_{\infty} \\
\leq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left| \alpha_i(f) 2^n \left( \psi_{\mathcal{A}_i} - \psi_{\mathcal{A}_i'} \right)^n \right| \| \phi_{\mathcal{A}_i} - \frac{1}{2^n} \|_{\infty} \\
\leq \| f \|_{H^2} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} 2^n \left( \| \psi_{\mathcal{A}_i} - \psi_{\mathcal{A}_i'} \|_{H^2} \right) \| \phi_{\mathcal{A}_i} - \frac{1}{2^n} \|_{\infty} \\
+ \| \psi_{\mathcal{A}_i} \|_{H^2} \| (\phi_{\mathcal{A}_i} - \frac{1}{2^n}) - (\phi_{\mathcal{A}_i'} - \frac{1}{2^n}) \|_{\infty} \leq \varepsilon \left( \frac{R}{2} \right)^n.
\]

where the final line follows by the Cauchy–Schwarz and triangle inequalities.

It is sufficient to show that there exists some \( R \in (0, 1) \) such that for all \( \varepsilon > 0 \) we can find some neighbourhood \( U_{\varepsilon} \) of \((s_0, t_0)\) such that for all \((s, t) \in U_{\varepsilon}\)

\[
\| \psi_{\mathcal{A}_i} - \psi_{\mathcal{A}_i'} \|_{H^2} \leq \varepsilon \left( \frac{R}{2} \right)^n.
\]

It follows from our assumptions that there exists \( r \in (0, 1) \) such that for all \( i \in \mathcal{I}, \| \phi_{\mathcal{A}_i} - \frac{1}{2} \|_{\infty} \leq \frac{r}{2} \). Fix \( r < R' < R < 1 \) and note that for all \( t \) in a neighbourhood of \( t_0 \),

\[
\| \phi_{\mathcal{A}_i} - \frac{1}{2} \|_{\infty} \leq \frac{R'}{2}.
\]

Therefore it is easy to see that there exists a neighbourhood \( U_{r'} \) of \((s_0, t_0)\) such that for all \((s, t) \in U_{r'}\),

\[
\| \psi_{\mathcal{A}_i} - \psi_{\mathcal{A}_i'} \|_{H^2} \leq \varepsilon \left( \frac{R}{2} \right)^n.
\]

Next we consider the second term in (19). Consider

\[
\| (\phi_{\mathcal{A}_i} - \frac{1}{2})^n - (\phi_{\mathcal{A}_i'} - \frac{1}{2})^n \|_{\infty} = \left( \frac{R}{2} \right)^n \left( \| (\phi_{\mathcal{A}_i} - \frac{1}{2})^n \|_{\infty} - \| (\phi_{\mathcal{A}_i'} - \frac{1}{2})^n \|_{\infty} \right).
\]

By putting \( R'' = \frac{R}{2} \in (0, 1) \) we have

\[
\| \phi_{\mathcal{A}_i} - \frac{1}{2} \|_{\infty} \leq \frac{R}{2} < R''< R''.
\]
Let $C_1$ be any constant such that $\|\psi_{A_{\text{new}}}^{(i)}\|_{\infty} \leq C_1$ and $C_2$ be any upper bound on the sequence $N(R^n)^n$. Let $U_2^\epsilon$ be a neighbourhood of $(s_0, t_0)$ such that for all $(s, t) \in U_2^\epsilon$,

$$\left\| \frac{\phi_{A_{\text{new}}}^{(i)}}{R^n} - \frac{\phi_{A_{\text{new}}}^{(i)}}{R^2} \right\|_{\infty} \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2C_1C_2}.$$ 

Then by (20) and the identity

$$x^n - y^n = (x - y)(x^{n-1} + x^{n-2}y + \cdots + xy^{n-2} + y^{n-1})$$

we can deduce that

$$\psi_{A_{\text{new}}}^{(i)}(t, s) \left\| \left( \phi_{A_{\text{new}}}^{(i)} - \frac{1}{2} \right)^n - \left( \phi_{A_{\text{new}}}^{(i)} - \frac{1}{2} \right)^n \right\|_{\infty} \leq C_1 \left( \frac{R}{2} \right)^n \frac{\epsilon}{2C_1C_2} \sum_{A \in A_{\text{new}}} \phi^\theta(A) \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} \left( \frac{R}{2} \right)^n$$

for all $(s, t) \in U_2^\epsilon$. Taking $U_\epsilon = U_1^\epsilon \cap U_2^\epsilon$ completes the proof.

### 3.3. Proofs of main results

By corollary 3.6 and lemma 3.7 we can apply proposition 2.1 to deduce that $\lambda_1(s, t)$ is separately analytic in $s$ and in each $t_i$. By lemma 2.7(b) this immediately implies the analyticity of $P(s, t)$, but in order to deduce the analyticity of $\dim(A_t)$ we need to invoke the implicit function theorem. To this end, we will require the following result.

**Lemma 3.8.** Fix some $t_0 \in (0, 1)^{|I|} \cap \Omega$ so that $A_{t_0}$ is an irreducible set of positive invertible matrices which are contracting with respect to some norm on $R^2$, and suppose $s_0 = \dim(A_{t_0}) \in (0, 1) \cup (1, 2)$. Then

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \lambda_1(s, t) \bigg|_{(s, t) = (s_0, t_0)} \neq 0.$$

**Proof.** By lemma 2.7(b) it is sufficient to show that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} P(s, t) \bigg|_{(s, t) = (s_0, t_0)} < 0.$$ 

In view of the definition of $P(s, t)$ it is sufficient to show that there exist $C > 0$ and $\theta \in (0, 1)$ such that for all $n \geq 1$ and all sufficiently small $\epsilon > 0$

$$\sum_{A \in A_{t_0}} \phi^{\theta n + \epsilon}(A) \leq C \theta^n \sum_{A \in A_{t_0}} \phi^\theta(A).$$

Let $\| \cdot \|$ be a norm on $R^2$ such that $\|A\| < 1$ for all $A \in A_{t_0}$ and let $C > 0$ such that $C^{-1}\|B\| \leq \|B\| \leq C\|B\|$ for all $2 \times 2$ real matrices $B$. Denote $\theta = \max_{A \in A_{t_0}} \|A\| < 1$. If $s_0 + \epsilon \leq 1$ we note that
\[
\sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}_0} \varphi^{s_0+\varepsilon} = \sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}_0} ||A||^{s_0+\varepsilon} \leq C^{s_0+\varepsilon} \sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}_0} |||A|||^{s_0+\varepsilon}
\]
\[
\leq C^{s_0+\varepsilon} \left( \max_{A \in \mathcal{A}_0} |||A||| \right)^\varepsilon \sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}_0} |||A|||^{s_0}
\]
\[
\leq C^{s_0+\varepsilon} \left( \max_{A \in \mathcal{A}_0} |||A||| \right)^{\varepsilon} \sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}_0} |||A|||^{s_0}
\]
\[
\leq C^{2s_0+\varepsilon} \sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}_0} ||A||^{s_0} = C^{2s_0+\varepsilon} \sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}_0} \varphi^{s_0}(A),
\]
say, and the result follows. The case where \( s_0 > 1 \) is similar.

**Proof of theorem 1.2.** Fix \( t_0 \in (0, 1)^{|I|} \) such that \( \mathcal{A}_{t_0} \) is an irreducible set of invertible matrices and assume \( s_0 = \dim \mathcal{A}_{t_0} \in (0, 1) \cup (1, 2) \). In particular \( t_0 \in \Omega \). Let \( U_1, \ldots, U_{|I|} \), \( V \) be the neighbourhoods from corollary 3.6, and by lemma 3.7 we can assume that \( \lambda_1(s, t) \) is simple for all \( (s, t) \in U_1 \times \cdots \times U_{|I|} \times V \). By corollary 3.6, \( \{ \mathcal{L}_i \} \) is analytic in \( s \) in a neighbourhood of \( s_0 \) while \( t_i \in U_i \) are fixed for all \( i \). Since \( \lambda_1(s_0, t) \) is simple for all \( t \in U_1 \times \cdots \times U_{|I|} \), we can invoke the analytic perturbation theorem (proposition 2.1) to deduce that \( \lambda_1(s, t) \) is analytic in \( s \) in some neighbourhood of \( s_0 \) while \( t \in U_1 \times \cdots \times U_{|I|} \) is fixed. By using the analogous argument for each \( t_i \) and applying Hartogs’s theorem, we obtain that \( \lambda_1(s, t) \) is jointly analytic in \( (s, t) \) in a neighbourhood \( \mathcal{T}' \) of \( (s_0, t_0) \). Therefore, \( (s, t) \to P(s, t) \) is real analytic in \( \mathcal{T}' \cap \mathbb{R}^{|I|} \).

Define the analytic map \( F(s, t) := P(s, t) - 1 \) which satisfies \( F(s_0, t_0) = 0 \) by assumption. Observe that \( \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} (s_0, t_0) \neq 0 \) by lemma 3.8. Therefore by the implicit function theorem there exists an analytic function \( \delta : B(t_0, \varepsilon) \to B(s_0, \varepsilon') \) such that \( F(t', \delta(t')) = 0 \) for all \( t \in B(t_0, \varepsilon) \).

In particular by the uniqueness of the root of the pressure, \( \delta(t) = \dim \mathcal{A}_t \) which completes the proof.

**Proof of corollary 1.3.** Suppose \( \mathcal{A}_{t_0} \) is a set of irreducible matrices that strictly preserve a common cone \( C \). Then it is easy to see that for \( t \) in a real open neighbourhood of \( t_0 \), \( \mathcal{A}_t \) is also a set of irreducible matrices which also strictly preserve \( C \). Note that \( \mathcal{A}_t \) is in fact necessarily strongly irreducible since it preserves \( C \). It is also easy to see that the set of normalised matrices \( \mathcal{A}_t \) generate a non-compact subgroup of \( GL_2(\mathbb{R}) \), since if \( A \in \mathcal{A}_t \) then \( \lambda_1(A) > \sqrt{\det(A)} \) by the Perron–Frobenius theorem for positive matrices and therefore \( \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(A)}} A^n \to \infty \) as \( n \to \infty \).

Also, since \( \Phi_{t_0} \) satisfies the strong separation condition, \( \Phi_t \) satisfies the strong separation condition (which implies the strong open set condition) for \( t \) in a real open neighbourhood of \( t_0 \).

Combining all of this together, we see that \( \Phi_t \) satisfies the hypothesis of theorem 1.1 for any \( t \) in an open neighbourhood of \( t_0 \) and therefore \( \dim \mathcal{A}_t = \dim \mathcal{F}_1 = \dim \mathcal{F}_t \) for \( t \) in an open neighbourhood of \( t_0 \). Applying theorem 1.2 completes the proof.

**Proof of corollary 1.4.** As in the proof of corollary 1.3 we can deduce that \( \mathcal{A}_t \) generate a non-compact strongly irreducible subgroup of \( GL_2(\mathbb{R}) \) for all \( t \) in some open neighbourhood
of $t_0$. By assumption, $\Phi_t$ satisfies the strong open set condition for $t$ close to $t_0$ and therefore for all $t$ in an open neighbourhood of $t_0$, $\Phi_t$ satisfies the hypothesis of theorem 1.1. Thus $\dim H F_t = \dim B F_t = \dim A_t$ and by applying theorem 1.2 the proof is complete. □

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