On The Hausdorff Dimension of Bernoulli Convolutions.

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To do this make two subgraphs. $a_i = 1 \implies a_i - b_i \in \{0, 1\}.$ $a_i = 0 \implies a_i - b_i \in \{-1, 0\}.$

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The set $V(\beta)$ and the resulting matrices our now infinite. But we still get a rate of convergence if we mess around a bit.

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