Bernoulli convolutions

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Abstract

The Bernoulli convolution with parameter λ is the law of the random variable: $\Sigma X_i \lambda^i$, where X_i are independent unbiased +1/-1 valued random variables. If $\lambda < 1/2$, then the Bernoulli convolution is singular and is supported on a Cantor set. If $1 > \lambda > 1/2$, the question whether the Bernoulli convolution is singular or a.c. is a very interesting open problem. I will talk about some recent results about this problem, some of which are joint work with Emmanuel Breuillard.