

# On the Rajchman property for self-similar measures on $\mathbb{R}^d$

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Here we discuss the Rajchman property in the context of self-similar measures on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .



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It is desirable to extend this characterization to general self-similar IFSs on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .



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